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Abstract

Genetic liability to substance use disorders can be parsed into loci that confer general or substance-specific addiction risk. We report a multivariate genome-wide association meta-analysis that disaggregates general and substance-specific loci for published summary statistics of problematic alcohol use, problematic tobacco use, cannabis use disorder, and opioid use disorder in a sample of **1,025,550** individuals of European descent and **92,630 individuals** of African descent. Nineteen independent SNPs were genome-wide significant ($P < 5e-8$) for the general addiction risk factor (*addiction- rf*), which showed high polygenicity. Across ancestries, *PDE4B* was significant (among other genes), suggesting dopamine regulation as a cross-substance vulnerability. An *addiction- rf* polygenic risk score was associated with substance use disorders, psychopathologies, somatic conditions, and environments associated with the onset of addictions. Substance-specific loci (9 for alcohol, 32 for tobacco, 5 for cannabis, 1 for opioids) included metabolic and receptor genes. These findings provide insight into genetic risk loci for substance use disorders that could be leveraged as treatment targets.

The lives lost, impacts on individuals and families, and socioeconomic costs attributable to substance use reflect a growing public health crisis¹. For example, in the United States, 13.5% of deaths among young adults² are attributable to alcohol, smoking is the leading risk factor for mortality in males³, and the odds of dying by opioid overdose are greater than those of dying in a motor vehicle crash⁴. Despite the large impact of substance use and disorders⁵, there is limited knowledge of the molecular genetic underpinnings of addiction broadly.

Individual SUDs are heritable ($h^2 \sim 50\text{--}60\%$) and highly polygenic^{6,7}. Recent large-scale genome-wide association studies (GWASs) have identified loci associated with problematic drinking^{8,9}, alcohol use disorder (AUD)^{10,11}, cigarettes smoked per day¹², nicotine dependence^{13,14}, cannabis use disorder (CUD)¹⁵ and opioid use disorder (OUD)¹⁶. Echoing evidence from twin and family studies¹⁷, these GWASs show that the genetic architecture of SUDs is characterized by a high degree of commonality¹⁸, i.e., a general addiction genetic factor likely conveys vulnerability to multiple substance use disorders. Even after accounting for genetic correlations with non-problematic substance use and with other psychiatrically-relevant traits and disorders, there is considerable variance that is unique to this general risk for addiction, indicating that a liability to addiction reflects more than just the combined genetic liability to substance use and psychopathology^{18–21}.

We conducted a multivariate GWAS of the largest available discovery GWASs of substance use disorders, including problematic alcohol use (PAU: $N=435,563$; continuous)⁸, problematic tobacco use (PTU: $N=270,120$; continuous)^{12,13,18}, cannabis use disorder (CUD: $N=384,032$, N cases = 14,080)¹⁵ and opioid use disorder (OUD: $N=79,729$, N cases = 10,544 cases)¹⁶. *First*, we partitioned SNP effects into 5 sources of variation: (1) a general addiction risk factor (referred to as *addiction- rf*), and risks specific to (2) alcohol, (3) nicotine, (4) cannabis and (5) opioids. *Second*, we identified biological pathways underlying

risk for these 5 SUD phenotypes using gene, eQTL, and pathway enrichment analyses. *Third*, we examined whether currently available medications could potentially be repurposed to treat SUDs²². *Fourth*, we assessed the association of a polygenic risk score (PRS) derived from *addiction-*rf** with general and specific SUD phenotypes in an independent case/control sample. *Fifth*, we examined the extent to which genetic liability to *addiction-*rf** is shared with other phenotypes (e.g., physical and mental health outcomes). *Sixth*, we tested whether the *addiction-*rf** PRS was associated with: (a) medical diagnoses derived from electronic medical records and (b) behavioral phenotypes in largely substance-naïve 9–10-year-old children.

Results

European ancestry GWAS: Addiction risk factor.

As in our prior study¹⁸, we estimated a single factor model, scaled the variance of *addiction-*rf** to 1, and allowed loadings to be estimated freely. The single factor model that loaded on Opioid Use Disorder (OUD; $N_{\text{effective}} = 30,443$), Problematic Alcohol Use (PAU; $N_{\text{effective}}=300,789$), Problematic Tobacco Use (PTU; $N_{\text{effective}} = 270,120$), and Cannabis Use Disorder (CUD; $N_{\text{effective}} = 46,351$) fit the data well ($\chi^2(1) = .017$, $p = 0.895$, CFI = 1, SRMR = 0.002). The latent factor loaded significantly on all indicators (standardized loadings on OUD = 0.83, PAU= 0.58, PTU = 0.36, CUD = 0.93 see Supplemental Figure 1 for full model). The *addiction-*rf** was associated with 19 independent ($r^2 < 0.1$) genome-wide significant (GWS) SNPs that mapped to 17 genomic risk loci (Figure 1; Table 1; Supplemental Table 1 for lead SNPs and Supplemental Table 2 for genomic risk loci). The most significant SNP (rs6589386, $p=2.9\text{e-}12$) was intergenic, but closest to *DRD2*, which was GWS in gene-based analyses ($p=7.9\text{e-}12$; Supplemental Table 3). Further, rs6589386 was an expression quantitative trait locus (eQTL) for *DRD2* in the cerebellum, and Hi-C analyses (in FUMA)²³ revealed that the variant made chromatin contact with the promoter of the gene (Supplemental Figure 2).

Gene-based analyses identified 42 significantly associated genes (Supplemental Table 3); the most significant signals were *FTO* ($p=1.86\text{E-}13$), *DRD2* ($p=7.9\text{e-}12$), and *PDE4B* ($p=9.63\text{E-}11$). Fine-mapping identified 123 GWS SNPs (of 660 non-independent GWS SNPs) in credible sets as potential causal SNPs based on the posterior probability of inclusion (Supplemental Table 4). Mapping the lead independent SNPs in the credible sets to their nearest gene based on posterior probability of 1, the following SNPs showed the strongest causal potential: rs1937455 (*PDE4B*), rs3739095 (*GTF3C2*), rs6718128 (*ZNF512*), rs4143308 (*RP11-89K21.1*), rs4953152 (*SIX3*), rs41335055 (*CTD-2026C7.1*), rs2678900 (*VRK2*), rs7620024 (*TCTA*), rs283412 (*ADHIC*), rs901406 (*BANK1*), rs359590 (*RABEPK*), rs10083370 (*LINC00637*), rs1477196 (*FTO*), rs291699 (*CDK5R1P1*) (Supplemental Table 4 and Figure 1). Pathway analysis of gene-based results revealed several significant GO terms including double-stranded DNA binding ($p_{\text{bonferroni}}=0.005$), sequence-specific double-stranded DNA binding ($p_{\text{bonferroni}}=0.01$), regulation of nervous system development (2 terms: $p_{\text{bonferroni}}=0.011 - 0.037$), and positive regulation of transcription by RNA polymerase ($p_{\text{bonferroni}}=0.038$) (Supplemental Table 6).

European ancestry GWAS: Substance-specific risk.

To identify loci associated with only a single substance (i.e. not pleiotropic), we used ASSET²⁴ (1-sided $p < 5e-8$). SNPs that were associated at GWS with only a single individual substance (PAU, PTU, CUD, or OUD) were considered substance-specific (e.g., *CHRNA5* SNPs were only associated with PTU; Supplemental Figure 3B–E).

Problematic Alcohol Use.—ASSET analyses revealed 9 independent SNPs in 6 loci associated specifically with PAU (Supplemental Figure 3B; Supplemental Table 7 and 8). As expected⁸, the top signal was rs1229984 in *ADH1B* (p -value=4.11E-68). Gene-based enrichment analyses also implicated the alcohol dehydrogenase activity zinc dependent pathway ($p_{\text{bonferroni}}=0.035$; Supplemental Table 9).

Problematic Tobacco Use.—PTU was specifically associated with 32 independent SNPs in 12 loci (Supplemental Figure 3C; Supplemental Table 10 and 11). The top SNP was rs10519203 ($p=5.12e-267$) in *HYKK* and a robust eQTL for *CHRNA5*; the signal is likely driven by the *CHRNA5* missense variant, rs16969968 ($p=2.79e-175$), which has previously been linked to tobacco use ($r^2=.87$)¹². Several other SNPs were closest to genes encoding nicotinic acetylcholine receptors, including *CHRNA4*, *CHRNB4*, *CHRNB3*, and *CHRNB2* (Supplemental Table 10). Gene-based enrichment implicated multiple pathways and gene sets related to nicotinic acetylcholine receptors (Supplemental Table 12). Specific dopamine-related associations were also noted (e.g., *PDE1C*: rs215600; $p=2.35e-18$; *DBH*: rs1108581; $p=1.00e-14$).

Cannabis Use Disorder.—ASSET identified 5 substance-specific loci for CUD (Supplemental Table 13 and 14), with lead signals at rs11913634 (*FAM19A5*; $p=1.20e-15$), rs8104317 (*CACNA1A*; $p=1.17e-13$), rs72818514 (*ATP10B*; $p=1.57e-09$), and rs11715758 (*GNAI2/HYAL3*; $p=4.84e-08$; Supplemental Figure 3D) and rs11778040 ($p=1.77e-09$; annotated to the *GULOP* pseudogene). rs11778040 mapped to the previously discovered signal for CUD near *CHRNA2* and *EPHX2*¹⁵ and is an eQTL for *CHRNA2*, *EPHX2*, and *CCDC25*. CUD-specific signals showed no significant gene-based enrichment.

Opioid Use Disorder.—The only significant substance-specific signal for OUD was the well-characterized¹⁶ mu opioid receptor (*OPRM1*) SNP, rs1799971 ($p=1.63e-08$; Figure 2E). Gene-based analyses produced no significant findings.

African ancestry GWAS: cross-substance risk.

The ASSET-based meta-analysis of GWAS data for AUD ($N=82,705$)¹¹, tobacco dependence (based on the Fagerstrom Test for Nicotine Dependence, $N=9,925$)¹³, CUD ($N=9,745$)¹⁵, and OUD ($N=32,088$)¹⁶ in individuals of African ancestry yielded only 1 GWS pleiotropic SNP, rs77193269 ($p=4.92e-8$); this SNP was GWS for AUD and tobacco dependence when considering ASSET loci pleiotropic for 2 substances (Supplemental Figure 4B). For substance-specific signals, only one SNP was GWS significant: rs2066702, an *ADH1B* variant that was alcohol-specific (Supplemental Figure 4A).

Cross-Ancestry GWAS: cross-substance risk.

We found 68 GWS SNPs (Supplemental Figure 5), which are challenging to map to nearby regions or candidate genes due to ancestral differences in LD structure. Table 2 lists the SNP with the lowest GWAS p-value on each chromosome. The most significant association was noted near the *FUT2* gene (rs507766, $p = 3.47e-19$). Many GWS signals were consistent with genes found in the European GWAS, including *FTO* (rs9928094, $p = 6.50e-32$) and *PDE4B* (rs1937439, $p = 8.56e-12$). We also identified two SNPs in genes which have previously been implicated in SUDs including *CADM2* (rs62250713, $p=1.00E-18$) and *FOXP2* (rs4727799, $p=3.90E-15$), both of which were within $r^2=0.6$ of lead signals from the European GWAS.

Polygenic architecture and power.

We used a likelihood estimation-based approach to calculate the probability distribution of effect sizes for the *addiction-rf* and each of the constituent input GWASs (i.e., PAU, PTU, CUD, OUD) to examine relative differences in polygenicity (see Methods). The *addiction-rf* showed a narrow distribution of small effect sizes with almost all values falling close to 0. On the other hand, the original substance specific GWASs were characterized by larger average effects (see Supplemental Figure 6 for shape of probability density distribution). For example, only 26% of genes associated with Problematic Tobacco Use showed effect sizes as close to the mean threshold of the probability distribution as *addiction-rf* did. These findings suggest that the *addiction-rf* is characterized by greater polygenicity than specific substances.

Transcriptome-wide Association and Drug Repurposing.

A transcriptome-wide association analysis²⁵ of the *addiction-rf* using multiple tissues simultaneously from GTEx in MetaXcan (See Methods) identified 35 genes in 13 brain regions (Figure 2; Supplemental Table 15). Gene-set analysis using FUMA²³ revealed that these genes were enriched for gene sets and pathways related to neural cells and T-cell processes (Supplemental Figure 7; Supplemental Table 16). Transcriptome-wide analyses with PsychEncode data found 29 significantly associated genes and 11 genes that overlapped with those identified in the GTEx analysis (*AMT*, *DALRD3*, *GPXI*, *KLHDC8B*, *NCKIPSD*, *NICN1*, *P4HTM*, *PPP6C*, *RHOA*, *SNX17*, *WDR6*) (Figure 2). Linking transcriptome-wide patterns from our GTEx MetaXcan analysis to perturbagens that cross the blood-brain barrier from the Library of Integrated Network-Based Cellular Signatures (LINCS)²⁶ database, identified 104 medications approved by the U. S. Food and Drug Administration that reverse the *addiction-rf* transcriptional profile (Supplemental Table 17). Medications currently used to treat SUDs (e.g., varenicline, smoking cessation), other psychiatric conditions (e.g., reboxetine, depression) as well as those used for other purposes (e.g., mifepristone, pregnancy termination; currently under clinical investigation for treating AUD; riluzole, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis) were identified.

LD Score Regression and Genetic Correlations.

After Bonferroni correction ($p < .05/1,547 = 3.20e-5$), the *addiction-rf* was genetically correlated with 251 phenotypes (Figure 3; Supplemental Table 18). Notably, 38 of

these (15%) included somatic diseases linked to specific substances (e.g., lung cancer with tobacco, and pain-related conditions with opioids). As expected, we found significant genetic correlations between the *addiction-rf* and serious, trans-diagnostic psychopathological behaviors, including suicide attempt ($r_g=0.62$, $p=2.89e-33$) and self-medication (e.g., using non-prescribed drugs or alcohol for anxiety, $r_g=0.64$, $p=3.18e-6$). The *addiction-rf* was correlated with, but remained separable based on 95% confidence intervals ($r_g=0.63 \pm .037$, $p=2.33e-231$), from an externalizing factor²⁷ that included similar indices of problematic substance use and behavioral measures.

Latent Causal Variable Analysis.

We used MASSIVE to conduct Latent Causal Variable (LCV)²⁸ analyses on the same 251 phenotypes significant in our genetic correlation analyses (Supplemental Table 19). Post multiple corrections ($p = .05/250 = 1.98e-4$), the only significant causal processes were medication codes. Specifically, *addiction-rf* was estimated as a potential risk factor for “Medication for cholesterol, blood pressure or diabetes: Cholesterol lowering medication” ($gcp = -.739(.078)$, $p = 4.51e21$), “treatment/medication code: atorvastatin” ($gcp = -.373(.050)$, $p = 7.93e-14$) and “Medication for cholesterol, blood pressure, diabetes, or take exogenous hormones: Cholesterol lowering medication” ($gcp = -.315(.071)$, $p = 8.3128e-06$). The negative gcp estimates suggest a causal role of addiction on physical disease (*addiction-rf* is trait 2 in all instances).

Polygenic risk score (PRS) analyses.

PRS analyses with measures addiction and SUDs.—In the independent Yale-Penn 3 sample¹⁶ (EUR $n=1,986$), the *addiction-rf* PRS was significantly associated with a phenotypic factor loading on several SUDs ($p<.001$), polysubstance use disorder (2 or more substance use disorders; $p<2e-16$), and each individual SUD (DSM-IV²⁹: AUD, CUD, OUD, tobacco dependence or TD, and cocaine use disorder [CoUD]) (all $ps < 7.71E-06$; Figure 4; Supplemental Table 20). Nagelkerke’s R^2 values ranged from 2.4% for CUD to 5.9% for TD, and 6.6% for a phenotype similar to *addiction-rf* that represents phenotypic commonality across AUD, CUD, OUD, TD and CoUD. Odds ratios varied from 1.41 for CUD to 1.73 for OUD.

PheWAS in Electronic Health Record data.—In the BioVU sample (EUR $N=66,914$)³⁰, the *addiction-rf* PRS was associated with SUDs ($p=3.31e-29$; Supplemental Figure 8), various types of substance involvement [e.g., Tobacco Use Disorder $p=9.79e-24$, alcoholism (so named in EHR, we note the term “alcohol use disorder” is more appropriate), $p=1.12e-21$], chronic airway obstruction ($p=4.99e-10$), and several psychiatric disorders, with the strongest being bipolar disorder ($p=2.44e-11$). Controlling for any SUD diagnosis to account for causal effects found similar associations with alcoholism, mood disorders, respiratory disease, and heart disease (Supplemental Figure 9A). Controlling for tobacco dependence diagnosis did not significantly modify associations (Supplemental Figure 9B).

Behavioral Phenotypes in Substance-Naïve Children.—Among 4,491 substance-naïve children aged 9–10 years who completed the baseline session of the ABCD Study³¹, the *addiction-rf* PRS was positively correlated (after Bonferroni correction)

with BAS fun-seeking (an aspect of externalizing behavior; $p=2.09e-05$), family history of drug addiction ($p=7.04e-07$), family history of hospitalization due to mental health concerns (including suicidal behavior; $p=4.64e-06$), childhood externalizing behaviors (e.g., antisocial; $p=1.62e-05$), childhood thought problems ($p=3.51e-06$), sleep duration ($p=1.52e-07$), parental externalizing and substance use behaviors (e.g., prenatal tobacco exposure; $p=2.87e-11$), maternal pregnancy characteristics (e.g., urinary tract infection during pregnancy, $p=2.70e-7$), socio-economic disadvantage (e.g., child's neighborhood deprivation; $p=9.84e-07$), and child's likeliness to play sports ($p=2.80e-06$) (Supplemental Figure 10; Supplemental Table 21 for results from all phenotypes and Supplementary Table 23 for measure inclusion criteria).

Discussion

We found 17 genomic loci significantly associated with *addiction-*rf**, and 47 substance-specific loci. *Post hoc* fine-mapping, annotation, and exploratory drug repurposing analyses highlight the potential therapeutic relevance of the discovered loci. The *addiction-*rf** PRS was associated with many medical conditions characterized by high morbidity and mortality rates, including psychiatric illnesses, self-harming behaviors, and somatic diseases that could be consequences of chronic substance use (e.g., chronic airway obstruction) or precursors to heavy substance use (e.g., chronic pain). Finally, in a sample of drug-naïve children, the *addiction-*rf** PRS was correlated with parental substance use problems and externalizing behavior.

Our analyses suggest that the regulation/modulation of dopaminergic genes, rather than variation in dopaminergic genes themselves, is central to general addiction liability. *DRD2* was the top gene signal, which was mapped via chromatin refolding, suggesting a regulatory mechanism. The role of striatal dopamine in positive drug reinforcement is well established³². *DRD2* plays a role in reward sensitivity and may also be central to executive functioning³³ – the interplay of reward and cognition is likely relevant throughout the course of addiction. These complementary observations reinforce the role of dopamine signaling in addiction³².

Other regulatory effects on dopaminergic pathways were supported by the signal at *PDE4B*, which has been implicated in prior GWASs of disinhibition traits²⁷. The phosphodiesterase (PDE) system has been proposed as a dopaminergic regulation mechanism³⁴. Further, animal studies suggest that the PDE system is associated with down-regulation of drug-seeking behaviors across opioids, alcohol, and psychostimulants³⁵. Notably, The *PDE4B* antagonist, ibudilast, has been shown to reduce heavy drinking among patients with AUD^{36,37} and also shown to reduce inflammation in methamphetamine use disorder³⁸, and was significant in our drug repurposing analysis.

The *addiction-*rf** PRS was associated with general and specific SUD liabilities in an independent sample. The *addiction-*rf** PRS predicted ~6% of OUD variance, which is nearly half the total SNP-heritability of OUD¹⁶. The *addiction-*rf** PRS also predicted variance in cocaine use disorder (CoUD); as CoUD was not included in the development of the

*addiction-*rf** (due to lack of a well-powered CoUD GWAS), these findings highlight the generalizability of the *addiction-*rf** beyond alcohol, tobacco, cannabis and opioids.

Substance-specific genetic signals fell primarily into three broad categories: drug-specific metabolism (e.g., *ADH1B* for PAU), drug receptors (e.g., *CHRNA5* for PTU, *OPRM1* for OUD), and general neurotransmitter mechanisms (e.g., *CACNA1A* for CUD). Surprisingly, even after accounting for the *addiction-*rf**, dopaminergic genes (*DBH* and *PDE1C* in particular) were implicated in substance-specific effects for tobacco (PTU). On the other hand, CUD-specific genes did not include well-studied receptor targets (e.g., *CNR1*) or metabolic mechanisms (e.g., Cytochrome P450 genes).

The current *addiction-*rf** is distinct from recent genetic factors^{21,27,39} that were based upon analyses of SUDs with other substance use, psychiatric, and behavioral traits. We focus on SUDs rather than measures of substance use or other externalizing traits, which prior data indicate have differing etiologies and relationships with psychiatric health^{9,40,41}. Our study also parses substance-general (i.e., *addiction-*rf**) and substance-specific loci. This approach distinguishes the *addiction-*rf** from other genetic factors that have include substance use measures. For example, despite genetic overlap between the *addiction-*rf** and a recent index of externalizing behaviors ($r_G=0.63$)²⁷, a significant portion of the variance in *addiction-*rf** was distinct.

Our analyses highlight the robust genetic association of *addiction-*rf** with serious mental and somatic illness. The *addiction-*rf** PRS was more strongly associated with using drugs to cope with internalizing disorder symptoms (anxiety, depression; $r_g=0.60-0.62$) than with the individual psychiatric traits and disorders themselves ($r_g=0.3$), suggesting that genetic correlations between SUDs and mood disorders may partially be attributable to a predisposition to use substances to alleviate negative mood states (“self-medication”)⁴².

The PheWAS also provided insight into potentially complex mechanisms of genetic liability to environmental pathways of risk. In addition to indices of socio-economic status (SES), the *addiction-*rf** was correlated with maternal tobacco smoking during pregnancy and ADHD, in line with evidence that effects ascribed to the prenatal environment may also be mediated by the inheritance of risk loci^{43,44}. The *addiction-*rf** PRS was associated with a family history of serious mental illness, which likely represents an amalgam of genetic and environmental vulnerability⁴⁵. Finally, disability and SES were also associated with polygenic risk, further supporting the association between environmental risk factors and common genetic effects on SUD liability^{9,41,46}.

This study has limitations. First, our GWAS in individuals of African-ancestry had few discoveries, underscoring the need for systematic data collection on SUDs in globally representative populations. Still, we chose to analyze and present these data as their exclusion only furthers disparities in genetic discoveries. Second, although we discovered many loci, they accounted for only a small proportion of the total variance. More samples, particularly those in diverse populations, and the integration of rarer variants are needed to discover the biological pathways that fall below genome-wide significance or are missed in

GWAS. Finally, despite interesting associations between our PRS and SUDs, our findings do not apply to prognostication of future disease risk.

Conclusion

A common and highly polygenic genetic architecture underlies multiple SUDs, a finding that merits integration into medical knowledge on addictions.

METHODS

Summary statistics from each SUD-related GWAS

Summary statistics from the largest available discovery GWAS were used to represent genetic risk for each construct. These include **four measures of problematic substance use or substance use disorder (SUD): 1) Problematic Alcohol Use⁸, 2) Problematic Tobacco Use^{12,13,18}, 3) Cannabis Use Disorder¹⁵, 4) Opioid Use Disorder¹⁶** (described below). All GWAS summary statistics were filtered to retain variants with minor allele frequencies > 0.01 and INFO score > 0.90 for GSCAN¹² and PGC¹⁵ and INFO score > 0.70 for the MVP^{8,16}.

For the current cross-trait GWAS, we maintained the same QC metrics and only analyzed SNPs that were present in all four input GWAS, i.e., variants that passed QC thresholds at all levels, resulting in 3,513,381 SNPs in samples of European ancestry and 5,303,643 SNPs in samples of African American ancestry. The LD scores used for the genomic structural equation modeling (GenomicSEM)⁴⁷ were estimated in the European ancestry samples only using the 1000 Genomes European data⁴⁸. We restricted analyses to HapMap3 SNPs⁴⁹ as these tend to be well imputed and produce accurate estimates of heritability. We used the effective N, which was estimated for each GWAS⁵⁰. For traits with a binary distribution, the effective sample size for an equivalently powered case-control study under a 50–50 case control balance was estimated using the equation: $N_{\text{effective}} = 4/((1/N_{\text{case}}) + (1/N_{\text{control}}))^{51}$. Continuous and quasi-continuous traits used the given N or if from MTAG, the equation $N_{\text{effective}} = ((Z/\beta)^2)/(2*MAF*(1-MAF))^8$ to approximate an equivalently powered GWAS of a single trait. Effective Ns ranged from 46,351 (CUD) to 300,789 (PAU) and are described for each substance-specific GWAS in the **Results** below. Individual GWAS details can be found in the Online Methods.

Genome-wide Analyses in European Ancestry

We conducted a GWAS of a unidimensional addiction risk factor (*addiction- r_f*) underlying the genetic covariance among PAU, PTU, CUD and OUD by applying GenomicSEM⁴⁷ to these European ancestry summary statistics. GenomicSEM conducts genome-wide association analyses in two stages. First, a multivariate version of LD score regression is used to estimate the genetic covariance matrix among all GWAS phenotypes, which is then combined with each individual SNP to calculate SNP-specific genetic covariance matrices. Second, these matrices are then used to estimate the SEM using the lavaan package in R⁵². Variable and unknown extents of sample overlap across contributing GWASs are automatically accounted for in the estimation procedure. The unifactor model fit the data

well⁵³ [$\chi^2(1) = .017, p = 0.895, CFI = 1, SRMR = 0.002$; residual $r = 0.51, p = 0.016$; Supplemental Figure 1; see also our prior work¹⁸ and Online Methods).

As the sample size of summary data derived from African Americans (n range = 9,835–56,648) was not sufficient for LD Score⁵⁴ analyses, we used ASSET²⁴ to conduct the *addiction-*rf**GWAS, as opposed to GenomicSEM, as described in the subsequent **ASSET** section below.

ASSET: Trans-ancestry Analyses

Association analysis based on Subsets (ASSET)²⁴ was used to identify pleiotropic (i.e., SNPs that show associations with more than one SUD) and substance-specific (i.e., SNPs only associated with a single SUD) SNPs within the European and African American ancestry samples in addition to GenomicSEM in Europeans). ASSET was used in our African American ancestry *addiction-*rf**GWAS as the sample size was not sufficient for the Genomic SEM approach used in the European *addiction-*rf**GWAS. As a result, there are important differences in the primary *addiction-*rf**GWAS and GWAS run in ASSET. First, the ASSET-based *addiction-*rf**GWAS contain SNPs that may influence 2, 3, or all 4 individual SUDs, while the GenomicSEM-based *addiction-*rf**GWAS in European ancestry includes SNPs associated with a common factor across included SUDs. ASSET identified pleiotropic SNPs in the European ancestry sample to facilitate method-consistent cross-ancestry meta-analysis GWAS (see subsequent **Cross-Ancestry Meta-analysis** section below) and cross validate primary GenomicSEM results.

ASSET does not leverage the genetic correlation to identify variants of interest (as GenomicSEM does); instead, subset searches scaffold effects into pleiotropic and non-pleiotropic variants based on effect size and standard error derivations that estimate the degree to which the SNP-trait association is due to pooled effects across the phenotypes, vs. a single phenotype driving variant association. Loci were designated as substance-specific when they were only significantly associated with only 1 SUD. As ASSET does not automatically account for sample overlap; we used LDSC-estimated genetic correlations to adjust for overlap within the European ancestry ASSET covariance term.

Cross-Ancestry Meta-analysis

We conducted a cross-ancestry meta-analysis of ASSET-derived (to maintain analytic consistency) European and African ancestry *addiction-*rf** summary statistics. First, SNPs with evidence of SUD pleiotropy (i.e., effects on 2 SUDs, 3 SUDs, or all 4 SUDs, including different sets of SUDs in each ancestry) in *both* ancestral groups were extracted. SNPs with evidence of cross-ancestral heterogeneity (i.e., Cochran's Q statistic $< 5e-8$) were removed, leaving 317,447 SNPs. A meta-analysis in METASOFT⁵⁵ using a random-effects meta-analysis with ancestry group as a random effect was used to identify cross-ancestral effects. We report the random effects BETA and p-value as cross-ancestry effects.

Specific Genetics in European Ancestry Individuals

To validate substance-specific SNPs, we used ASSET for discovery of these variants and, in the European ancestry GWAS, also examined Q-SNP results derived from GenomicSEM.

Q-SNP¹⁴ indexes violation of the null hypothesis that a SNP acts on a trait entirely through a common factor (e.g., *addiction-rf*). For example, if a SNP has a particular effect on one SUD trait (such as SNPs in *CHRNA5* influencing PTU), then it should have significant Q-SNP statistics because it violates the assumption that its effect on PTU is via the *addiction-rf*. We identified Q-SNPs by estimating the association between each SNP and the *addiction-rf*. Then, we fit a model where the SNP predicted the indicators underlying the *addiction-rf*, i.e., PAU, PTU, CUD, OUD. We compared the Chi-square difference statistic between the two models; those with significant decrement of fit (X^2 for $df = 4$) in the model where the SNP predicted the *addiction-rf* alone relative to the SNP predicting the indicators themselves was considered a significant Q-SNP above genome-wide significance (i.e. $Q p < 5e-8$). SNPs with significant Q-SNP statistics were removed from the *addiction-rf* summary statistics for all post-hoc analyses, including fine-mapping, gene-based tests, transcriptome-wide association analyses, LD score genetic correlations and polygenic risk score analyses.

Q-SNP analysis also identified several SNPs that appeared to be specific to a single substance. However, as Q-SNP cannot be used for precise identification of substance-specific (trait-specific) SNPs, we relied on ASSET analyses (with a 1-sided p-value), to identify the subset of SNPs with effects (at genome-wide significance, $p < 5e-8$) limited to only 1 SUD-related trait (e.g., PAU-specific). It is worth noting that the ASSET analysis used to determine specific SNPs is the same analysis that went in the cross-ancestry results, except pleiotropic loci were retained for the cross-ancestry analysis and specific SNPs for the analysis described here.

Post-hoc analyses of European ancestry GWAS results

Estimation of expected SNP effect sizes—We estimated the distribution of genetic effect-sizes of *addiction-rf* (Genomic SEM) and the 4 input GWAS (PAU, PTU, CUD, OUD) using Genetic effect-size distribution inference from summary-level data (GENESIS). GENESIS is a likelihood-based approach⁵⁶. In this approach, GWAS summary statistics and an external panel of linkage disequilibrium (in our case, the 1000 Genomes Phase 3 reference panel) are used to estimate a projected distribution of SNP effect sizes. A flexible normal mixture model based on the number of tagged SNPs and LD scores is estimated. A 3-component model is fit, where SNP effect sizes are estimated to belong to one of three components based on bins of effect sizes (large, medium, small). If the distribution of SNPs is multivariate normal, the estimation of the SNPs with large and medium effect sizes can be done via their independent effect sizes. The third component represents SNPs with null and small effect sizes, and these should follow a similar distribution. Therefore, this model reweights SNPs and generates a projected distribution of effect sizes, and from this projection, we can draw conclusions about the distribution of effect sizes⁵⁴.

Biological Characterization—FUMA²³ was used for post-hoc bioinformatic analyses of our five GWAS (i.e., the *addiction-rf* (from Genomic SEM), PAU-specific, PTU-specific, CUD-specific, OUD-specific (from ASSET) loci) in European ancestry samples and to determine lead and independent variants. Within FUMA, gene-based tests and gene-set enrichment were conducted via MAGMA⁵⁷; gene annotation, and identification of SNP-to-gene associations via expression quantitative trait loci (eQTLs) and/or chromatin

interactions (via Hi-C data) in PsychEncode⁵⁸ and Roadmap Epigenomics tissues for Prefrontal cortex, hippocampus, ventricles, and neural progenitor cells^{59,60}. For each specific SUD GWAS run using ASSET, the distribution of p-values included all non-pleiotropic SNPs (i.e., SNPs only associated with a single SUD, n SNP CUD-Specific = 312,661, n SNP PTU-Specific = 560,983, n SNP PAU-Specific = 193,647, n SNP OUD-Specific = 425,665). Additional details on the FUMA analyses are available in Online Methods.

Fine-mapping with SusieR.: We fine-mapped the association statistics of the four phenotypes (*addiction-*rf**, PAU-specific, PTU-specific, CUD-specific; OUD-specific only had one significant loci, and that loci has known mechanism of effect) that had more than 1 genome-wide significant SNP in a 1 MB region around the lead SNP to determine the 95% credible set using susieR⁶¹ with at most 10 causal variants (this analysis reduces the total number of SNPs at a lead genome-wide signal to those that can credibly be considered as causal SNPs). The credible set reports include the likelihood of being a causal variant; the marginal posterior inclusion probability (PIP) ranges from 0 to 1, with values closer to 1 being most likely causal.

Transcriptome-Wide Association Analysis.: We conducted two transcriptome-wide analyses. First, we used MetaXcan/S-MultiXcan³⁸ to conduct a cross-tissue analysis of all brain tissues in the GTEx v8 data³⁷. S-MultiXcan returns a broad Z-score across all tissues in the model, along with the top and lowest scores at each tissue. S-MultiXcan combines information across individual tissues, which improves the power for discovery by reducing the multiple correction burden. It also produces z-score and p-values for top-associated tissues. Second, we also used S-Predixcan⁶² to predict transcription using the weights trained from on psychiatric cases vs controls transcriptional differences from the frontal and temporal cortex using the PsychEncode⁶³ dataset. As these data were very densely sampled for psychiatrically relevant traits, it serves to complement the relatively healthy GTEx sample.

Drug Repurposing—Our signature matching technique used data from the Library of Integrated Network-based Cellular Signatures (LINCS) L1000 database⁶⁴. The LINCS L1000 database catalogues *in vitro* gene expression profiles (signatures) from thousands of compounds in over 80 human cell lines (level 5 data from phase I: GSE92742 and phase II: GSE70138)²⁶. We selected compounds that were currently FDA approved or in clinical trials (via <https://clue.io/repurposing#download-data>; updated 3/24/20). Our analyses included signatures of 829 chemical compounds (590 FDA approved, 239 in clinical trials) in five neuronal cell-lines (NEU, NPC, MNEU.E, NPC.CAS9 and NPC.TAK), a total of 3,897 signatures were present as not all compounds were tested in all cell lines in the LINCS dataset.

In vitro medication signatures were matched with *addiction-*rf** signatures from the transcriptome-wide association analyses (conducted using S-MultiXcan)^{25,62} via multi-level meta-regression. We computed weighted (by its proportion of heritability explained ($h^2_{\text{MULTI-XCAN}}$)) Pearson correlations between transcriptome-wide brain associations and *in vitro* L1000 compound signatures using the metafor package in R⁶⁵. We treated

each L1000 compound as a fixed effect incorporating the effect size ($r_{weighted}$) and sampling variability ($se^2_{r_{weighted}}$) from all signatures of a compound (e.g., across all time points, cell lines, doses). Analyses included brain region as a random effect to estimate tissue specific heterogeneity. Only genes that were Bonferroni significant in the S-PrediXcan (transcriptome-wide correction = $.05/14,389 = 3.48e-06$) were entered into the model. We only report those perturbagens that were associated after Bonferroni correction (perturbagen correction = $.05/3,897 = 1.28e-05$).

Polygenic Risk Score Analyses in Yale-Penn

Yale-Penn.: The Yale-Penn^{16,66} sample includes 11,332 genotyped and phenotyped individuals recruited across three phases (i.e., Yale-Penn 1, Yale-Penn 2, and Yale-Penn 3) based on the time of recruitment and genotyping array used. All cohorts were ascertained via recruitment at substance use treatment centers or targeted advertisements for genetic studies of cocaine, opioid, and alcohol dependence, resulting in a sample highly enriched for problematic substance use, as well as control subjects and relatives. All participants were assessed using the Semi-Structured Assessment for Drug Dependence and Alcoholism (SSADDA)⁶⁷. Analyses based on Yale-Penn 1 and 2 have been published previously⁶⁶, and were used in the discovery sample of the present study. Here, we used data from Yale-Penn 3¹⁶ for replication analyses and as a target sample for polygenic risk score analyses; the Yale-Penn 3 sample is independent from our discovery GWASs. Yale-Penn 3 comprises 3,026 genotyped and phenotyped Americans of European (EUR; N=1,986) and African (AFR; N=1,040) ancestry passing standard quality control. Genotyping was performed at the Gelernter lab at Yale University using the Illumina Multi-ethnic Global Array containing 1,779,819 markers, followed by genotype imputation using Minimac3⁶⁸ and the Haplotype Reference Consortium reference panel⁶⁹ as implemented on the Michigan imputation server (<https://imputationserver.sph.umich.edu>).

For the present analysis, only Yale-Penn 3 EUR subjects (N=1,986) were included. DSM-IV²⁹ substance abuse and dependence diagnoses (combined as abuse or dependence to represent use disorder) based on SSADDA assessments were used to determine case and control status for alcohol use disorder (AUD), cannabis use disorder (CUD), cocaine use disorder (CoUD), tobacco dependence (TD), and opioid use disorder (OUD). Of the 1,986 EUR subjects, 42.4% met criteria for AUD (N=843), 25.9% met criteria for CUD (N=515), 25.3% met criteria for CoUD (N=503), 31% met criteria for TD (N=615), and 22.6% met criteria for OUD (N=448). The mean age of Yale-Penn 3 EUR subjects is 41.5 (SE=15.1) and 51.5% are female (N=1,023).

We calculated the *addiction- r* PRS using the PRS-cs auto approach⁷⁰. This method assumes a general distribution of effect sizes across the genome, and then reweights SNPs based on this assumption, their effect size in the original GWAS, and their linkage disequilibrium (LD); weights for every SNP were then summed to create a final score. PRS were associated with phenotypes (OUD, TD, CUD, AUD, CoUD) in Yale-Penn 3 via a logistic regression controlling for first 10 PCs, age, sex and age by sex. PRS were scaled to unit variance. These logistic regression analyses were also examined for the following contrasts: 1) Those with any SUD (n=985) vs those with no SUD (n=1,001), to represent *Any SUD*; 2) Those with 2

SUDs (n=729) vs those with <2 (including 0) SUDs (n=1,257) to represent *Polysubstance Use Disorder (PSUD)*; and 3) Those with 2 SUDs (n=729) vs those with 1 SUD (n=256) to represent PSUD within those with SUD. The association between the *addiction-rf* PRS and the SUD Common Factor was estimated with lavaan⁵² where a common factor loaded on the 5 disorders.

Genetic Correlations and Latent Causal Variable modeling

To examine phenotypes that were genetically correlated with the *addiction-rf*, we calculated genetic correlations using LD score regression^{54,71} through the MASSIVE pipeline⁷², which conducts LD score regression^{13,46} and Latent Causal Variable Analysis²⁸ on 1,547 summary statistics for various phenotypic traits, including a mixture of ICD codes and self-reported traits from the UK Biobank and publicly available meta-analyses from GWAS consortiums.

Phenome-wide Association Studies (PheWAS)

PheWAS in adult samples.—As MASSIVE includes a fairly sparse set of diagnoses (not all ICD codes are available) for genetic correlation analyses, we conducted additional and theoretically relevant PheWASs using the *addiction-rf* PRS. We used electronic health records (EHR) data for 66,914 genotyped individuals of European-ancestry from the Vanderbilt University Medical Center biobank (BioVU)³⁰. BioVU is a repository of leftover blood samples (~240,000 samples) from clinical testing, that are sequenced, de-identified, and linked to clinical and demographic data. Genotyping and quality control of this sample have been described elsewhere³⁰. The *addiction-rf* PRS was used to predict 1,335 diseases in a logistic regression model, controlling for median age on record, reported gender, and first 10 genetic ancestry PCs. For an individual to be considered a case, they were required to have two separate ICD codes for the index phenotype, and each phenotype needed at least 100 cases to be included in the analysis. A Bonferroni-corrected phenome-wide significance threshold of $0.05/1335=3.7E-05$ was used⁷³.

ABCD PheWAS of phenotypes collected in childhood.—To identify phenotypes that were associated with the *addiction-rf* before the onset of regular substance use, we used data from the Adolescent Brain and Cognitive Development (ABCD[®]) Study release 2.0 for genome data and 3.0 for phenotypes to conduct a phenome-wide association analysis of behavioral, social, and environmental phenotypes in adolescence. The ABCD Study is an ongoing multi-site longitudinal study of child health and development (see Online Methods for details)^{31,74}. Children (N=11,875; including twins and siblings) ages 8.9–11 were recruited from 22 sites across the United States to complete the ABCD Study baseline assessment. We restricted our sample to participants of genomically-confirmed European ancestry (based on principal components) who were not missing any covariate measures (N=4,490).

PRS were generated using the PRS-cs software package⁷⁰ consistent with our other (i.e., Yale-Penn 4, BioVU) PRS analyses described above. Associations between *addiction-rf* PRS and phenotypes were estimated using mixed-effects models in the lme4⁷⁵ package in R. PRS were scaled to unit variance. Family ID and site were included as random effects to account for non-independence of measurement associated with relatedness and scanner/site.

We controlled for the first 10 ancestry principal components, age, sex, age by sex. We used a Bonferroni-corrected phenome-wide significance threshold of $0.05/1480 = 3.38e-05$; all results are presented in the Supplemental Table 21.

Supplementary Material

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Data Availability

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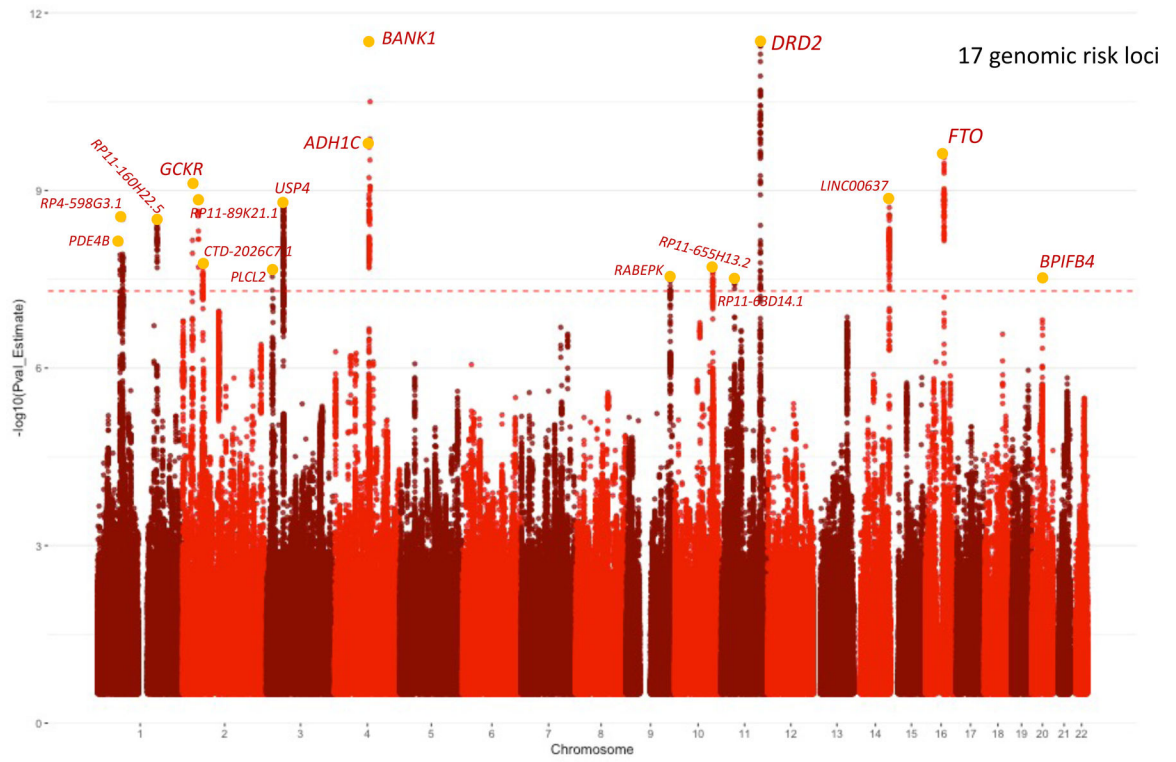


Figure 1. Manhattan Plot of Addiction-rf Genome-Wide Significant Results.

The dotted line represents genome-wide significance at $5e-8$. Each SNP peak is annotated with the closest mapped gene from FUMA (Table 1). We have not included all SNPs in the credible set in Table 1, but they are shown in Supplementary Table 4. Significance is set at genome-wide significance Bonferroni correction in a two-sided test ($P < 5e-8$).

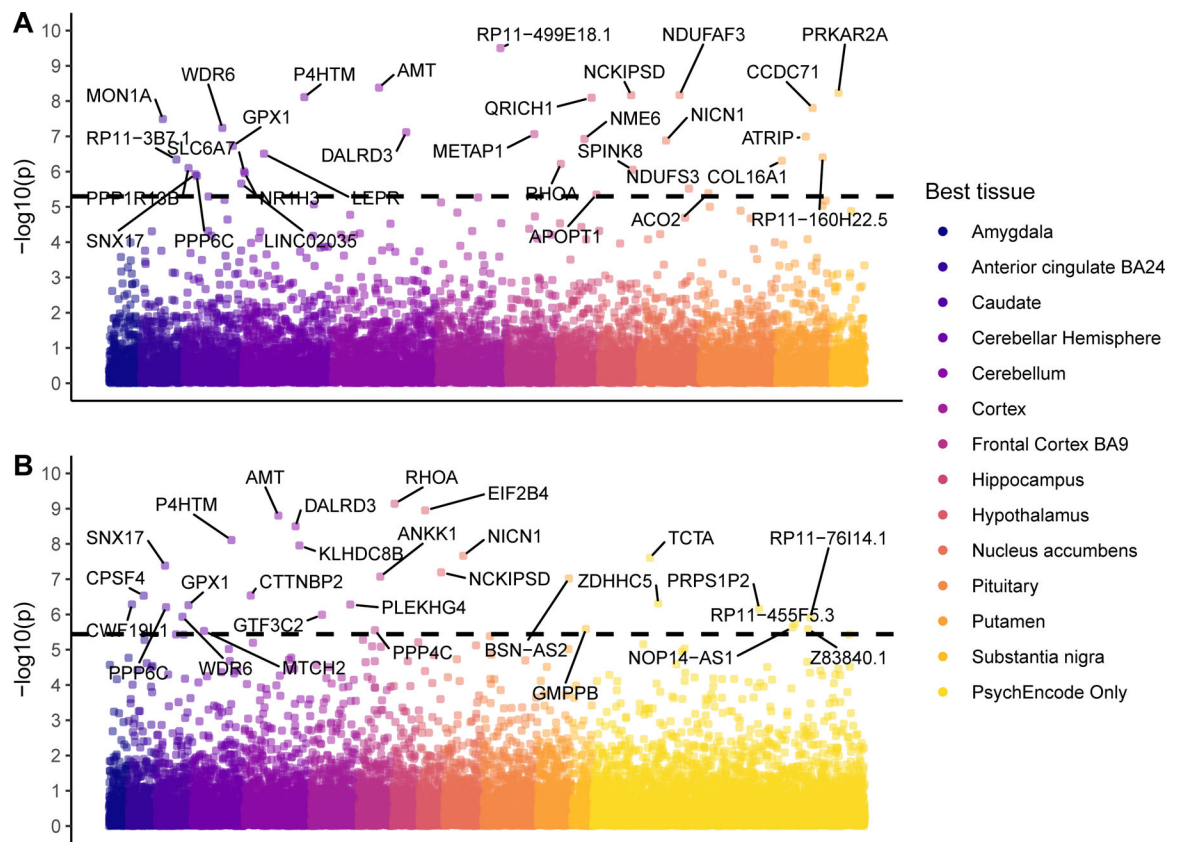


Figure 2. Manhattan Plot of TWAS Results for *Addiction-rl*.

A Transcriptome-Wide Association Study (TWAS) of the *addiction-rl*, plotted as a Manhattan plot. In Panel A, Analyses were conducted in S-MultiXcan with GTEx v8 data. In Panel B, the analysis was run using S-PredixCan with weights trained from PsychEncode. The y-axis is presented as $-\log_{10}(p)$, the color of the data point represents the tissue in which correlation between gene expression and outcome was the highest. The dotted black line represents Bonferroni corrected TWAS significance of a two-sided test (Plot A has 9,944 genes, Bonferroni = 5×10^{-6} and the line is at 5.3, Plot B has 13,850 genes, Bonferroni = 3.6×10^{-6} , line is at 5.4)

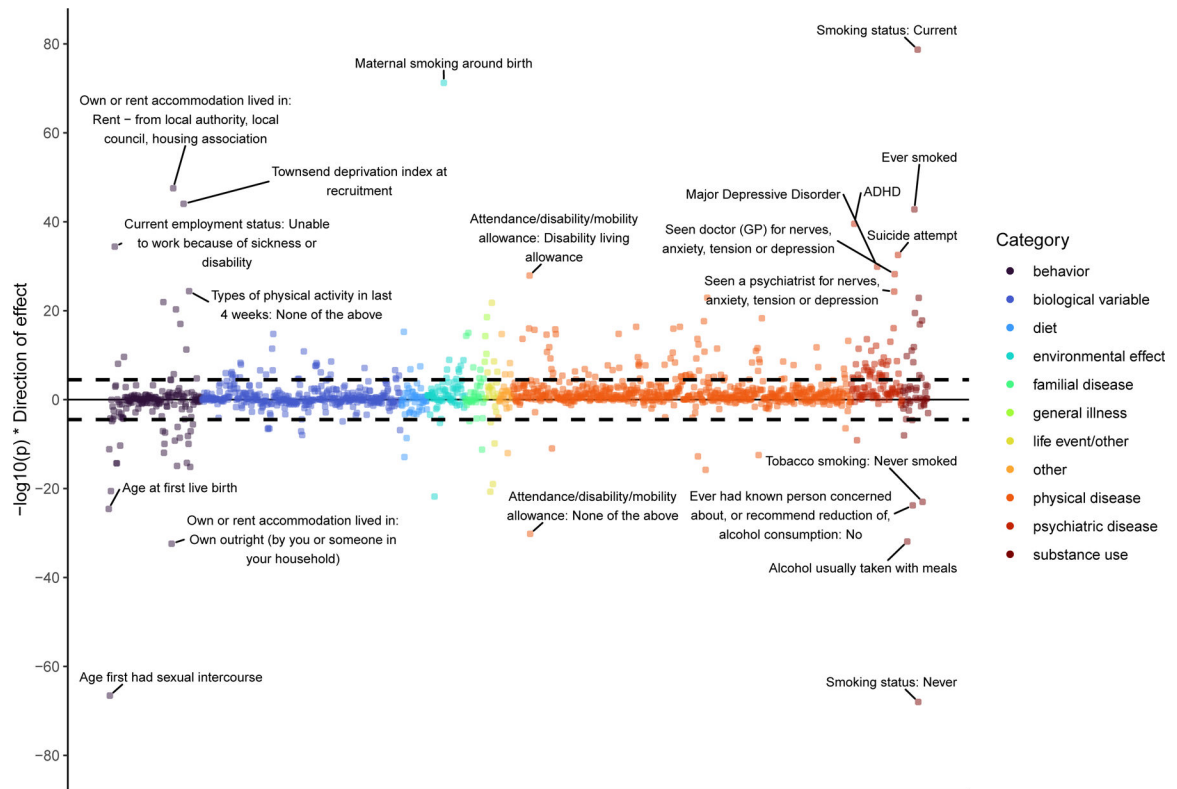


Figure 3. PheWAS of Genetic Correlations using MASSIVE.

Genetic correlations between 1,547 traits and the *addiction-rf*, calculated in MASSIVE, mapped by their statistical significance ($-\log_{10}(p)$ on the y-axis), and broad category.

The top 20 correlations are annotated. The black dashed line represents Bonferroni significance for association of a two-sided test ($p_{\text{bon}} = .05/1,574 = 3.232e-05$).

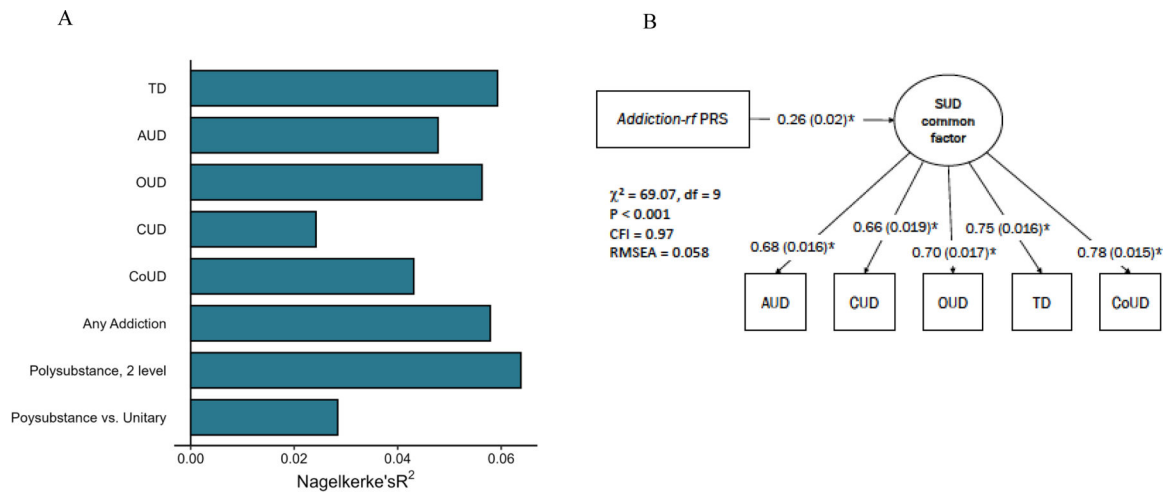


Figure 4. Polygenic Risk Score Prediction in Yale-Penn.

(A) Polygenic risk score (PRS) of the *addiction-rf* predicts lifetime alcohol (AUD), cannabis (CUD), opioid (OUD), tobacco (TD), and cocaine (CoUD) use disorders, and variables representing more than one lifetime substance use disorder diagnosis vs no SUDs diagnosis (Polysubstance Use Disorder, 2 level), more than one lifetime diagnosis vs. one lifetime diagnosis (polysubstance vs. unitary), as well as any substance use disorder diagnosis (Any Addiction) in an independent sample (Yale Penn 3; N=1,986 individuals of European genetic ancestry). (B) The *addiction-rf* PRS was associated with a comparable phenotypic substance use disorders (SUD) common factor in the Yale-Penn sample. Controlling for age, sex and 10 genetic principal components of ancestry, all path estimates are fully standardized. Estimates were significant at $p < .001$ of a two-sided test (LAVAAN does not report P-values lower than .001).

Table 1.

Lead GWAS significant variants

rsID	chr	AI	position	European Ancestry			FUMA GWAS SNPs	African Ancestry		Cross-ancestry	
				Genomic SEM Beta	GenomicSEM P	SusieR SNPs in Credible set		ASSET Beta	ASSET p	METASOFT Beta	METASOFT p
rs1937455	1	A	66416939	0.013	7.74E-09	2	43	0.024	3.00E-03	0.013	0.100
rs1475064	1	A	73882478	0.014	3.06E-09	3	161	0.09	6.25E-03	0.011	0.051
rs2860846	1	T	174075924	0.014	3.37E-09	34	36	NA	NA	NA	NA
rs1260326	2	T	27730940	-0.015	7.60E-10	17	10	NA	NA	NA	NA
rs570436	2	C	45142673	-0.015	1.31E-09	15	8	NA	NA	NA	NA
rs2717054	2	G	58046683	-0.014	1.97E-08	8	44	NA	NA	NA	NA
rs55855024	3	C	16850764	-0.014	2.37E-08	8	35	NA	NA	NA	NA
rs6795772	3	C	49365269	0.014	1.58E-09	2	265	NA	NA	NA	NA
rs3114045	4	T	100252560	-0.023	1.85E-10	3	134	-0.019	0.554	-0.012	2.60E-15
rs1662031	4	A	100256793	-0.015	1.17E-09	3	134	NA	NA	NA	NA
rs1813006	4	G	103001649	0.037	3.18E-12	9	11	NA	NA	NA	NA
rs864882	9	C	127968109	0.015	3.41E-08	2	26	NA	NA	NA	NA
rs7073987	10	C	110565868	0.015	2.04E-08	3	61	NA	NA	NA	NA
rs2861190	11	C	38517941	-0.014	3.66E-08	5	117	NA	NA	NA	NA
rs17602038	11	T	113364691	0.017	6.64E-12	2	117	NA	NA	NA	NA
rs6589386	11	C	113443753	0.017	2.92E-12	2	65	NA	NA	NA	NA
rs10083370	14	G	104314182	0.014	1.53E-09	3	89	NA	NA	NA	NA
rs28567725	16	T	53826028	0.016	2.50E-10	5	83	0.012	.457	0.007	6.49E-12
rs2424952	20	T	31685873	0.030	3.21E-08	2	4	NA	NA	NA	NA

Lead GWAS variants from European ancestry *addiction-rf* meta-analysis (in Genomic SEM), African ancestry *addiction-rf* meta-analysis (based on ASSET), and trans-ancestry meta-analysis (in METASOFT) of the common SNPs underlying PAU, PTU, CUD, and OUD. We generated 4 cross-substance meta-analyses. First, we used a model that leverages genetic overlap across different SUDs via genomic SEM (Figure 1). The GWAS of European ancestry individuals, run with GSEM, forms the primary analysis for most downstream analyses (i.e., TWAS, genetic correlation, PheWAS, genetic causality). The GSEM results for the *addiction-rf* are shown first (Genomic SEM Beta, Genomic SEM p); the number of credible SNPs in each set (SusieR; $r^2 = .6$) with GWAS lead SNPs (from FUMA) are also shown. Next, results for the cross-substance meta-analysis in African ancestry individuals, using ASSET, is shown (ASSET Beta, ASSET p). ASSET splits groups of SNPs into pleiotropic versus non-pleiotropic SNPs, which produces a sparser set of GWAS results (as all SNPs must be pleiotropic to estimate a Beta and P-value), hence, NAs. Finally, to conduct a cross-ancestry meta-analysis, we applied ASSET to the European ancestry sample and then meta-analyzed the European and African ancestry summary data using METASOFT (METASOFT beta, METASOFT p; see Table 2). Direction of all betas corresponds to the effect allele (A1). rsID=rs number, chr=Chromosome, AI=effect allele, position=bp genomic position. Significance is set at Bonferroni corrected genome-wide significance in a two-sided test ($P < 5e-8$).

Table 2.

Top results from the Cross-Ancestry meta-analysis in METASOFT

Chr	SNPID	Gene	AI	Pheno_Eur	Pheno_AA	Cross_Beta	Cross_P	AA_Beta	AA_P	Eur_Beta	Eur_P
19	rs507766	<i>FU/T2</i>	T	CUD,PAU	CUD,AUD	-0.009	3.47E-19	0.007	0.914	-0.004	2.66E-04
16	rs9928094	<i>FTO</i>	A	PTU,OUUD,PAU	OUUD,AUD	0.006	6.50E-32	0.011	0.321	0.006	1.63E-11
2	rs472140	NA	C	PTU,PAU	CUD,PTU	-0.007	3.79E-43	-0.02	0.722	-0.007	7.66E-13
4	rs6846266	NA	A	PTU,PAU	OUUD,AUD	-0.005	6.05E-23	-0.011	0.317	-0.005	3.61E-06
3	rs62250713	<i>CADM2</i>	G	CUD,PAU	CUD,AUD	0.009	1.00E-18	0.018	0.268	0.009	6.97E-11
1	rs784601	NA	G	CUD,PTU,PAU	CUD,PTU	-0.004	3.57E-15	-0.014	0.519	-0.004	2.47E-05
7	rs4727799	<i>FOXP2</i>	C	CUD,PTU	PTU,OUUD	-0.004	3.90E-15	-0.024	0.752	-0.004	2.74E-06
22	rs6002381	NA	T	CUD,PTU,PAU	PTU,AUD	-0.007	5.23E-12	-0.022	0.551	-0.007	1.13E-06
12	rs1497253	<i>IRAG2</i>	A	CUD,PTU,OUUD,PAU	CUD,PTU,AUD	-0.004	4.01E-15	0.007	0.914	-0.004	2.66E-04
14	rs7147171	<i>PP1R13B</i>	G	PTU,PAU	PTU,OUUD,AUD	-0.007	3.71E-12	-0.01	0.37	-0.007	3.09E-10
15	rs35175834	<i>SEMA6D</i>	G	CUD,PTU,PAU	CUD,PTU,OUUD,AUD	-0.007	5.84E-12	0.007	0.959	-0.007	3.51E-07
20	rs293553	<i>C20orf112</i>	A	PTU,OUUD	PTU,OUUD	-0.009	2.03E-09	-0.018	0.24	-0.009	1.43E-07
9	rs7033815	<i>SCAI</i>	G	PTU,OUUD	CUD,OUUD,AUD	0.006	2.71E-09	0.018	0.171	0.006	2.83E-06
17	rs587880	<i>FBXL20</i>	G	OUUD,PAU	OUUD,AUD	-0.009	1.07E-09	-0.014	0.119	-0.009	1.36E-05
18	rs4996482	<i>RP11-397A16.1</i>	C	CUD,PTU,OUUD	CUD,OUT	0.006	3.54E-09	0.028	0.006	0.261	4.18E-07
5	rs7708715	<i>TMEM161B-AS1,CTC-498M16.2</i>	C	CUD,PTU	CUD,OUUD,AUD	0.003	3.59E-09	0.013	0.34	0.003	6.16E-05
8	rs2321459	<i>LEKR1</i>	T	PTU,PAU	PTU,OUUD	-0.006	3.68E-09	-0.009	0.974	-0.006	4.51E-05
6	rs62394558	NA	G	CUD,PTU	CUD,OUUD	-0.003	3.89E-09	-0.02	0.962	-0.003	8.00E-03
1*	rs1937439	<i>PDE4B</i>	A	CUD,PTU,PAU	CUD,AUD	0.007	5.18E-12	0.025	0.173	0.007	4.54E-10
4*	rs10031172	<i>BANK1</i>	T	CUD,OUUD,PAU	Tob,AUD	-0.006	1.93E-09	-0.014	0.090	-0.006	8.03E-05

Note. Chr = Chromosome, SNPID = snp rsID, Gene is closest gene, AI is effect allele, Pheno_AA lists the phenotypes associated with the SNP in the African Ancestry Sample GWAS, Pheno_Eur lists the phenotypes associated with the SNP in the European sample, Cross_Beta is the cross-ancestry Beta from the METASOFT random effects meta-analysis, Cross_P is the P from the P-value of the cross-ancestry meta-analysis, AA_Beta is the transformation of the OR from ASSET when run in the African American Sample, AA_P is the p-value from ASSET, Eur_Beta is the transformation of the Odds Ratio (to a Beta) from ASSET when run in the European sample, Eur_P is the P-value from ASSET. Significance is set at Bonferroni corrected genome-wide significance in a two-sided test ($P < 5e-8$).