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# Structural prediction of VPS13C with AlphaFold2

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**ABSTRACT** 

This protocol describes the procedure of structural prediction of full-length human VPS13C and its truncation mutant with AlphaFold2 and the procedure to combine each segments into one structure.

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## Structure prediction

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Separate Full-length VPS13C and truncation mutant into three pieces and two pieces, respectively, i.e., a.a. 1-1860, 1201-2340, 1801-3753 for full-length VPS13C and a.a. 1-1762, 1277-3240 for VPS13C  $_{\Delta1235-1748}$ .

**Note**: prediction of the entire VPS13C sequence does not work because of sequence-length limitation of AlphaFold 2.0.

2 Install AlphaFold 2.0 on the Yale Farnam high performance computer cluster, used for structural prediction of each segment.

**Note:** Use 5 pTM models to generate five structures. For subsequent analysis use the one with highest confidence score, shown in rankings.json file.

## Combination of segments

- 3 Open UCSF ChimeraX software and import pdb files of segments.
- 4 Align the fragments with overlapping regions with "mmaker" command.
- 5 Delete the overlapping regions from adjacent fragments with "delete" command.

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At the connection point, form a carbon-nitrogen bond with "build join peptide" command to connect two amino acid residues from two fragments.