

## Additional file 1

**Table S1.** The location and SNP number for 5 susceptibility genes belonging to the network associated with leprosy

Genes	Gene ID	SNP number	Location
<i>CARD6</i>	84674	197	5p13.1
<i>HLA-DRB1</i>	3123	246	6p21.3
<i>RIPK2</i>	8767	181	8q21
<i>CARD9</i>	64170	69	9q34.3
<i>IFNG</i>	3458	221	12q14

**Table S2.** The location and probe sets number for genes belonging to the subnetwork from *PI3K-AKT* signaling pathway and Notch signaling pathway

Genes	Gene ID	Probe sets number	Location
<i>PI3K-AKT</i> signaling pathway			
<i>KRAS</i>	3845	5	12P12.1
<i>PIK3CA</i>	5290	3	3q26.3
<i>IRS1</i>	3667	2	2q36
<i>PDPK1</i>	5170	4	16p13.3
<i>AKT1</i>	207	1	14q32.32
<i>MDM2</i>	4193	9	12q14.3-q15
<i>TP53</i>	7157	2	17p13.1
<i>Notch</i> signaling pathway			
<i>DLL3</i>	10683	4	19q13
<i>DTX2</i>	113878	1	7q11.23
<i>CREBBP</i>	1387	4	16p13.3
<i>PTCRA</i>	171558	3	6p21.3
<i>JAG1</i>	182	5	20p12.1-p11.23
<i>DVL2</i>	1856	2	17p13.1
<i>SNW1</i>	22938	3	14q24.3
<i>HES1</i>	3280	3	3q28-q29
<i>RBPJ</i>	3516	3	4p15.2
<i>NOTCH2</i>	4853	4	1p13-p11
<i>PSENEN</i>	55851	1	19q13.12
<i>ADAM17</i>	6868	3	2p25
<i>NUMB</i>	8650	4	14q24.3
<i>NCOR2</i>	9612	5	12q24

**Table S3.** Type I error rates of four methods (40 vertices and 54 edges in the network)

Sample size	<i>NetDifM</i>	<i>NetDifMpm</i>	<i>VEWDM</i>	<i>Yates'D</i>
200	0.014	0.057	0.050	0.048
400	0.043	0.052	0.045	0.058
600	0.044	0.055	0.051	0.059
800	0.040	0.053	0.054	0.049
1000	0.050	0.050	0.051	0.055

It is necessary to assess the performance of the proposed statistics, given the deviation from the normal distribution. For the network with 10 vertices and 21 edges, we designed the following two scenarios, (i) conduct the exponential transformation for 5 vertices randomly chosen among the 10 vertices; (ii) do the exponential transformation for all 10 vertices.

**Table S4.** Type I error rates of four methods given the deviation from the normal distribution.

Sample size	<i>NetDifM</i>	<i>NetDifMpm</i>	<i>VEWDM</i>	<i>Yates'D</i>
scenario (i)				
100	0.011	0.041	0.048	0.054
200	0.024	0.042	0.046	0.039
300	0.036	0.051	0.047	0.048
500	0.042	0.056	0.054	0.046
800	0.042	0.053	0.046	0.050
scenario (ii)				
100	0.009	0.051	0.058	0.048
200	0.018	0.045	0.055	0.047
300	0.028	0.050	0.048	0.054
500	0.027	0.046	0.054	0.058
800	0.040	0.055	0.057	0.045

**The derivation of *NetDifM* based on the classical score test.**

Let  $Y = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)$  be an iid sample from a probability density function  $\pi(x, \beta)$

For a generalized linear model  $\log it[p(Y = 1)] = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X$

The log-likelihood function is  $L(\beta | x) = \sum_{l=1}^N (y_l \ln[\pi(x_l)] + (1 - y_l) \ln[1 - \pi(x_l)])$

Hence, the score function is  $U(\beta)$  where

$$U(\beta) = \frac{\partial L(\beta | x)}{\partial \beta} = \sum_{l=1}^N \left( y_l - \frac{\exp(\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_l)}{1 + \exp(\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_l)} \right) x_l$$

Under  $H_0 : \beta_1 = 0$ , the score statistics is

$$U(\hat{\beta}) = \sum_{l=1}^N (y_l - E(y)) x_l = \sum_{l=1}^N (y_l - \bar{Y}) x_l$$

Which can test the significance of the contribution of vertex  $x_i$  to the disease.

For the edge linked  $x_i$  and  $x_j$ , there contribution can be similarly obtained as

$$U(\hat{\beta}) = \sum_{l=1}^N (Y_l - \bar{Y})(x_{li} - \bar{x}_i)(x_{lj} - \bar{x}_j)$$

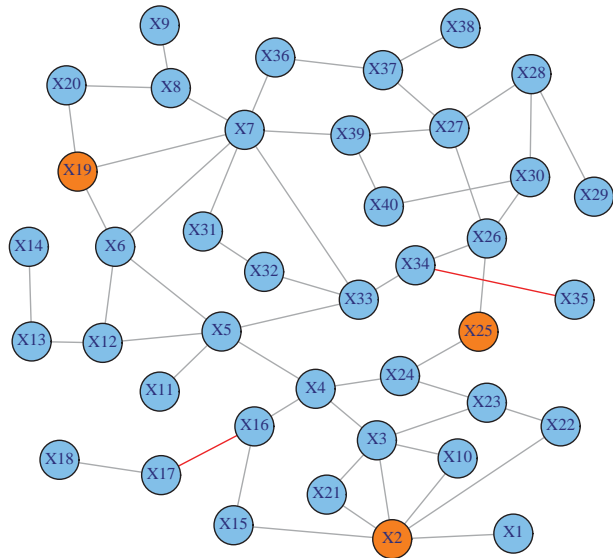


Figure S1 A network including 40 vertices and 54 edges.

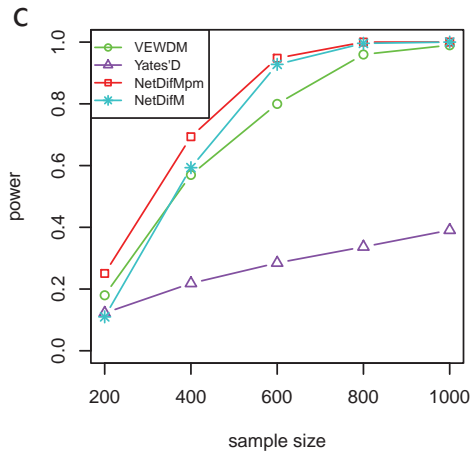
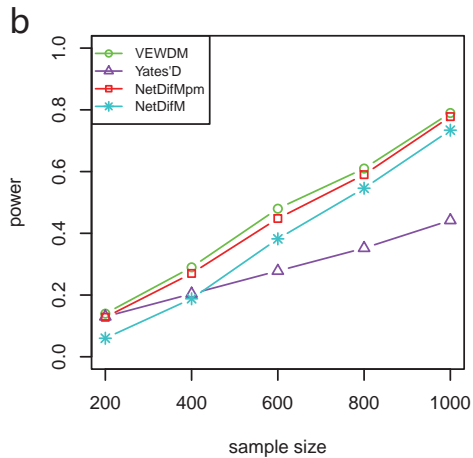
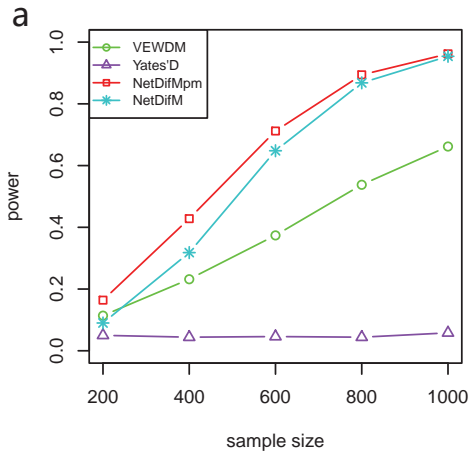


Figure S2. The statistical power of the four methods under three scenarios. (a) only vertices change, (b) only edges change, (c) both vertices and edges change