

Polygenic risk scores for complex diseases

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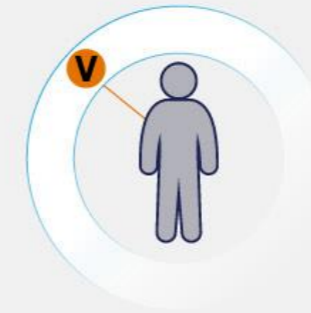
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Complex vs single gene diseases

Complex disease



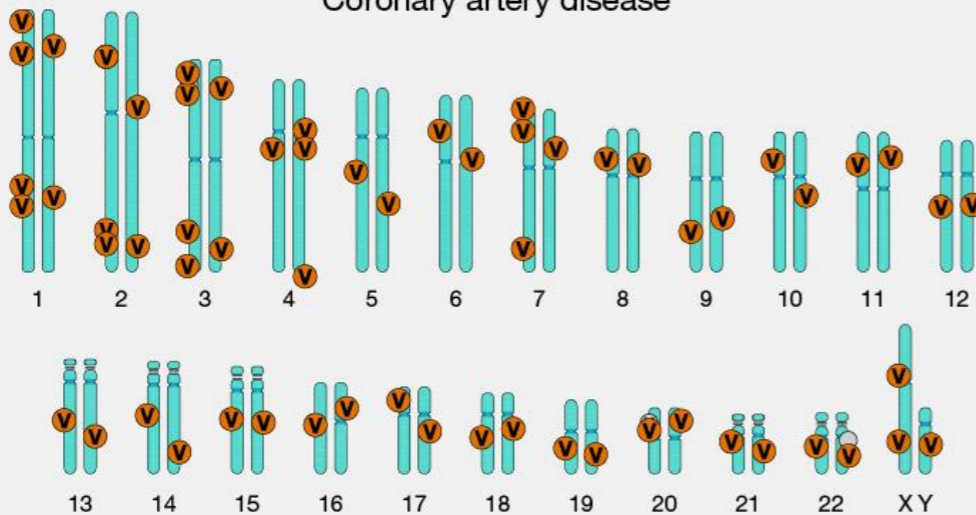
Single gene disease



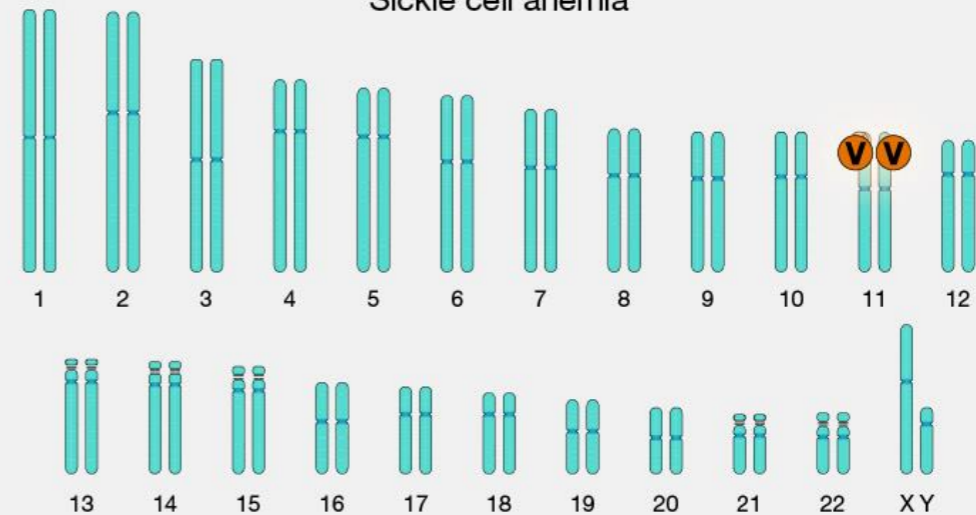
Many genomic variants (polygenic) interacting with environmental factors

One genomic variant involved

Coronary artery disease



Sickle cell anemia



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Control



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Association testing

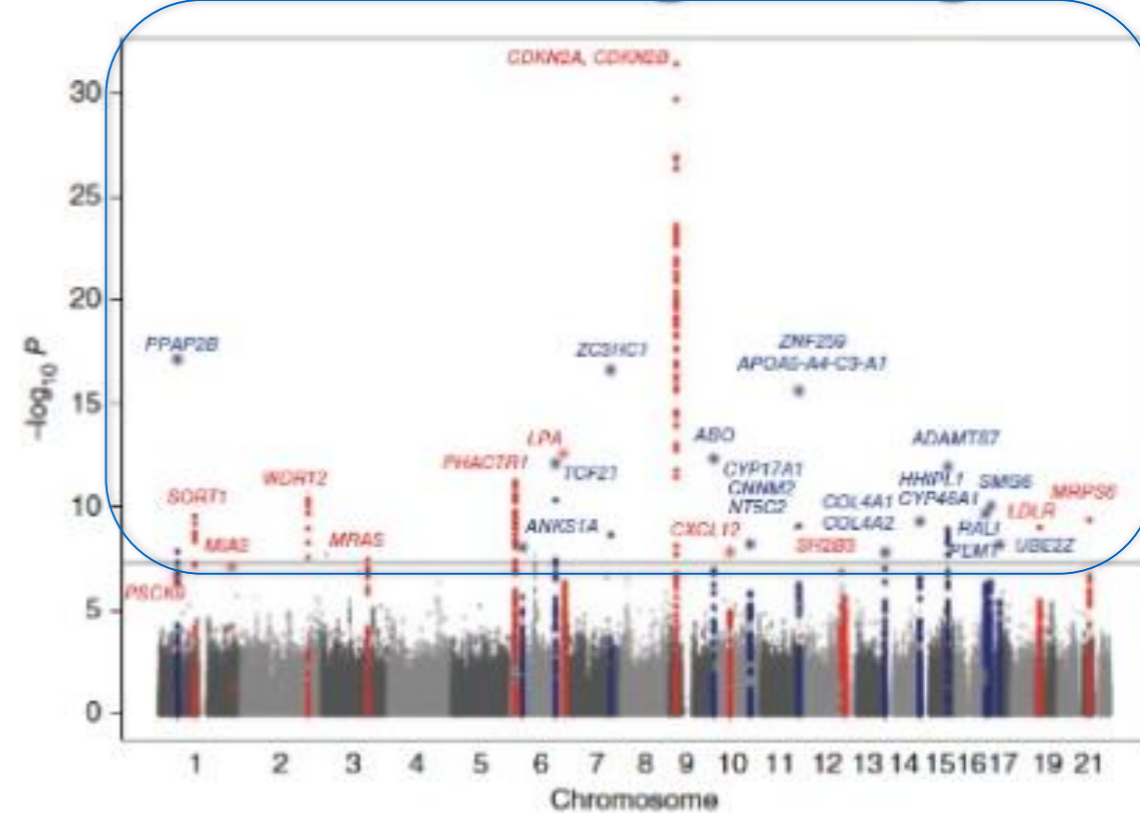
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$p \leq 5 \times 10^{-8}$ for 17 trait categories



Polygenic Risk Score

- Large GWAS studies
→ robust genetic variants associated with complex traits/diseases
- Cumulative effect of genetic variants in relation to trait/disease → polygenic risk score



$$PRS_j = \sum_i^N \beta_i * dosage_{ij}$$

'N'
polymorphisms



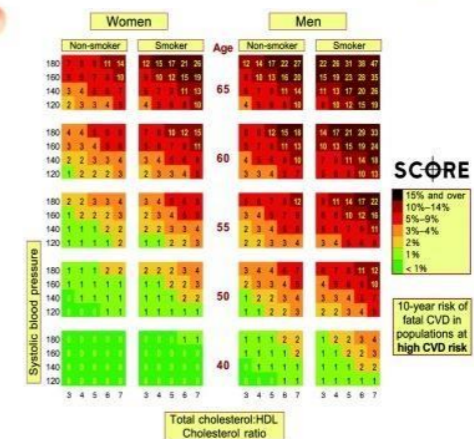
0, 1, or 2 copies
of the risk allele



Score ranging
from 0 to 2N
for each person

Risk prediction

- Risk prediction is widely used for clinical practice e.g. in cardiology
- Various risk scores have so far been developed



Genetic Risk Prediction — Are We There Yet?

Peter Kraft, Ph.D., and David J. Hunter, M.B., B.S., Sc.D., M.P.H.

A major goal of the Human Genome Project was to facilitate the identification of inherited genetic variants that increase or decrease the risk of complex diseases. The completion of the International HapMap Project and the development of new methods for genotyping individual DNA samples at 500,000 or more loci have led to a wave of discoveries through genomewide association studies. These analyses have identified common genetic variants that are associated with the risk of more than 40 diseases and human phenotypes. Several companies have begun offering direct-to-consumer testing that uses

tests of genetic predisposition to important diseases would have major clinical, social, and economic ramifications. But the greatest relative risks are almost certainly overrepresented in the first wave of findings from genomewide association studies. since

Genetic Cardiovascular Risk Prediction

Will We Get There?

George Thanassoulis, MD; Ramachandran S. Vasan, MD

Circulation 2010

Major advances in genetics, including the sequencing of the human genome in 2001^{1,2} and the publication of the HapMap in 2005,³ have paved the way for a revolution in our understanding of the genetics of complex diseases, including cardiovascular disease (CVD). A results and failure to replicate putations, high-throughput technology than 500 000 genetic markers (polymorphisms [SNPs]) and novel a virtual explosion of novel genetic complex human diseases. In the advances have been remarkably many novel genetic associations (MI) and cardiovascular risk factors pressure, diabetes, and obesity. A studies has always been to probe biology of CVD. However, a high these discoveries has been to use usher in a new era of personalized genetic information into risk pre

these factors, a number of risk prediction algorithm scores have been developed, including the Framingham risk score, that provide an estimate of the 10-year risk (and recently, the 30-year risk) of CVD.⁶⁻⁹ Generally speaking, the metrics

Clinical Utility of Genetic Variants for Cardiovascular Risk Prediction

A Futile Exercise or Insufficient Data?

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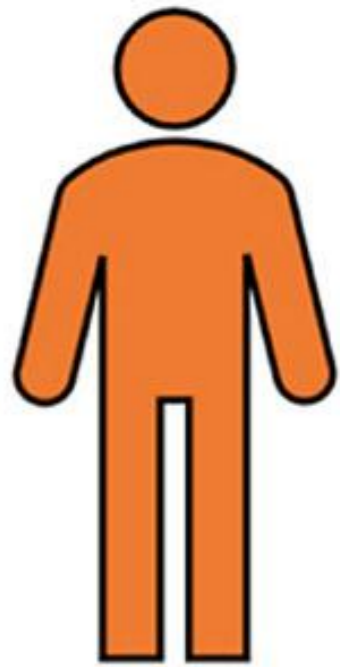
Estimation of an individual's cardiovascular disease (CVD) risk usually involves measurement of risk factors correlated with risk of CVD to identify people who may especially benefit from preventive action, such as lifestyle advice or pharmacologic agents.¹ Since the Framingham Risk Score was first developed, several other risk-prediction algorithms have been proposed, each involving a core set of the same established risk factors (ie, age, sex, smoking, blood pressure, and total cholesterol), but differing in their inclusion of various other characteristics (eg, ethnicity or presence of diabetes mellitus).² The challenge in recent years has been to improve existing CVD risk-prediction models by including additional information to the traditional risk factors generally included in risk scores. Several additional soluble biochemical factors have been advocated for inclusion, but contradictory evidence has been reported on the incremental predictive gain afforded by these markers, and there is divergence of expert opinion

Until a few years ago, genetic epidemiologic studies of CVD were predominantly candidate gene studies involving focused investigation of relatively few genetic variants based on plausible biological hypotheses. Many of these studies had anticipated identification of variants that are common in populations with moderate-to-large effects on disease risk. However, the combination of the low prior odds of the variants selected for study, inadequate power (ie, small sample size), and overliberal declarations of significance, resulted in the reporting of many seemingly positive findings that remain unreplicated or directly refuted.⁷ In recent years, genome-wide association studies (GWAS) have demonstrated that so-called hypothesis-free global-testing methods can advance discovery and understanding of genetic variants in relation to chronic

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our knowledge of the genetic architecture of vascular disease,

Familial combined hyperlipidemia



~ 1 in 50
people

Polygenic
Co-morbidities
Environment

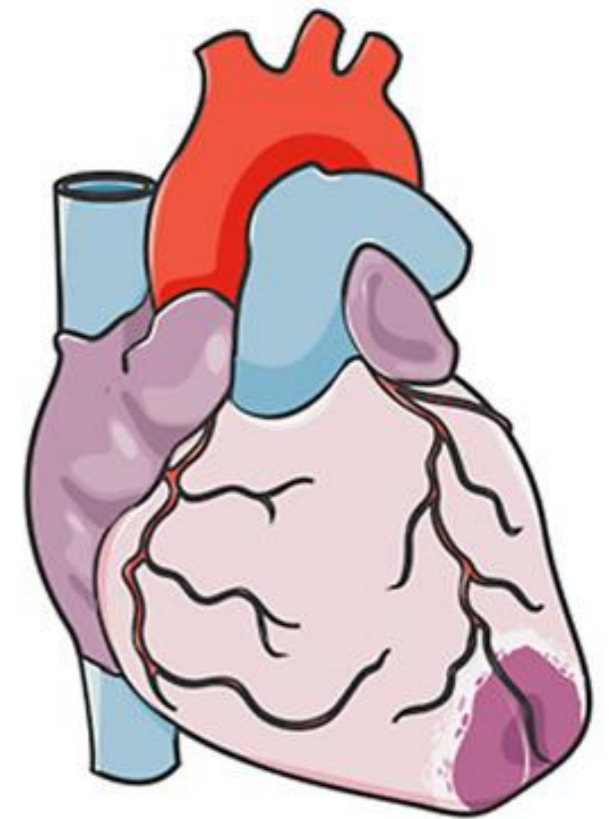
Familial hypercholesterolemia



~ 1 in 300
people

Monogenic

Similar high risk
of coronary artery
disease



Genome-wide polygenic scores for common diseases identify individuals with risk equivalent to monogenic mutations

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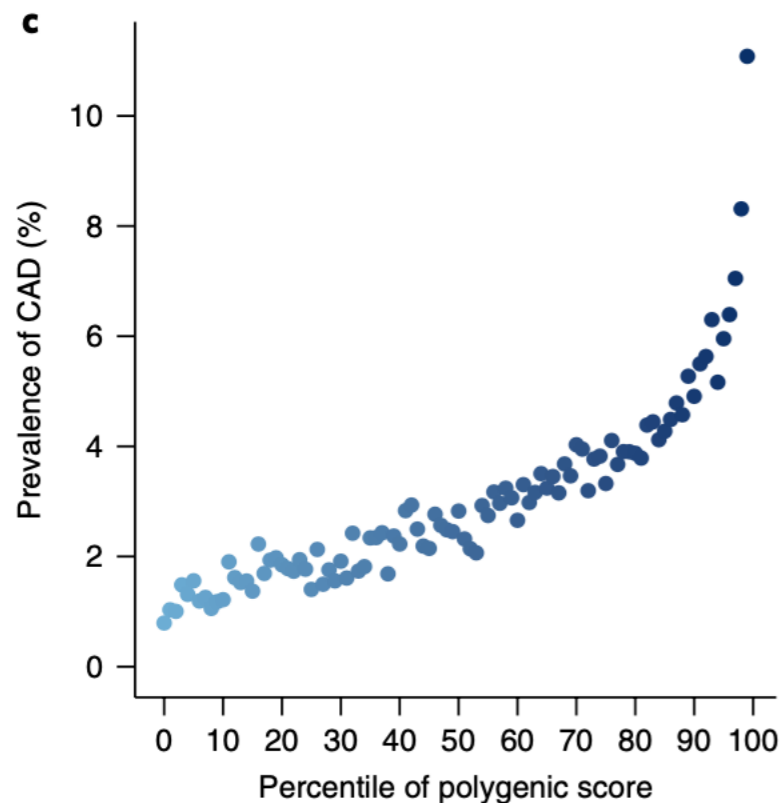
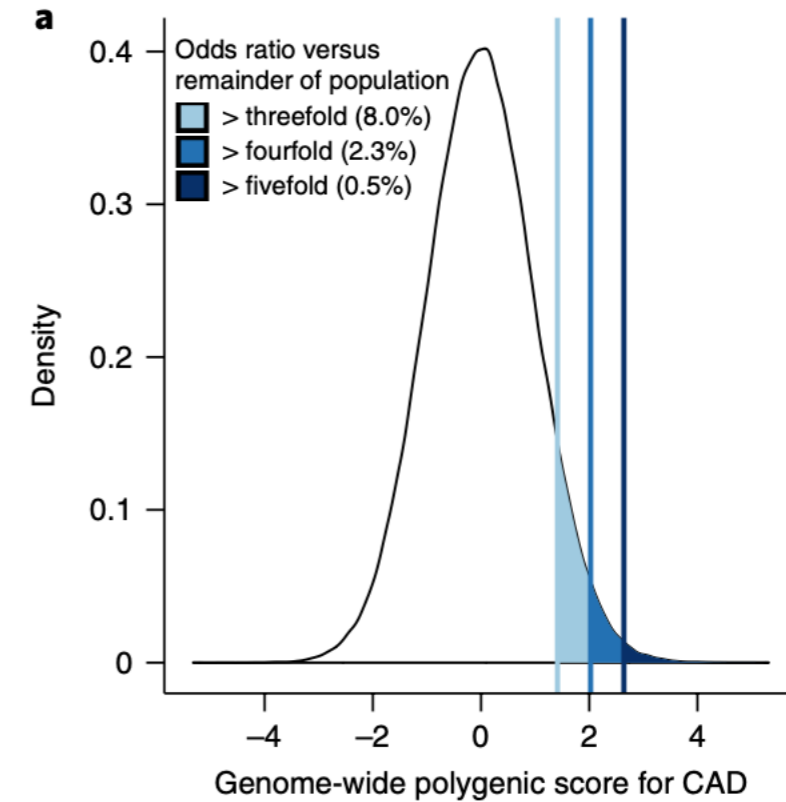


Table 2 | Proportion of the population at three-, four- and fivefold increased risk for each of the five common diseases

High GPS definition	Individuals in testing dataset (n)	% of individuals
Odds ratio ≥ 3.0		
CAD	23,119/288,978	8.0
Atrial fibrillation	17,627/288,978	6.1
Type 2 diabetes	10,099/288,978	3.5
Inflammatory bowel disease	9,209/288,978	3.2
Breast cancer	2,369/157,895	1.5
Any of the five diseases	57,115/288,978	19.8

What has changed?

- 2005-2007: Initial GWAS for complex diseases
- 2008-2010: Proof of concept for polygenic risk scores but limited utility
- 2010-2018: Common variants explain majority of disease heritability
- 2018: Ability to identify clinically meaningful increases in risk

- Large GWAS → increases precision for effect estimates
- Algorithms to combine large sets of variants
- Large biobanks for validation and testing

Huge data resources



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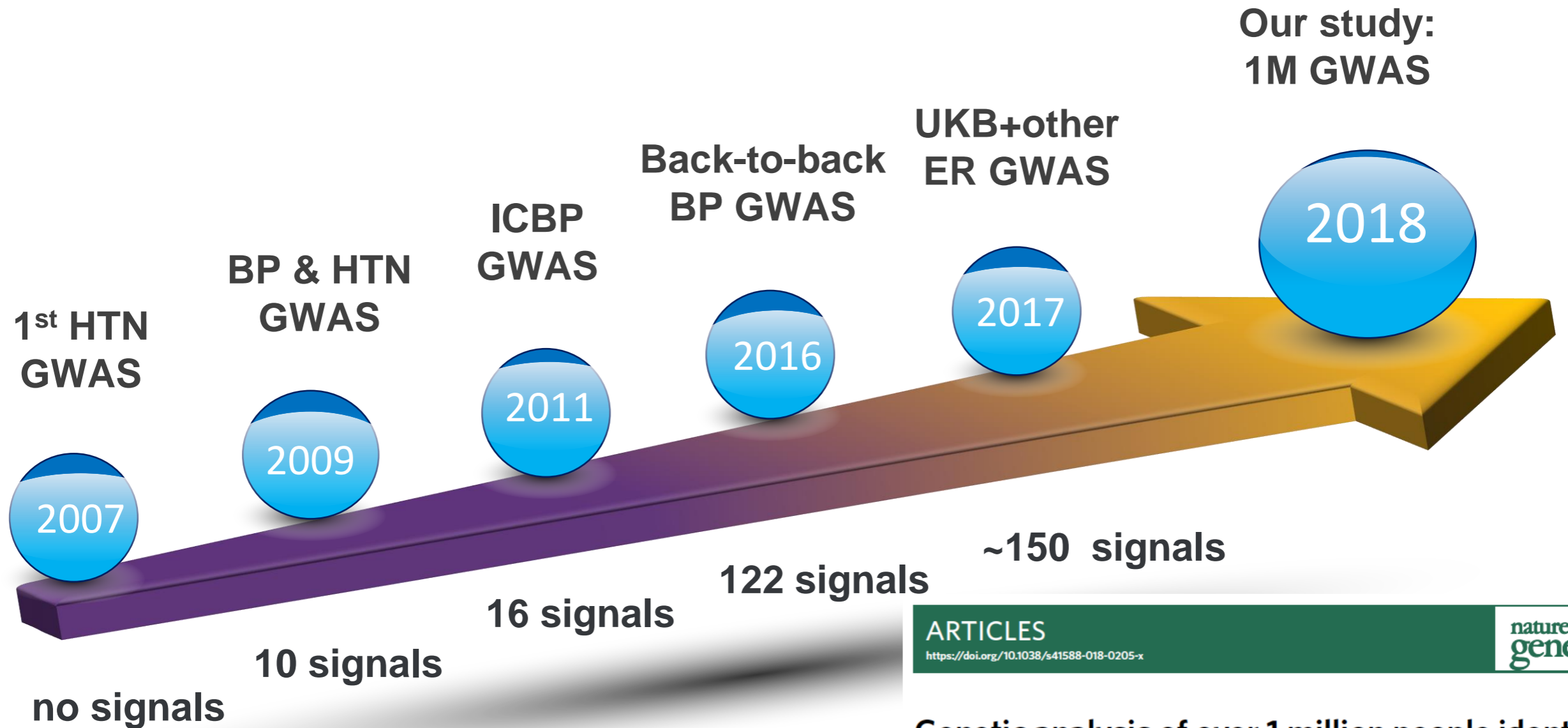
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Tailor-made Medical Treatment Program
(BioBank Japan: BBJ)



Unravelling the genetic architecture of BP



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Genetic analysis of over 1 million people identifies 535 new loci associated with blood pressure traits

High blood pressure is a highly heritable and modifiable risk factor for cardiovascular disease. We report the largest genetic association study of blood pressure traits (systolic, diastolic and pulse pressure) to date in over 1 million people of European ancestry. We identify 535 novel blood pressure loci that not only offer new biological insights into blood pressure regulation but also highlight shared genetic architecture between blood pressure and lifestyle exposures. Our findings identify new biological pathways for blood pressure regulation with potential for improved cardiovascular disease prevention in the future.

Evangelou E et al. Nat Genet; 50(10):1412-1425

Analysis

Systolic BP

Diastolic BP

Pulse Pressure

Adjust for medication use: +15 mmHg and 10mmHg to mean SBP and DBP
PP=SBP-DBP

Two-stage analysis

Follow-up SNPs with $P < 1 \times 10^{-6}$ for any BP trait
(with concordant direction of effect for UKB vs ICBP)

Independent Replication meta-analysis

→ Lookups of sentinel SNPs
in MVP (N=220,520) and EGCUT (N=28,742)
→ combined meta-analysis (N=1,006,863)

- (i) genome-wide significant ($P < 5 \times 10^{-8}$) in combined meta
- (ii) $P < 0.01$ in replication meta-analysis
- (iii) concordant direction of effect discovery vs replication

One-stage analysis

Follow-up SNPs with $P < 5 \times 10^{-9}$ for any BP trait
(with concordant direction of effect for UKB vs ICBP)

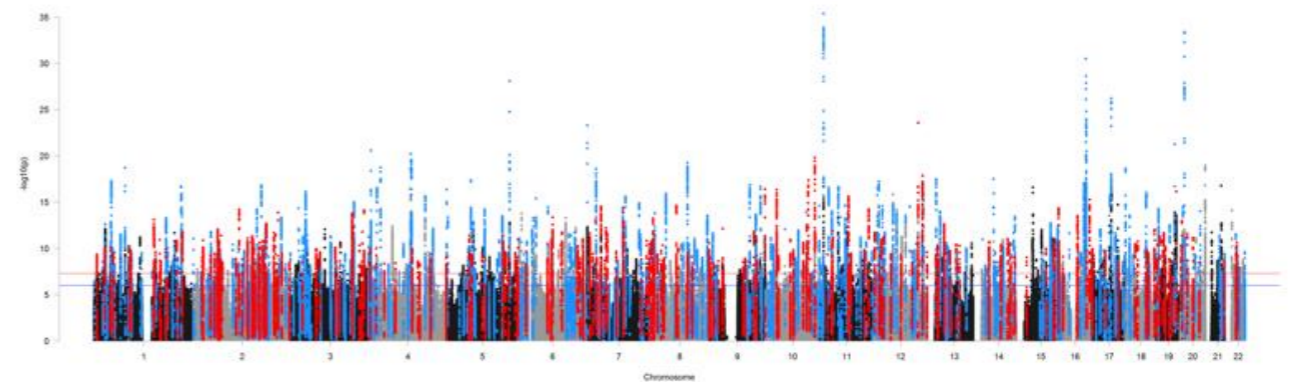
→ UKB-ICBP Internal Replication
of sentinel SNPs

- (i) $P < 0.01$ in UKB GWAS
- (ii) $P < 0.01$ in ICBP GWAS meta-analysis

Secondary analyses of identified signals

Summary results

- **535** novel loci identified
- **92** loci replicated for first time within 2-stage design
- Support for all **274** previously published loci
- **163** independent secondary signals from conditional analysis

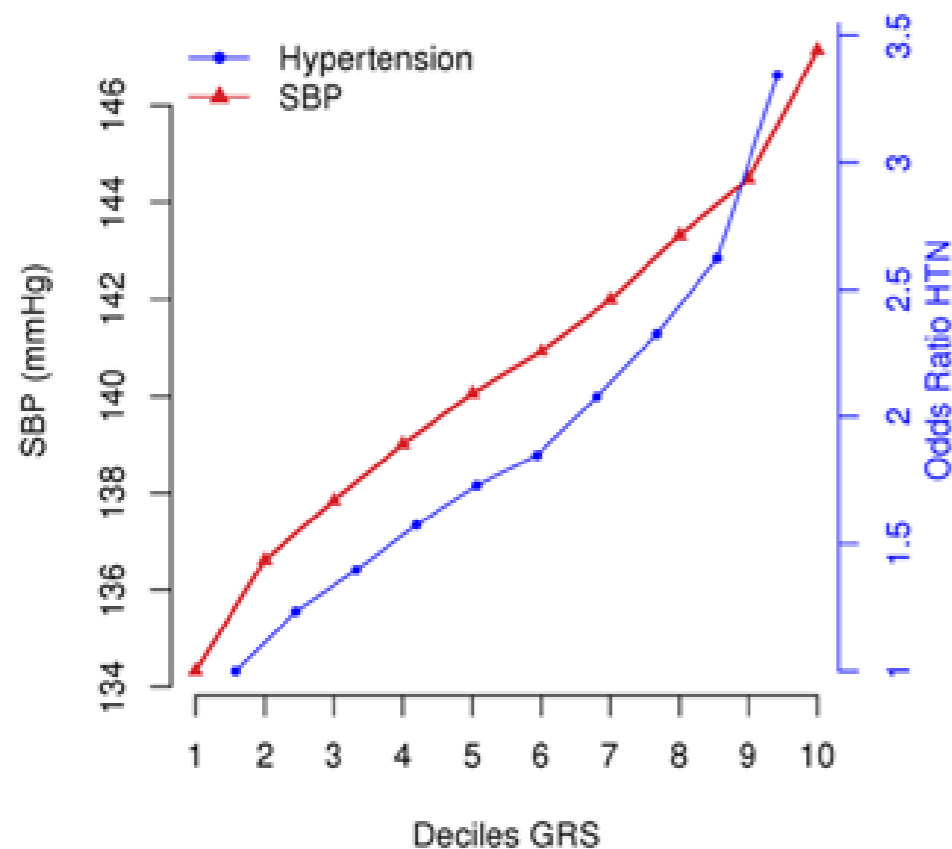


Now, over 1,000 independent BP signals

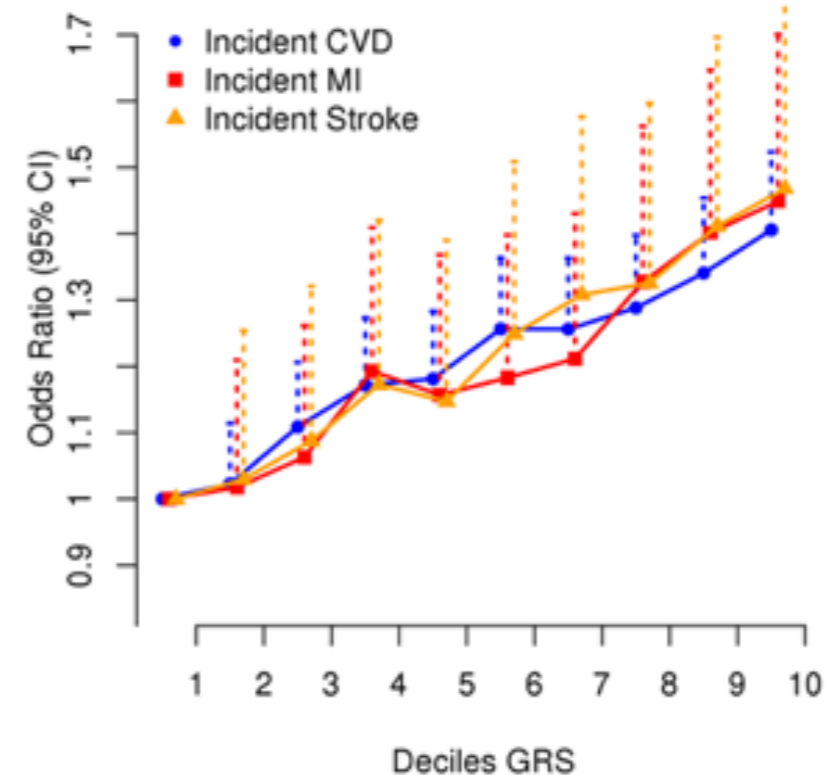
Polygenic Risk Scores

We calculated wPRS combining all novel and published BP loci in UKB (N~390K) and an independent cohort (Airwave: N~14K)

Risks for SBP, HTN and CVD were calculated comparing top vs bottom 10% of GRS



Increase of 12.85 mmHg ($P < 1 \times 10^{-300}$)
OR=3.34 for HTN ($P < 1 \times 10^{-300}$)
In unrelated UKB samples



Increased risk (OR=1.52; $P = 7.7 \times 10^{-6}$) of all cardiovascular (CVD) outcomes in UKB HES data

Risk prediction for CVD in general populations

Prevention strategies currently based on well established risk prediction models

Risk Factors for ASCVD

Gender	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Male <input type="radio"/> Female	Systolic BP	<input type="text"/> mmHg
Age	<input type="text"/> years	Receiving treatment for high blood pressure (if SBP > 120 mmHg)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
Race	White or other ▾	Diabetes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
Total Cholesterol	<input type="text"/> mg/dL	Smoker	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
HDL Cholesterol	<input type="text"/> mg/dL		

Genetic risk prediction in CVD

- We now know hundreds of genetic variants that influence disease risk
- Can they be useful in disease risk prediction?

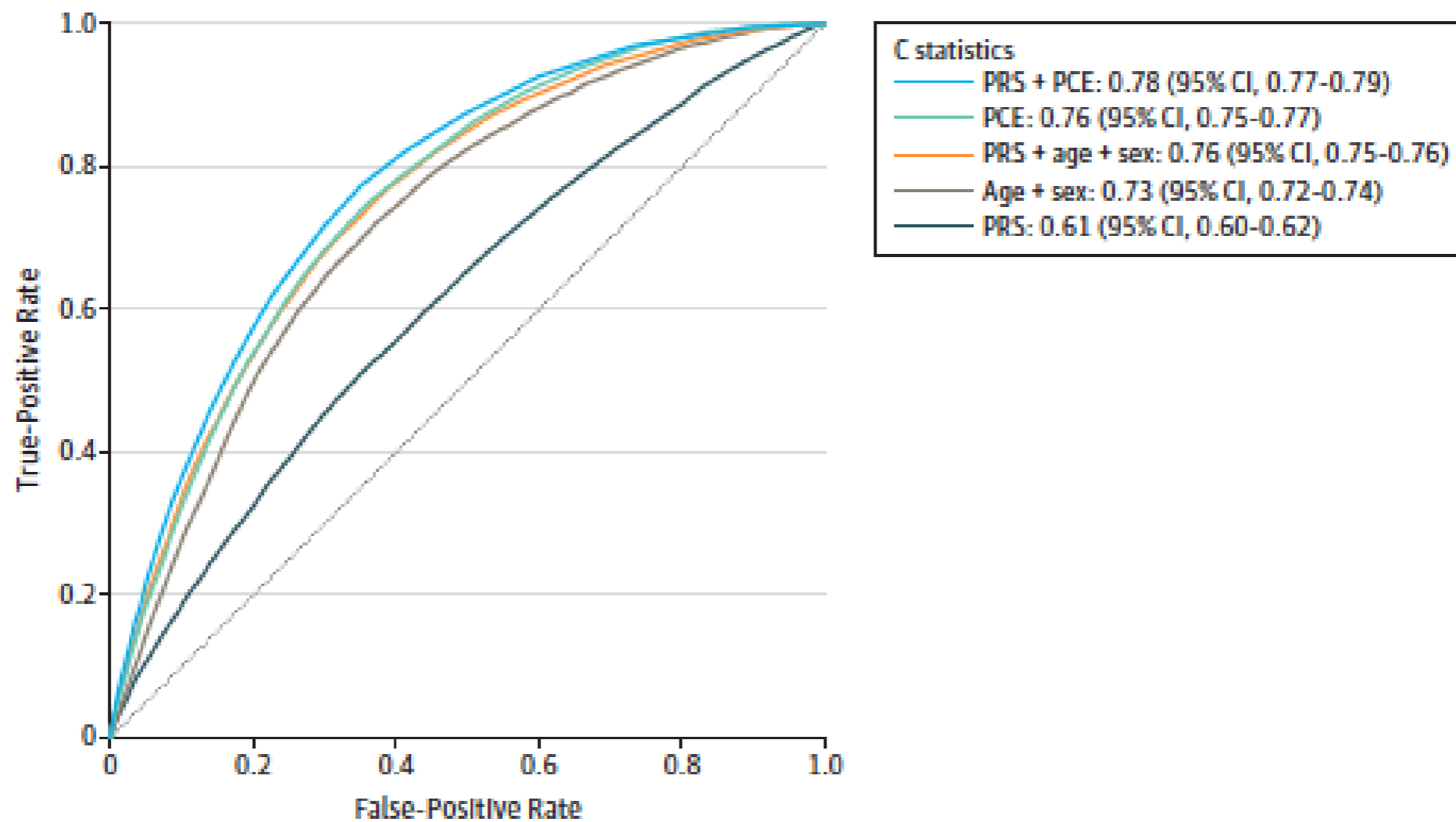
Predictive Accuracy of a Polygenic Risk Score-Enhanced Prediction Model vs a Clinical Risk Score for Coronary Artery Disease

Joshua Elliott, MBBS, MSc; Barbara Bodinier, MSc; Tom A. Bond, MBBS; Marc Chadeau-Hyam, PhD; Evangelos Evangelou, PhD; Karel G. M. Moons, PhD; Abbas Dehghan, MD, PhD; David C. Muller, PhD; Paul Elliott, MBBS, PhD; Ioanna Tzoulaki, PhD

JAMA | Original Investigation

PRS and pooled cohorts equation

Figure 3. Receiver Operator Characteristic Curves and C Statistics for Different Models in Cohort Analyses of 352 660 Participants Aged 40 to 69 Years Old Over a Mean of 8 Years of Follow-up With 6272 Incident Coronary Artery Disease (CAD) Events





Your genes



Your environment & lifestyle



YOU!

Genetic Predisposition to High Blood Pressure and Lifestyle Factors

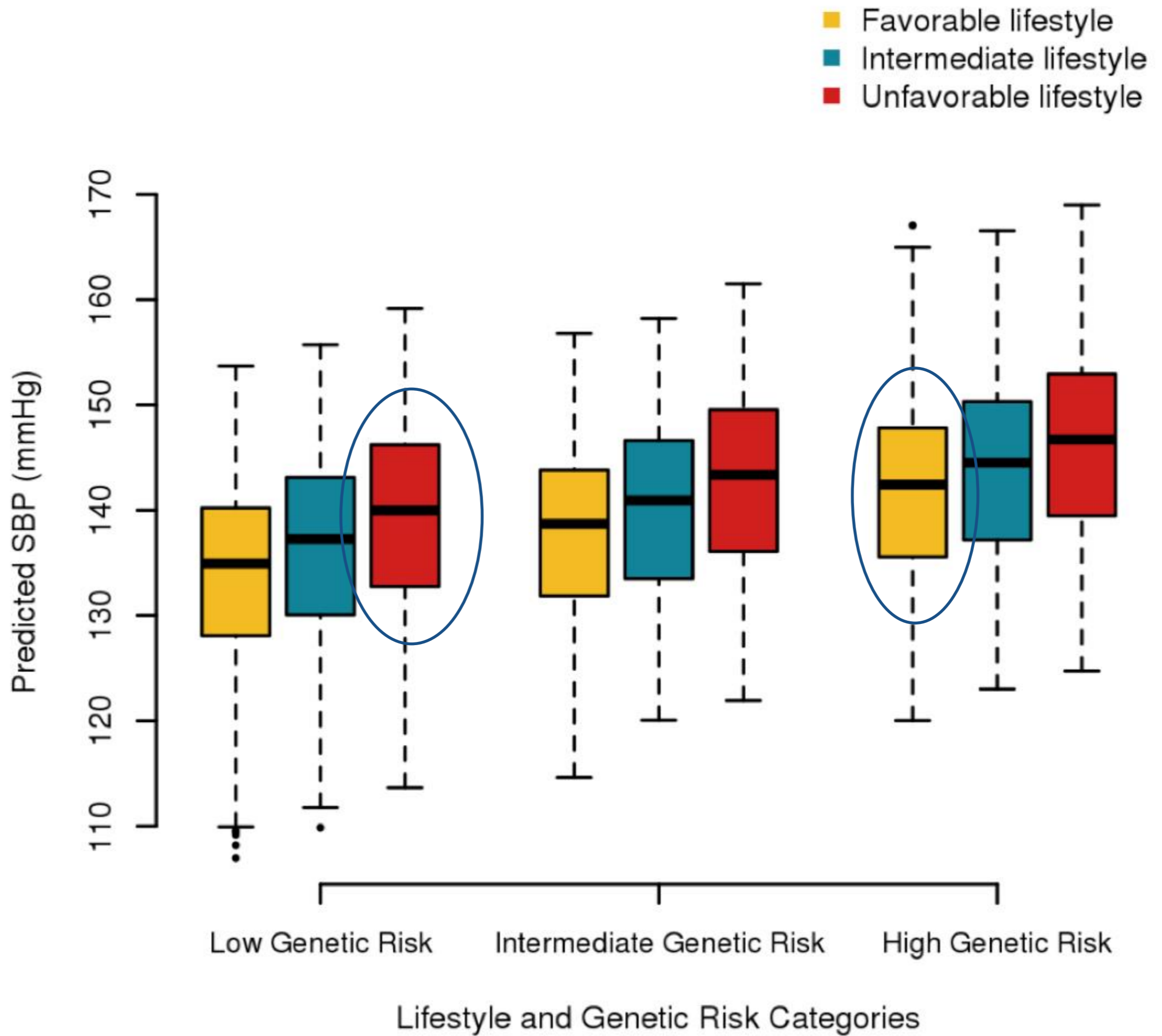
Associations With Midlife Blood Pressure Levels and Cardiovascular Events

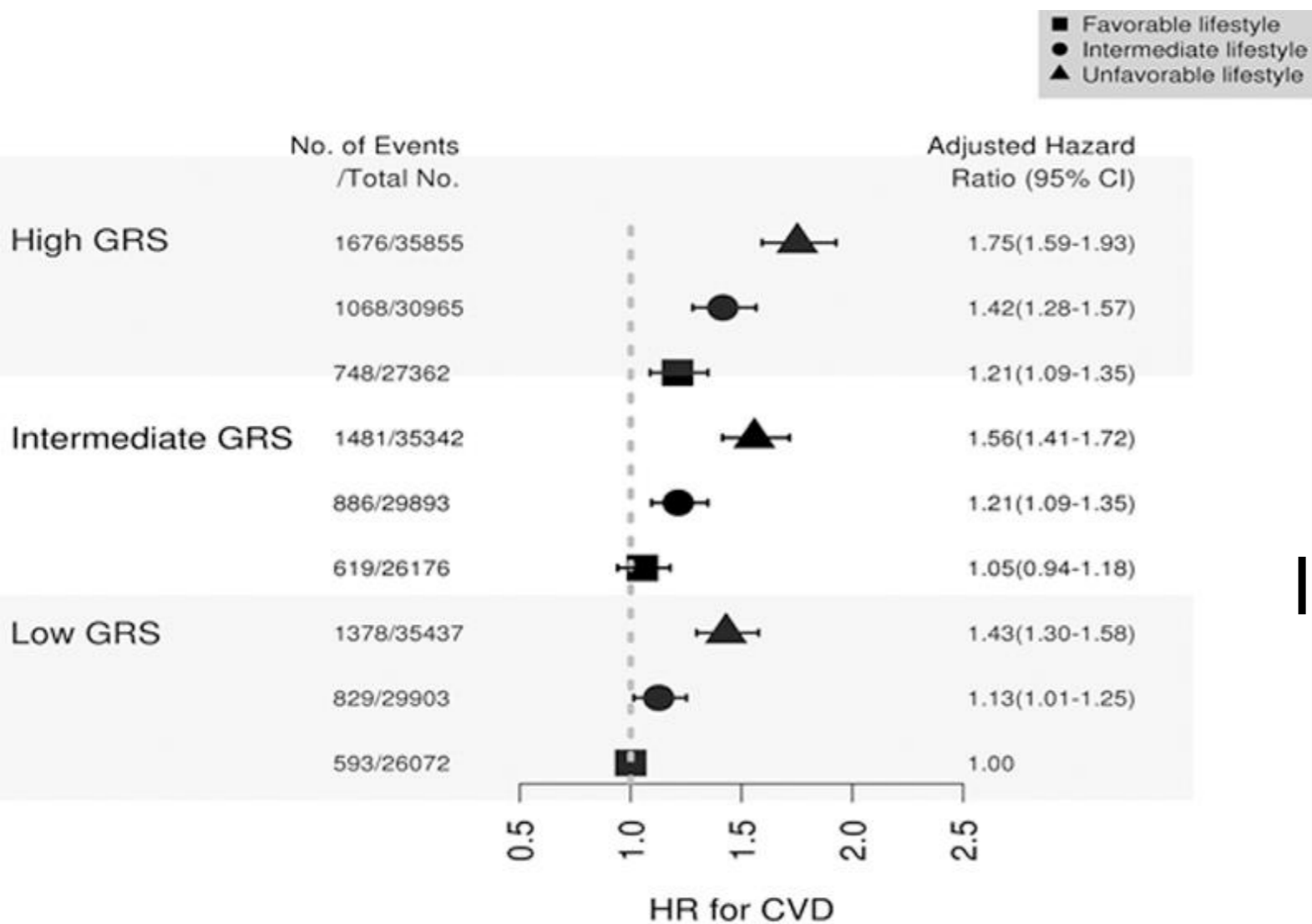


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Aim: To investigate the extent to which lifestyle factors could offset the effect of an adverse BP genetic profile and its effect on CVD risk





30%, 31% AND 33%
modification benefit
between favorable and
unfavorable lifestyle at
low, intermediate and high
genetic risk



The Polygenic Score (PGS) Catalog

An open database of polygenic scores and the relevant metadata required for accurate application and evaluation.



Examples: [breast cancer](#), [glaucoma](#), [BMI](#), [EFO_0001645](#)

Explore the Data

In the current PGS Catalog you can **browse** the scores and metadata through the following categories:

Polygenic Scores

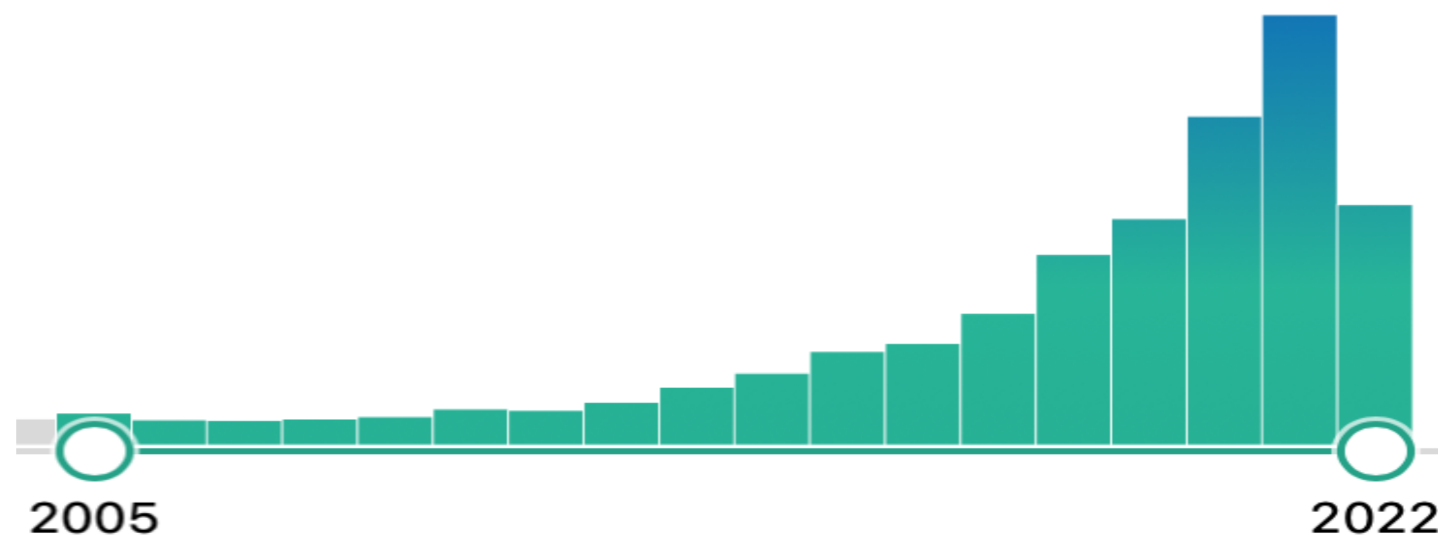
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Traits

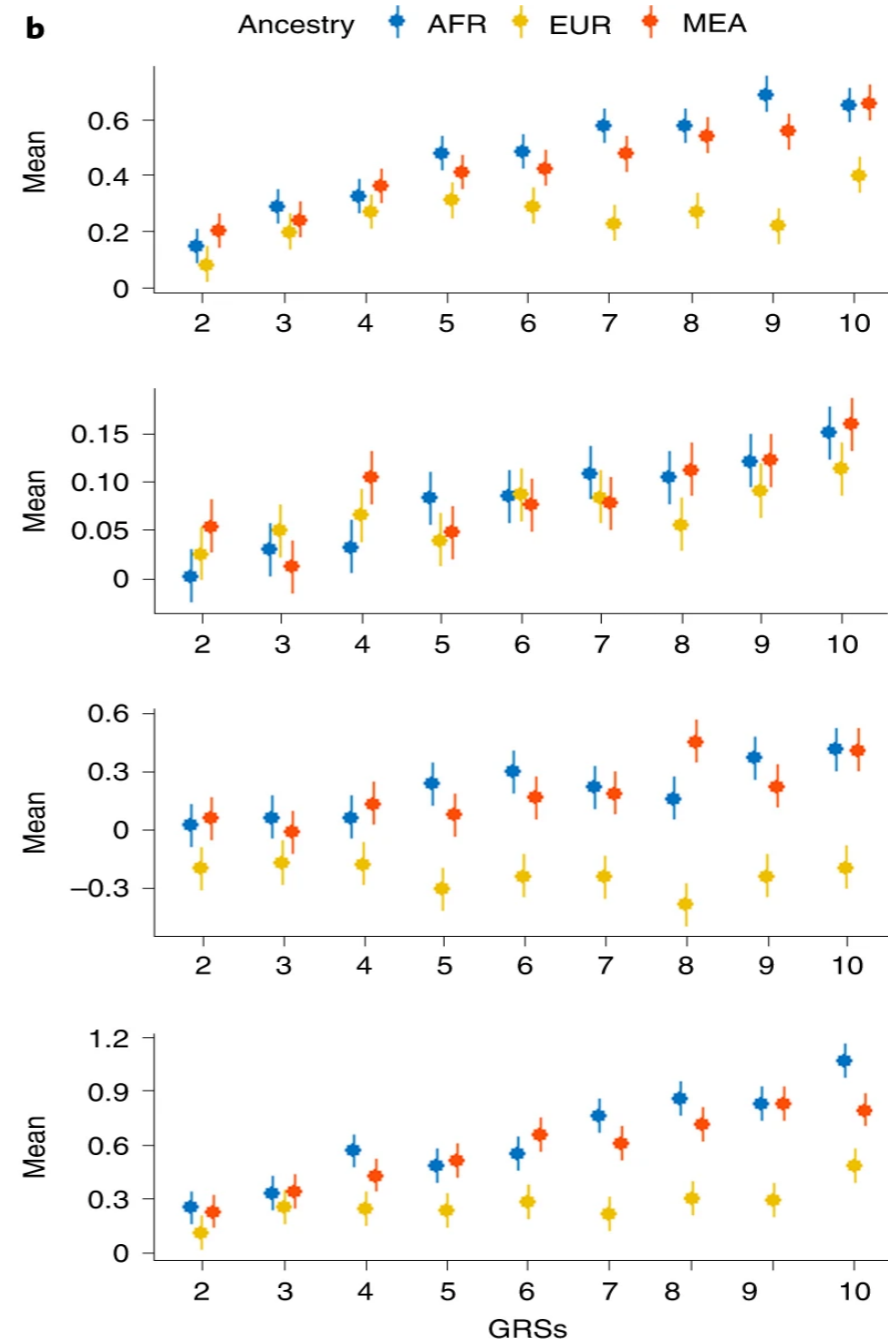
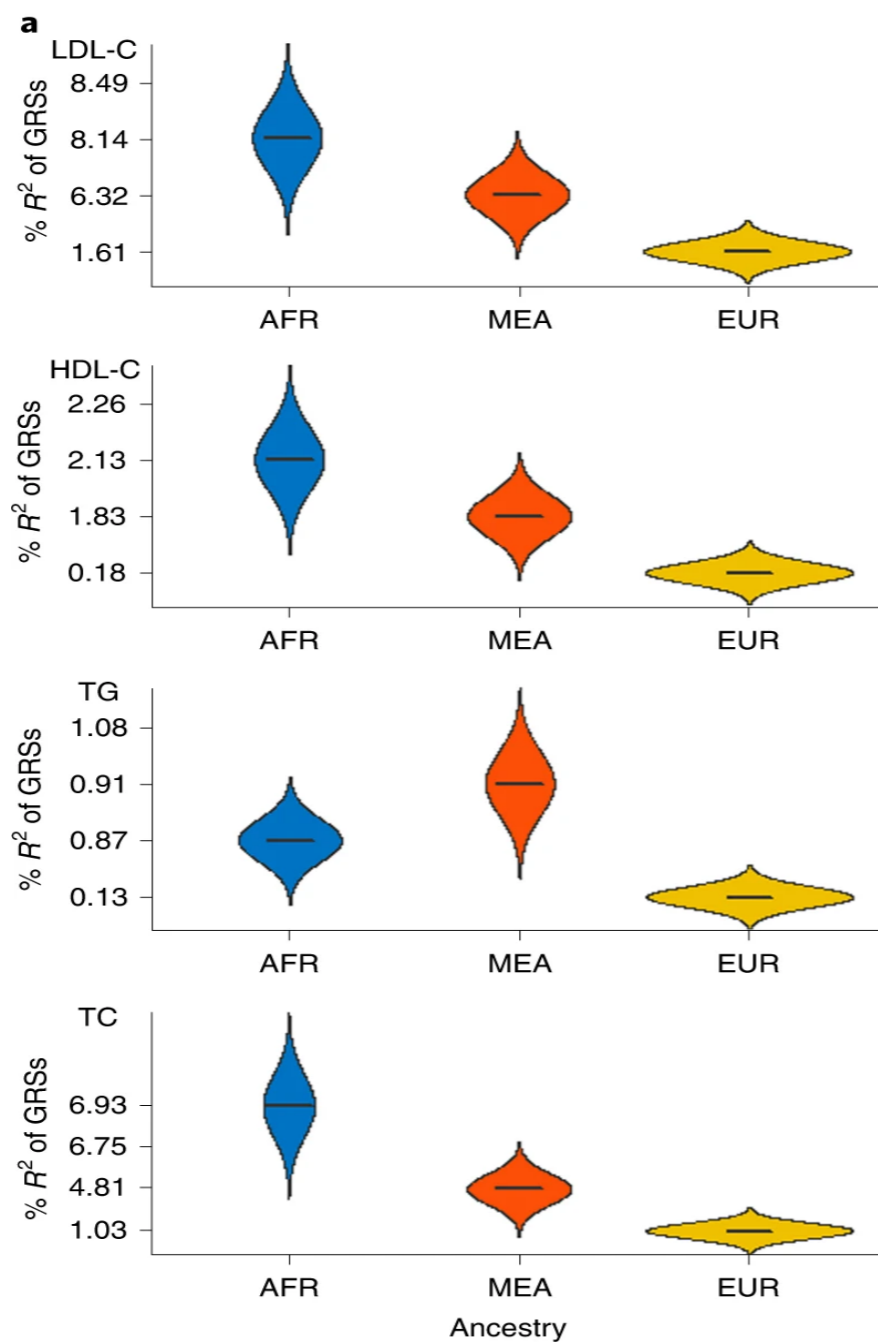
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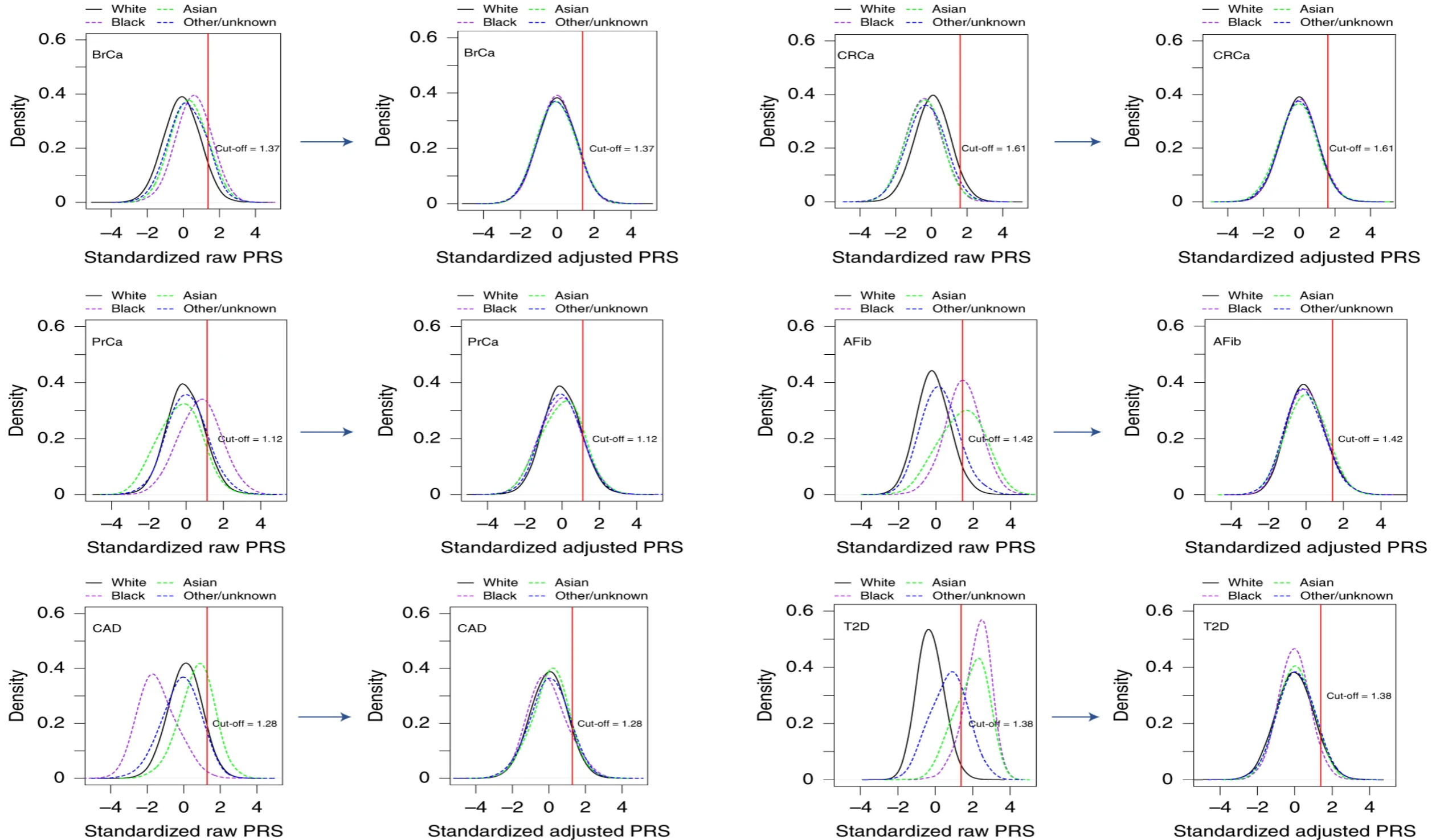
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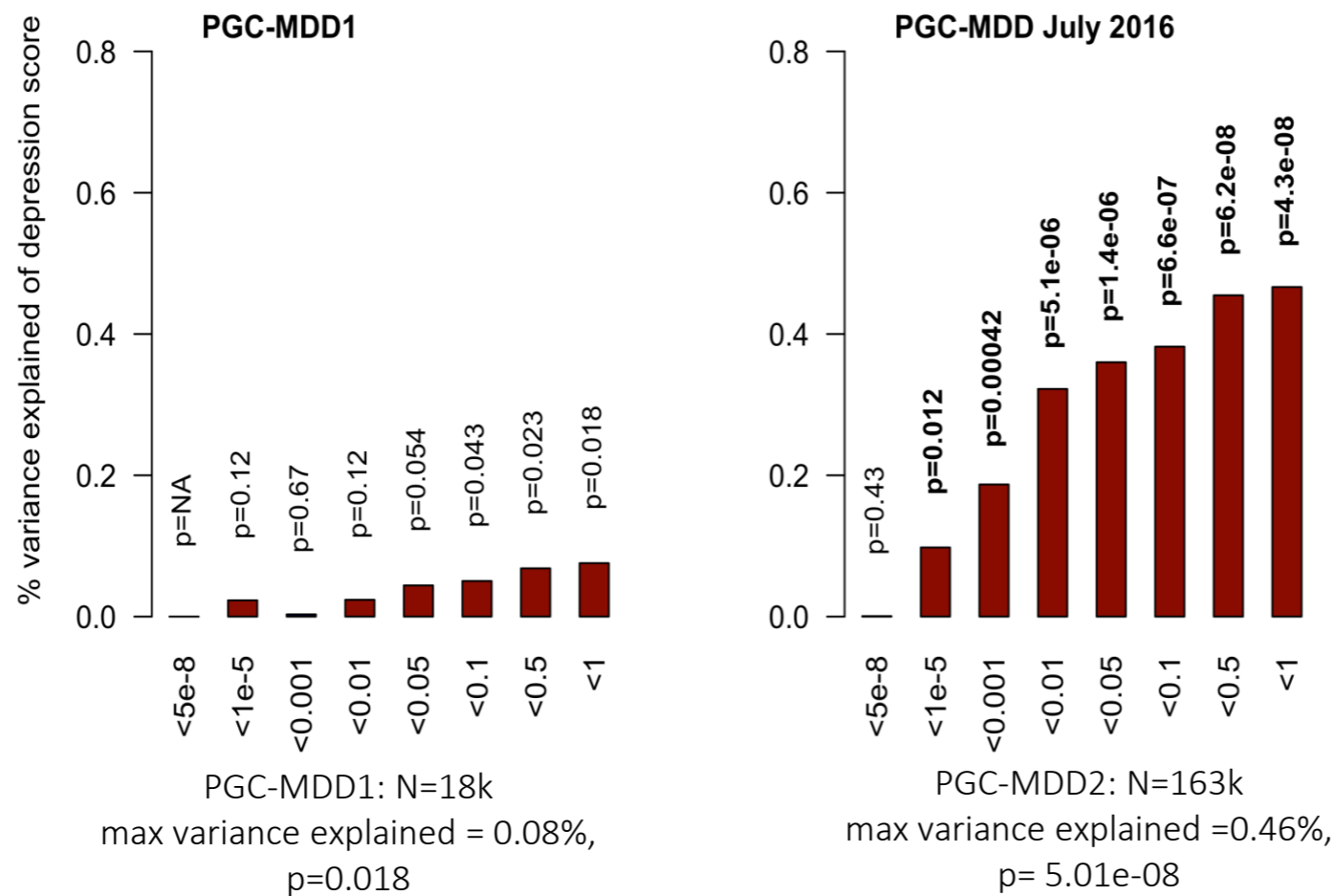
Transferability of PRS in other ancestries



PRS by reported race before and after adjustment for population structure



Power of PRS analysis increases with GWAS sample size

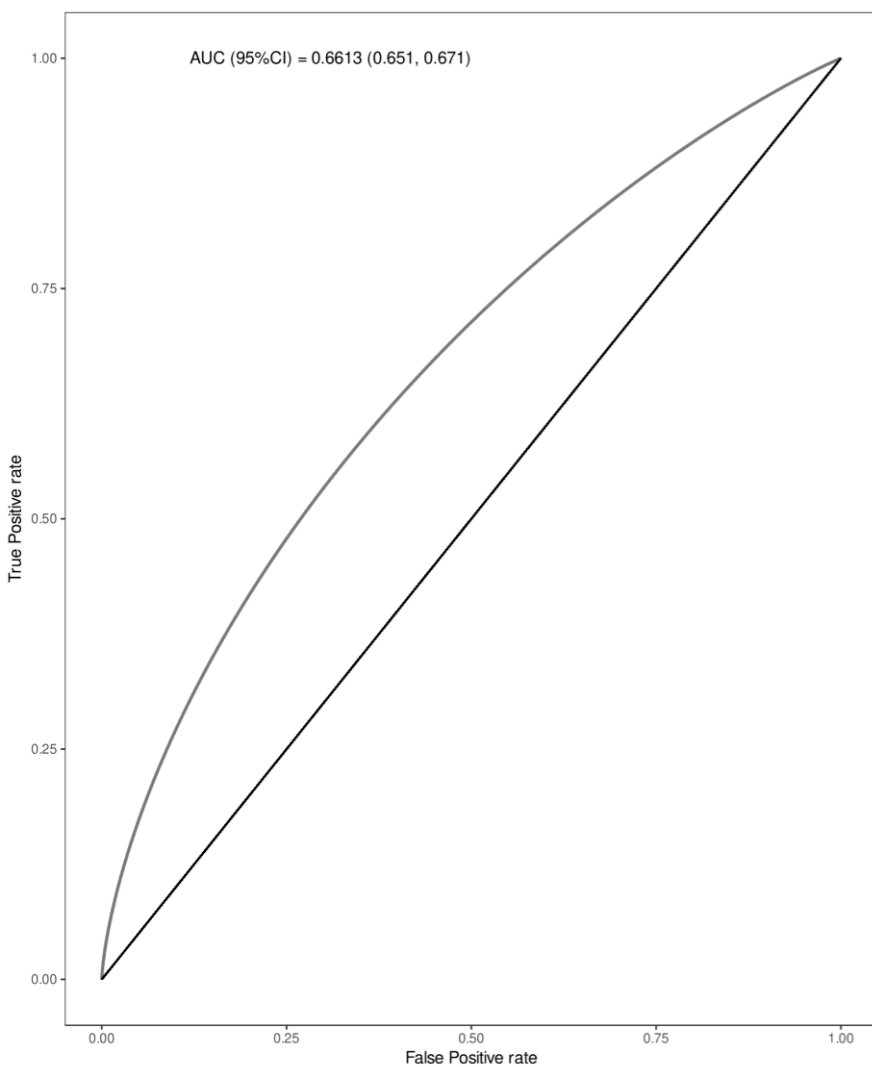


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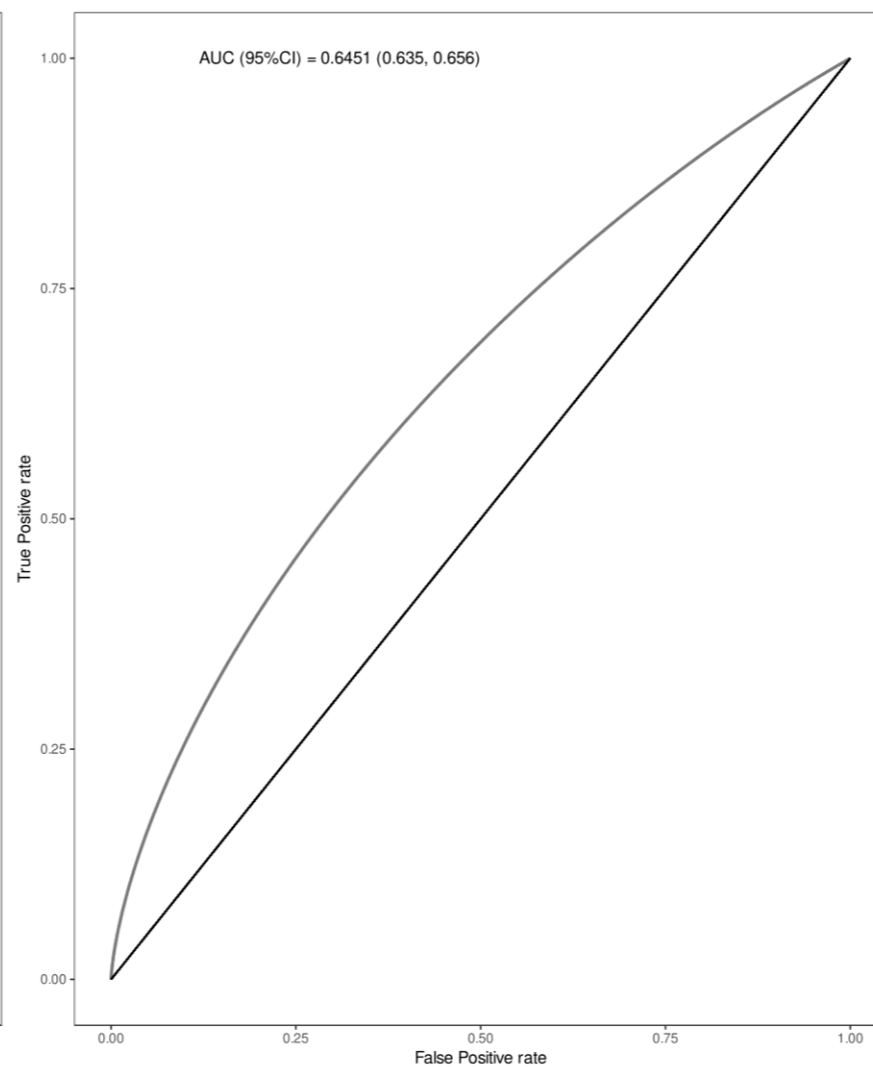
Preliminary work

- Application of European-based PRS to other populations
- Methods for PRS derived from multivariate analysis
- PRS for various traits and diseases
 - We proposed first GRS for melanoma
- PRS and lifestyle factors
- Drug-related PRS/Network-related PRS

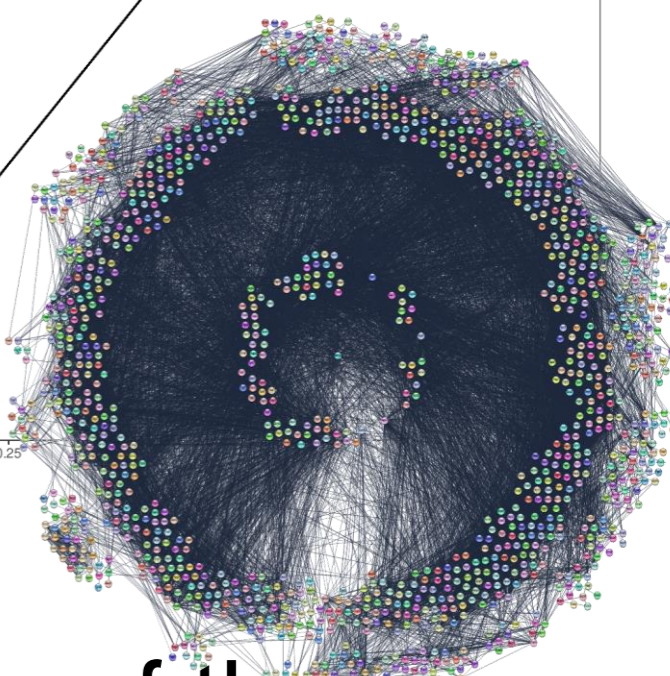
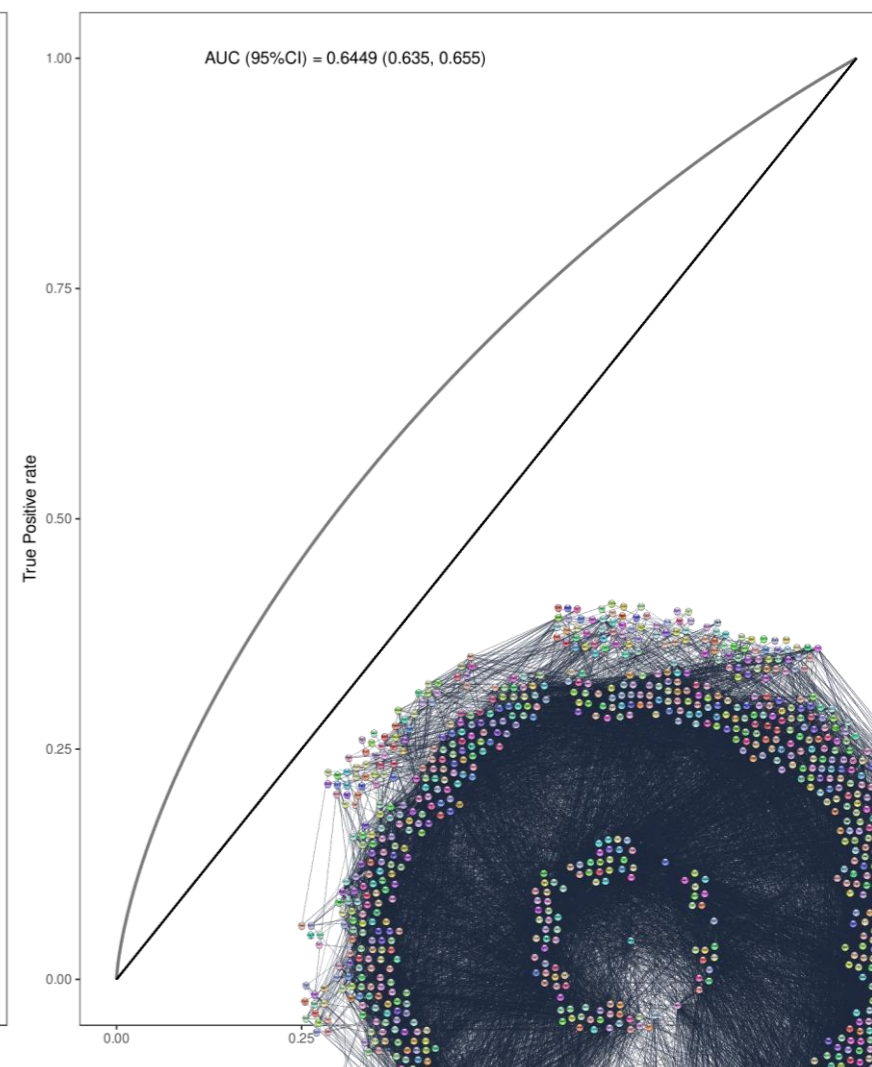
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$P \leq 5 \times 10^{-8}$, $n_{\text{SNPs}} = 18987$



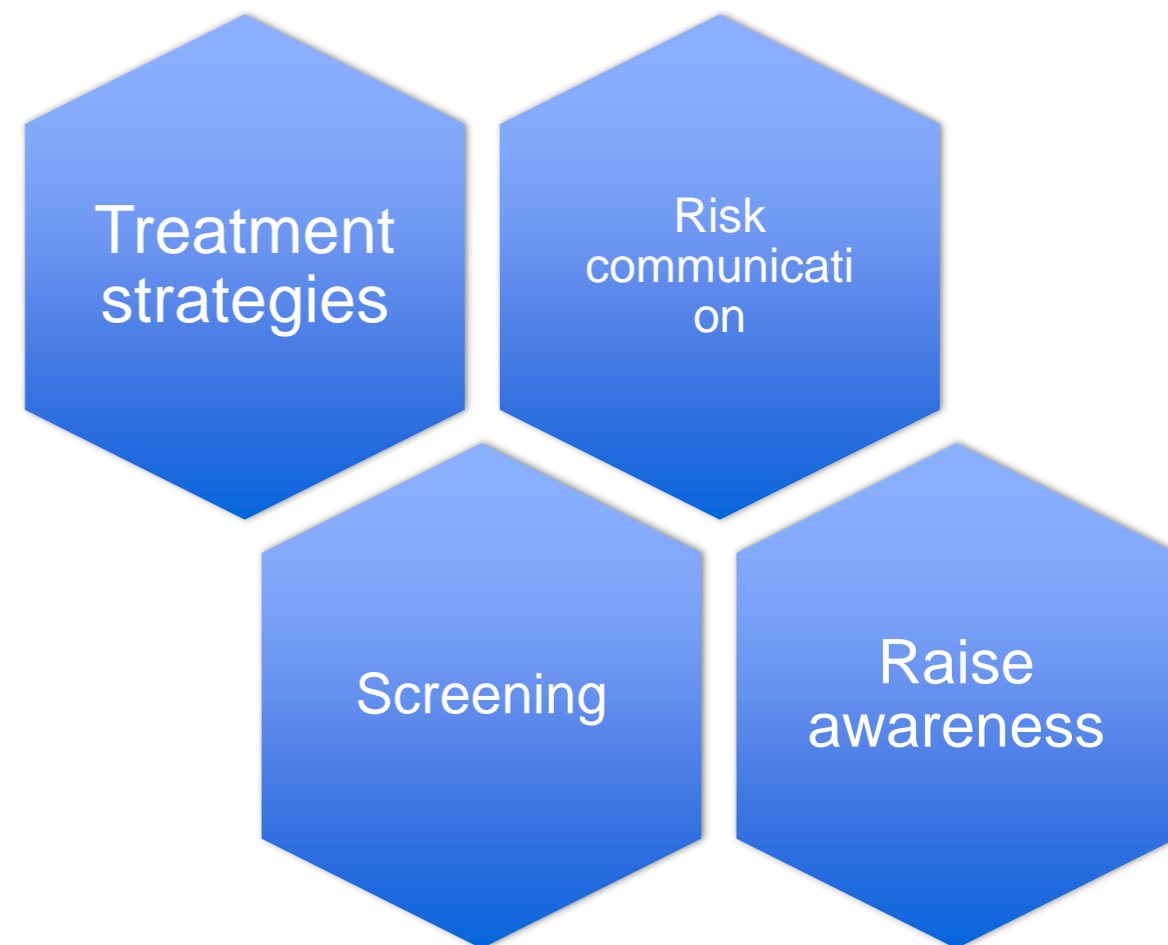
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Protein-Protein Interaction of the 1575 PSORS-interacting genes

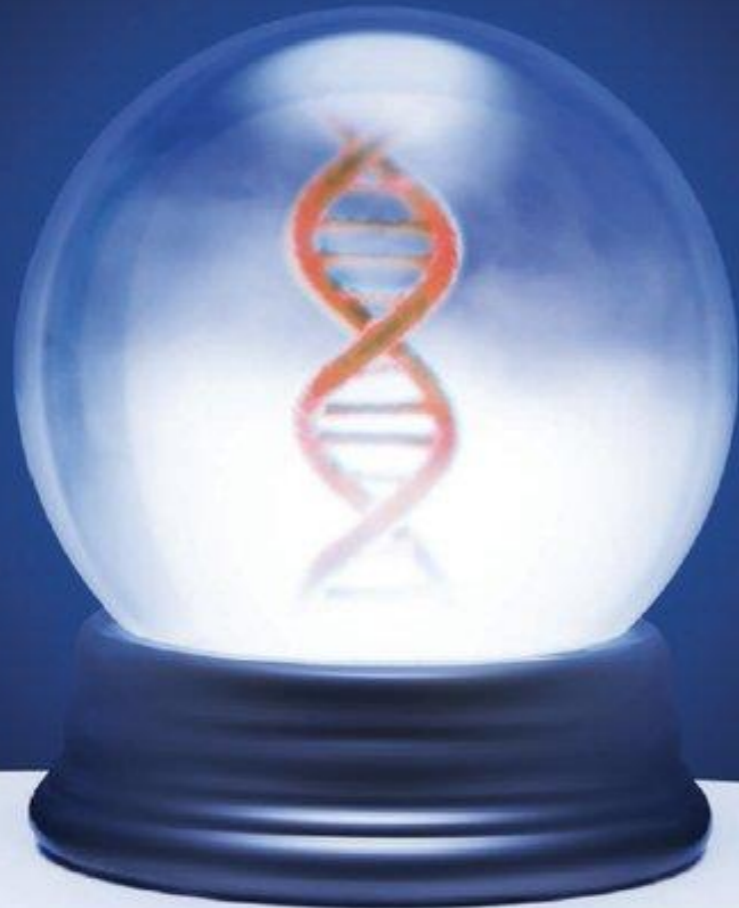
Polygenic risk scores in disease risk prediction

- ✓ Genetic variants are set at birth → attractive predictors of disease
- ✓ No measurement error, early information, inexpensive and easily obtained
- ❖ Association with disease often modest, limited predictive power
- ❖ Only useful when there are preventive strategies/ screening/treatment
- ❖ Non-modifiable



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earbuds

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quantum leap

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natural gas

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and

Genetic
fortune-
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Forecasts of genetic fate just got a lot more accurate

DNA-based scores are getting better at predicting intelligence, risks for common diseases, and more.

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