

Introduction to Variant Analysis

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Introductions!





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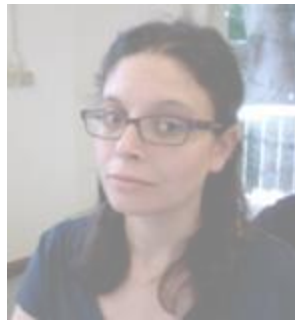
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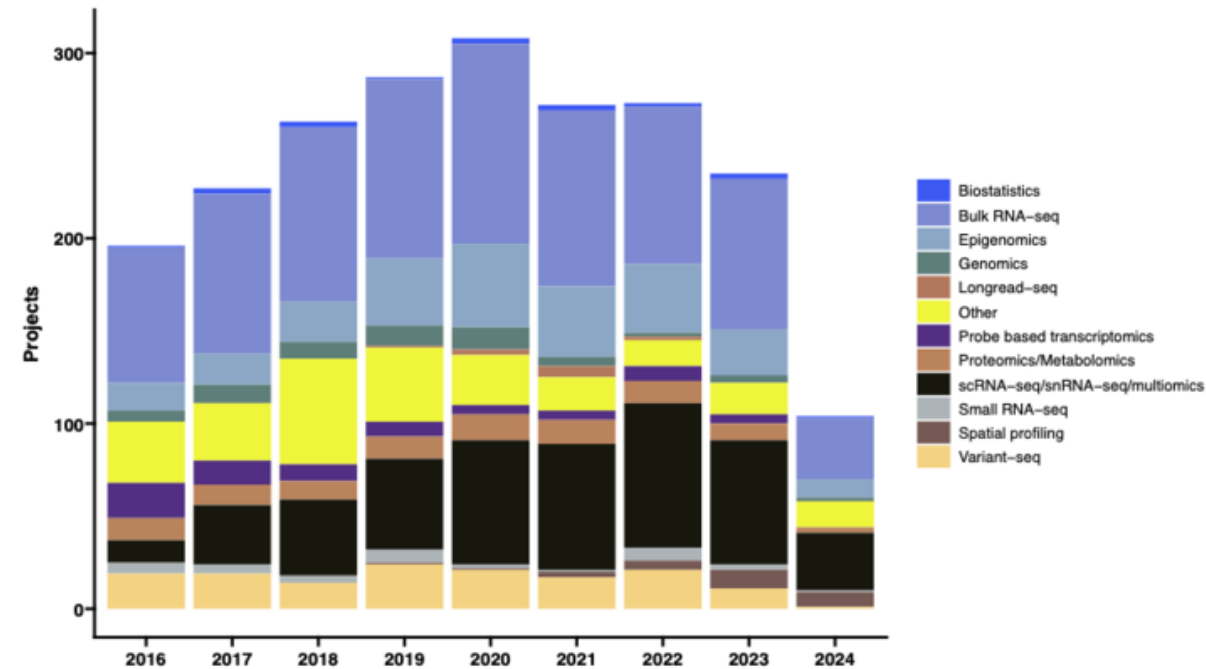
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Join us for HBC Community Breakfast!

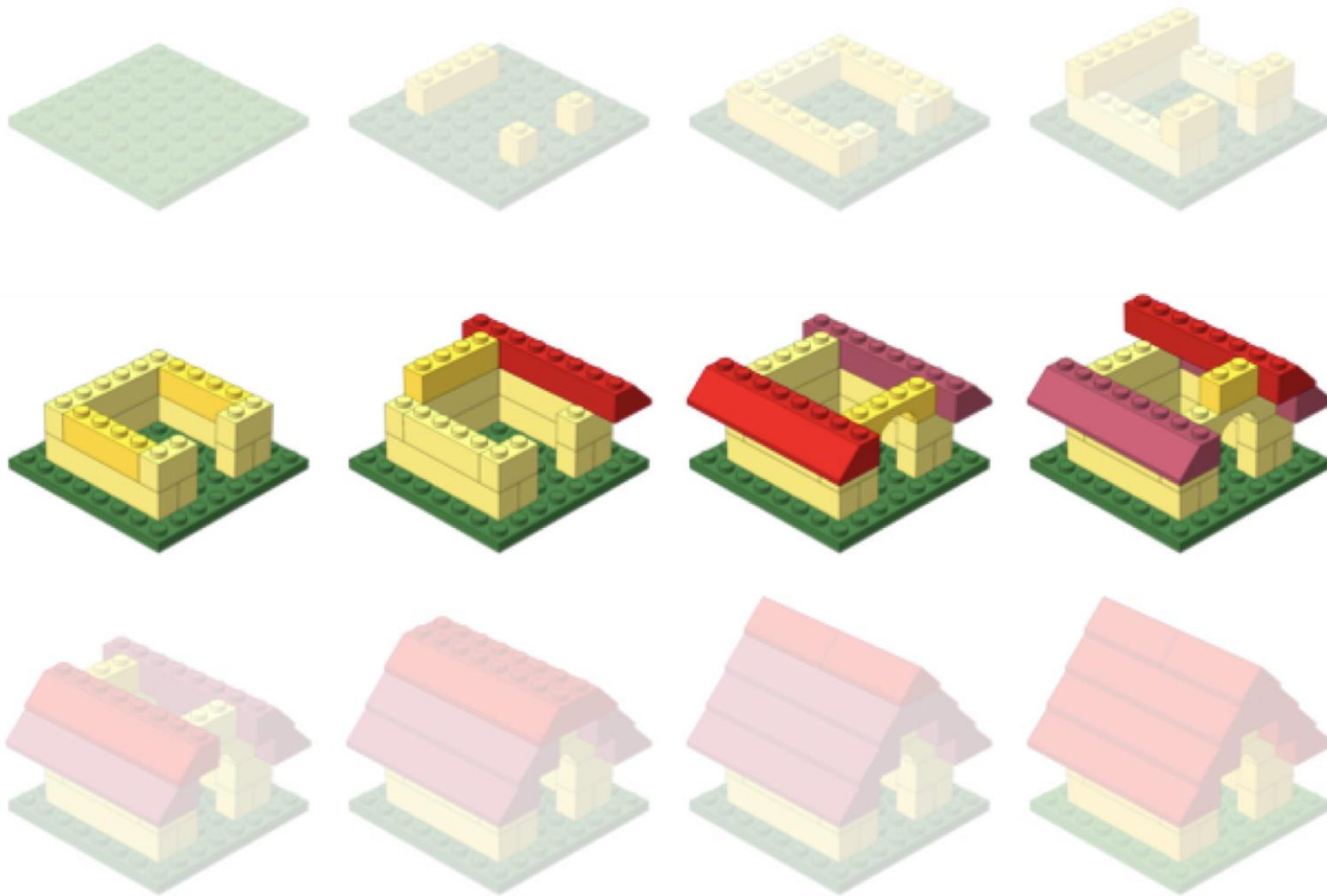
- ❖ An opportunity to get to know others in the community
- ❖ Free food and beverages
- ❖ Great conversations



More Info:

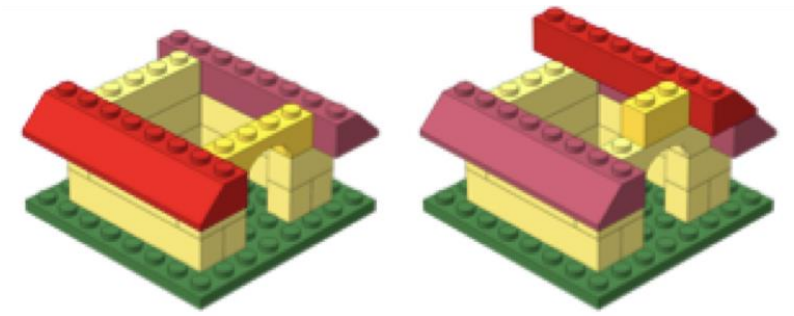
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Workshop scope



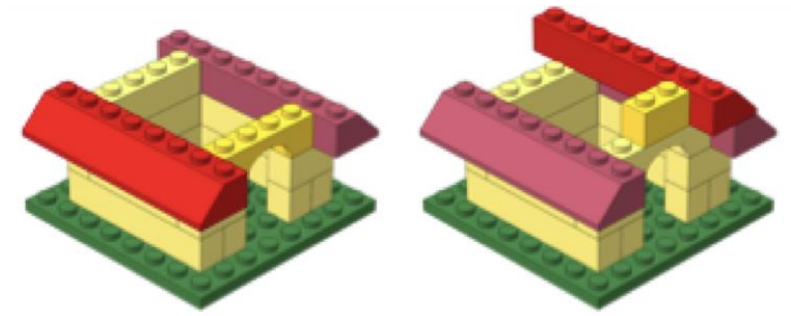
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Variant Analysis

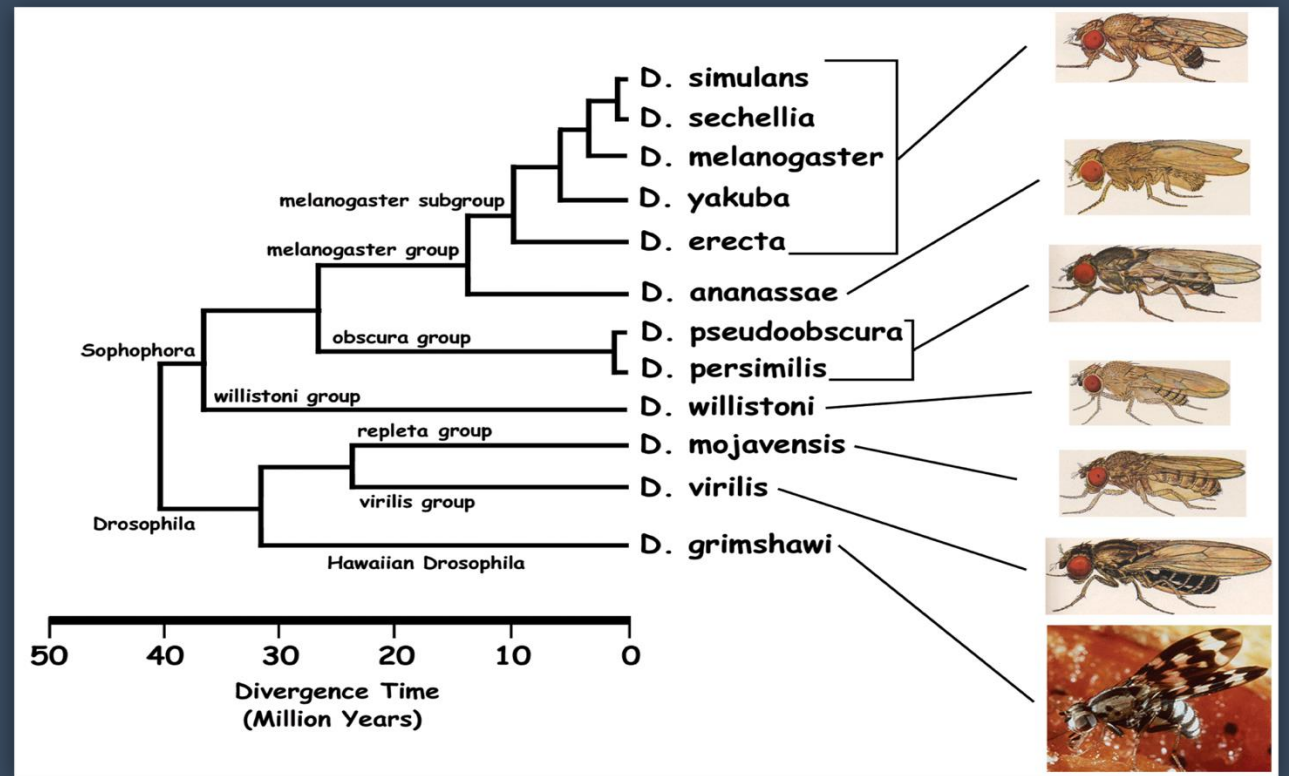


- ❖ *Variant Calling* identifies loci in the genome/exome where allelic variation exist
- ❖ *Variant Annotation* integrates outside databases and information to provide alleles with context on potential functional impacts
- ❖ *Variant Prioritization* allows a framework through which a researcher can filter through their annotated variants to find ones of potential interest

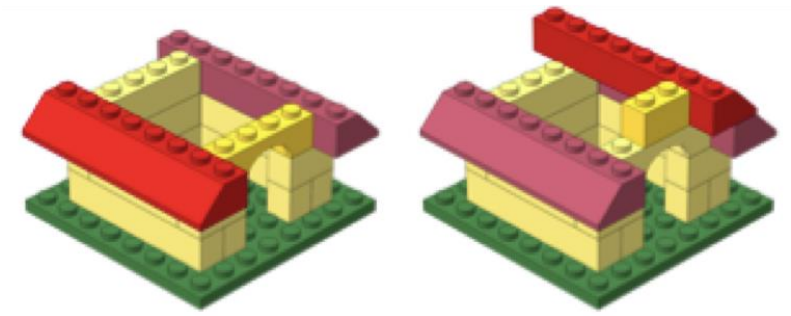
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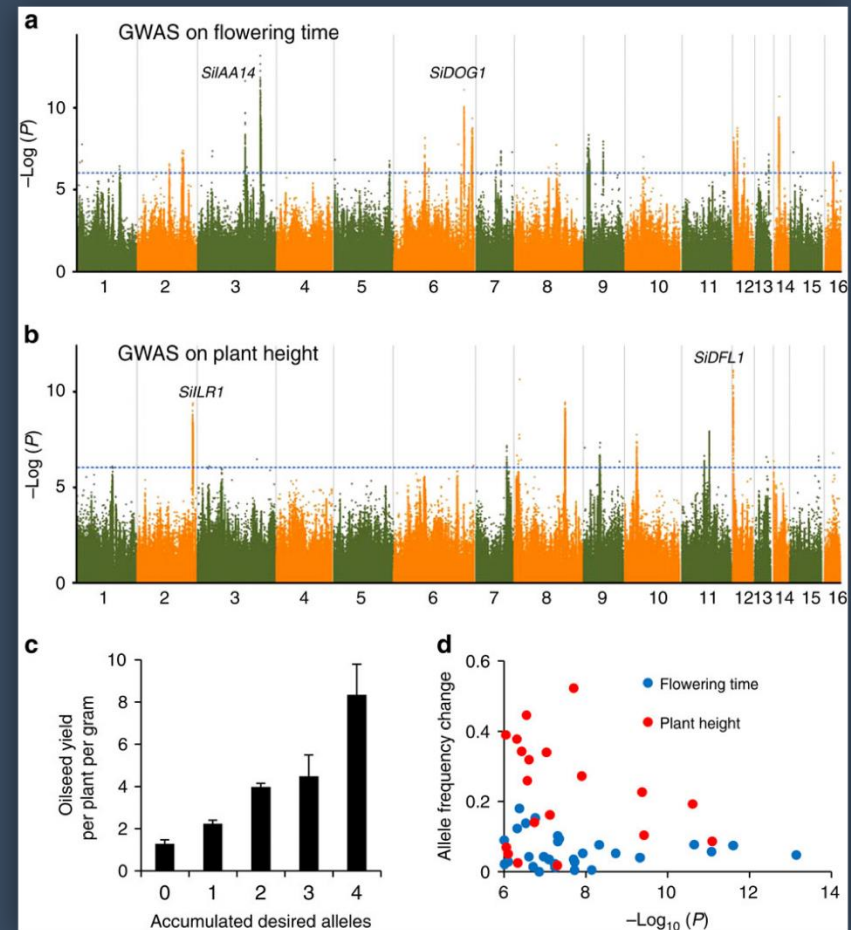
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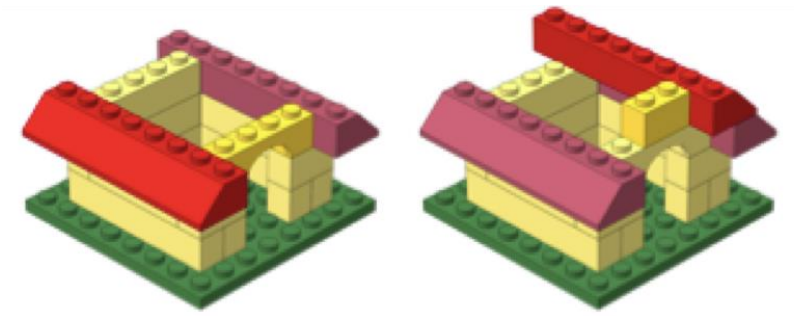
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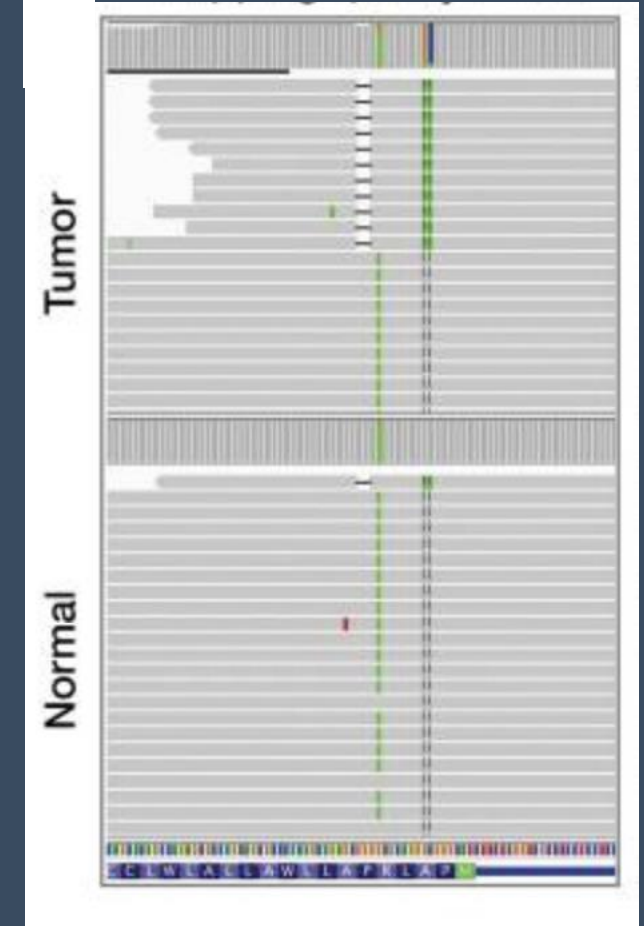
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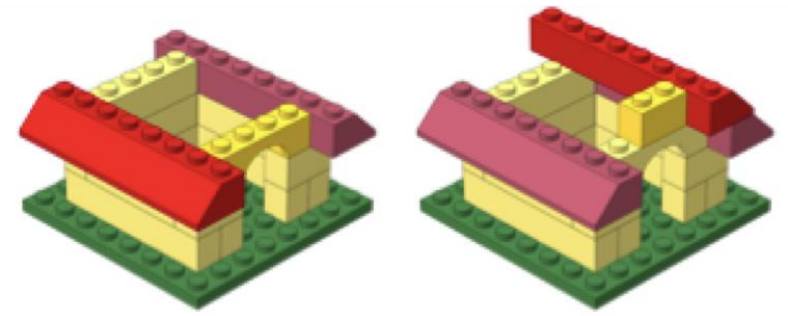
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- ❖ Evolutionary Biology
- ❖ Agriculture
- ❖ Clinical Applications
 - ❖ Tracking infectious disease
 - ❖ Identifying alleles responsible for heredity diseases
 - ❖ Interrogating potential drivers of cancer from paired tumor-normal samples

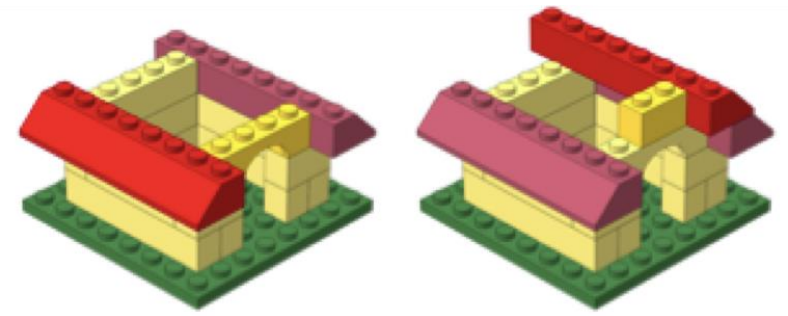


Learning Objectives



- ❖ Evaluate QC metrics for variant calling
- ❖ Call variants using GATK
- ❖ Filter variants to retain only high-quality variant calls
- ❖ Annotate variants using SnpEff and dbSNP
- ❖ Prioritize variants by their impact
- ❖ Visualize variants in IGV
- ❖ Implement cBioPortal to analyze variants

Tools for Variant Analysis

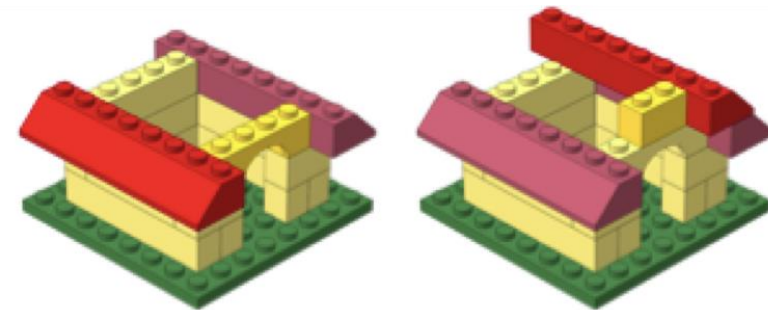


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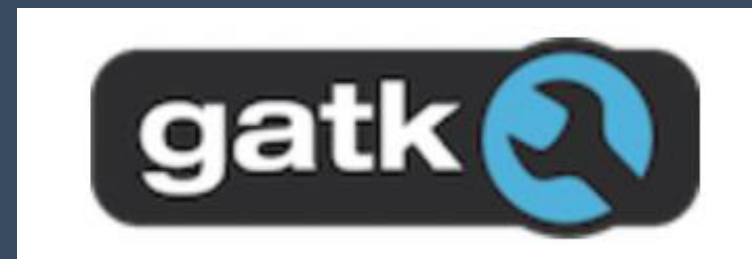


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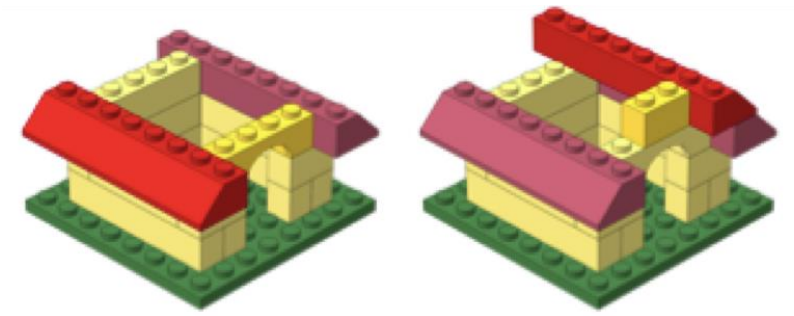
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❖ Variant Visualization

- ❖ Integrative Genomics Viewer
- ❖ cBioPortal



Logistics



Course schedule

Day 1

Time	Topic	Instructor
9:30 - 10:10	Workshop Introduction	Will
10:00 - 11:30	Introduction to Variant Calling	Dr. Elizabeth Partan
11:30 - 11:50	Project Organization	Meeta
11:50 - 12:00	Overview of self-learning materials and homework submission	Will

Before the next class:

I. Please **study the contents** and **work through all the code** within the following lessons:

1. [Evaluating Read Quality with FastQC](#)
Click here for a preview of this lesson
2. [Sequence Read Alignment](#)
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Course materials

- ❖ We continuously update our materials to reflect changes in the field/software



Variant Calling

Learning Objectives

- Differentiate between germline and somatic variant calling
- Call somatics variants from `bam` files using `MuTect2`

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Course participation

- ❖ Mandatory review of self-learning lessons and assignments
- ❖ Attendance required for all classes
- ❖ Your questions and active participation drive learning
- ❖ **We look forward to all of your questions!**



Course participation

- ❖ At-home lessons and exercises after each session
- ❖ Cover material not previously discussed
- ❖ Provides us feedback to help pace the course appropriately
- ❖ 3-5 hours to complete
- ❖ Homework load is heavier in the beginning of this workshop series and tapers off

Using AI for Assignments



❖ Do

- ❖ Try to resolve error messages with it
- ❖ Test code written by AI on a dataset where you have expected results
- ❖ Take the time to review the generated code line-by-line

❖ Don't

- ❖ Implement it in replacement to learning
- ❖ Write code that you don't understand
- ❖ Assume the output from an AI process is correct

Odds & Ends

- ❖ Quit/minimize all applications that are not required for class
- ❖ Name tags
- ❖ Post-its
 - ❖  green - I am all set
 - ❖  red - I need time/help
- ❖ Phones on vibrate/silent
- ❖ Bathrooms

Thanks!

- ❖ Kathleen Chappell and Andy Bergman from HMS-RC
- ❖ Dr. Tali Mazor from DFCI
- ❖ [Data Carpentry](#)

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