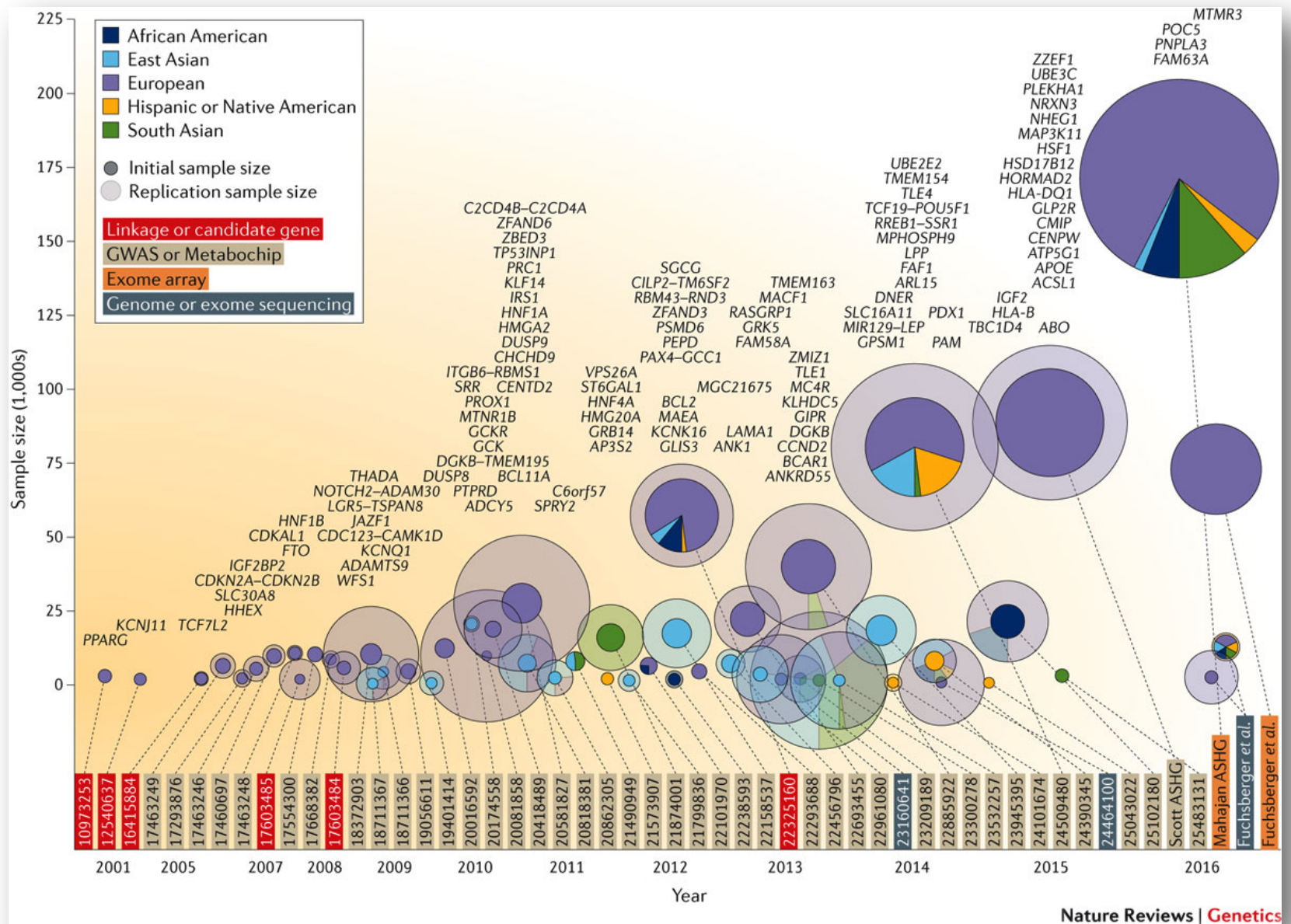


The DisGeNET knowledge management platform for disease genomics

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DIAGRAM Consortium

900K individuals

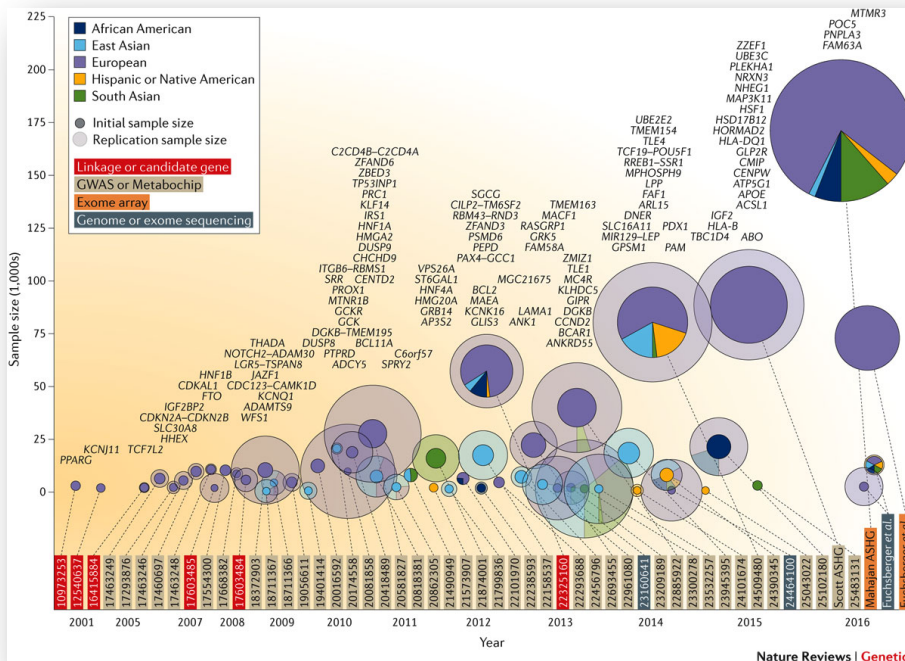
27M SNPs

Inventory of T2D variants

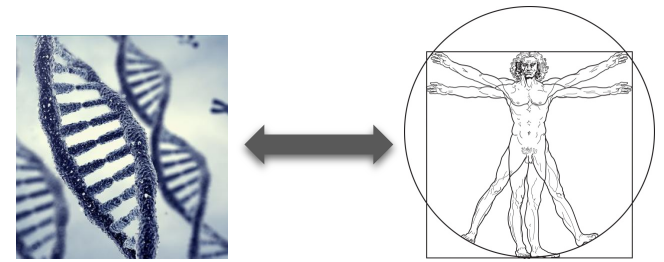
243 loci at genome-wide significance,
including 135 new loci for type 2
diabetes

<http://www.diagram-consortium.org/>

2018



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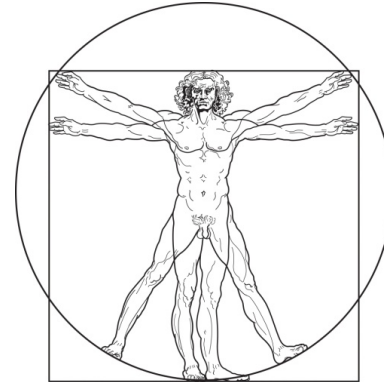


Genomics studies are generating a vast volume of data, claiming for solutions for **data management, data interoperability** and **knowledge extraction** for **genotype-phenotype** data.

The accumulation of large-scale data requires the development of **computational tools** able to explore and mine the vast amount of **biological knowledge** they contain.

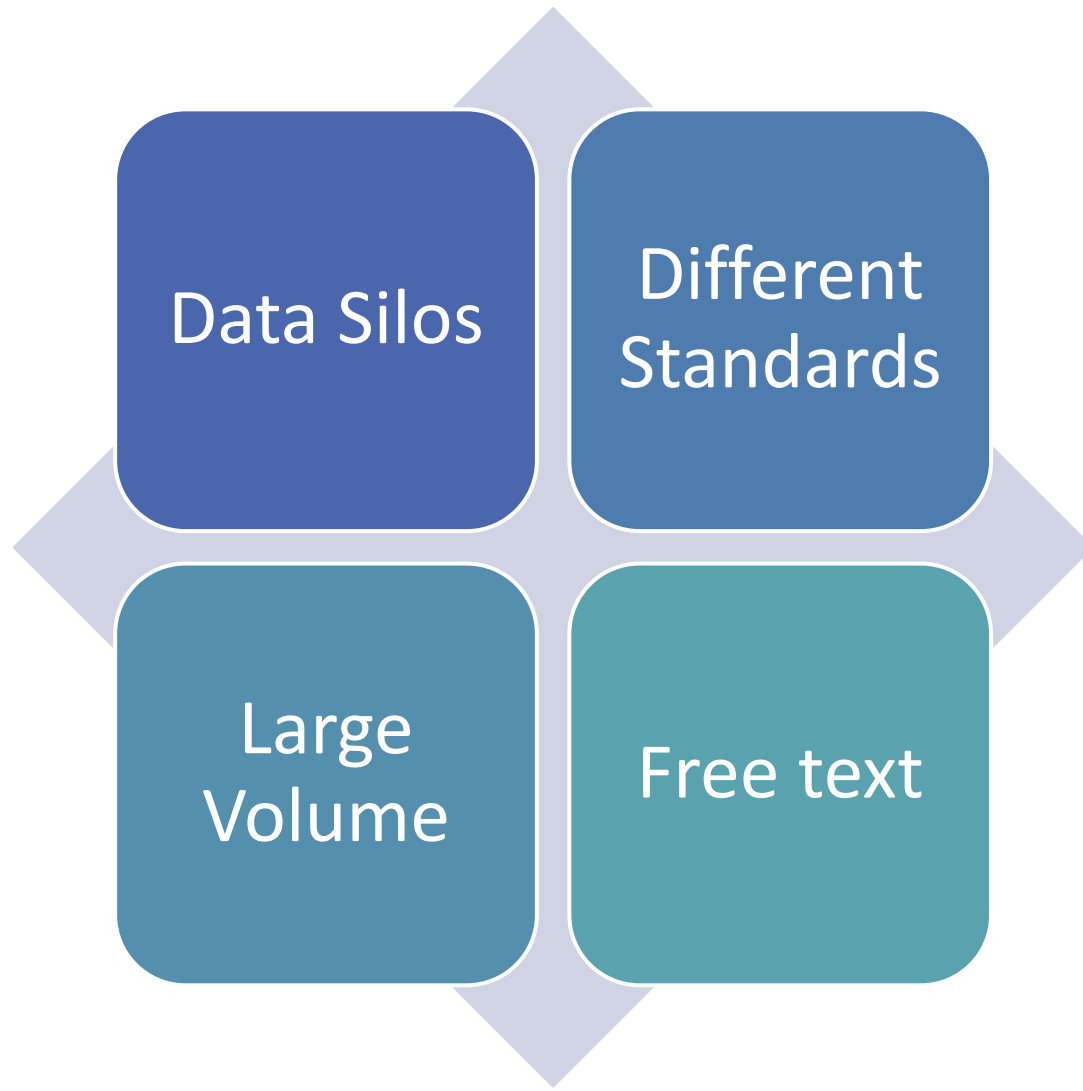


genotype



phenotype





From genotype to phenotype: data silos

#277900

WILSON DISEASE

OMIM
Online Mendelian Inheritance in Man

Alternative titles; symbols
WND; WD
HEPATOLENTICULAR DEGENERATION

Phenotype-Gene Relationships

Location	Phenotype	Phenotype MIM number	Inheritance (in progress)	Phenotype mapping key	Gene/Locus
13q14.3	Wilson disease	277900	AR	3	ATP7B

orphanet

Rare diseases

- > Search
- > Search by sign
- > Classifications
- > Genes
- > Disability
- > Encyclopaedia for patients
- > Encyclopaedia for professionals
- > Emergency guidelines

Hepatolenticular Degeneration

Basics Chemical-Gene Interactions Chemicals Genes

ctd™

1-50 of 11,475 results.

	Gene	Disease	Direct Evidence
1.	CP	Hepatolenticular Degeneration	M
2.	ATP7B	Hepatolenticular Degeneration	M
3.	PRNP	Hepatolenticular Degeneration	M

Genes related to Wilson Disease

Genes related to Wilson Disease (1 elite genes):

★ - Elite gene ?

id	Symbol ★	Description
1	ATP7B ★	ATPase, Cu++ transporting, beta polypeptide
2	CP	ceruloplasmin (ferroxidase)
3	ATP7A	ATPase, Cu++ transporting, alpha polypeptide
4	COMMD1	copper metabolism (Murr1) domain containing 1
5	ARSA	arylsulfatase A
6	HFE	hemochromatosis
7	SLC31A1	solute carrier family 31 (copper transporter), member 1

MalaCards
HUMAN DISEASE DATABASE

GWAS Catalog

The NHGRI-EBI Catalog of published genome-wide association studies

Search the catalog

Examples: breast cancer, rs7329174, Yang, 2q37.1, HBS1L, 6:16000000-25000000

ClinVar

	Gene(s)	Condition(s)
TATATCT ACCTCAC ATP7B, 1-BP DEL, 2511A	ATP7B	Wilson disease
ATP7B, 3-BP DEL, 3892GTC	ATP7B	Wilson disease
ATP7B, 15-BP DEL, NT-441	ATP7B	Wilson disease

From genotype to phenotype: standards

GENE

- ✓ **Lipocalin 2**
- ✓ 24p3
- ✓ 25 KDa Alpha-2-Microglobulin-Related Subunit Of MMP-9
- ✓ HNL
- ✓ lipocalin 2 (oncogene 24p3)
- ✓ Lipocalin-2
- ✓ Migration-Stimulating Factor Inhibitor
- ✓ MSFI
- ✓ neutrophil gelatinase-associated lipocalin
- ✓ NGAL
- ✓ oncogene 24p3
- ✓ P25
- ✓ Siderocalin

DISEASE

- ✓ **Wilson's disease**
- ✓ Cerebral Pseudosclerosis
- ✓ Copper Storage Disease
- ✓ Hepatic Form of Wilson Disease
- ✓ Hepato-Neurologic Wilson Disease
- ✓ Hepatocerebral Degeneration
- ✓ Hepatolenticular degeneration
- ✓ Kinnier-Wilson Disease
- ✓ Neurohepatic Degeneration
- ✓ Progressive Lenticular Degeneration
- ✓ Pseudosclerosis
- ✓ WD
- ✓ Westphal-Strumpell Syndrome
- ✓ Wilson Disease
- ✓ Wilson Disease, Hepatic Form

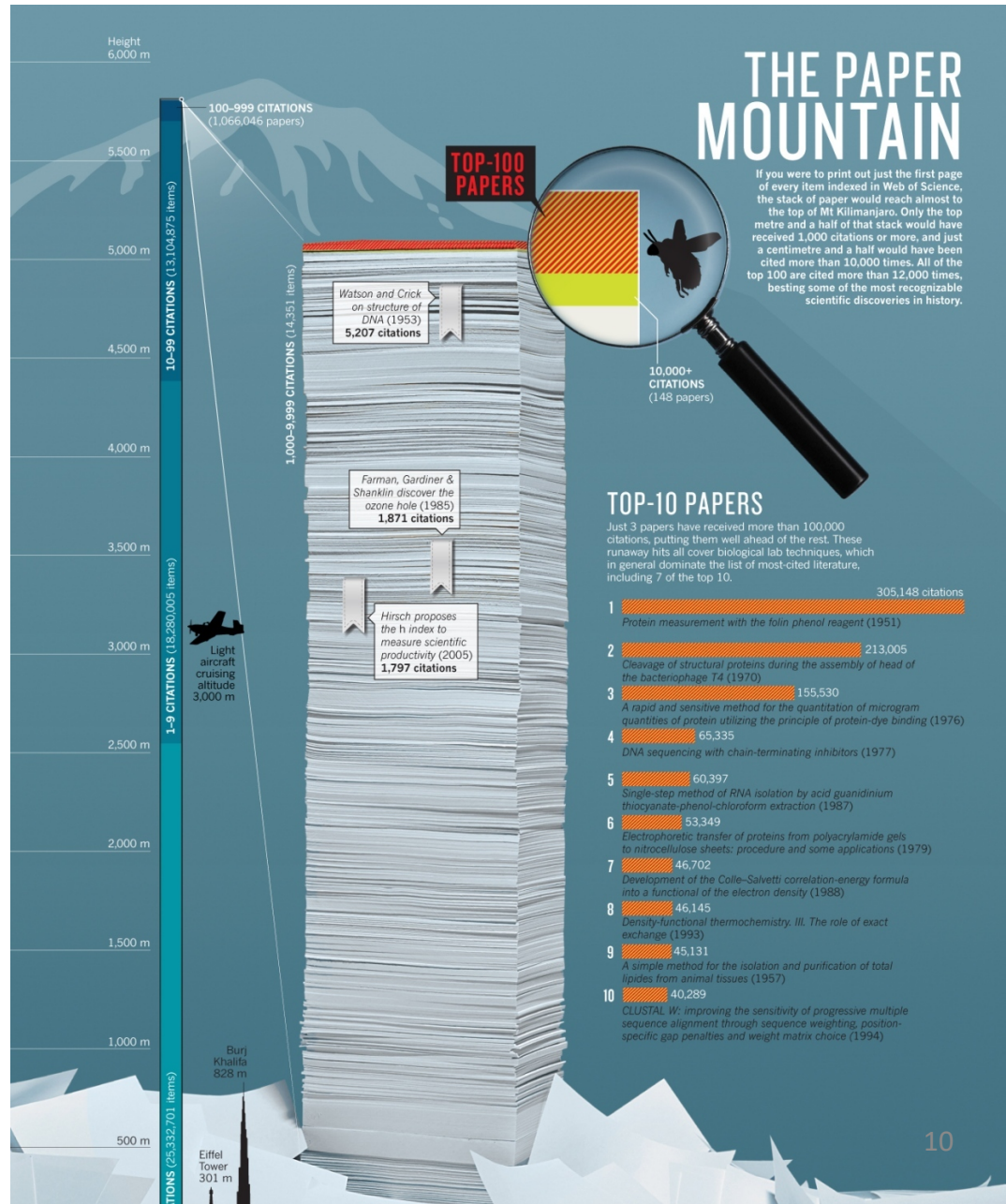
From genotype to phenotype: data volume

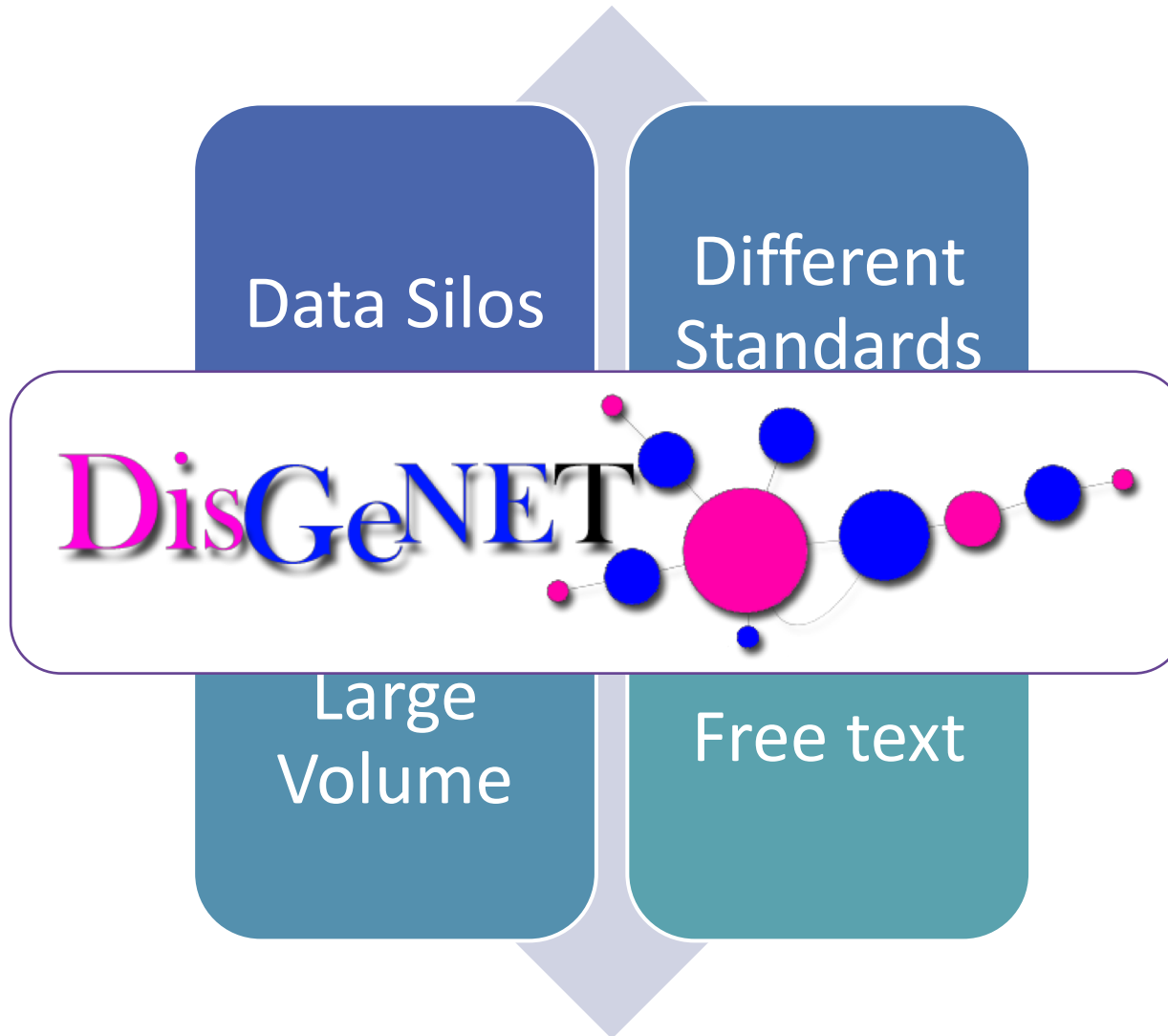


From genotype to phenotype: Free text

- ✓ 25,000 peer-reviewed journals
- ✓ 2.5M articles published per year
- ✓ 2 papers/minute in life sciences
- ✓ 1 article/hour about diseases and genes

Van Noorden, et al. 2014 doi:10.1038/514550a
Burger, et al (2014).





RB1 Protein

Bladder cancer

UniProt

RB is overexpressed in bladder cancer samples as measured by....

Data extraction and
standardization

PMID 1234567

Provenance

RB1



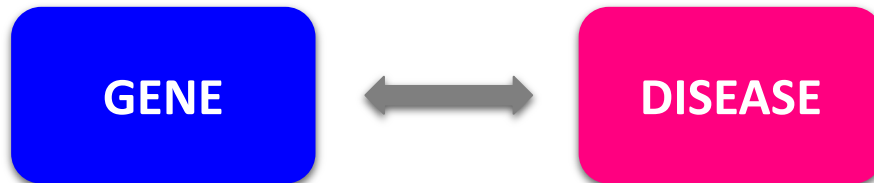
Carcinoma of bladder

AlteredExpression

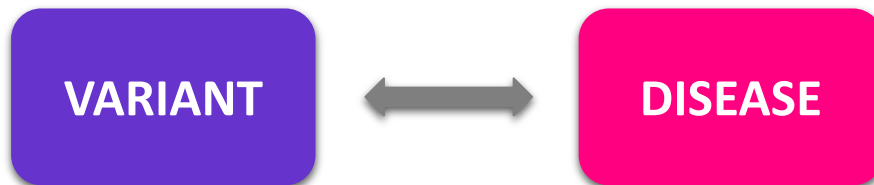
Gene associated Disease



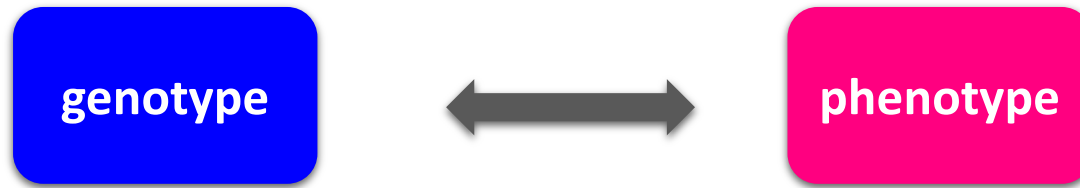
Gene-Disease Association (GDA)



Variant-Disease Association (VDA)

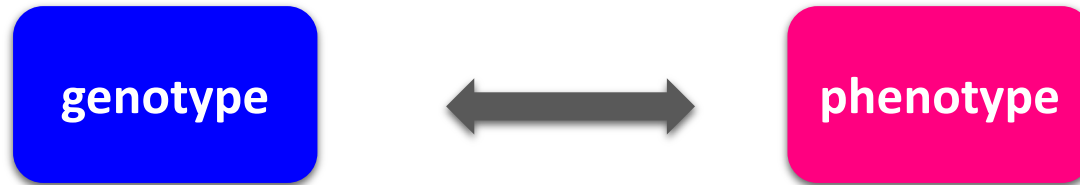


- ✓ Standards
- ✓ Provenance
- ✓ Tools



- Large in scale and growing rapidly (NGS)
 - Large studies on genetics of disease available
 - HGVS standard for sequence variation nomenclature
 - Standards for data exchange
 - UniProt, NCBI, Ensembl
 - VarioML, VariO
- Phenotype data spans a wide spectrum of possible observations about an individual
 - More difficult to capture and to standardize
 - Human Phenotype Ontology, Disease Ontology
 - Broad phenotype categories used in many studies

Standards in DisGeNET

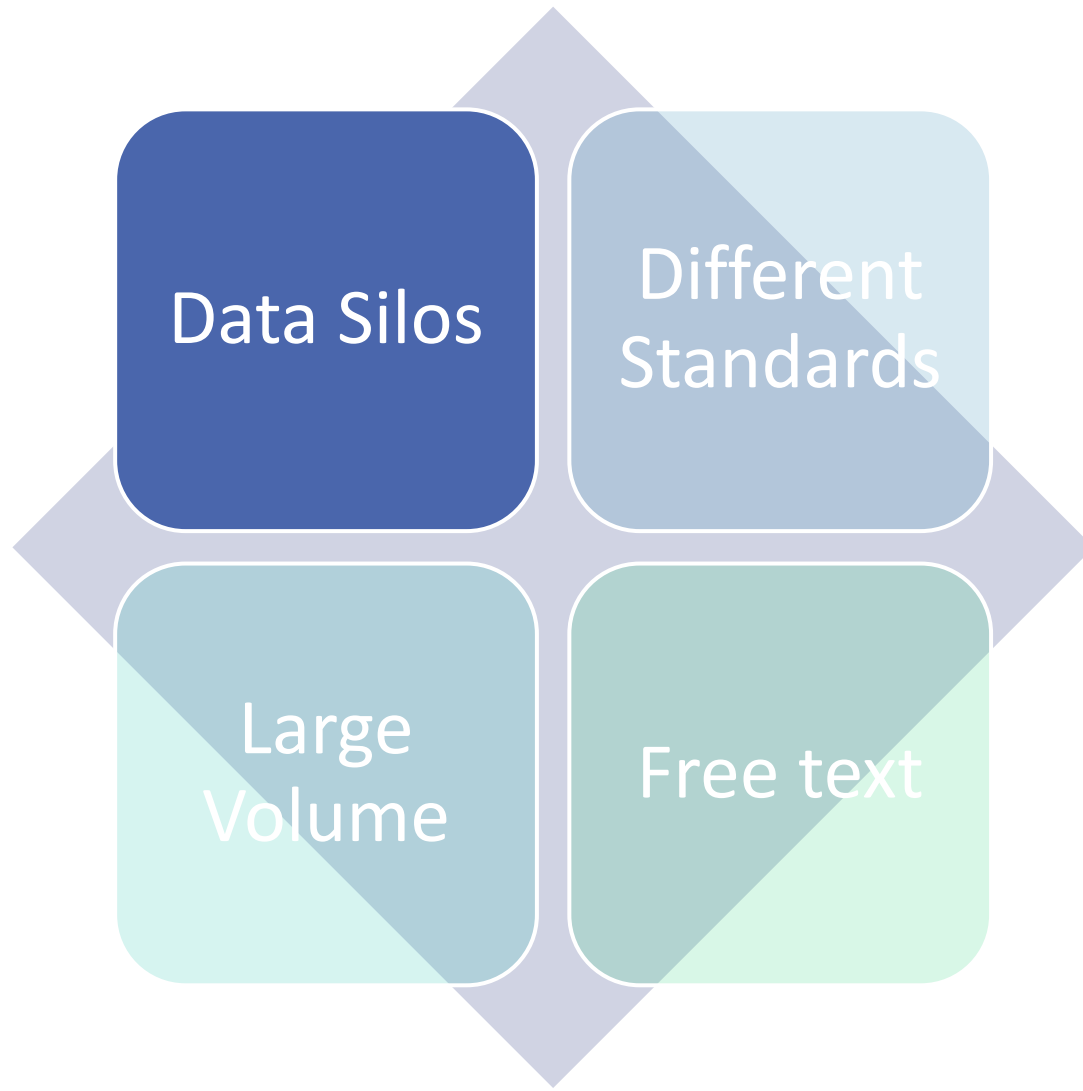


- Gene, protein, SNPs
- Official Gene symbol
- NCBI Gene Id
- Uniprot accession
- dbSNP identifier for variants

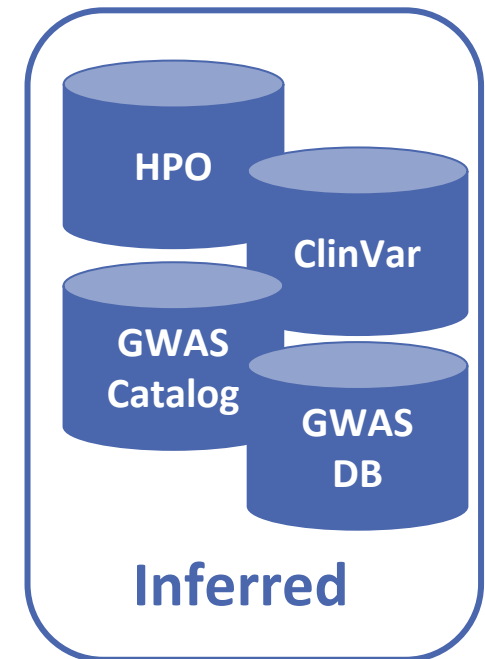
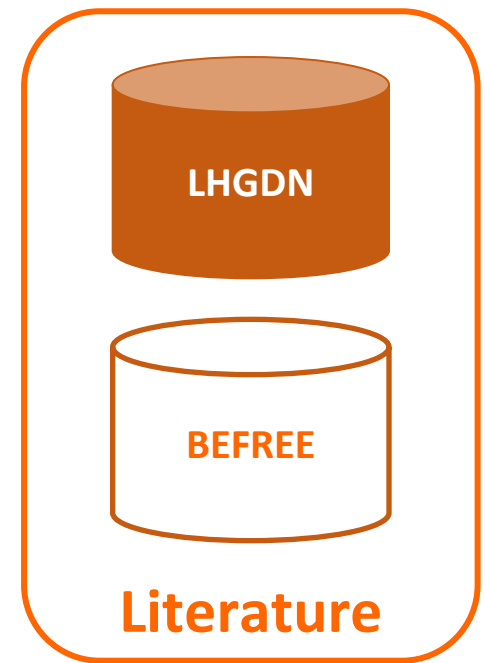
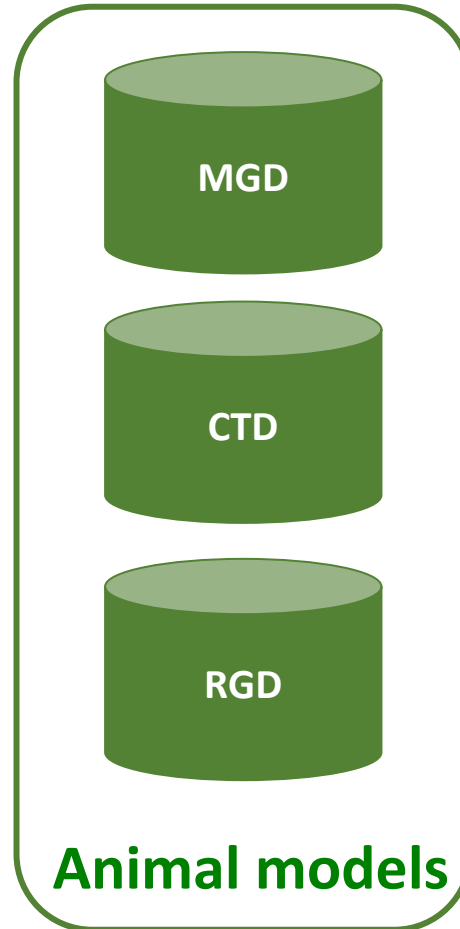
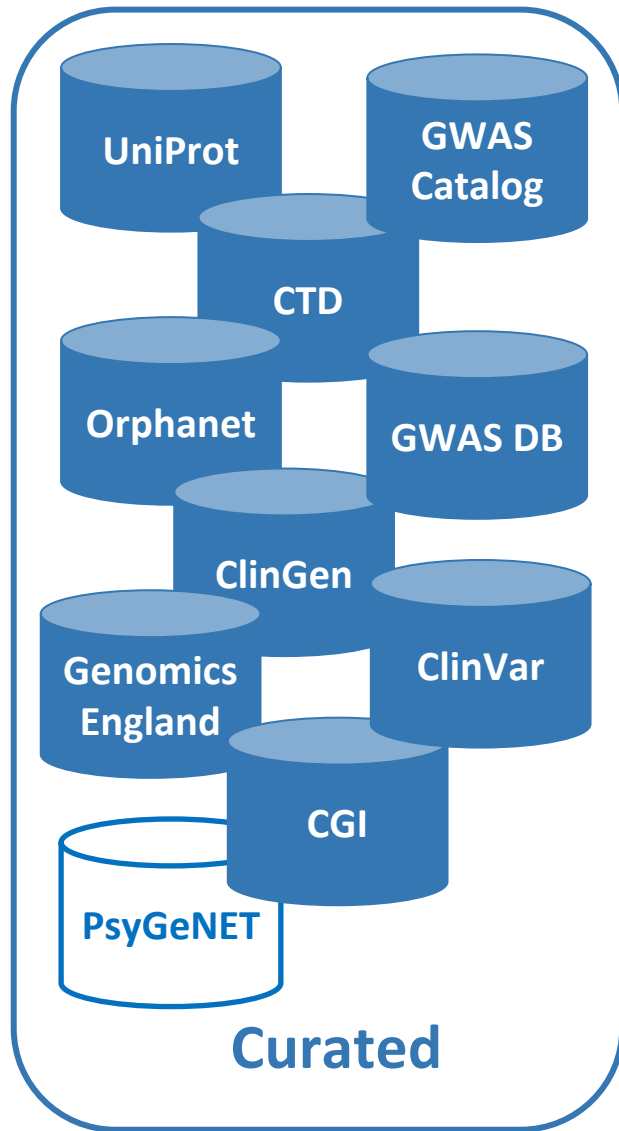
- Diseases, symptoms, phenotypes
- UMLS CUIs
- UMLS semantic types
- Disease Ontology
- Mappings to a variety of phenotype vocabularies and ontologies

DisGeNET association type ontology

DisGeNET data sources

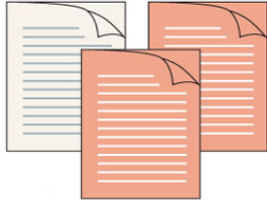


DisGeNET data sources



Text mining of GDAs and VDAs

MEDLINE articles



GENE

DISEASE

VARIANT

DISEASE

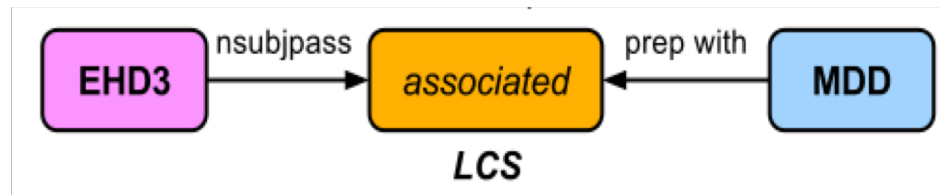
GENE
CANDIDATE

DISEASE
CANDIDATE

Of the 16 genes tested, **EHD3** and **FREM3** were associated with **MDD** in the Chinese population.

Gene ID: 30845
EH-domain containing 3

Disease ID: C1269683
Major depressive disorder



Association types classified according to the DisGeNET ontology

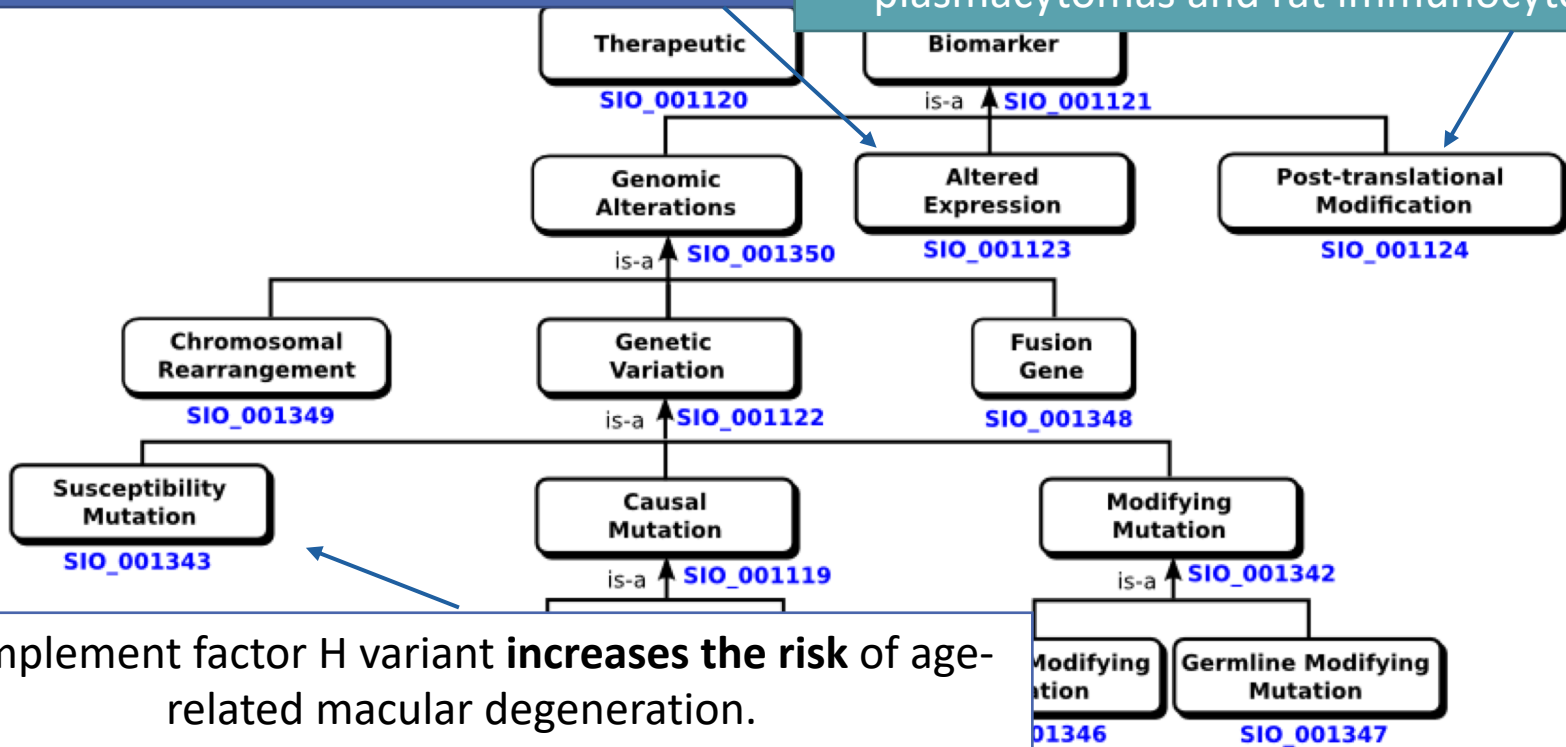
DisGeNET association types

Gpc3 expression correlates with the phenotype of the Simpson-Golabi-Behmel syndrome.

Unbalanced GLA mRNAs ratio quantified by real-time PCR in Fabry patients' fibroblasts results in Fabry disease.

phosphorylation state of Ser-129 in human alpha-synuclein determines neurodegeneration in a rat model of Parkinson disease

The amino-terminal **phosphorylation sites** of C-MYC are frequently mutated in Burkitt's lymphoma lines but not in mouse plasmacytomas and rat immunocytomas.



DisGeNET statistics

GENE



DISEASE

Gene-Disease Associations (GDAs)

Source	Genes	Diseases*	Associations
Curated	9413	10370	81746
Animal Models	2795	2789	11517
Inferred	8700	13176	163626
Literature	15283	12418	415583
All	17549	24163	628685

*diseases, traits, symptoms, disease groups

66 % are GDAs exclusively provided by BeFree

DisGeNET statistics

VARIANT



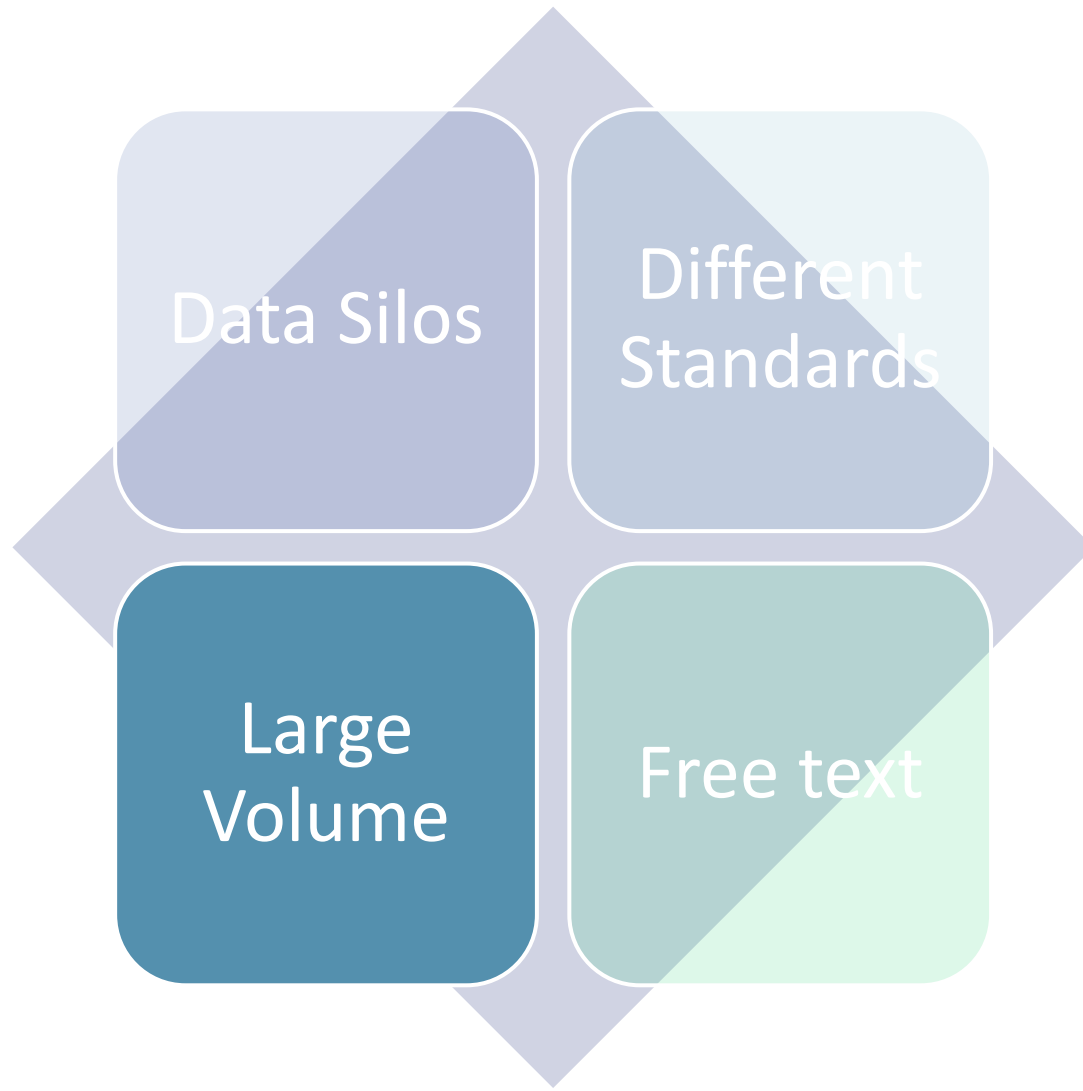
DISEASE

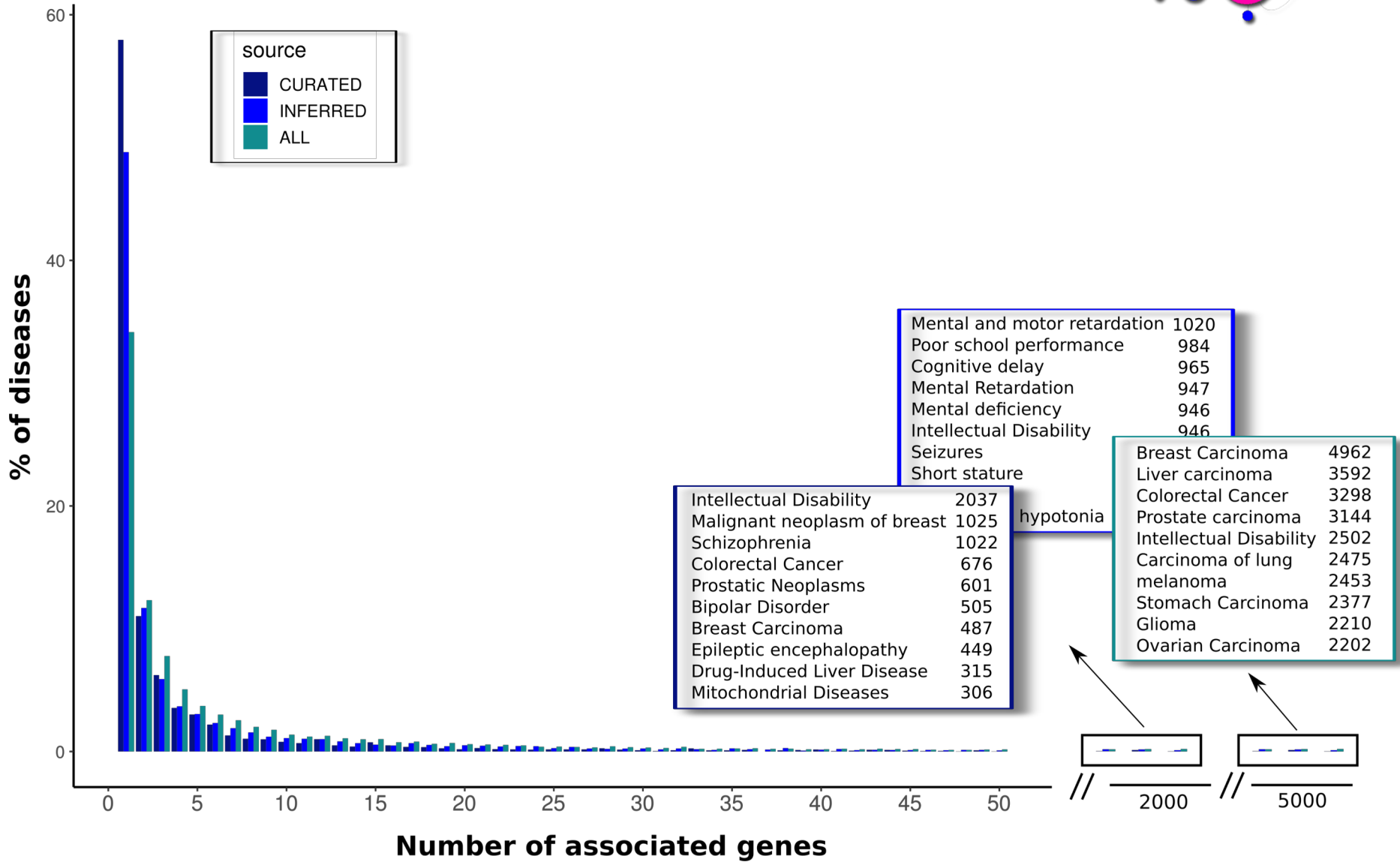
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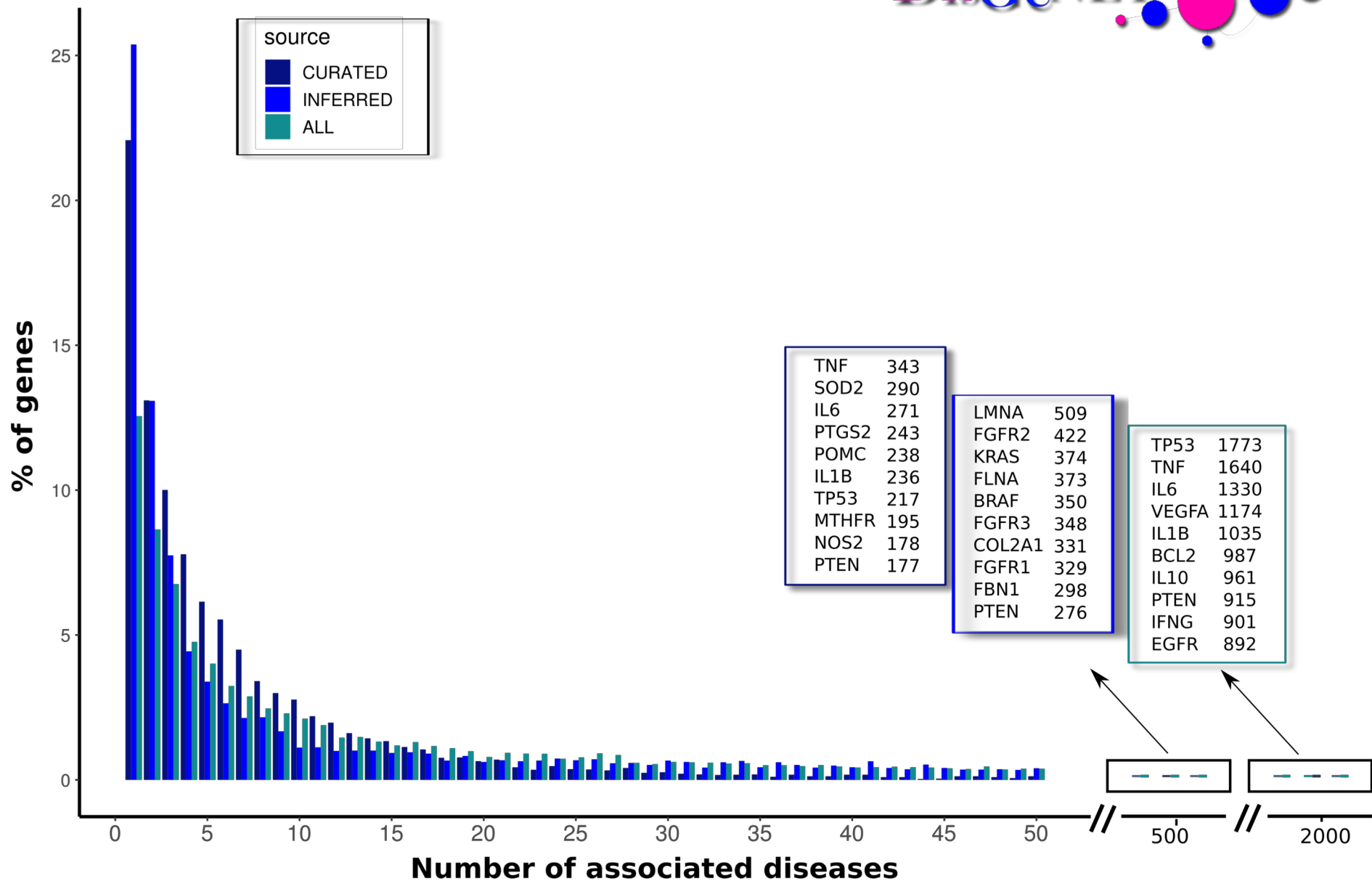
Source	Variants	Diseases*	Associations
Curated	104653	7954	165354
Literature	19407	4228	48998
All	117337	10358	210498

*diseases, traits, symptoms, disease groups

DisGeNET prioritization tools







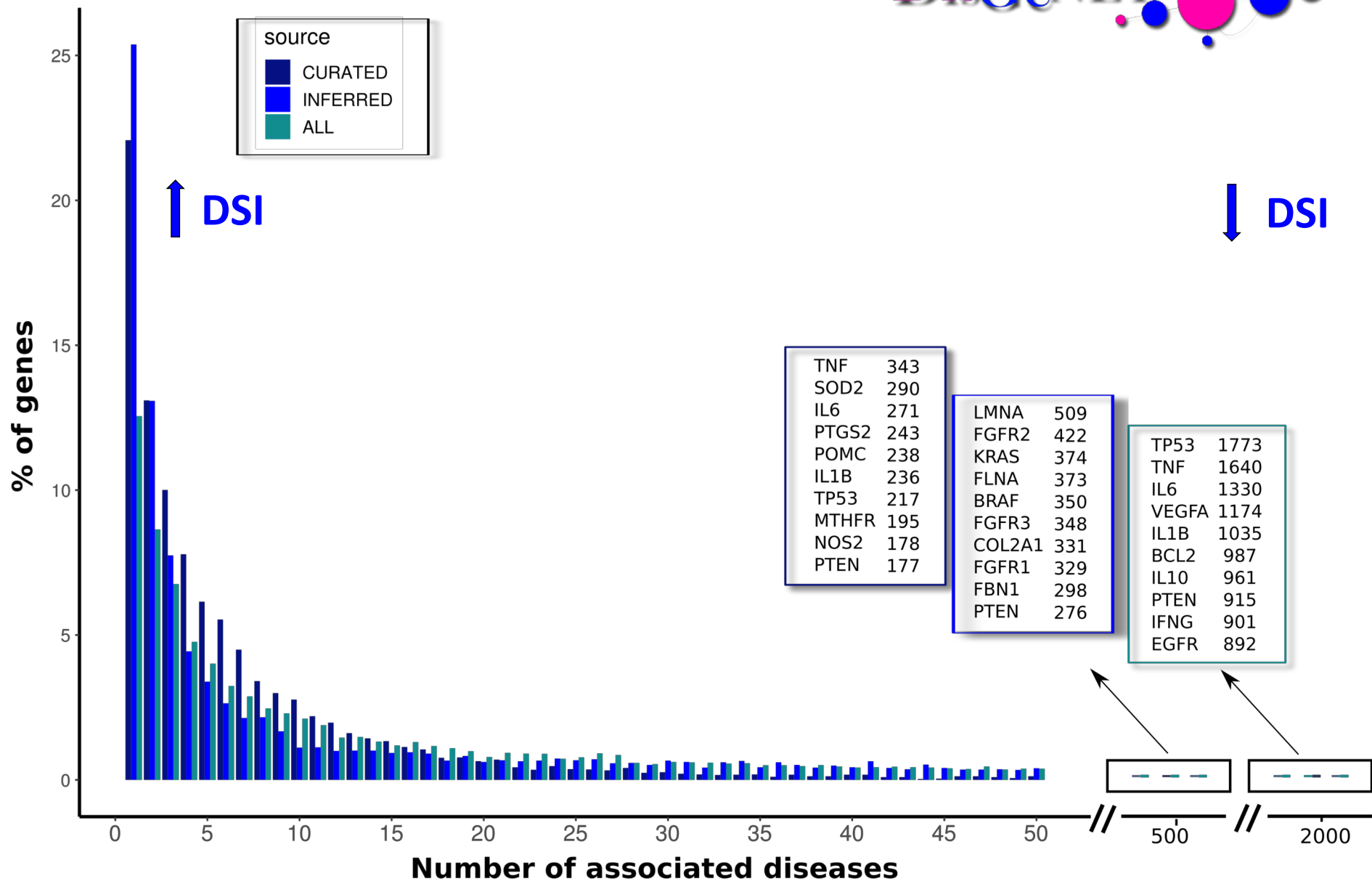
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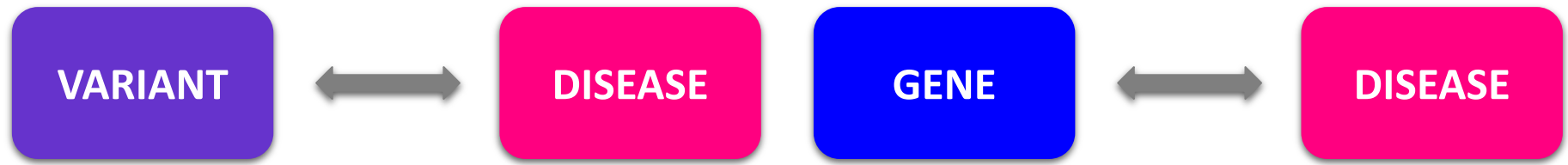
GENE

Tools for prioritization

- ✓ Protein functional classification
- ✓ Tolerance of genes to LoF variation
- ✓ Allele frequency, variant consequence type
- ✓ Disease Specificity Index (DSI)

A gene/variant is more specific if it is associated to a small number of diseases (DSI closer to 1)





Tools for prioritization

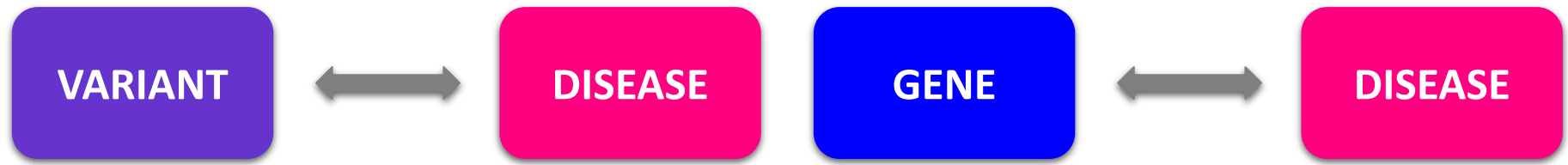
- ✓ **DisGeNET association score:** popularity/novelty

GDA score: Indicates **popularity** of a **gene-disease association (GDA)** across all data sources giving higher weight to curated sources vs. animal models GDAs, and to animal models vs. text-mining.

$$\text{DisGeNET score} = S_{\text{CURATED}} + S_{\text{MODELS}} + S_{\text{INFERRED}} + S_{\text{LITERATURE}}$$

VDA score: Indicates **popularity** of a **variant-disease association (VDA)** across all data sources giving higher weight to curated vs. text-mining VDAs.

$$\text{DisGeNET score} = S_{\text{CURATED}} + S_{\text{LITERATURE}}$$



Tools for prioritization

- ✓ **DisGeNET association score:** popularity/novelty
- ✓ **DisGeNET association type:** insight on biology
- ✓ **Evidence level:** confidence of the association
- ✓ **Evidence Index:** controversial field of research
- ✓ **Number of publications**

What is the advantage of data integration & standardization?

- Human genetics to support drug discovery
- Rare diseases research
- Annotation of NGS and variation data
- Disease comorbidity
- Insight on disease mechanisms and drug mode of action

Genomic data analysis identified 3,000 potentially “druggable” proteins in the human genome.

Only 10% of these potential targets have an FDA approved drug.

Santos, Rita, et al. "A comprehensive map of molecular drug targets." Nature Reviews Drug Discovery (2016).

NIH Pharos initiative:

- To shed light on **poorly characterized proteins** that can potentially be modulated using small molecules or biologics

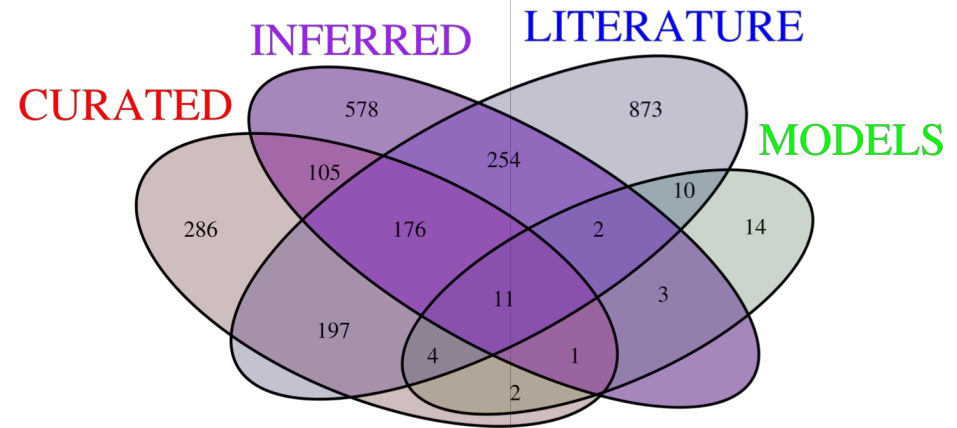
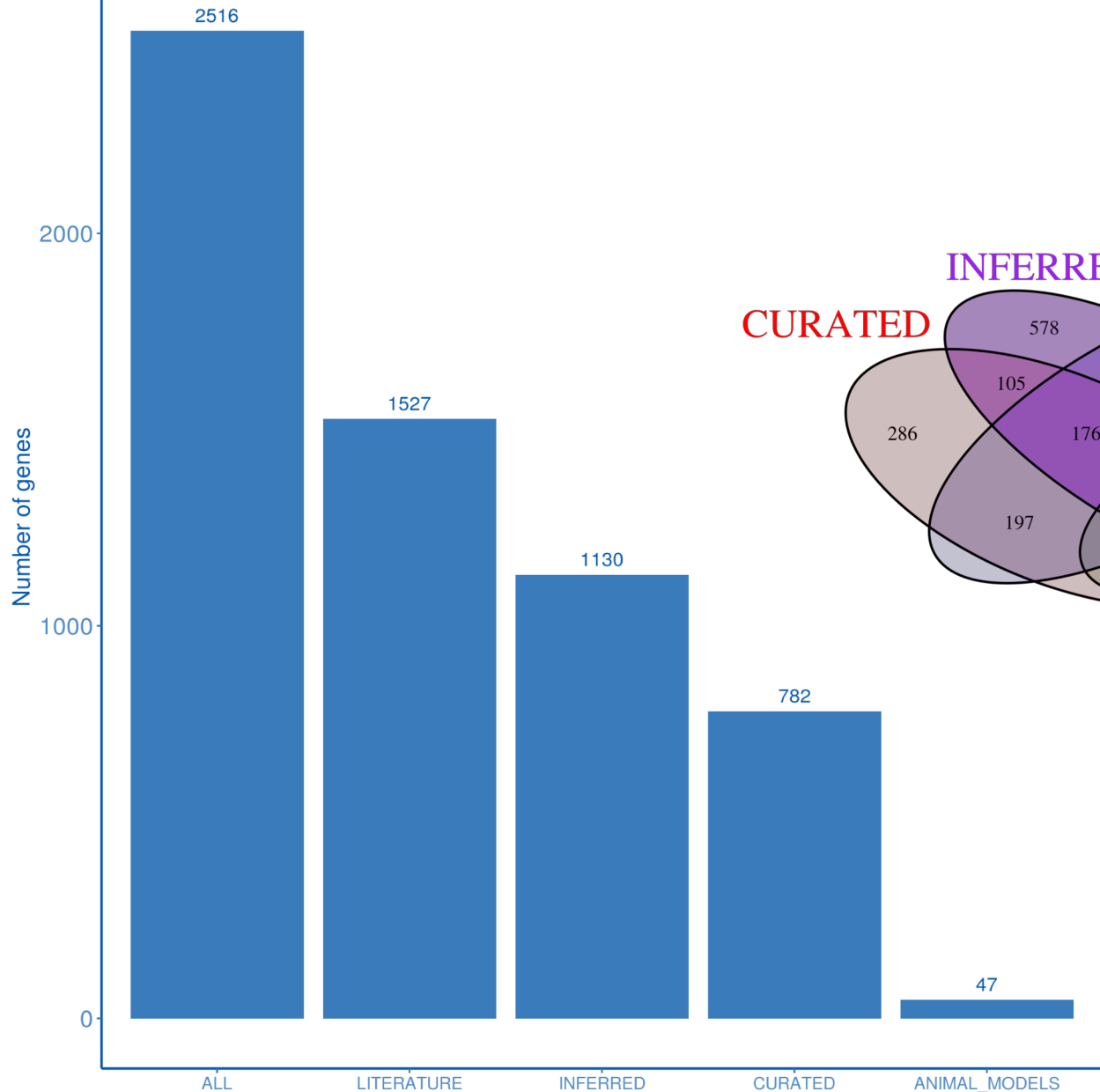


Target “dark” proteins




<https://pharos.nih.gov/idg/index>


DisGeNET annotates 40 % of Pharos Tdark proteins



Information on genetic basis of rare diseases



The portal for rare diseases and orphan drugs



Rare diseases

Search

Search by sign

Classifications

Genes

Disability

Encyclopaedia for patients

Encyclopaedia for professionals

Emergency guidelines

Sources/procedures

[Homepage](#) > [Rare diseases](#) > **Genes**

Search for a gene

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Search

(*) mandatory field

☐ Gene name or symbol

☒ Disease name

☐ MIM number (Gene)

☐ MIM number (disease)

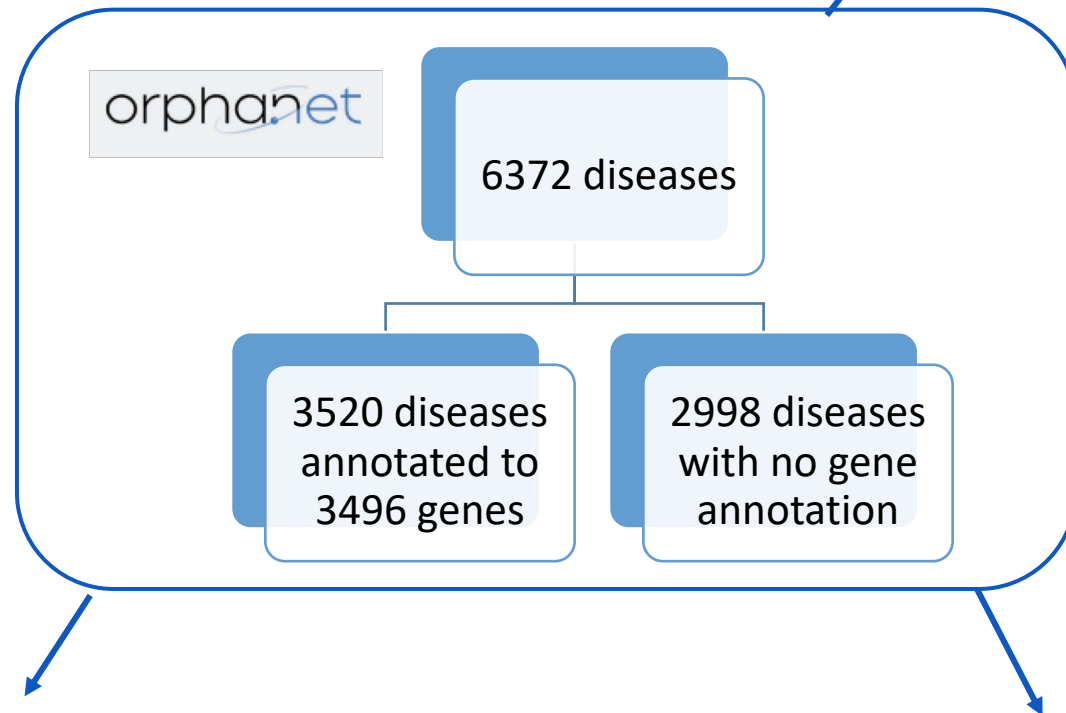
1 Result(s)

[> fibroblast growth factor receptor 3 - FGFR3](#)

6850 GDAs in Orphanet involving 3496 genes and 3520 diseases

DisGeNET

DisGeNET provides annotations to variants for 3455 Orphanet diseases (54 %)



DisGeNET provides additional annotation to the diseases

DisGeNET

DisGeNET provides annotations for 1467 diseases (49 %)

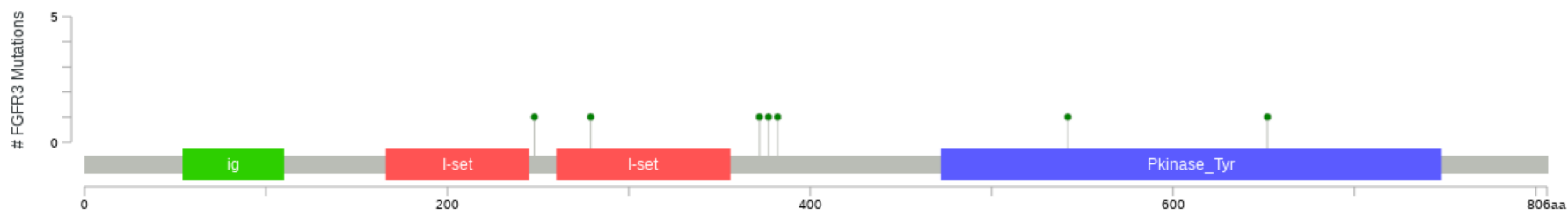
Top 10 genes

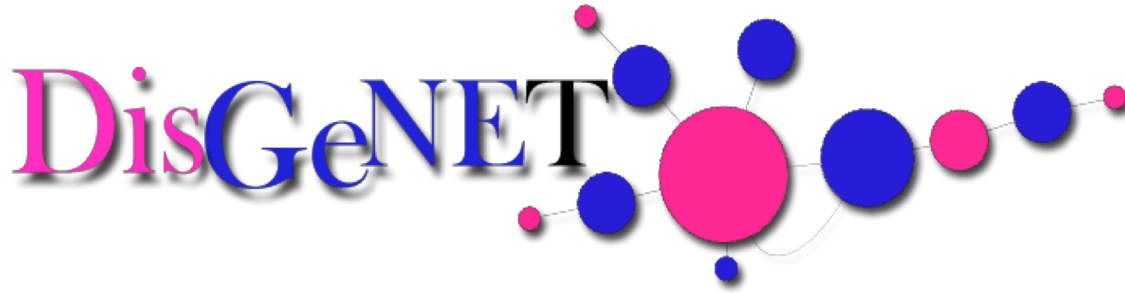
Gene	Gene name	DisGeNET score	N. PMIDs	N. SNPs
FGFR3	fibroblast growth factor receptor 3	1	133	7
SPRED2	sprouty related EVH1 domain containing 2	0.21	1	0
NPR2	natriuretic peptide receptor 2	0.21	3	0
PTH1H	parathyroid hormone like hormone	0.21	2	0
GH1	growth hormone 1	0.03	3	0
FGF1	fibroblast growth factor 1	0.02	2	0
PTH	parathyroid hormone	0.02	2	0
FGF2	fibroblast growth factor 2	0.02	2	0
NPPC	natriuretic peptide C	0.01	1	0
PTRH1	peptidyl-tRNA hydrolase 1 homolog	0.01	1	0

Variants in FGFR3 gene annotated to Achondroplasia

Variants in the FGFR gene associated to achondroplasia

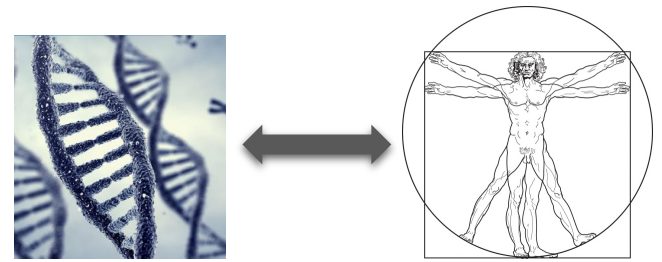
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rs121913105	0.70	0	missense variant	A/C,T	652	K/T
rs121913114	0.70	2	missense variant	A/G,T	279	S/G
rs121913479	0.01	1	missense variant	G/A,T	372	G/S
rs121913482	0.70	1	missense variant	C/T	248	R/C
rs28931614	0.90	55	missense variant	G/A,C	382	G/R
rs28933068	0.74	5	stop gained	C/A,G,T	542	N/K
rs75790268	0.85	7	missense variant	G/T	377	G/C





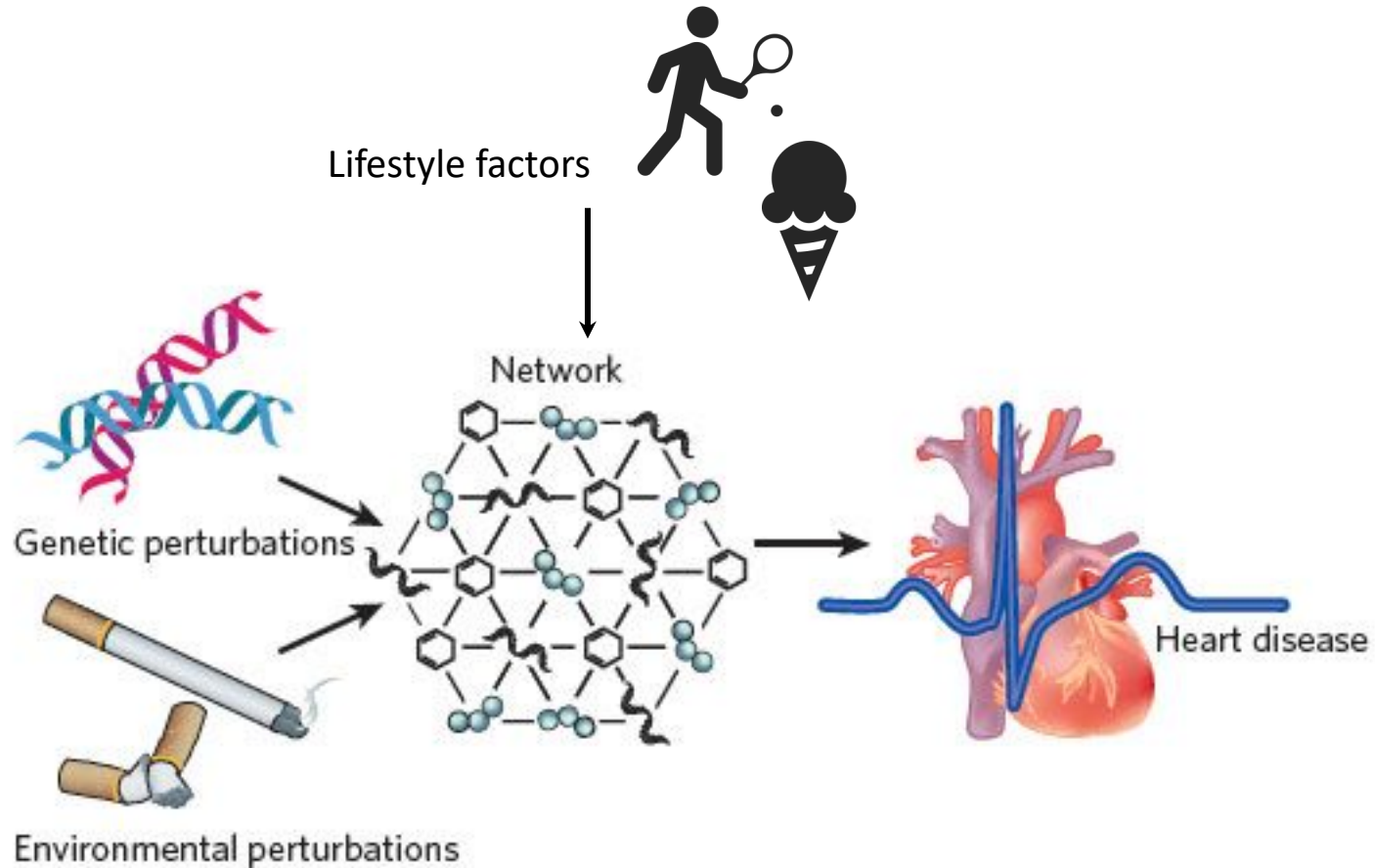
- One of the most comprehensive catalogs of genes and variants associated to human diseases and phenotypes publicly available
- Developed by integration of different public resources, including information extracted from the literature by text mining
- Provides different prioritization metrics and can be accessed with different tools





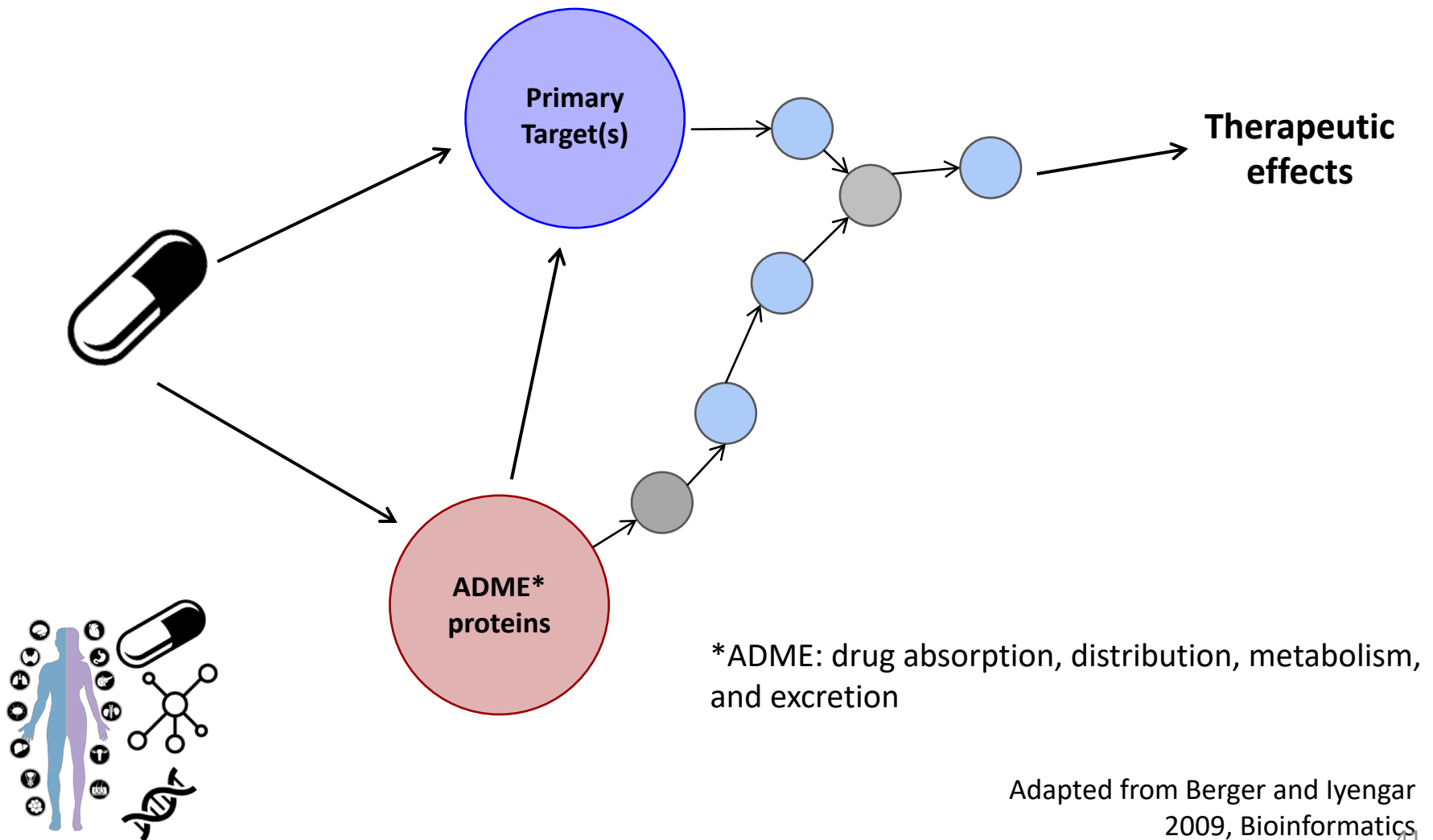
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Network medicine to study human diseases



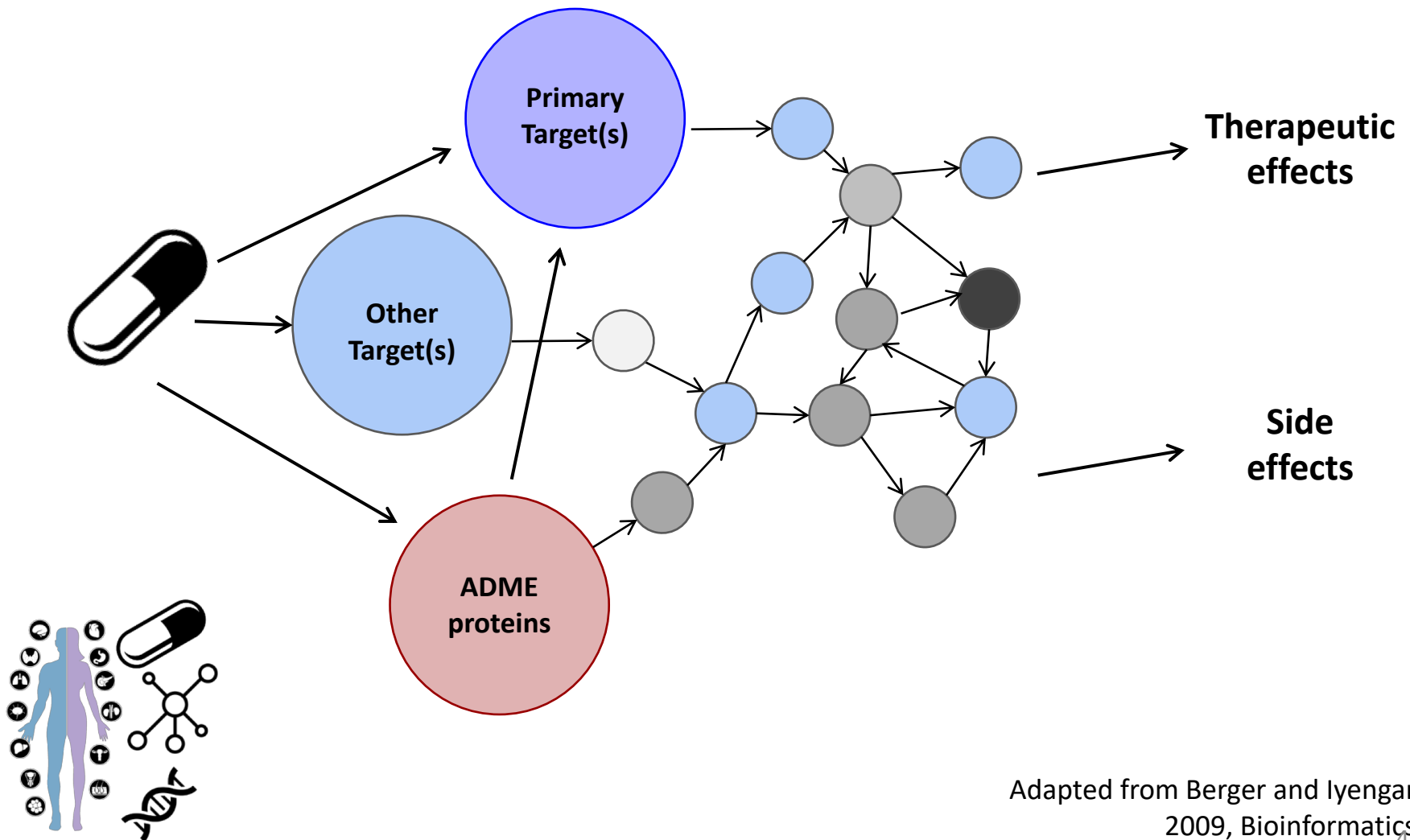
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“Classic” view of drug mode of action

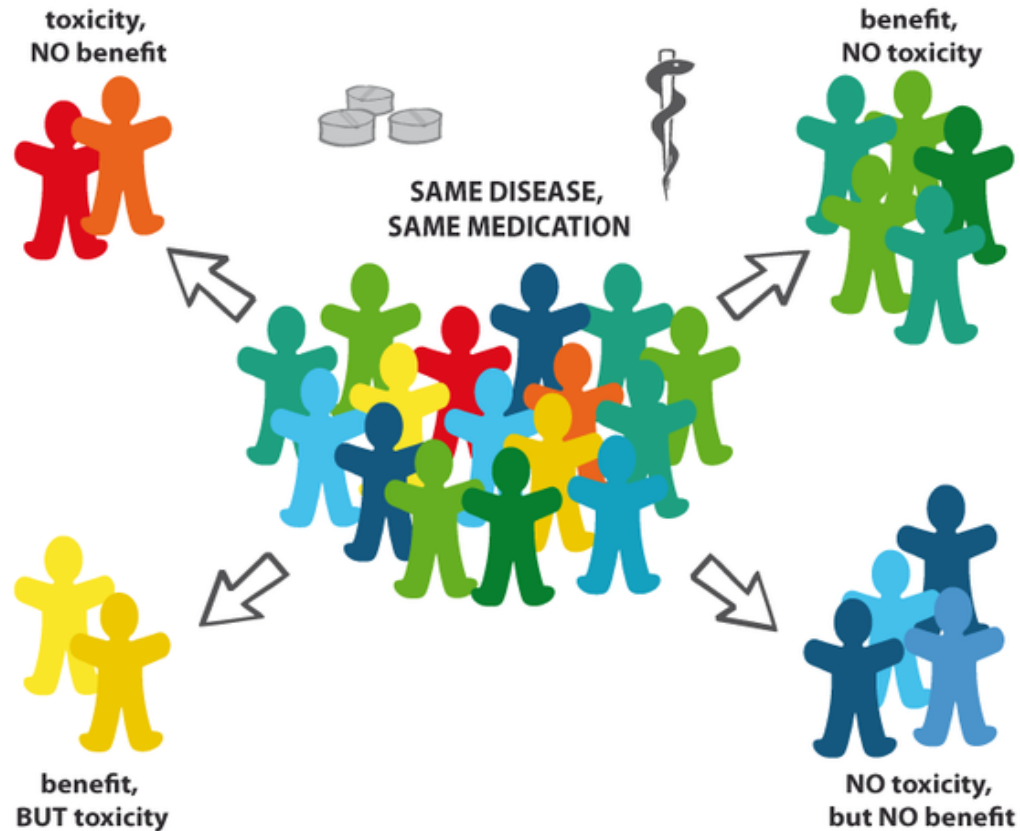


Adapted from Berger and Iyengar
2009, Bioinformatics

“Systems” view of drug mode of action



Variability of drug response



Variability of drug response

toxicity,
NO benefit



SAME DISEASE,
SAME MEDICATION



benefit,
NO toxicity



Drug	Gene	Effect
<i>Pharmacokinetics</i>		
Codeine	<i>CYP2D6</i> (34)	Increase in the amount of active drug by variants
Clopidogrel	<i>CYP2C19</i> (80)	Increase in the amount of active drug by variants
Warfarin	<i>CYP2C9</i> (81)	Changes in drug levels in blood by variants

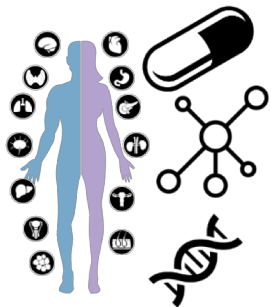


benefit,
BUT toxicity

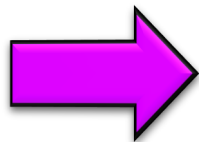


NO toxicity,
but NO benefit

Genes relevant to drug response have different
transcriptomic, genomic and network
properties

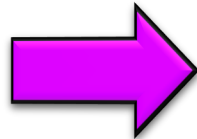


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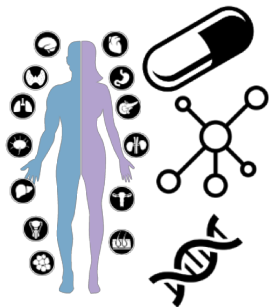
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1934 drug targets



METAB

470 ADME
proteins



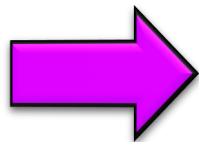
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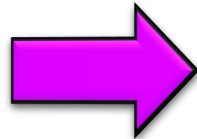
4160 ADR proteins

Genes relevant to drug response



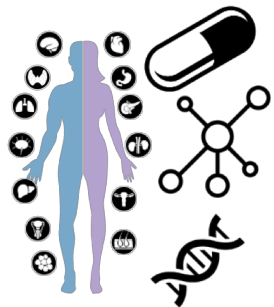
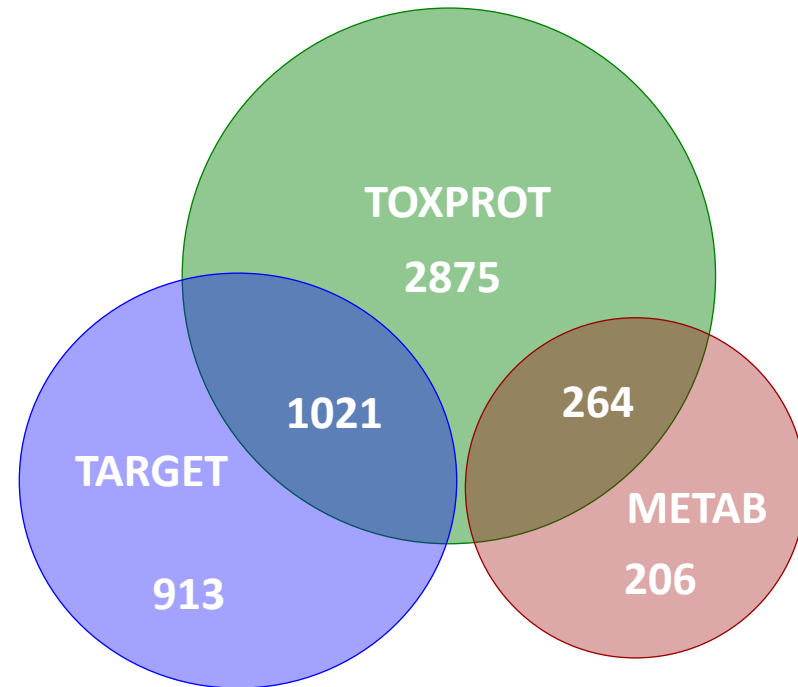
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AEOLUS

OffSides

OrganDB



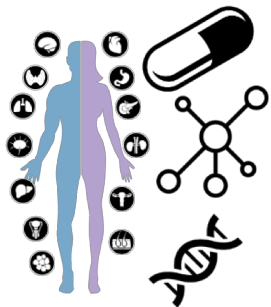
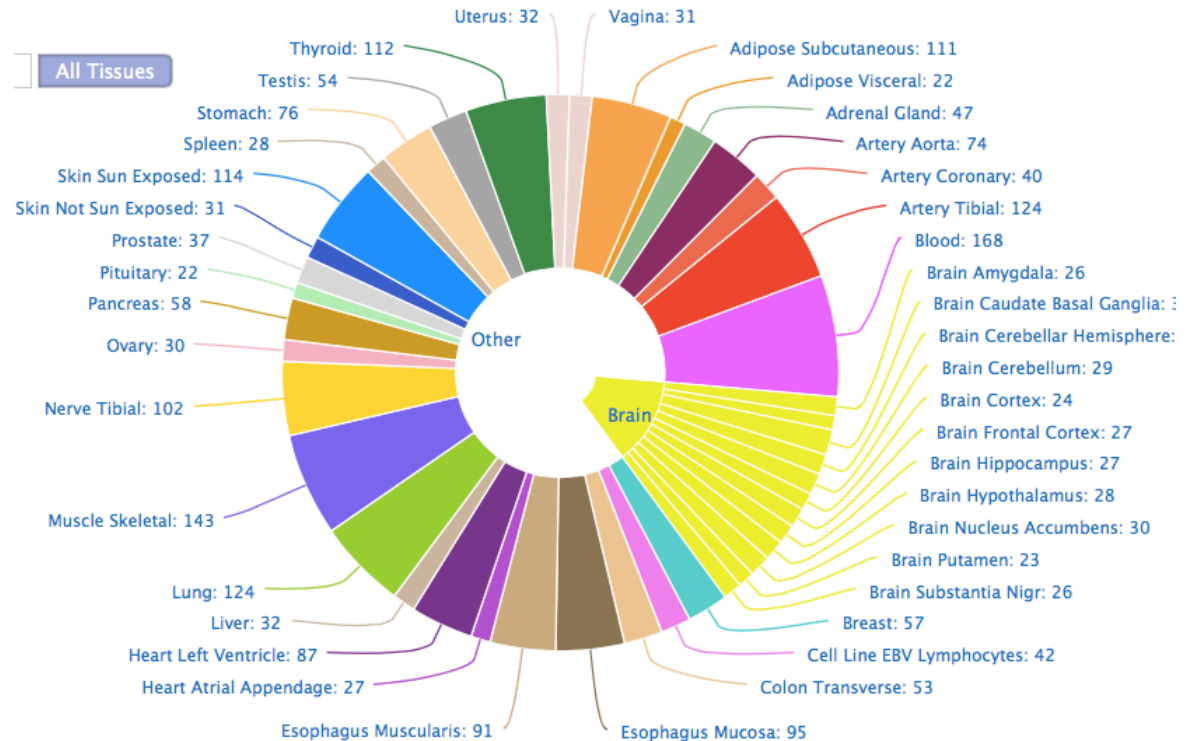
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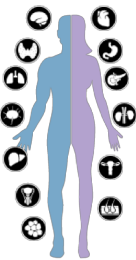
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Transcriptomic analysis

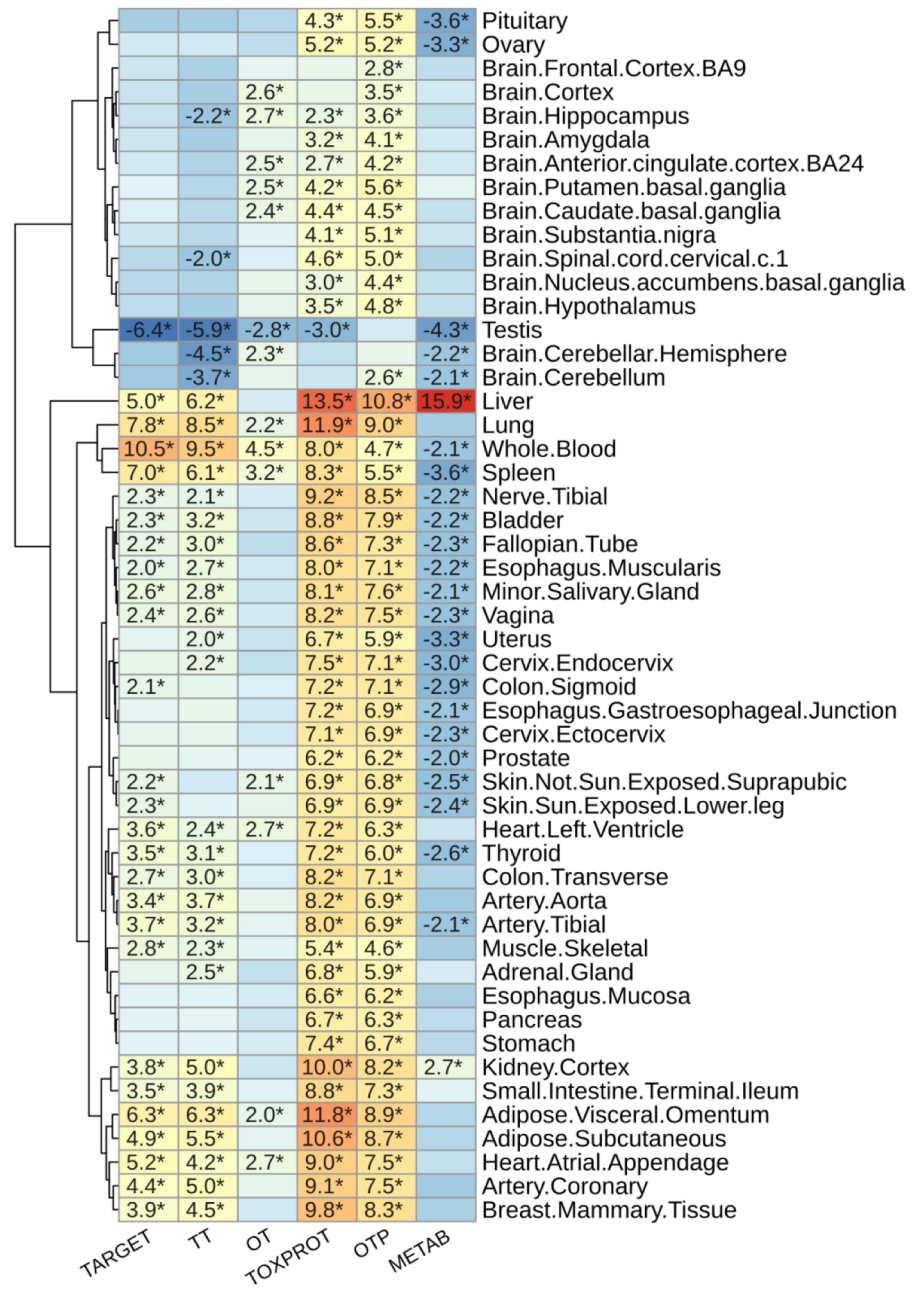
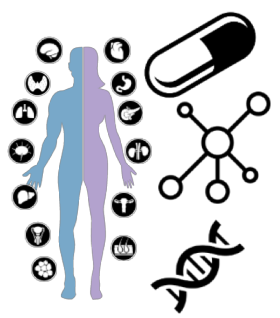
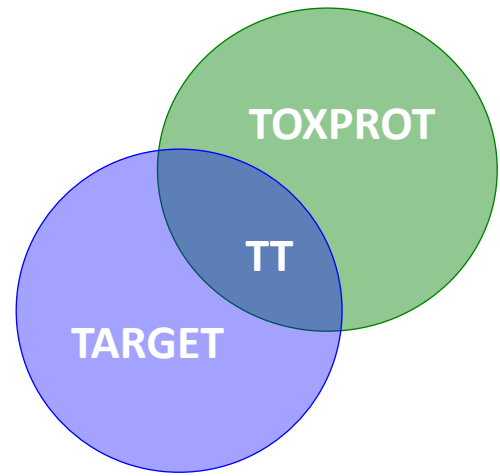
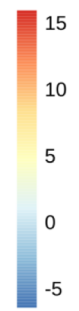


53 tissues
(TPM ≥ 1)





Z-score



Genomic analysis



Genomic data

**Exome Aggregation
Consortium (ExAC)**

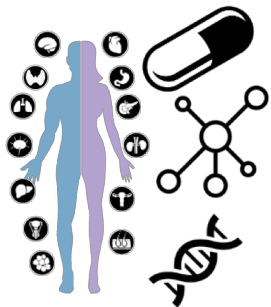
Germline variants detected across 60k exomes

- ✓ pLI: the probability of a gene to be intolerant to heterozygous Loss of Function (LoF) mutations

LoF intolerant genes: $pLI \geq 0.9$

LoF tolerant genes: $pLI \leq 0.1$

- ✓ pNull: the probability of a gene to be tolerant to both heterozygous and homozygous LoF variation.





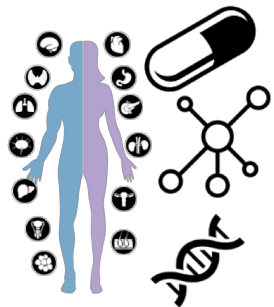
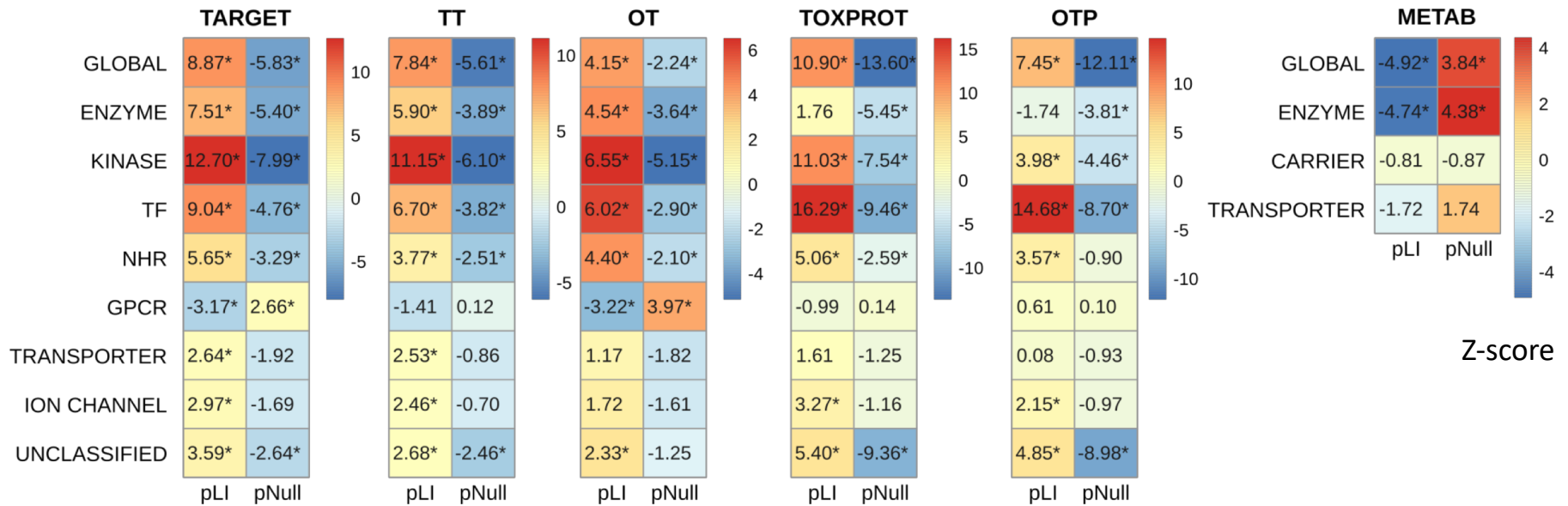
Gene constraint metrics for drug relevant genes

Gene Set	pLI			pNull		
	pLI	z-score	p-value	pNull	z-score	p-value
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TOXPROT	0.365	10.9	1.15E-27	0.146	-13.604	3.79E-42
METAB	0.214	-4.92	8.65E-07	0.260	3.843	1.22E-04

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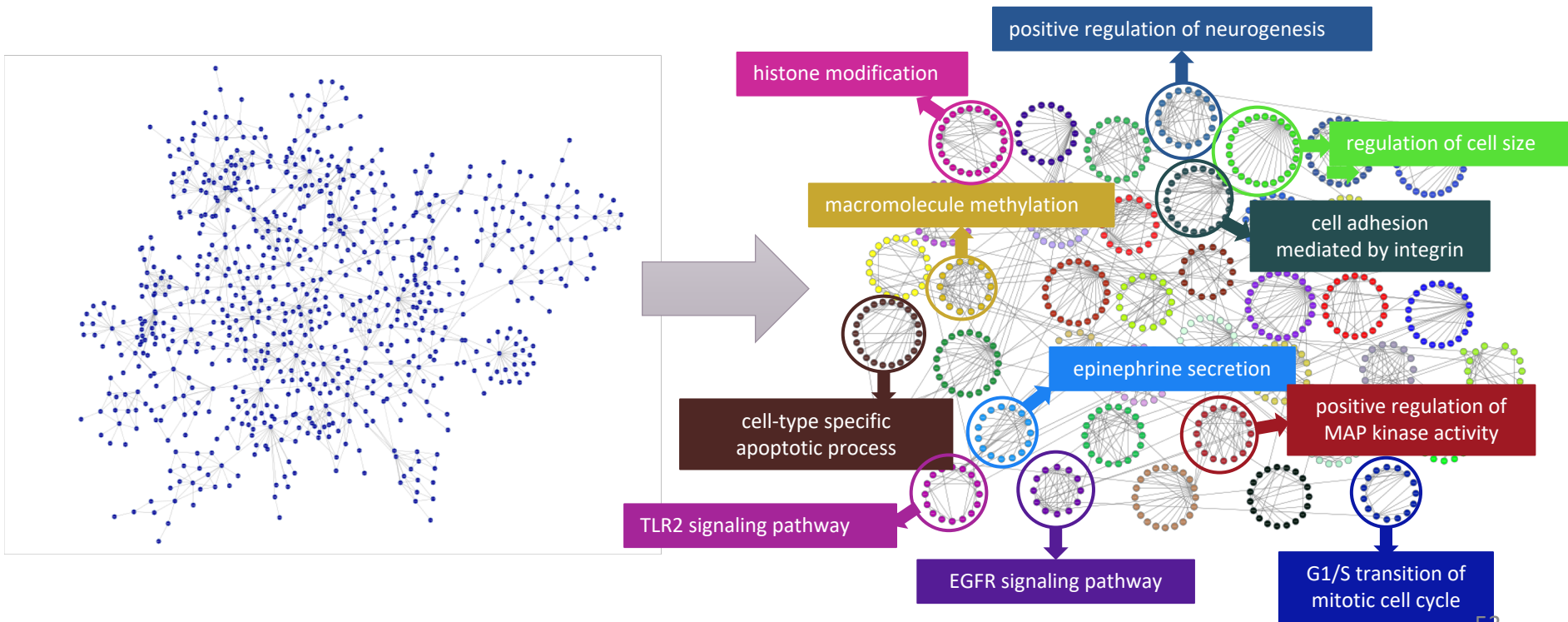
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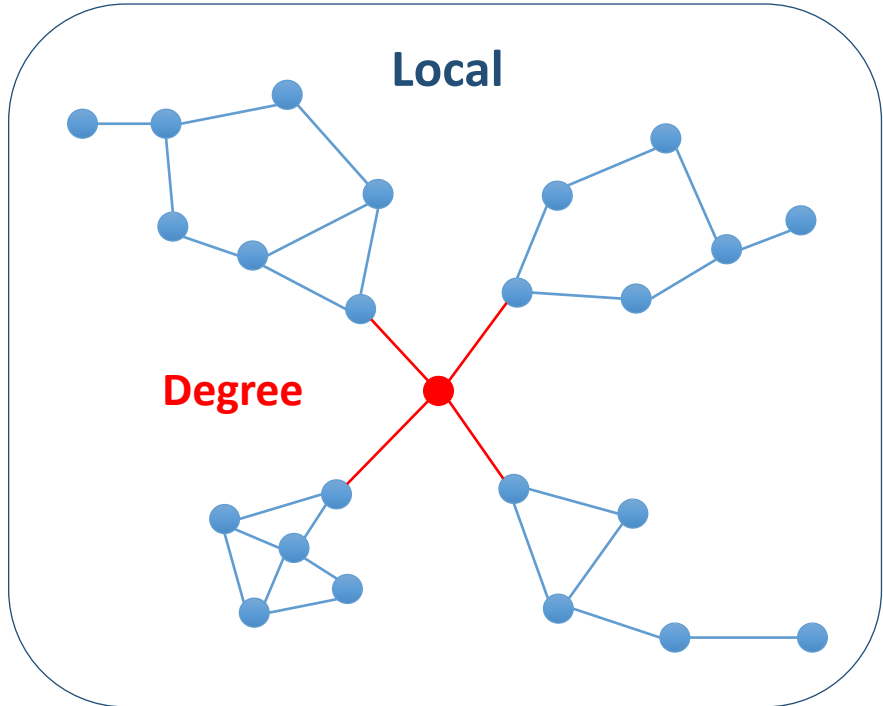


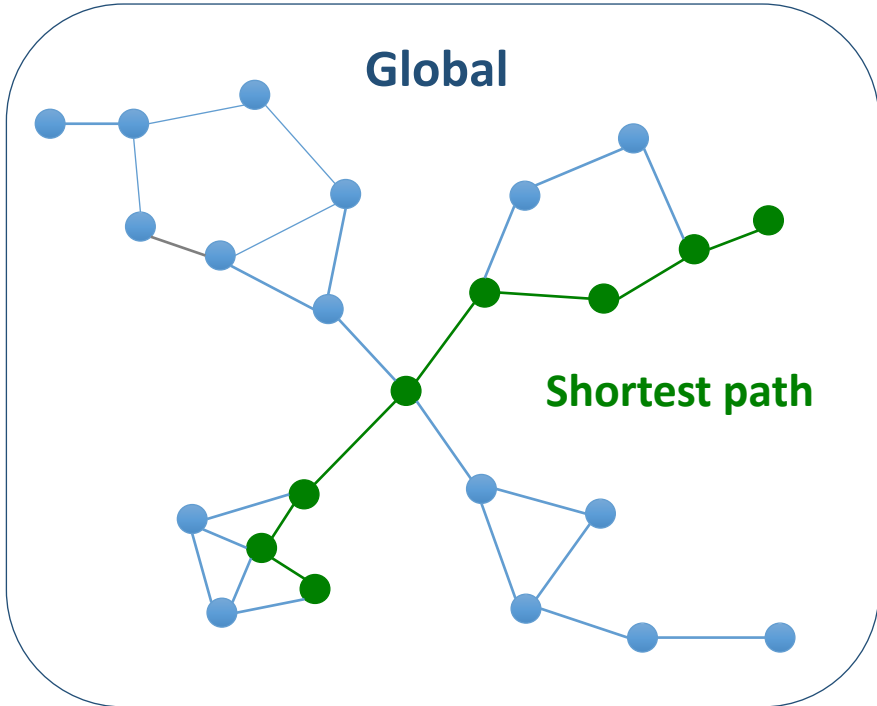
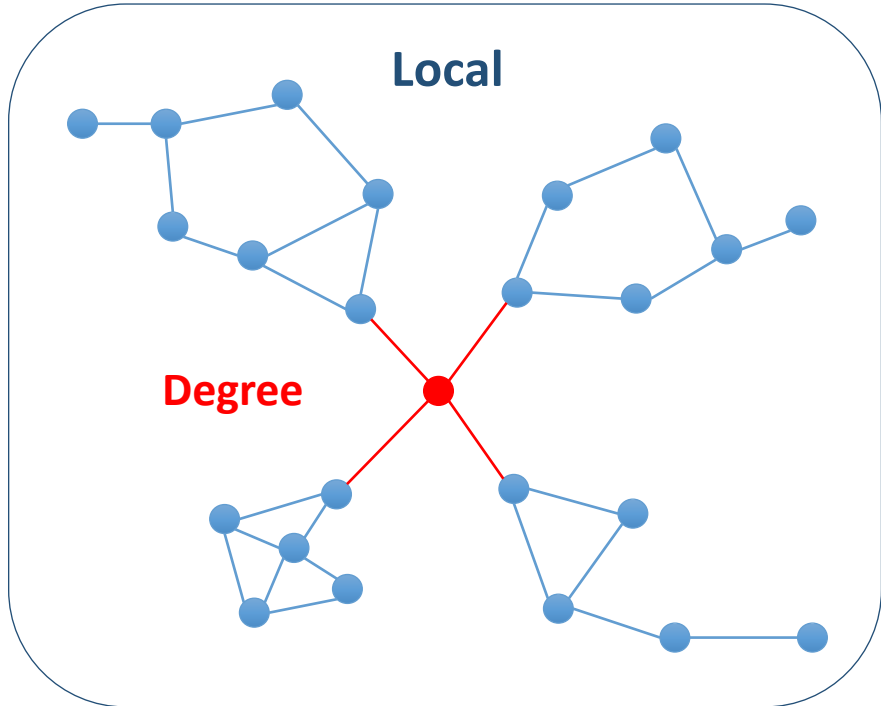
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Network analysis

To connect **network structure** to **function**

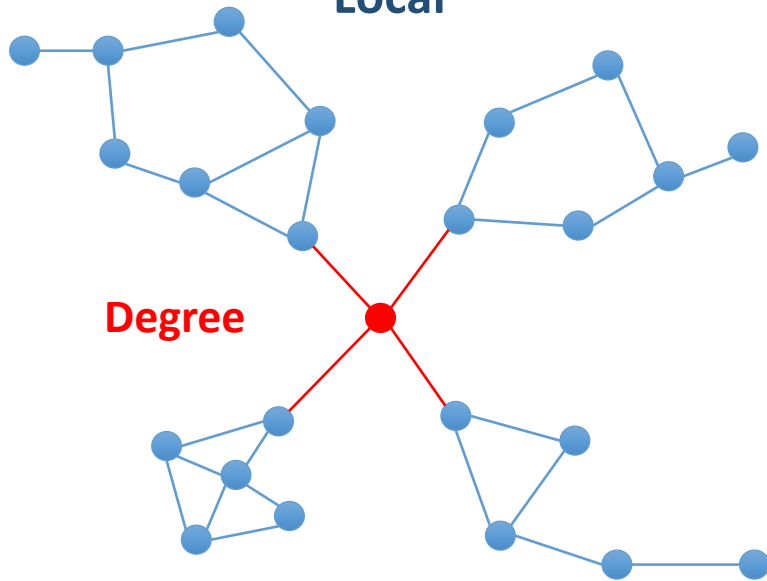






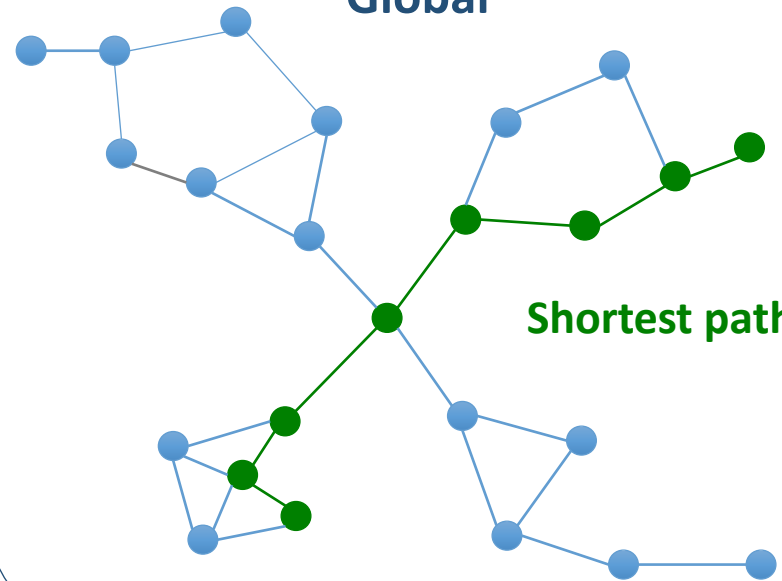
Local

Degree



Global

Shortest path

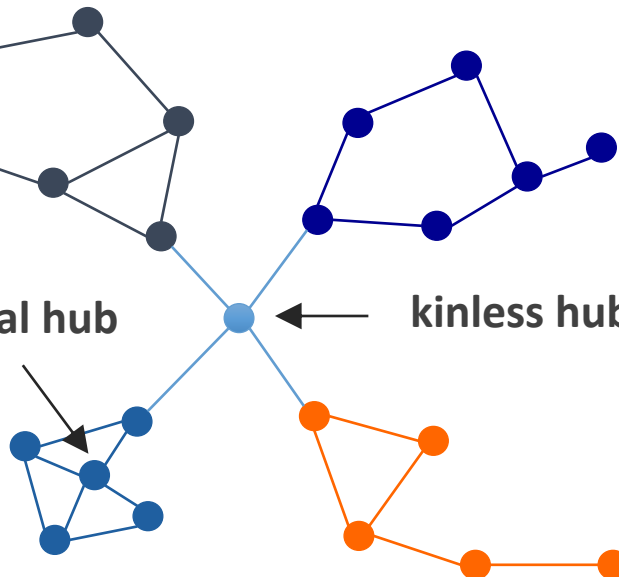


Meso-scale

peripheral

provincial hub

kinless hub



Network analysis

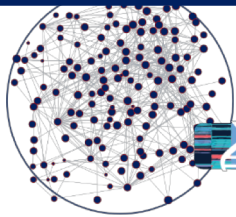


The interactome

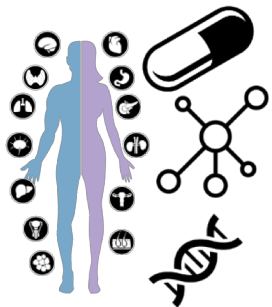
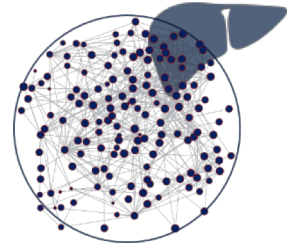
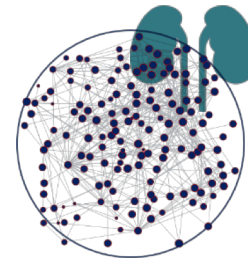
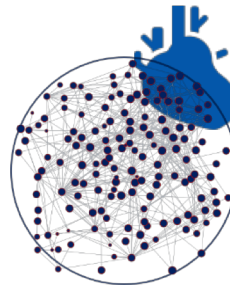
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Tissue-Specific Interactomes

Global Interactome



 GTEx Portal



Network analysis

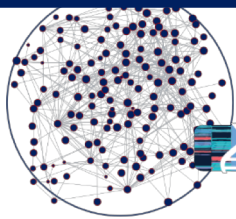


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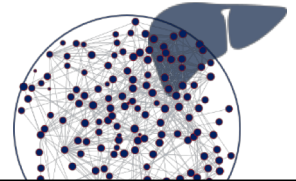
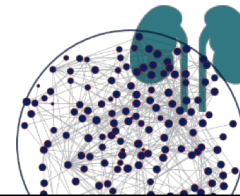
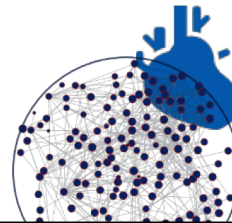
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Network properties

Local

Degree

Clustering coefficient

Global

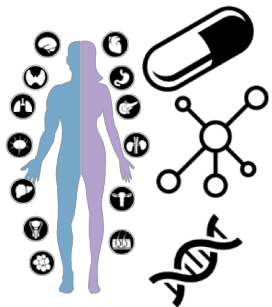
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Meso

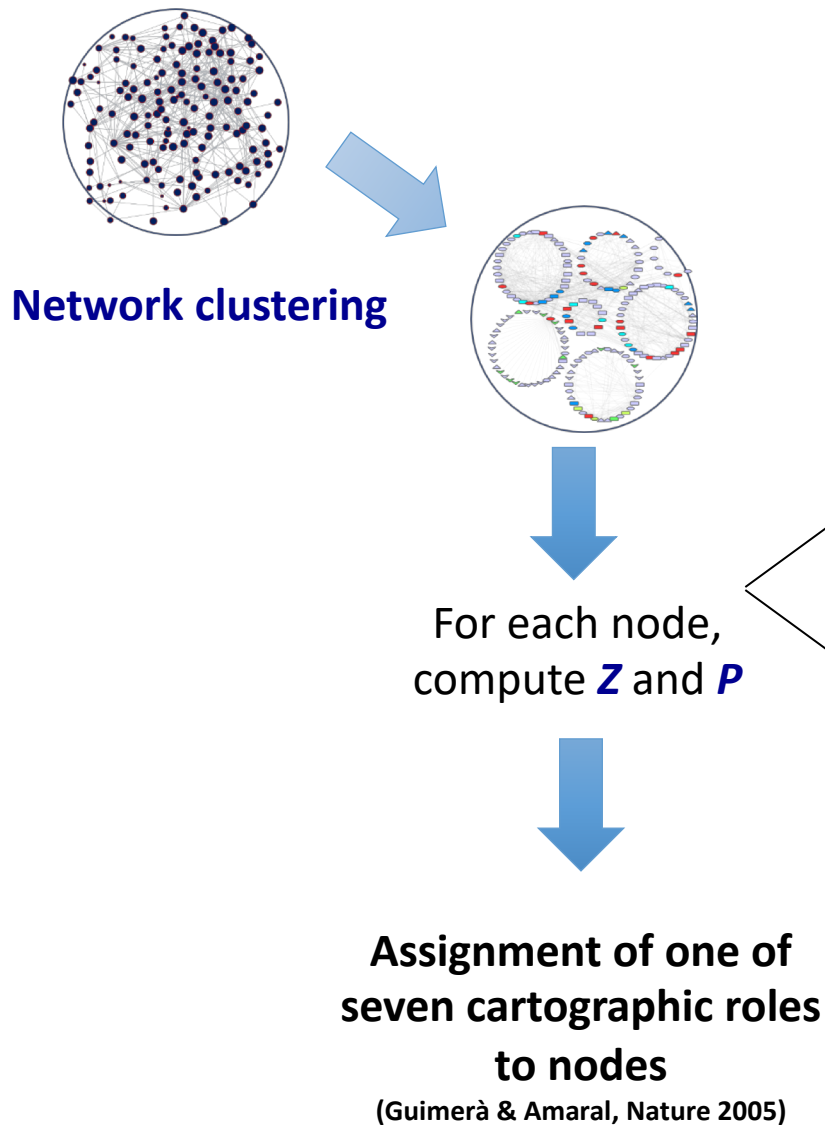
Within-module degree Z

Participation coefficient P

Cartographic roles



Meso-scale network analysis



Participation Coefficient

$$P = 1 - \sum_{s=1}^{N_M} \left(\frac{K_{is}}{K_i} \right)^2$$

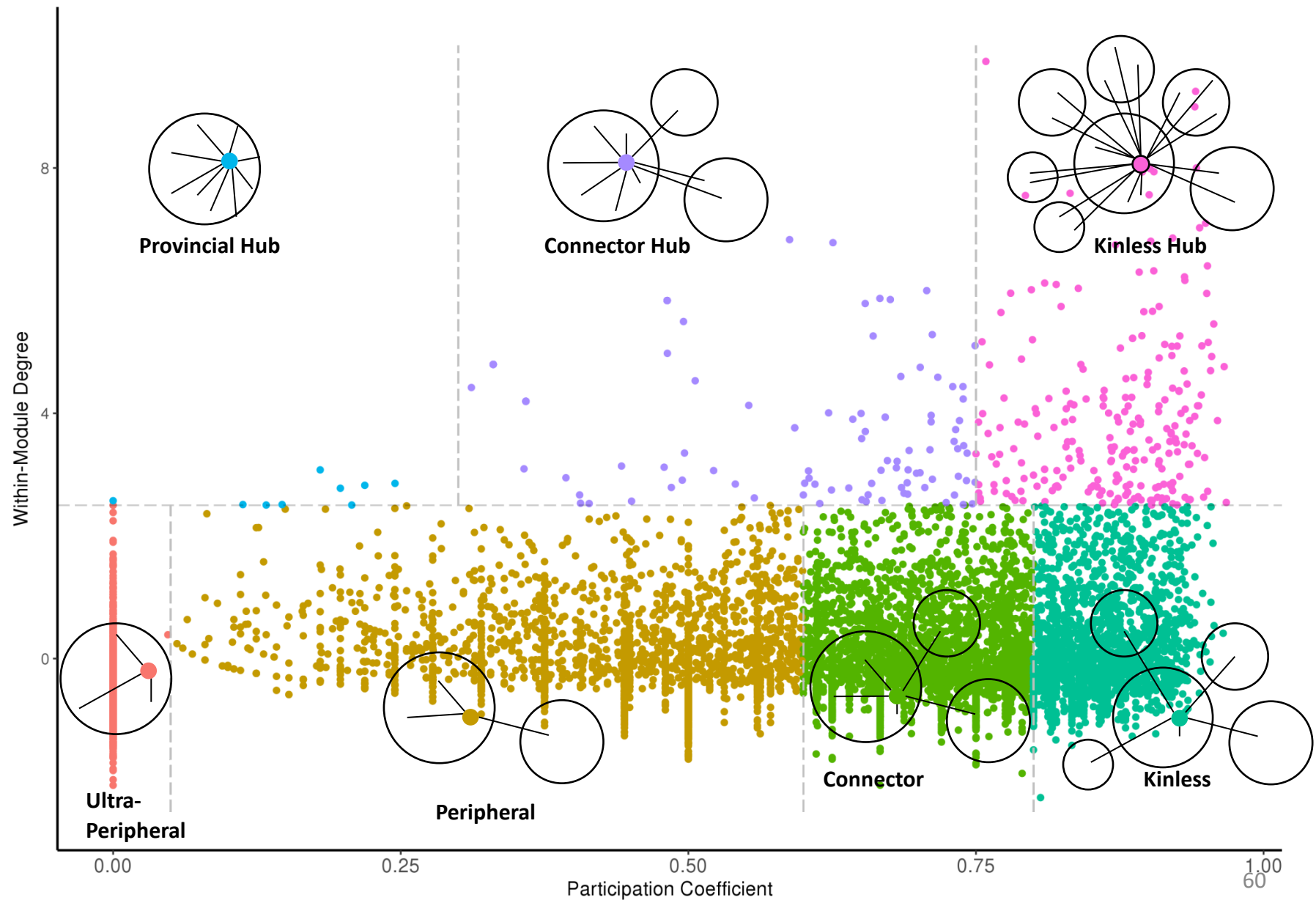
K_{is} is the # of links of nodes i in module s
 K_i is the degree of node i

Within-Module Degree

$$z_i = \frac{K_i - \bar{K}_{s_i}}{\sigma K_{s_i}}$$

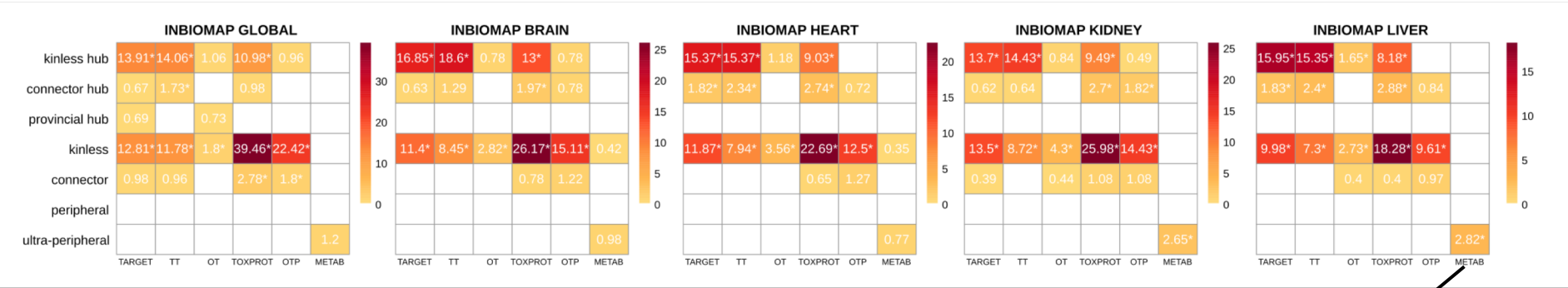
\bar{K}_{s_i} the mean degree of nodes in module s_i
 σK_{s_i} the standard deviation of degree in s_i

Cartographic representation of the interactome



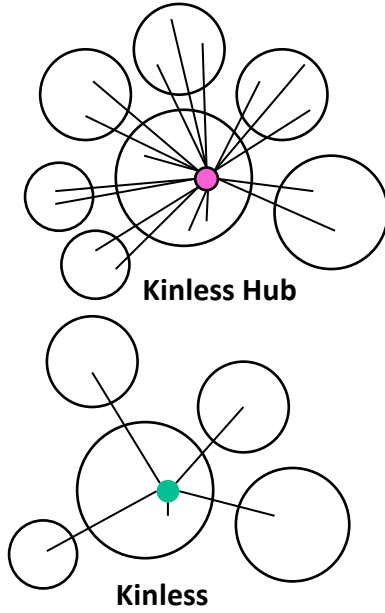
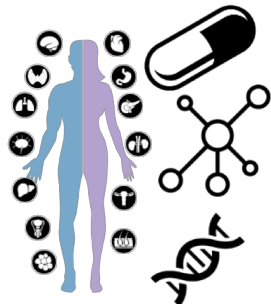


Meso-scale network properties

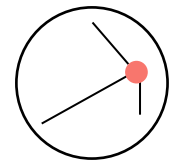


TARGETS

TOXPROT

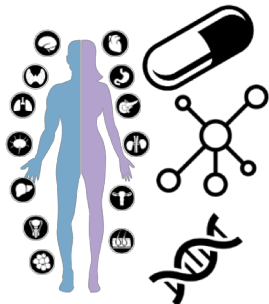
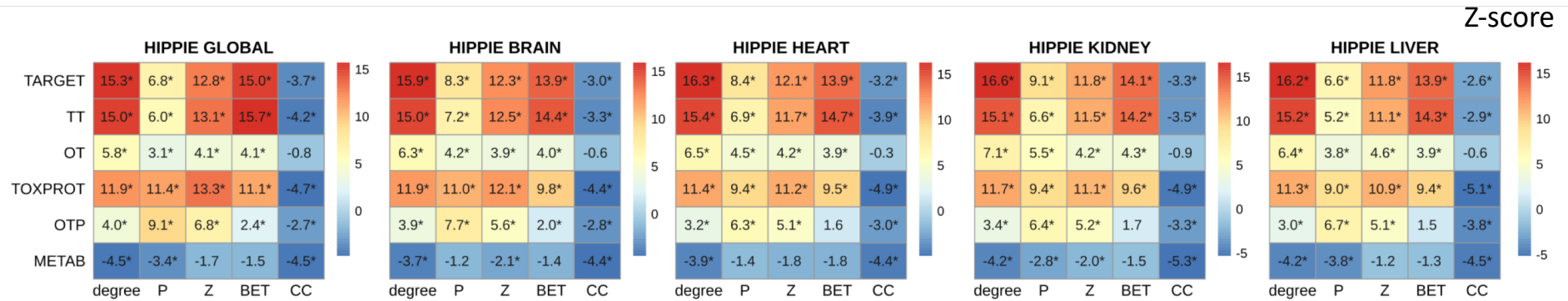


METAB



Ultra-Peripheral

Network properties at different scales



TARGETS

TOXPROT

METAB

- ✓ higher degree, participation coefficient, within-module degree, and betweenness
 - ✓ lower clustering coefficient
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- ✓ lower degree, participation coefficient, within-module degree

Summary

Network Feature

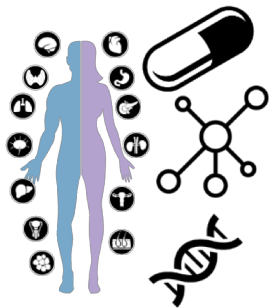
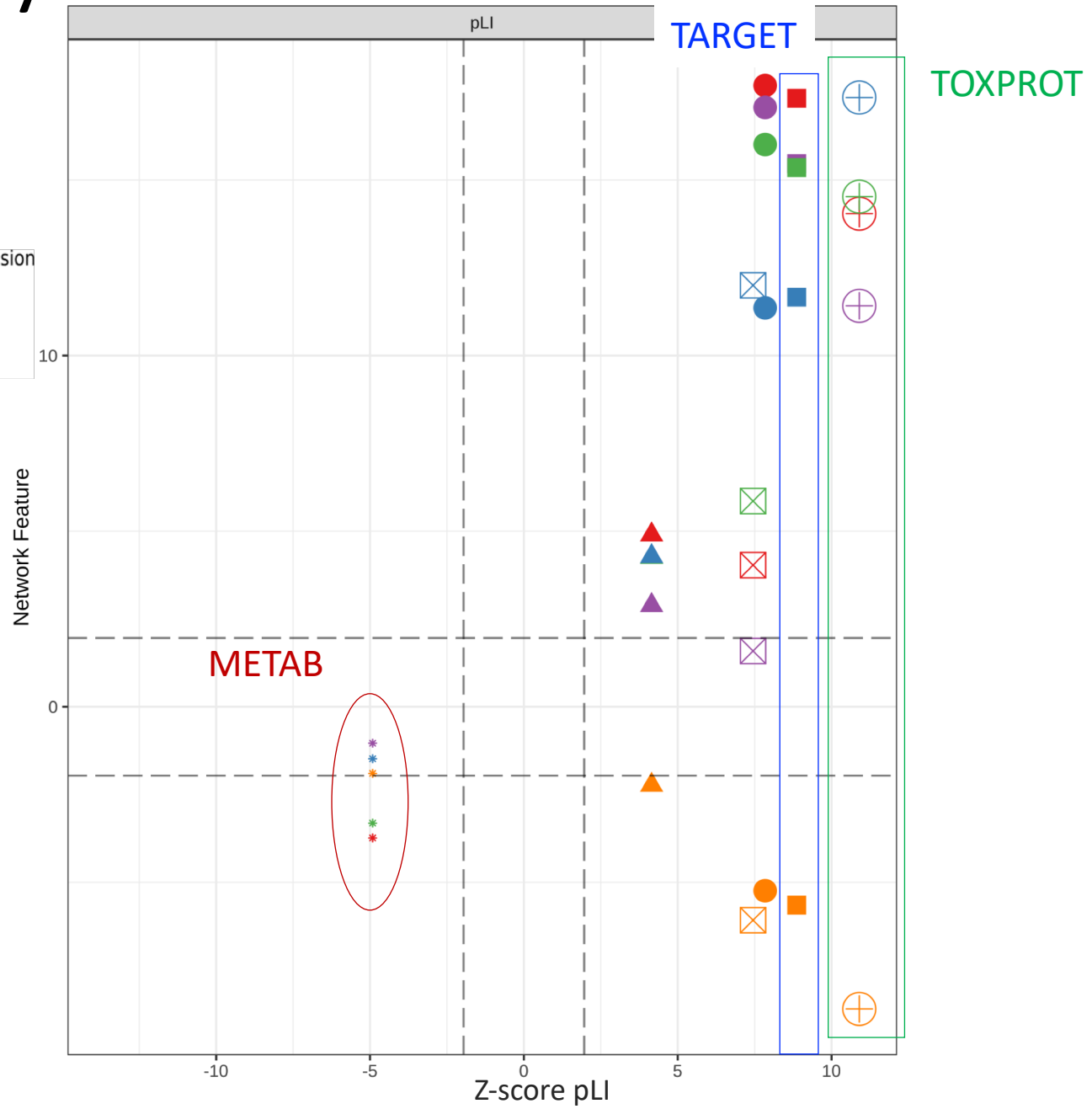
- degree
- P
- Z
- BET
- CC

Gene Set

- TARGET
- TT
- ▲ OT
- ◆ TOXPROT
- ⊠ OTP
- ✱ METAB

Tissue Expression

- 0.0
- 2.5
- 5.0

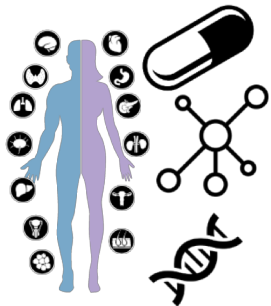


Take home messages

- ✓ Drug targets that mediate side effects are more central in cellular networks, more intolerant to LoF variation, and show a wider breadth of tissue expression than targets not mediating side effects.
- ✓ Among drug targets, GPCRs are tolerant to LoF variation and not central in the network
- ✓ Drug metabolizing enzymes are less central in the interactome, more tolerant to deleterious variants, and are more constrained in their tissue expression pattern.

Take home messages

The integrated analysis of *omics* and clinical data reveals distinct features of proteins associated to drug response, which could be applied to prioritize drugs with fewer probabilities of causing side effects.



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