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Supplemental Data

**GeMes: Clusters of DNA Methylation
under Genetic Control Can Inform
Genetic and Epigenetic Analysis of Disease**

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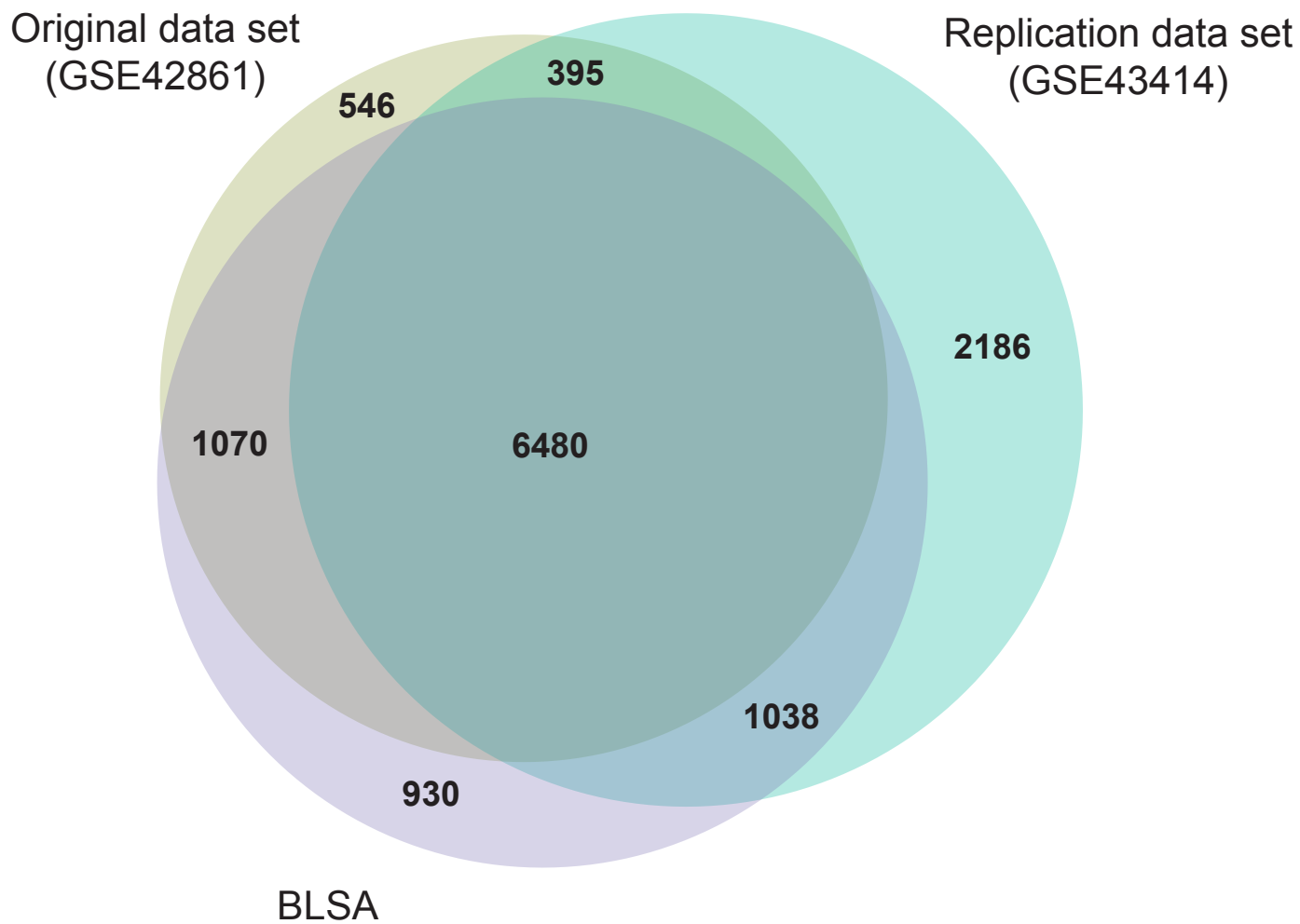


Figure S1. Venn diagram of contiguous methylation clusters identified from whole blood using three independent data sets.

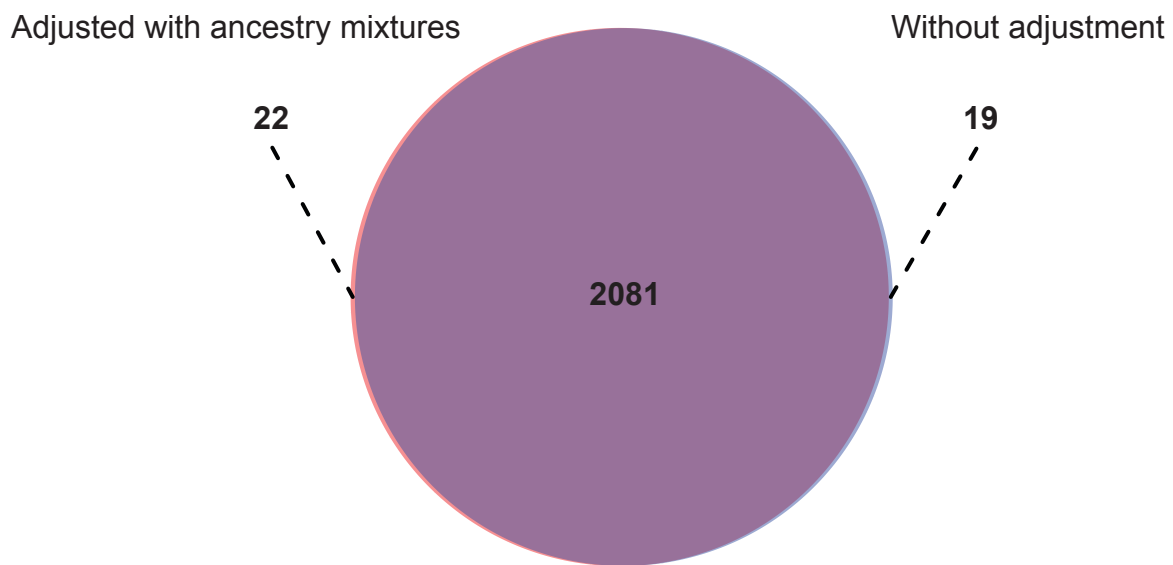


Figure S2. Venn diagram of contiguous methylation clusters identified from whole blood with or without adjusting for ancestry mixtures.

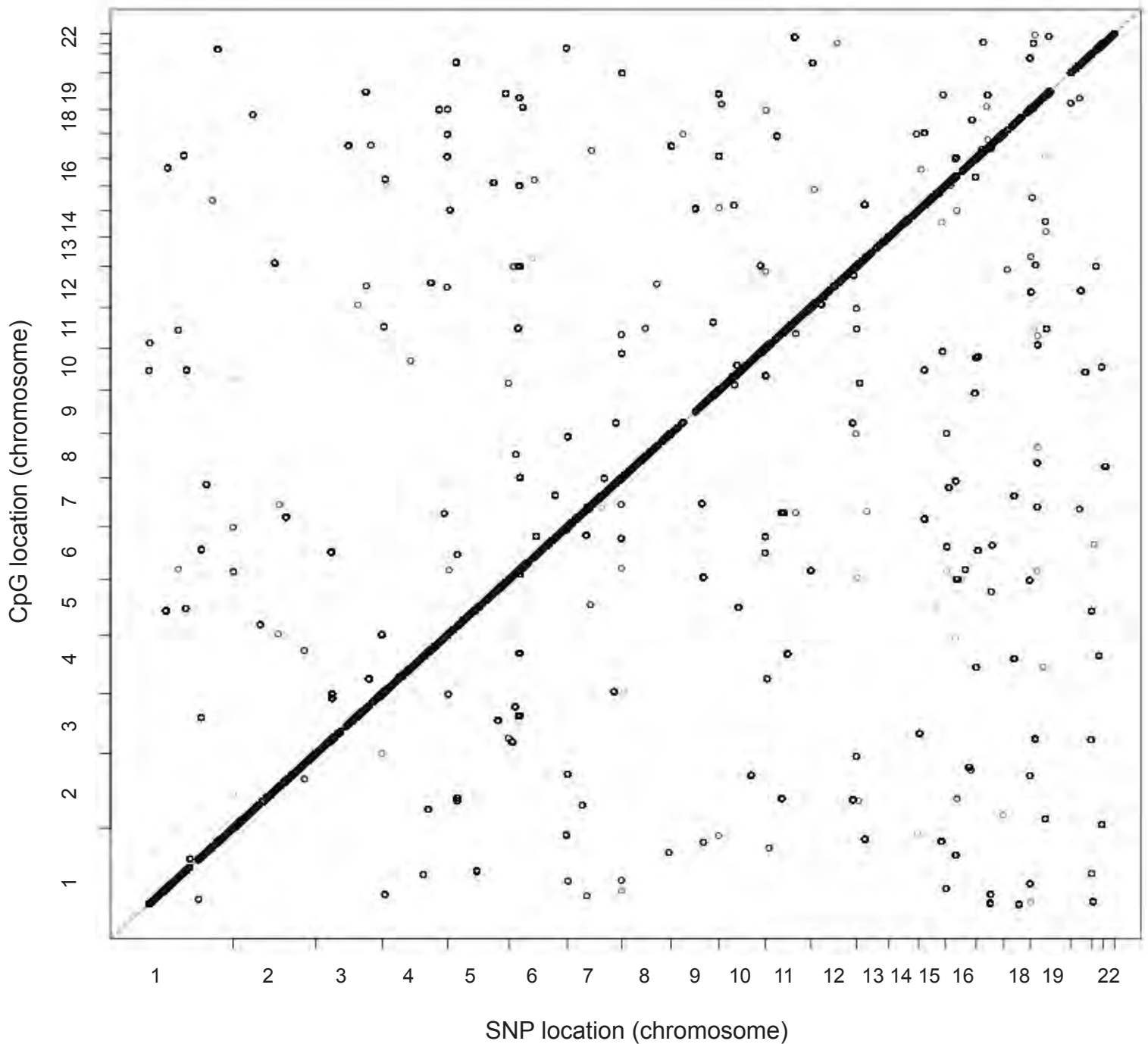


Figure S3. Distribution of significant vCpGs and SNPs with which they associate. Each point represents a significant association between a vCpG site and a SNP. The color of the dot indicates significance of the *P* value.

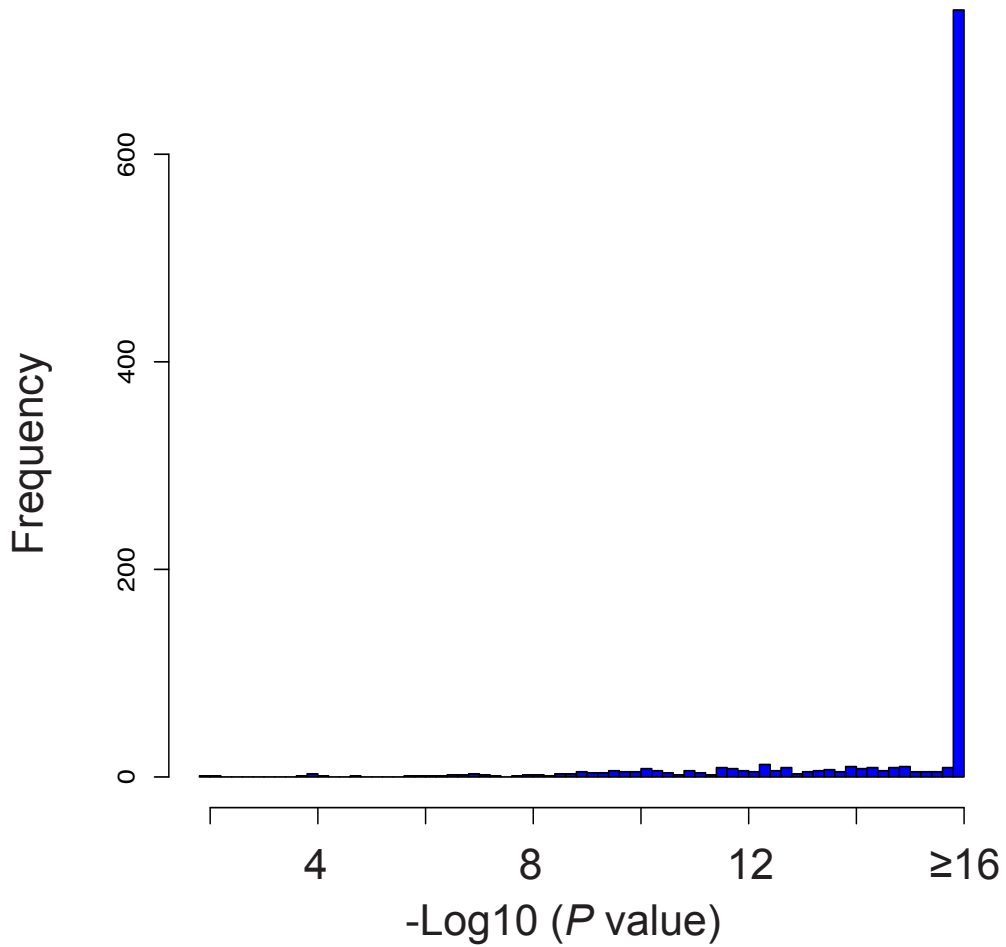


Figure S4. $-\log_{10}(P \text{ value})$ distribution of genotype-methylation associations of 991 CpG-SNP pairs tested in the BLSA data set.

A

rs7703051: LDL-cholesterol levels

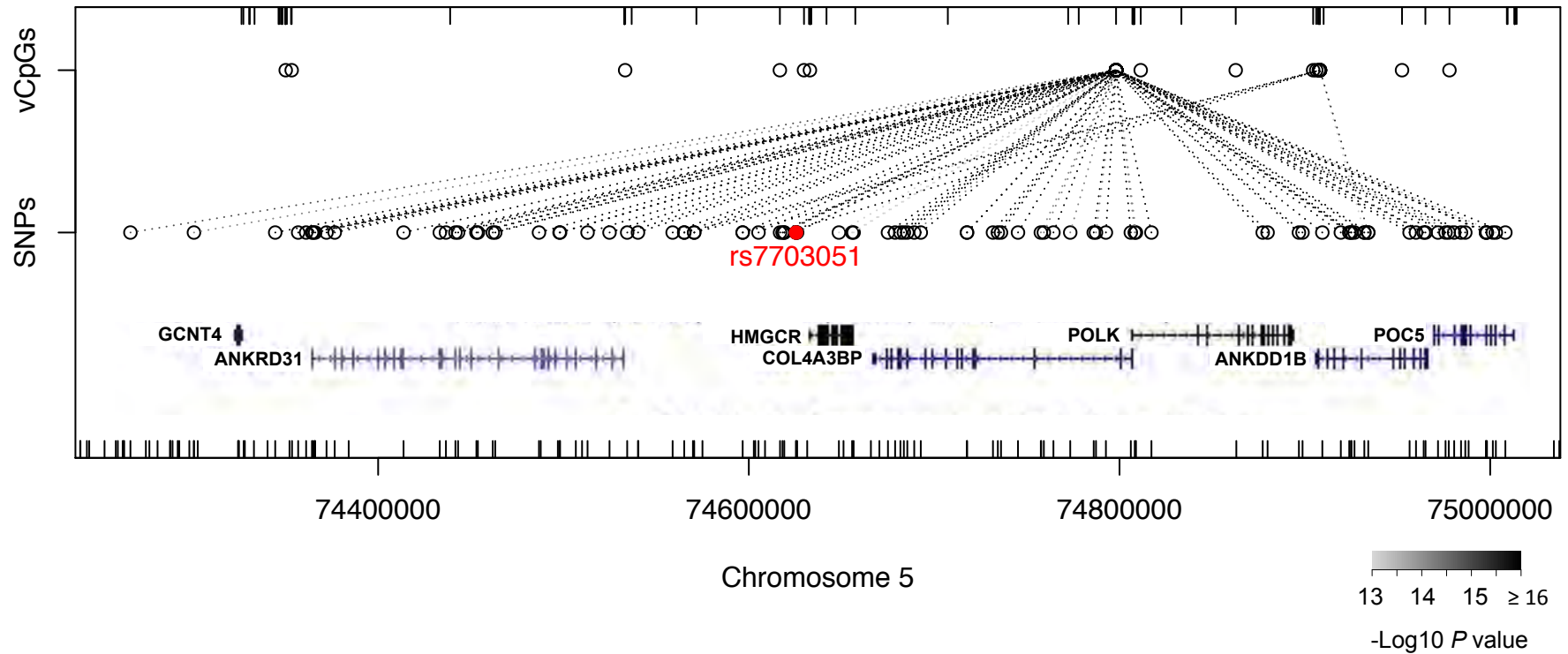


Figure S5. Some examples in which GWAS variants control DNA methylation at GeMes.

B

rs13129697: serum uric acid concentration

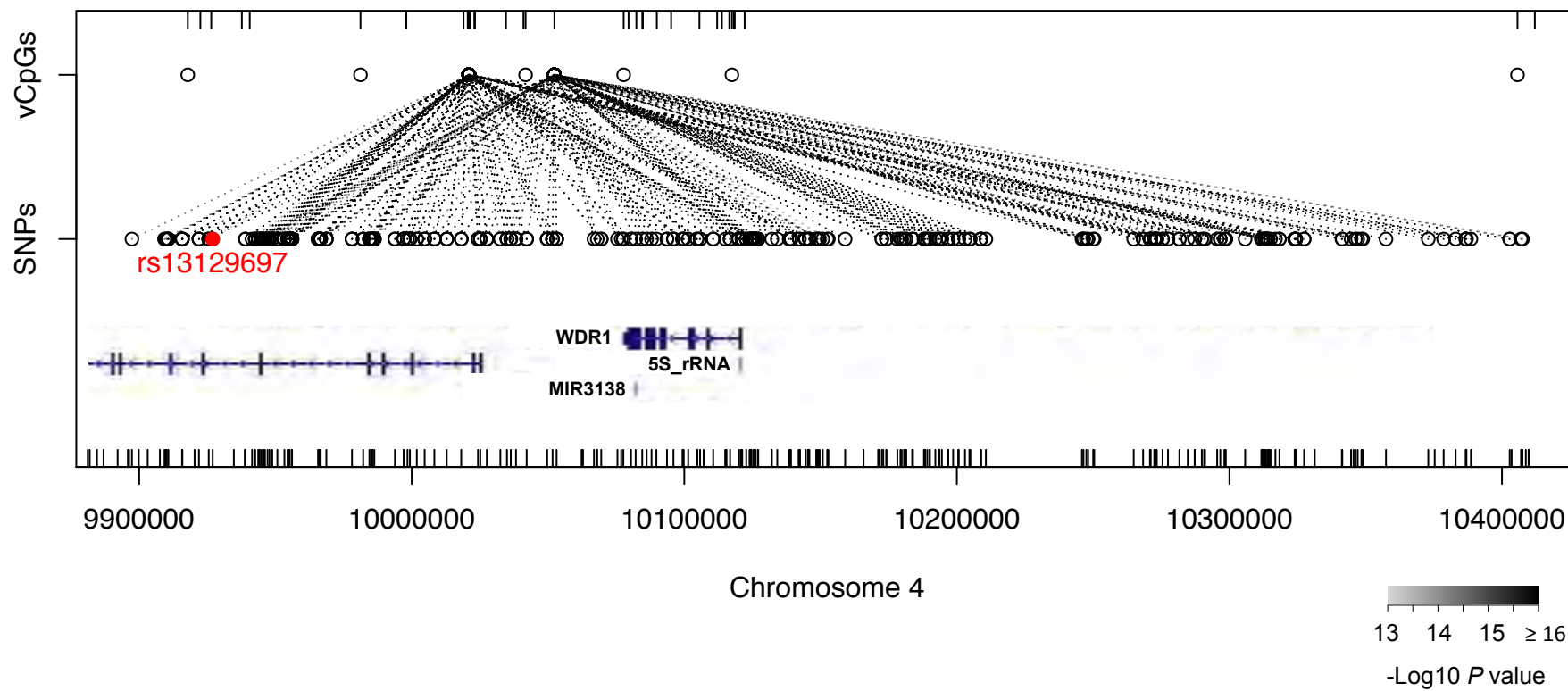


Figure S5. (continued).

C

rs780093: metabolic phenotypes

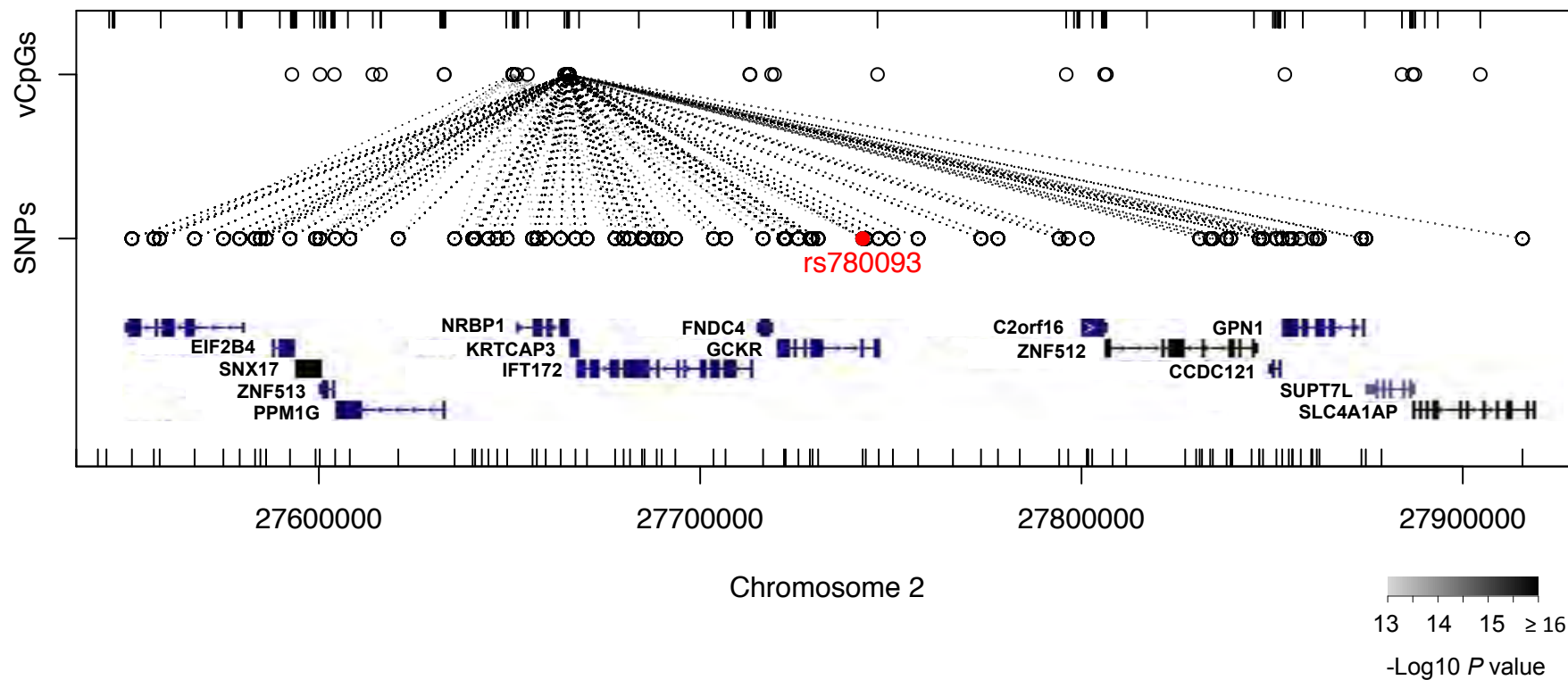


Figure S5. (continued).

D

rs3761847: rheumatoid arthritis

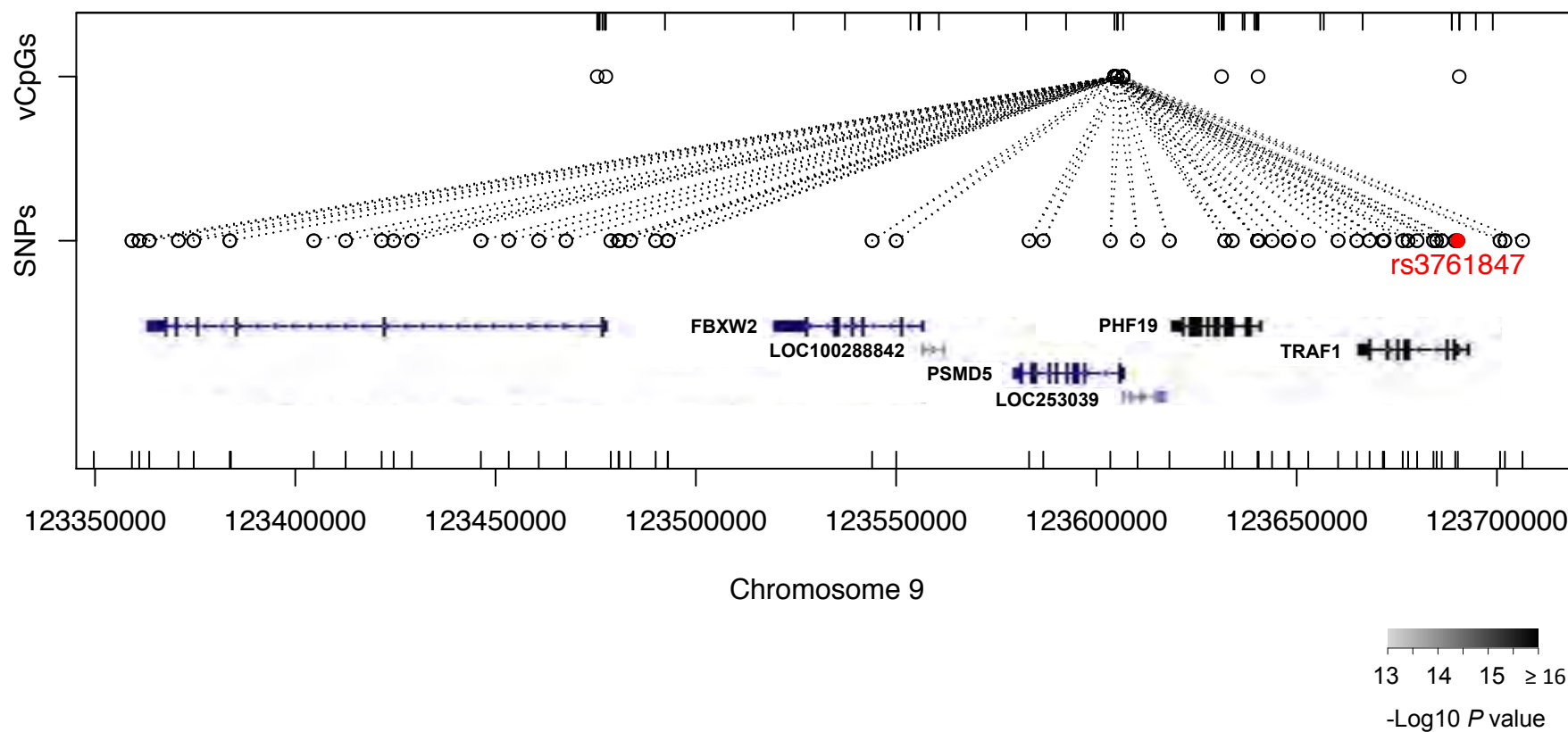


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E

rs354033: multiple sclerosis

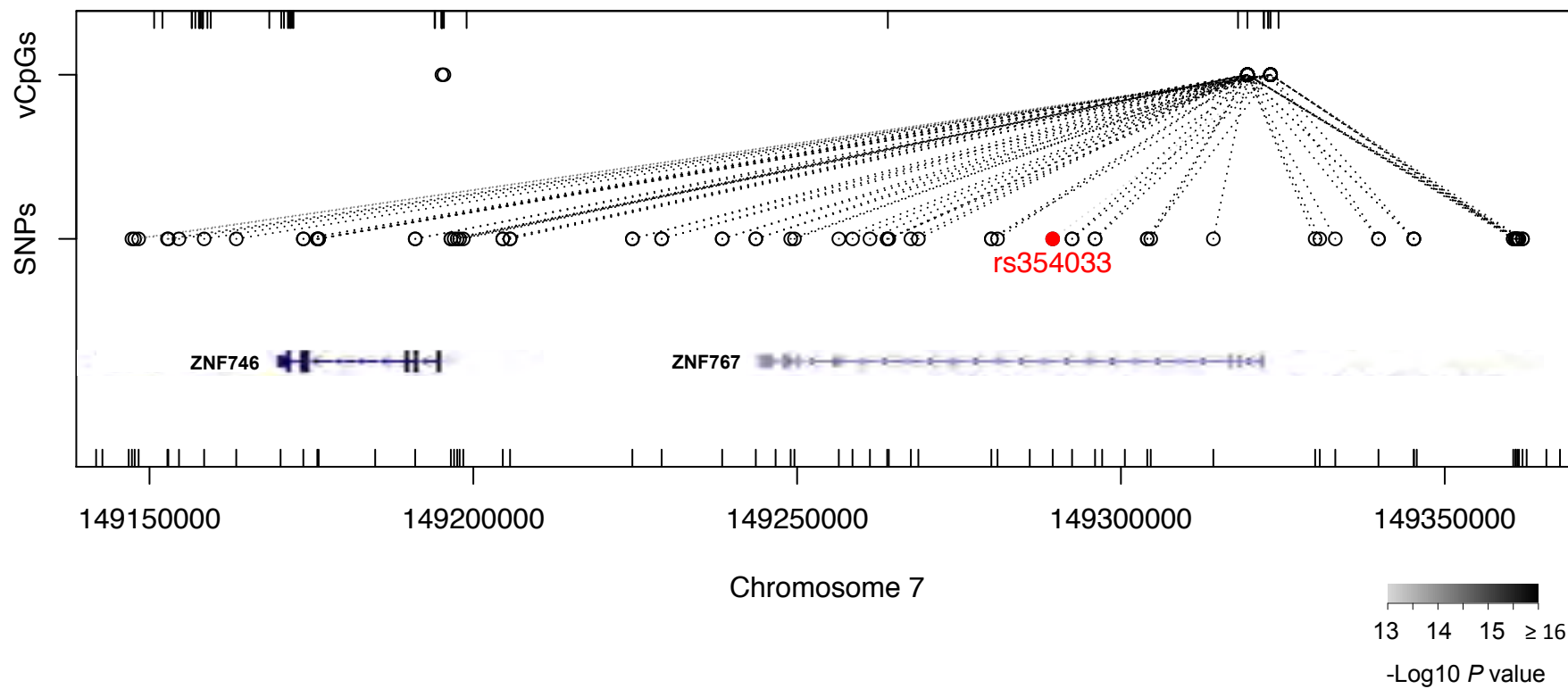


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F

rs401681: melanoma, lung cancer, pancreatic cancer, bladder cancer

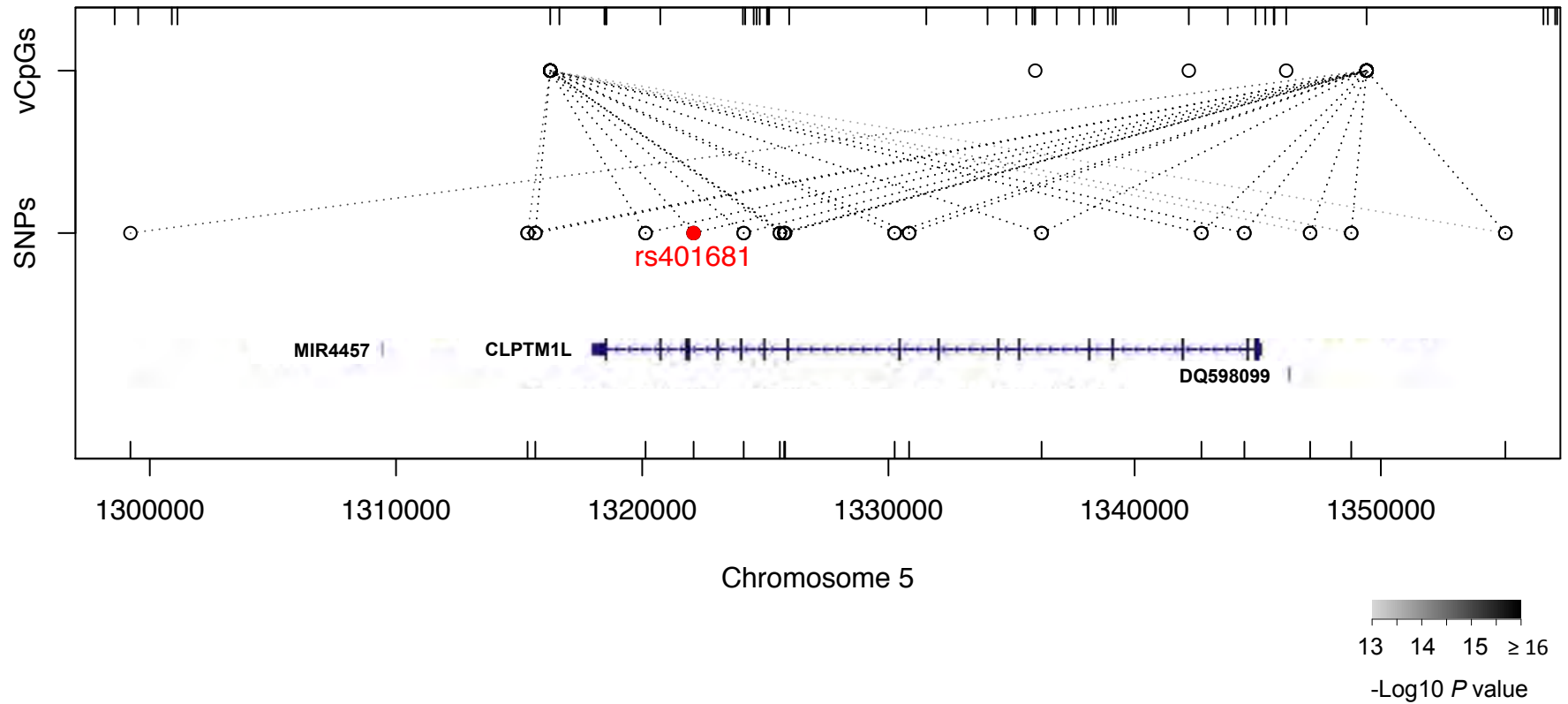


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G

rs937254: coronary heart disease

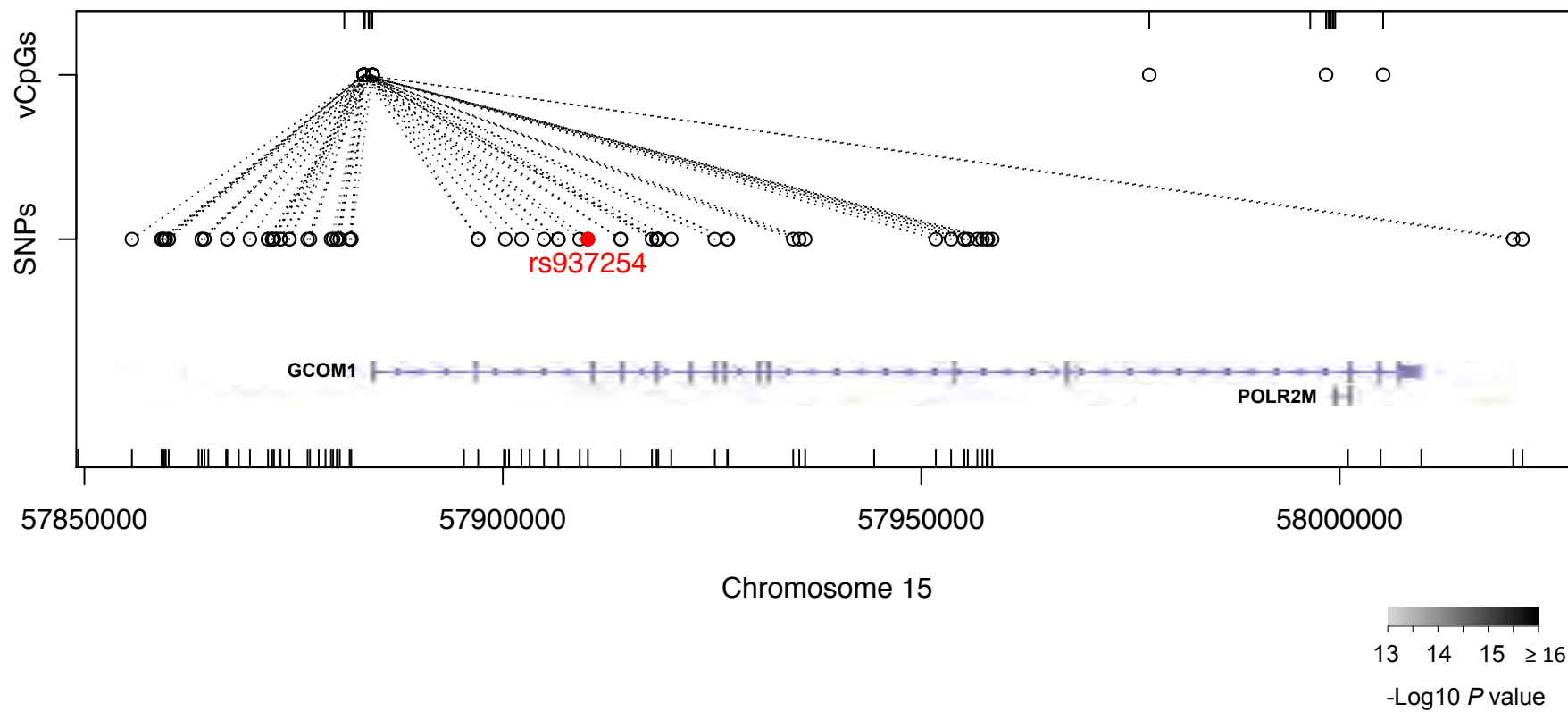


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H

rs3811647: serum iron levels

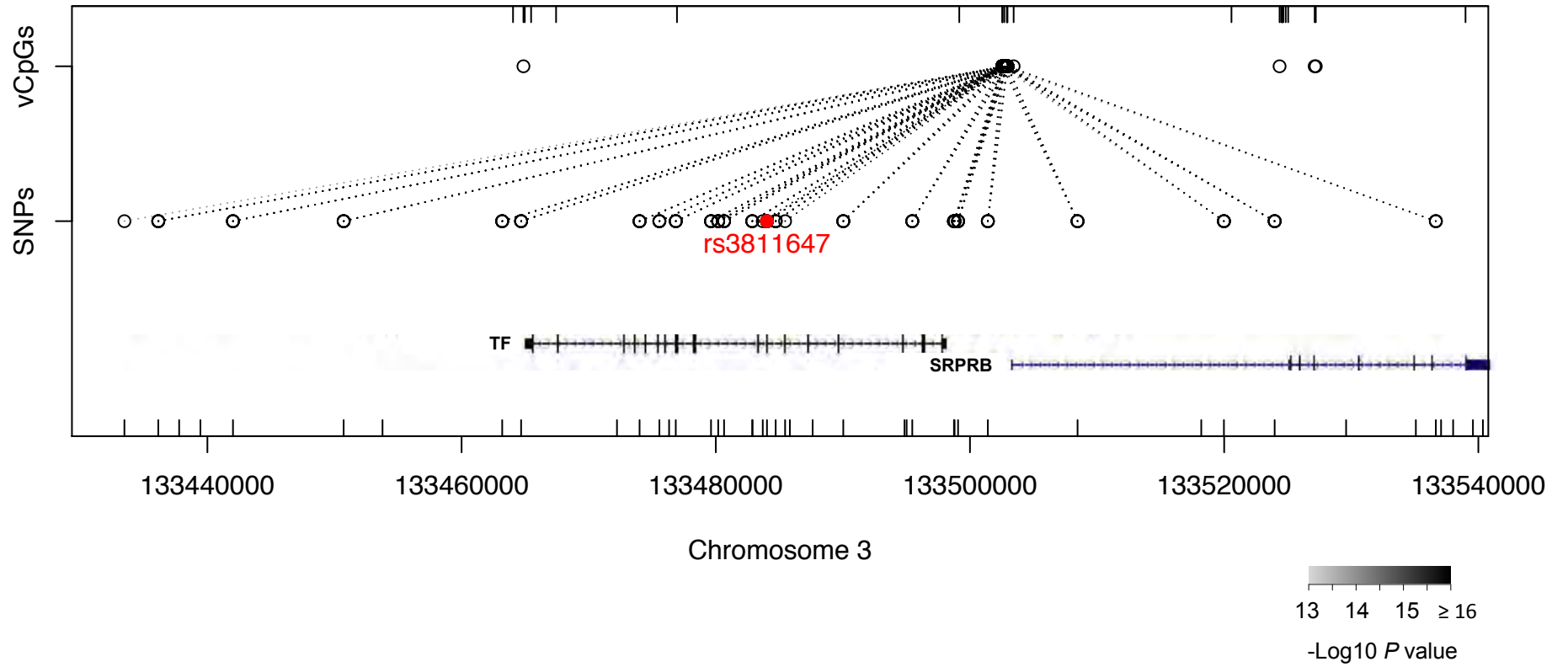


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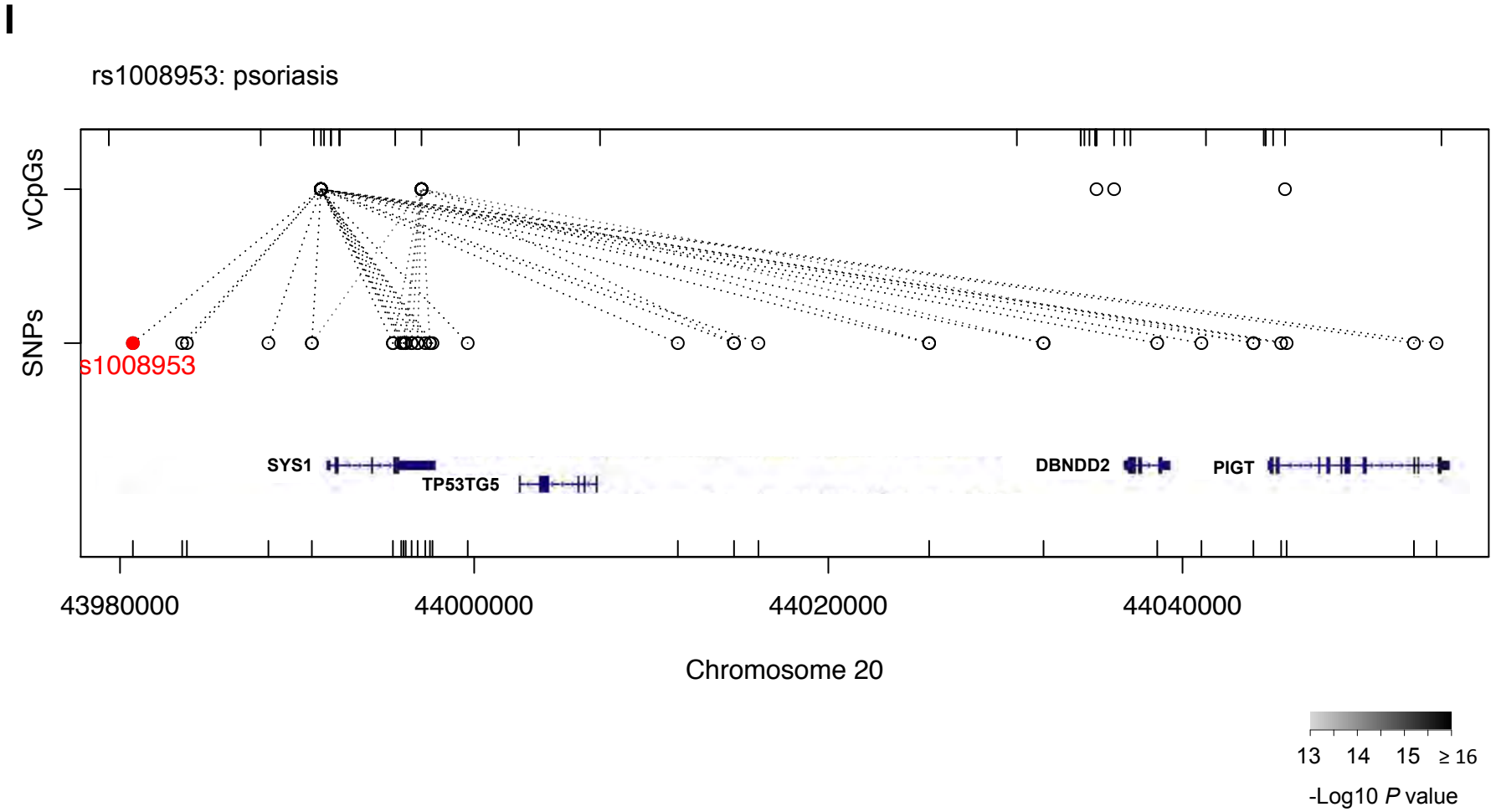


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J

rs11190140: ulcerative colitis

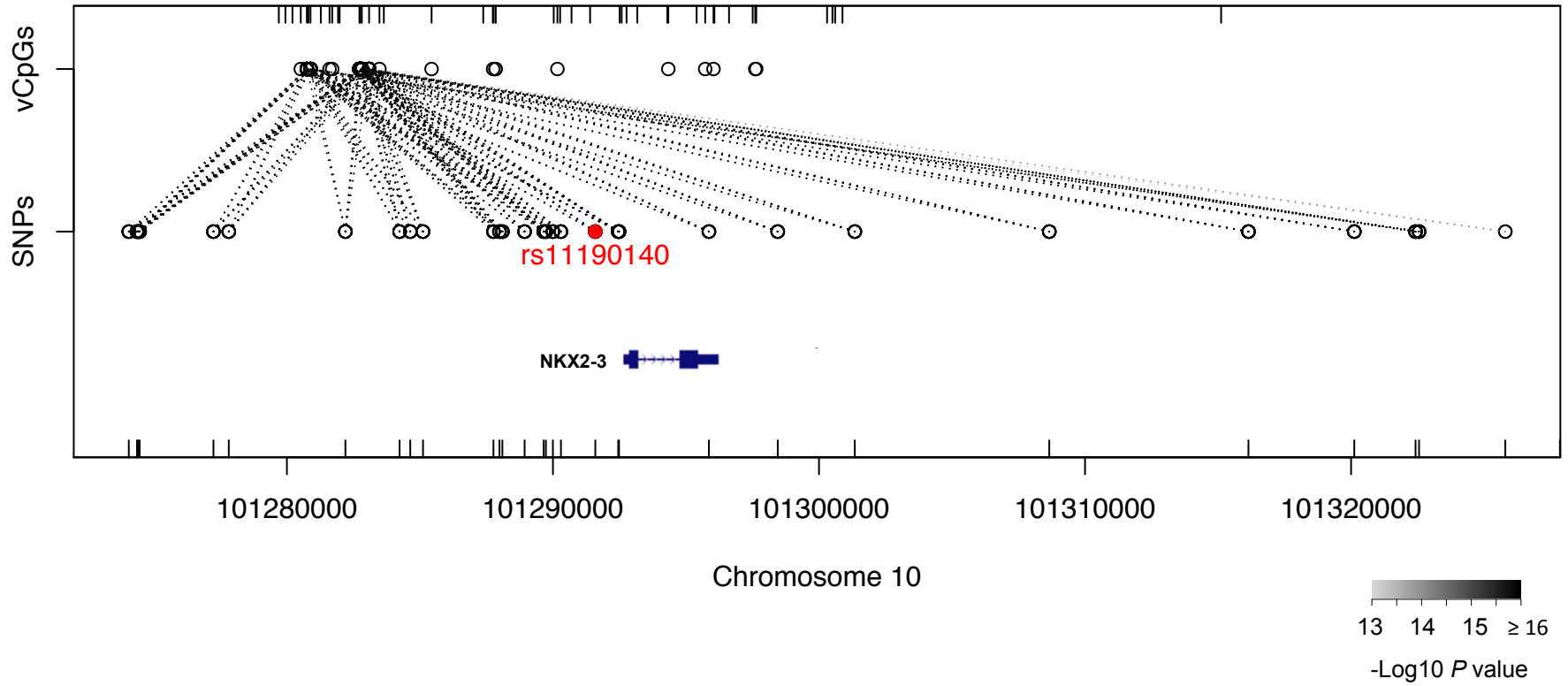
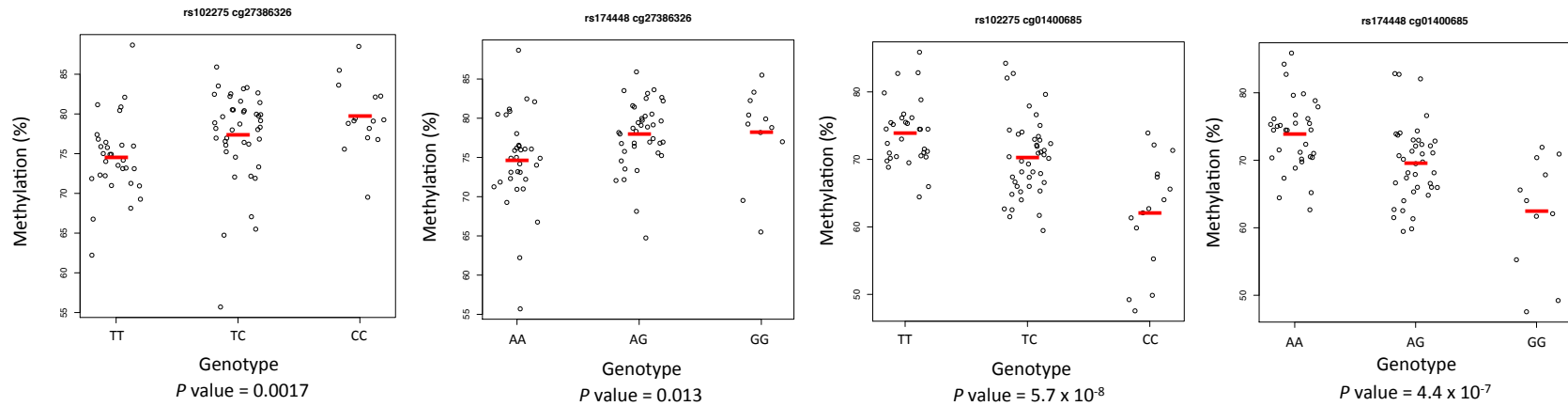


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A

FADS1/2

**B**

GSDMA/B

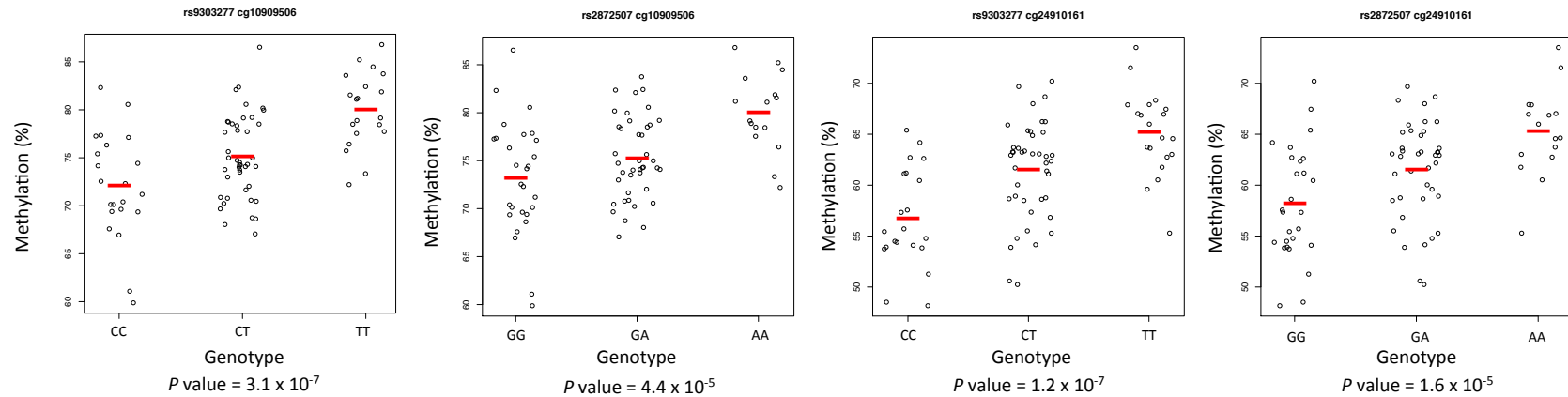


Figure S6. Replication of genotype and methylation associations at two GeMes shown in Figures 3B and 3C using bisulfite pyrosequencing from whole blood of an independent sample set of 90 healthy individuals.

Table S3. Primer sequences used for bisulfite pyrosequencing and location of CpGs interrogated. Chromosomal coordinates are based on the UCSC Genome Browser Human Feb. 2009 Assembly (NCBI37/hg19).

CpG	Chromosome	Position	Gene	Primer	Sequence (5' → 3')
cg27386326	11	61587980	<i>FADS1/2</i>	Forward Reverse Nested forward Nested reverse Sequencing(F)	TTTAGGATTTAAATAGTTTATATGATATGA ATTTTAATAAAAACAAAATTCACC TATTTATGTTTTTTGTTTTTATG /5Biosg/TAAAACCTCCTAACCTCAAATAATCC GGTTAGTGTTATGTATTTTGTT
cg01400685	11	61598025	<i>FADS1/2</i>	Forward Reverse Nested forward Nested reverse Sequencing(F)	TTTGGTAATTGTTTTGATTTTTTTG AATAAACCCAATAATAACATCTTTC TGTTTTGGATGTTTTTAGTGTTTATTT /5Biosg/CAATTCTAAATCTATTTACAACCCC TTTTTTTGTTTTATAAAAATGTAAT
cg10909506	17	38081995	<i>GSDMA/B</i>	Forward Reverse Nested forward Nested reverse Sequencing(F)	GGGAATGTAGAAAAGAGTTTTAGATG CTCAATTATCCAACCTAATAAACTA GGAGATTGAGTTTTTAGGGGTTAGT /5Biosg/AAATCCCAAAAACATCTCTTCAA GATTTTAGAGAAAATGTGATTTAT
cg24910161	17	38119198	<i>GSDMA/B</i>	Forward Reverse Nested forward Nested reverse Sequencing(R)	GGTATTTGTTTGGTAGTTTTTTATTTAT CTTAATCCACCCATCTTCCTATATC /5Biosg/TTTTAGTTTTTAGGAGGTTAGGGTATA CATCCCTTACCAAAAACAAACTACTT CTACTTTATACAAAAACAAAAAC

/5Biosg/ = 5' biotin added

F = forward R = reverse

Table S4. Enrichment of DHSs within contiguous methylation clusters

	Contiguous methylation clusters (n >=3)	Contiguous methylation clusters (n >=5)	450K Array
DHSs	2,046	901	53,289
All	8,491	3,243	417,457
Enrichment	1.89	2.17	

Table S5. Smoking DMPs are enriched in contiguous methylation clusters

	Smoking DMPs 450K Array	
Clusters from GSE42861	16	8,491
Clusters from GSE43414	17	10,099
Clusters from BLSA	14	9,518
Total on the 450K Array	26	417,457