

# Master 1 Bioinformatics

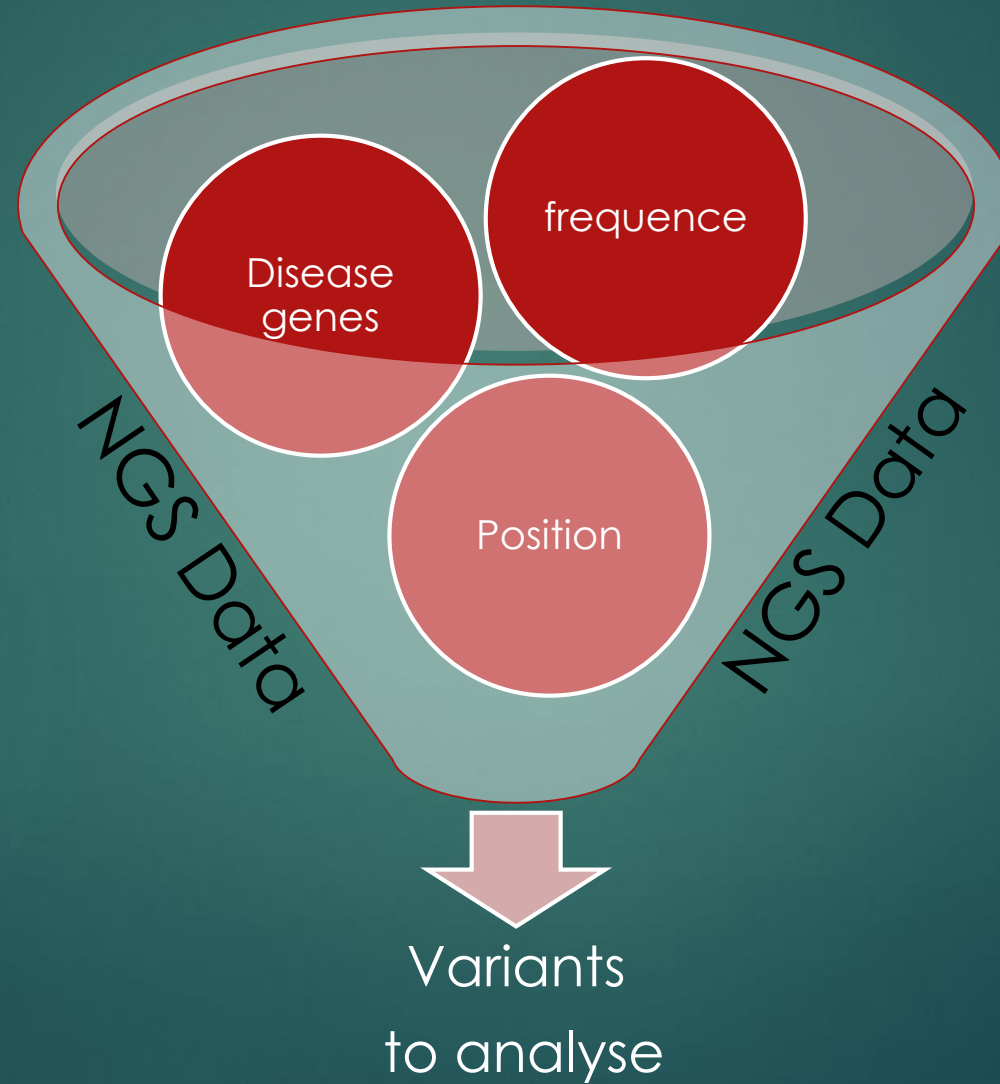
How to perform genetic  
diagnosis of rare disorders based  
on NGS data ?

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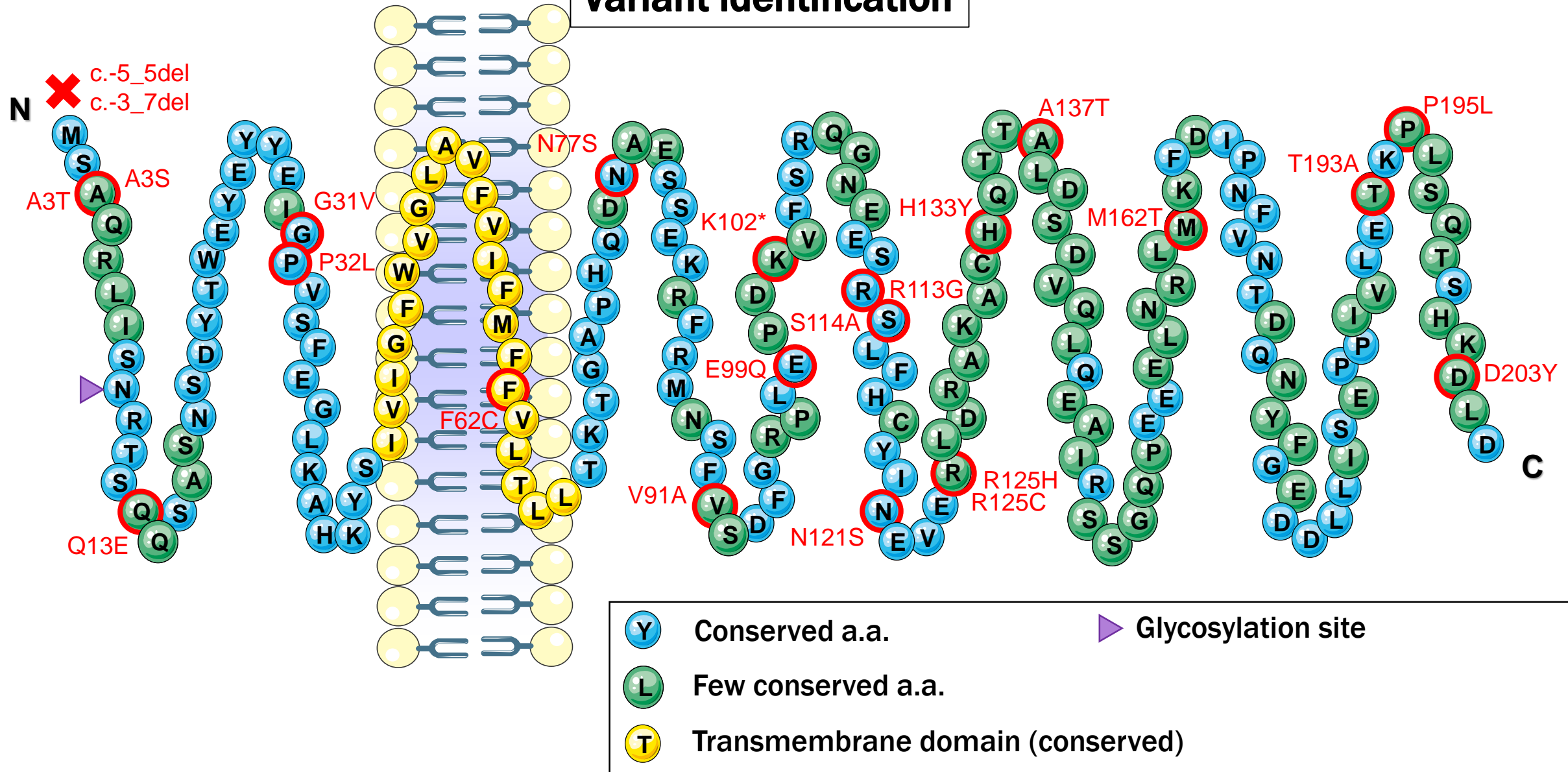
# Rare genetic disorders

- ▶ Genetic disorder = when the illness is caused by one or more abnormalities in the genome
- ▶ Rare genetic disorder = when the abnormality is monogenic /located on one gene
- ▶ >5000 human diseases are caused by rare genetic disorders
- ▶ Only one abnormality can cause the illness!!

# How to filter NGS data ?



## Variant identification



→ 23 mutations have been identified

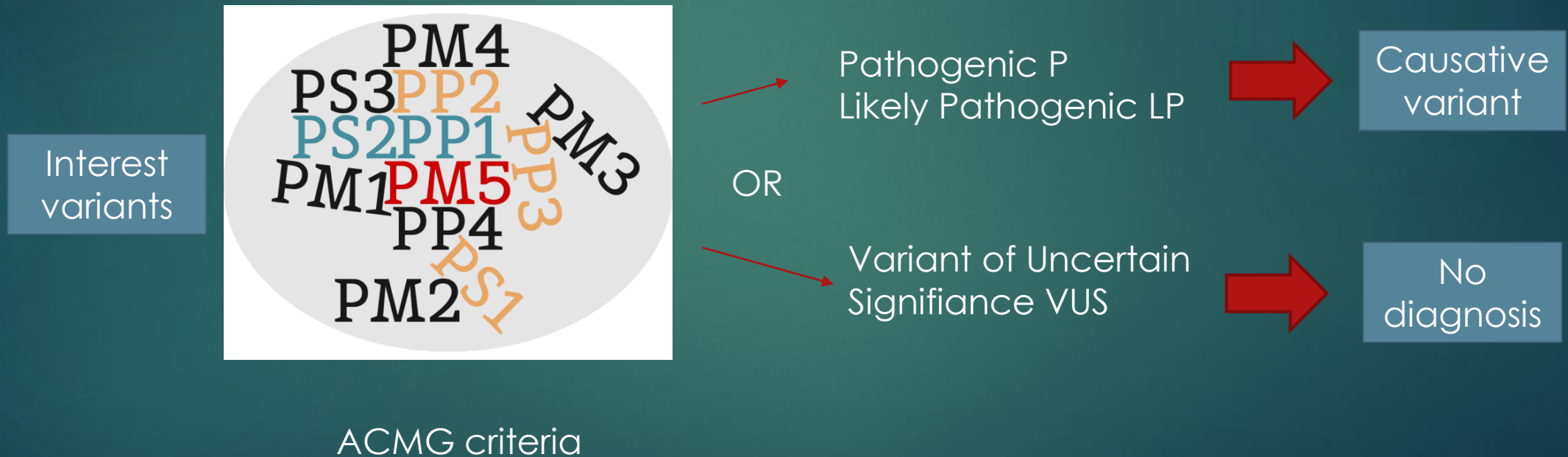
→ These mutations are statistically associated with obesity and overweight

# Pathogenicity of the variants

	Very Strong	Strong			Moderate				Supporting			Pathogenicity
Mutation	PVS1	PS1	PS2	PS3	PM1	PM2	PM4	PM5	PP1	PP2	PP3	
c.-5_5del	●					●	●			●		●
c.-3_7del	●			●		●	●			●		●
A3T										●		
A3S						●				●		
Q13E						●				●		
G31V				●		●				●		●
P32L						●				●	●	
F62C				●		●				●	●	●
N77S				●					●	●		●
V91A						●				●		
E99Q										●	●	
K102*	●			●		●	●			●		●
R113G									●	●	●	
S114A						●				●	●	
N121S						●				●		
R125C										●		
R125H										●		
H133Y										●		
A137T										●		
M162T						●				●		
T193A						●				●		
P195L				●		●			●	●		●
D203Y										●		

# Diagnosis: ACMG criteria

- ▶ ACMG = American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics
- ▶ Consensus: criteria for classifying pathogenic variants





# Diagnosis: ACMG criteria

## ACMG STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES

RICHARDS *et al* | Interpretation of sequence variants

**Table 3** Criteria for classifying pathogenic variants

Evidence of pathogenicity	Category
Very strong	<p>PVS1 null variant (nonsense, frameshift, canonical <math>\pm 1</math> or 2 splice sites, initiation codon, single or multiexon deletion) in a gene where LOF is a known mechanism of disease</p> <p>Caveats:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beware of genes where LOF is not a known disease mechanism (e.g., <i>GFAP</i>, <i>MYH7</i>)</li> <li>Use caution interpreting LOF variants at the extreme 3' end of a gene</li> <li>Use caution with splice variants that are predicted to lead to exon skipping but leave the remainder of the protein intact</li> <li>Use caution in the presence of multiple transcripts</li> </ul>
Strong	<p>PS1 Same amino acid change as a previously established pathogenic variant regardless of nucleotide change</p> <p>Example: Val→Leu caused by either G&gt;C or G&gt;T in the same codon</p> <p>Caveat: Beware of changes that impact splicing rather than at the amino acid/protein level</p> <p>PS2 De novo (<u>both</u> maternity and paternity confirmed) in a patient with the disease and no family history</p> <p>Note: Confirmation of paternity only is insufficient. Egg donation, surrogate motherhood, errors in embryo transfer, and so on, can contribute to nonmaternity.</p> <p>PS3 Well-established in vitro or in vivo functional studies supportive of a damaging effect on the gene or gene product</p> <p>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.</p> <p>PS4 The prevalence of the variant in affected individuals is significantly increased compared with the prevalence in controls</p> <p>Note 1: Relative risk or OR, as obtained from case-control studies, is &gt;5.0, and the confidence interval around the estimate of relative risk or OR does not include 1.0. See the article for detailed guidance.</p> <p>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.</p>

Moderate	<p>PM1 Located in a mutational hot spot and/or critical and well-established functional domain (e.g., active site of an enzyme) without benign variation</p> <p>PM2 Absent from controls (or at extremely low frequency if recessive) (Table 6) in Exome Sequencing Project, 1000 Genomes Project, or Exome Aggregation Consortium</p> <p>Caveat: Population data for insertions/deletions may be poorly called by next-generation sequencing.</p> <p>PM3 For recessive disorders, detected in <i>trans</i> with a pathogenic variant</p> <p>Note: This requires testing of parents (or offspring) to determine phase.</p> <p>PM4 Protein length changes as a result of in-frame deletions/insertions in a nonrepeat region or stop-loss variants</p> <p>PM5 Novel missense change at an amino acid residue where a different missense change determined to be pathogenic has been seen before</p> <p>Example: Arg156His is pathogenic; now you observe Arg156Cys</p> <p>Caveat: Beware of changes that impact splicing rather than at the amino acid/protein level.</p> <p>PM6 Assumed de novo, but without confirmation of paternity and maternity</p>
Supporting	<p>PP1 Cosegregation with disease in multiple affected family members in a gene definitively known to cause the disease</p> <p>Note: May be used as stronger evidence with increasing segregation data</p> <p>PP2 Missense variant in a gene that has a low rate of benign missense variation and in which missense variants are a common mechanism of disease</p> <p>PP3 Multiple lines of computational evidence support a deleterious effect on the gene or gene product (conservation, evolutionary, splicing impact, etc.)</p> <p>Caveat: Because 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.</p> <p>PP4 Patient's phenotype or family history is highly specific for a disease with a single genetic etiology</p> <p>PP5 Reputable source recently reports variant as pathogenic, but the evidence is not available to the laboratory to perform an independent evaluation</p>

Standards and guidelines for the interpretation of sequence variants: a joint consensus recommendation of the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics and the Association for Molecular Pathology; *Genet Med*. 2015 May;17(5)

# Where find data?

- ▶ Databases: HGMD, clinVar, GnomAD....

- ▶ Data about known variants, for example:
  - Presence of another variant at the same locus in a gene
  - Allelic frequency in general populations
  - Evidence of deleterious effect on the gene or on the gene product
  - Scientific publication about mutations
  - In vivo functional studies
- **Alamut software** is a convenient access to several databases of known variants
- Warning: always check that you explore the same transcript : NM\_.....

- Prediction algorithms:

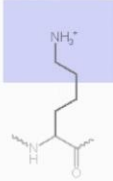
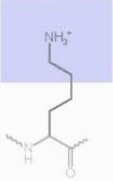
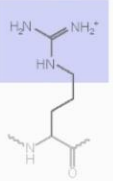
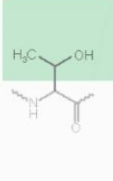
- Splice site prediction
- Nucleotide conservation prediction

All these data are needed in order to classify the variants



# PVS1 criterion (Pathogenicity Very Strong)

- ▶ null variant = **nonsense**, frameshift, canonical  $\pm 1$  or 2 splice sites, initiation codon, single or multiexon deletion

	No mutation	Point mutations			
		Silent	Nonsense	Missense	
DNA level	TTC	TTT	ATC	TCC	TGC
mRNA level	AAG	AAA	UAG	AGG	ACG
protein level	Lys	Lys	STOP	Arg	Thr
					

Nonsense mutation: check the Amino Acid change: \*=stop

Examples:

NM\_000207.2 c.184C>T, p.(Gln62\*)

NM\_000207.2 c.324C>G, p.(Tyr108\*)

cDNA

protein

# PVS1 criterion

- ▶ null variant = **nonsense**, frameshift, canonical  $\pm 1$  or 2 splice sites, initiation codon, single or multiexon deletion

Nonsense mutation: check the Amino Acid change: \*=stop

Exemples:

gene INS (AD)

NM\_000207.2 c.184C>T, p.(Gln62\*) ht, AD

NM\_000207.2 c.324C>G, p.(Tyr108\*) ht, AD

cDNA

protein

Where to check:

- NGS Annotation File
- Alamut software
- Public databases

Variant NM\_000207.2(INS):c.184C>T [Unsaved]

Variant Occurrences

Alamut

Caractéristiques

gDNA: Chr11(GRCh38):g.2160788G>A

cDNA: NM\_000207.2(INS):c.184C>T

Localisation: Exon 2 Mutalyzer...

Type: Substitution VariantValidator...

Effet sur le codage: Nonsense

AA/AA p.(Gln62\*)

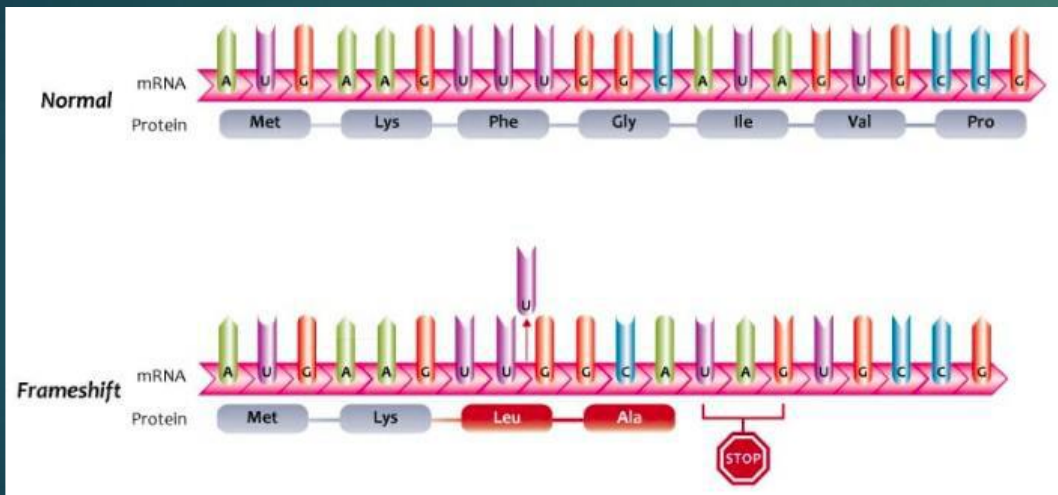
Classification: 5 Classes

Classe: Class 3-Unknown pathogenicity

La classe de pathogénicité n'est PAS calculée automatiquement.

# PVS1 criterion

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**Frameshift** mutation: deletion/insertion in which the number of deleted base pairs is not divisible by three:  
check the Amino Acid change and consequences

Example:

c.2711-2714del // p.(His905Ala<sup>fs</sup>\*34)

Warning: Indel of multiple of 3 nucleotides = indel of amino acid without frameshift

# PVS1 criterion

- ▶ null variant = nonsense, **frameshift**, canonical  $\pm 1$  or 2 splice sites, initiation codon, single or multiexon deletion

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**Frameshift** mutation: in case of insertion or deletion: check the Amino Acid change and consequences

Exemple:

NM\_018534 c.2712-2715del // p.(His905Ala**fs**\*34)

Warning: Insertion /deletion of multiple of 3 nucleotides = indel of amino acid without frameshift

Variant NM\_018534.3(NRP2):c.2712\_2715del [Unsaved]

Variant Occurrences

Caractéristiques

gDNA: Chr2(GRCh38):g.205776517\_205776520del

cDNA: NM\_018534.3(NRP2):c.2712\_2715del

Localisation: Exon 16 Mutalyzer...

Type: Deletion VariantValidator...

Effet sur le codage: Frameshift

AA/AA p.(His905Alafs\*34)

Where to check:

- NGS Annotation File
- Alamut software
- Public databases

# PVS1 criterion

- ▶ null variant = nonsense, frameshift, **canonical  $\pm 1$  or 2 splice sites**, initiation codon, single or multiexon deletion

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**Splice site** variant: at the boundary of an exon and an intron .

For example: gene GCK (AD)

Intronic:

NM\_000162.3 c.46-4G>A, ht

Exonic:

NM\_000162.3 c.211G>C , ht  
(intron start after c.211)

Variant Occurrences

Variant Features

gDNA: Chr7(GRCh38):g.44153464C>T

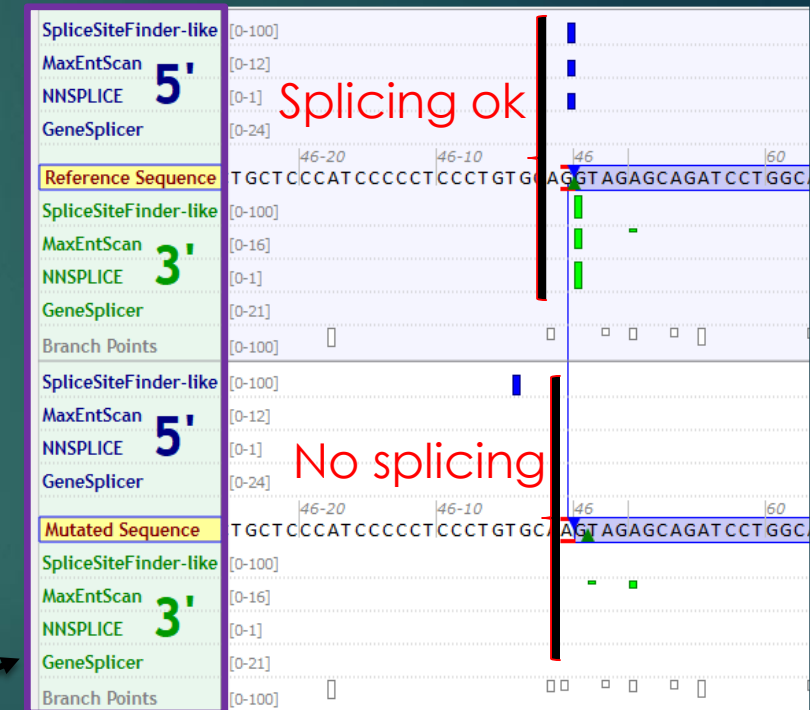
cDNA: NM\_000162.3(GCK):c.46-1G>A

Location: Intron 1 Mutalyzer...

Type: Substitution VariantValidator...

Coding Effect:

AA/AA p.?



- Where to check:
- Alamut software
  - Splicing prediction tools

# PVS1 criterion

- ▶ null variant = nonsense, frameshift, canonical  $\pm 1$  or 2 splice sites, **initiation codon**, single or multiexon deletion

**Initiation codon**: first ATG = Methionine = M  
exemple: c.1A>G, p.?

single or multi-exon deletion

Variant NM\_000162.5(GCK):c.1A>G [Unsaved]

Variant Occurrences

Variant Features

gDNA: Chr7(GRCh38):g.44188953T>C

cDNA: NM\_000162.5(GCK):c.1A>G

Location: Exon 1 Mutalyzer...

Type: Substitution VariantValidator...

Coding Effect: Start loss

AA/AA p.?

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# PS1 criterion (Pathogenicity Strong)

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

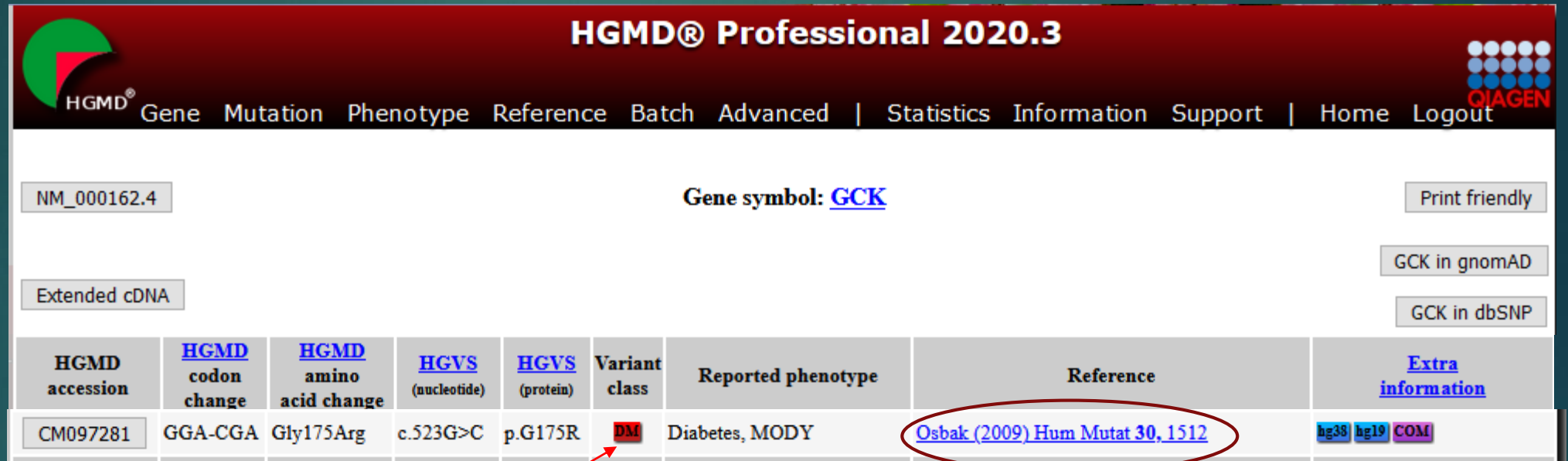
example: Val -> Leu caused by either G > C or G > T in the same codon



Can be checked in [Alamut](#) (database ClinVar ) and/or in [HGMD](#)

# PS1 criterion (Pathogenicity Strong)

HGMD



HGMD® Professional 2020.3								
Gene Mutation Phenotype Reference Batch Advanced   Statistics Information Support   Home Logout								
NM_000162.4		Gene symbol: <a href="#">GSK</a>			Print friendly			
Extended cDNA					GSK in gnomAD			
					GSK in dbSNP			
HGMD accession	HGMD codon change	HGMD amino acid change	HGVS (nucleotide)	HGVS (protein)	Variant class	Reported phenotype	Reference	Extra information
CM097281	GGA-CGA	Gly175Arg	c.523G>C	p.G175R	<b>DM</b>	Diabetes, MODY	<a href="#">Osbak (2009) Hum Mutat 30, 1512</a>	<a href="#">hg38</a> <a href="#">hg19</a> <a href="#">COM</a>

DM =Disease Mutation  
**DM= PS1!** (read publication)

Publication

Variant: NM\_000162.5(GSK):c.523G>C // p.Gly175Arg

Already present in HGMD (in this case with the same nucleotide change)

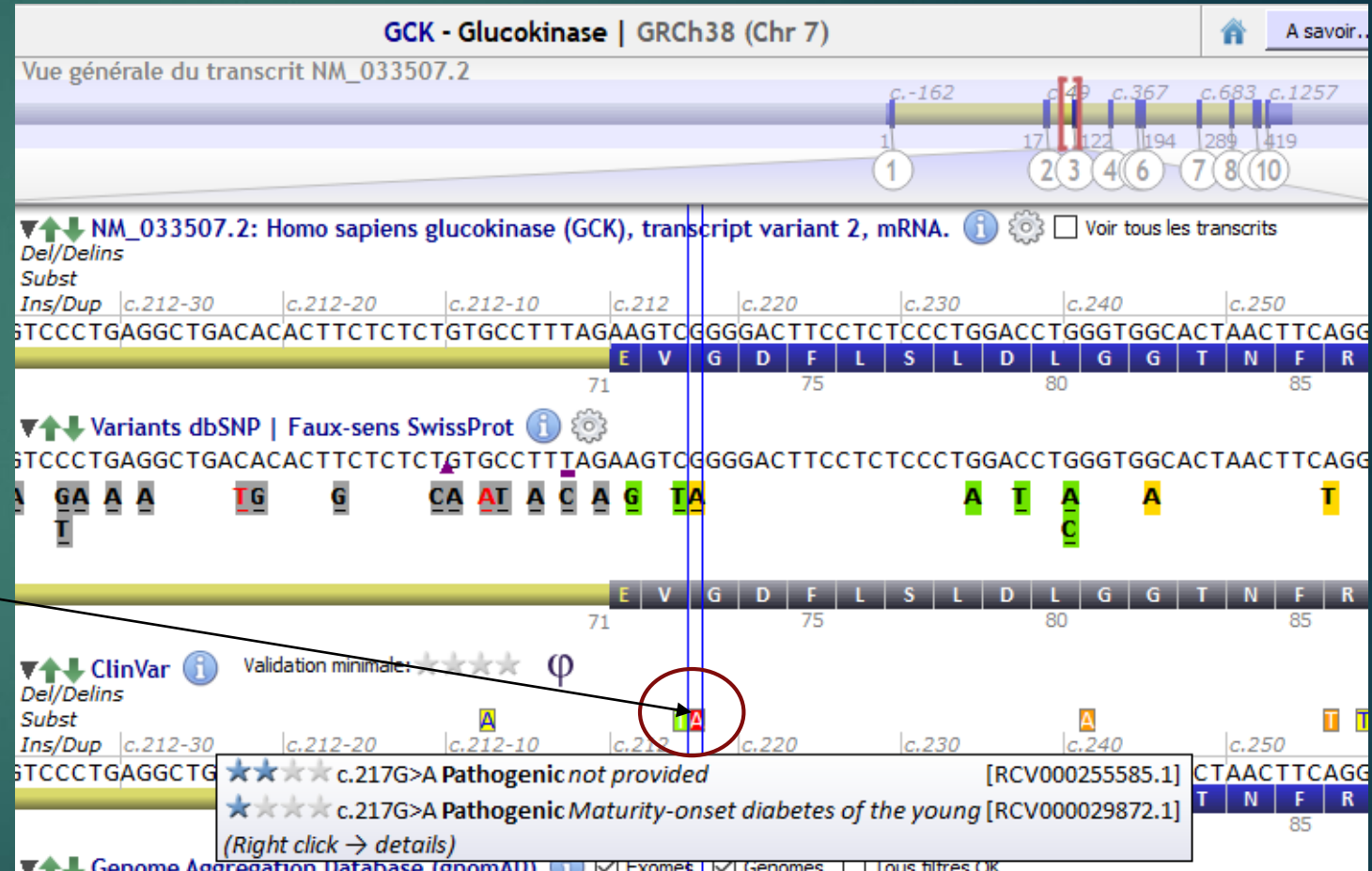
In HGMD, check by categories: Missense/nonsense, splicing mutations, insertions, deletions

# PS1 criterion (Pathogenicity Strong)

ClinVar  
via Alamut

Variant:  
Gene GCK (AD/AR)  
NM\_000162.5(GCK):c.217G>A,  
p.(Gly73Arg), ht

Red = pathogenic  
Orange = likely pathogenic  
Green, uncertain significance  
**Red = PS1! (read publication)**



# PS3 criterion (Pathogenicity Strong)

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

HGMD

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Gene Mutation Phenotype Reference Batch Advanced   Statistics Information Support   Home Logout								
NM_000162.4		Gene symbol: <a href="#">GCK</a>					Print friendly	
Extended cDNA							GCK in gnomAD	
							GCK in dbSNP	
HGMD accession	HGMD codon change	HGMD amino acid change	HGVS (nucleotide)	HGVS (protein)	Variant class	Reported phenotype	Reference	Extra information
CM074227	GTG-TTG	Val182Leu	c.544G>T	p.V182L	DM	Diabetes, MODY	<a href="#">Estalella (2007) Clin Endocrinol (Oxf) 67, 538</a> <a href="#">Estalella (2008) J Hum Genet 53: 460</a> [Functional characterisation]	hg38 hg19

DM =Disease Mutation

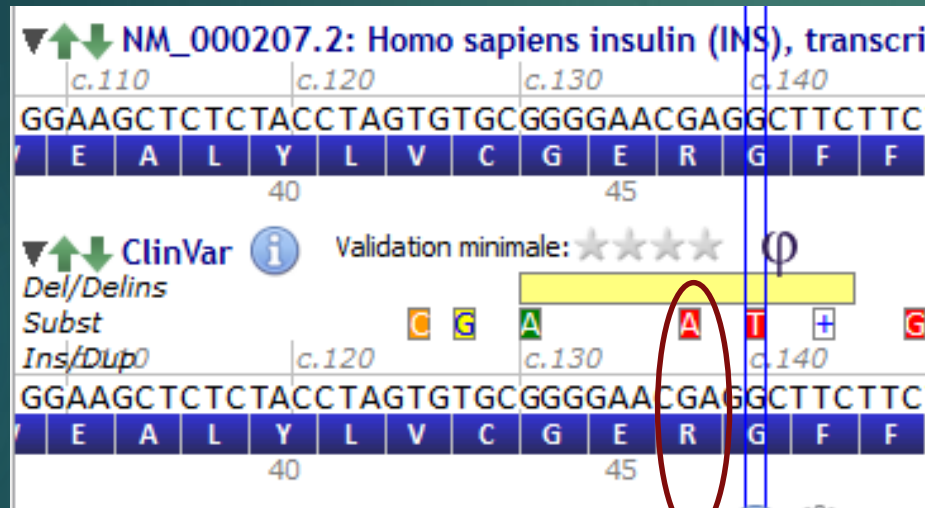
reference with [Functional characterisation]= PS3! (read publication)

[Estalella \(2007\) Clin Endocrinol \(Oxf\) 67, 538](#)

[Estalella \(2008\) J Hum Genet 53: 460](#) [Functional characterisation]

# PM1 criterion (Pathogenicity Moderate)

PM1 Located in a mutational hot spot and/or critical and well-established functional domain (e.g., active site of an enzyme) without benign variation



Hotspot: pathogenic variant (red) in one residue before or after the interest variant without benign variant (green)

ClinVar  
via Alamut

PM1: yes  
Variant



# PM1 criterion (Pathogenicity Moderate)

PM1 Located in a mutational hot spot and/or critical and well-established functional domain (e.g., active site of an enzyme) without benign variation

## HGMD

HGMD accession	<a href="#">HGMD codon change</a>	<a href="#">HGMD amino acid change</a>	<a href="#">HGVS (nucleotide)</a>	<a href="#">HGVS (protein)</a>	Variant class	Reported phenotype	Reference	<a href="#">Extra information</a>
<a href="#">CM1812672</a>	TTA-TCA	Leu662Ser	c.1985T>C	p.L662S	DM	Obesity	<a href="#">Kleinendorst (2018) J Med Genet 55, 578</a> <a href="#">Kleinendorst (2017) BMJ Case Rep 2017: [Additional report]</a>	<a href="#">hg38</a> <a href="#">hg19</a> <a href="#">dbSNP</a>
<a href="#">CM070187</a>	CAT-CCT	His684Pro	c.2051A>C	p.H684P	DM	Obesity, early-onset	<a href="#">Farooqi (2007) N Engl J Med 356, 237</a> <a href="#">Kimber (2008) Endocrinology 149: 6043</a> [Functional characterisation] <a href="#">Clément (2018) Nat Med 24: 551</a> [Additional case report] 2 more reference(s)...	<a href="#">hg38</a> <a href="#">hg19</a> <a href="#">dbSNP</a> <a href="#">gnomAD</a>
<a href="#">CM168926</a>	TCT-TTT	Ser723Phe	c.2168C>T	p.S723F	DM	Obesity, severe	<a href="#">Hannema (2016) Horm Res Paediatr 85, 412</a> <a href="#">Kleinendorst (2017) BMJ Case Rep 2017: [Additional report]</a> <a href="#">Kleinendorst (2018) J Med Genet 55: 578</a> [Additional report]	<a href="#">hg38</a> <a href="#">hg19</a>

Example:

NM\_002303.5(LEPR):c.2047C>T, p.(His683Tyr), ht

In case of missense or insertion or deletion, check missense variants

Hotspot: pathogenic variant **DM** in one residue before or after the interest variant without benign variant (green)



# PM2 criterion (Pathogenicity Moderate)

PM2 Absent from controls (or at extremely low frequency if recessive) in GnomAD

Where to check?

**gnomAD browser**

gnomAD v2.1.1 ▾

Search

Variant ID	Source	Consequence	Annotation	Flags	Allele Count	Allele Number	Allele Frequency	Number of Homozygotes
11-2181011-T-C	E G	c.*71A>G	● 3' UTR		3	236228	1.27e-5	0
11-2181016-C-T	E	p.Glu92Lys +	● missense		1	211970	4.72e-6	0
11-2181023-T-C	E	p.Lys89Lys +	● synonymous		1	220918	4.53e-6	0
11-2181028-T-C	G	p.Asn88Asp +	● missense		1	31316	3.19e-5	0
11-2181029-C-T	E	p.Trp87Ter +	● stop gained	LC pLoF pLoF flag	1	226462	4.42e-6	0
11-2181031-ATC-A	G	p.Arg86MetfsTer3 +	● frameshift	LC pLoF pLoF flag	1	31194	3.21e-5	0
11-2181037-C-G	E	p.Glu85Gln +	● missense		7	232958	3e-5	0

Example: NM\_000207.2(INS): p.(Ile91Val), ht: PM2=yes

NM\_000207.2(INS): p.(Glu92Lys), ht: PM2=no, homoz:PM2= yes

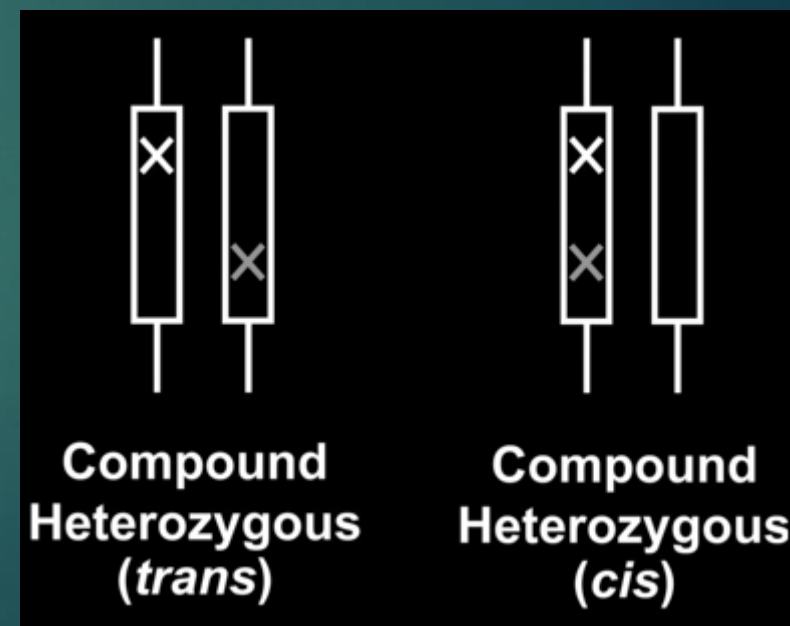
# PM3 criterion (Pathogenicity Moderate)

- ▶ PM3 For recessive disorders, detected in *trans* with a pathogenic variant
- ▶ Note: This requires testing of parents (or offspring) to determine phase.

Two pathogenic variants in the same gene:

Sequencing of the parents:

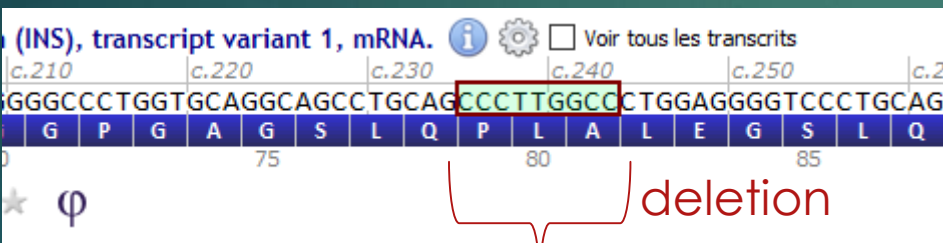
- one parent is carrier of the two variants: PM3 = no
- each parent is carrier of one variant: PM3 = yes



# PM4 criterion (Pathogenicity Moderate)

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- ▶ PM4 Protein length changes as a result of in-frame deletions/insertions in a nonrepeat region or stop-loss variants



Variant NM\_000207.2(INS):c.236\_244del [Unsaved]

Variant Occurrences

Caractéristiques

gDNA: Chr11(GRCh38):g.2159941\_2159949del

cDNA: NM\_000207.2(INS):c.236\_244del

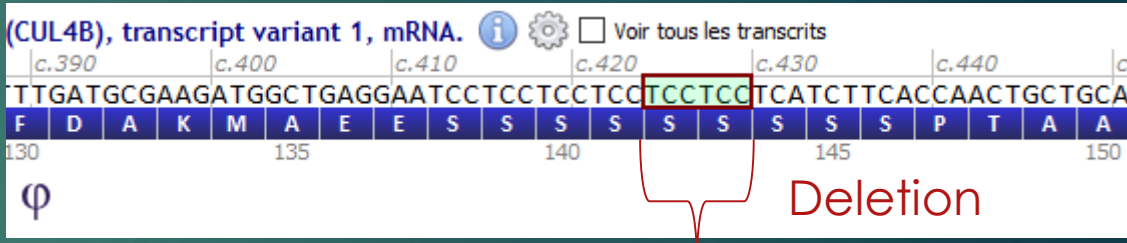
Localisation: Exon 3 Mutalyzer...

Type: Deletion VariantValidator...

Effet sur le codage: In-frame

AA/AA p.(Pro79\_Ala81del)

PM4: yes



Variant NM\_003588.3(CUL4B):c.426\_431del [Unsaved]

Variant Occurrences

Caractéristiques

gDNA: ChrX(GRCh38):g.120560262\_120560267del

cDNA: NM\_003588.3(CUL4B):c.426\_431del

Localisation: Exon 3 Mutalyzer...

Type: Deletion VariantValidator...

Effet sur le codage: In-frame

AA/AA p.(Ser145\_Ser146del)

PM4: no

# PM5 criterion (Pathogenicity Moderate)

- ▶ 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
- ▶ NM\_000162.5(GCK):c.67T>C, p.(Phe23Leu)

HGMD

CM191975	CTG-CGG	Leu20Arg	c.59T>G	p.L20R	DM	Diabetes, gestational	<a href="#">Zubkova (2019) Acta Diabetol</a> ,
CM074228	CTG-CCG	Leu20Pro	c.59T>C	p.L20P	DM	Diabetes, MODY	<a href="#">Estalella (2007) Clin Endocrinol (Oxf) 67, 538</a>
CM096803	TTC-GTC	Phe23Val	c.67T>G	p.F23V	DM	Diabetes, MODY	<a href="#">Osbak (2009) Hum Mutat 30, 1512</a>
CM096790	CAG-TAG	Gln24Term	c.70C>T	p.Q24*	DM	Diabetes, MODY	<a href="#">Osbak (2009) Hum Mutat 30, 1512</a> <a href="#">Xiong (2015) Science 347: 1254806</a> [Additional report]

PM5: yes

# PP1 criterion (Supporting Pathogenicity )

- ▶ Cosegregation with disease in multiple affected family members in a gene definitively known to cause the disease
- ▶ Needs sequencing of more than three members of the family.
- ▶ PP1 = yes if the variant is carried only by ill family's members

# PP2 criterion (Supporting Pathogenicity)

- ▶ Missense variant in a gene that has a low rate of benign missense variation and in which missense variants are a common mechanism of disease

Where to check:  
GnomAD : Constraint function

If Constraint (Missense)  $Z \geq 1,75$ , PP2= yes

**gnomAD browser** gnomAD v2.1.1 Search About News Downloads Ter

gnomAD v3.1 released!

**CHD2** chromodomain helicase DNA binding protein 2

Dataset gnomAD v2.1.1 gnomAD SVs v2.1 ?

Genome build GRCh37 / hg19  
Ensembl gene ID ENSG00000173575.14  
Ensembl canonical transcript ? ENST00000394196.4  
Region 15:93426526-93571237  
References Ensembl, UCSC Browser, and more

**Constraint** ?

Category	Exonic SNVs	Observed SNVs	Constraint metrics
Synonymous	360.2	343	$Z = 0.71$ $o/e = 0.95 (0.87 - 1.04)$ 0 — 1
Missense	982	523	$Z = 5.21$ $o/e = 1.13 (0.49 - 0.57)$ 0 — 1
pLoF	111	3	$pLI = 1$ $o/e = 0.03 (0.01 - 0.07)$ 0 — 1



# PP3 criterion (Supporting Pathogenicity)

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

Splicing predictors  
via Alamut

Example: splicing effect:

Where to check:

- Alamut
- Splicing predictors

Variant NM\_000207.2(INS):c.187G>A [Unsaved]

Variant Occurrences

Caractéristiques

gDNA: Chr11(GRCh38):g.2160785C>T

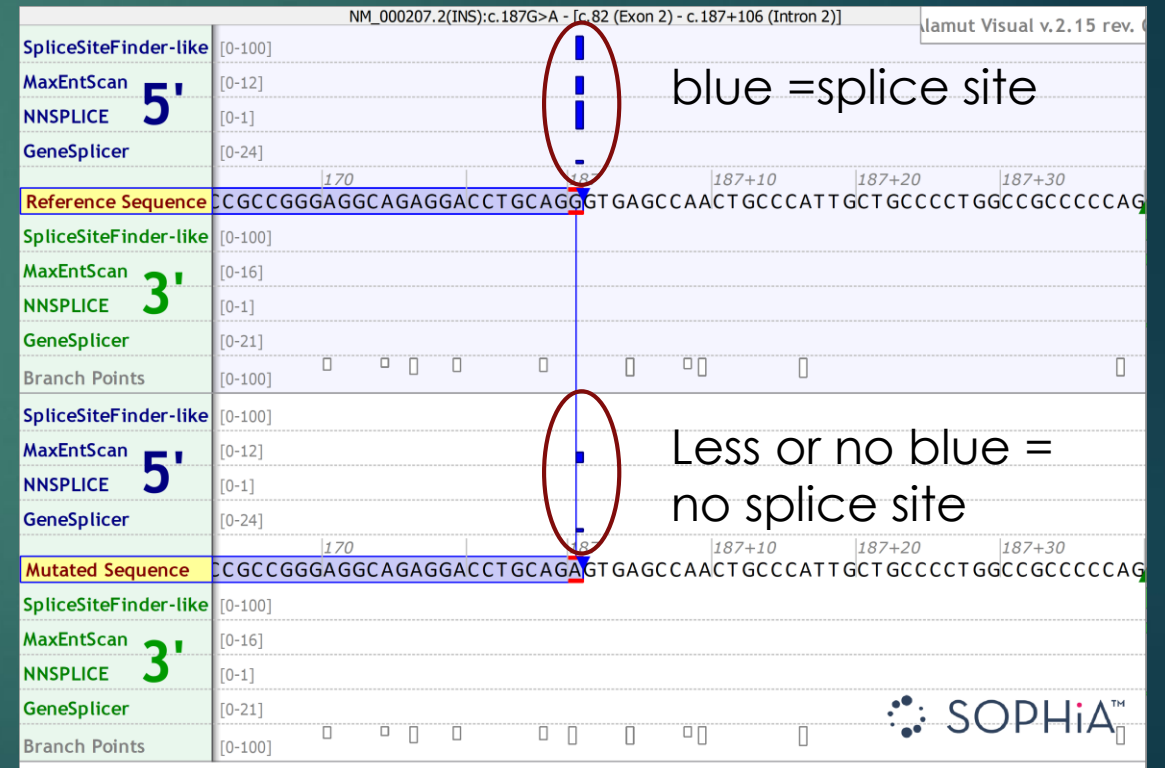
cDNA: NM\_000207.2(INS):c.187G>A

Localisation: Exon 2 Mutalyzer...

Type: Substitution VariantValidator...

Effet sur le codage: Missense

AA/AA p.(Val63Met)



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- ## Example: misense

- Alamut
- pathogenicity predictors

Missense Predictions

Invoke Manually

Align GVGD...

SIFT...

MutationTaster...

PolyPhen-2...

All...

Automatically computed

Class C65 (GV: 0.00 - GD: 101.29)

Deleterious (score: 0)

Disease causing (prob: 1)

PP3 = yes if :            SIFT: Deleterious  
AND  
Mutation Taster: Disease Causing

# PP4 criterion (Supporting Pathogenicity)

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

*example: HNF4A, GCK, HNF1A, HNF1B, ... MODY diabetes*

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## Likely pathogenic

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Example: selected criteria are:

- PVS1, PM1: the variant is likely pathogenic
- PS1, PM2, PM5: the variant is likely pathogenic
- PM2, PP2, PP3, PP4: the variant is VUS (Variant Uncertain Significance)
- PVS1 only: variant VUS



# Example 1: NM\_000162.5(GCK):c.767del // p.Glu256Glyfs\*38

Patient with Type 2 Diabetes

Variant to classify: NM\_000162.5(GCK): c.767del // p.Glu256Glyfs\*38, ht

Variant not found in controls (GnomAD)

GCK (known gene for diabetes), autosomal dominant

PVS1= yes PM4= no

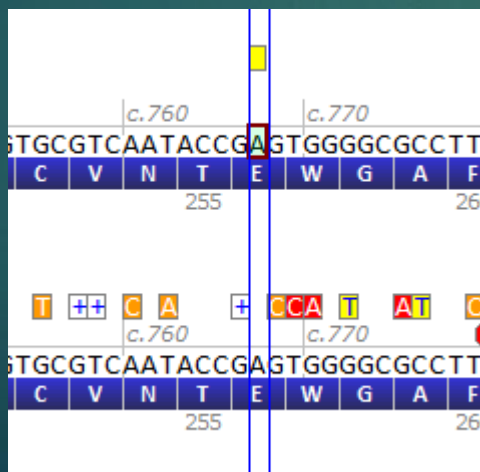
PM2= yes

PM3 = no

## HGMD

CD097032	GGTGGAG <sup>246</sup> GGGgACGAGGGCCG	c.739delG	p.(Asp247Thrfs*47)	DM	Diabetes, MODY	<a href="#">Osbak (2009) Hum Mutat 30, 1512</a>
CD178808	CGAGTGG <sup>258</sup> GGCgccTTCGGGGACT	c.775_777delGCC	p.(Ala259del)	DM	Diabetes, MODY	<a href="#">Delvecchio (2017) J Clin Endocrinol Metab 102, 1826</a>

## ClinVar via Alamut

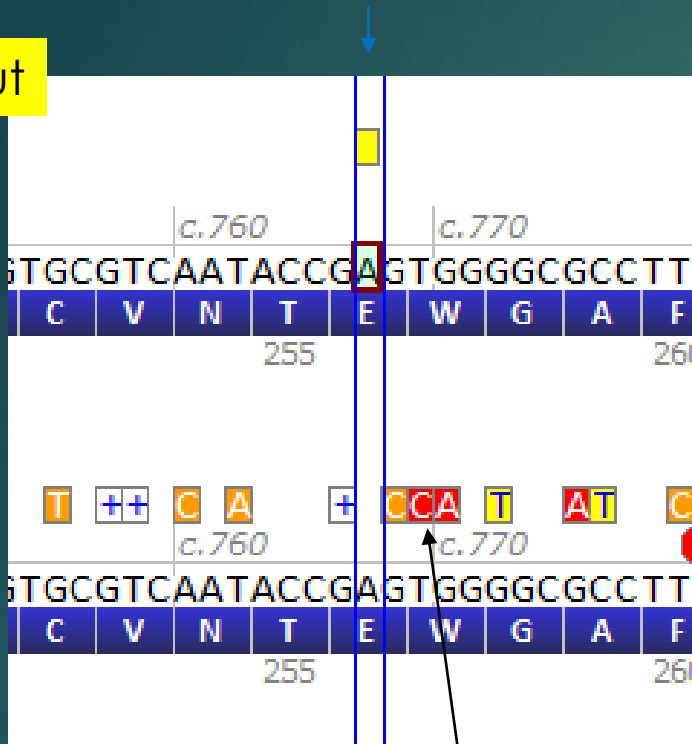


PS1= no  
PS3 = no

Phenotype patient is highly specific for a monogenic disease PP4= yes

# Example 1 : NM\_000162.5(GCK):c.767del // p.Glu256Glyfs\*38

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No missense variant,  
PM5 = 0, PP2 = 0

★★★★ c.769T>C Pathogenic  
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c.769T>C, p.(Trp257Arg)  
PM1= yes

# Example 1: conclusion

NM\_000162.5(GCK):c.767del // p.Glu256Glyfs\*38

► Criteria:

PVS1

PM1

PM2

PP4

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This variant is pathogenic for the disease

# Example 2

Patient with MODY diabetes (diabetes of the young)  
HNF1A (NM\_001306179.1):c.824\_826del // p.(Glu275del)

Variant found in controls (GnomAD)  
HNF1A (known gene for diabetes), autosomal dominant

PM2= no  
PM3= no

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Variant: Occurrences

Variant Features

gDNA: Chr12(GRCh38):g. 120994274

cDNA: NM\_001306179.1(HNF1A):c.824\_826del

Location: Exon 4

Type: Deletion

Coding Effect: In-frame

p.(Glu275del)

Sequence alignment (cDNA and amino acid positions):

cDNA	c.810	c.820	c.830
gDNA	CAACCGGCGCAAAGAAG	AAGCCTTCCGGCACAAG	
cDNA	270	275	280
AA	N	R	R
AA	K	E	E
AA	A	F	R
AA	H	K	

no fs, no stop, no splice, PVS1= NO

In frame, PM4= yes

# Example 2

HNFI A (NM\_001306179.1):c.824\_826del //p.(Glu275del)

HGMD for indel

Small deletions	Small insertions	Small indels	Gross deletions	Gross insertions	Complex
80 mutations	51 mutations	15 mutations	12 mutations	2 mutations	1 mutation
HGVS (nucleotide)	HGVS (protein)	Variant class	Reported phenotype	Reference	
c.815_816delGC	p.(Arg272Glnfs*44)	DM	Diabetes, MODY3	<a href="#">Lindner (1999) Diabetologia 42, 121</a>	
c.824_826delAAG	p.(Glu275del)	DM	Diabetes, MODY3	<a href="#">Tatsi (2013) Pediatr Diabetes 14, 526</a> <a href="#">Flannick (2013) Nat Genet 45: 1380 [Additional report]</a> <a href="#">Najmi (2017) Diabetes 66: 335 [Functional characterisation]</a>	
c.823_826delGAAG	p.(Glu275Profs*66)	DM	Diabetes, MODY	<a href="#">McKinney (2004) Clin Invest Med 27, 135</a>	

PS1 = yes

PS3 = yes

HGMD for missense

CGC-AGC	Arg272Ser	c.814C>A	p.R272S	DM	Diabetes, MODY3	<a href="#">Bellanne-Chantelot (2008) Diabetes 57, 503</a>
AAA-AAC	Lys273Asn	c.819A>C	p.K273N	DM	Diabetes, MODY	<a href="#">Ellard (2006) Hum Mutat 27, 854</a>
GAA-GCA	Glu275Ala	c.824A>C	p.E275A	DM?	Diabetes	<a href="#">Bansal (2017) BMC Med 15, 213</a>
GCC-GAC	Ala276Asp	c.827C>A	p.A276D	DM	Diabetes, MODY	<a href="#">Bjorkhaug (2003) J Clin Endocrinol Metab 88, 920</a>

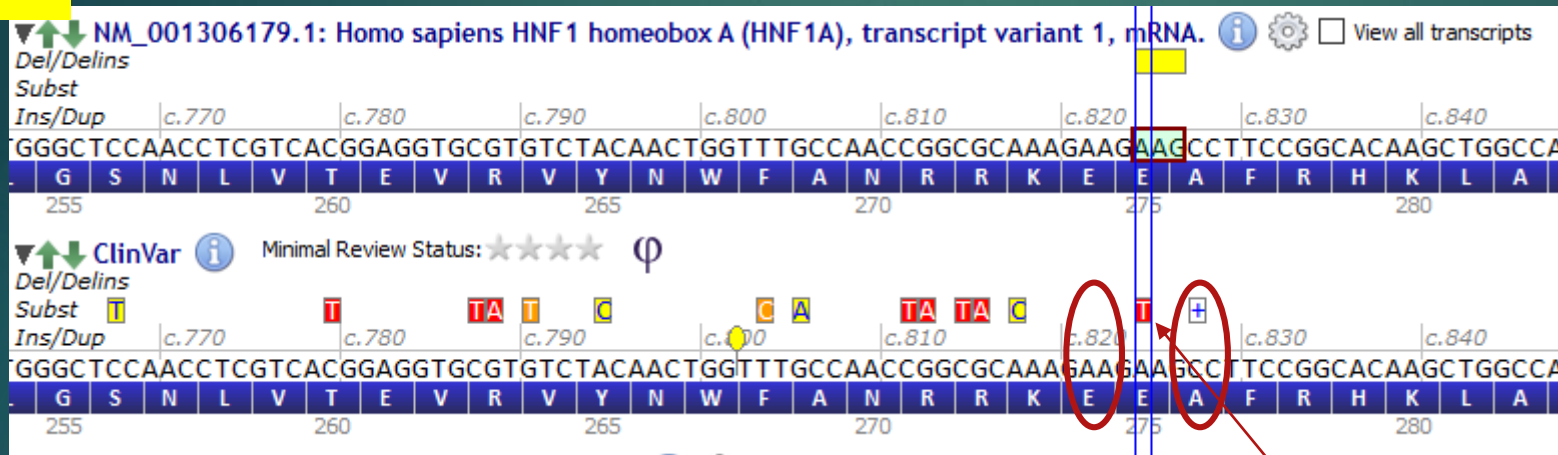
Phenotype patient is highly specific for a monogenic disease PP4= yes

PM1 = yes in HGMD; presence of missense variant before or after the variant

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- ▶ PM1 = NO in clinvar
- ▶ PM1 = yes in HGMD
- ▶ So PM1 =yes

PM4= yes, no repeat regions

no splice, PVS1= NO

Phenotype patient is highly specific for a monogenic disease

PP4= yes

PM5 = no for indel

★★★★ c.824A>T Pathogenic Diabetes mellitus [RCV001175320.1]  
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# Example 2: conclusion

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PM1

PM4

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