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Lecture Outline

- To review the rationales for mapping susceptibility genes for complex diseases
- To highlight current tools/approaches for mapping susceptibility genes for complex diseases
- To present preliminary whole exome sequencing results for familial IgAN



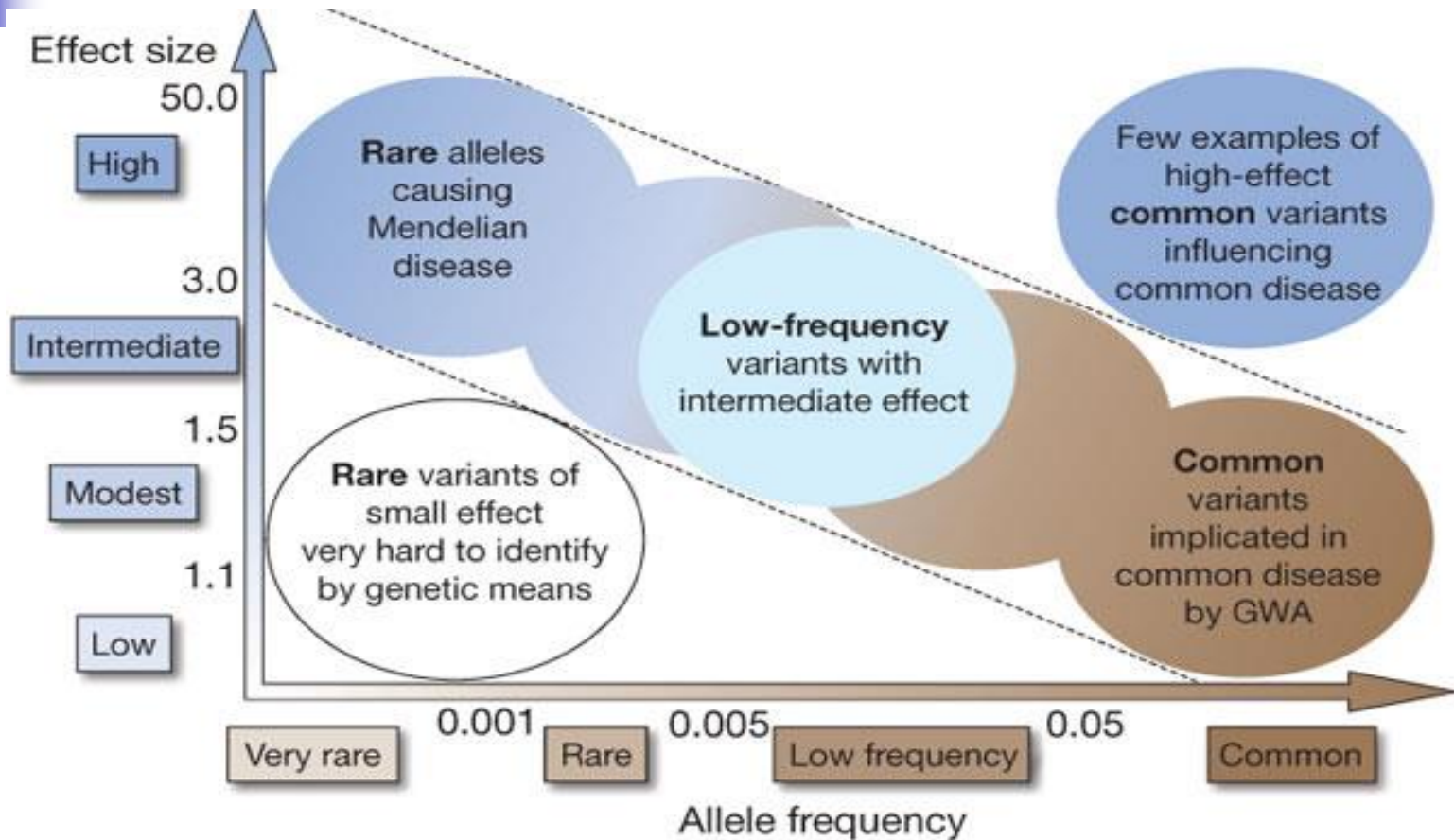
Identifying Susceptibility Genes in Complex Diseases

Why do it?

- To improve diagnosis and prognosis at the level of the individual patients
- To identify the primary disease pathway and molecular targets for biomarkers and drug Rx

Mapping Susceptibility Genes

What have We Learned?





Molecular Genetics of flgAN

- Familial clustering consistent with autosomal dominant inheritance with reduced penetrance
- A genome scan of multiplex families
→ a major locus on chr. 6q22 (IGAN1)¹
- A second genome scan of multiplex families showed suggestive linkage to two additional loci (chr.4q22-31 and 17q12-22)²
- No disease genes identified to date

[1] Nature Genet 26:354-7, 2000

[2] Am J Hum Genet 79:1130-7, 2006



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Study Patients

In total, 109 Pts from 54 families with flgAN (1 family with 3 exomes, 53 families each with 2 exomes)

- Canadian IgAN families (n=5):
 - IgAN3*, 7, 8, & 9* each with 2 exomes
 - IgAN6* with 3 exomes
- Chinese IgAN families (n=24):
 - each with 2 exomes (HK1-24)

**Data set 1 (59 exomes):
SSV4/SSV5 capture kits
HiSeq2500**

- French IgAN families (n=25)
 - Each with 2 exomes (FR1-25)

**Data set 2 (50 exomes):
SSV5 capture kit
HiSeq2500**

* Three multiplex families with linkage data

Mean target reads: Median: 86.2x; Mean: 88x

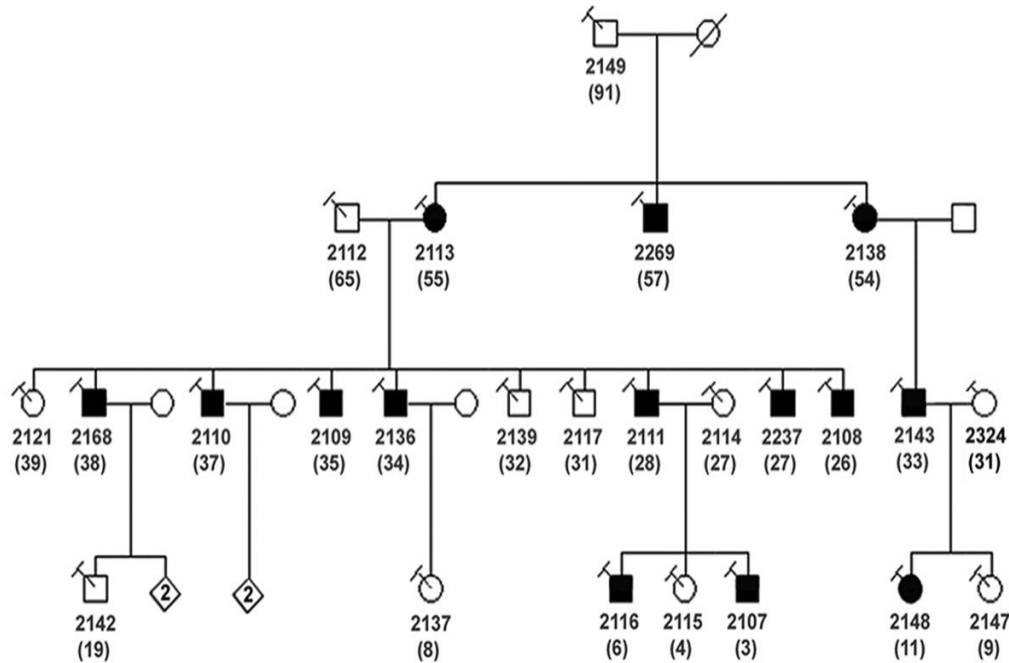
% exons with no coverage: Median: 0.12%; Mean: 0.14%



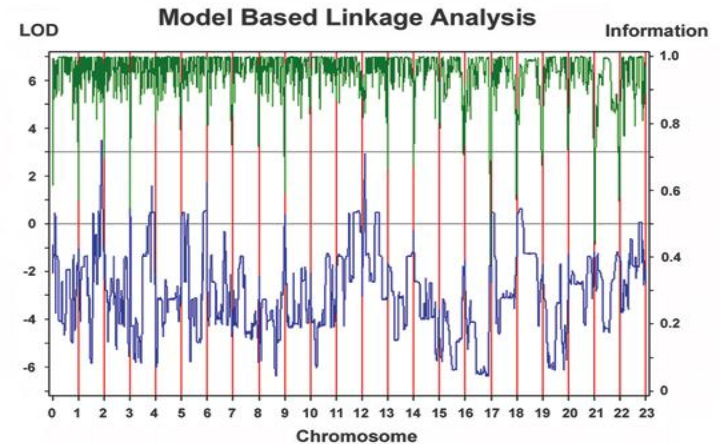
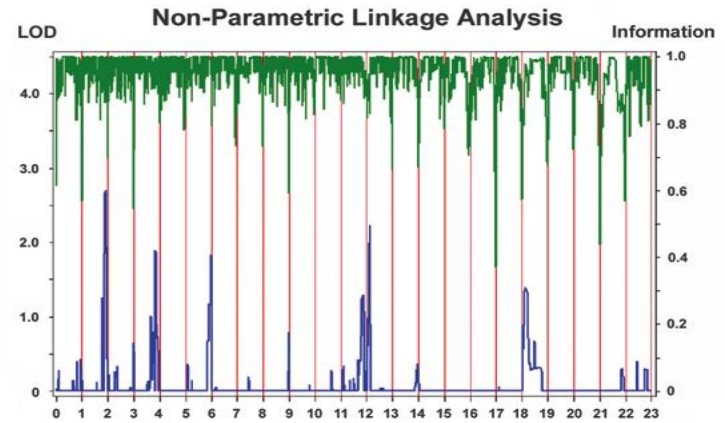
Methods

- **Linkage analysis in 3 large multiplex families**
 - **Exome sequencing (2-3 patients/family)**
 - Agilent SureSelect V4/V5 kit for exon capture
 - Illumina HiSeq2500 for sequencing
 - **Identify rare heterozygous deleterious variants**
 - MAF \leq 1% and 5% (1000G, ESP, Complete Genomics)
 - High impact (i.e. nonsense, frameshift, splicing, stop codon)
 - Moderate impact (i.e. inframe indel, *non-synonymous missense variant)
 - **Follow-up studies**
 - Validation by Sanger sequencing
 - Within-family segregation
 - Additional mutations of the same gene in unrelated families
- *Predicted by at least 2/6 algorithms:
- SIFT \leq 0.05
 - Polyphen2 \geq 0.95
 - Mutation Assessor \geq 2
 - PhyloP Mam_avg \geq 2.5
 - PhyloP Vert100_avg \geq 4
 - CADD_phred \geq 15

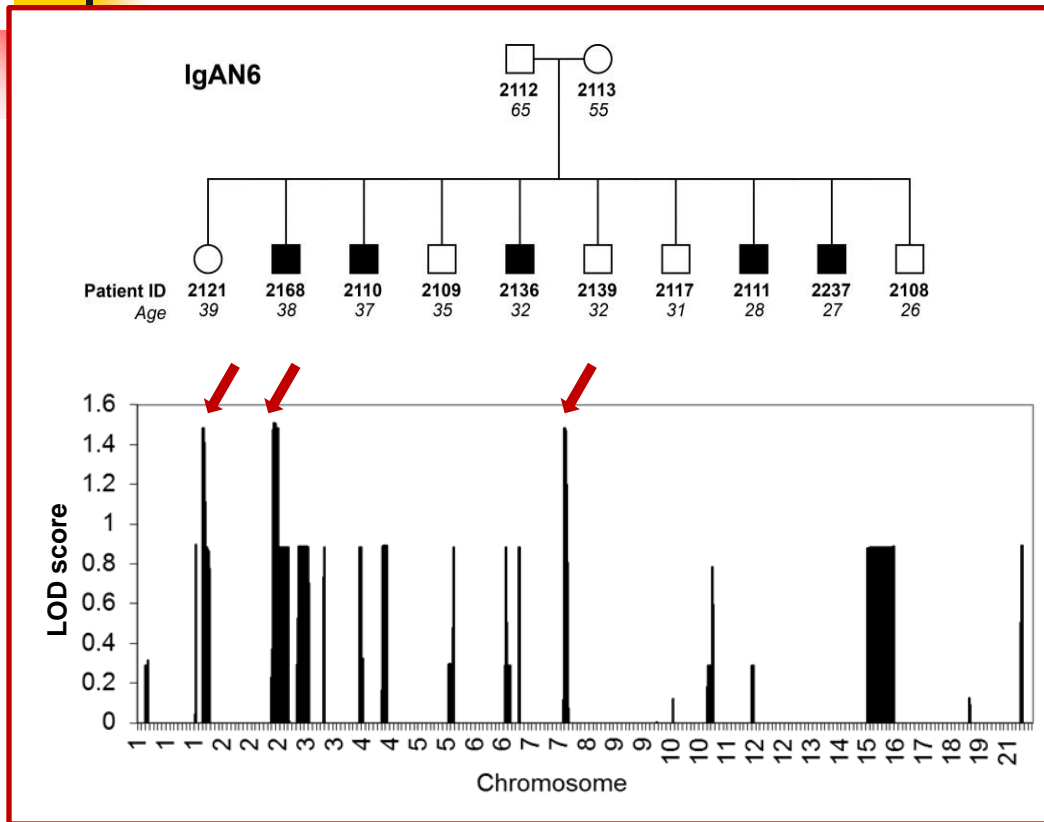
Combined Linkage and WES Analysis in IgAN6



**COL4A3 (p.G695R, CM040407)
co-segregated with 14 affected**



Repeat Affected Only Linkage Analysis in IgAN6 (with patients with +ve Bx or ESRD)



Identified 3 regions with LOD score ~1.45:

Chr 1q42-44 (137 genes)

Chr 2q36-37 (76 genes)

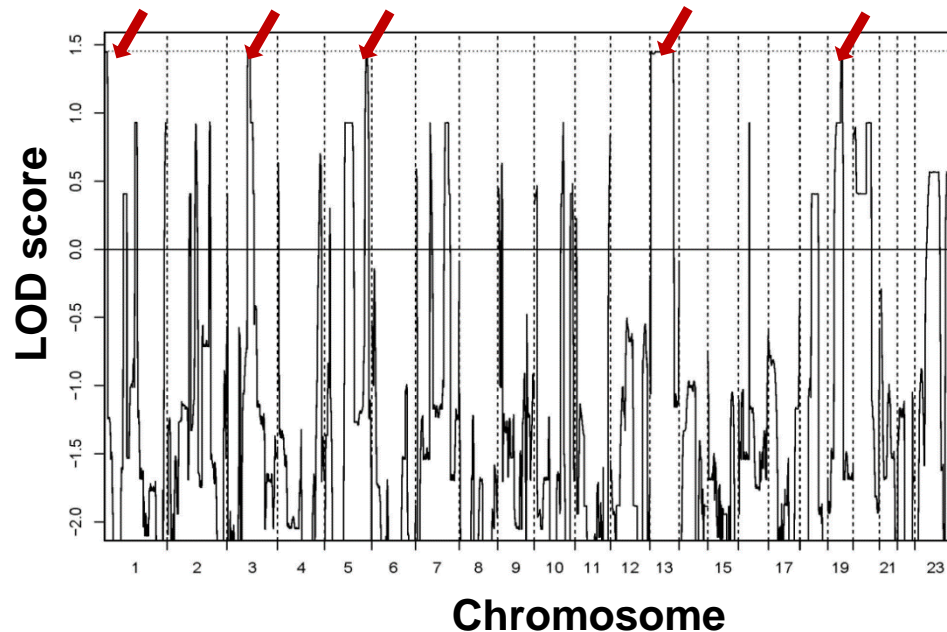
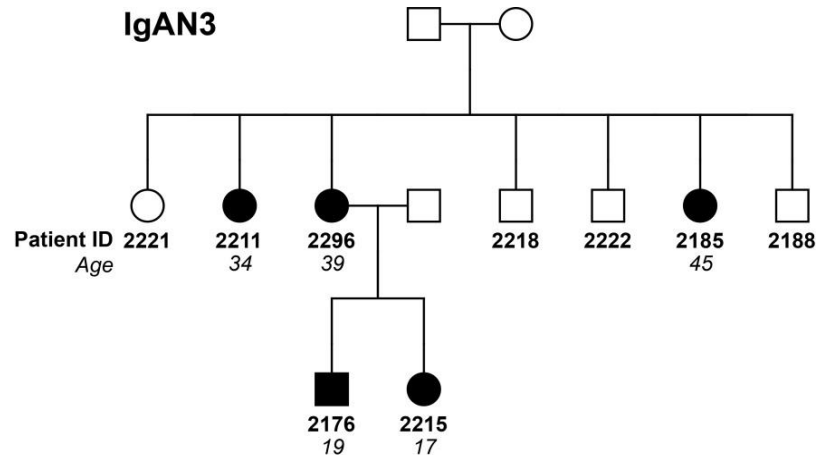
Chr 7q33-36 (222 genes)

Model under autosomal dominant inheritance

- 75% penetrance
- a disease allele frequency of 0.001
- phenocopy rate of 0.01

No pathogenic mutation was identified in three regions of suggestive linkage. However, non-canonical splice variants and CNVs have not been excluded.

Linkage Analysis in IgAN3



Autosomal dominant model

- Penetrance: 70-90%
- disease allele of 0.005
- phenocopy rate of 0.001

Chr. 1p36 (70 genes)

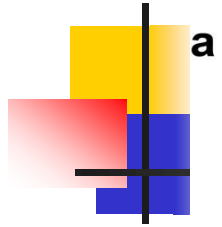
Chr. 3p14-q13 (132 genes)

Chr. 5q34-35 (55 genes)

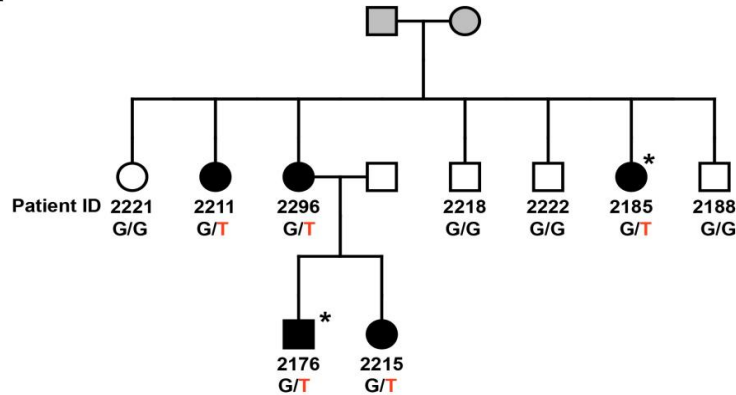
Chr. 13q12-33 (347 genes)

Chr. 19p13-q13 (691 genes)

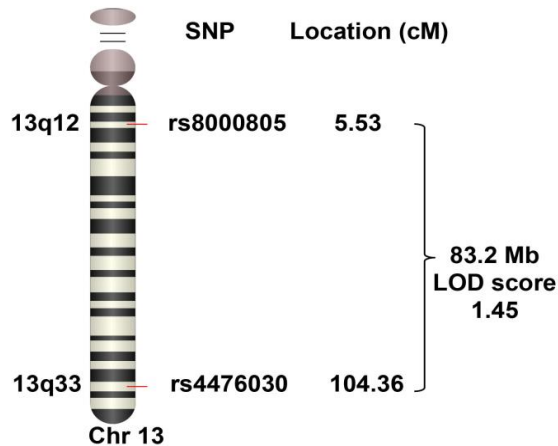
Combined Multipoint Linkage & WES Analysis in IgAN3 Family Identified a Novel G310V Mutation in LCP1 Gene



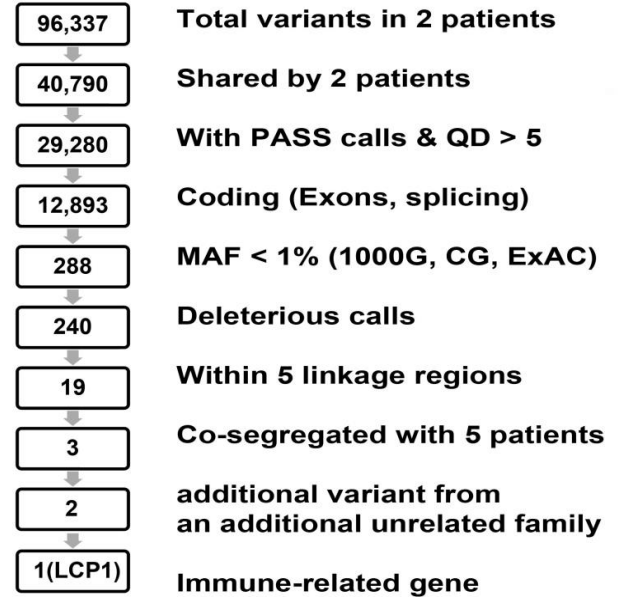
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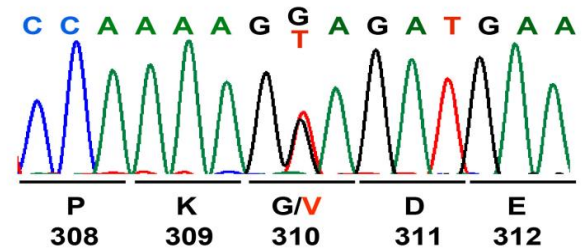
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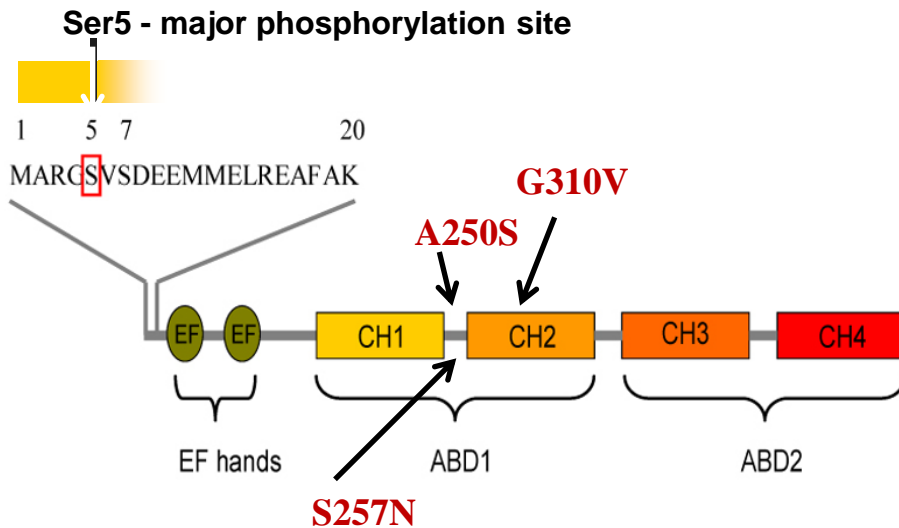
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LCP1: Rare Deleterious Variants from 3 Unrelated IgAN Families



LCP1 (lymphocyte cytosolic protein 1, 627 AA):

- A250S (0.29% ASN, damaging 4/6): **HK16_F (affected only)**
- S257N (rs149807920, 0.17% EUR, damaging 2/6): **FR4**
- G310V (novel, damaging 4/6): **IgAN3**

Mutation burden test*:

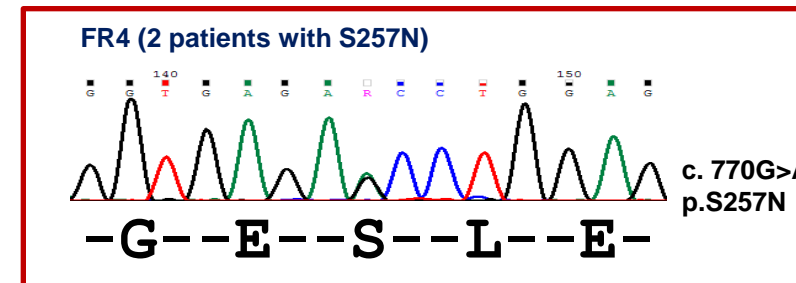
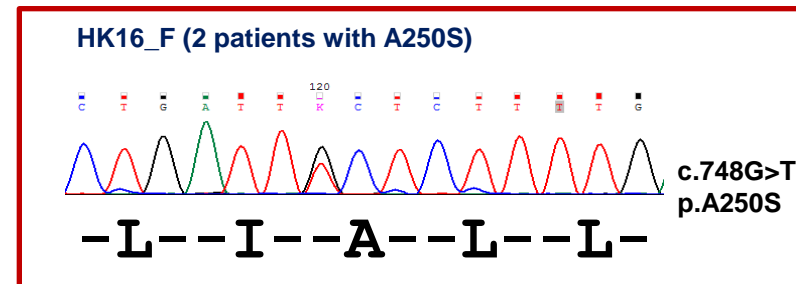
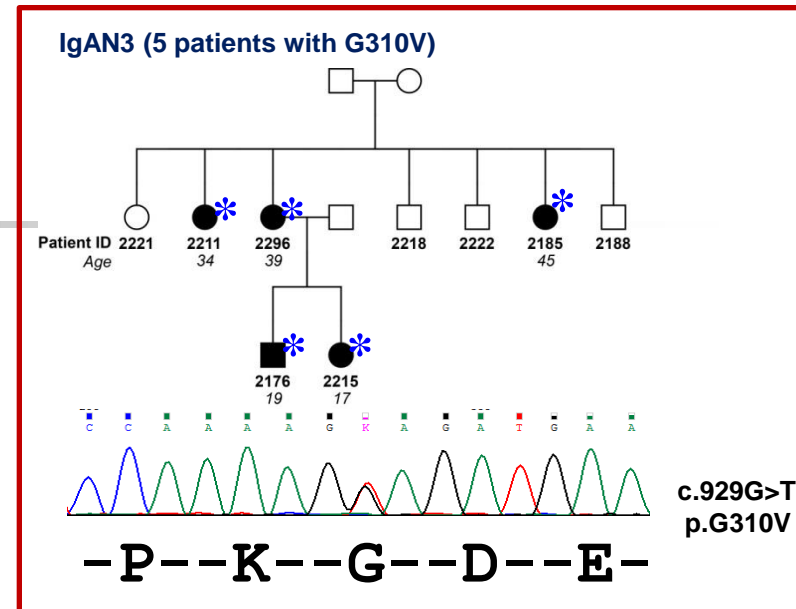
MAF \leq 0.29% (M+H)

- IgAN: 3/108 alleles
- ExAC: 965/121041
- p = 0.0372

MAF \leq 0.09673% (M only)

- IgAN: 3/108 alleles
- ExAC: 721/121036
- p = 0.0103

*One-tail Chi-square with Yates correction



Filtering Algorithm to Identify Rare Deleterious Variants In 54 Families and 109 Exomes

Step 1: Variant level

In total, 978,294 variants in 109 exomes from 54 IgAN families

47,491 variants with missense, loss of function or INDEL (PASS calls in ≥ 1 case & MAF $\leq 5\%$)

10,505 variants shared among all sequenced cases within each family (MAF $\leq 1\%$)

4,702 variants on 3,626 genes with at least 2 damaging calls by 6 prediction algorithms

3,498 variants on 2,866 genes from 42 IgAN families

Variant level

Exclude variants from 12 families with mutations causing other glomerular diseases (TBMD, FSGS etc.)

Step 2: Gene level

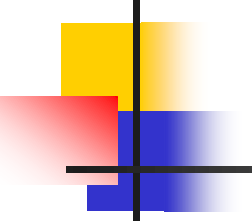
50 genes

- Linkage regions
- Previous exome, GWAS studies
- Phenolyzer
- Intolerant to Haploinsufficiency
- Immune, mesangial cells expression
- Shared by ≥ 2 unrelated families

Gene level
(Genetic, knowledge)

For follow-up studies

Identifying Mutations That May Cause Other Glomerular Diseases in 12 IgAN Families



Family ID	Ethnicity	Patient ID (Gender)	Relationship	Gene	Exon: Nt and AA change (zygosity)	*Impact	SNP ID (MAF ExAC)
FR25	Caucasian	6401 (F)	2nd degree	COL4A3	exon23: c.1504+1G>A (het)	LoF	NA (NA)
		6402 (F)					
FR12	Caucasian	6375 (F)	full siblings	COL4A3	exon15: c.871G>A; p.G291R (het)	M6	NA (NA)
		6376 (M)					
IgAN6	Caucasian	2110 (M)	full siblings	COL4A3	exon28: c.2083G>A; p.G695R (het)	M6	rs200287952 (0.027%EUR)
		2111 (M)					
		2168 (M)					
IgAN9	Caucasian	6524 (M)	full siblings	COL4A3	exon37: c.3161G>A; p.G1054E (het)	M4	NA (NA)
		6612 (M)					
HK22	East Asian	5896 (M)	full siblings	COL4A3	exon43: c.3856G>A; p.G1286R (het)	M5	NA (0.058%ASN)
		6900 (F)					
HK7	East Asian	5912 (F)	mother daughter	COL4A4	exon47: c.4523G>C; p.G1508A (het)	M6	NA (NA)
		6320 (F)					
FR21	Caucasian	6393 (M)	full siblings	COL4A4	exon32: c.2908C>T; p.Q970X (het)	LoF	NA (0.0015%EUR)
		6394 (M)					
FR14	Caucasian	6379 (M)	2nd degree	COL4A5	exon3: c.142G>A; p.G48R (hemi)	M4	rs281874669 (NA)
		6380 (M)					
FR1	Caucasian	6353 (M)	full siblings	COL4A5	exon17: c.973G>A; p.G325R (hemi)	M5	rs104886088 (NA)
		6354 (M)					
HK16	East Asian	5891 (F)	full siblings	ACTN4	exon4: c.398-2A>G (het)	LoF	NA (NA)
		6890 (M)					
HK8	East Asian	5911 (F)	full siblings	ADCK4	exon9: c.G737A; p.S246N (hom)	M5	rs200841458 (0.13%ASN)
		6312 (M)					
FR13	Caucasian	6377 (M)	full siblings	CFHR5	exon4: c.479_480insA; p.E163fs (het)	LoF	NA (NA)
		6378 (F)					

TBMD or Alport syndrome (n=9) — FR25, FR12, IgAN6, IgAN9, HK22, HK7, FR21, FR14, FR1
 FSGS (n=2) — HK16, HK8
 CFHR5 nephropathy (n=1) — FR13

* **LoF** - loss of function changes

M - missense changes, numbers 4 to 6 are the numbers of damaging calls by 6 prediction programs

Selected Candidate Genes with Segregating Mutations in ≥ 2 Unrelated Families

Genes symbol	# of families	IgAN families with deleterious variants (*mutation impact)	Rank by Phenolyzer	Immune function	Mesangial cells (RPKM)**	Podocyte (RPKM)**	Comments
LCP1	2	IgAN3(M4), FR4(M2)	NA	yes	0.6	2.3	IgAN3 linkage region
GPALPP1	2	IgAN3(M6), HK1(M5)	NA	NA	7.3	5.2	IgAN3 linkage region
DEFA4	3	HK9 (LoF), HK15(LoF), HK23(LoF)	0.1%	yes	NA	NA	GWAS Loci
TLR1	2	FR19(LoF), IgAN8(M2)	2.0%	yes	0.1	0.1	Toll-like receptor
OAS1	2	IgAN8(M4), FR7(LoF)	7.4%	yes	NA	NA	Antiviral response
KLC3	2	HK10(LoF), HK19(M3)	7.3%	yes	0.3	0.1	MHC-II Antigen transport
KIF15	2	FR11(LoF), FR24(M4)	7.4%	yes	1.1	0.9	MHC-II Antigen transport
IFIH1	2	FR8(LoF), FR3(LoF)	8.0%	yes	10.4	1.7	Antiviral response
SIGLEC1	3	HK9(LoF), HK12(M3), FR10(M5)	8.7%	yes	0.1	0.0	Endocytosis/MΦ-restricted adhesion molecule
ERAP2	3	IgAN3(M3), FR11(LoF), Ita_IgAN6(M2)	11.6%	yes	NA	NA	MHC-I Antigen presentation
ASB4	2	HK13(LoF), HK19(M4)	11.9%	yes	0.0	0.0	Class I MHC mediated antigen processing
MARCO	2	HK2(LoF), FR8(M4)	15.8%	yes	0.0	0.0	Phagocytosis promoting R
LAMA5	4	HK6(M5), FR6(M4), FR16(M3), FR9(M5)	16.0%	NA	27.3	58.2	ECM protein in GBM
PCK2	4	HK20(LoF), FR2(M5), FR9(M6), IgAN7(M6)	20.5%	NA	15.7	4.3	Phosphoenolpyruvate carboxykinase
SLIT3	2	FR10(LoF), FR6(M5)	52.1%	NA	19.3	3.4	mesangial cells enriched
FAT1	3	F24(M2), FR11(M5), FR7(M4)	NA	NA	114.1	233.0	Mesangial cells/ podocyte enriched
MYOM2	3	HK14(LoF), FR16(M6), FR20(LoF)	NA	NA	0.1	125.9	podocyte enriched
CGNL1	3	HK3(M6), FR18(M5), IgAN7(M5)	NA	NA	5.1	88.1	podocyte enriched
PALLD	2	FR16(LoF), HK24(Indel)	NA	NA	7.2	24.0	podocyte enriched
SVEP1	4	HK21(M5), HK14(M4), FR5(M3), FR7(M3)	NA	NA	0.0	11.1	podocyte enriched
GJB2	3	IgAN7(M6), HK14(LoF), FR8(LoF)	78.8%	NA	1.8	0.1	Mucosal Barrier
ATP8B4	3	HK3(LoF), FR15(M5), FR18(M5)	79.8%	NA	0.0	0.2	With multiple families shared
PKP4	4	HK24(M4), IgAN7(LoF), HK4(M5), FR7(M3)	NA	NA	5.9	13.3	With multiple families shared
HMCN1	3	IgAN8(M5), FR15(M3), FR18(M2)	NA	yes	0.0	0.3	With multiple families shared
RYR3	4	HK4(M4), HK23(M5), FR16(M5), HK3(M4)	NA	NA	0.1	0.1	With multiple families shared
HEATR1	3	HK2(M5), HK10(M4), HK14(M5)	NA	NA	4.7	7.2	With multiple families shared

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** RNAseq analysis on mouse purified mesangial cells, and podocyte (GEO ID: GSE64959)



Conclusions

- The genetics of familial IgAN is complex
- Presence of other glomerular diseases (e.g. TBMD) may confound the diagnosis of flgAN in some putatively affected subjects ascertained based on urinary findings or even kidney biopsy
- Our data suggests that familial IgAN is underpinned by extensive genetic heterogeneity
- Exome sequencing combined with linkage analysis in multiplex families is a powerful approach to identify rare variants with high effect size



Future Directions

- Expanded sample size
- Examine rare synonymous exonic missense variants or intronic variants that may alter splicing in IgAN6
- Perform CNV analysis in IgAN6
- Identify gene(s) with deleterious variants in at least 5 additional familial and sporadic cases for follow-up functional studies

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