

## **Supplementary Methods**

### *Research-Based Whole Exome Sequencing*

Whole exome sequencing was performed at the Human Genome sequencing center (HGSC) at Baylor College of Medicine through the Baylor-Hopkins Center for Mendelian Genomics (CMG) initiative. Using 1  $\mu$ g of DNA, an Illumina paired-end pre-capture library was constructed according to the manufacturer's protocol (Illumina Multiplexing\_SamplePrep\_Guide\_1005361\_D) with modifications as described in the *BCM-HGSC Illumina Barcoded Paired-End Capture Library Preparation* protocol. Pre-capture libraries were pooled into 4-plex library pools and then hybridized in solution to the HGSC-designed Core capture reagent<sup>1</sup> (52 Mb, NimbleGen), or 6-plex library pools used the custom VCRome 2.1 capture reagent<sup>1</sup> (42 Mb, NimbleGen) according to the manufacturer's protocol (*NimbleGen SeqCap EZ Exome Library SR User's Guide*) with minor revisions. The sequencing run was performed in paired-end mode using the Illumina HiSeq 2000 platform, with sequencing-by-synthesis reactions extended for 101 cycles from each end and an additional 7 cycles for the index read. With a sequencing yield of 9.1 Gb, the sample achieved 91% of the targeted exome bases covered to a depth of 20X or greater. Illumina sequence analysis was performed using the HGSC Mercury analysis pipeline (<https://www.hgsc.bcm.edu/software/mercury>)<sup>2,3</sup>, which moves data through various analysis tools from the initial sequence generation on the instrument to annotated variant calls (SNPs and intra-read in/dels).

### *Computational Analyses of Potential Digenic fHLH Gene Variants and Dysregulated Immune Activation and Proliferation-Associated Genes*

For multilocus variation/mutational burden or “digenic” inheritance analysis, for each two-gene combination of fHLH genes *PRF1*, *STX11*, *STXBP2*, and *UNC13D* together with *LYST* and *RAB27A*, the number of alleles containing potential protein-altering variants (frameshift insertions/deletions, stopgain/stoploss, splicing defects, non-frameshift insertions/deletions, and missense variants) in HLH affected cases ( $n = 48$ ) was compared to the number in other samples in the Baylor-Hopkins CMG database (total  $n = 6,677$ ; analyzed  $n = 5,981$ ), excluding unaffected relatives in the HLH cohort ( $n = 51$ ) and individuals in the “Immunodeficiency” cohort ( $n = 645$ ). The Baylor-Hopkins CMG database contains exomes from well-phenotyped diseased and healthy individuals (recorded within the PhenoDB database)<sup>4</sup> collected among over 380 phenotypic cohorts. Variants were excluded from this analysis if less than 5 variant reads were observed or if present in homozygous state. For each gene combination, the allele count was increased by 1 if a variant was present in both genes within the exome examined. It was not increased if the exome had no variants in either gene or if it had a variant in only one gene in the gene combination.

For the DIAP gene variant analysis, the number of alleles containing potential protein-altering variants (frameshift insertions/deletions, stopgain/stoploss, splicing defects, non-frameshift insertions/deletions, and missense variants) in *NLRC4*, *NLRP12*, *NLRP4*, *NLRP13*, and *NLRC3* in HLH affected cases ( $n = 48$ ) was compared to the number in other samples in the Baylor-Hopkins CMG database (total  $n = 6,677$ ; analyzed  $n = 5,981$ ), excluding unaffected relatives in the HLH cohort ( $n = 51$ ) and individuals in the “Immunodeficiency” cohort ( $n = 645$ ). The Baylor-Hopkins CMG

database contains exomes from well-phenotyped diseased and healthy individuals (recorded within the PhenoDB database)<sup>4</sup> collected among over 380 phenotypic cohorts. For all analyses, variants were excluded if less than 5 variant reads were observed. For dominant model testing, variants were included for analysis if present in heterozygous state and observed at an allelic frequency of less than or equal to 0.0002 in the Baylor-Hopkins CMG database. For recessive model testing, variants were included for analysis if present in compound heterozygous or homozygous state and observed at an allelic frequency of less than or equal to 0.005 in the Baylor-Hopkins CMG database.

We then performed random sampling without replacement (bootstrapping method) to test the significance of differences in allelic counts between cases and controls. For both analyses, the allele counts in cases and controls were permuted for 100,000 iterations for each gene combination or DIAP-associated gene, and a *p*-value was calculated for the difference in allele counts in cases vs. controls.

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**Table S1. Diagnostic criteria for HLH used in the HLH-2004 trial.<sup>5</sup>**

1. Fever  $\geq 38.5^{\circ}\text{C}$
2. Splenomegaly
3. Cytopenias (affecting at least 2 of 3 lineages in the peripheral blood)  
*Hemoglobin*  $< 9 \text{ g/dL}$  (in infants  $< 4$  weeks: hemoglobin  $< 10 \text{ g/dL}$ )  
*Platelets*  $< 100 \times 10^3/\text{ml}$   
*Neutrophils*  $< 1 \times 10^3/\text{ml}$
4. Hypertriglyceridemia (fasting,  $> 265 \text{ mg/dl}$ ) and/or hypofibrinogenemia ( $< 150 \text{ mg/dL}$ )
5. Hemophagocytosis in bone marrow, spleen, lymph nodes, or liver
6. Low or absent NK cell activity
7. Ferritin  $> 500 \text{ ng/ml}$
8. Elevated sCD25 ( $> 2$  standard deviations above mean)

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Abbreviations: NK, natural killer

ID	Gene	Chromosomal coordinates (hg19)	Zygoty	Mutation type	Reference sequence and effect	CMG <sup>a</sup>	ExAC <sup>b</sup>	CADD <sup>c</sup>	Candidate(s) <sup>d</sup>	P <sup>e</sup>
HLH_002	<i>LYST</i>	1:235826382_TA>T	Het	Splicing defect	NM_000081:exon54: c.11268-5delT	0.24	0.51	N/A	<i>NLR3</i>	N/A
HLH_004	<i>LYST</i>	1:235826382_TA>T	Het	Splicing defect	NM_000081:exon54: c.11268-5delT	0.24	0.51	N/A	<i>NLR3</i>	N/A
HLH_005	<i>LYST</i>	1:235826382_TA>T	Het	Splicing defect	NM_000081:exon54: c.11268-5delT	0.24	0.51	N/A	<i>NLRP4</i>	N/A
	<i>STXBP2</i>	19:7705300_A>ATG	Het	Intronic	N/A	0.02	0.34	N/A		
HLH_006	<i>LYST</i>	1:235826382_TA>T	Het	Splicing defect	NM_000081:exon54: c.11268-5delT	0.24	0.51	N/A		N/A
HLH_007	<i>STXBP2</i>	19:7704894_GTGTC>G	Het	Intronic	N/A	0.003	0.005	N/A	<i>NRAS</i>	
HLH_008	<i>LYST</i>	1:235826382_TA>T	Het	Splicing defect	NM_000081:exon54: c.11268-5delT	0.24	0.51	N/A	<i>NLRP4</i>	N/A
HLH_014	<i>LYST</i>	1:235826382_TA>T	Het	Splicing defect	NM_000081:exon54: c.11268-5delT	0.24	0.51	N/A		NS
	<i>UNC13D</i>	17:73826146_T>C	Het	Missense	NM_199242:exon30: c.2917A>G;p.K973E	0.0002	0.0003	22.4		
HLH_016	<i>LYST</i>	1:235856663_G>A	Het	Missense	NM_000081:exon47: c.10688C>T;p.S3563L	0.00008	0.00002	26		NS
	<i>PRF1</i>	10:72358822_A>T	Het	Missense	NM_001083116:exon3: c.655T>A;p.Y219N	0.00008	0	26.8		
	<i>STXBP2</i>	19:7705383_CATCTGTGTGTGTGT>C	Het	Intronic	N/A	0.03	0.04	N/A		
HLH_017	<i>LYST</i>	1:235826382_TA>T	Het	Splicing defect	NM_000081:exon54: c.11268-5delT	0.24	0.51	N/A		NS
	<i>UNC13D</i>	17:73826167_G>A	Het	Missense	NM_199242:exon30: c.2896C>T;p.R966W	0.003	0.01	7		
HLH_024	<i>RAB27A</i>	15:55520906_G>A	Hom	Missense	NM_183236:exon5: c.244C>T;p.R82C	0.00008	0.000008	34	<i>RAB27A</i>	N/A
HLH_040	<i>LYST</i>	1:235826382_TA>T	Het	Splicing defect	NM_000081:exon54: c.11268-5delT	0.24	0.51	N/A		N/A
HLH_043	<i>STXBP2</i>	19:7705300_A>ATG	Het	Intronic	N/A	0.02	0.34	N/A		N/A
HLH_050	<i>LYST</i>	1:235826382_TA>T	Het	Splicing defect	NM_000081:exon54: c.11268-5delT	0.24	0.51	N/A		N/A
	<i>STXBP2</i>	19:7705383_CATCTGTGTGTGTGT>C	Het	Intronic	N/A	0.03	0.04	N/A		
HLH_057	<i>LYST</i>	1:235826382_TA>T	Het	Splicing defect	NM_000081:exon54: c.11268-5delT	0.24	0.51	N/A		N/A
	<i>STXBP2</i>	19:7705461_C>A	Het	Intronic	N/A	0.002	0.0009	4.3		
	<i>STXBP2</i>	19:7705487_T>G	Het	Intronic	N/A	0.002	0.007	0.3		
	<i>STXBP2</i>	19:7705502_T>A	Het	Intronic	N/A	0.002	0.007	1.3		

HLH_063	<i>LYST</i>	1:235826382_TA>T	Het	Splicing defect	NM_000081:exon54: c.11268-5delT	0.24	0.51	N/A		NS
	<i>STXB2P2</i>	19:7711219_G>A	Het	Missense	NM_001272034:exon16: c.1474G>A;p.D492N	0.00008	0	27.5		
HLH_087	<i>LYST</i>	1:235950630_C>T	Het	Missense	NM_000081:exon14: c.4732G>A;p.A1578T	0.0002	0	23.2		NS
	<i>UNC13D</i>	17:73830182_C>T	Het	Missense	NM_199242:exon24: c.2341G>A;p.V781I	0.001	0.001	2.4		
HLH_097	<i>LYST</i>	1:235850245_C>A	Het	Splicing defect	NM_000081:exon49: c.10800+4G>T	0.007	0.006	N/A		NS
	<i>STX11</i>	6:144507773_C>A	Het	Missense	NM_003764:exon2: c.9C>A;p.D3E	0.0002	0.00003	26.7		
HLH_104	<i>LYST</i>	1:235826382_TA>T	Het	Splicing defect	NM_000081:exon54: c.11268-5delT	0.24	0.51	N/A	<i>IL16</i>	N/A
HLH_107	<i>STXB2P2</i>	19:7704886_CTATG>C	Het	Intronic	N/A	0.01	0.006	N/A	<i>ERCC4, TREM2, or VMAC</i>	N/A
<u>HLH_109</u>	<i>STX11</i>	6:144508353_G>A	Het	Missense	NM_003764:exon2: c.589G>A;p.V197M	0.003	0.0004	24	<i>RAG2</i>	N/A
HLH_111	<i>LYST</i>	1:235826382_TA>T	Het	Splicing defect	NM_000081:exon54: c.11268-5delT	0.24	0.51	N/A	<i>STAT2</i>	N/A
HLH_113	<i>LYST</i>	1:235826382_TA>T	Het	Splicing defect	NM_000081:exon54: c.11268-5delT	0.24	0.51	N/A	<i>PIK3CD</i>	N/A
HLH_115	<i>LYST</i>	1:235826382_TA>T	Het	Splicing defect	NM_000081:exon54: c.11268-5delT	0.24	0.51	N/A	<i>DOCK8</i>	N/A
<u>HLH_116</u>	<i>LYST</i>	1:235826382_TA>T	Het	Splicing defect	NM_000081:exon54: c.11268-5delT	0.24	0.51	N/A	<i>RLTPR</i>	N/A
	<i>LYST</i>	1:235918688_CAAAAG>C	Het	Intronic	N/A	0.001	0	N/A		
	<i>STX11</i>	6:144512671_T>TA	Het	UTR3	N/A	0.004	0	N/A		
	<i>PRF1</i>	10:72357599_TAAA>T	Het	UTR3	N/A	0.0002	0	N/A		
HLH_117	<i>LYST</i>	1:235955277_G>A	Het	Missense	NM_000081:exon12: c.4265C>T;p.A1422V	0.0006	0.00008	21.6	<i>RAG1</i>	0.03
	<i>RAB27A</i>	15:55516136_G>C	Het	Missense	NM_183236:exon6: c.418C>G;p.Q140E	0.0004	0.0003	10.6		
<u>HLH_121</u>	<i>LYST</i>	1:235826382_TA>T	Het	Splicing defect	NM_000081:exon54: c.11268-5delT	0.24	0.51	N/A	<i>NCF1</i>	N/A
HLH_122	<i>LYST</i>	1:235918688_C>AAAAG	Het	Intronic	N/A	0.002	0	N/A	<i>STAT3 &amp; NLRP4</i>	N/A
	<i>STX11</i>	6:144512671_T>TA	Het	UTR3	N/A	0.004	0	N/A		
	<i>STXB2P2</i>	19:7708058_C>T	Het	Missense	NM_001272034:exon13: c.1067C>T;p.T356M	0.00008	0.01	26.3		

<sup>a</sup> Allelic frequency in the Baylor-Hopkins Center for Mendelian Genomics database

<sup>b</sup> Allelic frequency in the Exome Aggregation Consortium database

<sup>c</sup> Combined Annotation Dependent Depletion Phred score

<sup>d</sup> Genes containing likely disease-contributing variants in the subject

<sup>e</sup> Statistical significance in mutational burden/potential digenic inheritance analysis

Abbreviations: Het, heterozygous; Hom, homozygous; ID, identifier; N/A, not available or not applicable; NS, not significant; UTR3, untranslated 3' region

Underlined samples had chromosomal microarray testing performed.

**Table S3.** Bioinformatic mutational burden analyses of potential digenic fHLH variants.

<b>Gene 1</b>	<b>Gene 2</b>	<b>Frequency of combination in HLH cohort</b>	<b>Frequency of combination in Baylor-Hopkins CMG</b>	<b>p</b>
<i>PRF1</i>	<i>STX11</i>	0	0.004	0.66
<i>PRF1</i>	<i>STXBP2</i>	0	0.004	0.68
<i>PRF1</i>	<i>LYST</i>	0.02	0.06	0.89
<i>PRF1</i>	<i>UNC13D</i>	0	0.01	0.82
<i>PRF1</i>	<i>RAB27A</i>	0	0.0007	0.57
<i>STX11</i>	<i>STXBP2</i>	0	0.001	0.59
<i>STX11</i>	<i>LYST</i>	0.02	0.02	0.35
<i>STX11</i>	<i>UNC13D</i>	0.02 (note: from clinical testing)	0.005	0.03
<i>STX11</i>	<i>RAB27A</i>	0	0.0003	0.55
<i>STXBP2</i>	<i>LYST</i>	0.02	0.02	0.52
<i>STXBP2</i>	<i>UNC13D</i>	0	0.005	0.70
<i>STXBP2</i>	<i>RAB27A</i>	0	0.0008	0.56
<i>LYST</i>	<i>UNC13D</i>	0.06	0.07	0.56
<i>LYST</i>	<i>RAB27A</i>	0.02	0.005	0.03
<i>UNC13D</i>	<i>RAB27A</i>	0	0.001	0.59



**Table S4.** Potential molecular diagnoses associated with HLH in 28 of 48 subjects evaluated by research whole exome sequencing analyses.

ID	Gene(s)	Chromosomal coordinates (hg19)	Reference sequence and effect	Zygoty	Consanguinity <sup>a</sup>	Inheritance <sup>b</sup>	Mutation type	CMG <sup>c</sup>	ExAC <sup>d</sup>	MSC <sup>e</sup>	CADD <sup>f</sup>	Group <sup>g</sup>
HLH_024	<i>RAB27A</i>	15:55520906_G>A	NM_183236:exon5: c.244C>T:p.R82C	Hom	1	(P / M)	Missense	0.0001	0.000008	4.037	34	1
	<i>RAD51C</i>	17:56772522_G>A	NM_058216:exon2: c.376G>A:p.A126T	Hom	1	(P / M)	Missense	0.004	0.004	0.001	21.2	-
HLH_112	<i>WAS</i>	X:48547298_C>T	NM_000377:exon10: c.1181C>T:p.P394L	Hemi	2	M	Missense	0.0003	0.0003	0.721	13.6	2A
HLH_120	<i>TTC7A</i>	2:47233133_G>A	NM_001288953:exon10: c.1036G>A:p.A346T	Het	0	NT	Missense	0.0001	0.0002	0.001	0.177	2B
	<i>TTC7A</i>	2:47251490_G>A	NM_001288953:exon15: c.1531G>A:p.V511I	Het	0	NT	Missense	0.0002	0.0002	0.001	10.63	2B
	<i>LRBA</i>	4:151242409_T>G	NM_006726:exon51: c.7597A>C:p.T2533P	Het	0	NT	Missense	0.005	0.005	32	7.889	2B
	<i>LRBA</i>	4:151792519_G>A	NM_006726:exon19: c.2345C>T:p.T782I	Het	0	NT	Missense	0.0001	0.000008	32	32	2B
	<i>NLRP12</i>	19:54327394_C>T	NM_144687:exon1: c.35G>A:p.R12H	Het	0	NT	Missense	0.0001	0.00006	23.6	23.7	3
HLH_115	<i>DOCK8</i>	9:(24850-379936)x0	-	Hom	1	P / M	Deletion	N/A	N/A	0.001	N/A	2A
HLH_116	<i>CARMIL2</i>	16:67681977_G>A	NM_001013838:exon14: c.1094G>A:p.R365H	Het	0	P	Missense	0.0002	0.00005	3.313	21.5	2B
	<i>CARMIL2</i>	16:67688564_A>T	NM_001013838:exon31: c.3551A>T:p.E1184V	Het	0	M	Missense	0.0006	0.0008	3.313	26.5	2B
	<i>CLEC18B</i>	16:74446946_C>G	NM_001011880:exon5: c.665G>C:p.G222A	Het	0	M	Missense	0.0002	0.000008	3.313	23.9	-
	<i>CLEC18B</i>	16:74446997_G>A	NM_001011880:exon5: c.614C>T:p.S205L	Het	0	P	Missense	0.0002	0.00007	3.313	28.4	-
HLH_117	<i>RAG1</i>	11:36596065_G>A	NM_000448:exon2: c.1211G>A:p.R404Q	Hom	1	(P / M)	Missense	0.0002	0.000008	1.118	29.4	2A
HLH_109	<i>RAG2</i>	11:36614905_C>T	NM_001243786:exon3: c.814G>A:p.V272I	Het	2	Not M	Missense	0.0001	0.0002	0.001	3.491	2A
	<i>RAG2</i>	11:36615697_C>T	NM_001243786:exon3: c.22G>A:p.V8I	Het	2	M	Missense	0.004	0.003	0.001	20.2	2A
HLH_114	<i>CYBB</i>	X:37668913_GA>G	NM_000397:exon12: c.1556delA:p.E519fs	Hemi	0	NT	Frameshift deletion	0.0001	0	0.001	N/A	2A
	<i>DOCK11</i>	X:117796732_A>T	NM_144658:exon45: c.5053A>T:p.M1685L	Hemi	0	NT	Missense	0.0001	0.00001	3.313	21.6	-
HLH_121	<i>NCF1</i>	7:74197326_A>G	NM_000265:exon6: c.496A>G:p.N166D	Hom	2	(P / M)	Missense	0.001	0.0008	0.001	0.003	2A
	<i>NLRP12</i>	19:54327368_C>T	NM_144687:exon1: c.61G>A:p.E21K	Het	2	NT	Missense	0.0001	0.00004	23.6	24.1	3
HLH_118	<i>STAT1</i>	2:191844538_C>T	NM_139266:exon20: c.1687G>A:p.E563K	Het	0	DN	Missense	0.0001	0	7.736	24.1	2A
HLH_111	<i>STAT2</i>	12:56750224_C>T	NM_198332:exon3:	Hom	1	(P) / M	Splicing defect	0.0002	0	3.313	28.3	2A

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HLH_122	<i>STAT3</i>	17:40486008_T>C	NM_213662:exon9: c.857A>G;p.E286G	Het	0	DN	Missense	0.0001	0	15.29	26.4	2A
	<i>NLRP4</i>	19:56369040_G>C	NM_134444:exon3: c.281G>C;p.G94A	Hom	0	P / M	Missense	0.002	0.003	3.313	0.154	3
HLH_113	<i>PIK3CD</i>	1:9781572_G>A	NM_005026:exon15: c.1882G>A;p.E628K	Het	0	NT	Missense	0.0001	0	23.8	25.1	2B
HLH_110	<i>MCM3AP</i>	21:47699982_T>C	NM_003906:exon4: c.1592A>G;p.E531G	Het	0	P	Missense	0.0004	0.0007	3.313	22.8	2B
	<i>MCM3AP</i>	21:47704306_G>C	NM_003906:exon1: c.895C>G;p.R299G	Het	0	M	Missense	0.0001	0	3.313	22.4	2B
	<i>MCM9</i>	6:119137445_C>A	NM_017696:exon12: c.1974G>T;p.Q658H	Het	0	M	Missense	0.008	0.008	0.001	24.1	2B
	<i>MCM9</i>	6:119234579_T>C	NM_017696:exon5: c.911A>G;p.N304S	Het	0	P	Missense	0.007	0.003	0.001	26.4	2B
HLH_119	<i>CASP10</i>	2:202074287_T>C	NM_032977:exon9: c.1415+2T>C	Het	0	DN	Splicing defect	0.0001	0.00003	0.001	23.7	2A
	<i>HAVCR2</i>	5:156533787_T>C	NM_032782:exon2: c.245A>G;p.Y82C	Hom	0	P / (M)	Missense	0.003	0.004	3.313	24	-
HLH_002	<i>NLR4</i>	2:32476322_C>T	NM_001199139:exon4: c.611G>A;p.R204H	Het	2	NT	Missense	0.0001	0.00005	12.26	4.759	3
HLH_003	<i>NLR4</i>	2:32476073_A>G	NM_001199139:exon4: c.860T>C;p.I287T	Het	2	DN	Missense	0.0002	0	12.26	23.2	3
HLH_006	<i>NLRP12</i>	19:54310804_C>G	NM_144687:exon4: c.2188G>C;p.V730L	Het	0	NT	Missense	0.0001	0.000008	23.6	21	3
HLH_005	<i>NLRP4</i>	19:56369244_C>T	NM_134444:exon3: c.485C>T;p.T162M	Het	0	P	Missense	0.004	0.005	3.313	25.5	3
	<i>NLRP4</i>	19:56388513_T>C	NM_134444:exon8: c.2677T>C;p.C893R	Het	0	M	Missense	0.0002	0	3.313	23.6	3
	<i>TNFRSF4</i>	1:1147210_G>A	NM_003327:exon6: c.637C>T;p.R213C	Het	0	DN	Missense	0.0001	0	3.313	22.6	-
	<i>PRKCI</i>	3:169998024_A>G	NM_002740:exon9: c.A715G;p.T239A	Het	0	DN	Missense	0.00008	0.00002	5.744	10.81	-
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	<i>KIFC1</i>	6:33372764_C>T	NM_002263:exon7: c.892C>T;p.R298W	Het	1	Not M	Missense	0.0002	0.00002	3.313	34	-
HLH_105	<i>STAT4</i>	2:191899278_C>T	NM_003151:exon18: c.1616G>A;p.C539Y	Het	0	NT	Missense	0.0001	0.000008	3.313	31	4
	<i>GATA4</i>	8:11606426_A>G	NM_002052:exon3: c.617-2A>G	Het	0	NT	Splicing defect	0.0001	0	0.001	24.3	-
HLH_106	<i>ARHGEF6</i>	X:135750306_C>A	NM_004840:exon22: c.2213G>T;p.C738F	Hemi	0	NT	Missense	0.0001	0.00001	3.313	23	4
	<i>PLCG2</i>	16:81973606_G>A	NM_002661:exon30: c.3423G>A;p.M1141I	Het	0	NT	Missense	0.0001	0.00002	3.313	23.6	4
	<i>AZU1</i>	19:830804_G>A	NM_001700:exon4: c.457G>A;p.G153S	Hom	0	NT	Missense	0.0002	0.00007	3.313	26.2	-
HLH_107	<i>G3BP1</i>	5:151179538_C>T	NM_005754:exon9: c.932C>T;p.P311L	Hom	1	P / M	Missense	0.0003	0	4.363	26.2	4
	<i>ERCC4</i>	16:14029418_TTTCCG GAATCCTGAAAGAAC CCCTCACTATCATCCA TCCGC>T	NM_005236:exon8: c.1630_1669del: p.544_557del	Het	1	P	Frameshift deletion	0.0002	0	0.001	N/A	4
	<i>ERCC4</i>	16:14041570_T>C	NM_005236:exon11: c.2117T>C;p.I706T	Het	1	M	Missense	0.002	0.001	0.001	26.9	4
	<i>TREM2</i>	6:41127543_G>A	NM_001271821:exon3: c.469C>T;p.H157Y	Hom	1	P / M	Missense	0.005	0.004	0.001	23.1	4
	<i>TSPAN6</i>	X:99888957_T>G	NM_003270:exon4: c.421A>C;p.S141R	Hemi	1	DN	Missense	0.0001	0	5.380	20.5	-
HLH_108	<i>RASGRP3</i>	2:33745018_C>A	NM_170672:exon6: c.174-1C>A	Het	0	M	Splicing defect	0.0002	0	3.313	23.2	4
	<i>RASGRP3</i>	2:33752240_G>A	NM_170672:exon11: c.844G>A;p.G282S	Het	0	Not M	Missense	0.009	0.009	3.313	24.4	4

<sup>a</sup> Known or suspected consanguinity: 0 – none, 1 – present, 2 – potential distant consanguinity

<sup>b</sup> Presence of variant in genomic DNA extracted from parent(s); designations in parentheses denote samples that could not be tested due to insufficient quantity or unavailability but predicted due to confirmed homozygosity

<sup>c</sup> Allelic frequency in the Baylor-Hopkins Center for Mendelian Genomics database

<sup>d</sup> Allelic frequency in the Exome Aggregation Consortium database

<sup>e</sup> Rockefeller University Mutations Significance Cutoff for CADD Phred score

<sup>f</sup> Combined Annotation Dependent Depletion Phred score

<sup>g</sup> Group classifications: 1 - familial HLH, 2 - primary immunodeficiency disease, 3 - dysregulated immune activation and proliferation, 4 - other gene candidates; A - likely, B - possible

Abbreviations: DN, *de novo*; Hemi, hemizygous; Het, heterozygous; Hom, homozygous; ID, identifier; M, maternal; N/A, not available; NT, not tested due to insufficiency/unavailability of sample(s); P, paternal

**Table S5. Genetic Findings and Kaplan-Meier Survival Estimates**

<b>Genetic Category</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Survivors (N)</b>	<b>Overall Survival Estimate</b>	<b>p</b>	<b>p</b>	<b>p</b>	<b>p</b>
<b>fHLH</b>	19	12	54%	0.49	0.48	0.81	0.30
<b>PIDD Only</b>	11	7	88%	0.17	0.81	0.50	Reference
<b>DIAP Only</b>	8	5	67%	0.44	0.60	Reference	
<b>Other Candidate Defects</b>	5	3	67%	0.38	Reference		
<b>No Genetic Explanation</b>	76	41	47%	Reference			

Abbreviations: DIAP, dysregulated immune activation or proliferation; fHLH, familial HLH; PIDD, primary immunodeficiency disease.

**Table S6. Clinical and Genetic Features by Associated Trigger**

Associated Trigger	Total	Overall Survivors (N)	1-Year Survival Estimate <sup>a</sup>	3-Year Survival Estimate <sup>a</sup>	Overall Survival Estimate <sup>a</sup>	<i>p</i> (Overall Survival Estimate <sup>a</sup> )	<i>p</i> (Overall Survival Estimate <sup>a</sup> )	<i>p</i> (Overall Survival Estimate <sup>a</sup> )	Maximum Level of Therapy	Genetic Profile
<b>Autoimmune</b>	32	23	75%	69%	69%	0.58	0.13	0.13	Observation/None: 3.1% Biologics/Steroids: 31.3%* Immunochemotherapy: 53.1% HSCT: 12.5%*	fHLH: 0.0%* PIDD: 3.1% DIAP: 15.6% PIDD/DIAP: 3.1% Other Candidate Defects: 0.0% No Genetic Explanation: 78.1%*
<b>Infection</b>	44	23	52%	49%	44%	0.02	0.70	Reference	Observation/None: 11.4% Biologics/Steroids: 13.6% Immunochemotherapy: 36.4% HSCT: 34.1% Unknown: 4.6%	fHLH: 15.9% PIDD: 11.4% DIAP: 0.0% PIDD/DIAP: 2.3% Other Candidate Defects: 4.6% No Genetic Explanation: 65.9%
<b>Malignancy</b>	14	6	44%	44%	44%	0.02	Reference		Observation/None: 7.1% Biologics/Steroids: 0.0% Immunochemotherapy: 78.6%* HSCT: 7.1%* Unknown: 7.1%	fHLH: 7.1% PIDD: 7.1% DIAP: 7.1% PIDD/DIAP: 0.0% Other Candidate Defects: 14.3% No Genetic Explanation: 64.3%
<b>No Associated Trigger</b>	32	25	93%	78%	58%	Reference			Observation/None: 6.3% Biologics/Steroids: 6.3% Immunochemotherapy: 31.3% HSCT: 56.3% Unknown: 0.0%	fHLH: 34.4% PIDD: 12.5% DIAP: 6.3% PIDD/DIAP: 3.1% Other Candidate Defects: 3.1% No Genetic Explanation: 40.6%

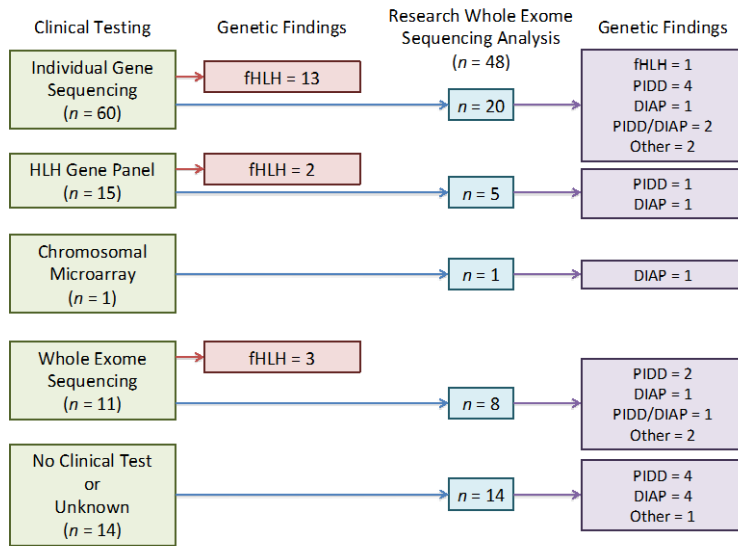
Abbreviations: DIAP, dysregulated immune activation or proliferation; fHLH, familial HLH; HSCT, hematopoietic stem cell transplantation; PIDD, primary immunodeficiency disease.

<sup>a</sup> By Kaplan-Meier analysis

\* Significantly different compared to No Associated Trigger group ( $p < 0.05$ )

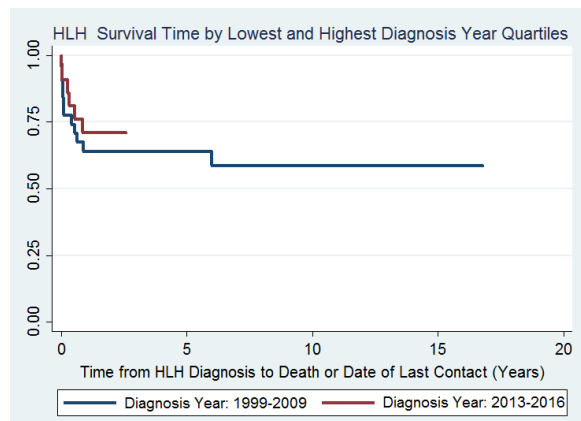
## Supplemental Figures

**Figure S1. Summary of workflow and genetic findings for 101 subjects who met the HLH-2004 criteria and received genetic testing.** Abbreviations: DIAP, dysregulated immune activation or proliferation; fHLH, familial hemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis; PIDD, primary immunodeficiency disease.

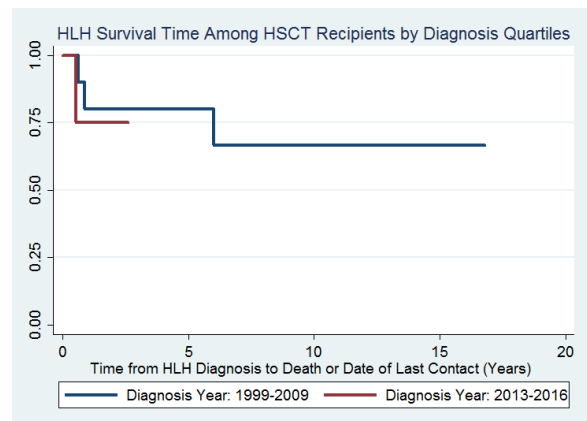


**Figure S2. Outcome data (Kaplan-Meier survival curves) for subjects in the earliest (blue) and latest (red) quartiles as determined by date of HLH diagnosis.** (A) Overall survival estimates from HLH diagnosis to date of death or last contact in years for the earliest and latest quartiles for all subjects enrolled ( $p = 0.57$ ). (B) Among subjects who received HSCT, overall survival estimates from HLH diagnosis to date of death or last contact in years for the earliest and latest quartiles ( $p = 0.76$ ). Abbreviation: HSCT, hematopoietic stem cell transplantation.

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**B**



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