

GENETICS

WOMEN EXPLAINED

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I am not sure if my count of sequenced individuals is correct. While the Human Genome Project and Celera used a DNA mix for their draft version of the human genome, the next genomes were provided by Watson and Venter. Number 4 to 12 were the eight individuals in the [May 1, 2008 Nature paper, 7 of these are females](#). So the press release of "[First female DNA sequenced](#)" is wrong – Marjolein Kriek ("[you gain some you loose some](#)") has lost the race. Science by press release may be even not the best way for communication of results. In any case I have doubts if these data will ever help us to understand women ;-)

Addendum 9/6/08

Read what [Science writes about it](#) ...

Addendum 15/09/08

A press release of the [first of 100 Arab genomes](#).

Addendum 14/11/08

Ongoing work: the [1000 genomes project](#).

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A Science update accepts only 1. Human Genome Project (mix) 2. Celera (mix) 3. Venter 4. Watson 5. a female AML patient 6. a Nigerian Yoruba man and 7. a Chinese Han man.

