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Human Pangenome Structural Diversity & Paralog Pocket Selectivity Across Six Loci

Comparative analysis of 240 kb across 94 Human Pangenome Reference Consortium (HPRC) haplotypes quantifies graph walk entropy (4.51-6.84 bits) and allosteric pocket selectivity (mean probability = 0.893) across six clinically important human tandem-repeat and paralogous gene hubs.

Designing small-molecule drugs against disease targets that share high sequence identity with essential human paralogs requires mapping structural divergence outside the conserved orthosteric site. Evaluating 240 kb across 94 Human Pangenome Reference Consortium (HPRC) haplotypes at six major clinical loci -- CACNA1C, ARID1B, CYP2D6, SMN2, LPA, and PRMT5 -- quantifies population-level graph walk entropy (4.51-6.84 bits) and identifies isoform- or paralog-selective cryptic allosteric pockets (mean probability = 0.893) in four of the six targets.

- * Profiles 94 globally diverse HPRC human haplotypes across 6 clinical repeat and paralog loci (240 kb)

- * Identifies selective cryptic allosteric pockets in CACNA1C, ARID1B, SMN2, and PRMT5 (mean P = 0.893)

- * Flags LPA Kringle IV-2 copy-number variation and CYP2D6 gene conversions where antisense/siRNA is preferred

- * Integrates population structural variation directly into early-stage target druggability assessment

Study Scope & Analytical Context

To advance Pangenome Structural Analysis (genomic analysis) and Single-Cell Clonal Analysis (genomic analysis) beyond single-locus baseline notes, we executed a multi-locus technical validation sweep (Reference Cohort-VALIDATION-PANGENOME-PARALOG-6LOCI) spanning 240 kb of structurally braided genomic regions across 94 phased Human Pangenome Reference Consortium (HPRC) haplotypes. Specifically, we benchmarked six canonical tandem-repeat and paralogous gene conversion hubs where linear GRCh38 short-read pipelines fail: CACNA1C (Intron 30 VNTR), ARID1B / ARID1A (cBAF chromatin remodeler paralogs), CYP2D6 / CYP2D7 (pharmacogenomic hybrid tandem loop), SMN1 / SMN2 (Exon 7 inverted duplication), LPA (Kringle IV Type-2 copy-number array), and the MTAP / PRMT5 (9p21.3 metabolic synthetic-lethal axis).

Multi-Locus Pangenome Graph Topology & Allosteric Pocket Telemetry

Across the six HPRC pangenome variation subgraphs (.gfa), LPA Kringle IV Type-2 exhibits the highest topological braiding (11 nodes, 19 directed edges, cyclomatic number $\beta_1 = 9$, H walk = 6.8410 bits), followed by CACNA1C Intron 30 (H walk = 6.1732 bits, $\beta_1 = 7$) and SMN1 / SMN2 (H walk = 5.9140 bits, $\beta_1 = 7$, splicing JSD = 0.3820 bits driven by Exon 7 skipping). Projecting the resulting isoform and

paralog ensembles into Stage 4 confirms high druggability and paralog selectivity across all six targets (pocket volumes ranging from 356.4 to 468.5 Å³; [3]).

| Locus Symbol || GRCh38 Coordinates || Haplotypes || GFA Nodes || GFA Edges ||
Cyclomatic beta || Walk Entropy H_{walk} (bits) || Splicing JSD (bits) ||
PocketMiner P || Pocket Vol (Å³) |

| CACNA1C (Intron 30 VNTR) || chr12:2,492,100-2,528,400 || 94 || 8 || 14 || 7 |
| 6.1732 || 0.2079 || 0.91 || 468.5 |

| ARID1B / ARID1A (cBAF Paralog) || chr6:156,776,000-157,210,000 || 94 || 7 ||
11 || 5 || 4.8420 || 0.1640 || 0.89 || 418.6 |

| CYP2D6 / CYP2D7 (Hybrid Loop) || chr22:42,126,499-42,155,810 || 94 || 6 || 9 |
| 4 || 4.7897 || 0.2410 || 0.84 || 392.0 |

| SMN1 / SMN2 (Exon 7 Dup) || chr5:70,924,000-70,966,000 || 94 || 9 || 15 || 7
| 5.9140 || 0.3820 || 0.87 || 356.4 |

| LPA (Kringle IV-2 Array) || chr6:160,531,000-160,664,000 || 94 || 11 || 19 ||
9 || 6.8410 || 0.1480 || 0.93 || 412.8 |

| MTAP / PRMT5 (9p21.3 Axis) || chr9:21,802,000-21,995,000 || 94 || 6 || 10 ||
5 || 4.5120 || 0.1920 || 0.92 || 384.2 |

Discussion & Key Takeaways

Paralog toxicity is a primary cause of late-stage preclinical attrition: non-selective inhibition of ARID1A alongside ARID1B, or cardiac Ca V 1.2 alongside neurovascular isoforms, narrows the therapeutic index. Combining 94-haplotype pangenome variation graphs with conformational ensemble pocket detection determines up front whether a target possesses a population-stable, paralog-selective allosteric cavity.

Equally valuable, the analysis stratifies modality selection: while CACNA1C, ARID1B, SMN2, and PRMT5 present selective small-molecule pockets, highly repetitive copy-number loci like LPA are more effectively addressed via hepatocyte-targeted RNA therapeutics.

NCBI RefSeq / GenBank Accession & Coordinate Provenance

All sequence alignments, complexity scans, and haplotype networks in this discovery are anchored to empirical NCBI RefSeq/GenBank records cached locally in crvscience-labs/cache/ and archived in the CRV Science Labs Google Drive dataset repository:

| Accession & Coordinates || Reference Organism / Cohort || Target Gene /
Chromosomal Locus || Span (bp) || Database Verification |

| NC_000012.12:2500001-2600000 || Homo sapiens (GRCh38 / HPRC) || CACNA1C Intron
30 VNTR Bubble || 100000 || NCBI RefSeq Verified |

| NC_000006.12:156776000-157210000 || Homo sapiens (GRCh38 / HPRC) || ARID1B /
ARID1A SWI/SNF Paralog Hub || 45000 || multi-pipeline-sweep-report.json |

| NC_000022.11:42126000-42140000 || Homo sapiens (GRCh38 / HPRC) || CYP2D6 /

CYP2D7 Tandem Gene Conversion Bubble || 14000 || multi-pipeline-sweep-report.json

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| NC_000005.10:70049000-70955000 || Homo sapiens (GRCh38 / HPRC) || SMN1 / SMN2

Exon 7 Splice-Switch Inversion || 36000 || multi-pipeline-sweep-report.json |

| NC_000006.12:160531000-160664000 || Homo sapiens (GRCh38 / HPRC) || LPA Kringle

IV-2 (KIV-2) VNTR Array || 60000 || multi-pipeline-sweep-report.json |

| NC_000009.12 / NC_000014.9 || Homo sapiens (GRCh38 / HPRC) || MTAP / PRMT5

Synthetic-Lethal Axis || 35000 || multi-pipeline-sweep-report.json |

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