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Common Variants in the ATP2B1 Gene Are Associated With Susceptibility to Hypertension:

The Japanese Millennium Genome Project

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Hypertension is one of the most common complex genetic disorders. We have described previously 38 single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) with suggestive association with hypertension in Japanese individuals. In this study we extend our previous findings by analyzing a large sample of Japanese individuals (n=14 105) for the most associated SNPs. We also conducted replication analyses in Japanese of susceptibility loci for hypertension identified recently from genome-wide association studies of European ancestries. Association analysis revealed significant association of the *ATP2B1* rs2070759 polymorphism with hypertension ($P=5.3\times 10^{-5}$; allelic odds ratio: 1.17 [95% CI: 1.09 to 1.26]). Additional SNPs in *ATP2B1* were subsequently genotyped, and the most significant association was with rs11105378 (odds ratio: 1.31 [95% CI: 1.21 to 1.42]; $P=4.1\times 10^{-11}$). Association of rs11105378 with hypertension was cross-validated by replication analysis with the Global Blood Pressure Genetics consortium data set (odds ratio: 1.13 [95% CI: 1.05 to 1.21]; $P=5.9\times 10^{-4}$). Mean adjusted systolic blood pressure was highly significantly associated with the same SNP in a meta-analysis with individuals of European descent ($P=1.4\times 10^{-18}$). *ATP2B1* mRNA expression levels in umbilical artery smooth muscle cells were found to be significantly different among rs11105378 genotypes. Seven SNPs discovered in published genome-wide association studies were also genotyped in the Japanese population. In the combined analysis with replicated 3 genes, *FGF5* rs1458038, *CYP17A1*, rs1004467, and *CSK* rs1378942, odds ratio of the highest risk group was 2.27 (95% CI: 1.65 to 3.12; $P=4.6\times 10^{-7}$) compared with the lower risk group. In summary, this study confirmed common genetic variation in *ATP2B1*, as well as *FGF5*, *CYP17A1*, and *CSK*, to be associated with blood pressure levels and risk of hypertension.

Keywords

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Because of its large impact on a number of cardiovascular diseases, hypertension is a major contributor to global health burden. Because hypertension is one of the most prevalent complex genetic disorders, with a heritability of 60% based on the estimation by 24-hour blood pressure (BP) readings,¹ numerous studies, including recent genome-wide association studies (GWAS),²⁻⁶ have attempted to identify genetic variation associated with human BP levels. Except for rare mendelian forms of hypertension,⁷ the estimated effects of each genetic factor on BP levels have been found to be small in the general population (typically <1.0 mm Hg on systolic BP [SBP] and <0.5 mm Hg on diastolic BP [DBP] per risk allele). However, multiple risk alleles are known to have a cumulative impact on several complex traits, including BP and hypertension risk.³ In addition, it is anticipated that identification of novel susceptibility genes would lead to further understanding of disease pathogenesis.

As a part of a series of nationally based cooperative projects, the Millennium Genome Project (Millennium GPJ), we conducted multiple candidate gene analyses to identify susceptible genes and polymorphisms for hypertension. In a previously reported study,⁶ we focused on 307 genes, which were genes encoding components of signal transduction pathways potentially related to BP regulation, including receptors, soluble carrier proteins, binding proteins, channels, enzymes, and G proteins. That study identified 38 single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) as suggestively associated with hypertension by analysis

of 758 hypertensive patients and 726 normotensive controls.⁶ To extend our previous study, we have now genotyped all 38 of the SNPs in a replication panel composed of 1929 hypertensives and 1993 normotensives and have taken forward validated SNPs with further genotyping in a large Japanese genetic epidemiological cohort sample (n=14 105). An in silico validation analysis of our most promising loci was performed using the Global Blood Pressure Genetics (Global BPgen) consortium data set, a large-scale GWAS of samples of European descent.² Furthermore, we also conducted a replication analysis of recent European GWAS-derived susceptible loci for hypertension from Global BPgen² and CHARGE (Cohorts for Heart and Aging Research in Genome Epidemiology) GWAS³ in a Japanese large-scale general population sample (Figure S1, available in the online Data Supplement at <http://hyper.ahajournals.org>).

Methods

Case and Control Subjects (Screening Panel)

Details of the screening panel subjects have been described previously.⁶ Briefly, hypertensive patients and normotensive controls were recruited in the Asahikawa, Tokyo, Osaka, and Hiroshima regions of Japan according to the following criteria. Hypertensive subjects (n=758) had a previous diagnosis of hypertension at between 30 and 59 years of age and were either being treated with antihypertensive medication or had a SBP >160 mm Hg and/or DBP >100 mm Hg. They had a family history of hypertension in their parents and/or siblings and were not obese (body mass index [BMI] <25 kg/m²). Normotensive controls (n=726) aged >45 years were recruited from the same regions. These individuals have never been treated with antihypertensive medications, and their SBP was <120 mmHg and DBP <80 mmHg. They had no family history of hypertension. All of the subjects were unrelated and were native Japanese.

Cohort-Based Population Samples

Seven independent study cohorts for cardiovascular diseases and related risk factors were combined to compose a large-scale Japanese genetic epidemiological population sample of 14 105. The Ohasama, Shigaraki, Takashima, Suita, and Nomura studies are general population-based genetic epidemiological studies. The study subjects were recruited via a medical checkup process for community residents. The 2 other cohorts, Yokohama and Matsuyama, are derived from employees of large manufacturing industries. The clinical parameters used in this study were obtained from personal health records during annual medical checkups. Further details of the study cohorts are described in the online Data Supplement.

Nested Case and Control Subjects Derived From the Cohort-Based Sample (Replication Panel)

Hypertensive cases and normotensive controls were chosen from the cohort-based population samples described above (n=11 569; the Suita study was excluded because of ethical issues). The selection criteria of the hypertensive and normotensive subjects were as follows: hypertensive subjects (n=1929) aged ≥64 years and either treatment with antihypertensive medication and/or SBP >160 mm Hg and/or DBP >90 mm Hg;

normotensive subjects (n=1993) aged 40 years and having SBP <120 mm Hg and DBP <80 mm Hg; and no current use of antihypertensive medication and free from any history of cardiovascular disease.

Global BPgen (In Silico) Analyses

To investigate cross-validation of the most promising SNPs, we obtained results for 4 SNPs in the *ATP2B1* gene from the Global BPgen consortium, a study that is composed of 17 GWAS studies with 34 433 individuals of European descent. A detailed description of the study design and phenotype measurement for all of the cohorts has been reported previously.²

Validation of Published BP Polymorphisms in the Japanese Millennium Cohort

Thirteen loci have been identified recently and robustly validated for association with BP and hypertension in recent large-scale GWAS of European samples, by the Global BPgen consortium² and the CHARGE consortium.³ From the associated SNPs reported at these 13 loci, we selected SNPs expected to have minor allele frequencies in Japanese samples >0.10, based on the HapMap database (JPT only, Public Release No. 27)⁸: *FGF5* rs1458038, *CYP17A1* rs1004467, *CSK* rs1378942, *PLCD3* rs12946454, *PLEKHA7* rs381815, *ULK4* rs9815354, and *CSK-ULK3* rs6495122. These 7 SNPs were genotyped in the Japanese population-based cohort sample to test whether the same associations exist in samples of Japanese ancestry.

Genotyping

Genomic DNA was extracted from peripheral blood. All of the SNPs were analyzed by TaqMan probe assays (Applied Biosystems Co, Ltd) using commercially available primers and probes purchased from the Assay-on-Demand system. The fluorescence level of PCR products was measured using an ABI PRISM 7900HT sequence detector.

Ethical Considerations

All of the study procedures were approved by the ethics committee of each university or research institute. Written informed consent was obtained from all of the participating subjects.

Ex Vivo Expression Analysis of ATP2B1 mRNA

Umbilical artery smooth muscle cells were isolated from umbilical cords obtained at delivery (n=34). Expression levels of ATP2B1 mRNA were analyzed by RT-PCR using a relative quantification method. Further details of the ex vivo expression analysis are described in the online Data Supplement.

Statistical Analysis

At each SNP, frequency differences in each genotype among hypertensive and normotensive subjects were assessed using a χ^2 test. Linkage disequilibrium (LD) coefficients were calculated using the Haploview software (Broad Institute).⁹ Adjusted odds ratios for hypertension, as well as coefficients and SEs for SBP and DBP, were calculated using

logistic and linear multiple regression analysis, adjusting for sex, age, age², BMI, and cohort variables, using additive (1 degree of freedom) and genotypic (2 degrees of freedom) genetic models. Adjustment for treatment with antihypertensive medication was achieved by adding fixed constants to measured values (+15 mm Hg for SBP and +10 mm Hg for DBP).¹⁰ The Global BPgen data and statistical methods have been described elsewhere.² Meta-analysis was performed assuming fixed effects and using inverse variance weights. An unweighted genetic risk score based on 4 SNPs (*ATP2B1* rs1105378, *FGF5* rs1458038, *CYP17A1* rs1004467, and *CSK* rs1378942) was calculated by adding the number of risk alleles showing higher BP values. Risk allele of each SNP was defined as follows: *ATP2B1*, C allele; *FGF5*, T allele; *CYP17A1*, A allele; and *CSK*, C allele. The *CSK-ULK3* SNP rs6495122 showing positive association with BP trait and hypertension was not included in the calculation of genetic risk score, because the strong LD with the *CSK* SNP rs1378942 ($D' = 0.884$; $r^2 = 0.731$) is most parsimoniously explained by both SNPs tagging a single risk variant. Differences in mRNA expression levels among the *ATP2B1* rs1105378 genotype were assessed by ANOVA. The statistical analyses were performed using a commercially available statistical software package (JMP version 8, SAS Institute).

Results

Replication Genotyping

The clinical characteristics of the replication panel chosen from the cohort-based population samples (Table S1, available in the online Data Supplement) are shown in Table S2. Stringent case and control definitions, corresponding with the extreme upper $\approx 17\%$ and lower $\approx 17\%$ of the general population, were used to maximize power for fixed genotyping costs.¹¹ Thirty-six SNPs were successfully genotyped, and results for all of the SNPs are shown in Table S3. Significant association was observed for the *ATP2B1* rs2070759 polymorphism located in intron 8 ($P = 4.4 \times 10^{-4}$; allele odds ratio [OR]: 1.18 [95% CI: 1.07 to 1.29]). Several other SNPs also showed marginally significant association; however, the P values did not reach statistical significance after application of Bonferroni correction for multiple comparisons (threshold: $0.05/36 = 0.0014$; Table S3; we note that no other SNPs are significant if the less conservative Benjamini-Hochberg procedure is used to control the false discovery rate at 0.05). Although, the replication results in the less-strict nested case-control sample chosen from the same population sample have been reported in our previous article,⁶ the association was recalculated to narrow down the SNPs to be applied to the following dense SNP analysis.

Dense SNP Analysis of the ATP2B1 Gene

To more precisely identify the SNP or SNPs increasing susceptibility for hypertension, we performed “de novo” genotyping of a dense SNP panel around marker rs2070759 in individuals from the original screening panel (Table S4).⁶ Forty-one tag SNPs located in a 167-kb region around rs2070759 were selected using the HapMap database (Table S5).⁸ Among the 27 SNPs polymorphic in our Japanese sample, the most significant association was observed with rs11105378; this yielded an allelic P value of 6.3×10^{-5} (OR: 1.37 [95% CI: 1.17 to 1.60]; Table 1 and Figure S2).

The most associated SNP and the 4 others from the dense SNP analyses were subsequently genotyped in the replication panel. Significant association of rs11105378 was confirmed in the replication panel with an allelic P value of 1.4×10^{-7} (OR: 1.28 [95% CI: 1.17 to 1.41]; Table 1). Meta-analysis of both study panels indicated significant association ($P=4.1 \times 10^{-11}$; OR: 1.31 [95% CI: 1.21 to 1.42]) and confirmed that the strongest association is seen for rs11105378. The D' and r^2 measures of LD between rs2070759 and rs11105378 were 0.92 and 0.48, respectively. Other SNPs, rs1401982 ($D'=0.99$; $r^2=0.64$), rs2681472 ($D'=0.99$; $r^2=0.61$), rs11105364 ($D'=0.97$; $r^2=0.59$), located within the same LD block, were also significantly associated with hypertension (Table 1). The strong LD between associated SNPs suggests a single true association signal in this region.

We examined for possible association of SNPs in the *ATP2B4* gene, a well-investigated isoform of the *ATP2B1* gene, with hypertension in the screening panel. We observed no significant correlation with the 17 SNPs analyzed, which were selected using the HapMap database (Table S6).

Population-Based Meta-Analyses of ATP2B1 SNPs

The complete Japanese population-based sample was subsequently genotyped for the 4 most significant SNPs in *ATP2B1*. To further validate and get more precise effect size estimates in Japanese, for this analysis, hypertensive cases were defined as individuals with treatment with antihypertensive medication, SBP ≥ 140 mm Hg, or DBP ≥ 90 mm Hg. The ORs for the 4 SNPs were all extremely similar (ranging from 1.19 to 1.21 under the additive model adjusted for age, age², sex, BMI, and cohort variables; see Table S7). These associations were replicated in the Global BPgen subjects of European descent; the pooled analysis demonstrated increased significance (rs11105378: OR: 1.17 [95% CI: 1.11 to 1.23]; $P=7.0 \times 10^{-10}$), as expected for a larger total sample size ($n=28\,866$; Table S7).

We next evaluated the effect of the most associated SNP, rs11105378, on BP levels in the Millennium GPJ cohort (Table 2). We adjusted for several covariates that are associated with BP phenotypes: age ($r=0.362$; $P<0.001$ for SBP), BMI ($r=0.275$; $P<0.001$), and sex (male: 131.7 ± 18.2 ; female: 128.6 ± 20.8 mm Hg; $P<0.001$). In multiple regression analysis for BP levels, including also cohort indicator variables as covariates, the results for a 2-degree-of-freedom test with the TT genotype as a reference identified both the TC genotype (coefficient = +1.66 mm Hg; $P=2.2 \times 10^{-4}$) and CC genotype (+2.47 mm Hg; $P=4.9 \times 10^{-8}$) as independent determinants for SBP after adjustment. The TC (+0.91 mm Hg; $P=8.0 \times 10^{-4}$) and CC genotypes (+1.32 mm Hg; $P=1.8 \times 10^{-6}$) were also independently associated with DBP levels. We depict the covariate adjusted mean BP levels by rs11105378 genotype in Figure S3. Results of each cohort separately are summarized in Table S8. We next performed a meta-analysis of data from the Millennium GPJ and 2 large epidemiological studies (Global BPgen and CHARGE; Table 2). Results show the per-allele differences in SBP and DBP to be ≈ 1.0 and 0.5 mm Hg, respectively.

Genotype-Specific Differences in Ex Vivo Expression of ATP2B1 mRNA

Differences in *ATP2B1* mRNA expression in umbilical artery smooth muscle cells among rs11105378 genotype are shown in Figure 1. Assuming a recessive genetic model, cells

homozygous for T allele showed significantly higher levels of *ATP2B1* mRNA as compared with cells carrying 1 or 2 C alleles ($P=0.031$; see Figure 1). Under an additive genetic model, the overall P value was marginally significant ($P=0.091$).

Replication Analysis of European GWAS-Derived Susceptible SNPs in Japanese

We next conducted a replication analysis in the Millennium GPJ, in which we tested associated SNPs identified in recent large-scale European GWAS by the Global BPgen² and the CHARGE consortia.³ From the 7 most promising SNPs of which the minor allele frequency in Japanese was >0.10 based on the HapMap database, 4 SNPs, namely, *FGF5* rs1458038, *CYP17A1* rs1004467, *CSK* rs1378942, and *CSK-ULK3* rs6495122, showed significant association in either binary trait analyses (Tables S9) or quantitative trait analysis (Table 3 and S10). The most significant association was observed with *FGF5* rs1458038; this yielded a P value of 1.6×10^{-8} (+1.33 mm Hg) with SBP and 1.8×10^{-7} (+0.73 mm Hg) with DBP in the Millennium GPJ cohort, and the effect size was greater than that of Europeans (Table 3). Meta-analysis of both study panels with data from Global BPgen indicated further significant associations.

Multiple Regression Analysis for BP Trait and Hypertension in Japanese

To clarify whether the 4 susceptibility SNPs (*ATP2B1*, *FGF5*, *CYP17A1*, and *CSK*) were independently associated with BP traits and hypertension, multiple regression analysis was performed with possible covariates (Table S11). After adjustment for age, age², sex, BMI, and drinking habits, this analysis confirmed that all 4 of the SNPs were independent determinants for both BP traits and hypertension.

Combined Effect of Risk Genotypes on Hypertension

A risk score for 4 susceptible genotypes was calculated to evaluate their combined effects on hypertension. ORs associated with increasing number of risk genotypes in a covariates adjusted logistic regression model are depicted in Figure 2 (overall P value was 5.4×10^{-5}). Compared with the reference group (5 risk genotypes), individuals carrying 7 or 8 risk genotypes had higher risk (OR: 1.43 [95% CI: 1.20 to 1.72]; $P=1.0 \times 10^{-4}$) in contrast to the lower OR of individuals with 2 risk genotypes (OR: 0.63 [95% CI: 0.47 to 0.85]; $P=0.020$). The OR of the high-risk group was raised to 2.27 (95% CI: 1.65 to 3.12; $P=4.6 \times 10^{-7}$) compared with the lowest risk group. Adjusted per-allele OR for hypertension was 1.17 (95% CI: 1.12 to 1.21; $P=4.0 \times 10^{-15}$). The distribution of the Japanese population sample among the number of risk genotypes is shown in Figure S4.

Discussion

The present study has identified SNPs located upstream or within the *ATP2B1* gene as strong susceptibility polymorphisms for hypertension in Japanese. These are findings that have also been reported recently in individuals of European descent³ and in Koreans.⁴ Although numerous studies have attempted to identify genetic markers for hypertension over the past 2 decades, there has been little cross-validation of loci in different ethnic groups so far except for mendelian forms of hypertension. The SNPs in *ATP2B1* identified in this study showed significant association in large-scale studies in populations with different

ancestries and using different discovery approaches, including GWAS in the CHARGE consortium and the Korean study and an independent candidate gene analysis in our present study. Similar findings in different ethnic groups with different methods further strengthen these findings and indicate the *ATP2B1* gene region as a susceptibility locus of likely global significance for BP variation and development of hypertension. Two replication results very recently reported by another Japanese group¹² and a Korean group¹³ also indicated the disease susceptibility of *ATP2B1* SNPs located in the same LD block.

No biological data have been provided whether SNP rs1105378 or other SNPs in strong LD have any effect on the transcriptional activity or transcriptional regulation of the *ATP2B1* gene. Furthermore, although alternative splicing has been found to generate several variants of *ATP2B1* mRNA,¹⁴ the SNP associations that we have observed do not shed light on whether this is a potential mechanism for affecting BP. Our data first showed that the effect of SNPs on *ATP2B1* gene expression levels is a potential mechanism by which disease-associated SNP alleles cause the phenotypic changes. Changes in the *ATP2B1* gene product levels are involved in BP regulation. We found no microRNA harboring rs1105378 in the miRBase database.¹⁵

The *ATP2B1* (so-called *PMAC1*) gene encodes the plasma membrane calcium ATPase isoform 1, which removes bivalent calcium ions from eukaryotic cells against very large concentration gradients and plays a critical role in intracellular calcium homeostasis. Although pathophysiological implications of *ATP2B1* gene products on the development of hypertension are uncertain, it has been reported that inhibition of *ATP2B1* by the selective inhibitor caloxin 2A1 showed endothelium-dependent relaxation of rat aorta by increasing cytosolic Ca²⁺ concentration and consequent activation of endothelial NO synthase.¹⁶ Other information on the role of *ATP2B1* has been obtained from experiments using bladder smooth muscle cells: contractility measurements on these cells have documented the important role of *ATP2B1* in the extrusion of Ca²⁺ after carbachol stimulation or depolarization with potassium chloride.¹⁷ These reports suggest altered vascular reactivity as a plausible explanation for disease susceptibility of *ATP2B1* gene.

In mammals, calcium ATPase isoforms are encoded by 4 separate genes (*ATP2B1* to *ATP2B4*).¹⁸ It has been reported that overexpression of the human *ATP2B4* gene in arterial smooth muscle cells in mice increases vascular reactivity and BP partly because of negative regulation of neuronal NO synthase.¹⁹ We, therefore, examined the possible association of *ATP2B4* gene polymorphisms with hypertension by using the screening panel. However, no significant correlation was observed in the 17 SNPs analyzed, which were selected by reference to the HapMap database. The pathophysiological association of plasma membrane Ca²⁺ pump with BP regulation may be isoform specific.

Numerous studies, including the recent GWAS,^{3–6} have attempted to identify genetic variations associated with human BP levels. At present, it is not clear to what extent findings from GWAS in one population can be extrapolated to other populations with different lifestyles and genetic background. However, the present study provides a cross-validation of 4 of 7 SNPs (most likely representing 3 of 6 independent signals) derived from European GWAS. Replication studies in other Japanese¹² and Korean¹³ populations also reported the

cross-validation of European GWAS-derived SNP. Conservation of susceptible loci for hypertension was independent of ethnic background. This finding suggests an existence of unidentified common etiology of essential hypertension in relation to the susceptible genes and their physiological pathways.

Although individual common genetic variants confer a modest risk of hypertension, their combination showed a large impact on hypertension. The genetic risk score was associated with 2.27-times greater odds for hypertension. Similar observations have been found in other common diseases and multifactorial phenotypes, including, for example, type 2 diabetes mellitus,²⁰ serum lipid levels,²¹ and serum uric acid levels.²² We reported previously that the findings of the cross-sectional analysis revealed a similar association in the longitudinal analysis²³; the fat mass and obesity-associated gene polymorphism was an independent risk factor for the future development of obesity after adjustment for possible confounding factors. The present cross-sectional study cannot address the question of whether the *ATP2B1* polymorphism and other susceptible variants predict future development of hypertension. However, recent articles investigating a prognostic significance of susceptible variants for type 2 diabetes mellitus²⁴ and cardiovascular disease²⁵ showed poor predictive performance of common variants in spite of the high OR observed in subjects carrying multiple risk alleles. A small proportion of the genetically high-risk persons attributed to independent inheritance of risk alleles may make it difficult to discriminate intermediate-risk persons. Genetic information may be most useful to identify a high-risk individual's need for early intervention.

Several definitions of hypertension were used in this study to explore susceptible SNPs with modest effects and to further validate the susceptibility. Since it was expected to be underpowered to detect the effects of common variants in a dichotomized analysis with slightly elevated BP, subjects with high normal BP were excluded from the 65 347 case-control analyses. All of the alleles associated with hypertension in a dichotomized analysis (Table S7) were also associated with BP levels (Table 2). Our methodology may, thus, be appropriate to identify susceptible variants for hypertension.

Perspectives

We have identified SNPs located in the *ATP2B1* gene region as susceptibility loci for hypertension in Japanese using a multistage association study, an association that has now been confirmed across different ethnic groups. Differences in the ex vivo *ATP2B1* mRNA expression levels further supported the disease susceptibility of SNP rs1110578. We also replicated the susceptibility of the European GWAS-derived SNPs in Japanese. Because hypertension is a trait that is preventable by dietary and exercise interventions, early detection of at-risk populations using genetic information may be useful in preventing future hypertension-related diseases.

Supplementary Material

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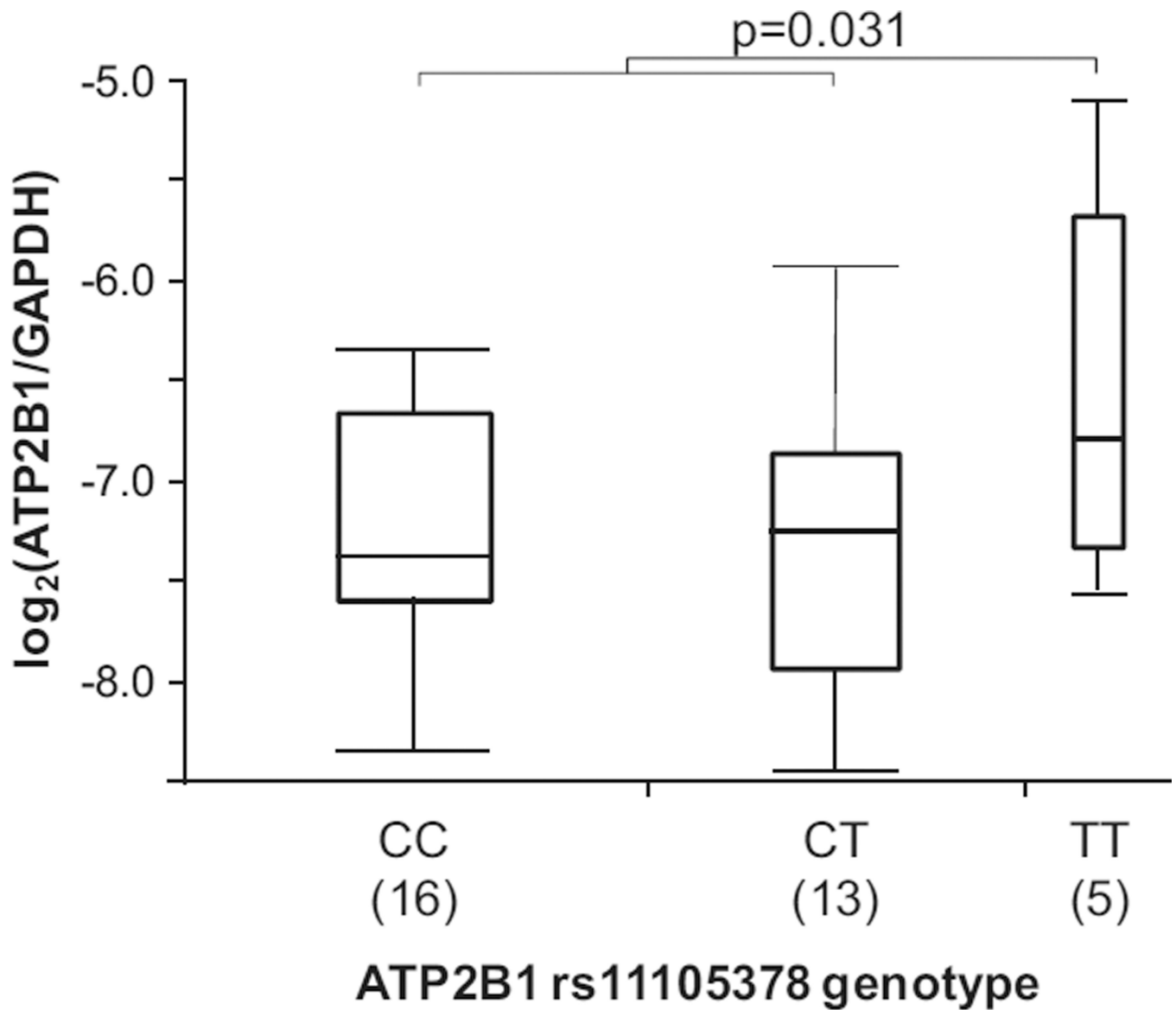


Figure 1.

Ex vivo expression analysis of *ATP2B1* mRNA. Graphs depict the \log_2 relative expression levels of the *ATP2B1* mRNA in umbilical artery smooth muscle cells obtained by normalizing to GAPDH. Genotype of *ATP2B1* rs11105378 of each sample was analyzed by direct sequencing using isolated genomic DNA from umbilical artery smooth muscle cells.

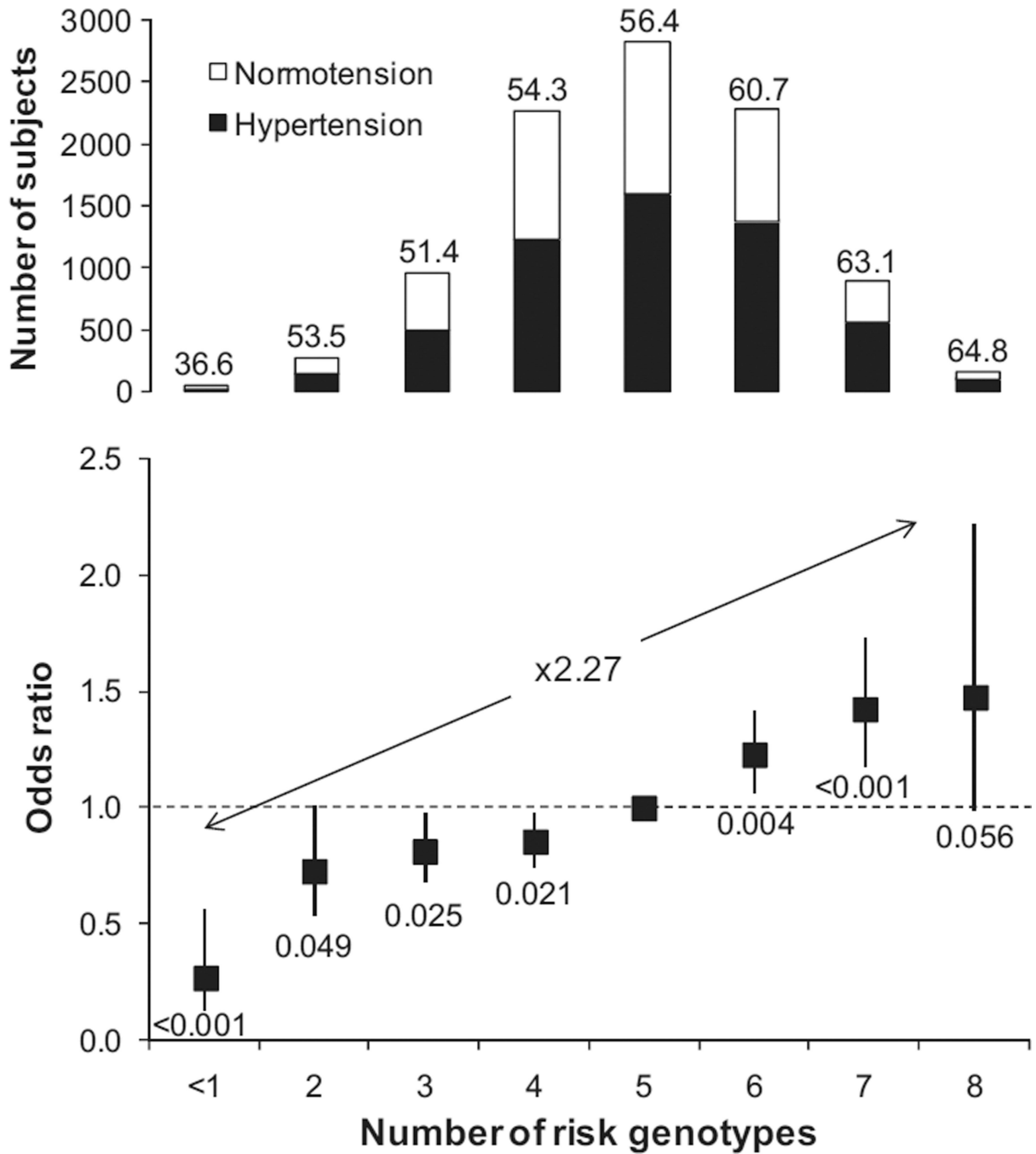


Figure 2. ORs for hypertension according to the number of risk genotypes. Number of risk genotype was calculated by the following 4 SNPs: *ATP2B1* rs1105378, *FGF5* rs1458038, *CYP17A1*, rs1004467, and *CSK* rs1378942. Hypertensive subjects were defined as being treated with antihypertensive medication, SBP \geq 140 mm Hg, or DBP \geq 90 mm Hg; normotensive subjects were defined as all not treated with antihypertensive medication, SBP \leq 120 mm Hg, and DBP \leq 85 mm Hg.² Adjusted OR for hypertension and BP levels were calculated using logistic and linear multiple regression analysis, adjusting for sex, age, age², BMI, and cohort

variables. Frequency of hypertension and P values for the hypertension odds are shown in the top of column and the bottom of square, respectively.

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Table 1
Association of ATP2B1 SNPs With Hypertension in the Screening and Replication Panels

SNP	Genotype	Screening Panel				Replication Panel				Overall Odds (P)			
		Genotype Frequency	HWE	Call Rate	Odds (P)	Genotype Frequency	HWE	Call Rate	Odds (P)				
rs1401982	AA/AG/GG	318	92	0.603	96.3	1.28 (0.001)	825	833	247	0.108	98.7	1.25 (3.0×10 ⁻⁶)	1.26 (1.5×10 ⁻⁸)
	NT	249	324	118	0.474		699	961	305	0.397			
rs2681472	AA/AG/GG	335	321	90	0.334	97.8	1.26 (0.003)	846	832	242	0.095	1.26 (1.0×10 ⁻⁶)	1.26 (8.7×10 ⁻⁹)
	NT	267	328	111	0.539		715	966	303	0.431			
rs2070759	GG/GT/TT	216	379	151	0.515	97.6	1.16 (0.045)	582	896	399	0.118	1.18 (4.4×10 ⁻⁴)	1.17 (5.3×10 ⁻⁵)
	NT	186	341	175	0.454		507	956	474	0.579			
rs11105364	TT/TG/GG	335	322	88	0.432	97.2	1.29 (0.001)	846	834	236	0.171	1.25 (2.4×10 ⁻⁶)	1.26 (4.1×10 ⁻⁹)
	NT	261	323	113	0.438		729	947	303	0.874			
rs11105378	CC/CT/TT	359	301	76	0.276	97.3	1.37 (6.3×10 ⁻⁵)	868	821	217	0.280	1.28 (1.4×10 ⁻⁷)	1.31 (4.1×10 ⁻¹¹)
	NT	280	320	108	0.295		746	922	300	0.586			

The screening panel is composed of 758 middle age-onset severe hypertensive patients and 726 middle-aged to elderly evidently normotensive controls (Table S4). The replication panel consists of 1929 hypertensive cases, and 1993 normotensive controls selected from 11 569 cohort sample were enrolled (Table S2). ORs and P values for allelic model are shown.

Table 2

Meta-Analysis of ATP2B1 SNPs With BP Traits

SNP	Coded Allele	Millennium GPJ				Global BPgen				CHARGE*				Pooled	
		n (Frequency)	Coefficient (SE), mm Hg	P	n (Frequency)	Coefficient (SE), mm Hg	P	n (Frequency)	Coefficient (SE), mm Hg	P	n (Frequency)	Coefficient (SE), mm Hg	P	Coefficient (95% CI), mm Hg	P
SBP															
rs1401982	G	13 944 (0.376)	-1.22 (0.23)	1.8×10 ⁻⁷	33 885 (0.385)	-0.30 (0.13)	0.022	0.022	-0.30 (0.13)	0.022	0.17	-1.29 (0.19)	3.5×10 ⁻¹¹	-0.52 (-0.74 to -0.30)	3.9×10 ⁻⁶
rs2681472	G	14 032 (0.373)	-1.33 (0.23)	1.2×10 ⁻⁸	33 803 (0.158)	-0.62 (0.18)	5.2×10 ⁻⁴	5.2×10 ⁻⁴	-0.62 (0.18)	5.2×10 ⁻⁴	0.17	-1.29 (0.19)	3.5×10 ⁻¹¹	-1.03 (-1.26 to -0.81)	9.9×10 ⁻²⁰
rs11105364	G	14 013 (0.364)	-1.34 (0.23)	8.9×10 ⁻⁹	33 877 (0.179)	-0.60 (0.18)	7.4×10 ⁻⁴	7.4×10 ⁻⁴	-0.60 (0.18)	7.4×10 ⁻⁴	0.17	-1.30 (0.19)	4.8×10 ⁻¹¹	-1.03 (-1.25 to -0.81)	1.2×10 ⁻¹⁹
rs11105378	T	13 948 (0.360)	-1.33 (0.23)	1.5×10 ⁻⁸	33 171 (0.158)	-0.59 (0.18)	0.001	0.001	-0.59 (0.18)	0.001	0.16	-1.31 (0.20)	9.1×10 ⁻¹¹	-1.02 (-1.24 to -0.79)	1.4×10 ⁻¹⁸
DBP															
rs1401982	G	13 944 (0.376)	-0.72 (0.14)	2.0×10 ⁻⁷	33 898 (0.392)	-0.18 (0.09)	0.041	0.041	-0.18 (0.09)	0.041	0.17	-0.64 (0.11)	3.7×10 ⁻⁸	-0.34 (-0.49 to -0.19)	8.1×10 ⁻⁶
rs2681472	G	14 032 (0.373)	-0.65 (0.14)	2.7×10 ⁻⁶	33 829 (0.157)	-0.35 (0.12)	0.003	0.003	-0.35 (0.12)	0.003	0.17	-0.64 (0.11)	3.7×10 ⁻⁸	-0.54 (-0.68 to -0.41)	9.7×10 ⁻¹⁵
rs11105364	G	14 013 (0.364)	-0.70 (0.14)	4.5×10 ⁻⁷	33 898 (0.158)	-0.34 (0.12)	0.004	0.004	-0.34 (0.12)	0.004	0.17	-0.63 (0.12)	1.2×10 ⁻⁷	-0.54 (-0.68 to -0.40)	7.5×10 ⁻¹⁴
rs11105378	T	13 948 (0.360)	-0.70 (0.14)	5.4×10 ⁻⁷	33 183 (0.158)	-0.33 (0.12)	0.005	0.005	-0.33 (0.12)	0.005	0.16	-0.62 (0.12)	3.1×10 ⁻⁷	-0.54 (-0.68 to -0.39)	1.6×10 ⁻¹³

Coefficients and SE for SBP and DBP were calculated under the additive model using multiple regression analysis adjusted for age, age², sex, and BMI. In both Millennium GPJ and Global BPgen, adjustment for treatment with antihypertensive medication was achieved by adding fixed constants to measured values (+15 mm Hg for SBP and +10 mm Hg for DBP).² In the Japanese Millennium GPJ and also for some cohorts within Global BPgen, cohort variables were also adjusted to avoid residual population stratification.

* Results of the CHARGE Study were obtained from the published article.³

Table 3

Meta-Analysis of SNPs With BP Traits

SNP	Coded Allele	Millennium GpJ			Global BPgen			Pooled	
		n (Frequency)	Coefficient (SE), mm Hg	P	n (Frequency)	Coefficient (SE), mm Hg	P	Coefficient (95% CI), mm Hg	P
Systolic BP									
FGF5	T	13 826 (0.343)	1.33 (0.23)	1.6×10 ⁻⁸	30 850 (0.275)	0.62 (0.14)	1.6×10 ⁻⁶	0.81 (0.58 to 1.05)	1.1×10 ⁻¹¹
rs1458038	A	14 007 (0.680)	0.89 (0.24)	2.3×10 ⁻⁴	33 735 (0.901)	0.94 (0.21)	1.0×10 ⁻⁵	0.92 (0.61 to 1.23)	6.2×10 ⁻⁹
CYP17A1	C	13 920 (0.803)	0.77 (0.28)	0.007	34 126 (0.36)	0.62 (0.13)	2.4×10 ⁻⁶	0.65 (0.42 to 0.88)	4.2×10 ⁻⁸
rs1378942	T	14 003 (0.831)	0.11 (0.30)	0.703	32 120 (0.28)	0.68 (0.15)	3.9×10 ⁻⁶	0.57 (0.30 to 0.83)	2.5×10 ⁻⁵
rs12946454	T	14 030 (0.199)	0.11 (0.28)	0.687	33 706 (0.26)	0.52 (0.14)	2.6×10 ⁻⁴	0.44 (0.19 to 0.68)	4.7×10 ⁻⁴
PLEKHA7	A	14 014 (0.812)	0.68 (0.28)	0.017	33 308 (0.45)	0.47 (0.13)	2.4×10 ⁻⁴	0.51 (0.28 to 0.74)	1.7×10 ⁻⁵
rs381815	A	13 976 (0.116)	-0.67 (0.35)	0.059	32 034 (0.18)	0.17 (0.17)	0.297	0.01 (-0.29 to 0.31)	0.950
DBP									
FGF5	T	13 826 (0.343)	0.73 (0.14)	1.8×10 ⁻⁷	30 850 (0.275)	0.55 (0.10)	1.5×10 ⁻⁸	0.61 (0.45 to 0.77)	6.1×10 ⁻¹⁴
rs1458038	A	14 007 (0.680)	0.29 (0.14)	0.047	33 735 (0.901)	0.40 (0.14)	5.4×10 ⁻³	0.35 (0.15 to 0.54)	4.9×10 ⁻⁴
CYP17A1	C	13 920 (0.803)	0.41 (0.17)	0.015	34 126 (0.36)	0.48 (0.09)	5.9×10 ⁻⁸	0.46 (0.31 to 0.62)	5.2×10 ⁻⁹
rs1378942	T	14 003 (0.831)	0.14 (0.18)	0.426	32 120 (0.28)	0.34 (0.09)	5.7×10 ⁻⁴	0.30 (0.14 to 0.46)	1.9×10 ⁻⁴
rs12946454	T	14 030 (0.199)	0.13 (0.17)	0.437	33 706 (0.26)	0.23 (0.10)	0.014	0.20 (0.04 to 0.37)	0.018
PLEKHA7	T	14 030 (0.199)	0.13 (0.17)	0.437	33 706 (0.26)	0.23 (0.10)	0.014	0.20 (0.04 to 0.37)	0.018
rs381815	T	14 030 (0.199)	0.13 (0.17)	0.437	33 706 (0.26)	0.23 (0.10)	0.014	0.20 (0.04 to 0.37)	0.018

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SNP	Coded Allele	Millennium GPEJ			Global BPgen			Pooled	
		n (Frequency)	Coefficient (SE), mm Hg	P	n (Frequency)	Coefficient (SE), mm Hg	P	Coefficient (95% CI), mm Hg	P
CSK-ULK3	A	14 014 (0.812)	0.38 (0.17)	0.027	33 308 (0.45)	0.35 (0.09)	4.2×10 ⁻⁵	0.36 (0.20 to 0.51)	7.4×10 ⁻⁶
rs6495122	A	13 976 (0.116)	0.21 (0.21)	0.325	32 034 (0.18)	0.40 (0.11)	2.9×10 ⁻⁴	0.36 (0.17 to 0.55)	2.3×10 ⁻⁴