



Additional file 1: Network construction. F_1 , F_2 , and F_3 are families denoted by polygons enclosing the family members, such that, $F_1 = \{P_1, P_2, S_1, C_1, C_2\}$, $F_2 = \{P_3, P_4, S_2, S_3, C_1, C_2, C_3\}$, and $F_3 = \{P_5, P_6, S_4, C_3\}$. Here, P_1 , P_2 , P_3 , P_4 , P_5 , and P_6 belong to generation zero, S_1 , S_2 , S_3 , and S_4 belong to the first generation, and C_1 , C_2 , and C_3 belong to the second generation. The dashed links between individuals indicate parental unions. Thus in the network of families the union (S_1, S_2) connects families F_1 and F_2 , and the union (S_3, S_4) connects families F_2 and F_3 . Assume that between siblings C_1 and C_2 , the firstborn is C_1 . Then we associate C_1 to the link (F_1, F_2) . Similarly, we associate C_3 to the link (F_2, F_3) . In the network of families F_2 being the common node, the links (F_1, F_2) and (F_2, F_3) are adjacent. Therefore, in the network of kins we connect the individuals C_1 and C_3 attributed to these links, respectively. In this particular case C_1 and C_3 are first cousins.