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To test the association of a genome-wide set of genetic variants with a given trait.

install PLINK 1.9 (<https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/>)

```
cd /usr/local/bin/  
sudo wget https://www.cog-genomics.org/static/bin/plink_linux_x86_64.zip  
sudo unzip -o plink_linux_x86_64.zip  
sudo rm -f plink_linux_x86_64.zip  
cd plink-1.07-x86_64/  
echo export PATH=$PATH:$(pwd) >> ~/.bashrc  
source ~/.bashrc
```

install vcftools (<https://vcftools.github.io/>)

```
cd  
git clone https://github.com/vcftools/vcftools.git  
cd vcftools  
./autogen.sh  
./configure  
make  
sudo make install
```

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```
sudo apt-get update && sudo apt-get install -y gdebi-c  
sudo gdebi -n rstudio-server-1.0.143-amd64.deb
```

Make a working directory for the GWAS analysis

```
mkdir ~/GWAS && cd ~/GWAS
```

Download the sample VCF file and phenotype data

Genotyping of 476840 SNPs in 53 dogs (24 yellow coat and 29 dark coat)

```
wget https://de.cyverse.org/dl/d/E0A502CC-F806-4857-9C  
gunzip pruned_coatColor_maf_genovcf.gz  
wget https://de.cyverse.org/dl/d/3B5C1853-C092-488C-8C
```

convert VCF into Plink readable format (map,ped) then Plink binary format (fam,bed,bim)

```
vcftools --vcf pruned_coatColor_maf_genovcf --plink -  
plink --file coatColor --allow-no-sex --dog --make-bed
```

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```
cat pruned_coatColor_maf_genovcf | awk 'BEGIN{FS="\t"}'
```

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-assoc performs a standard case/control association analysis which is a chi-square test of allele frequency.

By default, the minor allele is coded A1 and tested for being the risk allele. The minor allele is expected to be the alternative allele but could happen to be the reference one. -reference-allele allow you to use your list of A1 alleles

-adjust enables correction for multiple analysis and automatically calculates the genomic inflation factor

```
plink --bfile coatColor.binary --make-pheno coatColor.
```

Create Manhattan plot

Install qqman package

```
sudo Rscript -e "install.packages('qqman', contriburl=c
```

Identify statistical cutoffs

```
unad_cutoff_sug=$(tail -n+2 coatColor.assoc.adjusted | \n\nunad_cutoff_conf=$(tail -n+2 coatColor.assoc.adjusted | \n\n
```

Run the plotting function

```
Rscript -e 'args=(commandArgs(TRUE));library(qqman);'\n'data=read.table("coatColor.assoc", header=TRUE); data=c\n'bitmap("coatColor_man.bmp", width=20, height=10);'\n'manhattan(data, p = "P", col = c("blue4", "orange3"),'\n'suggestiveline = 12,'\n'genomewideline = 15,'\n'chrlabs = c(1:38, "X"), annotateTop=TRUE, cex = 1.2);'\n'graphics.off();' $unad_cutoff_sug $unad_cutoff_conf 2017 ▾
```

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The top associated mutation is a nonsense SNP in MC1R (c.916C>T) known to control pigment production. The file `coatColor_man.bmp` can be visualized with RStudio or downloaded to your local computer (from local commandline) via:

```
scp username@ipaddress:/home/username/GWAS/coatColor_man.bmp .
```

[Variant calling pipeline for a mammalian genome \(GATK_pipeline.html\)](#)

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