

Spell-checking the genome to remove burden of bad genetic mutations

Eliminating mutational load might offer a shortcut to the Singularity. A person's mutational load is the total burden of his bad genetic mutations. Although we don't yet adequately understand why humans vary so much in intelligence, if mutational load turns out to play a starring role, then eugenics for radical intelligence enhancement might become child's play.

As physicist-turned-geneticist Gregory Cochran writes in his blog "every person has many hidden genetic flaws that reduce performance and efficiency in many ways. The total impact of these errors is thought to be quite large, and must surely be very significant for human intelligence, which is probably the most complex of all adaptations."

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