# Precision Cardiovascular Medicine for Multiethnic Populations 

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# How can we make rational decisions with molecular data? 



Amos Tversky Daniel Kahneman

# probabilities + utilities <br> = rational decisions 

... but we often stray

## big data can help us compute missing probabilities and inform rational decisions across demographic groups that are underrepresented in past studies

## SPECIAL ARTICLE

## Genetic Misdiagnoses and the Potential for Health Disparities

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## Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy (HCM)

Normal
Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy



Heart failure
Arrhythmias Obstructed blood flow Infective endocarditis Sudden cardiac death


Maron et al., JAMA 2002

## A Molecular Basis for Familial Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy: A $\beta$ Cardiac Myosin Heavy Chain Gene Missense Mutation

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A


B


Figure 1. Inheritance of FHC and the $\beta$ D- 425 Polymorphism in Family A
(A) The pedigree of family $A$ is presented using standard nomenclature. Males (squares) and females (circles) are identified by generation and subject number. The disease status of each individual is indicated by shading: closed symbols, affected; open symbols, unaffected. Deceased individuals are represented by a slash. The genotype of each individual is shown. Allele 1 indicates a 425 bp fragment, and allele 2 represents a 385 bp fragment identified by $\beta \mathrm{D}-.425$.
(B) Southern blot of Ddel-digested DNAs from members of a small nuclear family from family $A$ (dashed box in [A]) hybridized to the $\beta \mathrm{D}-.425$ probe (see Experimental Procedures).


## MOLECULAR DIAGNOSTICS REPORT

| Specimen Type: | Blood, Peripheral | Received Date: | $08 / 07 / 2008$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Related Accession(s): |  | Referring Facility: | UNIV OF AMERICA |
| Referring Physician: | DR. SMITH | Referring Fac. MRN: | 12345678 |
| Copies To: | OTHER CONTACTS, MS, CGC | Lab Control Number: | $00-222-55555$ |
|  | SENDOUT UNIVERSITY OF | Family Number: | F000000 |

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TEST DESCRIPTION - HCM Panel (18 Genes)
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Sequence Confirmation Test
Copy Number Variation Analysis
TEST PERFORMED - PCM-pnlB; SeqConfirm; CNV-a
IndICATION FOR TEST - Clinical features of HCM

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RESULTS
    DNA VARIANTS:
    Heterozygous c.1504C>T (p.Arg502Trp), Exon 17, MYBPC3, Pathogenic
TNMTEDPDEmATION:
Positive. DNA sequencing and copy number assessment of the coding regions and
splice sites of ACTC1, ACTN2, CSRP3, GLA, LAMP2, MYBPC3, MYH7, MYL2, MYL3, MYOZ2,
NEXN, PLN, PRKAG2, TNNC1, TNNI3, TNNT2, TPM1 and TTR identified the variant listed
above.
SUMMARY (see below for variant interpretations): This individual carries a
pathogenic variant in MYBPC3, which is consistent with the clinical diagnosis of
HCM.
Cardiomyopathy due to pathogenic variants in the MYBPC3 gene is typically
inherited in an autosomal dominant pattern. Each first-degree relative has a 50%
(or 1 in 2) chance of inheriting a variant and its risk for cardiomyopathy.
Disease penetrance and severity can vary due to modifier genes and/or
environmental factors. The significance of a variant should therefore be
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## Current scale for reporting variants




## Challenge Question \#1

What are the chances that a son inherits his father's HCM pathogenic mutation in MYBPC3 (Chr. I I)?
(a) $100 \%$
(b) $50 \%$
(c) $25 \%$
(d) $0.2 \%$ (general population prevalence)

## KEY



When do variant classifications change?


## NHLBI Exome Sequencing Project (ESP)

## Exome Variant Server


"pathogenic/disease causing" mutations in 84 cardiomyopathy genes

expected

NHLBI ESP

observed

HCM Prevalence $=1: 500$
HCM Inheritance = Autosomal Dominant



## All P/LP misclassifications in patients of African or unspecified ancestry

Table 1. Clinical Findings for High-Frequency Variants Associated with Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy.

| Originally Reported Status of Variant* | Patient's Age | Patient's Ethnic Background | Report Year | Report Result | Variant | Most <br> Significant <br> Pathogenic Variant† | Indication for Test |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pathogenic | 46 yr | Unavailable | 2005 | Positive | TNNI3 (P82S) | Yes | Clinical diagnosis of hypertrophic cardiomyopathy |
| Pathogenic | 75 yr | Unavailable | 2005 | Positive | TNNI3 (P82S) | Yes | Family history and clinical symptoms of hypertrophic cardiomyopathy |
| Presumed pathogenic | 32 yr | African ancestry | 2005 | Positive | TNNI3 (P82S) | No | Clinical diagnosis of hypertrophic cardiomyopathy |
| Pathogenicity debated | 34 yr | African ancestry | 2005 | Positive | TNNI3 (P82S) | No | Clinical diagnosis and family history of hypertrophic cardiomyopathy |
| Unknown significance | 12 yr | African ancestry | 2006 | Inconclusive | TNNI3 (P82S) | Yes | Family history of hypertrophic cardiomyopathy |
| Unknown significance | 40 yr | African ancestry | 2007 | Inconclusive | TNNI3 (P82S) | Yes | Clinical diagnosis of hypertrophic cardiomyopathy |
| Unknown significance | 45 yr | African ancestry | 2007 | Inconclusive | TNNI3 (P82S) | Yes | Clinical features of hypertrophic cardiomyopathy |
| Unknown significance | 16 yr | Asian ancestry | 2008 | Positive | TNNI3 (P82S) | No | Clinical diagnosis and family history of hypertrophic cardiomyopathy |
| Presumed pathogenic | 59 yr | African ancestry | 2006 | Positive | MYBPC3 (G278E) | Yes | Clinical features of hypertrophic cardiomyopathy |
| Presumed pathogenic | 15 yr | African ancestry | 2007 | Positive | MYBPC3 (G278E) | Yes | Clinical diagnosis of hypertrophic cardiomyopathy |
| Presumed pathogenic | 16 yr | African ancestry | 2007 | Positive | MYBPC3 (G278E) | Yes | Clinical diagnosis of hypertrophic cardiomyopathy |
| Presumed pathogenic | 22 yr | African ancestry | 2007 | Positive | MYBPC3 (G278E) | No | Clinical diagnosis and family history of hypertrophic cardiomyopathy |
| Unknown significance | 48 yr | African ancestry | 2008 | Positive | MYBPC3 (G278E) | No | Clinical diagnosis of hypertrophic cardiomyopathy |

All variants subsequently have been reclassified as benign.
$\dagger$ Information in this column indicates whether the variant was unequivocally the most pathogenic variant in the original report that was provided to the patient.

Table 2. Studies That Initially Implicated High-Frequency Variants Associated with Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy.

| Gene (Variant) | Reference | Discovery Phase | No. of Cases | No. of Controls | Variant <br> Assessment |  | Country | Included <br> in LMM <br> Clinical <br> Panel |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | In <br> Vitro | In <br> Vivo |  |  |
| TNNT2 (K247R) | García-Castro et al. ${ }^{21}$ | Targeted gene sequencing of unrelated cases and controls from Asturias | 30 | 200 | No | No | Spain | Yes |
| OBSCN* (R4344Q) | Arimura et al. ${ }^{22}$ | Targeted gene sequencing of unrelated Japanese cases and controls | 144 | 288 | Yes | No | Japan | No |
| TNNI3 (P82S) | Niimura et al. ${ }^{23}$ | Targeted gene sequencing of unrelated cases and controls $\dagger$ | 31 | 85 | No | No | United <br> States | Yes |
| MYBPC3 (G278E) | Richard et al. ${ }^{24}$ | Targeted gene sequencing of unrelated cases and controls $\uparrow$ | 197 | 100 | No | No | France | Yes |
| JPH2* (G505S) | Matsushita et al. ${ }^{25}$ | Targeted gene sequencing of Japanese cases and controls | 195 | 236 | Yes | No | Japan | No |

* OBSCN and JPH2 have never been included in cardiomyopathy testing at the Laboratory for Molecular Medicine (LMM).
$\dagger$ No specific ethnic background was provided, but "informed consent was obtained in accordance with human subject committee guidelines at Brigham and Women's Hospital, St. George's Hospital Medical School [U.K.], and Minneapolis Heart Institute Foundation." ${ }^{23}$
$\ddagger$ "Patients were recruited in France, and most of them were of European origin." ${ }^{24}$ The sample of patients included persons of African ancestry (Richard P: personal communication).


## Studies took place around the world but not in Africa

## TNNI3, P82S

## МҮВРСЗ, G278E



## Including African American controls would have ruled out pathogenicity



## TNNT2 K247R




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P(D \mid G)=\frac{P(G \mid D) P(D)}{P(G \mid D) P(D)+P(G \mid \bar{D}) P(\bar{D})}
$$



## JACC lumans

## Table 3 Current Criteria Used to Determine Probability for Pathogenicity of an HCM Mutation*

| Pathogenicity <br> Criterion | Description | Potential Limitations for Interpretation |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Cosegregation | Determine whether mutation is present in <br> relatives with LVH and absent in those <br> without LVH | Often impracticalFamily size may be small/relatives unavailableFamily <br> compliance unpredictableRequires resources for imaging/DNA studies in $\geq 3$ <br> relatives (other than proband) including $\geq 1$ with HCM phenotype $\dagger$ |
| Prior evidence <br> of <br> pathogenicity | Documentation that mutation is HCM <br> disease-causing in $\geq 1$ patient in published <br> literature, or in the individual experience of <br> a testing laboratory | Absence of established comprehensive, curated, and cooperative database <br> tabulating mutations $\ddagger$ High rate of novel (de novo; "private") mutations in $65 \%$ of <br> probandsInterpretation of pathogenicity can be inconsistent among testing <br> laboratories |
| Control <br> population | Confidence for pathogenicity increased <br> when mutation absent from large, ethnicity- <br> matched ostensibly healthy population | Often insufficient size§Control subjects should be unrelated, ethnicity-specific and <br> free of the disease in questionPotentially pathogenic variants can occur in <br> subjects judged clinically normalMany rare benign (missense) variants in normals, <br> termed "background noise" |
| Major <br> disruption <br> protein <br> structure, and <br> function | Mutant proteins are judged to have <br> substantially altered physical properties! | Inferred from evidence obtained from in nonhuman sourcesfl |

Review

# How Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy Became a Contemporary Treatable Genetic Disease With Low Mortality <br> Shaped by 50 Years of Clinical Research and Practice 

Barry $\perp$ Maron, MD; Ethan 」. Rowin, MD; Susan A. Casey, RN; Martin S. Maron, MD

Figure 5. Prognostic Pathways and Primary Treatment Strategies Within the Broad Clinical Spectrum of Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy (HCM)


Most patients have an uncomplicated and benign course without major complications. However, individual patients can experience adverse disease progression along 1 or more of the complication pathways, each nevertheless associated with a potentially effective treatment strategy. AF indicates atrial fibrillation; ICD, implantable cardioverter-defibrillator; and $R F$, radiofrequency.

Maron et al. JAMA Cardiology. 2016.


## Genetic testing

The most definitive resolution of this important differential diagnosis can come from genetic testing. Indeed, a rapid genetic test is now available, ${ }^{12}$ analysing by direct DNA sequencing mutations in the eight most common HCM causing genes. While a positive test result in an athlete can resolve the diagnostic ambiguity between athlete's heart and HCM, there is however significant potential for false negative test results in which a HCM diagnosis cannot be excluded.

Figure 1 Criteria used to distinguish hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (HCM) from athlete's heart when the leff ventricular (LV) wall thickness is within the shaded "grey zone" of overlap, consistent with both diagnoses. $\downarrow$ indicates decreased; LA, leff atrial; LVH, leff ventricular hypertrophy. Reproduced from Maron et al," with permission of American Heart Association.


Semsarian, C. et al. J Am Coll Cardiol. 2015; 65(12):1249-54.

The initial estimate of the prevalence of hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (HCM) came largely from the CARDIA (Coronary Artery Risk Development in Young Adults) study, which relied on echocardiographic identification of probands. Among the factors contributing to the revised estimate of more common than 1 in 500 were the identification of gene carriers who are negative for the HCM phenotype; enhanced clinical identification of the HCM phenotype with advanced imaging; recognition that because of the autosomal-dominant inheritance pattern, multiple relatives of probands (and carriers) would be affected by HCM; and recognition that up to $0.6 \%$ of the population may carry HCM-causing sarcomere mutations. CMR = cardiac magnetic resonance.

Semsarian. JACC. 2015.

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## Valsartan for Attenuating Disease Evolution In Early Sarcomeric HCM (VANISH)

This study is currently recruiting participants. (see Contacts and Locations)
Verified April 2016 by New England Research Institutes
Sponsor:
New England Research Institutes
Collaborator:
National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI)
Information provided by (Responsible Party):
New England Research Institutes

ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier:
NCT01912534
First received: June 5, 2013
Last updated: May 16, 2016
Last verified: April 2016
History of Changes

Inclusion Criteria:

1. All subjects must have a Pathogenic or Likely Pathogenic HCM Sarcomere Mutation
a. The following categories of mutations are considered acceptable for subjects who have previously undergone clinical genetic testing. If results are ambiguous, they will be reviewed by the Clinical Coordinating Center to determine eligibility.

- Laboratory for Molecular Medicine (Pathogenic, Likely Pathogenic)
- Transgenomics/ PGXHealth (Class I)
- GeneDx (Disease causing; Variant; likely disease-causing; Published, disease-causing mutation; Novel, likely disease-causing, mutation)
- Correlagen (Associated; Probably Associated)


# P defines meaningful G 

## G defines meaningful P???

Table 2. Comparison of LVH in African American and White Athletes

|  | Athlete Group   <br>    <br> $(\mathrm{n}=406)$   | White <br> $(\mathrm{n}=107)$ | P Value |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Maximum <br> mean LVWT, mm | $11.2(11.1-11.3)$ | $10.5(10.3-10.7)$ | <.001 |
| Unadjusted <br> (95\% CI) | $11.2(11.1-11.4)$ | $10.4(10.2-10.6)$ |  |
| Adjusted (95\% CI) |  |  |  |

## The <br> 'Normal <br> Big Athlete'

Abbreviations: LVH, left ventricular (LV) hypertrophy; LVMI, LV mass index; LVWT, LV wall thickness; RWT, relative wall thickness.
${ }^{\text {a }}$ Linear regression was used to calculate adjusted means after adjustment for age, body surface area, and systolic and diastolic blood pressure.
${ }^{\text {b }}$ Pattern of hypertrophy is shown as percentages of African American and white athletes with subtypes of hypertrophy.

## Challenge Question \#2

Causes of left ventricular hypertrophy other than hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (HCM) include:
(a) Systemic hypertension
(b) Athletic conditioning
(c) Aortic valve stenosis
(d) $a$ and $b$
(e) a, b, and c
$P=G+E$


## HCM is one test of many

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## Quick Links

- Panels with 5 or more genes including BRCA1 and BRCA2
- All Comparative Genomic Hybridization tests
- All pharmacogenetic responses and links to those tests
- Labs that offer genomic testing services
- All single-gene tests (NOT panels)
- All GTR content

Tell us what other quick links you need!

## Challenge Question \#3

If a test to detect a disease whose prevalence is I/I000 has a false positive rate of 5 percent, what is the chance that a person found to have a positive result actually has the disease, assuming you know nothing about the person's symptoms or signs?
(a) $100 \%$
(b) $95 \%$
(c) $50 \%$
(d) $25 \%$
(e) $2 \%$

## Formal approach: Bayes' Rule

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P\left(D^{+} \mid T^{+}\right)=\frac{P\left(D^{+}\right) P\left(T^{+} \mid D^{+}\right)}{P\left(D^{+}\right) P\left(T^{+} \mid D^{+}\right)+P\left(D^{-}\right) P\left(T^{+} \mid D^{-}\right)}
$$

## Intuitive approach



## Reconciling with Bayes



Figure. Distribution of Responses to Survey Question Provided in the Article Text


## Common Mistakes

"true positive rate" = 1 - "false positive rate"
Specificity = 1 - "false positive rate"
$95 \%$ specificity is "very good"
Prevalence influences the quality of a test
Positive test makes the disease less likely (8 respondents)
Even a completely random positive test result will not decrease PPV below prevalence

## The NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL of MEDICINE

## INTERPRETATION BY PHYSICIANS OF CLINICAL LABORATORY RESULTS

Ward Casscells, B.S., Arno Schoenberger, M.D., and Thomas B. Graboys, M.D.

$\mathrm{A}^{\mathrm{S}}$both the number and cost of clinical laboratory tests continue to increase at an accelerating rate, ${ }^{1}$ physicians are faced with the task of comprehending and acting on a rising flood tide of information. We conducted a small survey to obtain some idea of how physicians do, in fact, interpret a laboratory result.

## Genomics for the world

Carlos D. Bustamante, Francisco M. De La Vega \& Esteban G. Burchard

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## SAMPLING BIAS

Most genome-wide association studi been of people of European descent.



4\% NonEuropean
descent

## Genomics is failing on diversity

Alice B. Popejoy \& Stephanie M. Fullerton
12 October 2016
An analysis by Alice B. Popejoy and Stephanie M. Fullerton indicates that some populations are still being left behind on the road to precision medicine.

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## PERSISTENT BIAS

Over the past seven years, the proportion of participants in genome-wide Groups of other ancestries continue to be very poorly represented.

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& 373 \text { studies } \\
& 7 \text { million sampl }
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## Summary

- We identified common (benign) genetic variants misclassified (as pathogenic) exclusively in African Americans
- This creates the potential for healthcare disparities due to genomic misdiagnosis
- Variants vetted in diverse control populations can help prevent false positives
- Statistics over calculus for rational decision making



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