

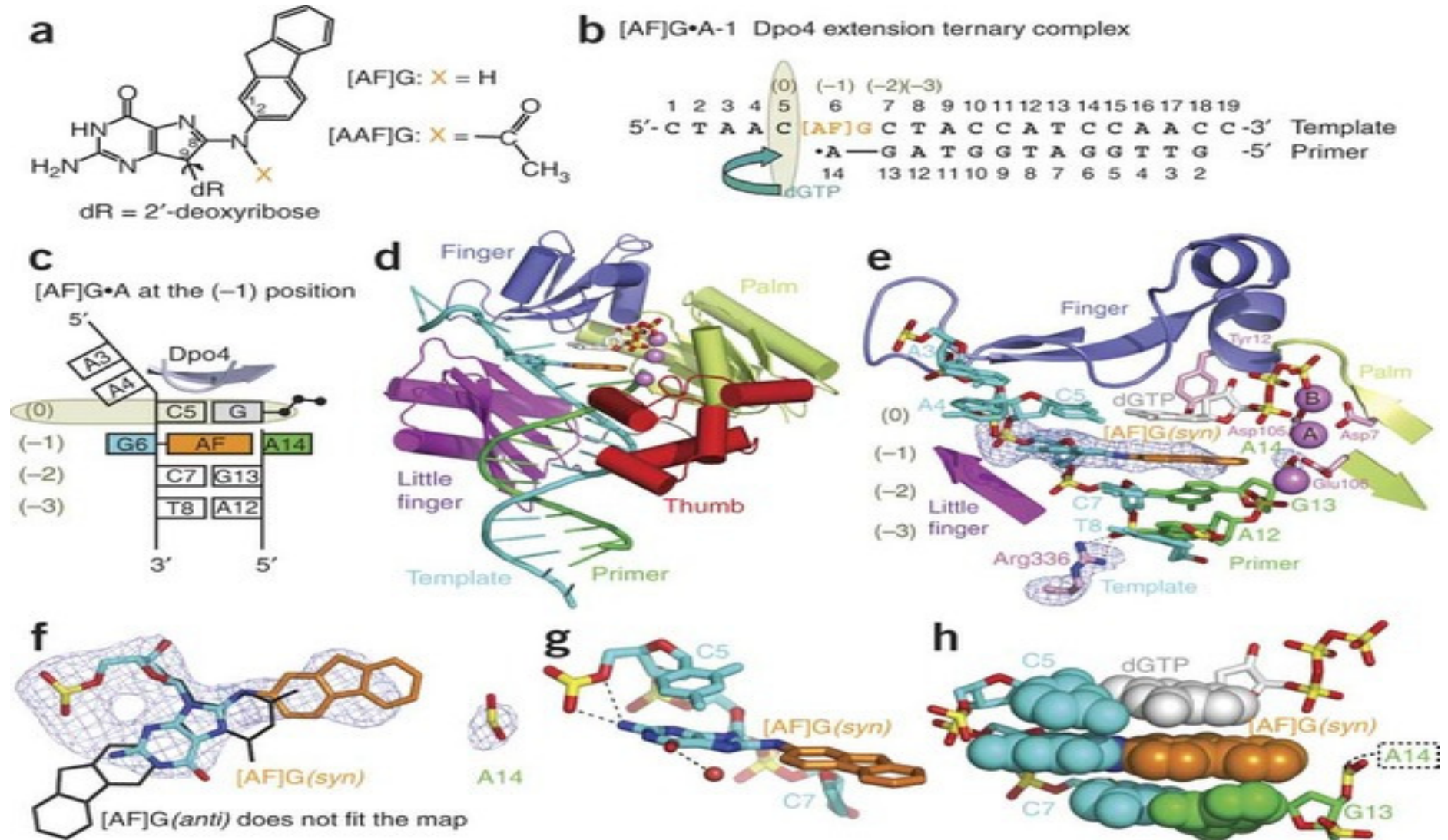


*Diabetes in General Practice*

# What's new in Diabetes?

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# Mechanism of error-free and semitargeted mutagenic bypass of an aromatic amine lesion by Y-family polymerase Dpo4



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# Diabetes and Austerity

- **“Austerity policies in Europe.....bad for health”**  
(Bmj june 2012)
- **“Recession hurts.....Austerity Kills.”**  
(David Stuckley)

## Deprivation and quality of primary care services:

- for 17 of the 33 indicators examined, Quality falls with increasing deprivation.
- Greater inequalities are seen for outcome measures such as glycaemic control in diabetes.....and influenza immunisation
- [J Epidemiol Community Health.](#) 2006 Nov;60(11):917-22

# **Association of deprivation with quality indicators for diabetes: survey of 53,000 patients in primary care**

- Patients from deprived area less likely to have;
- an HbA1c value < 7.5%
- retinal screening
- blood pressure check
- testing for neuropathy or microalbuminuria
- flu vaccination

[BMJ](#). 2004 Nov 27;329(7477):1267-9. Epub 2004 Nov 17 (NOTTINGHAM)

# Demographics

- Ageing population
- Increasing polymorbidity
- Fragmentation of care
- More & longer consultations (2,7,14/yr)
- Changed GP workforce age / gender profile



# Democracy

- Politicians , Bureaucracy and business have conflicting priorities and moral value systems  
(Iona Heath)
- “Making lives of of healthcare workers tough and unrewarding is not in the patient interest, forfeits their goodwill and provides no incentive to help navigate the health system through the headwinds of austerity”  
(Prof Ray Kinsella)

*The availability of good medical care tends to vary inversely with the need for it in the population served.....*

*(Hart, 1971)*



*Inverse care law..... operates more completely where medical care is most exposed to market forces, and less so where exposure is reduced."*

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Keep your habits positive .....your habits become your values.

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