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What is genomics?

Genomics is the study of whole genomes of organisms, and incorporates elements from genetics. **Genomics** uses a combination of recombinant DNA, DNA sequencing methods, and bioinformatics to sequence, assemble, and analyze the structure and function of genomes.

In 1952, Alfred Hershey and Martha Chase demonstrated with a series of experiments that DNA, not protein, is responsible for carrying genetic traits that may be inherited. James Watson and Francis Crick discovered the double helix structure of DNA in 1953.

Milestones

- 1952: Hershey and Chase genetic information is encoded in DNA
- 1953: Watson and Crick DNA structure
- 1972: Sanger started work on DNA sequencing
- 1977: first DNA virus sequenced (ΦX174 bacteriophage)
- 1995: first bacterium sequenced (Haemophilus influenzae)
- 1996: first eukaryotic genome sequenced (Saccharomyces cerevisiae)
- 1998: first multicellular organism sequenced (Caenorhabditis elegans)
- 2003: human genome completed



2023: sequenced 506 618 genomes

- Archaea: 5 371
- Bacteria: 433 319
- Eukarya: 49 843
- Viruses: 18 085





NGS cost in 2024: \$100 per human genome





Main sequencing technologies and their characteristics

Technology (manufacturer)	Sequencing chemistry	Platform	Read length (bp)	Throughput (Gb/h run)	Best suited for:
Sanger	Dye terminator	ABI 3730xl	700–900		<i>De novo</i> and metagenomics
454 (Roche)	Pyrosequencing	GS FLX	400–700	0.04	<i>De novo</i> and metagenomics
		GS Junior	400	0.004	<i>De novo</i> and metagenomics
Solexa (Illumina)	Sequencing by	GaIIx	36–150	0.3	Resequencing
	synthesis with	HiSeq2000	36–100	<mark>2.9</mark>	Resequencing
	reversible terminators	MiSeq	36–250	0.2	Resequencing
SOLiD (ABI)	Sequencing by ligation	5500x1	35–75	1	Resequencing
Heliscope (Helicos)	Sequencing by synthesis with virtual terminators	tSMS	25–55	1	Resequencing
Ion Torrent (Life Technologies)	Semiconductor	Ion torrent PGM	100-200	0.2	Resequencing
	sequencing	Ion proton sequencer	100–200	2.5	Resequencing
PacBio (Pacific Bioscience)	SMRT technology	PacBio <i>RS</i>	<mark>250–10 000</mark>	0.1	Genome structure and metagenomics
Nanopore (Oxford Nanopore Technologies)	Ionic current sensing	GridION and MinION	<mark>10 000–50 000</mark> -		<i>De novo</i> and genome structure

Genome Sequencing



Sanger sequencing process (shotgun)



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Genomic DNA fragmented **(A)** bv ultrasound or enzymes, cloned to vector (plasmid), and transformed into *E. coli*. (**B**) The dideoxy chain termination method is used for sequencing. The PCR reaction mixture contains template, primers, DNA polymerase, and dNTPs. Moreover, four types of ddNTP (ddATP, ddTTP, ddCTP, and ddGTP) with fluorescent marks are added separately to four reactions. Since ddNTP does not form phosphodiester bond contain hydroxyl group), (does not incorporation of ddNTP into synthetized DNA strand results in termination of DNA amplification. After **(C)** PCR amplification, four PCR reaction are loaded to electrophoresis and DNA sequence is determined from positions of PCR products.

Sanger sequencing





Illumina workflow. Starting from similar fragmentation and adapter ligation steps, the library is added to a flow cell for bridge amplification (an isothermal process that amplifies each fragment into a cluster). The cluster fragments are denatured, annealed with a sequencing primer and subjected to sequencing by synthesis using 3' blocked labeled nucleotides.

Helicos single molecule sequencing method



Sample preparation and sequencing process for single molecule sequencing of biological samples.



Zhao L, Deng L, Li G, Jin H, Cai J, et al. (2017) Single molecule sequencing of the M13 virus genome without amplification. PLOS ONE 12(12): e0188181. https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0188181

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A new class of third-generation sequencing platforms capable of directly measuring DNA and RNA sequences at the singlemolecule level without amplification. Here, we use the new GenoCare single-molecule sequencing platform from Direct Genomics to sequence the genome of the M13 virus. Our platform detects single-molecule fluorescence by total internal reflection microscopy, with sequencing-by-synthesis chemistry. We sequenced the genome of M13 to a depth of 316x, with 100% coverage. We determined a consensus sequence accuracy of 100%. In contrast to GC bias inherent to NGS results, we demonstrated that our single-molecule sequencing method yields minimal GC bias.

PLOS ONE

PacBio sequencing



Detection of methylated bases using PacBio sequencing PacBio sequencing can detect modified bases, including m⁶A (also known as ^{6m}A), by analyzing variation in the time between base incorporations in the read strand. The figure is adapted with

permission from Pacific Biosciences. a.u. stands for arbitrary unit.

Nanopore sequencing



MinION sequencing

- Available since May 2015
- 512 channels, 2 048 pores



- Theoretical output 50 Gb (run for 72 hours at 420 bases / second)
 - 30Gb-10x human genome
- Nanopores read the length of DNA presented to them, longest read so far: > 4 Mb
- Whole genome, targeted sequencing, whole transcriptome, metagenomics
- Newest flowcell and chemistry
 - Raw reads accuracies Q20 (1 in 100)- 99%
 - Consensus accuracies Q50 (1 in 1000 000)-99.999%
- Real-time analysis







Total Estimated Bases

Estimated Read Length in Bases



GridION

- 5 flowcells to be run concurrently or individually
- 250Gb, flexible, Integrated compute

PromethION

- 48 flowcells, 14Tb
- large scale, ultra-high throughput



Genome size and structure, mutation rate



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organism	genome size (base pairs)	coding genes
model organisms		
model bacteria E. coli	4.6 Mbp	4,300
budding yeast S. cerevisiae	12 Mbp	6,600
fission yeast S. pombe	13 Mbp	4,800
amoeba D. discoideum	34 Mbp	13,000
nematode C. elegans	100 Mbp	20,000
fruit fly D. melanogaster	140 Mbp	14,000
model plant A. thaliana	140 Mbp	27,000
moss P. patens	510 Mbp	28,000
mouse M. musculus	2.8 Gbp	20,000
human H. sapiens	3.2 Gbp	21,000
viruses		
hepatitis D virus (smallest known animal RNA virus)	1.7 Kb	1
HIV-1	9.7 kbp	9
influenza A	14 kbp	11
bacteriophage λ	49 kbp	66
Pandoravirus salinus (largest known viral genome)	2.8 Mbp	2500
bacteria		
C. ruddii (smallest genome of an endosymbiont bacteria)	160 kbp	182
M. genitalium (smallest genome of a free living bacteria)	580 kbp	470
H. pylori	1.7 Mbp	1,600
Cyanobacteria S. elongatus	2.7 Mbp	3,000
methicillin-resistant S. aureus (MRSA)	2.9 Mbp	2,700
B. subtilis	4.3 Mbp	4,100
S. cellulosum (largest known bacterial genome)	13 Mbp	9,400
eukaryotes - multicellular		
pufferfish Fugu rubripes (smallest known vertebrate genome)	400 Mbp	19,000
poplar P. trichocarpa (first tree genome sequenced)	500 Mbp	46,000
corn Z. mays	2.3 Gbp	33,000
dog C. familiaris	2.4 Gbp	19,000
chimpanzee P. troglodytes	3.3 Gbp	19,000
wheat T. aestivum (hexaploid)	16.8 Gbp	95,000
marbled lungfish P. aethiopicus (largest known animal genome)	130 Gbp	unknown
herb plant Paris japonica (largest known genome)	150 Gbp	unknown

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There exist globally between **0.8** and **1.6** million prokaryotic OTUs (16S gene at 97% similarity).

Estimating global prokaryotic OTU richness.

(A, B) Accumulation curves showing the number of bacterial (A) and archaeal (B) OTUs discovered, depending on the number of distinct studies included. Curves are averaged over 100 random subsamplings, and whiskers show corresponding standard deviations. Continuous curves were calculated using all studies (worldwide), while blue dashed curves were calculated using solely studies performed in the Americas or near American coasts. (C, D) Global OTU richness of Bacteria (C) and Archaea (D), estimated using the iChao2, iChao2split, ICE, CatchAll, breakaway, and tWLRM estimators. The number of OTUs discovered by the GPC is included for comparison (last bar).

Bacterial genomics – *Escherichia coli*

"*E. coli* is a single species with numerous recognized roles, from lab workhorse to beneficial intestinal commensal or deadly pathogen. The extant strains have disparate lifestyles as a result of differential niche expansion since their divergence 25–40 million years ago, ten times longer than the estimated divergence between chimpanzees and humans."

E. coli is a Gram-negative, nonsporulating, facultative anaerobe. Cells are typically rod-shaped $(2.0 \times 0.5 \mu m)$.







Genome is the set of genetic information (genes) in one cell (strain/organism).

Core genome is the set of genes found across all strains.

Pangenome is the set of all genes from all strains.

Accessory (cloud) genome is the set shared within only one or some strains.



>50% of *E. coli* genetic information is variable

Genetically monomorphic pathogens

T. pallidum genome (1.14 x 10⁶ bp) contains minimal sequence diversity among syphilis strains (**99.99% identity**).

• there are two genomic groups



Other examples of genetically monomorphic pathogens are *Bacillus anthracis* (anthrax), *Yersinia pestis* (plague), *Burkholderia mallei* (glanders), *Escherichia coli* O157:H7 (HUS), *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (tuberculosis), *Mycobacterium leprae* (leprae), and *Salmonella enterica* serovar Typhi (typhoid fever).



Minimal bacterial genome

Mycoplasma genitalium (a human urogenital pathogen) has **the smallest genome** of all solitaire organisms. Its genome size is 580 kb and contains only **470 genes**.

It has a minimal metabolism and little genomic redundancy. One third of the proteins have unknown function.

Synthetic genomes

JCVI-syn3.0, synthetic bacterium, encodes only 473 genes (genome 531.56 kbp).

Proposed minimal set of 256 genes.







Distribution of 2,112 bacterial genome sizes. The average genome size was 3,451 kbps, and the standard deviation was 1,882 kbps. The range of the size difference was approximately 93-fold.

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Archaea:



Not long ago it was thought that all prokaryotic genomes (both Bacteria and Archae) were much smaller than eukaryotic genomes. However, the application of new techniques for constructing physical maps and whole genome sequencing has demonstrated that there is tremendous diversity in the size and organization of prokaryotic genomes. The following figure shows some examples of genome sizes of Bacteria and Archae. The size of Bacterial chromosomes ranges from **0.6** Mbp to over 10 Mbp, and the size of Archael chromosomes range from **0.5** Mbp to **5.8** Mbp. (For comparison, Eukaryotic chromosomes range from **2.9** Mbp (Microsporidia) to well over **4,000** Mbp, although the largest genomes are littered with a tremendous amount of repetitive "junk" DNA.)

Genome rearrangements and evolution

Evolution of genomes caused by inversions. Different colored boxes represent the gene blocks. Grey arrow shows the inverted region of the genome. The identification of the inversions can reveal the evolutionary history of the organisms as depicted here.



A schematic representation of evolution of the TP0136 locus in TPeL and TPeC trepoenemes. The evolution of this regions required several steps including two gene conversion events and one deletion. The part of the TP0136 showing modular structure was not affected during these changes.



modular structure (Strouhal et al. 2018)

Composition of repeat motif regions observed in the TPeL L2, L3, and TPeC Cuniculi A genomes.



Repeat Units Types and their aminoacid sequences

	CA	L2	L3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Type IV				R	Е	V	Е	D	V	Р	К	V	٧	Е	Ρ	Α	S	Е	R	G	G	R	Е
Type V				R	Е	V	Е	D	Α	Ρ	G	v	V	Е	Ρ	Α	S	Е	R	G	G	R	Е
Type VI				R	Е	V	Е	D	v	Ρ	G	V	V	Е	Ρ	Α	S	Е	R	G	G	R	Е
Type VII				R	Е	V	Е	D	Α	Ρ	к	v	V	Е	Ρ	Α	S	Е	R	G	G	R	Е
Type VIII				R	Е	V	Е	D	v	Ρ	к	v	v	Е	Ρ	v	F	Е	R	G	G	G	Е
Type IX				R	Е	v	Е	D	Α	Ρ	G	v	V	Е	Ρ	v	F	Е	R	G	G	G	Е
Type X				R	Е	V	Е	D	v	Ρ	К	v	V	Е	Ρ	Α	S	Е	R	G	G	G	Е
Type XI				R	Е	V	Е	D	V	Р	К	v	V	Е	Р	V	F	Е	R	G	G	R	Е

Genome rearrangements and evolution



Y. pseudotuberculosis IP32953

Black death, Y. pestis

Some of the pre-existing conditions necessary for this occurrence include war, famine, weather and interactions between people. At the end of the 13th century and into the first half of the 14th century, disastrous weather had severe implications worldwide (**Little Ice Age**). The Great Famine struck all of Northern Europe in the 14th century, resulting in hunger and malnutrition.



The Black Death first <u>came</u> to Europe in 1347, engulfing the continent in sickness and turmoil. Transported through fleas (and, by extension, rats stowed away on seafaring ships) the Black Death killed off as much as **50** percent of the population in less than a decade, and outbreaks of the plague continued to sicken Europeans until the disease disappeared in the early 19th century.





Scientists think that plague bacteria circulate at low rates within populations of certain rodents without causing excessive rodent die-off. This is called the **enzootic** cycle. Occasionally, other species become infected, causing an outbreak among animals, called an **epizootic**. Humans are usually more at risk during, or shortly after, a plague epizootic.

The plague outbreaks in Asia were consistently followed by flare-ups in Europe roughly 15 years later—just enough time for Asia's rodent reservoirs to travel trade routes into Europe. In other words, European rats aren't to blame for the Black Death; it's their furry Asian counterparts.



Fully parsimonious minimal spanning tree of 933 SNPs for 282 isolates of Y. pestis colored by location.

The phylogenetic analysis suggests that **Y. pestis** evolved in or near China and spread through multiple radiations to Europe, South America, Africa and Southeast Asia, leading to country-specific lineages that can be traced by lineage-specific SNPs. All 626 current isolates from the United States reflect one radiation, and 82 isolates from Madagascar represent a second radiation. Subsequent local microevolution of *Y. pestis* is marked by sequential, geographically specific SNPs.

Hare syphilis in Europe, more than half of hare population is infected with *T. paraluisleporidarum*



MJ network of all tested samples based on concatenated sequences (TP0548 and TP0488). Only parsimony informative sites (n = 63) were used for construction of network. Color code correspond to geographic region (N - North Germany, S - South Germany). While there is a significant bootstrap support for the group of Swedish samples and Cuniculi A (USA), the bootstrap support for two clusters in the fig. below is very low.

There is no clear clustering of samples based on geographical origin.

Viral genomics

particles (virions) consist of (i) genetic Viral material (DNA or RNA), (ii) protein coat (capsid), which surrounds and protects the genetic material, and in some cases (iii) lipid **envelope**.

Virion morphology – helical, icosahedral, and complex structures.



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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Virus#Etymology



Families and genera of viruses infecting vertebrates. Viral genomics

Viral genomes

- DNA or RNA
- Single or double stranded
- Linear or circular



Department of Biology Faculty of Medicine • Masaryk University The Baltimore classification clusters viruses into 7 groups depending on their type of genome.



The **positive-sense genome** acts as mRNA and it is directly translated into viral proteins.

The **negative-sense genome** is complementary to mRNA molecules, which are synthesized by the viral RNA-dependent RNA polymerase (RdRp).



notoriously universal property of genomes from microbes to mammals-the number of (functional) mutations per-genome pergeneration is approximately constant within a phylum, despite the orders of magnitude differences in genome sizes and diverse populations' properties.

0.0033 per generation

Relationship between mutation rate and genome size, with major virus groups indicated. Values for viroids and bacteria, the two adjacent levels of biological complexity, are also plotted. The mutation rate is expressed as the number of substitutions **per nucleotide per generation**, defined as a cell infection in viruses ($\mu_{s/n/c}$).



Ebola virus disease

•Ebola virus disease (EVD), formerly known as **Ebola haemorrhagic fever**, is a rare but severe, often fatal illness in humans.

•The virus is transmitted to people **from wild animals** and spreads in the human population through humanto-human transmission.

•The average EVD case **fatality rate is around 50%**. Vaccines to protect against Ebola have been developed and have been used to help control the spread of Ebola outbreaks in Guinea and in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

•Early supportive care with rehydration, symptomatic treatment improves survival. Two monoclonal antibodies (**Inmazeb and Ebanga**) were approved for the treatment of Zaire ebolavirus (Ebolavirus) infection in adults and children by the US Food and Drug Administration in late 2020.

The **2014–2016 outbreak in West Africa** was the largest Ebola outbreak since the virus was first discovered in 1976. The outbreak started in Guinea and then moved across land borders to Sierra Leone and Liberia. The virus family Filoviridae includes three genera: Cuevavirus, Marburgvirus, and Ebolavirus. Within the genus Ebolavirus, six species have been identified: Zaire, Bundibugyo, Sudan, Taï Forest, Reston and Bombali.



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Complete or coding-complete filovirus genome sequences have been obtained from cave-dwelling and house-dwelling bats and highly diverse fish on the African, Asian and European continents. The pathogenic potential of most filoviruses remains unclear, as does the transmission route of pathogenic filoviruses proven to infect humans and pigs or of pathogenic filoviruses suspected to infect **chimpanzees, duikers and gorillas**. Animals that have been proven to be infected by filoviruses are indicated in black; grey animals are suspected but unproven reservoirs of the indicated viruses. Solid arrows indicate highly likely transmission routes; dashed arrows indicate hypothesized transmission routes. BDBV, Bundibugyo virus; BOMV, Bombali virus; EBOV, Ebola virus; HUJV, Huángjiāo virus; LLOV, Lloviu virus; MARV, Marburg virus; MLAV, Měnglà virus; RAVV, Ravn virus; RESTV, Reston virus; SUDV, Sudan virus; TAFV, Taï Forest virus; XILV, Xīlàng virus.



Within and between Country Genomic Relationships of Ebola Virus



This is a picture of an influenza virus. Influenza A viruses are classified by subtypes based on the properties of their **hemagglutinin (H) and neuraminidase (N)** surface proteins. There are **18 different HA subtypes and 11 different NA** subtypes. Subtypes are named by combining the H and N numbers – e.g., A(H1N1), A(H3N2). Click on the image to enlarge the picture.



Hemagglutinin



Neuraminidase



M2 Ion Channel



RNP

Influenza Virus: 3 Types

✓RNA virus

- ✓Antigenically distinct
- ✓No cross-immunity

Influenza	Type A	Type B	Type C		
Disease	++	++	Ħ.		
Epidemics/Pandemics	Epidemics & Pandemics	Milder epidemics	No		
Host	Humans & other species !	Humans only	Humans only		
Antigenic variation	Frequent	Infrequent	Stable		

Viral genomics

Influenza virus (*Ortomyxoviridae*)

- Four types **Influenza A**, B, C, and D
- ssRNA(-) segmented genome (8 segments,~13.5 kb; 11 proteins)



High rate of random mutations (antigenic drift) is responsible for a emergence of new influenza variants each season (year).



Evolution of influenza through reassortment (antigenic shift)

If a host cell is infected with more than one influenza virus, the viral progeny contain random sets of the genome segments.







Liang 2023; https://doi.org/10.1080/21505594.2023.2223057 https://www.zkbs-online.de/ZKBS/EN/Meta/focus_topics/Influenzaviruses/Influenza_viruses_node.html

Viral genomics – Influenza virus

Segment reassortment is responsible for the emergence of **pandemic** influenza variants.





https://bmc1.utm.utoronto.ca/~natalie/flufacts/



Evolution of SARS-CoV-2 variants

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- ssRNA(+) nonsegmented genome (~30 kb; 29 proteins)
- High rate of mutations (antigenic drift)



Left, the tree shows a representative sample of isolates from Europe coloured by clades/variants. Clade 20A and its daughter clades 20B and 20C (yellow) carry mutations S:D614G. Variant 20E (EU1) (orange), with mutation S:A222V on a S:D614G background, emerged in early summer 2020 and became common in many European countries in autumn 2020. A separate variant (20A.EU2; blue) with mutation S:S477N became prevalent in France. **Right**, the proportion of sequences belonging to each variant per country.

Changes in human genome selected by pathogens



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Key events in recent human evolution (boxes outlined in black) are juxtaposed with **the estimated ages of infectious disease emergence** (boxes outlined in red). The fragmentation of the human lineage into genetically and geographically distinct populations (blue lines) accelerates with migration out of Africa. Later, these populations started mixing more (blue shaded regions between the populations) along trade routes (such as the Silk Road), through colonization and through high rates of global travel nowadays. Smallpox-variola.



Common Erythrocyte Variants That Affect Resistance to Malaria

Reported Genetic Associations with

Gene	Protein	Function	Malaria
FY	Duffy antigen	Chemokine receptor	FY*O allele completely protects against <i>P. vivax</i> infection.
G6PD	Glucose-6-phosphatase dehydogenase	Enzyme that protects against oxidative stress	G6PD deficiency protects against severe malaria.
GYPA	Glycophorin A	Sialoglycoprotein	GYPA-deficient erythrocytes are resistant to invasion by <i>P</i> . <i>falciparum</i> .
GYPB	Glycophorin B	Sialoglycoprotein	GYPB-deficient erythrocytes are resistant to invasion by <i>P</i> . <i>falciparum</i> .
GYPC	Glycophorin C	Sialoglycoprotein	GYPC-deficient erythrocytes are resistant to invasion by <i>P</i> . <i>falciparum</i> .
HBA	α-Globin	Component of hemoglobin	 α⁺ Thalassemia protects against severe malaria but appears to enhance mild malaria episodes in some environments.
HBB	β-Globin	Component of hemoglobin	HbS and HbC alleles protect against severe malaria. HbE allele reduces parasite invasion.
НР	Haptoglobin	Hemoglobin-binding protein present in plasma (not erythrocyte)	Haptoglobin 1-1 genotype is associated with susceptibility to severe malaria in Sudan and Ghana.
SCL4A1	CD233, erythrocyte band 3 protein	Chloride/bicarbonate exchanger	Deletion causes ovalocytosis but protects against cerebral malaria.





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any opinion whatsoever on the part of the World Health Organization concerning the legal status of any

Report 2012, WHO, 2012.



Cystic fibrosis

1 in 3,000 children are born with CF, and 2% of people carry one mutant gene



Cystic fibrosis gene protects against tuberculosis

Between 1600 and 1900, TB caused 20% of all deaths in Europe

The Lübeck disaster (1929–1933)

is a unique event in the history of tuberculosis when 251 newborns were accidentally infected with a virulent strain of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*. The disaster happened while BCG was introduced as an anti-TB vaccine. In an exemplary multidisciplinary investigation, the disaster was shown to be due to the accidental contamination of BCG vaccine preparations with virulent *M. tuberculosis* and not BCG itself.



Month of assessment

There were nearly 200,000 cases of leprosy around the world at the beginning of 2012.



Leprosy and the Adaptation of Human Toll-Like Receptor 1. Population differentiation at TLR1 I602S.

The **protective dysfunctional 602S** allele is rare in Africa but expands to become the dominant allele among individuals of **European descent**. This supports the hypothesis that this locus may be under selection from mycobacteria or other pathogens that are recognized by TLR1 and its co-receptors.



Wong SH, Gochhait S, Malhotra D, Pettersson FH, Teo YY, et al. (2010) Leprosy and the Adaptation of Human Toll-Like Receptor 1. PLoS Pathog 6(7): e1000979. doi:10.1371/journal.ppat.1000979 http://127.0.0.1:8081/plospathogens/article?id=info:doi/10.1371/journal.ppat.1000979





The presence of the TLR2 Arg753Gln polymorphism was significantly **associated with pneumonia** in AML patients.

The presence of the TLR2 Arg753Gln polymorphism was significantly **associated with resistence to syphilis.**

TLR2 is one of the <u>toll-like receptors</u> and plays a role in the <u>immune</u> <u>system</u>. TLR2 is a <u>membrane protein</u>, a receptor, which is expressed on the surface of certain cells and recognizes foreign substances and passes on appropriate signals to the cells of the immune system.

Adults (15-49 years of age) Living with HIV





The **CCR5 locus (coreceptor)** shows that historical epidemics have been important

in shaping the genomes of humans and other primate species. It has been projected that if the HIV epidemic continues for another 100 years, it will leave a signature on the human genome at the **CCR5 locus** and related HIV resistance loci.

Although higher HLA-C expression protects against HIV progression, it also increases risk of the inflammatory disorder **Crohn's disease**, which highlights the potential for health repercussions of pathogen-driven selection.

The CCR5 chemokine receptor is exploited by HIV-1 to gain entry into CD4+ T cells. A deletion mutation (Δ 32) confers resistance against HIV by obliterating the expression of the receptor on the cell surface.. **The allele exists at appreciable frequencies only in Europe**, and within Europe, the frequency is higher in the north.



Fig. 1 & A schematic representation of Viking hypothesis of Lucotte. The

Fig. 1. A. A schematic representation of Viking hypothesis. The red square represents a Scandinavian origin of the allele. The black arrows represent dissemination of CCR5-D32 by Vikings southwards towards France and the Mediterranean, eastwards towards Russia, and northwest towards Iceland Contour lines and color represent the frequency in Europe at an intermediate stage of the allele's migration out of Scandinavia. B. The modern-day observed allele frequencies. Squares mark locations of sampled allele frequencies, and color within the squares denotes the observed frequencies. Contour lines represent interpolated allele frequencie

The selective raise of the CCR5- Δ 32 allele was proposed to be attributed to smallpox (*Variola major*) caused by the poxvirus.

Their estimates suggest that the CCR5- Δ 32 deletion arose around 2000 years ago with a range from 375 to 4800 years