

In order to create a single CD that is readable on Windows, Mac, and Unix platforms, we used a CD format that modifies the appearance of the files when loaded onto a Unix machine. All uppercase letters in the filenames are converted to lowercase, file ownership is assigned to "root", and execute permissions are turned on. Only the names of the README and the IBD files (which contain gene names) will have been changed. If they wish to do so, Unix users should be able to simply make their own copy of the files, which will take care of file ownership, and then use the Unix chmod command (chmod -x) to turn off the execute permissions. In order to fit the IBD files onto a single CD, we compressed them using gzip. A Windows version of gzip is available, and Windows users can uncompress the IBD files using programs such as WinZip, Stuffit, or PKZIP.