

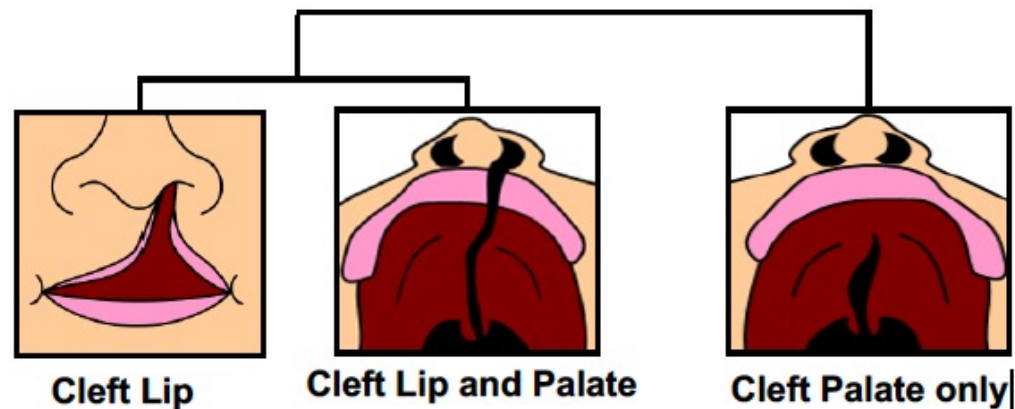


# Fall 2021 Lab Presentation

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# Background

- Orofacial clefts (OFCs) are the most common craniofacial malformation with an overall incidence of 1/1000 live births.
- Nonsyndromic OFCs are phenotypically and etiologically heterogenous.
- OFCs are generally classified into isolated cleft lip (CL), cleft lip with cleft palate (CLP), and isolated cleft palate (CP).



## Background

- **Variant of uncertain significance (VUS):** This means that the test found a genetic change, but there is not enough known about the change to give a diagnosis.
- **Pathogenic variant:** A genetic alteration that increases an individual's susceptibility or predisposition to a certain disease or disorder.

# Data

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Collected from **Gabriella Miller Kids First Pediatric Research Program**

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837 trios in total

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Europeans: 437

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Taiwanese: 125

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Colombian: 275

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Controls: 302

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# Purpose

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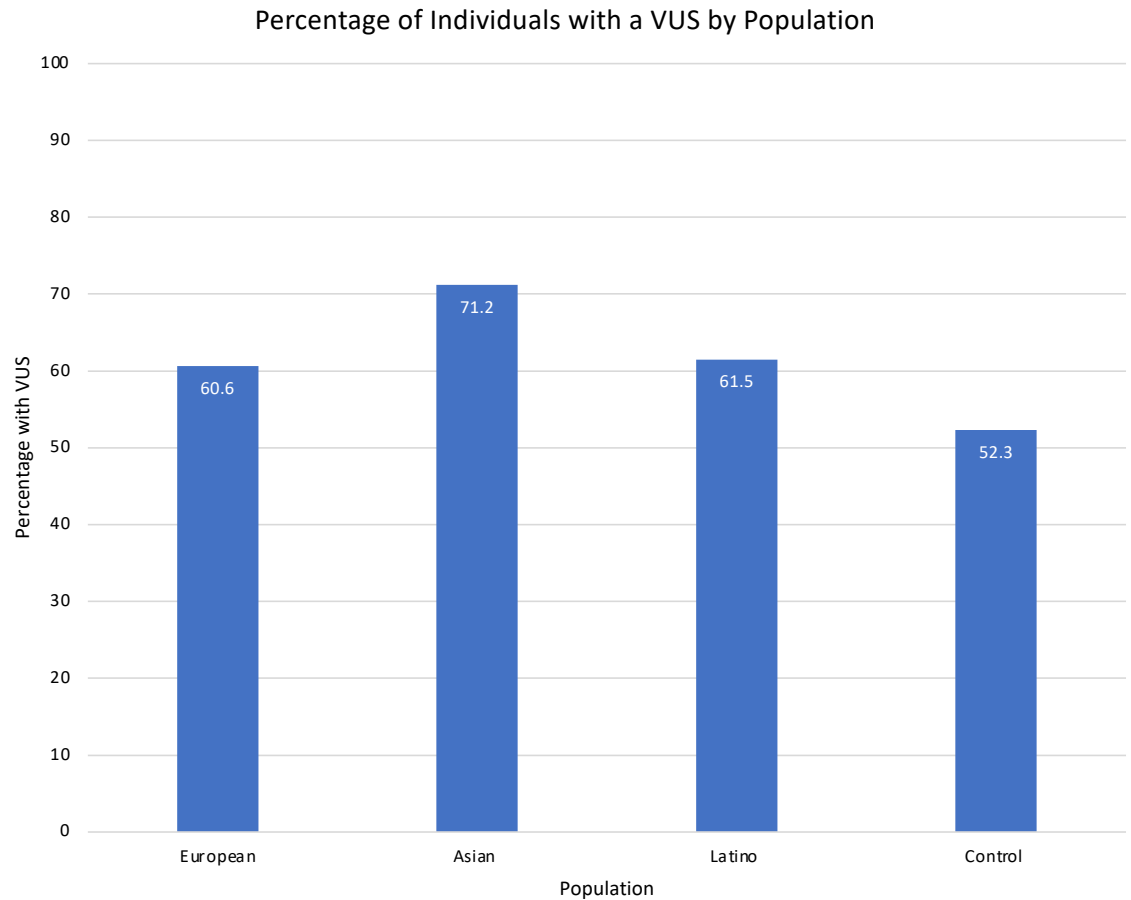
IF THERE IS A SIGNIFICANT  
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN VUS IN GENES  
WITH PATHOGENIC VARIANTS



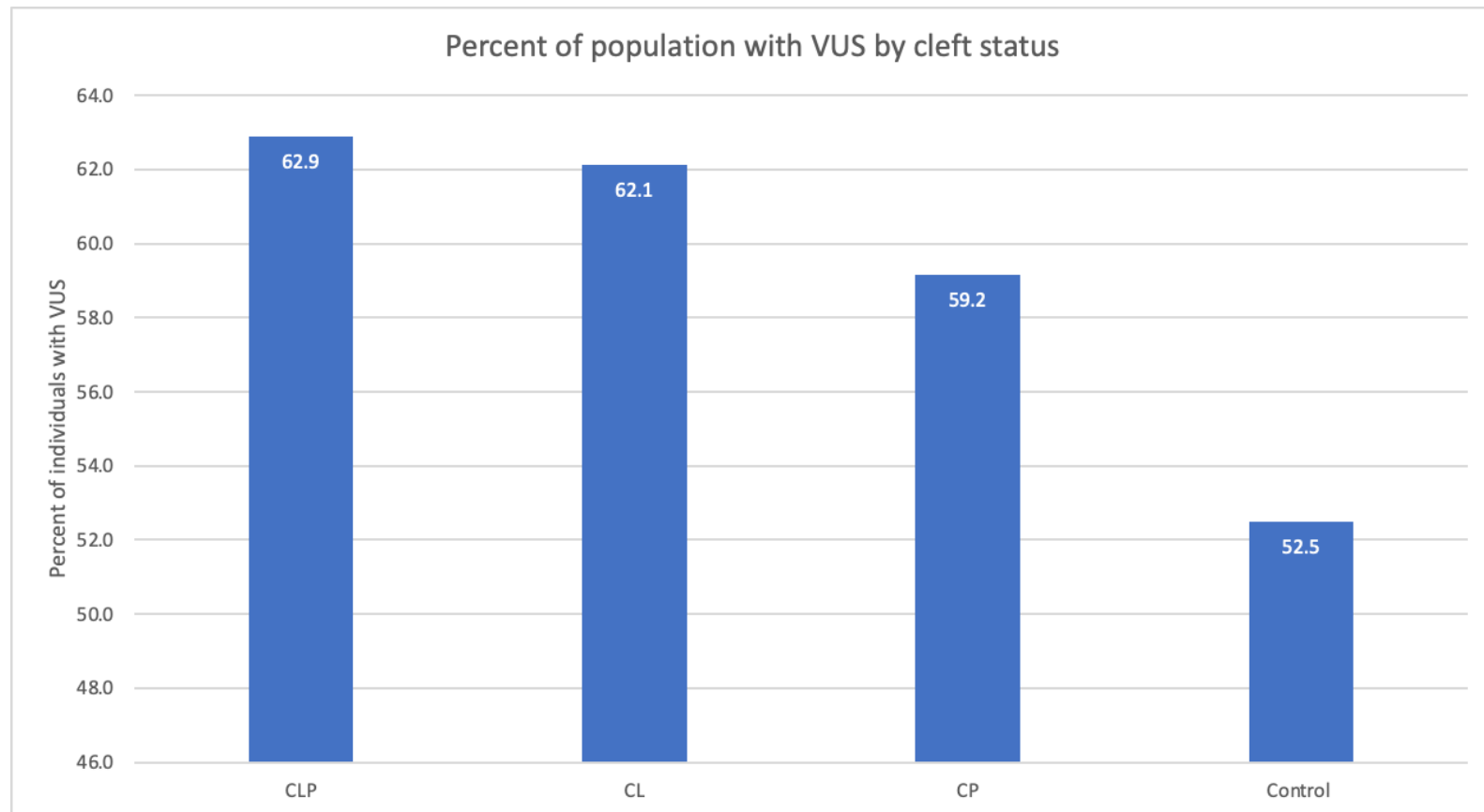
IF THERE IS A PATHOGENIC GENE THAT  
HAS A LOT OF VUS, MAYBE SOME OF THE  
VUS ARE ACTUALLY PATHOGENIC

# Descriptive Statistics

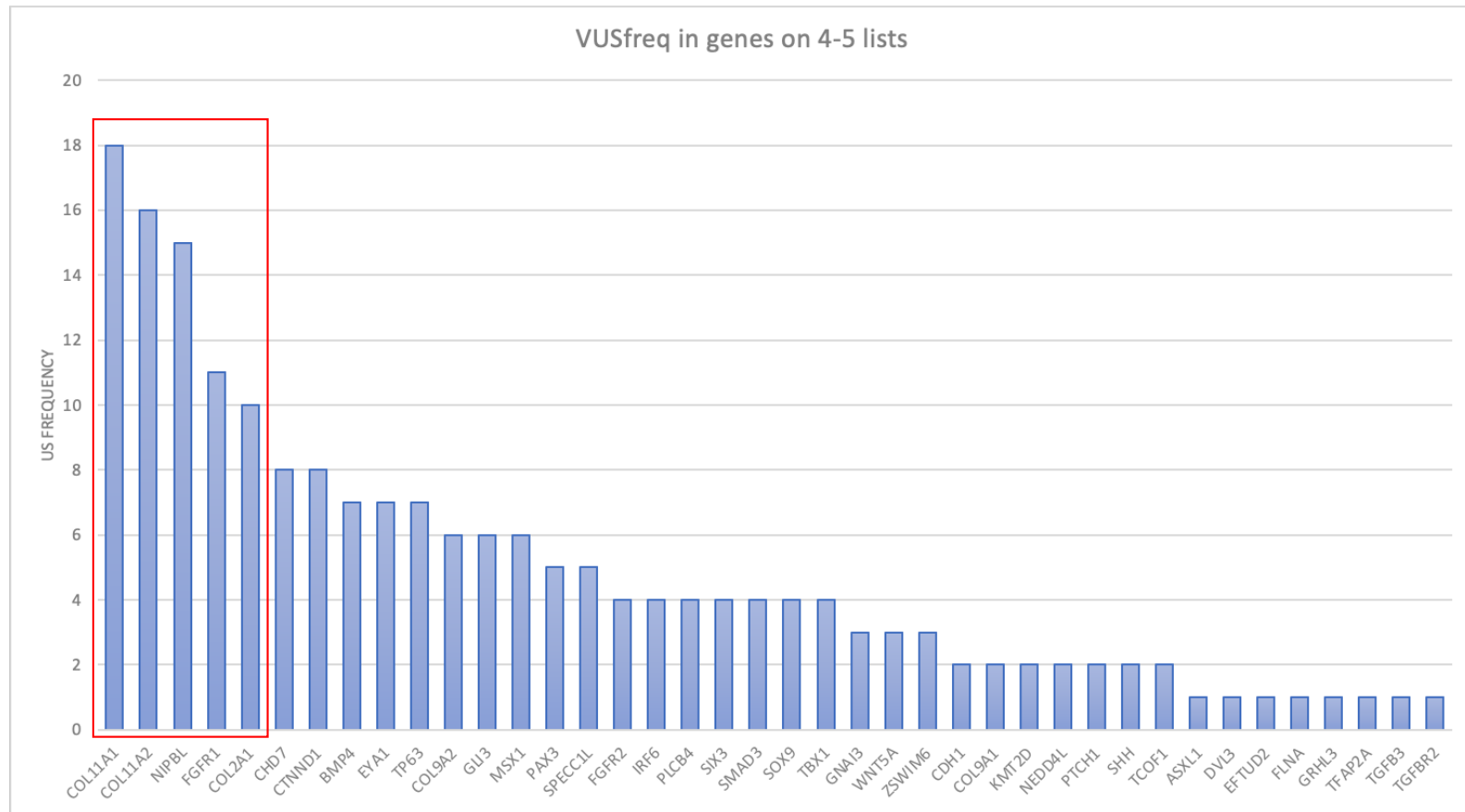
- 519 unique case ChildIDs
- 1040 VUS in 220 unique genes
- Percent of unique ChildIDs with a VUS by population



# By Cleft Status



# Genes on 4-5 Lists



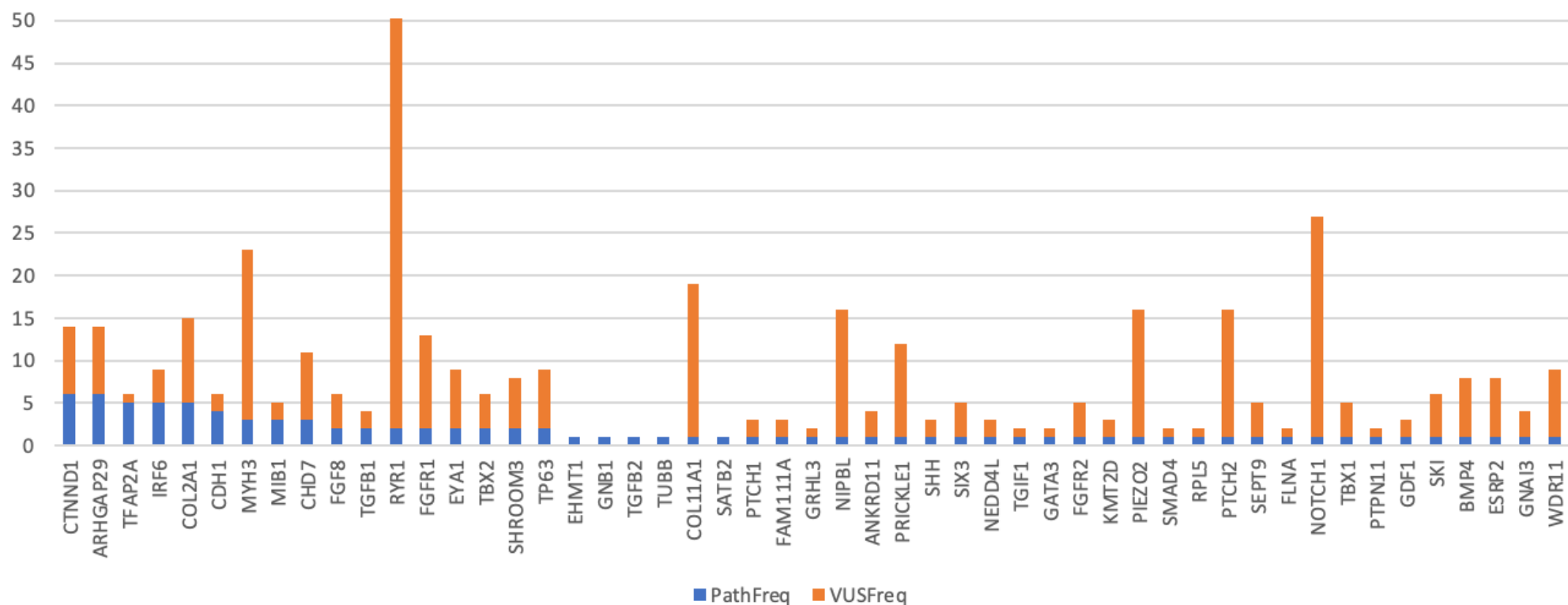


# Chi squared and Fisher testing

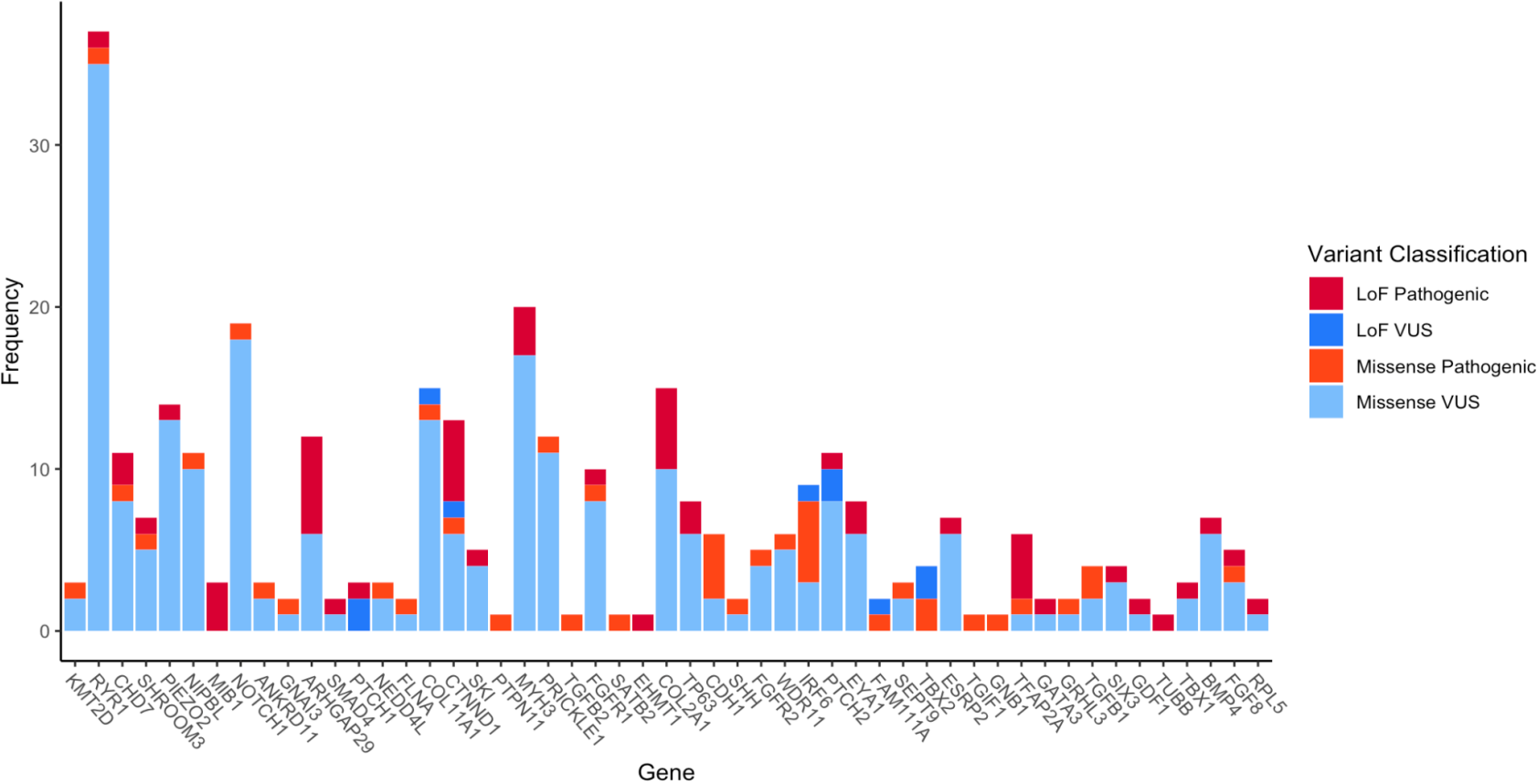
- By cleft status
  - CL vs control –  $p=0.0895$
  - CLP vs control –  $p=0.006257^{**}$
  - CP vs control –  $p=0.311082$
- By gene for top 5 genes with the most VUS
  - COL11A1, COL11A2, NIPBL, FGFR1, COL2A1
  - Test compared cases with VUS or pathogenic in cases vs. controls
  - None were statistically significant at a  $p=0.05$



## Frequency of Pathogenic variants and VUS variants in genes with pathogenic variants

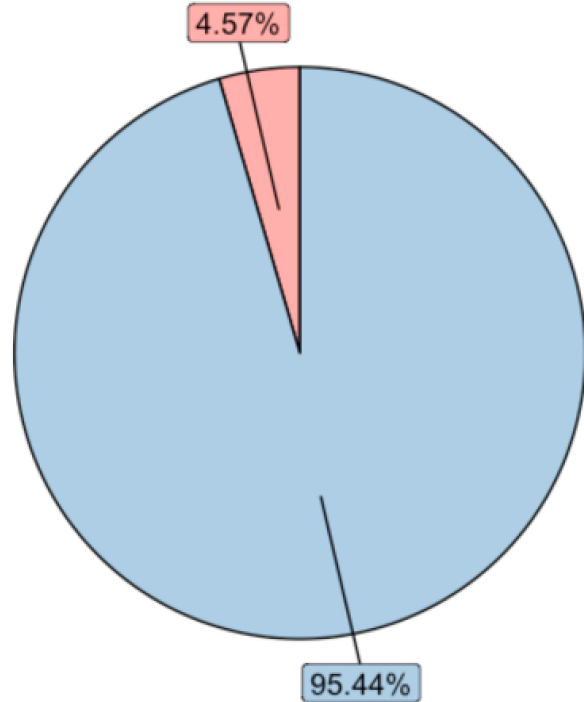


Frequency of Variants by Function and Consequence in Genes with Pathogenic Variants

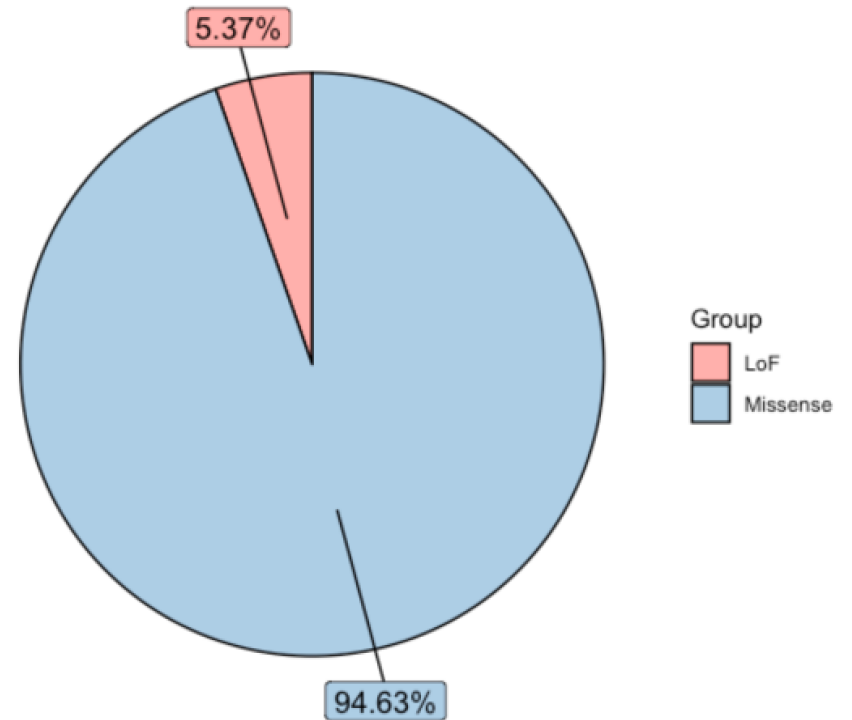


# Cases vs. Controls by exonic function

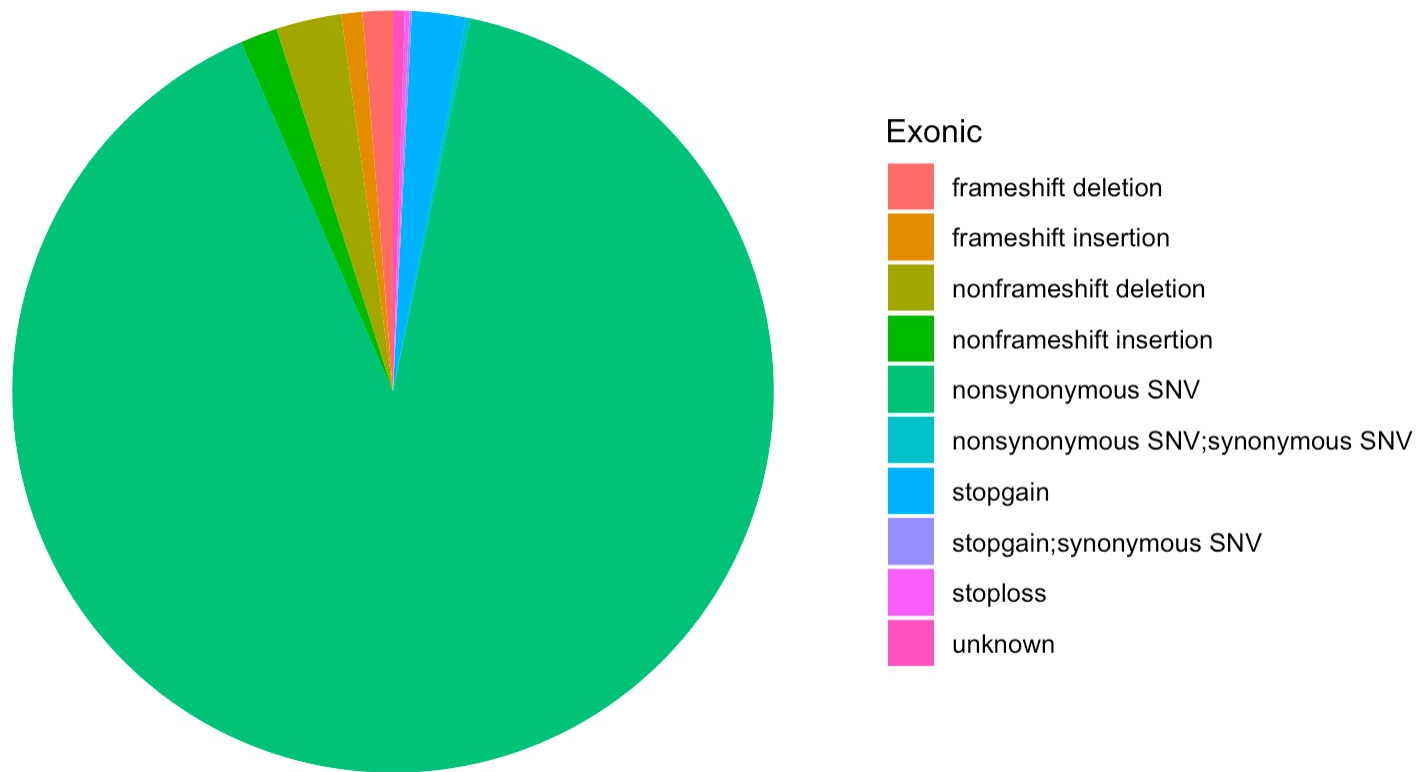
Case VUS Exonic function



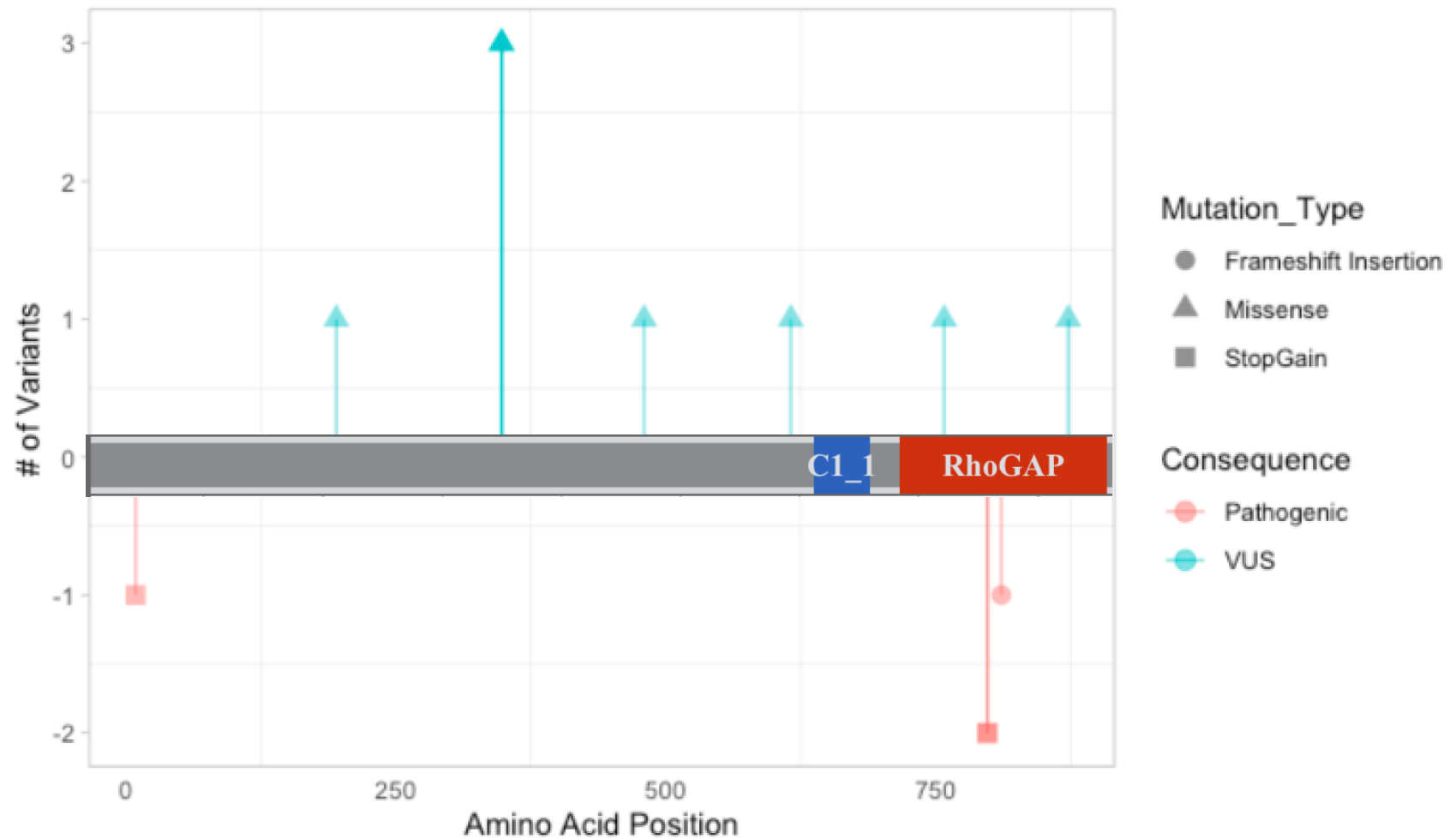
Control VUS Exonic function

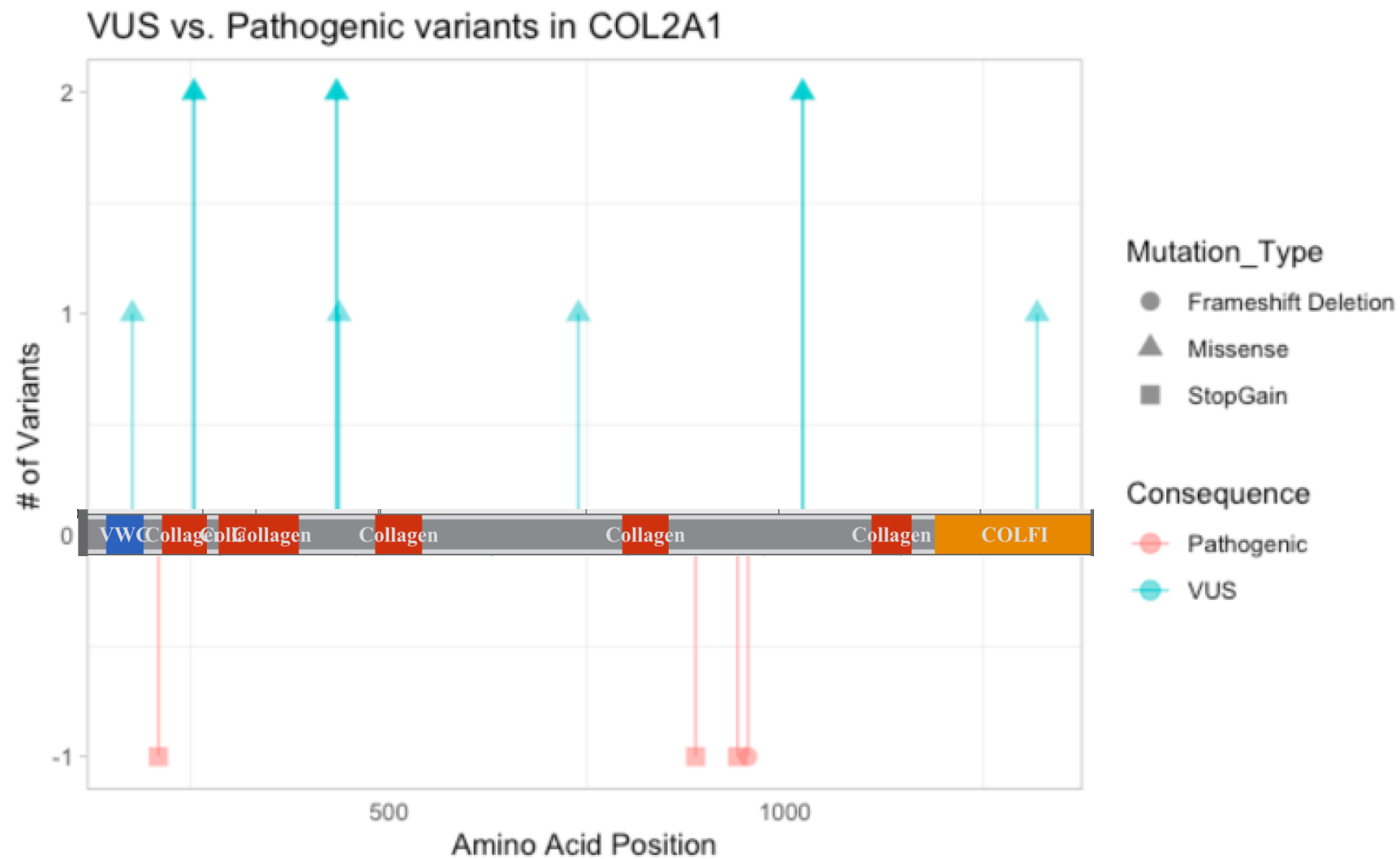


# Further exonic function for VUS in cases

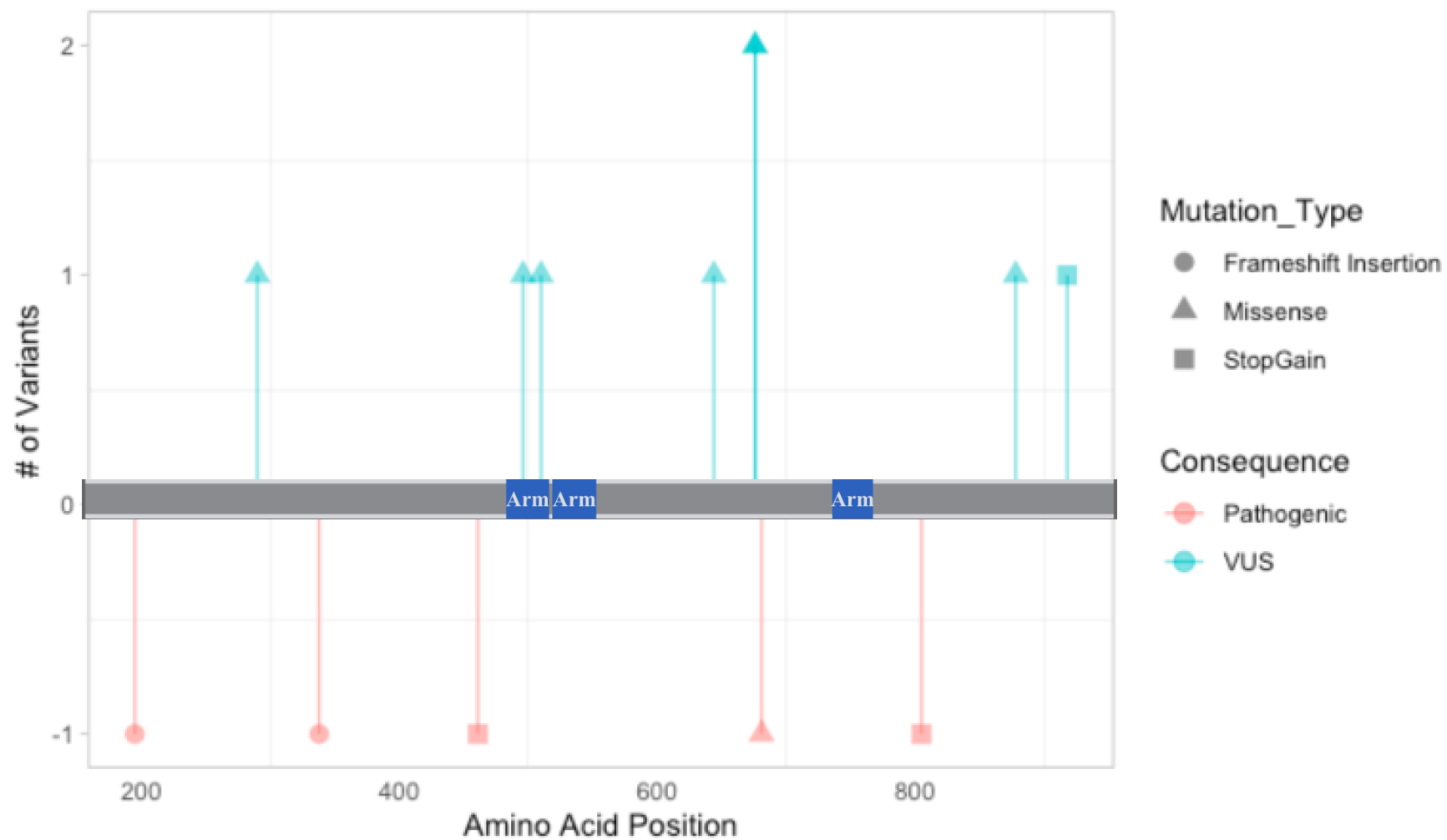


## VUS vs. Pathogenic variants in ARHGAP29



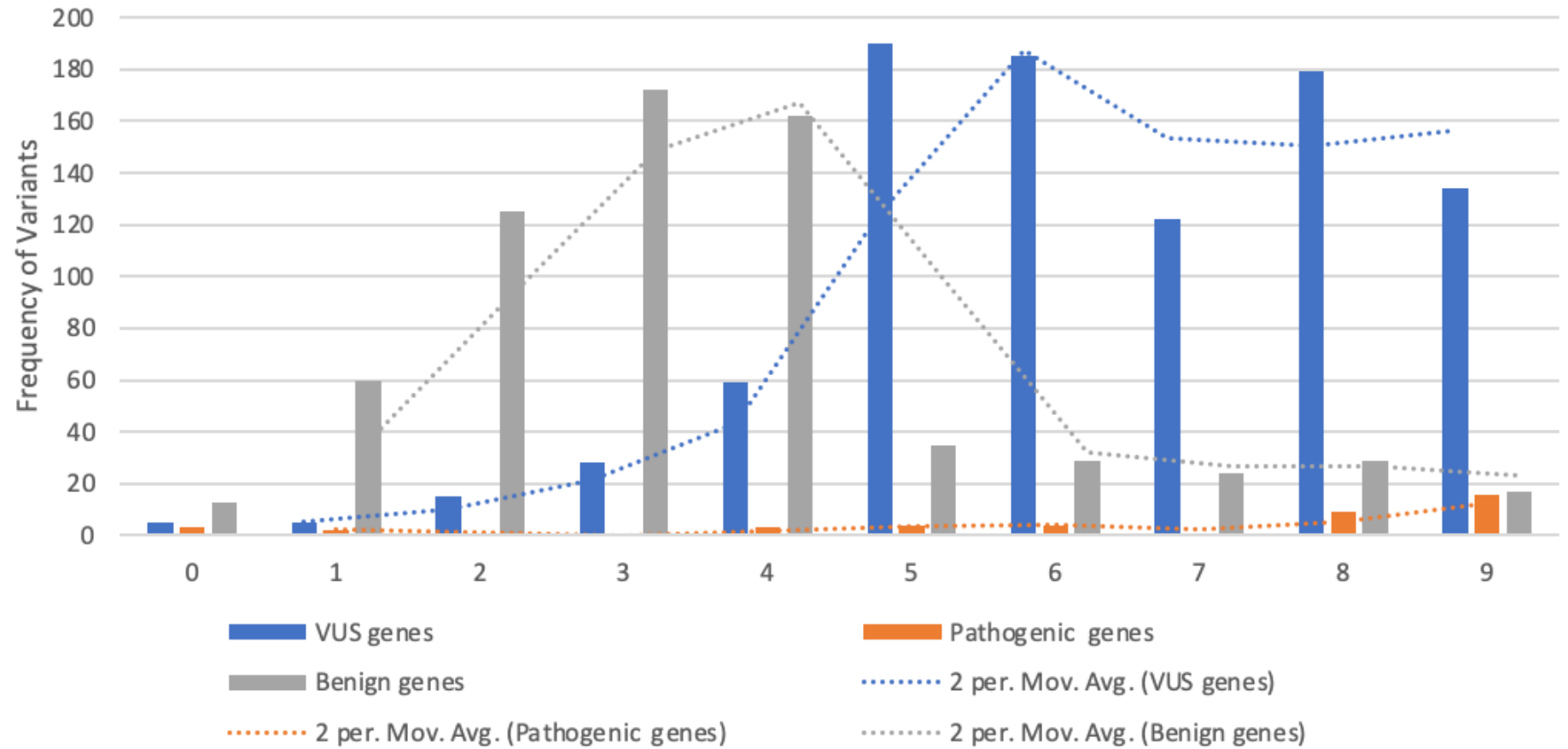


## VUS vs. Pathogenic variants in CTNND1

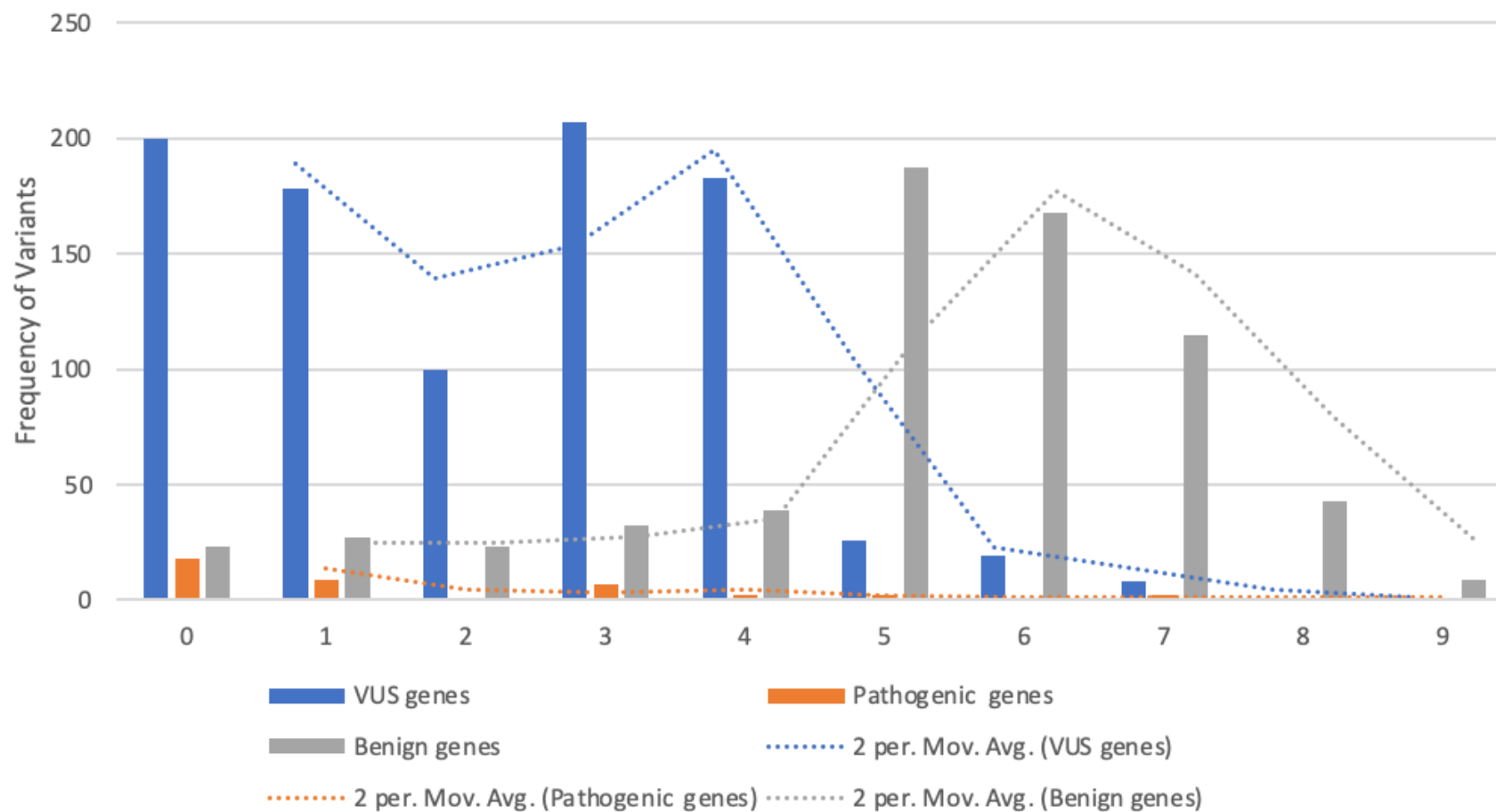




Distribution of pathogenic scores for missense variants



Distribution of benign scores for missense variants



# Thank you!

Questions?