



Chromato

TUTORIAL

- 1 Upload the two DNA files (each smaller than 50 MB) that you would like to compare. Make sure that they are saved in a **23andMe, AncestryDNA, MyHeritage, FTDNA Family Finder** or **VCF** format. You can upload either two hg38 or two hg19 files.
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Once you uploaded both files you can **analyze your results**:

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 - Green**: full match (both alleles are identical)
 - Yellow**: half match (one allele is identical)
 - Red**: mismatch (both alleles are different)
 - Blue bars**: significant matching segments
 - cM value**: total amount of matching DNA in centimorgans
 - Relationship**: estimated relationship based on the cM value
 - View match on DNA Painter**: visualized results

Analyze specific SNP regions by clicking on the chromosome or the blue bar. You can 1) download all SNPs for which both files contain a genotype in this segment, 2) download only the mismatching SNPs, or 3) view this region on the UCSC map or for the Y chromosome on ybrowse.org.

You have the option to change our default **settings**:

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 - Remove Deaminations**: remove deaminations (especially for ancient DNA)
 - Max gap (bp) allowed in segment**: lowering this splits segments containing gaps in coverage that exceed the threshold, raising this consolidates them
 - Min matching segment length**: shortest segment length (in centimorgans) considered as a match
 - Min consecutive half/full matching SNPs to consider as match no matter what**: minimum number of consecutive matching SNPs required to automatically be considered a match (forgoing probabilistic determination)
 - Min mismatch rate (%) to consider as mismatch no matter what**: the error rate at which a block is automatically considered a mismatch (forgoing probabilistic determination)
 - Expected mismatch rate (%) if actual mismatch**: expected error rate when there is actually no match
 - Expected mismatch rate if actual match**: expected error rate when a match actually exists
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- 4 To refresh the page and start a new comparison, click on 'Home'.
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