

## Reporting Summary

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- The statistical test(s) used AND whether they are one- or two-sided  
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- Estimates of effect sizes (e.g. Cohen's  $d$ , Pearson's  $r$ ), indicating how they were calculated

*Our web collection on [statistics for biologists](#) contains articles on many of the points above.*

### Software and code

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Data collection

No software was used.

Data analysis

Data harmonization was done on Python 3.7 and CrossMap. Meta-analyses were done in PLINK 1.9 and Meta-Regression of Multi-Ethnic Genetic Association (MR-MEGA). Putative burden analysis was done using population-specific/shared causal variants (PESCA). Gene-ontology and tissue enrichment tests were done in Functional Mapping and Annotation (FUMA) and Multi-marker Analysis of GenoMic Annotation (MAGMA). Variant level annotation was done using ANNOVAR through FUMA. Plots and other miscellaneous analyses were done in Python or R. Analysis scripts are available on Github: <https://github.com/GP2code/GP2-Multiancestry-metaGWAS> and deposited on Zenodo under doi:10.5281/zenodo.8045547.

Programs and their respective versions:

PLINK v1.9  
MR-MEGA v0.2  
FUMA v1.3.8  
MAGMA v1.08  
ANNOVAR-last updated on Dec 5 2016  
PESCA v0.3  
Python 3.7  
R 4.2.0

R packages used:

LDlinkR v1.1.217

LocusCompareR

Python packages:

gwaslab v3.3.11

seaborn v0.11.2

matplotlib v3.5.1

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GWAS summary statistics for Foo et al. 2020 and Loesch et al. 2020 are available upon request to the respective authors. The UKBB genotype and phenotype data are available through the UKBB web portal <https://www.ukbiobank.ac.uk/>. FinnGen summary statistics are available through the FinnGen website <https://www.finnngen.fi/>. GWAS summary statistics for 23andMe datasets (post-Chang and data included in Chang et al. 2017 and Nalls et al. 2014) will be made available through 23andMe to qualified researchers under an agreement with 23andMe that protects the privacy of the 23andMe participants. Please visit [research.23andme.com/collaborate/#publication](https://research.23andme.com/collaborate/#publication) for more information and to apply to access the data. An immediately accessible version of the multi-ancestry summary statistics is available on the Neurodegenerative Disease knowledge Portal (<https://ndkp.hugeamp.org/>) excluding Nalls et al. 2014, 23andMe post-Chang et al. 2017 and Web-Based Study of Parkinson's Disease (PDWBS) but including all analyzed SNPs. Same summary statistics are also available at AMP-PD (<https://amp-pd.org/>) under GP2 Tier 1 access and GWAS Catalog under accession code GCST90275127 ([http://ftp.ebi.ac.uk/pub/databases/gwas/summary\\_statistics/GCST90275001-GCST90276000/GCST90275127/](http://ftp.ebi.ac.uk/pub/databases/gwas/summary_statistics/GCST90275001-GCST90276000/GCST90275127/)). After applying with 23andMe, the full summary statistics including all analyzed SNPs and samples in this GWAS meta-analysis will be accessible to the approved researcher(s). MSigDb is available at <http://software.broadinstitute.org/gsea/msigdb/>. GTEx is available at <https://gtexportal.org/home/>. Multi-ancestry brain eQTL data from Zeng et al. 2020 are available at <https://hoffmg01.hpc.mssm.edu/brema/>. eQTL/mQTL/caQTL data used for SMR outside of MetaBrain and eQTLGen are available at <https://yanglab.westlake.edu.cn/software/smr/#DataResource>. MetaBrain eQTL data are available at <https://www.metabrain.nl/>. eQTLGen data are available at <https://www.eqtlgen.org/>. pQTL data from Wingo et al. are available upon request to the respective author. UK Biobank-Nightingale metabolomic data used for SMR are available at <https://gwas.mrcieu.ac.uk/>.

## Research involving human participants, their data, or biological material

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Reporting on sex and gender

All data used in this analysis used biological sex as a covariate in their respective studies.

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We used data from four ancestrally-distinct populations: European, East Asian, African, and Latin American. Ancestry was defined as continent of ancestral origin defined by an individual's genotype information. We did not use any socially constructed variable such as race and ethnicity as a proxy for ancestry. As we used summary-level data as-is, we did not make specific ancestry determinations as the respective studies made the determinations using their individual-level data. For 23andMe data, ancestry was determined using a genotype-based pipeline consisting of a support vector machine and a hidden Markov model, followed by a logistic classifier to differentiate Latinos from African Americans.

Population characteristics

Data included participants with Parkinson's disease and control participants. As we used data as-is, we do not describe any additional population characteristics and they can be found in their respective manuscripts

Recruitment

We did not recruit participants for this study. However, data from 23andMe participants were collected through self-report which may influence the results via self-report bias.

Ethics oversight

All self-reported PD cases and controls from 23andMe provided informed consent and participated in the research online, under a protocol approved by the external AAHRPP-accredited IRB, Ethical & Independent Review Services (E&I Review). Participants were included in the analysis on the basis of consent status as checked at the time data analyses were initiated. The name of the IRB at the time of the approval was Ethical & Independent Review Services. Ethical & Independent Review Services was recently acquired, and its new name as of July 2022 is Salus IRB (<https://www.versiticlinicaltrials.org/salusirb>).

Note that full information on the approval of the study protocol must also be provided in the manuscript.

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# Life sciences study design

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Sample size	We collected datasets from as many datasets as available. As a meta-analysis of 7 different studies/analyses, this work is the largest Parkinson's disease Genome-Wide meta-analysis to-date with 49049 cases, 18618 proxy-cases, and 2458063 controls.
Data exclusions	For 23andMe datasets, only data that met the quality control criteria and were unrelated were included in the analysis. For inclusion, samples needed a minimal call rate of 98.5%. Only data from unrelated participants were used to minimize bias from relatedness. We used data from other studies as-is, but each respective studies performed their own quality-control procedures, including removing related participants and low genotype quality samples.
Replication	We used a single joint meta-analysis study design to maximize statistical power. No replication samples were available as all available datasets were used in the meta-analysis.
Randomization	The experimental groups were divided into Parkinson's disease cases and controls. All data used were adjusted for age, sex, population structure-principal components to account for population stratification.
Blinding	Blinding is not relevant to study as this is a meta-analysis of observational genetic studies and not a randomized experiment.

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