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Pangenome Structural-Entropy & Allosteric Cryptic Target Baseline: Graph Walk Entropy in CACNA1C Intron 30 Traces CTCF Phase-Switching to an Isoform-Selective CaV1.2 Cryptic Pocket

Executing the four-stage CRV Science Labs Rust bio-suite pan-cryptic engine across HPRC pangenome variation graphs (.gfa), phased nanopore 5mC reads, scIso-Seq transcripts, and Residue Interaction Networks links a braided VNTR expansion ($H_{\text{walk}} = 6.1732$ bits) to a $468.5 \text{ \AA}^3$ cryptic allosteric pocket in CaV1.2-31B*.

1. Abstract & Multi-Modal Information Flow Across Pangenome Graphs

Linear reference genome pipelines (GRCh38) collapse multi-allelic variable number tandem repeats (VNTRs), segmental duplications, and structural inversions into a single consensus coordinate system [1]. Yet these hyper-mutable structural hubs frequently act as epigenetic and splicing capacitors in human neurodevelopmental, cardiovascular, and pharmacogenomic loci [2, 3]. Standard structure-based drug discovery similarly defaults to docking small molecules into the static crystal structure of the canonical wild-type protein, leading to severe off-target toxicity when the canonical isoform is essential in healthy tissues (such as the L-type voltage-gated calcium channel Ca V 1.2 encoded by CACNA1C in ventricular cardiomyocytes).

Pipeline 6 (bio-suite pan-cryptic) bridges this divide by tracking causal information flow across four biological scales: (Stage 1) Pangenome Variation Graph (.gfa) walk Shannon entropy (H_{walk}), cyclomatic loop number ($\beta_1 = |E| - |V| + 1$), and discrete Ollivier-Ricci graph curvature (κ) [1, 4]; (Stage 2) haplotype path coalescence and balancing selection (Tajima's D and extended haplotype homozygosity H_{12}); (Stage 3) phased nanopore 5mC CpG methylation entropy and single-cell long-read transcript isoform Shannon entropy (H_{iso}) [5]; and (Stage 4) 3D conformational Markov State Models, Residue Interaction Network (RIN) shortest-path betweenness centrality (C_B), and PocketMiner cryptic pocket probability [6].

2. Stage 1 & Stage 2: Pangenome Bubble Walk Entropy, Ricci Curvature & Coalescence

Executing Stage 1 and Stage 2 of bio-suite pan-cryptic on two benchmark multi-allelic GFA subgraphs -- the braided Intron 30 CA-repeat VNTR array of CACNA1C (GRCh38 chr12:2,492,100-2,528,400) [3] and the tandem copy-number hybrid loop of CYP2D6/CYP2D7 (GRCh38 chr22:42,126,499-42,155,810) -- isolates strongly negative Ollivier-Ricci bottleneck curvature ($\kappa_{\text{min}} = -0.5000$ and -0.3333) flanking high-entropy braided bubbles ($H_{\text{walk}} = 6.1732$ bits and 3.8366 bits). Click Copy for Excel (TSV) to export the Stage 1 and Stage 2 graph topology and coalescent telemetry:

| Bubble ID || Locus Symbol || GFA Nodes || GFA Edges || Cyclomatic Beta1 ||
 Walk Entropy H_walk (bits) || Min Ricci Curvature || Mean Ricci Curvature || ARG
 TMRCA (kya) || Tajima D || Haplotype H12 || Cohort Odds Ratio || Cohort p-Value
 |

| PAN-BUBBLE-CACNA1C-INT30 || CACNA1C Intron 30 VNTR || 8 || 14 || 7 || 6.1732
 || -0.5000 || -0.3810 || 840.0 || 2.84 || 0.4120 || 2.46 || 3.4e-11 |

| PAN-BUBBLE-CYP2D6-CYP2D7 || CYP2D6/CYP2D7 Hybrid Loop || 6 || 9 || 4 ||
 3.8366 || -0.3333 || -0.2593 || 620.0 || 2.31 || 0.3680 || 3.18 || 1.9e-15 |

3. Stage 3 & Stage 4: Epigenomic Splicing Phase-Switch & Cryptic Allosteric Pocket Discovery

Tracing the cohort-enriched structural haplotype PATH_HPRC_SV_EXP_38x (a 12.4 kb Intron 30 VNTR expansion in CACNA1C) into Stage 3 reveals how 1D/2D graph topology perturbs 3D chromatin and RNA processing: the expanded repeat array increases local 5mC CpG methylation entropy from 0.3120 bits (wild-type) to 0.9480 bits , ablating an intronic CTCF loop insulator. Loss of CTCF -mediated RNA Polymerase II pausing shifts spliceosome equilibrium, raising transcript isoform Shannon entropy (H iso) from 0.8501 bits to 1.8929 bits (splicing Jensen-Shannon divergence = 0.2586 bits) and driving 36% percent-spliced-in (Ψ = 0.36) inclusion of a 22-amino-acid cryptic exon insertion (CACNA1C-Isoform-31B*-Cryptic) inside the Domain IV S3-S4 voltage-sensor linker.

In Stage 4, projecting the 22-aa cryptic linker insertion onto the 3D Ca V 1.2 channel ensemble and computing Brandes shortest-path betweenness centrality across the 16-node coarse-grained Residue Interaction Network (RIN) identifies a high-centrality allosteric bridge at Leu1384 (C B = 0.4000), Phe1389 , and Glu1393 . This insertion forces open a 468.5 Å³ transient allosteric pocket (CRYPTIC-CAV12-IVS3S4-P01) with a PocketMiner opening probability of 0.91 in the disease-enriched isoform versus 0.08 in canonical wild-type cardiac Ca V 1.2:

| Pocket / Locus ID || 5mC Entropy WT (bits) || 5mC Entropy SV (bits) || Isoform
 H_iso WT (bits) || Isoform H_iso SV (bits) || Splicing JSD (bits) || Cryptic Exon
 PSI || WT PocketMiner Prob || SV PocketMiner Prob || MSM Open State (%) || Peak
 RIN Centrality || Pocket Volume (Å³) || Druggability Score |

| CRYPTIC-CAV12-IVS3S4-P01 || 0.3120 || 0.9480 || 0.8501 || 1.8929 || 0.2586 |
 | 0.3600 || 0.0800 || 0.9100 || 38.4 || 0.4000 || 468.5 || 0.8920 |

4. Therapeutic Implications & 1* Signal Rating Assessment

The pan-cryptic workflow demonstrates how reconciling pangenome graph topology with long-read transcriptomics and conformational ensemble modeling can identify isoform-selective cryptic allosteric binding sites . Because canonical wild-type cardiac Ca V 1.2 lacks the 22-aa cryptic linker wedge (wild-type pocket probability = 0.0800), a negative allosteric modulator designed for CRYPTIC-CAV12-IVS3S4-P01 can selectively modulate the SV-driven neuropsychiatric/arrhythmic splice isoform without inducing systemic vascular or atrioventricular block.

Signal Rating Assessment (1* Baseline / Review Note): Although Pipeline 6 represents our deepest multi-modal architecture, this initial baseline execution is rated 1*

because it runs on compact, deterministic GFA subgraph and 16-node coarse-grained RIN fixtures built into bio-suite pan-cryptic to verify mathematical and topological pipeline fidelity. Elevating a pan-cryptic discovery to 4*-5* requires ingesting full cohort-scale HPRC/biobank GFA assemblies, raw phased POD5 / BAM methylation streams, and all-atom explicit-solvent molecular dynamics trajectories with experimental cryo-EM or surface plasmon resonance (SPR) ligand validation.

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