
PREDICTING VARIANT DELETERIOUSNESS IN NON-HUMAN SPECIES: TAKING THE CADD APPROACH TO PIG

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1. OBJECTIVE

- Develop a method to assign a **DELETERIOUSNESS SCORE** to variants anywhere in **LIVESTOCK GENOMES**.

GTTACTAGTACAT

GTTACT**C**GTACAT

GTTACTAGT**A**TAT

GT**A**ACTAGTACAT

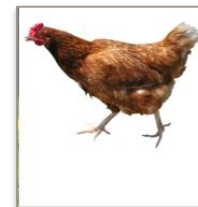


$P(\text{deleterious})$

0.15

0.87

0.01



Model Objective



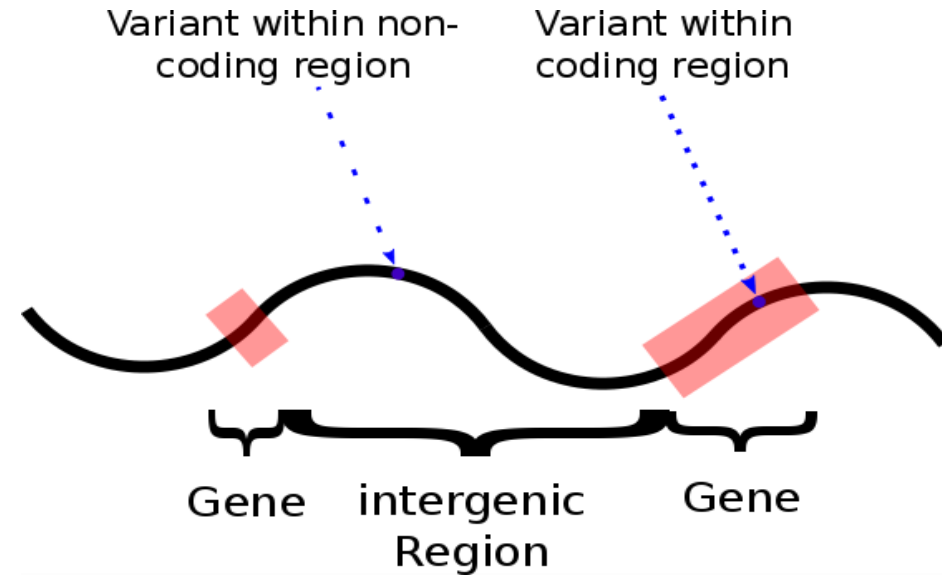
2. METHODOLOGY

Standing on the Shoulders of Giants

- *Kircher et al., Nature Genetics*

2014

- *Beyond SIFT, PROVEAN, PolyPhen etc.: one model, one comparable score for variants in coding and non-coding regions*



Combined Annotation Dependent Depletion (CADD)




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Feasibility Study: mCADD

Research article | [Open Access](#)

Predicting variant deleteriousness in non-human species: applying the CADD approach in mouse

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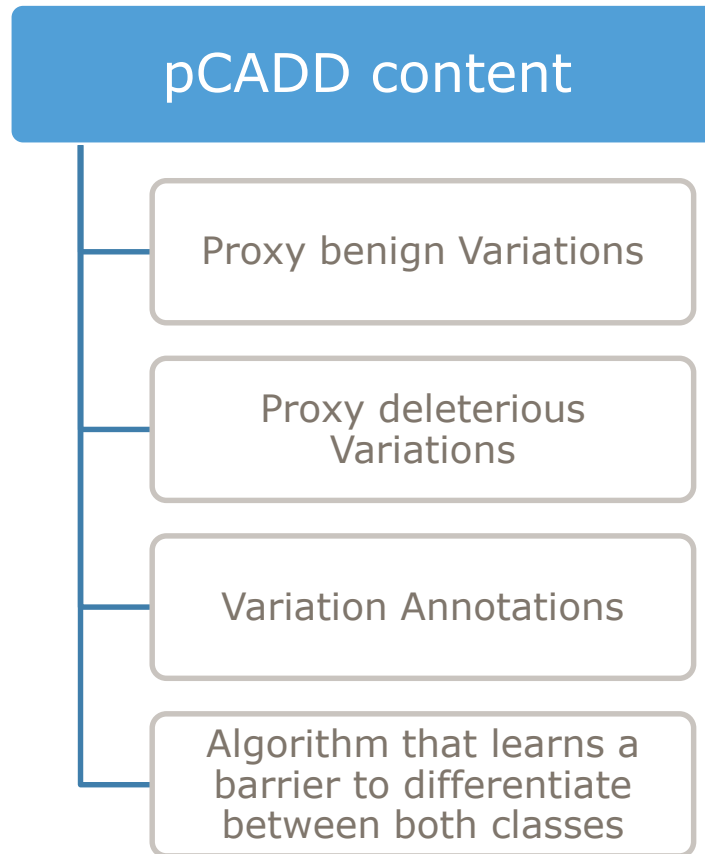
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Next step: P(ig)-CADD



2. METHODOLOGY

pCADD – Model outline



Model outline



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pCADD – proxy benign variations

pCADD content

Proxy benign Variations

Proxy deleterious Variations

Variation Annotations

Algorithm that learns a barrier to differentiate between both classes



ACATA



AAAAA

- Infer common ancestor with closely related species



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pCADD – Simulating SNPs and their constraints

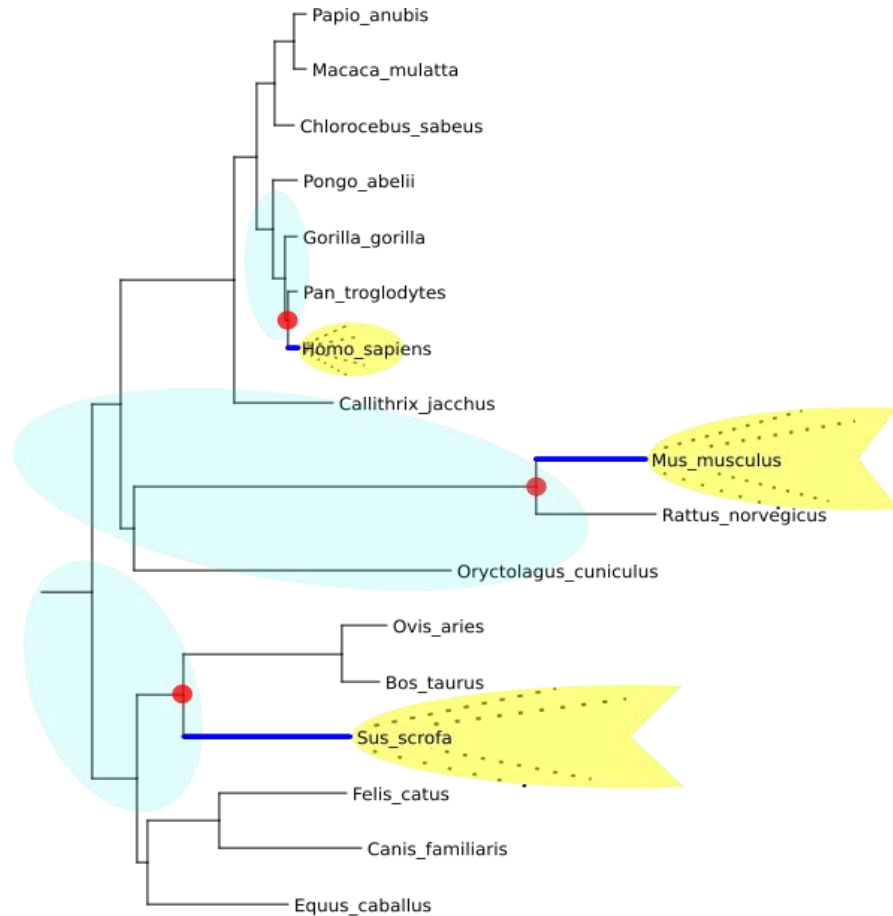
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pCADD – Variant annotations

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Proxy benign Variations

Proxy deleterious Variations

Variation Annotations

Algorithm that learns a barrier to differentiate between both classes

39 basic annotations

Ensembl-VEP91

Secondary DNA structure

conservation scores

Protein scores

pCADD: 868 features

Annotation labels



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pCADD – Generation of the Machine Learning Model

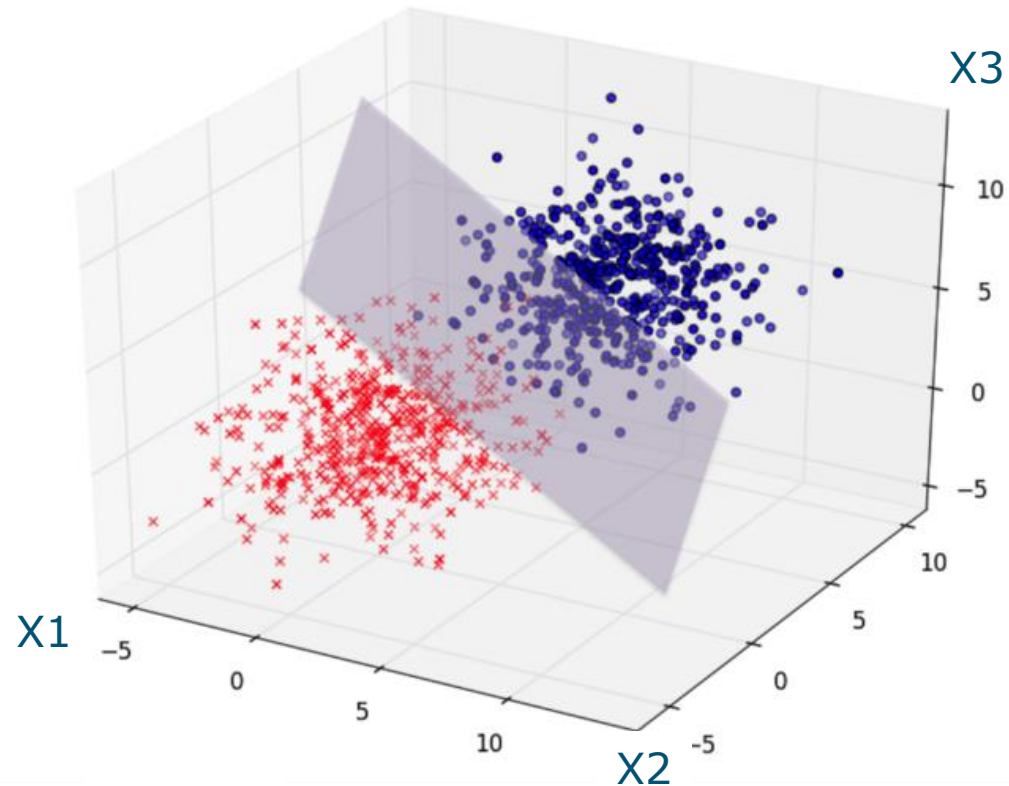
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Proxy benign Variations

Proxy deleterious Variations

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Algorithm that learns a barrier to differentiate between both classes



● derived

● simulated

■ Decision boundary

Notes: $X(n)=feature(n)$

In this research more than 3 features were used

General representation of a Machine learning model



3. METHODOLOGY

pCADD Model Extension - PHRED-like scores

- *All possible SNPs on chromosome 1-18 and X were generated and annotated (7,158,434,598).*
- *SNPs were ranked with respect to their deleteriousness.*

Lowest 90%

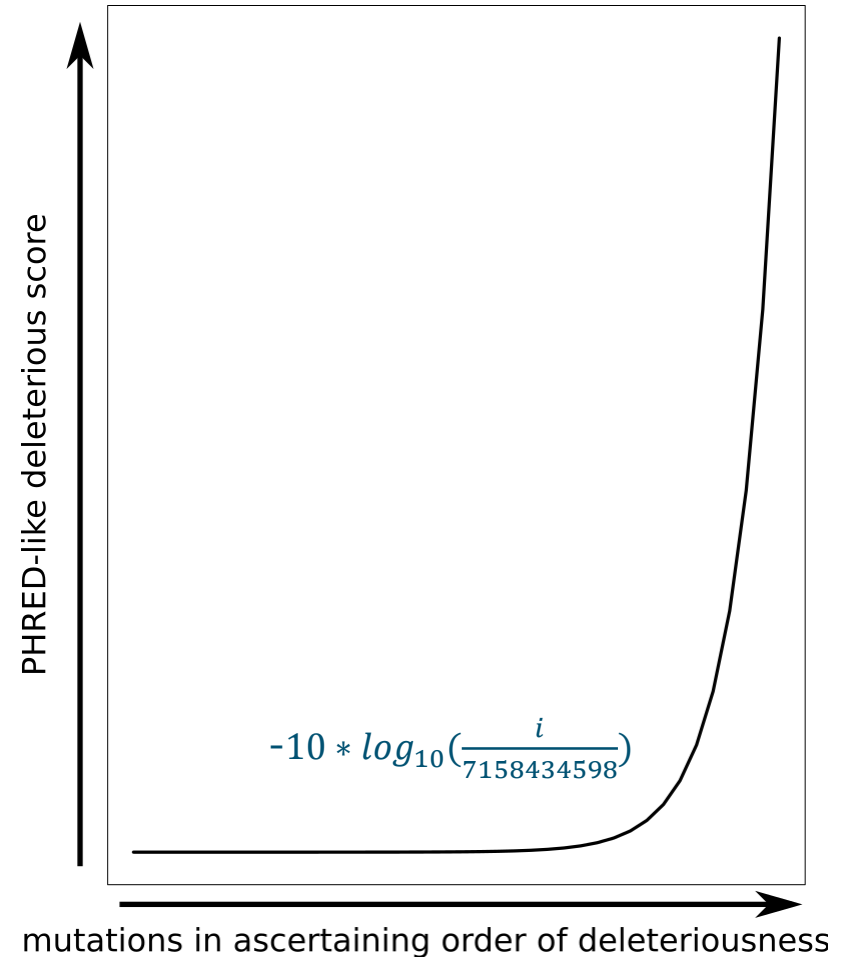
- PHRED: 0-10

Lowest 99%

- PHRED: 0-20

Lowest 99.9%

- PHRED: 0-30



Hypothetical representation of PHRED-like score distribution



4. Results

pCADD - Evaluating Known Deleterious Variants

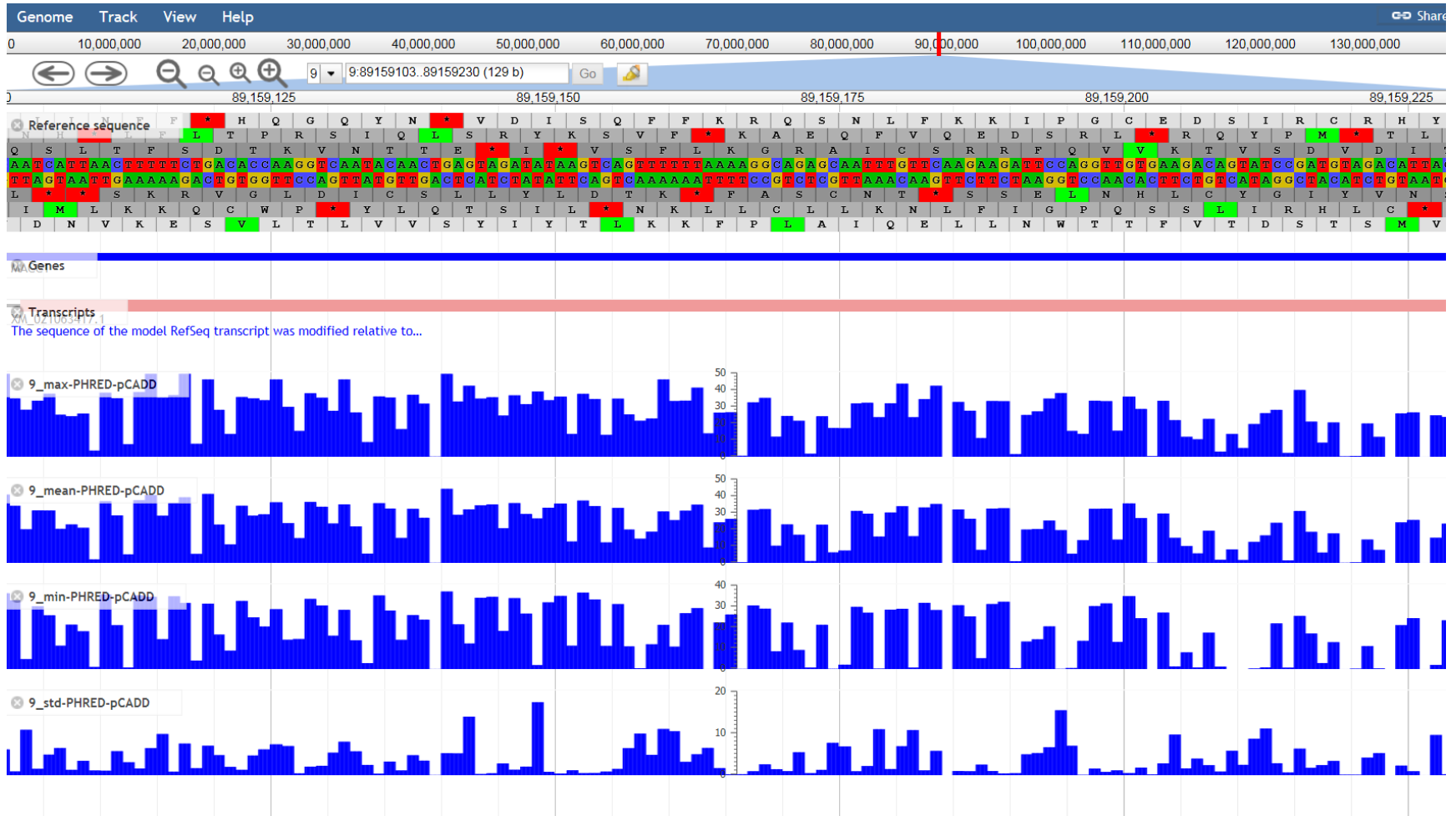
Hap.	Type	SSC	Position	Ref	Alt	Gene	AA change (SIFT)	Raw-score	PHRED-score
DU1	Splice-donor	12	38,922,102	G	A	TADA2A	-	0.95885	21.88258
LA1	Splice-region	3	43,952,776	T	G	POLR1B	-	0.69472	10.14103
LA2	Frameshift	13	195,977,038	C	-	URB1	1961-V/X	NA	NA
LA3	Missense	6	54,880,241	T	C	PNKP	96-Q/R (0.02)	0.9967	29.46386

small set of known variants



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pCADD – JBrowser Implementation

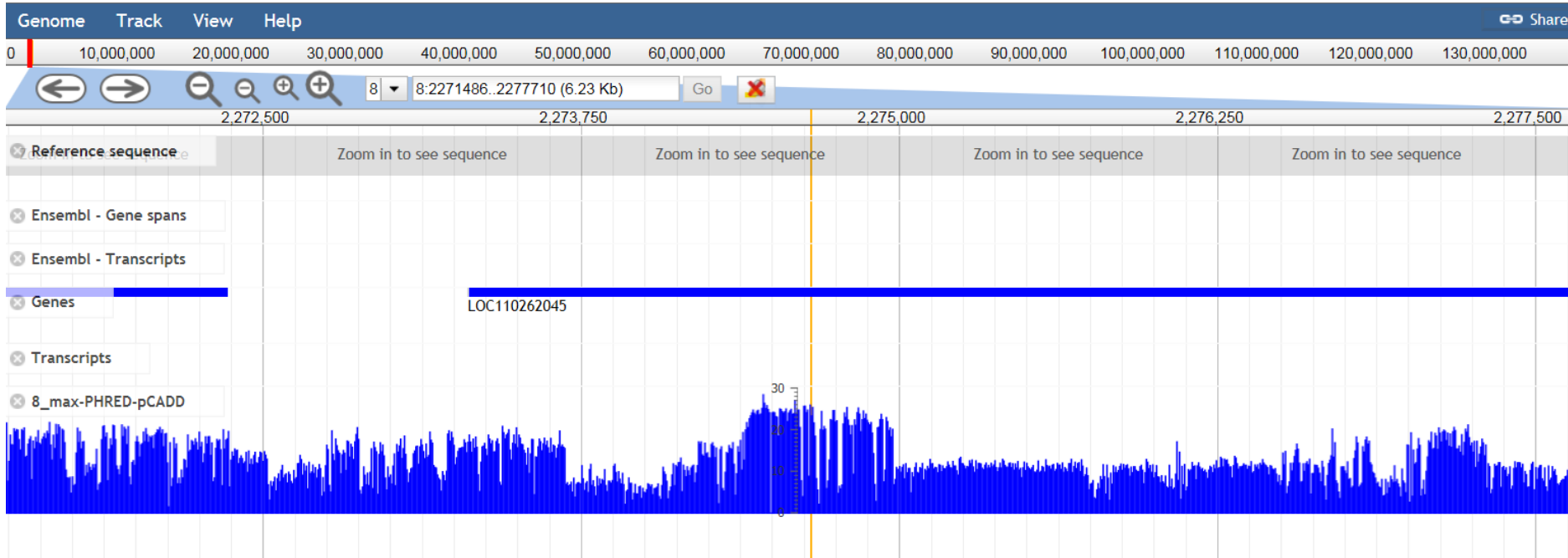


MACC1 example of PHRED-scores



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pCADD – Identification of NCBI genebuild element



Intergenic high-impact, high frequent SNP



6. QUESTIONS?

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