

Familias - Tutorial

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Preface

This tutorial describes the basic features of Familias. The current version of the tutorial is based on version 3.3, but should work reasonably well for versions 3.2.2 and upwards.

For a more comprehensive description and theory we refer to the manual (not updated) available at <http://www.familias.no> or publications listed at the indicated link.

For Spanish translation of the current document please see http://familias.name/tutorial/familias_tutorial_spanish.pdf

For videos including solutions to exercises in [Egeland, Kling, Mostad \(2015\)](#), see <https://familias.name/VideosBook.pdf>

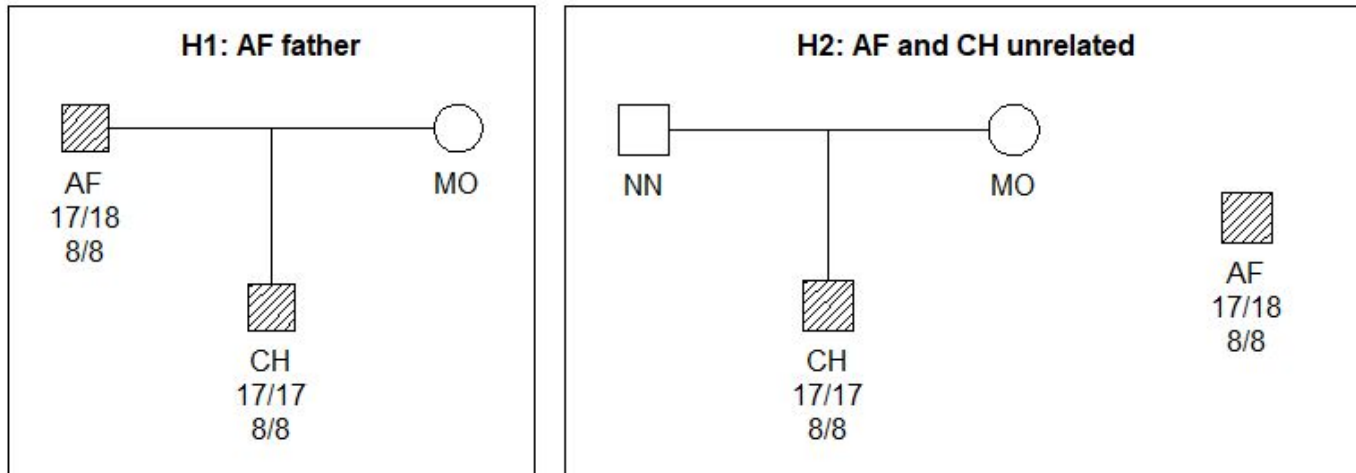
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1. Basics. A paternity case in four steps

Input file: [tutorial-Ch1.fam](#)

Example used to introduce Familias



$$LR = \text{Likelihood ratio} = \frac{P(\text{data} \mid H1)}{P(\text{data} \mid H2)}$$

$$LR_1 = \frac{2p_{17}p_{18} \cdot \frac{1}{2}p_{17}}{2p_{17}p_{18} \cdot p_{17}^2} = \frac{1}{2p_{17}} = \frac{1}{2 \cdot 0.204} = 2.45,$$

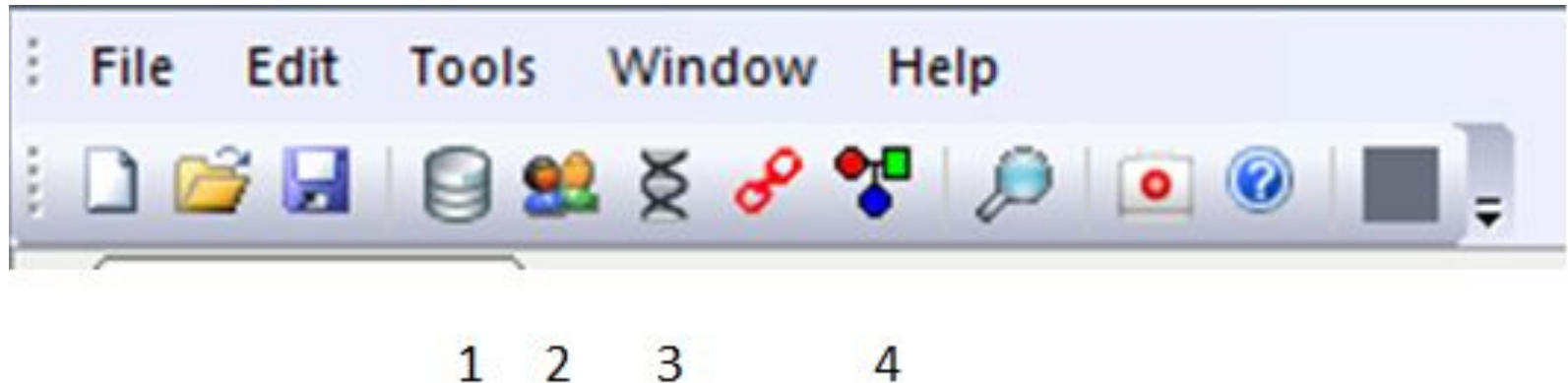
$$LR_2 = \frac{p_8^2 \cdot 1 \cdot p_8}{p_8^2 \cdot p_8^2} = \frac{1}{p_8} = \frac{1}{0.554} = 1.81,$$

$$LR = LR_1 \cdot LR_2 = 2.45 \cdot 1.81 = 4.4.$$

Interpretation: The data is 4.4 times more likely if H1 is true rather than H2.

We next explain the steps needed to verify the calculations using Familias.

Four basic steps



1. **General DNA data.** Input of database, i.e., allele frequencies, etc.
2. **Persons.** Individual needed to define pedigrees.
3. **Case DNA data.** Marker data.
4. **Pedigrees.** Define hypotheses and do calculations.

Step1: General DNA data

Edit database

Name:

Marker	Number of
D3S1358	3
TPOX	3

Edit Marker

System name:

Name	Frequency
17	0.204
18	0.1394
Rest allele	0.6566

Save

Close

Options

Mutation models

Edit

Remove

Add allele

Name

Frequency

Add

Marker/System

Add

Edit

Remove

Move up

Move down

Mutations

Database

Export

Import

Remove

Close

- Click 'Add' to enter a marker. In the new window, enter as shown.
- Similarly for next marker TPOX with alleles 8 and 9, frequencies 0.554 and 0.104.
- The order of markers can be modified by using "Move up" or "Move down" buttons.

Step 1 in detail: General DNA data

Click



Edit database

Name: Active database: Theta:

Marker	Number of alleles	Mutation rates	Mutation models

Click



The “New marker” window opens

New Marker

System name:

Name	Frequency

Add allele

Name	Frequency
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

3 Add the name of the first marker (D3S1358 in the example)

4 Add the first allele (17), frequency (0.204) and press ‘Add’

5 Do the same for the second allele (18, freq. 0.1394)

6 Click ‘Save’ and it will appear:

7 For “Scale”, click yes (the freq. of both alleles will change to sum 1)
For “add a rest allele”, click No (a rest allele with freq. 0.6566 will be added)

Notification

Allele frequencies do not sum up to 1.0! Do you want to scale?
(If No, a rest allele with frequency 0.6566 will be added)

Sí

No

Cancelar

8 Repeat the process for the second marker (TPOX, in the example)

Step 2. Persons

The screenshot shows a window titled "Persons" with a table and form controls. The table has columns: Name, Role, Gender, and Year of birth. The first row contains "AF" under Name and "Male" under Gender. The second row contains "CH" under Name and "Male" under Gender. To the right of the table are "Edit" and "Remove" buttons. Below the table is an "Add/Edit" section with a text box "Enter name...", a "Role" label and text box, a "Year of birth" label and text box, checkboxes for "Is child" and "Is parent", a "Gender" label with radio buttons for "Female" (selected) and "Male", and an "Add" button.

Name	Role	Gender	Year of birth
AF		Male	
CH		Male	

Buttons: Edit, Remove

Add/Edit section:

- Enter name...
- Role
- Year of birth
- ☐ Is child
- ☐ Is parent
- Gender: ☒ Female, ☐ Male
- Add

- Enter the persons: AF (alleged father), and CH (child) as shown.
- Information on 'Role', 'Year of birth', 'Is child' and 'Is parent' are normally not needed nor used. Is parent is currently not used in any routine.

Step 2 in detail: persons

Click

The “Persons” window opens



- 2 Enter the name of the first person (AF)
- 3 Optional: enter the year of birth
- 4 Enter the gender
- 5 Click ‘Add’
- 6 Do the same with the following person (CH)

Comment 1

If you enter the year of birth, you make sure that a younger person can not be the parent of an older person (useful to avoid errors in the pedigrees and impossible pedigrees)

Comment 2

If you click the “Is child” box, you make sure that this person cannot have children (useful for the same reasons as before)

Step 3. Case data

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- Double click each person. In the new window select the marker in the pull down menu, press 'Add' and 'OK', to enter the data as shown.

Step 3 in detail: Case data

Click



The “Case-related DNA data” window opens

Name	Gender	DNA data
AF	Male	None
CH	Male	None

Double Click (AF)

The “Add/Edit DNA data” window opens

Add/Edit DNA data

DNA data for person: AF ☐ Consider dropout

System name	Allele 1	Allele 2

Close Edit Remove

Add observation

Select system... Add

Comment

If you want to consider dropout in one specific individual, click the box. See slide 18 to enter the probability of dropout

- 3 Select the marker (D3S1358)
- 4 Enter the genotype (17-18)
- 5 Click 'Add'
- 6 Do the same for TPOX and then close
- 7 Repeat the process from 2 for CH

Step 4. Pedigrees

Add Pedigree

Pedigree name:

Parent	Child	Is direct?
AF	CH	No

Close

Plot in R

Extra persons

Remove

Add relation

Select parent...

Select child...

☐ Direct/Identity

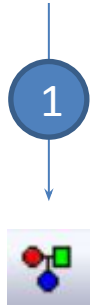
Add

Pedigree	Prior	Posterior	Likelihood Ratio	Ln likelihood
H1:Father	0.5	0.815639396	4.424152332	-6.92145
H2: Unrela...	0.5	0.184360604	1	-8.408529

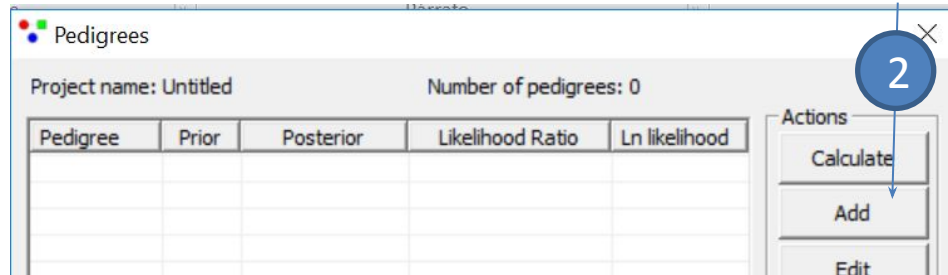
- Click 'Add' to enter the hypothesis "H1:Father" as shown (upper panel).
- Enter the pedigree "H2:unrelated". In this case no relations are added.
- Click 'Calculate' to get the output in the lower panel.

Step 4 in detail: Pedigrees

Click



The “Pedigrees” window opens

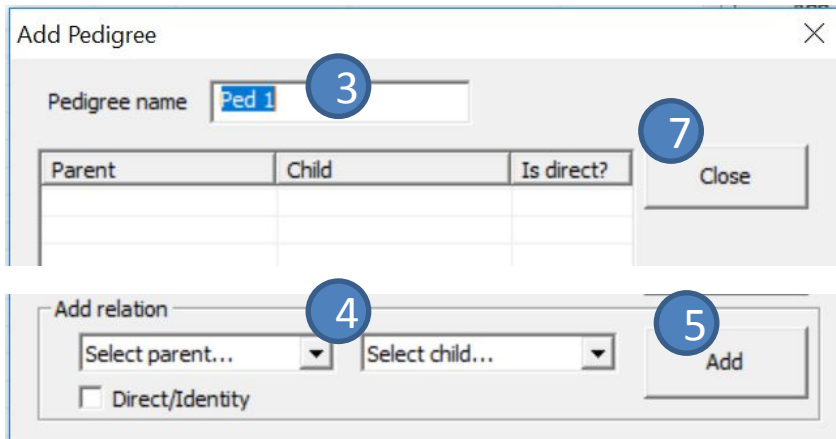


Click

Comment

Familias only allows you to define parent-child relationships. If you want to define the relation “2 brothers”, you have to enter a mother and a father and establish that both are sons of them. In order to define a disputed direct match, e.g. twins, use the Direct/Identity option

The “Add Pedigree” window opens



3 Name the pedigree (e.g., H1: Father)

4 Define the relation (AF father of CH)

5 Click ‘Add’

6 Name the second pedigree (H2: unrelated). You do not have to enter any relation in this case

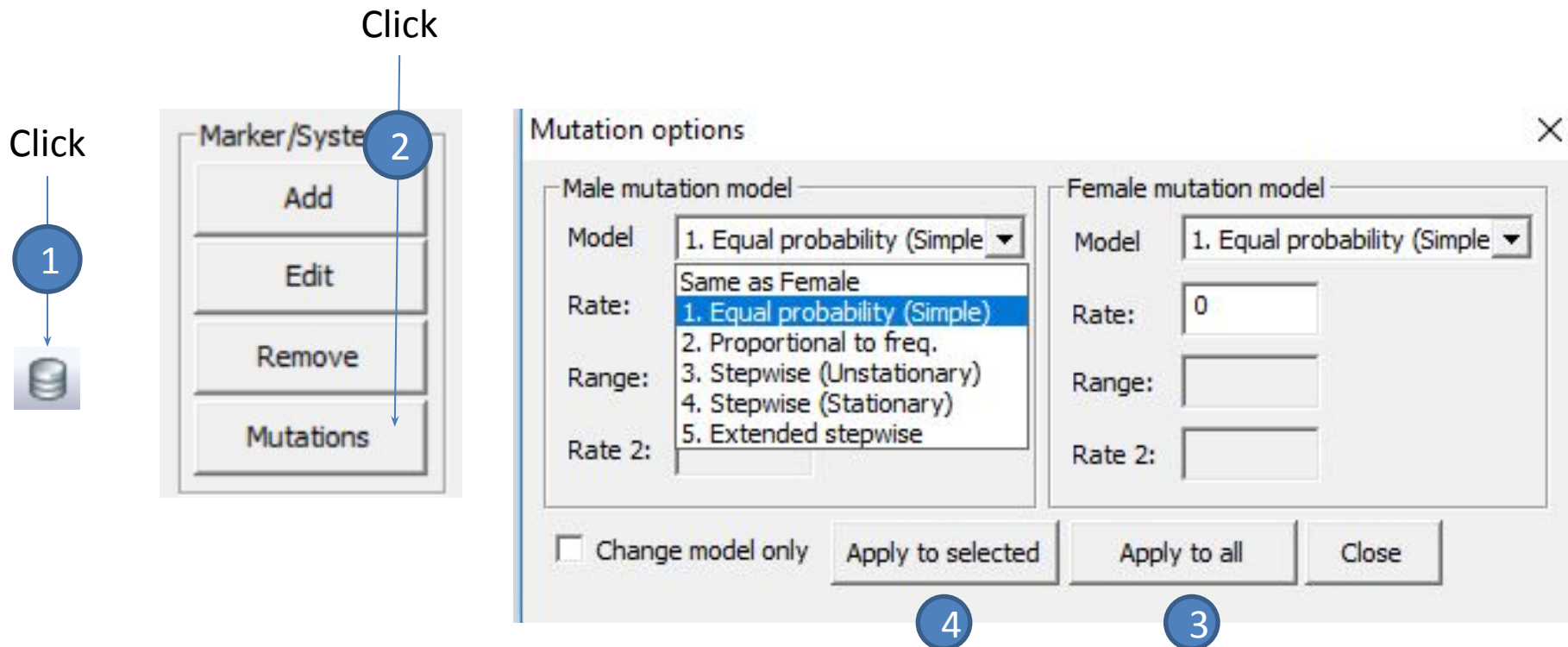
7 Click ‘Close’

8 Then click ‘Calculate’ in the Pedigrees window to obtain:

Pedigree	Prior	Posterior	Likelihood Ratio	Ln likelihood
H1:Father	0.5	0.815639396	4.424152332	-6.92145
H2: Unrela...	0.5	0.184360604	1	-8.408529

2. Complications

Mutations



- Enter Step 1 (1), the Database window and press 'Mutations' (2) to get the above window.
- There are five models as shown (see the following slide for more info)
- One can assign the model to all markers (3) or only the ones selected (4) as shown.

Mutation models in Familias

- **Simple model**

Each mutation has an equal probability of occurring. Appropriate for fast computations (e.g. complicated pedigrees and DVI) as well as for SNP markers.

- **Proportional to frequencies**

Each mutation has a probability which is proportional to the frequency of the allele we are transitioning to. A low frequency will yield a low mutation probability. Appropriate for testing of statistical properties of calculations.

- **Stepwise model**

The traditional stepwise model where the probability depends on the number of steps from the original allele to the mutated allele, decreasing probability for longer repeat mutations. Appropriate for STR markers without microvariants.

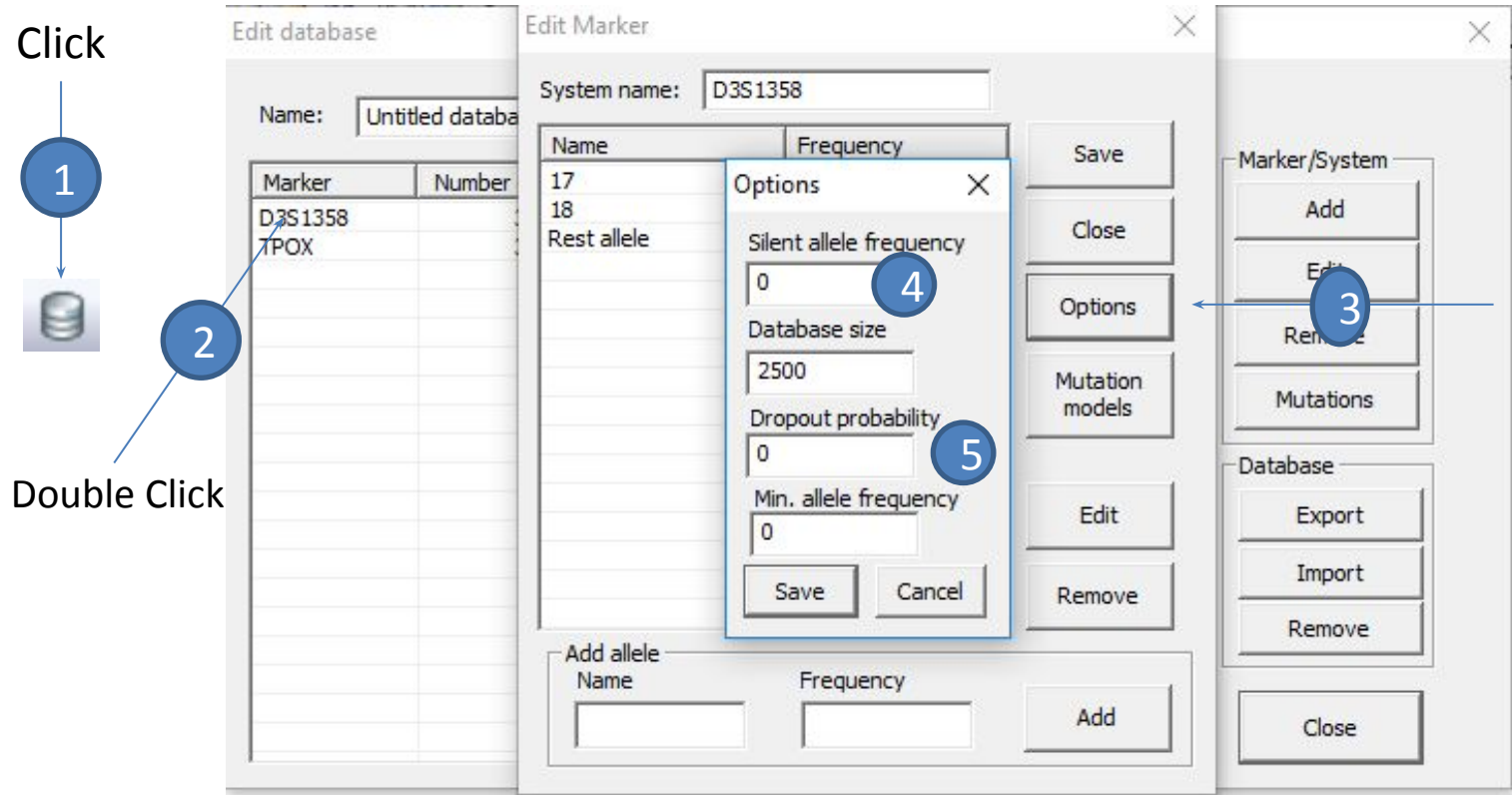
- **Stepwise stable model**

The traditional stepwise model where the mutation probabilities have been adjusted to create a stable mutation matrix. Appropriate for testing of statistical properties of calculations.

- **Extended stepwise model (RECOMMENDED)**

The most complete stepwise model, where both exact repeats as well as microvariants are accounted for. Appropriate for all STR markers.

Silent alleles and Dropout



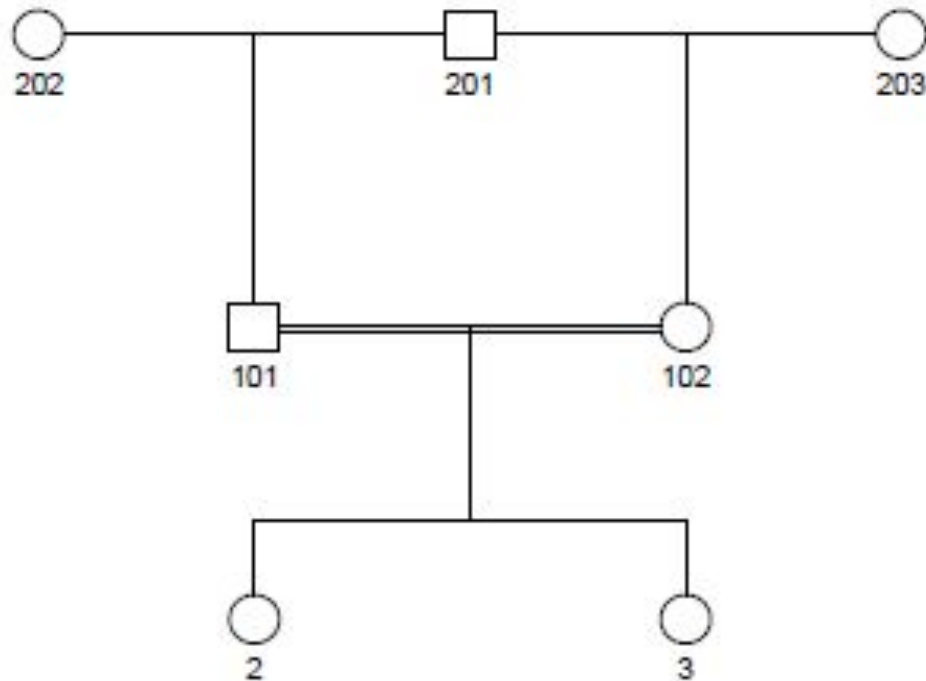
Comment 1
Note that changing the Database size won't affect the results.

Comment 2
Defining a non-zero Min. allele frequency only takes effect once Advanced option is checked

- Enter the Database window (1), double click the marker to edit (2).
- Clicking Options (3) gives the above window where the silent allele frequency (4) and/or Dropout probability (5) can be entered.
- For Dropout , further input is required in the Case DNA to specify the individuals susceptible to dropout (see slide 12).

Inbreeding: Complex pedigrees

- Draw pedigree
- Identify extra persons needed to define the pedigree.
- Enter required persons (Step 2) and pedigrees (Step 4).



Pedigree name: Sisters

Parent	Child
202	101
201	101
201	102
203	102
101	2
101	3
102	2
102	3

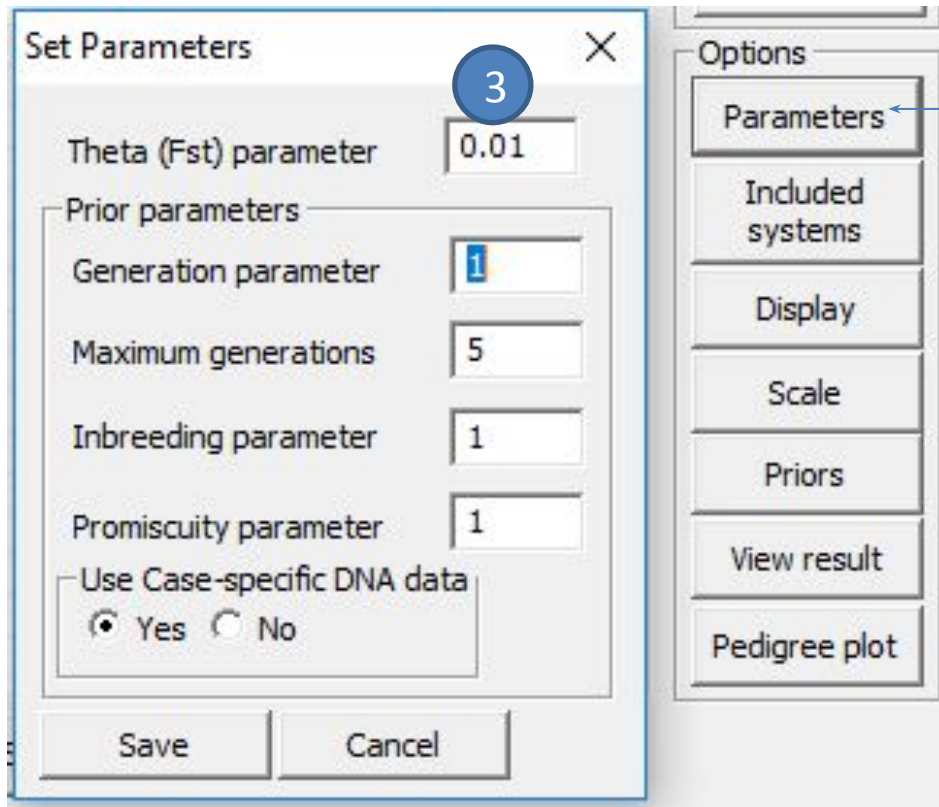
Comment: Persons 202 and 203 above are not needed, but plotting functions will introduce them. The double lines connecting 101 and 102 indicate inbreeding, i.e., parents are related within the pedigree.

Click

1



Theta correction



2

Click

- Click 'Parameters' in the Pedigrees window (2). Above the value 0.01 is entered (3).
- 'Prior parameters' are virtually never changed: they have no impact on LR, only on the prior (and hence the posterior).

Some further options in the Pedigree window

The screenshot shows the 'Pedigrees' window with a table of pedigrees and a sidebar of actions and options. Annotations with arrows point to specific features:

- Import:** Imports pedigrees, see next page
- Export:** Exports pedigree file
- Generate:** Generate pedigrees, see next slides
- Scale:** Select denominator of LR: marking H1 and pressing scale gives LR for H2 vs.H1
- Pedigree plot:** Plots pedigree, see Section 3
- Choose markers to exclude for calculations:** Points to the 'Included systems' option in the sidebar.
- Choose prior for H1 and H2, only affects posterior:** Points to the 'Prior' column in the table.

The table contains the following data:

Pedigree	Prior	Posterior	Likelihood Ratio	Ln likelihood
H1: Is father				
H2: Not father				

Buttons in the sidebar include: Calculate, Add, Edit, Import, Export, Remove, Remove all, Generate, Sort, Simulate, Parameters, Included systems, Display, Scale, Priors, View result, and Pedigree plot.

At the bottom, there is a 'Save results' button and the text 'Familias - Tutorial'.

Creating pedigrees in QuickPed, import to Familias

- The next slide shows how the app [QuickPed](#) ([Vigeland, 2022](#)), an online tool for drawing pedigrees and analysing relatedness, can be used to create pedigrees.
- The pedigrees can be imported to Familias as explained next.

QuickPed: An Interactive Pedigree Creator

1

4

2

3

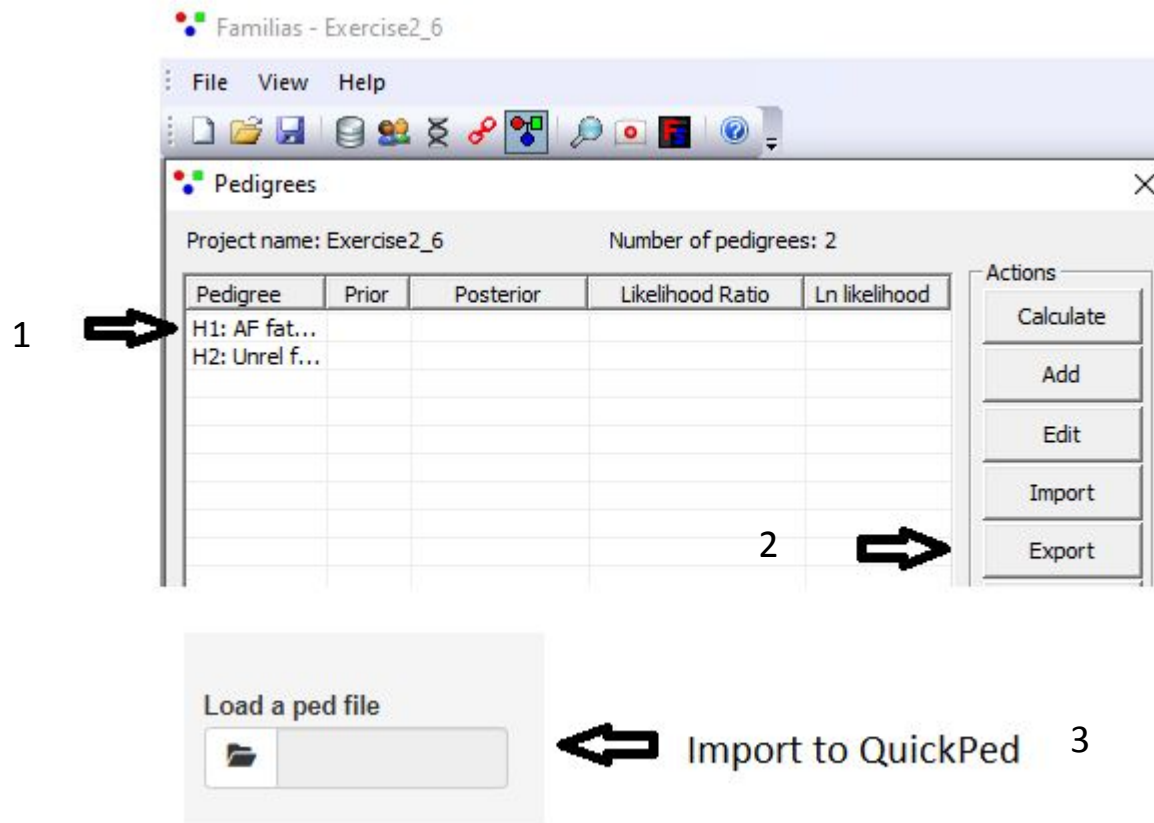
```
famid → id → fid → mid → sex
1 → AF → 0 → 0 → 1
1 → GM → 0 → 0 → 2
1 → brother → AF → GM → 1
1 → mother → AF → GM → 2
1 → child → brother → mother → 1
```

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Parent	Child	Is direct?
GM	brother	No
AF	brother	No
GM	mother	No
AF	mother	No
mother	child	No
brother	child	No

1. Create pedigree in e.g. QuickPed <https://magnusdv.shinyapps.io/quickped/>
2. Save ped file from QuickPed
3. Optional look at ped file [tutorial.ped](#)
4. Import tutorial.ped to Familias
5. Ped file in Familias

Export from Familias to QuickPed and plot



1. **Highlight pedigree.** Pedigree must be connected, i.e., none or both parents must be present
2. Hit **'Export'**
3. **'Load file'** in QuickPed

Generate pedigrees

Question: What is the relationship between four children?
Full siblings, half siblings or unrelated?

Name	Role	Gender	Year of birth
C1		Female	(Child)
C2		Male	(Child)
C3		Male	(Child)
C4		Male	(Child)
Father1		Male	1960
Mother1		Female	1960
Mother2		Female	1960
Father2		Male	1960

Add/Edit

Enter name...

Role

Year of birth

☐ Is child

☐ Is parent

Gender

☐ Female

☒ Male

Edit

Remove

Add

Define children
(cannot be
parents)

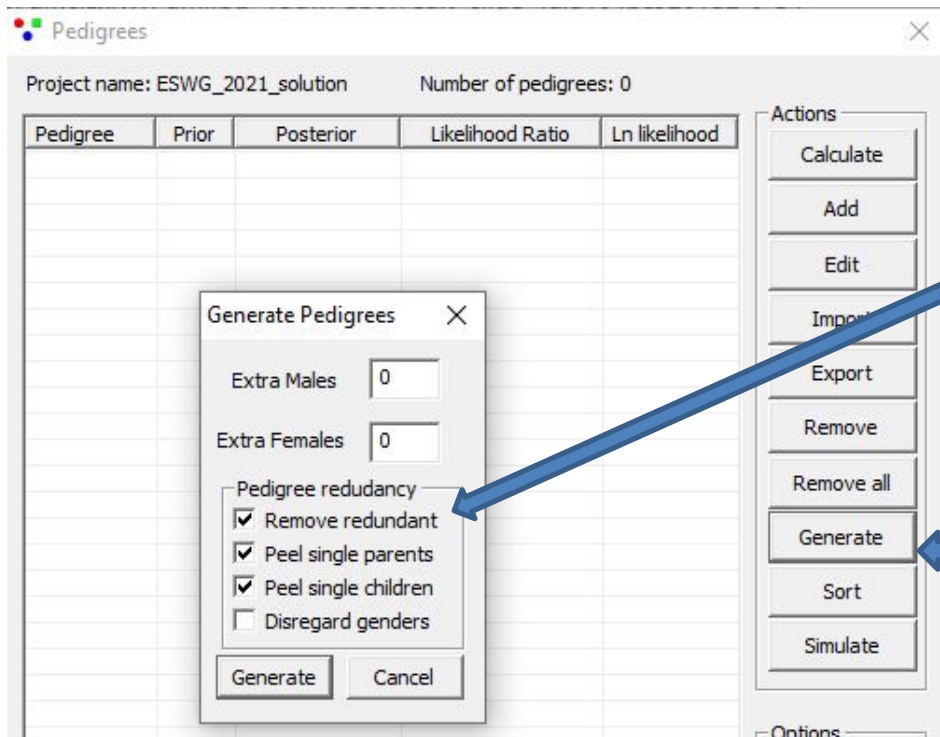
Define parents (born same
year so cannot be parents of
each other, avoid multiple
generations)

Comment

See ESWG proficiency test for
2021: [exercise](#) with [video](#) and
[presentation](#)

Generate pedigrees

Question: What is the relationship between four children?
Full siblings, half siblings or unrelated?



Generate options.

- a) Include extra males/females (not recommended)
- b) Remove redundant pedigrees (recommended)
- c) Peel single parents (recommended)
- d) Peel single children (recommended)
- e) Disregard genders (optional)

Generate pedigrees

Generate pedigrees

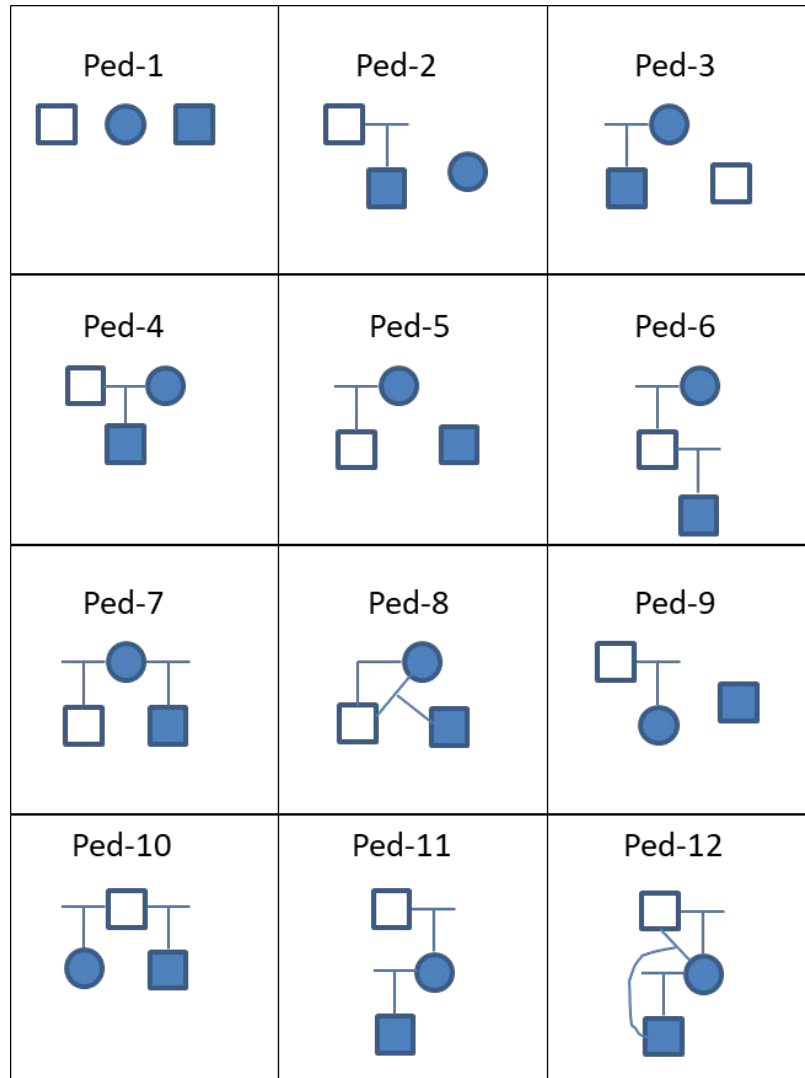
Question: What is the relationship between four children?
Full siblings, half siblings or unrelated?

Familias will generate all possible pedigrees with restrictions imposed by the defined persons and options. It will also, for example, generate pedigrees where an individual has a single parent, both not genotyped. This is removed with the two peel options given. Disregard genders option will consider maternal and paternal half siblings as identical and will thus consider such events as duplicates.

You can restrict the number of pedigrees generated if some relations are known in the 'Known relationship' window:



Generate pedigrees with restrictions: example



Freq 1 = 0.1; Freq 2 = 0.9; no mutations

The “Generate” function by default (without restrictions) gives the 12 pedigrees to the left (input file [peel.fam](#))

- Recommended restrictions
 - Remove redundant
 - Peel single parents
 - Peel single children
- give the pedigrees 1, 3, 6, 8, 10, 12
- Inbreeding parameter 0 gives 0 likelihood for pedigrees 8 and 12.

3. R Familias, paramlink and plotting

What is ?

- A framework for statistical and numerical computing
 - calculator
 - flexible plotting
 - large core of functions for data handling and numerical analysis
 - programming language
 - external packages
 - anyone can make one
 - thousands!
- About R:
 - it's freely available from <https://cran.r-project.org/>
 - it's widely used
 - it *can* do anything (but it may not be easy)

Installing and loading the R library Familias

To access the functions of an external library, exemplified with Familias below, you must:

- install the package, this done only once. On most platforms the following will work

(further details are [here](#)):

```
❏ install.packages("https://familias.name/RFamilias/Familias_2.5.zip", repos = NULL, type = "win.binary")  
   #(internet connection needed)
```

- load it into R every new session:

```
❏ library(Familias)
```

To obtain help, enter

```
❏ help(Familias)
```


Sample session from help ("FamiliasPosterior"): copy and paste to R!

```
library(Familias)
persons <- c("mother", "daughter", "AF")
ped1 <- FamiliasPedigree(id=persons, dadid=c(NA, "AF", NA), momid=c(NA, "mother", NA),
                        sex=c("female", "female", "male"))
ped2 <- FamiliasPedigree(id=c(persons, "TF"), dadid=c(NA, "TF", NA, NA),
                        momid=c(NA, "mother", NA, NA),
                        sex=c("female", "female", "male", "male"))
ped3 <- FamiliasPedigree(id=c(persons, "TF", "gf", "gm"), dadid = c(NA, "TF", "gf", "gf", NA, NA),
                        momid=c(NA, "mother", "gm", "gm", NA, NA),
                        sex=c("female", "female", "male", "male", "male", "female"))
X11()
plot(ped1);title("ped1, i.e., AF is father")
mypedigrees <- list(isFather = ped1, unrelated=ped2, isUncle = ped3)
locus1 <- FamiliasLocus(frequencies=c(0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4),
                      allelenames= c("A", "B", "C", "D"), name="locus1")
locus2 <- FamiliasLocus(c(0.2, 0.3, 0.5), c(17, 18, 19), "loc2", femaleMutationRate = 0.05)
myloci <- list(locus1, locus2)
datamatrix <- data.frame(locus1.1=c("A", "A", "A"), locus1.2=c("B", "B", "C"),
                        locus2.1=c(17, 19, 19), locus2.2=c(18, 18, 18))
rownames(datamatrix) <- persons
result = FamiliasPosterior(mypedigrees, myloci, datamatrix,ref=2)
result
```

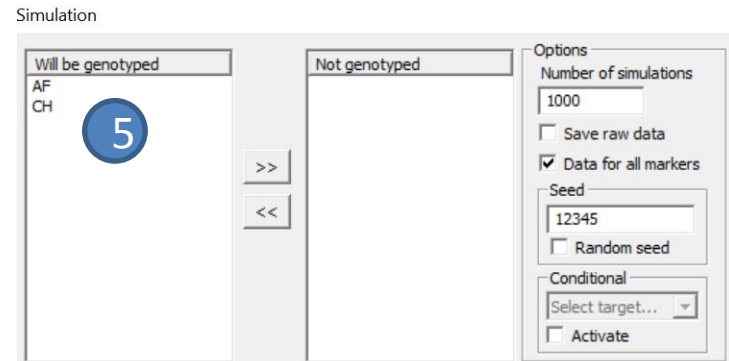
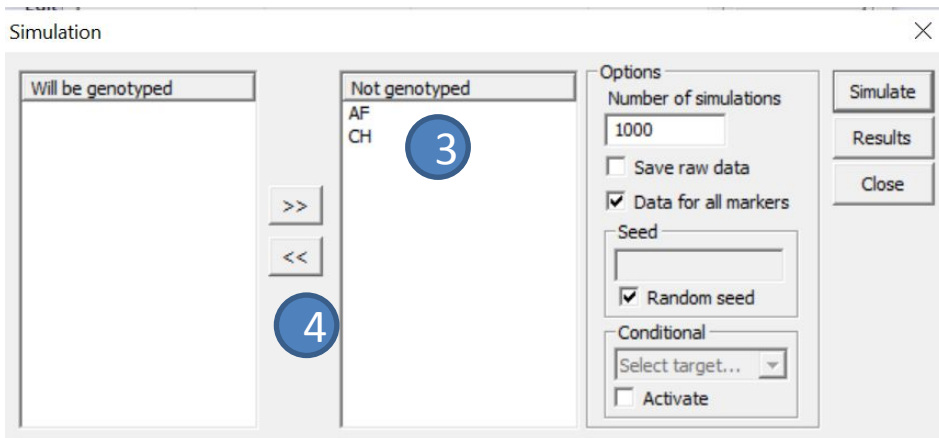
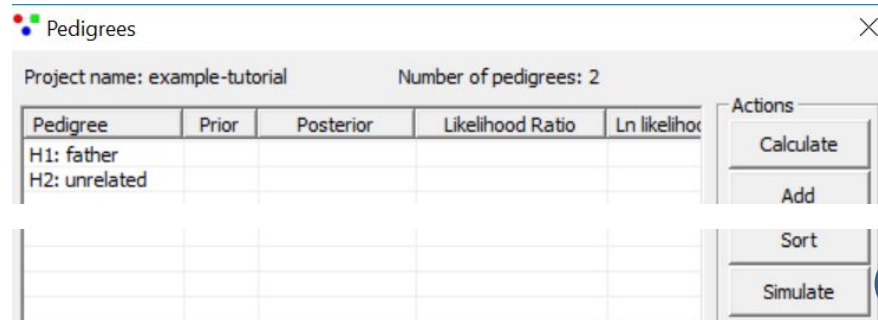
R code generated from Windows Familias

- Familias exports to R for
 - ✓ Plotting
 - ✓ Conditional simulation
 - ✓ Probability of exclusion
 - ✓ ...
- Export is done from within Windows Familias;
 - ✓ File > Export to R-Familias (complete export)
 - ✓ 'Plot in R' in Edit Pedigree window (only plot)
 - ✓ Conditional simulation in DVI module

4. Simulations

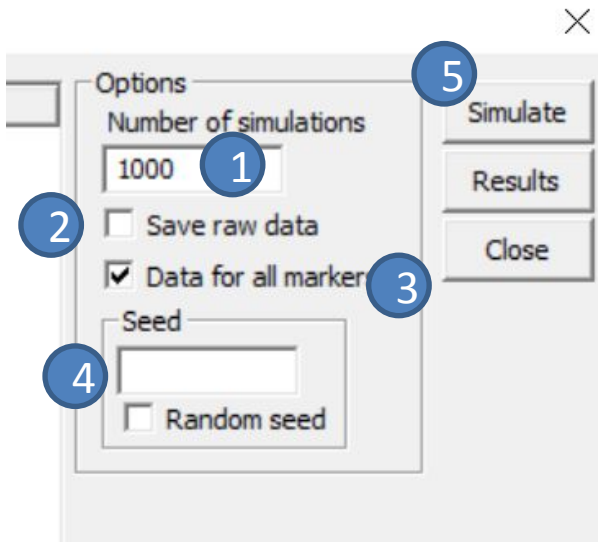
Simulations

Click

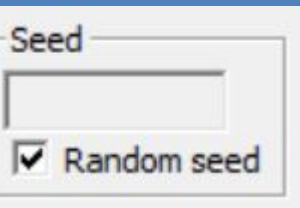


- In the Pedigrees window (1), once you have defined the hypotheses you want to simulate, click 'Simulate' (2). The Simulation window opens.
- Select the individuals that will be genotyped (3) by clicking on them and then on the arrows (4). The individuals will be moved to the “will be genotyped” box (5).

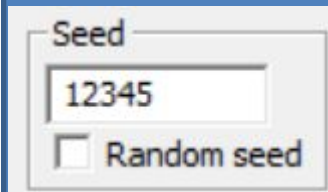
Simulations - Options



- 1 You can choose the number of simulations (1000 by default)
- 2 You can save the raw data (genotypes and/or LRs) in a .txt file
- 3 You can perform simulations with either all markers in the frequency database or only the ones selected in the Pedigrees dialog (Included systems)
- 4 You can specify where the simulations will start (Seed).



If “Random seed” is used, different simulations will be obtained each time you simulate.



If “Random seed” is unclicke, you have to enter a number, and you will obtain exactly the same results each time (given that all other values/parameters remain unchanged and using always the same seed number).

- 5 Click ‘Simulate’

Simulations - Results

Simulation results



Numerator	Denominator	Median	Mean	95%	5%	Stdev		LR limit
H1: father	H2: unrelated (TRUE)	0.7715	0.99	2.746	0.0003981	0.9648		
H1: father (TRUE)	H2: unrelated	1.54	1.874	4.008	0.6872	1.218		
								Save data
								Report

Meaning of first line in the figure (H2: “AF and CH are unrelated” IS TRUE):

LR values = 0 are not expected as a mutation model is used (stepwise stationary, rate 0.001 and range 0.1) in the example. However, low LR values are generally expected as the true hypothesis is unrelated.

The mean of the obtained LR values is 0.99

50% of the simulations are below (and above) the median 0.7715

95% of the simulations are below 2.746

5% of the simulations are below 0.0003981

Meaning of line two in the figure (H1: “AF is the father of CH” IS TRUE):

The mean of the obtained LR values is 1.874

50% of the simulations are below the median 1.54

95% of the simulations are below 4.008

5% of the simulations are below 0.6872

You can use [this file](#) to reproduce these results

Comment

The LR values under both situations (H1 true and H2 true) overlaps. So, we will not be able to reach any conclusion about paternity if only these 2 markers (with 3 and 2 alleles) are analysed.

Simulation – A “more real” example

Same hypotheses, same simulation options (1000 simulations, all markers, Seed 12345), but 16 aSTR markers with real allele frequencies (PP ESX17)

Simulation results

Numerator	Denominator	Median	Mean	95%	5%	Stdev	LR limit
H1: father	H2: unrelated (TRUE)	4.051e-031	1.018e-009	8.159e-017	2.145e-047	3.045e-008	
H1: father (TRUE)	H2: unrelated	4.418e+006	6.317e+008	1.101e+009	3.319e+004	5.737e+...	Save data

Meaning of first line in the figure (H2: “AF and CH are unrelated” IS TRUE):

LR values = 0 are not expected as a stepwise stationary mutation model with mutation rate 0.001 and range 0.1 was used in the example. However, very low LR values are expected given that unrelated is the true hypothesis.

The mean of the obtained LR values is 1.018e-09

50% of the simulations are below the median 4.051e-31

95% of the simulations are below 8.159e-17

5% of the simulations are below 2.145e-47

Comment

The LR values under both situations (H1 true and H2 true) DO NOT overlap. So, we will be able to reach a conclusion about paternity

Meaning of line two in the figure (H1: “AF is the father of CH” IS TRUE):

The mean of the obtained LR values is 6.317e+08

50% of the simulations are below the median 4.418e+06

95% of the simulations are below 1.101e+09

5% of the simulations are below 3.319e+04

You can use [this file](#) to reproduce these results

Simulations – LR limit

Useful to display results in a way that may be easier to understand

The LR limit button is used to find the fraction of simulations exceeding an LR threshold

Simulation results

Numerator	Denominator	Median	Mean	95%	5%	Stdev	LR limit
H1: father	H2: unrelated (TRUE)	4.051e-031	1.018e-009	8.159e-017	2.145e-047	3.045e-008	1
H1: father (TRUE)	H2: unrelated	4.418e+006	6.317e+008	1.101e+009	3.319e+004	5.737e+...	

Save data

Simulation limits

Settings

LR threshold: 2 1000 Pedigree: H1: father Versus: H2: unrelated 3 Update Close

Statistic information 4

Simulating the true relationship (H1: father), 99.8000% of the 1000 simulations were equal to or above the LR limit

Simulating the alternative hypothesis (H2: unrelated) yielded 0.0000% of false positives

- Click on LR limit (1). The “Simulation limits” window opens.
- Select your LR threshold (2), 1000 for instance, and click “Update” (3).
- You will obtain the info in 4.

Meaning

If your LR threshold = 1000, no false positives are expected if you analyze 16 markers. False negatives are very low (since 99.8% of simulations gave LR_s ≥ 1000)

False positive means $LR \geq 1000$ if H2 is true

False negative means $LR \leq 1000$ if H1 is true

Simulations - Further

- We recommend at least 1000 simulation to obtain an idea of the LR distribution. However, to explore more extreme possibilities, a much greater number of simulations should be performed, for instance 100,000.
- We recommend to use random seed in the general simulation scenario whereas a fixed seed (say 12345) should be used when results need to be reproducible, for instance in connection with a publication.
- Hint: The raw exported genotype data may be used as input in Familias. For instance, if simulating data for a DVI test scenario (see Section 6), data for families may be simulated and used as a starting point.
- For plotting purposes (or other uses) the raw LRs from the simulation can be exported from the Results window. We recommend to use the logarithm of the LR as the resulting distribution is approximately Normal. See next slides for some examples.

Plotting simulations I. Commands in Familias

- Download the file in <http://familias.name/tutorial/Basics-sim.fam> and perform 100 simulations using the following options

The screenshot shows the 'Simulation' dialog box in the Familias software. It has a title bar with a close button (X). The dialog is divided into several sections:

- Will be genotyped:** A list box containing 'AF' and 'CH'. Below it are '>>' and '<<' buttons.
- Not genotyped:** An empty list box.
- Options:**
 - Number of simulations:** A text box containing '100'.
 - ☒ Save raw data
 - ☒ Data for all markers
 - ☐ Generate data (only)
 - Seed:** A text box (empty) and ☒ Random seed.
 - Conditional:** A dropdown menu showing 'Select target...' and ☐ Activate.
- Buttons:** 'Simulate', 'Results', and 'Close' buttons are located on the right side.

Plotting simulations II. Excel

- The output file can be explored in Excel (and plotted, if you are an expert in Excel)

Simulation raw data, number of simulations: 100									
#Sim	Marker	TRUE PED	logLikelihc	logLikelihc	AF	Allele 1	Allele2	CH	Allele 1 Allele2
1	D3S1358	H1:Father	-2.16555	-2.63434		17	99		17 99
1	D3S1358	H2: Unrela	-3.94669	-3.01511		99	18		99 17
2	D3S1358	H1:Father	-2.63076	-3.39588		99	18		99 18
2	D3S1358	H2: Unrela	-3.94669	-3.01511		18	99		99 17

- Data may be arranged in Excel (the Data > filter option may be useful)

Plotting simulations III. Data organised for R.

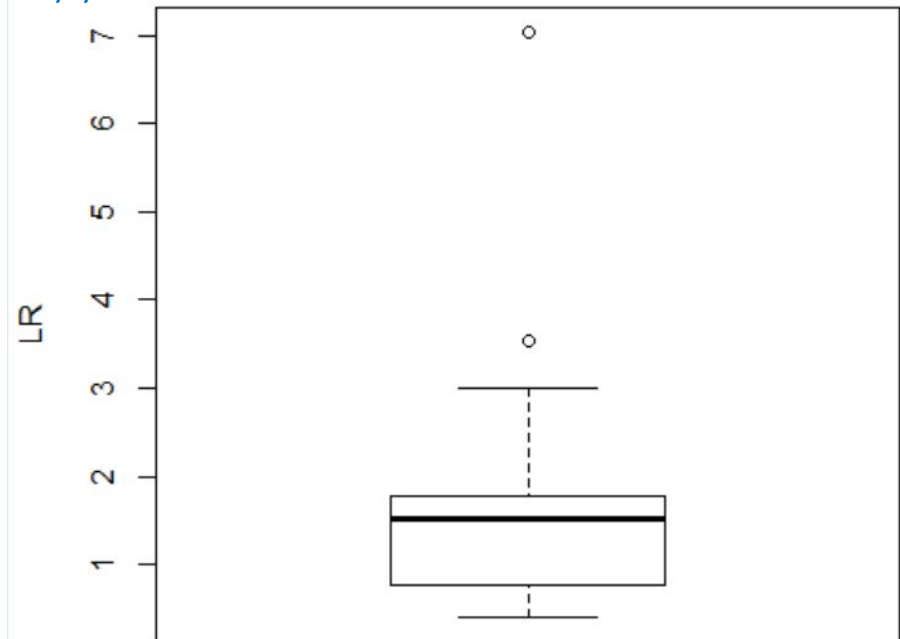
1	Sim	Marker	TRUEPED	logH1	logH2
2	1	D3S1358	H1	-2.17	-2.63
3	1	D3S1358	H2	-3.95	-3.02
4	2	D3S1358	H1	-2.63	-3.4
5	2	D3S1358	H2	-3.95	-3.02

- Plotting and further analysis can be done in Excel (not explained here).
- We rather use R and save the above file as a tab delimited file called Sim.txt
 - Variable names need to comply with R requirements
(for instance, 'TRUEPED', not 'TRUE PED')
 - Value of variables also need to comply with R requirements:
We can use e.g. 'H1.father' but not say 'H1:father' or 'H1 Father'.

Plotting simulations IV. Using R

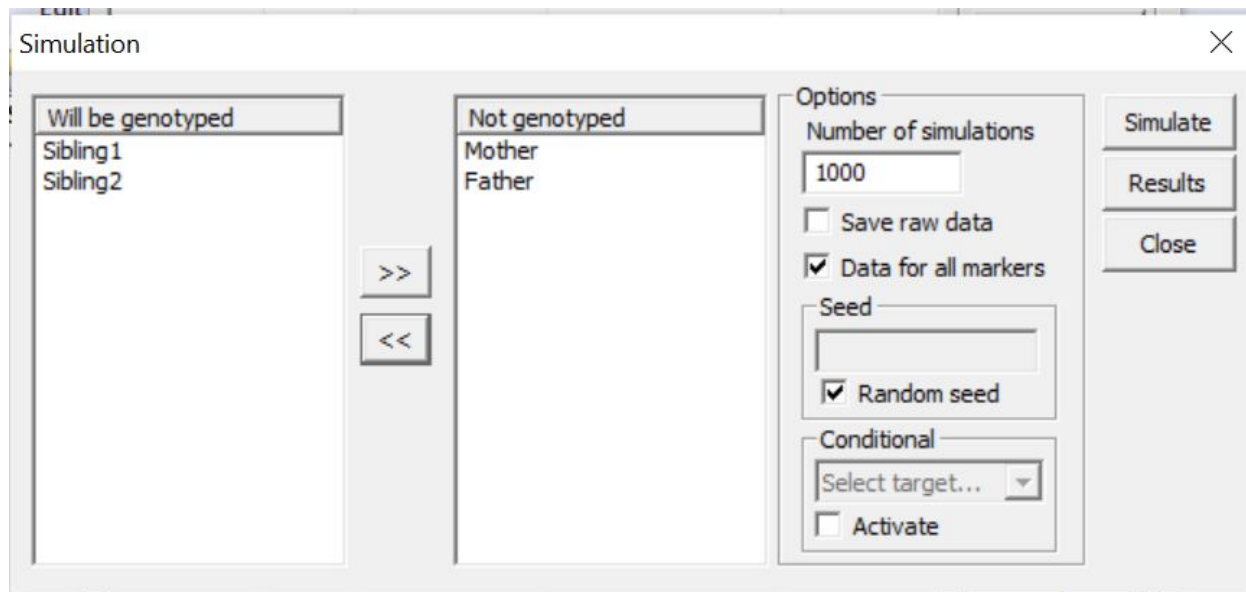
- We provide an example for plotting in R, with the file already in it's correct format.
- You can copy and paste the following commands in R, but internet connection is required since the file of interest is in the link of the first command line:

```
dat = read.table("http://familias.name/tutorial/Sim.txt", header = TRUE)
summary(dat) # Check data
dat = dat[dat$TRUEPED == "H1", ] #Extracts data for hypothesis H1
summary(dat)
logLR = dat$logH1 - dat$logH2 # Calculates log (=ln , i.e., base=e) of LR
hist(logLR, xlab = "logLR", ylab = "count", main = "logLR (lnLR)")
boxplot(logLR, ylab = "logLR")
LR = exp(logLR)
hist(LR, xlab = "LR", ylab = "count ", main = "LR")
boxplot(LR, ylab = "LR")
```



Plotting simulations V

- 1000 simulations are saved based on analysis using <http://familias.name/tutorial/Siblings-sim.fam>



We do not tick the "Save raw data" option in this window!

Plotting simulations VI

- Data saved to file Sim2.txt and processed as shown below

Simulation results

Numerator	Denominator	Median	Mean	95%	5%	Stdev	
Ped 1	Ped 2 (TRUE)	0.0004675	0.2872	0.2309	1.684e-006	2.85	
Ped 1 (TRUE)	Ped 2	1.498e+004	1.151e+009	8.066e+...	8.384	2.433e+...	

LR limit

Save data

Report

Display

☐ Use log 10(LR)

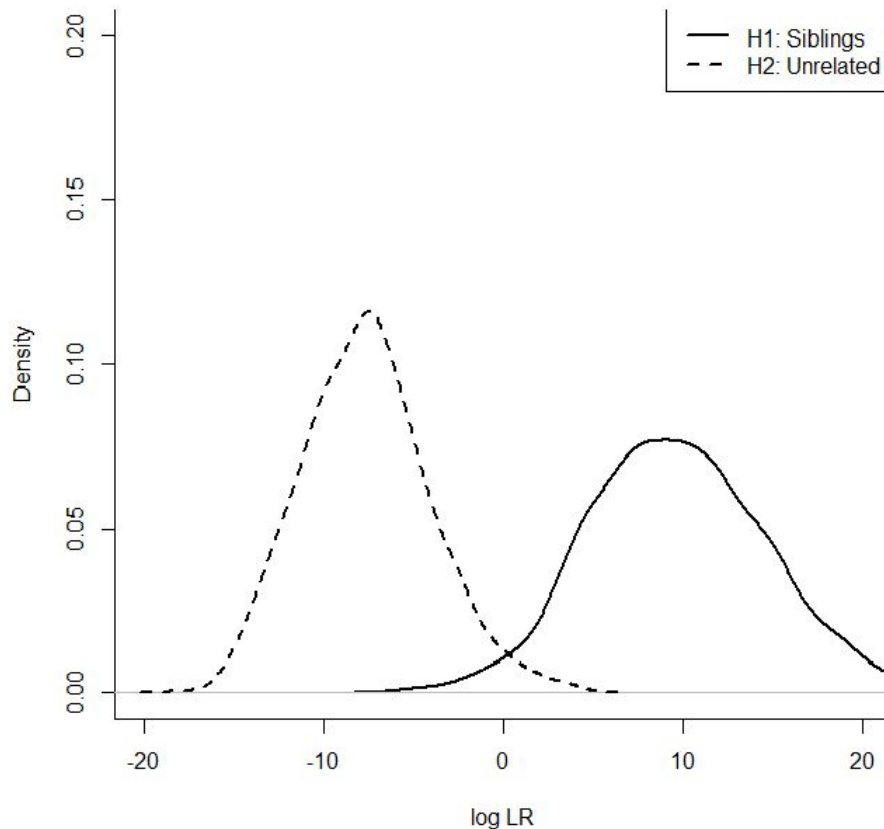
First, density plot (log LR distributions), running this code requires an internet connection

```
dat = read.table("http://familias.name/tutorial/Sim2.txt", header = FALSE, skip=5)
plot(density(log10(dat$V1)), xlab= "log10 LR", ylab= "Density", col=1, lwd=2, main="", xlim=c(-20,20), ylim=c(0,0.2))
points(density(log10(dat$V2)), col=1, lty=2, lwd=2, type= "l")
legend("topright", c("H1: Siblings", "H2: Unrelated"), lwd=2, lty=1:2)
```

Next exceedance plots, i.e. the probability to exceed each threshold given each hypothesis

```
dev.new()
threshold <- exp(seq(log(0.01), log(20), length.out=1000))
eh1 = eh2 = threshold
for (i in 1:1000) { eh1[i] = sum(log10(dat$V1)>threshold[i])/1000; eh2[i]= sum(log10(dat$V2)>threshold[i])/1000; }
plot(x=threshold, y=eh1, lwd=2, ylab= "Exceedance probability", xlab= "log10 Threshold", type= "l")
points(x=threshold, y=eh2, lwd=2, lty=2, type= "l")
grid(); legend("topright", c("H1: Siblings", "H2: Unrelated"), lwd=2, lty=1:2)
```

Plotting simulations VII



Meaning

After 1000 simulations:

- the values of the LRs if H2 is true range from 10^{-20} to 10^5 (more or less)
- the values of the LRs if H1 is true range from 10^{-5} to $>10^{20}$

The probability that $LR(\text{unrelated})$ is larger than $LR(\text{sibs})$ is fortunately small, and estimated in R to be 0.002 (2 of 1000 simulations):

`sum(dat$V2 > dat$V1)/1000`

Data for plotting: <http://familias.name/tutorial/Sim2.txt>

Conditional Simulations I

- The genotypes of the typed individuals are taken into account.
- Very useful for DVI since specific reference genotypes may determine how informative a pedigree is.
- Example: the reference is the father and the child is the missing person. If the genotype of the father is rare, simulated LR's will tend to be larger than if the father's genotype is common.
- Only genotypes compatible with the father will be simulated

	Father
D3S1338	14-16

D3S1338	Simulated child
Simu1	14-14
Simu2	14-16
Simu2	16-17
...	...

Only genotypes with alleles 14, 16 or both will be simulated
The LR for each simulated genotype is then calculated

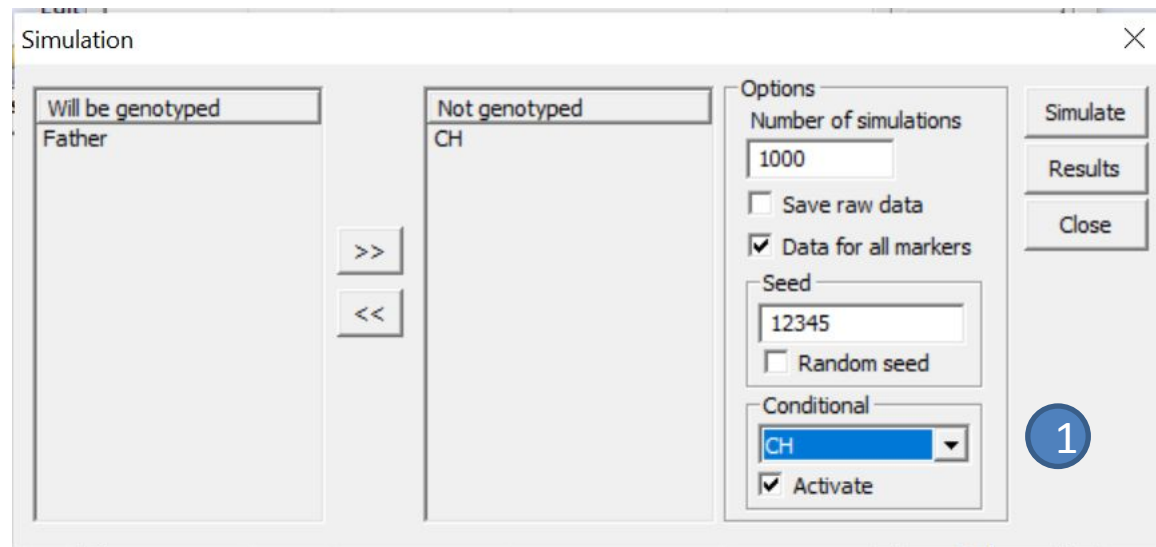
Conditional Simulations II

Use data in file <http://familias.name/tutorial/cond-simu-father-child.fam>

Open the Simulation window from the pedigrees window 1

Activate conditional and select the target (child CH in this case)

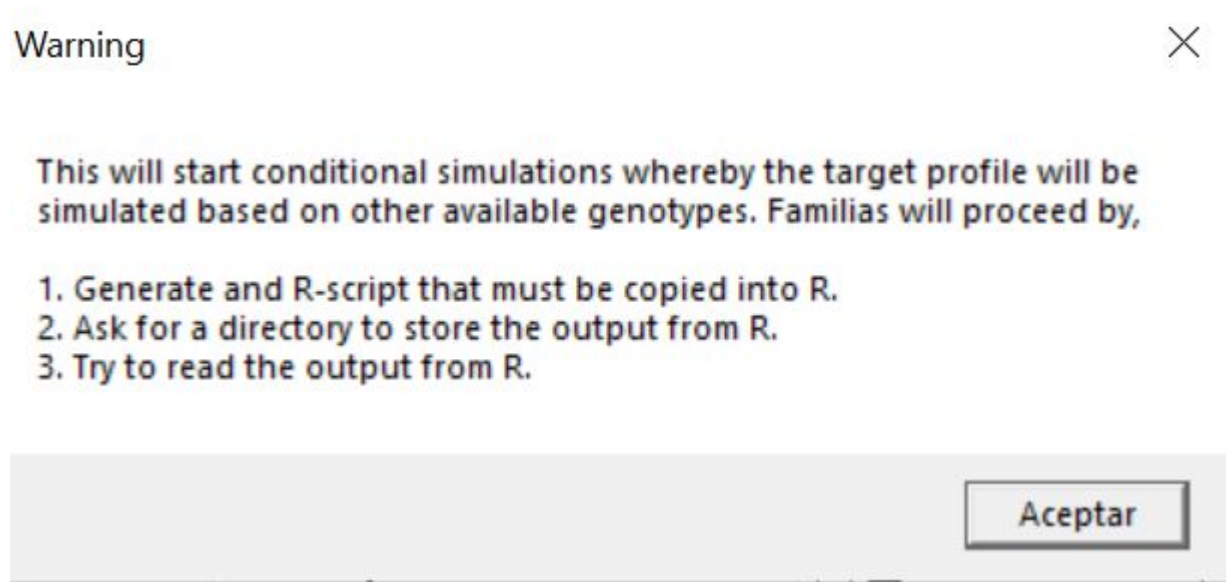
Press Simulate 2



Note: Familias will only simulate data for the target given the already defined genotypes! The option to include/exclude persons is unavailable (the Will be genotype/Not genotyped lists are grey)

Conditional Simulations III

An R-script will be generated.
Copy and paste the script in R



Conditional Simulations IV

The results will appear in the Familias screen

Simulation results

Numerator	Denominator	Median	Mean	95%	5%	Stdev
H1: father	H2: unrelated (TRUE)	0	0	0	0	0
H1: father (TRUE)	H2: unrelated	1.968e+008	1.4e+010	2.844e+010	1.058e+006	1.796e+...

Simulation limits ×

Settings

LR threshold

Pedigree

Versus

Update

Close

1000

H1: father ▼

H2: unrelated ▼

Statistic information

Simulating the true relationship (H1: father), 100.0000% of the 1000 simulations were equal to or above the LR limit

Simulating the alternative hypothesis (H2: unrelated) yielded 0.0000% of false positives

5. Blind search

Input file: [tutorial-Ch5.fam](#)

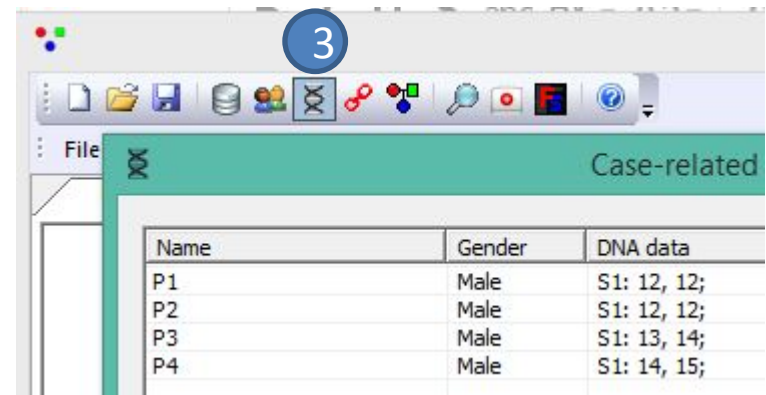
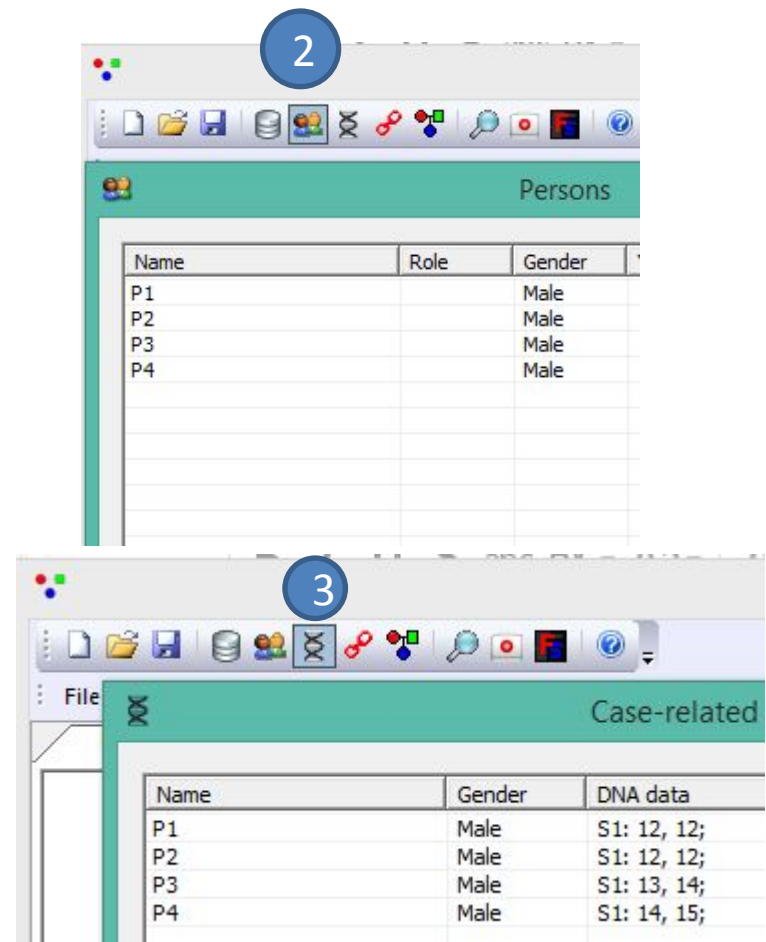
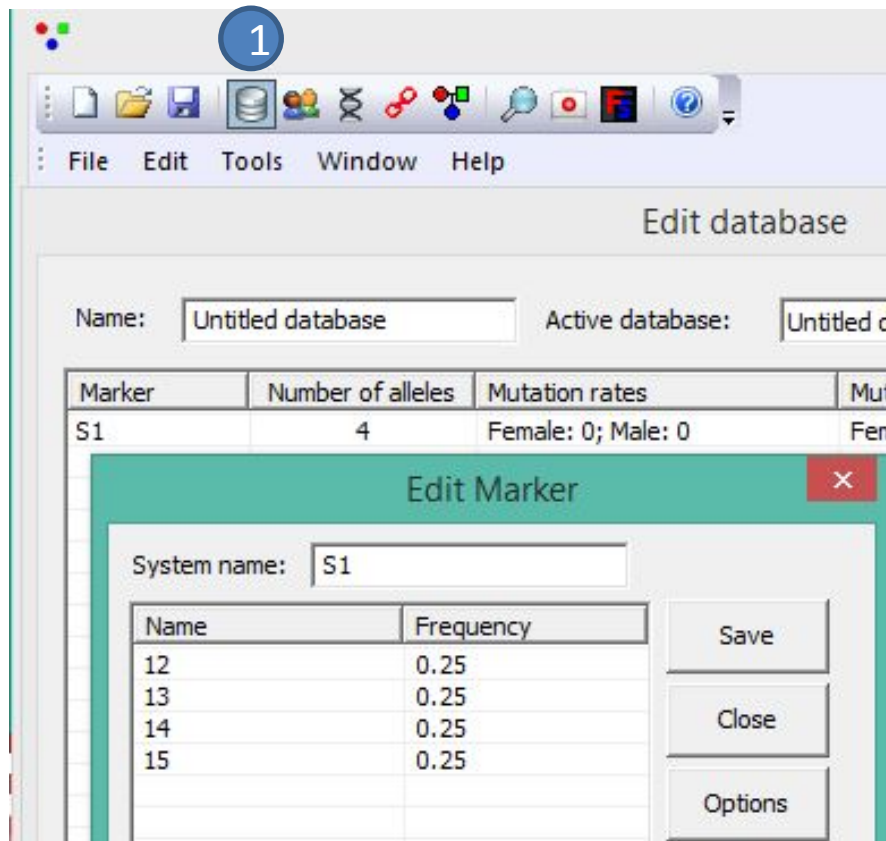
Purpose

- Find the pairwise relationships between DNA profiles.
 - Simple case:

Name	Gender	DNA data
P1	Male	S1: 12, 12;
P2	Male	S1: 12, 12;
P3	Male	S1: 13, 14;
P4	Male	S1: 14, 15;

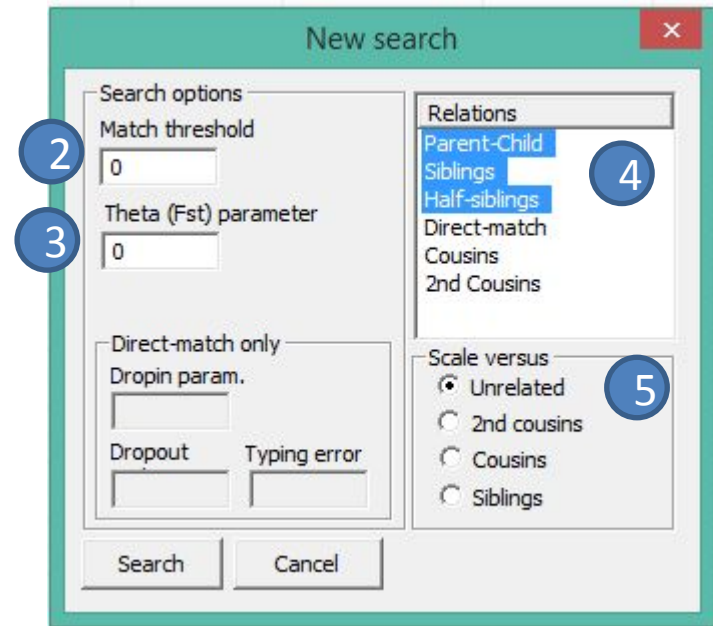
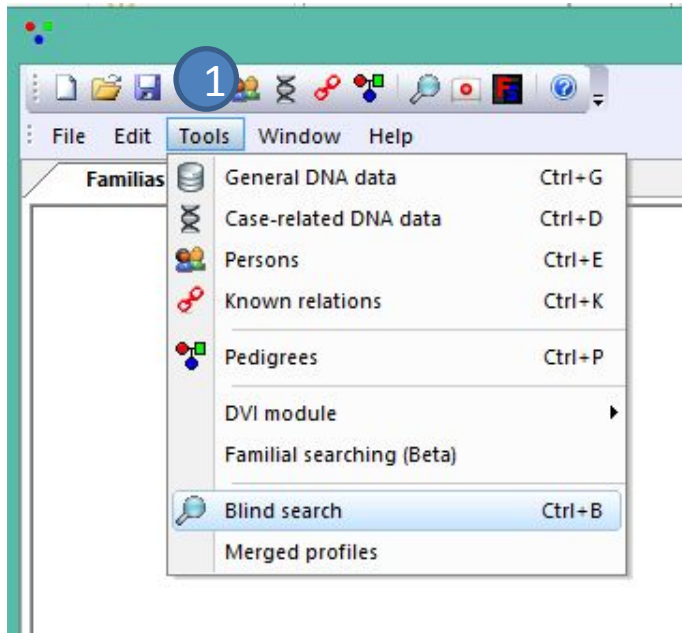
- With the above profiles, we can do the following six comparisons
 - P1-P2, P1-P3, P1-P4, P2-P3, P2-P4, P3-P4
- ‘Blind’ implies that some fixed relationships are searched (as opposed to explicitly specifying pedigrees) namely
 - Parent-Child, Siblings, Half-siblings, Direct-match, Cousins, 2nd cousins
- We could e.g. guess that P1-P2 is most likely a ‘Direct-match’ (from the same person). However, other relationships are also possible, but less likely.

How to do Blind Search - Preliminaries



- Define General DNA data 1, Persons 2 and Case DNA data 3

The search



- The search is initiated ① (alternatively Blind search can be done in the DVI and Familial Searching modules; then only step ① of previous page is done before entering these modules)
- Parameter settings:
 - ✓ LR exceeding 0 will be reported (default is 1) ②
 - ✓ Theta, default 0 is used ③
 - ✓ Desired comparisons ④. Here: Parent-Child, Siblings, Half-siblings
 - ✓ Compare against unrelated (denominator of LR) ⑤

Basic output

Person 1	Person 2	Gender ma...	Relationship	LR	Inconsistencies
P1	P2	-	Siblings	6.25	NA
P1	P2	-	Parent-Child	4	0
P1	P2	-	Half-siblings	2.5	NA
P3	P4	-	Half-siblings	1	NA
P3	P4	-	Parent-Child	1	0
P3	P4	-	Siblings	0.75	NA
P2	P4	-	Half-siblings	0.5	NA
P2	P3	-	Half-siblings	0.5	NA
P1	P4	-	Half-siblings	0.5	NA
P1	P3	-	Half-siblings	0.5	NA
P2	P4	-	Siblings	0.25	NA
P2	P3	-	Siblings	0.25	NA
P1	P4	-	Siblings	0.25	NA
P1	P3	-	Siblings	0.25	NA
P2	P4	-	Parent-Child	0	1
P2	P3	-	Parent-Child	0	1
P1	P4	-	Parent-Child	0	1
P1	P3	-	Parent-Child	0	1

- Three relationships are studied, and there are six pairs for each, so the list contains $3*6=18$ comparisons.
- The list is sorted according to LR.
- Inconsistencies are only possible for 'Parent-Child' and these are indicated
- Mutations are accounted for in the Blind search in the **DVI module** only for 'Parent-Child'

Direct match

- For Direct match, additional parameters can be set
 - Dropin param. **1**, Dropout **2** and Typing error **3**. Output below for parameters equal 0.
 - The P1- P2 LR is now reduced to 9.6 while the other comparisons now give LR > 0.

New search

Search options

Match threshold
0

Theta (Fst) parameter
0

Direct-match only

Dropin param.
0

Dropout
0

Typing error
0

Relations

Parent-Child
Siblings
Half-siblings
Direct-match
Cousins
2nd Cousins

Scale versus

☒ Unrelated
☐ 2nd cousins
☐ Cousins
☐ Siblings

Search Cancel

Person 1	Perso...	Gender ma...	Relationship	LR	Inconsist...
P1	P2	Yes	Direct-match	16	0
P3	P4	Yes	Direct-match	0	1
P2	P4	Yes	Direct-match	0	1
P2	P3	Yes	Direct-match	0	1
P1	P4	Yes	Direct-match	0	1
P1	P3	Yes	Direct-match	0	1

New search

Search options

Match threshold
0

Theta (Fst) parameter
0

☐ Find trios

Direct-match only

Dropin param. **1**
0.01

Dropout **2**
0.05

Typing error **3**
0.001

Relations

Parent-Child
Siblings
Half-siblings
Direct-match
Cousins
2nd Cousins

Scale versus

☒ Unrelated
☐ 2nd cousins
☐ Cousins
☐ Siblings

Search Cancel

Person 1	Perso...	Gender ma...	Relationship	LR	Inconsist...
P1	P2	Yes	Direct-match	16	0
P3	P4	Yes	Direct-match	0	1
P2	P4	Yes	Direct-match	0	1
P2	P3	Yes	Direct-match	0	1
P1	P4	Yes	Direct-match	0	1
P1	P3	Yes	Direct-match	0	1

Advanced options and output

- There are several further options, most of them are intuitive and not needed for simple applications.
- There is also more advanced output like information on IBS (Identical By State) alleles and IBD (Identical By Descent) alleles. This output is not relevant for standard applications.

6. DVI (Disaster victim identification)

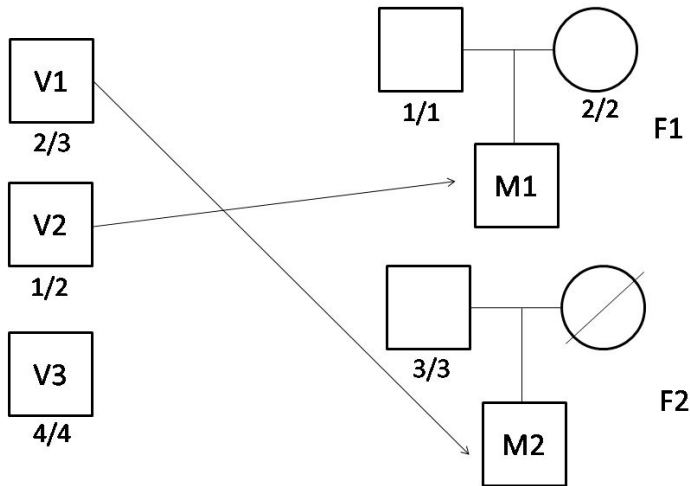
Some more advanced features of DVI, including simulation and working with separate databases of allele frequencies, are explained in [here](#).

Input file for most examples that follow: [Exercise.3.1.fam](#). Some screen shots and output differ slightly (insignificantly) from most recent version of Familias.

Basic steps

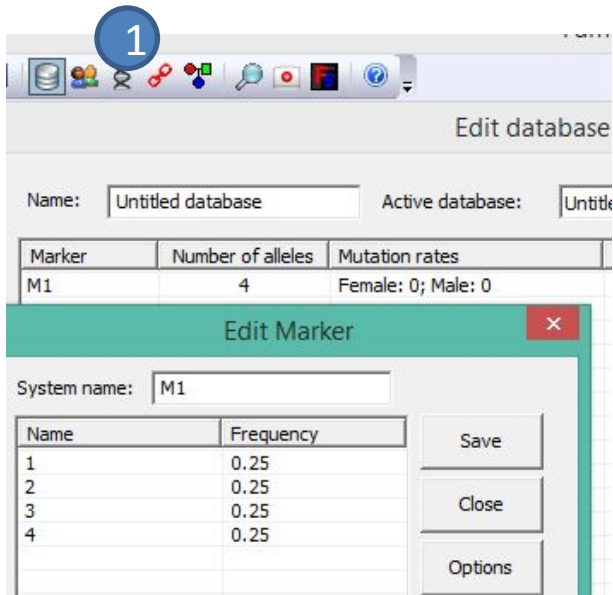
1. **General DNA data.** Input of database, i.e., allele frequencies, etc. Described in detail in Section 1.
2. **Unidentified samples.** Samples to identify, in a DVI operation this is a set of unidentified remains whereas in some missing person scenarios it may also be identified individuals where the aim is to reunite with biological family.
3. **Reference families.** Reference data used to identify and reunite families with missing persons.
4. **Search.** Perform and interpret the results.

DVI illustrated



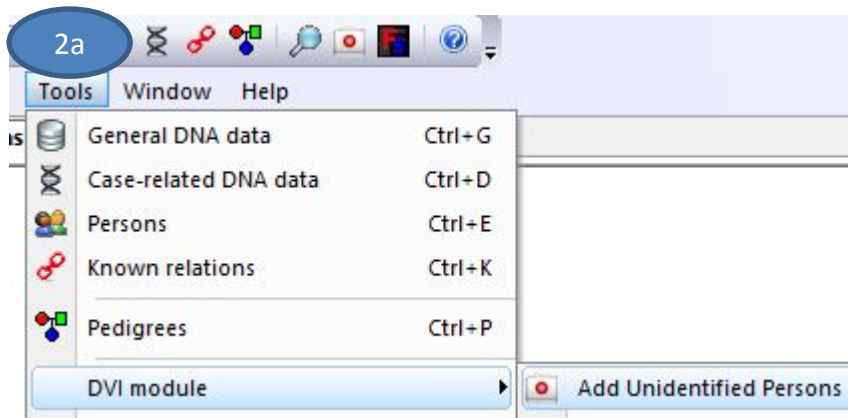
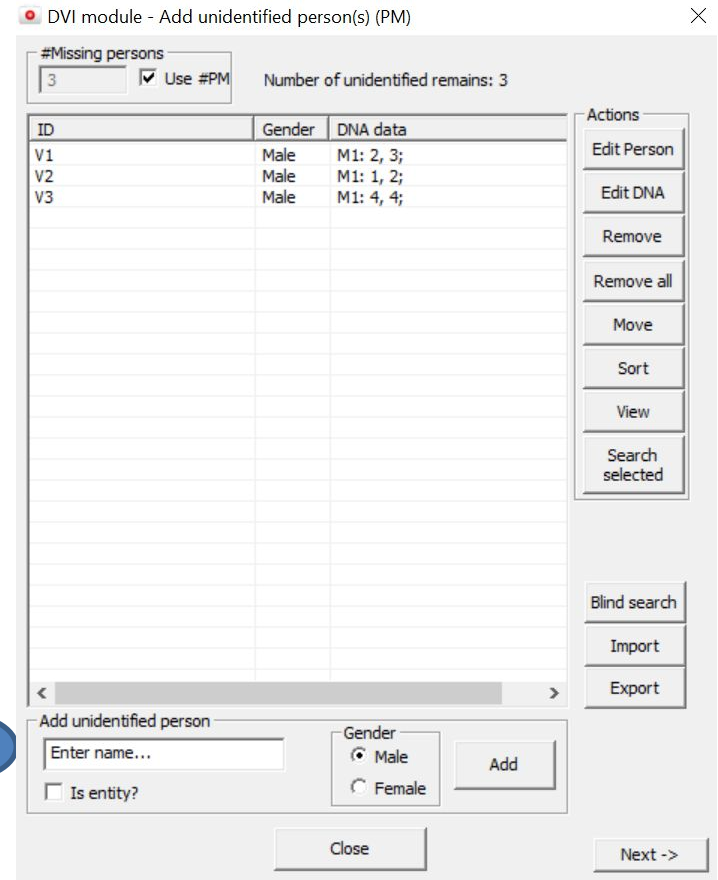
- 1. General DNA data:**
A marker with alleles 1, 2, 3, 4 (all with freq = 0.25)
- 2. Unidentified samples:**
Three samples V1, V2 and V3 and their genotypes.
- 3. Reference families:**
Two reference families F1, F2 with missing individuals (sons here) M1 and M2.
Marker data for available relatives
(mother and father for F1, only father for F2.)

- We next illustrate manual input for this toy example with manual input; this is a useful exercise.
- For real cases, data will be imported from files and this is explained at the end of this section.



Comment
The “Is entity?”
option is in Beta
testing and
allows the user
to specify a
family/pedigree
instead of an
unidentified
person

How to do DVI



Define marker **1**, enter DVI module > Add **2a**
and input unidentified samples **2b**. Press Next **2c**

Defining reference families

DVI module - Add reference families (AM)

Number of reference families: 2

Family Id	Number of persons	Index
F1	2	1

Reference family

Add

Edit

3a

Comment

In these windows you have to define the name of the family, the members and the DNA data (relationships between them and the missing person are not defined here)

DVI module - Add new reference

Name: F2

Notes

Persons

Name	Gender	DNA data
Father	Male	M1: 3, 3;

Edit DNA

Edit Person

Remove

Import

Add persons

Enter name...

Gender

☒ Male

☐ Female

Add

3b

3c

- The first family has been defined, we press 'Add' 3a to enter a new family.
- We name the family 3b
- We enter the persons needed to define the pedigree and the genotypes if available 3c

Defining pedigrees, i.e., how MP is related

DVI module - Edit reference family

Name: F2 Notes

Name	Gender	DNA data
Father	Male	M1: 3, 3;

Edit DNA Edit Person Remove

Add persons

Enter name... Gender ☒ Male ☐ Female Add

Name	#Relations
Reference pedigree	1

Add Edit Remove Check Close

Edit template pedigree

Name: Missing person Select relationship

Parent	Child	Direct match?
Father	Missing person	No

Remove relation Add/remove missing persons

Plot in R Close

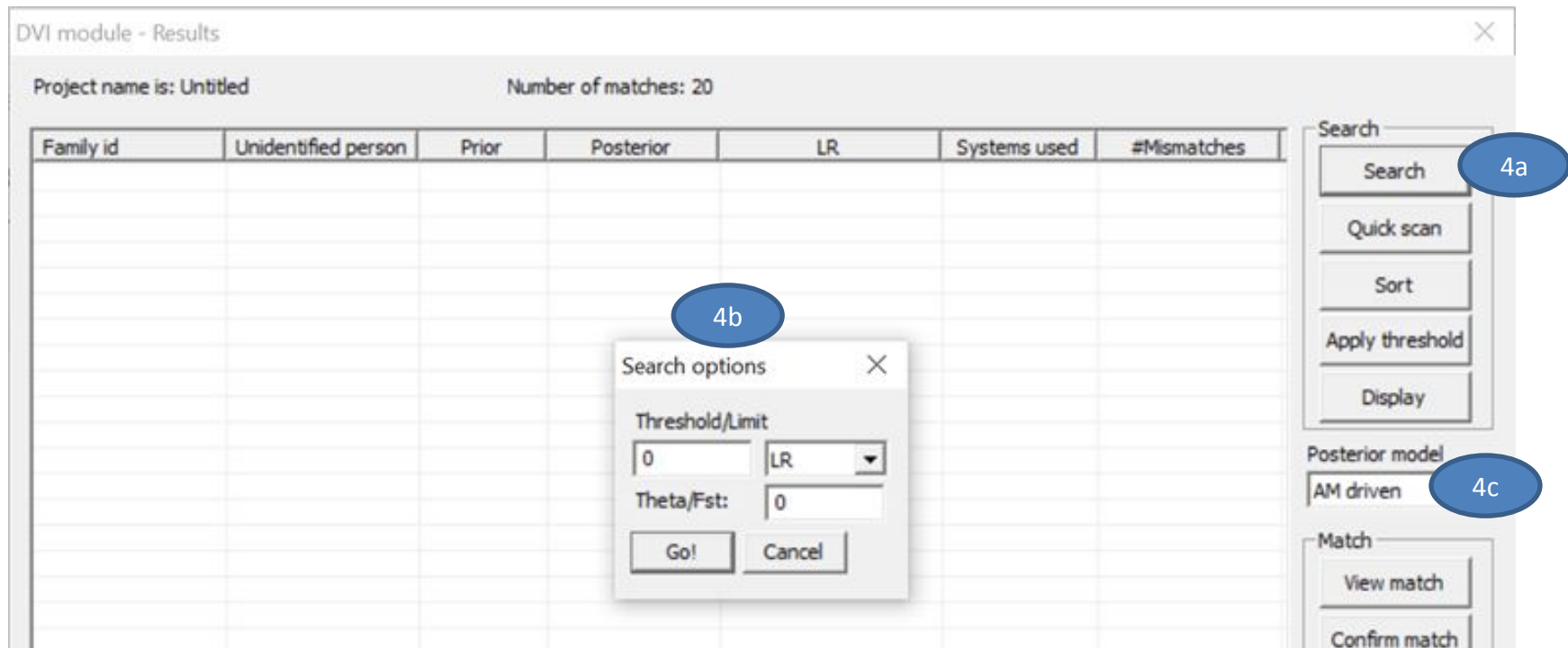
Add relation

Father Missing person Add

☐ Direct match

- We go Add **3c** to define the pedigree
- We name the pedigree **3d**
- We define how MP is related with this family **3e**
- **We don't touch the 'Reference pedigree', **3f****, it's there since a MP may not belong to any reference family.
- When input is finished, we press 'Next' to do the search
- Note: In order to define a direct reference samples (e.g. personal belonging), press Direct match **3g** when adding relation

The DVI search



- We press search 4a
- Choose options 4b Here Threshold/limit is 0, so we see all results
- Posterior model: 4c
 - AM driven: each family treated separately
 - PM driven: each person treated separately
 - One-to-one: only two hypotheses
- Note: priors and posteriors are not applicable when the Quick scan is performed but will still be displayed.

see next slide

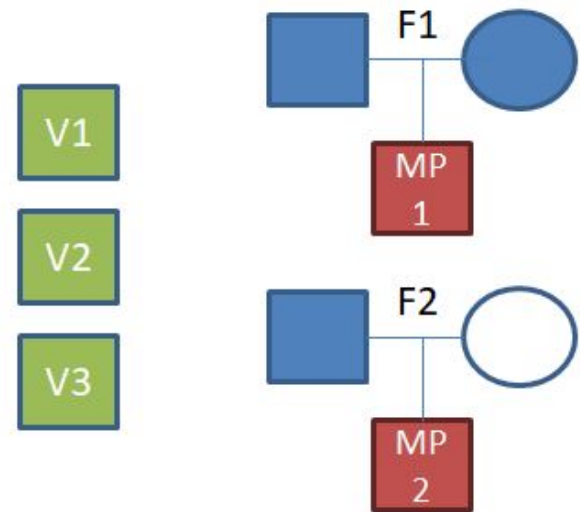
Posterior models in the example

AM driven

- H_1 = family F1 is related to V1
- H_2 = family F1 is related to V2
- H_3 = family F1 is related to V3
- H_4 = family F1 is not related to any V
- H_5 = family F2 is related to V1
- H_6 = family F2 is related to V2
- H_7 = family F2 is related to V3
- H_8 = family F2 is not related to any V

PM driven

- H_1 = V1 is related to family F1
- H_2 = V1 is related to family F2
- H_3 = V1 is not related to any family
- H_4 = V2 is related to family F1
- H_5 = V2 is related to family F2
- H_6 = V2 is not related to any family
- H_7 = V3 is related to family F1
- H_8 = V3 is related to family F2
- H_9 = V3 is not related to any family



One to one

- H_1 = V_n is related to F_m
- H_2 = V_n is not related to F_m
- V_n = any victim
- F_m = any family

Output for AM driven posterior model

DVI module - Results							
Project name is: Untitled							
Family id	Unidentified person	Prior	Posterior	LR	Systems used	#Mismatches	Pedigree
F1	V1	0.25	0	0	1	1	Missing son1
F1	V2	0.25	0.888889	8	1	0	Missing son1
F1	V3	0.25	0	0	1	1	Missing son1
F2	V1	0.25	0.666667	2	1	0	Missing son2
F2	V2	0.25	0	0	1	1	Missing son2
F2	V3	0.25	0	0	1	1	Missing son2

- The first family (here F1) is analysed first.
- The $LR = P(\text{marker data} | \text{MP belongs to F1}) / P(\text{marker data} | \text{MP is not related to F1})$ is found for all unidentified samples.
For V1 and V3, $LR = 0$, while for V2, $LR = 1 / (2 * 0.25 * 0.25) = 8$.
- For the posterior we need a prior. Here we assume that *a priori* V1, V2 and V3 have a prior of 0.25 to belong to F1; the missing person may be someone not found with prior 0.25. The posterior probabilities are
 $P(V1 \text{ from F1}) = 0$, $P(V2 \text{ from F1}) = 0.89$, $P(V3 \text{ from F1}) = 0$, $P(\text{Unknown from F1}) = 0.11$.
- Remaining families, here only F2, are treated similarly.

How Familias set priors

In the “Add unidentified person(s) (PM)” window

DVI module - Add unidentified person(s) (PM)

Size (Used for priors)
3 ☒ Use list Number of unidentified remains: 3

ID	Gender	DNA data
V1	Male	S1: 2, 3;
V2	Male	S1: 1, 2;
V3	Male	S1: 4, 4;

- By default (Use list), Familias takes into account the number of unidentified samples (3 in this case) and also adds the possibility that the missing person was not found: $1 / 4 = 0.25$ (as was shown in previous slide). The text “Use list” is replaced by “Use #PM” in recent versions.

DVI module - Add unidentified person(s) (PM)

Size (Used for priors)
4 ☐ Use list Number of unidentified remains: 3

ID	Gender	DNA data
V1	Male	S1: 2, 3;
V2	Male	S1: 1, 2;
V3	Male	S1: 4, 4;

- You can also unclick “Use list” and add the size you want. For instance, if in this case we knew that at least there are 4 victims (although only 3 were found), we can add “4” in the size box. Then, prior will be $1/5 = 0.20$, for each victim.

Further: unidentified persons – comparisons

Very useful to re-associate human remains (from the same individual) and/or detect possible relationships among victims

Example:

Add a new human remain V4 with the same profile as V1 (M1 = 2/3) in the “Add unidentified persons” window **1** and click “Blind search”. Press “New search” and select the “Direct match” relation vs. “unrelated” to obtain **2**. Select the samples and Click “Merge samples” **3**

The first screenshot shows the 'DVI module - Add unidentified person' window. It includes a 'Size (Used for priors)' field set to 4, a checked 'Use list' box, and a table with columns 'ID', 'Gender', and 'DNA data'. The table contains four rows: V1 (Male, M1: 2, 3;), V2 (Male, M1: 1, 2;), V3 (Male, M1: 4, 4;), and V4 (Male, M1: 2, 3;). A blue circle with the number 1 is next to the V4 row.

The second screenshot shows the results of a blind search. The text at the top says 'This module performs a blind search on the imported data set. #Persons: 4, :'. Below is a table with columns 'Person 1', 'Person 2', 'Relationship', 'LR', 'Incon...', and 'Overla...'. The first row shows V1 and V4 with a 'Direct-match' relationship, an LR of 8, an Incon... value of 0, and an Overla... value of 1. A blue circle with the number 2 is next to the V4 entry in the 'Person 2' column.

The third screenshot shows a vertical stack of buttons: 'New search', 'View match', and 'Merge samples'. A blue circle with the number 3 is next to the 'Merge samples' button.

Merging samples

1

Marker	LR	V1	V4	Merged profile
M1	8	2, 3	2, 3	2, 3

Options

Use profile from

2 Combine both

New name

3 V1_V4

4 Merge

Cancel

Options

Use profile from

Combine both

V1

V4

Combine both

You will obtain a summary of the samples. 1

In the “Options” menu you can select: create a composed profile 2 (combine both option), use profile from V1 or use profile from V4. You can also rename this combined profile 3.

Click “Merge” 4 and the composed sample V1_V4 will appear now in the “Unidentified persons” window

Size (Used for priors)

3 Use list

Number of unidentified

ID	Gender	DNA data
V1_V4	Male	M1: 2, 3;
V2	Male	M1: 1, 2;
V3	Male	M1: 4, 4;

Comment

In this example V1 and V4 have the same profile, but in real cases it is possible that one of the samples is incomplete. This is the reason why the option “Combine both” is available.

Further - Reference families

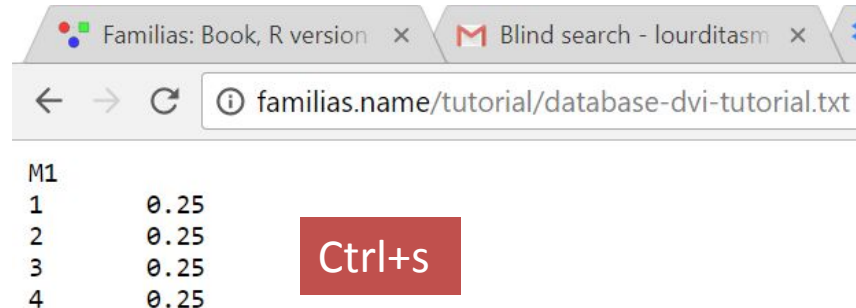
[illegible]

- 1 You can search only the selected families
- 2 Perform global search (not yet available)
- 3 Prepare plots in R for selected families
- 4 Evaluate the reference families, simulations as well as other summary statistics

DVI with import from files

- Start Familias and import the frequency database:
 - **Tools > General DNA data** file: <http://familias.name/tutorial/database-dvi-tutorial.txt>
- Read in the unidentified samples:
 - **Tools > DVI module > Add Unide...** file: <http://familias.name/tutorial/unidentified-dvi-tutorial.txt>
- Option 1: Read reference persons with marker data and enter pedigrees manually
 - **Tools > DVI module > Add refe ... Data only**
file: <http://familias.name/tutorial/ReferenceFamilies-dvi-tutorial.txt>
 - Define pedigrees manually
- Option 2: Read all input for reference families
 - **Tools > DVI module > Add refe ... Multiple families**
file: <http://familias.name/tutorial/pedigrees-dvi-tutorial.txt>
- The search can be done next giving results as before. Further details on import files are in Section 8 below.

Note: you can copy and paste the links in your browser and then save the files by using Ctrl+s keys of your keyboard



7. Familial searching

Basic steps

1. **General DNA data.** Input of database, i.e., allele frequencies, etc.
2. **Profile database.** Individuals/traces in the offender database.
3. **Traces.** Traces to perform the familial search on
4. **Search.** Perform and interpret the results from a familial search

Familial searching illustrated

S1

2/3

S2

1/3

S3

4/4

T1

3/3

1. General DNA data:

A marker with alleles 1, 2, 3, 4 (all with Freq.=0.25).

2. Offender database:

Three samples S1, S2 and S3 and their genotypes.

3. Target profile:

A trace T1 with a genotype that does not fully match any of the offenders'.

- We next illustrate manual input for this toy example with manual input; this is a useful exercise.
- For real cases, data will be imported from files and this is explained thereafter. Familias can handle databases of > 300,000 samples.

How to enter profiles in this module

Select the first offender/trace and click «Edit DNA» to enter the profile

In Familial Searching module, **profiles are entered in a different way** (since you may need to add more than two alleles for DNA mixtures)

To enter S1=2/3, you have to:

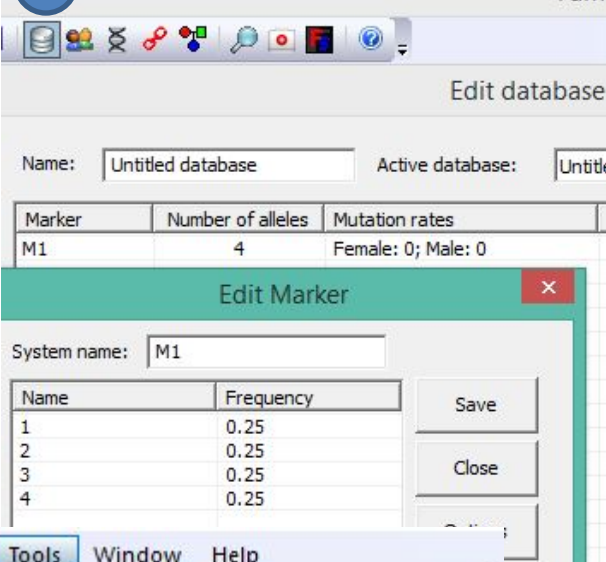
- Select «Allele 1» in the dropdown menu **A** and then select the value **B** of this first allele (2, in this example). **Do not press Add just yet**
- Select «Allele 2» in the dropdown menu and then select the value of this second allele (3, in this example). Now, press Add to obtain **C**.

The screenshot shows the 'Add/Edit DNA data' window. The 'Add observation' section at the bottom has a dropdown menu for 'Allele 1' that is open, showing a list of alleles from 1 to 8. The 'Add' button is visible to the right of the dropdown. A blue circle with the letter 'A' is placed over the 'Allele 1' dropdown menu.

The screenshot shows the 'Add/Edit DNA data' window. The 'Add observation' section at the bottom has a dropdown menu for 'Allele 2' that is open, showing a list of values from 1 to 4. The 'Add' button is visible to the right of the dropdown. A blue circle with the letter 'B' is placed over the 'Allele 2' dropdown menu. In the background, a 'Familial searching - Import database' window is visible, showing a table with 4 columns: ID, Gender, Category, and DNA data. The table contains 3 rows: S1 (Male, M1: 2,3;), S2 (Male, None), and S3 (Male, None). A blue circle with the letter 'C' is placed over the 'Familial searching - Import database' window.

Defining the offender database

1



2a

2b

2c

Family searching - Import database

Database size: 3

ID	Gender	Category	DNA data
S1	Male		M1: 2,3;
S2	Male		M1: 1,3;
S3	Male		M1: 4,4;

Edit Person
Edit DNA
Remove
Compare
Find
Blind search
Import

Add/Edit DNA data

DNA data for person: S3

☐ Consider dropout

System name	Allele 1	Allele 2

Add observation

M1 Allele 1 4 Add

Add person to database

Enter name...

Gender
☒ Male
☐ Female

☐ Is mixture

Add
Close
Next ->

Define marker 1 enter Familial searching module
Add persons and database profiles 2b Press Next 2c

Defining target(s)

Familial searching - Options

Profiles/Persons

ID	Gender	DNA data
T1	Male	M1: 3,3; 4b

4c

Buttons: Edit Person, Edit DNA, Remove, Remove all, Set known contributor, Import

Add person

Enter name... 4a

☐ Is mixture

Gender: ☒ Male, ☐ Female

Add

<- Prev, Close

- Define the target, in this case a trace. Press 'Add' 4a
- Edit DNA data as indicated 4b
- We may set known contributors (e.g. Victims in mixtures) 4c

Defining search options

Search options

LR threshold: 0

Theta (Fst): 0

Direct match

Dropin parameter:

Dropout probability:

Typing error:

Allele sharing

☐ Activate IBS filter

Percentage (%) of alleles shared:

☐ Must share one allele per marker

Relationships

Parent-child	$k_0=0.25, k_1=0.5$
Siblings	$k_0=0.25, k_1=0.5$
Half-siblings	$k_0=0.5, k_1=0.5$
Cousins	$k_0=0.75, k_1=0.5$
Double cousins	$k_0=0.5625, k_1=0.5$
Direct match	

Scale versus

☒ Unrelated

☐ 2nd cousins

☐ Cousins

☐ Siblings

Information

The k_0 , k_1 and k_2 values corresponds to IBD probabilities.

By activating the IBS filter you will force the specified allele sharing.

Next ->

- We specify Parent-child (5a) as the relationship we want to include in the search.
- We set the LR threshold to 0 (zero) (5b) and leave the other parameters at their default values.
- Press 'Next' (5c)

Advanced options

5d

Search options

LR threshold
1

Theta (Fst)
0

Direct match

Dropin parameter
0

Dropout probability
0

Typing error
0

Allele sharing

☐ Activate IBS filter

Percentage (%) of alleles shared
[]

☐ Must share one allele per marker

☐ Examine kinships

5e

Relationships	Comment
Parent-child	k0=0, k1=1, k2=0
Siblings	k0=0.25, k1=0.5, k2=0
Half-siblings	k0=0.5, k1=0.5, k2=0
Cousins	k0=0.75, k1=0.5, k2=0
Double cousins	k0=0.5625, k1=0.5, k2=0
Direct match	

Scale versus

☒ Unrelated

☐ 2nd cousins

☐ Cousins

☐ Siblings

Information

The k0, k1 and k2 values corresponds to IBD probabilities.

By activating the IBS filter you will force the specified allele sharing.

By activating Examine kinships, Familias will find the most likely k0, k1 and k2 values.

Next ->

- We can use an IBS filter 5d to remove matches with low IBS sharing
- We can select Examine kinships 5e to have Familias perform a grid search over a small space of possible k0, k1 and k2 values. Computer intense and only performed for relationships exceeding the LR threshold.

The familial search - Basic results

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- We press 'Search' **6a**
- The results are displayed as matches between a Profile/Trace (target) and a Candidate (database element). Results are sorted according to the LR value. In addition some other metrics are displayed. **6b**
- The results may be investigated closer **6c** and some reports may be created **6d**

The familial search - Advanced results

Number of matches: 8

Shared alleles	IBS=2	IBS=1	IBS=0	Kinship	Kappa0	Kappa1	Kappa2
100.0%	100....	0.0%	0.0%	0.5000	0.0000	0.0000	1.0000
100.0%	100....	0.0%	0.0%	0.5000	0.0000	0.0000	1.0000
100.0%	100....	0.0%	0.0%	0.5000	0.0000	0.0000	1.0000
100.0%	100....	0.0%	0.0%	0.5000	0.0000	0.0000	1.0000
50.0%	0.0%	100....	0.0%	0.2500	0.0000	1.0000	0.0000
50.0%	0.0%	100....	0.0%	0.2500	0.0000	1.0000	0.0000
50.0%	0.0%	100....	0.0%	0.2500	0.0000	1.0000	0.0000
50.0%	0.0%	100....	0.0%	0.2500	0.0000	1.0000	0.0000

Search

Search

Sort

Subset

Display

Match

View match

Report match

Remove

Save summary

Export list

Close

- By scrolling to the right you will see some other stats from the search.
- Shared alleles (total) as well as fraction of markers with 0, 1 or 2 alleles IBS
- If Examine kinships is activated in the search options, a grid search is performed where the most likely IBD values are reported as well as the kinship coefficient.

Familial search with import from files

- Start familias and import the frequency database:
 - **Tools > General DNA data** file: <http://familias.name/tutorial/database-dvi-tutorial.txt>
- Import the offender database
 - **Tools > Familial searching > Import** file: <http://familias.name/tutorial/offenders-fs-tutorial.txt>
- Import the target profile
 - **Tools > Familial searching > Next > Import**
file: <http://familias.name/tutorial/target-fs-tutorial.txt>
- The search can be done next giving results as before. Further details on import files are in Section 8 below. Familias handle standard xml output from the CODIS software.

Recall: you can save the above files by using Ctrl+S keys of your keyboard in your internet browser once you have followed the link

8. Input files (formats)

8.1 Frequency database input

Standard (tab separated)

The standard format is recognized by all versions of Familias and is described below. It is saved as a text file.

TPOX	
8	0.2
9	0.3
9.3	0.5
D12S391	
20	0.1
21	0.3
22	0.4
23	0.2

Matrix format

The matrix format is commonly attached to population frequency publications. Important is the Allele or Alleles identifier in the top left element.

Alleles	TPOX	D12S391
8	0.2	
9	0.3	
9.3	0.5	
20		0.1
21		0.3
22		0.4
23		0.2

8.2 Case data input (samples)

Tab separated 1

Tab separated files are most easily created in Excel (or a similar tool) and saved as text file with tab separation. Below is an example of the format.

Sample	TPOX 1	TPOX 2	D12S391 1	D12S391 2
Person 1	8	9.3	20	21
Person 2	9.3	9.3	22	23

Tab separated 2

Familias also allows tab separated text files with single column markers.
The format is described below.

Sample	TPOX	D12S391
Person 1	8,9.3	20,21
Person 2	9.3,9.3	22,23

GeneMapper

Familias can import data from the genotyper software GeneMapper (or data on similar format). The format is described exactly below.

Sample	Marker name	Allele 1	Allele 2
Person 1	TPOX	8	9.3
Person 1	D12S391	20	21
Person 2	TPOX	9.3	
Person 2	D12S391	22	23

XML input

Familias recognizes xml input based loosely on the CODIS format. An example of the format is described to the right where the necessary tags are defined. Additional tags (normally added by CODIS) are disregarded.

An example is located at <http://familias.name/Files/example.xml>

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<CODISImportFile xmlns="urn:CODISImportFile-schema">
  <SPECIMEN SOURCEID="N/A">
    <SPECIMENID>Person 1</SPECIMENID>
    <SPECIMENCATEGORY>Father</SPECIMENCATEGORY>
    <LOCUS>
      <LOCUSNAME>TPOX</LOCUSNAME>
      <ALLELE>
        <ALLELEVALUE>8</ALLELEVALUE>
      </ALLELE>
      <ALLELE>
        <ALLELEVALUE>9.3</ALLELEVALUE>
      </ALLELE>
    </LOCUS>
    <LOCUS>
      <LOCUSNAME>D12S391</LOCUSNAME>
      <ALLELE>
        <ALLELEVALUE>20</ALLELEVALUE>
      </ALLELE>
      <ALLELE>
        <ALLELEVALUE>21</ALLELEVALUE>
      </ALLELE>
    </LOCUS>
    <LOCUS>
      <ALLELE>
        <ALLELEVALUE>21</ALLELEVALUE>
      </ALLELE>
    </LOCUS>
  </SPECIMEN>
</CODISImportFile>
```

8.3 Reference family data (DVI)

Relationships

Familias recognizes some standard relationships for the subsequent import options. Below is an exhaustive list. Please check all imported data to assure Familias has made the correct interpretation. Here's an [example file](#) from the DVI section, more examples follow.

[Father], [Mother], [Parent], [Son], [Daughter], [Child], [Sister], [Brother], [Sibling], [Half Sister], [Half Brother], [Half Sibling], [Direct], [Identity], [Paternal Half Sister], [Maternal Half Sister], [Maternal Half Brother], [Paternal Half Brother], [Grandmother], [Grandfather], [Paternal Grandmother], [Maternal Grandmother], [Paternal Grandfather], [Maternal Grandfather], [Grandson], [Granddaughter], [Grandchild], [Uncle], [Aunt], [Niece], [Nephew], [Wife], [Husband]

Simple

×

[illegible]

Similar to the tab separated files described previously for standard DNA data input. Several individuals may be included in the same file. Note, no family information can be included, each individual is placed into a single family. A line specifying a relation may be included, see below.

Sample	TPOX 1	TPOX 2	D12S391 1	D12S391 2
[Brother]				
Person 1	8	9.3	20	21

CODIS xml

DVI module - Add reference families (AM) ×

Number of reference families: 2

Family Id	Number of persons	Index
F1	2	1
F2	1	2

Reference family

Add

Edit

View

Import

Simple

CODIS xml

Data only

Multiple families

Familias project

The format is described previously for standard DNA data input. This version will however recognize CODIS categories and create some family relationships based on those.

Data only

DVI module - Add reference families (AM) ×

Number of reference families: 2

Family Id	Number of persons	Index
F1	2	1
F2	1	2

Reference family

Add

Edit

View

Import

Simple

CODIS xml

Data only

Multiple families

Familias project

This format reminds of the Simple format but adds a column to define family designation, see below.

Family	Sample	TPOX 1	TPOX 2	D12S391 1	D12S391 2
Family 1	Person 1	8	9.3	20	21

Multiple families

DVI module - Add reference families (AM) ×

Number of reference families: 2

Family Id	Number of persons	Index
F1	2	1
F2	1	2

Reference family

Add

Edit

View

Import

Simple

CODIS xml

Data only

Multiple families

Familias project

This format extends the Data only format but including an additional column specifying the relationship to the missing person within each family, see below.

Family	Relationship	Sample	TPOX 1	TPOX 2	D12S391 1	D12S391 2
Family 1	[Brother]	Person 1	8	9.3	20	21

Familias projects

DVI module - Add reference families (AM) ×

Number of reference families: 2

Family Id	Number of persons	Index
F1	2	1
F2	1	2

Reference family

Add

Edit

View

Import

Simple

CODIS xml

Data only

Multiple families

Familias project

This option allows the import of standard Familias project with some DNA data and pedigrees. Familias will automatically create families (one for each Familias file). The missing person should be named MISSING PERSON.

9. Output files and reports

9.1 Reports from Familias

rtf format

This is the standard output from Familias, i.e., the so called Familias report. It may be generated using different scopes, the simple containing only information about the LR's and pedigrees and the most extensive containing all information needed to reproduce the results. The file is actually generated as a txt file with the rtf extension and is therefore not a true rich text formatted file.

csv format

This format will generate a comma (semicolons) separated file (csv). Output is illustrated below.

```
Output generated by Familias, version 3.2.2  
Ped 1 vs Ped 2;  
Marker;LR  
SE33;8.22655  
Total LR;8.226551889  
Database;Norwegian
```


tab format

This format will generate a tab separated file. Output is illustrated below.

```
Output generated by Familias, version 3.2.2
Marker  LR
SE33    8.22655
Total LR      8.226551889
Database      Norwegian
```

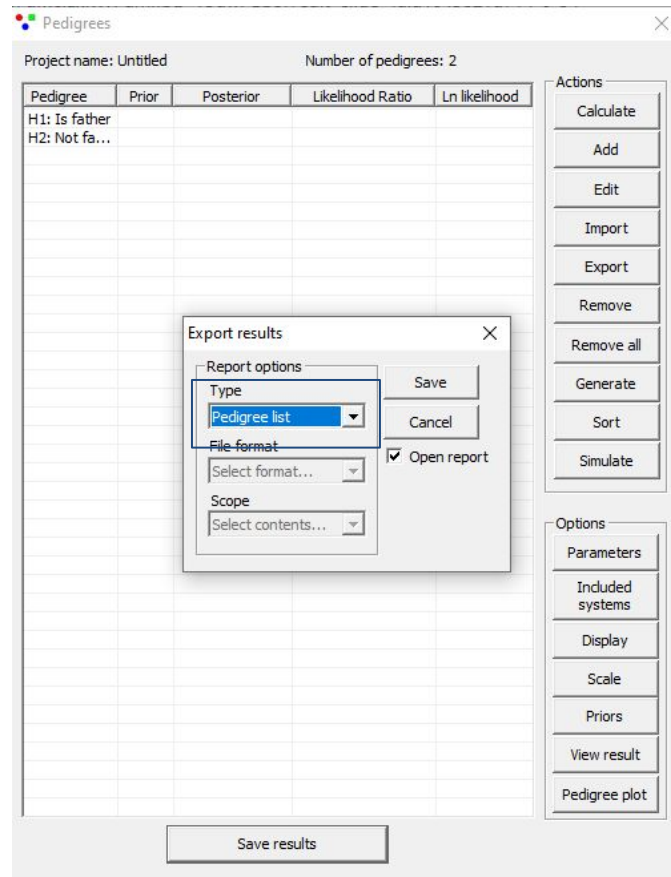
xml format

This format will generate an xml file with comprehensive content. This file may actually be opened as a project as well. An excerpt is illustrated below.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<FAMILIAS>
  <INFORMATION>
    <TITLE>Familiias xml file</TITLE>
    <VERSION>3.2.2</VERSION>
    <TIMESTAMP>
      Mon Dec 11 09:53:31 2017
    </TIMESTAMP>
    <PROJECTNAME>testing_opt</PROJECTNAME>
    <DATABASEUSED>Norwegian</DATABASEUSED>
  </INFORMATION>
  <FREQUENCYDATABASES>
    <FREQUENCYDATABASE>
      <THETA>0</THETA>
      <DATABASENAME>Norwegian</DATABASENAME>
      <MARKERS>
        <MARKER>
          <MARKERNAME>SE33</MARKERNAME>
          <ISEXCLUDED>1</ISEXCLUDED>
          <MARKERMODEL>
            <FEMALEMUTATIONMODEL>Equal probability (Simple)</FEMALEMUTATIONMODEL>
            <FEMALEMUTATIONRATE>0</FEMALEMUTATIONRATE>
            <FEMALEMUTATIONRANGE>0</FEMALEMUTATIONRANGE>
            <FEMALEMUTATIONRATE2>2.71134e-309</FEMALEMUTATIONRATE2>
            <MALEMUTATIONMODEL>Equal probability (Simple)</MALEMUTATIONMODEL>
            <MALEMUTATIONRATE>0</MALEMUTATIONRATE>
            <MALEMUTATIONRANGE>0</MALEMUTATIONRANGE>
          </MARKERMODEL>
        </MARKER>
      </MARKERS>
    </FREQUENCYDATABASE>
  </FREQUENCYDATABASES>
</FAMILIAS>
```

Pedigree list

This format will generate a tab-separated text file listing all the pedigrees as well as likelihoods, LR and posteriors (if available)



9.2 Other

General output

Several dialogs/windows allow the export of the complete table of results, e.g. DVI search results. The output is simply a tab separated txt file that may be processed further in Excel or similar software.

Those exports are self-explained.

Summary reports

Several dialogs/windows allow the export of summaries, i.e., the blind search module allows the user to generate a summary of the results from a search, as does the DVI search function.

Export matrix

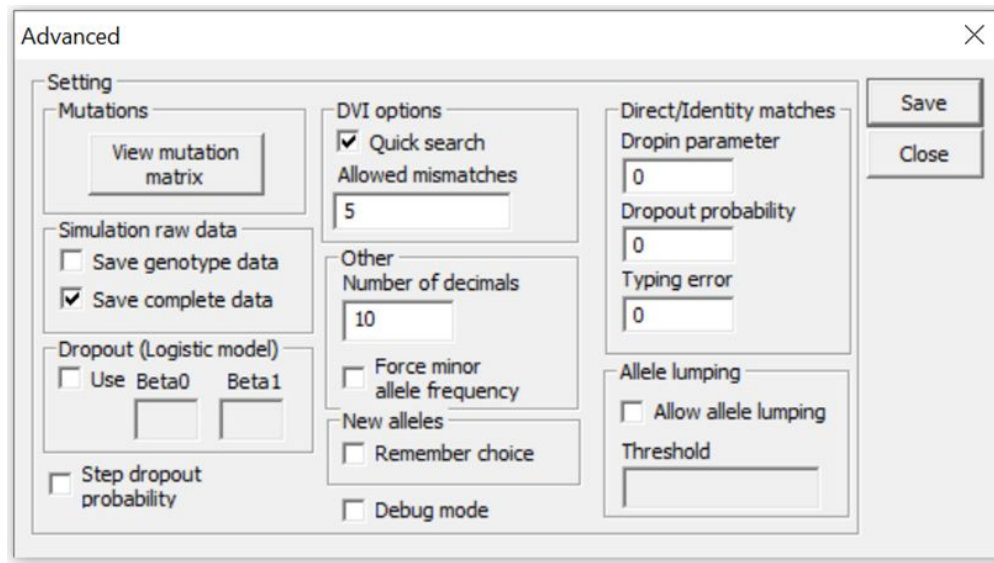
The blind search module allows the export of a distance matrix. The matrix will be of $n \times n$ dimensions where n indicates the number of individuals in the blind search. The matrix will compare all individuals and compute either,

1. A IBS distance between the two genotypes
2. The kinship coefficient, estimated using a maximum likelihood approach
3. The kappa2 and kappa0 estimates, using the same method as in 2.

10. Advanced

Description

There are some advanced options/settings in Familias reached via File -> Advanced, see illustration on next page. Some of the settings are intended for expert users.



View mutation matrix – View and/or save the mutation matrix for the defined markers/systems.

Save genotype data – Decide whether or not to save the raw genotypes from a simulation

Save complete data – Decide whether or not to save all raw data (genotypes and likelihoods) from a simulation

Dropout – Enable a logistic dropout model whereby allele peak heights are needed (may be imported using the Genemapper format only). Recommended for advanced uses only.

Step dropout probability – If enabled together with dropout for a profile, Familias will compute the LR for a range of dropout probabilities (similar to a sensitivity analysis).

DVI options – By default a quick search feature is enabled whereby Familias first computes the LR disregarding mutations and then with mutations for markers where the likelihood is zero. Set the number of allow mismatches for Familias to even consider a computation. Disabling this feature may cause extensive computation time.

Number of decimals – Set the number of decimals to display and save when numbers are relevant.

Force minor allele frequency – If enabled Familias will force the use of the minor allele frequency (defined for each marker) whenever an allele frequency is below this value. Warning! May cause the sum of allele frequencies to sum to more than 1.

New alleles - Remember choice whenever a new allele is detected. For instance, the same frequency to all new alleles.

Debug mode - This will turn on some debug options, mainly through dumping files into the Familias install directory.

Direct/Identity matches – The values used in a direct match comparison. May also be changed in the blind search dialog.

Allele lumping – Not currently implemented. If enabled it will cause lumping of alleles which in turn will produce much shorter computation times. The lumping is an approximation whereby all transitions/mutations with a probability lower than the threshold is lumped.

11. Miscellaneous

Create a frequency database

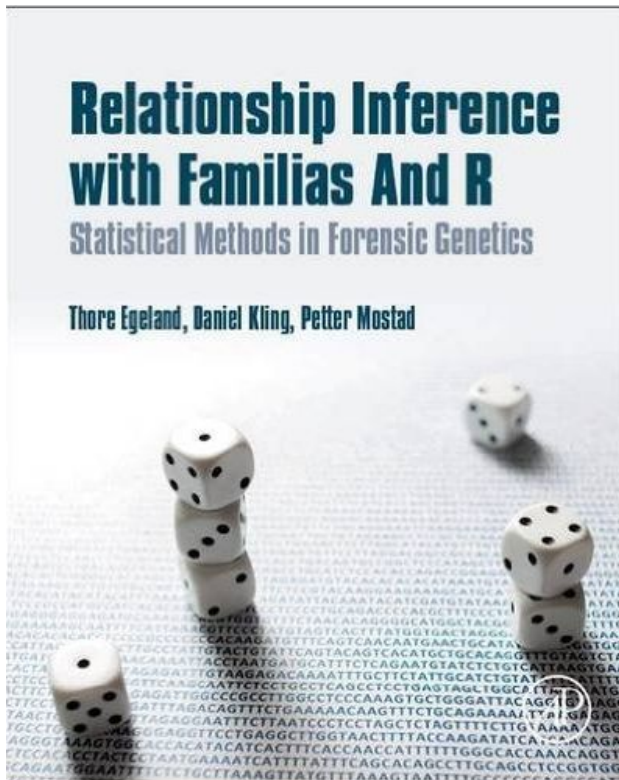
- **File > Create database** can be used to
 - create a database of allele frequencies
 - provide summary statistics, like heterozygosity
 - perform a blind search with the profiles of a population study
- A toy example ([file](#)) based on a sample of ten individuals for two markers

SampleID	D8S1179 1	D8S1179 2	D21S11 1	D21S11 2
ID1	13	14	30	30
...
ID10	11	13	30	31.2

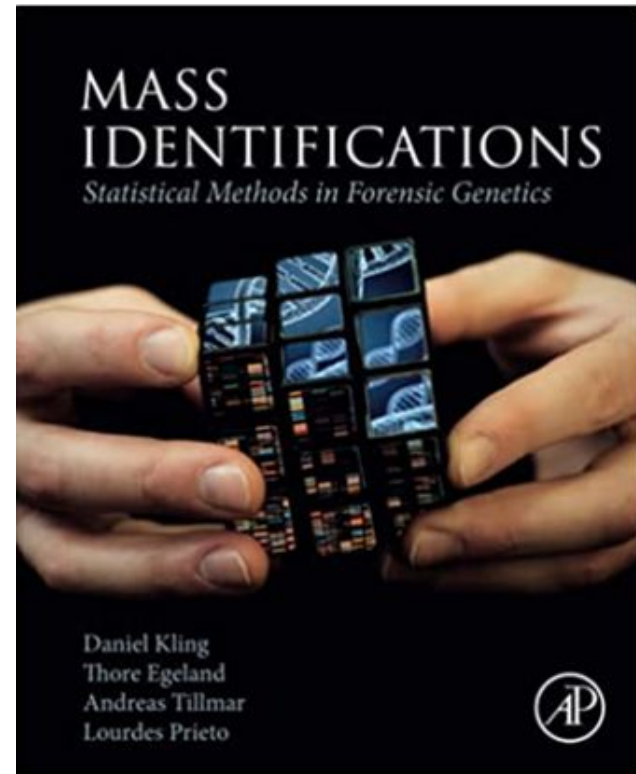
- Import: **File > Create database > Import**
- Create Familias file: **File > Create database > Create**
- Produce statistics: **File > Create database > Statistics**
The file contains statistics at bottom and can also be imported to Familias
- Perform a blind search: **File > Create database > Check data**

More information:

<http://familias.no>, <http://familias.name> and in the books:



[Relationship inference](#)



[Mass Identifications](#)

Useful links

Databases (ready to use):

- [Norwegian](#)
- [Somali](#): Northeast Africa (Somalia, Ethiopia, Eritrea)
- [Middle Asia \(Pakistan/Afghanistan\)](#)
- [Southeast Asia \(Thailand, Vietnam\)](#)
- [Spanish](#)

Elias Hernandis has created a great tool to convert and produce data files for Familias (and other software). See <https://leapdna.org/>.

Papers referencing Familias. Validation

- It may be helpful to check papers that reference Familias
- An updated, but not exhaustive list, can be obtained by checking to
 - [References to Egeland et al.](#)(2000)
 - [References to Kling et al.](#) (2014)
- Kinship software, including Familias, was validated in
 - [Drabek](#) (2008)