
REEV

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USER'S MANUAL

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REEV (REEV: Explanation and Evaluation of Variants) is a web-based tool for clinicians and researchers in rare disease genetics. See below for a list of features. A good place to start learning about REEV is the [quickstart](#) or [tutorial](#).

FEATURES

It provides the following features as a central resource:

•**gene-related information and functionality:**

- basic information, including gene summaries
- gene pathogenicity information, such as pLI and LOEUF constraints, DECIPHER Haploinsufficiency, ...
- condition/disease-related information
- aggregated variant information from ClinVar
- gene-phenotype similarity information and ranking

•**sequence variant-related functionality:**

- consequences on transcripts and proteins sequences
- ClinVar variant information
- gnomAD population frequency
- UCSC 100 vertebrate conservation
- semi-automated ACMG classification from InterVar¹
- link-out to external resources and tools
- query the GA4GH beacon network for the variant
- query the VariantValidator API for the variant

•**structural variant (currently copy number loss/gain only)-related functionality:**

- consequences on overlapping genes
- information on overlapping structural variants in ClinVar
- semi-automated ACMG classification from AutoCNV²
- link-out to external resources and tools
- integrated genome browser with useful tracks for interpreting the variant

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OPEN SOURCE AND DATA

REEV is open source software using open data. See section *Operator Introduction* for more information.

2.1 Quickstart

Do you like to jump heads-first into the water? Then this is the place for you! For a more in-depth explanation of REEV, see the *tutorial*. However, REEV also contains helpful help links throughout the web interface so you can also look up information as you go.

2.1.1 Introduction

We have developed REEV (Review, Evaluate and Explain Variants) to help clinicians and researchers in rare disease genetics with an open and free platform to explore comprehensive information about genes as well as sequence and structural variants. REEV is designed to help you to quickly yet comprehensively record all the important information on a variant and, on the basis of this, to evaluate it on the basis of the ACMG criteria¹. To this end, REEV also integrates methods that allow users to (semi-)automatically fill the individual ACMG criteria sections to facilitate interpretation.

Here, we provide a quick start as well as a full tutorial guiding you through the process on reviewing and evaluating genes and variants with the help of REEV.

2.1.2 Home Page

First, go to the REEV home page at <https://reev.bihealth.org> and you will be the following screen.

The most important part is the search bar (1). Here, you can enter your query, which can be a gene symbol or the description of a sequence or structural variant. The example box (2) has a couple of examples to get you started and so you can learn some examples. You can look at the section *Supported Queries* to learn about the supported queries.

Sequence vs. Structural Variants

We distinguish between *sequence* and *structural* variants. Sequence variants are those where the actual sequence is of importance. This is contrast to structural variants that are generally bigger and where the change of structure in the genome is more important. One could also make a distinction between small variants (say up to 50bp in size) and structural variants. Then, single nucleotide variants (SNVs) and small insertions/deletions (indels) would be sequence variants.

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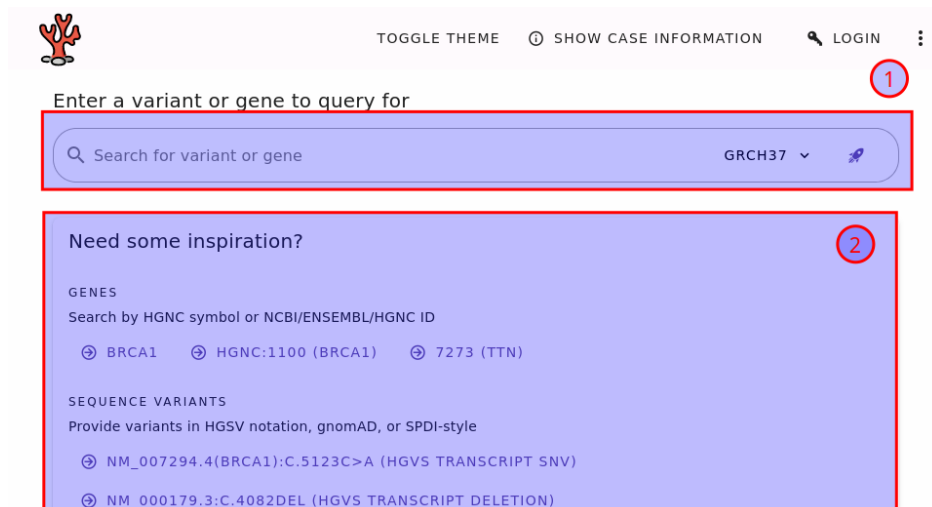


Fig. 1: The REEV home page.

However, in REEV the distinction is based on the query format. For sequence variants, variants are eventually represented by the changed chromosomal sequence. For structural variants, variants are represented by the genomic coordinates of the change. Read on, you will see what you mean in the examples.

2.1.3 Looking at Genes

Let us get started by looking at a gene. Enter *FBN1* into the search bar and press enter or click the search button. You will be redirected to the gene details page for *FBN1*.

Here, you can find the following information.

1. The basic gene information, including a short summary from NCBI Entrez.
2. Fold-out button for more details (here shown already expanded).
3. The gene fold-out pane displays information such as alternate identifiers, links to locus-specific databases, and NCBI references into functions.
4. Information about potential pathogenicity of the gene through haploinsufficiency or triplosensitivity.
5. Information about associated conditions in terms of phenotypes (HPO terms) and diseases (OMIM or Orphanet).
6. Fold-out button for more details on the associated conditions.
7. Gene expression information from the GTEx project.
8. Aggregated variant count from ClinVar regarding variant type and clinical significance assessments.
9. A plot that displays the population frequency of variants assessed as benign/uncertain/pathogenic in ClinVar.
10. A plot of the ClinVar variant assessments throughout the gene.

Note that you can use the little (?) links to get more information about the displayed information. These links will bring you to this documentation in a new browser tab/window.

Also note that you can copy and paste the URL to the gene details page and send it to your colleagues or create a bookmark of it.

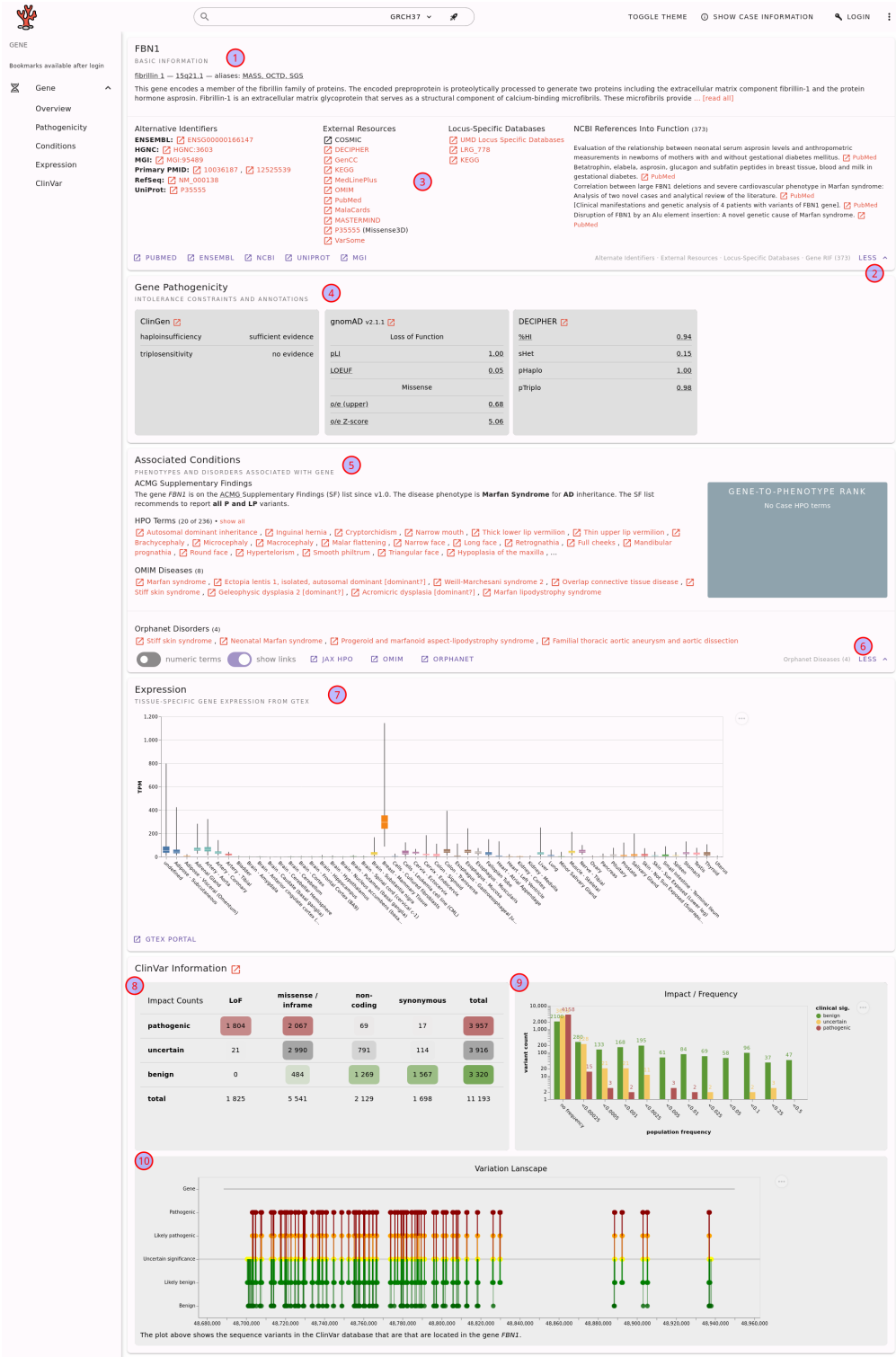


Fig. 2: The gene details page for *FBN1*.

2.1.4 Looking at Sequence Variants

Next, let us look at a SNV, which is referred to a *sequence variant* in REEV. If you want to go back to the home page, you can also reach there by clicking the little coral logo on the top left of the page. However, you can also enter the variant in the search bar at the top of the page.

You can enter variants in a number of formats, including HGVS format. See the section [Supported Queries](#) for a list of supported formats. We will now look at the variant NM_000052.5(ATP7A):c.1172G>C. Copy this variant into the search bar and press enter. You will be redirected to the variant details page for this variant.

Sharing URLs

First of all, note that you are redirected to the following URL.

- [https://reev.bihealth.org/seqvar/grch37-X-77245290-G-C?orig=NM_000052.5\(ATP7A\):c.1172G%3EC](https://reev.bihealth.org/seqvar/grch37-X-77245290-G-C?orig=NM_000052.5(ATP7A):c.1172G%3EC)

This URL is stable and you can send it to your colleagues to share a variant. You can find out more about the URLs in the section [Front-End URLs](#).

Variant Details

On the top of the variant details page you will see the information about the gene which is identical to what is described in the section [Looking at Genes](#). We will thus focus on the second half of the page shown in the following figure.

You can find the following elements on the page:

1. Semi-automated ACMG variant class assessment based on the InterVar² tool.
2. A table with the impact of the variant on different transcripts.
3. Information with ClinVar assertions on the variant. This displays the ClinVar reference assertion with the most pathogenic significance and its review status.
4. To obtain more information, fold out the card and look at the individual reference assertion. Each ClinVar reference assertion aggregates the submissions of a variant for a specific condition.
5. The population frequencies in different populations. Click on the population name to obtain frequency details by XX/XY karyotype.
6. Variant pathogenicity scores from different tools, aggregated by dbNSFP. To help interpreting the variant scores, we show scores calibrated following Pejaver *et al.*³ where applicable (currently for all scores except for SpliceAI).
7. Also, you can find the UCSC 100 vertebrate conservation here on the protein level.
8. Link-outs to genome browsers and various external tools to help you to assess the variant further.
9. Query the GA4GH Beacon network for presence of the variant at other sites.
10. Submit the variant to VariantValidator to obtain gold standard HGVS representation. This is useful for a “second opinion” on the variant representation before using the variant description in a journal submission or report.

For more details, see the section [Sequence Variants](#) of the [Tutorial](#) or use the little (?) help icons on the page.

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³ V. Pejaver, A. B. Byrne, B. J. Feng, K. A. Pagel, S. D. Mooney, R. Karchin, A. O'Donnell-Luria, S. M. Harrison, S. V. Tavtigian, M. S. Greenblatt, L. G. Biesecker, P. Radivojac, S. E. Brenner, L. G. Biesecker, S. M. Harrison, A. A. Tayoun, J. S. Berg, S. E. Brenner, G. R. Cutting, S. Ellard, M. S. Greenblatt, P. Kang, I. Karbassi, R. Karchin, J. Mester, A. O'Donnell-Luria, T. Pesaran, S. E. Plon, H. L. Rehm, N. T. Strande, S. V. Tavtigian, and S. Topper. Calibration of computational tools for missense variant pathogenicity classification and ClinGen recommendations for PP3/BP4 criteria. *Am J Hum Genet*, 109(12):2163–2177, Dec 2022.

Variant Details

Clinical Significance
SEMI-AUTOMATED PATHOGENICITY PREDICTION

SHOW TERSE MODE

SHOW FAILED CRITERIA

SEMI-AUTOMATED ACMG PATHOGENICITY PREDICTION

Likely pathogenic

CLEAR

RESET TO AUTO

DOCUMENTATION

SAVE TO SERVER

LOAD FROM SERVER

DELETE FROM SERVER

Criteria	Description
Pmi1	Located in a mutational hot spot and/or critical and well-established functional domain (e.g., active site of an enzyme) without benign variation.
Pmi2	Absent from controls (or at extremely low frequency if recessive) in Exome Sequencing Project, 1000 Genomes Project, or Exome Aggregation Consortium. New recommendation: use on supporting only.
FpJ3	Multiple lines of computational evidence support a deleterious effect on the gene or gene product (conservation, evolutionary, splicing impact, etc.). Do not use in combination with PVS1 or PM4.
FpJ5	Reputable source recently reports variant as pathogenic, but the evidence is not available to the laboratory to perform an independent evaluation. Note: Not recommended to use anymore, use PS3 and PS4 at different levels of evidence.
HpJ1	Missense variant in a gene for which primarily truncating variants are known to cause disease

Consequences

VARIANT CONSEQUENCES ON OVERLAPPING TRANSCRIPTS

Gene	Transcript	Consequence	HGVSp	HGVSl	Exon/intron
BRCA1	NM_007294.4 (Coding)	missense_variant	c.5123C>A	p.A1708E	17 / 23
BRCA1	NM_007297.4 (Coding)	missense_variant	c.4982C>A	p.A1661E	16 / 22
BRCA1	NM_007296.3 (Coding)	missense_variant	c.1811C>A	p.A604E	16 / 22
BRCA1	NM_007295.4 (Coding)	missense_variant	c.1811C>A	p.A604E	17 / 22
BRCA1	NM_007300.4 (Coding)	missense_variant	c.5186C>A	p.A1729E	18 / 24

ClinVar

Significance

pathogenic

Review Status

★★★★☆

Accession

RV000005407

SHOW REFERENCE ASSERTIONS

Population Frequencies

GnomAD EXONES @ GnomAD

No allele frequency information available in local database. Try to lookup the variant directly: gnomAD

Population	Allele Count	Allele Number	Homozygotes	Allele Frequency
African-American/African >	16 244	0	0	0
Ashkenazy Jewish >	10 074	0	0	0
East Asian >	18 392	0	0	0
European (Finnish) >	21 046	0	0	0
European (North-Western) >	113 656	3	0	0.00003
Latino/Latinx American >	24 580	2	0	0.00008
South Asian >	30 598	0	0	0
Other >	6 122	0	0	0
Total	251 312	5	0	0.00002
XX	115 466	2	0	0.00002
XY	135 846	3	0	0.00002

Scores

PRECOMPUTED SEQUENCE VARIANT SCORES

Scoring Method	Score	Visualization	Interpretation
BayesDel	0.3377	[Bar chart]	pathogenic moderate
CADD	29.4	[Bar chart]	pathogenic moderate
FATHMM	0.9	[Bar chart]	--
GerP++	5.83	[Bar chart]	--
MMSPlice	0 (MMSpl_acceptorIntron)	[Bar chart]	--
MPC	0.4856	[Bar chart]	--
PolyPhen2	1	[Bar chart]	pathogenic moderate
PhyloP-100	6.179	[Bar chart]	--
PrimateAI	0.7394	[Bar chart]	--
SIFT	0.002	[Bar chart]	--
SpliceAI	0 (SpliceAI_acc-gain)	[Bar chart]	--
REVEL	0.831	[Bar chart]	pathogenic moderate

UCSC 100 VERTEBRATE CONSERVATION

chr_start_end | alignment

17 41,215,919-41,215,919 | AAAAAAAAAAA-AA--A-----A-AAA- -A---A-AAA----A-

Variant Tools

GENOME BROWERS

ENSEMBL

UCSC

OTHER RESOURCES

DGV

GnomAD

VARSome

GenDox Franklin

MutationTaster ES

MutationTaster 2021

JUMP IN LOCAL IGV

Beacon Network

LOOKUP VARIANT IN GA4GH BEACON NETWORK

QUERY BEACON NETWORK

Variant Validator

RETRIEVE PREDICTIONS FROM VARIANTVALIDATOR.ORG

SUBMIT TO VARIANTVALIDATOR.ORG

2.1.5 Looking at Structural Variants

As the last step of the quickstart, let us look at a ~100kb deletion on chromosome 17 from base pairs 41,176,312 to 41,277,500 (GRCh37 coordinates). In ISCN array notation, this is GRCh37 17q21(41176312_41277500)x1. For example, you can enter the variant using the ISCN notation from above or in a color-formatted as DEL:17:41176312:41277500. You can find full list of query formats in section [Supported Queries](#). Currently, REEV only supports copy number variants: deletions and duplications.

You will be redirected to the following URL. Also note that the URL to the structural variant details page is stable and can be shared with colleagues.

- [https://reev.bihealth.org/strucvar/DEL-grch37-17-41176312-41277500?orig=GRCh37+17q21+\(41176312_41277500\)x1](https://reev.bihealth.org/strucvar/DEL-grch37-17-41176312-41277500?orig=GRCh37+17q21+(41176312_41277500)x1)

At the top of the page, you will see information also shown in the following figure.

Gene List	OVERLAPPING AND CONTAINED GENES	sort by	ASC LI
BRCA1 (whole tx) NM_007294	ClinGen haploinsufficiency ClinGen triplosensitivity	0.00 0.57	DECIPHER HI 0.09
NBR2 (upstream) NR_003108	ClinGen haploinsufficiency ClinGen triplosensitivity	N/A N/A	DECIPHER HI N/A
RND2 (whole tx) NM_005440	ClinGen haploinsufficiency ClinGen triplosensitivity	0.00 1.11	DECIPHER HI 0.20
VAT1 (upstream) NM_006373	ClinGen haploinsufficiency ClinGen triplosensitivity	0.01 0.64	DECIPHER HI 0.28

Fig. 4: Top of structural variant details page for the variant DEL:17:41176312:41277500.

1. You will see the list of genes that are overlapping with or close to the structural variant. Next to the symbol, you see the how the variant is affected. For example, *BRCA1* and *RND2* are fully contained while the variant is upstream of both *NBR2* and *VAT1*. You can click on the gene symbol to display the gene details on this page. You can also use the little right-pointing arrow in the circle to go to the gene details page.
2. When there are many overlapping genes then you can browse through them with the page control.
3. In the case of many overlapping genes, you probably want to use a different sort order than by gene symbol. You can use the “sort by” control to pick out the scores to sort by, e.g., gnomAD pLI score or the ClinGen haploinsufficiency or triplosensitivity assessment.

The details for the currently selected genes will be displayed below the gene table. All of this has been explained in the section [Looking at Genes](#) already so we will not repeat this here.

The second half of the page focuses on the variant rather than the overlapping genes. This is shown in the following figure.

4. Details on overlapping variants in ClinVar. You can also unfold each row to display the individual reference ClinVar assertions.
5. The variants will be sorted by reciprocal overlap (the fraction of the overlap of the variant - yours and the ClinVar one - and the large of the variant lengths). This is useful to find the “best fitting” one.
6. Open the location of the variant in an external genome browser or an external tool for further analysis.
7. Semi-automated assessment of the variant following ACMG standards^{Page 5, 1} using the AutoCNV⁴ tool.
8. See the location of the variant in an internal genome browser with useful tracks for interpreting the variant.

⁴ C. Fan, Z. Wang, Y. Sun, J. Sun, X. Liu, L. Kang, Y. Xu, M. Yang, W. Dai, L. Song, X. Wei, J. Xiang, H. Huang, M. Zhou, F. Zeng, L. Huang, Z. Xu, and Z. Peng. AutoCNV: a semiautomatic CNV interpretation system based on the 2019 ACMG/ClinGen Technical Standards for CNVs. *BMC Genomics*, 22(1):721, Oct 2021.

Fig. 5: Second half of structural variant details page for the variant DEL:17:41176312:41277500. Note that a large part of the ACMG assessment card has been cut out, indicated by the gray area.

For more details, see the section *Structural Variants* of the *Tutorial* or use the little (?) help icons on the page.

2.2 Tutorial

In this tutorial, we will walk through the analysis of a sequence and a structural variant and how to use REEV to interpret it step by step. If you want to get a brief overview of REEV, have a look at the *quickstart* section.

2.2.1 Sequence Variants

We came across the following interesting missense variant in *GLI3* in a patient with synpolydactyly which we want to explore in more detail.

Genomic variant [hg19/GRCh37]	Gene	RefSeq transcript	Variant effect
chr7:42012159:T:G	GLI3	NM_000168.6	c.1880A>C, p.(His627Pro)

Lets go the [REEV start page](#) and enter our variant here:

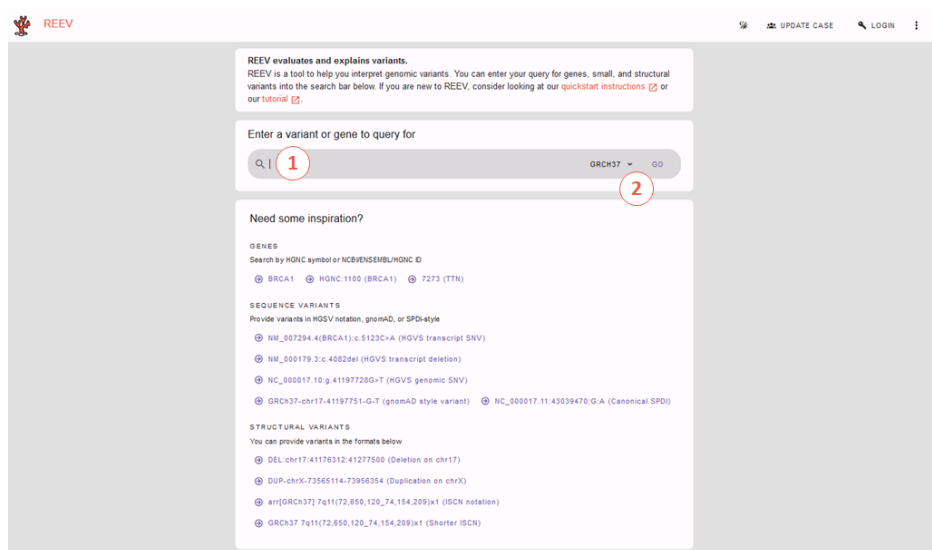


Fig. 6: The REEV home page.

To do so we have two options of entering this variant:

a) Genomic Variant

We could go for the genomic variant and enter here:

chr7:42012159:T:G

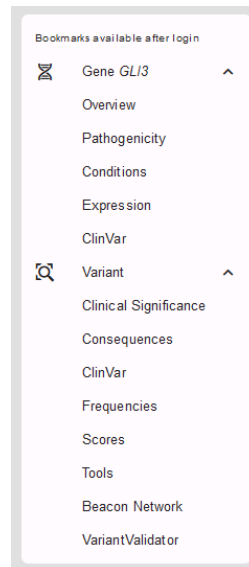
Note: Pay attention to choosing the correct reference genome in the selection box to the right.

b) Variant on cDNA Level

Go for the variant on cDNA level providing the respective RefSeq transcript variant and gene:

NM_000168.6(GLI3):c.1880A>C

which then brings us to REEV's gene and variant information. We will go through this step-by-step but if you want to jump to a specific information you can also use the overview and links on the left:



Let's start with a look at the gene information provided in the first box:

GLI3

BASIC INFORMATION

[GLI family zinc finger 3](#) — 7p14.1 — aliases: [PAP-A](#), [PAPA](#), [PAPA1](#), [PAPB](#), [ACLS](#), [PPD1V](#)

This gene encodes a protein which belongs to the C2H2-type zinc finger proteins subclass of the Gli family. They are characterized as DNA-binding transcription factors and are mediators of Sonic hedgehog (Shh) signaling. The protein encoded by this gene localizes in the cytoplasm and activates patched Drosophila homolog (PTCH) gene expression. It is also thought to play a role during embryogenesis. Mutations in this gene have been associated with several diseases, including Greig cephalopolysyndactyly syndrome, Pallister-Hall syndrome, preaxial polydactyly type IV, and postaxial polydactyly types A1 and B. [provided by RefSeq, Jul 2008] [source](#) • [shorten](#)

[PUBMED](#)
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[NCBI](#)
[UNIPROT](#)
[MGI](#)
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This information about the *GLI3* gene already hints at a possible link to our patient's phenotype.

Useful information on gene-phenotype-associations can also be found via the linkouts below, e.g. to *MGI*. Further useful links and information on the gene can be found when clicking on the “more” button in lower right corner:

Alternative Identifiers

ENSEMBL: [ENSG00000106571](#)

HGNC: [HGNC:4319](#)

MGI: [MGI:95729](#)

Primary PMID: [2118997](#)

RefSeq: [NM_000168](#)

UniProt: [P10071](#)

External Resources

[COSMIC](#)

[DECIPHER](#)

[GenCC](#)

[KEGG](#)

[MedLinePlus](#)

[OMM](#)

[PubMed](#)

[MalaCards](#)

[MASTERMIND](#)

[P10071 \(Missense3D\)](#)

[VarSome](#)

Locus-Specific Databases

No locus-specific database available for gene.

NCBI References Into Function (115)

Conclusion of diagnostic odysseys due to inversions disrupting GLI3 and FBXN1. [PubMed](#)

A novel mechanism of regulation of the oncogenic transcription factor GLI3 by toll-like receptor signaling. [PubMed](#)

A novel variant of GLI3, p.Asp1514Thrfs*5, is identified in a Chinese family affected by polydactyly. [PubMed](#)

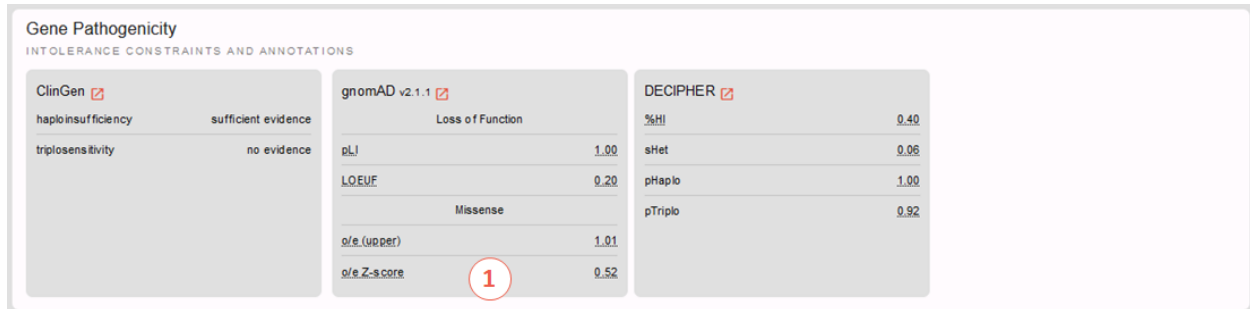
GLI3 Is Stabilized by SPOP Mutations and Promotes Castration Resistance via Functional Cooperation with Androgen Receptor in Prostate Cancer. [PubMed](#)

Two nonsense GLI3 variants are associated with polydactyly and syndactyly in two families by affecting the sonic hedgehog signaling pathway. [PubMed](#)

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For our case, we find *GLI3* an interesting gene and move on to find out more on potential gene pathogenicity from the box below:

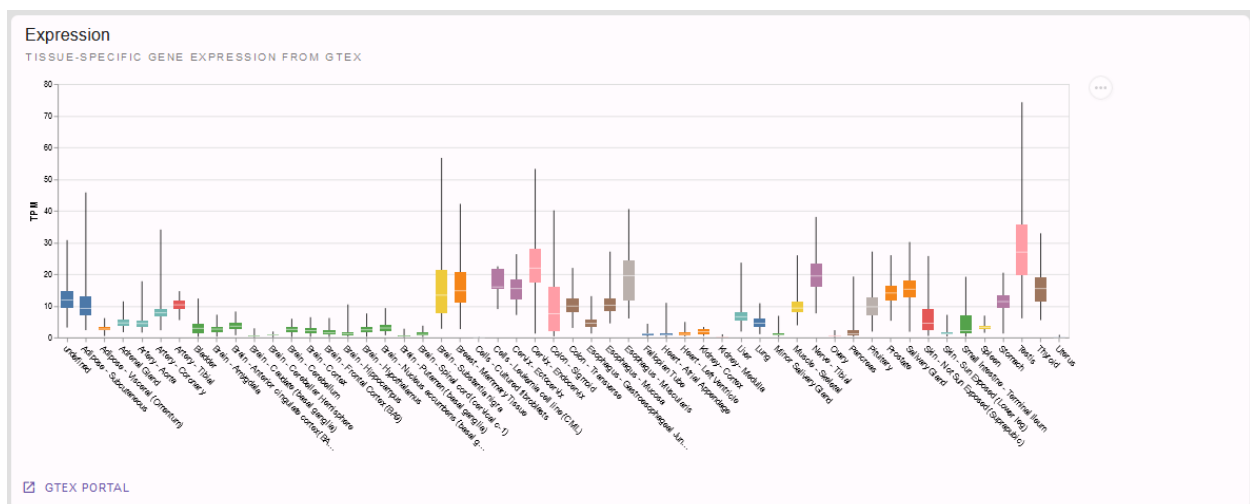


Since we are examining the missense variant we are especially interested in the gnomAD Z-score provided here (1). Noting a Z-score of 0.52 we see that *GLI3* is not missense constrained meaning that *GLI3* is tolerant for missense variations whereas with a pLI of 1.00 and a LOEUF of 0.20 gnomAD data as well as the displayed ClinGen and DECIPHER data all state haploinsufficiency meaning that *GLI3* is intolerant for heterozygous loss of function variants. We conclude that we have to look further into the pathogenicity of our specific missense variant on the variant level, if we consider *GLI3* to be a candidate gene for our patient's phenotype. We already suspect that this might be the case from the information above and now find the respective evidence in the box below:



Yes! We find several known OMIM phenotypes for *GLI3* fitting our patient's phenotype. If we have logged in and provided our patient's phenotype e.g. *HP:0001177 - Preaxial hand polydactyly*; *HP:0001159 - Syndactyly* we will also find a score of how well our case's and the gene's phenotypes match each other. Apart from the OMIM phenotypes we also find similar links to Orphanet - and again we will find more information when clicking on "more" in the lower right corner (1).

If we had not found an established gene-phenotype-association in the section before, the following one would be of particular interest for us: Is our gene expressed in a tissue fitting our patient's affections? Let's look at the tissue specific gene expression from GTeX provided here:



But we want to come back to our variant at hand **NM_000168.6(*GLI3*):c.1880A>C p.(His627Pro)**. We now know that a *GLI3* variant causing a heterozygous loss of function would cause a disease fitting our patient's phenotype. But is our variant a (likely) pathogenic one?

Before we finally look into the variant itself let's have a last look on the gene level: are there pathogenic missense variants in *GLI3* at all, e.g. in the ClinVar database? If so, in which part of the gene are they located?



In line with the low Z-score retrieved from the gnomAD database, we see that most missense variants in ClinVar are classified as benign. However, indeed there are also some pathogenic missense variants. Time to look at the variant level and find out whether our missense variant is one of these few!

The semi-automated ACMG variant class assessment¹ based on the InterVar² tool tells us: we don't know...

But let's see whether we can assess this in more detail.

First, we have a more detailed look on the variant and its consequences in the different transcript variants and protein isoforms of a gene:

Here, we see that there is only one RefSeq transcript variant and our variant is located in exon 13 of 15 (~ an important information e.g. also for nonsense and frameshift variants and whether or not they are subjected to nonsense mediated decay).

Is our variant a known disease variant? E.g. in the ClinVar database?

Yes, it is! Again, clicking on expand in the lower right corner and of course the link to the original ClinVar entry reveal more details:

We see that our variant is listed once in the ClinVar database as likely pathogenic for the OMIM phenotype polydactyly, postaxial type 1 (PAPA1) fitting the *GLI3*-related spectrum also fitting our patient's phenotype. We thus can assign

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Consequences

VARIANT CONSEQUENCES ON OVERLAPPING TRANSCRIPTS

Gene	Transcript	Consequence	HGVS.p	HGVS.t	Exon/Intron
GLI3	NM_00168.6 (Coding)	missense_variant	c.1880A>C	p.H627P	13 / 15

ClinVar

Significance

Review Status

Accession

likely pathogenic

★☆☆☆☆

VCV001120242

SHOW REFERENCE ASSERTIONS

ClinVar

Significance

Review Status

Accession

likely pathogenic

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VCV001120242

ClinVar Reference Assertions

Below are all reference assertions for all assessed conditions from ClinVar.

Condition	Significance	Review Status	RCV
Polydactyly, postaxial, type A1	likely pathogenic	★☆☆☆☆ criteria provided, single submitter	RCV001450028

HIDE REFERENCE ASSERTIONS

the ACMG criterion PP5 (or novel recommendation rather PS4 on supporting level) for our variant classification and adjust the ACMG rating above accordingly.

To do so, we have to select “show failed criteria” (1) in the ACMG rating section above:

and can then set PS4 to true on supporting level:

Rating the variant’s pathogenicity let’s move on to its frequency in the healthy control database gnomAD:

In the respective next section we see that our variant is absent from controls and can check the PM2 criterion. Note, that REEV reminds us that this criterion should be used at supporting level only according to the novel ACMG recommendations:

Next, we want to check whether our variant is predicted to be pathogenic by bioinformatic prediction tools. REEV provides us not only with an overview of the relevant prediction scores used in the assessment of SNVs, but also with the hint on which level of confidence the respective prediction can be used for ACMG criterion PP3 based on the [recent ClinGen recommendations](#)

Since they suggest that “For missense variants, to determine evidence for codes PP3 and BP4, we recommend that, for most situations, clinical laboratories use a single tool, genome-wide, that can reach the strong level of evidence for pathogenicity and moderate for benignity (BayesDel, MutPred2, REVEL, or VEST4)” and we in our lab chose to always use REVEL, we can apply the PP3 on strong level for our variant:

Note, that REEV smartly reminds us that we should not apply the PP3 criterion when PVS1 or PM4 have already been used (not the case for our missense variant here).

Also note, that beyond the PhyloP-100 score REEV also gives a nice view on conservation especially helpful for evaluating missense variants:

If we are looking at a gene with different transcript variants we can choose the one of interest in the selection box on the right.

Still missing some information? Here is more useful links REEV provides us at the end:

By clicking the “Jump in local IGV” button we can also look at our variant when we have the respective bam-file opened in our local IGV.

Pm2

Pathogen...

Pathogenic Very Strong

Pathogenic Strong

Pathogenic Moderate

Pathogenic Supporting

Absent from controls (or at extremely low frequency if recessive) in Exome Sequencing Project, 1000 Genomes Project, or Exome Aggregation Consortium. New recommendation: use on supporting only.

recessive disorders, detected in trans with a pathogenic variant.

in length changes as a result of in-frame deletions/insertions in a nonrepeat region or stop-loss variants. Do not use in combination with PVS1 or PP3.

Scores

PRECOMPUTED SEQUENCE VARIANT SCORES

Scoring Method	Score	Visualization	Interpretation
BayesDel	0.5720		pathogenic strong
CADD	26.7		pathogenic supporting
FATHMM	-10.2		pathogenic moderate
Gerp++	5.92		
MMSplice	0.019 (MMSp_exon)		—
MPC	1.2611		—
PolyPhen2	1		pathogenic moderate
PhyloP-100	8.017		pathogenic supporting
PrimateAI	0.9354		pathogenic moderate
SIFT	0.001		—
SpliceAI	0.01 (SpliceAI-acc-gain)		—
REVEL	0.96		pathogenic strong

UCSC 100 VERTEBRATE CONSERVATION

chr_start_end | alignment

7 42,012,158-42,012,158 | *****

transcript

ENST00000395925

Pp3

Pathogen...

Pathogenic Very Strong

Pathogenic Strong

Pathogenic Moderate

Pathogenic Supporting

Multiple lines of computational evidence support a deleterious effect on the gene or gene product (conservation, evolutionary, splicing impact, etc.). Do not use in combination with PVS1 or PM4.

ent's phenotype or family history is highly specific for a disease with a single genetic etiology.

utable source recently reports variant as pathogenic, but the evidence is not available to the laboratory to perform an independent evaluation. Note: Not recommended to use anymore, use PS3 PS4 at different levels of evidence.

UCSC 100 VERTEBRATE CONSERVATION

chr_start_end | alignment

7 42,012,158-42,012,158 | *****

transcript

ENST00000395925

Variant Tools

GENOME BROWSERS

ENSEMBL

UCSC

OTHER RESOURCES

DGV

GNOMAD

VARSOME

GENOOX FRANKLIN

MUTATIONTASTER 85

MUTATIONTASTER 2021

JUMP IN LOCAL IGV

Last but not least, we can connect with others on our gene, variant and phenotype of interest via the beacon network (when logged in)

Beacon Network
LOOKUP VARIANT IN GA4GH BEACON NETWORK
[QUERY BEACON NETWORK](#)

and run our variant through variant validator for a last check:

Variant Validator
RETRIEVE PREDICTIONS FROM VARIANTVALIDATOR.ORG
[SUBMIT TO VARIANTVALIDATOR.ORG](#)

On going through this information we adjusted and added to some of the semi-automated ACMG criteria. Let's scroll back up to the ACMG rating tool and check the criteria ultimately applied and the final conclusion we came to with the help of all the information provided in REEV:

Clinical Significance
SEMI-AUTOMATED PATHOGENICITY PREDICTION

SHOW TERSE MODE
SHOW FAILED CRITERIA

SEMI-AUTOMATED ACMG PATHOGENICITY PREDICTION
Likely pathogenic
CLEAR RESET TO AUTO DOCUMENTATION

SAVE TO SERVER
LOAD FROM SERVER
DELETE FROM SERVER

Criteria	Description
PS4 Pathogen...	The prevalence of the variant in affected individuals is significantly increased compared with the prevalence in controls.
PM1 Pathogen...	Located in a mutational hot spot and/or critical and well-established functional domain (e.g., active site of an enzyme) without benign variation.
PM2 Pathogen...	Absent from controls (or at extremely low frequency if recessive) in Exome Sequencing Project, 1000 Genomes Project, or Exome Aggregation Consortium. New recommendation: use on supporting only.
PP3 Pathogen...	Multiple lines of computational evidence support a deleterious effect on the gene or gene product (conservation, evolutionary, splicing impact, etc.). Do not use in combination with PVS1 or PM4.
BP1 Benign S...	Missense variant in a gene for which primarily truncating variants are known to cause disease

PM1, PM2, PP3 and BP1 had already been automatically selected by the InterVar^{Page 15, 2} tool. However, we were able to adjust PM2 to supporting and PP3 to strong level now with the help of REEV. Additionally, we applied the PS4 criterion on supporting level as we noticed that this variant is already listed in ClinVar as a pathogenic variant with one star. So solely by the help of the information provided by REEV we were able to correct the InterVar^{Page 15, 2} scoring as a variant of uncertain significance to a likely pathogenic variant!

But, of course, since we also have some clinical information on our patient at hand, we can additionally state the patient's phenotype fits the *GLI3*-related spectrum. However, there are more genes than just *GLI3* causing polydactyly, so that we apply the PP4 criterion on supporting level only. Finally, we found our variant to be de novo by segregation analysis using sanger sequencing without confirmation of paternity and maternity, so we can apply PM6 on moderate level. Using this additional information we can even conclude with a rating of our variant as pathogenic:

Clinical Significance

SEMI-AUTOMATED PATHOGENICITY PREDICTION

SHOW TERSE MODE
SHOW FAILED CRITERIA

SEMI-AUTOMATED ACMG PATHOGENICITY PREDICTION

Pathogenic

CLEAR
RESET TO AUTO
DOCUMENTATION

SAVE TO SERVER
LOAD FROM SERVER
DELETE FROM SERVER

Criteria	Description
Pm1 Pathogen...	Located in a mutational hot spot and/or critical and well-established functional domain (e.g., active site of an enzyme) without benign variation.
Pm2 Pathogen...	Absent from controls (or at extremely low frequency if recessive) in Exome Sequencing Project, 1000 Genomes Project, or Exome Aggregation Consortium. New recommendation: use on supporting only.
Pm6 Pathogen...	Assumed de novo, but without confirmation of paternity and maternity.
Pp3 Pathogen...	Multiple lines of computational evidence support a deleterious effect on the gene or gene product (conservation, evolutionary, splicing impact, etc.). Do not use in combination with PVS1 or PM4.
Pp4 Pathogen...	Patient's phenotype or family history is highly specific for a disease with a single genetic etiology.
Bp1 Benign S...	Missense variant in a gene for which primarily truncating variants are known to cause disease

2.2.2 Structural Variants

Happy about the solved SNV case we are curious to see what REEV can provide and help us with when it comes to the trickier structural variants!

In such another case we came across the following deletion in a patient with oligodontia which we now want to explore in more detail.

Genomic variant [hg19/GRCh37]
DEL:chr14:37131998:37133815

As you can see you can enter your SV of interest by providing the affected chromosomal position preceded by the indication of the type of SV (DEL or DUP).

Note: Note, that you can also provide your variant according to ISCN. For example, this might be helpful, when you are interested in a variant that was reported in an arrayCGH test.

Let's see what REEV tells us on this structural variant. The overview shows us that this deletion affects the PAX9 gene and that this gene shows haploinsufficiency according to ClinGen, Decipher and RCNV scores as well as the gnomAD LOEUF score:

So, just one affected gene - but a potential candidate!

Note, that if we had a larger SV affecting multiple genes, REEV could help us prioritize that larger set of genes by sorting by different criteria using the sort by selection box on the right (1):

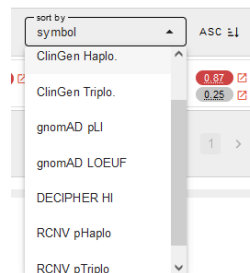
Gene List
OVERLAPPING AND CONTAINED GENES

sort by: symbol 1 ASC \downarrow

PAX9 (exonic) NM_006194	ClinGen haploinsufficiency ClinGen triplosensitivity		gnomAD pLI gnomAD LOEUF	0.31 0.61	DECIPHER HI	0.96	RCNV pHaplo RCNV pTriplo	0.87 0.25
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For deletions we could sort the gene list by the different haploinsufficiency scores to only look at genes that likely do not tolerate a heterozygous deletion. Vice versa, for duplications it would be helpful to sort the gene list by triplosensitivity scores.



For our deletion we now know that the gene it affects is intolerant for heterozygous loss of function variants, so it could be potentially pathogenic. But is it a known disease gene? If so, does the disease fit our proband's phenotype? To answer this question, let's have a look on the gene overview and gene-phenotype-associations provided by REEV:

Those of you who started with the sequence variant tutorial already know this view - those of you who did not may find the detailed explanation in this respective section above. In brief, we find a promising gene-phenotype-association of PAX9 (1-3) with our patient's phenotype.

And again see above for the helpful display of gene expression data if PAX9 wasn't a known disease gene but might be an interesting novel candidate gene...

... as well as the display of ClinVar data you also know by now from the section above:

In line with the haploinsufficiency scores and low LOEUF score this display of ClinVar data tells us that with 29 out of 30 the vast majority of loss of function variants in PAX9 are considered pathogenic, strengthening our guess we might be onto something with our deletion here.

So, to nail that down let's have a look into the variant details:

Mhm, this is not a known ClinVar variant yet (1). But the links to ENSEMBL and UCSC (2) tell us that this variant affects exon 3 of the MANE transcript variant NM_006194.4 of the PAX9 gene which encodes for the majority of PAX9, rendering this variant a loss of function variant.

We also see that this deletion is absent from healthy controls in gnomAD (3).

I think we can all agree: a very hot variant! But can we rate it pathogenic according to the ACMG and ClinGen recommendations for copy-number variants³?

Semi-automated prediction from AutoCNV⁴ implemented in REEV tells us it still remains unclear. We have to use our knowledge gathered from the REEV information above and our clinical knowledge on this case, let's go through the CNV criteria!

³ E. R. Riggs, E. F. Andersen, A. M. Cherry, S. Kantarci, H. Kearney, A. Patel, G. Raca, D. I. Ritter, S. T. South, E. C. Thorland, D. Pineda-Alvarez, S. Aradhya, and C. L. Martin. Technical standards for the interpretation and reporting of constitutional copy-number variants: a joint consensus recommendation of the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics (ACMG) and the Clinical Genome Resource (ClinGen). *Genet Med*, 22(2):245–257, Feb 2020.

⁴ C. Fan, Z. Wang, Y. Sun, J. Sun, X. Liu, L. Kang, Y. Xu, M. Yang, W. Dai, L. Song, X. Wei, J. Xiang, H. Huang, M. Zhou, F. Zeng, L. Huang, Z. Xu, and Z. Peng. AutoCNV: a semiautomatic CNV interpretation system based on the 2019 ACMG/ClinGen Technical Standards for CNVs. *BMC Genomics*, 22(1):721, Oct 2021.

PAX9

BASIC INFORMATION

paired box 9 — 14q13.3

This gene is a member of the paired box (PAX) family of transcription factors. Members of this gene family typically contain a paired box domain, an octapeptide, and a paired-type homeodomain. These genes play critical roles during fetal development and cancer growth. Mice lacking this gene exhibit impaired development of organs, musculature and the skeleton, including absent and abnormally developed teeth, and neonatal lethality. Mutations in the human gene are associated with selective tooth agenesis-3. [provided by RefSeq, Sep 2015] [source](#) • [shorten](#)

Alternative Identifiers

ENSEMBL: [ENSG00000198807](#)

NCIC: [HGNC:8623](#)

MGi: [MGI:97493](#)

Primary PMID: [7901748](#)

RefSeq: [NM_001372076](#)

UniProt: [P55771](#)

External Resources

[COSMIC](#)
[DECIPHER](#)
[GenCC](#)
[KEGG](#)
[BioLinksPlus](#)
[OMIM](#)
[PubMed](#)
[MatchCards](#)
[MASTERMIND](#)
[P55771 \(Misense 3D\)](#)
[VarSome](#)

Locus-Specific Databases

No locus-specific database available for gene.

NCBI References Into Function (a)

The phenotype and genotype of PAX9 mutations causing tooth agenesis. [PubMed](#)

PAX9 mutations and genetic synergism in familial tooth agenesis. [PubMed](#)

Detection of novel variant and functional study in a Chinese family with nonsyndromic oligodontia. [PubMed](#)

Novel PAX9 compound heterozygous variants in a Chinese family with non-syndromic oligodontia and genotype-phenotype analysis of PAX9 variants. [PubMed](#)

An in silico study of deleterious missense PAX9 variants using user-friendly tools reveals structural, functional alterations, as well as potential therapeutic targets. [PubMed](#)

An in vitro and computational validation of a novel loss-of-functional mutation in PAX9

[PUBMED](#)
[ENSEMBL](#)
[NCBI](#)
[UNIPROT](#)
[MGI](#)
[GENE DETAILS](#)

Alternate Identifiers

External Resources

Gene RIF (89)

LESS

Gene Pathogenicity

INTOLERANCE CONSTRAINTS AND ANNOTATIONS

ClinGen

haploinsufficiency

sufficient evidence

triplosensitivity

no evidence

gnomAD v2.1.1

Loss of Function

0.31

LOFUF

0.61

Missense

0.99

p/e (upper)

0.62

p/e Z-score

DECIPHER

%HI

0.96

sHet

0.01

pHaplo

0.87

pTripo

0.25

Associated Conditions

PHENOTYPES AND DISORDERS ASSOCIATED WITH GENE

HPO Terms (0)

No HPO terms associated with gene.

OMIM Diseases (1)

[\[IMM:604625\] Tooth agenesis, selective, 3](#)

Orphanet Disorders (0)

No Orphanet disorders annotated for gene.

numeric terms

show links

[JAX HPO](#)
[OMIM](#)
[ORPHANET](#)

Gene-to-Phenotype Rank

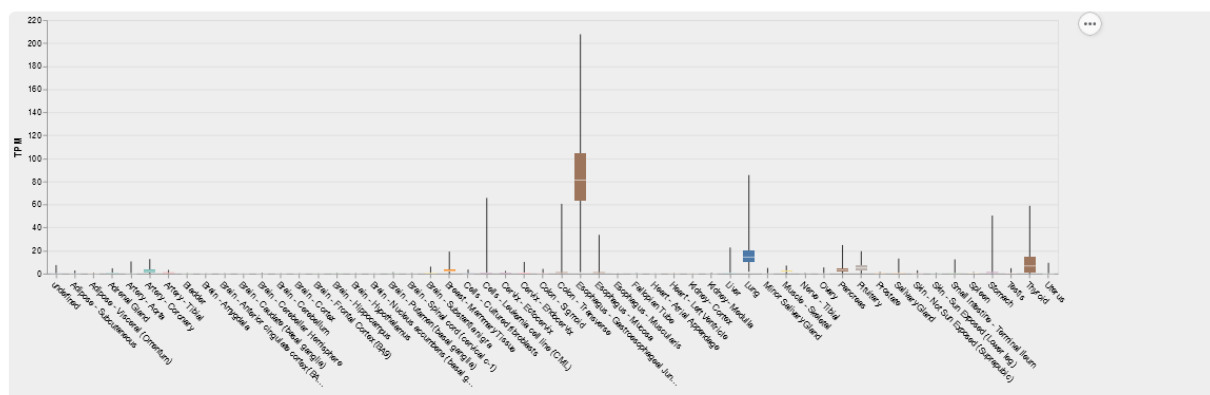
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Orphanet Diseases (0)

LESS

Expression

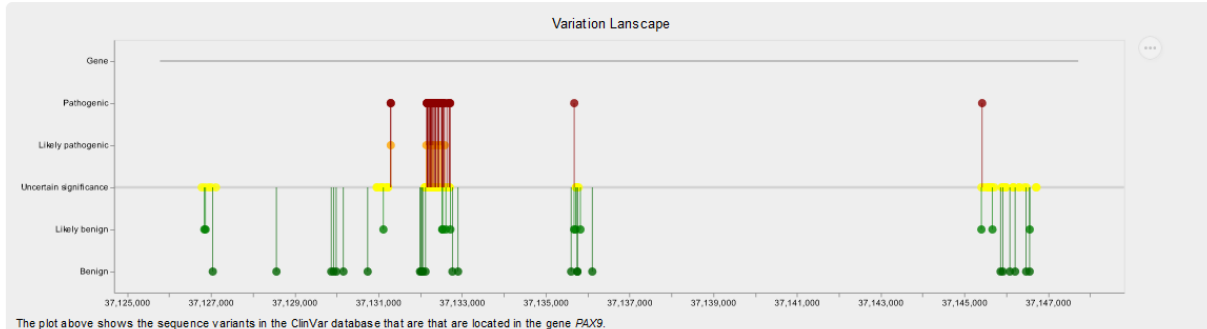
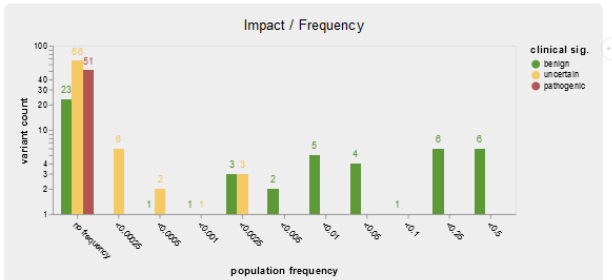
TISSUE-SPECIFIC GENE EXPRESSION FROM GTEX



[GTEX PORTAL](#)

ClinVar Information [🔗](#)

Impact Counts	LoF	missense / inframe	non-coding	synonymous	total
pathogenic	29	17	0	0	46
uncertain	1	41	29	6	77
benign	0	10	30	11	51
total	30	68	59	17	174



Variant Details

ClinVar

MATCHING VARIANTS IN CLINVAR

Accession	Significance	Status	Condition	📄 overlap
No overlapping ClinVar SV				

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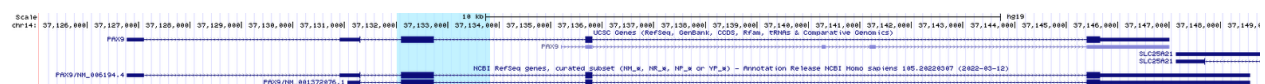
[🔗 LOCUS IN CLINVAR](#)

Variant Tools

GENOME BROWSERS

[🔗 ENSEMBL](#) [🔗 UCSC](#)

OTHER RESOURCES

[🔗 DGV](#) [🔗 GNOMAD](#) [🔗 VARSOME](#) [🔗 GENOOX FRANKLIN](#)[🔗 JUMP IN LOCAL IGV](#)















Clinical Significance

SEMI-AUTOMATED PATHOGENICITY PREDICTION

SEMI-AUTOMATED ACMG PATHOGENICITY PREDICTION

Uncertain significance with score: 0.45

[🔗 RESET TO AUTO](#) [🔗 DOCUMENTATION](#)

Evidence	Description	Suggested points	Max score
 L1A	Copy number loss content Contains protein-coding or other known functionally important elements.	0	0
 L1B	Does NOT contain protein-coding or any known functionally important elements.	-0.6	-0.6
 L2A	Overlap with ESTABLISHED HI genes or genomic regions and consideration of reason for referral Complete overlap of an established HI gene or genomic region.	1	1
 L2B	Continue evaluation Partial overlap of an established HI genomic region • The observed CNV does NOT contain the known causative gene or critical region for this established HI genomic region OR • Unclear if known causative gene or critical region is affected OR • No specific causative gene or critical region has been established for this HI genomic region.	0	0
 L2C-1	range: 0.45 - 1.0 Partial overlap with the 5' end of an established HI gene (3' end of the gene not involved) and coding sequence is involved.	0.9	1
 L2C-2	range: 0.45 - 1.0 Partial overlap with the 5' end of an established HI gene (3' end of the gene not involved) and only the 5' UTR is involved.	0	0.45
 L2D-1	Continue evaluation Partial overlap with the 3' end of an established HI gene (5' end of the gene not involved) and only 3' untranslated region is involved.	0	0
 L2D-2	range: 0.45 - 0.9 Partial overlap with the 3' end of an established HI gene (5' end of the gene not involved) and only the last exon is involved. Other established pathogenic variants have been reported in this exon.	0.9	0.9
 L2D-3	range: 0.3 - 0.45 Partial overlap with the 3' end of an established HI gene (5' end of the gene not involved) and only the last exon is involved. No other established pathogenic variants have been reported in this exon.	0.3	0.45
 L2D-4	range: 0.45 - 1.0 Partial overlap with the 3' end of an established HI gene (5' end of the gene not involved) and it includes other exons in addition to the last exon. Nonsense-mediated decay is expected to occur.	0.9	1
 L2E	See ClinGen SVI working group PVS1 specifications • PVS1 = 0.90 (Range: 0.45 to 0.90) • PVS1_Strong = 0.45 (Range: 0.30 to 0.90) • PVS1_Moderate or PM4 (in-frame indels) = 0.30 (Range: 0.15 to 0.45) • PVS1_Supporting = 0.15 (Range: 0 to 0.30) • N/A = No points, but continue evaluation Both breakpoints are within the same gene (intragenic CNV; gene-level sequence variant). See ClinGen SVI working group PVS1 specifications • PVS1 = 0.90 (Range: 0.45 to 0.90) • PVS1_Strong = 0.45 (Range: 0.30 to 0.90) • PVS1_Moderate or PM4 (in-frame indels) = 0.30 (Range: 0.15 to 0.45) • PVS1_Supporting = 0.15 (Range: 0 to 0.30) • N/A = No points, but continue evaluation.	0	0.9
 L2F	Overlap with ESTABLISHED benign genes or genomic regions Completely contained within an established benign CNV region.	-1	0
 L2G	Continue evaluation Overlaps an established benign CNV, but includes additional genomic material.	0	0
 L2H	Haploinsufficiency predictors Two or more HI predictors suggest that AT LEAST ONE gene in the interval is HI.	0.15	0.15

We find that criteria L1 and L2 are checked correctly for L1A and L2E true. Note, that we have to use L2E because both breakpoints of our deletion are within the same gene and that L2E is assigned with 0.45 points which is also the correct value: Since the deletion abrogates more than 50% of the protein coding sequence we can consider it a loss of function variant and assign the ACMG criterion PVS1 on strong level, equaling a score of 0.45.

L3 is an easy one and also pre-checked correctly to L3A:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> L3A	Number of protein-coding RefSeq genes wholly or partially included in the copy-number loss 0-24 genes.	0	0
<input type="checkbox"/> L3B	25-34 genes.	0.45	0.45
<input type="checkbox"/> L3C	35+ genes.	0.9	0.9

Let's continue on to the manual case specific part:

REEV showed us 29 (likely) pathogenic loss of function SNVs in the ClinVar database (see screenshot above). As we have no information on inheritance from this ClinVar data and there are no matching SVs reported yet, we can only give the max. 0.3 points at L4E here:

<input type="checkbox"/> L4A	Confirmed de novo: 0.45 points each Assumed de novo: 0.30 points each (range: 0.15 to 0.45) Reported proband (from literature, public databases, or internal lab data) has either: • A complete deletion of or a LOF variant within gene encompassed by the observed copy-number loss OR • An overlapping copy-number loss similar in genomic content to the observed copynumber loss AND the reported phenotype is highly specific and relatively unique to the gene or genomic region,	0.3	0.9
<input type="checkbox"/> L4B	Confirmed de novo: 0.30 points each Assumed de novo: 0.15 point each (range: 0 to 0.45) Reported proband (from literature, public databases, or internal lab data) has either: • A complete deletion of or a LOF variant within gene encompassed by the observed copy-number loss OR • An overlapping copy-number loss similar in genomic content to the observed copynumber loss AND the reported phenotype is consistent with the gene/genomic region, is highly specific, but not necessarily unique to the gene/genomic region.	0.3	0.9
<input type="checkbox"/> L4C	Confirmed de novo: 0.15 point each Assumed de novo: 0.10 point each (range: 0 to 0.30) Reported proband (from literature, public databases, or internal lab data) has either: • A complete deletion of or a LOF variant within gene encompassed by the observed copy-number loss OR • An overlapping copy-number loss similar in genomic content to the observed copynumber loss AND the reported phenotype is consistent with the gene/genomic region, but not highly specific and/or with high genetic heterogeneity.	0.15	0.9
<input type="checkbox"/> L4D	Individual case evidence — inconsistent phenotype (range: 0 to -0.3) Reported proband (from literature, public databases, or internal lab data) has either: • A complete deletion of or a LOF variant within gene encompassed by the observed copy-number loss OR • An overlapping copy-number loss similar in genomic content to the observed copynumber loss AND the reported phenotype is NOT consistent with what is expected for the gene/ genomic region or not consistent in general.	0	0
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> L4E	Individual case evidence — unknown inheritance (range: 0 to 0.15) Reported proband has a highly specific phenotype consistent with the gene/genomic region, but the inheritance of the variant is unknown.	0.1	0.3

But we do have inheritance information on our case, of course! Here, the PAX9 deletion occurred de novo in a patient with oligodontia and their parents are known to be healthy. So, we can assign L5A with a score of 0.45:

Let's scroll back up and see where we have landed on rating this variant with the help of REEV!

Another solved case it is for us and REEV!

2.2.3 User login

All of the above is possible without any login. Beyond this, a login to REEV offers additional helpful features.

With creating a login you can:

- Store case specific information which can be helpful in evaluating your variant. E.g., you can add phenotypic information on your case by providing the corresponding HPO terms (see also above in the OMIM and HPO section of the sequence variant tutorial). On having provided HPO terms, a gene-to-phenotype rank will be provided to help you evaluate how well your patient's phenotype and the known gene-disease association fit one another.
- Bookmark genes and variants of interest to return to them at a later time point.
- Submit your evaluated variant to ClinVar (see section [ClinVar Submission](#)).

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> L5A	Observed copy-number loss is de novo. Use de novo scoring categories from section 4 (4A-4D) to determine score Use appropriate category from de novo scoring section in section 4.	0	0.45
<input type="checkbox"/> L5B	Observed copy-number loss is inherited. (range: 0 to -0.45) Patient with specific, well-defined phenotype and no family history. CNV is inherited from an apparently unaffected parent.	-0.3	0
<input type="checkbox"/> L5C	(range: 0 to -0.30) Patient with nonspecific phenotype and no family history. CNV is inherited from an apparently unaffected parent.	-0.15	0
<input type="checkbox"/> L5D	Use segregation scoring categories from section 4 (4F-4H) to determine score CNV segregates with a consistent phenotype observed in the patient's family.	0	0.45
<input type="checkbox"/> L5E	Observed copy-number loss — nonsegregations. Use nonsegregation scoring categories from section 4 (4I-4K) to determine score Use appropriate category from nonsegregation section in section 4.	0	0
<input type="checkbox"/> L5F	Other Inheritance information is unavailable or uninformative.	0	0
<input type="checkbox"/> L5G	(range: 0 to 0.15) Inheritance information is unavailable or uninformative. The patient phenotype is nonspecific, but is consistent with what has been described in similar cases.	0.1	0.15
<input type="checkbox"/> L5H	(range: 0 to 0.30) Inheritance information is unavailable or uninformative. The patient phenotype is highly specific and consistent with what has been described in similar cases.	0.3	0.3
<input type="checkbox"/> conflicts documentation			

Clinical Significance

SEMI-AUTOMATED PATHOGENICITY PREDICTION

SEMI-AUTOMATED ACMG PATHOGENICITY PREDICTION

Pathogenic with score: 1.2

RESET TO AUTO

DOCUMENTATION

To login, click on “Login” button on the top right of the REEV homepage. You can then log into REEV with an ORCID or LifeScience Research Infrastructure account. Just click the corresponding button the login screen.

- ORCID is an organisation that provides persistent digital identifiers and creating an account with them is free. Go to <https://orcid.org> for more information.
- LifeScience Research Infrastructure allows researchers from the European Union to login with the account from their home organization. See <https://lifescience-ri.eu/ls-login/> for more information.

2.3 Supported Queries

This section describes the queries that are supported by REEV.

2.3.1 Genes

Gene queries in REEV allow users to search by HGNC symbol or NCBI/ENSEMBL/HGNC ID. Examples of gene queries include:

- *BRCA1*: Search by HGNC symbol.
- *HGNC:1100*: This refers to the HGNC ID for the BRCA1 gene.
- *7273*: This is the NCBI ID for the TTN gene.

2.3.2 Sequence Variants

Sequence variant queries in REEV can be provided in HGVS notation, gnomAD style, or SPDI-style. Examples include:

- *NM_007294.4(BRCA1):c.5123C>A*: HGVS transcript SNV.
- *NM_000179.3:c.4082del*: HGVS transcript deletion.
- *NC_000017.10:g.41197728G>T*: HGVS genomic SNV.
- *GRCh37-chr17-41197751-G-T*: gnomAD style variant.
- *NC_000017.11:43039470:G:A*: Canonical SPDI.

2.3.3 Structural Variants

Structural variant queries in REEV can be provided in various formats including ISCN notation, colon-separated, or hyphen-separated formats. Examples include:

- *DEL:chr17:41176312:41277500*: Deletion on chromosome 17.
- *DUP-chrX-73565114-73956354*: Duplication on chromosome X.
- *arr[GRCh37] 7q11(72,650,120_74,154,209)x1*: ISCN notation.
- *GRCh37 7q11(72,650,120_74,154,209)x1*: Shorter form of ISCN notation.

2.4 Front-End URLs

This section describes the stable part of the front-end's URLs (aka web addresses). It includes a description how the search/lookup works in REEV and the supported query formats.

Overall, the front-end allows to lookup information on:

- sequence variants (`seqvars`, we consider all variants <50bp as small and these are also known as SNVs, SNPs, indels, etc.)
- structural variants (`strucvars`, where we currently support detailed information only on deletions and duplications, aka copy number losses and gains)
- individual genes

This section first describes the representation of the entities that REEV can be queried for. It then continues with the description of the URLs and the query engine behaviour.

2.4.1 Aims and Background

The aim of the variant/gene query (or better fitting: resolution) engine is to provide users with an intuitive/natural way to search for variants (and genes). The user input has to fulfill certain requirements, e.g., not contain too much extra whitespace. The description below includes a summary of what normalization is performed.

Note that the user generally has to select one of the supported genome releases GRCh37 or GRCh38, even for genes, the default currently is GRCh37. The reason for this is that reference genome specific information will also be displayed

The start page of REEV contains a number of examples for valid queries that should illustrate the supported formats.

2.4.2 Sequence Variants

Note: dbSNP and ClinVar accession translation has not been implemented yet.

Sequence variants are supported in the following formats:

HGVS genomic variants (`g.` format)

For example: `NC_000017.10:g.48275363C>A` or `NC_000017.11:g.50198002C>A`. Note that the sequence identifier are case sensitive must be versioned. The genome version will be derived from the sequence identifiers.

HGVS transcript variants (either `c.` or `n.` format)

For example: `NM_000088.4:n.653G>T` or `NM_000088.4:c.535G>T`. Here, the genome release will be needed to extract the genome reference information.

gnomAD variant identifiers

For example: `1-55516888-G-A`. Here, we will need explicit genome release information as well. You can also provide this, e.g., with `GRCh37-1-55516888-G-A`.

Canonical SPDI

This is the format `SEQUENCE:POSITION:REF:ALT` where `SEQUENCE` is the GenBank sequence name of the GRCh38 release. For example: `GRCh38:17:50198002:C:A` or `GRCh37:17:48275363:C:A`.

SPDI with genome release

You can also use `RELEASE:CHROM` for the `SEQUENCE` name above. Example: `GRCh38:10:87925523:C:G`. If you leave out the release name and just use `CHROM` then the genome release from the search field will be used, falling back to `GRCh37`.

dbSNP Identifier

This is the format `rs<NUMBER>` where `<NUMBER>` is the dbSNP identifier. This is case insensitive. For example: `rs123456`.

ClinVar identifier

This is `RCV<NUMBER>` and `VCV<NUMBER>`. Optionally, you can specify a `.<VERSION>` suffix which is subsequently ignored.

Overall, we support the following genome release identifiers (case insensitive) of the `GRCh37` and `GRCh38` releases. `GRCh37`, `GRCh38`, `hg19`, `hg38`. Only canonical chromosomes `1..22`, `X`, `Y`, `MT` are supported.

2.4.3 Structural Variants

You can specify deletions and duplications as follows:

Colon-separated format

`TYPE:SEQUENCE:START` where `SEQUENCE` can be an NCBI identifier, the `RELEASE:CHROM`, or just `CHROM` as for sequence variant `SPDI`. Examples: `DEL:NC_000017.10:48275363` or `DEL:GRCh37:17:48275363` or `DUP:17:48275363`. Optionally, you can also use a the `gnomAD`-style variant identifier and use a hyphen rather than a colon and, e.g., write `DEL-GRCh37-17-48275363`

ISCN array format

These follow the format `arr[$RELEASE] $CHROM.$CHROME($START_$STOP)x$COPY`. `$RELEASE` is the genome release, `$CHROMB` is the `CHROM{p,q}`BAND of the start position, similarly `$CHROMC` for the end chromosome. `$START` and `$STOP` are the start and stop positions, `$COPY` is the copy number. Examples: `arr[GRCh37] 2q12.2q13(107132950_110427254)x1` for a deletion or or `arr[hg38] 17q23.1-25.1(chr17:36449220-75053130)x3` for a duplication. You can also just specify `$RELEASE` rather than `arr[$RELEASE]`.

2.4.4 Genes

You can lookup genes by:

- their approved HGNC symbols
- alias symbols as provided by HGNC
- previous symbols registered with HGNC
- the official HGNC identifier

All gene search is case insensitive.

For example, see the [HGNC page on the *VPS13B* gene](#). The approved symbol is *VPS13B*, the only alias symbol is *BLTP5B*, previous symbols are *CHS1* and *COH1*, and the HGNC identifier is `HGNC:2183` So the following queries would bring you to the gene *VPS13B*:

- `VPS13B`
- `VPS13b`
- `BLTP5B`
- `CHS1`

- COH1
- coh1
- coH1
- HGNC:2183

2.4.5 URLs

REEV provides the following stable endpoint URLs.

`/query?q=${TERM}&genomeRelease=${GENOME}`

Query endpoint where TERM can be in any of the supported formats above. See below for the documented behaviour.

`/gene/${GENOME}/${SYMBOL}`

Canonical URLs of genes with the official HGNC symbol. When loaded, the symbol will be checked against the HGNC database. If we only find a match for an alias or previous symbol, the user will be redirected to the official symbol.

`/seqvar/${GENOME}/${CHROM}-${POS}-${DEL}-${INS}`

Canonical URLs of sequence variants in gnomAD-style SPDI format. Currently, no check is performed whether DEL sequence is correct in the reference.

`/strucvar/${GENOME}/(DEL|DUP)/${CHROM}-${START}-${STOP}`

Canonical URLs of deletions and insertions.

2.4.6 Resolving Queries

The resolution of gene names is done by a backend service, as is the parsing of HGVS variants and projection to genomic coordinates. The remaining query formats are directly resolved by the query engine by parsing the data. The query engine will perform the following steps.

1. Attempt to interpret as one of the known sequence variant formats.
 - a. gnomAD variant identifier
 - b. SPDI
 - c. dbSNP identifier
 - d. ClinVar identifier
2. Attempt to interpret as one of the known structural variant formats.
 - a. Colon-separated format
 - b. ISCN array format
3. Attempt to interpret as HGVS notation with backend service.
4. Attempt to find a perfect case sensitive match for a gene symbol, alias, or previous symbol.
5. Attempt to find a partial match for a gene symbol, alias, or previous symbol.

2.5 Manual

This section describes the data display in detail.

2.5.1 Genes

Basic information

This card shows the basic information for a gene such as its symbol, name, and a short summary that we took from the NCBI gene overview. At the bottom of the card, you can find link-outs to other websites describing the gene, such as searching pubmed, ENSEMBL, NCBI, UniProt and MGI. At the very right of this link-outs you find a link to REEV's gene detail view (detailed view of a gene's properties without any specific variant information).

Note that you can also click on "More" on the lower right of the card to show additional information on the gene:

- Alternative identifiers with link-outs, e.g., to ENSEMBL, or RefSeq.
- Further external resources such as DECIPHER, OMIM, etc.
- Link-outs to locus specific databases if available for the respective gene of interest, e.g. LOVD, NIH-BIC database (for BRCA1/2 variants), Leiden Muscular Dystrophy pages (for TTN variants), etc.
- NCBI GeneRIFs

Gene Pathogenicity

This card shows the available gene pathogenicity scores for a gene such as:

- ClinGen haploinsufficiency and triplosensitivity scores
- gnomAD pLI and LOEUF scores (for loss of function variants) and Z-score (for missense variants)
- DECIPHER haploinsufficiency and triplosensitivity scores as well as sHet (Selection coefficient of heterozygous loss-of-function variants) scores

Associated Conditions

This card shows the available information on the conditions associated to the respective gene.

First, the card will display information on membership in the ACMG Supplementary Findings list, if the gene is contained.

Second, the card will show diseases associated via OMIM, Orphanet or PanelApp. The confidence corresponds to the highest evidence of the link (high, medium, or low). A link from OMIM has high confidence, as does have a link from Orphanet with "Assessed" label. Orphanet links that are "Not yet assessed" have a link of low strength. Link strength from PanelApp are taken from the green/amber/red labels in PanelApp. Currently, links from PanelApp are only made if the gene-phenotype link is tagged with an Orphanet or OMIM disease. Clicking on the disease sheet will show you the OMIM and Orphanet terms that are integrated into the card.

Below, you can see a list of PanelApp panels associated with the gene. You can see the panel name, the version, confidence, and labeled mode of inheritance. Clicking on the panel sheet will show you the full list of phenotypes labeled in the panel.

Note that you can use the button "numeric terms" in the lower left corner to show or hide the corresponding numeric HPO term and OMIM phenotype IDs; with the button "show links" right next you can activate and deactivate the corresponding link-outs of the displayed HPO terms and OMIM phenotypes. At the bottom of the card you can also find more link-outs to further websites with gene-phenotype information, such as JAX and Orphanet. Note that you

can also use the “More” button on the lower right of the card to directly show non-integrated OMIM and Orphanet disorders and their respective link-outs.

If you have logged in and provided case specific phenotype information with HPO terms you can find the gene-to-phenotype rank (i.e. how well your case’s HPO terms fit the gene’s associated HPO terms) in the grey box on the right.

Literature

This card displays the latest ten publications in PubMed related to this gene. For more genes, follow the link-out to [PubTator](#).

Expression

This card shows the tissue specific information for a gene as provided by GTEX. Below the plot you also find the corresponding link-out to the GTEX portal. Note that you can also use the little “...” button in the upper right corner of the plot to

- save the plot as .svg or .png
- view the corresponding vega source code and open in vega editor

ClinVar Information

This card shows aggregate variant information from ClinVar for the current gene.

Impact Counts

This table gives summary counts of variants by classification and variant type as found in ClinVar. The rows are labeled as pathogenic/likely pathogenic (row “pathogenic”), uncertain significance, and benign/likely benign (row “benign”) in ClinVar for the current gene. The columns are labeled as loss of function (LoF), missense/inframe, non-coding, and synonymous. The marginal rows and columns contain row-/column-wise sums.

The cells have a colored background (red/gray/green in the rows pathogenic/uncertain/benign). The color intensity is proportional to the column-wise fraction. The maximal intensity is reached at 20% of the column counts. For example, if there is a total of 100 variants in the LoF column, with 30 pathogenic, 60 uncertain, and 10 benign, then the color intensity will be full for pathogenic and uncertain, and be at 50% intensity for benign.

Overall, this allows you to quickly gauge the distribution of variant classifications for different variant types in ClinVar. The mapping from variant type in ClinVar to column label is as follows:

- unknown: not shown
- stop lost: not shown
- no sequence alteration: synonymous
- synonymous variant: synonymous
- 3’ UTR variant: non-coding
- 5’ UTR variant: non-coding
- downstream transcript variant: non-coding
- intron variant: non-coding
- non-coding transcript variant: non-coding

- upstream transcript variant: non-coding
- inframe indel: missense/inframe
- missense variant: missense/inframe
- frameshift variant: LoF
- start lost: LoF
- stop gained: LoF
- splice acceptor variant: LoF
- splice donor variant: LoF

Impact / Frequency

This plot shows the number of variants with the coarse clinical significances pathogenic (pathogenic/likely pathogenic), uncertain significance, and benign (benign/likely benign) in ClinVar for the current gene. These are shown in buckets of population frequency (gnomAD AF) as provided by ClinVar. The bucket boundaries are 0.00025, 0.0005, 0.001, 0.0025, 0.005, 0.01, 0.025, 0.05, 0.1, 0.25, 0.5, 1.0.

Overall, this allows you to quickly see the frequency distribution of variants in ClinVar for the current gene.

Variation Landscape

This plot shows the distribution of pathogenic, likely pathogenic, uncertain significance, likely benign, and benign variants in ClinVar along the current gene. The line “gene” displays the exons of the gene. You can use this to see whether there are any hotspots of pathogenic variants in ClinVar for the current gene.

2.5.2 Sequence Variants

Clinical Significance

This card shows the semi-automated pathogenicity prediction based on InterVar¹. Using the buttons on the left you can...

- Hide/show the terse mode of ACMG criteria² display. On show this will provide you an overview of just the different criteria and their evidence level, on hide you will see the full display also providing a description on every ACMG criterion and how it should be used.
- Hide/show failed criteria (not set to “active” by the little switch displayed left to every criterion)

Tip: you can also see a brief description of every ACMG criterion in the terse mode when moving your cursor over the little “i” in the upper right corner of every ACMG criterion box.

On default you will see the automated selection of ACMG criteria. You can individually select and deselect every ACMG criterion using the little switch displayed left to every criterion and also select the respective level of evidence (very strong, strong, moderate, supporting) using the button below the respective ACMG criterion.

¹ Q. Li and K. Wang. InterVar: Clinical Interpretation of Genetic Variants by the 2015 ACMG-AMP Guidelines. *Am J Hum Genet*, 100(2):267–280, Feb 2017.

² S. Richards, N. Aziz, S. Bale, D. Bick, S. Das, J. Gastier-Foster, W. W. Grody, M. Hegde, E. Lyon, E. Spector, K. Voelkerding, and H. L. Rehm. Standards and guidelines for the interpretation of sequence variants: a joint consensus recommendation of the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics and the Association for Molecular Pathology. *Genet Med*, 17(5):405–424, May 2015.

Note that you can also clear all selected ACMG criteria or reset them to auto using the respective buttons below the pathogenicity prediction box on the top of the card. Here, you can also find a link-out to the detailed REEV documentation on ACMG criteria.

Finally, you can save your ACMG rating, load a preexisting one, or delete it from the server.

2.5.3 InterVar Automation

Explaining the ACMG criteria for sequence variants is beyond the scope of this manual, but we provide a brief overview of the InterVar^{Page 33, 1} automation rules.

Table 1: Sequence variant ACMG criteria as implemented in InterVar.

Criteria	Summary
PVS1	Null variants on canonical transcript for 4807 identified LOF-intolerant gene list, before 50 nucleotides of final exon-junction complex
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PS1	Automatic match against list of ClinVar pathogenic missense-variants, same AA change
PS4	Variants with OR > 5.0 in GWASdb v2
PM1	domain info from dbnsfp31a_interpro database, list of domains with only pathogenic and likely pathogenic variants based on ClinVar data
PM2	absent in ESP6500, 1000 Genomes, ExAC for dominant or AAF <0,5% for recessive
PM4	non-frameshift insertion/deletion, stop-loss in non-repeat regions (rmsk database UCSC browser)
PM5	Automatic match against list of ClinVar pathogenic missense-variants, different AA change
PP2	>80% pathogenic (at least one) clinvar variants missense and <10% benign (and less than one)
PP3	dfnsfp30a MetaSVM (>0, deleteriousness), GERP++ (>2.0, conservation), dbscnv11 (>0.6 ADA, RF scores)
PP5	ClinVar or HGMD as database
BA1	AAF >5%
BS1	AAF >1% (default cutoff, user-adjustable)
BS2	hom (for AR) or het (for AD) in 1000 Genomes
BP1	>80% pathogenic (at least one) clinvar variants truncating
BP3	non-frameshift insertion, non-frameshift deletion in repeat region (defined by rmsk database)
BP4	Evidence (see PP3) does not suggest impact
BP6	ClinVar or HGMD as database
BP7	dbscnv RF and ADA <0.6, GERP++ <2 (not conserved)

The following criteria are not implemented in InterVar:

Table 2: Sequence variant ACMG criteria not implemented in InterVar.

Criteria	Summary
PS2, PM6	de novo status of variant
PS3, BS6	functional studies
PM3, BP2	variant in cis/trans with known pathogenic
PP1, BS4	familial segregation
PP4	phenotype and family history
BP5	alternative molecular basis

Consequences

This card shows the consequences of your variant of interest by providing information on

- the gene affected
- the different transcript variants (RefSeq)
- the respective consequence as type of the variant (missense, nonsense, frameshift, splice, etc.) and the change on cDNA and protein level in the corresponding transcript
- which of how many exons is affected by this variant in the corresponding transcript

ClinVar

This card shows information on the variant available in the ClinVar database such as the annotated interpretation (benign, likely benign, uncertain significance, likely pathogenic, pathogenic), the evidence level / review status (1 to 5 stars) and a link-out to this entry in ClinVar. Using the button in the lower right corner of the card you can expand this ClinVar information, e.g. to the associated condition linked to this variant.

Scores

This card shows a variety of precomputed sequence variant scores, e.g. CADD, PolyPhen2, SIFT, REVEL etc. Note that REEV also provides the precomputed splice predictions scores MMSplice and SpliceAI for the assessment of potential splice site variants. By default the most pathogenic prediction is displayed. Using the button next to the tool on the left you can also expand both predictions to all the different splice site change scores calculated (e.g. acceptor-gain, acceptor-loss, donor-gain, ...).

REEV provides not only the raw scores but also an interpretation of the respective score. To this end, a color visualization of each score is shown with green color indicating a benign and red color indicating a pathogenic prediction. On the right REEV provides you with the respective evidence level you can use on the ACMG PP3 criterion according to recent ClinGen recommendations by Pejaver *et al.*³ who advise that “For missense variants, to determine evidence for codes PP3 and BP4, we recommend that, for most situations, clinical laboratories use a single tool, genome-wide, that can reach the strong level of evidence for pathogenicity and moderate for benignity (BayesDel, MutPred2, REVEL, or VEST4)” The interpretation given by REEV follows the respective thresholds for each score published in these guidelines (Table 2).

On the bottom of this card you can also find information on conservation (UCSC 100 vertebrate conservation) for the position affected by the variant of interest.

Note, that if there are more than one transcript variant for gene, on the bottom right of this card you can choose and switch between the different transcript variants and the corresponding predictions for this respective transcript variant will be provided above.

³ V. Pejaver, A. B. Byrne, B. J. Feng, K. A. Pagel, S. D. Mooney, R. Karchin, A. O'Donnell-Luria, S. M. Harrison, S. V. Tavtigian, M. S. Greenblatt, L. G. Biesecker, P. Radivojac, S. E. Brenner, L. G. Biesecker, S. M. Harrison, A. A. Tayoun, J. S. Berg, S. E. Brenner, G. R. Cutting, S. Ellard, M. S. Greenblatt, P. Kang, I. Karbassi, R. Karchin, J. Mester, A. O'Donnell-Luria, T. Pesaran, S. E. Plon, H. L. Rehm, N. T. Strande, S. V. Tavtigian, and S. Topper. Calibration of computational tools for missense variant pathogenicity classification and ClinGen recommendations for PP3/BP4 criteria. *Am J Hum Genet*, 109(12):2163–2177, Dec 2022.

Population Frequencies

This card shows the variant's occurrence in the control database gnomAD and also provides the respective link-out to gnomAD.

Variant Tools

This card provides useful further link-outs on variant level to the genome browsers ENSEMBL and UCSC as well as to further resources such as MutationTaster, Varsome, etc. By clicking on the “Jump in local IGV” button on the bottom, you can also look at the variant in IGV when you have the respective bam-file opened in your local IGV.

Beacon Network

In this card you can connect to other users via the beacon network to search for your variant of interest and associated information at other sites.

Variant Validator

In this last card you can submit the variant to VariantValidator to obtain gold standard HGVS description to make short to report the variant correctly in your lab report or paper.

2.5.4 Structural Variants

Gene List

In this first card you find an overview in the form of a gene list of all genes overlapping and contained in the region affected by your structural variant of interest. In this overview you find the Gene symbol, RefSeq MANE transcript ID as well as important scores on haploinsufficiency and triplosensitivity of the respective gene (see also *Genes*) For the currently selected gene, the information described in the section *Genes* is displayed.

Note, that if you investigate a larger SV affecting multiple genes, REEV can help you prioritize that larger set of genes by sorting by different criteria using the “sort by” selection box on the upper right corner of the card to sort the gene list by different (e.g. haploinsufficiency or triplosensitivity) scores.

ClinVar

This card shows information on overlapping variants listed in the ClinVar database, their annotated interpretation (benign, likely benign, uncertain significance, likely pathogenic, pathogenic), the evidence level / review status (1 to 5 stars), the associated condition linked to this variant and the size of the respective overlap of this ClinVar variant with your SV of interest. Note, that you can expand every row to show more information on the respective ClinVar variant and that you can sort the list of ClinVar variants by size of their overlap to your SV.

Variant Tools

This card provides useful further link-outs on variant level to the genome browsers ENSEMBL and UCSC as well as to further resources such as MutationTaster, Varsome, etc. By clicking on the “Jump in local IGV” button on the bottom, you can also look at the variant in IGV when you have the respective bam-file opened in your local IGV.

Clinical Significance

This card shows the semi-automated pathogenicity prediction based on AutoCNV⁴. Using the buttons to the left of each criterion you can select or deselect every ACMG CNV criterion⁵. The semi-automated prediction is providing an automated scoring for criteria 1-3 while you always have to select criteria 4 and 5 manually based on your clinical information on the case. On default you will see the automated selection of ACMG criteria. You can individually select and deselect every ACMG CNV criterion using the little switch displayed left to every criterion and also select the individual points you score on this criterion.

To help you with your manual ACMG assessment, you find a description next to every ACMG CNV criterion and a summary of the points suggested to use for this criterion as well as the maximum score allowed for this criterion.

Note, that you can also reset all selected ACMG criteria to auto using the respective button below the pathogenicity prediction box on the top of the card. Here, you can also find a link-out to the detailed REEV documentation on ACMG criteria.

2.5.5 AutoCNV Automation

Explaining the ACMG criteria for copy number variants is beyond the scope of this manual, but we provide a brief overview of the AutoCNV^{Page 37, 4} automation. The following criteria are implemented.

⁴ C. Fan, Z. Wang, Y. Sun, J. Sun, X. Liu, L. Kang, Y. Xu, M. Yang, W. Dai, L. Song, X. Wei, J. Xiang, H. Huang, M. Zhou, F. Zeng, L. Huang, Z. Xu, and Z. Peng. AutoCNV: a semiautomatic CNV interpretation system based on the 2019 ACMG/ClinGen Technical Standards for CNVs. *BMC Genomics*, 22(1):721, Oct 2021.

⁵ E. R. Riggs, E. F. Andersen, A. M. Cherry, S. Kantarci, H. Kearney, A. Patel, G. Raca, D. I. Ritter, S. T. South, E. C. Thorland, D. Pineda-Alvarez, S. Aradhya, and C. L. Martin. Technical standards for the interpretation and reporting of constitutional copy-number variants: a joint consensus recommendation of the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics (ACMG) and the Clinical Genome Resource (ClinGen). *Genet Med*, 22(2):245–257, Feb 2020.

Table 3: Copy number loss variant ACMG criteria as implemented in AutoCNV.

Section	Rule	Summary
1	1A	0 otherwise
	1B	−0.6 if no protein coding genes or functionally important elements
2	2A	1 if del spans haploinsufficient or dup spans triplosensitive gene or region (clingen database)
	2B	0 no overlap
	2C	del: 0.9 if exon involved or 0.0 without for partial 5' overlap; dup: −1 if same gene content as known benign CNV
	2D	del: 0.9 for 3' overlap if pathogenic variants documented in exon (P/LP ClinVar with AF <1% gnomAD), 0.3 without known pathogenic, 0.9 multiple exons; dup: −1 smaller than benign CNV
	2E	del: AutoPVS1, 0.9 if NMD, 0.45 if altered region critical, 0.45 if > 10% protein removed, 0.3 if < 10% protein; dup: assign 0 if interrupts protein coding gene
	2F	del: −1 if established benign genes, regions; dup: [−1, 0] if larger than benign duplication without additional coding genes
	2G	0 if established benign genes but includes additional regions
	2H	0.15 gene pLI \geq 0.9 and Decipher HI \leq 10%
	2I	dup: AutoPVS1, 0.9 if tandem + NMD, 0.45 if tandem
	2L	dup: 0 genes without clinical significance
3	3A	0 otherwise
	3B	0.45 if del [25..34] or dup [35..49] protein coding genes
	3C	0.9 for del > 35 and dup > 50 protein coding genes
4	4O	−1 if CNV entirely within common variation (DGV Freq \geq 1% or gnomAD \geq 1%), or if overlap > 50% without containing other protein coding genes

The following criteria are not implemented in AutoCNV.

Table 4: Copy number loss variant ACMG criteria not implemented in AutoCNV.

Section	Rule	Summary
2	2J, 2K	patient phenotype consistency with LoF of gene
4	4A-N	phenotype, segregation in literature, case/control
5	5A-5H	patient phenotype, family segregation

Genome Browser

This card provides an internal genome browser with useful tracks for interpreting the variant. You see the genomic location of the variant along with useful tracks from UCSC (e.g. Repeat Masker), RefSeq Genes as well as gnomAD and DGV SVs, ExAC CNVs.

2.6 ClinVar Submission

This section describes the ClinVar submission feature of REEV.

2.6.1 Prerequisites

To use this feature, you will need to fulfill the following prerequisites.

1. You must have a ClinVar API key. For this, you will first need to register your group with ClinVar and then request API access via an email to clinvar@ncbi.nlm.nih.gov. You can find out more information [here about registering your organization with ClinVar](#) and [here about API keys](#).
2. You need a REEV account. This is easy, just click on “Login” on the top right of the REEV website. The account will be enabled after logging in with one of the following options.

As a member of a research organisation in the European Union, you can login via your home organisation using LifeScience Research Infrastructure (LSRI). Otherwise, or if you prepare, you can login with OrcID. OrcID is a free service that allows you to create a unique identifier for your publications, and you can also create an OrcID account by connecting your Google/Microsoft/... account.

We chose these two options because we do not want to handle and store passwords and both LSRI/OrcID are secure login options and available to us without charge.

Please note that the REEV authors are not affiliated with ClinVar, NCBI, or NIH.

2.6.2 Overview

Now that you have an account with REEV, access to a group account at ClinVar and your ClinVar API key (64 character long token), we can get started. The overall process will be as follows:

As a one-time setup, you will store the ClinVar API key in your REEV account. Note that multiple people from the same group can do this and everything will still work.

The process is then as follows:

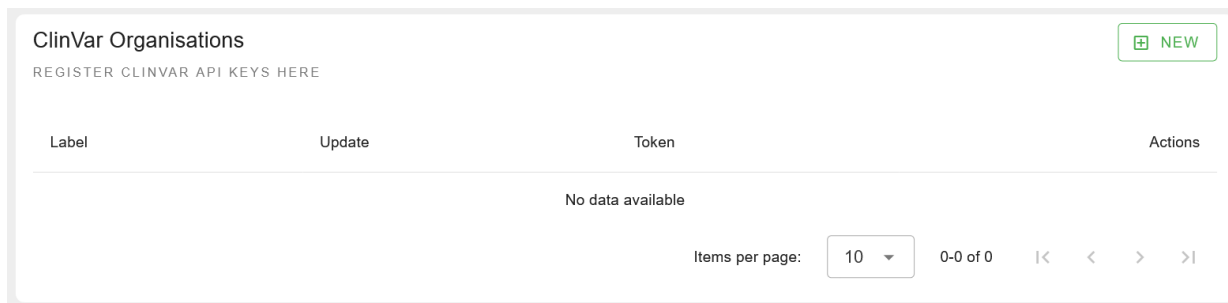
1. You enter the sequence or structural variant that you want to upload in to REEV and go to the page.
2. You go to the “ClinVar Submission” tab and create a new submission.
3. You send a create, update, or delete request to ClinVar by:
 - a. Enter the required information (e.g., SCV accession for a deletion, or variant information for creation).
 - b. Store this request on the REEV server which will put it into the work queue of REEV. REEV will shortly submit this request to ClinVar.
 - c. ClinVar will put your request into their work queue and process it eventually. Note that this takes some time (in our experience 2 hours are not rare). During this process, ClinVar will perform validation steps and may reject your request.

The earlier that you get feedback from ClinVar, the higher the chance that there is a problem, so be patient. Also see the section [Common Errors](#). After all automated validation steps are complete, you will get an SCV identifier and your submission will be published at the next release (usually the next Sunday). No human validation is done on the side of ClinVar.

Compared to the Excel submission, this process is a huge improvement even if it sounds complicated.

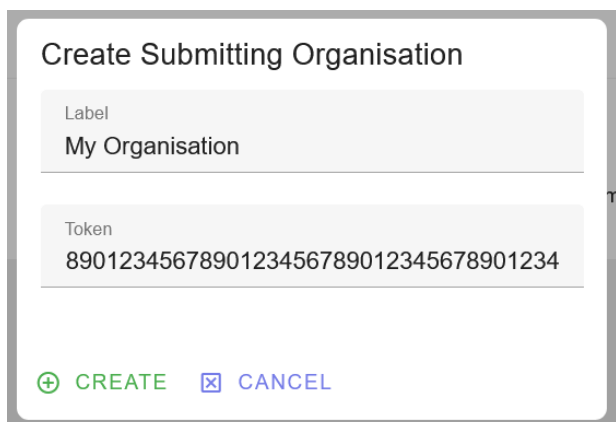
2.6.3 ClinVar API Keys in Profile

After logging in, click “Profile” on the top right of the REEV website. Then, select “Orgs / Keys” menu on the left below “ClinVar Submissions”. You will be shown the following screen. Here, you can find all of your organisations for which you have stored an API key in REEV. Most users, will not have more than one entry here.



The screenshot shows a table titled "ClinVar Organisations" with the subtitle "REGISTER CLINVAR API KEYS HERE". In the top right corner, there is a green button with a plus icon and the text "NEW". The table has four columns: "Label", "Update", "Token", and "Actions". The table body is empty, displaying "No data available". At the bottom right, there is a pagination control showing "Items per page: 10", "0-0 of 0", and navigation arrows.

To create a new entry, click on the green “New” button on the top right. A modal will be shown where you can register a new organisation. You have to provide a label (only used for display purposes) and the ClinVar API key. Click “Create” to store the new entry.

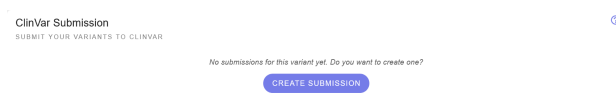


The screenshot shows a modal titled "Create Submitting Organisation". It contains two input fields: "Label" with the text "My Organisation" and "Token" with the text "8901234567890123456789012345678901234". At the bottom, there are two buttons: a green button with a plus icon and the text "CREATE", and a blue button with a close icon and the text "CANCEL".

You now have successfully registered your ClinVar API key and can start create submissions.

2.6.4 Submit Novel Record

Submitting a *novel* record means that a given variant has not been submitted to ClinVar before. In this case, simply navigate to the given sequence or structural variant in REEV. Click “ClinVar Submission” in the navigation or scroll down to the corresponding box.



The screenshot shows a box titled "ClinVar Submission" with the subtitle "SUBMIT YOUR VARIANTS TO CLINVAR". Below the subtitle, it says "No submissions for this variant yet. Do you want to create one?". At the bottom, there is a blue button with the text "CREATE SUBMISSION".

Here, click the “Create Submission” button. A step by step wizard will guide you through the process. First, select the organisation for which you want to submit the record. The screenshots below show the process for sequence variants but the process is the same for structural variants. Here, we focus on new submissions, in [Variant Update](#) we will discuss updates and in [Variant Deletion](#) we will discuss deletions. Click “Next”.

On the next screen, you can enter the information that you want to submit. The most important fields are the clinical significance and the condition. Also, you might want to assign some HPO phenotype terms of your patient. When you are done, click “Next”.

ClinVar Submission

SUBMIT YOUR VARIANTS TO CLINVAR

CANCEL

1

2

3

Prepare

Enter Data

Review & Submit

Below, select the submitting organisation (and corresponding ClinVar API key) that you want to use. Also, you can configure whether you want to create a new submission or update/delete an existing one.

Submitting Organisation

My Organisation

☒

 I want to update/delete with an existing submission and I have an SCV

SCV of existing submission

☐

 Update Variant

PREVIOUS

NEXT

ClinVar Submission

SUBMIT YOUR VARIANTS TO CLINVAR

CANCEL

1

2

3

Prepare

Enter Data

Review & Submit

Below, you may enter the details of the submission. The fields marked with an asterisk are required.

CASE CONDITIONS

Together with the variant, the **Condition** will identify your submission. For example, you could submit a variant as pathogenic for disease A while it may be benign for disease B. In addition, you can specify a number of fine-grained Human Phenotype Ontology (HPO) terms that describe the patient's condition.

Condition

You may specify an OMIM disease. Otherwise, we will submit with 'not provided'

HPO Terms

CLINICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Clinical Significance*

Uncertain significance

Last Evaluated*

2023-12-24

Optional Comment

ALLELE INFORMATION

Allele Origin*

germline

Mode of Inheritance*

Unknown mechanism

Collection Method**

clinical testing

PREVIOUS

NEXT

In this screen, you can review your submission. In the case that you want to adjust something, click “previous” to go back. Otherwise, click “submit creation request” to start the submission. By this, you create a submission job in REEV and a request will be sent to ClinVar.

ClinVar Submission

SUBMIT YOUR VARIANTS TO CLINVAR

1

Prepare

2

Enter Data

3

Review & Submit

Please confirm to request ClinVar to create your submission with the following data.

META INFORMATION

Submitting Organisation
My Organisation

Operation
create

SCV Submission Identifier
assigned after creation

CASE CONDITIONS

Condition
not provided

HPO Terms
not provided

CLINICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Last Evaluated
2023-12-24

Clinical Significance
Uncertain significance

Comment
not provided

ALLELE INFORMATION

Allele Origin
germline

Mode of Inheritance
Unknown mechanism

Collection Method
clinical testing

PREVIOUS

SUBMIT CREATION REQUEST

NEXT

This job will be shown in the following overview table. It can take some time for ClinVar to process your request, and updates will be shown in the table below.

Your submission request has been saved on our server and will be processed shortly.

NEW

ClinVar Submission

SUBMIT YOUR VARIANTS TO CLINVAR

Variant	Update	SCV	Operation	Status
gn037-6-24302274-T-C	2023-12-24 20:36	N/A	create	waiting

Items per page: 10 1-1 of 1

You can also go to your profile and the click “Submission Activity” on the left. You can see all of your past and current submission activity.

ClinVar Submission Activity

YOUR CLINVAR SUBMISSION ACTIVITY

Below, you can all of your submission activity. You can create new activity from the sequence and structural variant details pages.

Variant	Update	SCV	Operation	Status
gn037-6-24302274-T-C	2023-12-24 20:36	N/A	create	failed

Items per page: 10 1-1 of 1

2.6.5 Variant Update

Variant updates work the same as variant creations. However, in the first step you have to enable “I want to update/delete an existing submission and I have an SCV”, enter the SCV accession, and keep the third switch as “Update Variant”. Note that you will currently have to re-fill the data in the “Enter Data” step.

2.6.6 Variant Deletion

Deleting a submission is even simpler. In the first step, check “I want to update/delete an existing submission and I have an SCV”, enter the SCV accession, and change the third switch to “Delete Variant”. You can optionally provide a free-text reason for removing the variant submission.

2.6.7 Common Errors

Invalid API Key

Message

No valid API key provided.

Explanation

The API key that you provided is not valid. Please check that you have entered the correct key.

Resolution

Correct the value that you provided in the REEV profile.

Record is not Novel

Message

This record is submitted as novel but it should be submitted as an update, including the SCV accession, because your organization previously submitted <SCV> for the same variant and condition.

Explanation

Your organisation has already submitted a record with this “name” and condition (OMIM code or “not provided”). ClinVar generates a variant name from your genomic coordinates. Each organisation can only have one submission for the combination of the condition and variant.

Resolution

You can either submit a revision of your interpretation, (or, e.g., extend the “observed in” information), or leave the record as it is.

Submission Names Cannot be Changed

Message

This update changes the description of the variant for <SCV>, which is generally not allowed on a ClinVar record. Please check the description of the variant and correct if necessary. If you intend to change the description of the variant, please submit as a new record and delete this record. Contact clinvar@ncbi.nlm.nih.gov if you have questions.

Explanation

Most likely, you try to update the coordinates of a variant with an existing SCV. ClinVar does not allow this. Rather, you should remove the old variant and create a new submission.

Resolution

Remove the old variant and add a new variant instead.

Multiple Conditions have been submitted without explanation

Message

You provided multiple diseases as the condition for the classification. If they represent related diseases along a spectrum, provide uncertain for multipleConditionExplanation. If they represent diseases that occur together in an individual with the variant (this case is rare), provide co-occurring for multipleConditionExplanation.”

Explanation

Multiple Condition IDs have been submitted for single variant. Check if this has been intentional. If multiple conditions are to be submitted, a reason needs to be included with the submission.

Resolution

Explicitly add either Uncertain, Co-occurring or Novel disease to the list of CONDITIONS.

2.7 Dev Quickstart

Developer or User?

This section is part of the instructions for programmers interested in REEV. If you want to **use** REEV, the best place is to start at [Quickstart](#).

This section explains how to get started when you want to do REEV software development. Probably, it is best to contact us via email to cubi@bih-charite.de or open a discussion in the [GitHub repository](#). However, REEV is fully open source, so here is how to get started hacking away - also on your own.

2.7.1 Overview

You will need to have Python 3.10, pipenv, and Node.js 20.x installed. The next step is to checkout the repository and install the Python/Node dependencies. Then, you will be able to run the frontend and backend servers. The following assumes a Debian/Ubuntu machine; your mileage may vary.

2.7.2 Prerequisites

You can use [pyenv](#) for getting a specific python version.

```
$ sudo apt-get update; sudo apt-get install make build-essential libssl-dev zlib1g-dev \
libbz2-dev libreadline-dev libsqlite3-dev wget curl llvm \
libncursesw5-dev xz-utils tk-dev libxml2-dev libxmlsec1-dev libffi-dev liblzma-dev
$ curl https://pyenv.run | bash
```

Append the following to your `~/.bashrc`:

```
$ pyenv
export PATH="$HOME/.pyenv/bin:$PATH"
eval "$(pyenv init --path)"
eval "$(pyenv virtualenv-init -)"
```

... and ensure to execute/source this as well (`exec $SHELL`).

Now you can install a specific python version:


```
$ pyenv install 3.10  
$ pyenv local 3.10
```

Install pipenv:

```
$ pip install --user pipenv
```

Install NodeJS v20 (LTS):

```
$ curl -fsSL https://deb.nodesource.com/setup_20.x | sudo -E bash -  
$ sudo apt-get install -y nodejs
```

2.7.3 Clone Repository

```
$ git clone --recursive git@github.com:bihealth/reev.git
```

2.7.4 Install Dependencies

You can use the provided Makefile files to install the dependencies.

```
$ make deps
```

2.7.5 Setup Environment

You need to create an `.env` file for the backend. The values in `env-dev` are suitable for development with the `reev-docker-compose` with `docker-compose.override.yml-dev`.

```
$ ln -sr backend/env-dev backend/.env
```

2.7.6 Database Migrations

Next, you will need to run the database migrations.

```
$ make -C backend alembic-upgrade
```

2.7.7 Running the Servers

For development, you have to run a server both for the frontend and the backend. In deployment, the frontend will be built to a static `dist` directory and served through the backend HTTP server.

Execute the following commands in separate terminals. The servers and celery will be started with automated code reload. In case of weird issues, try to stop them with `Ctrl-C` and starting them again. You have to restart jupyterlab manually.

```
$ make -C backend serve  
$ make -C backend celery  
$ make -C backend jupyterlab  
$ make -C frontend serve
```


Now you can navigate to the frontend development server at <http://localhost:8081>. This server will transparently forward the API requests to the backend server at <http://localhost:8081>.

2.7.8 Troubleshooting

Issues with nested git submodules.

We have put the shared code into `frontend/src/ext/reev-frontend-lib`. Make sure that you get a fresh clone of the repository with the `--recursive` flag. To initialize the submodules, use `git submodule update --init --recursive`. You can reset the submodule to the version stored in the main reev repository with `git submodule foreach --recursive git reset --hard`.

Issues with `reev-frontend-lib` as a submodule.

Having the library as a submodule is useful for development. There are some drawbacks. If you see **weird issues with typescript that you don't understand**, try to `rm -rf frontend/src/ext/reev-frontend-lib/{node_modules,dist}`. Such issues include problems with assigning the reactive classes from `vue`, such as `ref` and `computed`, or other weird stuff with types. In this case, try to clear out the directories described above and restart VS Code.

2.7.9 Notes

- A superuser will be created if you configured its email and password in environment variables `FIRST_USER_EMAIL` and `FIRST_USER_PASSWORD`.

2.8 Helper Makefiles

Developer or User?

This section is part of the instructions for programmers interested in REEV. If you want to **use** REEV, the best place is to start at [Quickstart](#).

We created some `Makefile` files to help with common tasks. Call `make help` to see them. You can call them from the top-level directory or as `make -C backend` or `make -C frontend`.

2.9 Frontend Development

Developer or User?

This section is part of the instructions for programmers interested in REEV. If you want to **use** REEV, the best place is to start at [Quickstart](#).

This section describes the best practices to use for frontend development.

2.9.1 Import Order

Import order should be (and is also enforced by prettier):

- external packages
- project includes with @/ prefix
- relative includes with ./ prefix

Overall, restrict relative include order for tests to include code to be tested with ../.

2.9.2 Types

- For the Vue reactive stores, explicitly specify the type in the creating function, e.g., `ref<string>` or `ref<string | undefined>`.
- In many places in the UI, using `undefined` is more appropriate than `null` as this is the value before the data is loaded from the backend.

2.9.3 Test Structure

Consider the following structure, an example is given below.

- imports
- **define fixture data**
 - put larger fixture data into .json files within the `__tests__` folders (will go to LFS by our .gitattributes configuration)
- define the tests
- **use assemble, act, assert structure e.g., as described here**
 - guard assertions are OK
- use `describe.concurrent` to describe the tests, usually one block per .spec.ts file
- **use it to define the tests**
 - use `async () => { ... }` only when necessary, e.g., for `await nextTick()`
- use the `setupMountedComponents()` helper from `@/components/__tests__/utils` to mount components, setup store, and setup router with mocks

```
import { setupMountedComponents } from '@bihealth/reev-frontend-lib/lib/testUtils'
import { describe, expect, it } from 'vitest'
import { h, nextTick } from 'vue'

import { type UserData, useUserStore } from '@/stores/user'

import UserProfileButton from './UserProfileButton.vue'

/** Example User data */
const adminUser: UserData = {
  id: '2c0a153e-5e8c-11ee-8c99-0242ac120002',
  email: 'admin@example.com',
  is_active: true,
```

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```

is_superuser: true,
is_verified: true,
oauth_accounts: [
  {
    id: '2c0a153e-5e8c-11ee-8c99-0242ac120002',
    oauth_name: 'google',
    account_id: '1234567890',
    account_email: 'admin@example.com'
  }
]
}

/** Dummy routes for testing. */
const dummyRoutes = [
  {
    path: '/',
    name: 'home',
    component: h('div', { innerHTML: 'for testing' })
  },
  {
    path: '/login',
    name: 'login',
    component: h('div', { innerHTML: 'for testing' })
  },
  {
    path: '/profile',
    name: 'profile',
    component: h('div', { innerHTML: 'for testing' })
  }
]

describe.concurrent('UserProfileButton', () => {
  it('displays Login button without any user', async () => {
    // arrange:
    const { wrapper } = await setupMountedComponents(
      { component: UserProfileButton },
      {
        initialState: {
          user: {
            currentUser: null
          }
        },
        routes: dummyRoutes
      }
    )

    // act: nothing, only test rendering

    // assert:
    const loginButton = wrapper.findComponent('#login')
    expect(loginButton.exists()).toBe(true)
    const logoutButton = wrapper.findComponent('#profile')
  })
})

```

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```

    expect(loginButton.exists()).toBe(false)
  })

  it('displays Profile button with a user', async () => {
    // arrange:
    const { wrapper } = await setupMountedComponents(
      { component: UserProfileButton },
      {
        initialState: {
          user: {
            currentUser: adminUser
          }
        },
        routes: dummyRoutes
      }
    )

    // act: nothing, only test rendering

    // assert:
    const loginButton = wrapper.findComponent('#login')
    expect(loginButton.exists()).toBe(false)
    const logoutButton = wrapper.findComponent('#profile')
    expect(logoutButton.exists()).toBe(true)
  })

  it('switches from Login to Profile button when store changes', async () => {
    // arrange:
    // Note that we use an `async` test here as we need `await nextTick()` for the DOM
    // update to bubble through when updating the state property.
    const { wrapper } = await setupMountedComponents(
      { component: UserProfileButton },
      {
        initialState: {
          user: {
            currentUser: null
          }
        },
        routes: dummyRoutes
      }
    )

    // act:
    let loginButton = wrapper.findComponent('#login')
    expect(loginButton.exists()).toBe(true)
    let logoutButton = wrapper.findComponent('#profile')
    expect(logoutButton.exists()).toBe(false)

    const userStore = useUserStore()
    userStore.currentUser = adminUser

    await nextTick()
  })

```

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```
// assert:
loginButton = wrapper.findComponent('#login')
expect(loginButton.exists()).toBe(false)
logoutButton = wrapper.findComponent('#profile')
expect(logoutButton.exists()).toBe(true)
})
})
```

Note that there is a separation between views and components (cf. <https://stackoverflow.com/a/50866150/84349>) that is also reflected in the tests.

- The main purpose of views is to handle the routing.
- The actual work happens in components.

In tests, we thus use stubbed out of nested components in views but not components. This keeps the load time acceptable while testing the components in isolation.

2.10 Backend Development

Developer or User?

This section is part of the instructions for programmers interested in REEV. If you want to **use** REEV, the best place is to start at *Quickstart*.

2.10.1 Types

- prefer to use semantic-carrying types, e.g., `enum.Enum` over `bool` or `int`

2.10.2 Test Structure

- use `assemble`, `act`, `assert` structure e.g., [as described here](#)
- properly use fixtures, place them in `conftest.py` files
- **use `pytest.mark.parametrize` to condense multiple test cases into one tests but don't overdo it**
 - see `test_clinvarsub.py` for an example (e.g., `test_create_submissionthreads`) that is still good a trade-off but probably shows the highest degree of complexity (read: different test code paths)

2.11 Continuous Integration

Developer or User?

This section is part of the instructions for programmers interested in REEV. If you want to **use** REEV, the best place is to start at [Quickstart](#).

We make extensive use of GitHub actions for continuous integration:

- `automerge.yml` will automatically accept merge requests from dependabot if when CI passes
- `conventional-prs.yml` will enforce that all PRs have a title that follows the [conventional commit](#) format
- `docker-build.yml` will automatically build Docker images for the main branch and all PRs
- `docker-cleanup-pr.yml` cleans up PR Docker images after they are merged
- `docker-cleanup-untagged.yml` cleans up untagged Docker images
- `main.yml` runs lintings and testing for the frontend and backend code and uploads coverage info to Coverage.io
- `release-please.yml` will automatically manage release PRs and releases

2.11.1 Conventional Commits

We follow [conventional commits](#) and enforce merge requests. We use [release-please](#) for managing our releases and changelog. For best practice this comes down to the following.

1. Open a proper issue for your change and document it as a “bug fix” or “enhancement”. Alternatively, you can also create an *ad-hoc* commit but it is better to document the motivation, desired action, and actual implementation of the change.
2. Create a branch with a name that corresponds to the desired change/issue. GitHub has [documentation for how to do this from an issue](#).
3. Create appropriate pull request from the branch. The first issue should probably follow the conventional commits format (for examples, see below). This project has been setup that branches can only be merged with squash pull requests. In the case of only one commit in a PR, the first line of the only commit will be used (for technical reasons). Otherwise, it would be sufficient for the PR to have a semantic commit message.
4. Get the PR reviewed.
5. Merge the PR.

Examples for commit messages:

```
chore: a minor change that does not get an entry in the changelog
fix: a fix that will enforce bumping the patch component of the version
feat: a feature that will enforce bumping the minor component of the version
fix!: a fix with backwards change that will enforce bumping the major component
feat!: similar as for fix! but for features
ci: changes to the CI that does not appear in the changelog
build: changes to the build system that does not appear in the changelog
docs: changes to the documentation that does not appear in the changelog
```

You can use a `Release-As:` footer to enforce things being upgraded or downgraded in the changelog.

2.12 Deployment

Developer or User?

This section is part of the instructions for programmers interested in REEV. If you want to **use** REEV, the best place is to start at [Quickstart](#).

We deploy with Docker images. These are built automatically via GitHub CI and published to the GitHub Container Registry (ghcr.io).

To build the images locally, run:

```
$ bash utils/docker/build-docker.sh
```

If you look at the `build-docker.sh` file then you will notice that you can pass additional parameters. A useful one is `--no-cache` that will disable the Docker build cache.

```
$ bash utils/docker/build-docker.sh --no-cache
```

You can run the Docker image on port 8080 as follows (make sure that you replace `0.0.0` with the version built previously):

```
$ docker run --name reev --rm -p 8080:8080 ghcr.io/bihealth/reev:0.0.0
```

To attach to the container and look around:

```
$ docker run -it reev bash -i
```

2.13 Writing Documentation

Developer or User?

This section is part of the instructions for programmers interested in REEV. If you want to **use** REEV, the best place is to start at [Quickstart](#).

Documentation is maintained in the `docs/` directory using Sphinx. It is automatically built to reev.readthedocs.io.

2.14 Tests

Developer or User?

This section is part of the instructions for programmers interested in REEV. If you want to **use** REEV, the best place is to start at [Quickstart](#).

Tests can be run with `make test` (or `make -C backend/frontend test`).

We use Pytest for testing the backend and Vitest for the frontend.

2.15 GitHub Project Management

Developer or User?

This section is part of the instructions for programmers interested in REEV. If you want to **use** REEV, the best place is to start at *Quickstart*.

We use Terraform for managing the GitHub project settings (as applicable):

```
$ export GITHUB_OWNER=bihealth
$ export GITHUB_TOKEN=ghp_<thetoken>

$ cd utils/terraform
$ terraform init
$ terraform import github_repository.reev reev
$ terraform validate
$ terraform fmt
$ terraform plan
$ terraform apply
```

2.16 Operator Introduction

This section gives you an overview of REEV operation. Overall, a REEV installation consists of a number of Docker containers with access to static data.

We currently run the containers using Docker Compose. Data is hosted on our S3 servers. Read the section *Deployment Instructions* for information on getting both software and data.

You can find the source code of everything in the following repositories:

REEV Web Application

<https://github.com/bihealth/reev>

REEV Frontend Library with shared code

<https://github.com/bihealth/reev-frontend-lib>

REEV Docker Compose

<https://github.com/bihealth/reev-docker-compose>

Data Downloader

<https://github.com/varfish-org/varfish-db-downloader>

This Snakemake workflow downloads and processes the data. You do not need to do this but can use the data provided on our S3 servers. See *Deployment Instructions* for more details.

2.17 Deployment Instructions

This section describes the deployment of REEV, both for development and production.

2.17.1 Prerequisites

You will need to fetch some of this from our S3 server. We recommend the `s5cmd` tool as it is easy to install, use, and fast. You can download it from github.com/peak/s5cmd/releases. For example:

```
wget -O /tmp/s5cmd_2.1.0_Linux-64bit.tar.gz \
  https://github.com/peak/s5cmd/releases/download/v2.1.0/s5cmd_2.1.0_Linux-64bit.tar.gz
tar -C /tmp -xf /tmp/s5cmd_2.1.0_Linux-64bit.tar.gz
sudo cp /tmp/s5cmd /usr/local/bin/
```

You will need to install Docker Compose. Note that the “modern” way is to do this by using the docker compose plugin. Instructions can be found [here on the Docker.com website](https://docs.docker.com/compose/install/).

2.17.2 Checkout and Configure

First, clone the repository:

```
git clone git@github.com:bihealth/reev-docker-compose.git
```

From here on, the commands should be executed from within this repository (`cd reev-docker-compose`).

We will use the directory `.dev` within the checkout for storing data and secrets. In a production deployment, these directories should live outside of the checkout, of course.

Now, we create the directories for data storage.

```
mkdir -p .dev/volumes/pgadmin/data
mkdir -p .dev/volumes/postgres/data
mkdir -p .dev/volumes/rabbitmq/data
mkdir -p .dev/volumes/redis/data
mkdir -p .dev/volumes/reev-static/data
```

Next, we setup some “secrets” for the passwords.

```
mkdir -p .dev/secrets
echo db-password >.dev/secrets/db-password
echo pgadmin-password >.dev/secrets/pgadmin-password
```

We now copy the `env.tpl` file to the default location for the environment `.env`.

```
cp env.tpl .env
```

Next, create a `docker-compose.override.yml` with the contents of the file `docker-compose.override.yml-dev`. This will disable everything that we assume is running on your host when you are developing. This includes the REEV backend, rabbitmq, celery workers, postgres.

```
cp docker-compose.override.yml-dev docker-compose.override.yml
```


2.17.3 Download Data

To serve data via the mehari, viguno, and annonars containers, you need to obtain the required datasets. We have prepared significantly reduced datasets (totaling less than 2GB as opposed to hundreds of GB) for development purposes.

We provide a script that sets up the necessary directories, downloads the data, and creates symlinks.

By default, the script verifies SSL certificates when downloading data. If you encounter SSL verification issues or operate in an environment where SSL verification is not required, you can disable SSL verification by setting the `NO_VERIFY_SSL` variable to 1 when running the script.

To download the data with SSL verification (default behavior):

```
bash download-data.sh
```

Note: Note that you can also download the full data by using `DOWNLOAD=full bash download-data.sh` below. To use a reduced dataset to exons plus/minus 100bp, use `DOWNLOAD=reduced-exomes bash download-data.sh`.

To download the data without SSL verification:

```
NO_VERIFY_SSL=1 bash download-data.sh
```

Note: Disabling SSL verification can make the connection less secure. Use this option only if you understand the risks and it is necessary for your environment.

2.17.4 Setup Configuration

The next step is to create the configuration files in `.dev/config`.

```
mkdir -p .dev/config/nginx
cp utils/nginx/nginx.conf .dev/config/nginx

mkdir -p .dev/config/pgadmin
cp utils/pgadmin/servers.json .dev/config/pgadmin
```

2.17.5 Startup and Check

Now, you can bring up the docker compose environment (stop with `Ctrl+C`).

```
docker compose up
```

To verify the results, have a look at the following URLs. These URLs are used by the REEV application.

- Annonars database infos: http://127.0.0.1:3001/annos/db-info?genome_release=grch37
- Annonars gene info: http://0.0.0.0:3001/genes/info?hgnc_id=HGNC:12403
- Annonars variant info: http://0.0.0.0:3001/annos/variant?genome_release=grch37&chromosome=17&pos=41244100&reference=G&alternative=A
- Mehari impact prections: <http://127.0.0.1:3002/tx/csq?genome-release=grch37&chromosome=17&position=48275363&reference=C&alternative=A>
- Viguno for TGDS: http://127.0.0.1:3003/hpo/genes?gene_symbol=TGDS

- Nginx server with browser tracks <http://127.0.0.1:3004/>
- Dotty server with c./n./g. to SPDI resolution http://127.0.0.1:3005/api/v1/to-spdi?q=NM_000059.3:c.274G%3EA

Note that the development subset only has variants for a few genes, including BRCA1 (the example above).

You will also have the following services useful for introspection during development. For production, you probably don't want to expose them publically.

- **flower**, login is **admin**, with password **flower-password**
- **pgAdmin** for Postgres DB administration: <http://127.0.0.1:3041> login is **admin@example.com** with password **pgadmin-password**

2.17.6 Service Information

This section describes the services that are started with this Docker Compose.

Traefik

Traefik is a reverse proxy that is used as the main entry point for all services behind HTTP(S). The software is well-documented by its creators. However, it is central to the setup and for much of the additional setup, touching Trafik configuration is needed. We thus summarize some important points here.

- Almost all configuration is done using labels on the **traefik** container itself or other containers.
- In the case of using configuration files, you will have to mount them from the host into the container.
- By default, we use “catch-all” configuration based on regular expressions on the host/domain name.

Dotty

Dotty (by the REEV authors) provides mapping from c./n./g. notation to SPDI.

Mehari

Mehari (by the REEV authors) provides information about variants and their effect on individual transcripts.

Viguno

Viguno (by the REEV authors) provides HPO/OMIM related information.

Annonars

Annonars (by the REEV authors) provides variant annotation from public databases.

Postgres

We use postgres for the database backend of REEV.

Rabbitmq

We use rabbitmq for message queues.

Redis

REDIS is used for storing authentication sessions.

PgAdmin

PgAdmin is a web-based administration tool for Postgres. We provide it for development and debugging but it can also come in handy in production.

Flower

Flower is a web-based application for monitoring and administrating Celery.

2.18 app.models

2.18.1 app.models.acmgseqvar

Models for ACMG sequence variant.

```
class app.models.acmgseqvar.AcmgSeqVar(**kwargs)
    ACMG sequence variant.
    acmg_rank: AcmgRank
        ACMG criteria.
    id: Mapped[UUID]
        UUID of the ACMG sequence variant.
    seqvar_name: str
        Sequence variant ID.
    user: UUID
        User who created the ACMG sequence variant.
```


2.18.2 app.models.adminmsg

Models for admin messages.

```
class app.models.adminmsg.AdminMessage(**kwargs)
    Message to be set by administrators.

    We currently only support read-only access, must be created via admin interface.

    active_start: datetime
        When to start displaying the message.

    active_stop: datetime
        When to stop displaying the message.

    enabled
        Whether the message is enabled at all.

    id: Mapped[UUID]
        UUID of the message.

    text: str
        The message's text.

    title: str
        Message title.
```

2.18.3 app.models.bookmark

Models for bookmarks of variants and genes.

```
class app.models.bookmark.Bookmark(**kwargs)
    Bookmark of a variant or gene.

    id: Mapped[UUID]
        UUID of the bookmark.

    obj_id: str
        ID of the bookmarked object.

    obj_type: BookmarkTypes
        Type of the bookmarked object.

    user: UUID
        User who created the bookmark.
```

2.18.4 app.models.caseinfo

Models for case information.

```
class app.models.caseinfo.CaseInfo(**kwargs)
    Case information.

    affected_family_members: bool
        Affected family members of the patient.
```


age_of_onset_month: `int`
 Age of onset of the patient.

diseases: `list[DiseaseTerm]`
 Diseases of the patient.

ethnicity: `Ethnicity`
 Ethnicity of the patient.

family_segregation: `bool`
 Family segregation of the patient.

hpo_terms: `list[HpoTerm]`
 HPO terms of the patient.

id: `Mapped[UUID]`
 UUID of the case information.

inheritance: `Inheritance`
 Inheritance of the patient.

pseudonym: `str`
 Pseudonym of the patient.

sex: `Sex`
 Sex of the patient.

user: `UUID`
 User who created the case information.

zygosity: `Zygosity`
 Zygosity of the patient.

2.18.5 app.models.user

```
class app.models.user.OAuthAccount(**kwargs)
    access_token: Mapped[str]
    account_email: Mapped[str]
    account_id: Mapped[str]
    expires_at: Mapped[int | None]
    id: Mapped[UUID_ID]
    oauth_name: Mapped[str]
    refresh_token: Mapped[str | None]
    user_id: UUID_ID

app.models.user.TOKEN_SIZE = 65536
    Long tokens – 64kbytes should be enough for everyone

class app.models.user.User(**kwargs)
```



```
email: Mapped[str]
hashed_password: Mapped[str]
id: Mapped[UUID_ID]
is_active: Mapped[bool]
is_superuser: Mapped[bool]
is_verified: Mapped[bool]
```

2.19 app.api.api_v1

2.19.1 app.api.api_v1.endpoints.acmgseqvar

```
async app.api.api_v1.endpoints.acmgseqvar.create_acmgseqvar(acmgseqvar: AcmgSeqVarCreate, db:
    AsyncSession = Depends(get_db),
    user: User =
    Depends(current_user_dependency))
```

Create a new ACMG Sequence Variant.

Parameters

acmgseqvar (dict or schemas.AcmgSeqVarCreate) – ACMG Sequence Variant to create

Returns

ACMG Sequence Variant

Return type

dict

```
async app.api.api_v1.endpoints.acmgseqvar.delete_acmgseqvar(id: str, db: AsyncSession =
    Depends(get_db))
```

Delete a ACMG Sequence Variant by id. Available only for superusers.

Parameters

id (uuid) – ACMG Sequence Variant id

Returns

ACMG Sequence Variant

Return type

dict

```
async app.api.api_v1.endpoints.acmgseqvar.delete_acmgseqvar_by_user(seqvar: str, db:
    AsyncSession =
    Depends(get_db), user:
    User = De-
    pends(current_user_dependency),
    user_agent: str | None =
    None)
```

Delete a ACMG Sequence Variant by id.

Parameters

id (uuid) – ACMG Sequence Variant id

Returns

ACMG Sequence Variant

Return type

dict

```
async app.api.api_v1.endpoints.acmgseqvar.get_acmgseqvar(id: str, db: AsyncSession = Depends(get_db))
```

Get a ACMG Sequence Variant by id. Available only for superusers.

Parameters

id (*uuid*) – ACMG Sequence Variant id

Returns

ACMG Sequence Variant

Return type

dict

```
async app.api.api_v1.endpoints.acmgseqvar.get_acmgseqvar_by_user(seqvar: str, db: AsyncSession = Depends(get_db), user: User = Depends(current_user_dependency), user_agent: str | None = None)
```

Get a ACMG Sequence Variant by id.

Parameters

id (*uuid*) – ACMG Sequence Variant id

Returns

ACMG Sequence Variant

Return type

dict

Raises

HTTPException 404 – ACMG Sequence Variant not found

Note

If user_agent is browser, return 204 Response

```
async app.api.api_v1.endpoints.acmgseqvar.list_acmgseqvars(skip: int = 0, limit: int = 100, db: AsyncSession = Depends(get_db))
```

List all ACMG Sequence Variants. Available only for superusers.

Parameters

- **skip** (*int*) – number of ACMG Sequence Variants to skip
- **limit** (*int*) – maximum number of ACMG Sequence Variants to return

Returns

list of ACMG Sequence Variants

Return type

list

```
async app.api.api_v1.endpoints.acmgseqvar.list_acmgseqvars_by_user(skip: int = 0, limit: int = 100, db: AsyncSession = Depends(get_db), user: User = Depends(current_user_dependency))
```


List ACMG Sequence Variants by user.

Returns

list of ACMG Sequence Variants

Return type

list

```
async app.api.api_v1.endpoints.acmgseqvar.update_acmgseqvar(acmgseqvar: AcmgSeqVarUpdate, db: AsyncSession = Depends(get_db), user: User = Depends(current_user_dependency))
```

Update a ACMG Sequence Variant.

Parameters

acmgseqvar (dict or schemas.AcmgSeqVarUpdate) – ACMG Sequence Variant to update

Returns

ACMG Sequence Variant

Return type

dict

2.19.2 app.api.api_v1.endpoints.adminmsgs

```
async app.api.api_v1.endpoints.adminmsgs.read_adminmsgs(db: AsyncSession = Depends(get_db), skip: int = 0, limit: int = 100) → list[AdminMessageRead]
```

Retrieve all admin messages.

Returns

list of admin messages

Return type

list

2.19.3 app.api.api_v1.endpoints.auth

```
async app.api.api_v1.endpoints.auth.list_oauth2_providers() → list[OAuth2ProviderPublic]
```

Retrieve all admin messages.

Returns

list of admin messages

Return type

list

2.19.4 app.api.api_v1.endpoints.bookmarks

async app.api.api_v1.endpoints.bookmarks.create_bookmark(bookmark: BookmarkCreate, db: AsyncSession = Depends(get_db), user: User = Depends(current_user_dependency))

Create a new bookmark.

Parameters

bookmark (dict or schemas.BookmarkCreate) – bookmark to create

Returns

bookmark

Return type

dict

async app.api.api_v1.endpoints.bookmarks.delete_bookmark(id: str, db: AsyncSession = Depends(get_db))

Delete a bookmark. Available for superusers and bookmark owners.

Parameters

id (uuid) – id of the bookmark

Returns

bookmark which was deleted

Return type

dict

async app.api.api_v1.endpoints.bookmarks.delete_bookmark_for_user(obj_type: str, obj_id: str, db: AsyncSession = Depends(get_db), user: User = Depends(current_user_dependency), user_agent: str | None = None)

Delete a bookmark for a current user by obj_type and obj_id.

Parameters

- **obj_type** (str (enum) - "gene", "seqvar", "strucvar") – type of object to bookmark
- **obj_id** (uuid) – id of object to bookmark

Returns

bookmark which was deleted

Return type

dict

Raises

HTTPException 404 – if bookmark not found

Note

if user_agent is browser, return 204 Response

async app.api.api_v1.endpoints.bookmarks.get_bookmark(id: str, db: AsyncSession = Depends(get_db))

Get a bookmark by id. Available only for superusers.

Parameters

id (*uuid*) – id of the bookmark

Returns

bookmark

Return type

dict

```
async app.api.api_v1.endpoints.bookmarks.get_bookmark_for_user(obj_type: str, obj_id: str, db:
    AsyncSession = Depends(get_db),
    user: User = Depends(current_user_dependency),
    user_agent: str | None = None)
```

Get a bookmark for a current user by obj_type and obj_id.

Parameters

- **obj_type** (*str (enum)*) – "gene", "seqvar", "strucvar" – type of object to bookmark
- **obj_id** (*uuid*) – id of object to bookmark

Returns

bookmark

Return type

dict

Raises

HTTPException 404 – if bookmark not found

Note

if user_agent is browser, return 204

```
async app.api.api_v1.endpoints.bookmarks.list_bookmarks(skip: int = 0, limit: int = 100, db:
    AsyncSession = Depends(get_db))
```

List all bookmarks. Available only for superusers.

Parameters

- **skip** (*int*) – number of bookmarks to skip
- **limit** (*int*) – maximum number of bookmarks to return

Returns

list of bookmarks

Return type

list

```
async app.api.api_v1.endpoints.bookmarks.list_bookmarks_for_user(skip: int = 0, limit: int = 100,
    db: AsyncSession = Depends(get_db), user: User = Depends(current_user_dependency))
```

List bookmarks for a current user.

Parameters

- **skip** (*int*) – number of bookmarks to skip
- **limit** (*int*) – maximum number of bookmarks to return

Returns

list of bookmarks

Return type

list

2.19.5 app.api.api_v1.endpoints.caseinfo

```
async app.api.api_v1.endpoints.caseinfo.create_caseinfo(caseinfo: CaseInfoCreate, db:
    AsyncSession = Depends(get_db), user:
    User =
    Depends(current_user_dependency))
```

Create a new Case Information.

Parameters**caseinfo** (dict or schemas.CaseInfoCreate) – Case Information to create**Returns**

Case Information

Return type

dict

```
async app.api.api_v1.endpoints.caseinfo.delete_caseinfo(id: str, db: AsyncSession =
    Depends(get_db))
```

Delete a Case Information by id. Available only for superusers.

Parameters**id** (uuid) – Case Information id**Returns**

Case Information

Return type

dict

```
async app.api.api_v1.endpoints.caseinfo.delete_caseinfo_for_user(db: AsyncSession =
    Depends(get_db), user: User =
    Depends(current_user_dependency))
```

Delete a Case Information for a current user.

Returns

Case Information

Return type

dict

```
async app.api.api_v1.endpoints.caseinfo.get_caseinfo(id: str, db: AsyncSession = Depends(get_db))
```

Get a Case Information by id. Available only for superusers.

Parameters**id** (uuid) – Case Information id**Returns**

Case Information

Return type

dict


```
async app.api.api_v1.endpoints.caseinfo.get_caseinfo_for_user(db: AsyncSession =  
    Depends(get_db), user: User = De-  
    pends(current_user_dependency))
```

Get a Case Information for a current user.

Returns

Case Information

Return type

dict

```
async app.api.api_v1.endpoints.caseinfo.list_caseinfos(skip: int = 0, limit: int = 100, db:  
    AsyncSession = Depends(get_db))
```

List all Case Information. Available only for superusers.

Parameters

- **skip** (*int*) – number of Case Information to skip
- **limit** (*int*) – maximum number of Case Information to return

Returns

list of Case Information

Return type

list

```
async app.api.api_v1.endpoints.caseinfo.list_caseinfos_for_user(db: AsyncSession =  
    Depends(get_db), user: User = De-  
    pends(current_user_dependency))
```

List all Case Information for a current user.

Returns

list of Case Information

Return type

list

```
async app.api.api_v1.endpoints.caseinfo.update_caseinfo_for_user(caseinfoupdate:  
    CaseInfoUpdate, db:  
    AsyncSession =  
    Depends(get_db), user: User = De-  
    pends(current_user_dependency))
```

Update a Case Information for a current user.

Parameters

caseinfo (dict or schemas.CaseInfoUpdate) – Case Information to update

Returns

Case Information

Return type

dict

2.19.6 app.api.api_v1.endpoints.utils

`app.api.api_v1.endpoints.utils.test_email(email_to: EmailStr) → Any`

Send out a test email.

Parameters

email_to (*str*) – email address to send the test email to

Returns

message

Return type

dict

2.20 app.api.internal

2.20.1 app.api.internal.endpoints.remote

Reverse proxies to external/remote services.

`app.api.internal.endpoints.remote.ACMG_RATING_KEYS: tuple[str, ...] = ('pvs1', 'ps1', 'ps2', 'ps3', 'ps4', 'pm1', 'pm2', 'pm3', 'pm4', 'pm5', 'pm6', 'pp1', 'pp2', 'pp3', 'pp4', 'pp5', 'ba1', 'bs1', 'bs2', 'bs3', 'bs4', 'bp1', 'bp2', 'bp3', 'bp4', 'bp5', 'bp6', 'bp7')`

Keys for the ACMG rating

`class app.api.internal.endpoints.remote.HTTPXClientWrapper`

Bases: object

Wrapper around HTTPX AsyncClient to for graceful startup/shutdown within FastAPI.

async_client: `AsyncClient | None = None`

start()

async stop()

transport: `AsyncHTTPTransport | None = None`

`async app.api.internal.endpoints.remote.acmg(request: Request)`

Implement searching for ACMG classification for SNVs and indels. Proxy requests to the [WinterVar](#) backend.

Parameters

request (*fastapi.Request*) – request

Returns

ACMG classification

Return type

dict

`async app.api.internal.endpoints.remote.cnv_acmg(request: Request)`

Implement searching for ACMG classification for CNVs. Proxy requests to the [wAutoCNV](#) backend.

Parameters

request (*fastapi.Request*) – request

Returns

ACMG classification

Return type

dict

`app.api.internal.endpoints.remote.default_acmg_rating()` → dict[str, bool]

async `app.api.internal.endpoints.remote.pubtator3_api(request: Request, path: str)`

Proxy requests to the [PubTator 3](#) backend.

Parameters

- **request** (`fastapi.Request`) – request
- **path** (`str`) – path to append to the backend URL

Returns

response

Return type

`fastapi.responses.StreamingResponse`

async `app.api.internal.endpoints.remote.variantvalidator(request: Request, path: str)`

Implement VariantValidator API. Proxy requests to the [VariantValidator](#) backend.

Parameters

- **request** (`fastapi.Request`) – request
- **path** (`str`) – path to append to the backend URL

Returns

response

Return type

`fastapi.responses.StreamingResponse`

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