

Perspectives on Existing Genetic Variation Resources: A Researcher's Perspective

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Primary Variant

Proband



Whole genome/exome



X number of variants



Variants of interest



Gene Discovery

CS Secondary Variant

572 Probands



Whole genome/exome



X number of variants



Variant of interest



Gene Discovery

Secondary Variants

181,742

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Whole exome



X number of variants



Secondary Variants
(nonsense, nonsynonymous,
frameshift, splice)

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Variant of interest



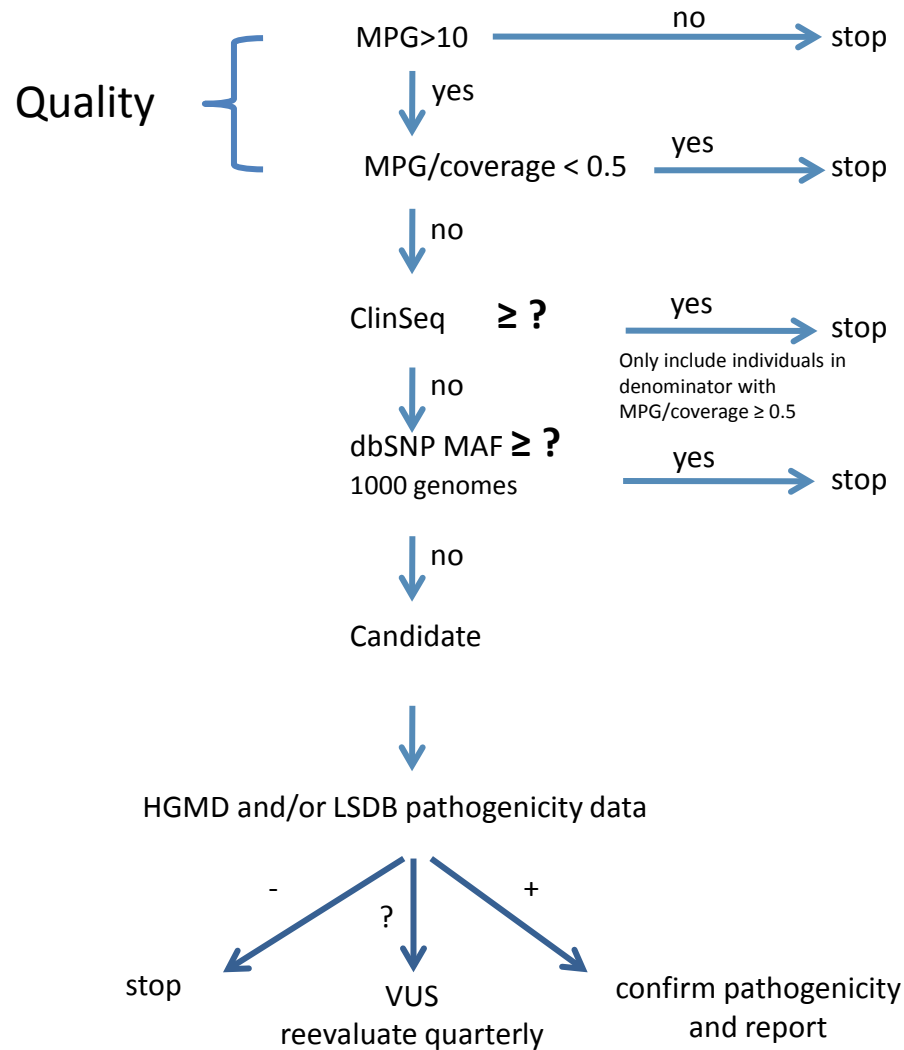
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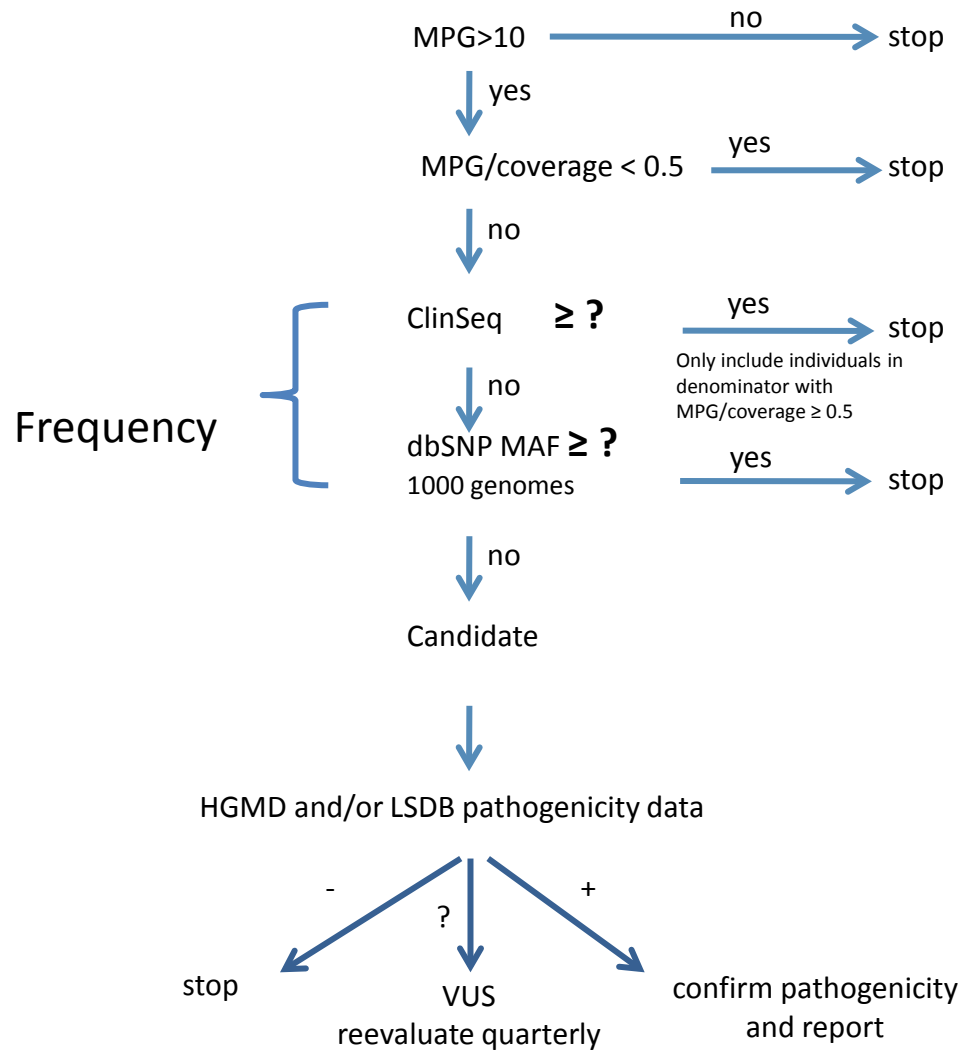
**37 Adult onset cancer
susceptibility genes**

455 variants

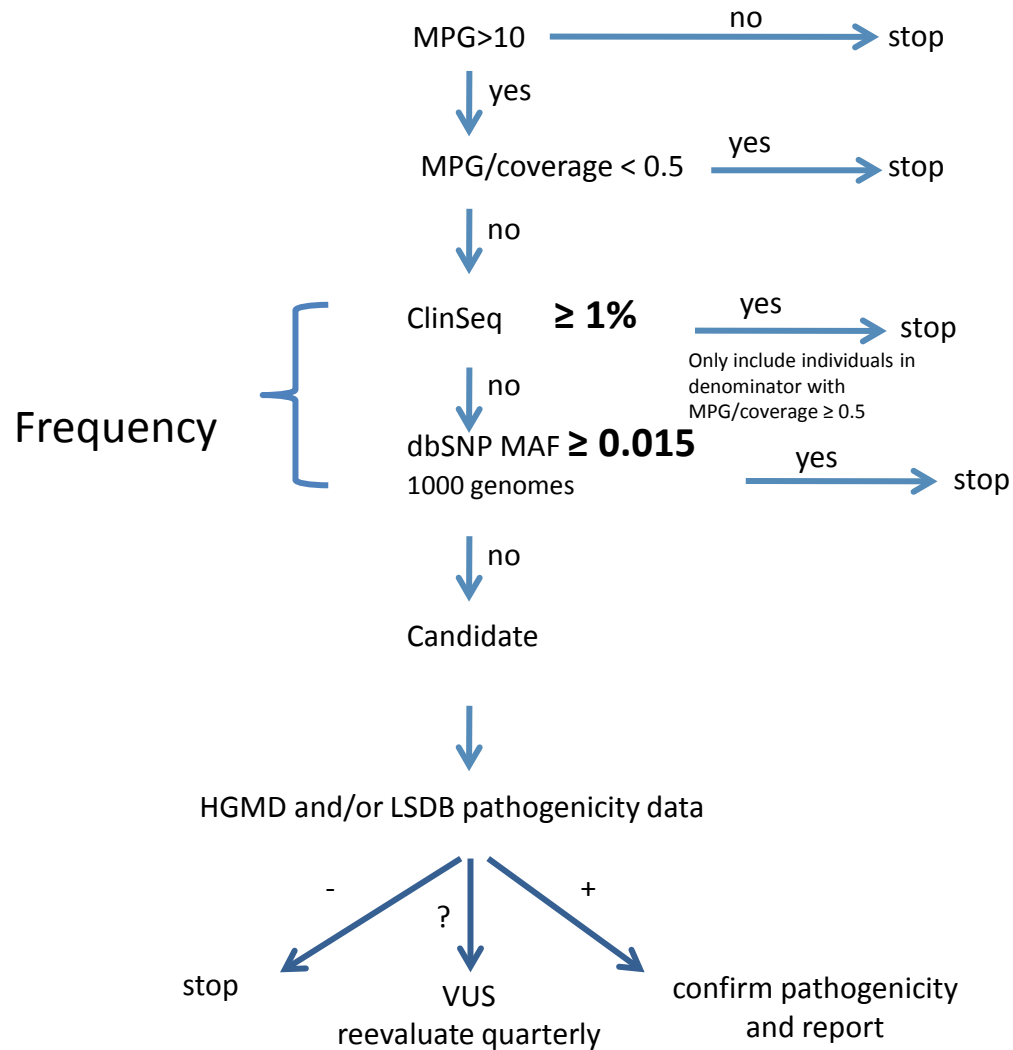
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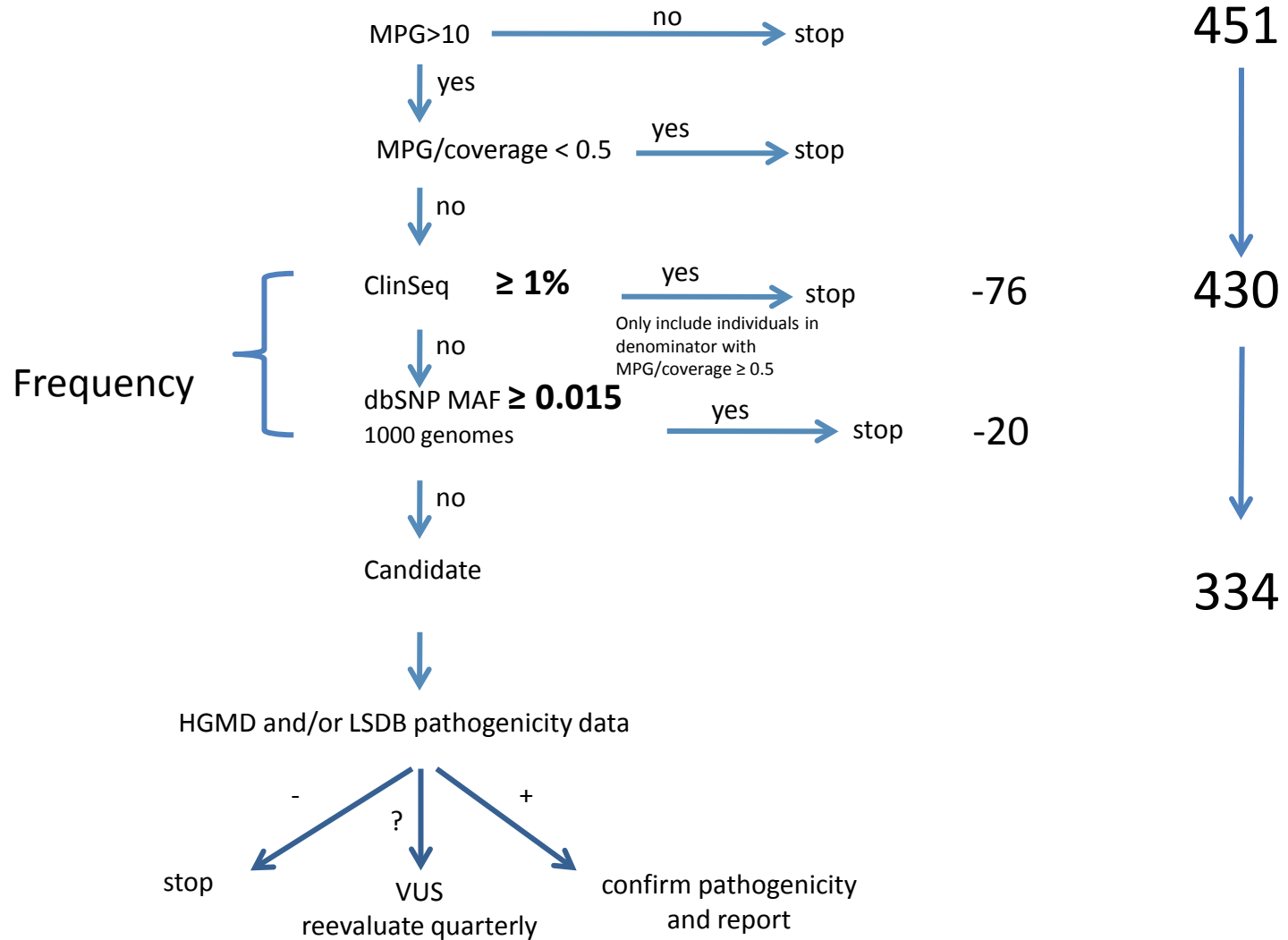
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Evaluation of Candidates

- Controls
- Multiple reports
- Functional data
- Presence with other causative mutations
- Segregation with disease (LD & linkage caveat)
- De novo* (assuming parentage)
- Penetrance
- Phenocopies

VarSifter - HGMD

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Screening for BRCA1, BRCA2, CHEK2, PALB2, BRIP1, RAD50, and CDH1 mutations in high-risk Finnish BRCA1/2-founder mutation-negative breast and/or ovarian cancer individuals.

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Abstract

ABSTRACT:

INTRODUCTION: Two major high-penetrance breast cancer genes, BRCA1 and BRCA2, are responsible for approximately 20% of hereditary breast cancer (HBC) cases in Finland. Additionally, rare mutations in several other genes that interact with BRCA1 and BRCA2 increase the risk of HBC. Still, a majority of HBC cases remain unexplained which is challenging for genetic counseling. We aimed to analyze additional mutations in HBC-associated genes and to define the sensitivity of our current BRCA1/2 mutation analysis protocol used in genetic counseling.

METHODS: Eighty-two well-characterized, high-risk hereditary breast and/or ovarian cancer (HBOC) BRCA1/2-founder mutation-negative Finnish individuals, were screened for germline alterations in seven breast cancer susceptibility genes, BRCA1, BRCA2, CHEK2, PALB2, BRIP1, RAD50, and CDH1. BRCA1/2 were analyzed by multiplex ligation-dependent probe amplification (MLPA) and direct sequencing. CHEK2 was analyzed by the high resolution melt (HRM) method and PALB2, RAD50, BRIP1 and CDH1 were analyzed by direct sequencing. Carrier frequencies between 82 (HBOC) BRCA1/2-founder mutation-negative Finnish individuals and 384 healthy Finnish population controls were compared by using Fisher's exact test. In silico prediction for novel missense variants effects was carried out by using Pathogenic-Or-Not-Pipeline (PON-P).

RESULTS: Three previously reported breast cancer-associated variants, BRCA1 c.5095C > T, CHEK2 c.470T > C, and CHEK2 c.1100delC, were observed in eleven (13.4%) individuals. Ten of these individuals (12.2%) had CHEK2 variants, c.470T > C and/or c.1100delC. Fourteen novel sequence alterations and nine individuals with more than one non-synonymous variant were identified. One of the novel variants, BRCA2 c.72A > T (Leu24Phe) was predicted to be likely pathogenic in silico. No large genomic rearrangements were detected in BRCA1/2 by multiplex ligation-dependent probe amplification (MLPA).

CONCLUSIONS: In this study, mutations in previously known breast cancer susceptibility genes can explain 13.4% of the analyzed high-risk BRCA1/2-negative HBOC individuals. CHEK2 mutations, c.470T > C and c.1100delC, make a considerable contribution (12.2%) to these high-risk individuals but further segregation analysis is needed to evaluate the clinical significance of these mutations before applying them in clinical use. Additionally, we identified novel variants that warrant additional studies. Our current genetic testing protocol for 28 Finnish BRCA1/2-founder mutations and protein truncation test (PTT) of the largest exons is sensitive enough for clinical use as a primary screening tool.

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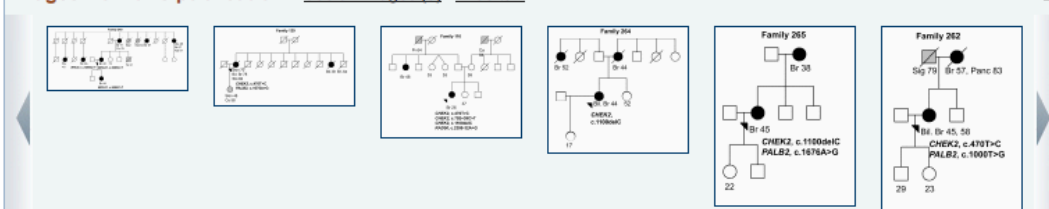
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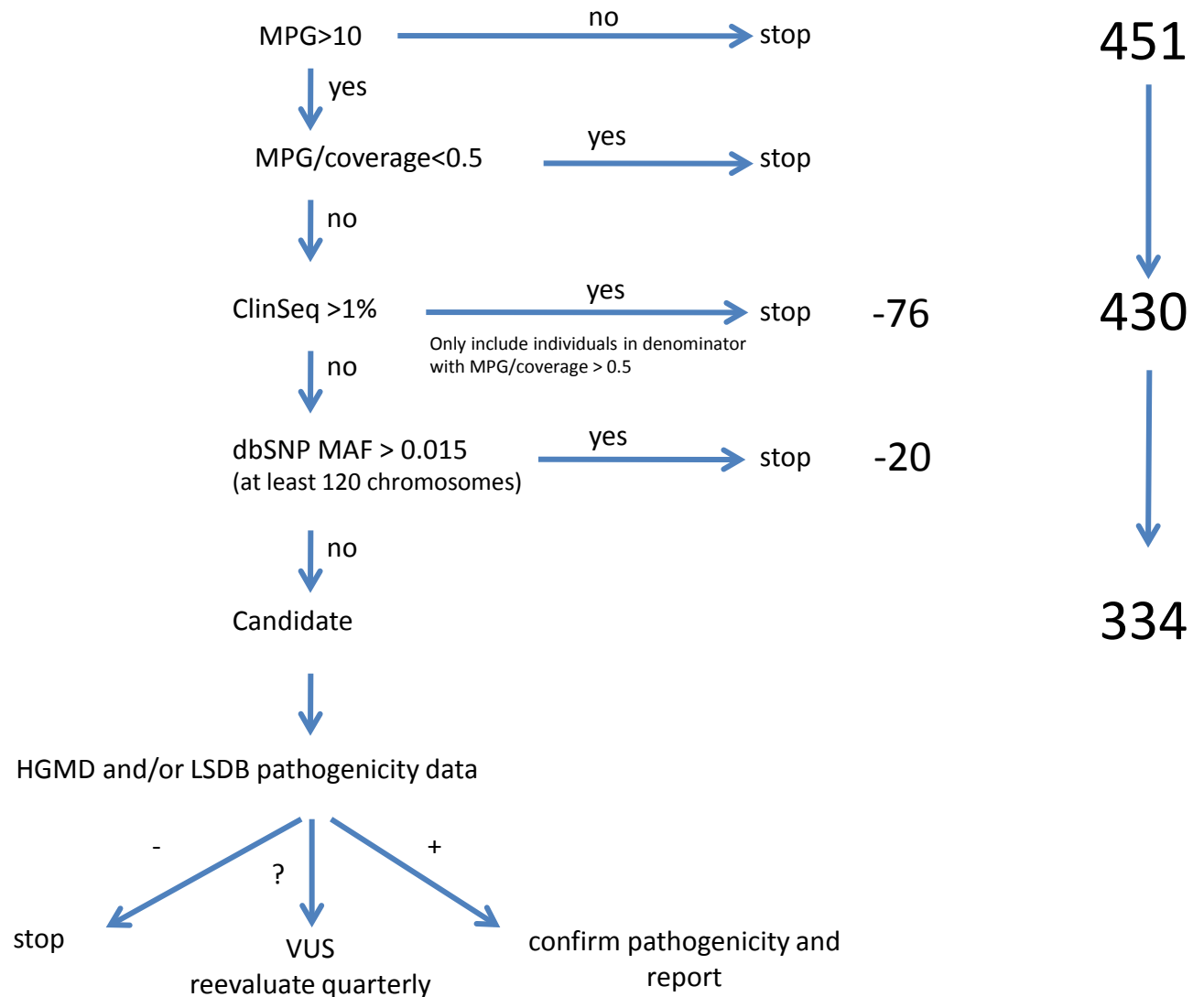
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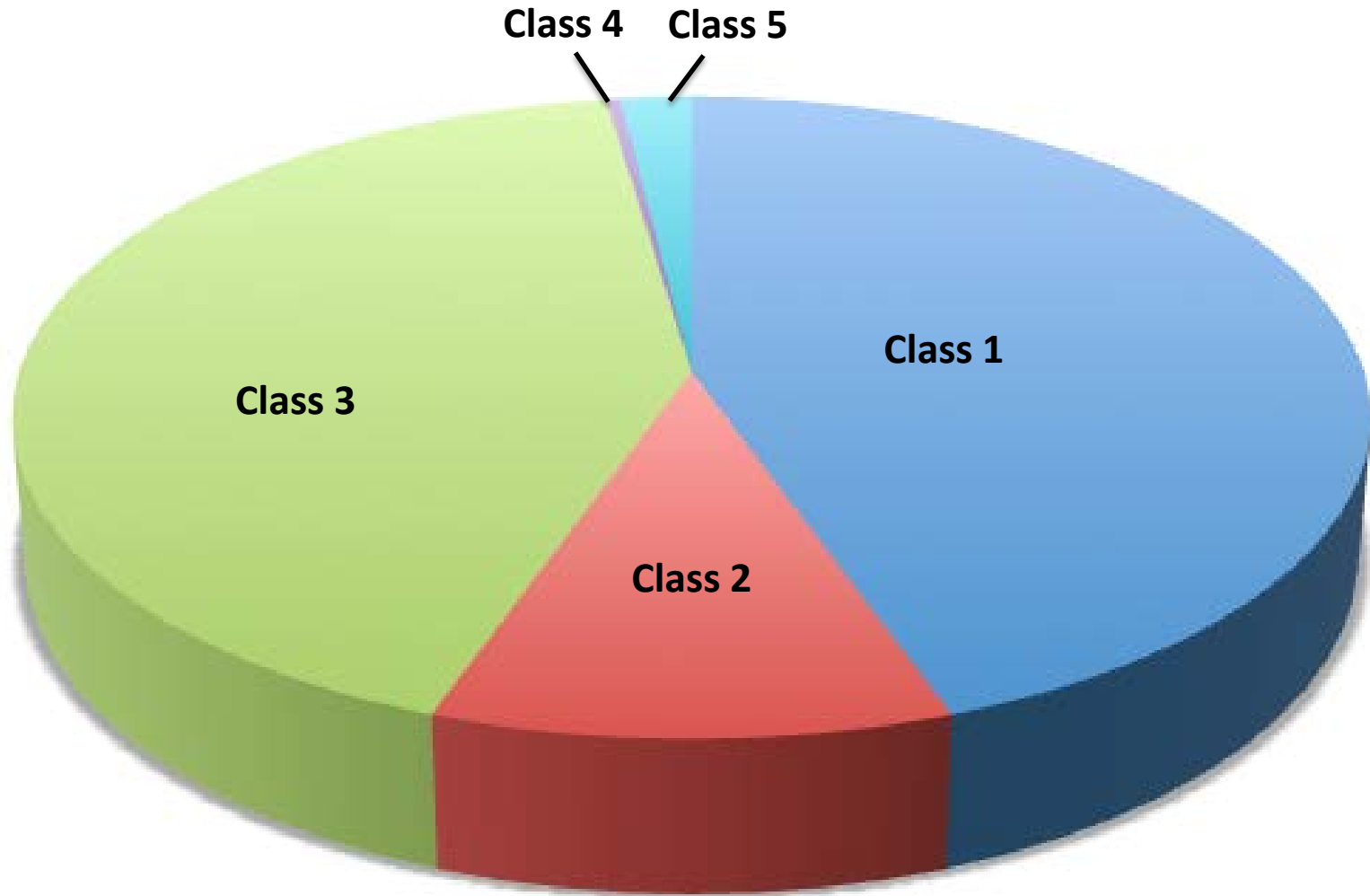


International Association for Research on Cancer (IARC) Pathogenicity Scale

Proposed Classification System for Sequence Variants Identified by Genetic Testing

Class	Description	Probability of being pathogenic
5	Definitely pathogenic	>0.99
4	Likely pathogenic	0.95-0.99
3	Uncertain	0.05-0.949
2	Likely not pathogenic or of little clinical significance	0.001-0.049
1	Not pathogenic or of no clinical significance	<0.001
0	Insufficient information i.e., did not pass quality filter	

Summary of Variant Scores



Lessons Learned

- Most variants don't need neurons
 - Filter away variants that are highly likely benign
 - Set thresholds that reflect best judgment of:
 - Disease biology, medical reality, genetics, & patient attributes
- Focus on those few that do
 - Acquire and display most useful and robust data that can be mustered *and think*
- Capture and store judgments
- Continually reassess interpretations

What is at Stake

- Among 572 participants *preliminary analysis showed likely pathologic variants for:*
 - 9 with *familial hypercholesterolemia*
 - 7 with *high penetrance Br/Ov Cancer*
 - 6 with *malignant hyperthermia*
 - 3 with *HNPP*
 - 2 with *cardiac dysrhythmia*