Bioinformatics Tools for HLA

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Outline

HLA and its unique features

Genome-wide bioinformatics tools

HLA-specific bioinformatics tools



HLA: Unique Features

Genome (3.2Gb)	xHLA Region (25.7 to 33.4Mb)	Comparison	
Total No of Genes 60155	Total No of Genes 674		
Protein-coding genes	Protein-coding genes	32.7 vs 67.2%	
19881	453	P<0.0001	
Non-coding RNA Genes	Non-coding RNA Genes	42.6 vs 8.0%	
25411	54	P<0.0001	
Long non-coding RNA genes	Long non-coding RNA genes	26.4 vs 1.9%	
15877	13	P<0.0001	
Small non-coding RNA genes	Small non-coding RNA genes	15.9 vs 1.0%	
9534	7	<i>P</i> <0.0001	
Pseudogenes	Pseudogenes	24.0 vs 25.5%	
14467	172	P = 0.37	

xHLA makes up 0.24% of the genome, but contains 0.40% of all SNPs in the human genome

A systematic analysis of the gene and variation content of the extended HLA region Ertan KANBUR, Mustafa DOGAN, Mehmet Tevfik DORAK Presented at EFI 2017



HLA: Unique Features

Heritability of DNA methylation

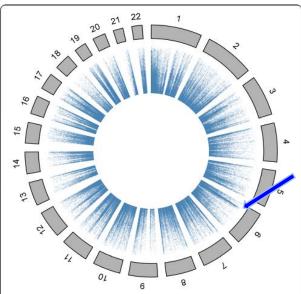


Figure 2 Distribution of genetic heritability estimates across the genome. The MHC region, which had the highest estimates of genetic heritability is clearly visible on chromosome 6. Telomeric regions show an increased density of probes with high genetic heritability, although this is primarily due to higher numbers of probes in these regions.

McRae et al. Genome Biology 2014, 15:R73 http://genomebiology.com/2014/15/5/R73



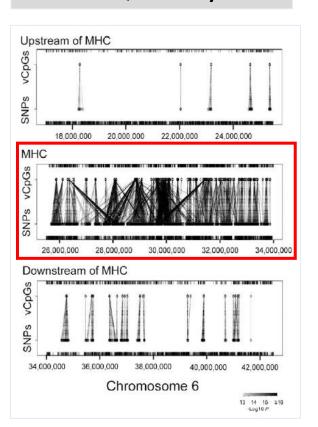
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Contribution of genetic variation to transgenerational inheritance of DNA methylation

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meQTL density



(E) Associations between CpG sites and SNPs upstream of (top panel), within (middle panel), or downstream of (bottom panel) the major histocompatibility complex (MHC) region. Each dashed line represents a significant association, and the shades of black indicate significance of the associations.

GeMes, Clusters of DNA Methylation under Genetic Control, Can Inform Genetic and Epigenetic Analysis of Disease

Yun Liu, ^{1,2,9} Xin Li, ^{1,2,9} Martin J. Aryee, ^{1,3} Tomas J. Ekström, ^{4,5} Leonid Padyukov, ^{4,6} Lars Klareskog, ^{4,6} Amy Vandiwer, ^{1,2} Ann Zenobia Moore, ⁷ Toshiko Tanaka, ⁷ Luigi Ferrucci, ⁷ M. Daniele Fallin, ^{1,6,4} and Andrew F. Feinbergi, ^{1,6,4}

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trans-eQTL/meQTL density

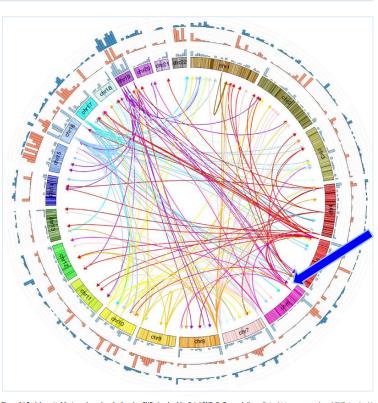
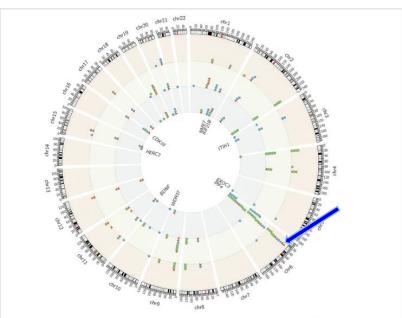


Figure 1 | Enrichment of features in regions harbouring SNPs involved in distal SNP-CpG associations. Outer histograms: number of SNPs involved in distal SNP-CpG associations (light blue), calculated in 7.5Mb bins; number of piRNA sequences (orange); number of transcription factors (dark blue), inner links: SNP regions associated with four or more CpG sites. Arrows are pointing from SNPs to the CpG sites they are associated with, and are coloured according to the chromosomes where the SNPs reside.

Long-range epigenetic regulation is conferred by genetic variation located at thousands of independent loci

Mathieu Lemire¹, Syed H.E. Zaidi¹, Maria Ban², Bing Ge³, Dylan Aïssi^{4,5,6}, Marine Germain^{4,5,6}, Irfahan Kassam⁷, Mike Wang¹, Brent W. Zanke⁸, France Gagnon⁷, Pierre-Emmanuel Morange^{9,10,11}, David-Alexandre Trégouët^{4,5,6}, Philip S. Wells⁸. Stephen Sawcer². Steven Gallinger^{12,13}. Tomi Pastinen³ & Thomas J. Hudson^{1,14,15}

HLA: Unique Features



Overview of PheWAS associations in the genome after functional annotation. **a** This matrix shows the number of functional SNPs for their respective phenotype. **b** The *Circos plot* showing the PheWAS associations in different types of functional data. *Red triangles* represent the associations in the GWAS Catalog only, *green circles* represent GWAS Catalog associations replicated by PheWAS (P < 0.05), and *blue diamonds* represent new phenotype associations identified by PheWAS ($P < 4.6 \times 10^{-6}$ or FDR < 0.1)

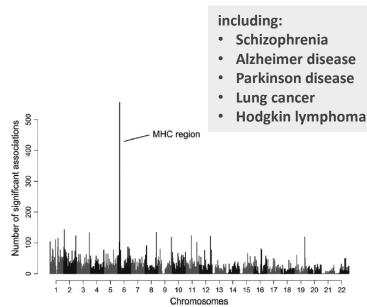
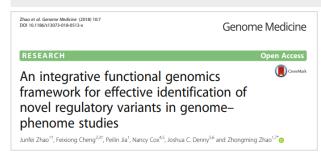


FIGURE 1 Number of significant GWAS associations along the genome. The chromosomal location of significant trait associations from GWAS (N = 18,682) is shown for all autosomes. Data from NHGRI GWAS catalog. Reproduced from "Lenz TL, Spirin V, Jordan DM, Sunyaev SR. Excess of Deleterious Mutations around HLA Genes Reveals Evolutionary Cost of Balancing Selection. Mol Biol Evol 2016;33(10):2555-64. https://doi.org/10.1093/molbev/msw127" by permission of Oxford University Press on behalf of the Society for Molecular Biology and Evolution

.... despite already showing the highest number of disease associations, the true extent of the involvement of the MHC region in disease genetics may not have been uncovered.



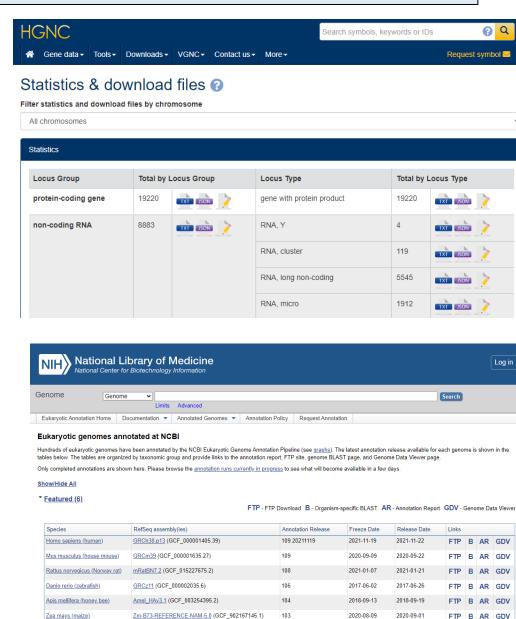




More about GENCODE Human Current human data Release history Statistics Data format

FTP site

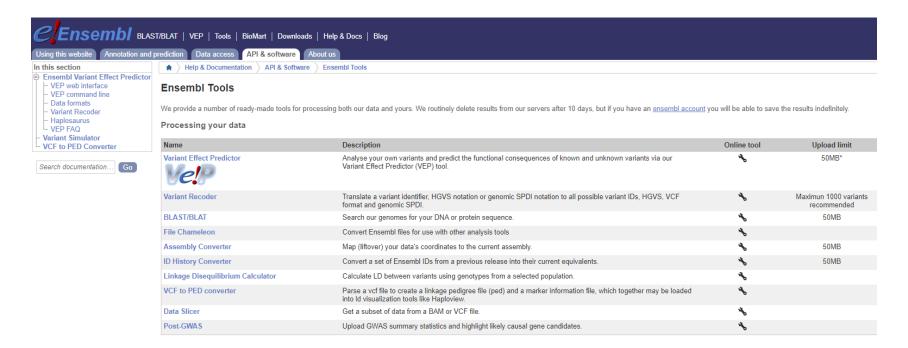
General stats	
Total No of Genes	61544
Protein-coding genes	19988
Long non-coding RNA genes	18805
Small non-coding RNA genes	7567
Pseudogenes	14774



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IGSR: The International Genome Sample Resource
Supporting open human variation data

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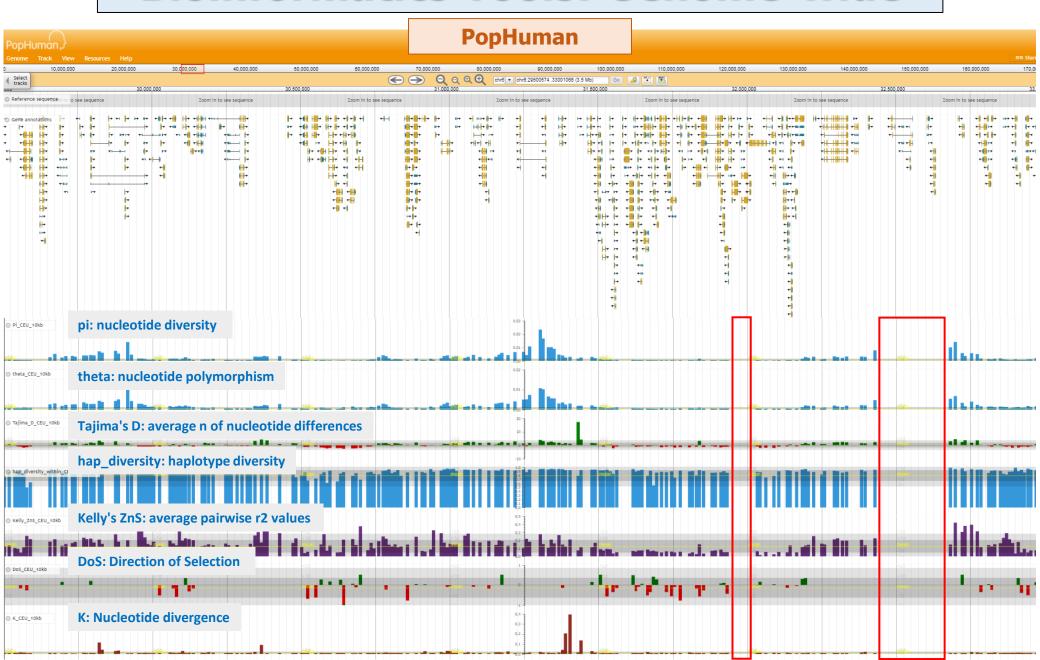
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The International Genome Sample Resource

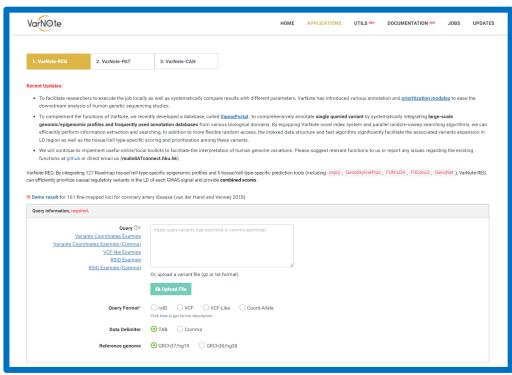
The 1000 Genomes Project created a catalogue of common human genetic variation, using openly consented samples from people who declared themselves to be healthy.

The International Genome Sample Resource (IGSR) maintains and shares the human genetic variation resources built by the 1000 Genomes Project.

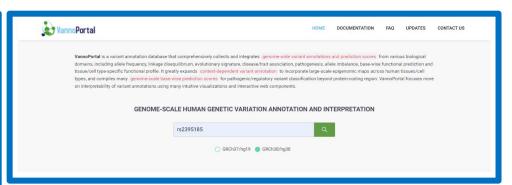




SNPs



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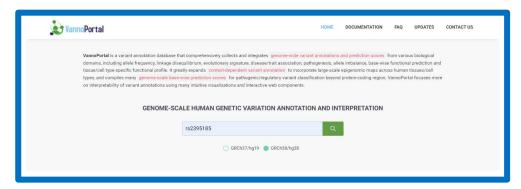








SNPs





eQTLs



Currently hosting eQTL and sQTL data from 16 different studies from the EBI eQTL Catalogue

Search for a variant, region, or gene: chr19:488506, rs10424907, or SHC2

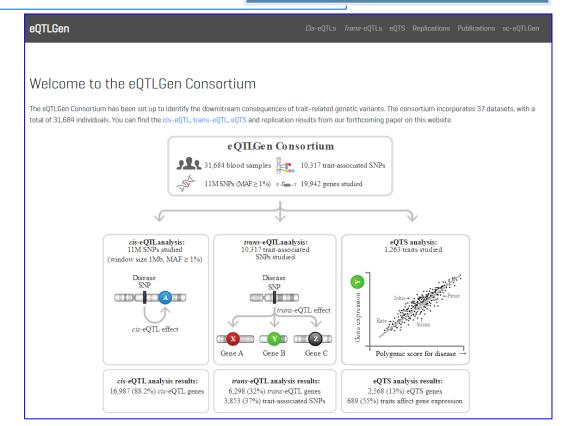
Search for: Variant by position: chr1:109274968 • rsID: rs12740374

Region: chr1:108774968-109774968 • Gene: SORT1

First time? View the tutorial here to see what FIVEx can do



Expression and splicing QTLs recomputed from public datasets



eQTL O sQTL



Genes

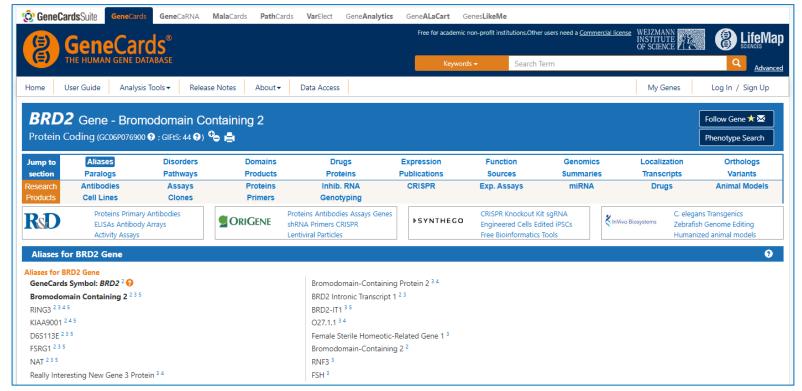


Function	runctional Associations						
BRD2 has 4,992 functional associations with biological entities spanning 8 categories (molecular profile, organism, chemical, functional term, phrase or reference, disease, phenotype or trait, structural feature, cell line, cell type or tissue, gene, protein or microRNA) extracted from 80 datasets.							
Click the + buttons to view associations for BRD2 from the datasets below.							
If available, as	sociations are ranked by standardized value	9					
	Dataset	Summary					
+	Achilles Cell Line Gene Essentiality Profiles	Cell lines with fitness changed by BRD2 gene knockdown relative to other cell lines from the Achilles Cell Line Gene Essentiality Profiles dataset.					
+	Allen Brain Atlas Adult Human Brain Tissue Gene Expression Profiles	Tissues with high or low expression of BRD2 gene relative to other tissues from the Allen Brain Atlas Adult Human Brain Tissue Gene Expression Profiles dataset.					
+	Allen Brain Atlas Adult Mouse Brain Tissue Gene Expression Profiles	Tissues with high or low expression of BRD2 gene relative to other tissues from the Allen Brain Atlas Adult Mouse Brain Tissue Gene Expression Profiles dataset.					
+	Allen Brain Atlas Developing Human Brain Tissue Gene Expression Profiles by Microarray	Tissue samples with high or low expression of BRD2 gene relative to other tissue samples from the Allen Brain Atlas Developing Human Brain Tissue Gene Expression Profiles by Microarray dataset.					
+	Allen Brain Atlas Developing Human Brain Tissue Gene Expression Profiles by RNA- seq	Tissue samples with high or low expression of BRD2 gene relative to other tissue samples from the Allen Brain Atlas Developing Human Brain Tissue Gene Expression Profiles by RNA-seq dataset.					
+	Allen Brain Atlas Prenatal Human Brain Tissue Gene Expression Profiles	Tissues with high or low expression of BRD2 gene relative to other tissues from the Allen Brain Atlas Prenatal Human Brain Tissue Gene Expression Profiles dataset.					
+	BioGPS Cell Line Gene Expression Profiles	Cell lines with high or low expression of BRD2 gene relative to other cell lines from the BioGPS Cell Line Gene Expression Profiles dataset.					
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+	BioGPS Mouse Cell Type and Tissue Gene Expression Profiles	Cell types and tissues with high or low expression of BRD2 gene relative to other cell types and tissues from the BioGPS Mouse Cell Type and Tissue Gene Expression Profiles dataset.					
+	CCLE Cell Line Gene CNV Profiles	Cell lines with high or low copy number of BRD2 gene relative to other cell lines from the CCLE Cell Line Gene CNV Profiles dataset.					
+	CCLE Cell Line Gene Expression Profiles	Cell lines with high or low expression of BRD2 gene relative to other cell lines from the CCLE Cell Line Gene Expression Profiles dataset.					
+	CCLE Cell Line Gene Mutation Profiles	Cell lines with BRD2 gene mutations from the CCLE Cell Line Gene Mutation Profiles dataset.					
+	CHEA Transcription Factor Binding Site Profiles	Transcription factor binding site profiles with transcription factor binding evidence at the promoter of BRD2 gene from the CHEA Transcription Factor Binding Site Profiles dataset.					
+	CHEA Transcription Factor Targets	Transcription factors binding the promoter of BRD2 gene in low- or high-throughput transcription factor functional studies from the CHEA Transcription Factor Targets dataset.					
+	CMAP Signatures of Differentially Expressed Genes for Small Molecules	Small molecule perturbations changing expression of BRD2 gene from the CMAP Signatures of Differentially Expressed Genes for Small Molecules dataset.					
+	COMPARTMENTS Curated Protein Localization Evidence Scores	Cellular components containing BRD2 protein from the COMPARTMENTS Curated Protein Localization Evidence Scores dataset.					
+	COMPARTMENTS Text-mining Protein Localization Evidence Scores	Cellular components co-occuring with BRD2 protein in abstracts of biomedical publications from the COMPARTMENTS Text-mining Protein Localization Evidence Scores dataset.					
+	COSMIC Cell Line Gene Mutation Profiles	Cell lines with BRD2 gene mutations from the COSMIC Cell Line Gene Mutation Profiles dataset.					

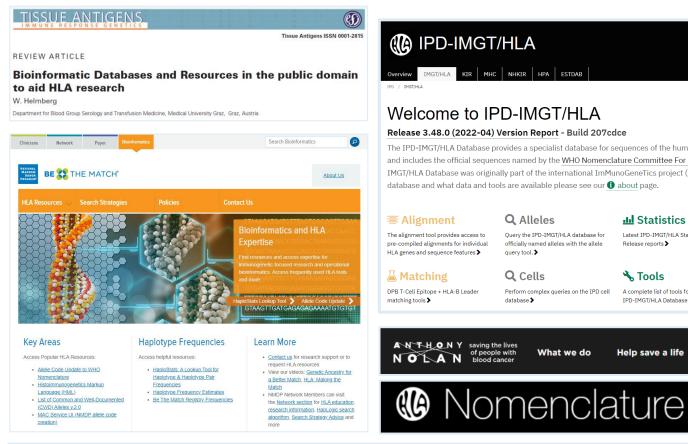


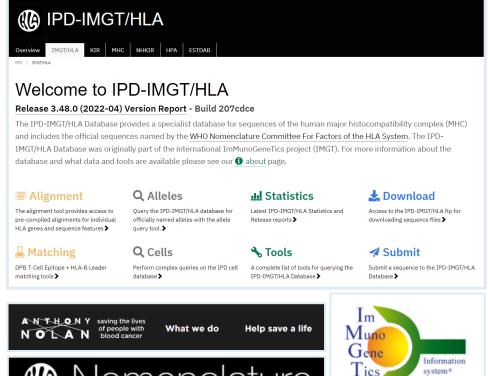
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HLA Data Handling

GENE[RATE] TOOLS

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May 2021: Check-out our section with tools for binding and population diversity TOOLS FOR HANDLING AND ANALYSING DATA WITH AMBIGUITIES These programs expect plain text files in UNIFORMAT v3 as input. A download link to the results file is provided once the execution Please note that the results files are deleted after 48 hours, therefore if you have not saved your results file you have to run the is completed (on screen and/or by email). Read more about these tools (and see examples of input files) in the usage overview. programs again. Uniformate File conversions Basic statistics Converts data files from different formats (tabulated, columnar, pdf files of Luminex Checks UNIFORMAT files for formating errors and performs automatic translations of Provides all the basic statistics for one and two-locus, including allele and haplotype reports, Arlequin projects) into UNIFORMAT, and vice versa. allele and haplotype names (new nomenclature, expansion of valid abbreviations,..). frequencies, tests for Hardy-Weinberg, neutrality and linkage disequilibrium, and graphs. LAUNCH Haplotype frequency estimation Family phaser Phenotype Establishes haplotype phase for family data. Input is UNIFORMAT file with a modified Calculates multi-locus haplotype frequencies (two or more loci) or allele frequencies Calculates phenotypes from probe lists and reactivity data and returns a UNIFORMAT under two alternative models (either Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium or inbreeding-like). identifier. There are no limits on the number of families included in each file. LAUNCH



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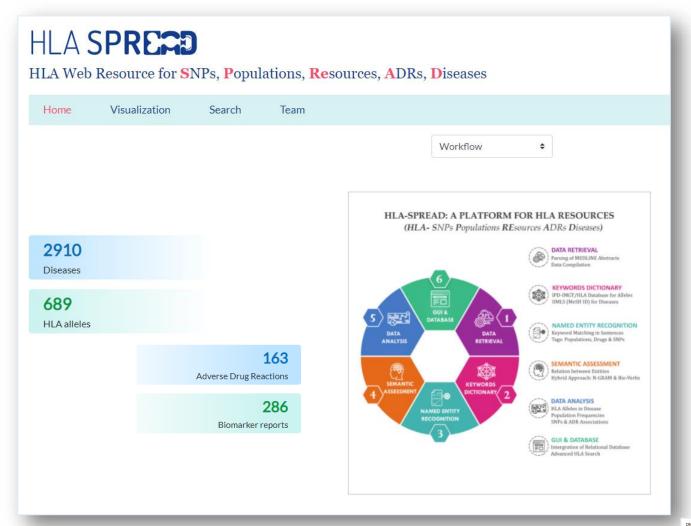


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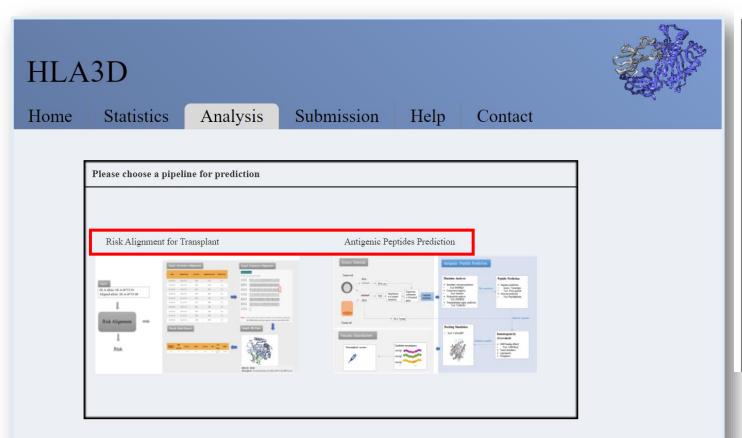
The HLA-net GENE[RATE] pipeline for effective HLA data analysis and its application to 145 population samples from Europe and neighbouring areas

J. M. Nunes, S. Buhler, D. Roessli, A. Sanchez-Mazas & the HLA-net 2013 collaboration









Key Points

- To provide comprehensive analysis of HLA for different populations, we developed HLA3D, a comprehensive toolkit that collected 1296 sequences, 256 PDB structures, 212 modelled structures, 120 000 frequency data, 73 000 associated literature, 39 000 disease-associated SNP of HLA and 1604 oncogenic mutations.
- Based on common HLA molecules in HLA3D, we qualified the HLA structure differences and obtained 100 000 RMSD records. In addition, we predicted 370 000 antigenic peptides with high affinity in common tumours, which helps to narrow the range of candidate neoantigens and promote subsequent experimental verification.
- By integrating the knowledge of differential immunogenicity in HLA sequences and structures, HLA3D established a risk alignment pipeline, providing users with the functions of structure alignment, sequence alignment, 3D-View and risk report, to help users predict the severity of aGVHD of mismatch HLA donors before transplantation.
- In view of the key characteristics that affect the immunogenicity of mutated peptides, HLA3D established an antigenic peptide prediction pipeline to provide users with a series of applications, such as mutation prediction, peptide prediction, immunogenicity assessment and docking simulation, to help users complete the prediction and analysis of immunogenic peptides.



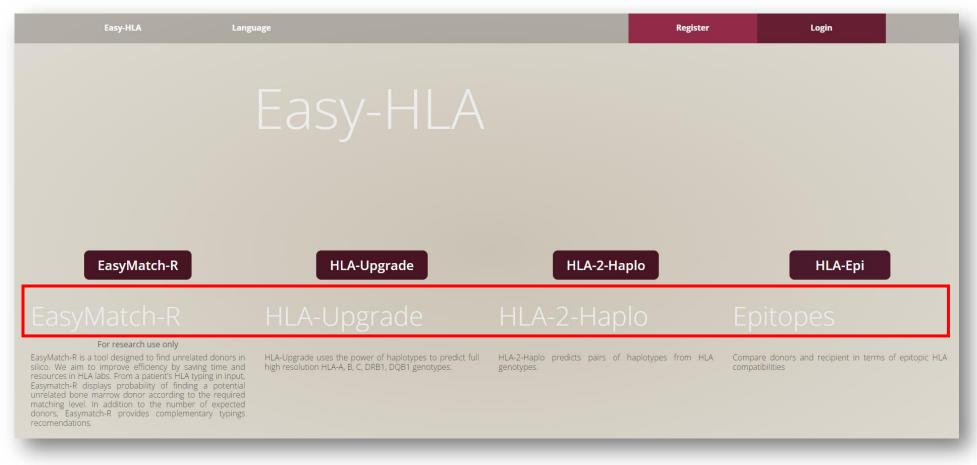
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Briefings in Bioinformatics, 2022, 1–13 https://doi.org/10.1093/bib/bbac076 Problem Solving Protocol

HLA3D: an integrated structure-based computational toolkit for immunotherapy









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Genetics and population analysis Easy-HLA: a validated web application suite to

reveal the full details of HLA typing

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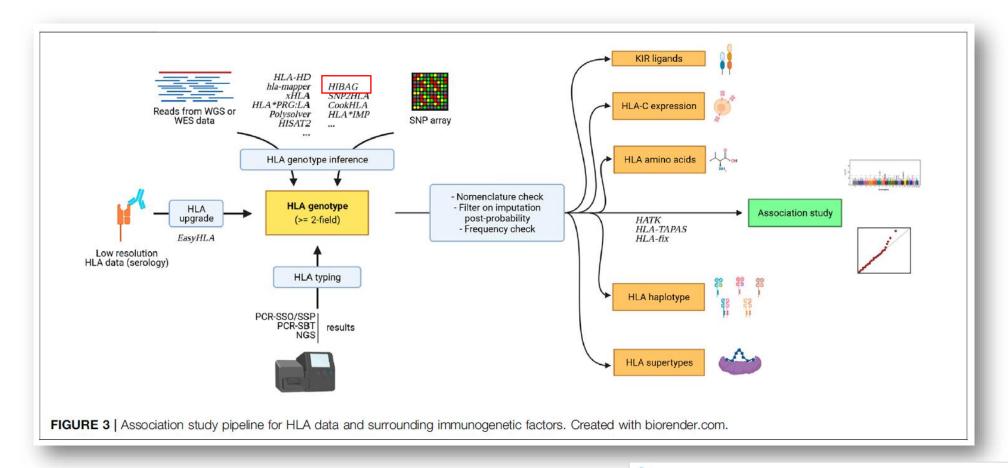
RESEARCH ARTICLE

Genetic Epidemiology



SNP-HLA Reference Consortium (SHLARC): HLA and SNP data sharing for promoting MHC-centric analyses in genomics

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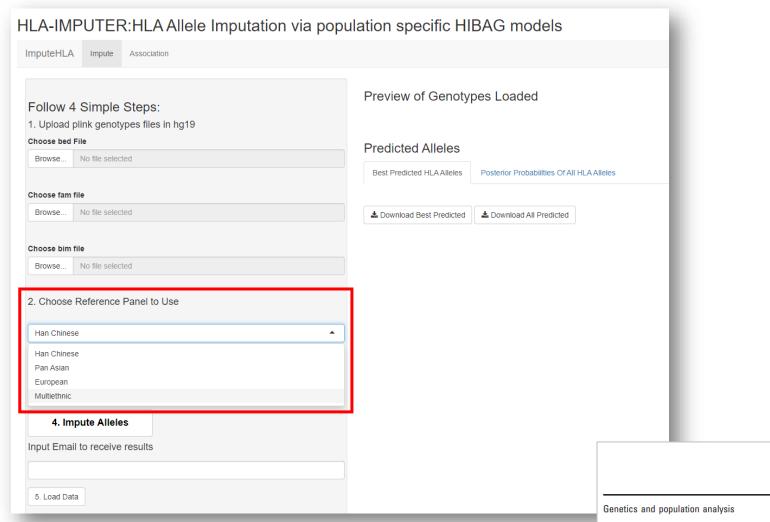


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HLA-IMPUTER: an easy to use web application for HLA imputation and association analysis using population-specific reference panels

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TABLE 1 | Tools for HLA analyses.

HLA application name	Description	URL	
Nphlard-nt (Hayashi et al.,	Identification of somatic mutations in HLA molecules from whole-genome and exome data using Bayesian algorithms	_	
IGDAWG (Pappas et al., 2016)	Open-source R package for the case-control analysis of highly polymorphic data at the allele, haplotype and amino-acid level	https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=BIGDAWG	
asy-HLA (Geffard et al., 2020)	Website with HLA alleles haplotyping, upgrading and inference from HLA genotypes, prediction of HLA-C expression	http://hla.univ-nantes.fr/	
ATK (Choi et al., 2021)	Open-source <i>Python</i> pipeline for HLA association studies, including tools for HLA data formatting	https://github.com/WansonChoi/HATK	
ILA-check (Jeanmougin et al., 017)	Perl tool evaluating the probability of accurate HLA genotype imputation by comparing it to SNP imputation in the exonic region of HLA.	https://github.com/mclegrand/HLA-check/	
ILA-EMMA (Kramer et al., 020)	Donor/recipient compatibility assessment based on solvent-accesible amino acids, based on intralocus comparisons	http://www.HLA-EMMA.com	
LAfix	Open-source R pipeline for HLA association studies. Performing SNP quality control steps, stratification, HLA imputation and representation of the results	https://univ-nantes.io/Nico_V/hlafix	
LAHapV (Osoegawa et al., 016)	A Java-based HLA Haplotype Validator for quality assessments of HLA typing	https://github.com/nmdp-bioinformatics/ ImmunogeneticDataTools	
LA-NET (Nunes et al., 2014)	Set of tools to manipulate HLA data, infer haplotypes, convert files format, and information about typing	https://hla-net.eu/	
LApers (Aguiar et al., 2020)	Genotyping and quantification of HLA expression from RNA-seq data	https://github.com/genevol-usp/HLApers	
ILA-TAPAS (Luo et al., 2020)	Open-source <i>Python</i> pipeline for creation of reference panels and HLA association studies	https://github.com/immunogenomics/HLA-TAPA	
MergeReference (Cook and lan, 2017)	SNP2HLA compatible tool to concatenate multiple reference panels in order to gain accuracy during HLA imputation	http://software.buhmhan.com/MergeReference	
yHLA (Fan and Song, 2017)	Association analysis for HLA alleles in Python language	https://github.com/felixfan/PyHLA	



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Approaching Genetics Through the MHC Lens: Tools and Methods for HLA Research

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R Packages

MiDAS—Meaningful Immunogenetic Data at Scale

Maciej Migdal, Dan Fu Ruan, William F. Forrest, Amir Horowitz, Christian Hammer

HATK: HLA analysis toolkit 3

Wanson Choi, Yang Luo, Soumya Raychaudhuri, Buhm Han 🗷

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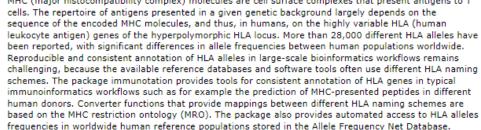
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DOI: 10.18129/B9.bioc.immunotation f

Tools for working with diverse immune genes

Bioconductor version: Release (3.14)

MHC (major histocompatibility complex) molecules are cell surface complexes that present antigens to T cells. The repertoire of antigens presented in a given genetic background largely depends on the











Bioinformatics Tools

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BIOINFORMATICS TOOLS

(for Genetic Epidemiologists)

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Open Access Reviews / Journals

ENCODE Resources (Pazin MJ. CSHP 2015); Database Tools (Bianco, Genomics 2013; Zou, 2015); UCSC Browser (Mangan, 2014)

Journals: Nucleic Acids Research (NAR); NAR Genomics & Bioinformatics; Database; Bioinformatics

Nucleic Acids Research Databases Catalog

Scientific Data

Article Collections

ENCODE (Web Focus) FANTOM5 (RIKEN) IHEC Epigenome RoadMap TCGA GTEX

F1000Research: Bioconductor

Societies

ISCB ISMB AMIA ECCB

Online Suites

Galaxy (101 - Support) ExPASy (ref) Taverna 2.5.0/Archive (ref) Apache-Taverna BioMart (ref) Artemis (manual) Babelomics (ref / tutorial)

Bioconductor (manual) BioPython (tutorial & cookbook / PDF)

EDGE: Empowering the Development of Genomics Expertise (ref)

Biomarts

BioTools: Biomart

Ensembl BioMart (YouTube tutorial) UCSC Table Browser GWAS Central GWAS Mart (tutorial) SPS Mart (allele freqs) Fantom5

Genome Browsers

BioTools: Genome Visualization

UCSC Human Genome BioInformatics GENCODE FANTOM5 (ref / tutorial / wiki / user guide (pp.12-19)) - ZENBU - SLIDEBASE (tutorial)

Ensembl Genome Browser (Human) Vega Genome Browser (Human)

NIH RoadMap Epigenomic Browser (tutorial) WashU EpiGenome Human Epigenome Atlas NCBI Epigenomics (help) NGSmethDB (ref)

1KG (Browser - Quick Start Guide)-(NCBI) PopHuman (ref)

UK10K (ref) GENCODE Browser SNiPA (gnomAD) genome Aggregation Browser (ref)

CNV Browser DECIPHER eQTL Browser seeQTL GTEx eQTL Browser

IncRBase NonCode FANTOM CAT (IncRNA Atlas) Browser (ref) Integrative Genomics (ref)

<u>VISTA Enhancer Browser</u> <u>Swiss Regulon</u> <u>Reactome Pathway Browser</u> <u>ImmunoBase Browser</u> <u>ImmunPop Browser</u> (ref)

NCBI Genome Data Viewer (GDV) (ref / tutorial)

General Resources

BioTools OmicX

NCBI Global Search GoPubMed HuGE LabMeeting NCBI Tutorials / Handbook / Help Manual NIH Helix NCBI Tools for Data Mining NCI Data Analysis Tools

Sanger: Software / Databases & Tools EMBL-EBI Swiss Institute of Bioinformatics: ExPASy JJ Wang Lab

NCBI Gene .. GeneCards .. GeneMap .. GenAtlas .. iHOP .. BioGPS Gene Annotation .. Harmonizome (ref)

NCBI (tutorials on YouTube) .. BLAST .. MimicMe (ref) .. e-PCR .. In Silico PCR .. GeneNote .. GeneLoc .. CGAP-GAI .. Aceview

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ENCODE (ref / tutorial1 / tutorial2 / cell types) GENCODE RegulomeDB FANTOM/Gateway (papers / software) Broad Institute Portal

Database of Genomic Variants (CNV) CNV inspector Copy Number Variation Resources DECIPHE

OMIM .. OMIM Map .. NCBI Genetic Association Database (GAD) [Now Retired] .. HuGE Navigator .. Variant N

Gene Exp Omnibus -GEO (NCBI) .. NCBI dbGaP .. ArrayExpress (EBI) .. SOURCE (genomics tool)



Bioinformatics Tools for HLA

The amount of biological data related to the HLA genes and HLA region is ever increasing

Cell/tissue-specific, validated, high quality data should be exploited at every opportunity to find answers to research questions

To do that, user friendly tools and apps are available

There is, however, no substitute for expert advice from a trained bioinformatician

Experimental verification is also still needed



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