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Meta-analysis of Parkinson disease: Identification of a novel locus, *RIT2*

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Abstract

Objective—Genome-wide association (GWAS) methods have identified genes contributing to Parkinson disease (PD); we sought to identify additional genes associated with PD susceptibility.

Methods—A two stage design was used. First, individual level genotypic data from five recent PD GWAS (Discovery Sample: 4,238 PD cases and 4,239 controls) were combined. Following imputation, a logistic regression model was employed in each dataset to test for association with PD susceptibility and results from each dataset were meta-analyzed. Second, 768 SNPs were genotyped in an independent Replication Sample (3,738 cases and 2,111 controls).

Results—Genome-wide significance was reached for SNPs in *SNCA* (rs356165, G: odds ratio (OR)=1.37; $p=9.3 \times 10^{-21}$), *MAPT* (rs242559, C: OR=0.78; $p=1.5 \times 10^{-10}$), *GAK/DGKQ* (rs11248051, T:OR=1.35; $p=8.2 \times 10^{-9}$ / rs11248060, T: OR=1.35; $p=2.0 \times 10^{-9}$), and the HLA region (rs3129882, A: OR=0.83; $p=1.2 \times 10^{-8}$), which were previously reported. The Replication Sample confirmed the associations with *SNCA*, *MAPT*, and the HLA region and also with *GBA* (E326K OR=1.71; $p=5 \times 10^{-8}$ Combined Sample) (N370 OR=3.08; $p=7 \times 10^{-5}$ Replication sample). A novel PD susceptibility locus, *RIT2*, on chromosome 18 (rs12456492; $p=5 \times 10^{-5}$ Discovery Sample; $p=1.52 \times 10^{-7}$ Replication sample; $p=2 \times 10^{-10}$ Combined Sample) was replicated. Conditional analyses within each of the replicated regions identified distinct SNP associations within *GBA* and *SNCA*, suggesting that there may be multiple risk alleles within these genes.

Interpretation—We identified a novel PD susceptibility locus, *RIT2*, replicated several previously identified loci, and identified more than one risk allele within *SNCA* and *GBA*.

Introduction

Parkinson disease (PD) is the second most common adult-onset neurodegenerative disorder worldwide.¹ Five genes have been identified with mutations that result in Mendelian forms of PD; however, mutations have been found in fewer than 5% of individuals with PD, suggesting additional genes contribute to disease risk.² Many candidate gene studies and several GWAS have been performed to identify risk factors for PD, with growing evidence for the role of *SNCA*, *MAPT*, *GBA*, *GAK/DGKQ*, and the HLA region in disease susceptibility.^{3–12} Two recent studies found evidence for association with additional loci including *ACMSD*, *STK39*, *MCCCI/LAMP3*, *SYT11*, *CCDC62/HIP1R*, *STX1B*, *FGF20*, *STBD1*, *GPNMB* and *PARK16*.^{11,13} However, there is evidence that there are additional loci yet to be identified.

SUBJECTS AND METHODS

Discovery Sample

To identify additional genes associated with PD, we combined publicly available genotype level GWAS data obtained from dbGaP^{4,6} along with two new datasets that are not yet publicly available and were obtained directly from the investigator who performed the GWAS.^{5,7,8} All datasets employed standard UK Brain Bank criteria¹⁴ for the diagnosis of PD, with a modification to allow the inclusion of cases that had a family history of PD. This modification was made because it is believed that familial PD cases may have a stronger genetic contribution than sporadic PD, making them potentially more informative for genetic studies. PD cases with a reported age of onset below 18 years of age were removed from the dataset (n=17). When data were available, any PD cases known to harbor a causative mutation, either two *parkin* mutations or a single *LRRK2* mutation, were excluded from further analysis (n=57).

An Illumina genotyping array was used by all studies. Individual level genotypic data was available and reviewed across studies to identify sample duplicates (see Supplemental Methods). Prior to performing imputation, each study was subjected to rigorous quality review and data cleaning (see Supplemental Methods for more details) and principal component analysis was used to control for population stratification. Imputation was then

performed for all autosomes using MACH 1.0.¹⁵ The 2.5 million HapMap2 SNPs were analyzed using ProbABEL (<http://mga.bionet.nsc.ru/~yurii/ABEL/>) and a logistic regression model, that included sex and age, when appropriate (see Supplemental Methods). Meta-analysis was performed with METAL (<http://www.sph.umich.edu/csg/abecasis/Metal/>) using an inverse-variance weighting scheme. This allowed an overall effect size to be estimated. Genomic control was employed so that results were down-weighted if the study's lambda exceeded 1.00. The Discovery Sample was large enough to have 80% power to detect relative risks as small as 1.14–1.18 with a relatively common risk allele (MAF 0.2–0.35).

SNP Selection for Replication Genotyping

A custom Illumina genotyping array was designed with 768 SNPs that included: *Known causative mutations*: SNPs that genotyped two common *LRRK2* mutations in European populations (G2019S and R1441H); *Known risk factors*: *GBA* (N370S, L444P, E326K, T369M); *Previous GWAS associations*: *PARK16*, *LRRK2*^{6,12}, *SNCA*^{5–8,12}, *MAPT*^{5–8}, *GAK*^{5,8}, the HLA region⁸; *Sex confirmation*: 3 SNPs on the Y chromosome and 6 SNPs on the X chromosome in addition to the sex-specific probes included in the GoldenGate custom oligonucleotide pool; *Top priority association results from the meta-analysis*: SNPs were selected based on increasing p-value. A SNP was removed from consideration if it was in linkage disequilibrium (LD) ($r^2 > 0.80$) with a SNP having a smaller p-value or had an Illumina design score less than 0.40 (if $p < 1 \times 10^{-5}$) or 0.60 (if $p < 1 \times 10^{-5}$). This approach identified 619 SNPs (all $p < 3.2 \times 10^{-4}$). In addition, 28 additional SNPs were selected in the highest priority regions ($p < 1 \times 10^{-5}$), in case one of the SNPs in these regions failed quality assessment after being genotyped on the replication array (e.g., call rate < 0.98 , divergence from HWE in controls $p < 0.0001$). *Ancestry informative markers (AIMs)*: SNPs were selected based on fixation indices (F_{ST}) between the Ashkenazi and British population clusters as defined using annotated results from Eigenstrat (see Supplemental Figure 1). Markers were then ranked based on how well they differentiated between the two subpopulations, and 100 were selected in a manner similar to the 619 replication SNPs. A SNP was excluded from further consideration if it was in LD ($r^2 > 0.05$) with any marker with a larger F_{ST} , or if it had an Illumina design score less than 0.80. Samples were genotyped by the Genetic Resource Core Facility SNP Center at Johns Hopkins University using Illumina GoldenGate chemistry¹⁶ and a custom panel of 768 SNPs (GS0012520-OPA) (see Supplemental Methods).

Replication Sample

The independent Replication Sample included 3,738 PD cases and 2,111 controls. Samples were obtained either from an established repository (Coriell Repositories or National Cell Repository for Alzheimer Disease) that assured the samples had appropriate consent for sample and data sharing or directly from the investigator who had collected the sample, and whose study was approved by the appropriate Human Subject Committee at their institution. All samples included in the Replication Sample were reported as white, non-Hispanic. All cases underwent a neurological evaluation that employed PD diagnostic criteria based broadly on the United Kingdom PD Society Brain Bank Criteria,¹⁷ although modified to allow a positive family history of PD. Three cases reported an age of onset ≤ 18 years and were excluded from further study. When information was available, cases were excluded if they were known to harbor a causative mutation (either 2 *parkin* mutations or a single *LRRK2* mutation). Controls were selected, when possible, from the same study that also provided cases. Based on self-report, the control subjects did not have a personal history of PD.

The first level of data review focused on genotyping quality (SNP completeness). The second level focused on which samples and which SNPs would be included in analyses. The multidimensional scaling (MDS) algorithm implemented in PLINK was performed using the 100 AIMs and all other independent SNPs (SNPs with $r^2 > 0.30$ were not included) to confirm that all samples were indeed white and non-Hispanic. Samples with a *LRRK2* mutation were removed from further analysis, as were any that were cryptically identical to an individual in the Discovery sample. More details are available in the Supplemental Methods.

We utilized the same logistic regression model used in the initial meta-analysis to analyze the Replication Sample. The initial analysis included the 619 SNPs designed to replicate our top priority association results. Unlike the Discovery Sample in which each study included both cases and controls, the Replication Sample included some studies providing both cases and controls, while others provided only cases or only controls. Therefore, we could not analyze each sample separately as we had in the Discovery Sample analyses. Rather, the entire Replication Sample was analyzed together. The mean age at exam of the controls was later than the mean age at onset of the cases; therefore, we did not include age in the logistic regression model. There were statistically significant sex differences between the cases and controls. Therefore, the final analytic model included both sex as well as one principal component to adjust for the population stratification due to the disproportionate Ashkenazi Jewish ancestry of the cases. All analyses were performed using PLINK. Odds ratios and p-values were computed to assess the strength of the association. After excluding AIMs and considering linkage disequilibrium between SNPs as implemented in SimpleM,¹⁸ there were 530 effectively independent tests, requiring a corrected threshold of $p < 9 \times 10^{-5}$ for an association to be considered replicated in the Replication Sample

Joint Analyses

We performed a meta-analysis to combine the results of the independent Discovery and Replication Samples only for the SNPs successfully genotyped in the Replication Sample. We used the same analytic approach as in the Discovery Sample. An association was considered statistically significant if the p-value in the joint analyses exceeded genome-wide significance ($p < 5 \times 10^{-8}$).

To test the hypothesis that there might be more than one risk variant in a particular gene or gene region contributing to the association, we performed conditional analyses. For each statistically significant gene/region, we identified the SNP with the most extreme p-value in the combined Discovery and Replication samples. We then modified the logistic regression model to include not only sex and the principal component covariate, but also the genotype at the most significant SNP. We then reviewed the p-value for the other SNPs in the gene/region to determine if any other SNPs remained statistically significant (gene-wide empirical $p < 0.05$ using permutation testing) after adjusting for the effect of the most significant SNP. In this way, we could identify genes/regions in which more than one SNP provided distinct evidence of association with PD susceptibility.

Ingenuity Pathway Analysis (IPA) software was used to search for biological relationships among the genes meeting genome-wide significance. A gene list (*DGKQ*, *GAK*, the HLA region, *MAPT*, *SNCA*, and *RIT2*) was entered into a “My Pathway” analysis in IPA. Restricting species to human and allowing for findings among chemicals, the Path Explorer tool under the Build tab was used to search among the Ingenuity knowledge base and external databases to identify the shortest pathways among the genes with either no or one intervening molecule. Links between genes represent protein-protein interactions or indicate one gene influences phosphorylation of the connected gene.

RESULTS

Discovery Sample

The final Discovery Sample used in the meta-analysis included 4,238 PD cases and 4,239 controls (Table 1). Meta-analysis was performed combining the results from each dataset to identify SNPs associated with PD susceptibility (see Figure 1; Table 2). Genome-wide significance ($p < 5 \times 10^{-8}$) was reached for SNPs in *SNCA* (rs356165; OR=1.37; $p=9.3 \times 10^{-21}$), *MAPT* (rs242559; OR=0.77; $p=1.5 \times 10^{-10}$), *GAK* (rs11248051; OR=1.35; $p=8.2 \times 10^{-9}$)/*DGKQ* (rs11248060; OR=1.35; $p=2.0 \times 10^{-9}$), and the HLA region (rs3129882; OR=1.21; $p=1.2 \times 10^{-8}$), which have been previously established in PD susceptibility. No other regions exceeded genome-wide thresholds of significance; however, 28 SNPs had association results with $p < 10^{-5}$ (see Supplemental Table 1 for complete results).

Distinct clusters could be identified based on ancestry (see Supplemental Results). However, none of the genome-wide significant findings could be explained by ancestry. These were tested in three ways: 1) adjusting for principal components; 2) adjusting for cluster membership; and 3) stratifying by cluster membership.

Replication Sample

The Replication Sample is summarized in Table 3. Genotypes were successfully generated for 705 of 768 attempted SNPs (92%). The only notable SNP loss was the *GBA* L444P SNP, which failed to genotype presumably because of the homology with the neighboring pseudogene.

Data was released for 5,794 study samples (>99% of attempted samples) and 123 blinded duplicate study samples. Detailed review of samples was performed to remove samples that were unexpected duplicates, poorly performing, or did not cluster as Caucasian, non-Hispanic (see Supplemental Results). All samples identified with a causative *LRRK2* mutation were eliminated from further analysis (n=61 cases, 1 control).

Analysis of the Replication Sample confirmed the previously identified associations with *SNCA*, *MAPT*, the HLA region, and *GBA* (See Figure 2; complete results in Supplemental Table 2). Only the *GAK/DGKQ* region was not statistically significant ($p=0.01$). We replicated a novel locus on chromosome 18 within the *RIT2* gene that is in LD with markers in nearby *SYT4* (rs12456492; $p=2 \times 10^{-7}$; see Figure 3). Given the regional LD, determining if the underlying functional variation affects one gene product versus the other can be difficult to discern, as is the case with the *GAK/DGKQ* locus.

Joint Analysis

With the power of the joint analysis of the Discovery and Replication Samples, *GBA* now reached genome-wide significance. Many additional SNPs in *GAK/DGKQ*, *SNCA*, the HLA region, and *MAPT* reached significance. Our newly identified locus, *RIT2*, also met genome-wide criteria in this joint analysis (OR=1.19; $p=2 \times 10^{-10}$) (Table 4).

To further explore the association results in each gene, we performed conditional analyses in the combined samples. We detected two distinct effects within the *GBA* locus (Table 4). The SNPs with the most extreme p-values in the Combined Sample were rs12726330 and the E326K variant, which both reached genome-wide significance ($p=5 \times 10^{-8}$). These two SNPs are in high LD with each other, so when one genotype is included in a logistic regression model, the other becomes non-significant. When E326K is included in the logistic model, another SNP remained statistically significant (N370S; $p < 7 \times 10^{-5}$). All results included the principal component that accounts for Ashkenazi ancestry, which

controls for the increased incidence of *GBA* mutations in the Ashkenazi population. Moreover, when individuals within the Ashkenazi cluster were excluded from the Discovery Sample and the Replication Sample, the association to rs12726330 and to E326K remained at genome-wide significance (Discovery Sample: 3,792 cases, 3,842 controls, $p=2 \times 10^{-5}$; Replication Sample: 3,025 cases, 1,931 controls, $p=0.0005$; Combined Sample: $p<5 \times 10^{-8}$).

We detected two distinct associations at the *SNCA* locus (Table 4); one association that is tagged by rs356220 and the other tagged by rs356198. The second association, tagged by rs356198, still exceeded genome-wide significance when conditioning on rs356220 ($p=5 \times 10^{-9}$). Our results are corroborated by other studies which identified independent associations within *SNCA*.^{9,10,12} See Supplementary Methods and Supplementary Table 6 for more information.

We assessed the biological relationships among the genome-wide significant genes identified in our study (Figure 4). Paths between genes represent protein-protein interactions or phosphorylation. This network suggests that *GAK* and *RIT2* may be part of the same disease pathway as *MAPT* and *SNCA*, while *DGKQ* and the HLA region may influence risk of PD via another mechanism.

DISCUSSION

We performed a large meta-analysis including two studies not included in any reported meta-analysis. The Discovery and Replication samples were well characterized and established criteria were utilized for the diagnosis of PD. Both sporadic and familial PD cases were included. Cases with a known causative mutation were excluded (i.e. *LRRK2* mutation; two *parkin* mutations). Using a rigorous two-stage design, we identified a novel locus, *RIT2*, associated with PD susceptibility. In addition, we also replicated loci previously associated with PD, including *GAK*, *SNCA*, the HLA region, and *MAPT*. Pathway analyses suggest that *GAK* and *RIT2* may be part of the same disease pathway as *MAPT* and *SNCA*, while *DGKQ* and the HLA region may influence risk via another mechanism.

We detected genome-wide significant evidence of association to *RIT2*, a gene proposed in previous studies but which did not meet stringent statistical criteria as a risk factor for PD. The protein encoded by human *RIT2* binds to the product of human calmodulin 1 (phosphorylase kinase, delta) *CALM1*¹⁹. Of note, *CALM1* binds to human *SNCA* and *MAPT*^{20,21} Comparison of gene expression in brain tissue from neuropathologically confirmed PD cases and controls demonstrates reduced expression of *RIT2* in the remaining portion of the substantia nigra.²² Results from our GWAS, pathway analysis and expression studies provide supporting biological evidence that *RIT2* acts as a PD gene and suggest a starting point for functional analysis.

We also explored the role of *GBA* variants in PD susceptibility. E326K is sometimes considered a benign polymorphism, since in the homozygous or compound heterozygous state it is not sufficient to cause Gaucher disease. However, results of this study and a previous study²³ indicate that E326K may be a susceptibility allele for PD. Most previous GWAS have not included all known *GBA* mutations in their analyses; for example, N370S is not included or tagged by GWAS arrays. However, we did ensure that this mutation was genotyped in our Replication Sample. Therefore, we were able to test in our Replication Sample for the association of *GBA* mutations and variants with PD susceptibility and then could utilize conditional analyses to determine that it was likely that there is more than one genetic factor in *GBA* influencing disease risk. Thus, our results suggest that additional

analyses and potential functional studies are warranted to better delineate the role of *GBA* in PD susceptibility

We also detected evidence of at least two distinct genetic effects within *SNCA*, a well-known PD susceptibility gene. While the SNP with the most extreme p-value in the Discovery Sample (rs356165) failed to genotype in the Replication Sample, it is in complete LD ($r^2=1.0$) with the most extreme p-value in the Replication sample (rs356220). Moreover, they belong to the same LD block as the top SNP in other studies (rs356219; $r^2=0.96$).¹¹ Two previous studies have reported high LD ($D'=0.90$) but low intermarker correlation ($r^2<0.10$) between the primary *SNCA* finding, rs356220, and the deleterious Rep1-263 allele.^{24,25} Rep1 is a microsatellite marker with three predominant alleles (259, 261, and 263) that has consistently been associated with PD risk and often with age at onset. The independent signal reported here, rs356198, is in high LD with the inversely associated Rep1-259 allele (in the PROGENI dataset: $D'=0.92$, $r^2=0.48$). It is possible that the two independent SNPs are tagging a functional effect of Rep1 or that Rep1 is not functional, but merely tagging the same underlying causal variant(s) as the 2 SNPs.

The SNP with the most extreme p-value in the HLA region (rs3129882) was the same SNP identified in the NGRC sample which initially reported this association.⁸ This is to be expected, since that study is included in our meta-analysis. This SNP was successfully genotyped in the Replication Sample, but was not statistically significant ($p=0.92$). Rather a different SNP was statistically significant in the Replication Sample (rs2395163; $p=1\times 10^{-5}$) and reached genome-wide significance in the Combined Sample ($p=3\times 10^{-11}$). LD is high between the two SNPs ($D'=0.92$), but the correlation was low due to differing allele frequencies (MAF for rs3129882 =0.433; MAF for rs2395163 =0.197; $r^2=0.25$). The allele frequency of rs2395163 is closer to that seen in the variant with the most extreme p-value in the another recent meta-analysis of PD¹¹ (MAF for chr6:32588205=0.15) and is in moderate to high LD with that SNP in the 1000 Genomes data ($D'=1.00$; $r^2=0.71$). There is evidence that rs2395163 and chr6:32588205 tag the same LD block and that the association with these SNPs is independent of the original rs3129882 finding (see Supplementary Table 5 and Supplemental Methods).

Recently, another group reported results from a meta-analysis of several existing GWAS.^{11,13} Two of the Discovery Samples are in common in both studies and there is some overlap among our Replication samples, although the extent is difficult to quantify. There are several regions in common between studies. For example, both our study and theirs confirmed the association of *GAK*, *SNCA*, the HLA region, and *MAPT*. The two recent meta-analyses reported ten new loci: *ACMSD*, *STK39*, *MCCC1/LAMP3*, *SYT11*, *CCDC62/HIP1R*, *PARK16*, *NMD3*, *STBD1*, *GPNMB*, *FGF20*, *MMP16* and *STX1B*. Of note, *SYT11* is within the same LD block on chromosome 1 as *RIT1*, whereas *RIT2* is within the same LD block on chromosome 18 as *SYT4*. It remains to be seen which of these genes harbors the true susceptibility alleles and if they have an interaction within a common pathway leading to PD pathogenesis. Supplemental Table 3 summarizes the results in our study for the SNPs in the ten new loci. We have nominal significance ($p<0.05$) for all but one of these SNPs. Similar odds ratios in the same direction and for the same allele as presented in the original paper was observed when analyses were limited to the two datasets not included in the original manuscript (HIHG and NGRC), and all but three SNPs remained nominally significant.

Comparing our results to those of recent GWAS, one other previously reported locus could be replicated by our analyses. *BST1* has been seen in multiple datasets.^{8,9,12} Although association to this locus did not meet our genome-wide criteria in either the Discovery or Combined Sample analyses, our results for SNPs in this gene did meet established criteria

for replication of a previously reported association. The SNP rs4698412 had a p-value of 0.002 in our Discovery Sample, 5×10^{-5} in our Replication Sample, and 3×10^{-7} in the Combined Sample.

In summary, we completed a meta-analysis of existing available PD GWAS datasets and identified a novel susceptibility locus, *RIT2*, and confirmed the association of several known genes. Using our Replication and Discovery Samples, conditional analyses confirmed that in two genes, there are multiple risk alleles that have distinct effects on disease risk. These results have important implications as studies are being designed to sequence these regions to identify all potentially functional disease-associated variants.

Supplementary Material

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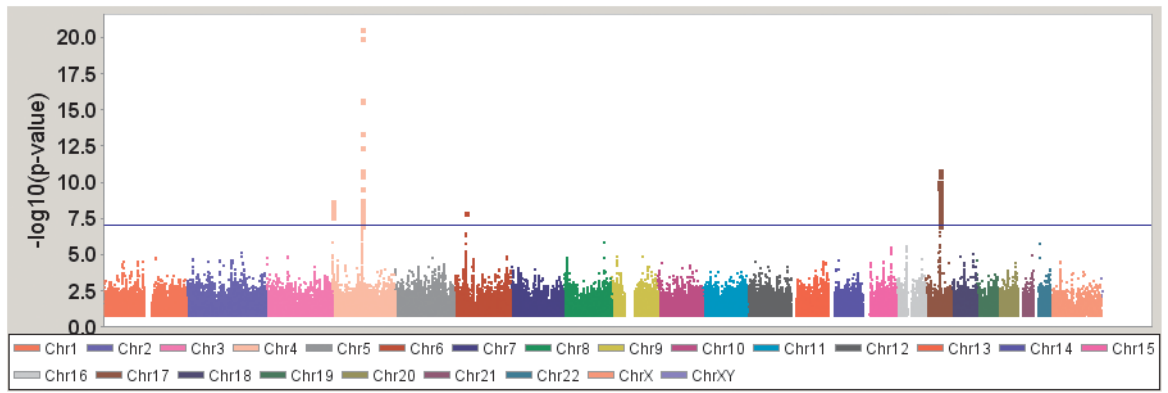


Figure 1.
Genome-wide association results for PD susceptibility.



Figure 2. Manhattan plot of Results

(A) Replication Sample results alone (B) Meta-analyzed with the Discovery Sample; the blue line indicates the study-wide significance level ($p < 9.4 \times 10^{-5}$ for the replication stage alone, $p < 5 \times 10^{-8}$ for the meta-analysis)

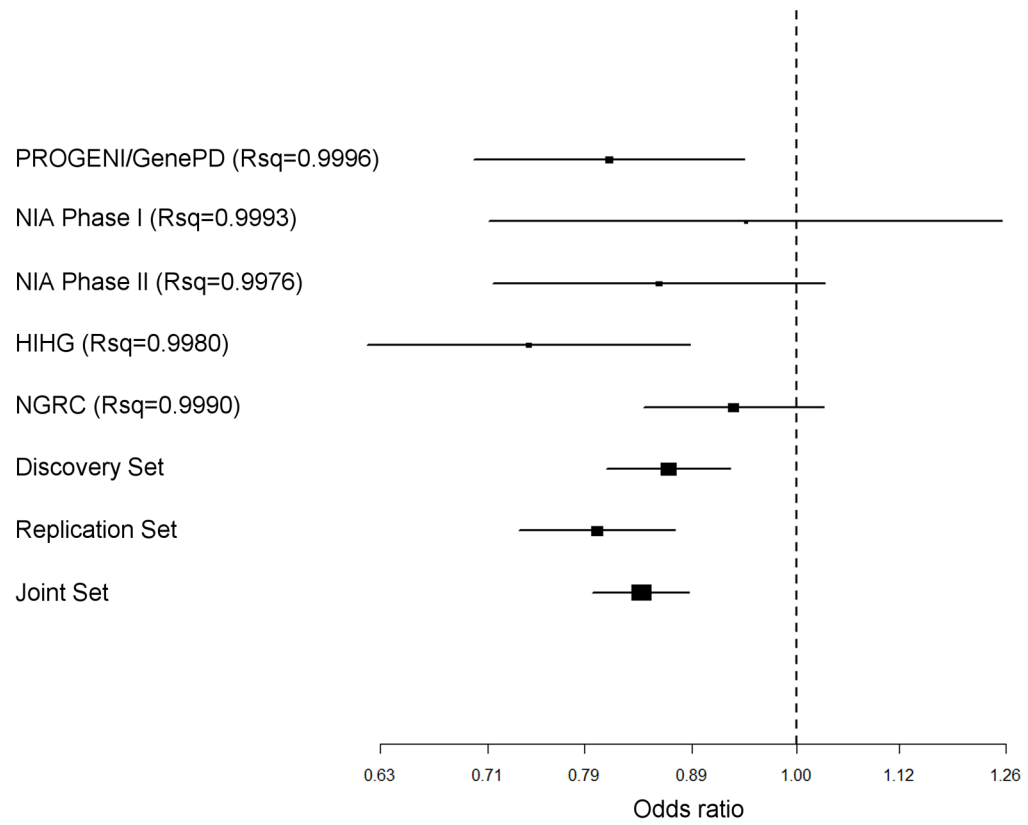
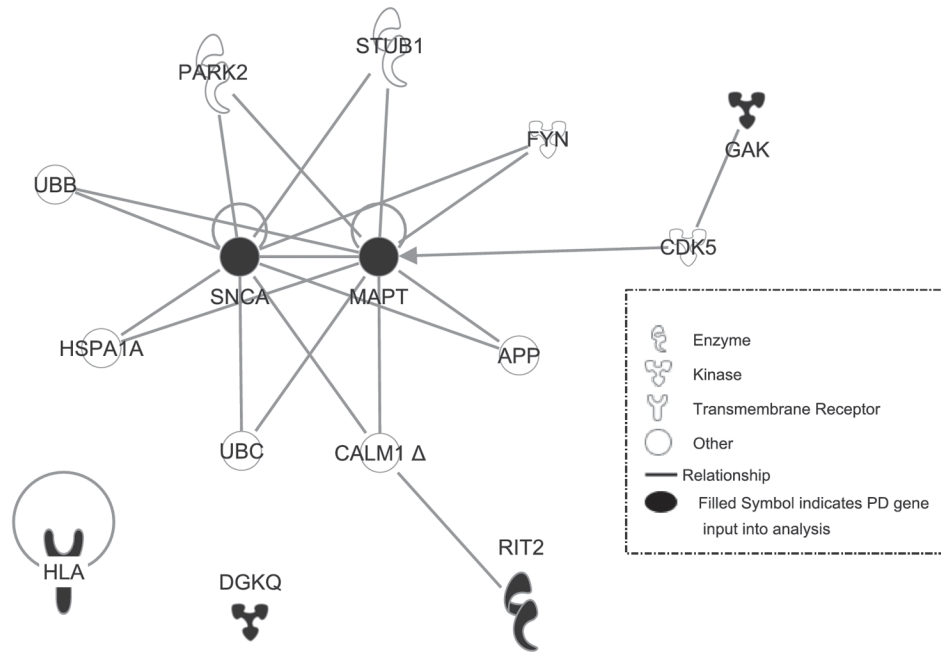


Figure 3. Forest plot of the novel RIT2 SNP (rs12456492)

Rsq values are a measure of imputation quality generated by MACH that range from 0 to 1, with 1 being highly accurate



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Figure 4.
Ingenuity Analysis

Table 1

Summary properties of the studies included in the meta-analysis

Variable	PROGENI/GenePD ⁵	NIA Phase I ⁴	NIA Phase II ⁶	HHHG ⁷	NGRC ⁸	All Studies
Platform	Illumina 370	Illumina 250+300	Illumina 550	Illumina 610/IM/550	Illumina Omni1	
# of SNPs ^a	324,989	514,260	521,070	484,712	788,882	
Total N available	1,739	523	1,206	1,262	3,986	8,716
Cases used in analyses	840	245	618	579	1,956	4,238
Controls used in analyses	862	256	520	619	1,982	4,239
Lambda (genomic inflation)	1.008	1.012	1.015	1.001	1.041	
% of cases with family history of PD	100.0%	25.5%	35.5%	25.2%	21.75	
Age (direction) ^b	4 × 10⁻²⁹ (+)	4 × 10 ⁻⁶ (-)	0.003 (+)	9 × 10 ⁻⁵⁰ (-)	8 × 10 ⁻¹²⁸ (-)	8 × 10 ⁻⁸⁶ (-)
Male (direction) ^c	6 × 10⁻¹⁶ (+)	0.003 (+)	5 × 10⁻¹² (+)	3 × 10⁻²² (+)	3 × 10⁻⁷² (+)	2 × 10⁻¹¹⁵ (+)

^aNumber of SNPs in filtered dataset prior to imputation. This is the number of unambiguous (i.e. no A/T or C/G pairings) SNPs passing all quality assessment.

^bA plus sign (+) for Age indicates an association between PD risk and older age. Those studies where the age at onset of the cases was significantly older than the age at exam of the controls are **bolded**; age was included as a covariate in these studies only.

^cA plus sign (+) for Male indicates an association between older PD risk and male sex; sex was included as a covariate for all studies.

The individual level genotypes for PROGENI/GenePD, the NIA Phase I and II, and NGRC are all available through dbGaP.

Table 2

Five loci associated with PD at genome-wide significance in the Discovery Set

Locus	Chr	SNP	bp	A1/A2	AI freq	Imp/geno ¹	Odds Ratio	p-value	Direction of Effect in 5 studies ²
<i>SNCA</i>	4q	rs356165	90856624	G/A	0.4099	IIIII	1.37	9 × 10⁻²¹	+++++-----
<i>MAPT</i>	17q	rs242559	42198305	C/A	0.2165	IIIIIG	0.78	1 × 10⁻¹⁰	-----
<i>GAK</i>	4p	rs11248051	848332	T/C	0.1071	GIIIG	1.35	8 × 10⁻⁹	+++++
<i>DGKQ</i>	4p	rs11248060	954359	T/C	0.1237	GGGGG	1.35	2 × 10⁻⁹	+++++
HLA region	6p	rs3129882	32517508	A/G	0.4275	GGGGG	0.83	1 × 10⁻⁸	-+ ----

¹ Values for imputed (I) or genotyped (G) status; **bold** indicates genome-wide significance ($p < 5 \times 10^{-8}$)² Direction of effects are listed in the following order: PROGEM/GenePD, NIA Phase I, NIA Phase II, HIHG, NGRC

Table 3

Replication Sample

Study	# PD cases	# Controls	Total
Harvard NeuroDiscovery Center Biomarker Study ²⁶	441	247	658
GenePD ²⁷⁻²⁹	276	269	545
PROGENI ³⁰	311	197	508
Search ³¹	357	150	507
DATATOP ³²	359	0	359
Partners	358	0	358
LOAD Study ³³	0	450	450
Postcept ³⁴	318	2	320
Core PD ³⁵	536	0	536
JHU Udall	125	0	125
NetPD ³⁶	427	0	427
Mayo Clinic Jacksonville	74	87	161
Other samples (from Coriell)	186	709	895
Total recruited	3,738	2,111	5,849
	Cases	Controls	p-value
Total number analyzed (n)	3,223	2,035	
Male:Female ratio	2,069:1,154	897:1,138	1×10^{-46}
Age at Onset (case)	56.3 +/- 12.2		1×10^{-78} ^A
Age at evaluation	65.6 +/- 10.2	64.1 +/- 15.2	0.0003

^A Comparison made to age at evaluation of controls.

Table 4

Summary of the Statistically Significant SNPs from the Meta Analysis of the Discovery and Replication Samples and for Conditional Analyses of the Combined Sample

Region	# of markers tested	Marker	Chr	Position	Alleles (Ref/Other)	Discovery		Replication		Combined Sample	
						p-value	Ref Freq	p-value	OR (95% CI)	# SNPs tagged	p-value
GBA	7	E326K	1	153472791	A/G	2×10^{-5}	0.017	0.0009	1.71 (1.55–1.89)	2	5×10^{-8}
		N370S [†]	1	153472258	C/T	NA ^a	0.009	7×10^{-5}	3.08 (2.32–4.09)	2	7×10^{-5}
GAK	13	rs11248060	4	954359	T/C	1×10^{-9}	0.131	0.045	1.26 (1.21–1.31)	7	3×10^{-9}
SNCA	33	rs356220	4	90860363	T/C	9×10^{-21}	0.414	1×10^{-15}	1.38 (1.34–1.42)	12	8×10^{-35}
		rs356198 [†]	4	90901527	A/G	4×10^{-5}	0.175	2×10^{-5}	0.82 (0.79–0.84)	3	5×10^{-9}
HLA region	24	rs2395163	6	32495787	C/T	3×10^{-7}	0.197	1×10^{-5}	0.81 (0.78–0.84)	11	3×10^{-11}
MAPT	40	rs199515	17	42211804	G/C	2×10^{-11}	0.187	4×10^{-7}	0.76 (0.74–0.79)	29	3×10^{-17}
RIT2	8	rs12456492	18	38927378	G/A	4×10^{-5}	0.340	5×10^{-7}	1.19 (1.16–1.22)	6	2×10^{-10}

[†]Indicates a conditional analysis that includes the most significant SNPs in the region as a covariate (additive mode); odds ratios and p-values for these SNPs are from the conditional analysis. The same conditional analysis was then performed in the Discovery Sample and meta-analyzed.

^aN370S was not tagged in the discovery set and could not be included in a conditional analysis of that dataset.