

Supplementary Materials for

Polygenic risk for alcohol use disorder affects cellular responses to ethanol exposure in a human microglial cell model

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Full details of bioinformatics analysis of RNA-Seq data

Data processing and normalization

We normalize the sample x gene count matrix using the log (counts per million mapped reads) method. In detail, we denote r_{ij} as our matrix of raw read counts, for samples $j \in \{1, \dots, 9\}$, and genes $i \in \{1, \dots, G\}$. For sample j , we calculate its total number of mapped reads:

$$R_j = \sum_{i=1}^G r_{ij}.$$

Next, we calculate the log-counts per million (log-CPM) value for each gene in each sample as:

$$y_{ij} = \log_2 \left(\frac{r_{ij} + 0.5}{R_j + 1.0} \times 10^6 \right).$$

The normalized data (y_{ij}) are then subject to subsequent analyses.

Differential expression analyses

We use the *limma+voom* method (98, 99) to model the normalized expression level of genes. On the whole, our pipeline consists of three steps: 1) linear modeling (99), 2) *voom* variance modeling, and 3) empirical Bayes differential expression analysis.

First, for linear modeling, we consider a nested interaction formula due to the multiple grouping factors in this study: $y \sim 0 + PRS: Concentration + PRS: CellLine$, where y_{ij} represents the normalized gene expression. Next, we assume that: $E(y_{ij}) = \mu_{ij} = x_j \beta_i$, where x_j represents the vector of grouping factors aforementioned for sample j , and β_i represents the coefficient of gene i that represents the log2-fold-changes (log2FC) in expression between the grouping factors.

Second, we estimate the mean-variance relationship of the gene log-counts so that we obtain the precision weights of genes. In detail, we calculate the fitted counts: $E(r_{ij}) = E(\mu_{ij}) + \log_2(R_j + 1) - \log_2(10^6)$, where $E(\mu_{ij})$ stands for fitted log-CPM values, which is calculated using the linear regression coefficient estimates β_i and covariates x_j . Next, to retain a smooth mean-variance trend, we fit a LOWESS curve (100) to the square-root of residual standard deviations obtained from the linear model as a function of mean log-counts across all samples. Therefore, we can calculate the precision weights:

$$\omega_{ij} = lo(E(r_{ij}))$$

where $lo(\cdot)$ represents the piecewise linear function defined by the LOWESS curve.

Finally, the log-CPM values y_{ij} and their associated weights w_{ij} are then subject to the *limma* standard linear modeling and empirical-Bayes-based differential expression analysis pipeline. To this end, the significant genes were defined as those with an FDR-adjusted P value < 0.05 using empirical Bayes F-tests. Therefore, we obtain the lists of genes that are differentially expressed between different grouping factors.

Gene set enrichment analyses

We performed the enrichment analysis using pathways in the Gene Ontology and REACTOME Database (MSigDB v2023.1.Hs, C2:CP:REACTOME, C5:GO:BP) (99). The analyses were implemented using the R package ClusterProfiler (101). The enriched pathways were defined as those with an FDR-adjusted P value < 0.05 .

Identifying similarity between bulk RNA-Seq data with single-cell RNA-Seq data of microglia

To cross-validate the identification of our microglia samples on a transcriptomic level, we compared them with a publicly available single-cell RNA-Seq data set that comprises eight cell types from adult human brain samples, including microglia cells (45). Briefly, we first identified the top 10 marker genes of each cell type following the standard *Seurat* workflow (102) . We then calculated the median expression level of these marker genes in each cell type. Finally, we performed the Pearson correlation tests between the median expression level of cell-type-specific marker of the eight cell types and their expression levels in each hiPSC-derived microglial sample.

The source code for data processing and analysis for this study has been deposited on Zenodo:

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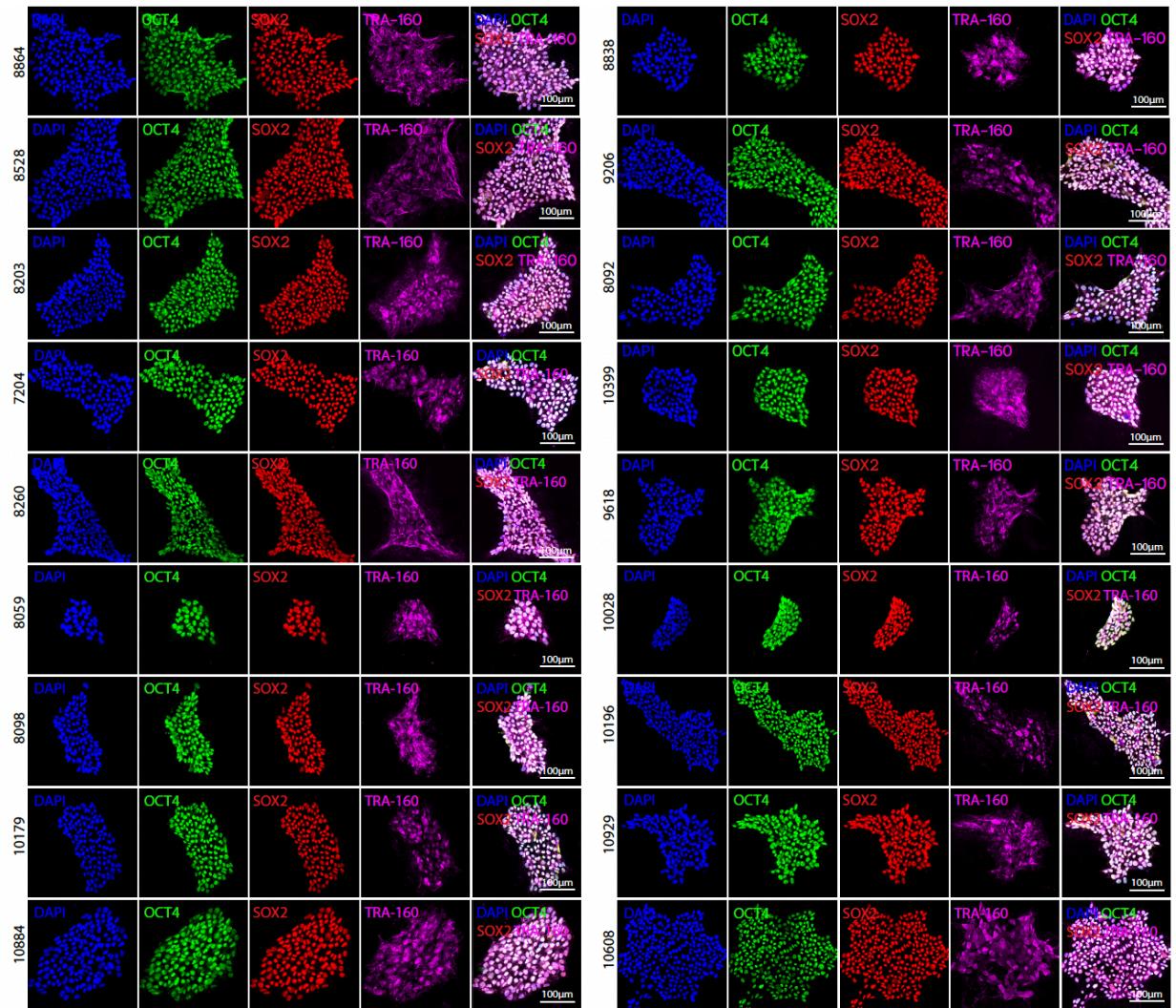


Fig. S1. Pluripotent markers of iPSC lines

All 18 lines were stained positive for pluripotent stem cell markers (OCT4, SOX2, TRA-1-60).

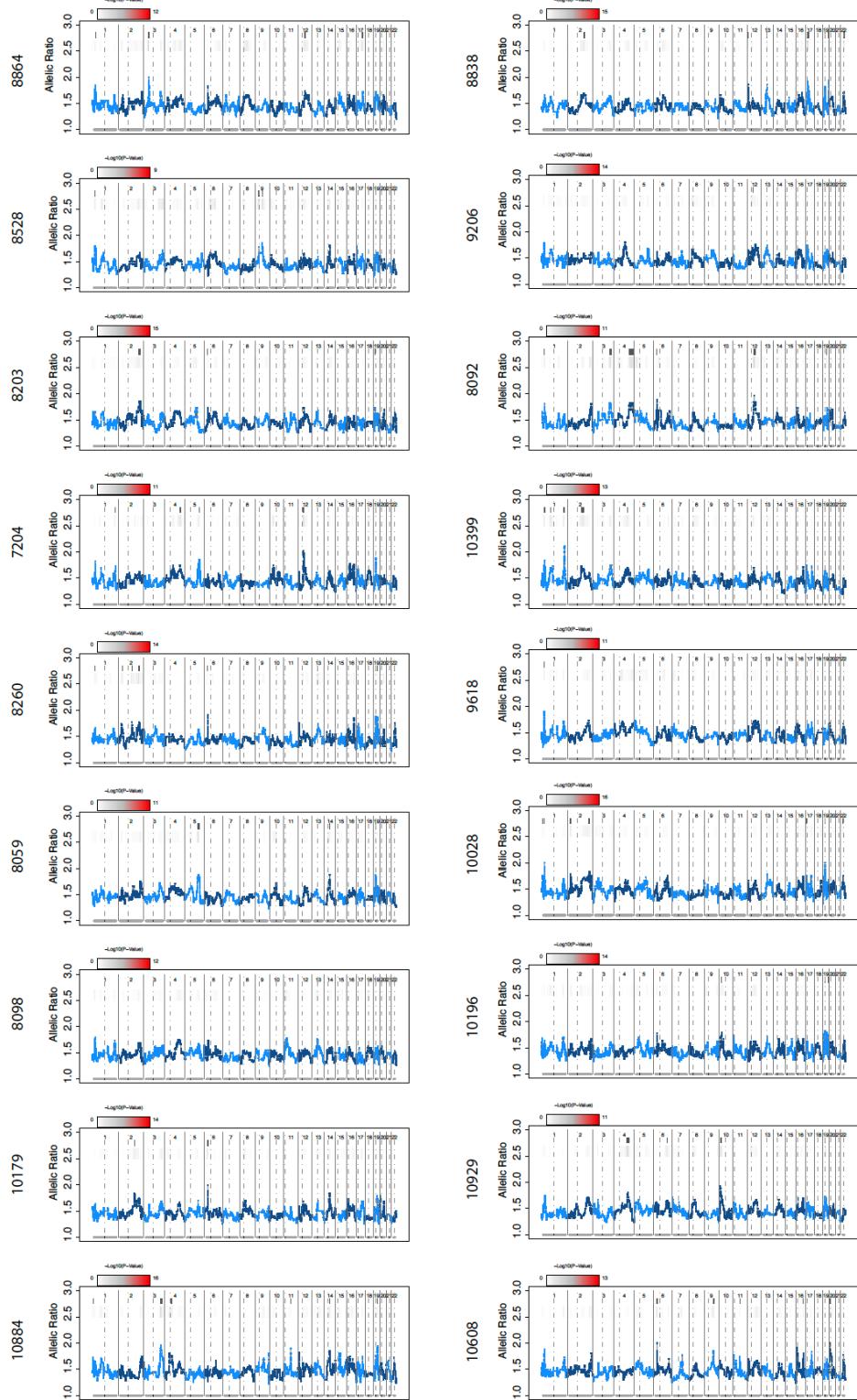
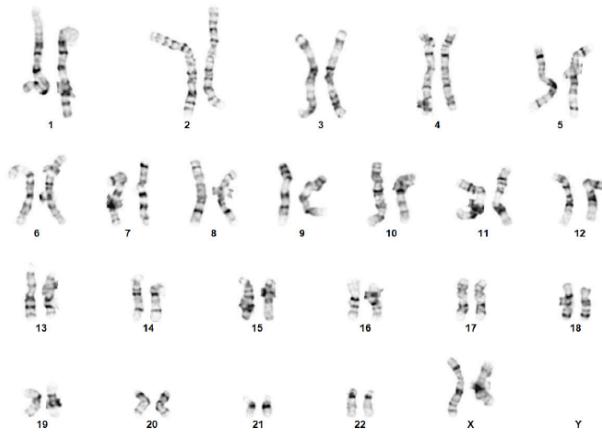


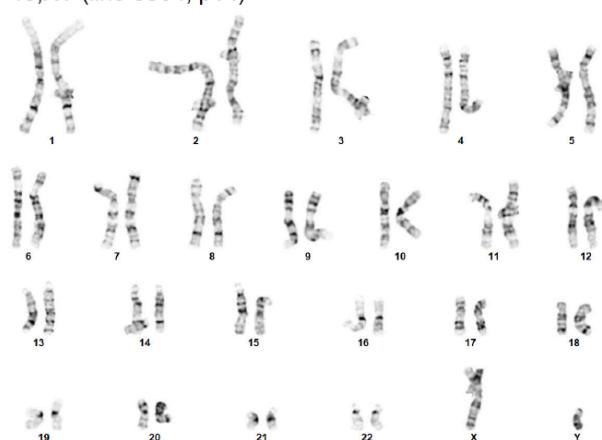
Fig. S2. eSNP-Karyotyping analysis of iPSC

The e-Karyotyping allelic ratio analysis for all 18 lines is represented by moving average plots of RNA-seq intensities for identified SNPs along the chromosomes. No significant instances of chromosome aneuploidy were observed in any of the iPSC lines. The color bars indicate the $-\log_{10}$ values of the FDR-corrected p-values.

A 46,XX (line 7204, p19)



B 46,XY (line 8864, p14)



C 46,XY (line 10929, p20)

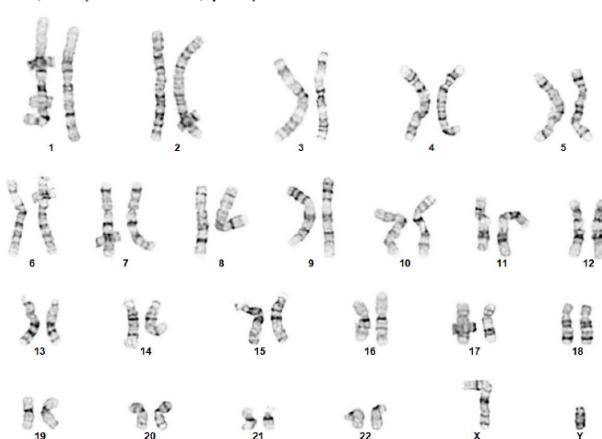


Fig. S3. G-band Karyotyping Analysis of iPSC

The G-band karyotyping analysis of three iPSC lines (A, B, and C) is shown. All three lines exhibit an apparently normal male karyotype, with representative karyotyped images.

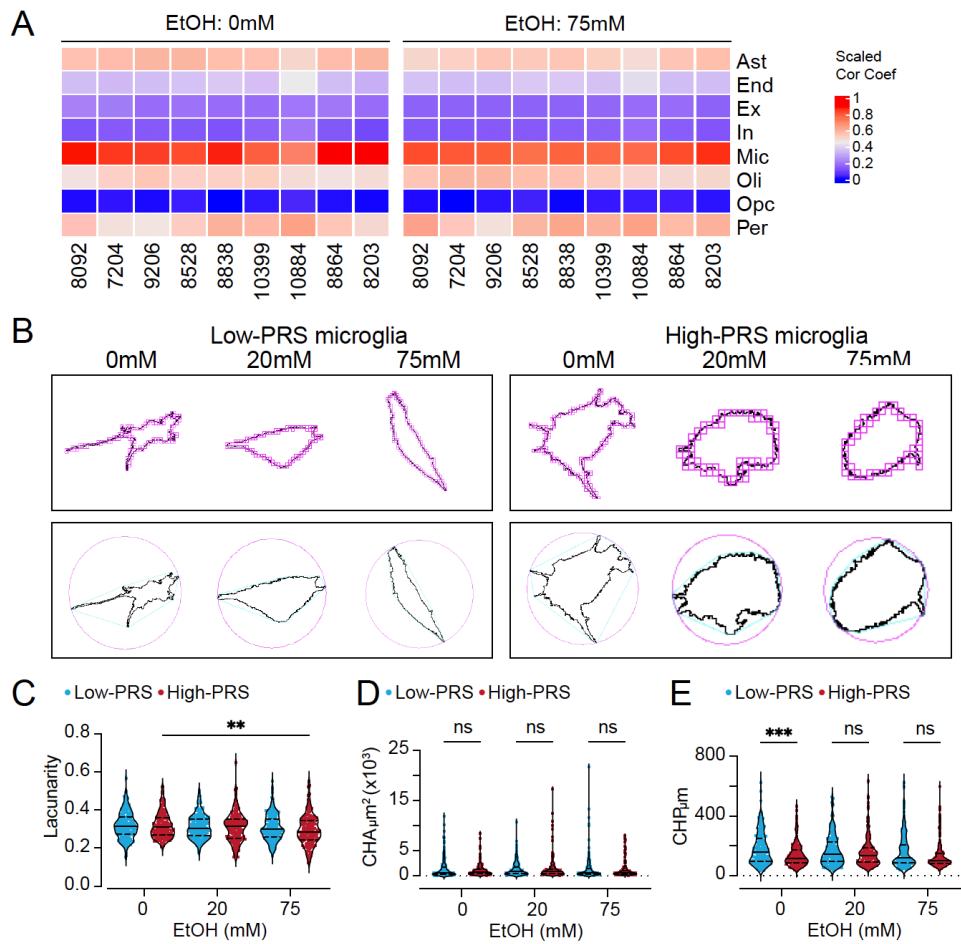


Fig. S4. Characterization of iPSC derived PMPs and microglia

(A) The correlation coefficient between the median expression levels of cell-type-specific genes in each cell type of scRNA-Seq data (rows) and their expression levels in each iPSC-derived microglial sample (columns, 5 low-PRS lines, 4 high-PRS lines). Ast: astrocytes; End: endothelial cells; Ex: excitatory neurons; In: inhibitory neurons, Mic: microglia; Oli: oligodendrocytes; Opc: oligodendrocyte precursor cells; Per: pericytes. **(B)** Upper: illustrating the box-counting method used for fractal dimension and lacunarity calculations. Lower: the associated convex hull (blue) and enclosing circle (pink) for corresponding outline shapes are used to calculate lacunarity, span ratio, and. **(C-E)** Morphological analysis of microglia binary outlines using FracLac ImageJ. n = 177 cells/high-PRS, 211 cells/low-PRS for 0 mM; n = 188 cells/high-PRS, 214 cells/low-PRS for 20 mM; n = 164 cells/high-PRS, 219 cells/low-PRS for 75 mM. * < 0.05, ** < 0.01, *** < 0.001. Data are presented as medium ± quartiles.

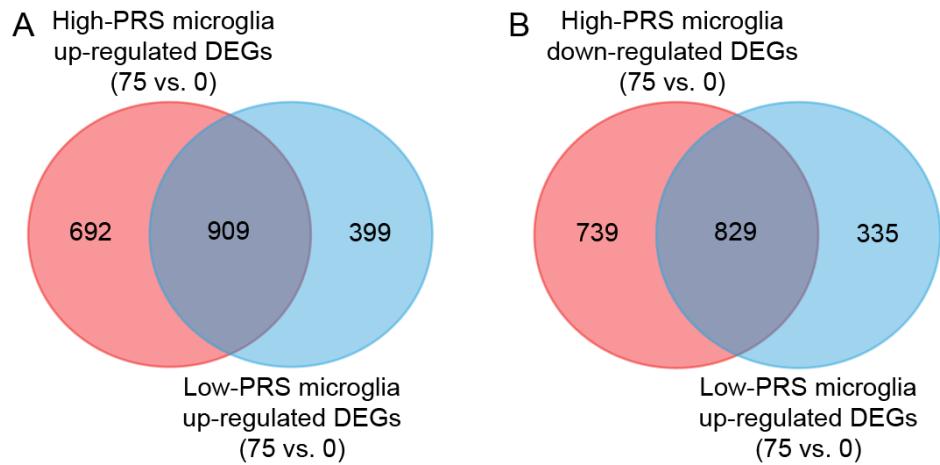


Fig. S5. Overlapping DEGs between high-PRS and low-PRS microglial cells

(A) Venn plot illustrating the overlap of upregulated DEGs between high-PRS and low-PRS microglial cells. **(B)** Venn plot illustrating the overlap of downregulated DEGs between high-PRS and low-PRS microglial cells.

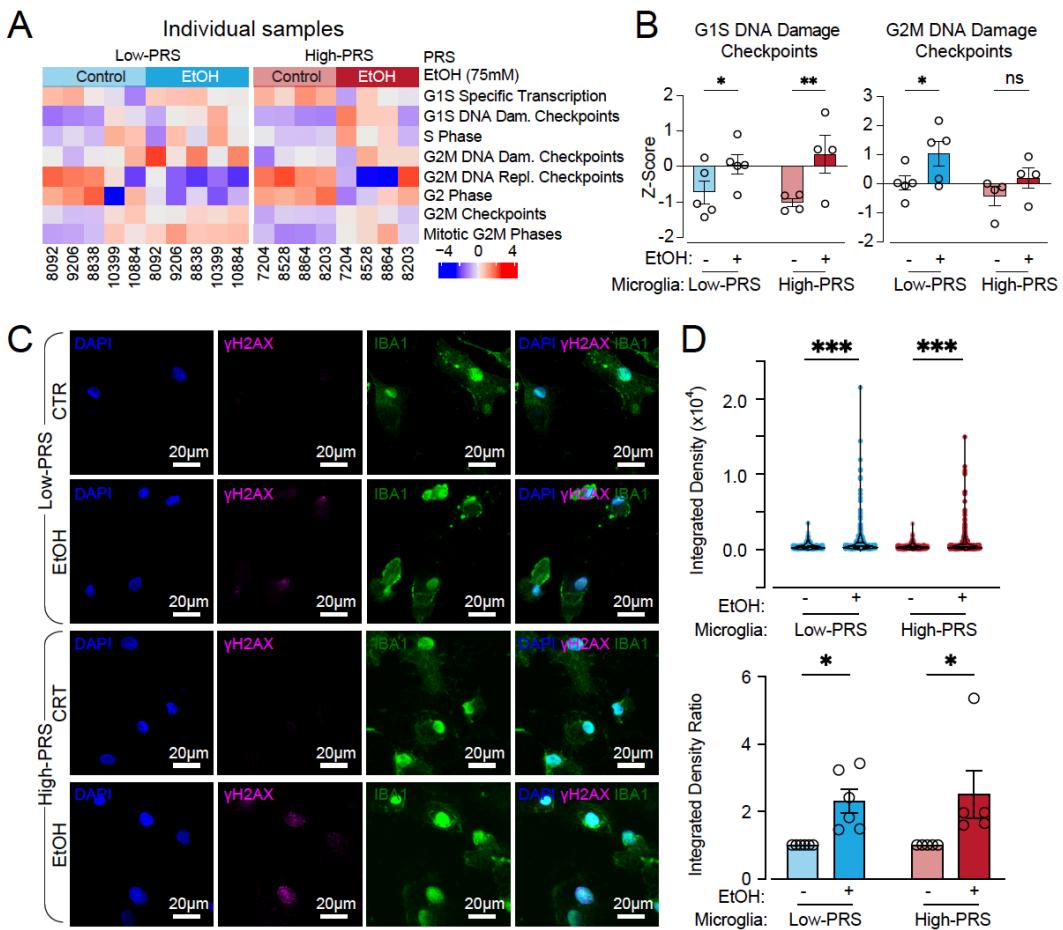


Fig. S6. DNA damage in high-PRS vs. low-PRS human microglia after ethanol exposure

(A) Heatmap illustration of the GSEA terms related to the cell cycle in both high-PRS (red, n = 4) and low-PRS (blue, n = 5) microglia, both before and after ethanol exposure. **(B)** Box plots illustrating the differential expression of GSEA terms related to the cell cycle in microglia from both high-PRS (red, n = 4) and low-PRS (blue, n = 5) lines before and after ethanol treatment. low-PRS/high-PRS lines = 6/5. * < 0.05, ** < 0.01. Data are presented as mean ± SEM. **(C)** Representative images of γ -H2AX $^{+}$ and IBA1 $^{+}$ microglia derived from PRS lines following treatment with ethanol (0 mM and 75 mM). **(D)** Upper: the quantification of γ -H2AX $^{+}$ fluorescence integrated density. n = 357 cells/5 high-PRS lines and 421 cells/6 low-PRS lines for 0 mM; n = 392 cells/5 high-PRS lines, 447 cells/6 low-PRS lines for 75 mM; ** < 0.01, *** < 0.001. Data are presented as mean ± SEM. Lower: the quantification of γ -H2AX $^{+}$ corrected fluorescence integrated density normalized to each control (0 mM) replicate. ** < 0.01, *** < 0.001. Data are presented as mean ± SEM.

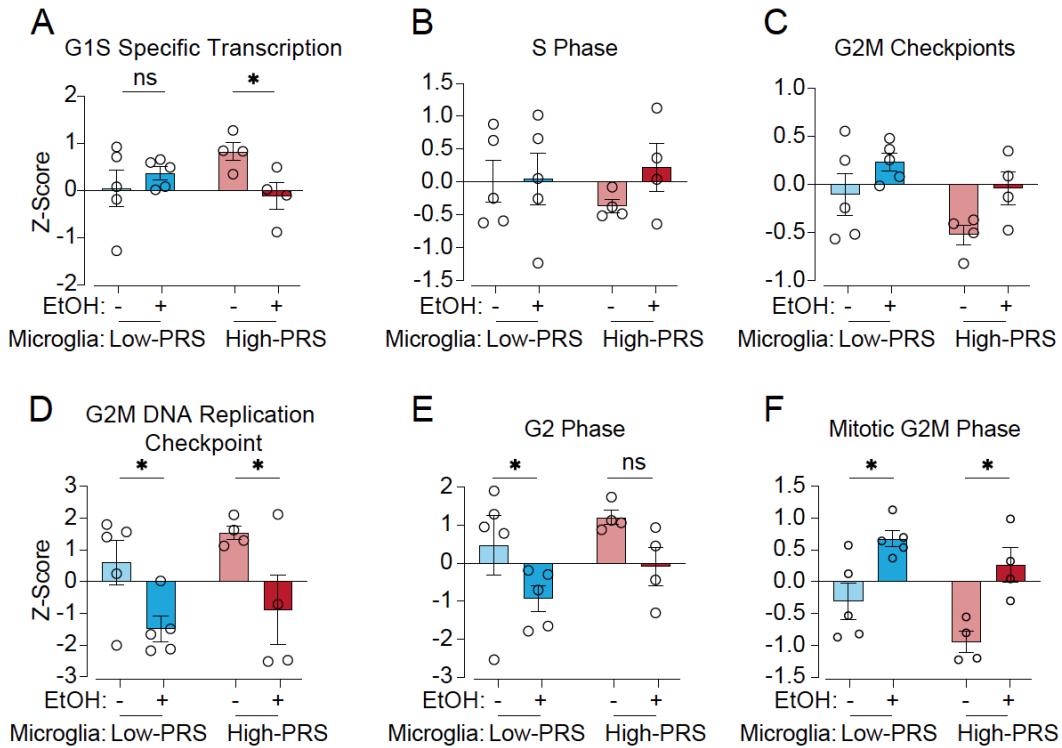


Fig. S7. Expression of GSEA terms related to the cell cycle in high-PRS and low-PRS microglial cells after ethanol exposure

(A-F) Box plots illustrating the differential expression of GSEA terms related to the cell cycle in microglial cells from both high-PRS (red, n=4 lines) and low-PRS (blue, n=5 lines) lines before and after Ethanol treatment. * < 0.05, ** < 0.01. Data are presented as mean ± SEM.

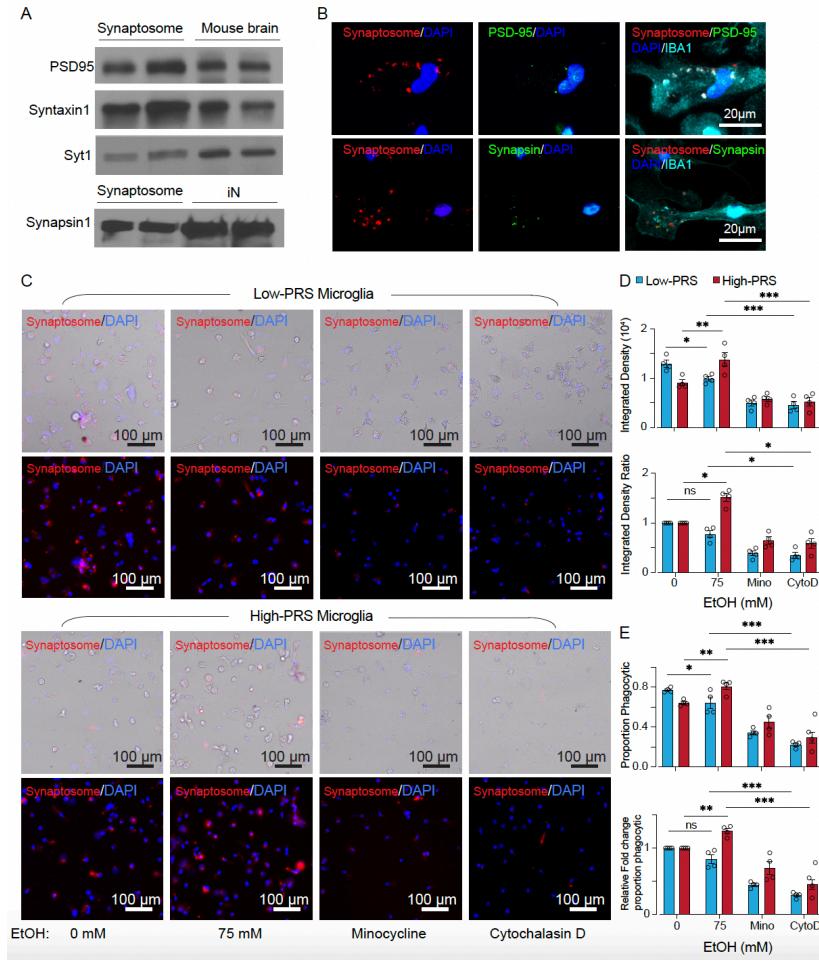


Fig. S8. Enhanced phagocytic ability of synaptosomes in high-PRS iPSC-derived microglia in response to ethanol

(A) Western blot analysis of synaptosomes extracted from iPSC-derived induced neurons. (B) Representative images of synaptosomes in IBA1⁺ microglia derived from high-PRS (line 8864). (C) Representative live-cell imaging of iPSC-derived microglia from low-PRS (line 10028) and high-PRS (line 8059) engaged in the phagocytosis of synaptosome. The upper images are overlapped with bright-field microscopy for reference. (D) Quantification of the fluorescence-integrated density of synaptosomes labeled with pHrodo™ Red dye: the upper panel shows the fluorescence-integrated density between high-PRS and low-PRS microglial cells, while the lower panel shows the corrected fluorescence-integrated density normalized to each control (0 mM). Low-PRS/high-PRS lines = 4/4, ** < 0.01, *** < 0.001. Data are presented as mean ± SEM. (E) Quantification of the proportion of microglia with synaptosomes labeled with pHrodo™ Red dye: the upper panel shows the proportion of microglia with beads, while the lower panel displays the corrected proportion, which has been normalized to each control (0 mM) replicate. Low-PRS/high-PRS lines = 4/4, ** < 0.01, *** < 0.001. Data are presented as mean ± SEM.

Table S1. Characteristics of individuals enrolled for iPSC generation and assays performed.

	Gender	Age	ID	PRS %ile	AUD	Bulk seq	Morphology & ICC	Phagocytosis assay	iN & Microglia Co-culture
High-PRS	male	38	8864	97.60	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
High-PRS	male	38	8528	97.70	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
High-PRS	male	38	8203	98.70	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
High-PRS	female	31	7204	98.80	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
High-PRS	female	39	8260	99.40	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
High-PRS	male	56	8059	95.56	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
High-PRS	female	28	8098	99.76	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
High-PRS	male	32	10179	75.50	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
Low-PRS	male	27	10884	1.40	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Low-PRS	male	29	8838	2.80	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Low-PRS	female	22	9206	0.90	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Low-PRS	female	33	8092	5.10	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Low-PRS	female	38	10399	0.89	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Low-PRS	male	27	9618	0.40	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Low-PRS	male	26	10028	13.09	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Low-PRS	female	22	10196	4.24	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Low-PRS	male	27	10929	1.44	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Low-PRS	female	30	10608	9.96	No	No	No	Yes	Yes

Note: PRS: Polygenic risk scores; ICC: Immunological cytochemistry; Age: Subject age at time of lymphocyte collection.

Table S2. Gene expression count of ADH and ALDH genes in Bulk sequence from iPSC-derived microglia

Gene ID	Gene name	8092		7204		9206		8528		8838		10399		10884		8864		8203	
		0mM	75mM	0mM	75mM	0mM	75mM	0mM	75mM	0mM	75mM	0mM	75mM	0mM	75mM	0mM	75mM	0mM	75mM
ENSG00000187758	ADH1A	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ENSG00000197894	ADH5	1618	1859	2084	1890	1612	1645	1572	1540	1579	1584	1522	1946	1686	1329	1461	1443	1424	1150
ENSG00000147576	ADHFE1	15	44	29	25	21	23	8	23	20	29	27	28	18	19	19	24	27	8
ENSG00000161618	ALDH16A1	1148	950	3112	1838	1760	1424	1812	1486	1088	1039	1929	1870	2189	1803	1613	1526	1754	1487
ENSG00000059573	ALDH18A1	159	140	177	188	131	142	197	185	180	159	190	283	168	253	200	210	197	149
ENSG00000165092	ALDH1A1	3	1	43	15	79	19	224	69	71	50	308	126	445	244	330	172	47	22
ENSG00000128918	ALDH1A2	7704	1993	8015	2556	3436	1006	10190	2009	2913	723	3997	2062	694	224	3563	1903	9678	4732
ENSG00000137124	ALDH1B1	63	27	188	103	137	90	91	40	75	42	35	58	151	108	52	64	171	68
ENSG00000136010	ALDH1L2	74	93	91	161	51	67	86	129	119	113	66	90	173	315	123	111	48	73
ENSG00000111275	ALDH2	657	848	697	952	692	802	857	1016	930	977	1179	1683	837	810	904	1558	310	538
ENSG00000072210	ALDH3A2	634	620	903	848	826	804	770	701	827	685	771	985	740	660	867	828	679	515
ENSG0000006534	ALDH3B1	1688	1745	2464	1745	1561	1515	1711	1713	1602	1461	1714	1844	2117	1993	1756	1771	2037	1401
ENSG00000159423	ALDH4A1	318	273	639	435	581	387	520	407	360	347	392	327	523	381	427	415	330	295
ENSG00000112294	ALDH5A1	188	95	449	206	229	142	298	82	212	83	376	271	54	95	289	192	742	204
ENSG00000119711	ALDH6A1	201	226	359	384	307	243	298	309	300	279	475	444	465	366	202	182	348	279
ENSG00000164904	ALDH7A1	463	543	719	711	709	678	513	737	623	586	593	807	623	708	611	770	489	521
ENSG00000143149	ALDH9A1	1599	1478	2154	1620	1820	1711	1849	1518	1437	1341	2162	2219	1703	1510	1432	1401	1657	1354
ENSG00000180011	ZADH2	993	855	1671	1392	1374	1249	1345	1158	1063	979	1343	1571	709	601	1149	992	1326	816

Table S3. General information of sequencing samples

sample	library	raw reads	raw bases	clean reads	clean bases	error rate	Q20	Q30	GC_pct
Low-PRS group									
8092 (0mM)	CRAS230023998-1r	42818486	6.42G	41406848	6.21G	0.02	97.99	94.45	52.2
8092 (75mM)	CRAS230024000-1r	42539472	6.38G	41198130	6.18G	0.02	98.06	94.54	52.51
8838 (0mM)	CRAS230024010-1r	45456668	6.82G	44053674	6.61G	0.02	98.11	94.67	52.46
8838 (75mM)	CRAS230024012-1r	43116898	6.47G	41864472	6.28G	0.02	97.97	94.35	53.01
10399 (0mM)	CRAS230024013-1r	48919870	7.34G	47371032	7.11G	0.02	98.06	94.53	52.5
10399 (75mM)	CRRA230024015-1a	64576460	9.69G	63074980	9.46G	0.03	97.56	93.78	54.05
10884 (0mM)	CRRA230024016-1a	51922120	7.79G	50675938	7.6G	0.03	97.7	93.91	53.13
10884 (75mM)	CRRA230024018-1a	46247992	6.94G	45096246	6.76G	0.03	97.59	93.65	53.62
9206 (0mM)	CRAS230024004-1r	46855900	7.03G	45152358	6.77G	0.02	98.13	94.75	52.59
9206 (75mM)	CRAS230024006-1r	45254386	6.79G	43866134	6.58G	0.02	98.08	94.6	52.92
High-PRS group									
8528 (0mM)	CRAS230024007-1r	50713000	7.61G	49252646	7.39G	0.02	97.93	94.28	52.68
8528 (75mM)	CRAS230024009-1r	50651220	7.6G	48944528	7.34G	0.03	97.92	94.27	53.17
8864 (0mM)	CRRA230024019-1a	44768638	6.72G	43974814	6.6G	0.03	97.57	93.6	52.9
8864 (75mM)	CRRA230024021-1a	51643684	7.75G	50863276	7.63G	0.03	97.74	93.94	53.24
8203 (0mM)	CRRA230024022-1a	49572568	7.44G	48741338	7.31G	0.03	97.67	93.9	52.86
8203 (75mM)	CRRA230024024-1a	42315166	6.35G	41459172	6.22G	0.03	97.78	94.06	53
7204 (0mM)	CRAS230024001-1r	65632920	9.84G	61952374	9.29G	0.02	98.07	94.45	54.21
7204 (75mM)	CRAS230024003-1r	54570298	8.19G	52910082	7.94G	0.03	97.9	94.16	52.61

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