CNV interpretation guidelines overview

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Best Practice Guidelines

ACMG/ClinGen CNV guidelines:





- Published update guidelines 2020 (previous guidelines 2011)
- Created a semi-quantitative evidence-based evaluation framework to help standardise classification of variants

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Technical standards for the interpretation and reporting of constitutional copy-number variants: a joint consensus recommendation of the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics (ACMG) and the Clinical Genome Resource (ClinGen)

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ACGS variant interpretation guidelines:



Will recommend the implementation of the scoring metrics



CN loss involving single gene: SNV or CNV guidelines?

Use CNV guidelines

includes del/dup of exon/s

Semi-quantitative point-based scoring framework

Evidence categories most relevant to CNV classification were determined and put into 5 sections within a table:

Section 1: Initial assessment of genomic content

Section 2:

Overlap with established/predicted haploinsufficiency (HI) or triplosensitive (TS) or established benign genes/genomic regions

Section 3: Evaluation of gene number

Detailed evaluation of similar CNVs using cases from published literature, public databases, and/or internal lab data **Section 4:**

Evaluation of inheritance pattern/family history and phenotype of **Section 5:**

your case

A relative weight was assigned to each piece of evidence in the sections in the form of suggested point values creating the semi-quantitative points-based scoring system.

Separate scoring metrics were developed for losses and gains

- Table 1 for CN loss
- Table 2 for CN gain





Semi-quantitative points-based scoring system



- A suggested number of points are added or subtracted per each piece of evidence
- Points values assigned based on evidence strength.
- The total number of points helps assign the classification

Suggested CNV Point Value (Pathogenic/Benign)	Comparable ACMG/AMP Evidence Strength
0.90/-0.90	Very Strong
0.45/-0.45	Strong
0.30/-0.30	Moderate
0.15/-0.15	Supporting

Combining rules are similar (e.g. 3 Moderate (0.30) = LP (0.90); 1 Very Strong (0.90) $+ \ge 2$ Moderate (0.30) = P (>0.99), etc.)

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Total points score</u>
Pathogenic	≥ 0.99
Likely Pathogenic	0.90 - 0.98
VUS	-0.89 – 0.89
Likely Benign	-0.90 – -0.98
Benign	≤ -0.99

CNV interpretation



- You select the appropriate table for your CNV type
- Table 1 for CN loss
- Table 2 for CN gain



- You work through the evidence sections and categories within them from top to bottom, assigning point values.
- If a section does not apply to your CNV, you move on to the next section.



 Add up the points (positive and negative) to determine the classification.

Section 1: Initial assessment of genomic con	tent		
Evidence type	Evidence	Suggested points/case	Max score
Copy-number loss content	1A. Contains protein-coding or other known functionally important elements.	0 (Continue evaluation)	0
	1B. Does NOT contain protein-coding or any known functionally important elements.	-0.60	-0.60
Section 2: Overlap with established/predicted types of genes/regions)	d haploinsufficiency (HI) or established benign genes/genomic regions (Skip to section	3 if your copy-number loss DOES NOT	overlap the
Overlap with ESTABLISHED HI genes or genomic regions and consideration of reason for referral	2A. Complete overlap of an established HI gene/genomic region.	1.00	1.00
	 2B. Partial overlap of an established HI genomic region The observed CNV does NOT contain the known causative gene or critical region for this established HI genomic region OR Unclear if known causative gene or critical region is affected OR No specific causative gene or critical region has been established for this HI genomic region 	0 (Continue evaluation)	0
	2C. Partial overlap with the 5' end of an established HI gene (3' end of the gene not involved)	See categories below	
	2C-1and coding sequence is involved	0.90 (range: 0.45 to 1.00)	1.00
	2C-2and only the 5' UTR is involved	0 (range: 0 to 0.45)	0.45
	2D . Partial overlap with the 3' end of an established HI gene (5' end of the gene not involved)	See categories below	
	2D-1and only the 3' untranslated region is involved.	0 (Continue evaluation)	0
	2D-2 and only the last exon is involved. Other established pathogenic variants have been reported in this exon.	0.90 (range: 0.45 to 0.90)	0.90
	2D-3 and only the last exon is involved. No other established pathogenic variants have been reported in this exon.	0.30 (range: 0 to 0.45)	0.45
	2D-4 and it includes other exons in addition to the last exon. Nonsense-mediated decay is expected to occur.	0.90 (range: 0.45 to 1.00)	1.00
	2E . Both breakpoints are within the same gene (intragenic CNV; gene-level sequence variant).	See ClinGen SVI working group PVS1 specifications • PVS1 = 0.90 (Range: 0.45 to 0.90) • PVS1_Strong = 0.45 (Range: 0.30 to 0.90) • PVS1_Moderate or PM4 (in-frame indels) = 0.30 (Range: 0.15 to 0.45) • PVS1_Supporting = 0.15	See categori at left

		 N/A = No points, but continue evaluation 	
Overlap with ESTABLISHED benign genes or genomic regions	2F. Completely contained within an established benign CNV region.	-1	-1
	2G. Overlaps an established benign CNV, but includes additional genomic material.	0 (Continue evaluation)	0
Haploinsufficiency predictors	2H. Two or more HI predictors suggest that AT LEAST ONE gene in the interval is HI.	0.15	0.15
Section 3: Evaluation of gene number			
Number of protein-coding RefSeq genes wholly or partially included in the copy-number loss	3A . 0–24 genes	0	0
	3B . 25–34 genes	0.45	0.45
	3C . 35+ genes	0.90	0.90
Section 4: Detailed evaluation of genomic con	tent using cases from published literature, public databases, and/or internal lab da	ata (Skip to section 5 if either your CNV	overlapp
with an established HI gene/region in section function [LOF] or copy-number loss)	2, OR there have been no reports associating either the CNV or any genes within	the CNV with human phenotypes cause	d by loss
Individual case evidence—de novo occurrences	Reported proband (from literature, public databases, or internal lab data) has either: • A complete deletion of or a LOF variant within gene encompassed by the observed copy-number loss OR • An overlapping copy-number loss similar in genomic content to the observed copy-number loss AND	See categories below	
	4A the reported phenotype is highly specific and relatively unique to the gene or genomic region,	Confirmed de novo: 0.45 points each Assumed de novo: 0.30 points each (range: 0.15 to 0.45)	0.90 (tot
	4B the reported phenotype is consistent with the gene/genomic region, is highly specific, but not necessarily unique to the gene/genomic region.	Confirmed de novo: 0.30 points each Assumed de novo: 0.15 point each <i>(range: 0 to 0.45)</i>	
	4C the reported phenotype is consistent with the gene/genomic region, but not highly specific and/or with high genetic heterogeneity.	Confirmed de novo: 0.15 point each Assumed de novo: 0.10 point each <i>(range: 0 to 0.30)</i>	
Individual case evidence—inconsistent phenotype	4D the reported phenotype is NOT consistent with what is expected for the gene/ genomic region or not consistent in general.	0 points each (range: 0 to −0.30)	-0.30 (total)
Individual case evidence—unknown inheritance	4E . Reported proband has a highly specific phenotype consistent with the gene/genomic region, but the inheritance of the variant is unknown.	0.10 points each (range: 0 to 0.15)	0.30 (tota
Individual case evidence—segregation among similarly affected family members	4F . 3–4 observed segregations	0.15	0.45
	4G. 5–6 observed segregations	0.30	
	4H. 7 or more observed segregations	0.45	
Individual case evidence—nonsegregations	4I. Variant is NOT found in another individual in the proband's family AFFECTED with a	-0.45 points per family (range: 0 to	-0.90 (total)
	consistent, specific, well-defined phenotype (no known phenocopies).	-0.43/	

	4K. Variant IS found in another individual in the proband's family UNAFFECTED with the	-0.15 points per family (range: 0 to	-0.30
	nonspecific phenotype observed in the proband.	-0.15)	(total)
Case–control and population evidence	4L. Statistically significant increase amongst observations in cases (with a consistent, specific, well-defined phenotype) compared with controls.	0.45 per study (range: 0 to 0.45 per study)	0.45 (tot
	4M. Statistically significant increase amongst observations in cases (without a consistent, nonspecific phenotype OR unknown phenotype) compared with controls.	0.30 per study (range: 0 to 0.30 per study)	0.45 (tota
	4N . No statistically significant difference between observations in cases and controls.	-0.90 (per study) (range: 0 to -0.90 per study)	-0.90 (total)
	40. Overlap with common population variation.	−1 (range: 0 to −1)	-1
Section 5: Evaluation of inheritance pattern/	family history for patient being studied		
Observed copy-number loss is de novo	5A . Use appropriate category from de novo scoring section in section 4.	Use de novo scoring categories from section 4 (4A–4D) to determine score	0.45
Observed copy-number loss is inherited	5B. Patient with specific, well-defined phenotype and no family history. CNV is inherited from an apparently unaffected parent.	−0.30 (range: 0 to −0.45)	-0.45
	5C. Patient with nonspecific phenotype and no family history. CNV is inherited from an apparently unaffected parent.	−0.15 (range: 0 to −0.30)	-0.30
	5D . CNV segregates with a consistent phenotype observed in the patient's family.	Use segregation scoring categories from section 4 (4F-4H) to determine score	0.45
Observed copy-number loss—nonsegregations	5E. Use appropriate category from nonsegregation section in section 4.	Use nonsegregation scoring categories from section 4 (4l–4K) to determine score	-0.45
Other	5F. Inheritance information is unavailable or uninformative.	0	0
	5G. Inheritance information is unavailable or uninformative. The patient phenotype is nonspecific, but is consistent with what has been described in similar cases.	0.10 (range: 0 to 0.15)	0.15
	5H . Inheritance information is unavailable or uninformative. The patient phenotype is highly specific and consistent with what has been described in similar cases.	0.30 (range: 0 to 0.30)	0.30

Only those CNVs otherwise meeting the reporting thresholds determined by your laboratory should be evaluated using this metric. See Supplemental Material 1 for a detailed description of each evidence category. Scoring: pathogenic 0.99 or more points, likely pathogenic 0.90 to 0.98 points, variant of uncertain significance 0.89 to -0.89 points, likely benign -0.90 to -0.98 points, benign -0.99 or fewer points.

CNV copy-number variant, SVI sequence variant interpretation, UTR untranslated region.

Section 1: Initial assessment of genomic content			
vidence type	Evidence	Suggested points/case	Max
opy-number gain content	1A. Contains protein-coding or other known functionally important elements.	0 (Continue evaluation)	o 0
ection 2: Overlap with established triplosensitiv enes/regions)	1B. Does NOT contain protein-coding or any known functionally important elements. e (TS), haploinsufficient (HI), or benign genes or genomic regions (Skip to section 3 if the	-0.60 copy-number gain DOES NOT overlap these	-0.6
Overlap with ESTABLISHED TS genes or genomic egions	2A. Complete overlap; the TS gene or minimal critical region is fully contained within the observed copy-number gain.	1	1
	2B. Partial overlap of an established TS region The observed CNV does NOT contain the known causative gene or critical region for this established TS genomic region OR Unclear if the known causative gene or critical region is affected OR No specific causative gene or critical region has been established for this TS genomic region.	0 (Continue evaluation)	0
overlap with ESTABLISHED benign copy-number ain genes or genomic regions	2C. Identical in gene content to the established benign copy-number gain.	-1	-1
	2D. Smaller than established benign copy-number gain, breakpoint(s) does not interrupt protein-coding genes.	-1	-1
	2E. Smaller than established benign copy-number gain, breakpoint(s) potentially interrupts protein-coding gene.	0 (Continue evaluation)	0
	2F. Larger than known benign copy-number gain, does not include additional protein- coding genes.	−1 (range: 0 to −1.00)	-1
Overlap with ESTABLISHED HI gene(s) Breakpoint(s) within ESTABLISHED HI genes	 2G. Overlaps a benign copy-number gain but includes additional genomic material. 2H. HI gene fully contained within observed copy-number gain. 2I. Both breakpoints are within the same gene (gene-level sequence variant, possibly resulting in loss of function [LOF]). 	0 (Continue evaluation) 0 (Continue evaluation) See ClinGen SVI working group PVS1 specifications • PVS1 = 0.90 (Range: 0.45 to 0.90) • PVS1_Strong = 0.45 (Range: 0.30 to 0.90) • N/A = 0 (Continue evaluation)	0
	2J. One breakpoint is within an established HI gene, patient's phenotype is either inconsistent with what is expected for LOF of that gene OR unknown.	0 (Continue evaluation)	0
	2K. One breakpoint is within an established HI gene, patient's phenotype is highly specific and consistent with what is expected for LOF of that gene.	0.45	0.45
reakpoints within other gene(s) ection 3: Evaluation of gene number	2L. One or both breakpoints are within gene(s) of no established clinical significance.	0 (Continue evaluation)	0
lumber of protein-coding RefSeq genes wholly or partially included in the copy-number gain	3A . 0–34 genes	0	0
	3B. 35–49 genes	0.45	0.45
ection 4: Detailed evaluation of genomic conter	3C. 50 or more genes at using cases from published literature, public databases, and/or internal lab data (Note)	0.90 If there have been no reports associating e	0.90 ither t
	with human phenotypes caused by triplosensitivity, skip to section 5) Reported proband (from literature, public databases, or internal lab data) has either: • complete duplication of one or more genes within the observed copy-number gain OR • an overlapping copy-number gain similar in genomic content to the observed copy-number gain AND	See categories below	
	4Athe reported phenotype is highly specific and relatively unique to the gene or genomic region.	Confirmed de novo: 0.45 points each Assumed de novo: 0.30 points each (range: 0.15 to 0.45)	0.90 (tota
	4B the reported phenotype is consistent with the gene/genomic region, is highly specific, but is not necessarily unique to the gene/genomic region.	Confirmed de novo: 0.30 points each Assumed de novo: 0.15 point each (range: 0 to 0.45)	
	4Cthe reported phenotype is consistent with the gene/genomic region, but not highly specific and/or with high genetic heterogeneity.	Confirmed de novo: 0.15 point each Assumed de novo: 0.10 point each (range: 0 to 0.30)	
ndividual case evidence—inconsistent phenotype	4Dthe reported phenotype is NOT consistent with the gene/genomic region or not consistent in general.	0 points each (range: 0 to -0.30)	-0.: (tota
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ndividual case evidence—nonsegregations	 Variant is NOT found in another individual in the proband's family AFFECTED with a consistent, specific, well-defined phenotype (no known phenocopies). 	-0.45 points per family (range: 0 to -0.45)	-0.90 (total)
	4J. Variant IS found in another individual in the proband's family UNAFFECTED with the specific, well-defined phenotype observed in the proband.	−0.30 points per family (range: 0 to −0.30)	-0.90 (total)
	4K. Variant IS found in another individual in the proband's family UNAFFECTED with the nonspecific phenotype observed in the proband.	-0.15 points per family (range: 0 to -0.15)	-0.30 (total)
Case-control and population evidence	4L. Statistically significant increase among observations in cases (with a consistent, specific, well-defined phenotype) compared with controls.	0.45 per study (range: 0 to 0.45 per study)	0.45 (total)
	4M. Statistically significant increase among observations in cases (with a consistent, nonspecific phenotype or unknown phenotype) compared with controls.	0.30 per study (range: 0 to 0.30 per study)	0.45 (total)
	4N. No statistically significant difference between observations in cases and controls.	-0.90 per study (range: 0 to -0.90 per study)	
	40. Overlap with common population variation.	−1 (range: 0 to −1)	-1
Section 5: Evaluation of inheritance patterns/f			
Observed copy-number gain is de novo	5A. Use appropriate category from de novo scoring section in section 4.	Use de novo scoring categories from section 4 (4A–4D) to determine score	0.45
Observed copy-number gain is inherited	5B. Patient with a specific, well-defined phenotype and no family history. Copy-number gain is inherited from an apparently unaffected parent.	-0.30 (range: 0 to -0.45)	-0.45
	5C. Patient with nonspecific phenotype and no family history. Copy-number gain is inherited from an apparently unaffected parent.	−0.15 (range: 0 to −0.30)	-0.30
	5D . CNV segregates with consistent phenotype observed in the patient's family.	Use segregation scoring categories from in section 4 (4F–4H) to determine score	0.45
Observed copy-number gain—nonsegregations	5E . Use appropriate category from nonsegregation section in section 4.	Use nonsegregation scoring categories from section 4 (4I–4K) to determine score	-0.45
	5F. Inheritance information is unavailable or uninformative.	0	0
	5G. Inheritance information is unavailable or uninformative. The patient phenotype is nonspecific, but is consistent with what has been described in similar cases.	0.10 (range: 0 to 0.15)	0.15
	5H. Inheritance information is unavailable or uninformative. The patient phenotype is highly specific and consistent with what has been described in similar cases.	0.15 (range: 0 to 0.30)	0.30

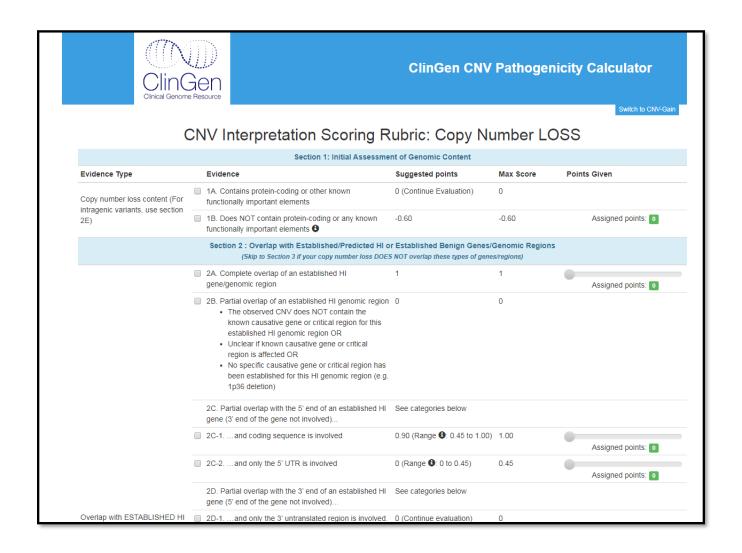
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CNV copy-number variant, SVI sequence variant interpretation.

Table 1 CNV interpretation scoring metric: copy-number loss

Evidence type	Evidence	Suggested points/case	Max score
Copy-number loss content	1A. Contains protein-coding or other known functionally important elements.	0 (Continue evaluation)	0
	1B. Does NOT contain protein-coding or any known functionally important elements.	-0.60	-0.60
Section 2: Overlap with established/predicted	aploinsufficiency (HI) or established benign genes/genomic regions (Skip to section	3 if your copy-number loss DOES NOT	overlap these
types of genes/regions)			
Overlap with ESTABLISHED HI genes or genomic regions and consideration of reason for referral	2A. Complete overlap of an established HI gene/genomic region.	1.00	1.00
	2B. Partial overlap of an established HI genomic region The observed CNV does NOT contain the known causative gene or critical region for this established HI genomic region OR	0 (Continue evaluation)	0
	 Unclear if known causative gene or critical region is affected OR No specific causative gene or critical region has been established for this HI genomic region 		
	2C . Partial overlap with the 5' end of an established HI gene (3' end of the gene not involved)	See categories below	
	2C-1and coding sequence is involved	0.90 (range: 0.45 to 1.00)	1.00
	2C-2and only the 5' UTR is involved	0 (range: 0 to 0.45)	0.45
	2D . Partial overlap with the 3' end of an established HI gene (5' end of the gene not involved)	See categories below	
	2D-1and only the 3' untranslated region is involved.	0 (Continue evaluation)	0
	2D-2 and only the last exon is involved. Other established pathogenic variants have been reported in this exon.	0.90 (range: 0.45 to 0.90)	0.90
	2D-3 and only the last exon is involved. No other established pathogenic variants have been reported in this exon.	0.30 (range: 0 to 0.45)	0.45
	2D-4 and it includes other exons in addition to the last exon. Nonsense-mediated decay is expected to occur.	0.90 (range: 0.45 to 1.00)	1.00
	2E . Both breakpoints are within the same gene (intragenic CNV; gene-level sequence variant).	See ClinGen SVI working group PVS1 specifications • PVS1 = 0.90 (Range: 0.45 to 0.90) • PVS1_Strong = 0.45 (Range: 0.30 to 0.90) • PVS1_Moderate or PM4 (in-frame indels) = 0.30	See categories at left
		(Range: 0.15 to 0.45) • PVS1_Supporting = 0.15 (Range: 0 to 0.30)	

CNV interpretation calculator https://cnvcalc.clinicalgenome.org/cnvcalc/



Range of points for evidence: effects standardisation?



The standard should be that the default recommended points is applied for each piece of evidence.

CNV Interpretation Calculator scale is in integers of 0.05 points:

If a decision is made to upgrade or downgrade the points it is recommended the choice of points you can allocate is static:

(+/-) 0.15 (supporting), 0.30 (moderate), 0.45 (strong), 0.90/1.00 (very strong)

For example:

If the default recommended points is 0.30 and the range is (0 to 0.45)

- to downgrade apply 0.15
- to upgrade apply 0.45

Otherwise labs could assign any of the following options: 0.05, 0.10, 0.15, 0.20, 0.25, 0.35, 0.40, 0.45

Table sections

Section 1: Initial assessment of genomic content

Section 2: Overlap with established/predicted haploinsufficiency (HI) or triplosensitive (TS) or established benign genes/genomic regions

Section 3: Evaluation of gene number

Section 4: Detailed evaluation of genomic content using cases from published literature, public databases, and/or internal lab data

Section 5: Evaluation of inheritance pattern/family history and phenotype of patient being studied

Section 1: Initial assessment of genomic content

Section 1: Initial assessment of genomic content			
Evidence type	Evidence	Suggested points/case	Max
			score
Copy-number loss content	1A. Contains protein-coding or other known functionally important elements.	0 (Continue evaluation)	0
	1B. Does NOT contain protein-coding or any known functionally important elements.	-0.60	-0.60

Section 2: Overlap with established/predicted haploinsufficiency (HI) or established benign genes/genomic regions (Skip to section 3 if your copy-number loss DOES NOT overlap these types of genes/regions)

ACGM/ClinGen guidelines: must be an "established haploinsufficient (HI)" gene



ACGS guidelines:

recommends the wording "established loss-of-function mechanism"

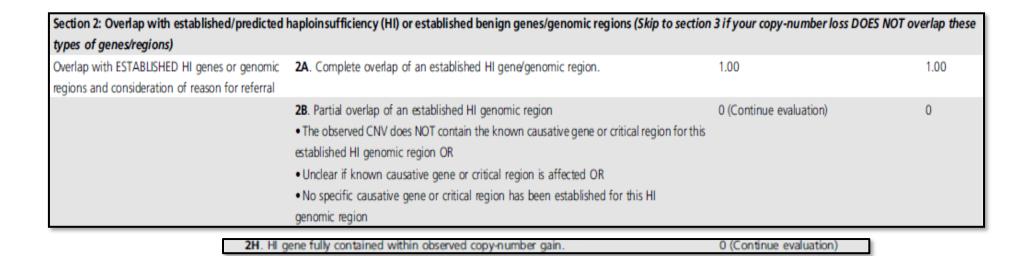
Genes with a ClinGen Dosage haploinsufficiency score of 3

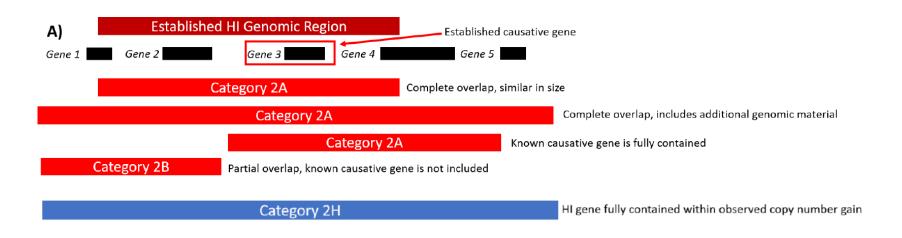
Monoallelic Gene2Phenotype (G2P) genes with a "definitive" status and "absent gene product" as the consequence

"Established"

Biallelic G2P genes with a "definitive" status and "absent gene product" as the consequence

Gene-Disease Validity (ClinGen) with "definitive" status and evidence of predicted or proven null variants (either AD or AR genes)





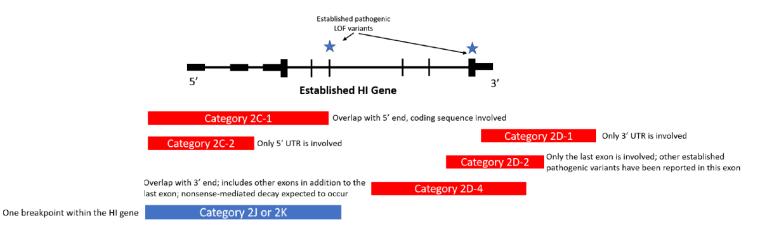
2C . Partial overlap with the 5' end of an established HI gene (3' end of the gene not involved)	See categories below	
2C-1and coding sequence is involved	0.90 (range: 0.45 to 1.00)	1.00
2C-2and only the 5' UTR is involved	0 (range: 0 to 0.45)	0.45
2D. Partial overlap with the 3' end of an established HI gene (5' end of the gene not	See categories below	
involved)		
2D-1and only the 3' untranslated region is involved.	0 (Continue evaluation)	0
2D-2and only the last exon is involved. Other established pathogenic variants have	0.90 (range: 0.45 to 0.90)	0.90
been reported in this exon.		
2D-3and only the last exon is involved. No other established pathogenic variants have	0.30 (range: 0 to 0.45)	0.45
been reported in this exon.		
2D-4and it includes other exons in addition to the last exon. Nonsense-mediated	0.90 (range: 0.45 to 1.00)	1.00
decay is expected to occur.		

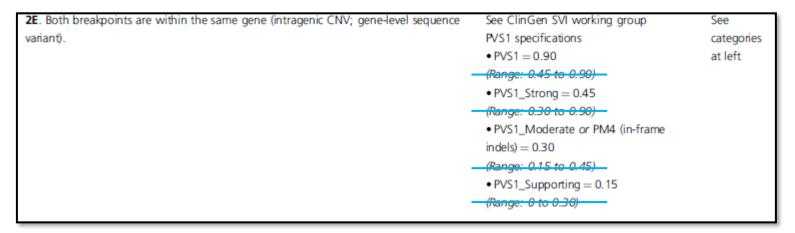
2J. One breakpoint is within an established HI gene, patient's phenotype is either inconsistent

0 (Continue evaluation) with what is expected for LOF of that gene OR unknown.

2K. One breakpoint is within an established HI gene, patient's phenotype is highly specific and

0.45





21. Both breakpoints are within the same gene (gene-level sequence variant, possibly resulting in loss of function [LOF]).

See ClinGen SVI working group PVS1 specifications

• PVS1 = 0.90

(Range: 0.45 to 0.90)

• PVS1_Strong = 0.45

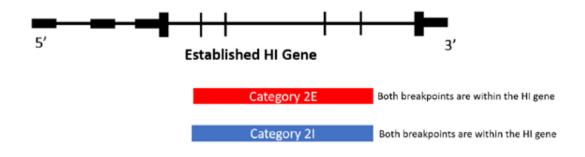
(Range: 0.30 to 0.90)

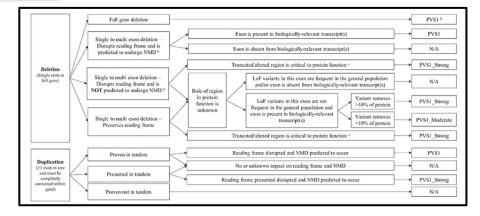
To align with the sequence variant guidelines & strength of evidence applied to PVS1 specifications static points should be applied to CNVs:

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PVS1 = 0.90 PVS1_strong = 0.45 PVS1_moderate = 0.30

PVS1_supporting = 0.15





Difference between guidelines

Common combination of criteria using SNV guidelines:



- No PM2 (absent from controls) equivalent in the CNV guidelines
 Due to under representation of the mapping of structural variants in population datasets
- Classification using CNV guidelines
 - PVS1 = 0.90 = Likely Pathogenic (out of frame + disrupts protein function)
 - In-frame CNVs
 - PVS1_strong = 0.45
 PVS1_moderate = 0.30

Section 4: Case Control and Population Evidence

Case-control and population evidence	4L. Statistically significant increase among observations in cases (with a consistent, specific, well-defined phenotype) compared with controls.	0.45
	4M. Statistically significant increase among observations in cases (with a consistent, nonspecific phenotype or unknown phenotype) compared with controls.	0.30

 If the CNV has been studied as part of a well-powered case-control study, points may be added based on enrichment in the clinical population

4L = 0.45 points 4M = 0.30 points

• But case-control study data is rarely available for rare diseases

Can apply 4L at 0.15 points



If the variant has been previously identified in multiple (two or more) unrelated affected individuals (with a rare well-defined phenotype) and has not been reported in gnomAD-SV

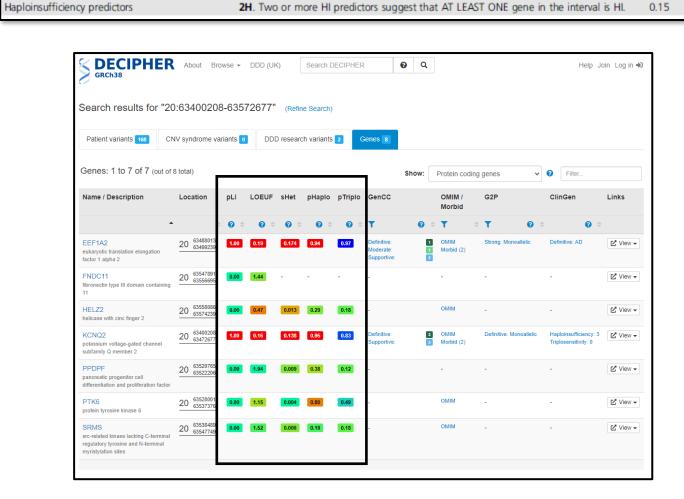
Out of frame CNVs

PVS1 = 0.90

In-frame CNVs

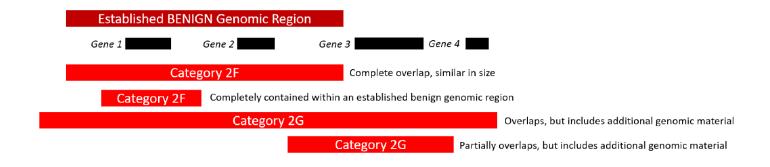
PVS1_strong = 0.45 PVS1_moderate = 0.30

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Total points score</u>
Pathogenic	≥ 0.99
Likely Pathogenic	0.90 - 0.98
VUS	-0.89 – 0.89



Section 2: Overlap with established benign genes/genomic regions

Overlap with ESTABLISHED benign genes or genomic regions	2F. Completely contained within an established benign CNV region.	-1
	2G. Overlaps an established benign CNV, but includes additional genomic material.	0 (Continue evaluation)



"Established"

ClinGen Dosage sensitivity score of "dosage sensitivity unlikely"

Commonly seen CNV within cohort that has a platform frequency of >1%

A frequency >1% on the DGV Gold Standard dataset, gnomAD-SV or DECIPHER CNV consensus datasets



Section 4: Case Control and Population Evidence

Case-control and population evidence	4L Statistically significant increase among observations in cases (with a consistent, specific, well-defined phenotype) compared with controls.	0.45 per study (range: 0 to 0.45 per study)
	4M. Statistically significant increase among observations in cases (with a consistent, nonspecific phenotype or unknown phenotype) compared with controls.	0.30 per study (range: 0 to 0.30 per study)
	4N. No statistically significant difference between observations in cases and controls.	-0.90 per study (range: 0 to -0.90 per study)
	40. Overlap with common population variation.	−1 (range: 0 to −1)

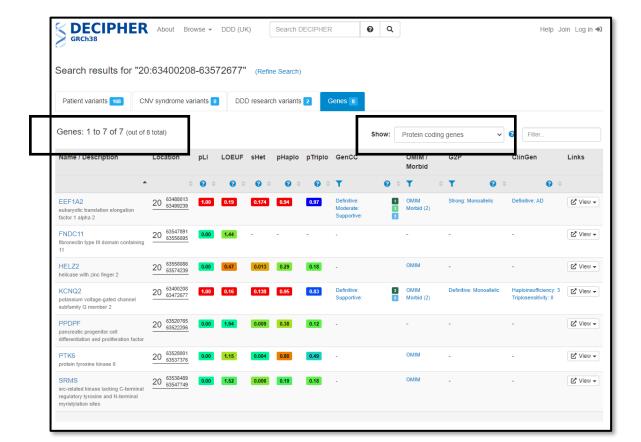


40: This category covers CNVs that involve regions seen in population databases

• used for variants that are present at a frequency < 1%

Section 3: Evaluation of gene number

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Number of protein-coding RefSeq genes wholly or	3A. 0-24 genes	0-34 genes	0
partially included in the copy-number loss		35 40 ganes	
	3B. 25-34 genes	35-49 genes	0.45
	3C . 35+ genes	50+ genes	0.90



Section 4: Detail evaluation of genomic content using literature and databases

Section 4: Detailed evaluation of genomic co	ntent using cases from published literature, public databases, and/or internal lab d	ata (Skip to section 5 if either your CNV	overlapped
with an established HI gene/region in section	2, OR there have been no reports associating either the CNV or any genes within	the CNV with human phenotypes cause	d by loss of
function [LOF] or copy-number loss)			
Individual case evidence—de novo occurrences	Reported proband (from literature, public databases, or internal lab data) has either: • A complete deletion of or a LOF variant within gene encompassed by the observed copy-number loss OR • An overlapping copy-number loss similar in genomic content to the observed copy-number loss AND	See categories below	
	4A the reported phenotype is highly specific and relatively unique to the gene or geno nic region,	Confirmed de novo: 0.45 points each Assumed de novo: 0.30 points each (range: 0.15 to 0.45)	0.90 (total)
	4B the reported phenotype is consistent with the gene/genomic region, is highly specific, but not necessarily unique to the gene/genomic region.	Confirmed de novo: 0.30 points each Assumed de novo: 0.15 point each (range: 0 to 0.45)	
	4C the reported phenotype is consistent with the gene/genomic region, but not highly specific and/or with high genetic heterogeneity.	Confirmed de novo: 0.15 point each Assumed de novo: 0.10 point each (range: 0 to 0.30)	
Individual case evidence—inconsistent phenotype	4D the reported phenotype is NOT consistent with what is expected for the gene/ genomic region or not consistent in general.	0 points each (range: 0 to −0.30)	-0.30 (total)
Individual case evidence—unknown inheritance	4E . Reported proband has a highly specific phenotype consistent with the gene/genomic region, but the inheritance of the variant is unknown.	0.10 points each (range: 0 to 0.15)	0.30 (total)

- is the case is *de novo*
- how consistent is reported phenotype to what is expected for that gene/region
- how specific is that phenotype in general + how unique it is to the gene/region
- is the *de novo* status confirmed or assumed

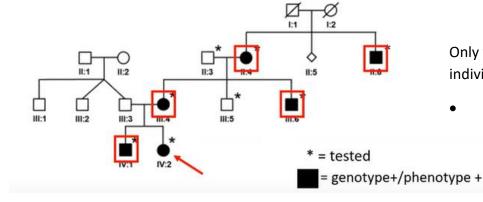
Negative point values could be considered with increasing evidence of inconsistency.

Only used for highly specific phenotypes

not to be used for ID/autism

Section 4: Detail evaluation of genomic content using literature and databases

Individual case evidence—segregation among similarly affected family members	4F. 3–4 observed segregations	0.15	0.45
	4G. 5–6 observed segregations	0.30	
	4H. 7 or more observed segregations	0.45	
Individual case evidence—nonsegregations	 Variant is NOT found in another individual in the proband's family AFFECTED with a consistent, specific, well-defined phenotype (no known phenocopies). 	−0.45 points per family (range: 0 to −0.45)	-0.90 (total) -0.90
	4J. Variant IS found in another individual in the proband's family UNAFFECTED with the specific, well-defined phenotype observed in the proband.	−0.30 points per family (range: 0 to −0.30)	-0.90 (total)
	4K. Variant IS found in another individual in the proband's family UNAFFECTED with the nonspecific phenotype observed in the proband.	−0.15 points per family (range: 0 to −0.15)	-0.30 (total)



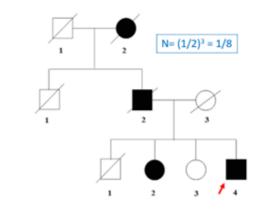
Only those individuals with both the genotype and the phenotype, or individuals who are obligate carriers, can be counted as evidence:

when counting segregations the proband is not counted # of segregations = (# of genotype/phenotype positive) – 1

Difference between guidelines

The CNV guidelines separate case-level segregation (Section 4) and the segregation of the patient/family being studied (Section 5)

- ≥3 segregations (meiosis)
 required before any points can be
 applied
- Frameworks that allow more strength/points to be applied as the segregations increase
- Easier to assign segregations using SNV framework – but CNVs and SNVs are different



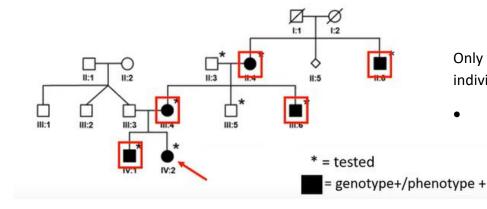
SNVs (PP1)	CNVs (4F-4H/5D)
Supporting	0.15 points
N is ≤1/8 if 1 family N is ≤1/4 if >1 family	3-4 segregations
Moderate	0.30 points
N is ≤1/16 if 1 family N is ≤1/8 if >1 family	5-6 segregations
Strong	0.45 points
N ≤1/32 if 1 family N is ≤1/16 if >1 family	≥7 segregations

CNIVA (DD4)

CNIVA (AE ALI/ED)

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	4J. Variant IS found in another individual in the proband's family UNAFFECTED with the specific, well-defined phenotype observed in the proband.	−0.30 points per family (range: 0 to −0.30)	-0.90 (total)
	4K. Variant IS found in another individual in the proband's family UNAFFECTED with the nonspecific phenotype observed in the proband.	-0.15 points per family (range: 0 to -0.15)	-0.30 (total)



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when counting segregations the proband is not counted
of segregations = (# of genotype/phenotype positive) – 1

Section 5: Evaluation of Inheritance Patterns + Phenotype

Section 5: Evaluation of inheritance patterns/	family history for nationt being studied		
Observed copy-number gain is de novo	5A . Use appropriate category from de novo scoring section in section 4.	Use de novo scoring categories from section 4 (4A–4D) to determine score	0.45
Observed copy-number gain is inherited	5B . Patient with a specific, well-defined phenotype and no family history. Copy-number gain is inherited from an apparently unaffected parent.	−0.30 (range: 0 to −0.45)	-0.45
	5C. Patient with nonspecific phenotype and no family history. Copy-number gain is inherited from an apparently upaffected parent	−0.15 (range: 0 to −0.30)	-0.30
	5D . CNV segregates with consistent phenotype observed in the patient's family.	Use segregation scoring categories from in section 4 (4F–4H) to determine score	0.45
Observed copy-number gain—nonsegregations	5E. Use appropriate category from nonsegregation section in section 4.	Use nonsegregation scoring categories from section 4 (4I–4K) to determine score	-0.45
	5F. Inheritance information is unavailable or uninformative.	0	0
	5G. Inheritance information is unavailable or uninformative. The patient phenotype is nonspecific, but is consistent with what has been described in similar cases.	0.10 (range: 0 to 0.15)	0.15
	5H . Inheritance information is unavailable or uninformative. The patient phenotype is highly specific and consistent with what has been described in similar cases.	0.15 (range: 0 to 0.30)	0.30

4A will be either 0.45 (confirmed dn) or 0.30 (assumed dn)

4B will be either 0.30 (confirmed *dn*) or 0.15 (assumed *dn*)

4C will be either 0.15 (confirmed *dn*) or 0.10 (assumed *dn*)

4F (default points = 0.15): 3-4 segregations

4G (default points = 0.30): 5-6 segregations

4H (default points = 0.45): 7 or more segregations



5G + 5H: If the patient's phenotype in its entirety is consistent with a specific genetic aetiology, points may be assigned

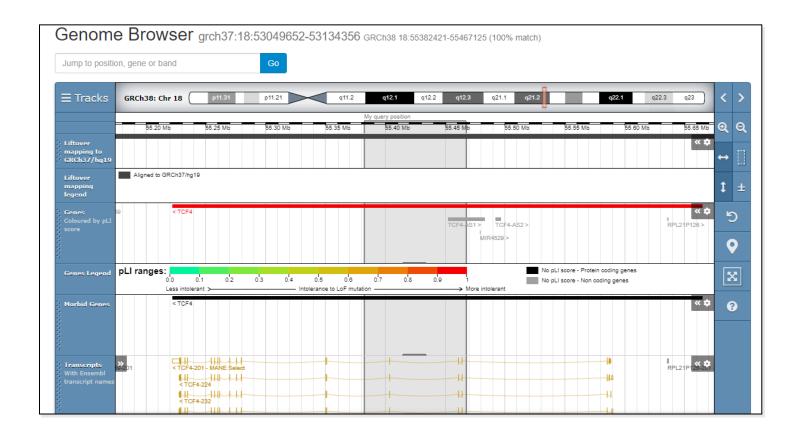
• should be considered equivalent to using PP4 in the sequence variant guidelines at supporting or moderate strength

Example case

• 2yr old, male

 Hypotonia, developmental delay, dysmorphic - prominence of the nose and lower face, unusual breathing patterns, seizures

Results



Intragenic deletion involving TCF4

[GRCh37] 18q21.2(53049652-53134356)x1

Inheritance unknown - adopted

Section 1:

- Would apply category 1A (contains protein-coding or other known functionally important elements) as this deletion includes several exons of a protein-coding gene
- 0 points; continue evaluation

Total = 0 pts

Section 2:

Intragenic deletion of established HI gene

TCF4 has a ClinGen DS haploinsufficiency score of 3; is a definitive monoallelic G2P LOF gene; is associated with autosomal dominant Pitt-Hopkins syndrome)

Would use category 2E

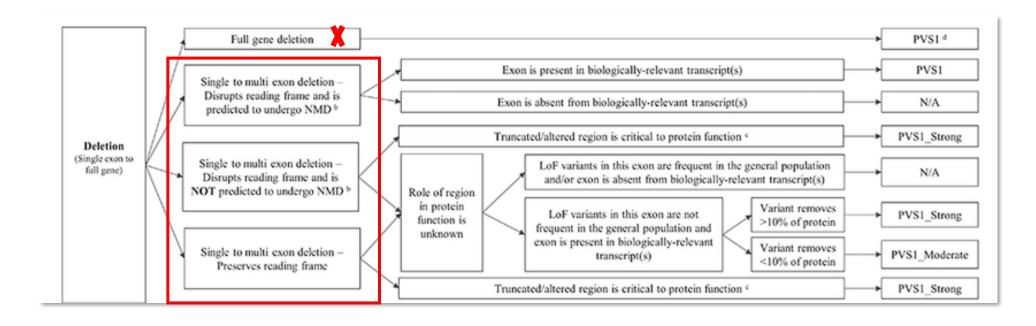
Both breakpoints are within the same gene.....

Section 1: Initial assessment of genomic content			
Evidence type	Evidence	Suggested points/case	Max
			score
Copy-number loss content	1A. Contains protein-coding or other known functionally important elements.	0 (Continue evaluation)	0
	1B. Does NOT contain protein-coding or any known functionally important elements.	-0.60	-0.60

Section 2: Overlap with established/predicted haploinsufficiency (HI) or established benign genes/genomic regions (Skip to section 3 if your copy-number loss DOES NOT overlap these types of genes/regions)

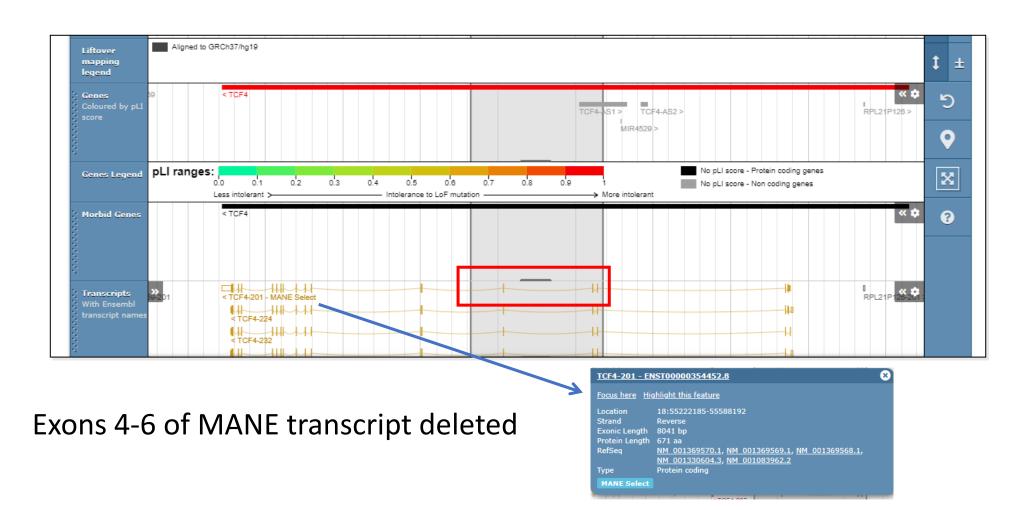
2E . Both breakpoints are within the same gene (intragenic CNV; gene-level sequence	See ClinGen SVI working group	See
variant).	PVS1 specifications	categories
	 PVS1 = 0.90 	at left
	(Range: 0.45 to 0.90)	
	 PVS1_Strong = 0.45 	
	(Range: 0.30 to 0.90)	
	 PVS1_Moderate or PM4 (in-frame 	
	indels) = 0.30	
	(Range: 0.15 to 0.45)	
	 PVS1_Supporting = 0.15 	
	(Range: 0 to 0.30)	

Section 2:

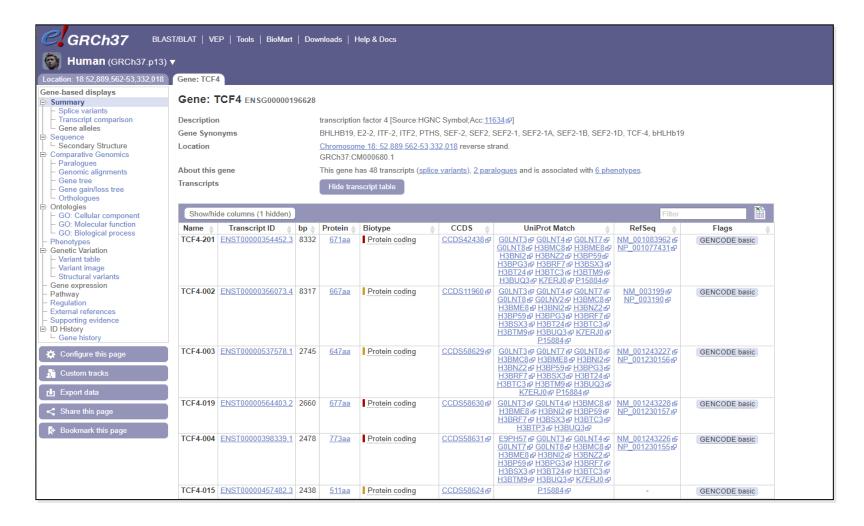


What is the predicted consequence of the deletion?

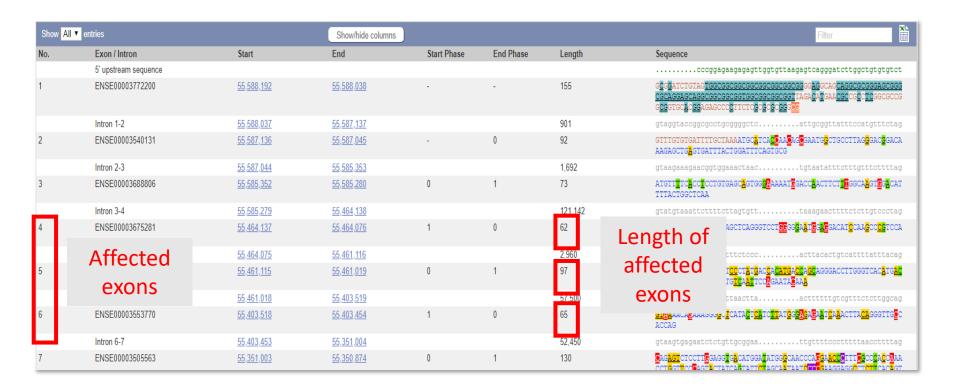
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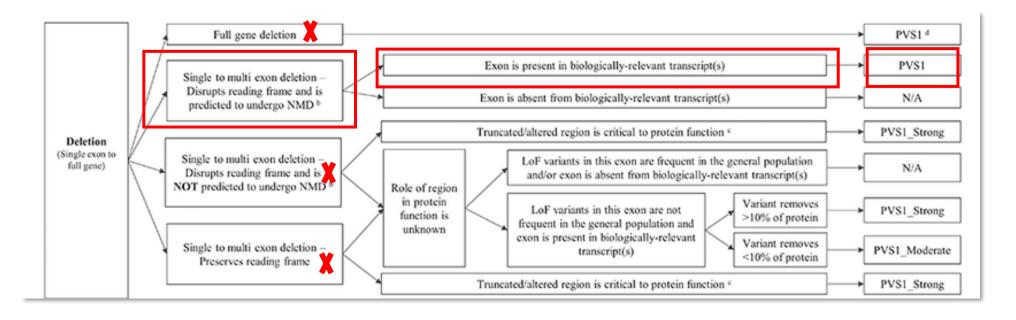


Add the total length of the missing exons and divide by 3

• $62 + 97 + 65 = 224 \div 3 = 74.67$ (not divisible by 3, predicted to disrupt reading frame)

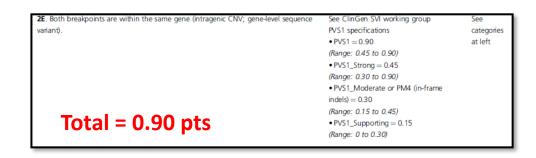
This gene has 20 exons total; this deletion is not near the end of the gene, and would be expected to undergo NMD

Section 2:



Deletion of exons 4-6 in MANE transcript resulting in disruption of reading frame

Would apply category 2E PVS1 = 0.90pts



Section 2:

- Should I also award points in category 2H?
 No! This would essentially be double counting
- *TCF4* is a known and established HI gene.

Category 2H is for genes that have not been curated and are just predicted to be HI

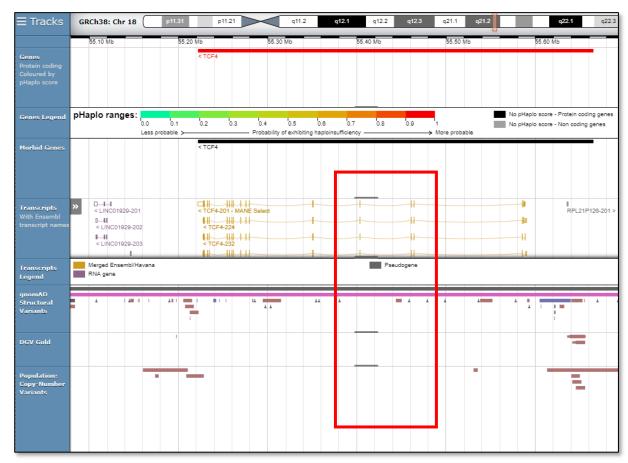
Section 3:

- Single gene involved intragenic loss
- Would use category 3A, 0 points

daploinsufficiency predictors 2H. Two or more HI predictors suggest that AT LEAST ONE gene in the interval is HI. 0.15

Section 3: Evaluation of gene number		
Number of protein-coding RefSeq genes wholly or	3A . 0–24 genes	0
partially included in the copy-number loss		
	3B . 25–34 genes	0.45
	3C . 35+ genes	0.90

Section 4:



Check the region is not covered by population CNVs

Section 4:

 When working with an established HI/LOF gene, you can use Section 4 to gather additional evidence (and accumulate additional points) if you did not reach Pathogenic in Section 2

- In our case, we were able to get to Likely Pathogenic (0.90 points) in Section 2
 - Option 1: use Section 4 to identify other literature cases of intragenic LOF variants in TCF4 to get to Pathogenic
 - Option 2: use our patient's consistent phenotype in Section 5 to get to Pathogenic

9	2, OR there have been no reports associating either the CNV or any genes within	the CNV with human phenotypes cause	d by loss of
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Section 5:

 Our patient has hypotonia, developmental delay, dysmorphic - prominence of the nose and lower face, unusual breathing patterns, seizures

• This is consistent with the expected phenotype, though relatively non-specific

• Use Category 5G, 0.10 points

Section 5: Evaluation of inheritance patterns/family history for patient being studied			
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	5F. Inheritance information is unavailable or uninformative.	0	0
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Any questions?