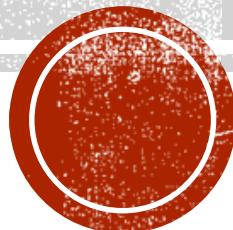


# GENETIC COUNSELING IN HORSE

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# WHAT DO THESE HORSES HAVE IN COMMON?



Arabian



Cob normand



Comtois



Paint horse



Connemara Pony



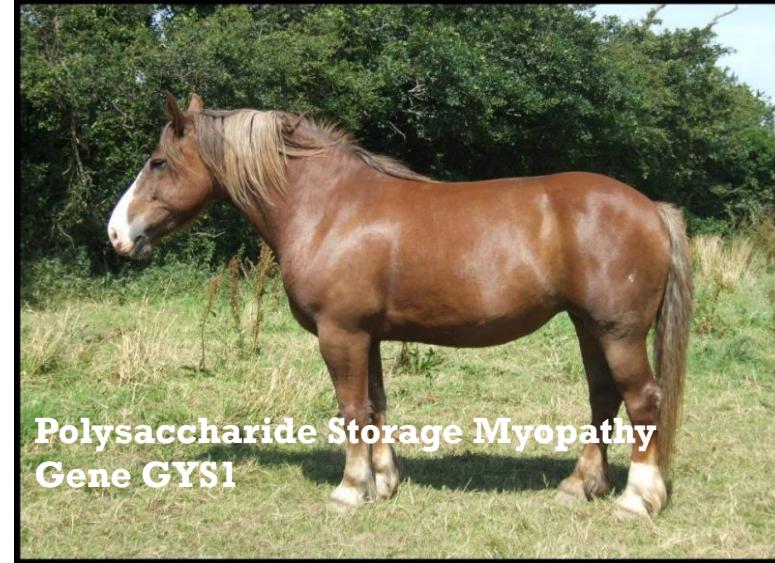
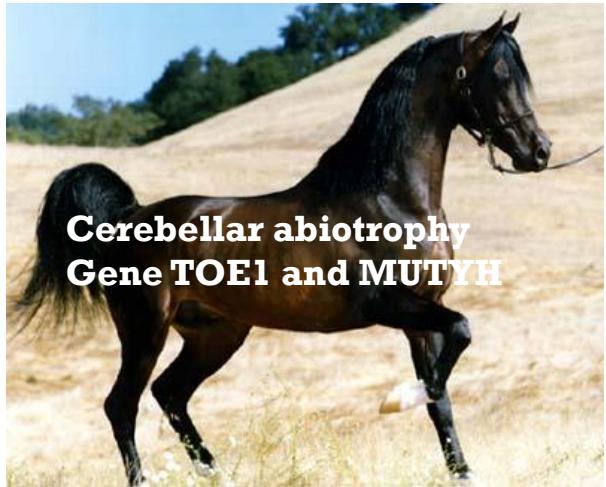
Halter Quarter Horse



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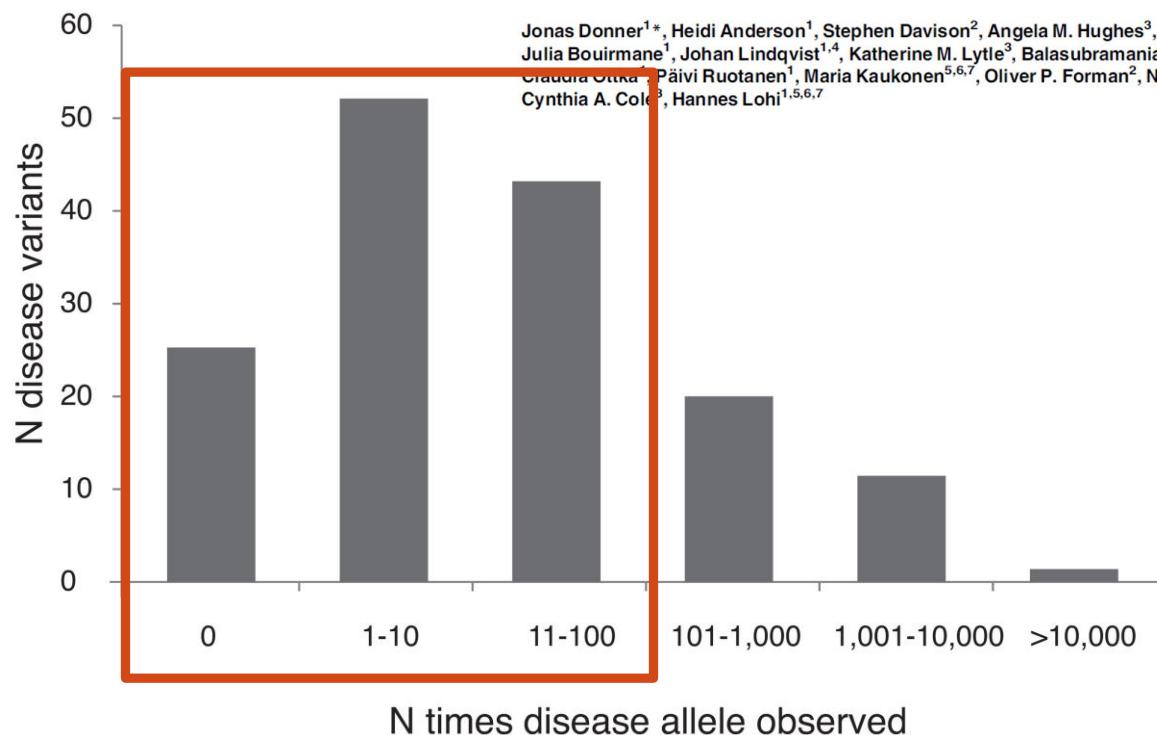


# WHAT DO THESE HORSES HAVE IN COMMON?



# HIGH PREVALENCE OF BREED RELATED GENETIC DISEASES

Frequency and distribution of 152 genetic disease variants in over 100,000 mixed breed and purebred dogs



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Julia Bouirmane<sup>1</sup>, Johan Lindqvist<sup>1,4</sup>, Katherine M. Lytle<sup>3</sup>, Balasubramanian Ganeshan<sup>3</sup>,  
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# HIGH PREVALENCE OF BREED RELATED GENETIC DISEASES

A review of scientific literature on inherited disorders in domestic horse breeds

CD Bettley<sup>†</sup>, JM Cardwell<sup>‡</sup>, LM Collins<sup>§</sup> and L Asher<sup>\*#</sup>



49 breeds predisposed to >1 inherited disorders

Frequency of genetic diseases in AQHA subgroups  
Tryon, et al. 2008 JAVMA

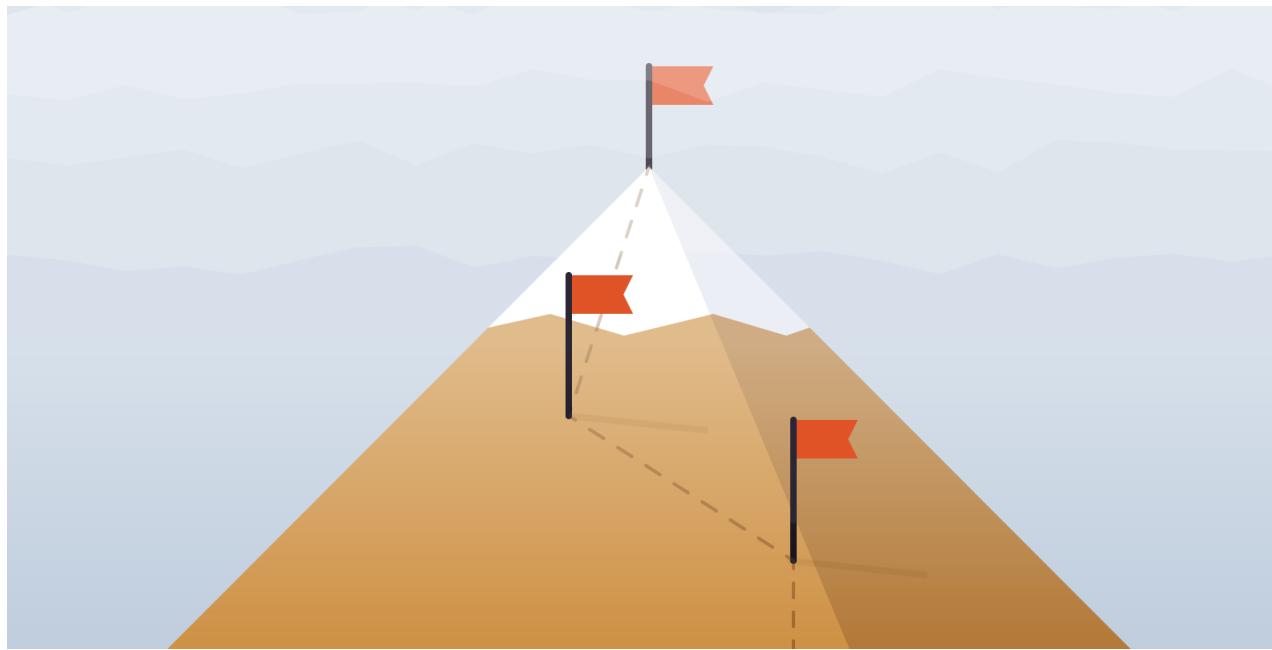
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		HYPP	PSSM	GBED	HERDA	LWF
AQHA	1.5	11.3	11.0	3.5	No	
Paint	4.5	4.5	3.9	1.7	21.3	
Halter	56.4	28.2	5.1	0.8	No	
W pl	1.1	8.6	26.3	12.8	No	
Cut	No	6.7	13.6	28.3	No	
Rein	No	4.3	3.1	9.3	No	
W cow	No	5.7	9.5	11.5	No	
Barrel	1.2	1.4	1.2	1.2	No	
Race	No	2.0	No	No	No	

Courtesy of Dr. Sharon Spier, UC Davis



# GENETIC COUNSELING

The goal of genetic counseling is to control genetic disorders and to propagate superior genes



# RISK EVALUATION

## Risk:

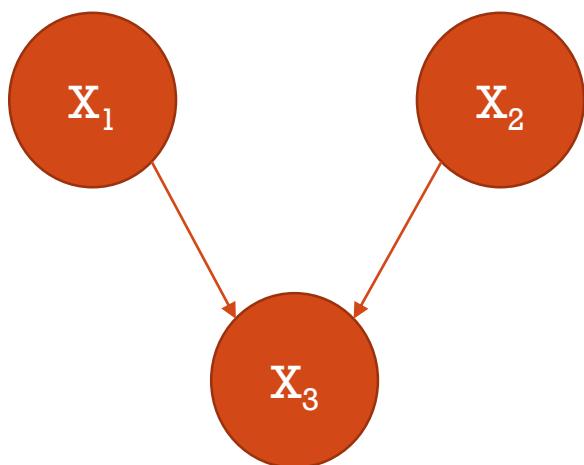
- probability of occurrence
- magnitude of impact

Likelihood	Impact				
	Insignificant	Minor	Moderate	Major	Severe
Almost certain	Moderate	High	High	Extreme	Extreme
Likely	Moderate	Moderate	High	High	Extreme
Possible	Low	Moderate	Moderate	High	Extreme
Unlikely	Low	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	High
Rare	Low	Low	Moderate	Moderate	High



# PROBABILITY OF OCCURENCE

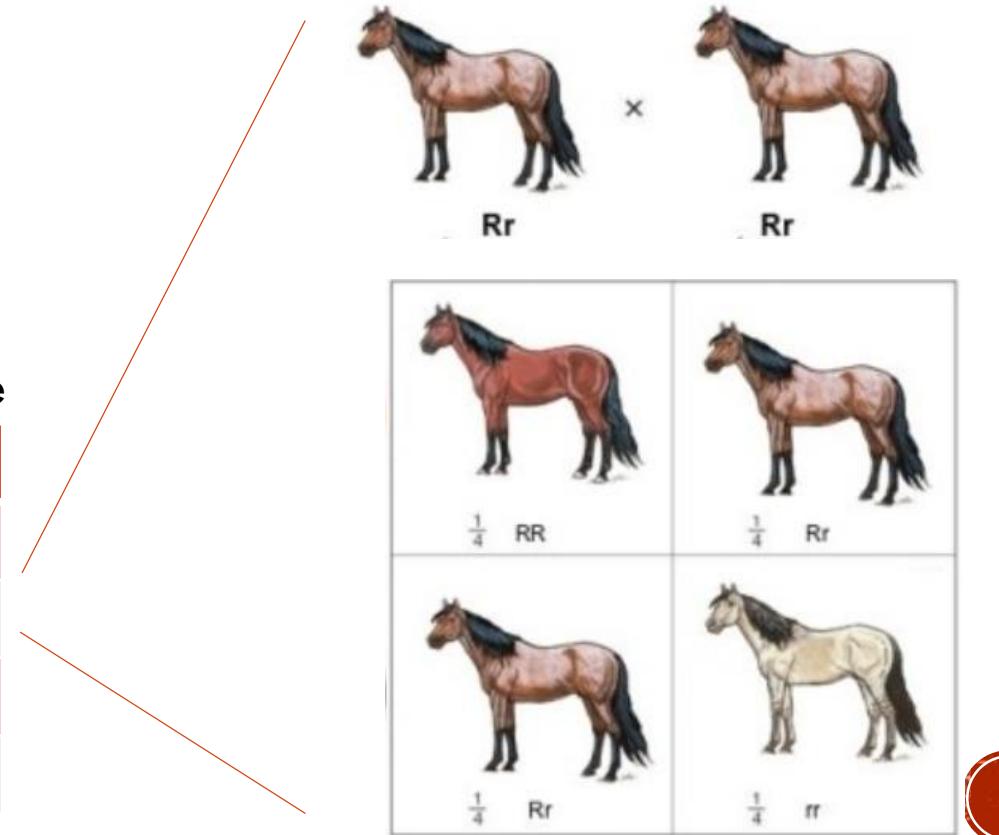
Bayes network:



Directed acyclic graph

Conditional probability table

$X_1$	$X_2$	AA	Aa	aa
AA	AA	100	0	0
Aa	Aa	25	50	25
AA	aa	0	50	50
...				



# PROBABILITY OF OCCURENCE

## Mendelian inheritance patterns:

The Genetics of Glaucoma, Cataracts,  
and Corneal Dystrophies

ALESSANDRO IANNACCONE, MD, MS, STEVEN R. SARKISIAN, JR., MD,  
NATALIE C. KERR, MD, FACS, AND WILLIAM R. MORRIS, MD

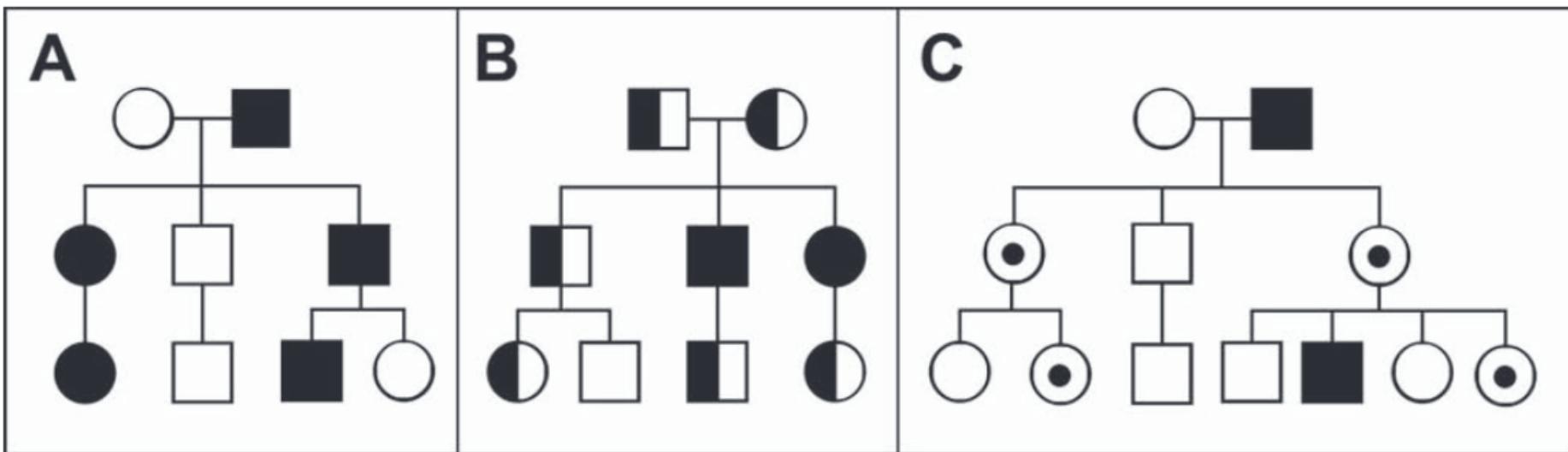
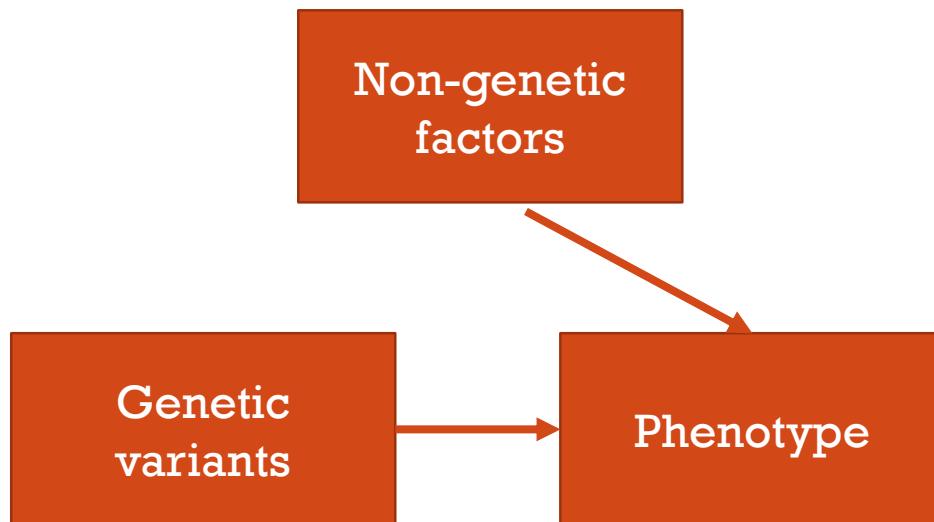


Fig. 1. Examples of pedigrees with classical Mendelian inheritance patterns. A: Autosomal dominant (AD or ad) inheritance. The filled symbols are affected heterozygotes. B: Autosomal recessive (AR or ar) inheritance. The filled symbols represent affected homozygotes or compound heterozygotes. The half-filled symbols identify heterozygote unaffected carriers. C: X-linked recessive (XL or xL) inheritance. The filled square symbols represent affected male hemizygotes. Carrier females are identified by the round target-like symbols.



# PROBABILITY OF OCCURENCE

## Non genetic risk factors:



Reduced (or incomplete) penetrance

Mutations in DMRT3 affect locomotion in horses and spinal circuit function in mice

Lisa S. Andersson, Martin Larhammar, Fatima Memic, Hanna Wootz, Doreen Schwochow, Carl-Johan Rubin, Kalicharan Patra, Thorvaldur Arnason, Lisbeth Wellbring, Göran Hjälm, Freyja Imsland, Jessica L. Petersen, Molly E. McCue, James R. Mickelson, Gus Cothran, Nadav Ahituv, Lars Roepstorff, Sofia Mikko, Anna Vallstedt, Gabriella Lindgren, Leif Andersson & Klas Kullander

Icelandic horse



Two-beat gait



Trot



# MAGNITUDE OF IMPACT

## Utility: owner's satisfaction

Market value



<https://myexracer.com/>

- { purchase price  
age and health of the animal  
breeding status, pedigree  
special training  
veterinary expenses

Emotional value



<https://www.pinterest.fr>



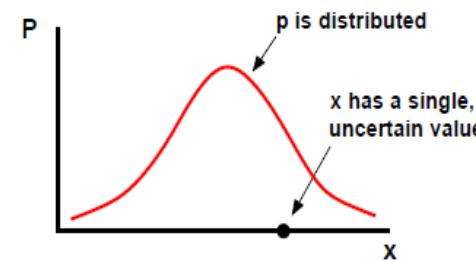
# UNCERTAINTY

## Prior probability:



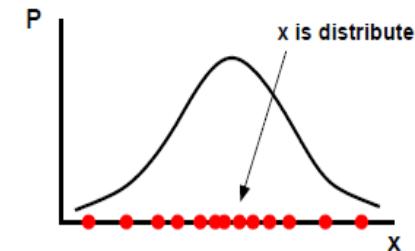
*Bayesian*

Probability quantifies uncertainty in an inductive inference.  $p(x)$  describes how *probability* is distributed over the possible values  $x$  might have taken



*Frequentist*

Probabilities are always (limiting) rates/proportions/frequencies that quantify variability in a sequence of trials.  $p(x)$  describes how the *values of  $x$*  would be distributed among infinitely many trials:



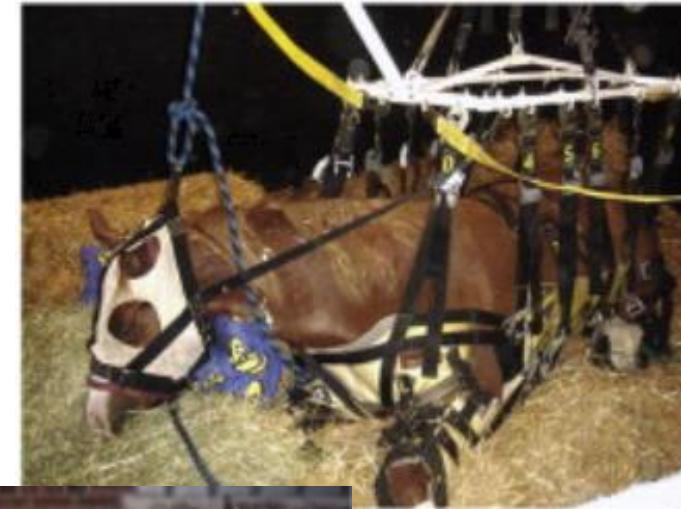
# EXAMPLE: POLYSACCHARIDE STORAGE MYOPATHY, TYPE 1

Glycogen synthase (*GYS1*) mutation causes a novel skeletal muscle glycogenosis ☆

Molly E. McCue <sup>a</sup>✉, Stephanie J. Valberg <sup>a</sup>, Michael B. Miller <sup>b</sup>, Claire Wade <sup>c</sup>, Salvatore DiMauro <sup>d</sup>, Hasan O. Akman <sup>d</sup>, James R. Mickelson <sup>e</sup>

Clinical expression maybe subtle

- muscle pain and stiffness,
- back pain or muscle atrophy,  
or severe
- lameness
- myoglobinuria
- progressive weakness



# EXAMPLE: POLYSACCHARIDE STORAGE MYOPATHY, TYPE 1

Autosomal dominant

Reduced penetrance (diet, exercise)

Genetic test available

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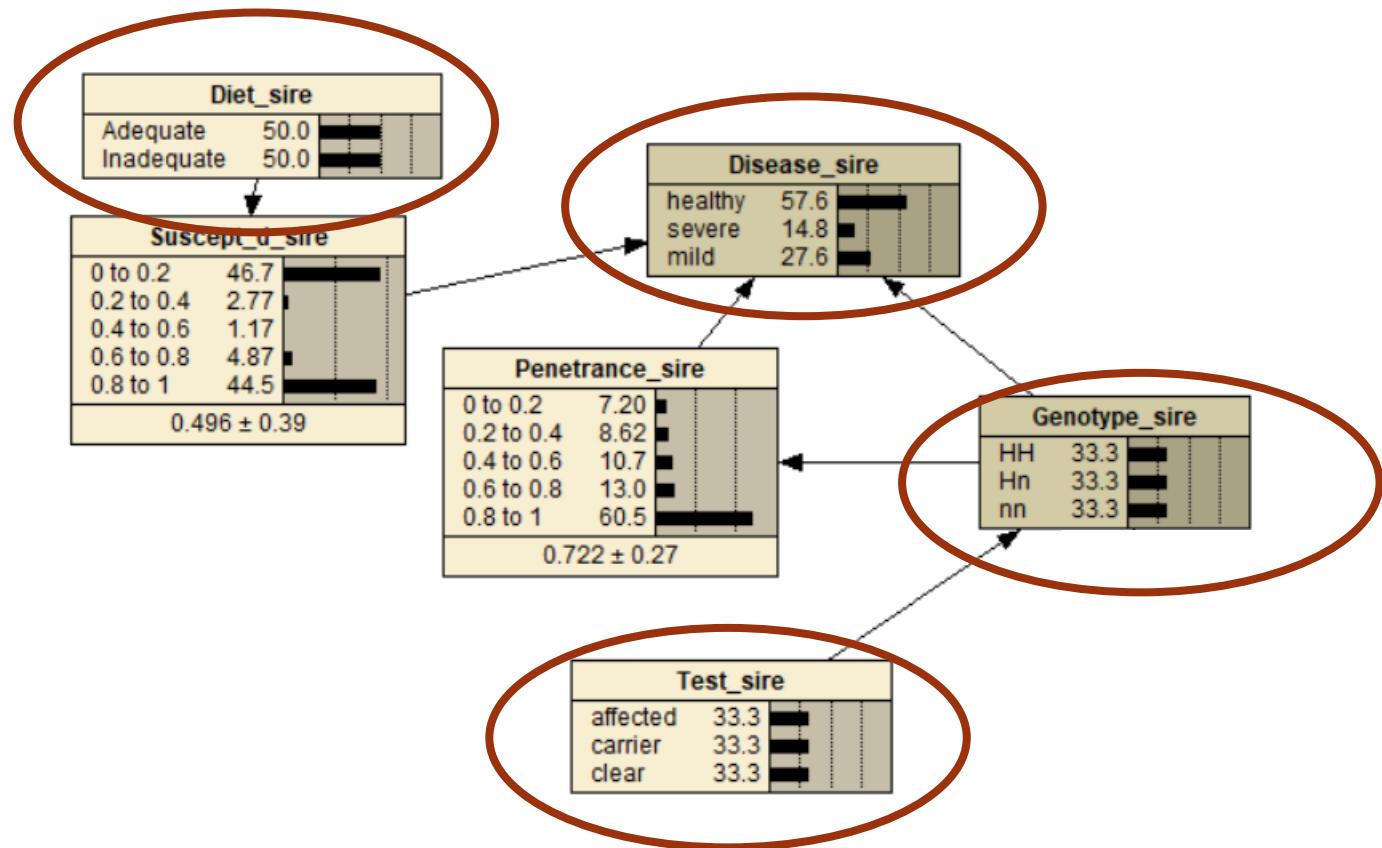
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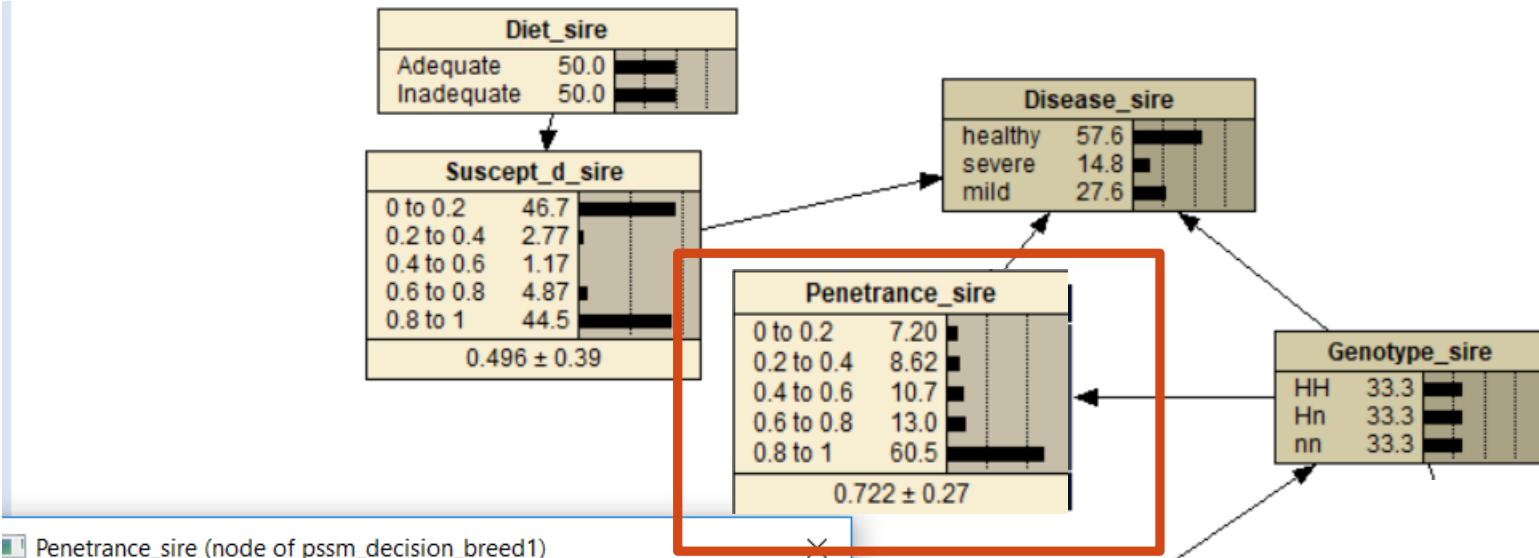
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Penetrance\_sire (node of pssm\_decision\_breed1)

Name:  Title:

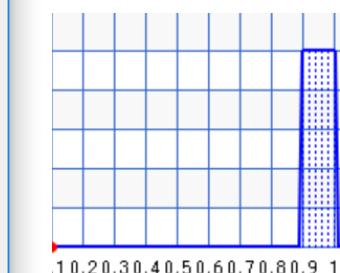
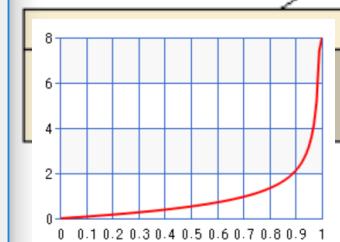
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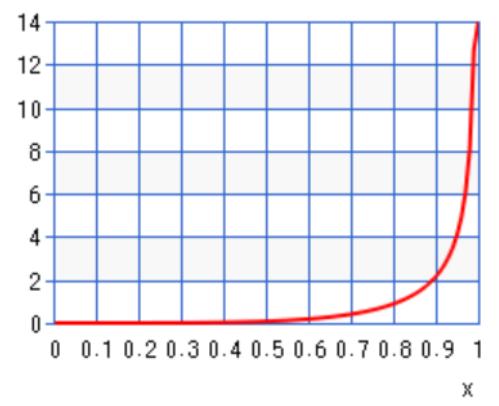
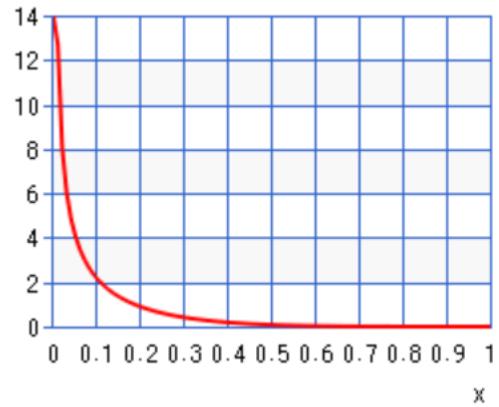
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Equation:

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  (Genotype_sire==HH) ? UniformDist(Penetrance_sire,0.9,1)
  UniformDist(Penetrance_sire,0,1)
```





**Diet\_sire**

Adequate	50.0
Inadequate	50.0

**Suscept\_d\_sire**

0 to 0.2	46.7
0.2 to 0.4	2.77
0.4 to 0.6	1.17
0.6 to 0.8	4.87
0.8 to 1	44.5

**Disease\_sire**

healthy	57.6
severe	14.8
mild	27.6

**Penetrance\_sire**

0 to 0.2	7.20
0.2 to 0.4	8.62
0.4 to 0.6	10.7
0.6 to 0.8	13.0
0.8 to 1	60.5

**Genotype\_sire**

HH	33.3
Hn	33.3
nn	33.3

**Test\_sire**

Selected	33.3
Carrier	33.3
Non-carrier	33.3

**Suscept\_d\_sire (node of pssm\_decision\_breed1)**

Name: Suscept\_d\_sire Title:

Nature: Continuous

State: [ ]

Interval: 0 - 0.2

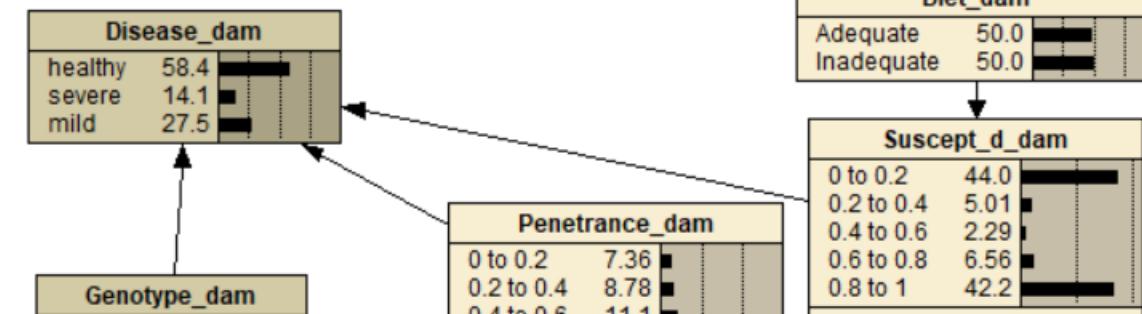
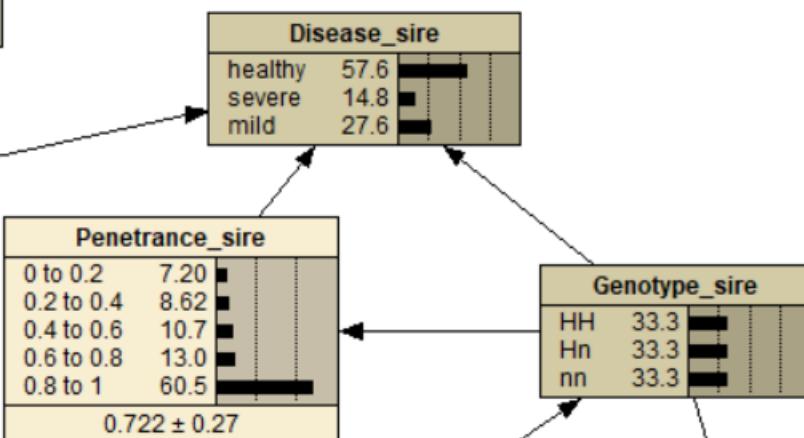
Equation:

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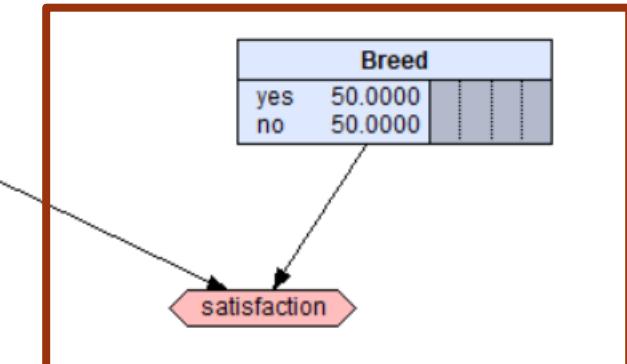
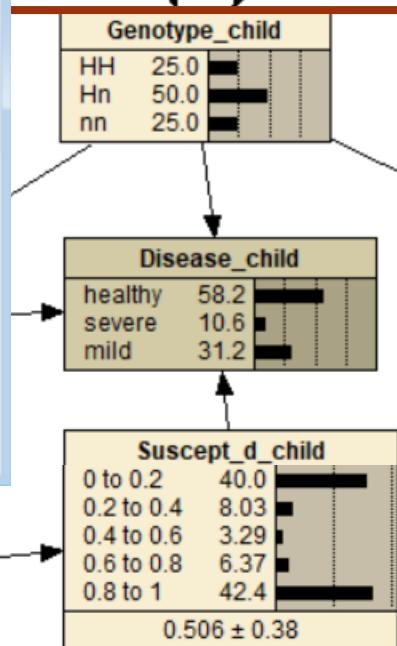
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Inadequate	50.0

Suspect_d_sire	
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0.6 to 0.8	4.87
0.8 to 1	44.5
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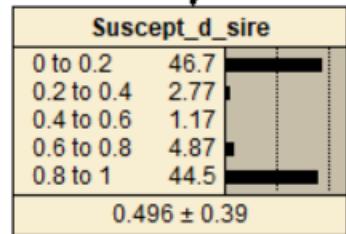


Genotype\_child Table (in Bayes net pssm\_decision\_b...)

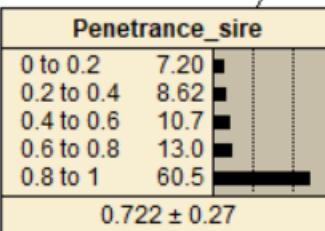
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HH	nn	0	100	0
Hn	HH	50	50	0
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nn	nn	0	0	100



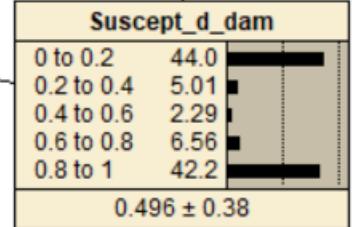
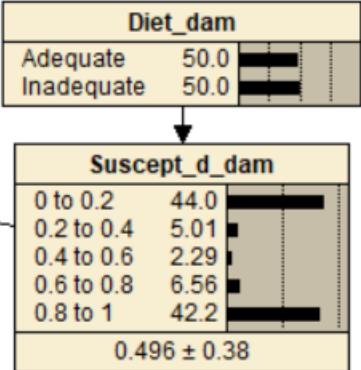
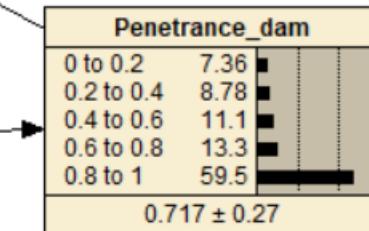
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Inadequate	50.0



Disease_sire	
healthy	57.6
severe	14.8
mild	27.6



Disease_dam	
healthy	58.4
severe	14.1
mild	27.5



Test_sire	
affected	33.3
carrier	33.3
clear	33.3

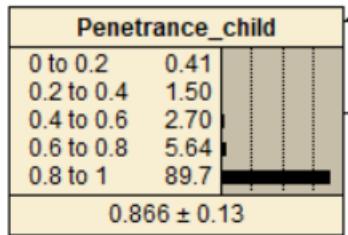
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Hn	33.3
nn	33.3

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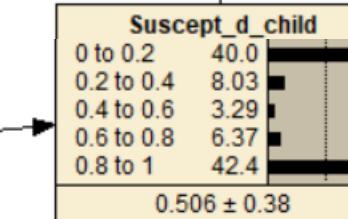
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Breed	
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no	50.0000



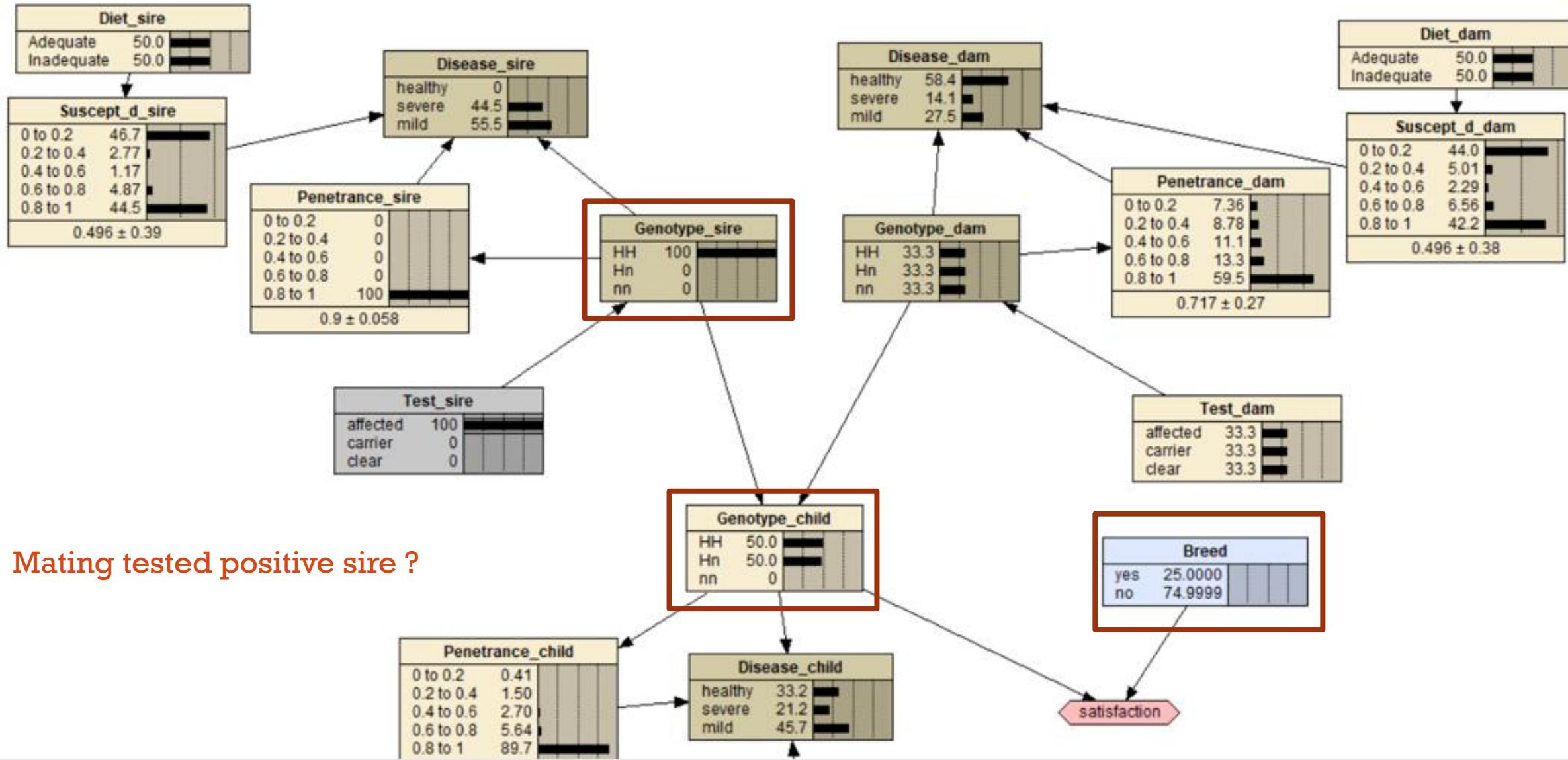
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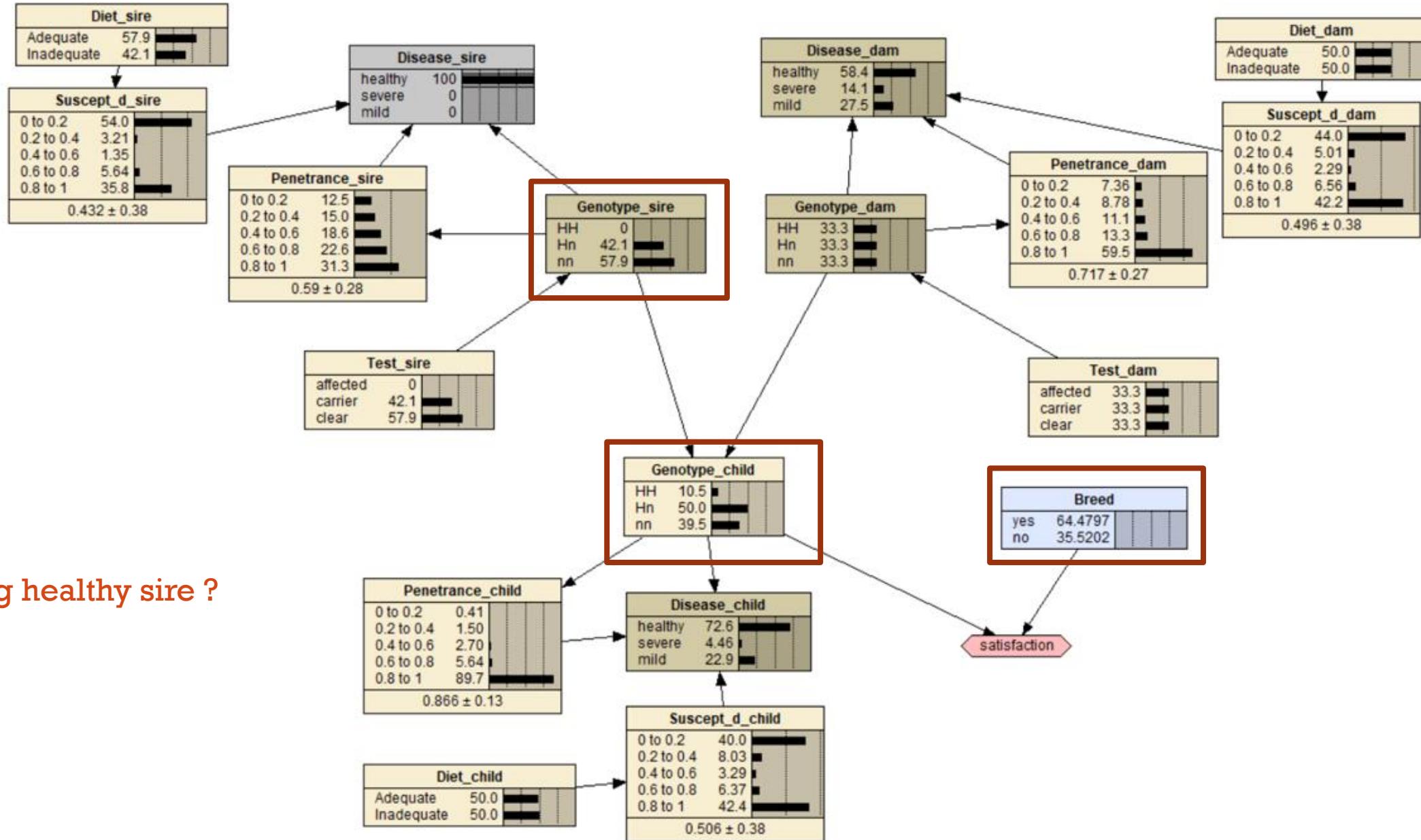
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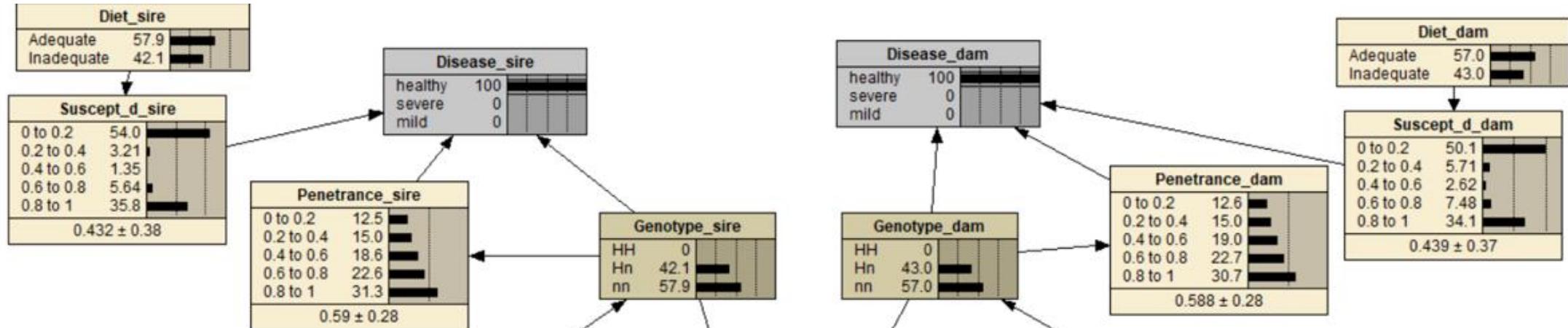




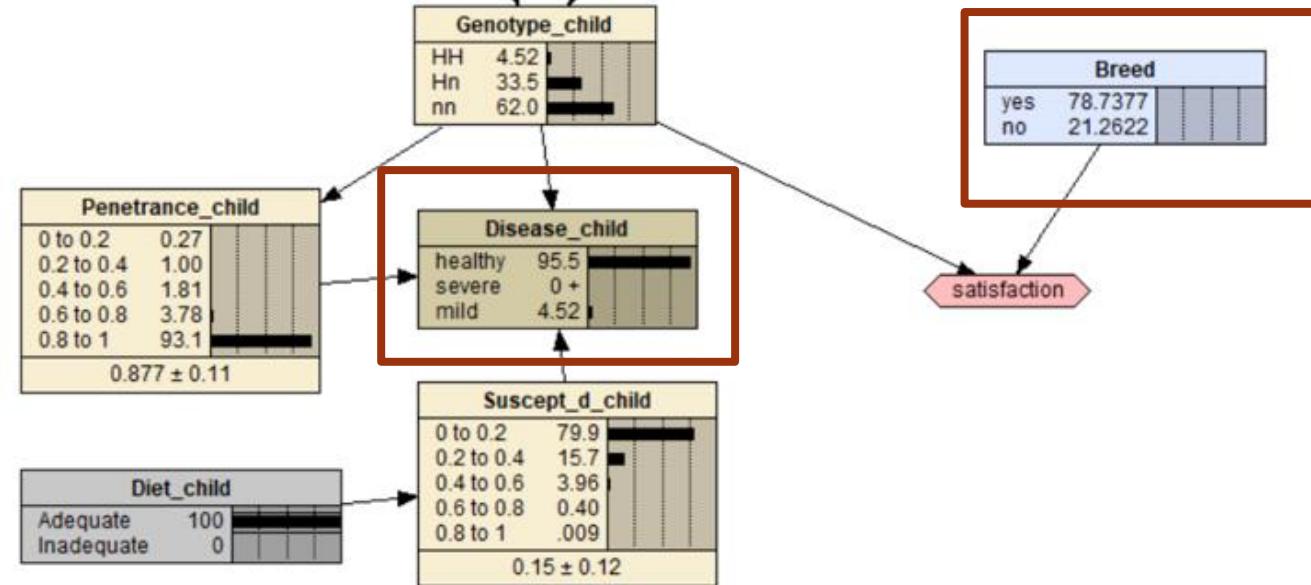


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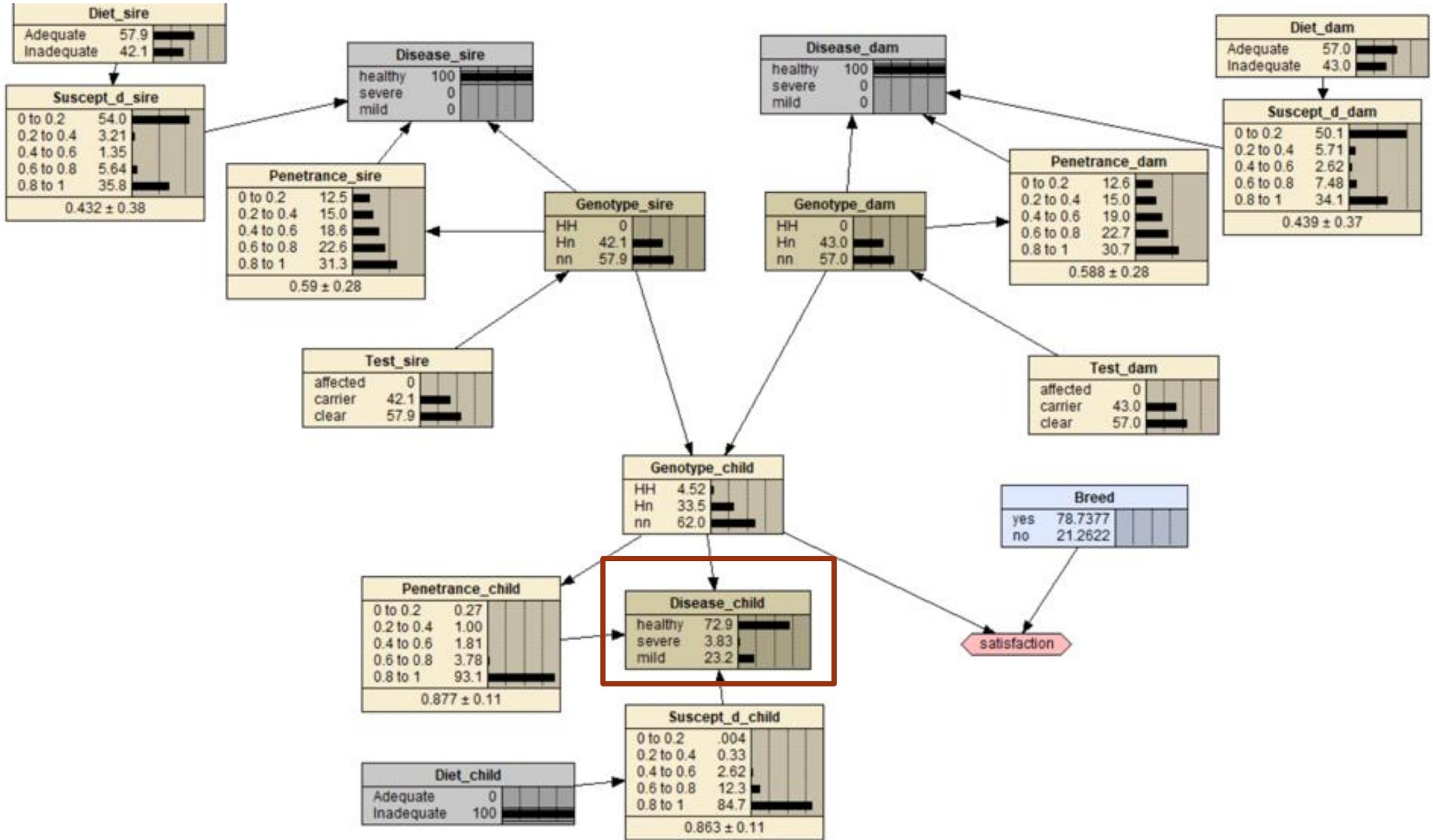


Mating healthy parents ?



Impact of the diet ?





# GENETIC COUNSELING



<https://www.vet.upenn.edu/>



# GOING FURTHER

- MOOC on genetic counseling
- Facebook page on issue in genetics
- Program for the vets and owners
- More complicated situations



Genetic counseling for animals

The science for healthy and performing animals



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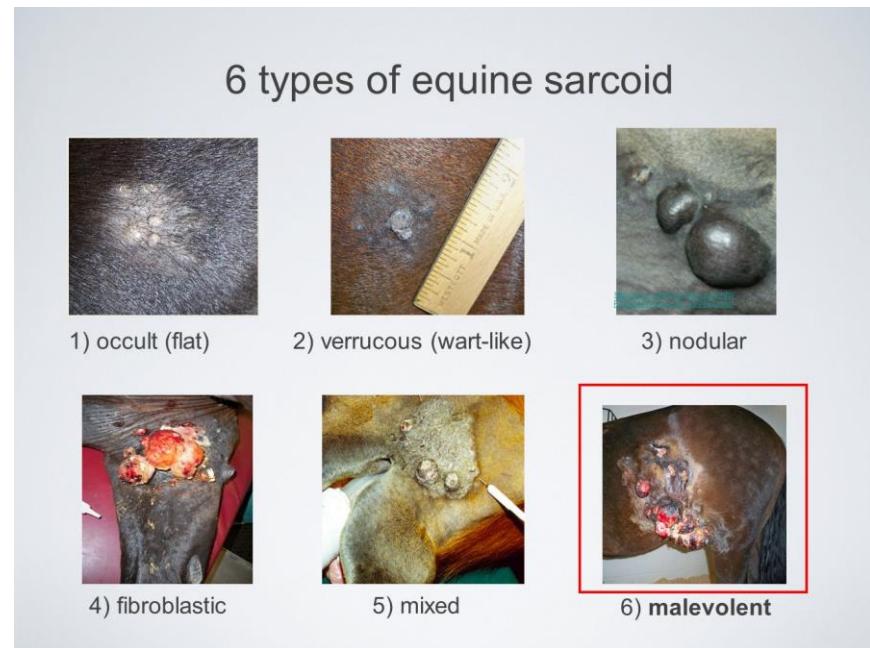
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# COMPLEXITY

Inheritance pattern (incomplete penetrance, variable expressivity, ...)



# COMPLEXITY

## Alellic heterogeneity

Génotypes KIT et phénotypes			
Allele	Breed	Origination	Characteristics
W1	FM	Cigale, 1957	Usually pure white; nonsense mutation at exon 15, truncation 15-21
W2	TB	KY Colonel, 1946	Usually pure white; substitution Glycine-Arginin exon 13
W3	AR	R Klusper, 1996	Usually pure white; nonsense mutation at exon 4, truncation 4-21
W4	CW	Sultan, 1912	White, substitution Glycine-Arginin in exon 12
W5	TB	Puchilingui, 1984	White to sabino-like; deletion in exon 15 and premature stop codon
W6	TB	not published	White, substitution Glycine-Arginin exon 5-21
W7	TB	not published	White, splice site of intron 2
W8	IH	not published	Partially white (sabino-like), splice site mutation of intron 15
W9	HH	not published	White, missense mutation in exon 12
W10	QH	GQ Sunnun, 2000	Exhibit a wide range of phenotypes similar to that of W5, deletion in exon 7 and premature stop codon
W11	SGDH	not published	Completely white, splice site mutation of intron 20
W12	TB	not published	Partially white, deletion in exon 3
W13	QHxPP	not published	White, splice site mutation of intron 17
W14	TB	not published	White, deletion in exon 17
W15	AR	not published	Partially white (sabino-like), missense mutation in exon 7
W16	OL	not published	White, missense mutation in exon 7
W17	JD	not published	White
W18	CH	not published	Pronounced depigmentation phenotype, sabino-like, mutation in intron 8 (c.1346 + 1G>A)
W19	PB	not published	Partially white, missense variant in exon 8 (c.1322A>G; p.Tyr441Cys)
W20	TB + other breeds	not published	Partially white, missense variant in exon 14 (c.2045G>A; p.Arg682His). Subtle effect on pigmentation (white pattern); not homozygous lethal. Voir aussi <a href="#">W20 project</a>
W21	IH	not published	White-spotted coat colour phenotype and heterochromia iridis exon 17 (c.2369delC)
White-spotted coat colour phenotype. Degree of depigmentation in			



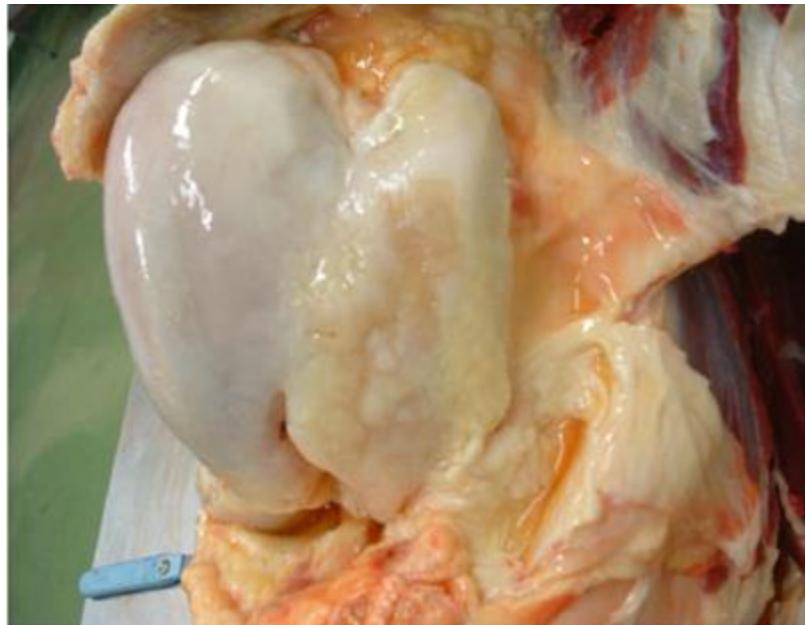
# COMPLEXITY

Interaction genetic X environment



# COMPLEXITY

Polygenic and non-genetic factors



## Déterminisme génétique

### 1/Simple

- Autosomique dominant

Pénétrance incomplète (Ex: Sarcoïdes et ELA)



## CONSEIL GÉNÉTIQUE

Définition  
Tares connues

Déterminisme

6 types of equine sarcoid



1) occult (flat)



2) verrucous (wart-like)



3) nodular



4) fibroblastic



5) mixed



6) malevolent

# Déterminisme génétique

## 2/Complex

### Hétérogénéité allélique

#### Ex. Blanc dominant

Génotypes <i>KIT</i> et phénotypes			
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W5	TB	Puchilingui, 1984	White to sabino-like; deletion in exon 15 and premature stop codon
W6	TB	not published	White, substitution Glycine-Arginin exon 5-21
W7	TB	not published	White, splice site of intron 2
W8	IH	not published	Partially white (sabino-like), splice site mutation of intron 15
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W12	TB	not published	Partially white, deletion in exon 3
W13	QHxPP	not published	White, splice site mutation of intron 17
W14	TB	not published	White, deletion in exon 17
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White-spotted coat colour phenotype. Degree of depigmentation in			

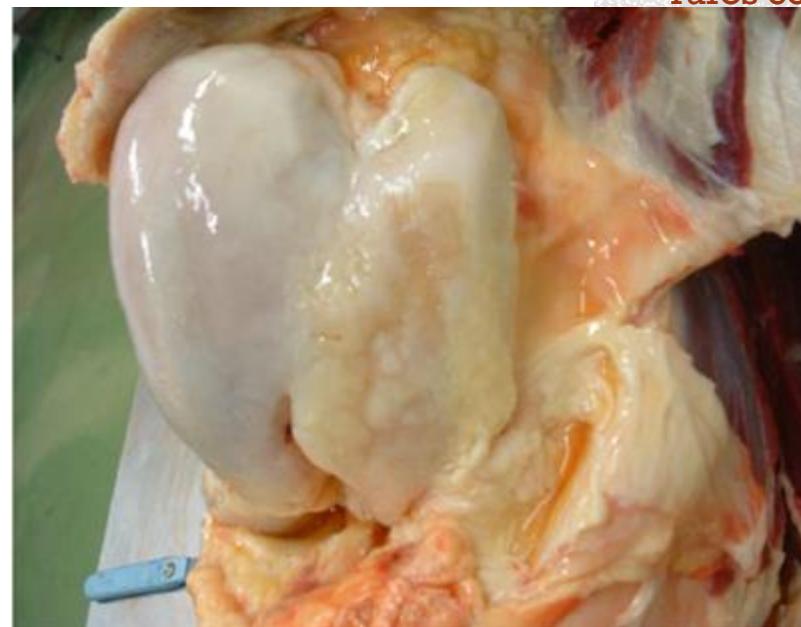


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## Frequentist probability

$p(E)$  = frequency of occurrence of event  $E$  in a hypothetical infinite ensemble, e.g., outcomes of repeated experiment

Probability quantifies *variability*

## Bayesian probability

$p(H|\mathcal{P})$  = strength of an argument  $H|\mathcal{P}$  reasoning from premises  $\mathcal{P}$  to hypothetical conclusion  $H$  on  $[0, 1]$  scale

Probability quantifies *uncertainty*

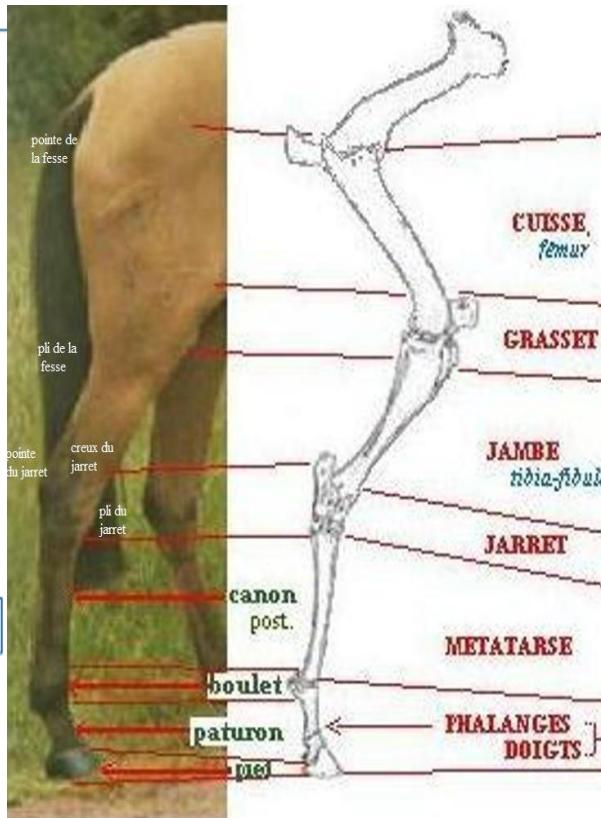
## Heterogeneity of OCD (v. Grevenhof et al., 2009)

Femoropatellar (FP) OC/OCD					
Dutch WB stallions	(n=1965)	(OC)	11.5	0.09	ATM (REML, DL) I
French WB	103 sires (n=733)	(OC)	1.7	0.00-0.17	LSM II
Italian WB	75 sires (n=350)	(OCD)	16.6	0.09**	ATM (AIREML) III
Tarsocrural (TC) OC/OCD					
Dutch WB stallions	(n=1965)	OC	16.0	0.11	ATM (REML, DL) I
Dutch WB mares	30 sires (n=590)	OC	13.7	0.01**	LSM (REML) IV
Dutch WB mares	30 sires (n=590)	OC	13.7	0.14**	LAM (REML) IV
French WB	103 sires (n=733)	OC	11-13	0.00-0.02	LSM II
Hanoverian WB	165 sires (n=624)	OC	10.5	0.06**	LAM (REML) V
SB Trotters	39 sires (n=644)	OC	14.3	0.52	STM (REML) VI
SB Trotters	24 sires (n=793)	OC	10.5	0.27**	LSM VII
Hanoverian WB	3725	OCD	9.6	0.37**	LAM (REML, DL) VII
Hanoverian WB	569 sires (n=5,231)	OCD	9.2	0.28**	LAM (REML, DL) IX
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Hanoverian WB	569 sires (n=5,231)	OCD	9.2	0.17**	STM (G5) IX
Danish Trotters	9 sires (n=125)	OCD	12.0	0.26**	STM X
Metacarpal-phalangial/metatarsal-phalangial (MCP/MTP) OC/OCD					
French WB	103 sires (n=733)	OC	8-11	0.04-0.21	LSM II
Hanoverian WB	165 sires (n=624)	OC	18.3	0.12**	LAM (REML) V
Hanoverian WB	(n=3,725)	OCD	20.8	0.19**	LAM (REML, DL) VII
Hanoverian WB	569 sires (n=5,231)	OCD	23.5	0.17**	LAM (REML, DL) IX
Hanoverian WB	569 sires (n=5,231)	OCD	23.5	0.17**	LSM (REML, DL) IX
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ALL joints (FP+TC+MCP/MTP)					
Italian WB	75 sires (n=350)	OCD	16.6	0.14**	LAM (REML, DL) III

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stifle: 0 - 0.17

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fetlock: 0.04 - 0.21

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