## **SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL**

#### **METHODS**

### **Study Design**

The Cardiovascular Health Improvement Project (CHIP) is a biorepository with a historical collection of genotype and phenotype data, family history, DNA, and aortic tissue from participants with thoracic aortic disease. Thoracic aortic disease was defined as any pathology of the thoracic aorta, including aneurysm, dissection/intramural hematoma, and rupture of the aorta. Between August 2013 and December 2015, 1752 participants were enrolled in the CHIP biorepository, and of those, 265 cases had a diagnosis of thoracic aortic dissection including type A or type B aortic dissection or thoracic aortic rupture with or without aortic aneurysm. Age-, sex, and ancestry-matched controls (n=265) were identified as previously described from the Michigan Genomics Initiative (MGI), which is a surgical-based biobank.<sup>1</sup> In brief, we matched thoracic aortic dissection cases from CHIP to MGI controls of the same sex, age range  $(-5, +10)$  at time of enrollment, and minimum Euclidean distance as calculated from the first two principal components of genotype data indicative of genetic ancestry. Principal components were obtained by principal component analysis (PCA) in PLINK 1.9<sup>2</sup> on 58,563 genotyped variants with  $> 0.05$  minor allele frequency. For 83 CHIP samples without genotypes from a customized Illumina HumanCoreExome v12.1 bead array, we used self-reported ancestry instead of principal component-based ancestry to identify controls with similar genetic ancestry. In the event that insufficient DNA was available for the best matched control, we moved sequentially through the top 10 best matched controls. All study procedures were approved by the Institutional Review Board (HUM00052866 and HUM00094409) and all subjects provided informed consent.

## **Clinical Characteristics**

The electronic medical record was systematically reviewed for all thoracic aortic dissection cases (hereon referred to as cases). Specifically, the electronic medical record was used to verify demographics, clinical diagnoses, family history, surgical history, clinical genetic testing results, medications, comorbidities, and systemic features. Patients were excluded (n=18) during electronic medical record review if a traumatic aortic dissection (n=9, accident or illicit drug use) or abdominal aortic rupture (n=9, etiology is typically atherosclerotic in nature) was identified. All cases with a clinical diagnosis of Marfan syndrome or a research-level pathogenic variant identified in *FBN1* were reviewed using the Revised Ghent Nosology (Supplementary Tables 5 and 6).3 The clinical characteristics were reviewed in conjunction with the clinical genetic testing results (when available), and compared to the whole exome sequencing results.

All cases completed a family history questionnaire with a trained research assistant at the time of enrollment to CHIP. The family history questionnaire asked participants to recall whether any first or second degree relatives had pathology to the thoracic aorta, including aneurysm, dissection/intramural hematoma, or rupture of thoracic aorta. For this manuscript, we focused on first degree relatives, and thoracic aortic disease was collapsed into a single categorical variable with "yes" equaling positive and "no" equaling negative family history. This process was repeated for each first degree relative (mother, father, siblings, and children). Clinical characteristics for the cases (pathogenic carriers versus non-pathogenic carriers) are presented as median and interquartiles for continuous data and n (%) for categorical data.

#### **Whole Exome Sequencing**

DNA samples from whole blood for cases and controls (n=530) were prepared for whole exome sequencing as outlined by the Northwest Genomics Center (NWGC, University of Washington). 528 samples were approved for sequencing with sufficient DNA quality. DNA libraries underwent exome capture using Roche/Nimblegen SeqCap EZ v2.0 (~36.5 MB target). NWGC's sequencing pipeline is a combined suite of Illumina software and other industry standard software packages (i.e., Genome Analysis ToolKit [GATK], Picard, BWA-MEM, SAMTools, and in-house custom scripts) and consisted of base calling, alignment, local realignment, duplicate removal, quality recalibration, data merging, variant detection, genotyping and annotation. Variant detection and genotyping were performed using the HaplotypeCaller tool from GATK<sup>4</sup> and hard filtering was performed (GATK v3.4). Exome completion was defined as having > 90% of the exome target at  $> 8X$  coverage and  $> 80\%$  of the exome target at  $> 20X$  coverage. Exome completion and several metrics including capture efficiency, raw error rates, and sample contamination validation were used for standard quality control assessment. A total of 521 samples, 260 cases and 261 controls, and 323,867 variants (single nucleotide polymorphisms and insertion/deletions) passed standard quality control and were released to researchers.

#### **Additional sample and variant filtering**

Bi-allelic sites were extracted and lower coverage genotypes with depth (DP) < 5 were masked out. All samples met the quality control threshold of an individual level call rate > 0.9. Poor quality sites with site-level call rate < 0.9 were excluded. Variants significantly deviating from HWE with p-value  $\leq 1x10^{-6}$  were also removed. KING<sup>5</sup> was used to identify five sample pairs as duplicates, and the sample with the lowest call rate was excluded, leaving 258 cases and 258 controls. Concordance with Exome+GWAS array genotypes was > 0.999 across all minor allele frequencies. The final analysis set was comprised of 240 cases and 258 controls and 299,195 variants. We opted to keep all cases and controls that passed quality control procedures, rather than reduce the sample size by only including complete pairs.

## **Annotation of variants with clinical implications**

We focused on the following genes which confer a dominantly inherited risk for thoracic aortic dissection and with definitive and strong evidence of association of hereditary thoracic aortic aneurysm and dissection: *ACTA2, COL3A1, FBN1, MYH11, SMAD3, TGFB2, TGFBR1, TGFBR2, MYLK, LOX,* and *PRKG1.*<sup>6,7</sup> A total of 248 variants in these genes were annotated using dbNSFPv3.5a. and reviewed by a single researcher blinded to case or control status of the sample in which the variant was identified. Variants were then annotated as pathogenic, variants of unknown significance (VUS), or benign. Protein isoforms that are major isoforms expressed in smooth muscle cells or used in previous publications were used to predict amino acid changes (Supplementary Table 7). To define pathogenic variants, we annotated variants based on the ACMG-AMP standards and guidelines.<sup>8</sup> Additionally, established rules<sup>7</sup> were used to classify rare variants as pathogenic or disease-causing. Rare variants were annotated as variants of unknown significance if lacking proof of pathogenicity. Variants were considered benign if they are nonsynonymous mutations with MAF  $\geq$  0.005 in ExAC Non-Finnish Europeans<sup>9</sup> or in a nonrelevant isoform, are synonymous mutations, or occurred  $\geq \pm 2$  bp from intron/exon boundaries.

## **Molecular Inversion Probe Sequencing**

Molecular Inversion Probe Sequencing (MIPS) was performed as a technical replicate of cases and controls that were whole exome sequenced and found to carry a pathogenic variant. MIPS was first performed on DNA from the same extraction used for whole exome sequencing. An additional round of MIPS was performed from a second DNA isolation to serve as a sample replicate. A custom targeted sequencing panel was designed for 116 genes using single molecule molecular inversion probes or smMIPS.<sup>10</sup> Coding exon coordinates were retrieved from the UCSC Genome Browser "knownGene" table (build GRCh37/hg19) and padded by 5 bp in each direction to include

splice sites. Probes were designed and prepared as previously described.<sup>11</sup> For each sample, approximately 9 ng of purified smMIPS probes were combined with 250 ng genomic DNA. The captured material was amplified by PCR using barcoded primers. The resulting PCR products were pooled for one lane of paired-end 150 bp sequencing on an Illumina HiSeq 4000 instrument at the University of Michigan Sequencing Core.

Reads were aligned to the human genome reference (build GRCh37/hg19) using bwa mem<sup>12</sup> and a custom pipeline (available at https://github.com/kitzmanlab/mimips) was used to remove smMIPS probe arm sequences and remove reads with duplicated molecular tags. Variant calling of MIPS sequencing results for both single nucleotide variants and insertions/deletions was performed using the GotCloud<sup>13</sup> pipeline. An iterative filtering process was performed after variant calling to remove variants with a depth  $\leq 10$ , then samples with call rates  $\leq 0.6$ , followed by variants with a call rate  $< 0.8$ , and finally samples with call rates  $< 0.9$ .

#### **Statistical analysis for burden of variants in cases and controls**

Univariate comparisons between pathogenic and non-pathogenic carrier clinical characteristics were performed using Chi-square with Yates' continuity correction or Fisher's exact test when any expected cell counts were < 5 for categorical data, and Wilcoxon rank sum tests were used for continuous data. Multivariable logistic regression was used to identify associations between risk factors and pathogenic variant carriers.

To test for association between carriers of a given variant class and case/control status we used Fisher's exact test when any expected cell counts were < 5 and Chi-square test with Yates' continuity correction otherwise. This was done using the statistical programming language R version 3.5.1. We identified first degree relatives using  $KING2<sup>5</sup>$  and whole exome sequencing variant calls. For the two first degree relative pairs we found in the cases, we retained the first

sample acquired (proband) for the analysis resulting in 238 cases. A sample carrying at least one of a variant class was considered a carrier. We performed burden tests for association with case status across the 11 genes for all pathogenic variants (N=24) and VUS (N=86). We first excluded carriers of pathogenic variants before testing for association with case status for carriers of VUS  $(N_{\text{cases}}=213, N_{\text{controls}}=258)$ . A Bonferroni threshold of 0.003 was used to account for 17 independent tests, which are assumed to be independent.

## **Data Visualization**

Annotated Fibrillin 1 protein domains from Pfam  $31.0^{14}$  and a modified version of GenVisR 1.14.115 were used for data visualization. Variants falling in mutation splice sites are not included in this protein-level visualization.

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## **Supplementary Note**

### **Concordance between research-level whole exome sequencing and clinical genetic testing**

20 (20/240) aortic dissection cases had previous clinical genetic testing in their medical record. For 13 patients our findings agreed with clinical genetic testing (pathogenic=5, no findings=5, VUS=3). The remaining 7 cases had discrepancies between the clinical genetic testing and research-level WES and variant annotation. For one patient, we identified a VUS in *MYH11,* which was not one of the 6 genes clinically evaluated, and for another patient, clinical genetic testing identified a VUS in 2 genes (*CBS, COL5A1*) which were not identified in the 11 HTAAD genes that we annotated. (Supplementary Table 3).

In another patient, functional annotations and the protein domain affected were sufficient evidence for classification as VUS in both *MYLK* and *COL3A1* which were clinically evaluated in 2016 but considered benign. For 1 patient, clinical genetic testing found double heterozygous genotypes for 2 VUS variants in *COL5A1* and *CBS* which were not annotated in our research-level genetic testing.

3 patients were found to have likely pathogenic or possibly causative variants by clinical genetic testing which we annotated as VUS. Finally, one patient had a 2012 clinical genetic testing result of pathogenic which we annotated as a VUS due to lack of evidence for pathogenicity.

#### **Pathogenic variants in commonly used databases**

Of the 17 of our 24 pathogenic variants present in ClinVar as of September 30, 2018, 12 are pathogenic, 8 are listed as pathogenic, 5 as likely pathogenic, 1 as conflicting interpretation of pathogenicity, and 3 as VUS. 1 of the VUS variants is for a non-aortic phenotype—Wolff-Parkinson-White pattern. 15 of the 24 variants have an rsID in dbSNP v151 for the hg19 chromosomal position, but only 11 of those have reference and alternate alleles corresponding to

the variation catalogued in our cohort. For example, dbSNP lists rs113935744 as having reference allele T and alternate allele A whereas our sample was a carrier for alternate allele C.

5,344 loss of function and missense variants from the 11 genes of interest were obtained from gnomAD v2.1. 930 of those variants are listed in ClinVar with the same reference and alternate alleles as gnomAD. 16 of those are Pathogenic or Pathogenic/Likely pathogenic. By summing the allele counts across variants, we estimate pathogenic variants in these genes have a background prevalence of 9.396 x  $10^{-6}$  (30 occurrences in 3,193,956 alleles). Of the 24 pathogenic variants, only 2 are catalogued (rs779512296 and rs761857514) in gnomAD. rs779512296 has an allele frequency of 0.00002891 in the gnomAD Latino population and 0.000008801 in the non-Finnish European population. rs761857514 has an allele frequency of 0.00003267 in the South Asian population.

In this effort we used pathogenicity filtering criteria tailored to our phenotype of interest. As previously shown, using a typical pathogenicity filter (predicted deleterious by at least two of Polyphen2, SIFT, and MutationTaster; 0.5% maximum allele frequency across European Americans and African Americans in the Exome Variant Server; and 5% maximum allele frequency in 1000G) there is a high background prevalence of protein-altering variants in a population<sup>4</sup>. For example, default filtering on GeneVetter (genevetter.kidneyomics.org) identifies 322 of 2,535 (12.7%) 1000 Genomes samples as pathogenic variant carriers, which is a higher background prevalence than we might expect for TAAD. Using the same filter in our cohort, we identify 48 cases (19.3%) and 22 controls (8.5%) as carriers for a pathogenic variant.

#### **Comparisons of cases versus controls**

After quality control, we had 240 cases and 258 controls rather than 265 age, sex, and ancestry matched pairs remaining. We confirmed that the distribution of age, sex, and ethnicity was similar after the attrition of matched cases/controls during quality control (Supplementary Figures 1-3). These samples were used to test for association between disease and pathogenic/VUS variant carrier status (Supplementary Table 1 and 4). To ensure these comparisons were robust to slightly unbalanced case/control matching, we performed logistic regression using age, sex, and carrier status as predictors of case/control status to replicate the analysis in Supplementary Table 4. The Wald test p-value for affect of VUS on case status adjusted for age/sex is 0.06, similar to the Chi-square p-value of 0.07. For pathogenic variants we had 0 controls as carriers so we used Firth's bias-Reduced penalized-likelihood logistic regression as implemented in the R package logistf. The p-value from the profile penalized log likelihood is 1.5e-8, similar to the Chi-square test p-value of 2.8e-7.



**Supplementary Table 1.** Association between variants of a given class and case/control status per each of the 11 HTAAD genes. A sample from each of the two related pairs in the cases was removed while the first ascertained sample was retained. When testing the VUS class of variants, only cases without a pathogenic variant were considered. Accounting for multiple testing using a Bonferroni threshold of 0.003, the only significant association identified is for pathogenic variants in *FBN1.*





**Supplementary Table 2. Confirmation of WES variant calls with Molecular Inversion Probe Sequencing (MIPS)**. Two rounds of MIPS were performed to confirm the pathogenic variant calls in all 26 patients. In round 1, 22 of the 26 samples were sequenced. In round 2, all samples were sequenced.





**Supplementary Table 3.** Concordance between research-level and clinical genetic testing in 20 patients with CLIA-certified genetic testing results.



**Supplementary Table 4.** Association between variants of a given class and case/control status across all 11 genes. A sample from each of the two related pairs in the cases was removed while the first ascertained sample was retained. When testing the VUS class of variants, only cases without a pathogenic variant were considered.



Abbreviations: AD=aortic dissection; EL=ectopia lentis

**Supplementary Table 5.** Diagnosis of Marfan Syndrome based on the Revised Ghent Nosology. According to the Revised Ghent Nosology, a positive family history is based on a diagnosis of Marfan Syndrome among a first degree family member.



Comparison of Phenotypic Features in Patients with and without Pathogenic Variants in *FBN1*

Values are median (interquartile range) or n (%).

Abbreviations: US/LS=upper segment/lower segment ratio.

**Supplementary Table 6.** Comparison of phenotypic features in patients with and without pathogenic variants in *FBN1*. If a systemic feature is not listed above then it did not occur in any of the cases.



**Supplementary Table 7**: mRNA-seq isoforms used to identify the predicted amino acid change. Typically, this is a major isoform expressed in smooth muscle cells. For some proteins, previous publication's isoform was chosen. NM indicates manually annotated and reviewed mRNAs.

## SUPPLEMENTARY FIGURE LEGENDS

Supplementary Figure 1. Age Distribution Between Cases (n=240) and Controls (n=258). The For distribution of age was similar after the attrition of matched cases/controls during quality control.

Supplementary Figure 2. Ethnicity Distribution Between Cases (n=240) and Controls (n=258). The For distribution of ethnicity was similar after the attrition of matched cases/controls during quality control.

Supplementary Figure 3. Sex Distribution Between Cases (n=240) and Controls (n=258). The For distribution of sex was similar after the attrition of matched cases/controls during quality control.

## **Supplementary Figure 1.**





# **Supplementary Figure 2.**

# **Supplementary Figure 3.**

