

## Supplementary Material

### Hair Cortisol in Twins: Heritability and Genetic Overlap with Psychological Variables and Stress-System Genes

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## **Supplementary Text:**

### **Subjects**

All subjects had participated in various phases of the Brisbane Longitudinal Twin Study. These phases include the Brisbane Twin Nevus Study (BTN), with assessment at age 12 (BTN1) and 14 (BTN2) <sup>1</sup>; the Memory, Attention, and Processing Speed Study (MAPS), with assessment at age 16 <sup>2</sup>; the 16UP study, with assessment at age 16-19 <sup>3</sup>; the Queensland Twin Imaging Study, with assessment at age 21-28 (QTIM) <sup>4</sup>; and the 19UP study of psychiatric symptoms, with assessment at age 18-36 <sup>5</sup>. All hair samples were collected between July 2012 and October 2015 in order to follow up the results of our pilot study <sup>6</sup>. The present cohort is independent of that used for the pilot study <sup>6</sup>. Zygosity was determined using standardized questions <sup>7</sup>, and twin-pair photographs. In 201 of the 303 twin-pairs, zygosity was confirmed via genome-wide genotyping.

### **Hair sampling and HCC analysis**

With the exception of the 16UP study, all hair samples were collected by a trained research assistant. In the 16UP study, hair samples were collected at home and sent by mail to the QIMR. In total, 821 samples were collected. HCC measurement was performed at the laboratory of two of the authors (M.B., T.B.). Four samples were discarded due to insufficient hair quantity (n=3) or shifted segmentation (n=1). Nine of the analyzed samples were <3 cm in length (7 with 2.5 cm; 2 with 2.0 cm). These did not differ from the 3 cm swatches in terms of average cortisol concentration (data not shown).

Cortisol concentration was measured as described by Binz et al. <sup>8</sup>. Briefly, after a 2-step-washing procedure (water 2 min, acetone 2 min), the dried hair samples were cut into snippets, spiked with the internal standard (2 ng D7-cortisone) and incubated in 5 mL MeOH at 55 °C overnight. The supernatant was evaporated under nitrogen at 35 °C and re-suspended in 150 µL MeOH and 350 µL reconstitution solution (2mM ammonium formate, 0.1 % formic acid). Cortisol was measured with a liquid chromatography-tandem mass spectrometry (LC-MS/MS) system in multiple reaction monitoring mode (MRM). The system consisted of a Shimadzu Prominence XR high pressure liquid-chromatography (HPLC) system coupled to a Sciex QTRAP® 5500 linear ion trap quadrupole mass spectrometer (Sciex, Darmstadt, Germany). All samples were centrifuged (5 min, 9000 rpm) in filter vials prior to LC-MS/MS analysis.

### **Influence of experimental covariates**

The analysis demonstrated a decrease in HCC with increasing storage time. Additionally, significant mean differences were observed between the six studies from which the samples for the present analysis were drawn. Visual inspection of HCC according to month of collection revealed an approximate sinusoidal relationship with a maximum in March (at the end of Australian summer) and a minimum in September (at the end of Australian winter). Self and maternal ratings of the subjects' sun exposure showed a nominally significant ( $p=0.03$ ) positive association. However, sun exposure was omitted from the model due to negligible improvement over including for monthly mean effects.

## Statistical Analysis

### *Twin correlations, heritability of HCC, and shared covariance with psychological variables*

Although the order in which variables are entered into a Cholesky decomposition does not affect the fit of the model, it does influence interpretation of the findings. The order of entry must therefore be determined according to the specific research question of interest. The present research question concerned: (i) the degree to which (genetic) variance in HCC is attributable to genes with an impact on the psychological variables stress, depression, and neuroticism; and (ii) the level of genetic variance for HCC remaining once these pleiotropic effects are removed. For the purposes of the present study, the key issue was to determine whether any of the three psychological variables had an impact, rather than to determine which of the three variables in particular was responsible for the effect. In view of this, all three psychological variables were entered into the model simultaneously.

### *Genotyping, quality control and imputation*

The subset of 432 participants were genotyped in the context of a larger genome-wide association project that resulted in the genotyping of 28,028 individuals using the Illumina 317, 370, 610, 660, Core+Exome, PsychChip, Omni2.5 and OmniExpress SNP chips which included data from twins, their siblings and their parents. Genotype data were screened for genotyping quality (GenCall < 0.7), SNP and individual call rates (< 0.95), HWE failure ( $P < 10^{-6}$ ) and MAF (< 0.01). As these samples were genotyped in the context of a larger project, the data were integrated with the larger QIMR genotype project and the data were checked for pedigree, sex and Mendelian errors and for non-European ancestry. As the QIMR genotyping

project included data from the multiple chip sets, to avoid introducing bias to the imputed data individuals genotyped on the Human Hap Illumina chips (the 317, 370, 610, 660K chips) were imputed separately from those genotyped on the Omni chips (the Core+Exome, PsychChip, Omni2.5 and OmniExpress chips). Individuals were imputed to the Haplotype Reference Consortium (HRC.1.1) [<http://www.haplotype-reference-consortium.org/>]<sup>9</sup> using a set of SNPs common to the first generation genotyping platforms (N ~ 278,000). Imputation was performed on the Michigan Imputation Server (<https://imputationserver.sph.umich.edu/i>) using the SHAPEIT/minimac Pipeline described at <http://genome.sph.umich.edu/wiki/Minimac>.

The PC account for population stratification—allele frequency differences between cases and controls due to systematic ancestry differences. PC were calculated using ‘smartpca’ as found in EigenSoft 6.0.1 (<http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/alkes-price/software/>). PCs were projected onto 20 PC axes and ancestry outliers (mean  $\pm$  6 SD in PC1, PC2 for the EUTWIN/HapMap European populations) were excluded.

### *Polygenic Risk Score Analysis*

PLINK 1.90 (version 3, May 2016, <https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink2/>) was used to compute PRS for eight p-value thresholds (5e-8, 1e-5, 0.001, 0.01, 0.05, 0.1, 0.5, 1.0), in accordance with the procedure described by Wray et al.<sup>10</sup>. Although decreasing the significance threshold for inclusion of variants in the PRS increases the proportion of false positives contributing to the PRS, the aim of these analyses is to index the sum of all common variants influencing the trait and as such, it is important to obtain the most complete representation of the genetic architecture of the trait possible. To improve the accuracy of the PRS, the scores are built using

probabilistic (or dosage) genotypes to account for imputation uncertainty. As described in Wray et al <sup>10</sup>, the variants available in both the discovery and target samples are selected and the variant with the highest test statistic in each linkage disequilibrium (LD) block is retained for the calculations. PRS are then estimated as the sum of risk alleles weighted by their respective independently estimated effect sizes. Only single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) with a minor allele frequency of  $\geq 0.01$  and imputation quality of  $r^2 \geq 0.6$  were used in the calculation of the PRS. Genotypes were LD pruned using clumping in order to obtain SNPs in approximate LD ( $r^2$  of 0.1 within a 10,000 base pair window). The PRS were standardized for further analysis.

To control for family structure, associations of PRS with HCC and the psychological variables were tested using linear mixed regression models in GCTA (Genome-wide Complex Trait Analysis v. 1.26) <sup>11</sup>. One-sided p-values are reported, according to the hypothesis of a positive association of the PRS with HCC and each of the psychological variables. P-values were calculated using the t-statistic and on the basis of the  $\beta$  and standard error from the GCTA output. Variance explained by the PRS was calculated using:  $\text{var}(x) \times b^2 / \text{var}(y)$ , where  $x$  is the PRS,  $b$  is the estimate of the fixed effect from GCTA, and  $y$  is the phenotype.

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## Supplementary Tables

**Supp. Table 1: Family structure**

<b>a) Overview of the final sample</b>				
<b>Type</b>	<b>Family</b>	<b>Pair</b>	<b>Singleton</b>	<b>N</b>
Singleton	11		11	11
TW-Sibling	2		4	4
Twin-pair	283	283	36	602
Triplet	14	14	14	42
2 Pair-Twins	3	6		12
<b>Total</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>671</b>

  

<b>b) Overview of subjects assessed twice</b>				
<b>Type</b>	<b>Family</b>	<b>Pair</b>	<b>Singleton</b>	<b>N</b>
Twin-pair	67	67	4	138
Triplet	2	2		4
2 Pair-Twins	2	2		4
<b>Total</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>146</b>

  

<b>c) Overview of subjects with genotype data</b>				
<b>Type</b>	<b>Family</b>	<b>Pair</b>	<b>Singleton</b>	<b>N</b>
Twin-pair	201	186	31	403
Triplet	7	7	7	21
2 Pair-Twins	2	4		8
<b>Total</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>432</b>

**Supp. Table 2: Number of hair samples included in the final sample listed by study**

<b>Study</b>	<b>Time point 1</b>	<b>Time point 2</b>	<b>Study total</b>
<b>BTN1</b>	343		343
<b>BTN2</b>	195	73 <sup>#</sup>	268
<b>MAPS</b>	48		48
<b>QTIM</b>	34		34
<b>16UP</b>	48	73 <sup>§</sup>	121
<b>19UP</b>	3		3
<b>Total</b>	<b>671</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>817</b>

# 73 subjects, who participated in the BTN1 study at time point 1, provided a second hair sample at time point 2 in the frame of the BTN2 study; § 73 subjects who participated in the BTN2 study at time point 1, provided a second hair sample at time point 2 in the frame of the 16UP study. BTN = Brisbane Twin Nevus Study; MAPS = Memory, Attention, and Processing Speed Study; QTIM = Queensland Twin Imaging Study

**Supp. Table 3: Sum scores (SD) and n for the psychological questionnaires**

Questionnaire	Total	Male	Female
DLSS*	25.05 (13.64) [n=632]	25.34 (14.32) [n=238]	24.87 (13.23) [n=394]
PSS*	17.01 (6.15) [n=132]	15.53 (5.40) [n=55]	18.06 (6.46) [n=77]
SPHERE	8.76 (6.93.) [n=616]	8.23 (7.09) [n=231]	9.08 (6.83) [n=385]
JEPQ	9.41 (5.05) [n=538]	8.86 (5.18) [n=197]	9.74 (4.95) [n=341]
NEO-FFI-R	23.18 (6.70) [n=82]	21.44 (7.18) [n=34]	24.42 (6.24) [n=48]

Abbreviations: SD=standard deviation, DLSS= Daily Life and Stressors Scale, PSS= Perceived Stress Scale, SPHERE= Somatic and Psychological Health Report, JEPQ= Junior Eysenck Personality Questionnaire, NEO-FFI-R= NEO-Five Factor Inventory revised version. \*Both questionnaires have been used to create IRT scores for perceived stress

**Supp. Table 4: Number of subjects of the cohorts used for calculation of the major depressive disorder polygenic risk score**

Dataset	N cases	N controls
GERA	7,162	38,307
deCODE	1,980	9,536
Generation Scotland	997	6,358
iPSYCH	16,242	15,847
UK Biobank	8,248	16,089
PGC-MDD core	14,895	23,937
Total	49,524	110,074

GERA = Resource for Genetic Epidemiology Research on Adult Health and Aging; iPSYCH = The Lundbeck Foundation Initiative for Integrative Psychiatric Research; PGC-MDD = Psychiatric Genomics Consortium, Major Depressive Disorders working group

**Supp. Table 5: Regression-coefficients (B) of sex and age effects of hair cortisol and the psychological variables**

	Sex <sup>a</sup>	Age	Age2	Sex*Age	Sex*age <sup>2</sup>
<b>Perceived stress <sup>b</sup></b>	-0.28	.057**	.000	-.134*	-.002
<b>Depressive symptoms <sup>c</sup></b>	-.210 <sup>#</sup>	.061*	-.067	-.093	.066
<b>Neuroticism <sup>d</sup></b>	-.456**	.133**	-.232**	-.279*	.272*
<b>Hair cortisol <sup>e</sup></b>	-.214**	.028	-.004	-.064	-.008

\*\*p<0.01; \*p<0.05; <sup>#</sup>p<0.1; <sup>a</sup>Sex was coded with 0=female and 1=males, as such negative B indicates higher values in female participants, <sup>b</sup>IRT-scores deriving from perceived stress questionnaires (DLS and PSS); <sup>c</sup>IRT-scores of the SPHERE <sup>d</sup>-standardized values of the neuroticism questionnaires; <sup>e</sup>residualized and log-transformed values of hair cortisol

**Supp. Table 6: Influence of covariates on HCC**

Model	Variance (95%CI)	-2LL	df	Compare	chi-sq.	Δdf	P	Variance change %		
								Full	BATCH only	No COVs
FULL	0.7254 (0.6677-0.7899)	2740.8	1033					-	14.6	25.5
BATCH only	0.8495 (0.7819-0.9251)	2912.8	1053	2 & 1	172.1	20	3.45e-26	14.6	-	7.1
No COVs	0.9102 (0.8378-0.9912)	2988.0	1087	3 & 2	75.2	34	6.06e-05	20.3	6.7	-
No BATCH	0.7707 (0.7094-0.8393)	2806.8	1067	4 & 1	66.1	34	8.04e-04	5.9	10.2	18.1
No STORAGE	0.7384 (0.6797-0.8041)	2760.2	1037	5 & 1	19.4	4	6.41e-04	1.8	15.0	23.3
No MONTH	0.7542 (0.6942-0.8213)	2783.3	1044	6 & 1	42.5	11	1.33e-05	3.8	12.6	20.7
No STUDY	0.7749 (0.7133-0.8439)	2812.8	1038	7 & 1	72.0	5	3.88e-14	6.4	9.6	17.5

Abbreviations: CI=confidence interval, -2LL=minus twice the log likelihood, df=degrees of freedom; p=p-value in chi-square, Δdf=change in degrees of freedom; no COVs=model including no covariates. HCC=hair cortisol concentration

**Supp. Table 7: Phenotypic correlations (95% CI) between the psychological variables and HCC**

	Perceived stress		Depressive symptoms		Neuroticism		Hair cortisol
Perceived stress	1						
Depressive symptoms	0.59	(0.54-0.64)	1				
Neuroticism	0.67	(0.63-0.72)	0.64	(0.56-0.69)	1		
Hair cortisol	0.04	(-0.04-0.12)	0.07	(-0.01-0.15)	0.08	(-0.00-0.16)	1

Abbreviations: CI=confidence interval. All calculations were corrected for sex, age, age<sup>2</sup>, sex x age, sex x age<sup>2</sup>.

**Supp. Table 8: AE Model in the younger half of the sample for the psychological variables and HCC (n= 338; 210 females; age mean= 12.37±.54 years; median=12.24; range=10.1-14.01 years)**

		Standardized Path Coefficients				Standardized Parameters %				Correlations			
		STR	DEP	NEU	HCC	STR	DEP	NEU	HCC	STR	DEP	NEU	HCC
Genetic (A)	STR	0.68				46.43				1			
	DEP	0.59	0.42			34.46	17.65			0.81	1		
	NEU	0.59	0.14	0.42		34.48	1.84	17.58		0.80	0.76	1	
	HCC	0.20	-0.06	0.16	0.82	3.96	0.39	2.51	67.19	0.23	0.15	0.28	1
Unshared Environment (E)	STR	0.73				53.57				1			
	DEP	0.26	0.65			5.51	42.38			0.34	1		
	NEU	0.39	0.22	0.51		15.52	4.71	25.87		0.58	0.50	1	
	HCC	-0.04	-0.07	-0.04	0.50	0.12	0.45	0.16	25.22	0.69	-0.10	-0.06	1

Abbreviations: STR=perceived Stress, DEP=depressive symptoms, NEU=neuroticism, HCC=hair cortisol concentration.

**Supp. Table 9: AE Model in the older half of the sample for the psychological variables and HCC (n= 333; 209 females; age mean= 15.70 ± 2.32 years; median=14.57; range=14.02-31.1 years)**

		Standardized Path Coefficients				Standardized Parameters %				Correlations			
		STR	DEP	NEU	HCC	STR	DEP	NEU	HCC	STR	DEP	NEU	HCC
Genetic (A)	STR	0.81				66.16				1			
	DEP	0.54	0.54			29.28	29.33			0.71	1		
	NEU	0.58	0.18	0.49		33.32	3.10	23.68		0.75	0.69	1	
	HCC	0.03	0.10	0.03	0.82	0.08	1.02	0.06	67.58	0.04	0.11	0.07	1
Unshared Environment (E)	STR	0.58				33.84				1			
	DEP	0.32	0.56			10.47	30.92			0.50	1		
	NEU	0.27	0.27	0.51		7.15	7.05	25.70		0.42	0.58	1	
	HCC	-0.16	0.05	-0.07	0.53	2.52	0.26	0.42	28.06	0.28	0.22	0.07	1

Abbreviations: STR=perceived Stress, DEP=depressive symptoms, NEU=neuroticism, HCC=hair cortisol concentration.

**Supp. Table 10: HCC predicted by plasma cortisol PRS**

p-value threshold	Beta	SE	t	p 1-sided+	p 2-sided	R <sup>2</sup> %
<5e-8	-0.09281	0.04077	-2.27633	0.98834	0.02333	1.48%
<1e-5	-0.05341	0.04427	-1.20654	0.88586	0.22829	0.40%
<0.001	-0.06876	0.03943	-1.74382	0.95904	0.08192	0.84%
<0.01	0.01534	0.04156	0.36919	0.35608	0.71217	0.04%
<0.05	-0.00018	0.04085	-0.00448	0.50179	0.99642	0.00%
<0.1	0.01609	0.04165	0.38643	0.34969	0.69938	0.04%
<0.5	0.02568	0.04266	0.60205	0.27373	0.54746	0.10%
<1.0	0.02542	0.04294	0.59183	0.27714	0.55428	0.10%

Abbreviations: PRS=polygenic risk score, HCC=hair cortisol concentration, SE=standard error

**Supp. Table 11: HCC predicted by MDD PRS**

p-value threshold	Beta	SE	t	p 1-sided+	p 2-sided	R <sup>2</sup> %
<5e-8	-0.03709	0.04497	-0.82475	0.79501	0.40998	0.21%
<1e-5	0.00961	0.04247	0.22623	0.41056	0.82113	0.02%
<0.001	0.01353	0.04358	0.31045	0.37819	0.75637	0.03%
<0.01	0.02184	0.04169	0.52385	0.30033	0.60066	0.08%
<0.05	0.02511	0.04348	0.57758	0.28193	0.56386	0.10%
<0.1	0.01503	0.04035	0.37241	0.35489	0.70977	0.04%
<0.5	0.00633	0.04035	0.15695	0.43768	0.87536	0.01%
<1.0	0.00810	0.04065	0.19936	0.42104	0.84208	0.01%

Abbreviations: PRS=polygenic risk score, HCC=hair cortisol concentration, MDD=major depressive disorder, SE=standard error

**Supp. Table 12: HCC predicted by neuroticism PRS**

p-value threshold	Beta	SE	t	p 1-sided+	p 2-sided	R <sup>2</sup> %
<5e-8	-0.04756	0.04479	-1.06173	0.85551	0.28897	0.35%
<1e-5	-0.04728	0.04651	-1.01666	0.84505	0.30990	0.33%
<0.001	-0.01165	0.04211	-0.27672	0.60894	0.78213	0.02%
<0.01	-0.02199	0.04277	-0.51411	0.69628	0.60745	0.08%
<0.05	-0.00087	0.04347	-0.02002	0.50798	0.98404	0.00%
<0.1	0.00548	0.04248	0.12904	0.44869	0.89739	0.00%
<0.5	0.01033	0.04236	0.24385	0.40373	0.80747	0.02%
<1.0	0.01082	0.04213	0.25691	0.39869	0.79737	0.02%

Abbreviations: PRS=polygenic risk score, HCC=hair cortisol concentration, SE=standard error

**Supp. Table 13: Perceived stress predicted by plasma cortisol PRS**

p-value threshold	Beta	SE	t	p 1-sided+	p 2-sided	R <sup>2</sup> %
<5e-8	-0.00309	0.03051	-0.10112	0.54025	0.91950	0.00%
<1e-5	-0.00779	0.03306	-0.23570	0.59311	0.81378	0.02%
<0.001	-0.01108	0.02948	-0.37586	0.64640	0.70721	0.04%
<0.01	-0.00114	0.03093	-0.03681	0.51467	0.97065	0.00%
<0.05	0.01070	0.03038	0.35232	0.36239	0.72477	0.03%
<0.1	-0.01468	0.03095	-0.47437	0.68226	0.63549	0.06%
<0.5	0.00887	0.03174	0.27945	0.39002	0.78004	0.02%
<1.0	0.01116	0.03193	0.34947	0.36346	0.72691	0.03%

Abbreviations: PRS=polygenic risk score, SE=standard error

**Supp. Table 14: Perceived stress predicted by MDD PRS**

p-value threshold	Beta	SE	t	p 1-sided+	p 2-sided	R <sup>2</sup> %
<5e-8	0.07122	0.03287	2.16676	0.01541	0.03082	1.36%
<1e-5	0.01778	0.03134	0.56731	0.28541	0.57081	0.10%
<0.001	0.02576	0.03223	0.79916	0.21232	0.42465	0.18%
<0.01	0.05560	0.03073	1.80944	0.03555	0.07110	0.92%
<0.05	0.03516	0.03222	1.09108	0.13793	0.27587	0.33%
<0.1	0.04070	0.02981	1.36528	0.08645	0.17290	0.53%
<0.5	0.01800	0.02995	0.60096	0.27410	0.54819	0.10%
<1.0	0.02298	0.03015	0.76232	0.22315	0.44630	0.16%

Abbreviations: PRS=polygenic risk score, MDD=major depressive disorder, SE=standard error

**Supp. Table 15: Perceived stress predicted by neuroticism PRS**

p-value threshold	Beta	SE	t	p 1-sided+	p 2-sided	R <sup>2</sup> %
<5e-8	-0.03817	0.03341	-1.14245	0.87304	0.25392	0.40%
<1e-5	-0.02442	0.03448	-0.70834	0.76043	0.47913	0.16%
<0.001	-0.01135	0.03125	-0.36328	0.64171	0.71658	0.04%
<0.01	0.00136	0.03182	0.04260	0.48302	0.96604	0.00%
<0.05	0.02517	0.03227	0.77984	0.21796	0.43593	0.17%
<0.1	0.02466	0.03151	0.78274	0.21711	0.43422	0.17%
<0.5	0.03031	0.03130	0.96860	0.16665	0.33331	0.27%
<1.0	0.03057	0.03113	0.98186	0.16337	0.32674	0.28%

Abbreviations: PRS=polygenic risk score, SE=standard error



**Supp. Table 16: Depressive symptoms predicted by plasma cortisol PRS**

p-value threshold	Beta	SE	t	p 1-sided+	p 2-sided	R <sup>2</sup> %
<5e-8	0.00095	0.05383	0.01759	0.49299	0.98598	0.00%
<1e-5	-0.05429	0.05628	-0.96468	0.83233	0.33534	0.30%
<0.001	-0.00751	0.05079	-0.14786	0.55873	0.88253	0.01%
<0.01	0.02289	0.05236	0.43722	0.33111	0.66221	0.06%
<0.05	0.01663	0.05186	0.32071	0.37431	0.74861	0.03%
<0.1	-0.01843	0.05376	-0.34288	0.63406	0.73189	0.04%
<0.5	-0.01933	0.05449	-0.35470	0.63849	0.72302	0.04%
<1.0	-0.01924	0.05475	-0.35132	0.63723	0.72555	0.04%

Abbreviations: PRS=polygenic risk score, SE=standard error

**Supp. Table 17: Depressive symptoms predicted by MDD PRS**

p-value threshold	Beta	SE	t	p 1-sided+	p 2-sided	R <sup>2</sup> %
<5e-8	0.15033	0.05740	2.61887	0.00459	0.00919	2.34%
<1e-5	0.07630	0.05450	1.39985	0.08120	0.16240	0.68%
<0.001	0.08800	0.05504	1.59887	0.05535	0.11071	0.87%
<0.01	0.08382	0.05214	1.60765	0.05438	0.10877	0.85%
<0.05	0.07601	0.05582	1.36181	0.08705	0.17409	0.62%
<0.1	0.08865	0.05151	1.72107	0.04304	0.08608	1.00%
<0.5	0.06665	0.05218	1.27735	0.10114	0.20229	0.54%
<1.0	0.06823	0.05256	1.29817	0.09752	0.19504	0.56%

Abbreviations: PRS=polygenic risk score, MDD=major depressive disorder, SE=standard error

**Supp. Table 18: Depressive symptoms predicted by neuroticism PRS**

p-value threshold	Beta	SE	t	p 1-sided+	p 2-sided	R <sup>2</sup> %
<5e-8	-0.02833	0.05845	-0.48465	0.68589	0.62821	0.08%
<1e-5	0.01849	0.05961	0.31015	0.37831	0.75662	0.03%
<0.001	0.04982	0.05531	0.90084	0.18413	0.36826	0.27%
<0.01	0.05962	0.05537	1.07678	0.14114	0.28229	0.37%
<0.05	0.10135	0.05623	1.80233	0.03616	0.07231	1.04%
<0.1	0.10096	0.05531	1.82544	0.03437	0.06874	1.08%
<0.5	0.08785	0.05451	1.61154	0.05396	0.10792	0.89%
<1.0	0.08753	0.05432	1.61125	0.05399	0.10798	0.89%

Abbreviations: PRS=polygenic risk score, SE=standard error

**Supp. Table 19: Neuroticism predicted by plasma cortisol PRS**

p-value threshold	Beta	SE	t	p 1-sided+	p 2-sided	R <sup>2</sup> %
<5e-8	-0.00710	0.05317	-0.13345	0.55304	0.89391	0.01%
<1e-5	0.04342	0.05595	0.77594	0.21914	0.43828	0.18%
<0.001	0.01148	0.05031	0.22821	0.40981	0.81961	0.02%
<0.01	0.00212	0.05185	0.04083	0.48373	0.96745	0.00%
<0.05	0.02833	0.05127	0.55247	0.29048	0.58096	0.09%
<0.1	0.01324	0.05323	0.24867	0.40188	0.80376	0.02%
<0.5	0.04961	0.05394	0.91978	0.17915	0.35829	0.25%
<1.0	0.04878	0.05418	0.90026	0.18428	0.36857	0.24%

Abbreviations: PRS=polygenic risk score, SE=standard error

**Supp. Table 20: Neuroticism predicted by MDD PRS**

p-value threshold	Beta	SE	t	p 1-sided+	p 2-sided	R <sup>2</sup> %
<5e-8	0.11231	0.05671	1.98055	0.02419	0.04839	1.21%
<1e-5	-0.01330	0.05393	-0.24658	0.59731	0.80537	0.02%
<0.001	0.05856	0.05448	1.07481	0.14158	0.28316	0.36%
<0.01	0.04526	0.05167	0.87603	0.19079	0.38158	0.23%
<0.05	0.05997	0.05529	1.08479	0.13936	0.27872	0.36%
<0.1	0.05466	0.05098	1.07225	0.14216	0.28431	0.35%
<0.5	0.04277	0.05166	0.82792	0.20413	0.40825	0.20%
<1.0	0.04244	0.05204	0.81542	0.20768	0.41536	0.20%

Abbreviations: PRS=polygenic risk score, MDD=major depressive disorder, SE=standard error

**Supp. Table 21: Neuroticism predicted by neuroticism PRS**

p-value threshold	Beta	SE	t	p 1-sided+	p 2-sided	R <sup>2</sup> %
<5e-8	-0.06115	0.05778	-1.05832	0.85470	0.29060	0.36%
<1e-5	-0.07206	0.05881	-1.22546	0.88941	0.22119	0.47%
<0.001	-0.03929	0.05477	-0.71726	0.76317	0.47367	0.16%
<0.01	-0.00935	0.05497	-0.17009	0.56748	0.86504	0.01%
<0.05	0.00827	0.05603	0.14758	0.44138	0.88276	0.01%
<0.1	0.00880	0.05513	0.15969	0.43661	0.87321	0.01%
<0.5	0.01311	0.05402	0.24274	0.40417	0.80834	0.02%
<1.0	0.01744	0.05383	0.32408	0.37303	0.74606	0.03%

Abbreviations: PRS=polygenic risk score, SE=standard error