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Evidence for Association of Bipolar Disorder to Haplotypes in the 22q12.3 Region Near the Genes Stargazin, IFT27 and Parvalbumin

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Abstract

We have previously reported genome-wide significant linkage of bipolar disorder to a region on 22q12.3 near the marker D22S278. Towards identifying the susceptibility gene, we have conducted a fine-mapping association study of the region in two independent family samples, an independent case–control sample and a genome-wide association dataset. Two hundred SNPs were first examined in a 5 Mb region surrounding the D22S278 marker in a sample of 169 families and analyzed using PLINK. The peak of association was a haplotype near the genes stargazin (CACNG2), intraflagellar transport protein homolog 27 (IFT27) and parvalbumin (PVALB; $P = 4.69 \times 10^{-4}$). This peak overlapped a significant haplotype in a family based association study of a second independent sample of 294 families ($P = 1.42 \times 10^{-5}$). Analysis of the combined family sample yielded statistically significant evidence of association to a rare three SNP haplotype in the gene IFT27 ($P = 8.89 \times 10^{-6}$). Twelve SNPs comprising these haplotypes were genotyped in an independent sample of 574 bipolar I cases and 550 controls. Statistically significant association was found for a haplotype window that overlapped the region from the first two family samples ($P = 3.43 \times 10^{-4}$). However, analyses of the two family samples using the program LAMP, found no evidence for association in this region, but did yield significant evidence for association to a haplotype 3['] of CACNG2 ($P = 1.76 \times 10^{-6}$). Furthermore, no evidence for association was found in a large genome-wide association dataset. The replication of association to overlapping haplotypes in three independent datasets suggests the presence of a bipolar disorder susceptibility gene in this region.

Background

Bipolar disorder (BD) is a major psychiatric disorder that affects between 1% and 5% of the world's population [Goodwin and Jamison, 2007]. Individuals with bipolar disorder experience episodes of mania alternating with depression and suffer a 17% rate of suicide. While current disease etiology is unknown, data argues for a strong genetic component to BD [Tsuang and Faraone, 1990]. First degree family members of individuals with BD have a 7% risk for BD versus 1% in the general population. Twin studies have reported heritability estimates ranging from 0.62 to 0.93 [Smoller and Finn, 2003; Kieseppa et al., 2004; Wray and Gottesman, 2012]. Previously, we reported a linkage genome scan performed on 20 extended North American families with bipolar disorder that yielded strong evidence for a susceptibility locus on 22q with a genome-wide maximum LOD score of 3.8

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at microsatellite marker D22S278 [Kelsoe et al., 2001]. Other independent studies yielded significant results at or near this marker in schizophrenia [Moises et al., 1995; Vallada et al., 1995] and bipolar disorder [Mujaheed et al., 2000]. One study of psychotic bipolar disorder also found evidence of linkage in the same region at D22S277 [Potash et al., 2003].

Some, but not all, meta-analyses and combined analyses of linkage studies have supported linkage in this region for bipolar disorder and schizophrenia[Badner and Gershon, 2002; McQueen et al., 2005]. Badner and Gershon performed a meta-analysis of 11 genome scans for bipolar disorder and 18 genome scans for schizophrenia. For bipolar disorder, 13q and 22q were the two regions statistically significant ($P = 6 \times 10^{-6}$ and 1×10^{-5} , respectively). When bipolar disorder and schizophrenia studies were combined, 22q had the most significant results of any region in the genome ($P = 2 \times 10^{-8}$). However, other individual studies, meta-analyses, and combined analysis found less support [Williams et al., 1997; Segurado et al., 2003; McQueen et al., 2005].

In this study, we attempt to fine map the variants associated with bipolar disorder at D22S278 with a high density SNP association scan of the region surrounding the marker in two independent family based samples. Subsequently, we attempt to replicate our results in an independent case control sample and a large genome-wide association study (GWAS) dataset.

Methods

Subject Selection and Assessment

Family sample—Families were selected from waves 1–4 of the NIMH Genetics Initiative for Bipolar Disorder sample and from the UCSD family sample. The methods used in the collection of the NIMH sample have been described elsewhere [Nurnberger et al., 1997; Dick et al., 2003]. Briefly, families in waves 1 and 2 were ascertained through a bipolar I (or schizoaffective, bipolar type, SABP) proband and selected for extended multiplex pedigrees. Waves 3 and 4 were ascertained through a bipolar I—bipolar I (or SABP) sib pair with parents. These samples were collected through a multisite consortium within the U.S. Subjects were directly interviewed using the Diagnostic Interview for Genetic Studies (DIGS) [Nurnberger et al., 1994]. Information from the DIGS, medical records and other family informants were then considered together in determining a final best estimate diagnosis. Similar methods were employed for the UCSD family sample which has been described previously [Kelsoe et al., 2001]. This sample was collected as part of a three site consortium (San Diego, Cincinnati, and Vancouver) and included extended families ascertained through bipolar probands [Kelsoe et al., 2001]. These subjects were directly interviewed using the Structured Clinical Interview for DSM IV (SCID), but otherwise similar diagnostic methods were employed.

Case control replication sample—An independent sample of unrelated cases were selected primarily from subjects collected at UCSD for a pharmacogenetic study of lithium response. These subjects were directly interviewed using either the SCID or DIGS and similar diagnostic methods were employed. Additional unrelated cases were selected from waves 1–5 of the NIMH Genetics Initiative collection. Wave 5 was collected by a similar consortium as that of waves 1–4 and similar assessment methods were employed. Wave 5 includes approximately 4,000 subjects who were ascertained as unrelated bipolar I cases for large association studies [Smith et al., 2009]. Control subjects were collected as part of a large genome-wide association study (GWAS) of schizophrenia [O'Donovan et al., 2008] and screened for psychiatric disorders as previously described [Smith et al., 2009]. The case control replication sample contained no overlap of subjects with either family study.

GAIN/TGEN—The Bipolar Genome Study (BiGS) was initiated in 2006 to conduct a genome-wide association study (GWAS) of BD using probands from waves 1–5 of the NIMH collection. Subjects were ascertained and assessed as described above. The control subjects for both the GAIN and TGEN studies came from the same collection for a large GWAS of schizophrenia as used for the case control replication sample described above [O'Donovan et al., 2008].

All subjects were Caucasians of European origin. All subjects provided written informed consent using IRB approved procedures.

Genotyping

Family study—The first phase of the family study consisted of 200 SNPs spanning a 5 Mb region around D22S278 (chr22:32161448–37304626, NCBI36/hg18) and included 598 individuals and 352 cases from 169 families from NIMH waves 1–2 and the UCSD family sample. The SNPs were genotyped at Illumina using the Golden Gate assay. The second phase of the family study consisted of 203 SNPs spanning a smaller 1.5 Mb region around the first study's most significant haplotype (chr22:34271966–36048950, NCBI36/hg18) with 1,281 individuals and 702 cases from 294 families independent from the first phase's sample. An additional 610 individuals from 161 families from the first phase were also genotyped in the second phase; these genotypes were removed when the two studies were compared and later used when merged for comparison to the case–control sample set. The SNPs in the second phase were genotyped using ABI SNPlex technology.

Case control replication sample—Twelve SNPs were selected based on the results from the family studies and genotyped in an independent sample of 574 cases and 550 controls. Genotyping was conducted using a 5′ exonuclease assay (ABI Taqman).

GAIN/TGEN GWAS—The initial BiGS genotyping for GWAS (1,001 cases and 1,033 controls of European ancestry) was conducted at the Broad Institute on the Affymetrix Genome-Wide Human SNP Array 6.0 as part of the Genetic Association Information Network (GAIN) [Smith et al., 2009]. These cases were partly from waves 1–4 and partly from wave 5. A second set of subjects (1,190 cases and 401 controls) were genotyped at the Translational Genomics Research Institute (TGEN) also on the Affymetrix Genome-Wide Human SNP Array 6.0 [Smith et al., 2011]. These cases derived entirely from wave 5. The present study uses genotypes from samples from both the GAIN and TGEN GWA studies which were merged and used as a replication sample. Subjects present in the family set used in this study (262 cases and 7 controls) were removed from the merged GAIN/TGEN GWA set before imputation in order to ensure independent samples. This sample is, therefore, independent of the family sample. However, it does overlap with the case control replication sample, as 271 of the cases and all the controls in the case control replication sample are included in GAIN/TGEN. Data was previously filtered for quality control [Smith et al., 2009].

Statistical Analysis

Family study, quality control—Individuals were tested for a missing genotype rate of >0.1 using PLINK [Purcell et al., 2007]. No individuals were removed for missingness. SNPs were also tested for missingness (with maximum 5% missing) and deviation from Hardy–Weinberg Equilibrium (HWE $P < 0.001$) using PLINK. No SNPs were filtered out due to violation of HWE. 13 SNPs from the first phase and 3 SNPs from the second phase were filtered out for genotype missingness in PLINK. After separate analyses, the two family phases of data were merged in PLINK over the smaller second phase region (chr22:34271966–36048950, NCBI36/hg18).

Family study, TDT—The family datasets were analyzed by the Transmission Disequilibrium Test (TDT) in PLINK with both the TDT and hap-TDT functions. Haplotypes of 2, 3, 4, and 5 SNPs were examined using a sliding window approach. The TDT is a family based association test that measures the transmission of alleles from heterozygous parents at a locus to affected offspring. It then tests whether transmission is statistically different from an even transmission of either allele using a chi-squared test with one degree of freedom. Significance thresholds were then adjusted with Nyholt's correction, calculated from matSpD [Nyholt, 2004]. Nyholt's method incorporates linkage disequilibrium in order to estimate the effective number of independent tests.

Family study, merging data by imputation—Because of differences in the SNPs genotyped within the 1.5 Mb intervalin the two phases of the family study, genotypes were imputed to a common set of SNPs using BEAGLE. Two measures of imputation accuracy were used as the criteria for final inclusion of imputed genotypes into the dataset: r^2 and genotype probability. An $r^2 > 0.6$ measure was used as a cutoff for reliable SNP-wide imputation calls. Only imputed SNPs with genotype probabilities >0.6 were used in subsequent analyses. Imputation yielded a dataset of 200 SNPs in 463 families and 1,931 subjects.

Analyses of family data using LAMP—LAMP employs a likelihood model of marker data conditional on trait data and likelihood ratio tests to detect both association and linkage in families [Li et al., 2005]. As with the PLINK analyses, single SNPs were analyzed, as well as, a sliding window of haplotypes of 2, 3, 4, and 5 SNPs in length. For haplotype analyses, the same haplotypes were used as were estimated by PLINK using the EM algorithm for the analyses using PLINK described above. All analyses assumed a disease prevalence of 0.01.

GAIN/TGEN, imputation—Imputation was also performed on the merged GAIN/TGEN dataset with the densely genotyped reference panel, HapMap 3 (CEU release 27, HapMap.org), using the program BEAGLE as described above. After imputation, SNPs were filtered for missingness (with maximum 5% missing).

Case control association analyses—Association analyses (both single SNP and haplotype) for both the case control replication sample and the GAIN/TGEN sample were performed in PLINK. Similar filtering for HWE and missingness were applied as used for the family studies.

GAIN/TGEN ± family study, psychosis—Information from the DIGS or SCID interviews was used to identify patients who had psychotic features during either mania or depression. Subjects were divided in terms of bipolar disorder with presence/absence of psychosis, and a TDT analysis was performed for both groups. Similarly, for the GAIN/ TGEN sample, separate association analyses were conducted for cases with psychosis versus controls, and cases without psychosis versus controls. Nyholt's correction was calculated using matSpD [Nyholt, 2004].

Results

We show here that haplotypes overlapping a common region at 22q12.3 showed evidence for association to bipolar disorder in two independent family sets and an independent case control sample in a region previously identified by linkage analysis. However, the association was not replicated in a GWAS case control sample. The samples and overall workflow are summarized in Table 1, the map of the region and all SNPs examined are

summarized in Figure 2. Figure 1 summarizes the results from the fine mapping phases of the study in the two family samples

Family Study Phase 1

No single SNP reached statistical significance following the Nyholt correction for multiple comparisons. The most significant result was a 5 SNP haplotype consisting of SNPs: rs738518|rs2009667|rs3484|rs736720|rs2284026 with a P-value of 4.69×10^{-4} , just missing the Nyholt corrected threshold for statistical significance (see Table I and Fig. 2). This haplotype spans a 95 kb region that is upstream of the CACNG2 promoter and overlaps the gene IFT27, previously known as RABL4, and the start of PVALB (chr22: 35449746– 35544667). Since this was our most significant result, we designed a follow up family study to fine map an interval of 1.5 Mb surrounding this region in a second independent sample.

Family Study Phase 2

In the second phase of the study, no single SNP reached statistical significance following correction for multiple comparisons. The most significant result was a 5-SNP haplotype consisting of SNPs: rs4821523|rs2009667|rs5756342|rs9607382|rs2413421, with a statistically significant of P-value of 1.42×10^{-5} . This haplotype was different from the significant haplotype from the first phase, but was entirely included in the region encompassed by the first phase haplotype. This second haplotype spanned a region at the end of IFT27 and upstream of PVALB (chr22: 35498584–35524713). Two other haplotypes in this region that were contained in the 5 SNP haplotype (4-SNP haplotype: rs4821523| rs2009667|rs5756342|rs9607382 and 3-SNP haplotype: rs4821523|rs2009667|rs5756342) also reached statistical significance (*P*-value = 5.54×10^{-5} and *P*-value = 8.79×10^{-5} , respectively). Another 4-SNP haplotype that was overlapping, but centromeric within IFT27 also reached statistical significance (chr22: 35485403–35498584). This 4-SNP haplotype consisted of SNPs rs129336|rs130566|rs5756339|rs4821523 with a *P*-value of 8.85×10^{-5} . Of note, all four of these significantly associated haplotypes shared the same "A" allele at rs4821523, and three of the haplotypes were essentially different length versions of the same haplotype. Three of these haplotypes also share the same "G" allele at rs2009667, which is consistent with the most significant 5 SNP haplotype from the first phase study. However, phases 1 and 2 results were inconsistent in that all significant phase 2 haplotypes showed diminished transmission, while the 5 SNP haplotype from the phase 1 study displayed an excess of transmission.

Merged Family Data

The most significant haplotype in the PLINK analysis of the merged dataset was a 3 SNP haplotype (rs5756339, rs4821523, rs2009667) with a P-value of 8.89×10^{-6} (Nyholt correction threshold: 2.82×10^{-4}). An overlapping 3 SNP haplotype (rs4821523|rs2009667| rs5756342) with a P-value of 2.51×10^{-5} was also statistically significant. These haplotypes were both contained in significant haplotypes from family study phase 2 and the nominally significant haplotype from family study phase 1. As seen in phase 2, these two significantly associated haplotypes also showed diminished transmission.

Analysis of Family Data Using LAMP

We subsequently reanalyzed the family data using LAMP. By modeling each entire family, LAMP is more powerful for extended families than TDT. In particular, LAMP can determine what portion of linkage is explained by a specific SNP. All three family samples, phase 1, phase 2 and merged, were analyzed using LAMP in similar fashion to the PLINK analyses. The results of the direct association model are summarized in Figure 1. Limited support was found $(P < 0.02)$ for the region identified in both family samples above using

PLINK. However, a different 4 SNP haplotype was identified located near the 3′ end of CACNG2. This haplotype had the most significant P value of any analysis conducted ($P =$ 1.76×10^{-6}). As illustrated in Figure 2, this second region is just beyond the 3['] end of CACNG2 and approximately 260 kb from the other region identified by PLINK. These results suggest the possibility of a second mutation near the gene CACNG2. This idea is supported by the LAMP analysis which found evidence of other linked variants in addition to the best haplotype identified by LAMP (LOD = 1.46, $P = 0.036$).

Case Control Replication Study

In order to attempt further replication of these results, the twelve SNPs occurring in the most strongly associated haplotypes from the PLINK analysis of both family samples were genotyped in an independent sample of 574 bipolar I cases and 550 controls. Single SNPs and all 2, 3, 4, and 5 SNP haplotypes were tested for association. As shown in Table I and Figure 2, three haplotypes in two windows, as well as, the omnibus test over all haplotypes in the two windows were statistically significant after multiple comparisons correction. One of these (rs2009667, rs3484, and rs736720) contained alleles (GAG) identical to those of the core of the 5 SNP haplotype from family study 1. This haplotype showed an increase in frequency in the affecteds consistent with the overtransmission seen in family study 1.

GAIN/TGEN GWAS Dataset

An attempt was made to expand on these results by testing this region in the GAIN/TGEN combined GWAS dataset. These data included genotyped and imputed genotypes for 4,318 SNPs across the same 5 Mb interval examined in family study 1 in 1,929 bipolar I cases and 1,427 controls. These data yielded no statistically significant evidence of association after multiple comparisons correction for any individual SNP or any haplotype (data not shown). However, only 2 of the 12 most significant SNPs were included on the microarray, so there was limited ability to interrogate the same haplotypes.

This region has shown both linkage and association to both schizophrenia and psychotic bipolar disorder in previous studies. Therefore, we conducted separate analyses stratified by psychosis in both the merged family study dataset and the GAIN/TGEN dataset. However, neither of these analyses found evidence of association specific to psychotic bipolar cases (data not shown).

Discussion

In this study, we attempted to identify a susceptibility gene for bipolar disorder using a high density SNP association scan of the region surrounding a linkage peak at D22S278. Two independent family samples showed evidence of association to haplotypes near the genes stargazin (CACNG2), intraflagellar transport protein homolog 27 (IFT27, previously designated RABL4) and parvalbumin (PVALB). These results were further replicated by finding significant association to overlapping haplotypes in an independent case control sample. Analyses using LAMP, however, identified a different haplotype on the 3['] end of CACNG2, and little support for the region near IFT27. Furthermore, no evidence for association was found in a large GWAS dataset that included subjects from the case control replication sample. This region has been previously implicated in both schizophrenia and psychotic bipolar disorder, however, we found no evidence for association specifically to psychotic bipolar cases.

This study has several limitations. The family study sample size, even when both phases were combined, has limited power to detect loci of modest effect such as those that have been seen in most recent GWAS of BD. Though evidence for association in this region was

found in three independent samples, this was not replicated in the BiGS GWAS dataset. This non-replication may be the result of real clinical differences between subject populations. The family sample was ascertained for a bipolar proband and the availability of other family members for linkage studies. The case control replication sample also included a large portion of cases with strong family histories. However, the BiGS GAIN/TGEN sample primarily included subjects from wave 5 of the NIMH Genetics Initiative consortium who were ascertained as individual unrelated cases and in general did not have as strong a family history. We have separately analyzed the clinical characteristics of these groups and found that the wave 5 sample shows twice the rate of comorbid anxiety disorders and substance use disorders than the family sample, suggesting that these two samples may be genetically different [Greenwood et al., 2009].

Another limitation regards inconsistency in associated haplotypes. The flip in odds ratios in the PLINK analyses (from increased risk to "protective") between the most significant (but not statistically significant) family study phase 1 haplotype to the statistically significant phase 2 haplotype of the family study may weaken the strength of the result. However, this may be explained by the presence of multiple functional variants in the region. Additionally, the most significant result in this region is a rare three SNP haplotype that was not present in the families used for the original linkage study. This also may suggest allelic heterogeneity. Furthermore, support for this region was replicated in the case control replication sample by significant association of two haplotype windows using the omnibus test that considers all haplotypes in each window.

The analyses of the family samples using LAMP was not consistent with the results from PLINK. The LAMP analyses found little support for the region 5′ of CACNG2, however, LAMP did yield the most significant result in the study, a 4 SNP haplotype immediately 3['] of CACNG2. It is not clear how to interpret this discrepancy. If there are different susceptibility alleles in this region, then LAMP may have detected a different allele by accessing additional information from the families. Though not consistent with PLINK, the LAMP results do provide additional support for a BD locus in this region, and shift that evidence towards the CACNG2 gene.

The results must be further qualified because of the large number of multiple statistical tests conducted. The high level of correlation between the SNPs and haplotypes resulting from linkage disequilibrium in the region make it difficult to determine the appropriate correction. We employed the method of Nyholt which corrects for the correlation between markers to estimate the equivalent number of independent tests and corresponding threshold for significance [Nyholt, 2004].

We compared our results in this region to those of the Psychiatric GWAS Consortium for Bipolar Disorder (PGC–BD). The PGC is a large consortium whose goal is to conduct combined analyses of GWAS data for several psychiatric illnesses. The PGC –BD recently published the results of a combined analysis of 11 studies and 7,481 bipolar I cases [Sklar et al., 2011]. These results provided at best modest support for our results. Two SNPs in the CACNG2 gene showed modest though non-significant evidence of association ($P = 0.01$) to bipolar disorder.

The most significant result of the PLINK analysis was a rare three SNP haplotype $(rs5756339|rs4821523|rs2009667, P = 8.89 \times 10^{-6})$ overlapping the gene IFT27. Relatively little is known about this gene's function. Previously known as RABL4 (RAB, member of RAS oncogene family-like 4), IFT27 is a 294 aa protein encoded by a 17 kb gene composed of seven exons. It encodes a putative GTP-binding protein similar to RAY/RAB1C. The protein is ras-related, but the function is unknown. IFT27 is expressed moderately in brain

Flanking IFT27 are two genes that have both been presented for potential roles in psychiatric illness—CACNG2 and PVALB. As seen in Figure 2, the associated haplotypes from the PLINK analysis span IFT27 and PVALB, as well as, a region just 5′ of CACNG2. Therefore, it is difficult for association methods to clearly rule out these genes. Parvalbumin (PVALB) is a 110 aa protein encoded by a 19 kb gene composed of five exons. It is a high affinity calcium–ion binding protein. It is expressed in high levels in fast-contracting muscles and at lower levels in brain and endocrine tissues. In the cerebral cortex, PVLAB is co-localized with GABA in a subpopulation of nonpyramidal cells [DeFelipe, 1997]. It is believed that PVALB is involved in regulating calcium pools critical for synaptic plasticity [Schwaller et al., 2002]. Recently, a reduction in PVALB mRNA was reported in the prefrontal cortex of schizophrenia patients [Hashimoto et al., 2003].

The study's most significant result is immediately 3′ of Stargazin (CACNG2). Stargazin is a 323 aa protein encoded by a 120 kb gene composed of four exons. It was identified originally in a spontaneous mouse mutant, *stargazer*, which exhibited repeated head elevations, ataxia, and epilepsy, in addition to hyperactivity and agitated circling with environmental stimulus [Noebels et al., 1990]. Subsequently, two other spontaneous mutants of CACNG2 have been discovered—waggler and stargazer-3J [Letts et al., 1998, 2003]. The stargazin mutations all arose as early transposon insertions in the first or second intron [Letts et al., 2003]. Since its discovery, many functions have been suggested for stargazin, including that of voltage dependent calcium channel subunit [Letts et al., 1998], involvement in cell–cell communication/connections [Tomita et al., 2001], and a role in glutamatergic AMPA receptor interactions such as trafficking receptors to the membrane, targeting receptors to the synapse, and modulating receptor function [Chen et al., 1999; Hashimoto et al., 1999]. Stargazin is expressed solely in the central nervous system and expressed abundantly in the cerebellum, cerebral cortex, occipital lobe, frontal lobe, temporal lobe, hippocampus, and thalamus.

Recent work suggests that antidepressants and mood stabilizers may alter membrane and synaptic expression of stargazin and AMPA receptors that interact with it. After chronic treatment with antidepressants desipramine or paroxetine, increased membrane levels of stargazin complexed with AMPA receptor subunit GluR1 were observed in the hippocampus [Martinez-Turrillas et al., 2007]. Conversely, the mood stabilizers lithium and valproate decreased synaptic expression of the GluR1 and GluR2 subunits in the hippocampus [Du et al., 2004, 2007]. Additionally, overexpression of CACNG2 in the dorsolateral prefrontal cortex was observed in post mortem samples of bipolar disorder patients [Silberberg et al., 2008]. Moreover, in the same study, three SNPs spanning CACNG2 promoter/intron 1 were found to be associated with lithium response. Additionally, a 4 SNP haplotype in stargazin was also recently reported to be associated with schizophrenia patients who showed no deficits in executive function [Liu et al., 2008].

In this study, we have attempted to identify a susceptibility gene for bipolar disorder in a region near the microsatellite marker D22S278 previously implicated through linkage studies [Mujaheed et al., 2000; Kelsoe et al., 2001; Potash et al., 2003]. Results suggest that haplotypes overlapping IFT27, PVALB and the 5['] region of CACNG2, as well as a haplotype 3['] of CACNG2 are associated. However, the inconsistency in results between samples and analysis methods limit clear conclusions. It has been suggested that synthetic associations may occur when multiple rare causal variants are present [Dickson et al., 2010]. This study's results cannot rule out the possibility that variants in more than one gene may

be involved. Together these results suggest that one or more susceptibility variants may exist in the region of these three genes near our original linkage peak. Our association analyses were unable to clearly identify one of these as the most likely vulnerability gene. These results support the need for deep sequencing studies in this region to identify possible susceptibility variants.

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FIG. 1. TDT analysis of family study phases

The top three panels illustrate the significance of single SNP and haplotype analysis as – log(P) for the two independent family samples and their merged results. Black circles denote the single SNP analyses. The haplotypes are colored by number of SNPs used in the window (5 SNPs—red, 4 SNPs—orange, 3SNPs—green, 2SNPs—blue). UCSC genome browser gene track is provided for reference.

The NCBI 36 map is used for positions.

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Fig. 2. Association analysis of the case control replication sample

Significance levels as −log(P) of the 12 SNPs genotyped in the case control replication sample are illustrated as black circles. Black lines denote the significant individual haplotype window incorporating all haplotypes in the window. The significant haplotypes from the three family sample analyses are also illustrated here for comparison: family study phase 1 is red, family study phase 2 is orange, the merged family sample is purple. The most significant haplotype from the LAMP analysis is illustrated in green. Gene locations and the LD structure in the HapMap Caucasian sample are below for reference. Positions are based on the NCBI 36 map.

TABLE I

Haplotypes Associated With Bipolar Disorder in Family Study Phase 1, Family Study Phase 2 and Case Control Sample

O, omnibus test over all haplotypes.

 α ^a Statistically significant haplotypes using Nyholt correction for multiple comparisons are in bold.