# **Polygenic Risk Scores**

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# **Polygenic Risk Scores**

- For explaining trait heritability and assessing genetic overlap between conditions
  - Not very good, better methods exist

• For "Mining the Phenome"

• For individual risk prediction

# **Calculating Genetic Risk Scores**

### Unweighted Method

For each individual:

Score = sum(x\_i)

where x\_i is the dosage for "risk" allele i

### Weighted Method

For each individual:

Score = sum(x\_i) \* log(OR\_i)

x\_i = Number of risk alleles (=0,1,2) at SNP i

### OR\_i = Estimated OR at SNP i from discovery set

# Using PLINK to Calculate GRS

./plink --bfile mydata --score myprofile.raw

where myprofile.raw looks like:

SNPA	А	1.95
SNPB	С	2.04
SNPC	С	-0.98
SNPD	С	-0.24

Output looks like:

FID Family ID IID Individual ID PHENO Phenotype for that CNT Number of non-missing SNPs used for scoring CNT2 The number of named alleles SCORE Total score for that individual

By default, if a genotype in the score is missing for a particular individual, then the expected value is imputed, i.e. based on the sample allele frequency

# Mining the Phenome Using Allelic Scores

### GWAS

- Typically association between one marker at a time
  - Implicates biological pathways
  - Implicates modifiable exposures
- Low power
- Invert paradigm to look at relationship between allelic scores indexing exposures/intermediates and disease



# **Potential Advantages**

- Allelic scores have greater power than single variants
- Can be used to screen potential causal relationships between 1000s of intermediates/exposures and disease
  - No need to measure intermediate/exposure in disease collection of interest
  - Molecular phenotypes
- Can be used to screen relationships between intermediate/exposure and 100s of diseases
  - \*Extremely\* large datasets/consortia
- Where we don't know the genetic variants underlying the exposure/intermediate, could we use an anonymous genome-wide score?

# Proof of Principal Study - Method

- Take results from GWAS meta-analyses
  - BMI (Speliotes et al. 2010)
  - CRP (Dehghan et al. 2009)
  - LDLc (Teslovich et al. 2010)
- Construct allelic scores in ALSPAC kids and mums
- Correlate allelic scores with case control status in WTCCC1

### Wellcome Trust Case-Control Consortium

**Genome-Wide Association Across Major Human Diseases** 



### **Body Mass Index**



### **C-Reactive Protein**



### Intermediate-Disease Association WTCCC

**Table 1.** Association between case-control status in the WTCCC and either a weighted genome-wide score consisting of all SNPs across the genome ("GW Score"), a weighted allelic score consisting of highly significant SNPs ( $p < 5 \times 10^{-8}$ ) from known regions only ("Known"), or a weighted genome-wide score consisting of all SNPs across the genome with SNPs from known regions removed from its construction ("Complement").

	ВМІ					CRP				LDLc								
	GW	Score	Kno	wn	Com	plement	GW	Score	Knov	wn	Com	plement	GW	Score	Kno	wn	Com	plement
	Dir	Р	Dir	Р	Dir	Р	Dir	P value	Dir	P value	Dir	Р	Dir	P value	Dir	P value	Dir	Р
BD	-	0.051	-	0.62	-	0.026	+	0.37	+	0.11	+	0.96	-	0.049	-	0.88	-	0.059
CHD	+	0.37	+	0.17	+	0.57	+	0.028	+	0.80	+	0.079	+	1.7×10 <sup>-3</sup>	+	9.2×10 <sup>-3</sup>	+	0.049
HT	-	0.76	_	0.58	+	0.76	+	0.20	+	0.23	+	0.53	-	0.011	-	0.75	-	0.012
CD	_	0.97	+	0.90	+	0.99	+	2.9×10 <sup>-4</sup>	+	0.051	+	0.011	-	0.73	_	0.76	-	0.71
RA	-	0.18	+	0.15	_	0.085	+	0.17	+	0.028	+	0.69	_	0.26	-	0.25	_	0.50
T1D	-	0.97	+	0.77	+	0.85	+	0.020	+	0.15	+	0.033	-	0.018	+	0.58	_	0.20
T2D	+	<2×10 <sup>-16</sup>	<sup>5</sup> +	4.3×10 <sup>-7</sup>	+	1.8×10 <sup>-12</sup>	+	7.6×10 <sup>-8</sup>	+	0.50	+	2.1×10 <sup>-7</sup>	+	0.66	-	0.12	+	0.48

See Tables S1 through S3 for a complete list of results.

BD = Bipolar Disorder; CHD = Coronary Heart Disease; HT = Hypertension; CD = Crohn's Disease; RA = Rheumatoid Arthritis; T1D = Type 1 Diabetes; T2D = Type 2 Diabetes. Dir = Direction of effect; P = P value.

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### Conclusions

 Possible to identify potentially causal relationships using approach

 In theory could scale the approach up to examine thousands of intermediate phenotypes

• Genome-wide allelic scores lack specificity

#### Mining the Human Phenome Using Allelic Scores That Index Biological Intermediates

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#### Abstract

It is common practice in genome-wide association studies (GWAS) to focus on the relationship between disease risk and genetic variants one marker at a time. When relevant genes are identified it is often possible to implicate biological intermediates and pathways likely to be involved in disease actiology. However, single genetic variants typically explain small amounts of disease risk. Our idea is to construct allelic scores that explain greater proportions of the variance in biological intermediates, and subsequently use these scores to data mine GWAS. To investigate the approach's properties, we indexed three biological intermediates where the results of large GWAS meta-analyses were available: body mass index. C-reactive protein and low density lipoprotein levels. We generated allelic scores in the Avon Longitudinal Study of Parents and Children, and in publicly available data from the first Welcome Trust Case Control Consortium. We compared the explanatory ability of allelic scores in terms of their capacity to proxy for the intermediate of interest, and the extent to which they associated with disease. We found that alielic scores derived from known variants and alielic scores derived from hundreds of thousands of genetic markers explained significant portions of the variance in biological intermediates of interest, and many of these scores showed expected correlations with disease. Genome wide allelic scores however tended to lack specificity suggesting that they should be used with caution and perhaps only to proxy biological intermediates for which there are no known individual variants. Power calculations confirm the feasibility of extending our strategy to the analysis of tens of thousands of molecular phenotypes in large genome-wide meta-analyses. We conclude that our method represents a simple way in which potentially tens of thousands of molecular phenotypes could be screened for causal relationships with disease without having to expensively measure these variables in individual disease collections.

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#### Introduction

It is common practice within genome-wite association studies (GWAS) and their meta-analyses to focus on the relationship between disease risk and single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNP) one genetic variant at a time. This strategy is often very informative in terms of identifying biological intermediates and/ or pathways likely to be important in discase pathogenesis. For example, the association between convary heart discase and genetic variants located within genes regulating levels of low

### **Individual Risk Prediction**

### Case Study: Patient X



Age: 40 Sex: Male Ethnicity: American

### **Direct to Consumer Genetic Testing**



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#### Elevated Risk 🕜

disease risk

Name	Confidence	Your Risk	Avg. Risk	Compared to Average
Lung Cancer	****	11.6%	8.5%	1.37x 📲
Rheumatoid Arthritis	****	3.2%	2.4%	1.36x
Esophageal Squamous Cell Carcinoma (ESCC)	****	0.4%	0.4%	1.21x
Stomach Cancer (Gastric Cardia Adenocarcinoma)	****	0.3%	0.2%	1.22x ¦
Primary Biliary Cirrhosis new	****	0.1%	0.1%	1.43x
Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia	***			+
Keloid	***			+
Osteoarthritis	***			+
Primary Biliary Cirrhosis: Preliminary Research	***			+
Squamous Cell Carcinoma	***			+
Stroke	***			+
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)	**			+
Developmental Dyslexia	**			+
Gout	**			+
Sjögren's Syndrome	**			+

#### Decreased Risk 🕜

Name	Confidence	Your Risk	Avg. Risk	Compared to Average
Psoriasis	****	7.1%	11.4%	0.62x
Alzheimer's Disease	****	4.9%	7.2%	0.69x
Age-related Macular Degeneration	****	4.0%	6.5%	0.60x
Melanoma	****	2.2%	2.9%	0.75x
Restless Legs Syndrome	****	0.9%	2.0%	0.44x 🛔
Type 1 Diabetes	****	0.6%	1.0%	0.56x
Crohn's Disease	****	0.4%	0.5%	0.69x I
Multiple Sclerosis	****	0.2%	0.3%	0.69x I
Exfoliation Glaucoma	****	0.2%	0.7%	0.22x I
Celiac Disease	****	0.05%	0.12%	0.41x I
Atopic Dermatitis	***			+
Atrial Fibrillation: Preliminary Research	***			+
Basal Cell Carcinoma	***			+
Bipolar Disorder: Preliminary Research	***			+
Breast Cancer Risk Modifiers	***			+
Cluster Headaches	***			+
Kidney Cancer	***			+
Kidney Disease	***			+
Neuroblastoma	***			+
Paget's Disease of Bone	***			+
Pancreatic cancer	***			+
Progressive Supranuclear Palsy update	***			+
Back Pain	**			+
Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease	**			+

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Name	Confidence	Your Risk	Avg. Risk	Compared to Average
Obesity	****	54.2%	63.9%	0.85x
Coronary Heart Disease	****	53.3%	46.8%	1.14x
Type 2 Diabetes	****	27.2%	25.7%	1.06x 📰
Atrial Fibrillation	****	23.0%	27.2%	0.85x 💻
Prostate Cancer 🔿	****	16.4%	17.8%	0.92x
Venous Thromboembolism	****	11.9%	12.3%	0.96x
Gallstones	****	6.2%	7.0%	0.88x
Colorectal Cancer	****	5.9%	5.6%	1.05x
Chronic Kidney Disease	****	3.0%	3.4%	0.87x
Parkinson's Disease	****	1.4%	1.6%	0.85x ¦
Ulcerative Colitis	****	0.9%	0.8%	1.15x
Bipolar Disorder	****	0.10%	0.10%	0.94x
Scleroderma (Limited Cutaneous Type)	****	0.05%	0.07%	0.80x
Breast Cancer ♀	****	0.00%	0.00%	1.00x (
Lupus (Systemic Lupus Erythematosus) 🍳	****	0.00%	0.00%	1.00x (
Alopecia Areata	***			<b>+</b> +
Ankylosing Spondylitis	***			<b>+</b> +
Asthma	***			<b>+</b> +
Behçet's Disease	***			<b>+</b> +
Brain Aneurysm	***			<b>+</b> +
Coronary Heart Disease: Preliminary Research	***			<b>+</b> +
Follicular Lymphoma	***			<b>+</b> +
Generalized Vitiligo	***			<b>+</b> +
High Blood Pressure (Hypertension) update	***			<b>+</b> +

#### Typical Risk 🕜

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#### My Health

Disease Risk Carrier Status Drug Response

Traits
Health Labs

#### My Ancestry

Maternal Line Paternal Line Relative Finder Ancestry Painting Global Similarity Ancestry Labs

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Name	Confidence 🔺	Outcome
Alcohol Flush Reaction	****	Does Not Flush
Bitter Taste Perception	****	Unlikely to Taste
Earwax Type	****	Wet
Eye Color	****	Likely Brown
Hair Curl 🔆	****	Straighter Hair on Average
Lactose Intolerance	****	Likely Tolerant
Malaria Resistance (Duffy Antigen)	****	Not Resistant
Male Pattern Baldness Ø	****	Increased Odds
Muscle Performance	****	Likely Sprinter
Non-ABO Blood Groups	****	See Report
Norovirus Resistance	****	Not Resistant
Resistance to HIV/AIDS	****	Not Resistant
Smoking Behavior	****	If a Smoker, Likely to Smoke More
Adiponectin Levels	***	See Report
Asparagus Metabolite Detection 🔆	***	Typical Odds of Detecting
Birth Weight	***	See Report
Blood Glucose	***	5.18 mmol/L on Average
Breastfeeding and IQ	***	See Report
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Is it Going to Work? / Is there anything to be worried about?

### Most Variants are of Small Effect



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### What Else Could We Do?

### **Genomic Profiling**



Figure 1 Power of a panel of genetic tests and exposure on predictability of the common disease (simulated data)

## Most Individuals Carry a Mixture of High and Low Risk Genotypes

### **Complex diseases**



### Odds ratio for schizophrenia by polygenic risk score (PRS)

decile in the Sweden, Denmark, and Molecular Genetics of Schizophrenia (US+Oz) studies.

Risk alleles and weights were derived from 'leave one out' analyses in which those samples were excluded from the GWAS meta-analysis. The threshold for selecting risk alleles was P<0.05.



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- маs includes Oz

--- Sweden

25

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Odds ratio

15

"Given the need for measures that index liability to schizophrenia, the ability to stratify individuals by PRS offers new opportunities for clinical and epidemiological research."



## The Predictive Utility of Genetic Variants is Limited By Heritability

#### Table 1 Heritability estimates of various complex

#### diseases and traits

Disease or trait	Heritability	Reference
Eye color	> 99%	[18]
Type 1 diabetes	88%	[19]
Schizophrenia	81%	[20]
Alzheimer's disease	79%	[21]
Height	70-87% (m), 68-85% (v)	[22]
Obesity	65-84% (m), 64-79% (w)	[23]
Smoking persistence	59% (m), 46% (w)	[24]
Anorexia nervosa	56%	[25]
Rheumatoid arthritis	53-65%	[26]
Panic disorder	43%	[27]
Prostate cancer	42%	[28]
Migraine	40-50%	[29]
Heart attack	38% (m), 57% (w)	[30]
Smoking initiation	37% (m), 55% (w)	[24]
Depression	37%	[31]
Colorectal cancer	35%	[28]
Anxiety disorder	32%	[27]
Homosexuality	30% (m), 50-60% (w)	[32]
Breast cancer	27%	[28]
Type 2 diabetes	26%	[33]
Lung cancer	26%	[28]
Happiness	22% (m), 41% (w)	[34]

Heritability and frequency estimates are obtained from published studies and meta-analyses. m = men, w = women.

### The Predictive Utility of Genetic Variants is Limited By Heritability



Janssens & van Duijn (2010) Investigative Genetics

## The Majority of Heritability for Most Diseases is Yet to Be Explained



### The case of the missing heritability

When scientists opened up the human genome, they expected to find the genetic components of common traits and diseases. But they were nowhere to be seen. **Brendan Maher** shines a light on six places where the missing loot could be stashed away.

# **Typical AUC Values**

Table 1. Recent studies on the prediction of complex diseases using multiple genes

Disease	Genetic variants	Variant selection <sup>a</sup>	AUC
Age-related macular degeneration	CFH Y402H, CFH rs1410996, LOC387715 A69S, C2-CFB	5 (out of 1536 tag SNPs in established genes)	0.80 <sup>b</sup>
Coronary heart disease	UCP2 G(-866)A, APOE e2/3/4, LPL D9N, APOA4 T347S	4 (out of 12)	0.62
Coronary heart disease	AGT T4072C, ACE I/D, AGTR1 A1166C, CYP11B2 C(-344)T, ADD1 G614T, GNB3 C825T	6 established variants	0.55°
Hypertriglyceridemia	APOA5 S19W, APOA5 T(-1131)C, APOE e/3/4, GCKR rs780094, TRIB1 rs17321515, TBL2/MLXIPL rs17145738, GALNT2 rs4846914	7 established variants	0.80
MI after surgery	IL6 G572C, ICAM1 K469E, SELE G98T	3 (out of 48)	0.70
Systemic lupus erythematosus	PXK rs6445975, HLA region rs3131379 and rs9275572, IRF5/TNPO3 rs12537284, KIAA1542 rs4963128, ITGAM rs9888739	From GWAS	0.67
Type 2 diabetes	KCNJI I G23L, PPARG P12A, TCF7L2 rs7903146	3 established variants	0.55
Type 2 diabetes	GCK G(-30G)A, IL6 G(-174)C, TCF7L2 rs7903146	3 (out of 19)	0.56
Type 2 diabetes	SNPs in TCF7L2, 2 in CDKN2A/2B, KCNJ11, PPARG, ADAM30/NOTCH2, IGF2BP2, FTO, CDKAL1, SLC30A8, TSPAN8//LGR5, CDC123, WFS1, TCF2, ADAMTS9, HHEX, THADA, JAZF1	18 established variants	0.60
Type 2 diabetes	SNPs in TCF7L2, 2 in CDKN2A/2B, KCNJ11, PPARG, ADAM30/NOTCH2, IGF2BP2, FTO, CDKAL1, SLC30A8, TSPAN8//LGR5, CDC123, WFS1, TCF2, ADAMTS9, HHEX, THADA, JAZF1	18 established variants	0.60

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## GWAS' greatest success: T1D



Proportion of population

Current known loci explain a  $\lambda_s$  of just under five, as compared with the value of 15 often quoted. However, it is likely that the latter figure is exaggerated, and the  $\lambda_s$ attributable to inheritance is likely to be less than ten. The heritability explained will be increased to some degree when the known regions are more fully studied, but the bulk of the remaining heritability is likely to be attributable to many small (or rare) effects, most of which are unlikely to be mapped. Thus, even for this highly heritable disease, the prediction achievable could fall some way short of that required for a targeted prevention strategy.

Figure 5. ROC curve prediction from all the SNPs listed in Supplementary Table 1 in Text S1 (in blue). The prediction curve using the six MHC SNPs alone is shown in red, and the dashed curve corresponds to a polygenic multiplicative model with  $\lambda_s = 4.75$ .

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### Problems...

 Almost all the diagnostic utility is driven by the HLA

• What is the clinical utility?

• T1D is NOT the complex disease that has the highest AUC

# **Ankylosing Spondylitis**



- Auto-immune arthritis resulting in fusion of vertebrae
- Sensitivity and Specificity about 90% using HLA-B27
- Diagnostically useful
- A single SNP can tag HLA-B27 status with ~100% accuracy

### What Else Could We Do?

Genome-wide Information...

### **Genome-wide Prediction?**



### **Genome-wide Prediction?**

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# Harnessing the information contained within genome-wide association studies to improve individual prediction of complex disease risk

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### Wellcome Trust Case-Control Consortium

**Genome-Wide Association Across Major Human Diseases** 

### **DESIGN**

Collaboration amongst 26 UK disease investigators 2000 cases each from 7 diseases

### <u>GENOTYPING</u>

Affymetrix 500k SNPs



### <u>CASES</u>

- 1. Type 1 Diabetes
- 2. Type 2 Diabetes
- 3. Crohn's Disease
- 4. Coronary Heart Disease
- 5. Hypertension
- 6. Bipolar Disorder
- 7. Rheumatoid Arthritis

**CONTROLS** 

1. UK Controls A (1,500 - 1958 BC)

## **Individual Risk Prediction**

Threshold	BD	CHD	CD	RA	T1D	T2D
Count method						
Known	0.549	0.572	0.769	0.701	0.784	0.666
0.8	0.657 (0.564)	0.624 (0.579)	0.782 (0.770)	0.716 (0.703)	0.793 (0.784)	0.702 (0.670)
0.5	0.671 (0.566)	0.619 (0.576)	0.780 (0.770)	0.718 (0.704)	0.794 (0.785)	0.670 (0.667)
0.1	0.651 (0.561)	0.593 (0.581)	0.771 (0.770)	0.718 (0.712)	0.787 (0.785)	0.690 (0.667)
0.05	0.656 (0.556)	0.589 (0.580)	0.770 (0.771)	0.715 (0.712)	0.787 (0.785)	0.686 (0.667)
0.01	0.608 (0.584)	0.608 (0.569)	0.770 (0.771)	0.716 (0.708)	0.788 (0.785)	0.669 (0.665)
0.001	0.563 (0.561)	0.597 (0.572)	0.770 (0.770)	0.710 (0.709)	0.786 (0.785)	0.668 (0.665)
0.0001	0.574 (0.561)	0.576 (0.576)	0.771 (0.770)	0.709 (0.709)	0.785 (0.787)	0.669 (0.669)
0.00001	0.561 (0.562)	0.579 (0.578)	0.770 (0.769)	0.703 (0.712)	0.785 (0.786)	0.669 (0.668)
Log odds method						
0.8	0.678 (0.572)	0.618 (0.585)	0.779 (0.770)	0.718 (0.708)	0.792 (0.786)	0.707 (0.668)
0.5	0.674 (0.566)	0.617 (0.580)	0.778 (0.770)	0.719 (0.709)	0.793 (0.786)	0.707 (0.666)
0.1	0.641 (0.562)	0.595 (0.583)	0.772 (0.770)	0.718 (0.715)	0.788 (0.785)	0.696 (0.667)
0.05	0.641 (0.562)	0.594 (0.579)	0.769 (0.771)	0.718 (0.715)	0.788 (0.786)	0.687 (0.667)
0.01	0.597 (0.579)	0.620 (0.573)	0.769 (0.772)	0.713 (0.711)	0.788 (0.785)	0.668 (0.666)
0.001	0.560 (0.563)	0.592 (0.576)	0.769 (0.770)	0.712 (0.714)	0.785 (0.784)	0.669 (0.667)
0.0001	0.569 (0.561)	0.577 (0.573)	0.770 (0.772)	0.710 (0.710)	0.784 (0.790)	0.667 (0.671)
0.00001	0.560 (0.562)	0.577 (0.581)	0.770 (0.770)	0.703 (0.713)	0.787 (0.785)	0.671 (0.673)

Table 2. Median AUC values for known variants and known variants plus genome-wide scores combined

The first row displays the AUC achieved by using known variants only to discriminate case-control status. The values in the rows below this show the AUC achieved using known variant information combined with genome-wide scores. The values in plain font are the median AUC statistics produced when known variants plus nominally associated SNPs are used to discriminate case-control status for the same disease. The values in parenthesis are median AUC statistics produced when known variants for the disease of interest are combined with genome-wide scores derived from nominally associated bipolar SNPs (or coronary heart disease SNPs for bipolar cases). BD, bipolar disorder; CHD, coronary heart disease; HT, hypertension; CD, Crohn's disease; RA, rheumatoid arthritis; T1D, type I diabetes; T2D, type II diabetes.

# Is There A Future? Problems and Solutions (?)

- Individual risk prediction limited by heritability by definition
  - Can we include environmental predictors as well?
  - Only effective if not on causal path
- The majority of heritability for most traits is yet to be explained
  - Getting closer all the time
  - Polygenic / BLUP approaches
- You often do better by just looking at your parents
  - Including family information in test
- Results only relevant for a very small percentage of individuals
  - Population screening by WGS?
  - Include family information in the risk calculation?