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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

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| 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 cross-population 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. Ramdas, S., Judd, J., Graham, S. E., Kanoni, S., Wang, Y., Surakka, I., Wenz, B., Clarke, S. L., Chesi, A., Wells, A., Bhatti, K. F., Vedantam, S., Winkler, T. W., Locke, A. E., Marouli, E., Zajac, G. J. M., Wu, K.-H. H., Ntalla, I., Hui, Q., Klarin, D., Hilliard, A. T., Wang, Z., Xue, C., Thorleifsson, G., Helgadottir, A., Gudbjartsson, D. F., Holm, H., Olafsson, I., Hwang, M. Y., Han, S., Akiyama, M., Sakaue, S., Terao, C., **Kanai, M.**, Zhou, W., Brumpton, B. M., Rasheed, H., Havulinna, A. S., Veturli, Y., Pacheco, J. A., Rosenthal, E. A., Lingren, T., Feng, Q., Kullo, I. J., Narita, A., Takayama, J., Martin, H. C., Hunt, K. A., Trivedi, B., Haessler, J., Giulianini, F., Bradford, Y., Miller, J. E., Campbell, A., Lin, K., Millwood, I. Y., Rasheed, A., Hindy, G., Faul, J. D., Zhao, W., Weir, D. R., Turman, C., Huang, H., Graff, M., Choudhury, A., Sengupta, D., Mahajan, A., Brown, M. R., Zhang, W., Yu, K., Schmidt, E. M., Pandit, A., Gustafsson, S., Yin, X., Luan, J., Zhao, J.-H., Matsuda, F., Jang, H.-M., Yoon, K., Medina-Gomez, C., Pitsillides, A., Hottenga, J. J., Wood, A. R., Ji, Y., Gao, Z., Haworth, S., Mitchell, R. E., Chai, J. F., Aadahl, M., Bjerregaard, A. A., Yao, J., Manichaikul, A., Lee, W.-J., Chao, A., Warren, H. R., Ramirez, J., Jensen, J. B., Karhus, L. L., Goel, A., Sabater-Lleal, M., Noordam, R., Mauro, P., Matteo, F., McDaid, A. F., Marques-Vidal, P., Wielscher, M., Trompet, S., Sattar, N., Mollehave, L. T., Munz, M., Zeng, L., Huang, J., Yang, B., Poveda, A., Kurbasic, A., Schonherr, S., Forer, L., Scholz, M., Galesloot, T. E., Bradfield, J. P., Ruotsalainen, S. E., Warwick Daw, E., Zmuda, J. M., Mitchell, J. S., Fuchsberger, C., Christensen, H., Brody, J. A., Le, P., Feitosa, M. F., Wojczynski, M. K., Hemerich, D., Preuss, M., Mangino, M., Christofidou, P., Verweij, N., Benjamins, J. W., Engmann, J., Noah, T. L., Verma, A., Slieker, R. C., Lo, K. S., Zilhao, N. R., Kleber, M. E., Delgado, G. E., Huo, S., Ikeda, D. D., Iha, H., Yang, J., Liu, J., Demirkan, A., Leonard, H. L., Marten, J., Emmel, C., Schmidt, B., Smyth, L. J., Canadas-Garre, M., Wang, C., Nakatochi, M., Wong, A., Hutri-Kahonen, N., Sim, X., Xia, R., Huerta-Chagoya, A., Fernandez-Lopez, J. C., Lyssenko, V., Nongmaithem, S. S., Sankareswaran, A., Irvin, M. R., Oldmeadow, C., Kim, H.-N., Ryu, S., Timmers, P. R., Arbeeve, L., Dorajoo, R., Lange, L. A., Prasad, G., Lores-Motta, L., Pauper, M., Long, J., Li, X., Theusch, E., Takeuchi, F., Spracklen, C. N., Loukola, A., Bollepalli, S., Warner, S. C., Wang, Y. X., Wei, W. B., Natile, T., Ruggiero, D., Sung, Y. J., Chen, S., Liu, F., Yang, J., Kentistou, K. A., Banas, B., Meidtner, K., Bielak, L. F., Smith, J. A., Hebbar, P., Farmaki, A.-E., Hofer, E., Lin, M., Concas, M. P., Vaccargiu, S., van der Most, P. J., Pitkanen, N., Cade, B. E., van der Laan, S. W., Chitrala, K. N., Weiss, S., Bentley, A. R., Doumatey, A. P., Adeyemo, A. A., Lee, J. Y., Petersen, E. R. B., Nielsen, A. A., Choi, H. S., Nethander, M., Freitag-Wolf, S., Southam, L., Rayner, N. W., Wang, C. A., Lin, S.-Y., Wang, J.-S., Couture, C., Lyytikainen, L.-P., Nikus, K., Cuellar-Partida, G., Vestergaard, H., Hidalgo, B., Giannakopoulou, O., Cai, Q., Obura, M. O., van Setten, J., He, K. Y., Tang, H., Terzikhan, N., Shin, J. H., Jackson, R. D., Reiner, A. P., Martin, L. W., Chen, Z., Li, L., Kawaguchi, T., Thiery, J., Bis, J. C., Launer, L. J., Li, H., Nalls, M. A., Raitakari, O. T., Ichihara, S., Wild, S. H., Nelson, C. P., Campbell, H., Jager, S., Nabika, T., Al-Mulla, F., Niinikoski, H., Braund, P. S., Kolcic, I., Kovacs, P., Giardoglou, T., Katsuya, T., de Kleijn, D., de Borst, G. J., Kim, E. K., Adams, H. H. H., Arfan Ikram, M., Zhu, X., Asselbergs, F. W., Kraaijeveld, A. O., Beulens, J. W. J., Shu, X.-O., Rallidis, L. S., Pedersen, O., Hansen, T., Mitchell, P., Hewitt, A. W., Kahonen, M., Perusse, L., Bouchard, C., Tonjes, A., Chen, Y.-D. I., Pennell, C. E., Mori, T. A., Lieb, W., Franke, A., Ohlsson, C., Mellstrom, D., Cho, Y. S., Lee, H., Yuan, J.-M., Koh, W.-P., Rhee, S. Y., Woo, J.-T., Heid, I. M., Stark, K. J., Zimmermann, M. E., Volzke, H., Homuth, G., Evans, M. K., Zonderman, A. B., Polasek, O., Pasterkamp, G., Hoefer, I. E., Redline, S., Pahkala, K., Oldehinkel, A. J., Snieder, H., Biino, G., Schmidt, R., Schmidt, H., Bandinelli, S., Dedoussis, G., Thanaraj, T. A., Peyser, P. A., Kato, N., Schulze, M. B., Grotto, G., Boger, C. A., Jung, B., Joshi, P. K., Bennett, D. A., De Jager, P. L., Lu, X., Mamakou, V., Brown, M., Caulfield, M. J., Munroe, P. B., Guo, X., Ciullo, M., Jonas, J. B., Samani, N. J., Kaprio, J., Pajukanta, P., Tusie-Luna, T., Aguilar-Salinas, C. A., Adair, L. S., Bechayda, S. A., de Silva, H. J., Wickremasinghe, A. R., Krauss, R. M., Wu, J.-Y., Zheng, W., den Hollander, A. I., Bharadwaj, D., Correa, A., Wilson, J. G., Lind, L., Heng, C.-K., Nelson, A. E., Golightly, Y. M., Wilson, J. F., Penninx, B., Kim, H.-L., Attia, J., Scott, R. J., Rao, D. C., Arnett, D. K., Walker, M., Scott, L. J., Koistinen, H. A., Chandak, G. R., Mercader, J. M., Aguilar-Salinas, C., Villalpando, C. G., Orozco, L., Fornage, M., Shyong Tai, E., van Dam, R. M., Lehtimäki, T., Chaturvedi, N., Yokota, M., Liu, J., Reilly, D. F., McKnight, A. J., Kee, F., Jockel, K.-H., McCarthy, M. I., Palmer, C. N. A., Vitart, V., Hayward, C., Simonsick, E., van Duijn, C. M., Jin, Z.-B., Lu, F., Hishigaki, H., Lin, X., Marz, W.,

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