

# GeneGrid

finding disease causing variants in NGS data

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#### Motivation

Genomic variants like SNPs or InDels are of major interest to biologists and clinicians.

Identifying causal variants is crucial for the diagnostics of rare and common diseases.

With today's Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) technology it is possible to detect millions of variants within an individual genome.

Which are the relevant ones?

Whole genome/ exome sequencing millions of variants Small subset of most likely causal variants



# Finding the needle in the haystack

1.000.000s of variants

select deleterious variants

remove variants with GAF > 1%

e.g. 1000 Genomes Project

filter variants on inheritance patterns

e.g. autosomal recessive

select genes based on patient's phenotype

e.g. OMIM, COSMIC, LitInspector disease

rank

e.g. Blosum62, SIFT

10s of causal variants



### The Genomatix GeneGrid system



view, compare filter, sort

import

Pre-knowledge database annotations disease & medical info

annotate





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**SNPs** 



GeneGrid database

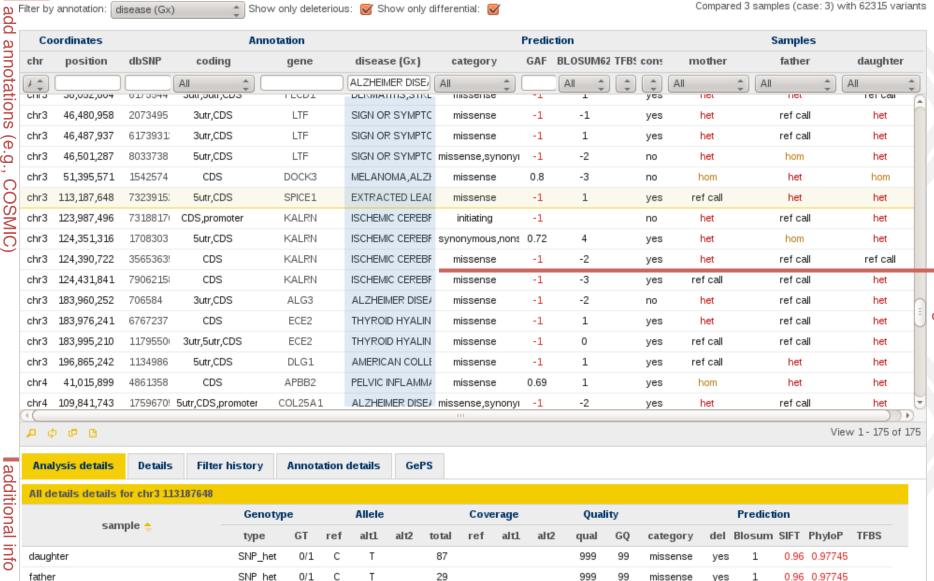


dbSNP, 1000 Genomes, SIFT, PhyloP, COSMIC, Genomatix LitInspector

Proprietary user annotations: e.g. cancer / disease panels

mother





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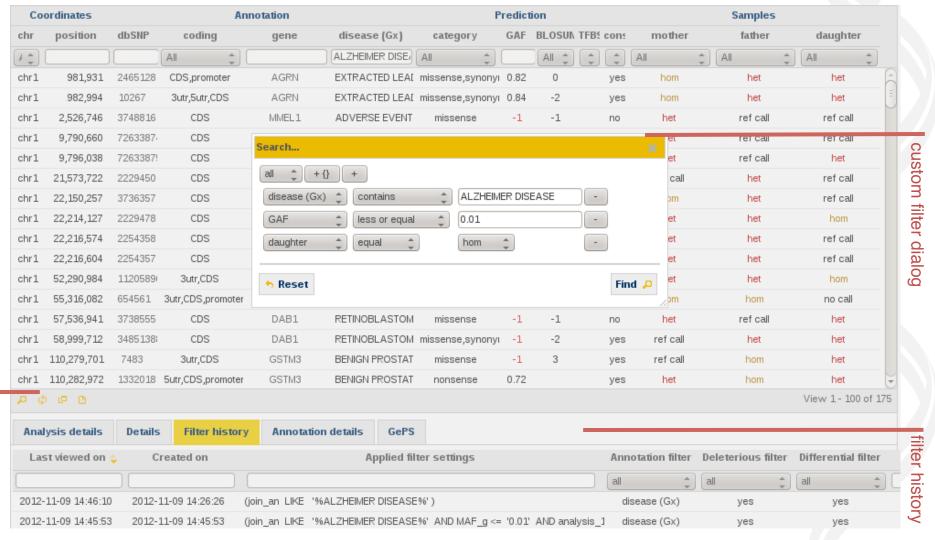
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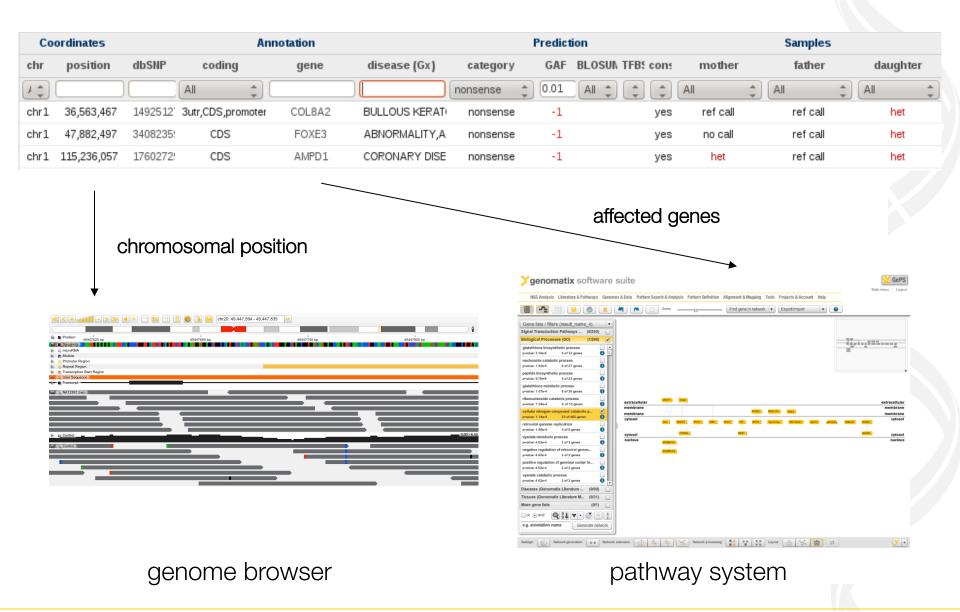
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### GeneGrid was used in the CLARITY challenge

Genomatix, CeGaT and the Department of Prostate Cancer Research at the University Hospital Bonn participated in the Boston Children's Hospital's CLARITY challenge.

The competition challenged 30 teams of researchers worldwide to interpret the genomes and exomes of three families with children who suffer from undiagnosed diseases.

Two of the patients had undiagnosed neuromuscular diseases, the other a cardiovascular disorder.

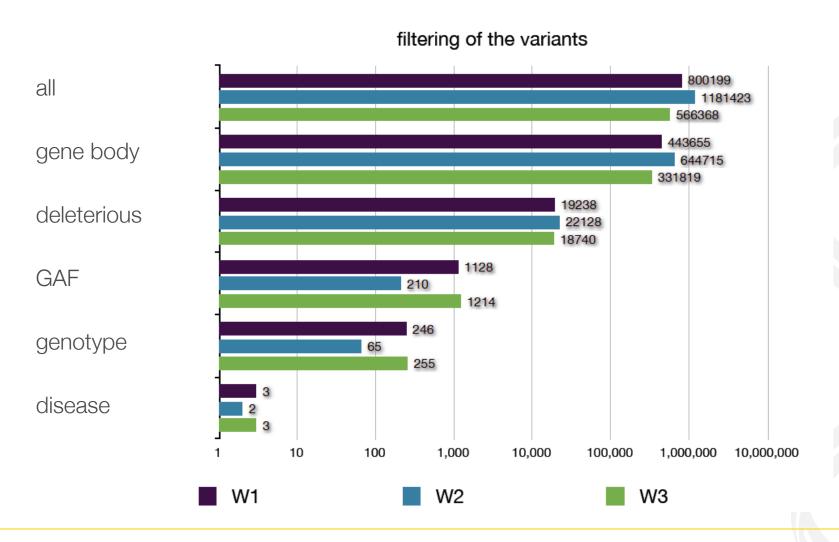
The aim of the challenge was not only to solve the three cases but also to standardize methods for using genomic information in a clinical setting.

The GeneGrid technology was used to search for genetic disorders.





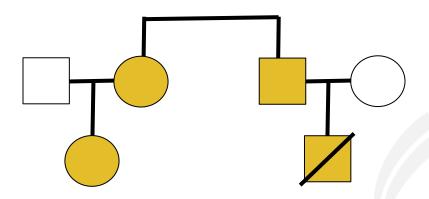
#### More than 99% of all called variants could be removed





## Family 2 – Right bundle branch block and AV block





W2 - RBBB	DB	diagnosis	MESH (1 step)	MESH (2 steps)	panel
terms		Bundle-Branch Block or AV Block	heart block	cardiac arrhythmias	HED
autosomal dominant (47 genes)	OMIM	none	TRPM4	none	TRPM4
	LitInspector	none	none	TRPM4,PHB	TRPM4

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#### Family 2 – TRPM4 is associated with familial heart block

# Circulation: Cardiovascular Genetics



Gain-of-Function Mutations in TRPM4 Cause Autosomal Dominant Isolated Cardiac Conduction Disease

Hui Liu, MS, Loubna El Zein, PhD, Martin Kruse, PhD, Romain Guinamard,



#### Challenge Results



The Genomatix team where amongst the Top 3 of the CLARITY challenge

"The Genomatix consortium was the only team that "got the right answers" for all three patients" (BIO-IT World)



### GeneGrid pre-release

GeneGrid is now available for:

- SNPs

GeneGrid will also integrate the following aspects in the next release cycle:

- Small InDels
- large genomic rearrangements and gene fusions
- Epigenetic modifications (DNA Methylation and Histone Modifications

- RNA Expression



# Thank you!

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