

**NO CONFLICTS TO DISCLOSE**



**ESHG 2017 – W05**

# Defining “mutation” or “polymorphism” using prediction tools

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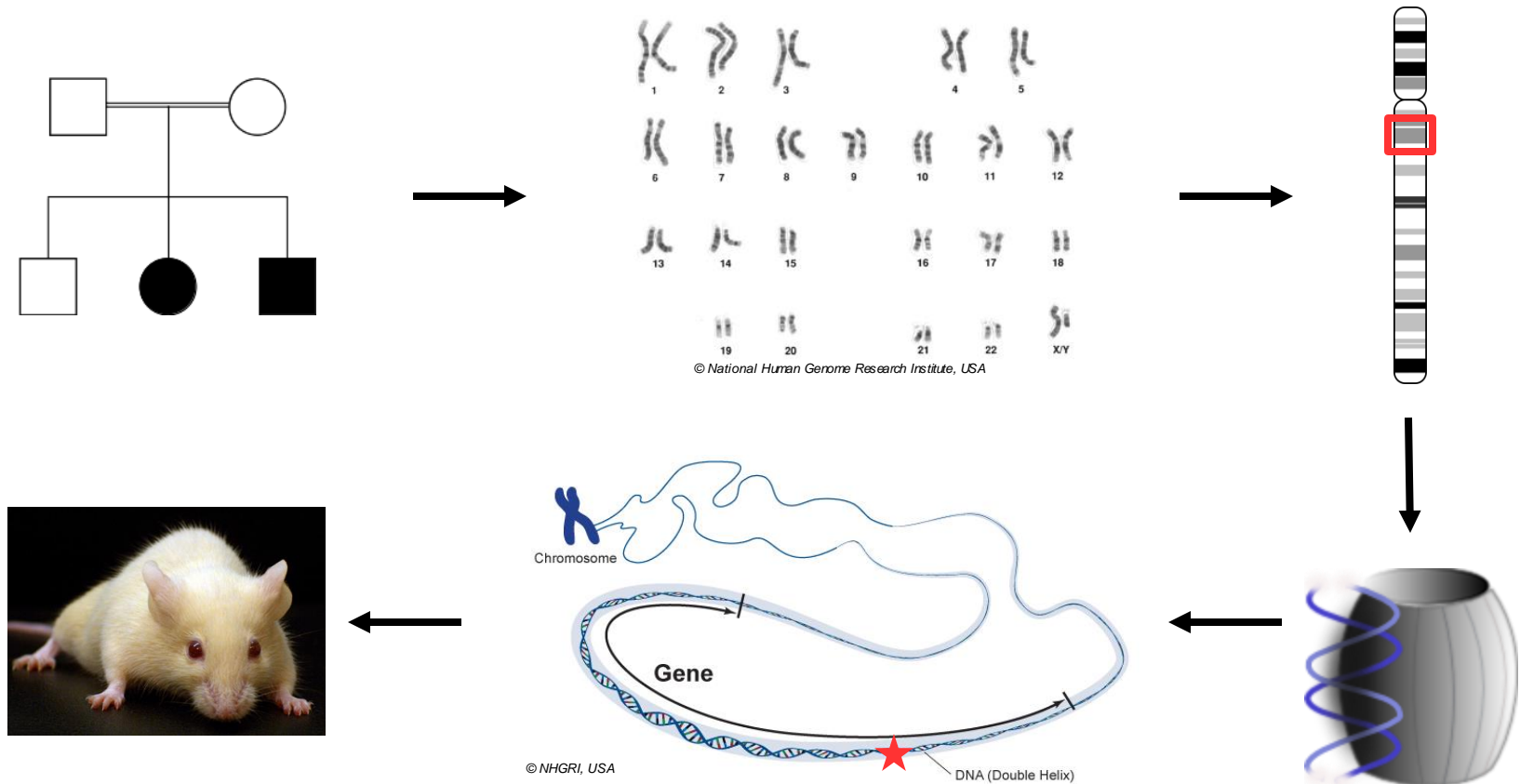
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# CONTENT

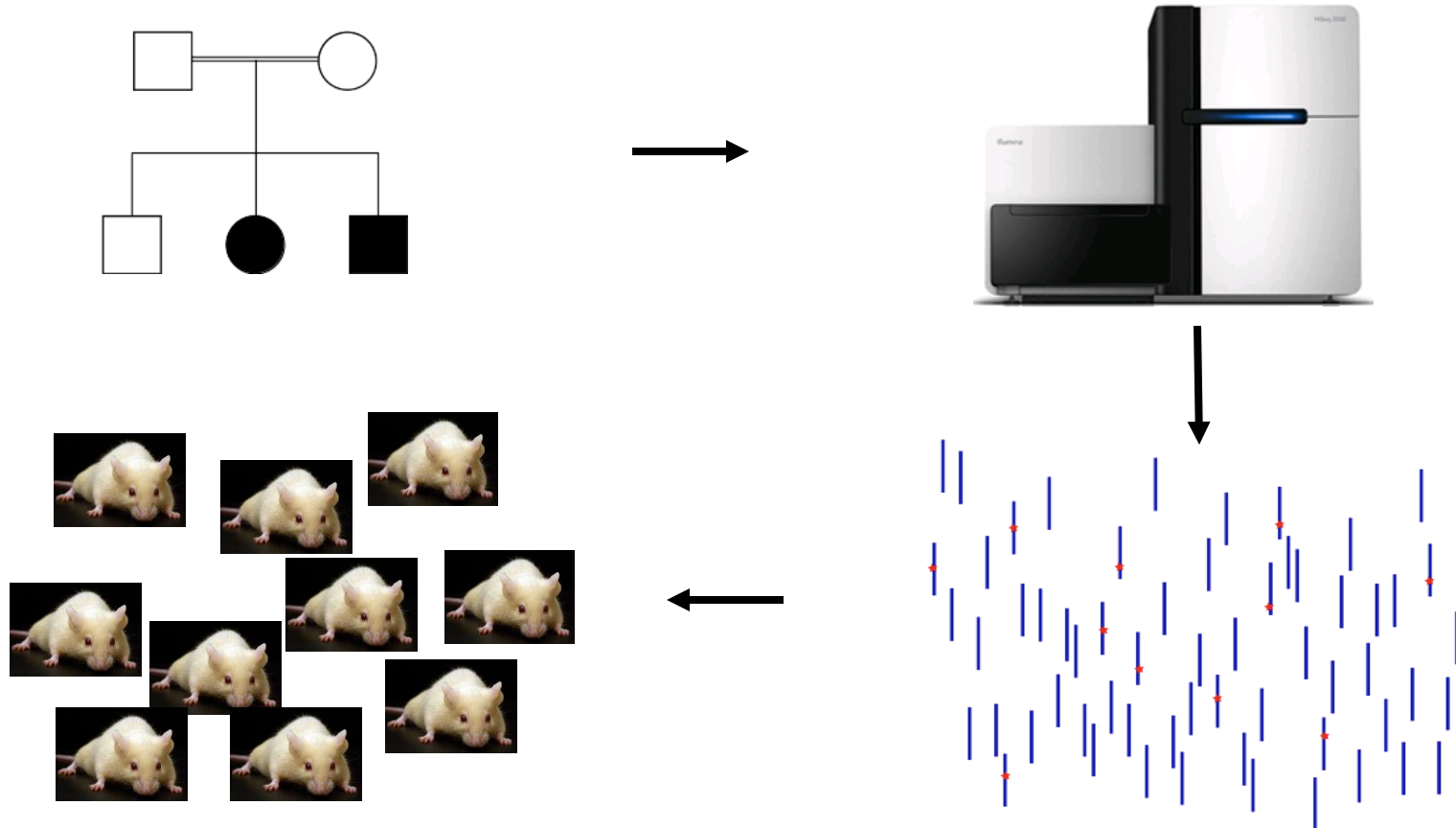
1. Welcome and opening remarks
2. Variants and polymorphisms in the context of disease
3. Annotation of variants
4. Considerations of variant filtering  
(short break)
5. Assessment of variants
6. Challenges of interpreting non-coding variants
7. Questions and participant feedback

# Discovery of disease mutations (past)



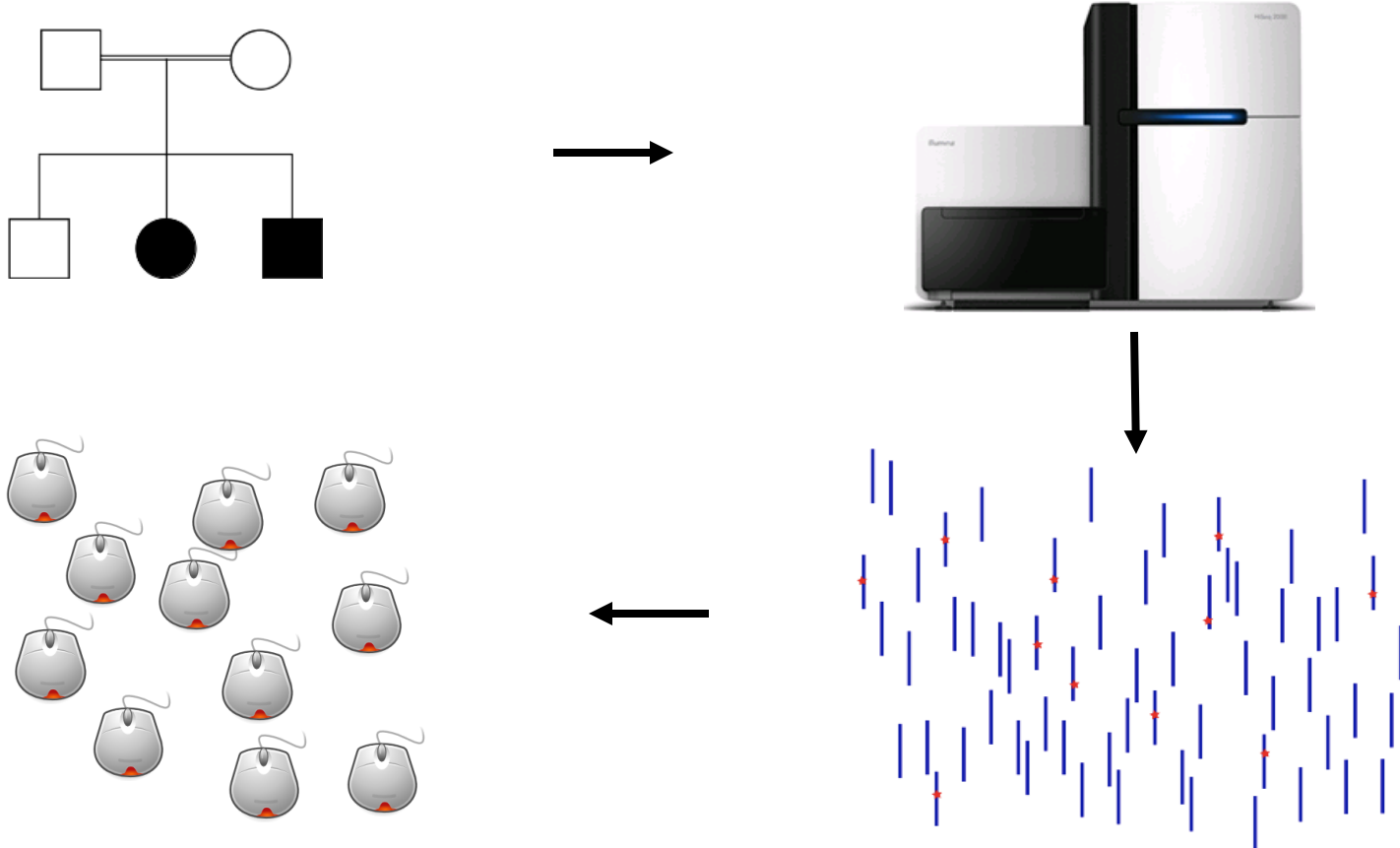
sequencing single candidate genes ► single variants ► confirmation

# Discovery of disease mutations (present)



sequencing all genes ► 10,000+ variants ► ?

# Discovery of disease mutations (present)



sequencing all genes ► 10,000+ variants ► bioinformatics

# VARIANT AND POLYMORPHISMS IN THE CONTEXT OF DISEASE

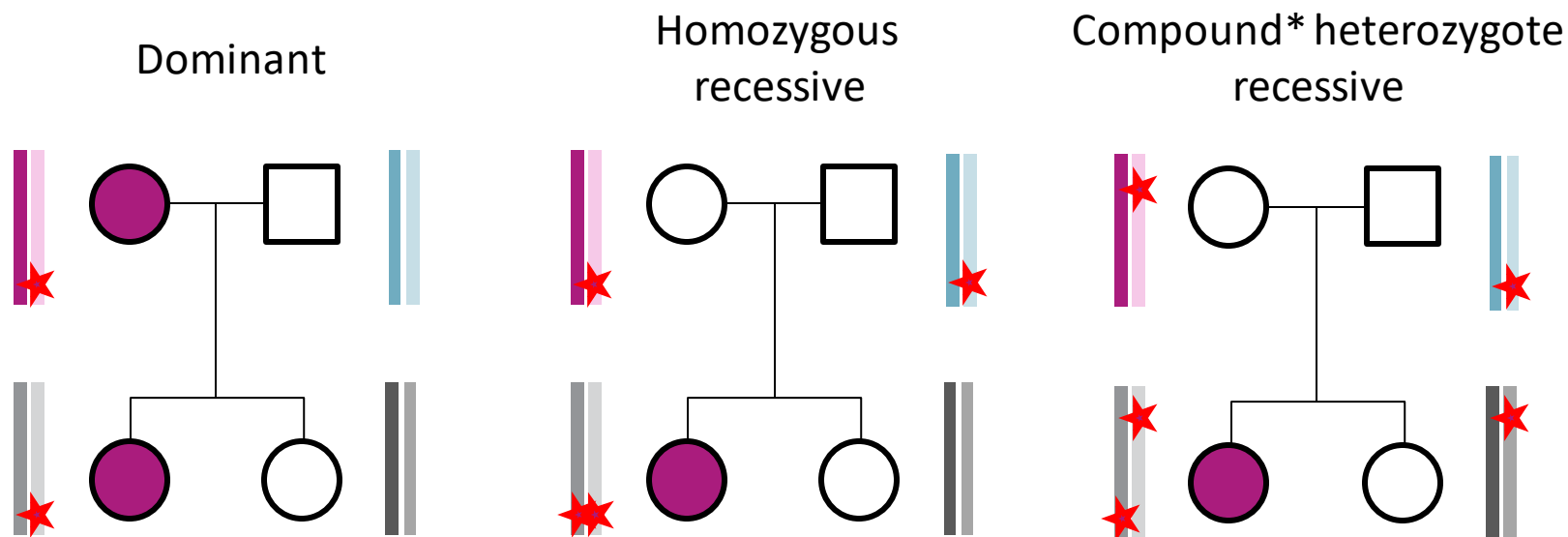
1. Genetic models of disease
2. Reference-based analysis & Variant Call Format (VCF)
3. Which variants to trust?
4. Visualizing alignment files with IGV

- **Variant:**  
Sequence difference identified in a comparison to a reference.  
*Can be used with modifiers:* e.g. pathogenic, likely pathogenic, uncertain significance, likely benign, or benign
- **Mutation:**  
Variant identified in a paired sequencing effort (e.g. cancer vs. normal, somatic vs. germline, parents vs. offspring)  
*Earlier:* rare sequence change; potentially damaging
- **Polymorphism:**  
Variant identified across multiple unrelated individuals  
*Earlier:* DNA variant occurring with 1% or higher frequency in a population; considered neutral



# Genetic models of disease (1)

- Dominant / recessive
- Homozygous / heterozygous / compound



\* require phase information

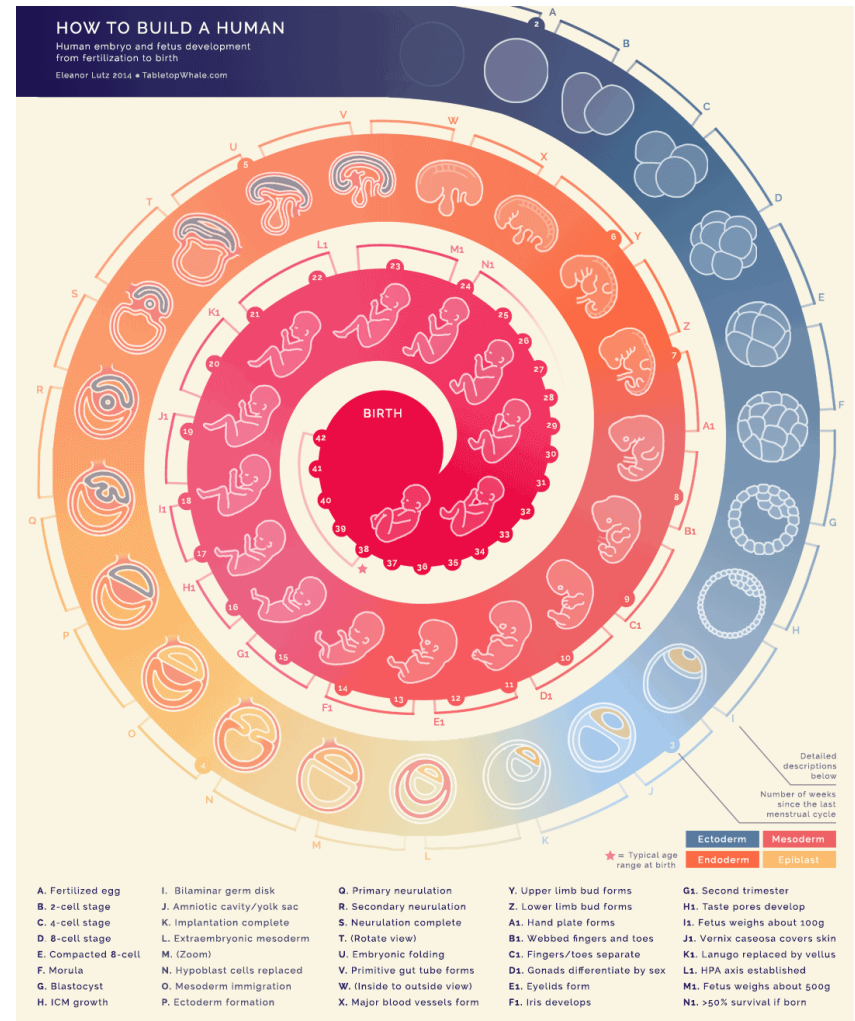
# Genetic models of disease (2)

- Inherited vs. *De Novo*
- Somatic vs. Germline
- Mosaicism / Cancer



Left: doi: 10.1038/nrg3424

Right: <http://tabletopwhale.com/2014/12/16/how-to-build-a-human.html>



# Whole genome vs. exome sequencing

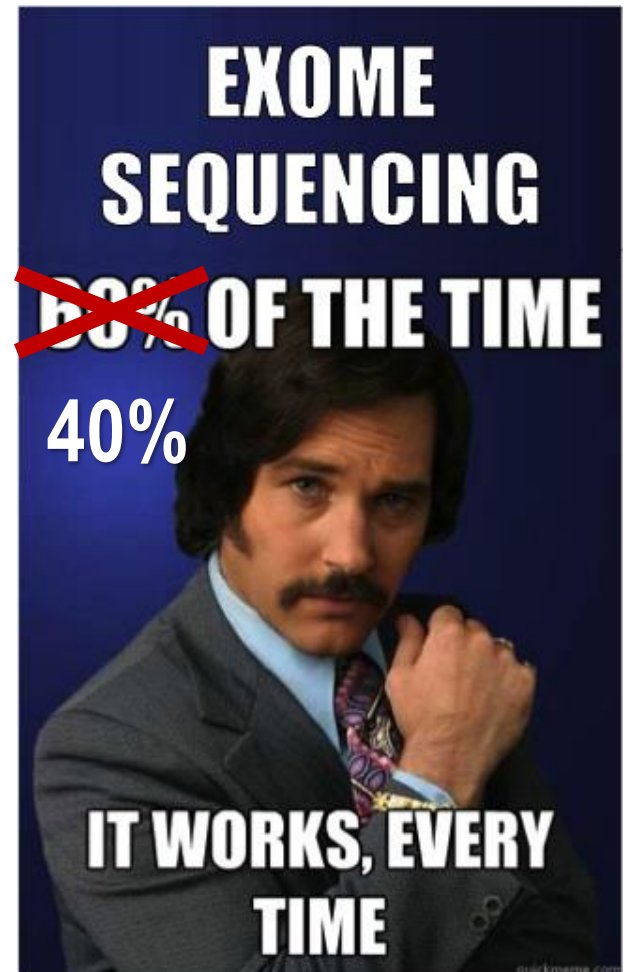
## Exome sequencing (~ €350):

- ~25,000 - 50,000 variants  
mostly within annotated genes
- 1,000 - 2,000 'rare' variants

## Whole genome (~ €1000):

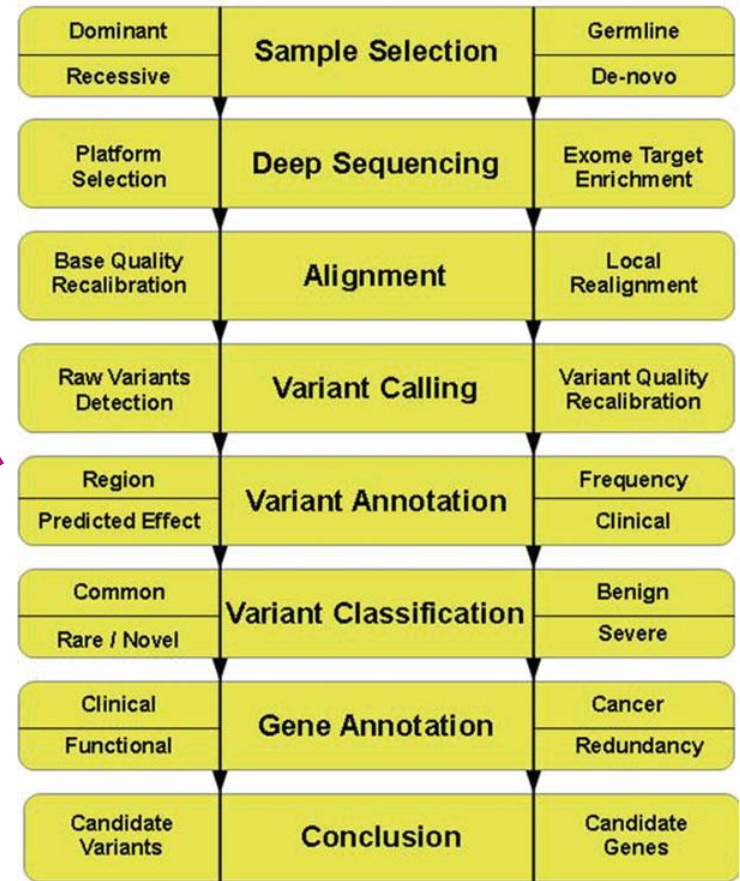
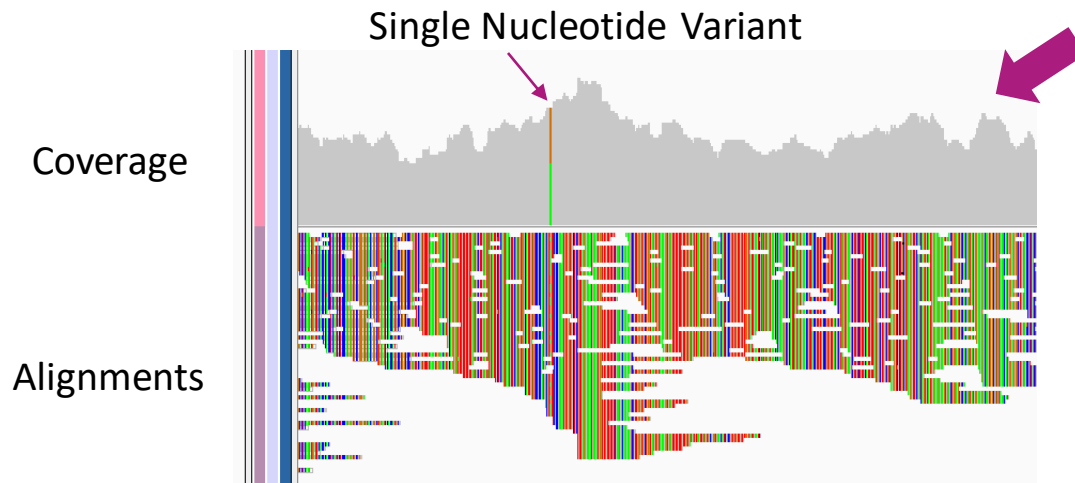
- 1 - 3 million variants  
mostly outside of annotated genes
- 150,000 - 500,000 'rare' variants

➤ **Prices without variant interpretation!**



# Reference-based variant analysis

Due to complexity of assembling and annotating genomes, best practice workflows involve alignments to a reference genome



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# Variant Call Format (VCF)

- Tab-separated text format for storing variant information (typically SNPs, indels; but also structural variants)
- Development and specification driven by 1000 Genomes project
- Generated by many variant caller / genotyper packages
- Input for most downstream tools (e.g. Gemini, SeattleSeq, Variant Effect Predictor, SNPeff, AnnoVar, CADD)
- Official format specification:  
<http://samtools.github.io/hts-specs/VCFv4.2.pdf>

# Variant Call Format: header

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##fileformat=VCFv4.0
##INFO=<ID=NS,Number=1,Type=Integer,Description="Number of Samples With Data">
##INFO=<ID=DP,Number=1,Type=Integer,Description="Total Depth">
##INFO=<ID=AF,Number=.,Type=Float,Description="Allele Frequency">
##INFO=<ID=AA,Number=1,Type=String,Description="Ancestral Allele">
##INFO=<ID=DB,Number=0,Type=Flag,Description="dbSNP membership, build 129">
##INFO=<ID=H2,Number=0,Type=Flag,Description="HapMap2 membership">
##FILTER=<ID=q10,Description="Quality below 10">
##FILTER=<ID=s50,Description="Less than 50% of samples have data">
##FORMAT=<ID=GT,Number=1,Type=String,Description="Genotype">
##FORMAT=<ID=GQ,Number=1,Type=Integer,Description="Genotype Quality">
##FORMAT=<ID=DP,Number=1,Type=Integer,Description="Read Depth">
##FORMAT=<ID=HQ,Number=2,Type=Integer,Description="Haplotype Quality">

#CHROM  POS      ID           REF  ALT  QUAL  FILTER  INFO                                FORMAT
20      14370   rs6054257   G    A    29    PASS    NS=3;DP=14;AF=0.5;DB;H2          GT:GQ:DP
20      17330   .           T    A    3     q10     NS=3;DP=11;AF=0.017             GT:GQ:DP
```

# Variant Call Format: variant lines

#CHROM	POS	ID	REF	ALT	QUAL	FILTER	INFO	FORMAT
20	14370	rs6054257	G	A	29	PASS	NS=3;DP=14;AF=0.5;DB;H2	GT:GQ:DP
20	17330	.	T	A	3	q10	NS=3;DP=11;AF=0.017	GT:GQ:DP

CHROM chromosome  
 POS position (1st base having position 1, positions are sorted numerically, in increasing order)  
 ID semi-colon separated list of unique identifiers or '.'  
 REF reference base(s): A,C,G,T,N  
 ALT comma separated list of alternate non-reference alleles  
 QUAL phred-scaled quality score  
 FILTER filter that position passes

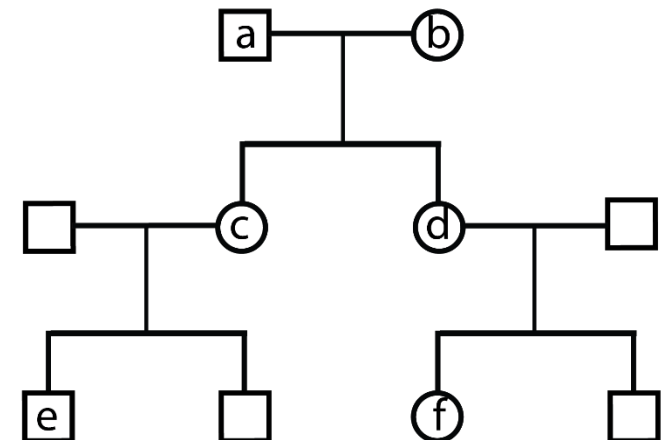
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S	NS=3;DP=14;AF=0.5;DB;H2	GT:GQ:DP:HQ	0 0:48:1:51,51
	NS=3;DP=11;AF=0.017	GT:GQ:DP:HQ	0 1:3:5:65,3

INFO additional information as a semicolon-separated series of short keys with optional values in the format:  
 <key>=<data>[,data]  
 FORMAT data to be provided for each of the samples  
 ACTUAL\_SAMPLES information in the order of FORMAT

# Always quality control samples first

- Sequencing: quality scores
- Sample quality: molecule length, DNA damage, PCR replicates
- Sample purity: environmental / sample contamination
- Completeness of coverage / fraction bases uncovered
- Sex check: Alignments in Y unique regions? X chromosome heterozygosity?
- Relatedness/kinship estimates?
- Agreement with inheritance model?

Relatedness:  
 $a-b \sim 0$   
 $a-c/d \sim 1/2$   
 $a-e/f \sim 1/4, e-d \sim 1/4$   
 $e-f \sim 1/8$





# Measures of relatedness

- Tools like bcftools, PLINK, KING allow to test sex and relatedness

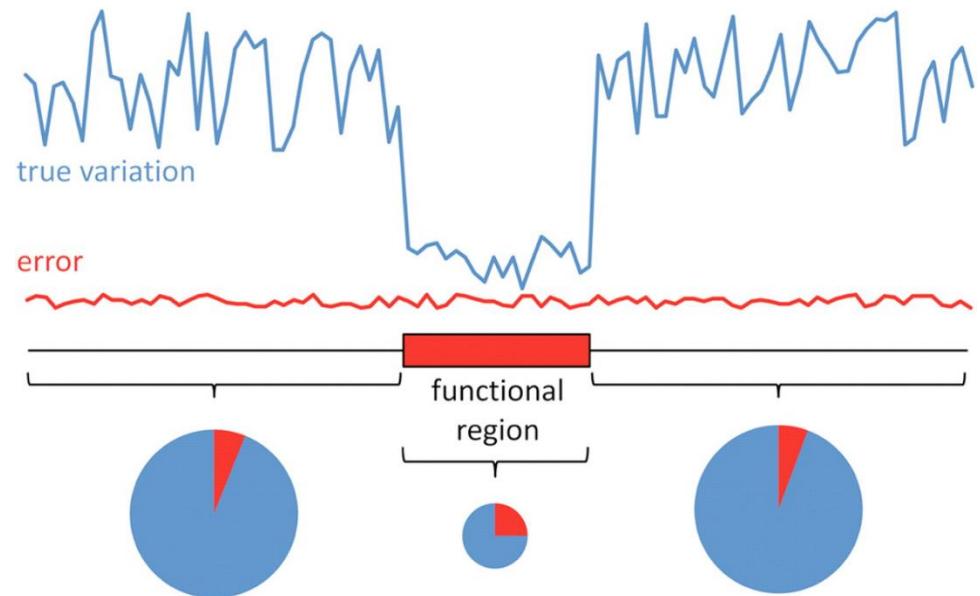
Relationship	R	Kinship
identical twins	1.0000	0.5000
parent-offspring	0.5000	0.2500
full siblings	0.5000	0.2500
grandparent-grandchild	0.2500	0.1250
half siblings	0.2500	0.1250
aunt/uncle-nephew/niece	0.2500	0.1250
double first cousins	0.2500	0.1250
great grandparent-great grandchild	0.1250	0.0625
first cousins	0.1250	0.0625
second cousins	0.0313	0.0157
third cousins	0.0078	0.0039
fourth cousins	0.0020	0.0010

# Which variants to trust?

- **Targeted vs shotgun sequencing**
  - Targeted sequencing with larger variation in coverage
  - Check targeted regions are covered at a minimum depth
  - Candidate variants: always check genotype quality, allele balance, strand balance, sequencing depth
- **Systematic errors, long variants and structural variants**
  - Collect/ask for list of commonly observed variants
  - Note that intermediate-sized (~30-100bp) InDels are the most difficult to call from short-read technologies
  - Check for overlap with known structural variants/segmental duplications

# Sanity checks for individual variants

- Variants with high impact functional annotation are enriched for false positives
- Check overlap with segmental duplications or repetitive elements
- Study frequency vs. database frequency
  - Common allele in study absent from public database, or rare variant in study at high-frequency in database
  - Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium for homozygote and heterozygote carriers ( $p^2 + 2pq + q^2 = 1$ )



MacArthur and Tyler-Smith 2010 Hum Mol Gen

# Overall quality: Known allele frequency spectrum

- Vast majority of alleles in any one sample should be common and present in databases
- Most variants in a large sample of people are rare
- Rare/novel variants are overwhelmingly heterozygous
- Number of stop codons, typically ~100 per genome (most are common variants)
- Transition-to-transversion ratio for mammals:
  - Transitions about 2x more frequent than transversions
  - Within coding exons, the ratio is closer to 3:1, as transitions are less likely to change amino acids, random errors yield a ratio of 1:2

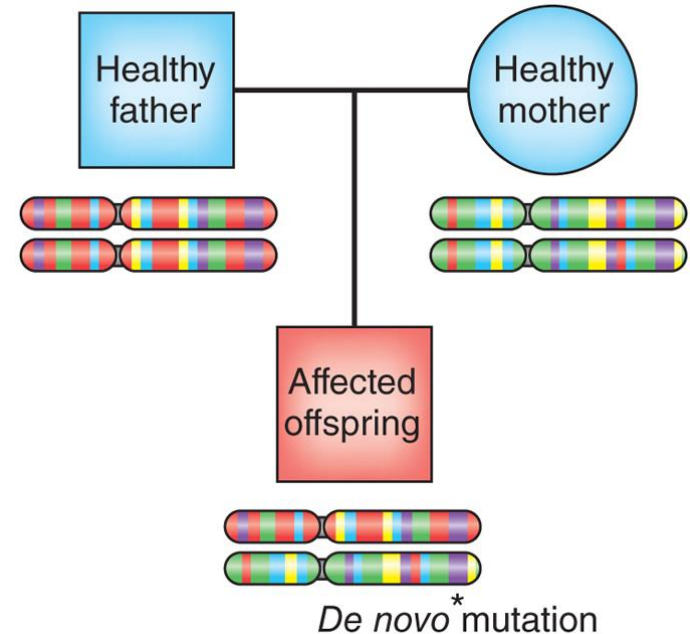
# Public database coverage

Individual	cSNP calls	# in dbSNP	% in dbSNP	# heterozygous	# homozygous
NA18507 (YRI)	19720	17577	89.1%	12896	6824
NA18517 (YRI)	19737	17326	87.8%	13039	6698
NA19129 (YRI)	19761	17298	87.5%	12845	6916
NA19240 (YRI)	19517	17168	88.0%	12866	6651
NA18555 (CHB)	16047	14894	92.8%	9181	6866
NA18956 (JPT)	16011	14848	92.7%	9132	6879
NA12156 (CEU)	16119	15250	94.6%	10179	5940
NA12878 (CEU)	15970	15051	94.2%	9928	6042
FSS10066 (Eur)	16229	15144	93.3%	10240	5989
FSS10208 (Eur)	16073	15018	93.4%	9966	6107
FSS22194 (Eur)	16094	15128	94.0%	10005	6089
FSS24895 (Eur)	15986	15027	94.0%	9920	6066

→ More variants identified in exomes from African than in European ancestry, larger proportion of European variants covered in public databases

# De Novo Mutations and Errors

- **Assuming:**
  - Mutation rate of  $2.5 \times 10^{-8}$
  - 20 Mbp of captured exome
  - Calling false positive rate (false heterozygote) of  $1 \times 10^{-6}$  (specificity of 99.9999%, Q60)
- **We expect:**
  - ~0.5 actual *de novo* non-synonymous variants per proband, and 20 false positives, i.e. FDR = 97.6%
  - Not considering false negative variants in parents...



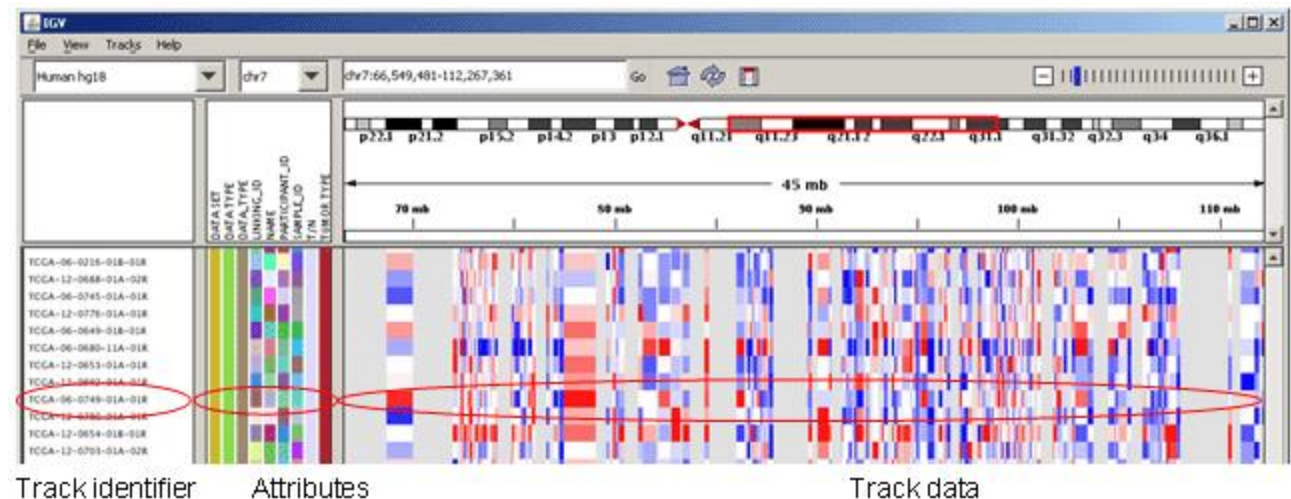
# Systematic errors & likely false positives

- Verify your variants using a different technology before follow up
- Unless isolated population, unrelated cases frequently have different mutations
- Is gene a likely false positive?
  - Large genes: *TTN*, *USH2A*
  - Lots of paralogs/part of gene family: *MUC\**, *ANK\**
  - Don't rule out if phenotype makes sense! E.g.
    - *TTN*: dilated cardiomyopathy and muscular dystrophy
    - *MUC1*: medullary cystic, kidney disease
    - *KRT\**: ichthyosis, keratoderma, keratosis

# Checking underlying alignment files

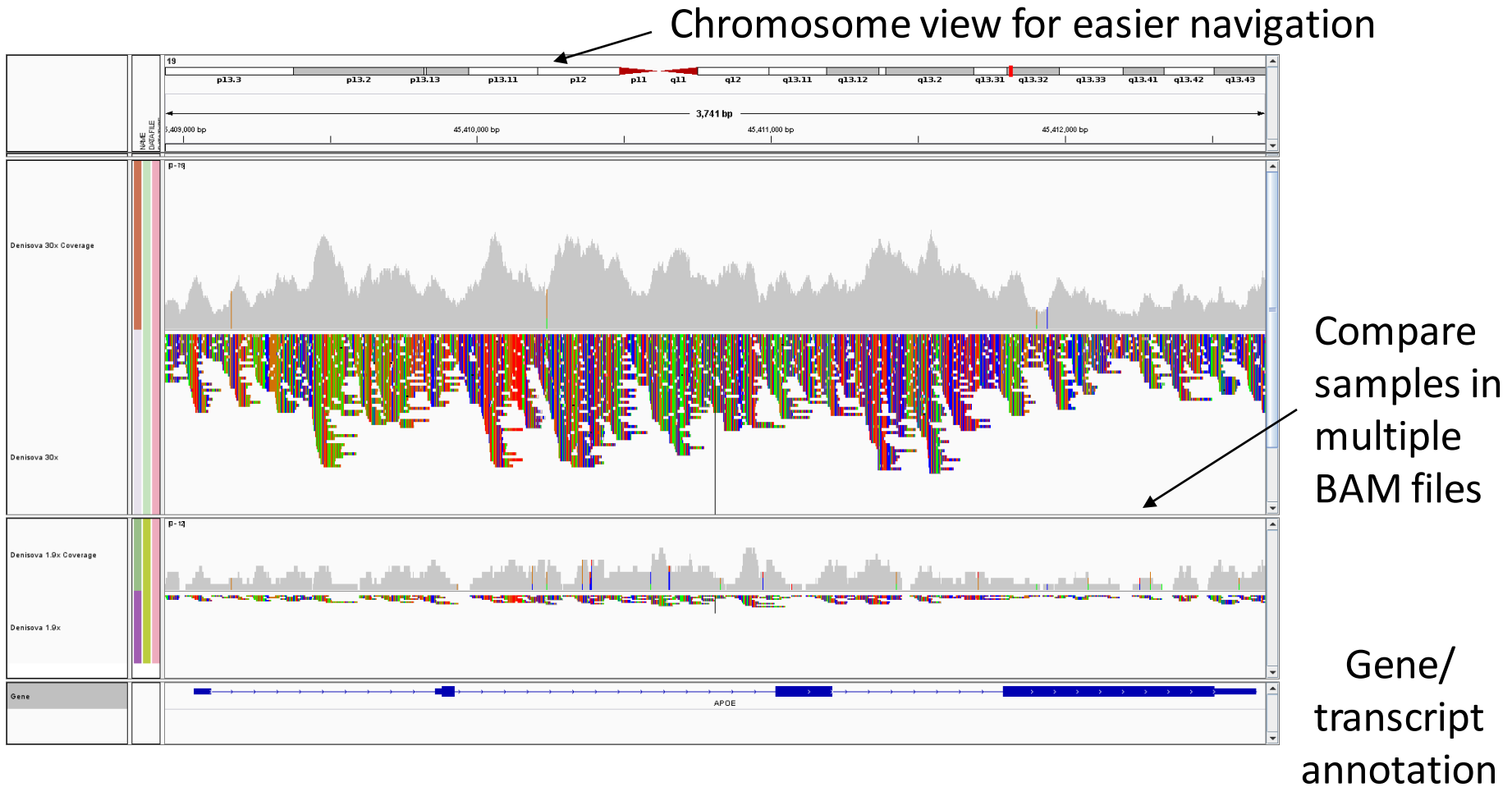
- Integrative Genomics Viewer (IGV)
  - Java-based genome-browser, download/documentation: <http://www.broadinstitute.org/igv/>
  - Support for diverse data files, e.g. sorted .sam, .bam, .aligned, .psl, .pslx, and .bed, and multiple tracks

J.T. Robinson et al.  
*Nature Biotechnology*  
29, 24–26 (2011)

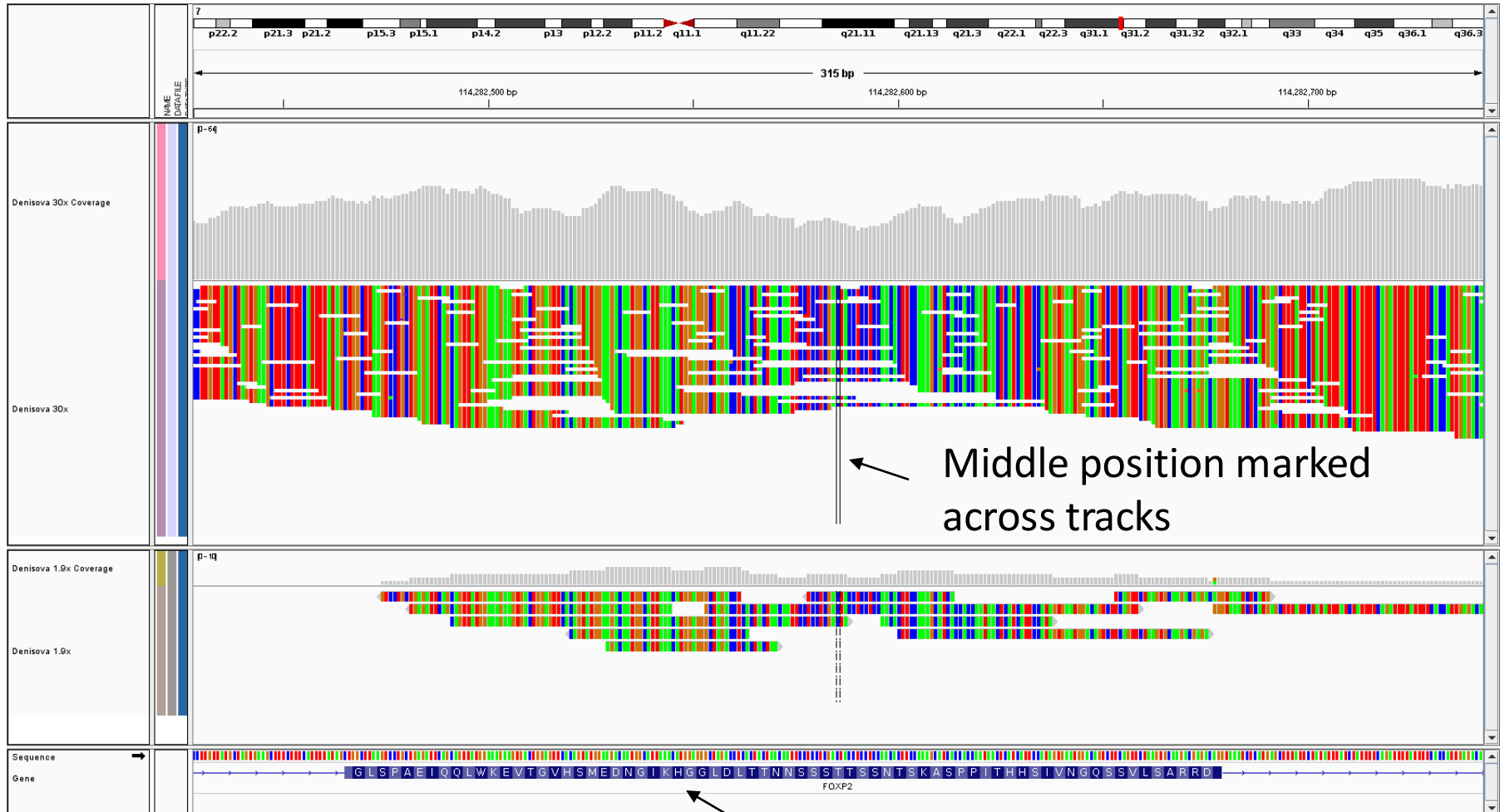




# Integrative Genomics Viewer (IGV)

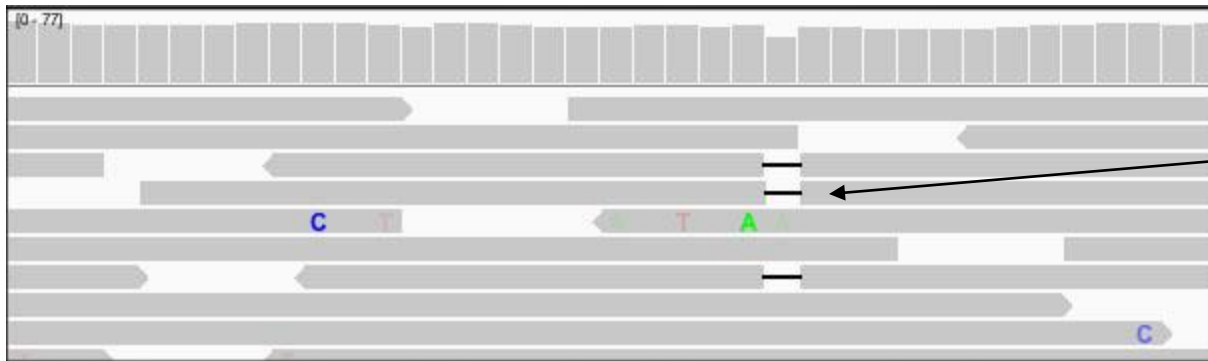


# A more detailed view



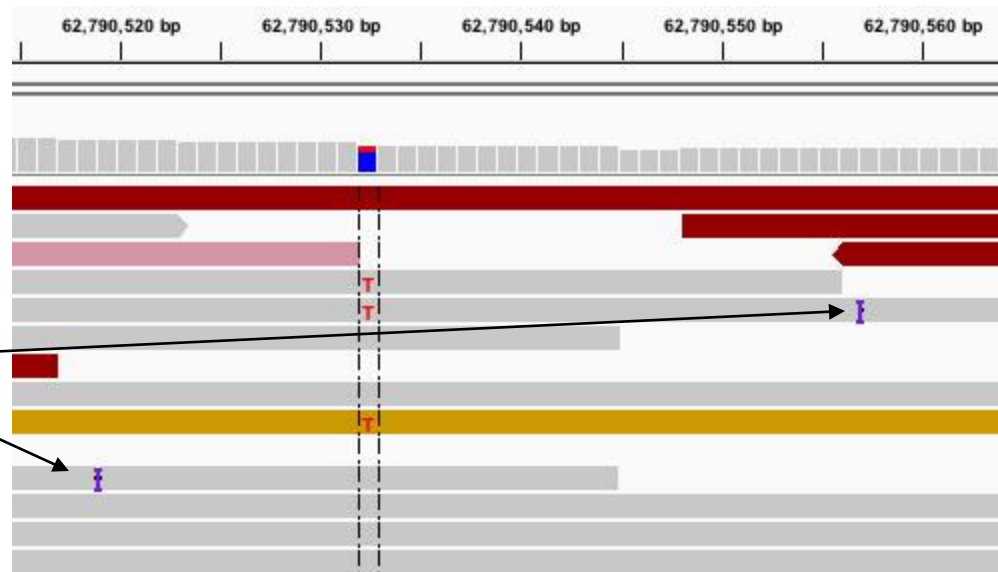
Amino acid sequence from RefSeq

# Insertions/deletions

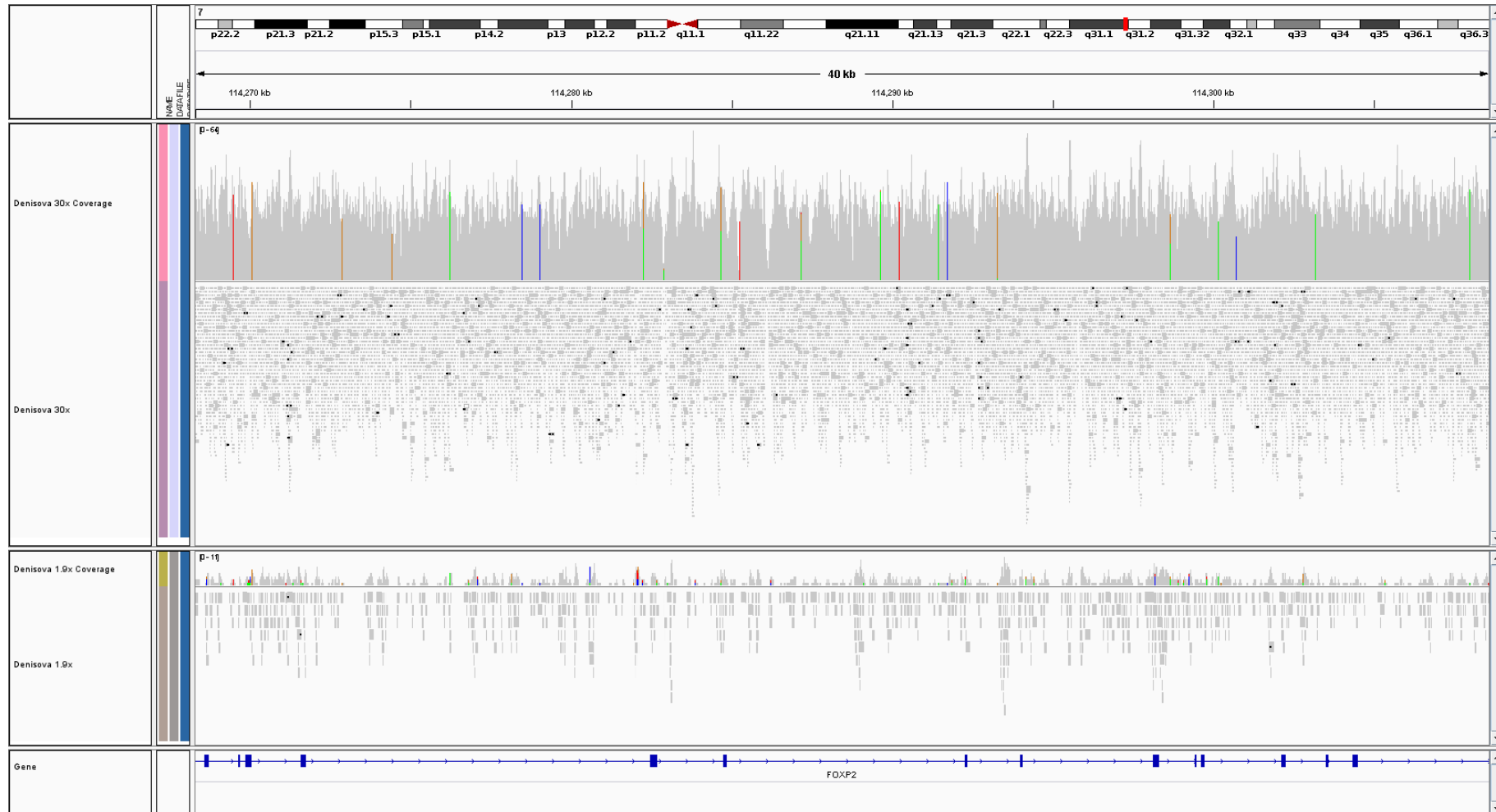


Deletion  
in reads

Insertion in reads



# Viewing limit ~40kb



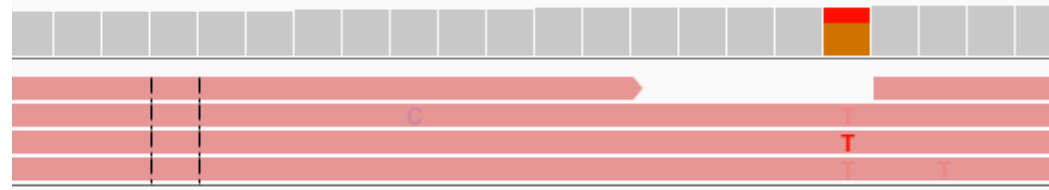
# Allelic balance?

Total count: 15

A : 0  
C : 6 (40%, 1+, 5-)  
G : 0  
T : 9 (60%, 9+, 0-)  
N : 0



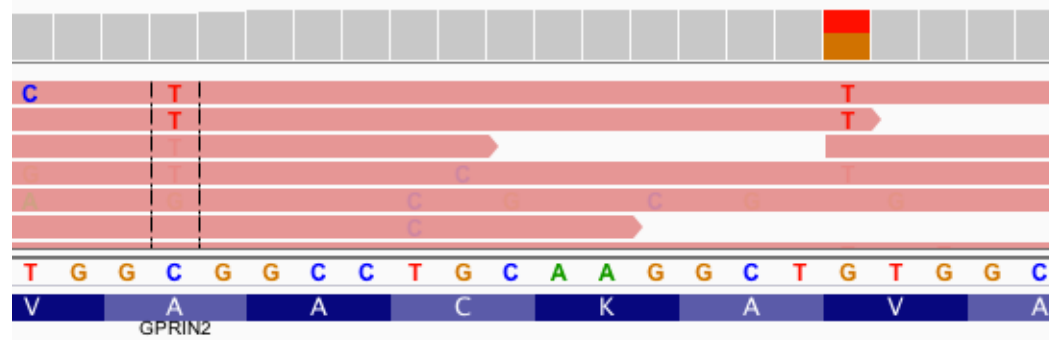
Proband



Father

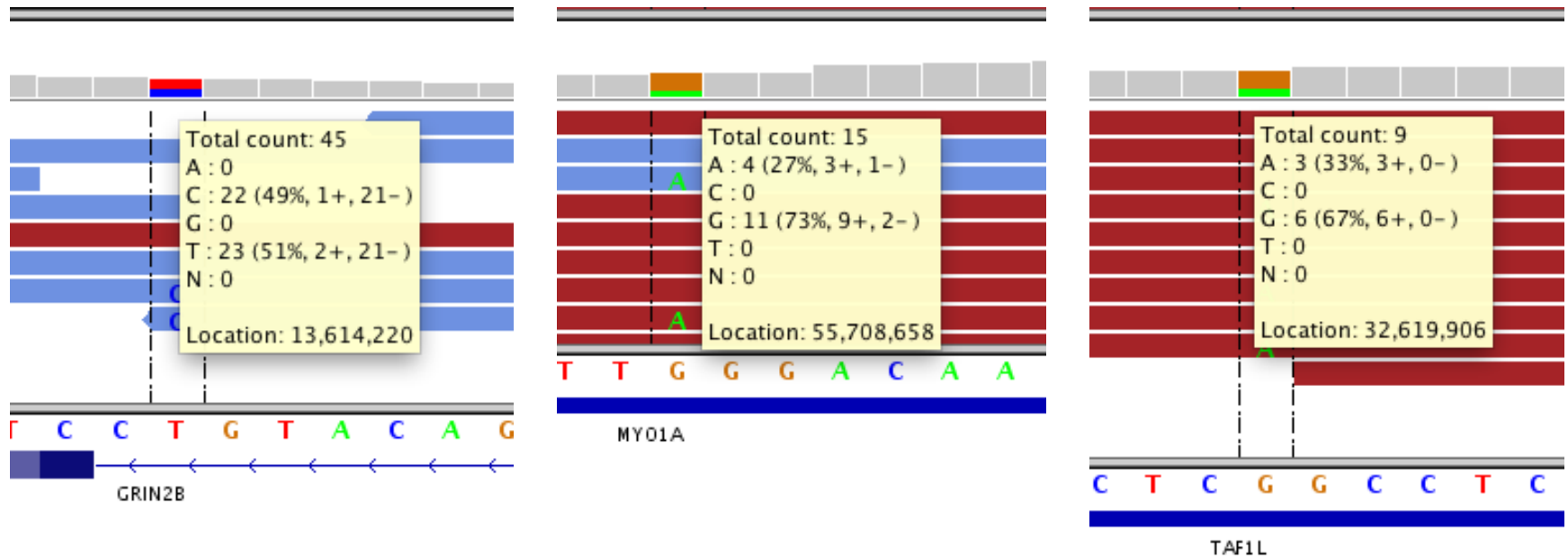
Total count: 26

A : 0  
C : 21 (81%, 19+, 2-)  
G : 1 (4%, 1+, 0-)  
T : 4 (15%, 4+, 0-)  
N : 0



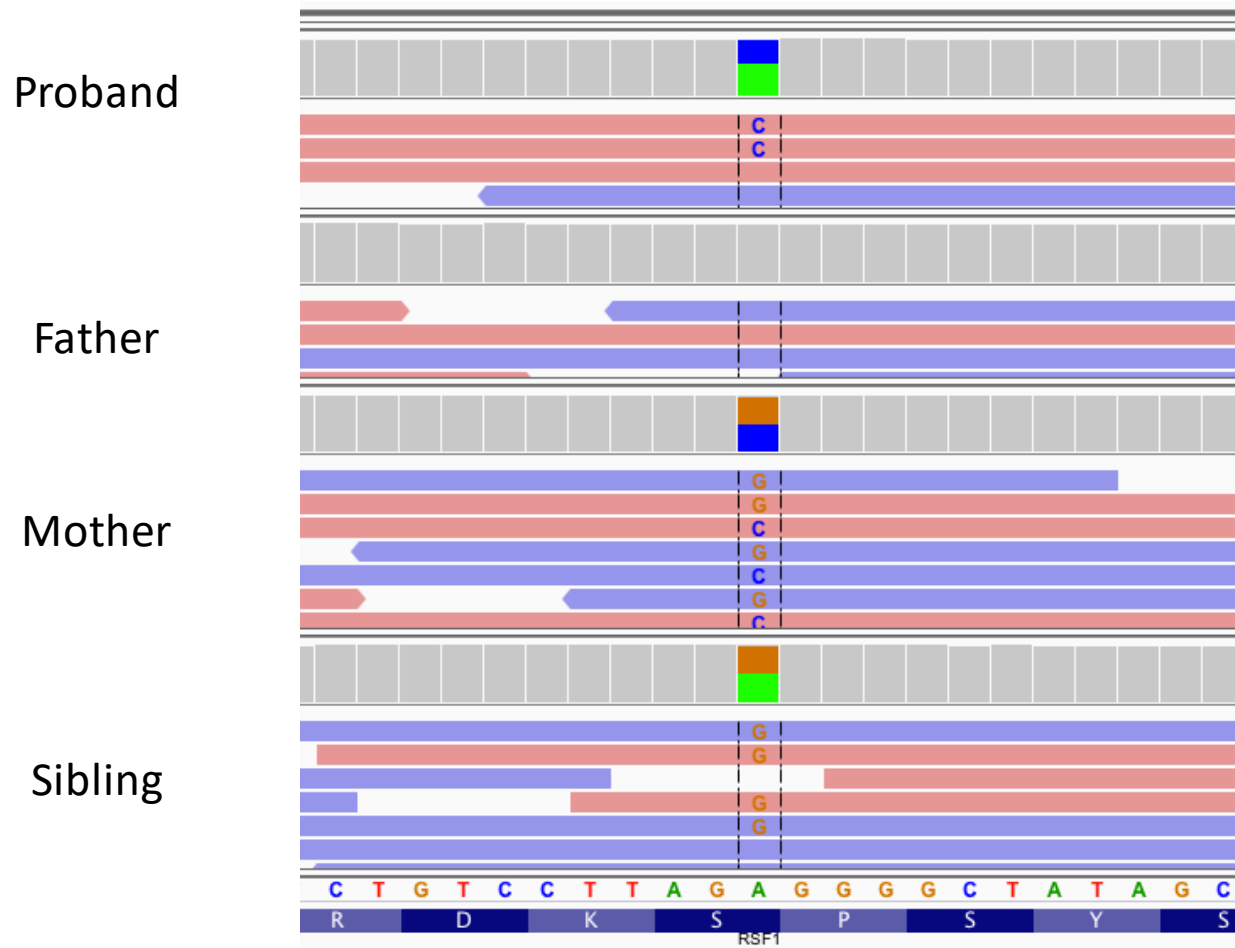
Mother

# Strand balance?

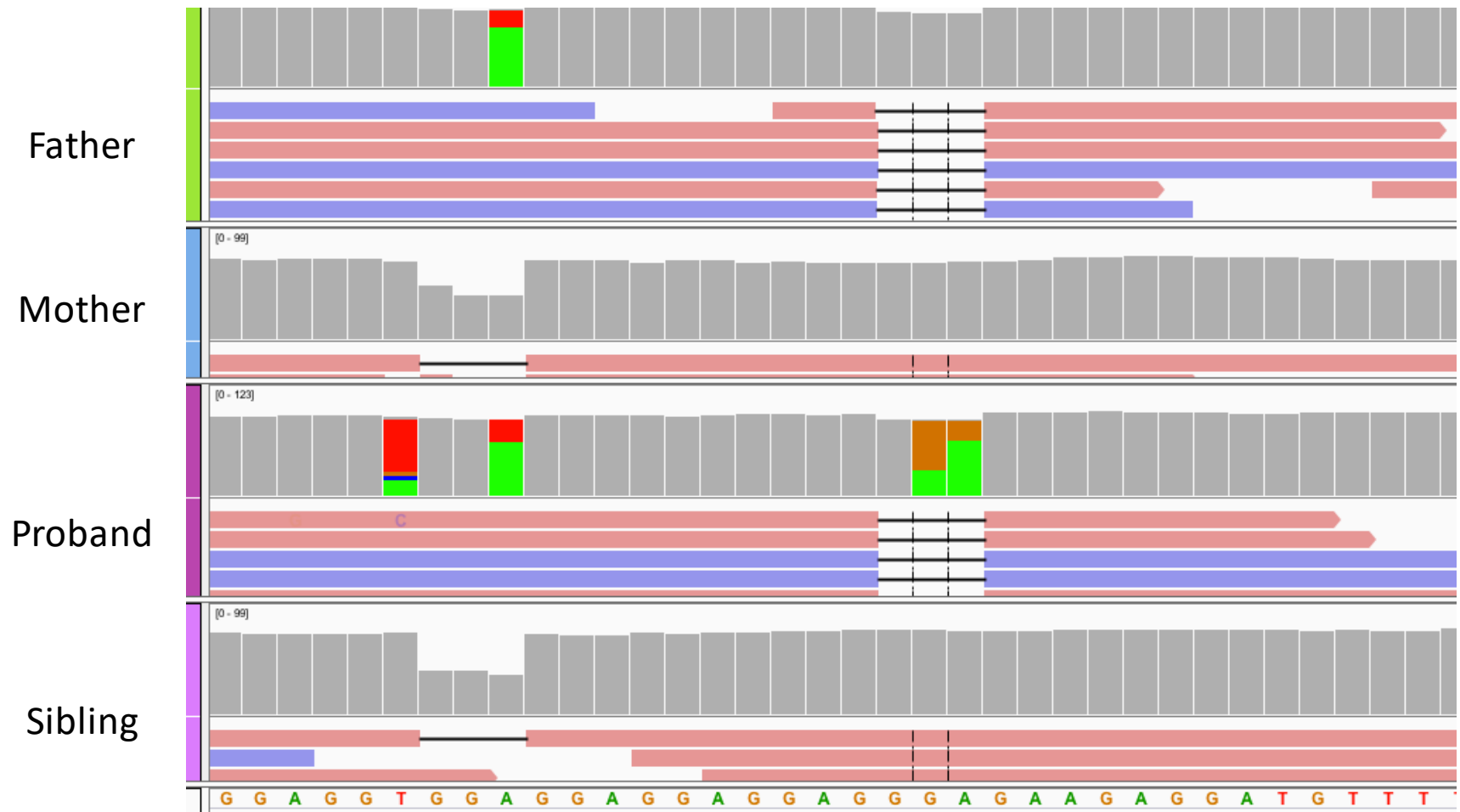


*Note:* You only expect even sampling from both strands if both strands can make it into your sequencing library and sequencing reaction

# Tri-allelic sites

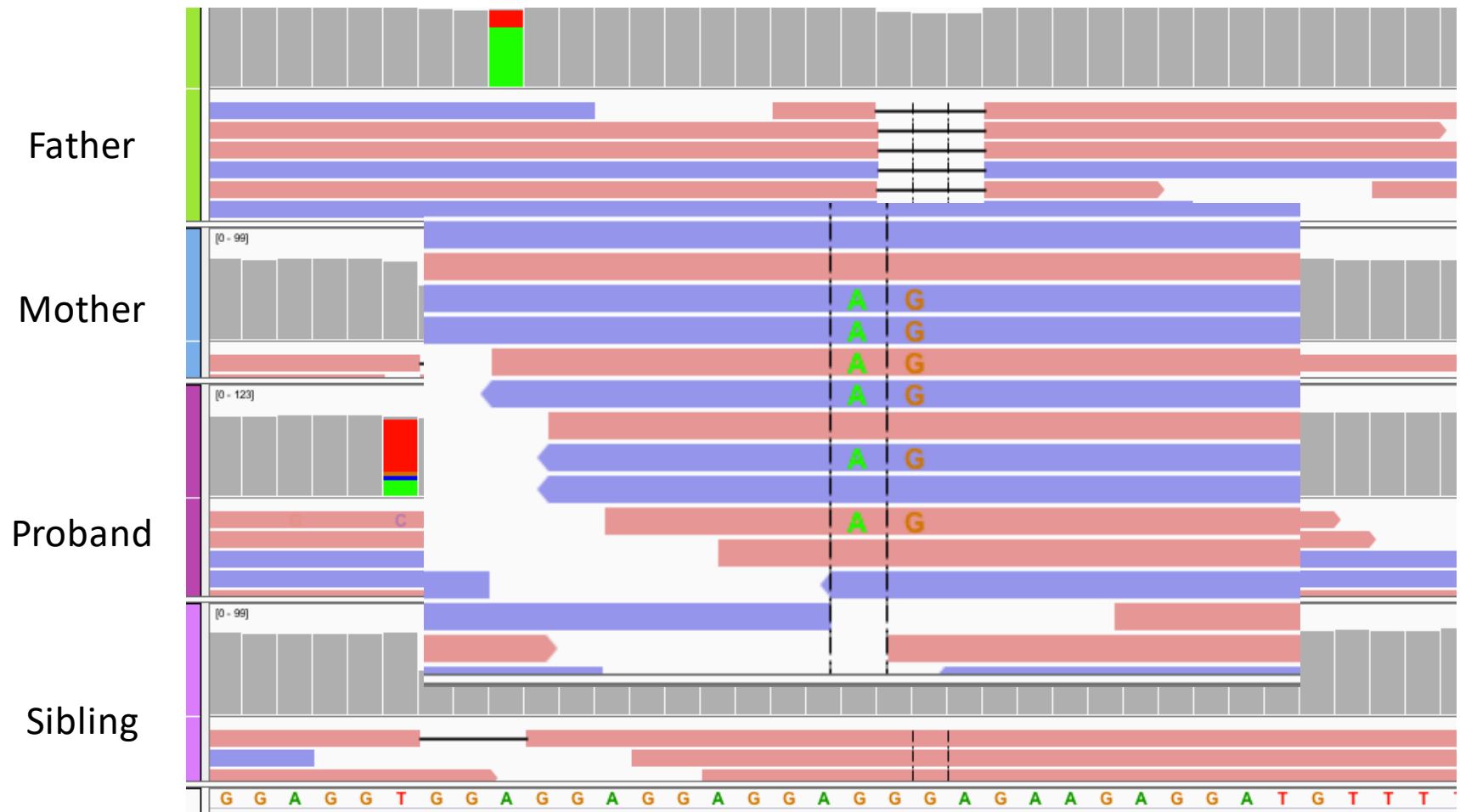


# Low complexity regions

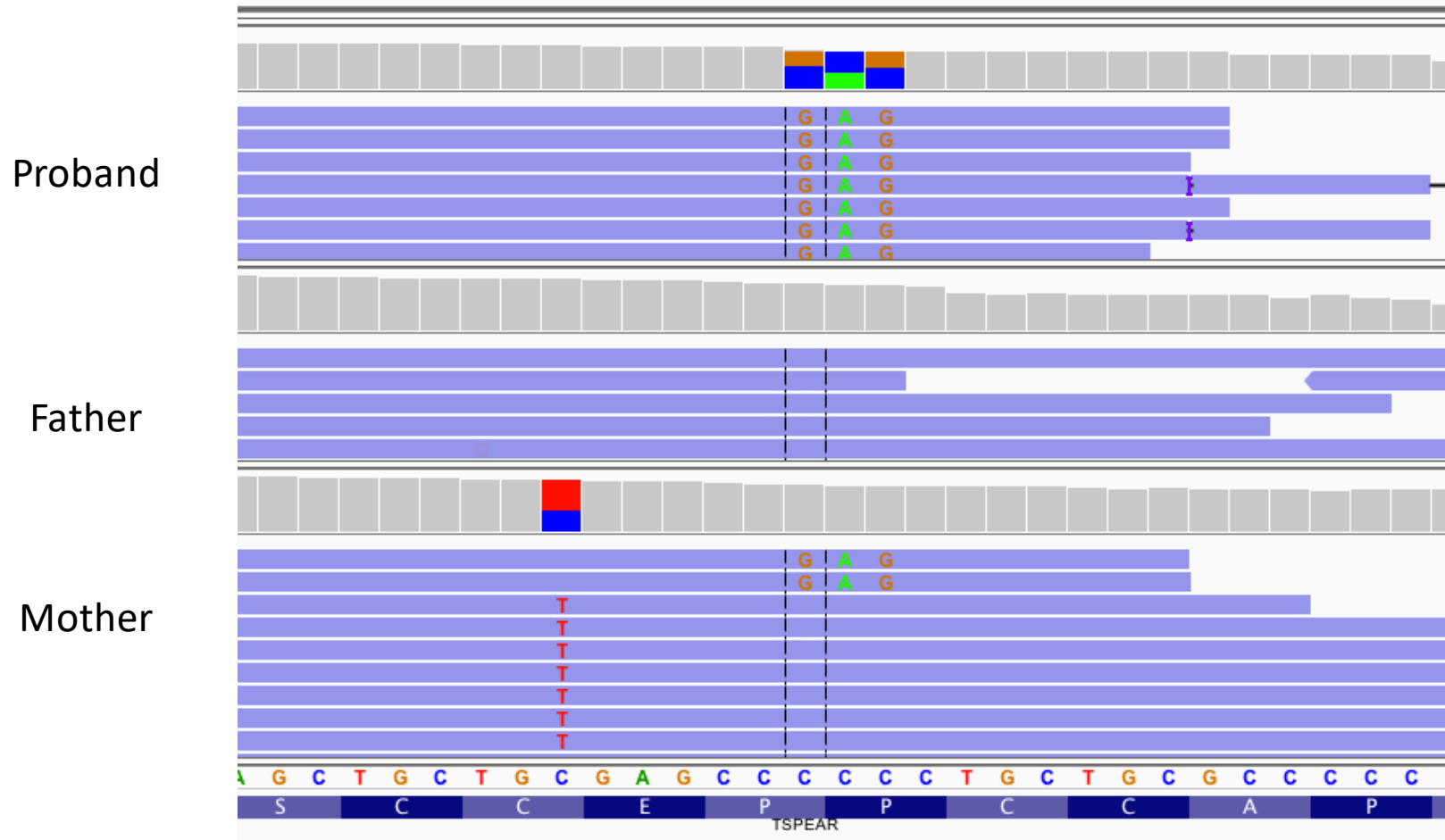




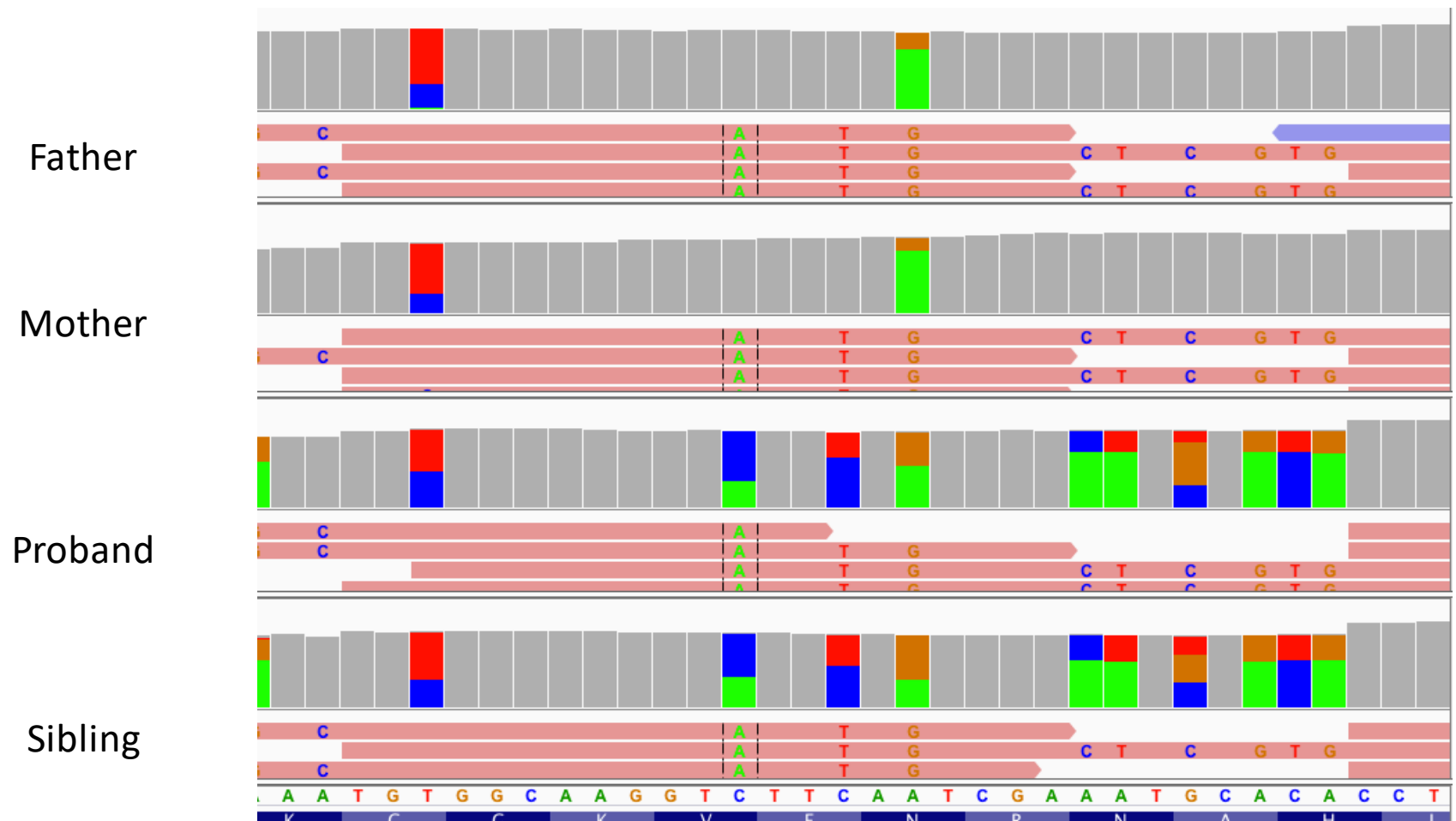
# Low complexity regions



# Low complexity regions (2)



# Segmental duplication / assembly issue



# ANNOTATION OF VARIANTS

1. Gene model sources and genome builds
2. Transcript models and predicted variant effects
3. HGVS - usage and validation
4. Variant sources, databases and underlying evidence
5. Variant beacons

- GRCh37 / hg19 was released in 02/2009 and is still widely used
  - Ensembl and UCSC differ in mitochondrial genome sequence
- GRCh38 / hg38 first released 12/2013
  - Extended patch system (now p10, 01/2017)
  - Patches and alternate haplotypes complicate alignment and other algorithms, causing very slow adaptation

## GRCh38 updates:

- > 100 assembly gaps closed or reduced
- MT: Cambridge Reference Sequence (rCRS)
- 261 alternate loci
- Centromere model integrated
- 150 Mb increase in non-N bases

## Coordinate conversions:

- [http://www.ensembl.org/Homo\\_sapiens/Tools/AssemblyConverter](http://www.ensembl.org/Homo_sapiens/Tools/AssemblyConverter)
- <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/genome/tools/remap>
- <http://genome.ucsc.edu/cgi-bin/hgLiftOver>

# Human genome builds (2)

- Make sure to check for the appropriate genome build before providing coordinates to any tools!

NCBI dbSNP Short Genetic Variations

dbVar ClinVar GaP PubMed Nucleotide Protein

Search small variations in dbSNP or large structural variations in dbVar

Search Entrez dbSNP for Go

Have a question about dbSNP? Try searching the SNP FAQ Archive! Go

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Reference SNP (refSNP) Cluster Report: rs886038795 **With Pathogenic allele**

RefSNP	Allele	HGVS Names
Organism: human ( <i>Homo sapiens</i> )	<b>Variation Class:</b> SNV: single nucleotide variation	NC_000015.10:g.48411118G>A NC_000015.9:g.48703315G>A NG_008805.2:g.239671C>T NM_000138.4:c.8488C>T NP_000129.3:p.Gln2830Ter
Molecule Type: Genomic	RefSNP Alleles: C/T (REV)	
Created/Updated in build: 149/150	Allele Origin:	
Map to Genome Build: <a href="#">108/Weight 1</a>	Ancestral Allele: Not available	
<a href="#">Validation Status:</a>	Variation Viewer: <a href="#">VarView</a>	
	Clinical Significance: <b>With Pathogenic allele</b> <a href="#">[ClinVar]</a>	
	NA	

SNP Details are organized in the following sections:

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**Integrated Maps (Hint: click on 'Chr Pos' to see variant in the new NCBI variation viewer)**

Assembly	Annotation Release	Chr	Chr Pos	Contig	Contig Pos	SNP to Chr	Contig allele	Contig to Chr	Neighbor SNP	Map Method
GRCh38.p7	108	15	<a href="#">48411118</a>	<a href="#">NT_010194.18</a>	<a href="#">25134244</a>	Rev	G	Fwd	<a href="#">view</a>	mapup
GRCh37.p13	105	15	<a href="#">48703315</a>	<a href="#">NT_010194.17</a>	<a href="#">19493872</a>	Rev	G	Fwd	<a href="#">view</a>	blast

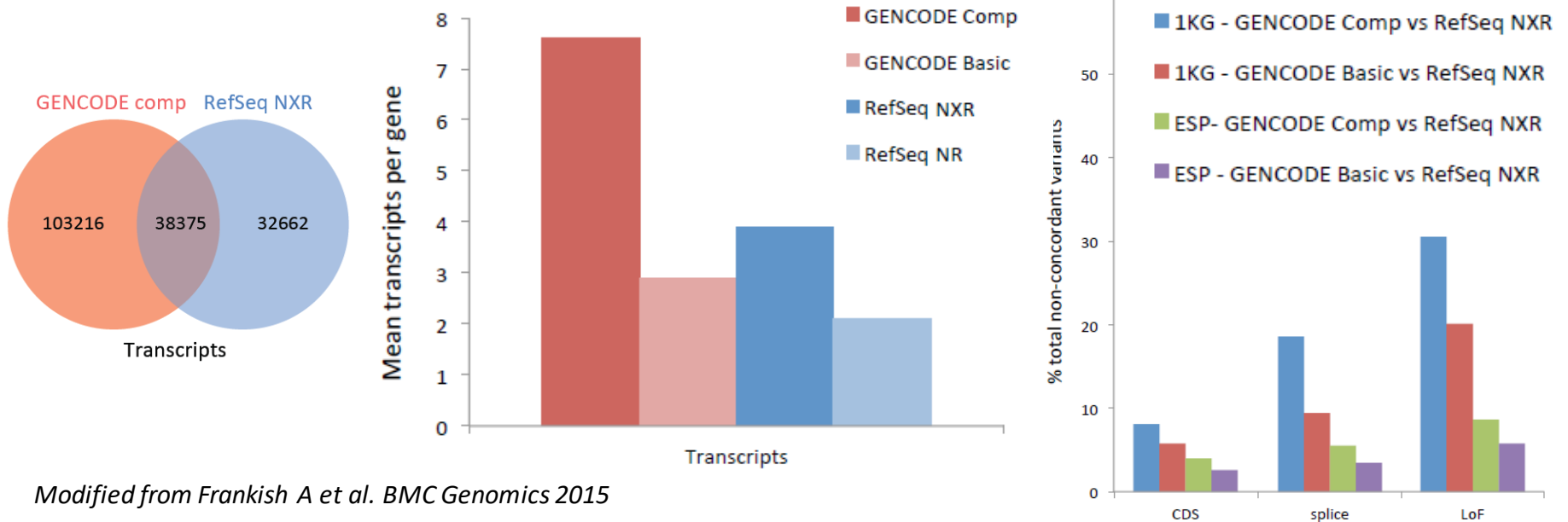
- NCBI (RefSeq), Ensembl (GENCODE), UCSC (knownGenes) distribute independent gene/transcript annotation sets
- Ensembl provides most comprehensive set
- Collaborative consensus coding sequence (CCDS) curates and revises a joined gene/transcript set

Annotating ~80 million variants in the WGS500 project (doi: 10.1186/gm543)

	REF+ENS	RefSeq	Ensembl	Match	Overall match [%]
Stopgain (SNV)	15,835	14,183	14,960	13,308	84.04
Frameshift insertion	6,980	5,298	6,495	4,813	68.95
Frameshift deletion	7,491	4,547	7,380	4,436	59.22
Stoploss (SNV)	946	503	906	463	48.94
Splicing	47,878	14,154	45,839	12,115	25.30
Nonsynonymous (SNV)	321,669	291,898	315,592	285,821	88.86

# Transcript models and predicted variant effects

- Annotation sources differ significantly on transcript level
- Be inclusive to not miss a potentially damaging variant
- Never assume that annotations are perfect, if in doubt validate predicted transcript effect

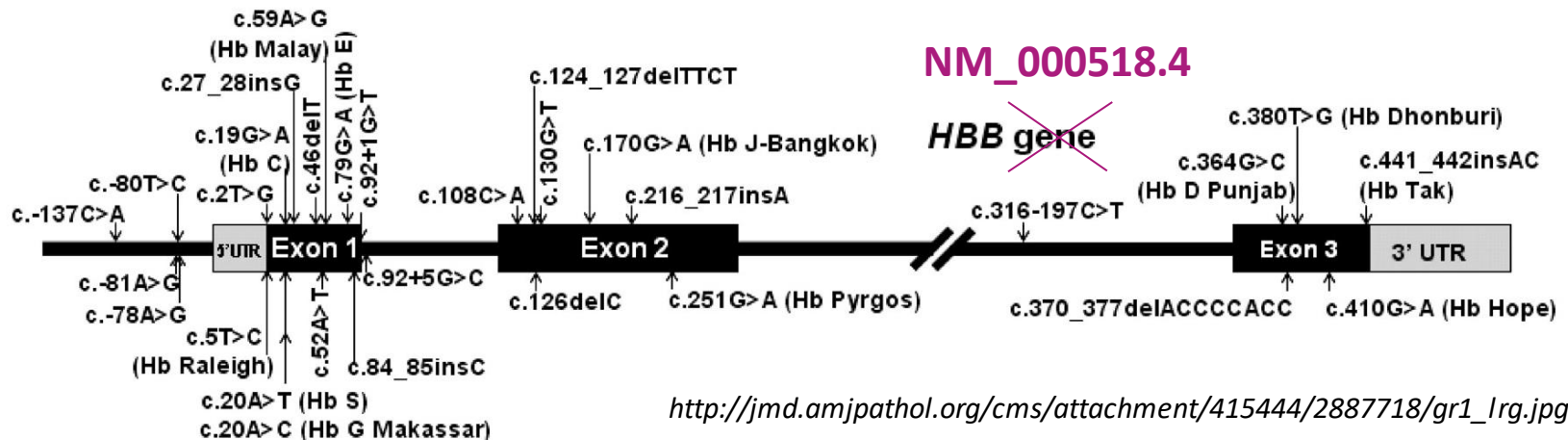


Modified from Frankish A et al. BMC Genomics 2015



# HGVS - usage and validation

- Sequence Variant Nomenclature (<http://varnomen.hgvs.org/>)
- Frequently used in medical publications, unfortunately with large variation/deviations from standard
- Mostly impossible to computationally process
- If you *must* use it, run validation and conversion tools:  
[mutalyzer.nl](http://mutalyzer.nl/) / [VEP](http://vep.org/)



# Variant databases

- Many sources for variants around coding sequences: ESP, ExAC and genome-wide: 1000 Genomes, UK10K, gnomAD, Haplotype Reference Consortium (HRC), Genomics England
- General variant repository for small and large studies: dbSNP
- Structural variants: dbVar, DGV



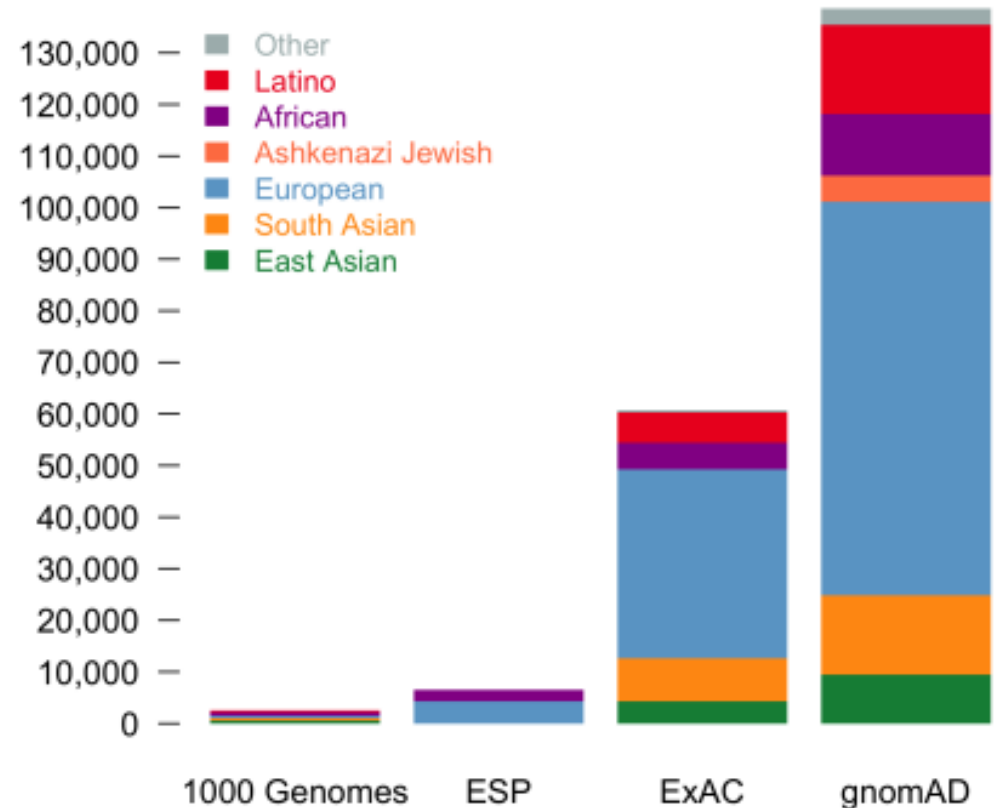
Exome Aggregation  
Consortium (ExAC)

Genome Aggregation  
Database (gnomAD)



# Human populations in variant databases

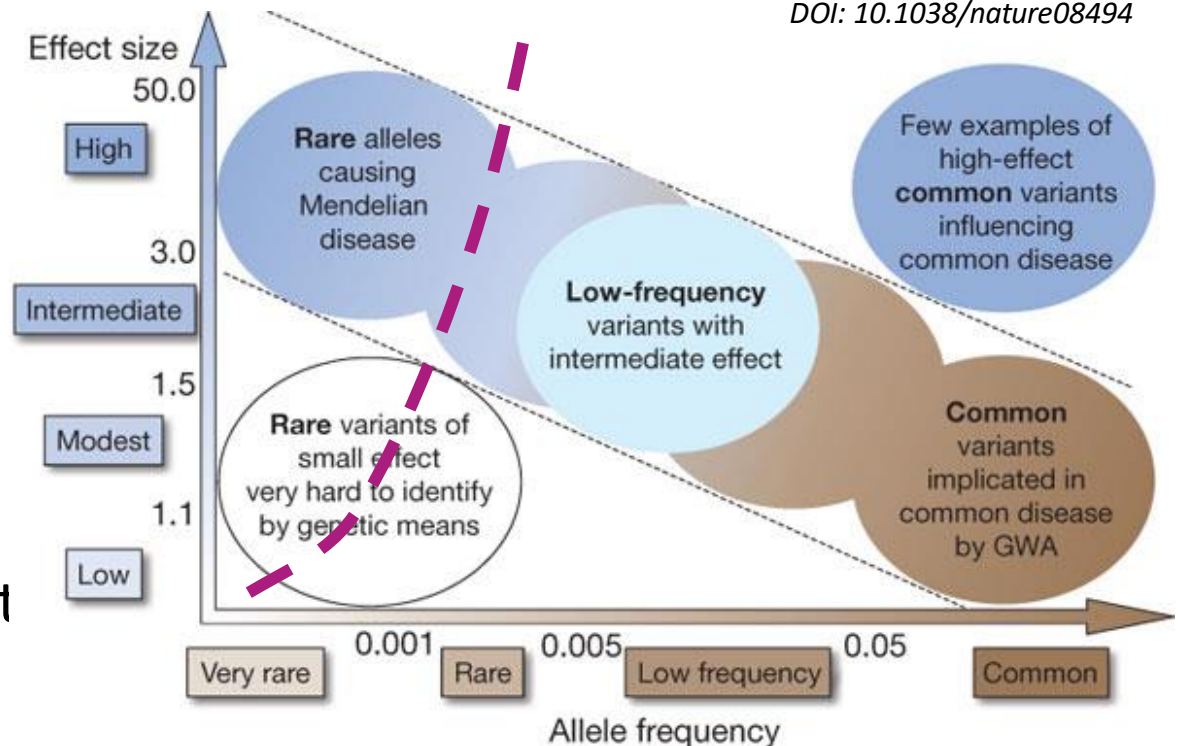
- Variant data bases are biased towards individuals of European ancestry
- Frequencies summaries only available for some larger populations



<https://macarthurlab.org/2017/02/27/the-genome-aggregation-database-gnomad/>

# Databases include disease variants

- 1000 Genome project and others recruited “healthy individuals”  
– does not mean that disease alleles are absent!
- gnomAD excludes individuals with severe pediatric diseases
- Late-onset and less severe disease alleles likely present



# dbSNP is not your database of choice

- > 325M rsIDs, only 130M with frequency information
- rsIDs reference a loci + allele length, *not* an allele; issues when frequency and genotype information are linked
- Somatic as well as germline, disease variants as well common

Reference SNP (refSNP) Cluster Report: rs1800730 <span>other</span>		
RefSNP	Allele	HGVS Names
<b>Organism:</b> human ( <i>Homo sapiens</i> )	<b>Variation Class:</b> SNV: single nucleotide variation	NC_000006.11:g.26091185A>T NC_000006.12:g.26090957A>T NG_008720.2:g.8677A>T NM_000410.3:c.193A>T
<b>Molecule Type:</b> Genomic	<b>RefSNP Alleles:</b> A/T (FWD)	NM_001300749.1:c.193A>T NM_139003.2:c.193A>T NM_139004.2:c.193A>T NM_139006.2:c.193A>T NM_139007.2:c.77-357A>T NM_139008.2:c.77-357A>T
<b>Created/Updated in build:</b> 89/150	<b>Allele Origin:</b> A: germline T: germline	...more
<b>Map to Genome Build:</b> 108/Weight 1	<b>Ancestral Allele:</b> A	
<b>Validation Status:</b>	<b>Variation Viewer:</b>	
<b>Citation:</b> PubMed	<b>Clinical Significance:</b> other	
	<b>MAF/MinorAlleleCount:</b> T=0.0101/1225 (ExAC) T=0.0040/20 (1000 Genomes) T=0.0111/144 (GO-ESP) T=0.0090/263 (TOPMED)	

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CTGATGGTATGGGGCCA  
AGAGATATATCTGCCA  
GAAGAGCCAAAGGACAG  
GTACGGCTGTCATCACT  
TAGACCTCACGCAGGG  
AGCCGTCACACAGGGCT  
GGGCATAAAAGTCAGG  
GCAGAGCGCAACCTCA  
ACAGACGACGCTGGTGC  
ATCTGACTCCTGAGGAG  
AAGTTGGTGGTGAGGCC  
CTGGGCAGGTTGGTATCA  
AGGTTACAAGACAGGT  
CTCTTGGGTTCTGATAG  
GCACTGACTCTCTGCCT  
ATTGGTCTAT

ClinVar

## NCBI ClinVar

- Public domain, free
- >261k variants: 39k 'pathogenic' and 55k 'benign'
- Clinical labs major submitters
- Goal: present agreement or conflict in clinical significance assignment
- Linking underlying evidence



## Human Gene Mutation Database

- Commercial (Qiagen)
- Curated: inherited disease
- >203k mutations (2017.1)
- GWAS and associated variants
- Reference published evidence
- Free academic version with fewer variants (2 year delay)

# Clinical variant sources: ClinVar

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/clinvar/>

The screenshot displays the ClinVar website interface. At the top, the NCBI logo and navigation links are visible. The main search bar contains the text "Search ClinVar for gene symbols, HGVS expressions, conditions, and" with a "Search" button. Below the search bar, a navigation menu includes links for Home, About, Access, Help, Submit, Statistics, and FTP. The main content area shows the variant "NM\_007294.3(BRCA1):c.5503\_5564del62 (p.Arg1835Thrfs)". The variation ID is 55602, and the review status is "reviewed by expert panel", indicated by four stars. The clinical interpretation is "Pathogenic". The last evaluation date is "Apr 22, 2016", and the number of submissions is 3. The conditions listed are "Familial cancer of breast" and "Breast-ovarian cancer, familial 1". The variant frequency in dbGaP is "No dbGaP data has been submitted for this".

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NM\_007294.3(BRCA1):c.5503\_5564del62 (p.Arg1835Thrfs)

Variation ID: 55602

Review status: reviewed by expert panel

Interpretation Pathogenic

Go to:

Clinical significance: Pathogenic

Last evaluated: Apr 22, 2016

Number of submission(s): 3

Condition(s):

- Familial cancer of breast [MedGen - Orphanet - OMIM]
- Breast-ovarian cancer, familial 1 [MedGen - OMIM]

See supporting ClinVar records

1 Affected gene

BRCA1, DNA repair associated (BRCA1)  
[Gene - OMIM - Variation Viewer]

Haploinsufficiency - Sufficient evidence for dosage pathogenicity (Nov 16, 2015)

Triplosensitivity - No evidence available (Nov 16, 2015)

Search ClinVar for variants within BRCA1

Search ClinVar for variants including BRCA1

Variant frequency in dbGaP

No dbGaP data has been submitted for this

# Clinical variant sources: ClinVar (2)

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## NM\_000410.3(HFE):c.193A>T (p.Ser65Cys)

Variation ID: 11  
Review status: ★ ★ ★ ★ criteria provided, conflicting interpretations

### Interpretation ?

Go to: [v] [a]

Clinical significance:

[Conflicting interpretations of pathogenicity](#)

Pathogenic(3);Uncertain significance(2)

Last evaluated:

Jun 21, 2016

Number of submission(s):

5

Condition(s):

- Hemochromatosis type 1 [\[MedGen - OMIM\]](#)
- Hereditary hemochromatosis [\[MedGen - OMIM\]](#)

[See supporting ClinVar records](#)

### Allele(s) ?

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## NM\_000410.3(HFE):c.193A>T (p.Ser65Cys)

Allele ID: 15050

Variant type: single nucleotide variant

*fully qualified  
HGVS identifier!*

### 1 Affected gene

**hemochromatosis (HFE)** [Gene - OMIM - Variation Viewer]

Search ClinVar for variants within HFE

Search ClinVar for variants including HFE

### Variant frequency in dbGaP ?

**NM\_000410.3(HFE):c.193A>T (p.Ser65Cys)**

GRCh37 Chr6:26091185

	Called variants	Potential variants
Sample count	355 of 12903	1125 of 47856

**Called variants** are **samples** submitted to dbGaP that have the variant allele. **Potential variants** are **SRA runs** that display the allele in at least 30% of the reads covering the position, and have 10 or more passing reads covering the position.

### Browser views

[RefSeqGene](#)

[Variation Viewer \[GRCh38 - GRCh37\]](#)

[UCSC \[GRCh38/hg38 - GRCh37/hg19\]](#)



# Clinical variant sources: ClinVar (2)

## NM\_000410.3(HFE):c.193A>T (p.Ser65Cys)

Allele ID:	15050
Variant type:	single nucleotide variant
Cytogenetic location:	6p22.2
Genomic location:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Chr6: 26090957 (on Assembly GRCh38)</li><li>Chr6: 26091185 (on Assembly GRCh37)</li></ul>
Protein change:	S65C
HGVs:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>NG_008720.2:g.8677A&gt;T</li><li>NM_000410.3:c.193A&gt;T</li><li>NM_139007.2:c.77-357A&gt;T</li><li>NP_000401.1:p.Ser65Cys</li><li>NC_000006.12:g.26090957A&gt;T (GRCh38)</li><li>LRG_748t1:c.193A&gt;T</li><li>NC_000006.11:g.26091185A&gt;T (GRCh37)</li><li>NG_008720.1:g.8677A&gt;T</li><li>Q30201:p.Ser65Cys</li><li>LRG_748p1:p.Ser65Cys</li><li>LRG_748:g.8677A&gt;T</li></ul>
Links:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>UniProtKB: <a href="#">Q30201#VAR_004397</a></li><li>OMIM: <a href="#">613609.0003</a></li><li>dbSNP: <a href="#">1800730</a></li></ul>
NCBI 1000 Genomes Browser:	<a href="#">rs1800730</a>
Molecular consequence:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>NM_000410.3:c.193A&gt;T: missense variant SO:0001583</li><li>NM_139007.2:c.77-357A&gt;T: intron variant SO:0001627</li></ul>
Allele frequency:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>GO-ESP 0.01107 (T)</li><li>GMAF 0.00400 (T)</li><li>ExAC 0.01009 (T)</li></ul>

[...less](#)

### Browser views

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[UCSC \[GRCh38/hg38 - GRCh37/hg19\]](#)

### Related information

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[MedGen](#)

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[PubMed \(calculated\)](#)

[Related genes \(specific\)](#)

# Clinical variant sources: ClinVar (2)

Clinical assertions

Summary evidence

Supporting observations



## Germline

Filter:

Clinical significance (Last evaluated)	Review status (Assertion method)	Collection method	Condition(s) (Mode of inheritance)	Origin	Citations	Submitter - Study name	Submission accession
Uncertain significance (Jun 21, 2016)	criteria provided, single submitter • <a href="#">Invitae Variant Classification Sherloc (09022015)</a>	clinical testing	Hemochromatosis type 1 [ <a href="#">MedGen</a>   <a href="#">OMIM</a> ]	germline		<a href="#">Invitae</a>	SCV000254532.2
Uncertain significance (Jun 14, 2016)	criteria provided, single submitter • <a href="#">ICSL Variant Classification 20161018</a>	clinical testing	Hereditary hemochromatosis [ <a href="#">MedGen</a>   <a href="#">OMIM</a> ]	germline	• <a href="#">PubMed (12)</a> [ <a href="#">See all records that cite these PMIDs</a> ] • <a href="#">BOOKSHELF (NBK1440)</a>	<a href="#">Illumina Clinical Services Laboratory, Illumina</a>	SCV000461884.2
Pathogenic (Apr 15, 1999)	no assertion criteria provided	literature only	Hemochromatosis type 1 [ <a href="#">MedGen</a>   <a href="#">OMIM</a> ]	germline	• <a href="#">PubMed (2)</a> [ <a href="#">See all records that cite these PMIDs</a> ]	<a href="#">OMIM</a>	SCV000020171.3
Pathogenic (Nov 11, 2014)	no assertion criteria provided	clinical testing	Hemochromatosis type 1 [ <a href="#">MedGen</a>   <a href="#">OMIM</a> ]	germline		<a href="#">Blueprint Genetics</a>	SCV000206974.1
Pathogenic (Sep 17, 2015)	no assertion criteria provided	literature only	Hemochromatosis type 1 [ <a href="#">MedGen</a>   <a href="#">OMIM</a> ]	germline	• <a href="#">PubMed (1)</a> [ <a href="#">See all records that cite this PMID</a> ] • <a href="#">Other citation</a>	<a href="#">GeneReviews</a>	SCV000245790.1

# Clinical variant sources: ClinVar (2)

Clinical assertions | Summary evidence | Supporting observations

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Clinical significance (Last evaluated)	
Uncertain significance (Jun 2017)	532.2
Uncertain significance (Jun 14, 2017)	884.2
Pathogenic (Apr 15, 2017)	171.3
Pathogenic (Nov 1, 2016)	974.1
Pathogenic (Sep 1, 2016)	790.1

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK1440/>  
[...]

At least 28 distinct pathogenic variants have been reported; most are missense or nonsense. Two missense variants account for the vast majority of disease-causing alleles in the population:

- p.Cys282Tyr removes a highly conserved cysteine residue that normally forms an intermolecular disulfide bond with beta-2-microglobulin, and thereby prevents the protein from being expressed on the cell surface.
- p.His63Asp may alter a pH-dependent intramolecular salt bridge, possibly affecting interaction of the HFE protein with the transferrin receptor.

In addition, p.Ser65Cys has been seen in combination with p.Cys282Tyr in individuals with iron overload [Bacon et al 2011]. ***Unlike individuals heterozygous for the common pathogenic variants, no p.Ser65Cys/wt heterozygotes had elevation of both serum TS and ferritin.***

# Variant beacons: beacon-network.org

- Web services trying to balance desire of sharing genomic data with need for data protection – only one question:

*Does a specific variant exist in your database?*

The screenshot shows the Beacon Network search interface. At the top, there's a search bar with the text "Search all beacons for allele". Below the search bar, there's a dropdown menu for "GRCh37" and a text input field containing "13 : 32936732 G > C". A "Search" button is to the right of the input field. Below the search bar, there's a "Response" section with a legend: "Found" (17), "Not Found" (49), and "Not Applicable" (23). There's also a "Organization" section with a legend: "All" and "None". Below the legend, there's a list of organizations with checkboxes: "AMPLab, U.C Berke...", "Australian Genomic...", "Belgian Medical Ge...", "BGI", "BioReference Labo...", and "Brazilian Initiative o...". To the right of the legend, there's a list of search results. Each result has a logo, a name, a host, and a "Found" button. The results are: "BRCA Exchange" (Hosted by BRCA Exchange), "Cafe Variome" (Hosted by University of Leicester), "Cafe Variome Central" (Hosted by University of Leicester), and "HGMD Public" (Hosted by University of California, Santa Cruz).

Beacon Network

Search Beacons

Search all beacons for allele

GRCh37 13 : 32936732 G > C Search

Response All None

- ☒ Found 17
- ☐ Not Found 49
- ☐ Not Applicable 23

Organization All None

- ☒ AMPLab, U.C Berke...
- ☒ Australian Genomic...
- ☒ Belgian Medical Ge...
- ☒ BGI
- ☒ BioReference Labo...
- ☒ Brazilian Initiative o...

BRCA Exchange  
Hosted by BRCA Exchange Found

Cafe Variome  
Hosted by University of Leicester Found

Cafe Variome Central  
Hosted by University of Leicester Found

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Hosted by University of California, Santa Cruz Found

[https://beacon-network.org/#!/search?  
pos=32936732&chrom=13&allele=C&ref=G&rs=GRCh37](https://beacon-network.org/#!/search?pos=32936732&chrom=13&allele=C&ref=G&rs=GRCh37)

# VARIANT FILTERING

## Mendelian disorders

- rare variant
- severe effect
- early onset / high penetrance

# Search for known disease mutations

TTTTAGTAGCAATTTGTA  
CTGATGGTATGGGGCCA  
AGAGATATATCTGCCA  
GAGCCAGGACAGGTAC  
GGCTGTCATCACTTAG  
ACCTCACGCAGGGAGG  
CTGGCAGCTGGGCATA  
AAAAGTCAGGGCAGAG  
CGCAACCTCAAAATAG  
AGCTATGGTGCATCTG  
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TGGTGGTGAGGCCCTG  
GGCAGGTTGGTATCAAG  
GTTACAAGACAGGTCT  
CTTGGGTTTCTGATAG  
GCACTGACTCTCTGCT  
ATTGGTCTAT

ClinVar



## Caveats

- ClinVar is not comprehensive
- HGMD is expensive
- many wrong entries in both (revealed by ExAC etc.)
- do not include novel mutations
- **the phenotype should match yours!**

# Exclude harmless polymorphisms

## 1000 Genomes Project:

- 2,500 genomes
- no severe Mendelian disorders

## ExAC:

- 60,000 exomes
- no severe Mendelian disorders

## gnomAD:

- 120,000 exomes + 15,000 genomes



Exome Aggregation  
Consortium (ExAC)

Genome Aggregation  
Database (gnomAD)



# Exclude harmless polymorphisms

## Caveats:

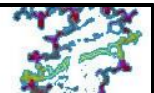
- dbSNP contains disease mutations
- ➔ **do not filter for dbSNP IDs!**
- ‘private’ or population-specific variants are not covered
- gnomAD is not limited to ‘healthy’ individuals



Exome Aggregation  
Consortium (ExAC)

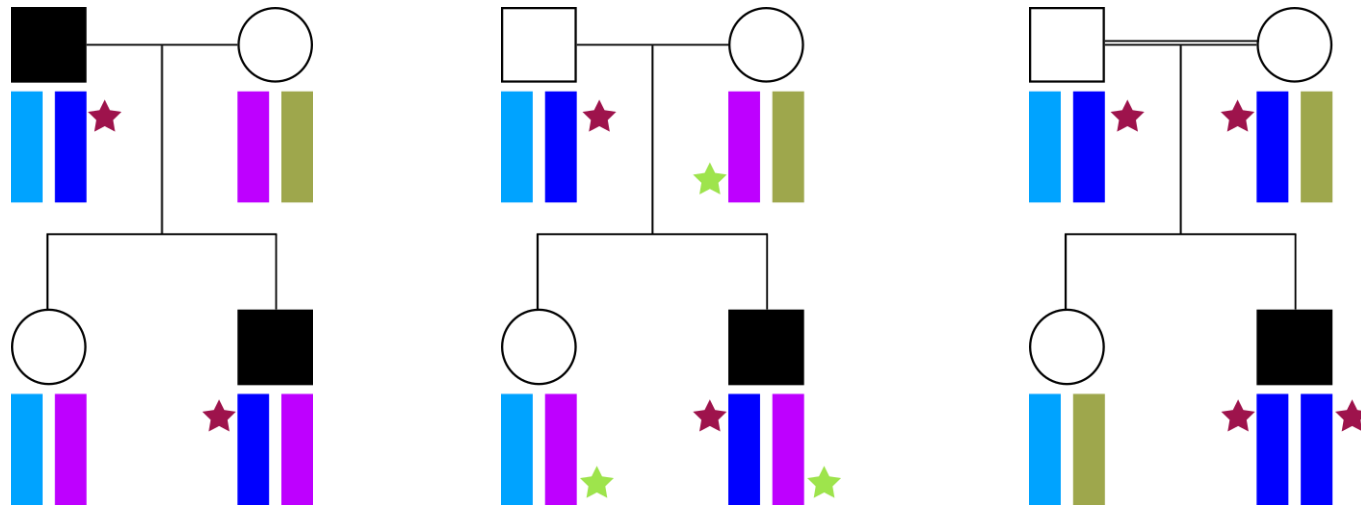
Genome Aggregation  
Database (gnomAD)

**dbSNP**  
Short Genetic Variations



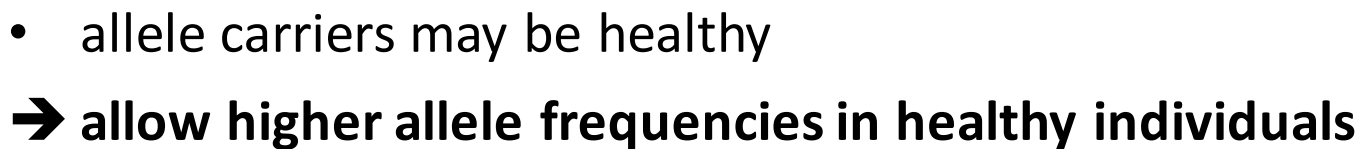


# Consider inheritance

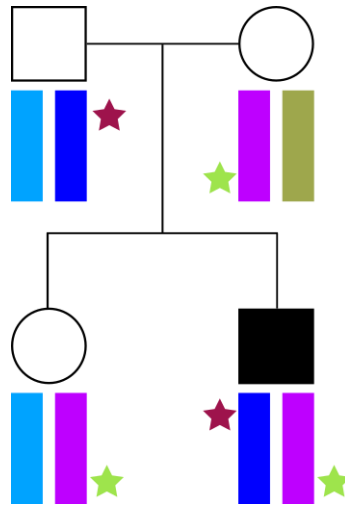


- fully penetrant ‘dominant alleles’ should not be present in healthy individuals
- ‘common’ disease mutations occur in heterozygous state
- ➔ adapt filtering strategy to MOI
- ➔ **recessive disorders: filter for homozygosity, not for allele frequencies**

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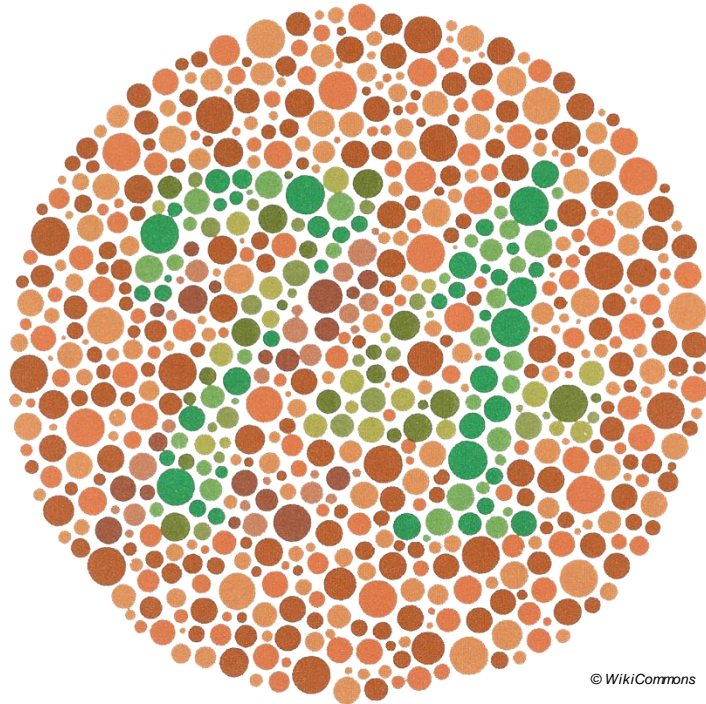


# Consider compound heterozygosity



- patients do not have to be homozygous
- ➔ **do not exclude heterozygous genotypes**

# Consider the disease frequency



- alleles causing 'common' recessive monogenic diseases are not rare
  - ➔ do not filter too strictly (or only for homozygosity)
  - ➔ use different thresholds, depending on disease frequency

# Create an in-house database

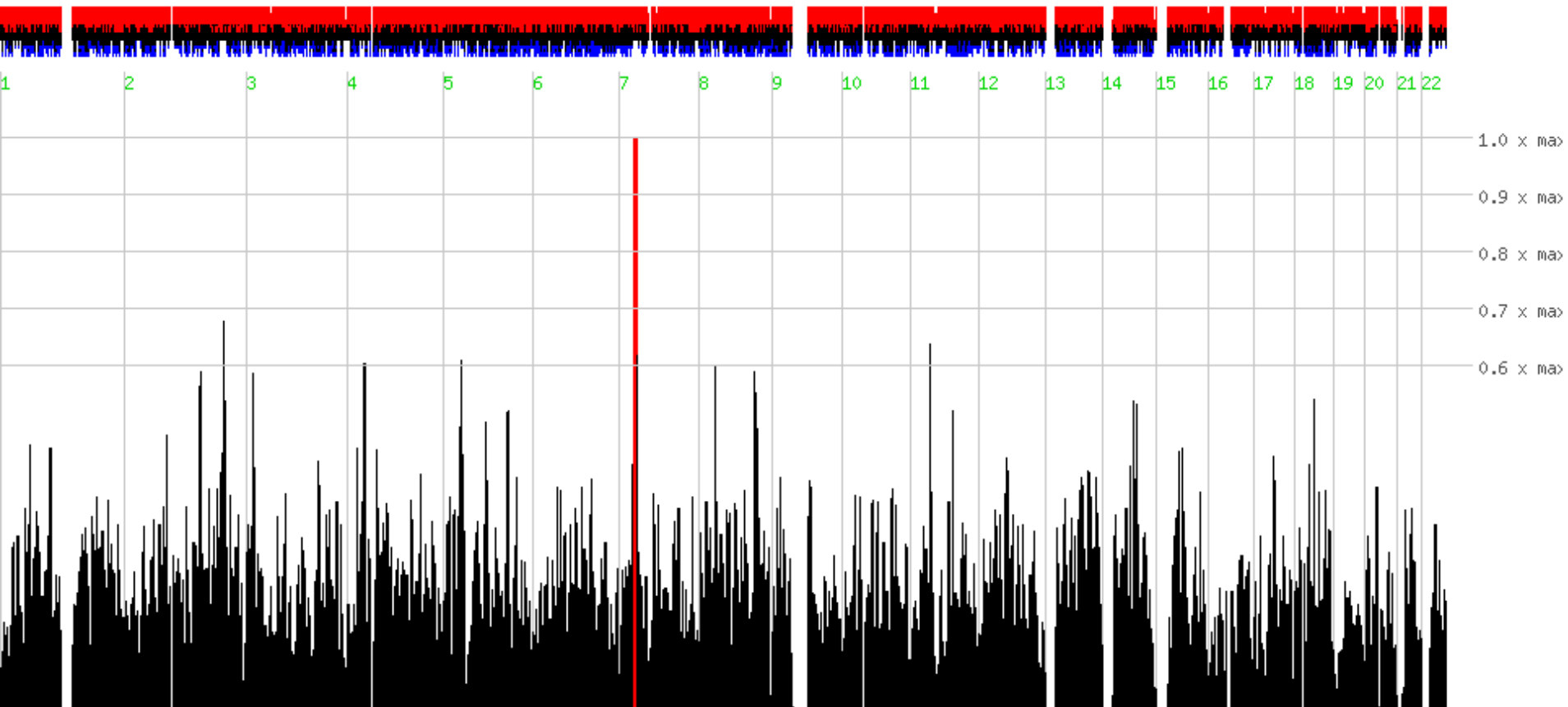
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## **Filter against your own data!**

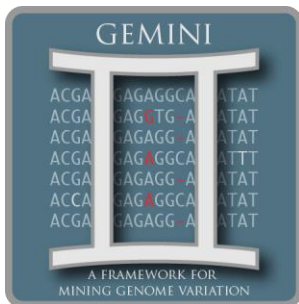
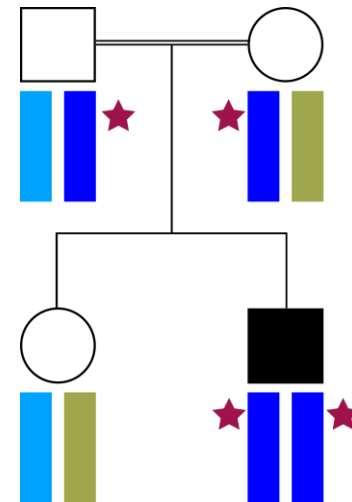
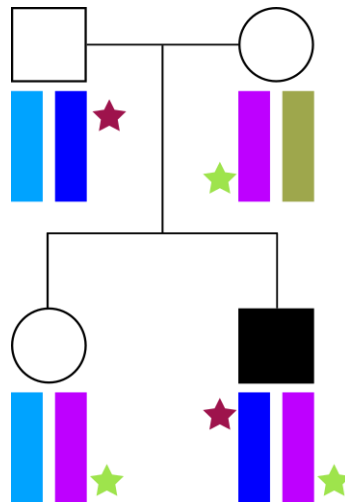
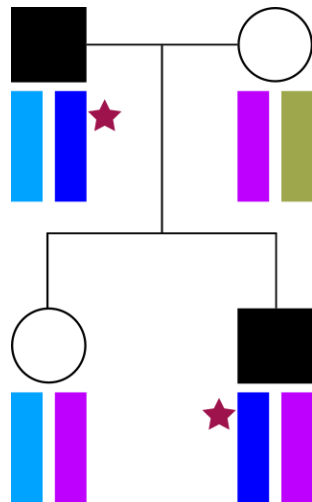
- removes population- (or family-) specific variants
- reveals alignment artefacts



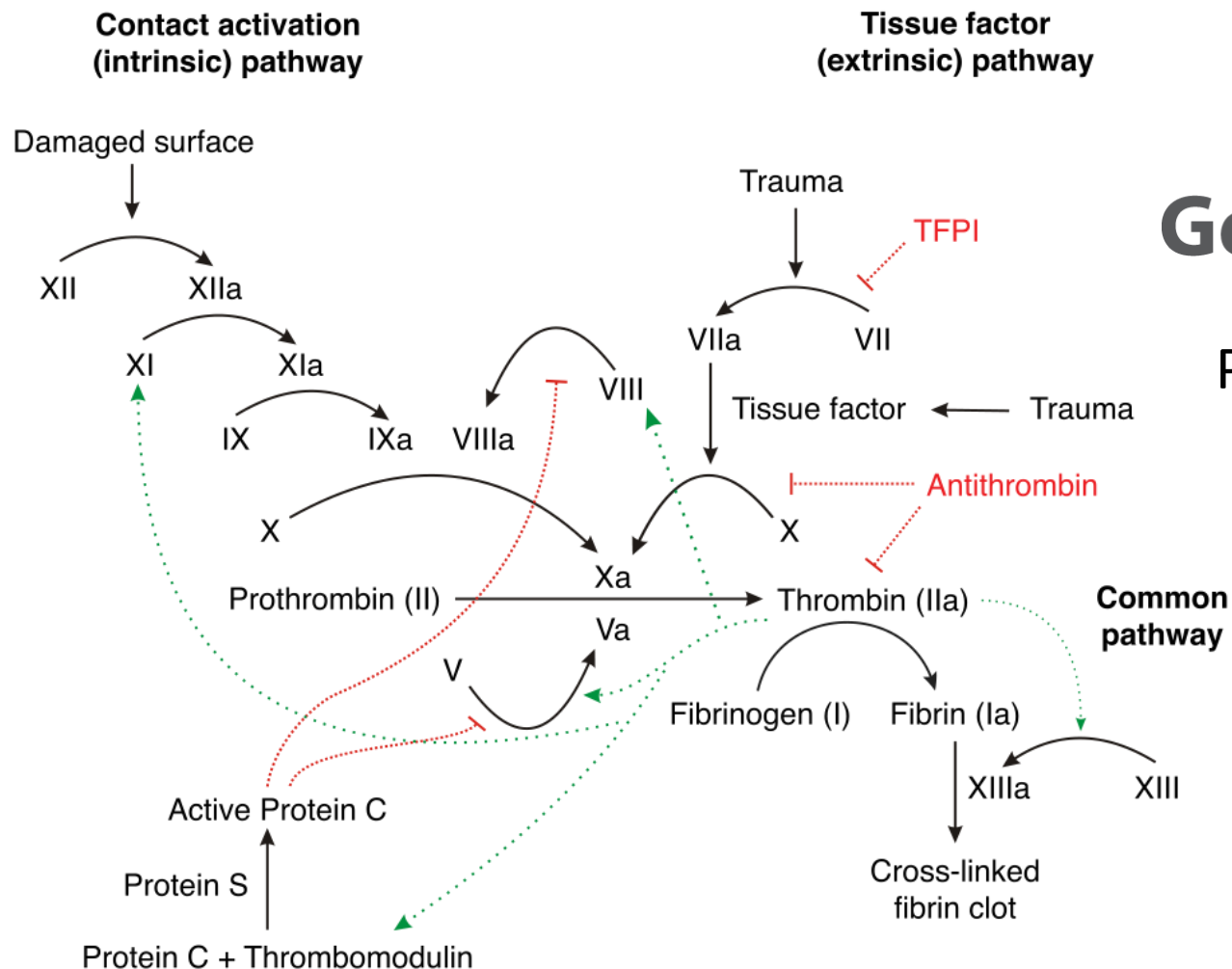
# Limit to disease loci



# Check for suitable genotypes



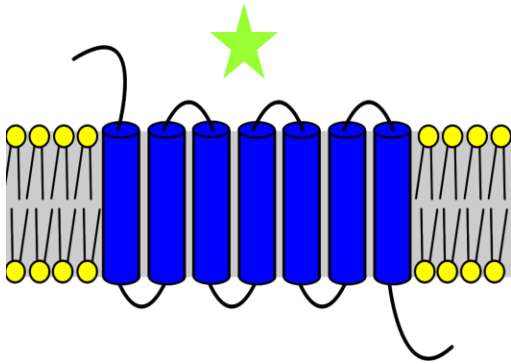
# Limit to candidate genes / gene panels



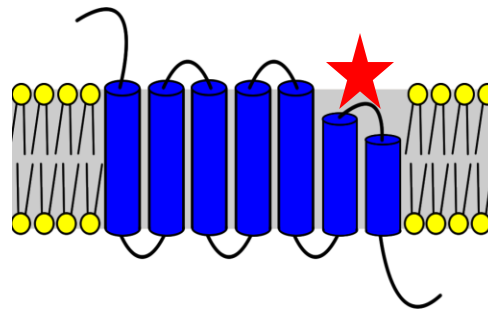
Genomics  
england  
PanelApp



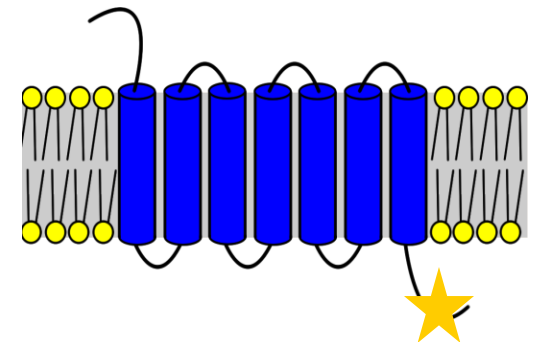
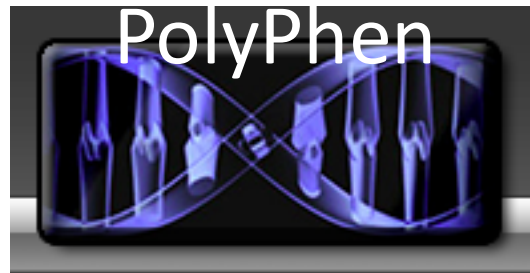
# Limit to 'damaging' variants



Mutation  
Taster

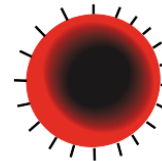
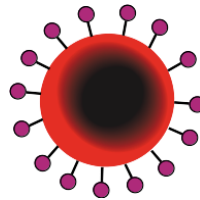
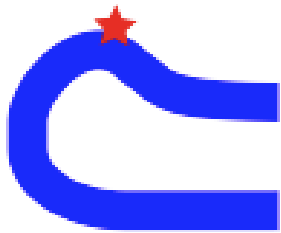


PolyPhen



# Consider the disease / phenotype

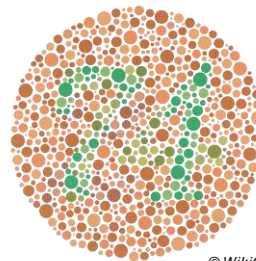
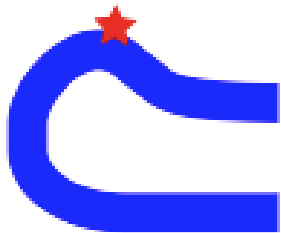
*ABO* gene



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may change  
blood type

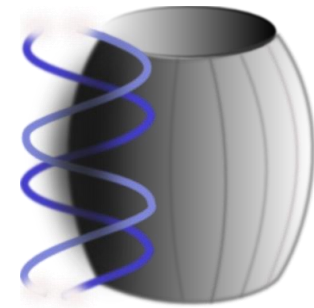
*OPN1LW* gene



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may cause  
colour blindness

# Gene prioritisation tools

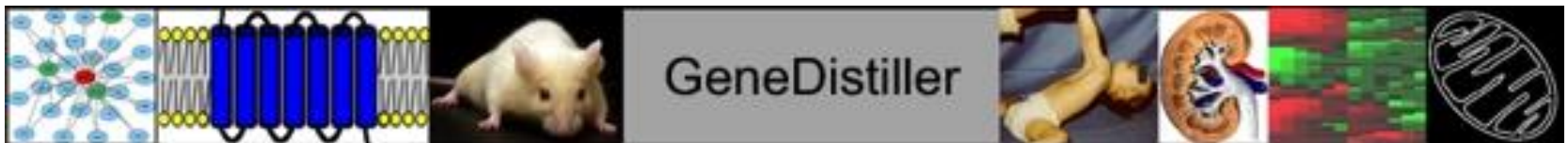


GeneDistiller

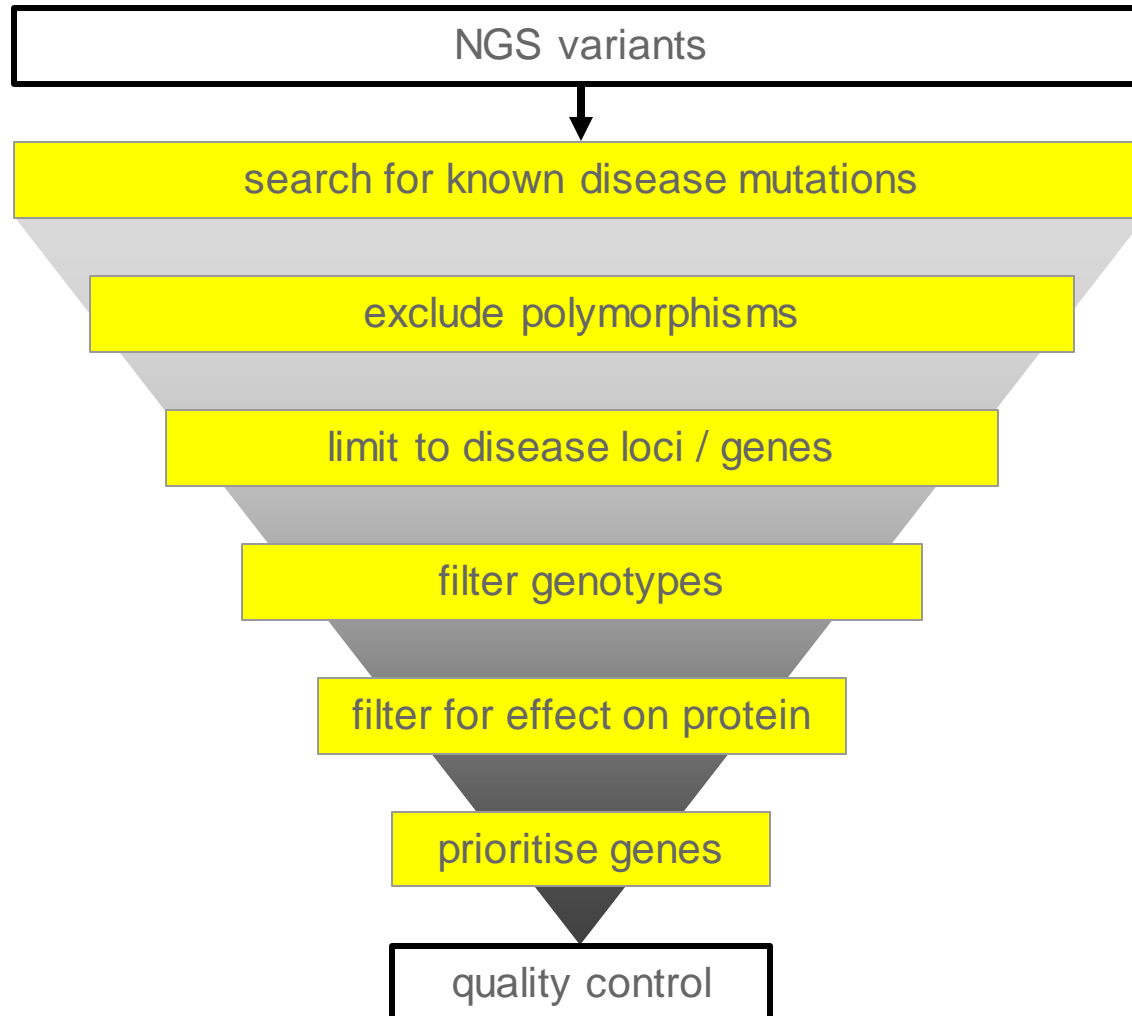
*ENDEAVOUR*

GeneWalker

Phenomizer



# Variant filtering in a nutshell



# Quality control: inspect your variant

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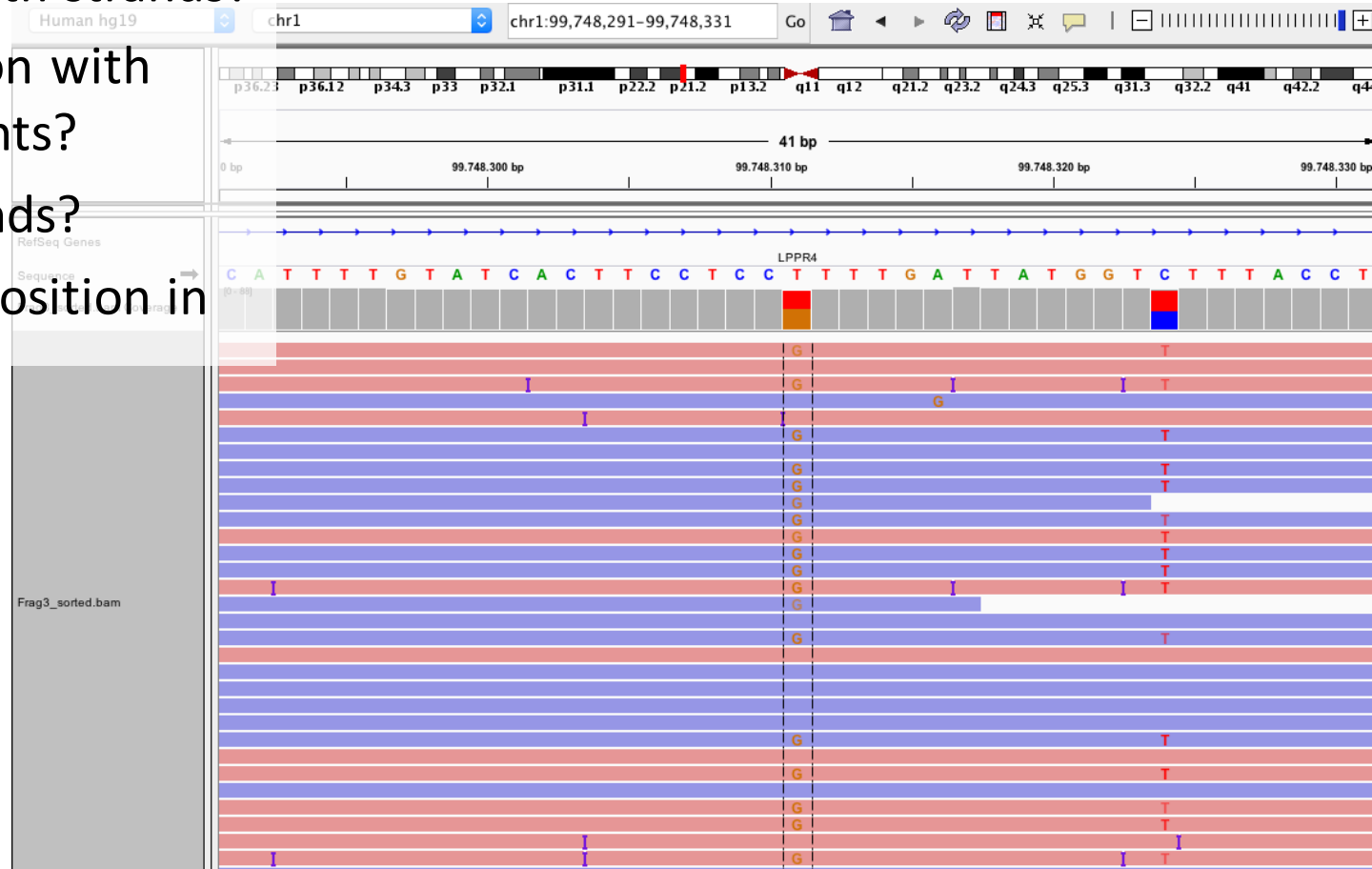
- is it sufficiently covered?
- is it (frequently) found in polymorphism databases?
- is it reported in ClinVar / HGMD?
- do you see it in the parents?
- do you see it in other samples?

## **Test for co-segregation**

- reveals incompatibilities with the pedigree
- inevitable for suspected compound heterozygosity

# Quality control: IGV (Broad Institute)

- sufficient coverage?
- variant on both strands?
- co-segregation with nearby variants?
- on both strands?
- at different position in the reads?



# After the break

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- Assessment of variants within protein-coding genes
- A use case for the identification of disease mutations
- Predicting the effect of non-coding variants

**SHORT BREAK**

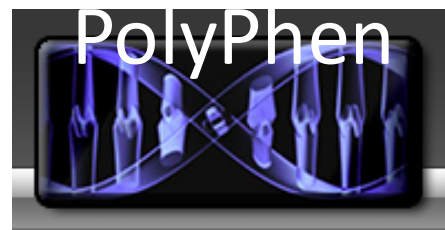
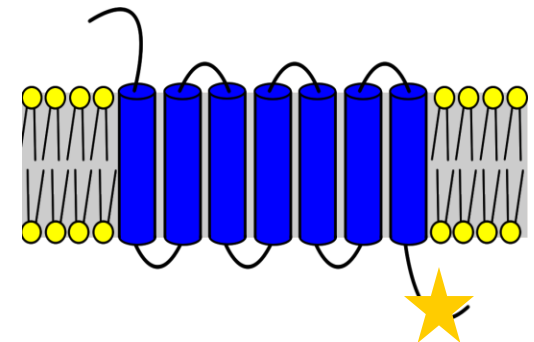
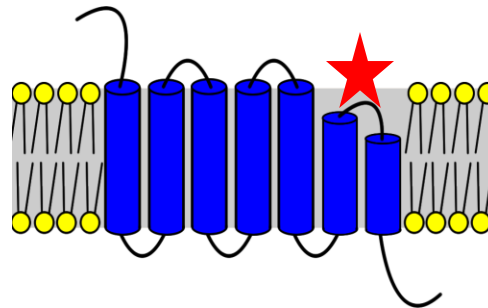
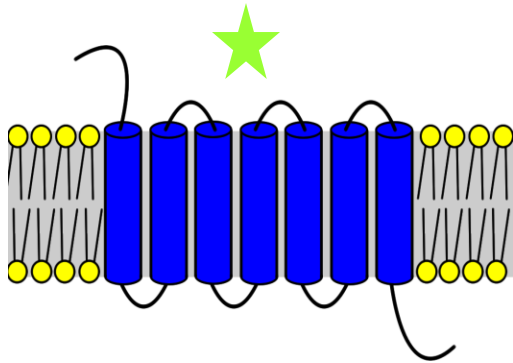


# VARIANT ASSESSMENT

## Mendelian disorders

- rare variant
- severe effect
- early onset / high penetrance

# Consequences of variants



# Non-coding variants within genes

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## **splice site**

- loss/gain of exons -> affects the CDS
- frameshift -> affects the CDS
- transcript lost/misregulated

## **promoter / TSS**

- gene/transcript lost/misregulated

## **UTRs**

- polyadq signal lost
- miRNA binding sites changed
- transcript misregulated

# Coding variants within genes

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## **may affect**

- splicing
- functional domains
- structure
- activity

## **can cause**

- premature termination codon -> NMD
- frameshift
- loss/gain/substitution of amino acids

**not limited to *missense/nonsense* variants**

# Predicting the disease-causing effect of DNA variants with MutationTaster



Jana Marie Schwarz

**MutationTaster evaluates disease-causing potential of sequence alterations.**

Schwarz JM, Rödelsperger C, Schuelke M, Seelow D. *Nat Methods*. 2010

**MutationTaster2: mutation prediction for the deep-sequencing age.**

Schwarz JM, Cooper DN, Schuelke M, Seelow D. *Nat Methods*. 2014



# mutation t@sting

- [documentation](#) | [FAQs](#)
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- [QueryEngine](#)
- [MutationDistiller](#) (public beta)
- [RegulationSpotter](#) (public beta)
- [other applications](#) | [team](#)

Gene

Transcript

Position / snippet refers to

Alteration

SOD1 genesymbol, NCBI Entrez or Ensembl ID [show available transcripts](#)

ENST00000270142 Ensembl transcript ID

Choose the transcript:

- ☒ [ENST00000270142](#) (*protein\_coding*, 966 bases) [NM\\_001163061.1](#)
- ☐ [ENST00000389995](#) (*protein\_coding*, 865 bases)

**SOD1**

- ☒ coding sequence (ORF)
- ☐ transcript (cDNA sequence)
- ☐ gene (genomic sequence)

**all types by sequence**

C[A/G]TGTTTCATGAGTTTGGAGATAATACAGCAGGCTGT

enter a few bases around your alteration

**Format:**

ACTGTC[A/T] GTGTF

A substituted by T

ACTGTC[AG/T] GTGTF

AG substituted by T

ACTGTC[ACGT/-] GTGTF

ACGT deleted

ACTGTC[-AA] GTGTF

AA inserted

**single base exchange by position**

enter **position**

and **new base**

**insertion or deletion by position**

enter **positions** of

...**last wild type base** before alteration

...**first wild type base** after alteration

and the **inserted bases**

(if applicable)

Analysis name (optional)

SOD1\_ALS

Current build: GRCh37 / Ensembl 84

Supported by the [SFB665](#)

<http://www.mutationtaster.org/>

Gene

Transcript

Position / snippet refers to

Alteration

SOD1 genesymbol, NCBI Entrez or Ensembl ID [show available transcripts](#)

ENST00000270142 Ensembl transcript ID

Choose the transcript:

☒ [ENST00000270142](#) (protein\_coding, 966 bases) [NM\\_000454](#)

☐ [ENST00000389995](#) (protein\_coding, 865 bases)

☒ coding sequence (ORF) ☐ transcript (cDNA sequence)

**all types by sequence**

C[A/G]TGTTTCATGAGTTTGGAGATAATACAGCAGGCTGT

enter a few bases around your alteration

**Format:**

ACTGTC[A/T] GTGTF

A substituted by T

ACTGTC[AG/T] GTGTF

AG substituted by T

ACTGTC[ACGT/-] GTGTF

ACGT deleted

ACTGTC[-AA] GTGTF

AA inserted

**single base exchange by position**

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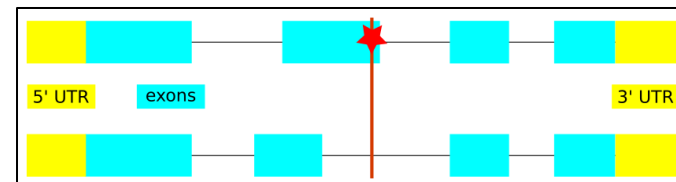
and the **inserted bases**

(if applicable)

Analysis name (optional)

SOD1\_ALS

Current build: GRCh37 / Ensembl 84





# mutation t@sting

## Alteration SOD1\_ALS

### Prediction disease causing

Model: *simple\_aae*, prob: 0.999999999993143 (classification due to ClinVar, [real probability](#) is shown anyway) [\(explain\)](#)

#### Summary

- amino acid sequence changed
- known disease mutation at this position (HGMD CM930680)
- known disease mutation: rs121912443 (pathogenic)
- protein features (might be) affected

summary

[hyperlink](#)

analysed issue	analysis result
name of alteration	SOD1_ALS
alteration (phys. location)	chr21:33036170A>G <a href="#">show variant in all transcripts</a> <a href="#">IGV</a>
HGNC symbol	<a href="#">SOD1</a>
ExAC LOF metrics	LOF: 0.44, missense: 2.34, synonymous: -0.11
Ensembl transcript ID	<a href="#">ENST00000270142</a>
Genbank transcript ID	<a href="#">NM_000454</a>
UniProt peptide	<a href="#">P00441</a>
alteration type	single base exchange
alteration region	CDS
DNA changes	c.140A>G g.4236A>G
AA changes	H47R Score: 29 <a href="#">explain score(s)</a>
frameshift	no
length of protein	normal
known variant	Reference ID: <a href="#">rs121912443</a> Allele 'G' was neither found in <a href="#">ExAC</a> nor <a href="#">1000G</a> . <b>known disease mutation: rs121912443 (pathogenic for Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis type 1(not provided) dbSNP NCBI variation viewer</b> known disease mutation at this position, <a href="#">please check HGMD for details</a> (HGMD ID CM930680)
regulatory features	H3K79me2, Histone, Histone 3 Lysine 79 di-methylation H3K4me1, Histone, Histone 3 Lysine 4 Mono-Methylation

link to the IGV

ExAC LOF metrics



# Essentiality or intolerance scores for genes

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## ExAC LoF / pLI

- intolerance to loss-of-function variants
- negative: gene seems to be tolerant to mutations
- positive: mutations more likely to cause disease  
(ALS1 can be AR **and** AD!)

## subRVIS (Residual Variation Intolerance Score)

- including protein domains

phyloP / phastCons	PhyloP PhastCons (flanking) 5.162 1 4.283 0.996 (flanking) -2.023 0.059 <a href="#">explain score(s)</a> and/or inspect your position(s) in <a href="#">in UCSC Genome Browser</a>			
splice sites	no abrogation of potential splice sites			
distance from splice site	N/A			
Kozak consensus sequence altered?	no			
conservation protein level for non-synonymous changes	species	match	gene	aa alignment
	Human			47 I K G L T E G L H G F H V H E F G D N T A G C T
	mutated	not conserved		47 I K G L T E G L H G F R V H E F G D N T A G C
	Ptroglyodytes	all identical	<a href="#">ENSPTRG00000013847</a>	47 I K G L T E G L H G F R V H E F G D N T A G C
	Mmulatta	all identical	<a href="#">ENSMUG00000001711</a>	47 I T G L T E G L H G F R V H Q F G D N T Q G C
	Fcatus	all identical	<a href="#">ENSFCAG00000002225</a>	58 I T G L T E G E H G F R V H Q F G D N T Q G C
	Mmusculus	all identical	<a href="#">ENSMUSG00000022982</a>	47 I T G L T E G Q H G F R V H Q Y G D N T Q G C
	Ggallus	all identical	<a href="#">ENSGALG00000015844</a>	47 I T G L S D G D H G F R V H E F G D N T N G C
	Trubripes	all identical	<a href="#">ENSTRUG00000008179</a>	69 I K G L T P G E H G F R V H A F G D N T N G C
	Drerio	all identical	<a href="#">ENSARG00000043848</a>	47 I T G L T P G K H G F R V H A F G D N T N G C
	Dmelanogaster	all identical	<a href="#">FBgn0003462</a>	47 V C G L A K G L H G F R V
	Celegans	all identical	<a href="#">WBGene00004933</a>	72 V S G L A A G K H G F R I H E K G D T G N G C
	Xtropicalis	all identical	<a href="#">ENSXETG00000007350</a>	48 I Y G L T D G K H G F R I H E F G D N T N G C
protein features	start (aa)	end (aa)	feature	details
	41	50	STRAND	lost
	47	47	METAL	Copper; catalytic. lost
AA sequence altered	yes			
position of stopcodon in wt / mu CDS	465 / 465			
position (AA) of stopcodon in wt / mu AA sequence	155 / 155			
position of stopcodon in wt / mu cDNA	613 / 613			
poly(A) signal	N/A			
position of start ATG in wt / mu cDNA	149 / 149			
chromosome	21			
strand	1			
last intron/exon boundary	505			
theoretical NMD boundary in CDS	306			
length of CDS	465			
coding sequence (CDS) position	140			
cDNA position	288			

not restricted to non-synonymous variants

# Protein domains & conservation

conservation	species	match	gene	aa alignment
protein level for non-synonymous changes	Human			47 I K G L T E G L H G F H V H E F G D N T A G C T
	mutated	not conserved		47 I K G L T E G L H G F R V H E F G D N T A G C
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protein features	start (aa) end (aa) feature details			
	41	50	STRAND	lost
	47	47	METAL	Copper; catalytic. lost

# Phylogenetic conservation

phyloP / phastCons	PhyloP	PhastCons
(flanking)	5.162	1
	4.283	0.996
(flanking)	-2.023	0.059
<a href="#">explain score(s)</a> and/or inspect your position(s) in <a href="#">in UCSC Genome Browser</a>		

## GERP (genomic evolutionary rate profiling)

- conservation of bases in different species

## PhastCons

- multibase elements

## phyloP

- ‘detection of lineage-specific conservation or acceleration’  
(more in the non-coding part)

# A non-coding example from ClinVar

Uncertain significance (3)  
Likely pathogenic (0)  
✓ **Pathogenic** (22)  
Risk factor (0)

**Review status**  
Practice guideline (0)  
Expert panel (1)  
Multiple submitters (1)  
Single submitter (2)  
At least one star (6)  
Conflicting interpretations (2)

**Allele origin**  
Germline (22)  
De novo (0)  
Somatic (0)

**Method type**  
Research (1)  
Literature only (19)  
Clinical testing (6)

**Molecular consequence**  
Frameshift (0)  
Missense (0)  
Nonsense (0)  
Splice site (0)  
ncRNA (1)  
Near gene (2)  
✓ **UTR** (22)

## Search results

Items: 22

Filters activated: Pathogenic, UTR. [Clear all](#) to show 187 items.

	Variation Location	Gene(s)	Condition(s)	Frequency	Clinical significance (Last reviewed)	Review status
1.	<input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">NM_201269.2(ZNF644):c.*592G&gt;A</a> <i>GRCh37:</i> Chr1:91381763 <i>GRCh38:</i> Chr1:90916206	<a href="#">ZNF644</a>	Myopia 21, autosomal dominant		Pathogenic (Jun 1, 2011)	no assertion criteria provided
2.	<input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">NM_005105.4(RBM8A):c.-21G&gt;A</a> <i>GRCh37:</i> Chr1:145507646 <i>GRCh38:</i> Chr1:145927447	<a href="#">RBM8A</a>	Radial aplasia-thrombocytopenia syndrome, not provided	GO-ESP:0.02122(A) GMAF:0.00960(A)	Pathogenic (Aug 26, 2014)	criteria provided, single submitter
3.	<input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">NM_022912.2(REEP1):c.*43G&gt;T</a> <i>GRCh37:</i> Chr2:86444180 <i>GRCh38:</i> Chr2:86217057	<a href="#">REEP1</a>	Spastic paraplegia 31, autosomal dominant, not specified	GO-ESP:0.00077(A)	Conflicting interpretations of pathogenicity (Jun 5, 2014)	criteria provided, conflicting interpretations
4.	<input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">NM_000249.3(MLH1):c.-27C&gt;A</a> <i>GRCh37:</i> Chr3:37035012 <i>GRCh38:</i> Chr3:36993521	<a href="#">MLH1</a>	Lynch syndrome, not provided, Hereditary cancer-predisposing syndrome		Uncertain significance (Sep 5, 2013)	reviewed by expert panel
5.	<input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">NM_173546.2(KLHDC8B):c.-158C&gt;T</a> <i>GRCh37:</i> Chr3:49209095 <i>GRCh38:</i> Chr3:49171662	<a href="#">KLHDC8B</a>	Hodgkin lymphoma	GMAF:0.00300(T)	Pathogenic (Sep 1, 2009)	no assertion criteria provided

# How does it taste?



## mutation t@sting

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chromosome	<input type="text" value="1"/>	position	<input type="text" value="91381763"/>
reference allele	<input type="text" value="G"/>	alternative allele	<input type="text" value="A"/>
variant in HGVS notation	<input type="text"/>	(currently only possible for SNVs)	e.g. <i>chr15:38852120A&gt;T</i>

clear input

For InDels, use the VCF format, i.e. always **start with the last reference base before the variant**.

continue

If you use MutationTaster, please cite [our publication](#): Schwarz JM, Cooper DN, Schuelke M, Seelow D. MutationTaster2: mutation prediction for the deep-sequencing age. *Nat Methods*. 2014 Apr;11(4):361-2.  
Current build: NCBI 37 / Ensembl 66

# Pretty bittersweet.



## MutationTaster - study a chromosomal position

[MTQE documentation](#)

**NEVER press reload or F5 - unless you want to start from the very beginning.**

input seems to be ok - now mapping the variant to the different transcripts...

found 4 transcript(s)...

Querying Taster for transcript #1: ENST00000370440

Querying Taster for transcript #2: ENST00000347275

Querying Taster for transcript #3: ENST00000361321

Querying Taster for transcript #4: ENST00000337393

MT speed 0 s - this script 2.064912 s

## Results

genesymbol	prediction	probability	model	prediction problem	splicing	ClinVar	amino acid changes	variant type	dbSNP ID	protein length	file
ZNF644	disease_causing	1	without_aae		affected			single base exchange			<a href="#">show file</a>
ZNF644	disease_causing	1	without_aae		affected			single base exchange			<a href="#">show file</a>
ZNF644	disease_causing	1	without_aae		affected			single base exchange			<a href="#">show file</a>
ZNF644	disease_causing	1	without_aae		affected			single base exchange			<a href="#">show file</a>



# mutation t@sting

## Prediction

disease causing

Model: *without\_aae*, prob: 1 [\(explain\)](#)

## Summary

- splice site changes

[hyperlink](#)

analysed issue		analysis result			
name of alteration	no title				
alteration (phys. location)	chr 1:91381763C>A <a href="#">show variant in all transcripts</a> <a href="#">IGV</a>				
HGNC symbol	<a href="#">ZNF644</a>				
Ensembl transcript ID	<a href="#">ENST00000361321</a>				
Genbank transcript ID	N/A				
UniProt peptide	N/A				
alteration type	single base exchange				
alteration region	3'UTR				
DNA changes	cDNA:1232G>T g.106067G>T				
AA changes	N/A				
position(s) of altered AA <small>(if AA alteration in CDS)</small>	N/A				
frameshift	N/A				
known variant	Variant was neither found in ExAC nor 1000G. <a href="#">Search ExAC</a> .				
regulatory features	H3K9me1, Histone, Histone 3 Lysine 9 mono-methylation H3K36me3, Histone, Histone 3 Lysine 36 Tri-Methylation H4K20me1, Histone, Histone 4 Lysine 20 mono-methylation				
phyloP / phastCons	PhyloP    PhastCons				
	(flanking)	3.515	1		
		4.214	1		
	(flanking)	4.214	1		
	<a href="#">explain score(s)</a> and/or inspect your position(s) in <a href="#">in UCSC Genome Browser</a>				
splice sites	splice site change occurs after stopcodon (at aa 302) splice site change occurs after stopcodon (at aa 305) splice site change occurs after stopcodon (at aa 306)				
	effect	gDNA position score		detection sequence	exon-intron border
	Acc marginally increased	106063	wt: 0.4310 / mu: 0.4311 (marginal change - not scored) mu: CGGTTTTTTTTTATACTAAAAAGTGAGGGGAGATTTGTTTAA		aaaa GTGG
	Acc marginally increased	106058	wt: 0.2456 / mu: 0.2516 (marginal change - not scored) mu: TGGAACGGTTTTTTTTTATACTAAAAAGTGAGGGGAGATTTG		tact AAAA
	Donor increased	106072	wt: 0.36 / mu: 0.56 mu: GAGGGAGATTTGTTT		GGGA gatt
	Donor increased	106060	wt: 0.22 / mu: 0.85 mu: TAGGGAGATTTGTTT		CTAA aaag
	Donor marginally increased	106058	wt: 0.9832 / mu: 0.9913 (marginal change - not scored) mu: TACTAAAAAGTGAG		TACT aaaa
	Donor gained	106070	0.31 mu: TATACTAAAAAGTG		TAGG gaga
distance from splice site	22				
Kozak consensus sequence altered?	N/A				
conservation <small>protein level for non-synonymous changes</small>	N/A				
protein features	N/A				



How?

# Once upon in my inbox

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Subject: **New RX pharmacy**

WE NOW have online pharmacy take a look

.....ablepharmacy.com

Payments are every Thursday like clockwork, no delays or arrays

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very popular sextoy

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# Mozilla Thunderbird uses a Bayes classifier

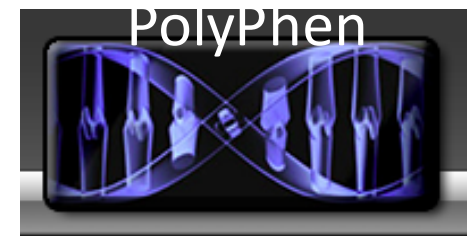
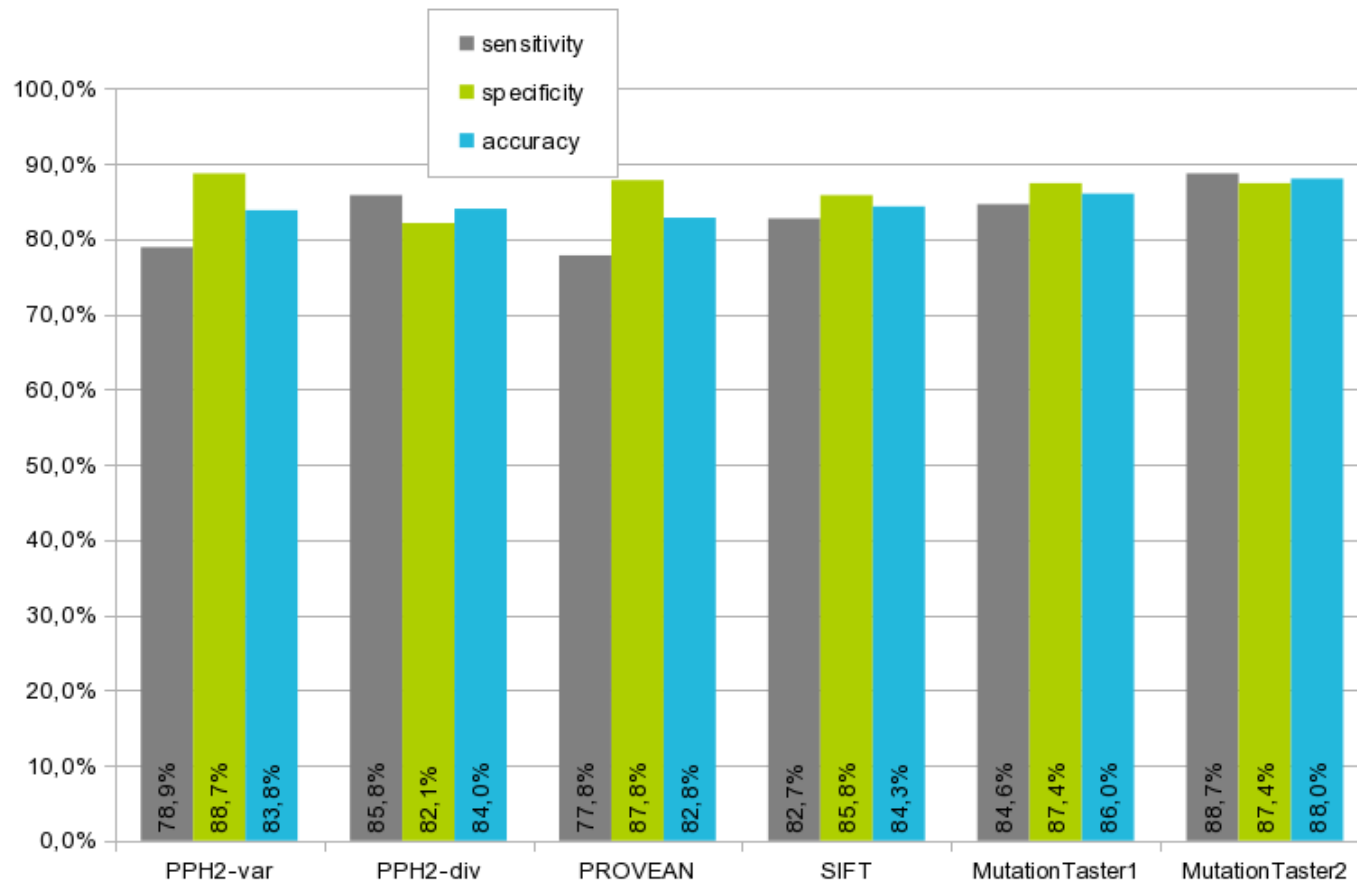
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term	spam	ham
pharmacy	++	0
enlargement	++	0
pills	++	0
sextoy	++	--
website	+	+
abstract	-	++
MutationTaster	-	++

# ...and so does MutationTaster

Test result	mutations	polymorph.
abrogation of a splice site	49.5%	0.06%
loss of a transmembrane domain	7.3%	4.5%
loss of a disulfid bridge	2.9%	0.1%
trained with	DM from HGMD© Pro	20+ persons homozygous in 1000G

# Comparison of different tools



J. Craig Venter™  
INSTITUTE

SIFT

J. Craig Venter™  
INSTITUTE

PROVEAN

2 x 1,100 non-synonymous variants

# Do not rely on predictions - include background knowledge

	MutationTaster2	PPH	SIFT	PROVEAN
<i>all predictions</i>				
FP	6	376	295	331
TN	2771	776	2482	2446
FPR	0.2%	32.6%	10.6%	11.9%
<i>1152 variants predicted by all tools</i>				
FP	6	376	274	290
TN	1146	776	878	862
FPR	0.5%	32.6%	23.8%	25.2%

exome of a healthy individual  
all homozygous non-synonymous variants

- integrate different prediction tools
- integrate further data (may overlap!)
- also used/created by the all-in-one tools
- often only for non-synonymous variants!

*examples*

## **CADD**

Combined Annotation Dependent Depletion

## **CONDEL**

CONsensus DELeteriousness



***Database for functional prediction and annotation of all potential non-synonymous single-nucleotide variants***

- non-synonymous variants
- splice site variants
- pre-computer values from many prediction tools
- many pre-computed combination scores
- allele frequencies
  
- no InDels!
- no web interface



# VARIANT PRIORITISATION

# How can you interpret 10,000+ variants? Bioinformatics!



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140,000 variants!  
Protanopia?  
Deuteranopia?  
Protanomaly?  
Deuteranomaly?

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# A world apart.

```
[dominik@alpedhuez ~]$ ./RankVariants.pl -VCF GenotypeFile.vcf  
-phenotype:HP:11522,HP:11521,HP:200018,HP:11520 -moi:x-linked-recessive
```

Gene ID	Ensembl	Symbol	Variant	Score
5956	ENSG00000102076	OPN1LW	X:153409698TT>T	0.998
10125	ENSG00000172575	RASGRP1	15:38780304T>C	0.763
10125	ENSG00000172575	RASGRP1	15:38781304C>A	0.665
7273	ENSG00000155657	TTN	2:179390716A>C	0.541
3930	ENSG00000143815	LBR	1:225589204C>T	0.221
28	ENSG00000175164	ABO	9:136125788A>G	0.050

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# Enough for a mouse model?

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# Software should adapt to the user!

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# (Some) all-in-one tools



## Exomiser

## Phenolyzer



# Mutation Distiller



Daniela  
Hombach



# Healthy exome plus two heteroz. SOD1 mutations (causing recessive ALS)



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### QueryEngine

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- [RegulationSpotter \(public beta\)](#)
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We offer automated MutationTaster analysis of variants from *Next Generation Sequencing* projects. Variants must be in [VCF format](#) and refer to GRCh37 / hg19. After your VCF file has been analysed, the link to download the results (archived as .zip) will be send via E-mail to you. For this reason, you have to provide a valid E-mail address. Look up more details in the [documentation](#).

#### Data

VCF file

No file selected.

Please zip or gzip large files! [sample file](#)

#### Format:

```
#CHROM POS ID REF ALT QUAL FILTER INFO FORMAT SAMPLE
chr1 10199 . A C 4.77 . . GT:DP 0/1:30
```

(tab delimited) The coordinates **must** refer to GRCh37 (also called hg19).

Project name

ALS\_SOD1\_comphet

E-mail address

inik.seelow@charite.de

#### Analysis settings

homozygous variants only

☐ yes

combine neighbouring variants

☐ yes

filter polymorphisms

1000G ExAC

homozygous in >=

present (het or hom) in >=

number of individuals in 1000G or ExAC, set values to 0 to stop filtering

minimum coverage

☒ analyse complete VCF

☐ ...but only exons with  bases intron flanking

☐ analyse variants on chr

☐ ...but only exons with  bases intron flanking

☐ analyse custom regions (select to enter)

☐ exclude custom regions (select to enter)

# Healthy exome plus two heteroz. SOD1 mutations (causing recessive ALS)



## MutationDistiller

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[reset](#)

☐ [display pop-up help](#)

Submit

### 1 project

60\_348162

mode of inheritance

number of genes to show

### 2 variant selection

[show](#) [hide](#)

Submit

### 3 candidate genes or regions

[show](#) [hide](#)

Submit

### 4 patients' phenotype

[show](#) [hide](#)

Submit

swallowi

search in ☒ HPO ☒ OrphaNet ☒ OMIM

**HPO:** Dysphagia **Swallowing** difficulty; **Swallowing** difficulties; Poor **swallowing**  
**HPO:** Fatigable weakness of **swallowing** muscles  
**HPO:** Oral-pharyngeal dysphagia 'Difficulty **swallowing**' EXACT

### 5 gene function

[show](#) [hide](#)

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enter pathways or GO terms here

search in ☒ GeneOntology ☒ Reactome

# Results (overview)



## ALS\_comphet: 10 gene(s)

project	inheritance	phenotype	gene function	expression	panels	hyperlinks
ALS_comphet 60_348162	recessive	(HPO:1324): Muscle weakness (HPO:2015): Dysphagia (HPO:1347): Hyperreflexia (HPO:1257): Spasticity				<a href="#">bookmark results</a> <a href="#">refine your query</a>

rank	genesymbol	title	score	reported diseases & mutations	variants
1	<a href="#">SOD1</a>	superoxide dismutase 1, soluble	10.2	<b>known disease mutation</b> <b>AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS (ALS1)</b> Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis <i>germline, autosomal dominant, autosomal recessive</i>	<b>21:33039603A&gt;C</b> <b>comp-het</b> <b>DM</b> <a href="#">IGV</a> D91A, D72A <a href="#">rs80265967</a> hom carriers <a href="#">1000G</a> 0 2 <a href="#">ExAC</a> 0 136
					<b>21:33039620G&gt;A</b> <b>comp-het</b> <b>DM</b> <a href="#">IGV</a> D78N, D97N <a href="#">rs121912459</a> hom carriers <a href="#">1000G</a> - - <a href="#">ExAC</a> 0 4
2	<a href="#">TTN</a>	titin	9.8	<b>CARDIOMYOPATHY, DILATED (CMD1G)</b> <b>CARDIOMYOPATHY, FAMILIAL HYPERTROPHIC (CMH9)</b> <b>HEREDITARY MYOPATHY WITH EARLY RESPIRATORY FAILURE (HMERF)</b> <b>MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY, LIMB-GIRDLE, TYPE (LGMD2J)</b> <b>MYOPATHY, EARLY-ONSET, WITH FATAL CARDIOMYOPATHY (EOMFC)</b> <b>TIBIAL MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY, TARDIVE (TMD)</b> Autosomal recessive centronuclear myopathy Autosomal recessive limb-girdle muscular dystrophy Classic multiminicore myopathy Early-onset myopathy with fatal cardiomyopathy Familial isolated arrhythmogenic ventricular dysplasia, biventricular form Familial isolated arrhythmogenic ventricular dysplasia, left dominant form Familial isolated arrhythmogenic ventricular dysplasia, right dominant form Familial isolated dilated cardiomyopathy Hereditary proximal myopathy with early respiratory failure Tibial muscular dystrophy <i>mitochondrial, germline, xlinked recessive, loss of function, autosomal dominant, autosomal recessive</i>	<b>2:179428370C&gt;T</b> <b>comp-het</b> <a href="#">IGV</a> G18557R, G18432R, G25856R, G24929R, G27497R, G18624R <a href="#">rs201158906</a> hom carriers <a href="#">1000G</a> 0 1 <a href="#">ExAC</a> 2 215
					<b>2:179634421T&gt;G</b> <b>comp-het</b> <a href="#">IGV</a> T2917P, T2963P <a href="#">rs200875815</a> hom carriers <a href="#">1000G</a> 1 1078 <a href="#">ExAC</a> 5 32772

# Inspect prediction details



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Alteration 21:33039603A>C\_1\_ENST00000270142

## Prediction disease causing

Model: *simple\_aae*, prob: 3.61616195623194e-12 (classification due to ClinVar, [real probability](#) is shown anyway) ([explain](#))

## Summary

[hyperlink](#)

- amino acid sequence changed
- known disease mutation at this position (HGMD CM951182)
- known disease mutation at this position (HGMD CM983681)
- known disease mutation: rs80265967 (pathogenic)

## analysed issue

## analysis result

name of alteration	21:33039603A>C_1_ENST00000270142										
alteration (phys. location)	chr21:33039603A>C <a href="#">show variant in all transcripts</a> <a href="#">IGV</a>										
HGNC symbol	<a href="#">SOD1</a>										
ExAC LOF metrics	LOF: 0.44, missense: 2.34, synonymous: -0.11										
Ensembl transcript ID	<a href="#">ENST00000270142</a>										
Genbank transcript ID	<a href="#">NM_000454</a>										
UniProt peptide	<a href="#">P00441</a>										
alteration type	single base exchange										
alteration region	CDS										
DNA changes	c.272A>C g.7669A>C										
AA changes	D91A Score: 126 <a href="#">explain score(s)</a>										
frameshift	no										
length of protein	normal										
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known disease mutation: rs80265967 (pathogenic for Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis type 1|Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis 1, autosomal recessive|Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, Dominant|not specified) dbSNP [NCBI variation viewer](#)

# Gene information included!

genesymbol	type	description	chr.	startpos	endpos	synonyms
<a href="#">SOD1</a> #1	protein-coding	<b>superoxide dismutase 1, soluble</b>	21	33031935	33041244	ALS1, IPOA, SOD, homodimer, ALS, hSod1, HEL-S-44
	reported mutations	germline, autosomal dominant, autosomal recessive				
	overall score		10.2			
		ClinVar	0.5			
		HPO	5.7136335821195			
		MOI	2			
		homozygous	2			
	links	<a href="#">NCBI</a> <a href="#">ENSEMBL</a> <a href="#">SwissProt</a> <a href="#">GeneCards</a> <a href="#">STRING</a> <a href="#">UniHI</a> <a href="#">PubMed</a> <a href="#">create primers for all transcripts</a>				
	KEGG pathways	<a href="#">Peroxisome</a> , <a href="#">Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS)</a> , <a href="#">Huntington's disease</a> , <a href="#">Prion diseases</a>				
	Reactome pathways	<a href="#">Platelet activation, signaling and aggregation</a> , <a href="#">Response to elevated platelet cytosolic Ca2+</a> , <a href="#">Hemostasis</a> , <a href="#">Platelet degranulation</a>				
	PFAM	<a href="#">sodcu</a>				
	InterPro domains	<a href="#">Superoxide dismutase, copper/zinc binding domain</a>				
	paralogs	<a href="#">SOD3</a> (24%), <a href="#">CCS</a> (26%)				
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	<a href="#">show all</a> <a href="#">collapse</a>	<p><b>synopsis:</b></p> <p><b>INHERITANCE:</b> Autosomal dominant</p> <p><b>MUSCLE:</b> Muscle weakness and atrophy Fasciculations Muscle cramps</p> <p><b>NEUROLOGIC:</b></p>				

# Gene information included!

## OrphaNet

[Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis](#)

Age of onset: Adult

Known mutations: germline, autosomal dominant, autosomal recessive (assessed)

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- The methylation status OF extracellular superoxide dismutase gene is associated with the size of cerebral infarction, degree of cerebral arteriosclerosis and severity of neurological impairment.
- the effects of oxidative modification on SOD1 monomer and homodimer stability
- Primary astrocytes isolated from mutant human superoxide dismutase 1-overexpressing mice as well as human post-mortem ALS spinal cord-derived astrocytes induce motor neuron death in co-culture. Increasing total and mitochondrial NAD(+) content in ALS [...]
- In transgenic mice expressing SOD1, lower POMC levels were observed in hypothalamus in an ALS model.
- Data show that transformation of voltage dependent anion channel VDAC1 (Deltapor1) yeast with human Cu/Zn superoxide dismutase (SOD1) completely restores the cell growth deficit.
- pathological TDP-43 and FUS may exert motor neuron pathology in amyotrophic lateral sclerosis through the initiation of propagated misfolding of SOD1
- The expression of hSOD1 in the liver of Sod1(-/-) mice significantly improved the lifespan of Sod1(-/-) mice; however, the lifespan of the Sod1(-/-)/hSOD1(alb) mice was still significantly shorter than wild type mice.
- overexpression of SOD1 in C57B6SJL-Tg (SOD1)2 GurlJ mouse preserved the normal HR, MAP, and BRS but enhanced aortic depressor nerve function
- the results of the study suggest that an inherent low autophagy capacity might cause the selective vulnerability of the motor system to mutant SOD1s.

## MGD

- [hearing/vestibular/ear phenotype](#)
- [nervous system phenotype](#)
- [vision/eye phenotype](#)
- [immune system phenotype](#)
- [skeleton phenotype](#)
- [liver/biliary system phenotype](#)
- [behavior/neurological phenotype](#)
- [reproductive system phenotype](#)
- [mortality/aging](#)
- [cardiovascular system phenotype](#)
- [hematopoietic system phenotype](#)
- [endocrine/exocrine gland phenotype](#)
- [muscle phenotype](#)
- [cellular phenotype](#)
- [homeostasis/metabolism phenotype](#)

## transcripts

[ENST00000470944](#): 1746 bases (processed\_transcript)

[ENST00000270142](#): 966 bases (protein\_coding)

[ENST00000389995](#): 865 bases (protein\_coding)

[ENST00000476106](#): 586 bases (processed\_transcript)

## interactions (STRING)

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[ACO1](#) ([textmining 717](#))

[AIFM1](#) ([textmining 409](#))

[ANG](#) ([textmining 463](#))

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[ATP5J](#) ([coexpression 562](#))

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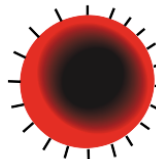
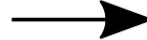
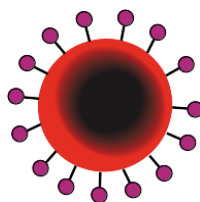
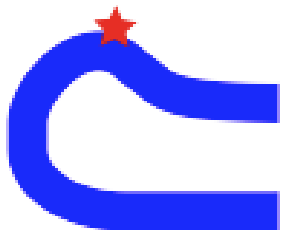
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- [activation of MAPK activity](#)
- [response to superoxide](#)
- [ovarian follicle development](#)
- [positive regulation of cytokine production](#)
- [placenta development](#)
- [retina homeostasis](#)
- [response to amphetamine](#)

# Consider the disease / phenotype

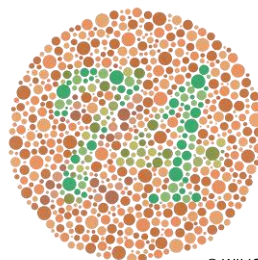
*ABO* gene



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may change  
blood type

*OPN1LW* gene



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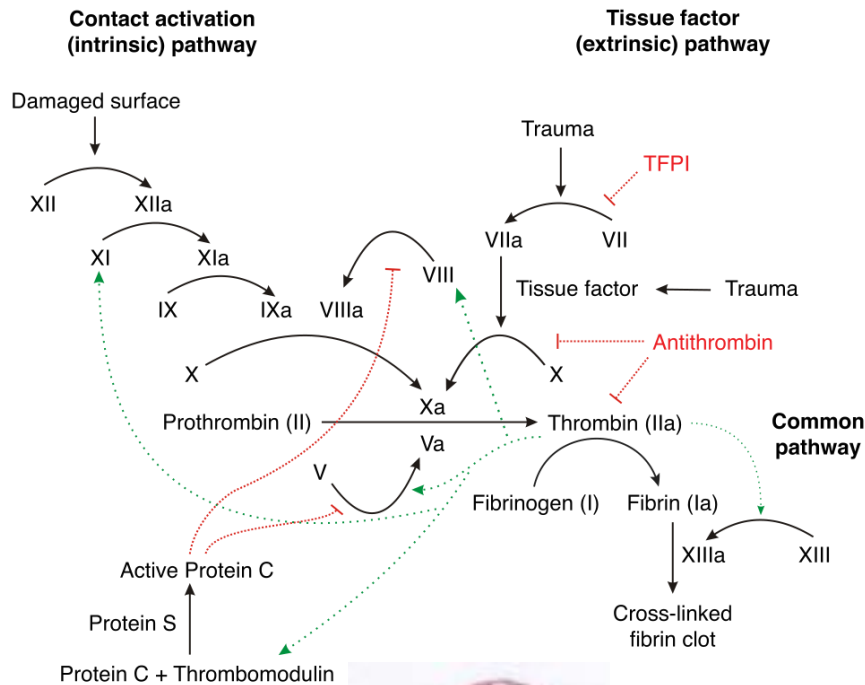
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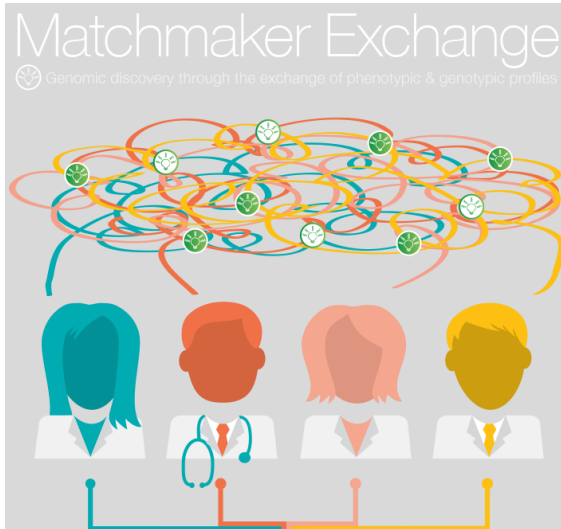


# Consider gene function & expression





# Match-making



## GeneMatcher



Cafe Variome



- Did others report this variant?
- Find partners!
- Please share your variants of unknown significance!

## Use your brain!

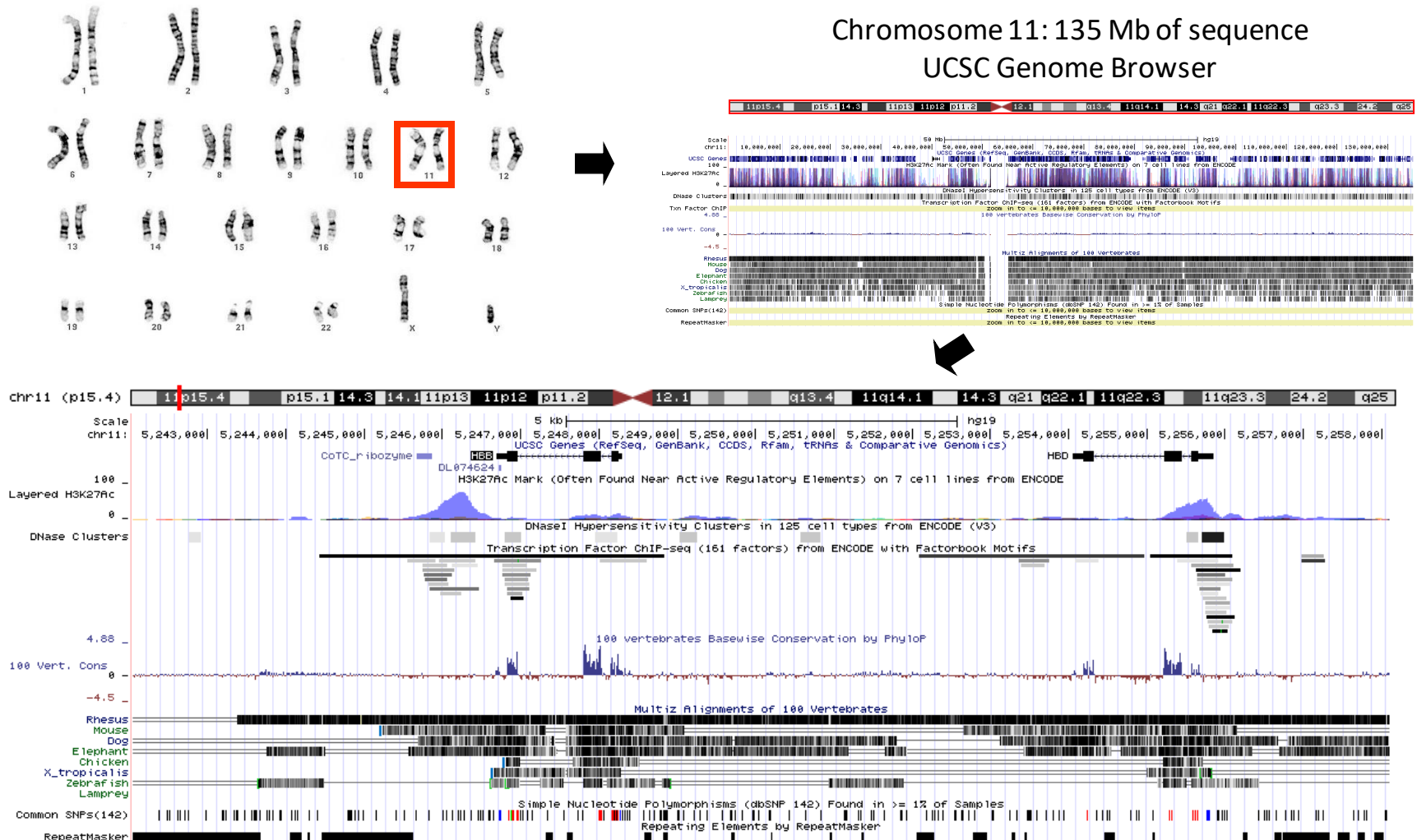
- don't trust predictors blindly
- disease databases may be wrong
- think of reduced penetrance & compound heterozygosity
- do not exclude synonymous variants
- check variant with IGV
- look up polymorphism databases
- consider phenotype & gene function
- consider gene expression
- **do segregation analysis!**

# CHALLENGES OF INTERPRETING NON-CODING VARIANTS

1. No information vs information overload
2. Combined variant scores
3. Experimental assessment using reporter assays

# No information vs information overload

## Chromosome 11: 135 Mb of sequence UCSC Genome Browser



# Which annotation to use?

- Expanding panoply of partially correlated annotations
- Different scales, transformations – clustering, orthogonalization?
- Apply to variously overlapping subsets of genomic variants
- Most annotations are only defined in very specific contexts: power of domain-specific scores

## Evolutionary Constraint

Primate PhastCons  
Mammalian PhastCons  
Vertebrate PhastCons  
Primate PhyloP  
Mammalian PhyloP  
Vertebrate PhyloP  
GerpN  
GerpS  
GerpRS  
GerpRSval  
bStatistic

## Missense Annotations

Grantham  
PolyPhenCat  
PolyPhenVal  
SIFTcat  
SIFTval  
oAA  
nAA

## Epigenetic Measurements

EncExp  
EncH3K27Ac  
EncH3K4Me1  
EncH3K4Me3  
EncNucleo  
EncOCC  
EncOCCDNaseSig  
EncOCFAireSig  
EncOCpolIIISig  
EncOCctcfSig  
EncOCmycSig

## Sequence Context

Ref allele  
Alt allele  
Mutation type  
Transversion?  
Indel length  
Local GC density  
Local CpG density

## Gene model Annotations

Consequence  
minDistTSS  
minDistTSE  
cDNApos  
relcDNApos  
CDSpos  
relCDSpos  
protPos  
relProtPos  
Dst2Splice  
Dst2SplType

## Functional Predictions

tOverlapMotifs  
motifDist  
motifECount  
motifEName  
motifEHIpos  
motifEScoreChng  
TFBS  
TFBSPeaks  
TFBSPeaksMax  
Segway

# Combined variant scores

- CADD/DANN: <http://cadd.gs.washington.edu>
- DeepSEA: <http://deepsea.princeton.edu>
- Eigen: <http://www.columbia.edu/~ii2135/download.html>
- FATHMM-MKL: <http://fathmm.biocompute.org.uk/>
- FunSeq2: <http://funseq2.gersteinlab.org/>
- GAWAVA: [ftp://ftp.sanger.ac.uk/pub/resources/software/gwava/v1.0/VEP\\_plugin/](ftp://ftp.sanger.ac.uk/pub/resources/software/gwava/v1.0/VEP_plugin/)
- ReMM: <https://charite.github.io/software-remm-score.html>
- LINSIGHT: <http://compgen.cshl.edu/~yihuang/LINSIGHT/>

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# Combined variant scores: CADD (1)

published online 2 February 2014; doi:10.1038/ng.2892

## TECHNICAL REPORTS

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### A general framework for estimating the relative pathogenicity of human genetic variants

Martin Kircher<sup>1,5</sup>, Daniela M Witten<sup>2,5</sup>, Preti Jain<sup>3,4</sup>, Brian J O’Roak<sup>1,4</sup>, Gregory M Cooper<sup>3</sup> & Jay Shendure<sup>1</sup>

Current methods for annotating and interpreting human genetic variation tend to exploit a single information type

comparable, making it difficult to evaluate the relative importance of distinct variant categories or annotations. Third, annotation methods trained on known pathogenic mutations are subject to major

> 80 diverse annotations

Evolutionary constraint

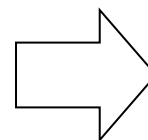
Missense annotations

Gene model annotations

Sequence context

Epigenetic measurements

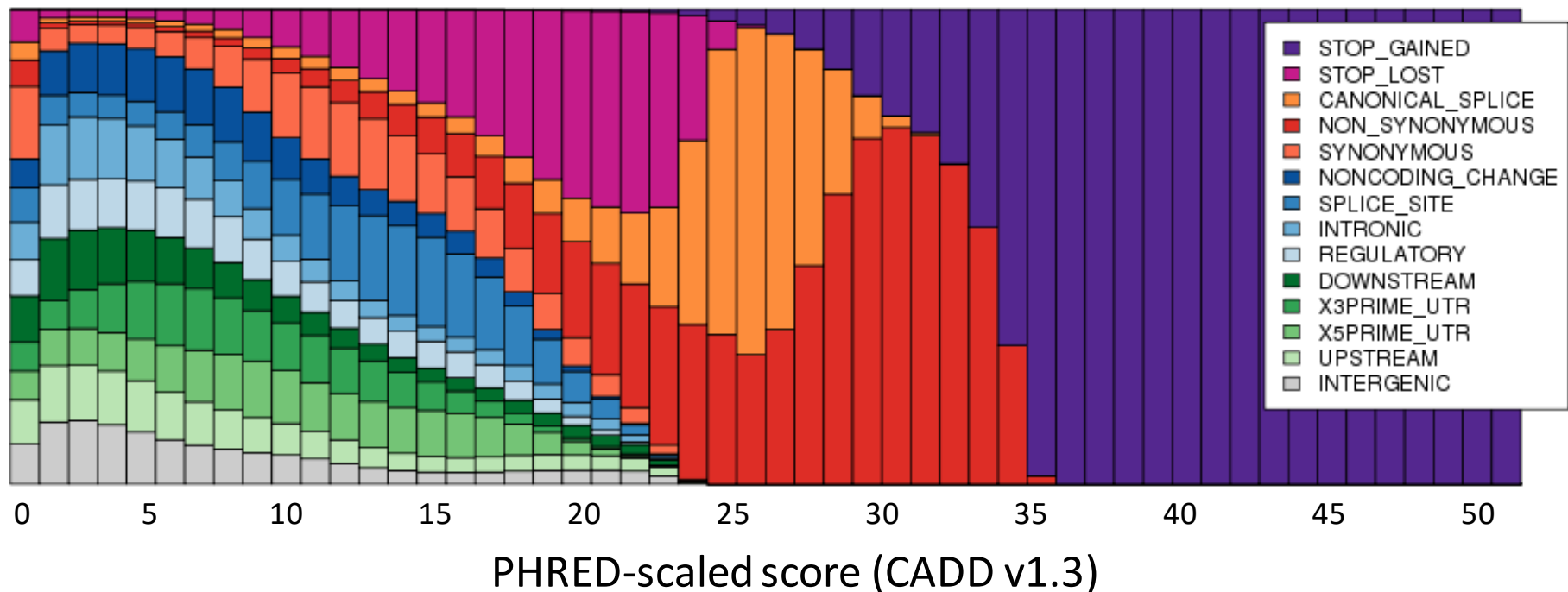
Functional predictions



One  
Score

# Combined variant scores: CADD (2)

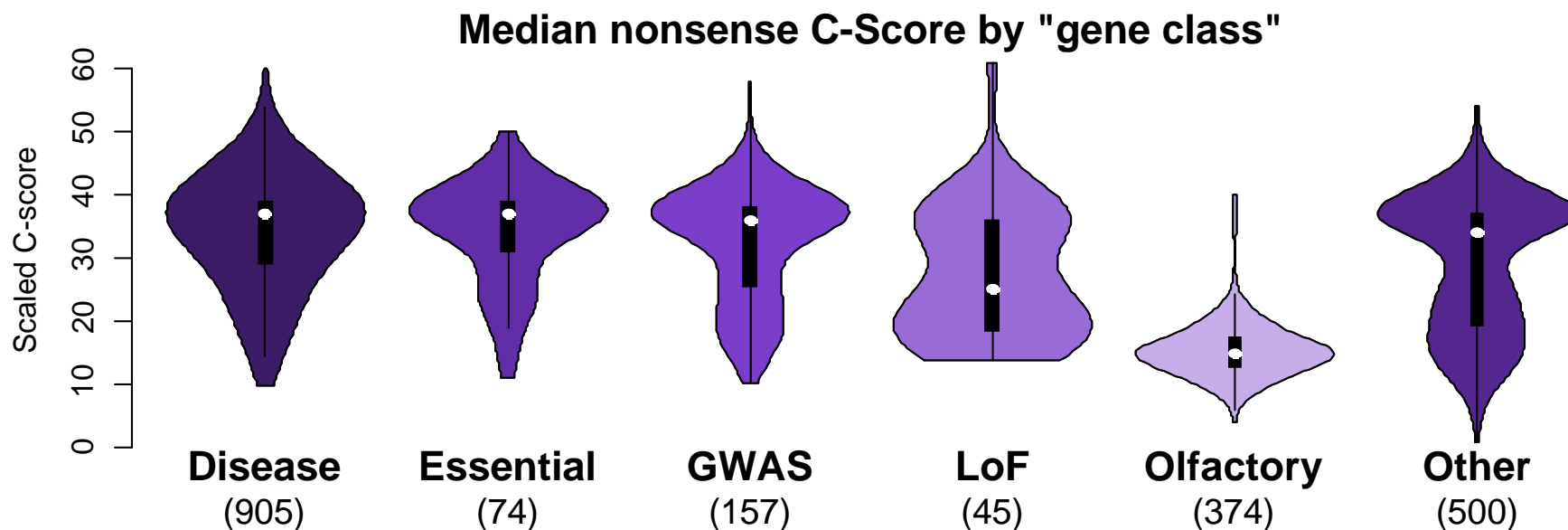
- All variants are ranked relative to all nine billion possible substitutions in the human genome
- Median scores by categories are inline with common hierarchies





# Combined variant scores: CADD (3)

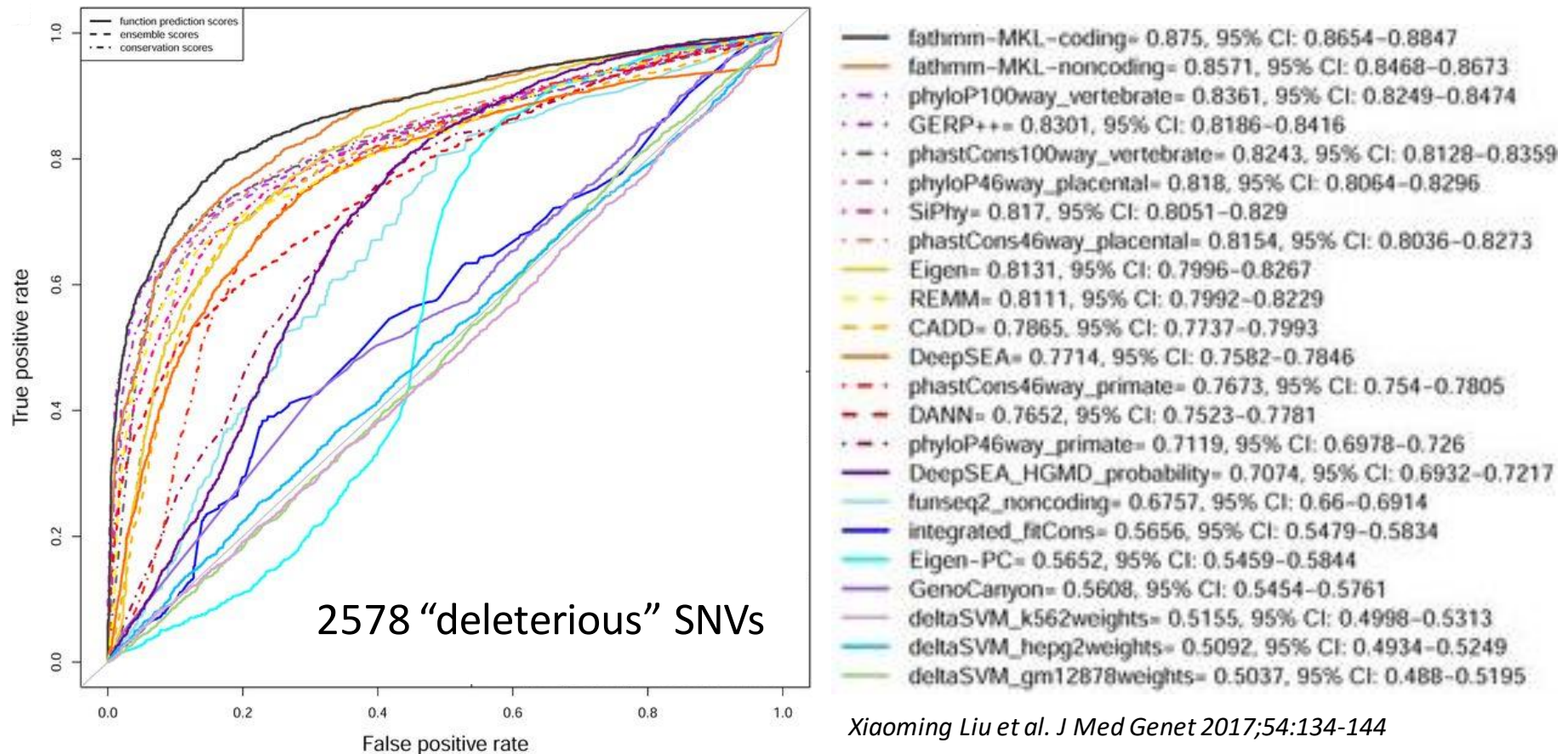
- Scores provide resolution across and within functional categories



doi:10.1038/ng.2892

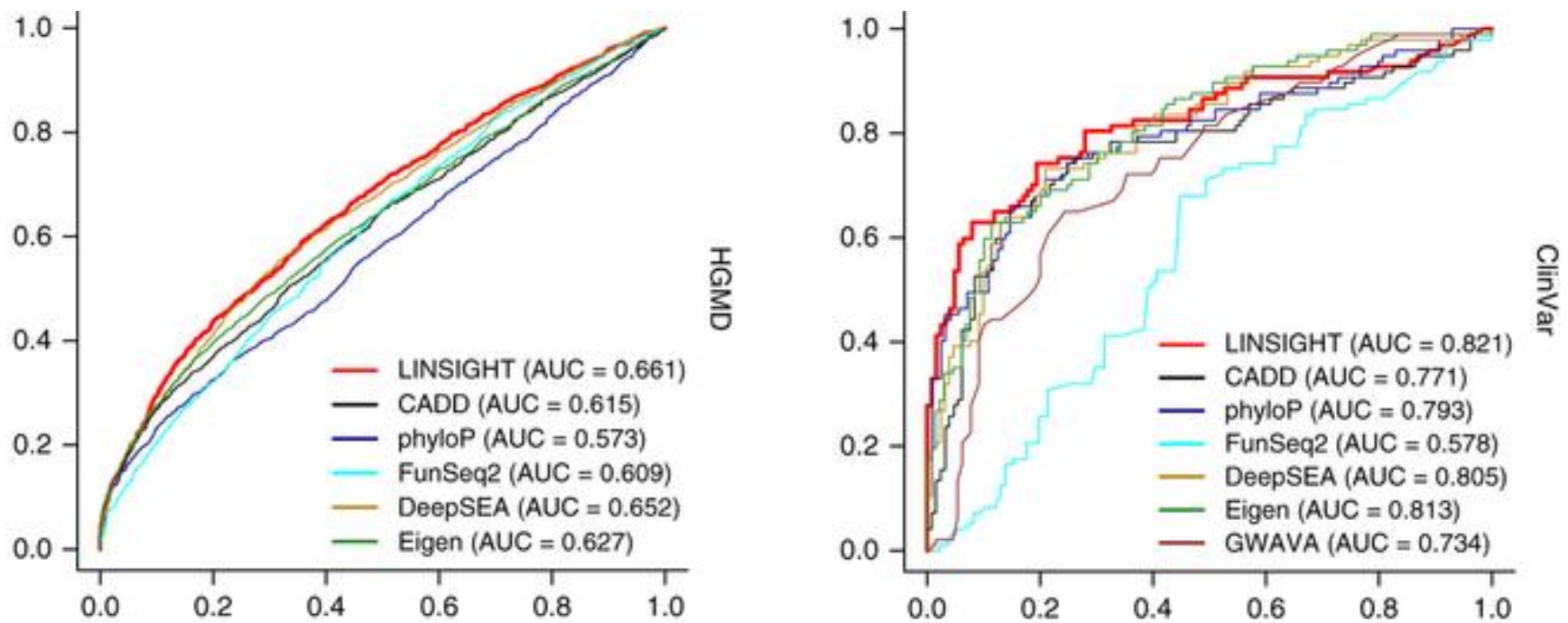
# How well does it work for non-coding disease variants?

## Performance on non-coding variants in HGMD database8 V.2015.4



# Other data set, similar problems, other results...

More rigorously matched benign set and comparison between non-overlapping HGMD (n=1495) and ClinVar (n=101) sets



Huang YF et al. *Nature Genetics* 49, 618–624 (2017), DOI: 10.1038/ng.3810

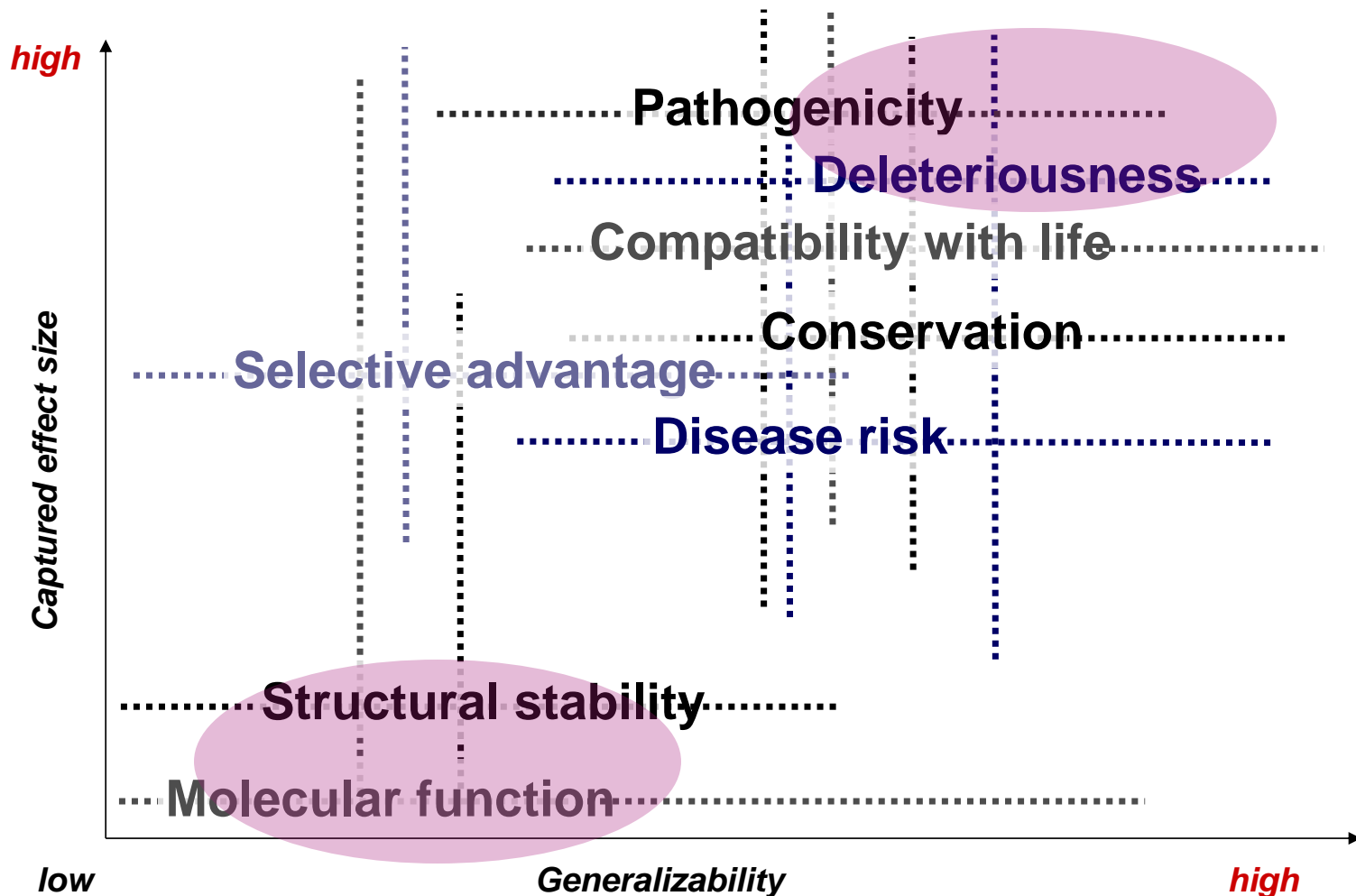
# Few known high quality non-coding mutations?

- Recent study used HGMD as well as literature research:

Category	Count	
Enhancer	42	
Promoter	142	
5' UTR	153	<i>Smedley D &amp; Schubach M et al. AJHG 2016</i>
3' UTR	43	
Large non-coding RNA gene	65	
MicroRNA gene	5	
Imprinting control region	3	
<b>Total</b>	<b>453</b>	
<b>Total single-nucleotide variants</b>	<b>406</b>	

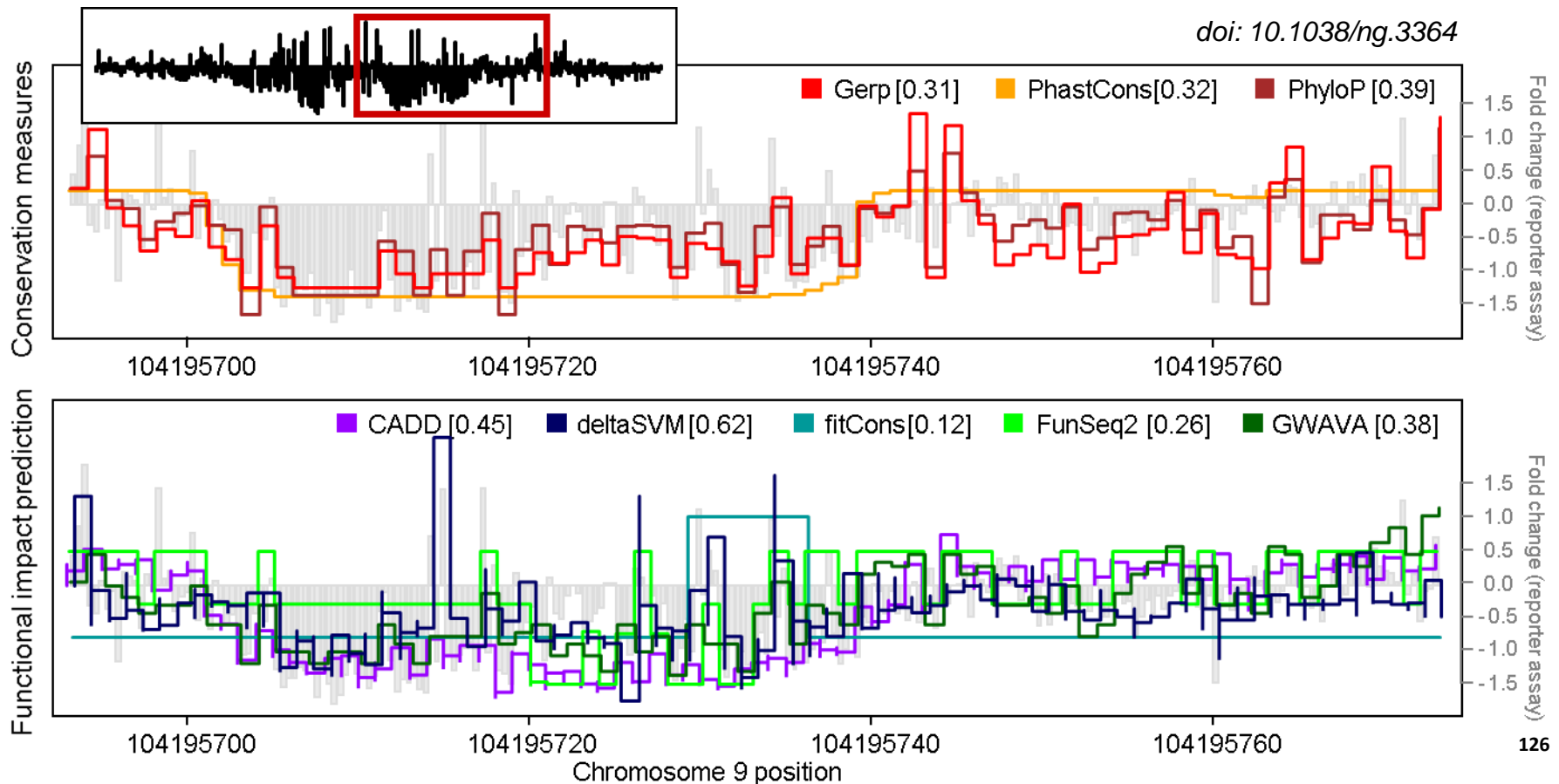
- Variants are clustered:
  - 142 promoter variants in 52 genes, 11 genes contribute 50%
  - 18 genes contribute 50% of all 338 promoter+UTR variants
  - 65 RNA gene mutations are in only 3 genes

# Are we looking for the right effect size?



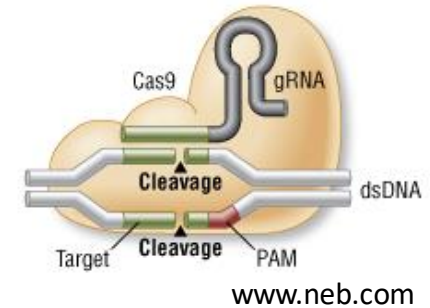
# Expression effects & non-coding scores

Saturation mutagenesis of ALDOB enhancer (*Patwardhan et al, 2012*) correlated with measures of sequence conservation (*top*) and functional constraint/variant impact scores (*bottom*)



# Can we obtain more non-coding variants from high-throughput assays?

- CRISPR/Cas9: mutation, deletion, activator/repressor screens, ...
- MPRA

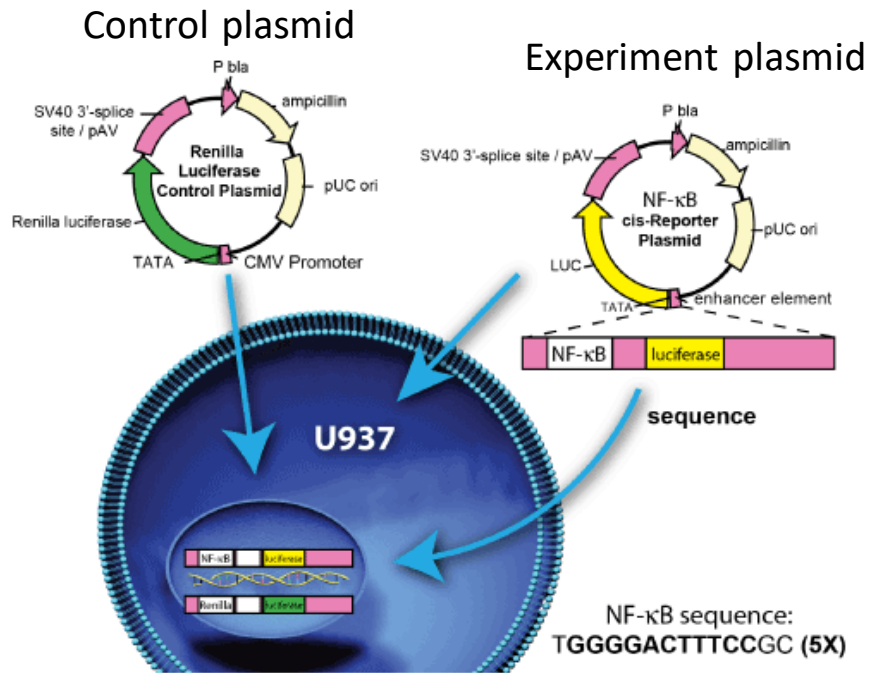


1. Dense read outs for mutations in select regions
2. Test activity of regions (cataloging elements / learning rules)
3. Large sets of readouts for genomically scattered mutations

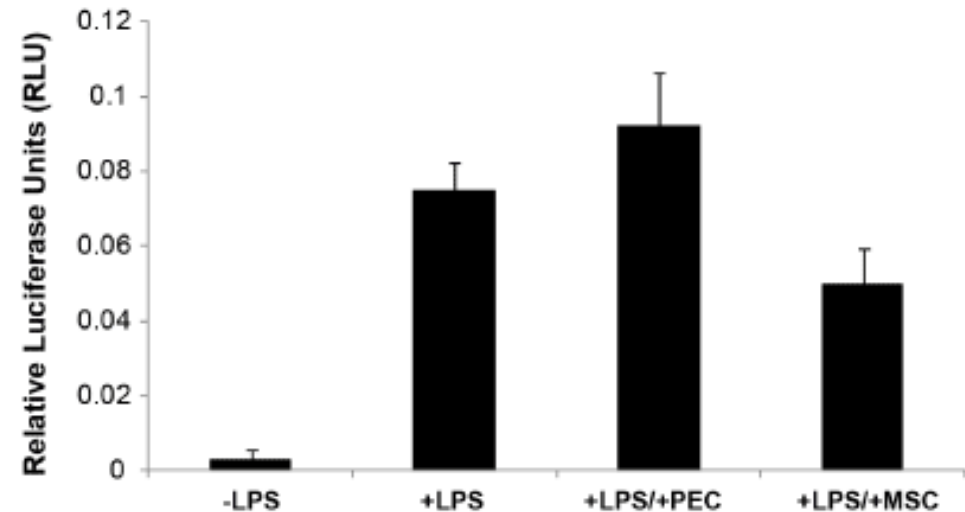
	Construct	Tested in	Detection	Advantages	Disadvantages
<b>MPRA/ MPFD/ CRE-seq</b>		Cell lines, Mouse liver, Mouse retina	Barcode RNA-seq	High BC multiplicity Quantitative	Episomal
<b>STARR-seq</b>		Cell lines	Enhancer RNA-seq	Quantitative	Low multiplicity Episomal
<b>TRIP</b>		Mouse ESCs	Barcode RNA-seq	Quantitative Genomic context	Low resolution



# Background: reporter assays



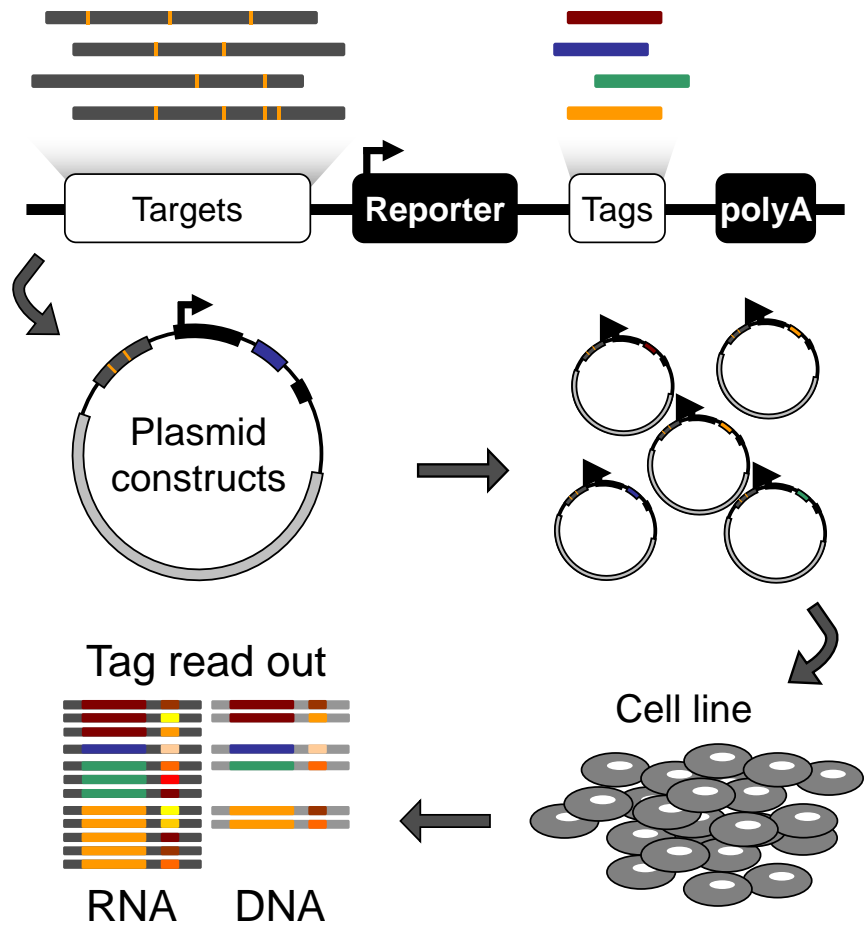
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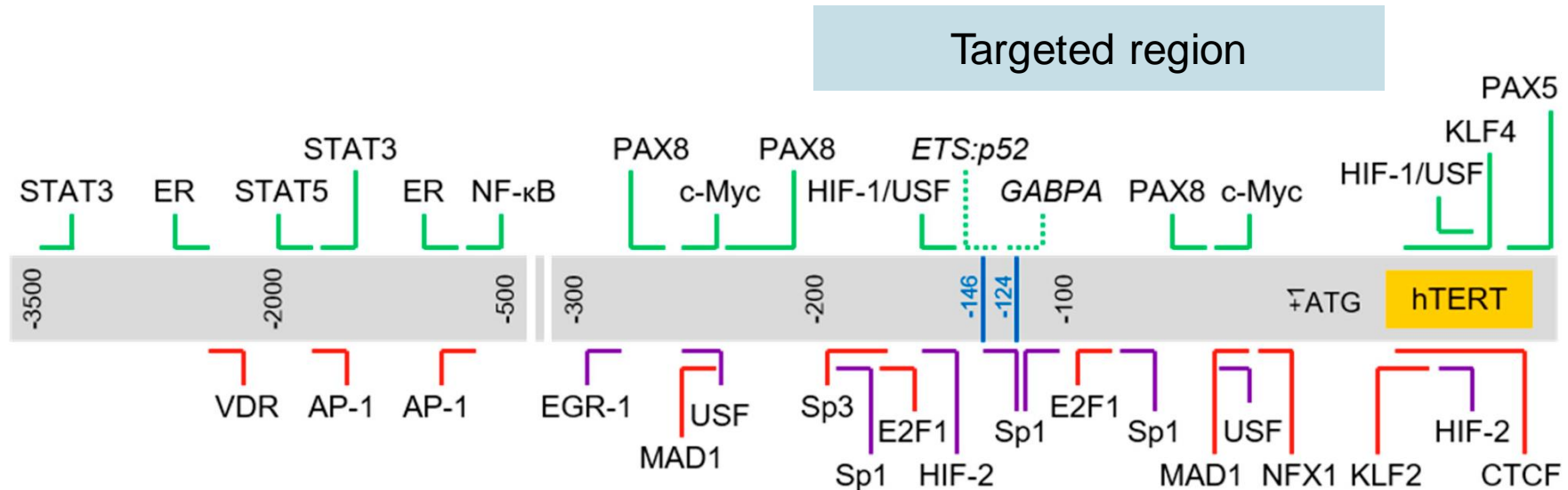


# Massively parallel reporter assays (MPRA)

- Generate sequence variants
- Integrate plasmid or lenti library containing tag sequences
- Learn association between tags and sequence variants
- Express in cell line and collect RNA & DNA to read-out tags
- Analyze RNA/DNA ratio



# TERT promoter

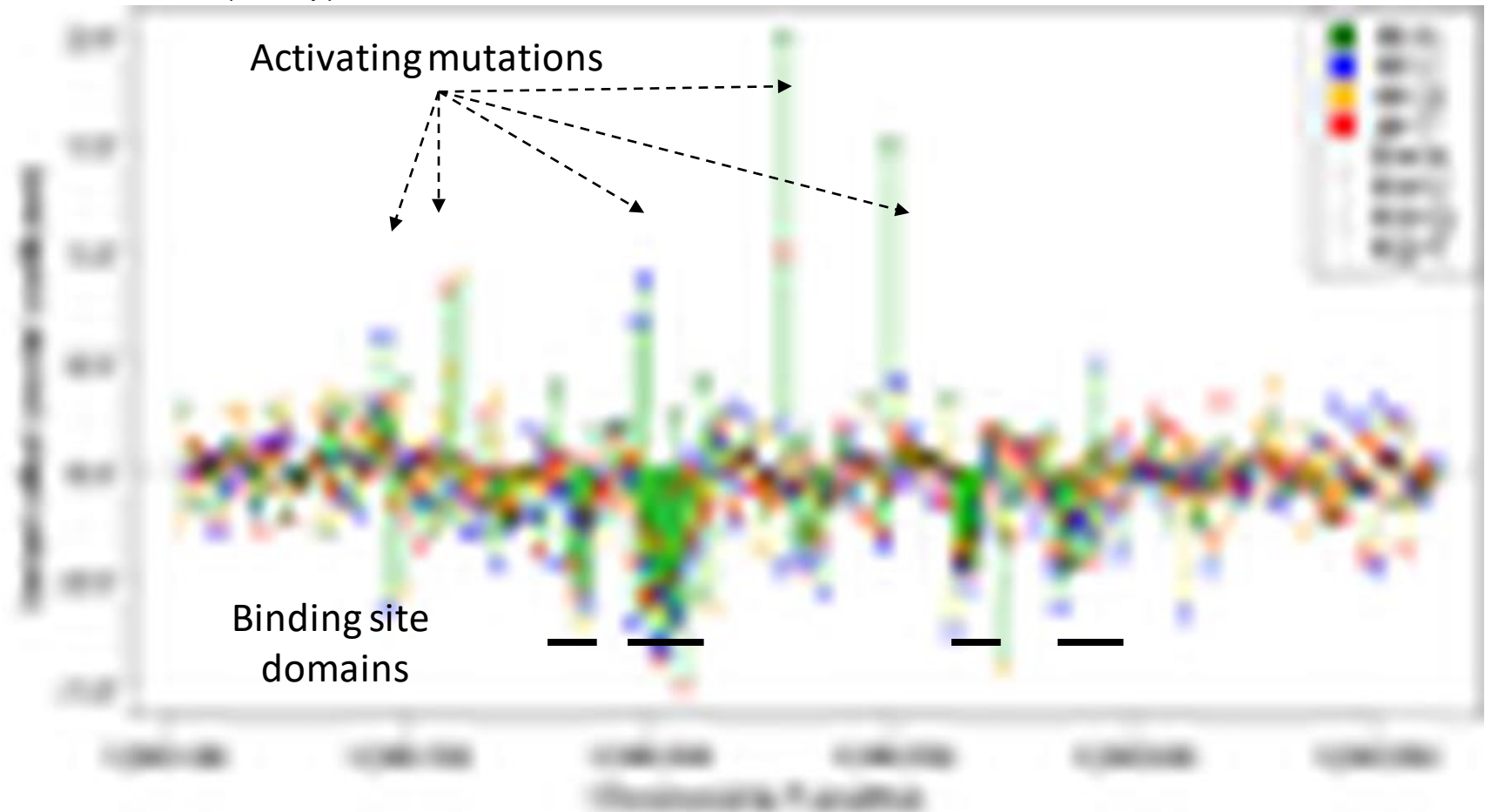


**Figure 1.** Schematic of transcription factor binding sites in human Telomerase Reverse Transcriptase (*hTERT*) promoter. Chromosomal sequence extending from 3.5 kb upstream and 150 bp downstream of *hTERT* translation start site (+1) is represented by the gray box. Horizontal lines above and below the box indicate approximate binding sites of respective transcription factors. Blue lines: hotspot promoter mutations (“-124” corresponds to C228T mutation; “-146” corresponds to C250T mutation); green: activator; red: repressor; purple: regulator with dual roles; dotted line: regulator bound to sites created by hotspot mutations.

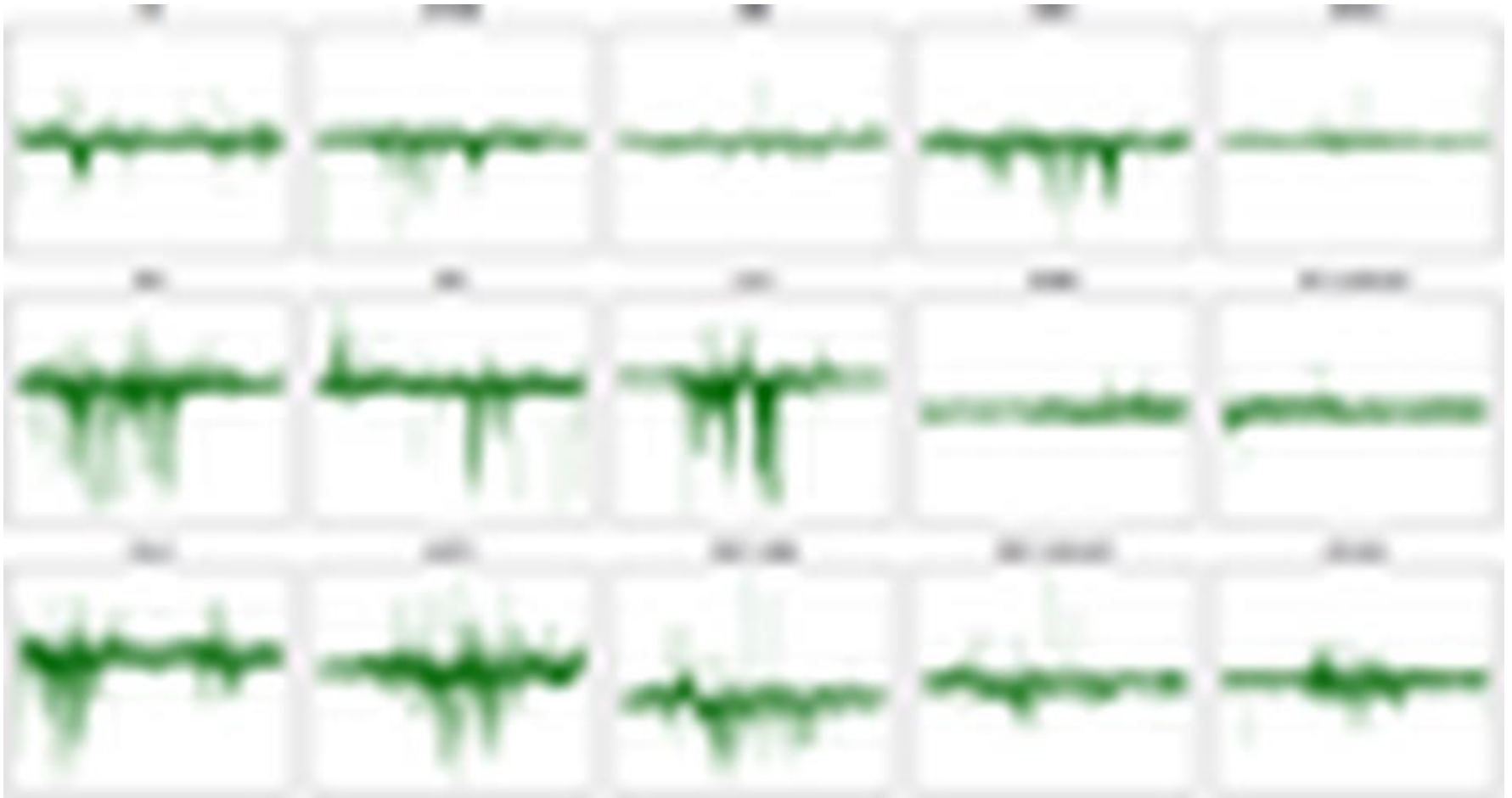
Genes 2016, 7(8), 50; doi:10.3390/genes7080050

# Saturation mutagenesis of TERT promoter in HEK293T

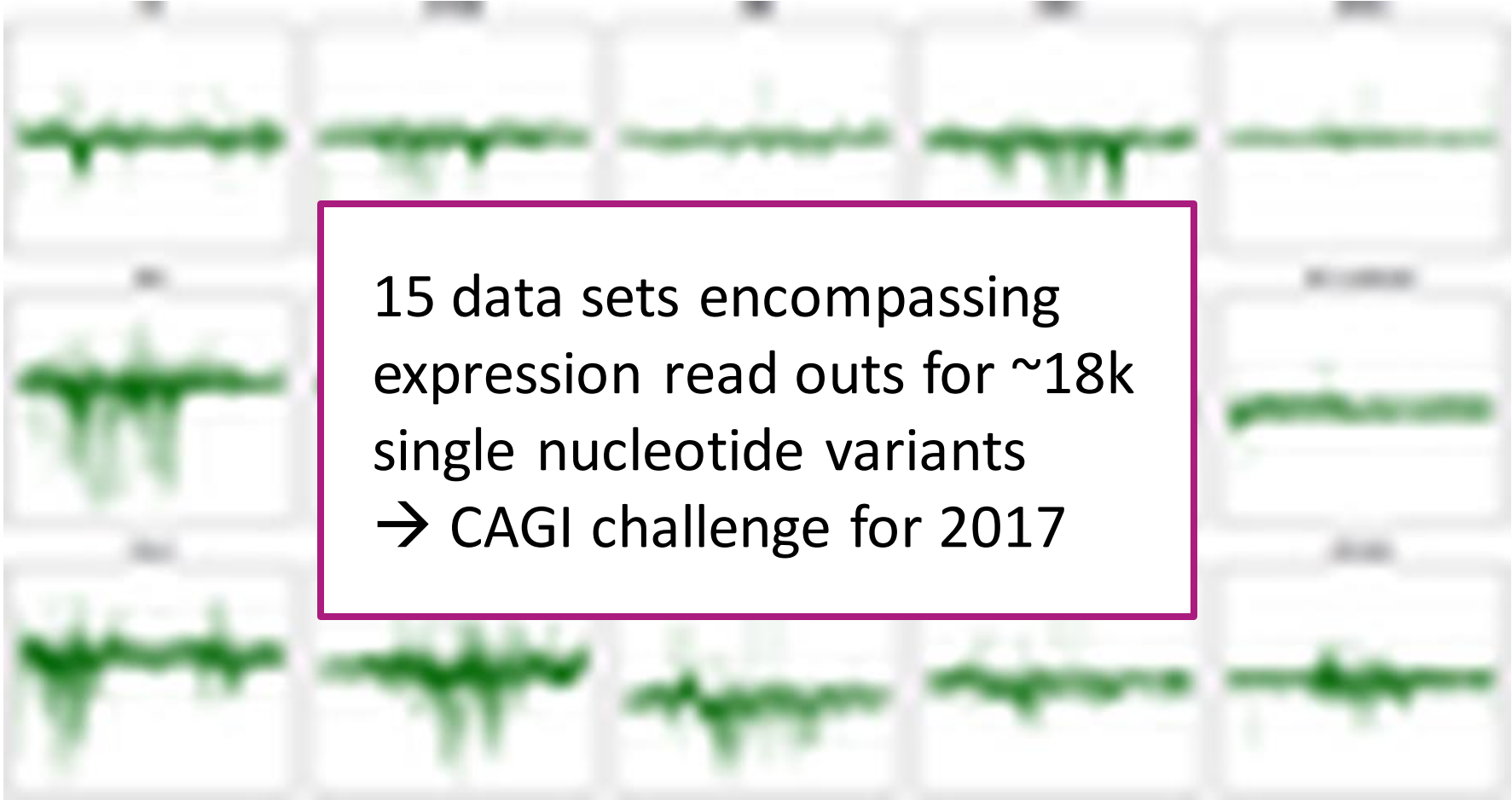
TERT (259bp)



# New saturation mutagenesis data sets

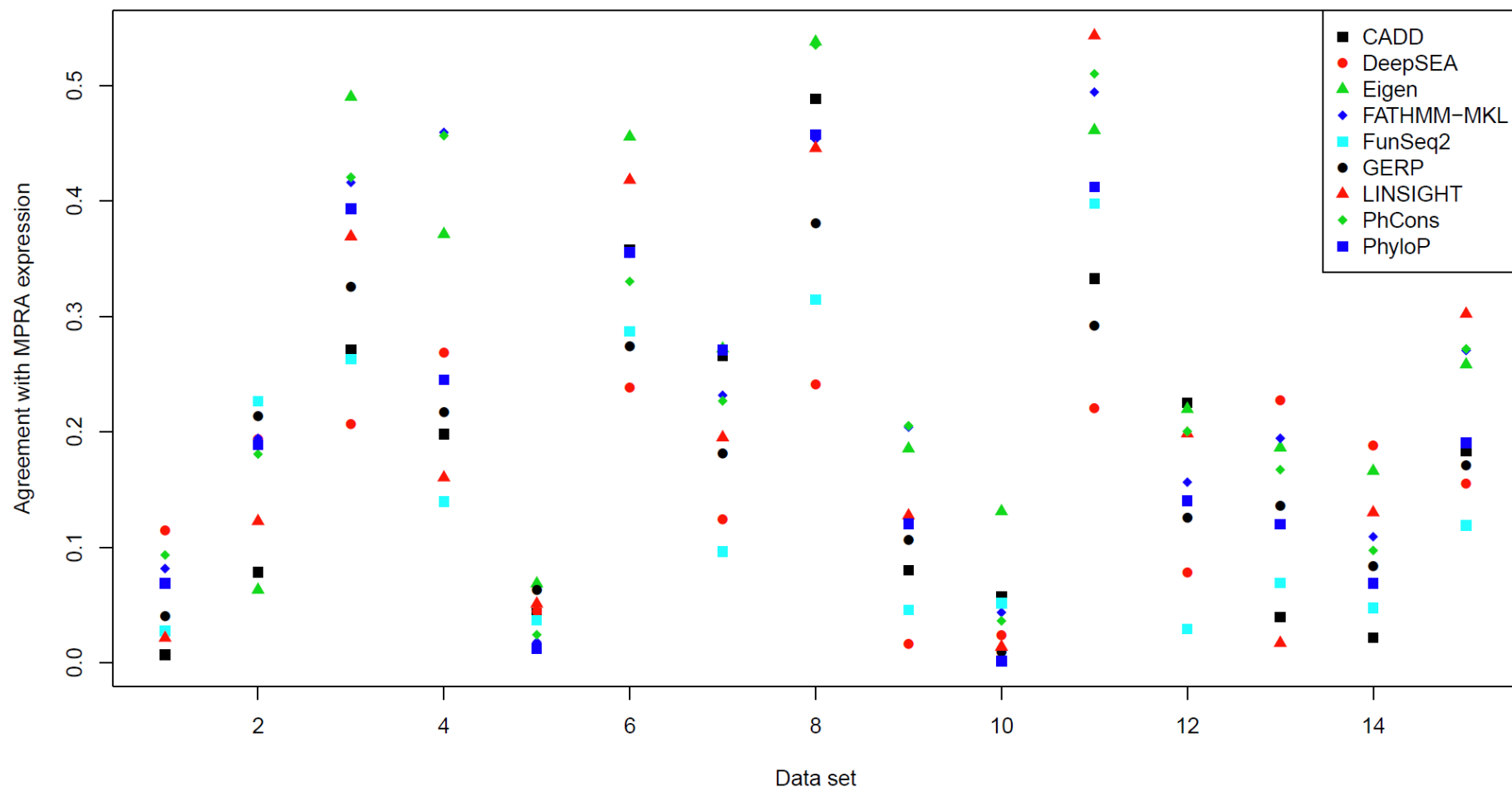


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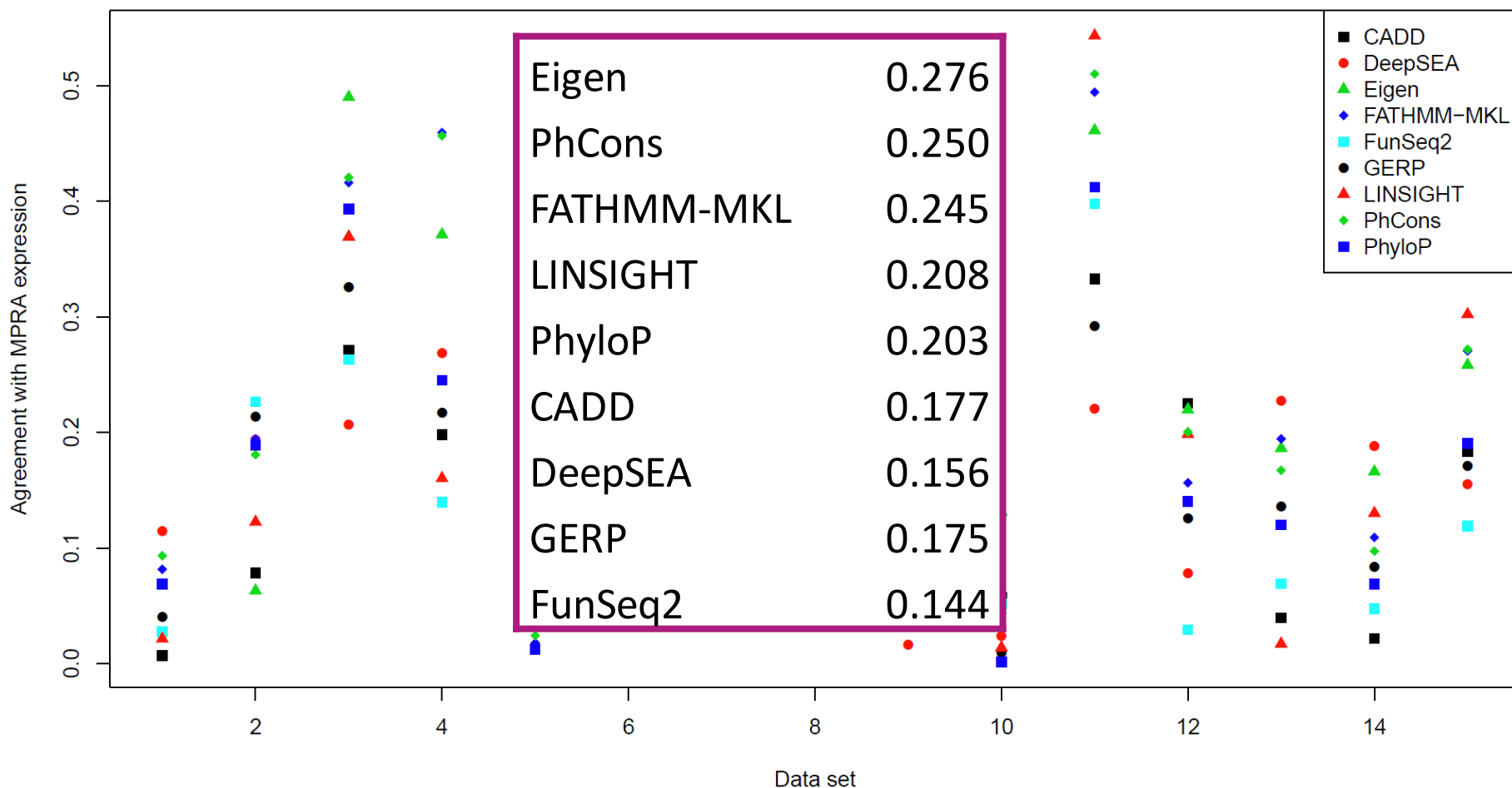


15 data sets encompassing  
expression read outs for ~18k  
single nucleotide variants  
→ CAGI challenge for 2017

# What about the variant scores?



# What about the variant scores?



# How should I consider regulatory mutations in my projects for now?

## 1. Use available element annotations

- Enhancer, Promoter annotations, e.g.
  - Ensembl Regulatory Build:  
[ftp://ftp.ensembl.org/pub/current\\_regulation/homo\\_sapiens/RegulatoryFeatureActivity/](ftp://ftp.ensembl.org/pub/current_regulation/homo_sapiens/RegulatoryFeatureActivity/)
  - Epigenomics RoadMap:  
[http://egg2.wustl.edu/roadmap/web\\_portal/predict\\_reg\\_motif.html#predicting\\_reg](http://egg2.wustl.edu/roadmap/web_portal/predict_reg_motif.html#predicting_reg)
  - Fantom5: <http://enhancer.binf.ku.dk/presets/>
- DHS sites, e.g. [http://egg2.wustl.edu/roadmap/web\\_portal/DNase\\_reg.html#delieation](http://egg2.wustl.edu/roadmap/web_portal/DNase_reg.html#delieation)
- Segmentation (e.g. Epigenomics RoadMap)

## 2. Use available combined scores within these elements



# QUESTIONS AND PARTICIPANT FEEDBACK



# THANK YOU!



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