

Elucidation of causal direction between asthma and obesity:  
a bi-directional Mendelian randomization study

**Supporting Information**

CHR	SNP	Genes	Allele	EAF	$\beta$ (95% CI)	P
1	rs657452	AGBL4	G/A	0.39	0.023 (0.017-0.029)	5.48E-13
1	rs3101336	NEGR1	T/C	0.61	0.033 (0.027-0.039)	2.66E-26
1	rs12566985	FPGT-TNNI3K	A/G	0.45	0.024 (0.018-0.030)	3.28E-15
1	rs12401738	FUBP1,USP33	G/A	0.35	0.021 (0.015-0.027)	1.15E-10
1	rs11165643	PTBP2	C/T	0.58	0.022 (0.016-0.028)	2.07E-12
1	rs17024393	GNAT2,AMPD2	T/C	0.04	0.066 (0.048-0.084)	7.03E-14
1	rs543874	SEC16B	A/G	0.19	0.048 (0.040-0.056)	2.62E-35
1	rs2820292	NAV1	A/C	0.56	0.020 (0.014-0.026)	1.83E-10
2	rs13021737	TMEM18	A/G	0.83	0.060 (0.052-0.068)	1.11E-50
2	rs10182181	ADCY3,POMC, NCOA1	A/G	0.46	0.031 (0.025-0.037)	8.78E-24
2	rs11126666	KCNK3	G/A	0.28	0.021 (0.015-0.027)	1.33E-09
2	rs1016287	LINC01122	C/T	0.29	0.023 (0.017-0.029)	2.25E-11
2	rs11688816	EHBP1	A/G	0.53	0.017 (0.011-0.023)	1.89E-08
2	rs2121279	LRP1B	C/T	0.15	0.025 (0.017-0.033)	2.31E-08
2	rs1528435	UBE2E3	C/T	0.63	0.018 (0.012-0.024)	1.20E-08
2	rs7599312	ERBB4	A/G	0.72	0.022 (0.016-0.028)	1.17E-10
3	rs6804842	RARB	A/G	0.58	0.019 (0.013-0.025)	2.48E-09
3	rs2365389	FHIT	T/C	0.58	0.020 (0.014-0.026)	1.63E-10
3	rs3849570	GBE1	C/A	0.36	0.019 (0.013-0.025)	2.60E-08
3	rs13078960	CADM2	T/G	0.20	0.030 (0.022-0.038)	1.74E-14
3	rs16851483	RASA2	G/T	0.07	0.048 (0.032-0.064)	3.55E-10
3	rs1516725	ETV5	T/C	0.87	0.045 (0.035-0.055)	1.89E-22
4	rs10938397	GNPDA2,GABRG1	A/G	0.43	0.040 (0.034-0.046)	3.21E-38
4	rs17001654	NUP54,SCARB2	C/G	0.15	0.031 (0.021-0.041)	7.76E-09
4	rs13107325	SLC39A8	C/T	0.07	0.048 (0.034-0.062)	1.83E-12
4	rs11727676	HHIP	C/T	0.91	0.036 (0.024-0.048)	2.55E-08
5	rs2112347	POC5,HMGCR, COL4A3BP	G/T	0.63	0.026 (0.020-0.032)	6.19E-17
6	rs205262	C6orf106,SNRPC	A/G	0.27	0.022 (0.014-0.030)	1.75E-10
6	rs2033529	TDRG1,LRFN2	A/G	0.29	0.019 (0.013-0.025)	1.39E-08
6	rs2207139	TFAP2B	A/G	0.18	0.045 (0.037-0.053)	4.13E-29
6	rs9400239	FOXO3,HSS00296402	T/C	0.69	0.019 (0.013-0.025)	1.61E-08
6	rs13191362	PARK2	G/A	0.88	0.028 (0.018-0.038)	7.34E-09
7	rs1167827	HIP1,PMS2L3, PMS2P5,WBSCR16	A/G	0.553	0.020 (0.014-0.026)	6.33E-10
7	rs2245368	PMS2L11	T/C	0.18	0.032 (0.020-0.044)	3.19E-08
8	rs17405819	HNF4G	C/T	0.70	0.022 (0.016-0.028)	2.07E-11
8	rs2033732	RALYL	T/C	0.75	0.019 (0.011-0.027)	4.89E-08
9	rs4740619	C9orf93	C/T	0.54	0.018 (0.012-0.024)	4.56E-09

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9	rs10968576	LINGO2	A/G	0.32	0.025 (0.019-0.031)	6.61E-14
9	rs6477694	EPB41L4B,C9orf4	T/C	0.37	0.017 (0.011-0.023)	2.67E-08
9	rs1928295	TLR4	C/T	0.55	0.019 (0.013-0.025)	7.91E-10
9	rs10733682	LMX1B	G/A	0.48	0.017 (0.011-0.023)	1.83E-08
10	rs7899106	GRID1	A/G	0.05	0.040 (0.026-0.054)	2.96E-08
10	rs17094222	HIF1AN	T/C	0.21	0.025 (0.017-0.033)	5.94E-11
10	rs11191560	NT5C2,CYP17A1, SFXN2	T/C	0.09	0.031 (0.021-0.041)	8.45E-09
10	rs7903146	TCF7L2	T/C	0.71	0.023 (0.017-0.029)	1.11E-11
11	rs4256980	TRIM66,TUB	C/G	0.65	0.021 (0.015-0.027)	2.90E-11
11	rs11030104	BDNF	G/A	0.79	0.041 (0.033-0.049)	5.56E-28
11	rs2176598	HSD17B12	C/T	0.25	0.020 (0.012-0.028)	2.97E-08
11	rs3817334	MTCH2,C1QTNF4, SPI1,CELF1	C/T	0.41	0.026 (0.02-0.032)	5.15E-17
11	rs12286929	CADM1	A/G	0.52	0.022 (0.016-0.028)	1.31E-12
12	rs7138803	BCDIN3D,FAIM2	G/A	0.38	0.032 (0.026-0.038)	8.15E-24
12	rs11057405	CLIP1	A/G	0.90	0.031 (0.019-0.043)	2.02E-08
13	rs12429545	OLFM4	G/A	0.13	0.033 (0.023-0.043)	1.09E-12
13	rs9581854*	MTIF3,GTF3A	C/T	0.20	0.030 (0.020-0.040)	2.29E-10
14	rs10132280	STXBP6	A/C	0.68	0.023 (0.017-0.029)	1.14E-11
14	rs12885454	PRKD1	A/C	0.64	0.021 (0.015-0.027)	1.94E-10
14	rs11847697	PRKD1	C/T	0.04	0.049 (0.033-0.065)	3.99E-09
14	rs7141420	NRXN3	C/T	0.53	0.024 (0.018-0.030)	1.23E-14
15	rs3736485	SCG3,DMXL2	G/A	0.45	0.018 (0.012-0.024)	7.41E-09
15	rs16951275	MAP2K5,LBXCOR1	C/T	0.78	0.031 (0.023-0.039)	1.91E-17
16	rs758747	NLRC3	C/T	0.27	0.023 (0.015-0.031)	7.47E-10
16	rs12446632	GPRC5B,IQCK	A/G	0.87	0.040 (0.030-0.050)	1.48E-18
16	rs2650492	SBK1,APOBR	G/A	0.30	0.021 (0.013-0.029)	1.92E-09
16	rs9925964	KAT8,ZNF646, VKORC1,ZNF668, STX1B,FBXL19	G/A	0.62	0.019 (0.013-0.025)	8.11E-10
16	rs1558902	FTO	T/A	0.42	0.082 (0.076-0.088)	7.51E-153
17	rs1000940	RABEP1	A/G	0.32	0.019 (0.013-0.025)	1.28E-08
17	rs12940622	RPTOR	A/G	0.58	0.018 (0.012-0.024)	2.49E-09
18	rs1808579	NPC1,C18orf8	T/C	0.53	0.017 (0.011-0.023)	4.17E-08
18	rs7243357	GRP	G/T	0.81	0.022 (0.014-0.030)	3.86E-08
18	rs6567160	MC4R	T/C	0.24	0.056 (0.048-0.064)	3.93E-53
19	rs17724992	GDF15,PGPEP1	G/A	0.75	0.019 (0.011-0.027)	3.42E-08
19	rs29941	KCTD15	A/G	0.67	0.018 (0.012-0.024)	2.41E-08
19	rs2075650	TOMM40,APOE, APOC1	G/A	0.85	0.026 (0.016-0.036)	1.25E-08
19	rs2287019	QPCTL,GIPR	T/C	0.80	0.036 (0.028-0.044)	4.59E-18
19	rs3810291	ZC3H4	G/A	0.67	0.028 (0.020-0.036)	4.81E-15

**Table S1.** List of BMI-associated SNPs in European-ancestry. Genes reported are based on biological relevance to obesity, copy number variation, DEPICT analyses, GRAIL results, BMI-association variant in strong LD ( $r^2 \geq 0.7$ ) with a missense variant, nearest to index SNP, association and eQTL data converge to affect gene expression. Allele (reference/effect), effect allele frequency (EAF), marginal effect ( $\beta$ ), 95% confidence intervals (95% CI), and significance of marginal effect ( $P$ ) based on the meta analysis of GWAS data from the European data set [?]. SNP rs9581854\* replaces rs12016871 as the latter was deprecated and they are in perfect LD.

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5	rs10455025	SLC25A46,TSLP	A/C	0.34	1.15 (1.12-1.18)	2.00E-25
6	rs2325291	BACH2,GJA10, MAP3K7	G/A	0.33	0.91 (0.89-0.93)	8.60E-13
8	rs12543811	TPD52,ZBTB10	G/A	0.66	0.93 (0.91-0.95)	3.50E-08
9	rs992969	RANBP6,IL33	A/G	0.75	0.85 (0.82-0.88)	1.10E-17
10	rs2589561	GATA3,CELF2	A/G	0.82	0.90 (0.87-0.94)	1.40E-08
15	rs11071558	RORA,NARG2, VPS13C	A/G	0.14	0.89 (0.85-0.92)	1.90E-10
16	rs17806299	CLEC16A,DEXI, SOCS1	G/A	0.20	0.90 (0.88-0.93)	2.10E-10
17	rs17637472	ZNF652,PHB	G/A	0.39	1.08 (1.05-1.11)	3.30E-09

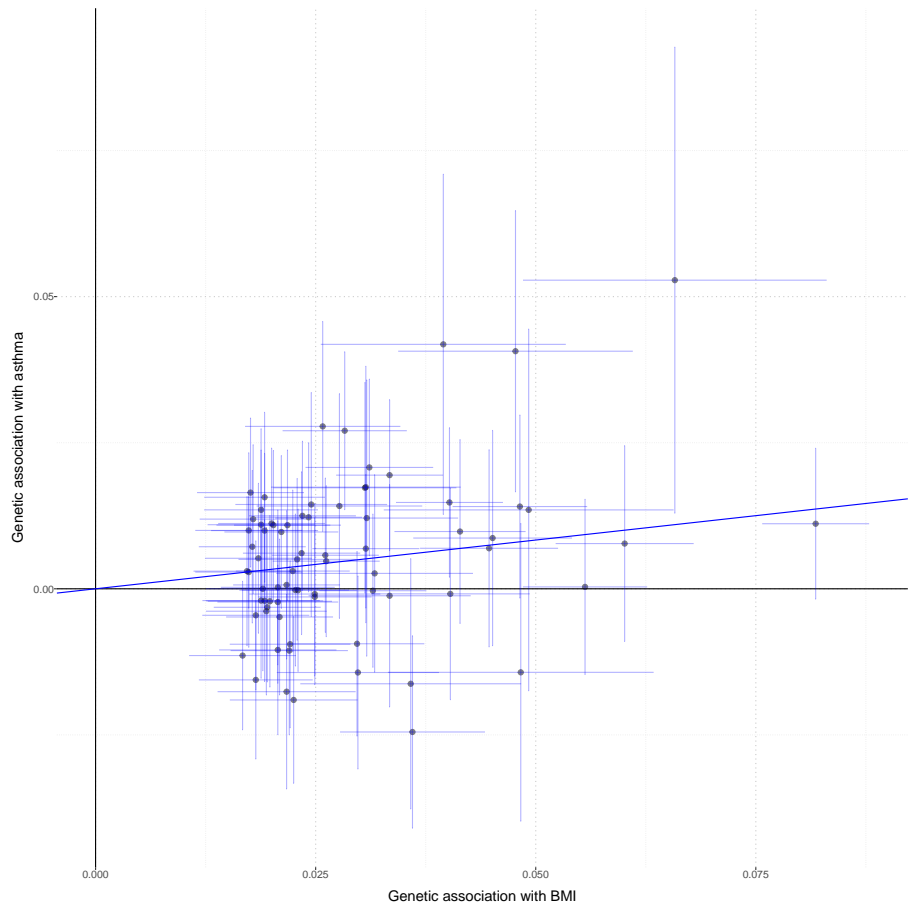
**Table S2.** List of SNPs associated with asthma among European-ancestry population in TAGC [?]. Genes reported are based on where the lead SNP lies that is coding for proteins, Allele (reference/effect allele), effect allele frequency (EAF), odds-ratios (ORs), 95% confidence intervals (95% CI), and significance ( $P$ ) based on the meta analysis of GWAS data using a random effects model.

Causal link	Method	Estimate	95% CI	$P$
BMI $\rightarrow$ asthma	fixed-effect	1.211	[ 1.176, 1.247]	6e-38
	random-effect	1.214	[ 1.169, 1.261]	2e-23
	MR-Egger	1.187	[ 1.050, 1.342]	0.006
	penalized	1.191	[ 1.137, 1.248]	2e-13
	MR-PRESSO	1.218	[ 1.175, 1.263]	3e-25
asthma $\rightarrow$ BMI	fixed-effect	-0.011	[-0.017, -0.005]	3e-04
	random-effect	-0.013	[-0.024, -0.003]	0.018
	MR-Egger	-0.013	[-0.041, 0.015]	0.369
	penalized	-0.011	[-0.021, -0.001]	0.034
	MR-PRESSO	-0.013	[-0.022, -0.004]	0.004

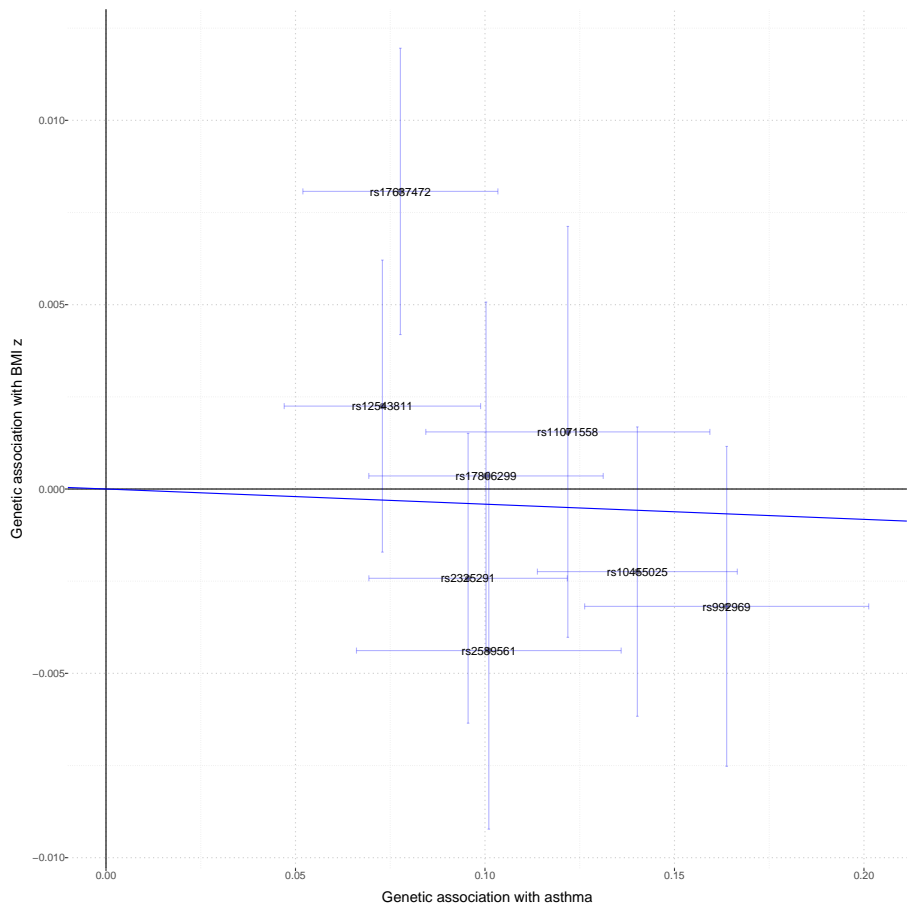
**Table S3.** Causal estimates of body mass index  $z$ -score on asthma and the reverse direction reported by fixed effect and random effect meta analyses, MR-Egger, penalized weighted median, and MR-PRESSO via one-sample MR.

Causal link	Method	Estimate	95% CI	P
BMI → T2D	fixed-effect	2.80	[2.53, 3.09]	5.80e-91
	random-effect	2.50	[1.39, 4.51]	2.24e-03
	MR-Egger	3.66	[1.55, 8.59]	2.97e-03
	(intercept)	0.99	[0.97, 1.01]	4.88e-01
	MR-PRESSO	3.30	[2.89, 3.77]	1.24e-27
BMI → CVD	fixed-effect	1.53	[1.464, 1.60]	8.72e-81
	random-effect	1.60	[1.270, 2.03]	7.38e-05
	MR-Egger	1.28	[0.934, 1.75]	1.25e-01
	(intercept)	1.01	[0.997, 1.01]	2.00e-01
	MR-PRESSO	1.67	[1.556, 1.79]	5.18e-21

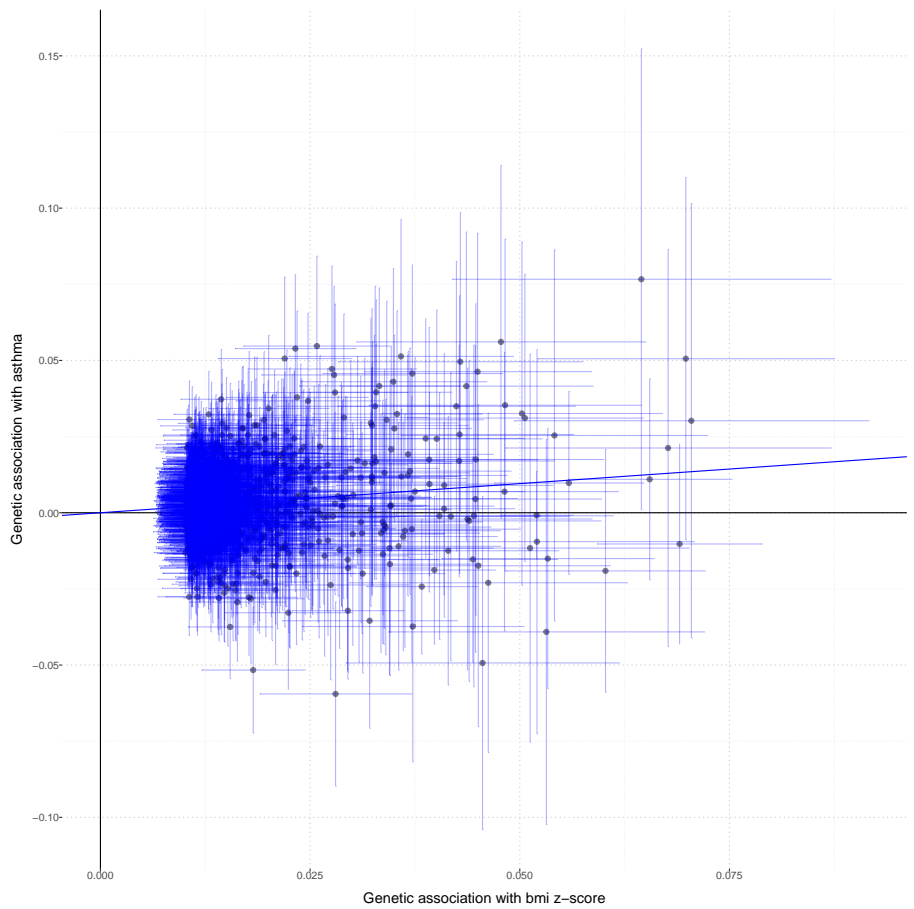
**Table S4.** Causal estimates of body mass index  $z$ -score on type-2 diabetes and cardiovascular diseases reported by fixed effect and random effect meta analyses, MR-Egger, penalized weighted median, and MR-PRESSO via GIANT-UKB two-sample MR.



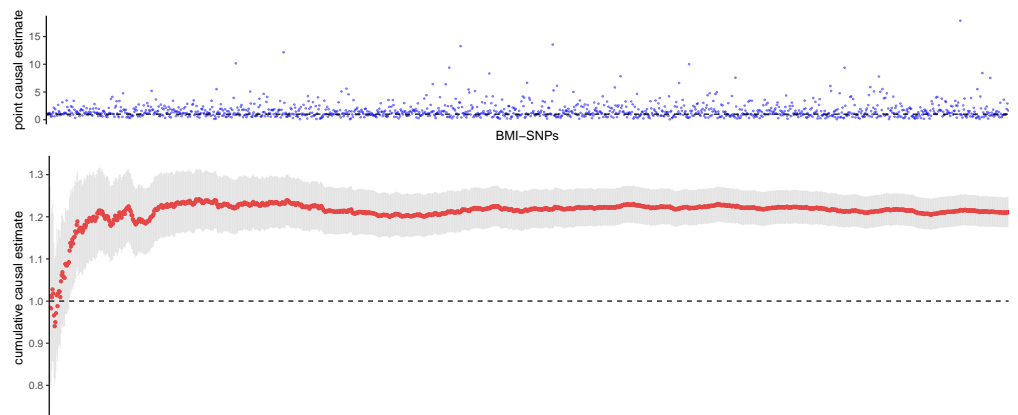
**Figure S1.** Genetic association with BMI in GIANT versus genetic association with asthma in UKB for 75 BMI-SNPs. Each dot represents a SNP, the horizontal bar indicates the 95% CI for its association with BMI, while the vertical bar does that of asthma.



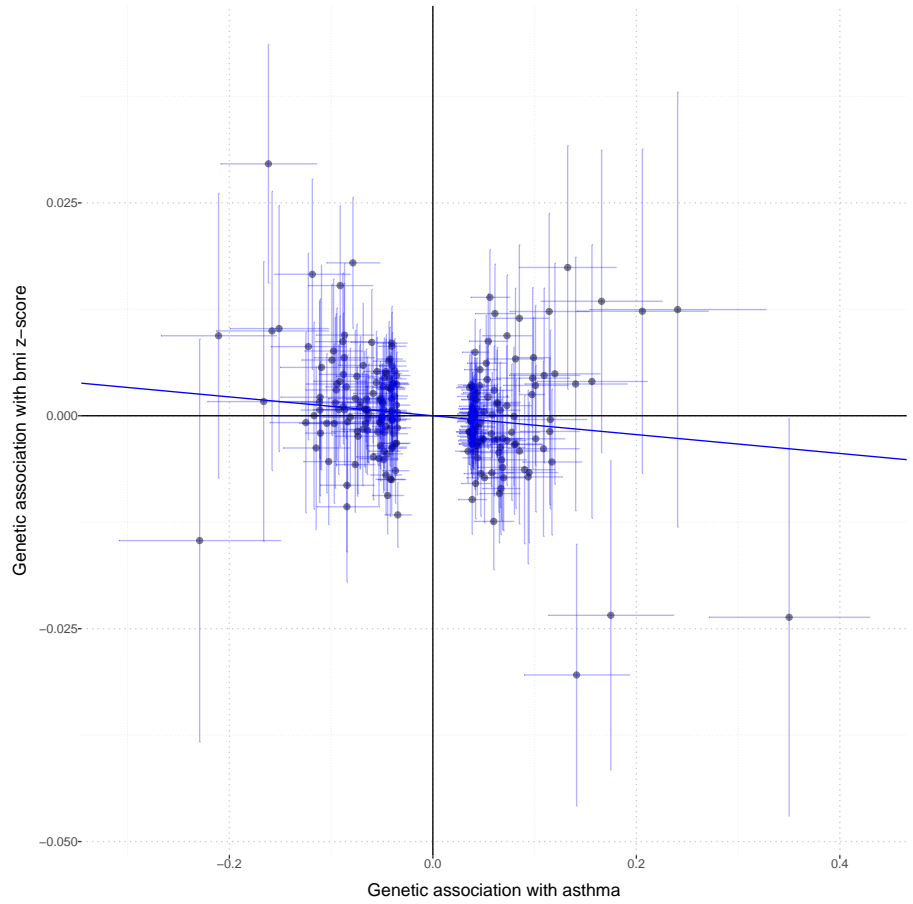
**Figure S2.** Genetic association with asthma in TAGC versus genetic association with BMI  $z$ -scores in UKB. Each dot represents a SNP, the horizontal bar indicates the 95% CI for its association with asthma, while the vertical bar does that of BMI  $z$ -score.



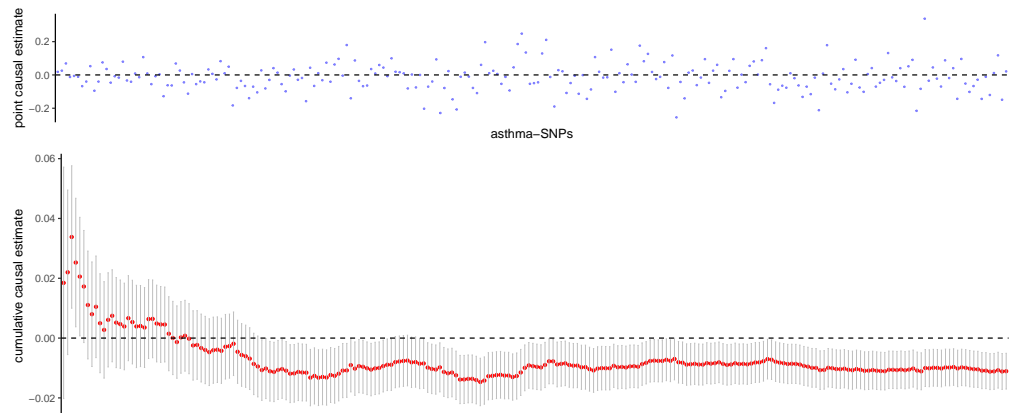
**Figure S3.** Genetic association with body mass index versus genetic association with asthma in UKB, where the slope indicate fixed effect meta analysis estimate.



**Figure S4.** Cumulative effect estimates of BMI on asthma risk in UKB for a total of 1348 independent SNPs are displayed in the bottom panel, where red dots are the point estimates and gray vertical bars suggest the corresponding 95% CIs. Instrumental SNP was added sequentially in the order based on the  $p$ -value of its association with BMI z-score. Point estimate of the added SNP is shown on the top panel and colored in blue.



**Figure S5.** Genetic association with asthma versus genetic association with body mass index in UKB, where the slope indicates fixed effect meta analysis estimate.



**Figure S6.** Cumulative effect estimates of asthma on BMI in UKB for a total of 234 independent SNPs are displayed in the bottom panel, where red dots are the point estimates and gray vertical bars suggest the corresponding 95% CIs. Instrumental SNP was added sequentially in the order based on the  $p$ -value of its association with asthma. Point estimate of the added SNP is shown on the top panel and colored in blue.