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The report by GenomeAsia 100K Project carries a detailed genetic analysis of about 1700 individuals across Asia.

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On December 4, the GenomeAsia 100K Project published its first major findings in *Nature*. The consortium formed for this project has been trying to fill the 'West'-centric gap in understanding the human genetic landscape. They have been mapping the Asian population, of which though is about half the global population, has only 10% samples in the existing genomic global databases.

One of the lead authors of the new *Nature* report is Partha P. Majumdar, from the National Institute of Biomedical Genomics, India. He is also the president of the Indian Academy of Sciences. The project has institutions and organisations from a number of countries including Singapore, Korea, and leading biotech companies such as Genetech, USA.

