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All individual level data is publicly available to bona fide researchers from the UK Biobank (<https://www.ukbiobank.ac.uk/>) or Genes & Health study (<https://www.genesandhealth.org/>). GWAS summary statistics have been deposited at the GWAS Catalog (accession codes: GCST90271713 and GCST90271714). Look-ups

and druggable targets were derived from the GWAS Catalog <https://www.ebi.ac.uk/gwas/> and the OpenTargets Genetics data base (<https://genetics.opentargets.org/>).

Human research participants

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Reporting on sex and gender	We included a total of 241,098 and 203,343 participants who self-identified as women and men, respectively, in our study. Out of 5147 participants diagnosed with Raynaud's phenomenon, 3508 were women (see Supplementary Table 1). Given the sex-differential prevalence, we systematically tested all identified genome-wide significant loci for a potential sex-specific effects using logistic regression models with genetic variant by sex interaction terms.
Population characteristics	UK Biobank is a national resource that has been described extensively elsewhere (https://www.ukbiobank.ac.uk). Individuals were not directly selected for inclusion in the study on the basis of any disease or health parameter. Detailed demographics can be found in Supplementary Table 1.
Recruitment	All people aged 40–69 years (men and women) who were registered with the National Health Service and living up to 25 miles from one of the 22 study assessment centers were invited to participate in 2006–2010. Overall, about 9.2 million invitations were mailed to recruit 503,325 participants (a response rate of 5.47%).
Ethics oversight	All UK Biobank participants provided written informed consent, the study was approved by the National Research Ethics Service Committee North West–Haydock and all study procedures were performed in accordance with the World Medical Association Declaration of Helsinki ethical principles for medical research.

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Sample size	We used the full available sample in UK Biobank (with the exception of exclusions below) for discovery analyses. This is currently the largest sample size for patients with Raynaud's phenomenon that have also been genotyped.
Data exclusions	Individuals failing standard genotyping quality control parameters defined initially by the UK Biobank study or individuals of non-European ancestry were excluded from analysis. These decisions were made prior to performing any downstream analysis. In sensitivity analysis, we excluded participants who reported previous diseases or medications that might lead to RP as a secondary event.
Replication	We aimed for replication in the Genes & Health and BioVU study as described in the methods and main text, that replicated effects for the two main loci IRX1 and ADRA2A, respectively.
Randomization	N/A - randomization occurred naturally as genetic variants were the exposure.
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