

Novel *BMP15* Mutations Responsible for an Atypical Hyperprolificacy Phenotype in Sheep



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Description of the study design -1

➤ Populations

- French **Grivette** breed
- Polish **Olkuska** breed

➤ Major gene for ovulation suspected

- Litter Size (LS) measured in Grivette : **High $LS \geq 2.7$** vs. **Normal $LS \leq 1.8$**
- Ovulation Rate (OR) measured in Olkuska : **High $OR \geq 3.0$** vs. **Normal $OR \leq 2.0$**

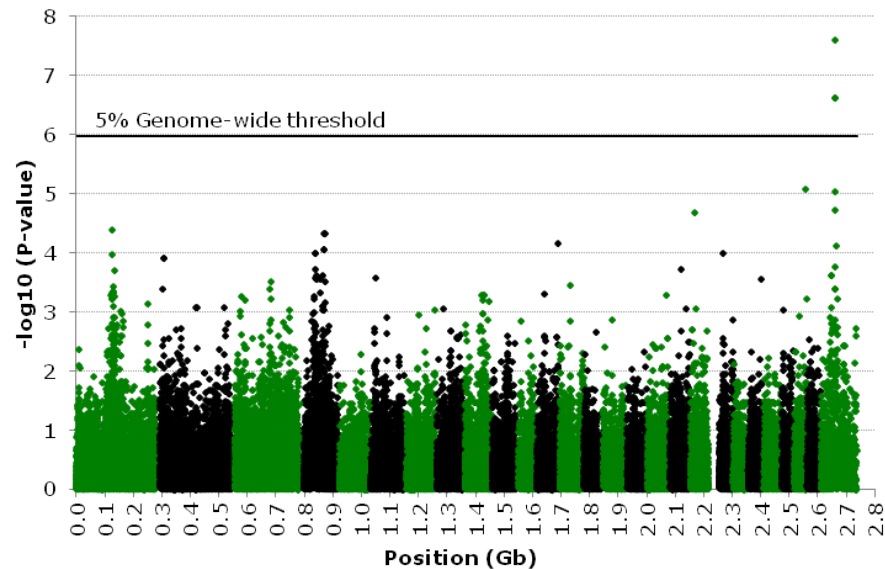
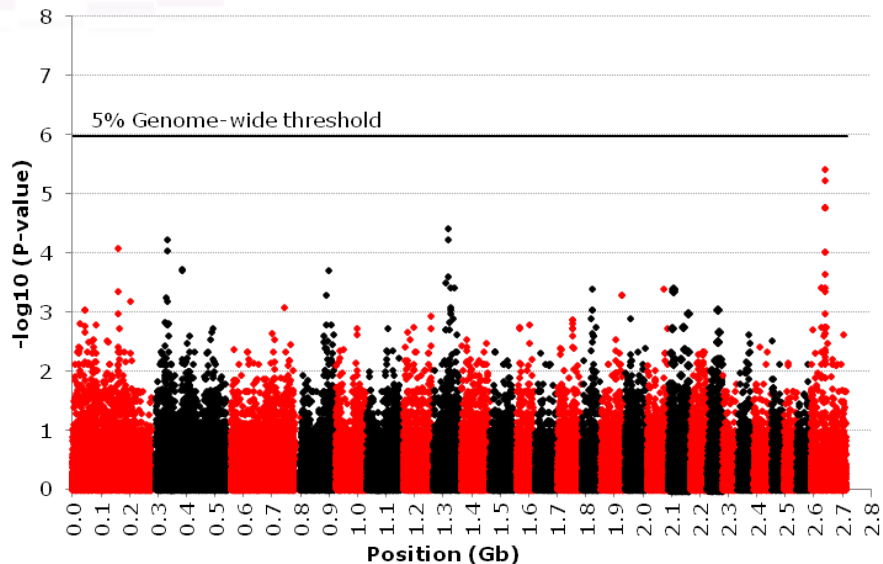
➤ Case (hyper prolific) vs. Control (normal) design

- Genotyping using the **54K SNP array**
- Filtering for Call Rate (>0.99), Call Freq (>0.98), HWE ($\leq 10^{-6}$) and MAF (<0.01)
- Comparison of allelic frequencies

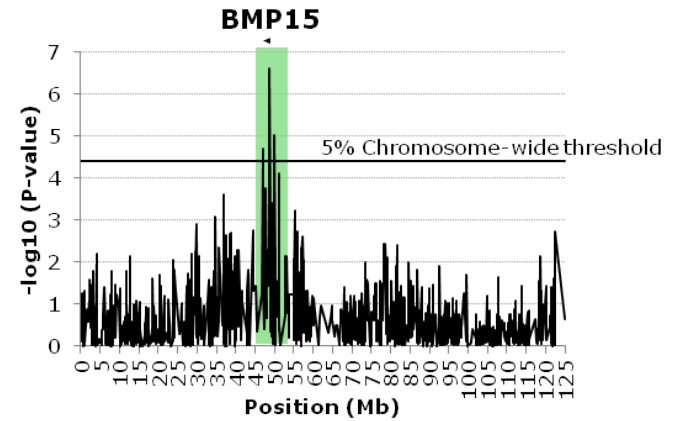
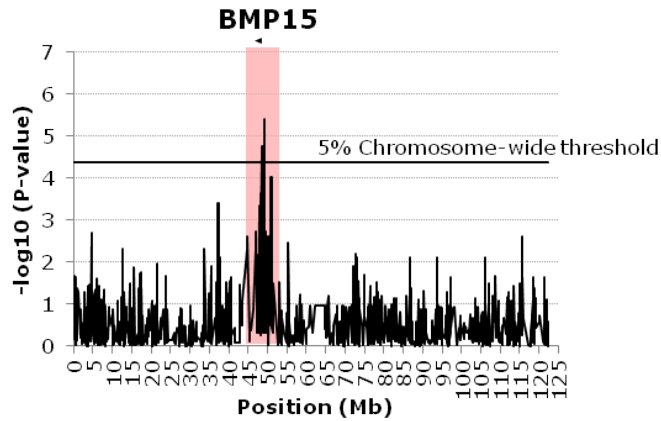
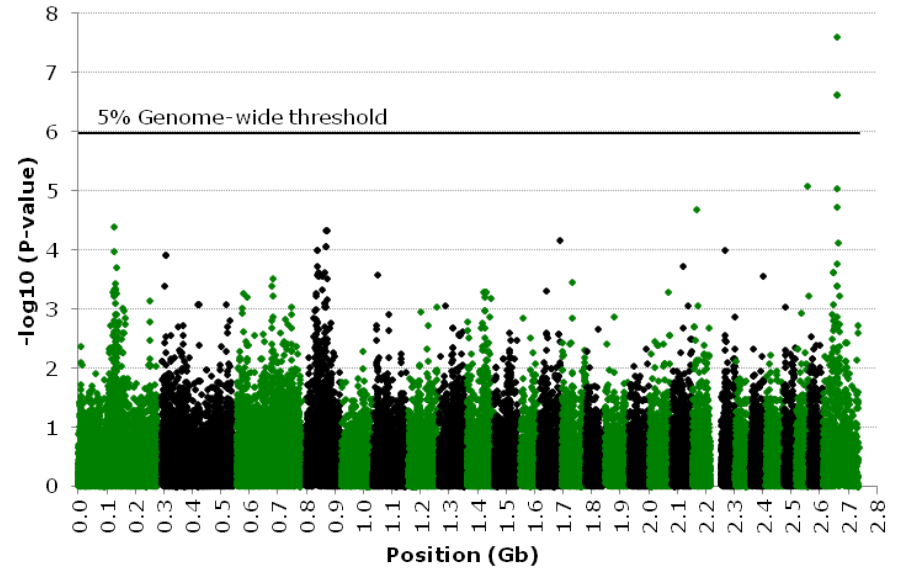
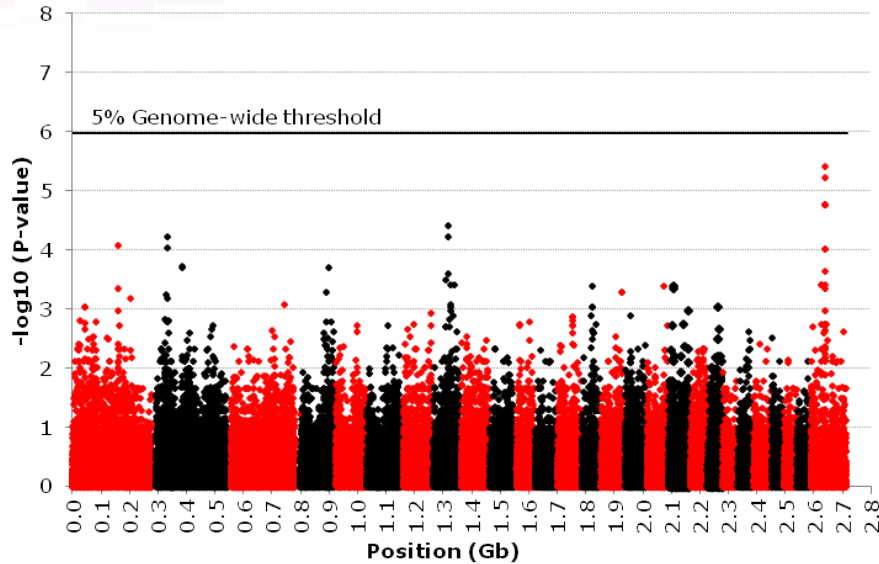
Description of the study design - 2

	Initial Design		Final Design	
	Grivette	Olkuska	Grivette	Olkuska
Individuals (n)				
Total	40	64	39	63
Control	11	35	11	34
Case	29	29	28	29
Call Rate < 0,98	1	1		
Phenotype				
	<i>Litter Size</i>	<i>Ovulation Rate</i>	<i>Litter Size</i>	<i>Ovulation Rate</i>
Total	2,75 (0,88)	2,75 (1,40)	2,75 (0,89)	2,77 (1,40)
Control	1,51 (0,27)	1,60 (0,30)	1,51 (0,27)	1,61 (0,30)
Case	3,22 (0,46)	4,14 (0,81)	3,24 (0,46)	4,14 (0,81)
Markers				
Total	54241	54241	47290	46451
Call Freq < 0,98	4142	3595		
Position Pb	84	84		
HWE < 1E-06	0	159		
MAF < 0,01	2725	3952		

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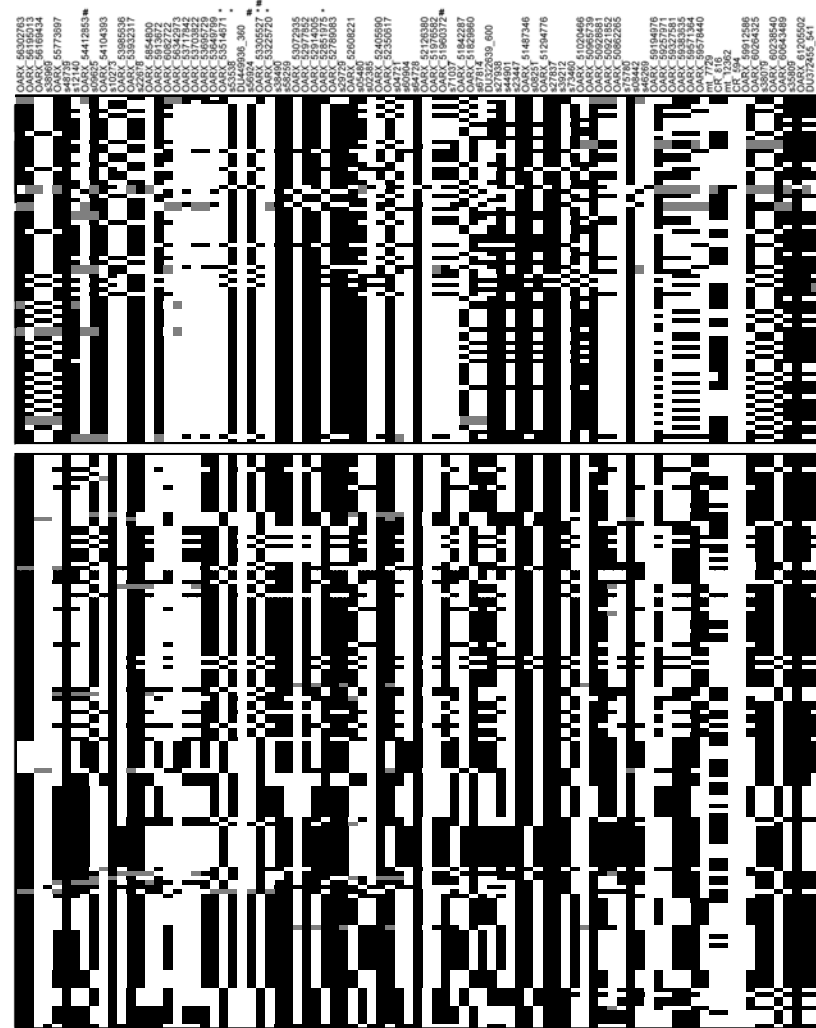


Haplotypic clustering and association

◀BMP15

Grivette

Olkuska



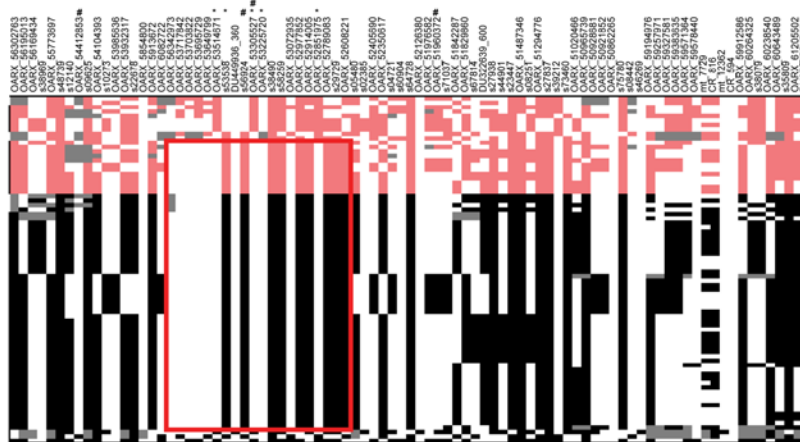
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$$Fr_{\text{case}} = 0.95 \text{ vs. } Fr_{\text{control}} = 0.54$$

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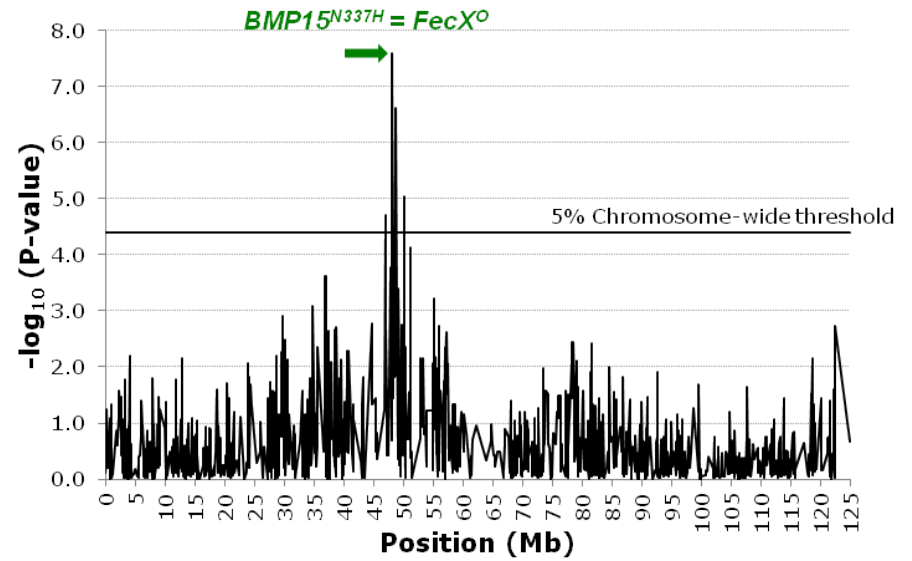
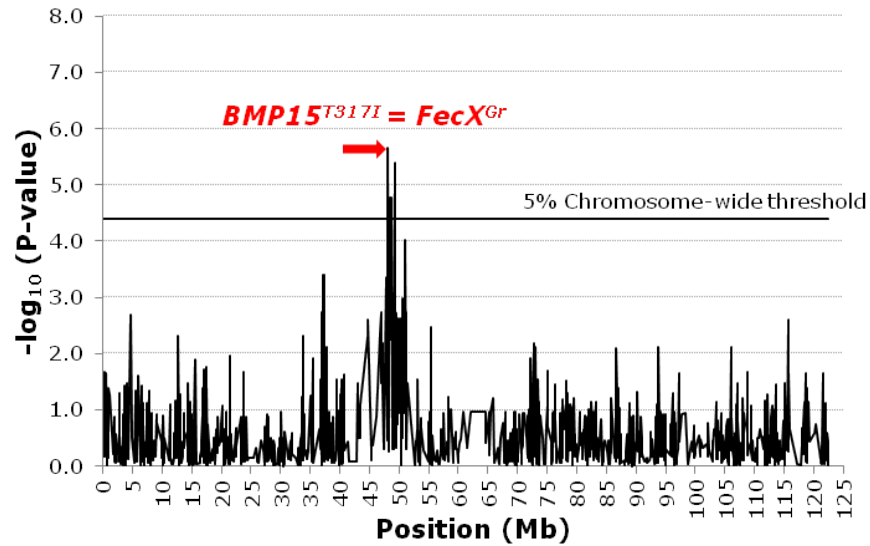


BMP15 coding sequence polymorphisms

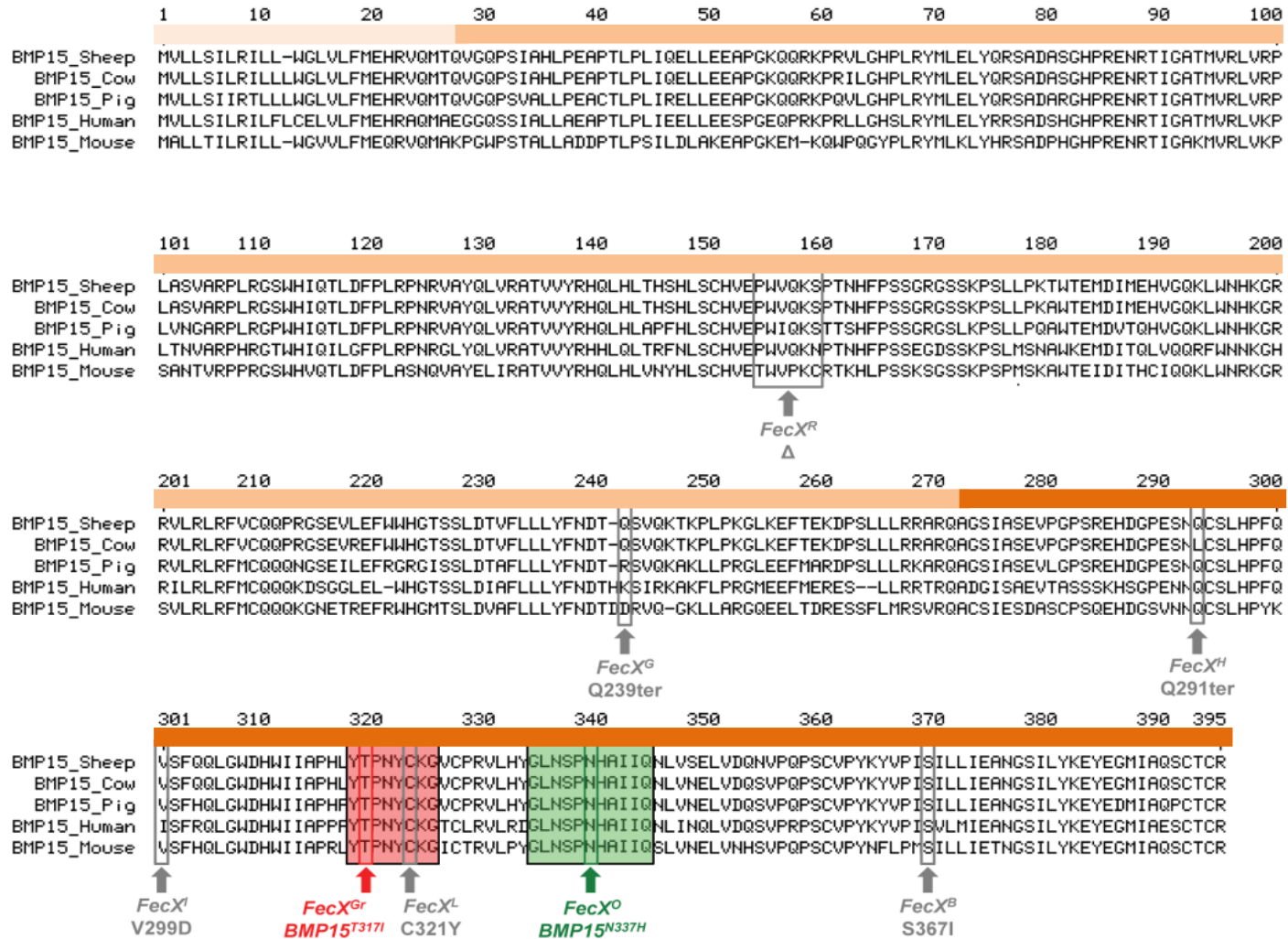


Variant	Base change	Coding Base (bp)	Coding residue (bp)	Amino Acid Change	Genotype					
<i>Grivette</i>					<i>Controls</i>			<i>Cases</i>		
ΔL10	ΔCTT	28-30	10	Deletion Leu	-/- (6)	-/+ (5)	+/+ (0)	-/- (27)	-/+ (1)	+/+ (0)
P249P	C>T	747	249	Unchanged Pro	C/C (0)	C/T (0)	T/T (11)	C/C (0)	C/T (0)	T/T (28)
T317I = <i>FecX^{Gr}</i>	C>T	950	317	Thr>Ile	C/C (2)	C/T (6)	T/T (3)	C/C (0)	C/T (2)	T/T (26)
<i>Olkuska</i>										
ΔL10	ΔCTT	28-30	10	Deletion Leu	-/- (0)	-/+ (7)	+/+ (26)	-/- (0)	-/+ (0)	+/+ (29)
V135G	T>G	404	135	Val>Gly	T/T (33)	T/G (1)	G/G (0)	T/T (29)	T/G (0)	G/G (0)
N337H = <i>FecX^O</i>	A>C	1009	337	Asn>His	A/A (16)	A/C (18)	C/C (0)	A/A (1)	A/C (9)	C/C (19)

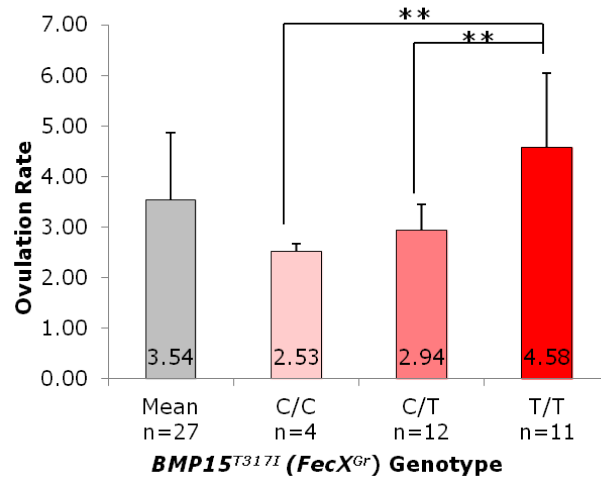
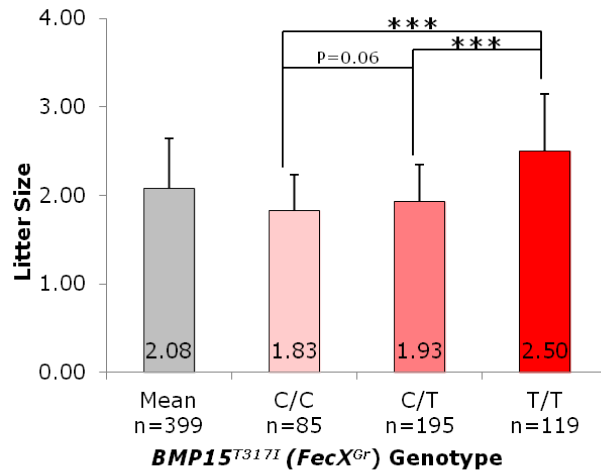
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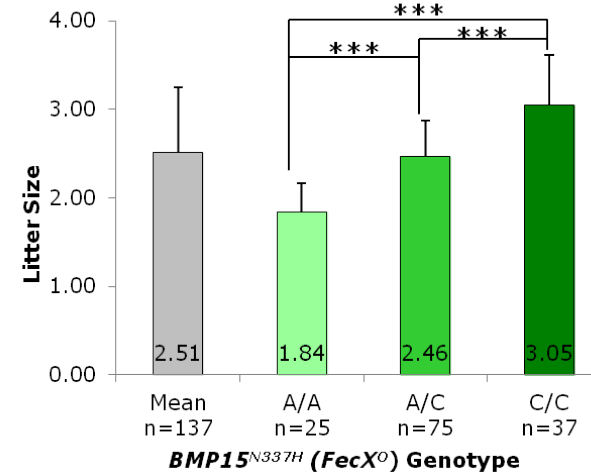
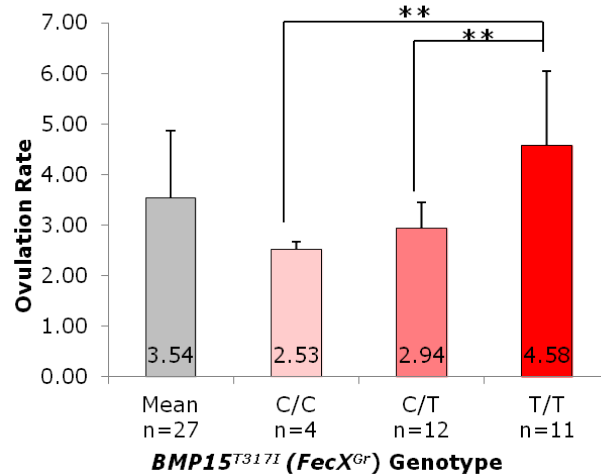
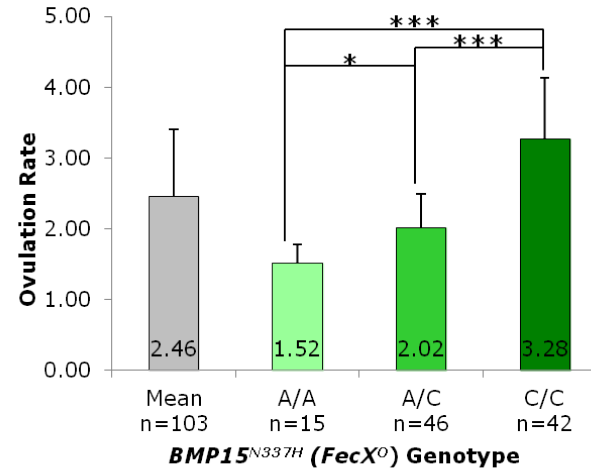
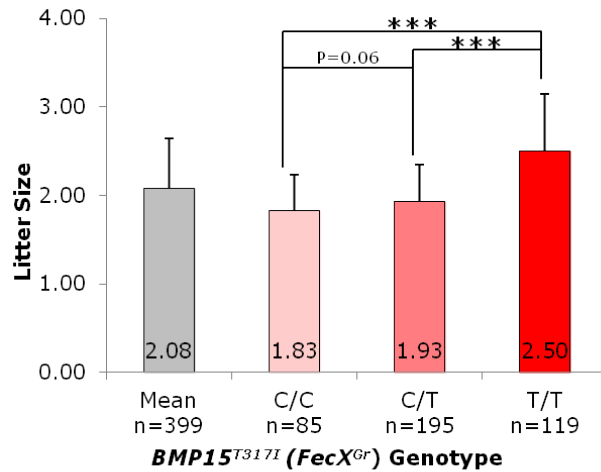
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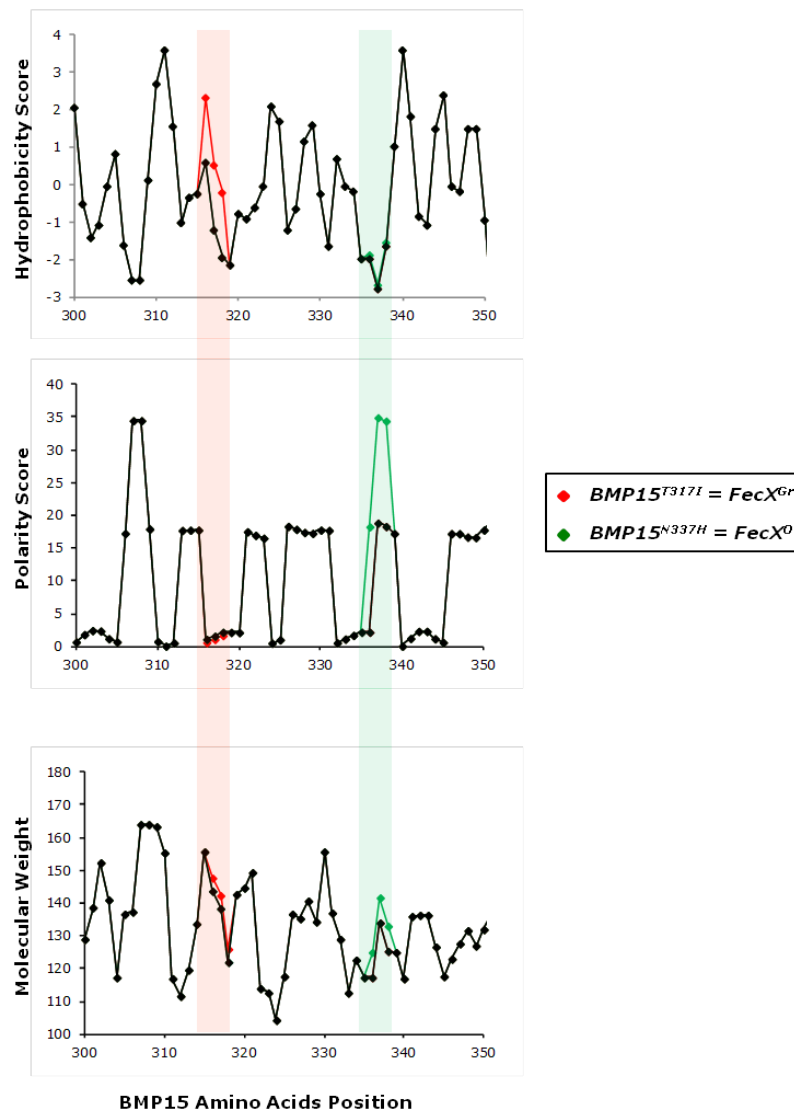
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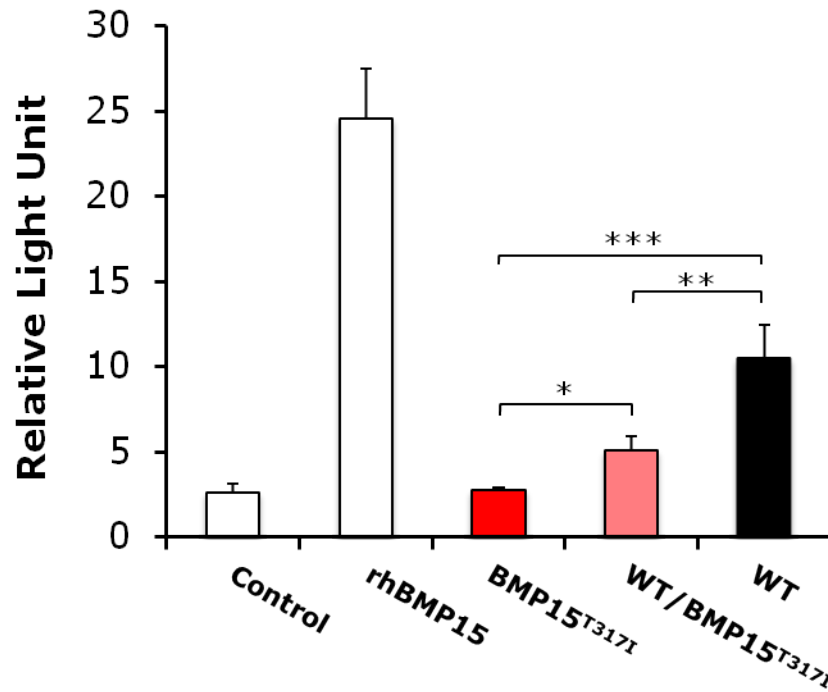
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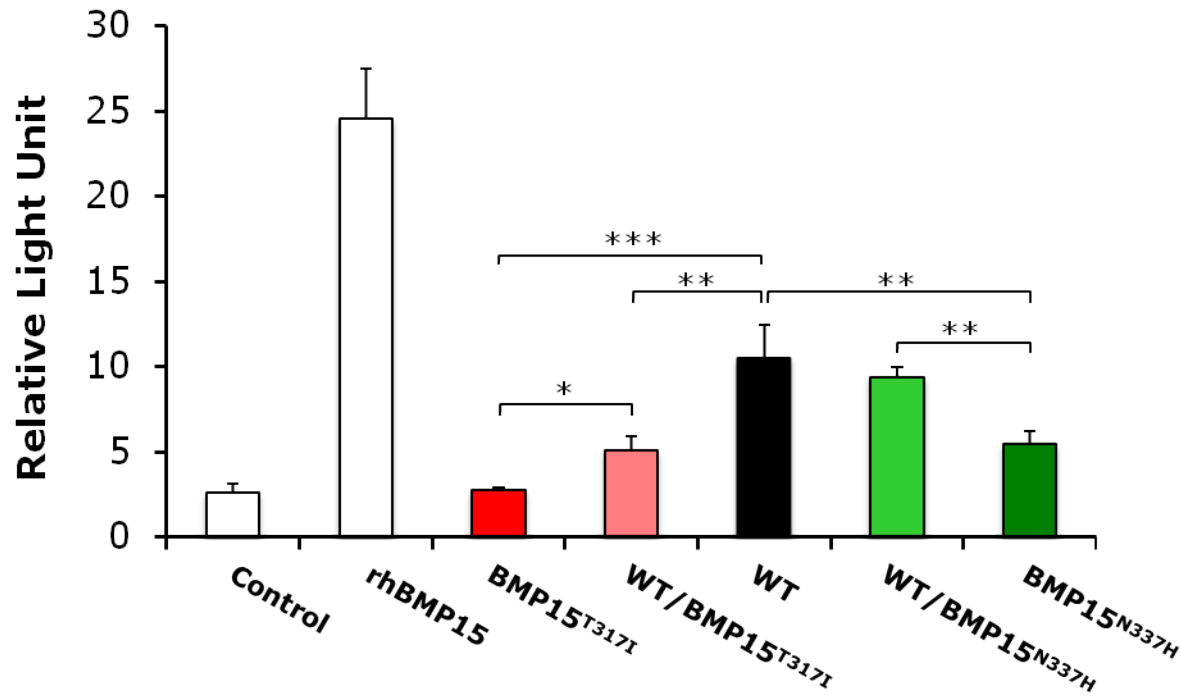
Effect of mutations on the BMP15 protein



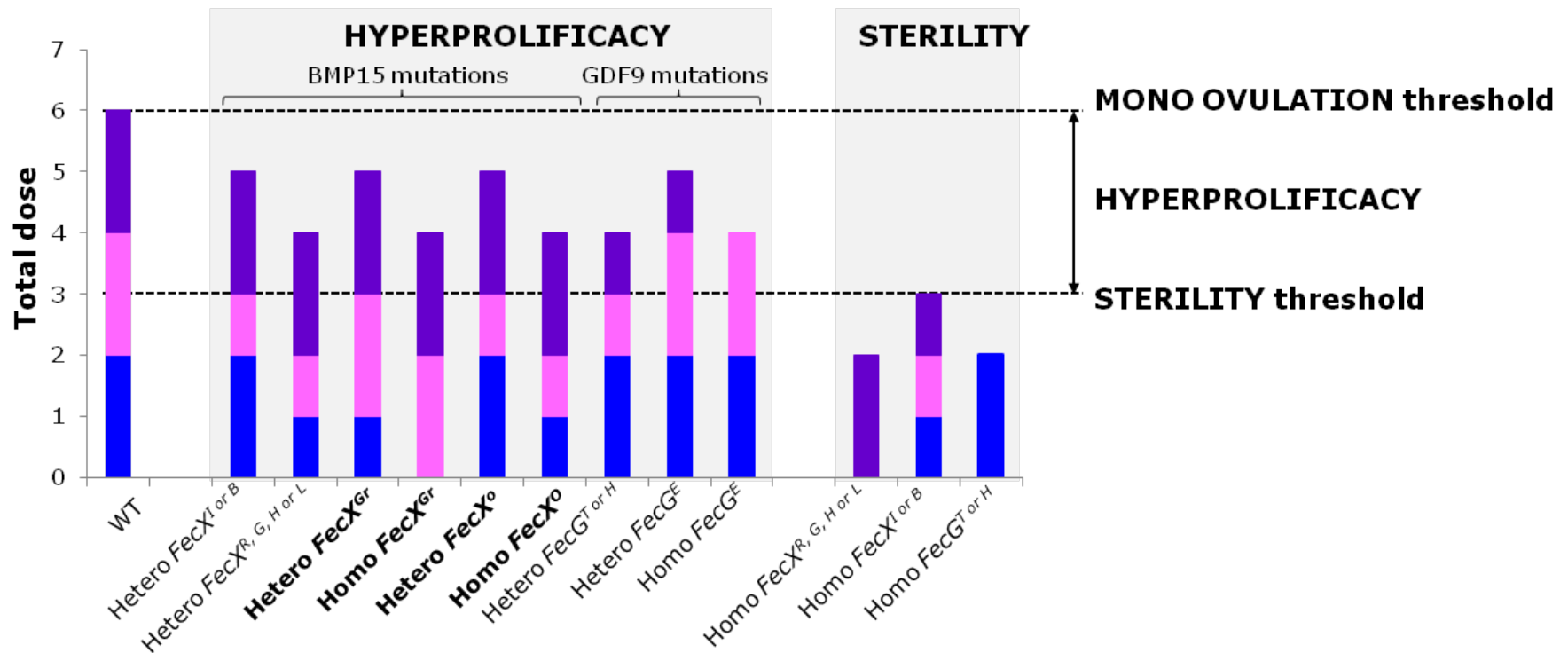
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Model of the ovulation quota control





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