

Figure 4. Map View of CNVRs Carrying CNVEs with Significant Haplotype Similarity

An example of a CNVR carrying CNVEs with significantly similar haplotype backgrounds is shown with the use of the UCSC Genome Browser. Other examples are presented in Figure S5. Thin bars in orange indicate the positions of CNVs in individual CHMs. Thick bars in red, black, and blue represent the positions of CNVEs, CNVRs, and CNPs,³ respectively. The bottom two lanes show the positions of SNP markers (Affy 6.0 SNP) and CNV markers (Affy 6.0 SV) in the Affymetrix SNP Array 6.0.

not explicitly stated, in previous reports.³ McCarroll et al. demonstrated that most CNPs could be captured at a high linkage disequilibrium by nearby SNPs if the SNPs used were of sufficiently high density to allow estimation of the capture rate, despite the fact that some of the CNPs were clusters of CNVEs. These findings are most easily understood if haplotype-dependent recurrence of CNVEs is assumed. The possible dependence of CNVE occurrence on preexisting events is in contrast to SNPs, which can be regarded as the result of independent, random events.

The determination of CNV structure with the use of available arrays involves some uncertainty because of the extremely uneven distribution of markers, as noted previously.^{3,19} Perhaps significant improvement in the detection of CNVs must await the availability of arrays carrying an unbiased distribution of markers. Recently, Conrad et al. reported an advanced CNV-typing array system that can efficiently detect even small CNVs.²⁷ With the use of this system, the detection of CNVs in existing materials should be improved; however, this system still suffers

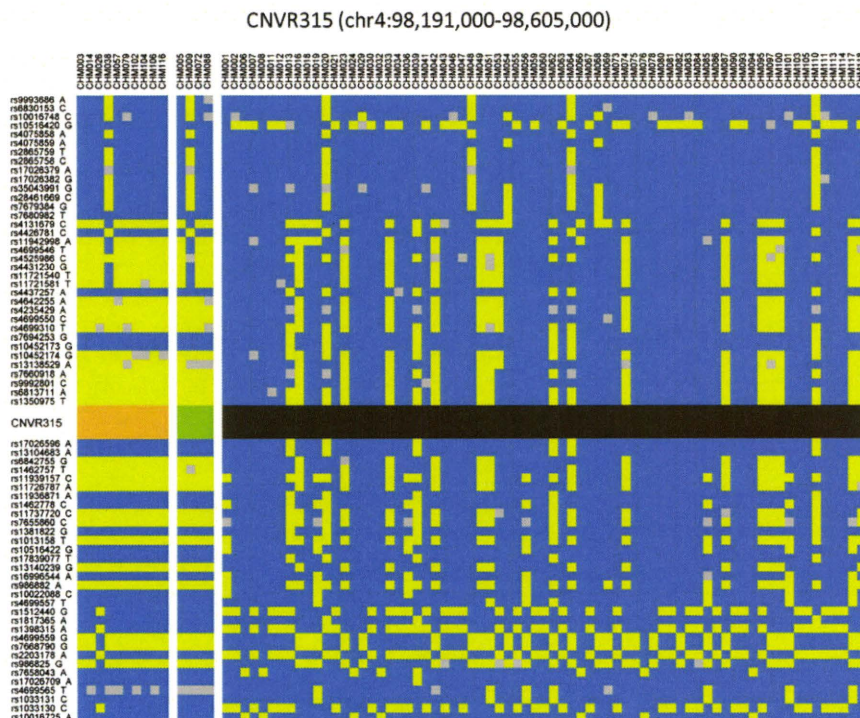


Figure 5. An Example of Haplotype Sharing between CNVEs

Haplotype profiles of CNVE samples (different CNVEs are color-coded by yellow or green in CNVR lines) and non-CNV samples (black in CNVR lines) for CNVR315 are shown. The major and minor SNP alleles are shown in blue and yellow, respectively, and SNPs with no genotype calls are shown in gray. See Figure S6 for the profiles of other CNVRs listed in Table 2.

from the fact that detecting CNVs in the Asian genome is highly inefficient (the number of CNVs detectable in Asians is approximately two-thirds that of individuals of European descent). This is because the initial experiments conducted to determine the markers to be loaded in the typing arrays were carried out with the use of European-descent and African samples, resulting in some population bias in the detection efficiency of the typing array.

Non-hybridization-based methods such as resequencing by new-generation sequencers are obviously among other future approaches. CHM samples provide an exceptional opportunity for effective whole-genome resequencing because CHMs display genome-wide homozygosity and require less sequencing redundancy. Furthermore, the reads can be aligned with greater confidence, unlike resequencing of diploid materials.

Supplemental Data

Supplemental Data include six figures and twelve tables and can be found with this article online at <http://www.cell.com/AJHG>.

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Web Resources

The URLs for the data and software used herein are as follows:

Affymetrix: Genotyping Console software and annotation files, <http://www.affymetrix.com/>

Database of Genomic Variants, <http://projects.tcag.ca/variation>
dbSNP, <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/projects/SNP/>

Illumina: BeadStudio software and other requirement files, <http://www.illumina.com/>

R software, <http://www.R-project.org>

UCSC Genome Browser: genome annotation and SNP array marker information, <http://genome.ucsc.edu/>

Accession Numbers

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