



Constructing a whole genome reference dataset for the Swedish population

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How it started - in 2015

- A national SciLifeLab project for whole genome sequencing
- Aim: to build a reference dataset for the Swedish population
 - Based on 1000 individuals
 - With whole genome sequencing
 - Make available for research
 - Make available for health care



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Why 1000 Swedish whole genomes?

- The dataset has many possible uses:
 - Look up genetic variant frequencies
 - Use as matched controls
 - Study population genetics
 - Study human evolutionary history

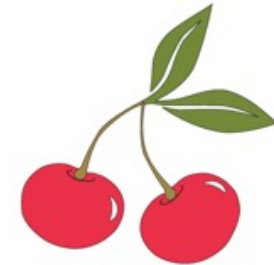
High demand for the data from many different groups:

➔ Make the data available as **quickly** and **openly** as possible!

Deciding on a cohort to use for the project

The Swedish Twin Registry:

- Inclusion based on twinning
- Distribution like population density
- General population-prevalence of disease
- 10,000 individuals have been analysed with SNP arrays



1,000 individuals selected based on genetic structure across Sweden

Whole Genome Sequencing

30X Illumina WGS data generated for all 1,000 individuals

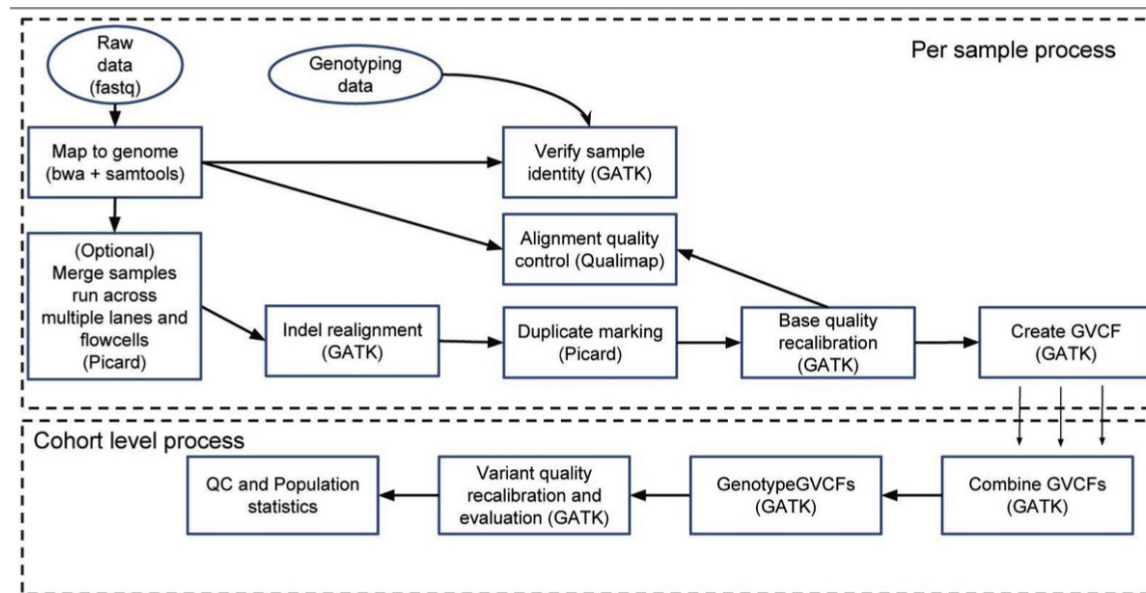


- 509 samples sequenced at NGI Stockholm
- 491 samples sequenced at NGI Uppsala

Sequencing of all 1000 samples completed in September 2016

Data management and analysis

Analysis pipeline developed for mapping and variant calling



- About 100,000 Gb data generated within the project
- Over 2 million CPU hours used for the first round of analyses

All computations were done on Bianca: **sens2016003**

A Swedish 1000 Genomes Project



From SweGen release party on Oct 19th 2016!



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SweGen: a whole-genome data resource of genetic variability in a cross-section of the Swedish population

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Making genome data available

SweGen Variant Frequency Dataset

This dataset contains whole-genome variant frequencies for 1000 Swedish individuals generated within the SweGen project. The frequency data is intended to be used as a resource for the research community and clinical genetics laboratories.

Please note that the 1000 individuals included in the SweGen project represent a cross-section of the Swedish population and that no disease information has been used for the selection. The frequency data may therefore include genetic variants that are associated with, or causative of, disease.

We request that any use of data from the SweGen project cite [this article in the European Journal of Human Genetics](#).

Individual positions in the genome can be viewed using the Beacon or Graphical Browser. To download the variant frequency file you need to register.

A high confidence set of HLA allele frequencies is available for download under Dataset Access. For a detailed description of the SweGen HLA analysis, please see [this bioRxiv preprint](#).



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[Beacon](#)

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- Aggregated frequencies available from: **swefreq.nbis.se**
- Possible to access individual genotype data through secure server

SweGen resulted in many follow-up studies

Completed projects

- HLA genotyping (Jennifer Meadows, UU)
- Detection of “novel sequences” (Anna Lindstrand, KI)
- Study mitochondrial DNA (Marie Allen, UU)
- Study chromosome Y (Monika Karmin, Estonia)
- Pharmacogenomics (Mia Wadelius, UU)
- Mosaic loss of chromosome Y (Lars Forsberg, UU)
- Transposable elements (Anna Lindstrand, KI)
- And much more...





Ongoing projects

- Reanalyze against T2T Genome Reference (Åsa Johansson, UU)

Impact of the SweGen dataset

About 200 publications have made use of the data...

Discovery of Novel Sequences in 1,000 Swedish Genomes

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CLINICAL RESEARCH

Cytokine Autoantibody Screening in the Swedish Addison Registry Identifies Patients With Undiagnosed APS1

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Letter to the Editors-in-Chief

Prevalence and in silico analysis of missense mutations in the PROS1 gene in the Swedish population: The SweGen dataset

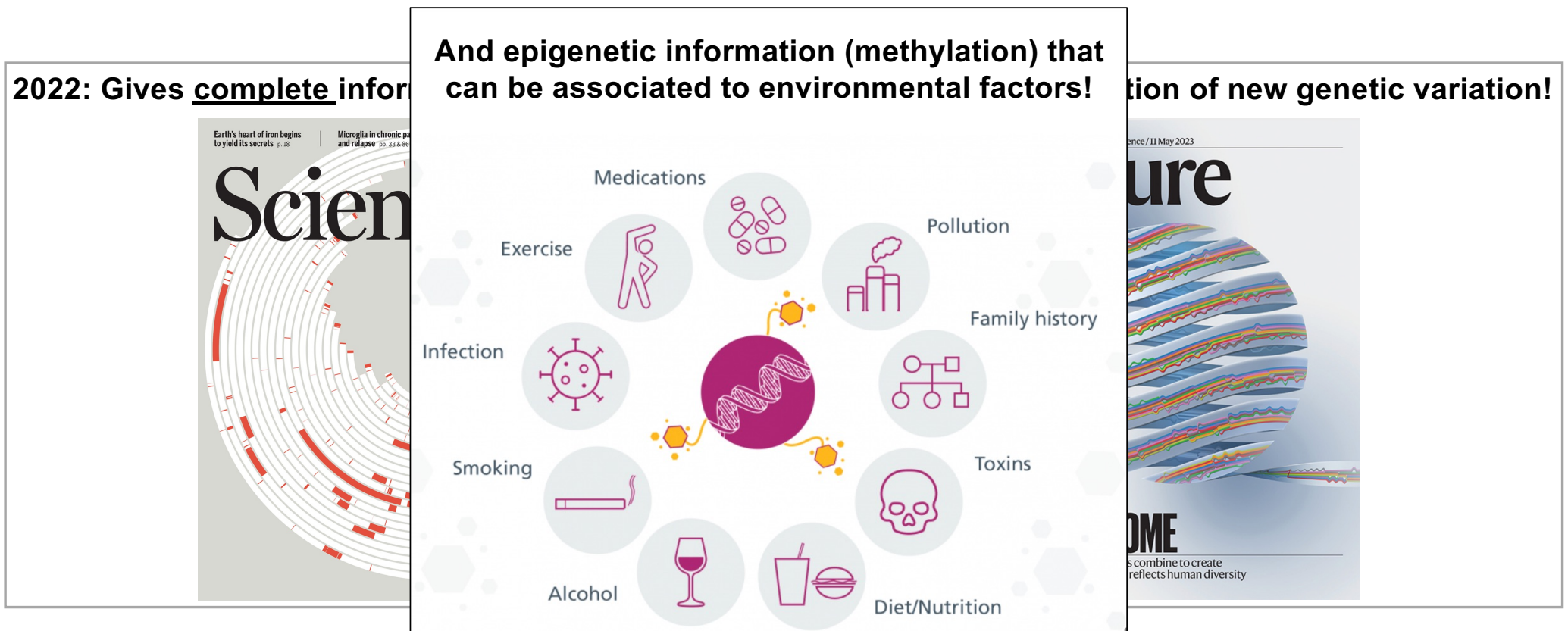
A rare regulatory variant in the MEF2D gene affects gene regulation and splicing and is associated with a SLE sub-phenotype in Swedish cohorts

Fabiana H. G. Farias , Johanna Dahlqvist, Sergey V. Kozyrev, Dag Leonard, Maria Wilbe, Sergei N. Abramov, Andrei Alexsson, Gerli R. Pielberg, Helene Hansson-Hamlin, Göran Andersson, Karolina Tandre, Anders A. Bengtsson, Christopher Sjöwall, Elisabet Svenungsson, Iva Gunnarsson, Solbritt Rantapää-Dahlqvist, Ann-Christine Syvänen, Johanna K. Sandling, Majja-Leena Eloranta, Lars Rönnblom & Kerstin Lindblad-Toh 

...but more importantly, SweGen is used in clinical routine diagnostics!

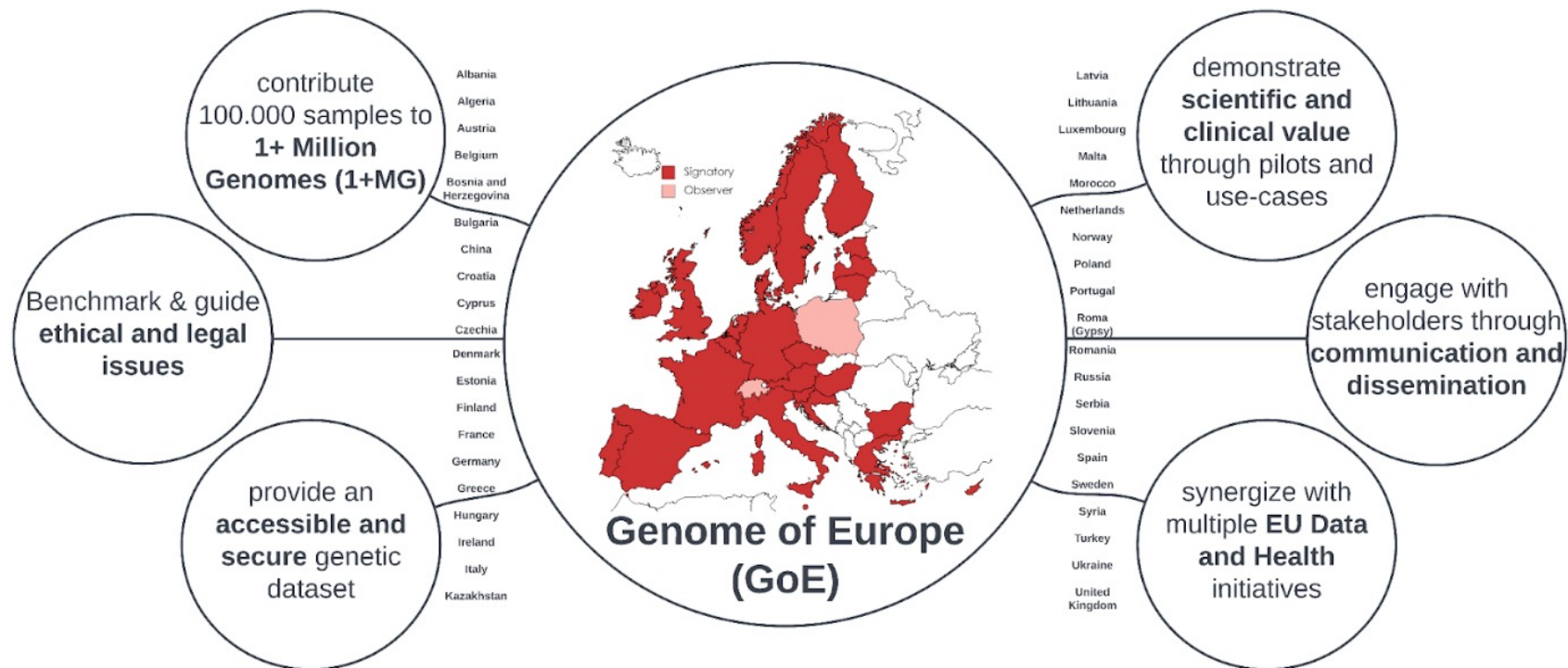
Limitations with the SweGen dataset

- There now is a better technology – Long Read Sequencing (LRS)!



What will we do next?

- LRS of 500+ individuals, as Sweden's contribution to the Genome of Europe



- A multi-year project, planned start for sequencing in 2025!

Thank you again!

We couldn't have done this work without Bianca...

