Mutation@A Glance Quick guide

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1. Getting started

Access the web page via a modern web browser: http://mutation.nagahama-i-bio.ac.jp/

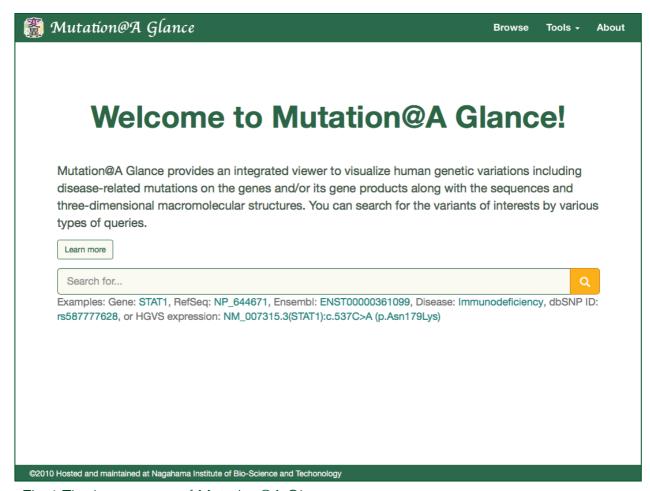


Fig.1 The home page of Mutation@A Glance.

1.1. Search for genes

Mutation@A Glance provides an integrated viewer to visualize human genetic variations including disease-related mutations on the genes and/or its gene products along with the sequences and three-dimensional macromolecular structures. You can search for the variants of interests by various types of queries.

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Examples: Gene: STAT1, RefSeq: NP_644671, Ensembl: ENST00000361099, Disease: Immunodeficiency, dbSNP ID: rs587777628, or HGVS expression: NM_007315.3(STAT1):c.537C>A (p.Asn179Lys)

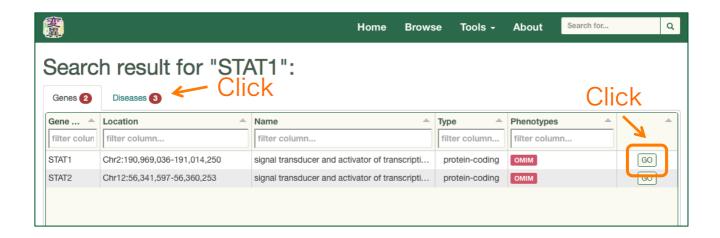
Fig.2 The search form on the home page.

You can search for a gene of interest from the form shown above with various types of queries:

- Gene symbol,
- Gene/Protein names,
- Sequence accessions (RefSeq, Ensembl, UniProt),
- OMIM ID,
- Disease names, etc.

For instance, enter "STAT" in the text form and click the hand glass button.

1.2. Search result



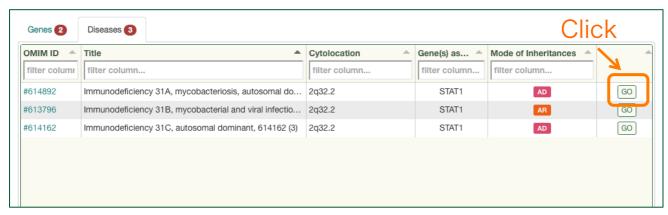


Fig.2 An example of the search result page.

When two or more genes or diseases are hit with the query term, each of them are listed separately. In the case, the result of search by "STAT1". Click either "Genes" or "Disease" tab to switch the view. Click "GO" button to jump the viewer for a given gene page.

1.3. Main view

The main view is shown when a given gene was selected. The view consists of two-layers, one for DNA and another for protein. If a protein-coding gene is selected, the protein layer is displayed first. At default, the genetic variants are mapped on 1) a schematic diagram of primary structure, 2) a multiple sequence alignment, 3) three dimension protein structures. The genetic variants are colored by its sources (ClinVar, COSMIC, or Polymorphisms (ExAC, 1000Genomes, 2KJPN). If pathogenic mutations associated with different OMIM accessions, they are colored differently.

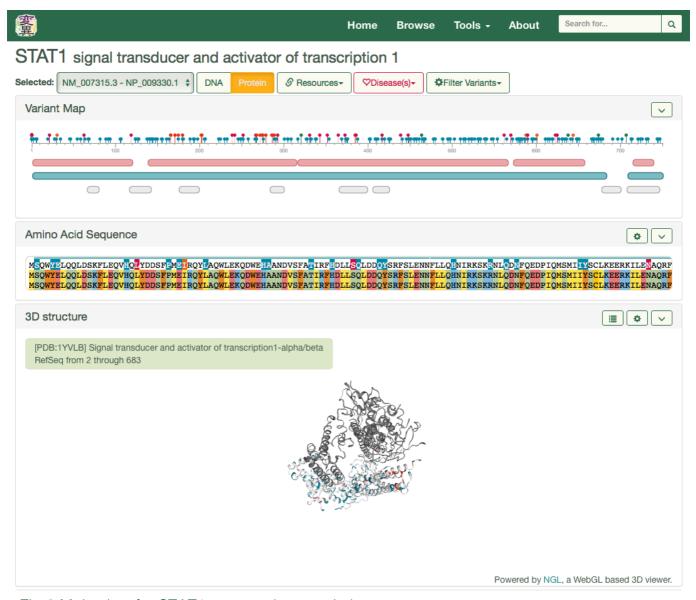


Fig.3 Main view for STAT1 gene at the protein layer.

1.3.1 Main page menus

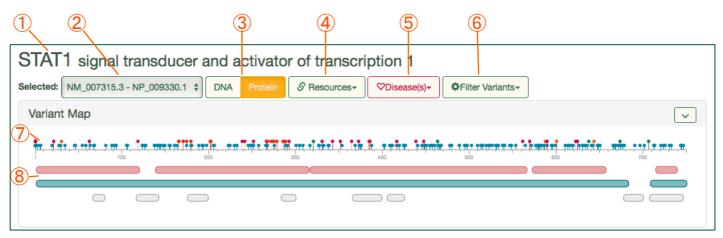


Fig.4 Main menu on the top of Main page for STAT1.

No.	Feature
1	Gene symbol, name
2	Sequence selection menu
3	Switch of DNA <-> Protein layers
4	Links to external resources for a given gene
5	List of diseases from OMIM with which the gene associated.
6	Filter menus for variant selection
7	Variant positions colored by the sources (described in the next section)
8	Protein features (Pfam domain, 3D structure known region, intrinsically disordered region, transmembrane helices, etc.)

1.3.2. Focusing on a specific variant

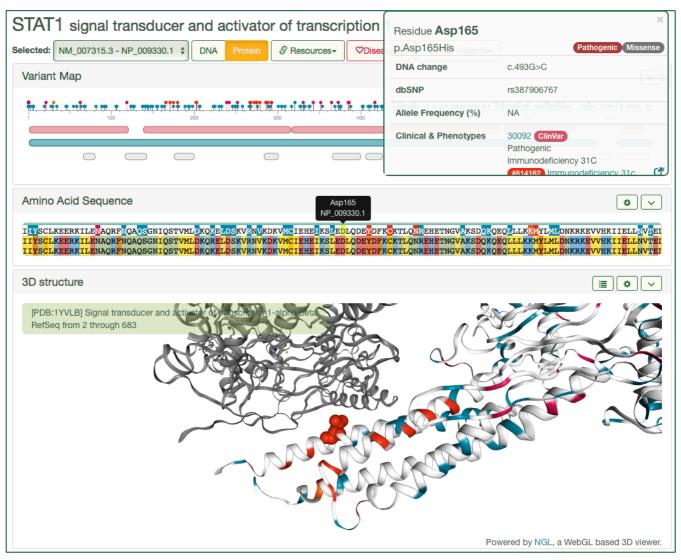


Fig.6 Focusing a specific variant (the case of Asp165)

Clicking a particular residues on on of the three view components (Variant Map, Amino Acid Sequence or 3D structure), the detail information of the residue is displayed in the small window. At the same time, the residue on sequence or 3D structure is highlighted and centered smoothly (Fig.6).

1.3.3. Filter variant menus

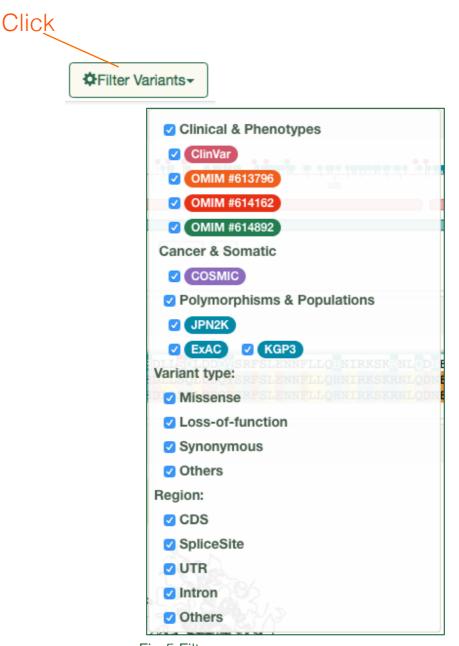


Fig.5 Filter menu

Clicking "Filter Variants" button on the main menu, the window shown above is displayed for variant selection. The variant on the schematic diagram, sequences, or 3D structures are colored by the ones indicated in the window. If you check-off the checkbox, the variants are disappeared from the view page. You also filter the variants by combination of the checkboxes, e.g. selection only in ClinVar and Missense variants.

In this case, there are mutations associated with three diseases in OMIM (#613796, #614162, #614892) indicated by different colors, and filtered other variants to display only these mutations.

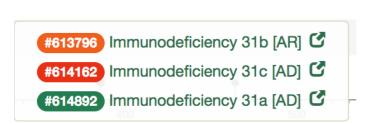


Fig.6 Disease list

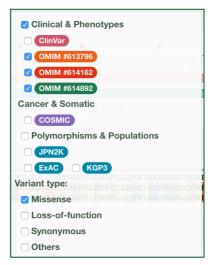


Fig.7 Variant selection

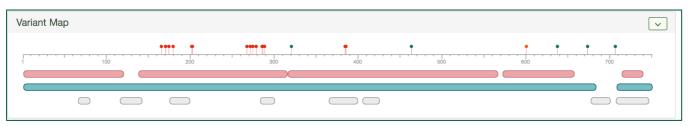


Fig.8 Variants only selected are displayed.

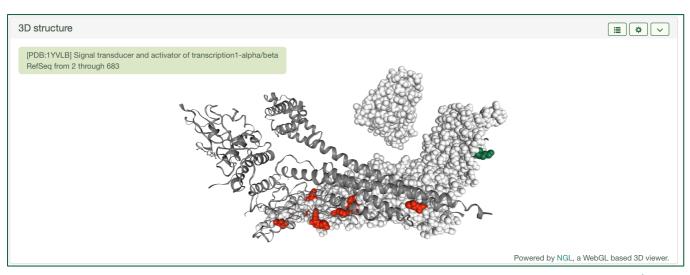


Fig.9 Variants colored red associated with MIM #614162 are spatially located in the interface of the dimer interface.

If two or more structures are available, you can switch the structure to map the variants by clicking the list button shown on the title bar of the 3D structure. If the click the button, a modal window is displayed (Fig. 11)

3D structure

Fig. 10 The title bar of 3D structure.

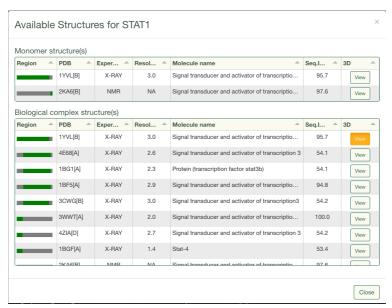


Fig.11 The list of structures available

If one of the "View" button without highlighted is clicked, another structure data is loaded. In this case, 1BF5A was selected. Interestingly, the mutations associated with MIM #614892 are located in spatially different region, namely DNA binding site or another interface for dimerization. For more details, refer to our recent paper (Hijikata et al., Sci. Rep., 2017).

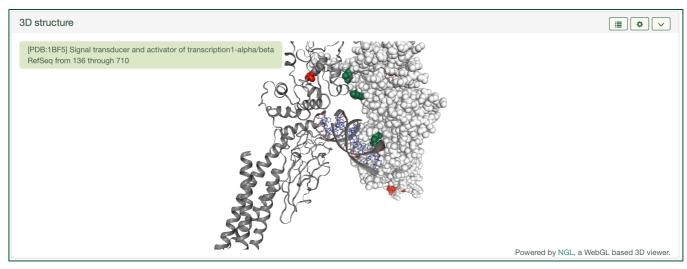


Fig. 12 Variants located in another structures.

1.4 View at the DNA level

Variants without protein-coding region, namely UTR, splice sites or 5' or 3' flanking region can be viewed at the DNA level.

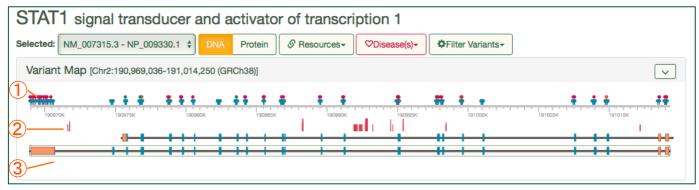


Fig.7. Main view at the DNA level

No.	Feature
1	Variant positions colored by the sources (described in the next section), same as view at protein level.
2	Low mappability score region calculated by GEM mappability program (http://algorithms.cnag.cat/wiki/The_GEM_library).
3	Transcripts mapped on the genomic locus.

2. Search for variants

2.1. Search by accessions, etc.

The variants can be specified by:

- · Variant IDs (dbSNP rsID, COSMIC accessions)
 - e.g. rs774611299, COSM6240
- HGVS expression
 - e.g. NM_005228.3(EGFR):c.2369C>T (p.Thr790Met), NM_005228.3:c.2369C>T
- · Variant with colon delimited format
 - e.g. chr7:55181378:C:T

All of the expressions above are acceptable from the search form on the homepage.

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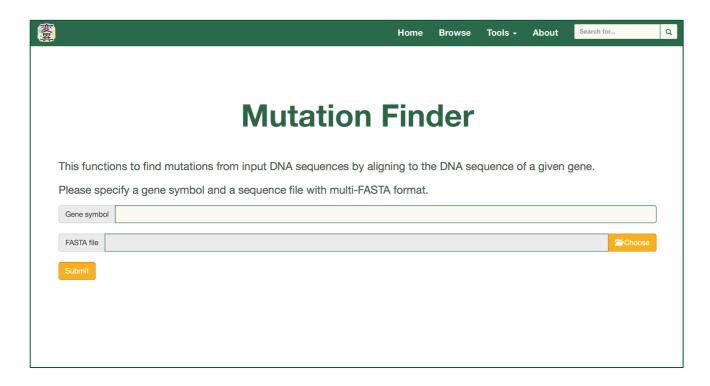
Fig.8 The search form on the home page.



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2.2. Search by sequences.

DNA sequences containing genetic variants can be detected by aligning with the reference genome. A multi-FASTA format is acceptable.



2.3. Search by VCF file.

Batch job for mapping is available with a VCF file. Currently a limitation of the number of variants (up to 500 variants).

