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GENETIC DATABASES – THE TRAGEDY CONTINUES

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A new review paper about [online genetic databases](#) nicely summarizes the current state of the art (including my own efforts). There are only 13 databases with gene-disease associations. Although highly needed by everybody – patients, diagnostic companies, medical doctors, scientists – no database has sufficient funding for realtime monitoring of the scientific literature. Not even one cent of largely funded EU consortia is being invested into human disease-gene database. Database management remains a time consuming, frustrating enterprise as long as institutes don't share data on a regular basis and as long as databases don't produce “impact points” – [databases in peril](#).

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