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# Discovering the unique values of indigenous livestock populations The opportunities of genomics

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# Why to conserve livestock diversity?

*To respond to the production needs, consumer and market demands (short term and long term, predicted and unknown)*

*Across populations (breeds) perspective*

*For sustainable continuous breeding improvement - productivity traits (predicted and unknown)*

*Within populations (breeds) perspective*

# Strategies

*In situ and ex situ in vivo and in vitro*

*Maximize diversity conserved at minimum cost  
(monetary and practical)*

# *Livestock conservation genetics*

*Neutral genetic markers*

*Microsatellite and AFLP*

*Conservation of neutral diversity*

Characterization



Prioritization

# *Genetic parameters of relevance to livestock **conservation genetics***

Populations (ind.) diversity - populations  
structure - admixture - inbreeding -  
differentiation and relationships -  
migration rates - loss of genetic diversity  
- pedigree/parentages

# *Livestock conservation genomics*

*"Full" genome information (HD SNPs chips,  
full genome sequences)*

*Conservation of adaptive diversity*

Characterization



Prioritization

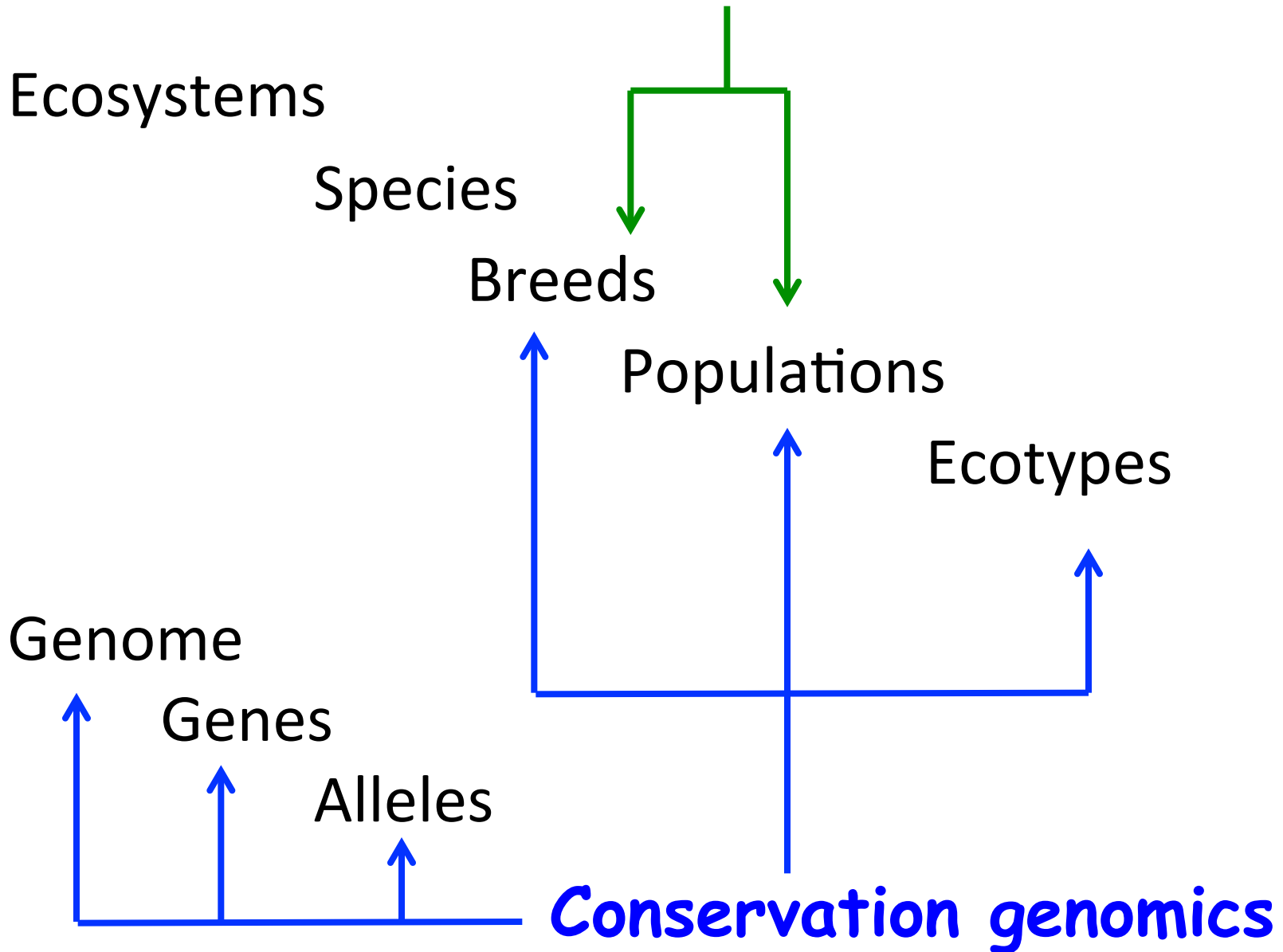
# *Genetic parameters of relevance to livestock **conservation genomics***

## *Conservation genetics*

Populations (ind.) diversity - populations structure - admixture - inbreeding - differentiation and relationships - migration rates - loss of genetic diversity - pedigree/parentages

Same as **conservation genetics** but higher accuracy, greater power + adaptive diversity (e.g. transcriptome variation), introgression, local adaptation - livestock landscape genomics, molecular basis of inbreeding and outbreeding depression, population history, "genomics selection" - ind. adaptive value to a specific environment

# Conservation genetics





# *Conservation genomics*

Opening the door to all (incl. non-descript livestock populations) to utilisation and conservation (ecotypes, rather than breeds/population)

Developed and 'developing' world

Through the unravelling of the genetic control of adaptation

Discovering the unique  
values of indigenous  
livestock - Genomics

European introgression  
in African indigenous  
cattle - EASZ

*Mary Ndila PhD*

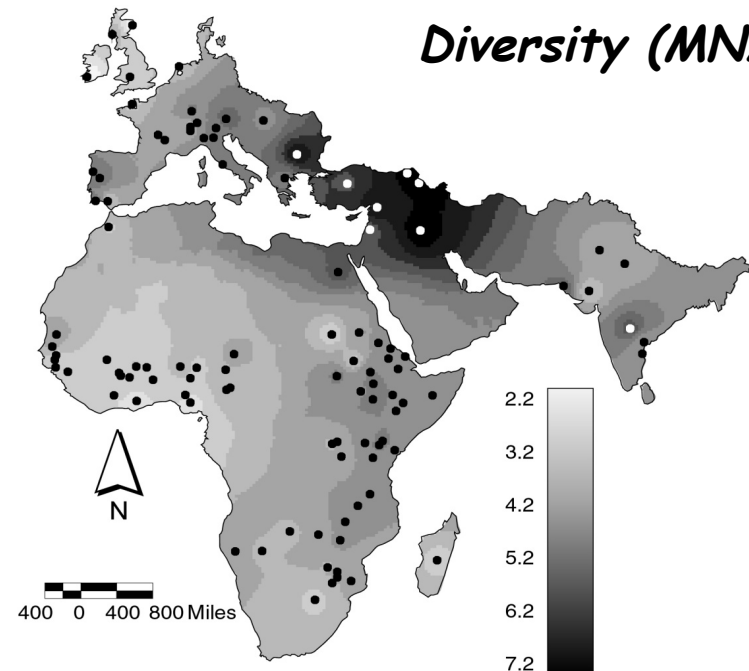
# East African shorthorn Zebu

Non - descript  
Outbreed - Panmictic  
'Human selection' -  
Natural selection

Origin and migration routes  
of domestic cattle in Africa



Diversity (MNA)



Freeman et al. to Animal Genetics 2005

Modified  
from  
Hanotte  
et al.  
Science  
2002

# Genetic objectives

## Population

Recruitment of 552 (3-7 days old) calves in 20 sub-locations, 4 agro-ecological zones

To identify genetic signature of selection of adaptation to environmental challenges (infectious parasitic diseases)

Segregating within the population  
*Good cow - Bad cow hypothesis*

## Study design

- Natural exposure to vectors and diseases
- No veterinary intervention
- Recording of infectious diseases occurrence in calves
- Recording of phenotypic data
- 1 year follow-up

Fixed within the populations  
*Good population - Bad population hypothesis*

**Recruitment criteria: Pure calves - No exotic blood (farmer interviews)**

# Genomics tools - data

illumina®

## BovineSNP50 Genotyping BeadChip

Featuring 54,609 evenly spaced SNP probes that span the bovine genome.

Vr.1

550 Calves + references breeds

## BovineHD Genotyping BeadChip

More than 777,000 SNPs that deliver the densest coverage available for the bovine genome

120 pure Calves + references breeds

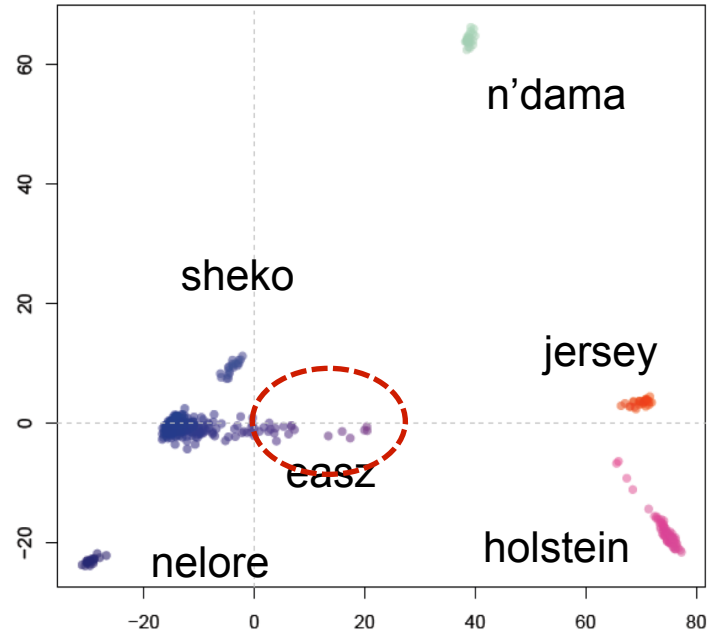


*Full genome sequencing : 10 calves (dead/alive)*

# EAST AFRICAN SHORTHORN ZEBU: GENOME ADMIXTURE

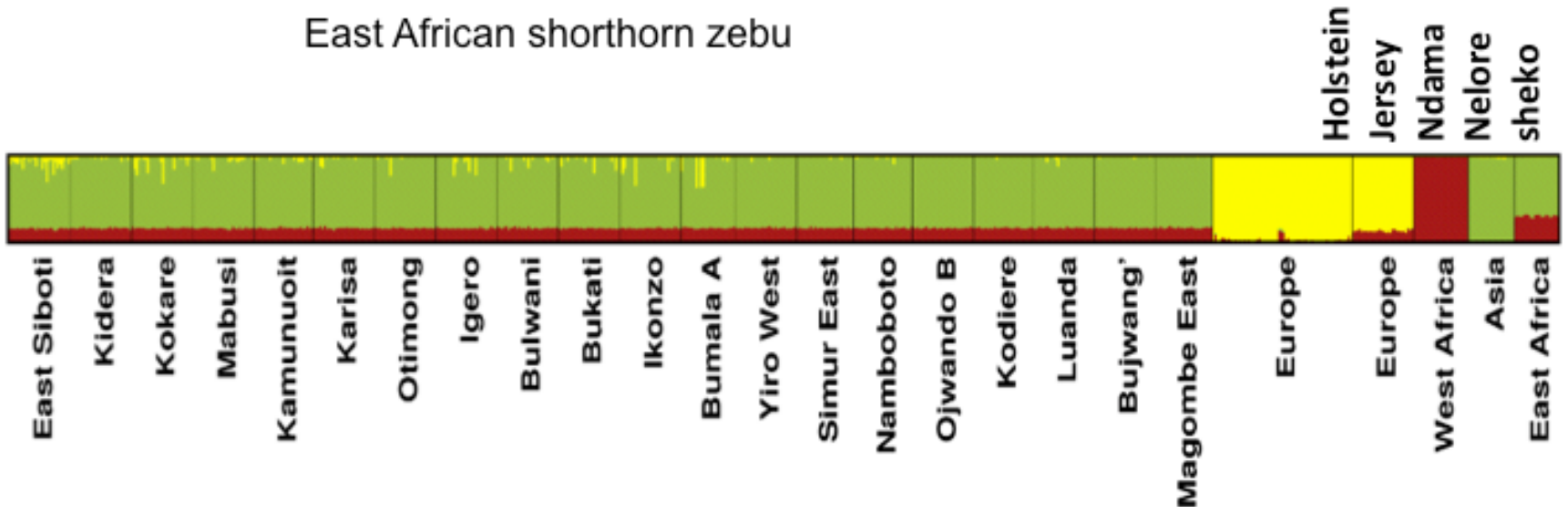
**Data quality control**  
 Samples and markers with call rate  $\leq 90\%$  excluded  
 48,903 markers and 550 calves used

PC1 (14.4%)

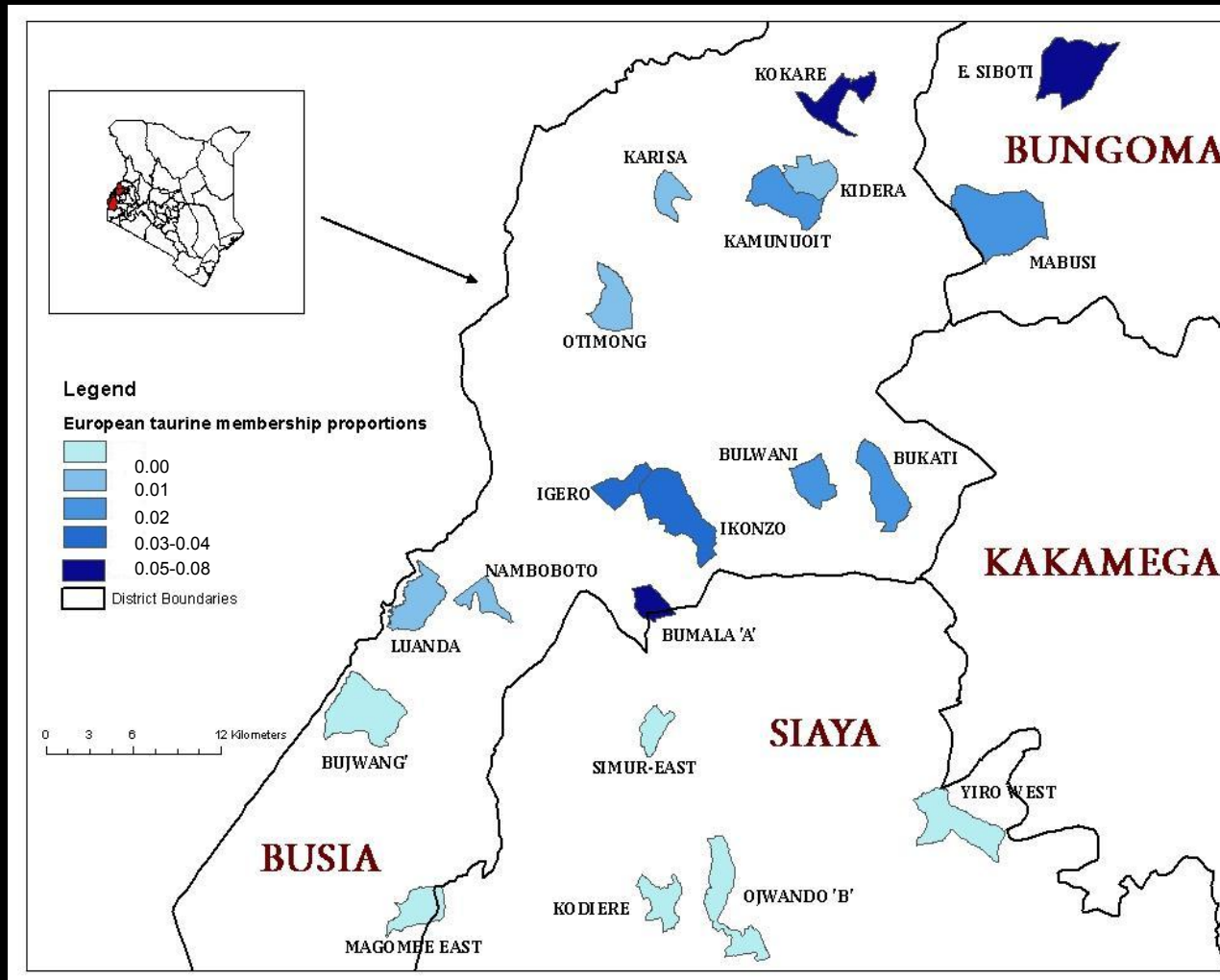


PC1 (20.2%)

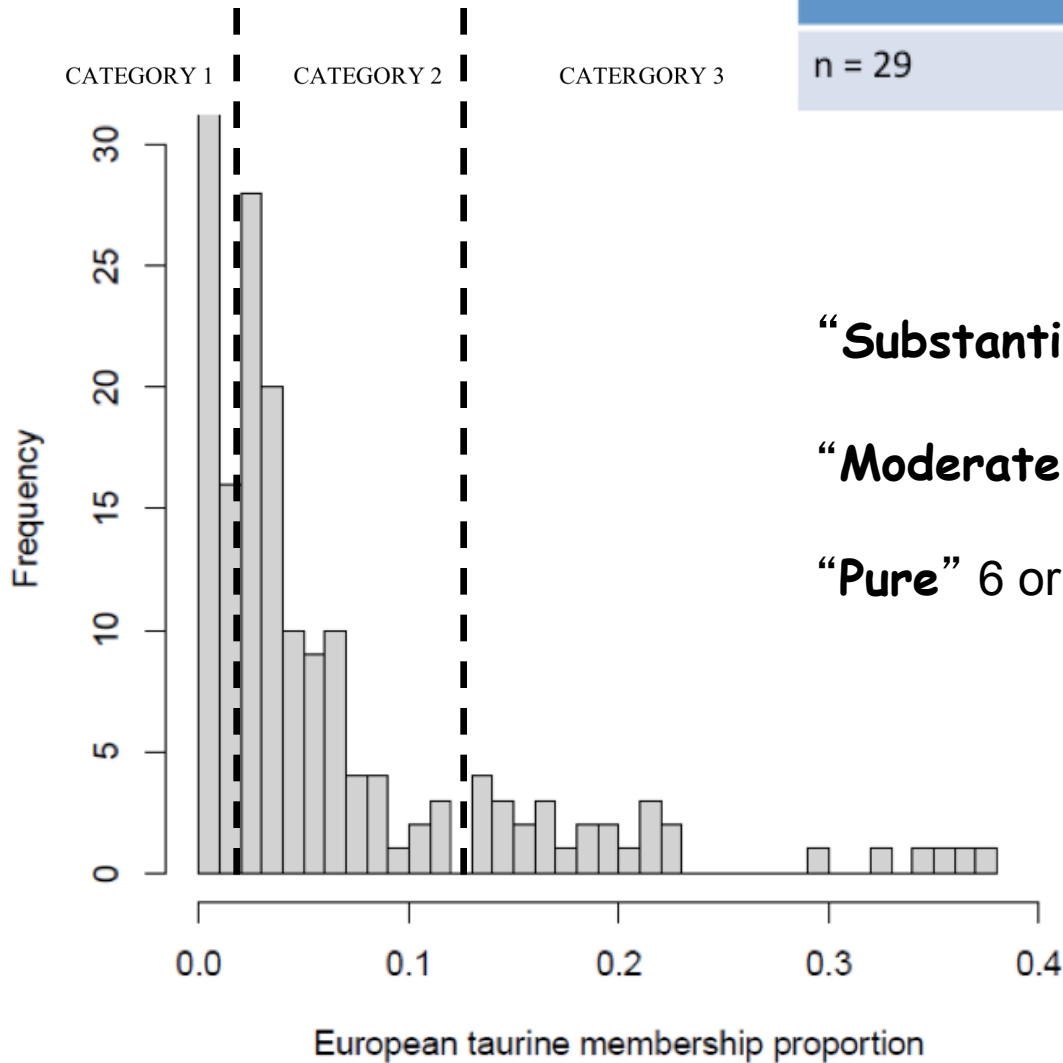
East African shorthorn zebu



# Average proportions of European taurine introgression within sub-locations



Substantial European introgression	Moderate European introgression	Pure from European introgression
$> 12.5\%$	$1.56\% < x \leq 12.5\%$	$x \leq 1.56\%$
n = 29	n = 94	n = 425



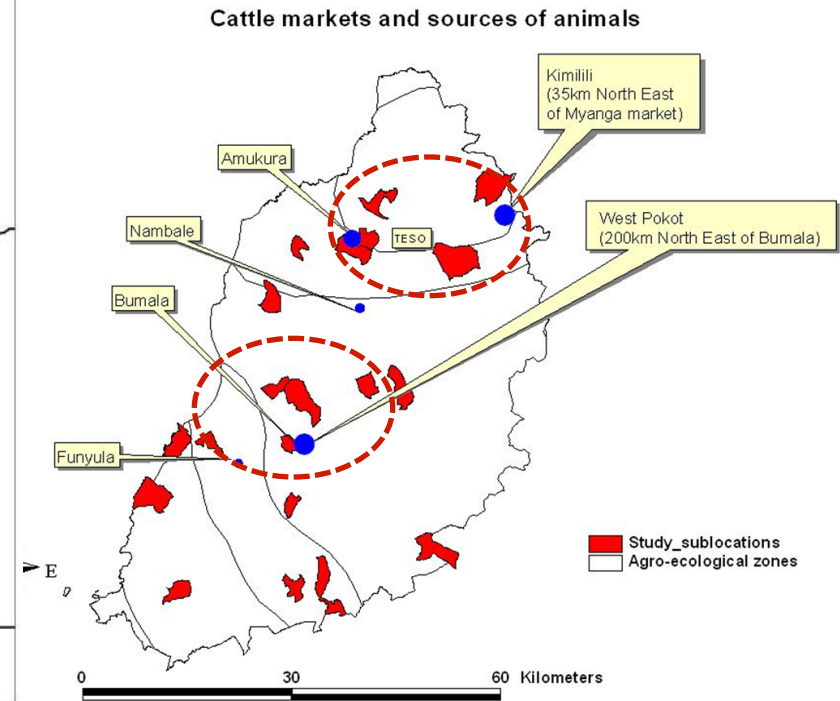
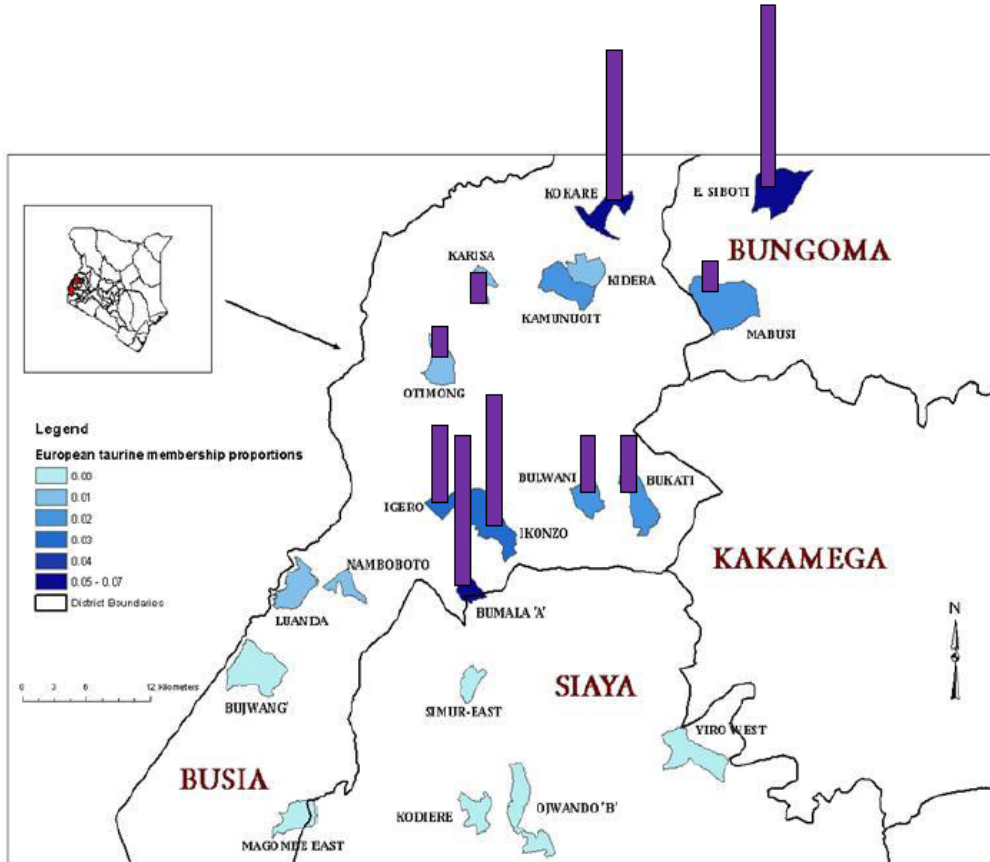
“**Substantial**”; 2-3 ET generations ago

“**Moderate**” 6 or more ET generations ago

“**Pure**” 6 or more ET generations ago



# Origin of the European taurine introgression "substantial" > 12.5%



## Livestock markets

# Origin of the European taurine introgression "moderate" , 1.56% < x , 12.5%

## Breeding programmes

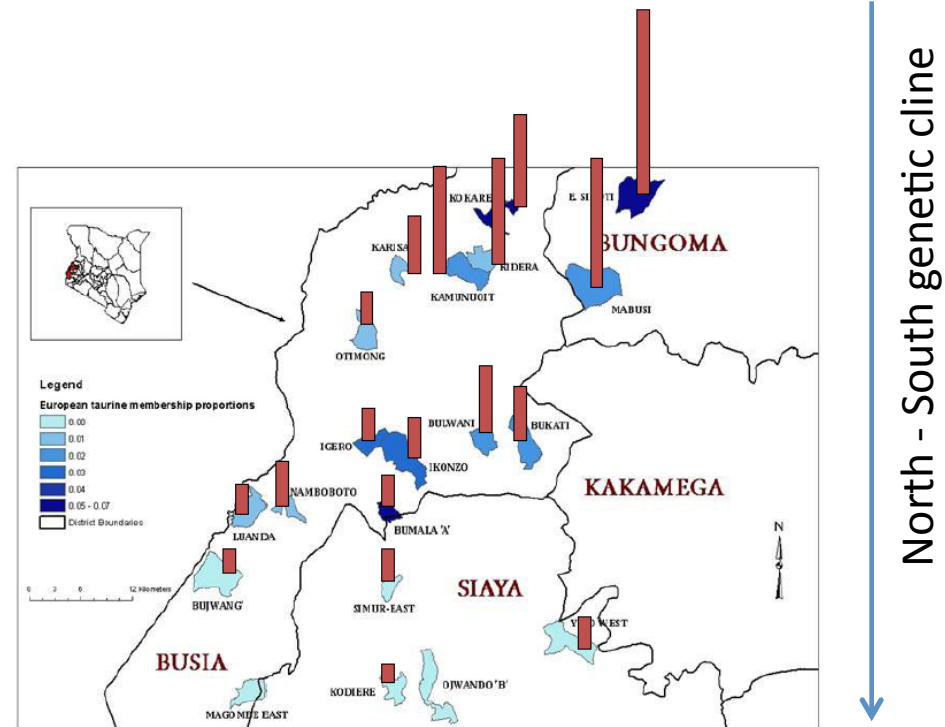
- Rural Development Project (1979-1989) - Kitinda dairy Bungoma
- Kenyan Dairy project ~1980s
- Kenya - Finland Livestock Development Programme (1991-2003)

### Services offered:

AI upon request, in-calf heifers, bull schemes  
Breeds used: Holstein, Ayrshire, Jersey, Guernsey

### Impacts

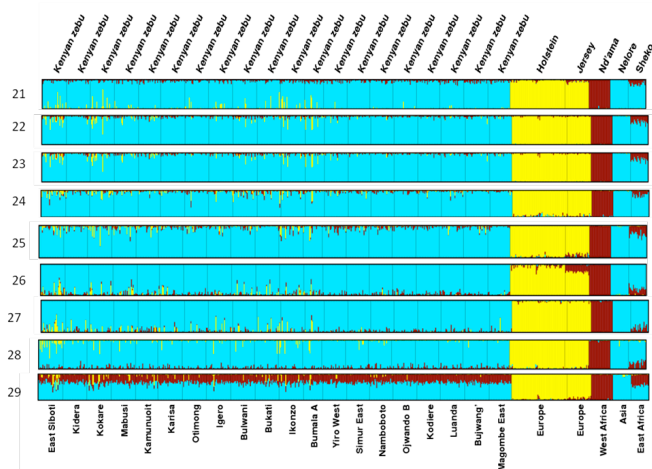
Offspring boom 84,749  
Bull schemes 138,904



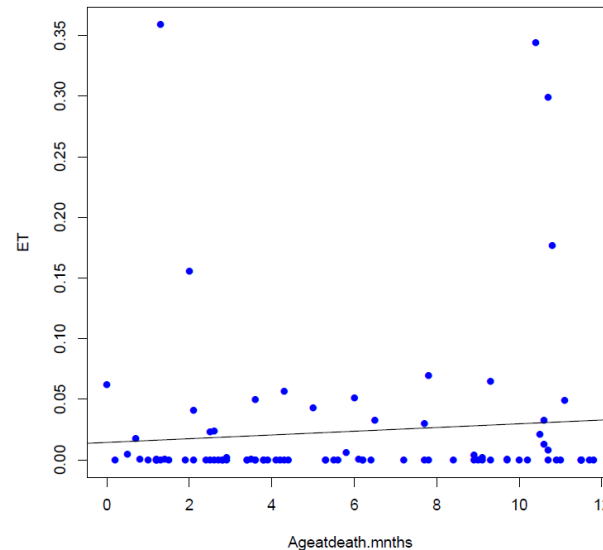
$r = 0.82$   $P < 0.0005$

Moderate 4-5 generations 1.56% > x ≤ 12.5%

# Selection against the European taurine genotypes?



Proportion of ET background similar across chromosomes



No significant relationships between age of dead and proportion of ET background

Origin	$r^2$	P-values
African taurine	0.0089	0.380
European taurine	0.0074	0.426
Asian zebu	0.0104	0.344

Membership proportions	Mean Alive	Mean Dead	P values
Alive AZ vrs Dead AZ	0.8278176	0.8221591	0.436
Alive AT vrs Dead AT	0.1534418	0.1544659	0.3677
Alive ET vrs Dead ET	0.01864835	0.02357471	0.5082

No significant difference between the mean proportion of genetic background and the dead or alive phenotype

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Unravelling the genetic  
control of adaptation

Egg shell coloration

*Dave Wragg PhD*

# Chicken diversity

Commercial breed

Village chicken

Traditional fancy  
chicken breed



**Blue egg**

**Mendelian inheritance**

**Dominant**

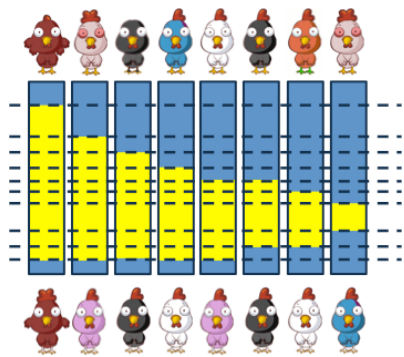
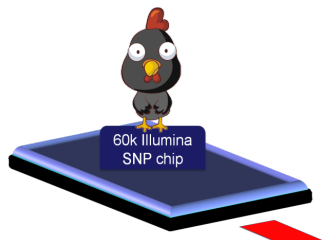
**Pigment - Biliverdin**

**Traditional breeds**

**Araucana**

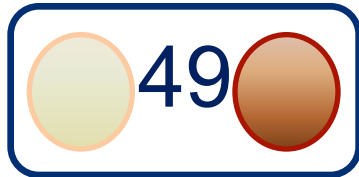
**Village chicken**

**Chile**



# Strategy: Exploiting the diversity Genomics tools

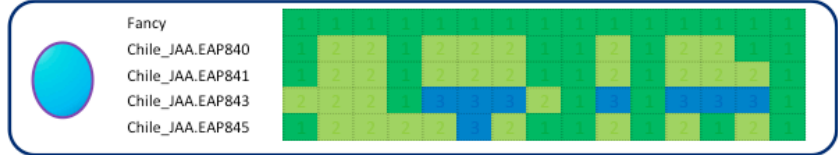
## B. Haplotype analysis village chicken



## A. Across fancy breed mapping (case - control)

	-LOG10(P)
GGalUGA022803	0.18252056
Gga_rs15296920	0.24276127
Gga_rs13879210	0.12957292
Gga_rs14837537	0.72326318
GGalUGA022843	0.23039494
Gga_rs14837585	2.86702087
Gga_rs14837592	1.13793094
Gga_rs13879221	0.49417102
GGalUGA022876	0.16386086
Gga_rs14837666	2.29002309
Gga_rs15297136	0.41643435
GGalUGA022891	2.86702087
GGalUGA022896	3.40101549
Gga_rs14837791	0.46013647
GGalUGA022907	0.31365963

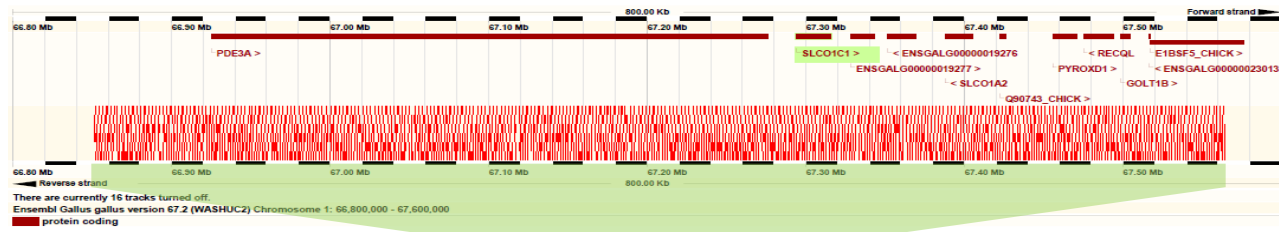
■ Homozygous 'A' allele  
■ Heterozygous  
■ Homozygous 'B' allele



## C. TARGETED SEQUENCING



Baits for blue egg  
~700Kb



Background: Pruning information

**Village chickens**  
17 Kenya (1 region)  
24 Ethiopia (4 regions)  
10 Chile (2 regions)



**Fancy Breeds**  
79 birds (34 breeds)



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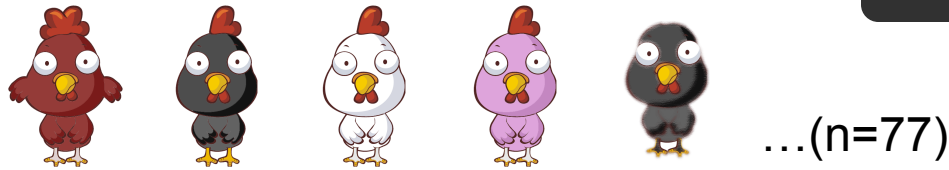
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	0.656				
	0.672	0.634			
	0.604	0.638	0.740		
	0.781	0.822	0.690	0.674	
	0.667	0.675	0.631	0.829	0.664
...					

Identity-by-state (IBS) matrix

IBS  $\mu = 0.7, \sigma = 0.03$

IBS threshold =  $\mu + 3\sigma = 0.79$



= 57/79 = 72.2%



= 22/79 = 27.8%



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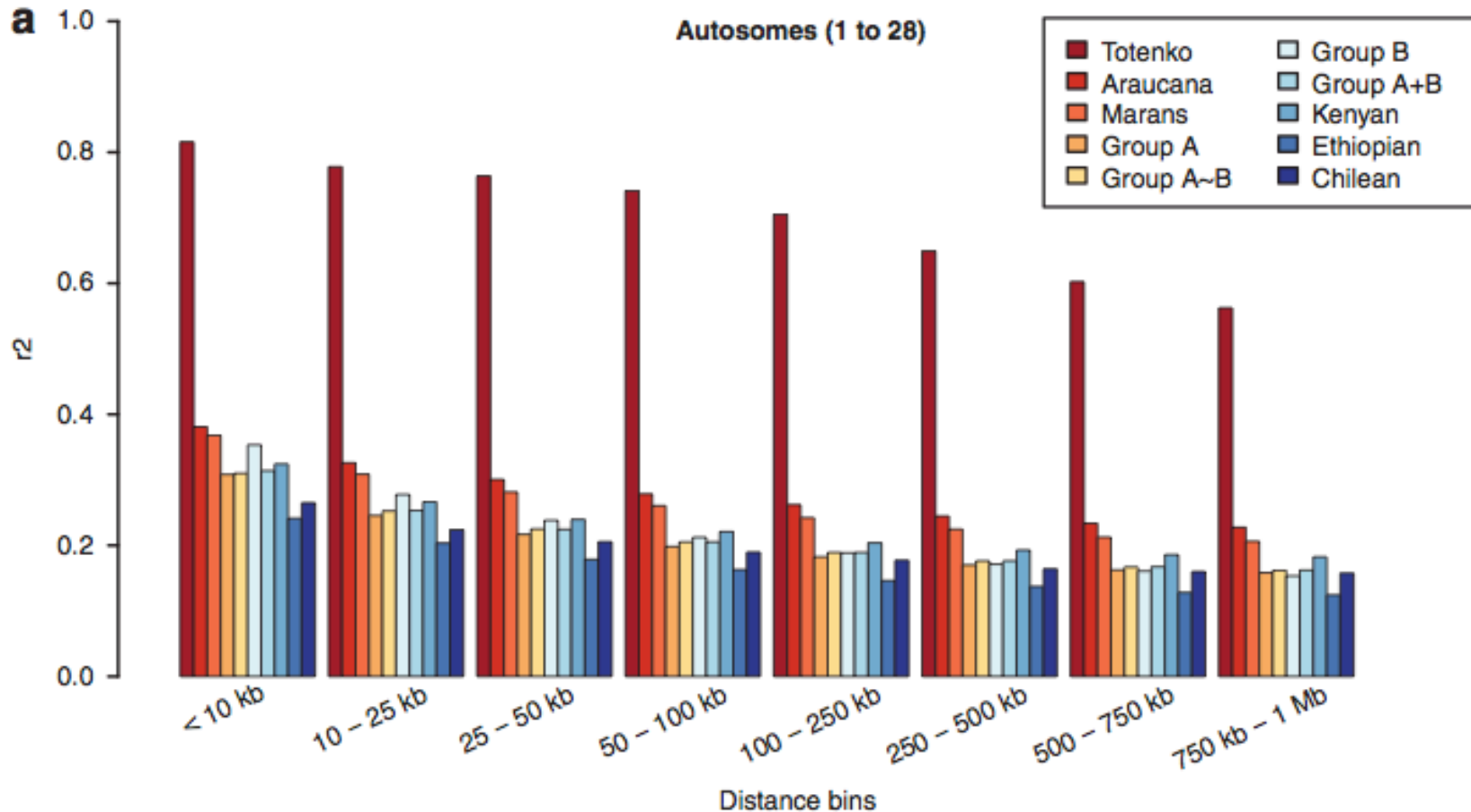
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**Fancy breeds (n=40)**

**Village Chickens (n=40)**

Mean haplotype block size (kb)	Autosomes (1 to 28)	11.87	11.14	
	Macro-chromosomes (1 to 5)	12.61	12.80	
	Micro-chromosomes (11 to 28)	9.37	9.14	
				<b>Shared blocks</b>
Number of haplotype blocks observed per block size bin	<10 kb	395	380	184
	10-25 kb	342	278	87
	25-50 kb	65	58	13
	50-100 kb	58	53	7
	100-250 kb	61	63	5
	250-500 kb	11	26	3
	>500 kb	7	6	1
				Ancestral <i>Gallus</i> sp. ?

# Mean binned recombination rates ( $r^2$ ), Fancy and village chicken



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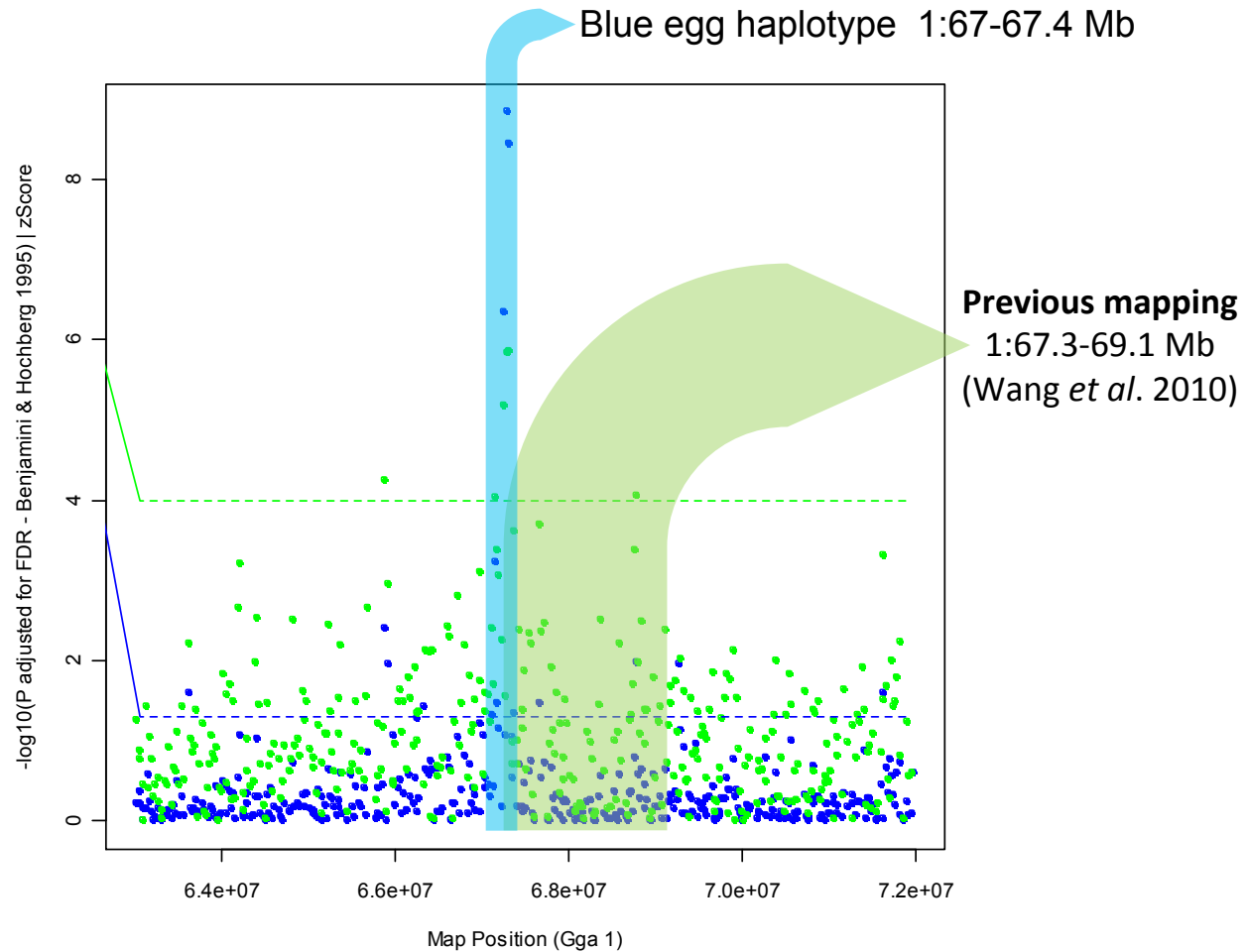
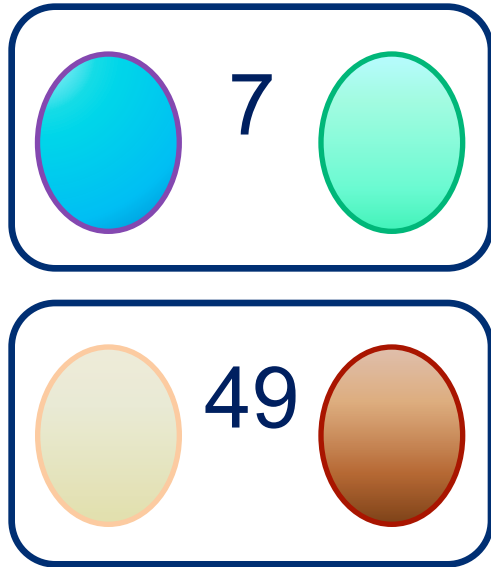
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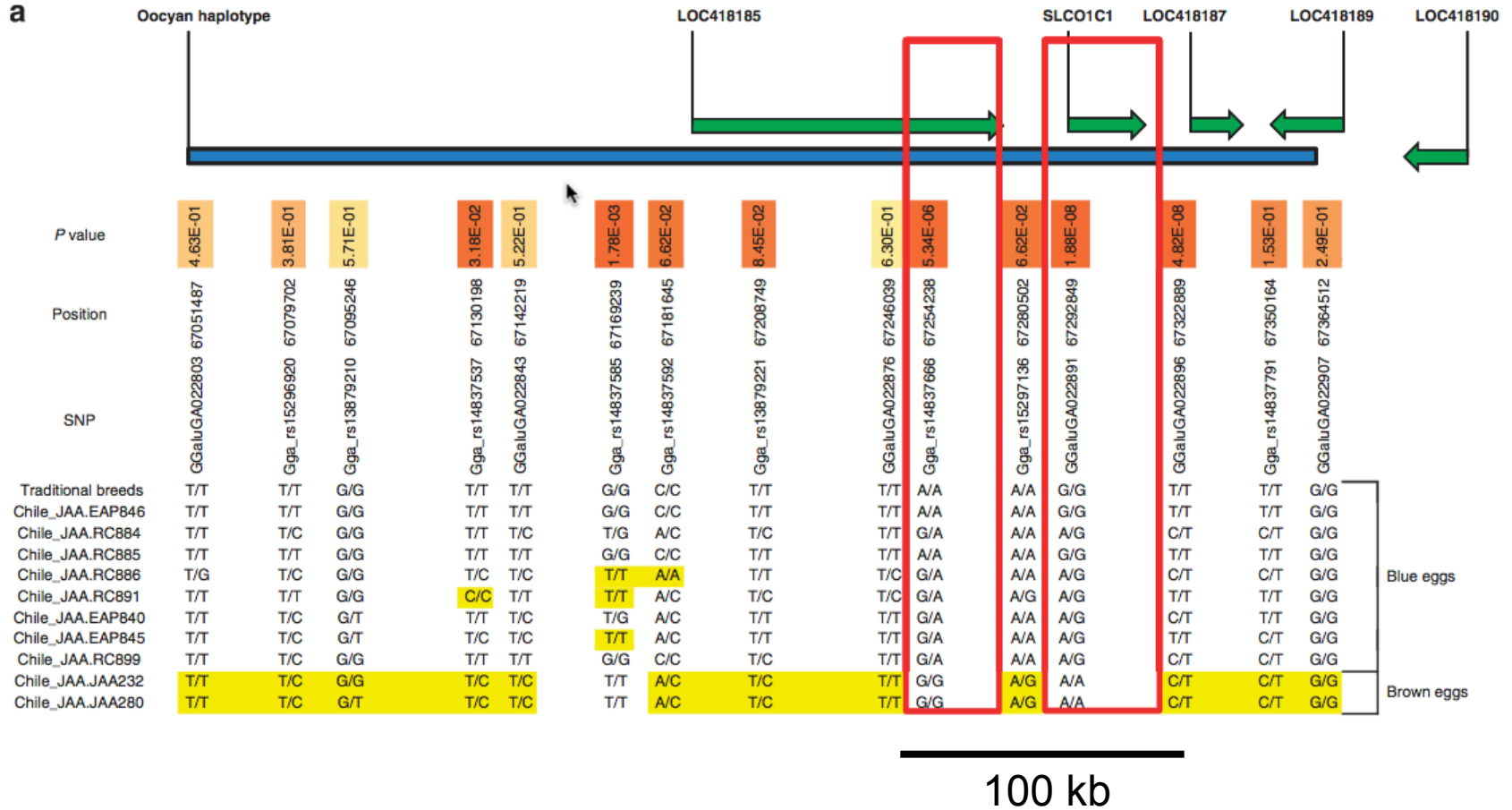
**CASE – CONTROL ASSOCIATION STUDIES ≈ 300 Kb**



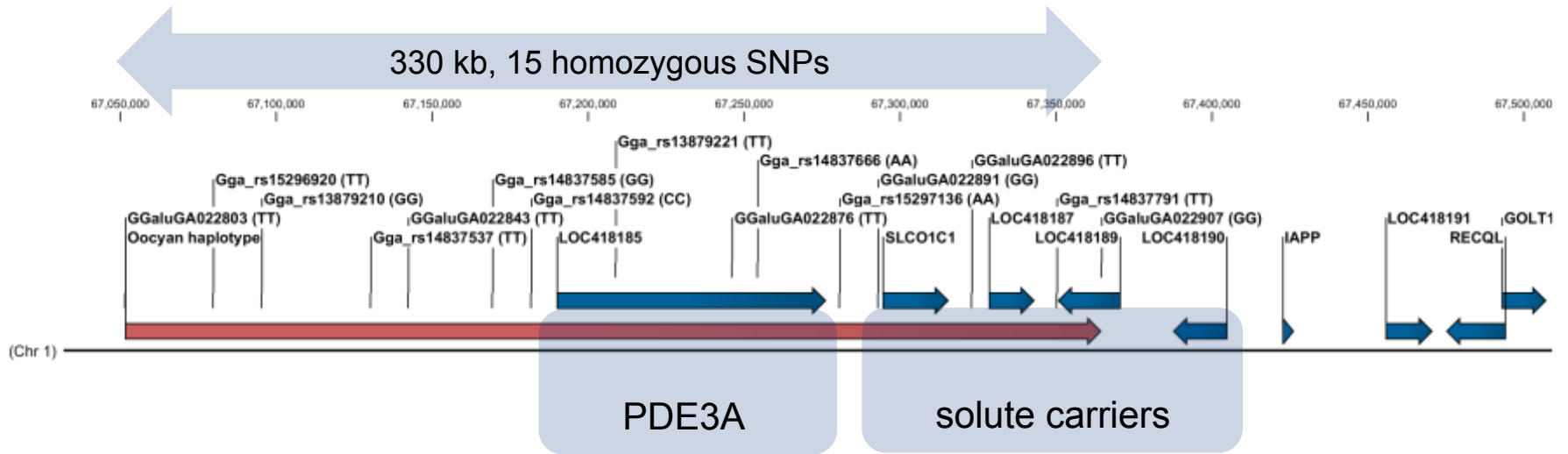
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Haplotype analysis Chilian village chicken: ≈ 100 Kb



- SLCO1C1 has a role in bile acid transport (Klaassen and Aleksunes, 2010)
- Accumulation of the bile pigment biliverdin gives rise to blue eggs (Wang *et al*, 2009)

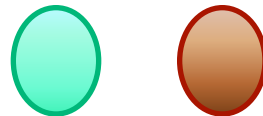
**Target enrichment**  
(Agilent SureSelect XT 4Mb)

**Paired-end sequencing**  
(2 x 100bp Illumina)



**Blue locus**

French Araucana  
UK Araucana  
Pirque (Chile)



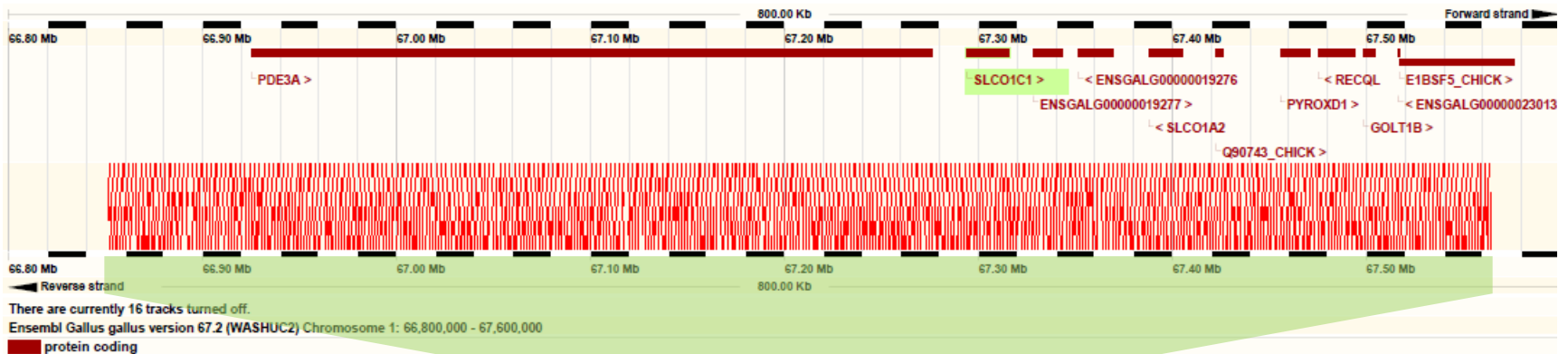
**Outgroup**

Pheasant (UK)



**Wild-type**

White Star (UK)  
Crevecoeur (UK)  
Pirque Kike (Chile)  
Pirque (Chile)  
Villa Cautin (Chile)  
Pirque (Chile)



**1218 relevant SNPs identified across the entire region (700 Kb) but only 225 present in fine mapped regions**  
**Reduce to 210 SNPs post-filtering against Ensembl and BGI databases.**

Consequence	Ensembl Variant Effect Predictor
5PRIME_UTR	1
CODING_UNKNOWN,SPLICE_SITE	3
SPLICE_SITE,INTRONIC	5
CODING_UNKNOWN	15
INTERGENIC	64
UPSTREAM	65
DOWNSTREAM	83
INTRONIC	982
<b>Total</b>	<b>1218</b>



Unravelling the genetic  
control of adaptation

Detection of signature  
of selection in African  
indigenous cattle

*Harry Clifford,  
MSc  
Hussain  
Bahbahani, PhD*

*Identifying fixed signature selection  
could provide insight into genome  
requirements for survival in the African  
environments.....*

# Signature of selection in East African indigenous Cattle

## Genome wide scan analysis

**QC:** MAF= 0.005, SNP call rate = 0.95, ibs.threshold = 0.95.

45227 Autosomal SNPs

### **Samples**

*EASZ: 421 pure calves (18 sublocations)*

*Friesian: 62 animals*

*Jersey: 28 animals*

*Nelore: 21 animals*

*Sheko: 20 animals*

### **Analysis**

*Between pair of populations*

*Between "group of populations*

*Within population*

*Allele frequencies / Haplotype segregation*

### ***Extended Haplotype Homozygosity (EHH)***

*Identify region with unusually long range of haplotype and high pop. frequency*

***|iHs|*** "integrated Haplotype Score" (Voight et al. 2006)

*Comparison of EHH between derived and ancestral alleles*

***Rbs*** Across populations (Tang et al. 2007)

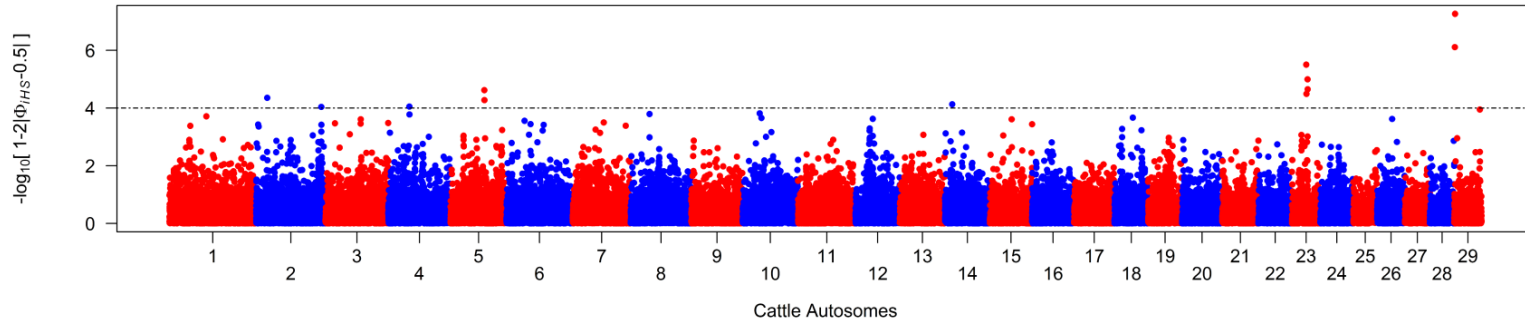
*fastPHASE 1.4 (Scheet and Stephens, 2006): Haplotypes*

***Ancestral states:*** Bovinae subfamily data (Decker et al. 2009) applied the BovineSNP50 13 of the 70 species (Bovinae subfamily), Most common allele inferred as ancestral.

# iHS Manhattan plots

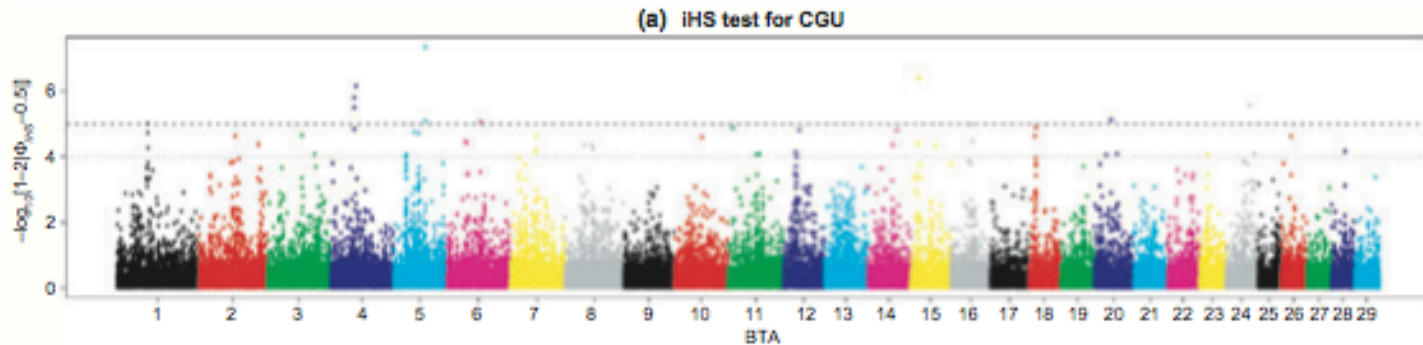
iHS Z-test: EASZ

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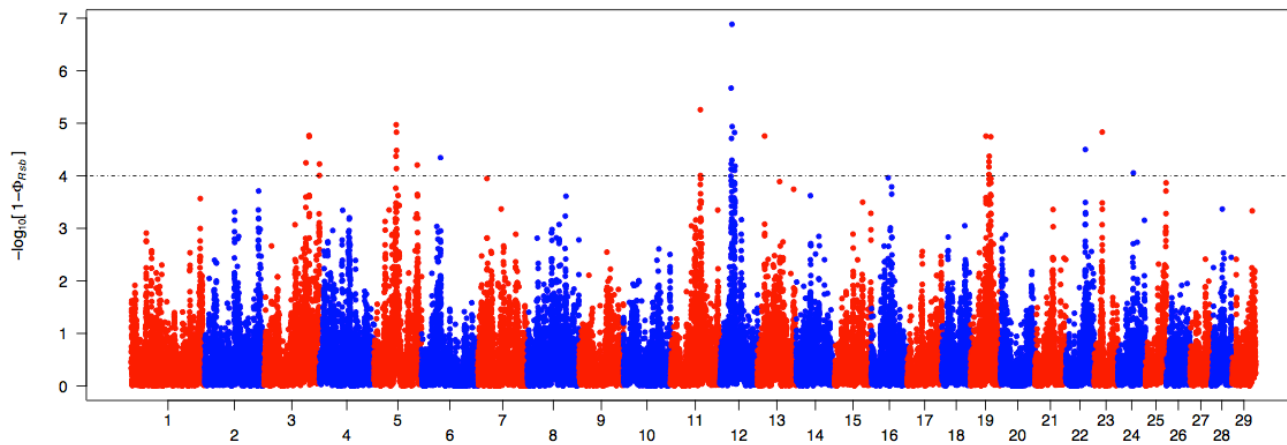
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*Gautier and Naves 2011*

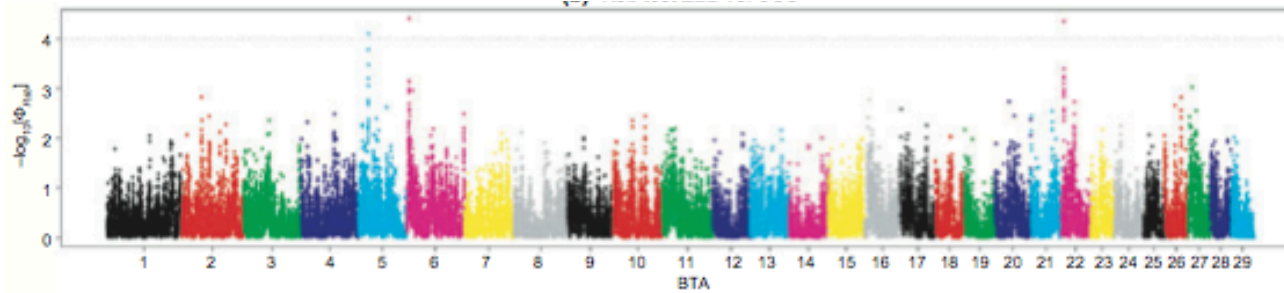


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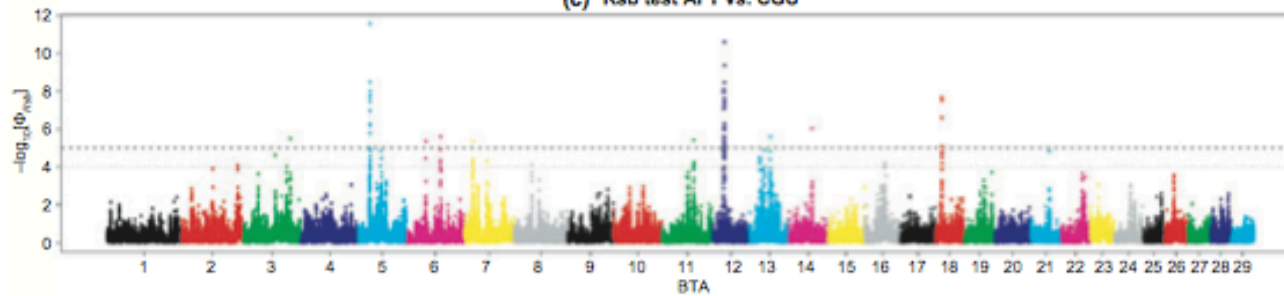
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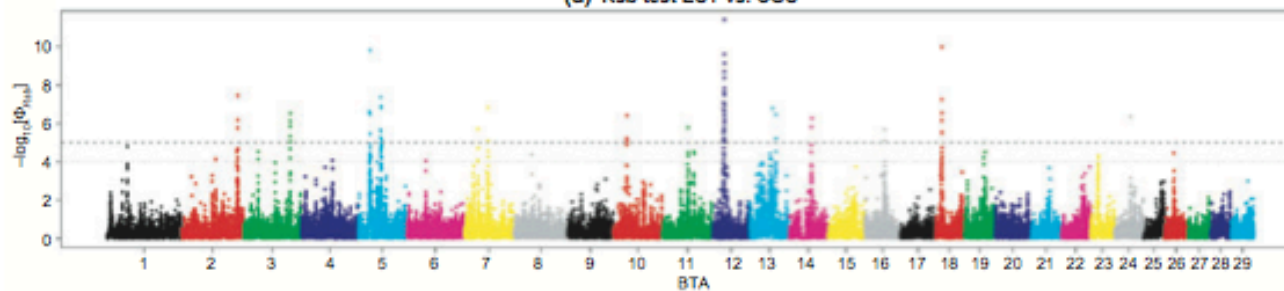
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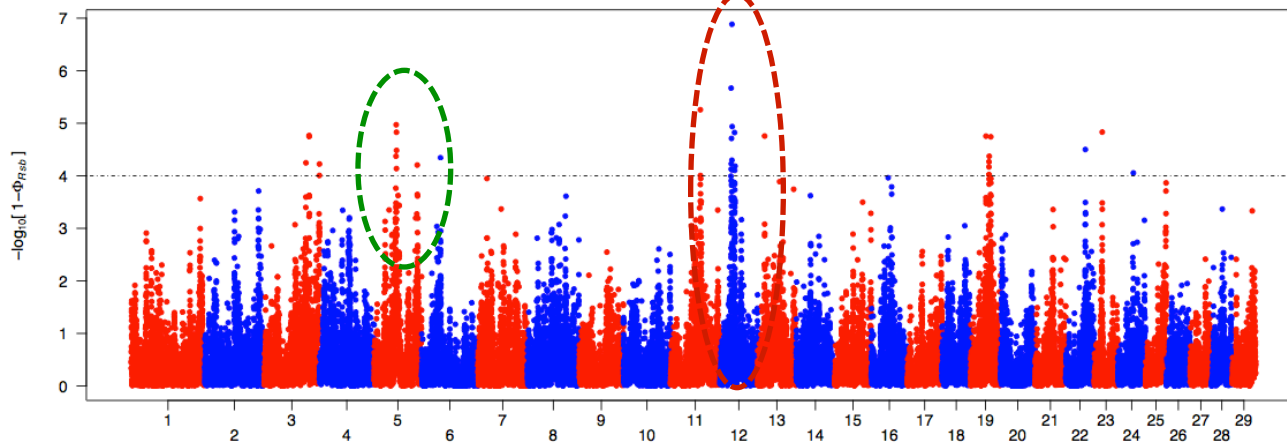


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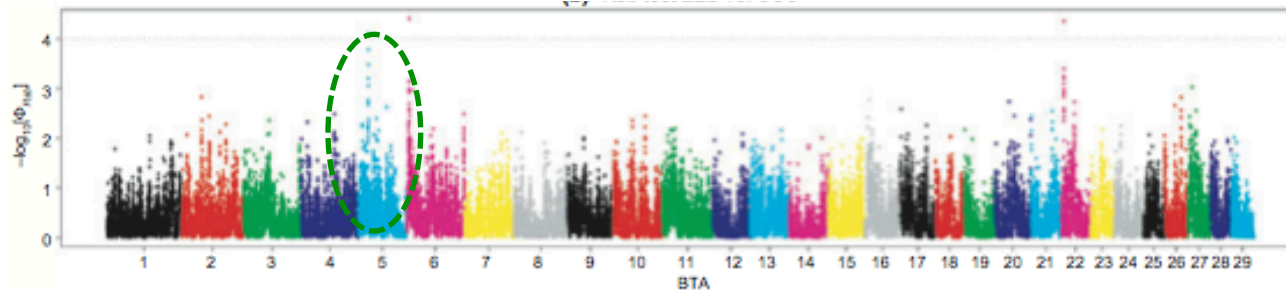


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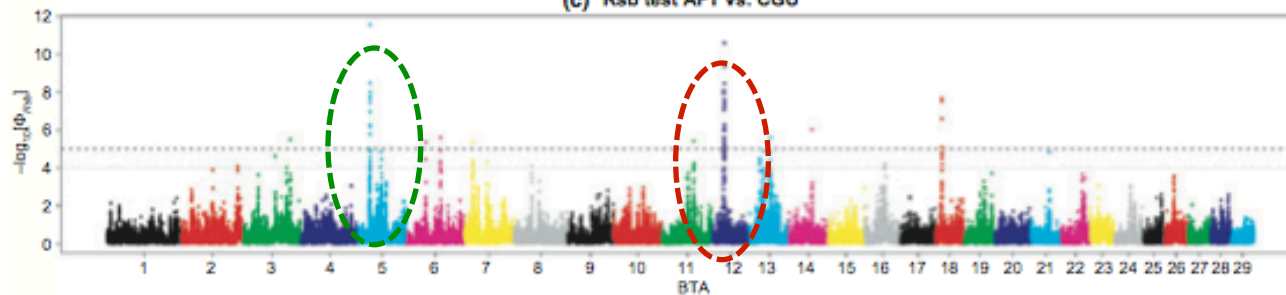
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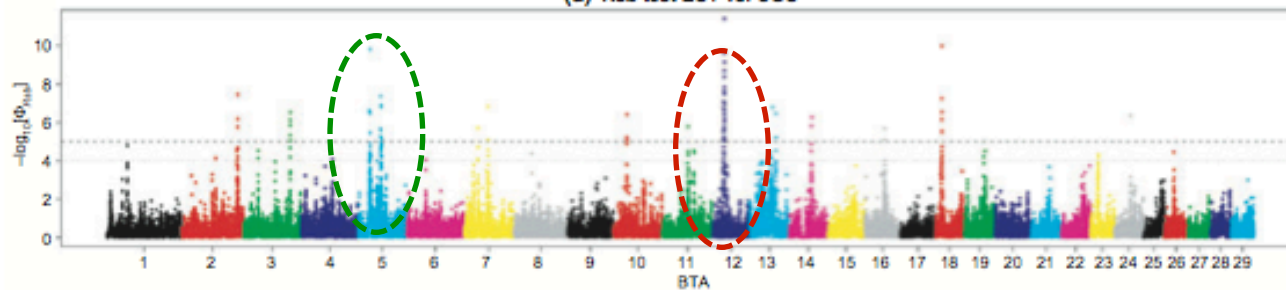
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# Candidates genes

BTA05: SNRPF - Small nuclear ribonucleoprotein polypep. F

**BTA12: Relaxin/insulin-like family peptide receptor 2**  
(LGR8, GREAT and INSL3)

*RXFP2: male fertility, control of the transabdominal stage of early development testicular descent and cryptorchidism. Physiological adaptation (endothermic mammals) to avoid potential impairment of spermatogenesis body temperature reached a threshold of 34- 35 °C (Park et al. 2008).*

*Signal of selection results from favorable variant for adaptation to warm conditions in male reproductive function*

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