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Clinical Variant Interpretation  
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# Objectives:

- ▶ Overview of the current framework for analysis and interpretation of sequence variants for monogenic disorders
- ▶ Overview of key available resources and their utility with variant interpretation.



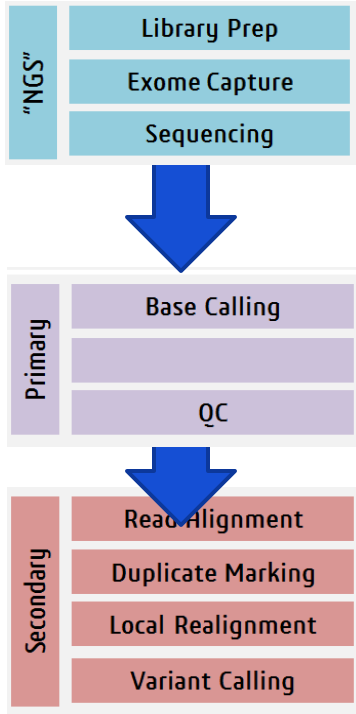


Annotation  
(3ry Analysis)

ACMG  
Guidelines  
Framework

Variant  
Interpretation  
Lab Exercise



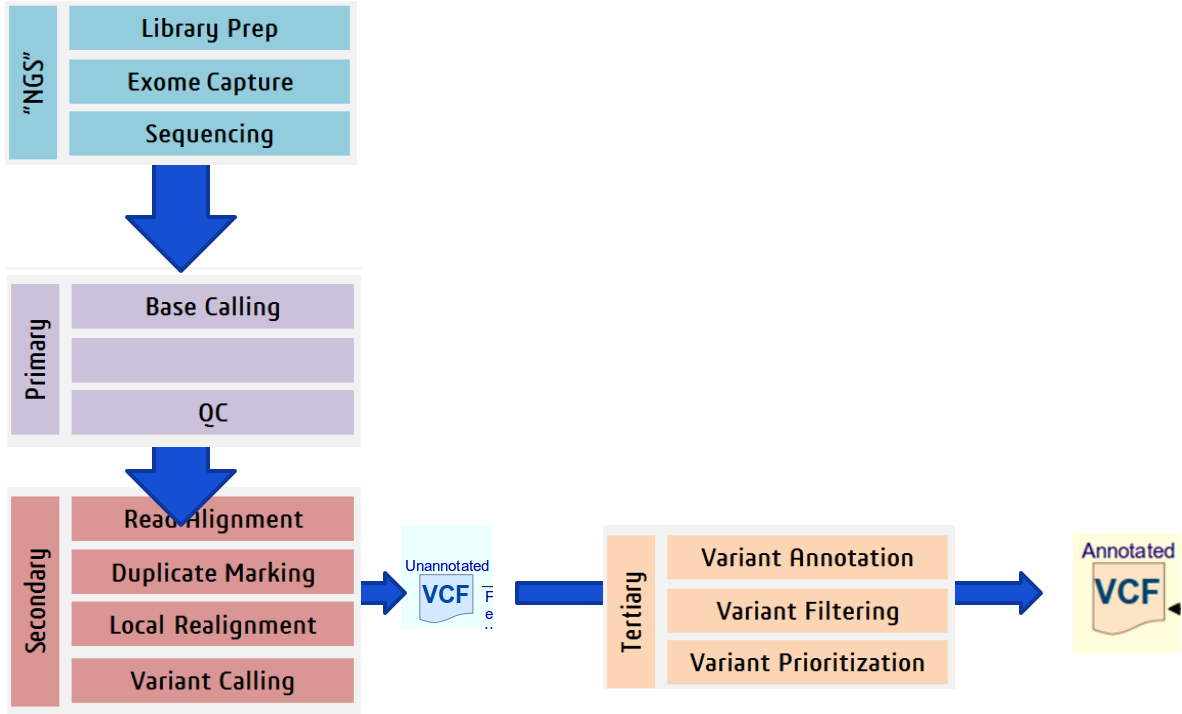


Unannotate  
VCF

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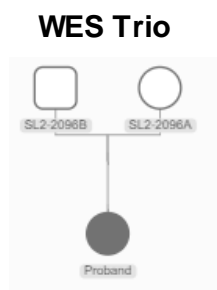
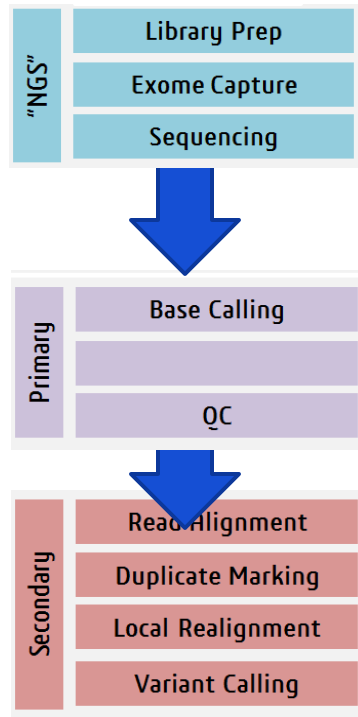
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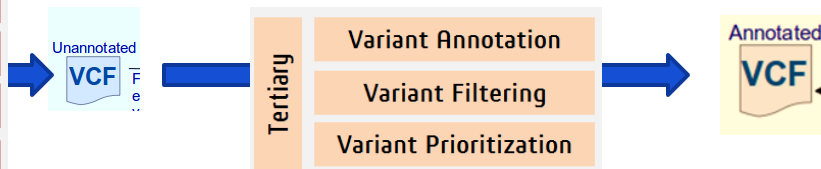
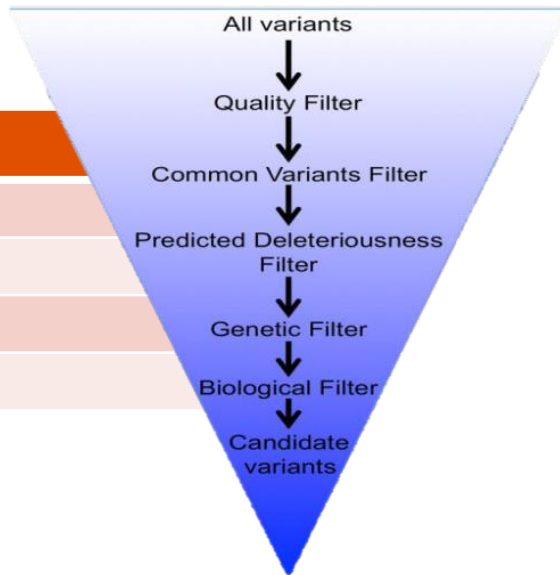




# Class 2



Filter	Variants
None	125,746
DP>10, QUAL>20	25,541
MAF<0.01	1,263
Coding regions	551



# Experimentally Defined Genomic Features: ~*Mutation/Variant Impact or Type – Most impactful?*

1. MSH2 NM\_000251.2 c.1590A>G\_p.Glu530=
2. BRCA1 NM\_007294.3 c.736T>G\_p.Leu246Val
3. BRCA2 NM\_000059.3 c.6474delT\_p.Gln2159AsnfsTer9
4. PMS2 NM\_000535.6 c.730C>T\_p.Gln244X
5. PCSK9 NM\_174936.3 c.524-1G>A
6. MLH1 NM\_000249.3 c.307-29C>A





# Experimentally Defined Genomic Features: ~Mutation/Variant Impact or Type – cDNA Definitions

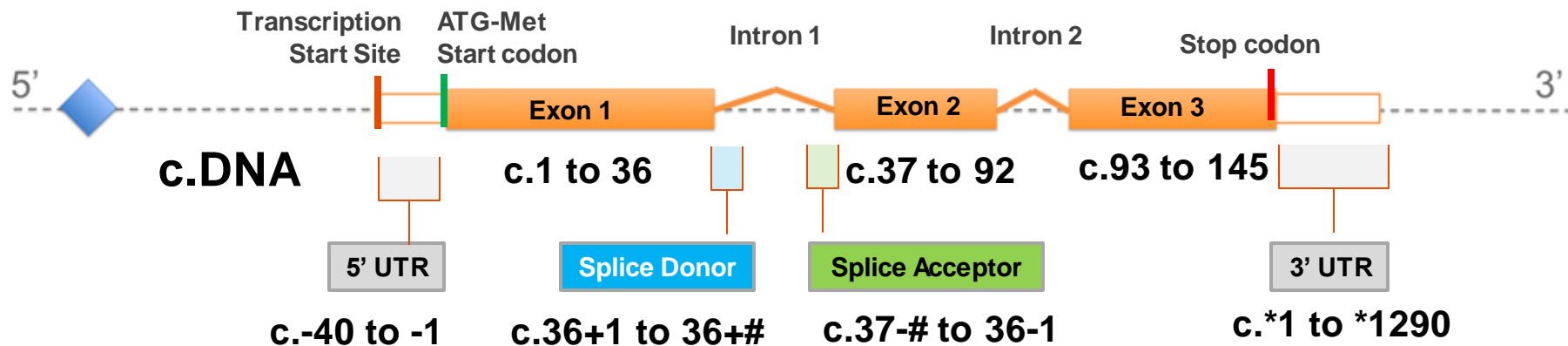
g.DNA

Single nucleotide variant

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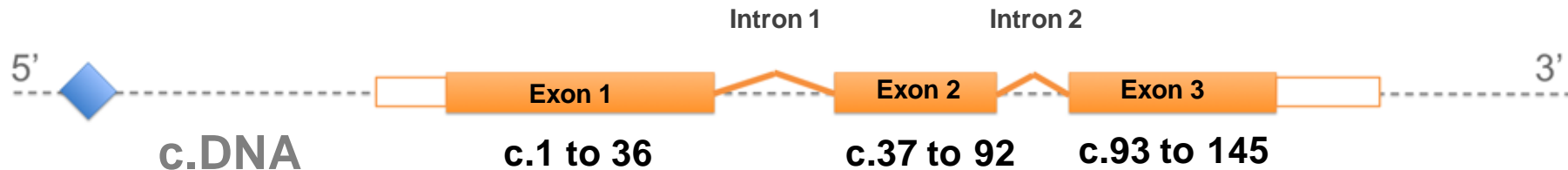
Insertion–deletion variant

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ATTGGCCTTAACCCGATCCGATTATCAGGAT
ATTGGCCTTAACCC---CCGATTATCAGGAT
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MLH1 NM\_000249.3 c.307-29C>A

# Experimentally Defined Genomic Features: ~Mutation/Variant Impact or Type – Protein Level



## Protein Consequences:

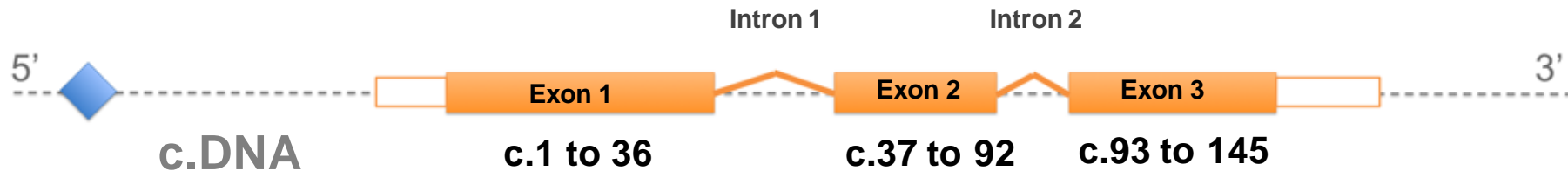
	Point mutations				
	No mutation	Silent	Nonsense	Missense	
				conservative	non-conservative
DNA level	TTC	TTT	ATC	TCC	TGC
mRNA level	AAG	AAA	UAG	AGG	ACG
protein level	Lys	Lys	STOP	Arg	Thr

MSH2  
c.1590A>G  
p.Glu530=  
"synonymous"

PMS2  
c.730C>T  
p.Gln244X  
p.Gln244Ter

BRCA1  
c.736T>G  
p.Leu246Val

# Experimentally Defined Genomic Features: ~Mutation/Variant Impact or Type – Protein Level



## Protein Consequences

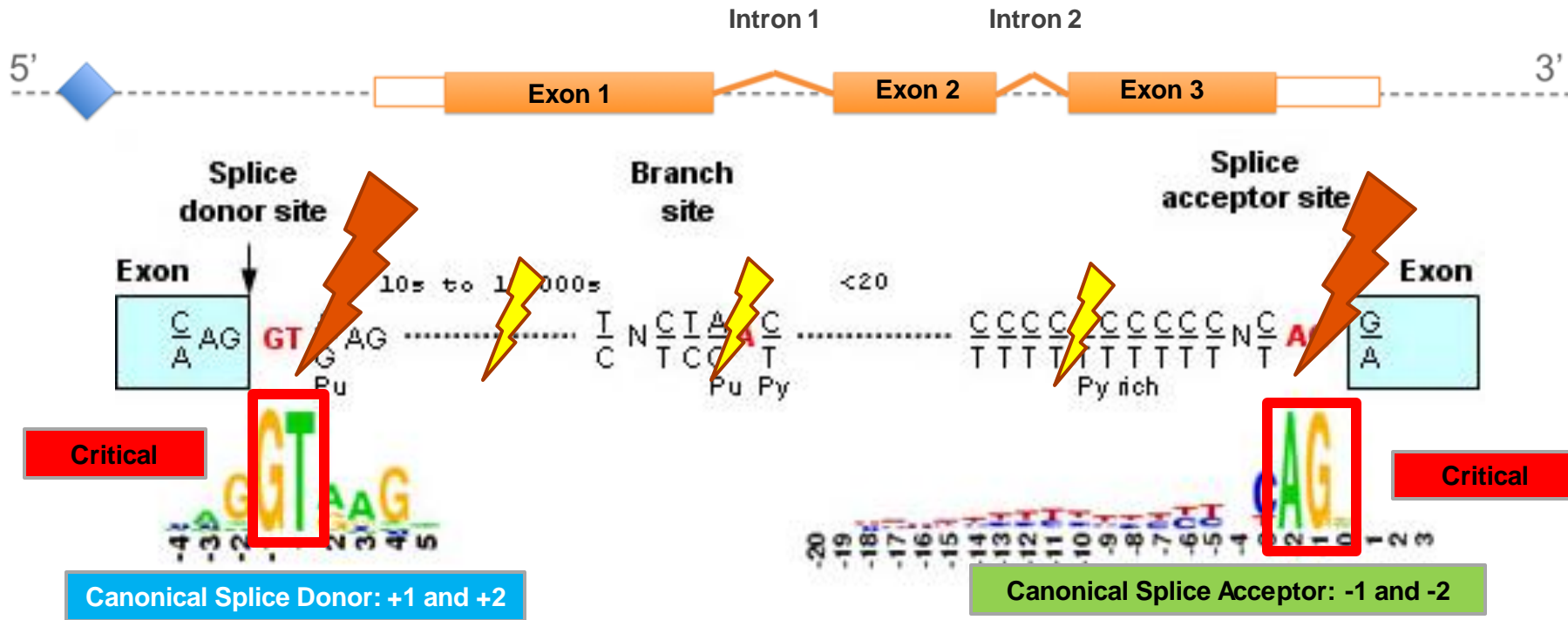
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	{	-- Lys - Ser - Asn]	Protein
N	{	-- Lys - His - Gln - Thr - Lys --	Protein
	{	--AAG - <b>CAT</b> - CAA - ACT - AAG--	DNA
M	{	--AAG - CAA - ACT - AAG --	DNA
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**Frameshift**  
c.6474delT  
p.Gln2159AsnfsTer9

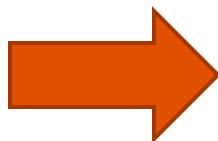
**In-frame deletion**  
c.6639\_6641delTGA  
p.Asp2213del



# Experimentally Defined Genomic Features: ~Mutation/Variant Impact or Type – Splicing Disruption



# Annotation of single gDNA positions or VCF files with public web resources



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chr2	47805173	.	G	A	35	PASS
chr2	47799169	.	C	G	35	PASS
chr13	32319070	.	T	A,TA	35	PASS
chr19	11113686	.	A	G	35	PASS
chr2	21011802	.	C	T	35	PASS
chr7	5977709	.	T	C	35	PASS
chr17	43094795	.	A	C	35	PASS
chr19	11102787	.	G	A	35	PASS
chr7	6003794	.	T	A	35	PASS
chr3	37028782	.	AG	CC	35	PASS
chr2	47798826	.	A	AAC	35	PASS
chr7	5987451	.	CTT	C	35	PASS
chr13	32340378	.	AGCAAC	ATGCTG	35	PASS
chr2	21038086	.	C	A	35	PASS

Important: Always ask which genome build are the coordinates.



# Experimentally Defined Genomic Features: *VEP: Variant Effect Predictor*

- ▶ VEP determines:
  - ▶ Variant effect (SNPs, insertions, deletions, CNVs or structural variants) on genes, transcripts, and protein sequence, as well as regulatory regions.
  - ▶ Location of the variants (e.g. upstream of a transcript, in coding sequence, in non-coding RNA, in regulatory regions)
  - ▶ Consequence of your variants on the protein sequence (e.g. stop gained, missense, stop lost, frameshift)
  - ▶ Known variants that match yours, and associated minor allele frequencies from the 1000 Genomes Project
  - ▶ SIFT and PolyPhen-2 scores for changes to protein sequence

McLaren et al. *Genome Biology* (2016) 17:122  
DOI 10.1186/s13059-016-0974-4

Genome Biology

SOFTWARE

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## The Ensembl Variant Effect Predictor



William McLaren\*, Laurent Gil, Sarah E. Hunt, Harpreet Singh Riat, Graham R. S. Ritchie, Anja Thormann, Paul Flicek and Fiona Cunningham\*

### Web interface



- Point-and-click interface
- Suits smaller volumes of data

[Documentation](#)



### Command line tool



- More options and flexibility
- For large volumes of data

[Documentation](#)

[Clone from GitHub](#)

[Download \(zip\)](#)

[Pull Docker image from DockerHub](#)

# Experimentally Defined Genomic Features: *VEP: Variant Effect Predictor*

Web interface

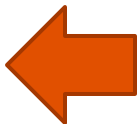
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## Variant Effect Predictor




New job



Recent jobs 

 Refresh

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Analysis	Jobs	Submitted at
Variant Effect Predictor	 VEP analysis of pasted data in Homo_sapiens <span>Done</span> <a href="#">[View results]</a>	06/02/2020, 18:59 (GMT)
Variant Effect Predictor	 VEP analysis of pasted data in Homo_sapiens <span>Done</span> <a href="#">[View results]</a>	24/01/2020, 21:53 (GMT)
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# Experimentally Defined Genomic Features: VEP: Variant Effect Predictor

Web interface

- Point-and-click interface
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Species:

Assembly: GRCh38.p13 (If you are looking for VEP for Human GRCh37, please go to [GRCh37 website](#).)

Name for this job (optional):

Input data:

Either paste data:

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17 43047665 . C T . . .
```

Examples: [Ensembl default VCF](#), [Variant identifiers](#), [HGVS notations](#), [SPDI](#)

Or upload file:

No file chosen

Or provide file URL:

Transcript database to use:

- Ensembl/GENCODE transcripts
- Ensembl/GENCODE basic transcripts
- RefSeq transcripts
- Ensembl/GENCODE and RefSeq transcripts

Identifiers *Additional identifiers for genes, transcripts and variants*

Variants and frequency data *Co-located variants and frequency data*

Additional annotations *Additional transcript, protein and regulatory annotations*

Predictions *Variant predictions, e.g. SIFT, PolyPhen*

Filtering options *Pre-filter results by frequency or consequence type*

Advanced options *Settings to optimise VEP*





# Experimentally Defined Genomic Features: VEP: Variant Effect Predictor

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Co-located variants and frequency data

Analysis	Jobs	Submitted at
Variant Effect Predictor	VEP analysis of pasted data in Homo_sapiens <span>Queued</span>	26/02/2020, 04:29 (GMT)

Pre-filter results by frequency or consequence type

Settings to optimise VEP

# Experimentally Defined Genomic Features: VEP: Variant Effect Predictor

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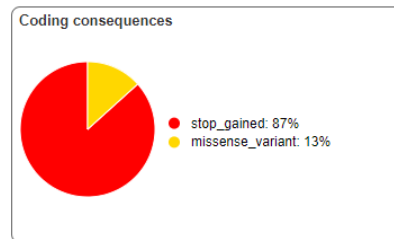
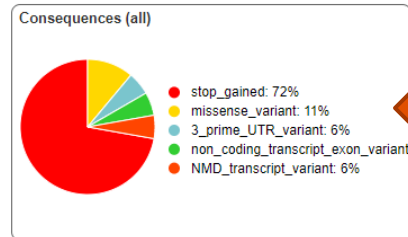
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- Ensembl/GENCODE basic transcripts
- RefSeq transcripts
- Ensembl/GENCODE and RefSeq transcripts

BRCA1  
c.5445G>A  
p.Trp1815X

Category	Count
Variants processed	1
Variants filtered out	0
Novel / existing variants	0 (0.0) / 1 (100.0)
Overlapped genes	2
Overlapped transcripts	17
Overlapped regulatory features	0



# VEP: Variant Effect Predictor

Uploaded variant	Location	Allele	Consequence	Symbol	Exon	HGVSc	HGVSp	cDNA position	CDS position	Protein position	Amino acids	Codons	Existing variant	Feature strand	MANE
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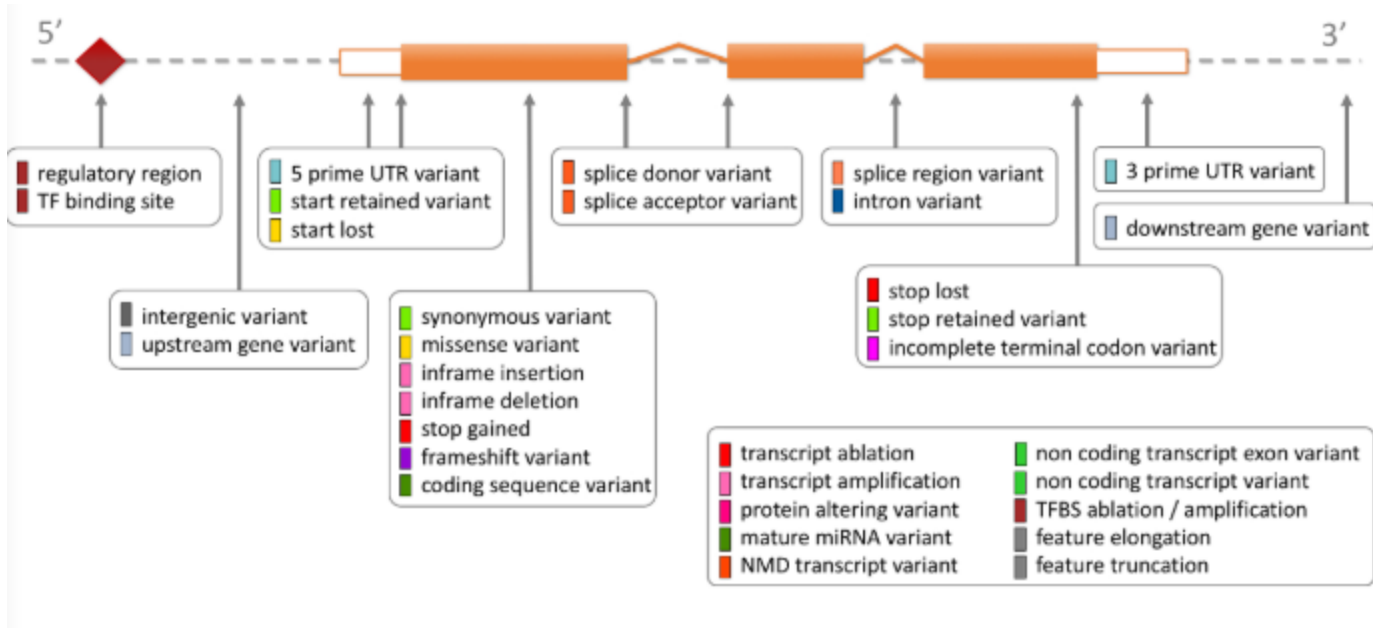
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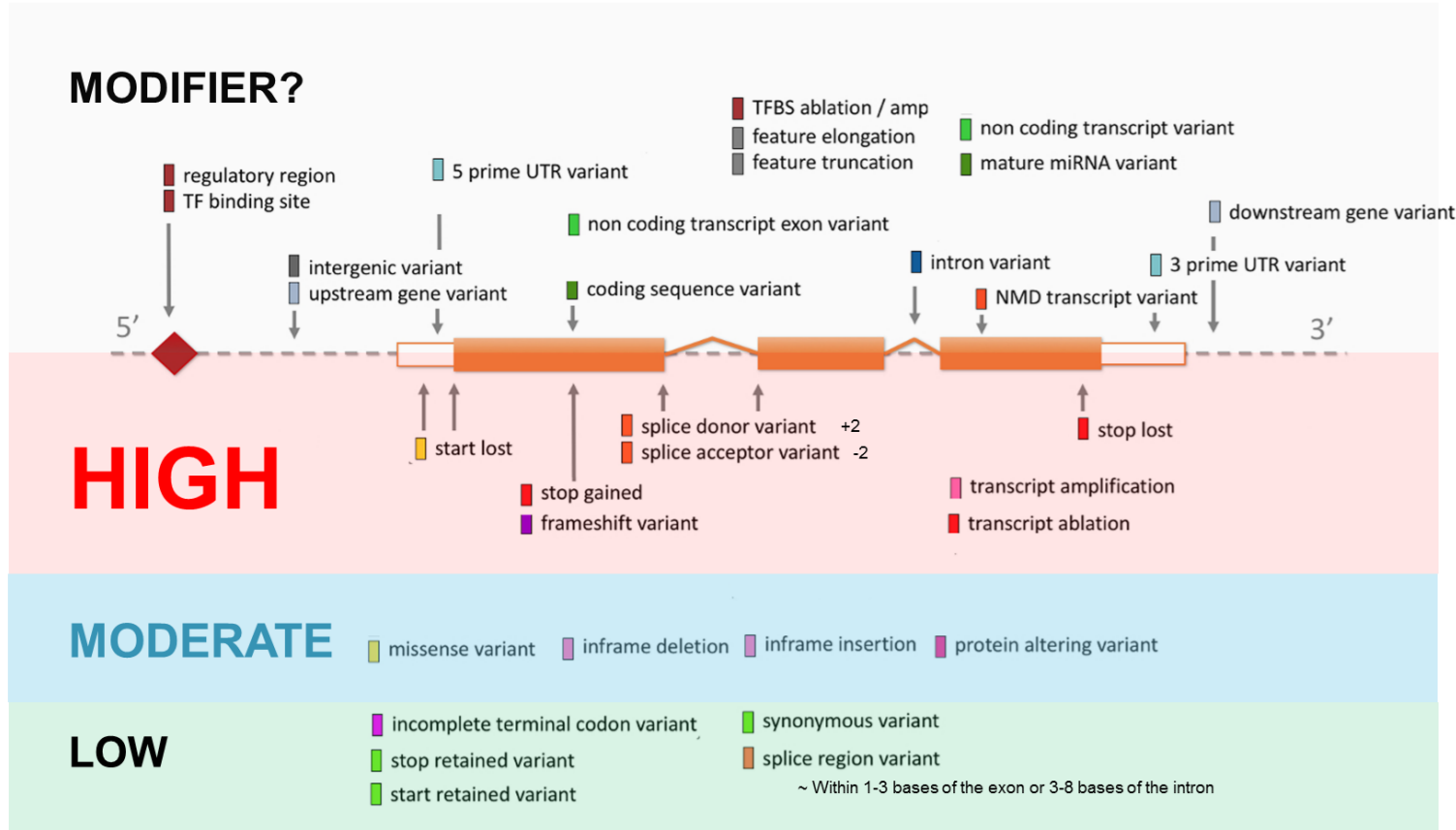
- For automated analysis, if you are doing NGS analysis and you need to capture all possible transcripts, **Gencode** provides one of the most comprehensive gene sets.
- For human genetics or variant annotation, a more restricted transcript set is usually sufficient and **"NCBI RefSeq"** is the standard with the newest MANE catalogue providing the clinically relevant transcripts.



# Variant Severity: Variable definitions but helps prioritize



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# Where is it? Which exon? Regulatory elements nearby? Visualization is key!



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# Experimentally Defined Genomic Features: UCSC Genome Browser - Visualization



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## UCSC Genome Browser enters 20th year

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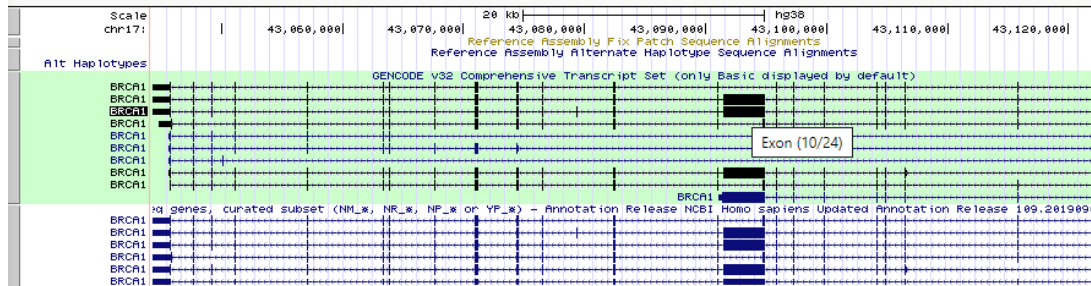
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- Web-based viewer for genome sequence data and annotations.
- Steadily added data and software features to the website since first coming online in July 2000, and currently hosts 206 assemblies from 105 species

# Experimentally Defined Genomic Features: UCSC Genome Browser - Visualization

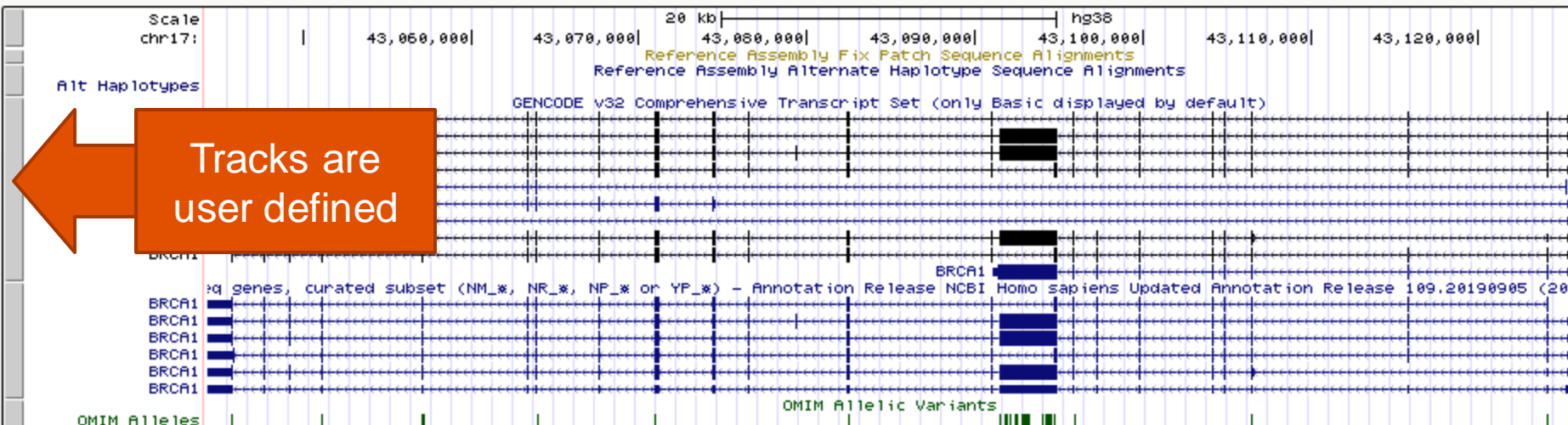
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+	Comparative Genomics	refresh
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**Mapping and Sequencing** refresh

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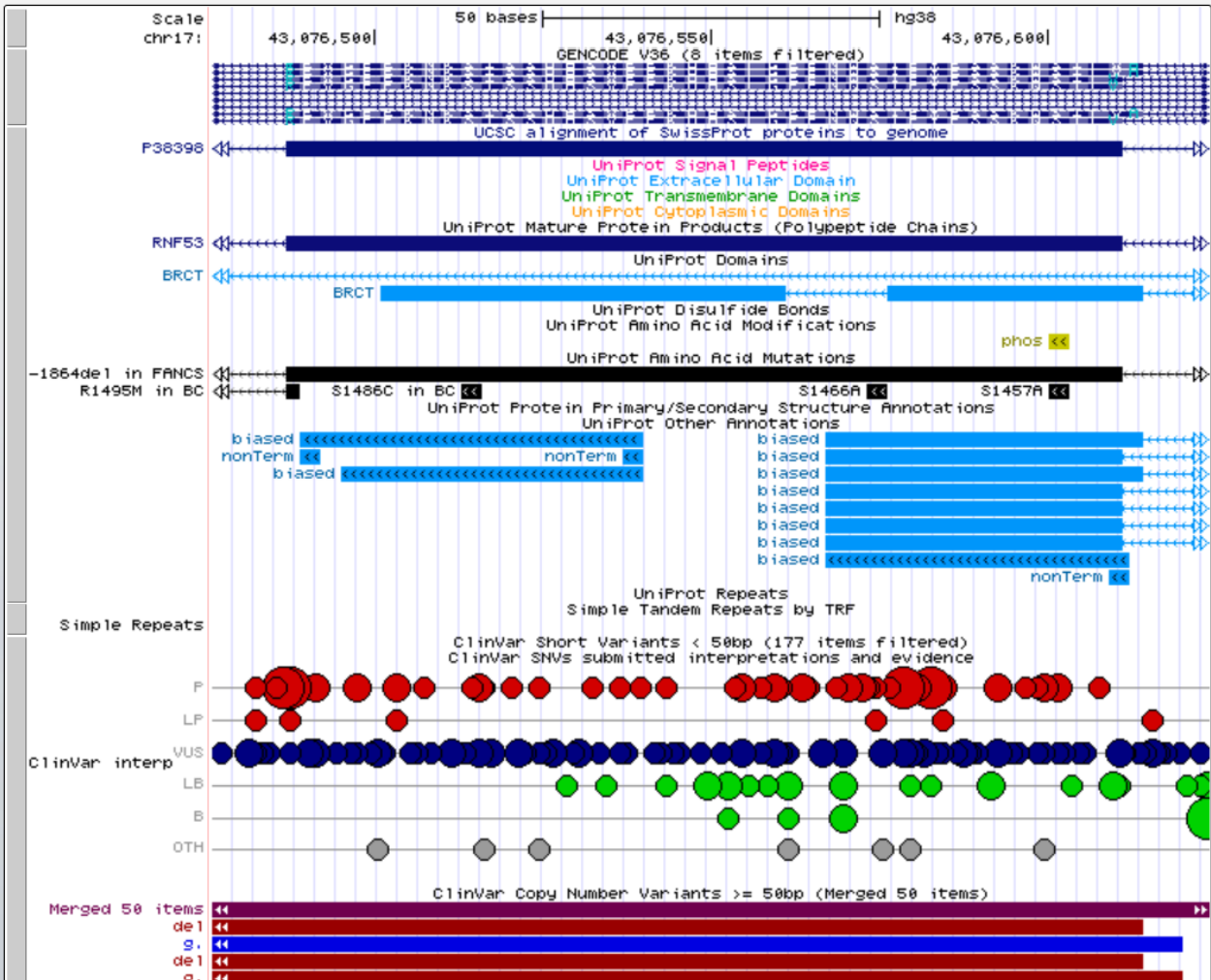
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**Part 2**

**Biodatabases for gene and variant curation.**





# Variant Interpretation: Rationale

- ▶ Is a previously published variant associated with a disease phenotype pathogenic?
- ▶ Are all variants observed in a control population benign?
- ▶ What evidence do we use to ultimately classify a variant?
- ▶ How do we ensure consistency among clinicians, clinical laboratories, and researchers?



# 15-20 years ago...

- ▶ If you thought a gene may be implicated in a specific disease:
  - ▶ You could screen a cohort of patients and look for variants in said gene
  - ▶ If you identified a variant in a patient and did not find it in 50 control samples (100 alleles!!!) you could deem this as a pathogenic variant
- ▶ Does this make sense statistically?





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# We interpret by sorting variants into categories

ATA TGA TCA ACA CTT

**\*Variant:** An alteration in the normal sequence of a gene: ATA TGA TCA ACA **GTT**

Benign

A variant that does not appear to have a *deleterious* effect often associated with a “normal” or no human phenotype.

Variants of Unknown Significance

A variant whose association with disease risk is unknown.

Pathogenic

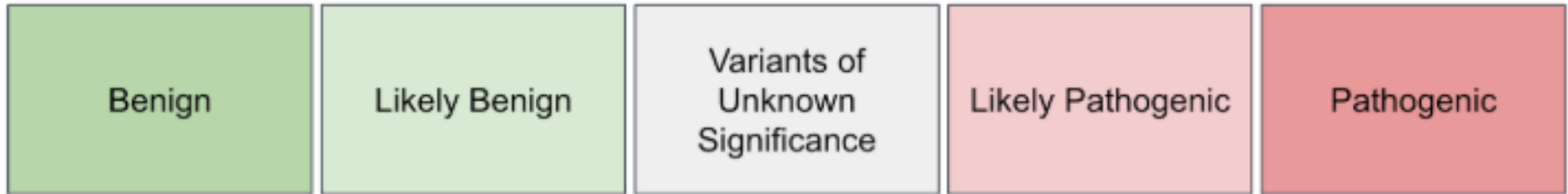
A variant which is proven to be deleterious to protein or gene function and is associated with a particular human phenotype. Or disease

**Caution:** A deleterious variant is not always pathogenic or disease causing.

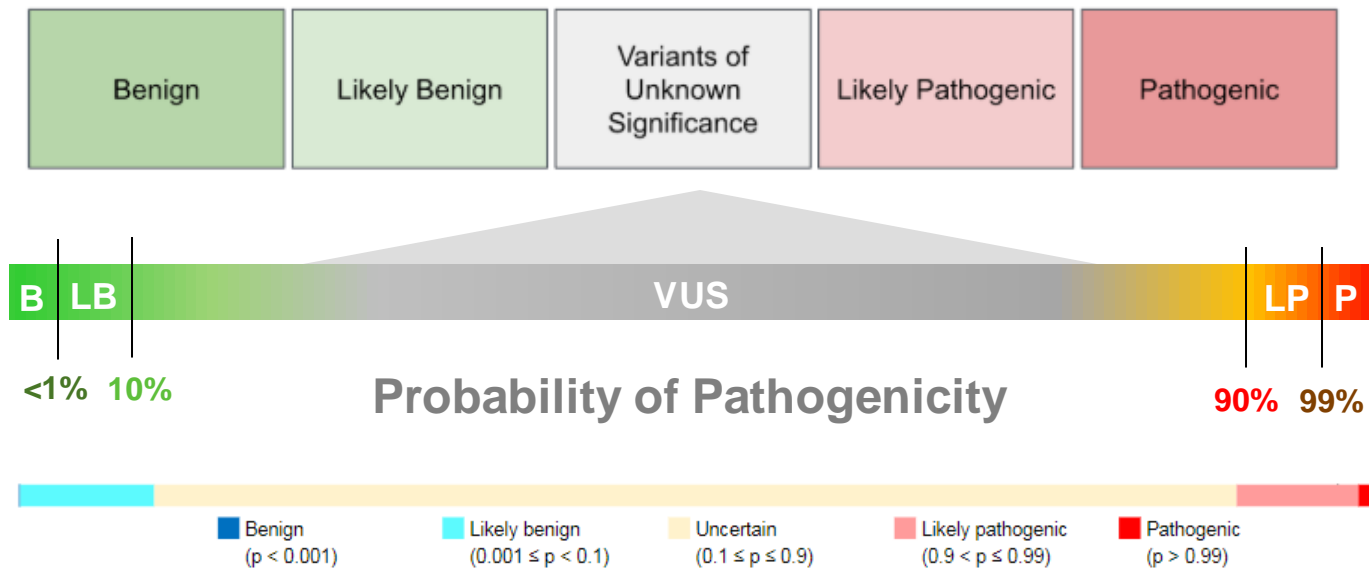
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The rules proposed to classify sequence variants follows is a heuristic system for variant classification that is compatible with a formal, quantitative, naive Bayesian classifier.



	Benign			Pathogenic		
	Strong	Supporting	Supporting	Moderate	Strong	Very strong
Population data	MAF is too high for disorder BA1/BS1 OR observation in controls inconsistent with disease penetrance BS2			Absent in population databases PM2	Prevalence in affecteds statistically increased over controls PS4	
Computational and predictive		Multiple lines of computational evidence	Multiple lines of computational evidence support a deleterious effect on the gene /gene product PP3	Novel missense change at an amino acid residue where a different pathogenic missense change has been seen before PM5	Same amino acid change as an established pathogenic variant PS1	Predicted null variant in a gene where LOF is a known mechanism of disease PVS1
Functional data	Well-established functional studies show no deleterious effect BS3	Without known function BP3	Missense in gene with low rate of benign missense variants and path. missenses common PP2	Mutational hot spot or well-studied functional domain without benign variation PM1	Well-established functional studies show a deleterious effect PS3	
Segregation data	Nonsegregation with disease BS4		Cosegregation with disease in multiple affected family members PP1	Increased segregation data →		
De novo data				De novo (without paternity & maternity confirmed) PM6	De novo (paternity and maternity confirmed) PS2	
Allelic data		Observed in <i>trans</i> with		For recessive		
Other data		Found in case with an alternate cause BP5	Patient FH high gene P4			

## Benign Criteria Example

BS4 Lack of segregation in affected members of a family

PP1 Cosegregation with disease in multiple affected family members in a gene definitively known to cause the disease

## Pathogenic Criteria Example

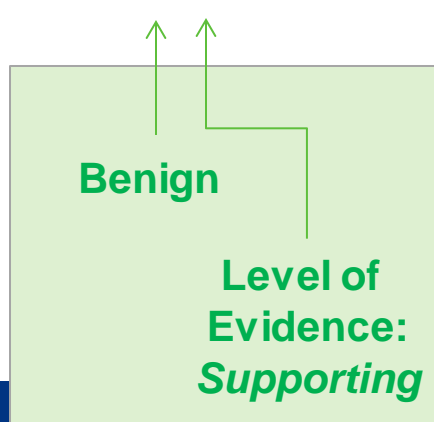
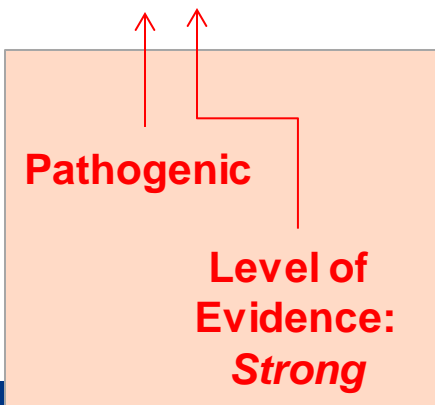
Segregation Data Criterion



# Criteria Nomenclature

- ▶ Each discrete criteria (benign “B” or pathogenic “P”) with its corresponding level of evidence is combined and together they yield a pathogenicity classification.

PS4 + PM2 + PP1 + BP4



**Table 5** Rules for combining criteria to classify sequence variants

Pathogenic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) 1 Very strong (PVS1) AND               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) <math>\geq 1</math> Strong (PS1–PS4) OR</li> <li>(b) <math>\geq 2</math> Moderate (PM1–PM6) OR</li> <li>(c) 1 Moderate (PM1–PM6) and 1 supporting (PP1–PP5) OR</li> <li>(d) <math>\geq 2</math> Supporting (PP1–PP5)</li> </ul> </li> <li>(ii) <math>\geq 2</math> Strong (PS1–PS4) OR</li> <li>(iii) 1 Strong (PS1–PS4) AND               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) <math>\geq 3</math> Moderate (PM1–PM6) OR</li> <li>(b) 2 Moderate (PM1–PM6) AND <math>\geq 2</math> Supporting (PP1–PP5) OR</li> <li>(c) 1 Moderate (PM1–PM6) AND <math>\geq 4</math> supporting (PP1–PP5)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Likely pathogenic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) 1 Very strong (PVS1) AND 1 moderate (PM1–PM6) OR</li> <li><b>(ii) 1 Strong (PS1–PS4) AND 1–2 moderate (PM1–PM6) OR</b></li> <li>(iii) 1 Strong (PS1–PS4) AND <math>\geq 2</math> supporting (PP1–PP5) OR</li> <li>(iv) <math>\geq 3</math> Moderate (PM1–PM6) OR</li> <li>(v) 2 Moderate (PM1–PM6) AND <math>\geq 2</math> supporting (PP1–PP5) OR</li> <li>(vi) 1 Moderate (PM1–PM6) AND <math>\geq 4</math> supporting (PP1–PP5)</li> </ul>
Benign	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) 1 Stand-alone (BA1) OR</li> <li>(ii) <math>\geq 2</math> Strong (BS1–BS4)</li> </ul>
Likely benign	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) 1 Strong (BS1–BS4) and 1 supporting (BP1–BP4)</li> </ul>



**(ii) 1 Strong (PS1–PS4) AND 1–2 moderate (PM1–PM6) OR**

# Variant Interpretation Summary Example:

## BRCA1 (NM\_007294.3) c. 212G>C, p.(Arg71Thr)

### SUMMARY

The heterozygous c.212G>C (p.R71T) variant was detected in the BRCA1 gene (NM\_007294.3) and involves the last residue of exon 4 of 23.

This variant has been reported in a single affected individual with the associated disease (Harter et al., 2017; PMID: 29053726).

Functional testing has been performed for this variant and supports decreased protein function with a reduced expression of mRNA in transfected HAP1 cells. (Findlay et al, 2018, PMID 30209399).

Another amino acid substitution occurring in the same residue (p.Arg71Gly, p.Arg71Lys) has been determined to contribute to the disease associated with this gene.

The variant detected is absent in a large control population database without reported homozygotes (Karczewski et al., 2020, PMID: 32461654).

Multiple computational predictors suggest a damaging effect on gene or protein function.

Therefore, c.212G>C (p.R71T) in the BRCA1 gene is classified as **Pathogenic**. Clinical correlation is recommended.

### CONCEPT

Introduction

PREVIOUSLY  
REPORTED CASES

FUNCTIONAL  
TESTING

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ANNOTATION

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Conclusion

### ACMG CRITERIAS CODE

PS4\_Supporting

PS3

PM5

PM2

PP3



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Likely pathogenic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) 1 Very strong (PVS1) AND 1 moderate (PM1–PM6) OR</li> <li>(ii) 1 Strong (PS1–PS4) AND 1–2 moderate (PM1–PM6) OR</li> <li>(iii) 1 Strong (PS1–PS4) AND <math>\geq 2</math> supporting (PP1–PP5) OR</li> <li>(iv) <math>\geq 3</math> Moderate (PM1–PM6) OR</li> <li>(v) 2 Moderate (PM1–PM6) AND <math>\geq 2</math> supporting (PP1–PP5) OR</li> <li>(vi) 1 Moderate (PM1–PM6) AND <math>\geq 4</math> supporting (PP1–PP5)</li> </ul>
Benign	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) 1 Stand-alone (BA1) OR</li> <li>(ii) <math>\geq 2</math> Strong (BS1–BS4)</li> </ul>
Likely benign	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) 1 Strong (BS1–BS4) and 1 supporting (BP1–BP7) OR</li> <li>(ii) <math>\geq 2</math> Supporting (BP1–BP7)</li> </ul>
Uncertain significance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Other criteria shown above are not met OR</li> <li>(ii) the criteria for benign and pathogenic are contradictory</li> </ul>

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PS4\_Supporting

PS3

PM5

PM2

PP3



# Conflicting Evidence Example

▶ **PS4 + PM2 + BP2 + BP4**

= Variant of Uncertain Significance (VUS)

Likely pathogenic	(i) 1 Very strong (PV51) AND 1 moderate (PM1–PM6) OR (ii) 1 Strong (PS1–PS4) AND 1–2 moderate (PM1–PM6) OR (iii) 1 Strong (PS1–PS4) AND $\geq 2$ supporting (PP1–PP5) OR (iv) $\geq 3$ Moderate (PM1–PM6) OR (v) 2 Moderate (PM1–PM6) AND $\geq 2$ supporting (PP1–PP5) OR (vi) 1 Moderate (PM1–PM6) AND $\geq 4$ supporting (PP1–PP5)
Benign	(i) 1 Stand-alone (BA1) OR (ii) $\geq 2$ Strong (BS1–BS4)
Likely benign	(i) 1 Strong (BS1–BS4) and 1 supporting (BP1–BP7) OR (ii) $\geq 2$ Supporting (BP1–BP7)
Uncertain significance	(i) Other criteria shown above are not met OR (ii) the criteria for benign and pathogenic are contradictory

# Variant Interpretation Framework Summary

	Benign		Pathogenic			
	Strong	Supporting	Supporting	Moderate	Strong	Very strong
<b>Population data</b>	MAF is too high for disorder BA1/BS1 OR observation in controls Inconsistent with disease penetrance BS2			Absent in population databases PM2	Prevalence in affecteds statistically increased over controls PS4	
<b>Computational and predictive data</b>		Multiple lines of computational evidence suggest no impact on gene /gene product BP4  Missense in gene where only truncating cause disease BP1  Silent variant with non predicted splice impact BP7  In-frame indels in repeat w/out known function BP3	Multiple lines of computational evidence support a deleterious effect on the gene /gene product PP3	Novel missense change at an amino acid residue where a different pathogenic missense change has been seen before PM5  Protein length changing variant PM4	Same amino acid change as an established pathogenic variant PS1	Predicted null variant in a gene where LOF is a known mechanism of disease PVS1
<b>Functional data</b>	Well-established functional studies show no deleterious effect BS3		Missense in gene with low rate of benign missense variants and path. missenses common PP2	Mutational hot spot or well-studied functional domain without benign variation PM1	Well-established functional studies show a deleterious effect PS3	
<b>Segregation data</b>	Nonsegregation with disease BS4		Cosegregation with disease in multiple affected family members PP1	Increased segregation data →		
<b>De novo data</b>				De novo (without paternity & maternity confirmed) PM6	De novo (paternity and maternity confirmed) PS2	
<b>Allelic data</b>		Observed in <i>trans</i> with a dominant variant BP2  Observed in <i>cis</i> with a pathogenic variant BP2		For recessive disorders, detected in <i>trans</i> with a pathogenic variant PM3		
<b>Other database</b>		Reputable source w/out shared data = benign BP6	Reputable source = pathogenic PP5			
<b>Other data</b>		Found in case with an alternate cause BP5	Patient's phenotype or FH highly specific for gene PP4			



# Variant Interpretation Framework Summary

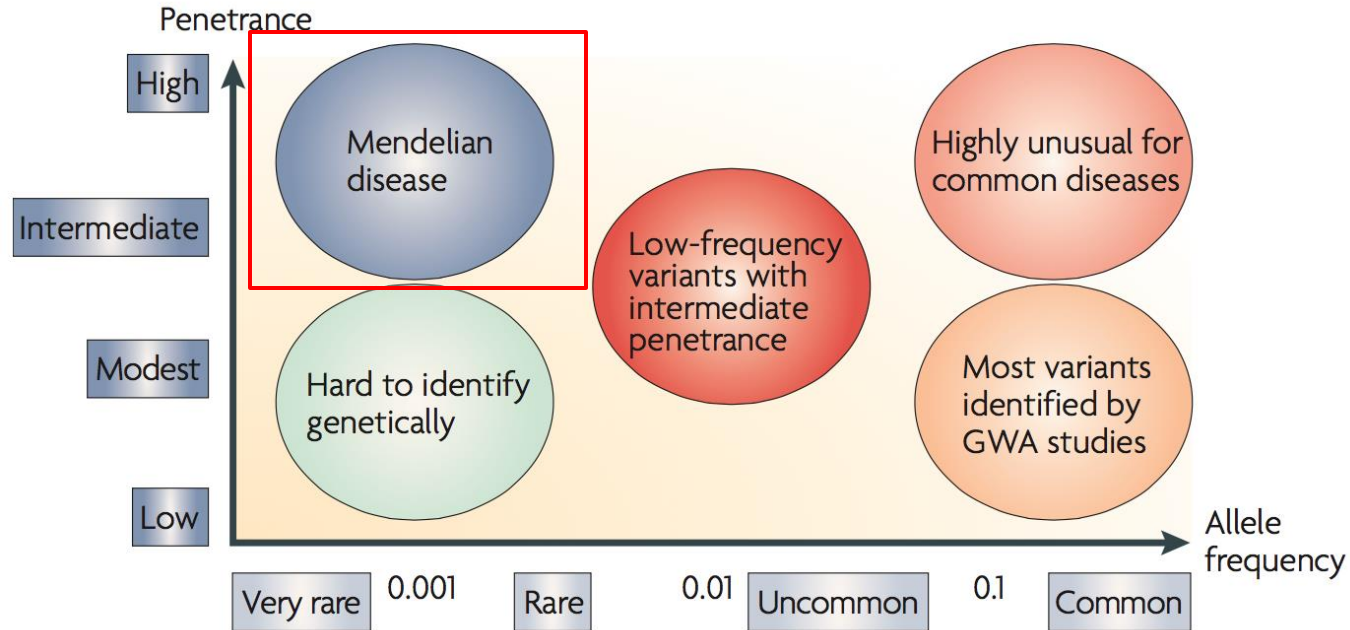
(11 questions to always ask from a variant)

Concept	Questions	ACMG Criteria
Allele Frequency	(1) Common or rare?	BA1, BS1, PM2



# Allele Frequency (BA1, BS1, PM2)

## How common is this variant?



# Allele Frequency (BA1, BS1, PM2)

## How common is this variant?

### **BA1:**

**>5% allele frequency in any general continental population of at least 2,000 alleles for a gene without a gene or variant specific recommendation.**

### **BS1:**

**Allele frequency is greater than expected for disorder (lower than BA1)**

### **PM2:**


**Absent from controls (or at an extremely low frequency if recessive).**



Exome Aggregation Consortium (ExAC)

# gnomAD browser

125,748 exome sequences  
15,708 whole-genome sequences  
141,456 individuals



genome aggregation database



## Single nucleotide variant: 6-51944718-G-A (GRCh37)

	Exomes	Genomes	Total
Filter	<span>Pass</span>	<span>Pass</span>	
Allele Count	2	1	3
Allele Number	251434	31396	282830
Allele Frequency	0.000007954	0.00003185	0.00001061
Popmax Filtering AF (95% confidence)	—	—	
Number of homozygotes	0	0	0

### References

- dbSNP (rs727504096)
- UCSC
- ClinVar (177240)

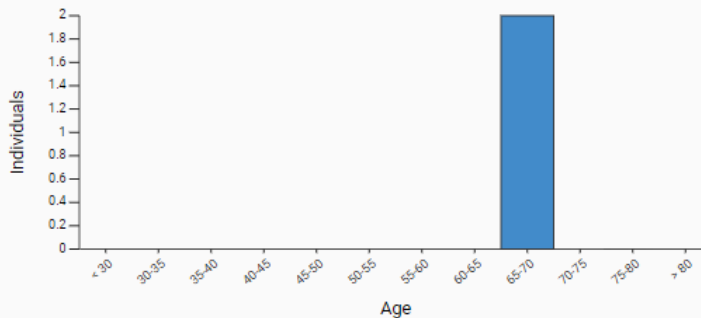
### Report

- [Report this variant](#)
- [Request additional information](#)

Population	Allele Count	Allele Number	Number of Homozygotes	Allele Frequency
▶ African	2	24962	0	0.00008012
▶ East Asian	1	19950	0	0.00005013
▶ Latino	0	35438	0	0.000
▶ Ashkenazi Jewish	0	10370	0	0.000
▶ European (Finnish)	0	25122	0	0.000
▶ European (non-Finnish)	0	129146	0	0.000
▶ Other	0	7226	0	0.000
▶ South Asian	0	30616	0	0.000
Male	2	153358	0	0.00001304
Female	1	129472	0	0.000007724
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>282830</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00001061</b>

Include:  Exomes  Genomes

### Age Distribution



Heterozygous Variant Carriers

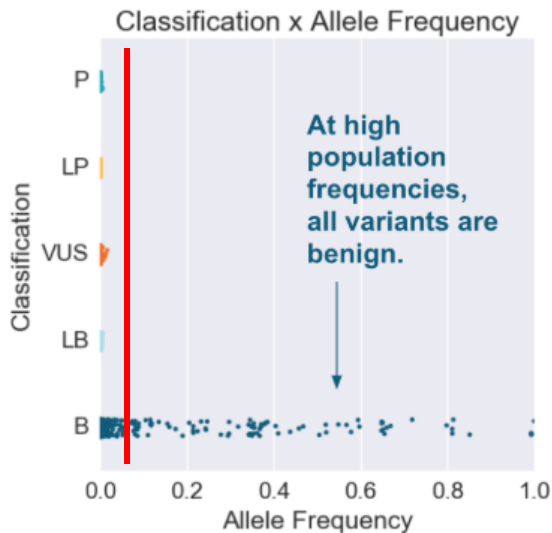
Exomes Genomes



# Allele Frequency (BA1, BS1, PM2)

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**BA1:**  
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[https://gnomad.broadinstitute.org/variant/19-11210912-C-T?dataset=gnomad\\_r2\\_1](https://gnomad.broadinstitute.org/variant/19-11210912-C-T?dataset=gnomad_r2_1)

Population	Allele Count	Allele Number	Number of Homozygotes	Allele Frequency
European (non-Finnish)	14963	129102	879	0.1159
European (Finnish)	2629	24508	157	0.1073
Other	695	7222	35	0.09623
Ashkenazi Jewish	981	10358	45	0.09471
South Asian	2189	30612	94	0.07151
Latino/Admixed American	2317	35436	89	0.06539
African/African-American	950	24920	20	0.03812
East Asian	194	19948	4	0.009725
XX	11122	129108	623	0.08614
XY	13796	152998	700	0.09017
<b>Total</b>	<b>24918</b>	<b>282106</b>	<b>1323</b>	<b>0.08833</b>



# Allele Frequency (BA1, BS1, PM2)

## BA1 Exceptions

**BA1:**  
**>5% allele frequency in any general continental population of at least 2,000 alleles for a gene without a gene or variant specific recommendation.**

Gene	Variant	Classification	Criteria	ExAC Pop	ExAC Pop MAF	Disease
HFE	NM_000410.3: c.187C>G (p.His63Asp)	P	PS4	NFE	<b>1.3%</b>	Hereditary hemochromatosis
HFE	NM_000410.3: c.845G>A (p.Cys282Tyr)	P	PS4, PP3	NFE	<b>5.1%</b>	Hereditary hemochromatosis
BTD	NM_000060.4: c.1330G>C (p.Asp444His)	P	PS3, PM3_Strong, PP3, PP4	FIN	<b>5.3%</b>	Biotinidase deficiency
GJB2	NM_004004.5: c.109G>A (p.Val37Ile)	P	PS4; PP1_Strong; PM3_VeryStrong; PS3_Moderate	EAS	<b>7.2%</b>	Deafness, autosomal recessive



**Table 2** Comparison of Population Frequency Thresholds from ClinGen Variant Curation Expert Panels<sup>a</sup>

	Criteria	Prevalence	Heterogeneity	Penetrance	Threshold
Cardiomyopathy (AD)	BA1	1:200	10.60% <sup>L</sup>	30%	≥0.001 (0.1%)
	BS1	1:200	2% <sup>A</sup>	30%	≥0.0002 (0.02%)
	PM2	1:500	2% <sup>A</sup>	50%	<0.00004 (0.004%)
RASopathy (AD)	BA1	1:2500	100%	40%	≥0.0005 (0.05%)
	BS1	1:2500	50% <sup>L</sup>	40%	≥0.00025 (0.025%)
	PM2	–	–	–	Absent <sup>R</sup>
<i>CDH1</i> (AD)	BA1	1:800	100%	30%	≥0.002 (0.2%)
	BS1	1:1250	100%	30%	≥0.001 (0.1%)
	PM2	–	–	–	<0.00001 (0.001%) <sup>R</sup>
Hearing loss (AD)	BA1	1:30	5% <sup>L/A</sup>	80%	≥0.001 (0.1%)
	BS1	1:150	5% <sup>L/A</sup>	80%	≥0.0002 (0.02%)
	PM2	–	–	–	<0.00002 (0.002%) <sup>M</sup>
Hearing loss (AR)	BA1	1:200	7.2% <sup>A</sup>	100%	≥0.005 (0.5%)
	BS1	1:200	4.4% <sup>A</sup>	100%	≥0.003 (0.3%)
	PM2	–	–	–	<0.00007 (0.007%) <sup>M</sup>
<i>PAH</i> (AR)	BA1	1:5000	90% <sup>L</sup>	80%	≥0.015 (1.5%)
	BS1	1:5000	2% <sup>A</sup>	80%	≥0.002 (0.2%)
	PM2	–	–	–	<0.0002 (0.02%) <sup>M</sup>
<i>PTEN</i> <sup>b</sup> (AD)	BA1	–	–	–	≥0.01 (1%)
	BS1	–	–	–	≥0.001 (0.1%)
	PM2	–	–	–	<0.00001 (0.001%) <sup>R</sup>

**BA1****BS1****PM2**

<http://cardiodb.org/allelefrequenciesapp/>



# Allele Frequency (BA1, BS1, PM2)

## Other considerations...

What is a control population? Unselected?

*For dominant disorders (AD):*  
Adult-onset disorders could be represented in the gnomAD database in still unaffected probands. Instead of controls the database could be refer to better as “general population”.

**PM2:**  
Absent from controls (or at an extremely low frequency if recessive).

**PM2\_supporting**

Demotion of this category to supporting is currently recommended.

<https://clinicalgenome.org/site/assets/files/5182/pm2 - svi recommendation - approved sept2020.pdf>

<https://gnomad.broadinstitute.org/>

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(11 questions to always ask from a variant)

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Computational & Predictive Data	(2) Variant Impact/Type	PVS1
	Loss of function	



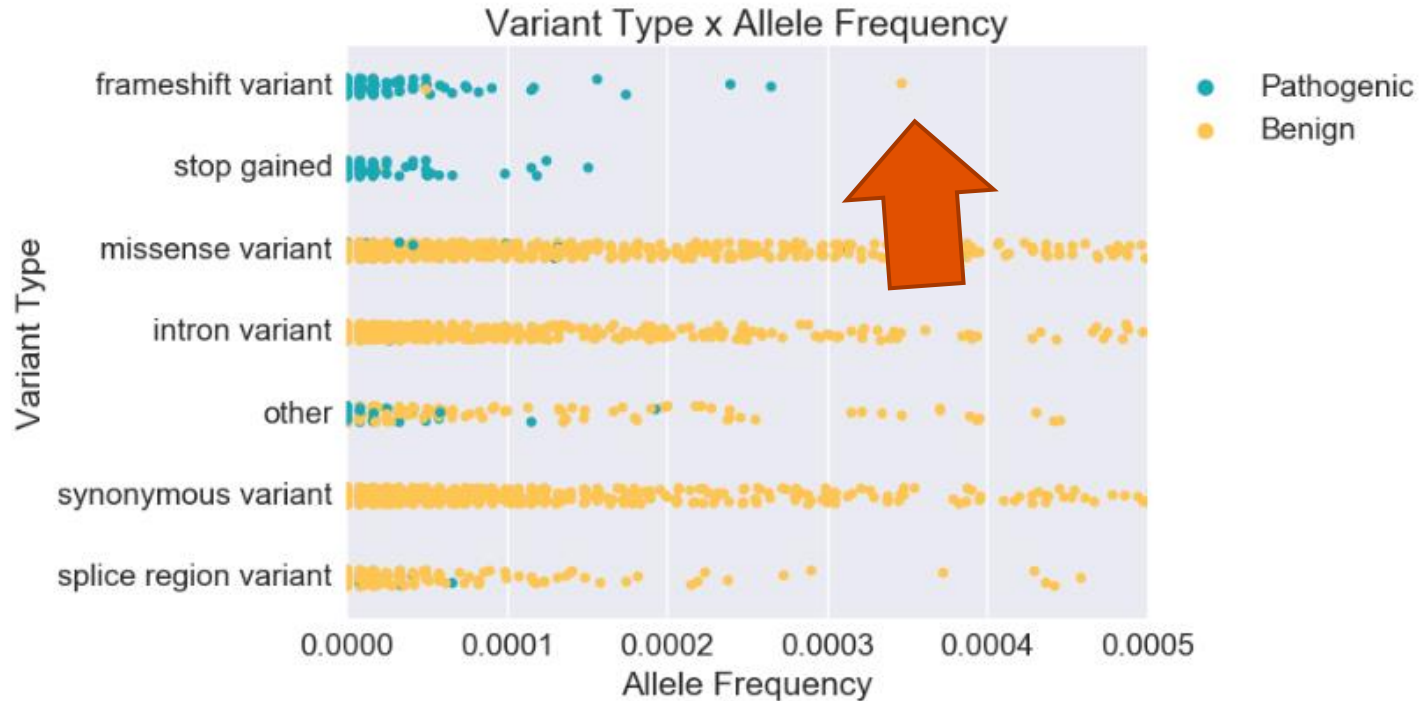
# PVS1

**Null variant in a gene where loss of function (LoF) is a known mechanism of disease.**

Null Variant Type	Example
Frameshift:	c.2019delA, p.Glu673Aspfs*28
Canonical splice sites:	c.234+2G>A p.?
Nonsense / “stop gain”:	c.1501 A > T, p.K501Ter
Single, multi-exon or gene deletions	



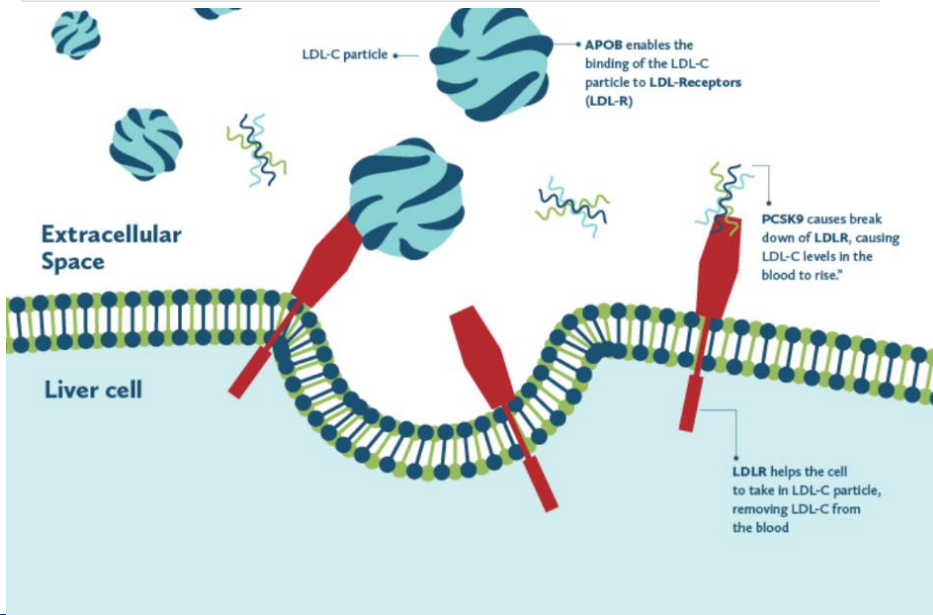
# Variant type is a stronger predictor of pathogenicity than population frequency





# Loss of Function Criteria (PVS1) (PCSK9 – Familial Hypercholesterolemia Example)

Location	Phenotype	Phenotype MIM number	Inheritance
1p32.3	{Low density lipoprotein cholesterol level QTL 1}	603776	AD
	Hypercholesterolemia, familial, 3	603776	AD



**NM\_174936.4(PCSK9):c.142G>T (p.Glu48Ter)**

**Interpretation:**

**Likely benign**

**Review status:**

★☆☆☆ criteria provided, single submitter

**Submissions:**

1 (Most recent: May 19, 2020)

**Last evaluated:**

Sep 30, 2019

**Accession:**

VCV000927517.1

**Variation ID:**

927517

**Description:**

single nucleotide variant

NEWS IN BRIEF · 06 SEPTEMBER 2019

**PCSK9-lowering RNAi contender  
clears first phase III trial**



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**How do I know if loss of function variants cause disease for a specific gene?**



# How do I know if loss of function variants cause disease?

## ▶ (1) ClinGen Dosage Sensitivity Curation Page

### PCSK9

Curation Status: Complete

id: ISCA-35301

Date last evaluated: 2015-12-17

Issue Type: ClinGen Gene Curation

Gene type: protein-coding

ClinGen: [Search for information about PCSK9 at clinicalgenome.org](#)

Entrez Gene: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/gene/255738>

OMIM: <https://omim.org/entry/607786>

Gene Reviews:

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK174884/?term=PCSK9>

ClinGen Haploinsufficiency Score: [Haploinsufficiency unlikely](#)

ClinGen Triplosensitivity Score: [0](#)

phenotypes

Evidence for Triplosensitive Phenotypes

1p36.2 1p



Location

1p32.3

GRCh37/

View: [NCBI](#) | [Ensembl](#) | [UCSC](#)

GRCh38/hg38 chr1: 55,039,548-55,064,852

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**Haploinsufficiency  
(single allele loss):**  
Occurs when one copy of a gene is inactivated or deleted and the remaining functional copy of the gene is not adequate to produce the needed gene product to preserve normal function.

<https://dosage.clinicalgenome.org/>

<https://dosage.clinicalgenome.org/>

# How do I know if loss of function variants cause disease?

## ▶ (2) ClinGen Search



BRCA1

View Gene Facts

(more detailed)

### Gene Facts External Data Attribution

HGNC Symbol BRCA1 (HGNC:1100) [HGNC](#) [Entrez](#) [Ensembl](#) [OMIM](#) [UCSC](#)  
[Uniprot](#) [GeneReviews](#) [ClinVar](#)

HGNC Name BRCA1 DNA repair associated

Gene type protein-coding gene

Locus type gene with protein product

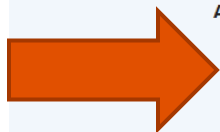
Previous symbols No previous names found

Alias symbols RNF53, BRCC1, PPP1R53, FANCS

%HI 1.2 (Read more about the DECIPHER Haploinsufficiency Index)

pLI 0 (Read more about gnomAD pLI score)

LOEUF 0.92 (Read more about gnomAD LOEUF score)



BRCA1 Follow Gene  
View Gene Facts

Summaries Resources ClinVar

### Gene-Disease Validity

Gene	Disease	MOI	Classification	Report & Date
BRCA1	Fanconi anemia, complementation group S MONDO:0054748	Autosomal Recessive	Definitive	05/14/2020
BRCA1	breast-ovarian cancer, familial, susceptibility to, 1 MONDO:0011450	Autosomal Dominant	Definitive	09/13/2017

### Dosage Sensitivity

Gene	Disease	HI Score & TS Score	Report & Date
BRCA1	breast-ovarian cancer, familial, susceptibility to, 1 MONDO:0011450	3 (Sufficient Evidence for Haploinsufficiency)	11/16/2015
BRCA1		0 (No Evidence for Triplosensitivity)	11/16/2015

### Clinical Actionability

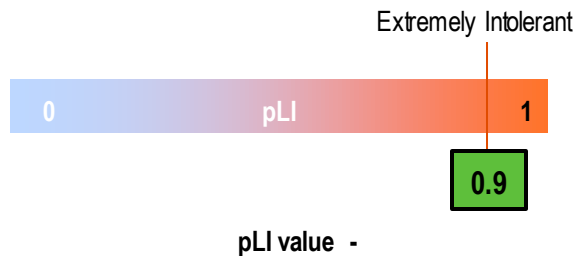
Gene	Disease	Adult & Pediatric Reports	Report & Date
BRCA1	breast-ovarian cancer, familial, susceptibility to, 1 MONDO:0011450	Adult Assertion Pending	01/28/2014
BRCA1	hereditary breast ovarian cancer syndrome MONDO:0003582	Adult Assertion Pending	01/28/2014

<https://search.clinicalgenome.org/kb/genes/HGNC:1100>



# How do I know if loss of function variants cause disease?

- ▶ (3) pLI score - Probability a gene is haploinsufficient - where heterozygous LoFs are not tolerated.  $>0.9$  is a common threshold. Particularly good for autosomal dominant disease.



**PTPN11** protein tyrosine phosphatase non-receptor... Dataset: gnomAD v2.1.1 | gnomAD SVs v2.1

Genome build GRCh37 / hg19  
Ensembl gene ID ENSG00000179295.11  
Ensembl canonical transcript ENST00000351677.2  
Other transcripts ENST00000392597.1, ENST00000530818.1, ENST00000531326.1  
Region 12:112856155-112947717  
External resources Ensembl, UCSC Browser, and more

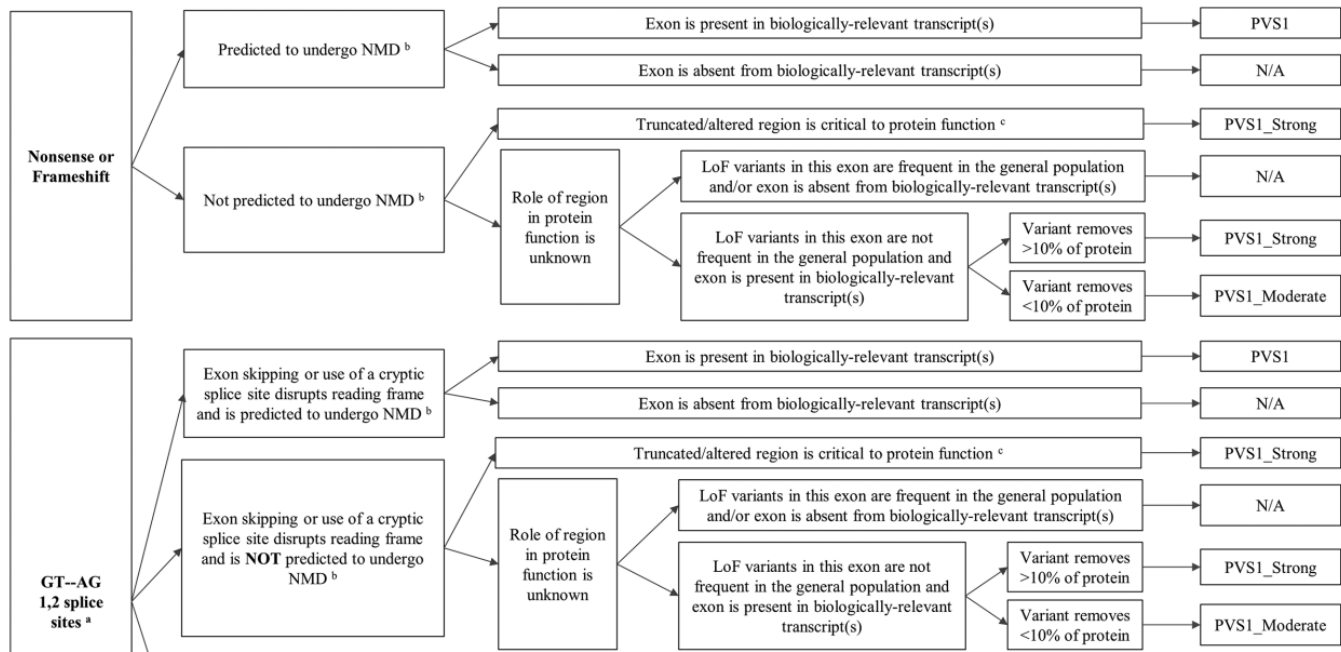
**Constraint**

Category	Expected SNVs	Observed SNVs	Constraint metrics
Synonymous	123.7	112	Z = 0.82 o/e = 0.91 (0.78 - 1.06)
Missense	331.3	171	Z = 3.13 o/e = 0.52 (0.46 - 0.59)
pLoF	35.2	1	pLI = 1 o/e = 0.03 (0.01 - 0.14)

Constraint metrics based on Ensembl canonical transcript (ENST00000351677.2).

# Null variants impact is position-dependent

**PVS1**  
 Null variant in a gene where loss of function (LoF) is a known mechanism of disease.



NMD: nonsense mediated decay.



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# In-frame removal or insertion of amino acids

## PM4

Protein length  
changes as a result  
of in-frame  
deletions/insertions

NM\_000179.3(MSH6):  
c.535\_546del  
p.(Ala179\_Ala182del)

- ▶ Insertions/deletions that occur in repetitive regions are more likely to be of little functional impact; therefore, it is important to assess the surrounding sequence for repetitiveness using a genome browser.
- ▶ It can also help to assess population databases, such as gnomAD, for high confidence variant calls that indicate the site is multi-allelic, which could indicate that the region is prone to indels that are generally tolerated, depending on the overall allele frequency.
- ▶ It is important to verify the functional impact the deletion or insertion might have. Does it affect the zinc-fingers of a transcription factor? Does it remove important amino acids in the catalytic site?

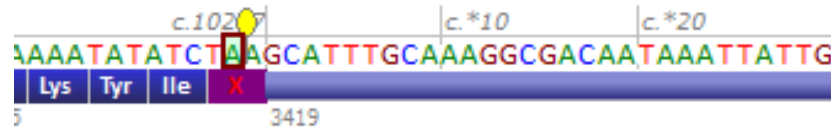


# Stop loss: Protein extending variants

PM4

Protein length  
changes as a result  
of in-frame  
deletions/insertions

- ▶ When a variant results in loss of the termination codon (stop-loss variant), the protein is extended; if a variant creates a premature termination codon (nonsense variant), the protein is shortened.



PM4

Stop-loss variant

NM\_000059.3(BRCA2):  
c.10256\_10257insT  
p.(\*3419Tyrext\*18)

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For example:  
BRCA1  
(NM\_007294.3)  
c.736T>G  
p.Leu246Val

- ▶ In-silico predictions are primarily useful in amino acid substitutions or **missense variants**.
- ▶ Informative also for splicing/intronic variation.
- ▶ Do not generalize, missense variant can also have splicing effects, particularly at the start or end of an exon.





# Computational Impact Prediction

“In silico scores”

PP3

Multiple lines of computational evidence support a deleterious effect on the gene or gene product (conservation, evolutionary, splicing impact, etc.)

BP4

Multiple lines of computational evidence suggest no impact on gene or gene product (conservation, evolutionary, splicing impact, etc.)

## Pathogenicity Scores

20						1
BayesDel addAF dbNSFP version 4.1	addAF prediction Damaging	Mutation assessor dbNSFP version 4.1	prediction Medium	score 3.28	rankscore 0.9021	
BayesDel noAF dbNSFP version 4.1	noAF prediction Damaging	MutationTaster dbNSFP version 4.1	Prediction Disease causing	Accuracy 1	converted rankscore 0.81	
DANN version 2014	Score 0.9987	PROVEAN dbNSFP version 4.1	prediction Damaging	score -6.74, -6.44, -6.82, -6.71, -6.76	converted rankscore 0.9298	
DEOGEN2 dbNSFP version 4.1	prediction Damaging, Tolerated	REVEL dbNSFP version 4.1	prediction Pathogenic	score 0.9599	rankscore 0.9939	
EIGEN dbNSFP version 4.1	prediction Pathogenic	SIFT dbNSFP version 4.1	prediction Damaging	score 0	converted rankscore 0.9125	
EIGEN PC dbNSFP version 4.1	prediction Pathogenic	SIFT4G dbNSFP version 4.1	prediction Damaging	score 0.002, 0.001, 0.003, 0	converted rankscore 0.9282	
		PrimateAI dbNSFP version 4.1	prediction Tolerated	score 0.6591	rankscore 0.6128	



# Computational Impact Prediction

## Considerations

PP3

BP4

- PP3 or BP4 can be used only once in a variant. Many algorithms used the same or very similar training data for their predictions, each algorithm cannot be counted as an independent criterion.
- Consistent threshold for the tool(s) should be used for all the variants in that gene.
- Currently, a meta-predictor such as REVEL may be used in place of multiple predictors in the in silico analysis of missense variants.
- Splicing in silico tools can be difficult to utilize and the interpretation is often not standardized.





# Computational Impact Prediction

## Splicing Scores

PP3

BP4

**BP7**

A synonymous (silent) variant for which splicing prediction algorithms predict no impact to the splice consensus sequence nor the creation of a new splice site AND the nucleotide is not highly conserved.







# Computational Impact Prediction

## A Commonly Used Powerful Splicing Tool

PP3

BP4

BP7

### SpliceAI

Deep neural network based on pre-mRNA transcript sequences that predicts splice sites using long-range primary genomic sequence flanking each position as input (+/-50 bp as default; +/-10,000 bp maximum).

<https://spliceailookup.broadinstitute.org/>

$\Delta$ type	$\Delta$ score ?	pre-mRNA position ?
Acceptor Loss	0.00	
Donor Loss	0.72	0 bp
Acceptor Gain	0.00	
Donor Gain	0.01	-47 bp

SpliceAI provides a table with delta scores (0-1) for acceptor loss, donor loss, acceptor gain, and donor gain within the designated flanking sequence. The delta score indicates the probability that the variant will alter splicing at the pre-mRNA position indicated

# Scores **are not** deterministic of biological effect/deleteriousness, they are used as “supporting evidence”

gDNA: Chr6(GRCh37):g.51720765A>G  
cDNA: NM\_138694.3(PKHD1):c.7837T>C  
Protein: p.Trp2613Arg

Polyphen-2: **Probably damaging**  
CADD: **29**  
M-CAP: **Probably**  
PredictSNP2: **Deleterious**

Scores agree towards SNV  
being deleterious

## Likelihood of pathogenicity is affected, not determined.

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# Missense Intolerance / Constraint Metrics

**PP2**

Missense variant in a gene that has a low rate of benign missense variation and in which missense variants are a common mechanism of disease. (Uses the “missense z-score”)

**BP4**

Missense variant in a gene for which primarily truncating variants are known to cause disease.

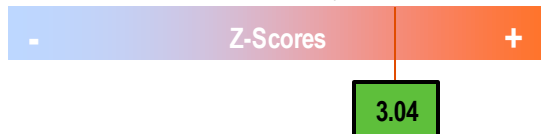


# PP2

# gnomAD

## Constraint information

Increased constraint!  
(intolerance to variation)



Deviation of observed counts from the expected number of variants for a specific gene

**PTPN11** protein tyrosine phosphatase non-receptor... Dataset: gnomAD v2.1.1 | gnomAD SVs v2.1

Genome build GRCh37 / hg19

Ensembl gene ID ENSG00000179295.11

Ensembl canonical transcript ENST00000351677.2

Other transcripts

ENST00000392597.1, ENST00000530818.1, ENST00000531326.1

Region 12:112856155-112947717

External resources Ensembl, UCSC Browser, and more

### Constraint

Category	Expected SNVs	Observed SNVs	Constraint metrics
Synonymous	123.7	112	Z = 0.82 o/e = 0.91 (0.78 - 1.06)
Missense	331.3	171	Z = 3.13 o/e = 0.52 (0.46 - 0.59)
pLoF	35.2	1	pLI = 1 o/e = 0.03 (0.01 - 0.14)

Constraint metrics based on Ensembl canonical transcript (ENST00000351677.2).

This is not absolute –  
**Interpret with caution!**  
Among the factors that modify this are variable expressivity, penetrance and some specific regions of the gene may be more intolerant than others for missense.

# Impact Prediction: Computational or Knowledge-based

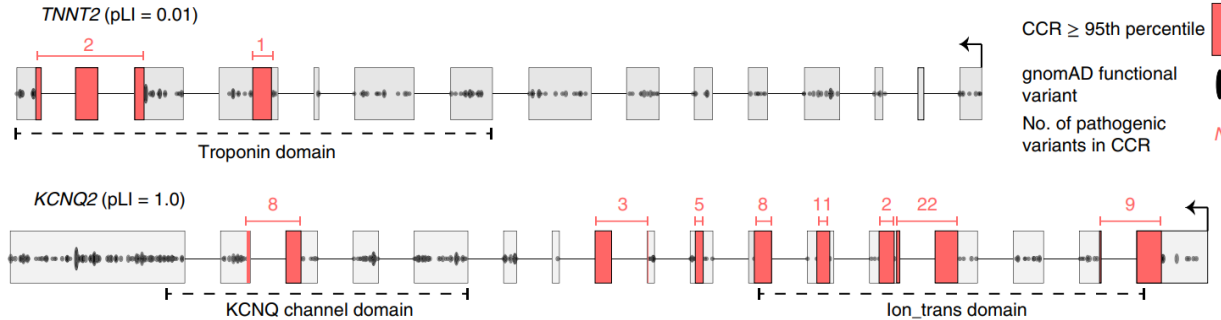
- Gene-wide summary measures of constraint are prone to overstating and understating constraint within specific regions of protein-coding genes

## A map of constrained coding regions in the human genome

James M. Havrilla<sup>1,2</sup>, Brent S. Pedersen<sup>1,2</sup>, Ryan M. Layer<sup>3,4</sup> and Aaron R. Quinlan<sup>1,2,5\*</sup>



Regional intolerance correlates with important functional domains



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# Mutational Hotspot or Critical Functional Domain



## PM1

Located in a mutational hot spot and/or critical and well established functional domain (ex. Active site of an enzyme) without benign variation

- ▶ What/who determines the size or location of a mutational hotspot?
- ▶ Where can I find an established functional domain for a particular gene/protein product?



UniProtKB

msh2



Advanced

Search

<input type="checkbox"/>	Entry	Entry name	Protein names	Gene names	Organism	Length
<input type="checkbox"/>	P43246	MSH2_HUMAN	DNA mismatch repair protein Msh2	MSH2	Homo sapiens (Human)	934

## PTM / Processing<sup>i</sup>

### Molecule processing

Feature key	Position(s)	Description	Actions	Graphical view	Length
Initiator methionine <sup>i</sup>		Removed			
Chain <sup>i</sup> (PRO_0000115183)	2 – 934	DNA mismatch repair protein Msh2			933

### Amino acid modifications

Feature key	Position(s)	Description	Actions	Graphical view	Length
Modified residue <sup>i</sup>	2	N-acetylalanine			1
Cross-link <sup>i</sup>	430	Glycyl lysine isopeptide (Lys-Gly) (interchain with G-Cter in SUMO2)			
Modified residue <sup>i</sup>	555	N6-acetyllysine			1
Modified residue <sup>i</sup>	567	N6-acetyllysine			1
Modified residue <sup>i</sup>	921	Phosphoserine			1

9 Publications

# Mutational Hotspot or Critical Functional Domain



## PM1

This is a challenging subjective criteria subject of debate in the field and clinical interpretation laboratories. However there are efforts to specify per gene which regions or residues are amenable to the use of this criteria.

Circulation: Genomic and Precision Medicine

Volume 11, Issue 6, June 2018

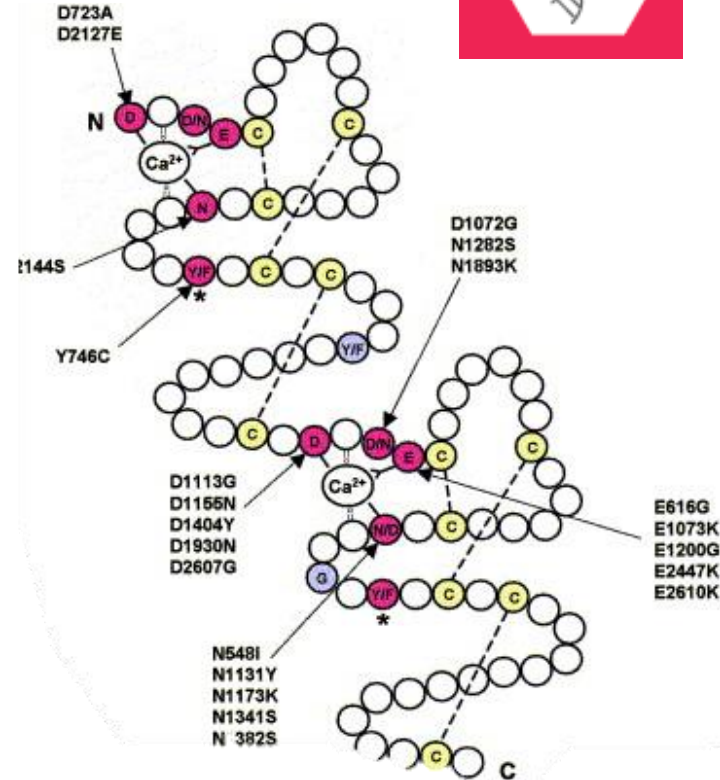
<https://doi.org/10.1161/CIRCGEN.117.002039>



### ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## Tailoring the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics and the Association for Molecular Pathology Guidelines for the Interpretation of Sequenced Variants in the *FBN1* Gene for Marfan Syndrome

Proposal for a Disease- and Gene-Specific Guideline



# PP2 vs PM1 Primary Evidence

## The genic vs. regional level constraints

- ▶ One potential area of concern is applying PP2 for all missense variants in a gene when the constraint observed is confined to a specific region of the gene.
- ▶ MYH7 has a missense constraint Z score of 6.54 and 3.93 in ExAC and gnomAD, respectively, suggesting significant depletion of missense variation (or missense constraint).
- ▶ Recent guidelines specific to this gene specified PP2 as not applicable for this gene by the as recent studies suggest that this high constraint is actually driven by a statistically significant clustering of pathogenic variants in the head region of the protein (Homburger et al., 2016; Walsh et al., 2017).
- ▶ Cardiomyopathy VCEP concluded this evidence was most appropriately weighted as Moderate (PM1) through application of the critical domain rule (Kelly et al., 2018). Specification of PM1 has required gene-by-gene curation by disease experts, combined with laboratory data to determine regions intolerant to variation.



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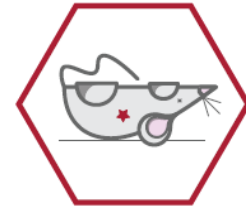
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# Functional Evidence:



**PS3**

Well-established in vitro or in vivo functional studies supportive of a damaging effect on the gene or gene product.

**What defines a “well established” functional study or assay?**

**How reliable? This is not simple.**

**BS3**

Well-established in vitro or in vivo functional studies show no damaging effect on protein function or splicing





# Functional Evidence:

GUIDELINE

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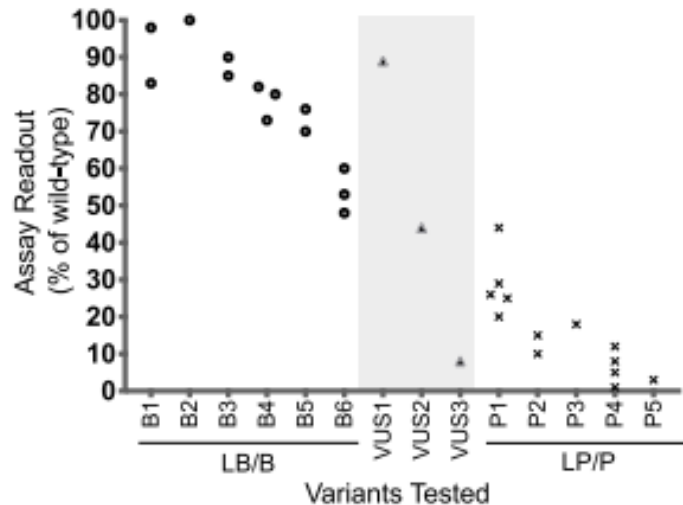
## Recommendations for application of the functional evidence PS3/BS3 criterion using the ACMG/AMP sequence variant interpretation framework



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**Table 3** Evidence strength equivalent of odds of pathogenicity

Odds of pathogenicity (OddsPath)	Evidence strength equivalent
< 0.053	BS3
< 0.23	BS3_moderate*
< 0.48	BS3_supporting
0.48–2.1	Indeterminate
> 2.1	PS3_supporting
> 4.3	PS3_moderate
> 18.7	PS3
> 350	PS3_very_strong



- Most functional evidence under these recommendations is demoted to PS3\_supporting and in order to increase to moderate or strong, need to consider appropriate level of controls.
- Always consider if a test or assay is measuring the protein function or one of many.



# Functional Evidence:



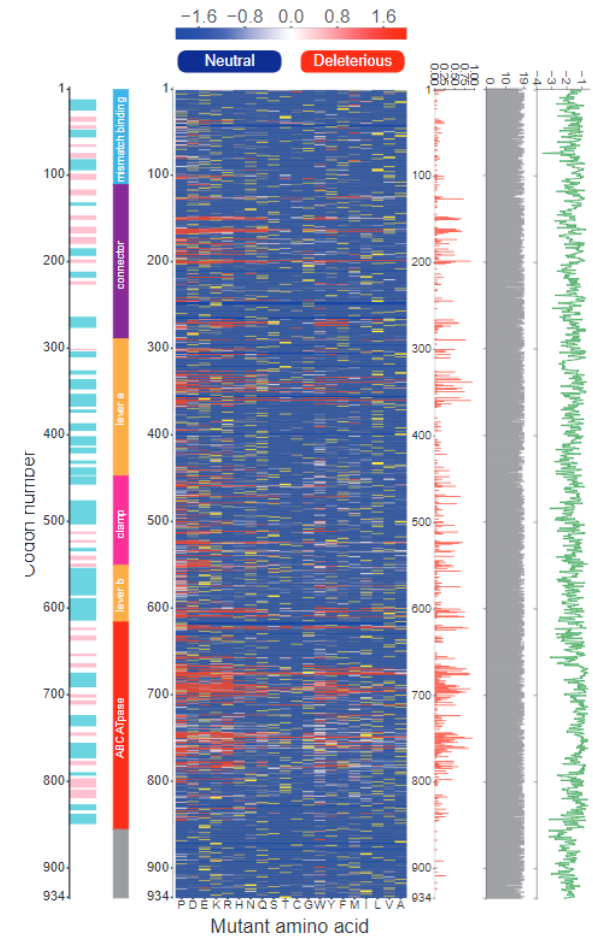
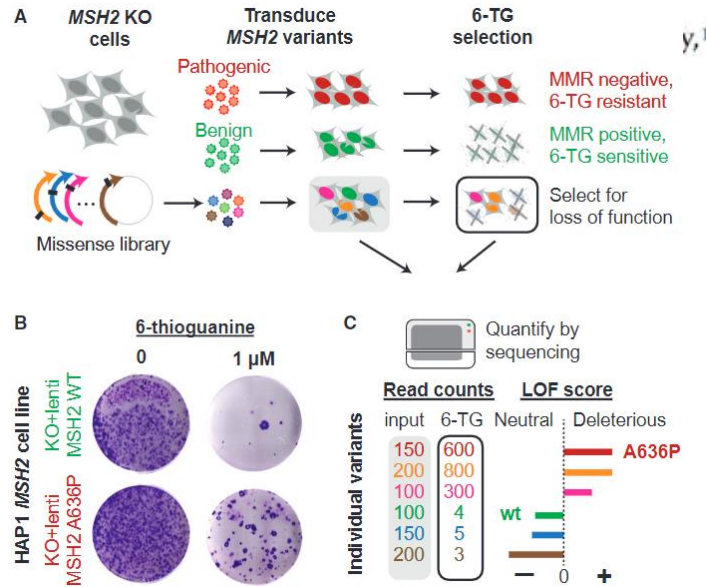
Categories	Evidence Type
Protein Function	Biochemical function Protein interaction Expression
Models	Non-human organism Cell culture model
Cell-based assays	Patient cells Non-patient cells Non-eukaryote? Yeast? Rescue experiments

Functional testing has been performed for this variant and supports decreased protein function with a reduced expression of mRNA in transfected HAP1 cells (Findlay et al, 2018, PMID 30209399).



# Functional Evidence: The Future

Massively parallel functional testing of *MSH2* missense variants conferring Lynch syndrome risk



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(10 questions always ask to a variant)

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# Knowledge Databases \ Previous Interpretations – ClinVar, HGMD

Variant of Interest: NM\_000249.3(MLH1):c.1038G>T (p.**Gln346His**) (p.**Q346H**)

~~PP5~~

Reputable source recently reports variant as pathogenic, but the evidence is not available to the laboratory to perform an independent evaluation

## NM\_000249.3(MLH1):c.1038G>T (p.Gln346His)

<b>Interpretation:</b>	Pathogenic
<b>Review status:</b>	★★★☆☆ reviewed by expert panel
<b>Submissions:</b>	1 (Most recent: Dec 18, 2013)
<b>Last evaluated:</b>	Sep 5, 2013
<b>Accession:</b>	VCV000089618.1
<b>Variation ID:</b>	89618
<b>Description:</b>	single nucleotide variant



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**PM5**

Missense change at an amino acid residue where a different missense change previously established as pathogenic

c.1037A>G (p.**Gln346Arg**) (p.**Q346R**)

**PS1**

Same amino acid change as a previously established pathogenic variant regardless of nucleotide change

c.1038G>(p.**Gln346His**) (p.**Q346H**)



# Knowledge Databases \ Previous Interpretations – ClinVar, HGMD

Variant of Interest: NM\_000249.3(MLH1):c.1038G>T (p.**Gln346His**) (p.**Q346H**)

ClinVar  Q346 [variant name] and MLH1   
[Create alert](#) [Advanced](#)

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/clinvar/?term=Q346+%5Bvariant+name%5D+and+MLH1>

Variation Location	Gene(s)	Protein change	Condition(s)	Clinical significance (Last reviewed)	Review status
<input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">NM_000249.3(MLH1):c.1037 A&gt;G (p.Gln346Arg)</a> GRCh37: Chr3:37061953 GRCh38: Chr3:37020462	<a href="#">MLH1</a>	Q346R, Q248R, Q313R, Q105R, Q5P	Lynch syndrome	Pathogenic (Oct 18, 2018)	reviewed by expert panel
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PM5

PS1

PS1 and PM5 is typically used in clinical laboratories if the ClinVar submission has a “review status” of 2 stars or multiple submitters of P and LP interpretations without any conflicts or 3 stars expert panel.



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**PS1**

**HGMD® Professional 2020.4**

CM1812352	CAG-CAC	Gln346His	c.1038G>C	p.Q346H	DM	Colorectal cancer, non-polyposis	<a href="#">Shirts (2018) Am J Hum Genet 103, 19</a>
CM092210	CAG-CAT	Gln346His	c.1038G>T	p.Q346H	DM	Colorectal cancer, non-polyposis	<a href="#">Tang (2009) Clin Genet 75, 334</a> <a href="#">Pagenstecher (2006) Hum Genet 119: 9</a> [Functional characterisation] <a href="#">Zhu (2013) Oncol Lett 5: 1710</a> [Additional report] 2 more reference(s)...

- ▶ Potential PS1 or PM5 – if there is literature available for the same missense variant or a similar substitution without a ClinVar assertion, carefully review the data for a potential application of PM5 or PS1.
- ▶ The variant has to stand on its own merits as P/LP for use of PS1 or PM5.



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# PS4

## Case Prevalence (Odds Ratio) (PS4)

High Prevalence or Multiple Unrelated Patients Observed with Variant and Phenotype

- The prevalence of the variant is increased in affected individuals is significantly increased compared with the prevalence in controls.
- Relative risk (RR) or odds ratio (OR) in a case-control study is  $>5.0$ , and the confidence interval around the estimate of relative risk or OR does not include 1.0.
- **IF some genetic diseases have a very low prevalence (1: 1,000,000) is this feasible?**



# PS4

## OR Previously Reported Cases (PS4)

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# PS4

## Previously Reported Cases (PS4)

High Prevalence or Multiple Unrelated Patients Observed with Variant and Phenotype

- In instances of very rare variants where case-control studies are not feasible or difficult to reach statistical significance...
- The prior observation of the variant in multiple unrelated patients with the same phenotype, and its absence in controls, may be used as strong, moderate or supporting level of evidence.
- How do we define “multiple” ?



# PS4

## Previously Reported Cases (PS4)

High Prevalence or Multiple Unrelated Patients Observed with Variant and Phenotype

**Table 4** Overview of Case-Level Data Specifications: Point Value Thresholds per Strength Level for Proband Count Thresholds per Variant Curation Expert Panel for PS4

		Supporting	Moderate	Strong	Very strong
PS4	Cardiomyopathy	2 probands	6 probands	15 probands	N/A
	RASopathy	1 proband	3 probands	5 probands	N/A
	PTEN	1 point	2 points	4 points	16 points
	CDH1	1 proband	2 probands	4 probands	16 probands
	Hearing loss (AD)	2 probands	6 probands	15 probands	N/A

In most cases, this approach requires PM2 to be applicable. In other words the variant must be absent from population databases or ultra rare.

## BS2

- ▶ Observed in a healthy adult individual for a recessive (homozygous/compound heterozygous with pathogenic variant), dominant (heterozygous), or X-linked (hemizygous) disorder with full penetrance expected at an early age.
- ▶ Benign counterpart to PS4.





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	(9) Phenotype specificity	PP4



## PP4

# Specific Phenotype

- ▶ Patient's phenotype or family history is highly specific for a disease with a single mono genetic etiology.
- ▶ Disorders with specific biochemical findings are easier to account for in this criterion than those with non-specific phenotype like “neurodevelopmental delays” or “dysmorphologies”.
- ▶ Functional evidence from patient-derived material best reflects the organismal phenotype and, in general, it would be better to use this evidence to satisfy PP4 (specific phenotype)



# PP4

## Specific Phenotype

- ▶ Examples are:
  - ▶ Mitochondrial deficiency demonstrated in electron transport chain activity deficiency from patient fibroblasts.
  - ▶ PAH (-Plasma phenylalanine >120umol/L)



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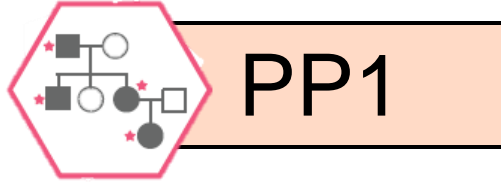
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	(10) Segregation? De novo?	PP1, BS4, PS2, PM6



# Case-Specific Evidence - Segregation Data



Co-segregation with disease in multiple affected family members of a single family in a gene definitively known to cause the disease.

**Note:** May be used as stronger evidence with increasing segregation data.



# Case-Specific Evidence – De novo occurrence



De novo (both maternity and paternity confirmed) in a patient with the disease and no family history.

De novo (maternity and paternity not confirmed) in a patient with the disease and no family history.

Table 1. Points\* awarded per *de novo* occurrence

Phenotypic consistency	Points per Proband	
	<i>de novo</i> with confirmed parental relationships	<i>de novo</i> with unconfirmed parental relationships
Phenotype highly specific for gene	2	1
Phenotype consistent with gene but not highly specific	1	0.5
Phenotype consistent with gene but not highly specific and high genetic heterogeneity**	0.5	0.25
Phenotype not consistent with gene	0	0

\*Note that these points are *not* equivalent to the points used to classify a variant per the Tavtigian et al 2020

\*\*Fitting a naturally scaled point system to the ACMG/AMP variant classification guidelines"

\*\*Maximum allowable value of 1 may contribute to overall score

Table 2. Recommendation for determining the appropriate ACMG/AMP evidence strength level for *de novo* occurrence(s)

Supporting (PS2_Supporting or PM6_Supporting)	Moderate (PS2_Moderate or PM6)	Strong (PS2 or PM6_Strong)	Very Strong (PS2_VeryStrong or PM6_VeryStrong)
0.5	1	2	4



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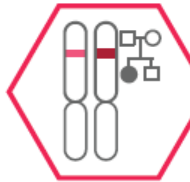
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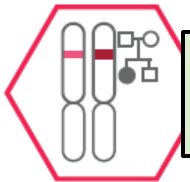
# Case-Specific Evidence – Phase Evidence



**PM6**

For recessive disorders, detected in trans with a pathogenic variant.

This requires testing of parents (or offspring) to determine phase.



**BP2**

Observed in trans with a pathogenic variant for a fully penetrant dominant gene/disorder or observed in cis with a pathogenic variant in any inheritance pattern.



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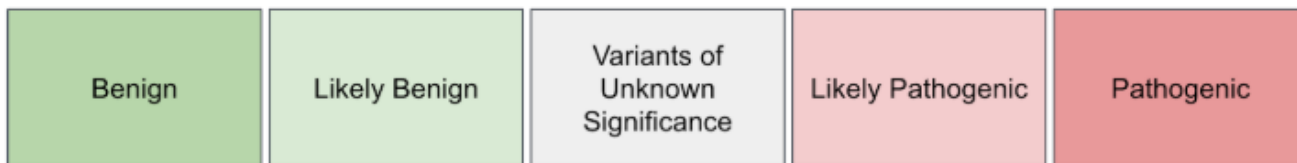
	Benign		Pathogenic			
	Strong	Supporting	Supporting	Moderate	Strong	Very strong
<b>Population data</b>	MAF is too high for disorder BA1/BS1 OR observation in controls inconsistent with disease penetrance BS2			Absent in population databases PM2	Prevalence in affecteds statistically increased over controls PS4	
<b>Computational and predictive data</b>		Multiple lines of computational evidence suggest no impact on gene /gene product BP4  Missense in gene where only truncating cause disease BP1  Silent variant with non predicted splice impact BP7  In-frame indels in repeat w/out known function BP3	Multiple lines of computational evidence support a deleterious effect on the gene /gene product PP3	Novel missense change at an amino acid residue where a different pathogenic missense change has been seen before PM5  Protein length changing variant PM4	Same amino acid change as an established pathogenic variant PS1	Predicted null variant in a gene where LOF is a known mechanism of disease PVS1
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<b>Allelic data</b>		Observed in <i>trans</i> with a dominant variant BP2  Observed in <i>cis</i> with a pathogenic variant BP2		For recessive disorders, detected in <i>trans</i> with a pathogenic variant PM3		
<b>Other database</b>		Reputable source w/out shared data = benign BP6	Reputable source = pathogenic PP5			
<b>Other data</b>		Found in case with an alternate cause BP5	Patient's phenotype or FH highly specific for gene PP4			



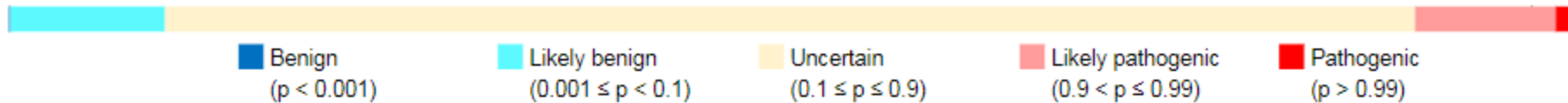
# 2015 ACMG Guidelines

**Standards and guidelines for the interpretation of sequence variants: a joint consensus recommendation of the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics and the Association for Molecular Pathology**

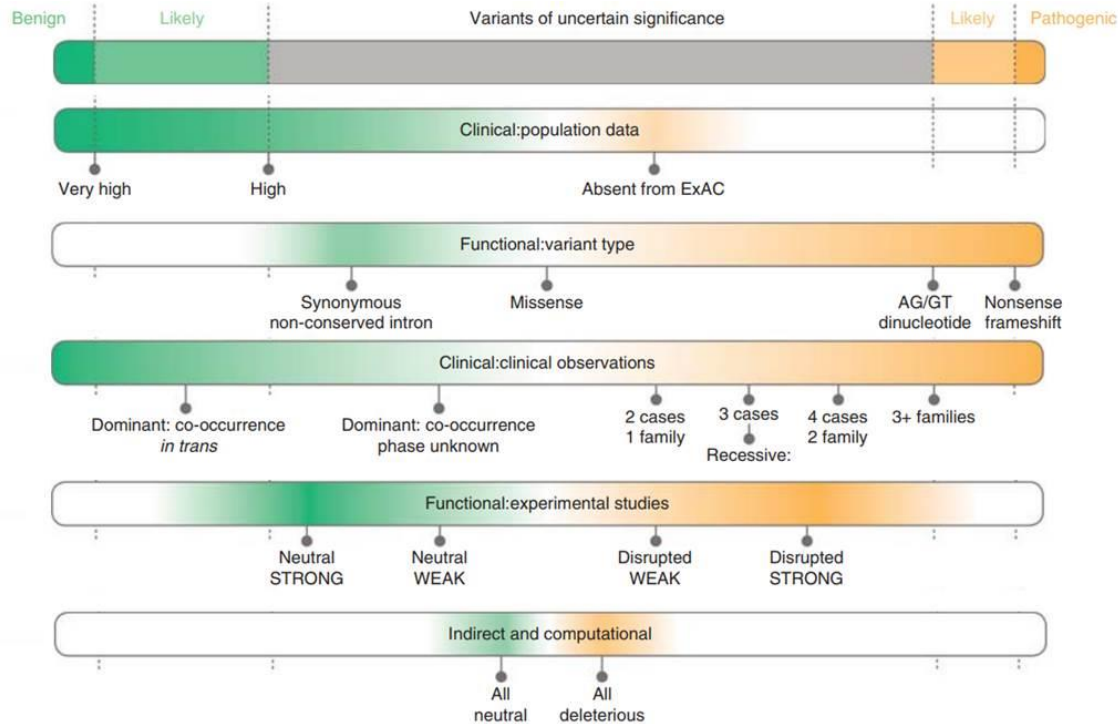
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on behalf of the ACMG Laboratory Quality Assurance Committee



*A heuristic system for variant classification that is compatible with a formal, quantitative, naive Bayesian classifier.*



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# Warning!

## Germline and Somatic Classification and Catalogue Differences



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- Cannot be inherited

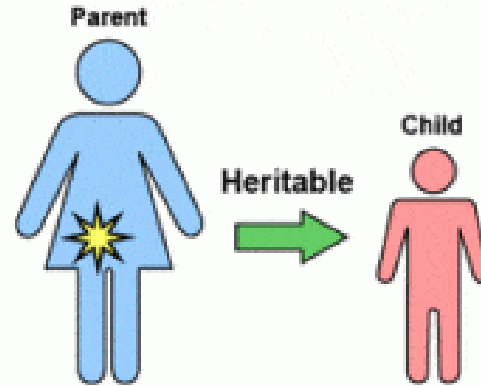


Nonheritable

Mutation in tumor only  
(for example, breast)

### Germline mutations

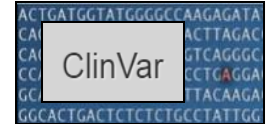
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- Cause cancer family syndrome



Mutation in  
egg or sperm

All cells  
affected in  
offspring

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Adapted from the National Cancer Institute and the American Society of Clinical Oncology

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Diagnostic

Prognostic

Therapeutic

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Likely Pathogenic

VUS – Variant of Uncertain Significance

Likely Benign

Benign

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FDA-approved therapy  
Included in professional guidelines

### Level B Evidence

Well-powered studies with consensus from experts in the field

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FDA-approved therapies for different tumor types or investigational therapies

Multiple small published studies with some consensus

### Level D Evidence

Preclinical trials or a few case reports without consensus

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Not observed at a significant allele frequency in the general or specific subpopulation databases, or pan-cancer or tumor-specific variant databases

No convincing published evidence of cancer association

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# Questions?

