

Variant Representation, Annotation, and Interpretation

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You should be familiar with...

- NGS File Formats
- Fundamentals of sequence alignment
- Variant calling

Variant Representation

- How a variant is represented varies depending on use case
- Some standard variant representation formats:
 - Variant Call Format (VCF)
 - Human Genome Variation Society (HGVS) Variant Nomenclature
 - National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI)
Sequence Position Deletion Insertion (SPDI) specification
 - Global Alliance for Genomics and Health (GA4GH)
Variation Representation Specification (VRS)

Variant Call Format

- Compact representation of *many genomic variants over many samples*
- Useful for large-scale genomic sequencing projects, such as the 1000 Genomes Project
- Predominant output format for variant calling in bioinformatics pipelines
- Optimized for short / non-complex variants on a genomic reference

Variant Call Format - Header

```
##fileformat=VCFv4.3
##fileDate=20090805
##source=myImputationProgramV3.1
##reference=file:///seq/references/1000GenomesPilot-NCBI36.fasta
##contig=<ID=20,length=62435964,assembly=B36,md5=f126cdf8a6e0c7f379d618ff66beb2da,species="Homo sapiens",taxonomy=x>
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20 17330 . T A 3 q10 NS=3;DP=11;AF=0.017 GT:GQ:DP:HQ 0|0:49:3:58,50 0|1:3:5:65,3 0/0:41:3
20 1110696 rs6040355 A G,T 67 PASS NS=2;DP=10;AF=0.333,0.667;AA=T;DB GT:GQ:DP:HQ 1|2:21:6:23,27 2|1:2:0:18,2 2/2:35:4
20 1230237 . T . 47 PASS NS=3;DP=13;AA=T GT:GQ:DP:HQ 0|0:54:7:56,60 0|0:48:4:51,51 0/0:61:2
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H3	membership in hapmap3
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- GT (String): Genotype, encoded as allele values separated by either of / or |. The allele values are 0 for the reference allele (what is in the REF field), 1 for the first allele listed in ALT, 2 for the second allele list in ALT and so on. For diploid calls examples could be 0/1, 1 | 0, or 1/2, etc. Haploid calls, e.g. on Y, male non-pseudoautosomal X, or mitochondrion, are indicated by having only one allele value. A triploid call might look like 0/0/1. If a call cannot be made for a sample at a given locus, '.' must be specified for each missing allele in the GT field (for example './.' for a diploid genotype and '.' for haploid genotype). The meanings of the separators are as follows (see the PS field below for more details on incorporating phasing information into the genotypes):
 - / : genotype unphased
 - | : genotype phased

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Questions about VCF?

HGVS Variant nomenclature

- Compact format for human-parsable variant description
- Useful for variant reporting in documents
- Predominant format in biomedical literature and human-readable UIs
- Emphasis on readability and reference sequence design
- Describes variants on any sequence (i.e. genome, transcript, protein)

HGVS Varnomen Resource



Interactive component. Follow along at: <http://varnomen.hgvs.org/>

Questions about HGVS?

SPDI variant format

- Simple format for sequence variants
- Useful for variant reporting in documents
- Mostly seen in NCBI resources (e.g. ClinVar and dbSNP)
- Emphasis on readability and computation
- Limited scope to simple variants

SPDI Format

Sequence : **Position** : **Deletion** : **Insertion**

SPDI Format

NC_00001.1:12345:0:ATAA

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SPDI - Orientation and Indels

A

Reverse Orientation Remapping

	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	
Chr1 Reference	A	T	A	C	A	C	T	G	} Chr:84:0:T	
Chr1 Variant	A	T	A	T	A	C	T	G		
Gene Reference										
	32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	
Gene Reference	T	A	T	G	T	G	A	C	} Gene:28:0:A	
Gene Variant	T	A	T	A	T	G	A	C		

B

Indels in Alignment

	81	82	83			84	85	86	87		
Chr1 Reference	A	T	A	-	-	-	C	T	G	} Chr1:83:A:ATAA	
Variant	A	T	A	T	A	A	C	T	G		
Chr2 Reference											
	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	
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Variant	A	T	A	T	A	A	C	T	G		

Questions about SPDI?

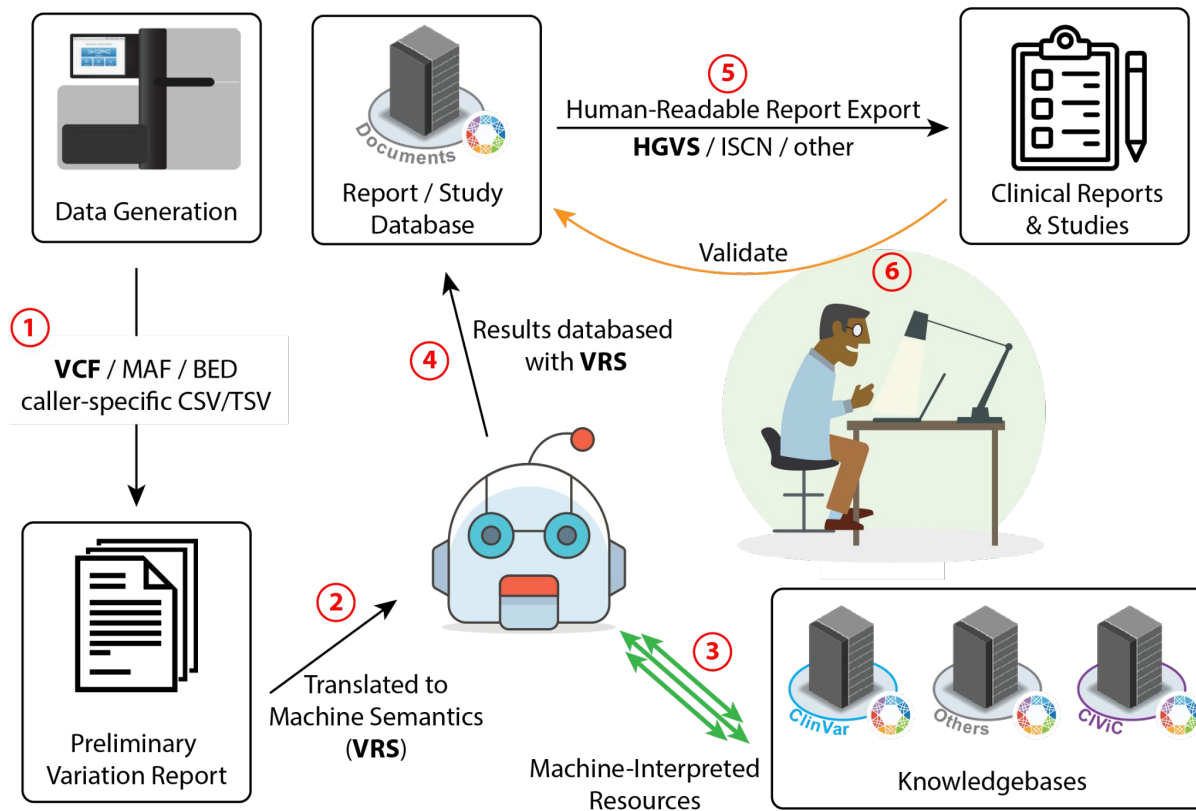
GA4GH Variation Representation Specification

- Computable format for all forms of biomolecular variation
- Useful for association with Real World Evidence
- New format, natively supported in a handful of resources
- Emphasis on computability and value-object design
- Broadest scope; covers variation across multiple coordinate systems

VRS Provides Mechanism for Scalability



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The Global Alliance for Genomics and Health (GA4GH) is a policy-framing and technical standards-setting organization, seeking to enable responsible genomic data sharing within a **human rights framework**.

<https://www.ga4gh.org/>

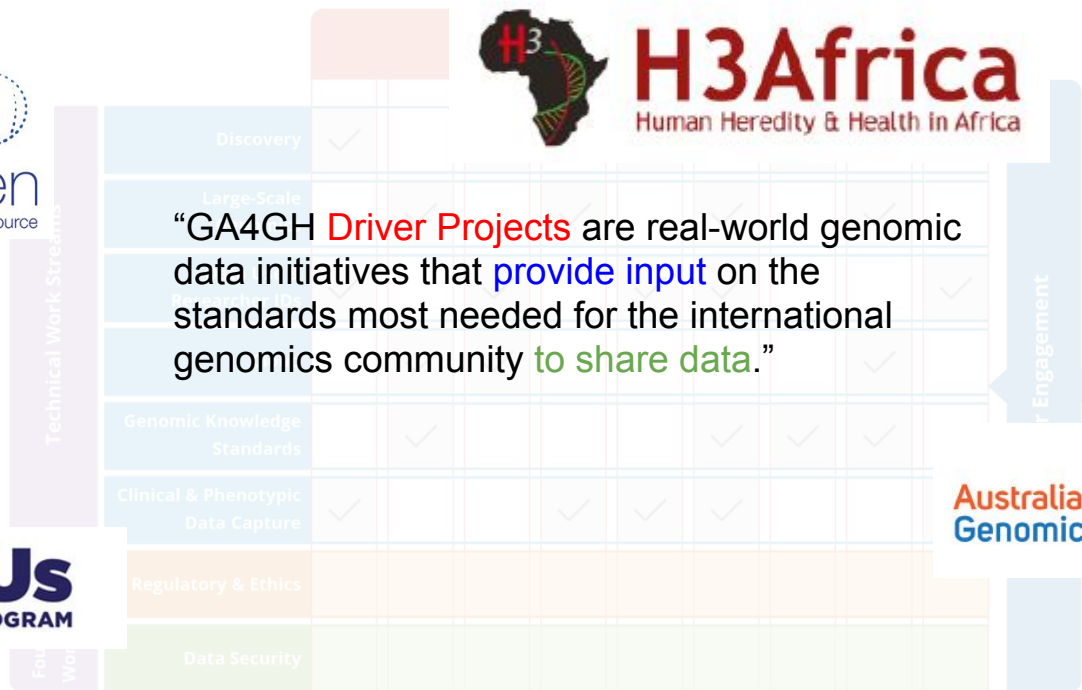
The GA4GH Working Model



GEM Japan



H3Africa
Human Heredity & Health in Africa



Australian Genomics



<https://www.ga4gh.org/how-we-work/>



GA4GH Variation Representation Specification

The Variation Representation Specification (VRS, pronounced “verse”) is a standard developed by the Global Alliance for Genomic Health to facilitate and improve sharing of genetic information. The Specification consists of a JSON Schema for representing many classes of genetic variation, conventions to maximize the utility of the schema, and a Python implementation that promotes adoption of the standard.

Citation

The GA4GH Variation Representation Specification (VRS): a Computational Framework for the Precise Representation and Federated Identification of Molecular Variation. Wagner AH, Babb L, Alterovitz G, Baudis M, Brush M, Cameron DL, ..., Hart RK. bioRxiv. 2021.

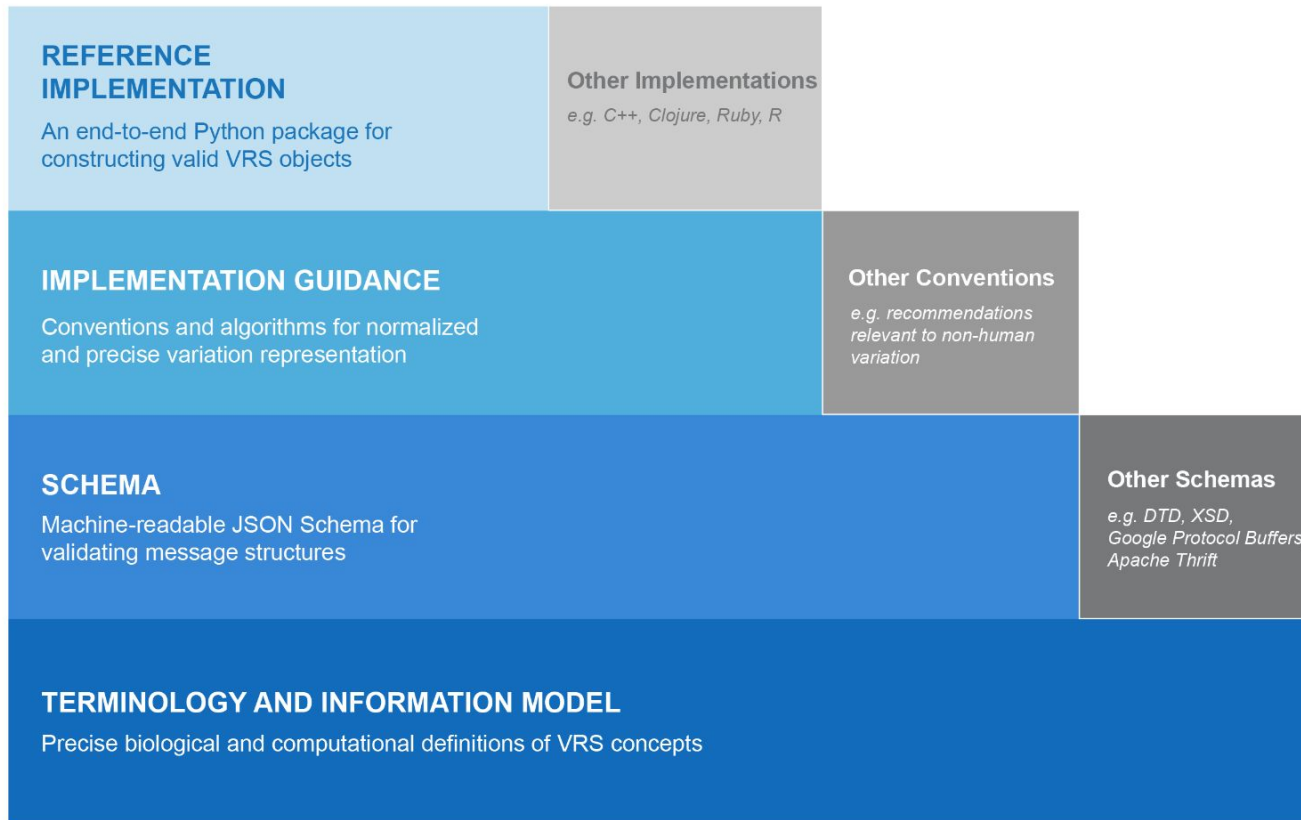
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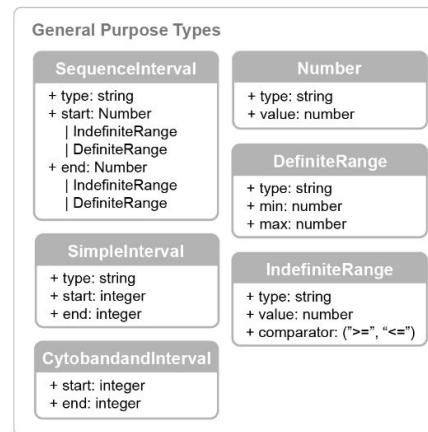
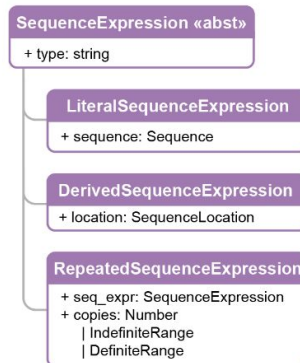
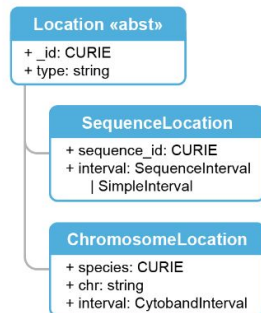
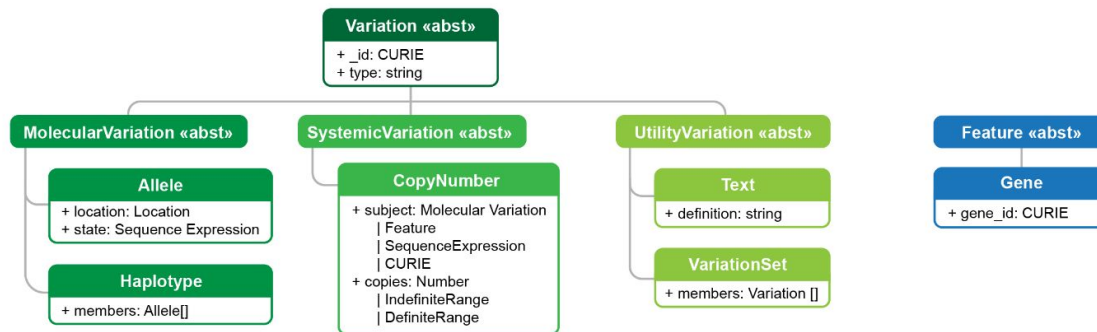
Components of VRS



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Extensible Information Model (v 1.2 and going)



VRS objects are value objects

VRS objects are intentionally designed to be **value objects**.

Value objects represent entities whose equality is **based on the values of its attributes, not an identity**¹.

¹ Value Objects, Wikipedia, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Value_object

Value objects are defined by attributes



GA4GH headquarters address as a location **identity**:

661 University Avenue, Suite 510
Toronto, Ontario
Canada

Address is **registered** by city of Toronto

GA4GH headquarters coordinates as a location **value object**:

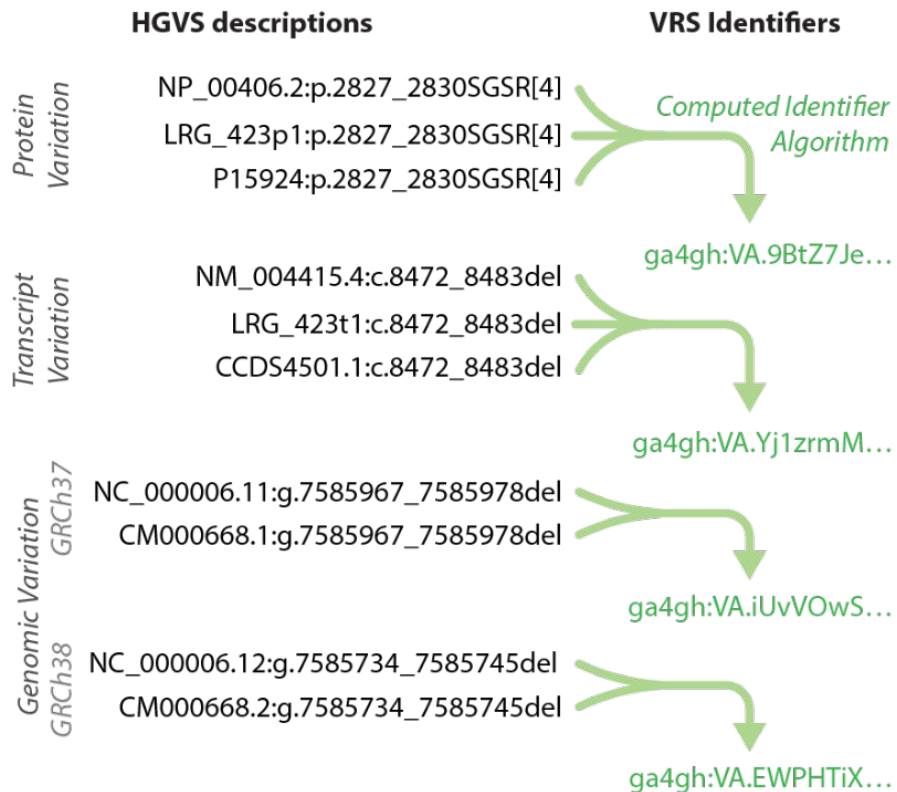
Latitude: 43.6595
Longitude: -79.3897

Coordinates are a **definitional property**

VRS provides unique variation identifiers



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All of these are the same variant. Or not.



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NC_000001.10:g.103471457_103471459delCAT
= NC_000001.10:g.103471486_103471488delTCA

Right shifted per HGVS Nomenclature guidelines (ClinVar Id 93966)

NM_001166478.1:c.30_31insT
= NM_001166478.1:c.35dupT

Normalized and rewritten

NM_080588.2:c.139C>G (rs4073458)
= ENST00000367279:c.139C>G

Has identical CDS and exon structure, including UTR

NP_003768.2:p.(Arg4412Alafs*2)
= NP_003768.2:p.(Arg4412Alafs)
= NP_003768.2:p.(Arg4412AlaTrpTer)

Same protein truncation (rs72658833; + wo/parens and 1-letter forms!)

Fully-Justified Normalization Captures Region of Shuffling Ambiguity



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Normalization Example: In sequence TCAGCAGCT, replace CA at bases 5-6 with CAGCA

Actual location of variation is ambiguous due to the sequence context

(HGVS format: S:g.5_6delinsCAGCA)

$$TCAG \left[\frac{CA}{CAGCA} \right] GCT$$

Design decision: inter-residue coordinates



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Sequence	T	C	A	G	C	A	G	C	A	G	C	T
Residue	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

Design decision: inter-residue coordinates



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Insertion between AG in Sequence													
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These residue coordinates are interpreted to **exclude** associated sequence for an insertion event; inter-residue coordinates are **unambiguous**

Design decision: inter-residue coordinates



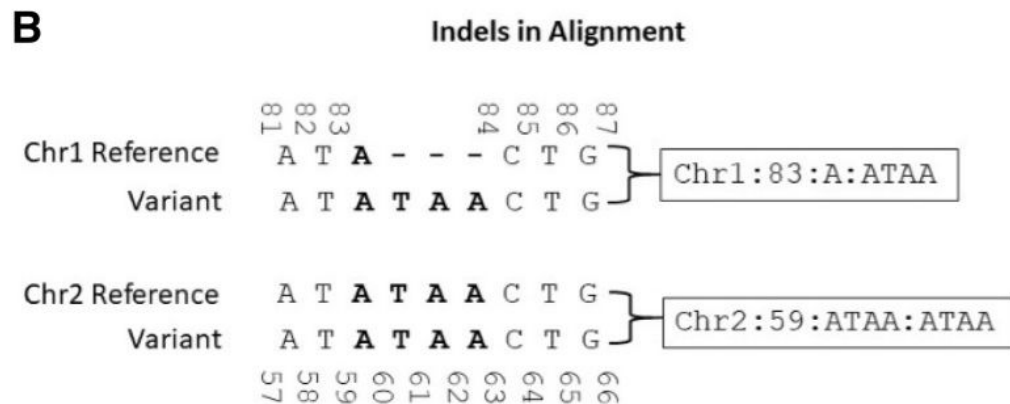
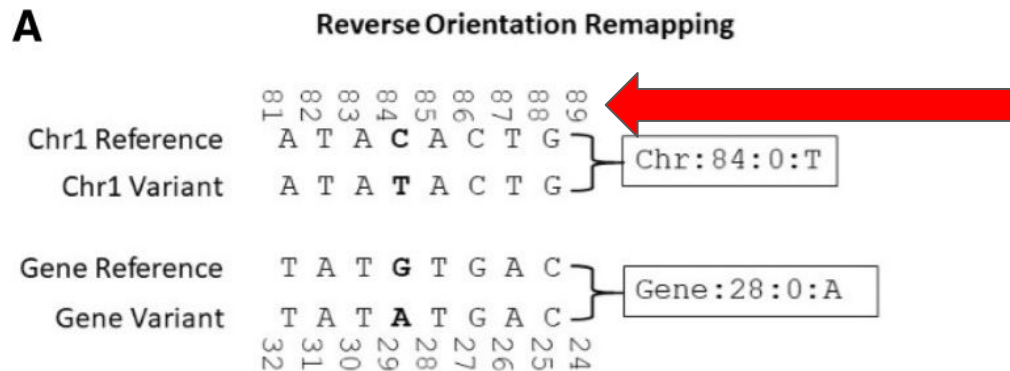
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Inter-residue	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

These residue coordinates are interpreted to **exclude** associated sequence for an insertion event; inter-residue coordinates are **unambiguous**

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Inter-residue	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

The same residue coordinates are interpreted to **include** associated sequence for a deletion or substitution event; inter-residue coordinates remain **unambiguous**

SPDI - Orientation and Indels



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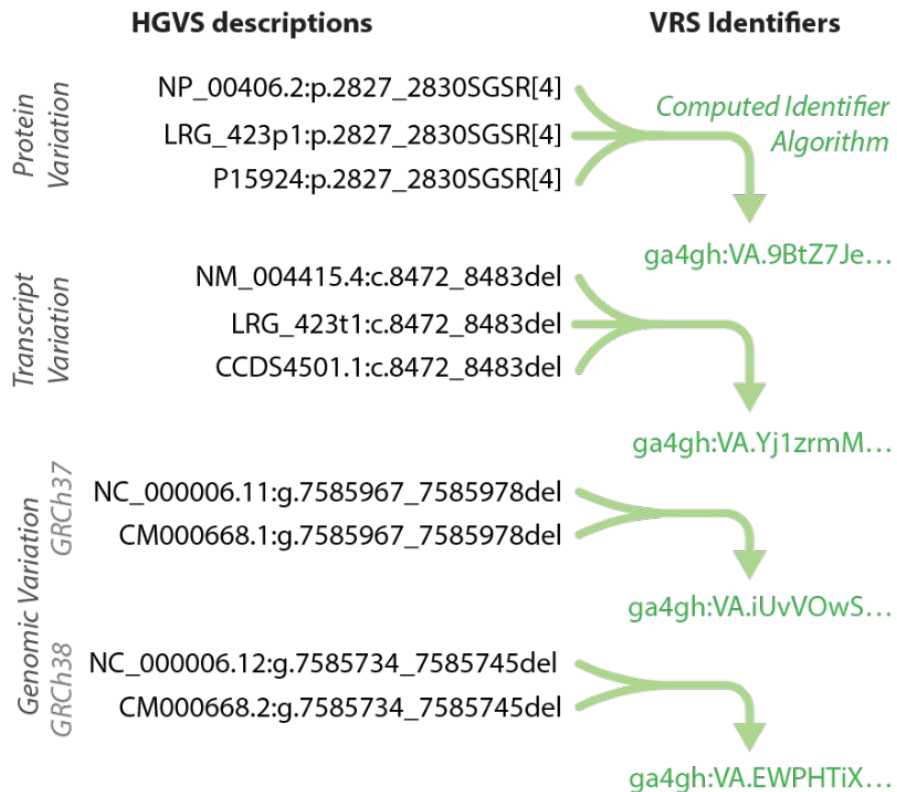
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VRS provides unique variation identifiers



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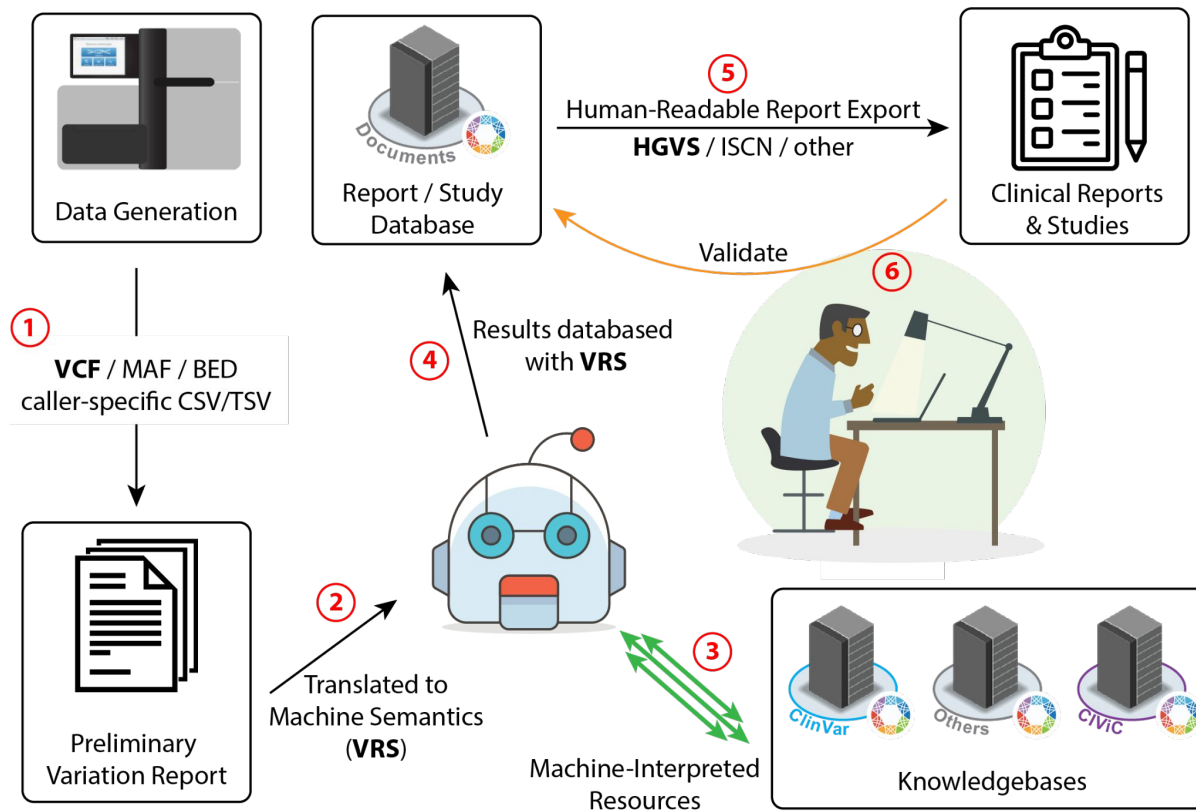


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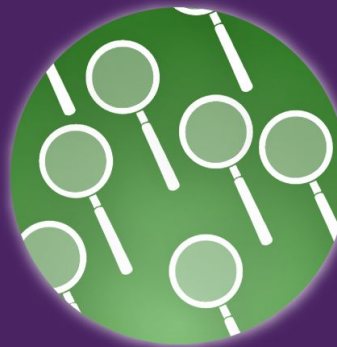
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Discover supported clinical interpretations of mutations related to cancer.



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Aliases: RS113488022 and VAL600GLU

Allele Registry ID: CA123643

BRAF V600E has been shown to be recurrent in many cancer types. It is one of the most widely studied variants in cancer. This variant is correlated with poor prognosis in certain cancer types, including colorectal cancer and papillary thyroid cancer. The targeted therapeutic dabrafenib has been shown to be effective in clinical trials with an array of BRAF mutations and cancer types. Dabrafenib has also shown to be effective when combined with the MEK inhibitor trametinib in colorectal cancer and melanoma. However, in patients with TP53, CDKN2A and KRAS mutations, dabrafenib resistance has been reported. Ipilimumab, regorafenib, vemurafenib, and a number of combination therapies have been successful in treating V600E mutations. However, cetuximab and panitumumab have been largely shown to be ineffective without supplementary treatment.

Variant Type:
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Assertions:
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HGVs Expressions:

NM_004333.4:c.1799T>A , NP_004324.2:p.Val600Glu , NC_000007.13:g.140453136A>T , and ENST00000288602.6:c.1799T>A

ClinVar ID:
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Representative Variant Coordinates

Ref. Build: GRCh37 Ensembl Version: 75

Chr.	Start	Stop	Ref. s	Var. Bases
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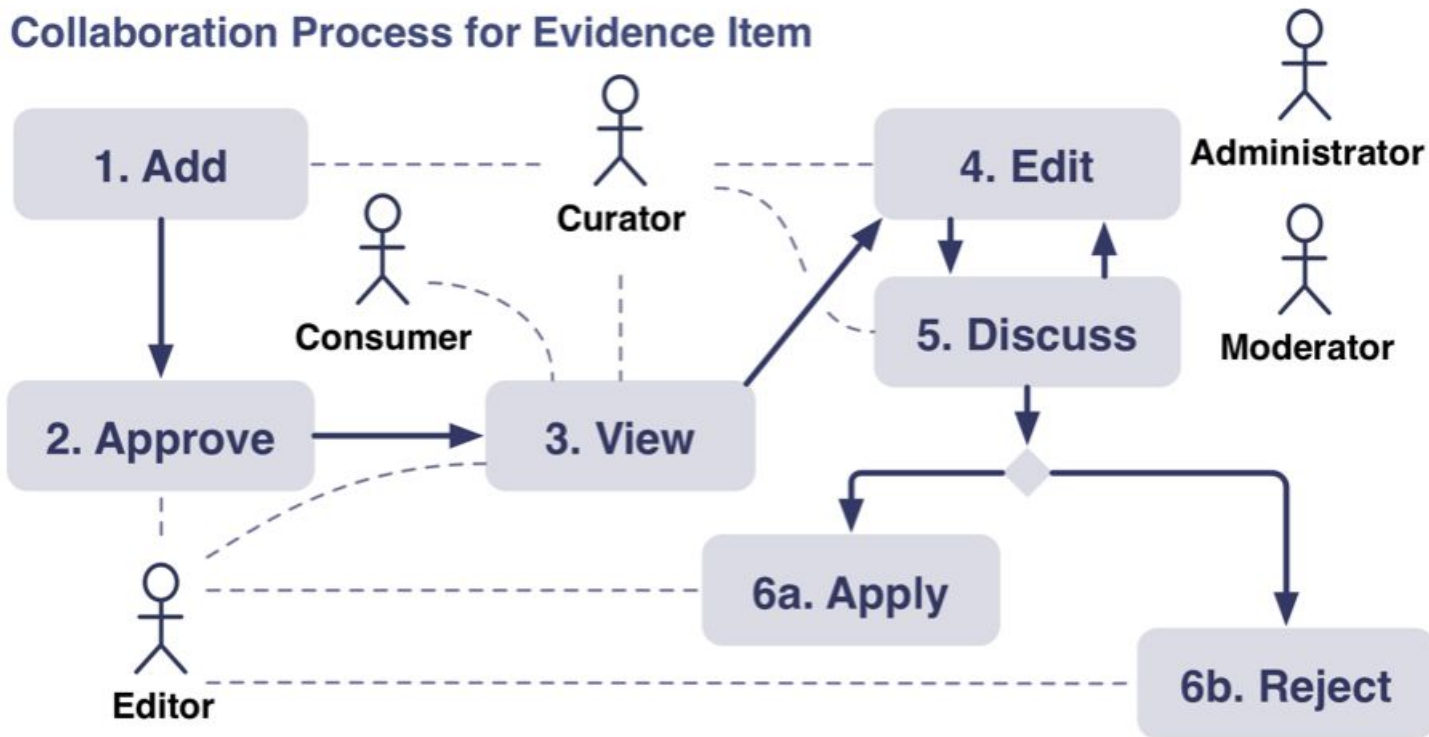
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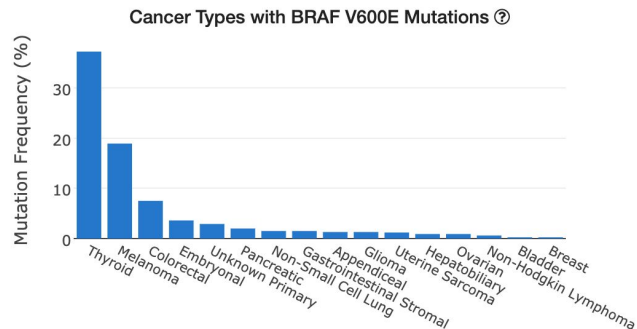
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BRAF V600E

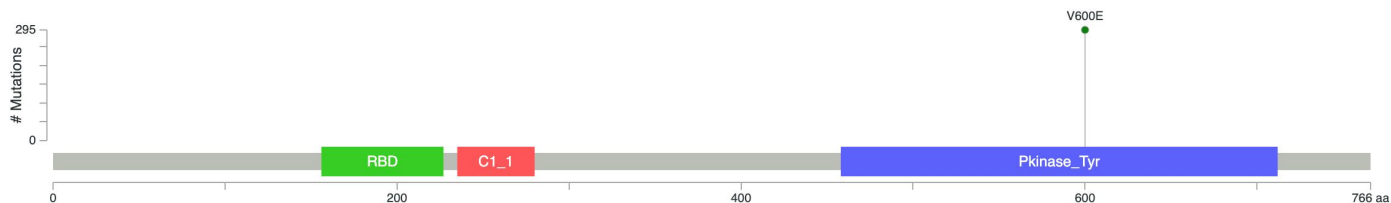
Oncogenic · Gain-of-function , **Level 1**

BRAF, an intracellular kinase, is frequently mutated in melanoma, thyroid and lung cancers among others. The BRAF V600E mutation is known to be oncogenic.

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Annotated Mutation Distribution in [MSK-IMPACT Clinical Sequencing Cohort](#) (Zehir et al., Nature Medicine, 2017)



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V600E	Anaplastic Thyroid Cancer	Dabrafenib + Trametinib	1	1 reference
V600E	Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer	Dabrafenib + Trametinib	1	2 references

BRAF Oncogenic Mutations

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V600R	Yes	Gain-of-function	12 references
F247L	Likely	Likely Gain-of-function	2 references
T599dup	Yes	Gain-of-function	4 references
R462E	Likely	Likely Gain-of-function	1 reference
K601E	Likely	Gain-of-function	6 references
L597Q	Yes	Gain-of-function	9 references
V459L	Yes	Gain-of-function	2 references
G596C	Likely	Gain-of-function	1 reference
E275K	Likely	Likely Gain-of-function	1 reference
G466V	Yes	Gain-of-function	9 references
A728V	Likely	Gain-of-function	1 reference
PAPSS1-BRAF Fusion	Likely	Gain-of-function	2 references
SND1-BRAF Fusion	Yes	Gain-of-function	4 references
L514V	Likely	Likely Gain-of-function	1 reference

Cancer Biomarkers database

Last update: 2018/01/17

The Cancer Biomarkers database is curated and maintained by [several clinical and scientific experts](#) in the field of precision oncology supported by the European Union's Horizon 2020 funded [project](#). This database is currently being integrated with knowledge databases of other institutions in a [collaborative effort](#) of the [Global Alliance for Genomics and Health](#). The contribution of the community is encouraged and proposals of edition or comments about the information contained in this database can be given by contacting us [here](#) or by using the feedback icon located at the left of each entry of the table. The database follows the data model originally described by [Dienstmann et al.](#) This table provides a summary of the content of the database that can be interactively browsed. Additional information, including the genomic coordinates of the variants, can be accessed via the download feature. This database is licensed under a [Creative Commons Public Domain Dedication \(CC0 1.0 Universal\)](#). When referring to this database, please cite: Cancer Genome Interpreter Annotates The Biological And Clinical Relevance Of Tumor Alterations; doi: <https://doi.org/10.1101/140475>.

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ABL1 (E255K,E255V,Y25...	Nilotinib (BCR-ABL inhibitor 2nd gen)	Resistant	European Leuke...	PMID:21562040	CRubio-Perez	GML
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Catalog of Validated Oncogenic Mutations

Last update: 2018/01/17

Compiled inventory of mutations in cancer genes that are demonstrated to drive tumor growth or predispose to cancer. This was retrieved by combining the data contained in the DoCM (PMID:27684579), ClinVar (PMID:26582918) and OncoKB (PMID:28890946) databases as well as the results of several published experimental assays and additional manual curation efforts. We also considered as oncogenic the mutations reported to increase sensitivity to targeted drugs included in the Cancer Biomarkers Database of the Cancer Genome Interpreter. Germline variants found to predispose to cancer, which we retrieved from the ClinVar (PMID:26582918) and IARC (PMID:17311302) resources, were also included. The aggregation of the data includes (among others) the harmonization of the syntax of variants and the cancer type taxonomy (referred as "cancer" when the specific tumor type of the observation is not available) across the different data sources to guarantee the interoperability of all the resources that form the Cancer Genome Interpreter. Contradictory data (i.e. a variant stated as oncogenic and neutral by different resources) was flagged and filtered out. The content of each of these resources is licensed under the following terms: [DoCM license](#), [ClinVar license](#), [OncoKB license](#), [IARC license](#) and [Cancer Biomarkers database license](#).

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Gene ▲	GDNA	Protein change	Transcript	Context	Tumor type
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ABCB4	chr7:g.87053221C>T	.	ENST00000265723	germline	 Hepatic carcinoma predisposition
ABL1	chr9:g.133738306G>A	p.E236K	ENST00000318560	somatic	 Chronic myeloid leukemia
ABL1	chr9:g.133738309A>G	p.M237V	ENST00000318560	somatic	 Chronic myeloid leukemia



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EGFR G796S

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Interpretation

Somatic mutations in the tyrosine kinase domain of the epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) gene are present in approximately 80% of the lung adenocarcinomas that respond to first and second generation EGFR tyrosine kinase inhibitors (TKIs, eg, gefitinib, erlotinib and afatinib). Two types of mutations account for approximately 80-90% of all EGFR mutations: short in-frame deletions in Exon 19 and a point mutation in exon 21 at codon 858 (L858R). Other less common mutations in exons 18, 20, and 21 are found in 10-20% of EGFR-mutated cases. Exon 20 mutations are more commonly associated with resistance to tyrosine kinase inhibitors (TKIs), but may respond to third generation TKI (eg, osimertinib). This EGFR variant (G796S) lies within the tyrosine kinase domain and has been reported in rare cases of lung adenocarcinomas, squamous cell carcinoma of head and neck and prostate adenocarcinoma. In silico studies suggest G796S mutation may confer resistance to TKIs. However, additional studies are needed to further elucidate the oncogenicity of the mutation and therapeutic implications of this rare variant.

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Profile Name BRAF V600E

Gene Variant Detail

BRAF V600E (gain of function)

Relevant Treatment Approaches

BRAF Inhibitor

MEK inhibitor (Pan)

MEK1 Inhibitor

MEK2 Inhibitor

RAF Inhibitor (Pan)

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Molecular Profile	Indication/Tumor Type	Response Type	Relevant Treatment Approaches	Therapy Name	Approval Status	Evidence Type	Efficacy Evidence	References
BRAF V600E	renal cell carcinoma	predicted - sensitive	RAF Inhibitor (Pan)	Vemurafenib	Case Reports/Case Series	Actionable	In a clinical case study, a patient with metastatic renal cell carcinoma harboring BRAF V600E demonstrated a partial response following treatment with Zelboraf (vemurafenib) (PMID: 26918217).	26918217
BRAF V600E	colon neuroendocrine neoplasm	predicted - sensitive	BRAF Inhibitor	Dabrafenib	Case Reports/Case Series	Actionable	In a clinical case study, Tafinlar (dabrafenib) treatment of a patient with recurrent neuroendocrine carcinoma of the colon harboring a BRAF V600E mutation resulted in stable disease for 6 months before disease progression (PMID: 30181415).	30181415

Molecular Profile Detail

Profile Name **BRAF V600E**

Gene Variant Detail **BRAF V600E (gain of function)**

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BRAF amp BRAF V600E	colorectal cancer	resistant	RAF Inhibitor (Pan)	Cetuximab + Vemurafenib	Case Reports/Case Series	Actionable	In a clinical case study, a patient with BRAF V600E colorectal cancer developed progressive disease after a partial response lasting 16 weeks to Erbitux (cetuximab) and Zelboraf (vemurafenib) combination treatment, amplification of BRAF V600E was identified as an acquired alteration at the time of progression (PMID: 28951457).	28951457
BRAF amp BRAF V600E	colorectal cancer	predicted - resistant	RAF Inhibitor (Pan)	Panitumumab + Vemurafenib	Case Reports/Case Series	Actionable	In a clinical case study, a patient with BRAF V600E colorectal cancer developed progressive disease after a partial response lasting 24 weeks to Vectibix (panitumumab) and Zelboraf (vemurafenib) combination treatment, amplification of BRAF V600E was identified	28951457

Molecular Profile Detail

Profile Name BRAF V600E

Gene Variant Detail **BRAF V600E (gain of function)**

Relevant Treatment Approaches **BRAF Inhibitor** MEK inhibitor (Pan) MEK1 Inhibitor MEK2 Inhibitor RAF Inhibitor (Pan)

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Gene Focus: BRCA1 and BRCA2

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Abbreviated AA Change	A280G
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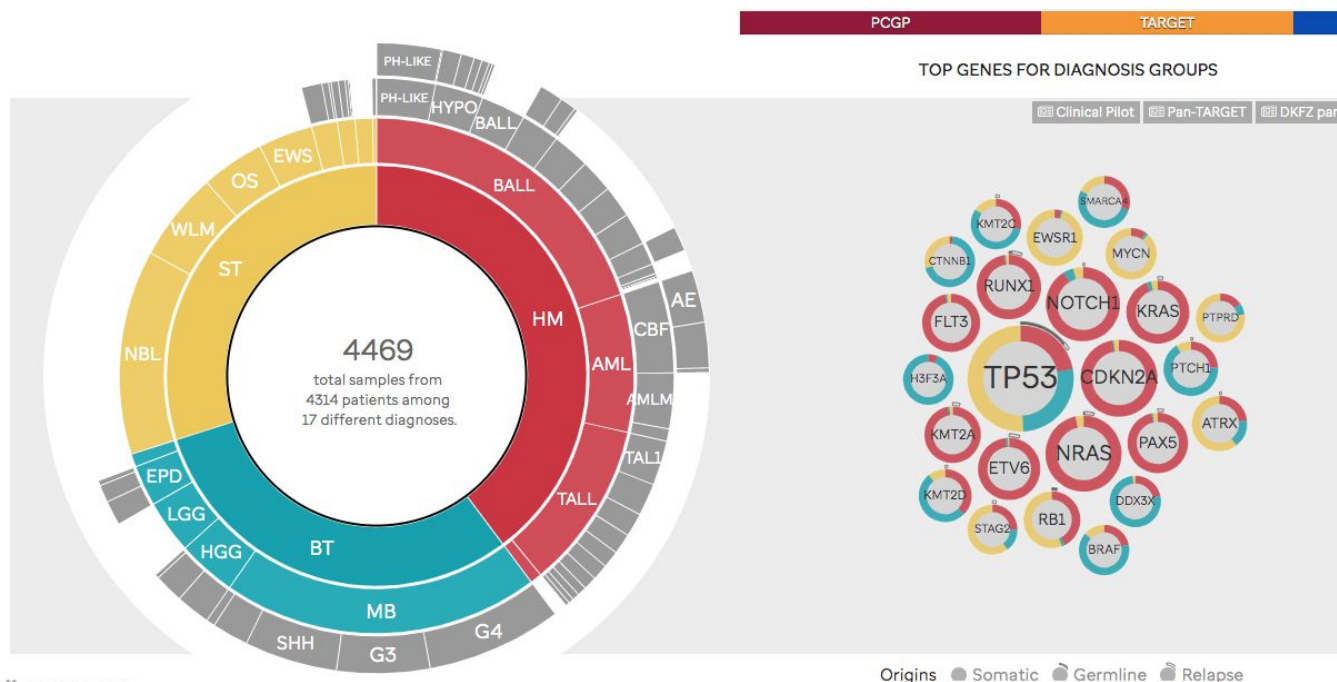
Clinical Significance (ENIGMA) ?	
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IARC Class	Benign
Comment on Clinical Significance	IARC class based on posterior probability from multifactorial likelihood analysis, thresholds for class as per Plon et al. 2008 (PMID: 18951446). Class 1 based on posterior probability = 0.0000767
Clinical Significance Citations	PMID: 21990134
Supporting Evidence URL(s)	link to multifactorial analysis
Date Last Evaluated	10 August 2015
Assertion Method	ENIGMA BRCA1/2 Classification Criteria (2015)
Assertion Method Citation	Enigma Rules version Mar 26, 2015
Allele Origin	Germline
ClinVar Accession	SCV000244413.1

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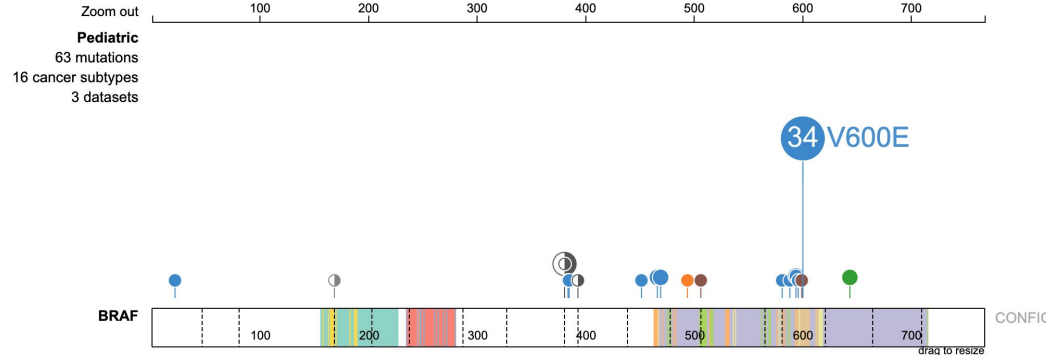
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Gene Information: BRAF

Entrez Description: This gene encodes a protein belonging to the RAF family of serine/threonine protein kinases. This protein plays a role in regulating the MAP kinase/ERK signaling pathway, which affects cell division, differentiation, and secretion. Mutations in this gene, most commonly the V600E mutation, are the most frequently identified cancer-causing mutatio... (imported on 2018-09-27) [see more...](#)

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