

# FAANGMine: Tools for Exploring Functional Annotation of Animal Genomes

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### About FAANGMine

The [FAANG](#) (Functional Annotation of Animal Genomes) Consortium is a coordinated international action to accelerate genome to phenome" and aims to generate comprehensive maps of functional elements in the genomes of domesticated animals. Data generated by the FAANG Consortium will enhance the use of animal models in the biological and medical sciences. To ensure the FAANG effort to have substantial impacts on science and society, the data must be accessible to scientists and students and retrieval.

FAANGMine is a project supported by the FAANG Consortium. The specific aims of the project are to 1) develop FAANGMine - a high-performance data mining system that integrates genome assemblies and currently available annotation data for FAANG species, 2) extend FAANGMine by integrating new data generated by the FAANG Consortium, 3) create a FAANGMine user community that consists of students and scientists working on genetics of domesticated animal species. FAANGMine will empower animal researchers, with or without bioinformatics programming skills, to leverage the FAANG data in their research, thereby accelerating discoveries that elucidate the genetic basis of phenotypic variation.

[FAANGMine v1.3](#) (January 2023) is available. See the [FAANGMine Release Update page](#) for details. This release includes published FAANG sequence annotation data (e.g. histone marks, open chromatin regions, CTCF binding sites, chromatin states and TADs) with associated metadata for bovine, chicken, goat, horse and pig. See the [FAANGMine Data Source page](#) for a complete data list and cited publications. FAANGMine also integrates the reference genomes with a variety of external data sources, including genes ([NCBI](#), [Ensembl](#)), proteins ([UniProt](#)), protein families and domains ([InterPro](#)),

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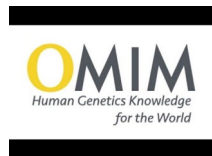
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Objective: Integrate genome annotation data to enable researchers to create customized annotation datasets merged with their own data for use in downstream analysis



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







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## Functionally Annotating Regulatory Elements in the Equine Genome Using Histone Mark ChIP-Seq

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## “Adopt-a-Tissue” Initiative Advances Efforts to Identify Tissue-Specific Histone Marks in the Mare

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## Multi-species annotation of transcriptome and chromatin structure in domesticated animals

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## Functional annotations of three domestic animal genomes provide vital resources for comparative and agricultural research

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## Pig genome functional annotation enhances the biological interpretation of complex traits and human disease

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# Goals in developing FAANG data model for InterMine

- Individual functional annotation elements (e.g. histone marks, open chromatin regions, regulatory regions) are data objects with unique identifiers and attributes
- Each element can be linked to bioproject, biosample, experiment and analysis metadata
- Annotation elements from the same sample (individual/tissue) identified in different experiments can be associated with each other and with gene expression levels in that sample

# FAANG Data Curation Approach

- Biosample metadata
  - Primary source: EBI BioSamples - includes data submitted via the FAANG Data Portal which is very detailed and strict standardization
  - Secondary source: NCBI Biosamples – less detailed, standards not enforced
- Experiment metadata – NCBI SRA RunInfo files
- Analysis metadata – FAANG Data Portal
- Functional annotation data (peak files in bed format) – FAANG Data Portal, sources provided in publications
- Individual elements in peak files were assigned unique ids that contained the experiment accession



# Data Curation Challenges and Solutions

Some biosamples were not submitted via the FAANG data portal

- Metadata information is incomplete
- Ontology terms must be manually curated

## Challenge in tying information together for individual/tissue samples

- Individual/tissue sample used in different experiments submitted to NCBI Biosamples separately for each experiment (e.g. different biosample id for ATAC-seq, different histone marks, CTCF and RNA-seq) - does not allow tying this information together
- Solution: identify connected samples based on tissue and individual id within the NCBI Biosample report, and assign a single new identifier to connected samples called “Specimen tag”.

# Challenges due to analyses not being submitted to FAANG Data Portal

- Challenge in finding analysis data
  - Solution: Data locations were found in publications (ftp site or website)
- Analysis data did not have analysis accessions.
  - Solution: We assign a unique identifier (“Analysis tag”) to each analysis.
- Individual analysis files are not connected to repository experiment or biosample accessions.
  - Solution: We manually curate experiment and biosample accessions based on file names containing tissue and individual id, or by contacting the research group

## The location of ChIP-seq antibody information varies

- The ChIP-seq antibody may be provided in the NCBI Biosample report, as part of the library name in the SRA RunInfo file, or with the analysis report of the FAANG Data Portal
- Solution: The information is findable but requires extra effort

# Insufficient controlled vocabulary terms

- Different publications use different terminology for chromatin states
  - Solution: We use the exact terminology provided in the publication as the “Name” of each element in FAANGMine
- All genome annotation features in InterMine must be tied to Sequence Ontology (SO) terms, but some element types lack specific SO terms
  - Solution: we assign the closest term
    - A/B compartment -> “biological region”
    - all chromatin states -> “regulatory region”
    - histone modification mark -> “histone binding site”

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