

1 Cas9 targeted nanopore sequencing with  
2 enhanced variant calling improves  
3 *CYP2D6-CYP2D7* hybrid allele genotyping

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## 17 Abstract

18 *CYP2D6* is one of the most challenging pharmacogenes to genotype due to the high similarity with its  
19 neighboring pseudogenes and the frequent occurrence of *CYP2D6-CYP2D7* hybrids. Unfortunately,  
20 most current genotyping methods are therefore not able to correctly determine the complete *CYP2D6*-  
21 *CYP2D7* sequence. Therefore, we developed a genotyping assay to generate complete allele-specific  
22 consensus sequences of complex regions by optimizing the PCR-free nanopore Cas9-targeted  
23 sequencing (nCATS) method combined with adaptive sequencing, and developing a new  
24 comprehensive long read genotyping (CoLoRGen) pipeline. The CoLoRGen pipeline first generates  
25 consensus sequences of both alleles and subsequently determines both large structural and small  
26 variants to ultimately assign the correct star-alleles. In reference samples, our genotyping assay  
27 confirms the presence of *CYP2D6-CYP2D7* large structural variants, single nucleotide variants (SNVs),  
28 and small insertions and deletions (INDELs) that go undetected by most current assays. Moreover, our  
29 results provide direct evidence that the *CYP2D6* genotype of the NA12878 DNA should be updated to  
30 include the *CYP2D6-CYP2D7* \*68 hybrid and several additional single nucleotide variants compared to  
31 existing references. Ultimately, the nCATS-CoLoRGen genotyping assay additionally allows for more  
32 accurate gene function predictions by enabling the possibility to detect and phase *de novo* mutations  
33 in addition to known large structural and small variants.

## 34 Author Summary

35 During the last decades, the usefulness of personalized medicine has become increasingly apparent.  
36 Directly linked to that is the need for accurate genotyping assays to determine the pharmacogenetic  
37 profile of patients. Continuing research has led to the development of genotyping assays that perform  
38 quite robustly. However, complex genes remain an issue when it comes to determining the complete  
39 sequence correctly. An example of such a complex but very important pharmacogene is *CYP2D6*.  
40 Therefore, we developed a genotyping assay in an attempt to generate complete allele-specific  
41 consensus sequences of *CYP2D6*, by optimizing a targeted amplification-free long-read sequencing

42 method and developing a new analysis pipeline. In reference samples, we showed that our genotyping  
43 assay performed accurately and confirmed the presence of variants that go undetected by most  
44 current assays. However, the implementation of this assay in practice is still hampered as the selected  
45 enrichment strategies inherently lead to a low percentage of on-target reads, resulting in low on-target  
46 sequencing depths. Further optimization and validation of the assay is thus needed, but definitely  
47 worth considering for follow-up research as we already demonstrated the added value for generating  
48 more complete genotypes, which on its turn will result in more accurate gene function predictions.

## 49 Introduction

50 Genotyping is one of the most important aspects of personalized medicine, particularly within the  
51 context of pharmacogenetics (1,2). In many medical disciplines, pharmacogenetic genotyping is used  
52 to predict a patient's phenotype in order to adjust therapy (3,4). Especially the genetic variation in  
53 drug-metabolizing enzymes significantly contributes to the differing benefit-risk balance of certain  
54 drugs between patients (1,4). One of the essential drug-metabolizing enzymes is Cytochrome P450  
55 2D6 (*CYP2D6*), as it is responsible for the metabolism or bioactivation of 20 to 30% of the clinically  
56 used drugs (4). Therefore, accurate genotyping assays for this gene are of major importance. However,  
57 although *CYP2D6* is a relatively small gene spanning only 4400 nucleotides, accurate genotyping of this  
58 gene is challenging. First of all, the *CYP2D6* gene is surrounded by two pseudogenes showing 94%  
59 sequence similarity with *CYP2D6*, which complicates the genotyping of this gene. Furthermore, *CYP2D6*  
60 is one of the most polymorphic human genes, with over 100 star(\*)-alleles and over 400 sub-alleles  
61 (5,6). This star- and sub-allele nomenclature does not only encompass small sequence variations, such  
62 as single nucleotide variants (SNVs) or insertions and deletions smaller than 50 bp (INDELs), but also  
63 large structural variants, such as gene deletions and multiplications. On top of that, the possible  
64 formation of hybrids with its nearest pseudogene *CYP2D7* poses an additional major challenge when a  
65 comprehensive genotype is desired (5–8).

66 In addition to the gene structure, a second important factor for accurate genotyping is the applied  
67 genotyping assay. Various assays have been used for genotyping the *CYP2D6* gene, such as polymerase  
68 chain reaction (PCR), microarrays, or short-read (SR) next-generation sequencing (NGS) (9–11).  
69 However, most currently used assays target only a limited subset of pre-selected SNVs (12–14). Only a  
70 few assays determine the correct genotype based on multiple detected SNVs and copy number  
71 variations in each allele (13,15,16). Nevertheless, as 35.4% of the variant-drug interactions described  
72 in the Clinical Annotations of PharmGKB are based on complete alleles containing all its variants, more  
73 comprehensive genotyping assays could be valuable in the clinical practice (7,13,17). SR NGS  
74 technologies can identify most individual variants in a genome, but mapping short reads to  
75 homologous elements, such as those in *CYP2D6* and *CYP2D7*, is error-prone. On top of that, phasing of  
76 short-read data is not straightforward, as it typically requires supplemental statistical phasing based  
77 on known allele structures in the population or parental genotypic data (18).

78 Recently, efforts have been realized to comprehensively genotype *CYP2D6* in an attempt to overcome  
79 these mapping and phasing problems (18–22). Different studies have shown that long-read sequencing  
80 platforms can discover new variants and determine the correct allele structure (19,20). However, these  
81 studies use long-range PCR to capture the targeted region, which is prone to template switching. This,  
82 on its turn, results in chimeric PCR products and introduces phasing errors (23). To avoid the  
83 application of long-range PCR (LR-PCR), a new enrichment strategy, called nanopore Cas9-targeted  
84 sequencing (nCATS), was introduced by Gilpatrick *et al.* (24). This strategy uses targeted cleavage of  
85 DNA with Cas9, followed by selectively ligating adapters for nanopore sequencing. However, ligation  
86 of nanopore adapters to random breakage points also generates a considerable number of so-called  
87 background reads, bringing the percentage of on-target reads down to merely 0.5% to 15% of the  
88 sequenced reads in practice (24–26). To increase the number of reads on-target, a second PCR-free  
89 enrichment strategy for nanopore sequencing, called adaptive sequencing (AS), could be used in  
90 addition. AS refers to the ability of a nanopore sequencer to reject individual molecules in real-time

91 while they are being sequenced, and as such, does not involve additional steps in the library  
92 preparation (27).

93 The aim of this study was to develop a new assay for correct and complete genotyping of complex  
94 regions such as the *CYP2D6* gene. This genotyping assay consists of two important steps that need to  
95 be optimized. The first step entails the generation of long reads using a PCR-free enrichment strategy  
96 combined with nanopore sequencing. Therefore, the nCATS and combined nCATS-AS enrichment  
97 strategies were both tested on the *CYP2D6-CYP2D7* locus. For this purpose, a guide RNA (gRNA) panel  
98 was optimized to enrich *CYP2D6* and *CYP2D7* from human DNA samples. The second step aims to  
99 correctly elucidate both large structural and small variants to determine the alleles of cell lines that  
100 might contain both types of variants. However, the currently existing tools do not combine the  
101 detection of large structural and small variants in one pipeline (28–31). Consequently, smaller variants  
102 cannot be detected in regions with large structural variants, and large structural variants are not taken  
103 into account when small variants are detected with currently available tools. This might lead to the  
104 incorrect determination of gene sequences and complicate the correct assignment of star-alleles.  
105 Therefore, we developed a new comprehensive long read genotyping (CoLoRGen) pipeline that is able  
106 to simultaneously detect both large structural and small variants in complex genes such as *CYP2D6*.

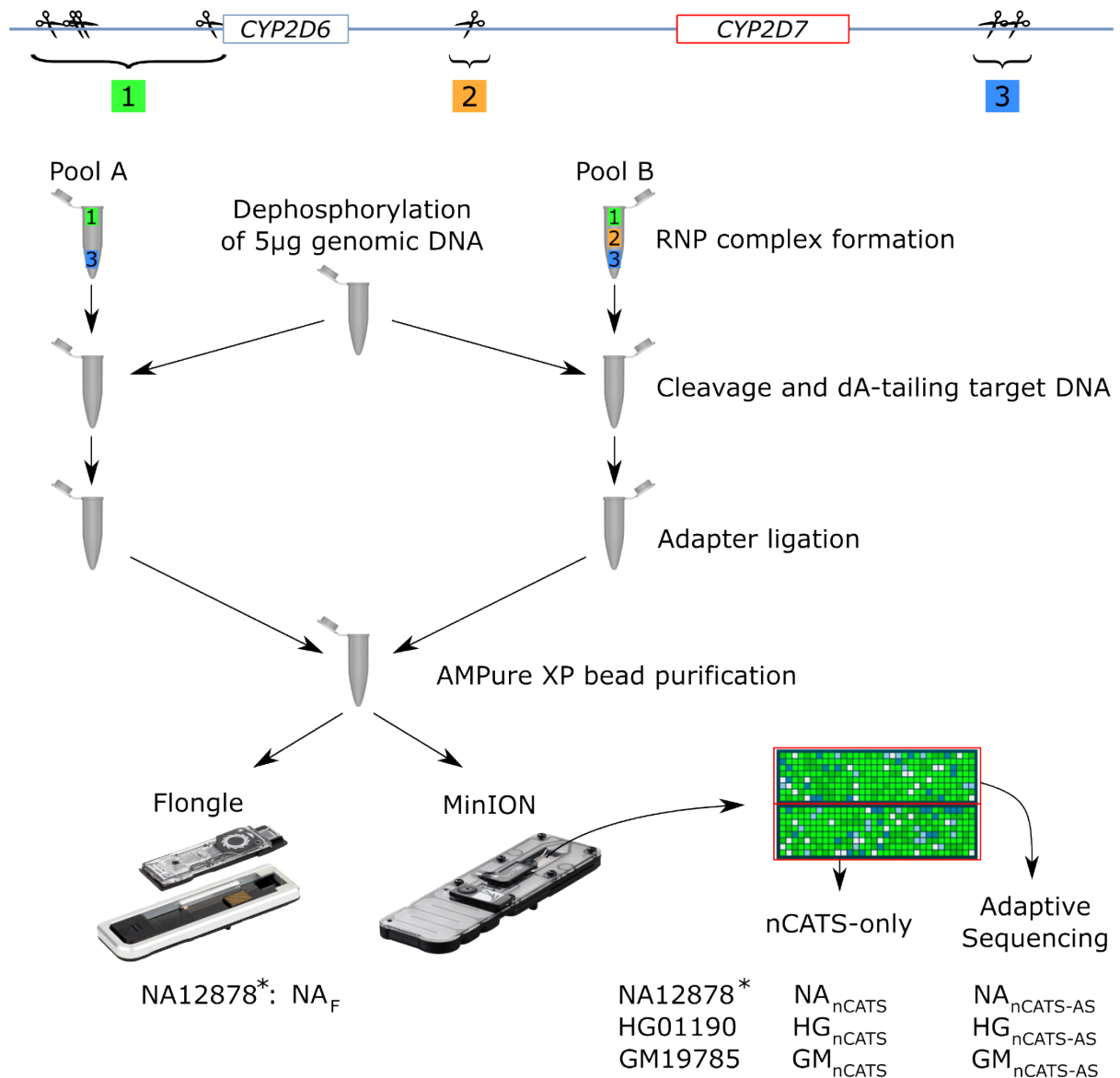
## 107 **Materials and methods**

### 108 **Cell cultivation, DNA extraction, and nCATS**

109 Two lymphoblast cell lines, HG01990 and GM19785, of which the *CYP2D6* genotype is well-known in  
110 the literature (15,16), were cultivated and subsequently subjected to DNA extraction to obtain the  
111 samples for the experiments conducted within this study. Cells were washed every three to four days  
112 to an optimal cell density for successful cell growth of 300.000 cells/mL. The old medium was washed  
113 away through 5-minute centrifugation at 500 to 600g, after which a new medium was added. The  
114 medium contained 1% penicillin-streptomycin, 15% fetal bovine serum, and 2mM L-glutamine in  
115 Roswell Park Memorial Institute (RPMI) 1640 medium. DNA samples were extracted using the DNeasy

116 Blood & Tissue kit (Qiagen, Venlo, The Netherlands), quantified using the Qubit fluorometer with the  
117 dsDNA High Sensitivity Assay kit (ThermoFisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA), and stored at 4°C until  
118 further processing. A Zymo DNA Clean & Concentrator purification step (Zymo Research, Irvine, CA,  
119 USA) was performed to remove the excess salts, whereby the DNA was eluted in water. The length of  
120 the eluted DNA fragments was measured on a Femto Pulse using the Agilent Genomic DNA 165 kb kit  
121 (Agilent Technologies, Santa Clara, CA, USA) according to the manufacturer's recommendations.

122 The library preparation of the samples was performed according to the 'Cas9 targeted sequencing'  
123 Oxford Nanopore Technologies (ONT) protocol, using the LSK-110 kit (ONT, Oxford, UK) (Figure 1). Nine  
124 guide RNAs (gRNAs) were designed with the CHOPCHOP tool (32). Four of them were designed to cut  
125 upstream *CYP2D6*, two downstream *CYP2D7*, and three between *CYP2D6* and *CYP2D7* (Table S1). The  
126 gRNAs cutting between the two genes were added to ensure sufficient depth on *CYP2D6* for reliable  
127 variant calling. The efficiency of the gRNAs was assessed beforehand in preliminary sequencing runs  
128 using purchased NA12878 DNA. After selecting the seven most efficient gRNAs, two separate gRNA  
129 pools were created. As shown in Figure 1, pool A only contained seven gRNAs that cut upstream  
130 *CYP2D6* or downstream *CYP2D7*, whereas pool B also contained a gRNA that hybridizes between the  
131 two genes. The use of two separate pools, one without gRNAs that cut between the genes, is necessary  
132 to obtain reads covering the complete *CYP2D6-CYP2D7* locus. Active RNA ribonucleoprotein complex  
133 (RNP) complexes were subsequently created in two separate tubes, using Alt-R® *S. pyogenes* HiFi Cas9  
134 nuclease V3 (IDT, Leuven, Belgium), *S. pyogenes* Cas9 tracrRNA (IDT, Leuven, Belgium), and one of the  
135 pools with *S. pyogenes* Cas9 Alt-R™ gRNAs (IDT, Leuven, Belgium).



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137 *Figure 1* Enrichment and sequencing workflow adapted from the ‘Cas9 targeted sequencing’ protocol from ONT. Two  
 138 different pools of gRNAs were made. Pool A only contains gRNAs that cut upstream and downstream the *CYP2D6-CYP2D7*  
 139 locus, Pool B also contains a gRNA that cuts between *CYP2D6* and *CYP2D7*. After dephosphorylation of the genomic DNA, half  
 140 of the DNA was cleaved by the RNP with the gRNAs of Pool A, and the other half was cleaved by the RNP with the gRNAs of  
 141 Pool B. After cleavage, the adaptors were ligated at the cleavage site. Next, the two pools were mixed again and purified with  
 142 AMPure XP beads. The NA12878 libraries were sequenced on a Flongle (NA<sub>F</sub>) and on a MinION flow cell. The HG01190 and  
 143 GM19785 libraries were only sequenced on a MinION flow cell. On the runs using a MinION flow cell, half of the pores were  
 144 controlled by the adaptive sequencing software (NA<sub>nCATS-AS</sub>, HG<sub>nCATS-AS</sub>, and GM<sub>nCATS-AS</sub>), and the other half sequenced  
 145 conventionally (NA<sub>nCATS</sub>, HG<sub>nCATS</sub>, and GM<sub>nCATS</sub>). \*: The NA12878 libraries were used for preliminary optimization purposes and  
 146 were created with only one pool containing 8 (NA<sub>F</sub>) or 9 gRNAs (NA<sub>nCATS-AS</sub> and NA<sub>nCATS</sub>).

147 Five  $\mu\text{g}$  of purchased NA12878, extracted HG01990, and extracted GM19785 DNA was  
148 dephosphorylated using Quick Calf Intestinal Phosphatase (NEB, Ipswich, MA, USA). The  
149 dephosphorylated NA12878 DNA was added to one RNP complex pool with 9 and 8 gRNAs for the  
150 MinION and Flongle library, respectively. The dephosphorylated DNA from the HG01990 and GM19785  
151 cell lines was equally divided between the two Cas9 RNP complex pools. Subsequently, the target DNA  
152 was cleaved by the active RNP complex, and Taq Polymerase (NEB, Ipswich, MA, USA) was added for  
153 dA-tailing. Next, adapters were ligated to the newly produced DNA ends at the Cas9 cleavage sites by  
154 adding 5  $\mu\text{L}$  of Adapter mix II, 20  $\mu\text{L}$  of Ligation Buffer, and 10  $\mu\text{L}$  NEBNext Quick T4 DNA Ligase (NEB,  
155 Ipswich, MA, USA) to the separate tubes. As the Cas9 enzyme remains bound to the DNA on the 5'-  
156 side of the cleavage site, adapters are preferentially ligated on the 3'-side of the cleavage site. After  
157 adapter ligation, the libraries were cleaned using a 0.3x volume of AMPure XP beads (Beckman Coulter,  
158 High Wycombe, UK). First, 80  $\mu\text{L}$  TE of pH 8 (IDT, Leuven, Belgium) was added to each tube. For the  
159 HG01990 and GM19785 cell lines, the two separate tubes were pooled before adding the beads. 250  
160  $\mu\text{L}$  Long Fragment Buffer was subsequently used to wash the beads twice. After that, the beads were  
161 resuspended in 10 and 14  $\mu\text{L}$  Elution Buffer during a 30-minute incubation at room temperature for the  
162 Flongle and MinION libraries, respectively. Before loading on a Flongle and MinION flow cell, 15 and  
163 37.5  $\mu\text{L}$  Sequencing Buffer, and 10 and 25.5  $\mu\text{L}$  of Loading Beads were added to 5 and 12  $\mu\text{L}$  of the  
164 eluate, respectively. The DNA libraries were sequenced using an R9.4 Flongle or MinION flow cell on a  
165 GridION device (ONT, Oxford, UK), and the AS software was activated on half of the pores of the  
166 MinION flow cells. The flow cells ran up to 48h to obtain the maximum number of reads possible and  
167 were controlled and monitored using the MinKNOW software.

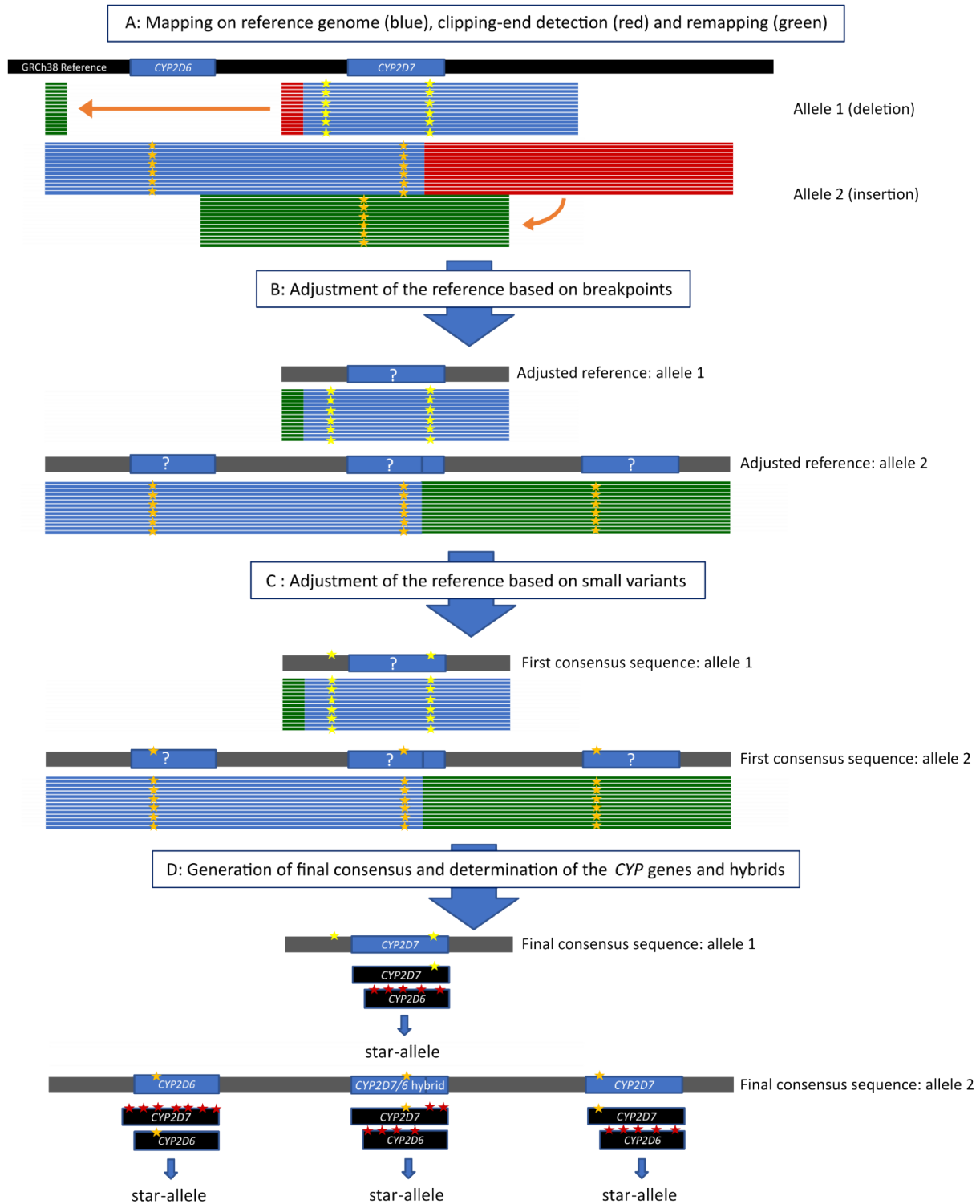
#### 168 [Data analysis, variant calling, and star-allele assignment](#)

169 The raw sequencing data was basecalled using the high accuracy model of Guppy (v5.0.7). Raw reads  
170 were saved in fastq format, and only reads with a quality score above 8 were used for further analysis.  
171 These reads were subsequently split up into two groups, based on whether they were generated by  
172 pores controlled by the AS software or by pores that sequenced conventionally. All reads from the



173 latter group were used for further data analysis, whereas only the positively selected reads from the  
174 first group were used in downstream analysis.

175 The data was processed with our in-house developed CoLoRGen pipeline to correctly assign both SNVs  
176 and INDELS as well as large structural variants in the basecalled data. To detect all these variants at  
177 once, several consecutive steps were carried out by the CoLoRGen pipeline (Figure 2). First, the reads  
178 were mapped against the human GRCh38 reference genome using Minimap (v2.18) (Figure 2A). Only  
179 the reads that mapped on the target region were retained for further analysis. Variant calling was  
180 performed on these reads using the Medaka Variant pipeline (v1.4.3). Based on the called SNVs and  
181 INDELS, the reads were split into two alleles using WhatsHap (v1.1). Breakpoints of large structural  
182 variants were defined for each allele separately, based on the starting points of clipping ends and the  
183 mapping coordinates of these clipping ends when mapped separately (red and green reads in Figure  
184 2A, respectively). Only breakpoints covered by at least three reads were considered in order to obtain  
185 accurate structural variant calling. In the next step, an adjusted GRCh38 reference genome was built  
186 for each allele (Figure 2B). This adjusted reference contained the large structural variants of the DNA  
187 under study, based on the defined breakpoints. Then, the reads from both alleles were mapped once  
188 again, this time against the corresponding self-constructed and more representative reference  
189 sequence for each allele. After that, a first consensus sequence for each allele was deduced using the  
190 Medaka Consensus pipeline (v1.4.3) (Figure 2C). Subsequently, the consensus sequences for the two  
191 alleles were further optimized by mapping all the initially mapped reads to the GRCh38 target region.  
192 Reads that did not map unambiguously on one of the alleles were removed from the mapping data.  
193 Based on the newly mapped reads, the consensus sequences were finalized, and an accompanying  
194 probability file was generated using the Medaka Consensus pipeline (v1.4.3) (Figure 2D).



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196 *Figure 2* Workflow of the in-house developed CoLoRGen pipeline, which combines large structural and small variant calling.

197 A: The basecalled reads are mapped against the human reference genome GRCh38 (black). Reads are split into the two alleles

198 based on the small variants (yellow and orange stars). Clipping ends of the reads (red) are cut in-silico and mapped again to

199 the reference genome (green). B: The reference is adapted based on the breakpoints of the clipping ends in the DNA under

200 study (grey). Reads of alleles 1 and 2 are mapped against their respective adjusted reference sequence to create a first

201 consensus sequence. C: The reference sequences are further adjusted by mapping all the previously mapped reads to end up  
202 with a final consensus sequence. D: The GRCh38 sequences of the *CYP2D6* and *CYP2D7* genes are mapped against the final  
203 consensus sequences. The GRCh38 gene or fragment containing the least mismatches (red stars) is assigned to the  
204 corresponding gene or fragment of the consensus sequence, resulting in the determination of the corresponding genes and  
205 hybrids. Finally, star-alleles can be assigned based on the determined variants.

206 Finally, the genes or hybrids in the consensus sequence were exactly identified based on their small  
207 variants (Figure 2D). For this purpose, the GRCh38 references of the *CYP2D6* and *CYP2D7* genes were  
208 mapped to the final consensus sequence of each allele, and mismatches between the consensus and  
209 the GRCh38 references were called using the Medaka Variant software (v1.4.3). The GRCh38 gene or  
210 fragment containing the least mismatches was assigned to the corresponding gene or fragment in the  
211 consensus sequence. Hybrids of *CYP2D6* and *CYP2D7* were reconstructed by concatenating these  
212 generated fragments, and a quality score was assigned to each small variant by considering the  
213 probability distribution on that exact position. By completing these steps, the number of copies of each  
214 gene and the exact composition of the hybrids were determined for each allele. After that, the star-  
215 alleles defined in PharmVar were assigned to the consensus alleles using a look-up algorithm based on  
216 the variants present in each gene (33). The star-allele or sub-allele most similar in terms of variants  
217 was assigned to the alleles of each sample.

218 The newly developed CoLoRGen pipeline was benchmarked using the NA12878 hybrid Genome in a  
219 Bottle Consortium (GIAB)-Platinum Genomes benchmark dataset described by Krushe *et al.* (34). VCF-  
220 files for the *CYP2D6* and *CYP2D7* genes of our data were separately compared with the benchmark  
221 dataset using the hap.py software (35). Visualizing the variants and verifying if they were correctly  
222 called and phased was done with in-house developed python scripts (36).

223 The sequencing data from the MinION run with NA12878 DNA was subsampled to determine the 16X  
224 minimum depth needed for reliable detection of small variants. Subsampling of the raw data was  
225 carried out using Seqtk (37). The CoLoRGen pipeline was run on each subsample. For each subsample,  
226 the depth of both genes was calculated, and the number of false- and true-positives was determined

227 using in-house developed python scripts. In the subsampled datasets with depths below 16X on a gene,  
228 more than one false-positive variant popped up compared to the complete dataset. Therefore, a  
229 minimum depth of 16X on each allele of each gene was set as the lower limit for reliable small variant  
230 detection.

231 The CoLoRGen pipeline and the additional scripts are available via GitHub and can also be used for  
232 other genes when adapting the target gene regions and adding correct references for the star-alleles  
233 (36,38).

## 234 Results and discussion

### 235 Optimization of the nCATS experimental set-up

236 The *CYP2D6-CYP2D7* locus from the CEPH/UTAH pedigree 1463 sample NA12878 was first sequenced  
237 on a MinION flow cell to evaluate the cleavage and enrichment efficiency of the designed gRNAs, and  
238 to assess their off-target binding potential. Visualizing the mapped reads showed an additional  
239 cleavage place to the ones that were expected for the designed gRNAs. This additional cleavage place  
240 was due to off-target binding and cleavage of the RNP with gRNA9 (Figure S1). Therefore, gRNA9 was  
241 omitted in the subsequent sequencing runs. The eight remaining gRNAs were used to prepare a  
242 NA12878 Flongle library (NA<sub>F</sub>) to confirm the previous results. However, the selection of gRNAs still  
243 proved to be suboptimal, as the reads revealed the generation of smaller fragments. This was due to  
244 the high cleavage efficiency of the RNP with gRNA3, which as a result, created smaller fragments  
245 instead of increasing the depth on-target (Figure S2). Hence, gRNA3 was omitted in the subsequent  
246 sequencing runs as well. Furthermore, as almost no reads covering the complete *CYP2D6-CYP2D7* locus  
247 were present in the data from these preliminary sequencing runs, two pools with gRNAs were created  
248 for the subsequent runs. One pool did not contain the gRNA that cleaves between *CYP2D6* and *CYP2D7*  
249 to increase the number of reads covering the complete locus in the subsequent datasets.

250 **Enrichment of the *CYP2D6-CYP2D7* locus using nCATS or nCATS-AS**

251 The enrichment efficiencies of both the nCATS-AS and the nCATS-only enrichment strategies were  
 252 assessed during this study. For this purpose, the abovementioned nCATS enriched NA12878 library  
 253 was sequenced on a MinION flowcell of which half of the pores were controlled by the AS software  
 254 ( $NA_{nCATS-AS}$ ), and the other half of the pores were sequenced conventionally ( $NA_{nCATS}$ ). The  $NA_{nCATS-AS}$   
 255 data obtained an on-target depth of 128X, which was a 1.16 times increase compared to the  $NA_{nCATS}$   
 256 data (Table 1). After the preliminary sequencing runs with NA12878 libraries, two additional MinION  
 257 runs were performed on libraries from extracted HG01990 ( $HG_{nCATS-AS}$  and  $HG_{nCATS}$ ) and GM19875  
 258 ( $GM_{nCATS-AS}$  and  $GM_{nCATS}$ ) DNA. The purpose of these runs was to evaluate if the enrichment strategies  
 259 can generate correct *CYP2D6* and *CYP2D7* alleles for cell lines containing large structural variants. For  
 260 these libraries, the two separate pools with the final selection of gRNAs were used. Furthermore, the  
 261 same AS conditions as for the first MinION run were applied to additionally determine if AS exhibits  
 262 added value for the enrichment of the *CYP2D6-CYP2D7* locus in these cell lines. The  $HG_{nCATS-AS}$  and  
 263  $HG_{nCATS}$  libraries reached an on-target depth of 25X and 30 X, respectively. Lower depths of 7X and 12X  
 264 were obtained for the  $GM_{nCATS-AS}$  and  $GM_{nCATS}$ , respectively (Table 1).

265 *Table 1* General sequencing results of the nCATS-enriched NA12878, HG01990, and GM19875 libraries.

|                          | NA12878  |           |                  | HG01990  |        |               | GM19875  |        |               |
|--------------------------|----------|-----------|------------------|----------|--------|---------------|----------|--------|---------------|
|                          | nCATS-AS | nCATS     | Combined         | nCATS-AS | nCATS  | Combined      | nCATS-AS | nCATS  | Combined      |
| Throughput (MB)          | 500      | 5 000     | <b>5,500</b>     | 7        | 92     | <b>99</b>     | 0.7      | 138    | <b>139</b>    |
| Total reads              | 588,959  | 2,213,701 | <b>2,802,660</b> | 1,470    | 11,066 | <b>12,536</b> | 771      | 18,778 | <b>19,549</b> |
| Reads on-target          | 935      | 806       | <b>1,741</b>     | 131      | 146    | <b>277</b>    | 43       | 69     | <b>112</b>    |
| Average target depth     | 128X     | 110X      | <b>238X</b>      | 25X      | 30X    | <b>55X</b>    | 7X       | 12X    | <b>19X</b>    |
| Percentage on-target (%) | 0.16*    | 0.04*     | <b>0.06</b>      | 8.91     | 1.32   | <b>2.21</b>   | 5.58     | 0.37   | <b>0.57</b>   |

266 Each library was sequenced on one flow cell with half of the pores in AS mode, and half of the pores in uncontrolled mode.  
267 'nCATS-AS' refers to the data of the pores in AS mode; 'nCATS' refers to the data generated by the uncontrolled,  
268 conventionally sequencing pores; 'combined' (values in bold) refers to the combined dataset containing both the positively  
269 selected reads from the AS pores and all the reads from the conventionally sequencing pores. \*: In this run, multiple *CYP*-  
270 genes were enriched with separate gRNA pools. Therefore, these on-target percentages should not be compared with the  
271 on-target percentages of the other runs.

272 The use of the AS software in addition to the nCATS enrichment did not consistently result in a higher  
273 on-target depth, but it did result in a considerably higher on-target percentage for all three cell lines  
274 (Table 1). However, as the vast majority of the strands were rejected by the software, the throughput  
275 generated by the AS controlled pores was also proportionally lower. Moreover, there were no more  
276 target strands encountered in the adaptive sequencing pores, as the rejected DNA strands were not  
277 removed from the flow cell, thus still hindering the accessibility of the pores. Overall, this resulted in  
278 approximately the same absolute number of on-target reads compared to the other pores, for which  
279 only nCATS-enrichment was used. Therefore, it can be concluded that the AS software does not  
280 conclusively offer sufficient additional benefit in this context. However, the advantages of adaptively  
281 sequencing certain specific strands have already been demonstrated in other contexts (27,39).

282 The enrichment efficiency of the nCATS strategy on itself was assessed as well. In their Cas9 targeted  
283 sequencing protocol, ONT mentions that a minimum target depth of 100X should be achievable (40).  
284 This depth was only obtained for the first MinION run in this study. All other runs reached a combined  
285 target depth of the AS-controlled and conventionally sequencing pores below 60X (Table 1). This value  
286 is expected to be influenced by two important factors that should be considered when determining  
287 the nCATS experimental set-up. The first factor is the number of gRNAs used for each target. ONT  
288 recommends using four gRNAs for regions smaller than 20 kb, two upstream of the target region and  
289 two downstream. Adding additional gRNAs at one side of the target region increases redundancy, so  
290 there is always at least one properly functioning gRNA in case of mutations in the recognition site of  
291 one of the other gRNAs at that position (26). As four gRNAs were designed upstream of *CYP2D6* and  
292 two downstream of *CYP2D7* in this study, this factor can be eliminated as a possible issue. The second

293 factor to consider is the length of the input DNA. When the target region is longer than the average  
294 length of the input DNA, the depth drops towards the center part of the targeted region. Moreover,  
295 the target length increases when gene insertions or duplications are present, thereby complicating the  
296 achievement of sufficient depth even more. To increase the depth in the center of the targeted region,  
297 ONT advice is to follow the tiling approach, as described in their protocol (40). In the tiling approach,  
298 two pools of gRNAs are used. Each pool generates fragments that overlap with the fragments of the  
299 other pool. However, the downside of using the tiling approach is that fewer or no full-length reads of  
300 the gene construct are generated. To overcome this drawback, two different gRNA pools were  
301 composed in this study, one containing gRNAs that cut upstream and downstream the *CYP2D6-CYP2D7*  
302 locus, and another one also containing a gRNA cutting the DNA between the two genes. The input DNA  
303 was divided into two tubes, and each tube was incubated with a different gRNA pool to obtain reads  
304 covering the full *CYP2D6-CYP2D7* locus but also enrich the depth in the middle of the locus. Moreover,  
305 using a gRNA that cuts in the middle of the locus also aids in obtaining sufficient depth on *CYP2D6* for  
306 reliable variant calling. However, although these two factors were considered for our experimental  
307 set-up, the predetermined target depth was not obtained in this study.

308 Another factor influencing the obtained target depth is the percentage of on-target reads. PCR-free  
309 enrichment using nCATS generally resulted in a low percentage of on-target reads. Even after  
310 optimizing our customized pools of gRNAs for the *CYP2D6-CYP2D7* locus, a maximum on-target  
311 percentage of only 1.32% could be reached when this enrichment method was used without AS (Table  
312 1). ONT reference samples comparable in length achieve an on-target percentage of 0.4% (26).  
313 Although our results are better, the obtained enrichment remains limited. Background DNA is assumed  
314 to be the main cause for this limited enrichment, as the number of off-target reads was only about 1%.  
315 The large amount of sequencable background DNA is probably due to the inefficiency of certain  
316 protocol steps or breakage of DNA strands when handling the DNA, making phosphorylated ends to  
317 which an adaptor can bind. Besides carefully executing the steps of the protocol, no other  
318 measurements could have been implemented to increase this percentage. Logically, this low obtained

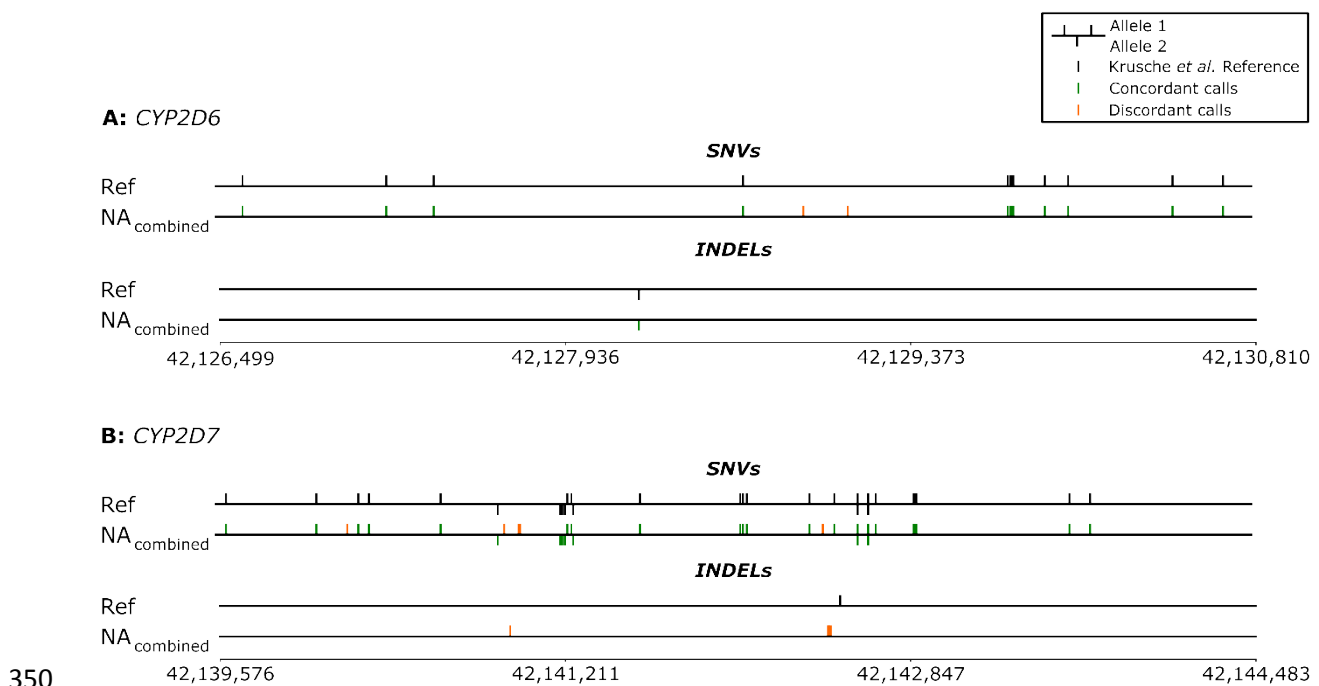
319 percentage of on-target reads on its turn resulted in a low depth on target. However, this is not the  
320 only factor inherent to the nCATS protocol that influences the maximum obtainable target depth.  
321 The overall throughput of the sequencing run also plays an important role in obtaining sufficient target  
322 depth. The nCATS protocol generated low throughputs for all three DNA samples (Table 1). This is  
323 caused by the presence of non-adaptor-ligated DNA strands in the flow cell, as these are not removed  
324 during the library preparation. These DNA strands are assumed to spatially block the pores, thereby  
325 hindering the sequencing of the adaptor-ligated DNA strands and causing a very low pore occupancy.  
326 The low target depth ensuing from the background and non-adaptor-ligated DNA strands comprises  
327 one of the main disadvantages of the nCATS enrichment method in the pharmacogenetics context. It  
328 implies that one flow cell per patient is needed to get enough depth on the targeted region(s), resulting  
329 in a high sequencing cost that hinders the implementation of the proposed assay in practice.  
330 Optimizing the nCATS protocol by incorporating an additional purification step for the adaptor-ligated  
331 strands might solve this issue and increase the on-target depth, allowing multiple samples to be  
332 sequenced on one flow cell. The establishment of a purification step compatible with the nCATS-  
333 protocol constitutes the follow-up research to this paper.

#### 334 [SNV and INDEL calling performance on reference NA12878 DNA](#)

335 The small variant calling performance of the nCATS enrichment strategy combined with the CoLoRGen  
336 analysis pipeline was assessed using the NA12878 library, as only for this DNA a truth set containing all  
337 small variants is available in the literature (34). For this purpose, the  $NA_{\text{combined}}$  dataset was used,  
338 combining the nCATS-AS and the nCATS reads, as the only difference between these reads is the  
339 specific pore on the same flow cell it was sequenced on. The truth set composed by Krusche *et al.* (34)  
340 contains 11 SNVs and 1 INDEL in the *CYP2D6* gene, and 26 SNVs and 1 INDEL in the *CYP2D7* gene (Figure  
341 3). All 11 and 26 SNVs in *CYP2D6* and *CYP2D7*, respectively, were also called and phased in the  $NA_{\text{combined}}$   
342 dataset (Figure 3). However, two additional, supposedly false-positive SNVs were called in *CYP2D6*,  
343 and five in *CYP2D7*. As for the INDELS, only the deletion in *CYP2D6* was called and phased correctly.



344 The insertion in *CYP2D7* remained undetected, but four additional deletions were detected in the  
345 NA<sub>combined</sub> consensus of *CYP2D7* instead. Remarkably, all supposedly false-positive SNVs and INDELS in  
346 both genes were assigned to the same allele after phasing. This raises the question as to whether the  
347 NA12878 reference by Krusche *et al.* is incorrect, and consequently the false-positive variants are  
348 actually present in the NA12878 DNA. Additional results and discussions on this can be found in the  
349 sections below.

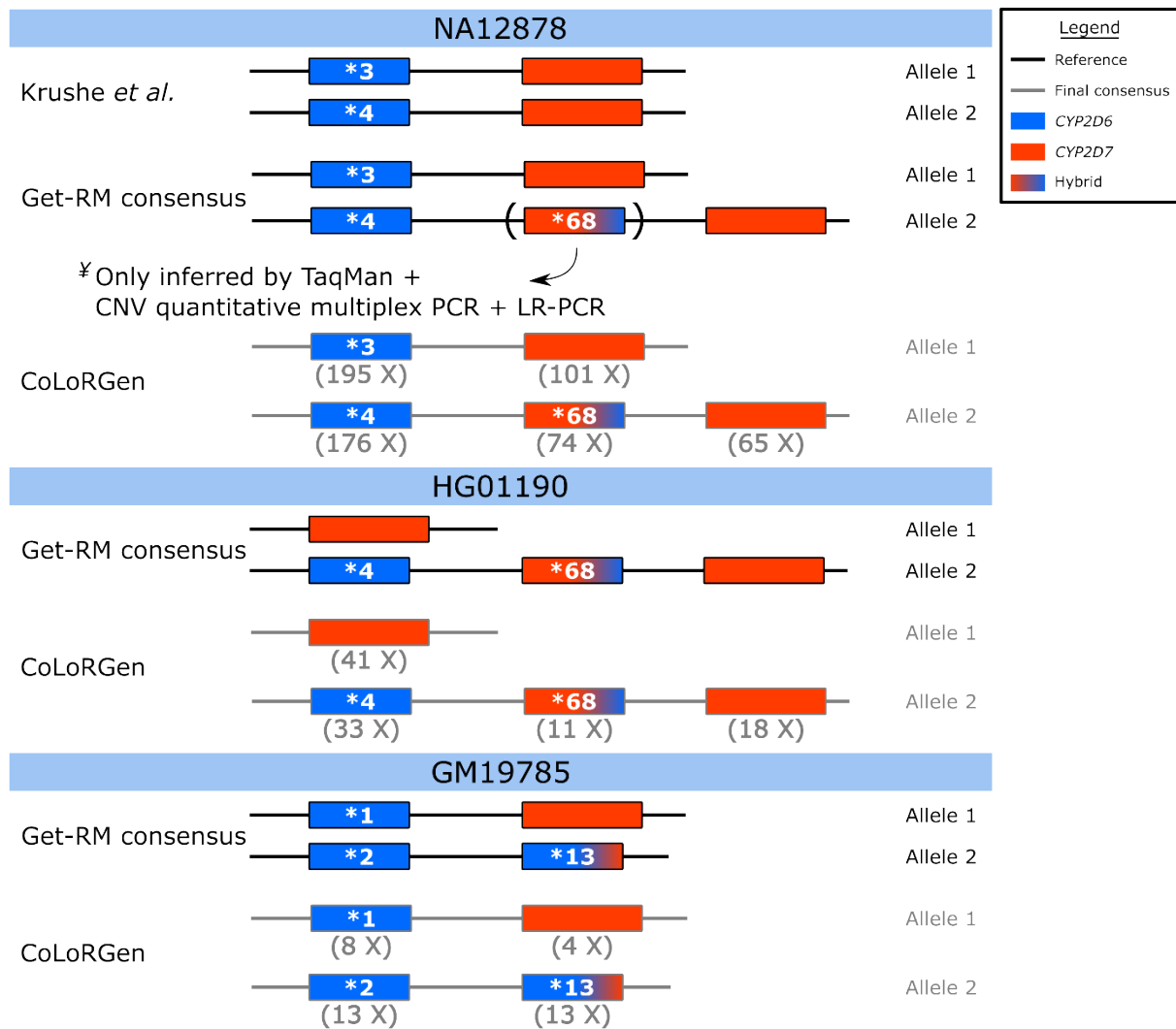


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351 *Figure 3* Representation of the called and phased small variants (SNVs and INDELS) in the *CYP2D6* and *CYP2D7* genes of the  
352 NA<sub>combined</sub> library. The truth set composed by Krusche *et al.* (34) was used as reference (Ref). Green lines represent concordant  
353 calls (true-positives compared to the truth set), which are correctly called and phased variants compared to the reference;  
354 orange lines represent discordant calls (false-positives compared to the truth set). Note: multiple variants next to each other  
355 are visually represented by thicker lines.

356 [Comprehensive genotyping of the NA12878 \*CYP2D6-CYP2D7\* locus by the CoLoRGen](#)  
357 [pipeline](#)

358 The CoLoRGen pipeline detected a structural variant in addition to the small variants in the NA12878  
359 DNA. Based on all the detected variants, CoLoRGen assigned the *CYP2D6* \*3/\*4+\*68 star-alleles to the  
360 NA<sub>combined</sub> dataset, of which the \*68 allele represents a *CYP2D6-CYP2D7* hybrid insertion (Figure 4). The

361 high obtained on-target depth of 238X implicates that the detection of this hybrid cannot be attributed  
362 to nanopore sequencing errors or an artifact of the analysis pipeline. However, no large structural  
363 variants have been identified for the *CYP2D6-CYP2D7* locus in the NA12878 hybrid benchmark of  
364 Krusche *et al.* (34). Accordingly, the Get-RM studies did not unambiguously assign a structural variant  
365 to the NA12878 DNA (15,16). In these Get-RM studies, several testing laboratories conducted different  
366 assays, but only when TaqMan-based genotyping was combined with CNV and structural variant  
367 detection using quantitative multiplex PCR and LR-PCR validation, the presence of the \*68 hybrid could  
368 be detected (15). Therefore, the \*68 allele was not included with 100% certainty in the reported  
369 consensus star-allele classification (15). In accordance with our results, a more recently published  
370 article also reported the statistical inference of the \*68 allele in NA12878 whole-genome sequencing  
371 (WGS) data when using the Cyrius analysis tool (41). As the \*68 hybrid has been inferred in the  
372 NA12878 DNA multiple times in literature, it can be concluded that this structural variant is effectively  
373 present and was thus correctly identified by the CoLoRGen pipeline.



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375 *Figure 4* Star-alleles in literature references and star-alleles assigned by the CoLoRGen pipeline. Reference star-alleles were  
 376 obtained from Krusche *et al.* (34) and the Get-RM studies (15,16). The depths mentioned below the genes are the generated  
 377 average depths on that position of the locus. \*The \*68 allele was only detected when TaqMan-based genotyping was  
 378 combined with CNV and structural variant detection using quantitative multiplex PCR and LR-PCR validation. Therefore, the  
 379 Get-RM consensus star-allele only mentions the \*68 allele in brackets. Note: even when depths below the minimal 16X depth  
 380 for reliable small variant calling were obtained, correct star-alleles could be assigned.

381 Furthermore, it was noted that the hybrid was phased to the same allele as all the supposedly false-  
 382 positive SNVs and INDELS. As the hybrid was not included in the NA12878 reference provided by  
 383 Krusche *et al.* (34), other variants may also be incorrectly identified in that reference due to the  
 384 incorrect mapping of the reads originating from the CYP2D6-CYP2D7 hybrid on the CYP2D6 or CYP2D7  
 385 gene. This can be substantiated with the fact that the reference data set for the NA12878 DNA is mainly

386 constructed based on Illumina short-read sequencing data and older versions of the long-read  
387 sequencing technologies, which are more prone to generating inaccurate sequences for complex loci  
388 as *CYP2D6-CYP2D7* (42,43). These results indicate that the NA12878 references might be outdated and  
389 not entirely accurate, and highlight the advantage of the nCATS enrichment strategy combined with  
390 the CoLoRGen pipeline, which can simultaneously detect large structural and small variants.

391 Some other published assays also correctly determine the presence of the *CYP2D6-CYP2D7* \*68 allele.  
392 However, our nCATS-CoLoRGen assay has added value by providing the complete allele sequences  
393 spanning the entire *CYP2D6-CYP2D7* locus, including the exact structural variant sequence. None of  
394 the reported assays provide this comprehensive information to the best of our knowledge. LR-PCR  
395 could be used as an alternative enrichment strategy, but is mostly only able to target *CYP2D6* (20).  
396 Larger regions, including *CYP2D6*, *CYP2D7*, and possible deletions, duplications, and hybrids, are  
397 difficult to cover with LR-PCR since the probability of getting chimeric molecules increases with the  
398 length of a PCR amplicon (23). TaqMan genotyping combined with quantitative multiplex PCR and LR-  
399 PCR validation, or short-read sequencing combined with the statistical modeling and counting Cyrius  
400 tool are genotyping approaches that could detect the presence of the \*68 hybrid (15,41). Nevertheless,  
401 these assays also do not directly provide the allele-specific sequence of the locus, but are instead used  
402 to classify the *CYP2D6* locus into a predefined set of star-alleles. However, the current classification of  
403 *CYP2D6* enzyme activities based on the star-allele gene definitions has proven to be a suboptimal  
404 predictor for enzyme activity (44). More recent research by Van der Lee *et al.* (45) supported this by  
405 confirming that building a predictive model based on the complete *CYP2D6* gene sequence gives better  
406 predictive values for the gene function than a model built solely based on the star-alleles. By  
407 generating complete consensus sequence, CoLoRGen can phase additional mutations, thereby  
408 allowing a more accurate gene function predictions.

## 409 Validation of genotyping performance using two additional cell lines

410 The DNA of two additional cell lines, HG01190 and GM19785, was used to verify the structural variant  
411 detection performance of the nCATS-CoLoRGen pipeline. The HG01190 cell line contains two major  
412 structural variants (15). One allele has a complete deletion of the *CYP2D6* gene, referred to as the \*5  
413 allele. The other, \*4+\*68 allele, contains a duplication, defined as a hybrid between *CYP2D7* and  
414 *CYP2D6* (Figure 4). The HG<sub>combined</sub> dataset contained 37 reads that covered the breakpoints of the  
415 12,152 basepair-long deletion between positions 42,123,191 and 42,135,343 (Figure S3). Additionally,  
416 a 13,680 basepair-long duplication of the region between positions 42,145,873 and 42,132,193 was  
417 discovered in six reads. As more than three reads were covering the breakpoints of the large structural  
418 variants, the deletion and insertion were considered to be detected correctly. Subsequently, detection  
419 of the small variants was used to exactly identify *CYP2D6*, *CYP2D7*, or possible hybrids. The minimum  
420 16X depth for reliable small variant calling was obtained on all detected gene copies except on the  
421 insertion of allele 2. Nevertheless, the cell line was correctly identified as the \*5/\*4+\*68 genotype by  
422 our CoLoRGen pipeline (Figure 4).

423 The GM19785 cell line consists of a \*1 allele, without any structural variants, and a \*2+\*13 allele,  
424 containing one *CYP2D6* copy and a *CYP2D6-CYP2D7* hybrid (Figure 4) (15). The hybrid replaces the  
425 *CYP2D7* gene in this allele, which implies that there is no difference in the number of gene copies, but  
426 only a difference in the DNA sequence on the exact position where *CYP2D7* is normally located.  
427 However, the *CYP2D6-CYP2D7* hybrid can map on *CYP2D7* due to their highly similar sequences.  
428 Therefore, the CoLoRGen pipeline can only detect this structural variant based on the small variants in  
429 the gene sequence, and not based on mapped reads with clipping ends. Although insufficient target  
430 depths below 16X were reached on both alleles of the GM<sub>combined</sub> dataset, our CoLoRGen pipeline could  
431 assign the correct \*1/\*2+\*13 genotype to the GM19785 DNA (Figure 4).

432 The exact sequence between the *CYP2D6* gene and the *CYP2D6-CYP2D7* hybrid could not be  
433 determined for the GM19875 cell line, as no reads covering the whole target region were generated.

434 This is due to the presence of a part of the *CYP2D6* sequence at the start of the *CYP2D6-CYP2D7* hybrid,  
435 which introduced an additional recognition site for gRNA2 that is normally only present upstream of  
436 the *CYP2D6* gene locus. The additional recognition site was visible in the mapped reads, as all the reads  
437 were cut in the middle at the same cleavage site (Figure S4). This problem might arise when hybrids  
438 are present in the target sequence, but can be circumvented by designing gRNAs located further away  
439 from the target gene. However, the further a gRNA is located from the target, the lower the obtained  
440 on-target depth will be. This is a trade-off that should be taken into account when designing optimal  
441 gRNAs.

#### 442 [In-depth discussion of the generated consensus sequences](#)

443 Although the CoLoRGen pipeline could assign the correct star-alleles to the studied samples, a further  
444 in-depth analysis revealed the presence of additional small variants in the final consensus sequences,  
445 besides the variants that were assigned to a specific star-allele. Most of these additional variants are  
446 present in several sub-allele definitions, thereby confirming the correct assignment of the star-allele.  
447 Nevertheless, some additional or lacking variants were often observed in our data compared to the  
448 exact sub-allele definition. In the \*4 allele of the NA<sub>combined</sub> and HG<sub>combined</sub> libraries, 12 additional  
449 variants were detected, which were exactly the same for both samples. These variants are all included  
450 in several defined sub-alleles, but these sub-alleles contain other variants in addition. In the \*1 allele  
451 of the GM<sub>combined</sub> data, two additional deletions were called. One of them was situated in an intron,  
452 and the other in an exon region. Both additional deletions were located in homopolymeric regions.  
453 The \*2 allele of the GM<sub>combined</sub> data contained 13 additional variants denoted in several \*2 sub-allele  
454 definitions. Two other additional variants in our data are not defined in the star- or sub-allele database  
455 (5) and were both located in exon regions. One of these variants was located in a homopolymeric  
456 region. The other variant was not located in a homopolymeric region but represents a synonymous  
457 mutation. Therefore, it does not impact the resulting amino acid sequence (Figure S5).

458 The four additionally detected variants that were not present in the star- or sub-allele definitions were  
459 all from the GM<sub>combined</sub> dataset, which had insufficient depths for reliable small variant calling (Figure  
460 4). Moreover, three out of these four variants were INDELS located in homopolymeric regions, which  
461 are notoriously error-prone regions in ONT sequencing. Therefore, these additionally called variants  
462 are probably due to nanopore sequencing errors. The R10.3 flow cell, which has a better performance  
463 in homopolymeric regions, was available at the time of writing and is supposed to overcome this  
464 problem. However, we decided not to sequence this library on an R10.3 flow cell, as more random  
465 errors seem to occur when using this type of flow cell, and R9.4 flow cells still prove to provide better  
466 genotyping results (46,47). Nevertheless, efforts are still made by ONT to improve the consensus  
467 accuracy of homopolymer regions, which holds promising perspectives for obtaining better results in  
468 the future. Another possible explanation for the additional detected variants can be found in the star-  
469 allele nomenclature itself. These definitions are intrinsically not comprehensive, as only variants based  
470 on microarrays and known effects on the enzyme level are considered in their definitions. Non-coding  
471 variants were only considered for recently added star alleles (6). Even though this nomenclature is not  
472 optimal in our context of defining complete alleles, the star-allele definitions were used to benchmark  
473 our results as no other definitions were yet available at the time of writing. However, a new and more  
474 comprehensive system to document gene sequences in the pharmacogenetic field should be a general  
475 objective for the future, as the current nomenclature is somewhat outdated.

#### 476 [Variant calling performance of CoLoRGen pipeline \*versus\* state-of-the-art variant callers](#)

477 To determine the added value of the newly developed CoLoRGen pipeline, a comparison was made  
478 with state-of-the-art variant callers. However, existing small variant detection tools cannot detect large  
479 structural variants, and, accordingly, large structural variant detection tools cannot detect small  
480 variants. Therefore, separate comparisons were made for the detection of small SNVs and INDELS on  
481 the one hand, and large structural variants on the other hand.

482 First, the NA<sub>combined</sub> dataset was analyzed with the Medaka Variant pipeline to compare the SNV and  
483 INDEL calling performance of the CoLoRGen pipeline with the state-of-the-art small variant caller for  
484 nanopore sequencing data (31). Although CoLoRGen did not call all SNVs and INDELS correctly, the  
485 results were comparable with the results generated by the Medaka Variant pipeline (Table S2). The  
486 called SNVs and INDELS that differed between both variant callers were either located in a  
487 homopolymeric region or in a region where CoLoRGen detected a hybrid insertion. Homopolymeric  
488 regions are a known cause for nanopore sequencing errors and are therefore likely to be responsible  
489 for the generation of false-positive small variants (48). Furthermore, regions containing large structural  
490 variants, such as hybrid insertions, cannot be detected by the Medaka Variant pipeline. Consequently,  
491 reads originating from the hybrid are incorrectly mapped on *CYP2D6* or *CYP2D7* when using the  
492 Medaka Variant pipeline, giving rise to more called SNVs and INDELS. However, as the small differences  
493 in results between both pipelines can be explained by these two causes, our CoLoRGen pipeline proved  
494 to perform adequately for calling SNVs and INDELS in complex genes such as *CYP2D6*. Moreover, as  
495 the CoLoRGen pipeline combines both large structural and small variant calling, it can generate a more  
496 comprehensive genotype in comparison with the Medaka Variant pipeline.

497 Second, the NA<sub>combined</sub>, HG<sub>combined</sub>, and GM<sub>combined</sub> datasets were also analyzed with the existing large  
498 structural variant detection tools NanoVar (30), Sniffles (29), and SVIM (28) to compare the large  
499 structural variant calling performance. None of these tools was able to reliably elucidate all the large  
500 structural variants in the complex *CYP2D6-CYP2D7* locus of the cell lines used in this study (Table S3).  
501 Additionally, the output of these tools is not easily interpreted. Therefore, the CoLoRGen tool  
502 outperformed these tools as well in terms of generating a correct and comprehensive genotype of the  
503 complex *CYP2D6-CYP2D7* locus. When aiming for a suitable pharmacogenetic assay to use in clinical  
504 practice in the future, a comprehensive and straightforward data analysis tool is of major importance,  
505 hence the usefulness of this developed comprehensive CoLoRGen pipeline.



## 506 Conclusion

507 In this study, the enrichment efficiencies of the nCATS and the nCATS-AS strategies were assessed on  
508 the *CYP2D6-CYP2D7* locus in aiming to develop an assay that can accurately genotype complex  
509 pharmacogenes. In addition, we developed and evaluated CoLoRGen, a new and more comprehensive  
510 analysis pipeline to simultaneously detect both large structural and small variants. The nCATS-  
511 CoLoRGen assay resulted in the assignment of correct star-alleles to the *CYP2D6* gene and *CYP2D6*-  
512 *CYP2D7* hybrid in 3 cell lines containing complex gene structures. Moreover, the CoLoRGen pipeline  
513 also generated a complete consensus sequence of the genes, thereby demonstrating the presence of  
514 *CYP2D6-CYP2D7* large structural variants and smaller SNVs and INDELS that go undetected by other  
515 current methods. Our results provide direct evidence that the *CYP2D6* genotype of the NA12878 DNA  
516 should include the *CYP2D6-CYP2D7* \*68 hybrid and several additional SNVs compared to existing  
517 references (15,16,34). However, the implementation of this assay in practice is hampered by the fact  
518 that both the nCATS and nCATS-AS strategies led to a low percentage of on-target reads, resulting in  
519 low on-target sequencing depths. Further optimization of the nCATS enrichment strategy is thus worth  
520 considering for following research, as the usefulness of a long-read PCR-free enrichment strategy in  
521 combination with the CoLoRGen pipeline for accurate gene function predictions has been  
522 demonstrated in this study.

## 523 Availability of data and materials

524 The datasets generated and analyzed during the current study are available as BioProject,  
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526 The CoLoRGen pipeline and other used code are available at GitHub:  
527 <https://github.com/laurentjntilleman/CoLoRGen>

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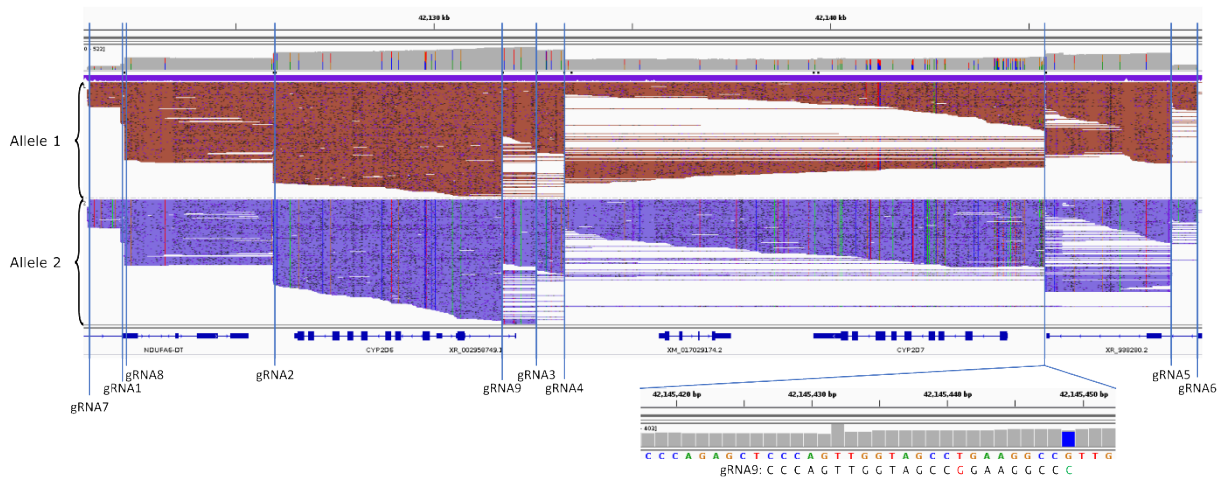
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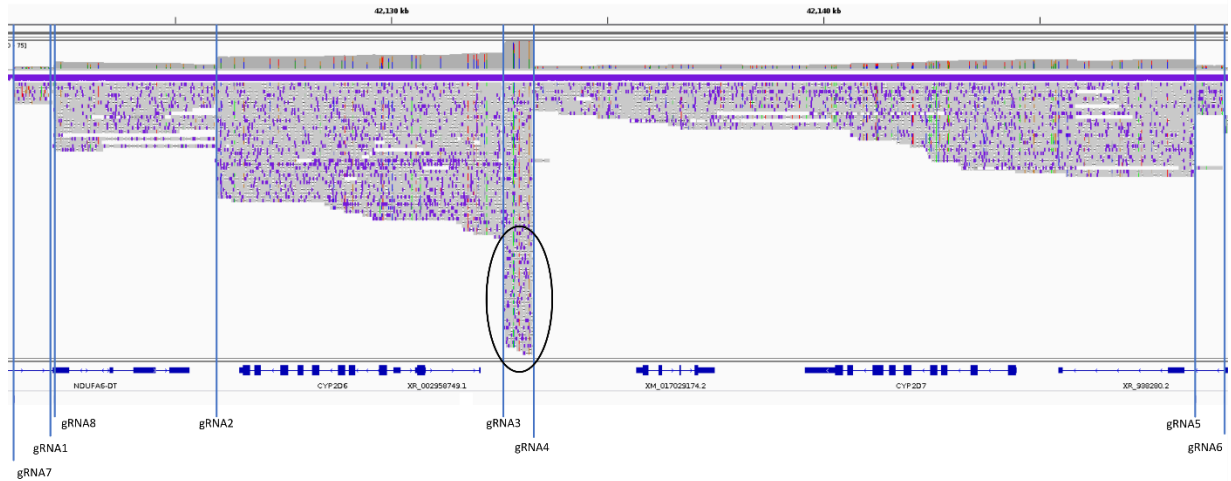
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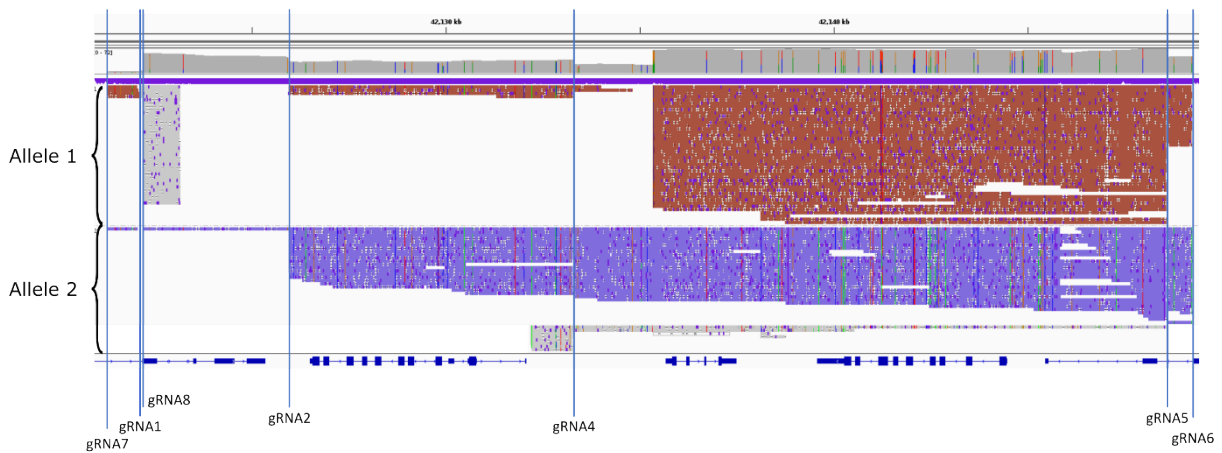
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671 *Figure S1* Mapped reads of the NA12878 DNA sequenced on a MinION flow cell. The positions of the gRNAs are indicated  
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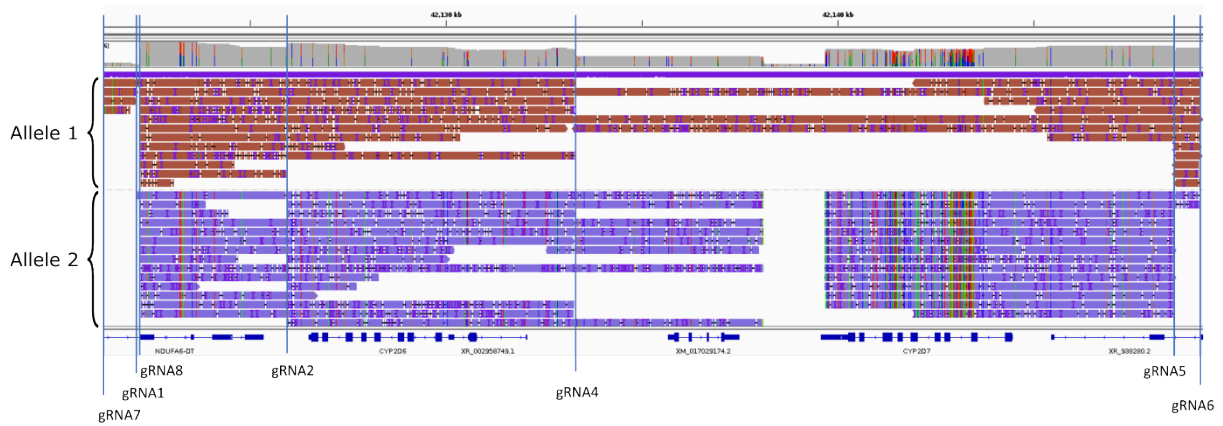
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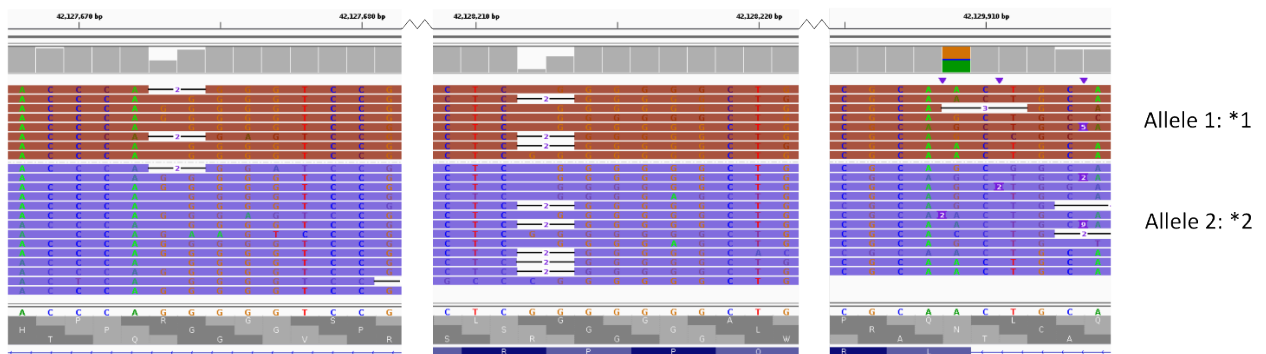
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679 this figure, which is the dataset containing both the positively selected reads from the AS pores and all the reads from the  
680 conventionally sequencing pores. The positions of the gRNAs are indicated with vertical lines. Reads are split by allele, and  
681 gray reads are clipping ends that were cut in-silico and mapped separately.



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683 *Figure S4* Mapped reads of the GM19785 DNA sequenced on a MinION flow cell. The GM<sub>combined</sub> dataset was used to generate  
 684 this figure, which is the dataset containing both the positively selected reads from the AS pores and all the reads from the  
 685 conventionally sequencing pores. The positions of the gRNAs are indicated with vertical lines. Reads are split by allele.



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687 *Figure S5* CoLoRGen detected four additional small variants in the GM19785 cell line that are not present in the sub-allele  
 688 definitions. The three deletions were located in homopolymeric regions and the SNV is a silent mutation.

689 Tables

690 Table S1 Overview of the used guide RNAs (gRNAs).

| Guide RNA | Sequence             | PAM |
|-----------|----------------------|-----|
| gRNA1     | CCATTCACCCTTATGCTCAG | GGG |
| gRNA2     | AGTCCTGTGGTGAGGTGACG | AGG |
| gRNA3     | GCCATACAATCCACCTGTAG | AGG |
| gRNA4     | CTTTCCGACATACACGCAAT | GGG |
| gRNA5     | TTCCCCACTTTTTACTACAC | AGG |
| gRNA6     | CAAAGTCCATGCGTAAGTCT | TGG |
| gRNA7     | TCTCACCAGCAATAACCGAG | AGG |
| gRNA8     | ACCTCCGTTGCTTCCTGAG  | GGG |
| gRNA9     | GGGCCTTCCGGCTACCAACT | GGG |

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692 Table S2 Comparison of small SNV and INDEL variant detection of the Medaka Variant pipeline and the new CoLoRGen tool

693 in the NA12878 DNA sample. Reference: Krusche *et al.* (34).

| Run       | Correctly called and phased SNVs<br>( <i>CYP2D6</i> + <i>CYP2D7</i> ) | Incorrectly called SNVs<br>( <i>CYP2D6</i> + <i>CYP2D7</i> ) | Correctly called and phased INDELS<br>( <i>CYP2D6</i> + <i>CYP2D7</i> ) | Incorrectly called INDELS<br>( <i>CYP2D6</i> + <i>CYP2D7</i> ) |
|-----------|---|--|---|--|
| Reference | 11 + 26   | /  | 1 + 1   | /  |
| CoLoRGen  | 11 + 26   | 2 + 5  | 1 + 0   | 0 + 4  |
| Medaka    | 11 + 26   | 2 + 6  | 1 + 1   | 1 + 3  |

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695 *Table S3* Comparison of structural variant detection of different state-of-the-art structural variant tools and the new  
 696 CoLoRGen tool in the NA12878, HG01190 and GM19785 DNA samples. For each tool the number of deletions and insertions  
 697 are given. Between parentheses the length of each variant is given. Green: correctly detected structural variant; red:  
 698 incorrectly detected structural variant; orange: multiple overlapping structural variants are detected although only one  
 699 variant is present in the reference. Reference: Get-RM studies (15,16). †: the found regions show overlap.

|                         | NA12878                       |   | HG01190                       |               | GM19785                       |           |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|-----------|
|                         | deletion                      | insertion                                   | deletion                      | insertion     | deletion                      | insertion |
| Reference               | /                             | *68   | *5                            | *68           | /                             | /         |
| CoLoRGen                | /                             | 1 (13,680 bp)                               | 1 (12,152 bp)                 | 1 (13,680 bp) | /                             | /         |
| NanoVar<br>(PASS)       | /                             | /   | /                             | 1 (13,838 bp) | /                             | /         |
| Sniffles<br>(PASS)      | 2 (12,282 bp,<br>12,152 bp) † | 3 (12,154 bp,<br>13,708 bp,<br>13,659 bp) † | 2 (12,454 bp,<br>12,155 bp) † | 1 (1,006 bp)  | 1 (13,656 bp)                 | /         |
| SVIM (QUAL<br>≥3, PASS) | /                             | 2 (13,638 bp,<br>13,613 bp) †               | /                             | 1 (13,424 bp) | 2 (13,696 bp,<br>13,663 bp) † | /         |

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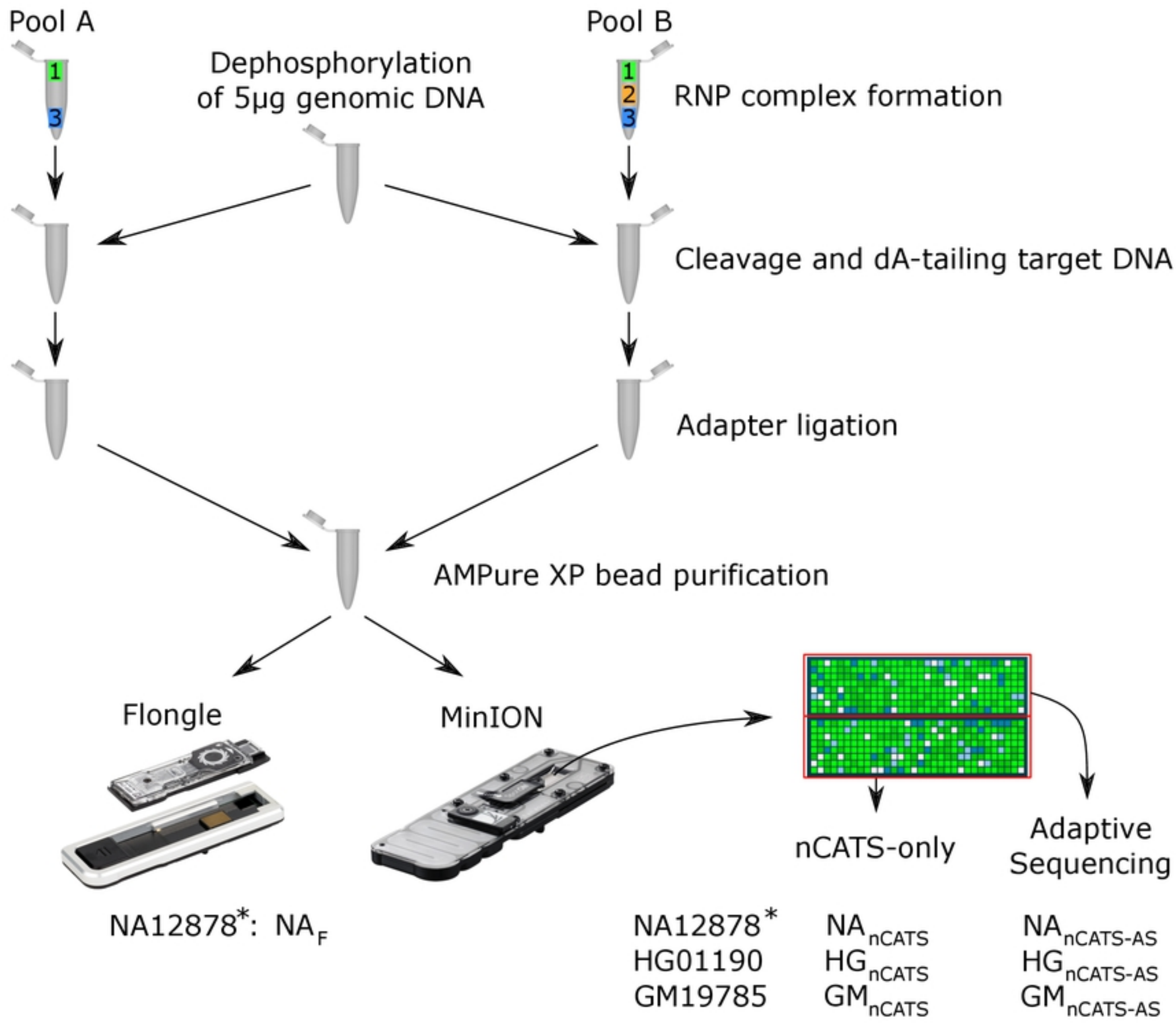
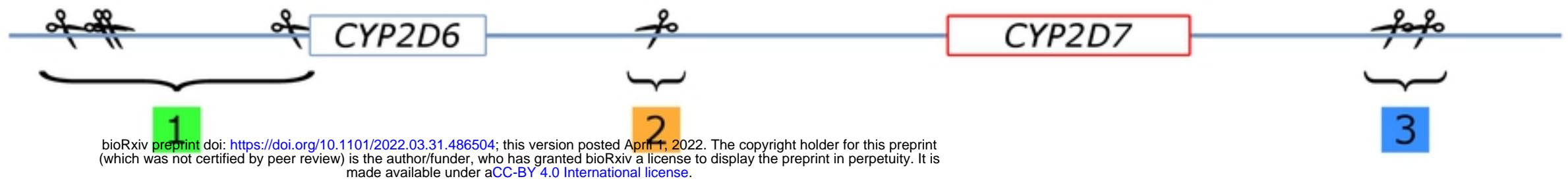
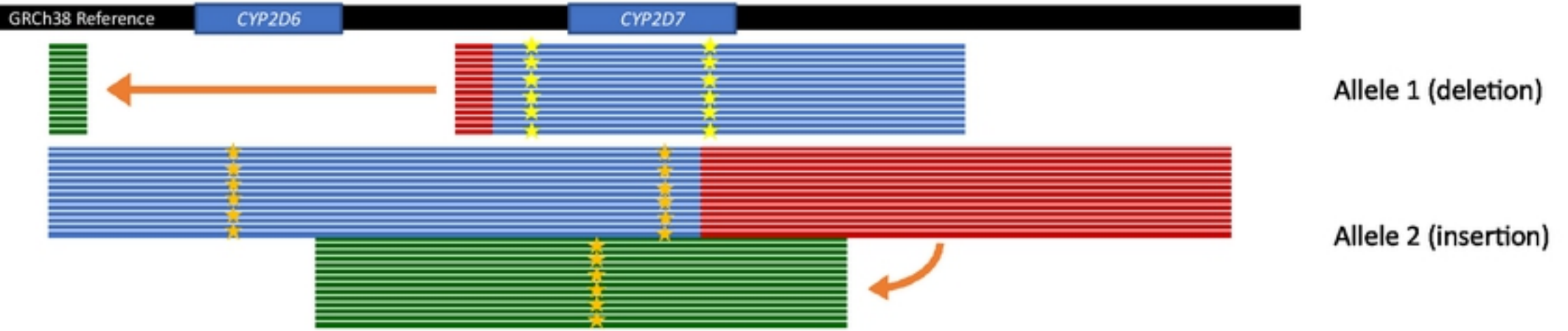
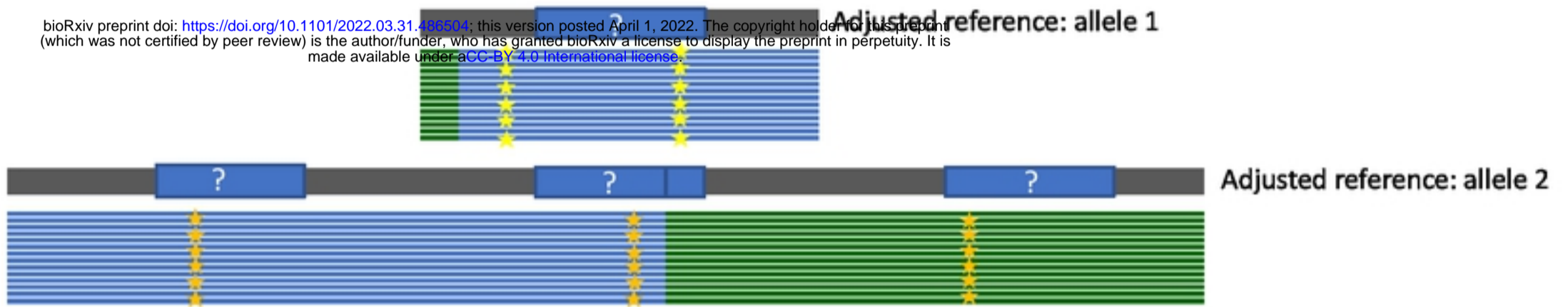


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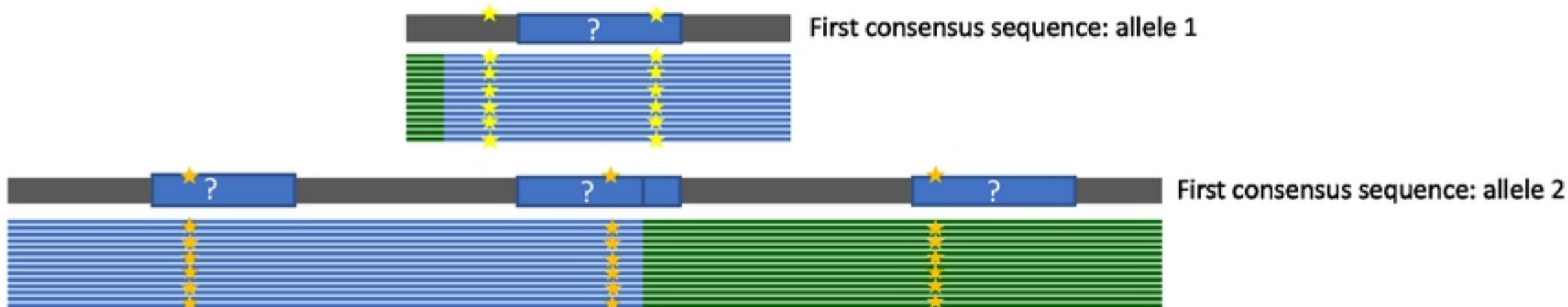
A: Mapping on reference genome (blue), clipping-end detection (red) and remapping (green)



B: Adjustment of the reference based on breakpoints



C: Adjustment of the reference based on small variants



D: Generation of final consensus and determination of the CYP genes and hybrids

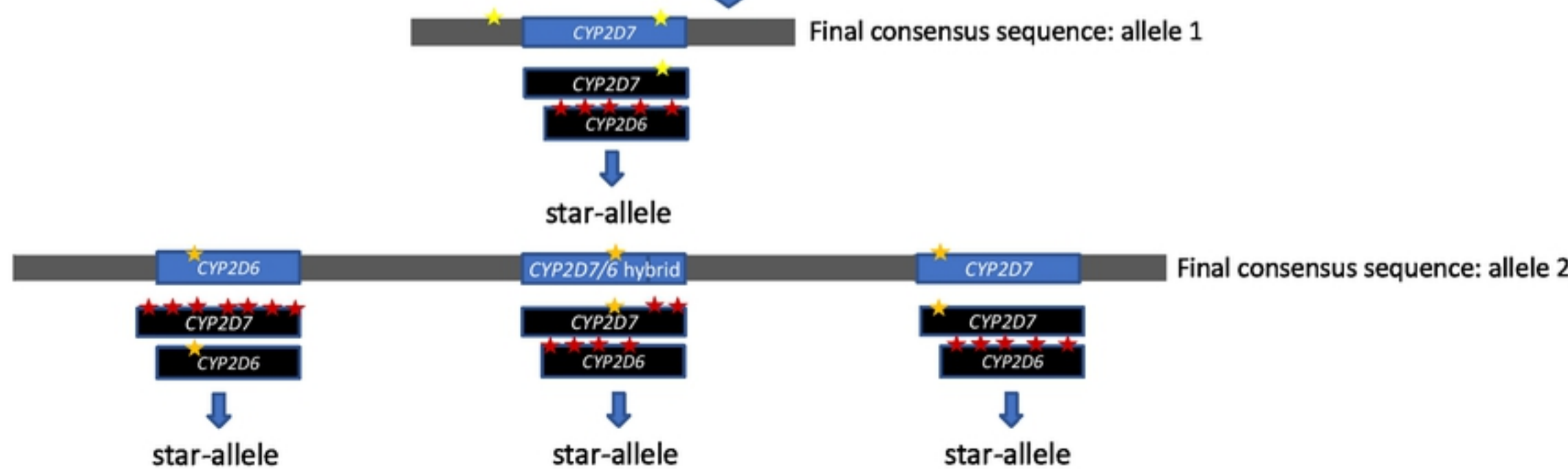


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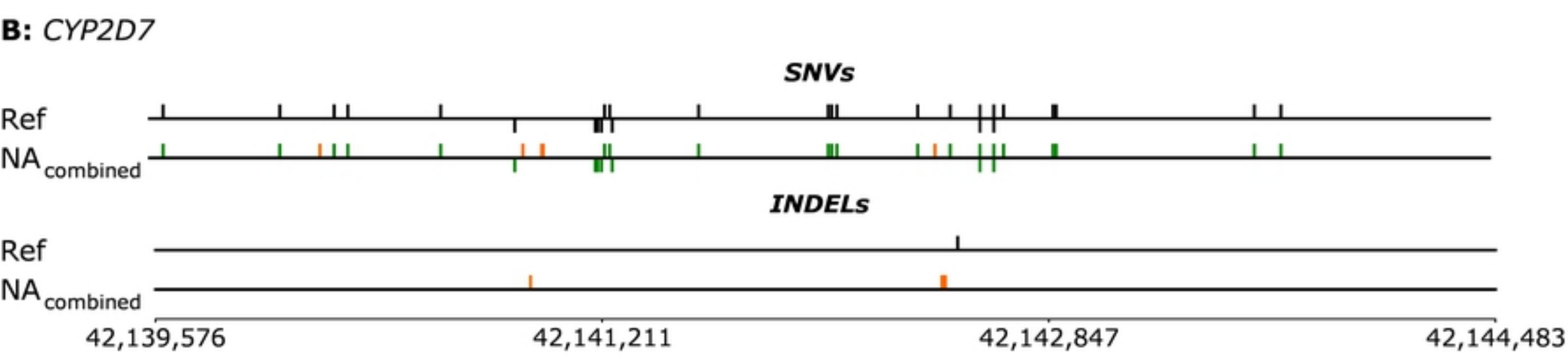
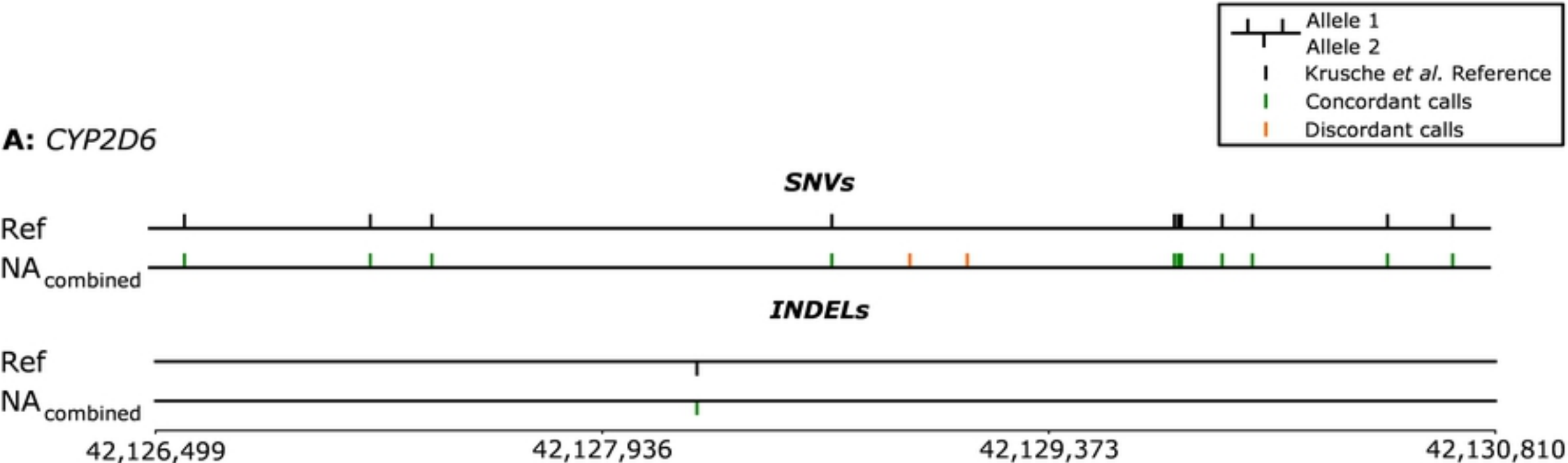


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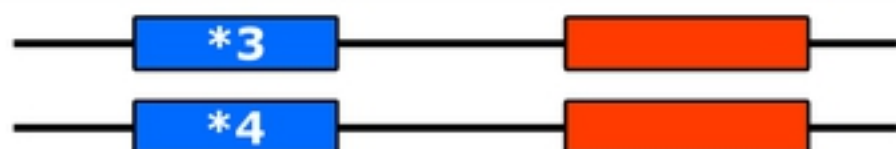


## NA12878

### Legend

- Reference
- Final consensus
- CYP2D6
- CYP2D7
- Hybrid

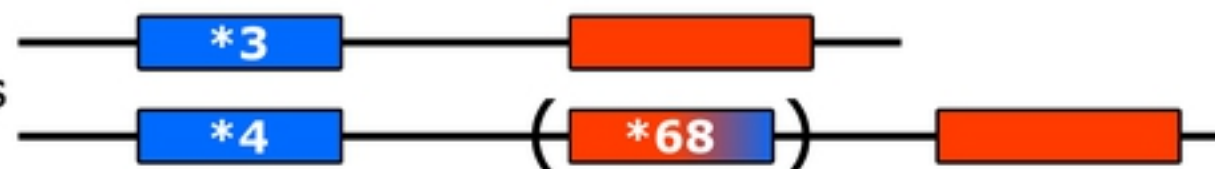
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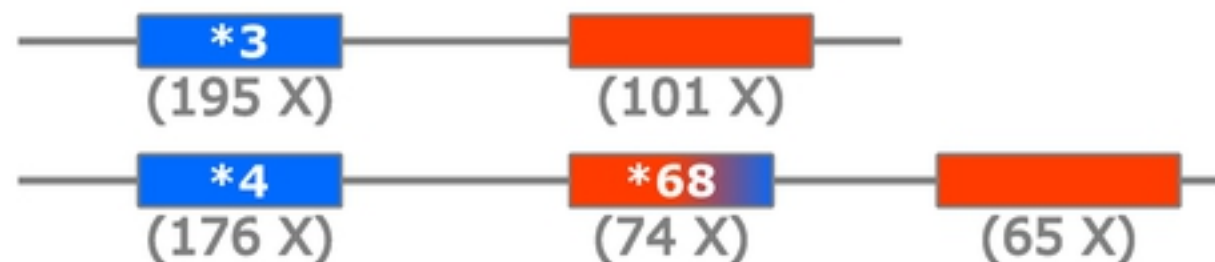


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CoLoRGen



Allele 1

Allele 2

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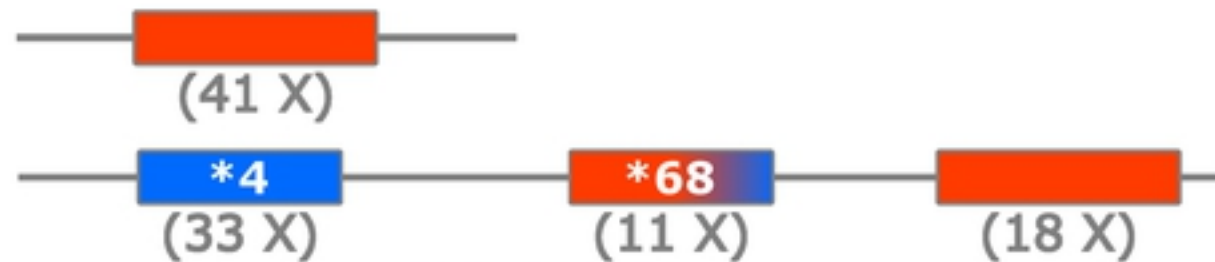
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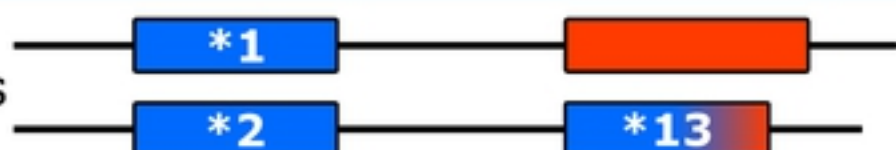


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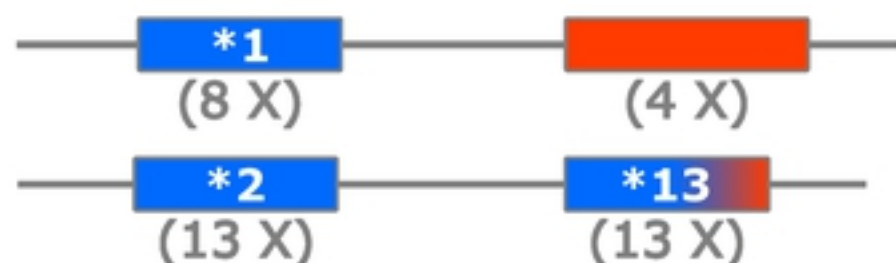
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Figure 4