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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 PhD 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
Graduate Student, Analytic and Translational Genetics Unit	Jan. 2018–present

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
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. *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. 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).
10. 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).
11. 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).
12. 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).
13. 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).
14. 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).
15. 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).
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. 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).
18. 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).
19. 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).
20. Palmer, D. S., Zhou, W., Abbott, L., Baya, N., Churchhouse, C., ..., Poterba, T., King, D., **Kanai, M.**, Bloemendaal, A. & Neale, B. M. Analysis of genetic dominance in the UK Biobank. *bioRxiv* (2021).
21. 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).

22. 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).
23. Koskela, J. T., Happola, P., Liu, A., FinnGen, Partanen, J., ..., **Kanai, M.**, ..., Ganna, A., Palotie, A., Laitinen, T., Myllyniemi, M. & Daly, M. J. Genetic variant in SPDL1 reveals novel mechanism linking pulmonary fibrosis risk and cancer protection. *medRxiv* (2021).
24. 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).
25. 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).
26. 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.....

27. The COVID-19 Host Genetics Initiative. A first update on mapping the human genetic architecture of COVID-19. *Nature* (2022).
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29. 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** (2022).
30. 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).
31. 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).
32. 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).
33. 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).
34. 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).
35. 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).
36. 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).

37. 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).
38. Nakatuchi, 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).
39. 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).
40. 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).
41. 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).
42. 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).
43. 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).
44. 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).
45. Ishigaki, K., Akiyama, M., **Kanai, M.**, Takahashi, A., Kawakami, E., ..., Inazawa, J., Yamauchi, T., Kadouraki, 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).
46. 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).
47. 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).
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53. 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).
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Reviews (in Japanese)

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Presentations

International Conference

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