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## Curriculum Vitae

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### Education

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#### Harvard University

Ph.D. in Biomedical Informatics

Bioinformatics and Integrative Genomics Ph.D. 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

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#### Massachusetts General Hospital & Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard

Research Fellow, Center for Computational and Integrative Biology

**Boston, USA**

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

Graduate Student, Analytic and Translational Genetics Unit

**Boston, USA**

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

Visiting Fellow, Department of Statistical Genetics

Research Student, Department of Statistical Genetics

**Osaka, Japan**

July 2022–present

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-dimensional multi-omics data

#### RIKEN Center for Integrative Medical Sciences

Research Assistant, Laboratory for Statistical Analysis

**Yokohama, Japan**

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

Undergraduate Researcher, Laboratory for Bioinformatics

**Yokohama, Japan**

Apr. 2016–Mar. 2017

**Advisor:** Dr. Yasubumi Sakakibara

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

**Tokyo Medical and Dental University**

Technical Assistant, Department of Human Genetics and Disease Diversity

**Tokyo, Japan**

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***The American Society of Human Genetics 2022 Annual Meeting***Los Angeles, USA**

2022

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

2021

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

2020

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

2019

**Masason Foundation Fellowship**

Research grant for cross-population analysis of complex human diseases and traits.

**Tokyo, Japan**

2018–2023

**Nakajima Foundation Fellowship**

Predoctoral fellowship which covers up to ~\$50,000/year for tuition and stipend.

**Tokyo, Japan**

2017–2022

**The 3rd place, Worldwide Finals***Microsoft Imagine Cup 2011 Windows 7 Touch Challenge***New York, USA**

2011

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

2010

**Publications****Selected Publications and Preprints**

(\* = co-first)

1. **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. *Cell Genomics* **2**, 100210 (2022).
2. \*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).
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. Wang, Y., **Kanai, M.**, Tan, T., Kamariza, M., Tsuo, K., ..., Okada, Y., Huang, H., Turley, P., Atkinson, E. G. & Martin, A. R. Polygenic prediction across populations is influenced by ancestry, genetic architecture, and methodology. *bioRxiv* (2022).
10. The COVID-19 Host Genetics Initiative. A second update on mapping the human genetic architecture of COVID-19. *medRxiv* (2022).
11. Sakaue, S., Weinand, K., Dey, K. K., Jagadeesh, K., **Kanai, M.**, ..., McDavid, A., Donlin, L., Wei, K., Price, A. & Raychaudhuri, S. Tissue-specific enhancer-gene maps from multimodal single-cell data identify causal disease alleles. *medRxiv* (2022).
12. Cui, R., Elzur, R. A., **Kanai, M.**, Ulirsch, J. C., Weissbrod, O., Daly, M. J., Neale, B. M., Fan, Z. & Finucane, H. K. Improving fine-mapping by modeling infinitesimal effects. *bioRxiv* (2022).
13. 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).
14. 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).
15. 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).
16. 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).
17. 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).
18. 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).

19. 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).
20. 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).
21. 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).
22. 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).
23. 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).
24. 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.....

25. 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. *Genome Biology* **23**, 268 (2022).
26. Tsuo, K., Zhou, W., Wang, Y., **Kanai, M.**, Namba, S., ..., Okada, Y., Neale, B. M., Global Biobank Meta-analysis Initiative, Daly, M. J. & Martin, A. R. Multi-ancestry meta-analysis of asthma identifies novel associations and highlights the value of increased power and diversity. *Cell Genomics* **2**, 100212 (2022).
27. 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).
28. 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).
29. 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* **610**, 704–712 (2022).
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32. 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).

33. 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).
34. The COVID-19 Host Genetics Initiative. A first update on mapping the human genetic architecture of COVID-19. *Nature* **608**, E1–E10 (2022).
35. 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).
36. 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).
37. 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).
38. 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).
39. 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).
40. 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).
41. 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).
42. 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).
43. 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).
44. 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).
45. 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).
46. 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).



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52. 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).
53. 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).
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55. 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).
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