



# Case Study: The University Of Chicago and Ingenuity Variant Analysis

## Introduction

This case study of The University of Chicago is based on a March 2013 survey of Ingenuity Systems customers by TechValidate, a 3rd-party research service.



“[Ingenuity Variant Analysis] streamlines the analysis for our whole exome studies on the etiology of diseases.”

## Challenges

- Solved the following challenges by deploying Ingenuity Variant Analysis:
  - Realized faster and easier identification of causal variants
  - Reduced IT infrastructure costs
  - Improved access to biological content including primary sources
  - Improved sharing and collaboration capabilities
  - Reduced the need for developing own informatics pipeline
  - Eliminated the need for creating and maintaining own up-to-date database of biomedical literature
  - Enabled independent study without the need for specialized bioinformatics skills
  - Enabled support for more studies by providing a self-service tool for colleagues and collaborators
- Purchased Ingenuity Variant Analysis for the following reasons:
  - Access rich biological content in Ingenuity Knowledge Base plus additional sources of variant level content
  - Reduce time to identify variants worth following up on
  - Identify high impact, most compelling variants to follow up on
  - Access user friendly interface and no bioinformatics experience needed
  - Scale from small to large studies
  - Collaborate and share easily with colleagues and peers

## Use Case

- Uses the following applications with Ingenuity Variant Analysis:
  - DNA sequencing – Whole Exome
- Sequencing data is from the following platforms:
  - Illumina MiSeq

## Results

- Chose Ingenuity Systems over the following solutions:
  - In-house developed software
- Saves 1 to 3 days per sample using Ingenuity Variant Analysis for DNA variant annotation and analysis.
- Reduced time to results by > 75% by using Ingenuity Variant Analysis for DNA variant annotation and analysis.
- Rated the following Ingenuity Variant Analysis capabilities in terms of how differentiated they are compared to other data analysis solutions:
  - Speed: 5 (strongly differentiated)
  - Accurate evidence: 5 (strongly differentiated)
  - Accessibility/ ease of use: 5 (strongly differentiated)
  - Sharing with colleagues/peers: 5 (strongly differentiated)
  - Security: 3 (differentiated)
- Is extremely satisfied with the ease of use of Ingenuity Variant Analysis.

### Organization Profile

Organization:  
**The University of Chicago**

Industry:  
**Educational Institution**

### About Ingenuity Systems

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