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2 Dynamic stress- and inflammatory-based regulation of psychiatric risk loci in human neurons

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24 **ABSTRACT**

25 The prenatal environment can alter neurodevelopmental and clinical trajectories, markedly
26 increasing risk for psychiatric disorders in childhood and adolescence. To understand if and how
27 fetal exposures to stress and inflammation exacerbate manifestation of genetic risk for complex
28 brain disorders, we report a large-scale context-dependent massively parallel reporter assay
29 (MPRA) in human neurons designed to catalogue genotype x environment (GxE) interactions.
30 Across 240 genome-wide association study (GWAS) loci linked to ten brain traits/disorders, the
31 impact of hydrocortisone, interleukin 6, and interferon alpha on transcriptional activity is
32 empirically evaluated in human induced pluripotent stem cell (hiPSC)-derived glutamatergic
33 neurons. Of ~3,500 candidate regulatory risk elements (CREs), 11% of variants are active at
34 baseline, whereas cue-specific CRE regulatory activity range from a high of 23% (hydrocortisone)
35 to a low of 6% (IL-6). Cue-specific regulatory activity is driven, at least in part, by differences in
36 transcription factor binding activity, the gene targets of which show unique enrichments for brain
37 disorders as well as co-morbid metabolic and immune syndromes. The dynamic nature of genetic
38 regulation informs the influence of environmental factors, reveals a mechanism underlying
39 pleiotropy and variable penetrance, and identifies specific risk variants that confer greater disorder
40 susceptibility after exposure to stress or inflammation. Understanding neurodevelopmental GxE
41 interactions will inform mental health trajectories and uncover novel targets for therapeutic
42 intervention.

43 **KEYWORDS**

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47 Introduction

48 Genome-wide association studies (GWAS) identified hundreds of significant loci associated with
49 psychiatric⁹⁻¹² and neurodegenerative disease risk^{13,14}. The overwhelming majority of these risk
50 loci are comprised of variants that are non-coding, common in the population at large, and thought
51 to confer heightened risk by regulating the expression of one or more target genes (eGenes)^{1,2,16}.
52 Critically, the weighted sum of all GWAS risk alleles falls short of explaining phenotypic variance
53 and does not predict individual outcomes³, suggesting that additional factors may underlie the
54 penetrance and expressivity of genetic risk for complex brain disorders. For example, immune
55 signaling and stress, particularly fetal exposures, are well-established environmental risk factors
56 associated with psychiatric disorders. Although the causal mechanisms involved remain
57 unresolved, maternal immune activation (MIA) induces pro-inflammatory agents and neuropoietic
58 cytokines, circulating levels of which alter the release of glucocorticoids from the adrenal gland^{4,5}.
59 Maternal cytokines and steroid hormones cross the placental barrier and reach the fetal
60 vasculature and brain^{6,7}, where they impact gene expression and neurodevelopment^{8,9,10} *in vivo*,
61 effects that are recapitulated in a dose-dependent manner *in vitro*^{11,12}. Interaction of cytokines in
62 the developing brain with risk-associated regulatory elements may explain, in part, how fetal
63 exposures increase risk for brain disorders in offspring.

64 Genomic analyses typically yield static predictions of gene expression derived from post-mortem
65 analyses, predicting genetic regulation at baseline. If, however, the regulatory activity of non-
66 coding risk variants is indeed influenced by environmental interactions, context-specific influences
67 of the regulome could shape risk for brain disorders. Consistent with this, genetic loci that explain
68 variation in expression levels of mRNAs (termed expression quantitative trait loci, “eQTL”) differ
69 between tissues¹³⁻¹⁵, cell-types¹⁶⁻¹⁸, and sexes¹⁹⁻²¹. eQTLs are likewise dynamically regulated
70 (e.g. by immune^{22,23} and stress²⁴⁻²⁶ signaling); notably, these changes in regulatory activity also
71 occur in a cell-type specific manner^{27,28}. Nonetheless, to date, nearly all evidence of context-
72 dependent genetic regulation reflects studies of blood cells only. Here we describe the
73 mechanisms by which regulatory sequences result in distinct patterns of neuronal gene
74 expression across stress and inflammatory cues.

75 To test the hypothesis that environmental effects interact with putative regulatory elements to
76 mediate gene expression and impact risk for psychiatric disorders, we characterized thousands
77 of GWAS loci in neurons *en masse*. Coupling massively parallel reporter assays (MPRAs)²⁹⁻³²
78 with human induced pluripotent stem cell (hiPSC) models makes it possible to empirically
79 evaluate the regulation of transcriptional activity^{33,34,35} in live human neurons^{30,36}. We quantified
80 dynamic psychiatric risk loci activity of 240 GWAS loci associated with ten complex brain
81 psychiatric disorders and traits, totaling ~9,000 candidate regulatory risk elements (CREs), in
82 neurons treated with glucocorticoids and cytokines associated with MIA [synthetic cortisol
83 (hCort)^{4,12,37}, interleukin-6 (IL-6)⁴³⁻⁴⁶, and interferon alfa-2b (IFNa-2b)^{41,42}]. We uncovered GxE
84 influences that altered the impact of distinct disorder-specific risk elements across contexts.
85 Moreover, we described how stress- and inflammation-dynamic regulatory effects converge on
86 downstream biology to impact shared risk for neuropsychiatric and neurodevelopmental
87 disorders. Altogether, we modelled dynamic prenatal contributions to psychiatric risk that can
88 precede symptom onset and disorder etiology by decades.

89 Results

90 *Stress and inflammatory factors have shared and distinct neuronal impacts on cellular function*
91 *and the transcriptome.*

92 To assess the influence of stress and inflammatory cues on developing human neurons, hiPSC-
93 derived *NGN2*-induced glutamatergic neurons (iGLUTs)^{32,33} were acutely (48-hours) treated with
94 hCort (1000nM), IL-6 (60ng/uL), or IFNa-2b (500 UI/mL). hCort significantly reduced neurite

95 outgrowth (D7) (p-value<0.001) and IFNa significantly increased neurite outgrowth (p-
96 value<0.001) (**Figure 1j-k**). Exposure to hCort, IFNa, and IL6 did not affect neuronal survival
97 (**Figure 1j-k**) or synaptic puncta density (D24) (**SI Figure 4**). Differential gene expression analysis
98 revealed that hCort resulted in the greatest transcriptome-wide dysregulation (7332 down- and
99 5684 up-regulated differentially expressed genes (DEGs)) (FDR<0.05), with more modest effects
100 resulting from IFNa-2b (25 down- and 80 up-regulated) and IL-6 (10 down-regulated genes)
101 (**Figure 1A**). Reciprocally, chromatin accessibility changes were greatest with IL-6 (675
102 differentially active regions (DARs); FDR <=0.05), more modest with IFNa (12 DARs; FDR<=0.05)
103 and not significant with hCort (**Figure 1D**).

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105 Stress and inflammation DEGs (unadjusted p-value <=0.05) were enriched for GWAS risk genes
106 across complex brain and immune disorders; each exposure revealed unique disease enrichment
107 profiles (**SI Tables 1-2**). Beyond GWAS, there were shared and unique significant enrichments in
108 genes associated with neurological, neurodegenerative, and neurocognitive disorders across
109 exposures (**Supplemental Table 1-2**). Shared enrichments were occasionally predicted to have
110 opposing effects—for example, while all cues were enriched for dementia, tauopathy, and
111 Alzheimer’s Disease (AD), hCort exposure decreased activity of these and related pathways
112 [Alzheimer’s disease; Alzheimer’s disease or frontotemporal dementia; Degenerative dementia
113 (FDR<=0.01, Activation z-score=-1); Dementia (FDR<=0.01, Activation z-score=-1.02);
114 Tauopathy (FDR<=0.01, Activation z-score=-0.447)] and uniquely activated context memory
115 (FDR<=0.01, Z=2.178).

116 Transcriptomic signatures following exposure to hCort, IL-6, and IFNa-2b resembled fetal
117 expression signatures from four rodent models of MIA and prenatal stress: poly(I|C) (conceptus,
118 whole brain, amygdala, and frontal cortex)^{43,44,45}, IL-6 (whole brain)⁴⁴, H1N1 Flu virus (whole
119 brain)⁴⁴, and chronic unpredictable maternal stress (whole brain)⁴⁶. hCort, IFNa-2b, and IL-6
120 DEGs were correlated to (**Figure 1D-F**) and significantly enriched for (**Figure 1G**) MIA-induced
121 DEGs across immunogens and tissues. Meta-analysis across contexts revealed convergent
122 changes of gene expression in the same direction across all conditions: 258 genes down- and
123 352 genes were upregulated change (meta-analysis FDR<=0.05) (**SI Figure 3B**). Pathway
124 analysis⁴⁷ contextualized the impact of nominally significant DEGs (unadjusted p-value<=0.05);
125 for example, across exposures, DEGs were enriched for mTOR signaling [hCort(-log(p))=2.08, Z=-
126 0.71); IFNa-2B(-log(p))=6.25, Z=0; IL-6(-log(p))=3.7, no activity pattern] and decreased oxidative
127 phosphorylation pathways [hCort(-log(p))=1.32, Z=-3.4); IFNa-2B(-log(p))=6.66, Z=-4.9; IL-6(-
128 log(p))=1.15, -3] (**SI Figure 3C, SI Table 2**), pathways associated with MIA and linked to neuronal
129 survival and the regulation of synapse formation, growth, and survival.

130 *Stress and inflammatory factors dynamically and specifically impacted allelic shifts in neuronal*
131 *transcriptional activity.*

132 We designed a Lenti-MPRA³¹ library through statistical fine-mapping of ten psychiatric GWAS:
133 Alzheimer’s Disease (AD)⁴⁸, Attention Deficit hyper-Activity Disorder (ADHD)⁴⁹, Anorexia Nervosa
134 (AN)⁵⁰, Autism spectrum disorder (ASD)⁵¹, Bipolar Disorder (BIP)⁵², Major Depressive Disorder
135 (MDD)⁵³, Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD)⁵⁴, Post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)⁵⁵, and
136 Schizophrenia (SCZ)⁵⁶, as well as quantitative measurement of the personality trait, neuroticism
137 (NEU-P)⁵⁷ (**SI Table 1**) using two complimentary methods incorporating dorsolateral prefrontal
138 cortex (DLPFC)⁸ expression quantitative trait loci (eQTLs): Bayesian co-localization (coloc2^{58,59})
139 and transcriptomic imputation (S-PrediXcan^{60,61}) (**SI Figure 1-2; SI Table 1-3**). In total, from 240
140 GWAS loci, our Lenti-MPRA library included ~9,000 SNPs, represented as ~4,500 biallelic
141 candidate regulatory elements (CREs).

142 Glutamatergic neuron promoter and enhancer regions⁶² and gene expression⁶³ are highly
143 enriched across multiple psychiatric and behavioral traits. MPRA were performed in iGLUTs

144 induced from two control donors, with two biological replicates each, exposed to acute (48 hours)
145 hCort (1000nM), IL-6 (100ng/mL), IFNa-2b (500 UI/mL), or matched vehicles, 24 hours following
146 Lenti-MPRA transduction. Paired MPRAs in iGLUT neurons with or without exposure resolved the
147 context-specific regulatory activity of 3400-3747 variants. Across MPRAs, activity between
148 replicates and donors was highly correlated (**SI Figure 5-6**). At baseline, 11% of all captured CRE
149 (N=363) were significantly (FDR<0.1) transcriptionally active compared to scramble sequences
150 (**Figure 2A**), comparable to previous eQTL-based MPRAs⁶⁴. Mean alpha transcriptional activity
151 varied between cues [Fwelch (3,7805.15) =517.79, p<0.001, nObs=14,119], with hCort most
152 increasing overall transcriptional activity (23% of CRE; N=850) (Games-Howell Pairwise
153 comparison of hCort to baseline, Holm-adjusted p-value=2.43e-11) (**Figure 2B**), and IL-6 and
154 baseline being most similar (rank-rank hypergeometric overlap (RRHO) across all CRE) (**Figure**
155 **2D**). The majority of top significant CRS were unique to each cue exposure (**Figure 2C; SI Fig**
156 **7**). Moreover, active CRE showed cue-specific enrichments for psychiatric disorder GWAS risk
157 loci, despite each having the same proportion of tested CRS by prioritization GWAS (**Figure 2E;**
158 **SI Figure 6**).

159 A single variant change frequently influenced dynamic regulatory activity, with significant allelic
160 shifts between baseline and IL-6 (10% CRE), hCort (9%), or IFNa-2b (4%) (**Figure 2A**). Most of
161 these allelic shifts were context-specific (**Figure 2, SI Figure 7**). These allelic-shifts recapitulated
162 eQTL effects, with allelic shifts significantly positively associated (FDR<0.05) with single-cell brain
163 eQTLs¹⁶ (baseline, IFNa, hCort) and fetal brain eQTLs⁶⁵ (baseline, IFNa). Notably, allelic shifts
164 across all conditions were negatively associated with adult DLPFC eQTLs, significantly so at
165 baseline and following hCort exposure (**Figure 2Fi-ii**).

166 *CTCF binding negatively influenced transcriptional activity in a cue-specific manner.*

167 The majority of active CRE identified by MPRA were novel and not previously annotated (**Figure**
168 **3A**). Baseline MPRA CRE activity was inversely associated with binding of CCCTC-binding factor
169 (CTCF), with active CREs disproportionately overlapping non-CTCF bound enhancers (**SI Figure**
170 **9A**), and non-CTCF-bound sequences having significantly higher average activity of than CTCF-
171 bound regions (**SI Figure 9B**). There was likewise a nominally significant negative relationship
172 with annotated CTCF binding sites and transcriptional activity (linear correlation coefficient = -
173 0.25, unadjusted p-value<=0.05) (**Figure 3B**). Quantitative CTCF motif binding scores across
174 highly conserved motifs [FDR<0.05 (LM23, REN20); unadjusted P<0.05 (LM2, LM7)] revealed
175 negative associations with transcriptional activity at baseline (**Figure 3Bi-ii**).

176 Conversely, stress and inflammatory MPRA CRE activity was more likely to be CTCF-
177 independent and/or mediated by CTCF interactions distinct from those identified at baseline.
178 There was a significant positive association between a lack of CTCF-binding and transcriptional
179 activity following IL-6 exposure (linear correlation coefficient = 0.3, FDR<=0.05) (**Figure 3B**),
180 although the proportion of active CRE overlapping with non-CTCF-bound enhancers still
181 exceeded CTCF-bound enhancer-like sequences (**SI Figure 9A**). CTCF expression was
182 significantly downregulated following hCort, and a unique CTCF motif (M1) was nominally
183 positively associated with hCort-responsive transcriptional activity (**Figure 3Ci-ii**).

184 While CTCF binding may partially mediate cue-specific genetically regulated expression of brain
185 disorder risk loci, only a subset of the CRE overlapping with annotated CTCF binding regions
186 genome-wide (n~220-250) were significantly active by MPRA (n=18-60). Thus, we next sought
187 to resolve additional transcriptional regulators mediating dynamic regulation of gene expression.

188 *Risk variants disrupted transcription factor binding to underly GxE specific activity.*

189 Direct comparative analysis of transcriptional activity revealed cue-by-variant specific effects
190 (**Figure 4A-C**); many CREs showed disproportionately increased activity relative to baseline

191 (hCort: 166 nominally significant CRE ($p < 0.05$) showed increased activity, 25 decreased activity;
192 IL-6: 95 increased, 41 decreased; IFNa-2b: 97 increased, 37 decreased). Altogether, 45 CREs
193 were consistently up-regulated and 11 down-regulated across all cues (**Figure 4F**). The top
194 significant GWAS-risk enrichments of differentially active allele-specific CREs differed by
195 exposure, with non-specific psychiatric enrichments for hCort (ASD FDR=1.2e-03; ratio=15.5;
196 CxD FDR=6.8e-03, ratio=1.75; SCZ FDR= 1.04e-02, ratio=1.3) and IFNa-2b (ASD FDR=5.4e-03;
197 ratio=13.7; CxD FDR=1.7e-03, ratio=1.98; SCZ FDR=5.4e-03, ratio=1.4) and more specific
198 ASD/ADHD enrichments strongest for IL-6 (ASD FDR=1.49e-05; enrichment ratio=24.5; ADHD
199 FDR=1.07e-02; ratio=7.4) (**Figure 4D**).

200 Given the dysregulation of transcription factor (TF) expression following stress and inflammatory
201 exposures (**SI Figures 8,11**), we speculated that TFs mediate cue-specific genetic regulation of
202 gene expression. Motif enrichment analysis indeed uncovered shared and unique TF binding
203 motifs for significantly active CRE across exposures, many of which were TFs differentially
204 expressed between exposures (**SI Figure 8**). To identify the top TFs most likely to have variant
205 specific binding across CREs, allele-specific TF binding affinities centered at the variant of interest
206 were resolved using local differential enrichment for known motifs (CentriMo⁶⁶) (**SI Figure 8**).
207 MX11, POU3F2, and AHR binding motifs were uniquely differentially enriched in IL-6, IFNa-2b,
208 and hCort respectively; ARNT and EPAS were differentially enriched across all cues. Many
209 enriched TFs were associated with complex brain disorders, infection, and autoimmune disease⁶⁷
210 and tended to be important for neurodevelopment and/or neuron-specific (**SI Figure 8**). We further
211 explored cue-by-variant specific regulation for top differentially active regulatory elements
212 individually (MotifBreaker⁶⁸), identifying multiple CREs where binding affinity of TFs with cue-
213 dynamic expression differed between the alternative and reference alleles. (**Figure 4E**).

214 MPRA TF affinity binding patterns with variant-specific transcriptional activity were predicted using
215 differential TF binding affinity prediction scores (Δ SVM⁶⁹⁻⁷¹) (**Figure 4Bi**; **Figure 5A**; **SI**
216 **Figure 8**), revealing a significant association of cue-specific allelic shifts (**Figure 5Bii**), with
217 distinct TFs across exposures (**Figure 5C**). Top TFs were enriched for neurogenesis
218 (FDR=8.06e-3), forebrain development (FDR=3.37e-2), and neural crest differentiation
219 (FDR=8.58e-4) and many were previously linked to risk across complex brain disorders. For
220 example, *CUX1*, *ESRRG*, *HLF*, *SCRT1* are primary targets of has-miR-137 (FDR<0.05) – a key
221 miRNA regulating expression of SCZ risk genes. *LHX6* and *SPIB*, and *ELK1* and *RFX2*, are
222 targets of primary non-synonymous SCZ and ASD rare variants, respectively and *YY2* has been
223 previously implicated in the regulation of PTSD risk.

224 *Gene targets of context-specific regulatory elements showed distinct associations with brain*
225 *disorders.*

226 Target genes directly regulated by cue-specific genetic regulation were predicted using an
227 adapted activity-by-contact (ABC⁷⁹) model that incorporates TF binding affinities (STARE^{72,73}),
228 thereby integrating dynamic MPRA and cue-specific chromatin peak calls in matched iGLUTs.
229 Shared and unique cue-specific gene targets were identified across contexts (**Figure 6A-B**),
230 revealing significant overlap between enhancer-to-gene mapping (ABC) and the original eGene
231 predictions (S-PrediXcan and Coloc2) (**Table 1**). Across all MPRA CREs, 5157 unique ABC
232 genes with high interaction scores (ABC score ≥ 0.8) were identified, 95 of which were amongst
233 the 168 eGenes predicted by S-PrediXcan/Coloc2 that were also expressed in iGLUTs
234 (hypergeometric test for enrichment, p -value=1.5e-16) (**Table 1**). ABC genes and eGenes were
235 found in cue-responsive DEGs; 45 DEGs were both (hypergeometric test; p -value=1.9e-8) (**Table**
236 **1**). Whereas *FURIN*, associated with BIP and SCZ, or *AP2A2*, associated with AD, were both
237 predicted targets of active MPRA CREs at baseline only, *IRF2BP1*, *TOMM40*, and *EML2* were
238 specifically predicted to be targets of IL-6-responsive CREs. Gene targets unique to cue-specific
239 regulatory elements (ABC genes of active MPRA CRE with differential activity between one or

240 more cues and baseline; $FDR \leq 0.1$) revealed unique gene ontology (GO) enrichments for
241 proteasome complex pathways, clathrin coating, and the nuclear speck (hCort) and apical
242 dendrite, G-protein alpha-subunit binding, and mitochondrial function (IL-6) and ganglion
243 development and cytoplasmic translation (IFNa-2b) (**SI Figure 12**).

244 Cue-specific ABC gene targets were uniquely enriched for risk genes associated with complex
245 brain disorders and common comorbid metabolic and immune syndromes (MAGMA⁷⁴). For
246 example, IFNa-2b-specific gene targets highlighted BIP sub-type II, whereas hCort was broadly
247 linked to SCZ, BIP, and BIP sub-type I risk genes, and IL-6 to PTSD risk genes (**Figure 6C**).
248 Likewise, shared and unique enrichments for neuropsychiatric, neurodegenerative, and emotional
249 well-being, as well as allergy and autoimmune disorder-related GWAS risk genes, were revealed
250 via over representation analysis across GWAS catalogue gene sets (FUMA⁷⁵) (**Figure 6D**). ABC
251 genes across all contexts were significantly enriched for SCZ, ASD, and AN, whereas IL-6 ABC
252 genes were uniquely enriched in numerous measurements relating to Alzheimer's disease.

253 Drugs predicted to reverse cue-specific signatures in neural cells (defined as the z-scored ABC
254 activity score of reference versus alternative alleles, using cMAP query tool⁷⁶) and then filtered
255 based on clinical trial phase included targets of glucocorticoid, androgen, and serotonin receptors,
256 as well as drugs regulating inflammatory signaling (statins and non-steroidal anti-inflammatory
257 drugs (NSAIDs)) (**Figure 6E**). Cue-specific signatures were reversed by drugs modulating
258 serotonin – IFNa-specific signatures were reversed by treatment with serotonin itself while
259 monoamine oxidase inhibitors (MOAIs) and the serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs) sertraline
260 reversed hCort-specific and IL6-specific transcriptomic signatures respectively. This highlights the
261 importance of context in predicting targets of risk-associate genetic regulation and for precision
262 pharmacology. Notably, FDA approved statins reversed the hCort-specific (atorvastatin) and
263 INFa-specific (somatostatin) signatures, which is notable given that patients with SCZ, mood
264 disorders, and AD often have reduced CSF (cerebral spinal fluid) and brain (DLPFC,
265 hippocampus) somatostatin levels⁷⁷. Somatostatin-positive interneurons are associated with
266 cognitive deficits in schizophrenia⁷⁸, where adjunctive therapy with statins improved symptoms
267 and cognition in SCZ patients^{79,80}.

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269 Discussion

270 This work empirically annotated the functional impact of thousands of variants across hundreds
271 of brain disorder GWAS loci, demonstrating that many variants could only be resolved under cue-
272 responsive conditions. Treatment of human neurons with stress and inflammatory cues
273 associated with prenatal exposures altered genetic regulation of expression of genes linked to a
274 psychiatric and neurodegenerative conditions. From ~3,400 common-risk variants associated
275 with ten complex brain disorders and traits, 10-11% were active at baseline and following IFNa
276 exposure, while IL6 reduced overall transcriptional activity (6%) and hCort increased activity
277 (23%). Across cues, MPRA validated risk-associated eQTLs and identifying novel regulatory
278 elements—only 15% of tested CREs overlapped with annotated cCREs^{81,82}; just 1-3% of
279 annotated cCREs showed activity in our neuronal MPRA, with active CRE not significantly
280 enriched for annotated ENCODE cCREs^{81,82}. This lack of overlap was observed in other studies
281 and highlighted the importance of cell-type specificity⁶⁴. The proportion of proximal or distal
282 enhancer-like sequences in active MPRA CREs varied between contexts, suggesting a role for
283 CCCTC-binding factor (CTCF) in cue-specific regulation; CTCF binds to DNA, forms chromatin
284 loops, and regulates gene expression by promoting distal enhancer-dependent gene activation⁸³.
285 While CTCF binding was modestly negatively correlated with cue-specific activity at baseline,
286 many TFs were strongly enriched for dynamic transcriptional regulation, with predicted potential
287 downstream effects on neurodevelopment, synaptic plasticity, and immune response processes.
288 As a simple example, expression of *PAX5*, a transcriptional activator and important regulator of

289 neurodevelopment^{84,85} associated with multiple psychiatric traits^{84,86,67}, showed upregulated
290 expression following IL-6 exposure, with IL-6-responsive CREs likewise enriched for the Pax5
291 motif. At the AD-associated *NDUFAF6* locus, PAX5 has decreased predicted binding affinity with
292 the risk allele (rs28560301); IL6-exposure increased *PAX5* expression and significantly
293 decreased risk allele activity (**Figure 4Ei-iii**). More complex co-regulation occurs at the *CNTN4*
294 locus, where the SCZ-associated alternative allele (rs1719446) was significantly more active
295 following hCort exposure: several transcriptional activators (CREB, CREM, ATF3) with increased
296 binding affinities for the reference allele were significantly downregulated following hCort
297 exposure; reciprocally, REST, a master transcriptional silencer, had increased binding to the risk
298 allele and was also downregulated following hCort. Altogether, hCort-specific activity of this CRE
299 may be mediated by both decreased expression of transcriptional activators and increased
300 expression of transcriptional repressors, which showed differential allele-specific binding (**Figure**
301 **4Eiv-vi**). We posit that differential TF binding to risk-associated variants underlies dynamic GxE
302 interactions, with cue-specific enrichments for psychiatric risk.

303 In modelling the GxE impact of maternal stress and inflammation *in utero*, we selected three MIA
304 and psychiatric-risk associated immune molecules (IL6⁴³⁻⁴⁶, IFN α -2b^{41,42}, and synthetic
305 cortisol^{4,12,37}) capable of transfer across blood brain barrier (BBB)^{6,7} and modulation of the
306 hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal axis (HPA) signaling. The influence of pro-inflammatory
307 environmental factors on brain-related regulatory elements may explain, in part, the biological
308 mechanisms through which immune signaling contributes to increased susceptibility for complex
309 brain disorders. Specifically, cytokine and glucocorticoid signaling can interact with genetic risk to
310 mediate the genetically regulated gene expression^{22,23,25,87,88}, potentially contributing to the
311 increased relative risk associated with stress and inflammation. Physiological and behavioral
312 outcomes in rodent MIA models are sensitive to immunogen-type, exposure duration, and
313 developmental timepoint⁸⁹. Moreover, indirect mechanisms (e.g., changes to the microbiome)
314 may facilitate immune activation and lead to alterations in brain-wide connectivity⁹⁰⁻⁹². Therefore,
315 the complexity and variability of human prenatal stress and rodent MIA are impossible to fully
316 reproduce in a controlled *in vitro* model. Future MPRA incorporating longitudinal, repeated dosing,
317 and recovery windows following exposure will be crucial for understanding how type, duration,
318 and timing of immune activation during fetal development contributes to risk.

319 Developmental patterns of TF expression and enhancer activity may in part underly critical
320 periods of heightened susceptibility to environmental stressors. Previous MPRAs identified time-
321 point specific enhancers regulating neurodevelopment^{30,36}. Likewise, temporally-dynamic and
322 age-specific eQTLs highlight the importance of neurodevelopment and aging on genetically
323 regulated gene expression⁹³⁻⁹⁵. Enhancer activity of regulatory elements tested in iGLUTs are
324 significantly positively correlated with eQTL effect sizes from single cell data¹⁶ and the fetal
325 postmortem⁶⁵ brain, but, negatively correlated with adult DLPFC eQTLs⁹⁶. Indeed, although
326 stronger positive associations in fetal datasets relative to adult brain is not surprising, the reversal
327 of the association supports the need to increase age-eQTL analyses. Age-eQTLs^{16,95,97} modify
328 the functional impact of genetic risk throughout life, particularly given the variable age of onset of
329 symptom presentation across psychiatric disorders⁹⁸. Previous studies have identified time-point
330 specific enhancers regulating development of neuronal progenitor cells using MPRAs . It is likely
331 that shifting developmental patterns of TF expression mediates temporal specific enhancer
332 activity, contributing to critical periods of heightened susceptibility to environmental stressors. Thus,
333 further exploration of the impact of shifting patterns of TF expression on age-eQTLs across
334 neurodevelopment, brain maturation, and aging will inform mapping of brain-related GWAS and
335 will be crucial to improving precision medicine.

336 Notable technical limitations reduce the broad generalizability of our GxE analyses. First,
337 reflecting the present state of GWAS, the variants tested were identified in exclusively European-

338 ancestry data and excluded the MHC locus. Moreover, even some of the most recent publicly
339 available GWAS remain underpowered, overall biasing the MPRA library towards specific
340 disorders (e.g., Eating Disorders, PTSD and OCD had very few variants included). Given this
341 bias, our finding that IL-6-responsive ABC genes were uniquely enriched for PTSD despite the
342 low proportion of tested variants is particularly surprising (**Figure 6B**). Second, our library design
343 prioritized brain eQTL from the adult DLPFC, whereas enhancer activity was quantified in hiPSC-
344 neurons that more resemble fetal-like glutamatergic neurons. That our results showed higher
345 concordance with fetal brain, and a lack of concordance to adult DLPFC (**Figure 2**), suggests that
346 the degree or direction of eGene regulation may be altered by age and environment, in line with
347 previous literature^{94,95,97}. Third, this may be the first neuronal MPRA conducted in multiple donors;
348 while enhancer activity was highly correlated between donors at baseline (**SI Figure 6**), inter-
349 donor variability in cue-specific transcriptional activity was less so, particularly for IFN α -2b
350 response. We caution that donor genotype and polygenic context may influence functional
351 genomics^{100,101}. Fourth, as MPRA-validated regulatory elements were tested independent from
352 their endogenous context, there was an inherent loss of information regarding chromatin
353 accessibility at the endogenous location¹⁰². Here, we address this through the integration of
354 matched cue-specific ATAC-sequencing, RNA-sequencing, and TF binding affinities to predict
355 cell-type and cue-specific gene targets of enhancer activity^{72,73}. These models require additional
356 validation through cue and cell-type specific crisprQTL¹⁰³ or prime-editing. Fifth, technical
357 limitations in MPRA restricted tested CREs to relatively short DNA fragments flanking prioritized
358 variants, potentially omitting crucial portions of larger regulatory regions, a limitation addressed
359 by recent MPRA adaptations (e.g., tiling MPRA and technical advances in oligo synthesis for
360 library design)^{79,91,92}. Finally, drug repurposing databases need to be expanded across dose ranges,
361 exposure times, drugs, and cell-types^{76,104,105} to improve reproducibility (i.e., concordance
362 between cMAP releases 1 and 2 is low¹⁰⁵, and both cMAP releases were similarly discordant with
363 a third drug compendium¹⁰⁵). Future studies of cue-specific GxE effects across larger libraries of
364 variants, additional cell-types^{9,12,35} (particularly brain-specific immune cells), contexts, doses, and
365 timepoints, and ultimately within more physiologically relevant brain organoids^{10,106,107} via
366 emerging single cell MPRA methods¹⁰⁸, and across an expanded number of donors via village-
367 in-a-dish¹⁰⁹⁻¹¹¹, will be crucial for further dissection of how immune activation during fetal
368 development contributes to brain disorder risk.

369 With broad relevance across complex traits and diseases, we demonstrated that it is critical to
370 experimentally resolve dynamic genetic regulation across exposures in a neuronal context.
371 Downstream target genes of cue-specific CREs were uniquely enriched for complex brain
372 disorders and common comorbid metabolic and immune syndromes. FDA-approved medications
373 were predicted to reverse many GxE regulatory interactions, representing potential novel
374 therapeutic interventions for high-risk individuals immediately following environmental exposures,
375 some of which are already established as safe to take during pregnancy^{112,113}. Thus, the clinical
376 impact of resolving GxE interactions include preventative measures (improved maternal care,
377 public policy to alleviate life stress, early life intervention for high-risk individuals) and care of
378 current patients (drug repurposing, patient stratification by immune status, personalized
379 prescription). For example, cognitive impairment in SCZ has been linked to increased
380 inflammatory cytokines and to imbalances in cortisol¹¹⁴. We identified hundreds of GWAS variants
381 that confer greater susceptibility to complex brain disorders following developmental exposure to
382 stress and inflammation, mapped risk-associated genes, and predicted novel points of therapeutic
383 intervention, altogether informing the influence of GxE interactions on mental health outcomes.

384 **Methods**

385 *Selection of predicted cis-expression quantitative trait loci (cis-eQTLs):*

386 Variants selected for inclusion in the MPRA library were prioritized from nine GWAS (AD, ADHD,
387 AN, ASD, BIP, MDD, PTSD, SCZ, and NEU) using Bayesian co-localization (coloc^{258,59}) and
388 transcriptomic imputation (S-PrediXcan^{60,61}) (**SI Figure 1**). For the former, overlapping significant
389 GWAS loci and Dorsolateral Pre-frontal Cortex (DLPFC)⁸ eQTLs from the Common Mind
390 Consortium (CMC) were tested for co-localization using coloc²⁵⁹. The most probable causal
391 eQTLs from colocated loci (PPH4 \geq 0.5) were selected, along with all SNPs in high LD ($r^2 \geq$
392 0.9). For the latter, all SNPs within the predictor models of Bonferroni-corrected significant trait-
393 associated CMC DLPFC S-PrediXcan genes ($p < \sim 4.64 \times 10^{-6}$ (0.05/10786)) and all SNPs in high
394 LD ($r^2 \geq 0.9$) with them were selected.

395 50 positive and 50 negative controls were selected from SNPs (i) producing the 50 greatest and
396 50 least transcriptional shifts based on a previous SCZ and AD MPRA¹¹⁵ and (ii) present in the
397 CMC DLPFC dataset. Additional negative controls were selected from significant BIP GWAS loci
398 that (i) did not colocate (PPH4 < 0.1) and (ii) were not significant CMC DLPFC eQTLs. While
399 our methods for identification were expression-based and greatly differed from the MPRA used
400 to select the controls, four positive controls were also identified by our methods, most notably
401 rs4702 the top causal SNPs for *FURIN* expression. After accounting for SNPs identified through
402 multiple strategies, and removal of SNPs with sequences containing restriction digest sites, we
403 synthesized a library of ~4,500 SNPs (~10,000 variants) will Oligonucleotides were synthesized
404 by Agilent and cloned into the lentiMPRA vector⁸¹. We performed a power analysis to determine
405 size limitations of our MPRA; with 10000 SNPs, 50 barcodes per SNP, activity standard deviation
406 of 1 (typical range = 0.3-2), and 3 biological replicates, the power of a t-test to detect differential
407 variant shifts of 0.75 or greater (≥ 5 times as much mRNA per input DNA) at a Bonferroni
408 corrected $\alpha=0.05$ level is 100%¹⁰.

409 Lenti-MPRA library preparation and viral titration: The MPRA library was generated according to
410 published lenti-MPRA protocols with slight modifications³¹. Briefly, 200 base pair oligonucleotides
411 flanking each prioritized SNP were synthesized by Agilent to create an MPRA library of ~9,500
412 neuropsychiatric associated variants. The Agilent oligo pool was PCR amplified and a minimal
413 promoter and spacer sequence added downstream of the CRE. Amplified fragments were purified
414 and amplified again for 15 cycles to add a random 15bp sequence to serve as a unique barcode.
415 Barcoded fragments were inserted in the *SbfI*/AgeI site of the pLS-Scel vector (AddGene #13772)
416 and then transformed into 10-beta competent cells (NEB, C3020) via electroporation. Bacterial
417 colonies were grown overnight on Ampicillin-positive plates and midi-prepped for plasmid
418 collection. The quality of the purified plasmid was evaluated by Sanger Sequencing of 16 colonies
419 at random. CRE-barcode associations were identified by sequencing of the purified plasmid
420 (MiSeq; paired-end; 15million reads). 2nd-generation lentiviral packaging of the purified plasmid
421 was performed by the viral core at Boston's Children Hospital. To determine MOI and
422 approximation of appropriate viral volume we infected day 14 iGLUTs (0, 1, 2, 4, 8, 10, 16, 32, 64
423 μ L) with control lentivirus (pLS-SV40-mP-EGFP; AddGene #137724) and harvested for 48hrs
424 later. Following DNA isolation, we performed qPCR to calculate the MOI based the relative ratios
425 of genomic DNA to inserted viral DNA (after subtracting background noise caused by residual
426 backbone DNA).

427 NGN2-glutamatergic neuron induction of clonalized hiPSC lines^{32,33}. Clonal hiPSCs from two
428 neurotypical donors of European ancestry with average schizophrenia PRS and no history of
429 psychiatric diagnoses (#3182 (XX) and #2607 (XY)) were generated by lentiviral transduction with
430 pLV-TetO-hNGN2-eGFP-Neo and lentiviral FUW-M2rtTA (Addgene #20342), followed by
431 antibiotic selection and clonal expansion. Stably selected clones were validated to ensure robust
432 cell survival, expression of fluorescent tags, and transgene expression. hiPSCs were maintained
433 in StemFlexTM Medium (ThermoFisher #A3349401) and passaged with EDTA (Life Technologies
434 #15575-020).

435 On day 1, medium was switched to non-viral induction medium (DMEM/F12 (Thermofisher,
436 #10565018), 1% N-2 (Thermofisher, #17502048), 2% B-27-RA (Thermofisher, #12587010)) and
437 doxycycline (dox) was added to each well at a final concentration of 1 µg/mL. At day 2, transduced
438 hiPSCs were treated with 500 µg/mL G418 (Thermofisher, #10131035). At day 4, medium was
439 replaced including 1 µg/mL dox and 4 µM cytosine arabinoside (Ara-C) to reduce the proliferation
440 of non-neuronal cells. On day 5, young neurons were dissociated with Accutase Cell Detachment
441 Solution (Innovative Cell Technologies, # AT-104), counted and seeded at a density of 1×10^6 per
442 well of a Matrigel-coated 12-well plate. Medium was switched to Brainphys neuron medium
443 (Brainphys (STEMCELL, # 05790), 1% N-2, 2% B27-RA, 1 µg/mL Natural Mouse Laminin
444 (Thermofisher, # 23017015), 10 ng/mL BDNF (R&D, #248), 10 ng/mL GDNF (R&D, #212), 500
445 µg/mL Dibutyryl cyclic-AMP (Sigma, #D0627), 200 nM L-ascorbic acid (Sigma, # A4403)). For
446 seeding, 10 µM Thiazovivin (Millipore, #S1459), 500 µg/mL G418 and 4 µM Ara-C and 1
447 µg/mL dox were added. At day 6, medium was replaced with Brainphys neuron medium with 4 µM
448 Ara-C and 1 µg/mL dox. Subsequently, 50% of the medium was replaced with fresh neuronal
449 medium (lacking dox and Ara-C) once every other day until the neurons were harvested at d21.

450 Lentiviral infections of iGLUTs and DNA/RNA barcode sequencing. Day 21 iGLUTs were
451 spinfected (1krcf for 1 hr @37C, slow accel, slow deceleration) with lenti-MPRA library, (based
452 on titrations of the control virus from the Gordon et al. 2020 lentiMPRA Nature Protocol
453 Supplement). 24 hours after spinfections, full media was replaced to remove un-integrated virus.
454 At 48 hours post-infection, cells were treated with context cues or basal media. The number of
455 cells required pre-replicate was calculated according to the Gordon et al. 2020 protocol. On
456 average, 6mil cells were seeded per replicate. 72hrs post-lentiviral-infection, and 48 hrs post-
457 exposure to stress or inflammatory compounds neuronal cells were washed three times and
458 harvested using AllPrep DNA/RNA mini kit (Qiagen) and the libraries prepped as previously
459 described. The libraries were sequenced as paired end reads on a NextSeq 2x50 on S2 flow cell
460 (3.3-4.1 B reads/cell) by the New York Genome Center.

| Compound | Solvent | Supplier | Product # | Conc. |
|---------------------------|---------------|----------------------|------------------|-----------|
| Human-recombinant IL-6 | UltraPure H2O | Sigma/Aldrich | GF338 | 60 ng/mL |
| Human-recombinant INFa2-b | UltraPure H2O | Mount Sinai Pharmacy | NDC 0085-4350-01 | 500 IU/mL |
| Hydrocortisone | 17.1 µM EtOH | Sigma/Aldrich | H0888 | 1000nM |

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462 **Phenotyping**

463 NGN2-glutamatergic neuron induction of hiPSC-derived NPCs for phenotypic assays^{32,33}.
464 hiPSCs-derived NPCs were dissociated with Accutase Cell Detachment Solution (Innovative Cell
465 Technologies, #AT-104), counted and transduced with rtTA (Addgene 20342) and NGN2
466 (Addgene 99378) lentiviruses in StemFlex media containing 10 µM Thiazovivin (Millipore,
467 #S1459). They were subsequently seeded at 1×10^6 cells/well in the prepared 6-well plate. On day
468 1, medium was switched to non-viral induction medium (DMEM/F12 (Thermofisher, #10565018),
469 1% N-2 (Thermofisher, #17502048), 2% B-27-RA (Thermofisher, #12587010)) and doxycycline
470 (dox) was added to each well at a final concentration of 1 µg/mL. At day 2, transduced hiPSCs
471 were treated with 500 µg/mL G418 (Thermofisher, #10131035). At day 4, medium was replaced
472 including 1 µg/mL dox and 4 µM cytosine arabinoside (Ara-C) to reduce the proliferation of non-
473 neuronal cells. On day 5, young neurons were dissociated with Accutase Cell Detachment
474 Solution (Innovative Cell Technologies, #AT-104), counted and seeded at a density of 1×10^6 per
475 well of a Matrigel-coated 12-well plate. Medium was switched to Brainphys neuron medium
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479 seeding, 10 μM Thiazovivin (Millipore, #S1459), 500 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ G418 and 4 μM Ara-C and 1
480 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ dox were added. At day 6, medium was replaced with Brainphys neuron medium with 4 μM
481 Ara-C and 1 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ dox. Subsequently, 50% of the medium was replaced with fresh neuronal
482 medium (lacking dox and Ara-C) once every other day until the neurons were harvested at d21.

483 Neurite analysis: Day 7 iGLUTs were seeded as 1.5×10^4 cells/well in a 96-well plate coated with
484 4x Matrigel at day 3 followed by half medium changes until the neurons were fixed at day 7. At
485 day 5, cells were treated for 48hrs with either hCort (1000nM), IL-6 (60 ng/ μL), INF α -2b (500
486 IU/mL), or matched vehicles. Following cue exposure, cultures were fixed using 4%
487 formaldehyde/sucrose in PBS with Ca^{2+} and Mg^{2+} for 10 minutes at room temperature (RT). Fixed
488 cultures were washed twice in PBS and permeabilized and blocked using 0.1% Triton/2% Normal
489 Donkey Serum (NDS) in PBS for two hours. Cultures were then incubated with primary antibody
490 solution (1:1000 MAP2 anti chicken (Abcam, ab5392) in PBS with 2% NDS) overnight at 4°C.
491 Cultures were then washed 3x with PBS and incubated with secondary antibody solution (1:500
492 donkey anti chicken Alexa 647 (Life technologies, A10042) in PBS with 2% NDS) for 1 hour at
493 RT. Cultures were washed a further 3x with PBS with the second wash containing 1 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ DAPI.
494 Fixed cultures were then imaged on a CellInsight CX7 HCS Platform with a 20x objective (0.4
495 NA) and neurite tracing analysis performed using the neurite tracing module in the Thermo
496 Scientific HCS Studio 4.0 Cell Analysis Software. 12 wells were imaged per condition across a
497 minimum 2 independent cell lines, with 9 images acquired per well for neurite tracing analysis. A
498 one-way ANOVA with a post hoc Bonferroni multiple comparisons test was performed on data for
499 neurite length per neuron using Graphpad Prism.

500 Synapse analyses: Commercially available primary human astrocytes (pHAs, Sciencell, #1800;
501 isolated from fetal female brain) were seeded on D3 at 1.7×10^4 cells per well on a 4x Matrigel-
502 coated 96 W plate in neuronal media supplemented with 2% fetal bovine serum (FBS). iGLUTs
503 were seeded over the astrocyte monolayer as 1.5×10^5 cells/well at day 5 post induction. Half
504 changes of neuronal media were performed twice a week until fixation. At day 13, iGLUTs were
505 treated with 200 nM Ara-C to reduce the proliferation of non-neuronal cells in the culture. At day
506 18, Ara-C was completely withdrawn by full medium change followed by half medium changes
507 until the neurons were fixed at day 21. At day 21, cells were treated for 48hrs with hCort (1000nM),
508 IL-6 (60 ng/ μL), INF α -2b (500 IU/mL), or matched vehicles. Following exposure, cultures were
509 fixed and immune-stained as described previously, with an additional antibody stain for Synapsin1
510 (primary antibody: 1:500 Synapsin1 anti mouse (Synaptic Systems, 106 011); secondary
511 antibody: donkey anti mouse Alexa 568 (Life technologies A10037)). Stained cultures were
512 imaged and analyzed as above using the synaptogenesis module in the Thermo Scientific HCS
513 Studio 4.0 Cell Analysis Software to determine SYN1+ puncta number, area, and intensity per
514 neurite length in each image. 20 wells were imaged per condition across a minimum of 2
515 independent cell lines, with 9 images acquired per well for synaptic puncta analysis. A one-way
516 ANOVA with a post hoc Bonferroni multiple comparisons test was performed on data for puncta
517 number per neurite length using Graphpad Prism.

| Antibody | Species | Supplier | Product # | Dilution |
|------------------------|---------|-------------------|-----------|----------|
| MAP2 | Ck | Abcam | ab5392 | 1:500 |
| SYNAPSIN1 | Ms | Synaptic Systems | 106 011 | 1:500 |
| Alexa 568 anti-Mouse | Ms | Life technologies | A10037 | 1:500 |
| Alexa 647 anti-Chicken | Ck | Life technologies | A10042 | 1:500 |

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519 Multiple Electrode array (MEA): Commercially available primary human astrocytes (pHAs,
520 Sciencell, #1800; isolated from fetal female brain) were seeded on D3 at 1.7×10^4 cells per well on
521 a 4x Matrigel-coated 48 W MEA plate (catalog no. M768-tMEA-48W; Axion Biosystems) in
522 neuronal media supplemented with 2% fetal bovine serum (FBS). At D5, iGLUTs were detached,
523 spun down and seeded on the pHA cultures at 1.5×10^5 cells per well. Half changes of neuronal
524 media supplemented with 2% FBS were performed twice a week until day 42. At day 13, co-
525 cultures were treated with 200 nM Ara-C to reduce the proliferation of non-neuronal cells in the
526 culture. At Day 18, Ara-C was completely withdrawn by full medium change. At day 26, cells were
527 treated for 48hrs with hCort (1000nM), IL-6 (60 $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$), IFNa-2b (500 IU/mL), or matched
528 vehicles. Following exposure, electrical activity of iGLUTs was recorded at 37°C using the Axion
529 Maestro MEA reader (Axion Biosystems). Recording was performed via AxIS 2.4. Batch
530 mode/statistic compiler tool was run following the final recording. Quantitative analysis of the
531 recording was exported as Microsoft excel sheet. Data from 6-12 biological replicates were
532 analyzed using GraphPad PRISM 6 software or R.

533 Context-cue Specific RNAseq: RNA Sequencing libraries were prepared using the Kapa Total
534 RNA library prep kit. Paired-end sequencing reads (100bp) were generated on a NovaSeq
535 platform. Raw reads were aligned to hg19 using STAR aligner¹⁰⁰ (v2.5.2a) and gene-level
536 expression were quantified by featureCounts¹⁰¹ (v1.6.3) based on Ensemble GRCh37.70
537 annotation model. Genes with over 10 counts per million (CPM) in at least four samples were
538 retained. After filtering, the raw read counts were normalized by the voom¹⁰² function in limma
539 and differential expression was computed by the moderated t-test implemented in limma¹⁰³.
540 Differential gene expression analysis was performed between each cue and paired vehicle. Bayes
541 shrinkage (limma::eBayes) estimated modified t- and p- values and identified differentially
542 expressed genes (DEGs) based on an FDR ≤ 0.05 (limma::TopTable)¹⁰⁴. GO/pathways were
543 evaluated using Gene-set Enrichment Analysis (GSEA)¹⁰⁵. In these analyses, the t-test statistics
544 from the differential expression contrast were used to rank genes in the GSEA using the R
545 package ClusterProfiler¹⁰⁶. Permutations (up to 100,000 times) were used to assess the GSEA
546 enrichment P value.

547 Meta-analysis of gene expression across contexts. We performed a meta-analysis and Cochran's
548 heterogeneity Q-test (METAL⁴⁰) using the p-values and direction of effects (t-statistic), weighted
549 according to sample size across all sets of perturbations (Target vs. Scramble DEGs). Genes
550 were defined as convergent if they (1) had the same direction of effect across cue exposure (2)
551 were Bonferroni significant in our meta-analysis (Bonferroni adjusted p-value ≤ 0.05), and (3)
552 had a heterogeneity p-value = >0.05 (**SI Figure 1D**).

553 Context-cue Specific ATAC-Seq: Mature neurons were washed with 500uL of PBS (-Ca/-Mg)-
554 0.5mM EDTA per well of a 12-well plate. Then, 300uL dissociation solution (0.042 U/ μL papain
555 suspension (Worthington-Biochem LS003126) in HBSS (Thermofisher #14025076)-10mM
556 HEPES (Thermofisher #J61275AE)-0.5mM EDTA (Life Technologies #15575-020), pre-activated
557 at 37C for 5 minutes) supplemented with 0.017U/ μL DNase (Thermofisher #EN0521) and 1x
558 Chroman I was added to each well before incubating the plate at 37C for 10 minutes, shaking at
559 125rpm. 600uL deactivating solution (DMEM-FBS-Chroman I) was then added to each well, and
560 cells were dissociated into single cells by pipetting gently. For each condition, cells from 4 wells
561 of a 12-well-plate were combined into a single 15mL conical tube for higher yield. After spinning
562 at 600g for 5 minutes at room temperature, cells were resuspended in 310uL of DMEM
563 (Thermofisher #10566-016)-10% FBS. Then, the cell suspension was filtered through a 37um
564 reversible strainer and frozen in DMEM-10% FBS-10% DMSO.

565 ATAC sequencing library prep and sequencing were performed by the Yale Sequencing Core.
566 The adaptor sequence for pair-end sequencing was removed using trim_galore¹¹⁶ and
567 sequencing quality measure by FastQC¹¹⁷ and MutliQC¹¹⁸. Data was aligned with Bowtie2¹¹⁹

568 against hg38 reference genome including rare SNVs. Mitochondrial reads were removed, sam
569 files sorted and indexed, and converted to compressed BAM files with samtools¹²⁰ and ATAC
570 peaks called using Genrich¹²¹. Differential peak activity analysis was performed with edgeR^{122,123}
571 and csaw¹²⁴.

572 Processing of MPRA sequencing data. Barcode-CRE association was performed as previously
573 described using the association utility of MPRAflow v2.3.5³¹ (run as:). We demultiplexed the
574 indexed DNA and RNA libraries and generated fastq files with bcl2fastq v2.20 and used the count
575 utility of MPRAflow 2.3.5 with the --mpranalyze flag included (run as: nextflow run count.nf -w -
576 experiment-file -dir -outdir -labels -design -bc-length 14 -umi-length 16) to compute the activity
577 score for each element and produce count files formatted for analysis with MPRAalyze¹²⁵. We
578 filtered variants using a minimum threshold of 10 observed barcodes per variant and used a
579 generalized linear model to quantify CRE with significantly greater transcriptional activity
580 compared to scramble controls using MPRAalyze::analyzeQuantification and
581 MPRAalyze::testEmpirical functions. We performed comparative analysis on the normalized
582 counts to identify differences in transcriptional activity between cue exposures and vehicle using
583 MPRAalyze::analyzeComaprative and MPRAalyze::LRT function. Variants with an FDR
584 adjusted p-value<=0.1 were considered significantly differentially active.

585 Comparison of regulatory activity across replicates, donors, and cue exposures. Transcriptional
586 activity, measured as the normalized log2 DNA and RNA counts per CRE, across conditions is
587 strongly correlated between replicates (Pearson's rho-correlation 0.98-1.00; **SI Figure 4**) and the
588 log2 normalized RNA/DNA ratios are strongly correlated between donors (rho=0.50-0.71) (**SI**
589 **Figure 5a**). Across conditions 3,440-3747 of CRE were captured (minimum requirement of 10
590 barcodes each) and the number of barcodes per unique CRE were highly correlated between
591 CRE shared across all conditions (rho 0.968-0.999; nCRE=3139). There was no significant
592 difference in mean number of barcodes per insert or the proportion of CRE by prioritization method
593 or disorder association across the conditions (**SI Figure 5b-e**).

594 Analysis of allelic shifts in MPRA activity and comparison to eQTL datasets. For CRE where both
595 the alternative and reference allele were captured with a minimum of 10 barcodes, we tested for
596 significant shifts in transcriptional activity. To calculate significant allelic shifts in activity, we tested
597 each allelic pair in a generalized linear model (log2(RNA) ~ log2(DNA) + replicate + barcode +
598 n_bc) as in the saturation mutagenesis analysis from MPRAflow³¹. Variant differences with an
599 FDR adjusted p-value<=0.05 were considered significantly differentially active. We then tested
600 the correlation between MPRA allelic shifts and post-mortem single cell¹⁶, fetal brain⁶⁵, and the
601 CMC adult DLPCF eQTL betas⁹⁶ (filtering for significant MPRA activity but including non-
602 significant eQTLs) using a generalized linear model [Abs(MPRA allelic shift) ~ abs(eQTL Beta) +
603 log_Dis_TSS + Gene + CellType]. Linear correlation coefficients with an FDR adjusted p-value of
604 <= 0.05 were considered significant, and coefficients with unadjusted p-values <=0.05 were
605 considered nominally significant.

606 Functional enrichment of significantly active MPRA variants. Functional enrichment WebGestalt
607 (WEB-based Gene SeT AnaLysis Toolkit)⁸². Over-representation analysis (ORA) was performed
608 on all significantly active variants at baseline and after cue-exposures and all significantly
609 differentially active variants for each cue compared to baseline against a list of common variant
610 target genes pulled from PGC-GWAS summary statistics using MAGMA⁷⁴.

611 Overlap of active CRE with cCRE ENCODE annotations. We assessed overlap of active CRE in
612 these MPRA with previously annotated enhancer-like sequences across the human genome
613 (hg38) from the cCRE Encode Registry^{81,82}. To further explore the relationship between CTCF
614 binding and condition-specific transcriptional activity, we scanned each 200bp CRE sequence to
615 identify and score best matches of six highly conserved core CTCF binding motifs (CTCFBSDB

616 2.0)^{126,127}. We assessed the impact of CTCF binding affinities across these motifs on
617 transcriptional activity using a generalized linear model (MPRA median z-score ~ motif binding
618 score + orientation + variant + binding motif distance from SNP). Linear correlation estimates with
619 an FDR adjusted p-value <0.05 were considered significant.

620 TF motif enrichment analysis We performed TF binding enrichment across all significantly active
621 CRE for each condition using the MEME Suite Simple Enrichment Analysis (SEA)¹²⁸ with the
622 Human HOCOMOCO V11 reference. We performed a differential enrichment analysis comparing
623 motif binding in significant CRE following exposure to hCort, IL-6, and INF α with Baseline by
624 setting the control sequences as those significant at baseline. Results were filtered based on
625 expression data of in DIV24 iGLUTs described above.

626 DeltaSVM and allele-specific binding affinity scoring with MotifBreaker. We calculated a deltaSVM
627 score^{69,70} which represent predicted changes in transcriptional activity due to changes in TF
628 binding affinity, across all sequence tested in the MPRA using high-confidence 94 high-
629 confidence SVM models created in from HI-SELEX experiment testing 270 human TFs and
630 95,886 noncoding variants in the human genome^{69,70}. Of these 94 TFs, 74 are expressed in
631 iGLUTs and used for downstream analyses. To identify allelic effects on TF binding for CRE that
632 were specifically differentially active after an exposure compared to baseline, we used the
633 motifbreakR package⁶⁸ and filtered for strong allelic effects of TFs expressed in DIV24 iGLUTs.

634 Activity-by-Contact prediction of context-specific regulatory element target genes. To predict
635 target genes of condition-specific enhancer activity, we scored enhancer-gene interaction using
636 STARE⁷³. STARE combines an adapted Activity-By-Contact (ABC)⁷² interaction modeling with TF
637 binding affinities in regions to summarize these affinities at the gene level. For each condition, we
638 used the median z-score of each CRE tested in the MPRA to represent “Activity”, and the
639 condition-specific ATAC-sequencing peaks to represent “Contact” in the model.

640 Over-representation analysis and biological theme comparison of ABC genes. To identify pathway
641 enrichments unique to context-specific regulatory activity, we performed biological theme
642 comparison using ClusterProfiler¹²⁹. And gene set enrichment for GWAS catalogue risk genes
643 using the GENE2FUNC query tool of FUMA GWAS⁷⁵.

644 Drug prioritization based on perturbation signature reversal in LiNCs Neuronal Cell Lines: To
645 identify drugs that could reverse cue-specific GReX predicted by the ABC model, we used the
646 Query tool from The Broad Institute’s Connectivity Map (Cmap) Server⁷⁶. Briefly, the tool
647 computes weighted enrichment scores (WTCS) between the query set and each signature in the
648 Cmap LINC gene expression data (dose, time, drug, cell-line), normalizes the WRCS by dividing
649 by signed mean w/in each perturbation (NCS), and computes FDR as fraction of “null signatures”
650 (DMSO) where the absolute NCS exceeds reference signature¹²⁷. We prioritized drugs that
651 reversed signatures specifically in neuronal cells (either neurons (NEU) of neural progenitor cells
652 (NPCs) with NCS <= -1.00, FDR<=0.05) and filtered for drugs that are currently launched or in
653 clinical trial according to the Broad Institute Repurposing Data Portal.

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655 **STATEMENT OF ETHICS**

656 Ethical approval was not required because the hiPSC lines, lacking association with any
657 identifying information and widely accessible from a public repository, are thus not considered to
658 be human subjects research. Post-mortem DLPFC data are similarly lacking identifiable
659 information and are not considered human subjects research.

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677 **DATA AND CODE AVAILABILITY**

678 All source donor hiPSCs have been deposited at the Rutgers University Cell and DNA Repository
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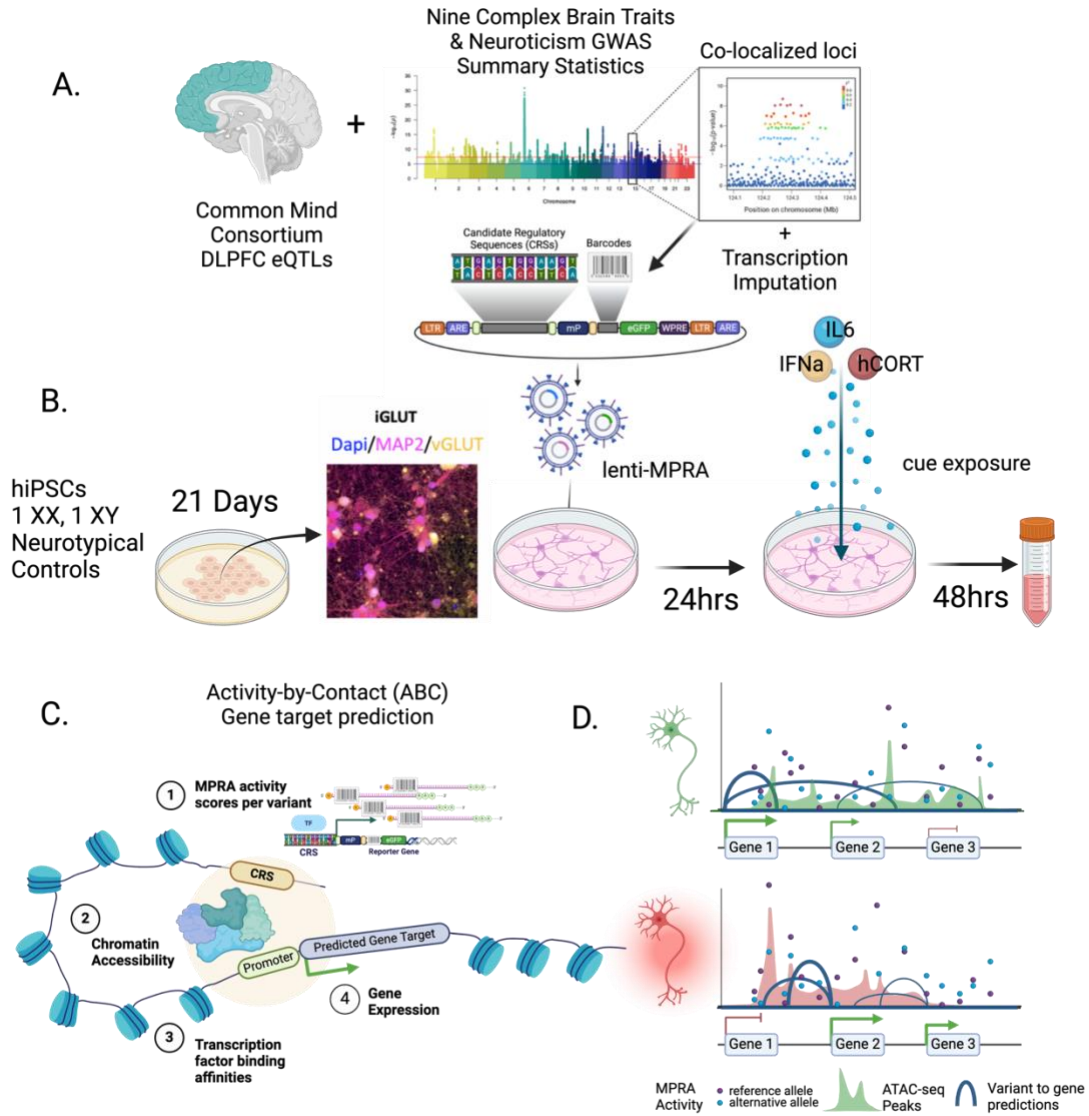
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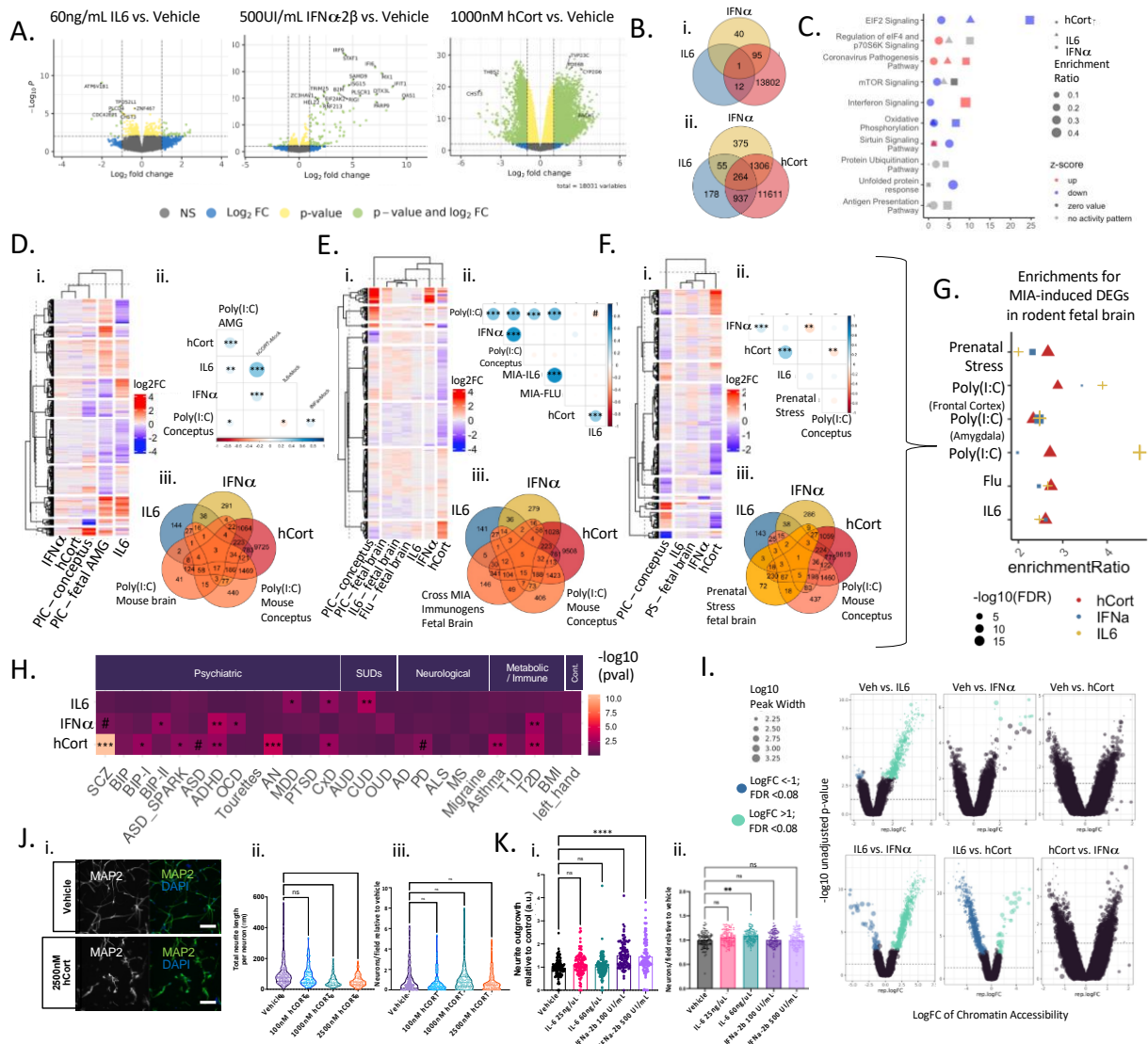
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1000 **Figure 0. Schematic.** Made with BioRender



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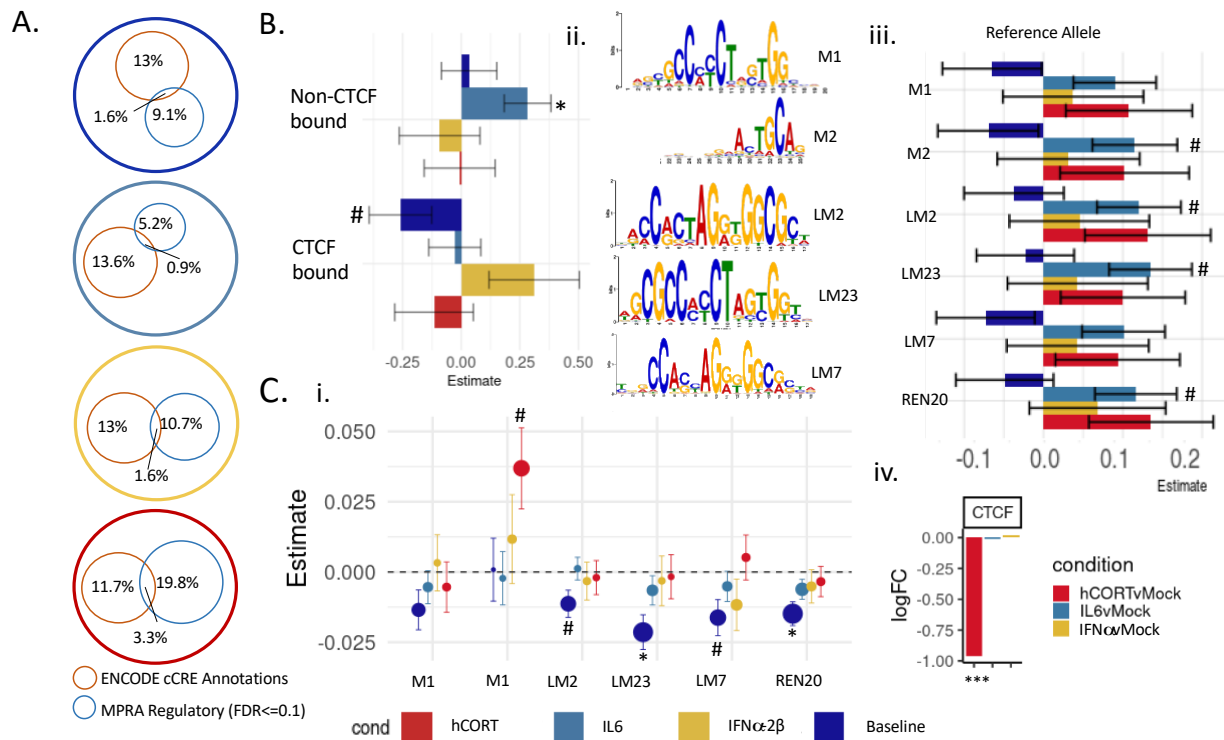
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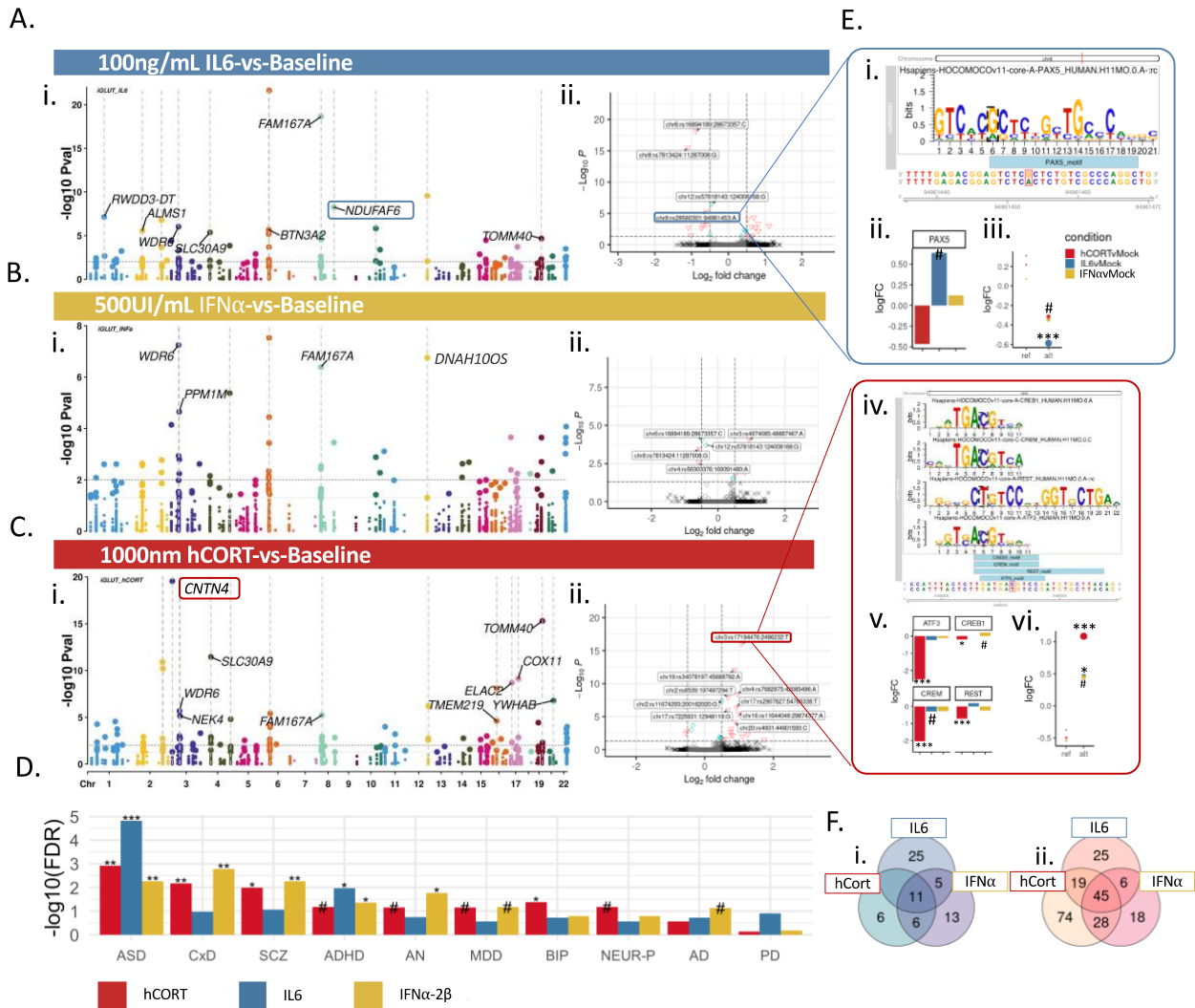
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1042 plots of differential allelic shifts (ref vs. alt) across cue-exposures with loci labeled by
1043 PrediXcan/Coloc2 associated disorder eGenes. Each point represents an individual tested SNP
1044 at a given locus with chromosome location on the x-axis and the signed $-\log_{10}$ p-value of
1045 differential transcriptional activity between the reference and alternative alleles on the y-axis.
1046 Volcano plots demonstrate allelic shifts (ref vs. alt) across cue-exposures labeled by top SNPs.
1047 **(D)** Rank-rank hypergeometric test of transcriptional activity across cues: IL6 exposure is most
1048 highly correlated with activity at baseline, while hCORT exposure is the least correlated. **(E)**
1049 Significant CRE show cue-biased enrichments for GWAS risk SNPs across psychiatric disorders,
1050 scaled and ordered by $-\log_{10}$ (FDR). **(F) (i)** Enhancer activity of regulatory elements tested in
1051 iGLUTs are significantly positively correlated with brain single cell and the fetal postmortem brain
1052 eQTL effects, but significantly negatively correlated adult DLPFC eQTL effects. **(ii)** Linear
1053 coefficients of single cell eQTLs with MPRA activity by cell-type shows that, at baseline, activity
1054 of CREs significantly recapitulates eQTL effects in excitatory neurons, while IFNa and hCORT
1055 exposure recapitulate effects in astrocytes, and IFNa exposure uniquely recapitulates these
1056 effects in microglia. Bar chart of linear correlation coefficients of eQTL betas [$\text{abs}(\text{MPRA allelic shift}) \sim \text{abs}(\text{eQTL Beta}) + \log \text{distance to the transcriptional start site} + \text{Gene/Transcript} + \text{CellType}$]. (FDR \leq 0.08[#], FDR $<$ 0.05^{*}, FDR $<$ 0.01^{**}, FDR $<$ 0.001^{***}).

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1061 **Figure 3. CTCF binding negatively influenced transcriptional activity in a cue-specific**
 1062 **manner.** Baseline activity of CTCF-bound sequences was significantly reduced related to non-
 1063 CTCF-bound regions (**SI Figure 6**). **(A)** Percent overlap between MPRA CRE with known
 1064 ENCODE cCRE annotations (orange circle) and significantly active CRE (FDR<0.1) (blue circle).
 1065 Active MPRA CRE were not enriched for ENCODE cCREs, with only 1-3% previously annotated
 1066 as regulatory elements. The proportion of active MPRA CRE overlapping with known proximal or
 1067 distal enhancer- or promoter-like sequences shifted with exposure to stress and inflammatory
 1068 factors. **(B)** Linear correlation coefficients for CTCF-binding showed significant negative
 1069 correlations of CTCF binding enhancer-like regions at baseline, and a significantly positive
 1070 association of non-CTCF bound enhancer-like regions with IL-6-responsive activity (MPRA
 1071 Median Z-score ~ CTCF_e + nonCTCF + nonoverlap) **(C)** Six highly conserved core CTCF binding
 1072 motifs best match active CRE sequences (**Supplemental Data 1**). **(i)** At baseline, motif scores
 1073 for two (LM7, LM2) were nominally and two (LM23, REN30) were significantly negatively
 1074 associated with transcriptional activity. A separate motif (M1) was nominally positively
 1075 associated with transcriptional activity after hCort exposure. **(ii)** Motif logos of five highly conserved CTCF
 1076 binding motifs tested in (i). **(iii)** Linear coefficients for allelic effects. **(iv)** CTCF is significantly
 1077 downregulated following exposure to 1000nM in iGLUTs. (MPRA median z-score ~ CTCF motif
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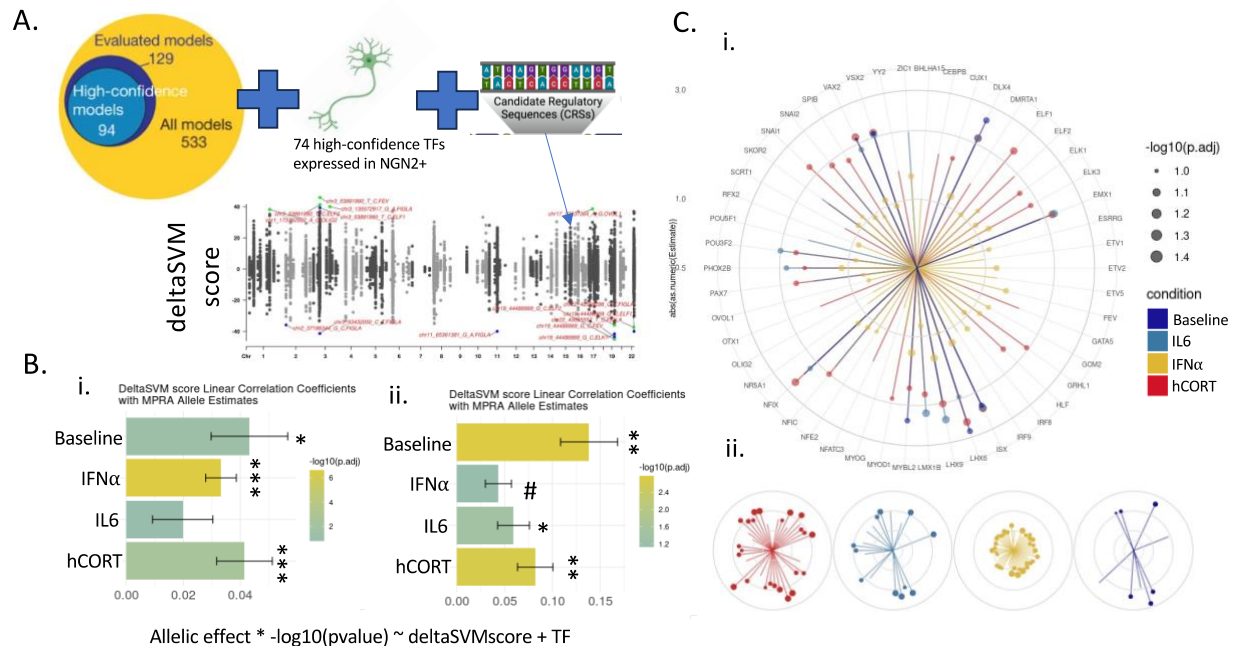
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1081 **Figure 4. Cue-specific differences in active CREs were driven by transcription factor**
 1082 **binding affinities.** Stress and inflammatory factors dynamically and specifically impacted allelic
 1083 shifts in transcriptional activity of CREs in iGLUTs. **(A-C)** Manhattan plots of differentially active
 1084 CREs between each cue-exposure and baseline labeled by PrediXcan associated disorder and
 1085 eGenes. Each point represents an individual tested SNP at a given locus with chromosomal
 1086 location on the x-axis and the $-\log_{10}$ p-value of differential transcriptional activity between cue-
 1087 exposure and baseline on the y-axis. **(D)** Differentially active CRE enrichments across GWAS
 1088 psychiatric disorder and neurodegenerative disease risk SNPs. For each cue exposure, different
 1089 disorders showed top enrichments (FDR \leq 0.08[#], FDR<0.05^{*}, FDR<0.01^{**}, FDR<0.001^{***}). **(E)**
 1090 Motif-binding was significantly impacted by variant shifts at SNPs with cue-specific responses.
 1091 Example of two SNPs with cue-by-variant specific effects with variant-specific TF binding
 1092 affinities: (i) MotifBreaker image of the regulatory sequence centered at rs28560301 in the AD-
 1093 associated *NDUFAF6* locus, showing PAX5, which has decreased predicted binding affinity with
 1094 the risk allele. (ii) Cue-specific differential gene expression; *PAX5* expression is increased
 1095 following IL-6 exposure. (iii) Cue-specific difference in CRE activity compared to baseline
 1096 represented SNP; rs28560301 risk allele is significantly decreased follow IL-6 exposure
 1097 compared to baseline. (iv) Transcriptional activators (CREB, CREM, ATF3) have increased binding
 1098 affinities for the reference allele, while REST, a master transcriptional silencer, has increased binding to

1099 the risk allele. (v) CREB, CREM, ATF3, and REST were significantly downregulated following
1100 hCort exposure. (vi) SCZ-associated alternative allele (rs1719446) were significantly more active
1101 following hCort exposure. **(F)** Venn diagram of overlapping nominally significant ($p\text{-value}\leq 0.05$)
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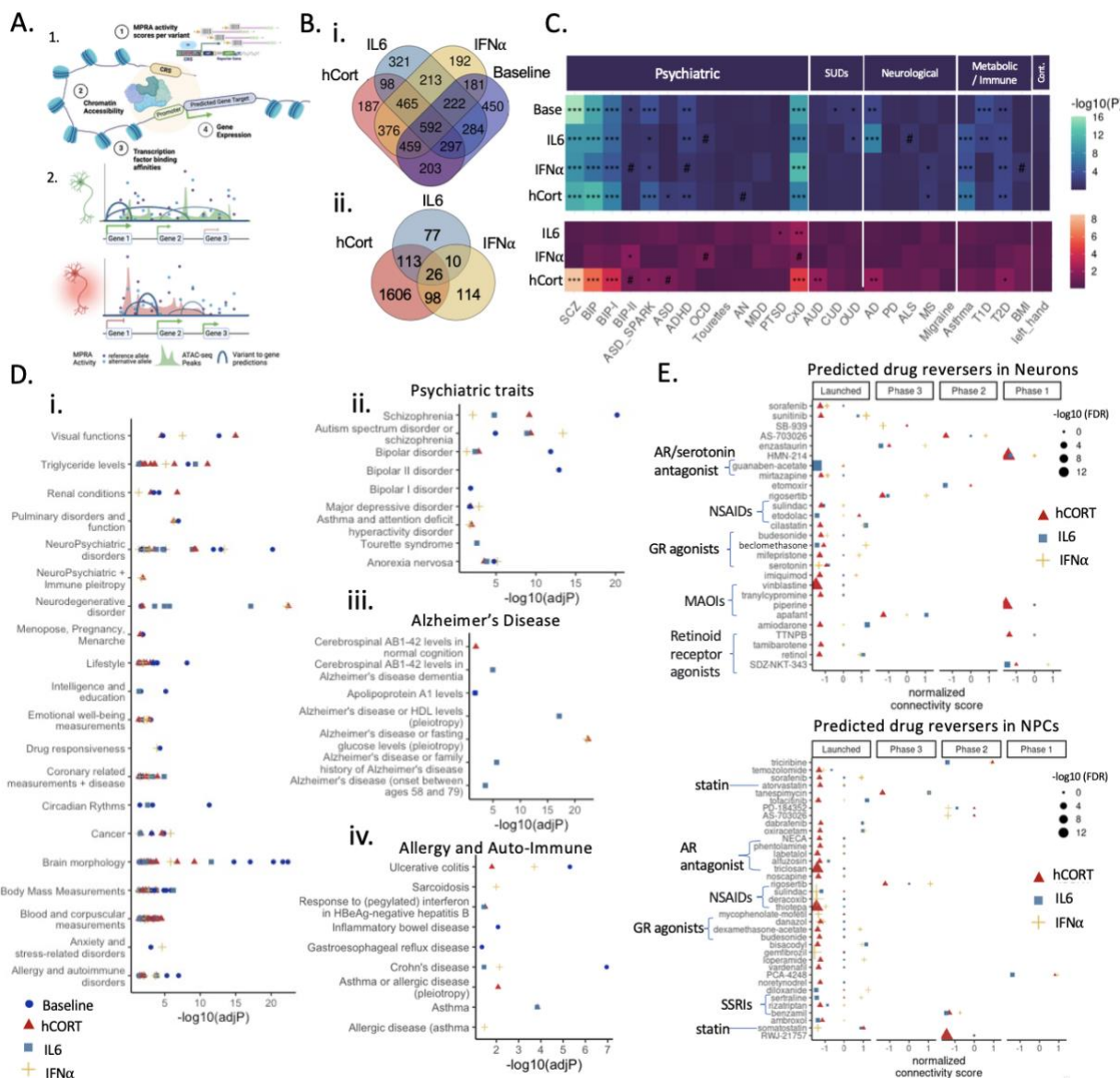
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1106 **Figure 5. Variant-specific changes in transcription factor binding affinities predicted cue-**
 1107 **specific allelic shifts in transcriptional activity. (A)** DeltaSVM quantifies the effect of single
 1108 nucleotide sequence changes on transcription factor binding activity. Using 74 high-confidence
 1109 TFs (Yan et al. 2021⁶⁹) expressed in iGLUTs, DeltaSVM scores were calculated for each CRE.
 1110 Manhattan plot of deltaSVM scores for each CRE comparing reference to alternative allele. **(B)**
 1111 DeltaSVM scores significantly positively correlated with allele-specific activity quantified in the
 1112 MPRA. DeltaSVM score linear correlation coefficients with MPRA allelic shifts **(i)** before and **(ii)**
 1113 after restricting to regions with predicted allelic preference by deltaSVM (Allelic effect * $-\log_{10}(\text{pvalue}) \sim \text{deltaSVMscore} + \text{TF}$).
 1114 **(C)** Specific TF binding affinities model predicted allele-specific activity by exposure. **(i)** TF linear correlation coefficients by condition. Circular
 1115 segments represent the absolute value of TF-factor specific linear correlation coefficients, the size
 1116 of the dot represents the $-\log_{10}$ FDR of the estimate. Colors indicate cue-specific activity (dark
 1117 blue=Baseline, teal = IL-6, golden yellow=IFNα-2b, dark red=hCort). **(ii)** TF binding affinities
 1118 explain, in part, cue specific changes in transcriptional activity. (FDR $\leq 0.08^{\#}$, FDR $< 0.05^*$,
 1119 FDR $< 0.01^{**}$, FDR $< 0.001^{***}$).

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1123 **Figure 6. Gene targets of context-specific regulatory elements showed distinct**
 1124 **associations with brain disorders and medications. (A)** Workflow of activity-by-contact
 1125 enhancer-gene interaction scoring (made with BioRender). (1.) By integrating cell type and cue-
 1126 specific MPRA enhancer activity, cell and cue-specific chromatin accessibility, and transcription
 1127 factor binding affinities we (2.) predict cell-type and cue-specific genetically regulated genes (ABC
 1128 genes) **(B)** Predicted ABC gene targets of active CREs across cues. Venn diagrams of
 1129 overlapping ABC genes mapped to **(i)** active significantly enhancers across cue-exposures
 1130 (FDR<0.1) and to **(ii)** differentially active CRE (nominal p-value ≤0.05) by cue compared to
 1131 baseline. **(C)** MAGMA enrichment analysis across psychiatric, substance use (SUD),
 1132 neurological, and metabolic/immune disorders revealed unique association of cue specific
 1133 genetically regulated genes with disorder risk. **(D)** GWAS catalogue over representation analysis
 1134 **(i)** identified unique and shared trait enrichment across cues, including enrichments for psychiatric
 1135 **(ii)**, neurodegenerative **(iii)**, and allergy/autoimmune enrichments **(iv)** **(Supplemental Data 2).**

1136 **(E)** Cue-specific ABC target genes resolved shared and unique drug reversers. (FDR \leq 0.08[#],
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1138 **EXTENDED DATA**

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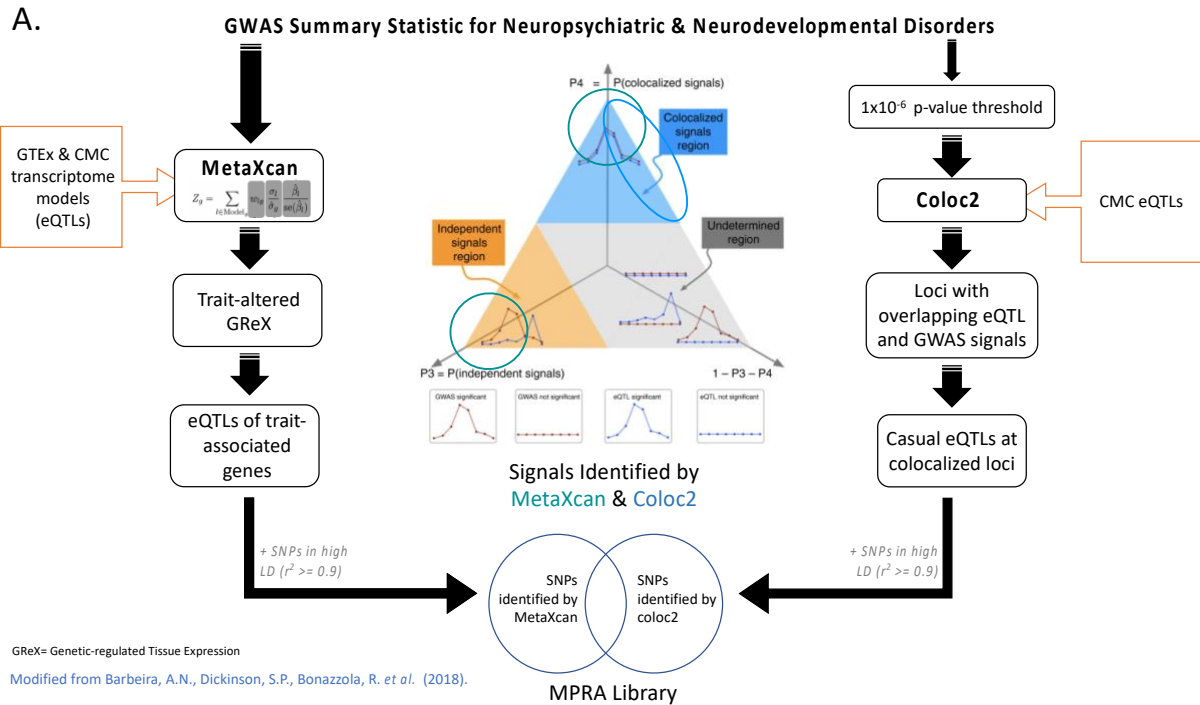
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| ADHD | 2018 | Demontis et al. 2018 | NCBI Build 37/UCSC hg19 | 55374 | 20183 | 35191 |
| AN | 2019 | Watson et al. 2019 | NCBI Build 37/UCSC hg19 | 72517 | 16992 | 55525 |
| ASD | 2019 | Grove et al. 2019 | NCBI Build 37/UCSC hg19 | 46351 | 18382 | 27969 |
| BIP | 2021 | Mullins et al 2021 | NCBI Build 37/UCSC hg19 | 413466 | 41917 | 371549 |
| SCZ | 2022 | Trubetskoy et al. 2022 | NCBI Build 37/UCSC hg19 | 161405 | 67390 | 94015 |
| OCD | 2018 | Arnold et al. 2018 | NCBI Build 37/UCSC hg19 | 9725 | 2688 | 7037 |
| MDD | 2019 | Howard et al. 2019 | NCBI Build 37/UCSC hg19 | 142646 | 45396 | 97250 |
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| NEUR | 2017 | Lo et al. 2017 | NCBI Build 37/UCSC hg19 | 59206 | NA | NA |

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1166 **Supplemental Table 2.** Number of prioritized SNPs by colocalization (Coloc2) across GWAS.

| Disorder | #loci (1e-6) | #Genes w/ >= 1 cis-eQTL FDR <0.05 | #co-localized loci | Unique Causal SNPs | #Causal + LD snps |
|--|----------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| AD | 49 | 162 | 10 | 10 | 25 |
| ADHD | 52 | 85 | 15 | 12 | 64 |
| AN | 41 | 68 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| ASD | 26 | 71 | 14 | 13 | 94 |
| BIP | 195 | 500 | 45 | 36 | 125 |
| SCZ | 482 | 772 | 40 | 34 | 84 |
| OCD | 56 | 125 | 2 | 1 | 8 |
| MDD | 31 | 112 | 7 | 7 | 29 |
| PTSD | 7 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 7 |
| NEUR | 15 | 38 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 954 | 1937 | 136 | 116 | 437 |
| # Total SNPs accounting for overlap | | | | | 429 |
| P-value Threshold for sig. snps | <=1e^-6 | | | | |
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| High LD Threshold | r^2 >= 0.9 | | | | |

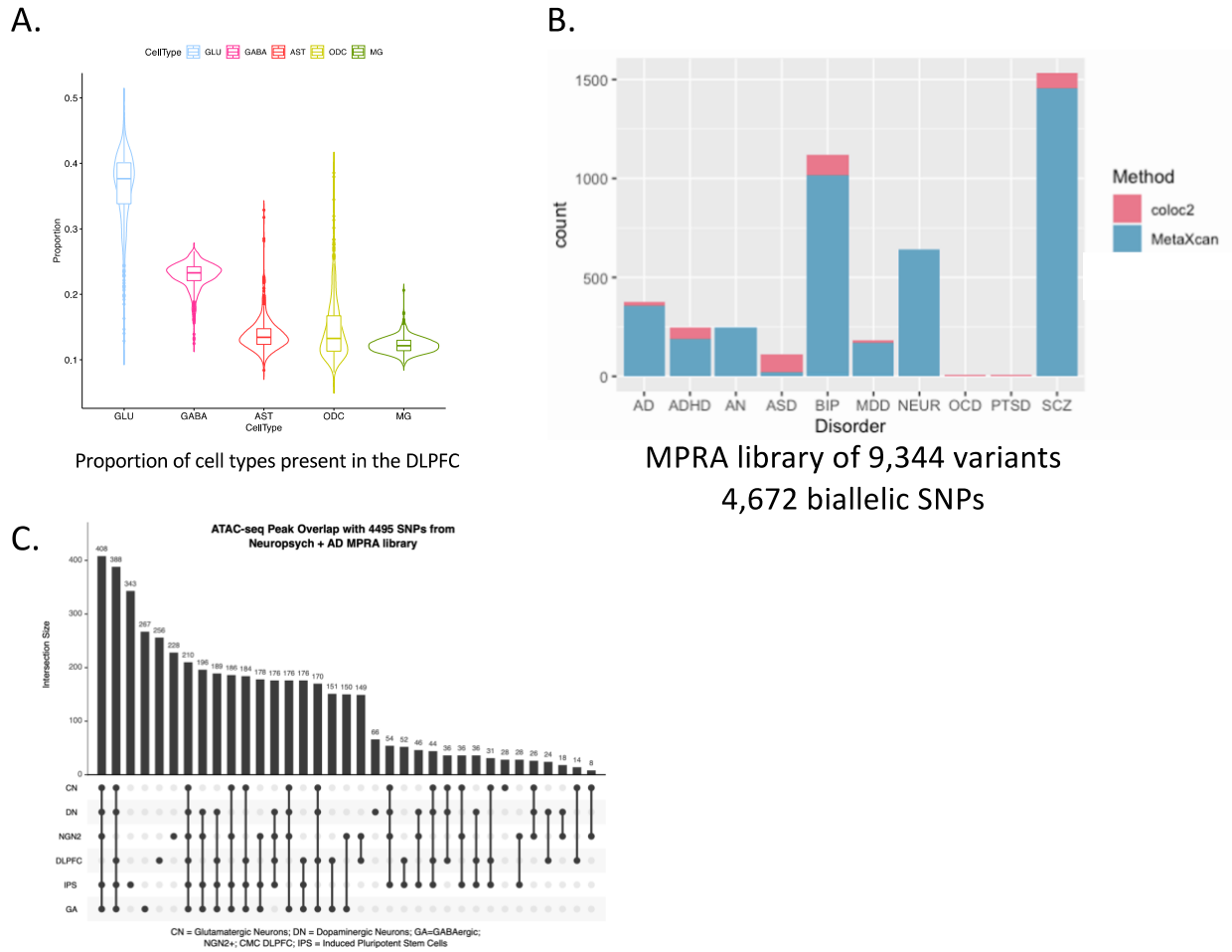
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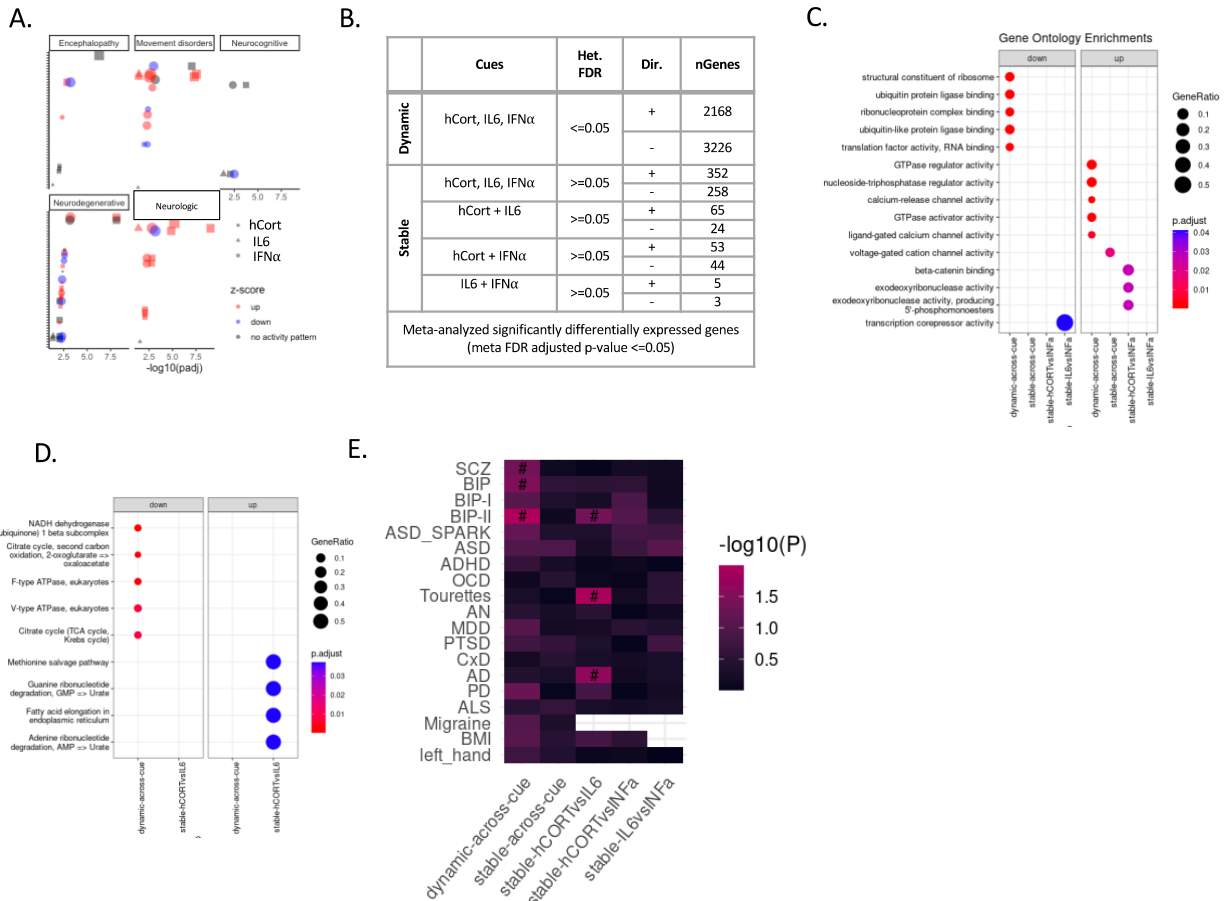
1173 **Supplemental Figure 8. Selection of predicted cis-expression quantitative trait loci (cis-**
 1174 **eQTLs).** Variant selection for inclusion in the library was based nine GWAS (AD, ADHD, AN,
 1175 ASD, BIP, MDD, PTSD, SCZ, and NEU) using two selection approaches: (1) Bayesian co-
 1176 localization (using coloc2^{130,131}) and (2) transcriptomic imputation (S-PrediXcan^{132,133}) (**Figure 6**).
 1177 For method 1, significant GWAS loci were identified based on an LD $r^2 > 0.1$ with the lead
 1178 associated SNPs ($p < 1 \times 10^{-6}$). Overlapping loci were merged. Genes that overlapped with these
 1179 loci and had one or more CMC DLPFC cis-eQTLs ($FDR < 0.05$) were tested for co-localization
 1180 using coloc2¹³¹. Loci with PPH4 ≥ 0.5 were considered moderately to strongly co-localized. The
 1181 most probable causal eQTLs from these loci were selected, along with all SNPs in high LD ($r^2 \geq$
 1182 0.8). For method 2, trait-associated CMC DLPFC S-PrediXcan genes ($p < \sim 4.64 \times 10^{-6}$
 1183 (0.05/10786)) were selected for AD, ADHD, AN, ASD, BIP, MDD, PTSD, and SCZ, and NEU. All
 1184 SNPs within the predictor models of significant genes (3-15/gene) and all SNPs in high LD ($r^2 \geq$
 1185 0.8) with them were selected. 100 positive and 100 negative controls were selected from SNPs
 1186 (i) producing the 100 greatest and 100 least transcriptional shifts based on a previous SCZ and
 1187 AD MPRA¹¹⁵ and (ii) present in the CMC DLPFC dataset. Additional negative controls were
 1188 selected from significant BIP GWAS loci that (i) did not colocalize ($PPH4 < 0.1$) and (ii) were not
 1189 significant CMC DLPFC eQTLs. While our methods for identification were expression-based and
 1190 greatly differed from the MPRA used to select the controls, four positive controls were also
 1191 identified by our methods (**Supplemental Data 1**).

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1194 **Supplemental Figure 9. Design of cross-disorder MPRA library.** (A) Estimate proportion of
 1195 cell types present in the CMC postmortem dorsolateral prefrontal cortex (DLPFC) by cell-type
 1196 deconvolution. (B) Proportion of test SNPs by prioritization method and GWAS summary
 1197 statistics. (C) Level of ATAC-seq peak overlap with putative CRE by cell-type. (CN=glutamatergic,
 1198 DN=dopaminergic, GA=GABAergic, NGN2=hiPSC-derived NGN2 iGLUTs, iPS=human-induced
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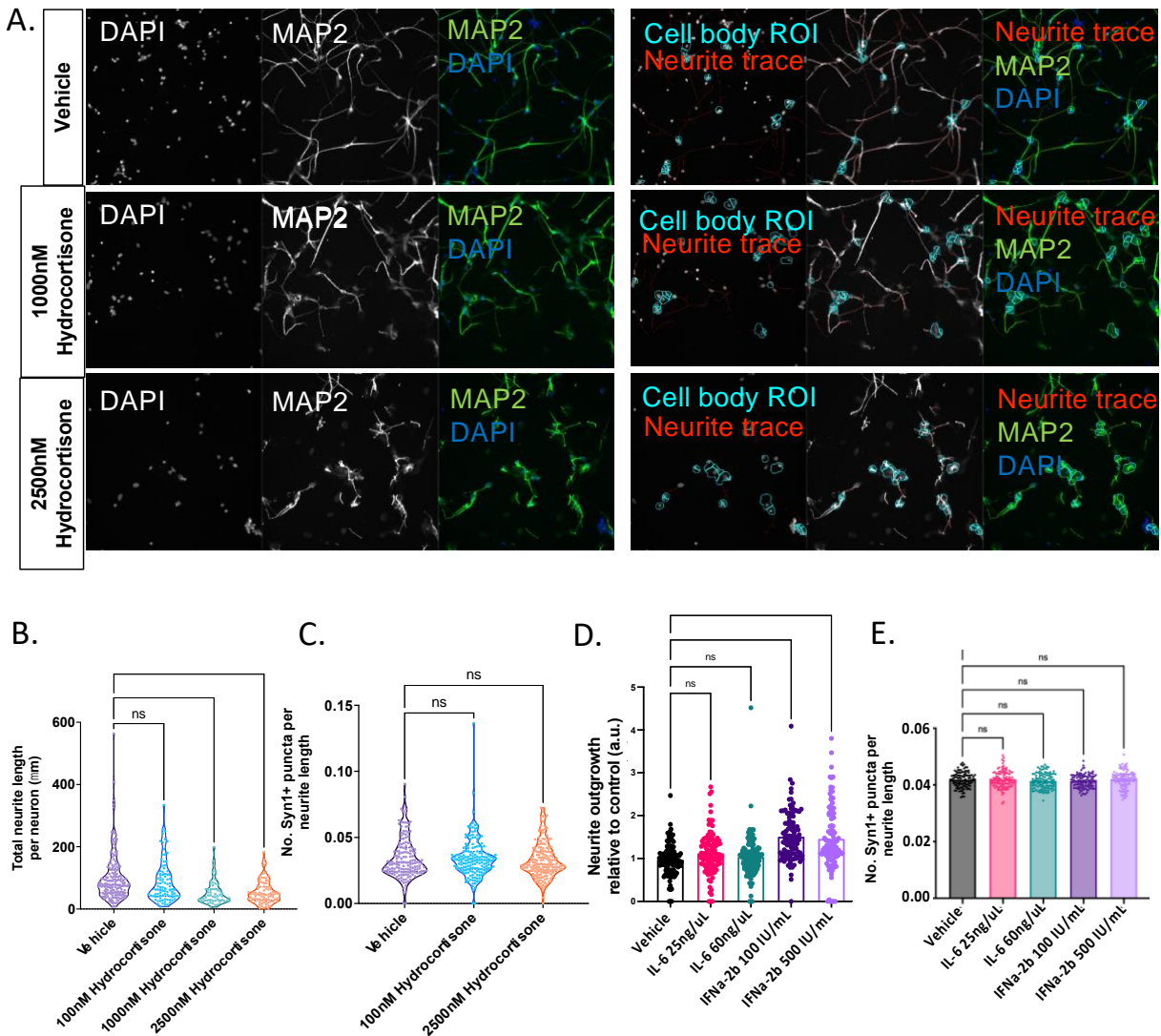


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1201 **Supplemental Figure 10. Stress and inflammatory factors associated with MIA significantly**
 1202 **dysregulated the transcriptomic in developing neurons.** Differential gene expression analysis
 1203 in iGLUTs exposed to 1000nM hCort, 60ng/uL IL-6, or 500 UI/mL IFNa-2B (compared to vehicle)
 1204 revealed unique and shared effects of these cellular stressor on the transcriptome (**Figure 2.1**).
 1205 **(A)** Signed pathway enrichment of cue-specific transcriptomic dysregulation across brain
 1206 disorders highlight unique contributes to risk. **(B)** Meta-analysis across conditions identified both
 1207 dynamic and stable changes in gene expression. Across all conditions, 258 were consistently
 1208 downregulated and 352 consistently upregulated, 65 upregulated DEGs and 24 down regulated
 1209 DEGs uniquely shared between hCort and IL-6 treatment, 53 upregulated DEGs and 44
 1210 downregulated DEGs were s uniquely shared between hCort and IFNa-2b, and 5 upregulated
 1211 and 3 downregulated DEGs were uniquely shared between IL-6 and IFNa-2b (Meta adjusted p-
 1212 value ≤ 0.05 ; Cochran's Heterogeneity p-value ≥ 0.05). **(C-D)** Biological theme comparison
 1213 between gene clusters revealed significant negative enrichment in transcription corepressor
 1214 activity in DEGs unique to IL-6 and IFNa, significant positive enrichments in beta-catenin binding
 1215 and exodeoxyribonuclease activity in DEGs unique to hCort and IFNa-2b, and significant positive
 1216 enrichment for ribonucleotide degradation and fatty acid elongation in the ER for DEGs unique to
 1217 IL-6 and hCort. Shared DEGs across all conditions were positively enriched for voltage-gated
 1218 cation channel activity. **(E)** MAGMA GWAS enrichment for meta-analyzed categories (# pvalue
 1219 ≤ 0.05) (related to **Figure 1**; **Supplemental Data 2**).

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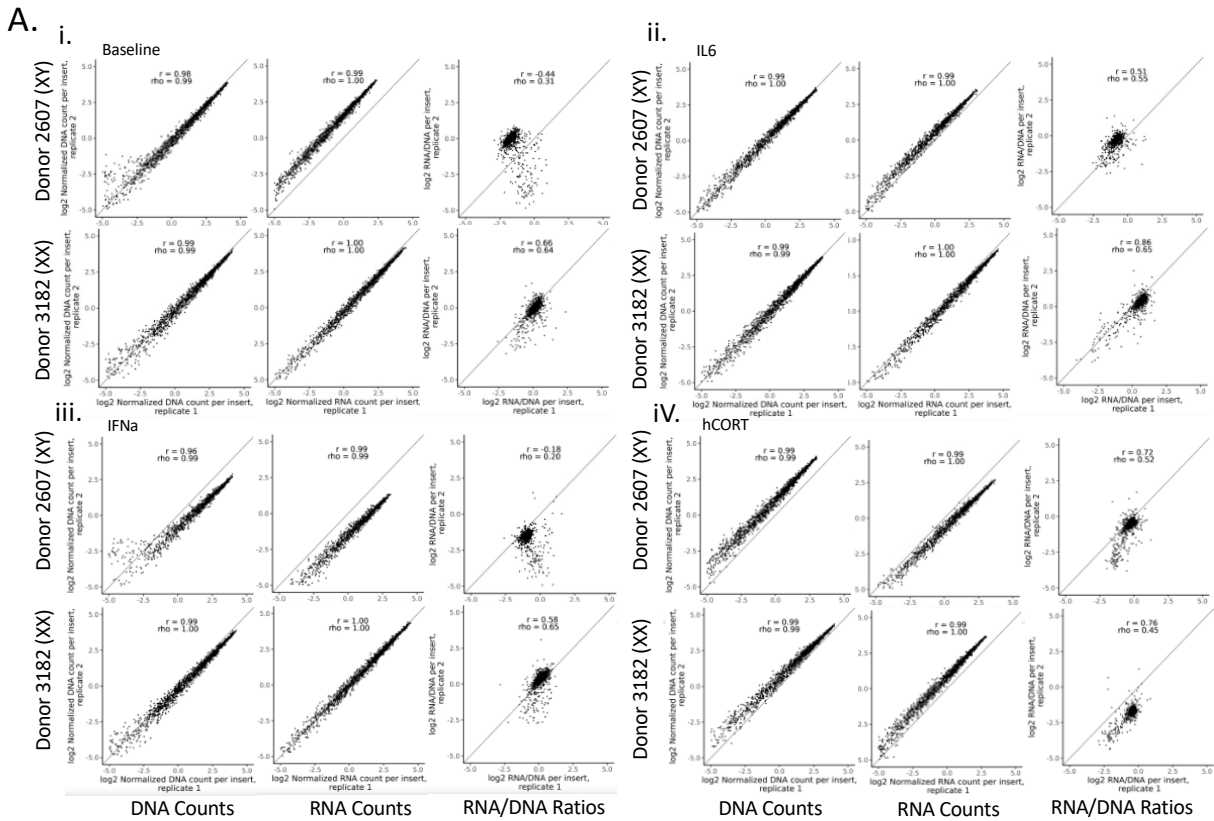
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Supplemental Figure 11. Stress and inflammatory factors altered neurite outgrowth in hiPSC-derived neurons.

Representative images and neurite traces demonstrating the impact of 48hr exposure of hydrocortisone (hCort), IL-6, and I-2b across multiple doses on early (D7) neurite outgrowth in hiPSC-derived iGLUTs and perturbations on Synapsin1 (Syn1) +ve puncta expression in D21 hiPSC-derived iGLUTs. Syn1+ve puncta values are expressed relative to MAP2 +ve neurite length in each image. **(A, B)** Exposure of 1000nM and 2500nM resulted in significant decreases in early neurite outgrowth while exposure to **(D)** 100 UI/mL and 500 UI/mL IFNa-2b increased neurite outgrowth relative to vehicle control conditions. **(C,E)** Synaptic puncta density was not affected by cue-exposure. N = minimum of 2 independent experiments across 2 donor lines with 12 technical replicates per condition and 9 images analyzed per replicate. One way ANOVA with post-hoc Bonferroni multiple comparisons test (related to **Figure 1**). * = p<0.05; ** = p<0.01; *** = p<0.001; **** = p<0.0001.

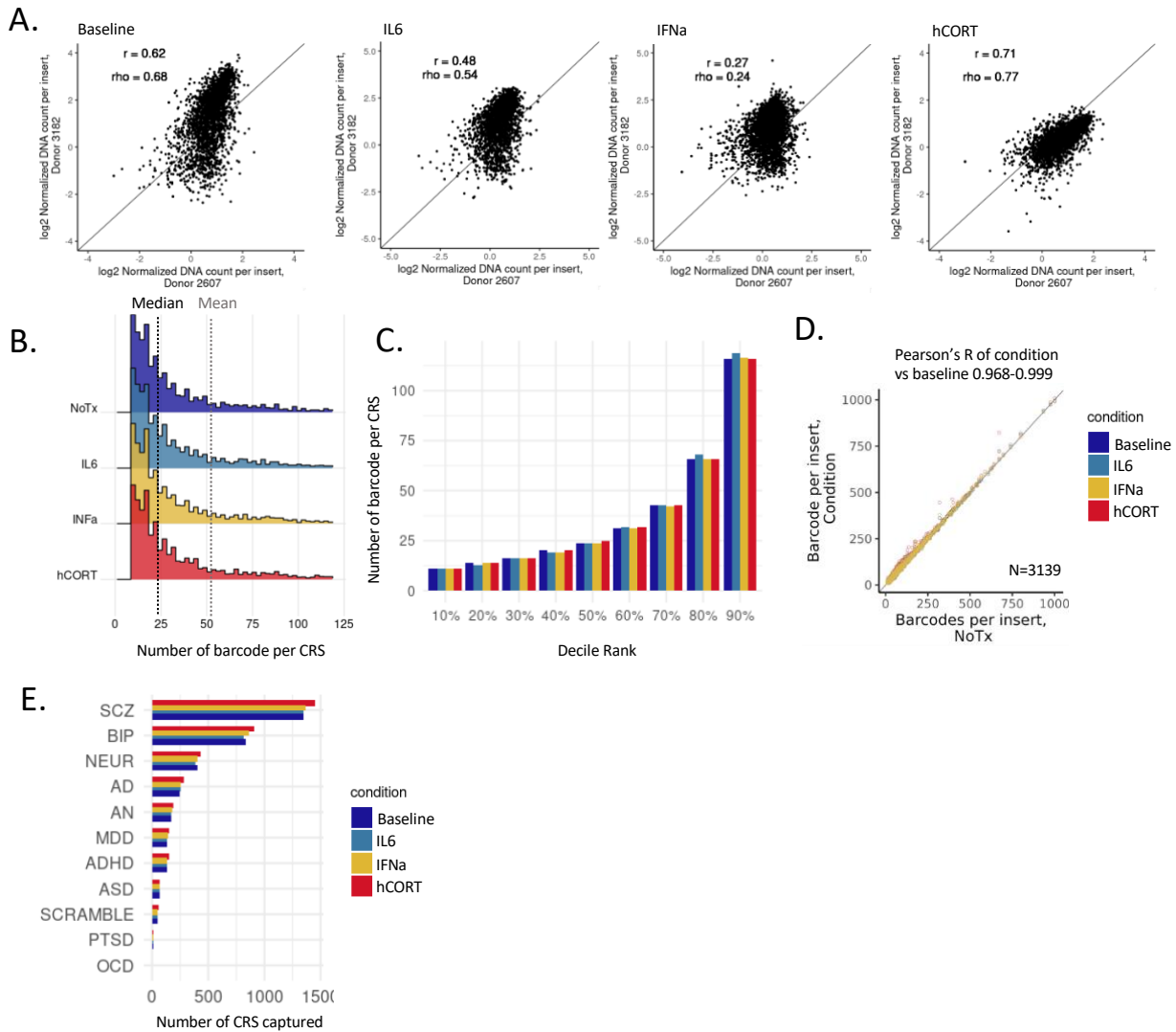
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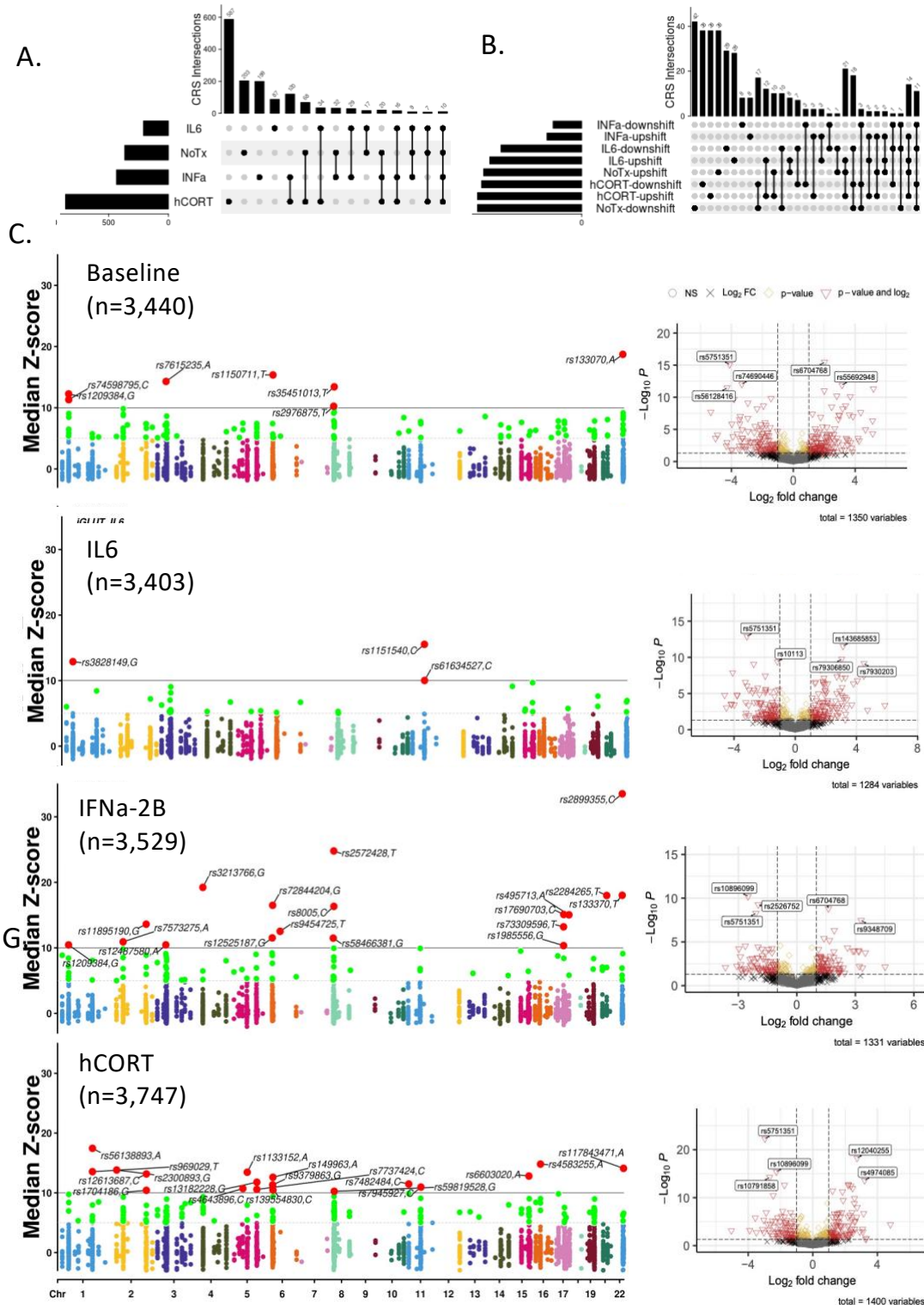
1239 **Supplemental Figure 12. Correlation between MPRA experimental replicates.** The
 1240 normalized log₂ DNA and RNA counts per CRE are strongly correlated between replicates
 1241 (Pearson's rho-correlation 0.98-1.00) for each MPRA. Transcriptional activity, measured as the
 1242 log₂ normalized RNA/DNA ratios, is moderately to strongly correlated between replicates
 1243 (rho=0.20-0.65).

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1246 **Supplemental Figure 13. Correlation between MPRA donors and contexts.** (A)
 1247 Transcriptional activity, measured as the log₂ normalized RNA/DNA ratios, is strongly correlated
 1248 between donors ($\rho=0.54-0.77$) and moderately correlated following IFNa exposure ($\rho=0.24$).
 1249 Across conditions 3,440-3747 of CRE were captured (minimum requirement of 10 barcodes each)
 1250 and the number of barcodes per unique CRE were highly correlated between CRE shared across
 1251 all conditions (ρ 0.968-0.999; nCRE=3139) (B-D). There was no significant difference in mean
 1252 number of barcodes per insert or the proportion of CRE by prioritization method or disorder
 1253 association across the conditions (E). There were no significant differences in the number of
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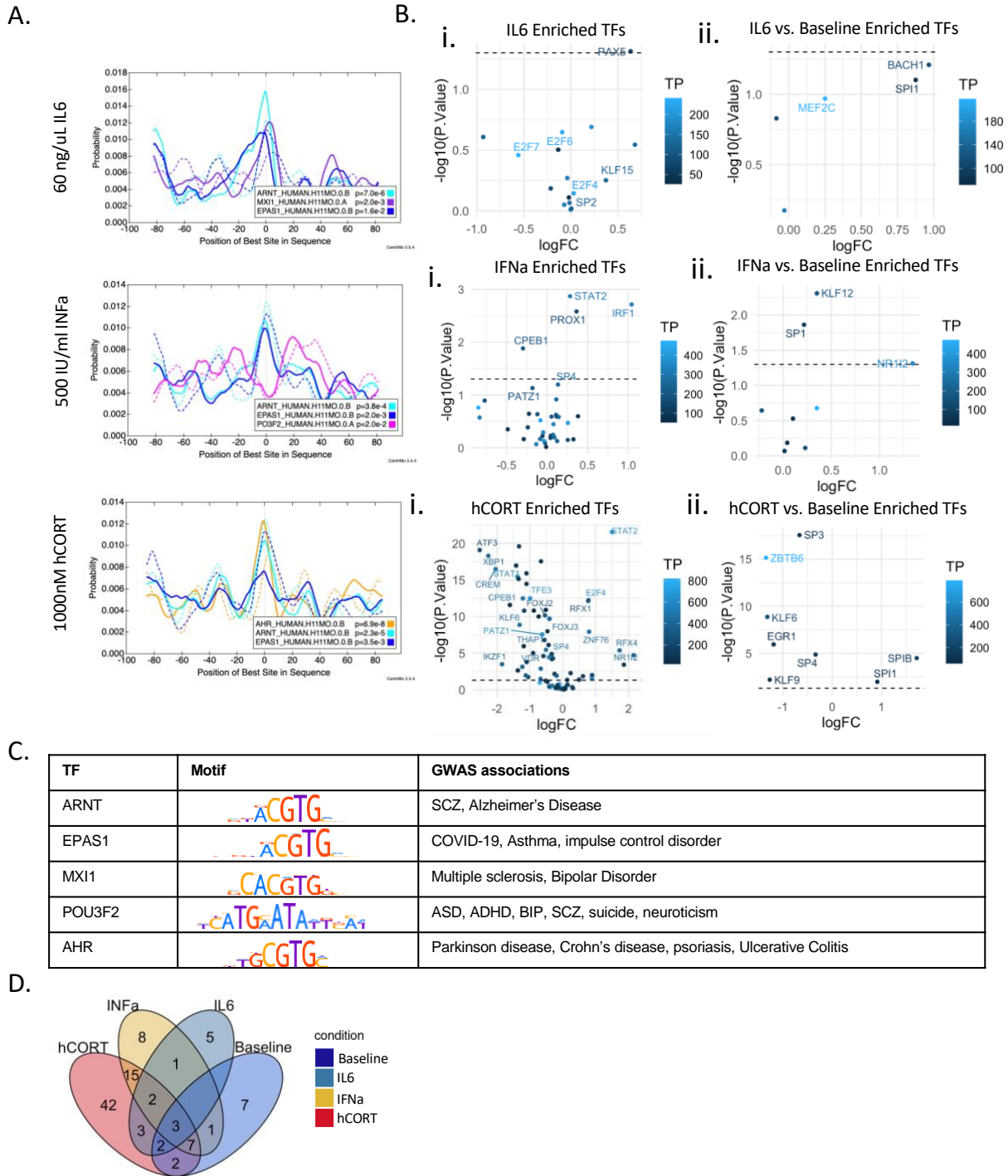
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Supplemental Figure 14. Stress and inflammatory factors uniquely impacted allelic-specific transcriptional activity of CRE in neurons. (A) Overlap of active enhancers (FDR<=0.1) across conditions. **(B)** Overlap of allelic shifts across conditions. **(C)** Manhattan plots of differentially active CRE across cues labeled by SNP and variant with chromosomal location

1260 on the x-axis and the median transcriptional activity compared to scramble controls on the y-axis.
1261 Comparative volcano plots showing cue-specific CRE compared to baseline (related to **Figure**
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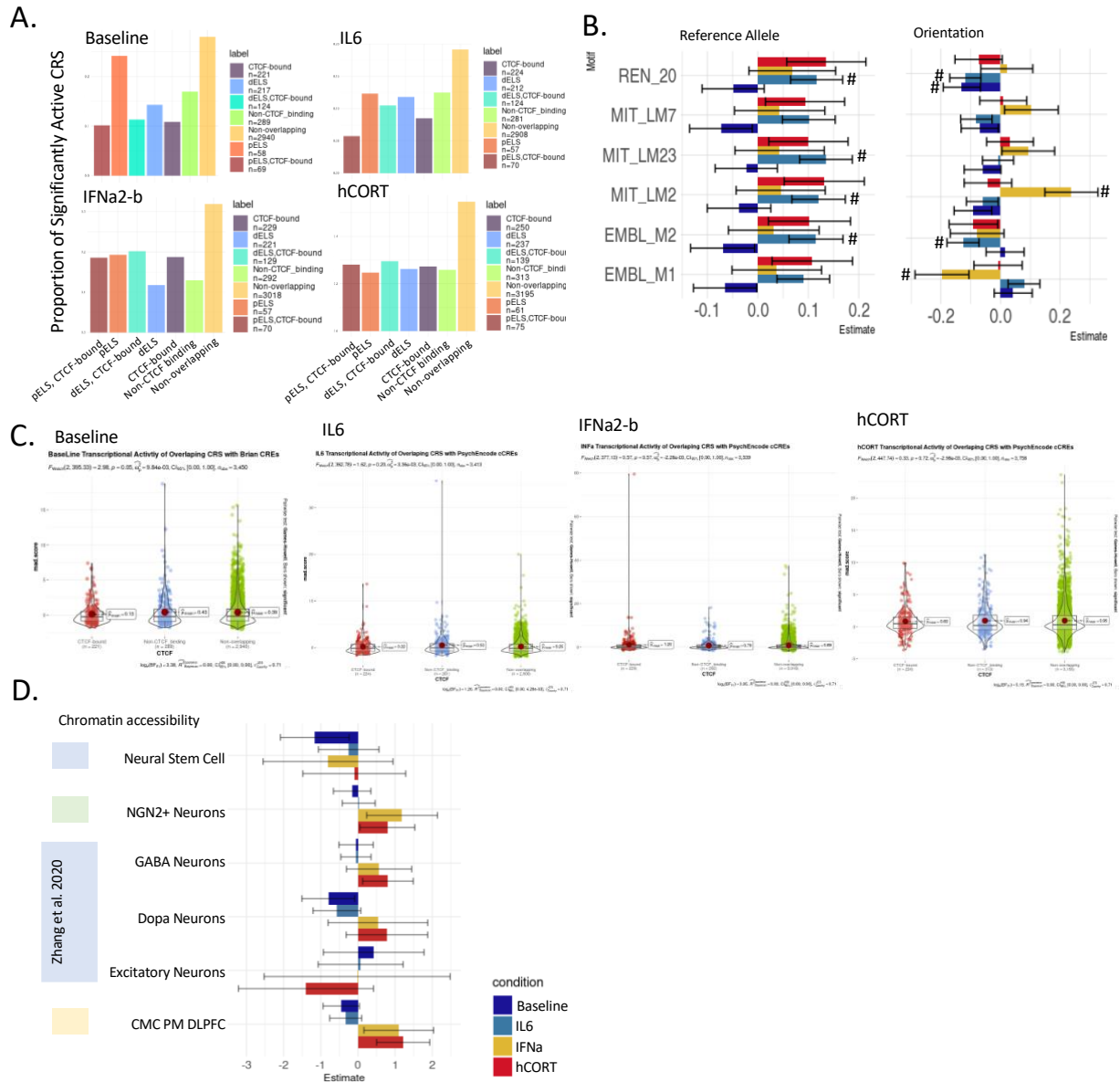
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Supplemental Figure 8. Transcription factor binding motifs were differentially enriched in active CRE based on context. (A) Differential transcription factor motif enrichment analyses centered at the tested SNP (MEME Suite, CentriMO) identified cue-specific and shared TFs. **(B)** Filtering for TFs that are expressed in iGLUTs, motif enrichment analysis without bias for the center of the CRE of core TF motifs (HOCOMOCO v11) identified significantly active CRE across exposures that demonstrate shared and unique enrichments. TFs targeting enriched motifs were uniquely differentially expressed following cue exposure. **(C)** TFs of motifs enriched at the

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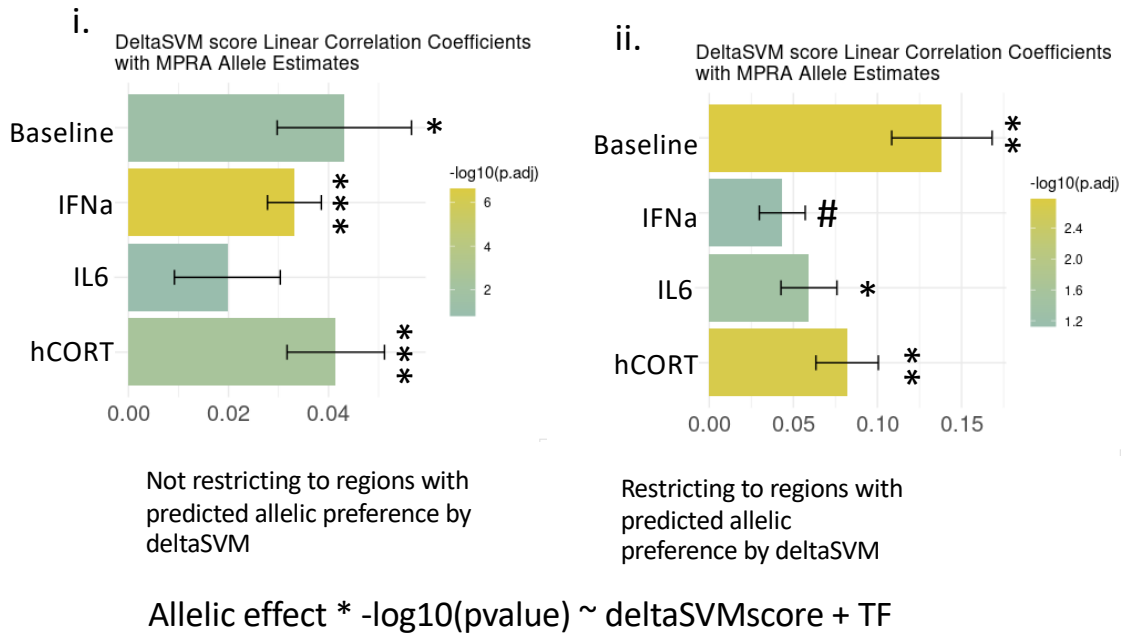


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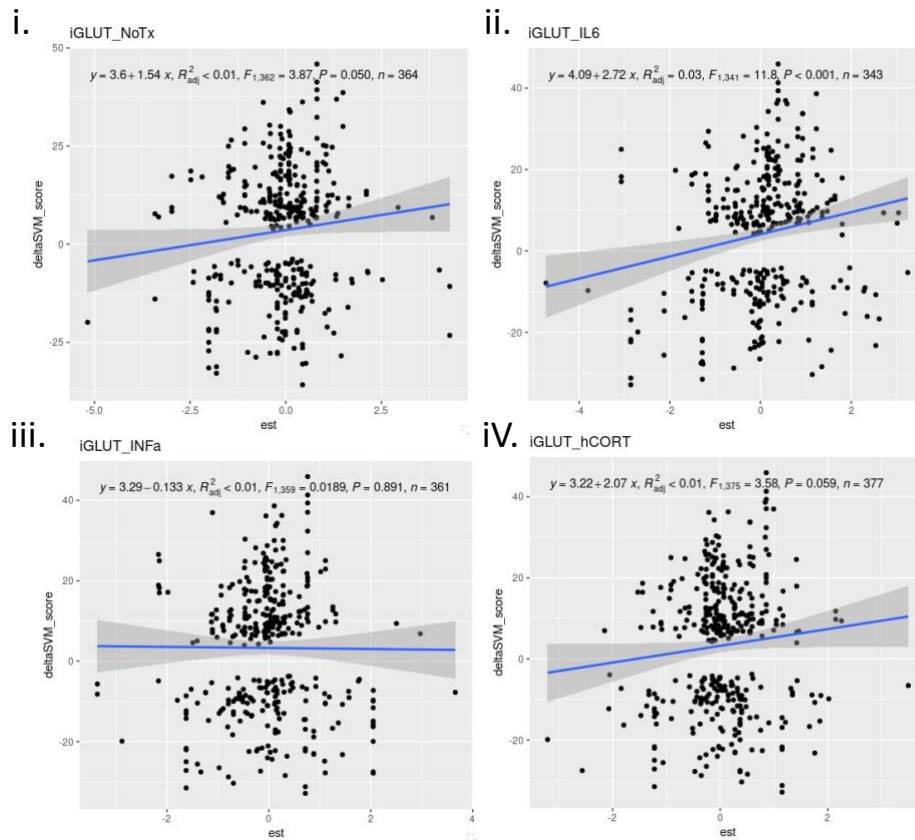
Supplemental Figure 9. CTCF binding, but not chromatin accessibility measures, influenced cue-specific MPRA allelic shifts. (A) The proportion of significantly active CRE overlapping with known proximal or distal enhancer or promoter like sequences from ENCODE cCRE annotations shifted with exposure to stress and inflammatory factors. (B) Estimates for impact of allele and orientation matched to (related to **Figure 2-B,i-iv**); (MPRA median z-score ~ CTCF motif score + orientation + allele + distance from center SNP + motif). (C) At baseline, the average activity of CTCF-bound sequences is significantly lower compared to non CTCF-bound regions, but not following stress and inflammation. (D) Chromatin accessibility peaks across studies do not predict CRE activity (**Supplemental Data 1**).

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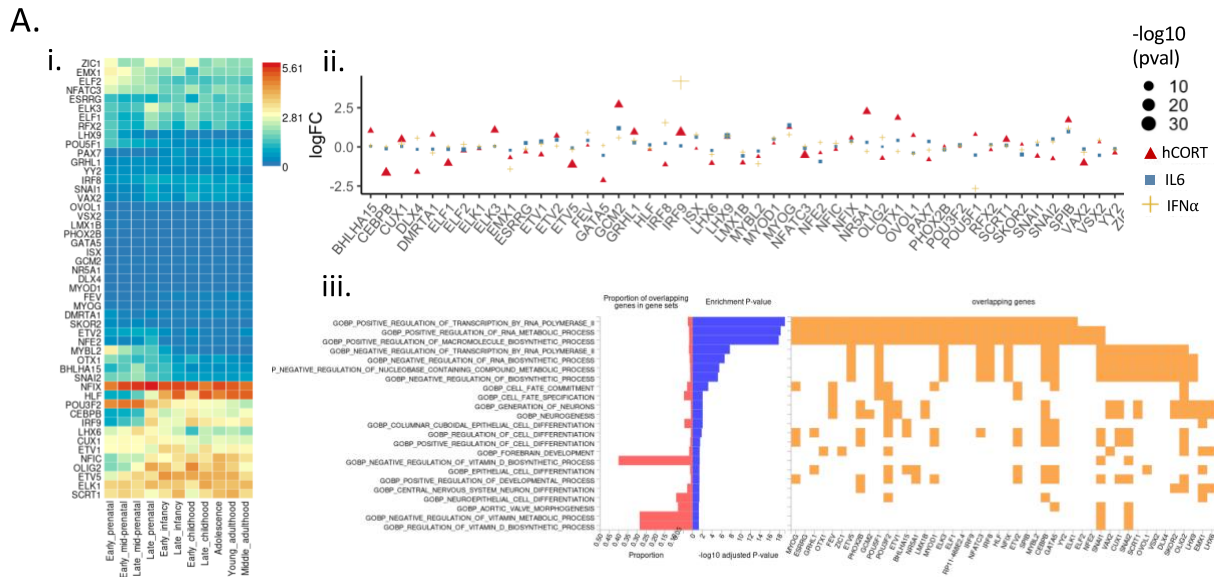
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Supplemental Figure 10. Predicted TF binding SNP regulatory effects correlated significantly with MPRA allelic shifts. (A) (i) Linear correlation coefficients without filtering for evidence of strong allelic preference by deltaSVM and (ii) after filtering for strong allelic preference

1292 by deltaSVM. Correlation plots of deltaSVM score by MPRA measured cue-by-variant shifts.
1293 Allelic effect * -log(pvalue) ~ deltaSVMscore + TF. (FDR<=0.08#,
1294 FDR<0.05*,FDR<0.01**,FDR<0.001***). **(B)** Scatter plots of baseline (i), hCort-responsive (ii),
1295 IFNa-responsive (iii), hCort-responsive (iv) allele specific MPRA activity (x-axis) and CRE
1296 deltaSVM scores based on TF binding affinities with linear modeling (related to **Figure 5, SI**
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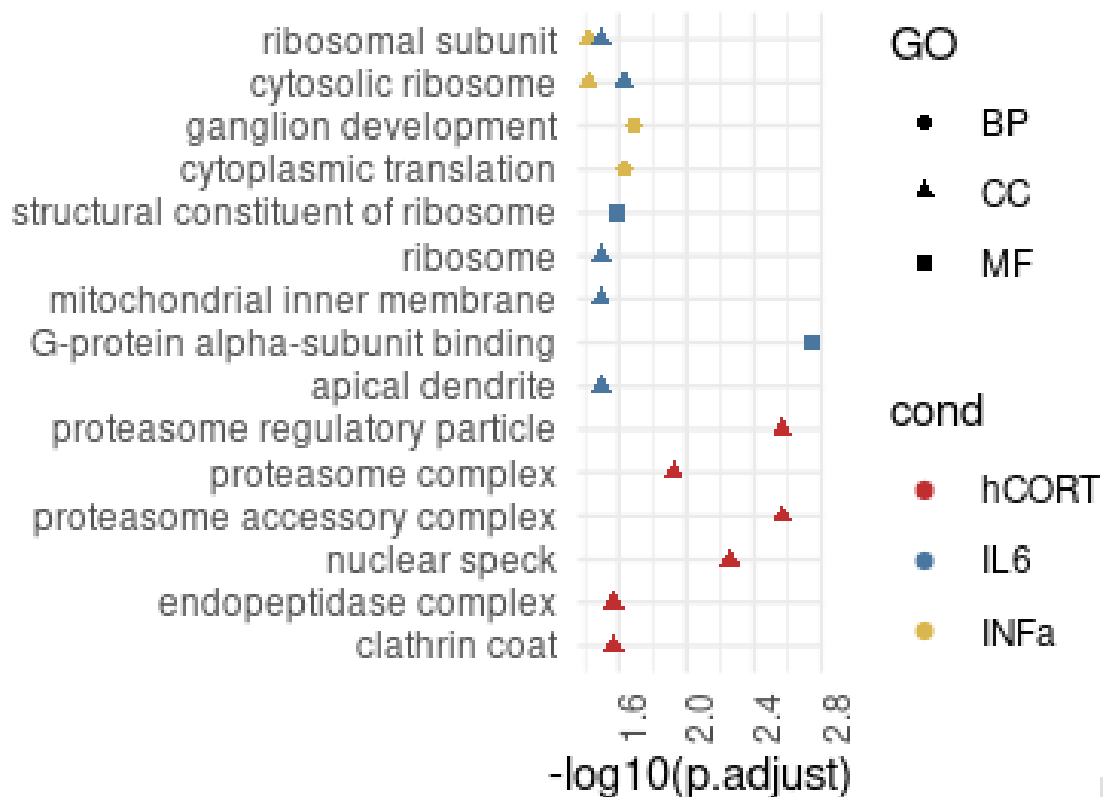
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Supplemental Figure 11. Expression of TFs predicted to regulate cue-specific MPRA activity. (A) Transcription factors with binding affinities that significantly predict MPRA activity (related to **Figure 5, SI Figure 10; Supplemental Data 2**) are differentially expressed across development in the human brain (**i**), are differentially expressed in DIV24 iGLUTs following exposure to 60ng/uL IL-6, 500 IU/mL IFNa, and 1000nM hCort (**ii**), and are enriched for neurogenesis and neuron development by FUMA (**iii**).

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1310 **Supplemental Figure 12. Cue-specific impacts on biological pathways. (A)** Biological theme
 1311 comparison identifies IFNa pathways that are differentially enriched between ABC genes
 1312 predicted by cue-specific MPRA activity and chromatin accessibility (related to **Figure 6**).

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