

Timing, formatting and attribution for data access



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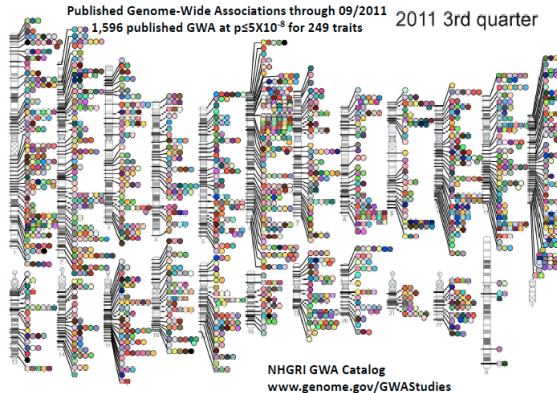
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Timing of access to human genome data



Gene variants in human disease



GWAS

<http://www.genome.gov/gwastudies>

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666 diseases and traits

1271 publications

313 in *Nat. Genet.*

1891/3869 $P < 5 \times 10^{-8}$ are in *Nat. Genet.*

6446 SNPs $P < 10^{-5}$ total



Mendelian disorders

www.genetests.org/

Initial manuscript assessment for peer review

NG: LE 34001 Author: Liu Date: 2/7/13 Presub in EJP: ☒ MS Editor: MA

Present: ALL : ☐ : ☐

1) Conceptual advance

- a) Last key paper (s) cited or published by authors? ☐
- b) handled by us ☐
- c) What did they do? What advance is here? ☐

2) USP (novelty), or resource available Significant

How is this work exceptional? ☐

3) Field criteria Epigenetics met? Met 4) Decision OTR

5) For OTR papers

- a) Genbank, EBI or SRA accession codes present and OK
- b) GEO or ArrayExpress accession for microarray contact author
- c) HGVS nomenclature with RefSeqGene or LRG not needed
- d) Exome data EGA or dbGAP accession number not needed
- e) First reference genome Creative Commons OA not needed

6) in vivo experiments


- a) Treatment and analysis both blinded not needed
- b) Justification or power calculation for number of animals present and OK

“Data available for referees => data available upon manuscript acceptance”


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Coding variants deposited in gene database



LOVD
Leiden Open Variation Database

X-chromosome gene database

Angiotensin I Converting Enzyme (peptidyl-dipeptidase A) 2 (ACE2)

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The gene sequence variant databases (LSDBs) at these pages have been initiated based on the data reported by Tarpey et al. (2009) *A system chromosome coding exons in mental retardation*. Nat.Genetics, in press. For reasons of privacy, only summary data from this paper are pre available to researchers upon request, after signing a transfer agreement; contact Lucy Raymond (flr24 @ cam.ac.uk).

Although we have initiated these databases, they are too many to be regularly updated and curated by us. **We depend on the help of active** complete database is most helpful for users, especially for those using it trying to decide "is the variant found pathogenic or not". Do you perf genes, please register and help to keep the databases up-to-date by submitting your findings (published and unpublished). Are you an expert i consider to become a curator (mail to; ddunnen @ HumGen.nl).

In the coming months we will try to update the databases by adding data retrieved from other public repositories (dbSNP, OMIM, literature, et already established LSDBs for any of these genes and suggest joining efforts - we have no intention to duplicate work. Furthermore, we will in curators - when you receive such a request, please give a positive reply!.

LOVD - Variant listings

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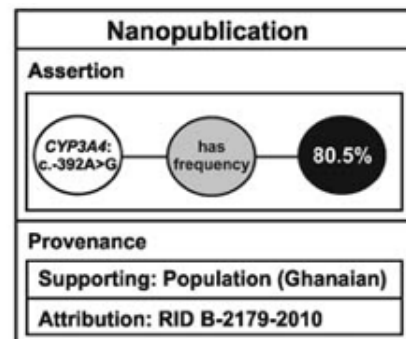
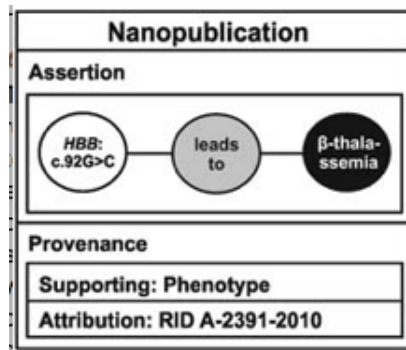
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6 entries

100 entries per page

Exon	DNA change	Var_pub_as	RNA change	Protein	DB-ID	Variant remarks	Frequency	Reference
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02	c.149A>T	-	r.(?)	p.Y50F	ACE2_00005	found once, nonrecurrent change; for privacy reasons only summary data are given - for details	-	Tarpey 2009

Microattribution and nanopublication as means to incentivize the placement of human genome variation data into the public domain



Open PHACTS
Open Pharmacological Space

LOVD
Leiden Open Variation Database

Publisher for LOVD nano publications

Subject: Predicate: Object: Only unpublished: ☐

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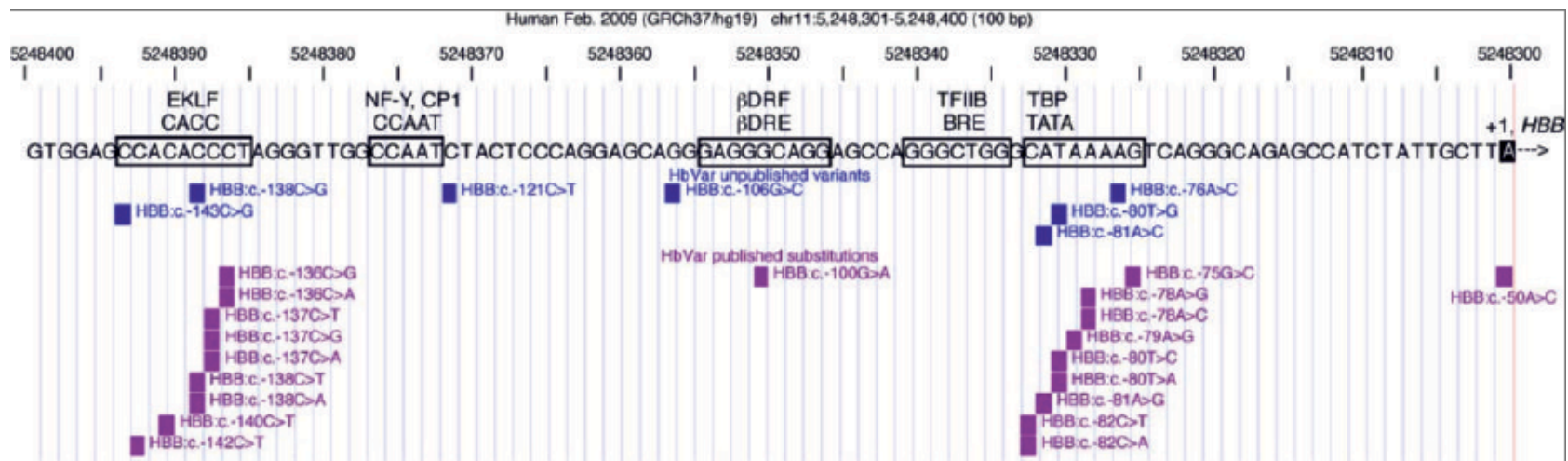
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Human Mutation

Volume 33, Issue 11, pages 1503-1512, 23 JUL 2012 DOI: 10.1002/humu.22144
<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/humu.22144/full#fig3>

Human Variome Microattribution Review (Hemoglobin)

<http://www.bx.psu.edu/~giardine/>



Microattribution : "giving database accessions the same citation conventions and indices that journal articles currently enjoy"

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Microattribution>

Giardine, B. *et al. Nat. Genet.* **43**, 295–301 (2011) doi:10.1038/ng.785

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It's not data, it's *my* data!

“Scientists are trained to recognize that correlation is not causation, that no conclusions should be drawn simply on the basis of correlation between X and Y (it could just be a coincidence). Instead, you must understand the underlying mechanisms that connect the two. Once you have a model, you can connect the data sets with confidence. Data without a model is just noise.

The new availability of huge amounts of data, along with the statistical tools to crunch these numbers, offers a whole new way of understanding the world. **Correlation supersedes causation, and science can advance even without coherent models, unified theories, or really any mechanistic explanation at all.”**

Chris Anderson - *Wired* 06.23.08, The End of Theory: The Data Deluge Makes the Scientific Method Obsolete

http://www.wired.com/science/discoveries/magazine/16-07/pb_theory

“Chris Anderson, the editor of *Wired* magazine wrote in 2008 that the sheer volume of data would obviate the need for theory, and even the scientific method.

...Butthese views are badly mistaken. **The numbers have not way of speaking for themselves. We speak for them. We imbue them with meaning.**

Big data will produce progress – eventually. How quickly it does and whether we regress in the meantime, will depend on us.

Our biological instincts are not always very well adapted to the information-rich modern world. Unless we work *actively* to become aware of the biases we introduce, the returns to additional information may be minimal – or diminishing.

Meanwhile, if the quantity of information is increasing by 2.5 quintillion bytes per day, the amount of *useful* information almost certainly isn't. **Most of it is just noise, and the noise is increasing faster than the signal.”**

Nate Silver – *The Signal and the Noise*. Penguin Press NY, 2012

It's not about the data

Researchers, funders and journals are in broad agreement that data must be accessible to support the conclusions of scientific publications and for the research to have impact. What is lacking is agreement on timing, formatting and attribution.

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While keeping up pressure for access to data resources (“No second thoughts about data access”; *Nat. Genet.* 43, 389, 2011) we have been advocating the use of **citable data management plans** in line with the proposals of major funding agencies.

The plan finally matures into a ‘**data descriptor**’, which we define as a user guide to the resources, accession codes and use conditions accompanying a completed project or publication.

Most repositories are designed for specific assay types, necessitating the fragmentation of complex datasets.

Metadata formatting will be needed to ensure that biomedical research datasets become interoperable.

This solution is the overarching **ISA** framework, where the acronym stands for ‘**Investigation**’ (the project context), ‘**Study**’ (a unit of research) and ‘**Assay**’ (analytical measurement).

Evolution of data management plans for the 39 International Cancer Genome Consortium projects

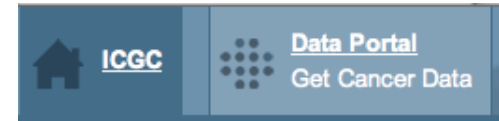
STAGE 0

34 studies with data portal, *Nature* 'marker paper' explaining the data release strategy.

<http://dcc.icgc.org/>

Nature 15 April 2010 doi:10.1038/**nature08987**

International network of cancer genome projects



STAGE 1

2 studies explain the project

Gastric cancer, intestinal and diffuse type – China

Oral cancer- gingivobuccal – India

STAGE 2

2 Studies have a detailed data management plan

Breast_Carcinoma-WTSI-UK-1

Pancreatic_Cancer-OICR-CA-1

STAGE 3

1 Study has a data descriptor in dbGAP, database with accession code **phs000370.v1.p1**

an associated *Science* publication and 883 sequence data depositions in SRA database

July 28 2011 DOI: 10.1126/**science.1208130**

The Mutational Landscape of Head and Neck Squamous Cell Carcinoma

Nicolas Stransky *et al.*

STAGE 2 – Data management plan



Whole genome sequencing of 100 tumor/normal pairs.

Time limits for publication moratoriums: All data shall become free of a publication moratorium when either the data is published by the ICGC member project or one year after the specified quantity of data (e.g. genome dataset from 100 tumours per project) has been released via the ICGC database or other public databases. In all cases data shall be free of a publication moratorium two years after its initial release.

Project summary: <http://www.icgc.org/>

Files in directory sv_sangerBreast.txt:

matched_sample_id --- Unique identifier for the control matched to the tumour sample.

tumour_sample_id --- Unique identifier for the tumour sample donated by the donor.

variant_type --- Type of mutation/variation.

assembly_version --- Version of reference genome assembly.

chr_from --- Name of the donor chromosome containing the mutation/variation.

chr_from_bkpt --- Breakpoint position of the mutation/variation on the donor chromosome.

chr_from_strand --- Donor chromosome strand.

chr_to --- Name of the acceptor chromosome containing the mutation/variation.

chr_to_bkpt --- Breakpoint position of the mutation/variation on the acceptor chromosome.

chr_to_strand --- Acceptor chromosome strand.

STAGE 3 – Data descriptor



The Mutational Landscape of Head and Neck Squamous Cell Carcinoma

dbGaP Study Accession: phs000370.v1.p1

Authorized Access

- Data access provided by: [dbGaP Authorized Access](#)
- Data Access Committee (DAC): ncidac@mail.nih.gov
- Release Date: October 07, 2011
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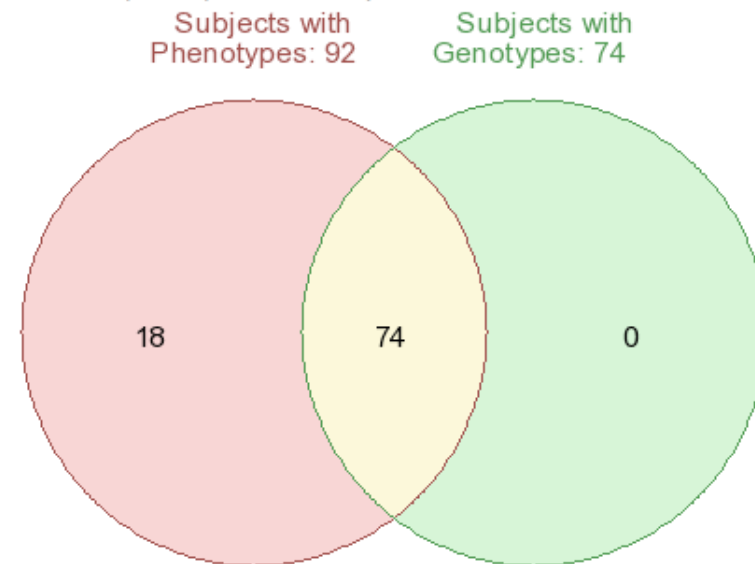
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Molecular Data

Type	Vendor/Platform	Number of Oligos/SNPs	SNP Batch Id	Comment
Whole Genome Genotyping	AFFYMETRIX AFFY_6.0	934940	52074	
Whole Genome Sequencing	ILLUMINA 101bp paired end reads	N/A	N/A	
Whole Exome Sequencing	ILLUMINA Agilent selected, 76bp paired end reads	N/A	N/A	

- Study Types: Case Set, Tumor vs. Matched-Normal, Exome Sequencing
- Number of participants in study:



Total Number of Subjects: 92

Figure 1: The ISA framework in action in the stem cell–based system of the Harvard Stem Cell Institute (HSCI).

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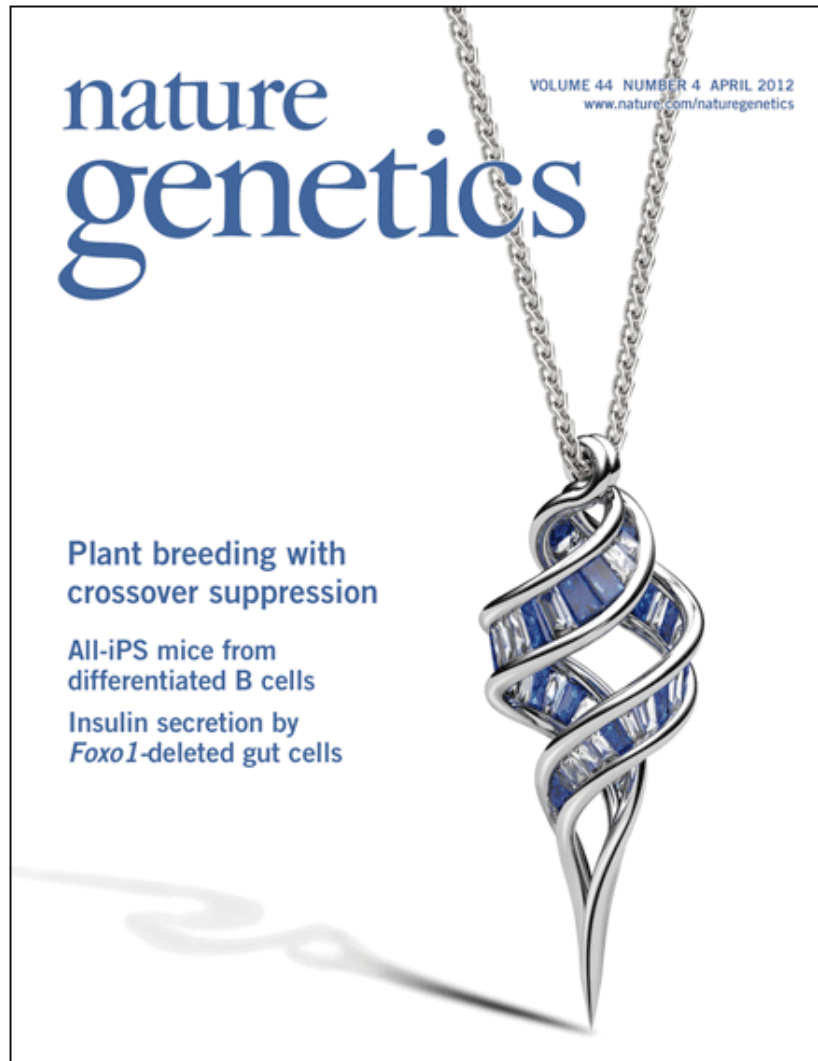
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