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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

Harvard University **Boston, USA**
Bioinformatics and Integrative Genomics PhD Program, Harvard Medical School Aug. 2017–present

Keio University **Yokohama, Japan**
B.S. in Bioinformatics, Department of Biosciences and Informatics Apr. 2013–Mar. 2017

Research Experience

Massachusetts General Hospital & Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard **Boston, USA**
Graduate Student, Analytic and Translational Genetics Unit Jan. 2018–present

Advisors: Drs. Mark Daly & Hilary Finucane

Research theme: Cross-population analysis of complex human diseases and traits.

Osaka University Graduate School of Medicine **Osaka, Japan**
Research Student, Department of Statistical Genetics Apr. 2017–present

Advisor: Dr. Yukinori Okada

Research themes:

- Genetic analysis of complex human diseases and traits in the Japanese population.
- Efficient visualization of high-dimensional multi-omics data.

RIKEN Center for Integrative Medical Sciences **Yokohama, Japan**
Research Assistant, Laboratory for Statistical Analysis May 2015–Jul. 2019

Advisors: Drs. Yoichiro Kamatani & Yukinori Okada

Research themes:

- Genome-wide association study (GWAS) of ~200,000 individuals in the BioBank Japan Project.
- Interpretation of GWAS polygenic signals using epigenomic data.
- Population genetics analysis of 1,037 Japanese whole-genome sequences.

Keio University **Yokohama, Japan**
Undergraduate Researcher, Laboratory for Bioinformatics Apr. 2016–Mar. 2017

Advisor: Dr. Yasubumi Sakakibara

Bachelor thesis: Integrative multi-omics analysis of renal cell carcinoma.

Tokyo Medical and Dental University **Tokyo, Japan**
Technical Assistant, Department of Human Genetics and Disease Diversity Apr. 2014–Mar. 2016

Advisors: Drs. Yukinori Okada & Toshihiro Tanaka

Research themes:

- Empirical estimation of genome-wide significance thresholds based on GWAS simulations.
- HLA imputation analysis using the Japanese-specific reference panel.

Certification

The Certification for Bioinformatics Engineers
certificated by the Japanese Society of Bioinformatics

2015

Awards and Fellowships

Reviewers' Choice Abstract Award	USA
<i>The American Society of Human Genetics 2021 Virtual Meeting</i>	2021
Charles J. Epstein Trainee Awards for Excellence in Human Genetics Research	USA
Finalist (Predoctoral), <i>The American Society of Human Genetics 2020 Virtual Meeting</i>	2020
Reviewers' Choice Abstract Award	Houston, USA
<i>The American Society of Human Genetics 2019 Annual Meeting</i>	2019
Masason Foundation Fellowship	Tokyo, Japan
Research grant for cross-population analysis of complex human diseases and traits.	2018–2022+
Nakajima Foundation Fellowship	Tokyo, Japan
Predoctoral fellowship which covers up to ~\$50,000/year for tuition and stipend.	2017–2022
The 3rd place, Worldwide Finals	New York, USA
<i>Microsoft Imagine Cup 2011 Windows 7 Touch Challenge</i>	2011
The 1st place, National Finals & Worldwide Finalist	Japan & Poland
<i>Microsoft Imagine Cup 2010 Software Design Competition</i>	2010

Publications

Selected Publications and Preprints

(* = co-first)

1. **Kanai, M.**, Ulirsch, J. C., Karjalainen, J., Kurki, M., Karczewski, K. J., Fauman, E. B., Wang, Q. S., Jacobs, H., Aguet, F., Ardlie, K. G., Kerimov, N., Alasoo, K., Benner, C., Ishigaki, K., Sakaue, S., Reilly, S., The BioBank Japan Project, FinnGen, Kamatani, Y., Matsuda, K., Palotie, A., Neale, B. M., Tewhey, R., Sabeti, P. C., Okada, Y., Daly, M. J. & Finucane, H. K. Insights from complex trait fine-mapping across diverse populations. *medRxiv* (2021).
2. *Sakaue, S., ***Kanai, M.**, Tanigawa, Y., Karjalainen, J., Kurki, M., Koshiba, S., Narita, A., Konuma, T., Yamamoto, K., Akiyama, M., Ishigaki, K., Suzuki, A., Suzuki, K., Obara, W., Yamaji, K., Takahashi, K., Asai, S., Takahashi, Y., Suzuki, T., Shinozaki, N., Yamaguchi, H., Minami, S., Murayama, S., Yoshimori, K., Nagayama, S., Obata, D., Higashiyama, M., Masumoto, A., Koretsune, Y., Ito, K., Terao, C., Yamauchi, T., Komuro, I., Kadowaki, T., Tamiya, G., Yamamoto, M., Nakamura, Y., Kubo, M., Murakami, Y., Yamamoto, K., Kamatani, Y., Palotie, A., Rivas, M. A., Daly, M. J., Matsuda, K. & Okada, Y. A cross-population atlas of genetic associations for 220 human phenotypes. *Nature Genetics* **53**, 1415–1424 (2021).
3. The COVID-19 Host Genetics Initiative. Mapping the human genetic architecture of COVID-19. *Nature* (2021).
4. *Weissbrod, O., ***Kanai, M.**, *Shi, H., Gazal, S., Peyrot, W., Khera, A., Okada, Y., The Biobank Japan Project, Martin, A., Finucane, H. & Price, A. L. Leveraging fine-mapping and non-European training data to improve trans-ethnic polygenic risk scores. *medRxiv* (2021).
5. *Sakaue, S., ***Kanai, M.**, Karjalainen, J., Akiyama, M., Kurki, M., Matoba, N., Takahashi, A., Hirata, M., Kubo, M., Matsuda, K., Murakami, Y., Daly, M. J., Kamatani, Y. & Okada, Y. Trans-biobank analysis with 676,000 individuals elucidates the association of polygenic risk scores of complex traits with human lifespan. *Nature Medicine* **26**, 542–548 (2020).
6. Martin, A. R., **Kanai, M.**, Kamatani, Y., Okada, Y., Neale, B. M. & Daly, M. J. Clinical use of current polygenic risk scores may exacerbate health disparities. *Nature Genetics* **51**, 584–591 (2019).
7. **Kanai, M.**, Akiyama, M., Takahashi, A., Matoba, N., Momozawa, Y., Ikeda, M., Iwata, N., Ikegawa, S., Hirata, M., Matsuda, K., Kubo, M., Okada, Y. & Kamatani, Y. Genetic analysis of quantitative traits in the Japanese population links cell types to complex human diseases. *Nature Genetics* **50**, 390–400 (2018).

Other Publications and Preprints.....

8. The COVID-19 Host Genetics Initiative. Mapping the human genetic architecture of COVID-19: an update. *medRxiv* (2021).
9. Luo, Y., **Kanai, M.**, Choi, W., Li, X., Sakaue, S., Yamamoto, K., Ogawa, K., Gutierrez-Arcelus, M., Gregersen, P. K., Stuart, P. E., Elder, J. T., Forer, L., Schönherr, S., Fuchsberger, C., Smith, A. V., Fellay, J., Carrington, M., Haas, D. W., Guo, X., Palmer, N. D., Chen, Y.-D. I., Rotter, J. I., Taylor, K. D., Rich, S. S., Correa, A., Wilson, J. G., Kathiresan, S., Cho, M. H., Metspalu, A., Esko, T., Okada, Y., Han, B., McLaren, P. J. & Raychaudhuri, S. A high-resolution HLA reference panel capturing global population diversity enables multi-ancestry fine-mapping in HIV host response. *Nature Genetics* **53**, 1504–1516 (2021).
10. Griesemer, D., Xue, J. R., Reilly, S. K., Ulirsch, J. C., Kukreja, K., Davis, J. R., **Kanai, M.**, Yang, D. K., Butts, J. C., Guney, M. H., Luban, J., Montgomery, S. B., Finucane, H. K., Novina, C. D., Tewhey, R. & Sabeti, P. C. Genome-wide functional screen of 3'UTR variants uncovers causal variants for human disease and evolution. *Cell* **184**, 5247–5260.e19 (2021).
11. Palmer, D. S., Zhou, W., Abbott, L., Baya, N., Churchhouse, C., Seed, C., Poterba, T., King, D., **Kanai, M.**, Bloemendal, A. & Neale, B. M. Analysis of genetic dominance in the UK Biobank. *bioRxiv* (2021).
12. Reilly, S. K., Gosai, S. J., Guterres, A., Ulirsch, J. C., **Kanai, M.**, Berenzy, D., Kales, S., Butler, G. B., Gladden-Young, A., Finucane, H. K., Sabeti, P. C. & Tewhey, R. Direct characterization of cis-regulatory elements and functional dissection of complex genetic associations using HCR-FlowFISH. *Nature Genetics* **53**, 1166–1176 (2021).
13. Ruotsalainen, S. E., Surakka, I., Mars, N., Karjalainen, J., Kurki, M., **Kanai, M.**, Mishra, P. P., Mishra, B. H., Sinisalo, J., Palta, P., Lehtimäki, T., Raitakari, O., Estonian Biobank research team, Milani, L., The Biobank Japan Project, Okada, Y., FinnGen, Palotie, A., Widen, E., Daly, M. J. & Ripatti, S. Loss-of-function of MFG8 and protection against coronary atherosclerosis. *medRxiv* (2021).
14. Wang, Q. S., Kelley, D. R., Ulirsch, J., **Kanai, M.**, Sadhuka, S., Cui, R., Albors, C., Cheng, N., Okada, Y., Aguet, F., Ardlie, K. G., MacArthur, D. G. & Finucane, H. K. Leveraging supervised learning for functionally informed fine-mapping of cis-eQTLs identifies an additional 20,913 putative causal eQTLs. *Nature Communications* **12**, 1–11 (2021).
15. Namkoong, H., Edahiro, R., Fukunaga, K., Shirai, Y., Sonehara, K., Tanaka, H., Lee, H., Hasegawa, T., **Kanai, M.**, Naito, T., Yamamoto, K., Saiki, R., Hyugaji, T., Shimizu, E., Katayama, K., Takahashi, K., Harada, N., Naito, T., Hiki, M., Matsushita, Y., Takagi, H., Aoki, R., Nakamura, A., Harada, S., Sasano, H., Kabata, H., Masaki, K., Kamata, H., Ikemura, S., Chubachi, S., Okamori, S., Terai, H., Morita, A., Asakura, T., Sasaki, J., Morisaki, H., Uwamino, Y., Nanki, K., Mikami, Y., Uchida, S., Uno, S., Ishihara, R., Matsubara, Y., Nishimura, T., Ogawa, T., Ishiguro, T., Isono, T., Shibata, S., Matsui, Y., Hosoda, C., Takano, K., Nishida, T., Kobayashi, Y., Takaku, Y., Takayanagi, N., Ueda, S., Tada, A., Miyawaki, M., Yamamoto, M., Yoshida, E., Hayashi, R., Nagasaka, T., Arai, S., Kaneko, Y., Sasaki, K., Tagaya, E., Kawana, M., Arimura, K., Takahashi, K., Anzai, T., Ito, S., Endo, A., Uchimura, Y., Miyazaki, Y., Honda, T., Tateishi, T., Tohda, S., Ichimura, N., Sonobe, K., Sassa, C., Nakajima, J., Nakano, Y., Nakajima, Y., Anan, R., Arai, R., Kurihara, Y., Harada, Y., Nishio, K., Ueda, T., Azuma, M., Saito, R., Sado, T., Miyazaki, Y., Sato, R., Haruta, Y., Nagasaki, T., Yasui, Y., Hasegawa, Y., Mutoh, Y., Sato, T., Takei, R., Hagimoto, S., Noguchi, Y., Yamano, Y., Sasano, H., Ota, S., Nakamori, Y., Yoshiya, K., Saito, F., Yoshihara, T., Wada, D., Iwamura, H., Kanayama, S., Maruyama, S., Yoshiyama, T., Ohta, K., Kokuto, H., Ogata, H., Tanaka, Y., Arakawa, K., Shimoda, M., Osawa, T., Tateno, H., Hase, I., Yoshida, S., Suzuki, S., Kawada, M., Horinouchi, H., Saito, F., Mitamura, K., Hagihara, M., Ochi, J., Uchida, T., Baba, R., Arai, D., Ogura, T., Takahashi, H., Hagiwara, S., Nagao, G., Konishi, S., Nakachi, I., Murakami, K., Yamada, M., Sugiura, H., Sano, H., Matsumoto, S., Kimura, N., Ono, Y., Baba, H., Suzuki, Y., Nakayama, S., Masuzawa, K., Namba, S., Suzuki, K., Hizawa, N., Shiroyama, T., Miyawaki, S., Kawamura, Y., Nakayama, A., Matsuo, H., Maeda, Y., Nii, T., Noda, Y., Niitsu, T., Adachi, Y., Enomoto, T., Amiya, S., Hara, R., Kishikawa, T., Yamada, S., Kawabata, S., Kijima, N., Takagaki, M., Sasa, N., Ueno, Y., Suzuki, M., Takemoto, N., Eguchi, H., Fukusumi, T., Imai, T., Fukushima,

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16. Koskela, J. T., Happola, P., Liu, A., Partanen, J., Genovese, G., Artomov, M., Myllymaki, M. N. M., **Kanai, M.**, Zhou, W., Karjalainen, J., Palviainen, T., Ronkainen, J., Sebert, S., Tukiainen, T., Palta, P., Kaprio, J., Kurki, M., Ganna, A., Palotie, A., Laitinen, T., Myllarniemi, M., Daly, M. J. & FinnGen. Genetic variant in SPDL1 reveals novel mechanism linking pulmonary fibrosis risk and cancer protection. *medRxiv* (2021).
 17. Nakatochi, M., Toyoda, Y., **Kanai, M.**, Nakayama, A., Kawamura, Y., Hishida, A., Mikami, H., Matsuo, K., Takezaki, T., Momozawa, Y., Biobank Japan Project, Kamatani, Y., Ichihara, S., Shinomiya, N., Yokota, M., Wakai, K., Okada, Y., Matsuo, H. & Japan Uric Acid Genomics Consortium (Japan Urate). An X chromosome-wide meta-analysis based on Japanese cohorts revealed that non-autosomal variations are associated with serum urate. *Rheumatology* **60**, 4430–4432 (2021).
 18. Turley, P., Martin, A. R., Goldman, G., Li, H., **Kanai, M.**, Walters, R. K., Jala, J. B., Lin, K., Millwood, I. Y., Carey, C. E., Palmer, D. S., Zacher, M., Atkinson, E. G., Chen, Z., Li, L., Akiyama, M., Okada, Y., Kamatani, Y., Walters, R. G., Callier, S., Laibson, D., Meyer, M. N., Cesarini, D., Daly, M., Benjamin, D. J. & Neale, B. M. Multi-Ancestry Meta-Analysis yields novel genetic discoveries and ancestry-specific associations. *bioRxiv* (2021).
 19. Pirastu, N., Cordioli, M., Nandakumar, P., Mignogna, G., Abdellaoui, A., Hollis, B., **Kanai, M.**, Rajagopal, V. M., Della Briotta Parolo, P., Baya, N., Carey, C. E., Karjalainen, J., Als, T. D., Van der

- Zee, M. D., Day, F. R., Ong, K. K., Morisaki, T., de Geus, E., Bellocco, R., Okada, Y., Børglum, A. D., Joshi, P., Auton, A., Hinds, D., Neale, B. M., Walters, R. K., Nivard, M. G., Perry, J. R. B. & Ganna, A. Genetic analyses identify widespread sex-differential participation bias. *Nature Genetics* **53**, 663–671 (2021).
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