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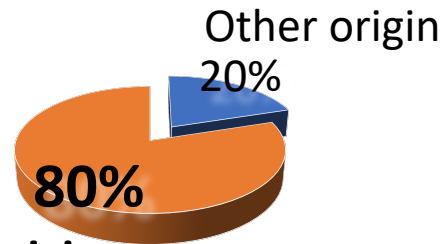
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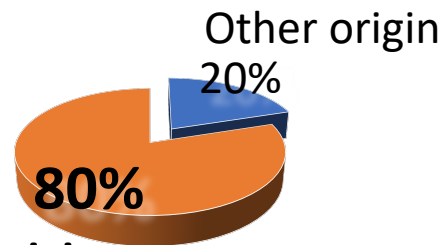
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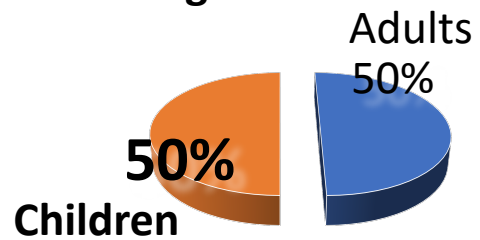
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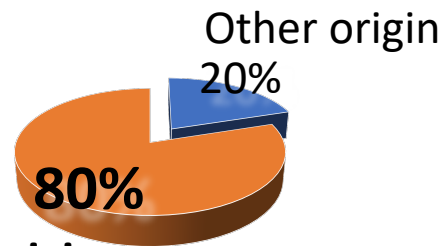
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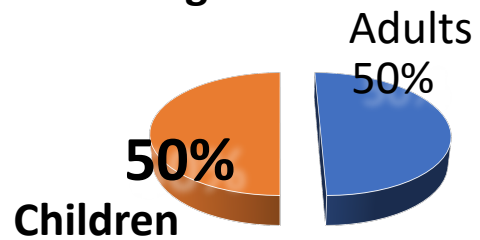
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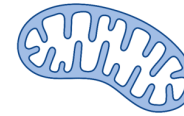
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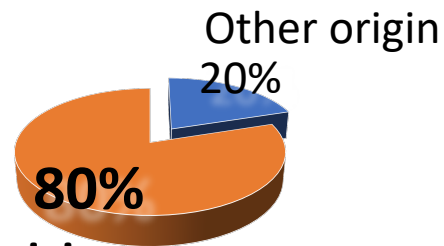
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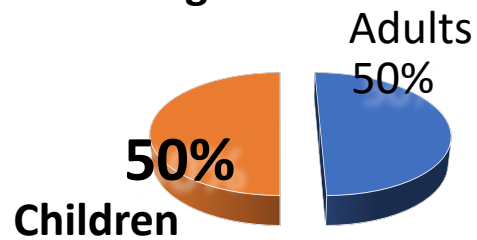
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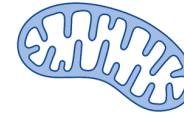
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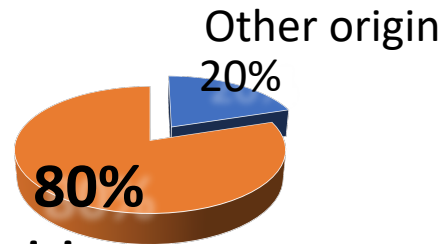
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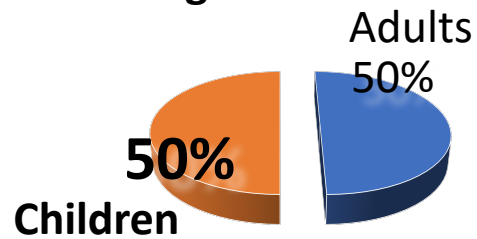
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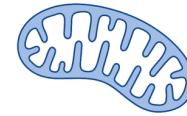


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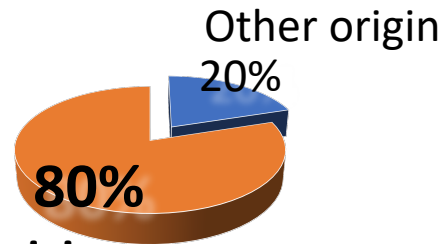
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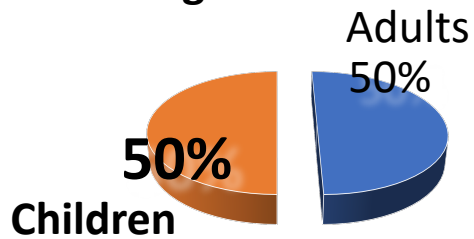
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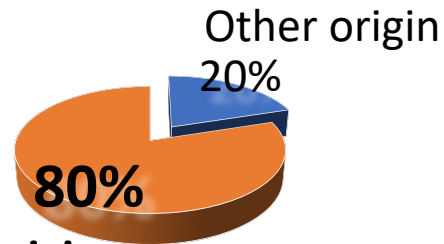
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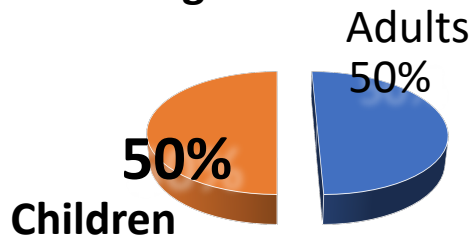
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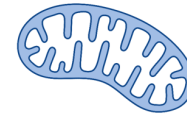


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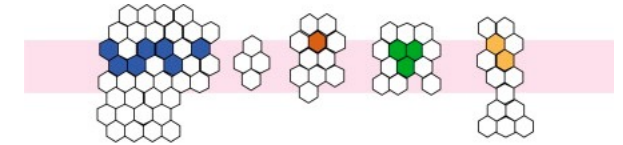


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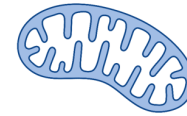


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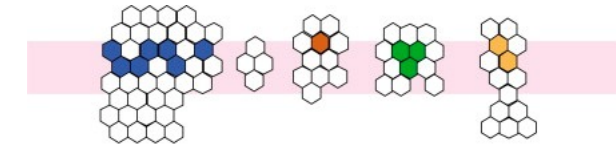


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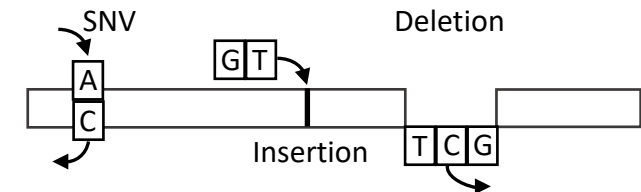


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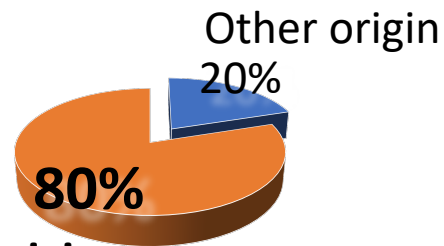
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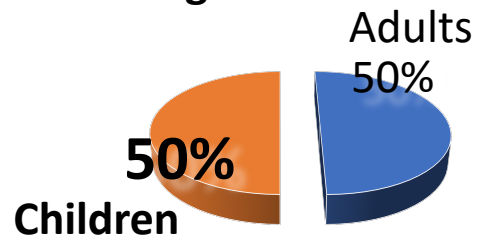
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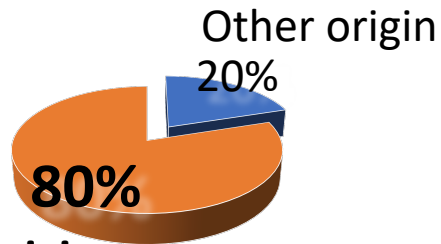
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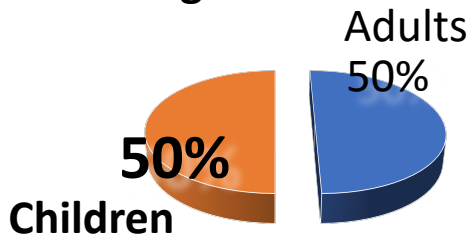
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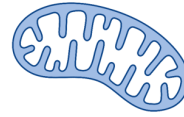


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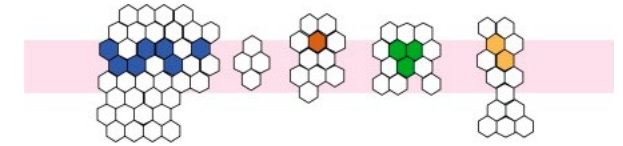
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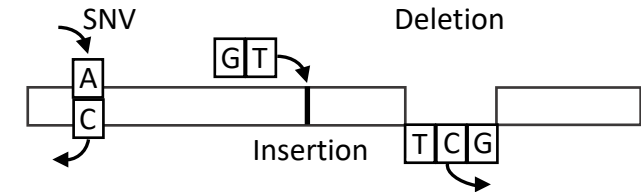
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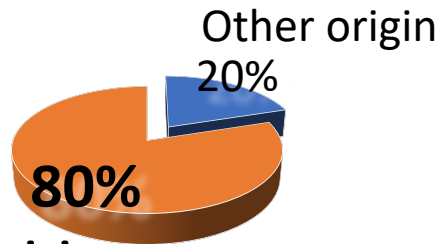
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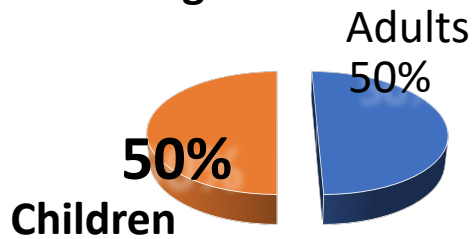
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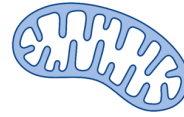
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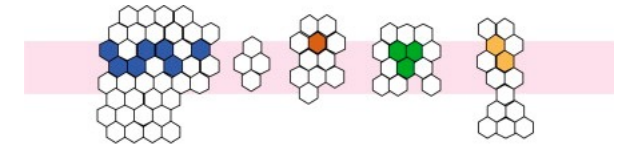
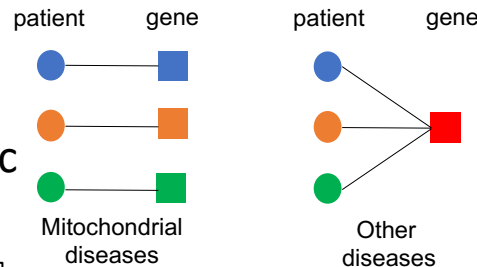
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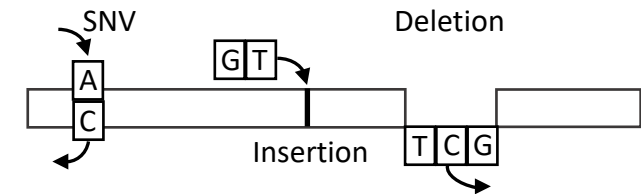
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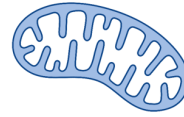
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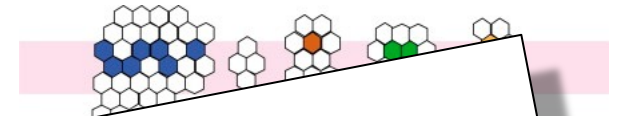
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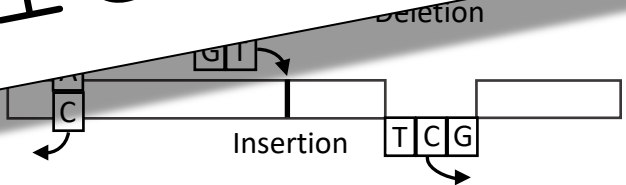


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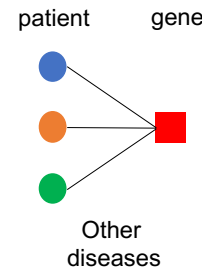
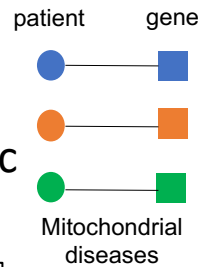
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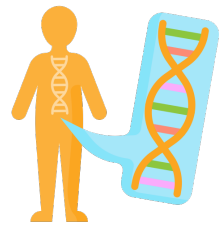
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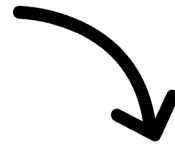
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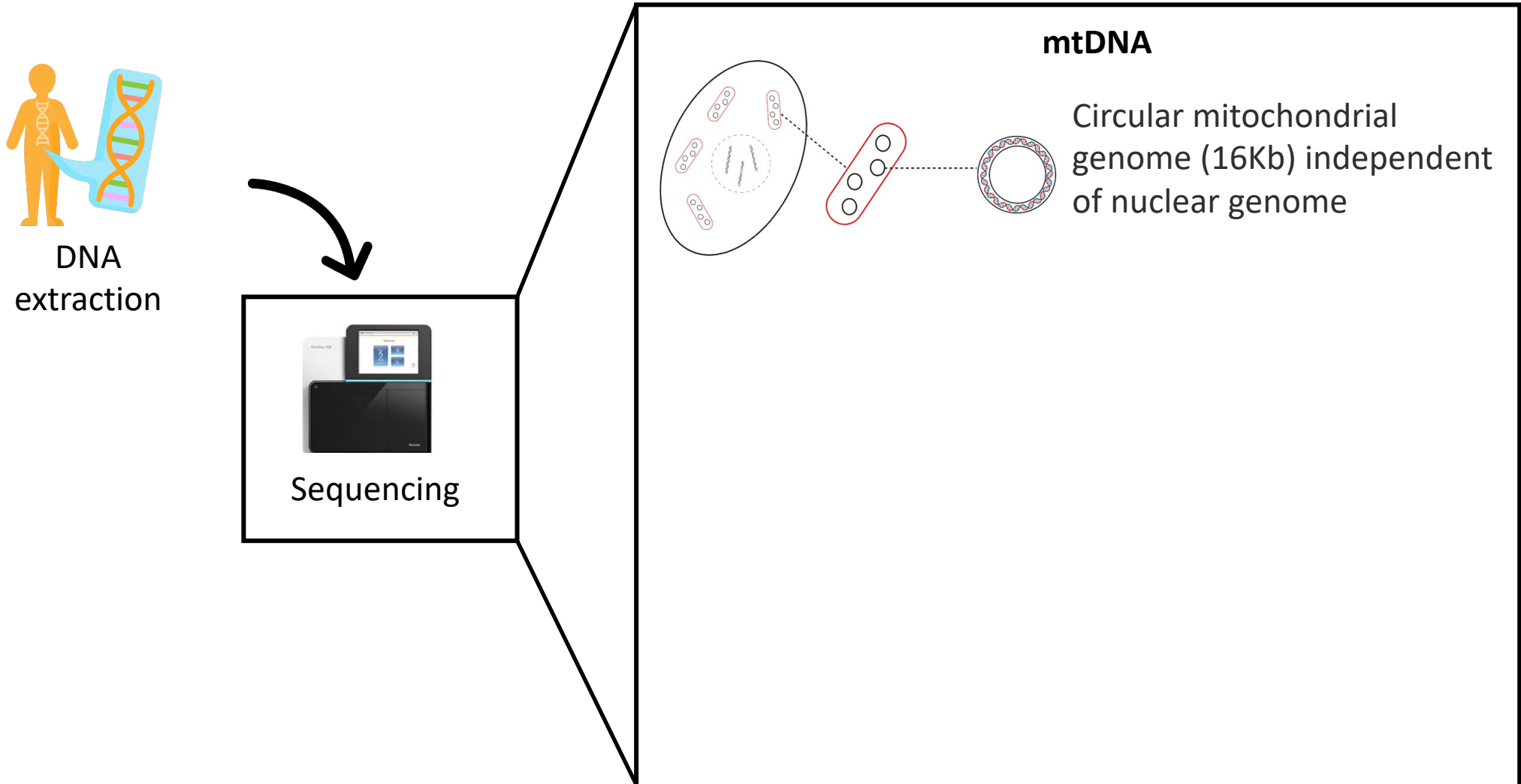
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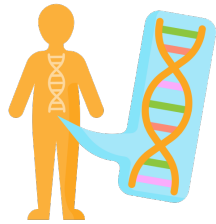
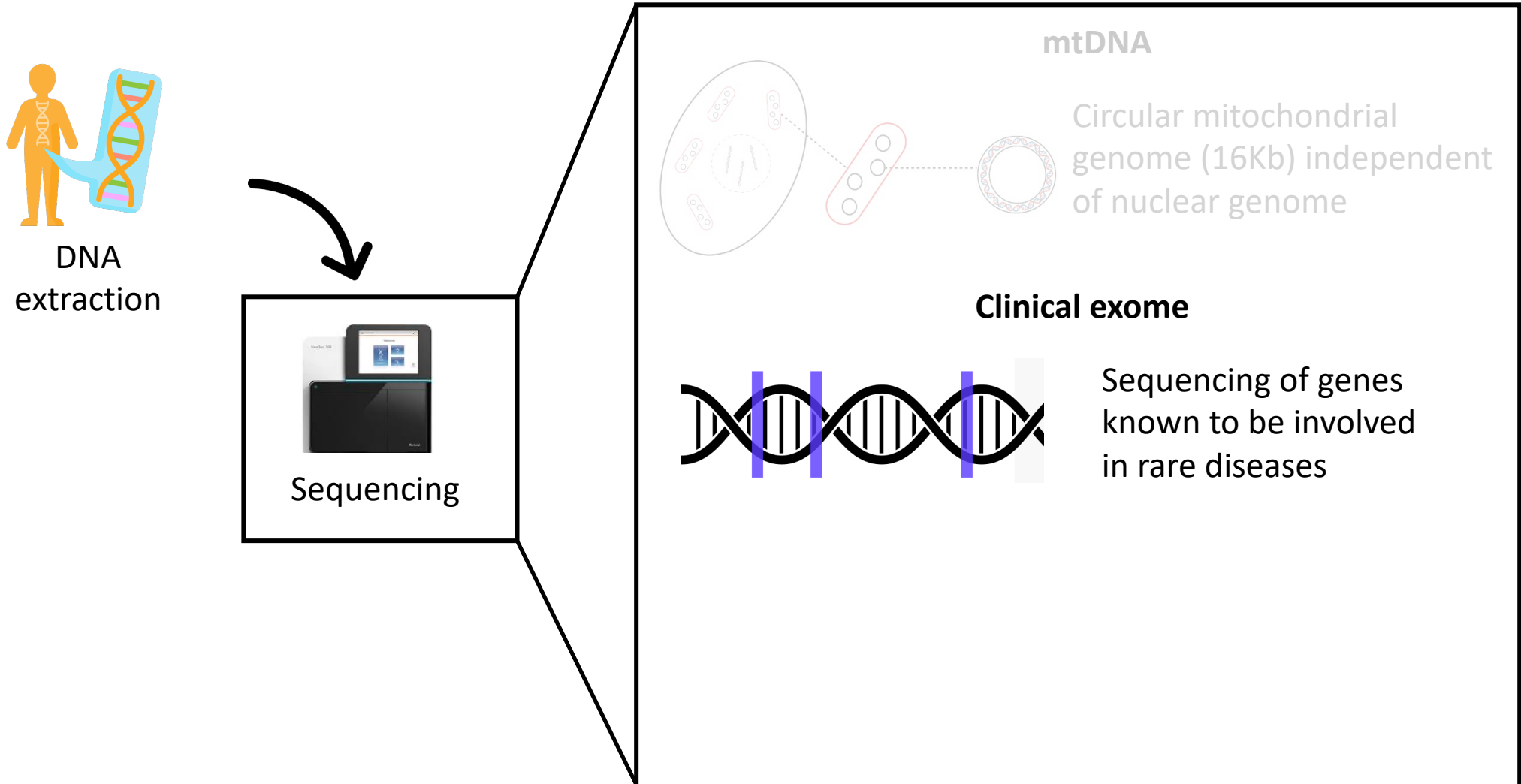
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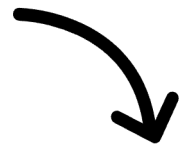


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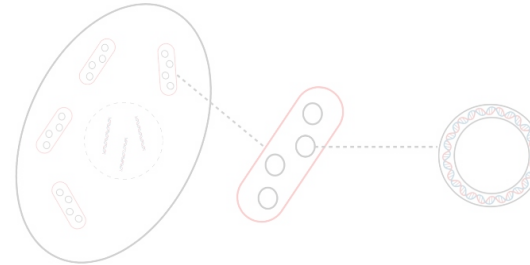


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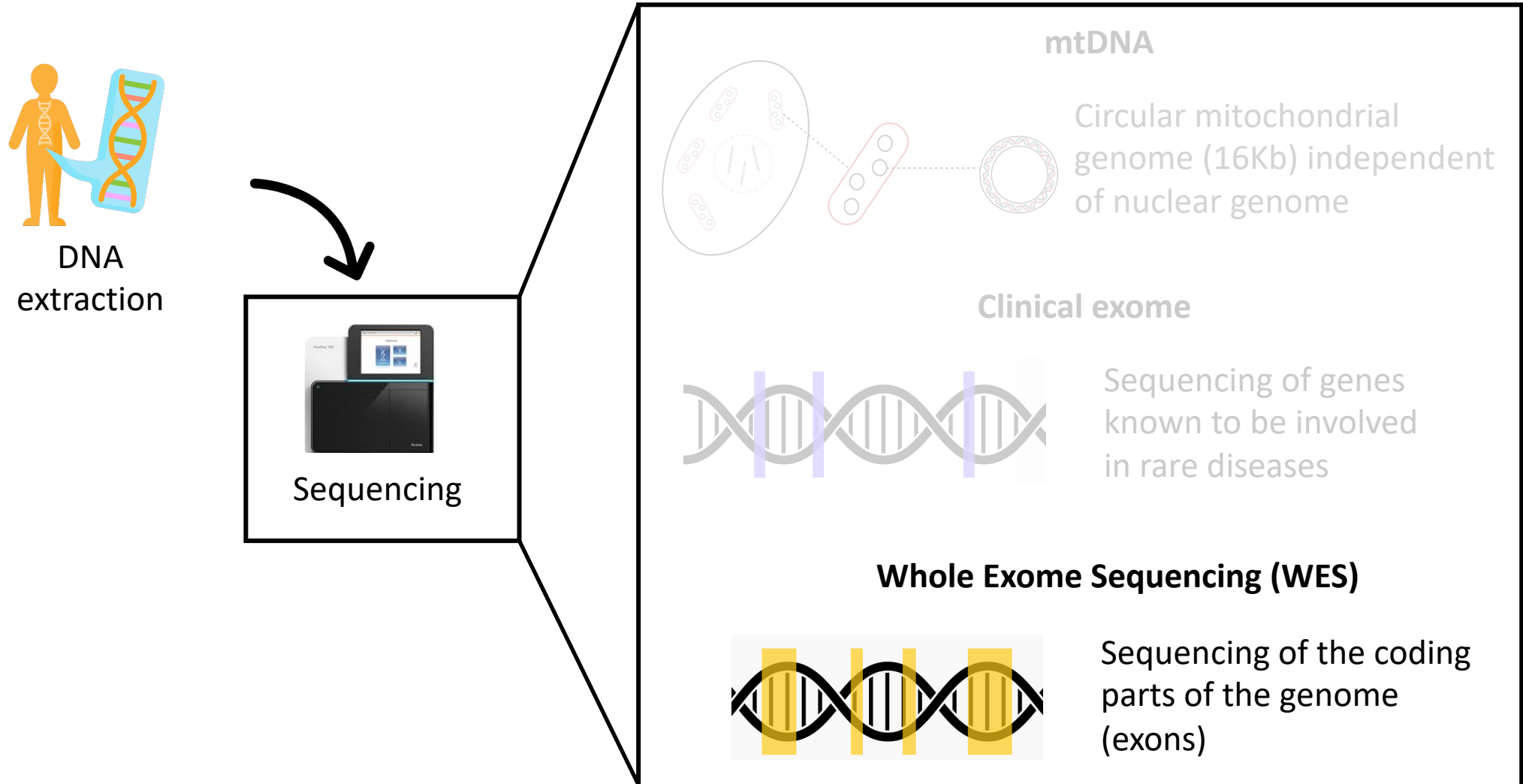
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Sequencing of genes known to be involved in rare diseases

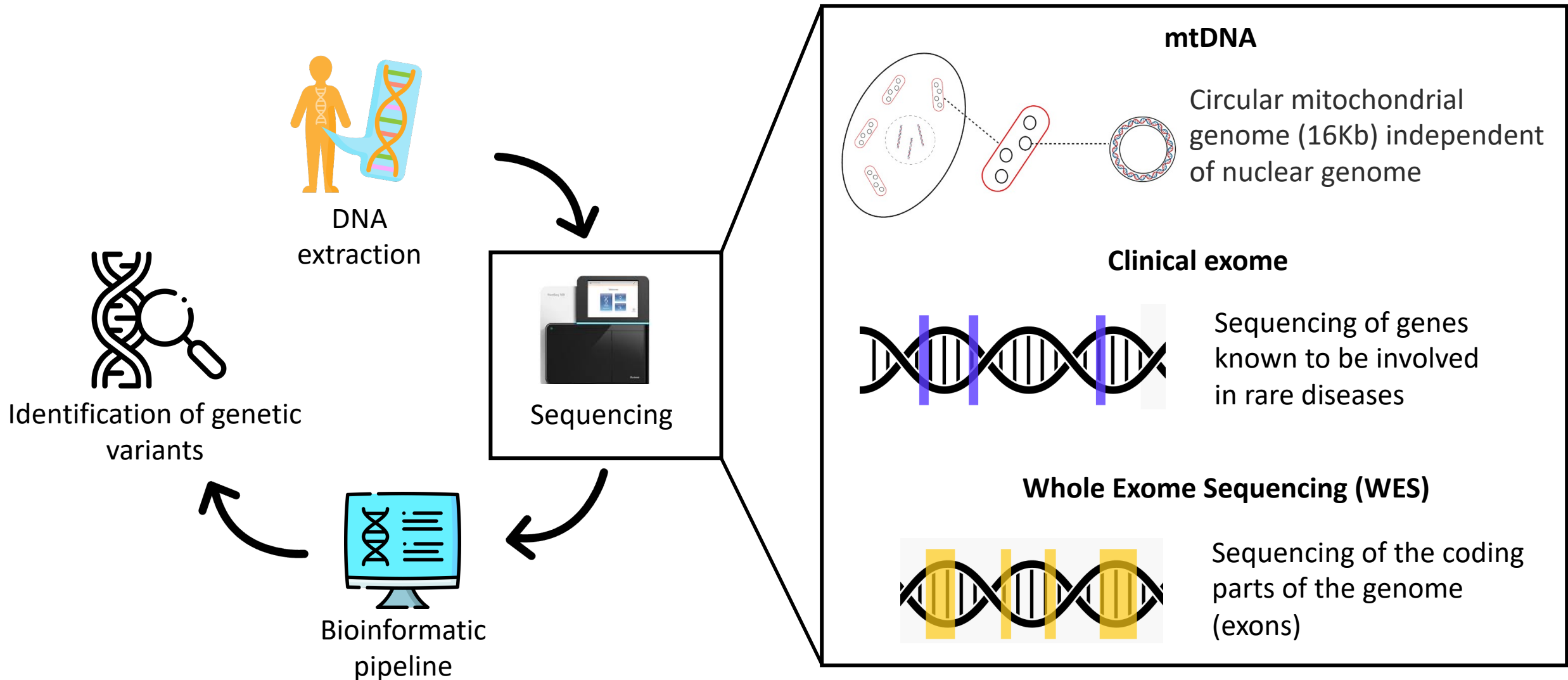
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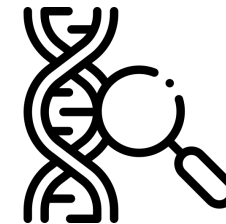


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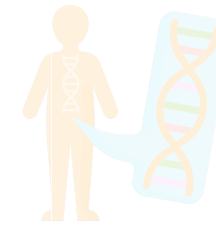
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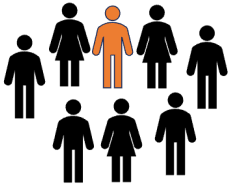


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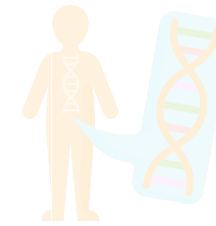
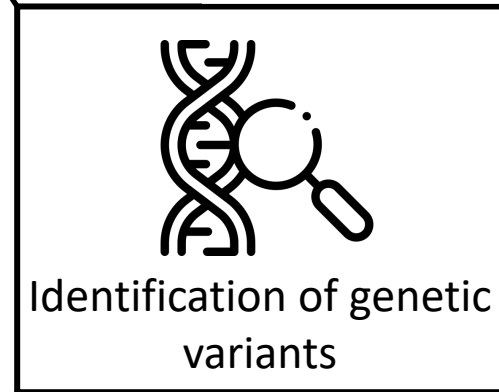
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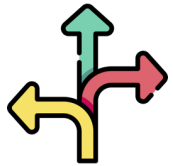


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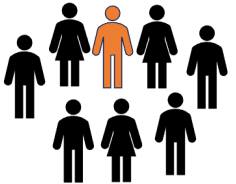


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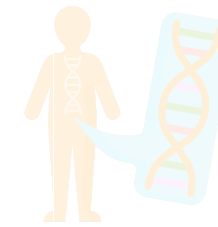


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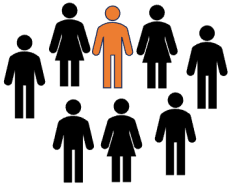


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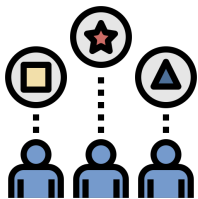
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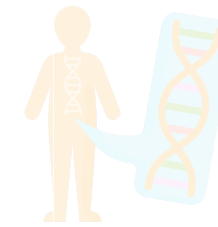
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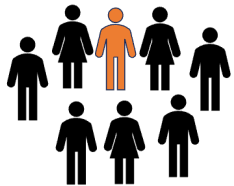


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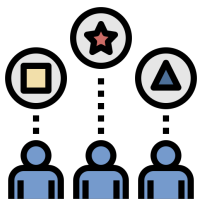
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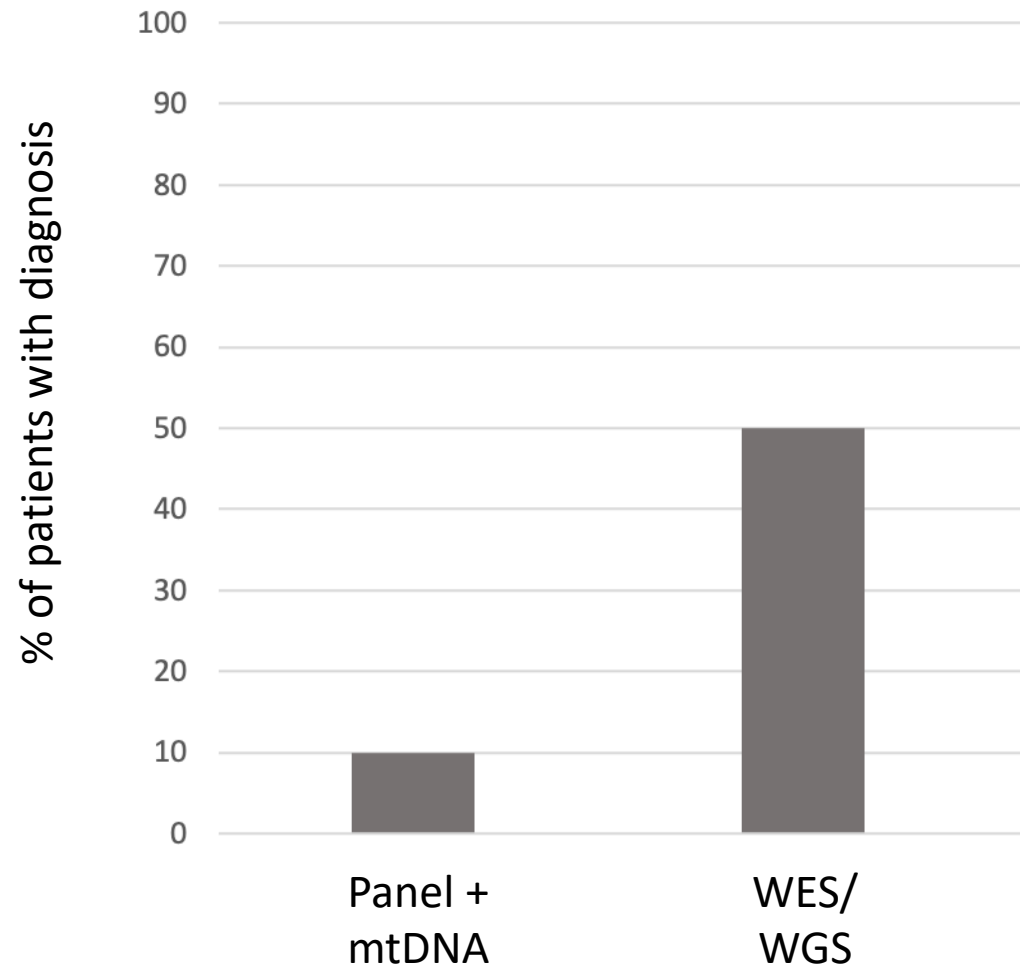


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The diagnostic power of MD



RNA-sequencing to improve MD diagnosis

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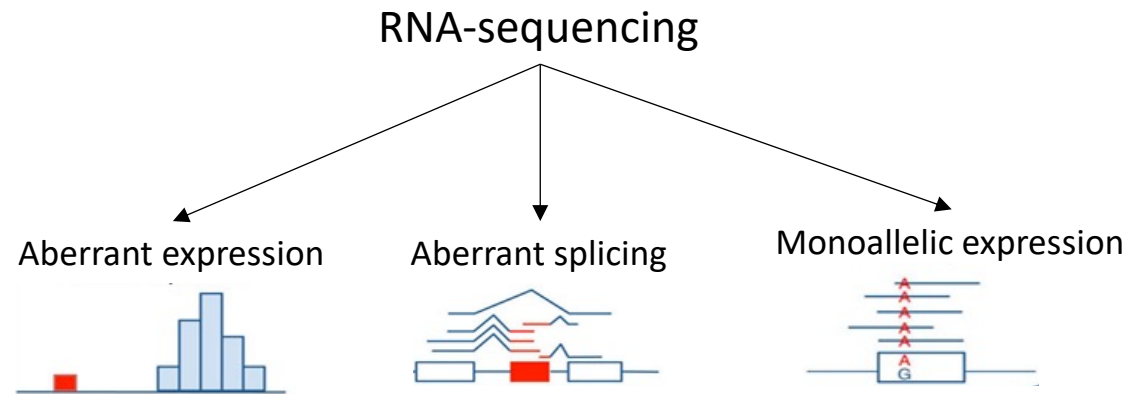
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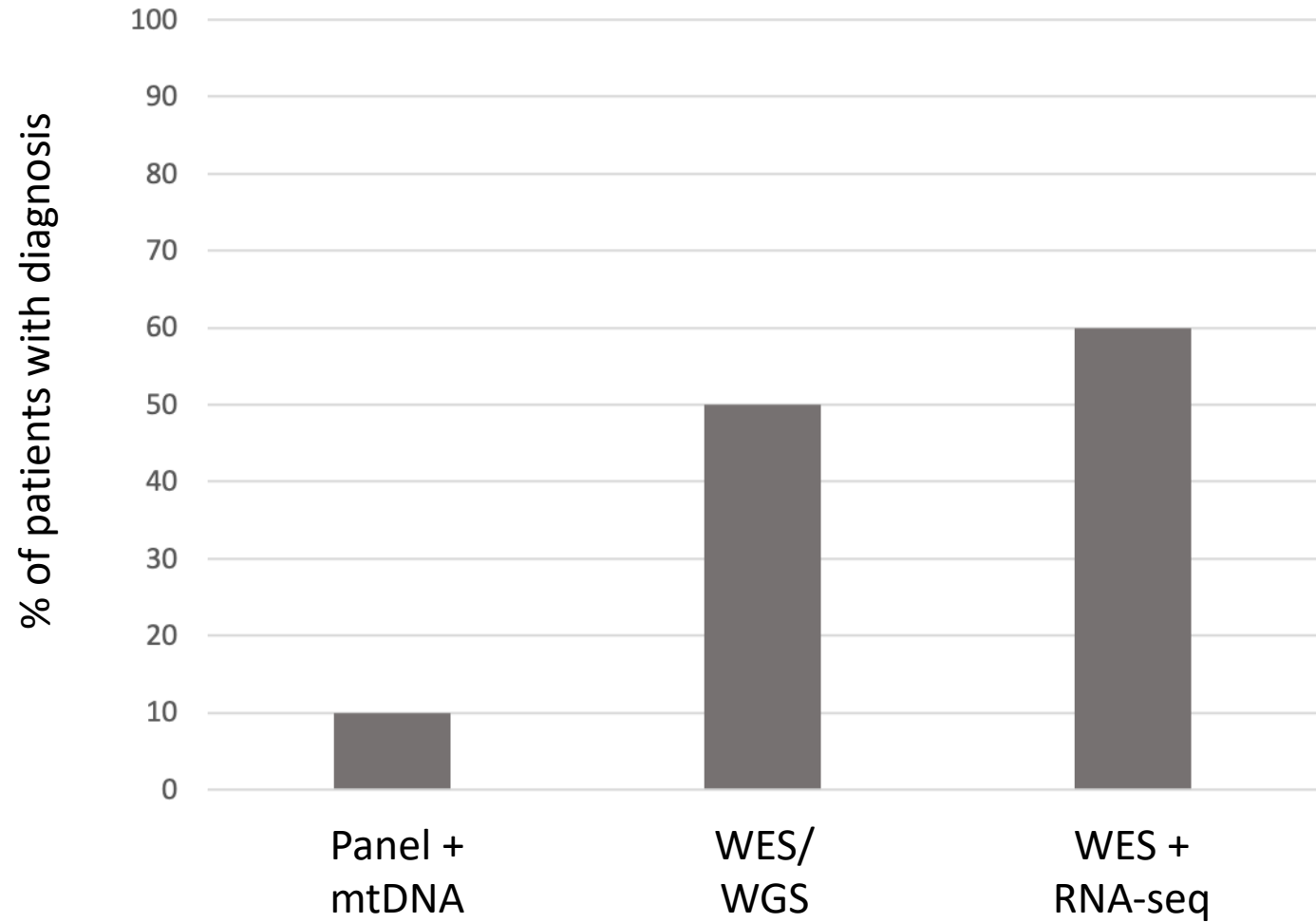
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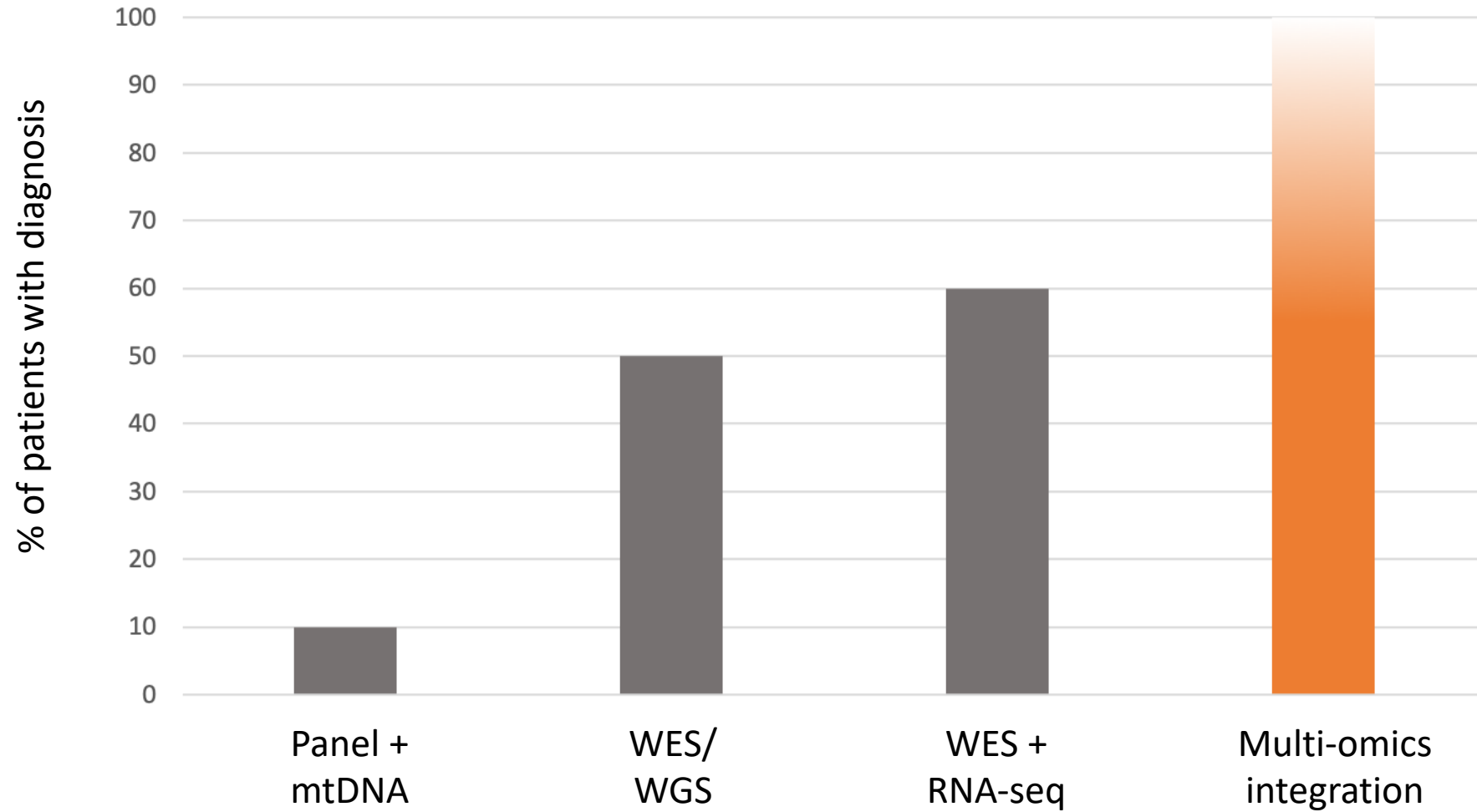
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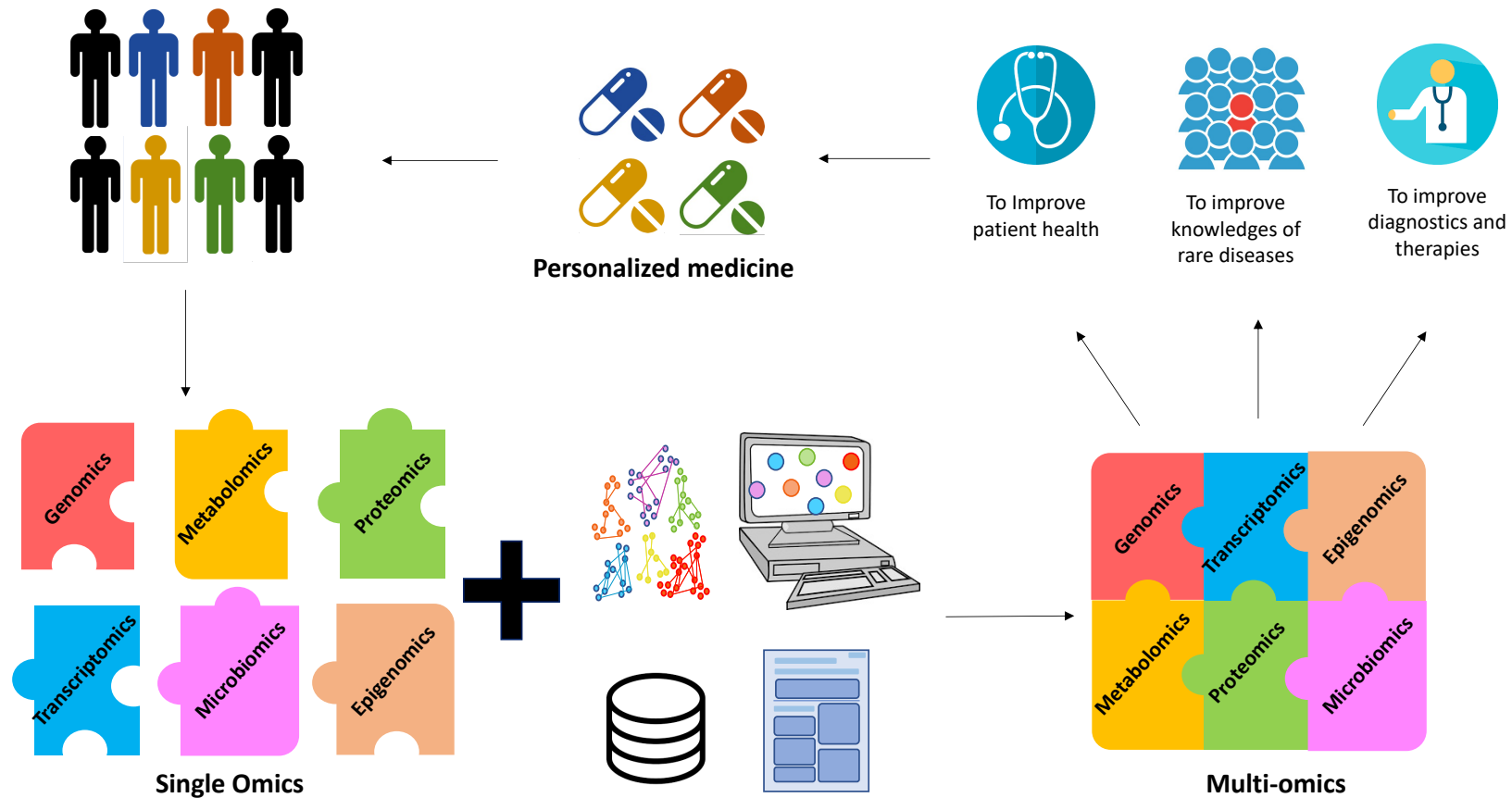
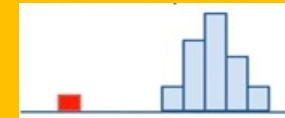


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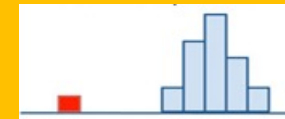
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Gene expression

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<https://github.com/UCA-MSI/ABEILLE>

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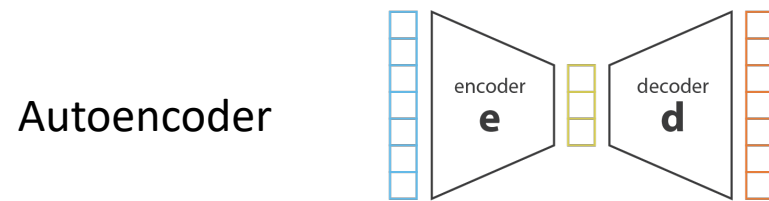
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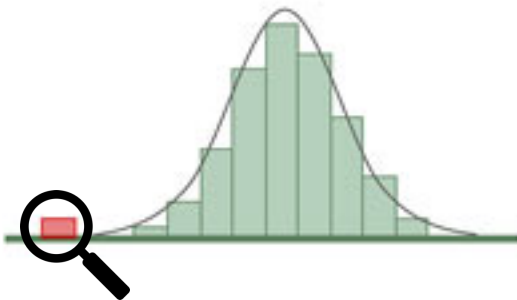
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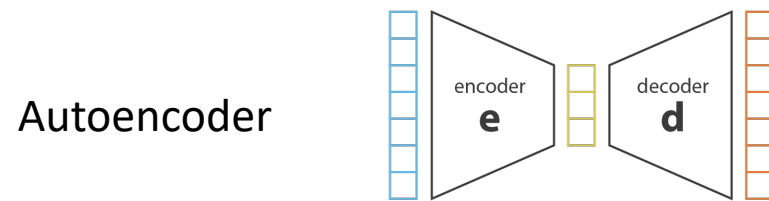
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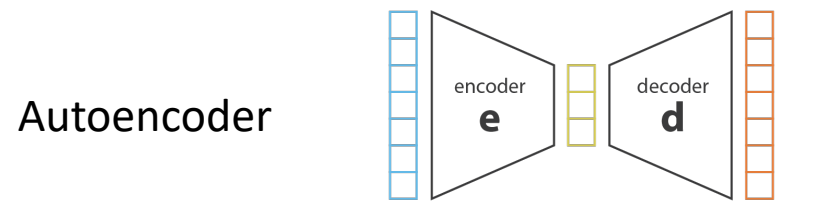


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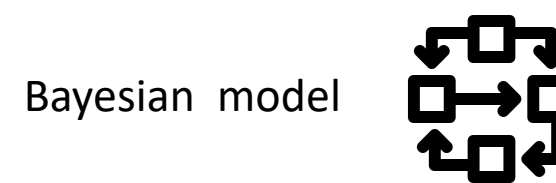
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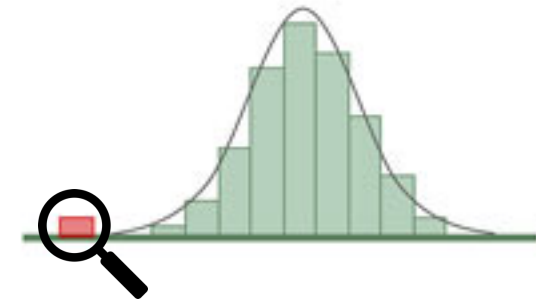
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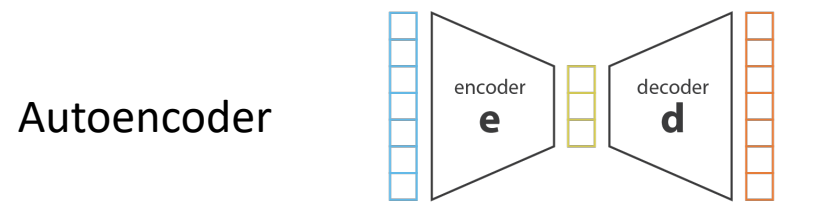


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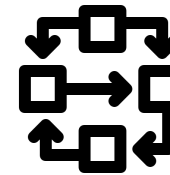
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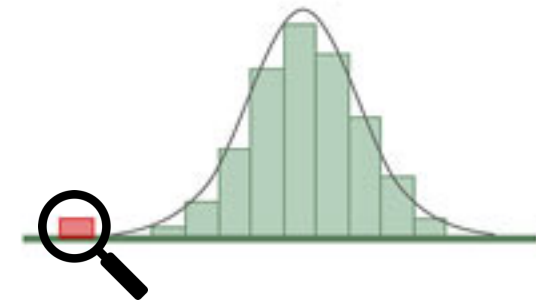
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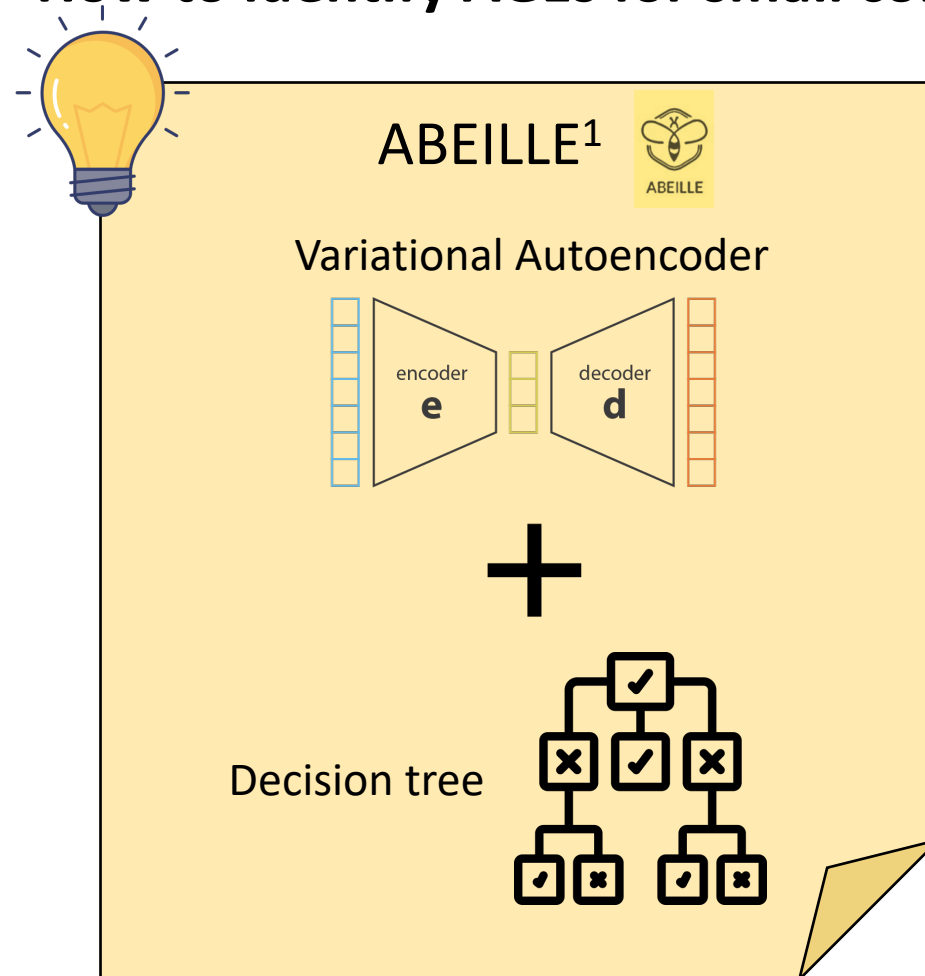
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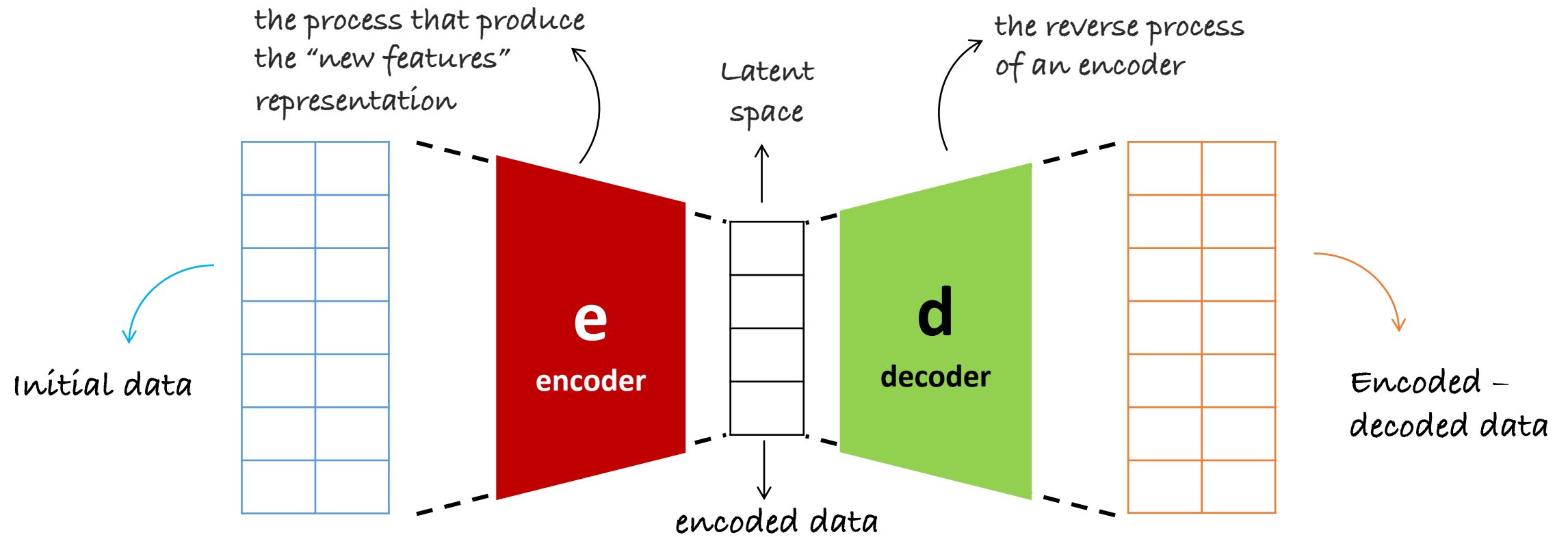
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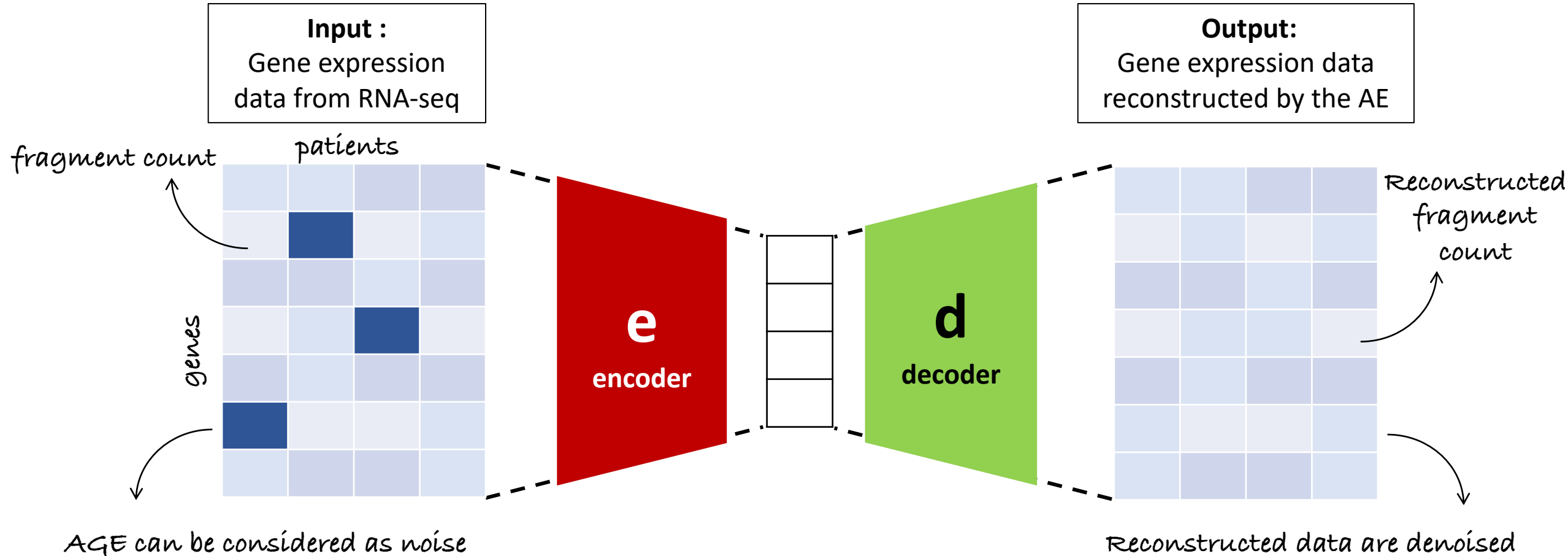
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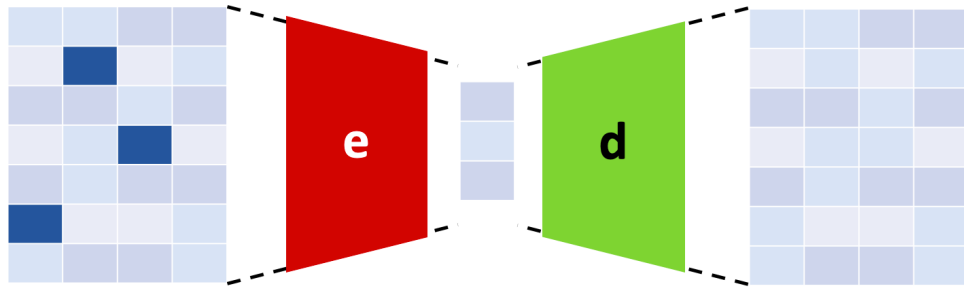
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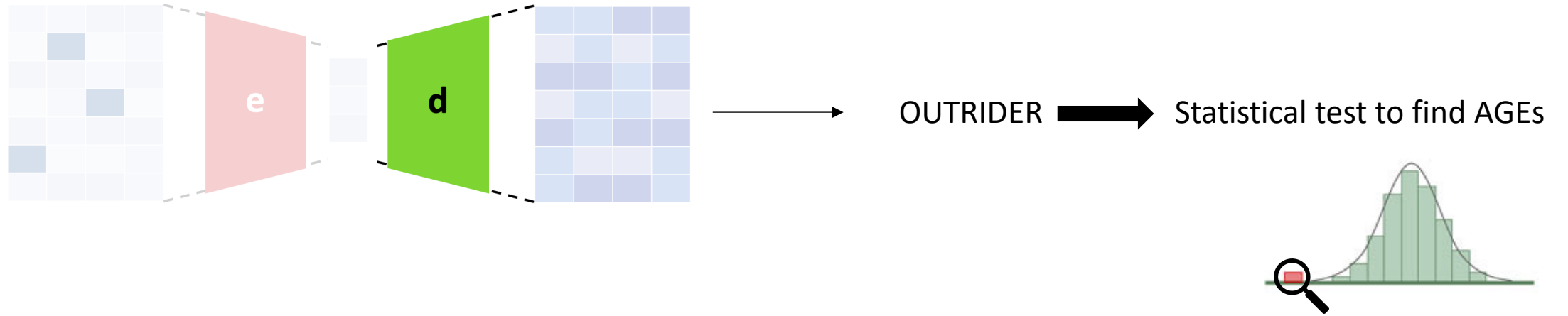
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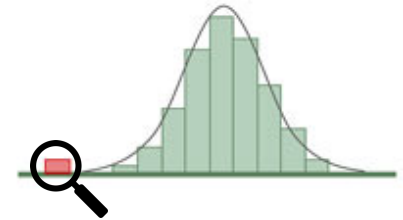
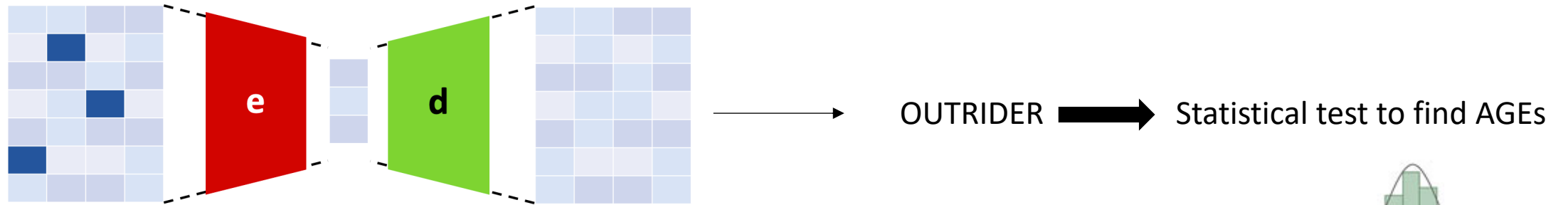
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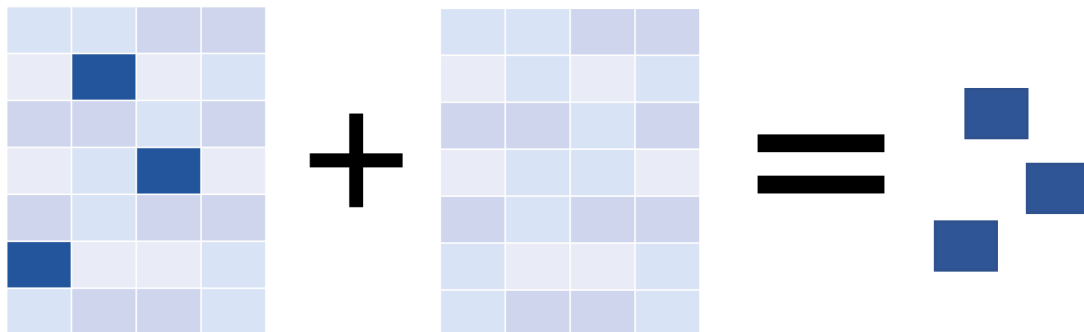
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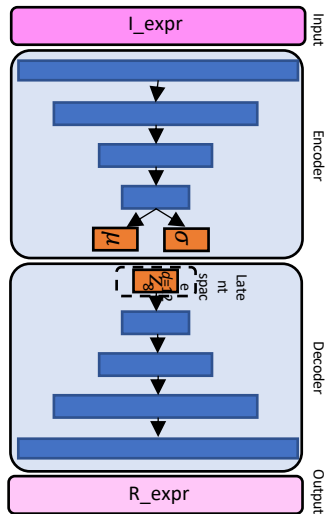
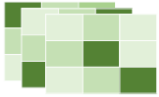


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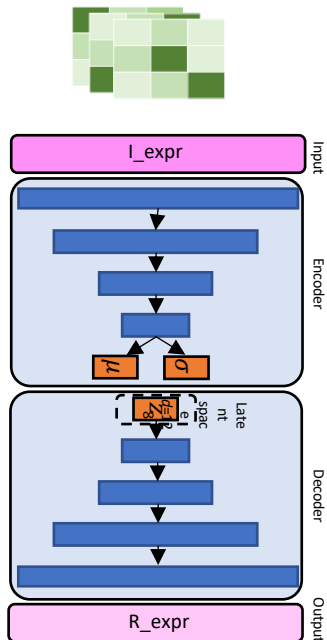
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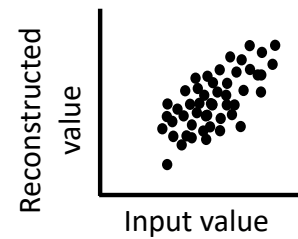
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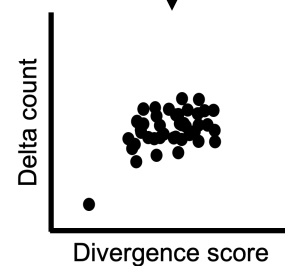


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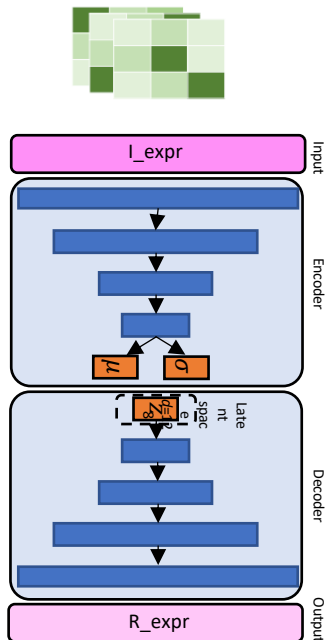
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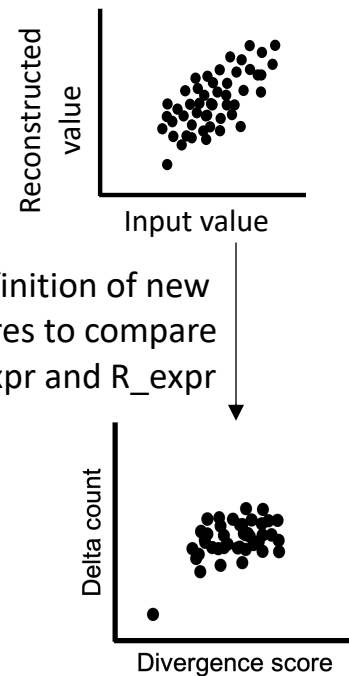
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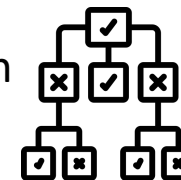
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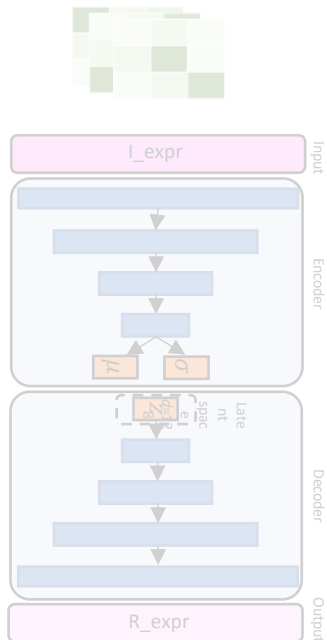
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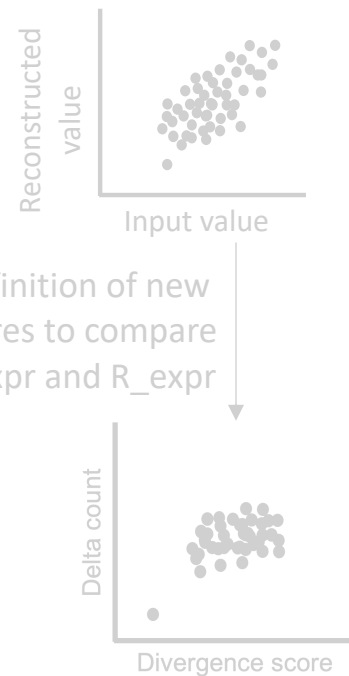
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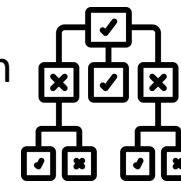
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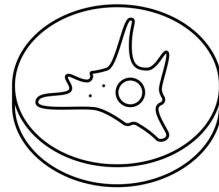
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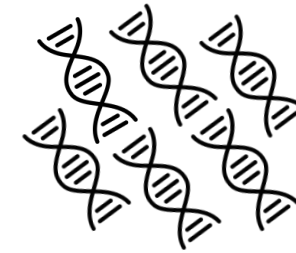
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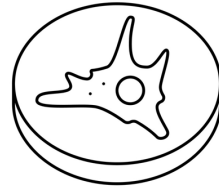
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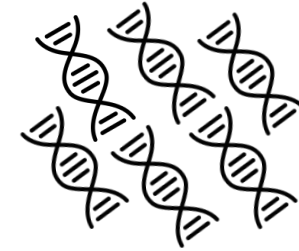
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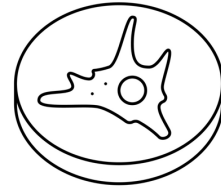
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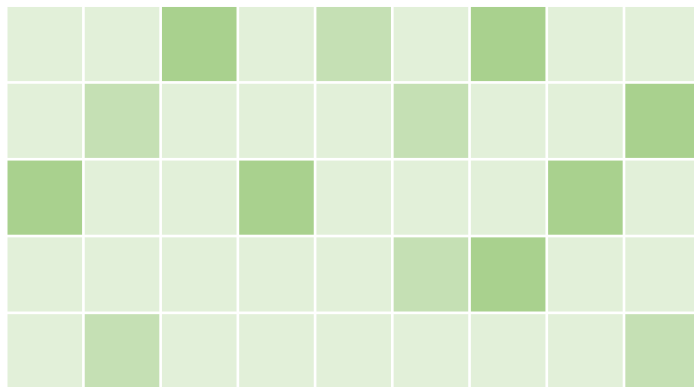
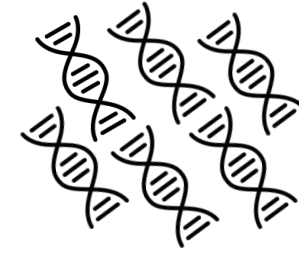
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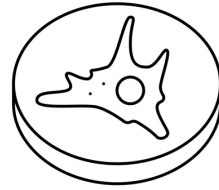
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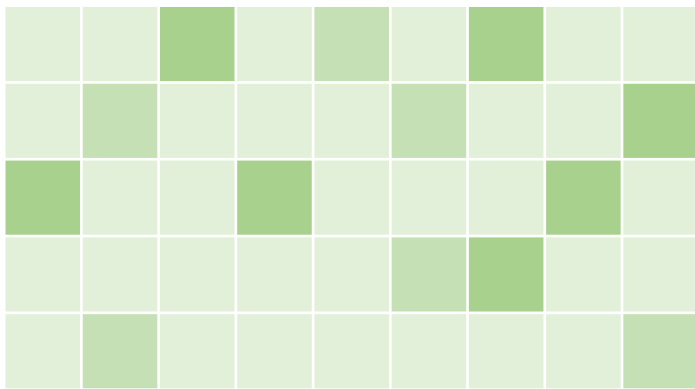
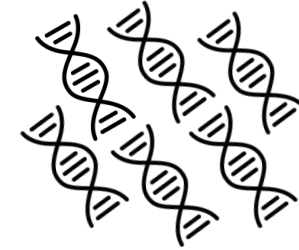
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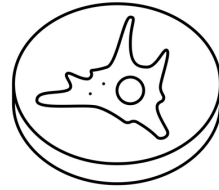
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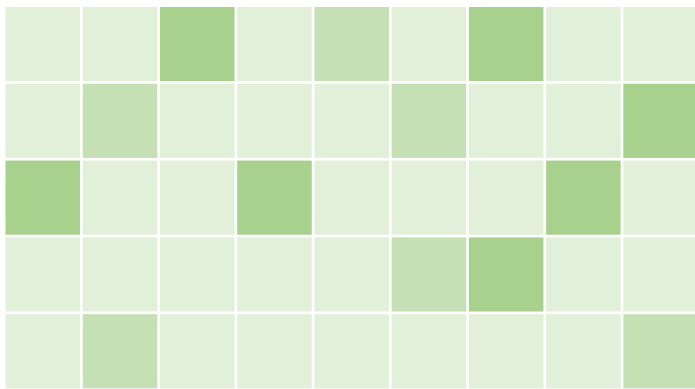
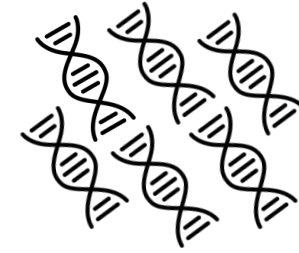
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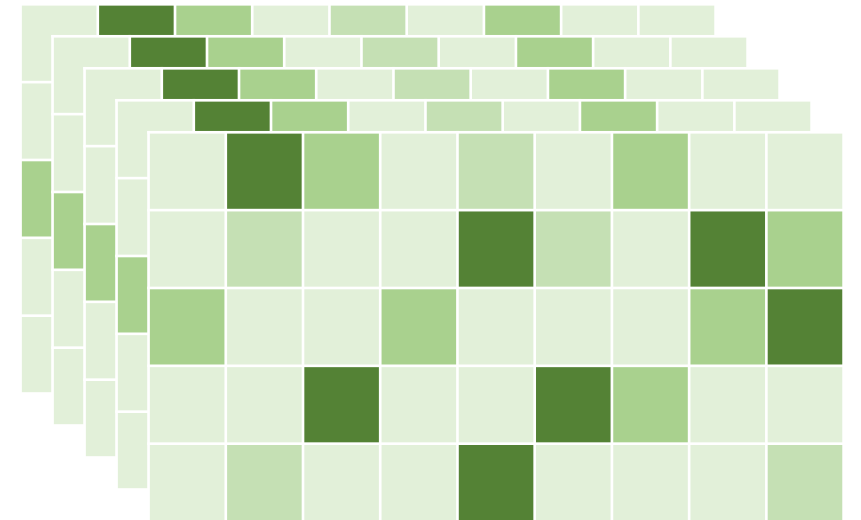


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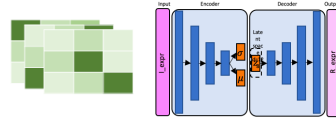
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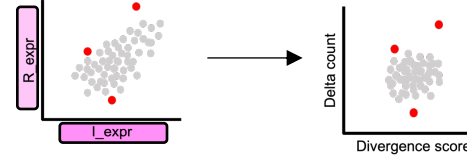
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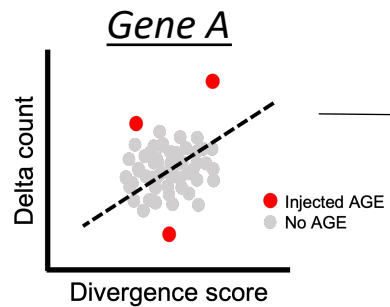


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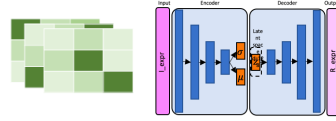
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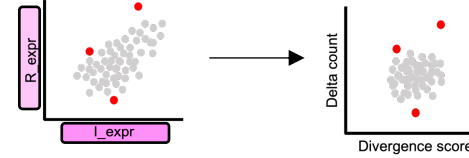
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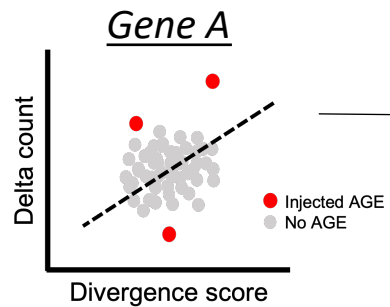


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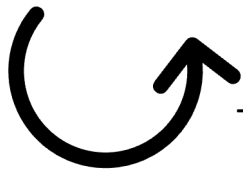
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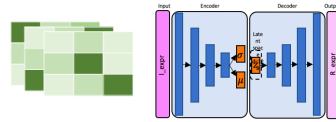
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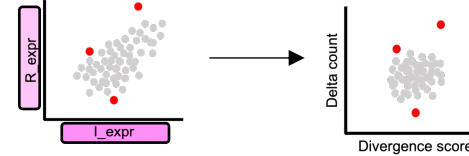
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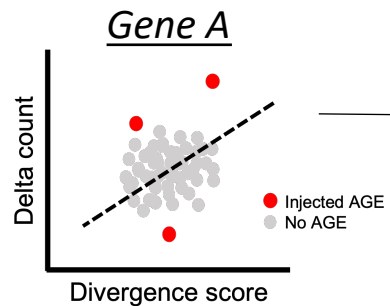


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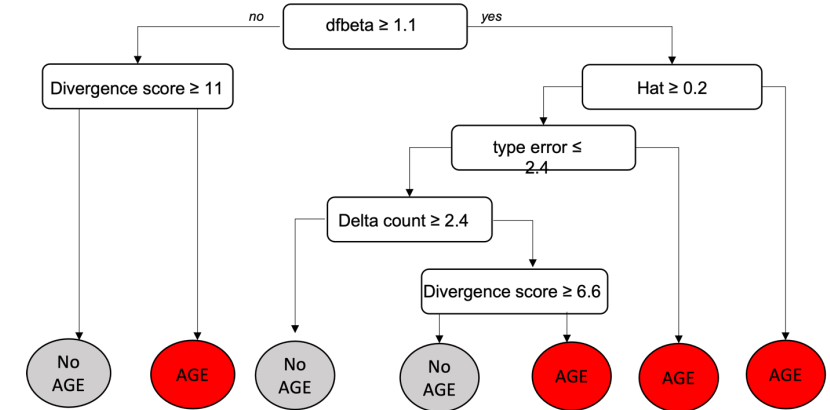
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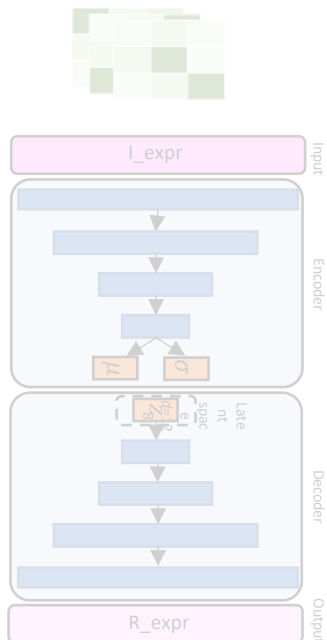


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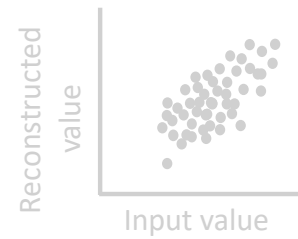
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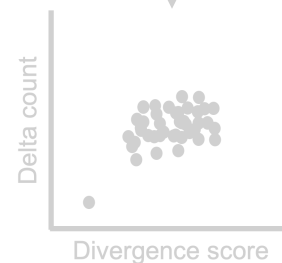


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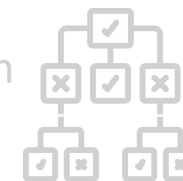
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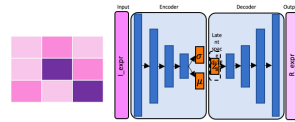
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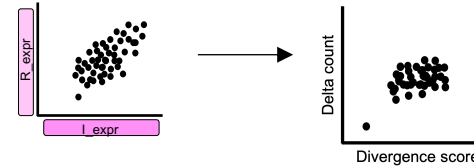


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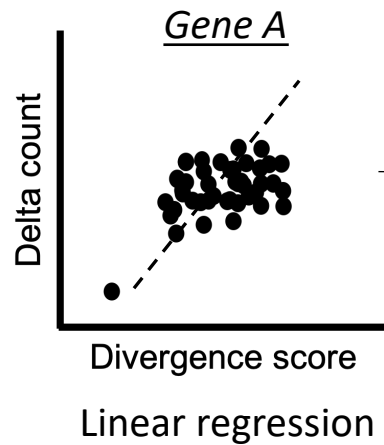
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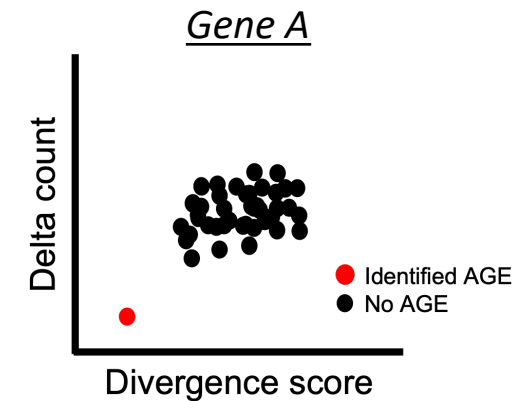
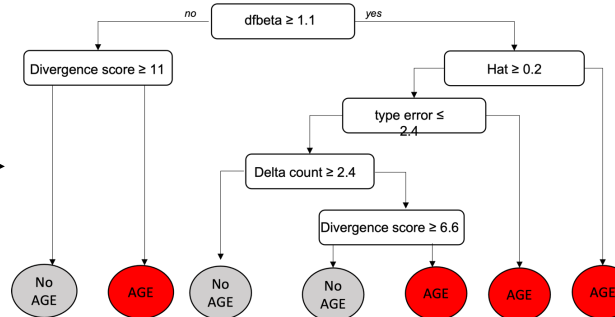
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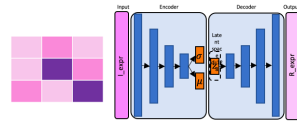


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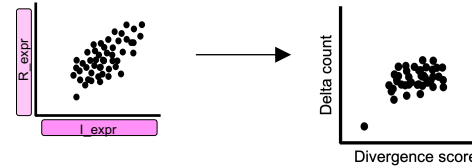


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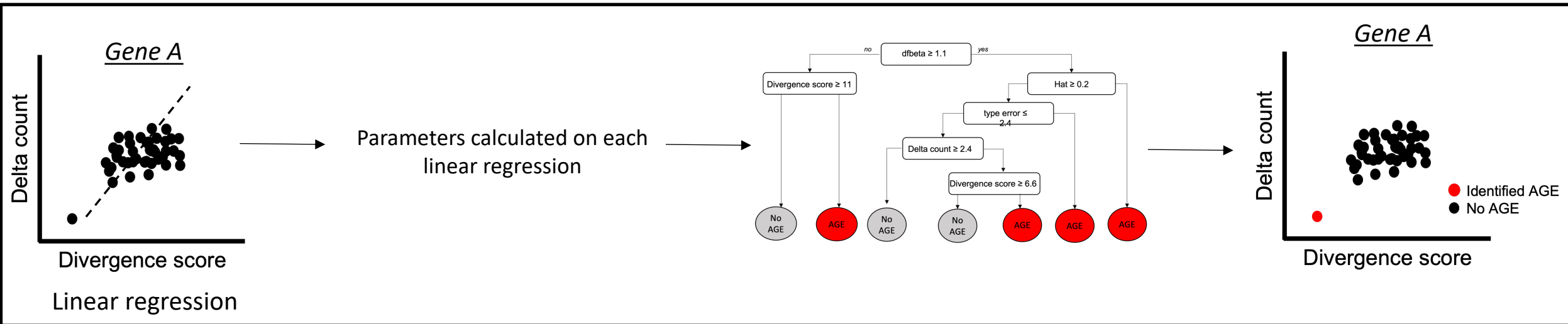
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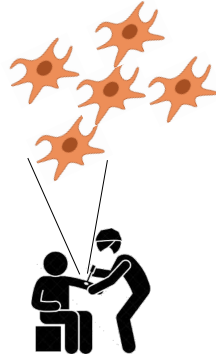
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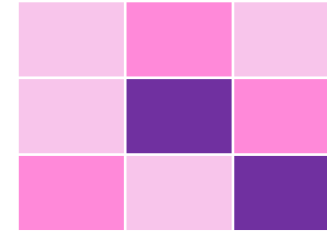
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119 patients with MD suspicion
(from Kremer et al. *Nat Comm* 2017)



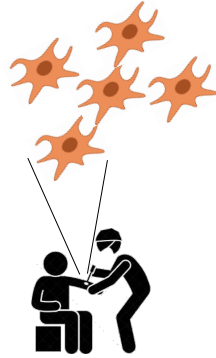
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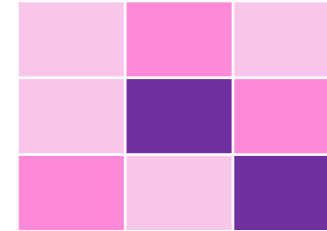
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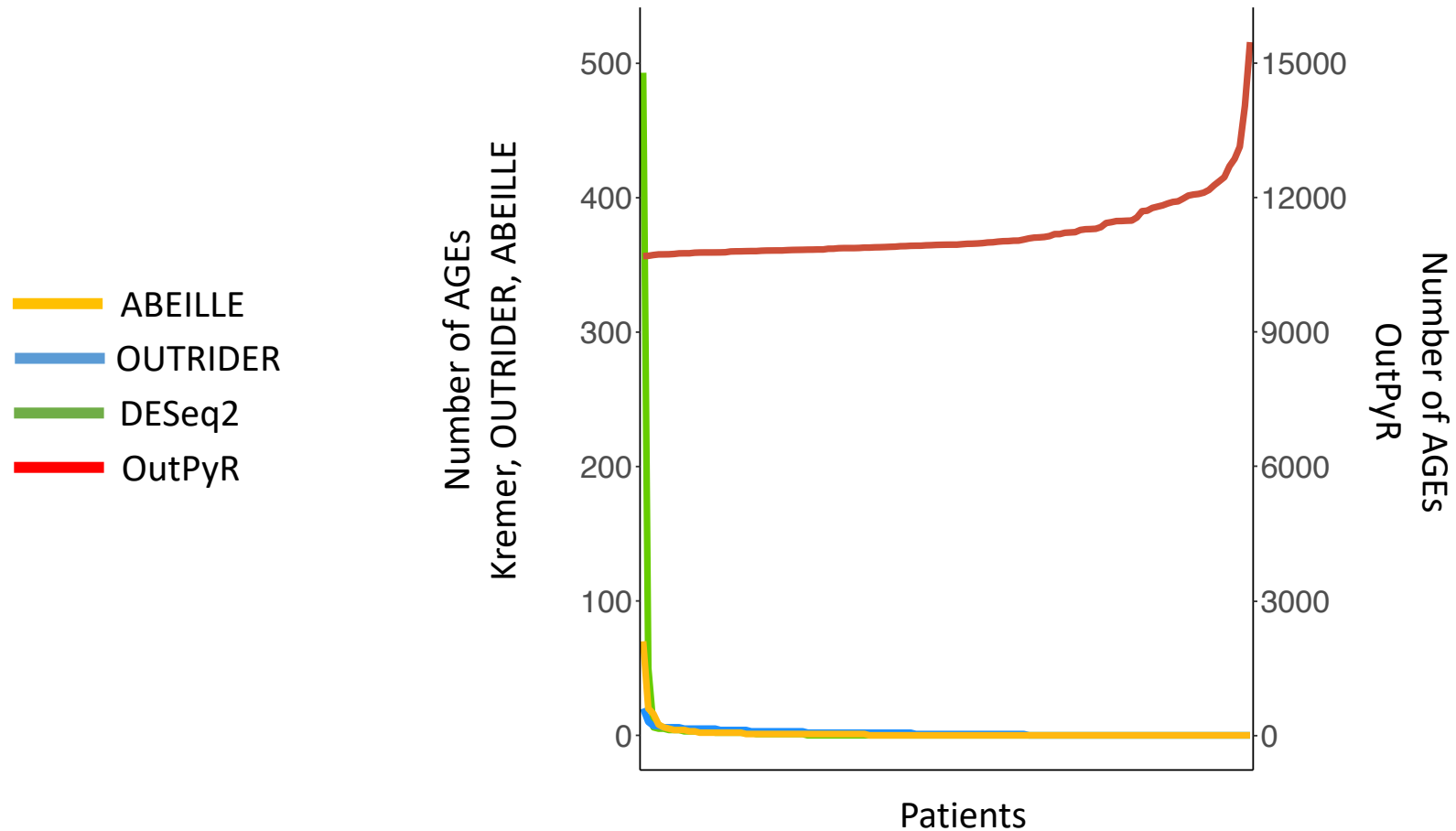


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Goal : Compare ABEILLE to other methods

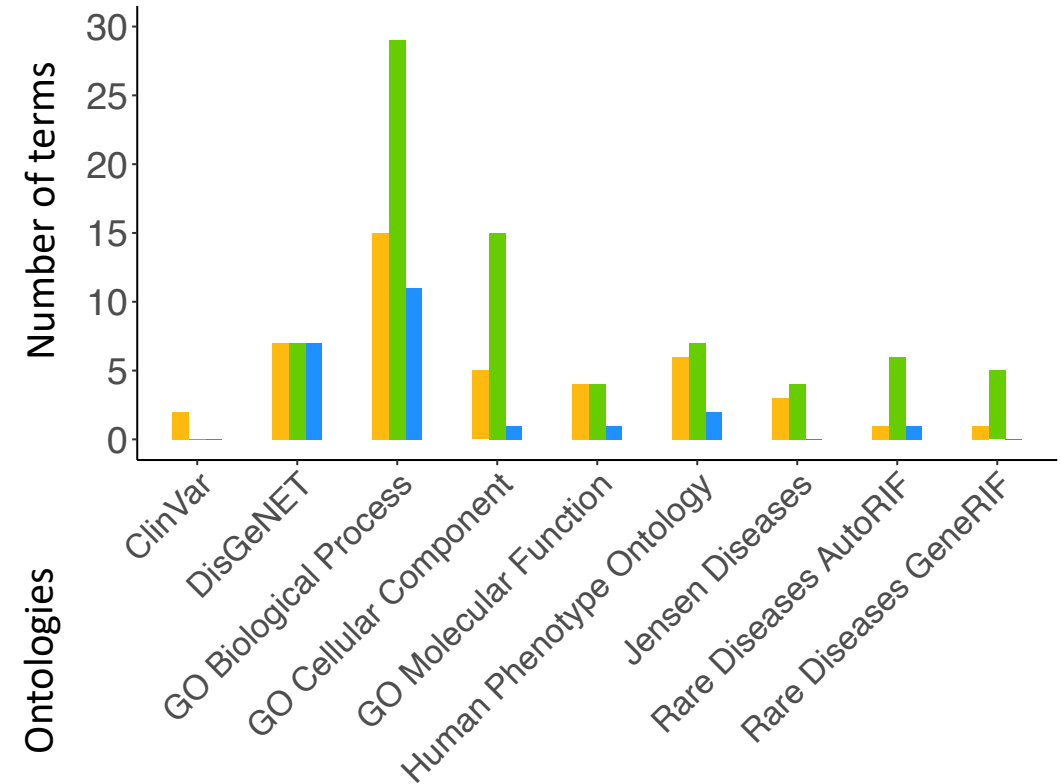
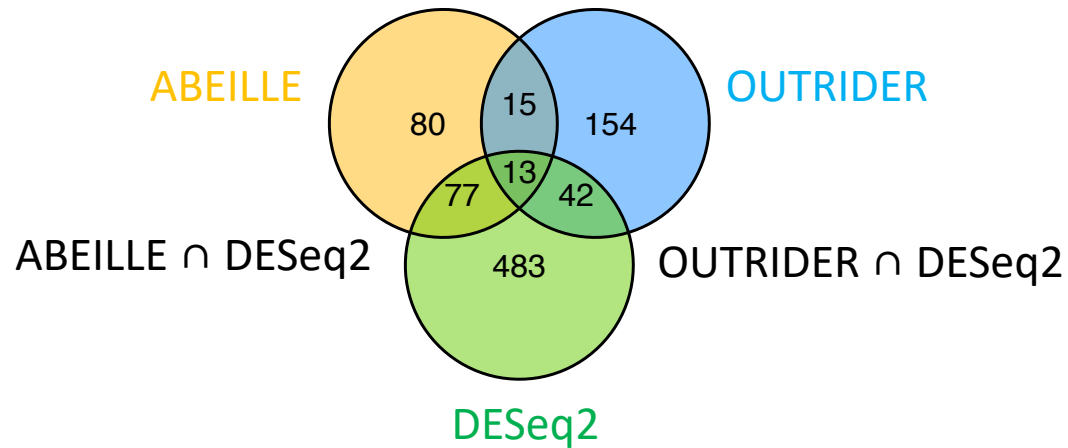
-  ABEILLE
-  OUTRIDER
-  OutPyR
-  DESeq2

Performances of the four tools on real dataset



These observations rule out OutPyR as a tool for AGE identification in this context.

Performances of ABEILLE and OUTRIDER

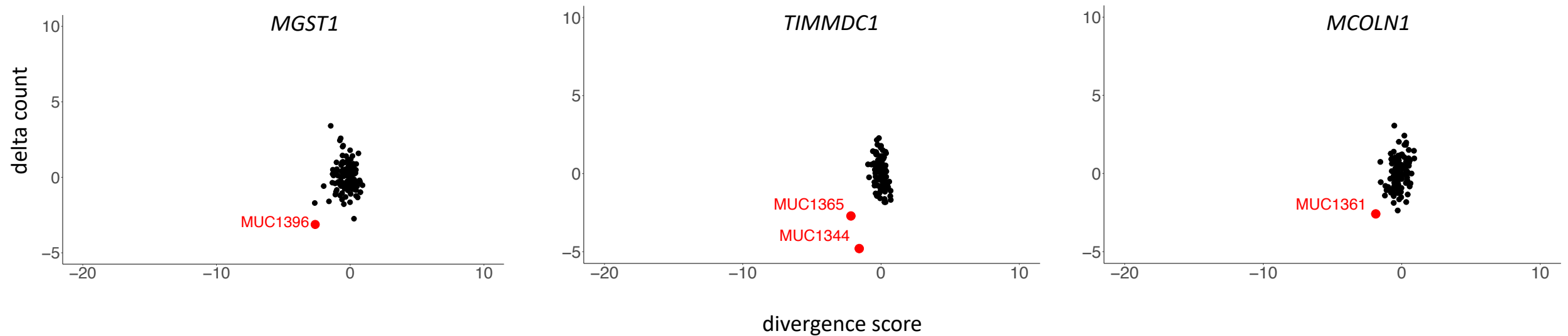


AGEs found by ABEILLE are more enriched in terms related to mitochondrial biology than the AGEs found by OUTRIDER.

Validated pathogenic genes

Validated pathogenic genes	Detected by	ABEILLE	OUTRIDER
<i>MGST1</i>	AGE	✓	✓
<i>TIMMDC1</i>	AGE	✓	✓
<i>MCOLN1</i>	AGE	✓	✓

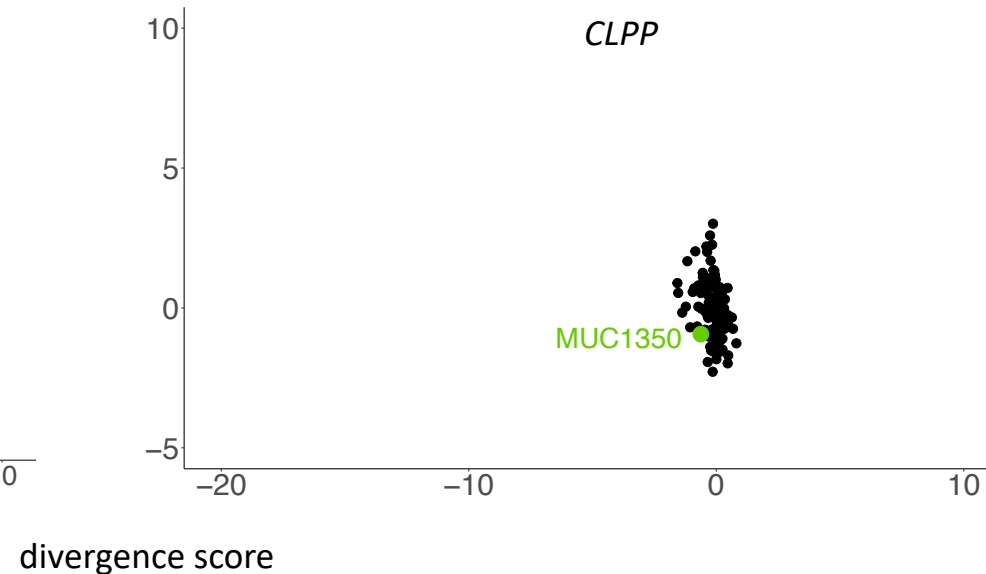
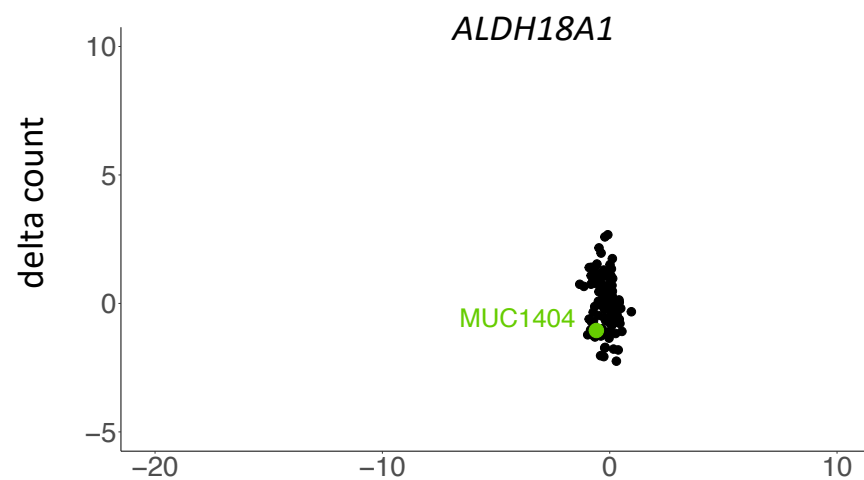
ABEILLE & OUTRIDER correctly classify the pathogenic genes as AGEs



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<i>ALDH18A1</i>	MAE	X	✓
<i>CLPP</i>	AS	X	✓

OUTRIDER classifies as AGEs two pathogenic genes that do not show aberrant expression (putative false positives)



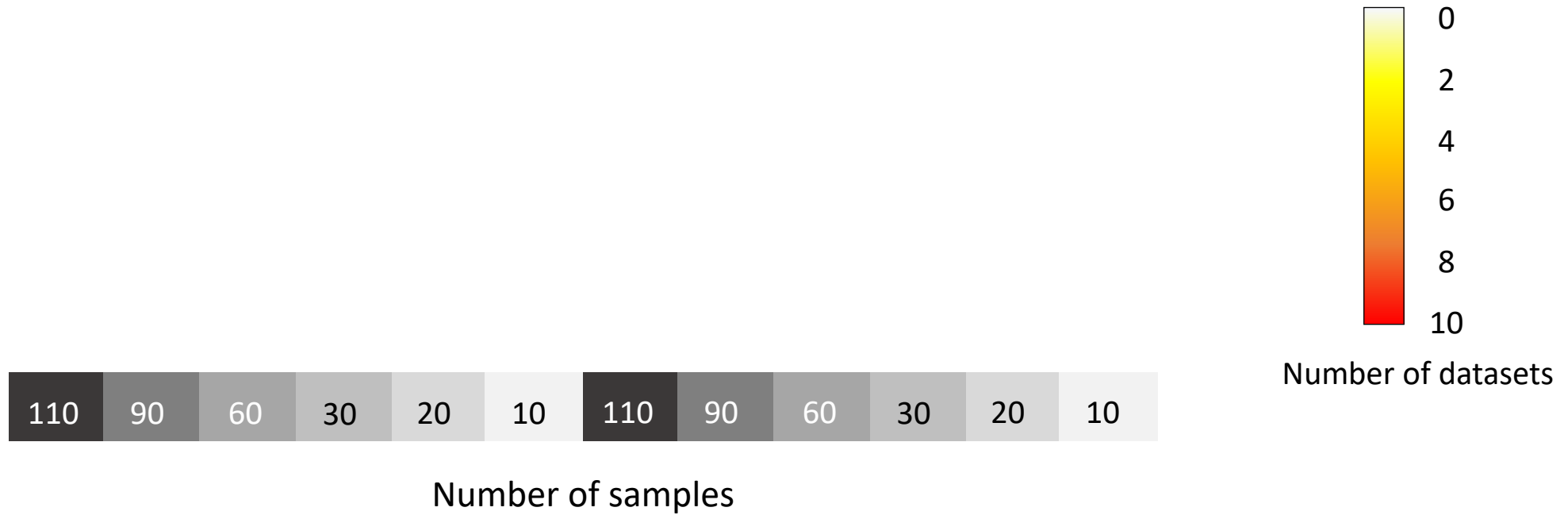
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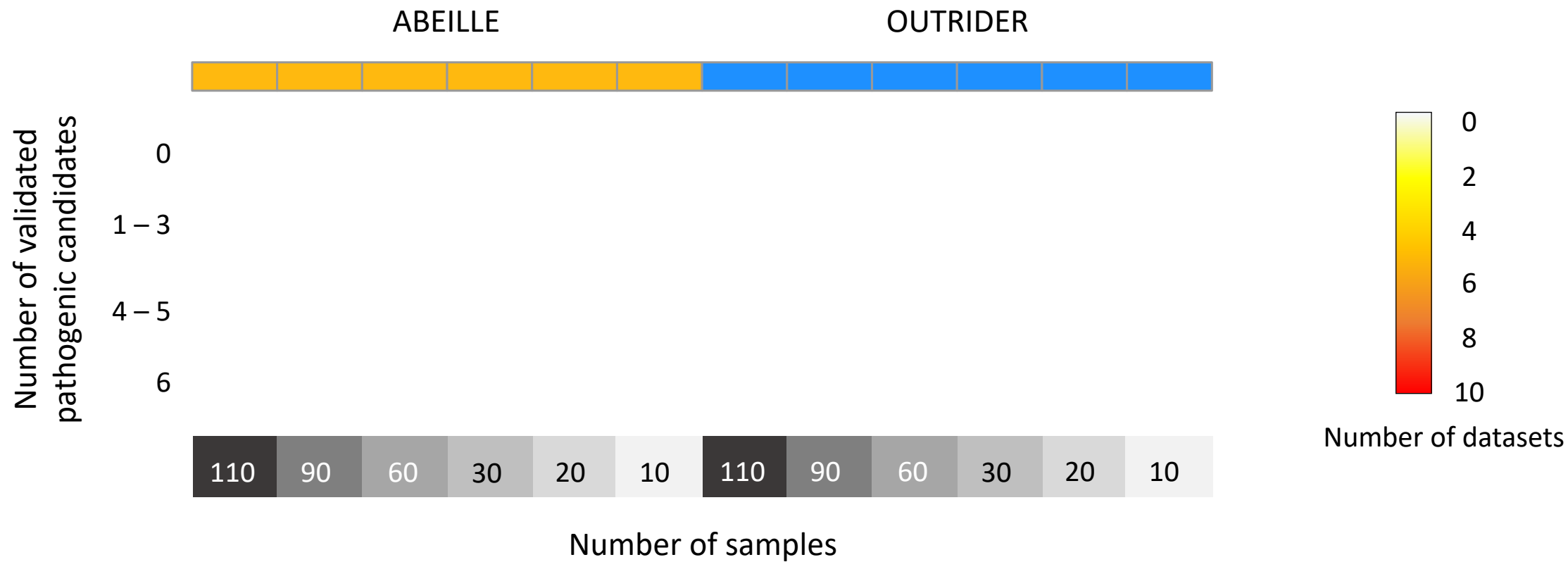


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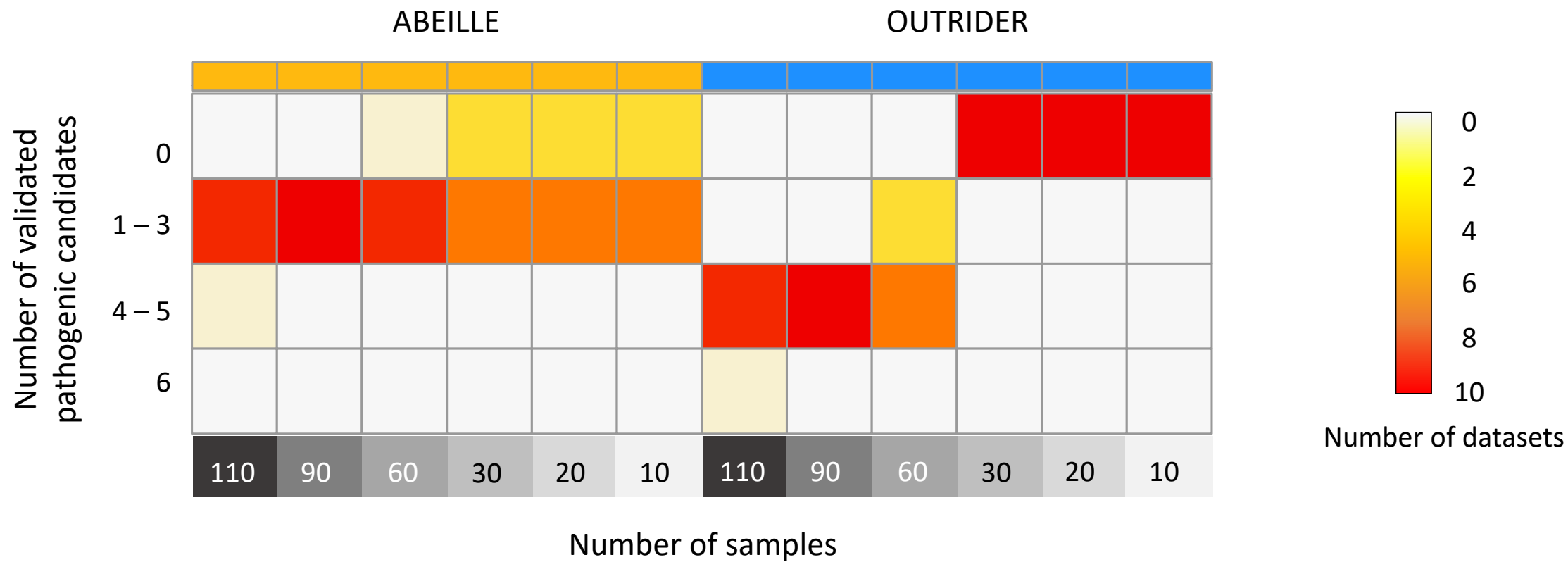
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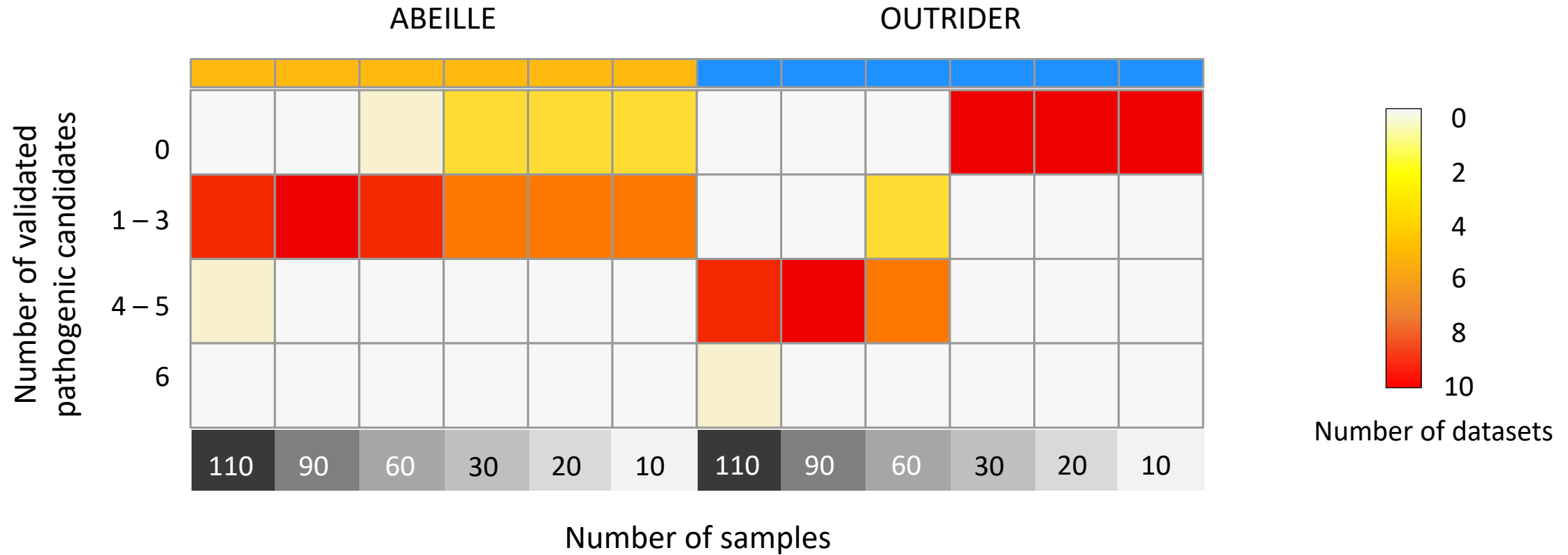
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The performances of ABEILLE do not depend on the number of samples

Conclusion of part 1

ADVANTAGES

- ABEILLE identifies AGEs from RNA-seq data without the need of replicates
- ABEILLE showed good performances on small datasets



LIMITATIONS

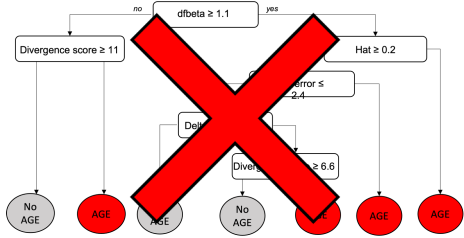
- The decision tree must be trained for each different type of data
- The choice of semi-synthetic datasets to feed the decision tree

PERSPECTIVES

- Use a flexible model to work on any type of data

Perspectives

We are developing a version 2 of ABEILLE :



DBSCAN : density based model



Multi-omics analyses are now possible

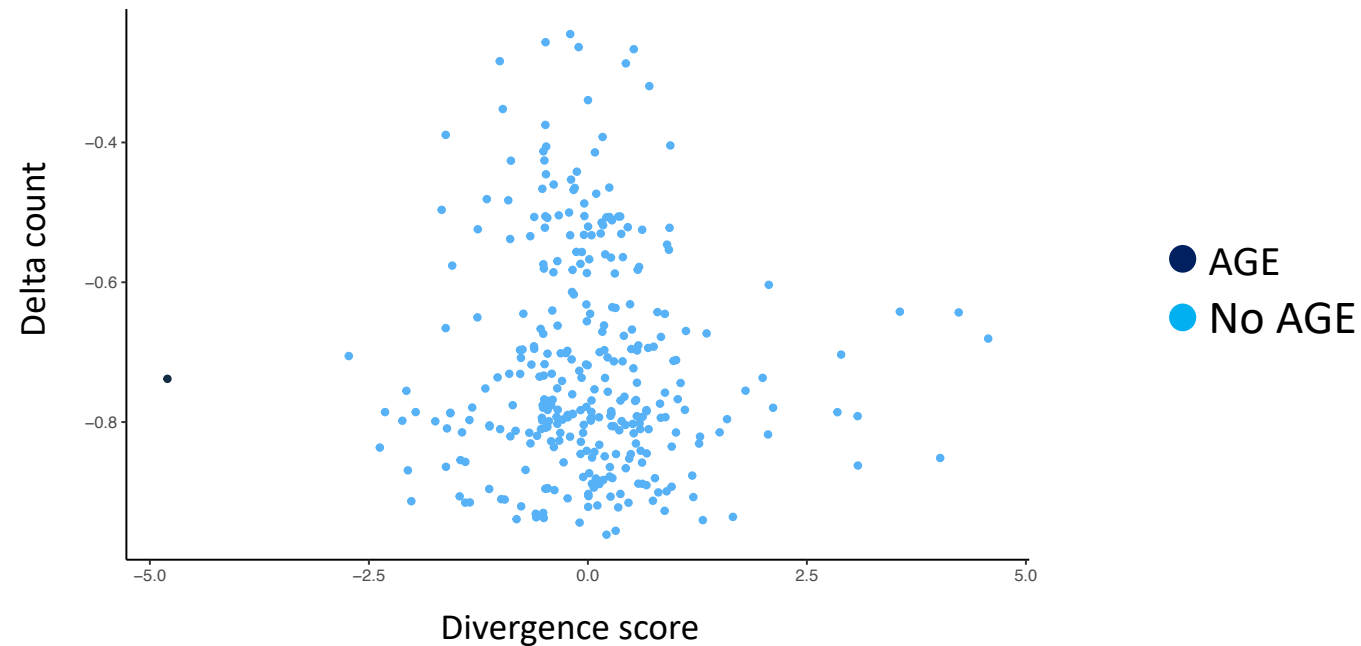


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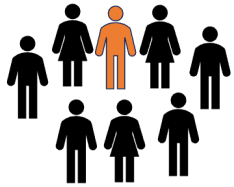
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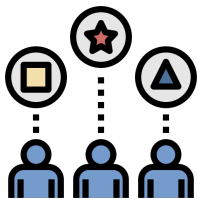
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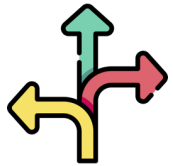
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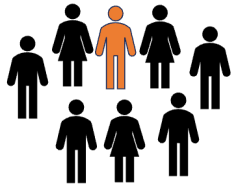
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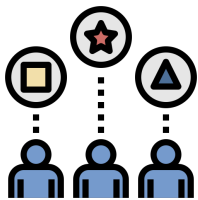
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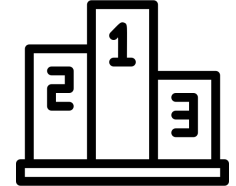


Sequencing



Variant prioritization

Process of **selecting** and **ranking** genetic variants based on their potential **significance** or relevance to a specific **phenotype** or condition.



State-of-the-art tool :
(SOTAT)

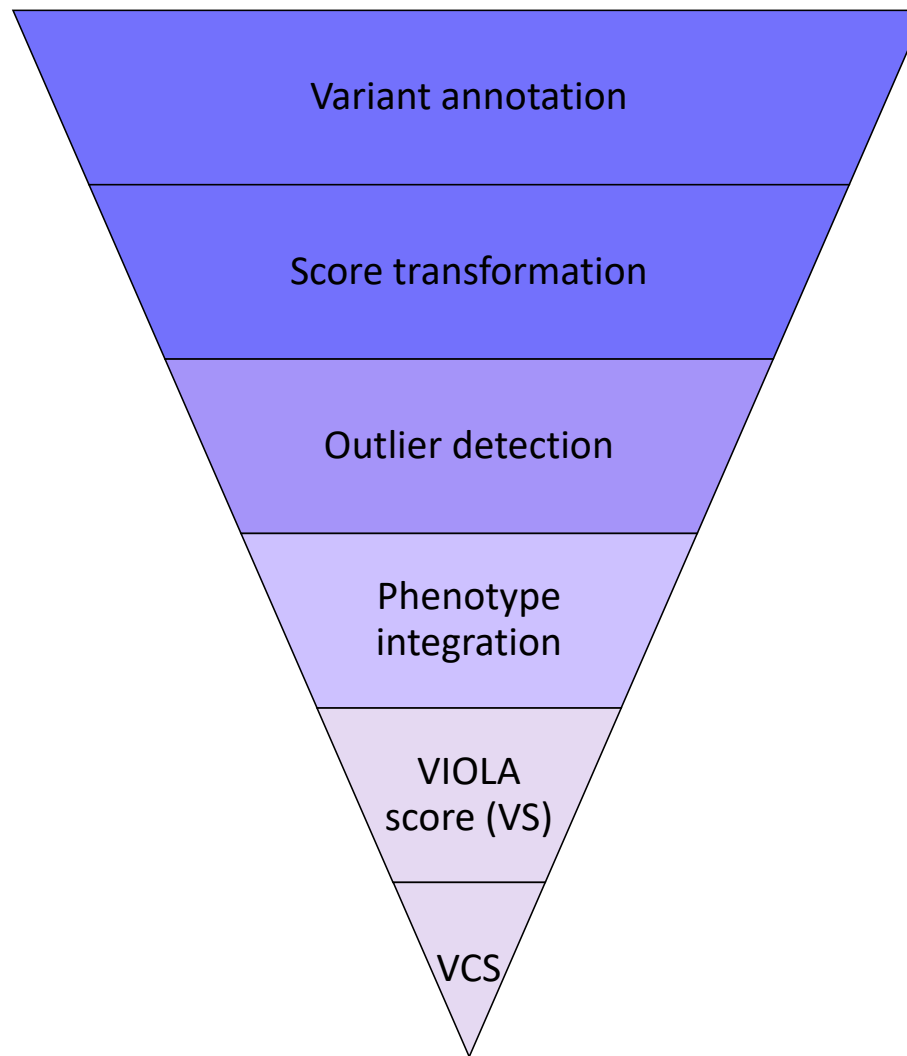
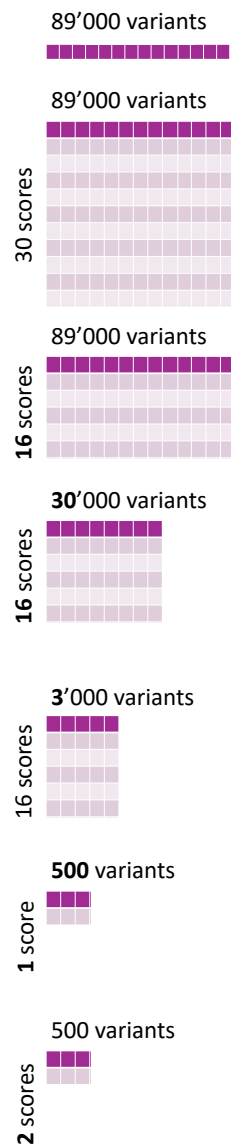

EXOMISER

- Exomiser ranks genetic variants according to a combination of criteria :
 - variant frequency
 - predicted pathogenicity
 - known disease associations
 - conservation
 - functional impact
 - phenotypic information
- Drawbacks :
 - variants of a same gene have the same rank in Exomiser results
 - Exomiser is trained on large databases

VIOLA's hypothesis

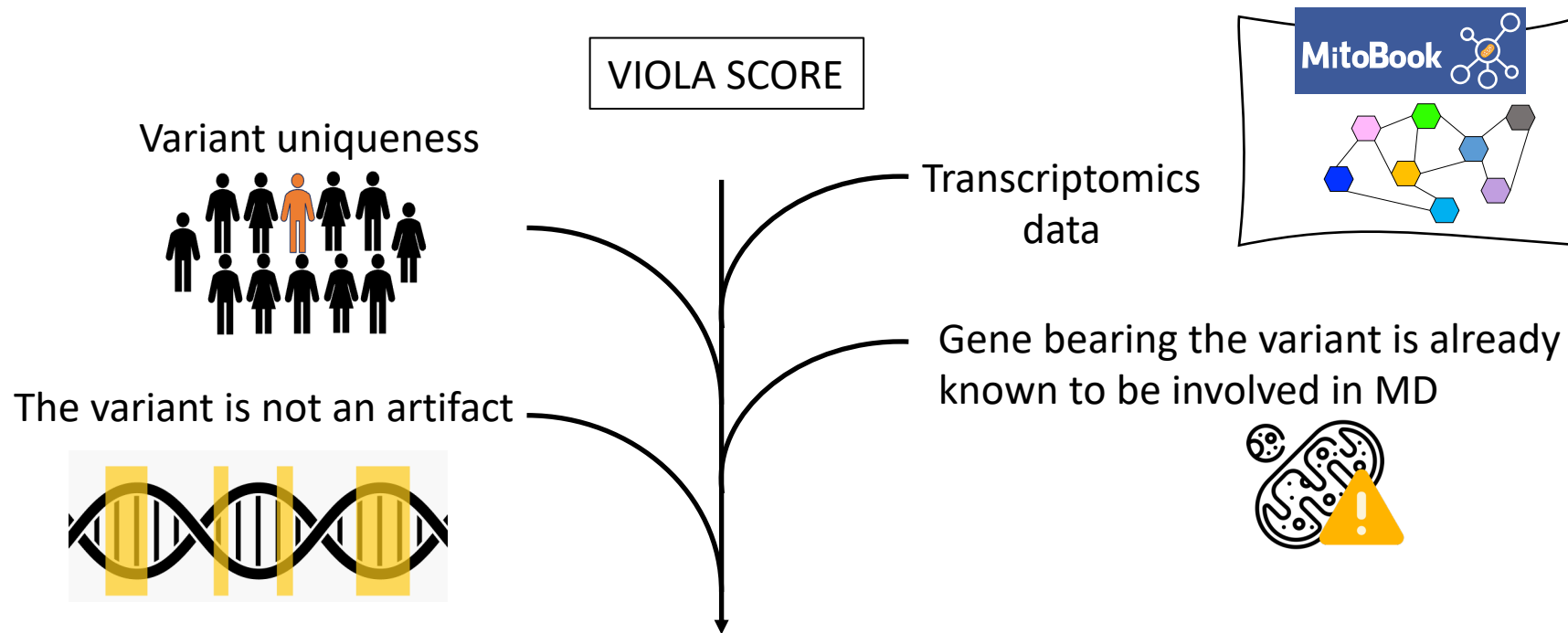
The disease-responsible variant(s) are **patient-specific** and **rare**.
→ unique combination of properties different from the rest of the patient variants.
The putative disease variants for MD are **outliers** of each patient variants' distribution.

VIOLA's workflow



Creation of the VIOLA combined score (VCS)

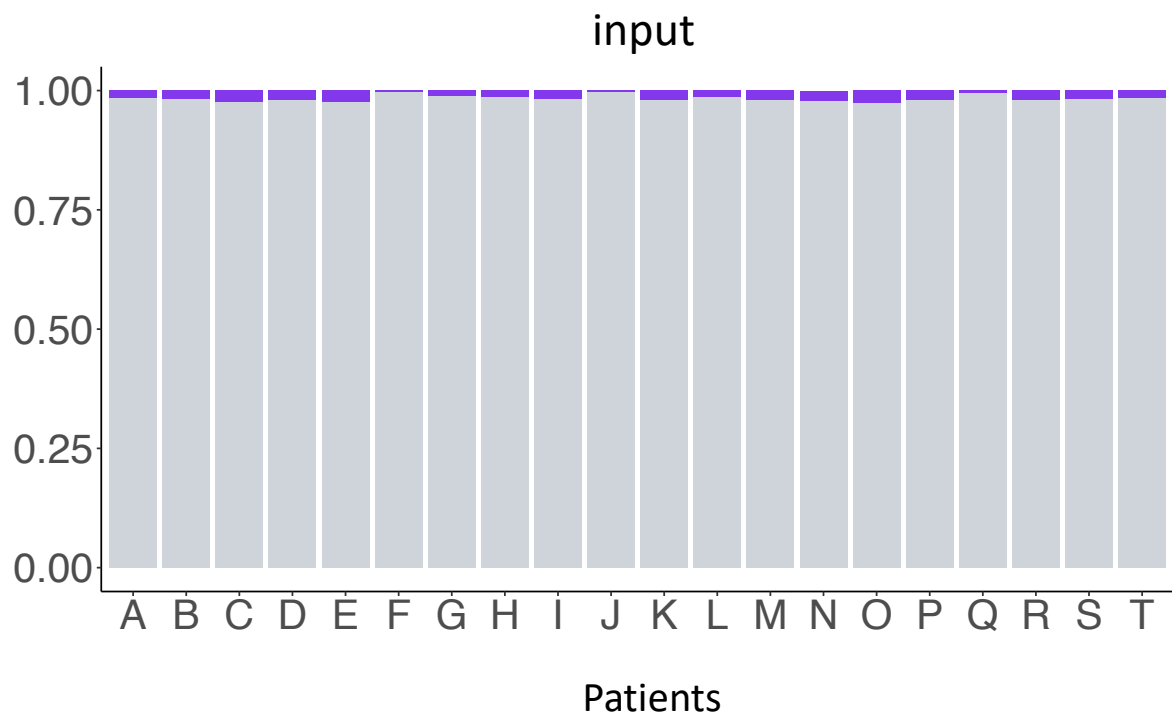
Goal : Incorporate knowledge of mitochondrial diseases into VIOLA score



$$VCS = 0.5 (VS + transcriptomics + uniqueness) + 0.01 (known\ gene + artifact)$$

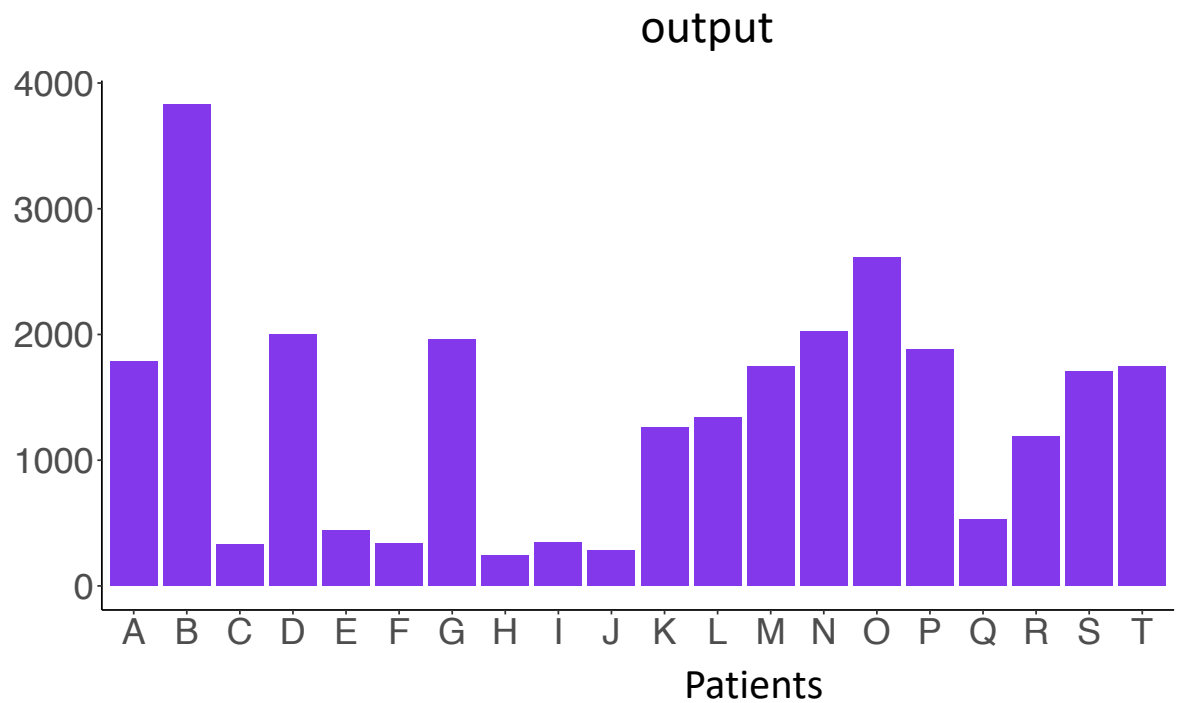
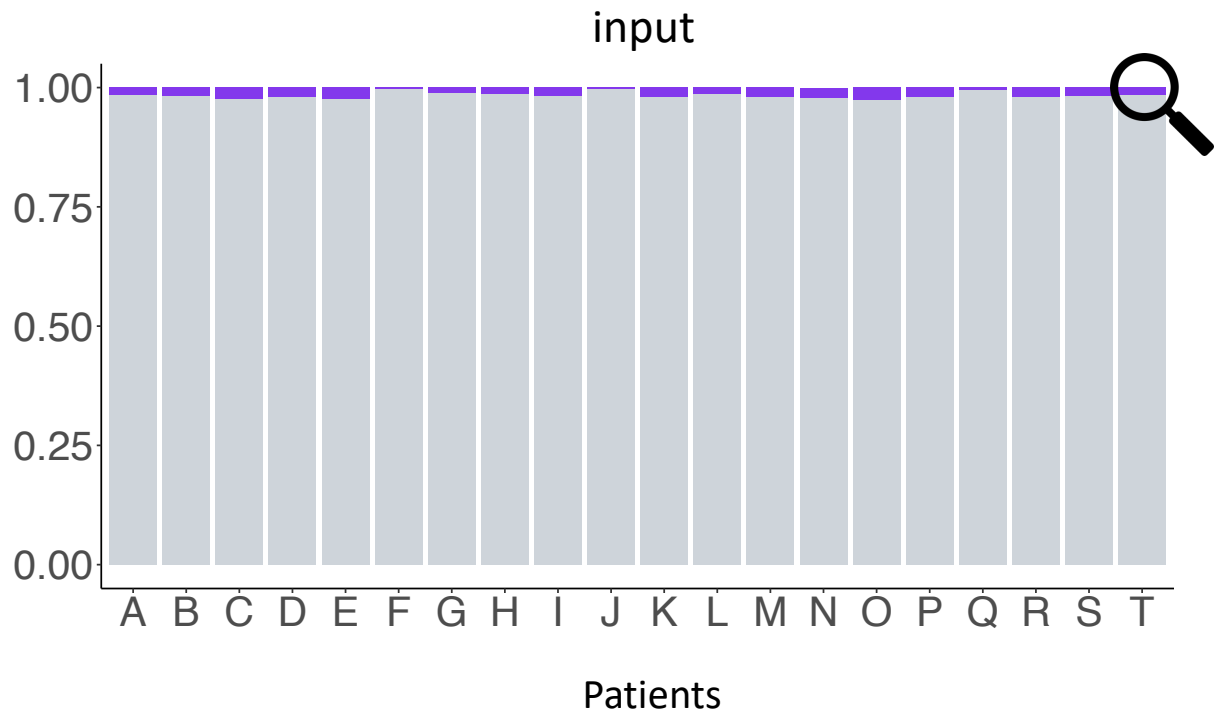
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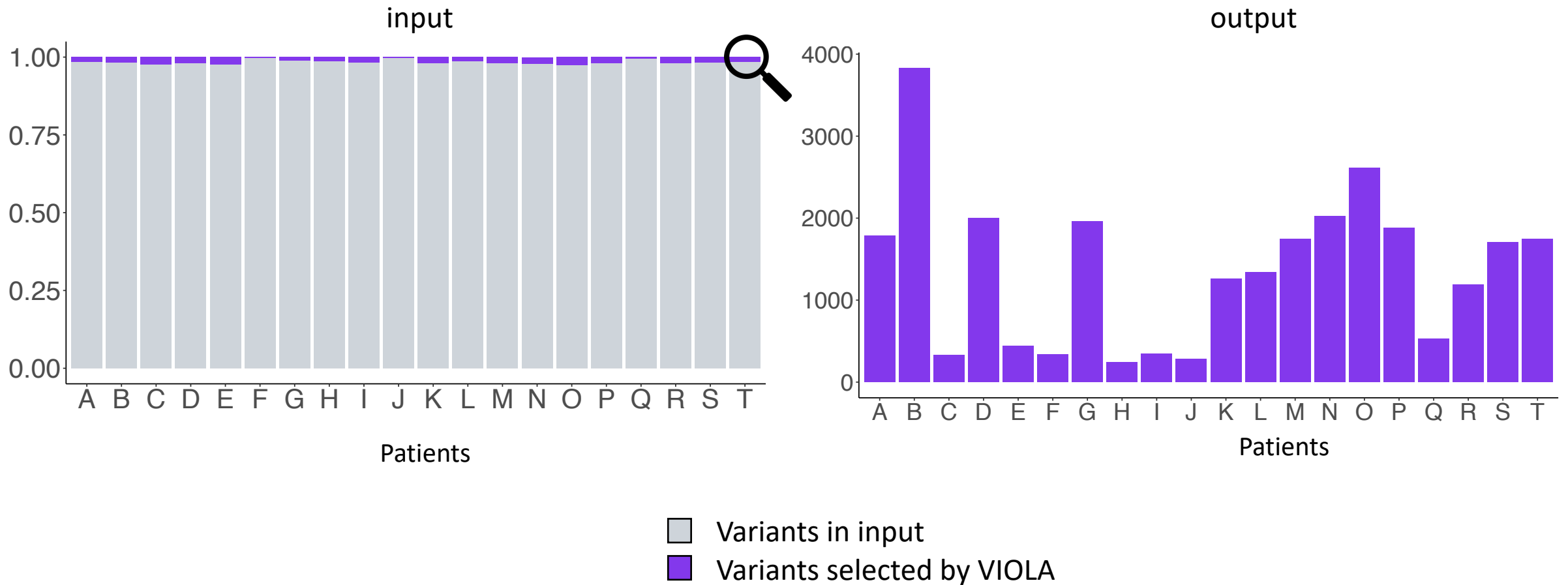
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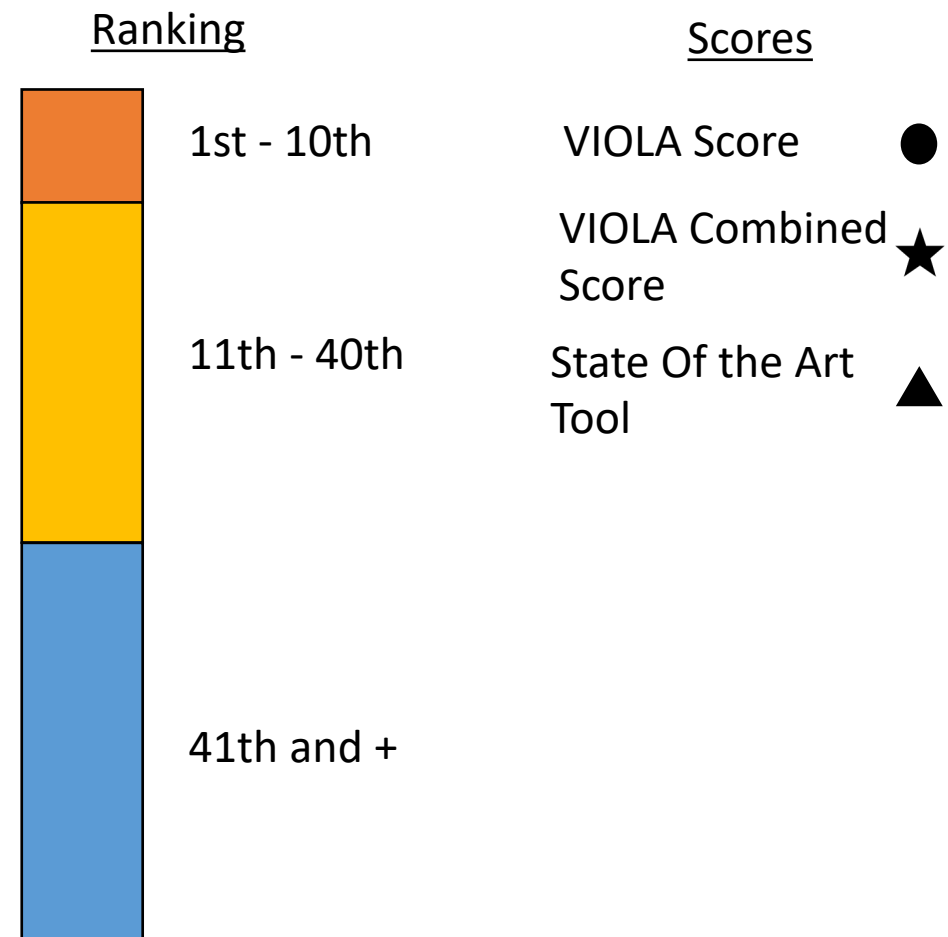
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VIOLA selects 1% of input variants as potential candidates for MD

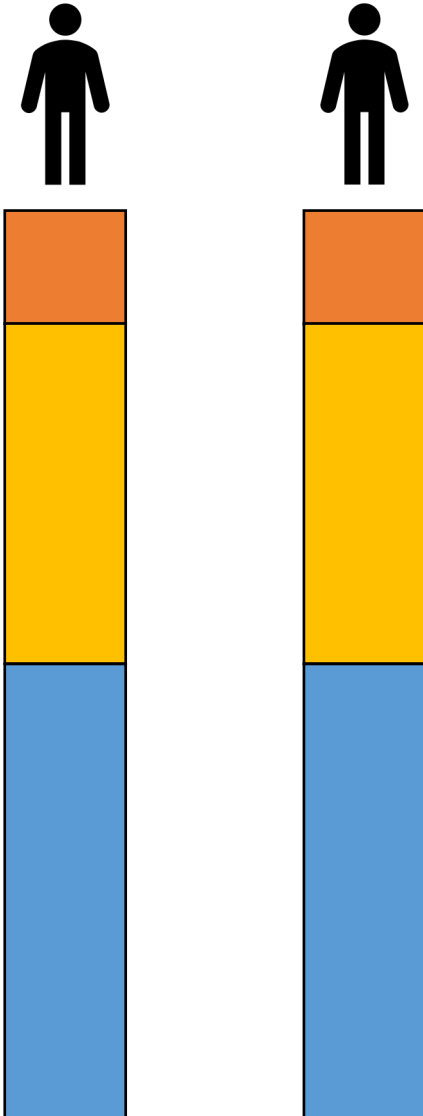
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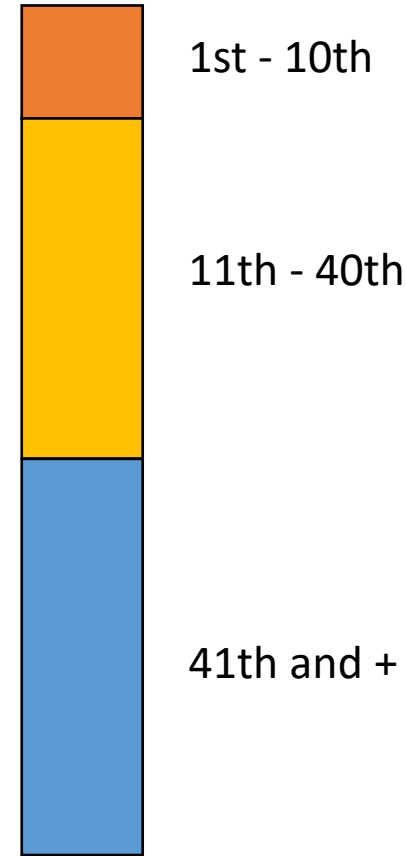
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Patient A

Patient B



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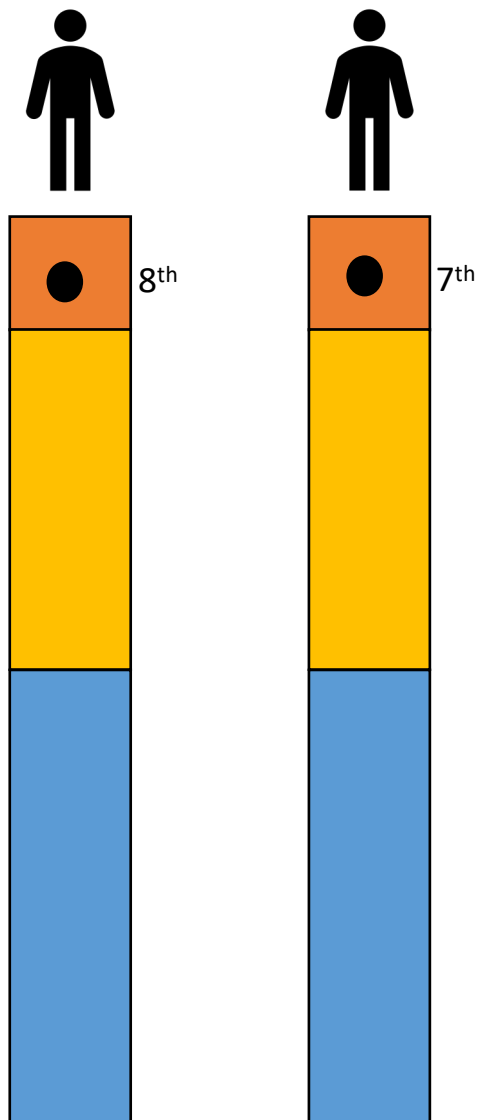
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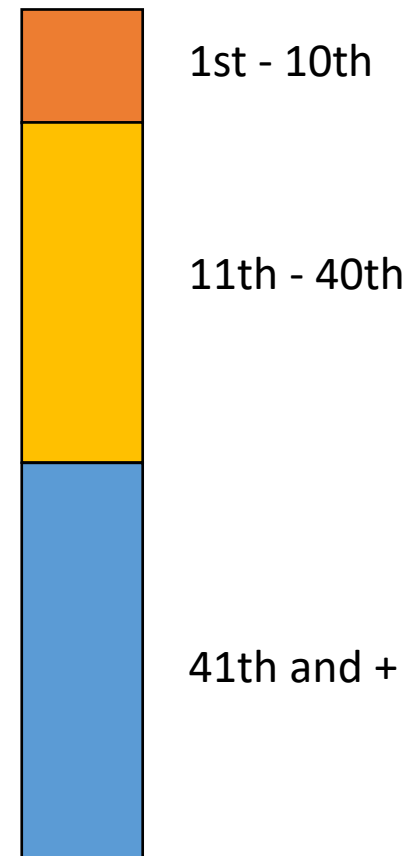
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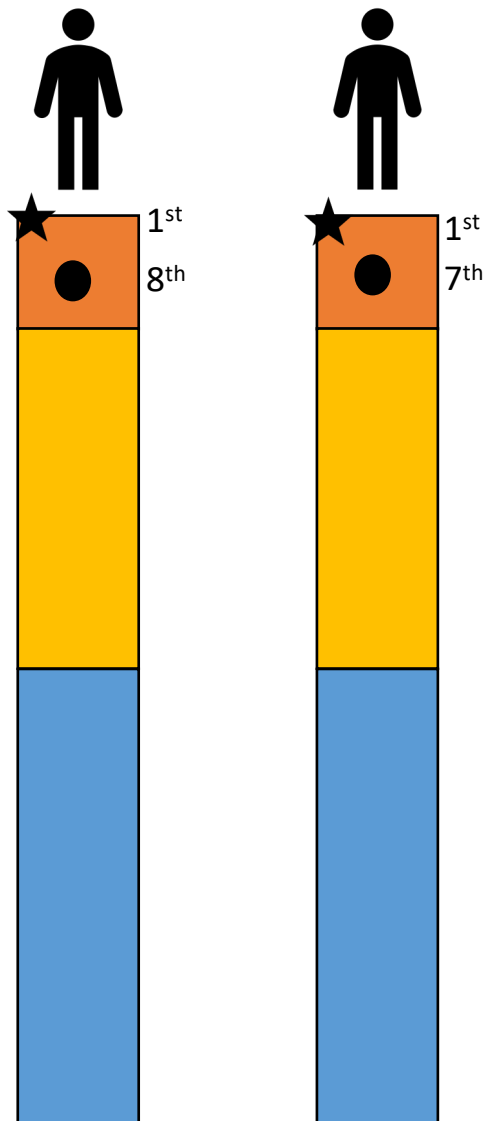
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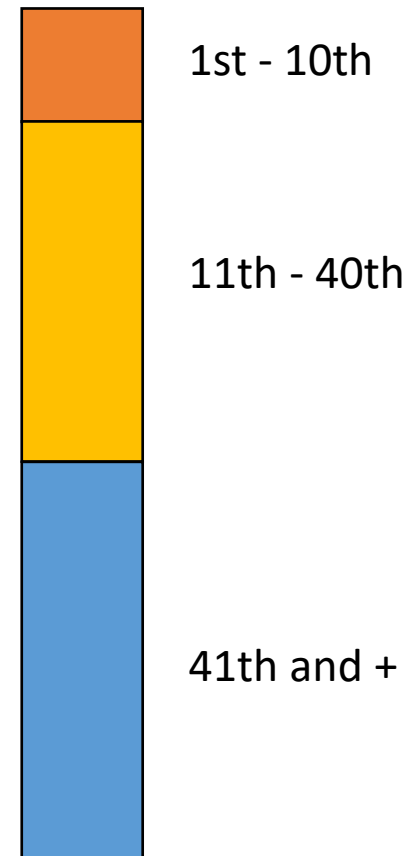
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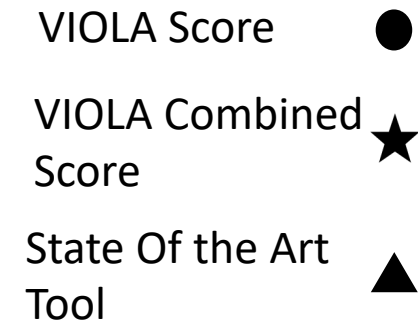
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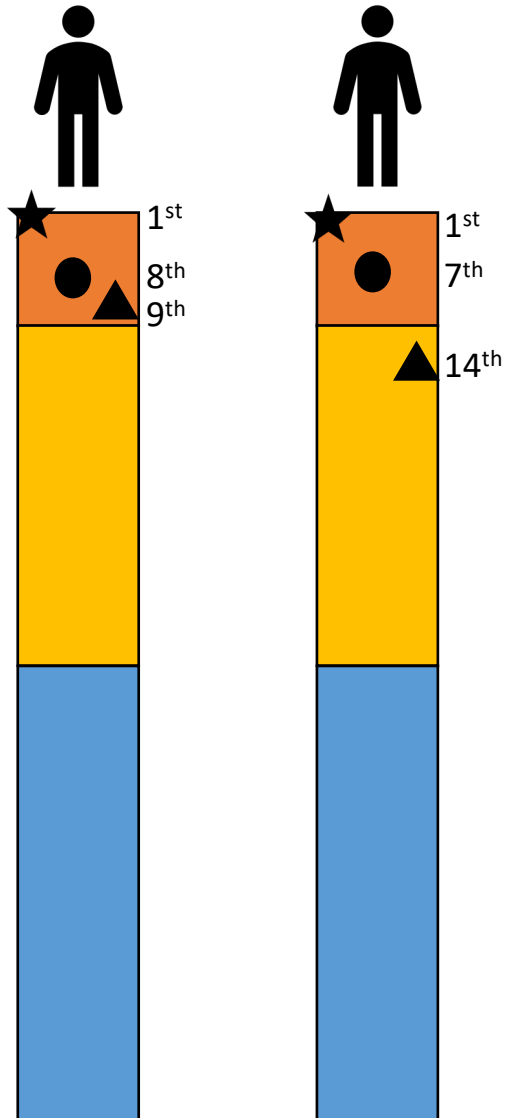
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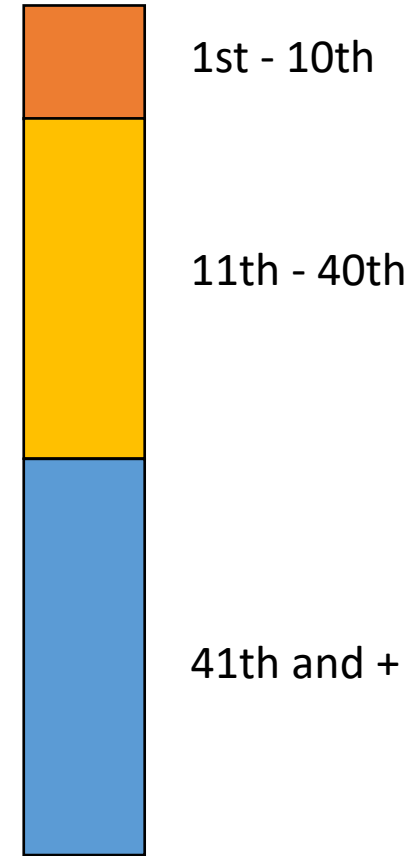
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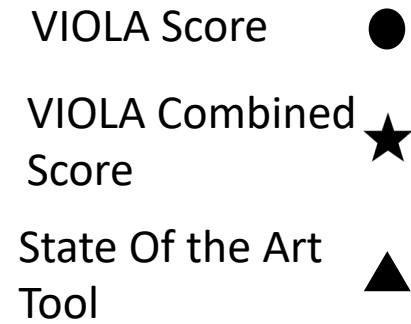
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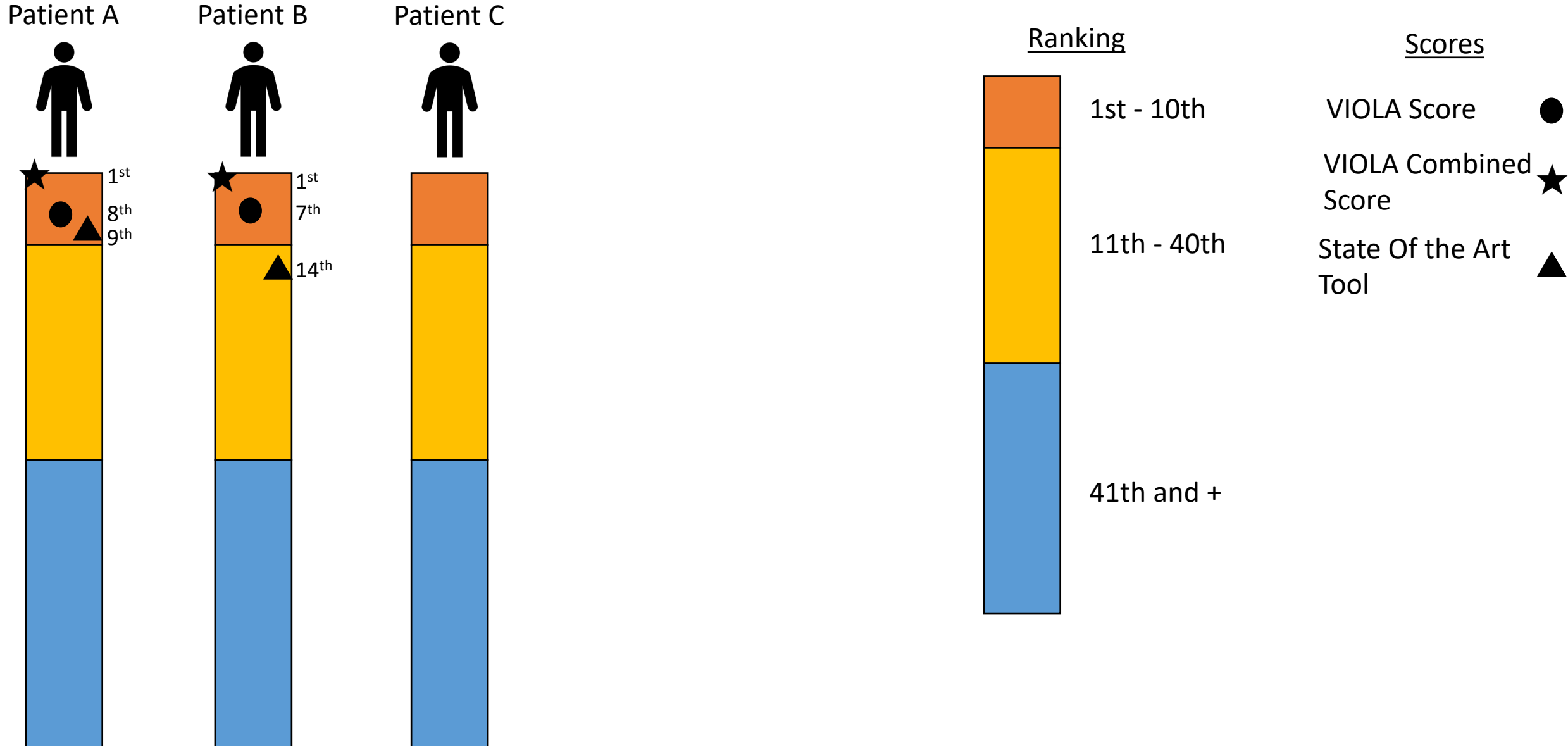
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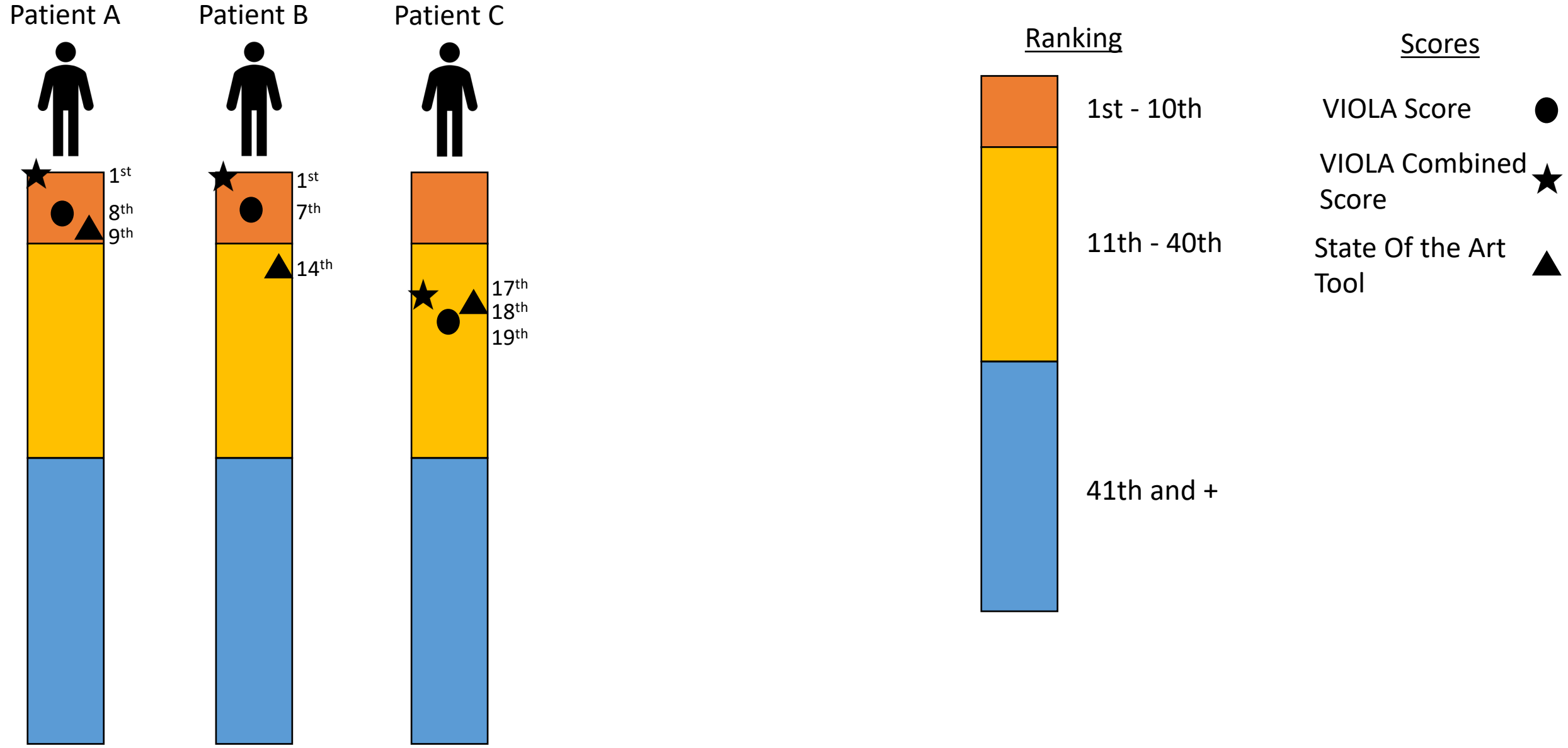
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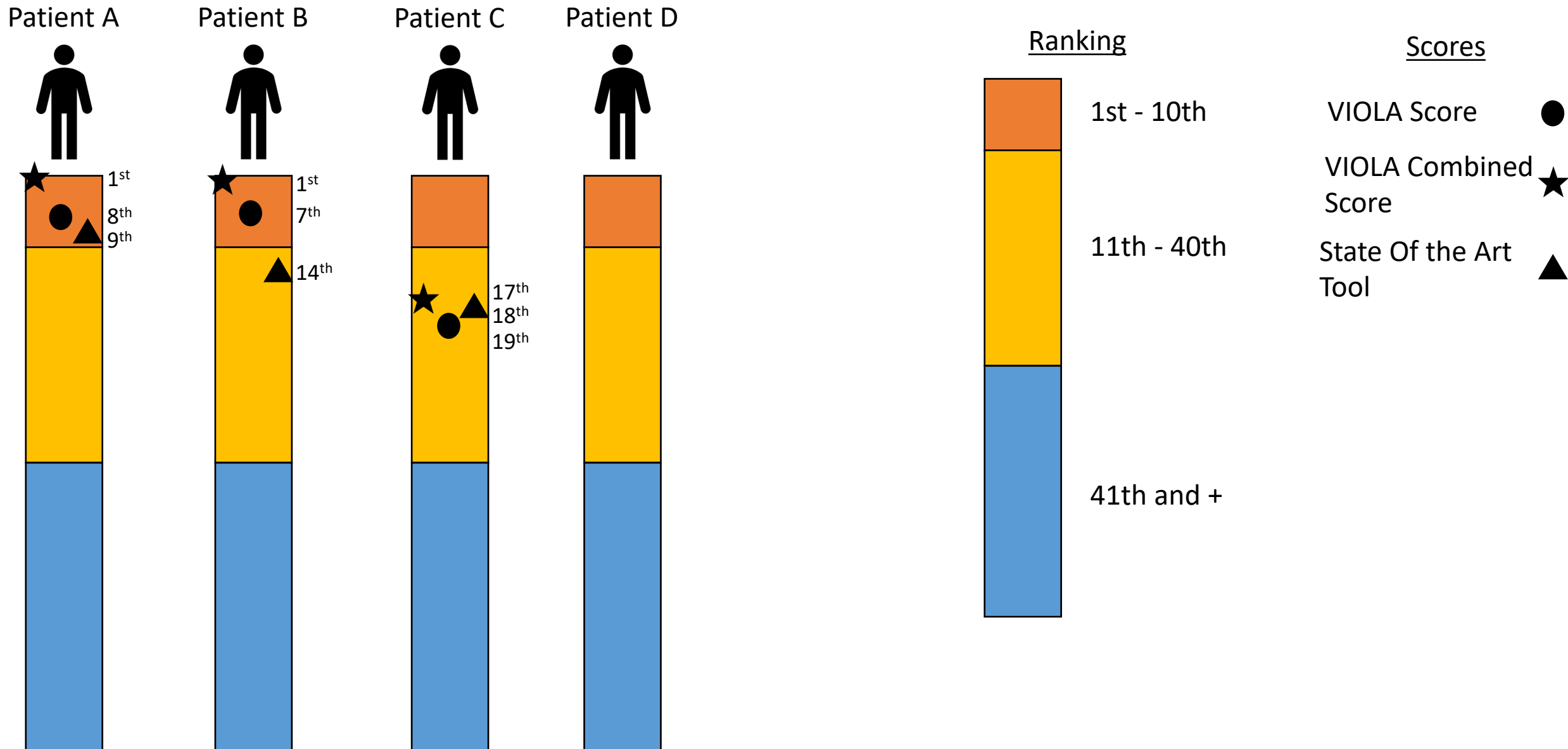
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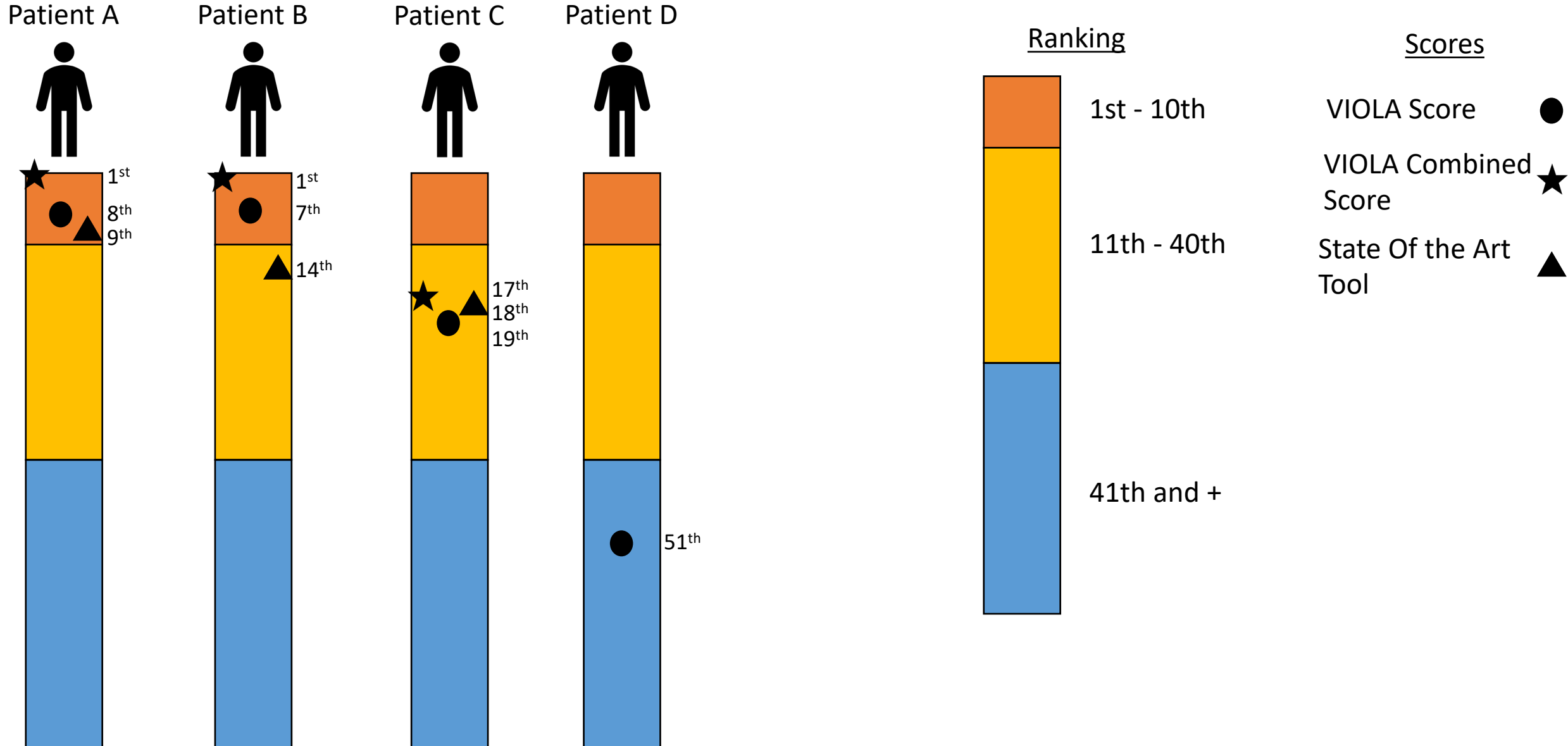
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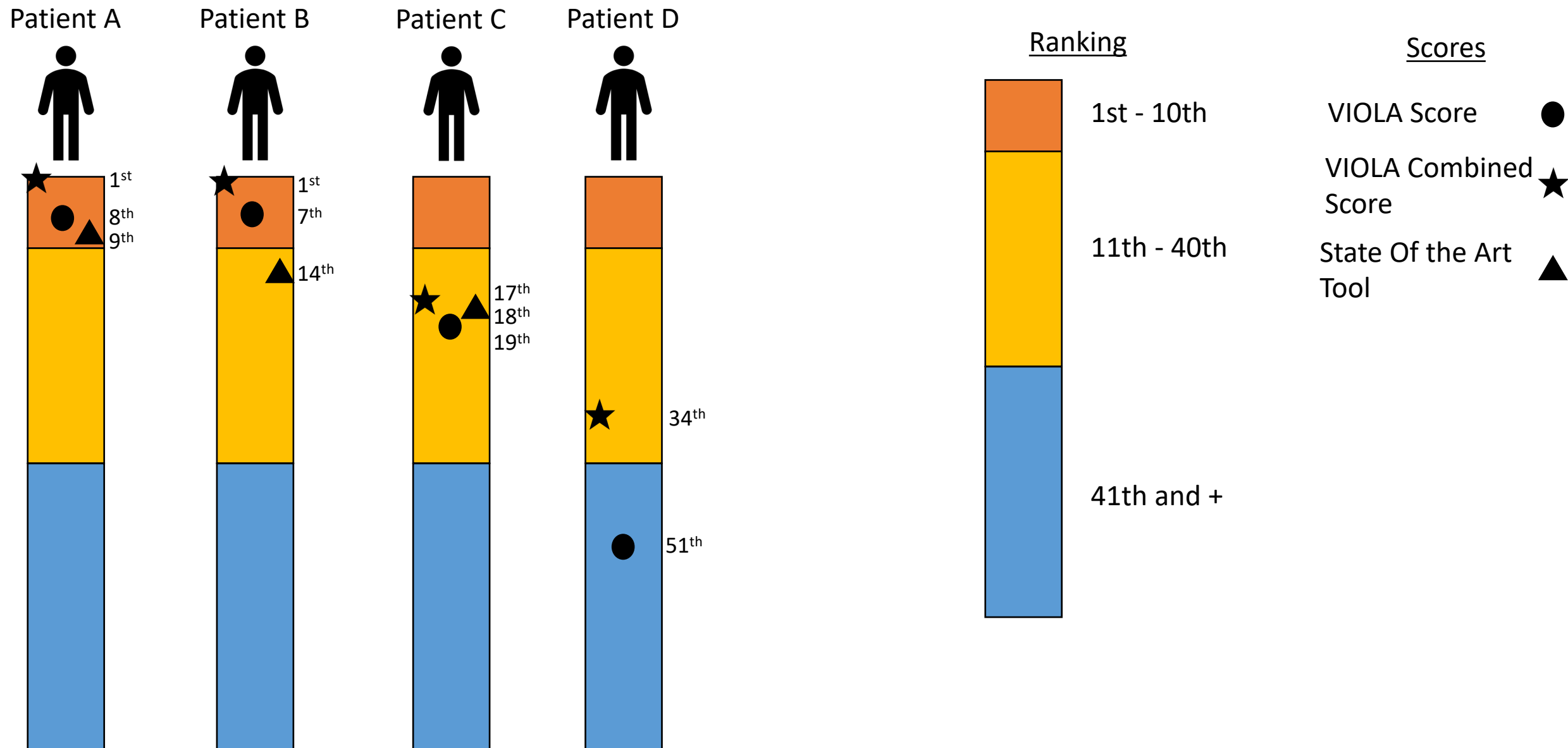
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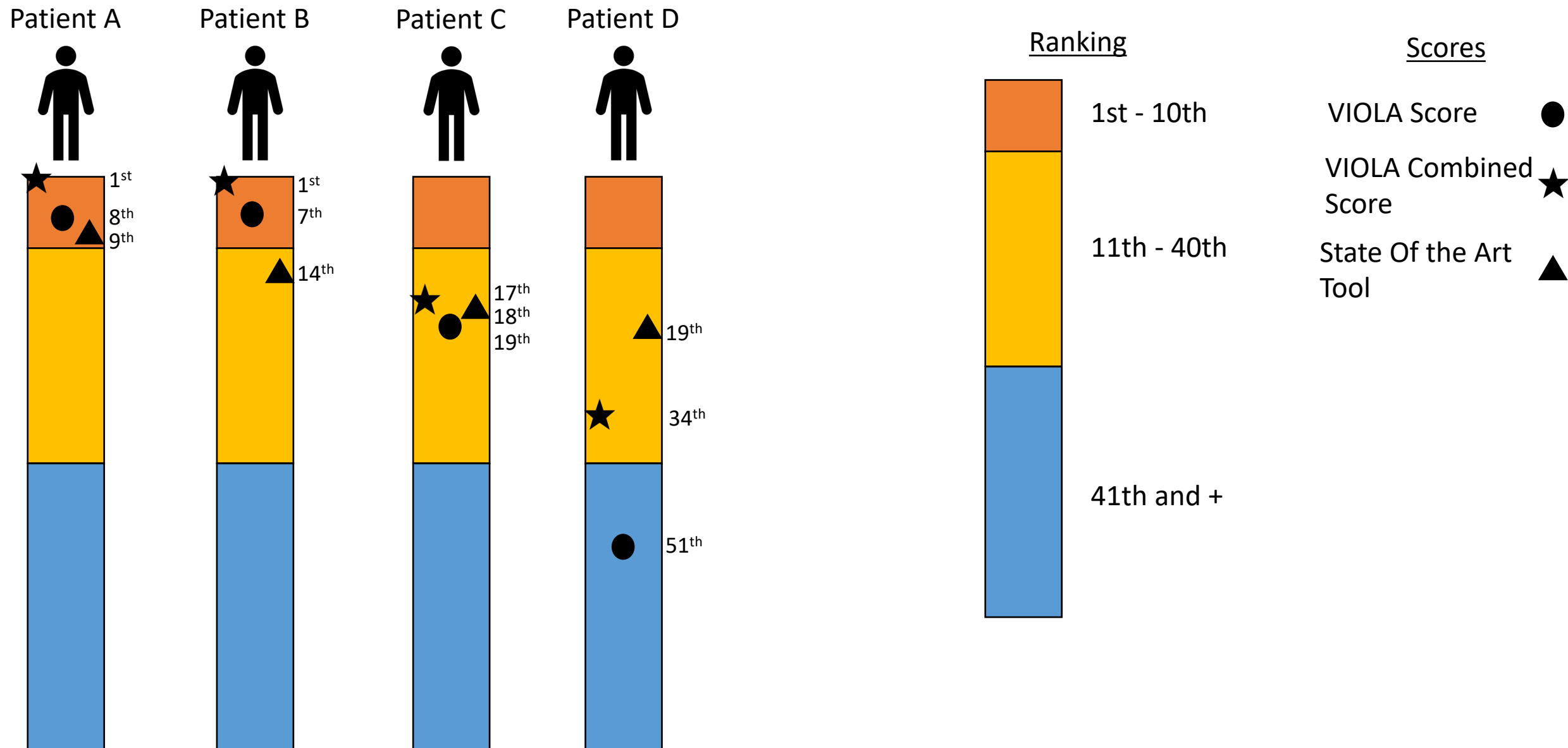
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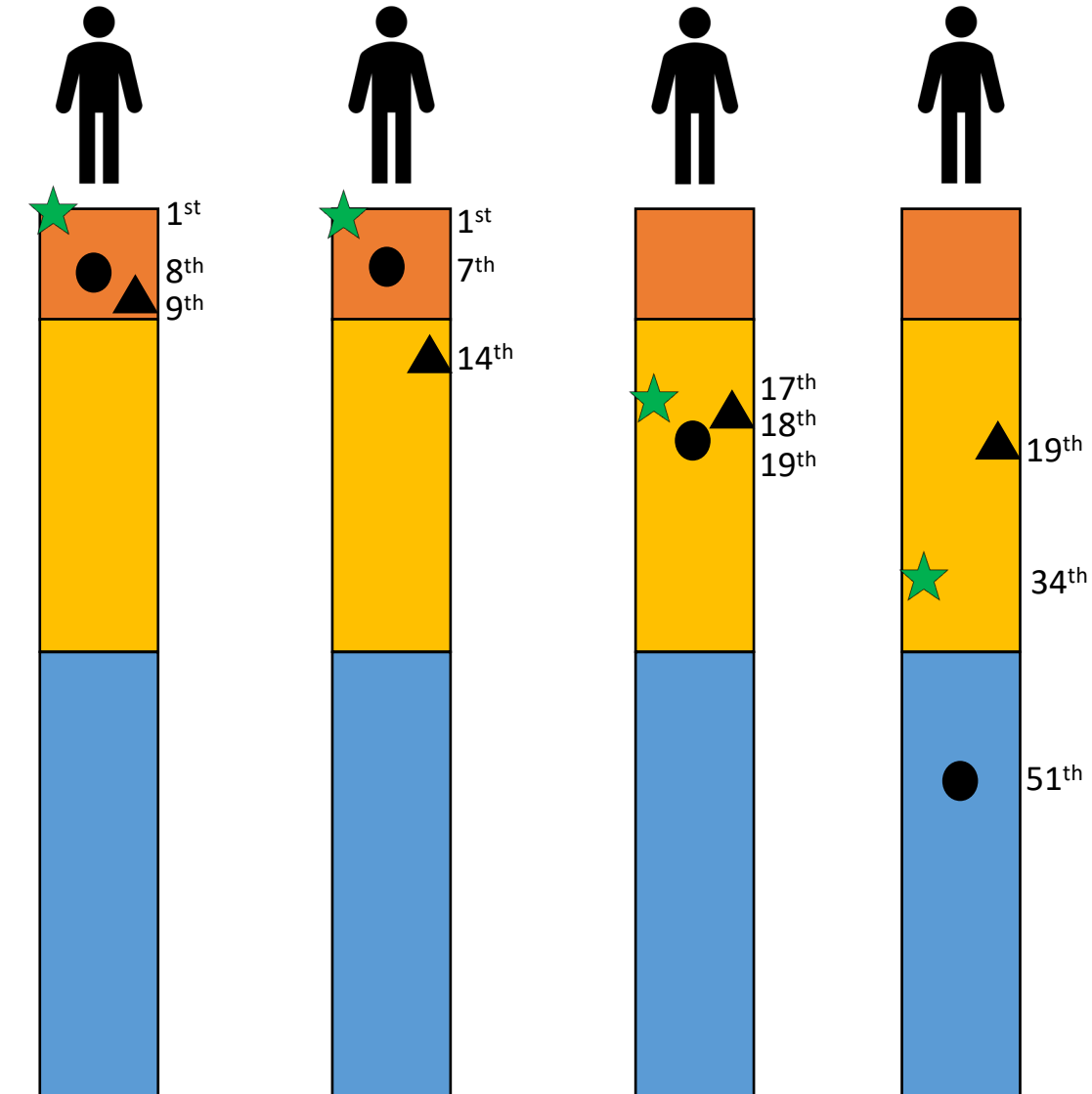
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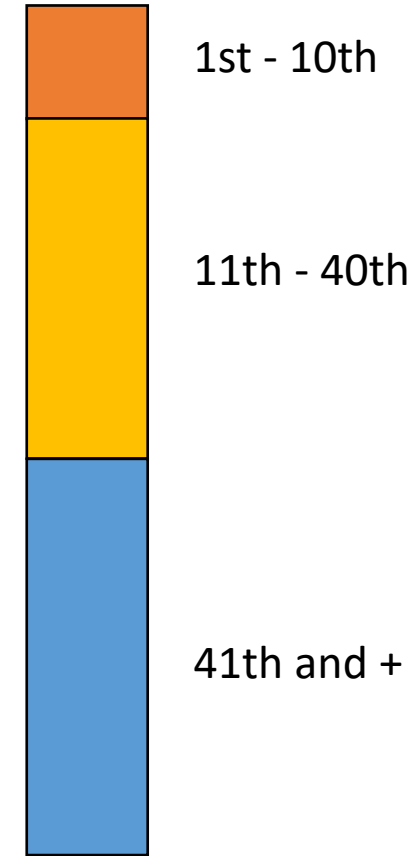
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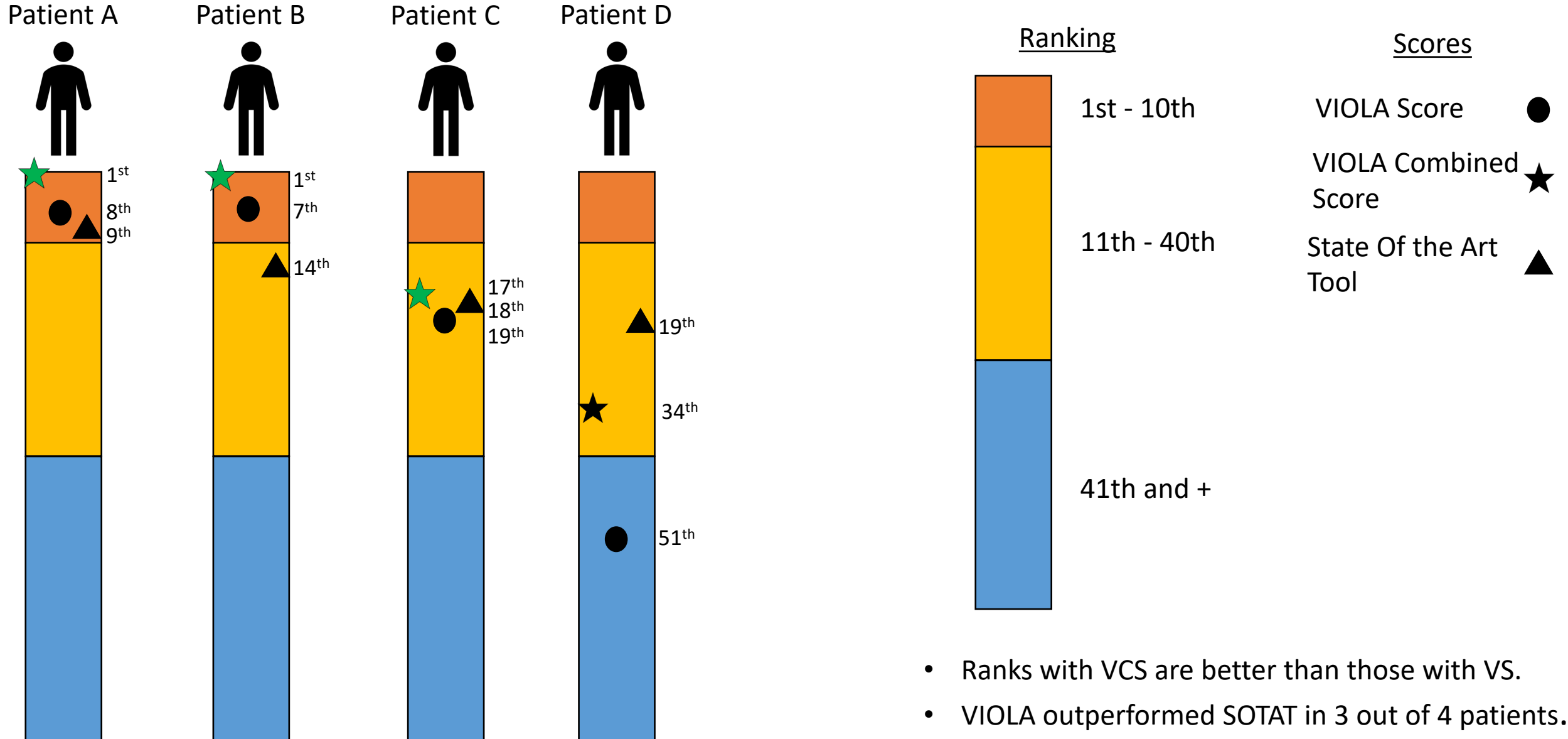
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State Of the Art Tool ▲

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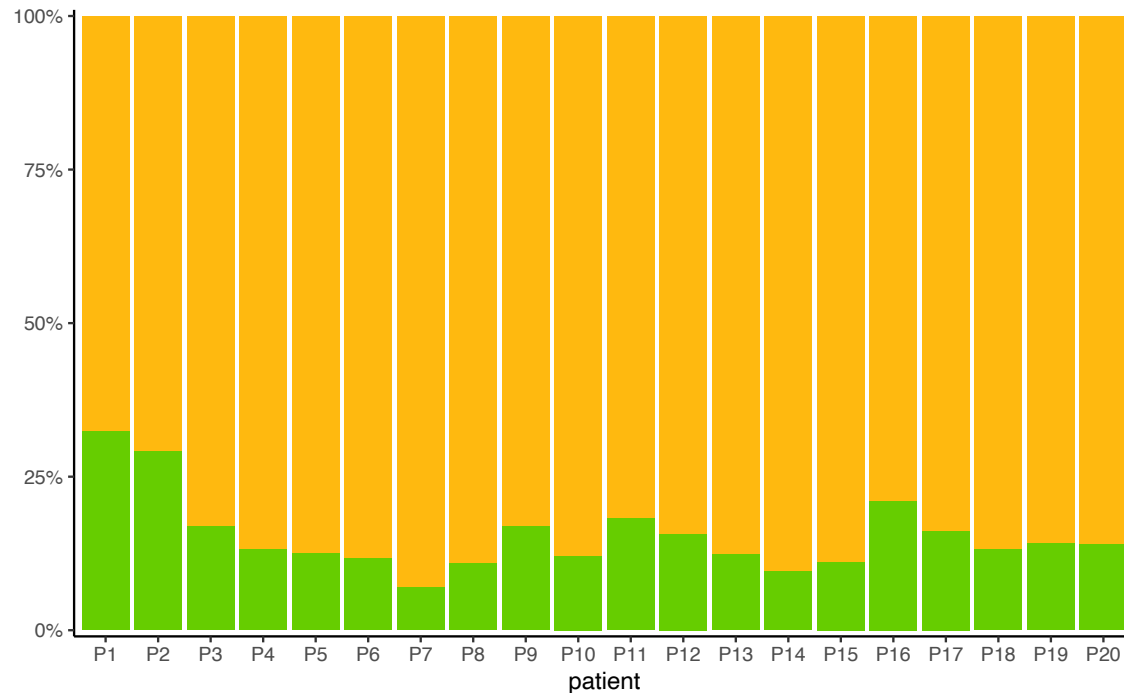
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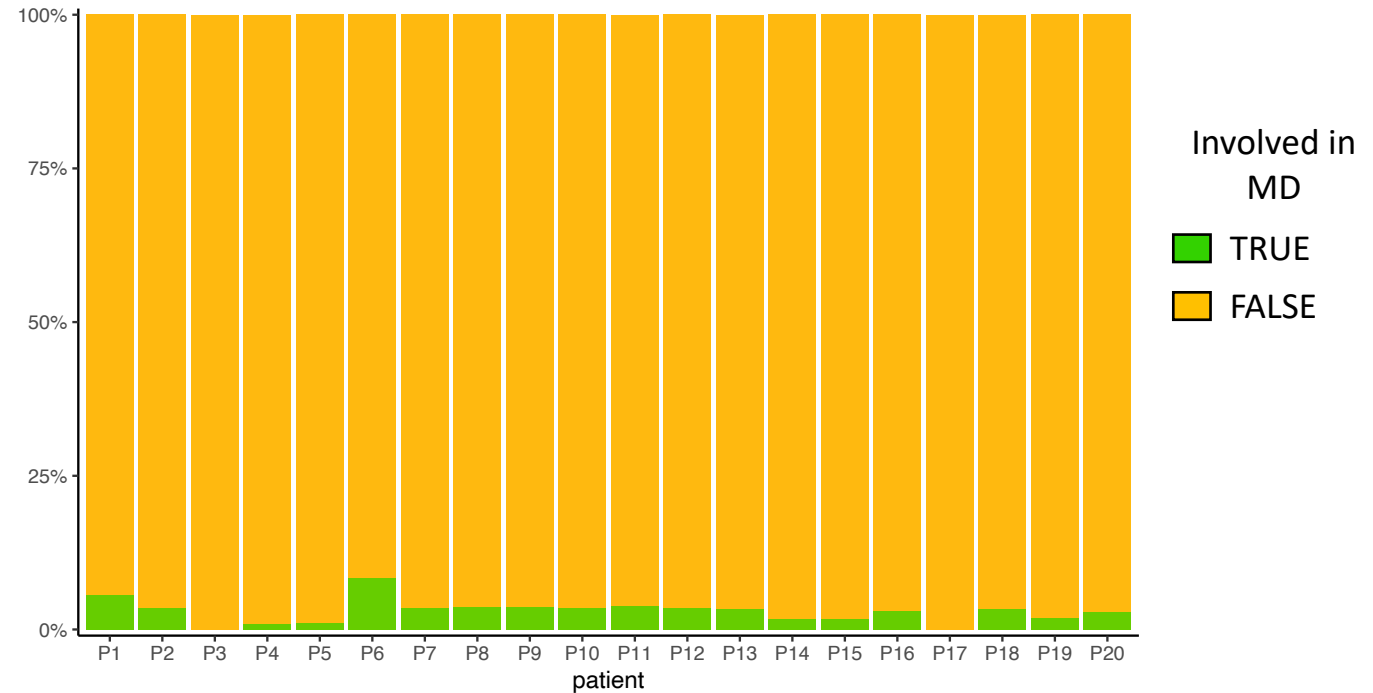
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- Enrichment in genes already known to be involved in Mitochondrial disease (MD)

Top variants (upper quartile)



Bottom variants (lower quartile)

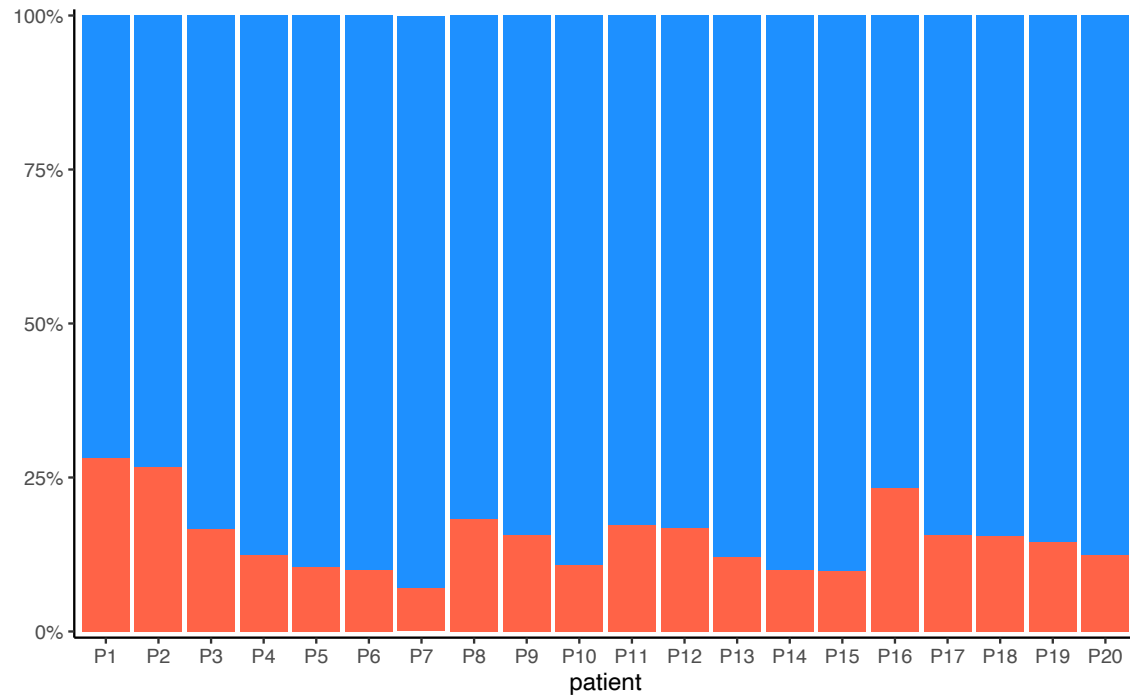


Genes bearing top variants are more enriched in genes already known to be involved in MD than genes bearing bottom variants

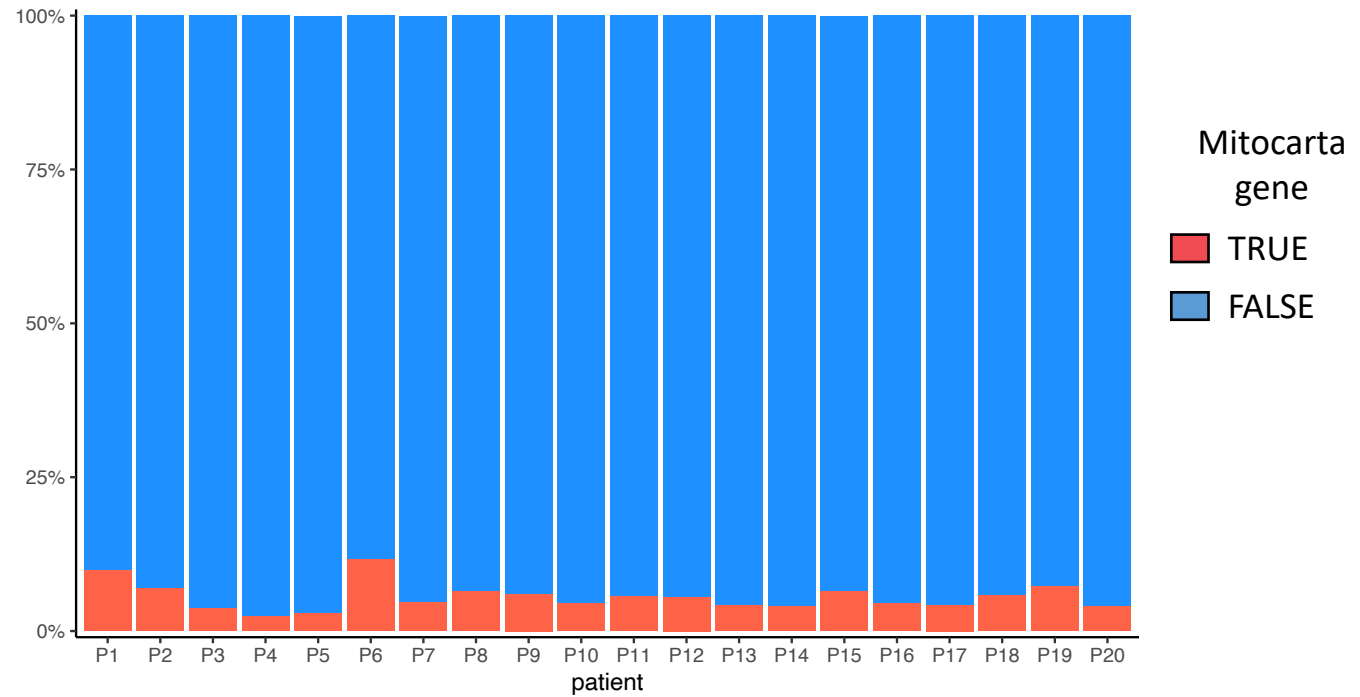
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- Enrichment in MitoCarta genes

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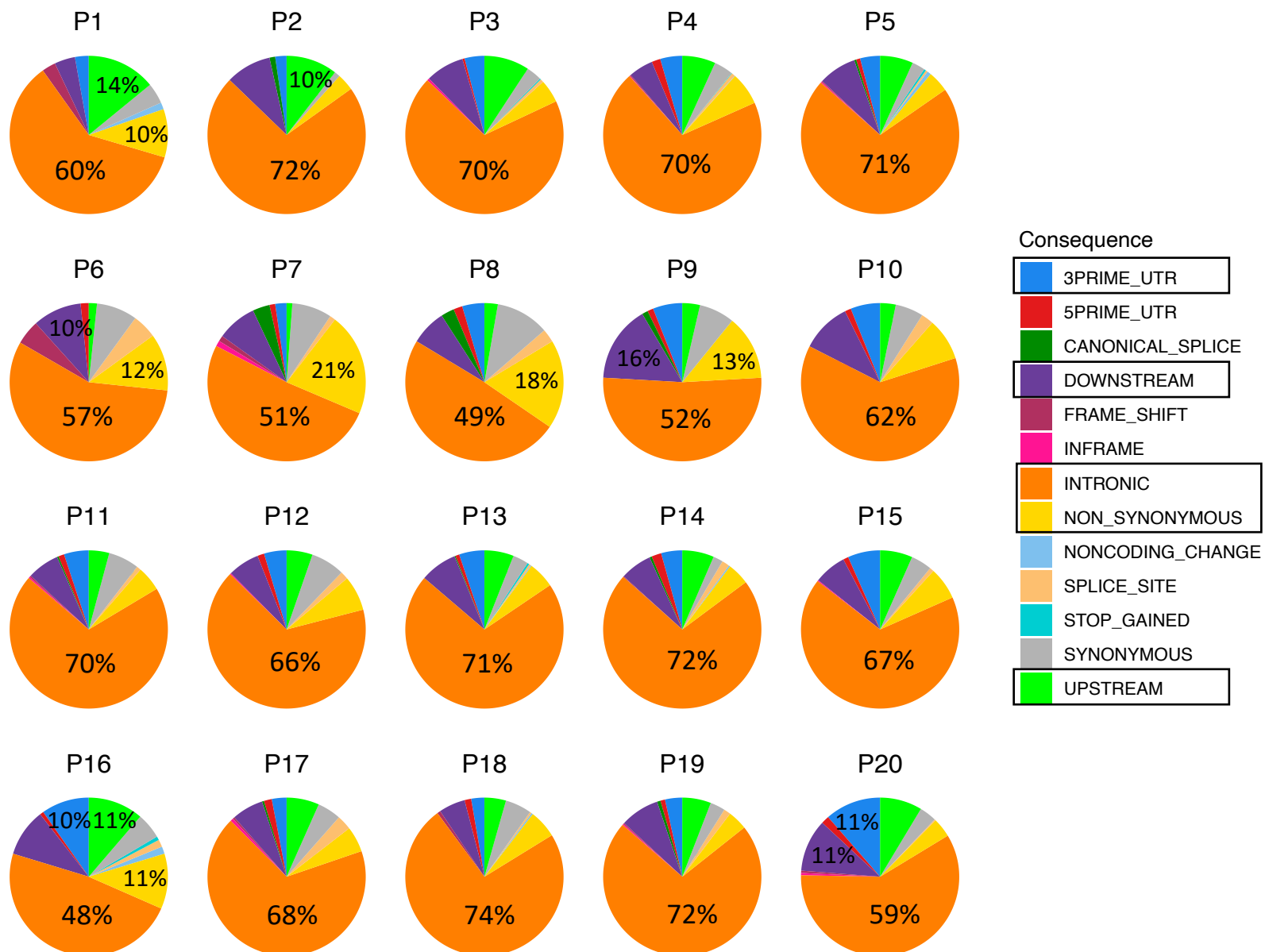


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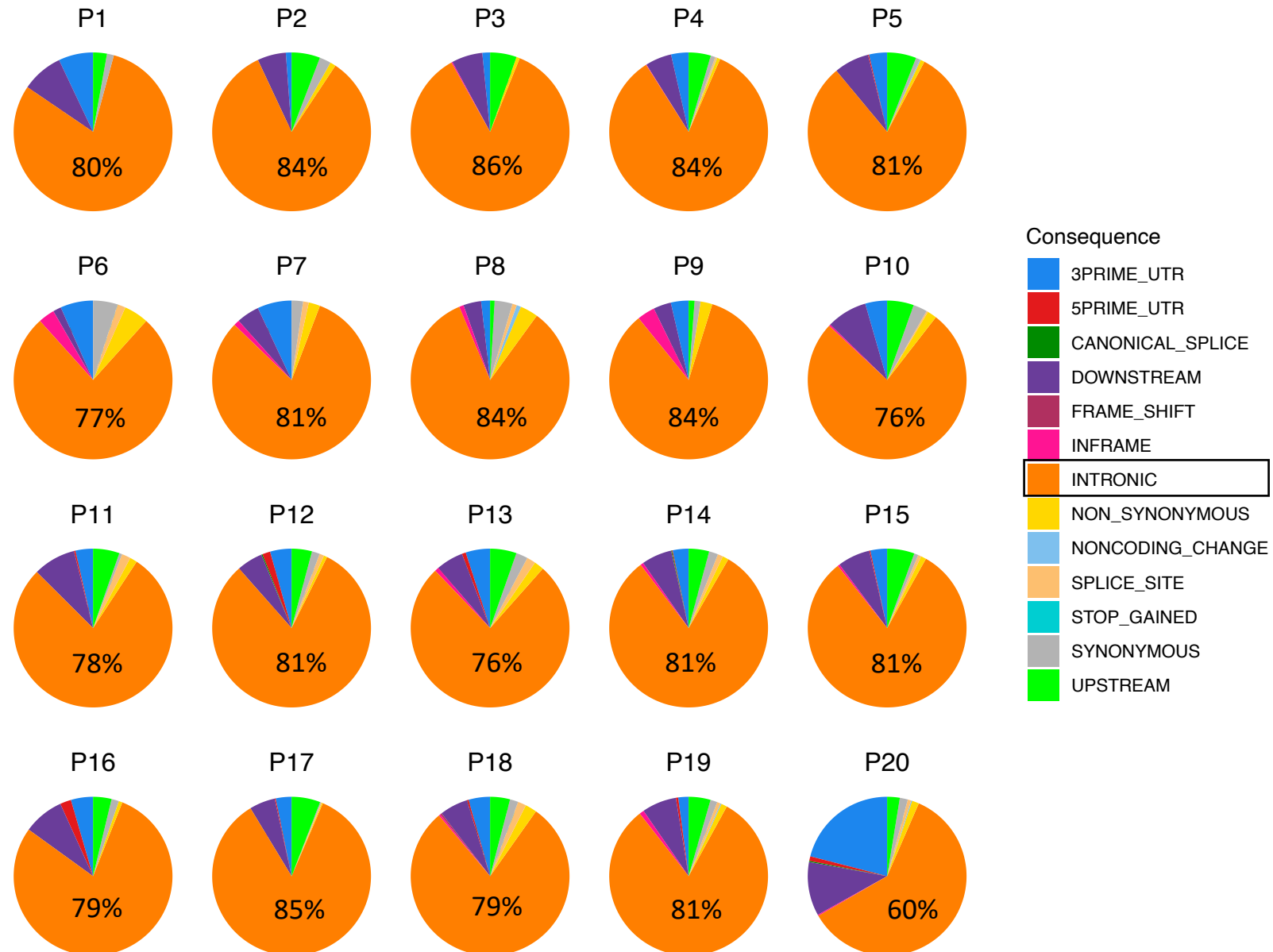
VIOLA results

- Consequences of **top** variants (upper quartile)



VIOLA results

- Consequences of **bottom** variants (lower quartile)



VIOLA find 2 potential candidates for 2 patients of the cohort

- **Case 1:**

Clinic



- Male baby
- Died shortly after birth
- Dilated cardiomyopathy with elevated lactates

Variant

- Intronic SNV in the C1QBP gene
- Heterozygous and rare (not listed in databases)
- Only found for this patient
- Ranked 7th with the VCS

Gene

- C1QBP = Encodes a multifunctional protein found mainly in the mitochondrial matrix.
- Listed in MitoCarta and known to be involved in MD
- Similar symptoms for 2 other patients with a variant in C1QBP gene

VIOLA find 2 potential candidates for 2 patients of the cohort

- **Case 2:**

Clinic



- Male adult (24 years old)
- Cardiomyopathy
- Transplanted

Variant


- Intronic SNV in the LAMA4 gene
- Heterozygous and rare (frequency of 0.000014 in GnomAD)
- Only found for this patient
- Ranked 3th with the VCS


Gene

- LAMA4 = Encodes extracellular matrix glycoprotein
- Known to be involved in cardiomyopathy


Conclusion of part 2


Patient-specific tool, very convenient in a diagnostic context


Model based on the **integration** of **genomics**, **transcriptomics** and **phenomics** data


Development of a new model to prioritize genetic variants




For 3 out of 4 patients, VIOLA **outperforms** Exomiser by ranking the responsible variant in the top 20


VIOLA found 2 potential **candidate** variants for 2 patients in the cohort

Take Home Messages

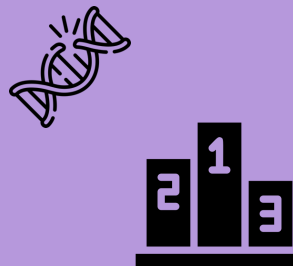
ABEILLE

Identification of Aberrant Gene Expression from transcriptomics data for small cohorts



VIOLA

Prioritization of genetic variants potentially responsible for MD using latent space



Personalized medicine

The diagnosis of MD is complex, important to move as far as possible towards a personalized medicine approach



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