



# Is *KIT* locus polymorphism rs328592739 related to white belt phenotype in Krškopolje pig?

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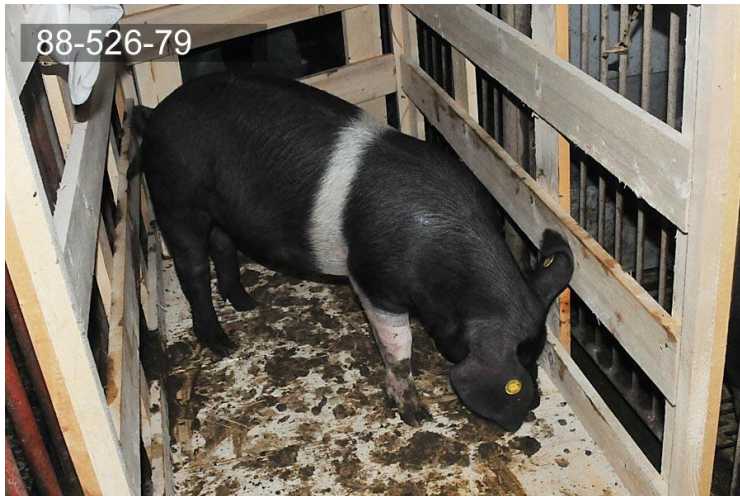
# Coat colour in pigs

- Colour determined by presence/absence of melanocytes in skin and type of melanin being produced.
- Polygenic trait with several major genes (e.g. *MC1R*, *KIT*).



# Krškopolje pig – belted phenotype

- In the past Krškopolje pigs (KP) crossbred with different European breeds to improve productivity.
- For preservation purpose crossbred with belted breeds (Wessex and German Saddleback) to reduce inbreeding and preserve the phenotype.
- Diversity of belted phenotypes in KP.

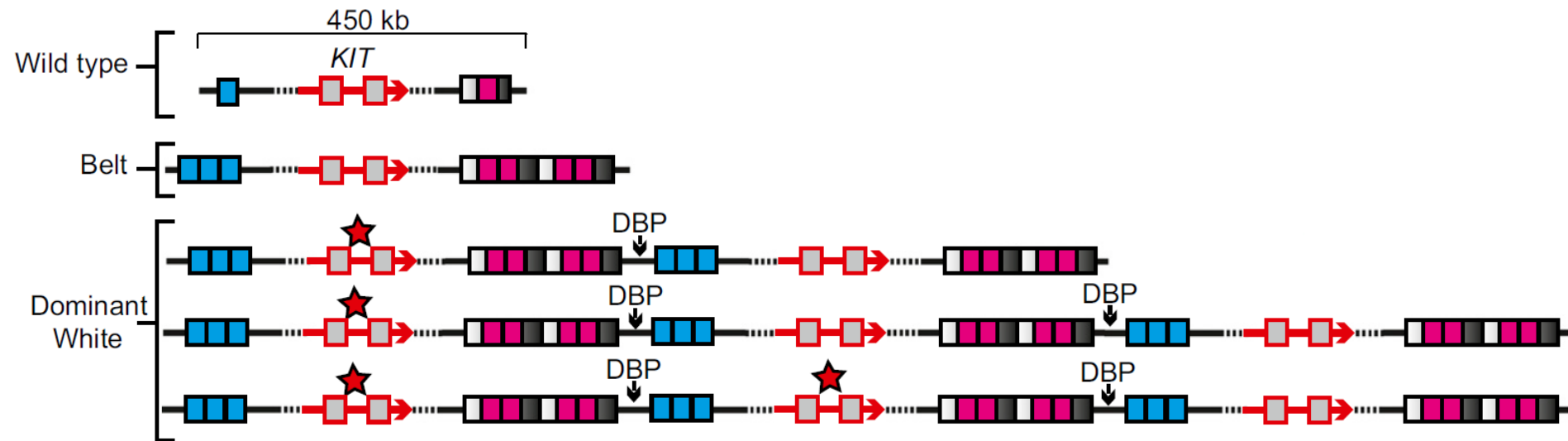


- Belt in pigs was attributed to an allele of the „dominant white“ (*KIT*) locus (Giuffra *et al.*, 1999; Fontanesi *et al.*, 2010).



# KIT („dominant white“) locus

- *KIT* = KIT proto-oncogene receptor tyrosine kinase (Chr. 8).
- Very complex, controls development of many cell types, including migration and survival of melanocytes.
- Different *KIT* alleles (wt, dominant white, patch, belt, roan/dilute).
- Belted phenotype is believed to be caused by a regulatory mutation



Rubin et al., 2012



# Background



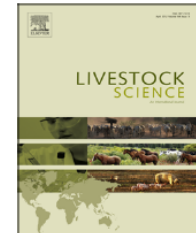
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Authentication of “mono-breed” pork products: Identification of a coat colour gene marker in Cinta Senese pigs useful to this purpose



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Is the SNP (rs328592739) associated to white belt phenotype also in Krškopolje pig / distinctive to all belted pig breeds (useful to distinguish meat of belted from non-belted breeds)?



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# Materials and methods

DNA extraction from ear tissue or hair sacks of 38 Krškopolje pigs (KP), 9 Swäbisch-Hall (SH), 5 Cinta Senese (CS), and 5 wild boars (WB).

- **PCR/RFLP** based genotyping of the rs328592739 SNP in the KIT gene (ENSSSCG00000008842):

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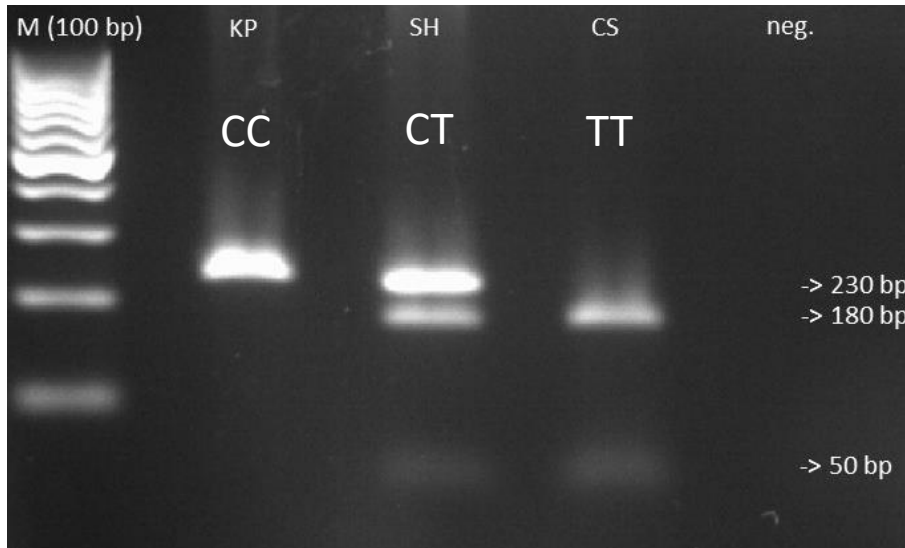
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GTGCTTCCACTGCAGGCTCGGCTACCCGTGAAGTGGATGGCACC [C/T] GAGAGC
Exon 18  ATTTTCAACTGTGTCTACACATTTGAAAGCGATGTCTGGTCCTATGGGATTTTTC
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ACTCTGGGCATCTTCTTTAAGATGTTCCCATTTGT...
  
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**CTNAG - DdeI restriction site (230 bp = 180 bp + 50 bp)**

- **Sanger sequencing** of Exon 18 for several Krškopolje pigs.

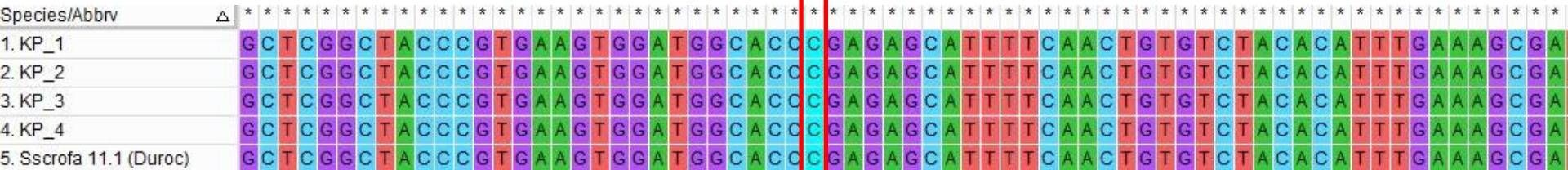


# Results



Breed / Gen.	C/C	C/T	T/T
KP	38	0	0
SH	7	2	0
CS	0	0	5
WB	5	0	0

rs328592739 (C/T)



# Results

- C allele seems to be fixed in KP – diverse phenotypes
- CC and CT genotypes in SH show no phenotypic differences.

KP



C/C



C/C



C/C

SH



C/C



C/T
















# Conclusions

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- SNP rs328592739 in exon 18 is **not associated** to the belted phenotype in KP (and SH).
- Exon 18 is **not causative** for the belted phenotype in KP pigs.
- We suggest that the SNP is not (a genetic marker) specific for the belted phenotype across the breeds, but seems to be associated with the belted phenotype in Cinta Senese and Hampshire breeds.





Wild boar - Italy		CC
Angler Sattelschwein		CT
		CC
Berkshire		CC
		CC
Black Iberian		CC
British Saddleback		CC
Large White		CC
Calabrese		CC
Casertana		CC
		CC
Cinta Senese		TT
Hampshire		TT
		TT
Mangalica		CT
		TT
		TT
		CT
		TT
		CC
Nera Siciliana		CC
Jinhua		CC



rs328592739 genotype in 22 pigs of different breeds determined from publicly available whole-genome sequencing data.



## Pig whole-genome resequencing: overview of pig short read Illumina sequences deposited in the European Nucleotide Archive

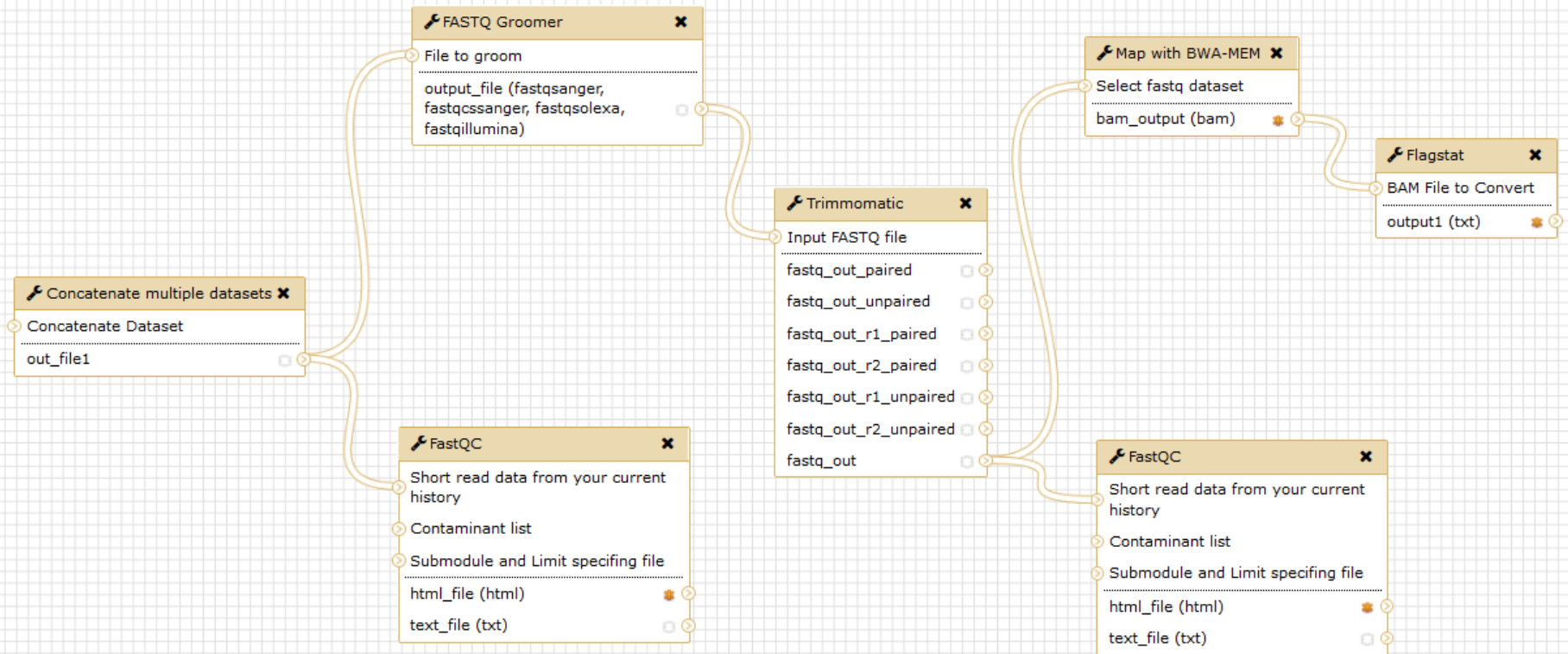
- *Ssc, Sus scrofa*
- *Svr, Sus verrucosus*
- *Sba, Sus barbatus*
- *Sce, Sus celebensis*
- *Scb, Sus cebifrons*
- *Paf, Phacochoerus africanus*

Accession	Species	Pig breeds/populations	Number of individuals
PRJEB1683	<i>Ssc, Svr, Sba, Sce, Scb, Paf</i>	EWB, AWB, DU, HA, PI, LR, LW, XI, JQ, MS	77
PRJNA144099	<i>Ssc</i>	WZ	1
PRJNA41185	<i>Ssc</i>	DU	1
PRJNA176189	<i>Ssc</i>	GM	1
PRJNA231897	<i>Ssc</i>	RC	6
PRJNA186497	<i>Ssc</i>	AWB, TWB, PZ, WJ, YN, NJ, JH	49
PRJNA238851	<i>Ssc</i>	TC	5
PRJNA260763	<i>Ssc</i>	DU, LR, YM, KWB, LW	70
PRJEB9115	<i>Ssc</i>	DU <sup>a</sup>	1
PRJNA213179	<i>Ssc</i>	AWB, BX, EH, HT, LA, LU, MI, GA, SC, TP, YN, WZ	69
PRJNA221763	<i>Ssc</i>	BK	3
PRJNA239399	<i>Ssc</i>	MA, DU	4
PRJNA190683	<i>Ssc</i>	IB	1
PRJNA255085	<i>Ssc</i>	EWB, GC, IB, MP	4
PRJEB9326	<i>Ssc, Scb</i>	PI	18
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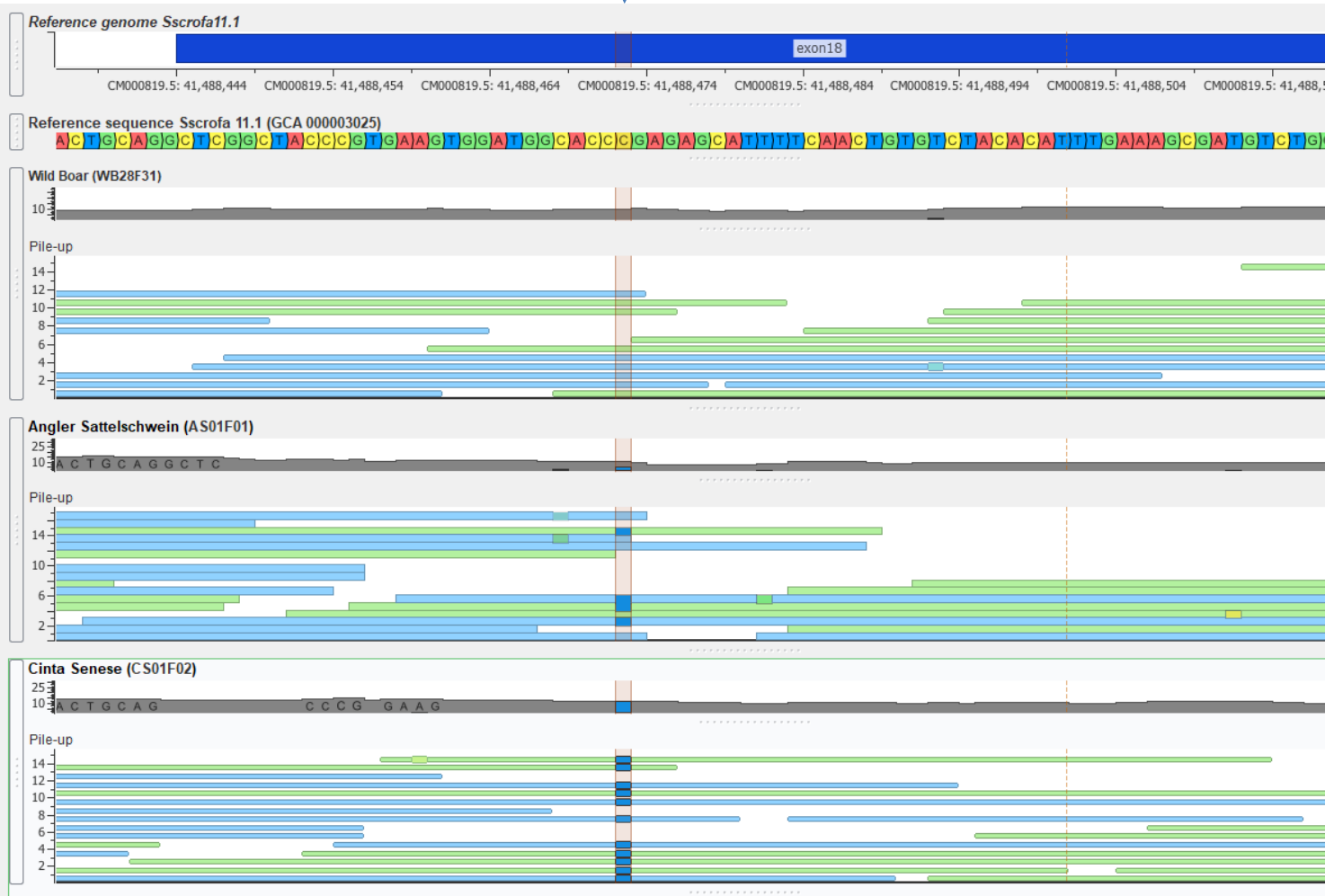
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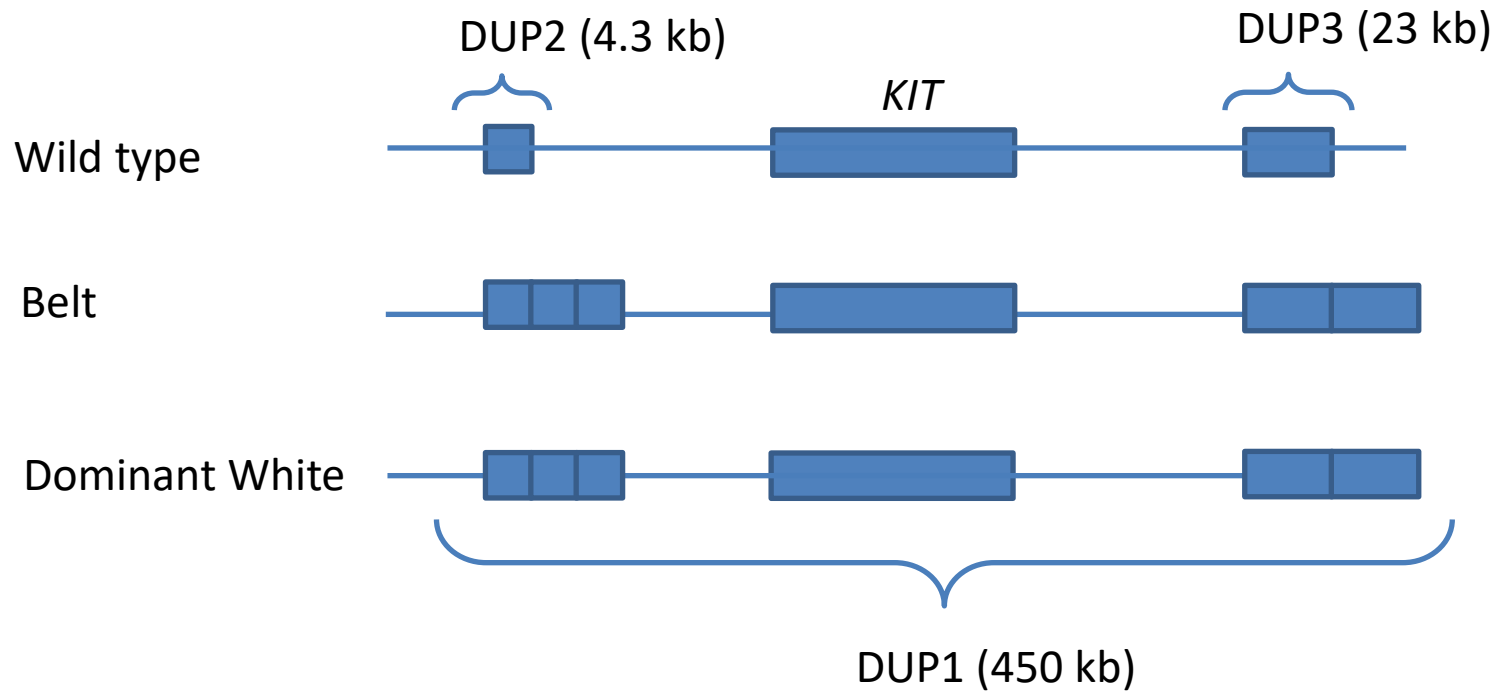
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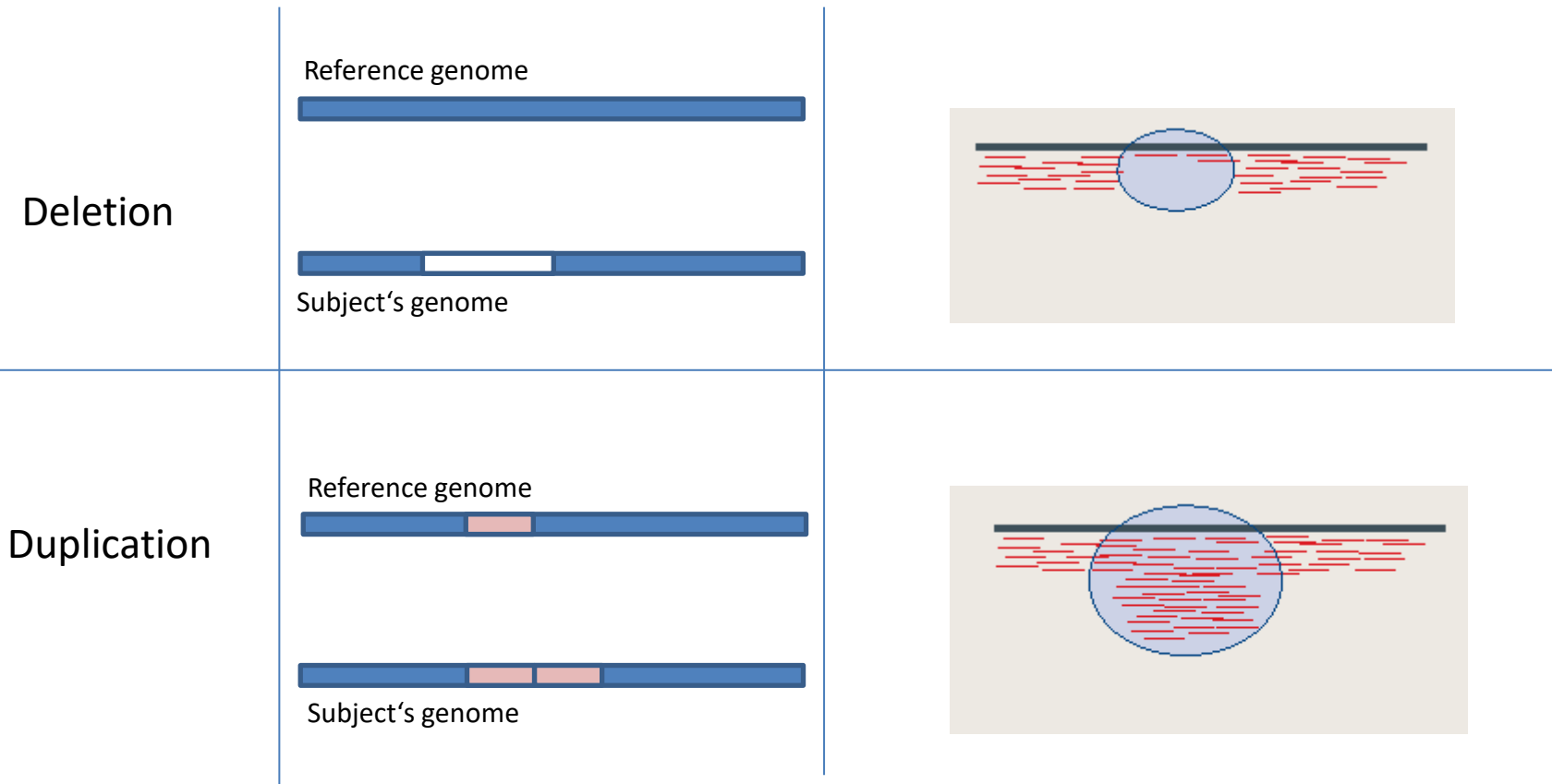
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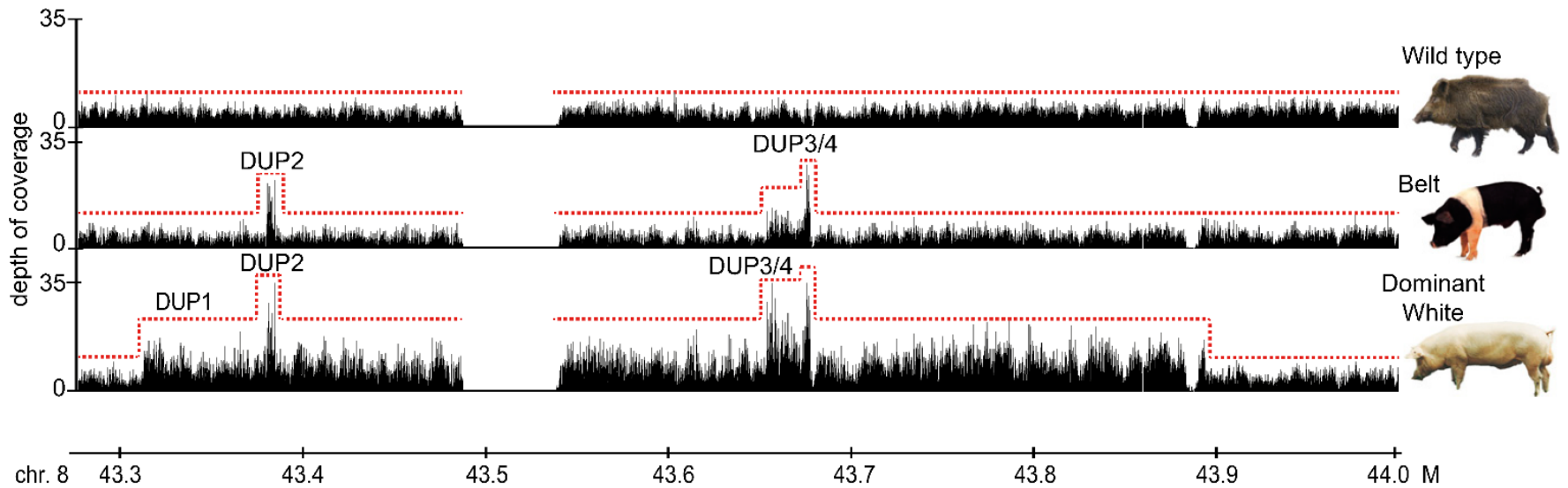


# Sequence-based analytical approaches used to detect structural variation

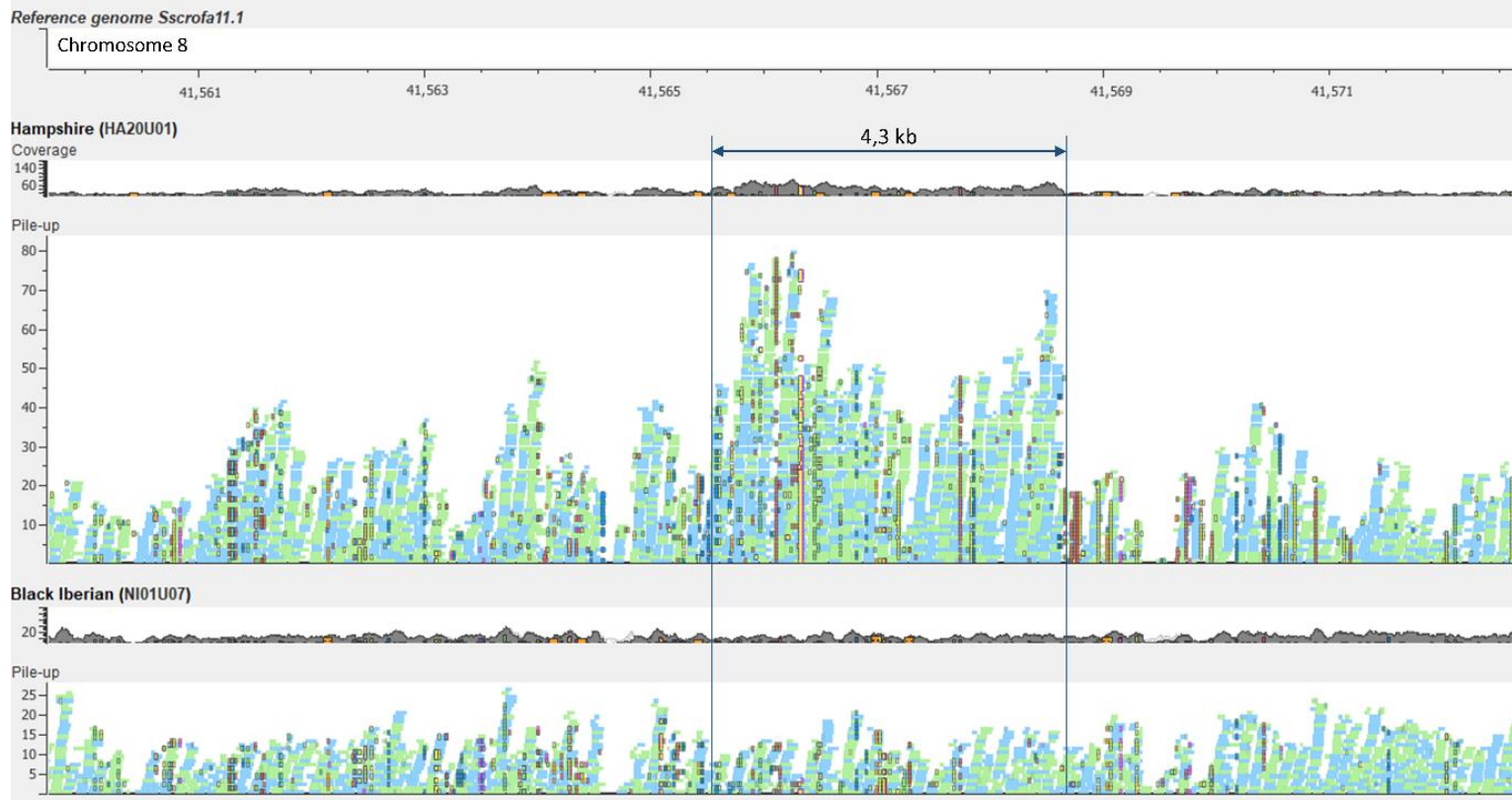
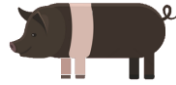




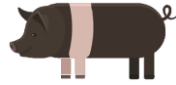
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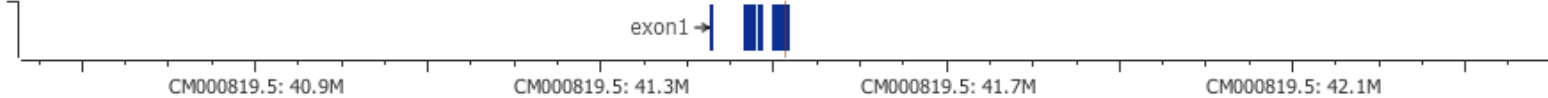
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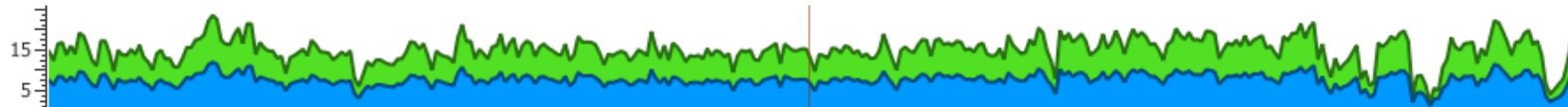
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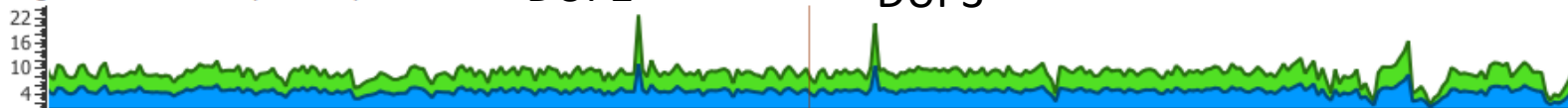
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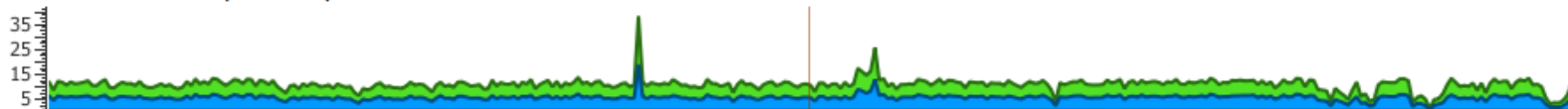
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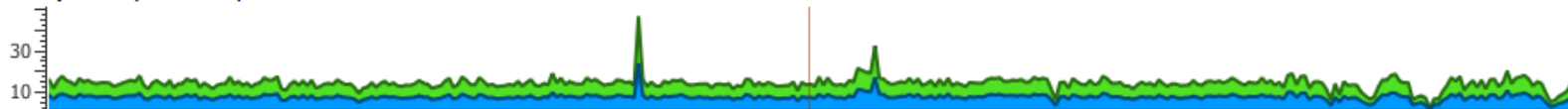
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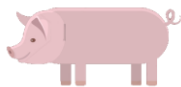
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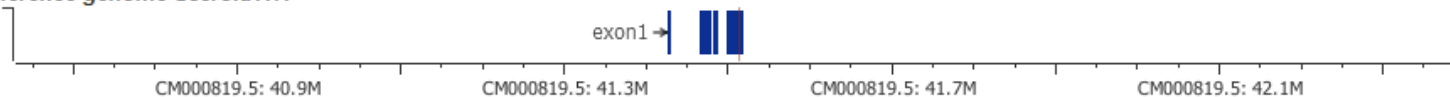
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# CNV



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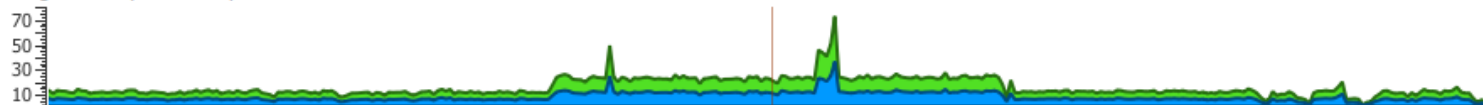
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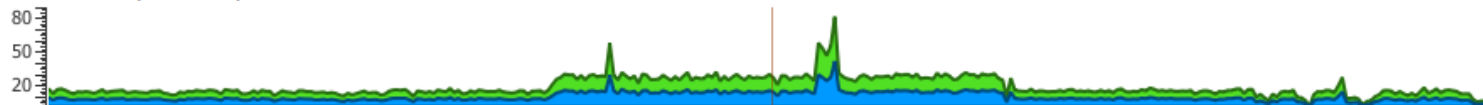
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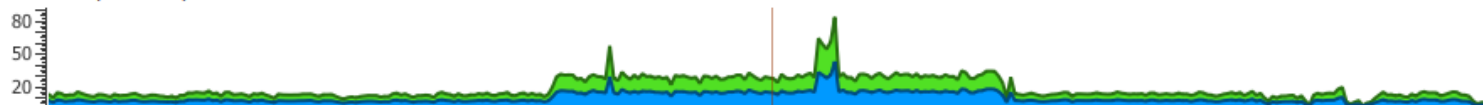
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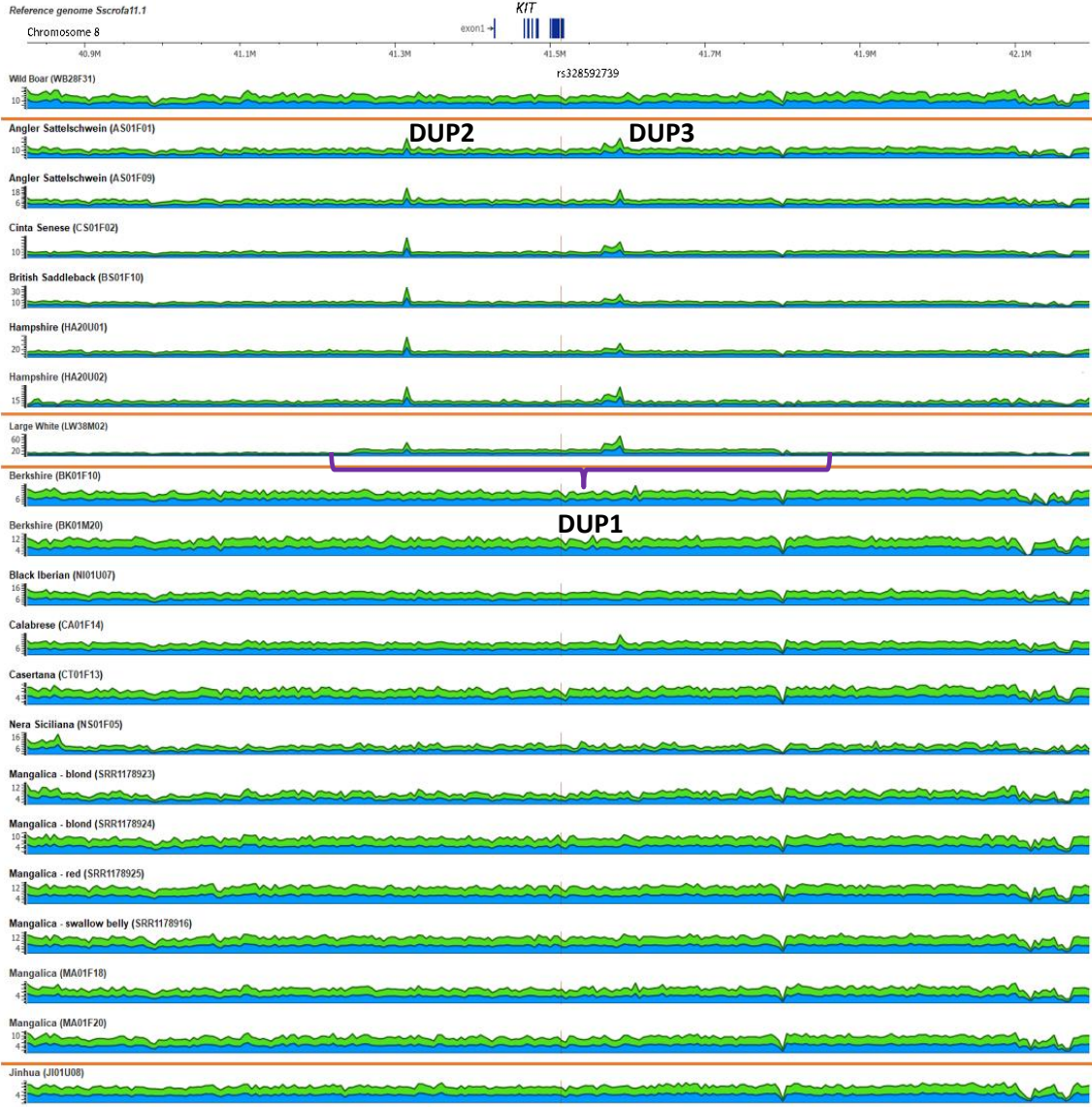


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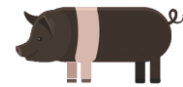




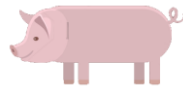
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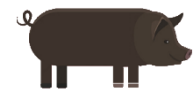
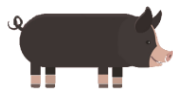
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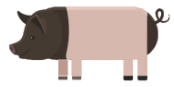
White



Non-belted



White-belted (Asian breed)



# Conclusions

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- The alignment of genomic sequences confirmed 3 structural mutations:
  - 112 kb upstream
  - 160 kb downstream of the KIT locus and
  - the duplication of the region including the entire KIT gene.
- The 4.3 kb duplication located upstream of the KIT locus seems to be associated with belted phenotype in at least some belted pig breeds.



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