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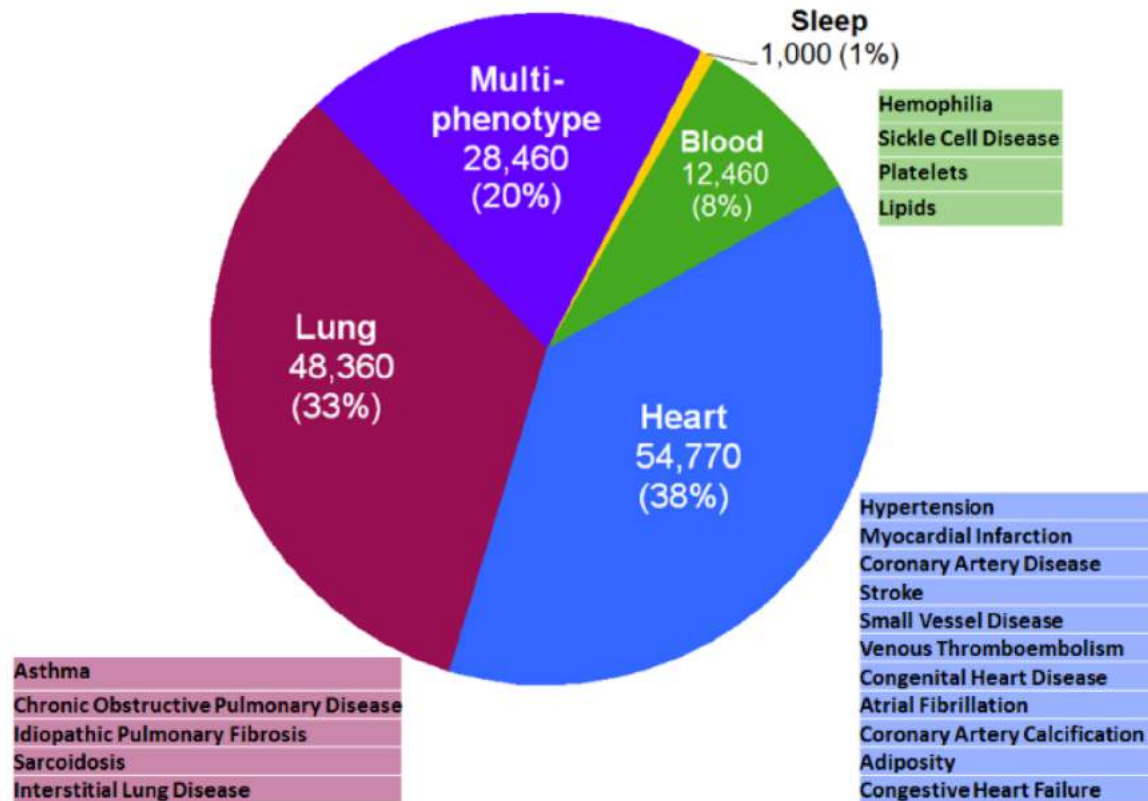
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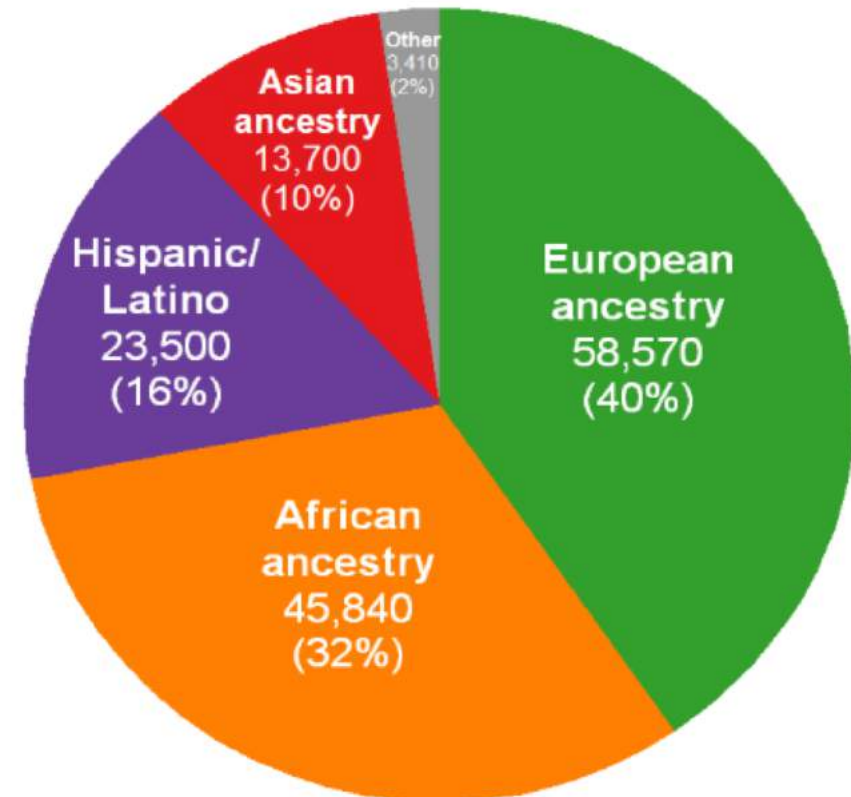
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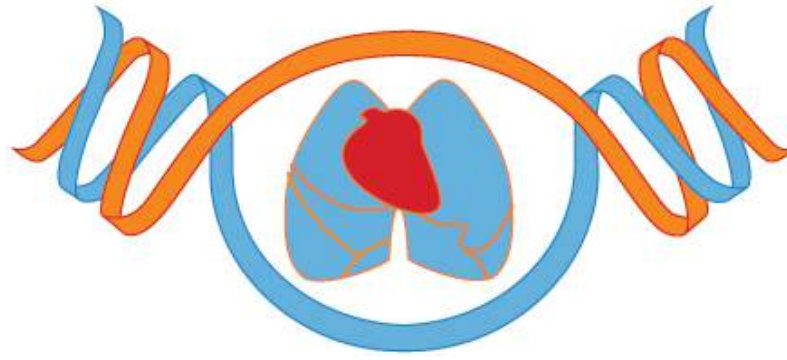
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Sample numbers by phenotype area (N=144k total)



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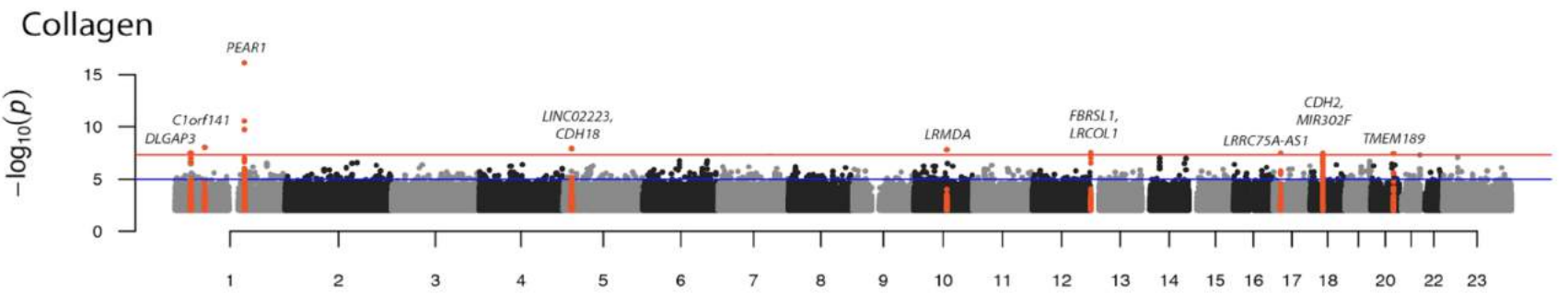
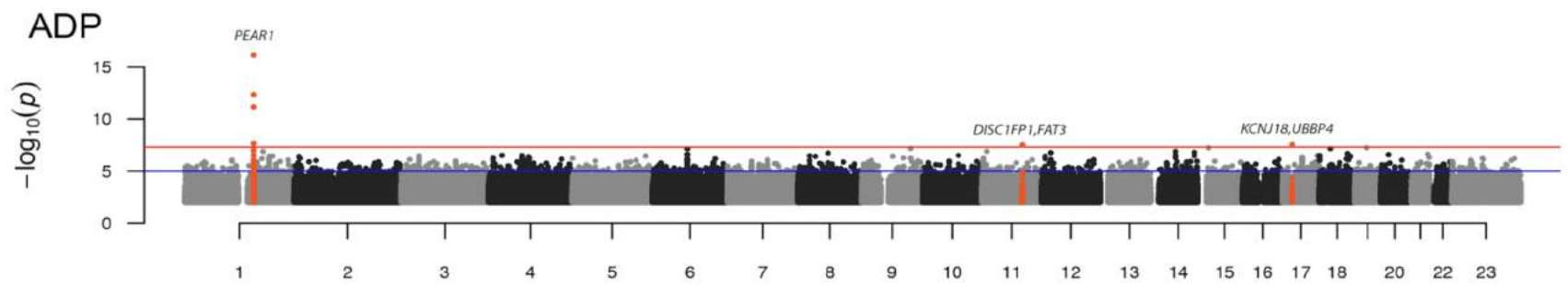
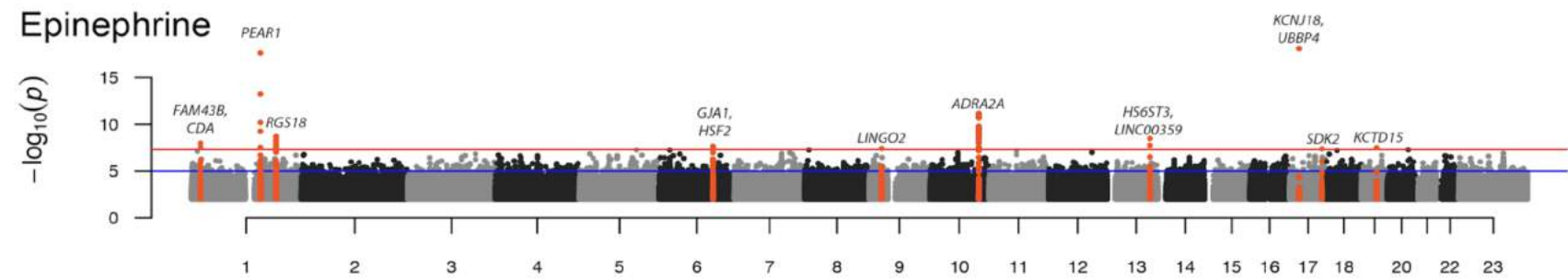




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Genome-wide single variant tests for association were performed on ~76 million single nucleotide variants (SNV) in 3,125 European Americans (EA) and 730 African Americans (AA) from the Framingham Heart Study (FHS), Older Order Amish Study (OAA), and the Genetic Study of Atherosclerosis Risk (GeneSTAR) Study.



104 variants associated with platelet aggregation in response to ADP, epinephrine, or collagen (P-value < 5×10^{-8})

Iterative conditional analyses refines 16 independent loci

Known Loci
(N = 2)

Novel Loci
(N = 14)

| | MAF | hg38 | rsID | ref/alt | Nearest Gene | ADP | Epinephrine | Collagen |
|-------|-----|-----------------|-------------|----------|--------------------------------|-----|-------------|----------|
| known | | Chr10:111139289 | rs7097060 | T/A | <i>ADRA2A, GPAM</i> | | | |
| known | | Chr1:156899922 | rs12041331 | G/A | <i>PEAR1</i> | | | |
| novel | | Chr17:16451482 | rs575524466 | G/A | <i>LRRC75A-AS1</i> | | | |
| novel | | Chr20:50142397 | rs542707094 | CTG/C | <i>TMEM189, TMEM189-UBE2V1</i> | | | |
| novel | | Chr9:28873884 | rs185159562 | T/A | <i>LINGO2</i> | | | |
| novel | | Chr10:75490891 | rs138028657 | A/G | <i>LRMDA</i> | | | |
| novel | | Chr12:132589485 | rs140148392 | G/A | <i>FBRSL1, LRCOL1</i> | | | |
| novel | | Chr11:92185065 | rs183146849 | A/T | <i>DISC1FP1, FAT3</i> | | | |
| novel | | Chr1:67128641 | rs142001088 | C/T | <i>C1orf141</i> | | | |
| novel | | Chr5:19109993 | rs112157462 | T/C | <i>LINC02223, CDH18</i> | | | |
| novel | | Chr13:96912429 | rs61974290 | A/G | <i>HS6ST3, LINC00359</i> | | | |
| novel | | Chr1:20567949 | rs12137738 | A/T | <i>FAM43B, CDA</i> | | | |
| novel | | Chr18:29059923 | rs138845468 | TAAATA/T | <i>CDH2, MIR302F</i> | | | |
| novel | | Chr6:121921871 | rs58250884 | A/G | <i>GJA1, HSF2</i> | | | |
| novel | | Chr17:21960955 | . | A/T | <i>KCNJ18, UBBP4</i> | | | |
| novel | | Chr1:192194880 | rs1175170 | G/C | <i>RGS18, RGS21</i> | | | |

MAF

C


> 0.05

L

0.01 – 0.05

R

< 0.01

 $P < 5 \times 10^{-8}$

RGS18 controls platelet generation and function

Regulator of G-Protein Signaling 18 Controls Both Platelet Generation and Function

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Abstract

RGS18 is a myeloerythroid lineage-specific regulator of G-protein signaling in platelets. In the present study, we describe the first genetic phenotype in platelets. We show that the 14-3-3 γ protein binds to phosphorylated serines 49 and 218 of RGS18. Platelet activation by thrombin, thromboxane A2, or ADP stimulates the association of 14-3-3 and RGS18, probably by increasing the phosphorylation of serine 49. In contrast, treatment with the PKGI inhibitor, fludrocortisone, induces the phosphorylation of serine 216 of RGS18 and the detachment of 14-3-3. Serine 216 phosphorylation is able to block 14-3-3 binding to RGS18 even in the presence of thrombin, thromboxane A2, or ADP. 14-3-3-deficient platelets are more active compared with 14-3-3-deficient platelets. These findings indicate cross-talk between platelet activation and inhibition pathways at the level of RGS18 and Gq. (*Blood*. 2012;119(16):3799-3807)

Regulator of G-protein signaling 18 in platelets

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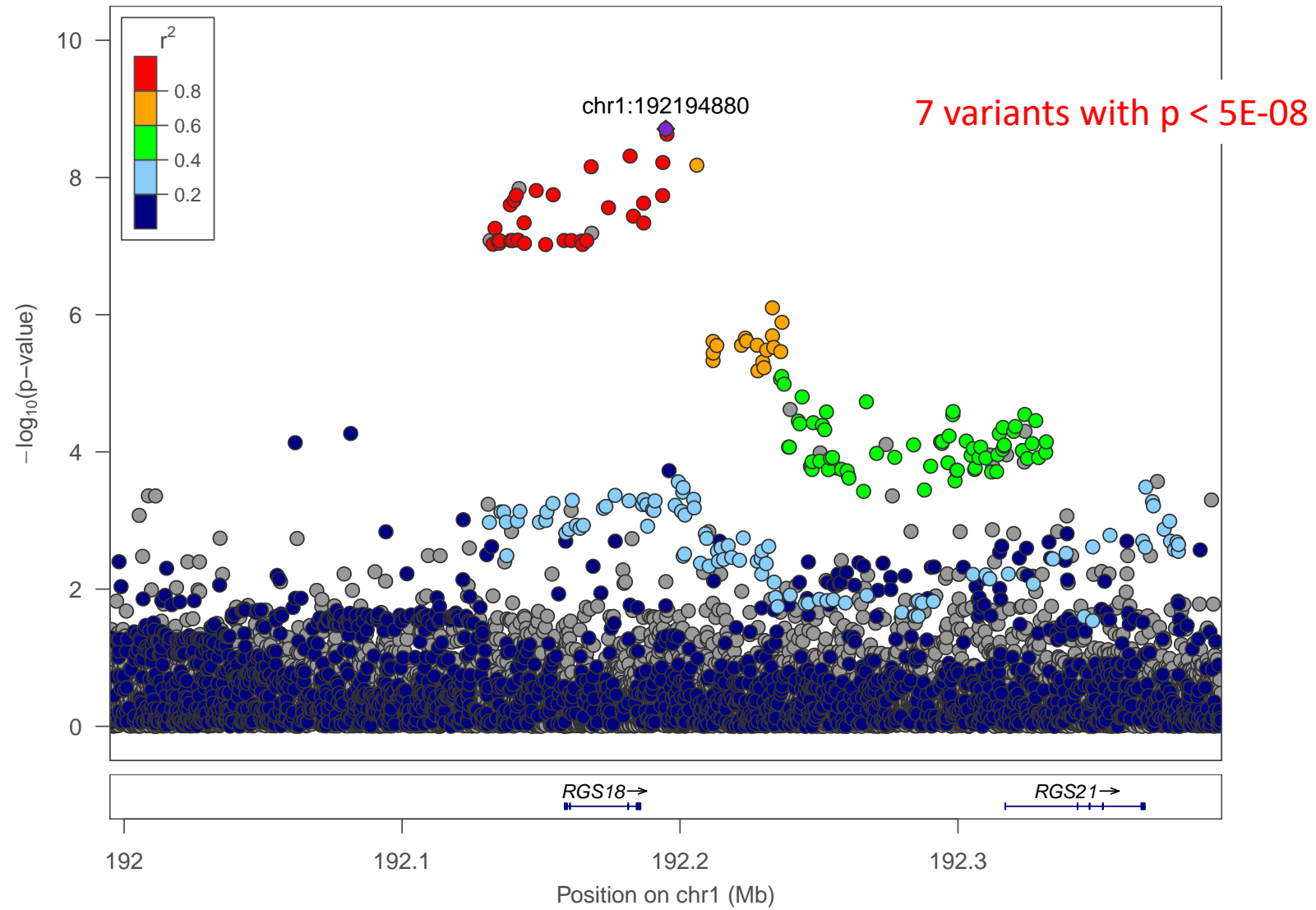
Regulator of G-protein signaling 18 (RGS18) is a GTPase-activating protein for the G α -q and G α -i subunits of heterotrimeric G-proteins that turns off signaling by G-protein coupled receptors. RGS18 is highly expressed in platelets. In the present study, we show that the 14-3-3 γ protein binds to phosphorylated serines 49 and 218 of RGS18. Platelet activation by thrombin, thromboxane A2, or ADP stimulates the association of 14-3-3 and RGS18, probably by increasing the phosphorylation of serine 49. In contrast,

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• RGS18 $-/-$ mice :

- lower number of bone marrow Megakaryocytes(MK).
- peripheral platelets are more prone to be activated at baseline compared to wild type.
- In presence of platelet agonists, platelets aggregate more compared to RGS18 wild types.
- Differential phosphorylation of RGS18 (Serine49 vs Serine216) modifies Calcium gradient in platelets. This change in gradient of calcium dictates the level of platelet activation.

RGS18 and platelet aggregation to Epinephrine



GeneSTAR Data available for eQTL analysis

RNASeq + WGS

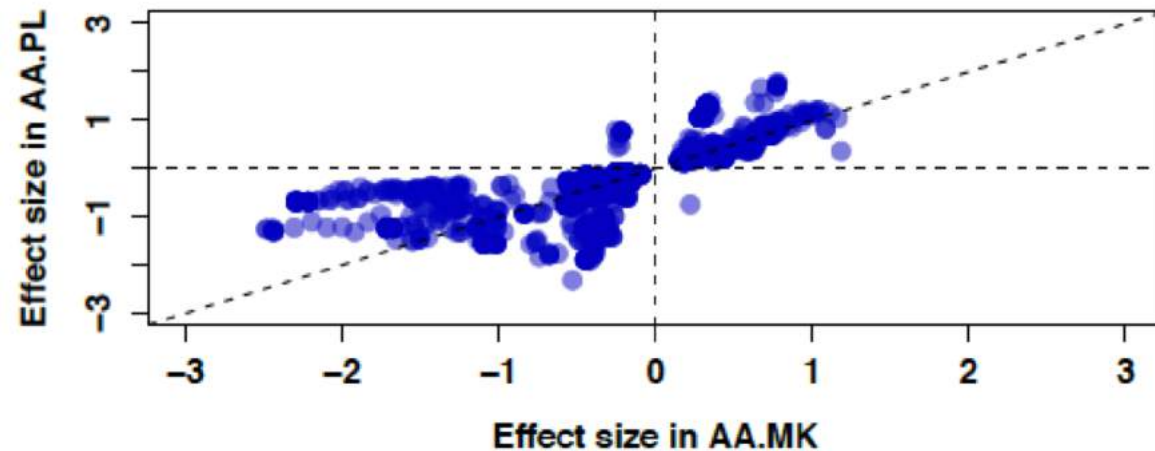
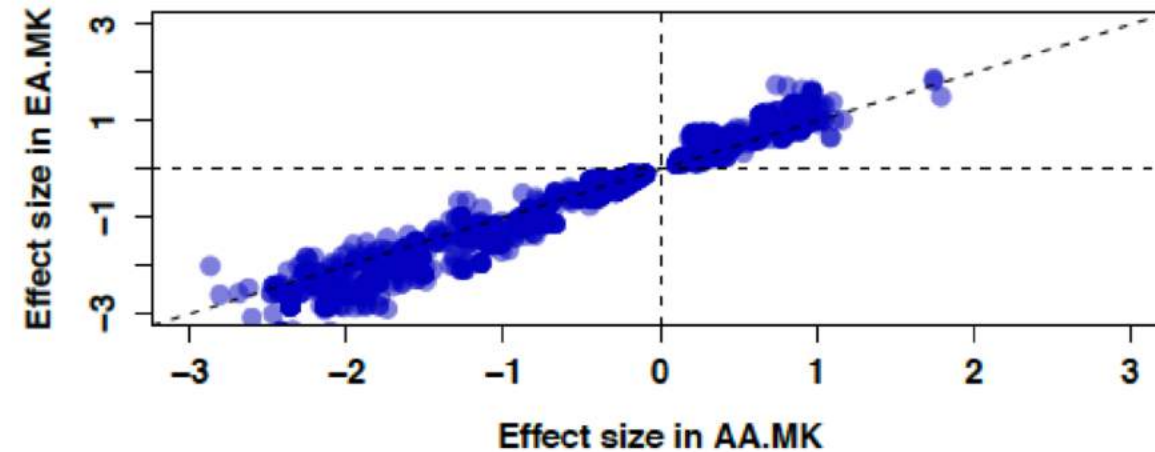
PLATELETS

- AA
 - N=84
 - 5,004,400 SNPs
 - 9500 genes
- EA:
 - N=101
 - 4,433,801 SNPs
 - 9,662

iPSC-derived MEGAKARYOCYTES

- AA
 - N=110
 - 5,500,942 SNPs
 - 4,998 genes
- EA:
 - N=180
 - 5,064,974 SNPs
 - 4,555 genes

Effect size comparison of eQTLs

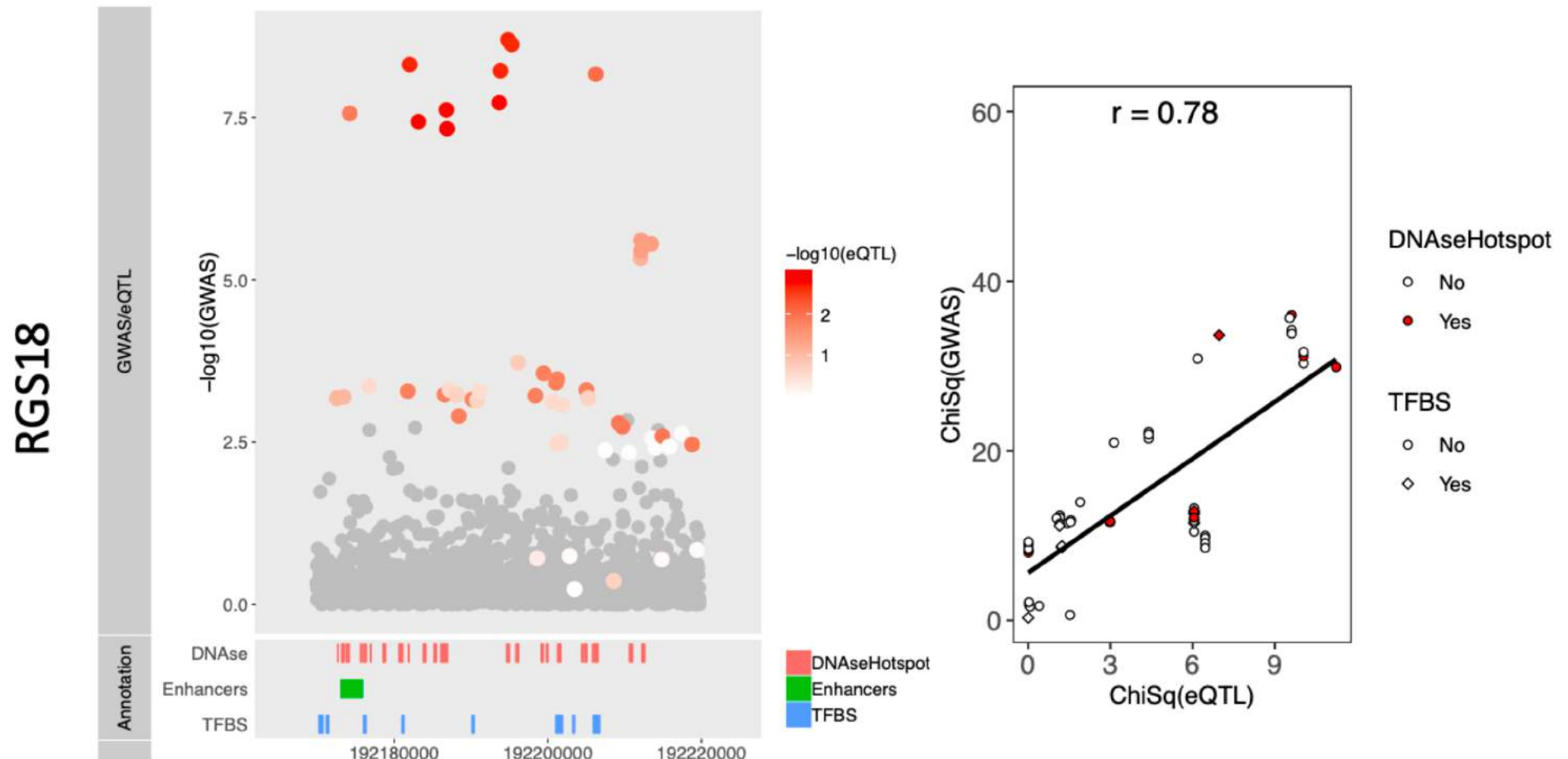


Overlap in platelet aggregation loci and eQTL for the top 22 loci.

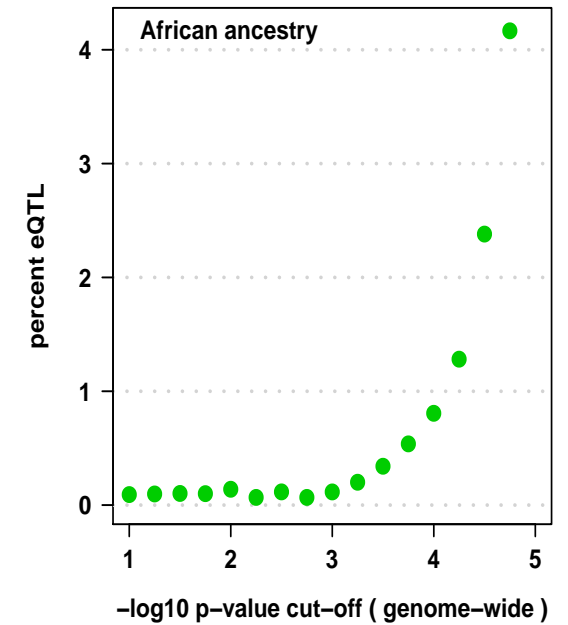
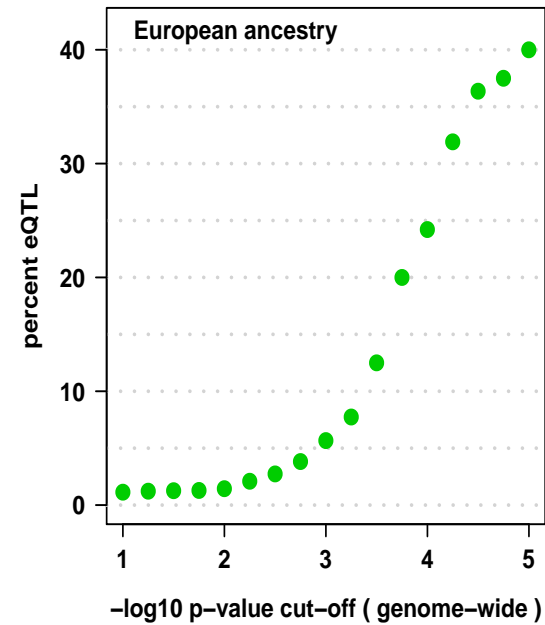
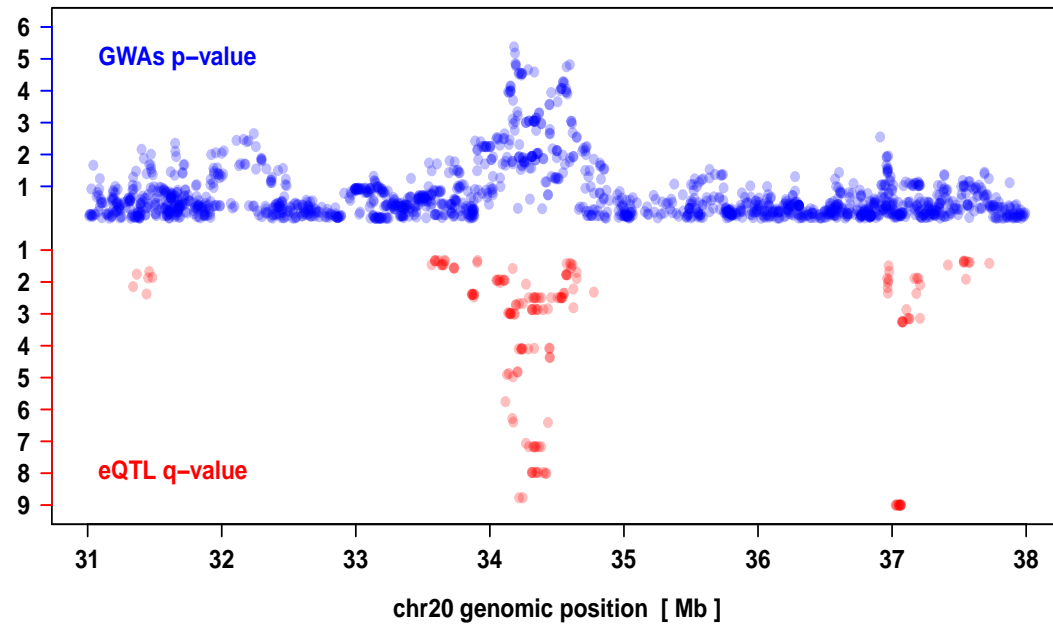
eQTL analysis of top variants in PLT RNAseq data:

| | | eQTL signal | |
|------------|-------|-------------|------------|
| SNP | Gene | pvalue | beta |
| rs12041331 | PEAR1 | 3.01E-06 | 0.16729668 |
| rs1175170 | RGS18 | 2.29E-03 | 0.08045384 |

Co-localization Approaches integrating GWAS and eQTLs



Co-localization also supports the role for multiple causal variants mapping to the GWAS peaks.



Left: EA GWAS p-values (blue) and eQTL q-values (red, only $q < 0.05$ shown) on the $-\log_{10}$ scale near 34Mb on chr20, indicating obvious SNP/eQTL colocalization. **Right:** Percent eQTL among SNPs (y-axis) as a function of p-value cut-off shows an enrichment of eQTLs among stronger associated SNPs for both EAs and AAs. The much higher percentage among EAs indicates the inadequacy of SNP arrays to capture LD among AAs.

Poster # 23: Identifying SNP Associations in Under-Powered Whole-Genome Sequencing Association Studies Using eQTLs. Julius Ngwa.



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New Results

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Genome Sequencing Unveils a New Regulatory Landscape of Platelet Reactivity

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Estimating telomere length from WGS data

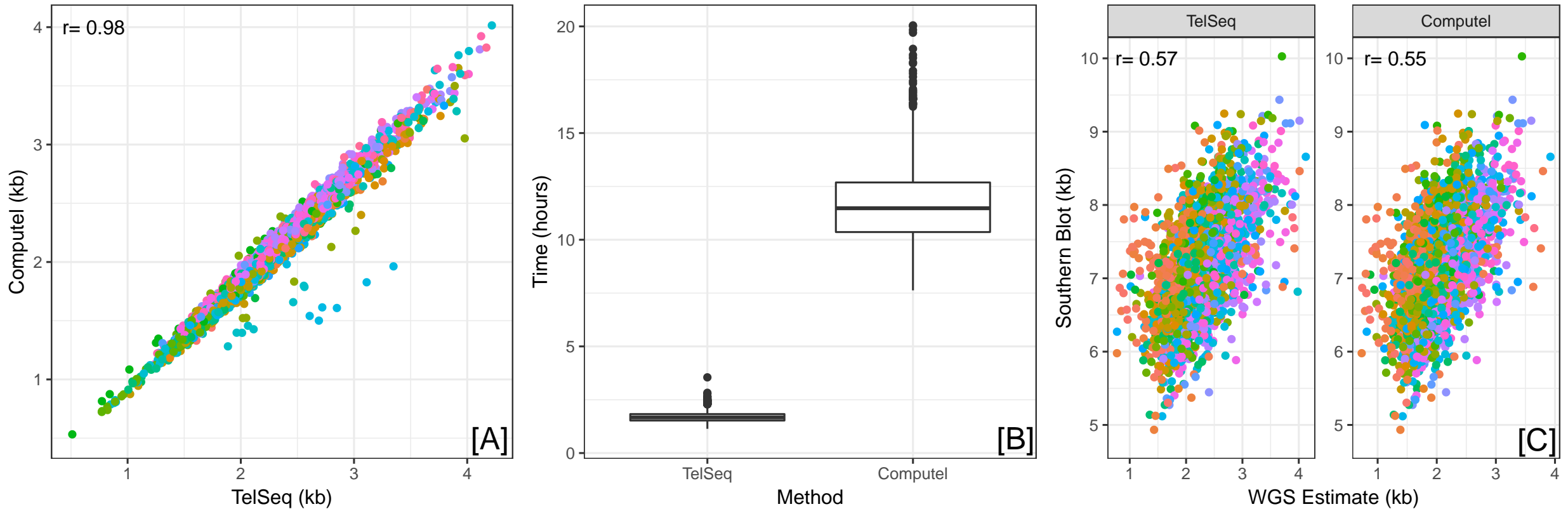
Telseq:

Filters WGS reads with a specified number of occurrences of the telomere hexamer TTAGGG, adjusting for counts of overall reads with similar GC content (Z. Ding et al., Nucl. Acids Res. 2014)

Computel:

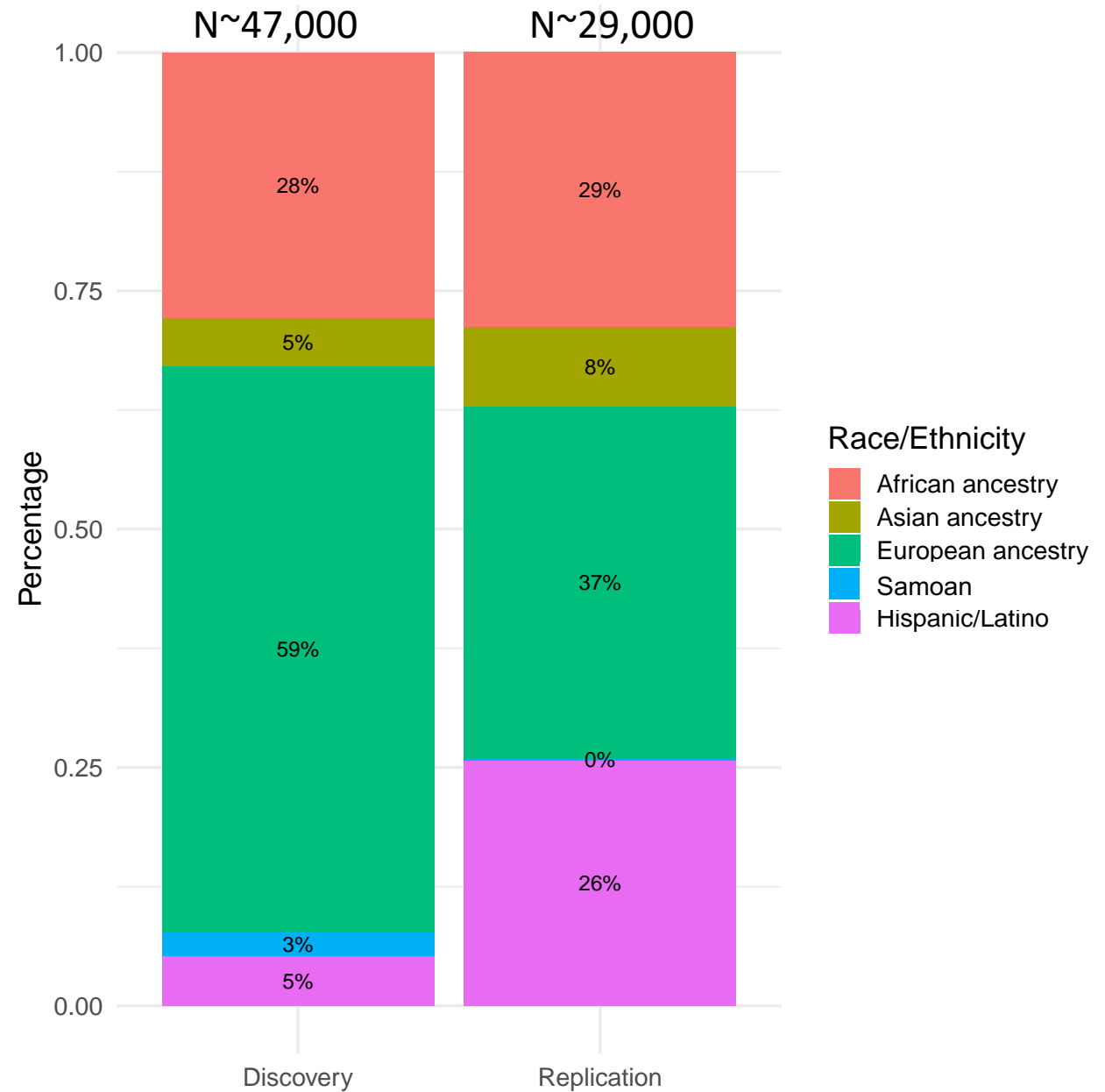
Realigns all reads to “telomere reference genome” using bowtie alignment software (L. Nersisyan & A. Arakelyan, PLoS One, 2015)

Estimating telomere length: TOPMed data

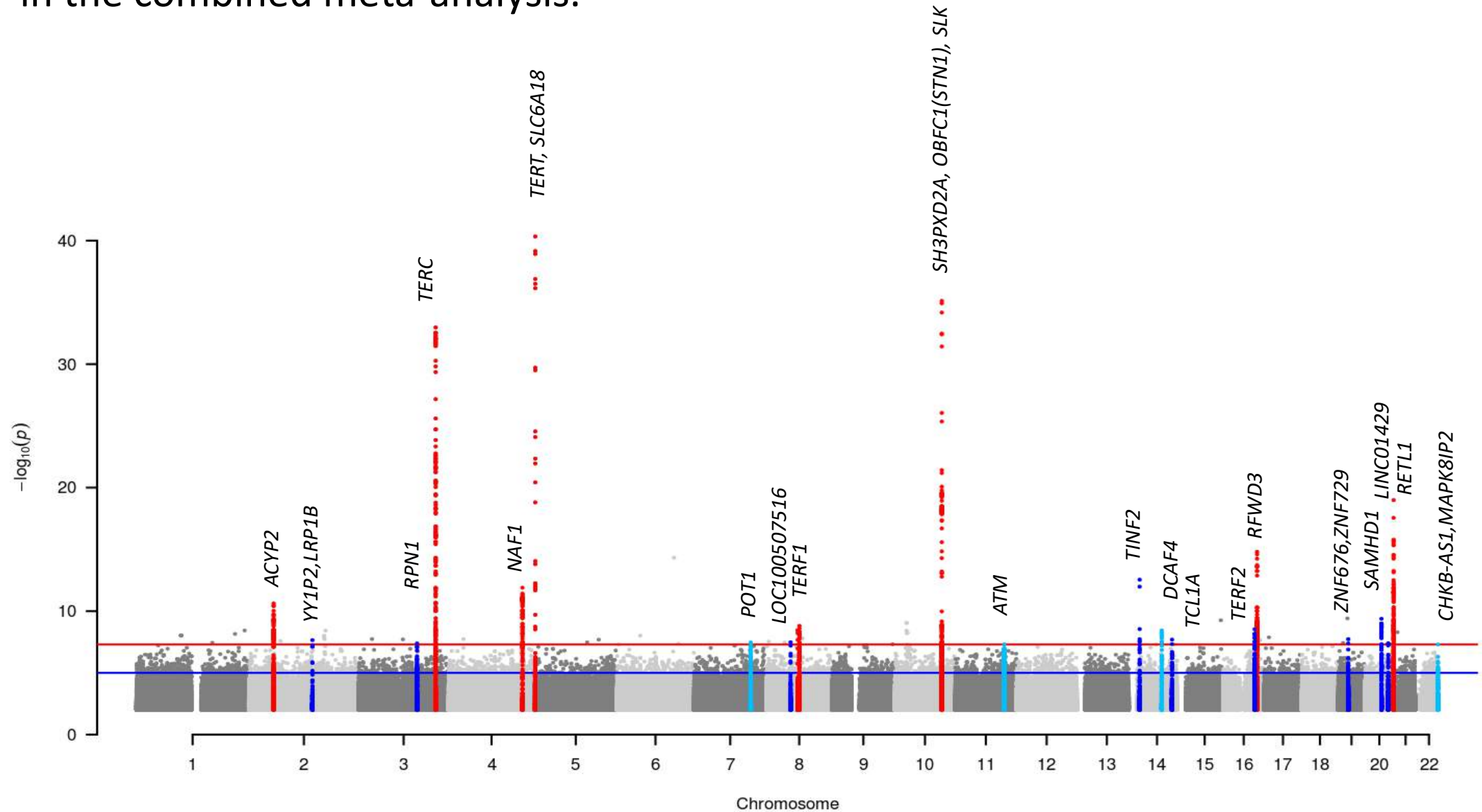


[A] Pearson correlation between TelSeq and Computel length estimates on 3362 TOPMed samples. **[B]** Comparison of computational times for TelSeq and Computel **[C]** Pearson correlation between TelSeq (left) and Computel (right) and Southern Blot TL estimates on 2429 samples from JHS. *Colors indicate sequencing plate in Panels A and C.*

TL analysis in TOPMed will be the single largest dataset to investigate genetics of TL in the most diverse sample available!



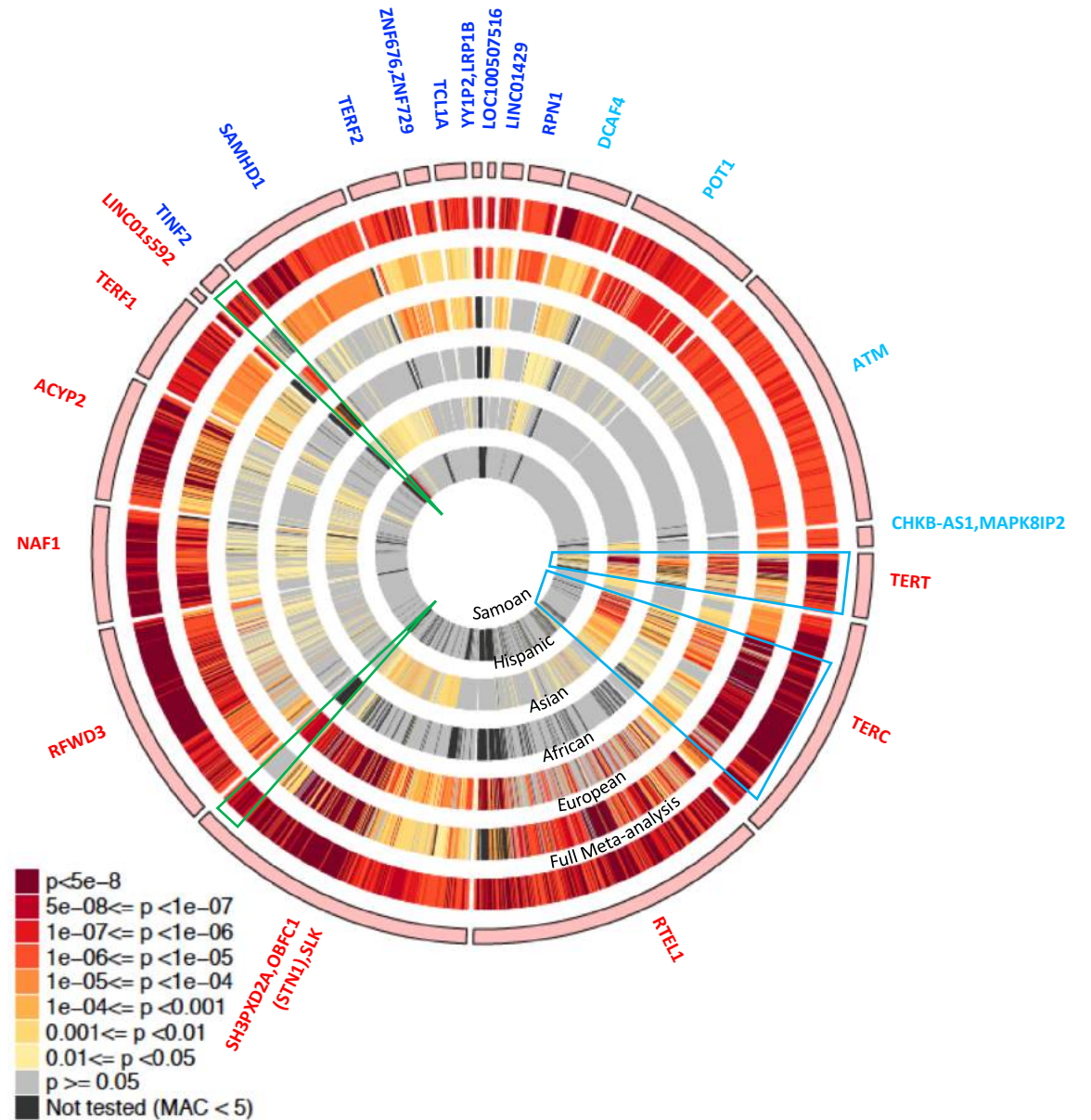
Multiethnic genomewide tests for association using 82M sequence identified variants on N=75,176 samples with sequence generate telomere length from TOPMed. All loci had a peak $p < 5 \times 10^{-8}$ in the combined meta-analysis.



Multiethnic genomewide tests for association in TOPMed: 22 identified loci

| | Locus Name | Known vs Novel | Discovery (n=46458) | | Replication (n=28718) | | Meta-Analysis | | Effect Size | |
|-----------|---------------------------|----------------|---------------------|---------|-----------------------|---------|---------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| | | | AAF | P-Value | AAF | P-Value | P-Value | Direction | Variance | Basepairs |
| Tier 1 | TERT* | | 31% | 3.3E-24 | 28% | 1.3E-18 | 4.6E-41 | ++ | 0.21% | 61.6 |
| | TERC* | | 21% | 6.7E-19 | 22% | 1.2E-16 | 1.1E-33 | -- | 0.20% | -68.4 |
| | RTEL1* | | 70% | 1.7E-13 | 71% | 1.0E-07 | 1.0E-19 | -- | 0.10% | -42.7 |
| | SH3PXD2A,OBFC1(STN1),SLK* | | 69% | 1.8E-19 | 66% | 2.2E-18 | 7.6E-36 | -- | 0.21% | -65.0 |
| | RFWD3* | Novel | 44% | 4.1E-15 | 43% | 3.6E-03 | 1.6E-15 | -- | 0.07% | -31.8 |
| | NAF1* | | 78% | 1.8E-09 | 78% | 1.3E-04 | 1.3E-12 | ++ | 0.07% | 37.2 |
| | ACYP2* | | 17% | 2.4E-08 | 17% | 2.0E-04 | 2.4E-11 | ++ | 0.05% | 34.2 |
| | TERF1* | Novel | 58% | 1.4E-07 | 54% | 2.1E-03 | 1.6E-09 | -- | 0.05% | -27.8 |
| LINC01592 | Novel | 0% | 5.8E-09 | 0% | 4.5E-02 | 6.1E-09 | -- | 0.03% | -407.3 | |
| Tier 2 | TINF2 | Novel | 1% | 1.1E-07 | 1% | 4.3E-07 | 2.8E-13 | ++ | 0.09% | 150.6 |
| | SAMHD1 | Novel | 23% | 7.6E-08 | 26% | 1.1E-03 | 4.1E-10 | -- | 0.06% | -34.0 |
| | TERF2 | Novel | 31% | 2.6E-06 | 30% | 2.9E-04 | 2.9E-09 | ++ | 0.04% | 26.7 |
| | ZNF676,ZNF729 | | 59% | 4.5E-07 | 57% | 7.3E-03 | 1.9E-08 | ++ | 0.03% | 21.3 |
| | TCL1A | Novel | 34% | 3.8E-06 | 37% | 1.4E-03 | 2.0E-08 | ++ | 0.03% | 24.2 |
| | YY1P2,LRP1B | Novel | 0% | 3.7E-07 | 0% | 9.7E-03 | 2.2E-08 | ++ | 0.02% | 651.2 |
| | LOC100507516 | Novel | 0% | 3.7E-06 | 0% | 2.2E-03 | 3.3E-08 | -- | 0.03% | -236.8 |
| | LINC01429 | | 14% | 3.1E-06 | 15% | 3.2E-03 | 4.0E-08 | ++ | 0.04% | 32.8 |
| RPN1 | Novel | 26% | 4.5E-06 | 23% | 2.4E-03 | 4.2E-08 | ++ | 0.03% | 26.2 | |
| Tier 3 | DCAF4 | | 10% | 1.2E-05 | 10% | 7.1E-05 | 3.6E-09 | ++ | 0.04% | 39.5 |
| | POT1 | Novel | 21% | 2.6E-04 | 19% | 2.0E-05 | 3.6E-08 | -- | 0.04% | -30.3 |
| | ATM | Novel | 50% | 2.2E-05 | 49% | 6.0E-04 | 4.9E-08 | -- | 0.04% | -25.3 |
| | CHKB-AS1,MAPK8IP2 | Novel | 30% | 9.5E-05 | 26% | 1.2E-04 | 5.0E-08 | -- | 0.04% | -26.9 |

Association signal for the 22 loci showing all variants having a $p < 1 \times 10^{-5}$ in the meta-analysis, and the ancestry specific signal at each of these variants.



New Results

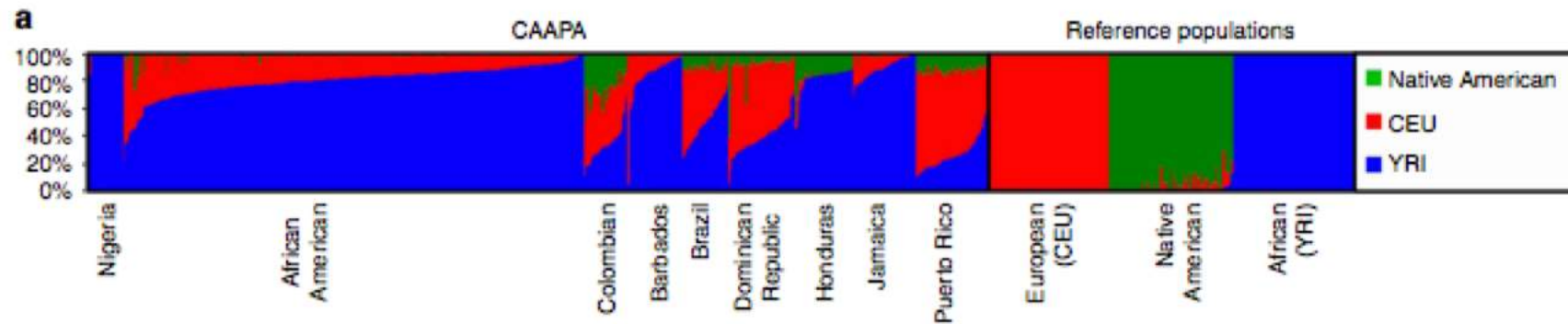
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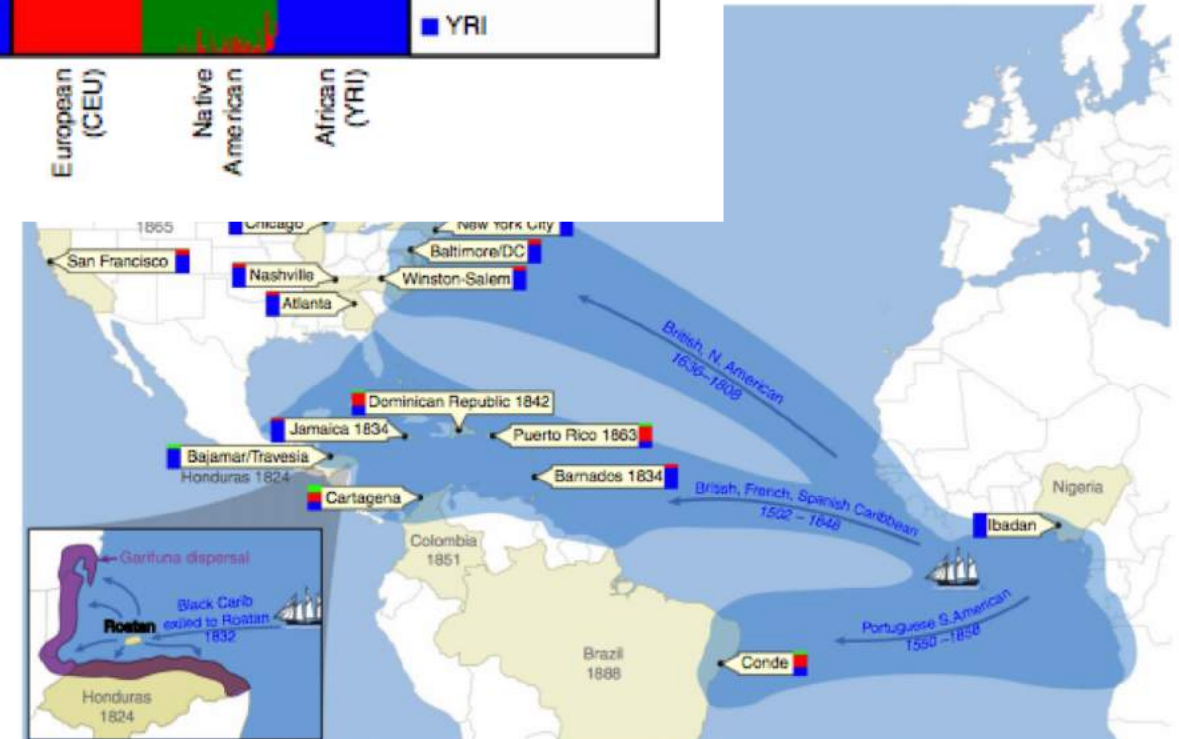
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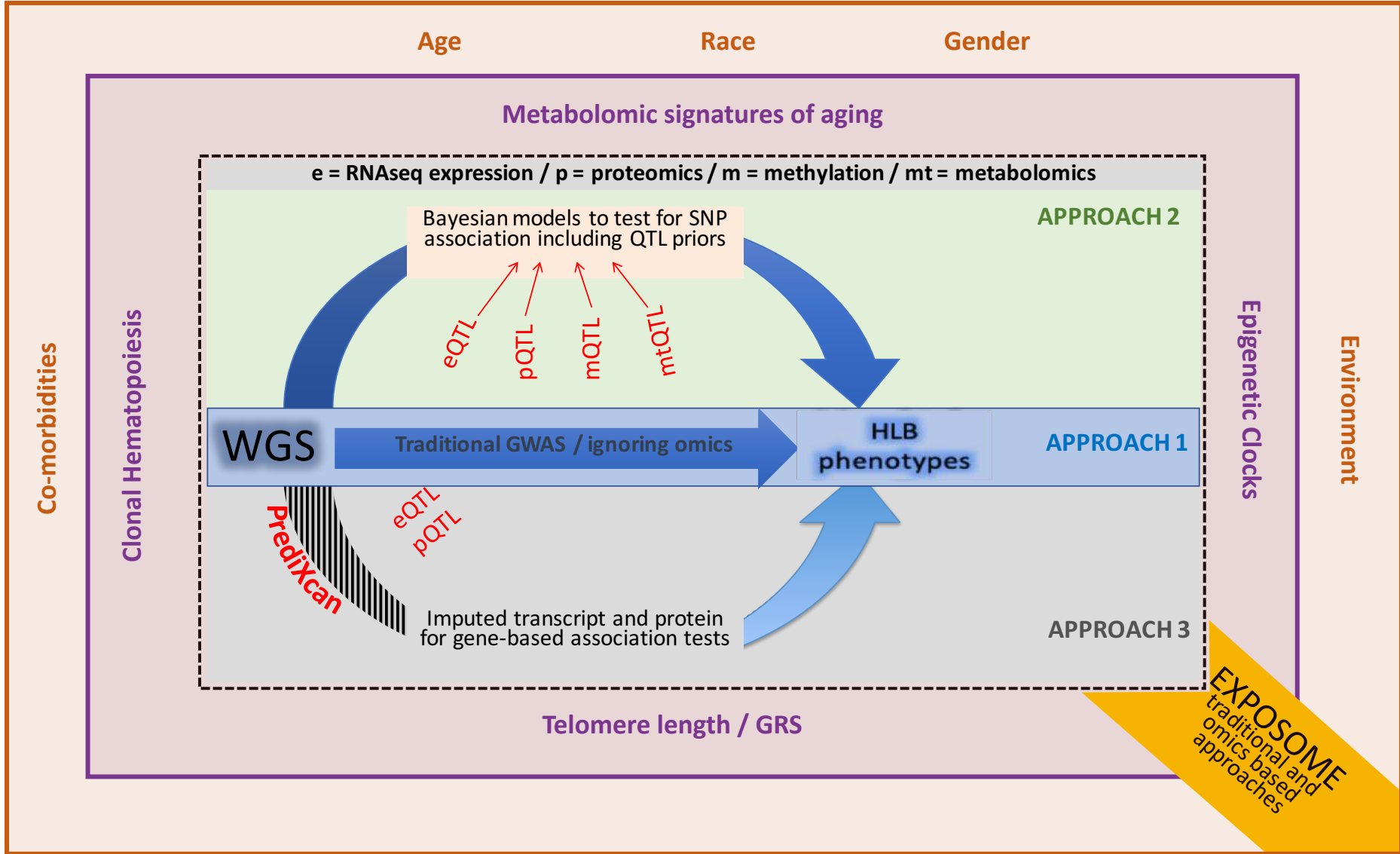
Poster # 12: The association between African ancestry and telomere length across the African diaspora: evidence from the CAAPA study. Kruthika Iyer.

Lessons from the TOPMed illustration

High success of the opportunity created to call TL and to understand the genetics of TL.

Multiple novel loci with strong biological plausibility.

New opportunity created to examine TL-phenotype associations for HLB disorders.



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