

# Open science, public-private partnerships, and the NIH

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# NIH rules support open science

## NIH requires broad and responsible data sharing:

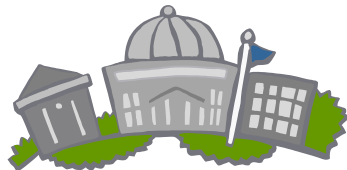
- **Genomic Data Sharing Policy:** data to be shared via NIH repositories “no later than 6 months after initial data sharing begins, or at time of acceptance of first publication, whichever comes first”
- The **21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act** adds authority to require data sharing on NIH grants
  - NIH Data Commons Pilot is testing usefulness of datasets, patient protections, interoperability, user tools needed (12 grants funded in November 2017)
- NCI grants awarded under the **Cancer Moonshot** require process for making resulting publications, and to the extent possible, underlying primary data “immediately and broadly available to the public”
- **Clinical Trials Data Policy:** results are to be submitted to [clinicaltrials.gov](http://clinicaltrials.gov) within 12 months of trial completion
- **Publications Policy:** all final versions of publications resulting from NIH-funded research to be made publicly available through PubMed Central within 12 months of initial publication

# A snapshot of the Foundation for the NIH

The FNIH was established by Congress in 1990 as a not-for-profit charitable organization



The Foundation began its work in 1996 to facilitate groundbreaking research at the NIH and worldwide



By creating effective alliances to advance biomedical research



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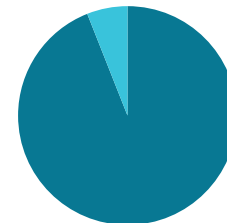
Non-governmental  
not-for-profit & independent  
Board of Directors

Over 550  
projects supported

120+

**Active** research partnerships,  
scientific education/training,  
conferences/events and  
capital programs

Over \$1 billion  
raised by the FNIH since 1996



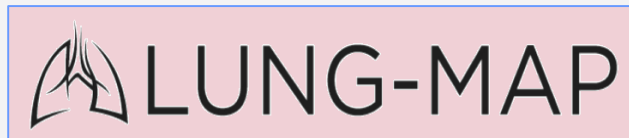
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of funds directly  
support programs

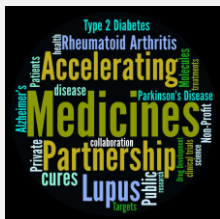
14 years

of outstanding  
Charity Navigator ratings

# Research Partnerships at FNIH



Development of a Consensus Pathway For Field Testing Gene Drive-Modified Mosquitoes



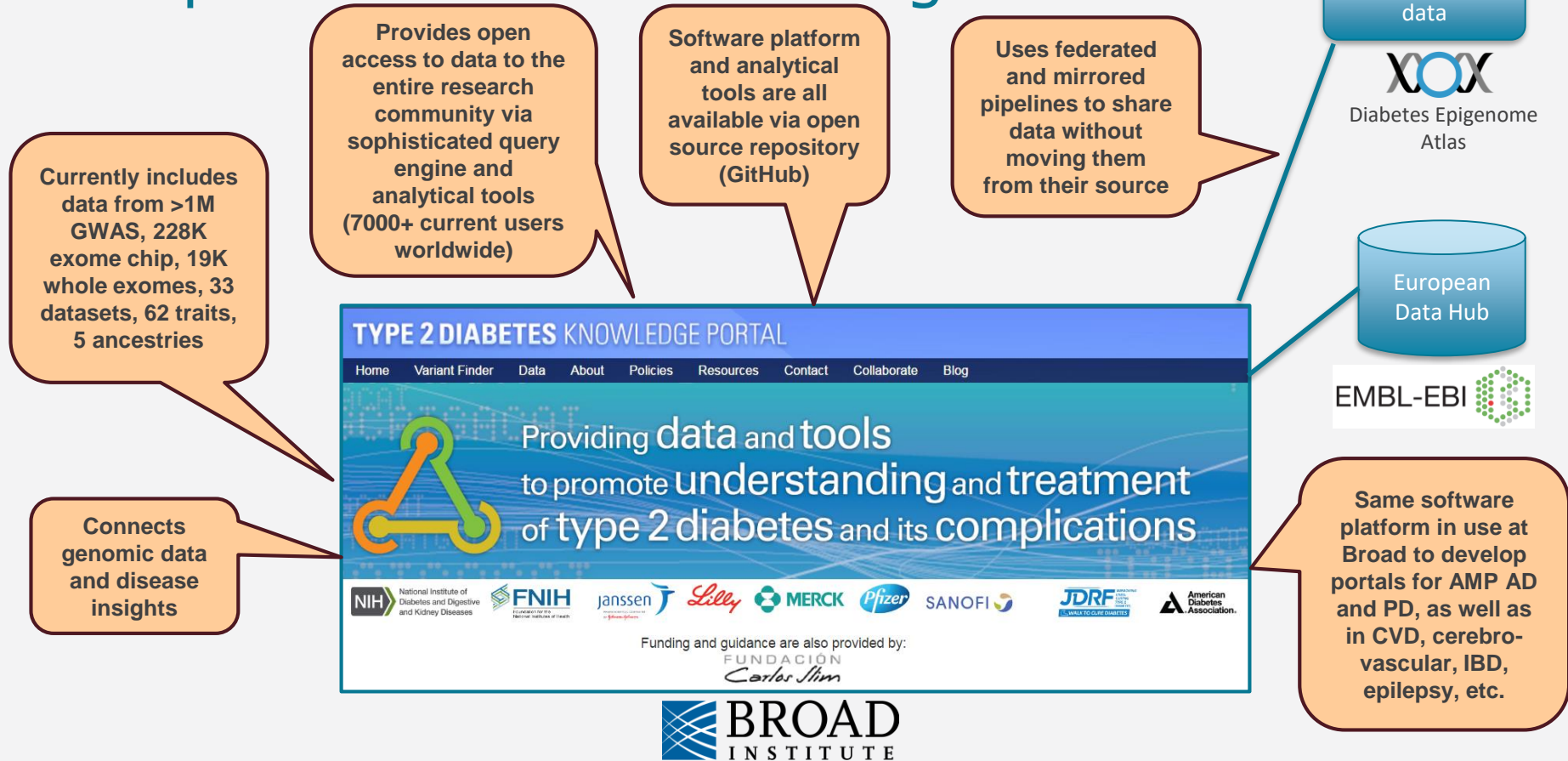
SHORTEN-TB (Developing Lead Compounds to Shorten the duration of Tuberculosis Chemotherapy)



Development of new technologies for controlling transmission of Mosquito-borne diseases



# Example: AMP T2D Knowledge Portal



# Rapid Data Release

nature  
genetics

ARTICLES

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## Refining the accuracy of validated target identification through coding variant fine-mapping in type 2 diabetes

Anubha Mahajan\*

We aggregated coding variant data for 81,412 type 2 diabetes cases and 370,832 controls of diverse ancestry, identifying 40 coding variant association signals ( $P < 2.2 \times 10^{-7}$ ); of these, 16 map outside known risk-associated loci. We make two important observations. First, only five of these signals are driven by low-frequency variants: even for these, effect sizes are modest (odds ratio  $\leq 1.29$ ). Second, when we used large-scale genome-wide association data to fine-map the associated variants in their regional context, accounting for the global enrichment of complex trait associations in coding sequence, compelling evidence for coding variant causality was obtained for only 16 signals. At 13 others, the associated coding variants clearly represent 'false leads' with potential to generate erroneous mechanistic inference. Coding variant associations offer a direct route to biological insight for complex diseases and identification of validated therapeutic targets; however, appropriate mechanistic inference requires careful specification of their causal contribution to disease predisposition.

### Results:

- Coding variant data for 81,412 type 2 diabetes cases and 370,832 controls of diverse ancestry (many cohorts analyzed)
- Identification of 40 coding variant associated traits
- 16 variants map to new loci = **potential new targets**

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Data Uploaded to the KP	April 9, 2018
Data available for querying alongside other data in KP	April 9, 2018