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Elements of WGA

- Phenotype Model
- Genotype
- Association between Phenotype Model and Genotype

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Elements of Phenotype

- Protocols, Questionnaires, Documentation
 - Best explanation of measured attributes
 - Basically Text, often on paper or scanned PDF
 - Often unavailable even to sponsoring IC

- Data

- Data Dictionary

Elements of Phenotype

- Protocols, Questionnaires, Documentation

- Data
 - Measured attributes in a square table
 - Row is individual
 - Column is measure
 - Column names often obscure (eg. “HO112”)
 - In many formats (Excel, SAS, RDB, text)

- Data Dictionary

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Elements of Phenotype

- Protocols, Questionnaires, Documentation

- Data

- Data Dictionary
 - Links Protocol element to Data column
 - Not generally available or widely usable

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Organize Data First

- Take Data in whatever format available
- Automatically load columns and rows in Generic Database
- Automatically analyze content of columns
- Review report with submitter

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Organize Documents Next

- Manually link specific questions/measures to Data column names
- Send out for tagging into XForms XML
- View as HTML document
- Process for indexing
- Generate views of specific questions across forms and studies

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NCBI WGA – What Can I Do?

- [Unrestricted Public Use]
 - Browse/Search Projects and Studies
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 - View Phenotype Measures Summary Data
 - View Genotype Measures Summary Data
 - Identify Studies of Interest and Authorization Authorities
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 - Download Genotype/Phenotype Data for Individuals

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Genotype Data

- NCBI is working with ICs on Genotype Data where possible
- Both genotype calls and underlying intensity data directly from vendors to NCBI
- NCBI is working with major vendors on appropriate data content and formats
- Genotype summaries will be available to public as permitted
- Individual genotypes available through the same authorization process as individual phenotypes

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Current Activities

- Genetic Association Information Network (GAIN)
- Genetics and Environment Initiative (GEI)
- Framingham Genetic Study
- National Institute for Neurological Disease and Stroke (NINDS)
- NHGRI Medical Resequencing
- NEI Macular Degeneration
- Control sets

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NEI Age-Related Eye Disease Study (AREDS)

Description

The Age-Related Eye Disease Study (AREDS) was initially conceived as a long-term multicenter, prospective study of the clinical course of age-related macular degeneration (AMD) and age-related cataract. In addition to collecting natural history data, AREDS included a clinical trial of high-dose vitamin and mineral supplements for AMD and a clinical trial of high-dose vitamin supplements for cataract. Results from these clinical trials have been published. The two clinical trials generally shared 1 pool of participants (Figure 1). The clinical trials were initiated largely because of the widespread public use in the United States of commercially available pharmacologic doses of vitamins and minerals to treat these two eye conditions and the absence of definitive studies on the safety and efficacy of their use.

Eligible AREDS participants were age 55 to 80 years of age at enrollment and had to be free of any illness or condition that would make long-term follow-up or compliance with study medications unlikely or difficult. On the basis of fundus photographs graded by a central reading center, best-corrected visual acuity and ophthalmologic evaluations, participants were enrolled in one of several AMD.

It is hoped that this resource will help researchers better understand two important diseases that affect an aging population. The AREDS Research Group hopes that data from AREDS on progression rates and risk factors for AMD and cataract will further understanding of the clinical course of both conditions, generate hypotheses about etiology and aid in the design of clinical trials of potential interventions.

- Subjects: 600
- Type: case-control
- Status:

History

AREDS Time Line

- November 1992 - first qualifying visit
- February 1993 - first randomization visit
- December 1993 - first annual visit
- February 1994 - release of Finnish study results
- December 1994 - second annual visits
- January 1996 - release of Caret study results
- March 1996 - implementation of sunlight exposure questionnaire (SEQ) and reassignment of smokers to non-antioxidant study medications
- April 1997 - implementation of visual function questionnaire with appendix (NEI VFQ)
- January 1998 - implementation of 5th year follow-up interview, approval of genetics ancillary study, and end of recruitment
- May 1998 - first blood drawn for genetics ancillary study
- June 2000 - implementation of cognitive function protocol; April 2001 - last phase II study visit
- Fall 2001 - trial results announced and initiation of phase III
- December 2005 - end of study

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Age Related Eye Disease Study

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Chapter 7 EXAMINATION PROCEDURES

7.1 INTRODUCTION

The procedures for carrying out the examinations required in the study are described in this chapter. Required ocular examinations include refraction and visual acuity measurements, intraocular pressure measurement, and ophthalmoscopic examination. General characteristic assessments include measurement of height, weight, and blood pressure and determination of past medical history. Risk factor assessments will require the administration of the food frequency and sunlight exposure questionnaires as well as collection of blood specimens. Procedures for participant identification, masking, distribution and management of the supplementation, adherence assessment, and home visit examination are also described. Procedures for taking photographs of the lens and fundus are described in detail in Chapter 8. The schedule and description of participant visits in Chapter 6 outline the examinations required during each visit.

7.2 REFRACTION AND VISUAL ACUITY

A manifest refraction and visual acuity measurement according to the detailed study protocol must be performed during (a) the Qualifying Visit when the visual acuity score using Chart R is 73 letters or less in at least one eye, (b) the Randomization Visit, (c) Annual Visits, and (d) any Nonannual Visit when the visual acuity score using Chart R has dropped by 10 letters or more compared to the Randomization Visit score for the first time. Participants' pupils should not be dilated at the time of visual acuity testing at any study visit; except they may be dilated during the Qualifying Visit. Pinhole acuity will not be tested as part of AREDS. At the Qualifying Visit, visual acuity may be initially assessed utilizing the participant's current distance glasses. At the Nonannual Visits, visual acuity is initially assessed utilizing the previously obtained manifest refraction. Participants will be asked to read the letters on Chart R only (not Charts 1 or 2), using the equipment described in Section 7.2.1. They will start reading from the top left-most letters--first with the right eye and then with the left eye. A visual acuity score will be calculated as described in Section 7.2.3.3. If at the Qualifying Visit the visual acuity is 74 letters or more in each eye or if at a Nonannual Visit the visual acuity is within nine letters of the Randomization Visit score in each eye, or a vision drop has already been documented in each eye, the visual acuities measured will be entered on the study form. For these participants, a manifest refraction and measurement of best-corrected visual acuity, using the detailed protocol (Sections 7.2.1 - 7.2.3), will not be required.

7.2.1 Visual Acuity Equipment and Facilities

7.2.1.1 Introduction.—The visual acuity of participants will be measured according to the standard procedure developed for the Early Treatment diabetic Retinopathy Study (ETDRS) and adapted for AREDS. The procedure is described in this section. The following equipment is used in AREDS: a set of three Lighthouse Distance Visual Acuity Test charts (second edition), which are modified ETDRS Charts 1, 2, and R, 1 and a retroilluminated box providing standardized chart illumination, as modified from the design by Ferris and Sperduto. 2 The charts and boxes are manufactured by:

Lighthouse Low Vision Products
36-02 Northern Boulevard
Long Island, New York 11101

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Description

Sitting systolic blood pressure (at follow-up year 0)

Summary

Related Documents

- [Chapter 7: Examination procedures](#)
- [Baseline interview — phase II](#)

Overall Summary Over All Subjects

Case vs. Control Distribution

Number of cases: 356

Number of controls: 172

Comparison of Values between Cases and Controls

"P = 0.04254 (T-test)"

	All	Case	Control
Statistical Summary			
Mean:	136.3	137.5	134
Median:	134	134	132
Min:	74	74	96
Max:	204	204	180
N:	528	356	172
Null/Missing Values:	0	0	0
Invalid Values:	72	44	28
Standard Deviation:	18.6	19.11	17.29

Example Values (Count)

"130" (43)	"130" (34)	"150" (15)
"120" (32)	"120" (26)	"140" (13)
"150" (29)	"134" (17)	"138" (10)
"140" (25)	"128" (15)	"124" (9)
"124" (24)	"160" (15)	"130" (9)
"132" (24)	"132" (15)	"132" (9)
"128" (22)	"124" (15)	"122" (9)
"138" (22)	"150" (14)	"136" (7)
"160" (20)	"140" (12)	"128" (7)
"134" (18)	"142" (12)	"118" (6)

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Document Parts Related to Variable

- **Document Name:** Chapter 7: Examination procedures

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7.6. BLOOD PRESSURE MEASUREMENT

Blood pressure measurements will be taken by a certified examiner using a standard mercury sphygmomanometer. Instructions for preparing the participant, using the proper techniques, utilizing equipment, and measuring and recording the blood pressure are provided below. Some institutions have installed electronic automated sphygmomanometers. In the interest of data consistency, standard mercury units are the instruments of choice; however it is recognized

- **Document Name:** Baseline interview — phase II

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a.. Systolic (mmHg) |

21 a..
ANTACIDS (eg, Tums, Roloids, Mylanta): For how many years, over your lifetime, have you taken at least 5 times a week for more than 3 months?

- Do not take it
- < 5 years
- ≥ 5 and < 10 years
- ≥ 10 and < 20 years
- ≥ 20 years

b.. Are you currently taking antacids regularly?

- no
- yes

I would like to take your blood pressure again, and then measure your height and weight.

22.. Sitting blood pressure (second reading). (Participant must have been seated and quiet for measurement. See Section 7.6 of the Manual of Operations.):

- a.. Systolic (mmHg)
- a.. Diastolic (mmHg)
- b.. Certification number of blood pressure examiner:

- 23..
- a.. Height (to nearest inch):
- b.. Weight (to nearest pound):
- c.. Certification number of height and weight examiner:

24.. Approximately how much did you weigh when you were 20 years of age? (lbs.)

- 25..
- a.. Hematocrit (%):
- b.. Method of hematocrit measurement:
 - Macro
 - Micro
 - Automated
- c.. Date of blood draw:

For MALE participants, end of interview. Thank the participant, sign the form, and complete date of interview on page 7.

For FEMALE participants, interview continues below.

WOMEN ONLY

I would like to ask you a few questions about your reproductive history.

26.. Have you ever been pregnant? If no, skip to 27

- Slide bottom weight balance (100 lb) first to participant's estimated gross weight; make sure that the weight balance is locked into its slotted position.
- Slide the top arm weight balance into position so that the scale indicator is centered.
- Carefully read measurement to the nearest 1 lb (tick mark).
- Say measurement aloud.
- Record measurement in pounds (lb) on form, filling in any leading zero.
- Ask participant to step down and recover his or her shoes and any clothes.

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7.6.1. Participant Preparation

- The participant should be seated with feet flat and on the floor and legs uncrossed, with the right arm bared, supported, and positioned at heart level and should not have smoked, eaten, ingested caffeine or been exposed to exertion or cold for at least 30 minutes prior to the measurement. The participant should be seated and quiet for at least 5 minutes prior to the measurement, and requested not to talk while blood pressure is being taken.
- Choose appropriate cuff size for arm to be tested. The rubber bladder should encircle at least two-thirds of the arm. If the cuff is too narrow, the blood pressure reading will be erroneously high; if it is too wide, the reading may be low. A cuff that is 12-14 cm wide is satisfactory for the average adult arm.

7.6.2. Technique

- Use a standard mercury sphygmomanometer to measure the blood pressure. The mercury manometer must be handled carefully to avoid loss of mercury. The level of mercury in the tube should be observed with no pressure applied to the cuff. If necessary, mercury should be added to the reservoir to bring the edge of the mercury meniscus exactly to the zero mark. The column of the usual desk or wall manometer must be vertical for correct reading. Some mobile or floor-based mercury manometers are designed to be read at a reclined angle and the gradations are adjusted accordingly. It is important that the instrument be used with the tube and its scale in the correct position. The tube of the mercury manometer should be inspected regularly for dirt or sign of oxidation. Clogging in the air vent or filter at the top of the manometer tube will cause the mercury column to respond sluggishly to declining pressure in the bladder and will cause an erroneous reading. The filter and the vent should be serviced at least annually to ensure continued accuracy.
- Place lower edge of cuff with its tubing connections approximately 1 inch above natural crease of the inner aspect of elbow (2.5 cm above antecubital space).
- Wrap cuff snugly about arm with inflatable inner bladder centered over area of brachial artery (medial surface of arm).
- Be sure that the connecting tube attached to the mercury column is away from the participant's body and

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Association/Analysis Pages

Analysis: - Microsoft Internet Explorer
Address: http://graceland:6224/staff/kimurama/gap/cgi-bin/analysis.cgi?id=pha000001

Univariate SNP Allelic Association Method I

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[NEI Age-Related Eye Disease Study \(AREDS\)](#) >> Univariate SNP Allelic Association Method I

Description

This analysis of association between allele and the AMD status variable (amdstat) from the National Eye Institute Age-Related Eye Disease Study (AREDS) was computed by the dbGaP group at NCBI. This case-control study contained 400 cases and 200 controls. Case individuals have been diagnosed as having non-vascular AMD (199), geographic atrophy (137), both non-vascular AMD and geographic atrophy (50), or large drusen (14). Genotyping was conducted by the [Center for Inherited Disease Research \(CIDR\)](#) using the Illumina SentrixR Human-1 Genotyping Beadchip.

Analyzed Variable(s)

[amdstat](#)

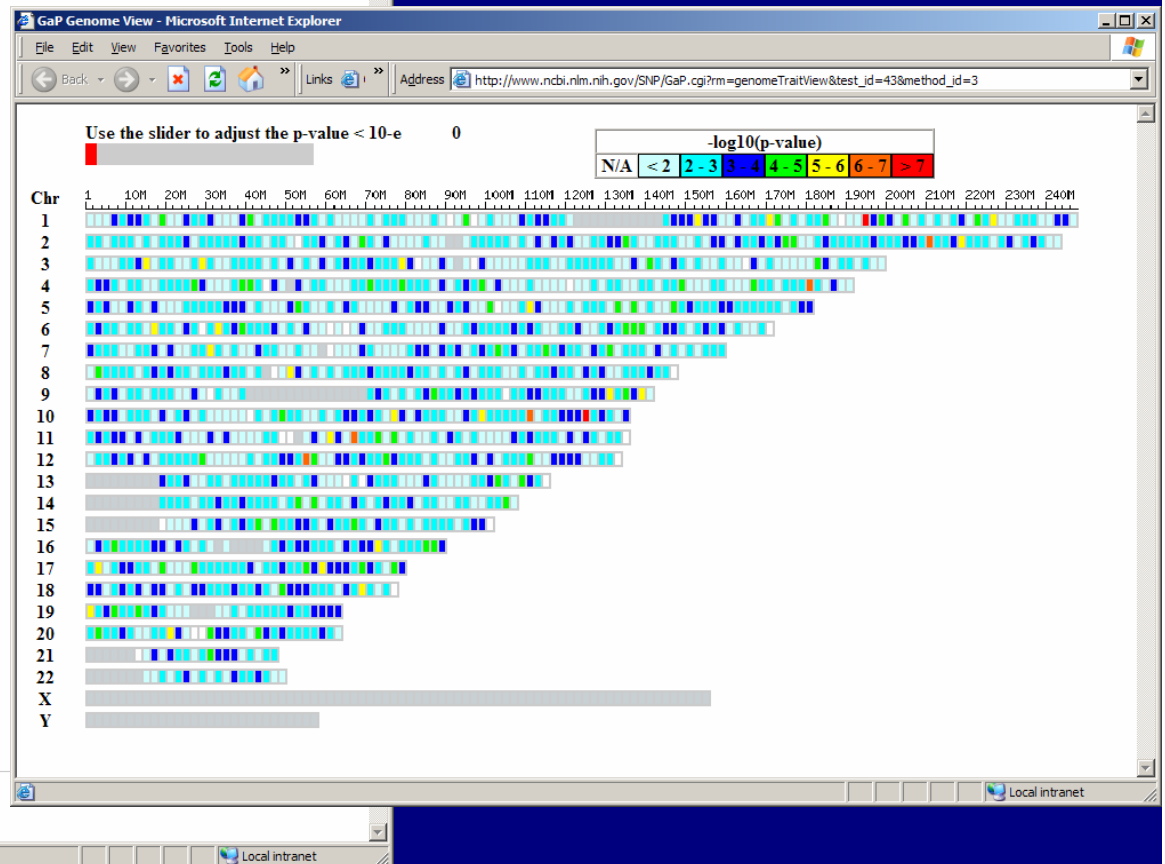
Browse/Search Analysis Results

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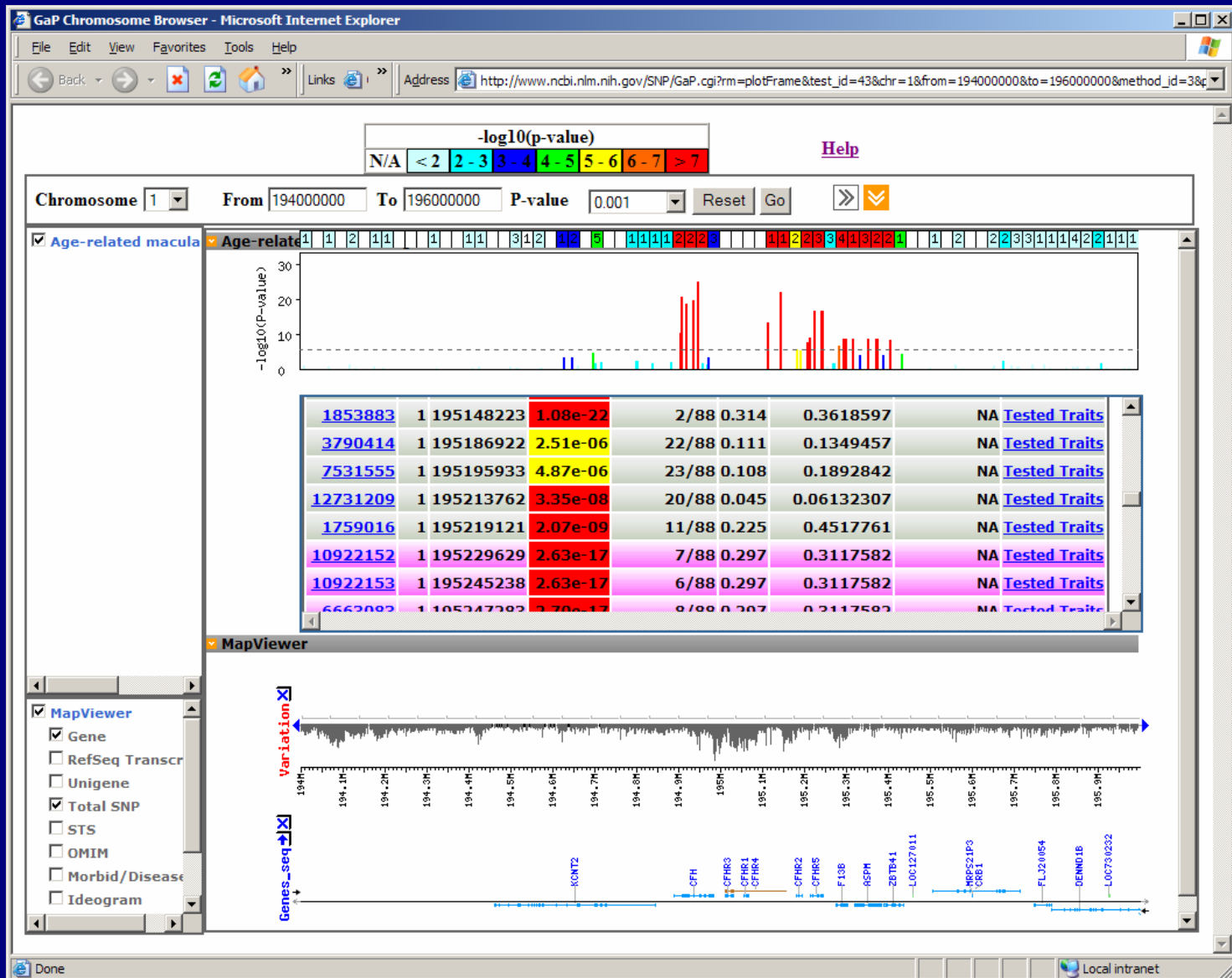
Methods

For each marker, a 2 X 2 contingency table of snp allele counts is constructed using a single binomial trait and a biallelic snp marker.

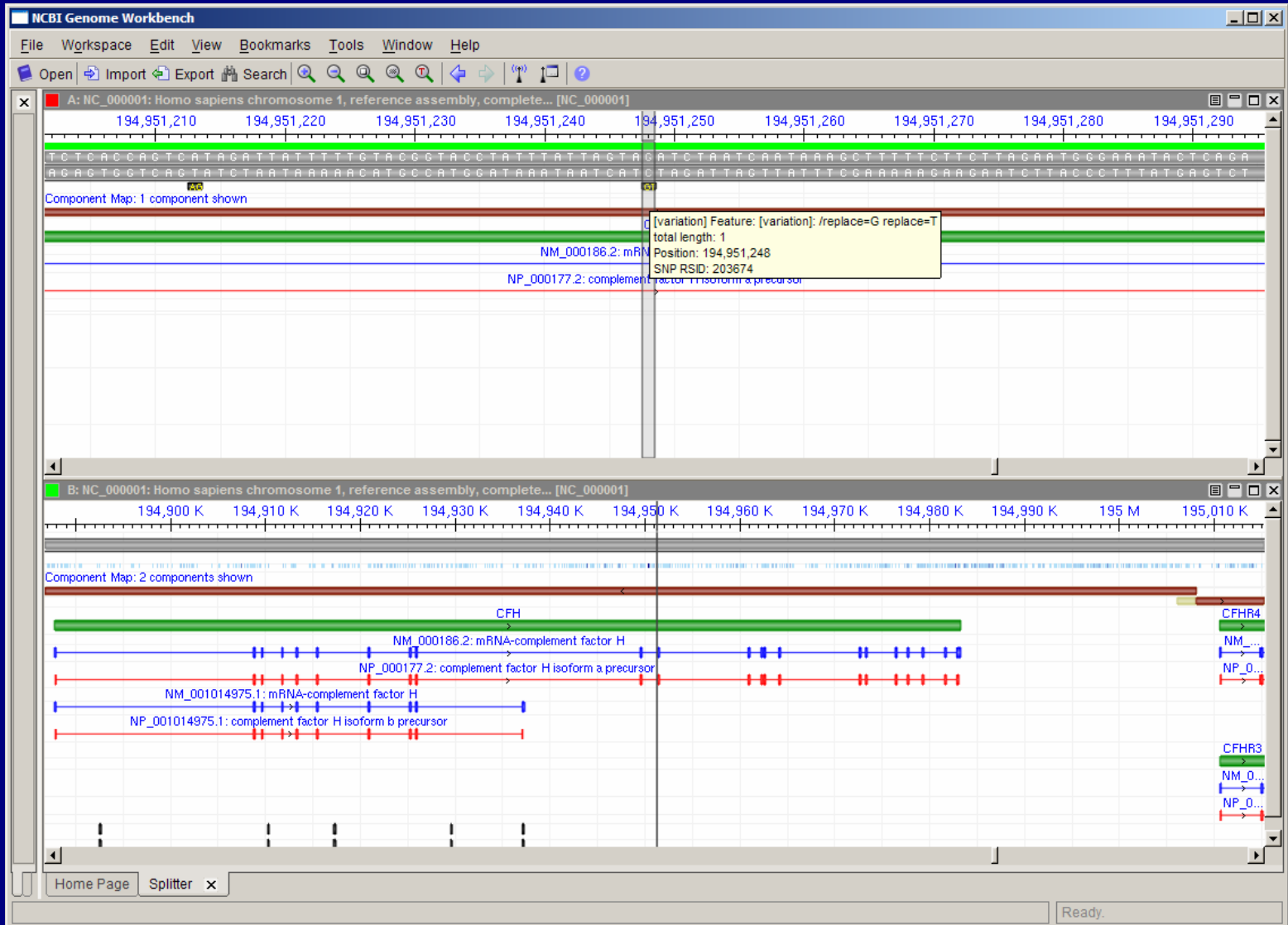
Expected counts are computed by multiplying the allele frequencies observed in the control group by the sample size of the affected group. In tables containing allelic counts less than 5, the p-value is calculated using Fisher's Exact test. Otherwise the p-value is calculated using the Pearson's chi-square statistic with one degree of freedom. The resulting p-values are not adjusted to account for multiple testing as part of this method. Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium (HWE) was tested on SNP markers on both case and control groups using the exact test provided by the [R population genetics package](#) (Gregory Warnes and Friedrich Leisch).



Associations Close Up



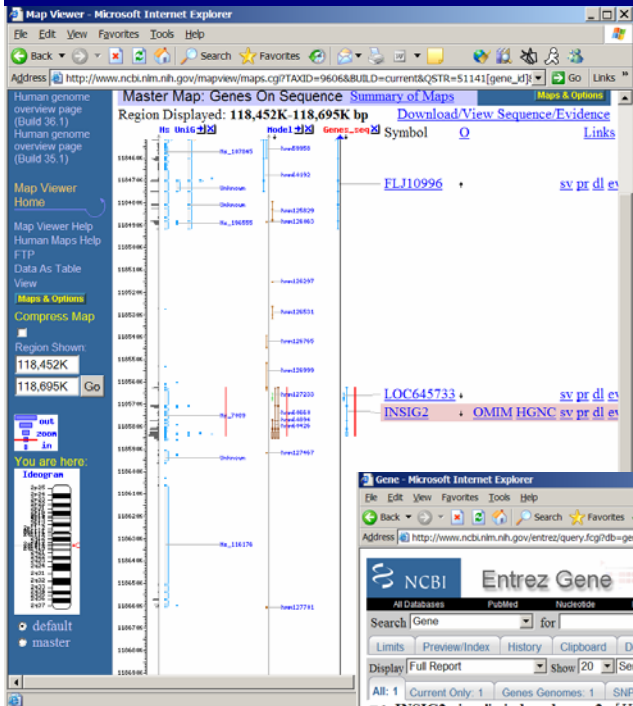
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Closing the Loop



A common genetic variant is associated with adult and childhood obesity.

Herbert A, Gerry NP, McQueen MB, Heid IM, Pfeufer A, Illig T, Wichmann HE, Meitinger T, Hunter D, Hu FB, Colditz G, Hinney A, Hebebrand J, Koberwitz K, Zhu X, Cooper R, Ardlie K, Lyon H, Hirschhorn JN, Laird NM, Lenburg ME, Lange C, Christman MF.

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Obesity is a heritable trait and a risk factor for many common diseases such as type 2 diabetes, heart disease, and hypertension. We used a dense whole-genome scan of DNA samples from the Framingham Heart Study participants to identify a common genetic variant near the INSIG2 gene associated with obesity. We have replicated the finding in four separate samples composed of individuals of Western European ancestry, African Americans, and children. The obesity-predisposing genotype is present in 10% of individuals. Our study suggests that common genetic polymorphisms are important determinants of obesity.