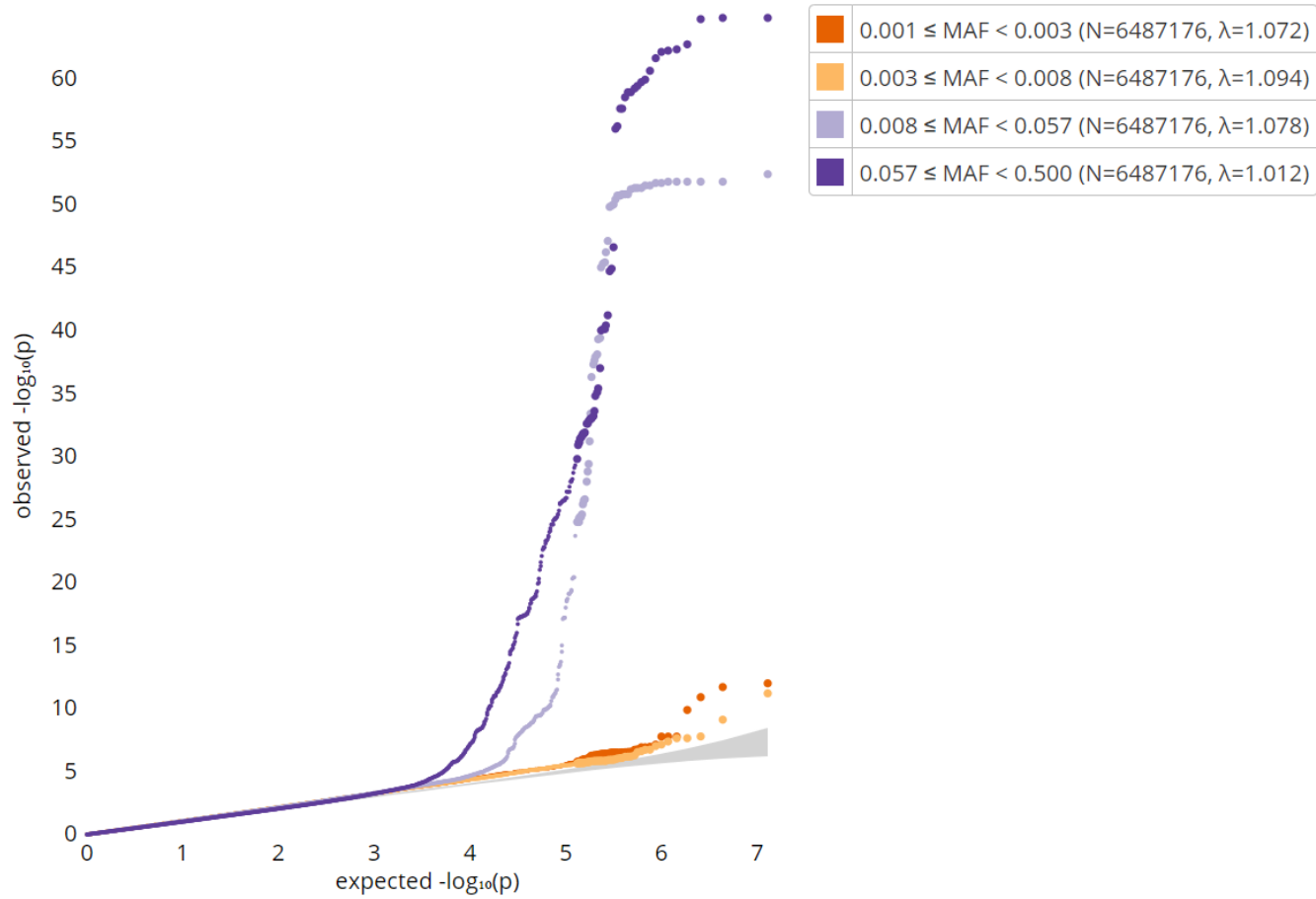


## Supplemental Data

### **Allelic Heterogeneity at the *CRP* Locus Identified by Whole-Genome Sequencing in Multi-ancestry Cohorts**

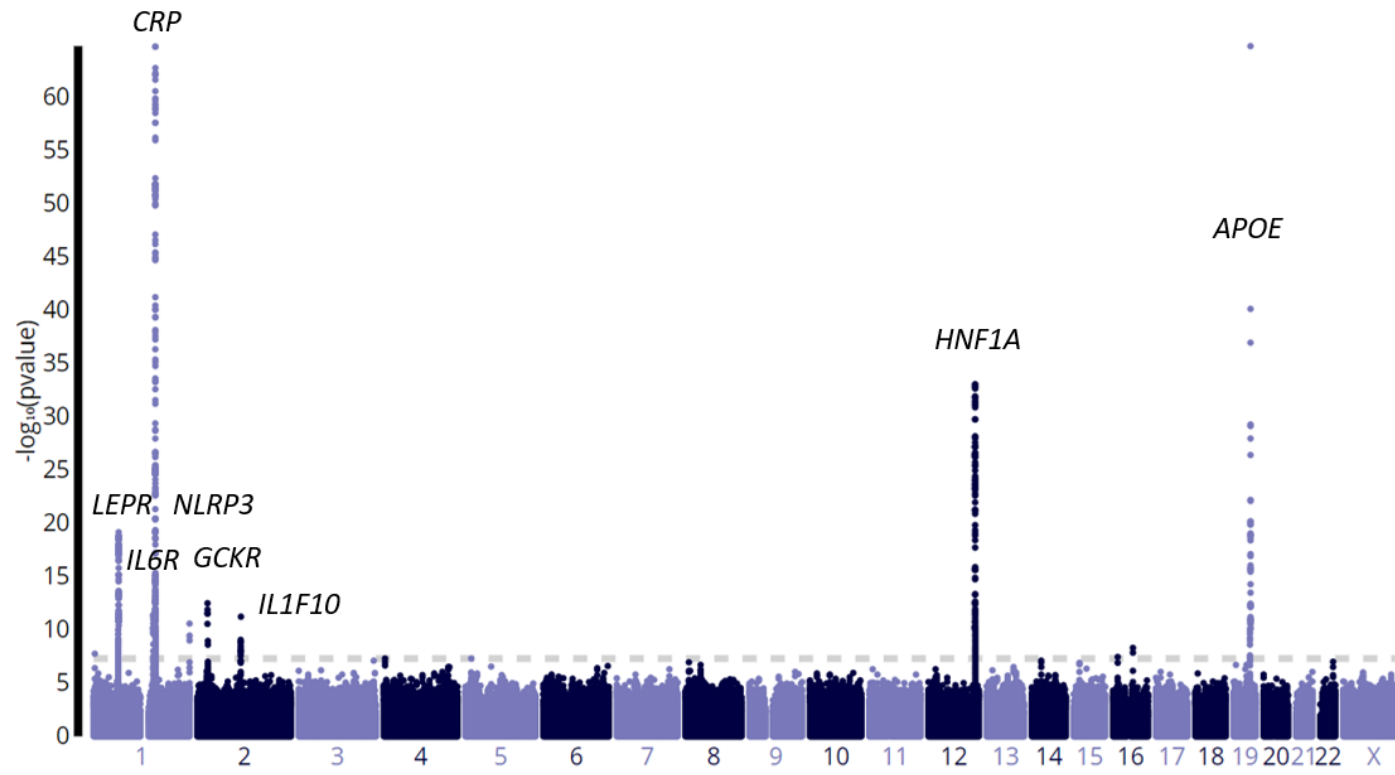
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Figure S1a: QQ-plot of association analysis for C-reactive protein in TOPMed.



Observed versus expected  $-\log_{10}$  p-values for all variants included in the pooled ancestry C-reactive protein analysis on ENCORE, stratified by minor allele frequency (MAF) bin, with genomic inflation  $\lambda$  for each bin.

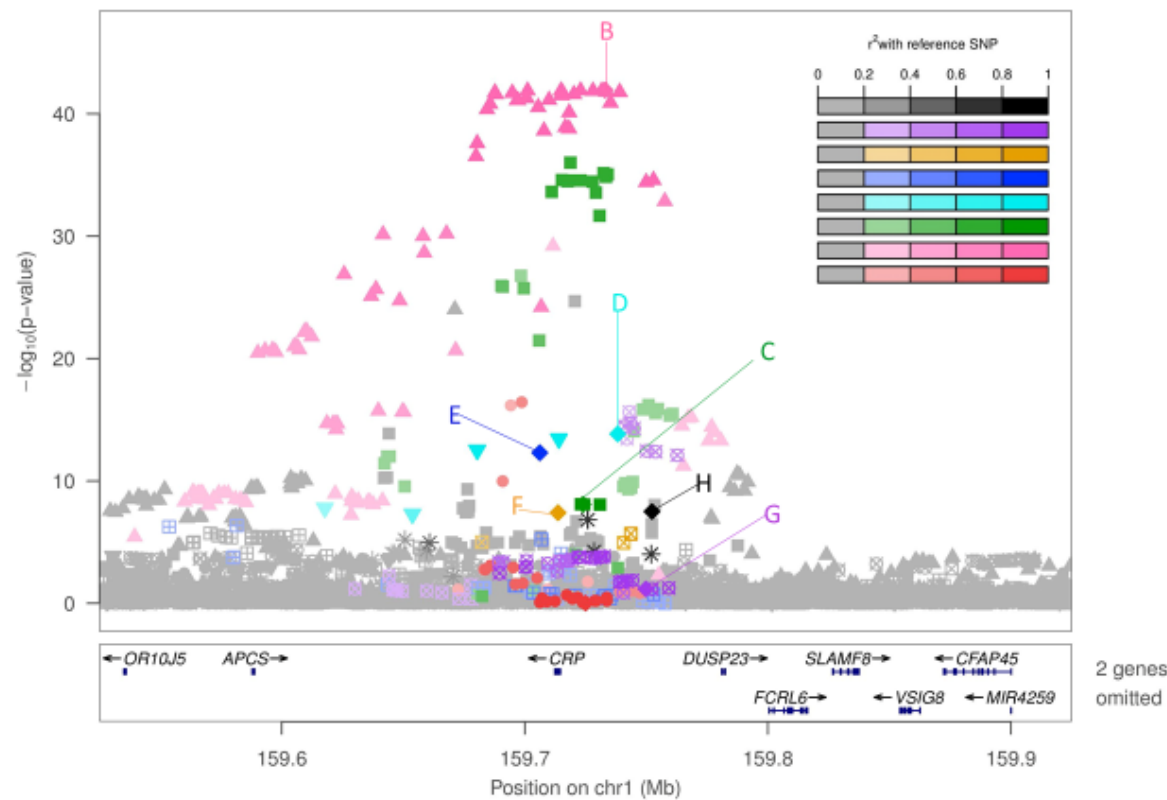
Figure S1b: Manhattan plot of CRP association signals in TOPMed.



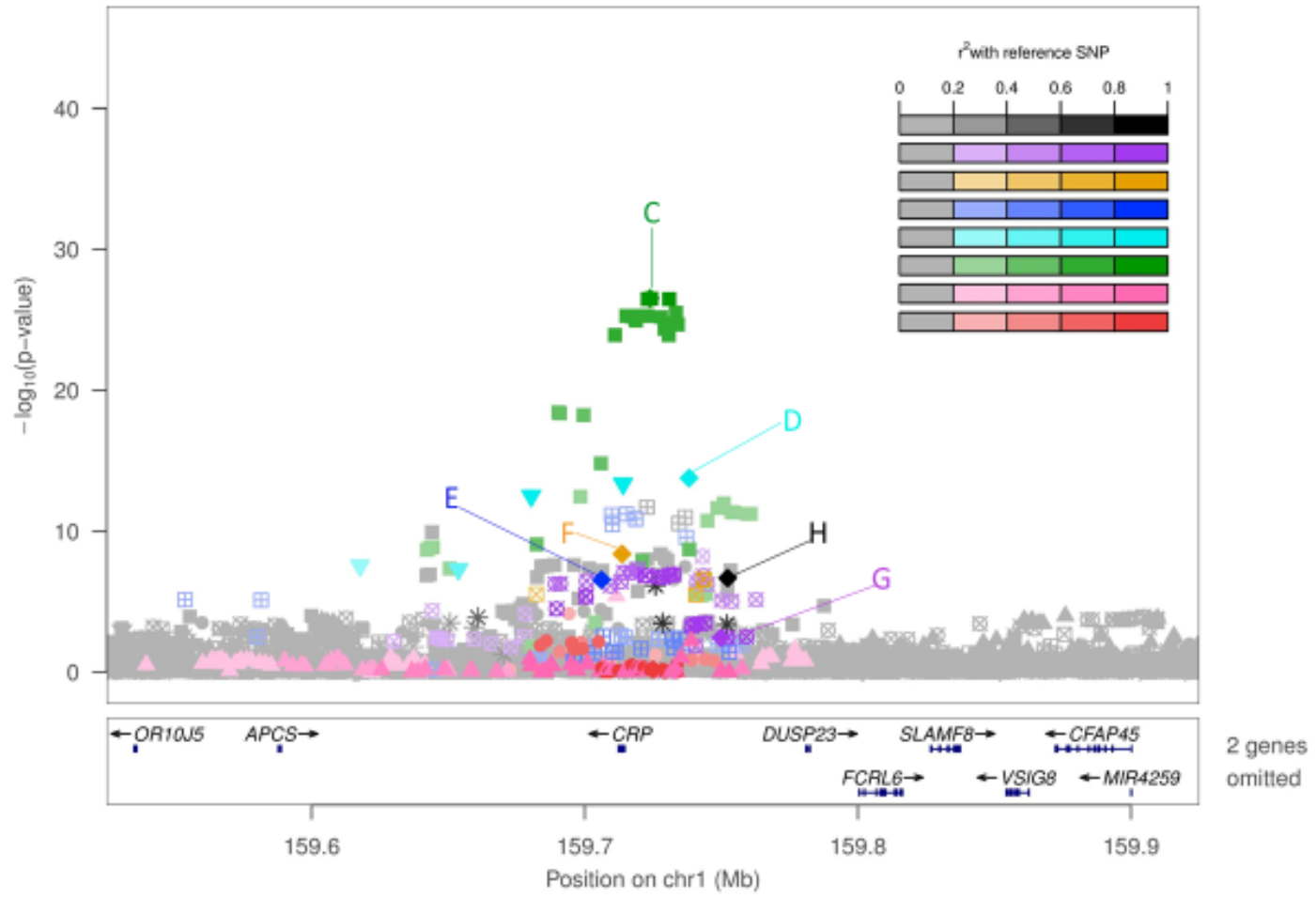
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**Figure S2: LocusZoom plots for sequential conditional analysis results at *CRP* locus, as well as plot of *CRP* locus adjusting for all previously identified *CRP* locus variants. For each plot, linkage disequilibrium is calculated using the same TOPMed samples included in our ancestry pooled C-reactive protein analyses.**

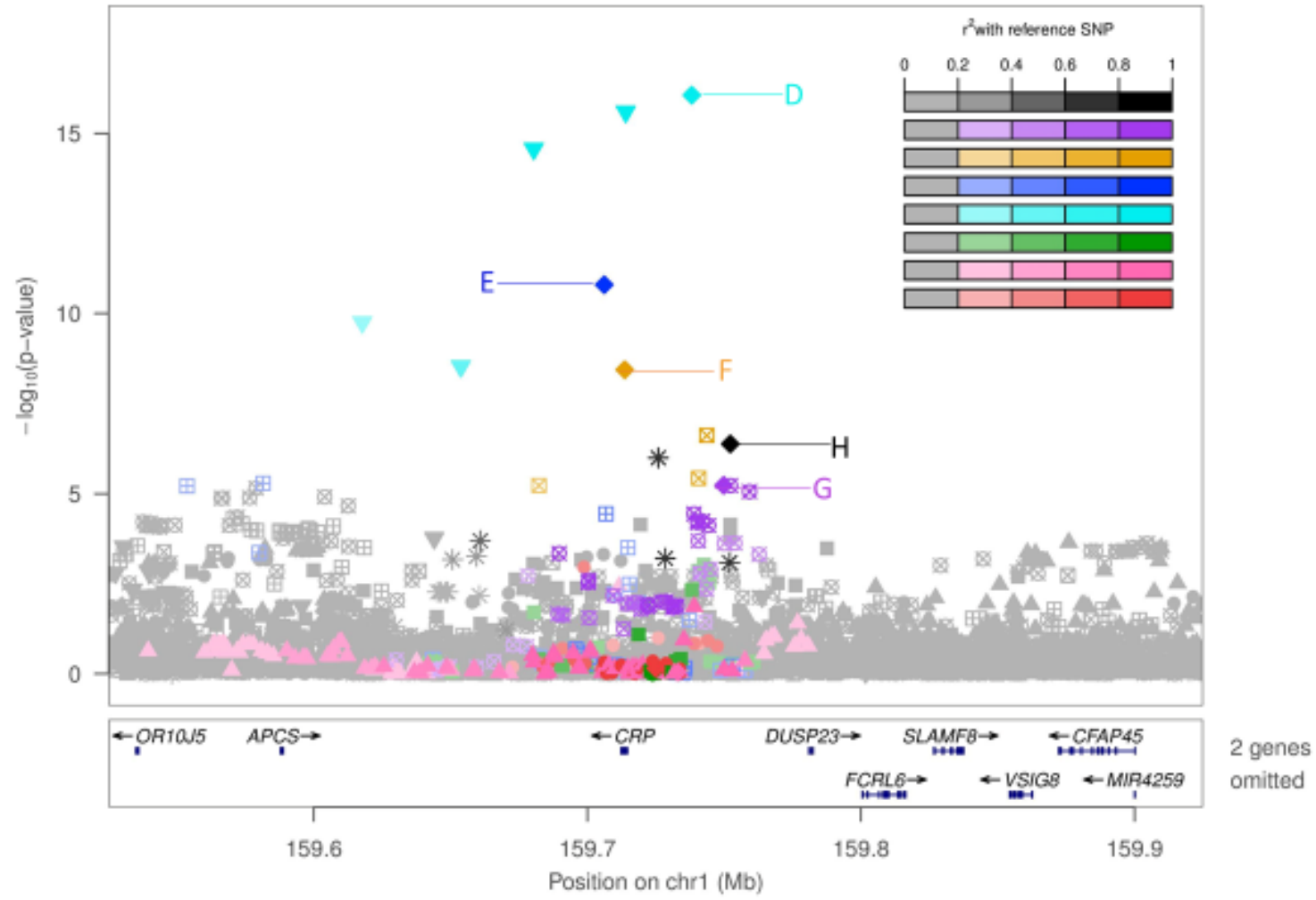
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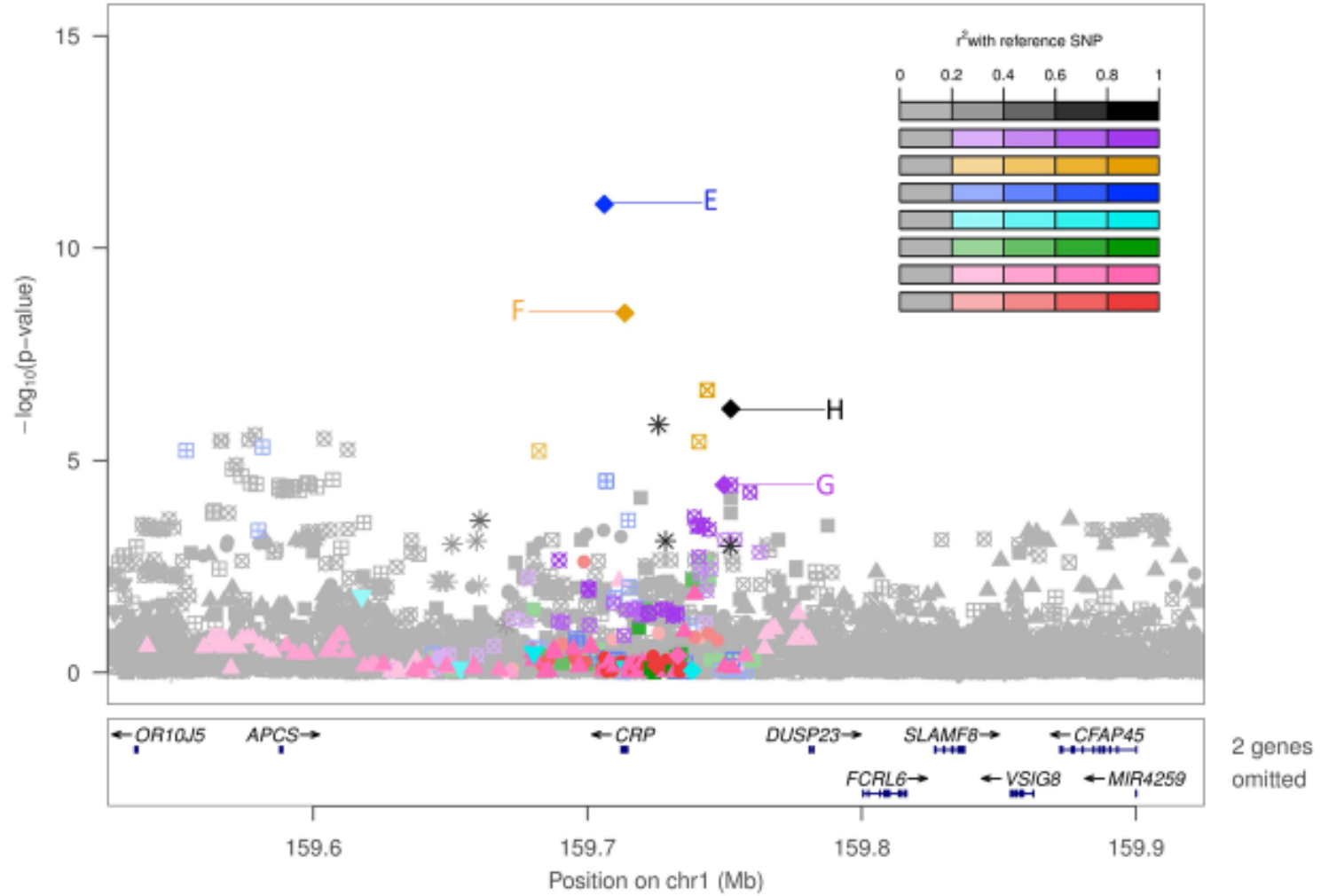
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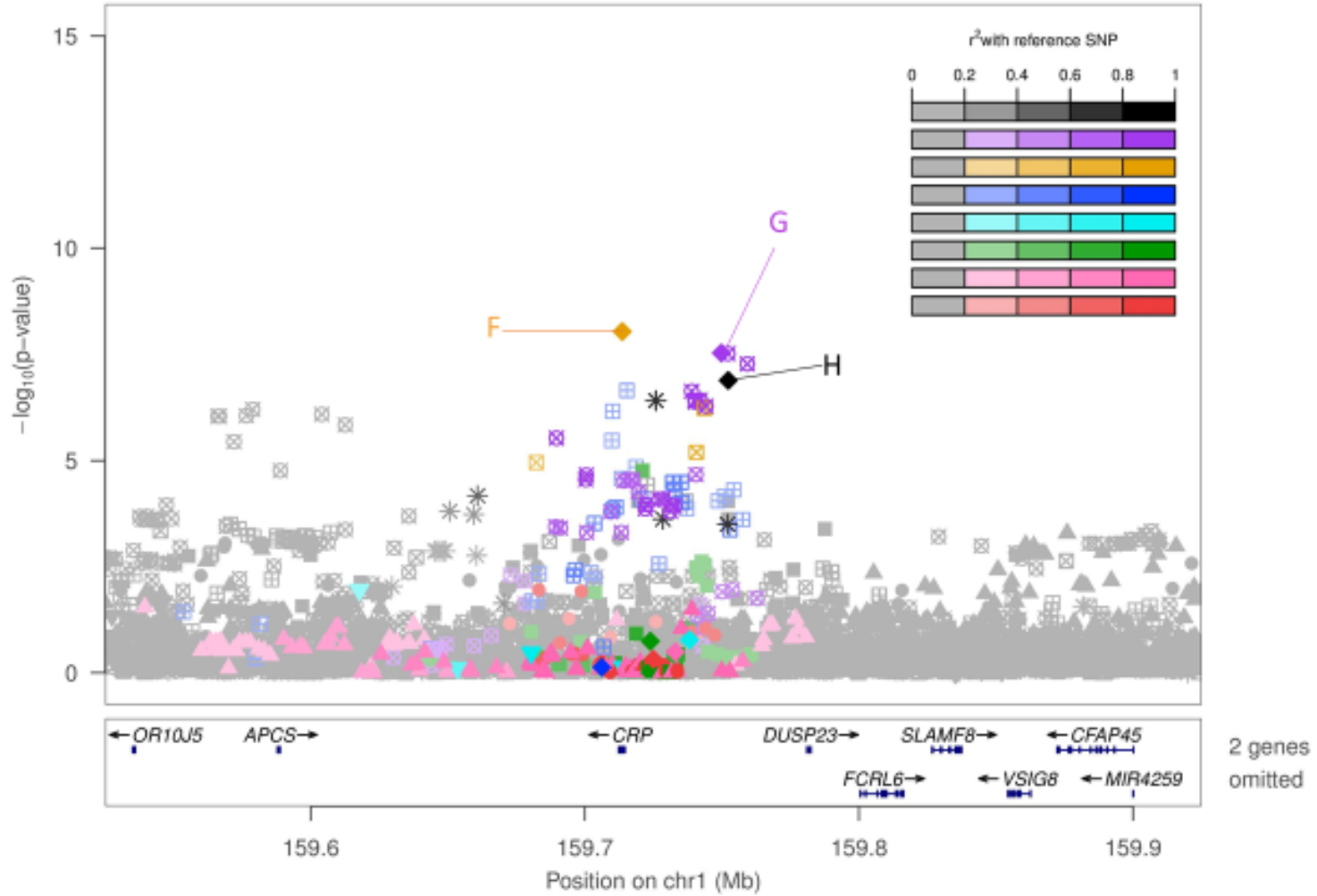
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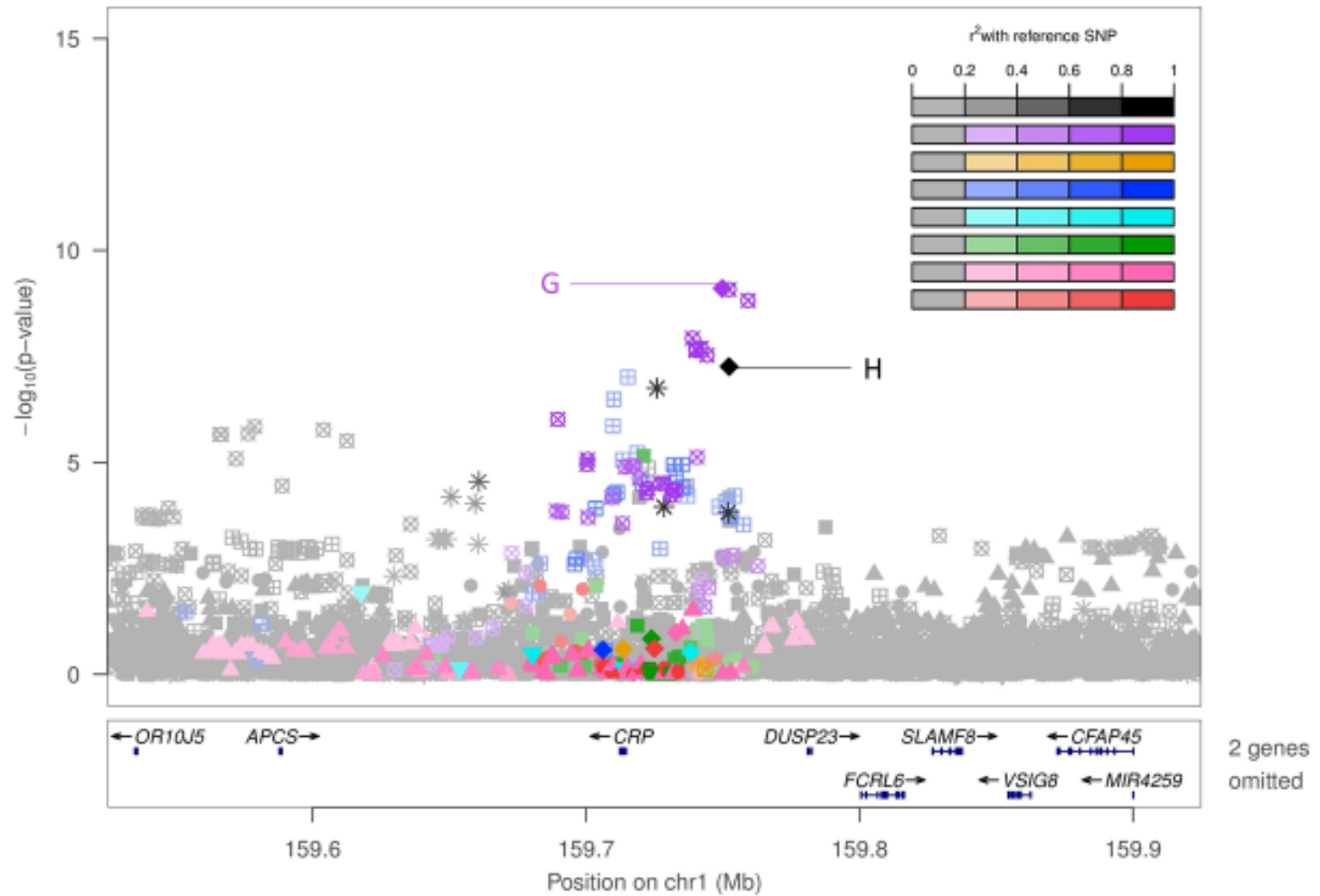


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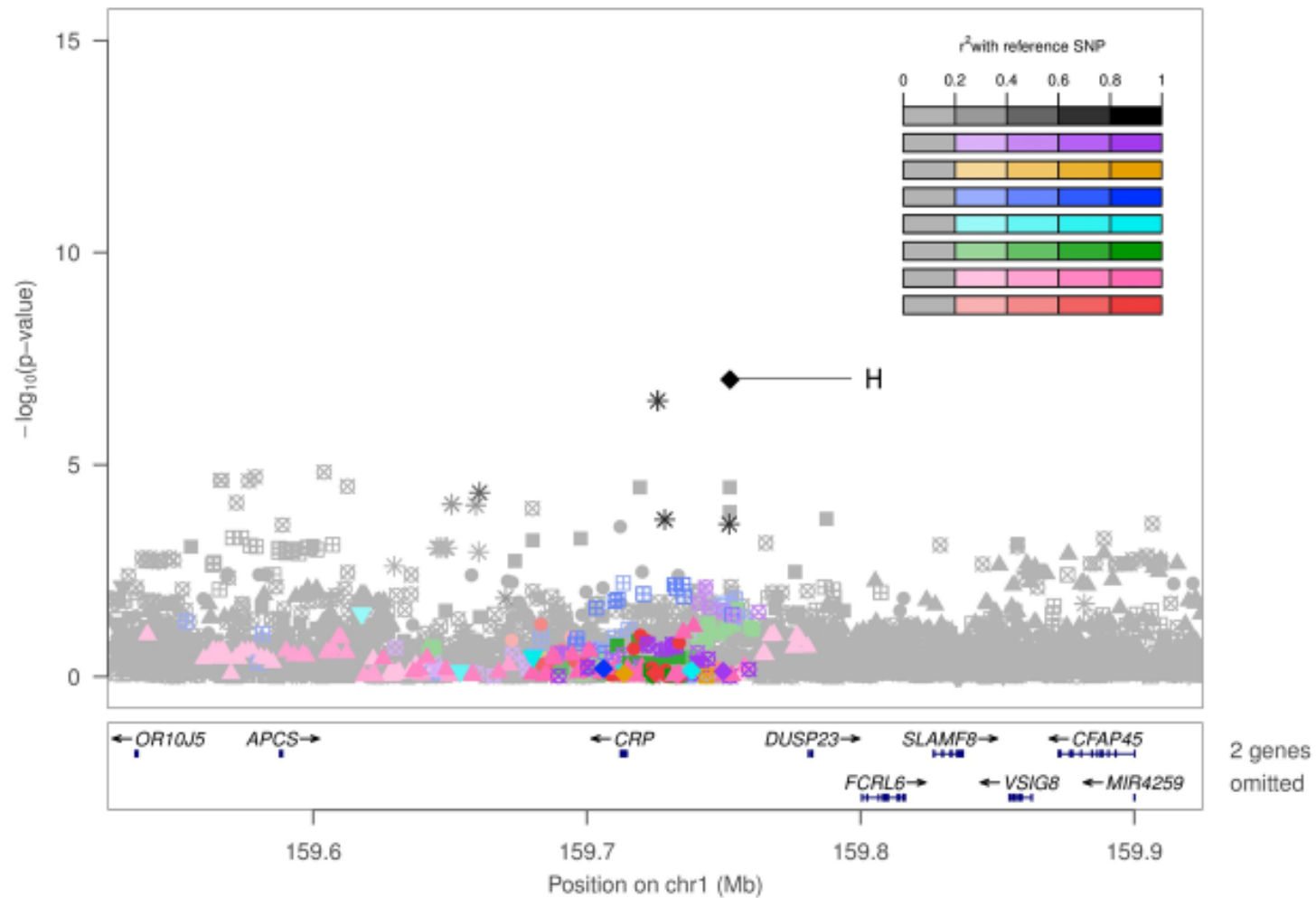




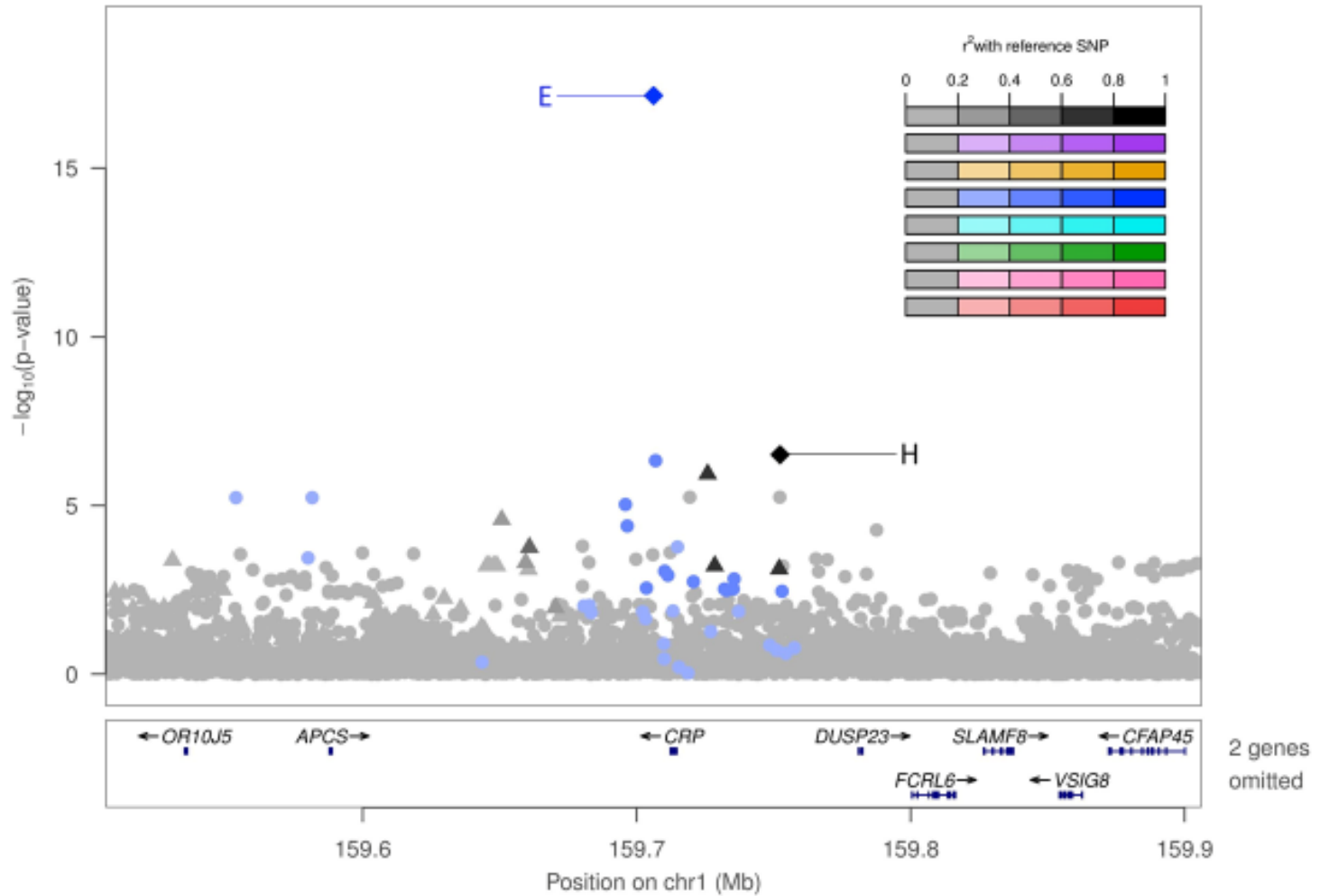
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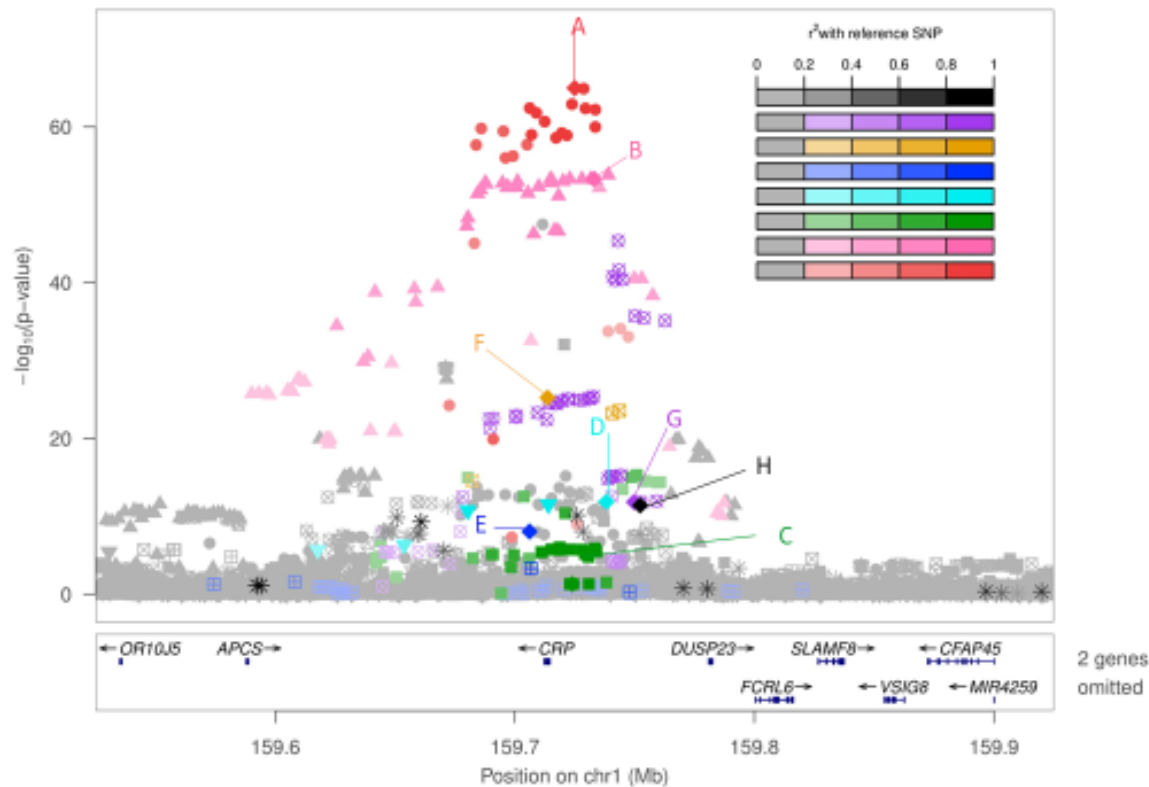


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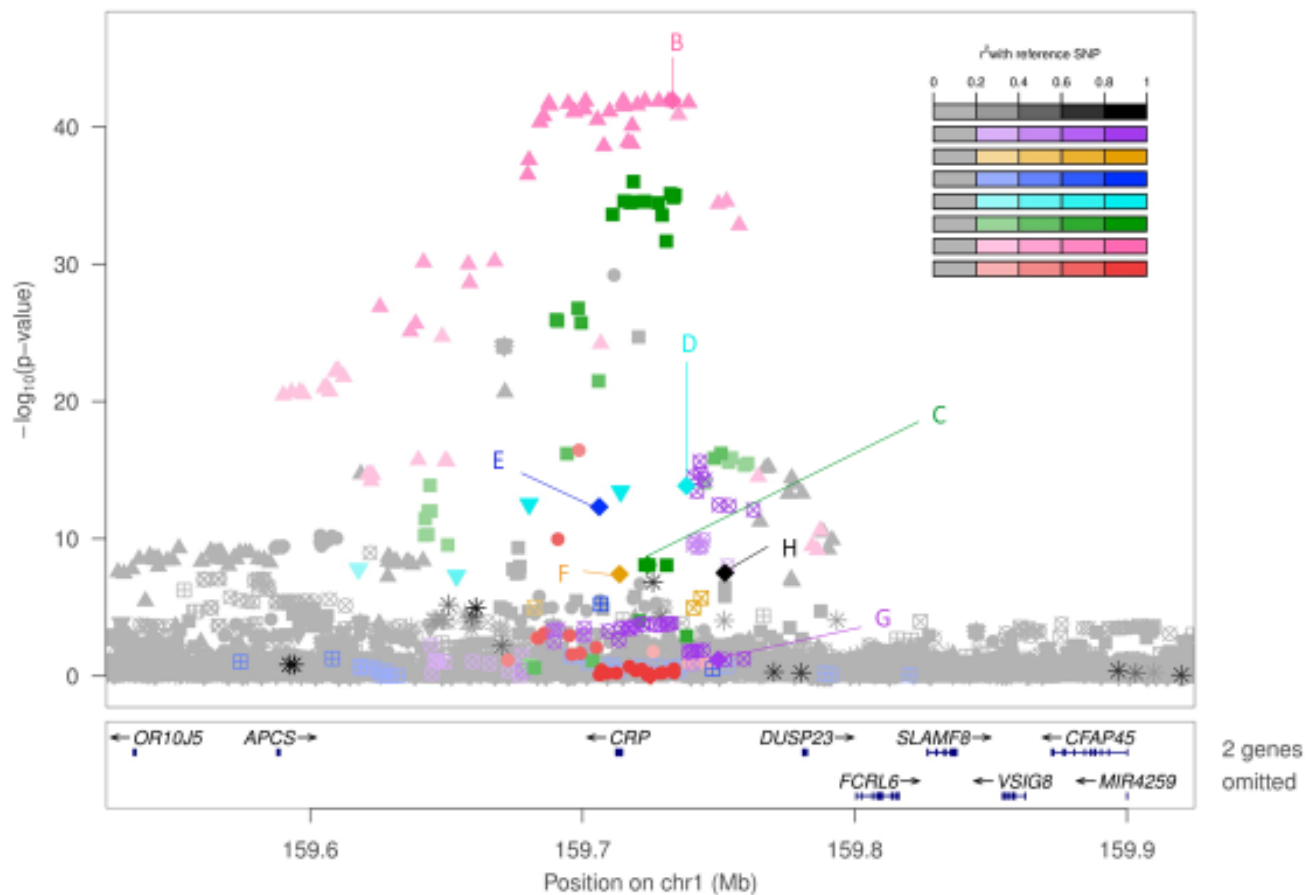


**Figure S3: LocusZoom plots for sequential conditional analysis results at *CRP* locus, as well as plot of *CRP* locus adjusting for all previously identified *CRP* locus variants, with ancestry stratified LD reference panels.**

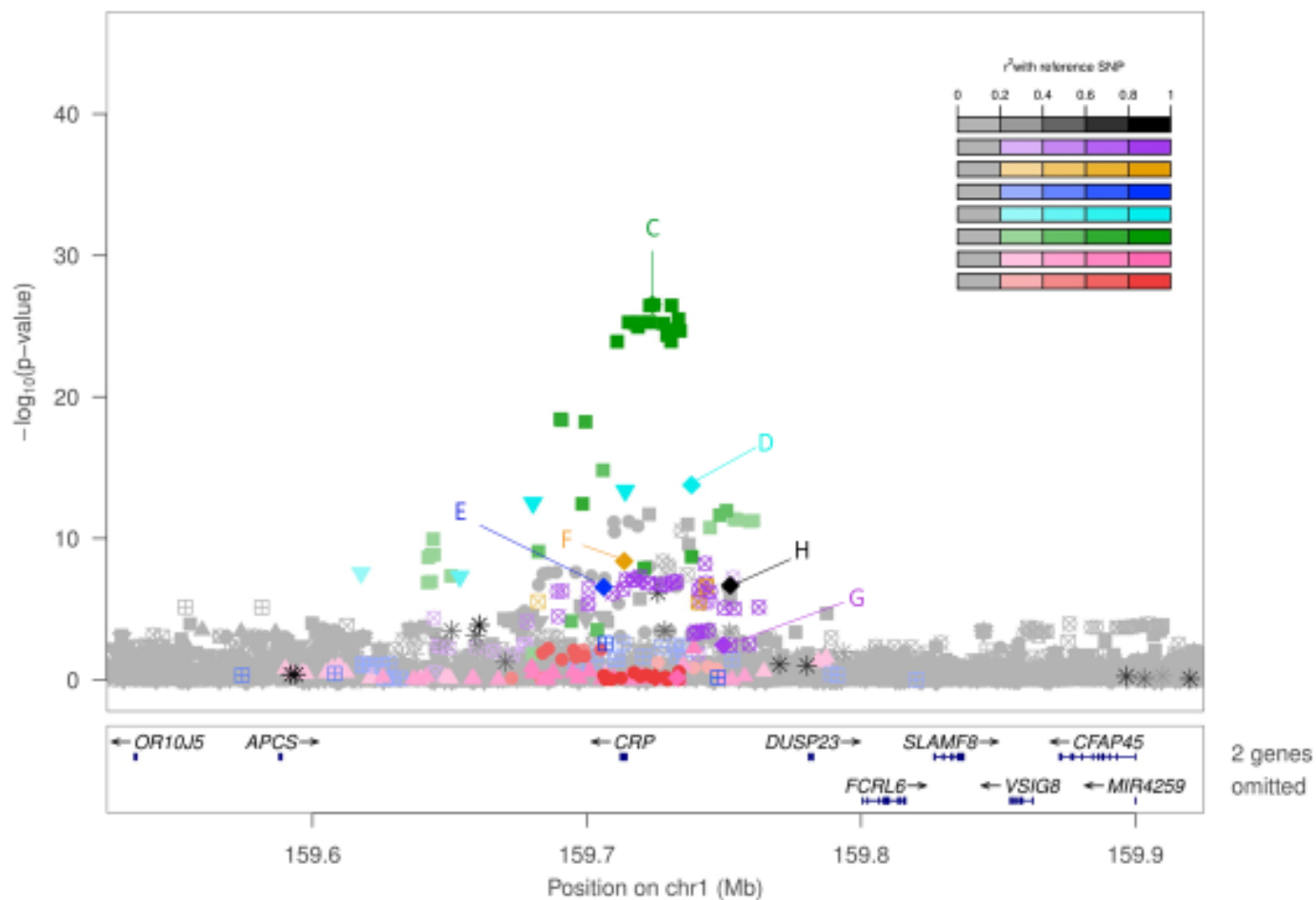
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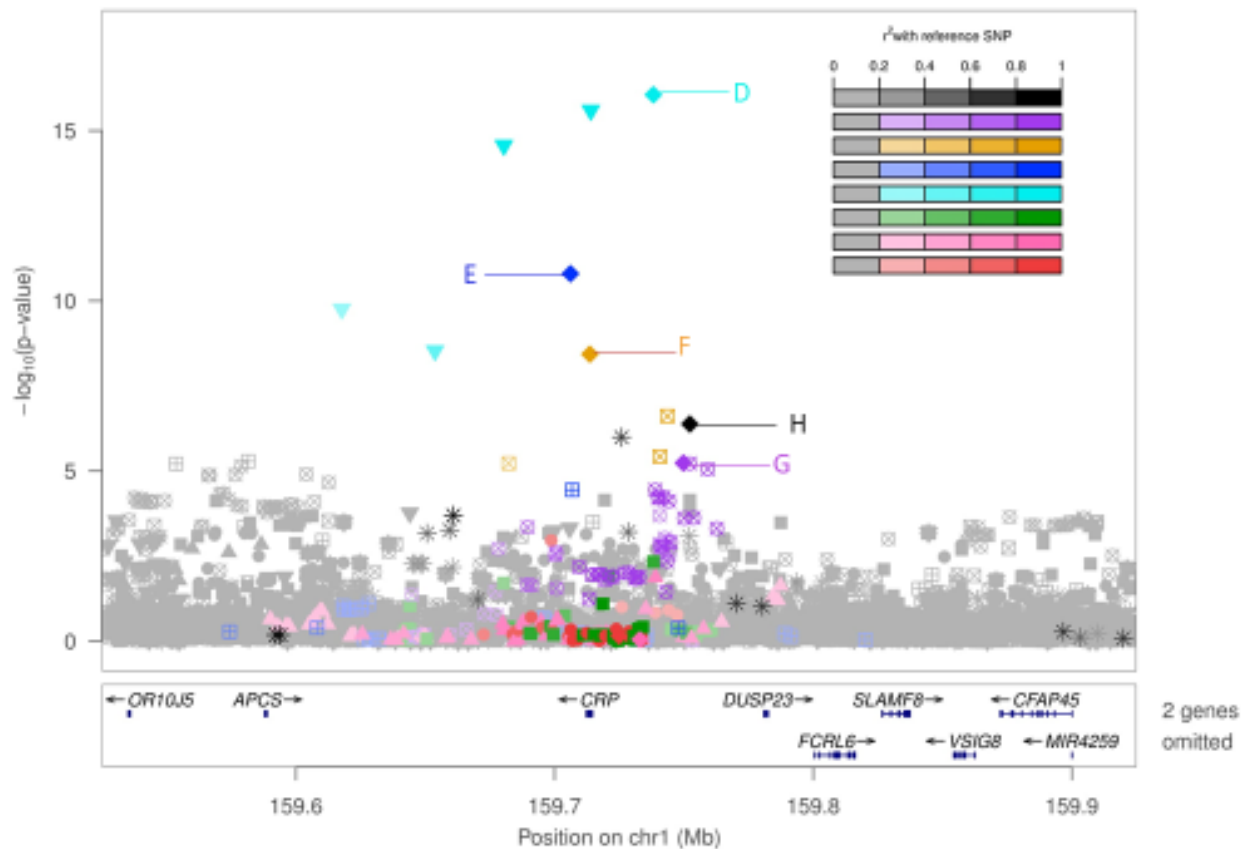
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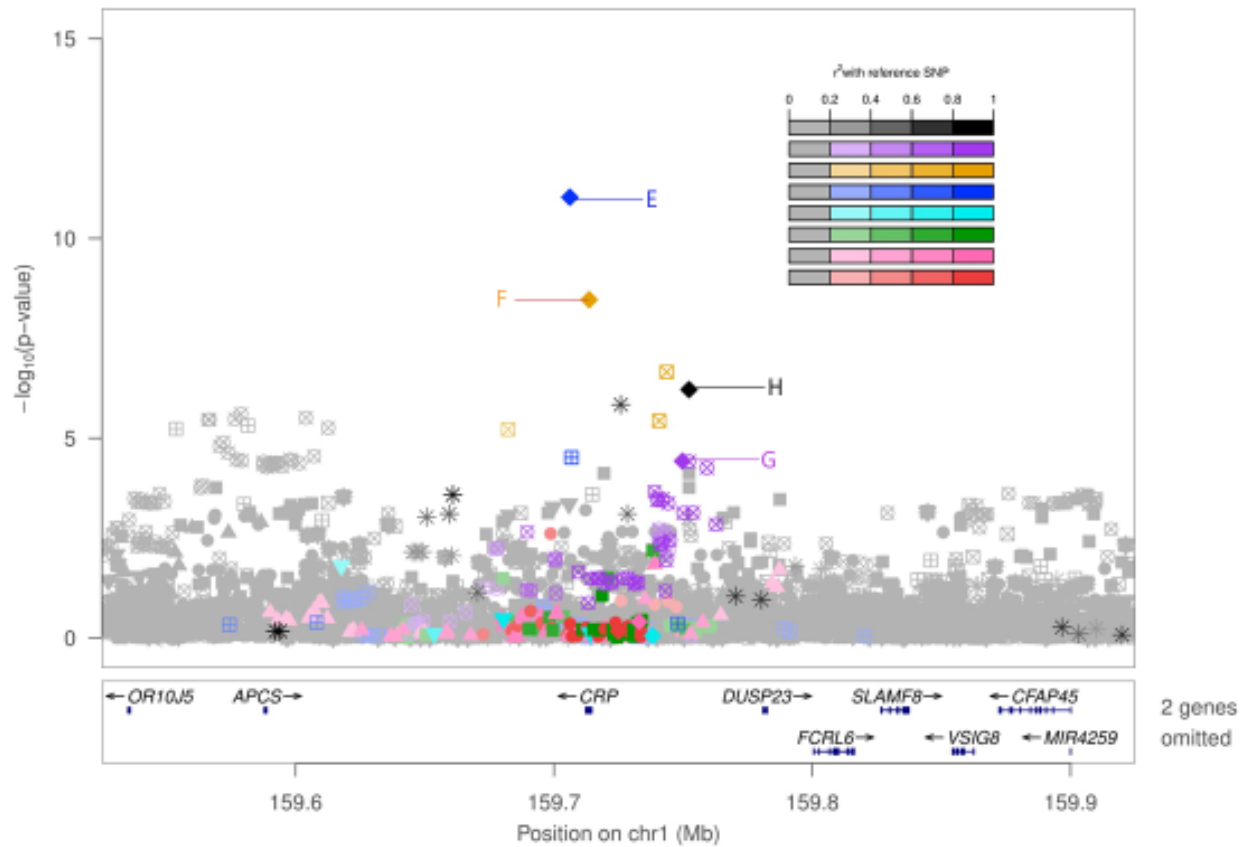
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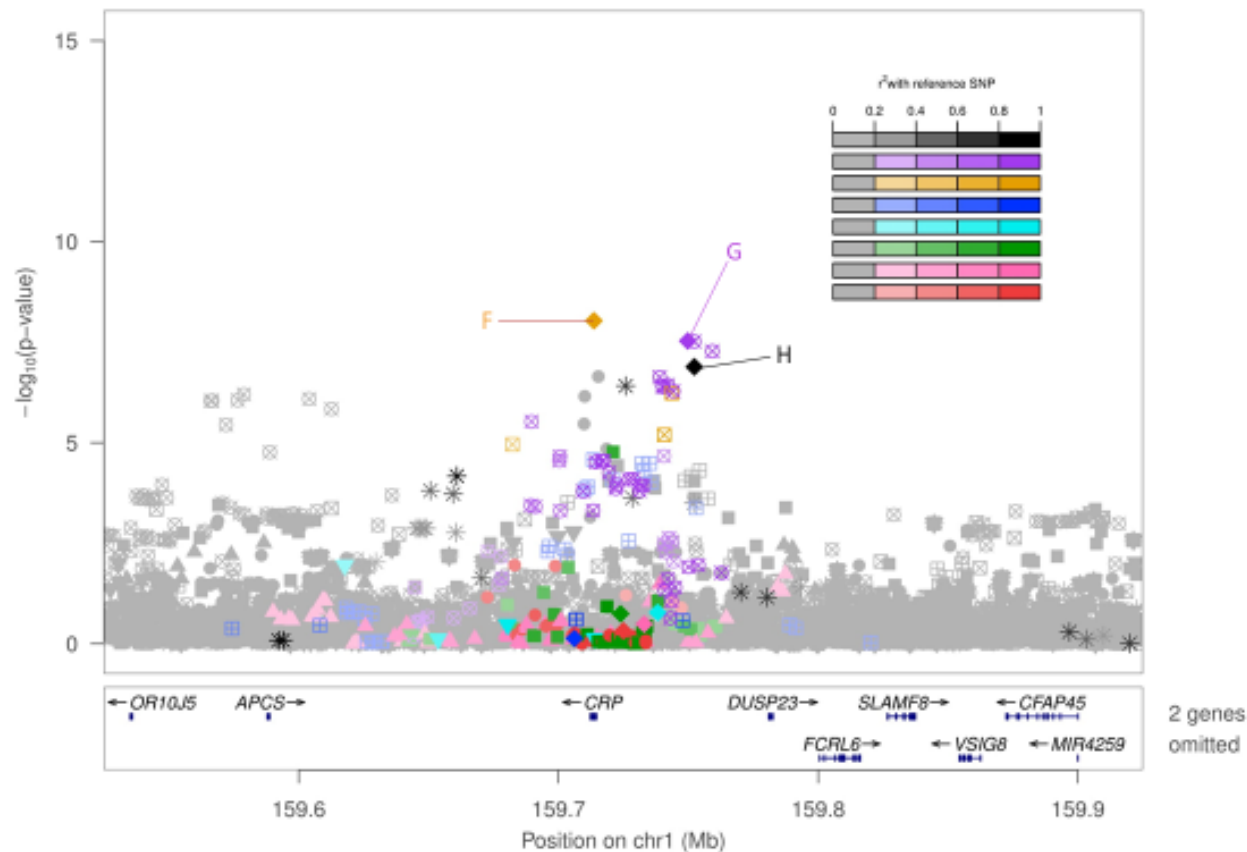


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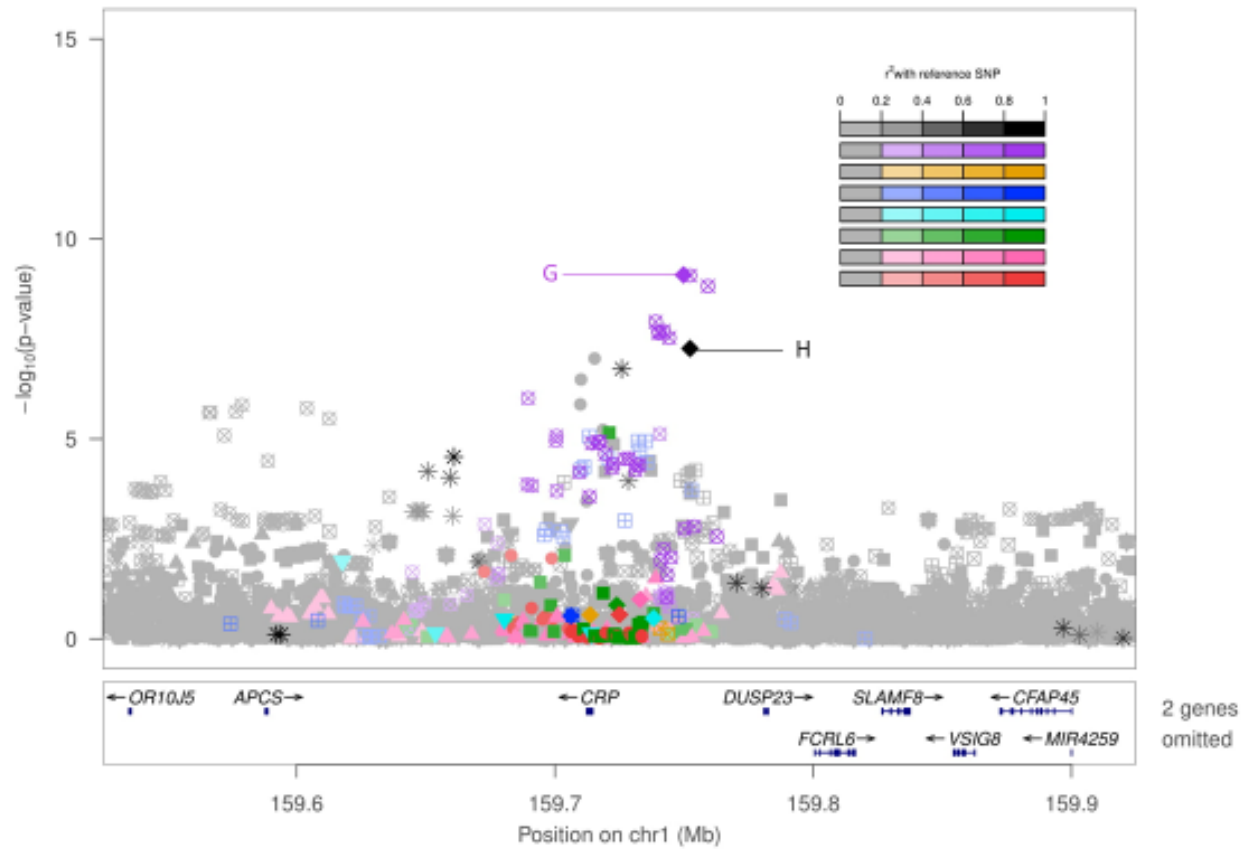




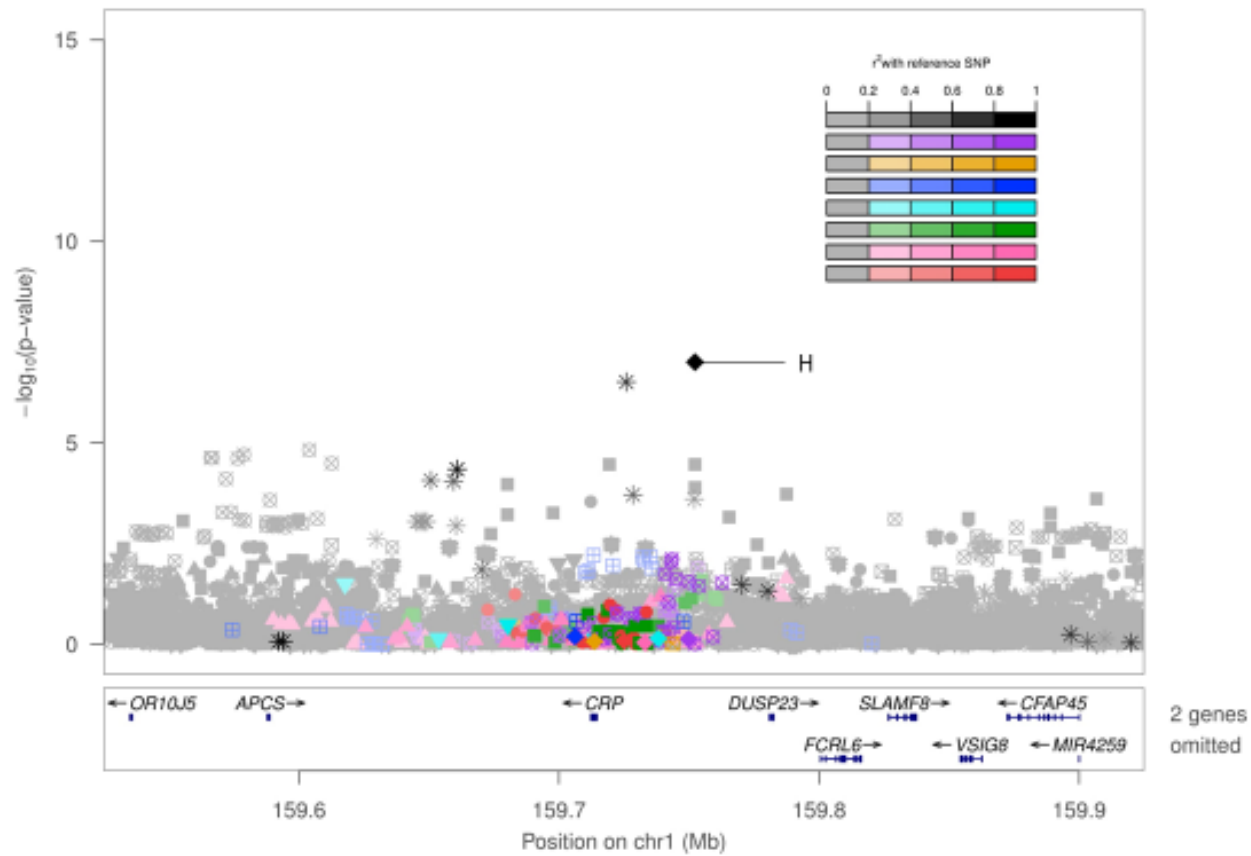
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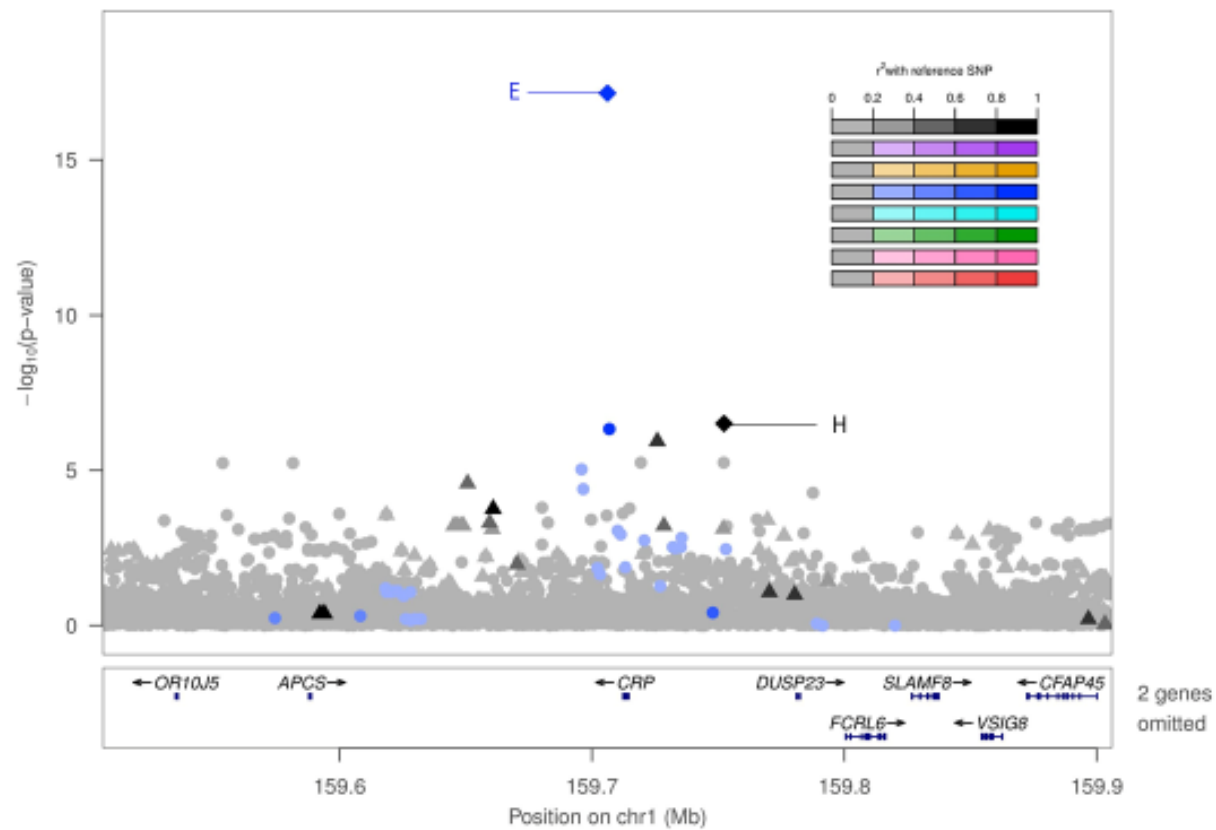
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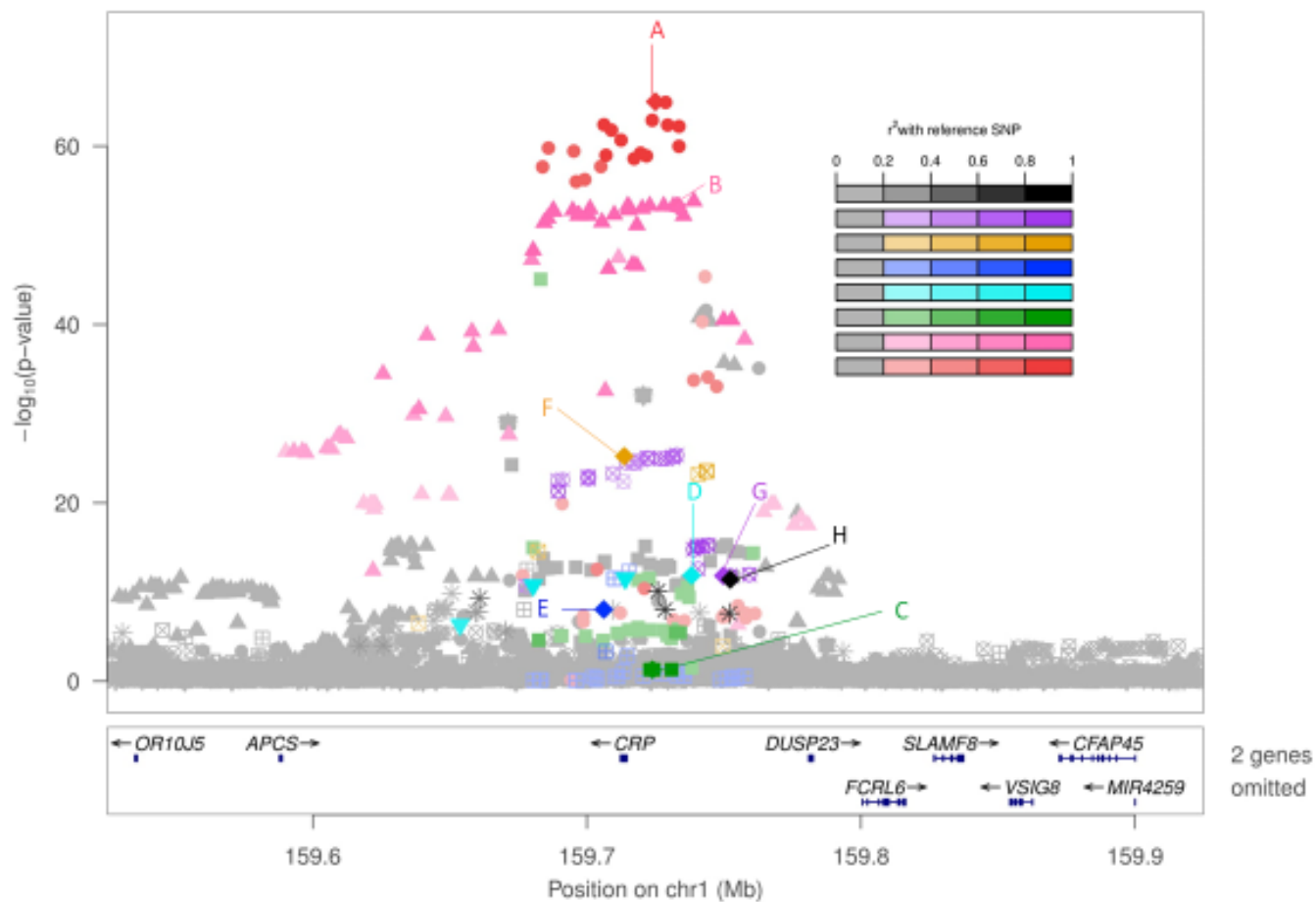
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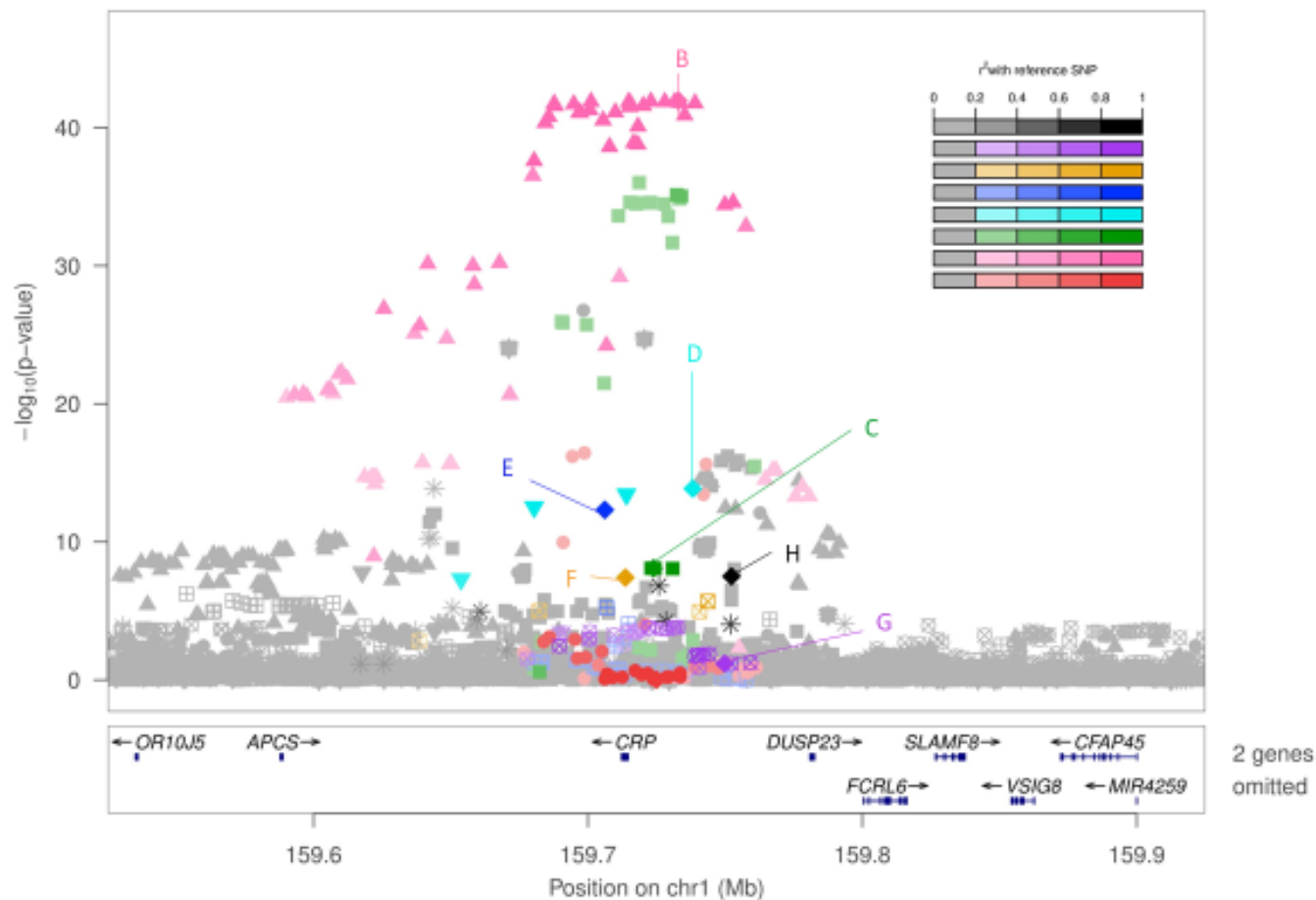
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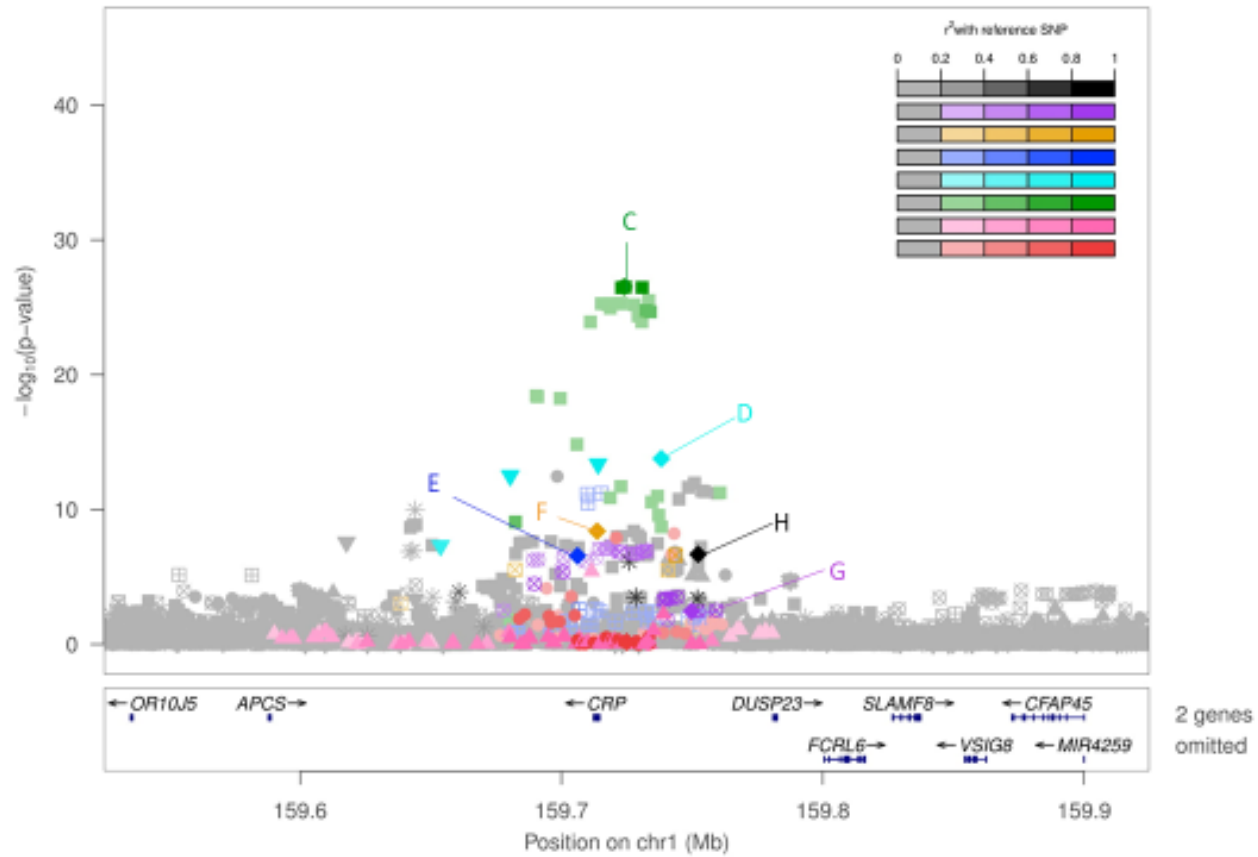
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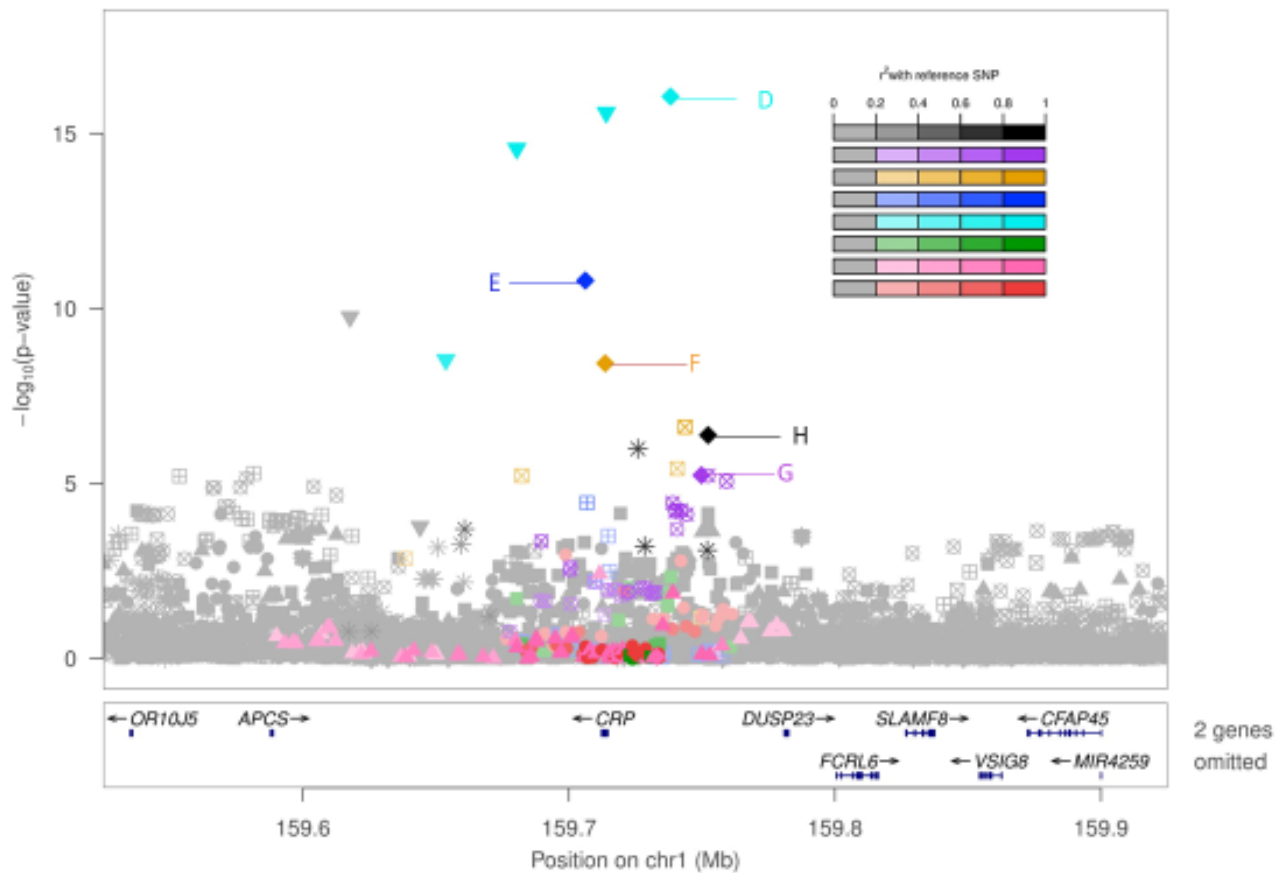
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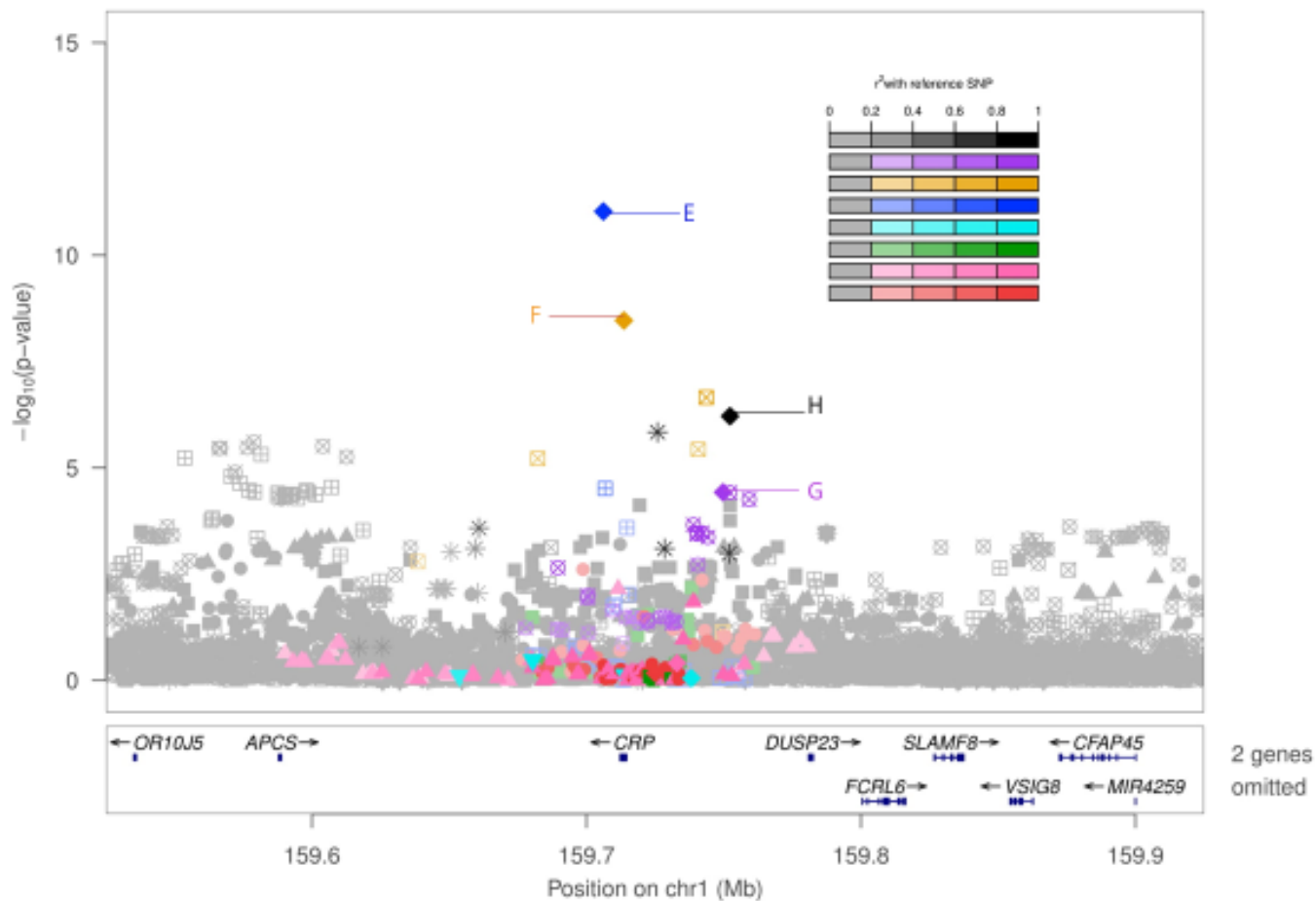


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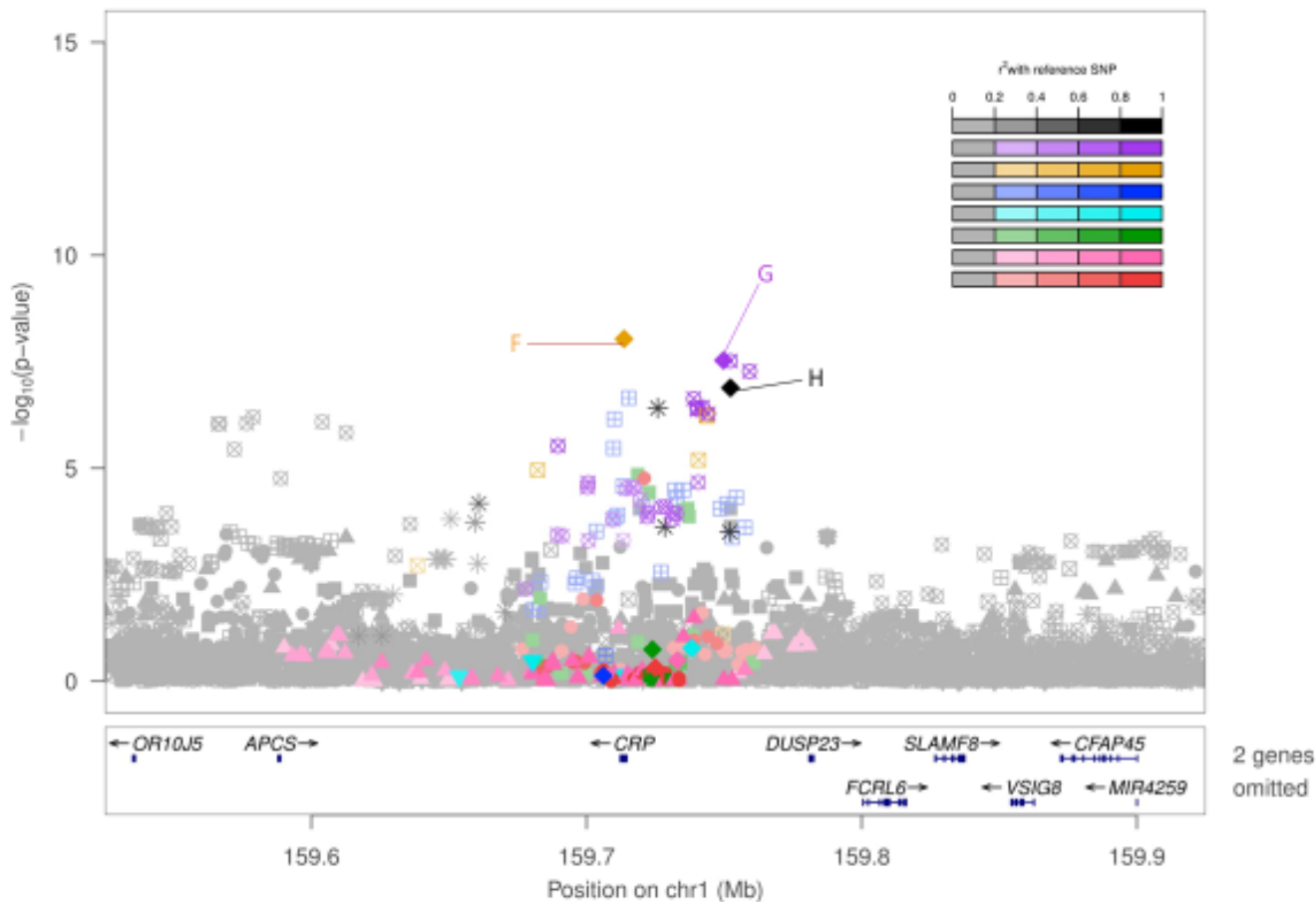




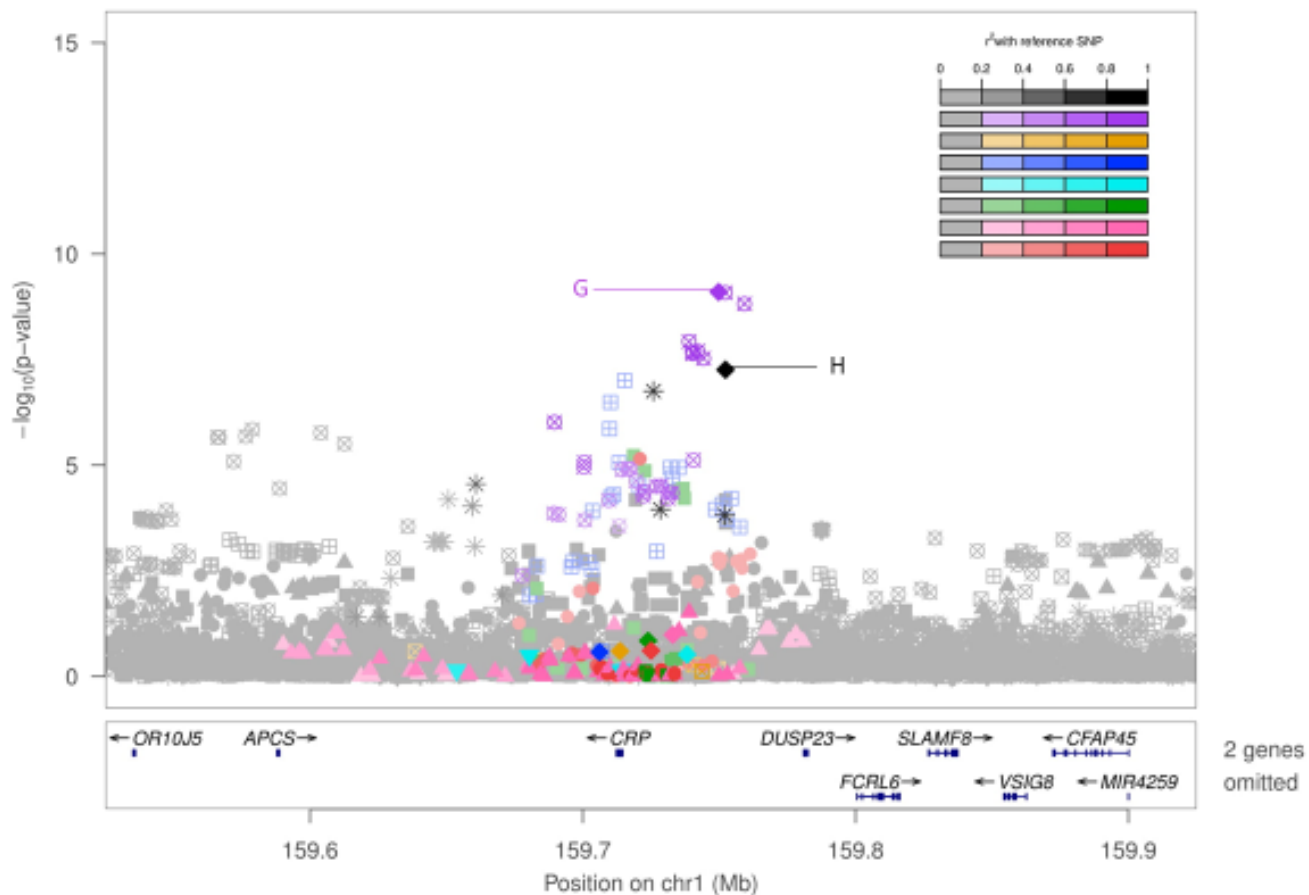
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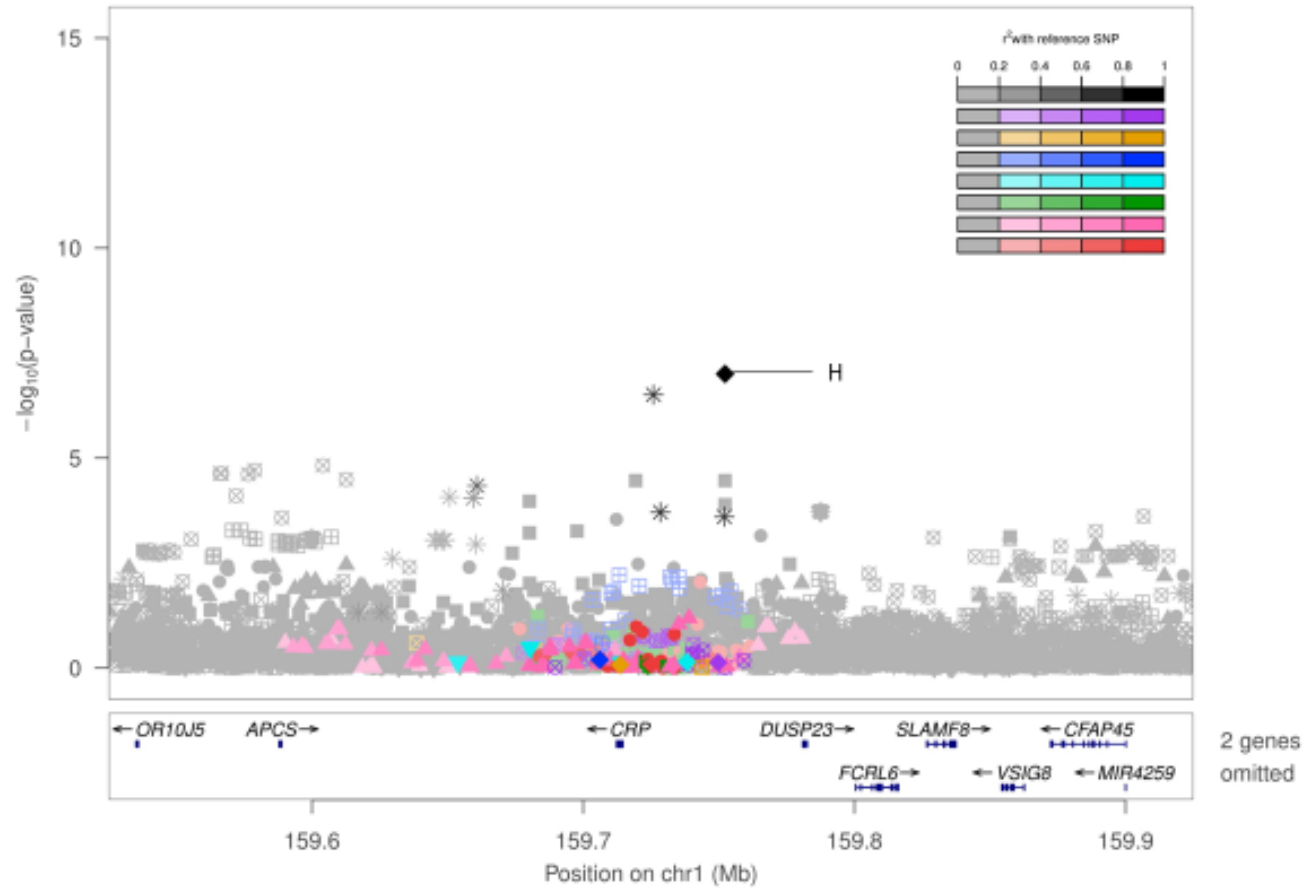
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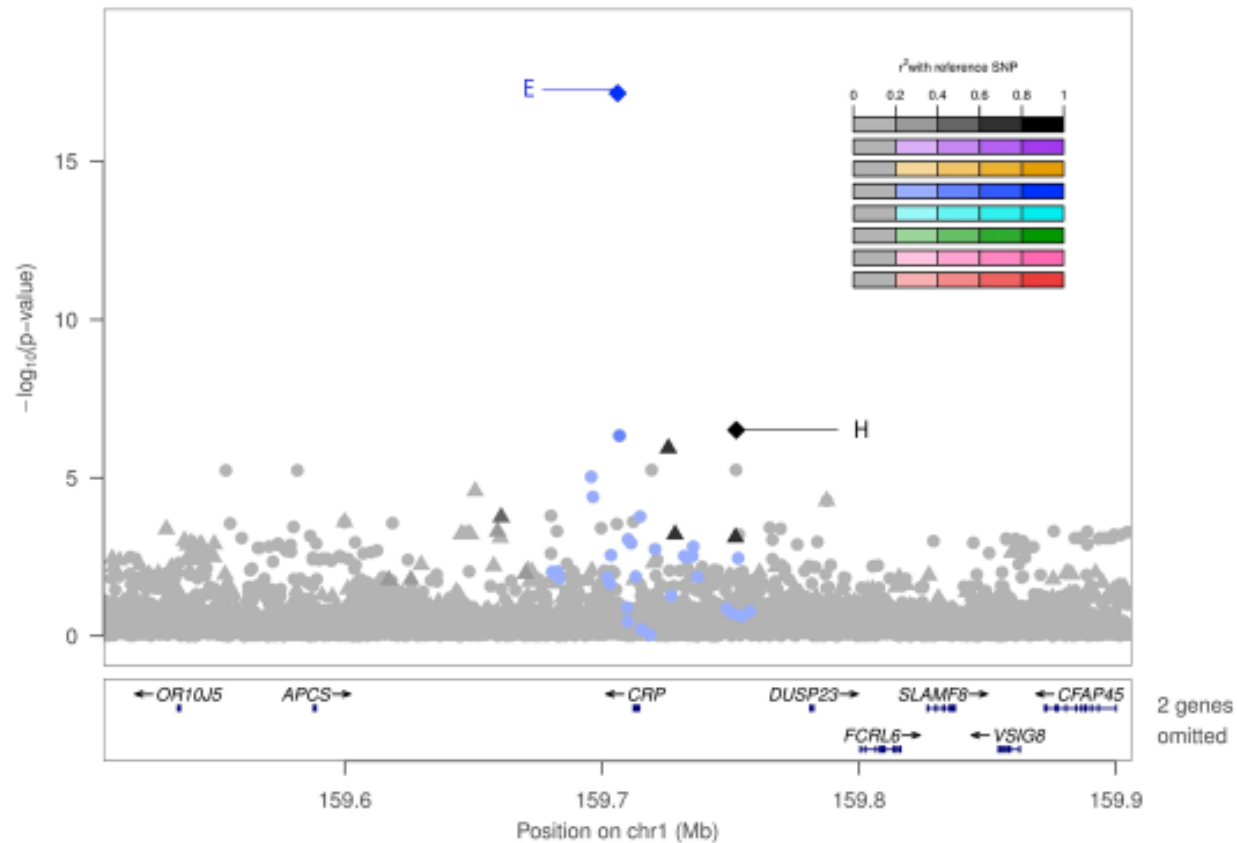
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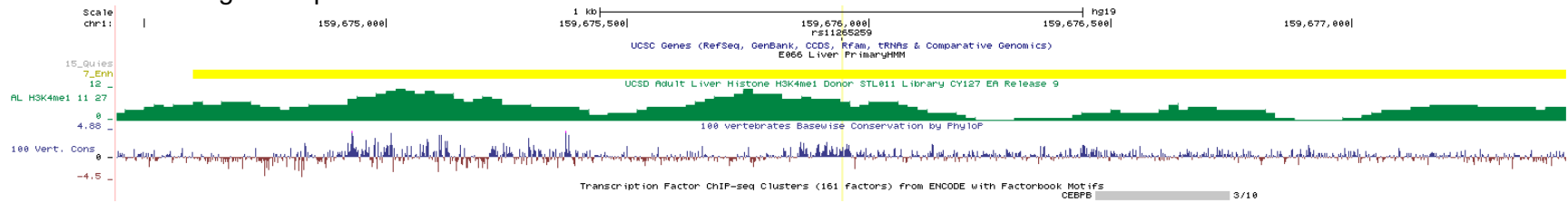
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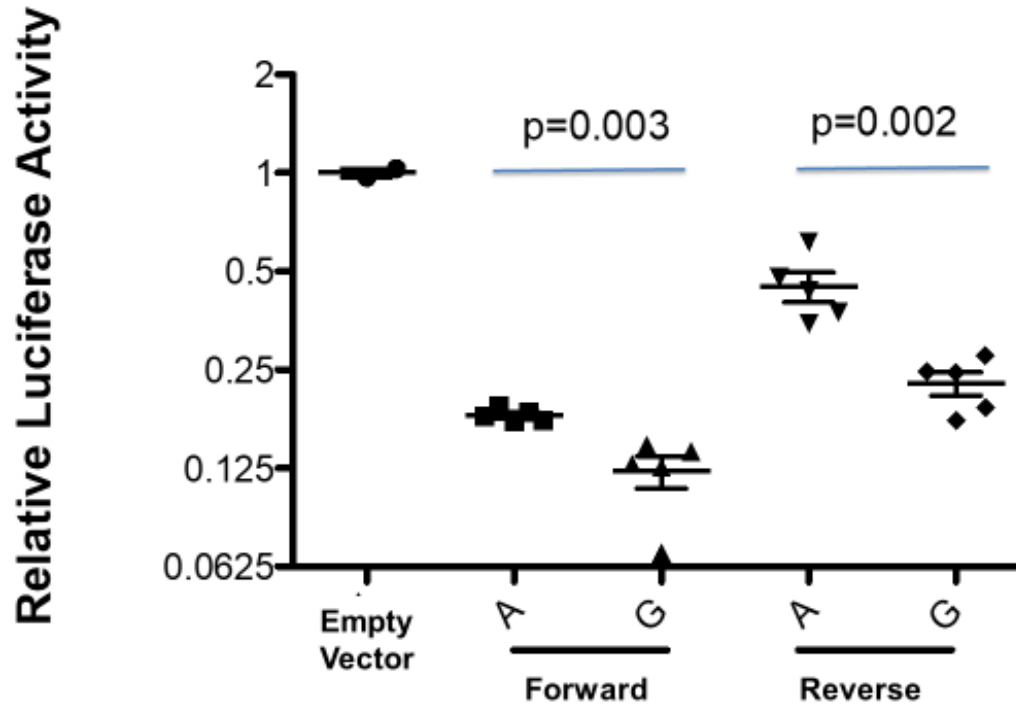


**Figure S4: Functional annotation information for rs11265259.** Genome browser plot for rs11265259, displaying UCSC genes, chromHMM annotation in adult liver (yellow=enhancer, green=weak transcription, red=transcription start site) from RoadMap Epigenomics, H3K4me1 signal from adult liver, 100 vertebrates basewise conservation by PhyloP, and transcription factor ChIP-seq clusters from ENCODE (161 factor version, motifs highlighted in green, proportion cell types detected/ total number of cell types assayed displayed). Unlike in the plot for rs181704186, we did not display GeneHancer due to lack of any relevant signals. No other variants have linkage disequilibrium  $r^2 \geq 0.8$  with lead variant rs11265259.

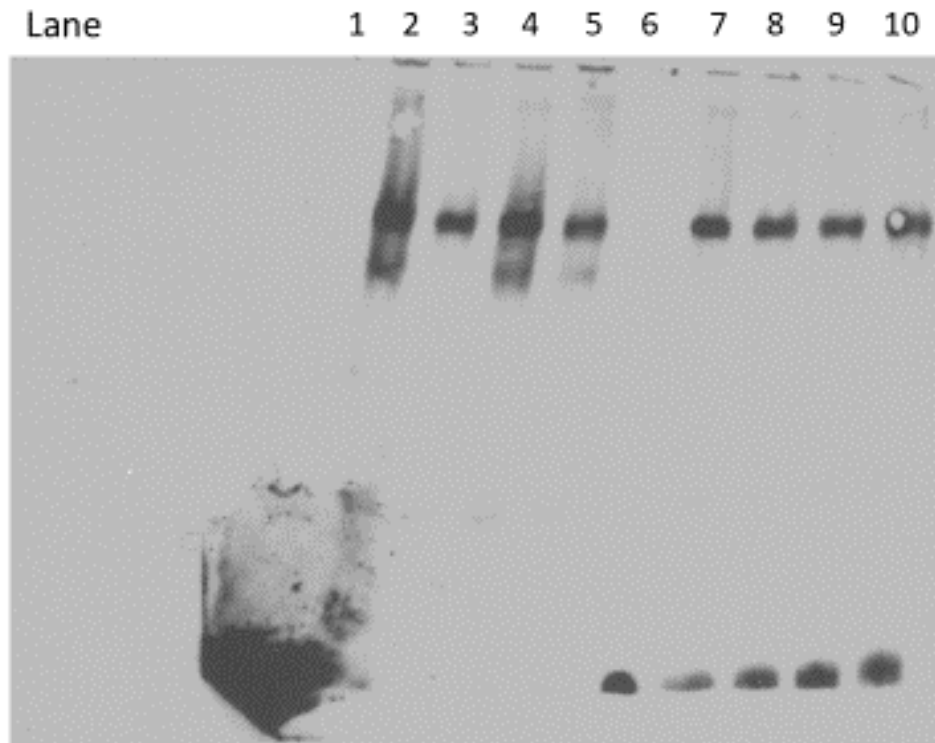


**Figure S5: Additional Information for Functional Assays.**

a. Additional luciferase assay for rs181704186. Blue lines indicate the groups compared for each listed p-value.



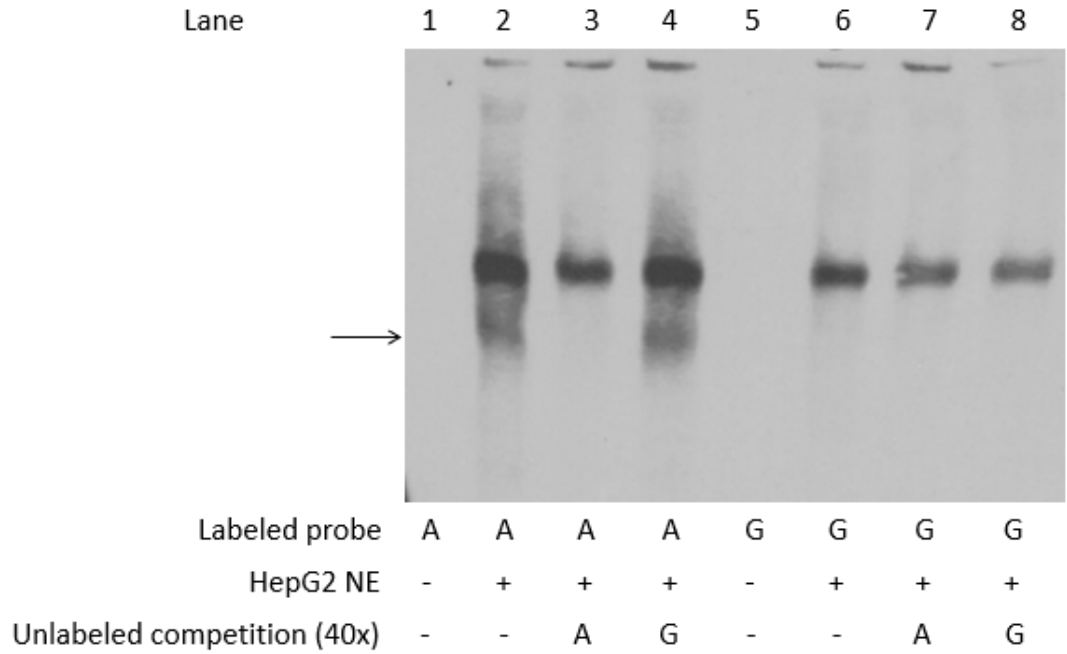
b. Full EMSA from main text Figure 2. NE, nuclear extract.



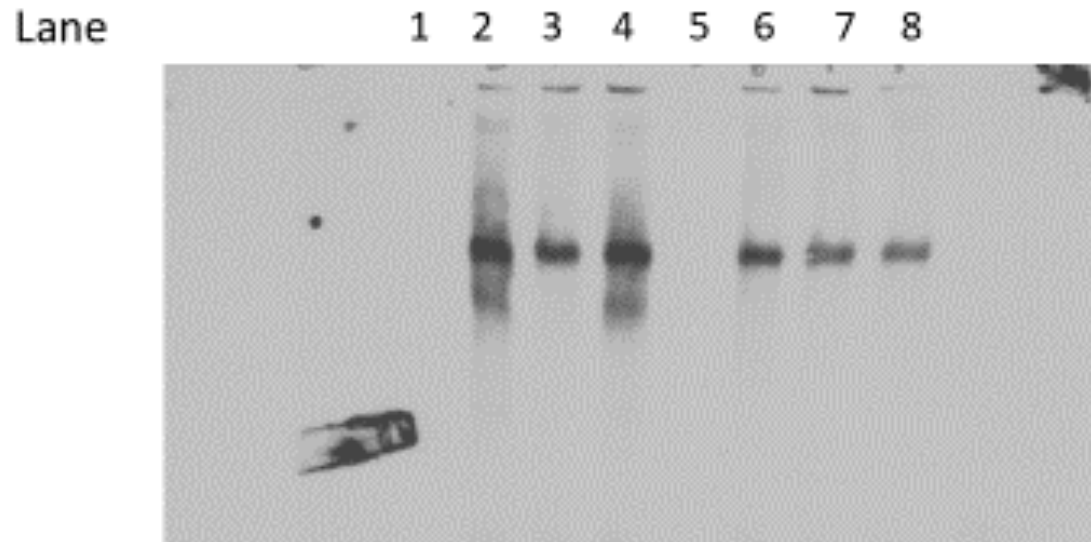
Lane	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Labeled probe	A	A	A	A	A	G	G	G	G	G
HepG2 NE	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Unlabeled competition (40x)	-	-	A	G	-	-	-	A	G	-
CEBPB antibody	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+



c. Additional replicate of EMSA for rs181704186. EMSA with biotin-labeled probes containing the A or G allele of rs181704186 shows an allele-specific band (arrow; lane 2 versus 6) that is competed away by 40-fold excess of unlabeled probe containing the A allele (lane 3), but unaffected by a 40-fold excess of probe containing the G allele (lane 4). NE, nuclear extract.



d. Full EMSA from Figure S4c.



Labeled probe	A	A	A	A	G	G	G	G
HepG2 NE	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Unlabeled competition (40x)	-	-	A	G	-	-	A	G

**Table S1: Cohort demographic characteristics and C-reactive protein assays.**

Study	N	Mean (SD) Age	% female	Mean (SD) C-reactive Protein	Self-Reported Ancestry	Case/control status (if used for sample selection)	Assay
Atherosclerosis Risk in Communities (ARIC)	2,433	63.7 (5.6)	51.1%	4.3 (6.2)	95.9% EA, 4.1% AA	Case 5.5% (VTE or atrial fibrillation), control 94.5%	BNII analyzer (Siemens Healthcare Diagnostics, Deerfield, Illinois) <sup>1</sup>
Cleveland Family Study (CFS)	570	42.3 (18.7)	56.0%	4.4 (6.1)	42.1% EA, 54.9% AA, 3.0% Multiple	NA	Dade Behring BNII nephelometer
Framingham Heart Study (FHS)	3,151	53.0 (14.3)	53.5%	3.5 (5.1)	EA	NA	Dade Behring BN 100 High Sensitivity CRP Agent, Dade Behring CardioPhase hsCRP, Roche cobas c501 CRP High Sensitivity Assay
Genetic Epidemiology of COPD (COPDGene)	504	63.6 (8.7)	51.0%	4.8 (5.8)	EA	NA	Myriad RBM custom multiplex <sup>2</sup>
Genetic Studies of Atherosclerosis Risk (GeneSTAR)	1,525	43.0 (11.9)	60.3%	2.9 (3.1)	55.6% EA, 44.4% AA	NA	Dako and E80C
Jackson Heart Study (JHS)	3,035	55.5 (12.8)	61.9%	5.0 (7.3)	AA	NA	Immunoturbidimetric CRP-Latex assay (Kamiya Biomedical Company, Seattle, WA) using a Hitachi 911 analyzer (Roche Diagnostics, Indianapolis, IN) <sup>3</sup>
Multi-Ethnic Study of Atherosclerosis (MESA) and MESA Family	4,289	61.1 (9.8)	51.5%	3.5 (4.9)	38.7% EA, 27.2% AA, 21.5% HL, 12.6% AS	NA	BNII nephelometer (Dade-Behring) <sup>4</sup>

Old Order Amish	988	49.4 (16.1)	50.1%	2.0 (3.4)	EA	NA	Nephelometry
Women's Health Initiative (WHI)	6,784	67.2 (6.7)	100.0%	4.9 (6.3)	18.5% AA, 78.7% EA, 3.9% HL, 0.7% AS 0.7 AI/AN, 0.2% Other	Case 47.1% (stroke and VTE), control 52.9%	Multiple assays, including BNII Nephelometer, DiaSorin, hs-immunotechnique - Behring analyzer (Denka Seiken; Niigata, Japan), Immulite Analyzer, a Roche Modular P Chemistry analyzer, SPQ High Sensitivity Reagent Hitachi Analyzer

Note that some individuals identify both as of African American or European American ancestry and as Hispanic/Latino.  
Abbreviations: EA, European American; AA, African American; HL, Hispanic/Latino; AS, East Asian; AI/AN American Indians/Alaska Natives; VTE, venous thromboembolism; SD, standard deviation; NA, not applicable

**Table S2a: Lead variants and number of distinct signals in European American specific association analysis**

<b>Locus</b>	<b>Lead Variant</b>	<b>Annotation</b>	<b>P-value</b>	<b>Beta</b>	<b>Effect Allele Frequency</b>	<b>Effect Allele</b>	<b>Number of distinct signals</b>	<b>Sequential Conditioning Lead Variants</b>
<i>LEPR</i>	rs6588153	intronic	6.5E-16	-0.10	0.37	A	1	
<i>IL6R</i>	rs61812598	intronic	1.8E-07	-0.06	0.40	A	1	
<i>CRP</i>	rs2211320	intergenic	7.7E-39	-0.16	0.32	A	4	rs4425982, rs553202904, rs1800947
<i>NLRP3</i>	rs10157379	intronic	1.1E-05	0.05	0.62	T	0	
<i>GCKR</i>	rs1260326	missense, p.Leu446Pro ( <i>GCKR</i> )	1.2E-12	-0.09	0.58	C	1	
<i>IL1F10</i>	rs28648961	intergenic	1.1E-07	0.07	0.40	A	1	
<i>HNF1A</i>	rs11065384	intronic	1.0E-25	0.13	0.67	C	1	
<i>APOE</i>	rs429358	missense, p.Cys130Arg ( <i>APOE4</i> )	1.6E-42	-0.24	0.13	C	1	

Analysis was performed at 8 loci (500 kb  $\pm$  genome-wide significant variants) identified in the pooled ancestry analysis. We used the same locus-wide thresholds as pooled ancestry analysis in Table 1.

**Table S2b: Lead variants and number of distinct signals in African American-specific association analysis**

Locus	Lead Variant	Annotation	P-value	Beta	Effect Allele Frequency	Effect Allele	Number of distinct signals	Sequential Conditioning Lead Variants
<i>LEPR</i>	rs112200619	intronic	1.9E-05	-0.66	0.003	C	0	
<i>IL6R</i>	rs4129267	intronic	1.2E-06	-0.13	0.14	T	1	
<i>CRP</i>	rs112563958	intergenic	8.6E-43	0.32	0.17	T	5	rs4428887, rs3122014, rs11265259, rs181704186
<i>NLRP3</i>	rs56188865	intronic	1.1E-07	-0.09	0.52	C	1	
<i>GCKR</i>	rs556974380	intergenic	8.0E-04	0.50	0.003	C	0	
<i>IL1F10</i>	rs6734238	intergenic	2.2E-06	0.08	0.45	G	1	
<i>HNF1A</i>	rs1169284	intronic	3.6E-06	-0.10	0.24	C	1	
<i>APOE</i>	rs429358	missense, p.Cys130Arg ( <i>APOE4</i> )	1.3E-21	-0.21	0.21	C	1	

Analysis was performed at 8 loci (500 kb  $\pm$  genome-wide significant variants) identified in the pooled ancestry analysis. We used the same locus-wide thresholds as pooled ancestry analysis in Table 1.

**Table S3: Results from African American and European American stratified analyses for eight signals detected at *CRP* locus in pooled ancestry results (unconditioned).**

Signal	Variant	Beta EA	P-value EA	EAF EA	Beta AA	P-value AA	EAF AA	LD with EA leads	LD with AA leads
<b>A</b>	rs7551731	-0.16	2.5E-38	0.33	-0.21	2.5E-23	0.22	r <sup>2</sup> =0.93 with rs2211320, lead signal	r <sup>2</sup> =0.89 with rs4428887, second signal
<b>B</b>	rs73024795	NA	NA	0.0005	0.33	2.5E-42	0.16		r <sup>2</sup> =0.70 with rs112563958, lead signal
<b>C</b>	rs2211321	0.03	5.2E-02	0.71	-0.11	4.9E-09	0.65	r <sup>2</sup> =0.98 with rs4425982, fourth signal	r <sup>2</sup> =0.36 with rs3122014, third signal
<b>D</b>	rs553202904	-0.71	8.2E-12	0.0031	NA	NA	0.0004	Third signal	
<b>E</b>	rs11265259	NA	NA	0.0004	-0.17	7.3E-08	0.09		Fourth signal
<b>F</b>	rs1800947	-0.24	1.7E-22	0.06	-0.29	4.6E-04	0.01	Second signal	
<b>G</b>	rs12734907	0.10	5.8E-16	0.34	-0.04	0.27	0.08		
<b>H</b>	rs181704186	NA	NA	0.0001	-0.59	3.9E-10	0.01		Fifth signal

We also list the linkage disequilibrium (if  $r^2 > 0.2$ ) between the eight *CRP* locus lead variants from the ancestry pooled analysis with the lead *CRP* locus variants identified in ancestry stratified *CRP* locus conditional analyses. Five locus-wide significant variants were identified at the *CRP* locus in African Americans, and four locus-wide significant variants were identified at *CRP* in European Americans. Abbreviations: AA, African American; EA, European American; EAF, effect allele frequency; LD, linkage disequilibrium with ancestry stratified conditional analysis results, from European (EUR) (for EA individuals) or African (AFR) (for AA individuals) 1000 Genomes phase 1; NA, not applicable (did not meet 0.1% minor allele frequency threshold). Effect alleles are listed in Table 2.

**Table S4: Previous genome-wide significant variants at the C-reactive protein (CRP) locus used for conditional analyses**

Variant	Position (Chr 1; GRCh38)	Reference	Included in conditional analysis?	r <sup>2</sup> <0.9 with other previously identified variants
rs3027012	159,204,333	<sup>5</sup>	Yes	No
rs56288844	159,330,024	<sup>5</sup>	Yes	No
rs6695494	159,603,761	<sup>5</sup>	Yes	No
rs149520992	159,697,727	<sup>5</sup>	Yes	No
rs72698571	159,701,146	<sup>5</sup>	Yes	No
rs12029262	159,709,406	<sup>5</sup>	Yes	No
rs3091244	159,714,875	<sup>5-7</sup>	No (FAIL variant-adjusted for in sensitivity analysis)	-
rs2246469	159,721,022	<sup>5</sup>	Yes	No
rs141729353	159,734,040	<sup>5</sup>	Yes	Yes-kept, removed LD proxies
rs11265263	159,740,727	<sup>5</sup>	Yes	No
rs4131568	159,752,266	<sup>5</sup>	Yes	No
rs3845624	159,248,476	<sup>8</sup>	Yes	No
rs16842484	159,677,134	<sup>6</sup>	Yes	No
rs12093699	159,678,198	<sup>9</sup>	Yes	No
rs10494326	159,679,910	<sup>10</sup>	Yes	No
rs2592887	159,683,149	<sup>6</sup>	Yes	No
rs726640	159,685,728	<sup>11</sup>	Yes	No
rs2592902	159,685,936	<sup>12</sup>	Yes	Yes-removed
rs876537	159,705,143	<sup>13</sup>	Yes	Yes- kept, removed LD proxies
rs16842559	159,706,381	<sup>14</sup>	Yes	Yes-removed
rs2794520	159,709,026	<sup>15</sup>	Yes	Yes- kept, removed LD proxies
rs1800947	159,713,648	<sup>5, 16</sup>	Yes	No
rs77832441	159,714,024	<sup>16</sup>	Yes	No
rs3093059	159,715,346	<sup>17</sup>	Yes	Yes- kept, removed LD proxies
rs1341665	159,721,769	<sup>8</sup>	Yes	Yes- removed
rs2808634	159,722,783	<sup>10</sup>	Yes	Yes-removed
rs7553007	159,728,759	<sup>10</sup>	Yes	Yes- removed
rs11265260	159,730,249	<sup>18</sup>	Yes	Yes- removed

Previously identified variants were identified through review of the literature (particularly <sup>5, 19</sup>). A previously reported tri-allelic variant and the lead *CRP* locus SNP from a multi-ethnic PAGE fine-mapping effort, rs3091244, failed the variant quality filter in TOPMed. We adjusted for the variant calls that were available in a sensitivity analysis, additionally adjusting for all previously identified *CRP* locus variants, and signals E and H from Table 2 remained unchanged ( $\beta = -0.32$ ,  $p = 7.09 \times 10^{-18}$  for rs11265259,  $\beta = -0.47$ ,  $p = 2.89 \times 10^{-7}$  for rs181704186). This variant is also common across ancestry groups and not in high LD with either signal E or H in African ancestry individuals from TOPMed or 1000 Genomes.



We also performed a conditional analysis adjusting only for previously identified *CRP* locus variants with linkage disequilibrium  $r^2 < 0.9$  (as assessed in AA and EA ancestry samples used in TOPMed *CRP* analysis) with any other previously identified *CRP* variant to prevent potential problems with collinearity. Both signals E and H from Table 2 were still significant in the pooled analysis ( $\beta = -0.29$ ,  $p = 3.57 \times 10^{-16}$  for rs11265259,  $\beta = -0.47$ ,  $p = 2.55 \times 10^{-7}$  for rs181704186), and in African Americans alone ( $\beta = -0.28$ ,  $p = 3.13 \times 10^{-13}$  for rs11265259,  $\beta = -0.49$ ,  $p = 4.64 \times 10^{-6}$  for rs181704186).

Abbreviations: LD, linkage disequilibrium.

**Table S5: Previous genome-wide significant variants at the HNF1 Homeobox A (*HNF1A*) locus used for conditional analyses.**

Variant	Position (Chr 12; GRCh38)	Reference	Included in conditional analysis?	$r^2 < 0.9$ with other previously identified variants
rs1039302	120,798,455	<sup>20</sup>	Yes	No
rs2650000	120,951,159	<sup>21</sup>	Yes	No
rs7305618	120,965,129	<sup>13</sup>	Yes	No
rs7953249	120,965,921	<sup>22</sup>	Yes	No
rs7979473	120,982,457	<sup>6; 10</sup>	No-FAIL variant	
rs1183910	120,983,004	<sup>23</sup>	Yes	No
rs2393791	120,986,153	<sup>24</sup>	Yes	Yes-kept, removed LD proxies
rs7310409	120,987,058	<sup>5; 17</sup>	Yes	Yes-removed
rs2259816	120,997,784	<sup>10</sup>	Yes	Yes-kept, removed LD proxies
rs1169310	121,001,630	<sup>18</sup>	Yes	Yes-removed
rs2259883	121,024,336	<sup>5</sup>	Yes	No

Previously identified variants were identified through review of the literature (particularly <sup>5; 19</sup>). One previously reported variant was not available for conditional analysis at the *HNF1A* locus (rs7979473<sup>10</sup>), as it failed variant quality filters. However, since both *HNF1A* signals in our analysis were attenuated to non-significance (post-conditioning lead variant rs544759708,  $p = 2.69 \times 10^{-5}$ ,  $\beta = -0.46$ ) even without adjusting for this variant, we did not pursue further conditional analysis adjusting for fail variants. We also did not condition on secondary signal rs2243616 from <sup>6</sup>, as it did not meet a conventional genome-wide significance threshold.

We did perform a conditional analysis adjusting only for previously identified *HNF1A* locus variants with linkage disequilibrium  $r^2 < 0.9$  (as assessed in AA and EA ancestry samples used in TOPMed CRP analysis) with any other previously identified *HNF1A* variant to prevent potential problems with collinearity. Results were unchanged (post-conditioning lead variant rs544759708,  $p = 2.69 \times 10^{-5}$ ,  $\beta = -0.46$ ).

Abbreviations: LD, linkage disequilibrium.

**Table S6: Linkage disequilibrium between rs11265259 and rs181704186 and previously reported CRP locus variants, as well as other signals from TOPMed conditional analysis, in African Americans from the TOPMed CRP analysis**

SNP_A	SNP_B	r <sup>2</sup>	D'	Source
1:159706154_T/C_rs11265259	1:159724989_T/C_rs7551731	0.028	1	Signal A, our paper
1:159706154_T/C_rs11265259	1:159732996_C/T_rs73024795	0.018	1	Signal B, our paper
1:159706154_T/C_rs11265259	1:159723932_T/C_rs2211321	0.051	1	Signal C, our paper
1:159706154_T/C_rs11265259	1:159738205_A/G_rs553202904	3.63E-05	1	Signal D, our paper
1:159706154_T/C_rs11265259	1:159706154_T/C_rs11265259	1	1	Signal E, our paper
1:159706154_T/C_rs11265259	1:159713648_C/G_rs1800947	0.001	1	Signal F, our paper
1:159706154_T/C_rs11265259	1:159749804_A/T_rs12734907	0.008	1	Signal G, our paper
1:159706154_T/C_rs11265259	1_159204333_T_C	0.004	1	rs3027012
1:159706154_T/C_rs11265259	1_159248476_A_C	0.013	0.97	rs3845624
1:159706154_T/C_rs11265259	1_159330024_A_G	1.75E-04	1	rs56288844
1:159706154_T/C_rs11265259	1_159603761_T_C	0.007	0.31	rs6695494
1:159706154_T/C_rs11265259	1_159677134_C_T	0.114	0.72	rs16842484
1:159706154_T/C_rs11265259	1_159678198_A_G	0.127	0.77	rs12093699
1:159706154_T/C_rs11265259	1_159679910_T_C	0.020	0.97	rs10494326
1:159706154_T/C_rs11265259	1_159683149_T_C	0.086	0.90	rs2592887
1:159706154_T/C_rs11265259	1_159685728_A_G	0.018	0.98	rs726640
1:159706154_T/C_rs11265259	1_159685936_T_G	0.029	0.96	rs2592902
1:159706154_T/C_rs11265259	1_159697727_T_C	1.01E-06	0.09	rs149520992
1:159706154_T/C_rs11265259	1_159701146_T_C	9.21E-04	0.77	rs72698571
1:159706154_T/C_rs11265259	1_159705143_T_C	0.025	1	rs876537
1:159706154_T/C_rs11265259	1_159706381_C_T	0.003	0.97	rs16842559
1:159706154_T/C_rs11265259	1_159709026_T_C	0.026	1	rs2794520
1:159706154_T/C_rs11265259	1_159709406_C_G	0.004	1	rs12029262
1:159706154_T/C_rs11265259	1_159714024_A_G	3.63E-05	1	rs77832441
1:159706154_T/C_rs11265259	1_159715346_G_A	0.271	1	rs3093059
1:159706154_T/C_rs11265259	1_159721022_A_G	0.051	0.98	rs2246469
1:159706154_T/C_rs11265259	1_159721769_A_G	0.026	1	rs1341665
1:159706154_T/C_rs11265259	1_159722783_T_C	0.017	1	rs2808634
1:159706154_T/C_rs11265259	1_159728759_A_G	0.028	1	rs7553007
1:159706154_T/C_rs11265259	1_159730249_G_A	0.007	1	rs11265260
1:159706154_T/C_rs11265259	1_159734040_C_T	0.021	1	rs141729353
1:159706154_T/C_rs11265259	1_159740727_A_C	0.003	1	rs11265263
1:159706154_T/C_rs11265259	1_159752266_T_C	0.008	1	rs4131568

1:159752293_A/G_rs181704186	1:159724989_T/C_rs7551731	0.027	0.96	Signal A, our paper
1:159752293_A/G_rs181704186	1:159732996_C/T_rs73024795	0.001	0.93	Signal B, our paper
1:159752293_A/G_rs181704186	1:159723932_T/C_rs2211321	0.003	0.85	Signal C, our paper
1:159752293_A/G_rs181704186	1:159738205_A/G_rs553202904	0.002	0.19	Signal D, our paper
1:159752293_A/G_rs181704186	1:159706154_T/C_rs11265259	0.001	1	Signal E, our paper
1:159752293_A/G_rs181704186	1:159713648_C/G_rs1800947	8.74E-06	0.003	Signal F, our paper
1:159752293_A/G_rs181704186	1:159749804_A/T_rs12734907	0.001	1	Signal G, our paper
1:159752293_A/G_rs181704186	1_159204333_T_C	3.49E-04	1	rs3027012
1:159752293_A/G_rs181704186	1_159248476_A_C	0.001	1	rs3845624
1:159752293_A/G_rs181704186	1_159330024_A_G	1.31E-04	0.02	rs56288844
1:159752293_A/G_rs181704186	1_159603761_T_C	0.007	0.78	rs6695494
1:159752293_A/G_rs181704186	1_159677134_C_T	0.003	0.93	rs16842484
1:159752293_A/G_rs181704186	1_159678198_A_G	0.003	0.92	rs12093699
1:159752293_A/G_rs181704186	1_159679910_T_C	0.002	1	rs10494326
1:159752293_A/G_rs181704186	1_159683149_T_C	0.009	0.96	rs2592887
1:159752293_A/G_rs181704186	1_159685728_A_G	0.001	0.86	rs726640
1:159752293_A/G_rs181704186	1_159685936_T_G	0.022	0.92	rs2592902
1:159752293_A/G_rs181704186	1_159697727_T_C	2.41E-04	0.04	rs149520992
1:159752293_A/G_rs181704186	1_159701146_T_C	1.78E-05	0.35	rs72698571
1:159752293_A/G_rs181704186	1_159705143_T_C	0.028	0.92	rs876537
1:159752293_A/G_rs181704186	1_159706381_C_T	9.77E-05	0.02	rs16842559
1:159752293_A/G_rs181704186	1_159709026_T_C	0.028	0.93	rs2794520
1:159752293_A/G_rs181704186	1_159709406_C_G	0.198	0.94	rs12029262
1:159752293_A/G_rs181704186	1_159714024_A_G	0.002	0.19	rs77832441
1:159752293_A/G_rs181704186	1_159715346_G_A	0.003	1	rs3093059
1:159752293_A/G_rs181704186	1_159721022_A_G	0.014	0.94	rs2246469
1:159752293_A/G_rs181704186	1_159721769_A_G	0.029	0.96	rs1341665
1:159752293_A/G_rs181704186	1_159722783_T_C	0.002	1	rs2808634
1:159752293_A/G_rs181704186	1_159728759_A_G	0.027	0.96	rs7553007
1:159752293_A/G_rs181704186	1_159730249_G_A	2.57E-05	0.01	rs11265260
1:159752293_A/G_rs181704186	1_159734040_C_T	0.002	1	rs141729353
1:159752293_A/G_rs181704186	1_159740727_A_C	2.37E-04	1	rs11265263
1:159752293_A/G_rs181704186	1_159752266_T_C	7.39E-04	1	rs4131568

**Table S7: Women's Health Initiative (WHI) replication analysis**

Variant	Beta	P-value	Effect Allele	Effect Allele Frequency	Beta, Post Conditioning	P-value, Post Conditioning	Effect Allele Frequency, 1000G	Beta, 1000G	P-value, 1000G	Beta, Post Conditioning, 1000G	P-value, Post Conditioning, 1000G
rs11265259	-0.18	6.1x10 <sup>-9</sup>	C	0.08	-0.26	8.7x10 <sup>-12</sup>	0.08	-0.17	1.3 x10 <sup>-7</sup>	-0.23	2.1 x10 <sup>-9</sup>
rs181704186	-0.58	9.2x10 <sup>-11</sup>	G	0.009	-0.45	9.7x10 <sup>-6</sup>	0.008	-0.62	7.1x10 <sup>-11</sup>	-0.50	2.2 x10 <sup>-6</sup>

Conditional analysis was done conditioning on all variants in Table S4. Imputation was performed to TOPMed freeze 5b, using the Michigan Imputation Server. Imputation quality was  $r^2=0.94$  and  $r^2=0.95$  for rs181704186 and  $r^2=0.92$  and  $r^2=0.90$  for rs11265259, in two separately analyzed subsets of WHI Affymetrix 6.0 data (one in participants overlapping the Population Architecture using Genomics and Epidemiology (PAGE) MEGA array study (n= 4685) which would have been included in <sup>19</sup>, the rest (n=2423) with Affymetrix data only). Imputation quality for all included variants in the conditional analysis was  $\geq 0.6$ . For the 1000G phase 3 imputation, imputation quality was  $r^2=0.83$  and  $r^2=0.86$  for rs181704186 and  $r^2=0.77$  and  $r^2=0.81$  for rs11265259. Results from the subsets were meta-analyzed with metal (2011-03-25 version).

**Table S8a: FUN-LDA tissue specific annotation scores for *CRP* locus variants (signals E and H from Table 2), with top two tissues as well as any additional tissues with an annotation score >0.9 listed.**

Epigenome Dataset	Full Name	Score	SNP	Label
E066	Liver	0.0746	rs11265259	CRP, Signal E
E042	Primary T helper 17 cells PMA-I stimulated	0.00006		
E066	Liver	1	rs181704186	CRP, Signal H
E023	Mesenchymal Stem Cell Derived Adipocyte Cultured Cells	0.99977		
E117	HeLa-S3 Cervical Carcinoma Cell Line	0.99907		
E025	Adipose Derived Mesenchymal Stem Cell Cultured Cells	0.98627		
E030	Primary neutrophils from peripheral blood	0.9787		

**Table S8b: Annotation PCs for *CRP* locus variants (signals E and H from Table 2)**

rsID	Epigenetics	Conservation	Protein Function	Negative Selection	Distance to Nearest Coding Variant	Mutation Density	Transcription Factor
rs11265259	6.1	18.8	3.0	2.2	1.1	5.0	9.2
rs181704186	10.0	16.3	3.0	3.3	0.3	6.4	18.0

As further described in the methods, we used a novel, multi-dimensional annotation pipeline to derive annotation PCs from individual functional annotations in the following categories: epigenetics, conservation, protein function, negative selection, distance to coding variants, mutation density, and transcription factor binding. Variant-specific annotation PCs are given as the PHRED-scaled scores from the first principal component of the category's individual annotations.

**Table S9a: 95% Credible Set Variants for *CRP* locus in European Americans, derived using FINEMAP.**

Variants in Credible Set (4 causal variant setting)	
1:159727120_G/C_rs3116653	1:159685936_G/T_rs2592902
1:159728695_C/T_rs3116651	1:159690923_GA/G_rs60702037
1:159731554_C/T_rs3116655	1:159695286_TAA/T_rs3039321
1:159732697_G/A_rs12727021	1:159696131_C/G_rs2808624
1:159743672_A/G_rs74596724	1:159699194_C/T_rs11265257
1:159744970_G/A_rs4656848	1:159705143_C/T_rs876537
1:159748522_A/G_rs4255379	1:159713301_G/A_rs1130864
1:159750926_G/A_rs4420078	1:159713648_C/G_rs1800947
1:159753330_T/C_rs6677719	1:159716693_G/A_rs3116636
1:159753731_G/A_rs4656849	1:159716703_A/G_rs3116635
1:159754730_T/C_rs11265268	1:159719533_T/C_rs3122012
1:159759547_G/C_rs4433388	1:159722054_C/CT_rs35625772
1:159760689_G/T_rs7418263	1:159723815_G/A_rs2211320

**Table S9b: 95% Credible Set Variants for *CRP* locus in African Americans, derived using FINEMAP.**

Variants in Credible Set (5 causal variant setting)
1:159718685_C/T_rs2808633
1:159723031_G/A_rs2794518
1:159723932_C/T_rs2211321
1:159730897_G/A_rs10797053
1:159741019_G/C_rs10437340
1:159743435_A/T_rs12083620
1:159758337_T/C_rs11265269

**Table S10: Oligonucleotide sequences for functional assays. Forward and reverse oligonucleotides indicate forward or reverse directions (5'-3') with respect to the genome.**

<b>PCR primers for reporter assays</b>	<b>Sequence (5'-3')</b>	<b>Region (hg19)</b>
rs181704186 Forward rs181704186 Reverse	TTCATGGGGCAGATGATACA GGCATGTTGTCTTGCAGGTA	chr1:159,721,514-159,722,654
<b>Oligonucleotide sequences for EMSAs</b>		
rs181704186 Forward rs181704186 Reverse	AGTTGCACA/GATGGGAGG CCTCCATT/CGTGCAACT	chr1:159,722,075-159,722,091



## Supplemental Materials and Methods

### *Statistical Analysis*

Our analysis included 23,279 individuals [average age 59.2 years; 32% male; predominantly European (64.7%) and African American (28.1%) ancestry] from nine cohorts. Inverse-normalized natural log-transformed CRP values were assessed. Models were adjusted for sex, age, study, and self-reported ancestry, as well as ten cross-cohort ancestry principal components calculated from 228,497 LD pruned variants ( $r^2 < 0.1$  across all freeze 5b individuals) with a minor allele frequency  $> 1\%$ . For each cohort, basic demographic, self-reported ancestry sub-group, and assay information is displayed in Table S1. Individuals with raw CRP levels of zero or residual values more than 3 standard deviations outside the mean were excluded.

We analyzed variants and indels with a minor allele frequency  $> 0.1\%$  (corresponding to a minor allele count  $> 46$  in our pooled ancestry sample) using WGS data from freeze 5b (see <https://www.nhlbiwgs.org/topmed-whole-genome-sequencing-project-freeze-5b-phases-1-and-2> and preprint at<sup>25</sup> for sequencing and variant calling methods). We used EPACTS (v3.3.3) on the University of Michigan ENCORE server for initial analyses with EMMAX to control for sample relatedness. Stepwise conditional analysis at each identified locus was performed locally using the same EPACTS version. Loci were declared significant at a threshold of  $p < 1 \times 10^{-9}$  based on estimated number of independent tests for whole genome sequencing data<sup>26</sup>. Within an identified locus (500 kb on each side of any variant with  $p < 1 \times 10^{-9}$ ), we defined a Bonferroni corrected p-value threshold based on the number of tested variants. This threshold is conservative given the correlation between variants within a locus, but increases our confidence in the robustness of identified distinct signals. We then performed stepwise conditional analysis to define the number of conditionally distinct signals at each locus, defined as the number of rounds of conditional analysis needed to have no variants within the locus with a p-values lower than the locus threshold. We also performed analyses adjusting for variants previously attaining genome-wide significance at the *CRP* (Table S4) and *HNF1A* loci (Table S5). Conditional analyses at the *CRP* locus were visualized using LocusZoom, using linkage disequilibrium calculated from included TOPMed subjects<sup>27</sup>.

We performed statistical fine-mapping with FINEMAP (v1.3.1)<sup>28</sup> using marginal test statistics and TOPMed derived LD reference panels in unrelated EA and AA participants from TOPMed (selected from individuals included in TOPMed CRP analysis using PC-air,  $n=4,442$  AAs,  $n=11,397$  EAs). We chose FINEMAP specifically because it permits a large number of potential causal variants at a locus. At the CRP locus, we input a maximum of 5 causal variants in our sample of AAs and 4 causal variants in EAs, based on the number of conditionally distinct signals from stepwise conditional analysis.

### *Annotation*

For signals E and H, we used the FUN-LDA program (functional effect prediction for noncoding variants, using a latent Dirichlet allocation model) to identify the tissue type in which they were most likely to have a functional effect<sup>29</sup>. This program gives each variant a score ranging from 0 to 1 (with higher scores indicating variants that are most likely to be functional) based on epigenetic assays evidence, with scores available for 127 cell types and tissues in Roadmap Epigenomics. FUN-LDA scores are derived by summing posterior probabilities for active functional classes (such as promoters and enhancers), based on histone modifications and quantitative DNase hypersensitivity.

We also used a novel, multi-dimensional annotation pipeline, which derives annotation PCs from individual functional annotations in the following categories: epigenetics, conservation, protein function, negative selection, distance to coding variants, mutation

density, and transcription factor binding. Variant-specific annotation PCs are given as the PHRED-scaled scores from the first principal component of the category's individual annotations. Values greater than 10 thus represent variants in the top 10% of a given annotation category. We report the epigenetic PC calculated from individual annotations percent GC within +/- 75bp window, percent CpG within +/- 75bp window, maximum Encode H3K4me1 level, maximum Encode H3K4me2 level, maximum Encode H3K4me3 level, maximum Encode H3K9ac level, maximum Encode H3K9me3 level, maximum Encode H3K27ac level, maximum Encode H3K27me3 level, maximum Encode H3K36me3, maximum Encode H3K79me2 level, maximum Encode H4K20me1 level, maximum Encode EncodeH2AFZ level, ReMap count of binding transcription factors, ReMap count of binding transcription factors for cell line combinations, distance to nearest Transcribed Sequence Start (TSS), and distance to nearest Transcribed Sequence End (TSE). We also report conservation PC calculated from the neutral evolution score of GERP++, rejected Substitution score of GERP++, primate PhastCons conservation score, mammalian PhastCons conservation score, vertebrate PhastCons conservation score, primate PhyloP score, mammalian PhyloP score, and the vertebrate PhyloP score. All annotations are drawn from CADD database<sup>30</sup>. Finally, we assessed whether lead CRP-associated variants were colocalized ( $r^2 > 0.8$  in EUR or AFR populations; 1000 Genomes phase 3) with lead variants from eQTL signals from GTEx (all tissues<sup>31</sup>) or eQTLGen (whole blood)<sup>32</sup> (<https://www.eqtlgen.org/index.html>) or a recent large adult liver eQTL analysis<sup>33</sup>. We also examined GeneHancer for enhancer/gene pairings, as determined based on scores for tissue co-expression correlation between genes and enhancer RNAs, enhancer-targeted transcription factor genes, eQTLs for variants within enhancers, and promoter capture Hi-C<sup>34</sup>.

### *Replication*

African American individuals with Affymetrix 6.0 data from the WHI<sup>35</sup> SHARe resource (dbGaP phs000386.v7.p3) were imputed using TOPMed freeze 5b as a reference panel. We then performed association analysis for inverse-normalized natural log-transformed CRP in the *CRP* region using the EMMAX test in EPACTS v3.2.6, adjusting for an empirical kinship matrix and age. We also performed an additional analysis adjusting for known *CRP* locus variants from GWAS and exome sequencing analyses.

### *PheWAS*

We additionally performed a follow-up phenome-wide association study (pheWAS) for rs181704186 and rs11265259 in BioVU. BioVU is the biobank of Vanderbilt University Medical Center (VUMC) that houses de-identified DNA samples linked to phenotypic data derived from electronic health records (EHRs) system of VUMC. DNA samples were genotyped with genome-wide arrays including the Multi-Ethnic Global (MEGA) array, and the genotype data were imputed into the HRC reference panel using the Michigan imputation server. In total, 1815 phecodes (i.e., groupings of ICD codes into clinically similar diseases or traits) were tested for association in up to 5275 African Americans. Association between each binary phecode and a SNP was assessed using logistic regression, while adjusting for covariates of age, gender, genotyping array type/batch and 10 principal components of ancestry.

### *Functional Assays*

**Cell Culture** HepG2 human liver carcinoma cells were cultured in MEM-alpha (Corning) supplemented with 10% FBS, 2 mM L-glutamine, and 1 mM sodium pyruvate. Cells were maintained at 37°C in 5% CO<sub>2</sub>.

**Transcriptional Reporter Assays** Oligonucleotide primers (Table S10) containing KpnI and XhoI restriction sites were designed to PCR-amplify a 1,141-bp region (GRCh37/hg19 –chr1:159,721,514 – 159,722,654) surrounding rs181704186. A DNA segment from an individual homozygous for rs181704186-A was amplified, digested with KpnI and XhoI, and ligated into the minimal promoter-containing luciferase reporter vector pGL4.23 (Promega). The constructs were altered to create vectors containing the low-frequency rs181704186-G allele using the QuikChange site-directed mutagenesis kit (Stratagene). Isolated clones were sequenced for genotype and fidelity.

1.3×10<sup>5</sup> HepG2 cells per well were seeded in 24-well plates. Cells were co-transfected using Lipofectamine 3000 (Life Technologies) with five independent pGL4.23 constructs and *Renilla* luciferase vector pRL-TK (Promega) to control for transfection efficiency. 48 hours post-transfection, cells were lysed with Passive Lysis Buffer (Promega) and measured for luciferase activity using the Dual-Luciferase Reporter Assay system (Promega) as directed and previously described<sup>36</sup>. Reporter assays were repeated on a second separate day and yielded comparable results.

**Electrophoretic Mobility Shift Assays** Nuclear protein was extracted from HepG2 cells using the NE-PER Nuclear and Cytoplasmic Extraction Kit (Thermo Scientific). Biotinylated and unlabeled 17-bp oligonucleotide probes (Table S10) were designed centered around rs181704186 and annealed as previously described<sup>36</sup>. Electrophoretic Mobility Shift Assays (EMSAs) were performed using the LightShift Chemiluminescent EMSA Kit (Thermo Fisher Scientific). 20 uL binding reactions containing 10 ug nuclear protein, 400 fmol labeled probe, 1x binding buffer, and 50 ng/uL poly(dI-dC) were incubated at room temperature for 25 minutes. For competition reactions, 40-fold excess of unlabeled probe was incubated in the reaction for 15 minutes prior to addition of the labeled probe, followed by 25 minutes of incubation. Gel electrophoresis and transfer, wash, and detection steps were performed as previously described<sup>37</sup>. EMSAs were carried out on a second separate day and yielded comparable results.

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