# Identifying Dysregulated Genes in Autoimmune Disease 

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## Cells of the Immune System




## Multiple sclerosis GWAS


... and that's not all!
100 new hits

## GWAS signals are enriched in regulatory DNA





Fig. 5. De novo Identification of pathogenic cell types. GWAS SNPs are systematically enriched in the regulatory DNA of disease-specific cell types throughout the full range of significance ( $P$-values). Shown are SNPs tested for association with the autoimmune disorders Crohn's disease (A) and multiple sclerosis (B), and the cardiovascular trait QRS duration (C). Note the increasingly selective enrichment of diseaseassociated variants within DHSs of specific pathogenic or trait-determining cell or tissue types. Note also that enrichment within cell-selective regulatory DNA persists well below conventional $P$-value thresholds for genome-wide significance.

## MS GWAS hits enriched in transcription factor binding sites



Farh et al Nature 2015

## NFKB1 locus in MS GWAS



IMSGC, Nat Genet, 2013 Housley et al STM 2015

## IKZF3/ORMDL3 locus in MS GWAS



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## Approach

Total gene posterior
Gene

Gene-DHS correlation posterior CP x PPA

DHS

Posterior probability of association PPA

SNP


## Problem 1: DHS-gene correlations



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## Aligning DHSs Over Samples



## Identify detectable DHS clusters



| Scenario 1 |  | Scenario 2 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| C1 | 1 | C1 | 2 |
| C2 | 1 | C2 | 2 |
| C3 | 1 | C3 | 1 |
| C4 | 0 | C4 | 0 |
| C5 | 0 | C5 | 0 |
| C6 | 1 | C6 | 2 |

Align over 57 tissue replicates from REP
1,079,138/1,994,675 (54.1\%) clusters pass Cover $8 \%$ of genome (cf. $14 \%$ of all DHS)

NB singletons, low power


Cell

## QC+ DHS clusters

 capture most MS heritabilityCaveat
DHS clusters are wider than DHS peaks (250-400bp vs 150bp Alkes Price

## Challenge 2: Gene expression correlation



Correlation Structure of the Gene Expression Data

QQ plot for $P$ Value of Correlation Between One DHS and 14000 Genes


After


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## Application to MS GWAS

| Chr 6 | Gene | GP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $90.5-91.5 \mathrm{Mb}$ | MDN1 | 0.555 |
| RP = 0.945 | GABRR2 | 0.162 |
|  | RRAGD | 0.106 |
|  | GJA10 | 0.065 |
|  | MAP3K7 | 0.029 |

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IKZF3/ORMDL3 locus
rs12946510 (CEU )


Gene
GP
0.029
$34.5-35.5 \mathrm{Mb}$ PIP4K2B 0.022
$\mathrm{RP}=0.295$ IGFBP4 0.018

| IKZF3 | 0.015 |
| :---: | :---: |
| GSDMB | 0.014 |
| SMARCE1 | 0.013 |
| CCR7 | 0.013 |
| TNS4 | 0.01 |
| ZPBP2 | 0.009 |
| MED1 | 0.009 |
| MED24 | 0.009 |
| KRT24 | 0.009 |
| PNMT | 0.008 |
| CDK12 | 0.007 |
| RPL23 | 0.007 |
| PSMD3 | 0.007 |
| PLXDC1 | 0.006 |
| TOP2A | 0.006 |
| RARA | 0.006 |



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## MS GWAS risk effect: NFKB1 locus



## MS patients show altered NFкB signaling in CD4+ T cells



ex vivo CD4 ${ }^{+}$T cells show higher p-p65 (Housley et al, STM 2015)

CD4 ${ }^{+}$T cells from MS patients proliferate more rapidly after stimulus (Kofler et al JCI 2014)

## MS risk effect near NFKB1 alters signaling in CD4+ cells



## MS variant in TNFRSF1A alters TNF $\alpha$-dependent NFkB signaling



Housley, unpublished

## GWAS loci harbor many NFкB genes



Housley, unpublished

## Model: NFкB signaling variation



# Systematic dissection I 

25 NFKB1 risk variant homozygotes 25 NFKB1 non-risk variant homozygotes
$\alpha$ CD3/CD28


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In credible interval $-\square$ No $-\llcorner$ Yes


