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Multi-ancestry genome-wide association analyses incorporating SNP-by-psychosocial interactions identify novel loci for serum lipids

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Serum lipid levels, which are influenced by both genetic and environmental factors, are key determinants of cardiometabolic health and are influenced by both genetic and environmental factors. Improving our understanding of their underlying biological mechanisms can have important public health and therapeutic implications. Although psychosocial factors, including depression, anxiety, and perceived social support, are associated with serum lipid levels, it is unknown if they modify the effect of genetic loci that influence lipids. We conducted a genome-wide gene-by-psychosocial factor interaction (GxPsy) study in up to 133,157 individuals to evaluate if GxPsy influences serum lipid levels. We conducted a two-stage meta-analysis of GxPsy using both a one-degree of freedom (1df) interaction test and a joint 2df test of the main and interaction effects. In Stage 1, we performed GxPsy analyses on up to 77,413 individuals and promising associations ($P < 10^{-5}$) were evaluated in up to 55,744 independent samples in Stage 2. Significant findings ($P < 5 \times 10^{-8}$) were identified based on meta-analyses of the two stages. There were 10,230 variants from 120 loci significantly associated with serum lipids. We identified novel associations for variants in four loci using the 1df test of interaction, and five additional loci using the 2df joint test that were independent of known lipid loci. Of these 9 loci, 7 could not have been detected without modeling the interaction as there was no evidence of association in a standard GWAS model. The genetic diversity of included samples was key in identifying these novel loci: four of the lead variants displayed very low frequency in European ancestry populations. Functional annotation highlighted promising loci for further experimental follow-up, particularly rs73597733 (*MACROD2*), rs59808825 (*GRAMD1B*), and rs11702544 (*RRP1B*). Notably, one of the genes in identified loci (*RRP1B*) was found to be a target of the approved drug Atenolol suggesting potential for drug repurposing. Overall, our findings suggest that taking interaction between genetic variants and psychosocial factors into account and including genetically diverse populations can lead to novel discoveries for serum lipids.

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INTRODUCTION

The concentrations of key serum lipids, such as high-density lipoprotein cholesterol (HDL), low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL), and triglycerides (TG) are routinely assessed to determine an individual's cardiometabolic clinical risk profile, and to guide drug therapy (e.g., statins) aiming to reduce the morbidity and mortality associated with diseases such as coronary artery disease, stroke, and type 2 diabetes. Serum lipid levels are known to be influenced both by lifestyle, including diet, physical activity, smoking, and alcohol consumption, as well as genetic factors, with over 700 lipid loci identified using genome-wide association studies (GWAS) [1–3]. Although the importance of both genetic and lifestyle factors is well-established, the interplay between these two factors on serum lipid levels is less well understood. The Gene-Lifestyle Interactions Working Group, under the aegis of the Cohorts for Heart and Aging Research in Genomic Epidemiology (CHARGE) Consortium [4], has developed a framework for studying gene-lifestyle interactions for cardiometabolic traits in large, multi-ancestry meta-analyses [5]. This strategy has facilitated the discovery of novel lipid loci in studies accounting for interactions with smoking [6], physical activity [7], alcohol consumption [8], educational attainment [9], and sleep duration [10], suggesting that these lifestyle factors may indeed modulate genetic effects on serum lipids. The loci identified in these efforts could potentially explain how lifestyle exposures can contribute to disturbances in lipid levels.

Psychosocial factors, especially depression, contribute to the pathogenesis of cardiovascular diseases (e.g., myocardial infarction) and increased mortality in patients with coronary heart disease [11–13], and Mendelian Randomization (MR) analysis suggests that this association is causal [14]. Depression and depressive symptoms are associated with serum lipid concentrations [13, 15], the plasma lipidome [16, 17], and lipid metabolism, with distinct metabolic signatures associated with various symptom dimensions [18]. *APOE* alleles associated with serum lipids have also been associated with anxiety and depression [19, 20]. Some evidence from MR analyses suggests that depression increases TG and decreases HDL [21]. Serum lipids may also mediate the association between depression and cardiovascular disease. The association between depression and coronary artery disease was attenuated when an MR analysis was adjusted for serum lipids [14]. Similarly, in one study, nearly a third of the association of depression with arterial stiffness, a key intermediary of major cardiovascular events, was found to be mediated by metabolic syndrome, particularly hypertriglyceridemia among men [22]. Low social support has been associated with high cholesterol in a nationally representative US nonelderly population [23] and with high cholesterol, LDL, and non-HDL cholesterol among type 2 diabetics and their families [24]. Both anxiety and depression have been associated with elevated triglycerides [25]. Proposed mechanisms through which psychosocial factors and serum lipids may influence each other include high dietary intake of saturated fat and cholesterol, gut dysbiosis, the hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal axis, and neuroinflammation [26–28]. Both direct and indirect mechanisms, such as psychosocial factor-associated changes in lifestyle or medication use, are plausible. This may confound interaction effects. Importantly, there is evidence for a genetic contribution to some of these psychosocial factors, particularly depression [29–33].

In this study, we assess how incorporating interaction between genetic variants and psychosocial factors (depressive symptoms, anxiety symptoms, and low social support) helps identify lipid loci missed by standard marginal genetic effect GWAS. To maximize the transferability of our results and to address known gaps in the field, we prioritized the inclusion of diverse population groups, as ancestry can influence both genetic (e.g. frequency of variants, linkage disequilibrium around associated signals) and psychosocial factors (e.g. presence of stigma, availability of healthcare

access). We conducted multi-ancestry meta-analyses of genome-wide variant \times psychosocial factor interaction (G \times Psy) studies on serum lipids in up to 133,157 individuals.

RESULTS

In this study of psychosocial factors and serum lipids, we meta-analyzed data on up to 133,157 individuals from 50 genome-wide interaction studies using a two-stage study design (Fig. 1; Study Details Supplementary Tables S1–2; Supplementary Note). Sample sizes and descriptive statistics of the studies participating in Stages 1 and 2 analyses are summarized in Supplementary Table 2. Study participants included European ancestry (EUR; 67.5%; $n = 89,939$), African ancestry (AFR; 14.4%; $n = 19,133$), Hispanic/Latino (HIS; 12.0%; $n = 15,949$), Asian ancestry (ASN; 3.5%; $n = 4672$), and Brazilian individuals (BRZ; 2.6%; $n = 3464$; see Methods for further details regarding selection of groups and population descriptors). All psychosocial factors were coded as binary variables. On average, 17.5% of Stage 1 participants were reported to have elevated depressive symptoms (DEPR) and 24.2% had elevated anxiety symptoms [ANXT], based on standard cutpoints, with a similar distribution among Stage 2 participants (15.8% [DEPR] and 24.3% [ANXT]). Low social support (SOCS) was defined as the lowest quartile of the distribution (Methods). Fewer studies had data on SOCS ($n = 23$) and ANXT ($n = 21$) than DEPR ($n = 50$; harmonization of psychosocial factors is described in Supplementary Table 3).

In Stage 1 population-specific and cross-population meta-analyses (CPMA), we identified 15,774 variants that met our selection criteria of $P < 10^{-5}$ for either the 1 degree of freedom interaction test (1df) or the 2df joint test of the main and interaction effects (2df; Fig. 1). These variants were carried forward for further analysis in Stage 2 samples. In the meta-analysis of stages 1 and 2, there were 10,230 variants from 120 loci that were significantly associated in at least one model using either statistical test (P_{1df} or $P_{2df} < 5 \times 10^{-8}$; Supplementary Table 4). We found seven variants in four loci that were associated with serum lipids with a genome-wide significant p-value for the 1df test of interaction (Table 1). For instance, among those reporting low social support, the A allele of rs11949029 was associated with a much lower LDL concentration than among those who did not ($\beta_{\text{Interaction}} = -19.2$, SE 3.5 mg/dL, $P_{1df} = 4.1 \times 10^{-8}$; Fig. 2A). Thus, among those with low social support, this allele was associated with 12.6 mg/dL lower LDL, but 6.6 mg/dL higher LDL among those not reporting low social support. In meta-analyses that did not include a multiplicative term (i.e. a standard GWAS model; available only for stage 1 studies), no association of the variant with LDL was observed ($P = 0.69$), even after adjustment for SOCS ($P = 0.75$).

A significant association using the 2df joint test of the main effect and interaction can represent the main effect of a variant, its interaction with the exposure, or both. To exclude associations driven primarily by the main effect, we considered as previously unidentified only those variants with $P_{2df} < 5 \times 10^{-8}$ that were independent of known loci (defined as ± 500 kb from the 95% credible sets reported in Graham *et al* [1] or variants reported in other major publications [34–39]). There were 14 variants and 8 loci that were significantly associated with serum lipids using the 2df test and independent from known loci (Table 2). Six of these loci displayed nominal significance for an interaction effect ($P_{1df} < 0.05$). This includes three of the four loci that were genome-wide significant using the 1df test, with the remaining two near this threshold. Among these is rs59808825 (*GRAMD1B* [nearest gene]), for which the main effect of the C allele on LDL was positive ($\beta = 5.0$, SE = 2.1 mg/dL) but an inverse interaction effect with ANXT ($\beta_{\text{Interaction}} = -22.9$, SE = 4.2 mg/dL), so that the total effect of the C allele among those reporting anxiety symptoms was negative ($P_{2df} = 8.8 \times 10^{-9}$; Fig. 2B). In the main

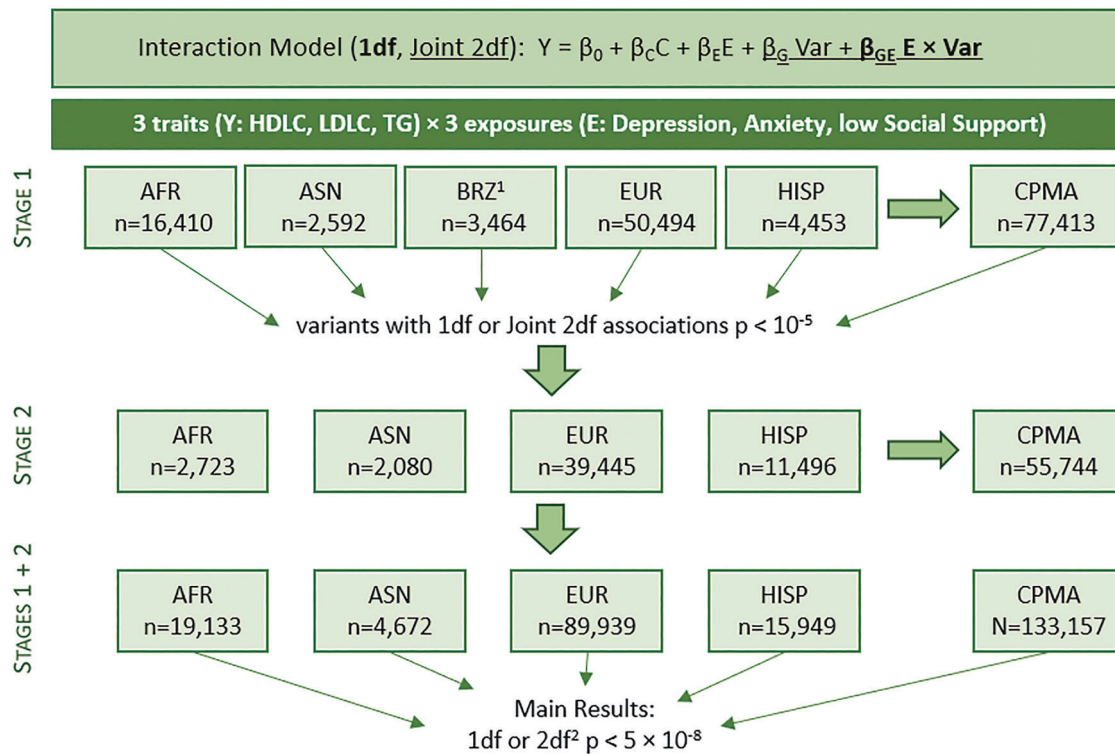


Fig. 1 Study design. African ancestry (AFR), Asian ancestry (ASN), Brazilian (BRZ), European ancestry (EUR), Hispanic (HISP), cross-population meta-analysis (CPMA) ¹ Brazilian samples were only available in Stage 1, so a Stage 1 + 2 meta-analysis of BRZ was not possible. These samples are included in the cross-population Stage 1 + 2 meta-analysis; ² As the 2df results jointly measure the variant's main and interaction effects, our main results only include those 2df findings that are also more than 500 kb from known lipids loci.

effect only meta-analysis, no association between rs59808825 and LDLC was observed ($P = 0.13$). Of the 8 loci identified through the 2df test, two associations had $P_{1df} \geq 0.1$, suggesting that the 2df test may reflect novel main effect associations (though we cannot exclude that GxPsy interactions may contribute to these findings but are undetectable at the current sample sizes). For instance, the joint 2df test was significant for rs34636484 (*CD96*) × SOCS on LDLC ($P_{2df} = 3.1E-8$), while the 1df test was not ($P_{1df} = 0.27$; Supplementary Figure 4C). rs11702544 (*RRP1B*) × DEPR on HDLC was also plausibly driven by a main effect (Supplementary Figure 4H). Importantly, both of these potential main effect associations were identified in the CPMA results, highlighting the importance of including diverse populations for novel discoveries.

The inclusion of underrepresented population groups in this study also provided an advantage in identifying novel interaction associations, with associations observed at four lead loci at which no data from EUR studies were available because of a minor allele frequency < 0.01 . For instance, an interaction of rs11949029 (*CTC-207P7.1*) and SOCS on LDLC was statistically significant for both the 1df test of interaction (Fig. 2A) and the 2df test of interaction and main effect (Supplementary Figure 4D) and was driven by data from the AFR and HISP populations. In this case, there was consistency of both the main and interaction associations across backgrounds. Such consistency was common among these lead findings; however, there were a few associations that were driven predominantly by one population, despite the availability of data for other groups. In the interaction between rs61248562 (*UNC13C*) and DEPR on HDLC, the observed association among EUR reached statistical significance ($\beta = 0.14$; $SE = 0.025$; $P_{1df} = 5.2 \times 10^{-9}$; Supplementary Figure 3C), yet this association was not seen in other populations despite a comparable number of samples with available data (EUR 15,052 vs. AFR 13,069 and HISP 15,977) and larger effect allele frequencies (EUR 0.02 vs. AFR 0.16 and HISP 0.07). As expected, the CPMA for this association was greatly

reduced in statistical significance ($P_{1df} = 1.5 \times 10^{-3}$). Similarly, the rs73597733 (*MACROD2*) × DEPR interaction on HDLC in AFR ($P_{1df} = 8.4 \times 10^{-9}$) was not seen in HISP ($P_{1df} = 0.43$; Supplementary Figure 3D).

Of the 10 lead associations in 9 loci that reached genome-wide statistical significance in the meta-analyses of Stages 1 and 2 (for one locus there were significant associations in two population groups), 4 were significant in both stages ($P < 0.05$) while 6 were only significant in stage 1 (Supplementary Table 5). There were 16 variants in 9 loci that were considered as the novel associated variant set for annotation and follow-up: those associated with either $P_{1df} < 5 \times 10^{-8}$ (seven variants in four loci) or $P_{2df} < 5 \times 10^{-8}$ and independent of known lipids loci (14 variants in 8 loci; five variants in three loci overlapping in 1df and 2df findings). The novel associated variants were characterized using FUMA. As expected, most of the variants were annotated to be intronic ($n = 10$) or intergenic ($n = 3$; Supplementary Table 6). While a single signal was detected for most of the described loci in Tables 1 and 2, the associated region on chromosome 21 (CPMA-HDL-DEPR) had three independent genomic signals at variants rs11702544, rs6518309, and rs9977076. Each of these variants is an eQTL for three genes in a variety of tissues, including whole blood: *PDXK*, *RRP1B*, and *HSF2BP* [40] (Supplementary Table 7).

We also evaluated 257 variants in LD with our lead variants ($R^2 \geq 0.6$ in 1000 Genomes, Phase 3 ALL; Supplementary Table 8). Evaluation of these variants in RegulomeDB identified 75 variants (29.2%) with functional prediction scores ≤ 3 , indicating moderate to high potential for regulatory effects. Variants within the locus on chromosome 21 characterized by rs11702544, rs6518309, and rs9977076 (*RRP1B*) had the lowest RegulomeDB scores in this set: 1a ($n = 1$) and 1b ($n = 6$), which indicates that they are likely to affect transcription factor binding to the gene targets, in this case *HSF2BP*, *RRP1B*, or *LINC00313*. These variants were also tested in our data and nearly reached statistical significance for the 2df

Table 1. Genome-wide variants significantly associated with serum lipids using a 1 df test of interaction in Meta-Analysis of Stages 1 & 2.

rsid Index Variant Nearest Gene ^a	Chr:BP (GRCh37)	Tested Allele: Freq	Main Effect	SE	Interaction Effect	SE	P _{1df} ^b	P _{2df} ^b	Population, Sample Size	Lipid ^c	Psychosocial Factor
rs11949029 RNU4-73P	5:163470425	A:0.02	6.6	2.2	-19.2	3.5	4.1E-08	2.4E-08	CPMA, n = 16,927	LDLC	SOCs
rs59808825 GRAMD1B	11:123152496	C:0.03	5.0	2.1	-22.9	4.2	4.3E-08	8.8E-09	CPMA, n = 5,973	LDLC	ANXT
rs61248562 RP11-643A5.2	15:54249794	T ^d :0.02	-0.024	0.015	0.14	0.025	5.2E-09	6.9E-08	EUR, n = 15,052	HDLc	DEPR
rs73597733 MACROD2	20:15941137	A:0.04	-0.015	0.010	0.14	0.025	8.4E-09	1.0E-08	AFR, n = 11,234	HDLc	DEPR

^aNearest gene determined based on ANNOVAR annotations implemented in FUMA. While the "Nearest Gene" is listed for simplicity, we acknowledge that the nearest gene may not be of functional relevance for the given variant.

^bBolded values indicate $P < 5 \times 10^{-8}$.

^cAnalyses were conducted on natural log-transformed HDLC and TG values, while LDLc was untransformed (all original values in mg/dL).

^dInsertion.

interaction with DEPR on HDLC (P_{2df} range 2.4×10^{-6} to 4.2×10^{-7}), with similar effect sizes in all.

Next, we assessed the predicted chromatin state around our 16 novel associated variants using the minimum 15-core chromatin state models calculated across 127 tissue/cell types [41]. We identified histone chromatin markers in regions associated with strong transcription ($n = 6$; Supplementary Table 6). In the 257 variants in LD with our lead variants, there were histone chromatin markers consistent with active ($n = 13$) or flanking active ($n = 21$) transcription start sites, transcription at the 3' or 5' end ($n = 7$), or in regions associated with strong transcription ($n = 50$) (Supplementary Table 8). For most of our loci, significant chromatin interactions were detected between regions containing our variants and regions overlapping gene promoters (Supplementary Table 9); for instance, between the locus on chromosome 21 (lead variant rs11702544) and regions overlapping the promoter of multiple genes, including *PDXK*, *RR1BP*, and *HSF2BP*.

Finally, to explore the potential clinical relevance of our findings, we performed an integrated druggability analysis of identified genes, as previously described [42]. We queried high and medium priority candidate gene targets (identified by FUMA and OpenTargets) using the Drug-Target Interaction database (DGIdb), which revealed 2 genes annotated as clinically actionable or members of the druggable genome (Supplementary Table 10). Several of these gene targets are implicated in ion transport (*NKAIN3*), vitamin metabolism (*PDXK*), and immune or viral response (*CD96*, *RRP1B*) pathways. We identified 1 gene, *RRP1B*, with a reported drug interaction. *RRP1B* was shown to interact with an FDA-approved drug, Atenolol, that has been evaluated in late-stage clinical trials using DrugBank and ClinicalTrials.gov databases (Supplementary Table 10). Atenolol is a well-established anti-hypertensive drug used to treat high blood pressure, heart failure, or angina in some patients. Together these results suggest a potential drug repurposing opportunity to intervene in a common pathway implicated in cardiometabolic disorders.

DISCUSSION

In this study, we investigated genome-wide variant-by-psycho-social factor interactions (G×Psy) in large, multi-ancestry meta-analyses of serum lipids. We identified nine novel lipid loci using this strategy, including four loci based on the 1df test of interaction and eight loci based on the 2df joint test of interaction and main effects (with three loci significantly associated using both strategies). Importantly, most of these associations could not have been identified in a standard GWAS that does not take interaction into account. Our inclusion of relatively large sample sizes representing diverse ancestries facilitated novel findings. Functional annotation highlights the promise of some of these identified loci for understanding the potential influence of psycho-social factors on serum lipids.

Both the 1df test of interaction and the 2df test of main effect and interaction identified statistically significant results for rs73597733 (intronic to *MACROD2*) × DEPR on HDLC, in which the main effect of the variant was near zero, with a large positive association among those with depressive symptoms. Intriguingly, an interaction between an intronic variant in *MACROD2* (not in LD with rs73597733) was previously found between thiazide diuretic use and HDLC [43]. Other intronic variants in *MACROD2* have been associated with the ceramides and sphingomyelins, suggesting a potential role in lipids pathways [44]. There is a large body of evidence for associations of intronic variants in *MACROD2* with complex psycho-social, neurological, and psychiatric traits, including: attention deficit hyperactivity disorder [45, 46], morningness (being a morning person) [47], risk-taking behavior [48], eating disorders [49], autism [50–52], and bipolar disorder [52, 53]. Infants with atypical neonatal neurobehavioral scores had differentially methylated CpG sites within the *MACROD2* gene [54]. *Macrod2*

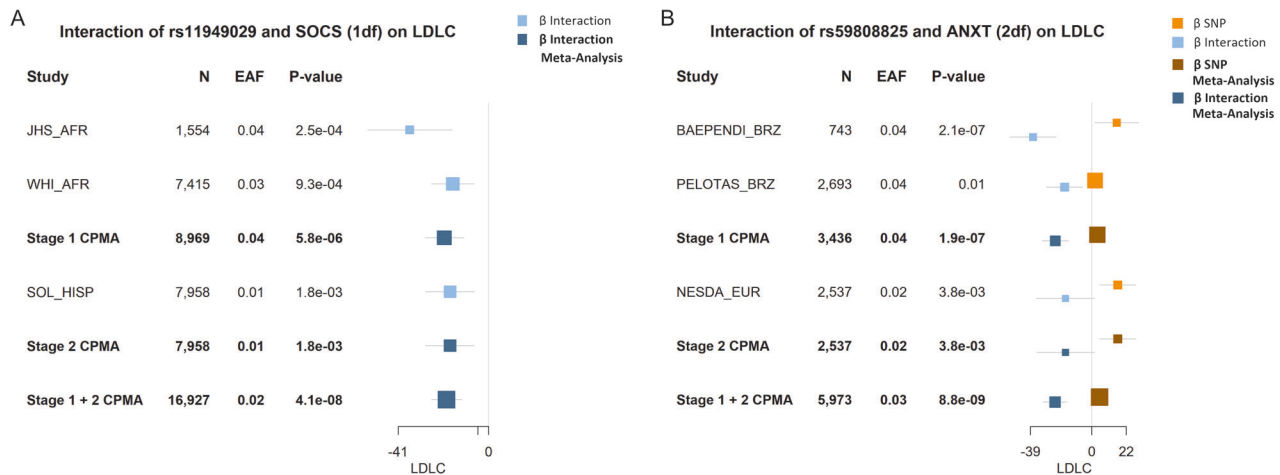


Fig. 2 Forest Plots of Key Findings. Forest plot showing all studies contributing data on an interaction of **A.** rs11949029 \times social support (SOCS) on LDLC using a 1df test of the interaction term (this interaction was also statistically significant using the 2df joint test of the main effect and interaction, shown in Supplementary Figure 4D); and **B.** rs59808825 \times anxiety symptoms (ANXT) on LDLC. Box size represents the precision of the estimate, with larger boxes shown for results with lower variance. Abbreviations: African ancestry (AFR), Brazilian (BRZ), Effect Allele Frequency (EAF), European Ancestry (EUR), Hispanic (HISP), cross-population meta-analysis (CPMA).

knockout mouse models displayed hyperactivity that became more pronounced with age [55]. Intronic variants in *MACROD2* have also been associated with measures of cognitive ability [56–58] and a variety of brain measurements [59–63]. Given the significant evidence for the involvement of this gene in a range of complex psychological and psychiatric phenotypes and a previous finding for an interactive effect on HDLC, our reported finding of an interaction between an intronic variant in *MACROD2* and DEPR on HDLC seems of particular interest and worthy of further investigation.

An association between rs59808825 (110 kb upstream of *GRAMD1B*) and ANXT on LDLC was $P < 5 \times 10^{-8}$ for both the 2df joint test of main effect and interaction and the 1df test of interaction, and no association was observed for this variant in an analysis without interaction modeled. *GRAMD1B* was identified as a locus for schizophrenia in multiple studies [64–69], a condition that has been linked with anxiety [70, 71]. The protein encoded by *GRAMD1B*, Gramd1b or Aster-B, has a role in cholesterol homeostasis, transporting accessible cholesterol from the plasma membrane to the endoplasmic reticulum [72, 73]. It was recently discovered that Aster proteins including Aster-B are key players in dietary lipid absorption in mice: the systemic absorption of dietary cholesterol was reduced by treatment with a small-molecule Aster inhibitor and mice without intestinal Aster proteins were protected from diet-induced hypercholesterolemia [74]. While further investigation is needed to propose a biological mechanism that might underlie the observed interaction between this variant and ANXT on LDLC, the known associations between nearby *GRAMD1B* with both complex psychiatric and psychological phenotypes and absorption of dietary lipid are intriguing.

We identified a 2df interaction of DEPR with variants on chromosome 21 (lead variant rs11702544 [*RRP1B*]) that appeared to represent a novel main effect of a common variant on HDLC. Interestingly, there was some evidence for an association of rs11702544 with HDLC using a standard GWAS model in the recent Global Lipids Genetics Consortium results ($P = 2.2E-6$) [1], consistent with the contribution of a main effect of this variant contributing to the 2df joint test of main effect and interaction. FUMA annotation identified 3 independent genomic loci in this region, each of which is an eQTL for *PDXK*, *RRP1B*, and *HSF2BP*. Each of the genes has been previously associated with risk of diseases for which serum lipids concentration is a key risk factor: *PDXK* and *RRP1B* with coronary artery disease [75] and *HSF2BP* with cardiovascular disease [76]. *PDXK* encodes a protein essential

for the generation of the active form of Vitamin B₆. *PDXK* mRNA levels in adipose tissue were strongly associated with adipogenic, lipid-droplet-related, and lipogenic genes, and administration of the active form of Vitamin B₆ led to increased adipogenic markers in adipocyte precursor cells [77]. While the role for variants in this locus in HDLC concentration is not clear, they have been shown to affect *PDXK* expression, which could affect HDLC concentration through the expression of genes involved in lipogenesis. Our druggability analysis also identified *PDXK* as part of the druggable genome. *RRP1B* is a target gene that interacts with the beta-blocker drug Atenolol, which is sometimes used to treat hypertension and chronic angina.

We also identified an association using the 2df test rs34636484 (*CD96*) \times SOCS on LDLC. The main effect appeared to contribute more to the association than the interaction at this locus, as the association was also apparent in a standard GWAS model in our data and the 1df test of interaction was not significant ($P = 0.27$). Based on these results, the association at rs34636484 appears to represent a novel main effect locus; however, this result should be interpreted with caution. The association of rs34636484 and LDLC was recently evaluated in the Global Lipids Genetics Consortium with a much larger sample size ($n = 1,393,230$ at this locus) and was not statistically significant ($P = 0.029$) [1].

Some of our significant associations were fairly consistent across studies within the same population group, but with no compelling evidence of association in other population groups, despite the availability of data. For instance, rs61248562 (*UNC13C*) \times DEPR on HDLC was significant only among EUR, and not AFR or HISP in whom allele frequencies were higher and sample sizes were comparable. Similarly, an interaction of rs73597733 (*MACROD2*) \times DEPR on HDLC in AFR was not seen in HISP at similar sample sizes (with a slightly lower allele frequency). It is unclear why these associations may differ by population group, but this phenomenon has been reported in previous gene-lifestyle interaction publications [6, 78, 79]. Differences in gene-lifestyle interactions across populations may arise from genomic factors, such as variations in linkage disequilibrium that lead to the tagging of different variants, as well as from lifestyle factors, such as differences in the measurement of or the experience of the psychosocial factor or in the behaviors or conditions associated with that psychosocial factor.

Psychosocial factors are complex traits that are associated with a variety of other factors, including some lifestyle exposures that we have previously evaluated using the same genome-wide

Table 2. Genome-wide variants significantly associated with serum lipids using a 2df joint test of main effect and interaction in Meta-Analysis of Stages 1 & 2 and were independent of known lipids loci^a.

rsid Index Variant Nearest Gene ^b	ChrBP (GRCh37)	Tested Allele: Freq	Main Effect	SE	Interaction Effect	SE	P _{1df} ^c	P _{2df} ^c	Population, Sample Size	Lipid ^d	Psychosocial Factor
rs6730082 RNU4-73P	2:9877621	C:0.26	-0.0038	0.0040	-0.045	0.0040	3.1E-06	2.5E-08	AFR, n = 16,886	HDLc	DEPR
rs142378953 AC090043.1	3:1695235	G:0.01	0.039	0.032	0.24	0.060	6.0E-05	4.9E-08	CPMA, n = 18,911	TG	DEPR
rs34636484 CD96	3:111356092	G:0.03	-4.5	0.80	1.8	1.6	0.27	3.1E-08	CPMA, n = 42,162	LDLC	SOCS
rs11949029 CTC-207P7.1	5:163470425	A:0.02	6.6	2.2	-19.0	3.5	4.1E-08	2.4E-08	CPMA, n = 16,927	LDLC	SOCS
rs4562311 NKAIN3	8:63589187	G:0.22	0.013	0.014	-0.13	0.032	3.5E-05	8.5E-09	CPMA, n = 6,667	TG	ANXT
rs59808825 GRAMD1B	11:123152496	C:0.03	5.0	2.1	-22.9	4.2	4.3E-08	8.8E-09	CPMA, n = 5,973	LDLC	ANXT
rs73597733 MACROD2	20:15941137	A:0.04	-0.015	0.010	0.14	0.025	8.4E-09	1.0E-08	AFR, n = 11,234	HDLc	DEPR
rs11702544 RRP1B	21:45091861	C:0.39	0.0049	0.0010	0.0043	0.0027	0.1	2.3E-08	CPMA ^e /EUR, n = 100,182	HDLc	DEPR

^aListed variants were more than 500 KB from 95% Credible Sets reported in Graham et al. (<https://doi.org/10.1038/s41586-021-04064-3>).^bIndex variant is for the most statistically significant association in the region and Nearest Gene is determined based on ANNOVAR annotations implemented in FUMA. While the "Nearest Gene" is listed for simplicity, we acknowledge that the nearest gene may not be of functional relevance for the given variant.^cBolded values indicate $P < 5 \times 10^{-8}$.^dAnalyses were conducted on natural log-transformed HDLC and TG values, while LDLc was untransformed (all original values in mg/dL).^eThe most statistically significant analysis (indicated) is displayed in table. Full results for all genome-wide significant associations given in Supplementary Table S4.

interaction study approach. Overlap in the interaction results for this study and previous analyses for one of these associated lifestyle factors could be very informative for disentangling the mechanism underlying these statistical interactions. We compared our statistically significant findings with those that we have previously reported for genome-wide interactions of smoking [6], alcohol intake [8], physical activity [7], educational attainment [9], and sleep duration [10] on serum lipids; no overlap among the results was identified. If one of our loci were found to be associated with a psychosocial factor, that could provide additional context into the relationship between psychosocial factors and serum lipids. To explore this possibility, we evaluated recent GWAS for these traits [29, 33, 80–84], but did not identify any overlap with our loci of interest.

Some of the strengths of this study include the relatively large sample sizes for a study of psychosocial factors, with analyses including up to 133,157 individuals. Also notable was the particular attention to the inclusion of non-European ancestry individuals (reaching over 19,000 AFR and nearly 16,000 HISP, although the number of ASN and BRZ was smaller, <5000 per population). The sample sizes for the non-European ancestry groups, however, were relatively small in size, particularly in terms of the statistical power needed for a gene-environment interaction study. We used a two-stage design with both a 1df test of interaction and a 2df joint test of main effect and interaction, an approach that is well-established for the study of gene-lifestyle interactions [6–10, 78, 79, 85, 86]. Our study also has some limitations. First, we had a smaller sample size for Stage 2, particularly for certain populations; as a result, the power for our two-stage approach was reduced. Second, despite our best efforts to harmonize psychosocial factors, the use of different instruments to measure these outcomes may have resulted in heterogeneity among studies, which would have reduced the power to identify lipids loci. In addition, these phenotypes themselves are quite complex and heterogeneous, and that complexity is not reflected in our categorization. Moreover, although our sample size is large for a study of lipids and psychosocial factors, it is not large enough to enable correction for multiple testing with adequate statistical power, and so its results need further validation. We did not have enough statistical power to usefully evaluate differences in these interactions by sex, which may prove to be of interest, as there are differences in the pathophysiology of cardiovascular disease by sex, and women experience a greater burden of depression [87]. Additionally, the association between TG and depressive symptoms has been shown to differ by sex, with men showing a stronger association [88], and low social support had a greater adverse effect on cardiovascular disease prevention among men than women [89]. Evaluating these interactions would require much greater sample sizes than were available in the current study. Although we have organized our contributing studies into population groups, there is likely to be meaningful heterogeneity within those groups in terms of relevant environmental background. For instance, the East Asian population group included individuals living in China as well as individuals with ancestry in China living in the United States. Information regarding neuropsychiatric medication use was not collected, though it is possible that use of these medications might directly or indirectly influence serum lipid levels [90]. In silico functional annotation and druggability analyses identified loci and candidate drug-gene interactions that are of interest for further follow-up; future experimental studies are needed to validate these findings.

In summary, we identified novel lipids loci in this large, multi-ancestry meta-analyses of genome-wide interaction studies of variants and psychosocial factors. Understanding these loci may help to disentangle the complex interplay between factors such as anxiety, depression, and low social support on serum lipids, a key biomarker of cardiometabolic risk.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Study design

We adopted a two-stage study design (Fig. 1) that was implemented according to the Gene-Lifestyle Interactions Working Group of the CHARGE consortium [5]. We included men and women aged between 18 to 80 years of age with available data on lipids and psychosocial factors, and with genotype data imputed to the 1000 Genomes reference panel.

Stage 1 included 77,413 individuals in 31 study/population groups. Each study conducted genome-wide analyses (GWAS) incorporating a variant-by-psychosocial factor multiplicative interaction term. Centralized quality control was carried out, which was followed by a meta-analysis within and across five population groups: African ancestry (AFR), Asian ancestry (ASN), Brazilian (BRZ), European ancestry (EUR), and Hispanic (HISP). Variants that showed suggestive ($P < 10^{-5}$) associations for either a 1df test of interaction or a 2df joint test of interaction and main effect were carried forward for evaluation in Stage 2. Stage 2 analyses included data on 55,744 individuals from 19 studies distributed in 4 population groups. As no BRZ samples were included in Stage 2, no population-specific Stage 1 + 2 meta-analysis was undertaken, though the BRZ samples were included in cross-population meta-analyses (CPMA). Analytical details (Supplementary Table S1) and descriptive statistics (Supplementary Table S2) of each participating study for Stages 1 and 2 are provided.

Phenotypes and lifestyle variables studied

Analyses were conducted separately for three lipid parameters: HDLC, LDLC, and TG. HDLC and TG were directly assayed and natural log-transformed prior to analysis. LDLC was either directly assayed or derived using the Friedewald equation: $LDLC = TG - HDLC - (TG / 5)$, if $TG \leq 400$ mg/dL [91]. If a sample was drawn from an individual who had not been fasting for at least 8 h, then neither TG nor derived LDLC values were used. LDLC values were adjusted for lipid-lowering medication use (defined as the use of a statin or of any unspecified lipid-lowering medication after 1994, when statin usage became common). If LDLC was directly assayed, adjustment for lipid-lowering drugs was performed by dividing the LDLC value by 0.7. If LDLC was derived using the Friedewald equation, total cholesterol was first adjusted for lipid-lowering drug use (total cholesterol/0.8) before calculation of LDLC. No adjustments were made for any other lipid medication, nor were adjustments made to HDLC or triglycerides for medication use. For longitudinal studies where multiple lipid measurements were available, analysts selected the measurement with the largest sample size for analysis.

The three psychosocial variables (elevated depressive symptoms [DEPR], low social support [SOCS], and elevated anxiety symptoms [ANXT]) were measured within each cohort using validated screening questionnaires and coded as binary (yes/no) variables. A standard cut point was used for DEPR and ANXT, and SOCS was defined based on the lowest quartile of perceived social support. Further details regarding the instruments used within each study are given (Supplementary Table 3). Where multiple measurements of psychosocial factors were available, we used the questionnaire administered concomitantly with the measurement of serum lipids.

Genotyping and imputation

To harmonize data across studies, all studies imputed to 1000 Genomes data. Details on genotyping and imputation for each of the included studies are given in Supplementary Table 1. Most studies used Affymetrix (Santa Clara, CA, USA) or Illumina (San Diego, CA, USA) arrays and imputed to the cosmopolitan reference panel of the 1000 Genomes Project Phase I Integrated Release Version 3 Haplotypes. Prior to analysis, studies excluded all variants with minor allele frequency < 0.01 or those that mapped to the X and Y chromosomes or the mitochondria.

Study-level genome-wide analysis

Each cohort participating in Stage 1 analysis regressed serum lipids (Y) on the variant (G), psychosocial factor (E), and their interaction (G×E), with adjustment for covariates (C) including age, sex, principal components, and study-specific variables (listed for each study in Supplementary Table 1):

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_G G + \beta_E E + \beta_{G \times E} G \times E + \beta_C C$$

The 1df test was based on the null hypothesis $H_0: \beta_{G \times E} = 0$, while the 2df test was based on $H_0: \beta_G = \beta_{G \times E} = 0$. [92] To ensure robust estimates of covariance matrices and robust standard errors, studies of unrelated

subjects used either the sandwich R package or ProbABEL genetic software [93]. Family studies used Mixed Model Analysis for Pedigrees and populations (MMAP), a comprehensive mixed model program that provides an optimized and flexible platform incorporating a wide range of covariance structures. Stage 2 studies carried out the same regressions, but only on the variants that reached suggestive significance ($P < 10^{-5}$) in Stage 1 for any trait in population-specific or cross-population meta-analysis. For comparison, stage 1 studies also ran a main effect model (serum lipids as a function of the variant with adjustment for covariates and study-specific variables) and a main effect model additionally adjusted for the psychosocial factor.

Population groups

Appropriate selection of population descriptors is a matter of considerable discussion in the field and consensus regarding optimal terms has not yet emerged. In this work, contributing studies were subdivided into population groups based on where individuals included in those studies were expected to cluster genetically to reduce the potential for spurious findings due to population structure and to maximize the potential for discovery within a population. Inclusion of samples within a particular cluster of genetic similarity was based on consultation with study teams given their expertise and understanding of the study population. Our approach includes African ancestry (AFR), Asian ancestry (ASN), Brazilian (BRZ), European ancestry (EUR), and admixed Hispanic/Latino and Native American participants (HISP). The AFR population group includes sub-Saharan Africans as well as participants with predominantly African ancestry living in the United States. The ASN population group includes participants of predominantly Asian ancestry living in East Asia, Singapore, or the United States. The EUR population group includes participants with predominantly European ancestry living in Europe or the United States. The HISP population group includes admixed Hispanic/Latino and Native American participants living in the United States. Brazilian individuals (BRZ) were analyzed separately after consultation with local researchers regarding the genetic clustering of these participants.

Quality control and cross-population meta-analysis

We performed extensive study- and population-level quality control (QC) using the R package EasyQC for all GWAS results [94]. In study-level QC, allele frequencies for each study were compared visually to an ancestry-matched 1000 genomes reference panel to identify systematic errors in data preparation (no variants were excluded), and marker names were harmonized to ensure consistency across studies. Any resulting concerns were resolved in consultation with the contributing study. Variants were excluded if the imputation quality score was less than 0.5 or if $2 \times \text{MAF} \times N_{\text{exposed}} \times \text{imputation quality score}$ was less than 20. Population-level QC was also conducted prior to meta-analysis to check for any outliers among included studies, which might suggest improper trait transformation or model specification, among other things.

We then conducted population-specific and cross-population meta-analysis in Stage 1 using the approach developed by Manning et al. [95] and implemented in METAL [95, 96]. This method performs a joint meta-analysis of the variant and the G×Psy exposure regression coefficients and then uses a 2df test to identify genetic variants driven jointly by main and interaction effects. Additionally, we used the inverse-variance weighted meta-analysis implemented in METAL to meta-analyze G×Psy interaction coefficients alone using a 1df test. Variants in the Stage 1 meta-analysis had to be present in at least 2 cohorts or at least 3000 individuals for AFR and EUR, with a lower threshold ($n = 2000$) set for ASN, BRZ, and HISP because of the smaller number of individuals available in these ancestries. In Stage 2, we used the same approach as in Stage 1 to perform population-specific and cross-population meta-analyses. After combining results from Stages 1 and 2, variants with $P < 5.0 \times 10^{-8}$ for either the 2df joint test of the main effect and the interaction or the 1df test of the interaction were considered significant. Results with a heterozygosity p-value < 0.05 were evaluated further and excluded if results were driven by a single cohort.

The novelty of associated loci was determined by comparison to the recent Global Lipids Genetic Consortium results for GWAS meta-analyses including approximately 1.65 million individuals with notable inclusion of those of diverse ancestral backgrounds [1]. The 95% credible sets from the meta-analyses of all lipids traits (available at http://csg.sph.umich.edu/willer/public/glc-lipids2021/results/credible_sets/) were compiled. Variants were considered novel if they were 500 kb from all variants listed in this list, as well as those reported in other major publications [34–39].

Identification of independent genomic loci and functional annotation

Identification of genetic loci related to each of the three serum lipids and functional annotation was accomplished using Functional Mapping and Annotation of GWAS (FUMA) v1.5.6 (<http://fuma.ctglab.nl/>) [97]. Variants were grouped into genomic loci using an $R^2 < 0.6$ (1000 Genomes, Phase 3 ALL as the reference population) and a merge distance of 250 kb. Functional annotation was conducted using output from the set of tools incorporated within FUMA, including RegulomeDB score, Combined Annotation Dependent Deletion (CADD) score [98], 15-core chromatin state (ChromHMM) [41, 99, 100], and expression Quantitative Trait Loci (eQTL) on the variants from lead associations as well as those in LD with those variants ($R^2 > 0.1$), using all tissues and all included databases (including GTex, Blood eQTL, BIOS, and BRAINEAC).

Druggability analysis

We first used the Drug-Target Interaction database (DTGdb; v4.2.0) to query psychosocial factors-lipid interacting genes to determine the potential druggability of the candidate gene targets. We annotated genes for implicated pathways and functions using the Kyoto Encyclopedia of Genes and Genomes (KEGG) database. We annotated the druggability target categories and queried all interacting drugs reported in 41 databases (BaderLabGenes, CarisMolecularIntelligence, dGene, FoundationOneGenes, GO, HingoraniCasas, HopkinsGroom, HumanProteinAtlas, IDG, MskImpact, OncoPrint, Pharos, RussLampel, Tempus, CGI, CIVIC, COSMIC, CancerCommons, ChEMBL, ChEMBLDrugs, ChEMBLInteractions, ClarityFoundationBiomarkers, ClarityFoundationClinicalTrial, DTC, DoCM, DrugBank, Ensembl, Entrez, FDA, GuideToPharmacology, JAX-CKB, MyCancerGenome, MyCancerGenomeClinicalTrial, NCI, OncoKB, PharmGKB, TALC, TEND, TTD, TdgClinicalTrial, Wikidata). We queried protein targets for available active ligands in ChEMBL. We queried gene targets in the druggable genome using the most recent druggable genome list established by the NIH Illuminating the Druggable Genome Project (<https://github.com/druggablegenome/IDGTargets>) available through the Pharos web platform. We also queried FDA-approved drugs, late-stage clinical trials, and disease indications in the DrugBank, ChEMBL, ClinicalTrials.gov databases and provided results for the top MESH and DrugBank indications and clinical trials.

DATA AVAILABILITY

All summary results are available in the GWAS Catalog with the following Accession IDs: AFR.HDLC.ANXT.2df (GCST90570645); AFR.HDLC.ANXT.1df (GCST90570646); AFR.HDLC.DEPR.2df (GCST90570647); AFR.HDLC.DEPR.1df (GCST90570648); AFR.HDLC.SOCS.2df (GCST90570649); AFR.HDLC.SOCS.1df (GCST90570650); AFR.LDLC.ANXT.2df (GCST90570651); AFR.LDLC.ANXT.1df (GCST90570652); AFR.LDLC.DEPR.2df (GCST90570653); AFR.LDLC.DEPR.1df (GCST90570654); AFR.TG.ANXT.2df (GCST90570655); AFR.TG.ANXT.1df (GCST90570656); AFR.TG.DEPR.2df (GCST90570657); AFR.TG.DEPR.1df (GCST90570658); ASN.HDLC.DEPR.2df (GCST90570659); ASN.HDLC.DEPR.1df (GCST90570660); ASN.LDLC.DEPR.2df (GCST90570661); ASN.LDLC.DEPR.1df (GCST90570662); ASN.TG.DEPR.2df (GCST90570663); ASN.TG.DEPR.1df (GCST90570664); EUR.HDLC.ANXT.2df (GCST90570665); EUR.HDLC.ANXT.1df (GCST90570666); EUR.HDLC.DEPR.2df (GCST90570667); EUR.HDLC.DEPR.1df (GCST90570668); EUR.HDLC.SOCS.2df (GCST90570669); EUR.HDLC.SOCS.1df (GCST90570670); EUR.LDLC.ANXT.2df (GCST90570671); EUR.LDLC.ANXT.1df (GCST90570672); EUR.LDLC.DEPR.2df (GCST90570673); EUR.LDLC.DEPR.1df (GCST90570674); EUR.LDLC.SOCS.2df (GCST90570675); EUR.LDLC.SOCS.1df (GCST90570676); EUR.TG.ANXT.2df (GCST90570677); EUR.TG.ANXT.1df (GCST90570678); EUR.TG.DEPR.2df (GCST90570679); EUR.TG.DEPR.1df (GCST90570680); EUR.TG.SOCS.2df (GCST90570681); EUR.TG.SOCS.1df (GCST90570682); HISP.HDLC.DEPR.2df (GCST90570683); HISP.HDLC.DEPR.1df (GCST90570684); HISP.HDLC.SOCS.2df (GCST90570685); HISP.HDLC.SOCS.1df (GCST90570686); HISP.LDLC.DEPR.2df (GCST90570687); HISP.LDLC.DEPR.1df (GCST90570688); HISP.LDLC.SOCS.2df (GCST90570689); HISP.LDLC.SOCS.1df (GCST90570690); HISP.TG.DEPR.2df (GCST90570691); HISP.TG.DEPR.1df (GCST90570692); HISP.TG.SOCS.2df (GCST90570693); HISP.TG.SOCS.1df (GCST90570694); CPMA.HDLC.ANXT.2df (GCST90570695); CPMA.HDLC.ANXT.1df (GCST90570696); CPMA.HDLC.DEPR.2df (GCST90570697); CPMA.HDLC.DEPR.1df (GCST90570698); CPMA.HDLC.SOCS.2df (GCST90570699); CPMA.HDLC.SOCS.1df (GCST90570700); CPMA.LDLC.ANXT.2df (GCST90570701); CPMA.LDLC.ANXT.1df (GCST90570702); CPMA.LDLC.DEPR.2df (GCST90570703); CPMA.LDLC.DEPR.1df (GCST90570704); CPMA.LDLC.SOCS.2df (GCST90570705); CPMA.LDLC.SOCS.1df (GCST90570706); CPMA.TG.ANXT.2df (GCST90570707); CPMA.TG.ANXT.1df (GCST90570708); CPMA.TG.DEPR.2df (GCST90570709); CPMA.TG.DEPR.1df (GCST90570710); CPMA.TG.SOCS.2df (GCST90570711); CPMA.TG.SOCS.1df (GCST90570712)

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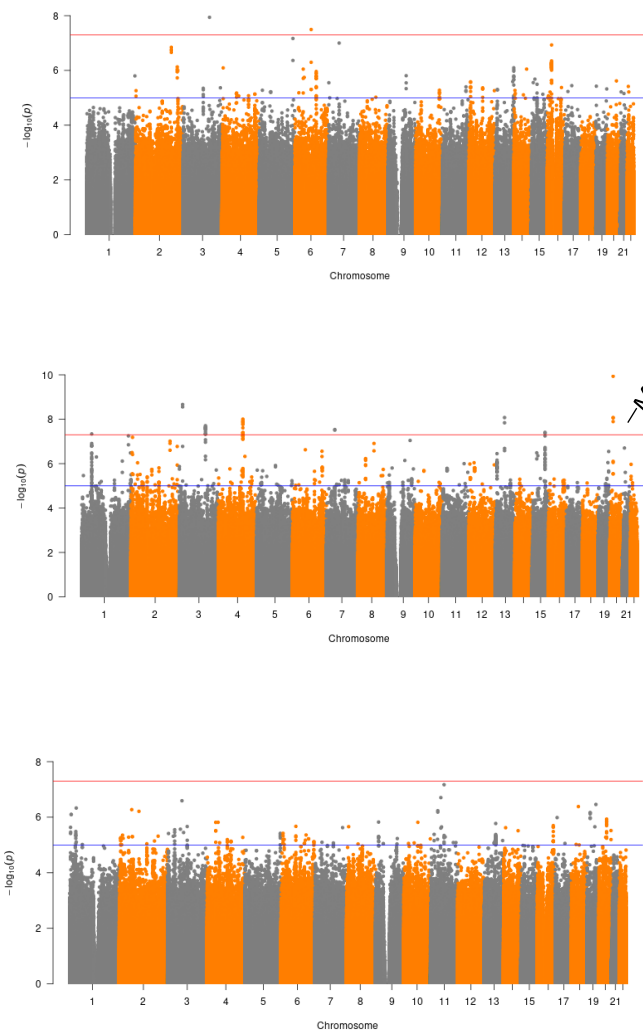
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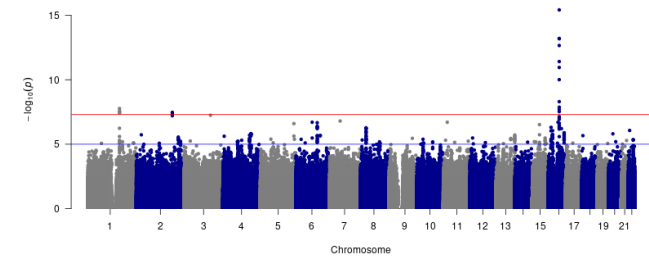
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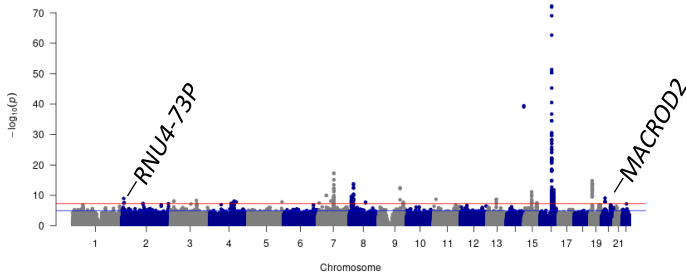
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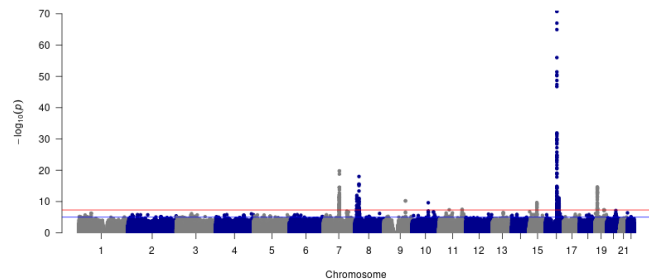


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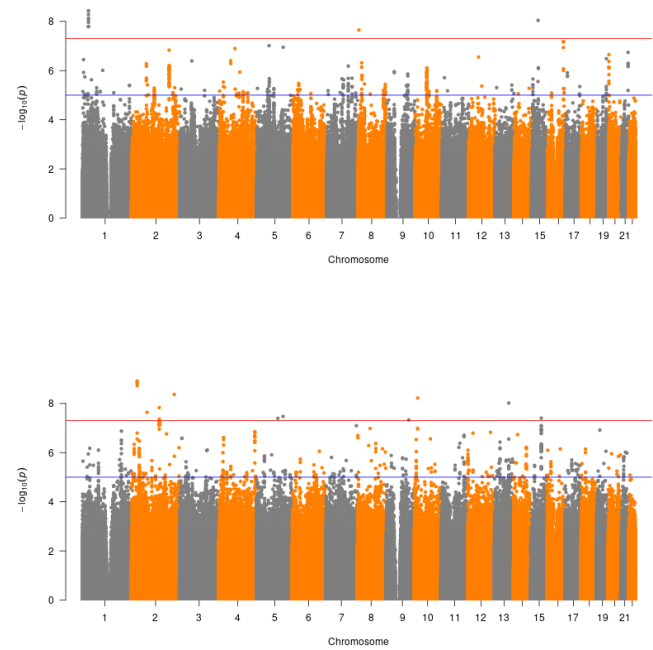


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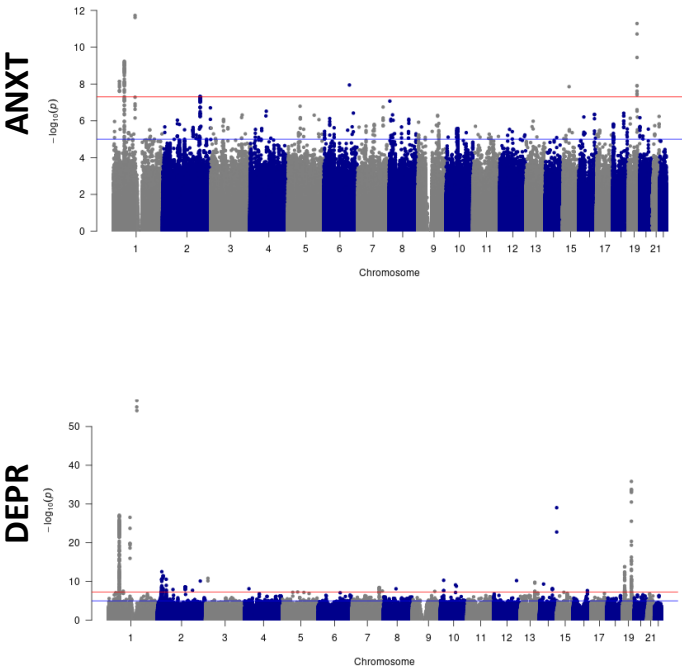
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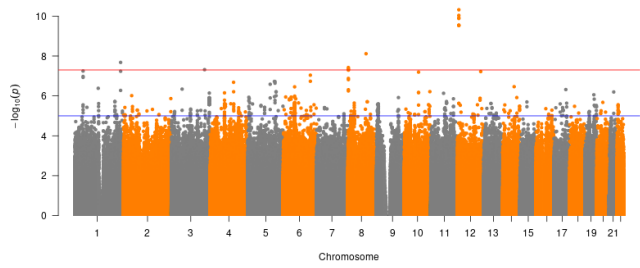
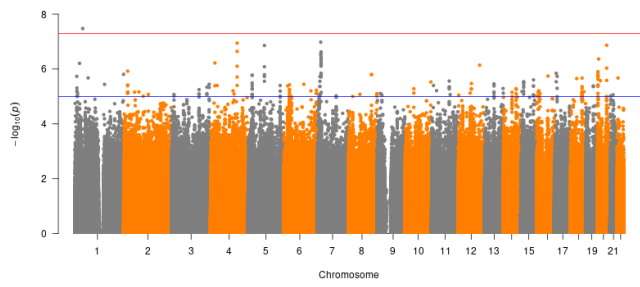


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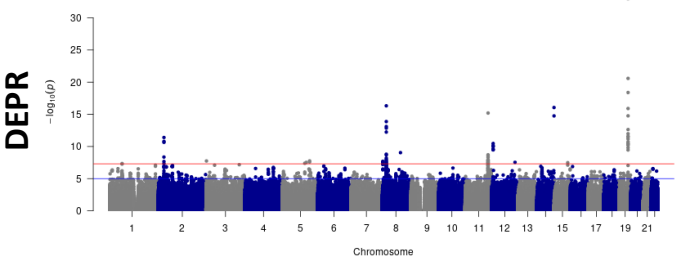
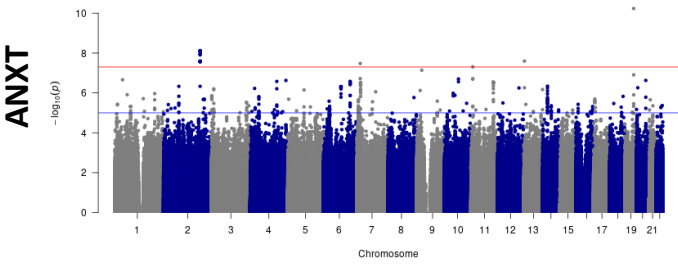
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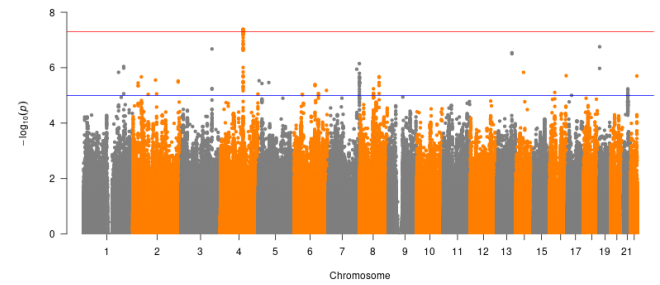
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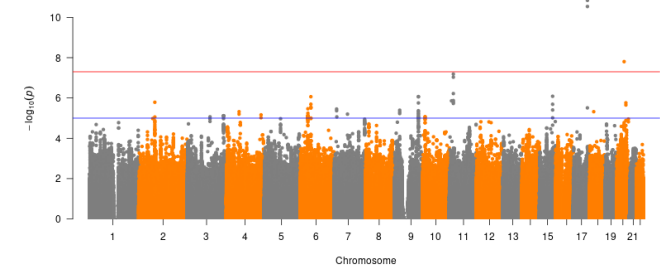
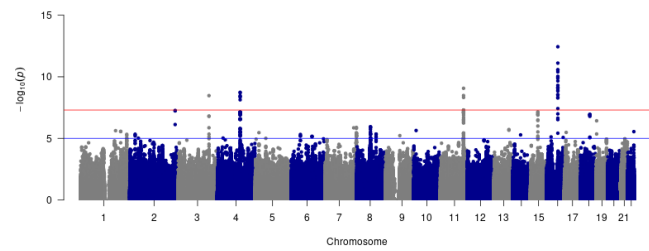
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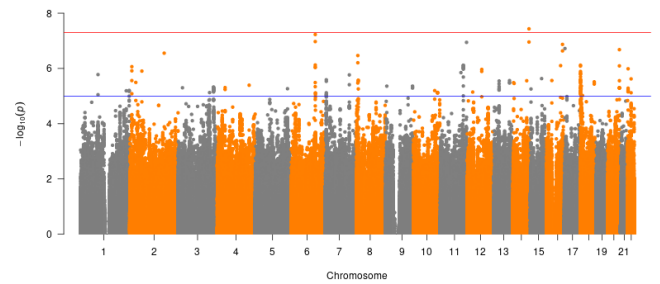
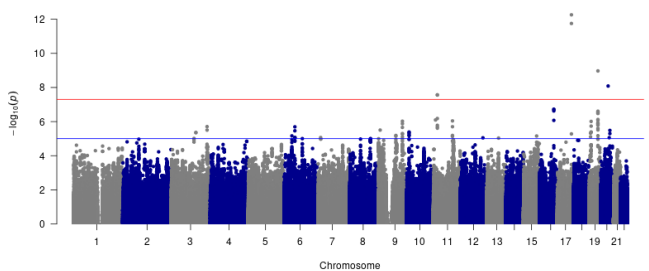
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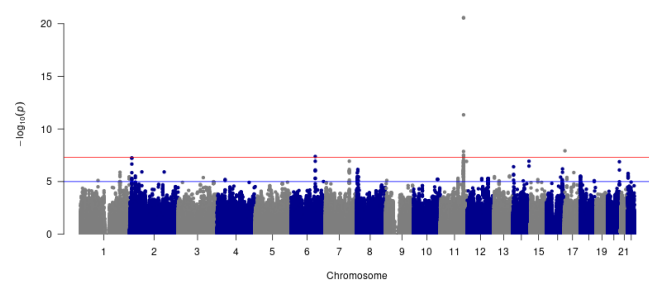
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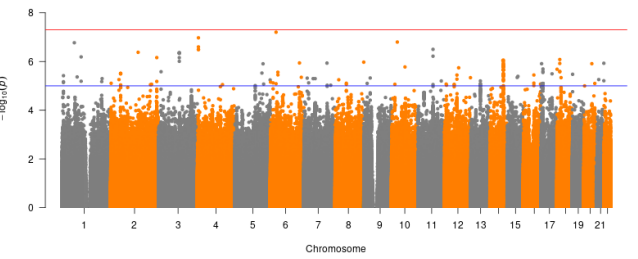
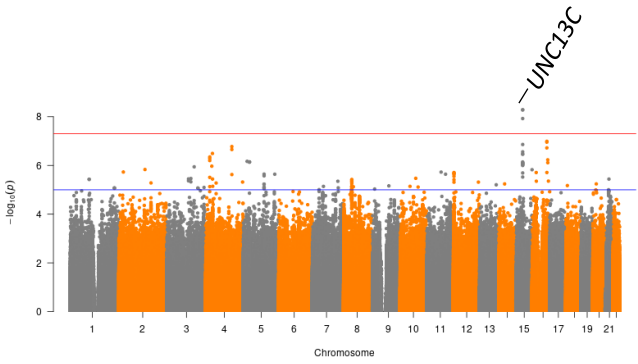
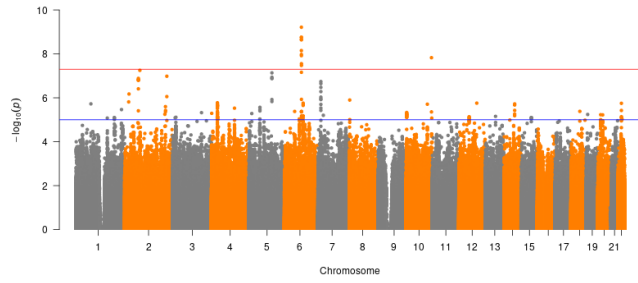


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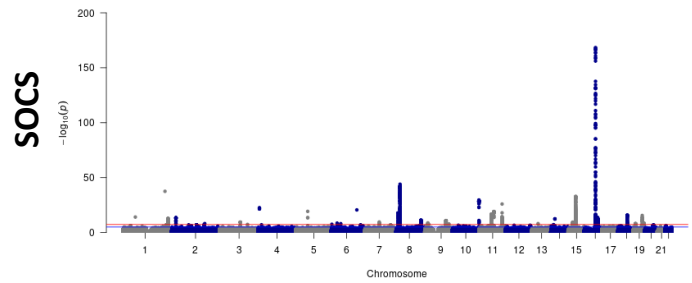
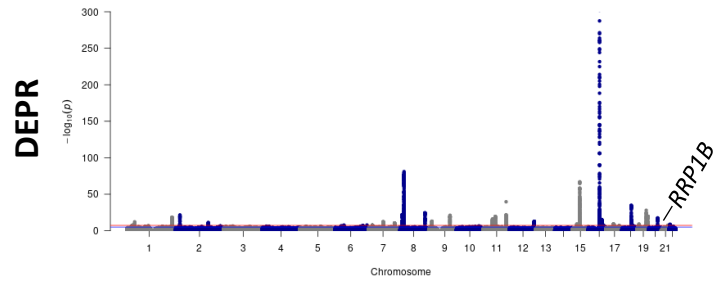
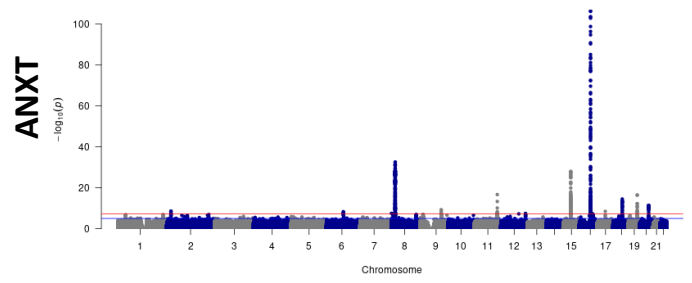
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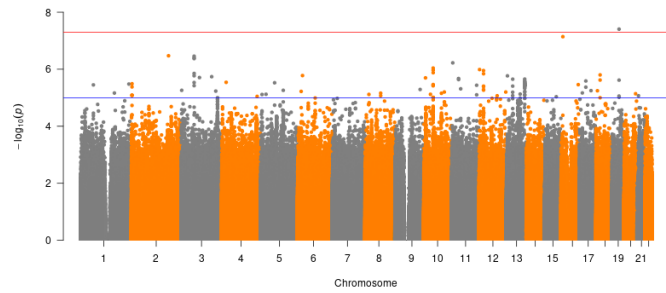
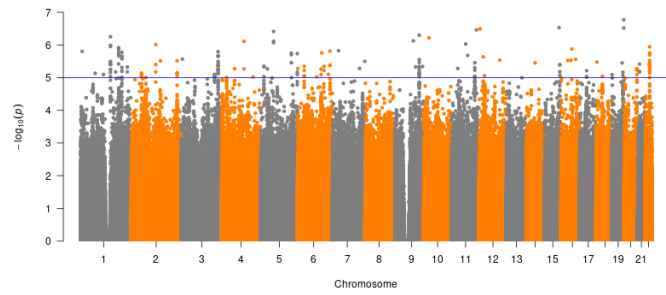
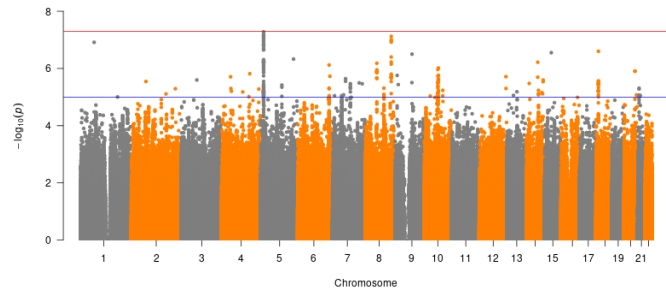
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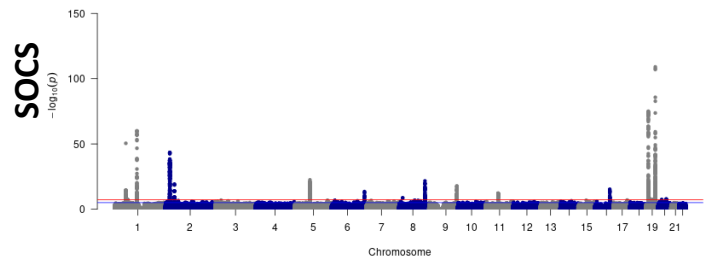
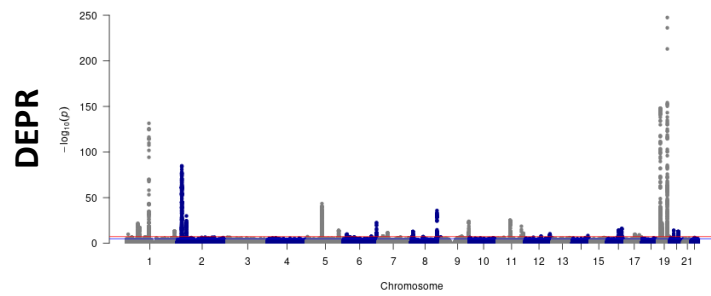
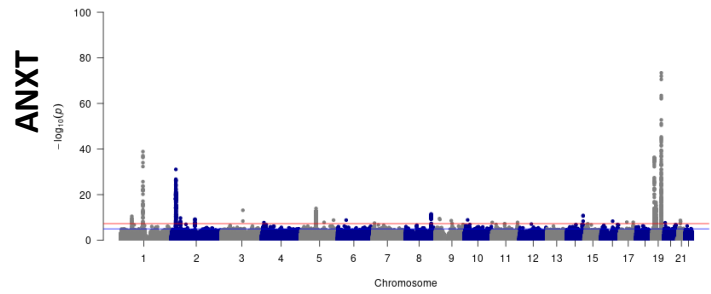
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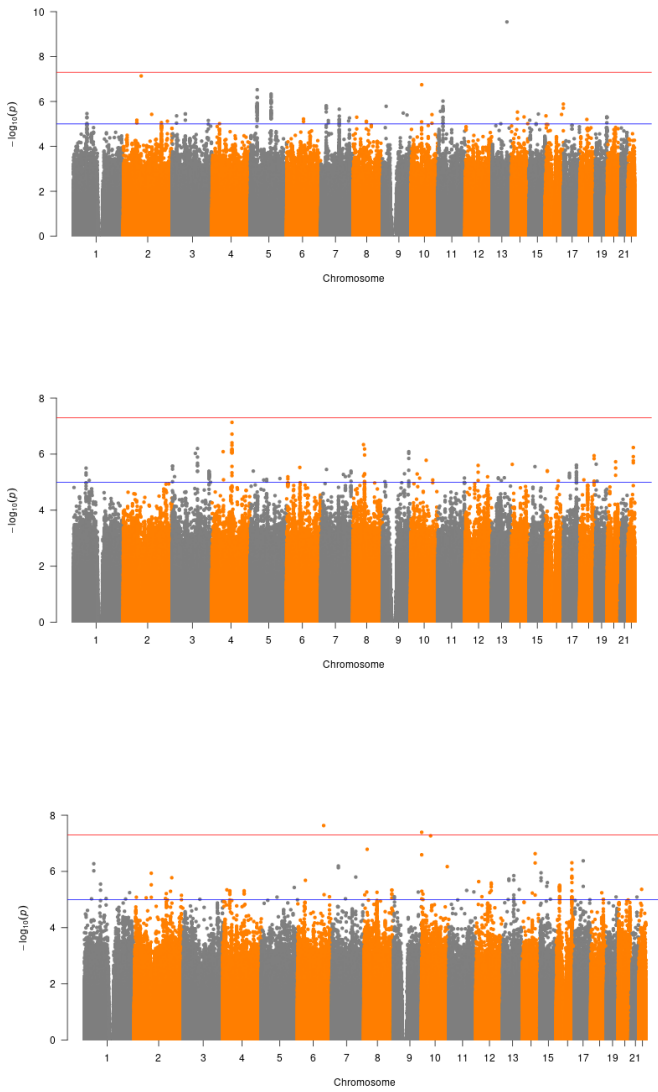
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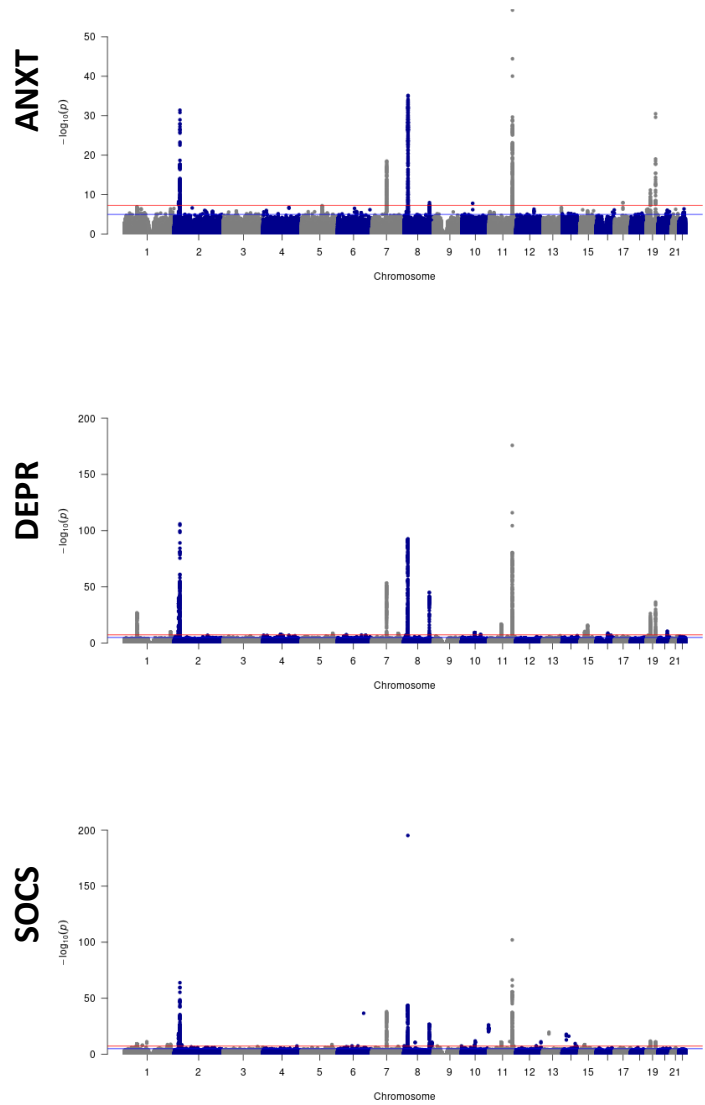
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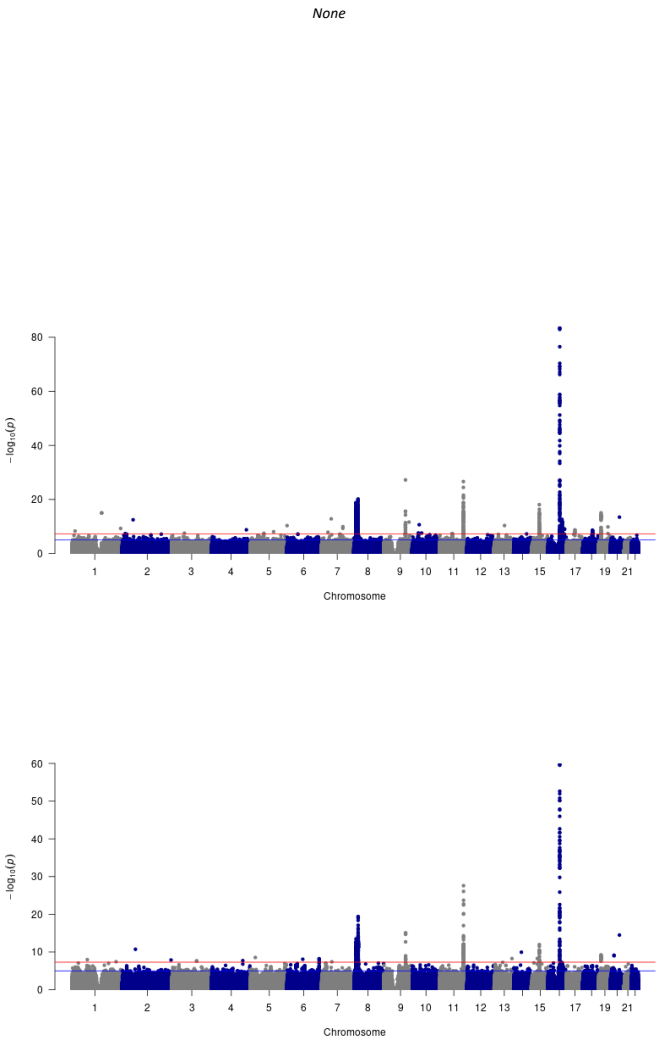
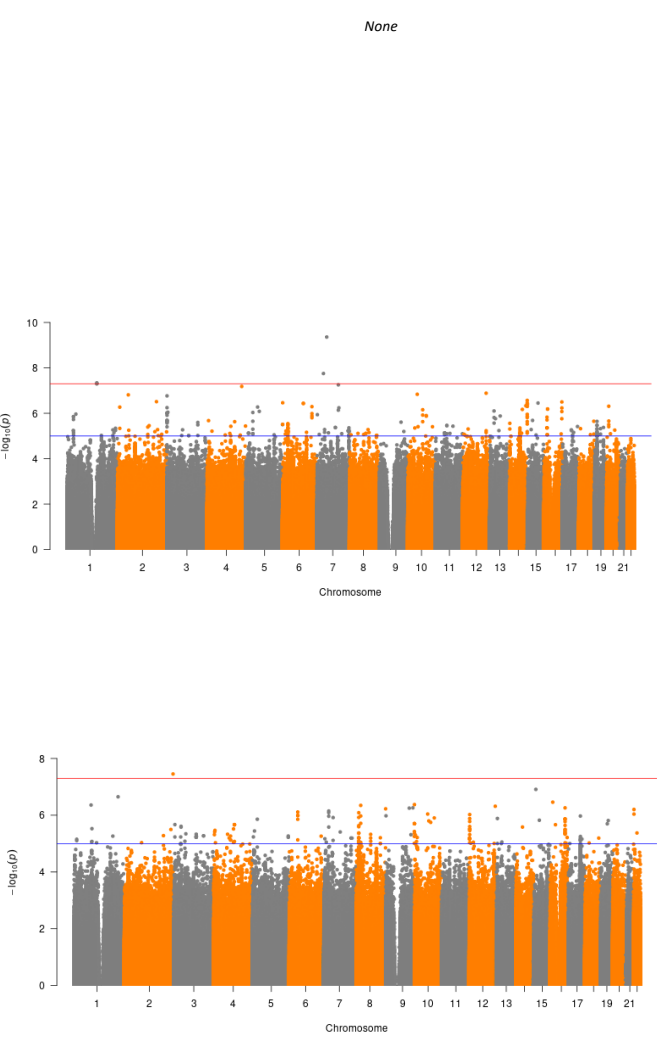
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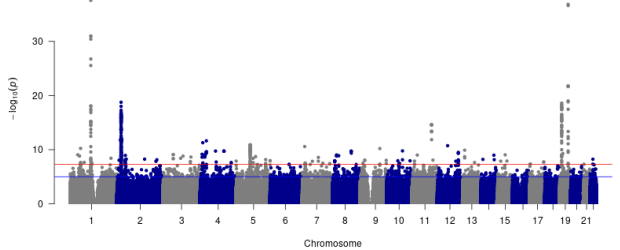
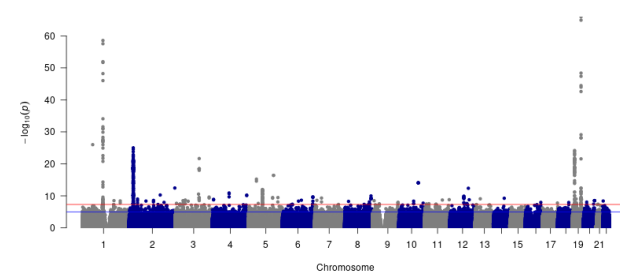
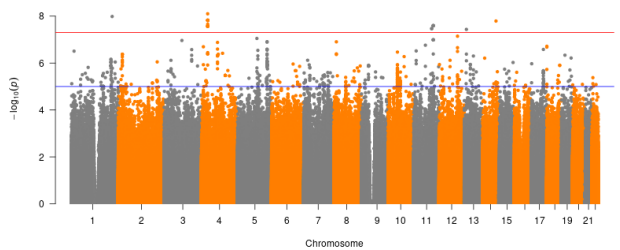
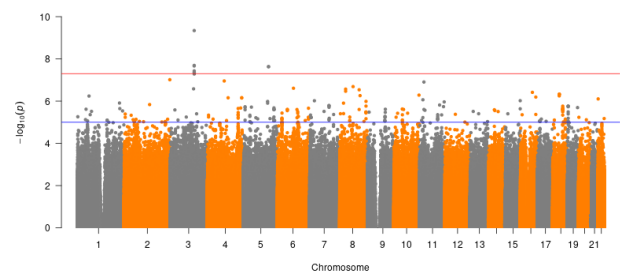
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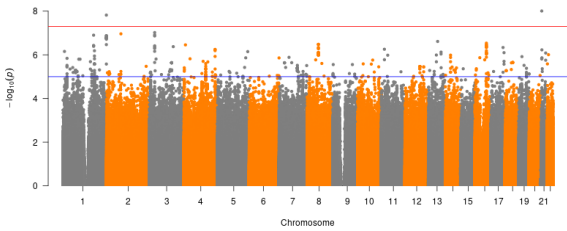
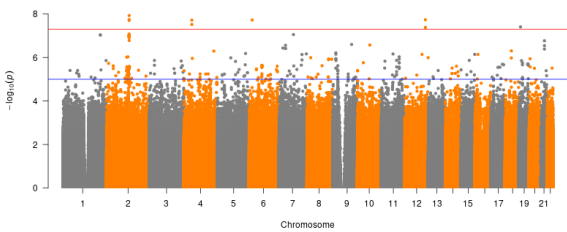
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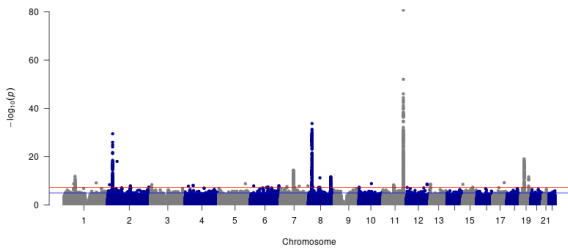
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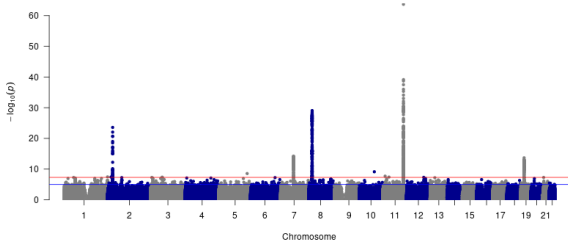
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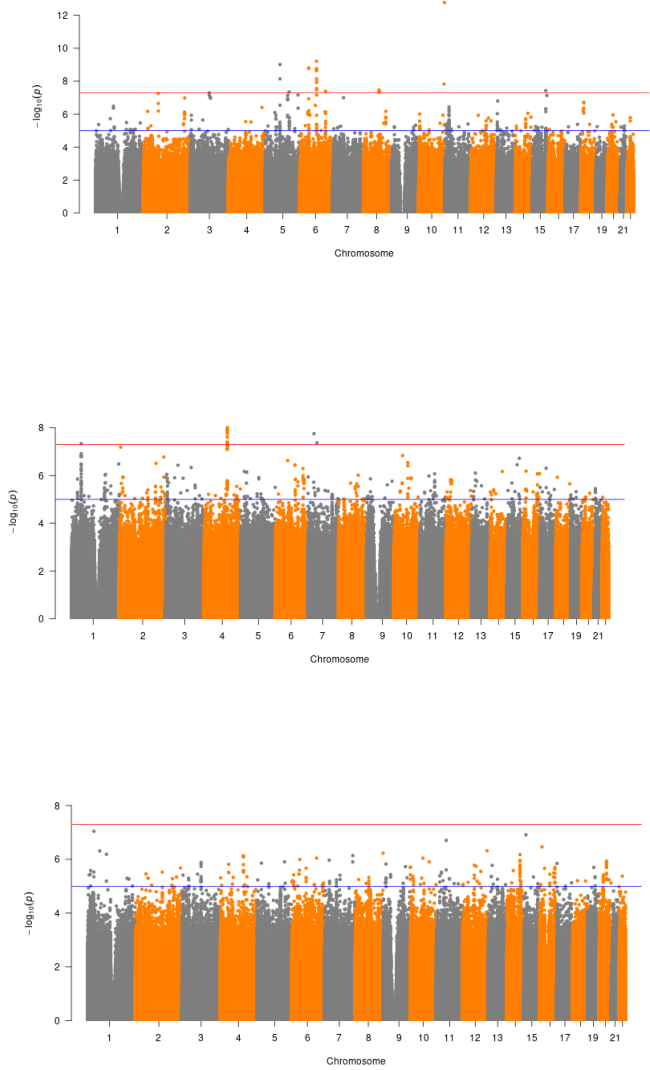


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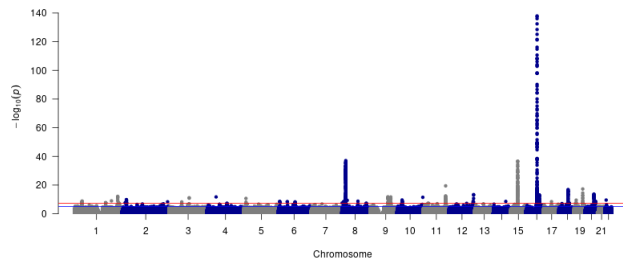
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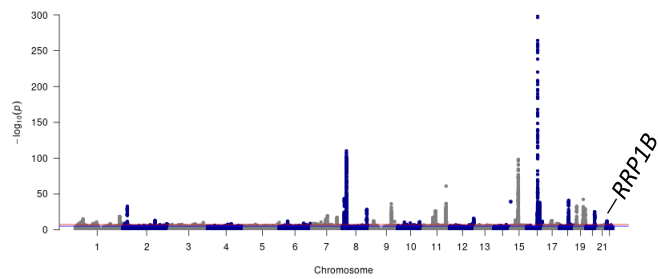
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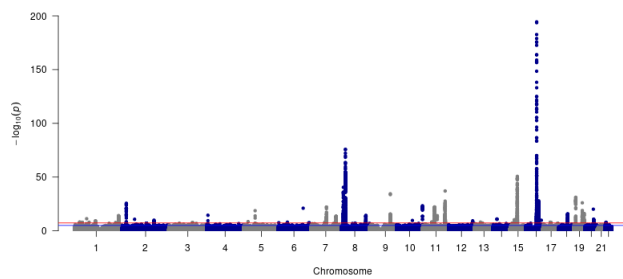
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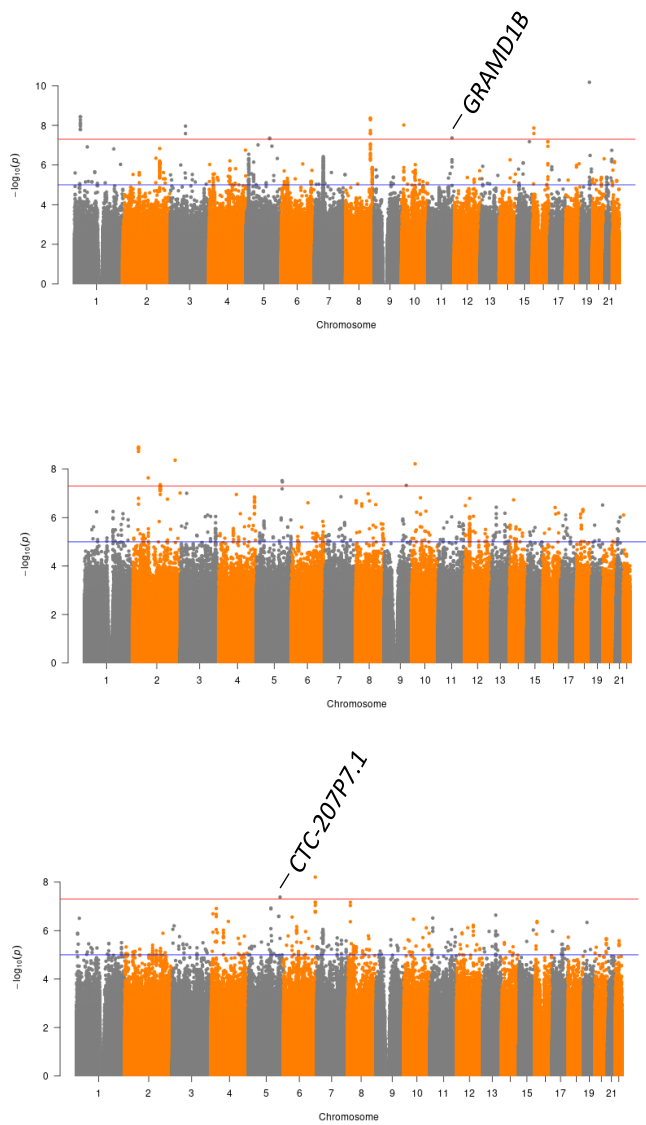


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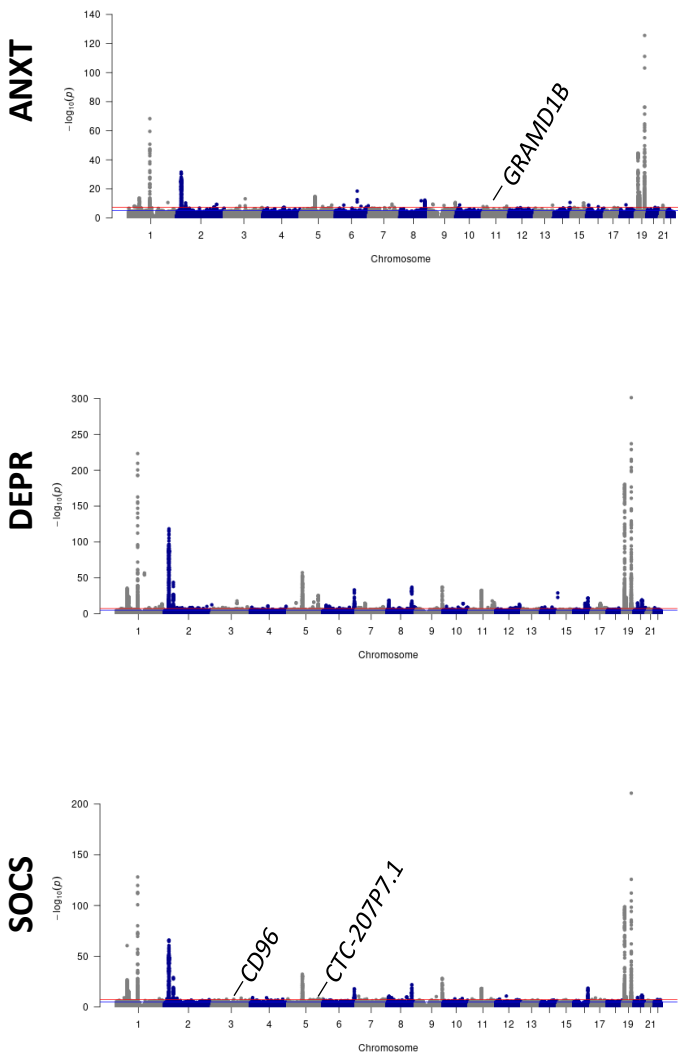
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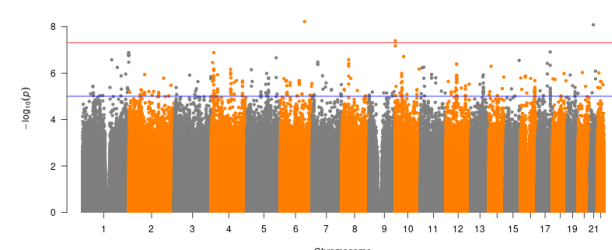
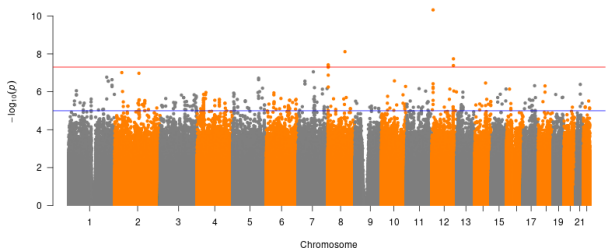
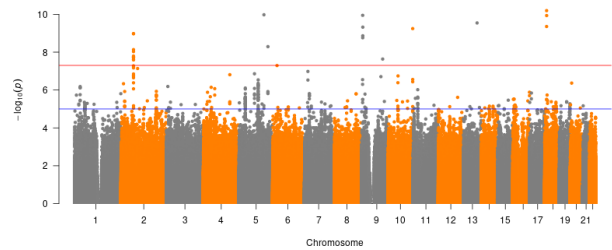
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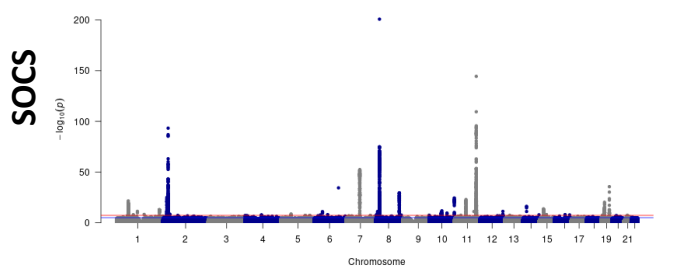
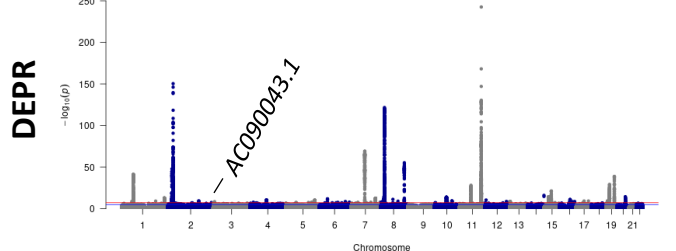
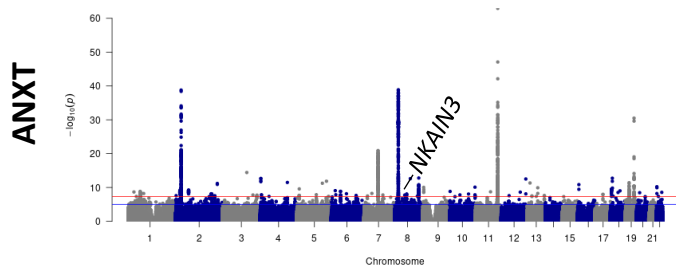
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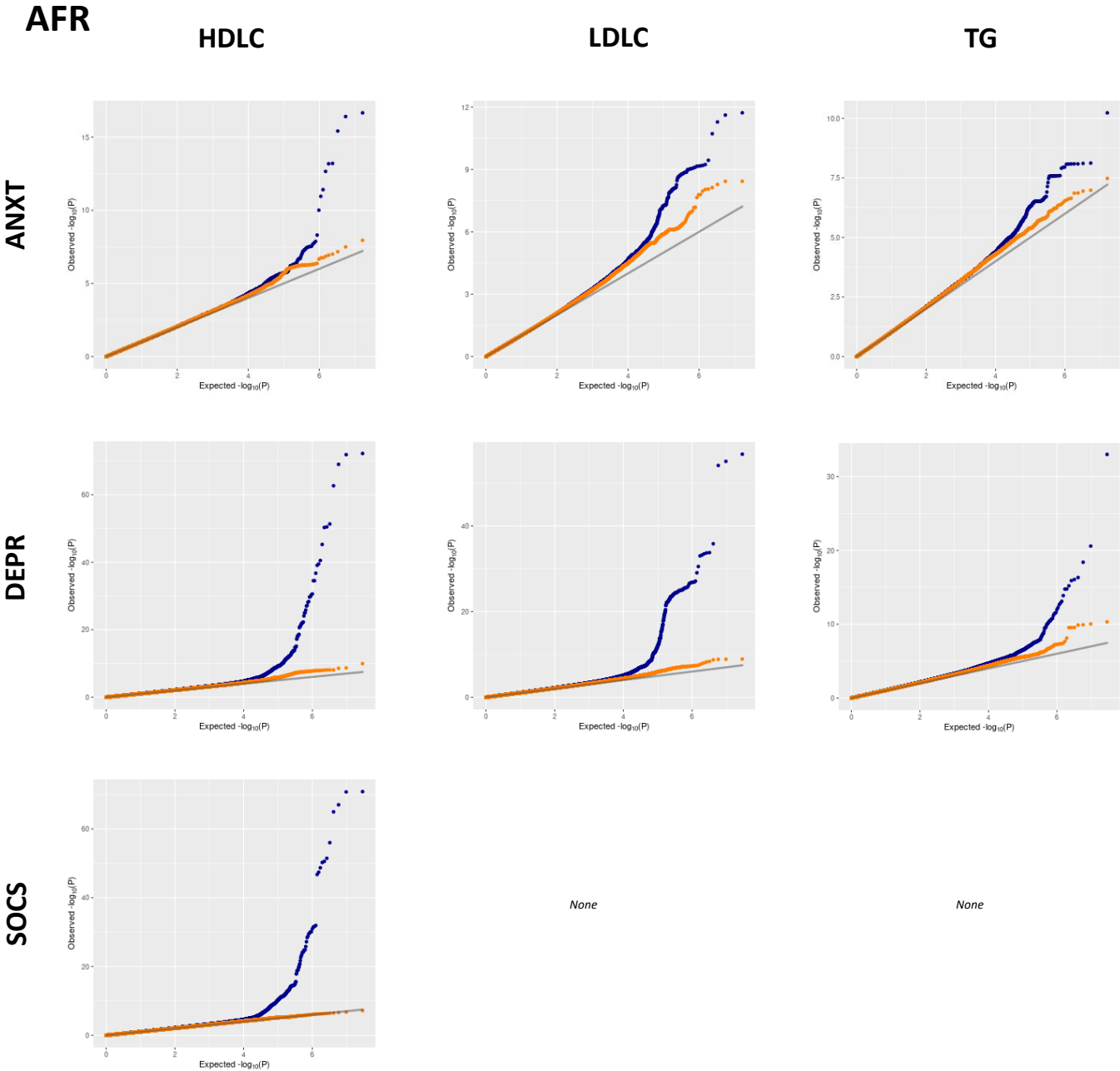


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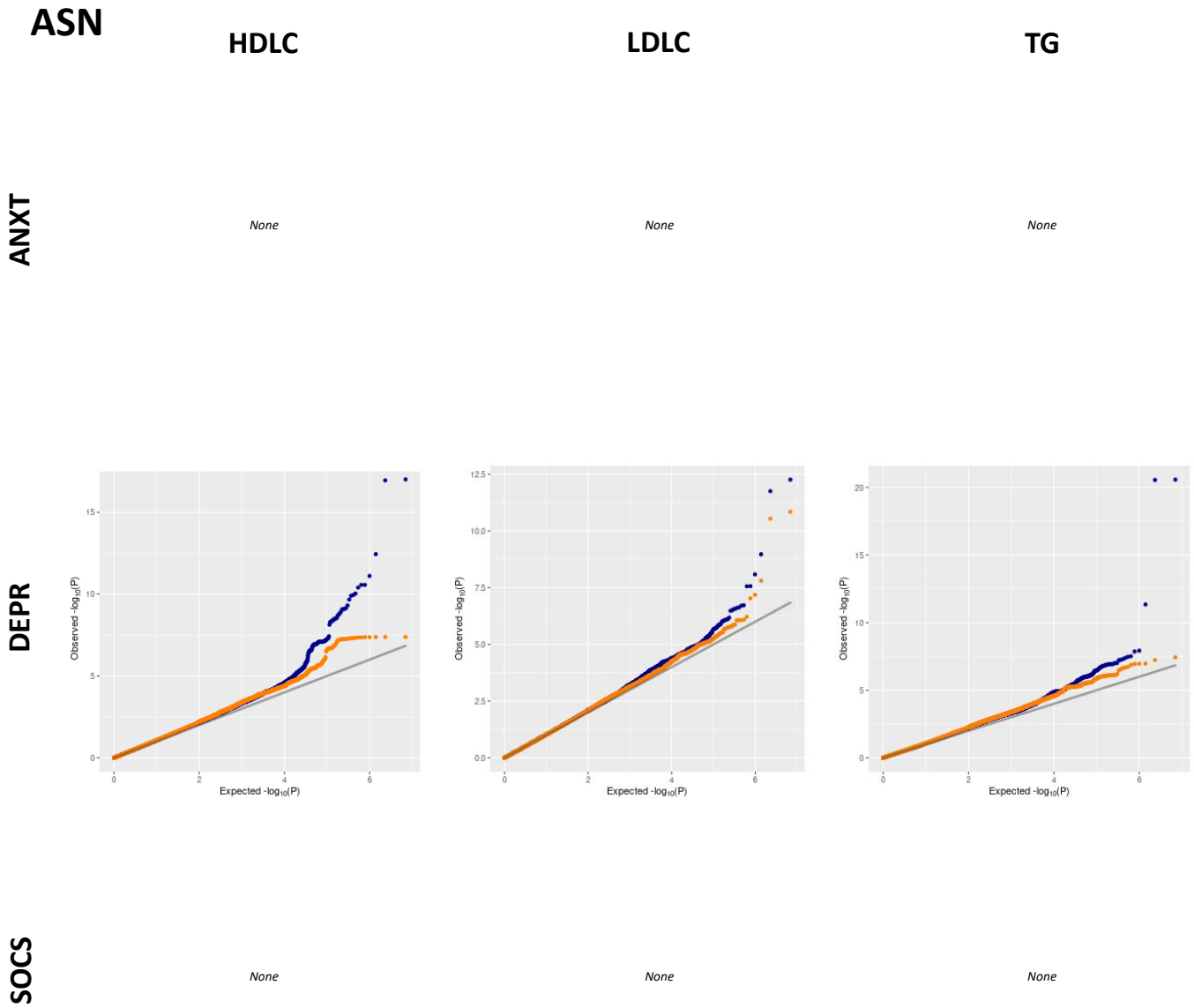


Supplemental Figure 2: QQ Plots. Shown are QQ plots for all meta-analyses conducted for both the 1df test of interaction (orange) and the 2df test of main effect and interaction (blue). Stage 1 + 2 results are given where available, with Stage 1 only results included for all variants for which follow-up in Stage 2 was not sought.



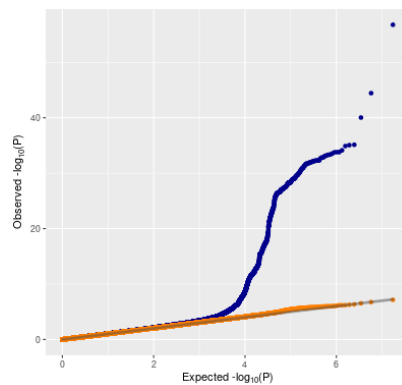
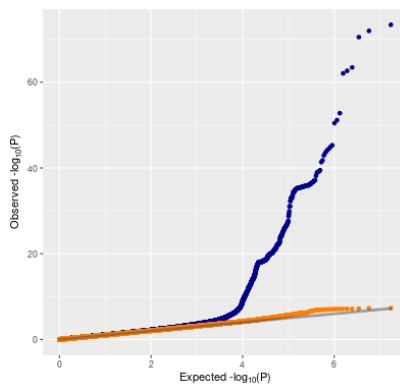
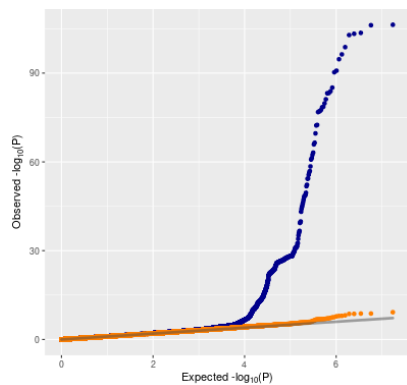
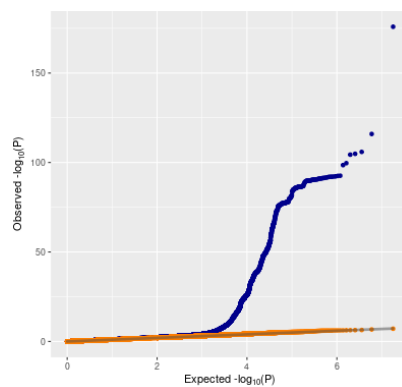
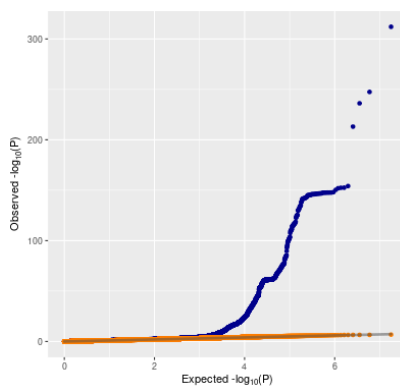
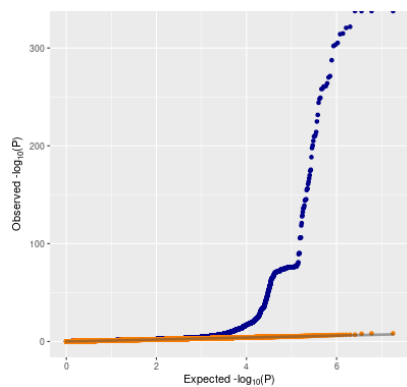
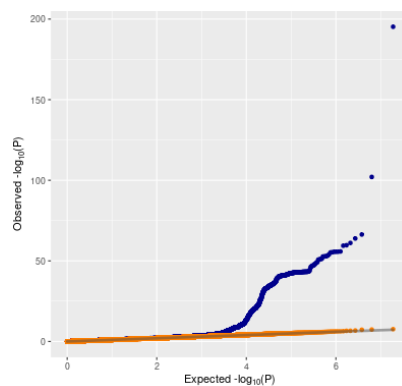
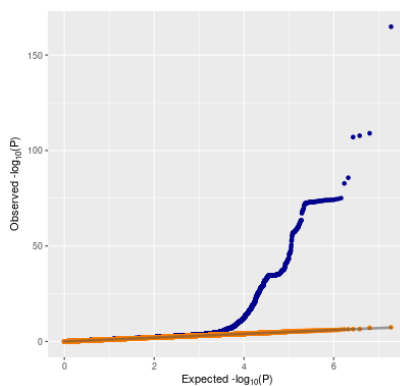
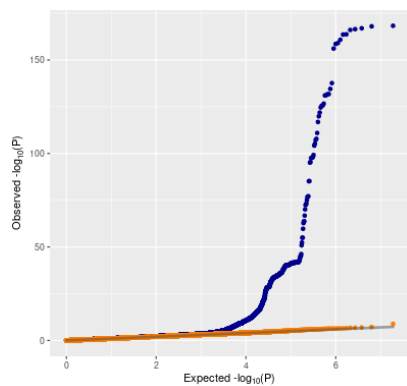
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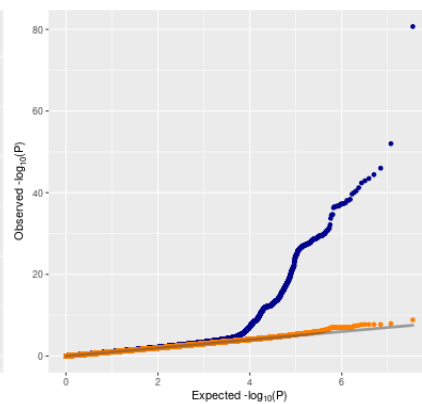
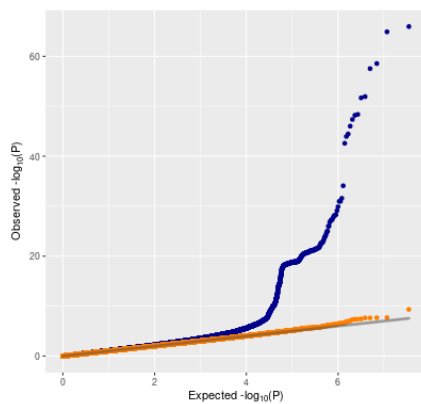
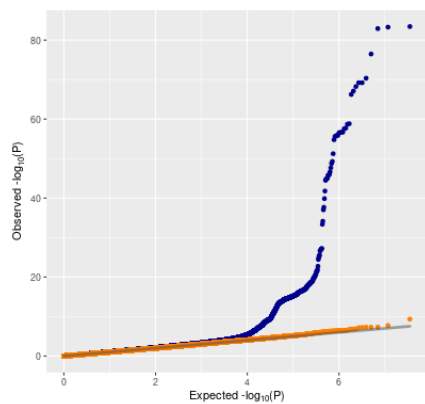
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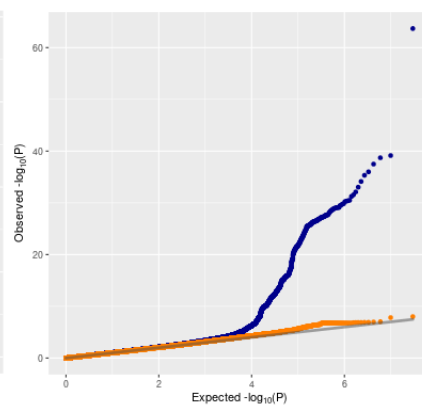
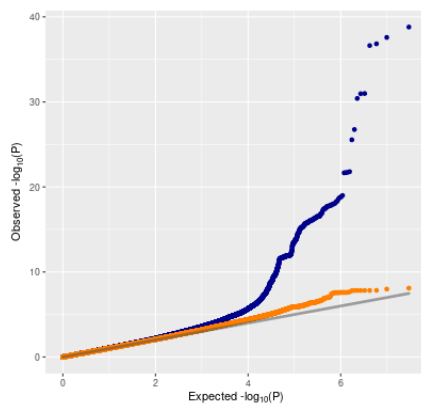
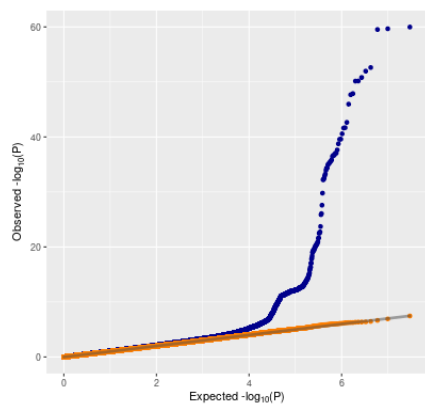
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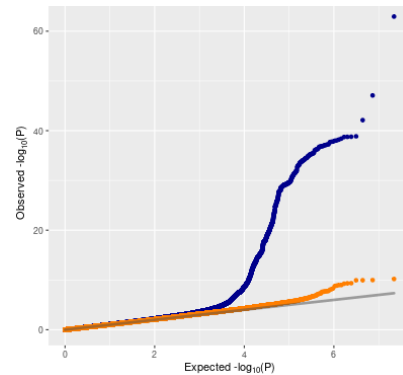
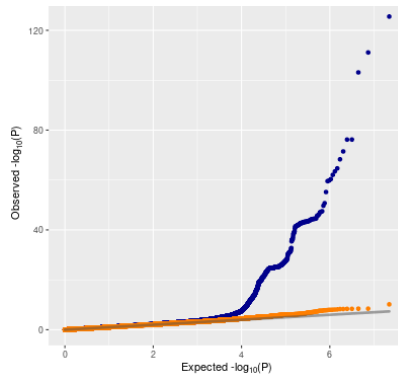
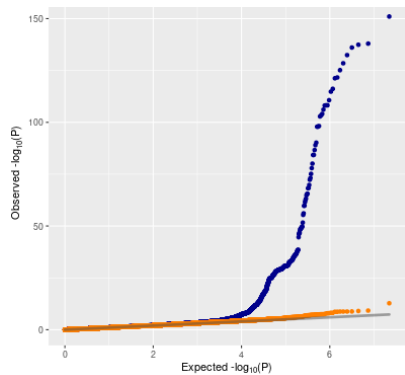
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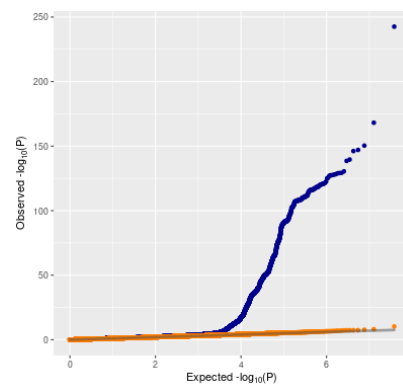
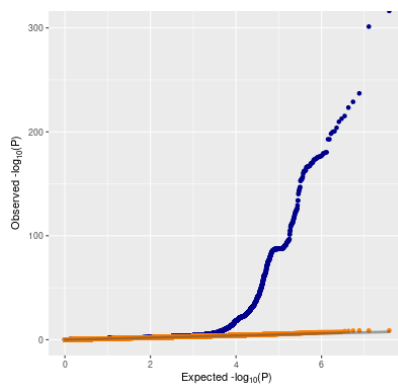
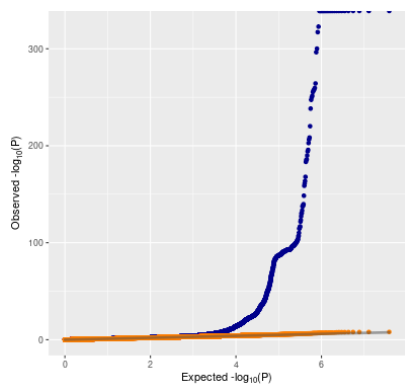
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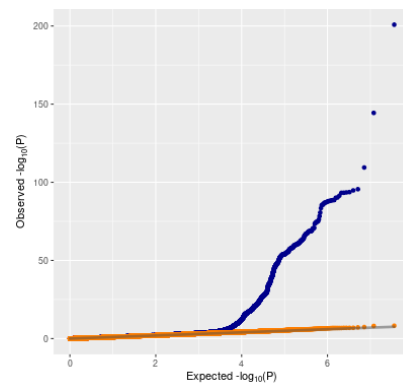
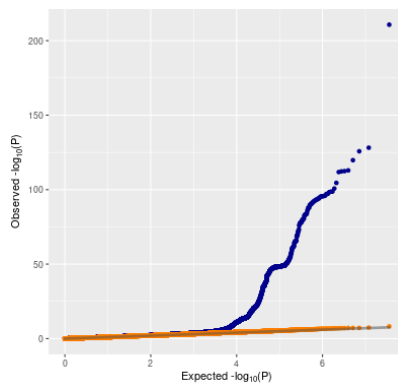
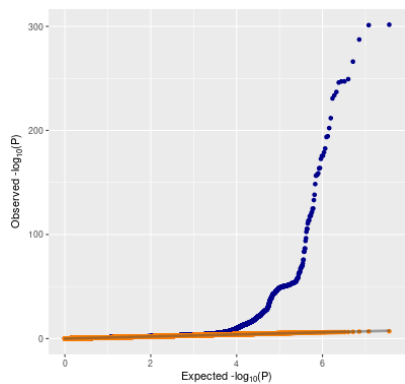
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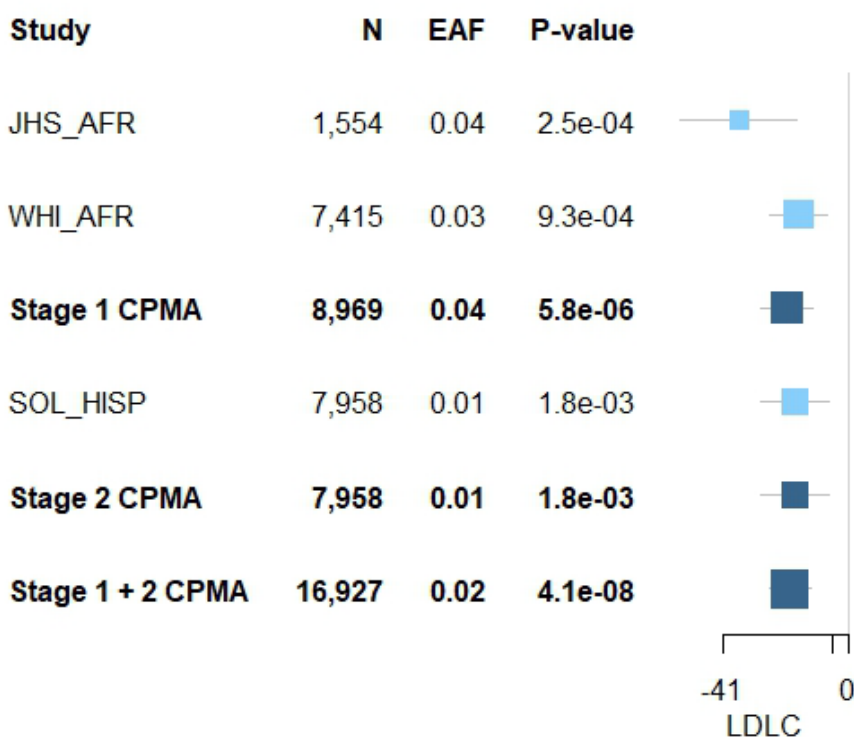
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Supplemental Figure 3: Forest Plot of Statistically Significant 1df Interaction Results. Shown are all individual study results with data for the given locus (when the number of contributing studies is large, only meta-analysis results are shown for readability). If only a population-specific result is shown, then that locus was not present or did not pass filters in contributing studies in any other population. Shown in blue is the beta-coefficient for the multiplicative interaction term between the variant and the listed psychosocial factor on lipid concentration. Box size represents the precision of the estimate, with larger boxes shown for results with lower variance.

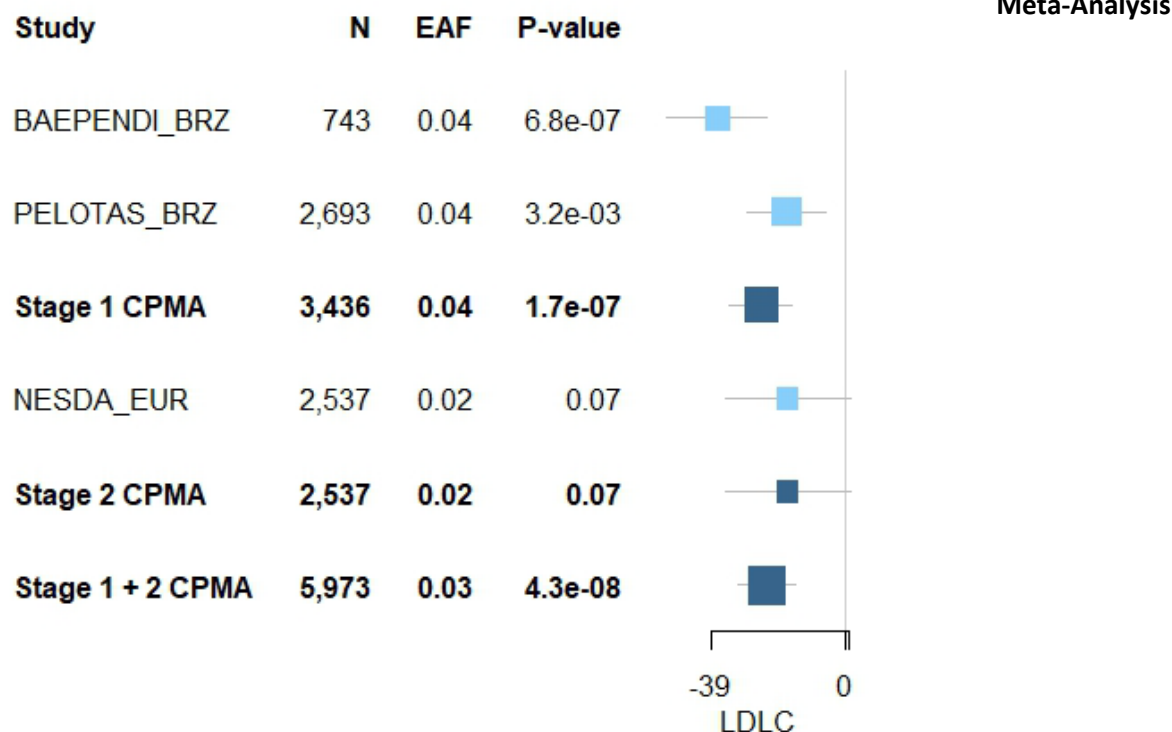
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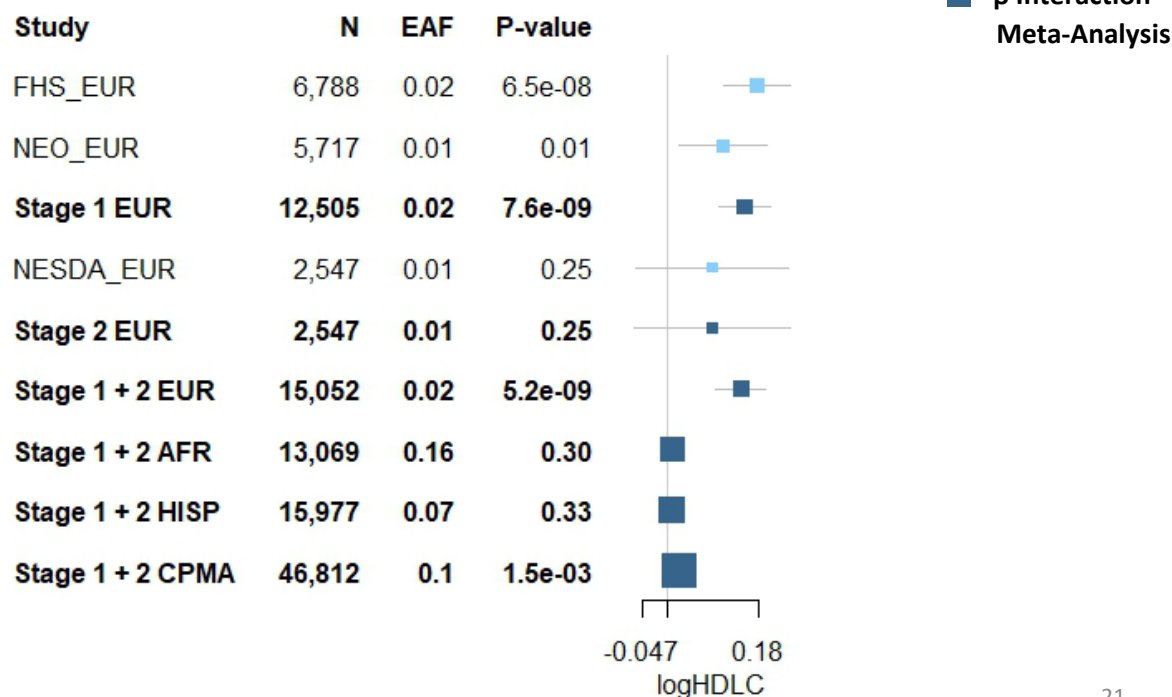
B.

Interaction of rs59808825 and ANXT (1df) on LDLC



C.

Interaction of rs61248562 and DEPR (1df) on HDLC



D.

Interaction of rs73597733 and DEPR (1df) on HDLC

Study	N	EAF	P-value
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HANDLS_AFR	928	0.04	1.7e-06
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JHS_AFR	1,245	0.04	0.03
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Stage 1 AFR	9,588	0.04	3.5e-10
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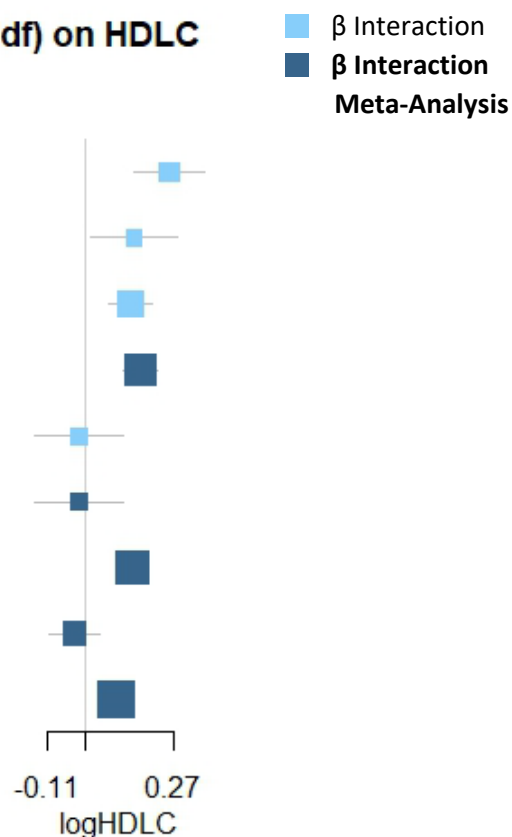
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Stage 2 AFR	1,646	0.03	0.81
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Stage 1 + 2 AFR	11,234	0.04	8.4e-09
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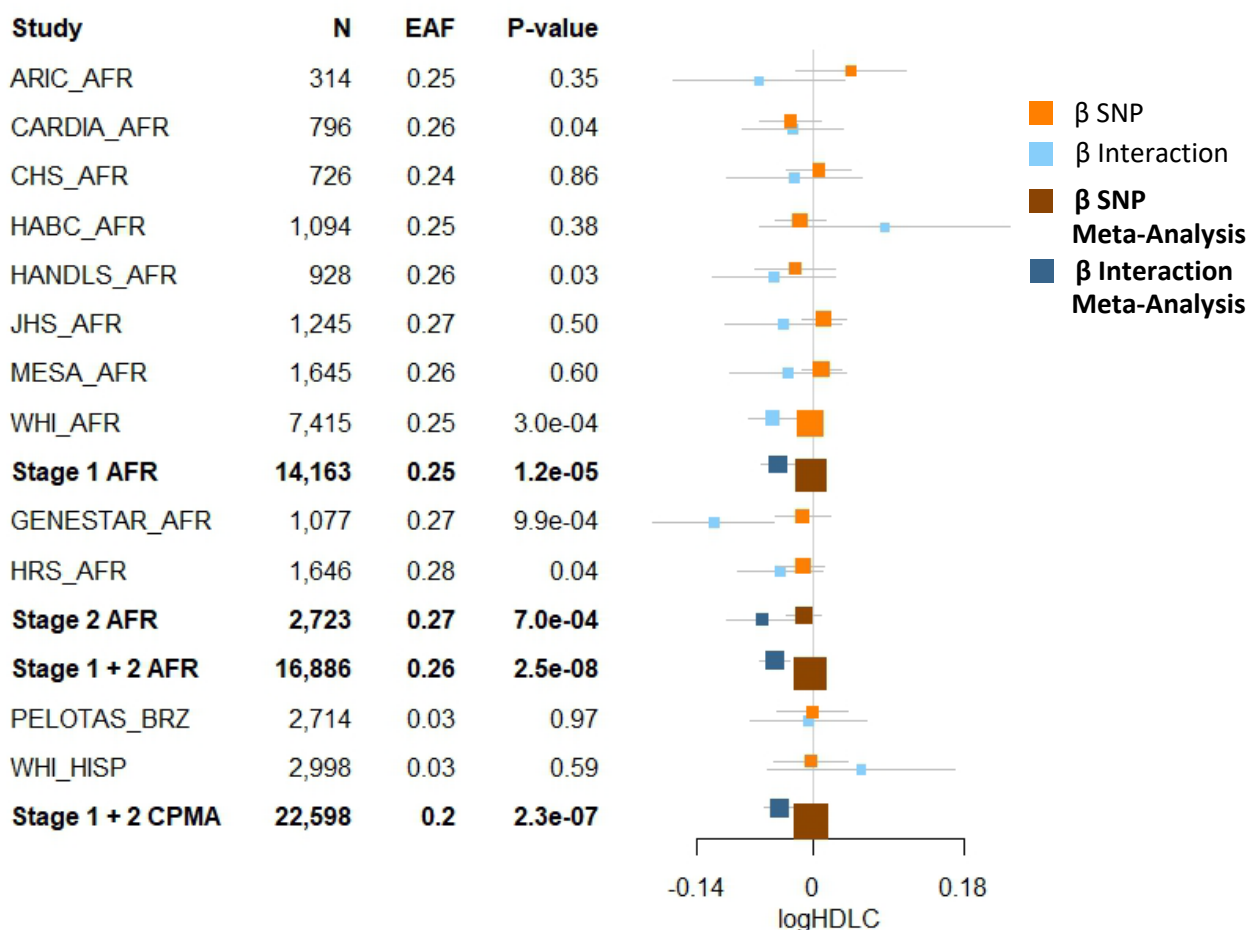
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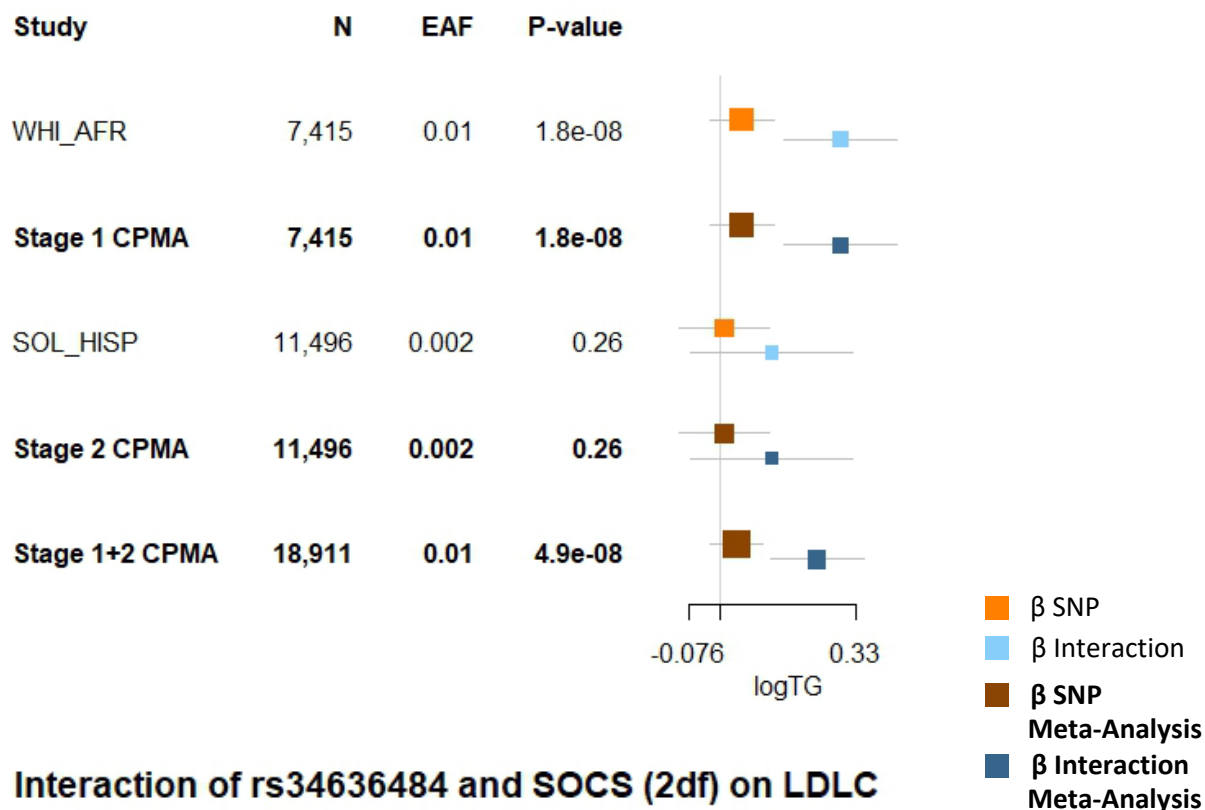
Supplemental Figure 4: Forest Plot of Statistically Significant 2df Main Effect and Interaction

Results. Shown are all individual study results with data for the given locus (when the number of contributing studies is large, only meta-analysis results are shown for readability). If only a population-specific result is shown, then that locus was not present or did not pass filters in contributing studies in any other population. Shown in blue is the beta-coefficient for the multiplicative interaction term between the variant and the listed psychosocial factor on lipid concentration, while the orange is the beta-coefficient for the main effect term in the same model. Box size represents the precision of the estimate, with larger boxes shown for results with lower variance.

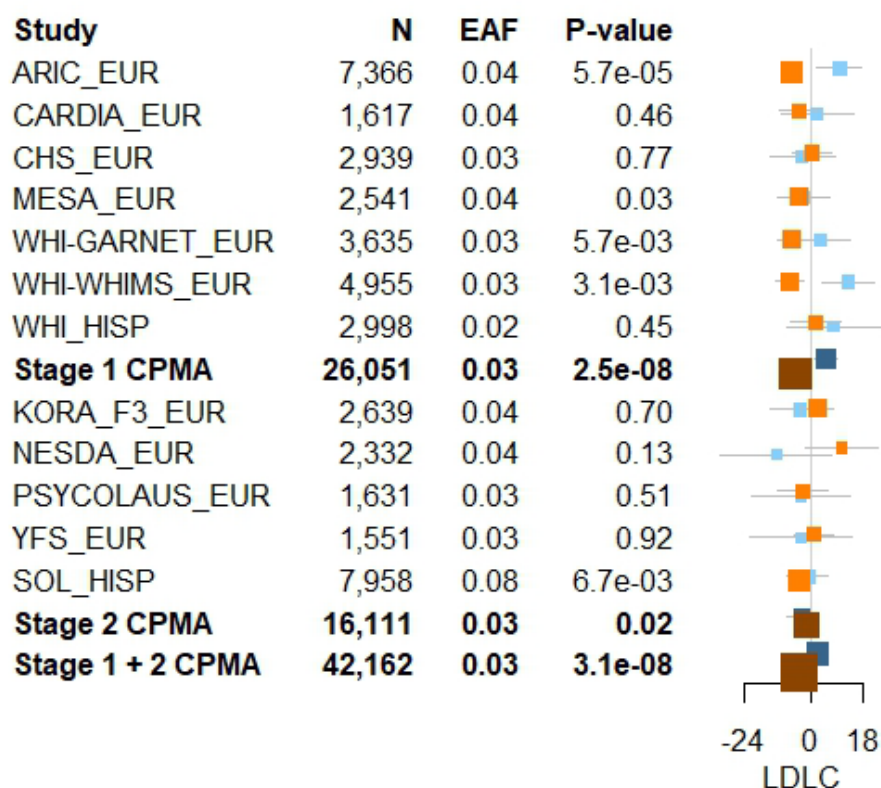
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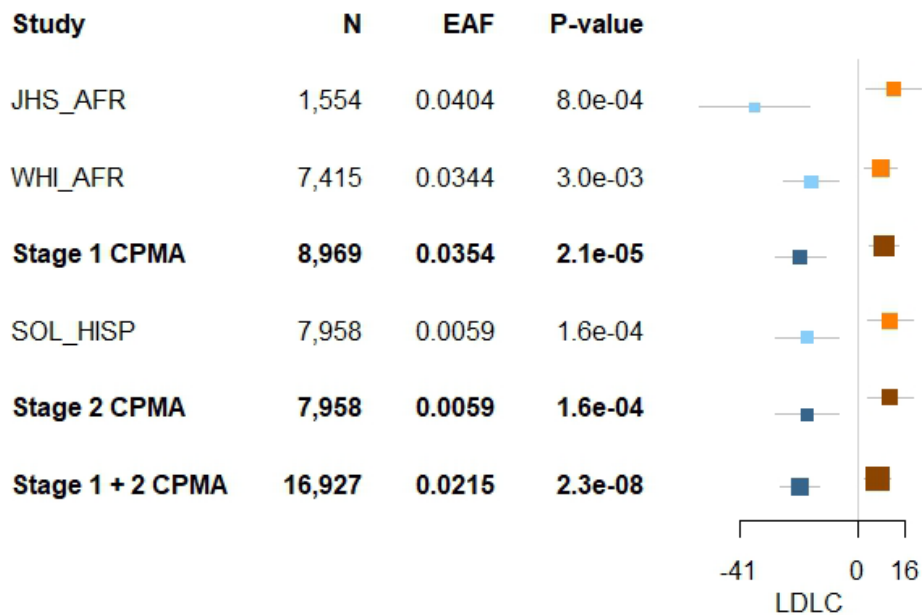


C. Interaction of rs34636484 and SOCS (2df) on LDLC



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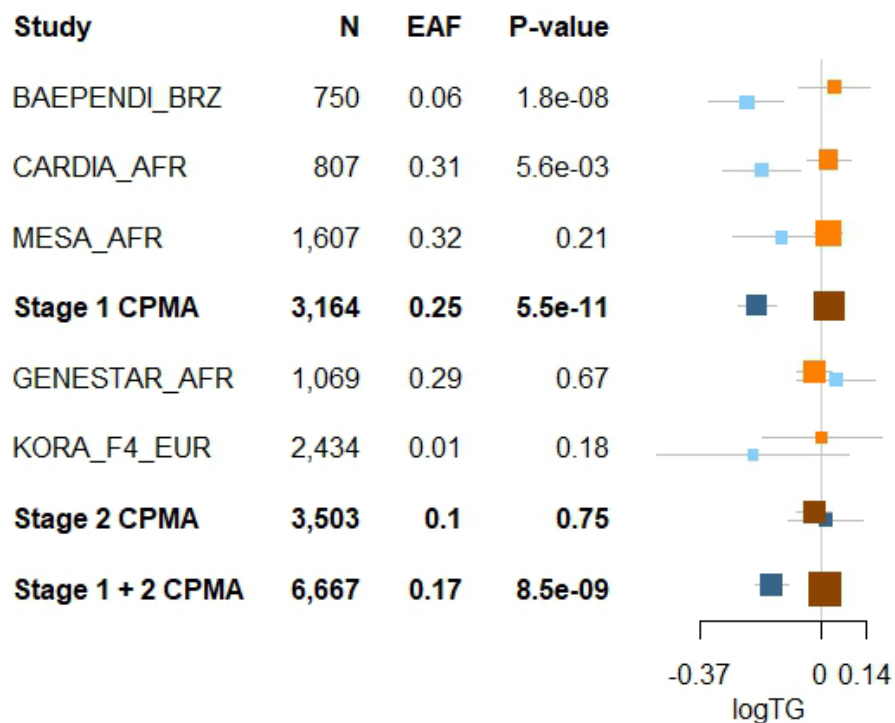
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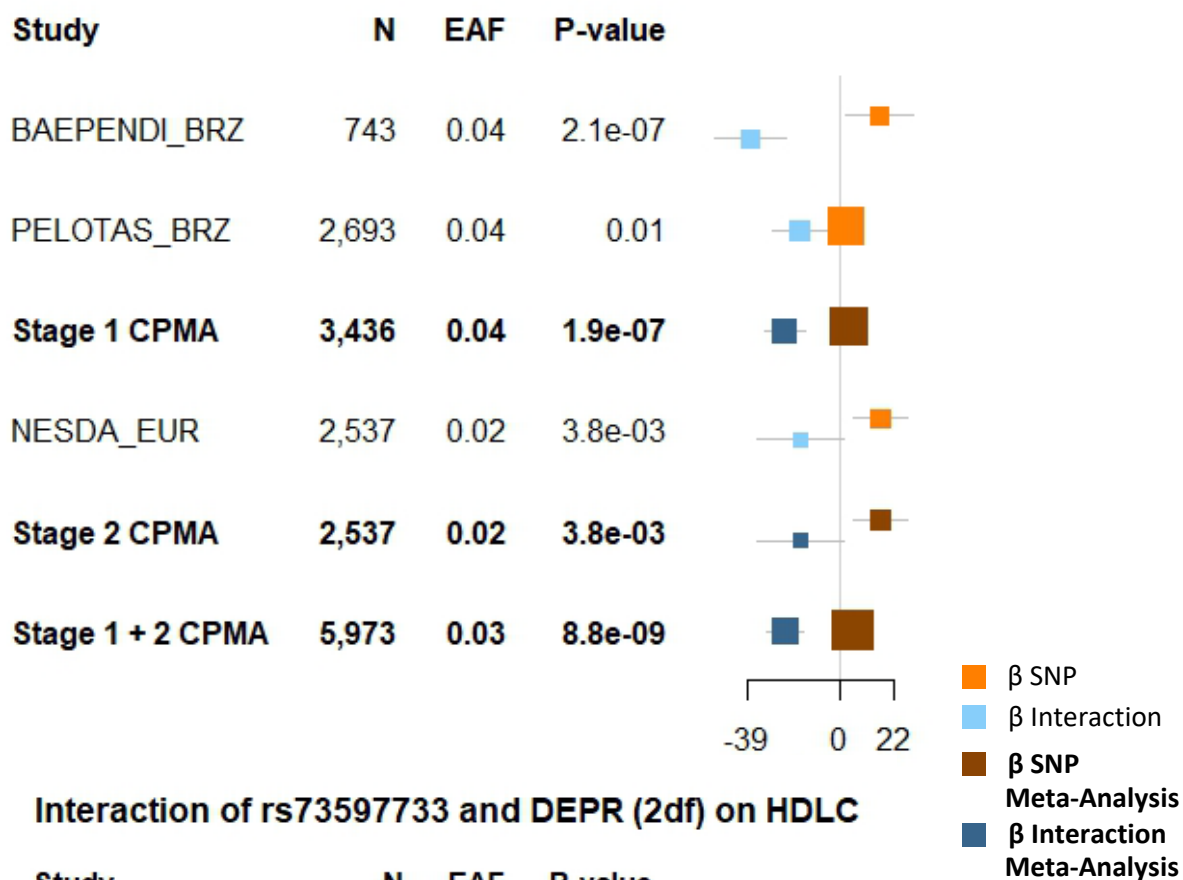
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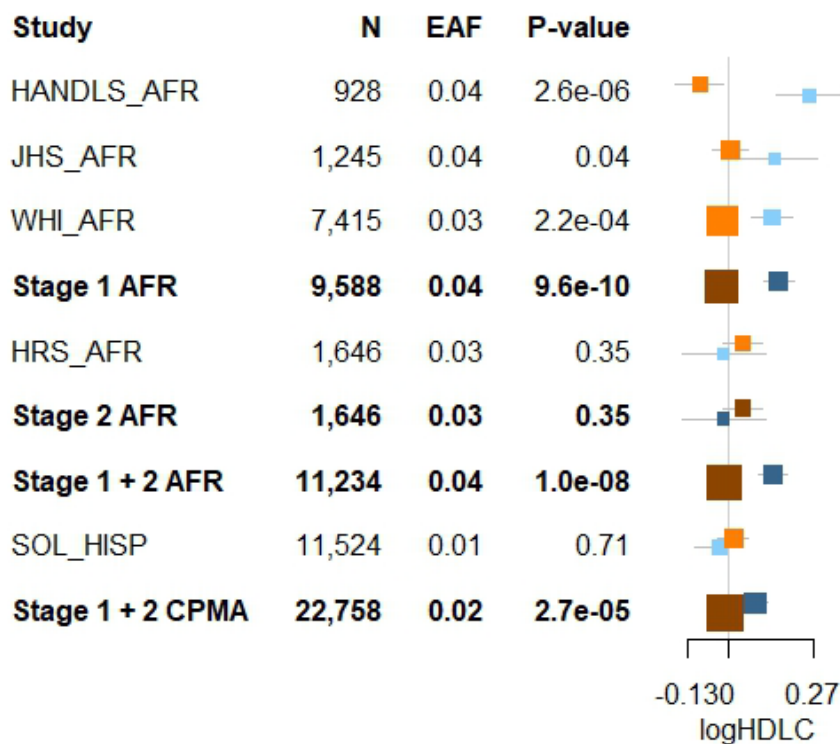
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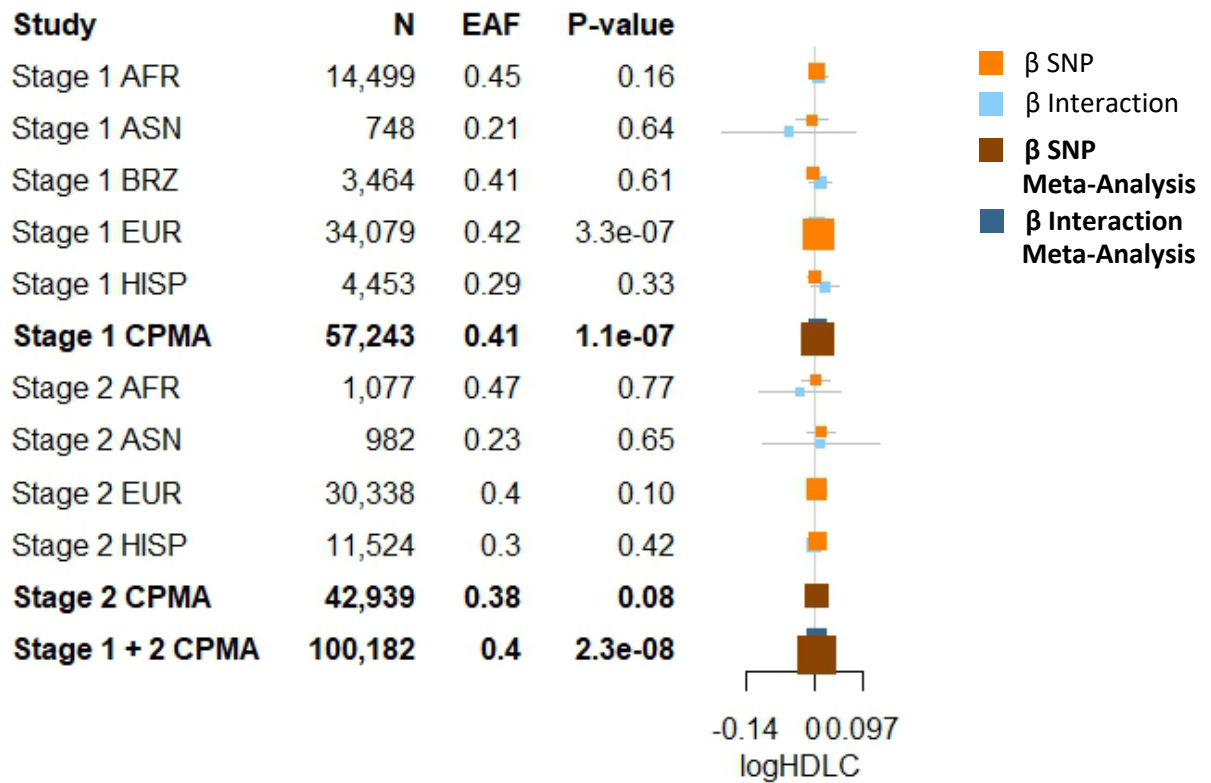
F. **Interaction of rs59808825 and ANXT (2df) on LDLC**



G. **Interaction of rs73597733 and DEPR (2df) on HDLC**



H. Interaction of rs11702544 and DEPR (2df) on HDLC



Study Descriptions

AGES (Age Gene/Environment Susceptibility Reykjavik Study): The AGES Reykjavik study originally comprised a random sample of 30,795 men and women born in 1907-1935 and living in Reykjavik in 1967. A total of 19,381 people attended, resulting in a 71% recruitment rate. The study sample was divided into six groups by birth year and birth date within month. One group was designated for longitudinal follow up and was examined in all stages; another was designated as a control group and was not included in examinations until 1991. Other groups were invited to participate in specific stages of the study. Between 2002 and 2006, the AGES Reykjavik study re-examined 5,764 survivors of the original cohort who had participated before in the Reykjavik Study.

ARIC (Atherosclerosis Risk in Communities): The ARIC study is a population-based prospective cohort study of cardiovascular disease sponsored by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI). ARIC included 15,792 individuals, predominantly European American and African American, aged 45-64 years at baseline (1987-89), chosen by probability sampling from four US communities. Cohort members completed three additional triennial follow-up examinations, a fifth exam in 2011-2013, a sixth exam in 2016-2017, a seventh exam in 2018-2019, an eighth exam in 2020, and a ninth exam in 2022. The ARIC study has been described in detail previously:

1. Wright JD, Folsom AR, Coresh J, et al. The ARIC (Atherosclerosis Risk In Communities) Study: JACC Focus Seminar 3/8. J Am Coll Cardiol. 2021 Jun 15;77(23):2939-2959

Baependi Heart Study (Brazil): The Baependi Heart Study, is an ongoing family-based cohort conducted in a rural town of the state of Minas Gerais. The study has enrolled approximate 2,200 individuals (over 10% of the town's adult population) and 10-year follow up period of longitudinal data. Briefly, probands were selected at random across 11 out of the 12 census districts in Baependi. After enrolment, the proband's first-degree (parents, siblings, and offspring), second-degree (half-siblings, grandparents/grandchildren, uncles/aunts, nephews/nieces, and double cousins), and third-degree (first cousins, great uncles/aunts, and great nephews/nieces) relatives, and his/her respective spouse's relatives resident both within Baependi (municipal and rural area) and surrounding towns were invited to participate. Only individuals age 18 and older were eligible to participate in the study. The study is conducted from a clinic/office in an easily accessible sector of the town, where the questionnaires were completed. A broad range of phenotypes ranging from cardiovascular, neurocognitive, psychiatric, imaging, physiologic and several layers of endophenotypes like metabolomics and lipidomics have been collected throughout the years. Details about follow-up visits and available data can be found in the cohort profile paper (PMID: 18430212). DNA samples were genotyped using the Affymetrix 6.0 genechip. After quality control, the data were prephased using SHAPEIT and imputed using IMPUTE2 based on 1000 Genomes haplotypes.

BES (Beijing Eye Study): The Beijing Eye Study is a population-based study that assesses the associated and risk factors of ocular and general diseases in a Chinese population. The study was initialized in 2001 and collected data from 4439 subjects aged ≥ 40 years and living in seven communities in the Beijing area. Three of these communities were located in a rural district and four were located in an urban district. The BES was followed-up in 2006, with 3251 of the original subjects participating, and in 2011, with 2695 subjects returning for the follow-up examination.

At the examinations in 2006 and 2011, trained research staffs asked the subjects questions from a standard questionnaire providing information on the family status, level of education, income, quality of life, psychic depression, physical activity, and known major systemic diseases. Fasting blood samples were taken for measurement of concentrations of substances such as blood lipids, glucose, and glycosylated hemoglobin. Individuals were classified as self-reported non-smokers or self-reported current smokers. Alcohol consumption habits based on number of drinks per day were collected. Physical activity was assessed in questions on the number of hours per day and number of days per week spent on intensively or moderately performed sport activities, spent on walking, on riding a bicycle, and spent on sitting. All variables used in analyses were taken from examinations in 2006 or in 2011. The BES subjects were genotyped on two arrays, Illumina Human610-Quad (N = 832) and Illumina OmniExpress (N = 814).

CARDIA (Coronary Artery Risk Development in Young Adults): CARDIA is a longitudinal multicenter study with 5,115 Black and White participants 18-30 years of age at baseline, recruited from four centers in 1985-1986. The recruitment was done from the total community in Birmingham, AL; from selected census tracts in Chicago, IL and Minneapolis, MN; and from the Kaiser Permanente health plan membership in Oakland, CA. The details of the study design for the CARDIA study have been previously published.¹ Ten examinations have been completed since initiation of the study, respectively in the years 0, 2, 5, 7, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, and 35. Written informed consent was obtained from participants at each examination, and all study protocols were approved by the institutional review boards of the participating institutions.

Age and race were self-reported at baseline using standardized questionnaires, as were use of cholesterol-lowering medication, and smoking status (current, former, or never). All participants were asked to fast for 12 hours before each clinic visit. Lipid measures were performed on plasma blood samples drawn from the antecubital vein and stored at -70°C until analyzed. Plasma total cholesterol, HDL-cholesterol, and triglyceride concentrations were measured using enzymatic methods;² HDL-cholesterol concentrations were measured after dextran-sulfate-magnesium precipitation of other lipoproteins.³ LDL-cholesterol concentrations were estimated with the Friedewald equation for individuals with fasting triglyceride values less than 400 mg/dL.⁴ The test-retest correlations for total cholesterol, HDL-cholesterol, LDL-cholesterol, and triglycerides were 0.98 to 0.99.⁵

1. Friedman GD, Cutter GR, Donahue RP, Hughes GH, Hully SB, Jacobs DR Jr., Liu K, Savage PJ. CARDIA: study design, recruitment, and some characteristics of the examined subjects. *J Clin Epidemiol.* 1988;41:1105–1116.
2. Warnick GR. Enzymatic methods for quantification of lipoprotein lipids. *Methods Enzymol.* 1986;129:101–123.
3. Warnick GR, Benderson J, Albers JJ. Dextran sulfate-Mg²⁺ precipitation procedure for quantitation of high-density-lipoprotein cholesterol. *Clin Chem.* 1982;28:1379–1388.
4. Friedewald WT, Levy RI, Fredrickson DS. Estimation of the concentration of low-density lipoprotein cholesterol in plasma, without use of the preparative ultracentrifuge. *Clin Chem.* 1972;18:499–502.

5. Gross M, Steffes M, Jacobs DR Jr., Yu X, Lewis L, Lewis CE, Loria CM. Plasma F2-isoprostanes and coronary artery calcification: the CARDIA Study. Clin Chem. 2005;51:125–131.

CHS (Cardiovascular Health Study): CHS is a population-based cohort study of risk factors for cardiovascular disease in adults 65 years of age or older conducted across four field centers (1). The original predominantly European ancestry cohort of 5,201 persons was recruited in 1989-1990 from random samples of the Medicare eligibility lists and an additional predominately African-American cohort of 687 persons was enrolled in 1992-93 for a total sample of 5,888. Blood samples were drawn from all participants at their baseline examination and DNA was subsequently extracted from available samples. European ancestry participants were excluded from the GWAS study sample due to prevalent coronary heart disease, congestive heart failure, peripheral vascular disease, valvular heart disease, stroke, or transient ischemic attack at baseline. After QC, genotyping was successful for 3271 European ancestry and 823 African-American participants. CHS was approved by institutional review committees at each site and individuals in the present analysis gave informed consent including consent to use of genetic information for the study of cardiovascular disease.

1. Fried LP, Borhani NO, Enright P, Furberg CD, Gardin JM, Kronmal RA, et al. The Cardiovascular Health Study: design and rationale. Ann Epidemiol 1991; 1:263-76.

CoLaus|PsyCoLaus: The CoLaus|PsyCoLaus study is a population-based cohort of 6734 participants from Lausanne (Switzerland) aged 35-75 at recruitment (2003-2006). This study collects detailed and standardized phenotypes to investigate biological, genetic, and environmental determinants of cardiovascular disease and their association with mental disorders. The main aims of the study were: 1) to better understand the epidemiology of cardiovascular risk factors and diseases in the Swiss population; 2) to discover new genetic determinants of these conditions; and 3) to determine the nature of the associations between cardiovascular disease and mental disorders.

Since then, three follow-up surveys have been completed (2009-2012, 2014-2016, 2018-2020) and a fourth one is ongoing since 2022. A detailed description of the participants' selection, inclusion criteria and methods used can be found in the following manuscripts:

1. Firmann M, Mayor V, Marques Vidal P, Bochud M, Pécoud A, Hayoz D, Paccaud F, Preisig M, Song KS, Yuan X, et al. The CoLaus study: a population-based study to investigate the genetic determinants of cardiovascular risk factors and metabolic syndrome. BMC Cardiovascular Disorders. 2008; 8:6. PMID: 18366642; PMCID: [PMC2311269](#); DOI: 10.1186/1471-2261-8-6.
2. Preisig M, Waeber G, Vollenweider P, Bovet P, Rothen S, Vandeleur C, et al. The PsyCoLaus study: methodology and characteristics of the sample of a population-based survey on psychiatric disorders and their association with genetic and cardiovascular risk factors. BMC psychiatry. 2009;9:9. PMID: 19292899 PMCID: PMC2667506 DOI: 10.1186/1471-244X-9-9.

DR's EXTRA (Dose-Responses to Exercise Training): The Dose-Responses to Exercise Training (DR's EXTRA) Study is a 4-year RCT on the effects of regular physical exercise and

healthy diet on endothelial function, atherosclerosis and cognition in a randomly selected population sample (n=3000) of Eastern Finnish men and women, identified from the national population register, aged 55-74 years. Of the eligible sample, 1410 individuals were randomized into one of the 6 groups: aerobic exercise, resistance exercise, diet, combined aerobic exercise and diet, combined resistance exercise and diet, or reference group following baseline assessments. During the four year intervention the drop-out rate was 15%.

ERF (Erasmus Rucphen Family study): Erasmus Rucphen Family is a family based study that includes inhabitants of a genetically isolated community in the South-West of the Netherlands, studied as part of the Genetic Research in Isolated Population (GRIP) program.^{1,2} The goal of the study is to identify the risk factors in the development of complex disorders. Study population includes approximately 3,000 individuals who are living descendants of 22 couples who lived in the isolate between 1850 and 1900 and had at least six children baptized in the community church. All data were collected between 2002 and 2005. All participants gave informed consent, and the Medical Ethics Committee of the Erasmus University Medical Centre approved the study.

1. Pardo, Luba M., et al. "The effect of genetic drift in a young genetically isolated population." *Annals of human genetics* 69.3 (2005): 288-295.
2. Aulchenko, Yuri S., et al. "Linkage disequilibrium in young genetically isolated Dutch population." *European Journal of Human Genetics* 12.7 (2004): 527.

FHS (Framingham Heart Study): FHS began in 1948 with the recruitment of an original cohort of 5,209 men and women (mean age 44 years; 55 percent women). In 1971 a second generation of study participants was enrolled; this cohort (mean age 37 years; 52% women) consisted of 5,124 children and spouses of children of the original cohort. A third generation cohort of 4,095 children of offspring cohort participants (mean age 40 years; 53 percent women) was enrolled in 2002-2005 and are seen every 4 to 8 years. Details of study designs for the three cohorts are summarized elsewhere. At each clinic visit, a medical history was obtained with a focus on cardiovascular content, and participants underwent a physical examination including measurement of height and weight from which BMI was calculated. For this study, lipid measurements were used from the first exam of the 2nd generation (1971-1975) and the 3rd generation (2002-2005) cohorts. Fasting levels of total cholesterol, high-density lipoprotein cholesterol, and triglycerides were measured using standard enzymatic methods in accordance with LRC protocols. LDL cholesterol was calculated using the Friedewald formula.

GeneSTAR (Genetic Studies of Atherosclerosis Risk): GeneSTAR is a family-based prospective study of more than 4000 participants begun in 1983 to determine phenotypic and genetic causes of premature cardiovascular disease. Families were identified from 1983-2006 from probands with a premature coronary disease event prior to 60 years of age who were identified at the time of hospitalization in any of 10 hospitals in the Baltimore, Maryland area. Their apparently healthy 30-59 year old siblings without known coronary disease were recruited and screened between 1983 and 2006. From 2003-2006, adult offspring over 21 years of age of all participating siblings and probands, as well as the coparents of the offspring were recruited and screened. Genotyping was performed in 3,232 participants on the Illumina 1Mv1_c platform. Demographic information including education level was self-reported by participants. Medical history including medication use was assessed by the study nurse or physician.

GENOA (Genetic Epidemiology Network of Arteriopathy): GENOA is one of four networks in the NHLBI Family-Blood Pressure Program (FBPP). [The FBPP Investigators, 2002; Daniels et al., 2004] GENOA's long-term objective is to elucidate the genetics of target organ complications of hypertension, including both atherosclerotic and arteriosclerotic complications involving the heart, brain, kidneys, and peripheral arteries. The longitudinal GENOA Study recruited European-American and African-American sibships with at least 2 individuals with clinically diagnosed essential hypertension before age 60 years. All other members of the sibship were invited to participate regardless of their hypertension status. Participants were diagnosed with hypertension if they had either 1) a previous clinical diagnosis of hypertension by a physician with current anti-hypertensive treatment, or 2) an average systolic blood pressure ≥ 140 mm Hg or diastolic blood pressure ≥ 90 mm Hg based on the second and third readings at the time of their clinic visit. Exclusion criteria were secondary hypertension, alcoholism or drug abuse, pregnancy, insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus, or active malignancy. During the first exam (1995-2000), 1,583 European Americans from Rochester, MN and 1,854 African Americans from Jackson, MS were examined. Between 2000 and 2005, 1,241 of the European Americans and 1,482 of the African Americans returned for a second examination. In a GENOA follow-up study (2009-2011), 752 African American participated in a third examination. Depression was only evaluated in the third examination; thus, the analysis for this project includes African American participants who participated in this examination. Because African-American probands for GENOA were recruited through the Atherosclerosis Risk in Communities (ARIC) Jackson field center participants, we excluded ARIC participants from GENOA analysis.

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HANDLS (Healthy Aging in Neighborhoods of Diversity across the Life Span): HANDLS is a community-based, longitudinal epidemiologic study examining the influences of race and socioeconomic status (SES) on the development of age-related health disparities among a sample of socioeconomically diverse African Americans and whites. This unique study will assess over a 20-year period physical parameters and also evaluate genetic, biologic, demographic, and psychosocial, parameters of African American and white participants in higher and lower SES to understand the driving factors behind persistent black-white health disparities in overall longevity, cardiovascular disease, and cognitive decline. The study recruited 3,722 participants from Baltimore, MD with a mean age of 47.7 years, 2,200 African Americans and 1,522 whites, with 41% reporting household incomes below the 125% poverty delimiter.

Genotyping was done on a subset of self-reporting African American participants by the Laboratory of Neurogenetics, National Institute on Aging, National Institutes of Health (NIH). A larger genotyping effort included a small subset of self-reporting European ancestry samples. This research was supported by the Intramural Research Program of the NIH, NIA and the National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities.

HCHS/SOL (Hispanic Community Health Study/ Study of Latinos): The HCHS/SOL is a community-based cohort study of 16,415 self-identified Hispanic/Latino persons aged 18–74

years and selected from households in predefined census-block groups across four US field centers (in Chicago, Miami, the Bronx, and San Diego). The census-block groups were chosen to provide diversity among cohort participants with regard to socioeconomic status and national origin or background. The HCHS/SOL cohort includes participants who self-identified as having a Hispanic/Latino background; the largest groups are Central American (n = 1,730), Cuban (n = 2,348), Dominican (n = 1,460), Mexican (n = 6,471), Puerto Rican (n = 2,728), and South American (n = 1,068). The HCHS/SOL baseline clinical examination occurred between 2008 and 2011 and included comprehensive biological, behavioral, and sociodemographic assessments. Consenting HCHS/SOL subjects were genotyped at Illumina on the HCHS/SOL custom 15041502 B3 array. The custom array comprised the Illumina Omni 2.5M array (HumanOmni2.5-8v.1-1) ancestry-informative markers, known GWAS hits and drug absorption, distribution, metabolism, and excretion (ADME) markers, and additional custom content including ~150,000 SNPs selected from the CLM (Colombian in Medellin, Colombia), MXL (Mexican Ancestry in Los Angeles, California), and PUR (Puerto Rican in Puerto Rico) samples in the 1000Genomes phase 1 data to capture a greater amount of Amerindian genetic variation. QA/QC procedures yielded a total of 12,803 unique study participants for imputation and downstream association analyses.

Health ABC (Health, Aging, and Body Composition): Cohort description: The Health ABC study is a prospective cohort study investigating the associations between body composition, weight-related health conditions, and incident functional limitation in older adults. Health ABC enrolled well-functioning, community-dwelling black (n=1281) and white (n=1794) men and women aged 70-79 years between April 1997 and June 1998. Participants were recruited from a random sample of white and all black Medicare eligible residents in the Pittsburgh, PA, and Memphis, TN, metropolitan areas. Participants have undergone annual exams and semi-annual phone interviews. The current study sample consists of 1559 white participants who attended the second exam in 1998-1999 with available genotyping data.

Genotyping: Genotyping was performed by the Center for Inherited Disease Research (CIDR) using the Illumina Human1M-Duo BeadChip system. Samples were excluded from the dataset for the reasons of sample failure, genotypic sex mismatch, and first-degree relative of an included individual based on genotype data. Genotyping was successful in 1663 Caucasians. Analysis was restricted to SNPs with minor allele frequency $\geq 1\%$, call rate $\geq 97\%$ and HWE $p \geq 10^{-6}$. Genotypes were available on 914,263 high quality SNPs for imputation based on the HapMap CEU (release 22, build 36) using the MACH software (version 1.0.16). A total of 2,543,888 imputed SNPs were analyzed for association with vitamin D levels.

Association analysis: Linear regression models were used to generate cohort-specific residuals of naturally log transformed vitamin D levels adjusted for age, sex, BMI and season defined as summer (June-August), fall (September-November), winter (December to February) and spring (March to May) standardized to have mean 0 and variance of 1. Association between the additively coded SNP genotypes and the vitamin D residuals standardized was assessed using linear regression models. For imputed SNPs, expected number of minor alleles (i.e. dosage) was used in assessing association with the vitamin D residuals.

HRS (Health & Retirement Study): The Health and Retirement Study (HRS) is a longitudinal survey of a representative sample of Americans over the age of 50. The current sample is over 26,000 persons in 17,000 households. Respondents are interviewed every two years about

income and wealth, health and use of health services, work and retirement, and family connections. DNA was extracted from saliva collected during a face-to-face interview in the respondents' homes. These data represent respondents who provided DNA samples and signed consent forms in 2006, 2008, and 2010. Respondents were removed if they had missing genotype or phenotype data.

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JHS (Jackson Heart Study): The Jackson Heart Study is a longitudinal, community-based observational cohort study investigating the role of environmental and genetic factors in the development of cardiovascular disease in African Americans. Between 2000 and 2004, a total of 5,306 participants were recruited from a tri-county area (Hinds, Madison, and Rankin Counties) that encompasses Jackson, MS. Details of the design and recruitment for the Jackson Heart Study cohort has been previously published.¹⁻³ Briefly, approximately 30% of participants were former members of the Atherosclerosis Risk in Communities (ARIC) study. The remainder were recruited by either 1) random selection from the Accudata list, 2) commercial listing, 3) a constrained volunteer sample, in which recruitment was distributed among defined demographic cells in proportions designed to mirror those in the overall population, or through the Jackson Heart Study Family Study.

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KORA (Cooperative Health Research in the Augsburg Region): The KORA study is a series of independent population-based epidemiological surveys of participants living in the region of Augsburg, Southern Germany. All survey participants are residents of German nationality identified through the registration office and were examined in 1994/95 (KORA S3) and 1999/2001 (KORA S4). In the KORA S3 and S4 studies 4,856 and 4,261 subjects have been examined implying response rates of 75% and 67%, respectively. 3,006 subjects participated in a 10-year follow-up examination of S3 in 2004/05 (KORA F3), and 3080 of S4 in 2006/2008

(KORA F4). The age range of the participants was 25 to 74 years at recruitment. Informed consent has been given by all participants. The study has been approved by the local ethics committee. Individuals for genotyping in KORA F3 and KORA F4 were randomly selected and these genotypes are taken for the analysis of the phenotypes in KORA S3 and KORA S4.

LBC1936 (Lothian Birth Cohort 1936): LBC1936 consists of 1091 (548 male) relatively healthy individuals who underwent cognitive and medical testing at a mean age of 69.6 years (SD = 0.8). They were born in 1936, most took part in the Scottish Mental Survey of 1947, and almost all lived independently in the Lothian region of Scotland.^{1,2}

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Lifelines (Netherlands Biobank): Lifelines (<https://lifelines.nl/>) is a multi-disciplinary prospective population-based cohort study using a unique three-generation design to examine the health and health-related behaviors of 167,729 persons living in the North East region of The Netherlands. It employs a broad range of investigative procedures in assessing the biomedical, socio-demographic, behavioral, physical and psychological factors which contribute to the health and disease of the general population, with a special focus on multimorbidity and complex genetics. In addition, the Lifelines project comprises a number of cross-sectional sub-studies, which investigate specific age-related conditions. These include investigations into metabolic and hormonal diseases, including obesity, cardiovascular and renal diseases, pulmonary diseases and allergy, cognitive function and depression, and musculoskeletal conditions. Recruitment has been going on since the end of 2006, and over 130,000 participants had been included by April 2013. At the baseline examination, the participants in the study were asked to fill in a questionnaire (on paper or online) before the first visit. During the first and second visit, the first or second part of the questionnaire, respectively, are checked for completeness, a number of investigations are conducted, and blood and urine samples are taken. Lifelines is a facility that is open for all researchers. Information on application and data access procedure is summarized on www.lifelines-biobank.com. (Scholtens S, Smidt N, Swertz MA, Bakker SJ, Dotinga A, Vonk JM, et al. Cohort Profile: LifeLines, a three-generation cohort study and biobank. *Int J Epidemiol*. 2014 Dec 14.)

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MESA (Multi-Ethnic Study of Atherosclerosis): The Multi-Ethnic Study of Atherosclerosis (MESA) is a study of the characteristics of subclinical cardiovascular disease and the risk factors that predict progression to clinically overt cardiovascular disease or progression of the subclinical disease. MESA consisted of a diverse, population-based sample of an initial 6,814 asymptomatic men and women aged 45-84. 38 percent of the recruited participants were white, 28 percent African American, 22 percent Hispanic, and 12 percent Asian, predominantly of Chinese descent. Participants were recruited from six field centers across the United States: Wake Forest University, Columbia University, Johns Hopkins University, University of Minnesota, Northwestern University and University of California - Los Angeles. Participants are being followed for identification and characterization of cardiovascular disease events, including acute myocardial infarction and other forms of coronary heart disease (CHD), stroke, and congestive heart failure; for cardiovascular disease interventions; and for mortality. The first examination took place over two years, from July 2000 - July 2002. It was followed by four examination periods that were 17-20 months in length. Participants have been contacted every 9 to 12 months throughout the study to assess clinical morbidity and mortality.

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NEO (The Netherlands Epidemiology of Obesity study): The NEO was designed for extensive phenotyping to investigate pathways that lead to obesity-related diseases. The NEO study is a population-based, prospective cohort study that includes 6,671 individuals aged 45–65 years, with an oversampling of individuals with overweight or obesity. At baseline, information on demography, lifestyle, and medical history have been collected by questionnaires. In addition, samples of 24-h urine, fasting and postprandial blood plasma and serum, and DNA were collected. Genotyping was performed using the Illumina HumanCoreExome chip, which was subsequently imputed to the 1000 genome reference panel. Participants underwent an extensive physical examination, including anthropometry, electrocardiography, spirometry, and measurement of the carotid artery intima-media thickness by ultrasonography. In random subsamples of participants, magnetic resonance imaging of abdominal fat, pulse wave velocity of the aorta, heart, and brain, magnetic resonance spectroscopy of the liver, indirect calorimetry, dual energy X-ray absorptiometry, or accelerometry measurements were performed. The collection of data started in September 2008 and completed at the end of September 2012. Participants are currently being followed for the incidence of obesity-related diseases and mortality.

NESDA (Netherlands Study of Depression and Anxiety): NESDA is a multi-center study designed to examine the long-term course and consequences of depressive and anxiety disorders (<http://www.nesda.nl>)¹. NESDA included both individuals with depressive and/or anxiety disorders and controls without psychiatric conditions. Inclusion criteria were age 18-65 years and self-reported western European ancestry while exclusion criteria were not being fluent in Dutch and having a primary diagnosis of another psychiatric condition (psychotic disorder, obsessive compulsive disorder, bipolar disorder, or severe substance use disorder).

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RS (Rotterdam Study): The Rotterdam Study is a prospective, population-based cohort study among individuals living in the well-defined Ommoord district in the city of Rotterdam in The Netherlands.¹ The aim of the study is to determine the occurrence of cardiovascular, neurological, ophthalmic, endocrine, hepatic, respiratory, and psychiatric diseases in elderly people. The cohort was initially defined in 1990 among 7,983 persons, aged 55 years and older, who underwent a home interview and extensive physical examination at the baseline and during follow-up rounds every 3-4 years (RS-I). Cohort was extended in 2000/2001 (RS-II, 3,011 individuals aged 55 years and older) and 2006/2008 (RS-III, 3,932 subjects, aged 45 and older; since 2016, the cohort was expanded to include persons aged 40 years and older).¹ The Rotterdam Study has been approved by the Medical Ethics Committee of the Erasmus MC (registration number MEC 02.1015) and by the Dutch Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport (Population Screening Act WBO, license number 1071272-159521-PG). The Rotterdam Study Personal Registration Data collection is filed with the Erasmus MC Data Protection Officer under registration number EMC1712001. The Rotterdam Study has been entered into the Netherlands National Trial Register (NTR; www.trialregister.nl) and into the WHO International Clinical Trials Registry Platform (ICTRP; www.who.int/ictip/network/primary/en/) under shared catalogue number NTR6831. All participants provided written informed consent to participate in the study and to have their information obtained from treating physicians.

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were re-visited between 2003 and 2007. Among the 10,747 individuals who were eligible, 5,157 subjects completed a questionnaire and the subsequent clinical examinations. Of the 5,517 subjects, 2,434 Chinese were genotyped on a combination of Illumina 610, 1M and 550 arrays. Fasting HDL-C, TC and TG were measured by an automated analyzer autoanalyzer (ADVIA 2400, Bayer Diagnostics). LDL-C was calculated from Friedewald formula. Data from this revisit were utilized for this study.

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SHIP (Study of Health in Pomerania): The Study of Health In Pomerania (SHIP) is a prospective longitudinal population-based cohort study in Mecklenburg-West Pomerania assessing the prevalence and incidence of common diseases and their risk factors (PMID: 20167617). SHIP encompasses the two independent cohorts SHIP-START and SHIP-TREND. Participants aged 20 to 79 with German citizenship and principal residency in the study area were recruited from a random sample of residents living in the three local cities, 12 towns as well as 17 randomly selected smaller towns. Individuals were randomly selected stratified by age and sex in proportion to population size of the city, town or small towns, respectively. A total of 4,308 participants were recruited between 1997 and 2001 in the SHIP-START cohort. Between 2008 and 2012 a total of 4,420 participants were recruited in the SHIP-TREND cohort. Individuals were invited to the SHIP study centre for a computer-assisted personal interviews and extensive physical examinations. The study protocol was approved by the medical ethics committee of the University of Greifswald. Oral and written informed consents was obtained from each of the study participants.

Genome-wide SNP-typing was performed using the Affymetrix Genome-Wide Human SNP Array 6.0 or the Illumina Human Omni 2.5 array (SHIP-TREND samples). Array processing was carried out in accordance with the manufacturer's standard recommendations. Genotypes were determined using GenomeStudio Genotyping Module v1.0 (GenCall) for SHIP-TREND and the Birdseed2 clustering algorithm for SHIP-START. Imputation of genotypes in SHIP-START and SHIP-TREND was performed with the software IMPUTE v2.2.2 based on 1000 Genomes release March 2012.

SWHS/SMHS (Shanghai Women's Health Study/ Shanghai Men's Health Study): The Shanghai Women's Health Study (SWHS) is an ongoing population-based cohort study of approximately 75,000 women who were aged 40-70 years at study enrollment and resided in in urban Shanghai, China; 56,832 (75.8%) provided a blood samples. Recruitment for the SWHS was initiated in 1997 and completed in 2000. The self-administered questionnaire includes information on demographic characteristics, disease and surgery histories, personal habits (such as cigarette smoking, alcohol consumption, tea drinking, and ginseng use), menstrual history, residential history, occupational history, and family history of cancer.

The Shanghai Men's Health Study (SMHS) is an ongoing population-based cohort study of 61,480 Chinese men who were aged between 40 and 74 years, were free of cancer at enrollment, and lived in urban Shanghai, China; 45,766 (74.4%) provided a blood samples. Recruitment for the SMHS was initiated in 2002 and completed in 2006. The self-administered questionnaire includes information on demographic characteristics, disease and surgery histories, personal habits (such as cigarette smoking, alcohol consumption, tea drinking, and ginseng use), residential history, occupational history, and family history of cancer.

Genotyping and imputation: Genomic DNA was extracted from buffy coats by using a Qiagen DNA purification kit (Valencia, CA) or Puregene DNA purification kit (Minneapolis, MN) according to the manufacturers' instructions and then used for genotyping assays. The GWAS genotyping was performed using the Affymetrix Genome-Wide Human SNP Array 6.0 (Affy6.0) platform or Illumina 660, following manufacturers' protocols. After sample quality control, we exclude SNPs with 1) MAF <0.01; 2) call rate <95%; 2) bad genotyping cluster; and 3) concordance rate <95% among duplicated QC samples. Genotypes were imputed using the program MACH (<http://www.sph.umich.edu/csg/abecasis/MACH/download/>), which determines the probable distribution of missing genotypes conditional on a set of known haplotypes, while simultaneously estimating the fine-scale recombination map. Phased autosome SNP data from HapMap Phase II Asians (release 22) were used as the reference. To test for associations between the imputed SNP data with BMI, linear regression (additive model) was used, in which SNPs were represented by the expected allele count, an approach that takes into account the degree of uncertainty of genotype imputation (<http://www.sph.umich.edu/csg/abecasis/MACH/download/>).

The lipid profiles were measured at Vanderbilt Lipid Laboratory. Total cholesterol, high-density lipoprotein (HDL) cholesterol, and triglycerides (TG) were measured using an ACE Clinical Chemistry System (Alfa Wassermann, Inc, West Caldwell, NJ). Low-density lipoprotein (LDL) cholesterol levels were calculated by using the Friedwald equation. The levels of LDL cholesterol were directly measured using an ACE Clinical Chemistry System for subjects with TG levels \geq 400 mg/dL. Fasting status was defined as an interval between the last meal and blood draw of 8 hours or longer.

TRAILS (Tracking Adolescents' Individual Lives Survey): TRAILS is a prospective cohort study of Dutch adolescents and young adults, with bi- or triennial measurements from age 11 onwards, which started in 2001. TRAILS consists of a general population and a clinical cohort (<https://www.trails.nl/en/home>). In the population cohort, six assessment waves have been completed to date, at mean ages 11.1 (SD = 0.6), 13.6 (SD = 0.5), 16.3 (SD = 0.7), 19.1 (SD = 0.6), 22.3 (SD = 0.6), and 25.8 (SD = 0.6). Data for the present study were collected in the population cohort only, during the third and fifth assessment waves. The study was approved by the Dutch Central Committee on Research Involving Human Subjects.

WHI (Women's Health Initiative): WHI is a long-term national health study that focuses on strategies for preventing common diseases such as heart disease, cancer and fracture in postmenopausal women. A total of 161,838 women aged 50–79 years old were recruited from 40 clinical centers in the US between 1993 and 1998. WHI consists of an observational study, two clinical trials of postmenopausal hormone therapy (HT, estrogen alone or estrogen plus progestin), a calcium and vitamin D supplement trial, and a dietary modification trial. Study recruitment and exclusion criteria have been described previously. Recruitment was done through mass mailing to age-eligible women obtained from voter registration, driver's license

and Health Care Financing Administration or other insurance lists, with emphasis on recruitment of minorities and older women. Exclusions included participation in other randomized trials, predicted survival < 3 years, alcoholism, drug dependency, mental illness and dementia. For the CT, women were ineligible if they had a systolic BP > 200 mm Hg or diastolic BP > 105 mm Hg, a history of hypertriglyceridemia or breast cancer. Study protocols and consent forms were approved by the IRB at all participating institutions. Socio-demographic characteristics, lifestyle, medical history and self-reported medications were collected using standardized questionnaires at the screening visit.

The genome wide association study (GWAS) non-overlapping samples are composed of a case-control study (WHI Genomics and Randomized Trials Network – GARNET, which included all coronary heart disease, stroke, venous thromboembolic events and selected diabetes cases that happened during the active intervention phase in the WHI HT clinical trials and aged matched controls), women selected to be "representative" of the HT trial (mostly younger white HT subjects that were also enrolled in the WHI memory study - WHIMS) and the WHI SNP Health Association Resource (WHI SHARe), a randomly selected sample of 8,515 African American and 3,642 Hispanic women from WHI. GWAS was performed using Affymetrix 6.0 (WHI-SHARe), HumanOmniExpressExome-8v1_B (WHIMS), Illumina HumanOmni1-Quad v1-0 B (GARNET). Extensive quality control (QC) of the GWAS data included alignment ("flipping") to the same reference panel, imputation to the 1000G data (using the recent reference panel - v3.20101123), identification of genetically related individuals, and computations of principal components (PCs) using methods developed by Price et al. (using EIGENSOFT software 53), and finally the comparison with self-reported ethnicity. After QC and exclusions from analysis protocol, the number of women included in analysis is 4,423 whites for GARNET, 5,202 white for WHIMS, 7,919 for SHARe African American and 3,377 for SHARe Hispanics.

YFS (The Cardiovascular Risk in Young Finns Study): The YFS is a population-based follow up-study started in 1980. The main aim of the YFS is to determine the contribution made by childhood lifestyle, biological and psychological measures to the risk of cardiovascular diseases in adulthood. In 1980, over 3,500 children and adolescents all around Finland participated in the baseline study. The follow-up studies have been conducted mainly with 3-year intervals. The latest 30-year follow-up study was conducted in 2010-11 (ages 33-49 years) with 2,063 participants. The study was approved by the local ethics committees (University Hospitals of Helsinki, Turku, Tampere, Kuopio and Oulu) and was conducted following the guidelines of the Declaration of Helsinki. All participants gave their written informed consent.

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