



**PERSPECTIVES FOR PUBLIC HEALTH GENOMICS
WITHIN A HEALTH CARE SYSTEM CONTEXT**

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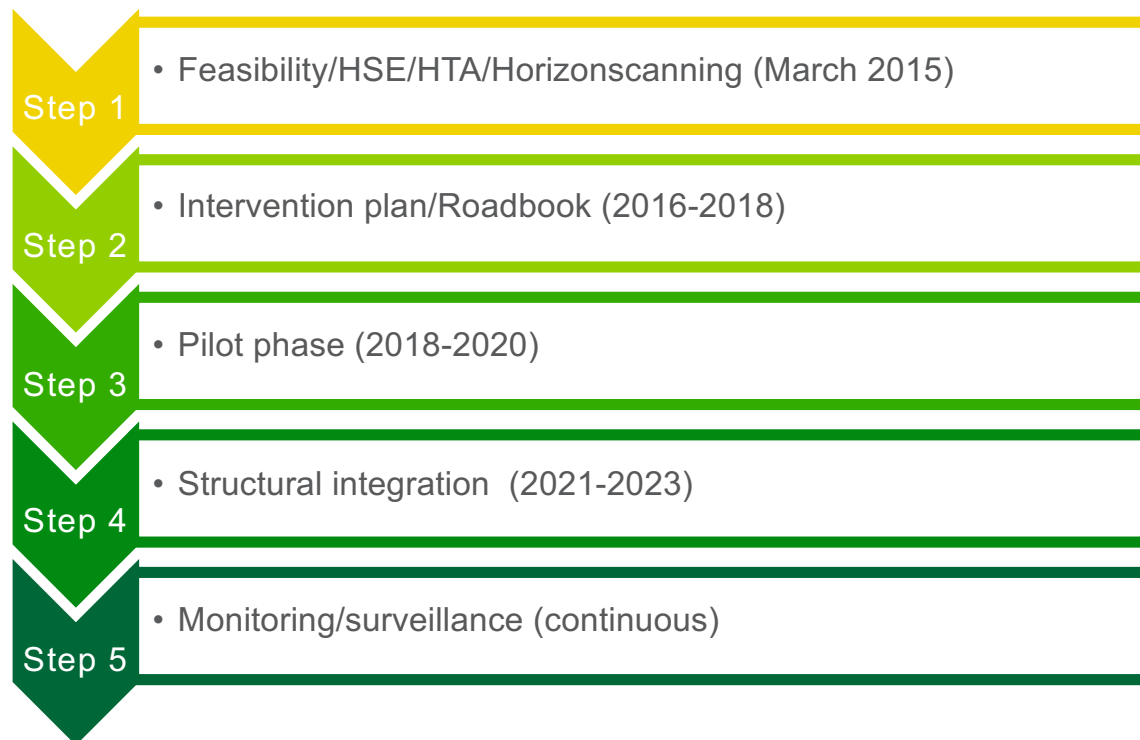
'Omics' in national Health Care System of Belgium

- ❑ 'Omics' in the clinic
- ❑ Genomic citizenship: ethics, legal and privacy
- ❑ Public Health Genomics



Omics in the clinic

'Omics in HCS' : a multistep process



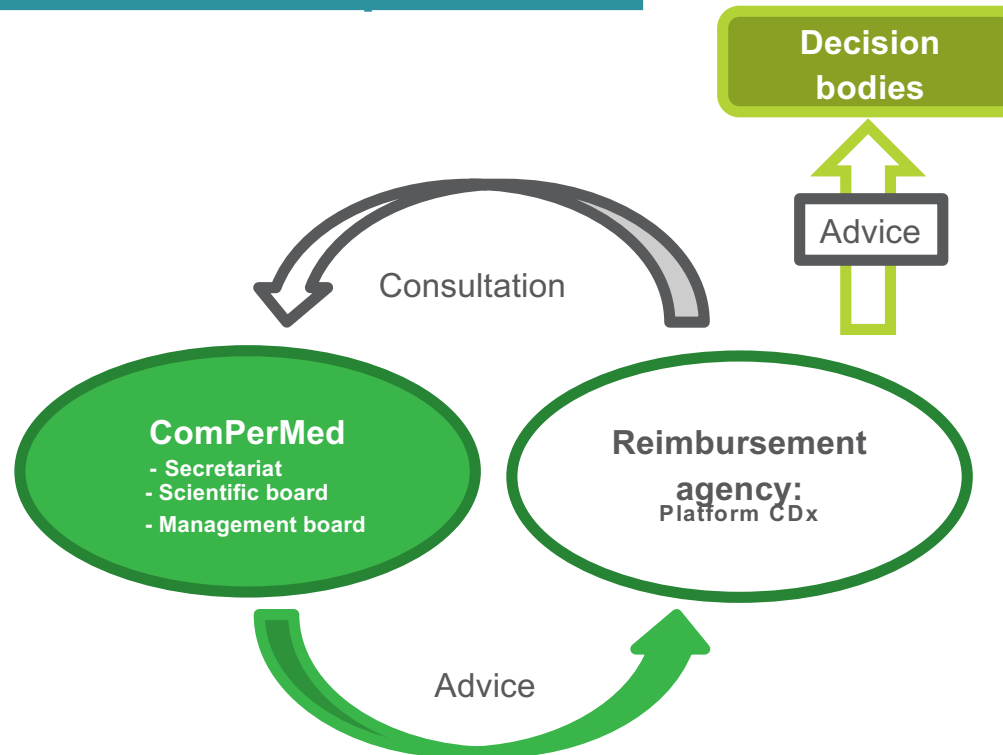
ROADBOOK

Roadbook for the implementation of next-generation sequencing in clinical practice in oncology and hemato-oncology

ACTION 1	Establish a commission: Commission Personalized Medicine (ComPerMed)
ACTION 2	Development of guidelines for NGS use in (hemato)-oncology
ACTION 3	Development of criteria for NGS use in (hemato)-oncology
ACTION 4&5	Develop and organize a benchmarking trial and EQA for NGS use in (hemato)-oncology
ACTION 6	Implement NGS registration, storage and data management
ACTION 7	Provide NGS education and training
ACTION 8	Informed consent, legal and ethical implications of NGS use in (hemato)-oncology molecular diagnostics
ACTION 9	Pilot study 'NGS use in routine diagnostics'
ACTION 10	Build on hospital networks for NGS use in (hemato)-oncology

Action 1: Establish a commission: Commission Personalized Medicine (ComPerMed)

Website: <https://www.compermed.be>



Action 2: Development of national guidelines for NGS use in oncology

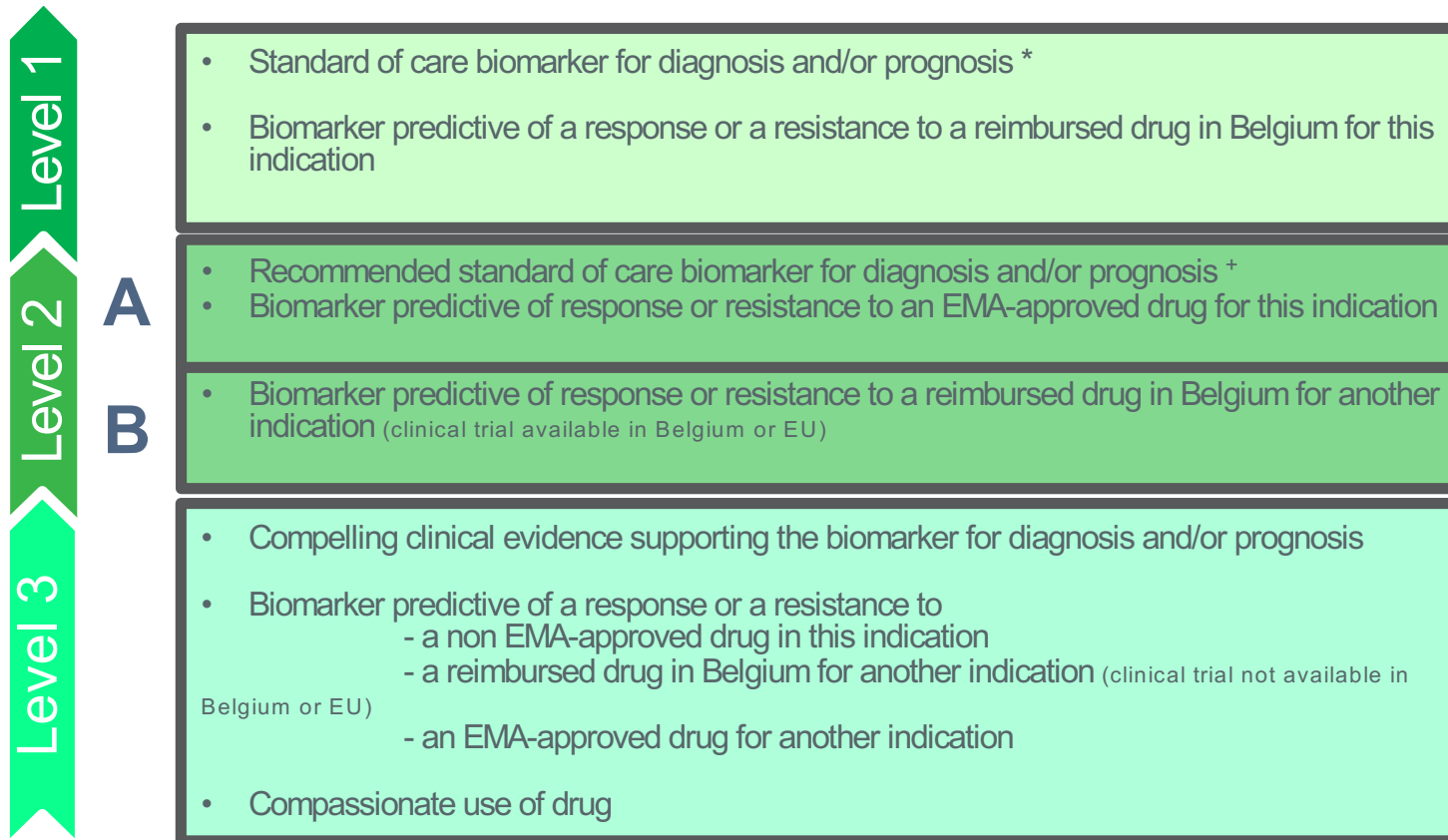
BJMIO PRACTICE GUIDELINES

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The Belgian next generation sequencing guidelines for haematology-oncology

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TEST LEVELS

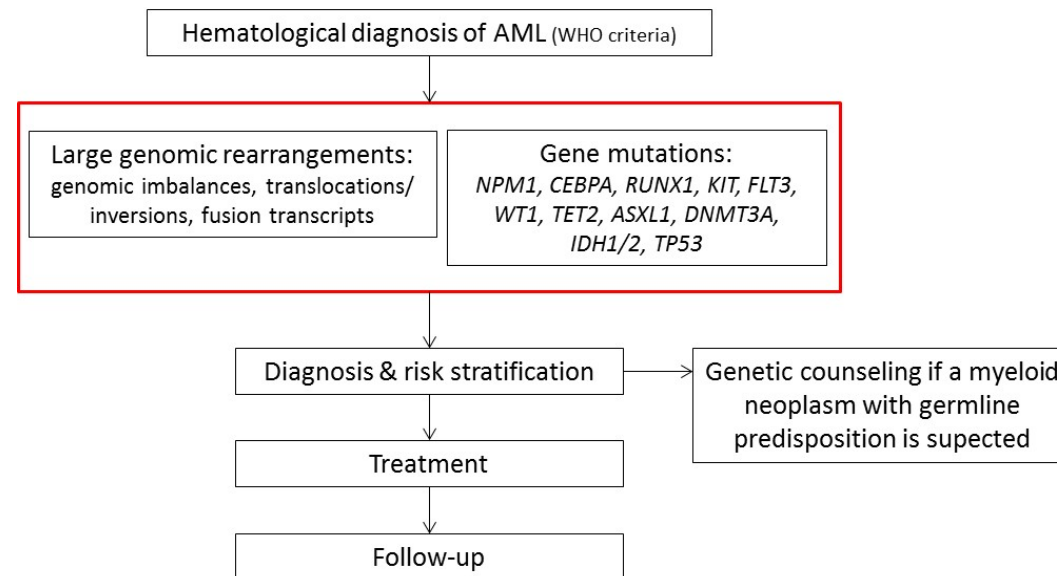


* Standard of care: Included in guidelines (WHO) AND consensus from experts ComPerMed

+ Recommended standard of care: Clinical evidence AND consensus from experts ComPerMed

Test Algorithms

- Test Algorithms represent a sequential of molecular tests to be performed for a particular cancer, documented in addition with the clinical utility (diagnosis, prognosis or therapy), test level and a brief description of the molecular test.
- To define the specific conditions for NGS testing



Action 4: QA/QC in NGS oncology

Benchmarking trials

- SOLID tumours
- Haematological tumours
- BRCA trial

- Reports



Nomenclature: *art. 33ter*

Drug: *Chaper VIII*



scope: 'Marker' and 'Medicine' linked by a molecular test

Also prognostic & diagnostic markers

PITTER-NGS VIA HEALTHDATA

Central data registration with a link to the
national cancer register

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Action 6: Implement NGS registration, storage and data management

NGS comes with the generation of large amounts of data and the management of such information can represent an important added value for quality, outcome analysis and reimbursement reallocation as well as for clinical and public health research.

→ develop a technical platform for central collection and storage of NGS data

→ **Healthdata** platform with linkage to the national **Cancer Registry**

Ultimate goal: a **central molecular registry** with the results of all molecular tests

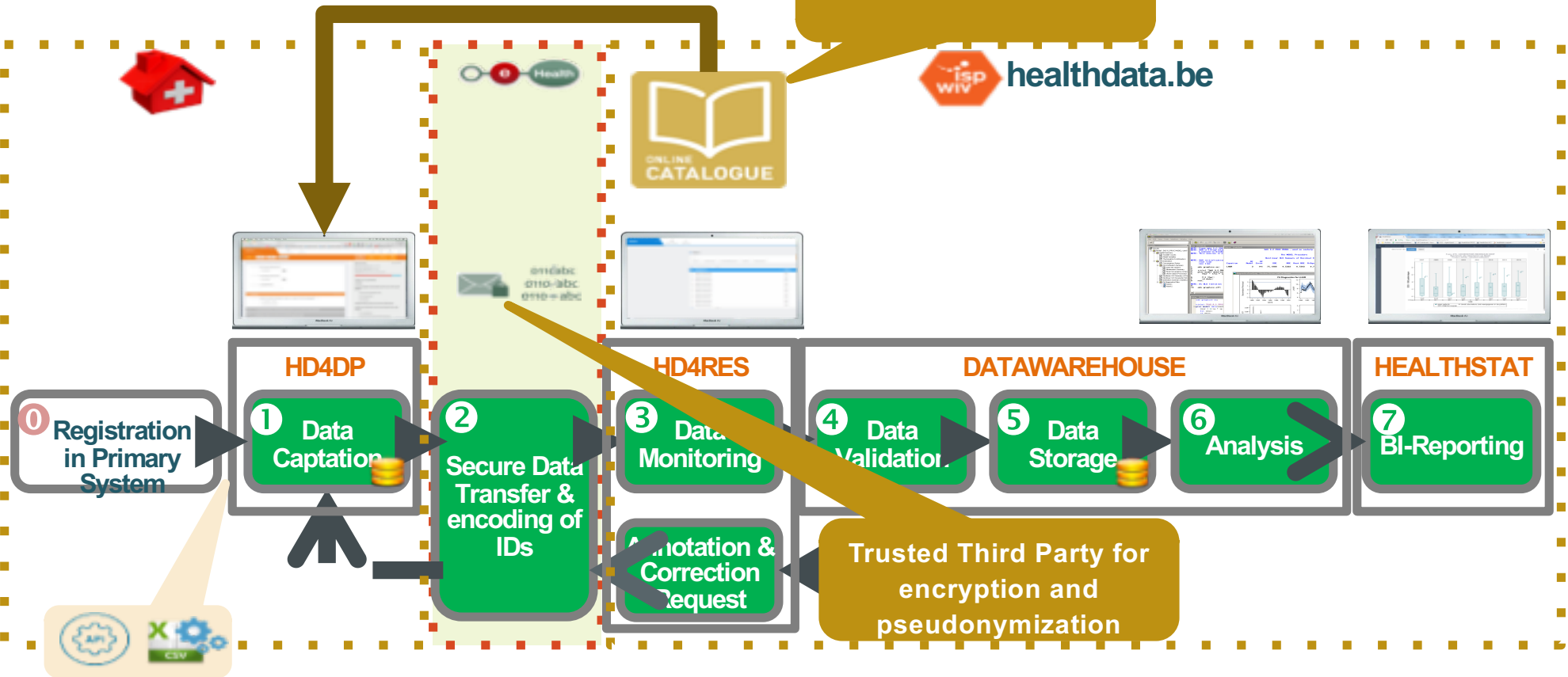
→ improving access to data for clinical research

→ facilitating evaluation and decision making for policy makers

HEALTHDATA AT A GLANCE

Technical description
of each data collection

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GENOMIC CITIZENSHIP

Genomic Citizenship: why a societal debate?

Support

- No genomics without data sharing

Value laden

- Genetics, medical research, privacy, ... - ELSI

Good governance

- Taking the perspective of citizens into account

➤ Many questions, no easy solution



Dealing with difficult problems

$$-i\hbar\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{\nabla}(\phi^{(R)} - \phi^{(L)}) - i\hbar\frac{\partial}{\partial x_0}(\phi^{(R)} + \phi^{(L)}) + mc(\phi^{(R)} + \phi^{(L)}) = 0$$

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The use of genomic information in healthcare as a wicked problem



Wicked problems and societal debate

Dealing with wicked problems:

Authoritative

Competitive

Collaborative



“Genomic citizenship” in Belgian

Focus group study

- Involving **patients** in implementation of genomics in the clinic

Citizens forum

- Gaining insight in **citizens’ perspectives** on ELSI regarding genomics

Focus groups: goal

The goal of the focus groups is to draft **'informed' informed consent** guidelines, based on the experiences and opinions of patients.

Balancing data from

- focus groups,
- international guidelines
- legal and normative arguments

Stakeholder working group

CITIZENS FORUM

With King Baudoin Foundation

Internationally validated method: wicked societal problems

32 informed citizens share their views

- Dialogue, no need for consensus
- Help from a support team
- Information provided by experts
- Working towards balanced policy recommendations

CITIZENS FORUM

ISSUE FRAMING WORKSHOP (23/02/2018): **EXPERTS**

The use of genome information in health care: identifying and discussing the ethical, legal and societal issues

INFORMATION BROCHURE (28/06/2018): **CITIZENS**

THREE WEEKENDS (September – December 2018): **CITIZENS**

FIRST REPORT -> **STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP** (February 2019)


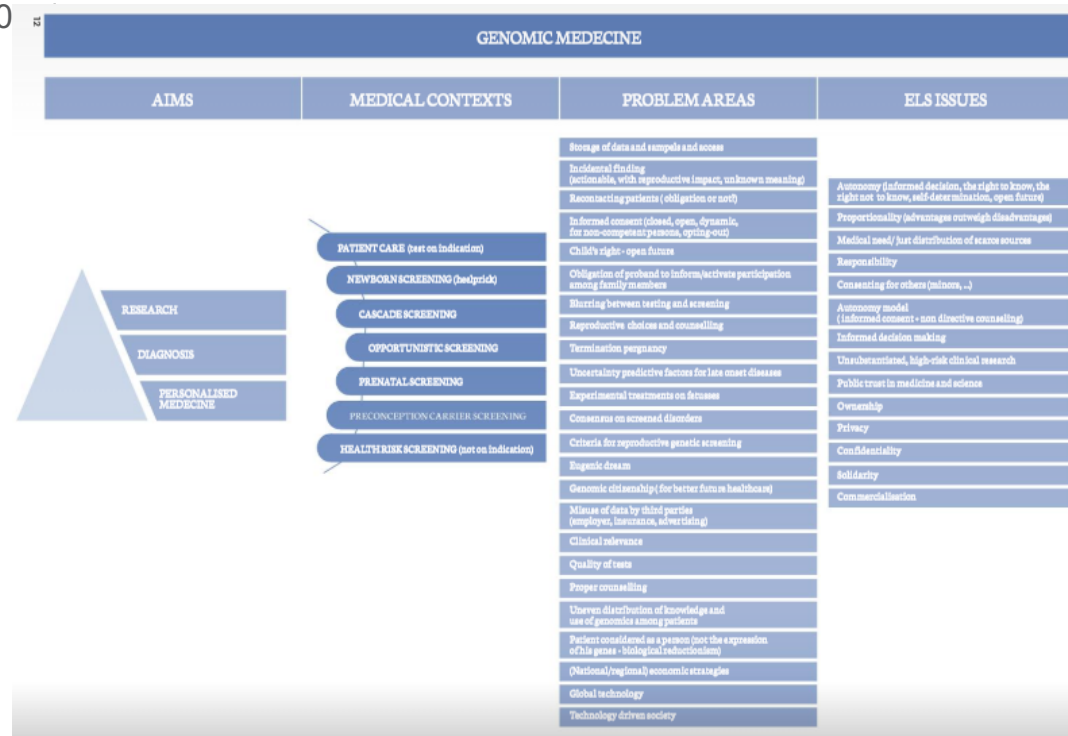
SECOND REPORT -> **SYMPOSIUM** (End of 2019)

ISSUE FRAMING workshop

Communications/2018

The use of genome information in health care: ethical, legal and societal issues
Report of the Issue framing workshop

Brussels, 23 February 2018

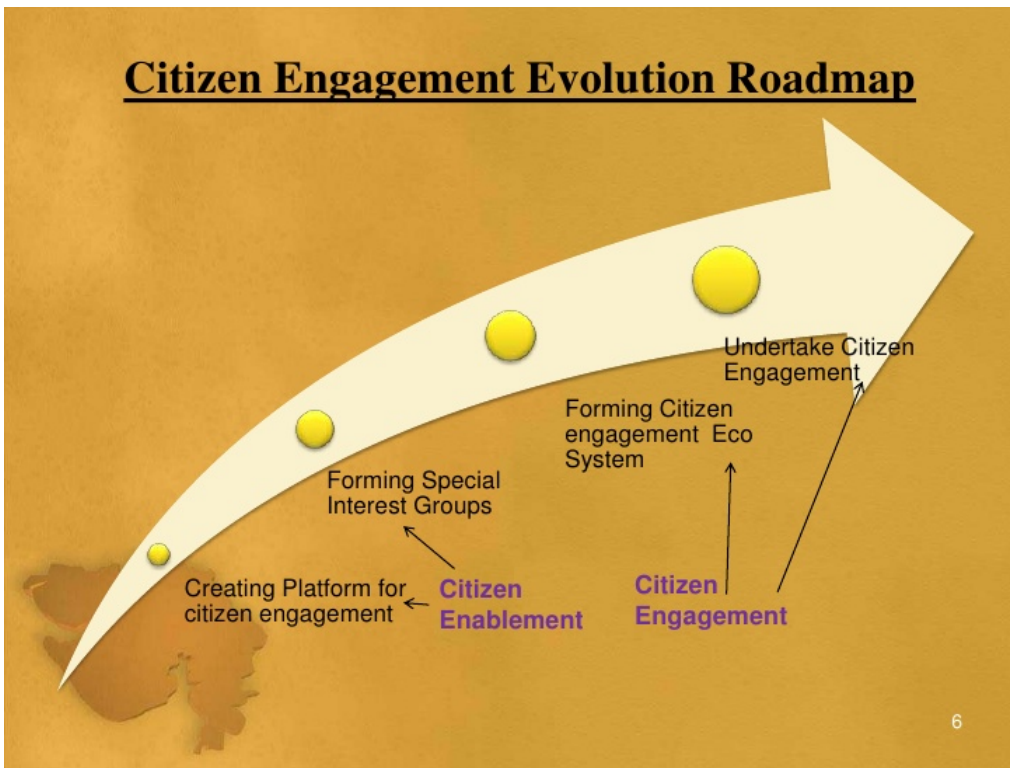
Information brochure



<https://www.kbs-frb.be/fr/Activities/Publications/2018/20180704PP>



Citizen Engagement Evolution Roadmap



EC Perspective:

Joint Action **CanCon** Policy paper on
‘Public Health Genomics in cancer »

Joint Action **iPAAC** Work package on
Genomics

AIM: ROADMAP on sustainable
implementation of recommendations
made on cancer control and care



PUBLIC HEALTH GENOMICS

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“Through better understanding and integrating information on the role of the genome in fighting diseases and in adaptation to environmental factors, novel approaches in the control or cure of diseases are envisaged. The latter is generally designated as ‘personalized’ or ‘precision’ medicine, the former when studied at the population level as ‘Public Health Genomics’ (PHG).”

Health Interview Survey

Pilot study: link between the national Health Interview Survey (HIS) and genome information

Goals:

- Map the **genetic variability** in the Belgian population (n = 200)
- Link this variability to **health** and **environment**: Smoking

GENETIC VARIABILITY

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Human Genomics

PRIMARY RESEARCH

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The genetic structure of the Belgian population



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Abstract

Background: National and international efforts like the 1000 Genomes Project are leading to increasing insights in the genetic structure of populations worldwide. Variation between different populations necessitates access to population-based genetic reference datasets. These data, which are important not only in clinical settings but also to potentiate future transitions towards a more personalized public health approach, are currently not available for the Belgian population.

Results: To obtain a representative genetic dataset of the Belgian population, participants in the 2013 National Health Interview Survey (NHIS) were invited to donate saliva samples for DNA analysis. DNA was isolated and single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) were determined using a genome-wide SNP array of around 300,000 sites, resulting in a high-quality dataset of 180 samples that was used for further analysis. A principal component analysis demonstrated the typical European genetic constitution of the Belgian population, as compared to other continents. Within Europe, the Belgian population could be clearly distinguished from other European populations. Furthermore, obvious signs from recent migration were found, mainly from Southern Europe and Africa, corresponding with migration trends from the past decades. Within Belgium, a small north-west to south-east gradient in genetic variability was noted, with differences between Flanders and Wallonia.

Conclusions: This is the first study on the genetic structure of the Belgian population and its regional variation. The Belgian genetic structure mirrors its geographic location in Europe with regional differences and clear signs of recent migration.

Keywords: Genetic variability, Population genomics, Public health genomics

Background

After the completion of the Human Genome Project in 2003, international efforts were initiated to map human genetic variation between populations. This variation has been described for 26 populations worldwide via the 1000 Genomes Project [1, 2]. While this is a valuable resource for studying global genetic variation, both the number of samples per population and the total number of populations studied are relatively low. To gain sufficient statistical power and avoid false positives/negatives due to unmatched control populations in genome-phenotype association

studies, population-based genetic reference data are required from more specific and extended populations [3]. To address this, population-based whole genome sequencing initiatives have been performed at the national level throughout Europe [4–7]. From these genetic population studies, it has become clear that there is a strong correlation between the geographical location and the genetic structure of different populations [8, 9], also at the more regional level (e.g., along a north-south axis in the Netherlands [6, 7, 9, 10]). Currently, this genetic information is not available for the Belgian population.

Therefore, a population-based cross-sectional study, called BePHG-21 (Belgian Public Health Genomics in the twenty-first century), was organized that aims at describing the genetic variability in the Belgian population and writing

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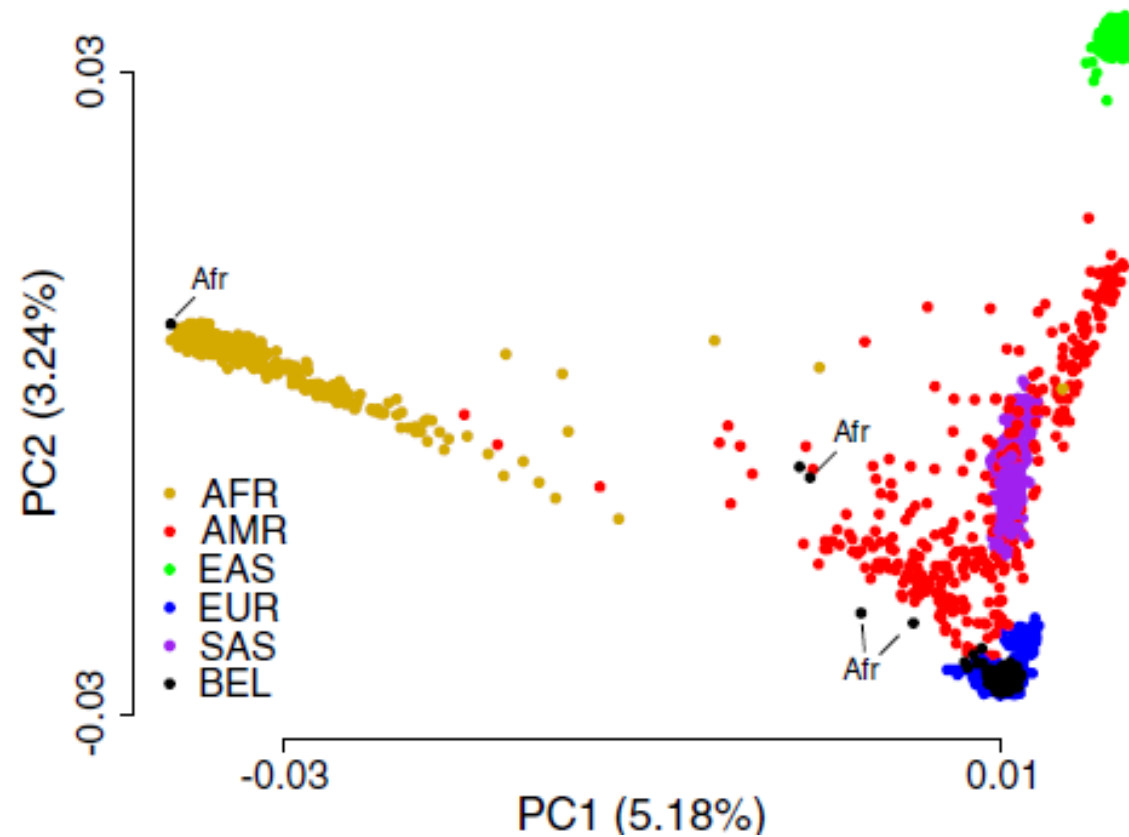
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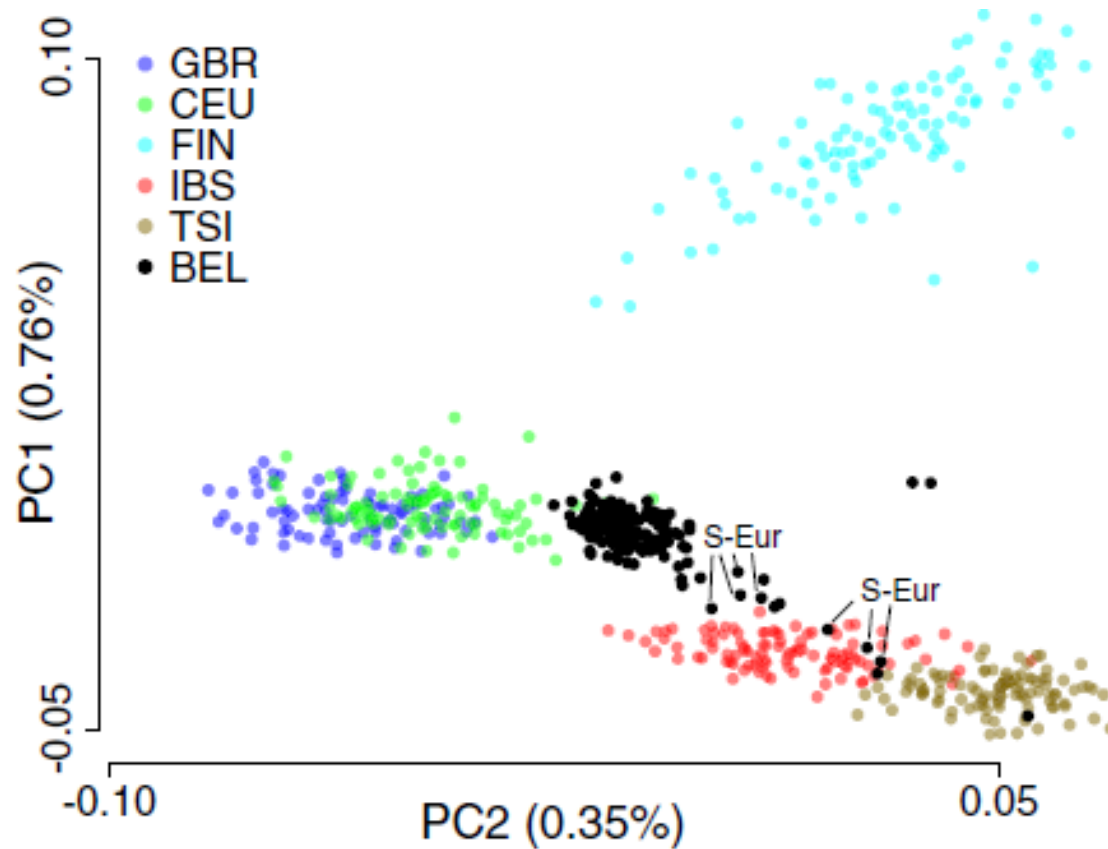


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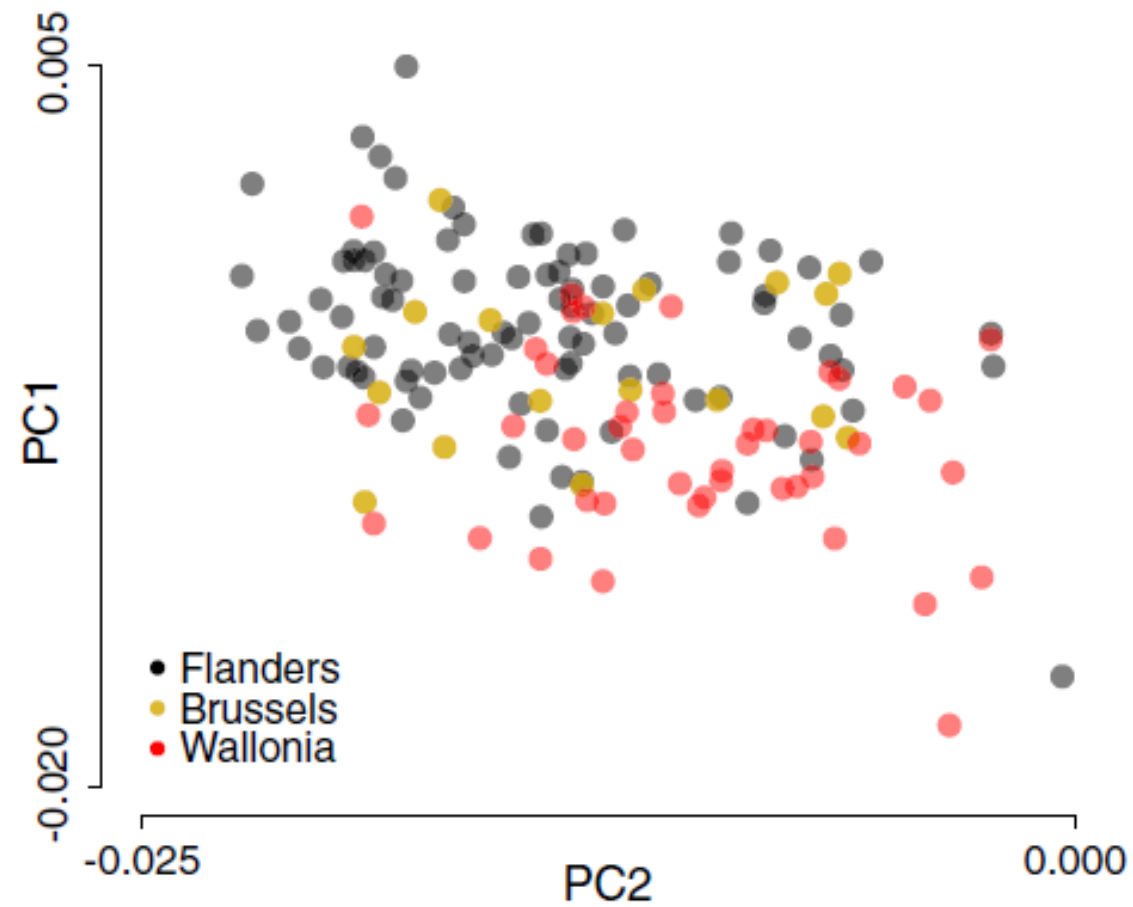
GENETIC VARIABILITY: Belgian vs. Continental



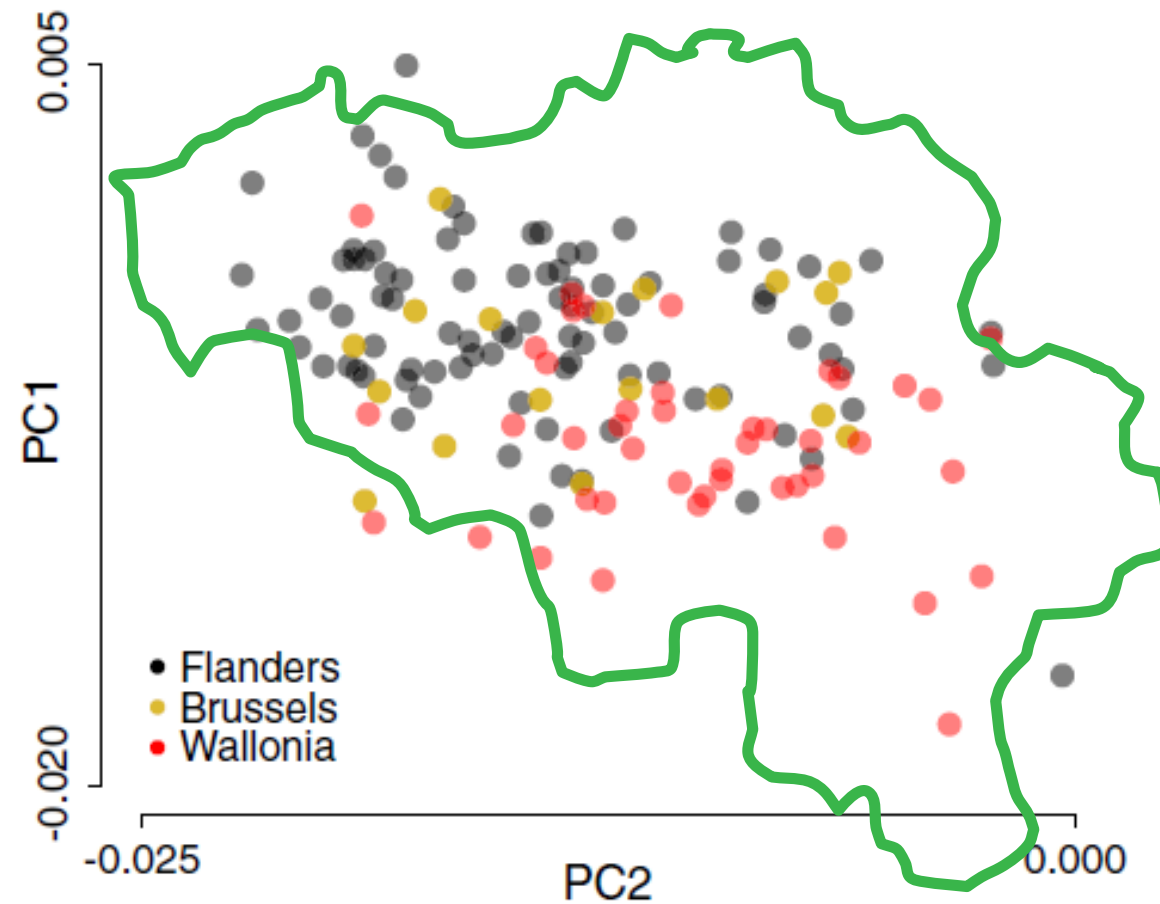
GENETIC VARIABILITY: Belgian vs. European



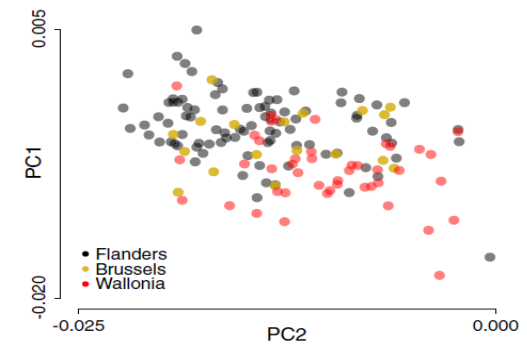
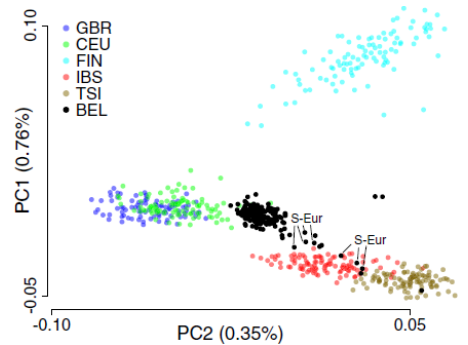
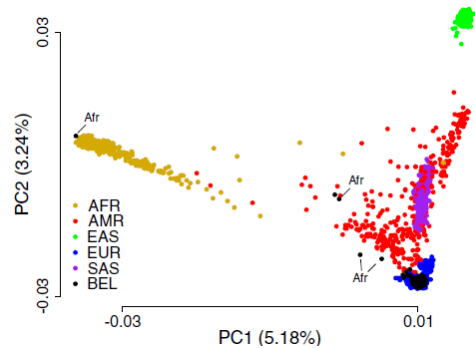
GENETIC VARIABILITY: Within Belgium



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GENETIC VARIABILITY: Conclusions



- Typical **European** population (recent migration from the African continent)
- Belgium has unique properties mirroring **geographical** orientation (recent migration from Southern Europe)
- **Regional** differences within Belgium

PUBLIC HEALTH & GENOME: The smoking model

Smoking behaviour:
cessation

Non-genetic factors:
NHIS-2013

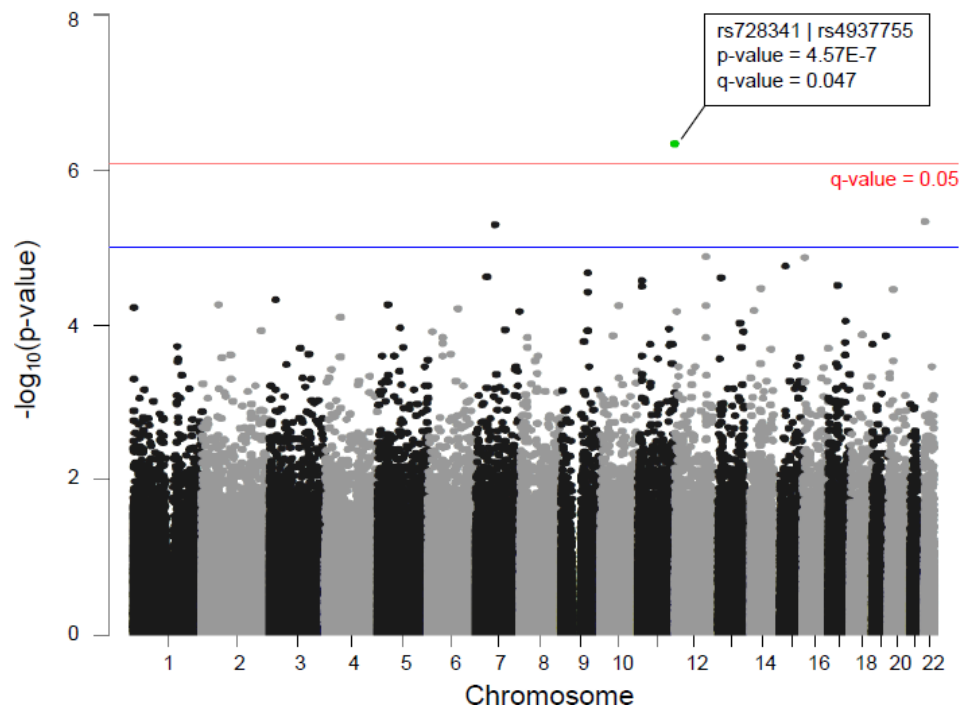
Genetic factors:
GWAS

Predictive model:
Non-genetic & genetic
factors
→ better prediction?

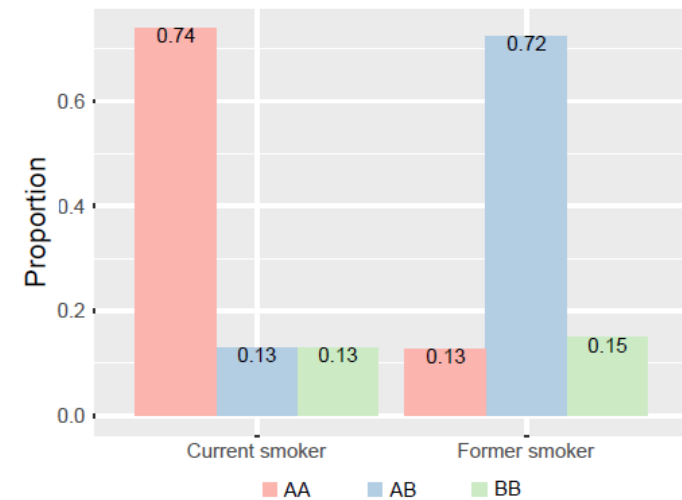
THE SMOKING MODEL: Genetic variables

! Multiple testing correction

A Manhattan plot GWAS smoking cessation



B Distribution rs728341 and rs4937755



C Relative risk smoking cessation

	mean [95% CI]	P-value
AB/AA	2.87 [1.44, 4.30]	0.011
BB/AA	1.40 [1.07, 1.72]	0.016



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