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SEQ ID NO	Haplotype	Hep Annotation	Seq
SEQ ID NO 1	HH2	Unknown causal	AAATTTTCAAAGGTAAGAAAAGTGGGGAGTTTGTG[A/G]CTGCATGATACCAATGAATACTGCAGGCATTTTA
SEQ ID NO 2	JH1	Causal	TTAGACAGACCCTCAGGATGCCCTGGAAGAGTT[C/T]GAAACCGTGACTCAGGAGAGAGTTGGAGGAGAGA
SEQ ID NO 3	HH2	Unknown causal	ATTCTAAATCACTGGACCACCGAGGAACTCCTTAT[C/T]CAACACTTTCTTTGTAATAAAAATGTTAGATAGTG
SEQ ID NO 4	JH1	Flanking	TCATTAGAGGGCTGTATCAATAATCCTCATATCCT[A/G]TCCGAGATTCTTCATGCTAGGAGTTGAATTTGA
SEQ ID NO 5	HH2	Unknown causal	CCCCAACATCATGAGCTTCCCATCTCAATGTGAC[A/G]TCAGTGAAGGCCACATGAGGAGTGTAGTATGAGGTA
SEQ ID NO 6	BH1	Unknown causal	TTCTAAGTATATGCTGGCCATTGTCCTCTTGATAA[A/G]AGGTGTCACTCATGTTGGTGACCAAGCCCTGCA
SEQ ID NO 7	HH3	Flanking	CACAGTTCTGTGCACCAGGTGTCAACAACTCCAT[A/C]ACACTGGCCCTAAAGCATCGCTTGTCTGCTGCTG
SEQ ID NO 8	HH2	Unknown causal	GTCTATCTCGAACTTCCCACCTTCAGGGAAAC[C/T]JAGGAGCAGGATAGCAAAACCCCAATCATTTCCAC
SEQ ID NO 9	BH1	Unknown causal	AGCACGAGCTCAGAAAACGCGAGAAGGACACCA[C/T]GAACACACGGAGCAAAAGTCCAGTACCTCTTGACTC
SEQ ID NO 10	BH1	Unknown causal	AGACAAATGGAGGCAACAGAGCATAGATGTGAGAC[A/G]AGTTCCAGGCTGACGCAGCAGCAAGGAGAACTG
SEQ ID NO 11	HH2	Unknown causal	AGGAAAGATGGGAATATTAAGCAGCAGATTAGATT[A/G]CAGGTAAAACACCTTGGCCAGGGGACTCAGCA
SEQ ID NO 12	JH2	Unknown causal	ATATAGTAGAGAAATATACATGTCTCAGACCACCC[C/T]TCCTCTCTGATGGGCCAGGTACATGAATTTTT
SEQ ID NO 13	HH2	Unknown causal	ACTGATCTAATCTGACCCATTGGCCCTTTTTTTTTT[A/I]JAATTGAGCTTGCATGAGCTGTTAATGTAATTTGAA
SEQ ID NO 14	HH2	Unknown causal	ACTCCTACTGAGTCAACTGTAATACTGTGTATCT[C/T]JAGAAGTTAATTGTCAAGTAAAAACACATGAGCACA
SEQ ID NO 15	HH3	Flanking	TAGGACATGATACATGTTGGGTAAAGCAAAGGCC[A/G]TGCCAAAATCATATTGTTAAAAAGAACTTGAGG
SEQ ID NO 16	BH1	Unknown causal	GTGCTCATCCAAGGTGTTCTGAGCAAGGAAAGGCC[A/G]CTGGTCAGGCAGCCAGAAAGGTGAGTTTGCCCATC
SEQ ID NO 17	BH2	Flanking	CTGACAGAATACTTGAATACAGGCAGAGCTTGACAG[A/G]TTTTGATGCTTGTCCAAACCCACAATAAAGT
SEQ ID NO 18	BH1	Unknown causal	TGCTGCTCAATGTTCCAAATGTGTGCCACAGA[A/G]GGCCGTATTTGACAGGAAAAAGAGAAAGTGGGTCCC
SEQ ID NO 19	BH1	Unknown causal	AGTGCTGGCCACCGCTGGACAATCAGCCTGAGGCC[A/G]GAGCTTGGAGGAACAAAGTCCAAGGACCGCAAAACA
SEQ ID NO 20	BH1	Unknown causal	CTCCTGGCTGGGCTGGGTGGCTGAGGAGGAGTGA[A/G]TCTGGGGCCAAGGTTAAAGCAGCCTGTAGACATTTCT
SEQ ID NO 21	HH2	Unknown causal	CTCCGCTGATTGAGGGTTATAAAAATGCCATTTA[C/T]CCAGCAAGGATGGTCATGTAATTTGGAGACTGATC
SEQ ID NO 22	JH2	Unknown causal	AGTAAATCTCAAAACAAGTTATAACCGTGGCCCT[C/G]CACAAGGACATCAATCTGGGCTCGCATGAAAA
SEQ ID NO 23	HH2	Unknown causal	TTCACTTGGCTCTGCTTAAGTGTCACTCCCA[A/G]AGAGGCCCTTTTTGGCCACCCTATGTAAGGAGAGT
SEQ ID NO 24	BH1	Unknown causal	AGGCTGAGTCCCTCCACATAAACACAGAGCCTCA[C/T]JAGCAAGGCCAGAACCTATAGGCAAGGGAGTTCAA
SEQ ID NO 25	BH1	Unknown causal	CACCCCTGCCAGCCTAAGTGGCTCCTAACCCCT[C/A/G]GTGCATCACATATAAGGCTGCACACAGGCCAAAA
SEQ ID NO 26	HH4	Flanking	ACAGGAGAAGGGAGAGAACACTGGCAGGCACTAAC[A/G]TATCCACTTATCTACAGTGTCTGATCTTTAGTT

Figure 1A

(57) Abstract: The invention includes a method of evaluating a bovine embryo by fertilizing an egg obtained from a first bovine heterozygote of a recessive lethal haplotype with sperm cells obtained from a second bovine heterozygote of the recessive lethal haplotype; producing the embryo from the fertilized egg, wherein the embryo is homozygous for the lethal haplotype; establishing a cell culture from the embryo; collecting a plurality of cultured cells; and obtaining omics data, comprising one or more features, from the plurality of cultured cells.

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METHODS FOR GENERATING, EVALUATING, GENE EDITING AND CLONING  
PLURIPOTENT STEM CELLS COMPRISING A LETHAL HAPLOTYPE

REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims the benefit of United States Provisional Patent Application No 63/056,386 filed July 24, 2020. The entire disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

In livestock, recessive lethal haplotypes pose a significant problem for breeders, since a relatively large emphasis is placed on fertility, among other economic traits. Additionally, efforts by breeders to avoid producing offspring that are homozygous for these lethal haplotypes often result in suboptimal breeding values and slower genetic progress. Moreover, because certain lethal recessive haplotypes result in early embryonic death, studying and evaluating homozygous individuals has proven to be difficult if not impossible, thereby impairing the livestock industry's ability to develop more efficient breeding strategies and treatments using biotechnology.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

One embodiment of the invention comprises a method of evaluating a bovine embryo comprising fertilizing an egg obtained from a first bovine heterozygote of a recessive lethal haplotype with sperm cells obtained from a second bovine heterozygote of the recessive lethal haplotype; producing the embryo from the fertilized egg, wherein the embryo is homozygous for the lethal haplotype; establishing a cell culture from the embryo; collecting a plurality of cultured cells; and obtaining omics data, comprising one or more features, from the plurality of cultured cells. A further embodiment comprises the steps of calculating feature weights for the one or more

features; and calculating a production value, a genotypic value or a breeding value based on the calculated feature weights. In a particular embodiment, the recessive lethal haplotype is selected from the group consisting of: AH1, HH1, HH2, HH3, HH4, HH5, HH6, JH1, JH2, BH1 and BH2. In an even more particular embodiment, the step of establishing a cell culture from the embryo comprises culturing the embryo at the blastocyst stage. In a further aspect of this embodiment, the omics data is comprised of genotypic, proteomic or transcriptomic data. In a more specific embodiment, the step of establishing a cell culture comprises placing the embryo, or a cell sample from the embryo, on a first substrate in a first culture media comprising a base media (e.g. TeSR-E6 (Stem Cell Technologies, Canada)), a low free-fatty acid BSA (bovine serum albumin), Fibroblast Growth Factor 2 and an inhibitor of Wnt signaling for 11 to 14 days and thereafter dissociating cell outgrowths on the first substrate and placing the cell outgrowths on a second substrate in a second culture media comprising a ROCK (Rho-associated coiled-coil containing kinase) inhibitor. More specifically, in a further embodiment, the first substrate and the second substrate are comprised of irradiated mouse embryonic fibroblasts. In a yet further embodiment, the cell sample from the embryo comprises cells from the inner cell mass of the embryo.

Another embodiment of the invention encompasses a method of evaluating a plurality of bovine embryos comprising fertilizing a plurality of eggs obtained from one or more female bovine heterozygotes of a recessive lethal haplotype with sperm cells obtained from one or more male bovine heterozygotes of the recessive lethal haplotype; producing the plurality of embryos from the plurality of fertilized eggs, wherein the embryos are homozygous for the lethal haplotype; identifying a first group of one or more embryos from the plurality of embryos that are underdeveloped or dead after a first period of time; obtaining omics data from the identified first group. In a particular embodiment, the omics data comprises one or more features, and in a further

embodiment comprises the steps of calculating feature weights for the one or more features; and calculating a production value, a genotypic value or a breeding value based on the calculated feature weights. An additional embodiment may also comprise the steps of identifying a second group of one or more embryos from the plurality of embryos that are underdeveloped or dead after a second period of time; and obtaining omics data from the identified second group. In a particular embodiment, the omics data is comprised of genotypic, proteomic or transcriptomic data. In an even more particular embodiment, the recessive lethal haplotype is selected from the group consisting of: AH1, HH1, HH2, HH3, HH4, HH5, HH6, JH1, JH2, BH1 and BH2.

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Figures 1A to 1I list SNP markers of lethal haplotypes.

#### DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

One aspect of the invention is encompassed by a method of generating pluripotent stem cells from an individual that is homozygous for a lethal haplotype. An additional aspect of the invention encompasses the use of gene editing to correct a causative mutation (including one or more base substitutions, deletions or insertions) of a lethal haplotype. A further aspect of the invention encompasses differentiating pluripotent stem cells comprising a homozygous lethal haplotype into other cell types in order to study the effects of the lethal haplotype. Finally, the invention also encompasses a method for determining the developmental stage or age of an individual when the effects of a lethal haplotype phenotypically manifest themselves.

#### Generating Zygotes/Embryos that are Homozygous for a Lethal Haplotype

In one embodiment of the invention, in order to generate or produce an individual, which includes a zygote, an embryo or a fetus, that is homozygous for a lethal haplotype, one first identifies a male carrier and a female carrier of the lethal haplotype. Carriers of lethal haplotypes

can be identified by omics data, including but not limited to transcriptomic and genomic data, which may include DNA sequence data such as obtained by nucleotide sequencing and genotype data such as obtained using a single nucleotide polymorphism (SNP) microarray or nucleotide sequencing.

Examples of relevant lethal haplotypes in the bovine livestock industry that result in early embryonic death include but are not limited to Ayrshire Haplotype 1 (AH1), Brown Swiss Haplotype 1 (BH1), Brown Swiss Haplotype 2 (BH2), Holstein Haplotype 1 (HH1), Holstein Haplotype 2 (HH2), Holstein Haplotype 3 (HH3), Holstein Haplotype 4 (HH4), Holstein Haplotype 5 (HH5), Holstein Haplotype 6 (HH6), Jersey Haplotype 1 (JH1) and Jersey Haplotype 2 (JH2). Table 1 below lists the gene believed to be affected by each of these haplotypes.

Table 1.

Haplotype	Result of homozygous haplotype	Affected Gene	Location of Mutation (chromosome no.: base pair region)
BH1	Early embryonic or fetal death	unknown	7: 42,811,272 – 47,002,161
BH2	Early embryonic or fetal death	tubulin delta 1 (TUBD1)	19: 11,063,520
HH1	Early embryonic or fetal death	apoptotic peptidase activating factor 1 (APAF1)	5: 63,150,400
HH2	Early embryonic or fetal death	unknown	1: 94,860,836 – 96,553,339
HH3	Early embryonic or fetal death	structural maintenance of chromosomes 2 (SMC2)	8: 95,410,507

HH4	Early embryonic or fetal death	Phosphoribosylglycinamide formyltransferase, phosphoribosylglycinamide synthetase, phosphoribosylaminoimidazole synthetase (GART)	1: 1,277,227
HH5	Early embryonic or fetal death	transcription factor B1, mitochondrial (TFB1M)	9: 93,223,651 – 93,370,998
HH6	Early embryonic death	SDE2 telomere maintenance homolog (SDE2)	16: 27,833,776 – 29,661,958 or 16: 31,162,715 – 32,019,139
JH1	Early embryonic or fetal death	CWC15 spliceosome-associated protein (CWC15)	15: 15,707,169
JH2	Early embryonic or fetal death	unknown	26: 8,812,759 – 9,414,082

Additionally, Figure 1 lists SNP markers for certain lethal haplotypes (SEQ ID NO 1 to SEQ ID NO 221). In Figure 1, the SNP within each nucleotide sequence is denoted by brackets.

Each haplotype is identifiable in individuals through the use one or more genetic markers. These haplotypes are believed to be recessive, so only individuals with two copies of the haplotype (i.e., homozygous) will exhibit abnormalities. Individuals with only one copy, or no copies, of the haplotype will be normal. In the context of the invention, a haplotype may comprise one or more alleles.

One embodiment of the invention encompasses a method of producing a homozygous individual for a lethal haplotype in which gametes are obtained from a male carrier and a female carrier of the haplotype, and an obtained egg is fertilized with an obtained sperm cell in vitro to

produce a homozygous zygote or embryo. Specifically, in certain aspects of the invention, in vitro produced zygote and embryos are produced in the laboratory by non-typical harvest of cattle oocytes, in vitro fertilization and embryo culture methodologies. In peripubertal heifers, prophase I immature cumulus oocyte complexes (COCs) are recovered from live standing females by using ultrasound guided transvaginal oocyte recovery (TVOR) system, also referred to as ovum pickup (OPU). In prepubertal heifers, ultrasound guided laparoscopic OPU is employed for COC recovery. When immature COCs are brought into the laboratory, they are placed into typical in vitro maturation (IVM) culture system where the most developmentally capable oocytes undergo spontaneous and programmed meiosis. After an overnight culture period, those oocytes that progress through meiosis I and accordingly shed their second polar body progressing to metaphase of the second meiotic division, and remain a plasma membrane intact and morphologically normal, those mature oocytes are placed into in vitro fertilization. Mature oocytes from individual females are placed into traditional IVF drops and mated to specific sires, using highly screened and accurate sperm capacitation treatments and sperm concentration per oocyte fertilized. Zygotes (day 1) are placed into traditional co-culture system and may be cultured to uterine stages of development by day 7-8 of culture.

In other embodiments of the invention, homozygous zygotes or embryos for a lethal haplotype are produced in vivo by traditional methods for synchronized supernumerary follicle production, artificial insemination and scheduled non-surgical transvaginal catheterized intrauterine embryo recovery (i.e., flushing).

As noted above, one aspect of the invention encompasses in vitro production of a homozygous individual for a lethal haplotype. By way of example only, the following oocyte

maturation procedure, IVF procedure, in vitro culture procedure and co-culture procedure may be used with the invention.

**Oocyte Collection.** Collect slaughterhouse oocytes and wash 1X with about 3mL Hepes washing media and with 1X with TCM-199 (Invitrogen, Carlsbad, CA ) + 10% Fetal Bovine Serum (FBS). Culture in maturation media for 22 hrs in a CO<sub>2</sub> incubator at 38.5°C. In one embodiment, the maturation media contains TCM-199, FBS, pyruvate, chorionic gonadotropin (e.g., Chorulon (Intervet, Summit NJ)), follicle stimulating hormone (FSH) (e.g., Folltropin (Bioniche, Belleville, Canada)), estradiol, and at least one antibiotic. In a further embodiment, Amikacin (Sigma-Aldrich, St. Louis, MO) can be used as the antibiotic. In another embodiment, the maturation media may also comprise luteinizing hormone.

In one embodiment, the maturation media may comprise 5-20 ml of TCM-199 Earl's; 0.5-2ml of FBS (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA); 10-30 µl of pyruvate (prepared by adding 0.05-0.20 g of sodium pyruvate (Sigma-Aldrich, St. Louis, MO) to 5-20 ml of saline solution); 50-200 µl of chorionic gonadotropin (prepared by adding 5-20 UI of Chorulon (Intervet, Summit NJ) to 5-20 ml of TCM-199 Earl's); 5-20 µl of FSH (prepared by adding 0.001-0.01 g of Folltropin (Bioniche, Belleville, Canada) to 5-20 ml of TCM-199 Earl's); 5-20 µl of estradiol (prepared by adding 0.001-0.05 g of estradiol (Sigma-Aldrich, St. Louis, MO) to 5-20 ml of Etanol (Sigma-Aldrich, St. Louis, MO)); and 10-30 µl Amikacin (prepared by adding 0.1-1 g Amikacin sulfate salt (Sigma-Aldrich) to 20-40 ml of saline solution). In alternative embodiments, the maturation media may comprise the aforementioned components using different volumes but in the same proportion to each other, e.g., in one embodiment, the maturation media may comprise 10-40 ml of TCM-199; 1-4 ml of FBS; 20-60 µl of sodium pyruvate, etc. In a further embodiment, the maturation media comprises the above preparations of TCM-199 Earl's, FBS, pyruvate, chorionic

gonadotropin, FSH, estradiol and an antibiotic in the approximate ratio of 9 : 1 : 0.02 : 0.1 : 0.01 : 0.01 : 0.02 by volume, respectively.

**In Vitro Fertilization.** Trim away cumulus cells from matured oocytes. Transfer them to a fertilization dish and return to the CO<sub>2</sub> incubator. Thaw frozen semen straws using standard procedures, centrifuge in 800µL of Pure Sperm gradient (Nidacon, Molndal, Sweden), or a percoll or similar gradient at 2500 RPM for 10 minutes to remove egg components, glycerol and other debris. Remove supernatant, leaving a loose pellet of live sperm. Combine pellets using a small amount of fertilization media and repellet at 1500 RPM for 3 minutes. Carefully remove supernatant. Then gently mix the pellet. After determining the desired insemination dose, inseminate the oocytes by adding sperm to the pellet, then culture in a dish and return to the CO<sub>2</sub> incubator for about 18-22 hours.

**In Vitro Culture.** Remove presumptive zygotes from the fertilization dish and transfer into a sterile 1.5 mL eppendorf tube. Allow zygotes to form a loose pellet and remove excess media to form a 1:1 ratio of pellet and solution. Rinse the eppendorf tube with TCM-199, place contents into a dish and wash with BSA media. Then culture presumptive zygotes (discard disfigured oocytes, as well as oocytes with yellow colored cytoplasm or vacuolated cytoplasm) in a dual gas incubator (5% CO<sub>2</sub>, 5% O<sub>2</sub>) at 38.5°C for about 48 hours.

**Co-culture.** Transfer cleaved zygotes to co-culture dishes comprising the cumulus cells from the mature oocytes and FBS media topped with mineral oil, and incubate in a CO<sub>2</sub> incubator at 38.5°C until needed.

#### Generating Pluripotent Stem Cells from Embryos Homozygous for a Lethal Haplotype

One embodiment of the invention encompasses a method for generating pluripotent stem cells that are homozygous for a lethal haplotype. One step of the method comprises producing an

embryo that is homozygous for a lethal haplotype using gametes obtained from known carriers of the lethal haplotype.

In a particular embodiment of the invention, a hatched embryo is used to establish a pluripotent stem cell culture. Alternatively, the zona pellucida of an embryo (e.g., an expanded blastocyst) that is not hatched can be mechanically or chemically removed. Mechanical removal of the zona pellucida from an embryo can be accomplished in any suitable embryo splitting media using a needle or a laser, for example. Alternatively, the zona pellucida can be chemically removed, using pronase for example. In a particular embodiment of the invention, a 21G needle is used for mechanical separation of the zona pellucida from an embryo. In one embodiment, once denuded, the embryo is placed into a culture dish or well that is coated with mitotically inactivated feeder cells. In a particular embodiment of the invention, the inactivated feeder cells are comprised of irradiated mouse fibroblasts, and in an even more particular embodiment, are comprised of CF1 mouse embryonic fibroblasts (MEFs). In an alternative embodiment, the embryo is placed into a culture dish free of feeder cells. In certain embodiments of the invention, a culture dish free of feeder cells can be coated with a cell support material, for example, fibronectin, vitronectin or Matrigel (Corning Life Sciences, Tewksbury, MA).

The embryos are then cultured in a serum-free media comprising an inhibitor or antagonist of the Wnt/ $\beta$ -catenin pathway and either 1) a fibroblast growth factor (FGF) or 2) a member of the transforming growth factor beta (TGF- $\beta$ ) family or both. Examples of inhibitors of the Wnt/ $\beta$ -catenin pathway that may be used in the invention include, but are not limited to, inhibitors of Wnt response (IWR) including IWR1, IWR2, IWR3, IWR4 and IWR5 and inhibitors of Wnt production (IWP) including IWP1, IWP2, IWP3 and IWP4 and may be used a concentration of 0.5-5  $\mu$ M, 1-4  $\mu$ M, 2-3  $\mu$ M or 2.5  $\mu$ M. Examples of fibroblast growth factors that may be used in the invention

include, but are not limited to, FGF1, FGF2, FGF3 and FGF4 and may be used at a concentration of 10-30 ng/ml, 15-25 ng/ml, 17-23 ng/ml or 20 ng/ml. Examples of members of the TGF- $\beta$  family that may be used, include but are not limited to TGF- $\beta$ 1, Activin A and Activin B and may be used at a concentration of 10-30 ng/ml, 15-25 ng/ml, 17-23 ng/ml or 20 ng/ml. In a particular embodiment of the invention, the serum free media is comprised of an IWR and either 1) FGF2 or 2) Activin-A or both. In a more particular embodiment of the invention, the serum free media is comprised of IWR1 and FGF2. In another embodiment of the invention, the serum free media is comprised of IWR1, FGF2 and Activin A. In one embodiment of the invention, the serum-free media is comprised of TeSR-E6 (Stem Cell Technologies, Canada), although any serum-free media suitable for use in stem cell culturing may be used as a base media in the invention. In a particular embodiment of the invention, the serum-free media is supplemented with a serum protein, for example bovine serum albumin (BSA) at a concentration of 10-20 mg/ml, 12-17 mg/ml, 13-15 mg/ml or 13.4 mg/ml. In particular, embodiment of the invention, the BSA is comprised of a low free fatty acid BSA. The media in which the pluripotent stem cells are cultured may also comprise a suitable antibiotic, including but not limited to penicillin or streptomycin. In a particular embodiment of the invention, the serum free culture media comprises IWR1, FGF2, Activin A and BSA. In another embodiment, the serum free culture media comprises IWR1, FGF2 and Activin A. In a more particular embodiment, the serum free culture media comprises TeSR-E6, IWR1 and FGF2; TeSR-E6, IWR1, FGF2 and BSA; TeSR-E6, IWR1, FGF2 and Activin A; or TeSR-E6, IWR1, FGF2, Activin A and BSA. In a particular embodiment of the invention, the serum-free media may be comprised of Dulbecco's Modified Eagle Medium: Nutrient Mixture F-12 (DMEM/F-12), examples of which include TeSR1 media disclosed by Ludwig et al. (Nature Methods, vol. 3, no. 8, August 2006, pp. 637-646); modified mTeSR1 media as disclosed by Wu

et al. (Nature, 2015 May 21; 521(7552): 316-321), which lacked FGF2 and TGF $\beta$ 1 but was supplemented with 20 ng/ml FGF2 and 2.5  $\mu$ M IWR1; and N2B27 medium as disclosed by Tong et al. (“Generating gene knockout rats by homologous recombination in embryonic stem cells,” Nat Protoc. 2011 June; 6(6)). In a particular embodiment of the invention, pluripotent stem cells can be cultured using a culture dish free of feeder cells and a serum-free media comprising FGF2, IWIR1 and Activin A. In an even more particular embodiment, pluripotent stem cells can be cultured using a culture dish free of feeder cells and a serum-free media comprising FGF2, IWIR1, Activin A and BSA.

Once the embryo is placed in a suitable culture media as above, the embryo is cultured at approximately 30-40°C, 35-39°C, 36-38°C, or 37°C and with approximately 5% CO<sub>2</sub>. After approximately 50-100 hours, 60-90 hours, 70-80 hours, or 72 hours, the culture media is replaced. If an embryo has failed to attach to the layer of feeder cells in the culture at the time the culture media is replaced, the embryo can be mechanically pressed against the bottom of the culture dish, using for example, a needle. After approximately 11 to 14 days in culture, any outgrowths are dissociated using trypsin or TrypLE (Gibco, Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA) and passed to a new culture dish or well coated with inactivated feeder cells, and the composition of the media used to establish the initial cell culture may be used again in the replacement media. In a particular embodiment, this media is used to replace the initial cell culture media is supplemented with an inhibitor of Rho-associated, coiled-coil containing protein kinase (ROCK) at a concentration of 1-20  $\mu$ M, 3-17  $\mu$ M, 5-15  $\mu$ M or 10  $\mu$ M. In a particular embodiment, inhibitors of ROCK with which the media can be supplemented, include but are not limited to, Y-27632 and fasudil. In an even more particular embodiment, the media used to replace the initial culture media is supplemented with Y-27632. In a particular embodiment, ROCK inhibitor (for example Y-27632) is used in the

culture media for 24 hours, and after 24 hours, the culture media is replaced with a culture media that does not comprise a ROCK inhibitor (for example Y-27632). On the day of the first cell passage (e.g., day 11) or at any passage thereafter, omics data may be obtained or extracted from for the cultured cells using a portion of the dissociated (i.e., unbound) cells or the culture media. In a more particular embodiment, dissociated cells may be genomically evaluated, by for example, genotyping with a SNP microarray or by DNA sequencing. In an even further embodiment, the genotype or DNA sequence may be analyzed for the presence of a lethal haplotype using one or more genetic markers for the lethal haplotype.

#### Omics evaluation

In the context of the invention, “omics data” may include, but is not limited to, genomic, proteomic, transcriptomic, epigenomic, microbiomic or metabolomic data. In one embodiment of the invention, omics data is derived or obtained from molecules (small or large) or any other substances (ions, elements, etc.) obtained or extracted from a cell or tissue sample or detected in the cell or tissue sample. Additionally, omics data may be derived or obtained from molecules (small or large) or any other substances (ions, elements, etc.) obtained from fluid or media surrounding a cell or tissue sample. Both the presence and the quantity of such molecules or substances within a sample may be determined. Any known method in the art for detecting, measuring, quantifying or assaying molecules or other substances may be used with the invention, including but not limited to molecular hybridization, immunohistochemistry, real time quantitative PCR, quantitative reverse transcription PCR, blotting, nucleotide sequencing, protein sequencing, nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy, mass spectroscopy, liquid chromatography, gas chromatography and electrophoresis. In a specific embodiment, a transcriptome may be profiled using a microarray.

In a particular embodiment, transcriptomic, proteomic or metabolomic data can be derived from RNA, proteins or metabolites, respectively, found within a cell or tissue sample. Such a cell or tissue sample may be cryopreserved and then subsequently thawed for extraction of DNA or RNA or to obtain proteins or metabolites for profiling or any molecules providing omics data.

In one embodiment of the invention, omics data comprises features. For example, for metabolomic data, each assayed or measured metabolite can constitute a feature. In one embodiment, a feature may simply comprise the presence or absence of a particular molecule or substance, e.g., the presence of a particular metabolite or transcript, or alternatively a feature may comprise the quantity of a particular molecule or substance, e.g., the quantity of a particular metabolite or transcript. For example, the quantity of glucose in a tissue or blood sample can comprise a feature.

With respect to genomic data, in various embodiments of the invention, genomic data may comprise DNA or RNA-related data obtained from oligonucleotide arrays or other hybridization assays, DNA sequence data or RNA sequence data. In a specific embodiment of the invention, genomic data may be obtained from whole or partial genome sequencing using any technique known in the art. In addition to obtaining genomic DNA sequences, in other embodiments of the invention, RNA may also be sequenced, including messenger RNA (mRNA), precursor mRNA (pre-mRNA), transfer RNA (tRNA), ribosomal RNA (rRNA), non-coding RNA (ncRNA), long RNA, including long non-coding RNA (lncRNA) and small RNA, including micro RNA (miRNA), small interfering RNA (siRNA), small nucleolar RNA (snoRNAs), Piwi-interacting RNA (piRNA), tRNA-derived small RNA (tsRNA) and small rDNA-derived RNA (srRNA). In addition to sequencing such molecules, it is also contemplated that real time quantitative PCR or quantitative reverse transcription PCR may be used to quantify DNA or RNA in a sample.

### DNA Extraction and Amplification

Another aspect of the invention encompasses sequencing or genotyping pluripotent stem cells homozygous for a lethal haplotype. In a specific embodiment, the DNA of cultured pluripotent stem cells can be used for sequencing or genotyping. Pluripotent stem cell DNA may first be extracted and then amplified (via PCR) so that there is a sufficient amount of DNA for sequencing or genotyping.

For genomic analysis, approximately 200 ng of double stranded DNA should be extracted per sample DNA at concentration per sample of 50 ng/ul. In certain embodiments of the invention, the DNA is used to confirm the presence of a lethal haplotype and/or confirm that the lethal haplotype has been corrected or suppressed via genetic modification. The remaining cells in culture remain in cell culture for passage and eventual harvest and cryopreservation for later diagnostic, cytogenetic and biological productive use such as gene editing and cloning.

By way of example, the following DNA extraction and amplification procedure may be used in certain embodiments of the invention. One skilled in the art will know that variations on this method exist and that this method should not be construed to limit the functionality or scope of the current invention. This method is illustrative only.

1.5 ml tubes containing a cell suspension of pluripotent stem cells are spun at  $\geq 10000 \times g$  in a microcentrifuge for 45 seconds to pellet the cells. The suspension solution is pipetted off carefully so as to not remove the pelleted cells. Approximately 50  $\mu$ l of suspension solution is left in each tube. The tubes are then vortexed for 10 seconds to resuspend the cell pellets. 300  $\mu$ l of Tissue and Cell Lysis Solution (Epicentre; Madison Wisconsin; Catalog # MTC096H) containing 1  $\mu$ l of Proteinase K (Epicentre; Madison Wisconsin; at 50 ug/ $\mu$ l; Catalog #MPRK092) is then added to each tube and mixed. The tubes are incubated at 65°C for 30 minutes and vortexed at 15

minutes. The samples are cooled to 37°C. Afterwards 1 µl of 5 mg/µl RNase A (Epicentre; Madison Wisconsin; at 5 mg/ml; Catalog # MPRK092) is added to each sample and then mixed. The samples are then incubated at 37°C for 30 minutes. The samples are then placed in a 4°C cooler for 5 minutes. 175 µl of MPC Protein Precipitation Reagent (Epicentre; Madison Wisconsin; Catalog # MMP095H) is added to each sample, and the samples vortexed vigorously for 10-15 seconds. The samples are centrifuged in order to pellet debris for 8 minutes at  $\geq 10000$  x g. The supernatant is transferred to a clean microcentrifuge tube. 600 µl of cold (-20°C) isopropanol is added to the supernatant. Each tube is then inverted 30-40 times. The DNA is pelleted by centrifugation for 8 minutes in a microcentrifuge at  $\geq 10000$  x g. The isopropanol is poured off without dislodging the DNA pellet. The pellet is rinsed once with 70% ethanol and then the ethanol is carefully poured off so as not to disturb the DNA pellet. The residual ethanol is removed with a pipet, and the DNA pellet is allowed to air dry in the microcentrifuge tube. Once dried, the DNA pellet is resuspended in 20 µl Tris-EDTA.

In certain embodiments of the invention, DNA from pluripotent stem cells can be extracted using the Purelink Genomic Kit Cat # K1820-00 (Invitrogen). In further embodiments, once the DNA is extracted, it can be put through a whole genome amplification protocol using the Illustra Genomiphi V2 DNA amplification kit (GE Lifesciences), which uses the phi29 DNA polymerase to amplify the genome.

### Genotyping DNA

In one aspect of the invention, extracted and/or amplified DNA from stem cells may be genotyped using genomic single nucleotide polymorphism (SNP) arrays or chips, which are readily available for various species of animals from companies such as Illumina and Affymetrix. Alternatively, the entire genome can be sequenced using methods well-known in the art. Low

density and high density chips are contemplated for use with the invention, including SNP arrays comprising from 3,000 to 800,000 SNPs. By way of example, a “50K” SNP chip measures approximately 50,000 SNPs and is commonly used in the livestock industry to detect lethal haplotypes and to establish genetic merit or genomic estimated breeding values (GEBVs).

### Nucleotide Sequencing

One aspect of the invention comprises nucleotide sequencing extracted DNA or RNA. In certain embodiments of the invention, nucleic acid is extracted from pluripotent stem cells homozygous for a lethal haplotype, or that have been genetically modified, using any known method known in the art, including but not limited to Sanger sequencing and high throughput sequencing, which includes next generation (short read) sequencing and third generation (long read) sequencing. In one embodiment of the invention, one read with short read sequencing comprises approximately 100 to 300 base pairs, and one read with long read sequencing comprises approximately 10,000 or more base pairs. Nonlimiting examples of sequencing methods for use in the invention include single-molecule real time sequencing, ion semiconductor sequencing, pyrosequencing, sequencing by synthesis, combinatorial probe anchor synthesis, sequencing by ligation, nanopore sequencing, massively parallel signature sequencing, polony sequencing, DNA nanoball sequencing, heliscope single molecule sequencing and sequencing using droplet based microfluidics or digital microfluidics.

### Cryopreservation of Cells

The following method of cryopreserving cells may be used in the invention and is presented by way of example only. Any method known in the art for cryopreserving stem cells may be used in the invention.

Cells are washed twice with phosphate-buffered saline (PBS) and then incubated with prewarmed TrypLE Select (Gibco) at 37°C for 8 to 10 minutes. Then, the cells are detached by gentle pipetting and the cell suspension is transferred to a conical 15mL tube containing 5 to 10 ml of culture media and centrifuged at 300 x g for 10 minutes. After centrifugation, the supernatant is removed carefully to avoid disturbing the pellet and cold (2-8°C) CryoStor CS10 (StemCell Technologies) is added. After mixing thoroughly, the suspension is transferred to a cryovial. The cells are cryopreserved using a standard slow-rate cooling procedure; cryovials are placed at -80°C in a styrofoam box for 24 hours and then stored in liquid nitrogen.

### Genetic Modification

One aspect of the invention encompasses methods of genetically modifying stem cells of the invention. In particular, one aspect of the invention encompasses correcting or suppressing one or more mutations responsible for a lethal haplotype in a pluripotent stem cell and then 1) using the stem cell as a donor to create a clone or 2) using the stem cell to derive/generate gametes and then producing progeny from the gametes. In a particular embodiment, gene editing can be used to make targeted changes to gene sequences that remain after cell division. Clustered regularly interspaced palindromic repeats (CRISPR) and CRISPR associated endonuclease (Cas9) may be used to repair a mutated gene such as in lethal haplotype by providing a DNA template of the normal gene that can be incorporated through a process known as homology directed repair (HDR). Supharattanasitthi et al. demonstrated CRISPR/Cas9-mediated one step bi-allelic change of genomic DNA in induced pluripotent stem cells in vitro using dual antibiotic selection (Scientific Reports (2019) 9:174). In one embodiment, the method outlined in Supharattanasitthi et al. can be used to alter the genomic DNA of the pluripotent stem cells to correct or eliminate a lethal haplotype.

## Cloning

One aspect of the invention encompasses cloning using a pluripotent stem cell of the invention as a donor. Mammals have been cloned using embryonic stem cells. See, e.g., Wakayama et al., Proc Natl Acad Sci USA, 1999 Dec 21; 96(26):14984-14989. In a particular embodiment, a lethal haplotype is corrected/suppressed via gene editing in a pluripotent stem cell and then the cell is used as a donor cell in cloning. The following cloning procedure is presented by way of nonlimiting example only.

**Oocyte Enucleation.** *In vivo* matured oocytes are collected from donor females. Oocytes with attached cumulus cells or devoid of polar bodies are discarded. Cumulus-free oocytes are divided into two groups: oocytes with only one polar body evident (metaphase II stage) and the activated telophase II protocol (oocytes with one polar body and evidence of an extruding second polar body). Oocytes in telophase II are cultured in M199+10% FBS for 3 to 4 hours. Oocytes that are activated during this period, as evidenced by a first polar body and a partially extruded second polar body, are grouped as culture induced, calcium activated telophase II oocytes (Telophase II-Ca<sup>+2</sup>) and enucleated. Oocytes that have not activated are incubated for 5 minutes in PBS containing 7% ethanol prior to enucleation. Metaphase II stage oocytes (one polar body) are enucleated with a 25-30 micron glass pipette by aspirating the first polar body and adjacent cytoplasm surrounding the polar body (approximately 30% of the cytoplasm) presumably containing metaphase plate.

Telophase stage oocytes are prepared by two procedures. Oocytes are initially incubated in phosphate buffered saline (PBS, Ca<sup>+2</sup>/Mg<sup>+2</sup> free) supplemented with 5% FBS for 15 minutes and Cultured in M 199+10% FBS at 38° C. for approximately three hours until the telophase spindle configuration or the extrusion of the second polar body is reached. All the oocytes that

respond to the sequential culture under differential extracellular calcium concentration treatment are separated and grouped as Telophase II-Ca<sup>2+</sup>. The other oocytes that do not respond are further incubated in 7% ethanol in M199+10% FBS for 5-7 minutes (Telophase II-ETOH) and cultured in M199+10% FBS for 2 to 4 hours. Oocytes are then cultured in M199+10%/ FBS containing 5 µg/ml of cytochalasin-B for 10-15 minutes at 38° C. Oocytes are enucleated with a 30 micron (OD) glass pipette by aspirating the first polar body and approximately 30% of the adjacent cytoplasm containing the metaphase II or about 10% of the cytoplasm containing the telophase II spindle. After enucleation the oocytes are immediately reconstructed.

**Embryo Reconstruction.** Pluripotent stem cells are harvested by trypsinizing (0.025% trypsin/0.5 mM EDTA) (Sigma) for 7 minutes. Single cells are resuspended in equilibrated M199+10% FBS supplemented with 2 mM L-glutamine, penicillin/streptomycin. The donor cell injection is carried out in the same medium as for enucleation. Donor cells are graded into small, medium and large before selection for injection to enucleated cytoplasts. Small single cells (10-15 micron) are selected with a 20-30 micron diameter glass pipette. The pipette is introduced through the same slit of the zona made during enucleation and donor cells are injected between the zone pellucida and the ooplasmic membrane. The reconstructed embryos are incubated in M199 30-60 minutes before fusion and activation.

**Fusion and Activation.** All reconstructed embryos (ethanol pretreatment or not) are washed in fusion buffer (0.3 M mannitol, 0.05 mM CaCl<sub>2</sub>, 0.1 mM MgSO<sub>4</sub>, 9 mM K<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub>, 0.1 mM glutathione, 0.1 mg/ml BSA in distilled water) for 3 minutes before electrofusion. Fusion and activation are carried out at room temperature, in a chamber with two stainless steel electrodes 200 microns apart (BTX® 200 Embryomanipulation System, BTX®-Genetronics, San Diego, Calif.) filled with fusion buffer. Reconstructed embryos are placed with a pipette in groups of 3-4 and

manually aligned so the cytoplasmic membrane of the recipient oocytes and donor CFF155-92-6 cells are parallel to the electrodes. Cell fusion and activation are simultaneously induced 32-42 hours post GnRH injection with an initial alignment/holding pulse of 5-10 V AC for 7 seconds, followed by a fusion pulse of 1.4 to 1.8 KV/cm DC for 70 microseconds using an Electroculture Manipulator and Enhancer 400 (BTX®-Genetronics). Embryos are washed in fusion medium for 3 minutes, then they are transferred to M199 containing 5 µg/ml cytochalasin-B (Sigma) and 10% FBS and incubated for 1 hour. Embryos are removed from M199/cytochalasin-B medium and co-cultured in 50 microliter drops of M199 plus 10% FBS with goat oviductal epithelial cells overlaid with paraffin oil. Embryo cultures are maintained in a humidified 39° C incubator with 5% CO<sub>2</sub> for 48 hours before transfer of the embryos to recipient females.

The following alternative cloning procedure is presented by way of nonlimiting example only.

Remove COC's from maturation medium and rinse through one dish of warm TL Hepes (MOFA GLOBAL, Bovi Pro Oocyte Washing Medium with BSA at 3 mg/ml, filtered). Transfer the COC's into a hyaluronidase drop within the dish of TL Hepes. The cumulus cells of the COC's are stripped by hand, first by using a 200 µl gel loader pipet tip to remove the outer layers of cumulus, then by using a denudation pipet to remove the remaining cumulus cells. Those oocytes that are clean (no cumulus cells) are transferred to a second dish of warm TL Hepes. If there are eggs that still have cumulus cells attached, transfer those to another drop of hyaluronidase and finish hand stripping them, then transfer to the TL Hepes dish. The maturation rate (MO, mature oocyte) is determined by checking each viable oocyte for an extruded polar body (PB). Those eggs that are not mature need to be enucleated immediately.

To a nunc well, add 0.50 ml of Cyto B medium (2 ml TL Hepes and 1 $\mu$ l Cytochalasin B (Sigma C-6762)) and 10  $\mu$ l of Hoescht stain. Remove the oocytes from the maturation medium and rinse through warm TL Hepes, and then place the oocytes in the nunc well with the Hoescht stain for 15 minutes. At the end of the 15 minutes, rinse the oocytes through warm Cytochalasin B. Transfer to the lower drop of Cytochalasin B in a manipulation plate. Using the tip of a glass enucleation tip (25  $\mu$ m inner diameter), pierce through the zona of an oocyte, carefully, bring your tip near to the chromosomes and slowly aspirate them out, taking as little cytoplasm as possible. When that oocyte is successfully enucleated move to a separate area of the dish and enucleate the rest of the oocytes. When you are ready to “reconstruct” (putting a cell into the enucleated oocyte), turn the UV light off, turn up the light to a comfortable level. Get an enucleated oocyte on the holder, using your tip, turn the oocyte until the “slit” made when enucleating the oocyte is in focus and in the same plane as your tip. Using the slit deposit one cell into the space between the zona and the cytoplasmic membrane of the oocyte to create a reconstructed embryo. Rinse all reconstructed embryos in TLHepes and then place into a maturation caffeine media (2 ml in vitro maturation media with 3.9 mg caffeine) until ready to fuse, at approximately 24 hours post maturation.

When ready to fuse (approximately at 23.5 – 24 hours post maturation), turn on the BTX machine (ECM Square Wave Electroporation System 830), making sure the settings are: mode LV, voltage 100, pulse length 40  $\mu$ sec. Put the fusion chamber into the 100 mm dish, attach the red lead to the top wire, the black lead to the lower wire. Transfer reconstructed embryos in a dish comprising TLHepes. Pick up 8-10 reconstructed embryos and transfer to a dish containing a caffeine media (29.1 mg of caffeine in 15 ml of TLHepes) and let them sink. Transfer the 8-10 reconstructed embryos to another dish containing 2 ml of a SOR-based media (77.7 mg caffeine

in 50 ml of SOR media) and let the sink. Finally, transfer the 8-10 reconstructed embryos to the fusion chamber, which is filled with the SOR-based media, and once the reconstructed embryos are lined up, hit “pulse” on BTX machine. Once fused, transfer reconstructed embryos back to the dish containing the caffeine media for rinsing and then to a dish containing TLHepes, until all reconstructed embryos are fused. When fusions are completed, transfer all fused embryos to a dish containing 500 µl of a CR1aa/CR2 media (comprising 9.7 mg caffeine/5 ml CR2) for 1 hour.

To activate, (at 25 hours, 1 hour post-CR2 + caffeine), place reconstructed embryos in a nunc well along with 500 µl of ionomycin media (3 µl ionomycin and 3 ml TL Hepes) for 4 minutes. Remove and rinse three times in a dish of warm TL Hepes. Transfer the activated embryos to a nunc well containing 500 µl of cycloheximide media (at a concentration of 10 µg/ml of cycloheximide) and return to the incubator for 5 hours. After the 5 hours, remove the lysed oocytes, and rinse the remaining oocytes 6 times through the center area of the nunc well and return to the incubator. This is Day 0. On Day 5, move all embryos that are less than 8 cells to another nunc well, (count the number of 1 cells, cleaved, 8 cells and morula), leave the 8 cells and morula, add 25 µl of warm fetal bovine serum (FBS 5%) to the well and return to the incubator. On Day 6 and Day 7, check for any embryos that can be transferred. If there are, using a 2 ml Sartstedt tube, put 1 ml of Minitube holding media (BoviHold, Minitub International) into the tube and warm. Once the media is warm, transfer embryos to the tube and send to the farm for embryo transfer.

#### EXAMPLE 1

##### Embryonic stem cell line establishment

Five HH5 tested positive cows were submitted to artificial insemination (AI) by using frozen conventional sperm from a HH5 tested positive bull. 7 days post AI, the embryos were

recovered by uterine flushing and then were sent to the cell culture laboratory. To establish the cell lines, hatched embryos were used, and the expanded blastocyst that were not hatched were submitted to mechanical removal of the zona pellucida with a 21G needle into a drop of splitting media (ABT 360, USA). Ninety four denuded embryos were used, each embryo was placed into an individual well of a 12 well tissue culture-treated dish (Falcon) coated with irradiated CF1 Mouse Embryonic Fibroblasts (MEFs) (Gibco) and cultured with TeSR-E6 (Stem Cell Technologies, Canada) as base media, supplemented with (13.4 mg/mL) Low Free Fatty Acid BSA (MP Biomedicals NZ), 20 ng/mL bovine FGF2 (bFGF2) (Peprotech, USA), 2.5  $\mu$ M IWR1 (Sigma, USA) and 1X penicillin-streptomycin (Gibco), at 37°C and 5% CO<sub>2</sub>. After 72 hours, the culture media was changed for the first time, and the embryos that did not attach to the feeder layer, were mechanically pressed against the bottom of the well with a 21G needle, then the media was changed daily. After 11 days of culture, the outgrowths were dissociated using TrypLE (Gibco) and passed to a new well, previously coated with MEFs, and cultured in the same media supplemented with 10 $\mu$ M Y-27632 (Enzo life science). The day of the first passage, a sample of cells was collected to be sent for qPCR analysis for HH5 (Genetic Visions, Wisconsin, USA). A total of 25 cell lines were established and sent for qPCR analysis, 5 of them, were confirmed homozygous. Two samples of the confirmed homozygous HH5 gene were genotyped using (BovineHD BeadChip assay 777k, Illumina Inc., San Diego, CA). These 2 embryos – cell lines, received a homozygous evaluation for HH5 by the Council on Dairy Cattle Breeding (CDCB). These are the first global published results showing this event.

What we claim is

1. A method of evaluating a bovine embryo comprising:
  - fertilizing an egg obtained from a first bovine heterozygote of a recessive lethal haplotype with sperm cells obtained from a second bovine heterozygote of the recessive lethal haplotype;
  - producing the embryo from the fertilized egg, wherein the embryo is homozygous for the lethal haplotype;
  - establishing a cell culture from the embryo;
  - collecting a plurality of cultured cells; and
  - obtaining omics data, comprising one or more features, from the plurality of cultured cells.
2. The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
  - calculating feature weights for the one or more features; and
  - calculating a production value, a genotypic value or a breeding value based on the calculated feature weights.
3. The method of claim 1, wherein the recessive lethal haplotype is selected from the group consisting of: AH1, HH1, HH2, HH3, HH4, HH5, HH6, JH1, JH2, BH1 and BH2.
4. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of establishing a cell culture from the embryo comprises culturing the embryo at the blastocyst stage.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein the omics data is comprised of genotypic, proteomic or transcriptomic data.
6. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of establishing a cell culture comprises placing the embryo, or a cell sample from the embryo, on a first substrate in a first culture media comprising a low free-fatty acid BSA (bovine serum albumin), Fibroblast Growth Factor 2 and an inhibitor of Wnt signaling for 5-15 days and thereafter dissociating cell outgrowths on the first substrate and placing the cell outgrowths on a second substrate in a second culture media comprising a ROCK (Rho-associated coiled-coil containing kinase) inhibitor.
7. The method of claim 6, wherein the first substrate and the second substrate are comprised of irradiated mouse embryonic fibroblasts.
8. The method of claim 6, wherein the cell sample from the embryo comprises cells from the inner cell mass of the embryo.
9. A method of evaluating a plurality of bovine embryos comprising:
  - fertilizing a plurality of eggs obtained from one or more female bovine heterozygotes of a recessive lethal haplotype with sperm cells obtained from one or more male bovine heterozygotes of the recessive lethal haplotype;
  - producing the plurality of embryos from the plurality of fertilized eggs, wherein the embryos are homozygous for the lethal haplotype;
  - identifying a first group of one or more embryos from the plurality of embryos that are underdeveloped or dead after a first period of time;

- obtaining omics data from the identified first group.
10. The method of claim 9, further comprising the step of:
- establishing cell cultures from one or more embryos in the identified first group.
11. The method of claim 9, wherein the omics data comprises one or more features.
12. The method of claim 11, further comprising the steps of
- calculating feature weights for the one or more features; and
- calculating a production value, a genotypic value or a breeding value based on the calculated feature weights.
13. The method of claim 9, further comprising the steps of:
- identifying a second group of one or more embryos from the plurality of embryos that are underdeveloped or dead after a second period of time; and
- obtaining omics data from the identified second group.
14. The method of claim 13, wherein the omics data is comprised of genotypic, proteomic or transcriptomic data.
15. The method of claim 9, wherein the recessive lethal haplotype is selected from the group consisting of: AH1, HH1, HH2, HH3, HH4, HH5, HH6, JH1, JH2, BH1 and BH2.

SEQ ID NO	Haplotype	Hap Annotation	Seq
SEQ ID NO 1	HH2	Unknown causal	AAATTTCAAAGGTAAGAAAAGTGGGGAGTTGTG[A/G]CTGCATGATACCAAATGAATACTGCAGGCATTTTA
SEQ ID NO 2	JH1	Causal	TTAGACAGACCACCTCAGGATGCCCTGAAGAGGTT[C/T]GAAACCGTGACTTCAGGAGAGAGTTGGAGGAGAGA
SEQ ID NO 3	HH2	Unknown causal	ATTCTAAATCACTGGACCACAGGAACCTCCTTAT[C/T]CAACACTTTTCTTTGTAATAAAATGTTAGATAGTG
SEQ ID NO 4	JH1	Flanking	TCATTAGAGGGCTGATCAATAAATCCTCATATCCT[A/G]TCCGAGATTCTTGCATGCTAGGAGTTGAAATTTGA
SEQ ID NO 5	HH2	Unknown causal	CCCCAACAAATCATGAGCTTCCCATCTCAATGTGAC[A/G]TCAGTGAAGGCCACATGAGGAGTAGTGATGAGGTA
SEQ ID NO 6	BH1	Unknown causal	TTCTAAGTATATGCTGGCCATTGCTCTTGATAAA[A/G]JAGGTGTCACATCATGTTGTGGTACCAAAGCCTGCA
SEQ ID NO 7	HH3	Flanking	CACAGTTCTGTGCACCCAGGTGCAACAACTCCAT[A/C]ACACTCGGCTAAAGCATCGCTTTGCTGGTGTCTG
SEQ ID NO 8	HH2	Unknown causal	GTCTATTCTGGAACTTTCCCACTTCAGGAAACC[C/T]JAGGAGCAGGATAGCAAAACCCACCAATCATTTCCAC
SEQ ID NO 9	BH1	Unknown causal	AGCAGGCTCACAGAAAACCTCGAGAAGGACACCA[C/T]GAACACACGGAGCAAAAGTCCAGTACCTCTTGACTC
SEQ ID NO 10	BH1	Unknown causal	AGACAAATGGAGGCAACAGAGCATAGATGTGAGAC[A/G]JAGTTCAGGCTGACGCGACGACGAAAGGAGAAAACCTG
SEQ ID NO 11	HH2	Unknown causal	AGGAAGAAATGGAATATTAAGCAGCAGATTAGATT[A/G]CAGGTAACAAACCCCTGGCCAGGGGGACTACAGCA
SEQ ID NO 12	JH2	Unknown causal	ATATAGTAGAGAAAATACATGTCTCAGACCACC[C/T]TCTCTCTGATGGCCCCAGGTACATGAAATTTTTT
SEQ ID NO 13	HH2	Unknown causal	ACTGATCTAATCTGACCCATTGGCCTTTTTTTTTT[A/T]JAATGAGCTTGCATGAGCTGTTAATGTTATTTTTGAA
SEQ ID NO 14	HH2	Unknown causal	ACTCCTACTGAGTCAACTGTAATACTGTGTATCT[C/T]JAGAAGTTAATTTGTCAGTAAAAAACACATGAGCACA
SEQ ID NO 15	HH3	Flanking	TAGGACATGATACATGTTGGTTAAAGCAAAAAGGCC[A/G]TGCCAAAATTCATATTGTTAAAAAGAACTTGAGG
SEQ ID NO 16	BH1	Unknown causal	GTGCTATCCAAGGGTCTTGAGCAGGAAAGGCC[A/G]CTGGTCAGGCAGCCCGAAGGTGAGTTTGCCCATC
SEQ ID NO 17	BH2	Flanking	CTGACAGAATACTTGAATACAGGCAGAGCTTGCAG[A/G]TTTTGTCATGCTTGGTTCCAAACCAACCAATAAAAGT
SEQ ID NO 18	BH1	Unknown causal	TGCTGCTCAATGTTCCCAAATGTGTGCCACCAGA[A/G]GGCCTGATTTGCAGGAAAAAGAGAAAGTGGGTCCC
SEQ ID NO 19	BH1	Unknown causal	AGTGCTGGCCACCGCTGGACAATCAGCCTGAGGCC[A/G]GAGCTTGGAGGAACAAAAGTCCAAGGACCGCAACA
SEQ ID NO 20	BH1	Unknown causal	CTCCTGGCTGGGGCTGGGTGGCTGCAGGGAGGTGA[A/G]TCTGGGCCAAGGTTAAAGCACCTGTAGACATTTTC
SEQ ID NO 21	HH2	Unknown causal	CTCCGGTGATTGAGGGTTATAAAAATGCCATTTA[C/T]CCAGCAAGGATGGTTCATGTGAATGGAGACTGATC
SEQ ID NO 22	JH2	Unknown causal	AGTAAATCTCTCAAACAAGTTTATAACCGTGGCCT[C/G]CACAAAAGGCATCAAATCTGGGTCTCGCATGAAAA
SEQ ID NO 23	HH2	Unknown causal	TTCATTCTGGTCTCTAAGTGTCAATCTCCCA[A/G]JAGAGGCCTTTTTGGCCACCCTATGTAAAGGAGAGT
SEQ ID NO 24	BH1	Unknown causal	AGGCATGGCTCCCTCCACATAAACACAGAGCCTCA[C/T]JAGCAAGGCCAGAACCTATAGGCAAAAGGAGTTCAA
SEQ ID NO 25	BH1	Unknown causal	CACCCCTGCCAGCCTAAGTGGCTCCTAACCCCTC[A/G]GTGCATCACCTATAAGGCCTGCACACAGGCACAAA
SEQ ID NO 26	HH4	Flanking	ACAGGAGAAAGGGAGAGAACACTGGCAGGGCACTAAC[A/G]TATCCACTTTATCTACAGTGTGCTGTAGCTTTAGTT

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SEQ ID NO 27	HH3	Flanking	TCATTTTCTTTGAAGGTCATAGGGCCACTATCAC[A/G]TAAAAATAAAAGTTACTTGGAAATAAGTTCTGTAAT
SEQ ID NO 28	BH2	Flanking	ATTAATAAACAGATACTTCTTTCCATTTCCACCA[G/T]AAGTCTTTTGTACTCGGTTTTAAAACTAGCTTTGT
SEQ ID NO 29	HH2	Unknown causal	GAGTGGAGGCAATAGTGGTGGCCTCGCTGGGAAAT[G/T]AGCTGCTTGTGGGTCTATAGCAGGATGCCATTG
SEQ ID NO 30	BH1	Unknown causal	CAGCCACTAGGCCTAGCCCTCCCTGCAAGTGGT[G/T]GAGCAGATGAGAGCCCGAAGCCCGAAAGAACTGAGCAT
SEQ ID NO 31	BH1	Unknown causal	CGGCCAGAGGATGGGCCGTCTTGGTAGTCC[A/G]CTTGGGTGGCAGGTGACCGTGGCCGACACAGCG
SEQ ID NO 32	BH1	Unknown causal	TACAGTGGGCACCTTCTCCACTGTCGGGCCAG[C/T]ACAGGGGCCAGGACAGCAAGCTGACCGGCTCAGG
SEQ ID NO 33	BH1	Unknown causal	CAGCAGGTGGACACAGATCTATTCAGACCTTG[C/T]CCACTGAGGCCCTTGTGATACTTACAAATATTTTCAT
SEQ ID NO 34	HH2	Unknown causal	CTGGCTGATCCACAAAGTGGGGGCTTACAG[G/T]GTACAGGAACCTTTCTCCTCTCACAGCTTCTTCC
SEQ ID NO 35	HH4	Flanking	ACAAATGGAACAGTACCGCAGTAGCCCTTTGTCCC[A/G]TGGAAAGTCCCTGTAAAGGGTGTGAGGCCATCAGT
SEQ ID NO 36	JH1	Flanking	GTATTTAGCTACATTTATCTTTCCAGGGAAAAT[C/T]GTGCTCCAAAAGATTGGATAAGTGCCATTTTTATGG
SEQ ID NO 37	HH5	Not sure	CAATTTATGAAGTGGGCCATATCACTACTGT[C/A/C]JAAAGGAACCTATGTTTTAAAACTCAAAGGGGTTA
SEQ ID NO 38	HH2	Unknown causal	TCTTGGCTCTATCATAGAGCTCTATTTACTTCTTA[A/G]CCATCACTCTATTTCCAAAGCCACCATCATCTCCACC
SEQ ID NO 39	HHP	Flanking	CCAGAGCAGTCAGTTCACCCAGGCCAGAGGCCAC[C/T]GGGAGACCCTGTGCGTTGACTCATTACAGCGAAA
SEQ ID NO 40	HH2	Unknown causal	AGGGAGTGGAGGATAGAGAAAAGTGTTTTGGCC[A/G]JAGGACTAGAGTGAGGCAAGACCCCAATTTAAGAC
SEQ ID NO 41	BH1	Unknown causal	AGACCAGAAAGAATAGAATGGCTTTGGGAT[A/G]JAGGTGGCCATCAAATTTGAACTCATGAGCTCTAAAC
SEQ ID NO 42	HH2	Unknown causal	TGAGCCTTAGCCAGGTCCACACACAGGCCCTGAA[A/G]GTCTACCACAGTCAACTTGACACAAGTGTAGGA
SEQ ID NO 43	HH3	Flanking	TACAGTGGTCTGGATACAAGAGTTGGCCACAA[C/T]JAGGAATTTGAAGAAAGCAGAGAATAAGAAAGGCAGA
SEQ ID NO 44	BH1	Unknown causal	TGGCCGGAGGGACTGGAGGGGCACACGGTGGCC[A/G]CGTTACCGCCGTGTCTCCCGGAGGATTAACTC
SEQ ID NO 45	BH1	Unknown causal	GGTGGCCACGCGACACGGCGTGGCCATTTGGCC[C/T]CTTCATGTGGCCGCTGCACCTGGTCCATGTGGCTGG
SEQ ID NO 46	BH1	Unknown causal	CACAGACTCACACAGCACGGCCTGTGGCACGGA[A/G]GCACCTGCTCGGTTCTGCTCCGACACTTAAGGCAT
SEQ ID NO 47	HH2	Unknown causal	CACATTTATTTGGTCTGCATGATATGCTCAAAT[A/G]TCTCCAGACTTGGCCCTTTATTAAGCAAGTCTACA
SEQ ID NO 48	JH2	Unknown causal	AGGAAATGACTCTCCAGGCCCTCCCTGAAAGCTTCT[A/G]ATCTGGCAAGGAAAGACCCTTTTCTGCTCACTTCCAA
SEQ ID NO 49	BH1	Unknown causal	TTCTAGAGACCCTGTGGTGGCCAGGAAAC[G/T]TCCAGAGAAGCAGGAAATAACTCTAAGTGAAGTCA
SEQ ID NO 50	BH1	Unknown causal	TGGTGAAGTGGGGTGGAAATCTAGCTGGTGGGG[C/T]JAGCTCCAGATTCGGGGGGCCAGTTGTGTCTGCTG
SEQ ID NO 51	BH1	Unknown causal	ATTTCTTAATAAACACACATGTACTTTCCCAACCA[G/T]TGAATGGTCCCTTGTTCCTTAGTTCAGGGCTAT
SEQ ID NO 52	BH1	Unknown causal	TTCTCTACCCACATCCAAATCTCTGGCCTGCTCC[A/G]GGTCCCCCAGCAGACACATCTTACTGTGGAGACA

Figure 1B

SEQ. ID NO 53	BH1	Unknown causal	AGCCTACTACCAATT
SEQ. ID NO 54	BH1	Unknown causal	CACCTGCCCCACCCCTCGACCCCGCCTTCTC[A/C]TTCCTTCTGATGATGATTCAGTGACATTTCCAGC
SEQ. ID NO 55	HH2	Unknown causal	TTGGGCTCAGGAGCCCTACTGGTGGCCAGGGAC[G/T]CTTAATTCAGCAGAAAGCTATTCAAACCCCTTGCAAT
SEQ. ID NO 56	HH2	Unknown causal	ATGGGCTCATGTATAGATGAGAGTCTCATTGTT[C/T]CTAAATCTCAGGAAGGCTGCCTGCTGAGAACTT
SEQ. ID NO 57	HH2	Unknown causal	CCAGATATGAGAGCCAGATGGAGGCTCGCCTGG[A/G]JAGCTTGGCCATGTTCCAGGGATGCTCCAGCATCGT
SEQ. ID NO 58	HH4	Flanking	CCTTACCTGTGTTTTTGCCTTTTTTCAGGATC[A/G]AACCTCCAAGCTCTCATAGACAGCACTAGGGAGCC
SEQ. ID NO 59	JH2	Unknown causal	ACAGTTGAGCATTGAGTTACAAGTTCCAAAG[C/T]CCCAAGCTACGGGCTGTTCTCTAGACGTA
SEQ. ID NO 60	HH3	Flanking	TGCCATTAACAGTCATGTTTTAACATTTCTTC[A/C]TGAGAACACACGCTCAGAGATTTTCAGTTCTAGTT
SEQ. ID NO 61	HH2	Unknown causal	AATCCAAATTTCTGTTGATGGCTGGCTGAGTT[C/A/G]CGCCCTGTTGGATGAGGCCAAACTGTTGACC
SEQ. ID NO 62	JH2	Unknown causal	TAAAATCTCTGCAAGCAAAAAGAGAAAGGAT[G/T]GGGAGAGAGCAGTTCCAGGCAGAAAGTTGAAAT
SEQ. ID NO 63	BH1	Unknown causal	GGGACCCATCCTGCCCTGACCTGAGAGCAGCCTC[A/G]GGTGGAGCCCTCAGTGGCCAAACAGAACCCCTGCTC
SEQ. ID NO 64	HH2	Unknown causal	TATTAGATTTAATAATTTGGTTTCTATCCTACCT[G/T]ATTTTGAATGGTGTGATTTGTTTTACAAGTTAA
SEQ. ID NO 65	BH1	Unknown causal	TCCTTGGGCTGGCCCTGCCAGGTCATTCAC[C/A/G]TCTCTTCTCATCTCGTACCTACTTTCCACACCCGG
SEQ. ID NO 66	JH1	Flanking	ATTCCTCAATTTTATTCTAGCATGTGTAACCTA[G/T]ATCCTAAATTTCTGAGGCTACAGTTCCCATACTA
SEQ. ID NO 67	HH2	Unknown causal	CCTTCTGGTAAAGTGAAAACCTGAGCCACCTGGCC[A/G]GAGTATCCAGGCACCTGCTAGGTGAGGCTACCAAGG
SEQ. ID NO 68	HHP	Flanking	TGGGATTTTGTGCTTAGAAAGAGGCCATAATCC[A/G]GGGAATGCTCTCCCTAGCCCTCTCTCCCTC
SEQ. ID NO 69	BH1	Unknown causal	AAGGGAGGGCAGGTGCCACCTCCTAAGGCTCAC[C/T]GCTGAGATCACTCCAAAGGGGGTTCAGGTTGGT
SEQ. ID NO 70	HH2	Unknown causal	TTTCTAATATCTCTTCATTGCAGGAGTCCCTGGT[C/A/G]AGGGCTGGTTTTGATTTGCCAATGTCATAATCTAAA
SEQ. ID NO 71	BH1	Unknown causal	ATGGCTTAGGCCAAAATTAGGTTCTCTTATGTCAA[A/C/T]TTGGCTGGCATATTAGGTTCTCAATATGCCAGAAAA
SEQ. ID NO 72	HH4	Flanking	CCTGTCTTTGCTAGTTCAATCAACCATGACAAA[A/G/T]GTATATTGATTTGGGGCTCGTAGATAACTGAAG
SEQ. ID NO 73	BH1	Unknown causal	GGCAGCAAGTGGCCAGGCTCAAGTCTTGAAATCC[C/T]JACCACCATGCTCTGCTGTGTGTAAGTCACTTC
SEQ. ID NO 74	HH2	Unknown causal	CAAAGTCAAGGGCCCCAGCCGCTGGGATCTAATGC[A/G]TGATGACCTGACGTGAAGCTGAGGTAACAATAACA
SEQ. ID NO 75	BH1	Unknown causal	TGCAGCCAGTCCCTAACAGGCAAGGACCAGTACC[A/G]GTCTATGGCCGGGGTTGGGGAGACCCCTGCACT
SEQ. ID NO 76	HH2	Unknown causal	TCTCAGTCAACAGAAAAGAACATCCAACAGTATA[C/T]GGTAAGGATTAGTTAGGAGACCTTAGAAAATCAAAA
SEQ. ID NO 77	BH1	Unknown causal	CATAGTAAAATGTCACTACAGTTAAATGTGTTGAA[A/C]JAGGTGGTGAAGGCCCTTTTTTCTTCCATCTTTTGAA

Figure 1C

SEQ. ID NO 78	BH1	Unknown causal	CTGCCATGTTTCATATATATGCGGCTGTGTGAC[A/C]GATCCCTACCAGGACAAGATGGTATCAGCCTTC
SEQ. ID NO 79	BH2	Flanking	AGTGGATTTCTCTGTAGTGAAATAAGCCTTCCC[G/T]GAGTAAGTAGGCTGGAAACACACTTCCAGCTGATG
SEQ. ID NO 80	HH2	Unknown causal	ATGAGTGCAGAAACATCTGAATCTGTTCTGTAAG[C/T]GGCCAGTCTCTCTGTTTCATGTTTAAACCAAATTG
SEQ. ID NO 81	HH2	Unknown causal	ATGAATAATAAAATTTAGTAAACGGGTCTT[C/C/T]CTATTTTCAATATATGGGCAATGGCATATAACCAATT
SEQ. ID NO 82	HH2	Unknown causal	ATTCAATGTATTCGCAAACTCCTGACTTTTCTG[C/T]ATTTTTCAAAATTAATGATTACAACCTGTGGTTGAAA
SEQ. ID NO 83	HH2	Unknown causal	GCAAAGTACTGGAGTGGGTGCCATTGCTTCT[C/T]TGTAAGTGGCCAGGGTTCTTGAAAAATAATGCAGA
SEQ. ID NO 84	HH2	Unknown causal	AAGCCCCGAAGAGGAACATTAAAGTTCAAGTGCAGT[C/A/G]CTCAGTACATACCCGACTTTGCGAACCCATGAGC
SEQ. ID NO 85	HH2	Unknown causal	GCAGACTCCTTGGTGCCTGCCAGATCTGGAGGG[A/G]CATGGTAATCCTTTGTTTTGAGTTTGTTCACAACAT
SEQ. ID NO 86	JH2	Unknown causal	TGTGTAGGCTGTACAAATGATTTCTGTCCAAA[A/G]CAGAGGATGGAAGGTGGCGGAAAGTAACCTTAC
SEQ. ID NO 87	HH2	Unknown causal	AACCCATTACACTTGAATCTGATCTTGGCAAT[A/G]CATAAATTTAAAGTCTCACCTCAAAATAATTTGGT
SEQ. ID NO 88	HH5	Not sure	CTAACTTTATTGACTTTAAAGGATTTCCATCATAG[C/T]GTGTAATTTGCAAAATTTGTTGCATATTTCTGTT
SEQ. ID NO 89	HH2	Unknown causal	CCAGTCCATGGAGCTTGATCTTCAGCTGTCC[A/G]ATGCCTCTTTTGTGGCACACCACCCAGGCTTCT
SEQ. ID NO 90	HH2	Unknown causal	CACCTGTAATAATGCCATTTTTTCTATAGAGATG[A/C]TGATTTTTCAGACTTTATATATCTGGATATGAGT
SEQ. ID NO 91	BH1	Unknown causal	CCTAGGTCGATGTCGTGAAGCCCTCAGCTGTGAT[A/G]GCATCAGCCGTGTTCTTGTCAATGTTCTCCAGACA
SEQ. ID NO 92	HH2	Unknown causal	CAAGAGACAGGATAGTAAATAAAGGGCAGACTGTG[A/G]CATTAAATCTTTCAAAAAAGATGTCATCAGCTC
SEQ. ID NO 93	HH2	Unknown causal	AGCCTCTCCTCTGGACCTGTCTTACCCACCAC[A/G]ACTGTACCCCAATGCTGTTCAACTTAGCGGGACC
SEQ. ID NO 94	BH1	Unknown causal	AGGCTGAGGGTGCAGATGGAGAACTGAATGAA[A/G]GCAGTCAAGTGGTATAAAGTTCAGTTACAAGATA
SEQ. ID NO 95	BH1	Unknown causal	ACTTTCATTTATGCAGAAATTTTATTGCTG[A/G]TCCCATGAAAGTGAATGAGCAAGGAGTAAATGAGA
SEQ. ID NO 96	BH1	Unknown causal	TGCCCTGGGATGATGGGCAACCACCTGCCACTTAC[A/G]JAGGCCCTCACAGACTGTCCTTATCAGCAGCAGTAC
SEQ. ID NO 97	JH1	Flanking	TTTTTTAAGATGCTCTGCTTTTGTAGTTGTTAG[C/T]CTGTTCTGCTGTGAGGTTTAGATGAAATGAGAG
SEQ. ID NO 98	HH1	Flanking	ACCAGGGAAGTCTGTACATCTTAAATAGCTTTG[C/G]AAGATGGGATCTGTGATGCTTGGGGTATGAAAT
SEQ. ID NO 99	HH1	Flanking	CACAATGAAGCTTGACTACCAGGCCAGTAAAGTTC[G/T]TGTTATCAGTTGGCACTCATTATCCCTGGAATG
SEQ. ID NO 100	HH3	Flanking	TTAACTTAGATCTGAGATCTGCTCTTGGTTT[C/A/G]CCATGATTCCTGGATTTAATTCGAGTACAAATTTA
SEQ. ID NO 101	BH1	Unknown causal	TGCTATGGGCATAAGCCAGGAACGAGCAGCACAGA[A/G]TTAGGGAGGGGGCCTCTGGGGTAGTGGTTCAGAGGT
SEQ. ID NO 102	HH1	Flanking	TAAATGCTTTACTTACTGTAATACATTTGTAGTAGC[A/G]AAGAGCAGTGTTTTTGAAAGCTACAAACCTAGGTTT
SEQ. ID NO 103	HH2	Unknown causal	CTGGATAGTGACAGACTAGTATCAGGCAATCTTAC[A/G]TATGCTAGCCAGGAGGGGGATTTTTTTTTTTTTT

Figure 1D

SEQ ID NO 104	HH2	Unknown causal	AACATGGGGTGAATTAATAAATTTGCTTCTGAAAA[C/T]GCCGAGTTTAAACAATAAACAAGGACATTGCTATAG
SEQ ID NO 105	HH2	Unknown causal	GCCAGTGAGCTGCACCTTGCTCTTAGATTTCTGC[C/T]GAGTCTATTATCACTCTGAAGGAACTGGCTGCTT
SEQ ID NO 106	HH2	Unknown causal	GATGCTCAAAGCATGGGTGATGAACCTTAGTA[G/T]TTTAGATGCTAATGAAGCAGAAAATCGAACCCAGAAAA
SEQ ID NO 107	HH2	Unknown causal	CATTATGGTGAAGTATTAGGGATAAATAAATAAG[A/C]AAGATAAGTAGGCTGCCAGACTGGGTGAGTTAGA
SEQ ID NO 108	JH2	Unknown causal	CAGCACCAAAATTCAGGTGATGACAGCTGTGCC[A/G]GTCAATCAGCTGTCTTCTGGAGGGACCATGAGAA
SEQ ID NO 109	HH3	Flanking	GTGTTGCTCTATAGCAACTTGAAGGTTATAAT[C/T]GTATTACCAAGAAAAGAAAATCAGACACATTTAGG
SEQ ID NO 110	HH3	Flanking	TATAACATATGTACTTCATTTATAAAGAAATTCGA[C/T]TGGTGAAGGAAAAAATCTGTACTAGCCCTTGATAT
SEQ ID NO 111	BH2	Flanking	CTCATTATGATGAAAAAGCCACTCAAAGATTCCGA[C/T]TCTCTACTTCCCTCCGGATTAGGTTCAATTATAGA
SEQ ID NO 112	BH2	Flanking	ACTGTTTTAAGGGAAAAACAATGCATGCCCTCGG[G/T]TATGGAGATGTTGAGTTTGAGGTACACATAAGAGA
SEQ ID NO 113	HH3	Flanking	CTAAATTTTATTAGTATTGATTTCCCATTTGCC[A/G]GTAGCCTAGTATTAGTGAATTCACCTGAACCTATTAC
SEQ ID NO 114	BH2	Causal	CCTGCTTGATATTCATCAGCTTCACACAGATCTTA[C/T]GAACAGCATCGTTCTCATGAACAAGGGGGCGTCT
SEQ ID NO 115	HH1	Flanking	GTGTATAGGTATTCAAAGCTGAAACAGGAGAGA[A/T]JACTTCTAGAAAATCAAGGCTCATGAGGATGAAGTGC
SEQ ID NO 116	HH4	Flanking	TGGCTGTAGGAAATGTCACTCGTTCCACATACC[A/G]TGGTGAAGGTTGGGCATGTGCTTTTTCAGTTTTA
SEQ ID NO 117	HH3	Flanking	GACTTGGATCTATTTTTTCTACTCTTTTGCCTGG[C/T]GCTAATGCTATGCTTGCACCACCAGAAAGGGCCAGAC
SEQ ID NO 118	HH3	Flanking	TCAGAAATTTGAGAATGCCCTTACTTCCAAGGTTCA[C/T]GATCTTTCAACTACACAACACTGTTTTCTAAAAATATTA
SEQ ID NO 119	JH2	Unknown causal	TTAACCTAGGATATGAGGGTACAGGCTTGGATATA[A/G]GATGCATATTTCTAAGTCAAGACTAACAGATAGGG
SEQ ID NO 120	JH2	Unknown causal	AGATACTGAGAATAAATAATTAATGGAAATTTAAAG[A/G]JAACCTCAAAAAGTGTGAGAAATTTCTCTATTAACAACCTT
SEQ ID NO 121	HH2	Unknown causal	GTCTTATCTGCAAAATTAATAAATAATCAGCT[A/G]JAGAAGTGACCTTGGATGAAGCAGTATTTAAATGGC
SEQ ID NO 122	HH2	Unknown causal	CCTTACCTGAAAAATAGGAGTAAAATAATTTAAATAA[A/G]JATATCATCAATAAAAAGACAATATCGAGTGCATAAC
SEQ ID NO 123	HH2	Unknown causal	ACCAAATGGCCAGTCTGTGATGCTGAACCTCAGTAAG[C/T]JAGAATACATGAGCCTGGGAAACAAGATGTA AAAAT
SEQ ID NO 124	HH3	Flanking	TATGTTTATTGTTTCTCTAAGCAGTCCATGTTA[C/T]CTCCCAAGCGATTTTCTTTTCATTGCAGATATG
SEQ ID NO 125	HH2	Unknown causal	TCTTCTCAACTCCCTATCAAGCTTTTGGCTGG[A/G]GTTTAGCTCCAGATGTTAGCCTCCACTAACTGGC
SEQ ID NO 126	HH2	Unknown causal	ACAGTCAATCCAGACAATGCATTTCTCAGTGATGA[C/T]JGCAGTCTTGATATTAATAAAAAGAAATGTTTTATTTCT
SEQ ID NO 127	HH2	Unknown causal	ACTTTTACATAACATGCCCTGCAGAAATAGAAGCAGG[A/G]JATTTTTTTTTTTTTCTGGGAGATTATGAATTTCTCATA
SEQ ID NO 128	BH1	Unknown causal	GCAGAGAGAAAATCGGGCCCTCAGCAGACAGCATGT[A/G]JGAGTCTGGTTCCCGGGAGCAGCCCAAGACCAGAAAG
SEQ ID NO 129	HH3	Flanking	AGTCAGCTCTTTGCATCAGGTGGCCAAAAGTATAAT[C/T]JCATATTAATTAATGGTATATAAAGGGCATGTGAGTT

Figure 1E

SEQ ID NO 130	HH2	Unknown causal	GAATAGAATCAGGAGATTTGAAGGAGGAGTGCAT[C/T]ACAGTATTAAGTGTGGCTAAAAAGATAAAGAGGAT
SEQ ID NO 131	HH2	Unknown causal	CATTTGTGTATATTACCAGTGCATATATTAGCAGC[A/G]TTTTCTAGGCTTCAGGAAATGCTTCAAAAATTACT
SEQ ID NO 132	HH2	Unknown causal	TACATTCGCTGTGTGTGCATTTTAGACACAC[A/G]TTTAGAAGACAAAATGTCAAAGAAGAGCCTCGAGA
SEQ ID NO 133	HH2	Unknown causal	TAAAGTTTTAGTAGAAGAACATTAGGATGTGTATA[A/G]AAAAAGAAATGGCAGTCATATCAAGAAAGTAT
SEQ ID NO 134	HH3	Flanking	AGTGGAAAGGAGGACTGCAAAATAGAAATTCCTGG[A/G]GCTTTCAATCAGGCCAGAGAGGACATTTGTGGGG
SEQ ID NO 135	BH1	Unknown causal	GACTAGAGGACATGGGCAGCGTTCTGGACATCAGG[C/T]AGTGACCATGGGCTCCCTGCCCTGATGGCCGGCAC
SEQ ID NO 136	JH2	Unknown causal	TCTAACTTGAACCTTATAACGGCATGTTTTCTTT[G/T]GGGGGAAGAAAAAGCCTAAAAATCATGACTGAATC
SEQ ID NO 137	BH1	Unknown causal	GAAATCCACAAATCCACAGTGAGTTTTAAAACTG[A/G]GCAAAATAATGGGTAAAGTAGAAAAAGTCTTCCTT
SEQ ID NO 138	BH1	Unknown causal	GGATGTACGAAAGTCAAGGATGATGTAGTCTTA[C/T]GATGAGTGTCTAACTAGAGGATTTATTTCTCAC
SEQ ID NO 139	BH1	Unknown causal	AGGAAGAAACCCAGACAAAGTAAACAGAGGAAGGT[A/G]TCAGAAAAACAGGATGATGTCTAATCATGAATCGCA
SEQ ID NO 140	BH1	Unknown causal	CCAGCAGTATGAAATCAGAAATTAAGGCTGAAAT[C/T]CCCATGCCATGATGAATGTGTTCTTTAACTATTAA
SEQ ID NO 141	HH3	Flanking	GGACCTACCAACCGTAAATACCTCCAGCCCT[C/A/G]CCTTTTGGTGGCAGACTTGAGATTTGTGTCCTCG
SEQ ID NO 142	BH1	Unknown causal	AGACTTGACCTTATATCTGGTTAATGTCTAGA[C/T]TGTGATTAATCCCTGGGGCTAGGAAGAACTGGAA
SEQ ID NO 143	HH2	Unknown causal	GGACATAGGGACAGGGGAGGAGGACCAGACACCAA[C/T]JAGGTAATAGTAACTACCCCTCACTGTTTCATCAACC
SEQ ID NO 144	HH2	Unknown causal	GGGCTTTCACACATTGCAAGAAAAATCAGTCACAA[C/T]JAAAAACTGCCCTGATGAGAGACTGTTGCACACTTTG
SEQ ID NO 145	BH1	Unknown causal	GAGCCAGGGCTCCAGGAGAGATAGAAACTGCACCC[C/T]GCCCCCAACTCCTGACTGAAGGCTGGATCGCCCT
SEQ ID NO 146	HH2	Unknown causal	TTCTTTCAAATGAACATTGTAAAAATATGAAC TAG[G/T]TTTCAACTTAAATGAAAACAAAAATTAGGAAACAT
SEQ ID NO 147	HH2	Unknown causal	TTATCTGTTTTGCTCATCTTAATATAAAAAATCTT[A/G]ACAGTTATGGTTCGAGTTCACTGGATGAGATTTTC
SEQ ID NO 148	HH2	Unknown causal	TTCCATAACTAAAAGGACCATATGTTTCACTTGAGA[A/G]JGGAAATTAAGAAATGATGAACGTAATTTTCTTTC
SEQ ID NO 149	HH2	Unknown causal	GATATTAGCTGGTTTTAAATGTATTTTAACTTT[A/G]GTGGTCGTTATTAATTTTAAACATAAAAAATCAAA
SEQ ID NO 150	HH2	Unknown causal	GGAGTGATTAATAATGATTTTCTATACTATTTGT[A/G]TTCTTAGTCACTCAGTCACTGTCGGACTCTTTGCAA
SEQ ID NO 151	BH1	Unknown causal	CCCCCTGACCTTCTCACTCTCCAGTCAAACCAGA[C/T]GTCTTCCAGCACGGGTCCCTTCACTTATATCAG
SEQ ID NO 152	BH1	Unknown causal	ACCTCAGGGAAATAAAAGGTGATTGTTATGGCCCT[G/T]CCTGATCCAGCAGCCCTGGGTGAGATGCTTCCCA
SEQ ID NO 153	HH3	Flanking	ATAAAGAGTTGGACAGGACTGAAGTGAAGTCACTGAGCAT[A/G]CACACACTCAATCAGTATATATTTTGAATTTA
SEQ ID NO 154	HH2	Unknown causal	TTACCAGCGTTGTTAAACCGCTGCTGTTTCATT[C/T]TGCTTTGATGCTATTTGAGGTAGCATGCCAGCAGA
SEQ ID NO 155	HH2	Unknown causal	TAAACGTCGCTTTTCCCTCAGTTTCTGTAGCTCTGAA[C/T]JAGGGGATAATAACAATATCTTCCCTCAACACTTGTA

Figure 1F



SEQ ID NO 182	BH1	Unknown causal	GTAGAAACTTGATGTTGCAACTTGATGTTTTGGT[A/G]AAAAAGTATATACCCATGAAATCATCACTACTATCA
SEQ ID NO 183	JH2	Unknown causal	AAAAGACTGTGACACTCACTTGAATTTGCTTCC[A/G]TCTGTAAAAGGAGAGAAATACGTTCTATTGTTTGT
SEQ ID NO 184	HH3	Flanking	AACCAATCTCTCATCAACGTAAGATAGATTAATAG[A/C]TTGCTAAATGCAACAGGATTTAATGTGAGTAGGCA
SEQ ID NO 185	HH2	Unknown causal	TCCACCACCTGGAGGCCCTCCAGCTGCTAGTTTA[A/G]TCTTGGAGAGCATGATCTTAAACCCACTAGCCCTAT
SEQ ID NO 186	HH3	Flanking	AATGAAATGTTATTATGGAGAAGAAGTTGAAACAG[A/C]AGCCAGAAACTTTAAGCCTGGCCAAACCTTAAATA
SEQ ID NO 187	BH1	Unknown causal	TTCCAGTACTACAGTTTAAAAGAACGAAATCTTCC[A/G]CGTTCCAGCTTTTAGGGCCCAATACTCACGTCA
SEQ ID NO 188	BH1	Unknown causal	CCCACTTCCGAATCCCATGTTCCAGCATCCAGCC[C/T]CCTTCAACACCAGCAGAAACAGATTCAGGCTGGGTG
SEQ ID NO 189	BH1	Unknown causal	TGAGTGTCTCTCTGACCTTCATGCTGATGACCI[A/G]ATTTGTGGCTATTTGTAATCCCTGCAATACACAG
SEQ ID NO 190	BH1	Unknown causal	GATCTTTGCTTATTATTCATTATATCTTTATG[A/C]AATAGTTATCTGAACTCACTGTCATTAATCTGAAC
SEQ ID NO 191	BH1	Unknown causal	TTGTATTGCTATCTCTCCATAATAATCAACTTTA[C/T]ACATCACAAGGGGAAACAGAGGGAAATTTCTCA
SEQ ID NO 192	BH1	Unknown causal	GGATGCCAGAGGCCCATCCAACCTGATATTTT[A/G]GATCCTGCAGTCATCACTTTTCCCTGCTGTGATCA
SEQ ID NO 193	BH1	Unknown causal	GTCTCTGCTGGCCCTGGAGGGGGCGTGGGAAG[A/G]ACCATCAGGAGACTGAGCTGCAAAAAGACCCCTGGC
SEQ ID NO 194	BH1	Unknown causal	AATAAGGCAGAAAGCCCTAATAATTTGAAAACAAC[A/G]CAGCAATCACTGTTGCTTCCCTCTGTGGCAAGCTAT
SEQ ID NO 195	BH1	Unknown causal	AAATCCAAAAAAGGGGGGAGGATTGTAAGGTA[C/T]TAGTTAAAAATAAAGATGAAATTAATTTCACTCTGCTC
SEQ ID NO 196	BH1	Unknown causal	GTTGAGTCGGACATAGCTGCCCTTGGATCCTAGCC[C/T]GGCCCTGGGCACATGGAACCCGTGGTCTCCTGGTC
SEQ ID NO 197	BH1	Unknown causal	CTCACTGGCAGTTGGCTGCATTCAGTTCCTGGCCG[C/T]GTGGGTCTTCTGAAATTTTCACTTGGCTTAGC
SEQ ID NO 198	BH1	Unknown causal	GTTACTTAAACATGGTGGGATTACAGGTGATGCT[C/T]GGCCCTTCTCCCTCCCCAGGTATTTTAGTGGTCT
SEQ ID NO 199	BH1	Unknown causal	CTGAGGCCAGAGGTGATCTATGGGCCCTAATGGA[C/T]GATGCACTCTTGGGGAAGGGGATGGACGAGTGGT
SEQ ID NO 200	BH1	Unknown causal	TTGCCGTACAGGCTGCGTGGCCTCATCTGAGGCC[C/T]CTGTCTCACCGTTTTCAGTTTCCCATTTCTTTAACA
SEQ ID NO 201	BH1	Unknown causal	ACAGCATCTGGAATTCCTTGAGTGGCAGTGCAGCC[A/G]AGCTCGGACTCTGAGGCCAGACTCCGGGGTTCAAG
SEQ ID NO 202	BH1	Unknown causal	TCTCTGGATTTCCAGCACCCCTAGACTGTTGCCAAA[A/C]TTGGCTCCCATGTGCTGGAGGAGGTGCGGGCTG
SEQ ID NO 203	BH1	Unknown causal	ACAGAAAGATTTTAAAAGGCCAGCAATACTGTTCT[G/T]TAATTTCAACATCAGCTCACGAGCTTTTCTCATGTG
SEQ ID NO 204	BH1	Unknown causal	CACTGATCCAGGAACCCAGCAGCCAGACACCAAGA[G/T]GTGACACTCTATGGCTCATGAGAATAGAATAAC
SEQ ID NO 205	BH1	Unknown causal	ATCCCCTGAAACAGATGTTTGTCTTCTGCAATGTTTCTGCAATGGCAAAAGAAATGCTAATCTTCTGCTATT
SEQ ID NO 206	BH1	Unknown causal	TCCCCAGGAACACTTATATCATGATGCCCAAG[C/A]AGAGGGCCCTTCCCAGCTCCTCTAACATGGATCAC
SEQ ID NO 207	BH1	Unknown causal	AGGACTCATCAGCCCTGACCCCTACCTACTGTCAT[C/T]CTCAATCTTAGGCCCTTCTCATATCCCATTTGCTCT

Figure 1H

SEQ. ID NO 208	BH1	Unknown causal	TTTTAAAGGGATAGCCTAAGGAAACCCCACTTGAAT[C/T]CTTGGAGGAGGGGCATGGTTTCTGCATTGAGCCTGG
SEQ. ID NO 209	BH1	Unknown causal	ACTTTCAGAAAACCCATGTAAAAAACGATTATAAGC[C/T]CTGAAACACAATGAATGTATCTGGGACTCTGGAGGG
SEQ. ID NO 210	BH1	Unknown causal	GTGCATCACCCAGGCCAGGATCCCTGGTCCAAAAGCT[A/T]TAAAAACAAGCTGGACACTCTTCCCTCTTCTGAGCAC
SEQ. ID NO 211	HH1	Flanking	TTTTCTTTTAAAGGCTTTATTGATCTTGGATGAT[A/G]TTTGGGATCCTTGGGTGTTAAAAGCTTTTGACAAT
SEQ. ID NO 212	HH3	Flanking	AGACATTTTCTAAGAAAAGATATAGTAAGGCCAC[A/G]GGCATGGGATTAGATACTTAACAAACAGTAGTCATT
SEQ. ID NO 213	JH1	Flanking	GCGGAGAGTCATGATGGCGTCTGTATGATCTCCGG[A/G]GGTAGCGGCGTCGGAGTTCGGCCAAAAGTGAGCGGC
SEQ. ID NO 214	HH1	Causal	GCCTCTGTGAACCTGGAAACTTCAGAGGTTTATCGG[C/T]AAGCTAAGCTGCAGGCCAAGCAGGAGGTCGATAAC
SEQ. ID NO 215	BH2	Flanking	GAGACGTATAGATTCCTGGGTCCTTGCATCTGGA[C/T]GGTTTGAATGGATAAAGCACCACCTTGACAAAATAAG
SEQ. ID NO 216	HBR	Flanking	AAGACGCTCAAGAGGTGCTGCAGTGCTCCTGGT[A/T]GGGTGGCAGTGCCGTCGTGTGCCCCAGGCCTGTGA
SEQ. ID NO 217	HH3	Causal	TACTCAGAATA TTGGACATATGCTACGTACTCATT[C/T]CACACATTCTCAGGTAAGAACCCAAAAAGAGCCTCA
SEQ. ID NO 218	HH4	Causal	GCTGACCAAGAACGGCCCCAAAGTTCTGGAA TTTA[A/C]JTTCGGTTTCGGTGATCCAGAGTGCCAAAGTGAGTA
SEQ. ID NO 219	JH1	Flanking	TTATTAGCGTCCCTTGGGGTGGGCTCTTGTGTT[A/C]CAGCATTTCTTAAATTTAACTTGGAAAAAGATCTG
SEQ. ID NO 220	BH2	Flanking	CGAGTGTGAATCTATAATAATTACGGTACAACATAA[C/T]CTTCAATATTCATAACAGTACTCCTAAAGCAGGAA

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