

Supplementary Material

Genome-wide Homozygosity Mapping Reveals Genes Associated with Cognitive Ability in Children from Saudi Arabia

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1 Supplementary Analysis of Background Relatedness in the Study Sample

Additional analyses were undertaken to ensure that the results are stable to the presence of closely related individuals in the sample – i.e., although mixed linear modeling adequately represented sample structure, including both admixture and relatedness, analyses of sROH associations were carried out using principal component regression, and analyses of ROH and CNV burdens' contribution to cognitive ability were modeled using quantile regression. Correspondingly, we evaluated sample relatedness using a combination of techniques.

Post-QC sample genotypes were phased using BEAGLE v. 3 (Browning and Browning, 2009) with default settings. Genetic locations for SNP markers in cM were acquired from the Rutgers Combined Linkage-Physical Map v.3 (http://compgen.rutgers.edu/rutgers_maps.shtml) (Matise et al., 2007).

Relatedness was evaluated using two complimentary approaches. Phased genomes were subjected to Identity by Descent (IBD) estimation using FISHR2 (Bjelland et al., 2017), a recently developed algorithm for detection of IBD segments between individuals from genome-wide SNP data that utilizes a modified version of GERMLINE (Gusev et al., 2009) as an initial screen for candidate IBD segments and then stitches together contiguous segments separated artificially due to SNP or phase errors while differentiating between locations possibly inconsistent with IBD inheritance due noise in the data as opposed to lack of truly IBD signal.

Analyses began with the identification of long (> 2.0 cM) segments with a minimum of 25 SNPs detected with a window of 50 and a gap parameter of 5 markers and FISHR2 manual-recommended threshold parameters for error values. FISHR2 identified 158,973 IBD segments in the data, ranging from 2 to 40.96 cM in length, with the vast majority encompassing less than 5 cM (Mean = 2.56, SD $= 0.85$).

We then estimated pairwise relatedness using IBD2 segment data obtained via FISHR2 using ERSA 2.1 (Huff et al., 2011). ERSA is a maximum-likelihood method for estimation of recent shared ancestry and can accurately infer relatedness between pairs of individuals with power of nearly 100% for close relatives $(1st$ through $5th$ -degree) and substantial power to detect even more distant relationships. Analyses were performed using default ERSA settings.

ERSA identified 41 unique pairs of relationships between 34 individuals total: 11 third-degree, 1 fourth-degree, 7 fifth-degree, 10 sixth-degree, and 12 seventh-degree relatives. Given the limited resolution of the array and lack of genetic material sharing between very distant relatives, individuals identified as having 8-th and 9-th degree relatives were considered unrelated. Figure S6 and S7 shows the distributions of IBD segment sharing in unrelated vs related individuals in the sample.

Sensitivity analyses revealed that:

1) relatedness did not affect latent class analysis results, and no class was overrepresented among related individuals in the sample (among related individuals, n=1 belong to Class 1, n=4 to Class 2, n=11 to Class 3, n=6 to Class 4, and n=8 to Class 5);

2) there were no related individuals among carriers of sROHs reported in the main section of the manuscript as being associated with cognitive ability;

3) removing related individuals reduced the statistical significance of the $f_{ROH(C)}$ effect for Classes 1 and 2 to a marginal value of $p=0.0715$;

4) removing related individuals did not affect the pattern of the quantile regression solutions for Class 3 as well as for the combined Class 4 and 5.

2 Supplementary Analysis of Copy Number Variation Association with Cognitive Ability in the Study Sample

Association analysis was performed using the approach parallel to that of ROH analyses reported in the main text of the article $-i.e.,$ sepately for gain and loss events, we computed a set of disjoint surrogate CNV fragments (sLOSS and sGAIN for loss and gain events, respectively) that accounted for partial overlaps between called segments in the sample.

We specifically focused on CNVs that overlapped with known protein-coding genes (242 sGAIN) segments, 842 sLOSS segments). Association with covariate and PC-adjusted phenotypes was performed using linear regression, and P-values were corrected for number of comparisons using the Benjamini-Hochberg's correction.

No surrogate CNV regions survived corrections for multiple testing (Manhattan plots and QQ plots are presented in Figures X and Y). After further reducing the number of multiple comparisons by excluding rare sCNVs present in less than 1% of the samples, no sCNVs (out of 100 sLOSS and 50 sGAIN segments) survived corrections for multiple testing.

Table S5 presents nominally significant sLOSS and sGAIN associations at uncorrected $p < 0.05$.

3 Supplementary Analysis of Ancestry in Children from Saudi Arabia

The analyses reported in the main text either adjusted phenotypes for five top genetic components estimated from the genetic data, or directly accounted for admixture by modeling pairwise kinship. Nonetheless, we performed an additional set of analyses aimed at providing more comprehensive information about the ancestral composition of the sample.

This analyses relied on the availability of two additional datasets: (1) a subset of n=176 individuals of Middle-Eastern ancestry (Bedouin, Druze, Mozabite, and Palestinian) from the Human Genome Diversity Project(Cann et al., 2002) (HGDP; data publicly available at http://www.hagsc.org/hgdp/files.html) that provides data on n=1,043 individuals of varying ancestry genotyped using Illumina's 650Y microarray panel; (2) a subset of the Qatar genome project dataset (Rodriguez-Flores et al., 2016) (DGMQ) that is comprised of whole genome-sequencing (WGS) data on n=108 unrelated natives of Arabian Peninsula, including n=56 of indigenous Arab ancestry (the data were graciously provided by Dr. Rodriguez-Flores from Cornell University).

For the HGDP dataset, we performed an additional QC of SNP markers following standard QC procedures using GoldenHelix SNP & Variation Suite. For the DGMQ dataset, VCF genotype calls were imported into SNP & Variation Suite and annotated against known dbSNP polymorphisms prior to further analyses. Ancestry evaluation was based on the set of k=147,057 SNP markers common to the two genotyping platforms that were also called in the DGMQ dataset and passed the QC in all three samples. Prior to the analyses, genotypes from the three different platforms were harmonized to the common marker map (we used the HumanCoreExome as the baseline map) to avoid strand alignment and genotype conversion ambiguity using Genotype Harmonizer (Deelen et al., 2014). Missing genotypes were imputed using the weighted k nearest neighbor approach (Schwender and Ickstadt, 2008) as implemented in the *scrime* package for R.

Ancestry evaluation was performed using two complimentary approaches. First, we applied the community-oriented network estimation (CONE) (Kuismin et al., 2017) method to the data. CONE is a recently developed method for ancestry and admixture evaluation that utilizes generalized linear model with LASSO regularization to infer relationships between individuals and populations from SNP-level data, and is a network-theory based method of population structure inference that does not rely on model parameters such as the prior number of subpopulations. Second, we used a maximumlikelihood (i.e., model-based) method for admixture analysis as implemented in ADMIXTURE (Alexander et al., 2009) software.

The neighborhood selection in CONE depends on the tuning/penalty parameter *λ*. Following Kuismin et al. (Kuismin et al., 2017) and Liu et al.(Liu et al., 2010), we chose to rely on the stability approach to regularization selection (StARS) to choose the most stable graph solution. StARS uses subsampling to measure uncertainty regarding the presence of edges between the nodes for each fixed value of *λ.* CONE performance was evaluated based on the examination of 100 different tuning parameter values in the range from 0.01 to 0.50 based on M=50 subsamples. *λ* value of 0.06210204 was chosen after the examination of the tuning parameter performance (Supplementary Figure S3), and Fruchterman-Reingold algorithm was used to detect different communities among the nodes. The results of CONE analyses (Supplementary Figure S4) suggested the presence of substantial genetic flow between the studied population of children from Saudi Arabia, and the majority of examined populations of Middle Eastern ancestry with the exception of Mozabite

(HGDP). The majority of the samples clustered with the Bedoin and Qatari samples, and substantial flow was also established for groups of samples that were related to the Druze and Palestinian populations.

We also analyzed the data using ADMIXTURE with 5-fold cross-validation for the range of k admixture components (ancestral populations) ranging from 2 to 10 using the block relaxation algorithm with Quasi-Newton convergence acceleration. Cross-validation (CV) values were used to guide model selection, and additional analyses were performed using StructureSelector(Li and Liu, 2018). CV values were estimated at 0.5949 for k=2, 0.59301 for k=3, 0.59266 for k=4, **0.59260 for k=5 (lowest)**, 0.59262 for k=6, 0.59307 for k=7, 0.59619 for k=8, 0.59714 for k=9, and 0.59758 for k=10. Population structure plots were obtained using StructureSelector's implementation of CLUMPAK(Kopelman et al., 2015) (see Supplementary Figure S5). The results of this analysis are consistent with the CONE-based results and suggest significant admixture in the presence of 5 ancestral populations, with the highest similarity observed between the study sample from Saudi Arabia and the sample of Qatar Genome Project (DGMQ)

4 Supplementary Enrichment Analysis of GO Terms and Pathways for Genes Associated with Cognitive Ability in the Study Sample

Enrichment analysis was performed for 2,542 genes identified in gene-based association analyses and 1,266 genes located within the sROHs that showed nominally significant ($p < 0.05$) evidence for association with any of Aurora ability scores using PantherDB (http://www.pantherdb.org). Statistical overrepresentation tests using Fisher's exact p-value estimation with FDR correction were computed for Panther pathways, GO molecular function and GO biological process terms.

1. **sROH-based associations (** $p < 0.05$ **)**

- **1.1. Pathway analysis** identified two over-represented pathways in sROH associations:
	- **1.1.1.** *cadherin signaling* pathway (3.60 fold enrichment, $P = 1.57 \times 10^{-9}$, $P_{FDR} =$ $2.56x10^{-7}$) and
	- **1.1.2.** *Wnt-signaling* pathway (1.98 fold enrichment, $P = 1.89 \times 10^{-4}$, $P_{FDR} =$ $1.54x10^{-2}$
- **1.2. GO molecular function** terms over-represented in the sROH gene list set
	- **1.2.1.** *calcium ion binding* (1.84 fold enrichment, $P = 8.68 \times 10^{-7}$, $P_{FDR} = 4.05 \times 10^{-7}$ $3)$ and
	- **1.2.2.** *protein binding* $(1.12 \text{ fold enrichment}, P = 3.82 \times 10^{-6}, P_{FDR} = 5.94 \times 10^{-3})$.

1.3. GO biological process analyses also revealed a significant over-representation of genes involved in

- **1.3.1.** *hemophilic cell adhesion via plasma membrane adhesion molecules* (3.52 fold enrichment, $P = 4.40x10^{-9}$, $P_{FDR} = 6.86x10^{-5}$, and
- **1.3.2.** *nervous system development* (1.40 fold enrichment, $P = 3.93 \times 10^{-6}$, $P_{FDR} =$ $2.04x10^{-2}$

2. Gene-based associations (p < 0.05).

2.1. Pathway analysis identified two over-represented pathways in gene-based associations:

2.1.1. *N/A*

- **2.2. GO molecular function** terms under- and over-represented in the gene-based gene list set
	- **2.2.1.** *antigen binding* (0.18 fold enrichment, $P = 1.03x10^{-6}$, $P_{FDR} = 9.58x10^{-4}$) and
	- **2.2.2.** *protein binding* (1.11 fold enrichment, $P = 7.07 \times 10^{-10}$, $P_{FDR} = 8.24 \times 10^{-7}$).
- **2.3. GO biological process** analyses also revealed a significant over-representation of genes involved in
	- **2.3.1.** *anatomical structure development* (1.15 fold enrichment, $P = 2.63 \times 10^{-5}$, $P_{\text{FDR}} = 3.73 \times 10^{-2}$
	- **2.3.1.1.1.** *developmental process* (1.15 fold enrichment, $P = 3.18 \times 10^{-5}$, $P_{FDR} =$ $3.81x10^{-2}$
	- **2.3.2.** *multicellular organismal process* (1.13 fold enrichment, $P = 2.57 \times 10^{-5}$, $P_{\text{FDR}} = 4.00 \text{x} 10^{-2}$
- **2.3.3.** *regulation of cellular process* (1.15 fold enrichment, $P = 4.62 \times 10^{-6}$, $P_{FDR} =$ $1.02x10^{-2}$
- **2.3.4.** *cellular process* (1.09 fold enrichment, $P = 2.11x10^{-12}$, $P_{FDR} = 1.10x10^{-8}$)
- **2.3.5.** *response to stimulus*(1.15 fold enrichment, $P = 5.22 \times 10^{-6}$, $P_{FDR} = 1.16 \times 10^{-2}$)
- **2.3.6.** *adaptive immune response* (0.49 fold enrichment, $P = 2.90x10^{-5}$, $P_{FDR} =$ $3.77x10^{-2}$

5 Supplementary Tables

Supplementary Table S1. Summary of study sample demographics and sampled geographic locations

	Age						Region (n)					
	Min	Max	Med	Mean	<i>SD</i>	$\mathbf n$	Abha	Khamis-	Tabuk	$Al-$	Jeddah	Al-
								Mushyat		Jubail		Hassa
Boys	8.23	13.93	11.63	11.63	1.31	273	40	22	34	52	69	56
Girls	831	13.70	10.70	10.88	.43	81			23		35	23
Total		13 93	.42	11 33	36	354	40	22	57	52	104	70

Subtest	r_{xx}	% variance	K items	-LL
VA	0.66	15.3	17	-78253
VC	0.69	13.2	18	-78888
VS	0.60	12.2	19	-84954
NA	0.69	18.3	17	-67368
NC	0.69	6.6	18	-73545
NS	0.55	11.4	16	-58759
FA	0.57	18.7	9	-37227
FC	0.67	25.9	10	-37458
FS	0.51	18.6	8	-32789

Supplementary Table S2. Psychometric properties of Aurora-g subtests

Note. VA: Verbal Analogies. VC: Verbal Classification, VS: Verbal Series, NA: Numerical Analogies, NC: Numerical Classification, NS: Numerical Series, FA: Figural Analogies, FC: Figural Classification, FS: Figural Series. r_{xx} : empirical estimate of subtest reliability (EAP factor scores), % variance: proportion of variance in item-level data explained by the 2PL model, K items: number of items retained for the subtest after local misfit analysis, -LL: log-likelihood function.

Note. Corr: inclusion of estimated factor covariances. Y-B X²: Yuan and Bentler's residual-based test statistic. CFI: Comparative Fit Index, RMSEA: Root Mean Square Error of Approximation**. ***: final model selected for the estimation of factor scores.

Supplementary Table S4. Description of ROH and CNV calls in the study sample

Supplementary Table S6. Linear regression parameter estimates for Class 1 (with permutation Pvalues)

Parameter	B	P
PC ₁	11.91	0.8431
PC ₂	-30.48	0.6667
PC ₃	49.67	0.9020
PC4	-34.91	0.8627
PC ₅	14.32	0.7451
fROH(A)	3.77	0.7647
fROH(B)	7.23	0.1600
fROH(C)	-2.21	0.0185
CNV burden	-49.57	0.0018

Quantile	Coefficient	B		SE	T	\mathbf{P}
25	Intercept		103.06	9.64	10.69	$\boldsymbol{0}$
	PC1		91.16	70.84	1.29	0.200230159
	PC ₂		-33.70	75.81	-0.44	0.657374663
	PC ₃		30.25	338.94	0.09	0.929007806
	PC4		-12.13	47.10	-0.26	0.797131533
	PC5		-31.86	102.00	-0.31	0.755217515
	fROH(A)		-4.46	8.73	-0.51	0.610214211
	fROH(B)		-3.29	9.51	-0.35	0.730229045
	fROHO		-5.98	12.05	-0.50	0.620272590
	CNV burden		139.26	138.09	1.01	0.314930608
50	Intercept		110.20	7.82	14.10	$\boldsymbol{0}$
	PC1		81.22	65.86	1.23	0.219524329
	PC ₂		-72.16	64.83	-1.11	0.267569514
	PC ₃		114.77	301.40	0.38	0.703920201
	PC4		34.86	38.98	0.89	0.372778165
	PC5		-2.30	89.14	-0.03	0.979433912
	fROH(A)		5.31	7.93	0.67	0.503766932
	fROH(B)		-15.94	9.27	-1.72	0.087888655
	fROHO		-1.93	10.87	-0.18	0.859205711
	CNV burden		17.97	118.61	0.15	0.879788332
75	Intercept		115.02	8.50	13.53	$\boldsymbol{0}$
	PC1		-6.53	61.27	-0.11	0.915232854
	PC ₂		-66.23	46.82	-1.41	0.159351919
	PC ₃		205.05	257.82	0.80	0.427756194
	PC4		83.50	37.01	2.26	0.025606803
	PC5		64.17	92.88	0.69	0.490770728
	fROH(A)		4.51	7.91	0.57	0.569429334
	fROH(B)		-7.37	9.30	-0.79	0.429569802
	fROHO		0.62	11.88	0.05	0.958679955
	CNV burden		82.71	125.97	0.66	0.512532206

Supplementary Table S7. Quantile regression parameter estimates for latent class 3 (Aurora-G is the dependent variable)

Supplementary Table S8. Quantile regression parameter estimates for latent Classes 4 and 5 (Aurora-G is the dependent variable).

Supplementary Figure S1. Distribution of latent general cognitive ability scores in the study sample and the general population of children in Saudi Arabia

Supplementary Figure S2. Sample distributions of latent general cognitive ability estimates from Aurora. Aurora-V – verbal cognitive ability, Aurora-F: numerical cognitive ability, Aurora-S: spatial cognitive ability; Aurora-G: general cognitive ability.

Supplementary Figure S3. Stability approach to regularization selection (StARS) tuning parameter values for CONE-based evaluation of ancestry. Red dotted line represents the default threshold parameter *β.*

Supplementary Figure S4. Dependency graph estimated for the study sample data as well as the Middle Eastern population from HGDP and DGMQ datasets. A – StARS-based graph; B – customized neighborhood selection graph; C – combined graph.

Supplementary Figure S5. Population structure graph based on ADMIXTURE analysis (for k=5 ancestral populations). Pop_1 – study sample (Saudi Arabia), pop_2 – DGMQ (Qatar) sample, pop_3 – Bedouin (HGDP), pop_4 – Druze (HGDP), pop_5 – Mozabite (HGDP), pop_6 – Palestinian (HGDP).

Supplementary Figure S6. IBD segment length distributions in the total sample (top panel) vs related individuals (bottom panel; up to $7th$ degree).

Supplementary Figure S7. Boxplots of cumulative IBD sharing among pairs of individuals of different degrees of relatedness as estimated by ERSA and FISHR2**.**

Supplementary Figure S8. CNV segment length distributions in the study sample (n=353)

Supplementary Figure S9. Scatterplots of sROH and sCNV (sLOSS+sGAIN) allele frequencies vs. sROH and sCNV segment length

Supplementary Figure S10. Q-Q plots for sCNV-based association analysis of Aurora-g

Supplementary Figure S11. Manhattan plots for sROH-based association analysis of Aurora

Supplementary Figure S12. Manhattan plots for sCNV-based association analysis of Aurora

Supplementary Figure S13. Q-Q plots for SNP-based association analysis of Aurora

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Supplementary Figure S14. Q-Q plots for sROH-based association analysis of Aurora

Supplementary Figure S15. Boxplots of chip heritability (PVE) estimates from GEMMA for Aurora phenotypes.

Model selection

Supplementary Figure S16. Bayesian Information Criterion (BIC) values for the range of latent class models estimated using mclust

Supplementary Figure S17. Classification plot for the results of latent class analysis of homozygosity and CNV burden in the study sample. Colors represent class membership. A: fROH(A), B: fROH(B), C: fROH(C), LG: CNV burden (loss+gain).

Supplementary Figure S18. Distributions of key ROH- and CNV-associated variables among five latent classes of individuals

Supplementary Figure S19. Distributions of latent general cognitive ability estimates in five latent clusters of individuals

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