

Researchers publish improved Neanderthal genome

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Researchers in Germany said Tuesday they have completed the first high-quality sequencing of a Neanderthal genome and are making it freely available online for other scientists to study.

The genome produced from remains of a toe bone found in a Siberian cave is far more detailed than a previous “draft” Neanderthal genome sequenced three years ago by the same team at the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology in Leipzig, Germany.

“The genome of a Neanderthal is now there in a form as accurate as that of any person walking the streets today,” Svante Paabo, a geneticist who led the research, told The Associated Press in an email.

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