

# Criteria Specification

## ClinGen Hereditary Breast, Ovarian and Pancreatic Cancer Expert Panel Specifications to the ACMG/AMP Variant Interpretation Guidelines for ATM Version 1.3.0

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**Description :** ACMG-modified rules specifications for ATM (autosomal dominant and autosomal recessive disorders)

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Release notes v1.3

Clarified application of BP4 + BP7\_Variant(RNA) verbiage in CSPEC editor and rules document:

BP7 \_Variable(RNA): RNA functional studies

Lack of aberrant splice defect: Please see PVS1(RNA) section (above) for guidance on baseline weights and modifications of weight based on quality for RNA assays

NOTE: BP4 splice predictions may not be used in conjunction with BP7\_Variable(RNA)

## Rules for ATM

**General Comments:** Release notes v1.3 Clarified application of BP4 + BP7\_Variant(RNA) verbiage in CSPEC editor and rules document: BP7 \_Variable(RNA): RNA functional studies Lack of aberrant splice defect: Please see PVS1(RNA) section (above) for guidance on baseline weights and modifications of weight based on quality for RNA assays NOTE: BP4 splice predictions may not be used in conjunction with BP7\_Variable(RNA)

<b>Gene:</b> ATM (HGNC:795) <a href="#">↗</a>	<b>HGNC Name:</b> ATM serine/threonine kinase
<b>Transcripts:</b> NM_000051.3	<b>Disease:</b> hereditary breast carcinoma (MONDO:0016419) <a href="#">↗</a> <b>Mode of Inheritance:</b> Autosomal dominant inheritance
	ataxia telangiectasia (MONDO:0008840) <a href="#">↗</a> <b>Mode of Inheritance:</b> Autosomal recessive inheritance
	ataxia - telangiectasia variant (MONDO:0018266) <a href="#">↗</a> <b>Mode of Inheritance:</b> Autosomal recessive inheritance

## Criteria & Strength Specifications

### PVS1

## Original ACMG

### Summary

Null variant (nonsense, frameshift, canonical  $\pm 1$  or 2 splice sites, initiation codon, single or multi-exon deletion) in a gene where loss of function (LOF) is a known mechanism of disease.

Caveats:

- Beware of genes where LOF is not a known disease mechanism (e.g. GFAP, MYH7).
- Use caution interpreting LOF variants at the extreme 3' end of a gene.
- Use caution with splice variants that are predicted to lead to exon skipping but leave the remainder of the protein intact.
- Use caution in the presence of multiple transcripts.

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### Very Strong

Use ATM PVS1 Decision Tree

**Modification** Gene-specific, Strength

**Type:**

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### Strong

Use ATM PVS1 Decision Tree.

**Modification** Gene-specific, Strength

**Type:**

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### Moderate

Use ATM PVS1 Decision Tree.

**Modification** Gene-specific, Strength

**Type:**

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### Supporting

Use ATM PVS1 Decision Tree

**Modification** Gene-specific, Strength

**Type:**

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**Instructions:** Use ATM PVS1 Decision Tree.

## PS1

## Original ACMG

### Summary

Same amino acid change as a previously established pathogenic variant regardless of nucleotide change.

Example: Val->Leu caused by either G>C or G>T in the same codon.

Caveat: Beware of changes that impact splicing rather than at the amino acid/protein level.

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## Strong

Use for protein changes as long as splicing is ruled-out for both alterations. Use ATM PS1 Splicing table for splicing variants with similar predictions or observations of splice defect.

**Modification** General recommendation

**Type:**

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## Moderate

Use for protein changes as long as splicing is ruled-out for both alterations. Use ATM PS1 Splicing table for splicing variants with similar predictions or observations of splice defect.

**Modification** General recommendation, Strength

**Type:**

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**Instructions:** Use as ascribed for protein changes as long as a splice defect is ruled out for both variants; Use Use ATM PS1 Splicing table for splicing variants with similar predictions or observations of splice defect. (PMID: 36865205)

## PS2

### Original ACMG Summary

De novo (both maternity and paternity confirmed) in a patient with the disease and no family history.

Note: Confirmation of paternity only is insufficient. Egg donation, surrogate motherhood, errors in embryo transfer, etc. can contribute to non-maternity.

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*Not Applicable*

## PS3

### Original ACMG Summary

Well-established in vitro or in vivo functional studies supportive of a damaging effect on the gene or gene product.

Note: Functional studies that have been validated and shown to be reproducible and robust in a clinical diagnostic laboratory setting are considered the most well-established.

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## Strong

Do not use as strong.

**Modification** Gene-specific

**Type:**

## Moderate

Use when a variant fails to rescue both an ATM specific feature (e.g. phosphorylation of ATM-specific targets) AND radiosensitivity.

**Modification** Gene-specific,Strength  
**Type:**

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## Supporting

Use when a variant fails to rescue an ATM specific feature, only (e.g. phosphorylation of ATM-specific targets). Do not use for radiosensitivity-only as that is not a feature specific to ATM deficiency

**Modification** Gene-specific,Strength  
**Type:**

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**Instructions:** For protein, see detailed notes on ATM-specific assays; For RNA use code PVS1\_Strength(RNA) and modulate strength based on assay quality and quantity (curator discretion).

## PS4

### Original ACMG Summary

The prevalence of the variant in affected individuals is significantly increased compared to the prevalence in controls.

Note 1: Relative risk (RR) or odds ratio (OR), as obtained from case-control studies, is  $>5.0$  and the confidence interval around the estimate of RR or OR does not include 1.0. See manuscript for detailed guidance.

Note 2: In instances of very rare variants where case-control studies may not reach statistical significance, the prior observation of the variant in multiple unrelated patients with the same phenotype, and its absence in controls, may be used as moderate level of evidence.

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## Strong

Case-control studies;  $p\text{-value} \leq .05$  AND (Odds ratio, hazard ratio, or relative risk  $\geq 2$  OR lower 95% CI  $\geq 1.5$ ).

**Modification** General recommendation  
**Type:**

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## Moderate

Do not use for proband counting.

**Modification** Disease-specific, Gene-specific  
**Type:**

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**Instructions:** Do not use for 'proband counting' method. Case-control studies; p-value  $\leq .05$  AND (Odds ratio, hazard ratio, or relative risk  $\geq 2$  OR lower 95% CI  $\geq 1.5$ ).

## **PM1**

### **Original ACMG Summary**

Located in a mutational hot spot and/or critical and well-established functional domain (e.g. active site of an enzyme) without benign variation.

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*Not Applicable*

## **PM2**

### **Original ACMG Summary**

Absent from controls (or at extremely low frequency if recessive) in Exome Sequencing Project, 1000 Genomes or Exome Aggregation Consortium.  
Caveat: Population data for indels may be poorly called by next generation sequencing.

### **Supporting**

Frequency  $\leq .001\%$  if  $n=1$  in a single sub population, that is sufficiently rare and PM2\_supporting would apply.  $n>1$  in one or multiple subpopulations would not be considered rare and PM2\_supporting would not apply

**Modification** Gene-specific, Strength  
**Type:**

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**Instructions:** Frequency  $\leq .001\%$  if  $n=1$  in a single sub population, that is sufficiently rare and PM2\_supporting would apply.  $n>1$  in one or multiple subpopulations would not be considered rare and PM2\_supporting would not apply

## **PM3**

### **Original ACMG Summary**

For recessive disorders, detected in trans with a pathogenic variant  
Note: This requires testing of parents (or offspring) to determine phase.

### **Very Strong**

Use ATM PM3/BP2 table.

**Modification** Disease-specific, General recommendation, Gene-specific, Strength

**Type:**

## Strong

Use ATM PM3/BP2 table.

**Modification** Disease-specific,General recommendation,Gene-specific,Strength  
**Type:**

## Moderate

Use ATM PM3/BP2 table.

**Modification** Disease-specific,General recommendation,Gene-specific,Strength  
**Type:**

## Supporting

Use ATM PM3/BP2 table

**Modification** Disease-specific,General recommendation,Gene-specific,Strength  
**Type:**

**Instructions:** Use ATM PM3/BP2 table.

## PM4

### Original ACMG Summary

Protein length changes due to in-frame deletions/insertions in a non-repeat region or stop-loss variants.

## Moderate

Use for stop-loss variants.

**Modification** General recommendation,Gene-specific  
**Type:**

**Instructions:** Do not use for in-frame insertions or deletions less than a single exon; Use for stop-loss variants, only.

## PM5

### Original ACMG Summary

Novel missense change at an amino acid residue where a different missense change determined to be pathogenic has been seen before.

Example: Arg156His is pathogenic; now you observe Arg156Cys.

Caveat: Beware of changes that impact splicing rather than at the amino acid/protein level.

## Supporting

Use for genomic frameshift and truncating variants with PTC upstream of p.R3047. Apply also to splice variants as PM5\_supporting for splice variants can only be applied for variants premature termination codons upstream of p.Arg3047 where PVS1\_VS(RNA) is applied based on high quality observed splicing impact and must be NMD prone. Do not use for start-loss variants

**Modification** Gene-specific,Strength  
**Type:**

**Instructions:** Use for genomic frameshift and truncating variants with PTC upstream of p.R3047. Apply also to splice variants as PM5\_supporting for splice variants can only be applied for variants premature termination codons upstream of p.Arg3047 where PVS1\_VS(RNA) is applied based on high quality observed splicing impact and must be NMD prone. Do not use for start-loss variants

## PM6

### Original ACMG Summary

Assumed de novo, but without confirmation of paternity and maternity.

*Not Applicable*

## PP1

### Original ACMG Summary

Co-segregation with disease in multiple affected family members in a gene definitively known to cause the disease.

Note: May be used as stronger evidence with increasing segregation data.

*Not Applicable*

**Comments:** Informative pedigrees for segregation in families with AR Ataxia-Telangiectasia are not available. However, this VCEP would consider rules similar to the Glanzman and Hearing Loss VCEP rules if a pedigree becomes available.

## PP2

### Original ACMG

## Summary

Missense variant in a gene that has a low rate of benign missense variation and where missense variants are a common mechanism of disease.

## *Not Applicable*

**Comments:** Do not use: ATM does not have a defined low rate of missense benign variation.

## PP3

### Original ACMG

#### Summary

Multiple lines of computational evidence support a deleterious effect on the gene or gene product (conservation, evolutionary, splicing impact, etc.).

Caveat: As many in silico algorithms use the same or very similar input for their predictions, each algorithm should not be counted as an independent criterion. PP3 can be used only once in any evaluation of a variant.

#### Supporting

Protein: REVEL >.7333; RNA: At least one well-established in silico predictor (e.g. SpliceAI) shows impact on splicing

**Modification** Gene-specific  
**Type:**

**Instructions:** Protein: REVEL >.7333

RNA: At least one well-established in silico predictor (e.g. SpliceAI) shows impact on splicing

- NOTE: Splice analysis needs to be considered for all variant types (including missense, frameshift, nonsense, etc. as any variant has the potential to impact splicing which may preclude any expected protein effects)
- NOTE: PP3 for splice predictions may not be applied in addition to PVS1 or PVS1\_Variable(RNA) codes.
- Use caution in applying the wrong type of computational evidence (protein vs. RNA) towards the cumulative body of evidence for the opposite mechanism.

## PP4

### Original ACMG

#### Summary

Patient's phenotype or family history is highly specific for a disease with a single genetic etiology.



*Not Applicable*

## **PP5**

### **Original ACMG Summary**

Reputable source recently reports variant as pathogenic, but the evidence is not available to the laboratory to perform an independent evaluation.

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*Not Applicable*

This criterion is not for use as recommended by the ClinGen Sequence Variant Interpretation VCEP Review Committee.

PubMed : 29543229 [↗](#)

## **BA1**

### **Original ACMG Summary**

Allele frequency is above 5% in Exome Sequencing Project, 1000 Genomes or Exome Aggregation Consortium.

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### **Stand Alone**

Filtering Allele Frequency >.5%.

**Modification** Disease-specific  
**Type:**

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**Instructions:** Filtering Allele Frequency >.5%.

## **BS1**

### **Original ACMG Summary**

Allele frequency is greater than expected for disorder.

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### **Strong**

Filtering Allele Frequency >.05%.

**Modification** Disease-specific  
**Type:**

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**Instructions:** Filtering Allele Frequency >.05%.

## **BS2**

### **Original ACMG**

## Summary

Observed in a healthy adult individual for a recessive (homozygous), dominant (heterozygous), or X-linked (hemizygous) disorder, with full penetrance expected at an early age.

*Not Applicable*

## **BS3**

### Original ACMG Summary

Well-established in vitro or in vivo functional studies show no damaging effect on protein function or splicing.

### Moderate

Use when a variant rescues both an ATM specific feature (e.g. phosphorylation of ATM-specific targets) AND radiosensitivity.

**Modification** Disease-specific, Gene-specific, Strength  
**Type:**

### Supporting

Use when a variant rescues EITHER an ATM specific feature OR rescues radiosensitivity.

**Modification** Disease-specific, Gene-specific, Strength  
**Type:**

**Instructions:** For protein, see detailed notes on ATM-specific assays; For RNA use code BP7\_RNA and modulate strength based on assay quality and quantity (curator discretion).

## **BS4**

### Original ACMG Summary

Lack of segregation in affected members of a family.

Caveat: The presence of phenocopies for common phenotypes (i.e. cancer, epilepsy) can mimic lack of segregation among affected individuals. Also, families may have more than one pathogenic variant contributing to an autosomal dominant disorder, further confounding an apparent lack of segregation.

*Not Applicable*

**Comments:** AD Condition: Co-segregation analysis in lowpenetrance genes can lead to false positive results (PMID 32773770) . AR Condition: informative instances of lack of co-segregation in A-T families are too rare to be

considered for weight at this time and can also be considered for BP2 if biallelic unaffected patients are observed in an A-T family.

## **BP1**

### **Original ACMG Summary**

Missense variant in a gene for which primarily truncating variants are known to cause disease.

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*Not Applicable*

## **BP2**

### **Original ACMG Summary**

Observed in trans with a pathogenic variant for a fully penetrant dominant gene/disorder or observed in cis with a pathogenic variant in any inheritance pattern.

### **Strong**

Use ATM PM3/BP2 table.

**Modification Type:** Disease-specific, General recommendation, Gene-specific, Strength

### **Moderate**

Use ATM PM3/BP2 table.

**Modification Type:** Disease-specific, General recommendation, Gene-specific, Strength

### **Supporting**

Use ATM PM3/BP2 table

**Modification Type:** Disease-specific, General recommendation, Gene-specific, Strength

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**Instructions:** Use ATM PM3/BP2 table.

## **BP3**

### **Original ACMG Summary**

In frame-deletions/insertions in a repetitive region without a known function.

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*Not Applicable*

## **BP4**

### **Original ACMG**

#### **Summary**

Multiple lines of computational evidence suggest no impact on gene or gene product (conservation, evolutionary, splicing impact, etc)

Caveat: As many in silico algorithms use the same or very similar input for their predictions, each algorithm cannot be counted as an independent criterion. BP4 can be used only once in any evaluation of a variant.

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#### **Supporting**

- **Protein** Analysis: Metapredictor REVEL score  $\leq .249$
- RNA: At least one well-established in silico predictor (e.g. SpliceAI) shows impact on splicing
  - NOTE: Splice analysis needs to be considered for all variant types (including missense, frameshift, nonsense, etc. as any variant has the potential to impact splicing which may preclude any expected protein effects)
  - NOTE: BP4 for splice predictions may not be applied in conjunction with BP7\_Variable(RNA) (a lack of observed RNA defect) Use caution in applying the wrong type of computational evidence (protein vs. RNA) towards the cumulative body of evidence for the opposite mechanism.

**Modification** General recommendation

**Type:**

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**Instructions:** Protein: REVEL  $< .249$ ; RNA: multiple in silico predictors agree to a lack of splice defect.

## **BP5**

### **Original ACMG**

#### **Summary**

Variant found in a case with an alternate molecular basis for disease.

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***Not Applicable***

## **BP6**

### **Original ACMG**

#### **Summary**

Reputable source recently reports variant as benign, but the evidence is not available to the laboratory to perform an independent evaluation.

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***Not Applicable***

This criterion is not for use as recommended by the ClinGen Sequence Variant

## **BP7**

### **Original ACMG**

#### **Summary**

A synonymous variant for which splicing prediction algorithms predict no impact to the splice consensus sequence nor the creation of a new splice site AND the nucleotide is not highly conserved.

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#### **Strong**

Can be considered for BP7\_(RNA) with curator discretion of quality.

**Modification** General recommendation

**Type:**

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#### **Moderate**

Can be considered for BP7\_(RNA) with curator discretion of quality.

**Modification** General recommendation

**Type:**

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#### **Supporting**

Can be considered for BP7\_(RNA) with curator discretion of quality; Use for synonymous and deep intronic variants defined as further than (but not including) +7 and further than (but not including) -40 at donor and acceptor sites, respectively

**Modification** General recommendation

**Type:**

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#### **Instructions:**

- **BP7: Synonymous and deep intronic**

- Can be used for deep intronic variants beyond (but not including) +7 (donor) and -40 (acceptor)
- May also apply BP4 to achieve Likely Benign
- Is not considered a conflicting piece of evidence against a body of evidence supporting a pathogenic splice defect

- **BP7 \_Variable(RNA): RNA functional studies**

- Lack of aberrant splice defect: Please see PVS1(RNA) section (above) for guidance on baseline weights and modifications of weight based on quality for RNA assays

**NOTE:** BP4 splice predictions **may not** be used in conjunction with **BP7 \_Variable(RNA)**

## Pathogenic

**1 Very Strong** (*PVS1, PM3\_Very Strong*) **AND** **≥ 1 Strong** (*PVS1\_Strong, PS1, PS3, PS4, PM3\_Strong*)

**1 Very Strong** (*PVS1, PM3\_Very Strong*) **AND** **≥ 2 Moderate** (*PVS1\_Moderate, PS1\_Moderate, PS3\_Moderate, PS4\_Moderate, PM3, PM4*)

**1 Very Strong** (*PVS1, PM3\_Very Strong*) **AND 1 Moderate** (*PVS1\_Moderate, PS1\_Moderate, PS3\_Moderate, PS4\_Moderate, PM3, PM4*) **AND 1 Supporting** (*PVS1\_Supporting, PS3\_Supporting, PM2\_Supporting, PM3\_Supporting, PM5\_Supporting, PP3*)

**1 Very Strong** (*PVS1, PM3\_Very Strong*) **AND** **≥ 2 Supporting** (*PVS1\_Supporting, PS3\_Supporting, PM2\_Supporting, PM3\_Supporting, PM5\_Supporting, PP3*)

**≥ 2 Strong** (*PVS1\_Strong, PS1, PS3, PS4, PM3\_Strong*)

**1 Strong** (*PVS1\_Strong, PS1, PS3, PS4, PM3\_Strong*) **AND** **≥ 3 Moderate** (*PVS1\_Moderate, PS1\_Moderate, PS3\_Moderate, PS4\_Moderate, PM3, PM4*)

**1 Strong** (*PVS1\_Strong, PS1, PS3, PS4, PM3\_Strong*) **AND 2 Moderate** (*PVS1\_Moderate, PS1\_Moderate, PS3\_Moderate, PS4\_Moderate, PM3, PM4*) **AND** **≥ 2 Supporting** (*PVS1\_Supporting, PS3\_Supporting, PM2\_Supporting, PM3\_Supporting, PM5\_Supporting, PP3*)

**1 Strong** (*PVS1\_Strong, PS1, PS3, PS4, PM3\_Strong*) **AND 1 Moderate** (*PVS1\_Moderate, PS1\_Moderate, PS3\_Moderate, PS4\_Moderate, PM3, PM4*) **AND** **≥ 4 Supporting** (*PVS1\_Supporting, PS3\_Supporting, PM2\_Supporting, PM3\_Supporting, PM5\_Supporting, PP3*)

## Likely Pathogenic

**1 Very Strong** (*PVS1, PM3\_Very Strong*) **AND 1 Moderate** (*PVS1\_Moderate, PS1\_Moderate, PS3\_Moderate, PS4\_Moderate, PM3, PM4*)

**1 Strong** (*PVS1\_Strong, PS1, PS3, PS4, PM3\_Strong*) **AND 1 Moderate** (*PVS1\_Moderate, PS1\_Moderate, PS3\_Moderate, PS4\_Moderate, PM3, PM4*)

**1 Strong** (*PVS1\_Strong, PS1, PS3, PS4, PM3\_Strong*) **AND** **≥ 2 Supporting** (*PVS1\_Supporting, PS3\_Supporting, PM2\_Supporting, PM3\_Supporting, PM5\_Supporting, PP3*)

**≥ 3 Moderate** (*PVS1\_Moderate, PS1\_Moderate, PS3\_Moderate, PS4\_Moderate, PM3, PM4*)

**2 Moderate** (*PVS1\_Moderate, PS1\_Moderate, PS3\_Moderate, PS4\_Moderate, PM3, PM4*) **AND** **≥ 2 Supporting** (*PVS1\_Supporting, PS3\_Supporting, PM2\_Supporting, PM3\_Supporting, PM5\_Supporting, PP3*)

**1 Moderate** (*PVS1\_Moderate, PS1\_Moderate, PS3\_Moderate, PS4\_Moderate, PM3, PM4*) **AND** **≥ 4 Supporting** (*PVS1\_Supporting, PS3\_Supporting, PM2\_Supporting, PM3\_Supporting, PM5\_Supporting, PP3*)

**1 Strong** (*PVS1\_Strong, PS1, PS3, PS4, PM3\_Strong*) **AND 2 Moderate** (*PVS1\_Moderate, PS1\_Moderate, PS3\_Moderate, PS4\_Moderate, PM3, PM4*)

**1 Very Strong** (*PVS1, PM3\_Very Strong*) **AND 1 Supporting** (*PS3\_Supporting, PM2\_Supporting, PM3\_Supporting, PM5\_Supporting, PP3*)

## Benign

**≥ 2 Strong** (*BS1, BP2\_Strong, BP7\_Strong*)

## Likely Benign

**1 Strong** (*BS1, BP2\_Strong, BP7\_Strong*) **AND 1 Supporting** (*BS3\_Supporting, BP2, BP4, BP7*)

**≥ 2 Supporting** (*BS3\_Supporting, BP2, BP4, BP7*)

**1 Strong** (*BS1, BP2\_Strong, BP7\_Strong*)

## Files & Images

ATM supplementary Tables 1 and 2 : [!\[\]\(608bfbc50031d613907ec08333d4afc7\_img.jpg\)](#)

