



Consistency of carrier screening guidelines across seven populations and 408,000 individuals

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Purpose of carrier screening

“...the goal of preconception and prenatal carrier screening is to **provide couples with information to optimize outcomes** based on their personal values and preferences.”

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Carrier Screening in the Age of Genomic Medicine

“Ethnic-specific, panethnic, and expanded carrier screening are acceptable strategies for prepregnancy and prenatal screening”



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5. Require surgical or medical intervention
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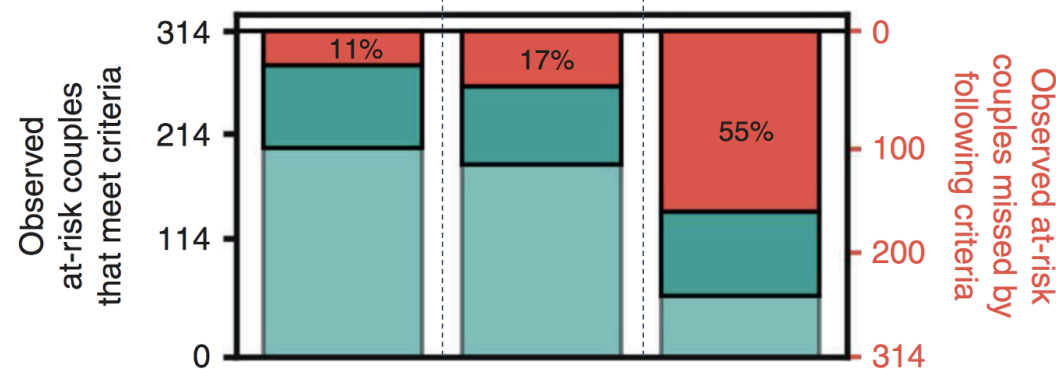
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A data-driven evaluation of the size and content of expanded carrier screening panels

Rotem Ben-Shachar, PhD¹, Ashley Svenson, MS CGC¹, James D. Goldberg, MD¹ and Dale Muzzey, PhD¹

≥ 1 -in-100 carrier rate in	Any ethnicity	U.S.-population	All ethnicities
# of diseases	38	18	3
panel-wide carrier rate	30%	24%	11%

- Interpretation of 1-in-100 frequency cutoff has substantial impact on ECS panels





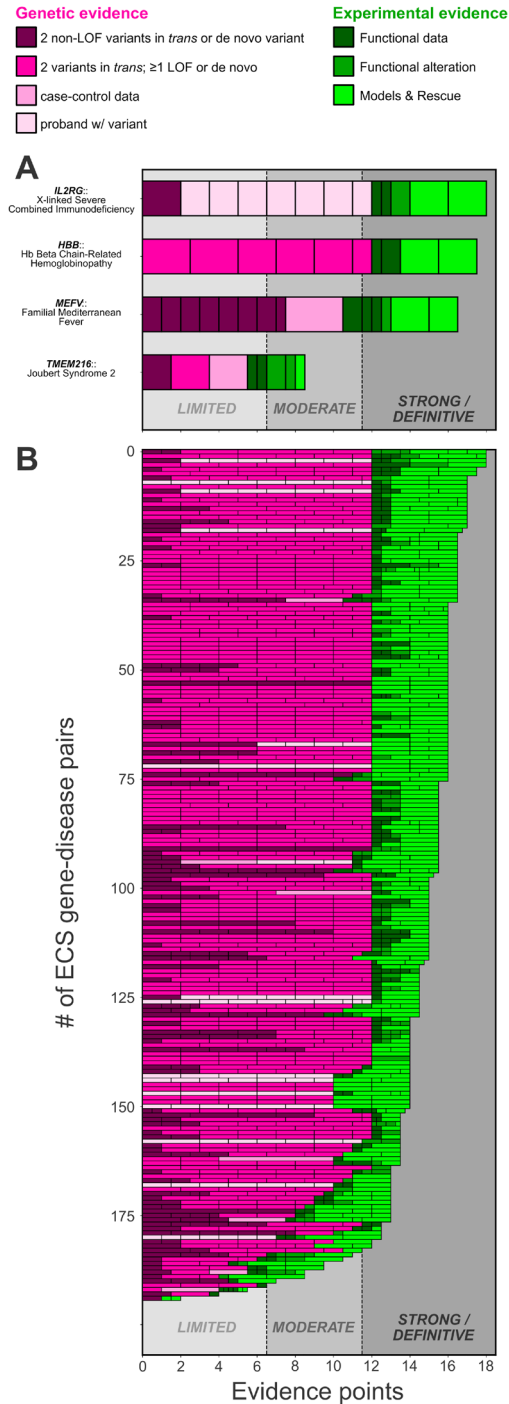
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Clinical validity of expanded carrier screening: evaluating the gene-disease relationship in more than 200 conditions

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- All 208 evaluated conditions met the evidence threshold for supporting a gene-disease association.
- 203 of 208 (98%) achieved the strongest (“Definitive”) level of gene-disease association.



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Evaluation and classification of severity for 176 genes on an expanded carrier screening panel

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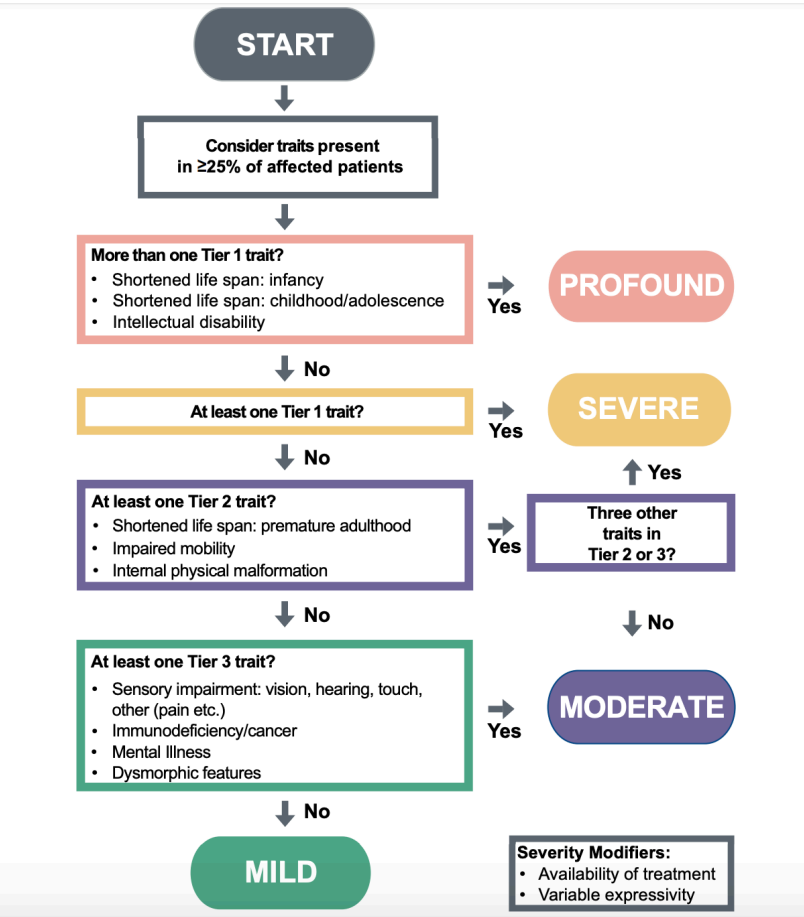


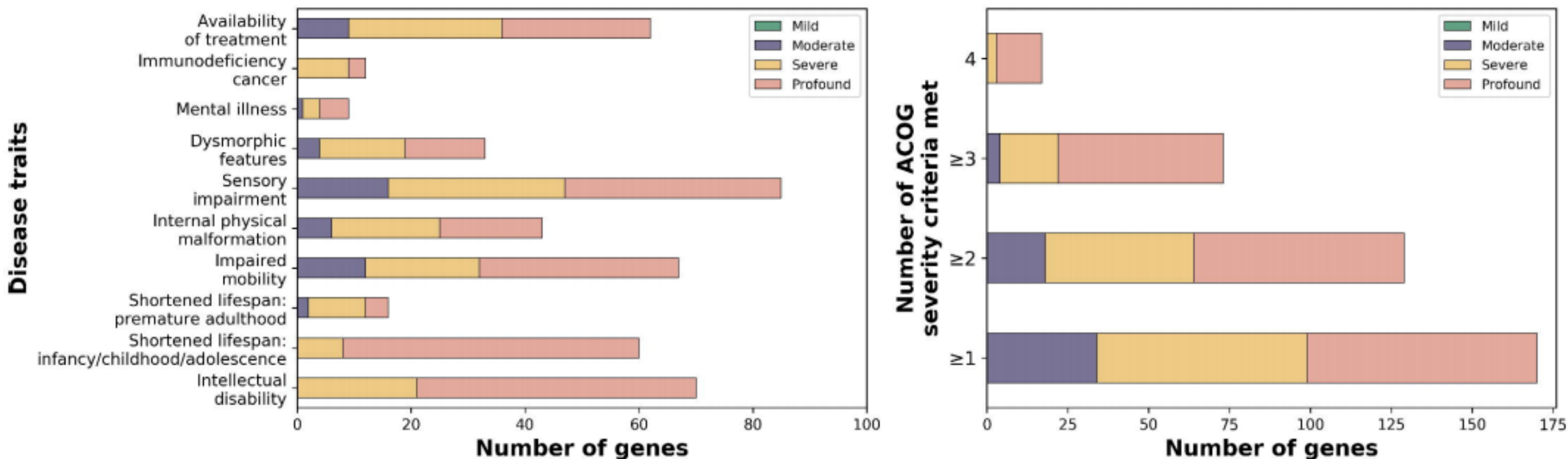
Table 2. Mapping of the algorithm’s disease traits to ACOG severity criteria.

ACOG Severity Criteria	Have a detrimental effect on quality of life	Cause cognitive or physical impairment	Have an onset early in life	Require surgical or medical intervention
Algorithm Disease Traits	Intellectual disability Impaired mobility Internal physical malformation Sensory impairment Dysmorphic features Mental illness Immunodeficiency/ cancer	Intellectual disability Impaired mobility	Shortened lifespan: infancy/ childhood/adolescence	Availability of treatment

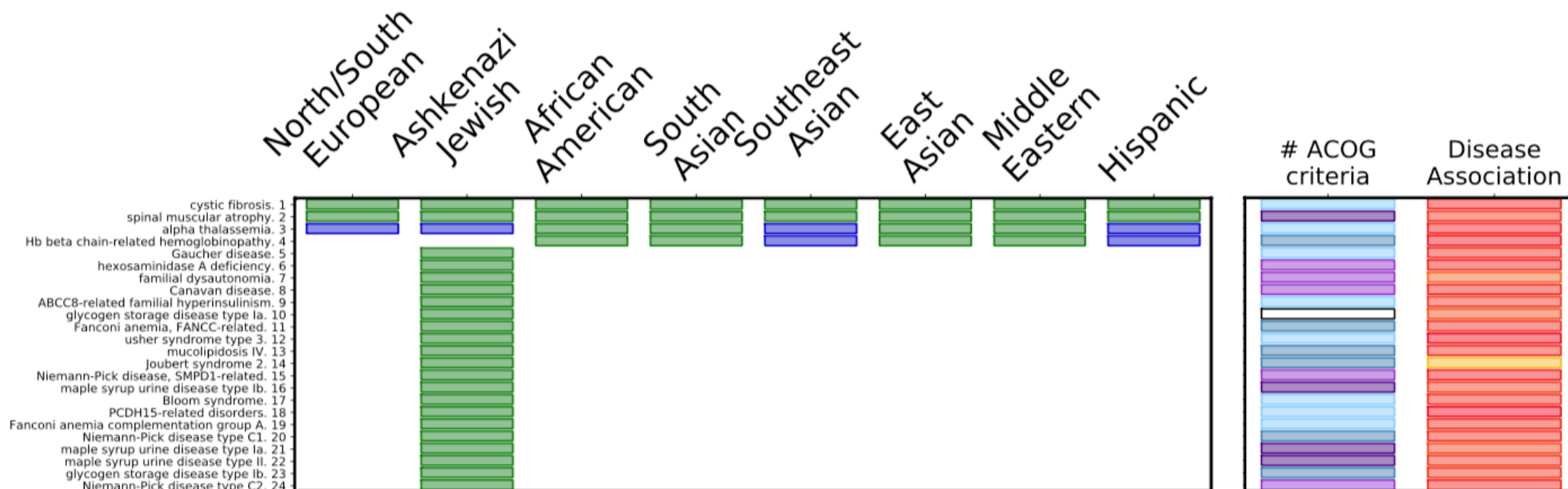
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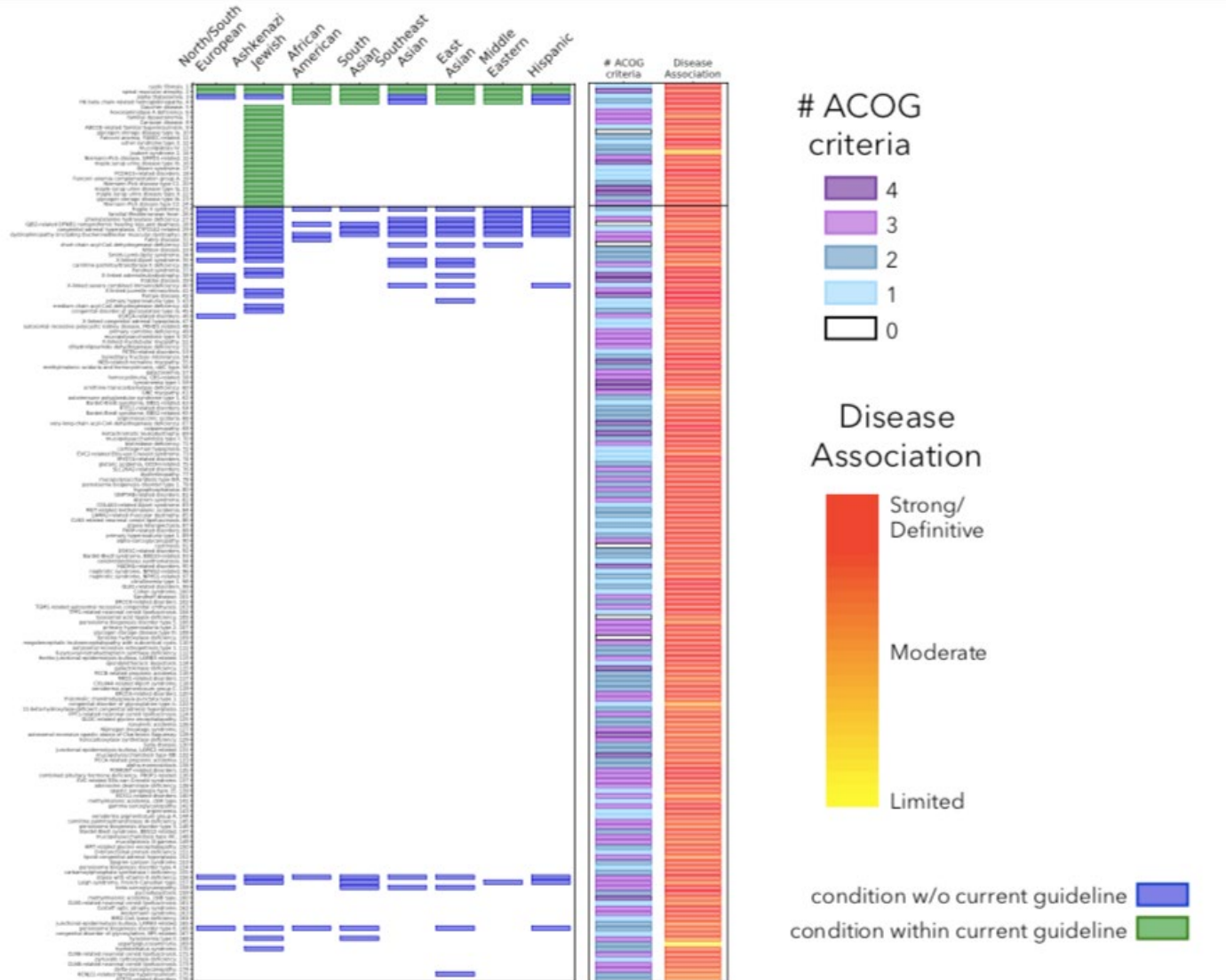
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1. ≥ 1 -in-100 carrier frequency
40 genes
2. Well-defined phenotype
173 genes
3. Severity
 - a) Detrimental to quality of life
 - b) Cause cognitive/physical impairment
 - c) Require surgical or medical intervention
 - d) Early onset in life**170 genes**
4. Have prenatal diagnosis available
All genes

Conclusions

- Using evidence-based analyses, we clarified and operationalized ECS panel design criteria.
- Stringent application of the criteria resulted in the identification of a guidelines-compliant panel consisting of **~40 conditions**
- Additional clarity of guidelines is needed to ensure standardization and equity of care.

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