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Software and code

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Data collection

We used the publicly available GWAS summary statistics and the UK Biobank data. GLGC summary statistics, <http://csg.sph.umich.edu/willer/public/glgc-lipids2021>, CHARGE GLI summary statistics, <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/projects/gap/studyID:phs000930.v10.p1> UK Biobank, <https://biobank.ctsu.ox.ac.uk>. 1000G reference, https://privefl.github.io/bigsnp/reference/download_1000G.html GTEEx, <http://www.gtexportal.org> ezQTL (<https://analysisitools.cancer.gov/ezqtl/#/home>)

Data analysis

T_(MR_GxE) test was used the software IMRP which is available in the Github repository with the following link, <https://github.com/XiaofengZhuCase/IMRP>. Heritability analysis was performed by Bigsnpr, https://privefl.github.io/bigsnp/reference/snp_id_scores.html and LDSC regression, <https://github.com/bulik/ldsc>. FUMA: <https://fuma.ctglab.nl/>. Software ezQTL: <https://analysisitools.cancer.gov/ezqtl/#/home>. MAGMA: <https://ctg.cncr.nl/software/magma>. DEPICT: <https://github.com/perslab/depict>. Plink: <https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink2/>. The codes for performing simulations and GxE for lipids were deposited in the Zenodo database: <https://zenodo.org/records/10815731>

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All the data are applicably available. The marginal summary statistics of high-density lipoprotein cholesterol (HDL-C), low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-C), and triglycerides (TG) from the Global Lipids Genetics Consortium study (GLGC, n=1.65M) 3 were downloaded at <http://csg.sph.umich.edu/willer/public/glgc-lipids2021>. GLGC consists of GWAS results from 1.65M subjects representing five genetic ancestry groups: European (N = 1.32M); African or admixed African (N = 99K); East Asian (N = 146K); Hispanic (N = 48K); and South Asian (N = 41K). We did not perform South Asian specific analysis because there was no corresponding GWIS in the CHARGE consortium. The GWIS summary statistics from CHARGE GLLI working group in this study are available via dbGaP (accession number phs000930).

Research involving human participants, their data, or biological material

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Reporting on sex and gender	We did not perform sex specific analysis. The summary statistics and UK Biobank data include both males and females.
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Population characteristics	We included European, African, South Asian, East Asian and Hispanic populations.
Recruitment	This study use existing data.
Ethics oversight	This study is approved by the IRB office at Case Western Reserve University, with the IRB number: STUDY20180592.

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	The marginal summary statistics of HDL-C, LDL-C, and TG from the Global Lipids Genetics Consortium study (GLGC, n=1.65M) were downloaded at http://csg.sph.umich.edu/willer/public/glgc-lipids2021 . GLGC consists of GWAS results from 1.65M subjects representing five genetic ancestry groups: European (N=1.32M); African or admixed African (N=99k); East Asian (N=146k); Hispanic (N=48k); and South Asian (N=41k). UK Biobank data has a sample size N=445,424.
Data exclusions	We did not exclude data.
Replication	We used the UK Biobank data to replicate the findings of GxE interactions.
Randomization	This is not a randomized experiment.
Blinding	Not applicable.

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