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Introduction

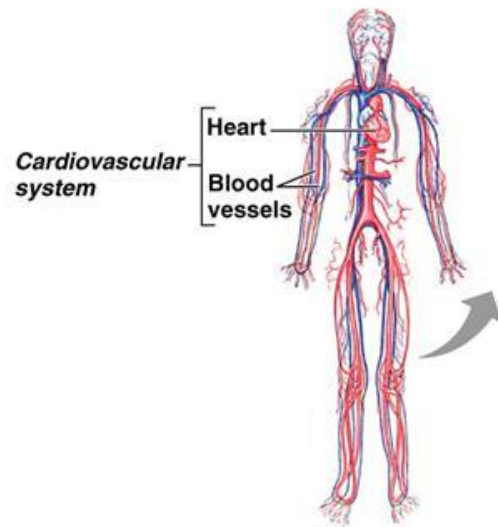
What happens with the human body when you are running?



Organ systems work together

- Skeletal system- supports the skeleton
- Muscular system - pulls on the bones to enable you to move
- Respiratory system - makes sure your muscles have enough oxygen for respiration
- Circulatory system- provides oxygen and glucose to the skeletal muscle cells

Human body structure

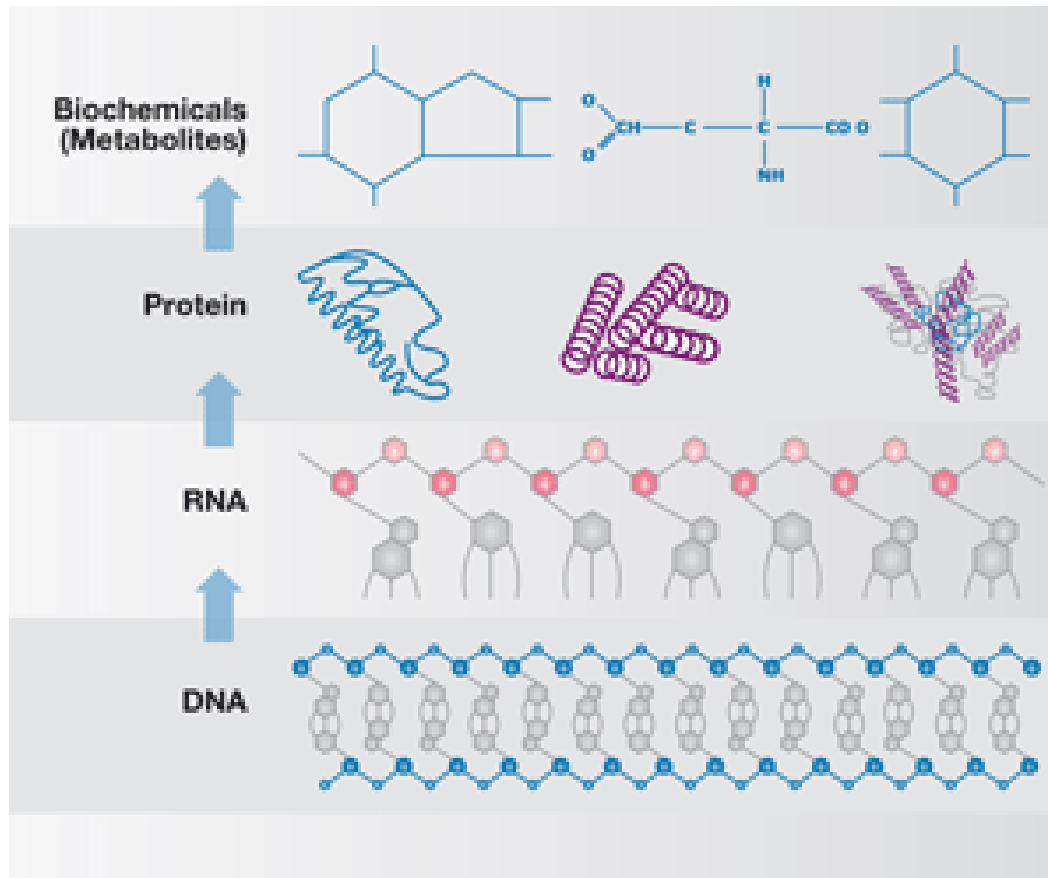


⑥ **Organismal level**
The human organism is made up of many organ systems.

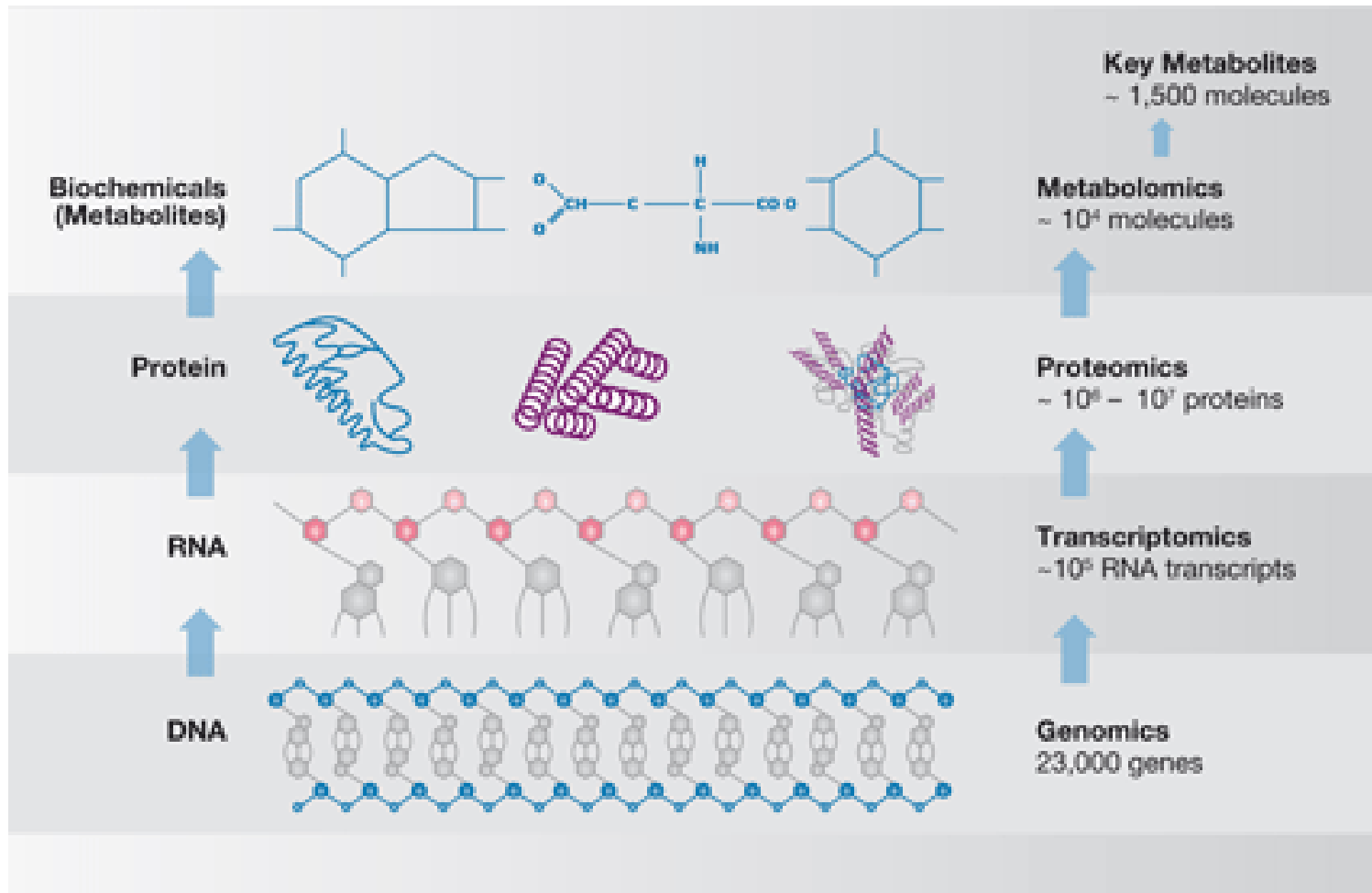
⑤ **Organ system level**
Organ systems consist of different organs that work together closely.

(Bio)Molecules

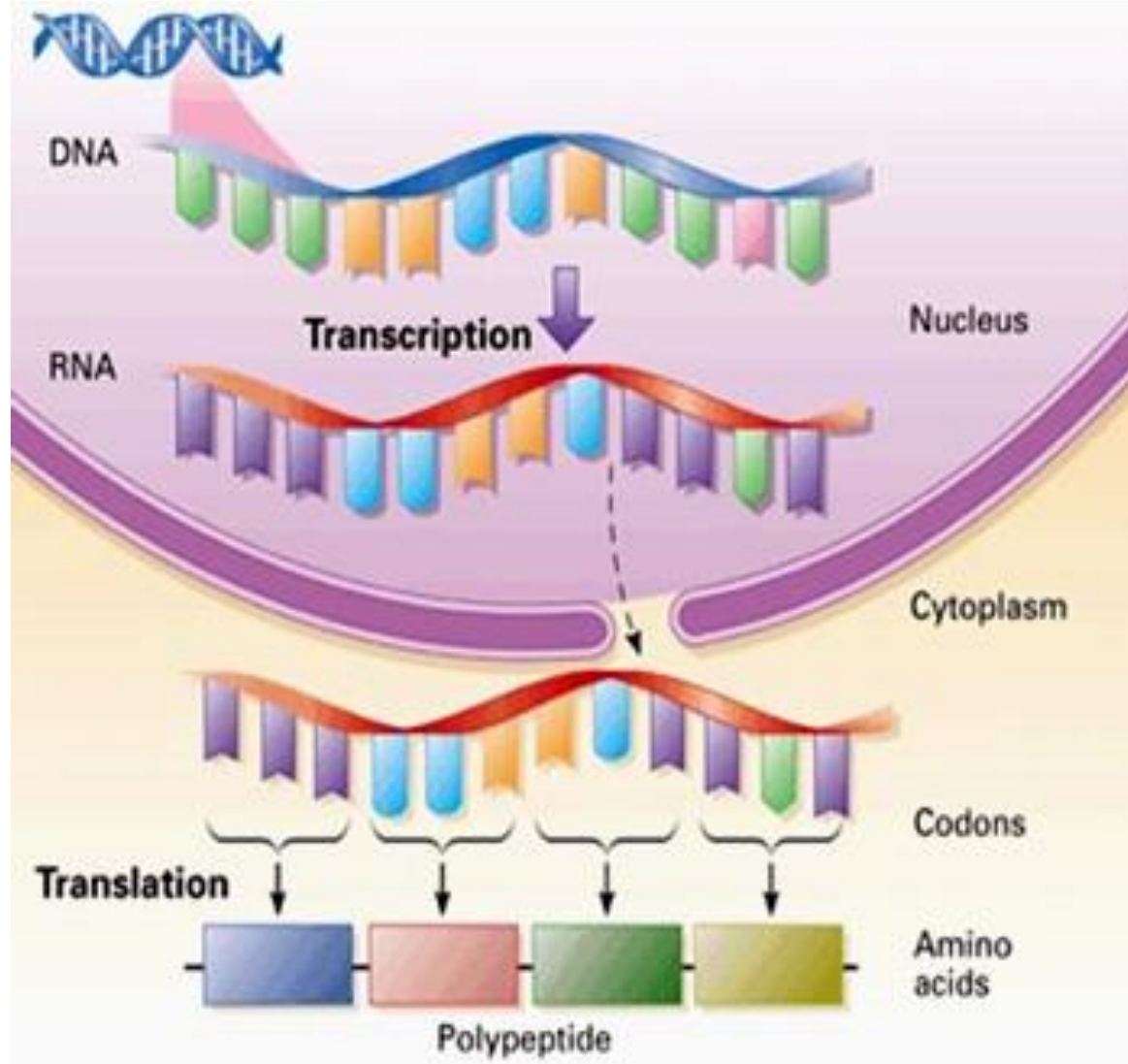
Individual players are important



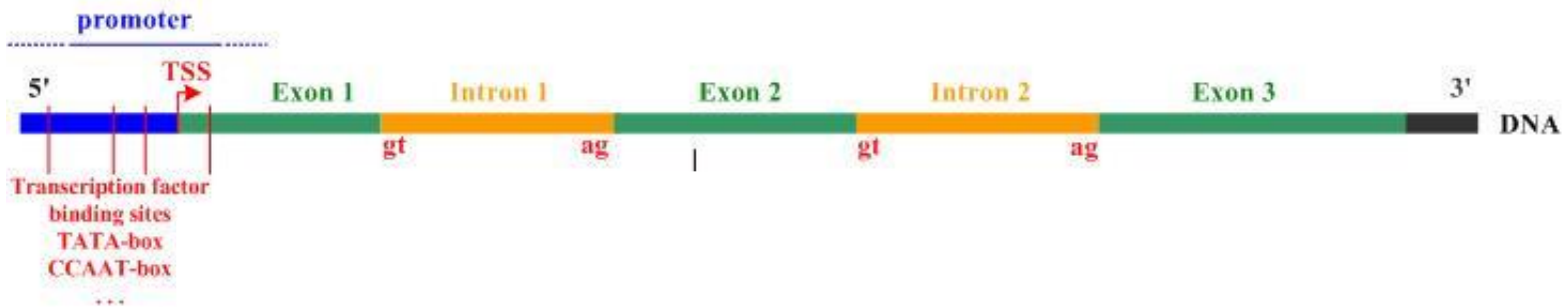
Heaps of knowledge on biomolecules online available.



Protein synthesis



Gene structure



Alternative splicing!

CDS = Coding DNA Sequence

UTR = UnTranslated region

Learning goals

To understand biological sequence databases

- Which biological sequence databases are available?
- How can you find information in these databases?
- What is the content of the databases?
- Two projects aimed at deciphering the content of the human genome, the human genome project & ENCODE.
- How to find information on genetic diseases
- What is gene ontology and WikiPathways?



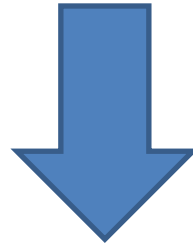
Biological sequence databases

What is a database

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gfT7EGibry0>

Genes in stead of persons

Name	Identifier	Sequence	Synonyms	Chromosomal location	Disease	Many more
Gene 1	2456	AGTCCCGT	DAH, HSD	4q12	Cancer
Gene2	4333	CGGTAACT	HGR	7p10	Diabetes
Gene 3	6799	AGTCGGCGGG				
etc						



All the available information is stored in databases!

Biological sequence databases

Originally – just a storage place for sequences.

Currently – the databases are bioinformatics work bench which provide many tools for retrieving, comparing and analyzing sequences.

1. Global nucleotide/protein sequence storage databases:

- GenBank of NCBI (National Center for Biotechnology Information)
- The European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL) database
- The DNA Data Bank of Japan (DDBJ)

2. Genome-centered databases

- NCBI genomes
- Ensembl Genome Browser
- UCSC Genome Bioinformatics Site

3. Protein Databases

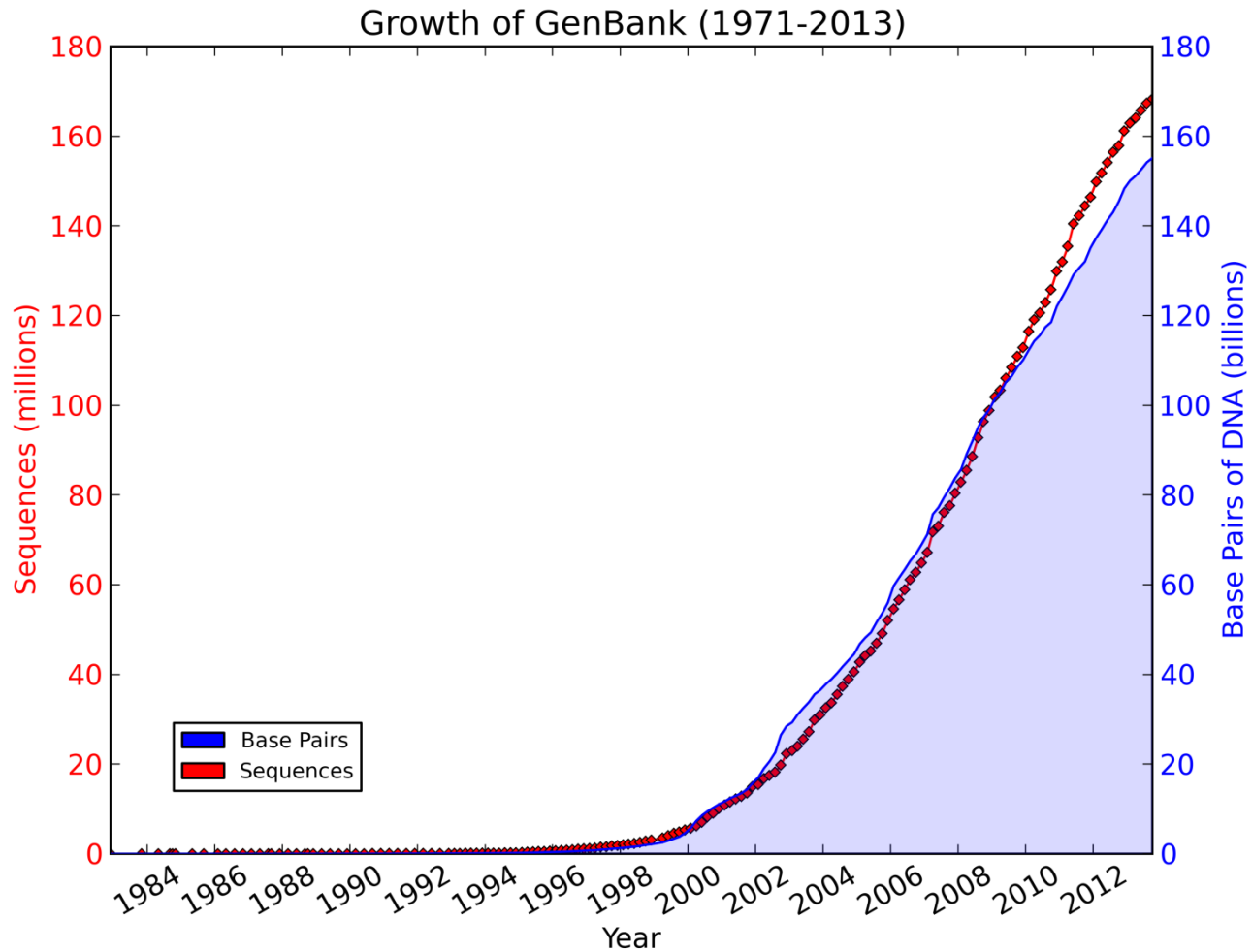
- UniProt

Lecture protein structures

NCBI nucleotide databases

- GenBank
 - Individual submissions (DNA, mRNA, eiwit)
 - Bulk submissions (Genome centers)
 - High throughput sequencing (DNA)
 - Expressed Sequence Tags (mRNA)
- RefSeq
 - Curated subset of GenBank
 - “Reference” sequence
 - Single sequence per locus / molecule

Growth of GenBank



Genome-centered databases

UCSC

NCBI

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov>

UCSC Genome Browser on Human May 2004 Assembly

position/search chr7:127,471,196-127,495,720

chr7 (chr7:1)

Base Position 127470000 127480000 127490000 127500000

STS Markers on Genetic (blue) and Radiation Hybrid (black) Maps

UCSC Known Genes (June, 05) Based on UniProt, RefSeq, and GenBank mRNA

RefSeq Genes

Consensus CDS

Accession Numbers

Human mRNAs from GenBank

Spliced ESTs

Conservation

Click on a feature for details. Click to zoom in around cursor. Click on for track-specific options

Use drop-down controls below and press refresh to update tracks. Tracks with items will automatically be displayed

Mapping and Sequencing Tracks

Base Position Chromosome STS Markers RGID OI
dense hide dense hide

<http://genome.ucsc.edu/>

NCBI

Genome

BLAST search the human genome

Ensembl

Search Ensembl

Search: All species for

e.g. human gene BRCA2 or rat X:100000..200000 or insulin

Browse a Genome

The Ensembl project produces genome databases for vertebrates and other eukaryotic species, and makes this information freely available online.

Click on a link below to go to the species' home page.

Popular genomes (Log in to customize this list)

- Human (NCBI36)
- Mouse (NCBI37)
- Zebrafish (ZFISH7)

All genomes

-- Select a species --

New to Ensembl?

Did you know you can:

- Add custom tracks
- Upload your own data
- Search for a DNA or protein sequence
- Fetch only the data you want
- Download our databases via FTP
- Mine Ensembl with BioMart

What's New in Release 52 (9 December 2008)

- Homo sapiens core database (Human)
- Gorilla 2x assembly and genebuild (Gorilla)
- ncRNA update (multiple species)
- Mus musculus core (Mouse)
- Cow otherfeatures (Cow)

Ensembl

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

NCBI homepage

The screenshot shows the NCBI homepage with a search bar at the top. A dropdown menu is open from the search bar, listing various databases. The 'All Databases' option is highlighted with a red circle. Below the search bar, there is a navigation menu on the left with categories like 'NCBI Home', 'Resource List (A-Z)', and 'All Resources'. The main content area features a 'Welcome to NCBI' message and a list of 'Popular Resources' including PubMed, Bookshelf, and BLAST. A 'NCBI Facebook page' banner is also visible, along with a 'NCBI Announcements' section.

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Epigenomics

Gene

GEO DataSets

Welcome to NCBI

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NCBI Facebook page

Find out the latest news about NCBI resources and participate in community discussions.

GO

NCBI Announcements

Now Available: NCBI Insights Blog!

28 Jan 2013

NCBI has just released a new blog called *NCBI Insights*. Blog posts will provide an

16 Jan 2013

Spaces are still available for the free,

06 Sep 2012

New version of Genome Workbench available

An integrated, downloadable application

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[More...](#)

NCBI Global Cross-database search

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/gquery/>

GQuery

NCBI Global Cross-database Search

Search NCBI databases

Literature

PubMed: scientific & medical abstracts/citations

PubMed Central: full-text journal articles

NLM Catalog: books, journals and more in the NLM Collections

MeSH: ontology used for PubMed indexing

Books: books and reports

Site Search: NCBI web and FTP site index

Health

PubMed Health: clinical effectiveness, disease and drug reports

MedGen: medical genetics literature and links

GTR: genetic testing registry

dbGaP: genotype/phenotype interaction studies

ClinVar: human variations of clinical significance

OMIM: online mendelian inheritance in man

OMIA: online mendelian inheritance in animals

Organisms

Taxonomy: taxonomic classification and nomenclature catalog

Nucleotide Sequences

Nucleotide: DNA and RNA sequences

GSS: genome survey sequences

EST: expressed sequence tag sequences

SRA: high-throughput DNA and RNA sequence read archive

PopSet: sequence sets from phylogenetic and population studies

Probe: sequence-based probes and primers

Genomes

Genome: genome sequencing projects by organism

Assembly: genomic assembly information

Epigenomics: epigenomic studies and display tools

UniSTS: sequence-tagged sites for genome mapping

SNP: short genetic variations

dbVar: genome structural variation studies

BioProject: biological projects providing data to NCBI

BioSample: descriptions of biological source materials

Clone: genomic and cDNA clones

Homologene

NCBI Resources How To

HomoloGene HomoloGene Limits Advanced

Display Settings: HomoloGene

HomoloGene:22431. Gene conserved in Eutheria

Genes

Genes identified as putative homologs of one another during the construction of HomoloGene.

- DHH, *H.sapiens*
desert hedgehog
- DHH, *C.lupus*
desert hedgehog
- DHH, *B.taurus*
desert hedgehog
- Dhh, *M.musculus*
desert hedgehog
- Dhh, *R.norvegicus*
desert hedgehog

Protein Alignments

Protein multiple alignment, pairwise similarity scores and evolutionary distances.

Show Multiple Alignment

Proteins

Proteins used in sequence comparisons and their conserved domain architectures.

- NP_066382.1 396 aa
- XP_003640009.1 391 aa
- XP_002687352.1 396 aa
- NP_031883.1 396 aa
- NP_445819.1 396 aa

Conserved Domains

Conserved Domains from CDD found in protein sequences by rpsblast searching.

Hint (pfam01079)

Hint module.

Homologue = One of a group of similar DNA sequences that share a common ancestry.

PubMed (NCBI)

NCBI Resources How To Sign in to NCBI

PubMed.gov PubMed Search

US National Library of Medicine National Institutes of Health Advanced Help

Filters activated: Review [Clear all](#)



PubMed

PubMed comprises more than 22 million citations for biomedical literature from MEDLINE, life science journals, and online books. Citations may include links to full-text content from PubMed Central and publisher web sites.

PubReader

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- [E-Utilities](#)
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You are here: NCBI > Literature > PubMed

[Write to the Help Desk](#)

GETTING STARTED

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- [Mouse Genome](#)
- [Influenza Virus](#)
- [Primer-BLAST](#)
- [Sequence Read Archive](#)

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Ensembl homepage



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Search all species...

Search: All species for

e.g. BRCA2 or rat X:100000..200000 or coronary heart disease

Browse a Genome

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Popular genomes



Human
GRCh37



Mouse
GRCm38



Zebrafish
Zv9

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All genomes

— Select a species —

[View full list of all Ensembl species](#)

Other species are available in [Ensembl Pre!](#) and [EnsemblGenomes](#)

ENCODE data in Ensembl



Variant Effect Predictor



Gene expression in different tissues



Find SNPs and other variants for my gene

```
GTTATACATTC  
CCTRAAAGTCTT  
CTTCTAAATTC  
GACACATTTCC
```

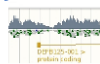
Retrieve gene sequence

```
GGCCGATTCGCGTGG  
GGGCTTGTGGCCGAGC  
GGGCTGTGCTGGGCTT  
AGGGGAGAGTTGTGG  
CACCTCTGAGAGCGTTT  
CCCACTCCAGCGTGGC
```

Compare genes across species



Use my own data in Ensembl



Learn about a disease or phenotype



What's New in Release 74 (December 2013)

- [ncRNA secondary structure now displayed on the Gene Summary page](#)
- [New matrix configuration for RNASeq models](#)
- [New species: sheep \(*Ovis aries*\), cave fish \(*Astyanax mexicanus*\) and spotted gar \(*Lepisosteus oculatus*\)](#)
- [Updated patches for the human assembly \(GRCh37.p13\) and mouse assembly \(GRCm38.p2\)](#)

[Full details of this release](#)

[More release news on our blog →](#)

Latest blog posts

- 09 Jan 2014: [What's coming in Ensembl release 75](#)
- 01 Jan 2014: [Computing Ensembl's New Regulatory Annotation](#)
- 26 Dec 2013: [The New Ensembl Regulatory Annotation](#)

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Did you know...?



It's free- take our [browser workshop](#) online!



Ensembl is a joint project between [EMBL - EBI](#) and the [Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute](#) to develop a software system which produces and maintains automatic annotation on selected eukaryotic genomes.

Ensembl receives major funding from the Wellcome Trust. Our [acknowledgements page](#) includes a list of additional current and previous funding bodies.



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Ensembl example DHH (human)

Ensembl genome browser 70: Homo sapiens ...

www.ensembl.org/Homo_sapiens/Location/View?db=core;g=ENSG00000139549;r=12:49483204-49488602;t=ENST00000266991

Human (GRCh37) Location: 12:49,483,204-49,488,602 Gene: DHH Transcript: DHH-001

Transcript: DHH-001 ENST00000266991

Description desert hedgehog [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:2865]

Location [Chromosome 12: 49,483,204-49,488,602 reverse strand.](#)

Gene This transcript is a product of gene [ENSG00000139549](#) - This gene has 1 transcript

Name	Transcript ID	Length (bp)	Protein ID	Length (aa)	Biotype	CCDS
DHH-001	ENST00000266991	1936	ENSP00000266991	396	Protein coding	CCDS8779

Transcript and Gene level displays

Views in Ensembl are separated into gene based views and transcript based views according to which level the information is more appropriately associated with. This view is a transcript level view. To flip between the two sets of views you can click on the Gene and Transcript tabs in the menu bar at the top of the page.

Transcript summary

Reverse strand 5.40 Kb

Statistics Exons: 3 Coding exons: 3 Transcript length: 1,936 bps Translation length: 396 residues

CCDS This transcript is a member of the Human CCDS set: [CCDS8779](#)

Ensembl version ENST00000266991.2

Type Known protein coding

Prediction Method Transcript where the Ensembl genebuild transcript and the [Vega](#) manual annotation have the same sequence, for every base pair. See [article](#).

Alternative transcripts This transcript corresponds to the following database identifiers:
Transcript having exact match between ENSEMBL and HAVANA: [OTTHUMT00000408973](#) (version 1)

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antisense
RP11-386G11.8-002 >
antisense

Search for genomic information using identifiers

How can you store genes with a unique name?

- Regular gene names are not suited
- Structured identifiers
- These are different for different databases

NCBI identifiers

- RefSeq:
 - Chromosome: NC_
 - mRNA: NM_
 - Protein: NP_
- Genbank:
 - Many types of IDs
- NCBI gene ID:
 - Number
- OMIM ID:
 - Number
- Pubmed ID:
 - Number

Ensembl identifiers

- ENS**G**### Ensembl **Gene** ID
 - EN**S**T### Ensembl **Transcript** ID
 - ENS**P**### Ensembl **Peptide** ID
 - ENS**E**### Ensembl **Exon** ID
-
- For other species than human a suffix is added:

MUS (*Mus musculus*) for mouse: ENS**MUS**G###

DAR (*Danio rerio*) for zebrafish: ENS**DAR**G###, etc.



Human Genome & ENCODE project

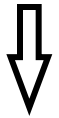
Where does all this information come from?

- Submissions (e.g. Sequences)
- Literature
- Curators and contributors
- Automated generation by computer tools
- High-throughput lab screenings
- Individual contributions and large scale contributions

Functional genomics

Single biomolecules

DNA



RNA



PROTEIN

*Sequencing and gene
identification*

*Sequencing and gene
expression*

*Identification and
structure determination*

High throughput

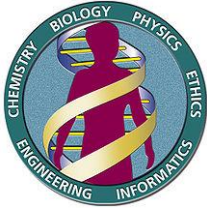
GENOME



TRANSCRIPTOME



PROTEOME



HGP and ENCODE



- We will now discuss these two major projects that contributed a lot of data
- The **Humane Genome Project** (1990-2003)
 - Sequencing of the human genome
 - Characterizing the genes on the DNA sequence
- The **ENCODE** project (2003-2012)
 - Focuses on regulatory elements on the DNA

the Human Genome Project

AGTCCGCGAATACAGGCTCGGT

movie

International Human Genome Sequencing Consortium, Finishing the euchromatic sequence of the human genome. Nature 431, 931-945 (21 October 2004).

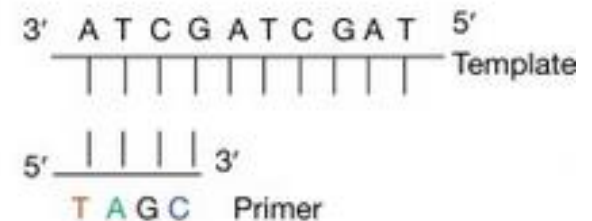
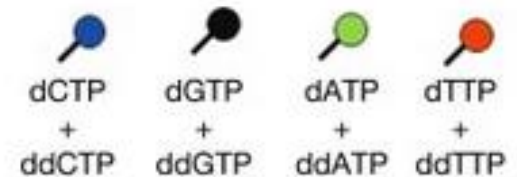
Sanger sequencing (chain termination)

The Sanger sequencing method is the most commonly used analysis technique in genetic diagnostics.

It was also used to sequence the whole human genome.

The following are mixed in a test tube:

1. DNA template
2. One primer
3. DNA polymerase
4. dNTPs: the DNA building blocks A, C, G, T,
-> a mixture of normal nucleotides
5. ddNTPs: Modified nucleotides with
fluorescent markers.
-> do not allow the chain to lengthen, so they **stop the reaction**.

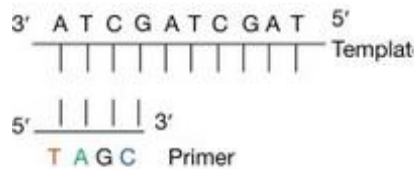
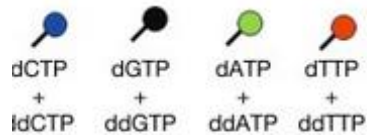


Sanger sequencing

Step 1: The primer recognizes and binds to a complementary piece of DNA.

Step 2: DNA polymerase transcribes the code using letters that are freely 'swimming around'.

Step 3: A fluorescent letter is inserted at random in a specific place -> transcription stops.

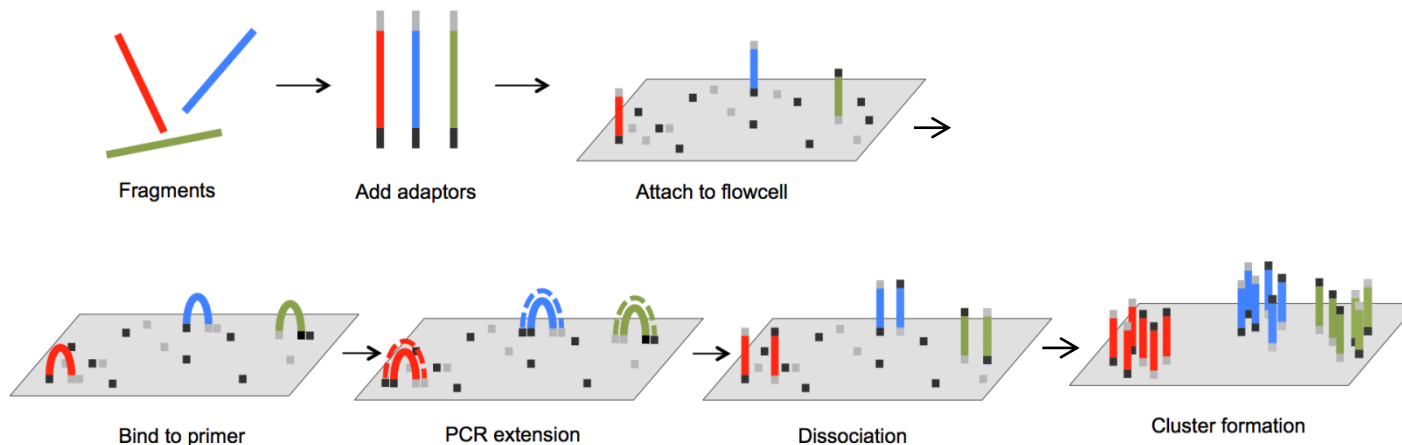


Step 4:

These fragments are arranged in order of length and separated. The fluorescent signals (which are different for each of the 4 nucleotides) are successively received by the sequencer. In this way the original code is 'assembled' by the computer.

Next generation sequencing (=Massive parallel sequencing)

- Subsequently the different samples - each with their unique bar code - are pooled
- Then every individual DNA piece from the DNA-library is replicated using its adaptor on a glass slide (flowcell). This process is called **'clonal' amplification**.

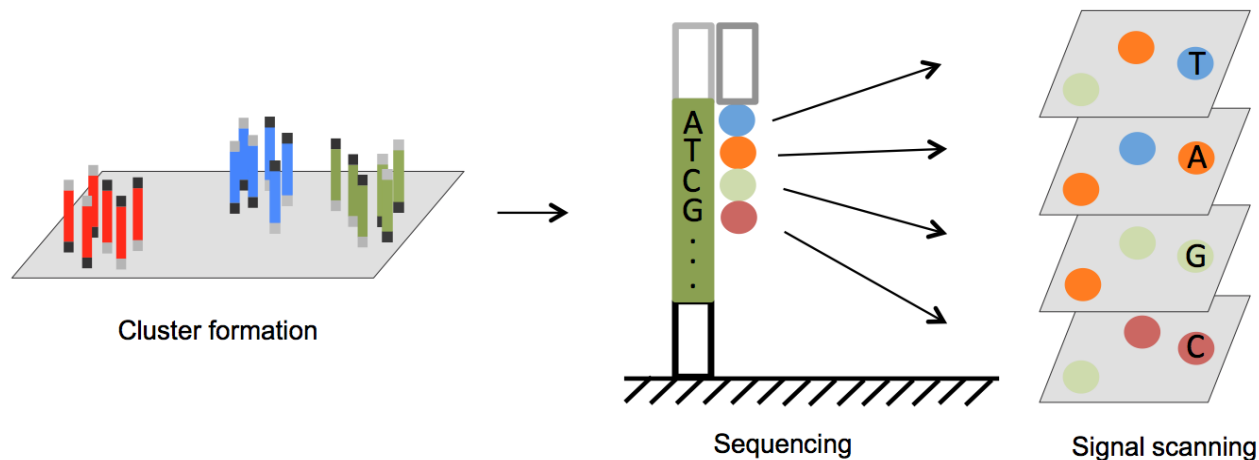


Next step



Next generation sequencing (=Massive parallel sequencing)

Finally the sequence is determined whereby all replicated (amplified) DNA fragments from the DNA-library are sequenced using sequencing primers, a polymerase enzyme and the simultaneous addition of the 4 fluorescent labelled DNA building blocks (sequencing by synthesis).



Sequencing the Human Genome

\$3,000,000,000

2003 Human Genome Project



\$20,000,000

2006 1st individual genome



\$2,000,000

2007 1st NGS Genome



\$200,000

2008 1st 30x genome



\$10,000

2010 1st sub-10K genome



\$1,000

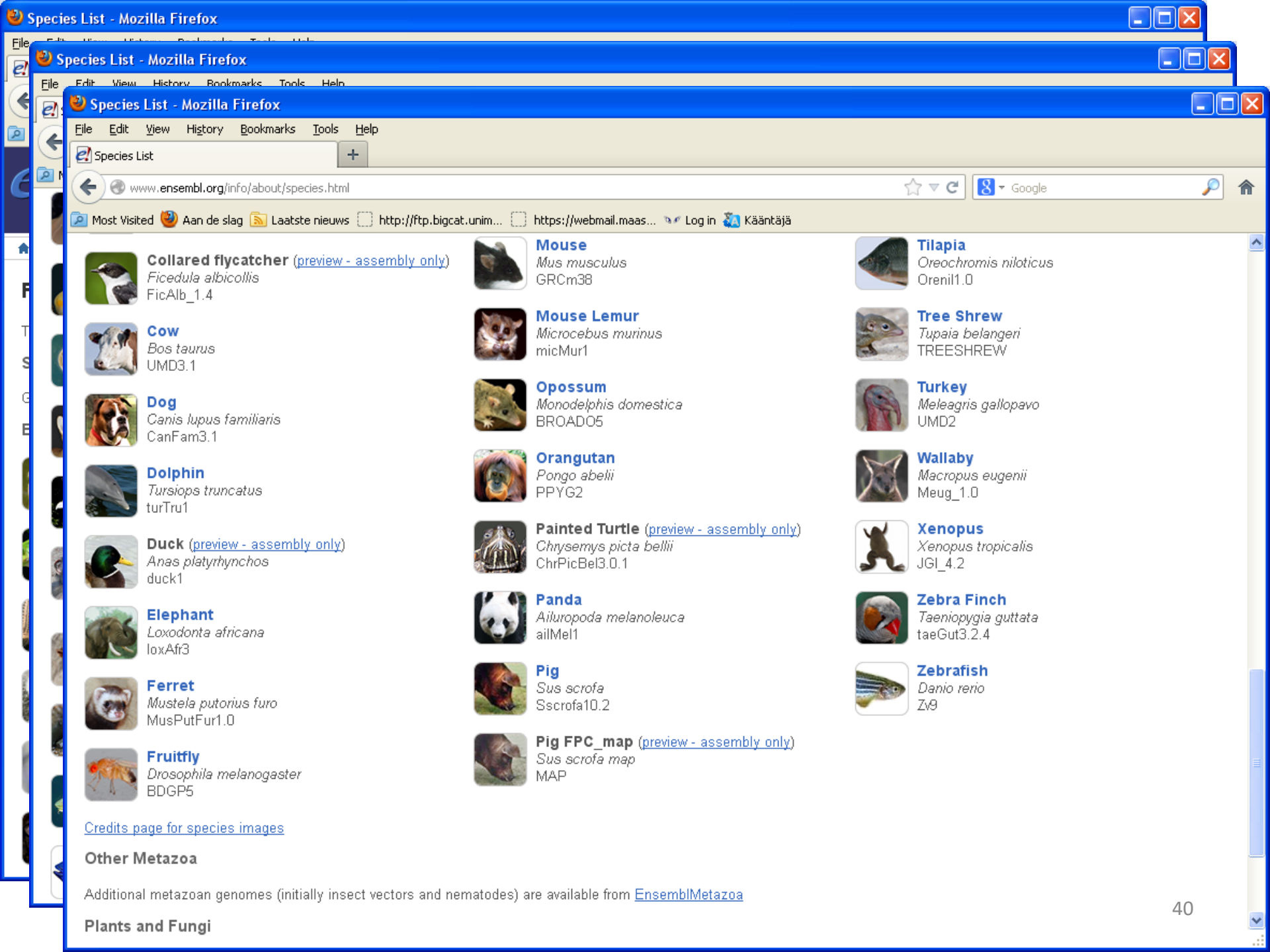
2014 1st \$1,000 genome



\$100

2017 1st \$100 genome





Collared flycatcher ([preview - assembly only](#))
Ficedula albicollis
FicAlb_1.4



Cow
Bos taurus
UMD3.1



Dog
Canis lupus familiaris
CanFam3.1



Dolphin
Tursiops truncatus
turTru1



Duck ([preview - assembly only](#))
Anas platyrhynchos
duck1



Elephant
Loxodonta africana
loxAfr3



Ferret
Mustela putorius furo
MusPutFur1.0



Fruitfly
Drosophila melanogaster
BDGP5



Mouse
Mus musculus
GRCm38



Mouse Lemur
Microcebus murinus
micMur1



Opossum
Monodelphis domestica
BROAD05



Orangutan
Pongo abelii
PPYG2



Painted Turtle ([preview - assembly only](#))
Chrysemys picta bellii
ChrPicBel3.0.1



Panda
Ailuropoda melanoleuca
ailMel1



Pig
Sus scrofa
Sscrofa10.2



Pig FPC_map ([preview - assembly only](#))
Sus scrofa map
MAP



Tilapia
Oreochromis niloticus
Orenil1.0



Tree Shrew
Tupaia belangeri
TREETSHREW



Turkey
Meleagris gallopavo
UMD2



Wallaby
Macropus eugenii
Meug_1.0



Xenopus
Xenopus tropicalis
JGI_4.2



Zebra Finch
Taeniopygia guttata
taeGut3.2.4



Zebrafish
Danio rerio
Zf9

[Credits page for species images](#)

Other Metazoa

Additional metazoan genomes (initially insect vectors and nematodes) are available from [EnsemblMetazoa](#)

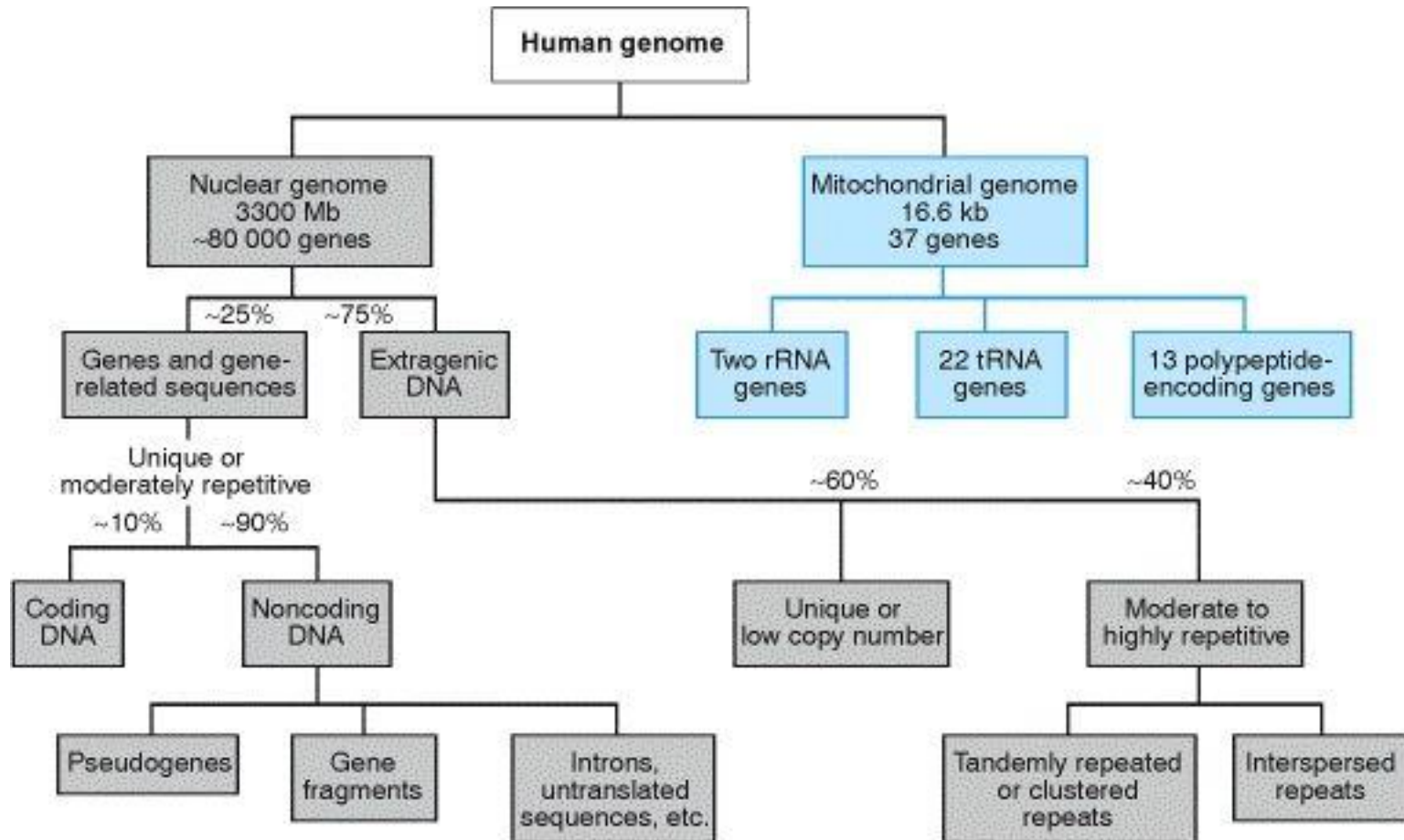
Plants and Fungi

Number of genes

Species and Common Name	Estimated Total Size of Genome (bp)*	Estimated Number of Protein-Encoding Genes*
<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i> (unicellular budding yeast)	12 million	6,000
<i>Trichomonas vaginalis</i>	160 million	60,000
<i>Plasmodium falciparum</i> (unicellular malaria parasite)	23 million	5,000
<i>Caenorhabditis elegans</i> (worm)	95.5 million	18,000
<i>Drosophila melanogaster</i> (fruit fly)	170 million	14,000
<i>Arabidopsis thaliana</i> (mustard; thale cress)	125 million	25,000
<i>Oryza sativa</i> (rice)	470 million	51,000
<i>Gallus gallus</i> (chicken)	1 billion	20,000-23,000
<i>Canis familiaris</i> (domestic dog)	2.4 billion	19,000
<i>Mus musculus</i> (laboratory mouse)	2.5 billion	30,000
<i>Homo sapiens</i> (human)	2.9 billion	20,000-25,000

Plants and amphibians with huge genomes (not in table) do not have huge amounts of genes

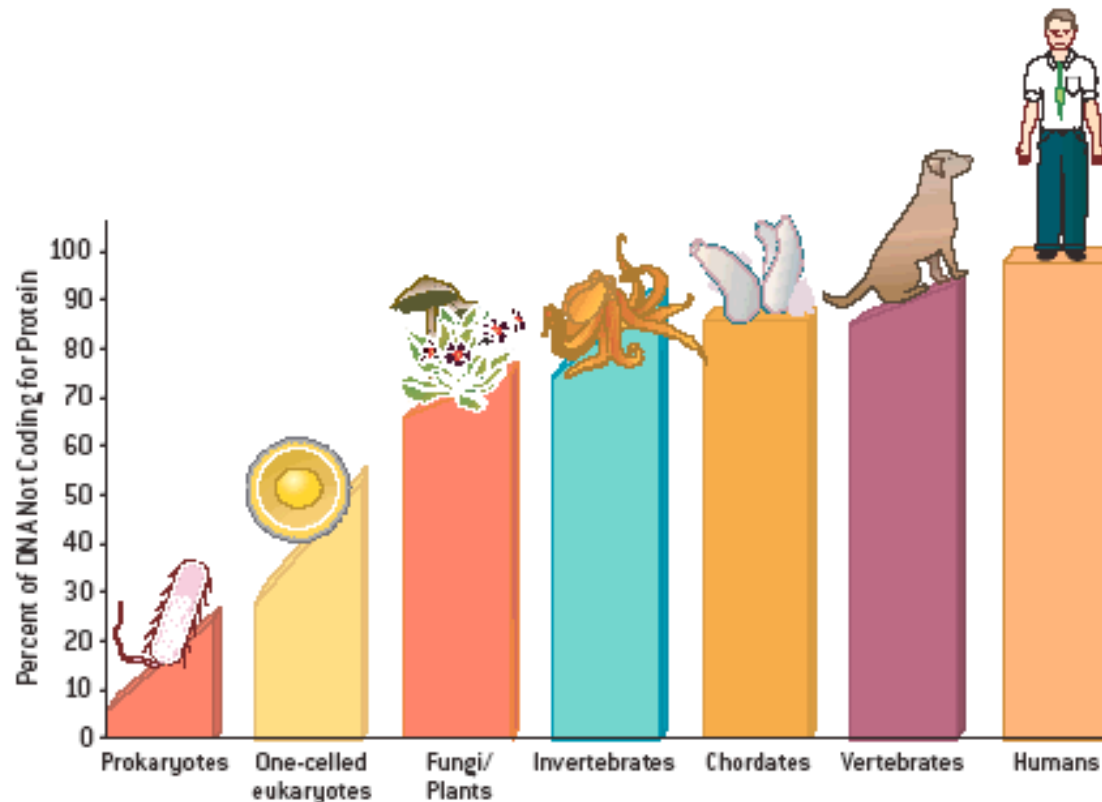
Organization of the human genome



Human Genome Structure

from Strachan & Read, Human Molecular Genetics 2E, Wiley-Liss, 1999

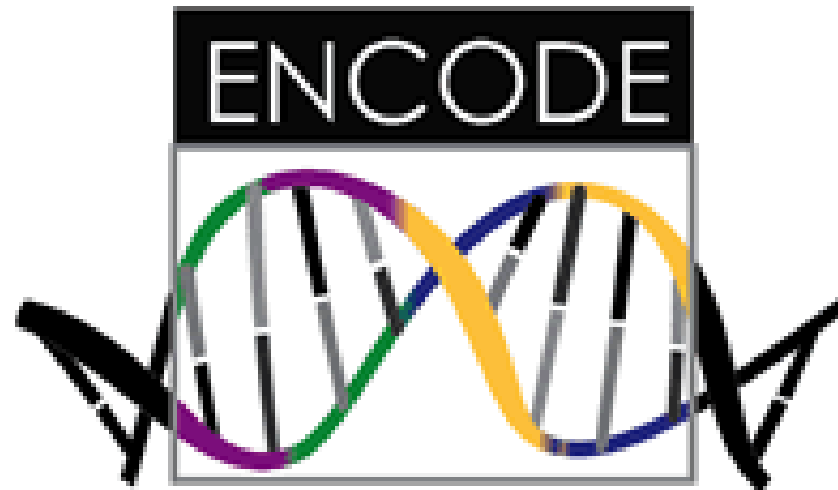
Non-Protein coding DNA



NONPROTEIN-CODING SEQUENCES make up only a small fraction of the DNA of prokaryotes. Among eukaryotes, as their complexity increases, generally so, too, does the proportion of their DNA that does not code for protein. The noncoding sequences have been considered junk, but perhaps it actually helps to explain organisms' complexity.

The ENCODE Project: ENCyclopedia Of DNA Elements

A public research consortium

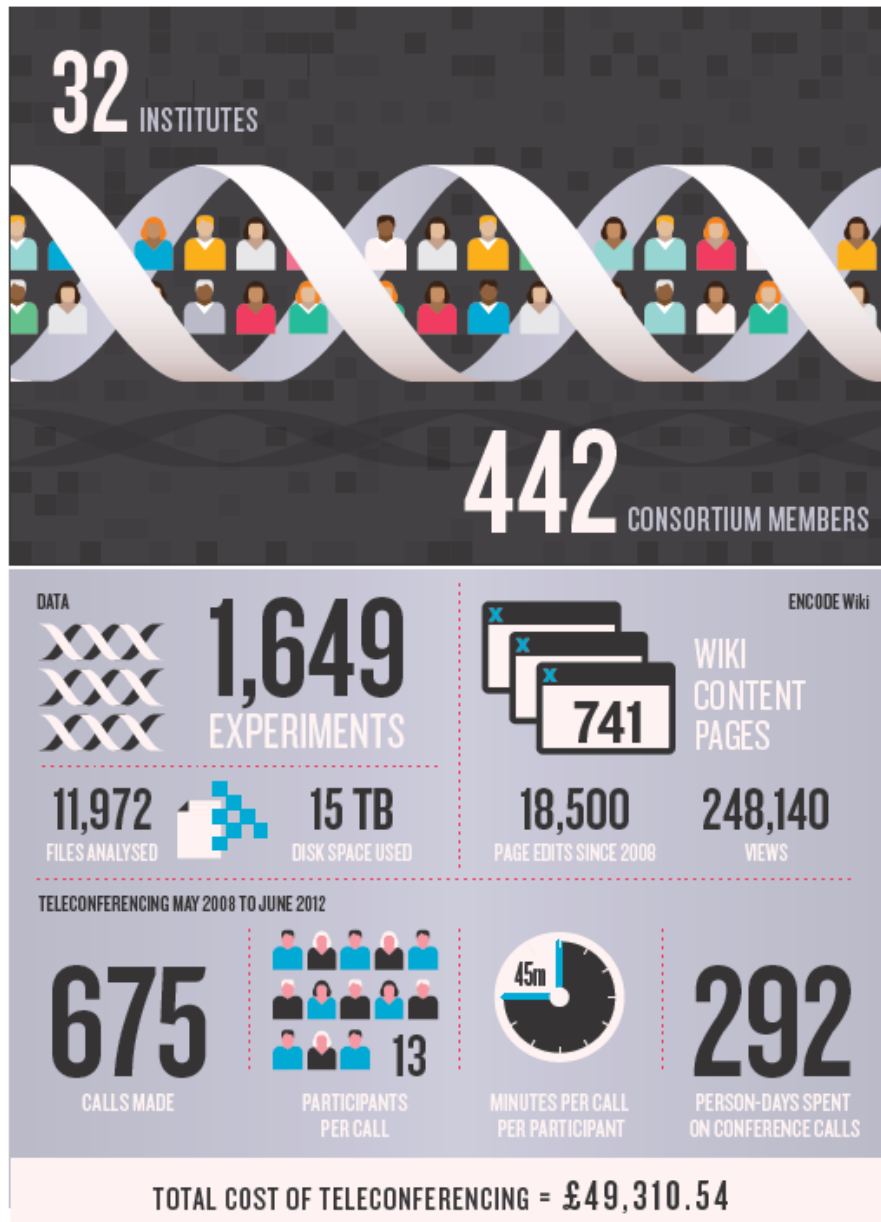


Launched: September 2003, upgraded to the entire genome September 2007.

Goal: to carry out a project to identify all the functional elements in the human genome sequence.

BY THE NUMBERS

The ENCODE project involved hundreds of people from around the world, and a lot of editing, disk space and phone calls.



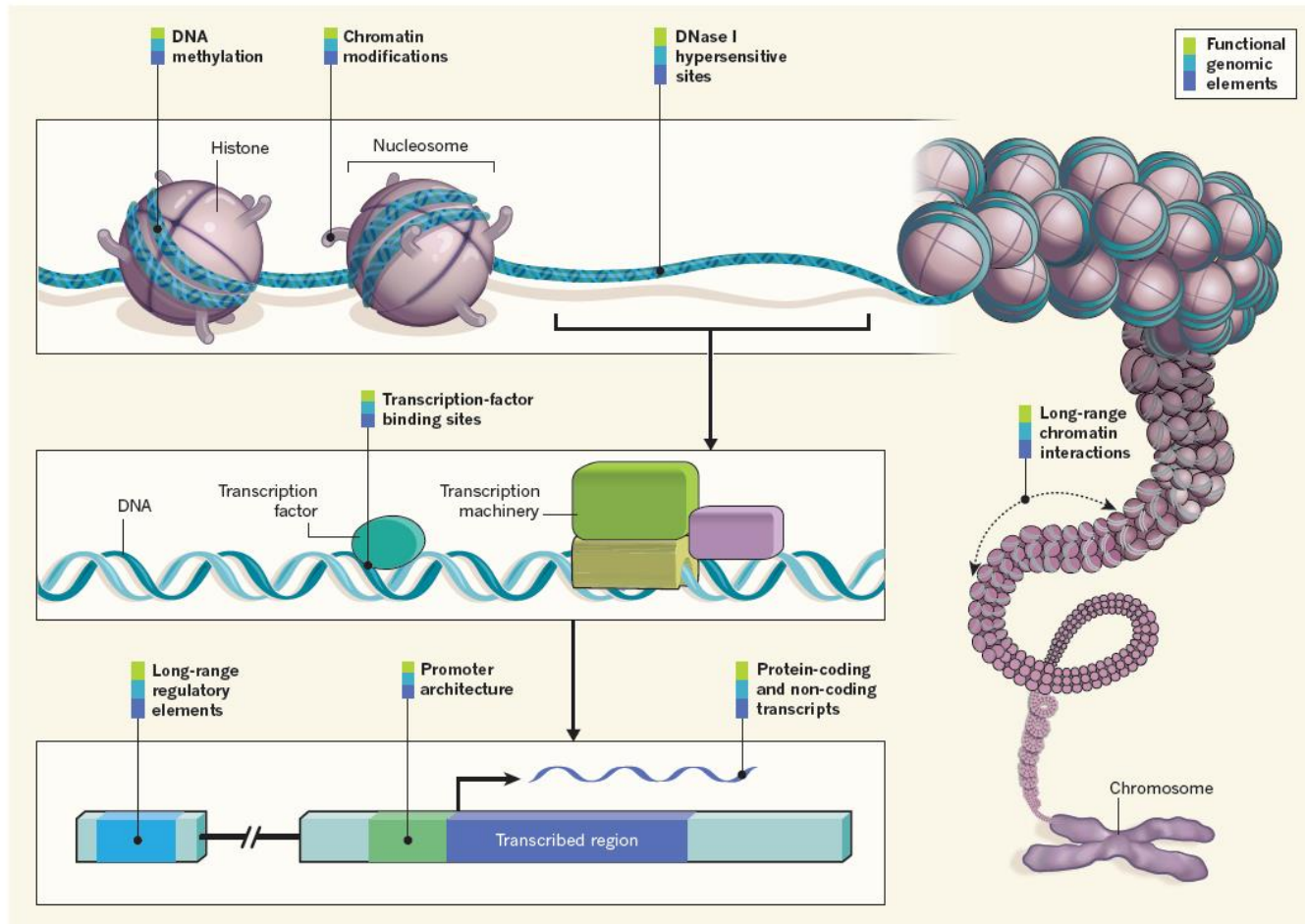
Understanding of the human genome is far from complete. We are missing knowledge on:

1. non-coding RNA
2. Alternatively spliced transcripts
3. Regulatory sequences

The making of ENCODE: Lessons for big-data projects. Birney E.

Nature. 2012 Sep 6;489(7414):49-51

Data retrieved from ENCODE project



ENCODE data in Ensembl



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Search: for

e.g. BRCA2 or rat X:100000-200000 or coronary heart disease

Browse a Genome

The Ensembl project produces genome databases for vertebrates and other eukaryotic species, and makes this information freely available online.

Popular genomes



Human
GRCh37



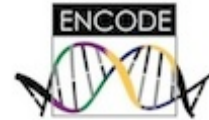
Mouse
GRCm38



Zebrafish
Zv9

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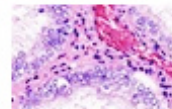
ENCODE data in Ensembl



Variant Effect Predictor



Gene expression in different tissues



Find SNPs and other variants for my gene

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GTATACATTC  
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CTTCTAAATTCT  
GRAACATTTCC
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[Retrieve gene sequence](#)

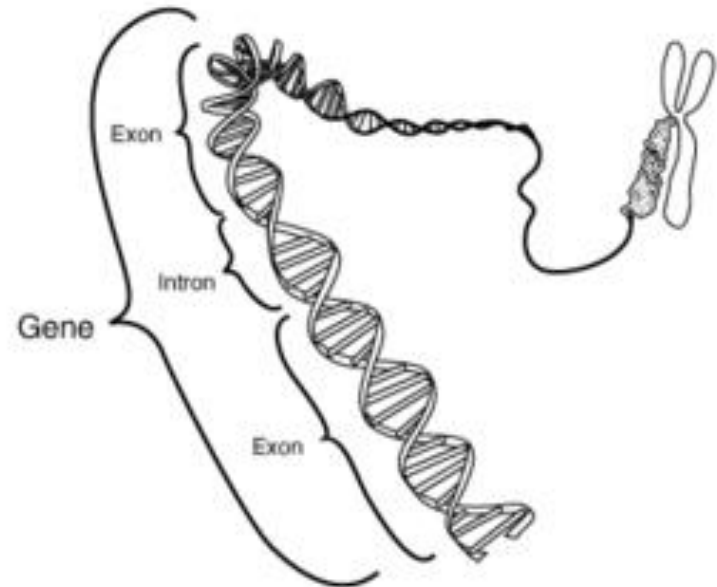
[Compare genes across](#)



Genetic Variation

Genetic variations

- In human beings, 99.9 percent of the bases are the same.
- Remaining 0.1 percent makes a person unique.
 - Different attributes / characteristics / traits
 - how a person looks
 - diseases he or she develops
- Most of those variations are in non-coding regions
 - This does not mean they have no effect!



Consequences of genetic variations

- Variations can be:
 - Harmless (change in phenotype)
 - Harmful (diabetes, cancer, heart disease, Huntington's disease, and hemophilia)
 - Latent (variations found in coding and regulatory regions that are not harmful on their own, and the change in each gene only becomes apparent under certain conditions, *e.g.* susceptibility to lung cancer)

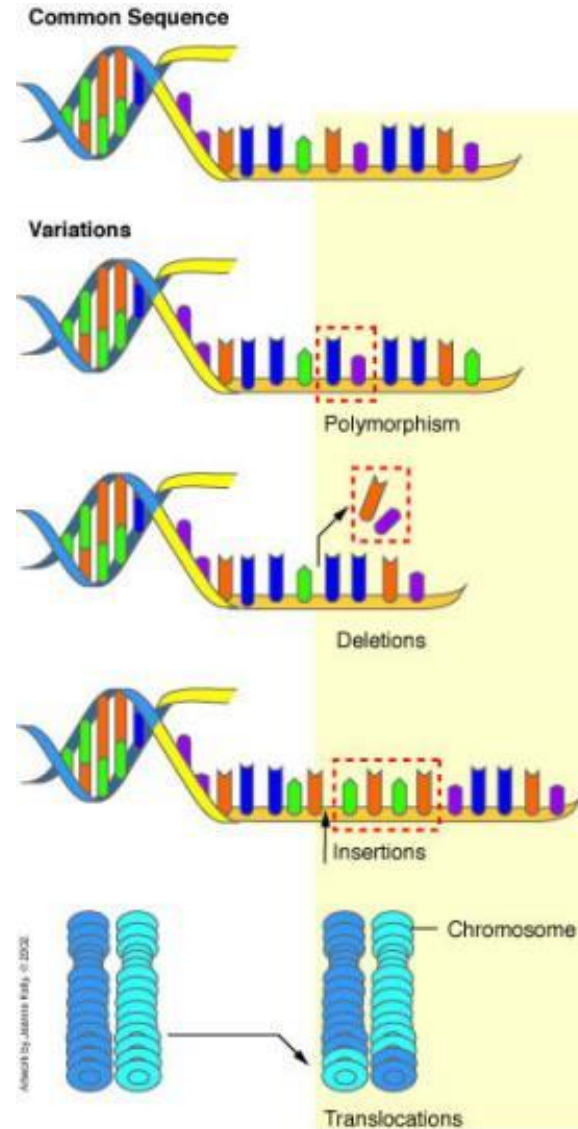
Types of genetic variation

SNPs

Deletions

Insertions

Translocations

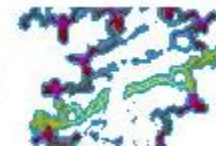


Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms (SNP)

- A SNP (single nucleotide polymorphism) is defined as a single base change in a DNA sequence *that occurs in a significant proportion* (more than 1 percent) of a large population



Single Nucleotide Polymorphism

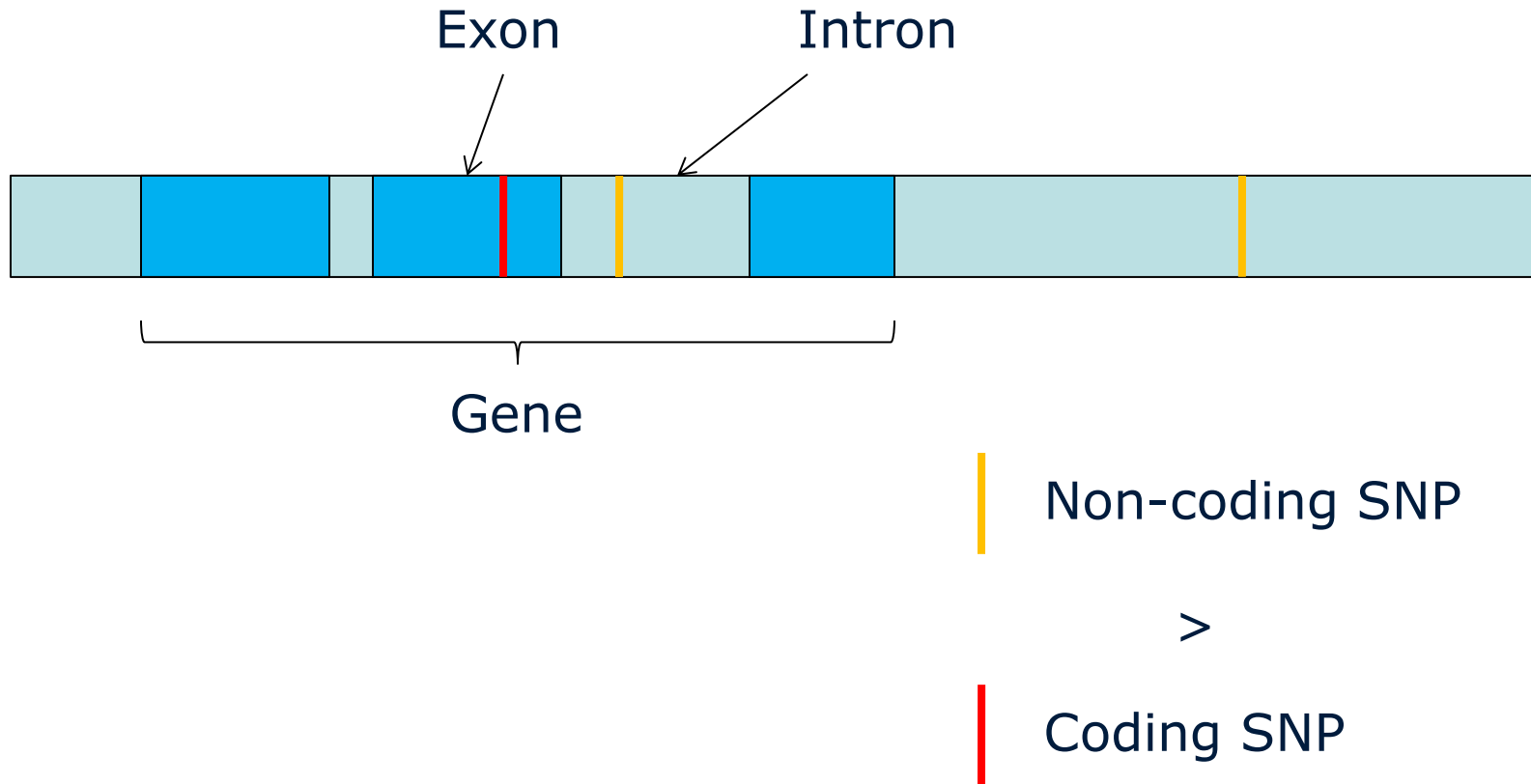


- Currently (2017), dbSNP at NCBI (build 151) has > 100 million validated human SNPs
 - The minimal frequency criterion is not used

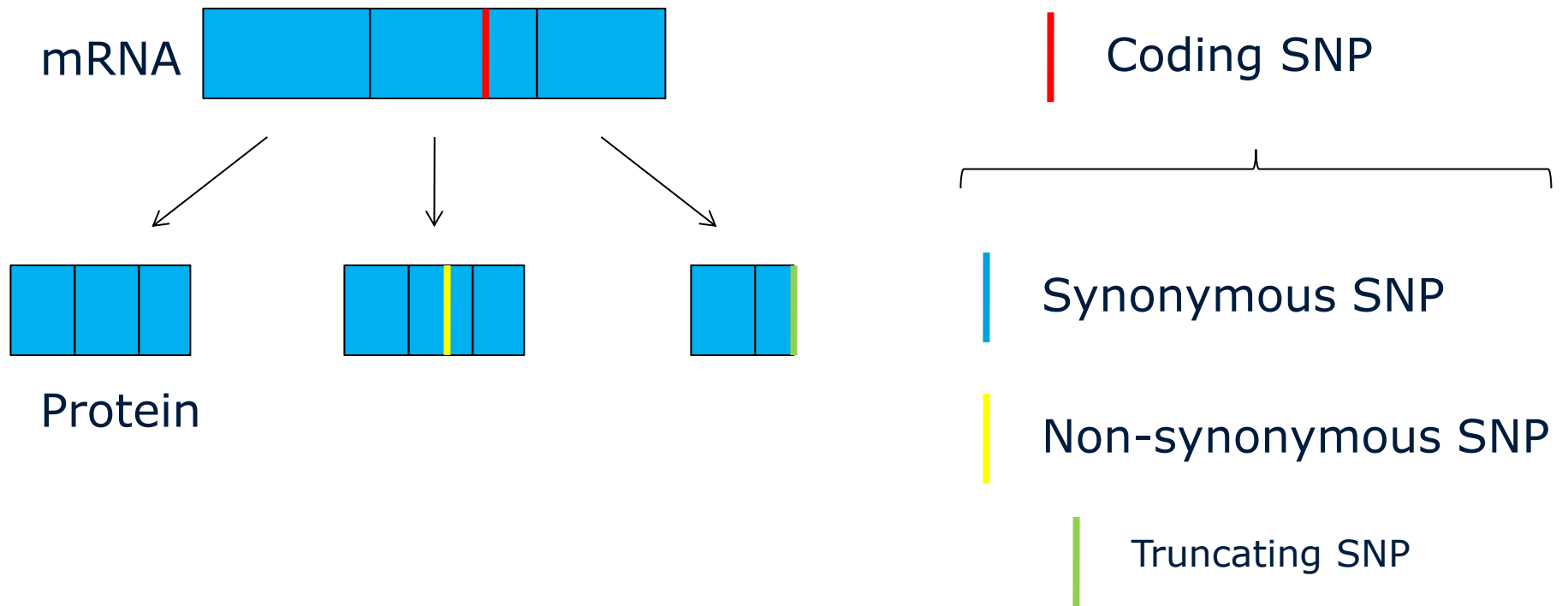
SNP facts

- SNPs are found in
 - coding and (mostly) non-coding regions.
- Occur with a very high frequency
 - about 1 in 1000 bases to 1 in 100 to 300 bases.
- The abundance of SNPs and the ease with which they can be measured make these genetic variations significant.
- SNPs in coding regions alter the protein sequence made by that coding region:
 - **Synonymous** SNP: no protein sequence alteration
 - **Non-synonymous** SNP: protein sequence alteration -> also known as **missense** mutation
 - Special case: a truncating SNP: premature end of protein -> also known as **nonsense** mutation

Types of SNPs in a gene



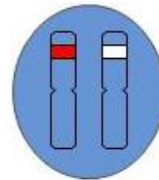
(Coding) SNPs in a protein



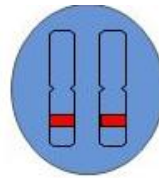
Inheritance of single-gene disorders

- Errors in DNA sequences

- Autosomal dominant



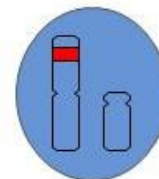
- Autosomal recessive



- X-linked recessive

- X-linked dominant

- Y-linked (holandric)



Male

NCBI - OMIM

Online Mendelian Inheritance in Man

*605423

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DESERT HEDGEHOG; **DHH**

HGNC Approved Gene Symbol: **DHH**

Cytogenetic location: [12q13.12](#) *Genomic coordinates (GRCh38):* [12:49,086,655-49,094,818](#) (from NCBI)

Gene-Phenotype Relationships

Location	Phenotype	Phenotype MIM number	Inheritance	Phenotype mapping key
12q13.12	46XY partial gonadal dysgenesis, with minifascicular neuropathy	607080		3
	46XY sex reversal 7	233420	AR	3

TEXT

▼ Description

The hedgehog gene family encodes signaling molecules that play an important role in regulating morphogenesis. Mammalian hedgehog genes share striking homology to the *Drosophila* segment polarity gene hedgehog, a key regulator of pattern formation in the embryonic and adult fly.

▼ Cloning and Expression

Tate et al. (2000) found that the human **DHH** gene encodes a 396-amino acid polypeptide (GenBank AB010994). [+](#)

Bitgood and McMahon (1995) and Parmantier et al. (1999) showed that during development in the mouse, **Dhh** mRNA shows a very restricted distribution, being expressed primarily in Sertoli cells of developing testes and in Schwann cells of peripheral nerves. [+](#)

▼ External Links

▶ Genome

▶ DNA

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▶ Gene Info

▶ Clinical Resources

▼ Variation

1000 Genome
ClinVar
ExAC Beta
GWAS Catalog
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PharmGKB

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OMIM Content: Scope of Phenotypes

- Single-gene mendelian disease/disorders/phenotypes
(including: cystic fibrosis, sickle cell anemia, achondroplasia, phenotypic traits such as hair and eye color, susceptibility to drug reaction as in malignant hyperthermia and warfarin sensitivity, altered reaction to infection such as herpes simplex encephalitis and progression to AIDS in HIV infection, germline susceptibilities to cancer such as BRCA1 and breast/ovarian cancer, etc.)
- Complex diseases with significant single gene contribution (
such as: complement factor H and age related macular degeneration)
- Descriptions of recurrent deletion and duplication syndromes
(e.g., Potocki-Shaffer syndrome, and chromosome 10q26 deletion syndrome)

How to name a SNP? – SNP identifiers

- A standard ID for SNPs is the dbSNP ID
 - also called “rs number”
 - example: rs4986852
 - Standardised, unique, stable
- An alternative for disease related SNPs is the OMIM variation ID
 - example: 113705.0011 (this is: gene_number.SNP_number)
 - Standardised, unique, stable
- A final possibility is the
 - For non-coding or coding SNPs: variation
 - Example: BRCA1, 2978G>A
 - For coding SNPs (also): mutation
 - Example: BRCA1, SER1040ASN
 - Easier to interpret, but not stable



Gene Ontology

The 3 Gene Ontologies

- **Molecular Function** = elemental activity/task
 - the tasks performed by individual gene products; examples are *carbohydrate binding* and *ATPase activity*
- **Biological Process** = biological goal or objective
 - broad biological goals, such as *mitosis* or *purine metabolism*, that are accomplished by ordered assemblies of molecular functions
- **Cellular Component** = location or complex
 - subcellular structures, locations, and macromolecular complexes; examples include *nucleus*, *telomere*, and *RNA polymerase II holoenzyme*

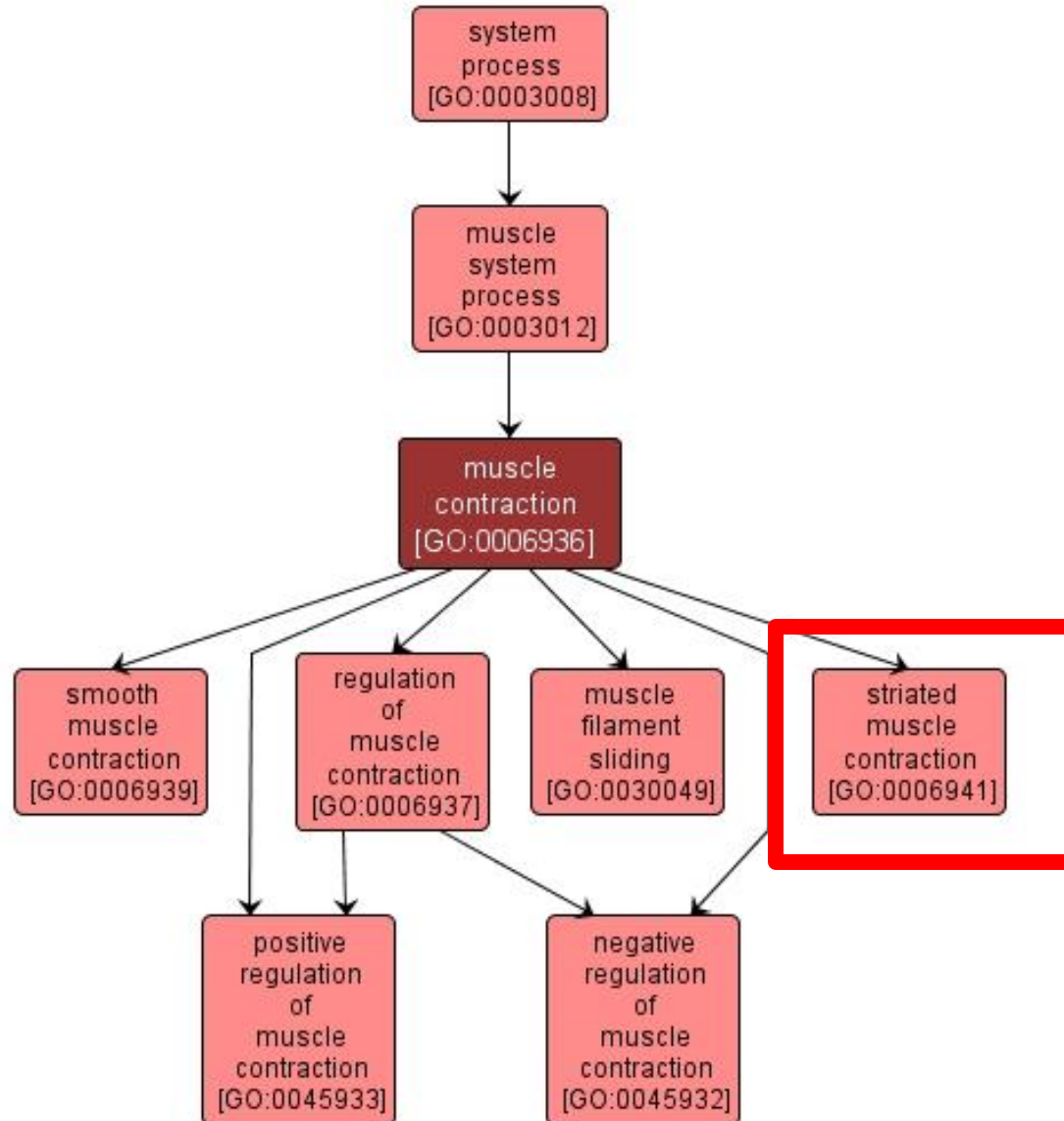
GO muscle contraction – tree view

The screenshot shows the Gene Ontology (GO) tree view for muscle contraction. The interface includes a navigation bar with tabs for "Ancestors and Children", "Inferred Tree View", "Graph View", "Other Views", "Downloads", and "Mappings". The "Inferred Tree View" tab is selected, displaying a hierarchical tree of GO terms. The tree starts with "GO:0008150 biological_process [500154 gene products]" at the root. It branches down through "GO:0032501 multicellular organismal process [60501 gene products]", "GO:0044699 single-organism process [237780 gene products]", "GO:0044707 single-multicellular organism process [57987 gene products]", "GO:0003008 system process [14138 gene products]", and "GO:0003012 muscle system process [1789 gene products]". The selected term, "GO:0006936 muscle contraction [1553 gene products]", is highlighted with a yellow background and a downward-pointing triangle. Below it, several child terms are listed, each with a colored icon: "GO:0030049 muscle filament sliding [81 gene products]" (blue circle with 'P'), "GO:0045932 negative regulation of muscle contraction [130 gene products]" (red square with 'R'), "GO:0045933 positive regulation of muscle contraction [259 gene products]" (green square with 'R'), "GO:0006937 regulation of muscle contraction [878 gene products]" (black square with 'R'), "GO:0006939 smooth muscle contraction [572 gene products]" (blue square with 'I'), and "GO:0006941 striated muscle contraction [673 gene products]" (blue square with 'I').

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GO muscle contraction – tree view



Gene products - Striated muscle contraction (GO:0006941)

striated muscle contraction

Term associations [↓](#) Term information [→](#) Term lineage [→](#) External references [→](#)

Gene Product Associations to striated muscle contraction ; GO:0006941 and children

Download all association information in: [gene association format](#) [RDF/XML](#)

Filter associations displayed [?](#)

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complex	ASAP	Arabidopsis thaliana
gene	AspGD	Aspergillus fumig...
gene product	CGD	Aspergillus fumig...

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Searching and Browsing GO

- Gene Ontology consortium:
<http://geneontology.org/>
- AmiGO 2
<http://amigo.geneontology.org/amigo>



WikiPathways

WikiPathways

- Biological pathway database
www.wikipathways.org
- Founded in 2008 by Gladstone Institutes and the Department of Bioinformatics in Maastricht



- **WikiPathways - What is a wiki?**

“A wiki is an application, typically a web application, which allows collaborative modification, extension, or deletion of its content and structure.”

Definition Wikipedia 2017.

Kutmon M, Riutta A, Nunes N, Hanspers K, Willighagen EL, Bohler A, Melius J, Waagmeester A, Sinha SR, Miller R, Coort SL, Cirillo E, Smeets B, Evelo CT, Pico AR

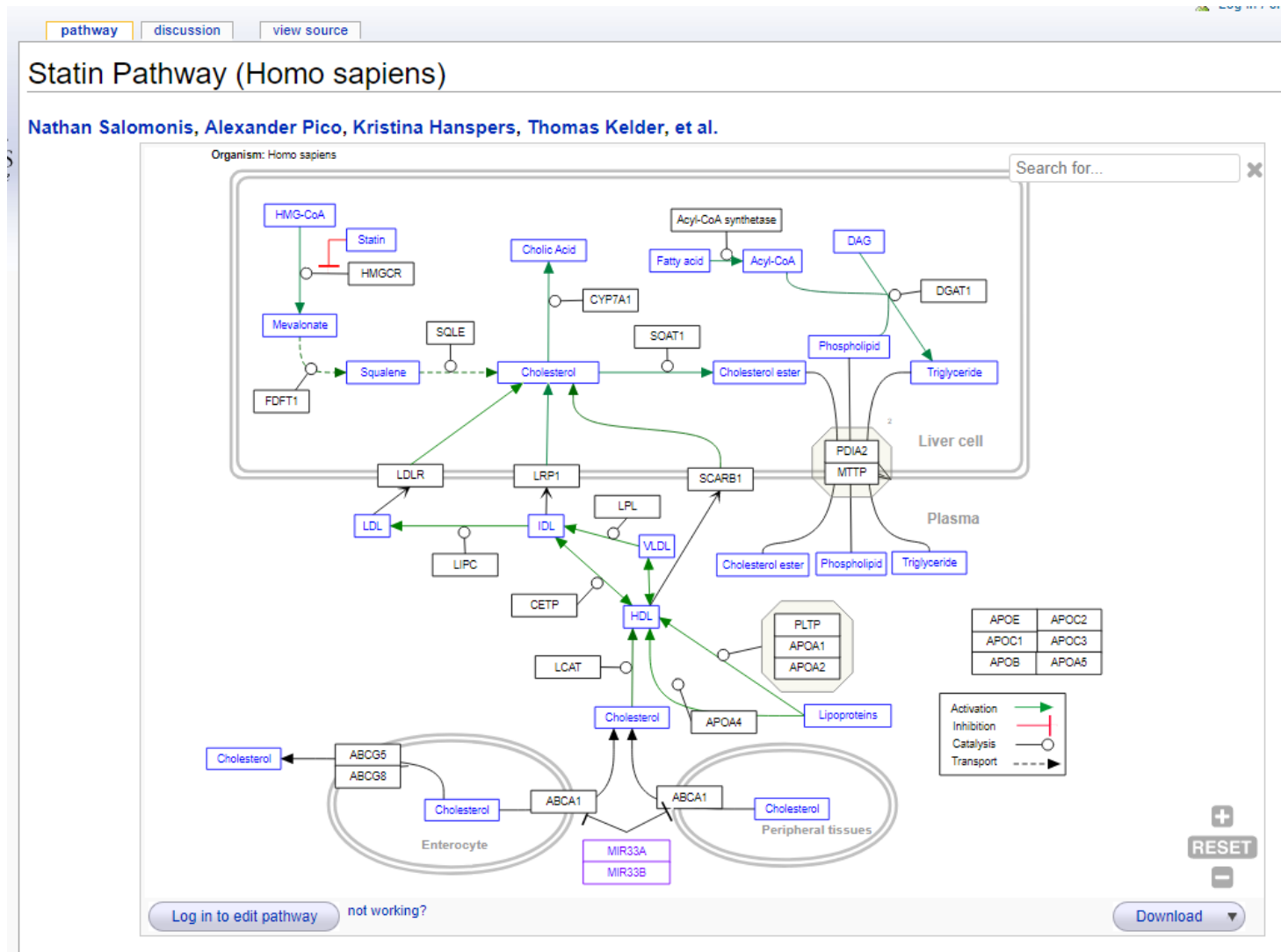
WikiPathways: capturing the full diversity of pathway knowledge.

Nucleic Acids Research. 2015 Oct 19;44(D1):D488-94. doi:[10.1093/nar/gkv1024](https://doi.org/10.1093/nar/gkv1024)

WikiPathways

- A Wikipedia for pathways
 - Collection and curation of knowledge
 - Community curated
 - Everybody can contribute pathways
 - Everybody can edit and curate pathways
 - Everybody can use the pathway collections
 - Tools
 - Not just images but fully annotated models
 - Interactive pathway viewer
 - Full pathway editor and analysis software: PathVisio
 - New findings can be added immediately - fast!

Pathway pages



Questions



Practical session

- Ensembl tutorials
- Ensembl genome browser

- Several NCBI databases
 - Gene
 - OMIM

- WikiPathways



QUIZ at GoSoapBox

- Go to **app.gosoapbox.com** on your own computer, tablet, or smartphone.
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- Enter your name prior to joining.