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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

Harvard University

Ph.D. in Biomedical Informatics

Bioinformatics and Integrative Genomics PhD Program, Harvard Medical School

Boston, USA

Aug. 2017–May 2022

Keio University

B.S. in Bioinformatics, Department of Biosciences and Informatics

Yokohama, Japan

Apr. 2013–Mar. 2017

Research Experience

Massachusetts General Hospital & Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard

Graduate Student, Analytic and Translational Genetics Unit

Advisors: Drs. Mark Daly & Hilary Finucane

Ph.D. thesis: Fine-mapping complex traits in large-scale biobanks across diverse populations.

Boston, USA

Jan. 2018–present

Osaka University Graduate School of Medicine

Research Student, Department of Statistical Genetics

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.

Osaka, Japan

Apr. 2017–present

RIKEN Center for Integrative Medical Sciences

Research Assistant, Laboratory for Statistical Analysis

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.

Yokohama, Japan

May 2015–Jul. 2019

Keio University

Undergraduate Researcher, Laboratory for Bioinformatics

Advisor: Dr. Yasubumi Sakakibara

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

Yokohama, Japan

Apr. 2016–Mar. 2017

Tokyo Medical and Dental University

Technical Assistant, Department of Human Genetics and Disease Diversity

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.

Tokyo, Japan

Apr. 2014–Mar. 2016

Certification

The Certification for Bioinformatics Engineers

certificated by the *Japanese Society of Bioinformatics*

2015

Awards and Fellowships

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.

2018–2022+

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

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. 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).
10. 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 from 5.4 million individuals of diverse ancestries. *bioRxiv* (2022).
11. Lo Faro, V., Bhattacharya, A., Zhou, W., Zhou, D., Wang, Y., ..., **Kanai, M.**, ..., Gamazon, E. R., Jansoni, 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).
12. 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).
13. 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. *bioRxiv* (2021).
14. 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).
15. Bhattacharya, A., Hirbo, J. B., Zhou, D., Zhou, W., Zheng, J., **Kanai, M.**, ..., The Global Biobank Meta-analysis Initiative, Daly, M. J., Pasaniuc, B., Gamazon, E. R. & Cox, N. J. Best practices of multi-ancestry, meta-analytic transcriptome-wide association studies: lessons from the Global Biobank Meta-analysis Initiative. *medRxiv* (2021).
16. 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).
17. Zhou, W., **Kanai, M.**, Wu, K.-H. H., Humaira, R., Tsuo, K., ..., UK Biobank, Martin, A. R., Willer, C. J., Daly, M. J. & Neale, B. M. Global Biobank Meta-analysis Initiative: powering genetic discovery across human diseases. *medRxiv* (2021).
18. The COVID-19 Host Genetics Initiative. Mapping the human genetic architecture of COVID-19: an update. *medRxiv* (2021).
19. 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).
20. Ruotsalainen, S. E., Surakka, I., Mars, N., Karjalainen, J., Kurki, M., **Kanai, M.**, ..., FinnGen, Palotie, A., Widen, E., Daly, M. J. & Ripatti, S. Loss-of-function of MFGE8 and protection against coronary atherosclerosis. *medRxiv* (2021).
21. Namkoong, H., Edahiro, R., Fukunaga, K., Shirai, Y., Sonehara, K., ..., **Kanai, M.**, ..., Imoto, S., Miyano, S., Ogawa, S., Kanai, T. & Okada, Y. Japan COVID-19 Task Force: a nation-wide consortium to elucidate host genetics of COVID-19 pandemic in Japan. *medRxiv* (2021).
22. 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).

23. 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).
24. 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).
25. 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.....

26. Wang, Y., Tsoo, 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 (2022).
27. 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).
28. 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).
29. 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).
30. 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).
31. 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).
32. 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).
33. Reilly, S. K., Gosai, S. J., Guterres, 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).
34. 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).
35. 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).
36. 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).

37. 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).
38. 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).
39. 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).
40. 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).
41. 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).
42. Ishigaki, K., Akiyama, M., **Kanai, M.**, Takahashi, A., Kawakami, E., ..., Inazawa, J., Yamauchi, T., Kadowaki, T., Kubo, M. & Kamatani, Y. Large-scale genome-wide association study in a Japanese population identifies novel susceptibility loci across different diseases. *Nature Genetics* **52**, 669–679 (2020).
43. Sakaue, S., Hirata, J., **Kanai, M.**, Suzuki, K., Akiyama, M., ..., Hirata, M., Matsuda, K., Murakami, Y., Kamatani, Y. & Okada, Y. Dimensionality reduction reveals fine-scale structure in the Japanese population with consequences for polygenic risk prediction. *Nature Communications* **11**, 1569 (2020).
44. Ray, J. P., de Boer, C. G., Fulco, C. P., Lareau, C. A., **Kanai, M.**, ..., Issner, R., Finucane, H. K., Lander, E. S., Regev, A. & Hacohen, N. Prioritizing disease and trait causal variants at the TNFAIP3 locus using functional and genomic features. *Nature Communications* **11**, 1237 (2020).
45. Matoba, N., Akiyama, M., Ishigaki, K., **Kanai, M.**, Takahashi, A., ..., Matsuda, K., Murakami, Y., Kubo, M., Kamatani, Y. & Okada, Y. GWAS of 165,084 Japanese individuals identified nine loci associated with dietary habits. *Nature Human Behaviour* **4**, 308–316 (2020).
46. Clark, D. W., Okada, Y., Moore, K. H. S., Mason, D., Pirastu, N., ..., **Kanai, M.**, ..., Helgason, A., Stefansson, K., Joshi, P. K., Kubo, M. & Wilson, J. F. Associations of autozygosity with a broad range of human phenotypes. *Nature Communications* **10**, 4957 (2019).
47. Leu, C., Stevelink, R., Smith, A. W., Goleva, S. B., **Kanai, M.**, ..., Najm, I. M., Palotie, A., Daly, M. J., Busch, R. M. & Lal, D. Polygenic burden in focal and generalized epilepsies. *Brain* **142**, 3473–3481 (2019).
48. Tin, A., Marten, J., Halperin Kuhns, V. L., Li, Y., Wuttke, M., ..., **Kanai, M.**, ..., Teumer, A., Pattaro, C., Woodward, O. M., Vitart, V. & Köttgen, A. Target genes, variants, tissues and transcriptional pathways influencing human serum urate levels. *Nature Genetics* **51**, 1459–1474 (2019).
49. Akiyama, M., Ishigaki, K., Sakaue, S., Momozawa, Y., Horikoshi, M., ..., **Kanai, M.**, ..., Yamamoto, M., Okada, Y., Murakami, Y., Kubo, M. & Kamatani, Y. Characterizing rare and low-frequency height-associated variants in the Japanese population. *Nature Communications* **10**, 4393 (2019).
50. Wuttke, M., Li, Y., Li, M., Sieber, K. B., Feitosa, M. F., ..., **Kanai, M.**, ..., Heid, I. M., Scholz, M., Teumer, A., Köttgen, A. & Pattaro, C. A catalog of genetic loci associated with kidney function from analyses of a million individuals. *Nature Genetics* **51**, 957–972 (2019).
51. *Nakatochi, M., ***Kanai, M.**, *Nakayama, A., *Hishida, A., *Kawamura, Y., ..., Shinomiya, N., Yokota, M., Wakai, K., Okada, Y. & Matsuo, H. Genome-wide meta-analysis identifies multiple novel loci associated with serum uric acid levels in Japanese individuals. *Communications Biology* **2**, 115 (2019).

52. Matoba, N., Akiyama, M., Ishigaki, K., **Kanai, M.**, Takahashi, A., ..., Hirata, M., Matsuda, K., Kubo, M., Okada, Y. & Kamatani, Y. GWAS of smoking behaviour in 165,436 Japanese people reveals seven new loci and shared genetic architecture. *Nature Human Behaviour* **3**, 471–477 (2019).
53. Suzuki, K., Akiyama, M., Ishigaki, K., **Kanai, M.**, Hosoe, J., ..., Kubo, M., Kamatani, Y., Horikoshi, M., Yamauchi, T. & Kadowaki, T. Identification of 28 new susceptibility loci for type 2 diabetes in the Japanese population. *Nature Genetics* **51**, 379–386 (2019).
54. Hirata, J., Hosomichi, K., Sakaue, S., **Kanai, M.**, Nakaoka, H., ..., Momozawa, Y., Inoue, I., Kubo, M., Kamatani, Y. & Okada, Y. Genetic and phenotypic landscape of the major histocompatibility complex region in the Japanese population. *Nature Genetics* **51**, 470–480 (2019).
55. **Kanai, M.**, Maeda, Y. & Okada, Y. Grimon: graphical interface to visualize multi-omics networks. *Bioinformatics* **34**, 3934–3936 (2018).
56. Horikoshi, M., Day, F. R., Akiyama, M., Hirata, M., Kamatani, Y., ..., **Kanai, M.**, ..., Ojeda, S. R., Lomniczi, A., Kubo, M., Ong, K. K. & Perry, J. R. B. Elucidating the genetic architecture of reproductive ageing in the Japanese population. *Nature Communications* **9**, 1977 (2018).
57. Okada, Y., Momozawa, Y., Sakaue, S., **Kanai, M.**, Ishigaki, K., ..., Matsuda, K., Yamamoto, K., Kubo, M., Hirose, N. & Kamatani, Y. Deep whole-genome sequencing reveals recent selection signatures linked to evolution and disease risk of Japanese. *Nature Communications* **9**, 1631 (2018).
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59. Hirata, J., Hirota, T., Ozeki, T., **Kanai, M.**, Sudo, T., ..., Sato, S., Mushiroda, T., Saeki, H., Tamari, M. & Okada, Y. Variants at HLA-A , HLA-C , and HLA-DQB1 confer risk of psoriasis vulgaris in Japanese. *Journal of Investigative Dermatology* **138**, 542–548 (2018).
60. Akiyama, M., Okada, Y., **Kanai, M.**, Takahashi, A., Momozawa, Y., ..., Minegishi, N., Tsugane, S., Yamamoto, M., Kubo, M. & Kamatani, Y. Genome-wide association study identifies 112 new loci for body mass index in the Japanese population. *Nature Genetics* **49**, 1458–1467 (2017).
61. Sudo, T., Okada, Y., Ozaki, K., Urayama, K., **Kanai, M.**, Kobayashi, H., Gokyu, M., Izumi, Y. & Tanaka, T. Association of NOD2 Mutations with Aggressive Periodontitis. *Journal of Dental Research* **96**, 1100–1105 (2017).
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63. **Kanai, M.**, Tanaka, T. & Okada, Y. Empirical estimation of genome-wide significance thresholds based on the 1000 Genomes Project data set. *Journal of Human Genetics* **61**, 861–866 (2016).
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65. Okada, Y., Momozawa, Y., Ashikawa, K., **Kanai, M.**, Matsuda, K., Kamatani, Y., Takahashi, A. & Kubo, M. Construction of a population-specific HLA imputation reference panel and its application to Graves' disease risk in Japanese. *Nature Genetics* **47**, 798–802 (2015).

Reviews (in Japanese).....

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2. **Kanai, M.**, Okada, Y. & Kamatani, Y. Genetics of clinical measurements in the Japanese population: large-scale genome-wide association study of 58 quantitative traits. *Clinical Immunology & Allergy* **71**, 78–85 (2019).
3. **Kanai, M.**, Okada, Y. & Kamatani, Y. Large-scale genome-wide association study in the Japanese population elucidates genetic backgrounds of 58 quantitative traits. *Life Science First Author's Review* (2018).
4. **Kanai, M.** & Okada, Y. Identification of genetic loci associated with chronic kidney disease and applications for drug development. *Kidney and Metabolic Bone Diseases* **31**, 19–26 (2018).
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Presentations

International Conference.....

1. **Kanai, M.**, Ulirsch, J. C., Karjalainen, J., Kurki, M., Ishigaki, K., Kamatani, Y., Reilly, S., Sabeti, P., Tewhey, R., FinnGen, Okada, Y., Daly, M. J. & Finucane, H. K. Insights into fine-mapping causal variants of complex traits from diverse populations. *The 70th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Human Genetics, Plenary Session* (2020).
2. **Kanai, M.**, Ulirsch, J. C., McCaw, Z. R., Albers, C., Fan, Z., Ishigaki, K., Karjalainen, J., Kurki, M., FinnGen, Kamatani, Y., Okada, Y., Daly, M. J. & Finucane, H. K. Cross-population fine-mapping of 50 complex traits and diseases in 675,000 individuals across three global biobanks. *The 69th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Human Genetics, Poster Session* (2019).
3. **Kanai, M.**, Akiyama, M., Okada, Y., Ikeda, M., Iwata, N., Kubo, M. & Kamatani, Y. Trans-ethnic comparison of partitioned heritability reveals shared cell-type specific enrichment between East Asian and European genome-wide association studies. *The 66th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Human Genetics, Poster Session* (2016).
4. **Kanai, M.**, Tanaka, T. & Okada, Y. Empirical estimation of genome-wide significance thresholds based on the 1000 Genomes Project. *The 13th International Congress of Human Genetics, Oral Session* (2016).
5. **Kanai, M.**, Okada, Y., Muramatsu, T., Suita, N., Kawakami, E., Lotchkova, V., Soranzo, N., Inazawa, J. & Tanaka, T. Significant impact of miRNA–target gene networks on genetics of human complex traits. *The 13th International Congress of Human Genetics, Oral Session* (2016).

Domestic Conference (in Japan).....

1. **Kanai, M.**, Tanaka, T. & Okada, Y. Empirical estimation of a genome-wide significance threshold based on the 1000 Genomes Project. *The 60th Annual Meeting of the Japan Society of Human Genetics, Oral Session* (2015).
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