Implementation of adding discovered grandsires and great grandsires using constructed ID

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Pedigree validation in the US database

Over 7 million animals genotyped in U.S. system

Each genotype compared with most others to discover identical genotypes and parent-progeny relationships

Genotypes imputed to 79K using Findhap.f90, which provides haplotypes

The pedigree of each animal entering the database is checked (counting opposite homozygotes), SNP at a time

All conflicts resolved

Portion of validated parents of genotyped animals born in 2022 (98% of sires, 57% of dams)
Discovering grandsires and great grandsires

Fixped.f90 uses haplotypes to discover distant relationships as MGS and MGGS

(VanRaden et al., 2013)

**Linking discovered MGS and MGGS**

Finddam creates the **constructed dam** and/or **MGD ID** to link calves to MGS and MGGS in the pedigree.

- ~ 1.79 million Constructed ID will be created according to the Monthly August 2023 evaluation
- 67K already created and added to the pedigree
- Total of 1.86 M Constructed ID
Filling in pedigrees

- First check if true dam can be discovered in same herd
  - Match birth and fresh dates, only 1 dam’s pedigree matches calf’s (only non-ambiguous cases are filled)

- Discovery of registered animals are reported to breed associations only

Already discovered and added 400,000 MGS and MGGS whose dam ID and MGD ID were previously reported by the owners
Filling in pedigrees

- Constructed ID: **HO USA DAM (MGD)** calf internal numeric ID (key number)

  **HOUSAADAM**004235395
  **HOUSAAMGD**004235395

- For international IDs, the only difference will be the 3-letter breed code (HOL instead of HO) and the addition of the sex (F or M) after the country code

  **HOLUSAFFDAM**004235395

- To further facilitate the constructed ID recognition, the name of each constructed animal will be “Dam of [ID of source animal]” or “MGD of [ID of source animal]”
Constructed IDs standards

• **Unique:** must be unique in the pedigree, as they are only used to link source animals to their ancestors

• **Traceable:** must be connected to the source animal from which it was derived (and the country that generated it).

• **Stable:** The connection between the constructed ID and its source animal must be perpetual – unless the true ancestor is found.

• **Recognizable:** must be easily recognizable as placeholders and never be considered as the ID of a true ancestor.
**Constructed IDs rules**

- **Constructed IDs** will **ONLY** be generated by the CDCB

- Other submitters can modify the pedigree record as usual

- Submitters will **ONLY** be allowed to replace constructed IDs with a true ancestor ID or delete the constructed ID to reject the connection to the MGS or the MGGS

- Users are **NOT** allowed to replace constructed IDs with alternative constructed IDs
Dam unknown; Dam suggested based on herd, sire, and calving date

HO840000013897236
HO840000013897237
HO840000013897238
HO840000013897239
HO840000013897240
Dam unknown; Dam ID constructed, and pedigree created with discovered MGS as sire

PGSire  PGDam  Sire  Animal  MGSire

HO840000013897236
HO840000013897237
HO840000013897238
HO840000013897239
HO840000013897240

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Real example from WebConnect

Animal

- Requested Information: HOBRA00020DVKH25866
- Preferred ID: HOBRA00020DVKH25866
- Name:  
- DOB: 2023-07-06
- Sex: F
- Multi-Birth Code: 1
- Registry Status: N
- ID Source Code: N
- Pedigree Source Code: N
- Mud Date: 2023-08-14

Paternal Grand sire

- D: HOBRA00001277323
- Name: SILVERROOST V TIMBERLAKE
- DOB: 2017-06-10
- Source Code: B
- Genotyped: Yes

Paternal Grand dam

- D: HOBRA000314173722
- Name: SANDY VALLEY RSLV ERYSS-ET
- DOB: 2017-11-11
- Source Code: B
- Genotyped: Yes

Maternal Grand sire

- D: HOBRA000013559284
- Name: CLAYNOOK DECHIPER
- DOB: 2012-06-30
- Source Code: B
- Genotyped: Yes

Maternal Grand dam

- D: HOBRA000207432396
- Name: Dam of HOBRA00001277323
- DOB: 2020-07-06
- Source Code: A
- Genotyped: No
Real example from IDEA

### Pedigree Query

Result for JERUSA#096748683. [New query](#).

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Filled pedigree results

Discovering ancestors and connecting relatives in large genomic databases

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Table 2. Traditional and genomic EBV value means, SD, and reliabilities for yield traits of 295,136 animals with newly found ancestors, before and after pedigree completion

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Impact on evaluations

- CDCB performed a full test-run (traditional and genomics) in November 2022 to assess the impact of the **full** implementation of discovered pedigrees
  - This will NOT happen, as there will be a gradual implementation throughout 2023
- AI bulls: **Nearly no impact**, some marginal variation on some bulls adding a lot of daughters.
- Animals adding pedigrees: variable impact depending on the entity of pedigree changes and discovered MGS/MGGS. Large increase in reliability (e.g., better predictions!)
- Results in line with Nani et al., even if the number of inclusions was more than twice
Summary and implementation

- Linking disconnected animals improved genetic and genomic estimations
- Correcting pedigree errors generate more accurate inbreeding estimates
- Real dam IDs are preferred over constructed IDs
- Pedigree providers have the option to remove discovered relationships
- Constructed ID implementation started on April 2023
- Addition of historical data is still in process
- An increase of 1 point in average reliability has been confirmed on much larger population
Acknowledgements and disclaimers

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