

Variant Annotation Using HaploReg

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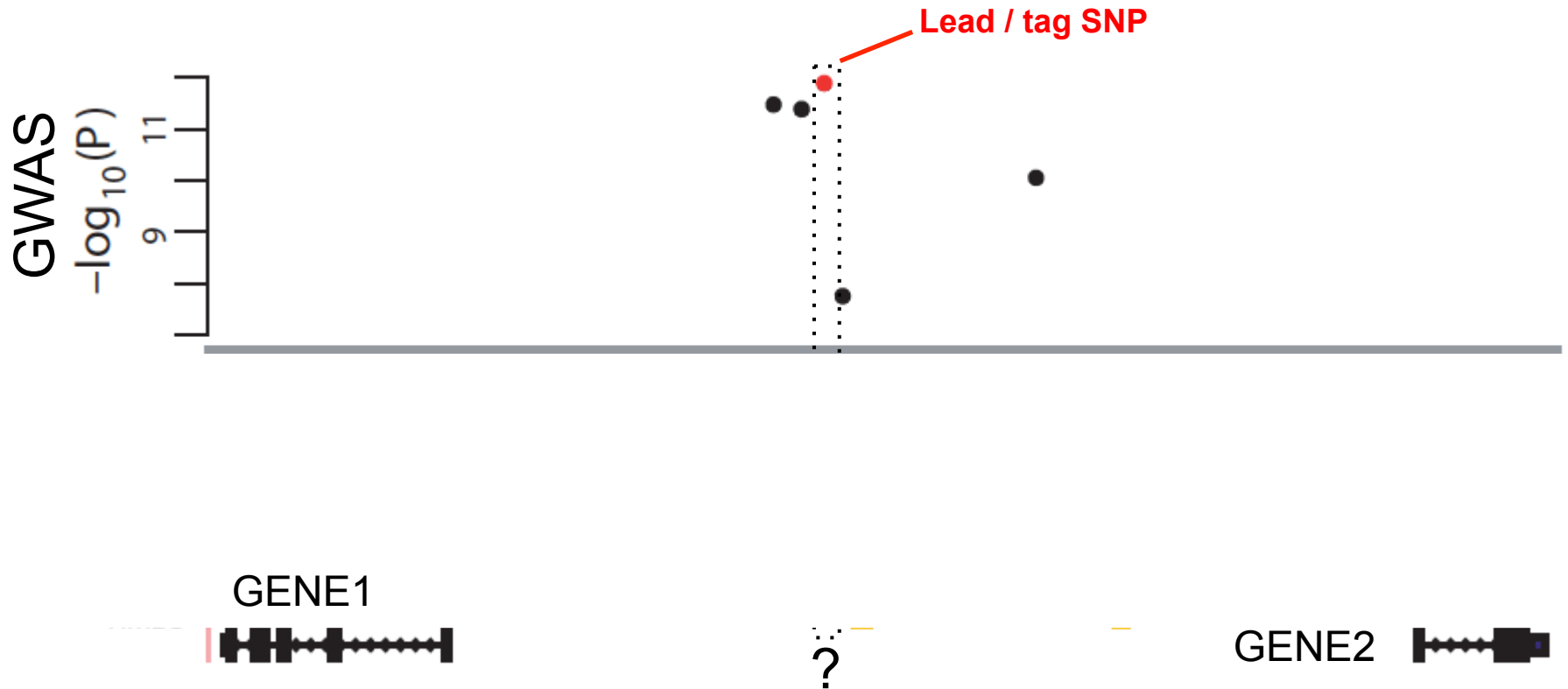
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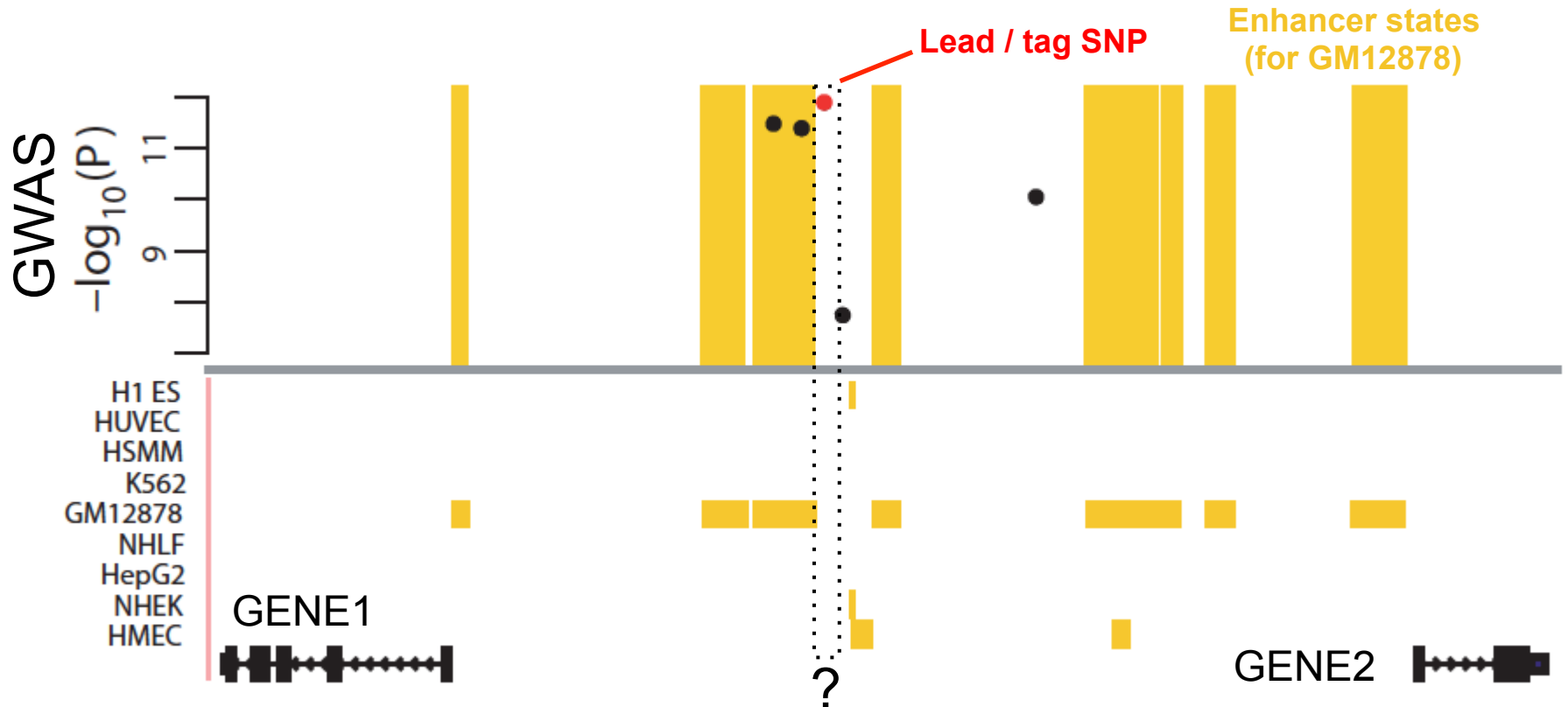
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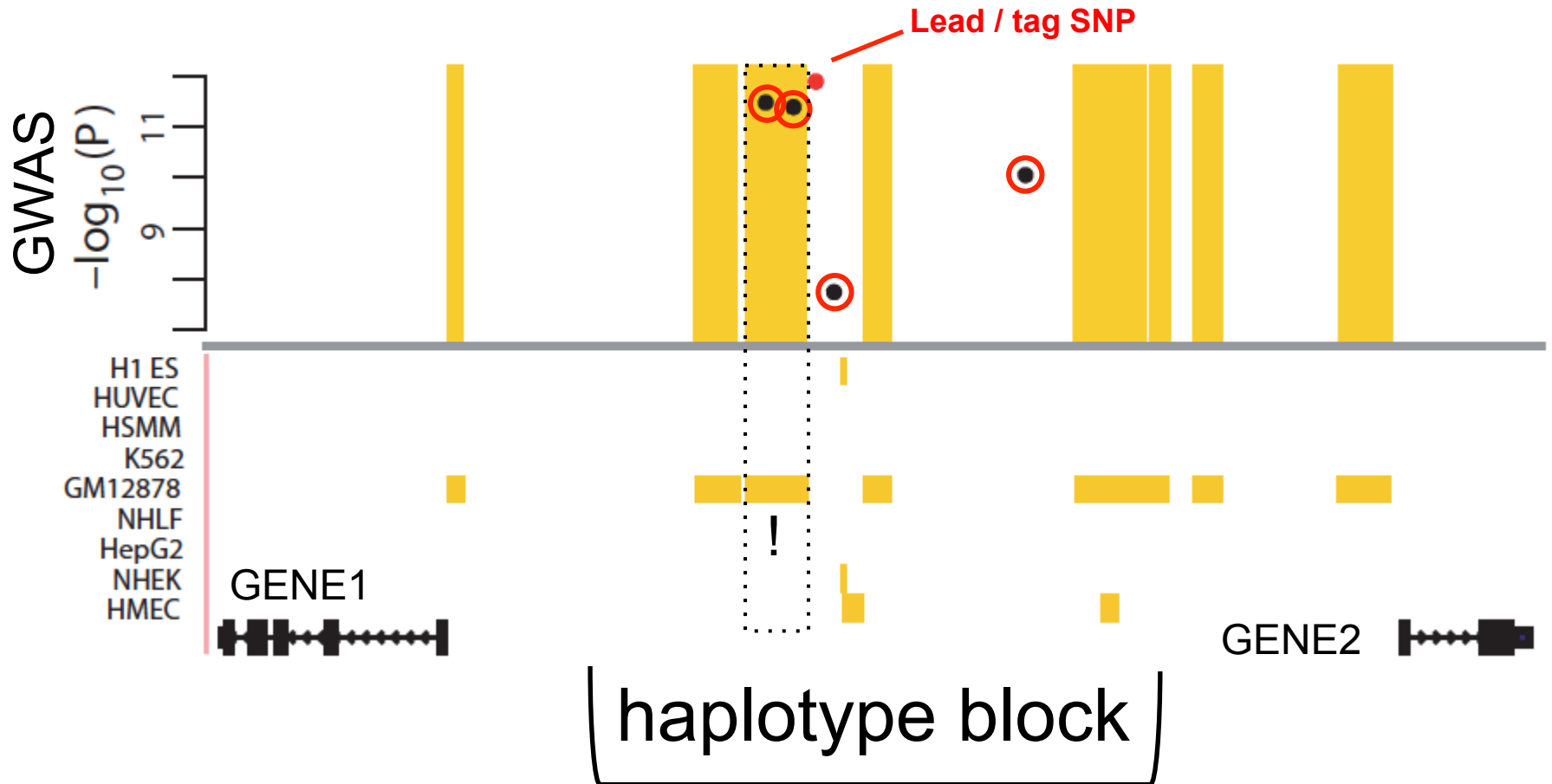
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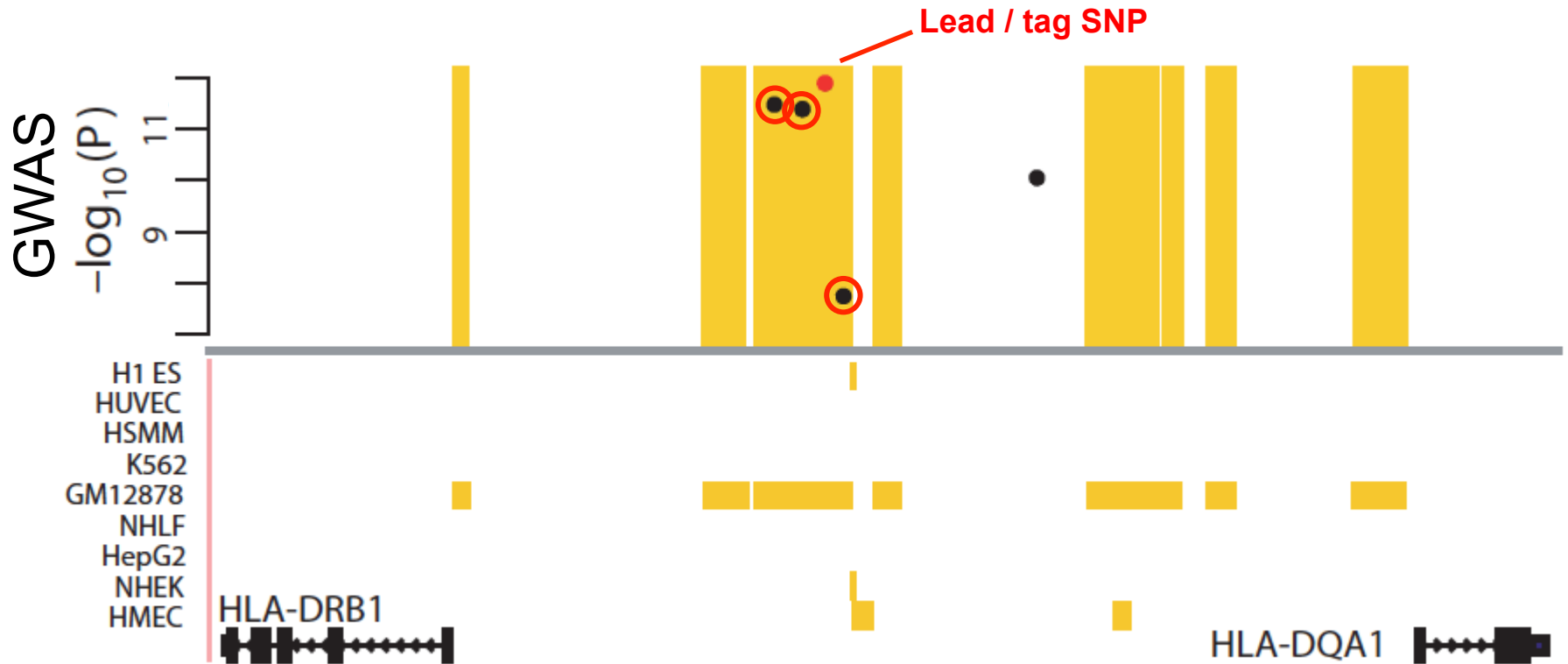
Key insight Haploreg: exploit LD-structure



(i.e., SNPs are in strong LD / highly correlated)

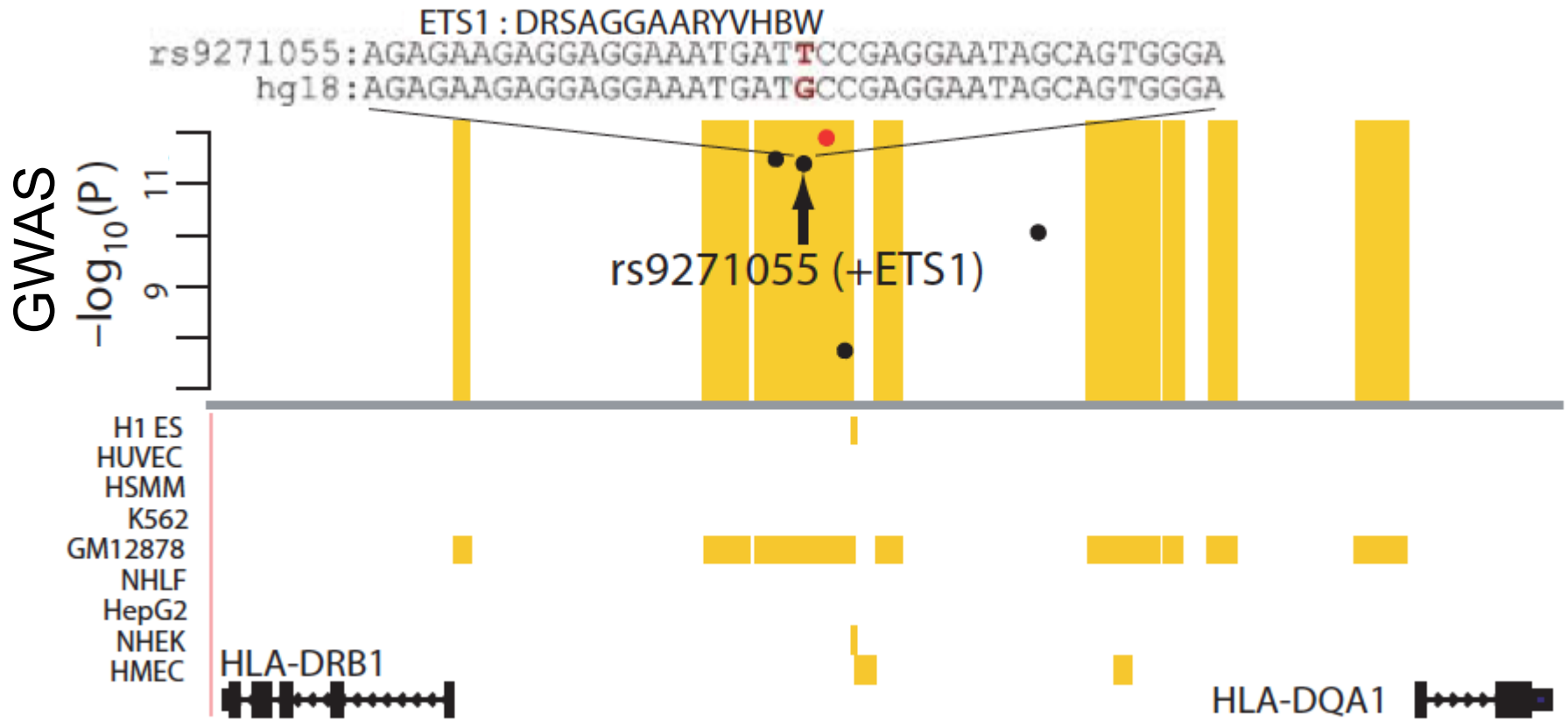
⊙ now include these SNPs as well -- guilt by correlation!

Real example – beyond chromatin states only (locus associated with systemic lupus erythematosus)



- Here, **SNP** located in a GM12878-specific enhancer
- But, no further trace of mechanistic explanation
- Solution: also consider other (enhancer) SNPs in LD!

Bingo: LD-SNP strengthens an ETS1 motif



- ETS1 is predicted activator of lymphoblastoid enhancers
- Other lupus-associated variants affecting ETS1 locus

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What's in HaploReg v4.1 (Updated 5 Nov 2015):

- Roadmap epigenomes (HMM segmentation of histone modification ChIP on 127 tissues/lines; DNase peaks on 53 tissues/lines)
- Regulatory protein binding (ChIP-seq peaks) and regulatory motifs (PWM score change) from ENCODE
- Mammalian-conserved sequence elements (SiPhy and GERP elements – not scores)
- eQTL from GTEx (NIH RNA-seq project on multiple tissues from cadavers), GEUVADIS (EU RNA-seq project + WGS on 1000 genomes LCLs), and 11 other papers
- **See Ward and Kellis (NAR, 2016) for methods and tutorial**

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- Asthma (Torgerson DG, 2011, 7 SNPs)
- Asthma (Wan YI, 2012, 6 SNPs)
- Asthma and hay fever (Ferreira MA, 2013, 21 SNPs)
- Asthma or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (Smolonska J, 2014, 3 SNPs)
- Asymmetrical dimethylarginine levels (21 SNPs from 2 studies)
- Asymmetrical dimethylarginine levels (Lunenburg N, 2014, 1 SNP)
- Asymmetrical dimethylarginine levels (Seppala I, 2013, 21 SNPs)
- Atopic dermatitis (21 SNPs from 5 studies)
- Atopic dermatitis (Esparza-Gordillo J, 2009, 1 SNP)
- Atopic dermatitis (Hirota T, 2012, 17 SNPs)
- Atopic dermatitis (Paternoster L, 2011, 6 SNPs)
- Atopic dermatitis (Sun LD, 2011, 1 SNP)
- Atopic dermatitis (Weidinger S, 2013, 4 SNPs)
- Atopy (Castro-Giner F, 2009, 1 SNP)
- Atrial fibrillation (15 SNPs from 5 studies)
- Atrial fibrillation (Benjamin EJ, 2009, 3 SNPs)
- Atrial fibrillation (Ellinor PT, 2010, 3 SNPs)
- Atrial fibrillation (Ellinor PT, 2012, 10 SNPs)
- Atrial fibrillation (Gudbjartsson DF, 2009, 2 SNPs)
- Atrial fibrillation (Larson MG, 2007, 3 SNPs)
- Atrial fibrillation/atrial flutter (Gudbjartsson DF, 2007, 2 SNPs)
- Atrioventricular conduction (Denny JC, 2010, 5 SNPs)
- Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (74 SNPs from 8 studies)
- Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (combined symptoms) (Ebejer JL, 2013, 21 SNPs)
- Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (Hinney A, 2011, 2 SNPs)
- Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (hyperactivity-impulsivity symptoms) (Ebejer JL, 2013, 25 SNPs)
- Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (inattention symptoms) (Ebejer JL, 2013, 22 SNPs)
- Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (Lasky-Su J, 2008, 19 SNPs)
- ✓ Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (Lesch KP, 2008, 26 SNPs)
- Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (Mick E, 2008, 2 SNPs)
- Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (Mick E, 2010, 10 SNPs)
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Epigenome ID (EID)	Group	Mnemonic	Description	Chromatin states (Core 15-state model)	Chromatin states (25-state model using 12 imputed marks)	H3K4me1	H3K4me3	H3K27ac	H3K9ac	DNase
E017	IMR90	LNG.IMR90	IMR90 fetal lung fibroblasts Cell Line							
E002	ESC	ESC.WA7	ES-WA7 Cells							
E008	ESC	ESC.H9	H9 Cells					H3K27ac_Enh		
E001	ESC	ESC.I3	ES-I3 Cells							
E015	ESC	ESC.HUES6	HUES6 Cells							
E014	ESC	ESC.HUES48	HUES48 Cells							
E016	ESC	ESC.HUES64	HUES64 Cells							
E003	ESC	ESC.H1	H1 Cells							
E024	ESC	ESC.4STAR	ES-UCSF4 Cells							
E020	iPSC	iPSC.20B	iPS-20b Cells							
E019	iPSC	iPSC.18	iPS-18 Cells							
E018	iPSC	iPSC.15b	iPS-15b Cells							
E021	iPSC	iPSC.DF.6.9	iPS DF 6.9 Cells							
E022	iPSC	iPSC.DF.19.11	iPS DF 19.11 Cells							
E007	ES-deriv	ESDR.H1.NEUR.PROG	H1 Derived Neuronal Progenitor Cultured Cells				H3K4me3_Pro		H3K9ac_Pro	
E009	ES-deriv	ESDR.H9.NEUR.PROG	H9 Derived Neuronal Progenitor Cultured Cells							
E010	ES-deriv	ESDR.H9.NEUR	H9 Derived Neuron Cultured Cells		19_DNase					
E013	ES-deriv	ESDR.CD56.MESO	hESC Derived CD56+ Mesoderm Cultured Cells							
E012	ES-deriv	ESDR.CD56.ECTO	hESC Derived CD56+ Ectoderm Cultured Cells							
E011	ES-deriv	ESDR.CD184.ENDO	hESC Derived CD184+ Endoderm Cultured Cells				H3K4me3_Pro			

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E028	Epithelial	BRST.HMEC.35	Breast variant Human Mammary Epithelial Cells (vHMEC)							
E027	Epithelial	BRST.MYO	Breast Myoepithelial Primary Cells							
E054	Neurosph	BRN.GANGEM.DR.NRSPHR	Ganglion Eminence derived primary cultured neurospheres		19_DNase					
E053	Neurosph	BRN.CRTX.DR.NRSPHR	Cortex derived primary cultured neurospheres		19_DNase					
E112	Thymus	THYM	Thymus							
E093	Thymus	THYM.FET	Fetal Thymus							
E071	Brain	BRN.HIPPMID	Brain Hippocampus Middle	6_EnhG	11_TxEnh3	H3K4me1_Enh		H3K27ac_Enh		
E074	Brain	BRN.SUB.NIG	Brain Substantia Nigra	6_EnhG	11_TxEnh3	H3K4me1_Enh		H3K27ac_Enh	H3K9ac_Pro	
E068	Brain	BRN.ANT.CAUD	Brain Anterior Caudate		11_TxEnh3					
E069	Brain	BRN.CING.GYR	Brain Cingulate Gyrus	6_EnhG	11_TxEnh3	H3K4me1_Enh		H3K27ac_Enh		
E072	Brain	BRN.INF.TMP	Brain Inferior Temporal Lobe	6_EnhG	11_TxEnh3	H3K4me1_Enh		H3K27ac_Enh	H3K9ac_Pro	
E067	Brain	BRN.ANG.GYR	Brain Angular Gyrus	6_EnhG	11_TxEnh3	H3K4me1_Enh		H3K27ac_Enh	H3K9ac_Pro	
E073	Brain	BRN.DL.PRFRTL.CRTX	Brain_Dorsolateral_Prefrontal_Cortex	7_Enh	11_TxEnh3	H3K4me1_Enh		H3K27ac_Enh		
E070	Brain	BRN.GRM.MTRX	Brain Germinal Matrix		18_EnhAc					
E082	Brain	BRN.FET.F	Fetal Brain Female		18_EnhAc	H3K4me1_Enh				DNase
E081	Brain	BRN.FET.M	Fetal Brain Male		19_DNase					DNase
E063	Adipose	FAT.ADIP.NUC	Adipose Nuclei							
E100	Muscle	MUS.PSOAS	Psoas Muscle							
E108	Muscle	MUS.SKLT.F	Skeletal Muscle Female							
E107	Muscle	MUS.SKLT.M	Skeletal Muscle Male							
E089	Muscle	MUS.TRNK.FET	Fetal Muscle Trunk							

Result page for the strongest catalog SNP, rs864643

Brain-specific enhancer

Trait	p-value	PMID
Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder	1E-8	18839057

Overview of QTL study hits

GRASP QTL hits

Trait	p-value	PMID
Gene expression of MRPL15 in blood	7.3E-06	21829388
Serum ratio of (allantoin)/(quinate)	2.80E-04	21886157
Gene expression of MOBP (probeID ILMN_2298464) in cerebellum in Alzheimer's disease cases and controls	5.639E-33	22685416
Gene expression of MOBP (probeID ILMN_2298464) in cerebellum in Alzheimer's disease cases	1.398E-14	22685416
Gene expression of MOBP (probeID ILMN_2298464) in cerebellum in non-Alzheimer's disease samples	7.608E-18	22685416
Gene expression of MOBP (probeID ILMN_2298464) in temporal cortex in Alzheimer's disease cases and controls	1.262E-39	22685416
Gene expression of MOBP (probeID ILMN_2298464) in temporal cortex in Alzheimer's disease cases	1.471E-19	22685416
Gene expression of MOBP (probeID ILMN_2298464) in temporal cortex in non-Alzheimer's disease samples	1.4E-20	22685416
Gene expression of MOBP (probeID ILMN_2414962) in cerebellum in Alzheimer's disease cases and controls	0.000001177	22685416
Gene expression of MOBP (probeID ILMN_2414962) in temporal cortex in Alzheimer's disease cases and controls	5.381E-09	22685416
Gene expression of MOBP (probeID ILMN_2414962) in temporal cortex in non-Alzheimer's disease samples	0.00001133	22685416

Hits from selected eQTL studies

Study ID	Paper Title	PMID	Tissue	Correlated gene	p-value
Lappalainen2013	Transcriptome and genome sequencing uncovers functional variation in humans	24037378	Lymphoblastoid_EUR_exonlevel	ENSG00000168028.8_39449094_39449277	1.23112587621021e-05

Regulatory motifs altered

Position Weight Matrix ID (Library from Kheradpour and Kellis, 2013)	Strand	Ref	Alt	Match on:
p300_disc6	+	13	1	Ref: ATCCATGTGTCAGATGTAGCCAACGAATTATGTCAGAAGCAGAGAGAAAAGCCTGAAA Alt: ATCCATGTGTCAGATGTAGCCAACGAATTGTCAGAAGCAGAGAGAAAAGCCTGAAA ATTAYRWCA

Dramatically altered p300 binding

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