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The Human Genome Project and its impact on human health and disease—the era of Genomic Medicine

The Human Genome Project was an unprecedented effort by the international scientific community over a period of 20 years to read the 'book of life', the 3 billion letters in our genome. It changed the way and ethos of how genetic research is conducted and promised to bring new medicines and treatments to many common and rare diseases. The journey from reading to understanding this book may have taken longer than what was first announced in 2001 but we now see a constant stream of new medical advancements based on genomic research. At the same time, the use of genomics in everyday life is raising both ethical and legal questions.

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