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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

Harvard University — **Boston, USA**
Ph.D. in Biomedical Informatics — *Aug. 2017–May 2022*
Bioinformatics and Integrative Genomics Ph.D. Program, Harvard Medical School

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**
Research Fellow, Center for Computational and Integrative Biology — *Aug. 2022–present*
Advisor: Dr. Ramnik Xavier
Research themes:
- Functional characterization of causal genetic variants
- Integration of multi-omics data for variant Interpretation

Massachusetts General Hospital & Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard — **Boston, USA**
Graduate Student, Analytic and Translational Genetics Unit — *Jan. 2018–May 2022*
Advisors: Drs. Mark Daly & Hilary Finucane
Ph.D. thesis: Fine-mapping complex traits in large-scale biobanks across diverse populations

Osaka University Graduate School of Medicine — **Osaka, Japan**
Visiting Fellow, Department of Statistical Genetics — *July 2022–present*
Research Student, Department of Statistical Genetics — *Apr. 2017–June 2022*
Advisor: Dr. Yukinori Okada
Research themes:
- Genetic analysis of complex human diseases and traits in the Japanese population
- Efficient visualization of high-dimentional 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 **Los Angeles, USA**
The American Society of Human Genetics 2022 Annual Meeting *2022*

Reviewers' Choice Abstract Award **USA**
The American Society of Human Genetics 2021 Virtual Meeting *2021*

Charles J. Epstein Trainee Awards for Excellence in Human Genetics Research **USA**
Finalist (Predoctoral), *The American Society of Human Genetics 2020 Virtual Meeting* *2020*

Reviewers' Choice Abstract Award **Houston, USA**
The American Society of Human Genetics 2019 Annual Meeting *2019*

Masason Foundation Fellowship **Tokyo, Japan**
Research grant for cross-population analysis of complex human diseases and traits. *2018–2023*

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**
Microsoft Imagine Cup 2011 Windows 7 Touch Challenge *2011*

The 1st place, National Finals & Worldwide Finalist **Japan & Poland**
Microsoft Imagine Cup 2010 Software Design Competition *2010*

Publications

Selected Publications and Preprints

(* = co-first)

1. *Weissbrod, O., ****Kanai, M.***, *Shi, H., Gazal, S., Peyrot, W. J., ..., Okada, Y., The Biobank Japan Project, Martin, A. R., Finucane, H. K. & Price, A. L. Leveraging fine-mapping and multipopulation training data to improve cross-population polygenic risk scores. ***Nature Genetics*** **54,** 450–458 (2022).
2. **Kanai, M.**, Elzur, R., Zhou, W., Global Biobank Meta-analysis Initiative, Daly, M. J. & Finucane, H. K. Meta-analysis fine-mapping is often miscalibrated at single-variant resolution. ***medRxiv*** (2022).
3. **Kanai, M.**, Ulirsch, J. C., Karjalainen, J., Kurki, M., Karczewski, K. J., ..., Tewhey, R., Sabeti, P. C., Okada, Y., Daly, M. J. & Finucane, H. K. Insights from complex trait fine-mapping across diverse populations. ***medRxiv*** (2021).
4. *Sakaue, S., ****Kanai, M.***, Tanigawa, Y., Karjalainen, J., Kurki, M., ..., 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).

5. The COVID-19 Host Genetics Initiative. Mapping the human genetic architecture of COVID-19. ***Nature*** **600,** 472–477 (2021).
6. *Sakaue, S., ****Kanai, M.***, Karjalainen, J., Akiyama, M., Kurki, 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).
7. 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).
8. **Kanai, M.**, Akiyama, M., Takahashi, A., Matoba, N., Momozawa, Y., ..., 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 Preprints

9. Chen, S., Francioli, L., Goodrich, J., Collins, R., **Kanai, M.**, ..., Daly, M., Tiao, G., Neale, B., MacArthur, D. & Karczewski, K. A genome-wide mutational constraint map quantified from variation in 76,156 human genomes. ***bioRxiv*** (2022).
10. Carey, C. E., Shafee, R., Elliott, A., Palmer, D. S., Compitello, J., **Kanai, M.**, ..., Davey Smith, G., Wedow, R., Neale, B. M., Walters, R. K. & Robinson, E. B. Principled distillation of multidimensional UK Biobank data reveals insights into the correlated human phenome. ***medRxiv*** (2022).
11. Meng, X., Navoly, G., Giannakopoulou, O., Levey, D., Koller, D., ..., **Kanai, M.**, ..., Dunn, E. C., Stein, M. B., Gelernter, J., Lewis, C. & Kuchenbaecker, K. Multi-ancestry GWAS of major depression aids locus discovery, fine-mapping, gene prioritisation, and causal inference. ***bioRxiv*** (2022).
12. International League Against Epilepsy Consortium on Complex Epilepsies. Genome-wide meta-analysis of over 29,000 people with epilepsy reveals 26 loci and subtype-specific genetic architecture. ***medRxiv*** (2022).
13. Kurki, M. I., Karjalainen, J., Palta, P., Sipilä, T. P., Kristiansson, K., ..., **Kanai, M.**, ..., Plenge, R., McCarthy, M., Runz, H., Daly, M. J. & Palotie, A. FinnGen: Unique genetic insights from combining isolated population and national health register data. ***medRxiv*** (2022).
14. Lo Faro, V., Bhattacharya, A., Zhou, W., Zhou, D., Wang, Y., ..., **Kanai, M.**, ..., Gamazon, E. R., Jansonius, N. M., Joos, K., Cox, N. J. & Hirbo, J. Genome-wide association meta-analysis identifies novel ancestry-specific primary open-angle glaucoma loci and shared biology with vascular mechanisms and cell proliferation. ***medRxiv*** (2021).
15. Kanoni, S., Graham, S. E., Wang, Y., Surakka, I., Ramdas, S., ..., **Kanai, M.**, ..., Natarajan, P., Deloukas, P., Willer, C. J., Assimes, T. L. & Peloso, G. M. Implicating genes, pleiotropy and sexual dimorphism at blood lipid loci through multi-ancestry meta-analysis. ***medRxiv*** (2021).
16. Tsuo, K., Zhou, W., Wang, Y., **Kanai, M.**, Namba, S., ..., Morisaki, T., Neale, B., Global Biobank Meta-analysis Initiative, Daly, M. J. & Martin, A. Multi-ancestry meta-analysis of asthma identifies novel associations and highlights the value of increased power and diversity. ***medRxiv*** (2021).
17. Wang, Y., Namba, S., Lopera-Maya, E. A., Kerminen, S., Tsuo, K., ..., **Kanai, M.**, ..., Cox, N. J., Surakka, I., Okada, Y., Martin, A. R. & Hirbo, J. Global biobank analyses provide lessons for computing polygenic risk scores across diverse cohorts. ***medRxiv*** (2021).
18. Palmer, D. S., Zhou, W., Abbott, L., Baya, N., Churchhouse, C., ..., Poterba, T., King, D., **Kanai, M.**, Bloemendal, A. & Neale, B. M. Analysis of genetic dominance in the UK Biobank. ***bioRxiv*** (2021).
19. Koskela, J. T., Happola, P., Liu, A., FinnGen, Partanen, J., ..., **Kanai, M.**, ..., Ganna, A., Palotie, A., Laitinen, T., Myllarniemi, M. & Daly, M. J. Genetic variant in SPDL1 reveals novel mechanism linking pulmonary fibrosis risk and cancer protection. ***medRxiv*** (2021).

20. Turley, P., Martin, A. R., Goldman, G., Li, H., **Kanai, M.**, ..., 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).
21. Rämö, J. T., Kiiskinen, T., Karjalainen, J., Krebs, K., Kurki, M., ..., **Kanai, M.**, ..., Ripatti, S., Milani, L., Mäkitie, A., Daly, M. J. & Palotie, A. Genome-wide Screen of Otosclerosis in Population Biobanks: 18 Loci and Shared Heritability with Skeletal Structure. ***medRxiv*** (2020).
22. Weeks, E. M., Ulirsch, J. C., Cheng, N. Y., Trippe, B. L., Fine, R. S., ..., **Kanai, M.**, ..., Ardlie, K. G., Hirschhorn, J. N., Lander, E. S., Engreitz, J. M. & Finucane, H. K. Leveraging polygenic enrichments of gene features to predict genes underlying complex traits and diseases. ***medRxiv*** (2020).

Other Publications

23. Zhou, W., **Kanai, M.**, Wu, K.-H. H., Rasheed, H., Tsuo, K., ..., Zöllner, S., Martin, A. R., Willer, C. J., Daly, M. J. & Neale, B. M. Global Biobank Meta-analysis Initiative: Powering genetic discovery across human disease. ***Cell Genomics*** **2,** 100192 (2022).
24. Bhattacharya, A., Hirbo, J. B., Zhou, D., Zhou, W., Zheng, J., **Kanai, M.**, The Global Biobank Meta-analysis Initiative, Pasaniuc, B., Gamazon, E. R. & Cox, N. J. Best practices for multi-ancestry, meta-analytic transcriptome-wide association studies: Lessons from the Global Biobank Meta-analysis Initiative. ***Cell Genomics*** **2,** 100180 (2022).
25. Yengo, L., Vedantam, S., Marouli, E., Sidorenko, J., Bartell, E., ..., **Kanai, M.**, ..., Frayling, T. M., Okada, Y., Wood, A. R., Visscher, P. M. & Hirschhorn, J. N. A saturated map of common genetic variants associated with human height. ***Nature*** (2022).
26. Wang, Q. S., Edahiro, R., Namkoong, H., Hasegawa, T., Shirai, Y., ..., **Kanai, M.**, ..., Miyano, S., Ogawa, S., Kanai, T., Fukunaga, K. & Okada, Y. The whole blood transcriptional regulation landscape in 465 COVID-19 infected samples from Japan COVID-19 Task Force. ***Nature Communications*** **13,** 4830 (2022).
27. Ruotsalainen, S. E., Surakka, I., Mars, N., Karjalainen, J., Kurki, M., **Kanai, M.**, ..., Okada, Y., Palotie, A., Widen, E., Daly, M. J. & Ripatti, S. Inframe insertion and splice site variants in MFGE8 associate with protection against coronary atherosclerosis. ***Communications Biology*** **5,** 802 (2022).
28. Namkoong, H., Edahiro, R., Takano, T., Nishihara, H., Shirai, Y., ..., **Kanai, M.**, ..., Miyano, S., Ogawa, S., Kanai, T., Fukunaga, K. & Okada, Y. DOCK2 is involved in the host genetics and biology of severe COVID-19. ***Nature*** **609,** 754–760 (2022).
29. Ramdas, S., Judd, J., Graham, S. E., Kanoni, S., Wang, Y., ..., **Kanai, M.**, ..., Peloso, G., Assimes, T. L., Willer, C. J., Zhu, X. & Brown, C. D. A multi-layer functional genomic analysis to understand noncoding genetic variation in lipids. ***The American Journal of Human Genetics*** **109,** 1366–1387 (2022).
30. The COVID-19 Host Genetics Initiative. A first update on mapping the human genetic architecture of COVID-19. ***Nature*** **608,** E1–E10 (2022).
31. Winkler, T. W., Rasheed, H., Teumer, A., Gorski, M., Rowan, B. X., ..., **Kanai, M.**, ..., Hung, A. M., Kronenberg, F., Köttgen, A., Pattaro, C. & Heid, I. M. Differential and shared genetic effects on kidney function between diabetic and non-diabetic individuals. ***Communications Biology*** **5,** 580 (2022).
32. Wang, Y., Tsuo, K., **Kanai, M.**, Neale, B. M. & Martin, A. R. Challenges and Opportunities for Developing More Generalizable Polygenic Risk Scores. ***Annual Review of Biomedical Data Science*** **5,** 293–320 (2022).
33. Mars, N., Kerminen, S., Feng, Y.-C. A., **Kanai, M.**, Läll, K., ..., Pirinen, M., Palotie, A., Ganna, A., Martin, A. R. & Ripatti, S. Genome-wide risk prediction of common diseases across ancestries in one million people. ***Cell Genomics*** **2,** 100118 (2022).

34. Zheng, J., Zhang, Y., Rasheed, H., Walker, V., Sugawara, Y., ..., **Kanai, M.**, ..., Barbour, S., Yu, C., Åsvold, B. O., Zhang, H. & Gaunt, T. R. Trans-ethnic Mendelian-randomization study reveals causal relationships between cardiometabolic factors and chronic kidney disease. ***International Journal of Epidemiology*** **50,** 1995–2010 (2022).
35. Graham, S. E., Clarke, S. L., Wu, K.-H. H., Kanoni, S., Zajac, G. J. M., ..., **Kanai, M.**, ..., Morris, A. P., Assimes, T. L., Deloukas, P., Sun, Y. V. & Willer, C. J. The power of genetic diversity in genome-wide association studies of lipids. ***Nature*** **600,** 675–679 (2021).
36. Polygenic Risk Score Task Force of the International Common Disease Alliance. Responsible use of polygenic risk scores in the clinic: potential benefits, risks and gaps. ***Nature Medicine*** **27,** 1876–1884 (2021).
37. Luo, Y., **Kanai, M.**, Choi, W., Li, X., Sakaue, S., ..., 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).
38. Griesemer, D., Xue, J. R., Reilly, S. K., Ulirsch, J. C., Kukreja, K., ..., **Kanai, M.**, ..., 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).
39. Reilly, S. K., Gosai, S. J., Guiterrez, A., Ulirsch, J. C., **Kanai, M.**, ..., 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).
40. Wang, Q. S., Kelley, D. R., Ulirsch, J., **Kanai, M.**, Sadhuka, S., ..., 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).
41. Nakatochi, M., Toyoda, Y., **Kanai, M.**, Nakayama, A., Kawamura, Y., ..., 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).
42. Pirastu, N., Cordioli, M., Nandakumar, P., Mignogna, G., Abdellaoui, A., ..., **Kanai, M.**, ..., 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).
43. Shi, H., Gazal, S., **Kanai, M.**, Koch, E. M., Schoech, A. P., ..., Huang, H., Okada, Y., Raychaudhuri, S., Sunyaev, S. R. & Price, A. L. Population-specific causal disease effect sizes in functionally important regions impacted by selection. ***Nature Communications*** **12,** 1098 (2021).
44. Atkinson, E. G., Maihofer, A. X., **Kanai, M.**, Martin, A. R., Karczewski, K. J., ..., Finucane, H. K., Koenen, K. C., Nievergelt, C. M., Daly, M. J. & Neale, B. M. Tractor uses local ancestry to enable the inclusion of admixed individuals in GWAS and to boost power. ***Nature Genetics*** **53,** 195–204 (2021).
45. Chen, M.-H., Raffield, L. M., Mousas, A., Sakaue, S., Huffman, J. E., ..., **Kanai, M.**, ..., Soranzo, N., Johnson, A. D., Reiner, A. P., Auer, P. L. & Lettre, G. Trans-ethnic and Ancestry-Specific Blood-Cell Genetics in 746,667 Individuals from 5 Global Populations. ***Cell*** **182,** 1198–1213.e14 (2020).
46. Vuckovic, D., Bao, E. L., Akbari, P., Lareau, C. A., Mousas, A., ..., **Kanai, M.**, ..., Butterworth, A. S., Ouwehand, W. H., Lettre, G., Sankaran, V. G. & Soranzo, N. The Polygenic and Monogenic Basis of Blood Traits and Diseases. ***Cell*** **182,** 1214–1231.e11 (2020).
47. Shirai, Y., Honda, S., Ikari, K., **Kanai, M.**, Takeda, Y., ..., Morisaki, T., Tanaka, E., Kumanogoh, A., Harigai, M. & Okada, Y. Association of the RPA3-UMAD1 locus with interstitial lung diseases complicated with rheumatoid arthritis in Japanese. ***Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases*** **79,** 1305–1309 (2020).

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Reviews (in Japanese)

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Presentations

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