

**Novel Susceptibility Variants at the *ERG* Locus for Childhood Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia in Hispanics**

Supplementary Text, Tables and Figures for Maoxiang Qian *et al.*

## **Supplementary Text**

### **Genetic ancestry**

Genetic ancestry was determined for all the case and control subjects (i.e., individuals from COG AALL0232 [clinicaltrials.gov NCT00075725], COG P9904/P9905/P9906 [NCT00005585/NCT00005596/NCT00005603], St. Jude Total Therapy XIIIIB/XV [NCI-T93-0101D/NCT00137111], MESA [dbGAP phs000209.v9], GALA, and Guatemala) by using Admixture (version 1.3.0),<sup>1</sup> on the basis of genotypes at 30,000 SNPs randomly selected from the Affymetrix SNP arrays. HapMap samples from descendants of Northern Europeans (CEU, N = 60), West Africans (YRI, N = 60), East Asians (CHB/JPT, N = 90) and Native American references<sup>2</sup> (N = 105) were used to represent European, African, East Asian, and Native American ancestries, respectively. We assumed that these 4 ancestries summed to 100% in each genotyped individuals. Hispanics are generally considered as an admixed population: two-way admixture between Native American and European populations or three-way admixture amongst Native American, European, and African ancestries.<sup>2</sup> Therefore, European American (EA), African American (AA), and Asians were defined as having >95% European genetic ancestry, >70% African ancestry, and >90% Asian ancestry, respectively. Hispanics were individuals for whom Native American ancestry was >10% and greater than African ancestry, as previously described.<sup>3</sup> Cutoffs of genetic ancestry used for each race/ethnic group were based on % ancestry distribution in ALL cohorts as reported previously.<sup>4</sup>

### **Genotyping and quality control**

SNP genotyping was performed in germline DNA using the Affymetrix Human SNP Array 6.0 (COG AALL0232, COG P9904/P9905, MESA, GALA, and Guatemala) or the Affymetrix GeneChip Human Mapping 500K Array (COG P9906 and St. Jude Total Therapy XIIIIB/XV). Genotype calls were determined as described previously.<sup>3</sup> The sample quality control procedures were performed on the basis of SNP call rate and minor allele frequency

**(Supplemental Fig. 2).** Individuals with one of the following features were excluded: 1) discordant sex; 2) genotype failure rate  $\geq 0.05$ ; 3) heterozygosity rate  $\geq 5$  s.d. from the mean; 4) heterozygosity rate  $\geq 3$  s.d. from the mean and genotype failure rate  $\geq 0.03$ ; 5) identity-by-descent score  $> 0.185$  and lower call rate to other individuals. The SNPs used in the GWAS were filtered on the basis of allele frequency, call rate, and deviation from Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium, as described previously.<sup>3</sup>

### **Genome-wide association analyses**

In the discovery GWAS, the association between each SNP and ALL susceptibility was tested by comparing the genotype frequencies between ALL cases and non-ALL controls with an additive logistic regression model in PLINK (version 1.90),<sup>5</sup> including the top six principal components inferred using EIGENSTRAT<sup>6</sup> (continuous variables) as covariates to control for population stratification. Quantile-quantile plots indicated only minimal inflation at the tail of the distribution ( $\lambda = 1.09$ , **Supplemental Fig. 9**). Genotype dosage effect was examined for rs2836365, with OR = 1.55 [1.14-2.13] and 2.42 [1.75-3.35] for heterozygotes and homozygotes, respectively. The association of the rs2836365 genotype was also evaluated in genetically-defined EAs (N = 2,317 ALL and 2,050 controls) and AAs (N = 227 ALL and 1,380 controls), with cases from the same COG cohorts and MESA controls. The association of *ERG* genotype with Native American genetic ancestry was again evaluated in 167 Guatemalan children with ALL enrolled at the Unidad Nacional de Oncología Pediátrica, Guatemala City, Guatemala.

Using a large reference panel of human haplotypes from the Haplotype Reference Consortium (HRC r1.1 2016)<sup>7</sup> in Michigan Imputation Server<sup>7,8</sup> with ShapeIT (v2.r790)<sup>9</sup> as the phasing tool, we imputed additional SNPs within a 1 Mb region centered on the novel *ERG* variant (rs2836365). Regional plots were illustrated with LocusZoom.<sup>10</sup> In the replication studies, we tested the top hits at *ERG* locus with the additive logistic regression model conditioning on genetic structure.

Logistic regression model was used to evaluate SNP genotype associations with subtypes (e.g., *ETV6-RUNX1* ALL vs other ALL), sex, age at diagnosis ( $\geq$  or  $<$  10 years of age), presenting whole blood cell count ( $\geq$  or  $<$   $50 \times 10^9$  cell/L), and minimal residual disease (MRD) at the end of remission induction therapy, adjusting for genetic ancestry. R (version 3.3.3) statistical software was used for all analyses unless indicated otherwise. All statistical tests were two-sided.

### **Functional annotation of ALL risk variants in *ERG***

To explore possible functional effects of *ERG* variants, we aligned the position of the ALL risk variants at this locus with GWAS signals for other blood cell-related traits at this locus (NHGRI GWAS Catalog), somatic *ERG* deletions in ALL (*Nat Genet* 48, 1481-1489, 2016), ATAC-seq signals in different types of hematopoietic cells (*Nat Genet* 48, 1193-1203, 2016), and placental mammal base-wise conservation scores by phyloP (UCSC Genome Browser). We also explored eQTL effects of the *ERG* risk variant using the GTEx (<https://gtexportal.org/home/>) and observed marginal association with *ERG* expression. The exact function of the *ERG* risk variant remains unclear and should be examined in future studies.

### **Association of germline and somatic *ERG* variations in ALL**

*ERG* subtype and somatic *ERG* deletion in leukemia blasts were ascertained and defined as described previously.<sup>11</sup> Briefly, the *ERG* subtype was determined on the basis of gene expression profiling, and *ERG* deletion was assessed as copy number loss using Affymetrix SNP arrays. All cases in the *ERG* subtype had overexpression of *DUX4*, e.g., due to the *IGH-DUX4* rearrangement. We speculate that germline and somatic *ERG* variation have influence ALL leukemogenesis via distinct mechanisms. Compared to *DUX4*-mediated *ERG* deregulation in leukemia cells, inherited risk allele in *ERG* would have only modestly influence canonical *ERG* activity. In particular, because germline *ERG* allele was not associated with the risk of *IGH-DUX4* rearrangement, it is unlikely that this *ERG* variant would be related to expression of the alternative *ERG* transcript, which was directly oncogenic in lymphoid cells. In the same ALL

cohort, we also tested association of *ERG* germline variant with somatic aberrations in *IKZF1* and *CRLF2* (**Supplementary Fig. 7B and 7C**).

### **Ancestry-dependent effects of the ALL risk allele in *ERG***

There are a number of possible explanations for the ancestry-dependent effects of *ERG* allele on ALL risk: 1) there is a common causal variant at this locus associated with ALL risk in all race groups, but in Africans it is in weak linkage disequilibrium (LD) with and thus poorly tagged by SNPs on the Affymetrix array (rs2836365). This variation in LD pattern by race directly contributed to the lack of association signal in Africans; 2) alternatively, *ERG* allele confers ALL risk in conjunction with another yet unknown genetic variants and the epistasis of these two contributes to leukemia pathogenesis. If the yet unknown interacting variant is absent in Africans (but common in Hispanics), the *ERG* allele alone would not show any association with ALL risk in Africans.

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**Supplementary Table 1. Clinical characteristics and molecular subtypes of the COG Hispanic ALL cases**

|   | COG P9904/9905/9906<br>(N = 362) | COG AALL0232<br>(N = 624) |
|---|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Age at diagnosis</b>                                     |                                  |                           |
| ≥10   | 70 (19.3%)                       | 412 (66.0%)               |
| <10   | 292 (80.7%)                      | 212 (34.0%)               |
| <b>Gender</b>   |                                  |                           |
| Male  | 185 (80.7%)                      | 358 (57.4%)               |
| Female  | 177 (19.3%)                      | 266 (42.6%)               |
| <b>Leucocyte count at diagnosis (10<sup>9</sup> cell/L)</b> |                                  |                           |
| ≥50   | 68 (19.3%)                       | 298 (47.8%)               |
| <50   | 294 (80.7%)                      | 326 (52.2%)               |
| <b>DNA Index</b>  |                                  |                           |
| <1.16   | 252 (69.6%)                      | 531 (85.1%)               |
| ≥1.16   | 95 (26.2%)                       | 78 (12.5%)                |
| Unkown  | 15 (4.1%)                        | 15 (2.4%)                 |
| <b>MRD</b>  |                                  |                           |
| Positive  | 67 (18.5%)                       | 123 (19.7%)               |
| Negative  | 265 (73.2%)                      | 492 (78.8%)               |
| Unkown  | 30 (8.3%)                        | 9 (1.4%)                  |
| <b>Tumor subtype</b>  |                                  |                           |
| <i>ETV6-RUNX1</i>   | 72 (19.9%)                       | 72 (11.5%)                |
| <i>BCR-ABL1</i>   | 0 (0.0%)                         | 15 (2.4%)                 |
| <i>MLL</i> -rearranged                                      | 6 (1.7%)                         | 0 (0.0%)                  |
| <i>TCF3-PBX1</i>  | 23 (6.4%)                        | NA                        |
| Hyperdiploid  | 94 (26.0%)                       | 73 (11.7%)                |
| B-other   | 167 (46.1%)                      | 292 (46.8%)               |
| Unkown  | 0 (0%)                           | 172 (27.6%)               |

Abbreviations: COG, Children's Oncology Group; NA, not available.

**Supplementary Table 2. Genome-wide significant variants identified in the discovery GWAS**

| SNP        | CHR | Position  | REF | ALT | Gene                     | Genotype ascertainment | Risk allele frequency |                   | P value                | OR (95% CI)      |
|------------|-----|-----------|-----|-----|--------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|------------------------|------------------|
|            |     |           |     |     |                          |                        | Case (N = 940)        | Control (N = 681) |                        |                  |
| rs12719019 | 7   | 50476139  | C*  | T   | <i>IKZF1</i>             | <i>Genotyped</i>       | 0.76                  | 0.65              | $4.35 \times 10^{-8}$  | 1.59 (1.35-1.89) |
| rs2390536  | 7   | 21485397  | G   | A*  | <i>SP4</i>               | <i>Imputed</i>         | 0.22                  | 0.20              | $4.7 \times 10^{-4}$   | 1.39 (1.16-1.67) |
| rs46170118 | 8   | 130156143 | A   | G*  | <i>8q24.1 (MYC)</i>      | <i>Imputed</i>         | 0.15                  | 0.14              | 0.2                    | 1.15 (0.94-1.41) |
| rs28665337 | 8   | 130194104 | C   | A*  | <i>8q24.21</i>           | <i>Imputed</i>         | 0.13                  | 0.11              | 0.1                    | 1.21 (0.96-1.52) |
| rs3731217  | 9   | 21984661  | A*  | C   | <i>CDKN2A</i>            | <i>Imputed</i>         | 0.93                  | 0.90              | 0.02                   | 1.37 (1.04-1.79) |
| rs17756311 | 9   | 22053895  | G   | A*  | <i>CDKN2A/B</i>          | <i>Genotyped</i>       | 0.07                  | 0.06              | 0.1                    | 1.25 (0.93-1.69) |
| rs3824662  | 10  | 8104208   | C   | A*  | <i>GATA3</i>             | <i>Genotyped</i>       | 0.46                  | 0.32              | $3.86 \times 10^{-8}$  | 1.56 (1.33-1.83) |
| rs4748793  | 10  | 22483011  | A*  | G   | <i>COMMD3/BMI1/EBLN1</i> | <i>Genotyped</i>       | 0.81                  | 0.78              | 0.05                   | 1.19 (1.00-1.43) |
| rs7075634  | 10  | 22853102  | T   | C*  | <i>PIP4K2A</i>           | <i>Genotyped</i>       | 0.81                  | 0.74              | 0.004                  | 1.30 (1.09-1.55) |
| rs10821936 | 10  | 63723577  | C*  | T   | <i>ARID5B</i>            | <i>Genotyped</i>       | 0.60                  | 0.44              | $1.83 \times 10^{-12}$ | 1.72 (1.47-2.00) |
| rs35837782 | 10  | 126293309 | A   | G*  | <i>LHPP</i>              | <i>Imputed</i>         | 0.53                  | 0.50              | 0.004                  | 1.24 (1.07-1.44) |
| rs4762284  | 12  | 96612762  | A   | T*  | <i>ELK3</i>              | <i>Imputed</i>         | 0.51                  | 0.46              | 0.3                    | 1.09 (0.94-1.26) |
| rs4982731  | 14  | 23585333  | C*  | T   | <i>CEBPE</i>             | <i>Genotyped</i>       | 0.44                  | 0.39              | 0.04                   | 1.16 (1.00-1.35) |
| rs2290400  | 17  | 38066240  | T*  | C   | <i>IKZF3</i>             | <i>Imputed</i>         | 0.62                  | 0.58              | 0.3                    | 1.09 (0.93-1.27) |

Abbreviations: CHR, chromosome; REF, reference allele (GRCh37/hg19); ALT, alternative allele; OR, odds ratio; CI, confidence interval. P values and odds ratios were estimated by the additive logistic regression test adjusting genetic structure; \*asterisk indicates risk allele for ALL susceptibility.



**Supplementary Table 3. Association signals at the novel ALL risk locus *ERG* in Hispanics**

| SNP       | CHR | Position <sup>a</sup> | Alleles <sup>b</sup> | Cohort <sup>c</sup> | Risk allele frequency<br>(total number of subjects) |            | <i>P</i> value <sup>d</sup> | OR (95% CI) <sup>e</sup> |
|-----------|-----|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---|------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
|           |     |                       |                      |                     | Case  | Control    |                             |                          |
| rs2836365 | 21  | 39768274              | A/G*                 | Discovery           | 0.44 (940)  | 0.34 (681) | $3.76 \times 10^{-8}$       | 1.56 (1.33-1.83)         |
|           |     |                       |                      | Replication         | 0.45 (144)  | 0.37 (441) | 0.01                        | 1.43 (1.07-1.89)         |
| rs2836371 | 21  | 39773528              | T/C*                 | Discovery           | 0.43 (940)  | 0.32 (681) | $1.42 \times 10^{-9}$       | 1.64 (1.40-1.93)         |
|           |     |                       |                      | Replication         | 0.44 (144)  | 0.36 (441) | 0.01                        | 1.45 (1.09-1.93)         |

CHR, chromosome; OR, odds ratio; CI, confidence interval. Association of SNP genotype with ALL was evaluated by comparing allele frequencies in ALL cases and non-ALL controls, after adjusting for genetic structure.

<sup>a</sup>Chromosomal locations are based on GRCh37/hg19; <sup>b</sup>The second allele marked by asterisk is the risk allele for ALL. <sup>c</sup>Discovery cohort, COG AALL0232 and P9904/5; replication cohort, COG P9906 and SJ Total 13B/15. <sup>d</sup>*P* values were estimated by the additive logistic regression test adjusting for genetic structure. <sup>e</sup>OR values represent the increase in risk of developing ALL for each copy of the risk allele compared with subjects who do not carry the risk allele.

**Supplementary Table 4. Association results for all examined SNPs at the ERG locus**

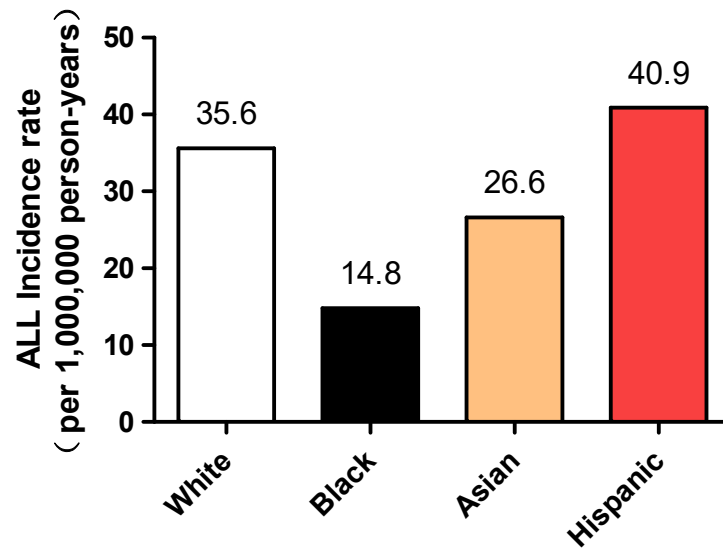
| SNP        | CHR | Position | REF | ALT* | Genotype ascertainment | Discovery             |                   |                       |                  | Replication           |                   |         |                  |
|------------|-----|----------|-----|------|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------|------------------|
|            |     |          |     |      |                        | Risk allele frequency |                   | P value               | OR (95% CI)      | Risk allele frequency |                   | P value | OR (95% CI)      |
|            |     |          |     |      |                        | Case (N = 940)        | Control (N = 681) |                       |                  | Case (N = 144)        | Control (N = 441) |         |                  |
| rs2836371  | 21  | 39773528 | T   | C    | Imputed                | 0.43                  | 0.32              | $1.42 \times 10^{-9}$ | 1.64 (1.40-1.93) | 0.44                  | 0.36              | 0.010   | 1.45 (1.09-1.93) |
| rs12053730 | 21  | 39769249 | T   | C    | Imputed                | 0.43                  | 0.32              | $5.96 \times 10^{-9}$ | 1.61 (1.37-1.89) | 0.44                  | 0.37              | 0.017   | 1.41 (1.07-1.88) |
| rs2836367  | 21  | 39769032 | T   | C    | Imputed                | 0.43                  | 0.32              | $7.76 \times 10^{-9}$ | 1.6 (1.37-1.88)  | 0.44                  | 0.37              | 0.017   | 1.41 (1.07-1.88) |
| rs2836368  | 21  | 39769113 | T   | C    | Imputed                | 0.43                  | 0.32              | $7.76 \times 10^{-9}$ | 1.6 (1.37-1.88)  | 0.44                  | 0.37              | 0.017   | 1.41 (1.07-1.88) |
| rs2836366  | 21  | 39768750 | T   | C    | Imputed                | 0.43                  | 0.32              | $9.08 \times 10^{-9}$ | 1.6 (1.36-1.88)  | 0.44                  | 0.37              | 0.017   | 1.41 (1.07-1.88) |
| rs2836359  | 21  | 39764211 | T   | A    | Imputed                | 0.43                  | 0.32              | $1.06 \times 10^{-8}$ | 1.6 (1.36-1.87)  | 0.43                  | 0.36              | 0.018   | 1.41 (1.06-1.87) |
| rs9983914  | 21  | 39766421 | C   | T    | Imputed                | 0.42                  | 0.32              | $2.88 \times 10^{-8}$ | 1.57 (1.34-1.84) | 0.43                  | 0.36              | 0.014   | 1.42 (1.07-1.89) |
| rs8131436  | 21  | 39789606 | G   | C    | Imputed                | 0.44                  | 0.34              | $3.90 \times 10^{-8}$ | 1.56 (1.33-1.82) | 0.44                  | 0.37              | 0.013   | 1.44 (1.08-1.93) |
| rs2836365  | 21  | 39768274 | A   | G    | Genotyped              | 0.44                  | 0.34              | $3.76 \times 10^{-8}$ | 1.56 (1.33-1.83) | 0.44                  | 0.37              | 0.018   | 1.4 (1.06-1.86)  |
| rs2836361  | 21  | 39764588 | G   | A    | Imputed                | 0.43                  | 0.33              | $4.03 \times 10^{-8}$ | 1.56 (1.33-1.83) | 0.44                  | 0.37              | 0.015   | 1.42 (1.07-1.88) |
| rs2836362  | 21  | 39764784 | T   | C    | Imputed                | 0.43                  | 0.33              | $4.03 \times 10^{-8}$ | 1.56 (1.33-1.83) | 0.44                  | 0.37              | 0.015   | 1.42 (1.07-1.88) |
| rs3787889  | 21  | 39770856 | A   | T    | Imputed                | 0.43                  | 0.33              | $4.78 \times 10^{-8}$ | 1.56 (1.33-1.83) | 0.43                  | 0.37              | 0.031   | 1.37 (1.03-1.81) |
| rs2836360  | 21  | 39764437 | T   | C    | Imputed                | 0.42                  | 0.32              | $8.41 \times 10^{-8}$ | 1.55 (1.32-1.81) | 0.42                  | 0.35              | 0.014   | 1.42 (1.08-1.89) |
| rs9984638  | 21  | 39766569 | T   | C    | Imputed                | 0.43                  | 0.33              | $1.05 \times 10^{-7}$ | 1.54 (1.31-1.8)  | 0.44                  | 0.37              | 0.017   | 1.41 (1.06-1.87) |
| rs2836363  | 21  | 39766031 | C   | T    | Imputed                | 0.43                  | 0.33              | $2.21 \times 10^{-7}$ | 1.52 (1.30-1.78) | 0.43                  | 0.35              | 0.015   | 1.42 (1.07-1.87) |
| rs9983942  | 21  | 39766497 | C   | A    | Imputed                | 0.43                  | 0.33              | $2.57 \times 10^{-7}$ | 1.52 (1.29-1.78) | 0.43                  | 0.36              | 0.020   | 1.4 (1.06-1.85)  |
| rs2836357  | 21  | 39763354 | C   | A    | Genotyped              | 0.43                  | 0.33              | $2.97 \times 10^{-7}$ | 1.51 (1.29-1.77) | 0.43                  | 0.35              | 0.015   | 1.42 (1.07-1.87) |
| rs2836369  | 21  | 39769817 | G   | C    | Imputed                | 0.38                  | 0.29              | $3.37 \times 10^{-7}$ | 1.52 (1.30-1.79) | 0.41                  | 0.34              | 0.024   | 1.39 (1.04-1.85) |
| rs2246468  | 21  | 39762883 | T   | C    | Imputed                | 0.28                  | 0.18              | $3.57 \times 10^{-7}$ | 1.62 (1.35-1.95) | 0.25                  | 0.20              | 0.045   | 1.41 (1.01-1.96) |
| rs2836364  | 21  | 39767874 | C   | T    | Imputed                | 0.37                  | 0.28              | $4.07 \times 10^{-7}$ | 1.52 (1.29-1.79) | 0.41                  | 0.34              | 0.023   | 1.39 (1.05-1.85) |
| rs8127488  | 21  | 39789438 | C   | T    | Imputed                | 0.39                  | 0.30              | $4.74 \times 10^{-7}$ | 1.51 (1.29-1.78) | 0.40                  | 0.33              | 0.016   | 1.42 (1.07-1.89) |
| rs743298   | 21  | 39765510 | C   | T    | Imputed                | 0.37                  | 0.28              | $5.14 \times 10^{-7}$ | 1.52 (1.29-1.78) | 0.41                  | 0.33              | 0.009   | 1.46 (1.1-1.94)  |
| rs55681902 | 21  | 39784752 | T   | C    | Imputed                | 0.38                  | 0.29              | $9.28 \times 10^{-7}$ | 1.49 (1.27-1.75) | 0.39                  | 0.33              | 0.031   | 1.37 (1.03-1.82) |
| rs9976326  | 21  | 39776485 | A   | T    | Imputed                | 0.37                  | 0.28              | $4.53 \times 10^{-6}$ | 1.46 (1.24-1.71) | 0.39                  | 0.31              | 0.012   | 1.44 (1.08-1.92) |

Abbreviations: CHR, chromosome; REF, reference allele (GRCh37/hg19); ALT, alternative allele; OR, odds ratio; CI, confidence interval. P values and odds ratios were estimated by the additive logistic regression test adjusting genetic structure; \*asterisk indicates risk allele for ALL susceptibility.

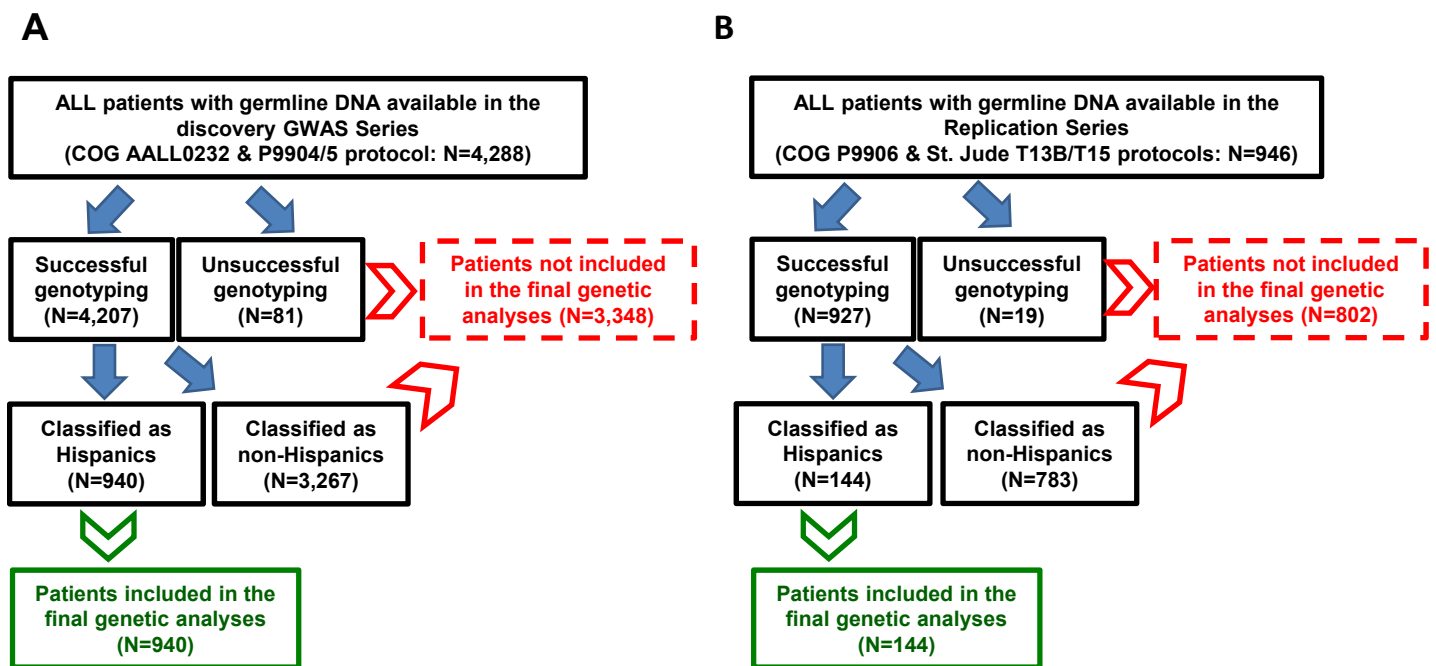
**Supplementary Table 5. Association results for the top *ERG* SNPs in Hispanic, European, and African Americans**

| SNP       | CHR | Position | REF | ALT* | Hispanic American     |                      |                       |                  | European American     |                        |         |                  | African American      |                        |         |                  |
|-----------|-----|----------|-----|------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|---------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|---------|------------------|
|           |     |          |     |      | Risk allele frequency |                      | P value               | OR (95% CI)      | Risk allele frequency |                        | P value | OR (95% CI)      | Risk allele frequency |                        | P value | OR (95% CI)      |
|           |     |          |     |      | Case<br>(N = 940)     | Control<br>(N = 681) |                       |                  | Case<br>(N = 2,317)   | Control<br>(N = 2,050) |         |                  | Case<br>(N = 227)     | Control<br>(N = 1,380) |         |                  |
| rs2836365 | 21  | 39768274 | A   | G    | 0.44                  | 0.34                 | $3.76 \times 10^{-8}$ | 1.56 (1.33-1.83) | 0.35                  | 0.32                   | 0.02    | 1.12 (1.02-1.22) | 0.18                  | 0.19                   | 0.75    | 0.96 (0.74-1.24) |
| rs2836371 | 21  | 39773528 | T   | C    | 0.43                  | 0.32                 | $1.42 \times 10^{-9}$ | 1.64 (1.40-1.93) | 0.35                  | 0.32                   | 0.008   | 1.14 (1.04-1.25) | 0.10                  | 0.09                   | 0.50    | 1.13 (0.80-1.59) |

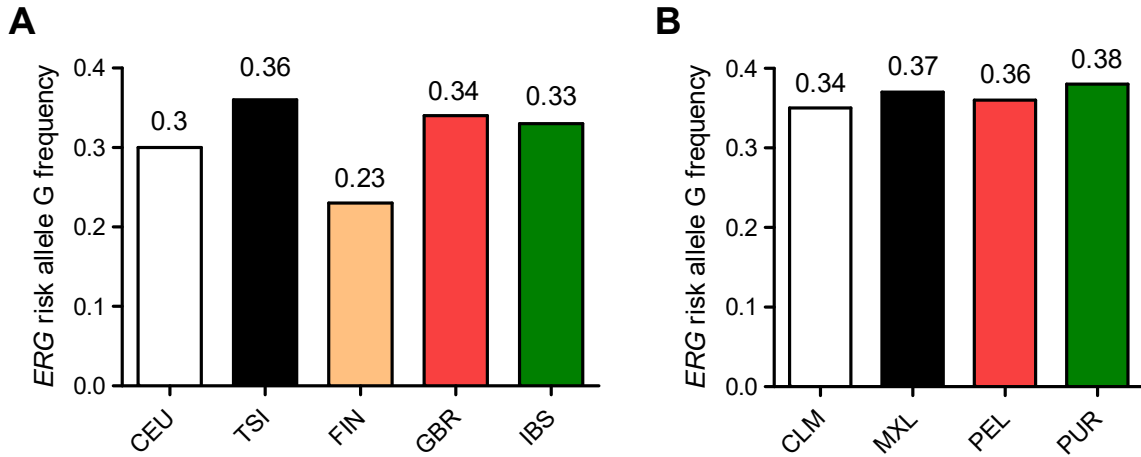
Abbreviations: CHR, chromosome; REF, reference allele (GRCh37/hg19); ALT, alternative allele; OR, odds ratio; CI, confidence interval. *P* values and odds ratios were estimated by the additive logistic regression test adjusting genetic structure; \*asterisk indicates risk allele for ALL susceptibility.



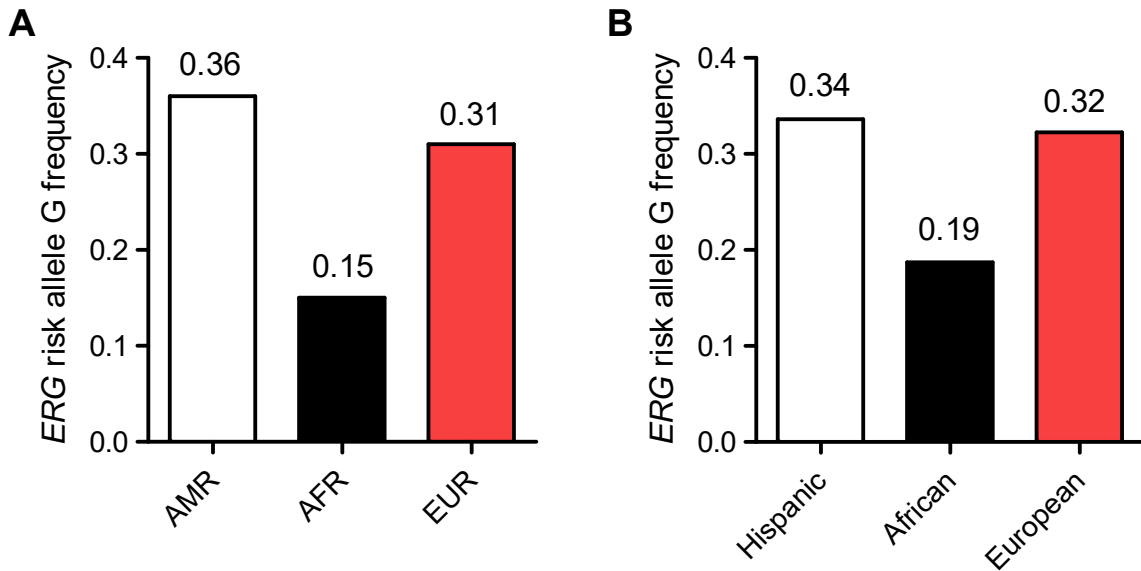
**Supplementary Figure 1. ALL incidence rate in different races (i.e., White, Black, Asian, and Hispanic) obtained by 13 registries of the National Cancer Institute's Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results program diagnosed between 1992 and 2004 among children aged birth to 19 years in the U.S (adopted from *Cancer* 2008; 112:416). ALL, acute lymphoblastic leukemia.**



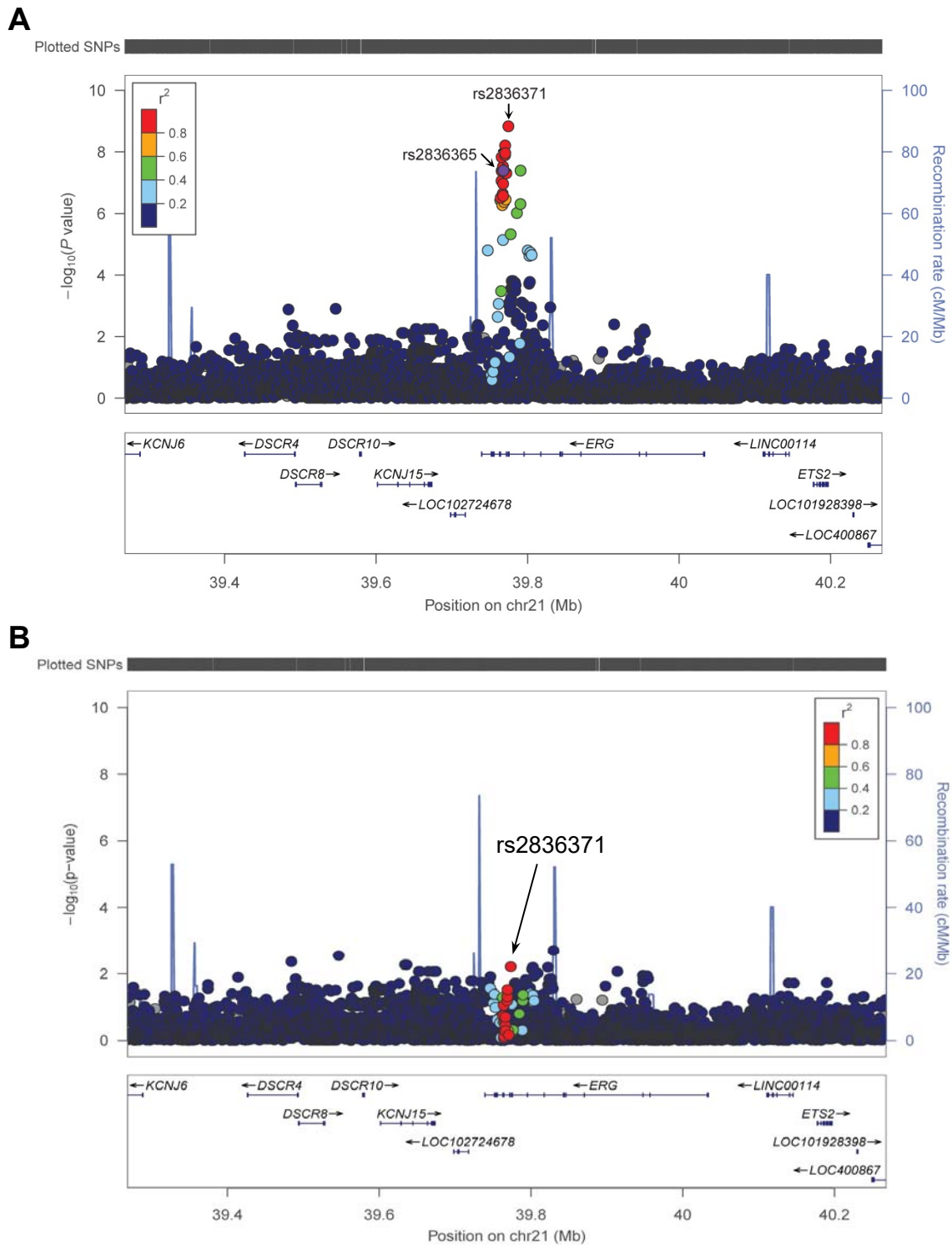
**Supplementary Figure 2. Flow chart of patients inclusion/exclusion for the genetic analyses.** Individuals with one of the following features were excluded: 1) discordant sex (between clinical data and genotype-inferred sex); 2) genotype failure rate > 5%; 3) heterozygosity rate  $\geq 5$  s.d. from the mean; 4) heterozygosity rate  $\geq 3$  s.d. from the mean if genotype failure rate  $\geq 0.03$ ; 5) identity-by-descent score > 0.185 and lower call rate to other individuals.



**Supplementary Figure 3. ERG risk allele G frequency in different sub-populations with European ancestry (A) or in different American sub-populations (B) from the data generated by the 1000 Genomes Project.** CEU, Utah Residents (CEPH) with Northern and Western European Ancestry; TSI, Toscani in Italia; FIN, Finnish in Finland; GBR, British in England and Scotland; IBS, Iberian Population in Spain; CLM, Colombian in Medellin, Colombia; MXL, Mexican Ancestry in Los Angeles, California; PEL, Peruvian in Lima, Peru; PUR, Puerto Rican in Puerto Rico.

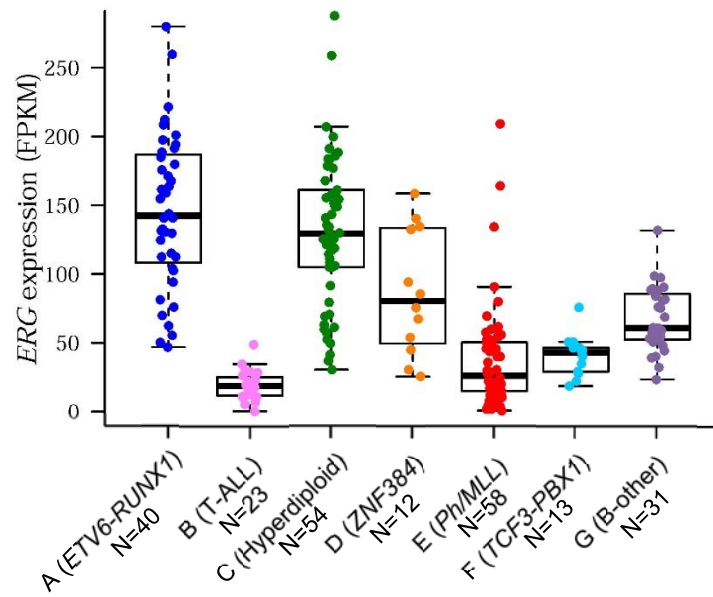


**Supplementary Figure 4. ERG risk allele G frequency in different populations from the data generated by the 1000 Genomes Project (A) or by MESA (B).** Across all populations we examined (Hispanics, Europeans and Africans), ERG allele frequency derived from MESA is highly consistent with 1000 Genomes. AMR, (Native) American; AFR, African; EUR, European.

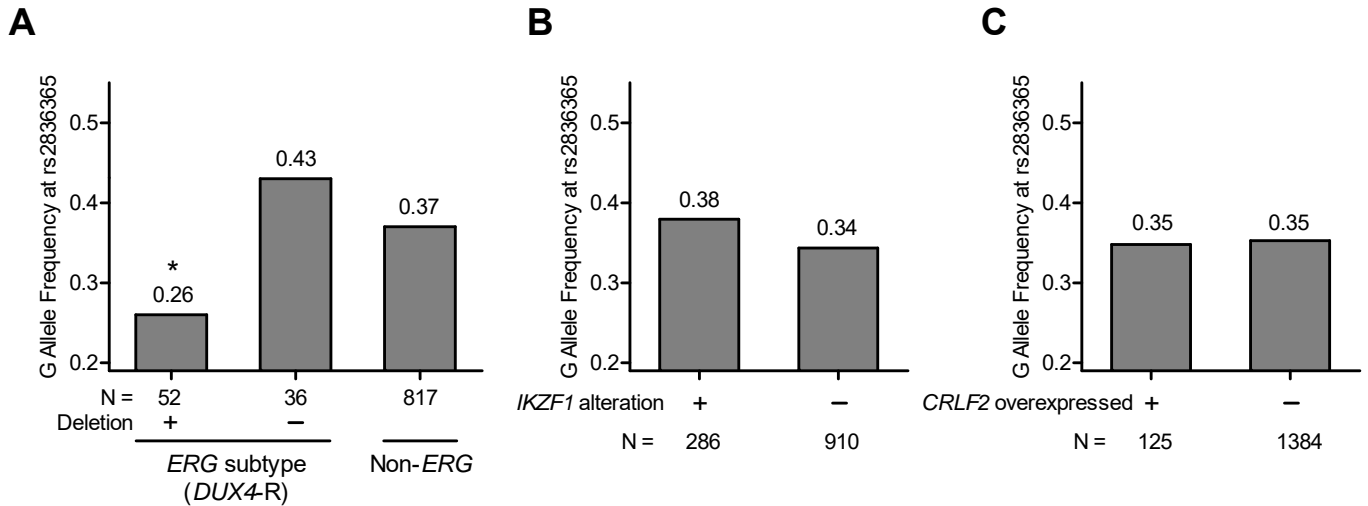


**Supplementary Figure 5. Univariate and conditional analysis of genotype association at the *ERG* locus.** Genotype imputation was performed using the Michigan Imputation Server, as described in **Methods**. Both directly-genotyped and imputed SNPs are included in the association analyses. The lead SNP from the original discovery GWAS (rs2836365, OR = 1.56, 95% CI: 1.33-1.83,  $P = 3.8 \times 10^{-8}$ ) is indicated by its rsID and purple diamond shape, and other SNPs are displayed by color showing their extent of linkage disequilibrium with this lead SNP. Recombination rate, chromosomal position (hg19), and nearby genes (RefSeq) are indicated. The top SNP from the imputation analysis is rs2836371 (OR = 1.64, 95% CI: 1.40-1.93,  $P = 1.4 \times 10^{-9}$ ).  $P$  values were calculated by additive logistic regression test in univariate analysis (**A**), or after adjusting for genotype at rs2836365 (conditional analysis, **B**).

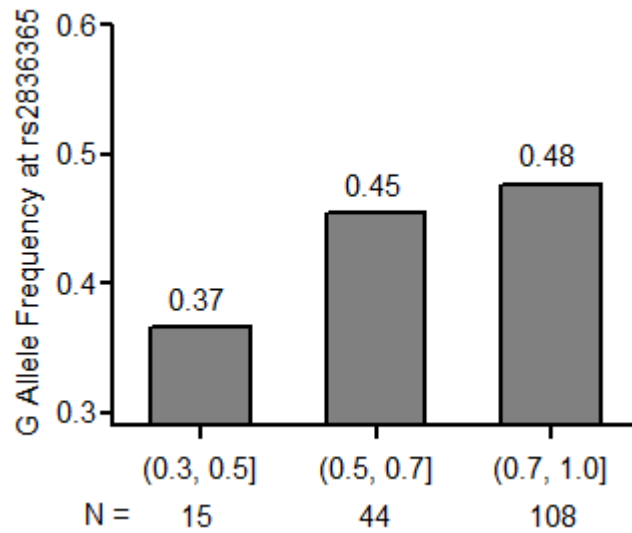




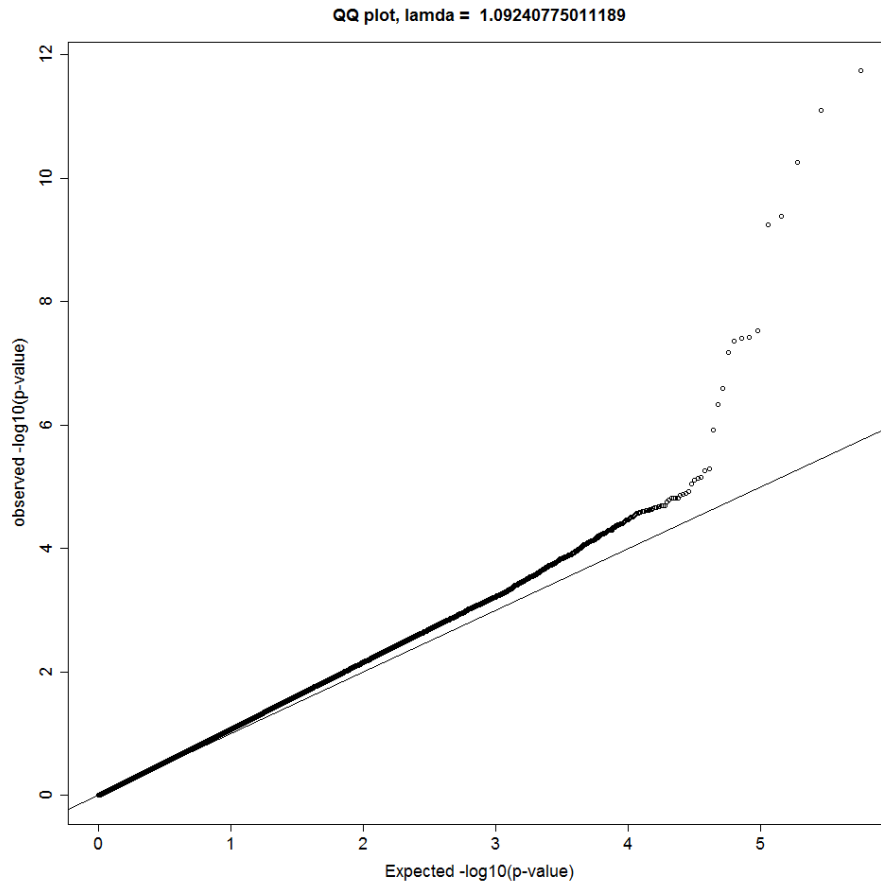
**Supplemental Figure 6. Expression of the *ERG* gene in seven ALL subgroups identified from hierarchical clustering.** The data were from whole-transcriptome sequencing of 231 children with newly diagnosed ALL enrolled in the Ma-Spore frontline ALL trials (*Genome Res.* 2017 Feb;27(2):185-195). Each sample is represented by a dot and is color-coded according to the subgroups it belongs to. Box plots depict the interquartile range, and whiskers indicate the maximal and minimal observations that are within 1.5 times the length of the box.



**Supplementary Figure 7. The frequency of the *ERG* risk allele is negatively correlated with the incidence of somatic *ERG* deletion in ALL, but not with *DUX4*-R, *IKZF1* alteration or *CRLF2* overexpression.** Risk allele frequency of rs2836365 were estimated for ALL cases of *ERG* subtype (*DUX4*-R) with or without *ERG* deletion and ALL cases of non-*ERG* subtype (**A**), for ALL cases with or without *IKZF1* alteration (**B**), and for ALL cases with or without *CRLF2* overexpression (**C**). Somatic genomics data (*DUX4* rearrangement, *ERG* deletion, *IKZF1* deletion, and *CRLF2* rearrangements) were reported previously (*Nat Genet* 48, 1481-1489, 2016). ALL, acute lymphoblastic leukemia. Logistic regression test with rs2836365 genotype adjusting for genetic ancestry, \* $P < 0.05$ .



**Supplementary Figure 8. The frequency of the *ERG* risk allele is correlated with Native American genetic ancestry in Guatemalan children.** Risk allele frequency of rs2836365 were estimated for Guatemalan ALL children with increasing levels of Native American genetic ancestry (30-50%, 50%-70%, and 70-100%). ALL, acute lymphoblastic leukemia.



**Supplementary Figure 9. Quantile-quantile (Q-Q) plot of logistic regression test for GWAS.**

The negative logarithm of the observed ( $y$  axis) and the expected ( $x$  axis)  $P$  value is plotted for each SNP (dot), and the black line indicates the null hypothesis of no true association. Deviation from the expected  $P$  value distribution is evident only in the tail area ( $\lambda = 1.09$ ), suggesting that population stratification was adequately controlled by adjusting for genetic structure.