Supplementary Text:

Appendix A: Multiple testing correction and power calculations

A) The permutation strategy to derive significance threshold:

We used the permutation approach (1000 replicates) to derive the significance threshold correcting for multiple association tests performed for 389 common and low frequency variants.(minor allele frequency > 0.01) accounting for the linkage disequilibrium. Using the 'sample' command in R we generated 1000 random binary phenotypes. We used plink1.90 software¹ to perform association test between 389 common and low frequency variants and 1000 randomly generated discrete phenotypes. This permutation strategy identified $p=2.89\times10^{-4}$ as the 95% empirical significance threshold correcting for multiple association tests performed for 389 common and low frequency variants which accounts for the linkage disequilibrium. The distribution of absolute log10 transformed minimum p-value for 1000 replicates are shown in following figure:

B) Power calculation for single variant test:

Following plots were created using the web interface of the Genetic Association Study (GAS) Power Calculator software².

1. Power verses genotype relative risk plot at permutation-derived significance threshold of 2.89×10-4

GAS Parameters: Significance threshold= 2.89×10^{-4} ; prevalence of disease=0.17; allele frequency= 0.20; sample size= 250 cases and 250 controls.

2. Power verses genotype relative risk plot at replication threshold of 0.05

GAS Parameters: Significance threshold=0.05; prevalence of disease=0.17; allele frequency= 0.20;sample size= 1650 cases and 1650 controls.

3. Power verses sample size plot at genome-wide significance threshold

GAS Parameters: Significance threshold of 5×10^{-8} ; Prevalence of disease=0.17; Allele frequency= 0.20; Genotype relative risk= 1.25

C. Power calculation for SKAT-O gene-based test:

Power calculations for SKAT-O gene-based tests were performed using the 'Power_Logistic_R' command of the R package skat³.

Constant parameters: N=512, N=512, Maximum OR=3, Causal MAF Cutoff=0.05, Percent of causal variants with negative effect=10, Case-Control Proportion=0.5, Number of simulations=500, remaining default parameters.

Following tables report power for SKAT-O gene-based tests:

At prevalence=0.17

Appendix B: Description of replication studies

A) Description

1. The Atherosclerosis Risk in Communities Study (ARIC)

The ARIC study is a prospective population-based study of 4 United States communities (Suburban Minneapolis, Minnesota; Washington County, Maryland; Forsyth County, North Carolina; and Jackson, Mississippi) for studying atherosclerosis and clinical atherosclerotic diseases. During its inception (1987-1989) 15,792 men and women, including 11,478 white participants were recruited. Participants were between ages 45 and 64 years at their baseline examination in 1987 to 1989. Blood was drawn at baseline or at later visits, and DNA was extracted for participants who consented to genetic testing.3 Vascular risk factors and outcomes, including transient ischemic attack, stroke, and dementia, were determined in a standard fashion.4 During the first 2 years (1993–1994) of the third ARIC examination, participants aged 55 and older from the Forsyth County and Jackson sites were invited to undergo cranial MRI. This subgroup of individuals with MRI scanning represents a random sample of the full cohort because examination dates were allocated at baseline through randomly selected induction cycles. Only White participants have been included in the published MRI-marker GWAS meta-analyses. Following table describes the MRI measurements in ARIC study:

2. The Cardiovascular Health Study (CHS)

The CHS is a population-based cohort study of risk factors for vascular disease in adults 65 years or older conducted across 4 field centers in the United States: Sacramento County, California; Washington County, Maryland; Forsyth County, North Carolina; and Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. The original predominantly white cohort of 5201 persons was recruited in 1989 to 1990 from a random sample of people on Medicare eligibility lists. An additional 687 blacks were enrolled in 1992 to 1993, for a total sample of 5,888. Vascular risk factors and outcomes, including transient ischemic attack, stroke, and dementia, were determined in a standard fashion. DNA was extracted from blood samples drawn from all participants who consented to genetic testing at their baseline examination in 1989 to 1990 or 1992 to 1993. In 2007 to 2008, genotyping was performed at the General Clinical Research Center's Phenotyping/Genotyping Laboratory at Cedars-Sinai on 3980 CHS participants of European

ancestry who were free of cardiovascular disease at baseline and who had DNA available for genotyping.

Following table describes the MRI measurements in the CHS:

3. Framingham Heart Study (FHS) and Gen3 of FHS

The FHS is a 3-generation, single-site, community-based, prospective cohort study that was initiated in 1948 to investigate risk factors for cardiovascular disease including stroke. It now comprises 3 generations of participants: the original cohort followed-up since 1948 (original) 12 their offspring and spouses of the offspring, followed-up since 1971 (offspring),13 and children from the largest offspring families enrolled in 2000 (Gen 3) 14. The original cohort enrolled 5209 men and women who comprised two-thirds of the adult population then residing in Framingham, Massachusetts. Survivors continue to receive biennial examinations. The offspring cohort comprises 5124 persons (including 3514 biological offspring) who have been examined approximately once every 4 years. Participants in the first 2 generations were invited to undergo an initial brain MRI in 1999 to 2005. Brain MRI in Gen 3 only began in 2009 and is not included in these analyses. The population of Framingham was virtually entirely white in 1948, when the original cohort was recruited. Vascular risk factors and outcomes, including transient ischemic attack, stroke, and dementia, were identified prospectively since 1948 through an ongoing system of FHS clinic and local hospital surveillance 15, 16 Participants had DNA extracted and provided consent for genotyping in the 1990s. Genotyping was performed at Affymetrix (Santa Clara, Calif) through an NHLBI-funded SNP-Health Association Resource (SHARe) project.

Following table describes the MRI measurements in the FHS:

4. Rotterdam Study (RS)

The Rotterdam Study is a prospective, population-based cohort study among inhabitants of a well-defined district of Rotterdam (Ommoord), The Netherlands.⁸ This study aims to examine the determinants of disease and health in the elderly with a focus on neurogeriatric, cardiovascular, bone, and eye diseases. ⁸ The cohort was initially defined in 1990 among 7983 persons, aged 55 years and older, who underwent a home interview and extensive physical examination at the baseline and during follow-up rounds every 3-4 years (Rotterdam Study I). The cohort was extended in 2000/2001 with 3011 persons aged 55 years and older (Rotterdam Study II) and 2006/2008 with 3,932 persons aged 45 and older (Rotterdam Study III). All participants had DNA extracted at their first visit. Genotyping was performed at the Human Genotyping Facility, Genetic Laboratory Department of Internal Medicine, Erasmus MC, Rotterdam, The Netherlands. Initially, in 1995 to 1996, random subsamples of Rotterdam Study participants underwent neuroimaging, whereas from 2005 onwards MRI has been implemented as the core protocol of the Rotterdam Study.⁹

Following table describes the MRI measurements in the Rotterdam studies:

B) Quality control and imputation of genome-wide genotype data

Following tables details genotyping and imputation protocols of individual studies:

C) Quality control of whole exome sequencing data

1) Joint calling of ARIC-EA, ARIC-AA, CHS-EA and FHS

Exome Sequencing and Variant Calling

For CHARGE Freeze 5, DNA samples were constructed into Illumina paired-end pre-capture libraries according to the manufacturer's protocol. The complete protocol and oligonucleotide sequences are accessible from the Baylor College of Medicine Human Genome Sequencing Center (HGSC) website [\(https://www.hgsc.bcm.edu/content/protocols-sequencing-library-construction\)](https://www.hgsc.bcm.edu/content/protocols-sequencing-library-construction). Two, four or six pre-capture libraries were pooled together and then hybridized to the HGSC VCRome 2.1 design 13 (42Mb, NimbleGen) and sequenced in paired-end mode in a single lane on the Illumina HiSeq 2000 or the HiSeq 2500 platform. Illumina sequence analysis was performed using the HGSC Mercury analysis pipeline [\(https://www.hgsc.bcm.edu/content/mercury\)](https://www.hgsc.bcm.edu/content/mercury). Pooled samples were de-multiplexed using the Consensus assessment of sequence and variation (CASAVA) software. Reads were mapped to the Genome Reference Consortium Human Build 37 (GRCh37) human reference sequence [\(http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/projects/genome/assembly/grc/human/\)](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/projects/genome/assembly/grc/human/) using Burrows-Wheeler Alignment $(BWA¹⁴, http://bio-bwa.sourceforget/)$ producing Binary Alignment/Map $(BAM¹⁵)$ files. Aligned reads were then recalibrated using Genome Analysis ToolKit (GATK¹⁶, [http://www.broadinstitute.org/gatk/\)](http://www.broadinstitute.org/gatk/) along with BAM sorting, duplicate read marking, and realignment near insertions or deletions (indels). The Atlas 2^{17} suite was used to call single nucleotide variants (SNVs) and insertion-deletions (indels) and produce high-quality variant call files $(VCF¹⁸)$.

Quality Control

Each SNV call was filtered based on the following criteria to produce a high-quality variant list: low SNV posterior probability (<0.95), low variant read count (<3), variant read ratio <0.25 or >0.75, strand-bias of more than 99% variant reads in a single strand direction, or total coverage less than 10-fold. All variant calls filtered by these criteria, and reference calls with less than 10 fold coverage, were set to missing. The variant call filters were the same for indels except a total coverage less than 30-fold was used for variant sites.

Variant-level quality control steps excluded variants outside the exon capture regions (VCRrome 2.1), monomorphic sites, missing rate >20%, mappability score <0.8, and mean depth of coverage $>$ 500-fold. Variants not meeting Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium expectations (P < $5x10^{-6}$)

in ancestry-specific groups were also excluded. Sample-level quality control metrics were calculated by cohort and ancestry group. A sample was excluded for missingness >20%, or if compared to the other samples it fell less than 6 standard deviations (SD) for mean depth, more than 6 SD for singleton count, or outside of 6 SD for heterozygote to homozygote ratio or Ti/Tv ratio.

The final sample for CHARGE contained 11263 EA individuals (1751 for CHS, 7810 for ARIC, and 1702 for FHS) and 3180 AA from ARIC. In total, there were 2,556,859 SNVs and 76,133 indels after quality control. The mean depth of coverage was 78X.

Annotation of Whole Exome Sequence

To facilitate meta-analysis between CHARGE and other exome sequencing projects (e.g., the NHLBI Exome Sequencing Project) we created a combined variant annotation file including all quality-controlled variant sites observed in either study. Variants were annotated using ANNOVAR 8 and dbNSFP v2.0 [\(https://sites.google.com/site/jpopgen/dbNSFP\)](https://sites.google.com/site/jpopgen/dbNSFP) according to the reference genome GRCh37 and National Center for Biotechnology Information RefSeq. Coding variants were annotated to a unique gene and functional category. A file was created that merged the annotated variant lists between CHARGE and the other studies to ensure that a variant that was present in both studies had the same reference allele and functional annotation. This multiple study-combined SNPinfo file was used as a component of the seqMeta R package [\(http://cran.r](http://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/seqMeta/index.html)[project.org/web/packages/seqMeta/index.html\)](http://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/seqMeta/index.html).

2) Rotterdam study 1 whole exome sequencing

Exomes of randomly selected individuals from the RS-I were sequenced at an average depth of 54X using the Nimblegen SeqCap EZ V2 capture kit on an Illumina Hiseq2000 sequencer using the TrueSeq Version 3 protocol.^{19,20} Sequencing was performed at the Human Genotyping facility of the Department of Internal Medicine, Erasmus MC, The Netherlands. Sequence reads were aligned to human genome build 19 using Burrows–Wheeler Aligner 14 and subsequently processed further using Picard's MarkDuplicates, SAMtools¹⁵ and the Indel Realignment and Base Quality Score Recalibration tools from Genome Analysis Toolkit.²¹ Genetic variants were called using the HaplotypeCaller from Genome Analysis Toolkit.¹⁹. Sample-level quality control steps excluded samples with low concordance to genotyping array $(< 95\%$), or that differed 4 s.d.

from the mean on either the number of detected variants per sample, transition to transversion ratio or high heterozygote to homozygote ratio and low call rate $(< 90\%)$.¹⁹. Variant-level quality control steps excluded variants with a low call rate (< 90%) and out of Hardy–Weinberg equilibrium (P-value $\langle 10^{-8} \rangle$.¹⁹ The final data set consisted of 600,806 SNVs in 2,356 individuals.

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Histogram of Heterozygosity

Histogram of Mean_depth

Supplementary figure 1: Histograms for quality control of whole exome sequencing of 3C-Dijon cohort

Histogram of Singletons

Supplementary figure 2: HTRA1 protein-modifying rare and low frequency variants observed in the 3C-Dijon extreme-CSVD cohort

Supplementary figure 3: COL4A1 protein-modifying rare and low frequency variants observed in the 3C-Dijon extreme-CSVD cohort

Supplementary figure 4: COL4A2 protein-modifying rare and low frequency variants observed in the 3C-Dijon extreme-CSVD cohort

Supplementary figure 5: TREX1 protein-modifying rare and low frequency variants observed in the 3C-Dijon extreme-CSVD cohort

Supplementary Tables:

Supplementary Table 1: Population characteristics of genome-wide genotype extreme bSVD cohorts of ARIC, CHS, FHS and Rotterdam studies

Supplementary Table 2: Population characteristics of Whole exome sequencing extreme bSVD cohorts of ARIC, CHS, FHS and Rotterdam studies

Supplementary table 3: Association of rs2293871 variant within *HTRA1* **gene with extreme bSVD in individual cohorts of European and African ancestries**

Supplementary table 4: Functional consequences of rs2293871 and variants in LD (r² >0.60) in 1000

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Supplementary table 5: Number of protein-modifying rare alleles and their cumulative frequencies in candidate genes in 3C-Dijon WES extreme bSVD cohort.

Supplementary table 6: Computationally predicated mucin type GalNAc Oglycosylation sites in NOTCH3 EGF like domain (Amino acids 40 to 1373).

The GalNAc O-glycosylation sites with high prediction score (>0.50) that are near protein-modifying variant observed in the 3C-Dijon cohort are highlighted in italics.

Supplementary Table 7: The ClinVar pathogenic and likely pathogenic mutations for small vessel disease of brain (27th February 2017)

