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News

1. This month was heavily involved with Deloitte's putting together the Business Plan and we thank them for their professional approach. Some of you have been contacted by them.
2. Potential major funders were identified and contacted regarding their interests and we have had some success however, when it becomes more definite we will inform the mailing list. It seems suitable to approach them more seriously when the Business Plan is complete.
3. We are privileged that Nature Genetics has maintained its interest and our cause will be heavily advantaged by their collaboration.
4. A recent trip by R. Cotton to attend the Wellcome Trust's "Data to Discover Meeting" allowed visits to the EC in Brussels, Nature in London and New York, and Pfizer in New London. It was excellent that various members of the Human Variome Project initiative were able to join me in these meetings to help with the case and we thank them for that.
5. We apologise for "Wongi Yabber" being mistakenly sent to the mailing list however the Australian cancer perspective may have been of some interest to those involved with cancer.
6. We anxiously await the first real funding for the project so we can get on with the job of improving genetic health care.
7. Paper of interest:
Giardine et al, HbVar database of human hemoglobin variants and thalassemia mutations: 2007 update. *Human Mutation* 28: p206

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