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# Genomic Architecture Differences at the HTT Locus Associated with Symptomatic and Pre-Symptomatic Cases of Huntington's Disease in a Pilot Study

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#### Abstract

Huntington's Disease (HD) is a progressive neurodegenerative condition that causes degeneration of neurons in the brain, ultimately leading to death. The root cause of HD is an expanded trinucleotide Cytosine-Adenine-Guanine (CAG) repeat in the "huntingtin gene" (HTT). While there is a rough correlation between the number of CAG repeats and disease onset, the development of clinical symptoms can vary by decades within individuals and little is known about this presymptomatic phase. Using peripheral blood samples from HD patients and healthy controls we used EpiSwitch®, a validated high-resolution industrial platform for the detection of chromosome conformations, to assess chromatin architecture in the immediate vicinity of the HTT gene. We evaluated chromatin conformations at 20 sites across 225 kb of the HTT locus in a small cohort of healthy controls, verified symptomatic HD patients (CAG, n>39) and patients with CAG expansions who had not yet manifested clinical symptoms of HD. Discrete chromosome conformations were observed across the patient groups. We found two constitutive interactions (occurring in all patient groups) and seven conditional interactions which were present in HD, but not in healthy controls. Most important, we observed three conditional interactions that were present only in HD patients manifesting clinical symptoms (symptomatic cases), but not in presymptomatic cases. 85% (6 out of 7) of the patients in the symptomatic HD cohort demonstrated at least one of the specific chromosome conformations associated with symptomatic HD. Our results provide the first evidence that chromatin architecture at the HTT locus is systemically altered in patients with HD, with conditional differences between clinical stages. Given the high clinical need in having a molecular tool to assess disease progression in HD, these results strongly suggest that the non-invasive assessment of Chromosome Conformation Signatures (CCS) warrant further study as a prognostic tool in HD.

Keywords: Huntington's disease, Epigenetics, Chromosome conformation signature, Chromatin architecture.

Abbreviations: CAG-Cytosine-Adenine-Guanine; CCS-Chromosome Conformation Signature; HD-Huntington's Disease; PCR-Polymerase Chain Reaction.

#### Introduction

Huntington's Disease (HD) is a neurodegenerative condition characterized cellularly by the loss of neurons in the basal ganglia and clinically by uncontrolled movements, emotional problems, and loss of cognition [1]. HD is an autosomal dominantly inherited disorder and although prevalence rates range widely depending on geography and ethnicity, it is thought to affect more than 50,000 people in the United States and Europe alone [2]. The underlying genetic cause is a trinucleotide CAG expansion in the huntingtin gene (HTT), discovered as a genetic marker by James Gusella from Massachusetts General Hospital in 1983, which results in the production of a mutant Huntingtin Protein (mHTT) with a toxic poly-glutamine (polyQ) tract [3,4]. However, despite decades of research and clinical trials, no successful therapy has yet been developed. The "typical" onset of HD is between the ages of 40-50, but up to 15% of cases have very late onset and don't show clinical symptoms until after the age of 60 [5].

In a recent meta-analysis of studies investigating cases of Late-onset HD (LoHD), more than 90% of patients had CAG repeat lengths of ≤ 44 [6]. One of the more interesting observations in HD is that while there is a well-known correlation between the length of the polyQ repeat tract and the onset and severity of the disease, there is substantial variability within individual patients. For example, in patients with mid-range repeat lengths (defined here as between 40 and 50), disease onset can vary by 60 years in any individual patient [5]. This means that many patients who are carriers of polyQ tracts that predispose to the development of the disease can live for decades in a 'presymptomatic" state [7]. What controls the onset of clinical symptoms remains currently unknown and complicates the prognostic evaluation of HD patients. Although historically considered a monogenic disease; genetic, environmental and unknown factors can influence disease onset and progression. Many different technologies have been used to look at the molecular changes underlying disease progression in HD including gene expression, proteomics, metabolomics, network analysis, genomics and Single Nucleotide



Polymorphism (SNP) profiling) [8-13]. Recently, epigenetic approaches have emerged as a promising new tool for assessing pathology-related changes [14]. Most epigenetic studies in HD have focused on looking at genome wide histone modifications (acetylation, methylation) or histone modifications at specific loci related to HD [15-17]. While these approaches have provided interesting insight into the disease, they have yielded often conflicting results and shown inconsistencies between mouse models and human disease [14,18,19]. As such, a consensus picture of epigenetic deregulation in HD using histone modification readouts has yet to materialize. However, not all molecular mechanisms associated with epigenetic regulation have been assessed in the context of HD. An important aspect of epigenetic regulation is at the level of 3-dimensional (3D) genomic architecture [20].

The 3D organization of the genome reflects the heterogeneous effects of external environmental cues and inputs and can be empirically measured by the assessment of chromosome conformations or when several conformations are measured concomitantly, a Chromosome Conformation Signature (CCS) [21]. CCSs can be thought of as the molecular barcode that gives a readout of the epigenetic landscape of a given cellular population [22,23] To date, the evaluation of CCSs in HD has remained unexplored. Given the central role of mHTT in the development of HD, we hypothesized that regulatory difference in genomic architecture at the HTT locus may exist between diseased individuals and healthy, unaffected controls.

We used EpiSwitch®, an established proprietary industrial platform for monitoring CCSs, to assess chromatin architecture differences between presymptomatic and symptomatic HD patients and healthy, unaffected individuals. EpiSwitch® readouts provide high resolution, reliable and high throughput detection of CCSs while simultaneously meeting the high bar of industry standards for quality control [21]. As such, this technology represents a powerful tool for screening, evaluation and monitoring of CCS in human disease [24]. This platform has been successfully utilized as a biomarker modality to stratify patients in the context of a variety of other diseases [25-33], including as a non-invasive blood based biomarker for neurodegenerative conditions [34,35].

#### **Methods**

#### **Sample Collection**

All samples were obtained from National BioService, LLC. In total, 20 samples were used in this study; 10 Healthy Control (HC) samples (CAG repeats, n<35), and 10 HD samples (CAG repeats, n>39). For the HD samples, 7 were from symptomatic patients (HD-Sym) and 3 were from presymptomatic patients who had a diagnosis of HD but did not yet show any clinical symptoms (HD-Pre). One HD patient was taking tetrabenazine and one patient was taking sertraline. All samples were negative for human immunodeficiency virus, hepatitis B virus, hepatitis C virus and syphilis (Supplemental Table 1).

#### **Study Design**

We wanted to identify chromosome conformations that differed between healthy controls (low CAG), presymptomatic HD patients (high CAG, no disease manifestation) and symptomatic HD patients (high CAG, disease manifestation). We focused on a ~225 kb region surrounding the HTT locus from (chr4: 3,033,588 to 3,258,170 as annotated in hg38) for our analysis. Using the CAG repeat expansion tract in exon 1 of HTT (chr4: 3,054,162 to 3,095,930) as the anchor point ("Anchor"), we defined five genomic zones surrounding the Anchor to look at chromosome conformations that varied between sample groups (Figure 1 and Supplemental Table 2). These Zones were chosen based on: the presence of potential EpiSwitch anchoring sites; the presence of known disease related-SNPs (HD and other diseases); and the enrichment of known histone modification sites

(H3K4me3, H3K36me3, and H3K27ac) in HD as found in the GWASdvV2 database (http://jjwanglab.org/gwasdb) (Figure 1).

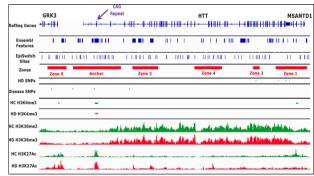


Figure 1: Definition of the Anchor point and Zones for this study.

#### **Chromosome Conformation Identity**

A search of the NCBI: GEO database for previously reported HD epigenetic data was performed in February 2018 [36]. Peak called ChIP-seq data for H3K4me3 from 12 (6 HD and 6 control samples) post-mortem prefontal cortex brain samples (bed format) was obtained (GSE68952) [37]. In addition, Bigwig tracks of ChIP-seq data for H3K27ac and H3K36me3 from HD iPSC-derived neural cell lines and control cell lines were also downloaded (GSE95342) [38]. The data tracks were loaded into the Integrative Genome Viewer (IGV) (41) alongside the EpiSwitch® and reference sequence annotations [39]. Both visual and programmatic (BEDtools) comparisons were performed on the HTT locus to identify the 5 Zones of interest.

Oxford BioDynamics proprietary EpiSwitch® software was used to identify high probability chromatin folding interactions with one "end" occurring in the Anchor zone proximal to the CAG repeats and the other in any of the 5 Zones of interest. A total of 61 interactions matched these criteria, and for practical reasons, 20 interactions were selected to cover interactions between the Anchor site and all the Zones of interest. Oxford BioDynamics automated primer design application was used to design oligonucleotide pairs that amplified the expected DNA sequence caused by the interaction when subjected to the chromosome conformation capture assay.

#### 3C and PCR

Chromosome conformation capture and detection by PCR were performed as described previously [29,40-42]. Chromatin with intact chromosome conformations from 50  $\mu l$  of blood sample from each patient sample was extracted using the EpiSwitch® assay following the manufacturer's instructions (Oxford BioDynamics Plc). Quality control on all samples was done using the detection of a chromatin loop at the MMP1 locus, a historical internal control for 3C analysis [29]. Pooled 3C libraries for each of the sample types were generated to provide a generalized population sample for each of the sample subgroups. Real-time PCR was performed with SYBR green with the CFX-96 (Bio-Rad) machine to identify the interactions with differing PCR product detection patterns between the sample types.

Oligonucleotides were tested on control templates to confirm that each primer set was working correctly. In line with Royal Forensic Protocol for PCR detection the final nested PCR was performed on each sample in triplicates for the follow up data on individual HD patients. This procedure permitted the detection of limited copy-number templates with higher accuracy. All PCR amplified products were monitored on the LabChip® GX from Perkin Elmer, using the LabChip DNA 1K Version2 kit (Perkin Elmer) and internal DNA markers were loaded on the DNA chip according to the manufacturer's protocol using fluorescent dyes.



Fluorescence was detected by laser and electropherogram read-outs translated into a simulated band on gel picture using the instrument software. The threshold of detection for the instrument was set by the manufacturer from 30 fluorescence units and above.

#### **Statistical Analysis**

Data analysis was performed in R (language and environment for statistical computing). This included stats and dplyr packages for t-tests and R-squared analysis and a ggplot2 package for boxplots and regression plots.

#### **Results**

#### **Patient Clinical Characteristics**

HC and HD samples were age (average 36.9 for HC and 35.3 for HD) and sex matched (½ male and ½ female), with the majority (70%) of HD cases being symptomatic (**Table 1**).

	Healthy Controls	Huntington's Disease
Condon	(N=10)	(N=10)
Gender	5 (50)	5 (50)
Male (N, (%))	5 (50)	5 (50)
Female (N, (%))	5 (50)	5 (50)
Ethnicity		
Non-Hispanic or Latino	10 (100)	10 (100)
Race		
White (N, (%))	10 (100)	10 (100)
Huntington's Type		
Symptomatic (N, (%))	N/A	7 (70)
Asymptomatic (N, (%))	N/A	3 (30)
CAG repeat length (Average, (SD))	25.7 (5.4)	44.2 (2.6)
Age at Diagnosis (Average, (SD))	N/A	34.9* (8.1)
Age at Sample Collection (Average,	36.9 (12.8)	35.3 (10.0)
(SD))		
Disease Duration** (Years) (Average,	N/A	3.8 (1.9)
(SD))		
% Reporting Irritability	N/A	70
% Reporting Chorea	N/A	50

Table 1: Clinical characteristics of the samples used in this study.

All samples were from Non-Hispanic or Latino Whites. Average CAG repeats lengths were 25.7 for HC and 44.2 for HD (Table 1, **Figure 2**). There was no statistical difference in CAG repeat length between HD-Pre and HD-Sym. The average age at diagnosis for HD samples was 35.3 and the average disease duration was 3.8 years with 7 out of 10 patients reporting symptoms of irritability, chorea, or both.

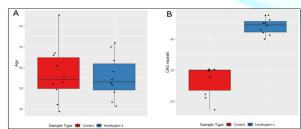


Figure 2: Clinical characteristics of the samples used in this study.

## Chromosome Conformations in HC, HD-Pre and HD-Sym

Of the 20 interactions that were evaluated (**Supplemental Table 3**), we identified nine informative interactions. We identified two constitutive interactions and seven conditional interactions which were present in HD, but not healthy controls. Three of the seven conditional interactions were present only in HD-Sym, and absent in HD-Pre.

#### **Constitutive Conformations**

All samples passed internal QC analysis for the MMP1 interaction (**Supplemental Figures 1 and 2**). Two constitutive (identified in all samples) chromatin loops were identified. Both loops were between the Anchor and Zone 2 with the first loop spanning 28 kb and the second loop spanning 34 kb (**Figure 3**).

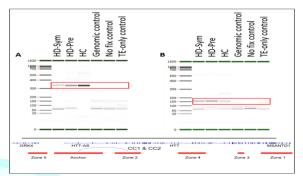


Figure 3: Summary of constitutive interactions.

#### **Conditional Conformations**

We identified seven conditional chromosome conformations that could discriminate between the different patient subgroups evaluated in this study. Specifically, we identified two chromosome interactions that were present in HC, but absent in all HD samples (**Figure 4**).

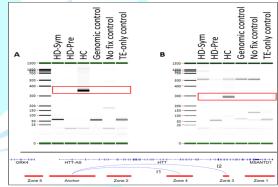
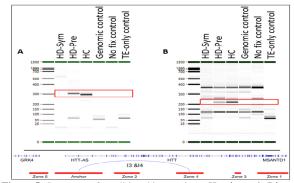


Figure 4: Summary of conditional interactions-Healthy Controls.

The first interaction (II) spanned the Anchor and Zone 4 and covered 77 kb while the second interaction (I2) spanned the Anchor and Zone 3 and covered 140 kb. We also identified two chromosome interactions that were present in HC and HD-Pre, but absent in HD-Sym samples. Both interactions (I3 and I4) spanned the Anchor and Zone 4 and covered 92 kb and 104 kb, respectively (**Figure 5**).



**Figure 5:** Summary of conditional interactions- Huntington's Disease Negative.



Last, we identified three chromosome interactions that were present in HD-Sym samples, but absent in HD-Pre and HC samples. The first interaction (I5) spanned the Anchor and Zone 3, covering 122kb. Interestingly, this interaction included a SNP (rs362331) known to be a factor in the predisposition to develop HD. The second and third interactions (I6 and I7) spanned the Anchor and Zone 1 and covered 185 kb and 174 kb, respectively (**Figure 6**). Last, we tested the absence or presence of all conditional interactions in individual HD samples. In the HD-Sym samples, we found the presence of at least one of the conditional markers (I5, I6 and I7) in six out of seven samples (**Figure 7**). The odds ratios of each interaction being associated with symptomatic HD presentation were 72, 9 and 16 for I5, I6 and I7, respectively. A summary of all the interactions that were evaluated in this study are shown in **Figure 8** and **Supplemental Figure 3**.

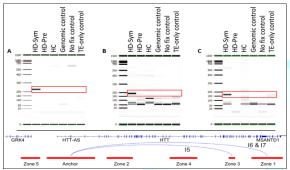


Figure 6: Summary of conditional interactions-Huntington's Disease Positive.



**Figure 7:** Conditional interactions observed in individual HD-Sym samples.



**Figure 8:** Model for epigenetic changes driving the symptomatic progression of Huntington's disease.

#### **Discussion**

#### **Problem Statement and Results Summary**

While it is well-known that individuals with greater than 39 CAGrepeats will get HD, the clinical onset of disease varies widely amongst individual patients and the factors that influence when the disease manifests clinically are less well characterized. Here we used EpiSwitch®, an industrial platform for assessing chromatin architecture, to evaluate the epigenomic landscape of the HTT locus in HD patients and healthy, unaffected controls. We identified a set of seven interactions that when taken together as a CCS, could differentiate HD from unaffected controls and more importantly, could differentiate between presymptomatic and symptomatic HD patients. One of these interactions, specific for symptomatic HD, contains a SNP (rs362331) shown to be associated with a predisposing disease haplogroup. When taken together, these results provide an initial indication that a simple, non-invasive blood-based test evaluating a CCS deserves further study and validation as a surrogate biomarker for assessing disease progression in HD.

#### **Biological Relevance**

While it is known that the poly-Q repeat tract expansion and production of mHTT are the underlying causes of HD, the molecular events leading to the development of clinical symptoms are less well characterized. Several studies have looked at SNPs within the HTT locus as a potential contributor to disease onset. One recent SNP genotyping study of HD patients identified ~41 SNPs heterozygous in at least 30% of the patients, including the rs362331 C/T SNP in exon 50 of the HTT gene [43]. Perhaps more biologically relevant is that when the rs362331 SNP is allele-selectively knocked down using antisense oligonucleotides, siRNAs or miRNA, a dramatic reduction in the levels of mHTT protein is achieved both in vitro and in vivo suggesting that this SNP and its surrounding genomic landscape play an important role in regulating mHTT levels [44-46]. In this study, we observed a chromosome conformation (I5) that was present only in HD-Sym patients and absent in HD-Asy and HCs that overlapped with the rs362331 SNP. While requiring further study, this observation raises the interesting possibility that the production of neurotoxic mHTT in patients that have increased poly-Q tracts and a genetic predisposition to the early development of HD by the presence of the rs362331 SNP may be regulated at the level of higher order chromatin structure. Another outstanding question in HD is how the disease is inherited in cases where neither parent has received a diagnosis.

The two main prevailing hypotheses posit that 1) the carrier parent could have passed away from another factor before the onset of the disease and 2) "unstable" CAG repeat tracts expand with each generation. A third possibility also exists, in that at mid-range (35-50) repeats, individuals could be carriers without manifestation of the disease, but their progeny might be unable to compensate for the genetic defect through undefined mechanisms and will develop the disease. The HD patients evaluated in this study all had CAG repeats in this mid-range, raising the possibility that potential compensatory mechanisms in disease development may be mediated through differences in genomic architecture.

#### **Clinical Relevance**

HD is unique in that there exists a simple test to definitively diagnose the disease, HTT gene sequencing and measurement of CAG repeat number. For clinical care and clinical trials, there are also several tests to measure disease severity, such as the Unified Huntington's Disease Rating Scale (UHDRS), the Shoulson-Fahn Scale, and the Mini-Mental State Examination (MMSE). While these assessments measure different elements of an HD patients physical and mental well-being as a surrogate for disease severity, they are all subjective in nature and most are not specific for HD. What is missing are concrete molecular tools to monitor disease progression.

As of the time of this writing, there are 22 therapeutic agents for treating HD in different stages of preclinical and clinical development, half of which are in Phase 2 or Phase 3. Once further validated, the CCS reported here could be used in clinical trials as a surrogate outcome biomarker to assess the therapeutic efficacy of the drug in question. In addition to monitoring a symptomatic patient's response to a particular therapy in clinical trials, another advantage of the approach described here lies in the information that can be obtained for presymptomatic patients. For most HD patients, the presymptomatic period can last decades. Five of the seven (i3-i7) interactions identified here clearly separate presymptomatic HD patients from symptomatic ones, and when further validated could serve as an "early warning" indicator test for the onset of HD symptoms in presymptomatic carriers.

#### **Strengths and Limitations**

This study gives first evidence of detectable conditional differences in chromatin architecture specific for the manifestation of HD and correlated with known disease haplotypes. The major strength of this study lies in the unique approach, which is based on the latest

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developments in understanding the regulatory role of genomic architecture. While there have been several historical studies in HD aimed at developing disease progression biomarkers based on clinical, imaging and molecular measures [47], to the best of our knowledge this is the first time that the assessment of higher order chromatin structures in a clinically accessible biofluid has been applied in HD. Already successfully applied in another neurodegenerative condition, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, as well as other non-neurological conditions such as melanoma, diffuse large B-cell lymphoma, chronic myelogenous leukemia, thyroid cancer, prostate cancer, lung cancer, breast cancer, and rheumatoid arthritis, the results presented here further validate the use of regulatory conditional CCS as diseaserelated biomarkers [25-33]. Of note, these previous studies using CCS as biomarkers of disease have been done on larger sample sizes. A notable limitation of this study was the relatively small sample size, a limitation partially imposed by the rare nature of HD. While the data presented here offer a novel insight into the clinical progression of HD, this study was intended to be a proof-of-concept and not powered for statistical significance. A follow-up study using a larger patient cohort will be required for validation of these initial results.

#### Conclusions

Here we provide the first evidence that chromatin architecture at the HTT locus is systemically altered in patients with HD and show conditional differences between clinical stages. Our results strongly suggest that the further development of a non-invasive blood test based evaluating Chromosome Conformation Signatures (CCS) would offer a novel molecular approach to assessing likely disease severity and progression in HD.

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## **Supplementary Tables and Figures**

Subject ID (Unique ID for each subject)	Disease or Control	Type of biospecimen (e.g. FFPE- primary/metastati c, serum, blood, DNA etc.)	Age (At time of collection)	Gender (M or F)	Date of collection (TBD)	Ethnicity	Age at Diagnosis	Method of diagnosis	Genetic Test Results for CAG repeats	Recorded Symptoms	Medicatio ns at time of collection	Any other genetic test results if available	Test results for HIV	Test results for HBV	Test results for HCV	Test results for syphilis
control 01	Control	Whole blood 9 mL	32	F	2017-11-07	Caucasian (White)	-	PCR	n1=17 n2=28	no	no	no	neg	neg	neg	neg
control 02	Control	Whole blood 9 mL	65	F	2017-11-10	Caucasian (White)	-	PCR	n1<35 n2<35	no	no	no	neg	neg	neg	neg
control 03	Control	Whole blood 9 mL	41	М	2017-11-13	Caucasian (White)	=	PCR	n1<35 n2<35	no	no	no	neg	neg	neg	neg
control 04	Control	Whole blood 9 mL	19	М	2017-11-10	Caucasian (White)	-	PCR	n1=17 n2=21	no	no	no	neg	neg	neg	neg
control 05	Control	Whole blood 9 mL	46	М	2017-11-10	Caucasian (White)	=	PCR	n1=15 n2=17	no	no	no	neg	neg	neg	neg
control 06	Control	Whole blood 9 mL	29	F	2017-11-13	Caucasian (White)	-	PCR	n1<35 n2<35	no	no	no	neg	neg	neg	neg
control 07	Control	Whole blood 9 mL	47	F	2017-11-14	Caucasian (White)	-	PCR	n1<35 n2<35	no	no	no	neg	neg	neg	neg
control 08	Control	Whole blood 9 mL	22	М	2017-11-14	Caucasian (White)	-	PCR	n1=19 n2=22	no	no	no	neg	neg	neg	neg
control 09	Control	Whole blood 9 mL	35	F	2017-11-15	Caucasian (White)	-	PCR	n1<35 n2<35	no	no	no	neg	neg	neg	neg
control 11	Control	Whole blood 9 mL	33	М	2017-11-16	Caucasian (White)	-	PCR	n1<35 n2<35	no	no	no	neg	neg	neg	neg
HD 01	Huntington's	Whole blood 9 mL	32	М	2017-10-30	Caucasian (White)	27	PCR	n1<35 n2=48	Irritability, chorea	no	no	neg	neg	neg	neg
HD 02	Huntington's	Whole blood 9 mL	32	F	2017-10-30	Caucasian (White)	29	PCR	n1<35 n2=42	no	no	no	neg	neg	neg	neg
HD 03	Huntington's	Whole blood 9 mL	28	F	2017-11-01	Caucasian (White)	25	PCR	n1=20 n2=46	Irritability	no	no	neg	neg	neg	neg
HD 12	Huntington's	Whole blood 9 mL	50	М	2017-11-02	Caucasian (White)	46	PCR	n1=20 n2=48	Irritability, chorea	no	no	neg	neg	neg	neg
HD 05	Huntington's	Whole blood 9 mL	52	М	2017-11-02	Caucasian (White)	49	PCR	n1<35 n2=45	Irritability, chorea	no	no	neg	neg	neg	neg
HD 06	Huntington's	Whole blood 9 mL	43	М	2017-11-02	Caucasian (White)	35	PCR	n1=22 n2=40	Irritability, chorea	Tetrabena zine	no	neg	neg	neg	neg
HD 08	Huntington's	Whole blood 9 mL	23	F	2017-11-02	Caucasian (White)	=	PCR	n1<35 n2=44	no	no	no	neg	neg	neg	neg
HD 09	Huntington's	Whole blood 9 mL	21	F	2017-11-02	Caucasian (White)	=	PCR	n1=22 n2=41	no	no	no	neg	neg	neg	neg
HD 10	Huntington's	Whole blood 9 mL	38	F	2017-11-02	Caucasian (White)	36	PCR	n1<35 n2=45	Irritability	no	no	neg	neg	neg	neg
HD 11	Huntington's	Whole blood 9 mL	34	М	2017-11-15	Caucasian (White)	32	PCR	n1=24 n2=43	Irritability, chorea	Sertraline	no	neg	neg	neg	neg

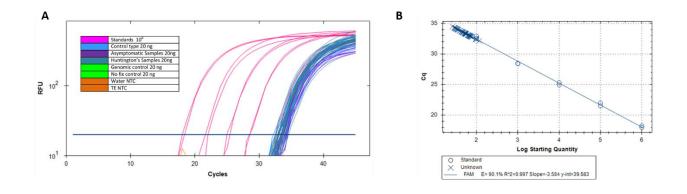
**Supplemental Table 1:** Clinical characteristics of the samples used in this study.

Zone	hg19 coordinates	hg38 coordinates			
Anchor point CAG repeat site	chr4:3055890-3097657	chr4:3054163-3095930			
Zone 1	chr4:3232680-3259897	chr4:3230953-3258170			
Zone 2	chr4:3107637-3130235	chr4:3105908-3128508			
Zone 3	chr4:3212999-3218545	chr4:3211272-3216818			
Zone 4	chr4:3161885-3185826	chr4:3160158-3184099			
Zone 5	chr4:3033588-3050187	chr4:3031861-3048460			

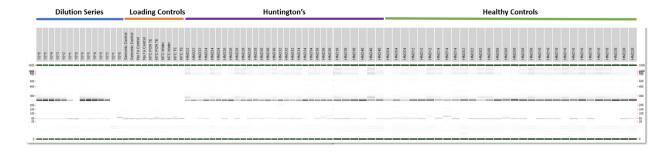
**Supplemental Table 2:** Genomic definitions for the Anchor point and Zones used in this study.

Interaction ID	Zone5	Anchor	Zone2	Zone4	Zone3	Zone1
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RD031_041/43		/				/
RD031_057/59		1				1
RD031_061/63		/		/		
RD031_065/67		1	1			
RD031_097/99		1	1			
RD031_009/11		1	1			
RD031_149/151		/		/		
RD031_237/239		1				1
RD031_261/263		1		1		
RD031_157/159	/	1				
RD031_001/3		1	1			
RD031_329/331		/			1	
RD031_301/303		1				J
RD031_337/339		1				1
RD031_037/39		1		J		
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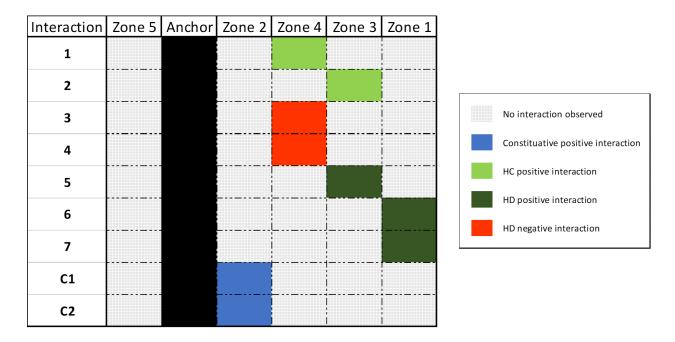
**Supplemental Table 3:** Summary of interactions tested in this study.



**Supplemental Figure1:** Assessment of the MMP1 interaction for Quality Control.



**Supplemental Figure2:** Assessment of the MMP1 interaction for Quality Control.



**Supplemental Figure 3:** Summary of all interactions identified in this study.