

- Proficiency test 2023

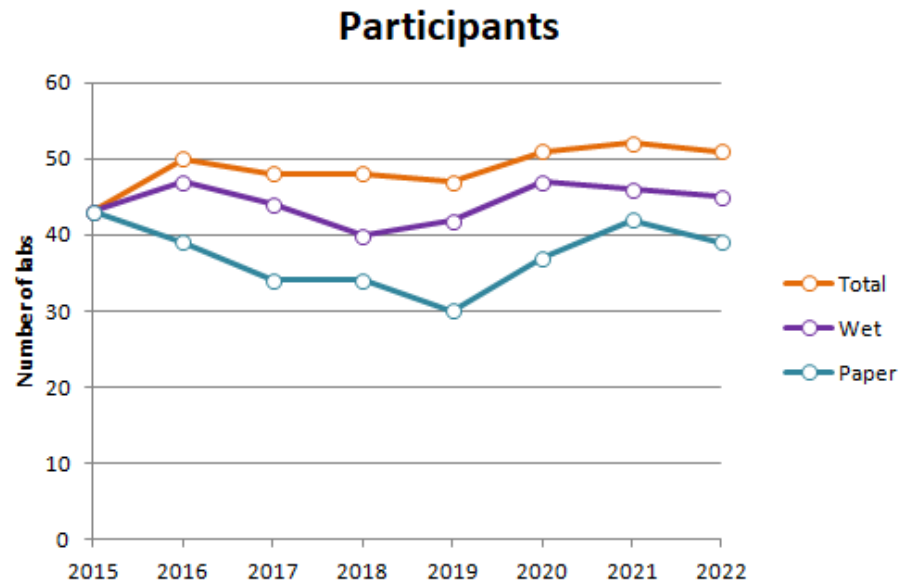
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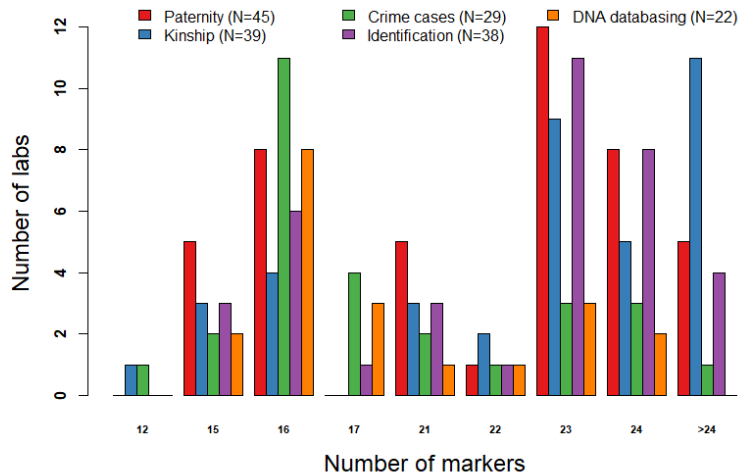
Summary

- Summarizing statistics for 2022
- 51 labs participated
- 37 completed paper challenge
- 47 completed wet exercise

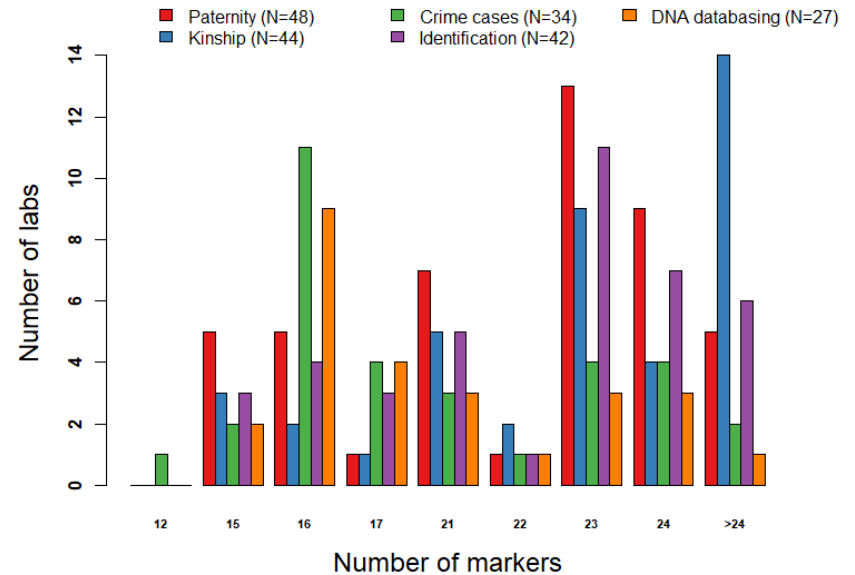


Questionnaire – Markers used

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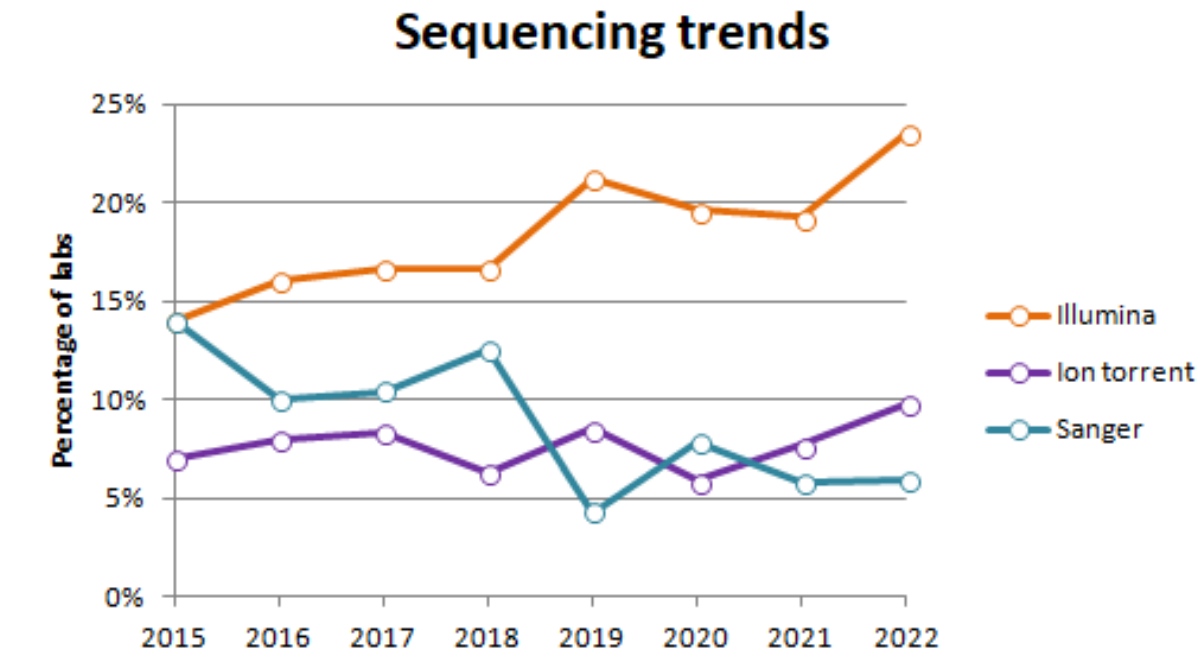


2022

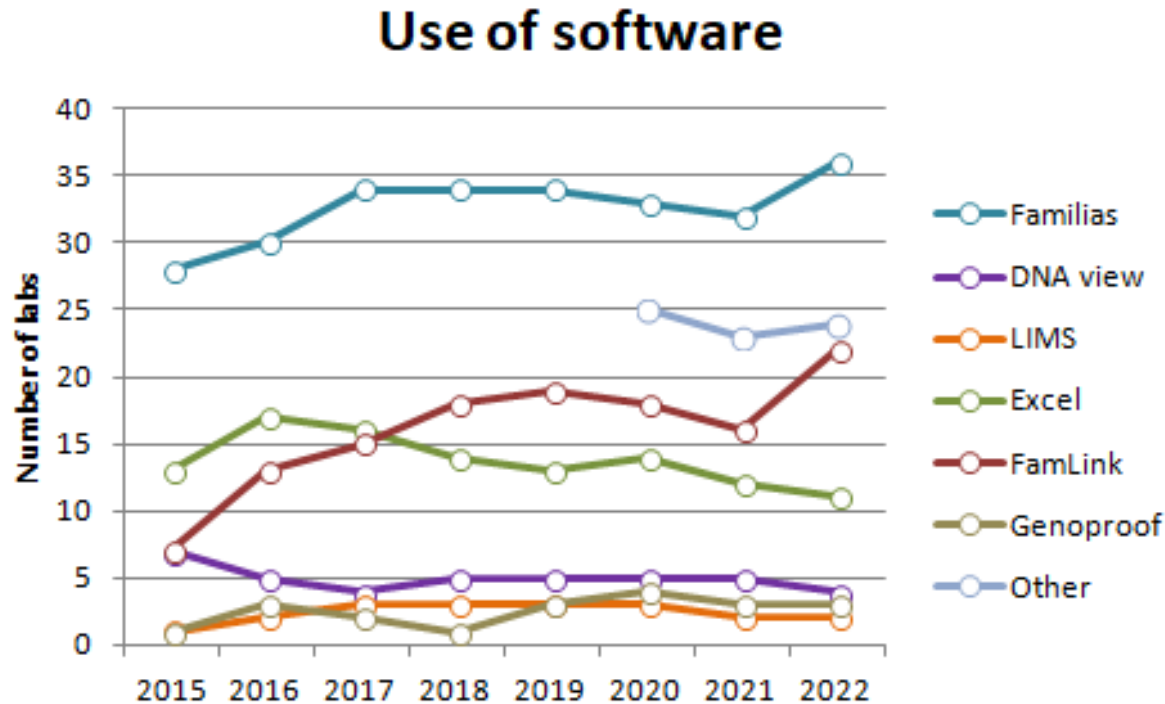


Questionnaire – Sequencing trends

- 19 labs (37%) performs sequencing



Questionnaire – Software trends



Other include DBLR. EuroForMix. STRmix and more

Questionnaire – Subpopulation effects

Never includes: 21

Always include: 15

When it is known: 16

**Roughly 60% accounts for
subpopulation effects**

Questionnaire – Linked markers

Not accounted for: 10 -> 11

Not used: 14 -> 13

Exclude one: 16 -> 13

Accounts for: 9 -> 13

**Slight increase in labs
accounting for linkage**

WET EXERCISE

Wet exercise - Background



ESWG WET EXERCISE 2023

This year's wet exercise includes a child (sample labeled Child) seeking his/her biological father. Conduct a paternity test for the putative father (sample labeled Alleged father).

Use a frequency database appropriate for a European population. Report the likelihood ratios (LR) for the individual genetic markers included in the tests as well as the combined LR. State which frequency database you have used for the calculations. Similar to previous years, all results should be reported in the electronic spreadsheet questionnaire.

Samples and procedure

The samples (two in total) consist of blood on FTA cards (diluted spots). We recommend direct amplification with buffers available from vendors (alternatively direct amplification with modern multiplexes). Other extraction procedures have not been tested.

Please perform the DNA tests according to your procedures for kinship analysis and report the data and conclusions in the questionnaire attached to the information email. If different kits are included in the analysis and any discrepancies between overlapping markers occur, please state the difference(s) in the comment field.

Due date

The due date is August 31th, results submitted after this deadline may be dismissed.

Wet exercise - Summary

- Overall very concordant results (despite the use of potentially different databases)
- 47 labs participated
- Consult the Excel summary for details
- For the wet exercise some labs' results have been highlighted (red or orange) which indicates a result that deviates. Certificates will still be issued.

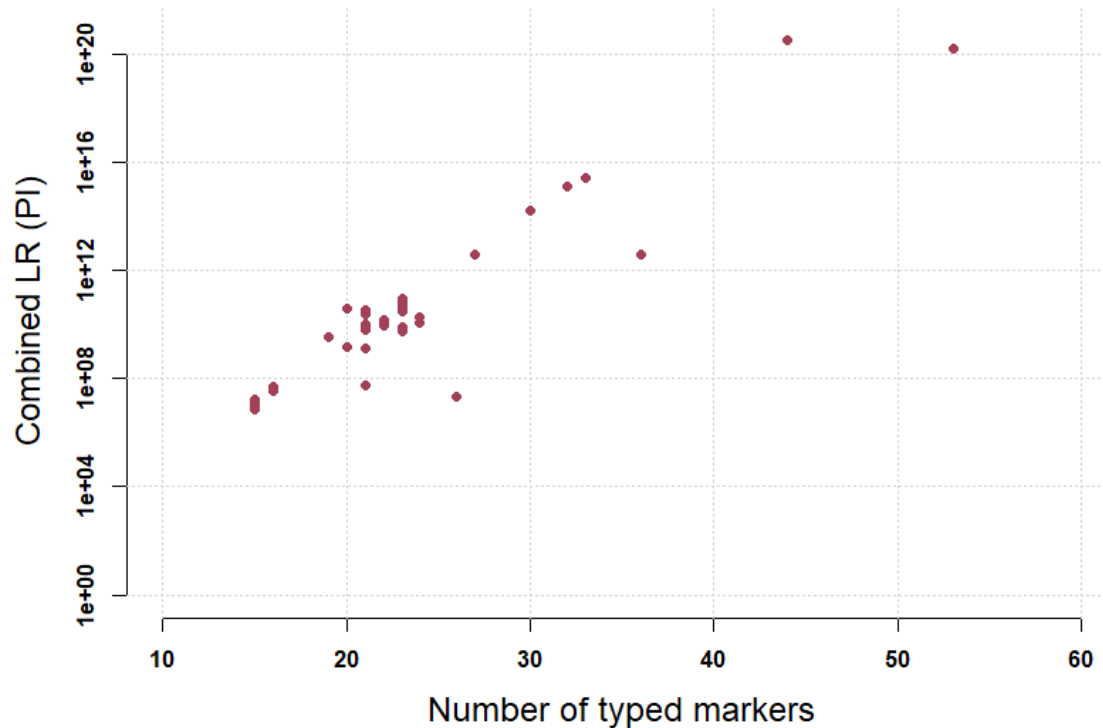
| Combined LR (reported) | 8,19E+06 | 5,60E+12 | 2,20E+10 | 4,93E+06 | | | | | | 6,24E+14 | 1,62E+10 | | | | | | 9,08E+09 | 1,5E+11 | | | 3,18E+11 | 3,46E+11 |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Combined LR (product) | 3,58E+06 | 5,19E+12 | 9,53E+09 | 1,77E+06 | 5,33E+10 | 1,88E+09 | | 8,10E+06 | 4,54E+09 | 2,26E+14 | 6,83E+09 | 0,00E+00 | | 2,14E+10 | 0,00E+00 | 2,56E+09 | 4,04E+09 | 6,55E+10 | 0,00E+00 | 3,52E+11 | 1,35E+11 | 2,37E+20 |
| Number of markers --> | 16 | 27 | 24 | 15 | 23 | 21 | | 15 | 21 | 33 | 22 | 0 | | 21 | 0 | 22 | 21 | 24 | 0 | 22 | 24 | 34 |
| D3S1358 | 2,43 | 2,29 | 2,44 | 2,32 | 2,78 | 2,88 | 2,33 | 2,30 | 2,30 | 2,76 | 2,38 | | 2,38 | 2,50 | | 2,38 | 2,25 | 2,31 | | | 2,34 | 2,48 |
| D19S433 | 3,18 | 3,59 | 2,71 | 2,55 | 3,13 | 2,88 | 2,33 | | 3,80 | 3,88 | 3,54 | | 3,54 | 3,08 | | 2,55 | 3,08 | 3,73 | | 3,08 | 3,28 | 2,47 |
| D2S1338 | 2,35 | 2,47 | 3,26 | 2,99 | 2,27 | 1,77 | 2,94 | | 2,50 | 4,86 | 2,38 | | 2,37 | 2,25 | | 2,35 | 2,24 | 2,66 | | 2,25 | 3,65 | 2,20 |
| D22S1045 | 0,72 | 0,64 | 0,72 | 0,72 | | 0,80 | 0,76 | | 0,70 | 0,86 | 0,65 | | 0,65 | 0,81 | | 0,82 | 0,75 | 0,67 | | 0,81 | 0,74 | 0,72 |
| D16S539 | 9,70 | 9,02 | 9,97 | 7,74 | 5,83 | 8,86 | 9,85 | 7,80 | 11,10 | 9,46 | 10,30 | | 10,30 | 11,31 | | 8,96 | 9,82 | 12,02 | | 11,30 | 6,88 | 9,48 |
| D18S51 | 2,03 | 2,00 | 1,62 | 1,60 | 2,08 | 1,81 | 2,00 | 2,20 | 1,80 | 1,88 | 2,03 | | 2,03 | 2,03 | | 2,19 | 1,80 | 1,81 | | 2,03 | 2,32 | 2,46 |
| D1S1656 | 4,73 | 4,89 | 4,26 | 3,80 | | 6,60 | 6,38 | | 3,40 | 4,73 | 5,01 | | 5,01 | 6,93 | | 3,43 | 4,60 | 4,65 | | 6,94 | 6,27 | 7,00 |
| D10S1248 | 8,45 | 8,22 | 9,09 | 6,88 | | 7,02 | 7,23 | | 11,10 | 8,68 | 9,03 | | 9,03 | 8,92 | | 6,68 | 6,24 | 12,24 | | 8,93 | 7,54 | 120,25 |



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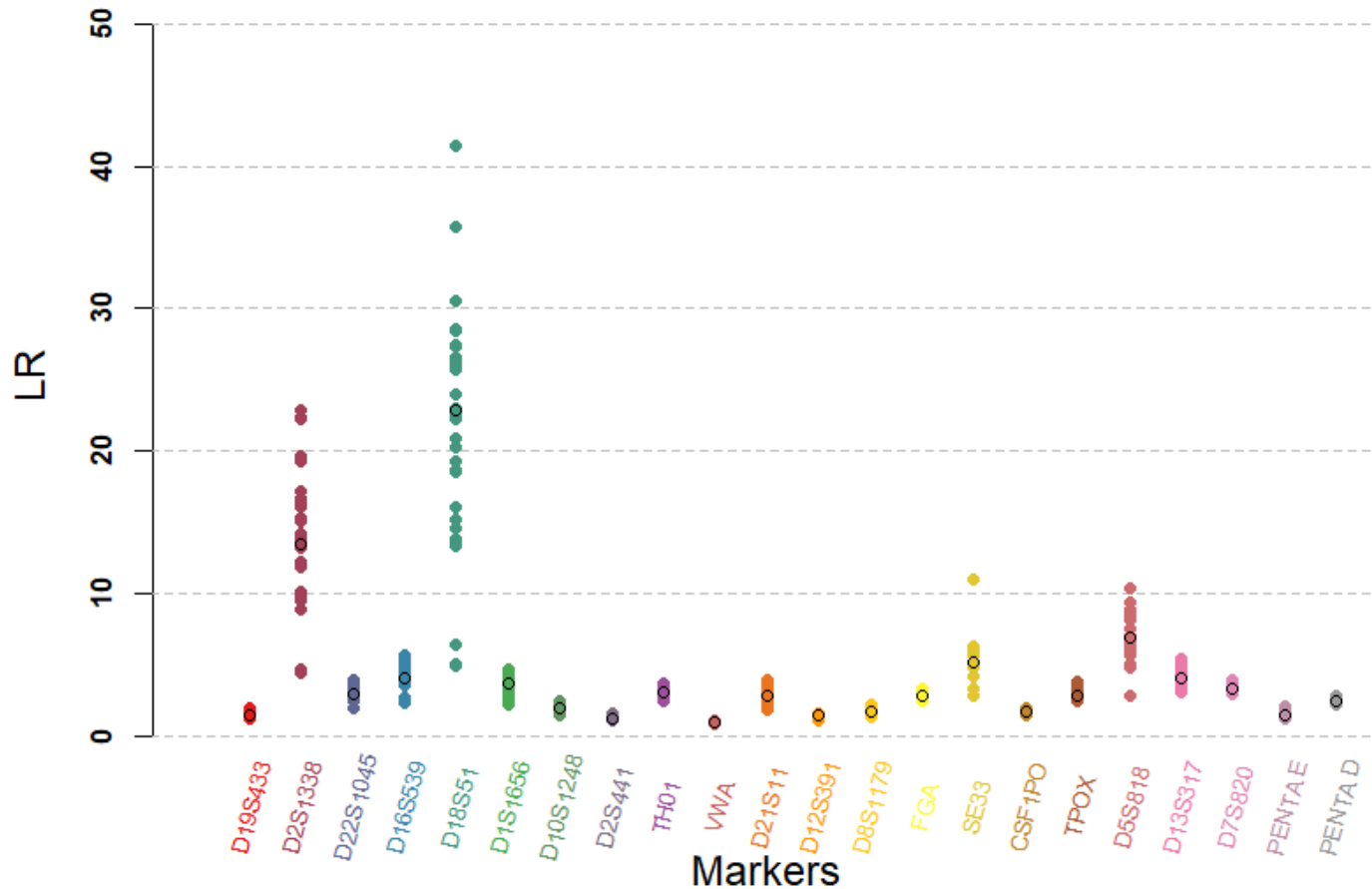
- A single alleged father
- No labs reported SNP markers this year

Note: log scale on y-axis



Wet exercise – per marker LR variation

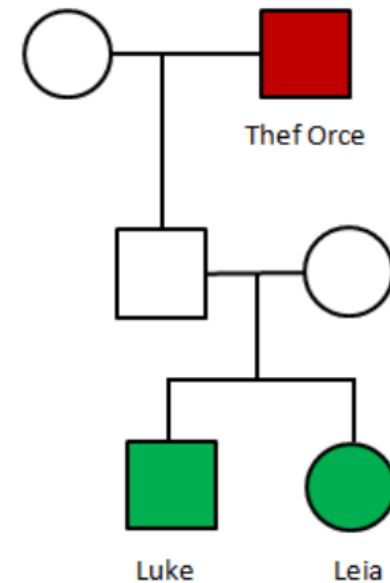
Two markers with large variation



PAPER CHALLENGE

Paper challenge - Background

- Grandparent/grandchild case
- Autosomal data
- Y-data
- SNP data



Paper challenge – Setup



ESWG PAPER CHALLENGE 2023

This year's paper challenge consists of a single exercise. In order to obtain the certificate, participants have to submit results. All data is given as files at https://familias.name/ESWG/ESWG2023_paperchallenge.zip in addition to some details given directly in the cases. Please fill out all answers in the supplied Excel questionnaire.

Case – A story from far away

Ancient scrolls discovered in dessert caves depicts a story about genealogy. According to the drawing two children (Luke and Leia) are in search for their unknown paternal grandfather who according to the legend was a great force who could change the destiny itself. An individual named Thef Orce is suggested as the unknown grandfather of the two children but from what can be eluded, no methods to establish the genealogy existed at the time of drawing. Amazingly, on the walls of the caves, archeologists are able to decipher DNA profiles of T. Orce as well as Luke and Leia. Using modern biostatistical approach we are tasked to establish the genealogy.

- a) The pedigree depicting the main hypothesis is illustrated below. Compute the pairwise LR's between individuals in the pedigree (include full and half siblings). Can any conclusions be drawn based on these results?

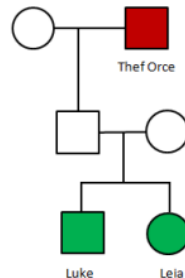
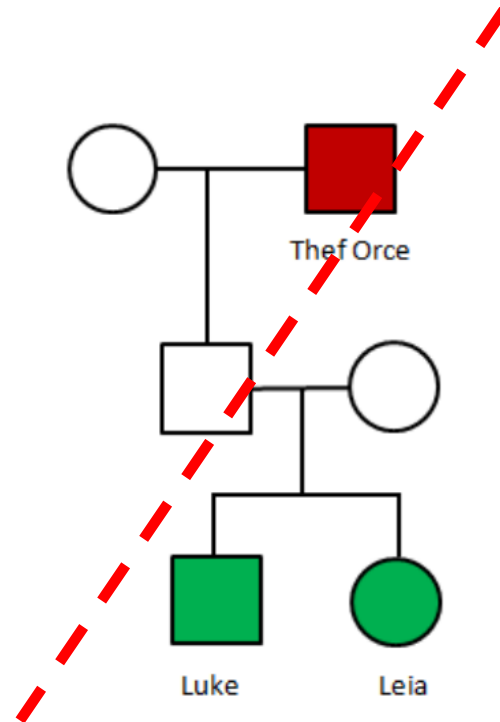


Figure 1. Pedigree illustrating the main hypothesis (H1). Data is available for the individuals with either green or red fill.

Paper challenge – Part a)

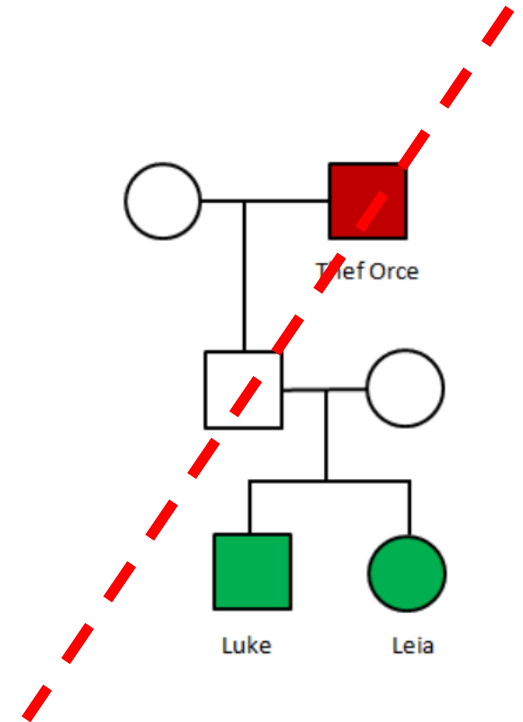
- Compute the pairwise LR_s between the individuals. include half and full siblings. Disregard pedigree!



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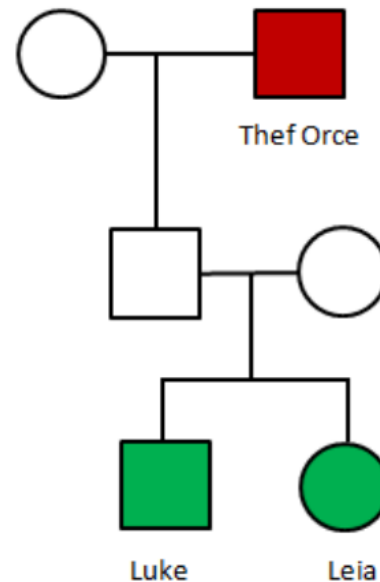
➤ Compute the pairwise LRs between the individuals. include half and

| Individual 1 | Individual 2 | LR full sibs | LR half sibs |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Luke | Leia | 23 | 394 |
| Thef Orce | Luke | 0.96 | 118 |
| Thef Orce | Leia | 1734 | 608 |



Paper challenge – Part b)

- Compute the LR comparing the pedigree in the illustration above with the alternative hypothesis where Luke and Leia are unrelated to Thef Orce [in the pedigree].



Demonstration in Familias

Paper challenge – Part b)

- Use a software or manual calculations to compute LR comparing full siblings and half siblings with unrelated. Two LRs per comparison

| | |
|--------------------|--------|
| CSF1PO | 1.12 |
| D13S317 | 1.29 |
| D16S539 | 1.74 |
| D18S51 | 15.08 |
| D19S433 | 5.98 |
| D21S11 | 2.06 |
| D2S1338 | 1.25 |
| D3S1358 | 2.30 |
| D5S818 | 1.75 |
| D7S820 | 0.45 |
| D8S1179 | 1.21 |
| FGA | 2.20 |
| TH01 | 1.23 |
| TPOX | 1.43 |
| D10S1248 | 0.63 |
| D12S391 | 15.50 |
| D1S1656 | 1.29 |
| D22S1045 | 1.28 |
| D2S441 | 1.81 |
| SE33 | 2.09 |
| Total autosomal LR | 308623 |

- i. All labs reached the same conclusion (in favor)
- ii. Most reported LR=308623
- iii. Some reported other LRs
 - a) Inhouse databases
 - b) Exclude linked markers

Paper challenge – Part c)

A more distant story (Optional)

In the ruins of an old temple, a lost archive is found. From the shelves we are able to obtain the Y-chromosomal profile of a paternal grandfather of T. Orce. See pedigree below.

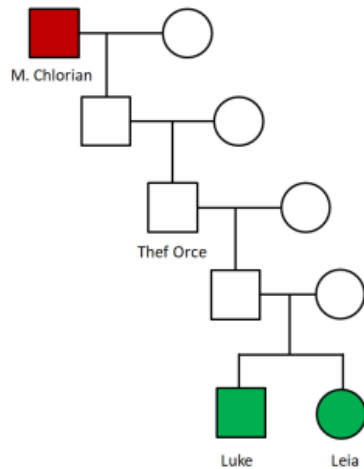


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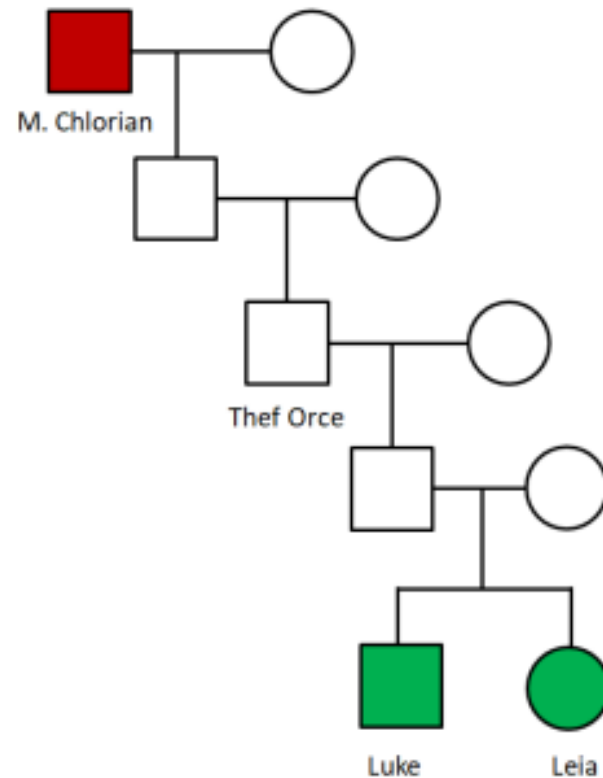
- c) [Optional] The Y-profile of Luke is extracted from the walls of the cave. In total, data for 22 Y-STRs are available. Estimate the weight of evidence that Luke and his great great grandfather M. Chlorian are paternally related as depicted in the pedigree above. In the calculations you can assume that the haplotype of Luke has never been observed while the haplotype of M. Chlorian has been observed 10 times. The size of the Y-database is 100,000. For simplicity we can assume that the mutation rate is equal to 0.001 for all included markers and that there is an equal chance for a loss or gain of a tandem repeat in the mutation model. Further assume that there is a 90% chance for a mutation to be single step, 9% two step and so forth.

Demonstration YHRD

Paper challenge – Part c)

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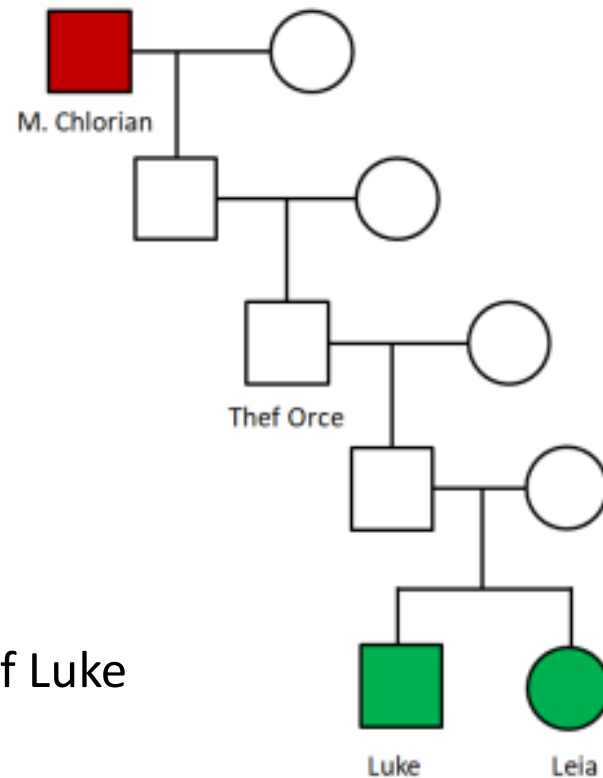
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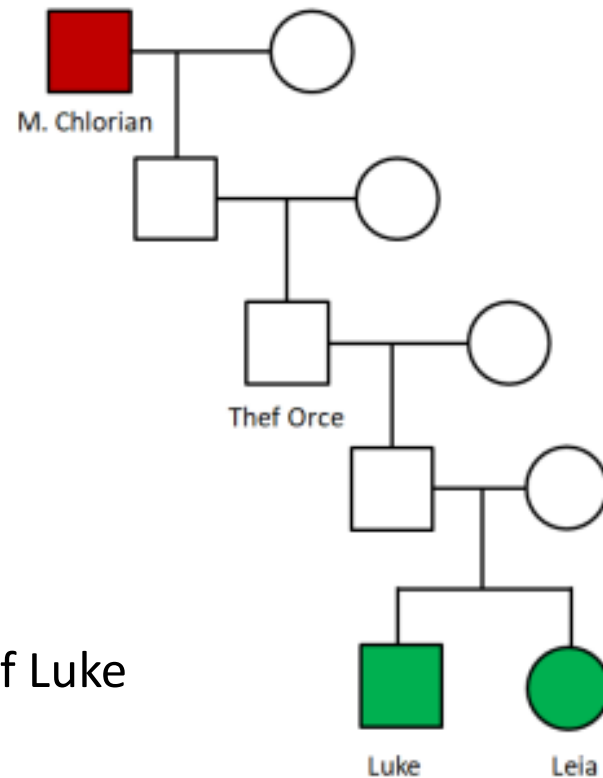
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$$L(H2) = H_{mc} * H_I$$



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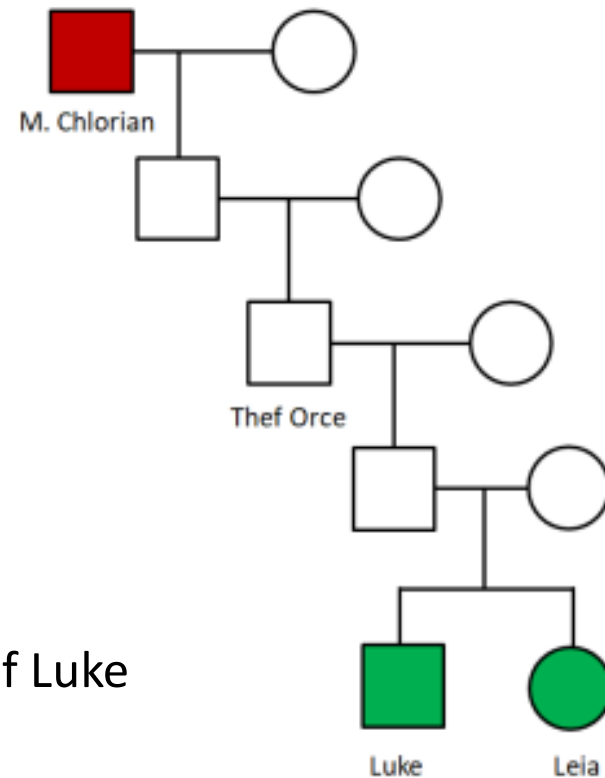
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$$L(H1) = H_{mc} * [\text{no mutations in 21 markers over 4 generations...} \\ \text{a single mutation in 1 marker over 4 generations..}]$$



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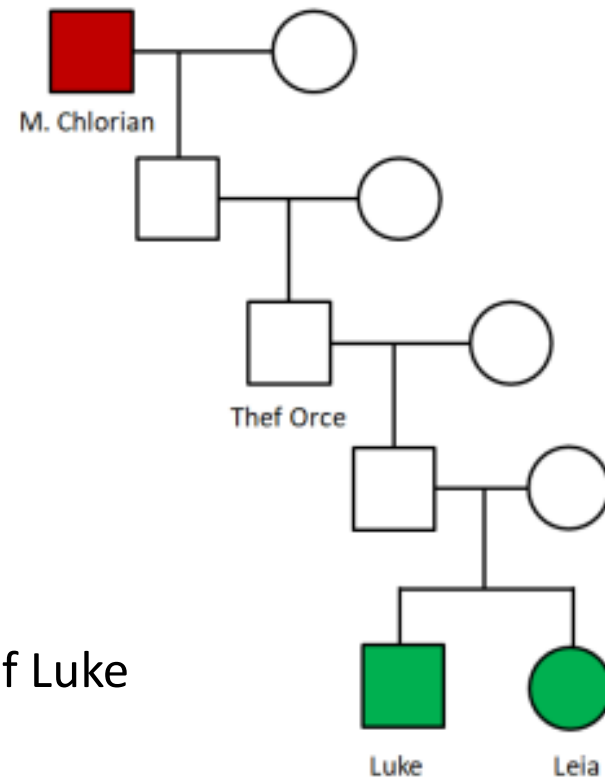
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$$L(H1) = H_{mc} * [(1-\mu)^{4*21} * 4*0.9*\mu/2 * (1-\mu)^3]$$



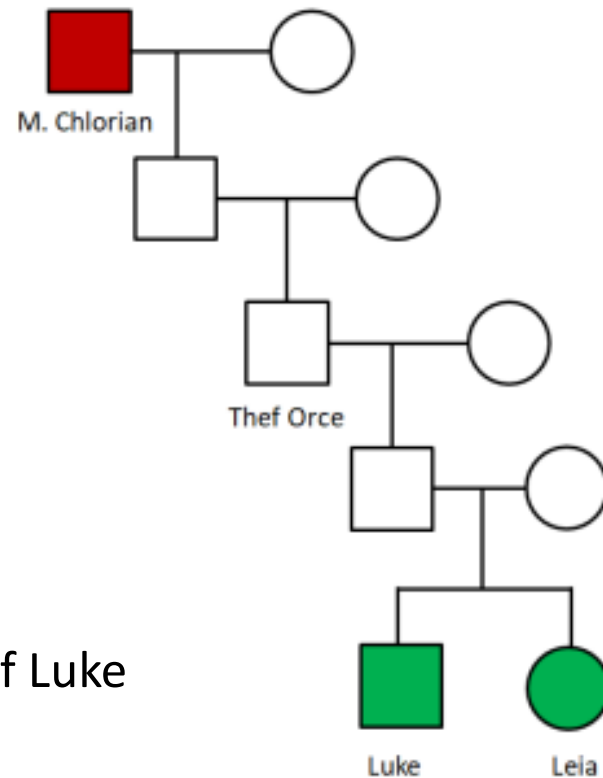
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$$LR = L(H1)/L(H2) = [(1-\mu)^{4*21} * 4*0.9*\mu/2 * (1-\mu)^3] / H_1$$

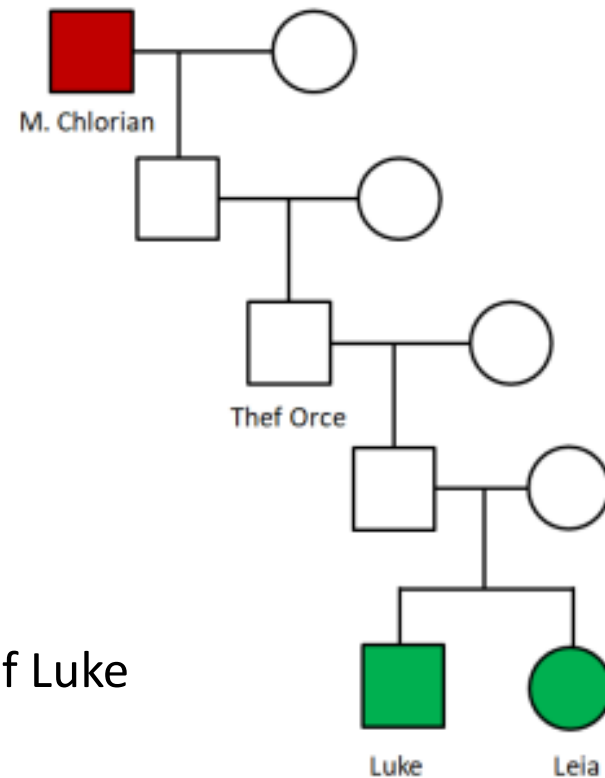


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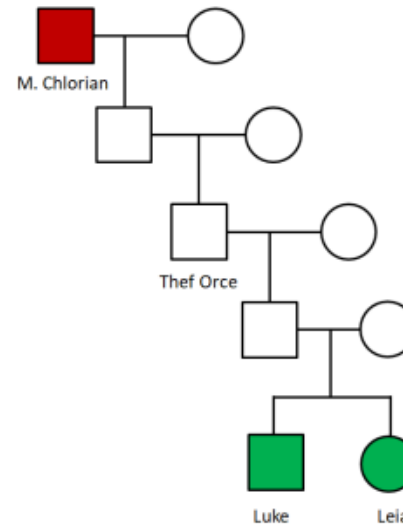


$$LR = [(1-\mu)^{4*21} * 4*0.9*\mu/2 * (1-\mu)^3] / H_1 = \underline{[0.91 * 0.00179 / H_1]}$$

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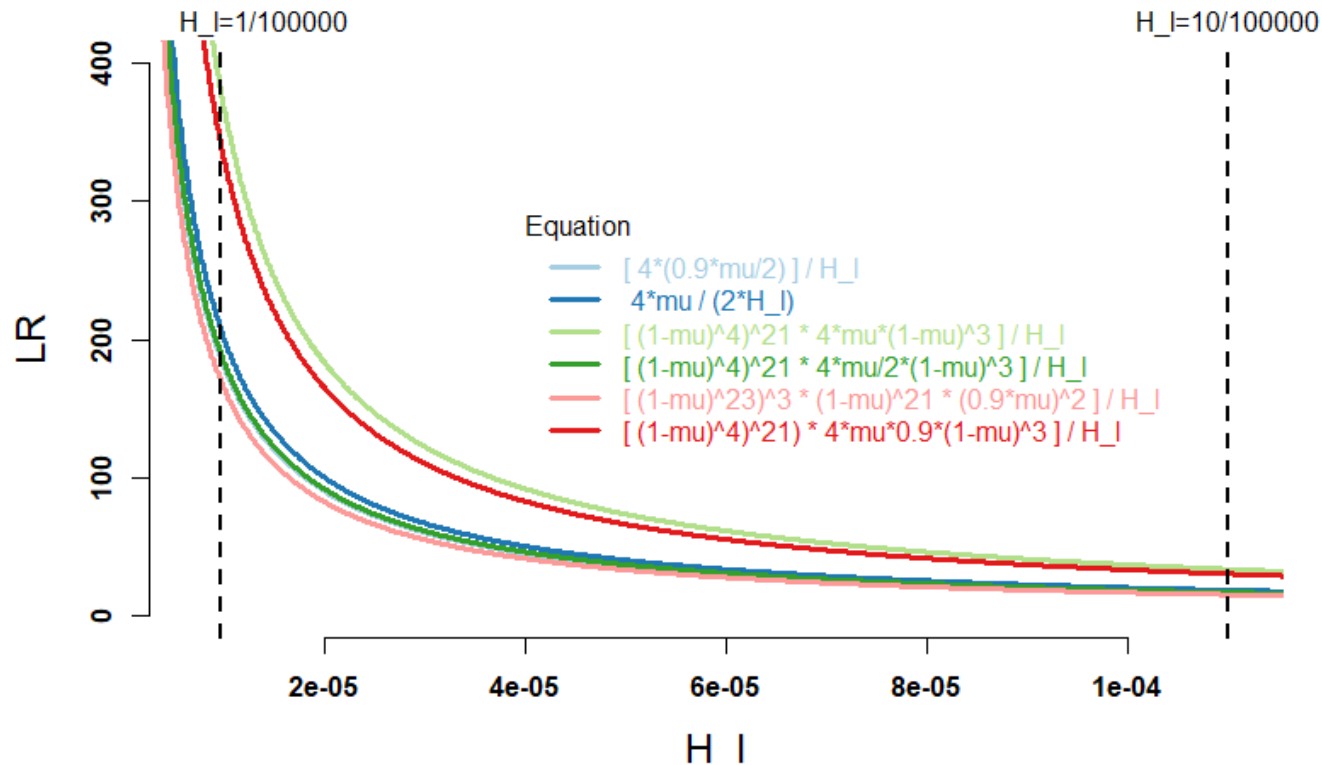
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$$LR = [(1-\mu)^{4*21} * 4*0.9*\mu/2 * (1-\mu)^3] / H_I = \underline{[0.91 * 0.00179] / H_I}$$

$$\text{Simplified LR} = [4*0.9*\mu/2] / H_I = 0.0018 / H_I$$

Paper challenge – Part c)

➤ Results



Paper challenge – Part c)

➤ Reported LR

1. YHRD -> LR=375 (with Worldwide population haplotypes and $H_I=1 / 103281$)
2. Manual formulas -> A large range, some reporting two mutations (LR<1) while the majority reported a single mutation (LR ranging from 36 up to >1000)

Paper challenge – Part d)

- d) [Optional] Ultimately, we are able to decipher the genetic code for an expanded SNP panel from both the caves and the temple with data for Luke and M. Chlorian. We are stunned to realize there is a 100% overlap with the recently published FORCE panel with data for 3,931 autosomal kinship markers. Compute the pairwise LR for the alleged relationship between the two individuals (depicted in the pedigree above). All necessary information is given in the files linked to at the top of this document. For brevity, genetic data is omitted from this document.

Demonstration FamLink2

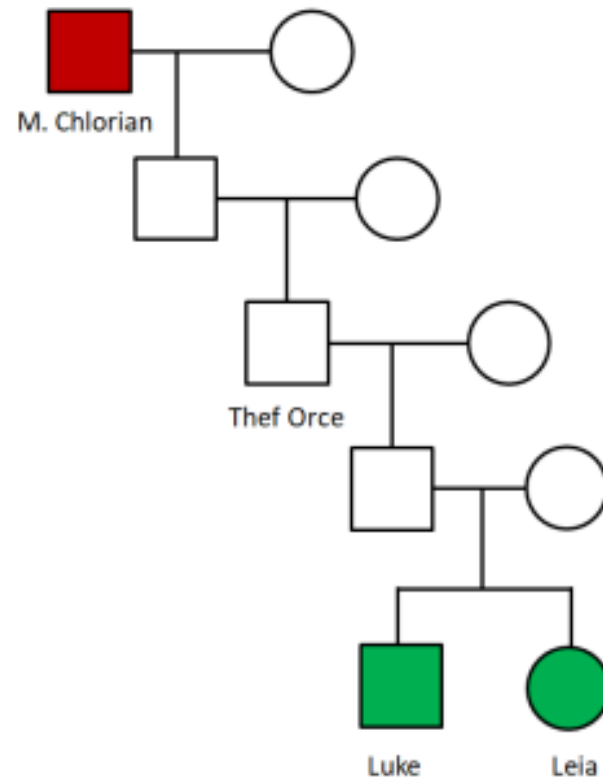
Paper challenge – Part d)

➤ Results

LR (linkage) = 303 (or slightly greater)

LR (no linkage) = 1.3

Not accounting for linkage greatly underestimate the LR!



Paper challenge – Summary

- Video will be available through <https://familias.name/ESWG/>
- We will arrange the tests next year unless another lab(s) is willing to take the reins!?
- SNP test next year?

- Proficiency test 2023

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