



Automating the ACMG Guidelines with VS Clinical

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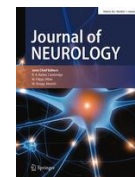
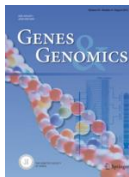
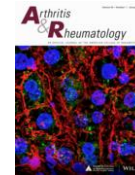
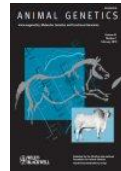


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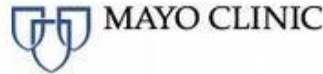


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VSWarehouse

Aggregate Variants, Reports, Knowledgebase



■ Complete Support for ACMG Guideline Workflow:

- Implements a guided workflow for following the ACMG guideline scoring and classifying
- Place criteria into conceptually related groups, paired with their opposites, and formatted as answerable question.

■ Aggregate and Automate:

- ACMG Classifier algorithm in VarSeq runs automatable rules
- Recommendation engine in VS Clinical provides list of criteria and reasons for recommendations

■ Expert and Beginner Friendly:

- Descriptive summaries and recommendations for a variant
- Deep dive into Population Catalogs, Gene Impact, Published Studies and Clinical tabs
- Integrated documentation, readings on scoring criteria and citations



▼ ACMG Classification

Scored Criteria by Strength:

Pathogenic	Very Strong		x0
	Strong		x0
	Moderate		x0
	Supporting		x0
Benign	Supporting	BP4, BP5	x2
	Strong	BS1	x1
	Stand Alone		x0

ACMG Classification:

Likely Benign

The classification of Likely Benign applies with scored criteria of 1 very strong pathogenic along with 2 or more moderate pathogenic and no benign.

Recommended Criteria:

- Perform functional assay to determine the effect of the variant in the gene.
- Establish the presence of the variant in the parents

Analysis Workflow with VSClinical



- 1. Follow your existing VarSeq annotation and filtering workflow**
- 2. Add new ACMG Auto Classifier algorithm:**
 - Looks up if variant annotated in previous sample
 - Scores 18 criteria based on available evidence from 7 sources
- 3. Select variants to evaluate using the ACMG Guidelines**
- 4. Score and Finalize each variant, selecting which to report**
- 5. Finalize the sample, review and report**

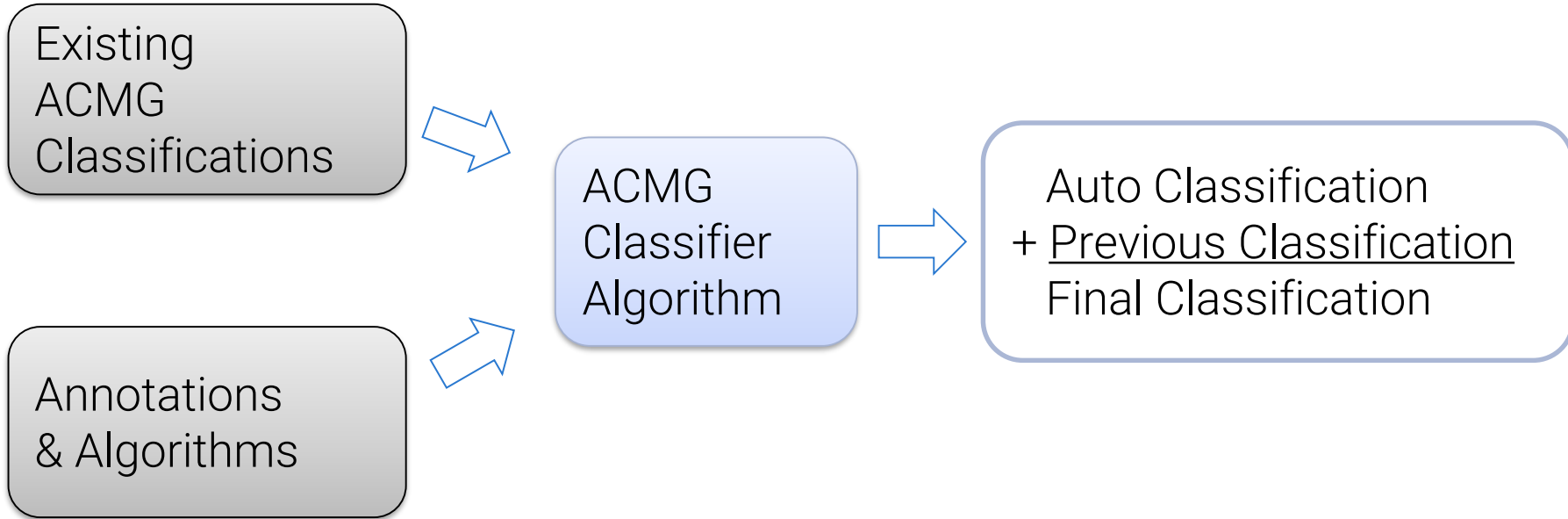
The screenshot shows the 'Filter Chain' interface in VSClinical. It displays a list of filters applied to a set of variants, with the total number of variants remaining after each filter is shown on the right. The filters are:

- Filter Chain**: 961 variants
- Filter (Current) is PASS**: 730 variants
- Read Depths (DP) (Current) > 100**: 678 variants
- Clinical Significance is (Pathogenic, Uncertain Significance)**: 10 variants
- All MAF < 0.3 OR missing**: 8 variants
- Effect (Combined) is (LoF, Missense)**: 6 variants

The 'Effect (Combined) is (LoF, Missense)' filter is expanded, showing the following breakdown:

Effect	Count
LoF	1
Missense	5
Other	2
Missing	0

The ACMG Classifier Algorithm



- 1000 Genomes Frequencies w/ Genotype Counts
- gnomAD Exomes Frequencies w Genotype Counts
- **GERP++ / PhyloP Conservation Scores**
- **SIFT & PolyPhen2 MSA Missense Predictions**

- Transcript Annotations with Default Transcript
- **Splice Site Prediction Algorithms**
- Gene Preferences (Recessive/Dominant Model)
- ClinVar Variants & Transcript Counts



[Demo in VarSeq]

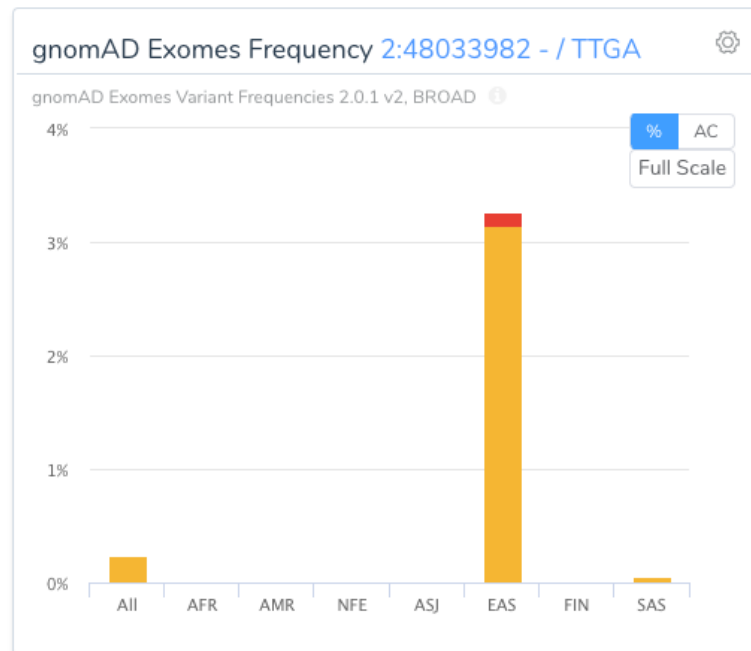
Population Criteria



For all frequency thresholds, the max sub-population frequency is used.

- **BA1**: Variant is common (assumed benign) in one or more population catalogs
- **BS1**: Allele frequency greater than expected for disorder
- **BS2**: Observed in a healthy adult individual with causal genotype for early onset, highly penetrant disorder.
- **PM2**: Absent from controls in population catalogs

	Recessive	Dominant
BA1	1.00%	0.50%
BS1	0.30% or 2+ Hom	0.10% or 1+ Hom
BS2	Hom + Hemi in 1kG > 0	Het in 1KG > 0
PM2	0.15%	Absent in all



Variant Type Specific Criteria



Analysis Based on Current Transcript Variant Effect

Loss of Function Variants and Protein Length Changes

- **PVS1**: Null variant in a gene where LOF is a known mechanism of disease
 - Will not score if within last 50bp of pen-ultimate exon
 - 1+ LoF Pathogenic Variant in ClinVar with 1+ star rating
- **PM4**: Protein length changes as a result of a stop-loss variant
- **PM4/BP3**: Protein length changes as a result of in-frame deletions/insertions in a non-repeat region
 - For in-frame insertions/deletions, if changed amino acid sequence is repeated less than two times PM4, else BP3

NM_001009944.2(Reverse Strand) Coding Change

Coding DNA Sequence:

```
cDNA  GCC TGG TGT GCC TCC CTG GCC CAC GGG CTC AGC CTG CTC
Pos    10,654                                     10,692
cDNA  CTG GTG GCT GTG GCT GTG GCT GTC TCA GGG TGG GTG GGT
Pos    10,693                                     10,731
cDNA  GCG AGC TTC CCC CCG GGC GTG AGT GTT GCG TGG CTC CTG
Pos    10,732                                     10,770
```

Amino Acid Sequence:

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AA    Ala Trp Cys Ala Ser Leu Ala His Gly Leu Ser Leu Leu
Pos    3,552                                     3,564
AA    Leu Val Ala Val Ala Val Ala Val Ser Gly Trp Val Gly
Pos    3,565                                     3,577
AA    Ala Ser Phe Pro Pro Gly Val Ser Val Ala Trp Leu Leu
Pos    3,578                                     3,590
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The p.A3571_V3572del variant is a in-frame deletion of an amino acid sequence that is repeated 2 times in the surrounding region.

Variant Type Specific Criteria



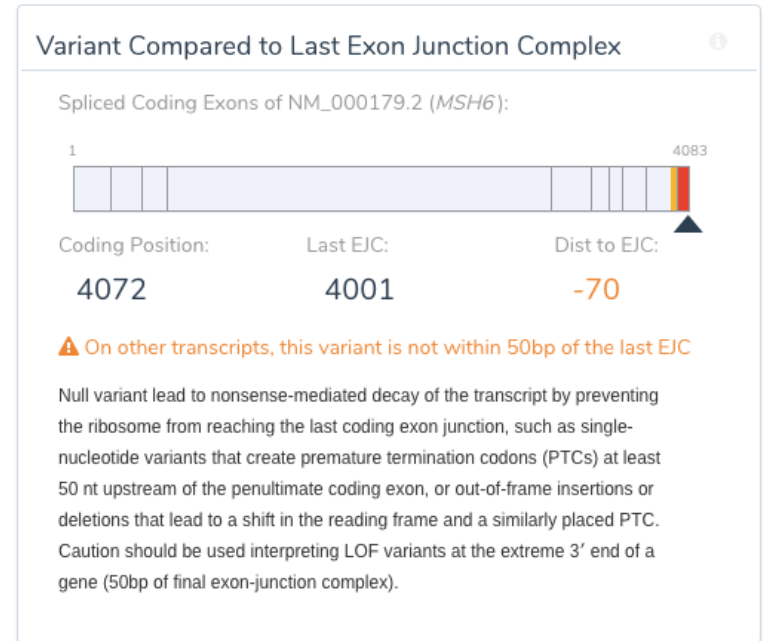
Analysis Based on Current Transcript Variant Effect

Missense & In-Frame Variants

- **PM1**: Mutational hot spot without benign variation
 - Within 6 amino acids, at last 2 pathogenic variants, and more than there are benign
 - No benign variants within 3 amino acids

Missense

- **PP2/BP1**: Missense in gene with low rate of benign missense variants and pathogenic missenses common
 - Missense Z Score is > 1
 - One or more Pathogenic/Likely Pathogenic missense in gene



The p.K1358Dfs variant occurs in the last exon of *MSH6*.

There are no other pathogenic loss of function variants downstream of the variant p.K1358Dfs.

Variant Type Specific Criteria



Analysis Based on Current Transcript Variant Effect

In-Silico Evidence (for Non-LoF Variants)

- **PP3**: 3 or 4 out of 4 splice site predictions of damaging
- **PP3**: In-silico predictions in agreement variant is damaging & conserved
- **BP4**: If variant amino acid present in mammalian species
- **BP4**: In-silico predictions in agreement that variant is tolerated & not conserved

Synonymous / Intronic Variants

- **BP7**: Not predicted to disrupt a canonical splice site (0 or 1 of 4 predicted disrupted)

Functional Predictions: ⓘ

Primates	Mammals	Vertebrates
MSA-SIFT	Damaging	1.00 (greater than 0.95)
MSA-PolyPhen2	Damaging	1.000 (greater than 0.446)
PhyloP	Conserved	3.09 (greater than 2)
GERP++	Conserved	15.47 (greater than 10)
Combined Annotation Dependent Depletion (CADD) Score: ⓘ		
CADD	Deleterious	6.75 (greater than 5)

- The p.R1076C missense variant is predicted to be damaging by both SIFT and PolyPhen2.
- The arginine residue at codon 1076 of MSH6 is conserved in all mammalian species.
- The nucleotide c.3226 in MSH6 is predicted conserved by GERP++ and PhyloP across 100 vertebrates.



Required Manual Confirmation and Validation of Cited Evidence

Clinical Studies

- **PS1**: Missense variant with same amino acid change in ClinVar as a 1+ star rating as Pathogenic or Likely
- **PM5**: In-frame or Missense where ClinVar has 1+ star rated variant that is Pathogenic or Likely Pathogenic at same residue position.

Functional Studies

- Must check by hand, but ClinVar assertions provided.

Reputable Source

- **PP5**: Not applied PS1/PM5 and exact variant in ClinVar as Pathogenic or Likely
- **BP6**: In ClinVar as Benign

Variant	HGVS	AA Change	Clinical Significance
> 428337	c.3226C>G p.Arg1076Gly	Arg → Gly CGC → GGC	Uncertain Significance ★ ★ ☆ ☆
> This Variant	c.3226C>T p.Arg1076Cys	Arg → Cys CGC → TGC	Likely pathogenic ★ ★ ★ ☆
> 186361	c.3227G>A p.Arg1076His	Arg → His CGC → CAC	Uncertain Significance ★ ★ ☆ ☆

- The p.R1076C variant is a missense mutation resulting in an amino acid change which is shared by the previously classified pathogenic variant p.Arg1076Cys.



[Another Variant if Time]

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