

Supplementary materials for  
**A GWAS in Latin Americans highlights the convergent  
evolution of lighter skin pigmentation in Eurasia**

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## SUPPLEMENTARY TABLES

Supplementary Table 1: Features of the study sample

|                          | <b>Total</b> | <b>Colombia</b> | <b>Brazil</b> | <b>Chile</b> | <b>Mexico</b> | <b>Peru</b> |
|--------------------------|--------------|-----------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|
| Sample size              | 6357         | 1507            | 651           | 1745         | 1207          | 1247        |
| Percentage               | 100          | 23.7            | 10.2          | 27.5         | 19            | 19.6        |
| % Female                 | 54           | 55.9            | 68.5          | 39.6         | 60.3          | 58.4        |
| Age (years)              |              |                 |               |              |               |             |
| Min                      | 18           | 18              | 18            | 18           | 18            | 18          |
| Mean                     | 24.2         | 24              | 25.8          | 25.2         | 24.4          | 22.2        |
| Max                      | 45           | 40              | 45            | 45           | 44            | 44          |
| S.D.                     | 5.7          | 5.3             | 6.3           | 5.8          | 5.6           | 5.2         |
| Age, for Males (years)   |              |                 |               |              |               |             |
| Min                      | 18           | 18              | 18            | 18           | 18            | 18          |
| Mean                     | 24.9         | 24.7            | 25.8          | 25.3         | 25.1          | 23          |
| Max                      | 45           | 40              | 45            | 45           | 44            | 44          |
| S.D.                     | 5.7          | 5.5             | 6.4           | 5.5          | 5.6           | 5.7         |
| Age, for Females (years) |              |                 |               |              |               |             |
| Min                      | 18           | 18              | 18            | 18           | 18            | 18          |
| Mean                     | 23.8         | 23.5            | 25.4          | 25.2         | 24            | 21.6        |
| Max                      | 45           | 40              | 44            | 45           | 41            | 42          |
| S.D.                     | 5.7          | 5               | 4.2           | 6.2          | 4.7           | 4.7         |

## Supplementary Table 2: Correlation of pigmentation traits and covariates

### A) Correlation between the pigmentation traits reported

Correlation values are presented in the lower left triangle while corresponding P-values are presented in the upper right triangle. Negative correlation values are represented in red color while positive correlation values are represented in green color. Higher magnitude of correlation is represented by darker intensity of colors. From a total of 6,357 volunteers with phenotype & genotype data, sample size for the quantitative eye color traits is 5513.

|                          | Skin color (MI) | Hair color (cat) | Eye color (cat) | L (Brightness) | C (Saturation) | cos(H) (Hue) |
|--------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| Skin color (MI)          |                 | 0                | 0               | 0              | 0              | 0            |
| Hair color (categorical) | 0.30            |                  | 0               | 0              | 0              | 0            |
| Eye color (categorical)  | 0.31            | 0.50             |                 | 0              | 0              | 0            |
| L (Brightness)           | -0.35           | -0.46            | -0.78           |                | 0              | 0            |
| C (Saturation)           | -0.20           | -0.05            | -0.08           | 0.34           |                | 0            |
| cos(H) (Hue)             | 0.10            | 0.24             | 0.40            | -0.39          | 0.23           |              |

Hue (H) values were standardized prior to the cosine transformation by subtracting its median, 20°.

## B) Correlation between pigmentation traits and covariates

Correlation coefficient:

|                          | Age   | Sex   | Ancestry |                 |         | Genetic PCs |       |       |      |       |       |
|--------------------------|-------|-------|----------|-----------------|---------|-------------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|
|                          |       |       | European | Native American | African | PC1         | PC2   | PC3   | PC4  | PC5   | PC6   |
| Skin color (MI)          | -0.05 | 0.03  | -0.47    | 0.40            | 0.19    | -0.46       | 0.13  | -0.04 | 0.15 | 0.01  | -0.03 |
| Hair color (categorical) | -0.01 | -0.10 | -0.38    | 0.34            | 0.08    | -0.35       | 0.21  | -0.10 | 0.12 | -0.11 | -0.01 |
| Eye color (categorical)  | -0.08 | 0.00  | -0.43    | 0.39            | 0.07    | -0.39       | 0.20  | -0.08 | 0.12 | -0.06 | 0.00  |
| L (Brightness)           | 0.14  | -0.07 | 0.48     | -0.43           | -0.13   | 0.44        | -0.29 | 0.17  | 0.04 | -0.02 | -0.01 |
| C (Saturation)           | 0.07  | -0.05 | 0.24     | -0.23           | 0.01    | 0.24        | -0.03 | -0.11 | 0.08 | -0.22 | 0.01  |
| cos(H) (Hue)             | -0.06 | 0.00  | -0.20    | 0.18            | 0.07    | -0.18       | 0.18  | -0.05 | 0.06 | -0.14 | 0.03  |

Corresponding P-values:

|                          | Age  | Sex  | European | Native American | African | PC1 | PC2  | PC3 | PC4  | PC5  | PC6  |
|--------------------------|------|------|----------|-----------------|---------|-----|------|-----|------|------|------|
| Skin color (MI)          | 0    | 0.03 | 0        | 0               | 0       | 0   | 0    | 0   | 0    | 0.32 | 0.01 |
| Hair color (categorical) | 0.36 | 0    | 0        | 0               | 0       | 0   | 0    | 0   | 0    | 0    | 0.46 |
| Eye color (categorical)  | 0    | 0.85 | 0        | 0               | 0       | 0   | 0    | 0   | 0    | 0    | 0.98 |
| L (Brightness)           | 0    | 0    | 0        | 0               | 0       | 0   | 0    | 0   | 0.01 | 0.23 | 0.51 |
| C (Saturation)           | 0    | 0    | 0        | 0               | 0.59    | 0   | 0.01 | 0   | 0    | 0    | 0.45 |
| cos(H) (Hue)             | 0    | 0.79 | 0        | 0               | 0       | 0   | 0    | 0   | 0    | 0    | 0.05 |

Native American, European and African continental ancestry estimates were obtained from ADMIXTURE (Supplementary Figure 5). Sex was coded as female = 0 and male = 1. Negative correlation values are represented in red color while positive correlation values are represented in green color. Higher magnitude of correlation is represented by darker intensity of colors.

### C) Correlation between quantitative eye color variables from different color models

A detailed description of the quantitative eye color phenotyping is presented in the Supplementary Figures 1-3. Correlation values are presented in the lower left triangle while corresponding P-values are presented in the upper right triangle. Negative correlation values are represented in red color while positive correlation values are represented in green color. Higher magnitude of correlation is represented by darker intensity of colors.

|            | RGB   |       |       | PC of RGB |       | HCL   |       |       | HSV   |       | CIE Lab |       |      | Hue standardized |        | Proj. Len. |
|------------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------|-------|------|------------------|--------|------------|
|            | R     | G     | B     | PC1       | PC2   | H     | C     | L     | S     | V     | L       | a     | b    | cos(H)           | sin(H) |            |
| R          |       | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00      | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00    | 0.00  | 0.00 | 0.00             | 0.00   | 0.00       |
| G          | 0.82  |       | 0.00  | 0.00      | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00    | 0.00  | 0.00 | 0.00             | 0.00   | 0.00       |
| B          | 0.54  | 0.90  |       | 0.00      | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00    | 0.00  | 0.00 | 0.00             | 0.00   | 0.00       |
| PC1        | 0.90  | 0.98  | 0.84  |           | 1.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00    | 0.00  | 0.00 | 0.00             | 0.00   | 0.00       |
| PC2        | 0.43  | -0.15 | -0.53 | 0.00      |       | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.61  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00    | 0.00  | 0.00 | 0.00             | 0.00   | 0.58       |
| H          | 0.19  | 0.43  | 0.53  | 0.38      | -0.37 |       | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00    | 0.00  | 0.00 | 0.00             | 0.00   | 0.00       |
| C          | 0.70  | 0.19  | -0.21 | 0.34      | 0.93  | -0.18 |       | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00    | 0.00  | 0.00 | 0.00             | 0.03   | 0.00       |
| L          | 0.91  | 0.97  | 0.84  | 1.00      | 0.01  | 0.38  | 0.34  |       | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00    | 0.00  | 0.00 | 0.00             | 0.00   | 0.00       |
| S          | -0.26 | -0.67 | -0.81 | -0.58     | 0.61  | -0.43 | 0.40  | -0.57 |       | 0.00  | 0.00    | 0.00  | 0.00 | 0.00             | 0.00   | 0.00       |
| V          | 1.00  | 0.83  | 0.56  | 0.91      | 0.40  | 0.22  | 0.69  | 0.92  | -0.28 |       | 0.00    | 0.00  | 0.00 | 0.00             | 0.00   | 0.00       |
| L          | 0.94  | 0.96  | 0.78  | 0.99      | 0.10  | 0.35  | 0.43  | 0.99  | -0.52 | 0.95  |         | 0.00  | 0.00 | 0.00             | 0.00   | 0.00       |
| a          | 0.29  | -0.30 | -0.59 | -0.13     | 0.94  | -0.35 | 0.84  | -0.11 | 0.70  | 0.27  | -0.04   |       | 0.00 | 0.00             | 0.00   | 0.00       |
| b          | 0.69  | 0.20  | -0.23 | 0.33      | 0.93  | -0.25 | 0.98  | 0.33  | 0.38  | 0.67  | 0.42    | 0.79  |      | 0.00             | 0.00   | 0.00       |
| cos(H)     | -0.15 | -0.42 | -0.58 | -0.38     | 0.46  | -0.69 | 0.23  | -0.39 | 0.35  | -0.20 | -0.34   | 0.37  | 0.34 |                  | 0.00   | 0.00       |
| sin(H)     | 0.46  | 0.71  | 0.64  | 0.64      | -0.25 | 0.23  | -0.03 | 0.62  | -0.56 | 0.47  | 0.63    | -0.44 | 0.04 | -0.27            |        | 0.00       |
| Proj. Len. | 0.91  | 0.97  | 0.84  | 1.00      | 0.01  | 0.39  | 0.34  | 1.00  | -0.57 | 0.92  | 0.99    | -0.11 | 0.33 | -0.39            | 0.62   |            |

Abbreviations: RGB: Red, Green, and Blue; HCL: Hue, Chroma, and Lightness; HSV: Hue, Saturation, and Value; Lab: Lightness, a and b color components. Hue (H) values were standardized prior to sine & cosine transformations by subtracting its median, 20°. Projected length represents T-index measure Beleza, Johnson (1).

Supplementary Table 3: Heritability ( $h^2$ ) estimates for the pigmentation traits

| <b>Trait</b>             | <b>Heritability</b> | <b>S.E.</b> | <b>P-value</b> |
|--------------------------|---------------------|-------------|----------------|
| Skin color (MI)          | 0.85                | 0.05        | 0.00           |
| Hair color (categorical) | 1.00                | 0.05        | 0.00           |
| Eye color (categorical)  | 1.00                | 0.06        | 0.00           |
| cosH (Hue)               | 0.84                | 0.06        | 0.00           |
| C (Saturation)           | 0.79                | 0.06        | 0.00           |
| L (Brightness)           | 1.00                | 0.06        | 0.00           |

## Supplementary Table 4: Tail Strength (TS) statistic

**Table 4A: Tail Strength (TS) statistic and genomic Inflation Factor ( $\lambda$ ) from the GWAS for pigmentation traits in the CANDELA sample**

| Trait                    | TS   | $\lambda$ |
|--------------------------|------|-----------|
| Skin pigmentation (MI)   | 0.08 | 1.11      |
| Hair color (categorical) | 0.04 | 1.05      |
| Eye color (categorical)  | 0.05 | 1.07      |
| L (Brightness)           | 0.05 | 1.07      |
| C (Saturation)           | 0.03 | 1.04      |
| cosH (Hue)               | 0.05 | 1.05      |

**Note:** All the TS statistics shown above are significantly different from zero. Results are based on the conditional GWAS.

Tables 4B presents TS and Lambda results for previously published CANDELA GWAS studies. Though based on the same cohort and employing nearly identical set of samples and PCs to adjust for substructure, the TS statistic varies considerably, having low values for ear traits which didn't produce any genome-wide significant hits, and having the highest value (comparable to pigmentation traits here) for hair shape which had a large number of significant SNPs in long LD blocks around the index SNPs.

Table 4C presents TS & Lambda results for other published GWAS studies whose summary statistics are publicly available. Again TS values vary considerably within the same study, having highest values for pigmentation traits, height and BMI.

Only autosomal SNPs were used in Tables 4B-C as sex chromosome results were not available for some studies.

In all studies, the TS statistic is generally higher for traits with more significantly associated SNPs. That it is very close to zero for some traits in the CANDELA sample that show few or no associations indicates that the distributional assumption under the null is indeed correct, and that there is no inherent substructure remaining in the dataset after controlling with the genetic PCs.

**Table 4B: Tail Strength (TS) statistic and genomic Inflation Factor ( $\lambda$ ) from previously published GWAS in the CANDELA sample**

The table below lists results from three previously published CANDELA studies on ear, face and hair traits. Number of genome-wide significant SNPs is shown (not pruned for LD). Only autosomal SNPs are used.

| Trait                                 | Trait type   | Population      | Gwas method | Sample size | Total SNPs | Significant SNPs | Lambda | TS     | Source |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Cheekbone Protrusion                  | Quantitative | Latin Americans | Single GWAS | 6,275       | 670,261    | 0                | 1.0180 | 0.0234 | (2)    |
| Chin Protrusion                       | Quantitative | Latin Americans | Single GWAS | 6,275       | 670,261    | 0                | 1.0068 | 0.0080 | (2)    |
| Chin Shape                            | Quantitative | Latin Americans | Single GWAS | 6,275       | 670,261    | 0                | 1.0130 | 0.0170 | (2)    |
| Columella Inclination                 | Quantitative | Latin Americans | Single GWAS | 6,275       | 670,261    | 4                | 1.0153 | 0.0219 | (2)    |
| Forehead Bias                         | Binary       | Latin Americans | Single GWAS | 6,275       | 670,143    | 0                | 1.0189 | 0.0203 | (2)    |
| Lower Lip                             | Quantitative | Latin Americans | Single GWAS | 6,275       | 670,261    | 0                | 1.0235 | 0.0330 | (2)    |
| Mouth Corner Orientation              | Quantitative | Latin Americans | Single GWAS | 6,275       | 670,261    | 0                | 1.0035 | 0.0078 | (2)    |
| Nasal Root                            | Binary       | Latin Americans | Single GWAS | 6,275       | 670,143    | 0                | 1.0108 | 0.0146 | (2)    |
| Nose Bridge Breadth                   | Quantitative | Latin Americans | Single GWAS | 6,275       | 670,261    | 7                | 1.0077 | 0.0111 | (2)    |
| Nose Profile                          | Quantitative | Latin Americans | Single GWAS | 6,275       | 670,261    | 0                | 1.0106 | 0.0113 | (2)    |
| Nose Protrusion                       | Quantitative | Latin Americans | Single GWAS | 6,275       | 670,261    | 1                | 1.0199 | 0.0274 | (2)    |
| Nose Tip Shape                        | Quantitative | Latin Americans | Single GWAS | 6,275       | 670,261    | 0                | 1.0082 | 0.0103 | (2)    |
| Nose Wing Breadth                     | Quantitative | Latin Americans | Single GWAS | 6,275       | 670,261    | 3                | 1.0199 | 0.0277 | (2)    |
| Upper Lip                             | Quantitative | Latin Americans | Single GWAS | 5,062       | 670,261    | 0                | 1.0187 | 0.0274 | (2)    |
| Antitragus size                       | Quantitative | Latin Americans | Single GWAS | 5,062       | 595,536    | 1                | 1.0103 | 0.0150 | (3)    |
| Crus helix expression                 | Quantitative | Latin Americans | Single GWAS | 5,062       | 595,536    | 1                | 1.0103 | 0.0150 | (3)    |
| Darwin's tubercle                     | Quantitative | Latin Americans | Single GWAS | 5,062       | 595,536    | 1                | 1.0103 | 0.0150 | (3)    |
| Ear Protrusion                        | Quantitative | Latin Americans | Single GWAS | 5,062       | 670,261    | 4                | 1.0242 | 0.0317 | (3)    |
| Fold of antihelix                     | Quantitative | Latin Americans | Single GWAS | 5,062       | 595,536    | 1                | 1.0103 | 0.0150 | (3)    |
| Helix Rolling                         | Quantitative | Latin Americans | Single GWAS | 5,062       | 595,536    | 1                | 1.0103 | 0.0150 | (3)    |
| Lobe Attachment                       | Quantitative | Latin Americans | Single GWAS | 5,062       | 595,536    | 1                | 1.0103 | 0.0150 | (3)    |
| Lobe Size                             | Quantitative | Latin Americans | Single GWAS | 5,062       | 595,536    | 1                | 1.0103 | 0.0150 | (3)    |
| Superior Crus of antihelix expression | Quantitative | Latin Americans | Single GWAS | 5,062       | 595,536    | 1                | 1.0103 | 0.0150 | (3)    |
| Tragus size                           | Quantitative | Latin Americans | Single GWAS | 5,062       | 595,536    | 1                | 1.0103 | 0.0150 | (3)    |
| Balding                               | Quantitative | Latin Americans | Single GWAS | 6,630       | 691,403    | 1                | 1.0300 | 0.0418 | (3)    |
| Beard density                         | Quantitative | Latin Americans | Single GWAS | 6,630       | 667,544    | 25               | 1.0115 | 0.0208 | (3)    |

|                 |              |                 |             |       |         |     |        |        |     |
|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------|-------|---------|-----|--------|--------|-----|
| EyeBrow density | Quantitative | Latin Americans | Single GWAS | 6,630 | 667,531 | 3   | 1.0151 | 0.0210 | (4) |
| Hair graying    | Quantitative | Latin Americans | Single GWAS | 6,630 | 691,403 | 1   | 1.0139 | 0.0191 | (4) |
| Hair shape      | Quantitative | Latin Americans | Single GWAS | 6,630 | 691,403 | 618 | 1.0381 | 0.0629 | (4) |
| Head Shape      | Quantitative | Latin Americans | Single GWAS | 5,062 | 670,261 | 0   | 0.9970 | 0.0003 | (4) |
| Mono-Brow       | Quantitative | Latin Americans | Single GWAS | 6,630 | 668,298 | 0   | 1.0160 | 0.0229 | (4) |



**Table 4C: Tail Strength (TS) statistic and genomic Inflation Factor ( $\lambda$ ) from other published GWAS studies**

The table below lists results from other published GWAS results from various sources.

| Trait                             | Type         | Population         | Gwas method   | Sample size | Total SNPs | Significant SNPs | Lambda | Tail Statistic | Source |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------------|---------------|-------------|------------|------------------|--------|----------------|--------|
| Crohn's disease                   | Binary       | European           | Meta-analysis | 21,389      | 953,241    | 995              | 1.3107 | 0.1671         | (5)    |
| WHR (adjusted for BMI)            | Quantitative | European           | Meta-analysis | 77,167      | 2,483,325  | 299              | 1.0475 | 0.0237         | (6)    |
| Height                            | Quantitative | European           | Meta-analysis | 183,727     | 2,469,635  | 4,663            | 1.0645 | 0.0909         | (7)    |
| Age at menarche                   | Quantitative | European           | Single GWAS   | 459,327     | 12,006,186 | 31,311           | 1.4295 | 0.2290         | (8)    |
| Age at menopause                  | Quantitative | European           | Single GWAS   | 459,327     | 11,991,424 | 7,666            | 1.1474 | 0.0924         | (8)    |
| Body mass index (BMI)             | Quantitative | European           | Single GWAS   | 459,327     | 12,007,571 | 74,325           | 1.7665 | 0.3456         | (8)    |
| Hair color                        | Quantitative | European           | Single GWAS   | 459,327     | 12,008,523 | 68,728           | 1.2544 | 0.1866         | (8)    |
| Height                            | Quantitative | European           | Single GWAS   | 459,327     | 12,007,535 | 306,420          | 2.1738 | 0.4244         | (8)    |
| Skin color                        | Quantitative | European           | Single GWAS   | 459,327     | 12,006,891 | 33,063           | 1.2544 | 0.1563         | (8)    |
| Sunburn                           | Quantitative | European           | Single GWAS   | 459,327     | 12,010,706 | 12,170           | 1.1999 | 0.1311         | (8)    |
| Tanning                           | Quantitative | European           | Single GWAS   | 459,327     | 12,007,147 | 28,872           | 1.1999 | 0.1428         | (8)    |
| Type 2 Diabetes                   | Binary       | European           | Single GWAS   | 459,327     | 12,007,881 | 3,252            | 1.1999 | 0.1150         | (8)    |
| Fasting glucose                   | Quantitative | European           | Meta-analysis | 51,750      | 2,628,879  | 505              | 1.0728 | 0.0539         | (9)    |
| Fasting insuline                  | Quantitative | European           | Meta-analysis | 51,750      | 2,627,848  | 34               | 1.0640 | 0.0504         | (9)    |
| Depression                        | Quantitative | European           | Meta-analysis | 161,460     | 6,524,474  | 3                | 1.1021 | 0.0732         | (10)   |
| Neuroticism                       | Quantitative | European           | Meta-analysis | 170,911     | 6,524,432  | 4,192            | 1.2264 | 0.1474         | (10)   |
| Body mass index (BMI)             | Quantitative | European           | Meta-analysis | 249,796     | 2,471,516  | 772              | 1.0426 | 0.0487         | (11)   |
| HDL cholesterol                   | Quantitative | European           | Meta-analysis | 100,136     | 2,692,429  | 2,214            | 1.0005 | 0.0220         | (12)   |
| LDL cholesterol                   | Quantitative | European           | Meta-analysis | 100,136     | 2,692,564  | 1,769            | 1.0000 | 0.0234         | (12)   |
| Total Cholesterol                 | Quantitative | European           | Meta-analysis | 100,136     | 2,692,413  | 2,593            | 1.0000 | 0.0293         | (12)   |
| Triglycerides                     | Quantitative | European           | Meta-analysis | 100,136     | 2,692,560  | 1,808            | 1.0000 | 0.0243         | (12)   |
| Adenoma Prevention with Celecoxib | Binary       | European           | Single GWAS   | 1,406       | 575,563    | 5                | 1.0023 | 0.0013         | (13)   |
| Allopurinol response              | Quantitative | European           | Single GWAS   | 2,027       | 635,721    | 1                | 1.0033 | 0.0034         | (14)   |
| Cisplatin toxicity                | Quantitative | European           | Single GWAS   | 511         | 5,060,354  | 1                | 1.0431 | 0.0277         | (15)   |
| HDL cholesterol                   | Quantitative | Primarily European | Meta-analysis | 94,595      | 2,447,441  | 3,524            | 1.0150 | 0.0373         | (16)   |
| LDL cholesterol                   | Quantitative | Primarily European | Meta-analysis | 94,595      | 2,437,751  | 3,078            | 1.0155 | 0.0354         | (16)   |
| Total Cholesterol                 | Quantitative | Primarily European | Meta-analysis | 94,595      | 2,446,981  | 4,169            | 1.0141 | 0.0435         | (16)   |

|               |              |                    |               |        |           |       |        |        |      |
|---------------|--------------|--------------------|---------------|--------|-----------|-------|--------|--------|------|
| Triglycerides | Quantitative | Primarily European | Meta-analysis | 94,595 | 2,439,432 | 3,249 | 1.0080 | 0.0312 | (16) |
|---------------|--------------|--------------------|---------------|--------|-----------|-------|--------|--------|------|

## Supplementary Table 5: Conditional GWAS results.

Genome-wide significant P-values (< 5E-8) are in the deepest shade of orange. Abbreviations: MI, Melanin Index; L, lightness; C, chroma; H, hue.

**Table 5A.** Conditional GWAS results for previously well-established index SNPs in genomic regions (from Table 1) associated with pigmentation traits\*.

| Region | SNP                     | Candidate gene | SNP Annotation | Trait/Association (P-value) |             |             |                |                |              |
|--------|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
|        |                         |                |                | Skin                        | Hair        | Eye         |                |                |              |
|        |                         |                |                | MI                          | Categorical | Categorical | L (Brightness) | C (Saturation) | cos(H) (Hue) |
| 5p13   | rs16891982 <sup>a</sup> | <i>SLC45A2</i> | F374L          | —                           | —           | —           | —              | 1.7E-08        | 4.5E-05      |
| 6p25   | rs12203592              | <i>IRF4</i>    | Intronic       | —                           | —           | —           | —              | 1.5E-03        | 8.0E-02      |
| 9p23   | rs10809826 <sup>a</sup> | <i>TYRP1</i>   | Intergenic     | 2.2E-03                     | 6.5E-02     | —           | —              | —              | 7.8E-03      |
| 15q13  | rs1800404               | <i>OCA2</i>    | Synonymous/TFB | —                           | 4.4E-03     | —           | —              | 3.4E-10        | 2.7E-02      |
| 15q13  | rs12913832              | <i>HERC2</i>   | Intronic       | —                           | —           | —           | —              | 5.2E-07        | —            |
| 15q21  | rs1426654               | <i>SLC24A5</i> | T111A          | —                           | —           | —           | —              | —              | 6.7E-01      |

**Table 5B.** Other index SNPs in genomic regions (from Table 1) associated with pigmentation traits. Novel genomic regions in bold.

| Region       | SNP               | Candidate gene       | SNP Annotation    | Trait/Association (P-value) |             |             |                |                |              |
|--------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
|              |                   |                      |                   | Skin                        | Hair        | Eye         |                |                |              |
|              |                   |                      |                   | MI                          | Categorical | Categorical | L (Brightness) | C (Saturation) | cos(H) (Hue) |
| <b>1q32</b>  | <b>rs3795556</b>  | <b><i>DSTYK</i></b>  | <b>3' UTR</b>     | 1.5E-01                     | 7.7E-01     | 8.1E-01     | 1.8E-08        | 1.3E-09        | 2.6E-01      |
| <b>10q26</b> | <b>rs11198112</b> | <b><i>EMX2</i></b>   | <b>Intergenic</b> | 7.3E-11                     | 6.6E-01     | 4.1E-01     | 7.7E-01        | 6.0E-01        | 5.7E-01      |
| 11q14        | rs1042602         | <i>TYR</i>           | S192Y             | 1.0E-13                     | 2.5E-09     | 6.0E-01     | 3.5E-01        | 2.2E-02        | 9.5E-01      |
| 16q24        | rs885479          | <i>MC1R</i>          | R163Q             | 4.1E-09                     | 5.5E-02     | 7.3E-01     | 8.8E-01        | 8.5E-01        | 8.4E-01      |
| <b>19p13</b> | <b>rs2240751</b>  | <b><i>MFSD12</i></b> | <b>Y182H</b>      | 4.2E-13                     | 9.7E-01     | 3.0E-01     | 9.1E-01        | 1.8E-01        | 9.9E-01      |
| <b>20q13</b> | <b>rs17422688</b> | <b><i>WFDC5</i></b>  | <b>H97Y</b>       | 7.2E-01                     | 5.4E-01     | 9.9E-01     | 1.9E-01        | 9.4E-01        | 3.5E-09      |
| <b>22q12</b> | <b>rs5756492</b>  | <b><i>MPST</i></b>   | <b>Intronic</b>   | 2.3E-03                     | 9.9E-01     | 8.8E-02     | 1.0E-02        | 4.8E-08        | 2.2E-01      |

**Table 5C.** Additional index SNPs in well-established genomic regions (from Table 1) associated with pigmentation traits<sup>†</sup>.

| Region | SNP                    | Candidate gene | SNP Annotation | Trait/Association (P-value) |             |             |                |                |              |
|--------|------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
|        |                        |                |                | Skin                        |             | Hair        | Eye            |                |              |
|        |                        |                |                | MI                          | Categorical | Categorical | L (Brightness) | C (Saturation) | cos(H) (Hue) |
| 11q14  | rs7118677 <sup>a</sup> | <i>GRM5</i>    | Intronic       | 6.1E-12                     | 2.7E-08     | 4.1E-01     | 9.7E-01        | 4.7E-01        | 5.8E-01      |
| 11q14  | rs1126809 <sup>a</sup> | <i>TYR</i>     | R402Q          | 5.7E-10                     | 1.0E-05     | 2.0E-05     | 3.2E-08        | 1.3E-01        | 6.4E-04      |
| 15q13  | rs4778219              | <i>OCA2</i>    | Intronic       | 3.0E-09                     | 4.4E-03     | 3.7E-07     | 3.6E-11        | 7.0E-01        | 4.8E-01      |
| 15q13  | rs1800407              | <i>OCA2</i>    | R419Q          | 4.7E-19                     | 1.8E-04     | 6.1E-17     | 1.3E-19        | 3.7E-08        | 8.9E-03      |
| 15q13  | rs4778249 <sup>a</sup> | <i>HERC2</i>   | Intronic       | 1.3E-03                     | 5.2E-01     | 3.0E-02     | 2.8E-09        | 1.8E-14        | 1.5E-01      |

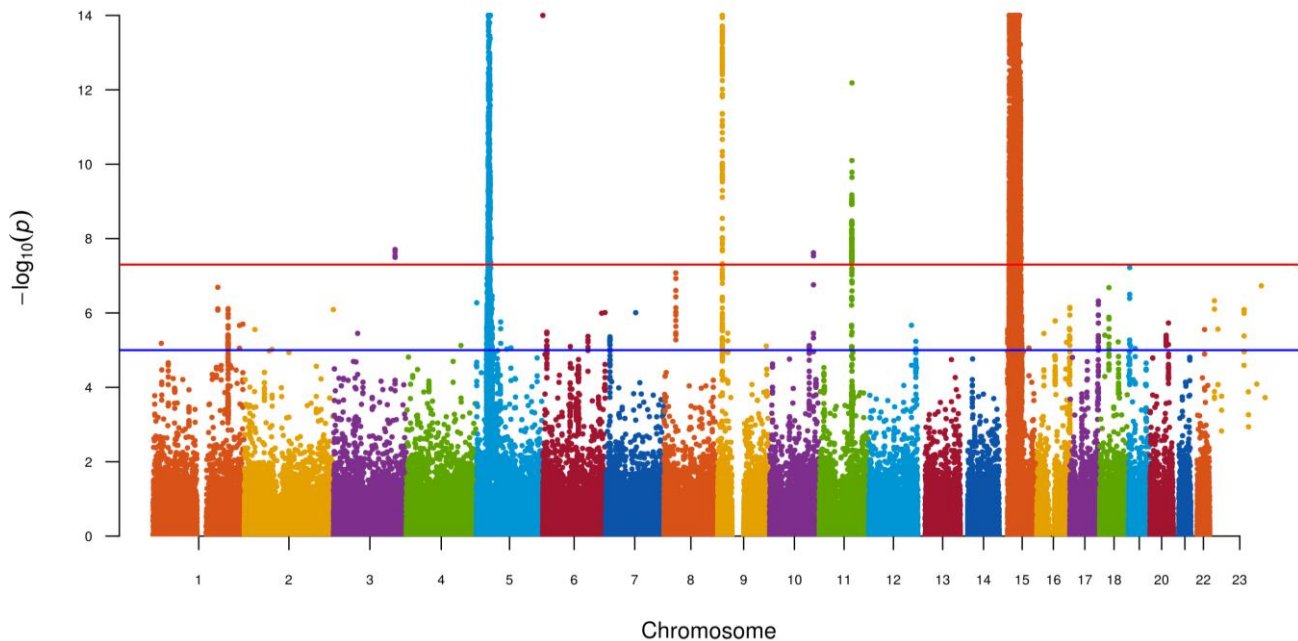
\* These six SNPs were used to condition the GWAS, indicated by superscript<sup>b</sup> in Table 1. A ‘—’ indicates associations that were significant in Table 1 for a SNP with a trait and was therefore conditioned upon, hence the P-value was not computed in conditioned analysis.

<sup>a</sup> These markers were obtained through imputation. Their imputation quality ‘info’ metric was  $\geq 0.975$ , the median value being 0.993. The other markers were obtained from chip genotyping, and their ‘concordance’ metric was  $> 0.9$ , the median value being 0.981.

<sup>†</sup> The independence of association signals of these SNPs (indicated by superscript<sup>c</sup> in Table 1) from the main index SNPs in these genomic regions was confirmed by conditioned analyses.

## Supplementary Table 6: Multivariate association analysis combining all pigmentation traits.

Multivariate regression analysis, an extension of the single-trait regression performed in GWAS, was performed to check if correlation between pigmentation traits could lead to new or stronger genetic signals. The regression analysis was performed for each SNP to test for association with all pigmentation traits (except categorical eye color) combined while adjusting for age, sex and the first 6 PCs. The method provides a regression coefficient for each pigmentation trait and the vector of coefficient is tested jointly using the Wald test to check if it deviates significantly from zero. The test employed here is nearly identical to the Wald test performed in Zhou and Stephens (17), the only difference being in the use of genetic PCs instead of a genetic kinship matrix. The difference is minor since the PCs are top eigenvectors of the kinship matrix. The Manhattan plot below summarizes the results obtained.



SNPs showing genome-wide significant ( $P$ -value =  $5 \times 10^{-8}$ ) are reported below with the index SNPs from Table 1 highlighted in bold. As expected, index SNPs with effect shared across pigmentation traits were found to be significantly associated, whereas SNPs that only affect a particular pigmentation trait were not, consistent with a reduced power of association under this scenario(18). The frequency column in the table below refers to the allele frequency of the minor allele in the CANDELA cohort.

| Chromosome | SNP               | Position         | Nearest gene   | Wald P-value      | $-\log_{10}(P\text{-value})$ | Frequency   |
|------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------|------------------------------|-------------|
| 3          | rs9819158         | 167480661        | SERPINI1       | 1.96E-08          | 7.71                         | 0.13        |
| <b>5</b>   | <b>rs28777</b>    | <b>33958959</b>  | <b>SLC45A2</b> | <b>9.05E-127</b>  | <b>126.04</b>                | <b>0.50</b> |
| <b>6</b>   | <b>rs12203592</b> | <b>396321</b>    | <b>IRF4</b>    | <b>3.90E-43</b>   | <b>42.41</b>                 | <b>0.07</b> |
| <b>10</b>  | <b>rs11198112</b> | <b>119564143</b> | <b>EMX2</b>    | <b>2.41E-08</b>   | <b>7.62</b>                  | <b>0.16</b> |
| <b>11</b>  | <b>rs7118677</b>  | <b>88511524</b>  | <b>GRM5</b>    | <b>8.07E-10</b>   | <b>9.09</b>                  | <b>0.40</b> |
| <b>11</b>  | <b>rs1126809</b>  | <b>89017961</b>  | <b>TYR</b>     | <b>6.53E-13</b>   | <b>12.19</b>                 | <b>0.11</b> |
| <b>15</b>  | <b>rs1800407</b>  | <b>28230318</b>  | <b>OCA2</b>    | <b>9.71E-13</b>   | <b>12.01</b>                 | <b>0.05</b> |
| <b>15</b>  | <b>rs1800404</b>  | <b>28235773</b>  | <b>OCA2</b>    | <b>4.45E-18</b>   | <b>17.35</b>                 | <b>0.41</b> |
| <b>15</b>  | <b>rs12913832</b> | <b>28365618</b>  | <b>HERC2</b>   | <b>&lt;1E-200</b> | <b>200.00</b>                | <b>0.23</b> |
| <b>15</b>  | <b>rs4778249</b>  | <b>28380518</b>  | <b>HERC2</b>   | <b>6.45E-21</b>   | <b>20.19</b>                 | <b>0.03</b> |
| <b>15</b>  | <b>rs1426654</b>  | <b>48426484</b>  | <b>SLC24A5</b> | <b>4.10E-150</b>  | <b>149.39</b>                | <b>0.43</b> |

The novel signal of association on 3q26 detected in the multivariate regression analysis (index SNP rs9819158,  $P$ -value =  $1.96 \times 10^{-8}$  overlaps the *SERPINI1* gene. Interestingly, this SNP was close to suggestive genome-wide significance for C (Saturation;  $P$ -value =  $9.4 \times 10^{-6}$ ) and was nominally significant for cos(H) (Hue;  $P$ -value =  $2.29 \times 10^{-2}$ ), skin pigmentation ( $P$ -value =  $7.34 \times 10^{-4}$ ) and hair color ( $P$ -value =  $5.29 \times 10^{-3}$ ). This gene encodes a member of the serpin superfamily of serine proteinase inhibitors and is primarily secreted by axons in the brain (19). Consistent with this finding, *SERPINI1* is highly expressed in different brain related areas and virtually absent in other human tissues according to the GTEx database. Although *SERPINI1* is not known to play a role in pigmentation, other members of the serpin gene family have been reported to affect pigmentation in various organisms(20). In humans, the pigment epithelium-derived factor is encoded by the *SERPINF1* and *SERPINF2* genes (21, 22).

## Supplementary Table 7: Allele frequencies of the derived allele for index SNPs

Allele frequencies for CEU, IBS, CHB, and YRI were retrieved from 1000 Genomes Project Phase 3 data. Allele frequencies for Native Americans are based on a subset of individuals with more than 99% Native American ancestry (ADMIXTURE analysis) from (23). This table is plotted in Figure 4B.

| Region | SNP        | Ancestral/<br>Derived | CEU  | IBS  | CHB  | YRI  | Native<br>American | CANDELA |
|--------|------------|-----------------------|------|------|------|------|--------------------|---------|
| 1q32   | rs3795556  | T/C                   | 0.23 | 0.26 | 0.41 | 0.36 | 0.42               | 0.33    |
| 5p13   | rs16891982 | C/G                   | 0.98 | 0.82 | 0.01 | 0    | 0.03               | 0.49    |
| 6p25   | rs12203592 | C/T                   | 0.16 | 0.13 | 0    | 0    | 0                  | 0.07    |
| 9p23   | rs10809826 | C/G                   | 0.62 | 0.56 | 0.01 | 0.06 | 0.03               | 0.29    |
| 10q26  | rs11198112 | C/T                   | 0.17 | 0.14 | 0.14 | 0.17 | 0.19               | 0.16    |
| 11q14  | rs7118677  | G/T                   | 0.67 | 0.74 | 0.33 | 0.21 | 0.05               | 0.4     |
| 11q14  | rs1042602  | C/A                   | 0.4  | 0.39 | 0    | 0    | 0.01               | 0.25    |
| 11q14  | rs1126809  | G/A                   | 0.25 | 0.29 | 0    | 0    | 0                  | 0.11    |
| 15q13  | rs4778219  | T/C                   | 0.88 | 0.8  | 0.11 | 0.84 | 0.64               | 0.75    |
| 15q13  | rs1800407  | C/T                   | 0.08 | 0.1  | 0    | 0    | 0                  | 0.05    |
| 15q13  | rs1800404  | C/T                   | 0.82 | 0.73 | 0.39 | 0.07 | 0.31               | 0.58    |
| 15q13  | rs12913832 | A/G                   | 0.77 | 0.32 | 0    | 0    | 0.03               | 0.23    |
| 15q13  | rs4778249  | T/A                   | 0.98 | 0.98 | 0.98 | 0.28 | 1                  | 0.97    |
| 15q21  | rs1426654  | G/A                   | 1    | 1    | 0.03 | 0.01 | 0.02               | 0.56    |
| 16q24  | rs885479   | G/A                   | 0.08 | 0.02 | 0.64 | 0    | 0.69               | 0.34    |
| 19p13  | rs2240751  | A/G                   | 0.01 | 0    | 0.4  | 0    | 0.3                | 0.19    |
| 20q13  | rs17422688 | G/A                   | 0.15 | 0.2  | 0.01 | 0    | 0                  | 0.08    |
| 22q12  | rs5756492  | G/A                   | 0.29 | 0.35 | 0.54 | 0.28 | 0.26               | 0.26    |

### Supplementary Table 8: Signals of selection at index SNPs in Eurasian populations.

Three selection statistics (iHS, Tajima's D and PBS) were computed at index SNPs (Table 1) in Europeans (CEU) and East Asians (CHB) from the 1000 Genomes Project. P-values were estimated using an outlier approach, by ranking all the genome-wide scores and dividing by the number of values in the distribution, taking the upper tail for iHS and PBS and the lower tail for Tajima's D selection scores. Note that given how these selection statistics are computed, it is not possible to obtain selection scores for each SNP (see Methods). Selection statistics scores with empirical P-values < 0.01 are in bold.

| Region | SNP        | BP (hg19) | CEU                                |                                     |                                    | CHB                                |                                |                                    |
|--------|------------|-----------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
|        |            |           | iHS  (P)                           | Tajima's D (P)                      | PBS (P)                            | iHS  (P)                           | Tajima's D (P)                 | PBS (P)                            |
| 1q32   | rs3795556  | 205112911 | 0.88 (3.49×10 <sup>-1</sup> )      | 1.54 (9.41×10 <sup>-1</sup> )       | 0.05 (2.66×10 <sup>-1</sup> )      | 0.26 (7.85×10 <sup>-1</sup> )      | 0.26 (6.70×10 <sup>-1</sup> )  | 0.02 (4.75×10 <sup>-1</sup> )      |
| 5p13   | rs16891982 | 33951693  | -                                  | <b>-2.47 (1.13×10<sup>-3</sup>)</b> | <b>3.64 (3.61×10<sup>-7</sup>)</b> | -                                  | 0.51 (7.47×10 <sup>-1</sup> )  | 0.00 (1.00)                        |
| 6p25   | rs12203592 | 396321    | 0.37 (6.89×10 <sup>-1</sup> )      | -0.59 (3.12×10 <sup>-1</sup> )      | -                                  | -                                  | 0.12 (6.26×10 <sup>-1</sup> )  | -                                  |
| 9p23   | rs10809826 | 12682663  | 1.54 (1.10×10 <sup>-1</sup> )      | -1.17 (1.48×10 <sup>-1</sup> )      | <b>0.82 (7.26×10<sup>-4</sup>)</b> | -                                  | -1.76 (6.39×10 <sup>-2</sup> ) | 0.10 (2.12×10 <sup>-1</sup> )      |
| 10q26  | rs11198112 | 119564143 | 0.64 (4.90×10 <sup>-1</sup> )      | 0.13 (6.18×10 <sup>-1</sup> )       | 0.00 (1.00)                        | 0.60 (5.21×10 <sup>-1</sup> )      | 0.33 (6.93×10 <sup>-1</sup> )  | 0.00 (6.62×10 <sup>-1</sup> )      |
| 11q14  | rs7118677  | 88511524  | 1.08 (2.50×10 <sup>-1</sup> )      | 0.40 (7.08×10 <sup>-1</sup> )       | 0.31 (2.68×10 <sup>-2</sup> )      | 1.11 (2.43×10 <sup>-1</sup> )      | 0.89 (8.39×10 <sup>-1</sup> )  | 0.00 (1.00)                        |
| 11q14  | rs1042602  | 88911696  | 1.65 (8.79×10 <sup>-2</sup> )      | 0.25 (6.58×10 <sup>-1</sup> )       | -                                  | -                                  | 0.43 (7.23×10 <sup>-1</sup> )  | -                                  |
| 11q14  | rs1126809  | 89017961  | 0.47 (6.10×10 <sup>-1</sup> )      | -1.19 (1.43×10 <sup>-1</sup> )      | -                                  | -                                  | -0.77 (2.84×10 <sup>-1</sup> ) | -                                  |
| 15q13  | rs4778219  | 28213850  | -                                  | 0.48 (7.33×10 <sup>-1</sup> )       | 0.10 (1.54×10 <sup>-1</sup> )      | -                                  | -1.29 (1.46×10 <sup>-1</sup> ) | <b>1.27 (1.71×10<sup>-4</sup>)</b> |
| 15q13  | rs1800407  | 28230318  | 0.27 (7.73×10 <sup>-1</sup> )      | 0.13 (6.18×10 <sup>-1</sup> )       | 0.08 (2.01×10 <sup>-1</sup> )      | -                                  | 1.06 (8.72×10 <sup>-1</sup> )  | 0.00 (1.00)                        |
| 15q13  | rs1800404  | 28235773  | 0.75 (4.22×10 <sup>-1</sup> )      | 0.13 (6.18×10 <sup>-1</sup> )       | <b>0.71 (1.50×10<sup>-3</sup>)</b> | <b>3.45 (3.54×10<sup>-3</sup>)</b> | 1.06 (8.72×10 <sup>-1</sup> )  | 0.00 (1.00)                        |
| 15q13  | rs12913832 | 28365618  | <b>3.16 (6.18×10<sup>-3</sup>)</b> | <b>-2.20 (8.88×10<sup>-3</sup>)</b> | -                                  | -                                  | -1.95 (4.02×10 <sup>-2</sup> ) | -                                  |
| 15q13  | rs4778249  | 28380518  | -                                  | -2.04 (1.87×10 <sup>-2</sup> )      | 0.02 (4.04×10 <sup>-1</sup> )      | -                                  | -1.19 (1.71×10 <sup>-1</sup> ) | 0.00 (1.00)                        |
| 15q21  | rs1426654  | 48426484  | -                                  | -1.94 (2.67×10 <sup>-2</sup> )      | <b>3.87 (2.41×10<sup>-7</sup>)</b> | -                                  | -1.40 (1.24×10 <sup>-1</sup> ) | 0.00 (1.00)                        |
| 16q24  | rs885479   | 89986154  | -                                  | -0.03 (5.19×10 <sup>-1</sup> )      | 0.00 (1.00)                        | 0.12 (8.99×10 <sup>-1</sup> )      | 0.24 (6.66×10 <sup>-1</sup> )  | <b>0.83 (2.07×10<sup>-3</sup>)</b> |
| 19p13  | rs2240751  | 3548231   | -                                  | -0.78 (2.52×10 <sup>-1</sup> )      | 0.00 (1.00)                        | 0.70 (4.55×10 <sup>-1</sup> )      | -1.71 (7.13×10 <sup>-2</sup> ) | 0.50 (1.37×10 <sup>-2</sup> )      |
| 20q13  | rs17422688 | 43739119  | 0.27 (7.73×10 <sup>-1</sup> )      | -0.77 (2.57×10 <sup>-1</sup> )      | 0.14 (1.07×10 <sup>-1</sup> )      | -                                  | -1.70 (7.24×10 <sup>-2</sup> ) | 0.00 (1.00)                        |
| 22q12  | rs5756492  | 37424991  | 0.37 (6.92×10 <sup>-1</sup> )      | 0.00 (5.72×10 <sup>-1</sup> )       | 0.00 (1.00)                        | 0.18 (8.50×10 <sup>-1</sup> )      | 0.38 (7.07×10 <sup>-1</sup> )  | 0.13 (1.65×10 <sup>-1</sup> )      |

Abbreviations: BP, Base Position



Supplementary Table 9: Enrichment of signatures of positive selection at genomic regions associated with pigmentation traits.

The maximum PBS and iHS selection scores at haplotype blocks showing suggestive association with pigmentation traits (i.e. those containing SNPs with P-values  $< 10^{-5}$ ) was compared to the distribution of maximum scores at all other haplotype blocks across rest of the genome in East Asians (CHB) and Europeans (CEU) from the 1000 Genomes Project (see Methods). **A)** P-values reported for a one-sided Mann-Whitney *U*-test using PBS selection scores and **B)** iHS selection scores. We did not perform the enrichment analysis using Tajima's D selection scores, as the number of windows with scores was significantly lower compared to that of PBS and iHS, and because the windows would sometimes overlap two different haplotype blocks.

**A)**

| Phenotype                | CHB                    | CEU                     |
|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Skin color (MI)          | $1.67 \times 10^{-18}$ | $4.58 \times 10^{-101}$ |
| Hair color (categorical) | $1.60 \times 10^{-4}$  | $1.66 \times 10^{-22}$  |
| Eye color (categorical)  | $3.75 \times 10^{-15}$ | $7.91 \times 10^{-47}$  |
| L (Brightness)           | $1.74 \times 10^{-15}$ | $7.62 \times 10^{-76}$  |
| cos(H) (Hue)             | $5.63 \times 10^{-13}$ | $4.77 \times 10^{-5}$   |
| C (Saturation)           | $4.25 \times 10^{-18}$ | $3.01 \times 10^{-73}$  |

**B)**

| Phenotype                | CHB                   | CEU                   |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Skin color (MI)          | $3.82 \times 10^{-2}$ | $1.08 \times 10^{-8}$ |
| Hair color (categorical) | $1.47 \times 10^{-2}$ | $5.38 \times 10^{-5}$ |
| Eye color (categorical)  | $9.16 \times 10^{-3}$ | $6.78 \times 10^{-5}$ |
| L (Brightness)           | $1.02 \times 10^{-3}$ | $3.32 \times 10^{-6}$ |
| cos(H) (Hue)             | $5.84 \times 10^{-4}$ | $2.20 \times 10^{-7}$ |
| C (Saturation)           | $8.61 \times 10^{-4}$ | $6.14 \times 10^{-8}$ |

Supplementary Table 10: Worldwide populations included in the correlation analysis between the derived allele frequency at pigmentation loci and solar radiation.

Sample size, geographic coordinates (in degrees) and mean annual solar radiation (in kWh/m<sup>2</sup>/day) per population ordered by major geographical regions. For our analysis of the Western Eurasian dataset we included all European, North African and Middle Eastern populations. Similarly, for our analysis of the Eastern Eurasian dataset we included all East Asian, South Asian, Southern East Asian, Oceanian and Siberian populations.

| Population   | Country of origin | Major geographical region | Sample size | Longitude | Latitude | Solar radiation | Reference |
|--------------|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------|-----------|----------|-----------------|-----------|
| ESN          | Nigeria           | Africa                    | 95          | 5.61      | 6.33     | 4.81            | (24)      |
| GuiGhanaKgal | Botswana          | Africa                    | 14          | 26.00     | -22.00   | 5.85            | (25)      |
| GWD          | Gambia            | Africa                    | 111         | -16.32    | 13.24    | 5.56            | (24)      |
| Juhoansi     | Namibia           | Africa                    | 15          | 18.00     | -18.00   | 6.03            | (25)      |
| Khwe         | Namibia           | Africa                    | 14          | 19.00     | -13.00   | 5.58            | (25)      |
| LWK          | Kenya             | Africa                    | 73          | 34.77     | 0.62     | 5.91            | (24)      |
| MSL          | Sierra Leone      | Africa                    | 69          | -10.69    | 8.21     | 5.14            | (24)      |
| Bantu        | South Africa      | Africa                    | 19          | 27.00     | -22.00   | 5.8             | (25)      |
| Xun          | Angola            | Africa                    | 19          | 15.00     | -13.00   | 5.65            | (25)      |
| YRI          | Nigeria           | Africa                    | 101         | 3.94      | 7.38     | 4.89            | (24)      |
| Aymara       | Bolivia           | Americas                  | 13          | -68.20    | -16.50   | 5.3             | (23)      |
| Colla        | Argentina         | Americas                  | 11          | -66.32    | -24.23   | 6.2             | (26)      |
| Embera       | Colombia          | Americas                  | 14          | -76.00    | 7.00     | 4.31            | (23)      |
| Mixe         | Mexico            | Americas                  | 16          | -96.58    | 16.95    | 5.26            | (23)      |
| Nahua        | Mexico            | Americas                  | 17          | -99.08    | 17.63    | 6.05            | (23)      |
| Quechua      | Peru/Bolivia      | Americas                  | 11          | -72.00    | -13.50   | 5.34            | (23)      |
| Wichi        | Argentina         | Americas                  | 15          | -64.10    | -23.22   | 4.6             | (26)      |
| CHB          | China             | East Asia                 | 103         | 116.40    | 39.91    | 4.4             | (24)      |
| CHS-FuJian   | China             | East Asia                 | 25          | 118.12    | 25.49    | 3.63            | (24)      |
| CHS-HuNan    | China             | East Asia                 | 59          | 111.65    | 27.54    | 3.29            | (24)      |
| CHS          | China             | East Asia                 | 13          | 114.00    | 32.30    | 3.83            | (24)      |
| JPT          | Japan             | East Asia                 | 104         | 138.09    | 35.81    | 3.63            | (24)      |
| Papuan       | Papua New         | Oceania                   | 15          | 143.00    | -4.00    | 4.91            | (27)      |

|                    |             |                 |    |         |       |      |      |
|--------------------|-------------|-----------------|----|---------|-------|------|------|
| BEB                | Bangladesh  | South Asia      | 83 | 90.41   | 23.81 | 4.65 | (24) |
| GIH                | India       | South Asia      | 96 | 71.00   | 23.16 | 5.16 | (24) |
| ITU                | India       | South Asia      | 98 | 79.14   | 17.88 | 5.17 | (24) |
| PJL                | Pakistan    | South Asia      | 86 | 74.35   | 31.56 | 5.33 | (24) |
| STU                | Sri Lanka   | South Asia      | 95 | 80.77   | 7.59  | 5.34 | (24) |
| Bajo               | Indonesia   | South East Asia | 31 | 122.52  | -4.00 | 5.5  | (28) |
| Burmese            | Myanmar     | South East Asia | 20 | 96.60   | 21.63 | 4.78 | (28) |
| CDX                | China       | South East Asia | 82 | 100.82  | 22.02 | 4.61 | (24) |
| Dusun              | Brunei      | South East Asia | 20 | 114.68  | 4.64  | 5.65 | (28) |
| Igorot             | Philippines | South East Asia | 21 | 121.27  | 16.57 | 4.67 | (28) |
| KHV                | Vietnam     | South East Asia | 98 | 106.65  | 10.81 | 5.14 | (24) |
| Lebbo              | Indonesia   | South East Asia | 15 | 117.28  | 1.45  | 4.8  | (28) |
| Malay              | Singapore   | South East Asia | 25 | 103.86  | 1.35  | 4.49 | (28) |
| Murut              | Brunei      | South East Asia | 17 | 115.17  | 4.61  | 5.65 | (28) |
| Vietnamese         | Vietnam     | South East Asia | 18 | 108.41  | 14.48 | 4.56 | (28) |
| Evenki             | Russia      | Siberia         | 16 | 92.88   | 56.01 | 3.06 | (29) |
| Even               | Russia      | Siberia         | 14 | 151.29  | 59.58 | 2.82 | (29) |
| Koryak             | Russia      | Siberia         | 15 | 159.23  | 62.03 | 2.61 | (29) |
| Eskimo             | Russia      | Siberia         | 10 | -173.05 | 64.68 | 2.34 | (29) |
| CEU <sup>a</sup>   | USA         | Europe          | 91 | 6.00    | 52.00 | 2.69 | (24) |
| FIN                | Finland     | Europe          | 99 | 24.94   | 60.17 | 2.73 | (24) |
| France             | France      | Europe          | 10 | 2.00    | 46.00 | 3.34 | (23) |
| Cornwall           | UK          | Europe          | 29 | -4.78   | 50.47 | 3.11 | (24) |
| Kent               | UK          | Europe          | 31 | 0.84    | 51.22 | 2.81 | (24) |
| Orkney             | UK          | Europe          | 21 | -3.28   | 58.79 | 2.53 | (24) |
| Germany            | Germany     | Europe          | 10 | 10.64   | 51.11 | 2.71 | (23) |
| Catilla y Leon     | Spain       | Europe          | 12 | -4.73   | 41.65 | 4.06 | (24) |
| Catalunya          | Spain       | Europe          | 10 | 2.93    | 41.95 | 4.11 | (24) |
| Valencia           | Spain       | Europe          | 14 | -0.50   | 39.47 | 4.98 | (24) |
| Portugal (Central) | Spain       | Europe          | 11 | -8.19   | 39.57 | 4.32 | (23) |
| Portugal (North)   | Spain       | Europe          | 13 | -8.59   | 41.15 | 4.35 | (23) |
| Portugal (South)   | Spain       | Europe          | 12 | -7.92   | 37.02 | 4.88 | (23) |
| Spain (Andalucia)  | Spain       | Europe          | 15 | -4.81   | 37.54 | 4.78 | (23) |

|                        |          |              |     |        |       |      |      |
|------------------------|----------|--------------|-----|--------|-------|------|------|
| Spain (Basque)         | Spain    | Europe       | 14  | 0.00   | 43.00 | 3.71 | (23) |
| Spanish(Canary Island) | Spain    | Europe       | 14  | -16.31 | 28.49 | 5.4  | (23) |
| Spanish                | Spain    | Europe       | 15  | -3.69  | 40.40 | 4.4  | (23) |
| TSI                    | Italy    | Europe       | 106 | 11.06  | 43.50 | 3.91 | (24) |
| Jordan                 | Jordania | Middle East  | 15  | 35.94  | 31.95 | 5.17 | (23) |
| Libya                  | Libya    | North Africa | 15  | 17.55  | 27.00 | 5.89 | (23) |
| Morocco                | Morocco  | North Africa | 14  | -8.01  | 31.63 | 5.24 | (23) |
| Tunisia                | Tunisia  | North Africa | 14  | 10.18  | 36.81 | 4.95 | (23) |

<sup>a</sup> CEU population of Northern and Western European ancestry was assigned the coordinates of Rheden in the Netherlands.

### Supplementary Table 11: Correlation between allele frequency at index SNPs and solar radiation.

Allele frequency correlations between the derived allele frequency of the top index SNPs and solar radiation was tested using Bayenv2.0 (see Methods). For each SNP we estimated a Bayes Factor (BF) and Spearman's rank correlation coefficient ( $\rho$ ). SNPs not present in the extended worldwide populations dataset (Supplementary Table 10) or that were fixed in a geographical region were not included in the analysis. Significant SNPs for both the BF and  $\rho$ 's are in bold.

| Region | SNP        | Worldwide                  |                      | Africa                     |               | Eastern Eurasia            |                      | Western Eurasia            |                      |
|--------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
|        |            | $\log_{10}(\text{BF})$ (P) | $\rho$ (P)           | $\log_{10}(\text{BF})$ (P) | $\rho$ (P)    | $\log_{10}(\text{BF})$ (P) | $\rho$ (P)           | $\log_{10}(\text{BF})$ (P) | $\rho$ (P)           |
| 1q32   | rs3795556  | -0.80 (0.57)               | 0.04 (0.634)         | -0.66 (0.406)              | 0.13 (0.547)  | -0.54 (0.466)              | 0.04 (0.77)          | -0.96 (0.938)              | 0.03 (0.841)         |
| 5p13   | rs16891982 | -                          | -                    | -                          | -             | -                          | -                    | -                          | -                    |
| 6p25   | rs12203592 | -0.87 (0.807)              | -0.02 (0.834)        | -                          | -             | -0.71 (0.826)              | 0.04 (0.757)         | -0.30 (0.085)              | -0.26 (0.025)        |
| 9p23   | rs10809826 | -                          | -                    | -                          | -             | -                          | -                    | -                          | -                    |
| 10q26  | rs11198112 | -0.80 (0.566)              | 0.04 (0.642)         | -0.55 (0.264)              | 0.20 (0.344)  | -0.66 (0.703)              | 0.10 (0.496)         | -0.69 (0.295)              | -0.11 (0.339)        |
| 11q14  | rs7118677  | -                          | -                    | -                          | -             | -                          | -                    | -                          | -                    |
| 11q14  | rs1042602  | -0.80 (0.592)              | -0.05 (0.527)        | -0.83 (0.829)              | -0.05 (0.81)  | -0.54 (0.473)              | -0.03 (0.798)        | -0.76 (0.368)              | -0.07 (0.568)        |
| 11q14  | rs1126809  | -                          | -                    | -                          | -             | -                          | -                    | -                          | -                    |
| 15q13  | rs4778219  | -                          | -                    | -                          | -             | -                          | -                    | -                          | -                    |
| 15q13  | rs1800407  | -0.49 (0.194)              | 0.09 (0.279)         | -                          | -             | -0.78 (0.968)              | 0.06 (0.663)         | -0.90 (0.672)              | -0.03 (0.818)        |
| 15q13  | rs1800404  | <b>3.12 (0.002)</b>        | <b>-0.22 (0.019)</b> | -0.55 (0.275)              | 0.01 (0.962)  | <b>1.48 (0.017)</b>        | <b>-0.30 (0.029)</b> | -0.78 (0.406)              | 0.00 (0.985)         |
| 15q13  | rs12913832 | <b>12.66 (0.001)</b>       | <b>-0.39 (0.001)</b> | -0.78 (0.666)              | 0.16 (0.452)  | -0.40 (0.324)              | -0.10 (0.461)        | <b>9.40 (0.001)</b>        | <b>-0.36 (0.003)</b> |
| 15q13  | rs4778249  | -                          | -                    | -                          | -             | -                          | -                    | -                          | -                    |
| 15q21  | rs1426654  | -                          | -                    | -                          | -             | -                          | -                    | -                          | -                    |
| 16q24  | rs885479   | 0.29 (0.029)               | -0.14 (0.111)        | -                          | -             | <b>1.97 (0.009)</b>        | <b>-0.29 (0.033)</b> | 0.25 (0.017)               | -0.19 (0.113)        |
| 19p13  | rs2240751  | 0.49 (0.016)               | -0.14 (0.116)        | -                          | -             | <b>2.32 (0.004)</b>        | <b>-0.28 (0.047)</b> | -0.53 (0.172)              | -0.05 (0.692)        |
| 20q13  | rs17422688 | -0.95 (0.983)              | -0.02 (0.753)        | -0.09 (0.076)              | 0.44 (0.02)   | -0.71 (0.827)              | -0.09 (0.535)        | -0.88 (0.614)              | -0.09 (0.428)        |
| 22q12  | rs5756492  | -0.74 (0.447)              | -0.06 (0.475)        | -0.50 (0.225)              | -0.26 (0.224) | 0.22 (0.094)               | -0.08 (0.561)        | -0.91 (0.713)              | 0.05 (0.694)         |

## Supplementary Table 12: List of reported GWAS associations with pigmentation.

The table below lists 161 SNPs collated from published association studies on pigmentation. Some of these SNPs were not present in the Candela dataset (e.g. SNPs that are not biallelic were excluded from the Candela dataset during QC). A final set of 139 SNPs that were used to do the preliminary analysis to search for ‘most important’ SNPs are denoted with ‘Y’ in the ‘Used’ column. Position is in GrCh37. A1 and A2 are reference and alternative allele(s), respectively.

| Chr | Position  | SNP         | A1 | A2 | Gene      | A2 allele frequency |         |          |          |          |          | Used | Reference        |
|-----|-----------|-------------|----|----|-----------|---------------------|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------|------------------|
|     |           |             |    |    |           | IBS                 | YRI     | CHB      | CLM      | MXL      | PEL      |      |                  |
| 1   | 17722363  | rs7538876   | A  | G  | PADI6     | 0.3178              | 0.3611  | 0.233    | 0.3936   | 0.2891   | 0.3941   | Y    | (30)             |
| 1   | 22124820  | rs6659601   | G  | A  | LDLRAD2   | 0.8458              | 0.6019  | 0.7039   | 0.8032   | 0.9297   | 0.9412   | Y    | (31)             |
| 1   | 67627828  | rs117633859 | G  | A  | IL23R     | 0.03271             | 0       | 0.1553   | 0.04787  | 0.01562  | 0.1471   | Y    | (32)             |
| 1   | 188000243 | rs77443641  | A  | C  | PLA2G4A   | 0                   | 0.09259 | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |      | (31)             |
| 1   | 196942660 | rs115105970 | T  | C  | CFHR5     | 0                   | 0.1019  | 0        | 0        | 0.007812 | 0.01765  |      | (31)             |
| 1   | 197452914 | rs114143322 | A  | G  | CRB1      | 0                   | 0.01852 | 0        | 0.005319 | 0        | 0        |      | (33)             |
| 1   | 204344757 | rs112725747 | T  | C  | LOC127841 | 0.004673            | 0.03704 | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |      | (31)             |
| 1   | 213126565 | rs3002288   | A  | G  | VASH2     | 0.3925              | 0.05093 | 0.3932   | 0.2287   | 0.2656   | 0.08235  | Y    | (34)             |
| 1   | 228997835 | rs801114    | G  | T  | RHO       | 0.4393              | 0.8704  | 0.3689   | 0.516    | 0.3516   | 0.3176   | Y    | (30)             |
| 1   | 235907825 | rs3768056   | A  | G  | LYST      | 0.7664              | 0.9074  | 0.8738   | 0.7872   | 0.7266   | 0.6588   | Y    | (35) (36)        |
| 1   | 236039877 | rs9782955   | C  | T  | LYST      | 0.771               | 1       | 0.8981   | 0.8032   | 0.7422   | 0.6647   | Y    | (36)             |
| 1   | 244364879 | rs76327975  | G  | C  | ZNF238    | 0                   | 0.03704 | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | Y    | (31)             |
| 2   | 66820715  | rs55767876  | G  | T  | MEIS1     | 0.08411             | 0.09722 | 0.02913  | 0.04255  | 0.0625   | 0.02353  | Y    | (31)             |
| 2   | 150937112 | rs10445747  | G  | A  | RND3      | 0.07009             | 0       | 0        | 0.01596  | 0.03125  | 0.01765  | Y    | (37)             |
| 2   | 151111030 | rs62170035  | A  | C  | RND3      | 0.02336             | 0.1111  | 0        | 0.02128  | 0.007812 | 0.005882 | Y    | (31)             |
| 2   | 168646041 | rs13020412  | G  | A  | B3GALT1   | 0.09813             | 0.01389 | 0        | 0.03191  | 0.05469  | 0.02353  | Y    | (37)             |
| 2   | 234672639 | rs6742078   | T  | G  | UGT1A1    | 0.2804              | 0.5046  | 0.1117   | 0.3404   | 0.3672   | 0.4529   | Y    | (38)             |
| 2   | 240030484 | rs3791406   | T  | C  | HDAC4     | 0.6729              | 0.3148  | 0.5146   | 0.6702   | 0.7109   | 0.6765   | Y    | (37)             |
| 3   | 9886352   | rs6788400   | G  | A  | RPUSD3    | 0.02336             | 0.3519  | 0.02913  | 0.03723  | 0.03906  | 0.005882 | Y    | (31)             |
| 3   | 100590822 | rs9848726   | T  | A  | ABI3BP    | 0.3271              | 0.2824  | 0.2621   | 0.4681   | 0.3281   | 0.3588   | Y    | (37)             |
| 3   | 187398936 | rs79592764  | T  | C  | SST       | 0                   | 0.1389  | 0        | 0.01596  | 0        | 0.01176  | Y    | (31)             |
| 4   | 10398635  | rs4698048   | G  | T  | ZNF518B   | 0.5981              | 0.6528  | 0.4903   | 0.6277   | 0.6562   | 0.6235   | Y    | (37)             |
| 4   | 14776694  | rs28479566  | T  | C  | LOC441009 | 0.004673            | 0.2269  | 0        | 0.005319 | 0.007812 | 0.01176  | Y    | (31)             |
| 5   | 314935    | rs7736      | C  | T  | PDCD6     | 0.07009             | 0.5694  | 0.01456  | 0.09574  | 0.05469  | 0.04118  | Y    | (39)             |
| 5   | 6767312   | rs12520016  | G  | T  | PAPD7     | 0.04673             | 0.1204  | 0.004854 | 0.05319  | 0.01562  | 0.02353  | Y    | (34)             |
| 5   | 33948589  | rs35395     | C  | T  | SLC45A2   | 0.8738              | 0.2037  | 0.08738  | 0.6596   | 0.4219   | 0.1824   | Y    | (1)              |
| 5   | 33951693  | rs16891982  | G  | C  | SLC45A2   | 0.8178              | 0       | 0.01456  | 0.6383   | 0.4141   | 0.1588   | Y    | (31, 36, 40-44)  |
| 5   | 33952106  | rs185146    | T  | C  | SLC45A2   | 0.8738              | 0.213   | 0.08738  | 0.6596   | 0.4219   | 0.1882   | Y    | (37)             |
| 5   | 33955673  | rs35391     | C  | T  | SLC45A2   | 0.8925              | 0.5787  | 0.3592   | 0.6755   | 0.4844   | 0.2765   | Y    | (45)             |
| 5   | 33958959  | rs28777     | A  | C  | SLC45A2   | 0.8738              | 0.1667  | 0.08738  | 0.6543   | 0.4219   | 0.1824   | Y    | (46)             |
| 5   | 33963870  | rs26722     | T  | C  | SLC45A2   | 0.07944             | 0.06019 | 0.432    | 0.2447   | 0.3203   | 0.5882   | Y    | (42, 43, 47, 48) |
| 5   | 33964210  | rs183671    | G  | T  | SLC45A2   | 0.8551              | 0.1667  | 0.07767  | 0.6543   | 0.4219   | 0.1824   | Y    | (36)             |
| 5   | 33967145  | rs35412     | G  | C  | SLC45A2   | 0.8692              | 0.5556  | 0.3738   | 0.6809   | 0.4922   | 0.2824   | Y    | (36)             |

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| 5  | 107400505 | rs288139    | A | G | FBXL17   | 0.243    | 0.1065  | 0.3252   | 0.1649   | 0.1094   | 0.09412  | Y | (49)                         |
| 5  | 149210848 | rs32579     | T | C | PPARGC1B | 0.285    | 0.5972  | 0.3641   | 0.383    | 0.5156   | 0.5765   | Y | (45)                         |
| 5  | 150691486 | rs428668    | C | T | SLC36A2  | 0.3879   | 0.5602  | 0.4417   | 0.5319   | 0.5625   | 0.8      | Y | (37)                         |
| 5  | 178762064 | rs340417    | A | C | ADAMTS2  | 0.09813  | 0.06019 | 0.1553   | 0.1489   | 0.07812  | 0.1059   | Y | (31)                         |
| 6  | 396321    | rs12203592  | T | C | IRF4     | 0.1262   | 0       | 0        | 0.03723  | 0.08594  | 0.02941  | Y | (4) (34, 36, 37, 40, 46, 50) |
| 6  | 466033    | rs1540771   | T | C | EXOC2    | 0.5234   | 0.06944 | 0.2524   | 0.5053   | 0.5391   | 0.5353   | Y | (41, 43, 51)                 |
| 6  | 471136    | rs12202284  | A | C | EXOC2    | 0.1776   | 0.1204  | 0.004854 | 0.1064   | 0.04688  | 0.04118  | Y | (52)                         |
| 6  | 475489    | rs12210050  | T | C | EXOC2    | 0.1028   | 0.00463 | 0        | 0.04255  | 0.03125  | 0.04118  | Y | (45)                         |
| 6  | 542159    | rs6918152   | G | A | EXOC2    | 0.6542   | 0.09259 | 0.4806   | 0.5638   | 0.5547   | 0.4      | Y | (46)                         |
| 6  | 19996808  | rs9350204   | C | A | MBOAT1   | 0.1589   | 0       | 0.3786   | 0.1543   | 0.1719   | 0.2706   | Y | (53)                         |
| 6  | 31244789  | rs2524069   | T | A | HLA-C    | 0.1682   | 0.06019 | 0        | 0.08511  | 0.0625   | 0.05294  |   | (53)                         |
| 6  | 32428715  | rs9268838   | A | G | HLA-DRA  | 0.2757   | 0.1389  | 0.3544   | 0.3404   | 0.3125   | 0.5176   |   | (32)                         |
| 6  | 32575658  | rs3021304   | C | G | HLA-DRB1 | 0.5374   | 0.5509  | 0.6019   | 0.4362   | 0.5547   | 0.6      | Y | (32)                         |
| 6  | 41729406  | rs12661968  | C | T | FRS3     | 0.1449   | 0.08333 | 0.1408   | 0.1702   | 0.1562   | 0.1588   | Y | (37)                         |
| 6  | 92184362  | rs73753762  | G | A | MIR4643  | 0        | 0.1111  | 0        | 0        | 0.007812 | 0        |   | (31)                         |
| 6  | 111993747 | rs77437330  | A | G | FYN      | 0.05607  | 0.02778 | 0.09709  | 0.05851  | 0.02344  | 0        | Y | (31)                         |
| 7  | 36685144  | rs7794780   | C | T | AOAH     | 0.5701   | 0.662   | 0.3107   | 0.4787   | 0.4453   | 0.2941   | Y | (31)                         |
| 7  | 122042978 | rs77462788  | C | T | CADPS2   | 0.02336  | 0       | 0        | 0.02128  | 0.007812 | 0.01765  |   | (31)                         |
| 8  | 8757628   | rs96621     | C | T | MFHAS1   | 0.486    | 0.5139  | 0.335    | 0.3883   | 0.3594   | 0.3176   | Y | (37)                         |
| 8  | 15500967  | rs12541402  | C | T | TUSC3    | 0.2991   | 0       | 0.08738  | 0.2021   | 0.2734   | 0.1529   | Y | (31)                         |
| 8  | 132353735 | rs4596632   | A | G | ADCY8    | 0.6776   | 0.4213  | 0.4029   | 0.6862   | 0.7344   | 0.8118   | Y | (49)                         |
| 9  | 12396731  | rs13289810  | G | A | TYRP1    | 0.3458   | 0.287   | 0.03883  | 0.2128   | 0.1406   | 0.04118  | Y | (54)                         |
| 9  | 12672097  | rs1408799   | C | T | TYRP1    | 0.6121   | 0.1991  | 0.01456  | 0.3936   | 0.3594   | 0.1353   | Y | (34, 41, 55)                 |
| 9  | 12704725  | rs2733832   | T | C | TYRP1    | 0.5421   | 0.04167 | 0.01456  | 0.3085   | 0.4297   | 0.3059   | Y | (43)                         |
| 9  | 16858084  | rs10756819  | A | G | BNC2     | 0.6822   | 0.03704 | 0.6165   | 0.6064   | 0.6094   | 0.4765   | Y | (38)                         |
| 9  | 16864521  | rs2153271   | T | C | BNC2     | 0.5935   | 0.1204  | 0.199    | 0.4521   | 0.2812   | 0.1588   | Y | (40)                         |
| 9  | 16901067  | rs62543565  | A | C | BNC2     | 0.6355   | 0.5093  | 0.2864   | 0.5      | 0.3359   | 0.1647   | Y | (50)                         |
| 10 | 13605982  | rs6602665   | C | T | PRPF18   | 0.004673 | 0.3056  | 0.009709 | 0.01064  | 0.02344  | 0.01176  | Y | (31)                         |
| 10 | 13606490  | rs6602666   | G | A | PRPF18   | 0.004673 | 0.3056  | 0.009709 | 0.01064  | 0.03125  | 0.01176  | Y | (31)                         |
| 10 | 24164956  | rs11812960  | G | A | KIAA1217 | 0.004673 | 0.05556 | 0        | 0.005319 | 0        | 0        |   | (33)                         |
| 10 | 25207241  | rs151165649 | A | G | PRTFDC1  | 0.01402  | 0       | 0        | 0.01596  | 0        | 0.005882 | Y | (31)                         |
| 10 | 47632167  | rs111256285 | G | A | ANTXRL   | 0        | 0.1204  | 0        | 0.01064  | 0.007812 | 0        | Y | (31)                         |
| 10 | 64490495  | rs442309    | T | C | ZNF365   | 0.5561   | 0.4398  | 0.1942   | 0.5319   | 0.4297   | 0.2941   | Y | (32)                         |
| 11 | 61106892  | rs2513329   | C | G | DAK      | 0.986    | 0.3102  | 0.9709   | 0.8989   | 0.9766   | 0.9588   | Y | (39)                         |
| 11 | 61137147  | rs7948623   | A | T | TMEM138  | 1        | 0.7361  | 1        | 0.9574   | 0.9922   | 0.9882   | Y | (56)                         |
| 11 | 68846399  | rs35264875  | T | A | TPCN2    | 0.1449   | 0       | 0        | 0.1011   | 0.1016   | 0.02941  | Y | (43, 55)                     |
| 11 | 68855363  | rs3829241   | A | G | TPCN2    | 0.3879   | 0.01852 | 0.1748   | 0.3085   | 0.1875   | 0.07059  | Y | (43)                         |
| 11 | 68872843  | rs72930659  | T | C | TPCN2    | 0.08411  | 0       | 0        | 0.05851  | 0.0625   | 0.02353  | Y | (41)                         |
| 11 | 88557991  | rs10831496  | G | A | GRM5     | 0.2664   | 0.8889  | 0.7524   | 0.5426   | 0.6172   | 0.7353   | Y | (45)                         |
| 11 | 88911494  | rs13312741  | G | T | TYR      | 0        | 0       | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |   | (57)                         |
| 11 | 88911696  | rs1042602   | A | C | TYR      | 0.3925   | 0       | 0        | 0.3245   | 0.1797   | 0.1      | Y | (42, 43, 51)                 |
| 11 | 88976157  | rs12295166  | C | T | TYR      | 0.4065   | 0       | 0        | 0.3245   | 0.1797   | 0.1      | Y | (42)                         |
| 11 | 89011046  | rs1393350   | A | G | TYR      | 0.285    | 0       | 0        | 0.1011   | 0.1406   | 0.06471  | Y | (45, 51)                     |
| 11 | 89017961  | rs1126809   | A | G | TYR      | 0.2944   | 0       | 0        | 0.1064   | 0.1406   | 0.06471  | Y | (34, 43, 44)                 |
| 11 | 95773435  | rs10831469  | G | A | MAML2    | 0.3832   | 0.1944  | 0.5049   | 0.4521   | 0.5469   | 0.5765   | Y | (1)                          |

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| 11 | 95895552  | rs115019323 | A | G   | MAML2        | 0        | 0.0092590 | 0        | 0.0078120 |         |          | (31)                              |
| 11 | 131350968 | rs12421680  | A | G   | NTM          | 0.271    | 0.6481    | 0.6748   | 0.5426    | 0.7344  | 0.8294   | Y (34)                            |
| 12 | 785468    | rs10849455  | G | T   | NINJ2        | 0.8318   | 0.4167    | 0.7087   | 0.8298    | 0.8984  | 0.8647   | Y (31)                            |
| 12 | 41778982  | rs1902910   | G | A   | PDZRN4       | 0.1916   | 0.1065    | 0.1165   | 0.1277    | 0.07812 | 0.04118  | Y (31)                            |
| 12 | 54159277  | rs7969151   | A | G   | CALCOCO1     | 0.2804   | 0.4074    | 0.06796  | 0.2074    | 0.1484  | 0.2118   | Y (45)                            |
| 12 | 89299746  | rs642742    | T | C   | LOC728084    | 0.1729   | 0.9444    | 0.301    | 0.2713    | 0.2656  | 0.2235   | Y (43)                            |
| 12 | 89328335  | rs12821256  | C | T   | LOC728084    | 0.0514   | 0         | 0        | 0.02128   | 0.01562 | 0.005882 | Y (34, 41, 43, 51)                |
| 13 | 78381146  | rs975739    | T | G   | SLAIN1       | 0.6028   | 0.5231    | 0.2087   | 0.617     | 0.4922  | 0.4235   | Y (34)                            |
| 13 | 95096013  | rs1407995   | C | T   | DCT          | 0.7757   | 0.8148    | 0.233    | 0.6862    | 0.5625  | 0.3353   | Y (42)                            |
| 13 | 106743244 | rs188019015 | T | C   | LOC728192    | 0        | 0.03241   | 0        | 0         | 0       | 0        | (31)                              |
| 13 | 113819785 | rs3024737   | G | A   | PROZ         | 0        | 0.05093   | 0        | 0.01064   | 0       | 0.01176  | (31)                              |
| 13 | 114460362 | rs7326155   | C | T   | FAM70B       | 0.004673 | 0.05093   | 0        | 0         | 0       | 0.01176  | (31)                              |
| 14 | 52310104  | rs8015138   | C | A   | GNG2         | 0.6028   | 0.1713    | 0.1117   | 0.3138    | 0.2812  | 0.2235   | Y (34)                            |
| 14 | 65783804  | rs73278043  | G | C   | MIR4708      | 0        | 0.06944   | 0.09709  | 0.02128   | 0       | 0.005882 | (33)                              |
| 14 | 92773663  | rs12896399  | T | G   | SLC24A4      | 0.3458   | 0.00463   | 0.2913   | 0.2872    | 0.2266  | 0.2706   | Y (34, 40, 43, 46, 51)            |
| 14 | 92800004  | rs8014907   | T | A   | SLC24A4      | 0.2243   | 0.3796    | 0.05825  | 0.1489    | 0.1719  | 0.09412  | Y (41)                            |
| 14 | 92866905  | rs10133804  | T | A,C | SLC24A4      | 0.019    | 0.148     | 0        | 0.005     | 0.016   | 0.006    | Y (31)                            |
| 14 | 97103807  | rs17094273  | A | G   | PAPOLA       | 0.1168   | 0.3056    | 0.1602   | 0.1117    | 0.09375 | 0.05294  | Y (45)                            |
| 15 | 28196821  | rs7173419   | C | T   | OCA2         | 0.715    | 0.2778    | 0.08252  | 0.5691    | 0.4688  | 0.3941   | Y (34)                            |
| 15 | 28197037  | rs1800414   | C | T   | OCA2         | 0        | 0         | 0.5922   | 0         | 0       | 0        | Y (57) (58) (35, 59) (43, 52, 60) |
| 15 | 28228553  | rs74653330  | T | C   | OCA2         | 0        | 0         | 0.01942  | 0.01596   | 0       | 0        | (57) (58) (35)                    |
| 15 | 28230318  | rs1800407   | T | C   | OCA2         | 0.09813  | 0         | 0.004854 | 0.04787   | 0.03125 | 0        | Y (35) (43, 61)                   |
| 15 | 28235773  | rs1800404   | T | C   | OCA2         | 0.7336   | 0.06944   | 0.3932   | 0.6436    | 0.5469  | 0.4647   | Y (56)                            |
| 15 | 28335820  | rs4778138   | G | A   | OCA2         | 0.3037   | 0.7685    | 0.7282   | 0.266     | 0.3125  | 0.2      | (46) (31)                         |
| 15 | 28365618  | rs12913832  | G | A   | HERC2        | 0.3224   | 0         | 0        | 0.266     | 0.1797  | 0.1118   | Y (4) (40, 46) (34, 36, 43, 62)   |
| 15 | 28511997  | rs79097182  | T | C   | HERC2        | 0.1869   | 0         | 0.4126   | 0.08511   | 0.08594 | 0.04706  | Y (41)                            |
| 15 | 28514281  | rs4932620   | C | T   | HERC2        | 0.9813   | 0.9167    | 0.9806   | 0.9734    | 0.9922  | 0.9941   | Y (56)                            |
| 15 | 28530182  | rs1667394   | T | C   | HERC2        | 0.5654   | 0.0463    | 0.2379   | 0.5745    | 0.5469  | 0.6235   | Y (49) (51)                       |
| 15 | 28533565  | rs1667392   | G | A,C | HERC2        | 0.355    | 0         | 0        | 0.005     | 0.172   | 0.112    | Y (36)                            |
| 15 | 29006093  | rs8033165   | T | C   | WHAMMP2      | 0.2757   | 0.09259   | 0        | 0.25      | 0.1719  | 0.08235  | Y (46)                            |
| 15 | 29261716  | rs4424881   | T | C   | APBA2        | 0.1168   | 0.9444    | 0.6117   | 0.234     | 0.1875  | 0.3118   | Y (1)                             |
| 15 | 48392165  | rs1834640   | G | A   | SLC24A5      | 0.004673 | 0.9861    | 0.9029   | 0.2181    | 0.3438  | 0.5529   | Y (42)                            |
| 15 | 48400199  | rs2675345   | G | A   | SLC24A5      | 0.004673 | 0.9861    | 0.767    | 0.25      | 0.3828  | 0.5647   | Y (31)                            |
| 15 | 48426484  | rs1426654   | G | A   | SLC24A5      | 0        | 0.9861    | 0.9709   | 0.2819    | 0.4844  | 0.7176   | Y (4) (1) (56) (33, 42) (43)      |
| 15 | 48433494  | rs2470102   | G | A   | MYEF2        | 0        | 0.9861    | 0.767    | 0.2553    | 0.375   | 0.5765   | Y (1) (31, 33)                    |
| 15 | 50307416  | rs2899446   | G | A   | ATP8B4       | 0.3925   | 0.8519    | 0.6942   | 0.4734    | 0.6016  | 0.7765   | Y (31)                            |
| 15 | 50308950  | rs8033655   | G | A   | ATP8B4       | 0.3925   | 0.8565    | 0.6942   | 0.4734    | 0.6016  | 0.7765   | Y (31)                            |
| 15 | 59175467  | rs28753701  | T | C   | SLTM         | 1        | 0.8519    | 1        | 1         | 1       | 1        | (31)                              |
| 15 | 61817211  | rs532282237 | T | C   | LOC107984782 | 0        | 0.005     | 0        | 0         | 0       | 0        | (31)                              |
| 15 | 66319806  | rs61310892  | A | G   | MEGF11       | 0        | 0.07407   | 0        | 0.01064   | 0       | 0.005882 | (31)                              |
| 16 | 26959698  | rs62029775  | T | C   | C16orf82     | 0.5701   | 0.375     | 0.3786   | 0.6809    | 0.6875  | 0.7706   | Y (31)                            |
| 16 | 86363054  | rs2353688   | C | T   | LOC732275    | 0.02804  | 0.00463   | 0.03398  | 0.06915   | 0.1328  | 0.2176   | Y (41)                            |
| 16 | 89667337  | rs154659    | C | T   | CPNE7        | 0.2103   | 0.5556    | 0.4126   | 0.3245    | 0.4219  | 0.6059   | Y (45)                            |



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| 16 | 89736157 | rs35063026  | T | C   | C16orf55 | 0.03271  | 0       | 0        | 0.02128  | 0.02344  | 0.01765  | Y | (50)             |
| 16 | 89755903 | rs258322    | G | A   | CDK10    | 0.9439   | 0.838   | 0.3932   | 0.8457   | 0.8594   | 0.7118   | Y | (46)             |
| 16 | 89818732 | rs12931267  | G | C   | FANCA    | 0.03271  | 0       | 0.02427  | 0.02128  | 0.007812 | 0.005882 | Y | (40)             |
| 16 | 89887249 | rs35096708  | A | G   | FANCA    | 0.1822   | 0       | 0.009709 | 0.1011   | 0.2188   | 0.07059  | Y | (37)             |
| 16 | 89985844 | rs1805005   | T | G   | MC1R     | 0.1542   | 0       | 0        | 0.1011   | 0.03906  | 0.01176  | Y | (36, 43)         |
| 16 | 89985918 | rs1805006   | A | C   | MC1R     | 0.009346 | 0       | 0        | 0        | 0.007812 | 0        | Y | (36, 43)         |
| 16 | 89985940 | rs2228479   | A | G   | MC1R     | 0.0514   | 0       | 0.2136   | 0.01064  | 0.04688  | 0.01176  | Y | (36, 43)         |
| 16 | 89986091 | rs11547464  | A | G   | MC1R     | 0.02804  | 0       | 0        | 0.01064  | 0.007812 | 0        | Y | (43)             |
| 16 | 89986117 | rs1805007   | T | C   | MC1R     | 0.03271  | 0       | 0.004854 | 0.02128  | 0.007812 | 0.005882 | Y | (34, 36, 43, 51) |
| 16 | 89986130 | rs1110400   | C | T   | MC1R     | 0.02336  | 0       | 0        | 0.005319 | 0        | 0.005882 | Y | (36, 43)         |
| 16 | 89986144 | rs1805008   | T | C   | MC1R     | 0.009346 | 0       | 0        | 0.005319 | 0        | 0        | Y | (36, 43, 51)     |
| 16 | 89986154 | rs885479    | A | G   | MC1R     | 0.01869  | 0       | 0.6408   | 0.2074   | 0.3906   | 0.6471   | Y | (43, 63, 64)     |
| 16 | 89986546 | rs1805009   | C | G   | MC1R     | 0.01402  | 0       | 0        | 0.02128  | 0        | 0        | Y | (36, 43)         |
| 16 | 90022693 | rs146972365 | C | T   | DEF8     | 0.03738  | 0.00463 | 0        | 0.02128  | 0.01562  | 0.005882 | Y | (41)             |
| 16 | 90026512 | rs4268748   | C | T   | DEF8     | 0.1449   | 0.412   | 0.2282   | 0.133    | 0.1172   | 0.05294  | Y | (36, 37)         |
| 16 | 90054709 | rs8063160   | C | T   | AFG3L1P  | 0.05607  | 0.2407  | 0        | 0.06383  | 0.03125  | 0.03529  | Y | (41)             |
| 16 | 90084561 | rs11648785  | T | C   | DBNDD1   | 0.4065   | 0.1065  | 0.2039   | 0.4468   | 0.1875   | 0.2235   | Y | (45)             |
| 17 | 33823098 | rs117307642 | T | C   | SLFN12L  | 0.06075  | 0       | 0        | 0.04255  | 0.007812 | 0.01176  | Y | (31)             |
| 17 | 79591813 | rs7219915   | T | C   | NPLOC4   | 0.4626   | 0.838   | 0.9951   | 0.6915   | 0.7031   | 0.8647   | Y | (62)             |
| 17 | 79596811 | rs9894429   | T | C   | NPLOC4   | 0.4159   | 0.7222  | 0.8058   | 0.6649   | 0.6719   | 0.8471   | Y | (62)             |
| 17 | 79664426 | rs12452184  | T | C   | HGS      | 0.5374   | 0.6944  | 0.3447   | 0.5213   | 0.5234   | 0.4824   | Y | (62)             |
| 18 | 11451676 | rs74791047  | A | T   | GNAL     | 0        | 0.1065  | 0        | 0.005319 | 0        | 0        | Y | (33)             |
| 19 | 3544892  | rs56203814  | T | C   | C19orf28 | 0.01402  | 0.2222  | 0        | 0.01064  | 0.007812 | 0.005882 | Y | (56)             |
| 19 | 3545022  | rs10424065  | T | C   | C19orf28 | 0.01869  | 0.2685  | 0        | 0.02128  | 0.007812 | 0.005882 | Y | (56)             |
| 19 | 54364168 | rs62143248  | T | C   | MYADM    | 0.07477  | 0.2269  | 0        | 0.06383  | 0.03125  | 0.01176  | Y | (31)             |
| 20 | 32665748 | rs6059655   | G | A   | RALY     | 0.9766   | 1       | 1        | 0.984    | 0.9922   | 1        |   | (36, 50)         |
| 20 | 32704627 | rs6142102   | G | C   | EIF2S2   | 0.7523   | 0.3843  | 0.8689   | 0.6755   | 0.7422   | 0.4353   | Y | (31)             |
| 20 | 32729444 | rs4911414   | G | T   | EIF2S2   | 0.757    | 0.8704  | 0.8689   | 0.7447   | 0.75     | 0.4412   | Y | (55) (34)        |
| 20 | 32738612 | rs1015362   | T | C   | EIF2S2   | 0.257    | 0.8519  | 0.1311   | 0.3351   | 0.2969   | 0.5647   | Y | (55)             |
| 20 | 32856998 | rs6058017   | G | A   | ASIP     | 0.1121   | 0.8148  | 0.2427   | 0.133    | 0.07812  | 0.01765  | Y | (42, 65)         |
| 20 | 33355046 | rs4911442   | A | G   | NCOA6    | 0.9159   | 1       | 0.9951   | 0.9681   | 0.9766   | 0.9882   | Y | (43, 63)         |
| 20 | 33867697 | rs619865    | G | A   | EIF6     | 0.9252   | 1       | 1        | 0.9628   | 0.9844   | 0.9824   | Y | (40)             |
| 20 | 36662831 | rs755107    | A | C,G | RPRD1B   | 0.005    | 0.328   | 0.184    | 0.162    | 0.125    | 0.059    | Y | (31)             |
| 21 | 38491095 | rs1003719   | G | A   | TTC3     | 0.6075   | 0.3056  | 0.3544   | 0.4149   | 0.4766   | 0.3176   | Y | (62)             |
| 21 | 38507572 | rs2252893   | C | T   | TTC3     | 0.4626   | 0.6991  | 0.6165   | 0.6596   | 0.5547   | 0.7059   | Y | (62)             |
| 21 | 38510616 | rs2835621   | A | G   | TTC3     | 0.4626   | 0.6991  | 0.6165   | 0.6649   | 0.5547   | 0.7059   | Y | (62)             |
| 21 | 38521842 | rs2835630   | G | A   | TTC3     | 0.4766   | 0.6991  | 0.6602   | 0.6649   | 0.5547   | 0.7059   | Y | (62)             |
| 21 | 38580309 | rs7277820   | G | A   | DSCR9    | 0.472    | 0.6991  | 0.6602   | 0.6649   | 0.5547   | 0.7059   | Y | (62)             |
| 21 | 43227915 | rs7279297   | G | A   | PRDM15   | 0.3411   | 0.5093  | 0.5388   | 0.2926   | 0.3047   | 0.1882   | Y | (45)             |
| 22 | 31113081 | rs201429679 | T | G   | OSBP2    | 0.2056   | 0.4213  | 0.3835   | 0.3298   | 0.3438   | 0.5059   |   | (31)             |

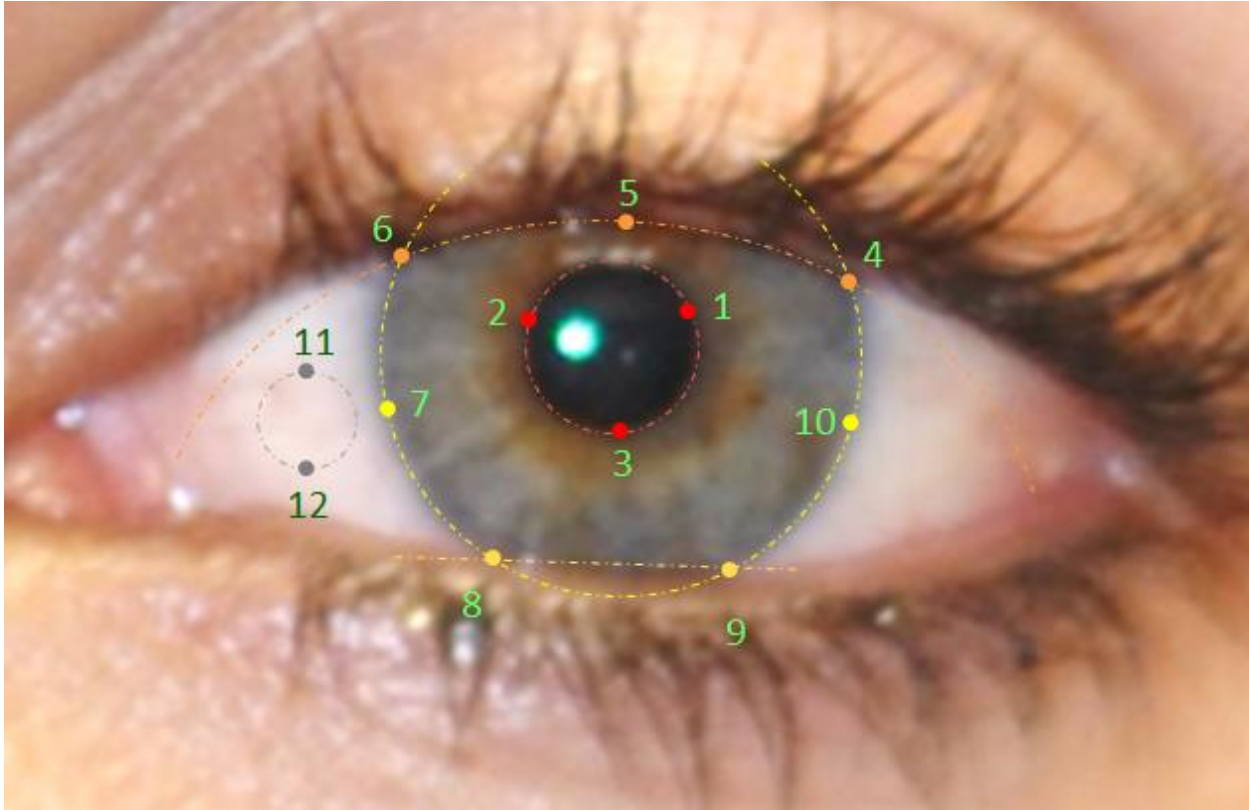
### Supplementary Table 13: Proportion of trait variation explained by each SNP

Proportion of total trait variation explained by each SNP (in unconditional GWAS) of Table 1 is listed below.

| Region | Candidate gene | SNP       | Skin | Hair        | Eye         |                |                |              |
|--------|----------------|-----------|------|-------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
|        |                |           | MI   | Categorical | Categorical | L (Brightness) | C (Saturation) | cos(H) (Hue) |
| 1q32   | DSTYK          | rs3795556 | 0.02 | 0.00        | 0.00        | 0.10           | 0.45           | 0.02         |
| 5p13   | SLC45A2        | rs1689198 | 6.07 | 3.78        | 0.87        | 0.89           | 0.40           | 0.24         |
| 6p25   | IRF4           | rs1220359 | 0.44 | 0.71        | 0.64        | 0.73           | 0.17           | 0.07         |
| 9p23   | TYRP1          | rs1080982 | 0.13 | 0.06        | 0.54        | 0.85           | 0.48           | 0.11         |
| 10q26  | EMX2           | rs1119811 | 0.48 | 0.00        | 0.01        | 0.01           | 0.00           | 0.01         |
| 11q14  | GRM5           | rs7118677 | 0.45 | 0.30        | 0.00        | 0.00           | 0.01           | 0.01         |
| 11q14  | TYR            | rs1042602 | 0.46 | 0.30        | 0.00        | 0.01           | 0.07           | 0.00         |
| 11q14  | TYR            | rs1126809 | 0.44 | 0.28        | 0.20        | 0.28           | 0.05           | 0.19         |
| 15q13  | OCA2           | rs4778219 | 0.00 | 0.00        | 0.05        | 0.04           | 0.00           | 0.03         |
| 15q13  | OCA2           | rs1800407 | 0.41 | 0.05        | 0.09        | 0.04           | 0.44           | 0.35         |
| 15q13  | OCA2           | rs1800404 | 0.52 | 0.10        | 0.61        | 1.01           | 0.38           | 0.07         |
| 15q13  | HERC2          | rs1291383 | 0.90 | 5.95        | 25.64       | 26.74          | 0.40           | 6.35         |
| 15q13  | HERC2          | rs4778249 | 0.27 | 0.14        | 0.56        | 1.15           | 0.98           | 0.01         |
| 15q21  | SLC24A5        | rs1426654 | 6.57 | 1.01        | 1.51        | 2.80           | 3.19           | 0.01         |
| 16q24  | MC1R           | rs885479  | 0.33 | 0.05        | 0.00        | 0.00           | 0.00           | 0.00         |
| 19p13  | MFSD12         | rs2240751 | 0.53 | 0.00        | 0.01        | 0.00           | 0.04           | 0.00         |
| 20q13  | WFDC5          | rs1742268 | 0.01 | 0.00        | 0.00        | 0.02           | 0.00           | 0.52         |
| 22q12  | MPST           | rs5756492 | 0.10 | 0.00        | 0.07        | 0.09           | 0.45           | 0.03         |

## Supplementary Figures

### Supplementary Figure 1: Eye landmarking protocol



Landmarking software was developed in MatLab R2013b. A rectangular area around one of the eyes was selected by zooming-in using the frontal facial photograph of each research subject. A total of 12 landmarks were then positioned. Landmarks 1-3 were placed on the circular boundary of the pupil (the inner iris boundary). These landmarks were positioned equidistantly from each other in order to improve the accuracy of a circle fit. Landmarks 4 and 6 were placed at the points where the lower boundary of the upper eyelid meets the outer iris boundary (if eyelashes partially cover the iris, the lower boundary of the eyelashes were used instead). Landmark 5 was placed midway between landmarks 4 and 6, at the center of the lower boundary of the upper eyelid (it is usually not on the outer iris boundary). Landmarks 8 and 9 are placed where the upper boundary of the lower eyelid meets the outer iris boundary. In some cases the lower eyelid did not overlap the iris. In such cases, landmarks 8 and 9 were considered identical, being the lowermost point on the outer iris boundary. The same point was clicked twice to indicate to the software that the lower eyelid did not overlap the iris. Because there would be slight variations when trying to click on the exact same point twice, a threshold was decided – If the distance between points 8 & 9 is less than  $1/4^{\text{th}}$  of the distance between points 1 & 2, then they are considered to be the same point and the lower eyelid boundary is ignored. Point 9 is then taken to be identical to point 8 and is ignored. Landmark 7 was placed on the outer iris

boundary (where the iris meets the sclera), halfway between landmarks 6 and 8. Similarly, landmark 10 was placed halfway between landmarks 9 and 4. Landmarks 11 and 12 were considered to be the opposite edges of the diameter of a circle placed on the whitest region of the sclera (i.e. an area without major reflections, blood vessels etc).

Landmarks 1-10 are on the visible iris boundaries, outer (relative to the sclera) or inner (relative to the pupil). Photographs usually do not have a very sharp edge around the iris boundaries but rather a gradient of color to black/dark (pupil) or white (sclera). Landmarking was done conservatively, i.e. landmarks were placed on the edges of the iris before the gradient started. This was done so that the lightening or darkening of colors near the edges does not affect the estimated average color of the iris.

## Supplementary Figure 2: Digital eye color extraction

### Exclusion masks:

Eye landmarks were used to define four exclusion areas (corresponding to pupil, sclera, upper and lower eyelids). Landmarks 1-3 are used to fit a circle around the pupil denoting the pupil exclusion mask (11B). Landmarks 4 and 6-10 are used to fit a circle along the outer iris boundary. All points outside the circle are excluded (i. e. sclera exclusion mask, Suppl. Figure 2C). Landmarks 4-6 are used to fit a circle that approximates the upper eyelid boundary in that region. Points above (i.e. outside) the circle are excluded, as shown in Suppl. Figure 2D. As the lower eyelid usually covers a much smaller area of the iris compared to the upper eyelid, a simpler masking is enough. Landmarks 8 and 9 are used to fit a straight line, and all points below the line are excluded (Suppl. Figure 2E). As described earlier, there are instances when the lower eyelid does not cover the iris, in which case this exclusion criteria is ignored. To avoid including the gradient areas at the border of these regions, the pupil exclusion mask was extended outward by a (heuristic) threshold of 10%, while the other three masks were shrunk inwards by a threshold of 10%.

### Color adjustment:

The pupil is used to define black. However, pixels in the pupil circle can show variation in color. Thus the 'black' color of the pupil differs from the actual RGB (0,0,0) black value. To set the black point of the image we used the lower 10% quantile for each of the Red, Green and Blue channels of all pixels in the pupil. The circle defined by landmarks 11-12 in the sclera was used to define a white point. To set the white point we took the upper 80% quantile for each of the Red, Green and Blue channels. Using these black and white points for each channel, a linear transformation is used to adjust the colors for each channel separately, so that the black and white points have values of 0 and 1 respectively:

$$y = \frac{(x - b)}{(w - b)} \quad (1)$$

where  $x$  is the old pixel value for a particular channel, and  $b$  is the black point and  $w$  the white point for the channel.  $y$  is the new pixel value. This linear transformation is applied to all pixels in the image for each channel separately. Adjusting the channels separately helps correct color casts, e.g. when the background light has a tint instead of being white. This also standardizes varying illumination levels across pictures.

### Highlight removal:

The detectability of highlights, i.e. reflections from the camera flash, depends on the color of the eye, because light colored eyes have various visible structures in the stroma that are much lighter colored than the average color of the iris, and therefore may be falsely detected as highlights. By looking at the histogram of colors in the blue channel for various eye colors, a heuristic threshold of 30% is

determined to classify an eye into light vs. dark – if the median value of pixels in the blue channel in an eye is  $>0.3$ , it is considered light. In such a case, the threshold of considering pixels as highlights is 67%, i.e. if the brightness of any pixel (determined by its grey level, after converting the RGB values into greyscale) is  $>0.67$  it is considered as a highlight and excluded. For dark eyes, the exclusion threshold is 55%. These thresholds were also constructed heuristically.

### Final exclusion mask:

The final exclusion area is calculated combining exclusion areas of pupil, sclera, upper and lower eyelids, and highlights. Any pixel that is excluded in any one of these masks are excluded from the final iris area. The final inclusion area is shown in white in Suppl. Figure 2F. This inclusion-exclusion mask is then superimposed on the original eye picture, as shown is Suppl. Figure 2G, where all excluded areas are marked green.

Figure 2A: Landmarks & boundaries drawn on an eye.

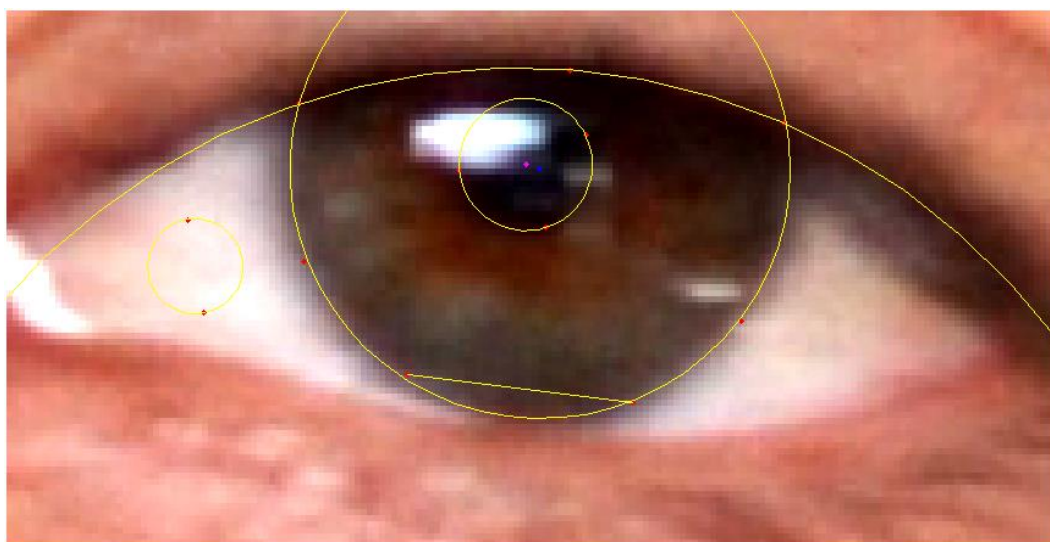


Figure 2B: Exclusion area for pupil, using landmarks 1-3. Black denotes excluded pixels.



Figure 2C: Exclusion area for sclera, using landmarks 4 and 6-10.



Figure 2D: Exclusion area for upper eyelid, drawn using landmarks 4-6.



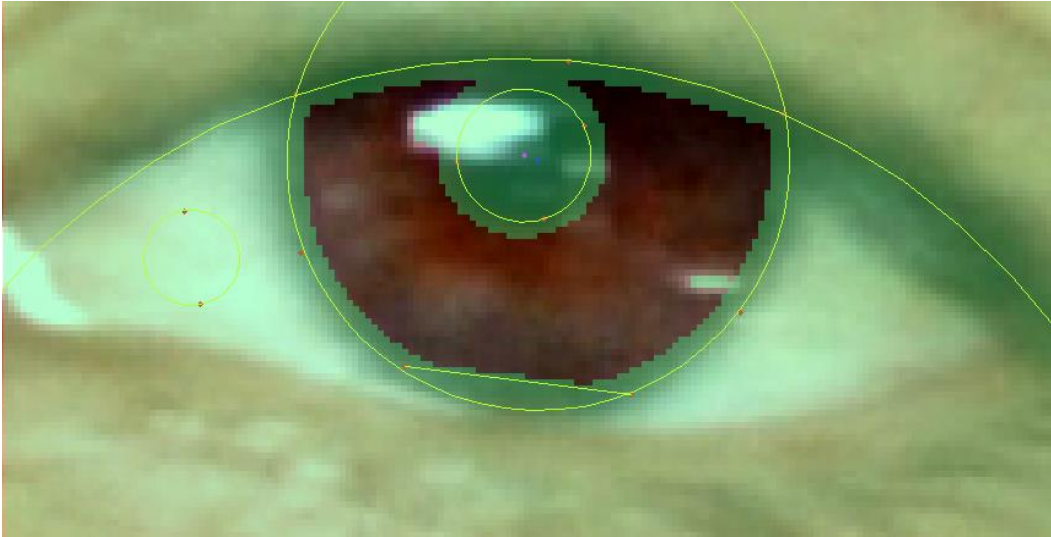
Figure 2E: Exclusion area for lower eyelid, drawn using landmarks 8-9.



Figure 2F: Final exclusion area combining pupil, sclera, upper and lower eyelids, and highlights. The white region corresponds to iris and it is retained.



Figure 2G: Exclusion mask superimposed on the picture of the eye. Areas tinted green are excluded.



**Average iris color:**

To reduce the influence of any remaining artifacts, and to get a more robust estimate, the average color was obtained as the multivariate median of the R, G, B values for pixels in the iris.



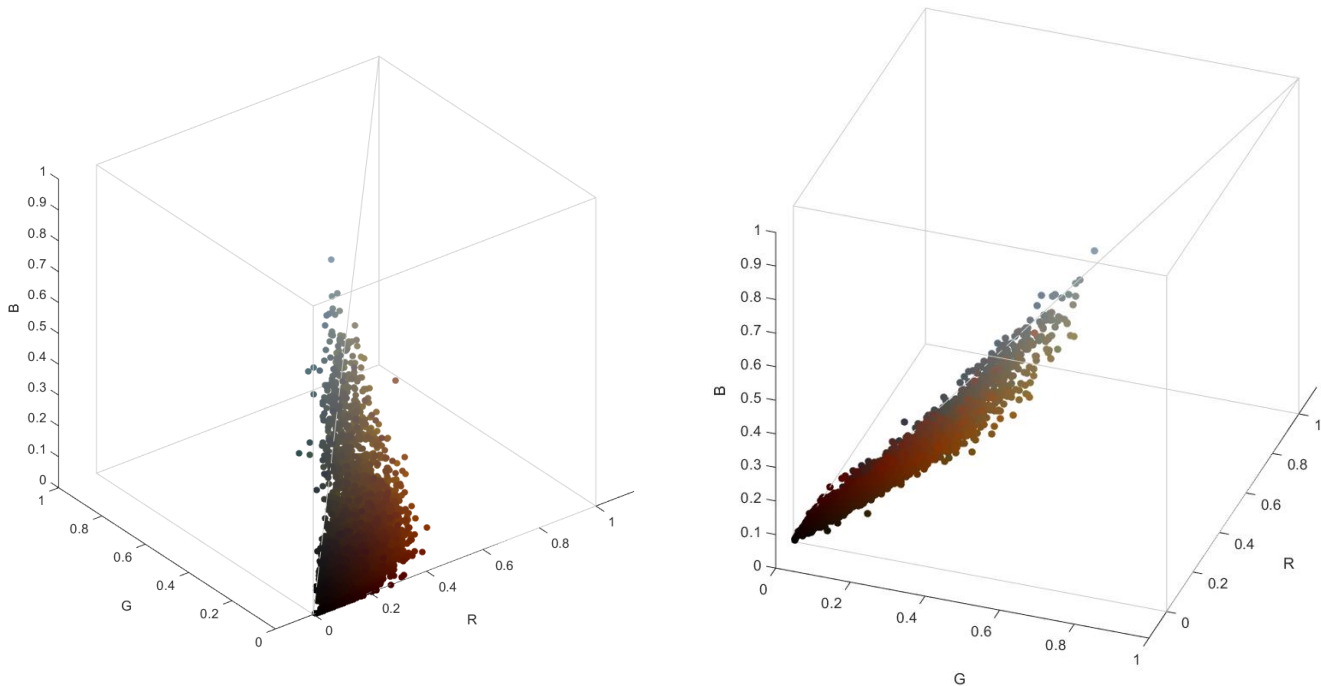
### Supplementary Figure 3: Color spaces used in the eye pigmentation analysis

Various color spaces were considered in the genetic analyses. Their relative advantages and disadvantages were considered before choosing the best color space for the GWAS study.

#### RGB Space:

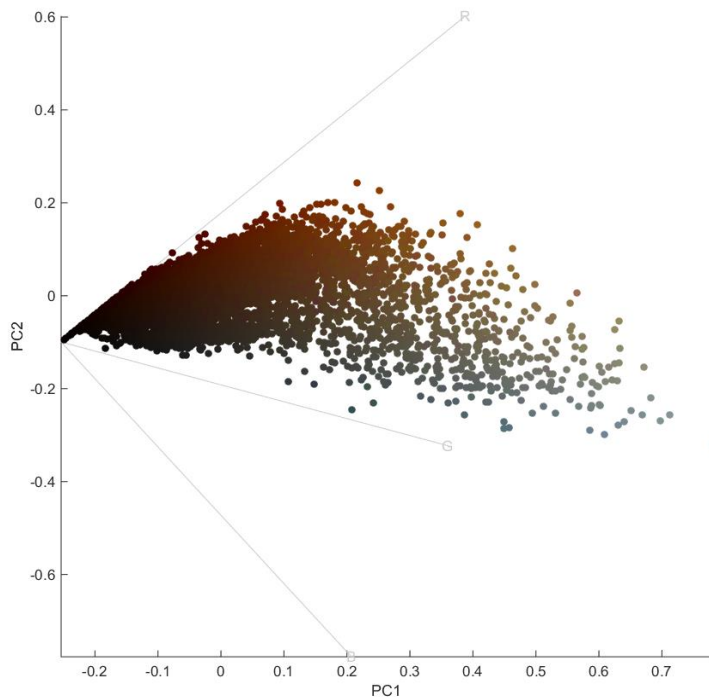
RGB is the default color space used in electronic image representation, such as the digital photographs obtained from the CANDELA volunteers. This might not represent the best color space for our analyses as the choice of color space depends partly on the colors being represented. In our study sample eye colors primarily show various shades of brown, with only few blue or grey colors and we do not observe actual green, nor many other RGB colors (such as proper yellow, orange, violet, purple; see Figure 2d). It can be seen that the 3D RGB data cloud lies in fact on a 2-dimensional subspace (Suppl. Figure 3 A and B). Because of this our R, G, B values are highly correlated (Supplementary Table 2C). An increase in each RGB channel correlates with an increase in overall brightness, which is a major axis of variation in eye colors as it is inversely proportional to the concentration of melanin present in the iris.

**Figure 3 A and B:** Each dot denotes the average color of one iris in RGB color space (cube).



### RGB Principal Components space:

**Figure 3 C:** Biplot of RGB Principal components 1 and 2. PC1 & PC2 are along X & Y axes respectively, while the original R, G, B axes are projected onto the PC1-PC2 space and shown in grey.



As shown above, the iris color RGB data cloud lies nearly on a 2-dimensional subspace. This is also reflected in the three RGB principal components having variances of: 6.04, 1.12 and 0.04 respectively. Thus, the first two RGB PCs provide a nearly complete summary of the color data (explaining 99.5% of the total variance). PC1 captures mainly the dark-to-light variation while PC2 is mostly blue-to-brown variation. The RGB values are all highly correlated with PC1. One can see in the biplot above that all the RGB values are oriented towards the axis of PC1. Using the RGB Principal components in the genetic analyses has the advantage that PCs are uncorrelated, in contrast to the original RGB values which are highly correlated.

This principal components method is commonly used in analysis of skin pigmentation and detection of pigmentation spots (66).

### HSV color space:

The HSV (HSB) color space is a perceptual color space that attempts to separate different aspects of color into different dimensions: Hue, Saturation, and Value (also known as Brightness). It is attractive because these three basic aspects of color are perceived differently, thus separating them into independent axes are useful. E.g. light brown can be distinguished from dark brown simply by change of brightness (V) while Hue (color tone) and Saturation remain the same.

A variation of the HSV model is the HSL model where the measure of brightness, Value (V), is replaced by Lightness (L). The main difference between Value and Lightness is that Value goes from black (V=0) to full color (V=1), while Lightness goes from black (L=0) to full color (L=0.5) to white (L=1). Value only leads to white at V=1 in absence of color, i.e. when S=0.

The calculation of Saturation in the HSL model is slightly different to that in the HSV model.

The definitions of these variables according to CIE (International Commission on Illumination, <http://eiv.cie.co.at>) are:

Hue: "attribute of a visual perception according to which an area appears to be similar to one of the colours: red, yellow, green, and blue, or to a combination of adjacent pairs of these colours considered in a closed ring".

Value (Brightness): "Attribute of a visual perception according to which an area appears to emit, or reflect, more or less light."

Lightness: "brightness of an area judged relative to the brightness of a similarly illuminated area that appears to be white or highly transmitting".

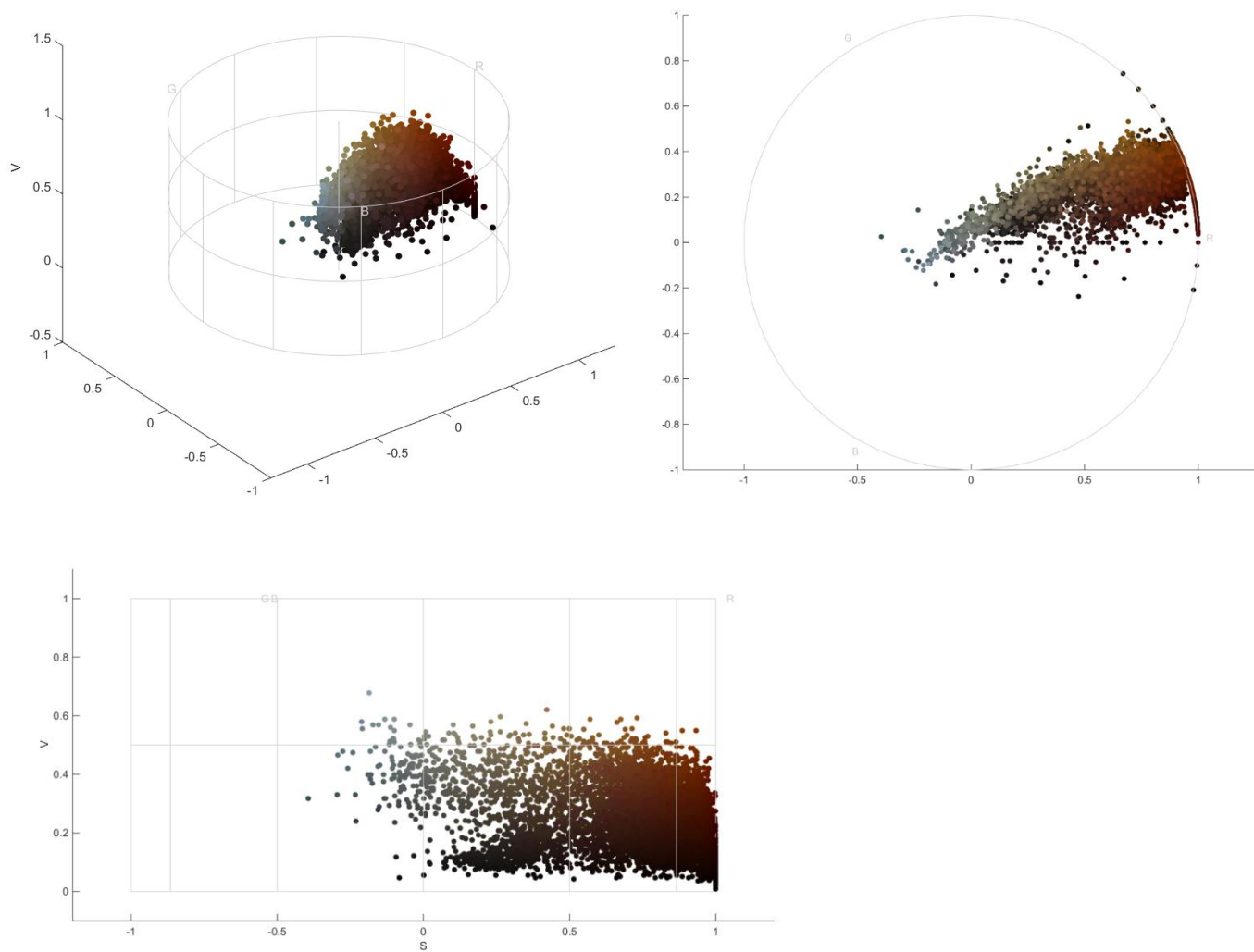
Saturation: "colourfulness of an area judged in proportion to its brightness".

The HSV model or a subset of the variables have been used in eye and skin pigmentation studies (36, 62).

Hue is depicted as a color circle going from 0° to 360°, with the three primary (RGB) colors set at three equidistant points: R at 0°, G at 120° and B at 240°. The intermediate colors yellow, cyan and magenta fall in between.

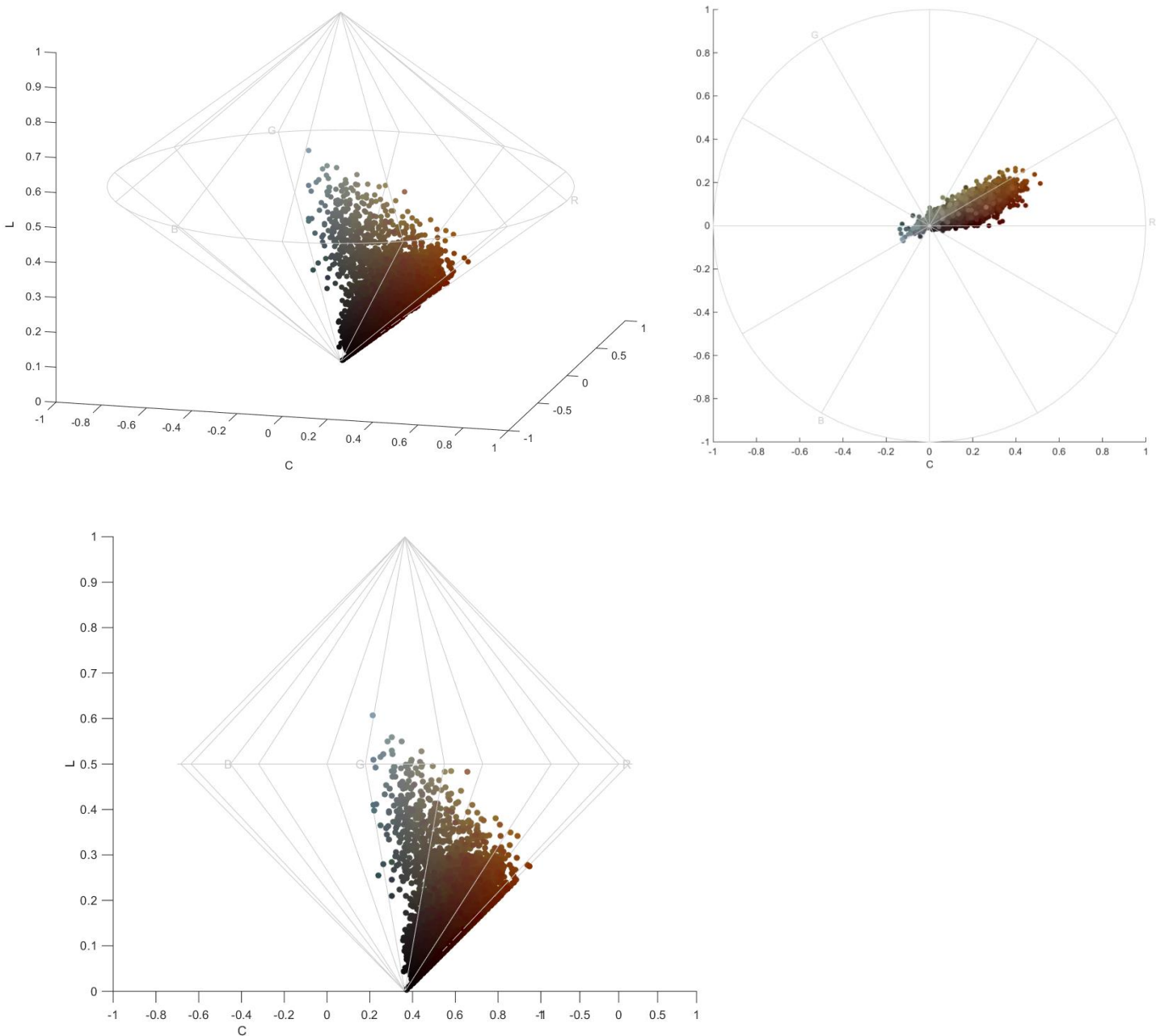
Due to the circular nature of Hue, the HSV or HSL colorspace are cylindrical in shape. Being a circular variable, Hue cannot be used directly in quantitative analysis such as regressions which require a continuous variable. It has a discrete jump at 360°, e.g.  $355^\circ + 10^\circ = 5^\circ$ , which violates the additive nature of continuous variables. For such purposes Hue is commonly converted into trigonometric functions before using:  $\cos(H)$  and  $\sin(H)$ . These trigonometric functions are periodic and therefore avoid the jump at 360°, e.g.  $\cos(360^\circ) = \cos(0^\circ)$ .

Figure 3 D, E, F: set of all iris color values in the cylindrical HSV color space.



### HCL color space:

Figure 3 G, H, I: set of all iris color values in the bicone HCL color space.



A problem with the Saturation variable in HSV or HSL color models is that its effect on color is rather heavily dependent on brightness, as seen from its definition. For example, when  $V=0$  (or  $L=0$ ) representing complete black, changing the value of  $S$  doesn't have any effect on the color at all. To address this, a new variable Chroma ( $C$ ) is commonly used in conjunction with Lightness, which restricts the range of values of  $C$  to avoid such kind of non-uniqueness in color.

$$C \leq L \text{ if } 0 \leq L \leq 0.5, \text{ and } C \leq 1-L \text{ if } 0.5 \leq L \leq 1.$$

Which means  $C$  has only an allowable value of 0 if  $L=0$  or  $L=1$ , at black or white color.

This restriction on the value of C leads to a bicone colorspace for HCL color model.

Chroma is defined according to CIE as:

“colourfulness of an area judged as a proportion of the brightness of a similarly illuminated area that appears white or highly transmitting”.

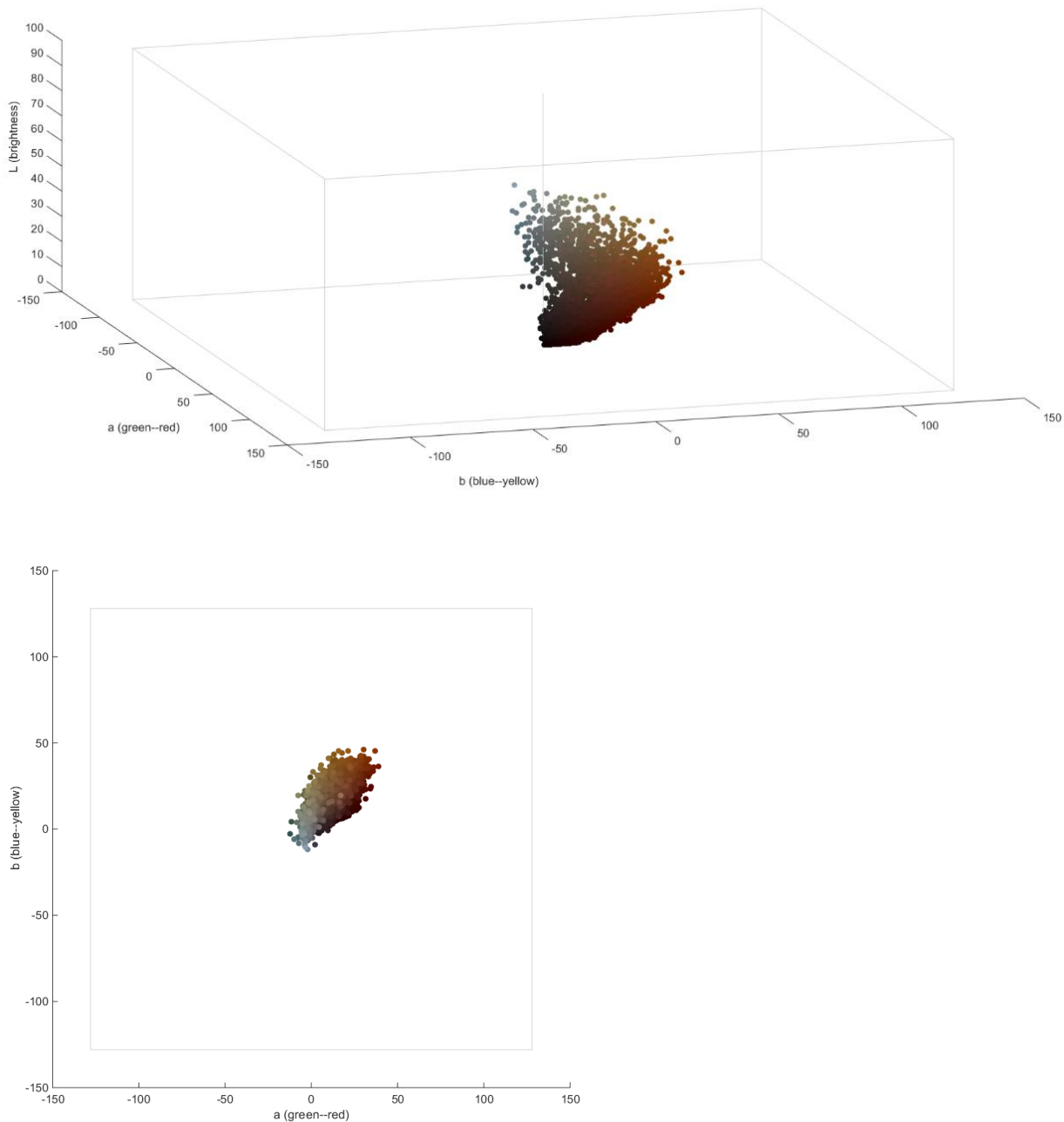
As seen in the HCL plots above, the data points approximately lie on a vertical 2-d plane that passes through the central line  $S=0$ . The axis of this plane is estimated to be the median Hue, which is  $H=20^\circ$  in this case. Due to the circular nature of Hue as a variable, mean is not a robust measure of average in this case. Thus, prior to applying the trigonometric functions, the Hue variable was standardized by subtracting the median =  $20^\circ$  from its values.  $\cos(H-20^\circ)$ , from now on referred to as  $\cos(H)$ , is close to 1 or -1 most of the times, while  $\sin(H-20^\circ)$  is usually small.

The 2-d plane on which the data points approximately lie is thus characterized by two axes: L and  $C \times \cos(H)$ . Because the axes  $\cos(H)$  and  $\sin(H)$  are perpendicular, a projection of all data points onto this plane can simply be attained by ignoring the  $\sin(H)$  component.

The HSV, HSL and HCL color models however have one criticism, that it doesn't represent perception very accurately. For example, fully saturated red and fully saturated yellow are given the same brightness (L or V) values, though in our perception yellow is a much brighter color than red. However, this is not a problem in our case as our data range is narrower and very few tones of color are present in the data.

**Lab color space:**

**Figure 3 J, K:** set of all iris colors in Lab color space (color cube).



The CIE (International Commission on Illumination) Lab color space is another perceptual tristimulus colorimetric color space, using three components: L (brightness, low to high), a (color, green to red), and b (color, blue to yellow). Brightness L goes from 0 to 100, while the colors a & b are centered at 0 and range from -128 to 128, though it depends on the implementation and varies across software. The Lab color space has been used in studies of eye and hair pigmentation (35, 67, 68). The polar (cylindrical) representation of Lab color space is known as CIE LCH color space, where L remains the

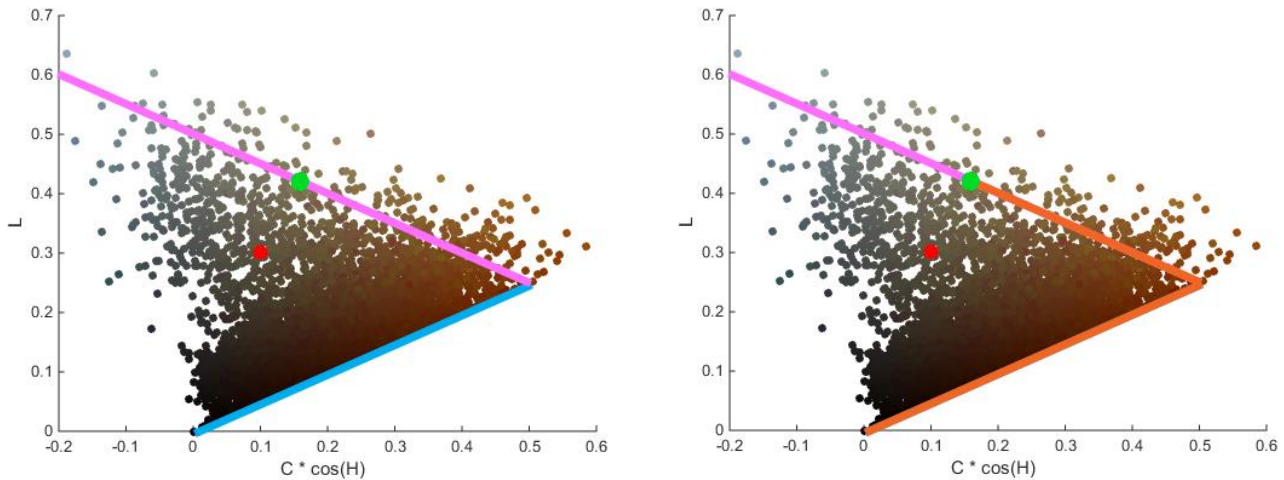
same, while a & b are converted to polar coordinates: C (chroma) is the radius and H (hue) is the angle. This is very similar to the HCL color space above, though the numbers themselves are slightly different. Hue has the biggest difference: Hue in the HCL color model has three reference colors (red, green blue) at three corners while hue in CIE LCH has four reference colors (yellow, green, blue, red) at four corners.

In case of melanin-derived pigmentation, the CIE Lab color space is less appropriate than the HCL color space. That is because the natural variation in eye color is brown-light brown-gray-light blue, which is also the axis of complementary colors in the RGB / HSV / HCL color space. Thus this variation is captured well by Hue which is color angle, having nearly complementary values, and it separates hue as a color component from saturation and brightness parameters. a & b on the other hand are both components representing color, but none of them represents the brown vs. light-blue axis, since red is opposed by green in a and blue opposed by yellow in b in this color model. Thus in the above figure the data spread is diagonally along a & b, so that both variables are highly correlated in our data.



### Projection Length:

Figure 3 L, M: procedure for defining the Projection Length metric.



The 'projection length' metric is defined to approximate the T-index metric used in Beleza et al. Beleza, Johnson (1)

Because the dataset in that study consisted of various populations across the world with various degrees of admixture, the Green-Blue scatterplot consisted of multiple partially overlapping clusters with an hollow interior (Figure 2 of Beleza et al.), therefore a principal curve was constructed that fits through the clusters. In contrast, the data scatterplots in CANDELA are convex sets; for the RGB data the data cloud has a long, narrow shape (Suppl. Figure 3A-B), thus the principal curve is nearly linear and highly similar to PC1; for the HCL data the data cloud is triangular with no prominent axis of elongation (Suppl. Figure 3I, and above), and in such cases the principal curve are not very useful (69).

As the HCL scatterplot for CANDELA is approximated by a 2-dimensional convex triangle, a curve was constructed along the outside of the cluster instead, i.e. the outer two sides of the triangle. The third side of the triangle is well approximated by  $L$  where  $H=0$  &  $C=0$ . First, the values were approximated by projecting onto a two-dimensional plane where axis 1 is  $C \times \cos(H)$  and axis 2 is  $L$  (see above section on HCL color space). Line 1 was constructed in this plane from  $(0,0)$  to  $(0.5,0.25)$ , and line 2 was constructed from  $(0.5,0.25)$  passing through  $(0,0.5)$ , the center of the HCL bicone, to extend further. Line 1 and 2 are shown in Suppl. Figure 3L using cyan and pink, respectively. Once this two-part line is constructed, rest is similar to the principal curves procedure, i.e. a projection is constructed from any point on this plane to the curve (in Suppl. Figure 3L, the projection of the red point onto this two-part line is the green point, which is the closest point on this curve to the red point), and the distance from this projected point from the origin at  $(0,0)$  is measured along the curve as the length of the two line segments (the part of the lines that contribute to the total distance is marked in orange in Suppl. Figure 3M).

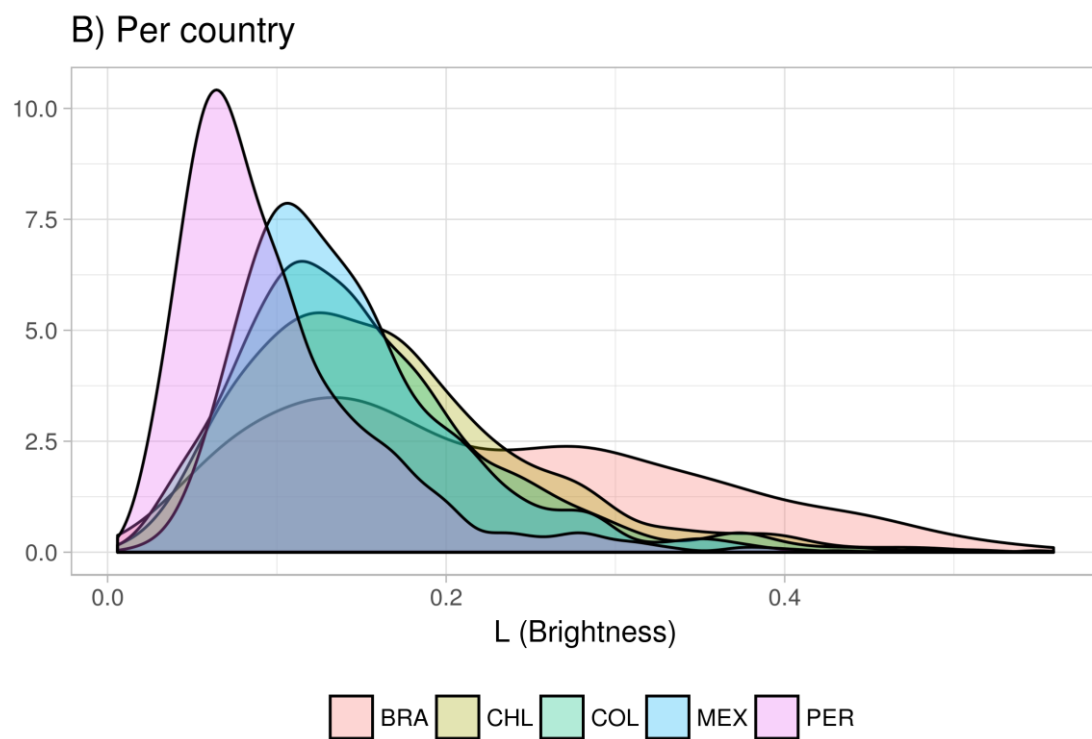
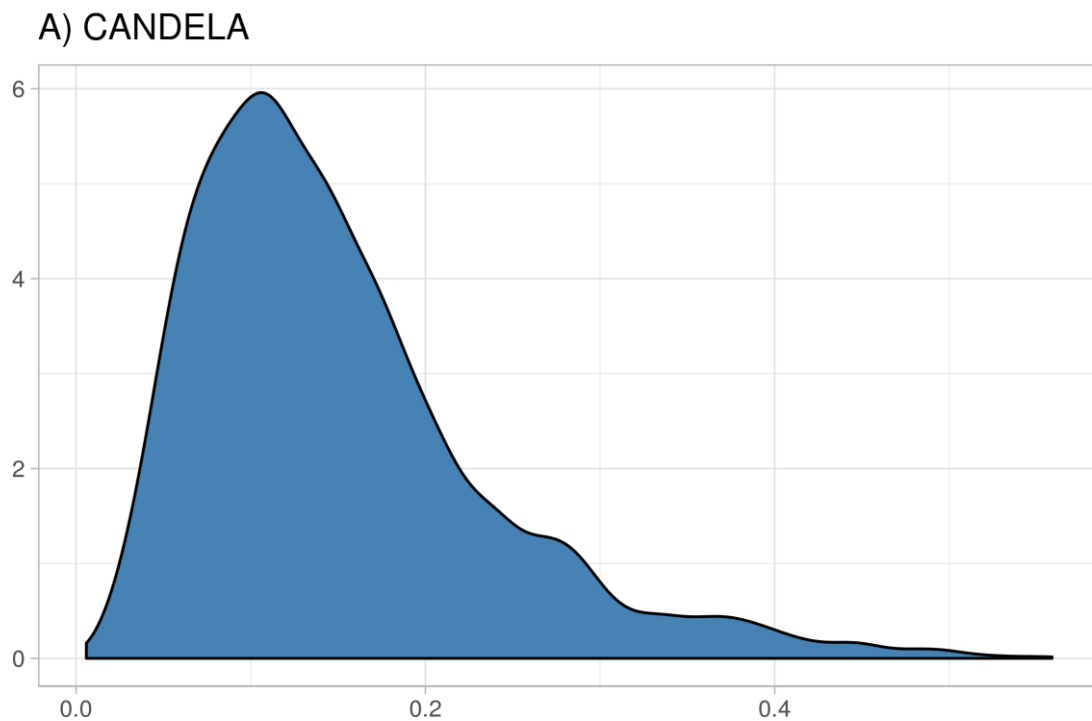
Note that the lower boundary of this triangle is strict, as by construction of the HCL color space always  $L \geq C \times \cos(H)$ , till  $L \leq 0.5$ . Line 1 was chosen to represent this boundary. The other boundaries are not strict but contains the majority of the data points.

The choice of the three points representing the triangle are heuristic, but with useful mathematical properties. The origin of Line 1, (0,0), is a vertex and the lowest point of the HCL bicone, representing complete black, i.e. the highest concentration of melanin. The Other end of Line 2, (0,0.5) is the center of the HCL bicone, representing light grey, i.e. complete absence of melanin. The line can be extended further through this point to indicate blue eye colors, for which  $C \times \cos(H)$  is negative.

The 'elbow' or 'inflexion point' of this two-part line was chosen to be at (0.25,0.5), which is because L at this point is at the midpoint of the other two vertices (L=0 & L=0.5), thus making the triangle isosceles, which is mathematically attractive. This makes the two lines mirror images of each other along the L=0.5 axis. Also, as noted above, most points lie within the two lines if this vertex was chosen.

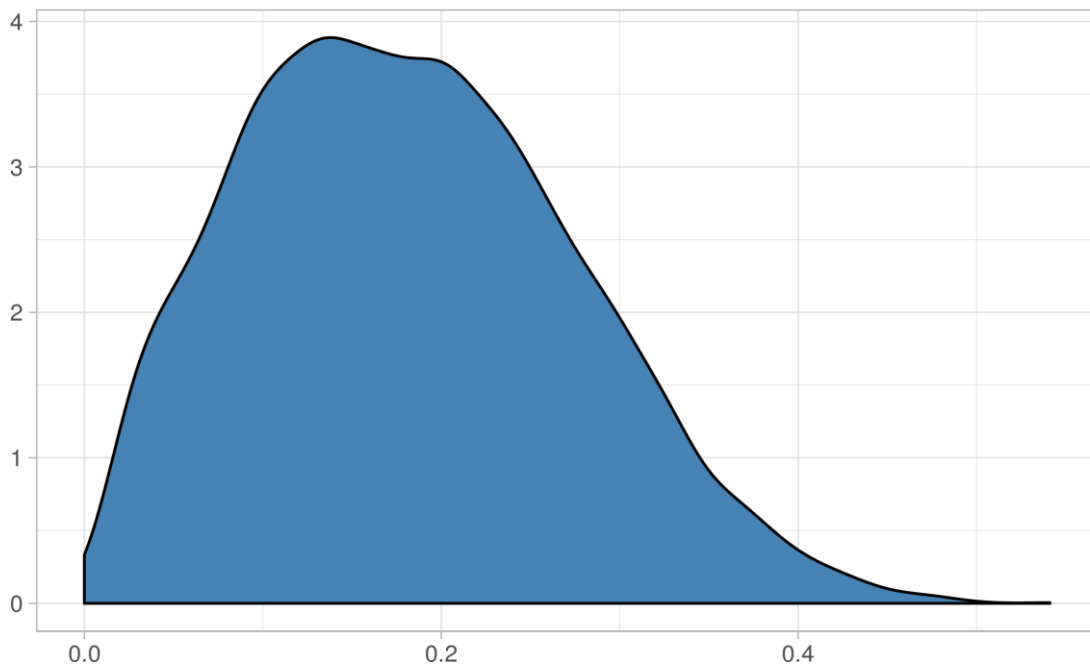
# Supplementary Figure 4: Frequency distribution of quantitative eye color variables

## A) Histogram of L (Brightness)

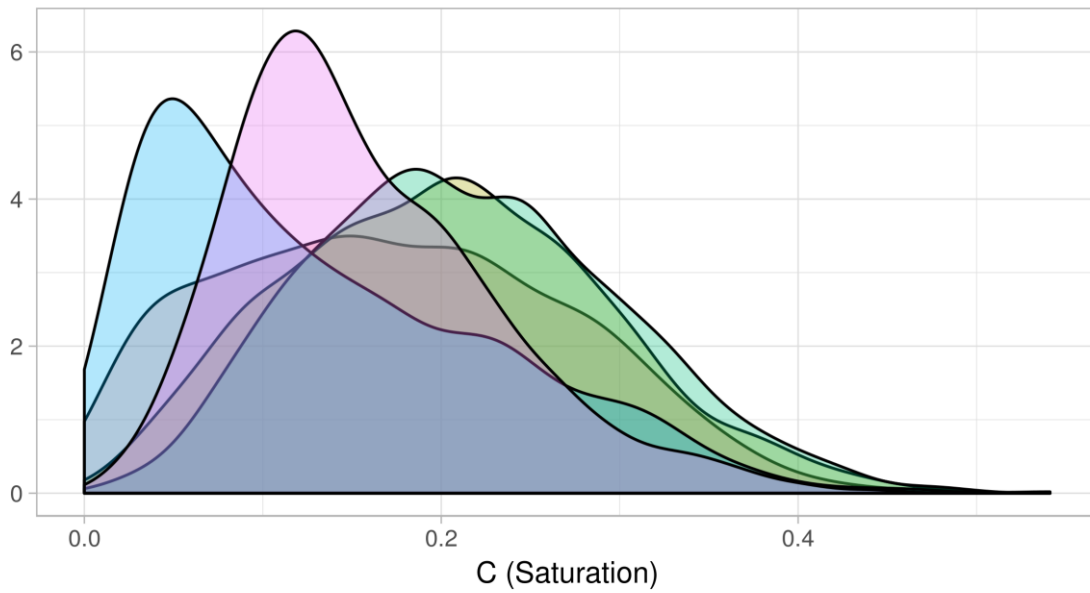


## B) Histogram of C (Saturation)

### A) CANDELA



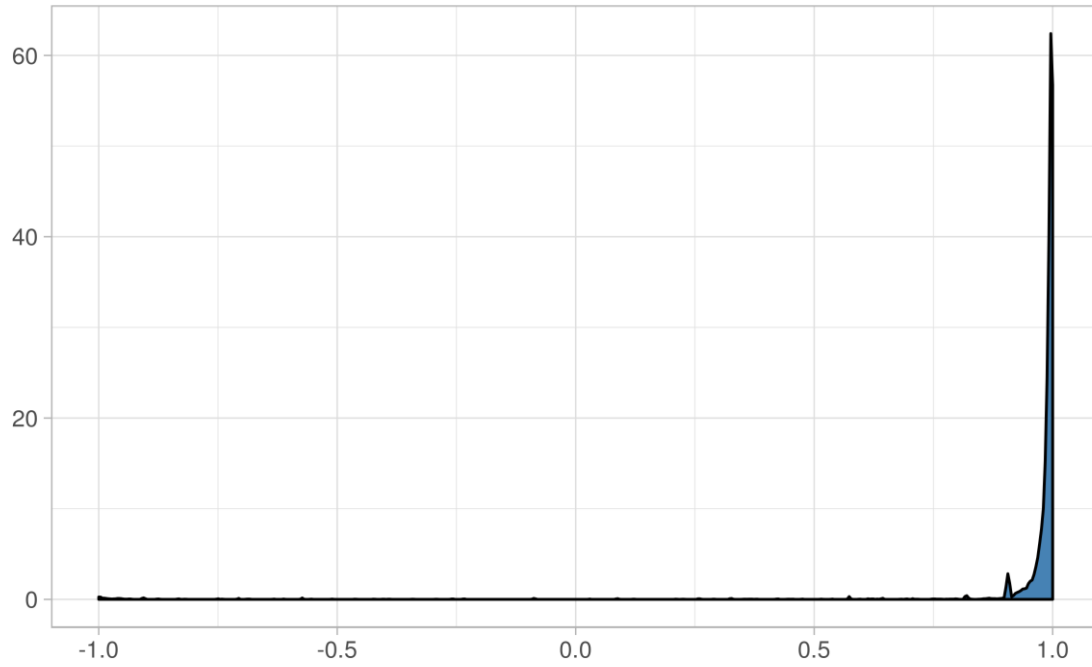
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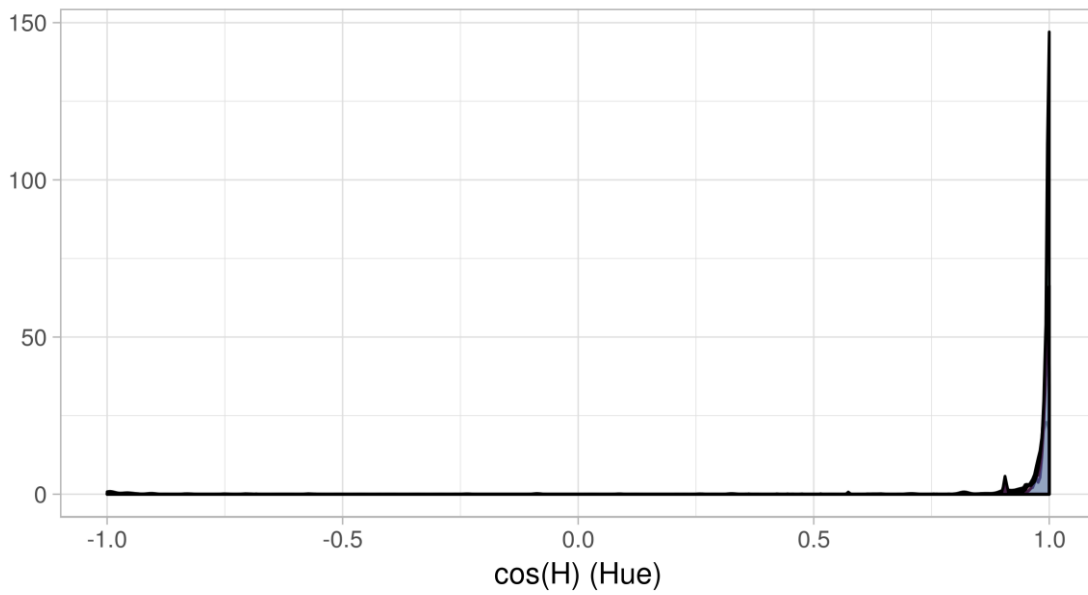
### C) Histogram of $\cos(H)$ (Hue)

The complete distribution:

A) CANDELA

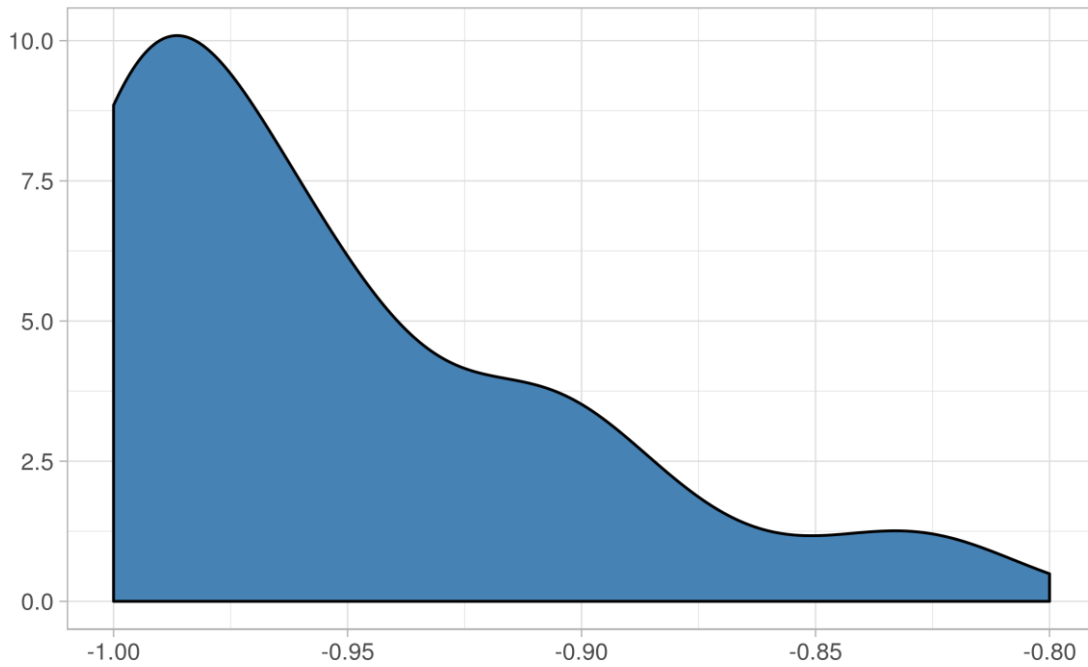


B) Per country

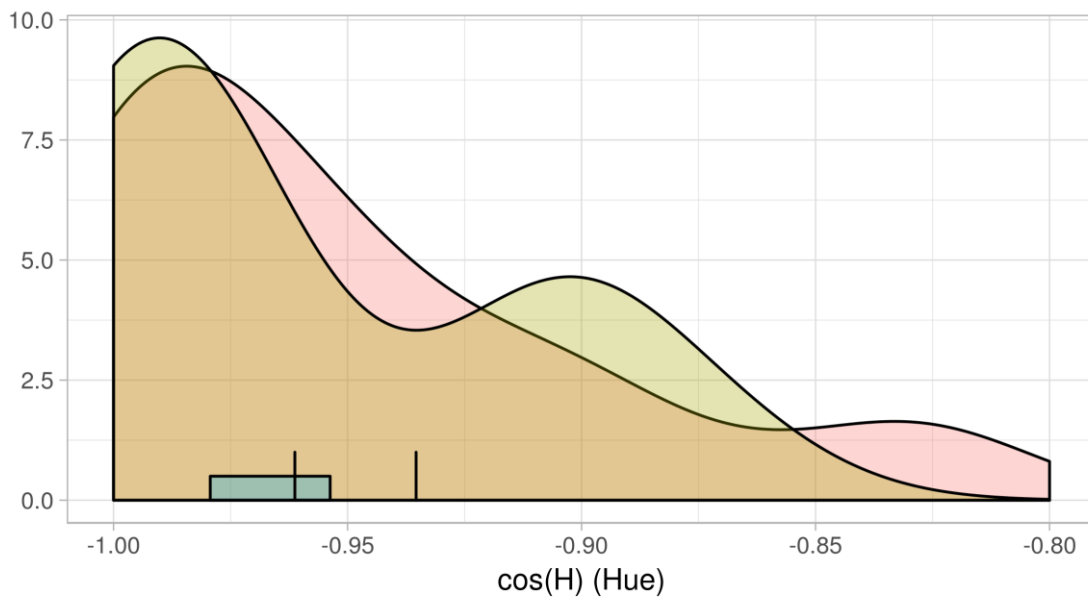


Left of the distribution:

A) CANDELA

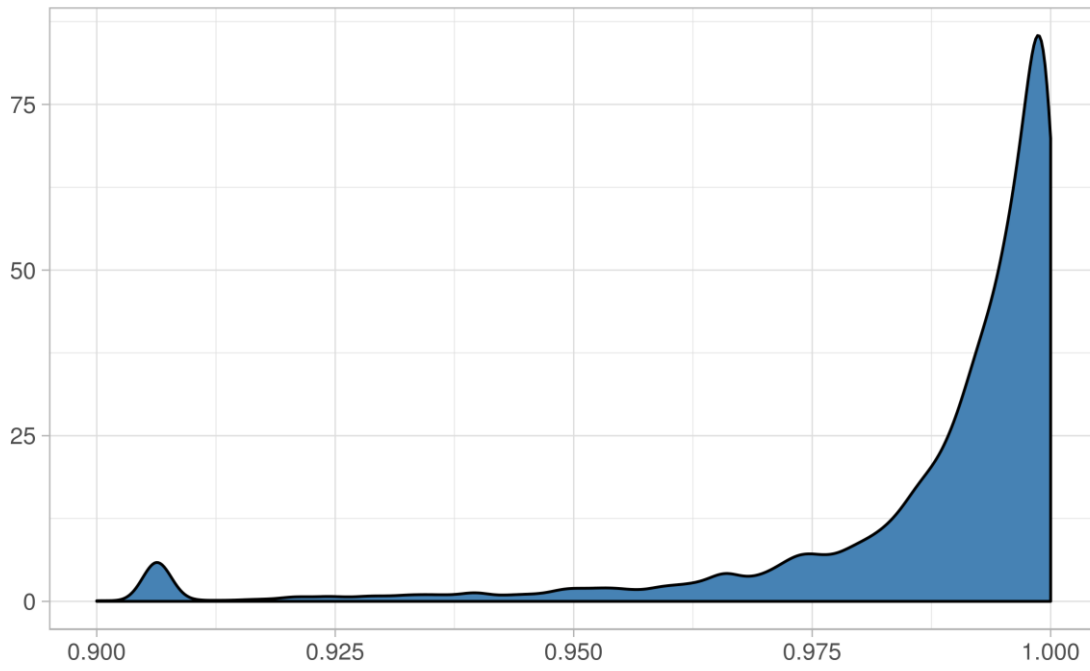


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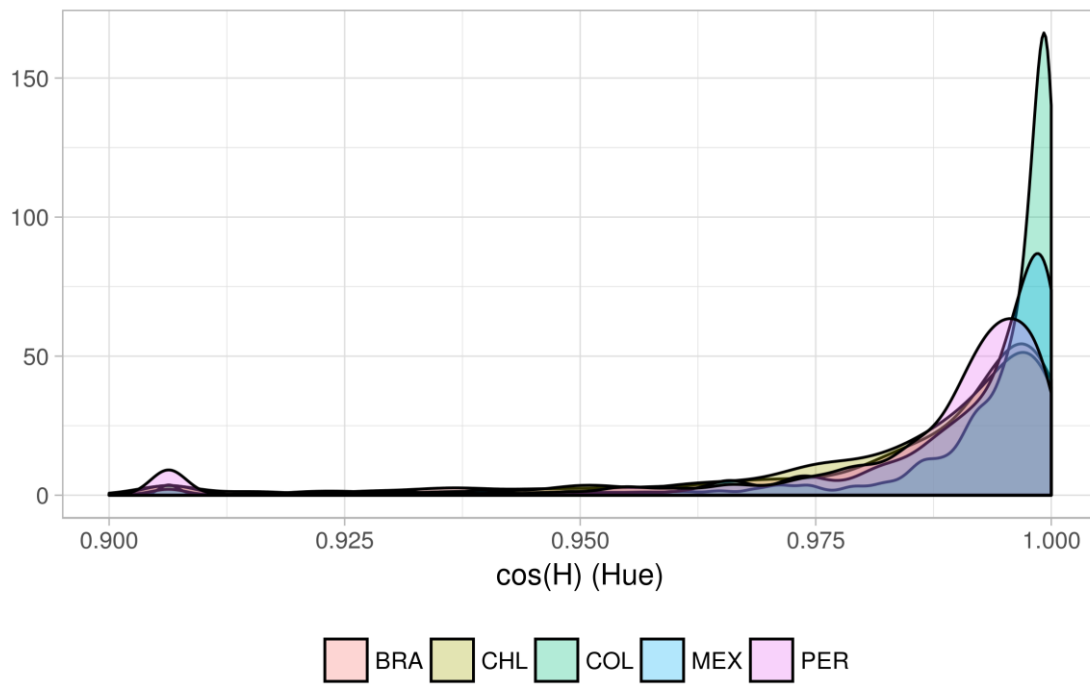


Right of the distribution:

### A) CANDELA



### B) Per country

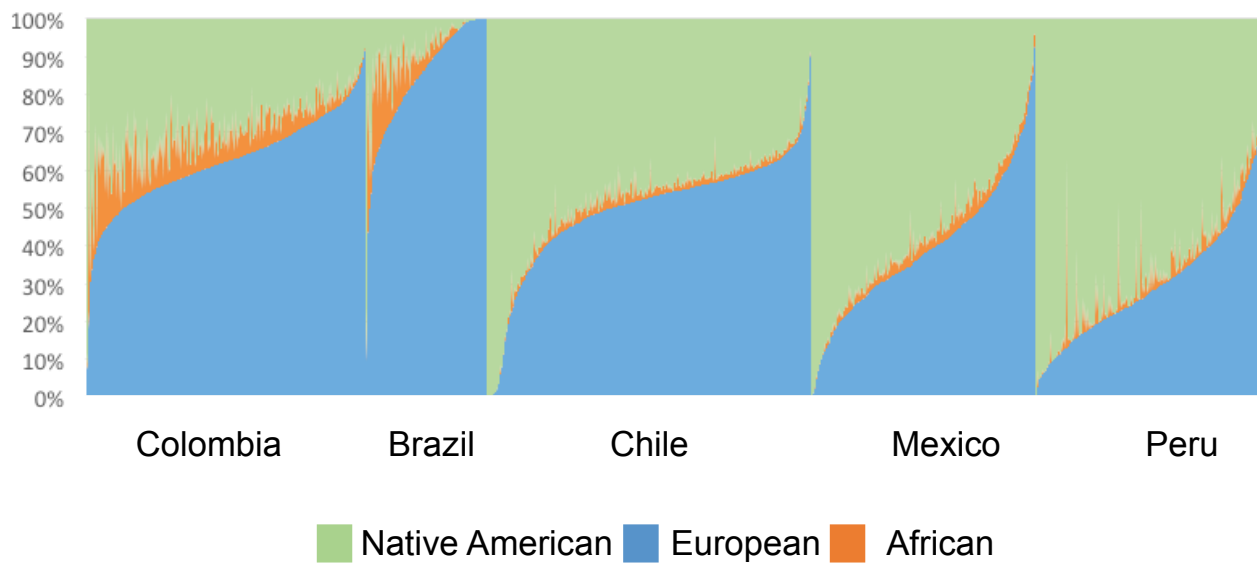


## Supplementary Figure 5: Continental ancestry in the CANDELA sample

Ancestry estimates values were estimated from a set of 160,858 autosomal SNPs (LD-pruned from the full chip data) via supervised runs of the ADMIXTURE software (70). Reference populations for African, European, East Asian, and Native American groups were chosen from the 1000 Genomes Project and from selected Native American populations as described in Ruiz-Linares, Adhikari (71).

Individual ancestry barplots for each country are shown below. Individuals within each country are sorted by their European ancestry proportion.

### ADMIXTURE estimates at $K=3$



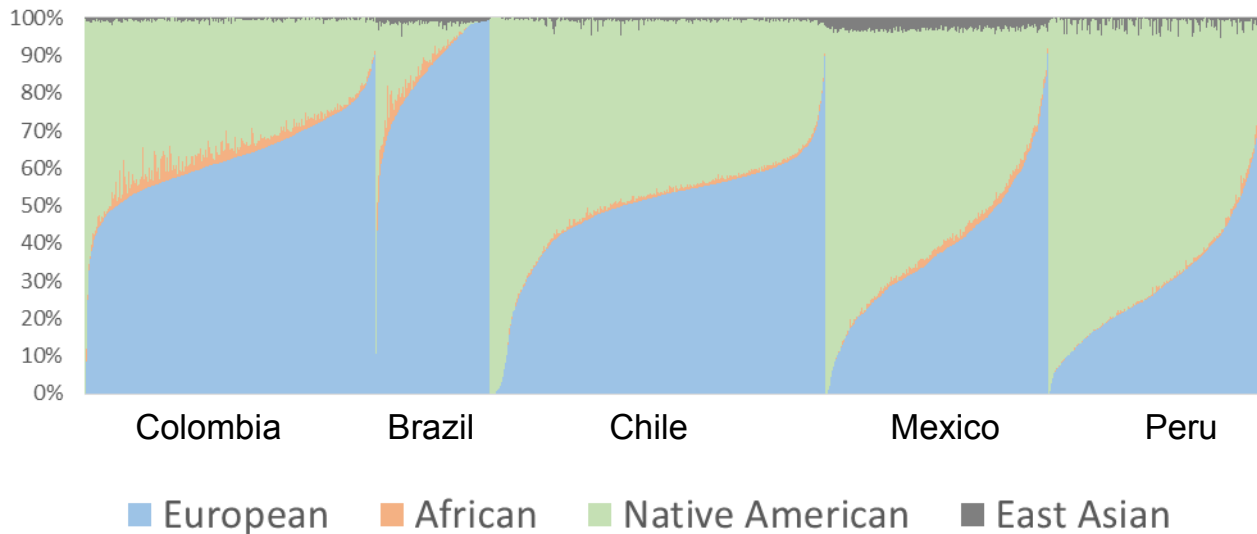
Mean ancestry estimates for each country and overall are:

|          | <b>African</b> | <b>European</b> | <b>Native American</b> |
|----------|----------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| Colombia | 9.6%           | 61.2%           | 29.2%                  |
| Brazil   | 9.3%           | 78.6%           | 12.1%                  |
| Chile    | 4.6%           | 46.2%           | 49.3%                  |
| Mexico   | 4.8%           | 37.7%           | 57.5%                  |
| Peru     | 4.6%           | 30.6%           | 64.8%                  |
| CANDELA  | 6.2%           | 48.2%           | 45.6%                  |



Ancestry estimates from supervised ADMIXTURE run at  $K=4$  is shown below, with the additional East Asian component.

## ADMIXTURE estimates at $K=4$



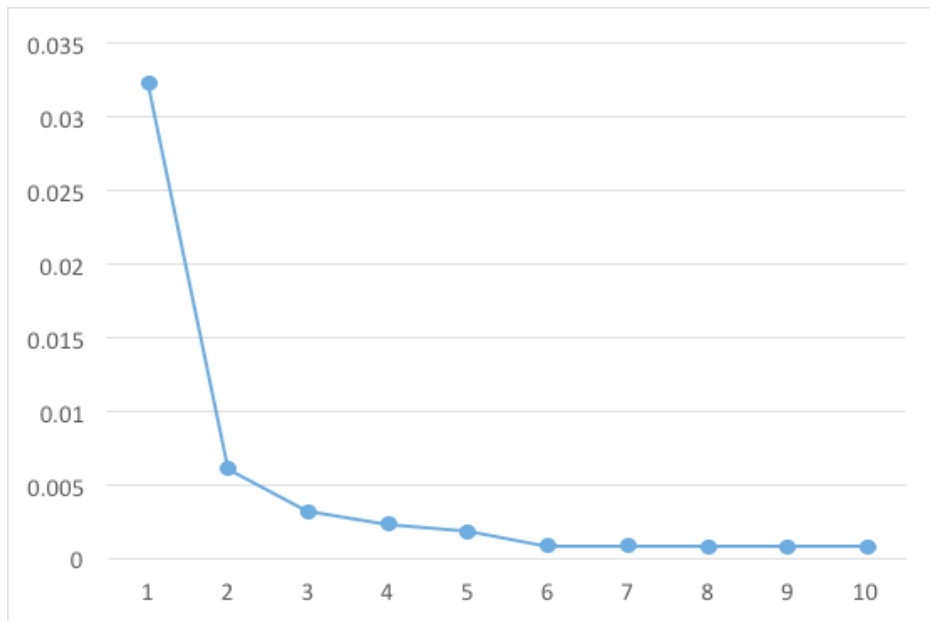
Exclusion criteria based on ancestry:

- 185 samples had  $>5\%$  East Asian ancestry and these were excluded from the GWAS analysis.
- A total of 188 individuals with high African ancestry were removed. By examining the long thin tail of the distribution of individual African ancestry values, we decided to use the upper 2.5% quantile as the threshold, which equates to 20% ancestry.

## Supplementary Figure 6: Selection of genetic Principal Components for inclusion in the GWAS analyses

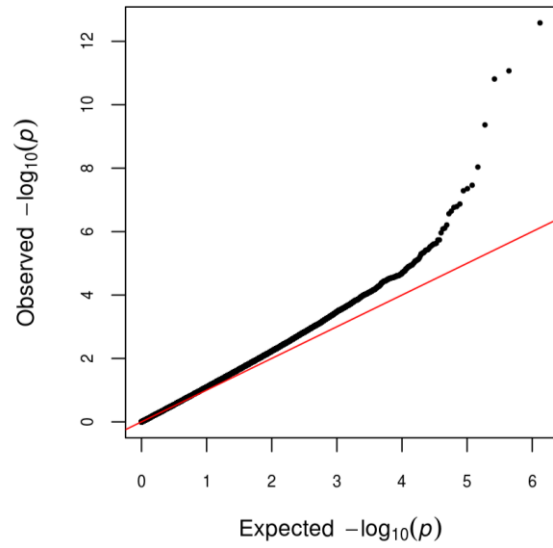
### A) Scree plot

Principal components were extracted from an LD-pruned SNP dataset (see Methods section in main text). The proportion of variance explained by each PC is shown below.

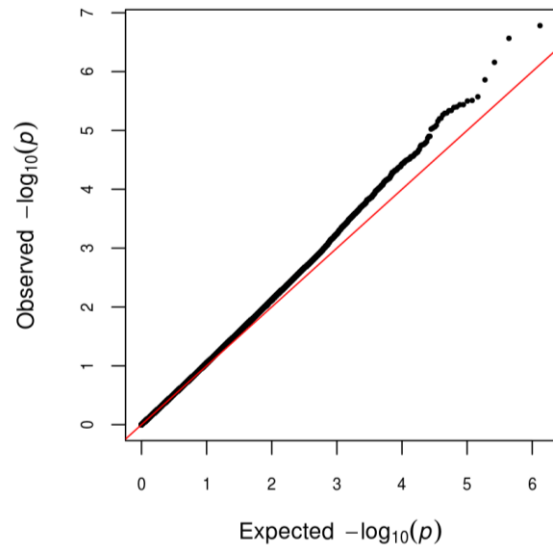


## B) GWAS Q-Q plots

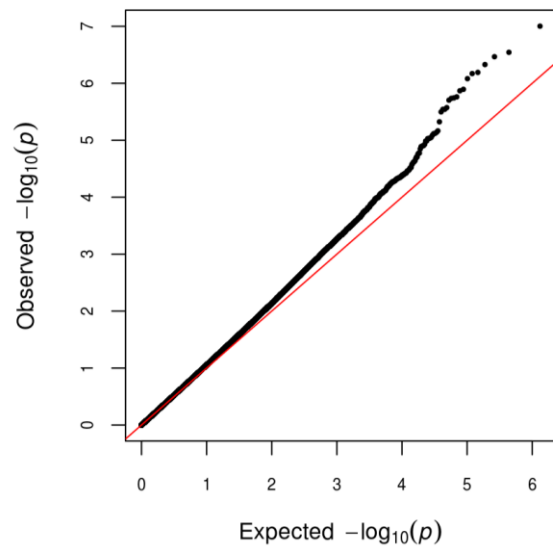
Skin pigmentation (Melanin Index)



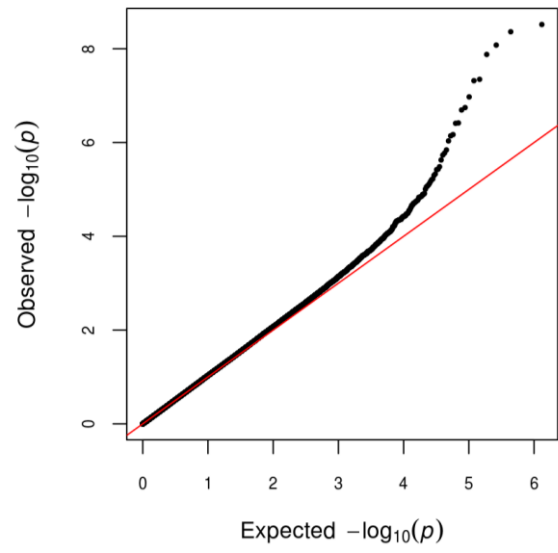
Hair color (categorical)



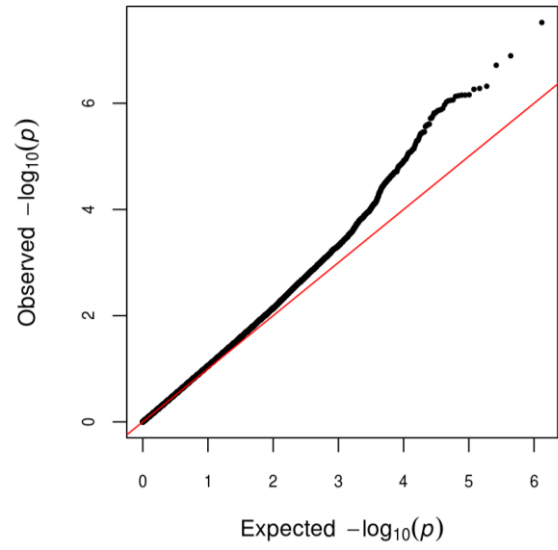
Eye color (categorical)



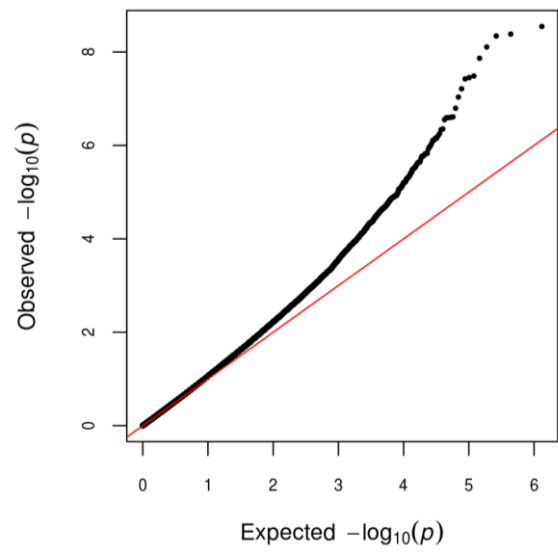
L (Brightness)



C (Saturation)



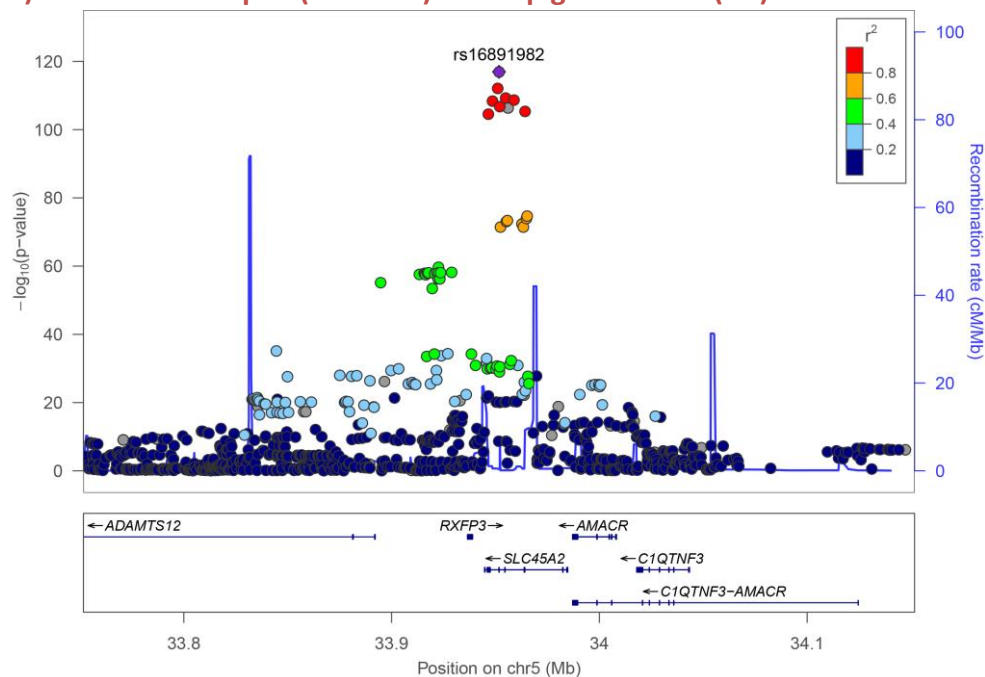
cos(H) (Hue)



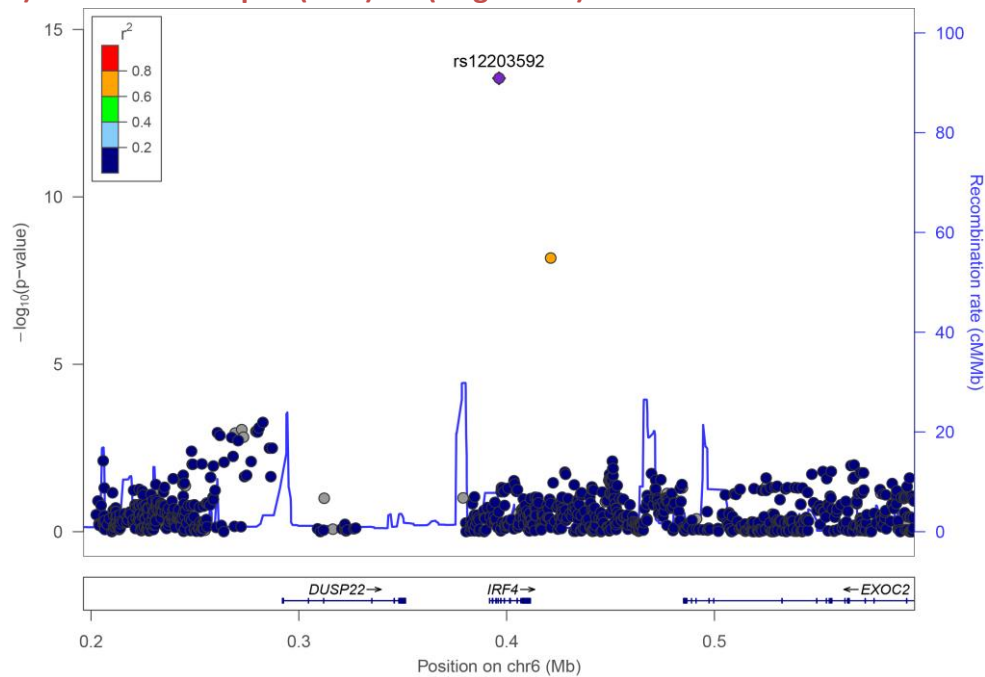
## Supplementary Figure 7: Regional association plots of genome-wide significant SNPs associated to pigmentation traits

Regional association plots for each index SNP in Table 1 (except novel SNPs already shown in Figure 6). LocusZoom plots are given below. For simplicity, only the trait with most significant P-value is shown.

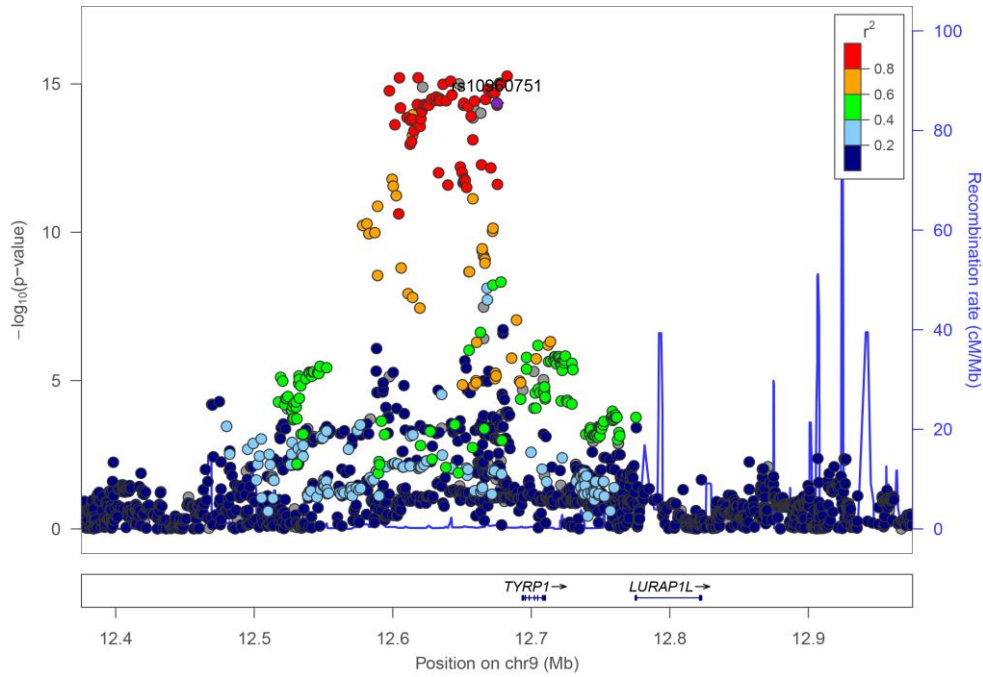
### A) rs16891982 – 5p13 (SLC45A2) – Skin pigmentation (MI)



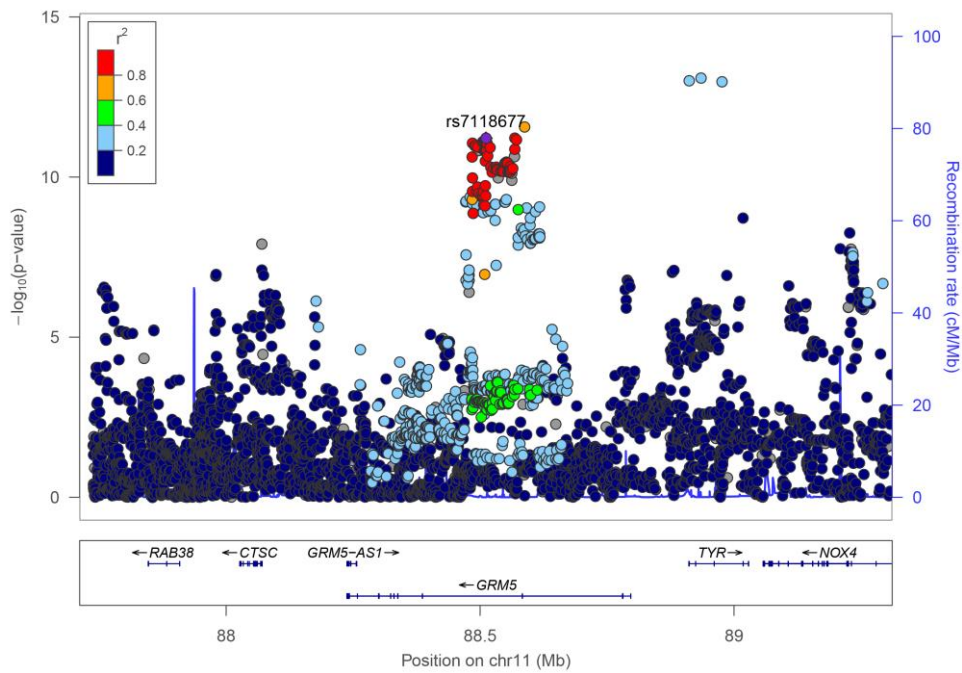
### B) rs12203592 – 6p25 (IRF4) – L (Brightness)



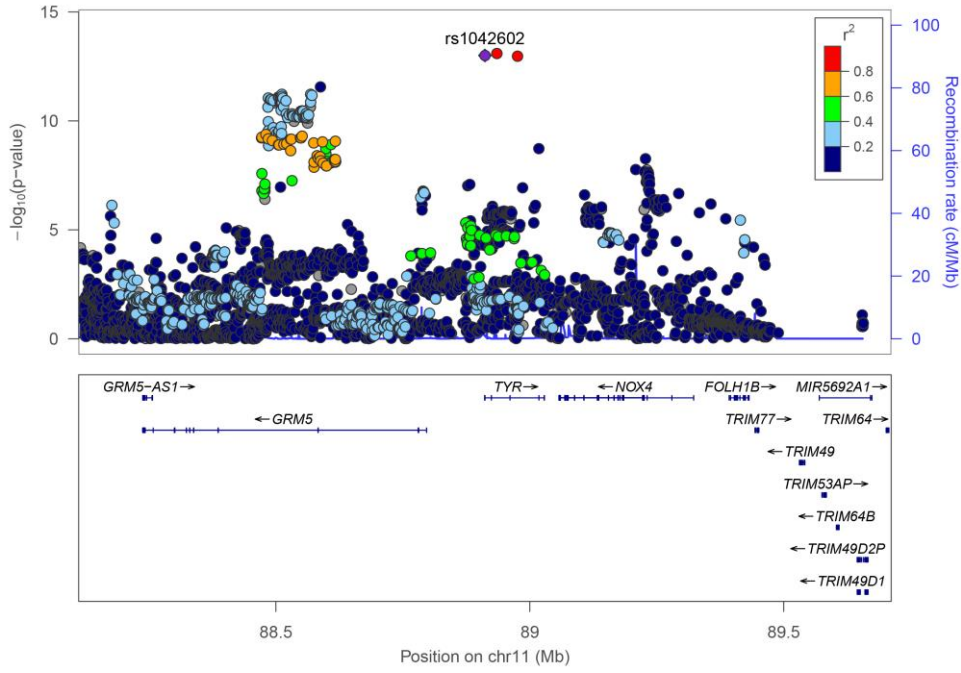
### C) rs10809826 – 9p23 (TYRP1) – L (Brightness)



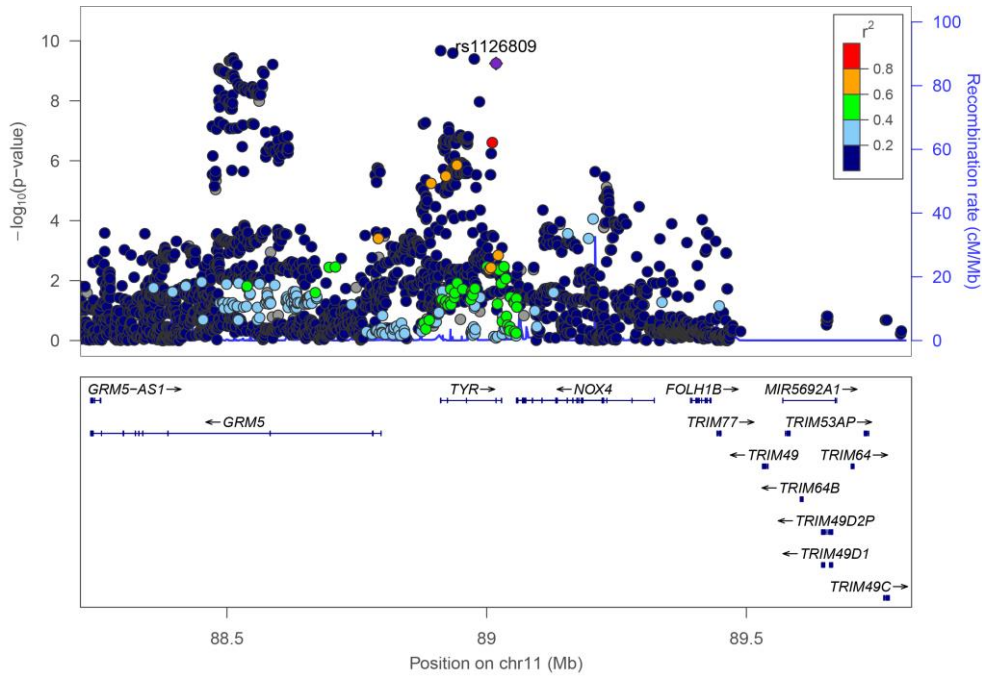
### D) rs7118677 – 11q14 (GRM5) – Skin pigmentation (MI)



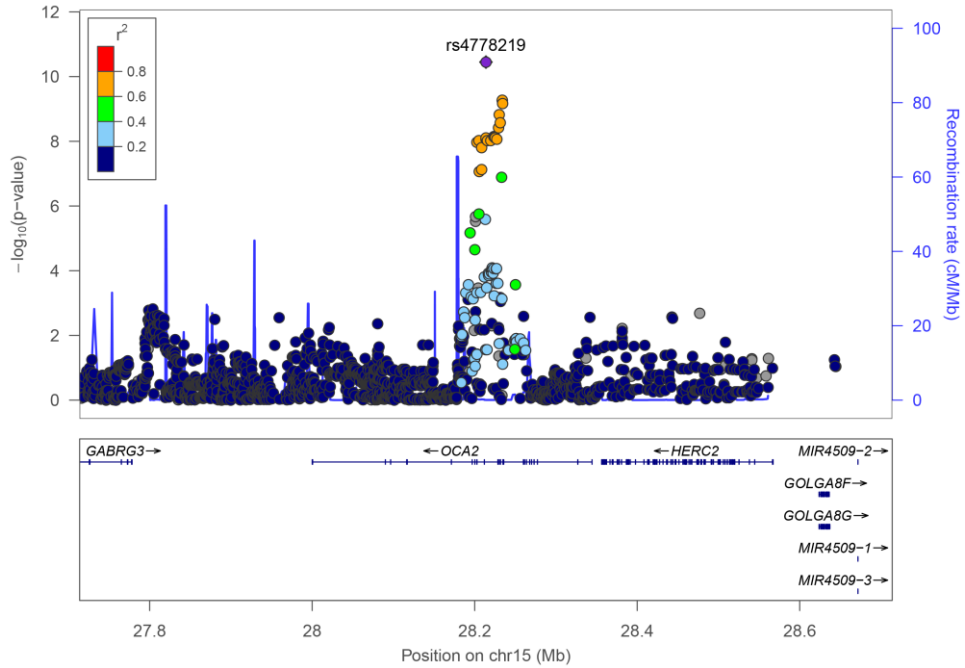
**E) rs1042602 – 11q14 (TYR) – Skin pigmentation (MI)**



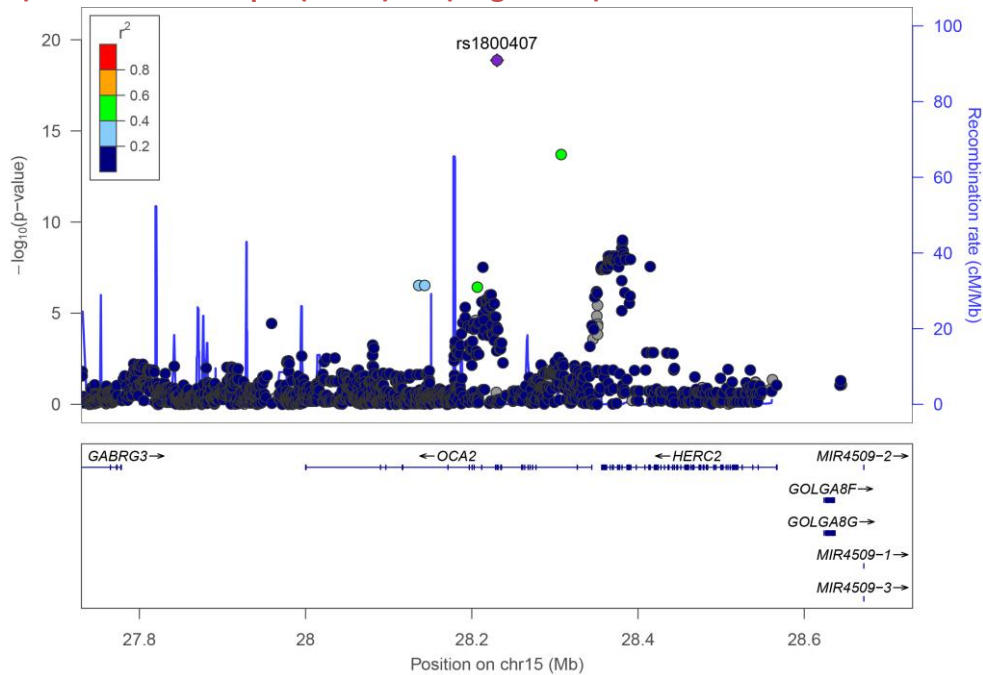
**F) rs1126809 – 11q14 (TYR) – Skin pigmentation (MI)**



### G) rs4778219 – 15q13 (OCA2) – L (Brightness)



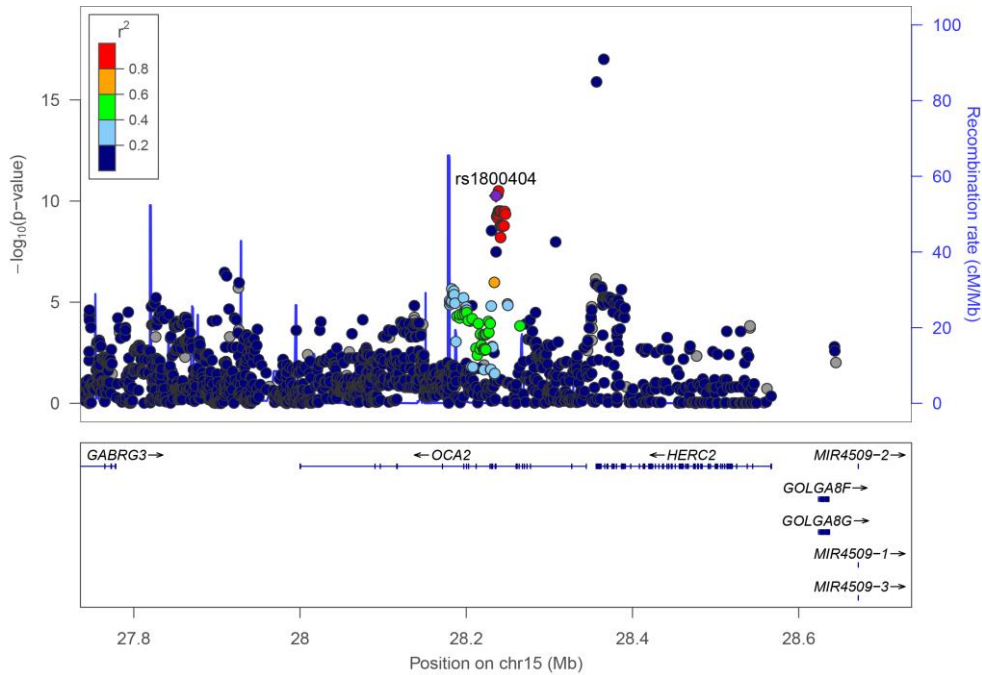
### H) rs1800407 – 15q13 (OCA2) – L (Brightness)



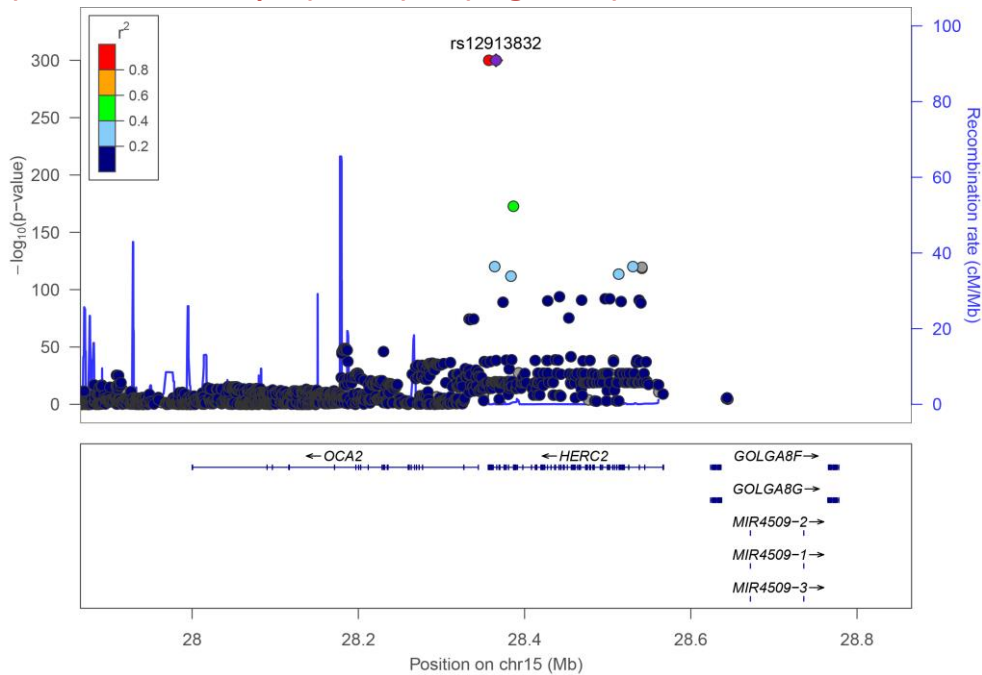


### I) rs1800404 – 15q13 (OCA2) – Skin pigmentation (MI)

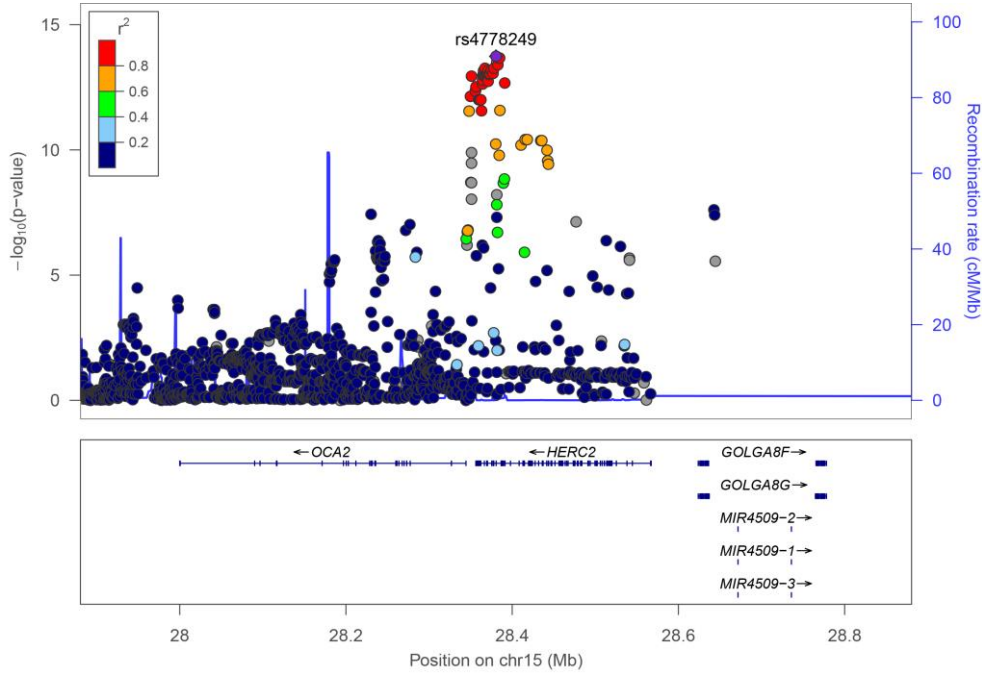
(Although L has stronger P-values for this SNP, the plot for L is difficult to see clearly due to the very high peak from HERC2 nearby, as seen below)



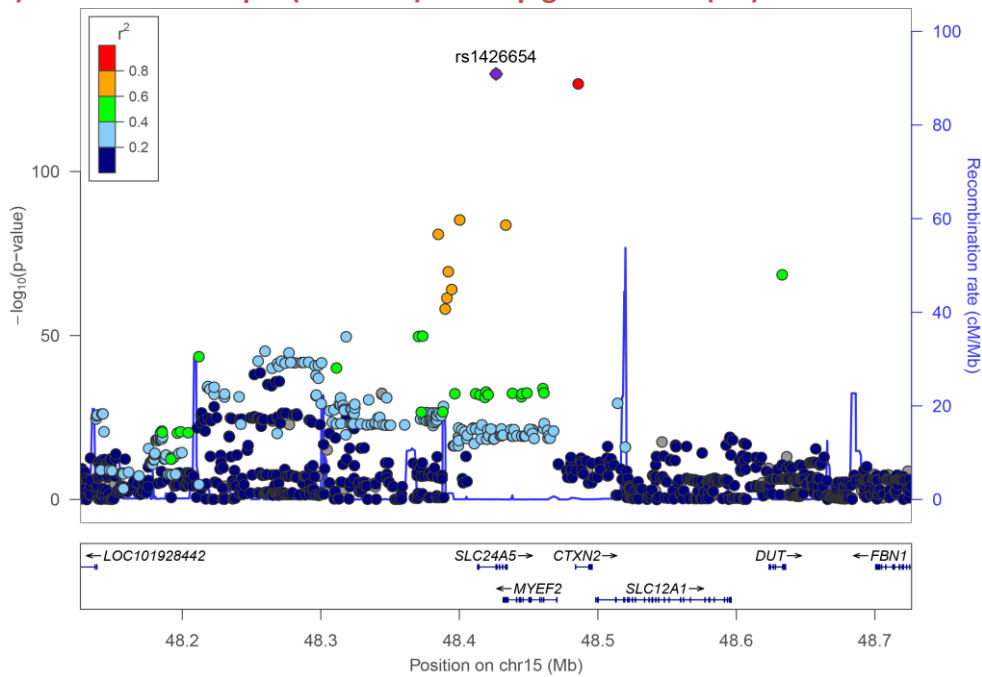
### J) rs12913832 – 15q13 (HERC2) – L (Brightness)



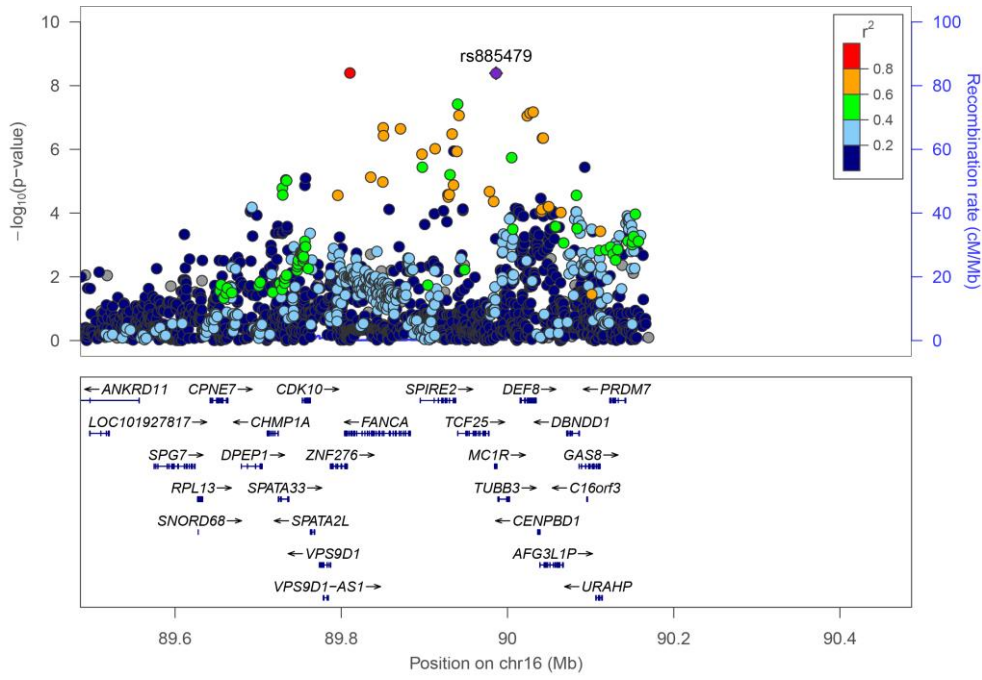
**K) rs4778249 – 15q13 (HERC2) – C (Saturation)**



**L) rs1426654 – 15q21 (SLC24A5) – Skin pigmentation (MI)**

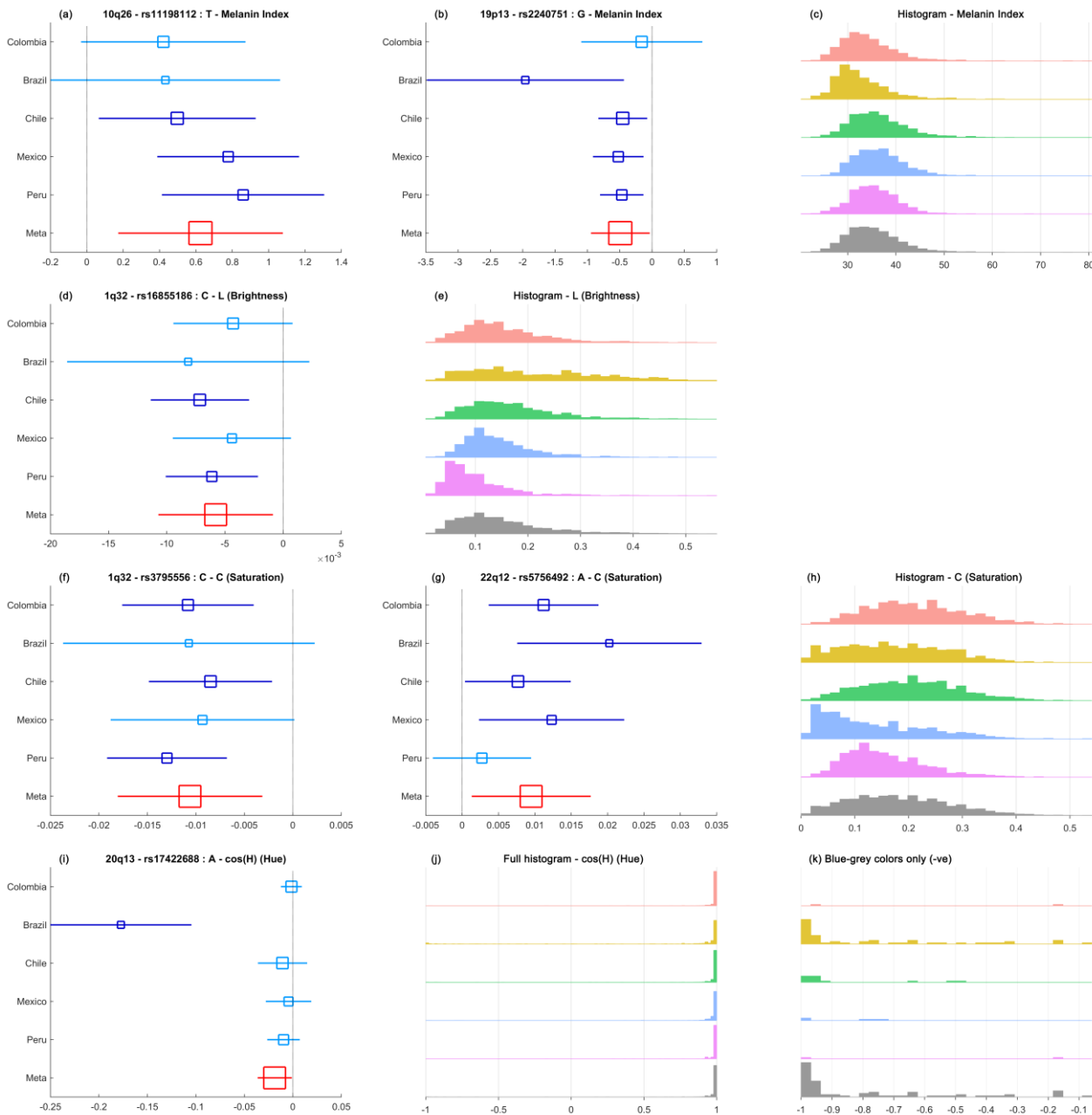


**M) rs885479 – 16q24 (MC1R) – Skin pigmentation (MI)**



## Supplementary Figure 8: Meta-analysis for 6 index SNPs representing novel associations to pigmentation traits

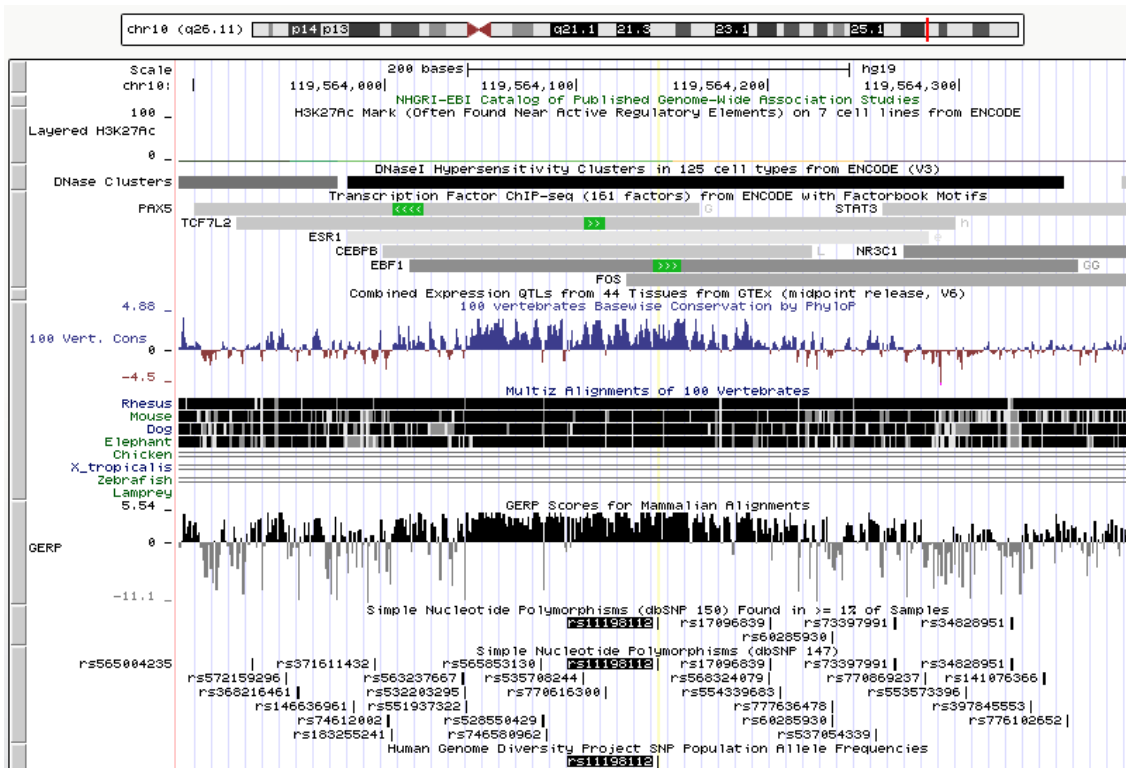
Results for Melanin Index (MI), L (Lightness/Brightness), C (Chroma/Saturation) and cos(H) (Hue/Tone) are shown top to bottom. Panels **a-b**, **d**, **f-g**, **i** show forest plots for the index SNPs in each country sample (blue) and in a combined meta-analysis (red). Boxes indicate allelic effects, with box size proportional to sample size and horizontal lines representing confidence intervals of 2 standard errors. Significant effects are shown in dark blue. On the right is shown the frequency distribution for each trait in all samples (panels **c**, **e**, **g**, **h**, **j**). For Cos(H), the proportion of negative values is small (i.e. blue-grey eyes are relatively rare in the CANDELA sample). We therefore also show a histogram restricted to the negative values of cos(H) in panel **k**. This panel highlights that blue/grey eyes are mostly seen in Brazil, consistent with the significant allelic effect detected only in the sample from that country (**i**).



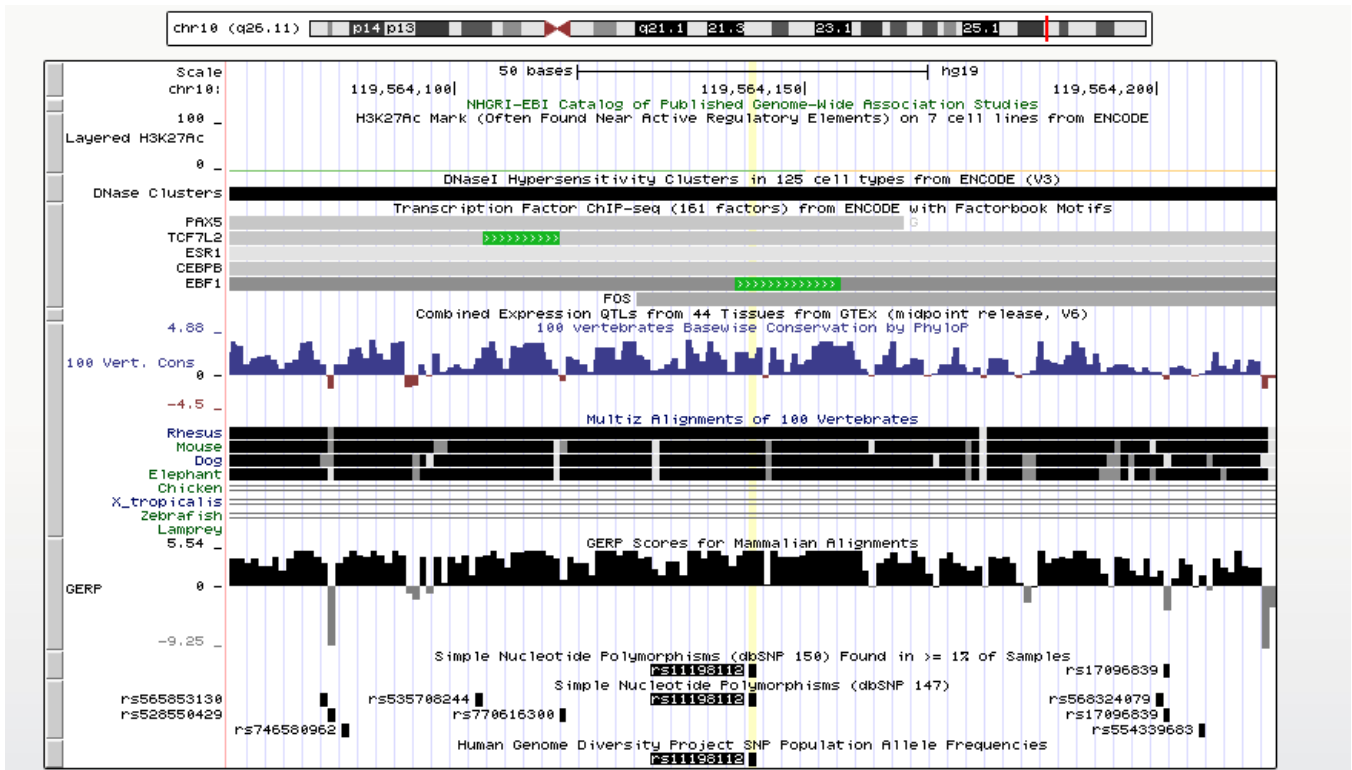
Supplementary Figure 9: Genomic annotation in the 10q26 intergenic region around rs11198112

A UCSC genome-browser screenshot from the (GRCh37/hg19) assembly for the 10q26 intergenic region around rs11198112 (highlighted in black at the bottom), our index SNP. SNP rs11198112 is included in the binding site for EBF1 (Early B-cell factor) transcription factor. Additionally, this region shows enriched values of PhyloP and GERP conservation scores.

Full view:

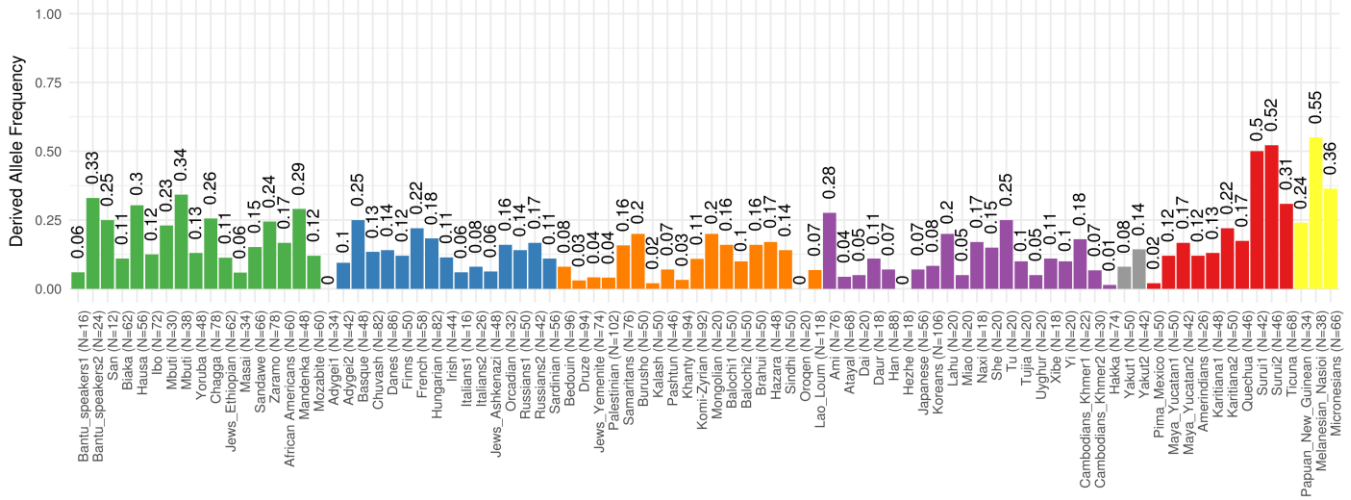


Zoomed in view:



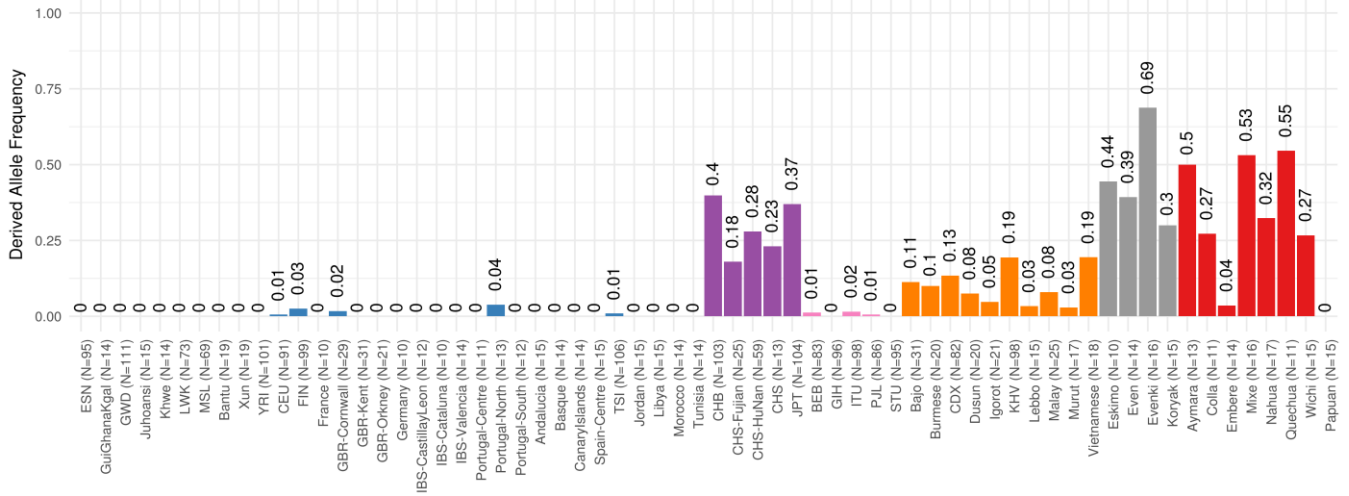
## Supplementary Figure 10: Worldwide allele frequency of rs11198112

The allele frequency for SNP rs11198112 was retrieved from the Allele Frequency Database (ALFRED) via <https://alfred.med.yale.edu/alfred/>. This database includes allele frequency information for 84 worldwide populations. The colors of the bars reflect the major geographic origin of the populations as categorized by ALFRED: Africa (green), Europe (blue), Middle East and North Africa (brown), Asia (orange), East Asia (purple), Siberia (grey), America (red) and Oceania (yellow). The number of individuals per populations (N) is given next to the population name and the derived allele frequency is displayed on the top of each bar.



## Supplementary Figure 11: Worldwide allele frequencies of rs2240751 (MFSD12)

The allele frequencies are estimated from 2391 unrelated individuals from a worldwide dataset including 64 native populations (Supplementary Table 10). The colors of the bars reflect the geographic origin of the populations: Africa (green), Europe (blue), Middle East and North Africa (brown), East Asia (purple), South Asia (pink), South East Asia (orange), Siberia (grey), America (red) and Oceania (yellow). The number of individuals per populations (N) is given next to the population name and the derived allele frequency is displayed on the top of each bar.

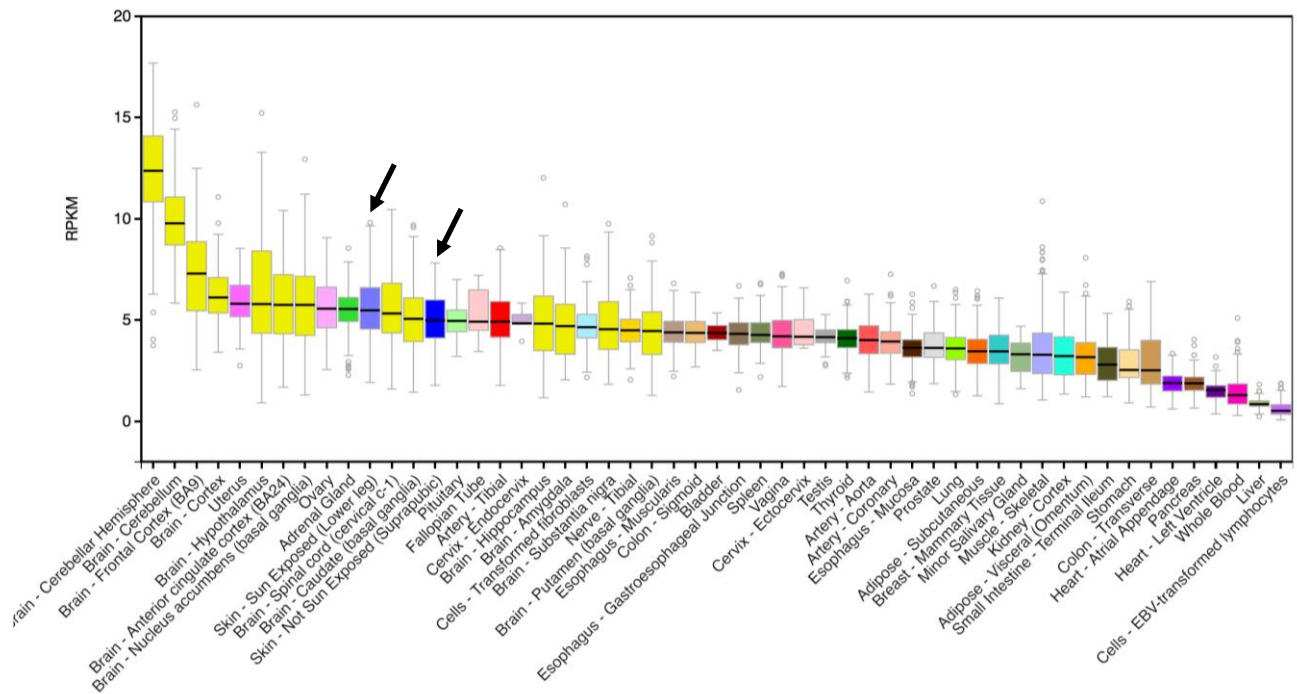




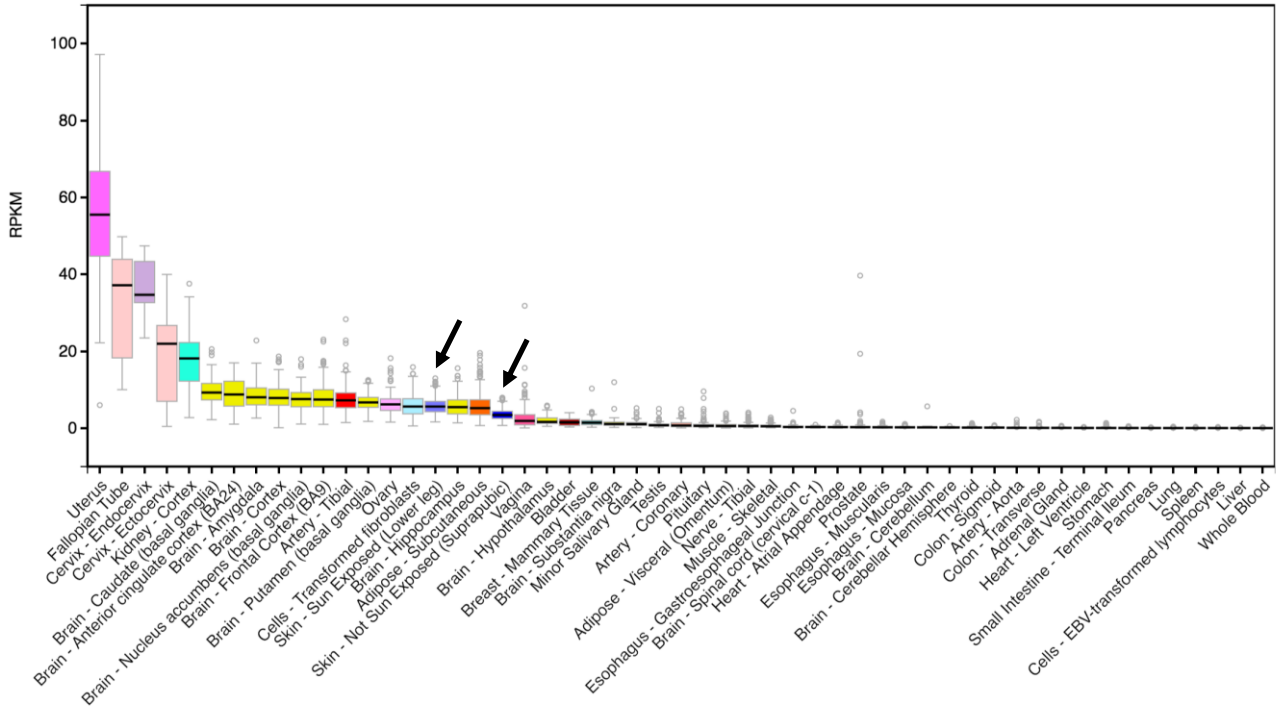
## Supplementary Figure 12: Cross-tissue expression of novel candidate genes of pigmentation traits in the GTEx database

Expression box plots across all 53 tissues that have RNA sequencing data in the GTEx database for our pigmentation associated novel candidate genes (Table 1A). The boxplot displays the median, 25<sup>th</sup> and 75<sup>th</sup> percentiles of the expression values in each tissue. Circles are displayed as outliers if they are above or below 1.5 times the interquartile range. RPKM refers to reads per kilobase per million. In all panels, tissues are ordered according to the median expression values in descending order. Black arrows point to skin cell types.

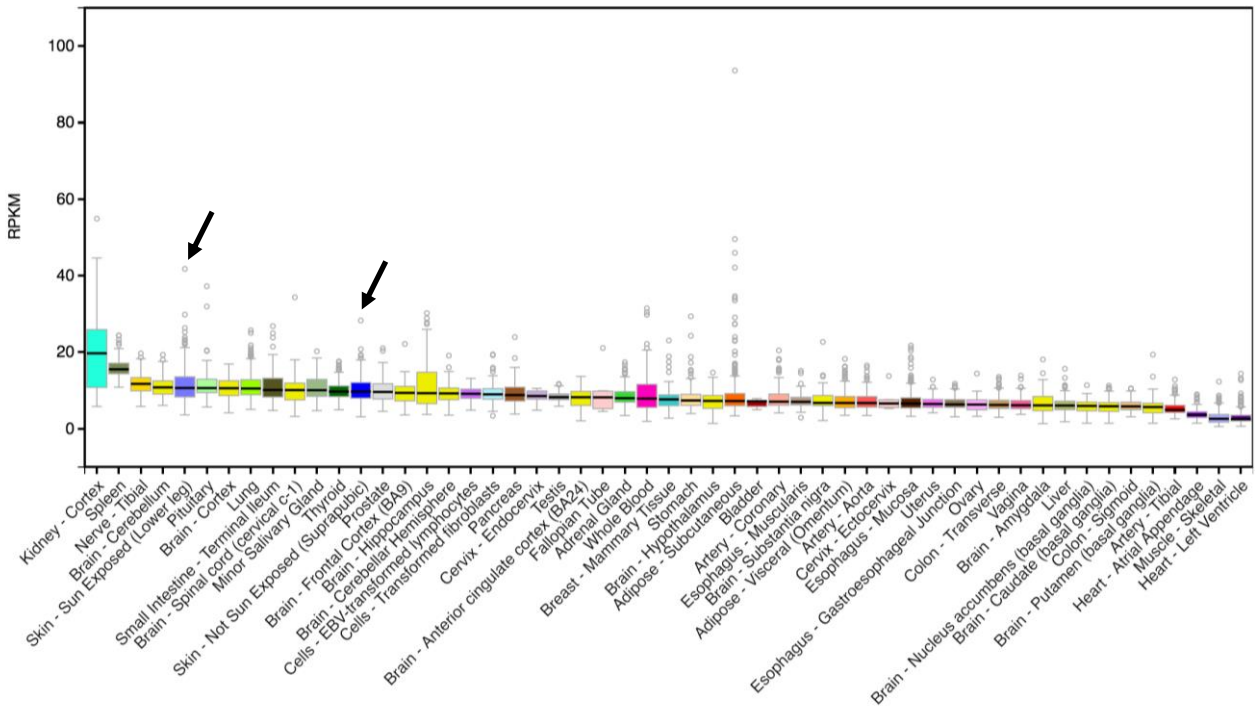
### A) 1q32 DSTYK



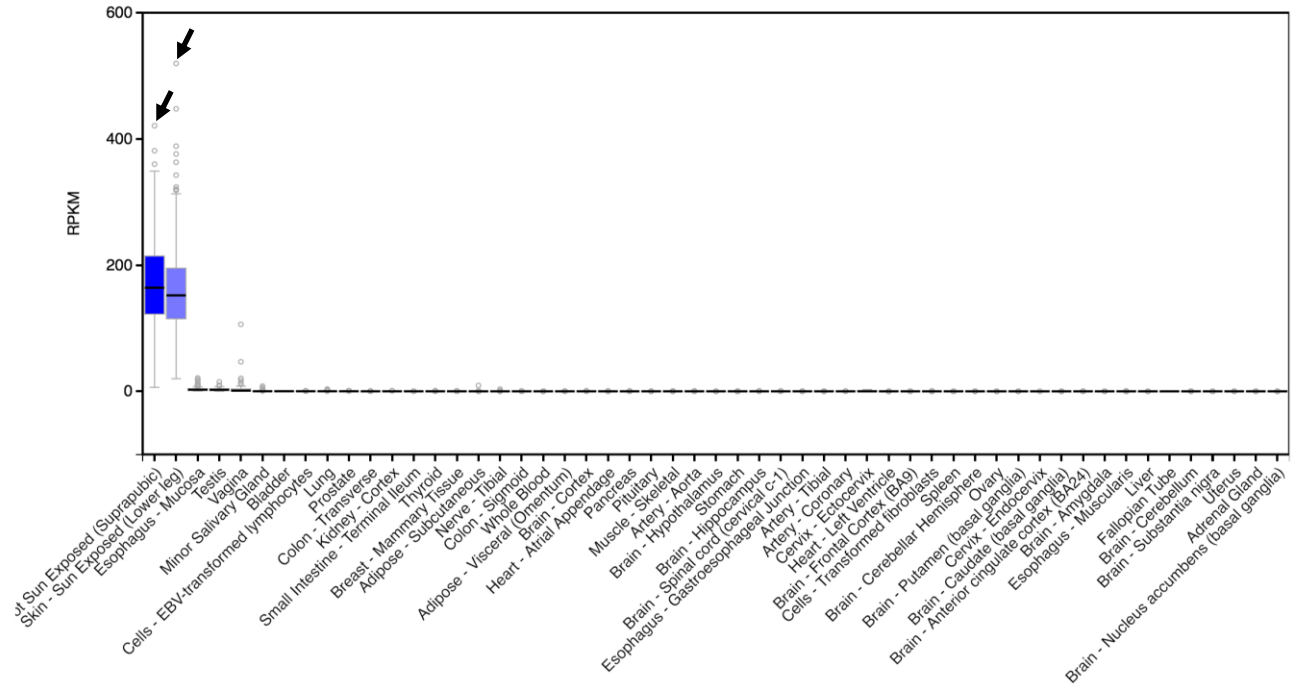
**B) 10q26 EMX2**



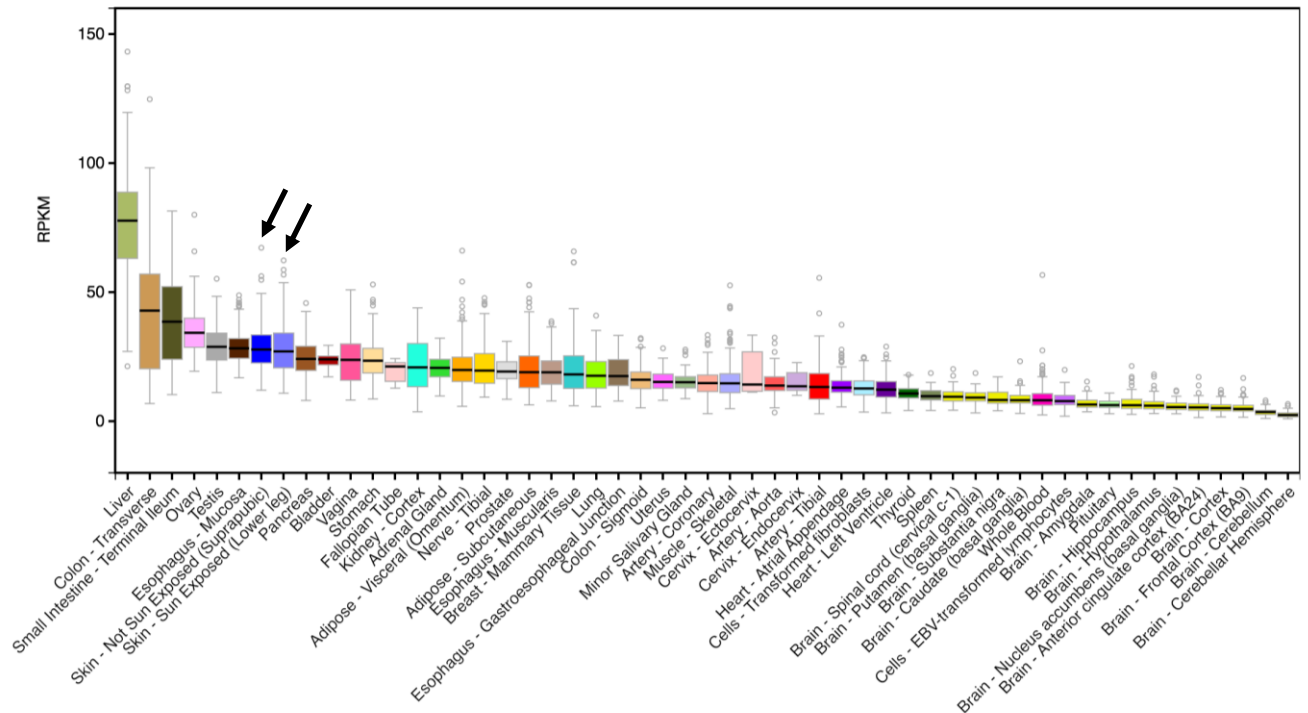
**C) 19p13 MFSD12**



### D) 20q13 WFDC5



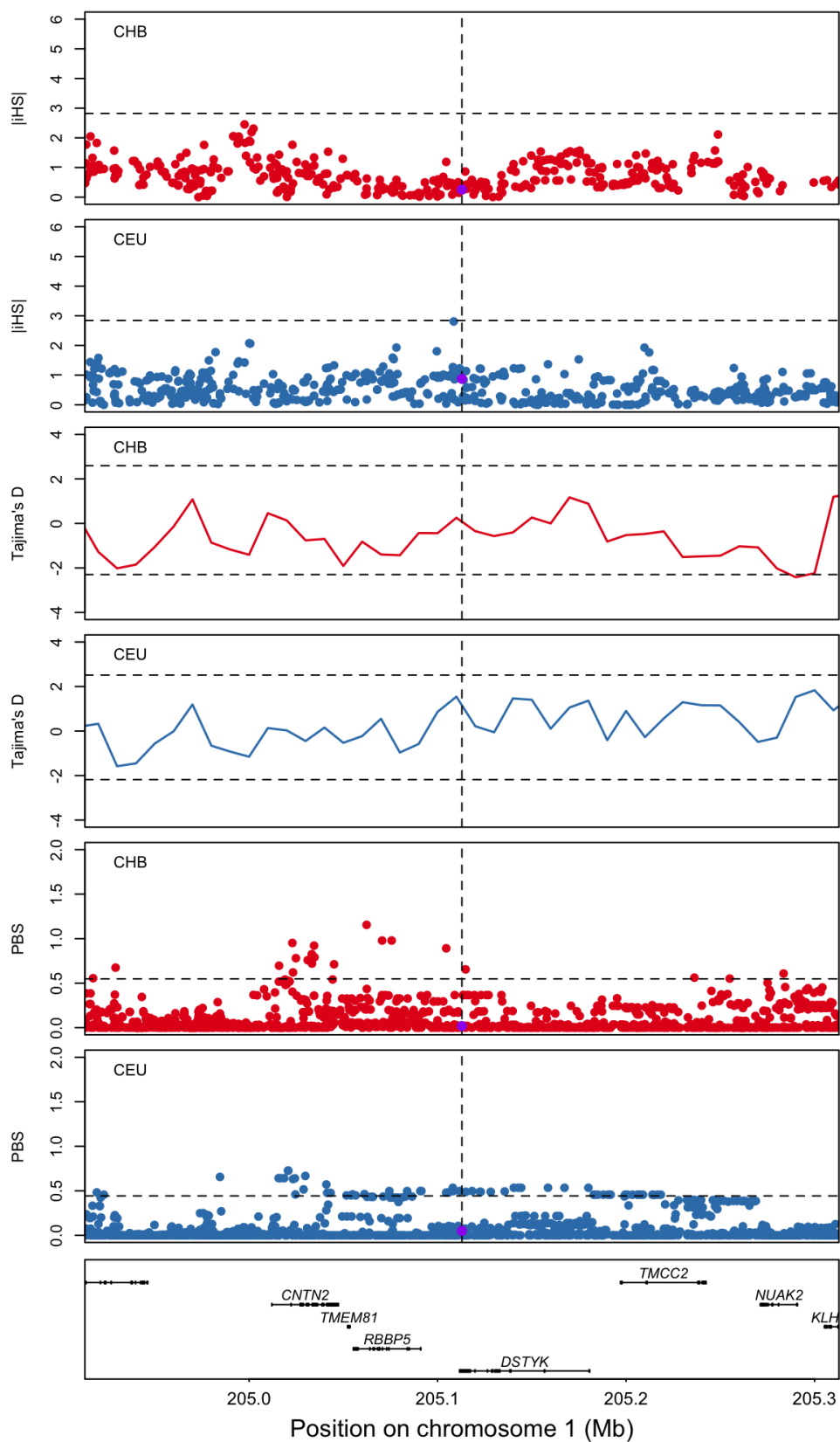
### E) 22q12 MPST



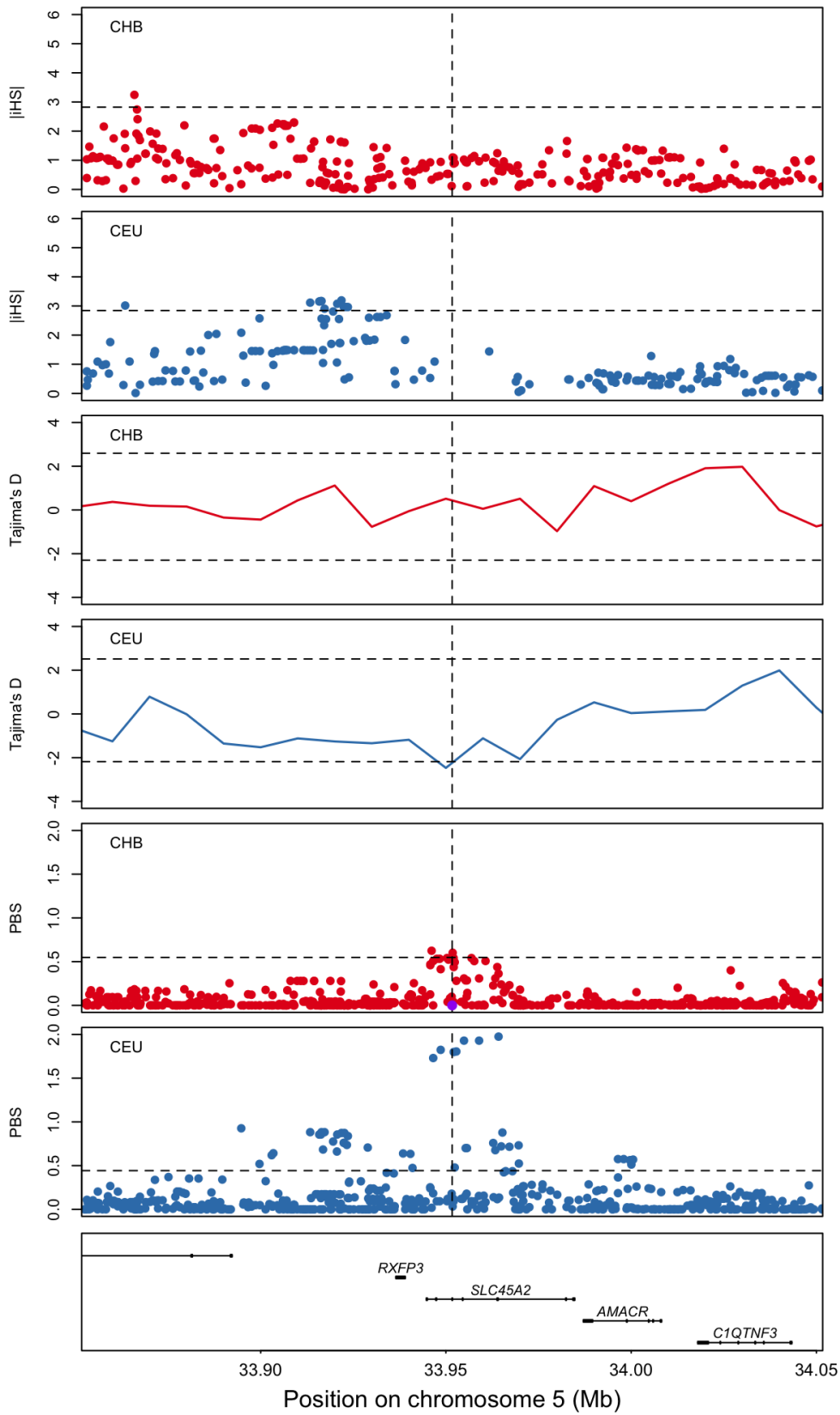
### Supplementary Figure 13: Distribution of selection statistics scores surrounding index SNPs

We computed three selection statistics at regions surrounding the index SNPs in the CHB and CEU populations from the 1000 Genomes Project: the integrated Haplotype Score (iHS), Tajima's D and the Population Branch Statistic (PBS). Note that depending on the selection statistic, it is not possible to assign a selection score to each SNP (see Methods), and therefore the number of SNPs with assigned scores may differ between selection tests. At each plot the dashed black line corresponds to the 99<sup>th</sup> percentile of the selection statistic and additionally the 1<sup>st</sup> percentile for Tajima's D. If present, the index SNP is highlighted in purple and its position represented with a dashed vertical line. The bottom plot shows the genes at the specific genomic region.

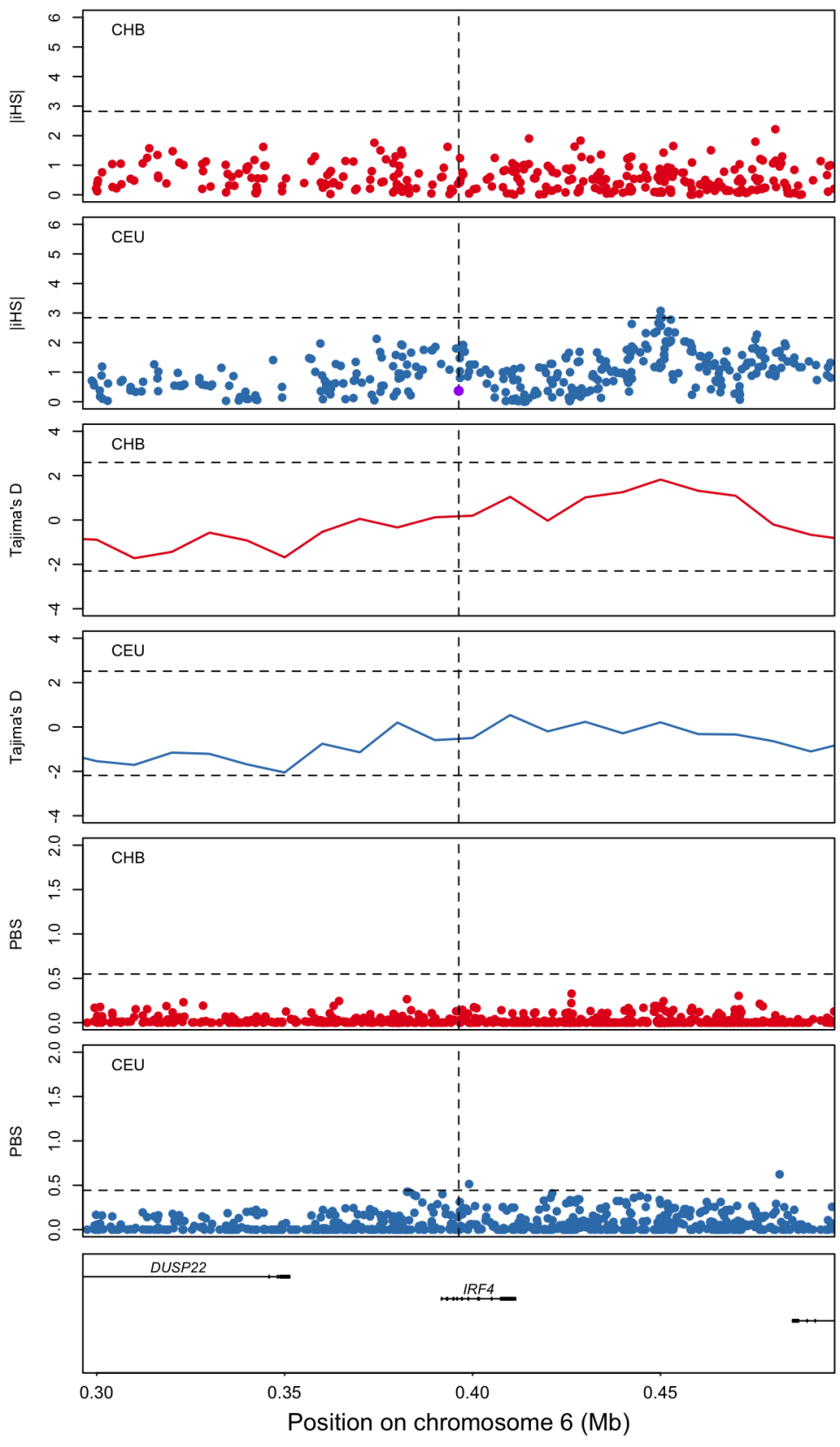
### A) 1q32 – rs3795556



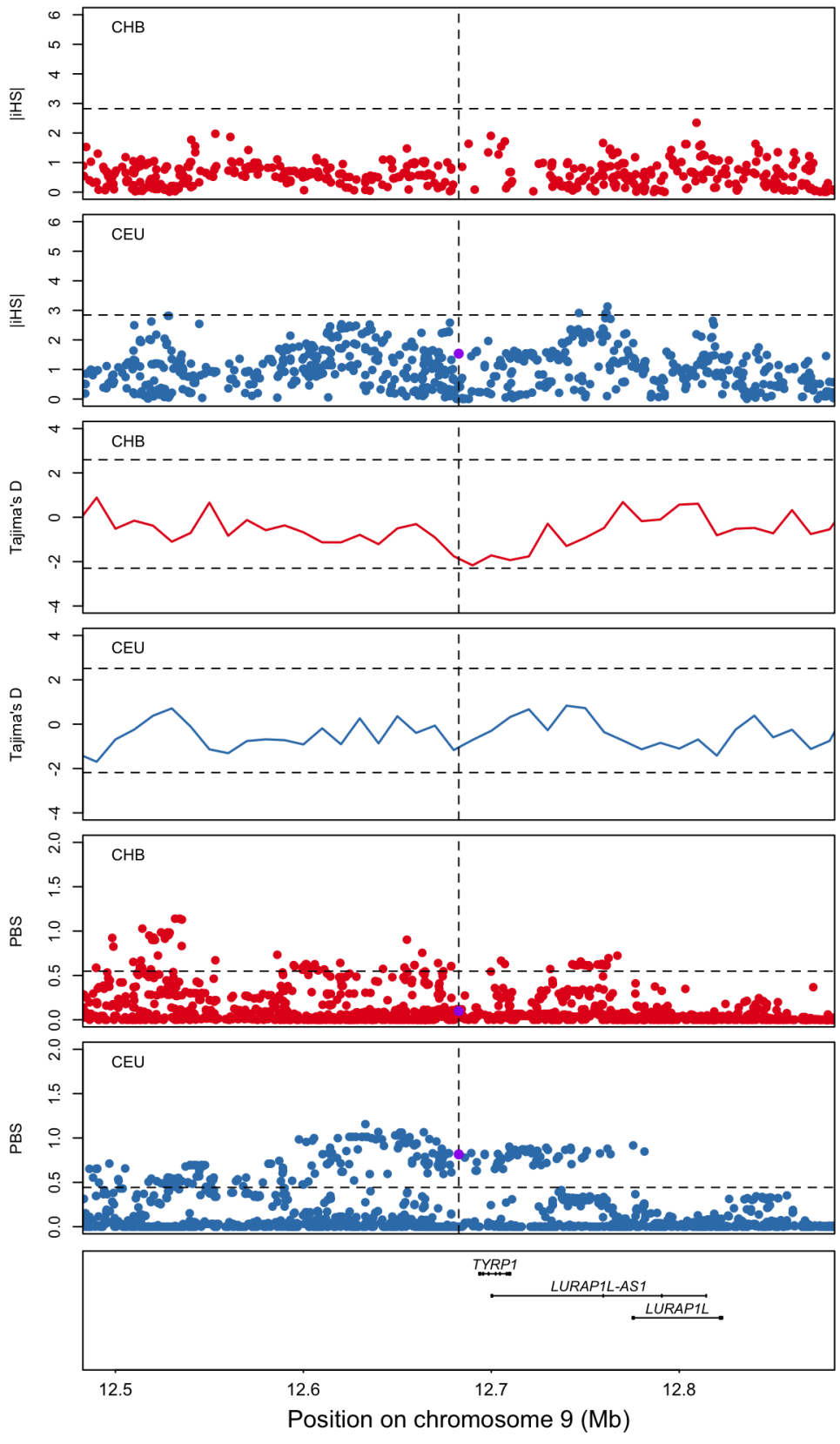
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C) 6p25 – rs12203592

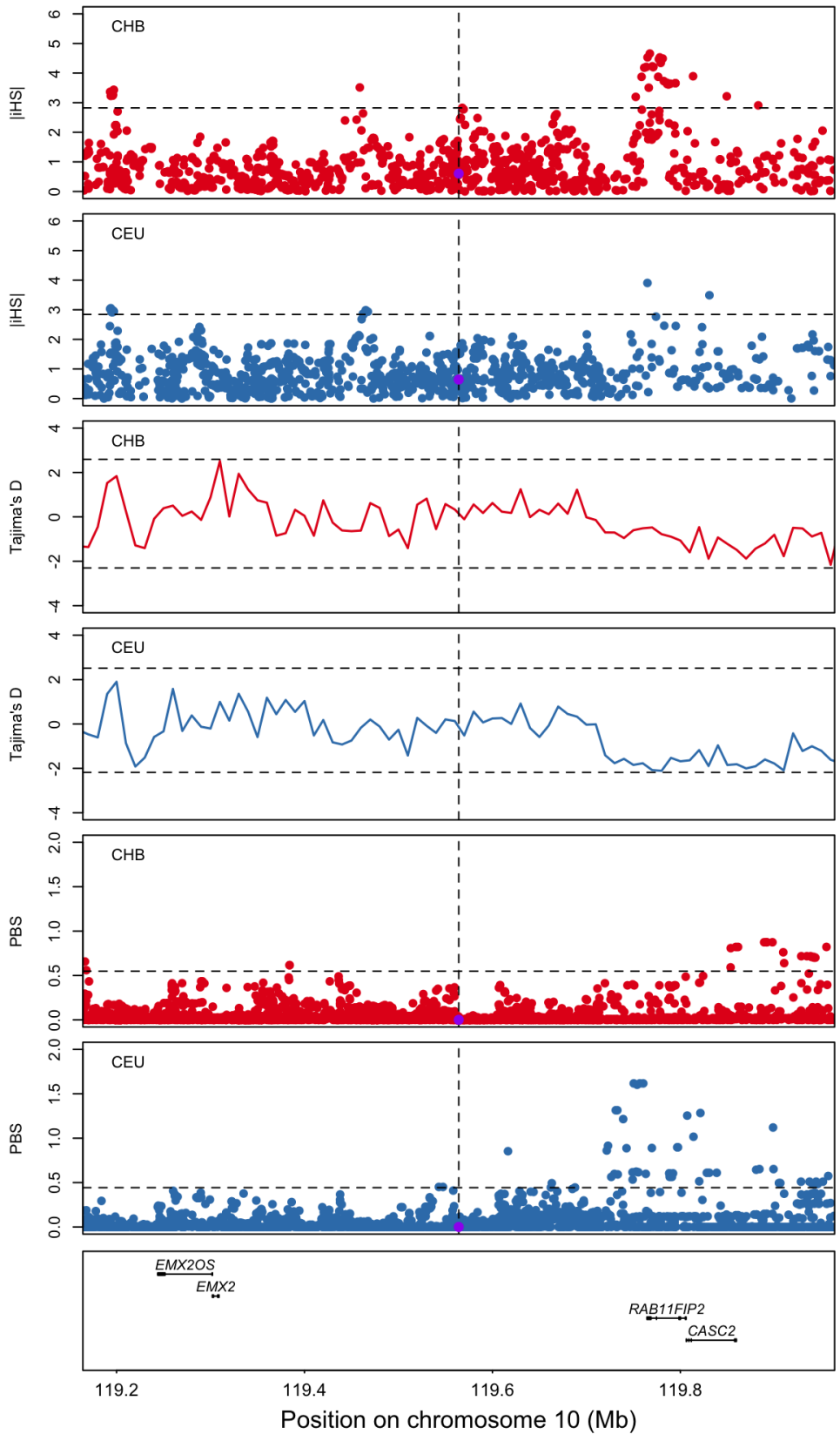


D) 9p23 – rs10809826

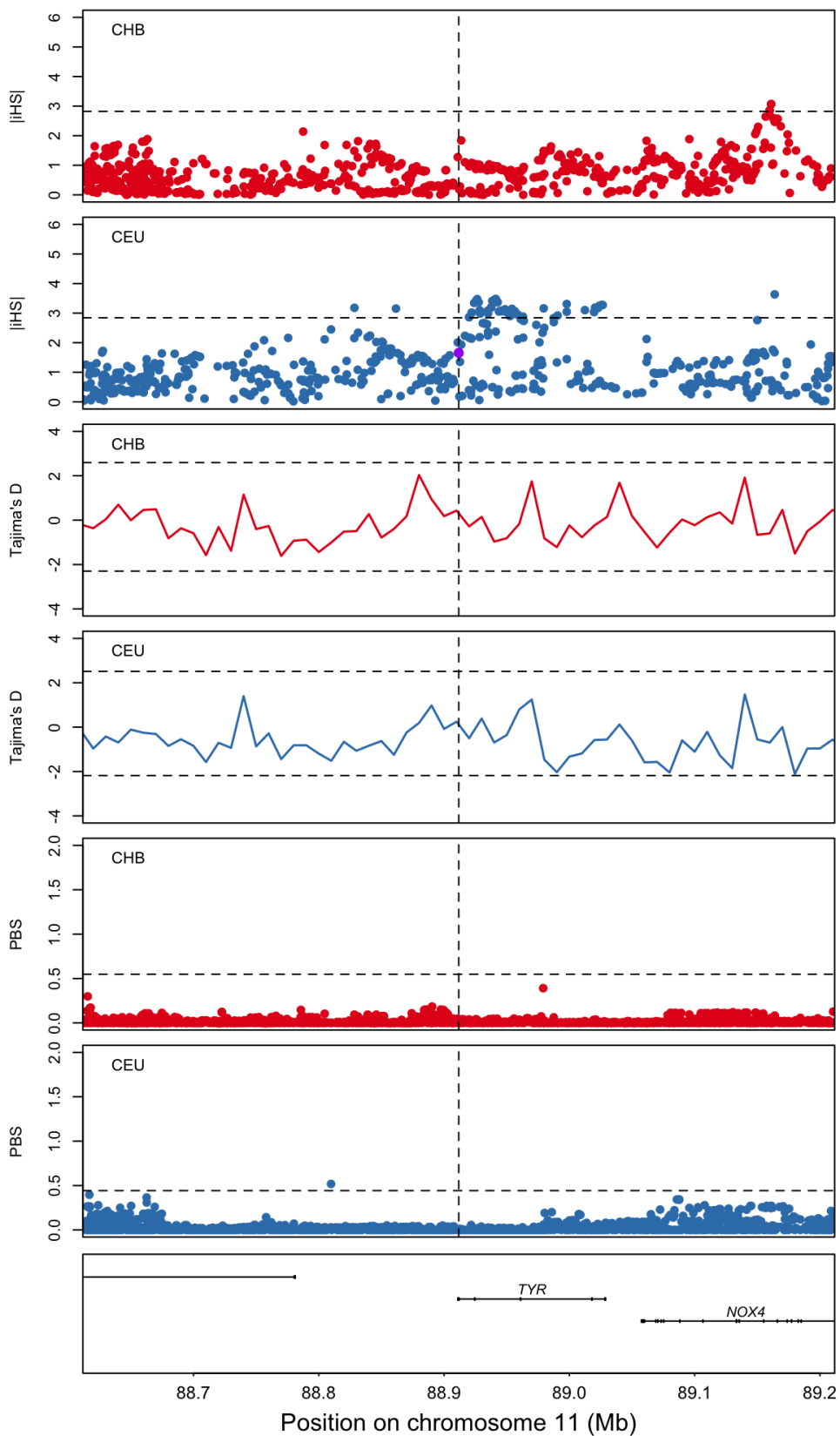




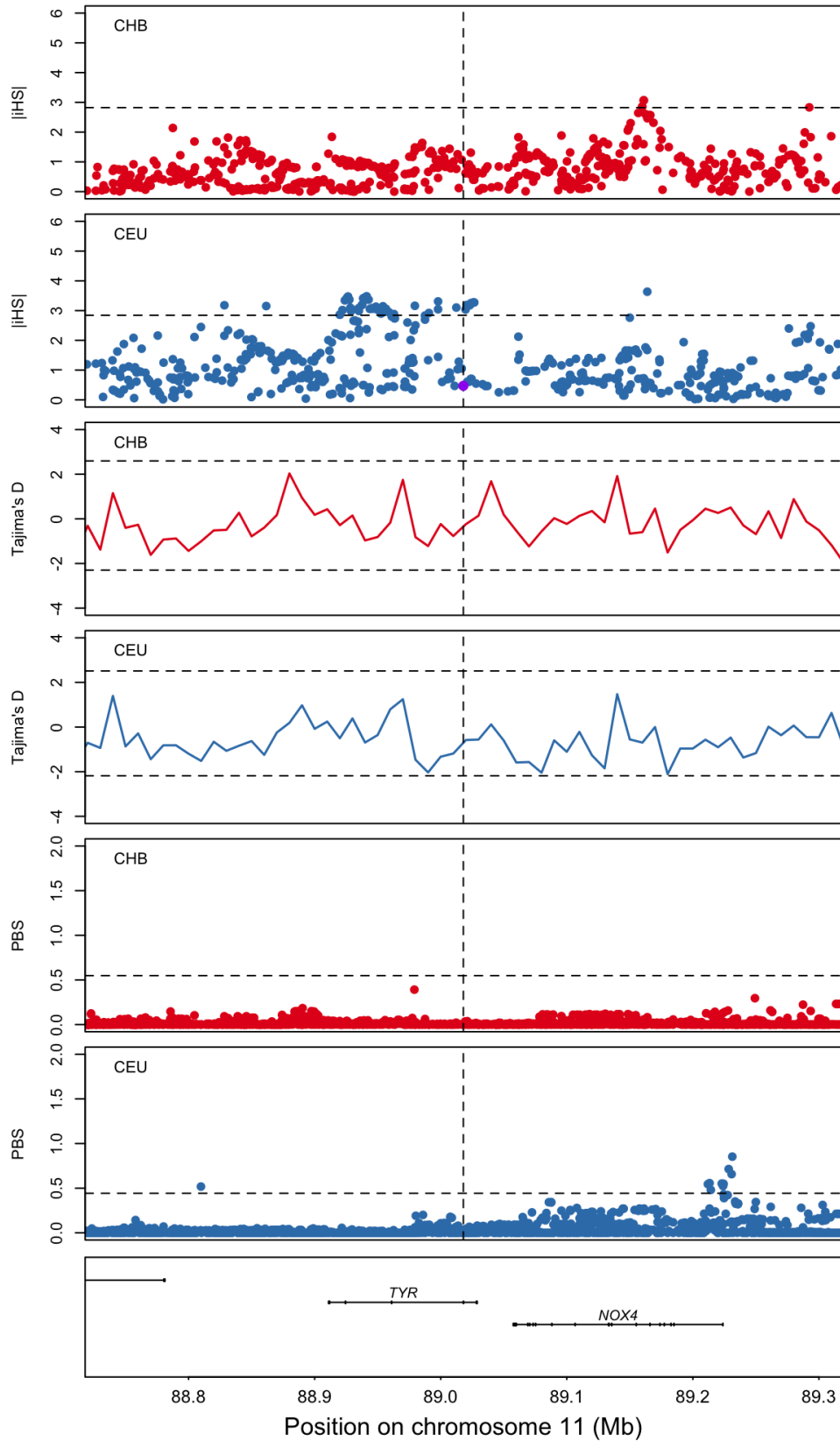
E) 10q26 – rs11198112



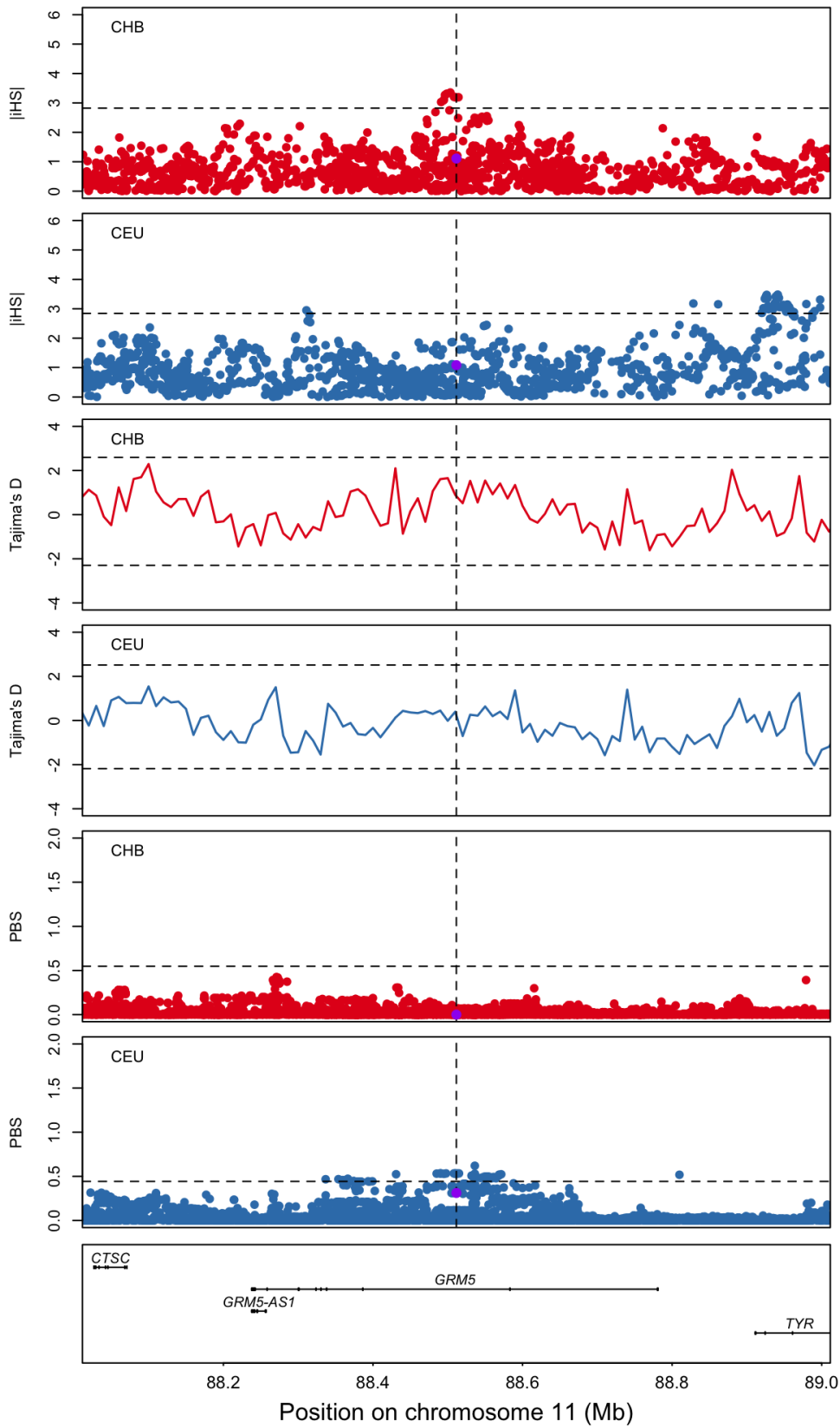
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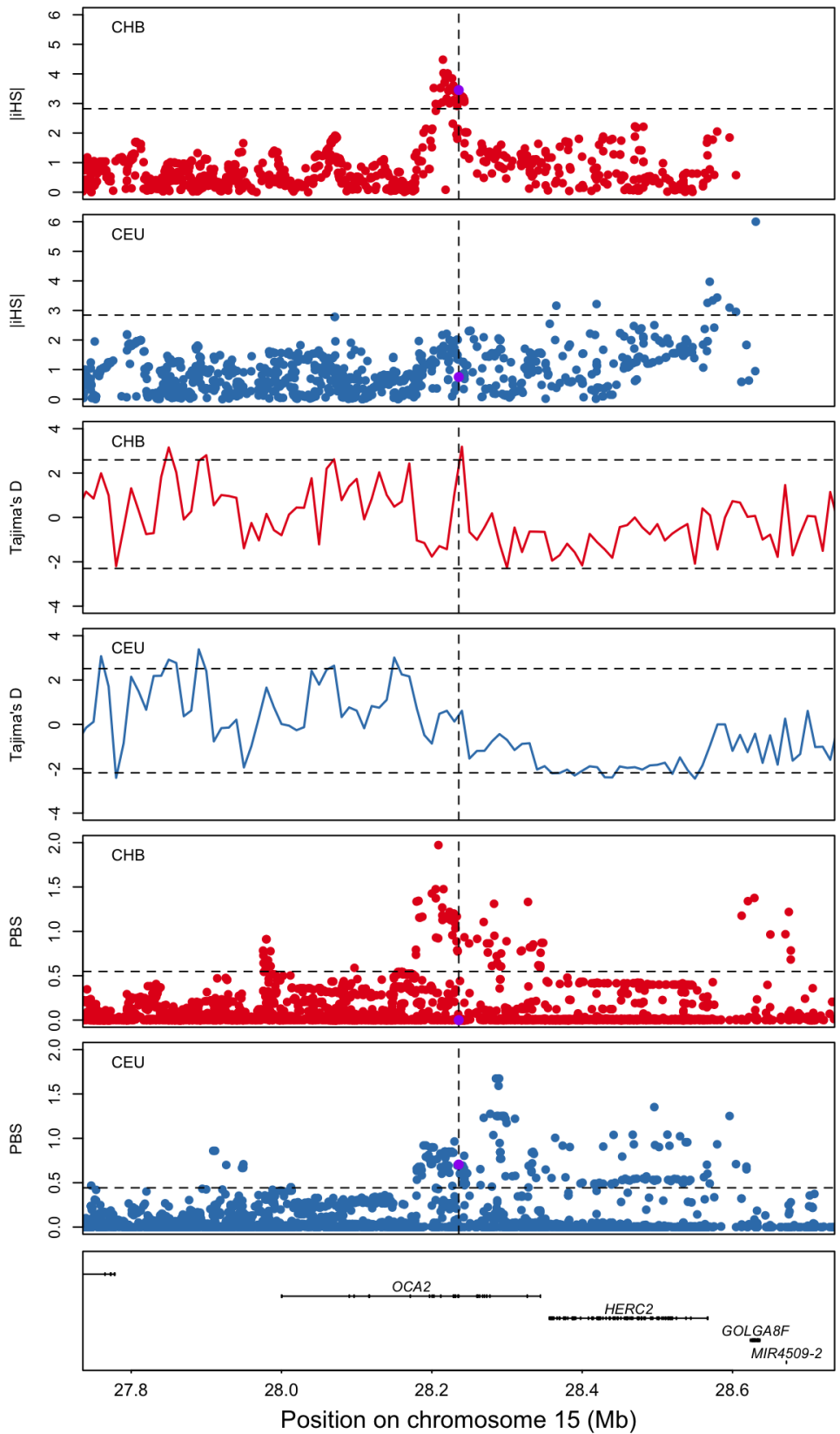
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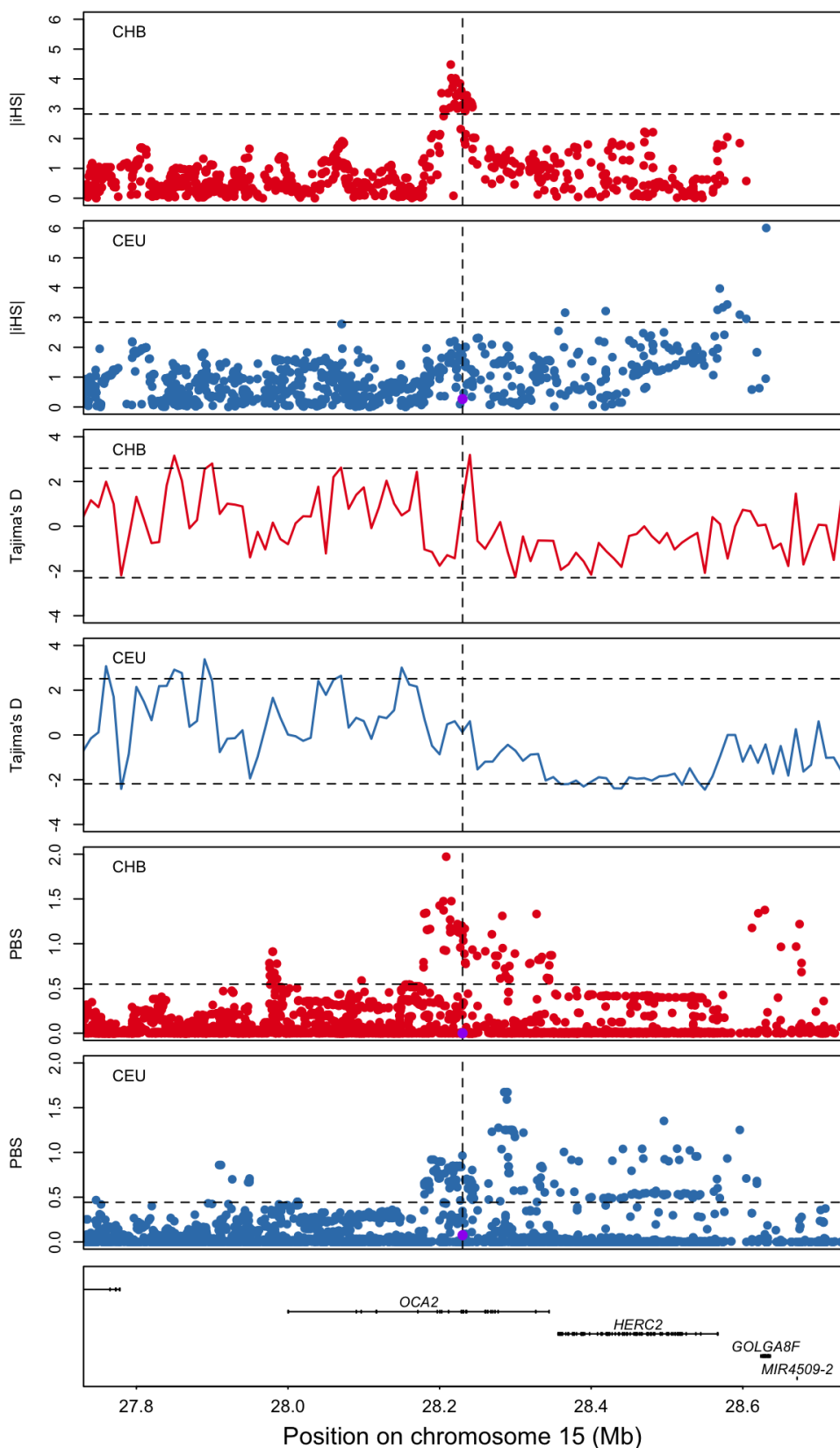
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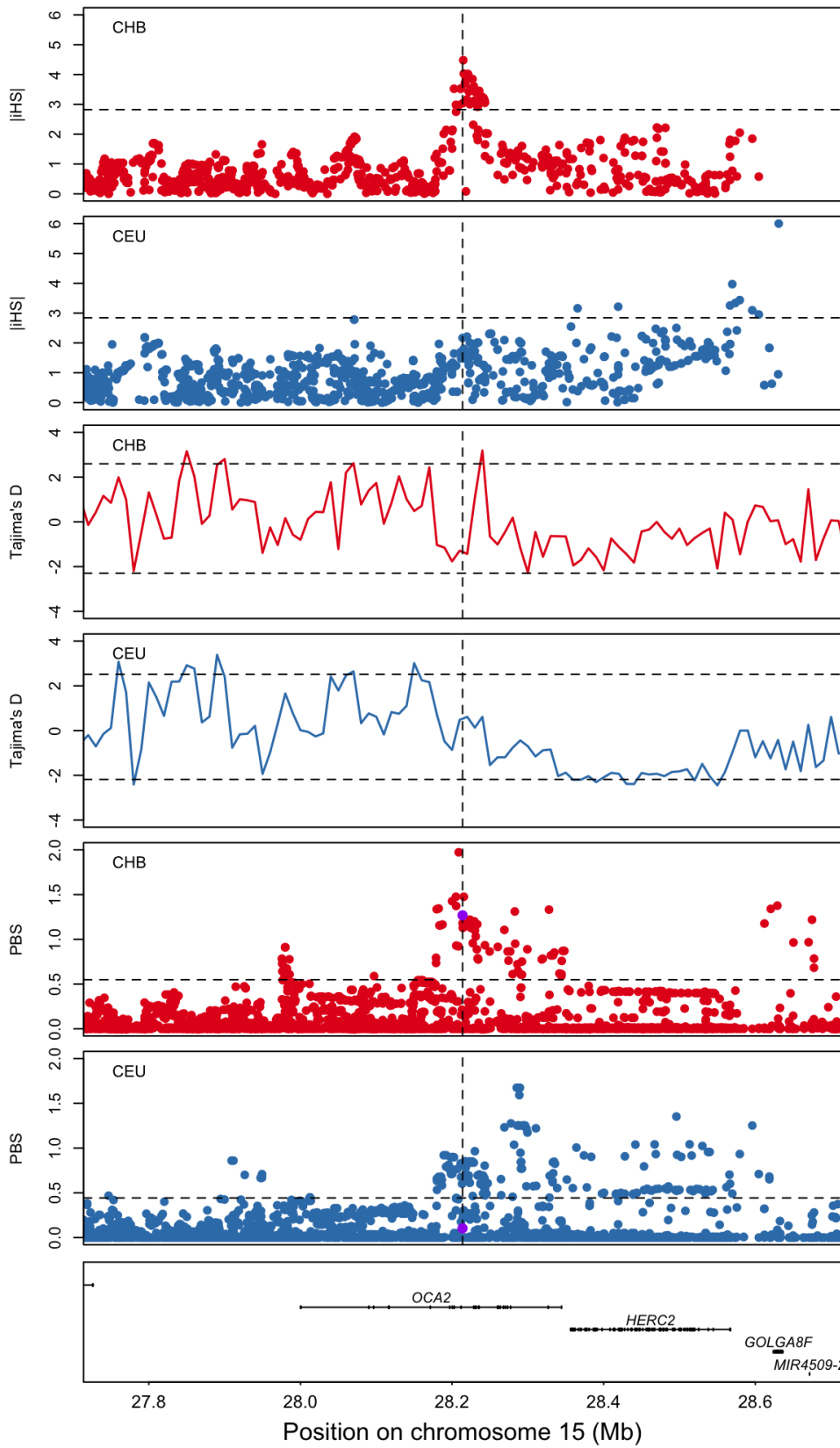
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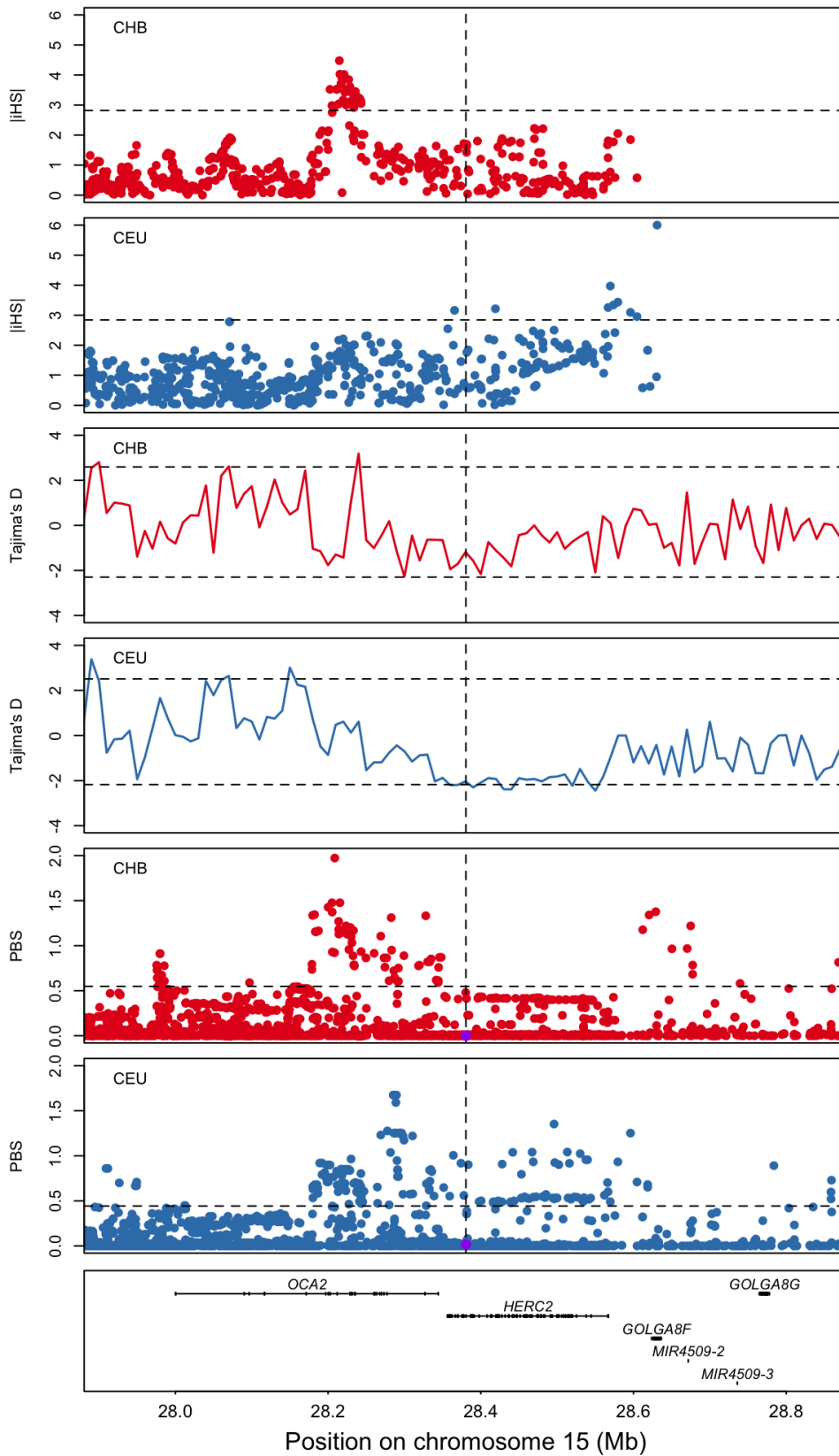
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K) 15q13 – rs4778219

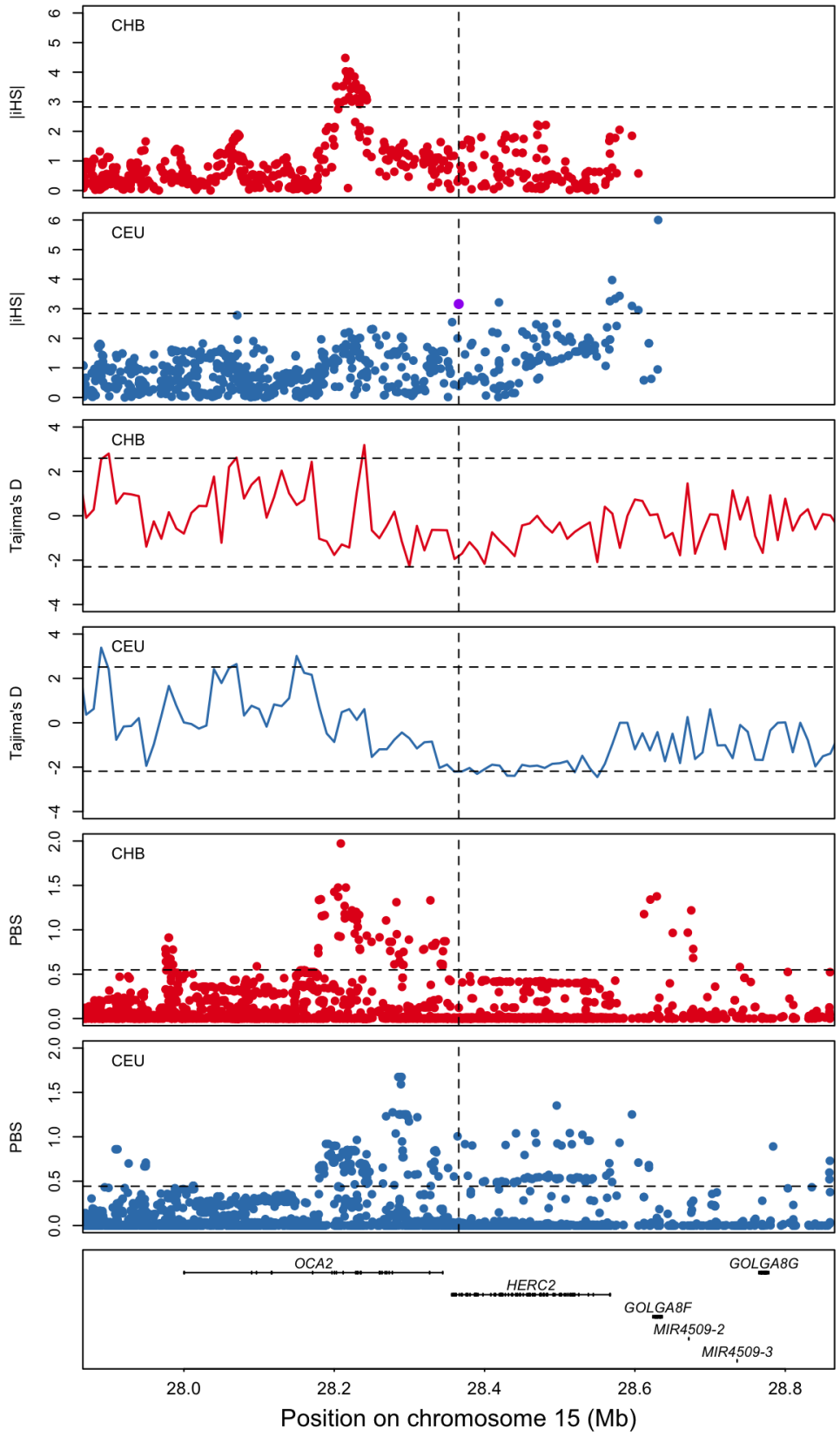


L) 15q13 – rs4778249

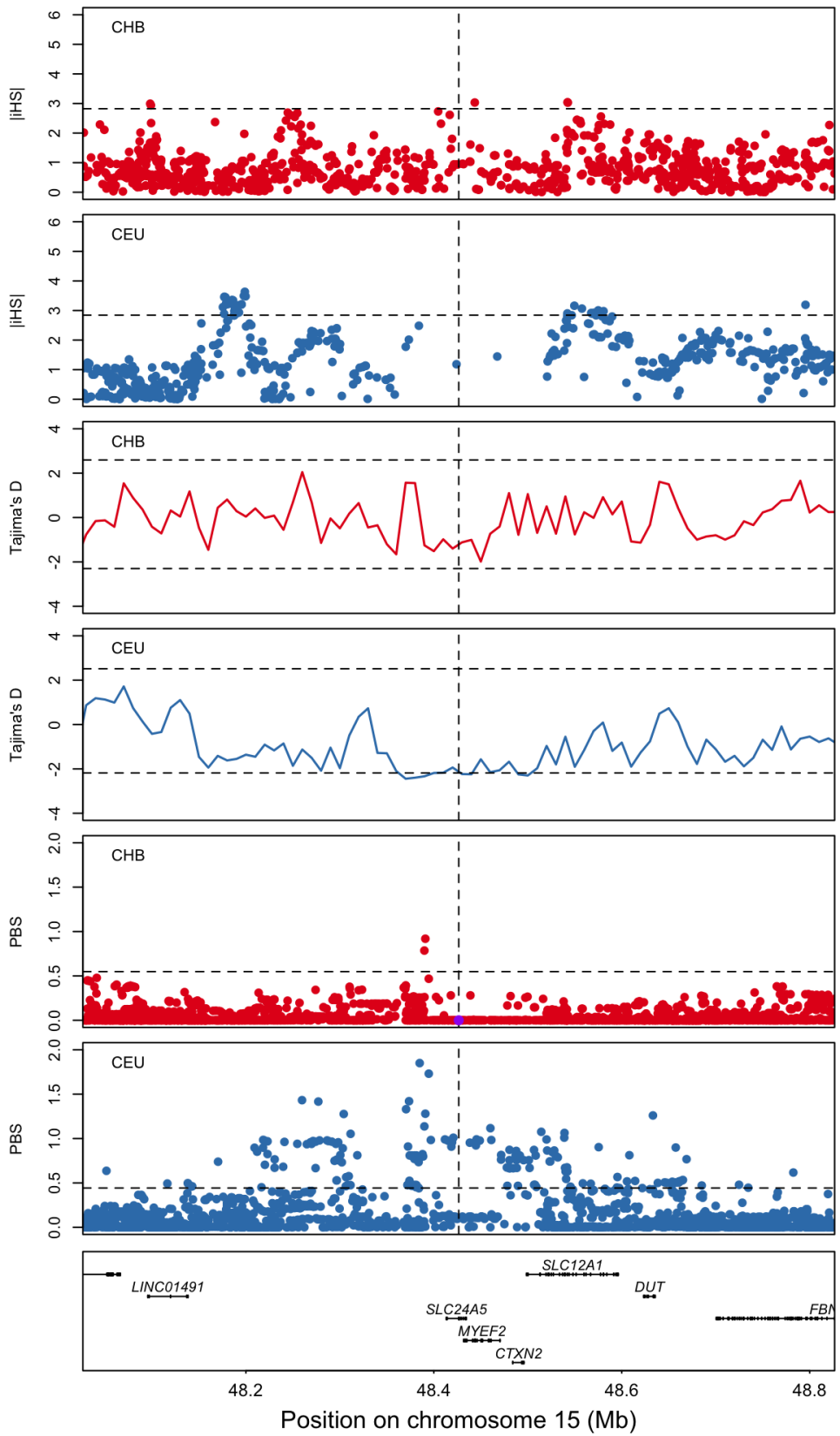




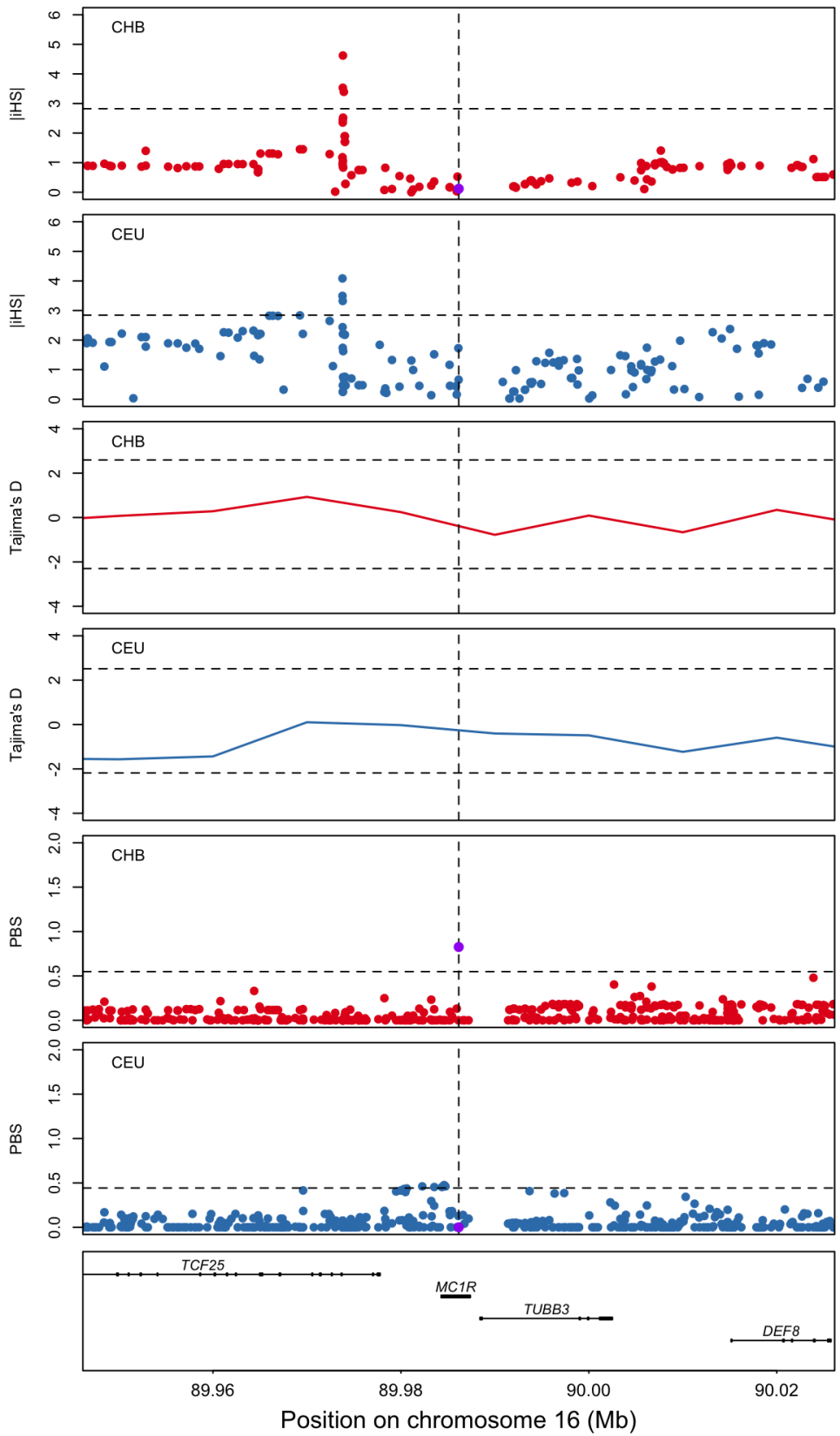
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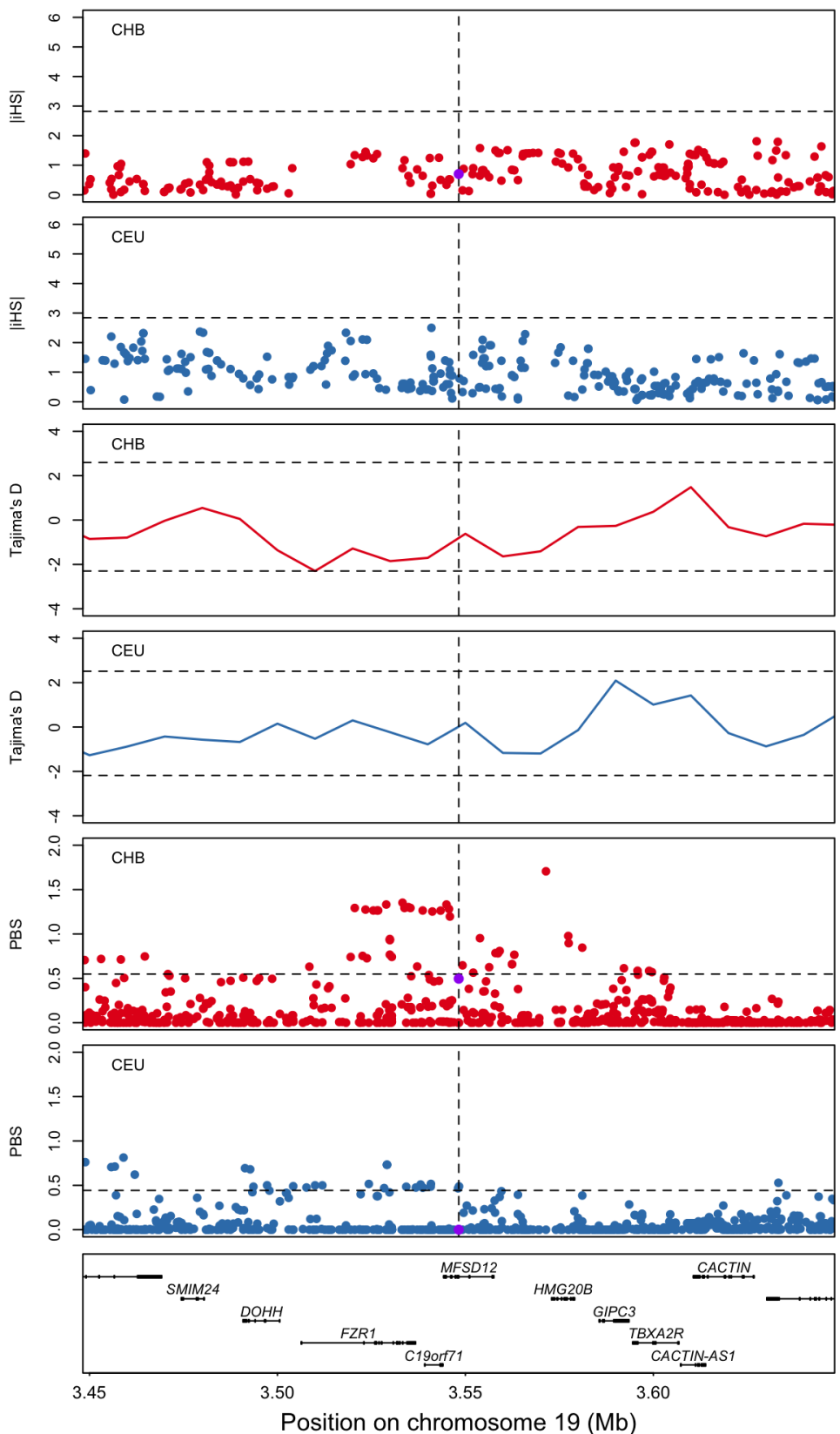
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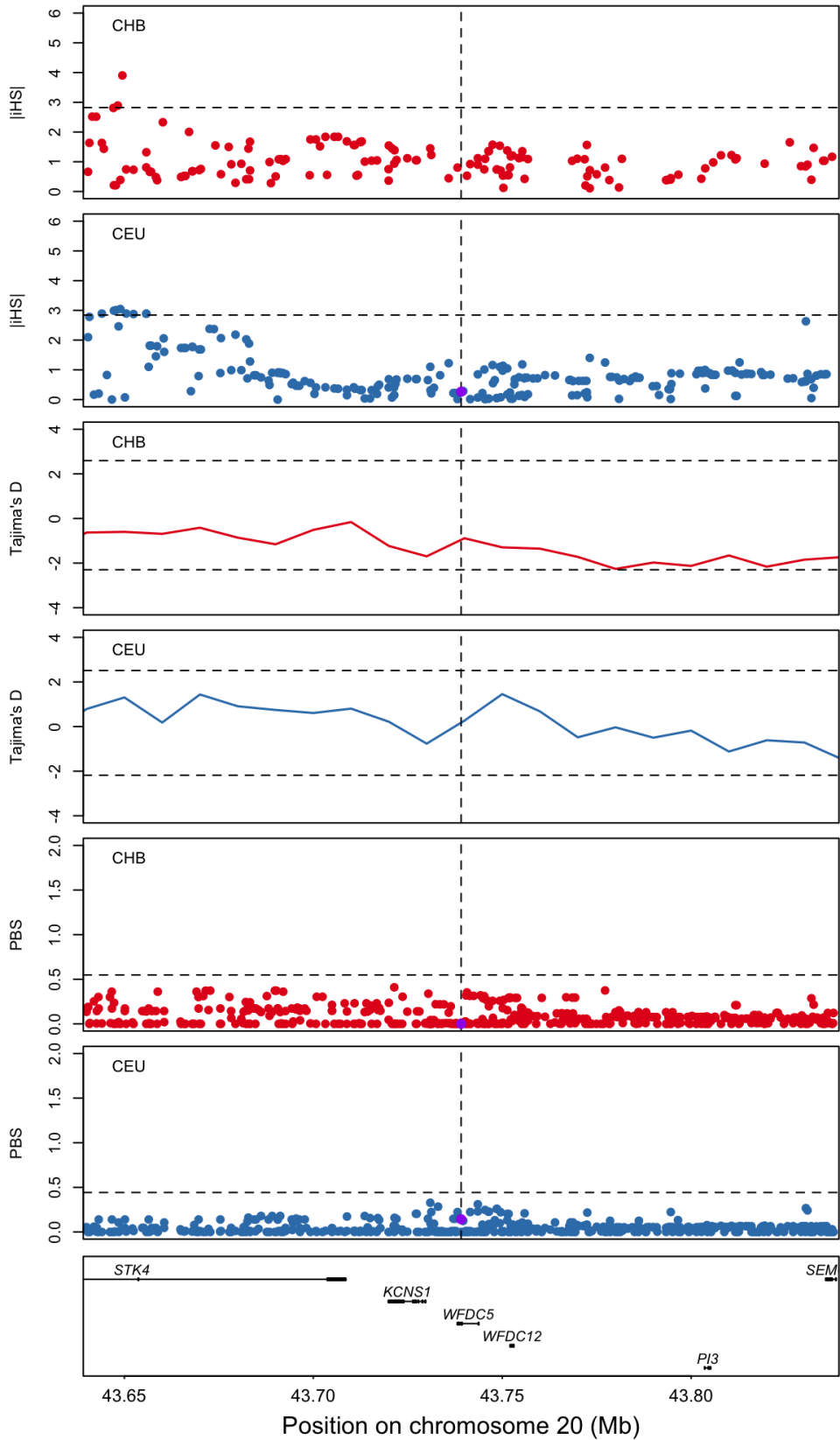
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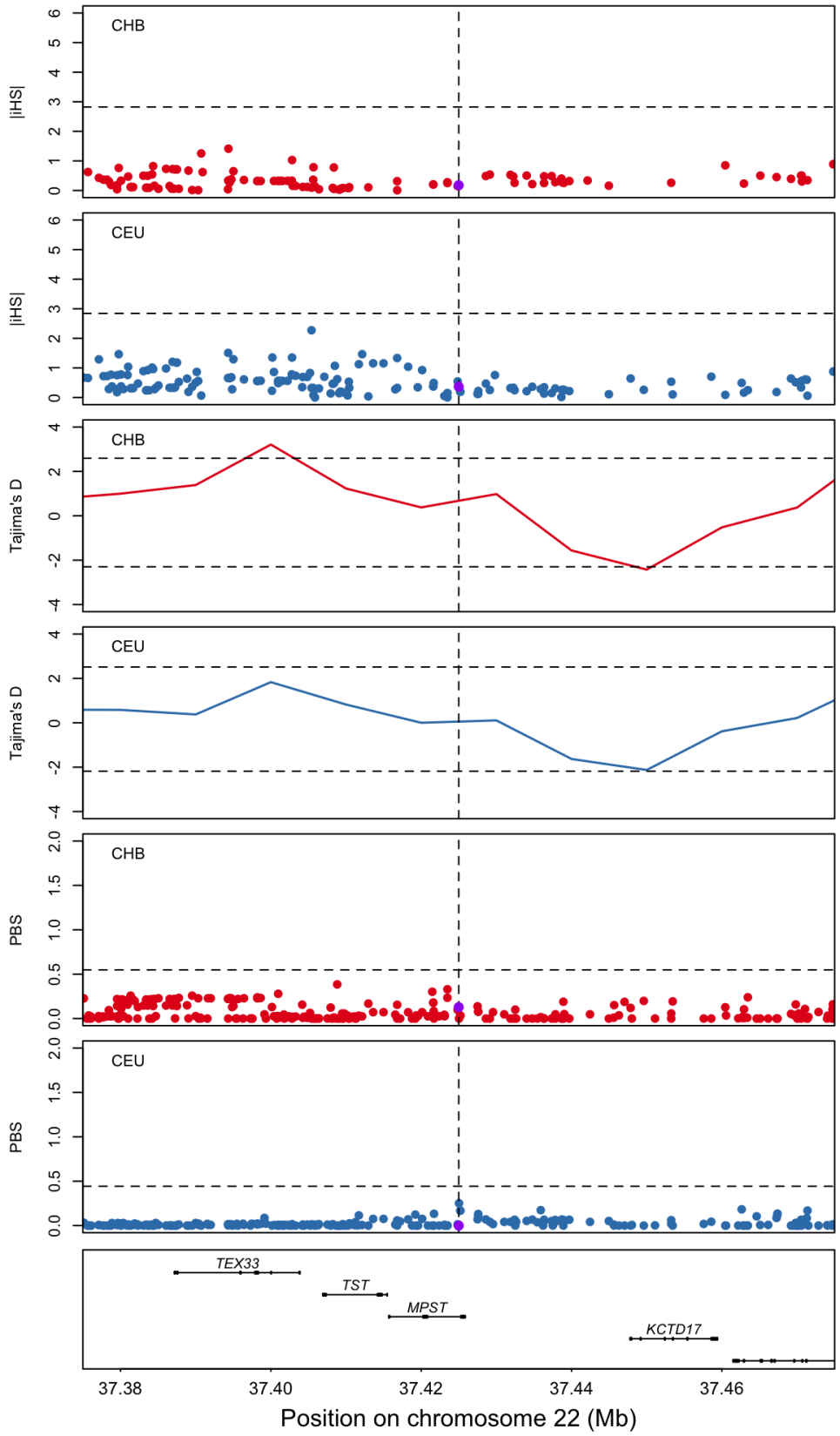
P) 19p13 – rs2240751



Q) 20q13 – rs17422688

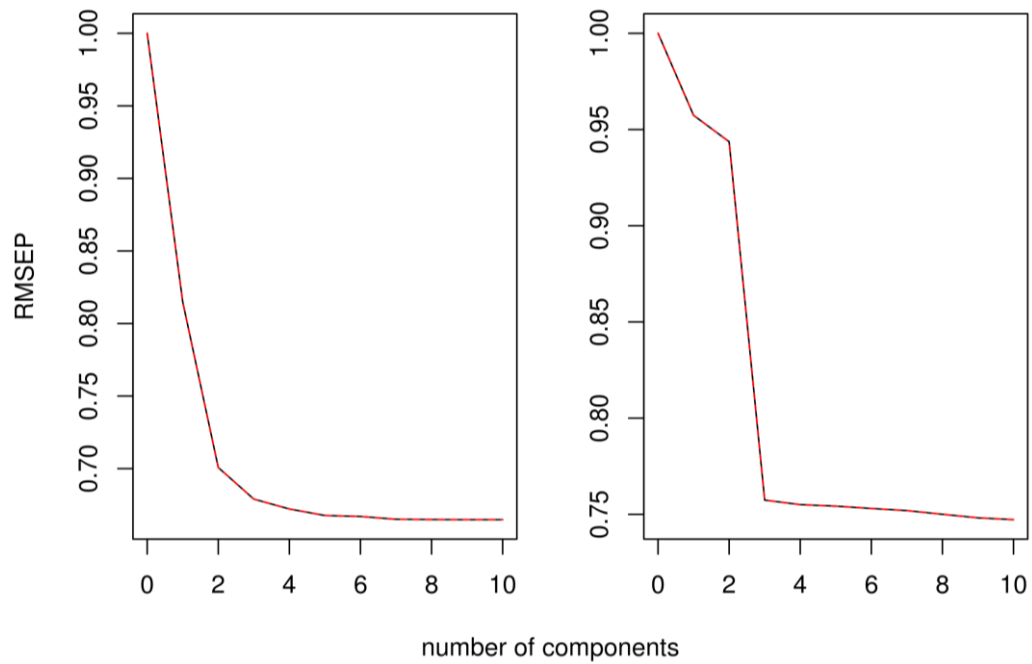


R) 22q12 – rs5756492



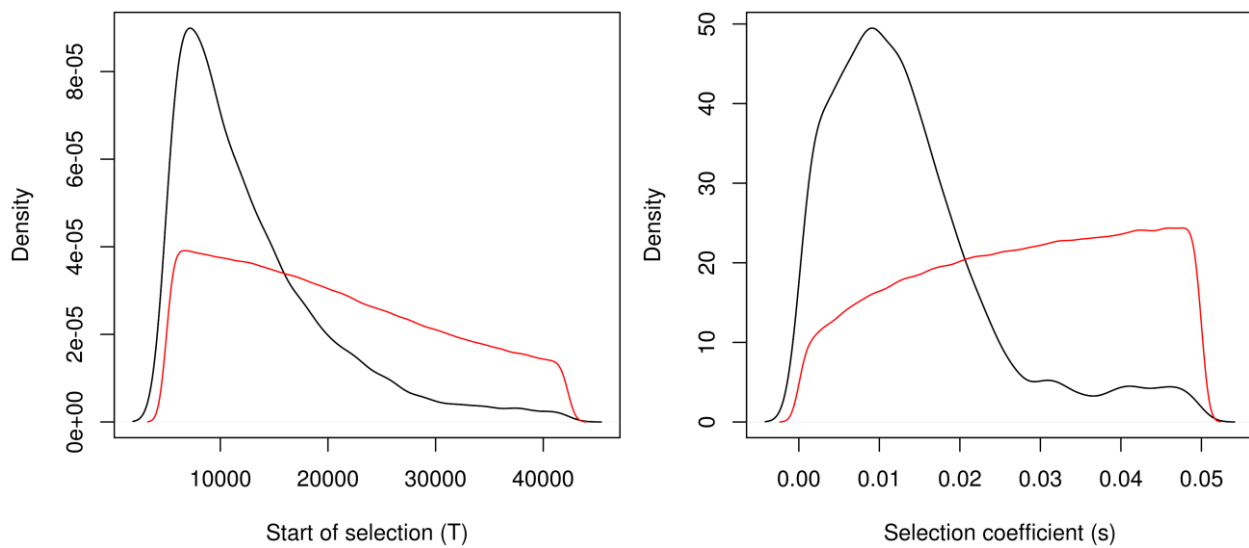
## Supplementary Figure 14: RMSE plots.

Information contained within each PLS component for the start of selection time (left panel) and selection coefficient (right panel).



Supplementary Figure 15: Estimation of the start of selection and selection coefficient at the *MFSD12* gene region

Estimation of the start of selection (T; left panel) and selection coefficient (s; right panel) using an ABC approach. Prior and posterior distributions are represented as a red and black line, respectively. Note that the priors are not uniformly distributed as we only used simulations where the selected allele was still present at the end of the simulation. The joint posterior probability is presented in Supplementary Figure 15. As mentioned in the main text, the estimated credible intervals for these parameters are large so median point estimates should be taken with caution.



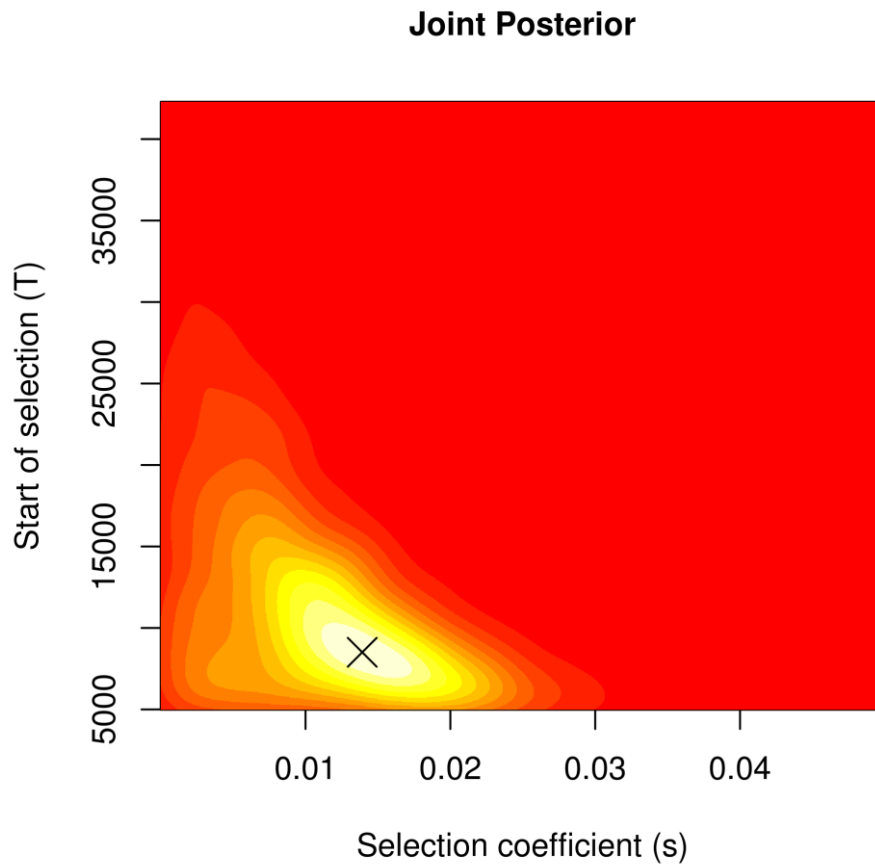
The estimated Predictive Error using the median point estimate based on a cross-validation sample of 100. The estimates were insensitive to difference tolerance rates.

| Acceptance rate | Selection Time (T) | Selection coefficient (s) |
|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| 0.001           | 0.33               | 0.61                      |
| 0.005           | 0.34               | 0.62                      |
| 0.01            | 0.35               | 0.62                      |
| 0.05            | 0.46               | 0.65                      |



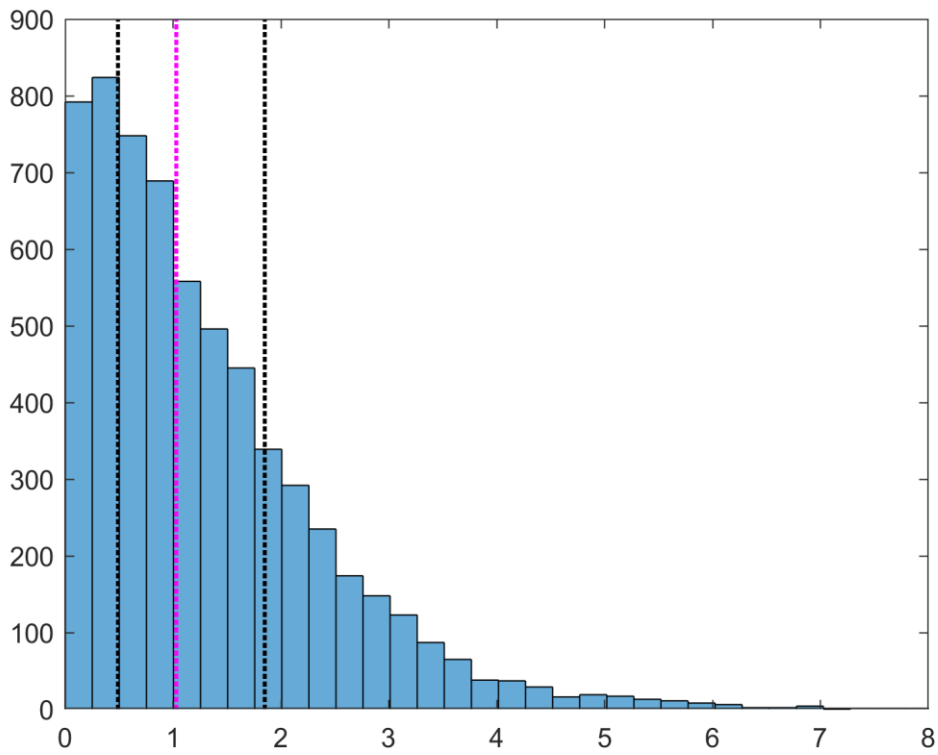
Supplementary Figure 16: Joint estimation start of the start of selection and selection coefficient at the *MFSD12* gene region

Joint inference of starting time of selection (T) and selection coefficient (s) using an ABC approach. The white, yellow, and red colors mark areas of high, moderate, and low joint density respectively. The black cross indicates the joint maximum a posteriori (MAP) at  $s=0.139$  and  $T = 8,508$  years ago.



### Supplementary Figure 17: Histogram of Melanin Index measurement variability

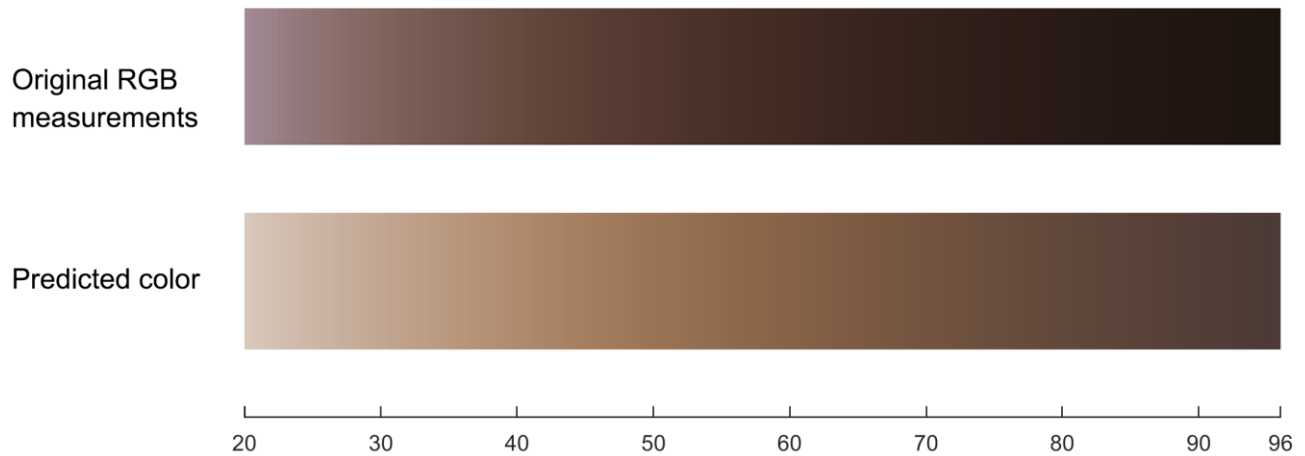
Measurements across the two arms were compared for each individual to assess variability of the Melanin Index measurement. The absolute difference between the two measurements was taken as the variability for an individual. This variability values are plotted in the histogram below, with the median shown as a purple vertical line and the quantiles as black lines.



## Supplementary Figure 18: Conversion of Melanin Index into approximate skin color

The DermaSpectrometer DSMEII reflectometer (Cortex Technology) uses tristimulus colorimetry to measure RGB (red, green, blue) color values and output Melanin Index (MI). The formula used for measuring MI is:

However, the measured RGB values are processed through an internal calibration step in the instrument, and hence the output RGB values for a certain MI level do not match RGB values obtainable through standard color measurement methods (such as a digital camera), and therefore doesn't match the average perceived skin color at that given MI value either (the output RGB values appear much darker, as seen in the figure below). This discrepancy was observed by simultaneously obtaining MI and RGB values from the reflectometer on a set of 100 volunteers of varying skin tone. It is most prominent at lower MI levels (e.g. 20-30), which correspond to fairer West/North European skin colors.



In Shriver and Parra (72) the Photovolt ColorWalk (another tristimulus colorimeter) was used to measure CIE Lab values simultaneously with MI values obtained from the Cortex DermaSpectrometer. The relationship between MI and L, a, b values as deduced from the article was used to predict Lab color values for the range of MI values observed in the whole CANDELA data. The CIE Lab values were then converted to RGB values to get the colors for plotting in Figure 1A. The following Supplementary Equations were used:

$$L = 110.1 \times e^{-0.0151 \times MI} \quad (2)$$

$$z = (L - 50)/40 \quad (3)$$

$$a = 7.5689 - 0.982 \times z + 3.721 \times \cos(\pi z) \quad (4)$$

$$b = 12 + 5.5565 \times z + 10.5941 \times \cos(\pi z) \quad (5).$$

The range of predicted Lab colors were also compared with the ranges given in (73, 74) to verify similarity in perceived color.

The range of MI values in the whole CANDELA dataset is 20-96, while after QC of individuals for GWAS (includes removing individuals with >20% African ancestry) the range shrinks to 20-65 (as shown in Figure 1A).

## Supplementary Notes

### Supplementary Note 1: Coalescent simulations for the Out-of-Africa model

The following msms command line was used to generate coalescent simulations of the Out-of-Africa model described in Jouganous et al. (75), that was employed in our ABC framework. For the mutation rate and the generation time we used  $\mu = 1.44 \times 10^{-8}$  and  $T_g = 29 \text{ year}$ , respectively. As noted in the Methods section, we assumed a uniform distribution  $U[0 - 0.05]$  for the selection coefficient (`selection_coefficient`) and a uniform distribution  $U[5,000 - 42,229 \text{ years ago (ya)}]$  for the starting time of selection (`selection_time`). Note that we used an additive model for the beneficial mutation, as denoted by the product of 2 for the homozygous genotype.

msms command:

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ms -N 10000 620 1 -I 3 216 198 206 -t 288 -r 300 500000 -n 1 2.3721 -g 2
81.95 -g 3 121.96 -em 0.0 1 2 0.44 -em 0.0 1 3 0.192 -em 0.0 2 3 1.676 -eg
0.03646552 2 0.0 -eg 0.03646552 3 0.0 -ej 0.03646552 3 2 -en 0.03646552 2
0.3104 -em 0.03646552 1 2 6.32 -ej 0.1077586 2 1 -en 0.2689655 1 1.1273 -
oTrace -Sp 0.5 -SI selection_time 3 0 0.01 0.01 -Sc 0 3
selection_coefficient*2 selection_coefficient 0
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