

# The Addition of Pancreatitis Associated Protein (PAP) in a Two-Tier IRT/DNA Screening Strategy for Cystic Fibrosis is Less Effective in Programs that Screen at 48 hours of Age.

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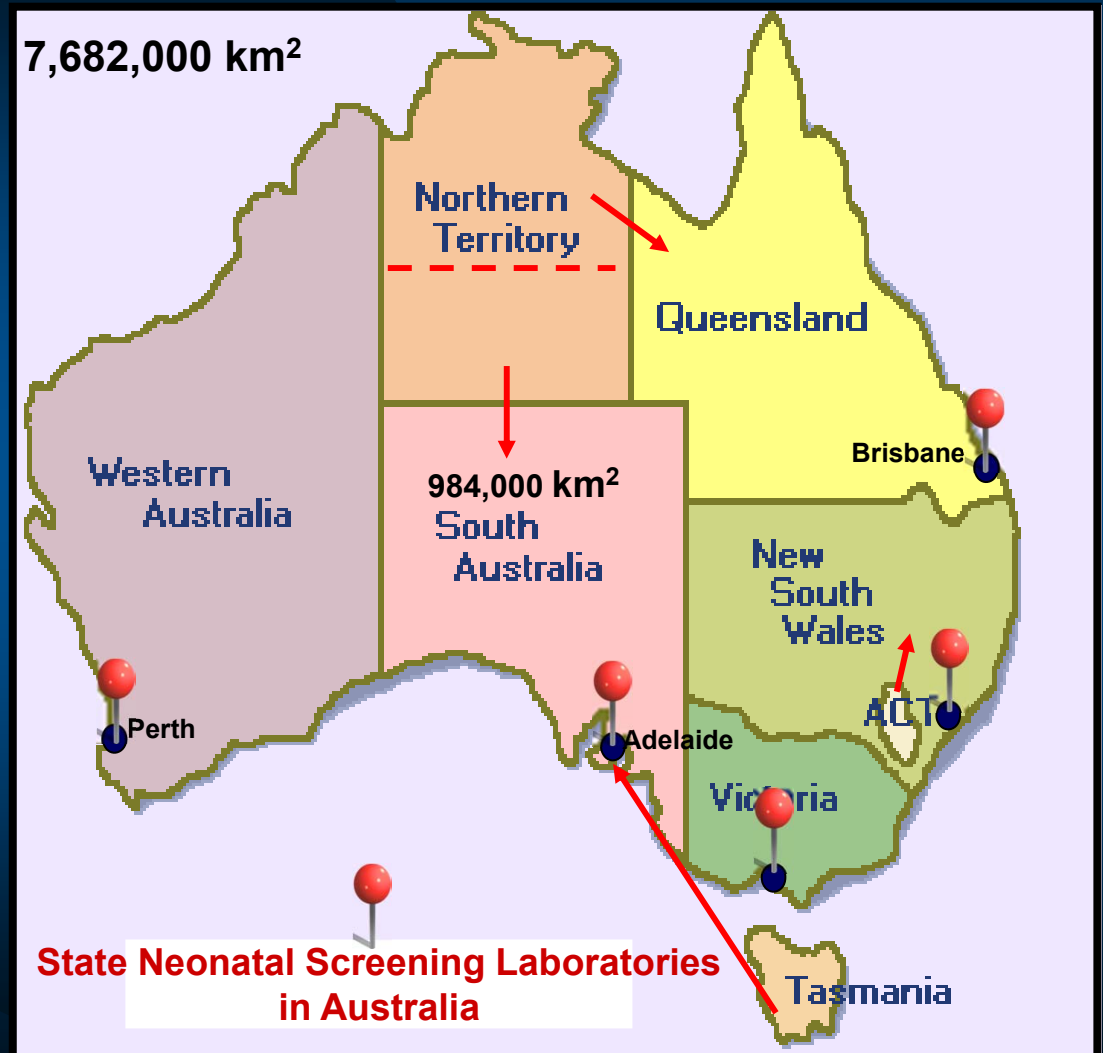
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Summary Statistics	2008/2009
Budget	36.5 million
Emergency attendances	55,502
- Women	20,850
- Children	35,652
Admissions	41,595
- Women	19,480
- Children	22,115
Births	5,895
Beds	316
- Women	123
- Children	220
- ICU/SC	54
Average bed Occupancy	91.5%

# Neonatal Screening Laboratories in Australia

Each year 265,000 Australian babies are screened at or near 48hrs in 5 Specialist Paediatric Hospital Centres. Metabolic Clinic with specialist clinical expertise for treatment and monitoring of IEM.

Demographic	Australia	South Australia
Area (,000 km <sup>2</sup> )	7,682	984
Population (millions)	21.1	2.2
Residents/km <sup>2</sup>	2.33	1.4
Urban Pop'n (millions)		1.2 (86%)
Health Costs (\$m)	\$41,742	
Health Costs/Person	\$2,333	



 Newborn screening laboratories in Australia within Paediatric Tertiary Hospitals

(WCH) Women's and Children's Hospital (WCH), Adelaide

## ***AIMS of the Study***

- To determine the value of adding Pancreatitis-Associated protein (PAP) in a newborn screening strategy for CF.
- Does adding PAP to an existing two-tier IRT/DNA strategy improve CF screening:
  - **through review of the:-**
    - correlation between PAP and CF
    - association between elevated PAP and CFTR carriers
    - correlation of the level of PAP :-
      - » with birth weight & age at collection
      - » Specifically at, or near 48h of age



## ***Two-Tier IRT/DNA CF Screening Strategy***

- A two-tier IRT/DNA screening strategy is in use in all Australian\New Zealand newborn screening laboratories
  - Has been in operation in South Australia since December 1989.

# Two-Tier IRT/DNA CF Screening Strategy

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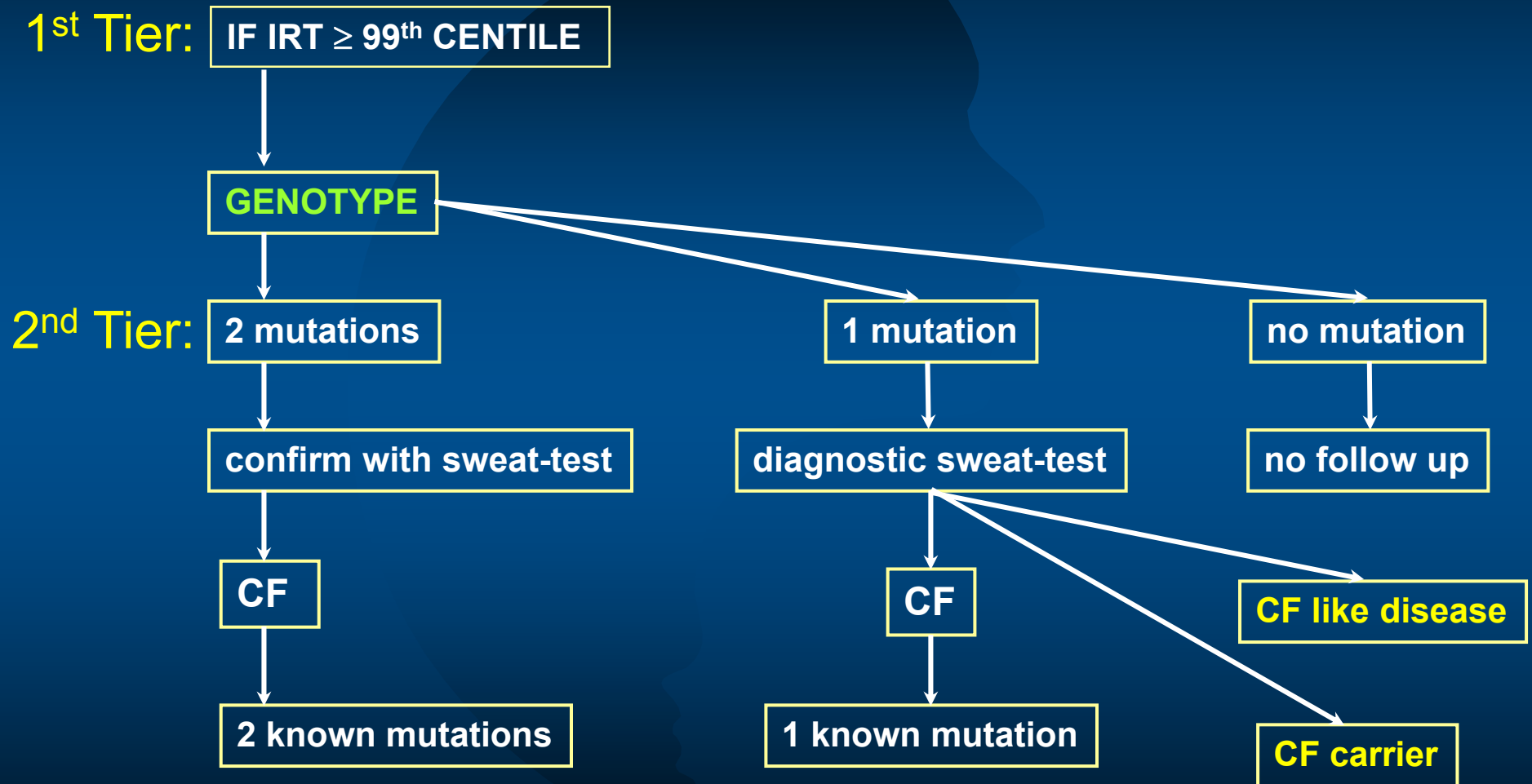
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## ➤ Detection/miss rate

- **Predicted up to 6% of CF neonates missed**
  - IRT < 99<sup>th</sup> centile
  - no CFTR mutations
- **Sweat-testing requires expertise**
  - Sufficient number of tests (ideally centralised)
  - Appropriate age-related normal ranges (>4 weeks old to adults)
- Co-ordinated, timely Genetic Counselling

# SA NEONATAL CF SCREENING PROGRAMME

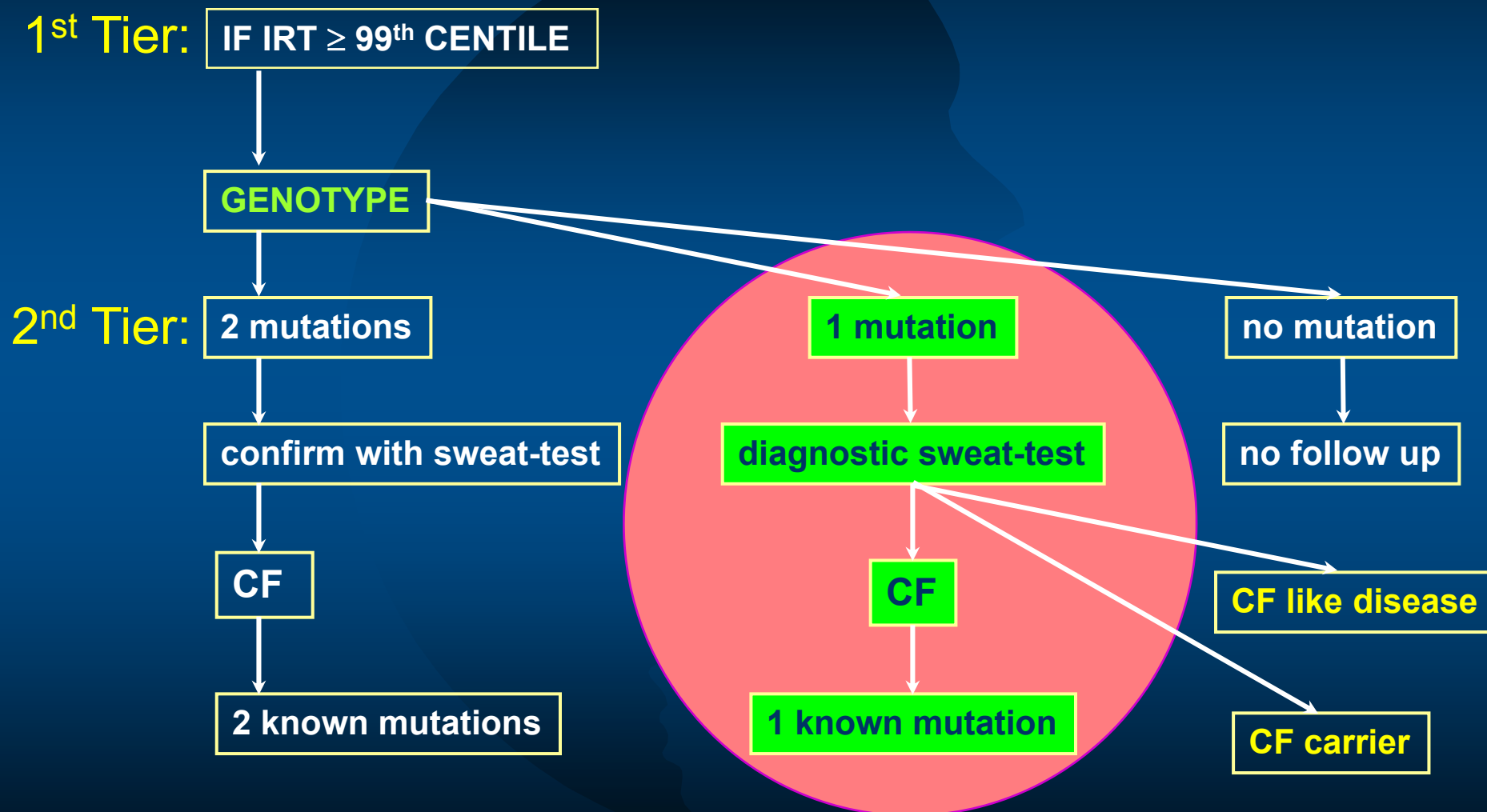
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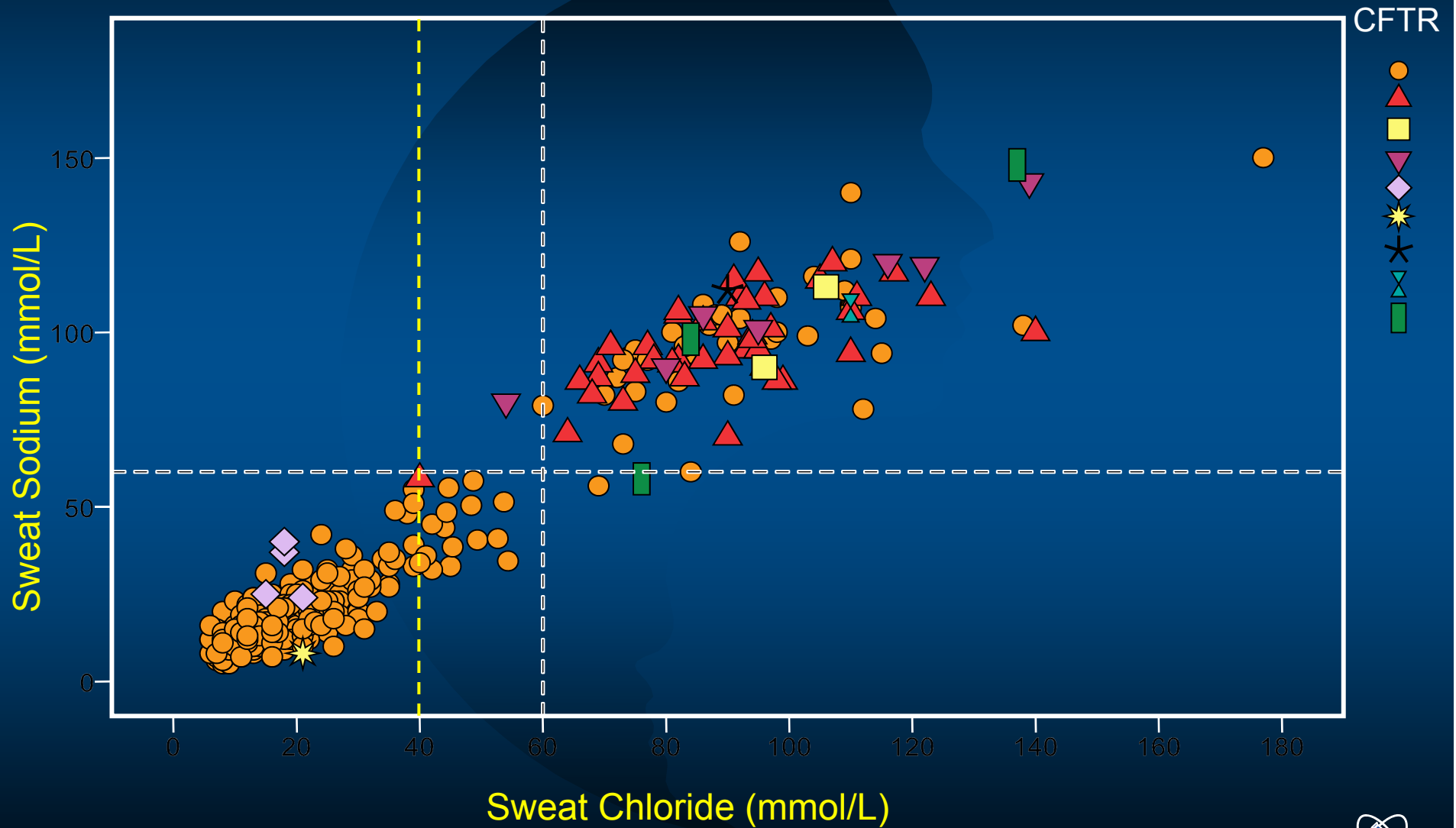
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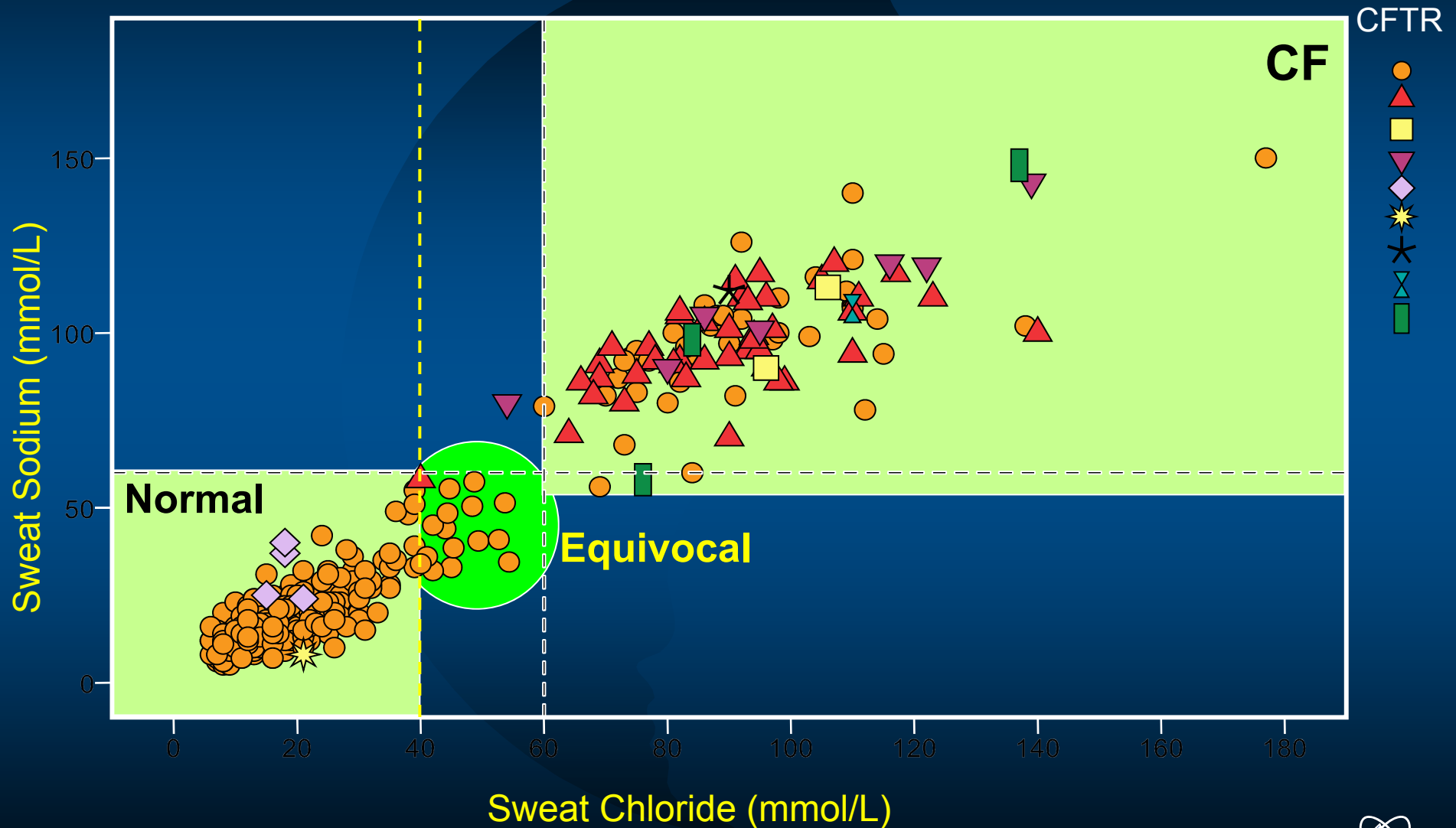
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## South Australian CF Screening Programme Performance Data

Description	Number Identified
Number of infants screened	477,904
IRT <99th	472,169
DNA mutation analysis performed	5,735 (1.2%)
No identifiable mutation	5,243
Two identifiable mutations	94
One identifiable mutation	398
Sweat test positive	42
Sweat test negative	356
Carrier frequency	1 in 13
<b>Total number of CF infants detected</b>	<b>136</b>
Positive predictive value	34%
Missed (presentation 2 -12 years of age)	7 (4%)
Normal IRT	3
Elevated IRT no identified CF mutation	4
Sensitivity	95%
Apparent incidence of detected CF infants	1: 3,515
Prenatal diagnosis and termination	26
Overall prevalence of CF	1: 2,770 (162 cases)



## NSW CF Screening Programme performance data

Description	Number Identified
Babies screened	925,094
Tested by PCR	10,275
CF	296
p.F508del/p.F508del	168
p.F508del/other	113
Terminations	8 (up to 1999)
Apparent incidence	1:3,000
<b>Missed, False negatives</b>	<b>18 (5%)</b>
Normal IRT	6
Elevated IRT no p.F508del CFTR mutation	12*
<b>p.F508del/other, negative sweat test</b>	<b>595</b>
<b>Carrier frequency</b>	<b>1 in 13</b>
Expected overall number of CF	354

\*Data provided by Dr. Veronica Wiley NSW Newborn Screening Programme



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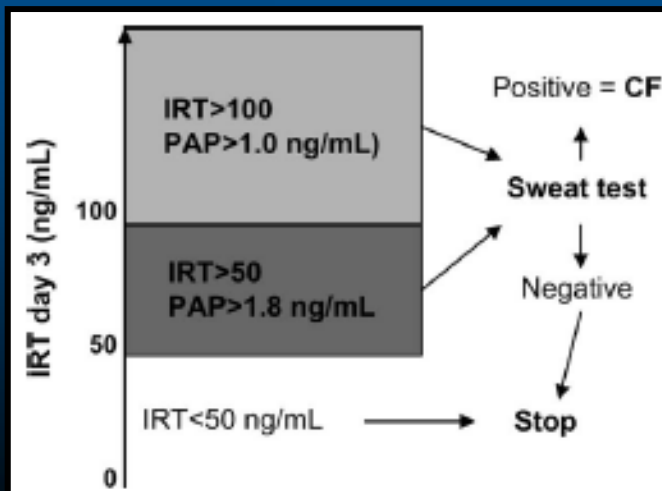
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### COMBINING IMMUNOREACTIVE TRYPSINOGEN AND PANCREATITIS-ASSOCIATED PROTEIN ASSAYS, A METHOD OF NEWBORN SCREENING FOR CYSTIC FIBROSIS THAT AVOIDS DNA ANALYSIS

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### Suggested IRT/PAP CF screening strategy

All newborns are tested for IRT:

- Those with levels >50mg/L tested for PAP.  
or IRT>100µg/L & PAP >1.0ng/mL

- Those with PAP > 1.8ng/mL and with  
PAP>1.0ng/mL, and IRT >100ng/mL

**Recalled for sweat-testing**





## ***Pancreatitis-associated protein (PAP)- a screening marker for CF?***

### ➤ PAP

- A lectin-related secretory protein present in small amounts in normal pancreas and over expressed during the acute phase of pancreatitis.
- In animal models PAP is constitutively expressed in the intestinal tract, but not in other tissues . PAP mRNA could not be evidenced in liver, stomach, salivary glands, brain, kidney or testis.
- Its pattern of expression during severe pancreatic aggression suggests that it might be a stress protein involved in the control of bacterial proliferation.
- PAP has been suggested to be a marker of 'pancreatic sufficiency' in individuals with CF



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- *Phase II*: to include selected samples from the screening programmes in other Australian states (NSW, QLD & VIC) to form a screen cohort of ~195,000 samples.
  - **Selected for CFTR mutational analysis**
    - **Top 1% and/or >2.5MoM of IRT values**
  - Determination of PAP & repeat IRT in South Australia on coded whole blood-spot samples
  - Stratify by:
    - » CF mutational analysis
    - » Sweat-test negative
    - » CFTR carriers



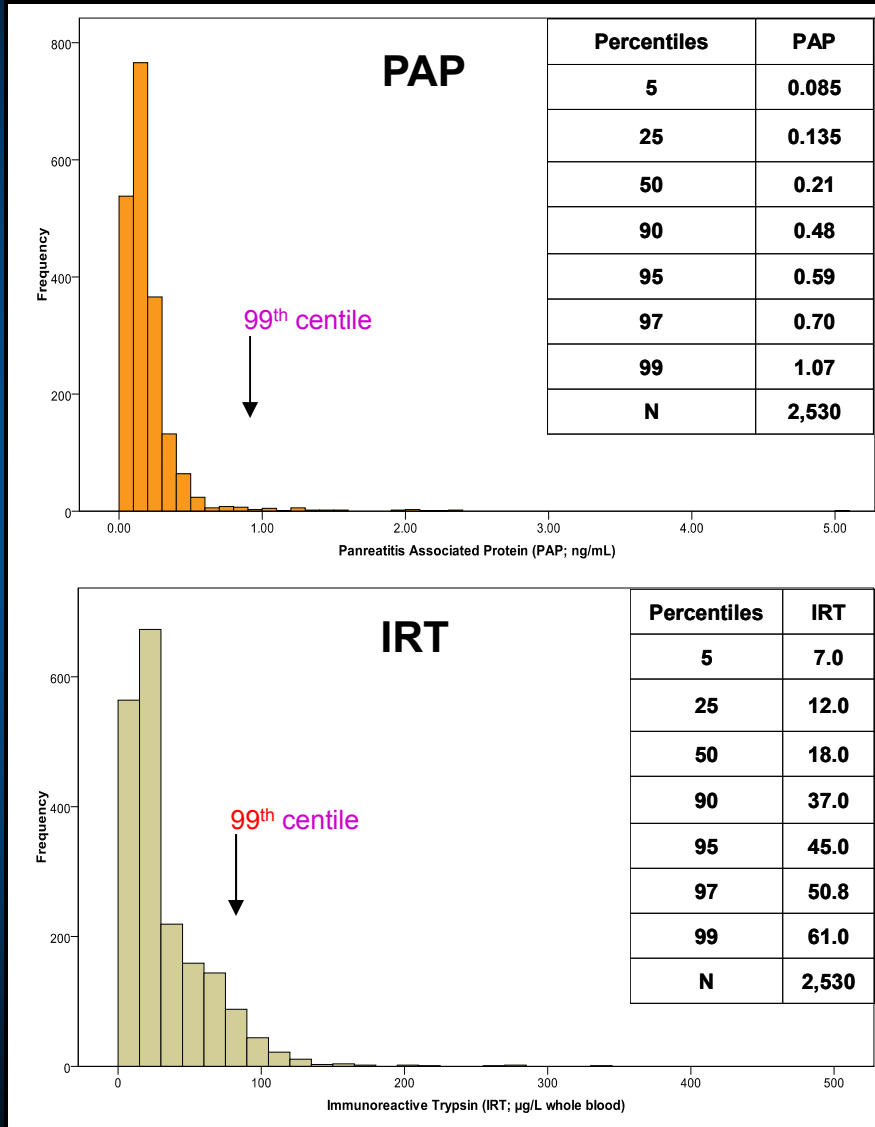
# Australian PAP Study Phase I

## ➤ Phase I

- Modification of PAP assay (MucoPAP<sup>®</sup>, DYNABIO) to use Eu<sup>3+</sup> labelled strepavidin.
- South Australian Newborn Population
  - Establish normal PAP population distribution and determine levels for the 90<sup>th</sup>, 95<sup>th</sup> & 99<sup>th</sup> centiles
- Cohort
  - 2,885 unselected newborn specimens
    - » Normal population statistics
    - » CFTR carriers



# Population distributions for IRT and PAP on the same samples



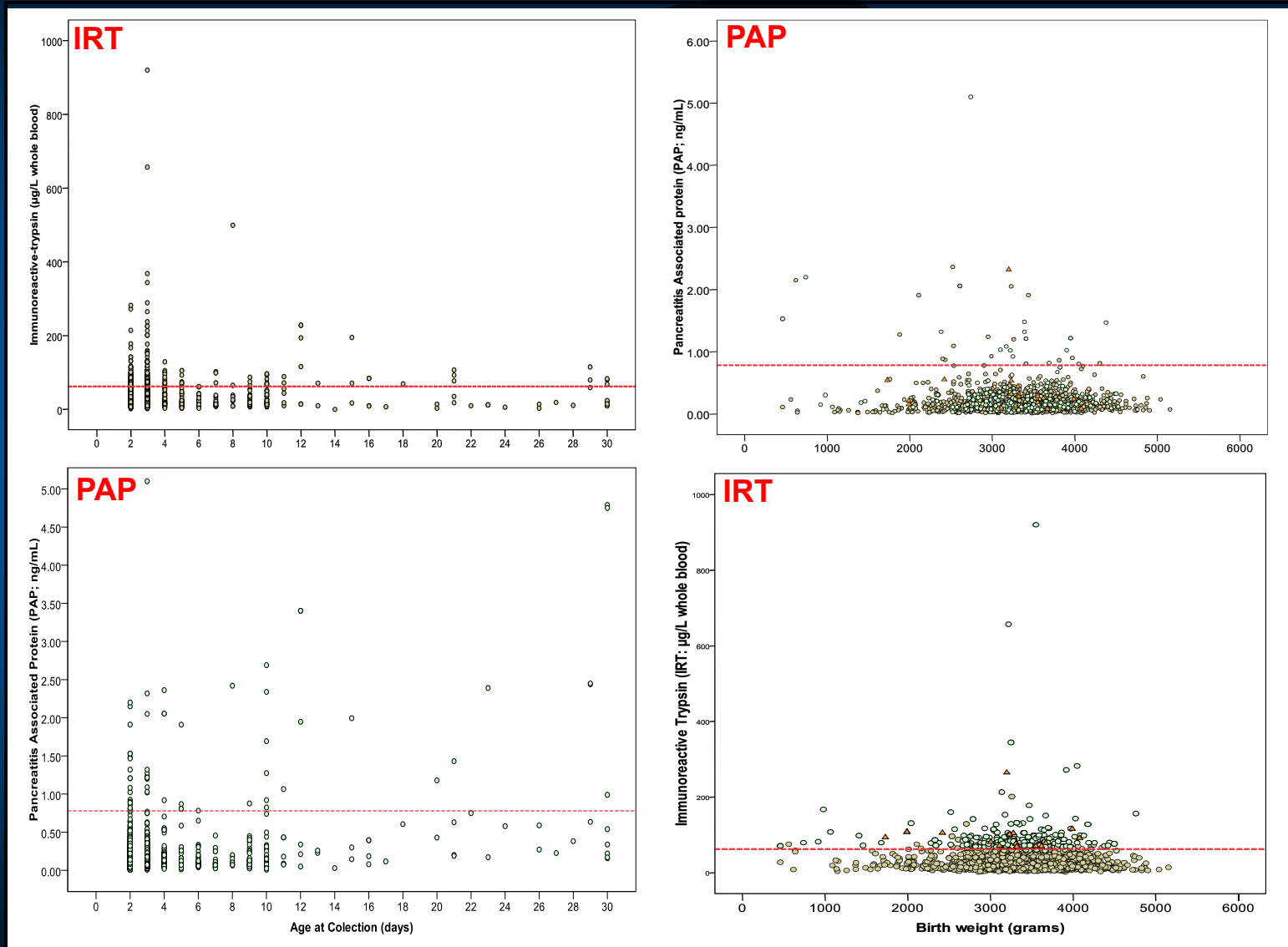
## ➤ SA population

- Establish population reference intervals for IRT and PAP on 2,885 consecutive blood-spot samples
  - 90<sup>th</sup>, 95<sup>th</sup> & 99<sup>th</sup> percentiles
- Stratify against age at collection  
birth weight preterm and low gestational age.

# Correlation of IRT and PAP against Age at Collection & Birth Weight

AGE AT COLLECTION

BIRTH WEIGHT



(Plot represents blood-spot samples from the unpartitioned 2,888 in addition to selected cases where N08 represents 8 CFTR mutations.)

## **“Clinical Study” Phase II**

- Participation by the NSW, QLD & VIC Neonatal Screening Laboratories
  - Provided prospectively collected coded dried blood-spot samples
    - **Selected IRT population  $\geq 99^{\text{th}}$  centile and or  $>2.5$  MoM**
      - 3 blood spots for each case sent as a weekly batch to the SANSC laboratory for analysis.
        - » Estimated 1x IRT & 2 x PAP
    - Statistical analysis
      - To ascertain sensitivity & specificity





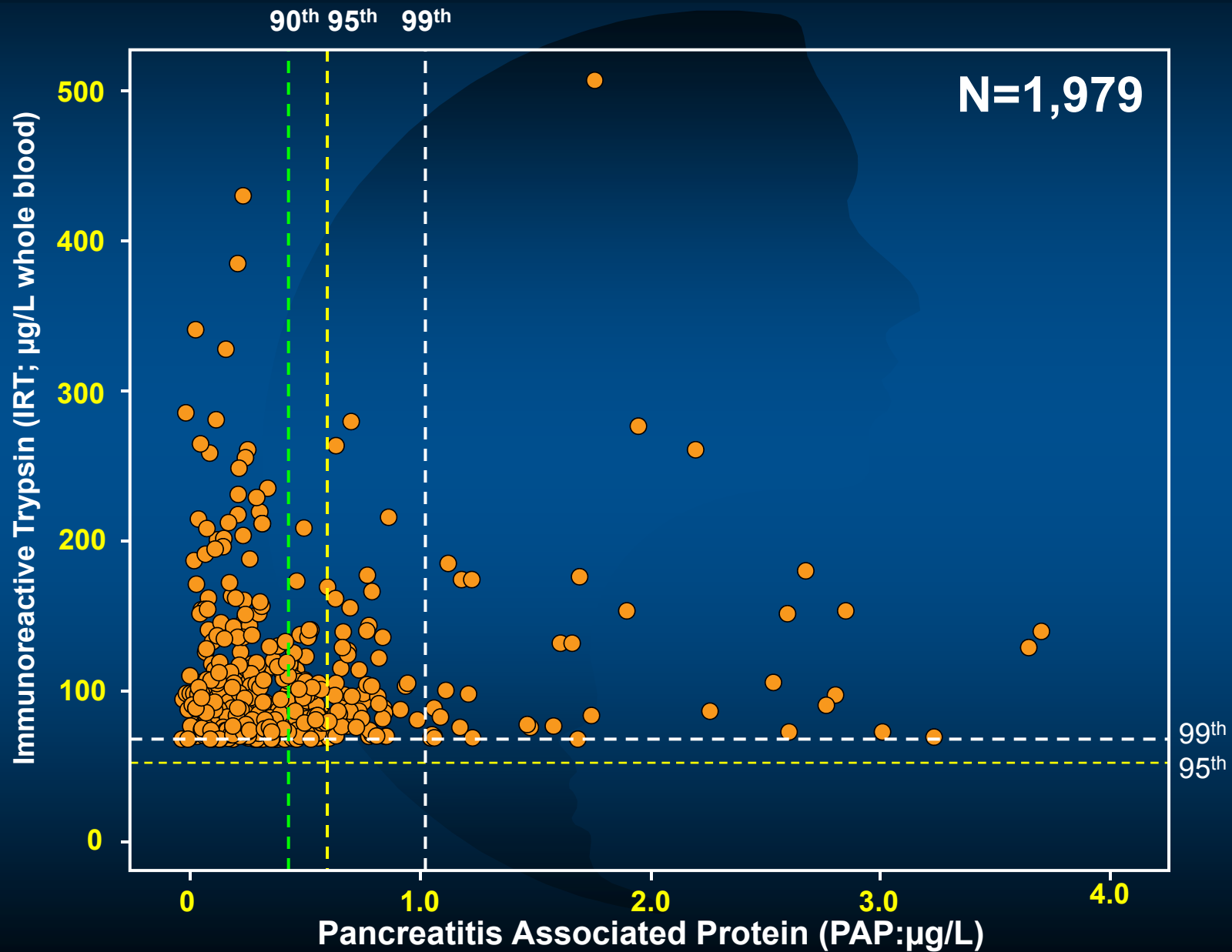
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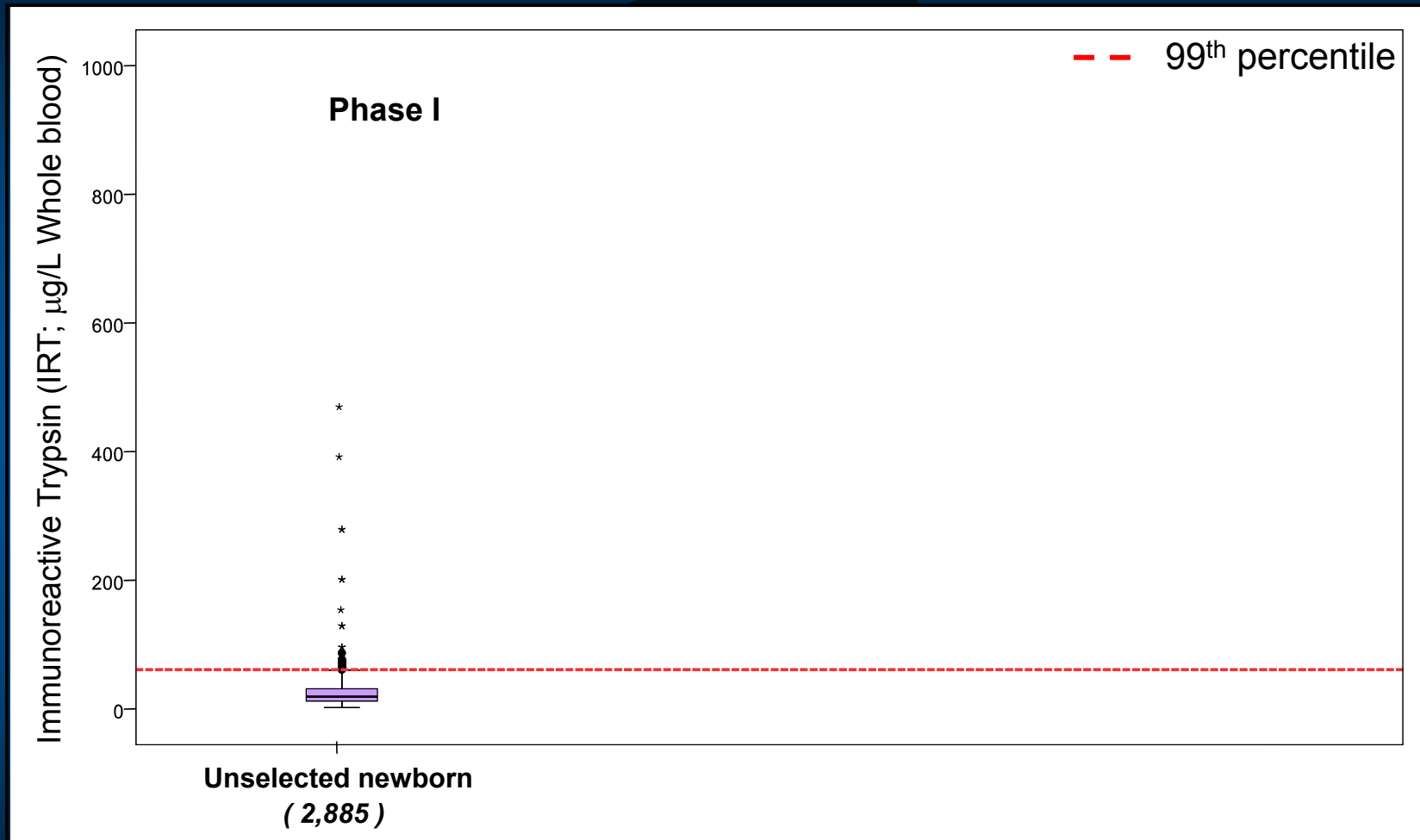
- “Clinical study” cohort (N=1,979 specimens) with **IRT  $\geq$  99<sup>th</sup> centile and/or  $>2.5$ MoM**
  - 1,812 No CFTR mutations
  - 119 with a single CFTR mutation
  - 48 specimens from infants with CF (47)



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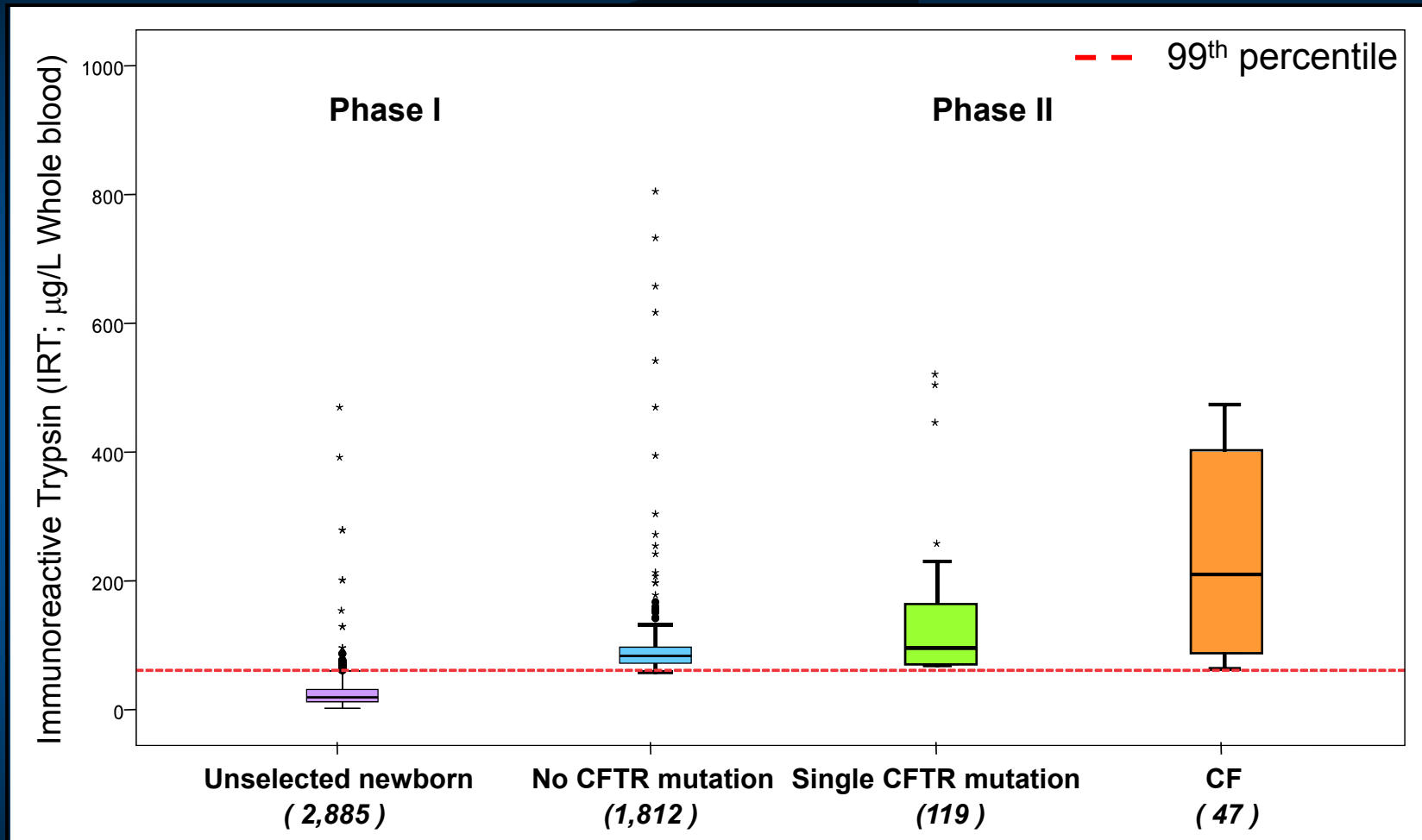


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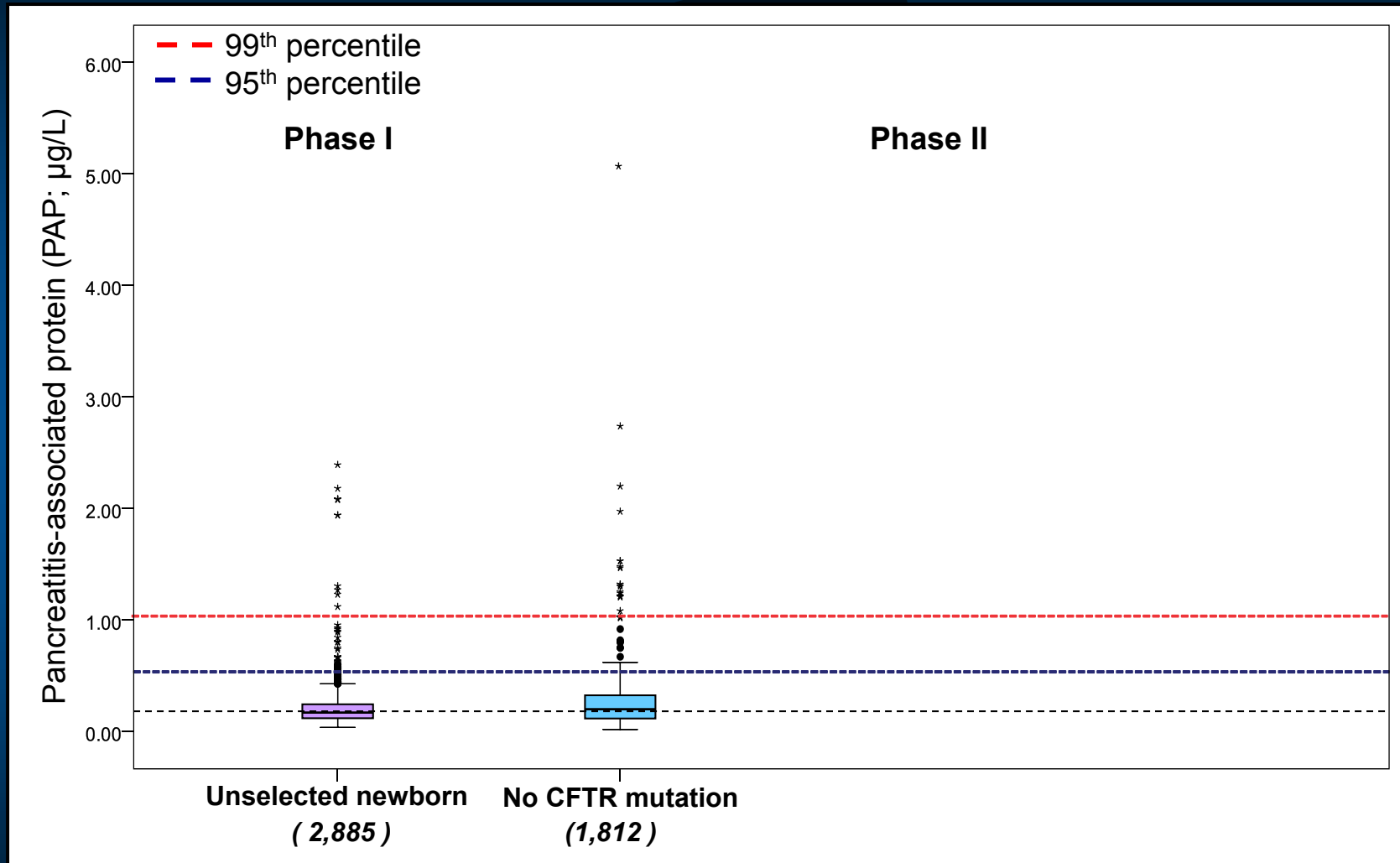
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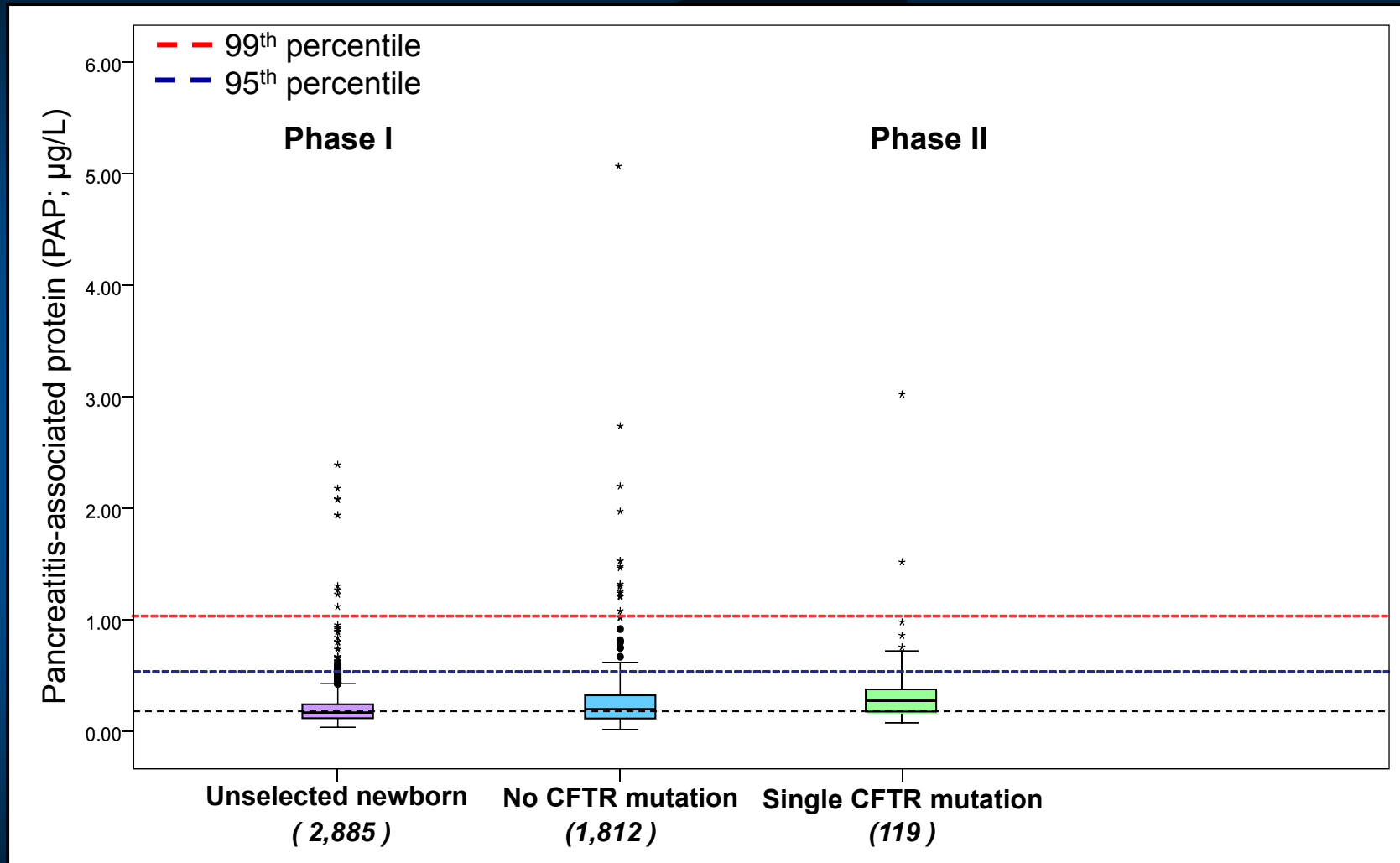
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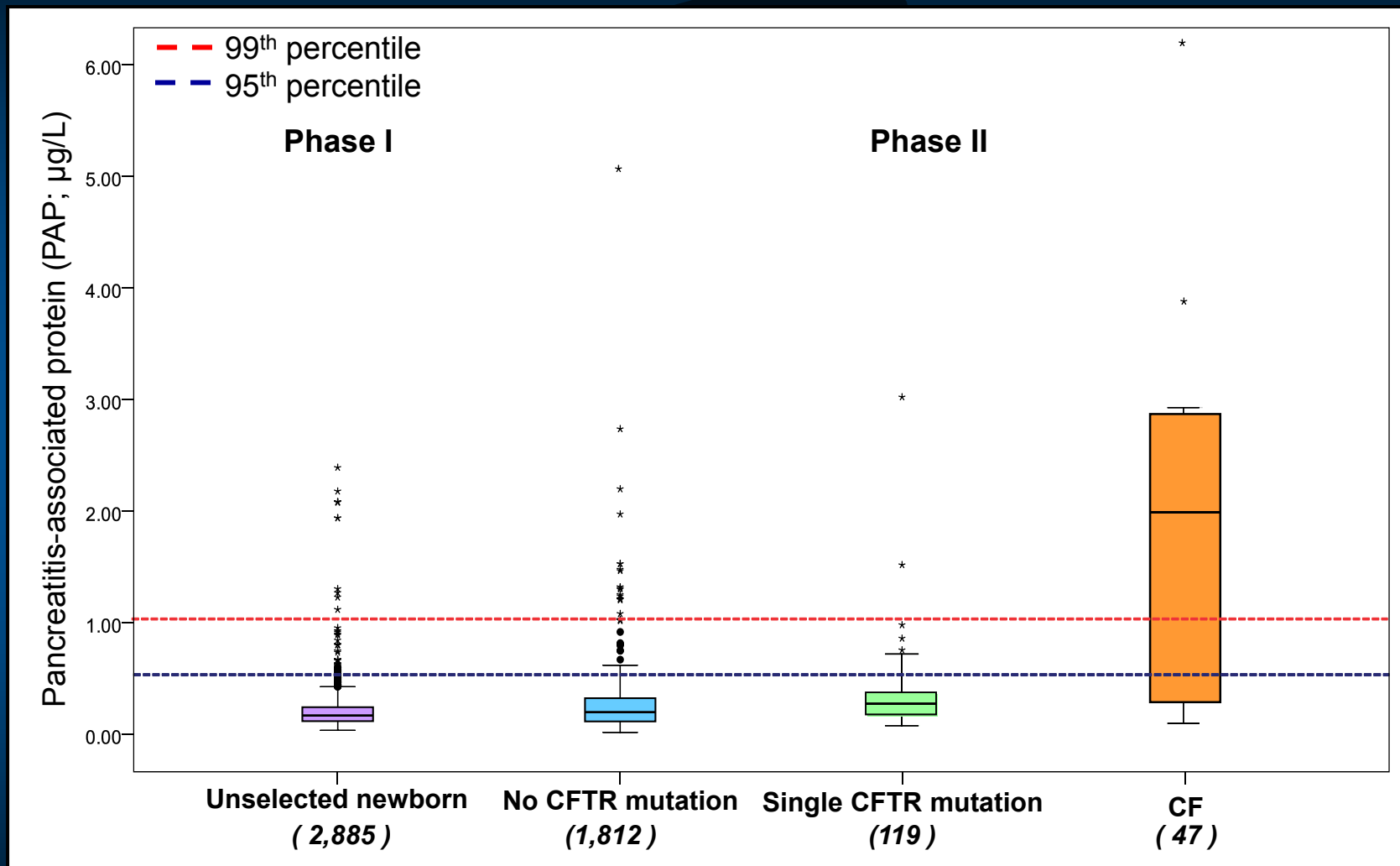
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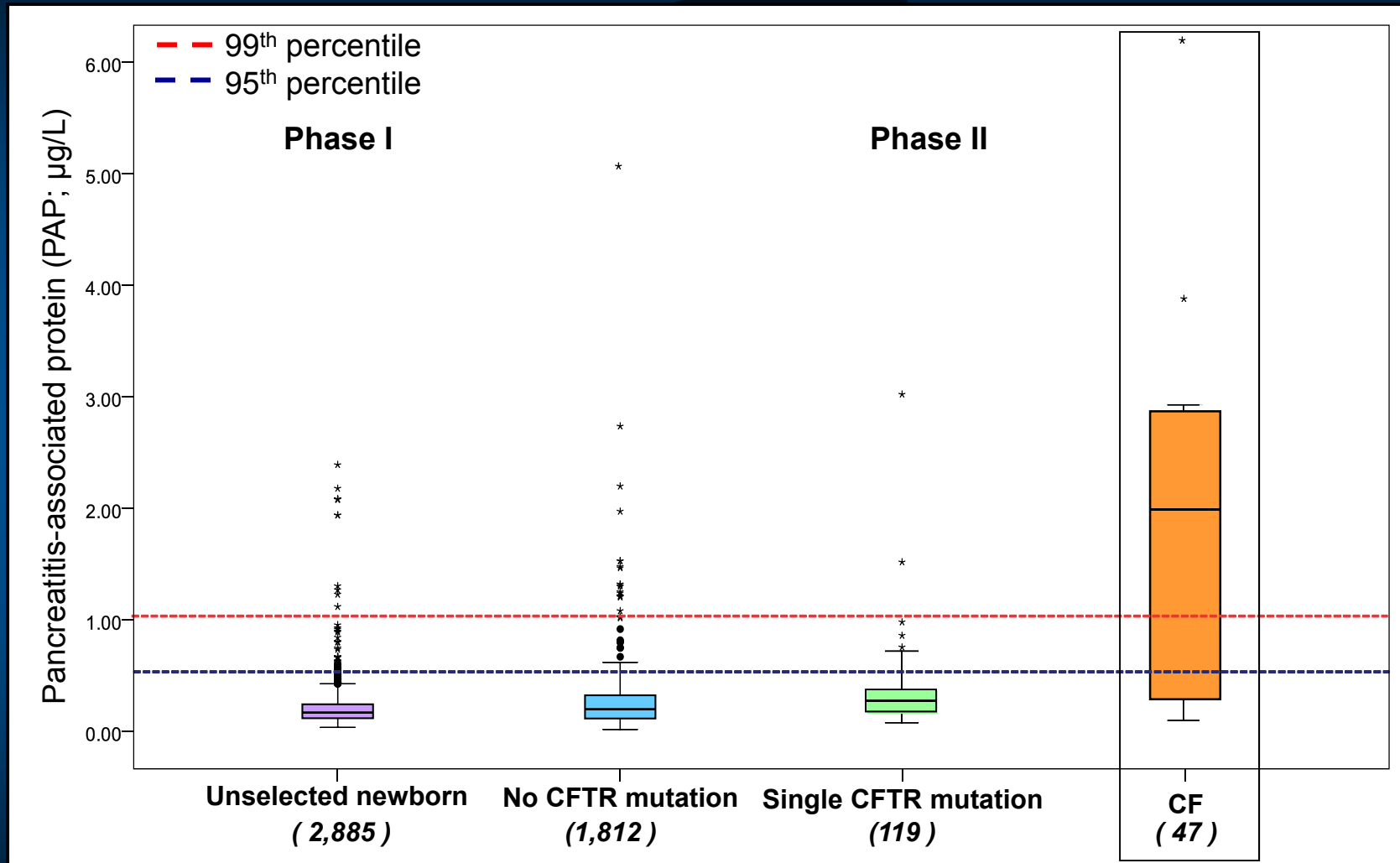


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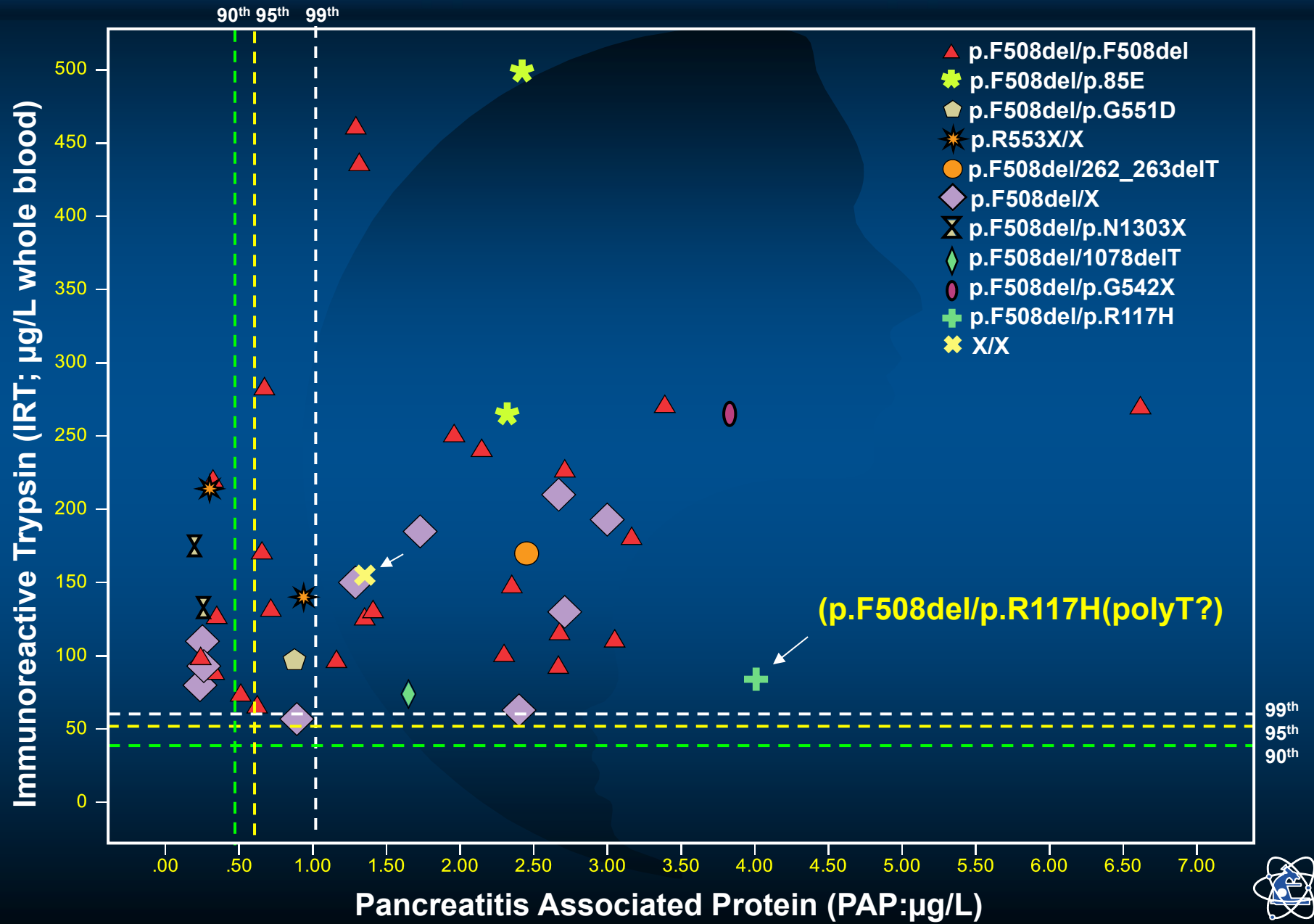


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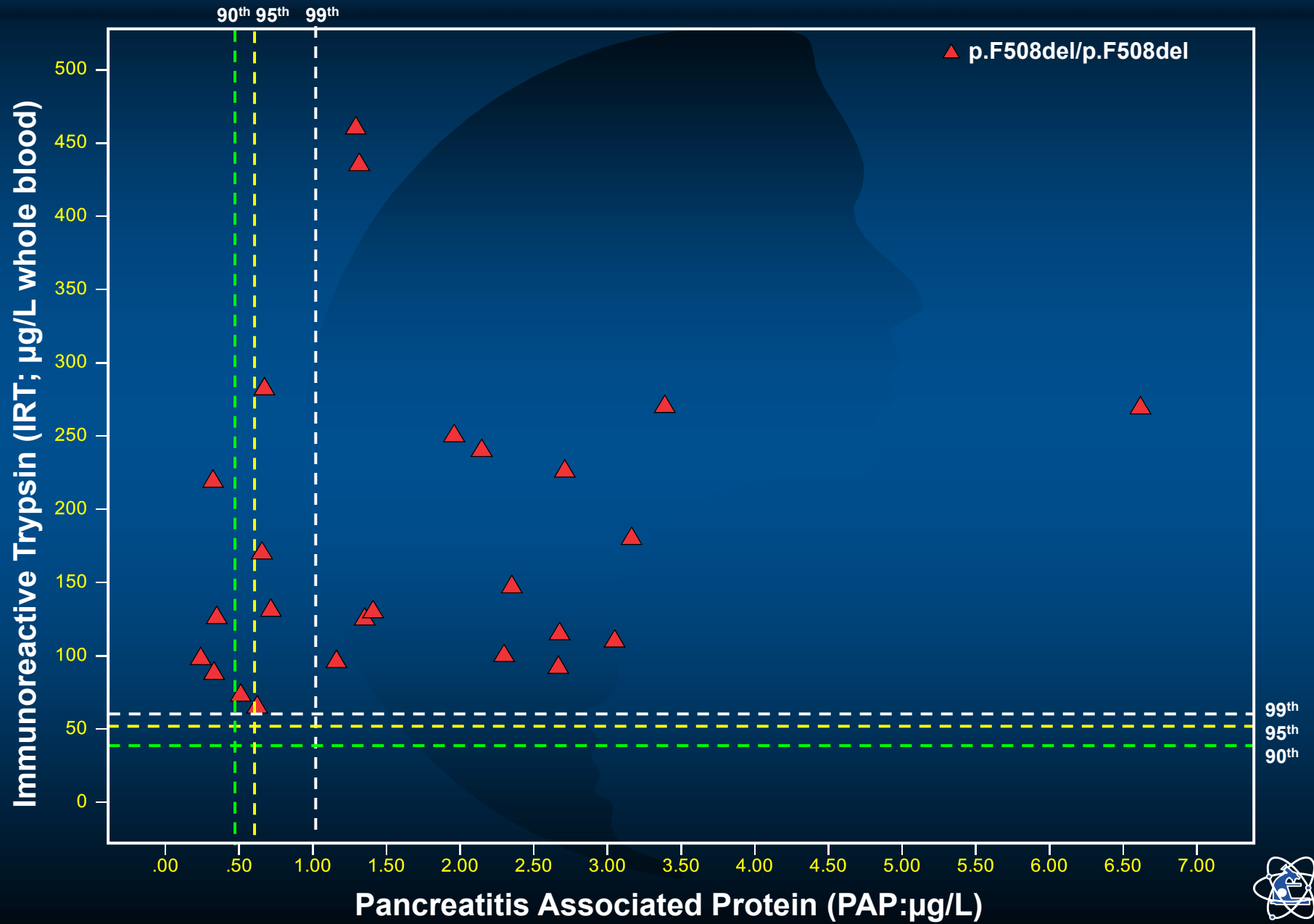


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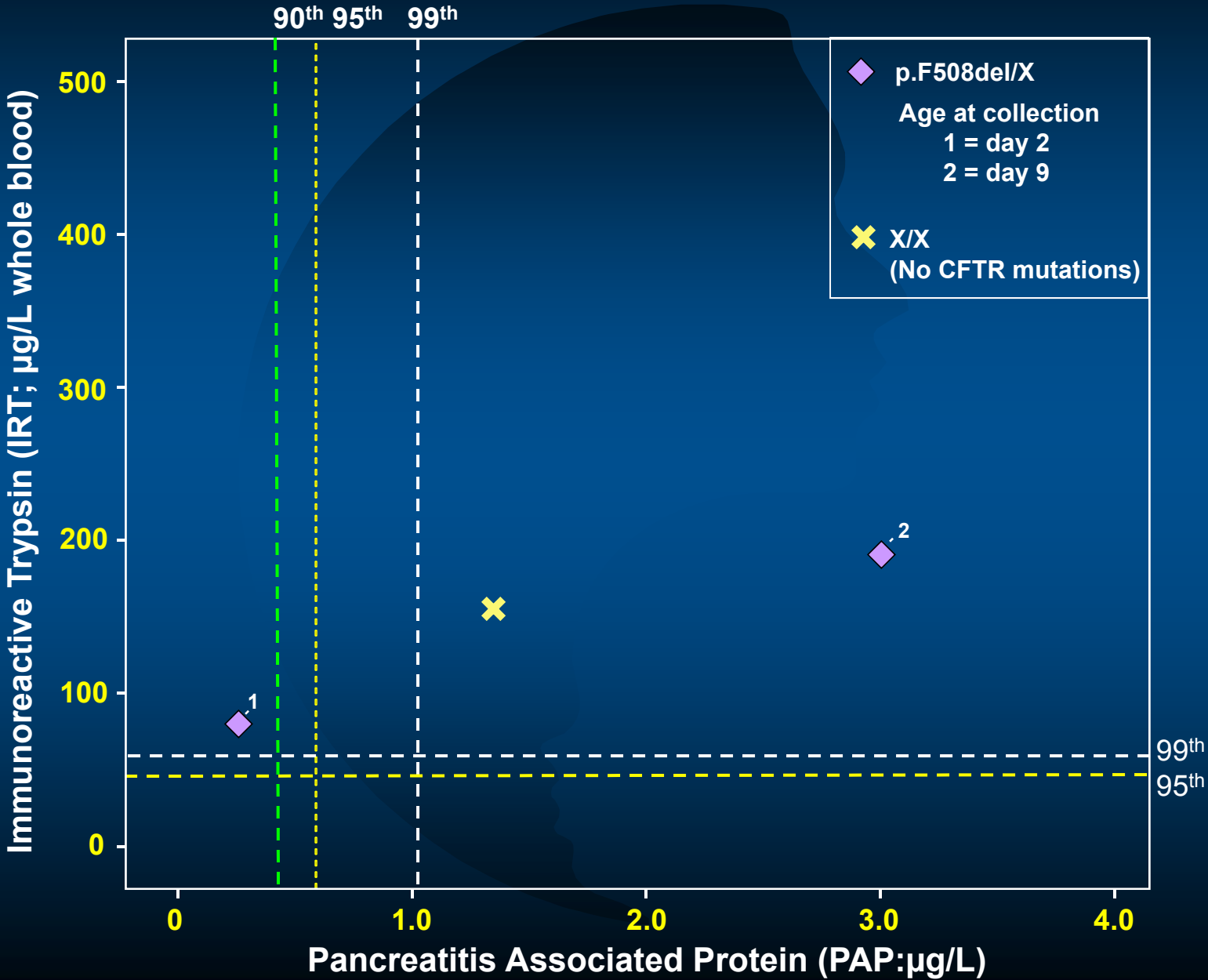
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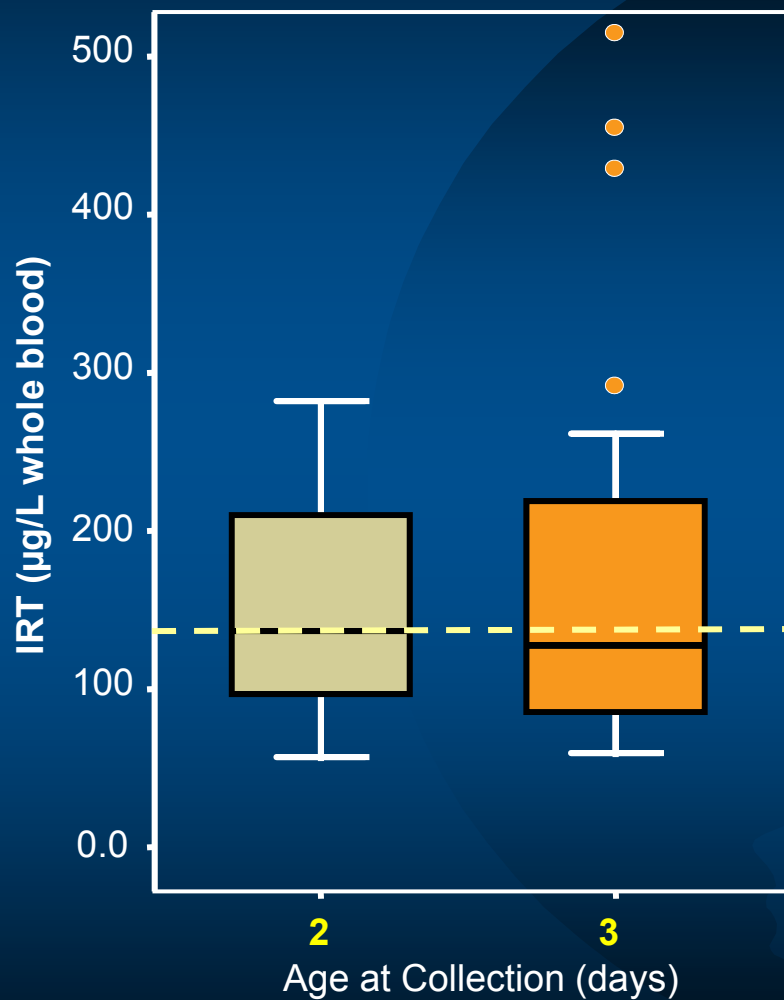


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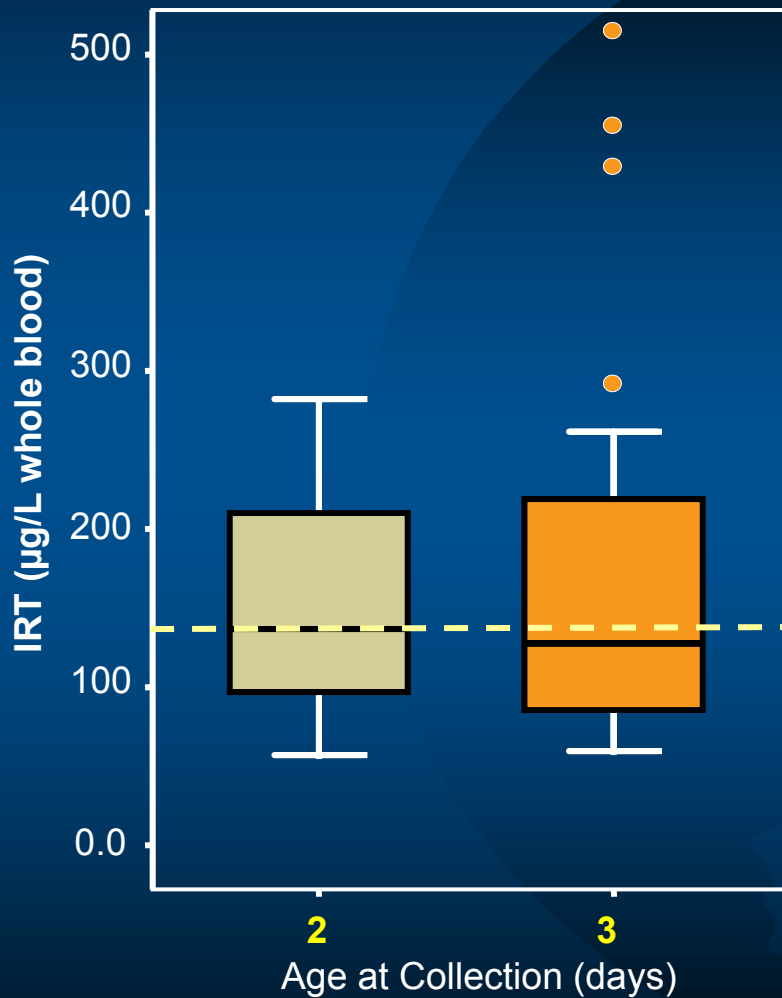


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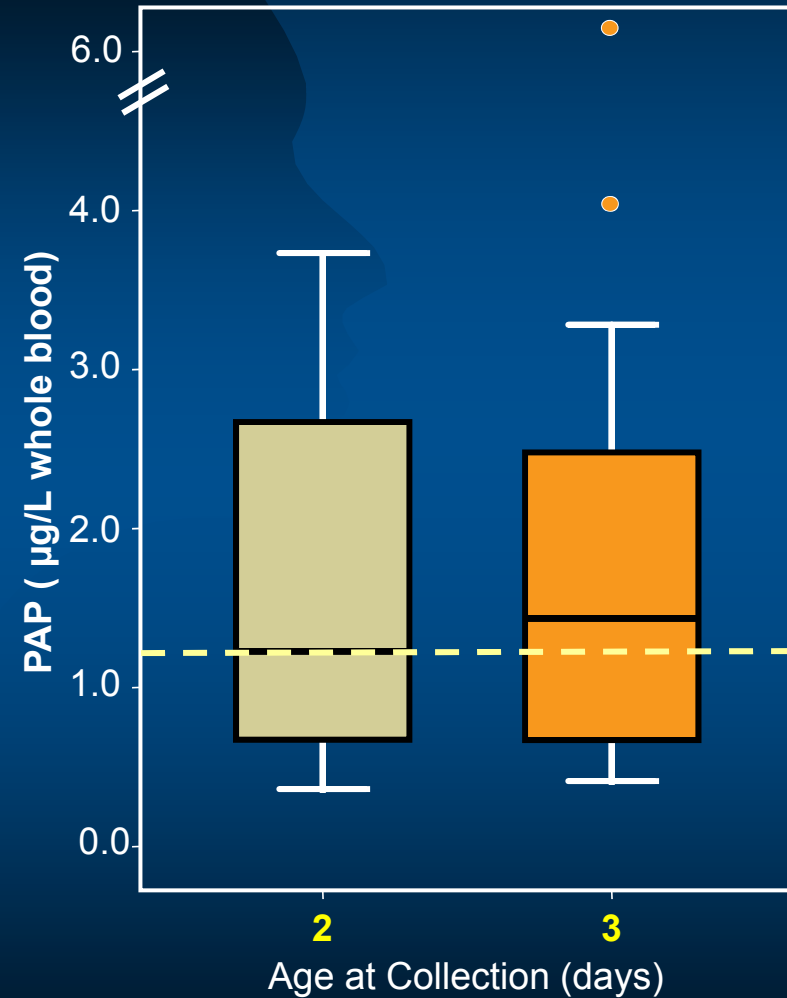
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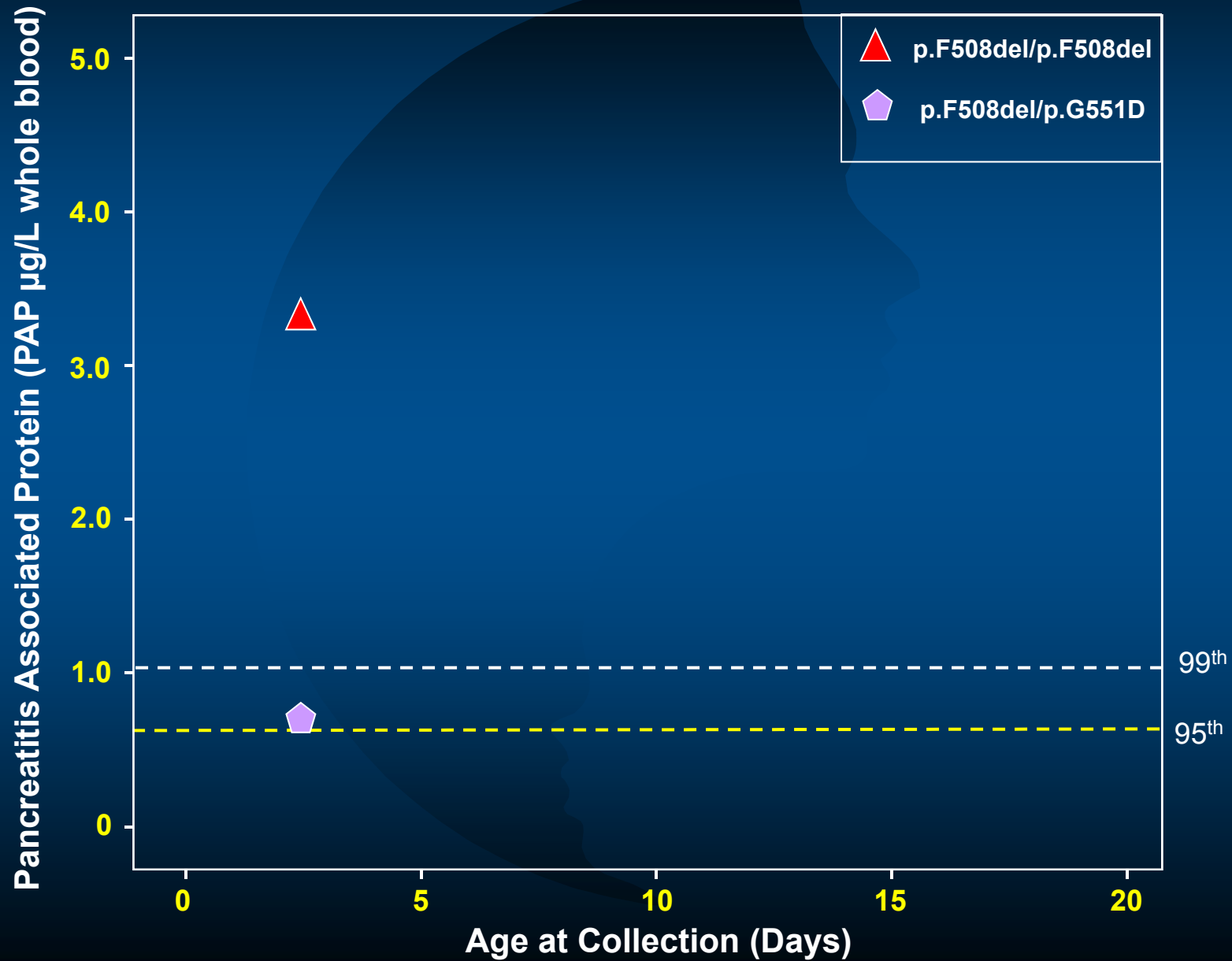
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PAP



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## IRT/DNA versus IRT/PAP/DNA

<b>Total</b>	<b>1,978</b> <i>From a projected newborn screened population of ~195,000</i>	
<b>Analyte</b>	<b>IRT ≥ 99<sup>th</sup> percentile</b>	<b>PAP ≥ 95<sup>th</sup> percentile</b>
<b>CFTR Carrier</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>CFTR carrier Frequency</b>	<b>1 in 16</b>	<b>1 in 80</b>
<b>CF</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>CFTR genotype</b>
	25	p.F508del/p.F508del
	2	p.F508del p.85E
	1	p.F508del p.G542X
	1	p.F508del p.G511D
	10	p.F508/X
	2	p.R553X/X
	1	p.F508 del/p.262 263delT
	2	p.F508del/p.N1303K
	1	p.F508del/p.R1157H
	1	p.F508del/1078delT
	1	X/X
<b>Detected</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>Missed by primary analyte</b>	<b>1</b> <b>1 X/X</b>	<b>10</b> <b>4 p.F508del/p.F508del</b> <b>2 p.F508del/p.N1303K</b> <b>3 p.F508/X</b> <b>1 p.R553X/X</b>



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Evidence that IRT and PAP are independent markers of CF

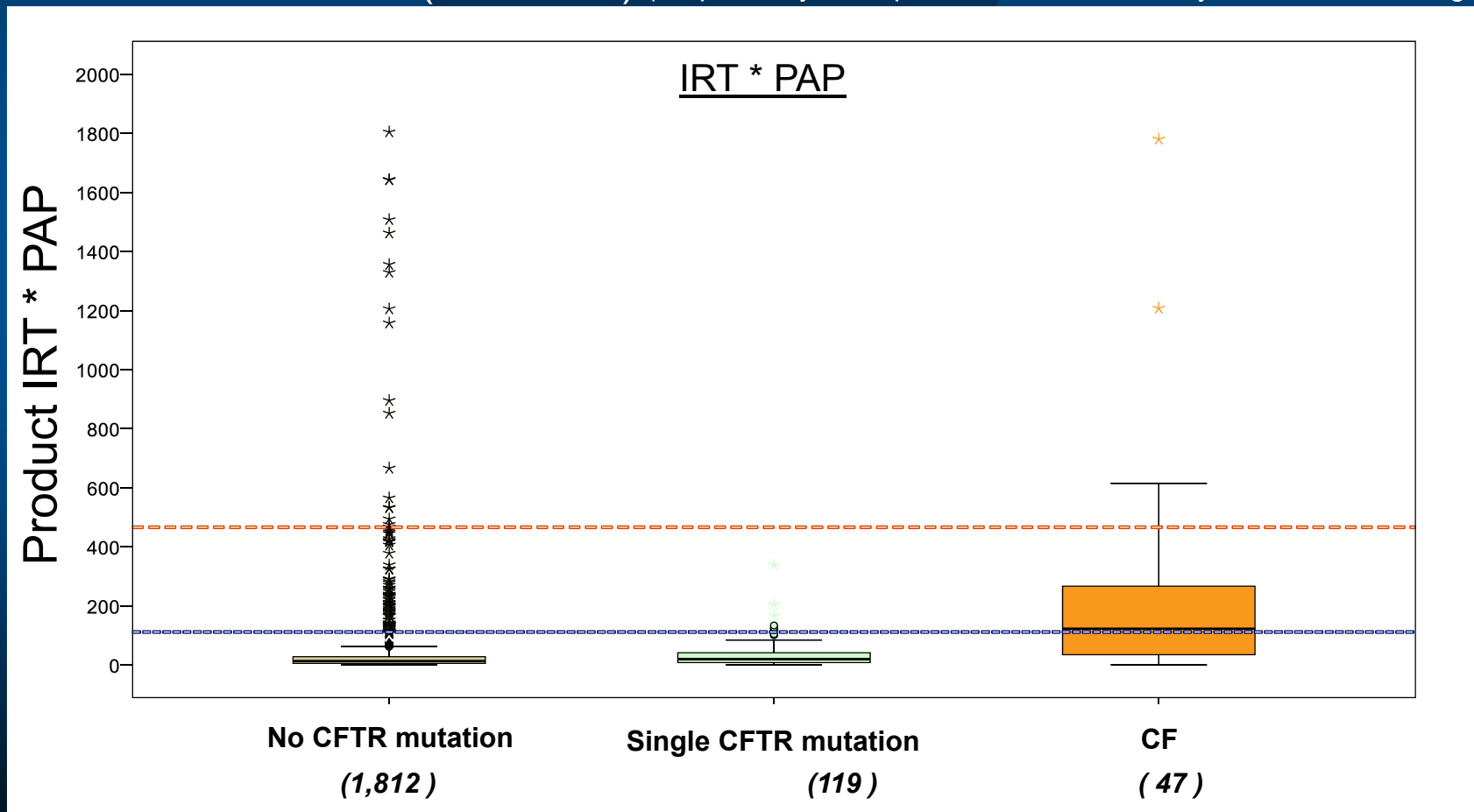
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- PAP in dried whole blood-spots:
  - Elevated in a percentage of sick-preterm infants.
  - Independent of IRT level in non-CF infants.
  - No discernable correlation with either birth weight or age at collection in normal (non-CF) infants.
  - Levels decline on storage at room temperature.
  - Levels appear to increase over time in infants with CF



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  - ✓ For p.F508del 1 in 30 versus the 1 in 13 as seen with IRT $\geq$ 99<sup>th</sup> centile.
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    - ✓ Reduce cost of sweat-testing
- ✓ Evidence that an elevation of PAP in infants with CF is independent of both the IRT & CFTR genotype.
- X PAP is elevated in most infants with CF.
  - **BUT a significant number of infants with CF have a PAP <90<sup>th</sup> centile on samples collected at 2 days of age.**



## Summary

- PAP in dried blood-spots:
  - This study does **not** support the clinical utility of adding PAP to our single-sample IRT/DNA protocol, given our early age of sample collection (<48 hours).





## Summary - continued

- CF Programmes may find PAP *useful*-
  - that collect samples at a later age, ? >72 hours of age
  - that adopt a 2<sup>nd</sup> specimen screening strategy
- CF Programmes are *unlikely* to find PAP useful-
  - That collect a single sample at or near 48 hours, (optimal for MSMS screening)
- A complex algorithm would be required to develop an IRT/PAP/DNA CF screening strategy

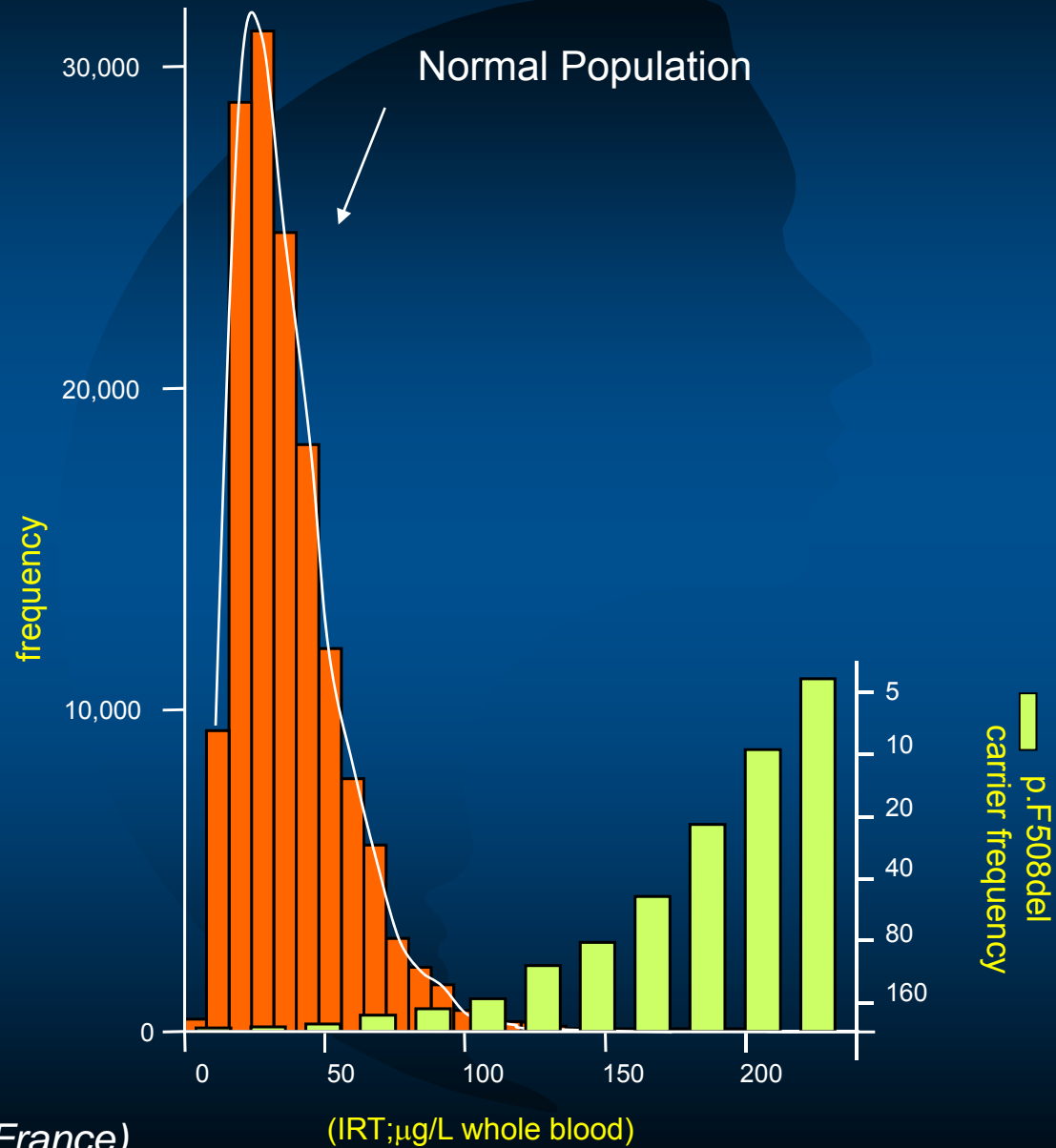


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# *p.F508del carrier frequency in elevated IRT*



(G Travert, Caen France)

# A possible IRT/PAP/DNA CF Screening Strategy?

