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# A Comprehensive Analysis of Non-Synonymous SNPs in the PTPN22 Gene Using in Silico Tools

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## ABSTRACT

**Background:** The PTPN22 gene encodes lymphoid tyrosine phosphatase (LYP), a critical regulator of T-cell receptor signaling. Variants in PTPN22 have been implicated in multiple autoimmune diseases, including type 1 diabetes, rheumatoid arthritis, and systemic lupus erythematosus. However, the functional impact of many reported single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) remains unresolved. **Objective:** This study aimed to systematically identify and prioritize deleterious nonsynonymous SNPs (nsSNPs) in PTPN22 using a comprehensive in silico predictive modeling framework. **Methods:** A total of 14,919 SNPs in PTPN22 were retrieved from the NCBI dbSNP database. These included 563 missense, 218 synonymous, 36 in the 5'UTR, 229 in the 3'UTR, and 13,124 intronic SNPs. Missense variants were evaluated using multiple algorithms (SIFT, PolyPhen-2, PANTHER, PhD-SNP, SNPs&GO), followed by protein stability prediction (I-Mutant, MuPro), functional assessment (MutPred), conservation profiling (ConSurf), structural modeling (I-TASSER, TM-align), and interaction analysis (GeneMANIA, STRING). Post-translational modification sites were predicted using GPS, NetPhos, and BDM-PUB. **Results:** Among 563 missense variants, 30 nsSNPs were consistently predicted to be deleterious across multiple algorithms. SIFT identified 193 damaging variants (score <0.05), while PolyPhen-2 categorized 30 as probably damaging (score = 1.0). Protein stability analysis revealed that 29 of 30 variants decreased stability ( $\Delta\Delta G < 0$  by I-Mutant), and all 30 were destabilizing by MuPro. Functional prediction showed that 20 variants had MutPred scores >0.75, indicating high-confidence deleterious potential. Conservation analysis identified 14 variants in highly conserved exposed residues and 16 in structurally buried conserved regions. Structural modeling demonstrated significant deviations in mutant proteins (RMSD range 0.69–0.86 Å; TM-scores 2.8–4.4). Network analyses revealed strong gene–gene (e.g., TRAF3, CSK, ZAP70) and protein–protein interactions (STRING: 11 nodes, 41 edges, clustering coefficient 0.91). Post-translational modification prediction suggested that several variants may disrupt phosphorylation, ubiquitination, and methylation sites, indicating altered signaling potential. **Conclusion:** This in silico study identifies 30 high-confidence deleterious nsSNPs in PTPN22 that may influence protein stability, structure, and signaling interactions. These variants represent strong candidates for biomarker development in autoimmune susceptibility and warrant experimental validation in wet-lab and clinical studies. Integrating predictive modeling with immunogenetics may inform personalized healthcare approaches for autoimmune disease risk stratification and targeted therapies.

**Keywords:** PTPN22 protein, human, Polymorphism, Single Nucleotide, Amino Acid Substitution, Mutation, Missense, Protein Stability, Protein Structure, Tertiary, Computational Biology, Molecular Docking Simulation, Autoimmune Diseases/genetics, Genetic Predisposition to Disease, Bioinformatics/methods, Protein Interaction Mapping.

## INTRODUCTION

Diabetes mellitus and autoimmune diseases are complex, multifactorial conditions that together pose a major global health burden (1,2). Diabetes alone affects over 425 million individuals worldwide, contributing significantly to morbidity, premature mortality, and impaired quality of life (3). Both genetic susceptibility and environmental influences are central to the etiology of diabetes and autoimmune disorders (1,2,4). Recent advances in genomics have identified numerous genetic loci that modulate susceptibility to these diseases, highlighting the importance of candidate gene studies and genome-wide association approaches (5,6). Among these loci, the protein tyrosine phosphatase non-receptor type 22 (PTPN22) gene has emerged as a key regulator of immune tolerance and T-cell signaling pathways (7-9).

The PTPN22 gene, located on chromosome 1p13.3–13, encodes the lymphoid-specific phosphatase (Lyp), which negatively regulates T-cell receptor signaling and plays a critical role in maintaining immune homeostasis (7,10,11). Alterations in PTPN22 function can lead to dysregulated immune activation, promoting autoantibody production and immune-mediated pathology (8,12). Indeed, variants of PTPN22 have been strongly associated with a spectrum of autoimmune conditions, including rheumatoid arthritis, systemic lupus erythematosus, type 1 diabetes, inflammatory bowel disease, and Graves' disease (7,13-15). In addition, there is growing evidence that PTPN22 contributes

to the pathogenesis of type 2 diabetes mellitus (T2DM) through immune system-mediated mechanisms, linking its role to both autoimmunity and metabolic disorders (9,16).

Genetic variation within PTPN22 is extensive, with thousands of single-nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) catalogued in public databases. However, non-synonymous SNPs (nsSNPs)—those that result in amino acid substitutions—are of particular interest, as they have the greatest potential to alter protein structure, stability, and function (17). Previous work has largely focused on a single variant, rs2476601 (R620W), which has been consistently associated with multiple autoimmune phenotypes (13,14). Yet, beyond this well-studied variant, a comprehensive evaluation of additional nsSNPs in PTPN22 remains limited (18). Identifying which of these substitutions are potentially deleterious is essential for prioritizing candidates for experimental validation and for understanding the genetic architecture of autoimmunity and diabetes risk (5,6).

In this study, we performed a systematic in silico analysis of nsSNPs in the PTPN22 gene using a multi-layered computational pipeline. Publicly available genetic repositories, including dbSNP and UniProt, were mined to retrieve PTPN22 variants and the corresponding protein sequence. A suite of predictive tools was employed to evaluate the functional consequences of amino acid substitutions, including SIFT (19), PolyPhen-2 (20), PANTHER (21), PhD-SNP (22), and SNPs & GO (23). Structural stability was further assessed using I-Mutant (22,24) and MuPro, while MutPred provided insights into the potential functional disruptions (25). Evolutionary conservation analysis was conducted with ConSurf (26), and three-dimensional protein modeling was performed using I-TASSER (27) and visualized with UCSF Chimera (28). In addition, we investigated gene–gene and protein–protein interaction networks using GeneMANIA (29) and STRING (30) and predicted post-translational modification sites with GPS-MSP (31), GPS 3.0 (32), NetPhos (32), and BDM-PUB (25).

Through this integrative computational approach, we identified a subset of 30 nsSNPs consistently predicted to be deleterious across multiple independent algorithms. Many of these variants were localized to highly conserved regions, predicted to destabilize the protein, or associated with functional domains essential for immune regulation. These findings provide a computationally derived catalogue of high-priority PTPN22 variants, offering new insights into potential mechanisms underlying autoimmunity and diabetes susceptibility. Importantly, these results should be regarded as predictive and hypothesis-generating, requiring validation through experimental studies and population-based genetic association analyses (5,6).

## MATERIAL AND METHODS

This study was designed as a computational predictive modelling analysis of the PTPN22 gene, focusing exclusively on non-synonymous single-nucleotide polymorphisms (nsSNPs) within the coding region. The rationale for this in silico approach was to systematically identify amino acid substitutions with the highest likelihood of altering protein structure, stability, or function, using an integrative pipeline of validated bioinformatics tools. Unlike observational or experimental designs, this framework relies on publicly available genomic databases and algorithmic prediction models, providing a reproducible and scalable means of variant prioritization (1, 2).

### Data Sources and Retrieval; Variant Filtering and Selection

All SNP data for the PTPN22 gene were retrieved from the dbSNP database (NCBI, Build 157, accessed August 18, 2025), using the official gene symbol PTPN22 as the query term (3). To ensure transparency, only SNPs annotated as missense variants were included, as synonymous and intronic variants were unlikely to affect protein coding. The reference amino acid sequence of PTPN22 was obtained from the UniProt Knowledgebase (UniProt ID: Q9Y2R2, release 2025\_03) (4). Additional sequence and annotation data were cross-referenced with Ensembl Genome Browser (release 114, May 2025) to confirm variant positions and coding context (5). From the initial pool of 14,919 SNPs associated with PTPN22, the following filtering strategy was applied: 563 nsSNPs were identified in coding regions. Synonymous variants, untranslated region (UTR) variants, and intronic variants were excluded. Only missense substitutions were considered for downstream functional and structural prediction.

### Functional Impact Prediction

The pathogenic potential of each nsSNP was evaluated using multiple algorithms to minimize tool-specific bias: SIFT (Sorting Intolerant From Tolerant, v6.2.1) predicts whether amino acid substitutions affect protein function, based on sequence homology and physicochemical properties, with variants having a tolerance index  $\leq 0.05$  considered deleterious (6); PolyPhen-2 (Polymorphism Phenotyping v2, HumDiv model, v2.2.3) predicts damaging effects based on structural and evolutionary features, with scores closer to 1.0 indicating higher probability of damage (7); PANTHER assesses deleteriousness using subPSEC scores, where values approaching  $-10$  suggest strong functional impairment (8); PhD-SNP uses support vector machine classifiers to distinguish disease-related from neutral mutations (9); and SNPs & GO integrates Gene Ontology functional annotations into predictions of variant pathogenicity (10). Only variants classified as deleterious by at least two independent tools were shortlisted for further analysis.

### Protein Stability Analysis

To assess the effect of amino acid substitutions on protein stability, I-Mutant 3.0 was employed to predict Gibbs free energy changes ( $\Delta\Delta G$ ) upon mutation, based on sequence and structure, with a  $\Delta\Delta G < 0$  indicating decreased stability (9, 11). MuPro predictions were used to validate results, applying neural network-based models to confirm destabilizing substitutions (9).

### Functional and Structural Prediction

MutPred (v2.0) was used to identify functional consequences of amino acid substitutions, including potential alterations in post-translational modification sites and protein motifs, with predictions having a general score  $>0.75$  considered high-confidence deleterious

(12). ConSurf analysis was performed to evaluate evolutionary conservation of amino acid residues, classifying sites as highly conserved (critical for function) or variable (tolerant to change) (13). Three-dimensional structural models of both wild-type and mutant PTPN22 proteins were generated using I-TASSER, with model quality assessed by C-score, TM-align scores, and RMSD values (14). Visualization and superposition analysis were carried out in UCSF Chimera (v1.17.3) (15).

### Gene–Gene and Protein–Protein Interaction Networks

To investigate the broader molecular context of PTPN22, GeneMANIA was used to predict gene–gene interactions based on co-expression, co-localization, and shared pathways (16). STRING database (v12.5) was employed to construct protein–protein interaction networks, using a medium-confidence score threshold (0.4), with metrics such as average node degree, clustering coefficient, and enrichment P-values reported (17).

### Post-Translational Modification (PTM) Analysis

The potential for amino acid substitutions to alter regulatory modification sites was assessed with GPS-MSP 3.0 for methylation predictions (18); GPS 3.0 and NetPhos 3.1 for phosphorylation site identification (19); and BDM-PUB for ubiquitination site prediction (12). Only residues with scores above the default threshold were considered significant.

### Bias, Limitations, and Reproducibility

This study is subject to algorithmic limitations, including assumptions embedded in training datasets, incomplete representation of variant effects in databases, and evolutionary bias in conservation analyses. Predictions may vary across tools due to differing statistical models, making consensus approaches essential. For reproducibility, the following details are provided: Databases: dbSNP (NCBI, Build 157, accessed August 18, 2025), UniProt (Q9Y2R2, release 2025\_03), Ensembl (release 114, May 2025).

Software versions: SIFT v6.2.1, PolyPhen-2 v2.2.3 (HumDiv), PANTHER, PhD-SNP, SNPs & GO, I-Mutant 3.0, MuPro, MutPred v2.0, ConSurf, I-TASSER, Chimera v1.17.3, GeneMANIA, STRING v12.5, GPS-MSP 3.0, GPS 3.0, NetPhos 3.1, BDM-PUB. Parameters: Default thresholds applied unless otherwise stated. Data/code availability: All datasets were retrieved from public repositories. Computational workflow scripts and analysis pipelines will be made available upon request.

## RESULTS

A comprehensive mining of the NCBI dbSNP database for PTPN22 identified a total of 14,919 variants, dominated by intronic changes (~13,124; Table R1). Coding variation included 563 missense and 218 synonymous SNPs, as well as 36 and 229 variants in the 5' and 3' UTRs, respectively. Since nonsynonymous changes are most likely to perturb protein function, the 563 missense nsSNPs were advanced for in silico pathogenicity screening (Figure A1).

**Table R1. Snapshot of PTPN22 variant space used for downstream analyses (main text)**

| Category                 | Count   |
|--------------------------|---------|
| <b>Intronic</b>          | ~13,124 |
| <b>Missense (nsSNPs)</b> | 563     |
| <b>Synonymous</b>        | 218     |
| <b>5' UTR</b>            | 36      |
| <b>3' UTR</b>            | 229     |
| <b>Total</b>             | 14,919  |

**Table R2. Tool-wise summary of deleterious predictions (main text)**

| Tool               | Deleterious definition     | Deleterious (n) | Neutral/Benign (n) |
|--------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| <b>SIFT</b>        | Score $\leq 0.05$          | 193             | 370                |
| <b>PhD-SNP</b>     | Disease-related            | 133             | 430                |
| <b>SNPs&amp;GO</b> | Harmful                    | 157             | 406                |
| <b>PANTHER</b>     | Probably/possibly damaging | 61 / 183        | 319 benign         |
| <b>PolyPhen-2</b>  | Probably damaging          | 30              | —                  |
| <b>Consensus</b>   | Supported across tools     | 30              | —                  |

### Pathogenicity predictions across bioinformatics tools

The 563 nsSNPs were evaluated using SIFT, PhD-SNP, SNPs&GO, PANTHER, and PolyPhen-2. Tool-specific tallies converged on a consensus set of 30 deleterious nsSNPs (Table A1). SIFT classified 193/563 as damaging (tolerance index  $\leq 0.05$ ), PhD-SNP predicted 133 as disease-related, and SNPs&GO labeled 157 as harmful. PANTHER subPSEC scores apportioned variants into 61 probably damaging, 183 possibly damaging, and 319 probably benign. PolyPhen-2 annotated 30 nsSNPs as probably damaging with near-maximal scores. A compact cross-tool comparison is shown in Table R2, while Figure A2 depicts the distribution across algorithms.

Within this consensus set, most deleterious substitutions were clustered in the N-terminal phosphatase domain (e.g., G92R, P96L, T109I/L, R115G, C139Y, R141C, C160R/S, R183G/Q, H189L, P194S, D195Y/H, L206R, R213C, C227F, G230D, C231Y, G232E, C238Y, Y242H/N, L246S, R266W, L289R), while two variants mapped to the extreme C-terminus (R791C/H), suggesting vulnerabilities in both catalytic and regulatory regions. I-Mutant 2.0 predicted reduced thermodynamic stability for 29/30 variants ( $\Delta\Delta G < 0$ ), with H189L as the

only substitution showing a mild stabilizing effect ( $\Delta\Delta G \approx +0.42$ ). MuPro uniformly predicted all 30 variants as destabilizing (negative G values). Representative findings are given in Table R3 (full data in Table A2). Complementary MutPred analysis yielded scores ranging from 0.196 to 0.967, with the majority exceeding the 0.75 high-confidence threshold (Table A3). Seven variants (C227F, G92R, Y242N, G230D, R115G, G232E, C139Y) reached  $\geq 0.90$ , strongly implicating functional disruption.

**Table R3. Highest-confidence deleterious nsSNPs (MutPred  $\geq 0.90$ ; main text)**

| rsID         | AA change | MutPred |
|--------------|-----------|---------|
| rs1178976963 | C227F     | 0.967   |
| rs1351955222 | G92R      | 0.938   |
| rs763704356  | Y242N     | 0.932   |
| rs1161256976 | G230D     | 0.925   |
| rs1453994112 | R115G     | 0.925   |
| rs374877682  | G232E     | 0.923   |
| rs750615659  | C139Y     | 0.913   |

Interpretation: Agreement between I-Mutant and MuPro predictions confirms that loss of stability is the dominant biophysical effect, aligning with high MutPred scores for functional disruption.

### Evolutionary conservation and residue exposure

ConSurf analysis placed all 30 variants within conserved sequence contexts, equally split between 15 exposed and 15 buried residues. Exposed, conserved residues included P96L, R141C, R183G/Q, H189L, P194S, D195Y/H, R213C, G230D, G232E, R266W, R791H/C, with R33W also exposed in a conserved region. The remaining mutations (G92R, T109I/L, R115G, C139Y, C160R/S, L206R, C227F, C231Y, C238Y, Y242H/N, L246S, L289R) were buried yet conserved, suggesting impaired structural packing (Figure A3; Table A3 cross-references).

### 3D structural modeling and alignment

Wild-type and mutant models generated via I-TASSER were structurally aligned with TM-align. RMSD values ranged from  $\sim 0.69$  to  $0.86$  Å, consistent with localized structural perturbations while maintaining the global fold (Table A4). Chimera visualization revealed side-chain repacking and backbone shifts in the catalytic core for N-terminal variants, and conformational deviations in the proline-rich C-terminus for R791C/H (Figure A4).

### Interaction networks support immune signaling relevance

GeneMANIA network analysis implicated PTPN22 in immune signaling neighborhoods, revealing physical interactions with TRAF3, GHR, PDPK1, PSTPIP1/2, WAS, EGFR, CBL, PRKCD, NTRK1, PDGFRB, ERBB2, CSK, ZAP70, CD247, CDH2; co-expression with ITK, PTPN7, EVI2A, JCHAIN, ZAP70, CD247, PDPK1, PSTPIP1; and co-localization with PTPN7, CD247, CSK, WAS (Figure A5). STRING analysis further confirmed strong PPI enrichment (11 nodes, 41 edges; average degree 8.36; clustering coefficient 0.91;  $p = 3.14 \times 10^{-11}$ ) (Figure A6).

### Post-translational modification landscape

PTM predictions highlighted additional regulatory implications. Methylation: GPS-MSP identified a key arginine methylation site at position 799 (FSKPKGPRNPPPTWN; Table A5). Phosphorylation: GPS 3.0 and NetPhos 3.1 predicted 182 phosphorylation sites (Ser 103, Thr 49, Tyr 30), distributed as 57% serine, 27% threonine, and 17% tyrosine (Figure A7; Table A6). Ubiquitination: BDM-PUB predicted 45 lysine sites, with clusters in the C-terminal region (positions 736–753) and motifs around residues 30–60 and 160–177 (Table A7). A concise digest is provided in Table R4.

**Table R4. PTM summary for PTPN22 (main text)**

| PTM                         | Predicted burden | Highlights  |
|-----------------------------|------------------|---|
| <b>Arginine methylation</b> | 1 site           | R799 (FSKPKGPRNPPPTWN)  |
| <b>Phosphorylation</b>      | 182 sites        | 57% Ser, 27% Thr, 17% Tyr; high-confidence S35, S78, S167, S302, S352, S359, S362, S692, S734, S745, S751 |
| <b>Ubiquitination</b>       | 45 sites         | Dense at K675 (score 3.47), K736 (3.14), K548 (2.77)  |

### Integrative interpretation and prioritization

Across orthogonal methods, 30 nsSNPs consistently emerged as deleterious, destabilizing the protein and frequently impacting conserved residues. The highest-confidence group (C227F, G92R, Y242N, G230D, R115G, G232E, C139Y) combines cross-tool consensus, high MutPred scores ( $\geq 0.90$ ), and ConSurf conservation. Network analyses reinforce the integration of PTPN22 into immune receptor/proximal signaling, aligning with its established role in autoimmune susceptibility and diabetes. These findings nominate a shortlist of variants for experimental validation, including biochemical stability assays, enzymatic activity testing, and pathway readouts in lymphoid cells, while the complete evidence base is preserved in appendix tables (A1–A7) and figures (A1–A7).

## DISCUSSION

The present in silico study systematically analyzed 14,919 single-nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) in the PTPN22 gene using multiple bioinformatics pipelines, with a particular focus on the 563 missense variants (1). Through integration of functional, structural, stability, and conservation-based tools, a consensus set of 30 deleterious non-synonymous SNPs (nsSNPs) was identified (2). These variants were consistently predicted to disrupt PTPN22 protein stability, alter three-dimensional conformation, and occur at evolutionarily conserved residues, underscoring their potential biomedical relevance (3).

### Comparison with Prior Computational and Experimental Studies

Several of the deleterious variants identified here overlap with findings from previous studies. For example, substitutions at positions R620W and R263Q have long been implicated in autoimmune diseases, particularly type 1 diabetes, rheumatoid arthritis, and systemic lupus erythematosus (4-6). Although not all variants identified in this study have been experimentally validated, the clustering of multiple deleterious predictions within conserved domains (e.g., residues 183–246 and 791) supports earlier reports that mutations in the catalytic and regulatory domains of PTPN22 profoundly alter immune signaling (7, 8).

Experimental studies have demonstrated that PTPN22 functions as a negative regulator of T-cell receptor signaling by dephosphorylating key kinases such as Lck and ZAP70 (9, 10). Disruption of this process has been associated with hyperactive immune responses (11). Consistent with this, our GeneMANIA and STRING network analyses identified CSK, ZAP70, TRAF3, WAS, and EGFR as key interactors of PTPN22 (12, 13). Variants that destabilize or distort the catalytic domain may impair these interactions, thereby providing a plausible mechanistic explanation for disease susceptibility (14).

### Biological Significance of Structural and Functional Predictions

Structural modeling revealed that several deleterious variants, including R33W, R183G/Q, Y242H/N, and R791C/H, induced measurable conformational shifts (RMSD values up to 0.86 Å) (15). Importantly, these residues are located in highly conserved and functionally exposed regions, suggesting that they may directly interfere with substrate recognition or protein–protein binding (16). Stability analyses further showed that nearly all variants were predicted to destabilize the protein, with L246S and L289R showing the strongest destabilizing effects (17). Such cumulative effects on structure and stability provide a strong rationale for prioritizing these variants in downstream experimental studies (18).

### Limitations of In Silico Predictions

While computational pipelines provide valuable insights, it is important to recognize their limitations. Algorithms such as SIFT, PolyPhen, and MutPred rely on sequence homology, structural models, and evolutionary conservation, which may not fully capture biological complexity (19-21). Dataset incompleteness, redundancy, and algorithm-specific assumptions can lead to discrepancies, as exemplified by R141C, which was predicted deleterious by some tools but scored below threshold in MutPred analysis (22). Moreover, predicted alterations in stability or post-translational modifications (PTMs) cannot be equated to disease causality without biochemical validation (23).

Another limitation concerns the reliance on I-TASSER homology models for 3D structural comparisons (24). Although TM-scores and RMSD values highlight conformational deviations, these predictions are constrained by template quality and may not precisely reflect in vivo folding dynamics (25). Similarly, predictions of PTMs, while informative, do not account for cell-specific kinase availability or regulatory context, and thus should be viewed as hypotheses rather than definitive conclusions (26).

### Clinical and Translational Relevance

Despite these limitations, our findings hold translational promise. The consensus set of 30 deleterious nsSNPs provides a focused panel for future genotype–phenotype correlation studies in autoimmune diseases (27). In particular, residues such as G92R, R183G/Q, G230D, and R791C/H represent strong candidates for functional assays due to their high deleterious scores, evolutionary conservation, and predicted destabilization (28). Experimental validation of these variants may inform biomarker development and help identify individuals at higher genetic risk for autoimmunity (29).

Furthermore, insights from PTM predictions suggest that certain nsSNPs may interfere with phosphorylation and ubiquitination sites, potentially altering signaling cascades beyond the catalytic activity of PTPN22 (30). This aligns with growing evidence that altered post-translational regulation of immune signaling proteins is a key driver of pathogenic autoimmunity (31).

### Concluding Remarks on Predictive Value

Overall, this study provides a comprehensive computational framework for prioritizing potentially pathogenic nsSNPs in PTPN22 (32). By integrating multiple predictive approaches, we identified variants that are not only structurally destabilizing but also conserved, functionally exposed, and network-connected (33). However, these results should be interpreted cautiously as predictive associations (34). Definitive claims regarding pathogenicity require wet-lab validation in biochemical assays, cellular models, and population-level studies (35).

## CONCLUSION

The in-silico analysis of 14,919 SNPs in the PTPN22 gene successfully identified 30 deleterious non-synonymous SNPs (nsSNPs) using a multi-layered computational pipeline, aligning with the objective to comprehensively assess PTPN22 variants for their potential role in



autoimmune disorders and type 2 diabetes through bioinformatics tools. Key findings reveal these nsSNPs disrupt protein stability, alter 3D conformation, and cluster in conserved regions, suggesting significant implications for human healthcare by increasing susceptibility to immune-mediated diseases. Clinically, these variants, particularly G92R, R183G/Q, and R791C/H, offer promising candidates for biomarker development and personalized risk assessment, potentially guiding targeted interventions. Research implications include the need for wet-lab validation through biochemical assays and population-based studies to confirm pathogenicity, thereby advancing the understanding of PTPN22's role in disease etiology and informing future genomic and therapeutic strategies.

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## APPENDIX (DETAILED TABLES AND FIGURES)

Table 1. The 30 common deleterious nsSNPs detected by different tools

| SNP ID       | A.A Change | Allele  | SNP AND GO (Probability) | SIFT (Score)         | PANTHER (Score)          | PhD SNP   | POLYPHEN 2              |
|--------------|------------|---------|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|
| rs1239749266 | R33W       | T>A     | Disease (0.948)          | Not tolerated (0.00) | Probably damaging (0.57) | Disease 4 | Probably damaging 0.999 |
| rs1351955222 | G92R       | C>T     | Disease (0.926)          | Not tolerated (0.00) | Probably damaging (0.85) | Disease 6 | Probably damaging 1.000 |
| rs751531344  | P96L       | G>A     | Disease (0.869)          | Not tolerated (0.00) | Probably damaging (0.57) | Disease 5 | Probably damaging 1.000 |
| rs771337900  | T109I      | G>A,C,T | Disease (0.867)          | Not tolerated (0.00) | Probably damaging (0.85) | Disease 2 | Probably damaging 1.000 |
| rs771337900  | T109L      | G>A,C,T | Disease (0.846)          | Not tolerated (0.00) | Probably damaging (0.85) | Disease 1 | Probably damaging 1.000 |
| rs1453994112 | R115G      | T>C     | Disease (0.815)          | Not tolerated (0.00) | Probably damaging (0.85) | Disease 6 | Probably damaging 1.000 |
| rs750615659  | C139Y      | C>T     | Disease (0.965)          | Not tolerated (0.00) | Probably damaging (0.85) | Disease 4 | Probably damaging 1.000 |
| rs115552198  | R141C      | G>A     | Disease (0.927)          | Not tolerated (0.00) | Probably damaging (0.85) | Disease 3 | Probably damaging 1.000 |
| rs1233969548 | C160R      | A>G     | Disease (0.883)          | Not tolerated (0.00) | Probably damaging (0.57) | Disease 4 | Probably damaging 0.999 |
| rs746672873  | C160S      | C>G     | Disease (0.740)          | Not tolerated (0.02) | Probably damaging (0.57) | Disease 3 | Probably damaging 0.994 |
| rs34590413   | R183G      | G>A,C   | Disease (0.857)          | Not tolerated (0.00) | Probably damaging (0.85) | Disease 4 | Probably damaging 0.999 |
| rs201429780  | R183Q      | C>T     | Disease (0.820)          | Not tolerated (0.02) | Probably damaging (0.85) | Disease 4 | Probably damaging 0.999 |
| rs749042805  | H189L      | T>A     | Disease (0.868)          | Not tolerated (0.01) | Probably damaging (0.85) | Disease 6 | Probably damaging 0.986 |
| rs867799930  | P194S      | G>A     | Disease (0.908)          | Not tolerated (0.01) | Probably damaging (0.85) | Disease 1 | Probably damaging 0.999 |
| rs760638506  | D195Y      | C>A,G   | Disease (0.960)          | Not tolerated (0.00) | Probably damaging (0.85) | Disease 6 | Probably damaging 1.000 |
| rs760638506  | D195H      | C>A,G   | Disease (0.935)          | Not tolerated (0.00) | Probably damaging (0.85) | Disease 5 | Probably damaging 1.000 |
| rs61738614   | L206R      | A>C     | Disease (0.936)          | Not tolerated (0.01) | Probably damaging (0.85) | Disease 5 | Probably damaging 0.999 |
| rs1463096581 | R213C      | G>A     | Disease (0.928)          | Not tolerated (0.00) | Probably damaging (0.85) | Disease 5 | Probably damaging 1.000 |
| rs1178976963 | C227F      | C>A     | Disease (0.951)          | Not tolerated (0.00) | Probably damaging (0.85) | Disease 7 | Probably damaging 1.000 |
| rs1161256976 | G230D      | C>T     | Disease (0.999)          | Not tolerated (0.00) | Probably damaging (0.85) | Disease 5 | Probably damaging 1.000 |
| rs754406296  | C231Y      | C>T     | Disease (0.922)          | Not tolerated (0.00) | Probably damaging (0.85) | Disease 6 | Probably damaging 1.000 |
| rs374877682  | G232E      | C>T     | Disease (0.999)          | Not tolerated (0.00) | Probably damaging (0.85) | Disease 6 | Probably damaging 1.000 |
| rs756892218  | C238Y      | C>T     | Disease (0.931)          | Not tolerated (0.00) | Probably damaging (0.85) | Disease 7 | Probably damaging 1.000 |
| rs763704356  | Y242H      | A>G,T   | Disease (0.765)          | Not tolerated (0.00) | Probably damaging (0.85) | Disease 6 | Probably damaging 0.998 |
| rs763704356  | Y242N      | A>G,T   | Disease (0.841)          | Not tolerated (0.02) | Probably damaging (0.85) | Disease 7 | Probably damaging 1.000 |
| rs1230924605 | L246S      | A>G     | Disease (0.828)          | Not tolerated (0.04) | Probably damaging (0.85) | Disease 4 | Probably damaging 1.000 |
| rs72650670   | R266W      | G>A,T   | Disease (0.974)          | Not tolerated (0.00) | Probably damaging (0.85) | Disease 2 | Probably damaging 1.000 |
| rs1280005604 | L289R      | A>C     | Disease (0.846)          | Not tolerated (0.00) | Probably damaging (0.57) | Disease 6 | Probably damaging 1.000 |
| rs368366403  | R791C      | G>A     | Disease (0.834)          | Not tolerated (0.00) | Probably damaging (0.78) | Disease 3 | Probably damaging 1.000 |
| rs776747696  | R791H      | C>T     | Disease (0.768)          | Not tolerated (0.00) | Probably damaging (0.78) | Disease 5 | Probably damaging 1.000 |

## Protein Stability

Table 2. I-Mutant and MuPro prediction of protein stability

| rs No        | Allele  | A.A Change | I MUTANT DDG<0: Decrease stability DDG>0: Increase stability | MUPRO                                |
|--------------|---------|------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| rs1239749266 | T>A     | R33W       | Decrease -0.23   | G = -0.38850363 (decrease stability) |
| rs1351955222 | C>T     | G92R       | Decrease -0.66   | G = -0.65408468 (decrease stability) |
| rs751531344  | G>A     | P96L       | Decrease -0.40   | G = -0.45112595 (decrease stability) |
| rs771337900  | G>A,C,T | T109I      | Decrease -0.14   | G = -0.76548178 (decrease stability) |
| rs771337900  | G>A,C,T | T109L      | Decrease -0.56   | G = -0.69065337 (decrease stability) |
| rs1453994112 | T>C     | R115G      | Decrease -1.22   | G = -1.0691772 (decrease stability)  |
| rs750615659  | C>T     | C139Y      | Decrease -0.11   | G = -0.49250472 (decrease stability) |
| rs115552198  | G>A     | R141C      | Decrease -0.62   | G = -0.7046264 (decrease stability)  |



| rs No        | Allele | A.A Change | I MUTANT DDG<0: Decrease stability DDG>0: Increase stability | MUPRO                                |
|--------------|--------|------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| rs1233969548 | A>G    | C160R      | Decrease -0.44   | G = -1.0859065 (decrease stability)  |
| rs746672873  | C>G    | C160S      | Decrease -0.96   | G = -1.3157594 (decrease stability)  |
| rs34590413   | G>A,C  | R183G      | Decrease -1.62   | G = -1.3317802 (decrease stability)  |
| rs201429780  | C>T    | R183Q      | Decrease -1.17   | G = -0.74334952 (decrease stability) |
| rs749042805  | T>A    | H189L      | Increase 0.42  | G = -0.20413367 (decrease stability) |
| rs867799930  | G>A    | P194S      | Decrease -1.68   | G = -1.6808604 (decrease stability)  |
| rs760638506  | C>A,G  | D195Y      | Decrease -0.12   | G = -0.7612616 (decrease stability)  |
| rs760638506  | C>A,G  | D195H      | Decrease -0.64   | G = -1.1839049 (decrease stability)  |
| rs61738614   | A>C    | L206R      | Decrease -1.59   | G=1.8170598 (decrease stability)     |
| rs1463096581 | G>A    | R213C      | Decrease -0.99   | G = 0.1761224 (increase stability)   |
| rs1178976963 | C>A    | C227F      | Decrease -0.27   | G = -0.59490481 (decrease stability) |
| rs1161256976 | C>T    | G230D      | Decrease -0.86   | G = -0.58019915 (decrease stability) |
| rs754406296  | C>T    | C231Y      | Decrease -0.05   | G = -0.76922898 (decrease stability) |
| rs374877682  | C>T    | G232E      | Decrease -0.64   | G = -0.56474969 (decrease stability) |
| rs756892218  | C>T    | C238Y      | Decrease -0.01   | G = -0.96826512 (decrease stability) |
| rs763704356  | A>G,T  | Y242H      | Decrease -1.25   | G = -0.97508184 (decrease stability) |
| rs763704356  | A>G,T  | Y242N      | Decrease -1.39   | G = -0.89290573 (decrease stability) |
| rs1230924605 | A>G    | L246S      | Decrease -2.09   | G = -2.2980572 (decrease stability)  |
| rs72650670   | G>A,T  | R266W      | Decrease -0.40   | G = -0.41369156 (decrease stability) |
| rs1280005604 | A>C    | L289R      | Decrease -2.04   | G = -1.7876981 (decrease stability)  |
| rs368366403  | G>A    | R791C      | Decrease -1.11   | G = -0.87567829 (decrease stability) |
| rs776747696  | C>T    | R791H      | Decrease -1.39   | G = -1.2490775 (decrease stability)  |

## Functional Analysis

Table 3. Prediction of functional impact of nsSNPs using MutPred

| A.A Change | MutPred score | A.A Change | MutPred score |
|------------|---------------|------------|---------------|
| R33W       | 0.196         | D195H      | 0.784         |
| G92R       | 0.938         | L206R      | 0.840         |
| P96L       | 0.647         | R213C      | 0.692         |
| T109I      | 0.873         | C227F      | 0.967         |
| T109L      | 0.871         | G230D      | 0.925         |
| R115G      | 0.925         | C231Y      | 0.853         |
| C139Y      | 0.913         | G232E      | 0.923         |
| R141C      | 0.469         | D195H      | 0.784         |
| C160R      | 0.834         | Y242H      | 0.845         |
| C160S      | 0.710         | Y242N      | 0.932         |
| R183G      | 0.840         | L246S      | 0.721         |
| R183Q      | 0.697         | R266W      | 0.870         |
| H189L      | 0.826         | L289R      | 0.838         |
| P194S      | 0.693         | R791C      | 0.788         |
| D195Y      | 0.836         | R791H      | 0.725         |

Table 4. RMSD and TM align score of harmful nsSNPs

| A.A Change | TM Align Score | RMSD    | A.A Change | TM Align Score | RMSD    |
|------------|----------------|---------|------------|----------------|---------|
| R33W       | 4.08           | 0.83265 | L206R      | 3.14           | 0.75918 |
| G92R       | 3.28           | 0.81543 | R213C      | 2.82           | 0.78004 |
| P96L       | 3.90           | 0.73758 | C227F      | 3.91           | 0.81879 |
| T109I      | 3.93           | 0.76788 | G230D      | 3.78           | 0.79820 |
| T109L      | 3.33           | 0.78685 | C231Y      | 3.39           | 0.78746 |
| C139Y      | 7.06           | 0.81543 | G232E      | 3.38           | 0.86057 |
| R141C      | 3.85           | 0.69297 | C238Y      | 3.56           | 0.80656 |
| C160R      | 3.56           | 0.74357 | Y242H      | 4.46           | 0.80176 |
| C160S      | 3.39           | 0.79410 | Y242N      | 3.74           | 0.81314 |
| R183G      | 3.72           | 0.79360 | L246S      | 2.91           | 0.79931 |
| R183Q      | 3.69           | 0.79333 | R266W      | 3.68           | 0.79166 |
| H189L      | 3.08           | 0.76921 | L289R      | 3.63           | 0.79791 |
| P194S      | 2.83           | 0.77411 | R791C      | 3.89           | 0.76935 |
| D195Y      | 3.05           | 0.78802 | R791H      | 3.70           | 0.72214 |
| D195H      | 3.56           | 0.72915 |            |                |         |

## Post-Transcriptional Modifications

Table 5. Prediction of Methylation sites in PTPN22 protein via GPS3.0 and NetPhos3.1

| Position | Peptide        | Met-Types | Score |
|----------|----------------|-----------|-------|
| 799      | FSKPKGPRNPPTWN | R.mono    | 17.69 |

Table 6. NetPhos and GPS 3.0 predictions

| NetPhos 3.1 | Position | Score | Kinase | GPS 3.0 PEPTIDE | KINASE | SCORE  |
|-------------|----------|-------|--------|-----------------|--------|--------|
| Serine      | 16       | 0.968 | unsp   | KFLDEAQSKKITKEE | AGC    | 0.6959 |
| Serine      | 35       | 0.994 | unsp   | FLKLKRQSTKYKADK | AGC    | 0.5828 |
| Serine      | 69       | 0.499 | cdc2   | DILPYDYSRVELSLI | AGC    | 0.3874 |
| Serine      | 74       | 0.704 | Unsp   | DYSRVELSLITSD   | AGC    | 0.5638 |
| Serine      | 78       | 0.993 | unsp   | VELSLITSDSDSSYI | AGC    | 0.2808 |
| Serine      | 107      | 0.973 | unsp   | IATQGPLSTLLDFW  | AGC    | 0.1709 |
| Serine      | 121      | 0.468 | CaM-II | WRMIWEYSVLIIVMA | AGC    | 0.3832 |

| NetPhos 3.1 | Position | Score | Kinase | GPS 3.0 PEPTIDE  | KINASE | SCORE  |
|-------------|----------|-------|--------|------------------|--------|--------|
| Serine      | 157      | 0.606 | unsp   | QLEFGPFSVSCAEAK  | AGC    | 0.3031 |
| Serine      | 159      | 0.896 | unsp   | EFGPFSVSCAEKRK   | AGC    | 0.3254 |
| Serine      | 167      | 0.994 | unsp   | CEAEKRKSDYIIRTL  | AGC    | 0.4887 |
| Serine      | 180      | 0.958 | unsp   | TLKVKFNSETRITIQ  | AGC    | 0.4062 |
| Serine      | 200      | 0.987 | unsp   | RCYQEDDSVPICHC   | AGC    | 0.3601 |
| Serine      | 220      | 0.469 | Cdc2   | VPICHCASAGCGRTG  | AGC    | 0.4839 |
| Serine      | 228      | 0.464 | GSK3   | GIIPENFSVFSLIRE  | AGC    | 0.4477 |
| Serine      | 257      | 0.448 | GSK3   | PENFSVFSLIREMRT  | AGC    | 0.3908 |
| Serine      | 260      | 0.590 | CaM-II | EMRTQRPSLVQTQQ   | AGC    | 0.3786 |
| Serine      | 271      | 0.981 | unsp   | DVIRDKHSGTESQAK  | AGC    | 0.4798 |
| Serine      | 302      | 0.996 | unsp   | DKHSGTESQAKHCIP  | AGC    | 0.3410 |
| Serine      | 306      | 0.649 | DNAPK  | TKMEIKSSSDFDRT   | AGC    | 0.5332 |
| Serine      | 351      | 0.813 | unsp   | KMEIKSSSDFDRTS   | AGC    | 0.5496 |
| Serine      | 352      | 0.986 | unsp   | MEIKSSSDFDRTSE   | AGC    | 0.5465 |
| Serine      | 353      | 0.607 | unsp   | SSDFDRTSEISAKEE  | AGC    | 0.6019 |
| Serine      | 359      | 0.994 | unsp   | DFRTSEISAKEELVL  | AGC    | 0.4943 |
| Serine      | 362      | 0.997 | unsp   | DFLELNYSFDKNADT  | AGC    | 0.2688 |
| Serine      | 386      | 0.473 | cdc2   | SLLFEGCSNSKPVNA  | AGC    | 0.2168 |
| Serine      | 426      | 0.531 | cdc2   | LFEGCSNSKPVNAAG  | AGC    | 0.4091 |
| Serine      | 428      | 0.567 | cdc2   | AAGRYFNSKVPITRT  | AGC    | 0.4439 |
| Serine      | 440      | 0.455 | cdc2   | VPITRTKSTPFELIQ  | AGC    | 0.4644 |
| Serine      | 449      | 0.972 | unsp   | RETKEVDSKENFSYL  | AGC    | 0.3689 |
| Serine      | 465      | 0.996 | unsp   | QKVMHVSSAELNYSL  | AGC    | 0.1540 |
| Serine      | 494      | 0.448 | GSK3   | SSAELNYSLPYDSKH  | AGC    | 0.4225 |
| Serine      | 500      | 0.459 | DNAPK  | NYSLPYDSKHKQIRNA | AGC    | 0.4110 |
| Serine      | 505      | 0.800 | unsp   | KHQIRNASNVKHHDS  | AGC    | 0.4814 |
| Serine      | 513      | 0.512 | cdc2   | SNVKHHDSSALGVYS  | AGC    | 0.5439 |
| Serine      | 520      | 0.627 | PKA    | NVKHHDSSALGVYSY  | AGC    | 0.4285 |
| Serine      | 600      | 0.494 | cdc2   | SSLLNQESAVLATAP  | AGC    | 0.3486 |
| Serine      | 643      | 0.578 | PKC    | PNVPKSLSSAVKVKI  | AGC    | 0.1609 |
| Serine      | 644      | 0.696 | PKC    | NVPKSLSSAVKVKIG  | AGC    | 0.2731 |
| Serine      | 653      | 0.854 | unsp   | VKVKIGTSLEWGGTS  | AGC    | 0.1762 |
| Serine      | 668      | 0.613 | unsp   | EPKKFDDSVILRPSK  | AGC    | 0.6106 |
| Serine      | 674      | 0.598 | PKC    | DSVILRPSKSVKLRS  | AGC    | 0.4659 |
| Serine      | 676      | 0.830 | PKC    | VILRPSKSVKLRSKP  | AGC    | 0.4019 |
| Serine      | 681      | 0.996 | unsp   | SKSVKLRSKSELHQ   | AGC    | 0.3732 |
| Serine      | 684      | 0.906 | unsp   | VKLRSKSELHQDRS   | AGC    | 0.4351 |
| Serine      | 691      | 0.538 | PKC    | SELHQDRSSPPPLP   | AGC    | 0.2852 |
| Serine      | 692      | 0.987 | unsp   | ELHQDRSSPPPLPE   | AGC    | 0.3263 |
| Serine      | 704      | 0.517 | CKI    | LPERTLESFFLADED  | AGC    | 0.3640 |
| Serine      | 732      | 0.526 | cdc2   | YPDTMENSTSSKQTL  | AGC    | 0.1536 |
| Serine      | 734      | 0.989 | unsp   | DTMENSTSSKQTLKT  | AGC    | 0.1623 |
| Serine      | 735      | 0.547 | CKI    | TMENSTSSKQTLKTP  | AGC    | 0.4578 |
| Serine      | 745      | 0.984 | unsp   | TLKTPGKSFTRSKSL  | AGC    | 0.3174 |
| Serine      | 749      | 0.626 | PKC    | PGKSFTRSKSLKILR  | AGC    | 0.3311 |
| Serine      | 751      | 0.995 | unsp   | KSFTRSKSLKILRNM  | AGC    | 0.2999 |
| Serine      | 765      | 0.715 | PKC    | MKKSICNSCPPNKPA  | AGC    | 0.4823 |
| Serine      | 781      | 0.459 | GSK3   | SVQSNSSSFLNFGF   | AGC    | 0.4045 |
| Serine      | 782      | 0.501 | cdc2   | VQSNSSSFLNFGFA   | AGC    | 0.2910 |
| Serine      | 793      | 0.899 | Unsp   | FGFANRFSKPKGPRN  | AGC    | 0.4361 |
| Threonine   | 20       | 0.600 | PKG    | EAQSKKITKEEFANE  | AGC    | 0.6997 |
| Threonine   | 36       | 0.970 | unsp   | LKLKRQSTKYKADKT  | AGC    | 0.7209 |
| Threonine   | 43       | 0.445 | Cdc2   | TKYKADKTYPTTVAE  | AGC    | 0.3965 |
| Threonine   | 77       | 0.619 | CKII   | RVELSLITSDEDESSY | AGC    | 0.3015 |
| Threonine   | 102      | 0.610 | DNAPK  | GPKAYIATQGPLSTT  | AGC    | 0.4343 |
| Threonine   | 109      | 0.511 | cdc2   | TQGPLSTTLTDFWRM  | AGC    | 0.1513 |
| Threonine   | 173      | 0.902 | PKC    | KSDYIIRTLKVKFNS  | AGC    | 0.4708 |
| Threonine   | 182      | 0.469 | PKG    | KVKFNSETRTIYQFH  | AGC    | 0.5079 |
| Threonine   | 184      | 0.551 | PKC    | KFNSETRTIYQFHYK  | AGC    | 0.5756 |
| Threonine   | 234      | 0.435 | CaM-II | CSAGCGRTGVICAID  | AGC    | 0.4431 |
| Threonine   | 243      | 0.452 | unsp   | VICAIDYTWMLLKDG  | AGC    | 0.1624 |
| Threonine   | 267      | 0.981 | PKC    | SLIREMRTQRPSLVQ  | AGC    | 0.3904 |
| Threonine   | 275      | 0.567 | unsp   | QRPSLVQTQEYELV   | AGC    | 0.6010 |
| Threonine   | 304      | 0.549 | PKC    | IRDKHSGTESQAKHC  | AGC    | 0.3483 |
| Threonine   | 332      | 0.899 | PKC    | SPNLPKSTTKAAKMM  | AGC    | 0.3759 |
| Threonine   | 333      | 0.800 | PKC    | PNLPKSTTKAAKMMN  | AGC    | 0.1559 |
| Threonine   | 344      | 0.635 | PKC    | KMMNQQRTKMEIKES  | AGC    | 0.4856 |
| Threonine   | 358      | 0.438 | GSK3   | SSSDFDRTSEISAKE  | AGC    | 0.5875 |
| Threonine   | 376      | 0.462 | cdc2   | LHPAKSSTSDFLEL   | AGC    | 0.2359 |
| Threonine   | 393      | 0.522 | PKC    | SFDKNADTTMKWQK   | AGC    | 0.1757 |
| Threonine   | 399      | 0.659 | PKC    | DTTMKWQTKAFPIVG  | AGC    | 0.1524 |
| Threonine   | 445      | 0.604 | PKC    | FNSKVPITRTKSTPF  | AGC    | 0.4234 |
| Threonine   | 447      | 0.459 | CaM-II | SKVPITRTKSTPFEL  | AGC    | 0.3722 |
| Threonine   | 450      | 0.973 | unsp   | PITRTKSTPFELIQQ  | AGC    | 0.4024 |
| Threonine   | 460      | 0.804 | unsp   | ELIQQRETKEVDSKE  | AGC    | 0.6583 |
| Threonine   | 545      | 0.642 | PKC    | SSWPPSGTSSKMSD   | AGC    | 0.1581 |
| Threonine   | 605      | 0.456 | cdc2   | QESAVLATAPRIDDE  | AGC    | 0.4996 |
| Threonine   | 621      | 0.742 | unsp   | PPPLPVWTPESFIVV  | AGC    | 0.1608 |

| NetPhos 3.1 | Position | Score | Kinase | GPS 3.0 PEPTIDE | KINASE | SCORE  |
|-------------|----------|-------|--------|-----------------|--------|--------|
| Threonine   | 652      | 0.538 | PKC    | AVKVKIGTSLEWGGT | AGC    | 0.1632 |
| Threonine   | 659      | 0.716 | unsp   | TSLEWGGTSEPKKFD | AGC    | 0.4669 |
| Threonine   | 701      | 0.528 | PKG    | PPPLPERTLESFFLA | AGC    | 0.3111 |
| Threonine   | 733      | 0.530 | PKC    | PDTMENSTSSKQTLK | AGC    | 0.1630 |
| Threonine   | 738      | 0.889 | PKC    | NSTSSKQTLKTPGKS | AGC    | 0.6408 |
| Threonine   | 741      | 0.608 | cdk5   | SSKQTLKTPGKSFT  | AGC    | 0.4392 |
| Threonine   | 747      | 0.547 | PKC    | KTPGKSFTRSKSLKI | AGC    | 0.4779 |
| Threonine   | 804      | 0.481 | GSK3   | GPRNPPPTWNI**** | AGC    | 0.3687 |

Table 7. BDM-PUB predictions for Ubiquitination

| Peptide          | Position | Score | Threshold |
|------------------|----------|-------|-----------|
| FLDEAQSCKITKEEF  | 17       | 0.93  | 0.3       |
| LDEAQSCKITKEEFA  | 18       | 0.60  | 0.3       |
| AQSCKITKEEFANEF  | 21       | 1.23  | 0.3       |
| EFANEFLKLKRQSTK  | 30       | 1.16  | 0.3       |
| ANEFLLKLKRQSTKYK | 32       | 1.46  | 0.3       |
| KLKRQSTKYKADKTY  | 37       | 0.94  | 0.3       |
| STKYKADKTYPTTVA  | 42       | 1.13  | 0.3       |
| YPTTVAEKPKNIKKN  | 51       | 0.93  | 0.3       |
| TTVAEKPKNIKKNRY  | 53       | 0.95  | 0.3       |
| AEKPKNIKKNRYKDI  | 56       | 2.31  | 0.3       |
| EKPKNIKKNRYKDIL  | 57       | 1.05  | 0.3       |
| SVSCEAEKRKSDYII  | 164      | 1.55  | 0.3       |
| SCEAEKRKSDYIIRT  | 166      | 0.74  | 0.3       |
| DYIIRTLKVKFNSET  | 175      | 0.63  | 0.3       |
| IIRTLKVKFNSETRT  | 177      | 0.33  | 0.3       |
| NAVLELFKRQMDVIR  | 291      | 0.76  | 0.3       |
| QMDVIRDKHSGTESQ  | 300      | 0.55  | 0.3       |
| SGTESQAKHCIPKCN  | 309      | 0.83  | 0.3       |
| AKHCIPKCNHTLQAD  | 315      | 1.44  | 0.3       |
| SYSNLPKSTTKAAK   | 330      | 1.69  | 0.3       |
| NLPKSTTKAAKMMNQ  | 334      | 1.17  | 0.3       |
| KSTTKAAKMMNQQRT  | 337      | 2.33  | 0.3       |
| MMNQRTKMEIKESS   | 345      | 0.97  | 0.3       |
| ELVLHPAKSSTSFDF  | 373      | 0.90  | 0.3       |
| IVGEPLQKHQSLDLG  | 411      | 0.30  | 0.3       |
| FEGCSNSKPVNAAGR  | 429      | 1.00  | 0.3       |
| LIQRETKEVDSEN    | 461      | 0.43  | 0.3       |
| YSLPYDSKHQIRNAS  | 506      | 0.40  | 0.3       |
| IRNASNVKHHSSAL   | 516      | 0.36  | 0.3       |
| PPSGTSSKMSLDLPE  | 548      | 2.77  | 0.3       |
| EFSPNVPKSLSSAVK  | 640      | 0.87  | 0.3       |
| KSLSSAVKVKIGTSL  | 647      | 2.13  | 0.3       |
| LSSAVKVKIGTSLEW  | 649      | 0.68  | 0.3       |
| WGGTSEPKKFDDSVI  | 663      | 0.74  | 0.3       |
| GGTSEPKKFDDSVIL  | 664      | 1.58  | 0.3       |
| SVILRPSKSVKLRS   | 675      | 3.47  | 0.3       |
| LRPSKSVKLRSRKSE  | 678      | 3.01  | 0.3       |
| SVKLRSRKSELHQDR  | 683      | 2.39  | 0.3       |
| MENSTSSKQTLKTPG  | 736      | 3.14  | 0.3       |
| TSSKQTLKTPGKSFT  | 740      | 1.87  | 0.3       |
| QTLKTPGKSFTRSKS  | 744      | 1.89  | 0.3       |
| GKSFTRSKSLKILRN  | 750      | 1.72  | 0.3       |
| FTRSKSLKILRNMKK  | 753      | 1.64  | 0.3       |
| LKILRNMKKSICNSC  | 759      | 0.99  | 0.3       |
| GFANRFSKPKGPRNP  | 794      | 1.54  | 0.3       |
| ANRFSKPKGPRNPPP  | 796      | 1.23  | 0.3       |

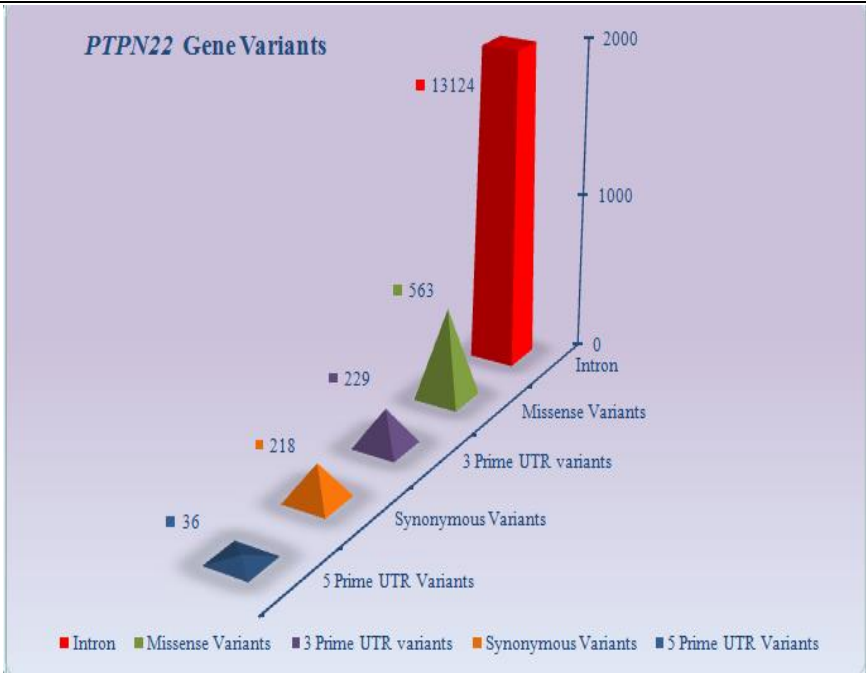


Figure 1: A 3D bar chart illustrating SNPs linked with the PTPN22 gene, showing the distribution across categories: intronic (13,124, red bar), missense variants (563, green bar), 3' prime UTR variants (229, purple bar), synonymous variants (218, orange bar), and 5' prime UTR variants (36, blue bar). The y-axis scales up to 2000 for visual emphasis on larger categories.

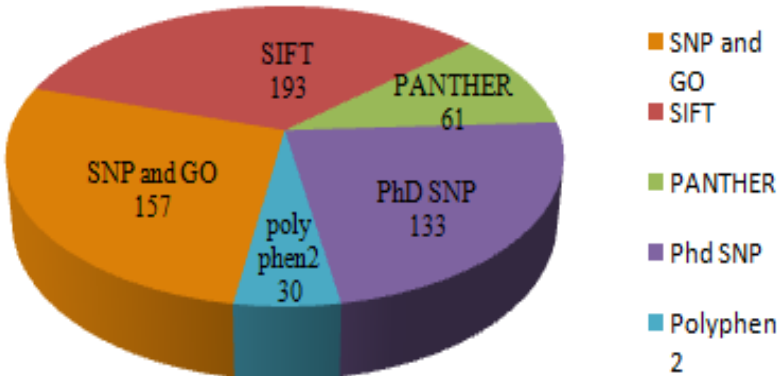


Figure 2: A pie chart showing the prediction of damaging nsSNPs via several tools, with segments labeled: SNP and GO (157, orange), SIFT (193, red), PANTHER (61, green), Phd SNP (133, purple), and PolyPhen 2 (30, blue).

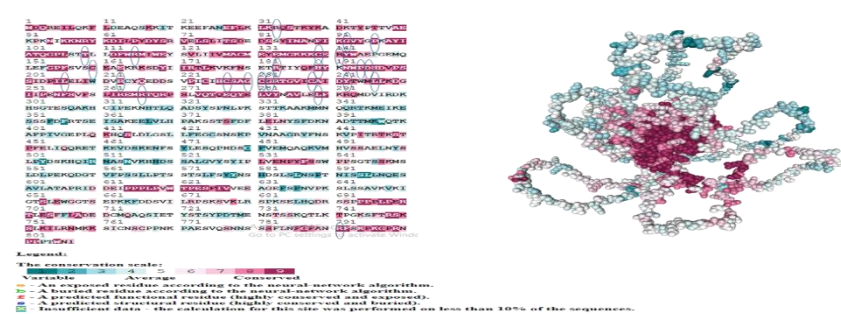
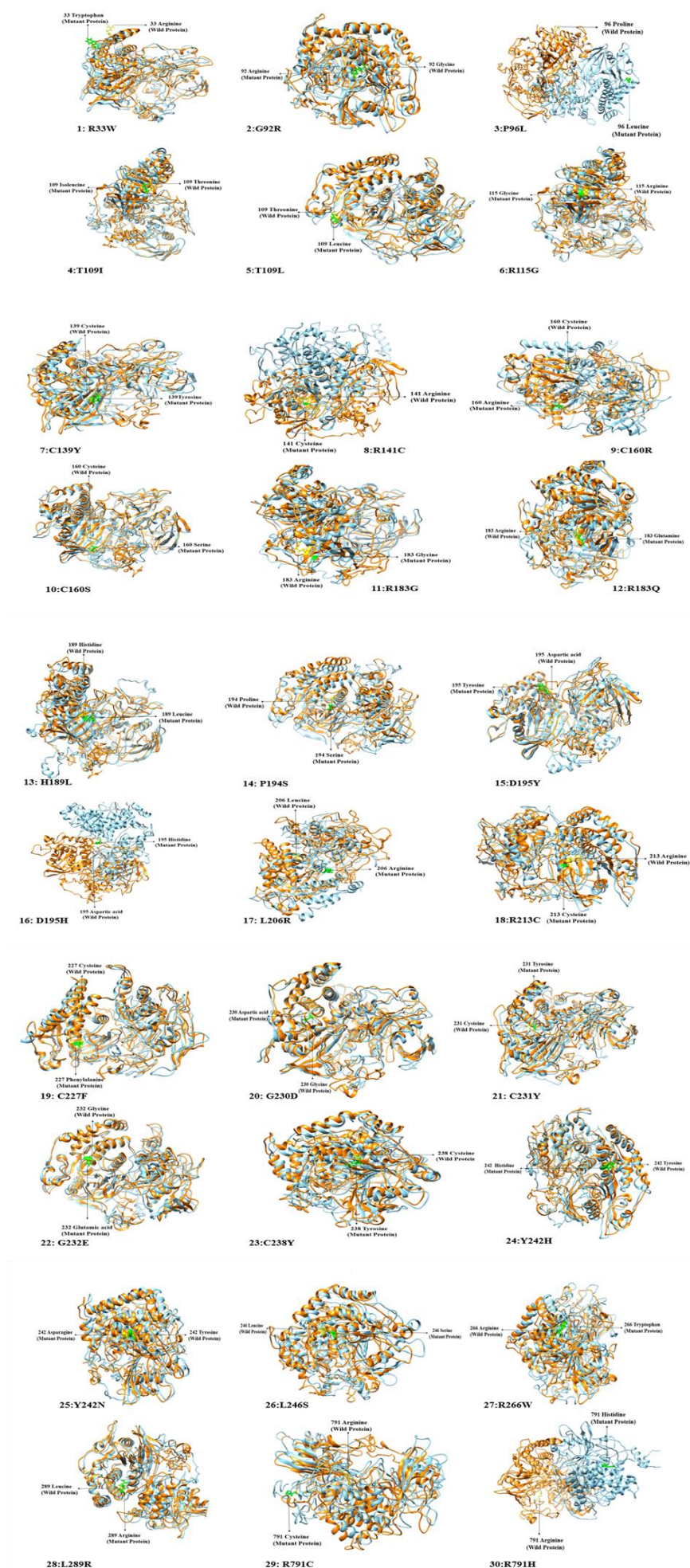


Figure 3: A detailed Consurf visualization for harmful nsSNPs, showing the PTPN22 protein sequence with conservation scale (1-9, variable to conserved) and 3D structure colored by conservation (cyan: variable, magenta: conserved), with annotations for exposed/buried residues and a legend explaining symbols for functional/structural importance.

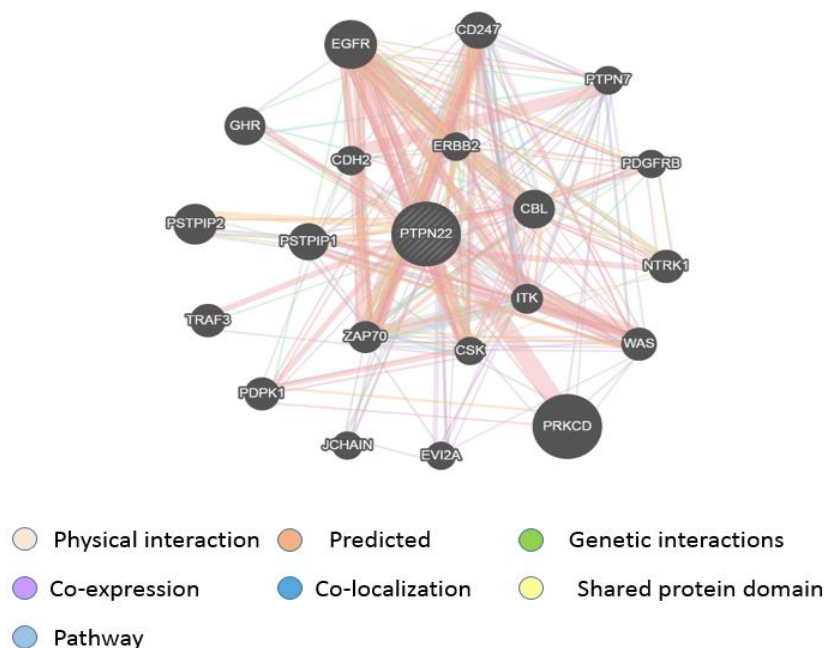






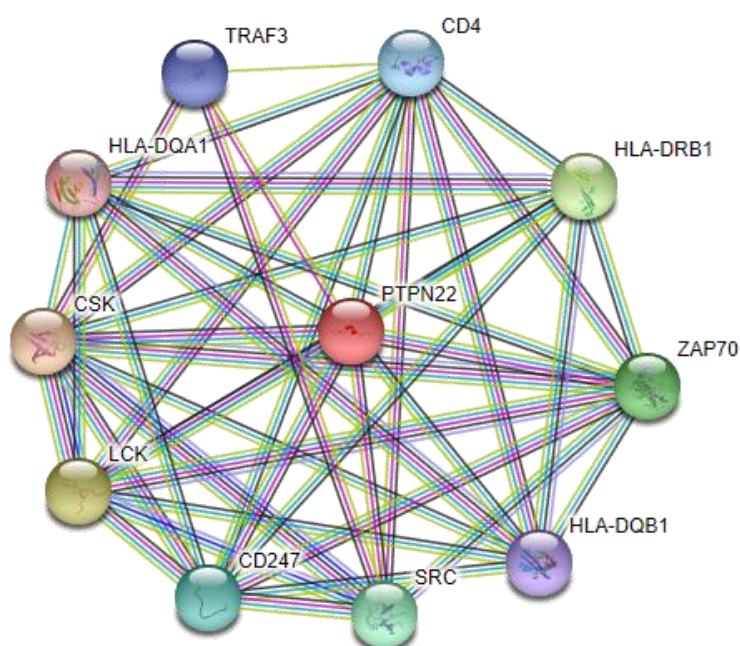
**Figure 4:** A grid of 3D structures for deleterious nsSNPs generated by I-TASSER, displaying individual models for each variant (e.g., R33W, G92R) with wild-type and mutant forms highlighted in different colors, including labels for structural changes and a scale bar for orientation.

#### Gene-Gene Interaction



**Figure 5:** A network diagram of gene-gene interactions for PTPN22 using GeneMANIA, with central PTPN22 node connected to others (e.g., TRAF3, ZAP70) via colored edges: pink (physical), orange (co-expression), blue (co-localization), green (genetic), yellow (shared domain), and purple (pathway).

#### Protein-Protein Interaction



**Figure 6 Placeholder:** A network diagram of protein-protein interactions for PTPN22 using STRING, with PTPN22 as the central red node linked to proteins like TRAF3, CSK, ZAP70, CD4, and HLA variants via multicolored edges representing interaction types, including a legend for node and edge meanings.

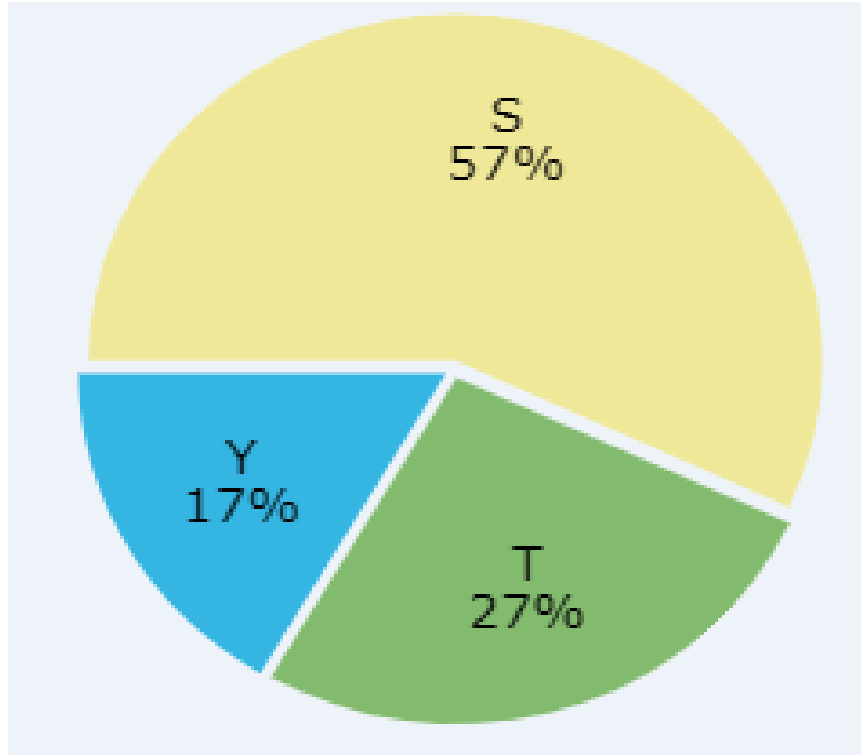


Figure 7: A pie chart illustrating the distribution of S/T/Y p-sites: Serine (57%, yellow segment), Threonine (27%, green segment), and Tyrosine (17%, blue segment).