

Supplemental Information to the Article

Distinct gene-set burden patterns underlie common generalized and focal epilepsies

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Supplemental Methods

Sample cohorts overview:

Access to two sets of variant calls (separate but jointly called VCF files) mapped to the human genome build GRCh37 was granted by the Epi25 Collaborative.¹ The first set ($n=13,497$) contained calls from patients ($n=13,197$) and controls ($n=300$) collected by the Epi25 Collaborative. The second set ($n=12,999$) included controls from the Swedish Schizophrenia Study (S-SCZ; dbGAP accession number phs000473.v2.p2), patients and controls from the Myocardial Infarction Genetics (MIGen) Consortium cohorts (dbGAP accession numbers: phs000814.v1.p1, phs001000.v1.p1, phs000806.v1.p1) with access permission granted from dbGAP.² The data generation process has been previously described.¹ The exome sequencing was performed on an Illumina HiSeq 2000 or 2500 (Illumina, USA) at the Broad Institute (different patches or timepoints) and utilized Illumina TruSeq/Nextera (Epi25), Illumina's ICE Capture (MIGen), or Agilent SureSelect Human All Exon Kits (MIGen and S-SCZ) (Agilent, USA). Following quality control and harmonization steps outlined hereafter, 58% of the initial cases (Table S1) and 30% of the control samples (Table S2) were included in the final analysis.

Baseline sample quality control:

Cases with a diagnosis other than a Developmental and Epileptic Encephalopathy (DEE), a Genetic Generalized Epilepsy (GGE) or a Non-Acquired Focal Epilepsy (NAFE) were removed. The case definitions from the Epi25 Collaborative can be accessed online (<http://epi-25.org/epi25-data-checks>). Controls from MIGen cohorts with a coronary artery disease were not included in the analysis to avoid any prominent overlap in genetic predisposition. Gencode coding sequence³ (CDS) boundaries (v33 lifted to b37) were padded with 10 bp and masked for low complexity and repeat regions (stratification files dated March 9, 2017), obtained from the Global Alliance for Genomics and Health⁴ resource, using bedtools⁵ v2.29.2. All subsequent sample quality control, variant quality control and final analysis was performed over these regions (totalling 38Mb). The variant calling metrics were gathered for the two datasets over the CDS boundaries described above using the Genome Analysis Toolkit⁶ v4.1.4.1 (gatk CollectVariantCallingMetrics). Outliers beyond 4 absolute deviations (per cohort) on total single nucleotide variants (snvs) count, insertions-deletions (indels) count, transition-transversion ratio (TiTv ratio), insertions-deletions ratio (Ins-Del ratio), or homozygous-heterozygous variants ratio (Hom-Het ratio) were filtered (Figure S2). The VCF files were converted to PLINK⁷ v1.9 binaries (plink --vcf --make-bed) and merged (plink --bmerge). The genotyping rate (plink --missing) per sample was then calculated over the target CDS boundaries. Samples with genotyping rate less than 90% were filtered (Figure S2). PLINK was used to select a set of informative SNPs with missingness less than 0.01, minor allele frequency exceeding 0.05, and in Hardy-Weinberg Equilibrium (plink --snps-only --maf 0.05 --geno 0.01 --hwe midp include-nonctrl 10e-6). These were then pruned (plink --indep-pairwise 50 5 0.5) and used to estimate autosomal heterozygosity (plink --het) using the F-statistic. Outliers beyond 3 standard deviations were filtered (Figure S3). Informative SNPs (as detailed above) located on chrX were split (plink --split-x b37), pruned, and then used to estimate the F-statistic over chrX (plink --check-sex). Following visualization, cut-offs of $F \leq 0.2$ (females) and $F \geq 0.6$ (males) were used for SNP-sex prediction. Samples with ambiguous ($0.2 < F < 0.6$) or discordant sequencing and reported sex were filtered (Figure S3). KING⁸ v2.2.4 was used to detect duplicate samples and estimate the relatedness (king --related --degree 3). For each pair from duplicates and related samples up to the 3rd degree (Figure S3), the sample with the lower genotyping rate was filtered. KING was used to perform multidimensional scaling (MDS) (5 principal components) on genotyping data from 2,451 samples from 1000 Genomes Project phase 2 followed by projection of the case and control samples into the 1000 Genomes⁹ space (king --mds --projection). A subset of variants ($n=73,080$) that are called both in the 1000 Genomes data and our dataset were selected for projection. The eigenvectors (five principal components) from a randomly selected subset of 1000 Genomes samples (80% of samples) were used to train a Support Vector Machine (SVM), as implemented in R package *e1071*.¹⁰ A radial kernel was used to recognize four major continental ancestry groups: non-Finnish Europeans "EUR" (excluding "FIN" population), African "AFR", admixed American "AMR", South and East Asian "ASI" (including "EAS" and "SAS" super-populations). The SVM was tested on the remaining 1000 Genomes samples (20%), where it correctly recalled all samples from the European ancestry group, then used to classify the cases and control study samples (Figure S4). Samples with a predicted ancestry other than European were filtered. These filtering steps removed 7,511 samples. To maximize the case-control matching among the remaining 18,985 samples, MDS (10 principal components) was repeated on a subset of samples from 1000 Genomes, of reported European ancestry ($n=500$, Northern and Western Europeans from Utah "CEU", British in England and Scotland "GBR", Tuscany in Italy "TSP", Iberian from Spain "IBS", Finnish in Finland "FIN"). The ancestry projection of the study samples labelled as European by the SMV (variants selected as indicated above) was repeated on this MDS space of European 1000 Genomes populations (Figure S4). Upon visualization of the first two principal components,

samples clustering with Finnish Europeans were removed ($PC1 > 0.04$). To remove poorly matched cases and controls, the Euclidean distance between all pairs of remaining case and control samples (on $PC1/PC2$) was calculated. Outlier samples (beyond 3 median absolute deviations) were filtered. The final set of baseline-filtered samples (Figure S5) constituted 7,836 cases and 8,822 controls ($n=16,661$) as detailed in Table S3.

Baseline variant quality control:

Two VCFs (see *Sample cohorts overview* above) containing 6,429,324 jointly called sites annotated with variant quality scores log odds (VQS Lod) were merged using bcftools/htslib¹¹ v1.10.2 and sites located outside the target CDS boundaries (see *Baseline sample quality control* above) and sites with low recalibrated variant quality scores (SNPs VQS Lod < -3.0998 and Indel VQS Lod < 0.8107 corresponding to VQSR sensitivity tranche 99.6 and 95.00, respectively) were filtered (bcftools merge -f "PASS,." -R; bcftools view -c1 -S). The variants were allele-split and normalized using bcftools (bcftools norm -w 500 -c w) and vt¹² v0.57721 (vt sort -m local). The merged and normalized VCF was subset to the baseline filtered samples identified as detailed above (bcftools view -c1 -S). Genotype calls with depth < 10 , quality < 20 , or half-missing calls were set to missing (bcftools +setGT). Heterozygous genotypes with allele depth to total depth ratio < 0.25 were set to reference calls (bcftools +setGT). Variants with allele count equal to 0 were removed (bcftools view -c 1). These filtering steps were performed on a binary VCF stream piped between the outlined commands. Afterwards, the depth of coverage per variant was calculated (bcftools query -f "[%FORMAT\tDP]\n"). Only variants covered at a minimum depth of 10x in 95% of the baseline filtered cases and control sets were kept. Additionally, the distribution of the difference in mean coverage and the percentage of samples covered at depth 10x was visualized. All outlier variants beyond 3 standard deviations were filtered. The statistical calculations were performed in R¹³ v3.3. This quality control process resulted in a well-harmonized coverage between cases and controls (Figure S5).

Residual stratification:

To maximize the cohort, sample and variant matching, we performed multiple rounds of principal component analyses (PCA) coupled with coverage harmonization among cohorts. To remove poorly matching sample cohorts, a baseline round of PCA (10 principal components) was performed using PLINK (plink --pca) on a set of pruned variants (pruning was performed as described above). A cohort of Swedish controls ($n=4,838$) clustered poorly with the rest of the study samples on the top principal components ($PC1/2$) (Figure S6) and was therefore excluded. We then calculated the variant call rates (bcftools +fill-tags -S) across the remaining cohorts (Epi25, Leicester, Ottawa, ATVB), and removed all variants where any given cohort had a coverage $< 95\%$ (defined as the number of samples with non-missing genotype calls divided by the total number of samples in the cohort) or if the difference in coverage between any two given cohorts exceeded 0.5%. Variants not in Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium (p value $< 10^{-6}$) were identified (plink --hwe) and filtered. This filtering insured that the top principal components would capture the ancestry and not the exome capture kits differences (Figure S6). A second round of PCA (10 principal components) using EIGENSTRAT^{14,15} v6.1.4 was performed (smartpca -p; outlier vectors = 2, outliers sigma = 6, iterations = 5) complemented by removal of extreme outliers identified upon visual inspection ($PC1/PC2$). A small subset of poorly matched samples ($n=272$) was subsequently removed. A third and final round of PCA with identical EIGENSTRAT parameters showed a well-matched case-control cohort (Figure S6). The variant calling metrics were balanced for this set (gatk CollectVariantCallingMetrics) (Figure S7).

Qualifying Variants:

Variant effects and consequences were annotated using snpEff¹⁶ v4.3t. Annovar¹⁷ v20191024 was then used to annotate population frequencies from gnomAD¹⁸ r2.1 and DiscovEHR¹⁹ Freeze 50 as well as the following missense *in-silico* pathogenicity predictions: Sorting Intolerant From Tolerant (SIFT),²⁰ PolyPhen2 (PPh2) Human Diversity-based predictions,²¹ Missense-badness PolyPhen2 and Constraint (MPC) score,²² Missense Tolerance Ratio (MTR) score,²³ and Paralog conservation (para-Z) score.²⁴ Consensus Coding Region (CCR) scores²⁵ were annotated using tabix.²⁶ PPh2 and SIFT are two conventional, *in-silico* missense deleteriousness scores that are widely used in genetic studies to identify likely benign and likely deleterious variants based on a number of features including the sequence, phylogenetic and structural information. MPC score aims to identify regions within genes that are specifically depleted of missense variation and combines this information with variant-level metrics that measures the increased deleteriousness of amino acid substitutions when they occur in missense-constrained regions. MTR score estimates the intolerance of genic regions by comparing the observed proportion of missense variation to the expected proportion in the sequence context of the protein-coding region under study. While MPC and MTR scores are scaled down to individual missense alterations, CCR score aims to identify coding regions that are completely devoid of variation in the population. Functionally critical protein

regions are usually encoded by bases in regions with high CCR scores. Paralog conservation-based missense variant analysis was recently shown to aid variant prioritization in neurodevelopmental disorders and it has been proposed that most disease genes in humans have paralogs. Ultra-rare variants (URVs) were defined as follows: 1. Allele Count ($AC_{\text{Analysis}} \leq 3$, where $AC_{\text{Analysis}} = AC_{\text{Epilepsy-type}} + AC_{\text{Controls}}$ (epilepsy types: DEE, GGE, or NAFE depending on the analysis); 2. Not present in DiscovEHR ($MAF_{\text{DiscovEHR}} = 0$); 3. Allele Count ≤ 5 in gnomAD ($MAF_{\text{gnomAD}} < 2 \times 10^{-5}$). The inclusion of gnomAD variants with low frequency allowed the use of control sets that overlap with gnomAD (Table S2), since gnomAD variants are filtered at a higher count (5 alleles) compared to the analysis set allele count (3 alleles). The ultra-rare variants were grouped in thirteen analysis classes as detailed in Table S6. The genotypes and annotations were queried using bcftools or snpEff and imported for statistical analysis in R¹³ v3.3. These were collapsed in a dominant model (reference as 0, heterozygous, homozygous and hemizygous as 1) to obtain a matrix of *samples vs. genes* where the cells contained 0/1 indicators for the presence or absence of a qualifying variant (QV) in each given sample and gene. Single gene collapsing analysis was performed using Fisher Exact Test (FET). The Genomic Inflation Factor (λ) was estimated using *QQ-perm*²⁷ by comparing observed vs. expected p values from a synonymous dominant model. Observed p values were calculated by performing a gene-level collapsing analysis for synonymous qualifying variants using FET. Permutation-based p values were obtained from 1000 permutations (shuffling of case-control labels followed by FET). This was performed with a parallel implementation of the *QQ-perm*²⁷ method using *parallel* package.¹³ The resulting p values were ordered and the mean values per rank from these 1000 permutations were taken as the expected p values for ordered ranks, and the 2.5th – 97.5th centiles were taken as 95% confidence intervals. The negative \log_{10} of the observed p values was plotted against the negative \log_{10} of the mean permutation p values to obtain the *Quantile-Quantile* plots shown in Figure S8.

Burden testing in gene-sets:

In total, 92 gene-sets (Table S7) were tested. The genes in each gene-set are given in Table S8. The construction of gene-sets leveraged multiple sources as detailed in Table S9. To ensure homogeneity between gene-sets obtained from different sources and snpEff annotations used in this study, each gene set was limited to those genes annotated with snpEff as protein coding genes using Ensembl gene IDs on GRCh37.75. Where available, Ensembl gene IDs were obtained from sources of gene-sets. Otherwise, *biomaRt* package²⁸ and gProfiler²⁹ were used to map Human Gene Nomenclature Consortium (HGNC) names and gene name synonyms to their Ensembl gene IDs. *biomaRt* was also used to map mouse genes to their human paralogues for two gene-sets as outlined in Table S9. For each of the three phenotypic groups (DEE, GGE, NAFE) and variant classes (Table S6), the qualifying variants tables (*samples vs. genes* tables with 0/1 status indicator as values; see Qualifying Variants above) were filtered for the genes in the gene-set under consideration. The QVs were then added per gene-set to calculate gene-set burden scores per sample (*samples vs. gene-set burden* table). Additional sample-level metrics were annotated (phenotype, sample sex, exome-wide singletons and variant counts, and ten principal components per sample). These data handling steps were performed in R v3.3 using R base, *data.table*³⁰ and *tidyverse*³¹ packages. The resulting table (*samples* as rows vs. *phenotypes, gene-set QV burden scores* and *covariates* as columns) was used as input to perform binary logistic regression. The case-control status (indicator variable) was regressed on covariates only (null model) or gene-set burden scores and covariates (test model) as additive predictors using *glm*(family=binomial) function from *stats*¹³ package. The null model was *glm*(sex + variant counts + singletons + PC1...PC10) and the test model was *glm*(QV burden + sex + variant counts + singletons + PC1... PC10). Likelihood Ratio Test (LRT) from *lmtree*³² package was used to compare the test and null models. The LRT log-odds and their 95% confidence intervals were not corrected for multiple testing. Multiple gene-sets were tested in parallel using *parallel* package.¹³ P values of test analyses of twelve variant classes were adjusted using Benjamini and Hochberg false discovery rate (FDR) method as implemented in *p.adjust*(method = "BH") from *stats* package. In total, FDR adjustments accounted for 3,312 tests (92 gene sets x 12 classes x 3 phenotypes). The p values from the analysis of the synonymous class of variants were not FDR-adjusted, similar to previous analysis approaches.¹ We presumed equal weights and direction of effects for the variants in the classes under analysis by taking the sum of QVs in a specific gene-set per sample as a predictor for a binary phenotype in a regression model. While this assumption is fairly reasonable for highly deleterious variants, it is rather simplistic for milder genetic alterations. This approach is also not ideal to estimate the odds in data sets with low counts. However, the computational ease, the clarity in setting up the analysis parameters in comparison to other variance component-based and hybrid methods, e.g., skat-o,³³ are key advantages that motivated this choice. The use of similar regression models has been shown to capture the major signals in gene-set burden analysis in epilepsy and other neurological diseases.^{1,34,35}

Secondary analysis:

Four secondary analyses were performed to explore the extent of the observed differences between GGEs and NAFEs and to exclude potential bias. The results of these secondary analysis are presented in Table S10 and Table S11.

1. A secondary analysis was performed on the 92 gene-sets but limited to autosomal genes (excluding all genes on chromosome X). The aim was to estimate the bias created by male-to-female ratios imbalance (Table S4).
2. Another secondary analysis was performed using MIGen Leicester samples (Illumina ICE capture kits) as cases vs. MIGen Ottawa/ATVB samples as controls (Agilent SureSelect capture kits) to exclude the presence of significant residual stratification between capture kits (Table S2). Comparisons between samples prepared using Illumina Nextera/TruSeq and Illumina ICE or Agilent SureSelect were not performed as these are almost identical to the primary analysis of epilepsy cases (Nextera/TruSeq) vs. controls (ICE & SureSelect) analysis.
3. Randomly selected GGEs (n=1,100) and controls (n=2,789) were tested to examine if these numbers are enough to capture the main signals, in order to confirm the validity of the control-control testing. We did 500 permutations, using the CCR80 class of variants, taking the mean of the odds, 2.5th/97.5th centiles of odds and average *p* values per tested gene set as an outcome of this permutation analysis. The random selection of samples and final summarisation of outcomes was done using R base functions.
4. A limit secondary analysis directly comparing the CCR80 class of variants between individuals with GGE and NAFE to validate the patterns observed in case vs. control comparisons.

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Supplemental Tables

Table S1: Epilepsy samples analyzed in this study.

Phenotype group	Total	Phenotype review	Initial QC	Final QC
Developmental and Epileptic Encephalopathy	1,474	1,467	1,040 (71%)	1,003 (68%)
Genetic Generalized Epilepsy	4,510	4,471	3,183 (71%)	3,064 (68%)
Non-Acquired Focal Epilepsy	5,321	5,304	3,616 (68%)	3,522 (66%)
Febrile Seizures and GEFS spectrum	301	Not considered		
Symptomatic / Lesional	1,434	Not considered		
Other epilepsies, unclassified epilepsies, non-epileptic seizures or not available	157	Not considered		
Total	13,197	11,242	7,839 (59%)	7,589 (58%)

Table S2: Control datasets analyzed in this study.

Control set	Capture kits	In dbGAP	In gnomAD	Phenotype	Total	Initial QC	Final QC
Epi25 Collaborative controls (Italy)	Illumina TruSeq/Nextera	No	No	Unaffected	300	283 (94%)	283 (94%)
Leicester Heart study (UK)	Illumina ICE	phs001000.v1.p1	Yes	Unaffected	1,100	1082 (98%)	1,082 (98%)
				Coronary Artery Disease	65	-	-
Ottawa Heart Study (Canada)	Agilent SureSelect	phs000806.v1.p1	Yes	Unaffected	987	946 (96%)	924 (94%)
				Coronary Artery Disease	928	-	-
Atherosclerosis Thrombosis & Vascular Biology study (Italy)	Agilent SureSelect	phs000814.v1.p1	No	Unaffected	1,802	1,673 (93%)	1,673 (93%)
				Coronary Artery Disease	1,875	-	-
Swedish Schizophrenia Study (Sweden)	Agilent SureSelect	phs000473.v2.p2	Yes	Unaffected	6,242	4,838 (78%)	-
Total					13,299	8,822 (66%)	3,962 (30%)

Table S3: Summary of baseline sample-level quality control.

Criteria	Filter	Failing/Total (%)
Phenotype	Cases other than DEE, GGE, NAFE	1,773/13,197 (13.4%)
	Controls with cardiac phenotype	2,867/13,299 (21.6%)
Variant calling metrics	Outliers > 4 absolute deviations on key metrics	1,088/26,496 (4.1%)
Genotyping rate	< 90% in called variants in coding regions	66/26,496 (0.2%)
Autosomal heterozygosity	Outliers > 3 standard deviations	1011/26,496 (3.8%)
ChrX heterozygosity	0.2 < F < 0.6 or discordant reported/predicted sex	255/26,496 (1.0%)
Kinship	Duplicate, twin or related up to the 3 rd degree	331/26,496 (1.2%)
Major continental ancestry	Non-European ancestry predictions from SVM trained on 1000 Genomes samples	2,057/26,496 (7.8%)
Samples failing one or multiple filters		7,511/26,496 (28.3%)
		18,985 samples remaining
Matching	Finnish (MDS)/outliers on PCA (PC1/2)	2,324/18,985 (12.2%)
		16,661 samples remaining

Table S4: Final sample counts.

Group	Cohort	Samples		Females (%)	
Cases	DEE	7589	1003	4067 (53.6%)	462 (46%)
	GGE		3064		1764 (57.6%)
	NAFE		3522		1841 (52.3%)
Controls	Epi25	3962	283	767 (19.4%)	116 (40%)
	Ottawa		924		458 (49.7%)
	Leicester		1082		1 (0.1%)
	ATVB		1673		192 (11.5%)
All		11,551		4834 (41.8%)	

Table S5: Final variant statistics.

Quality Control (QC)	Variants Count		Samples
Unfiltered	Jointly called sites in all samples		6,481,248
Baseline QC	In coding regions, normalized, genotype-filtered, filtered on variant quality score logarithm-of-odds, not in low-complexity regions, allele count > 0 in baseline-filtered samples		2,224,099
	Depth and call-rate harmonization		1,674,222
Final QC	Allele count > 0 in final case-control set, cohort-level call-rate harmonization, in Hardy-Weinberg Equilibrium.		1,267,392
	Total variants per variant category	SNVs	1,247,342
		Indels	20,050
	Variants with allele frequency < 0.5 %		1,203,350
	Variants with allele counts 1-3		1,054,919
	Singleton variants		806,046

Table S6: Classes of variant used for the gene-set burden analysis.

Variant classes	Control		Deleterious variants			Missense constraint					Paralog conservation		
	Synonymous	Benign Missense	Damaging Missense	PTV	All Functional	MPC1	MPC2	MTR ClinVar	MTR DeNovo	CCR 80	Paralog non-conserved	Paralog conserved	Paralog highly conserved
synonymous_variant	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
missense_variant (additional filters)	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
stop_gained	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Table S7 – S12: Large Supplemental Tables provided as separate excel files accessible on [Mendeley Data \[https://doi.org/10.17632/nmmz4wjvxxk.1\]](https://doi.org/10.17632/nmmz4wjvxxk.1)

Table S7: Gene-sets.

Table S8: Genes in each gene-set.

Table S9: Burden of qualifying variants in 92 gene-sets.

Table S10: Top-ranking genes per gene-set.

Table S11: Secondary gene-set burden analysis results.

Table S12: Comparison of gene-set burden between GGEs and NAFEs.

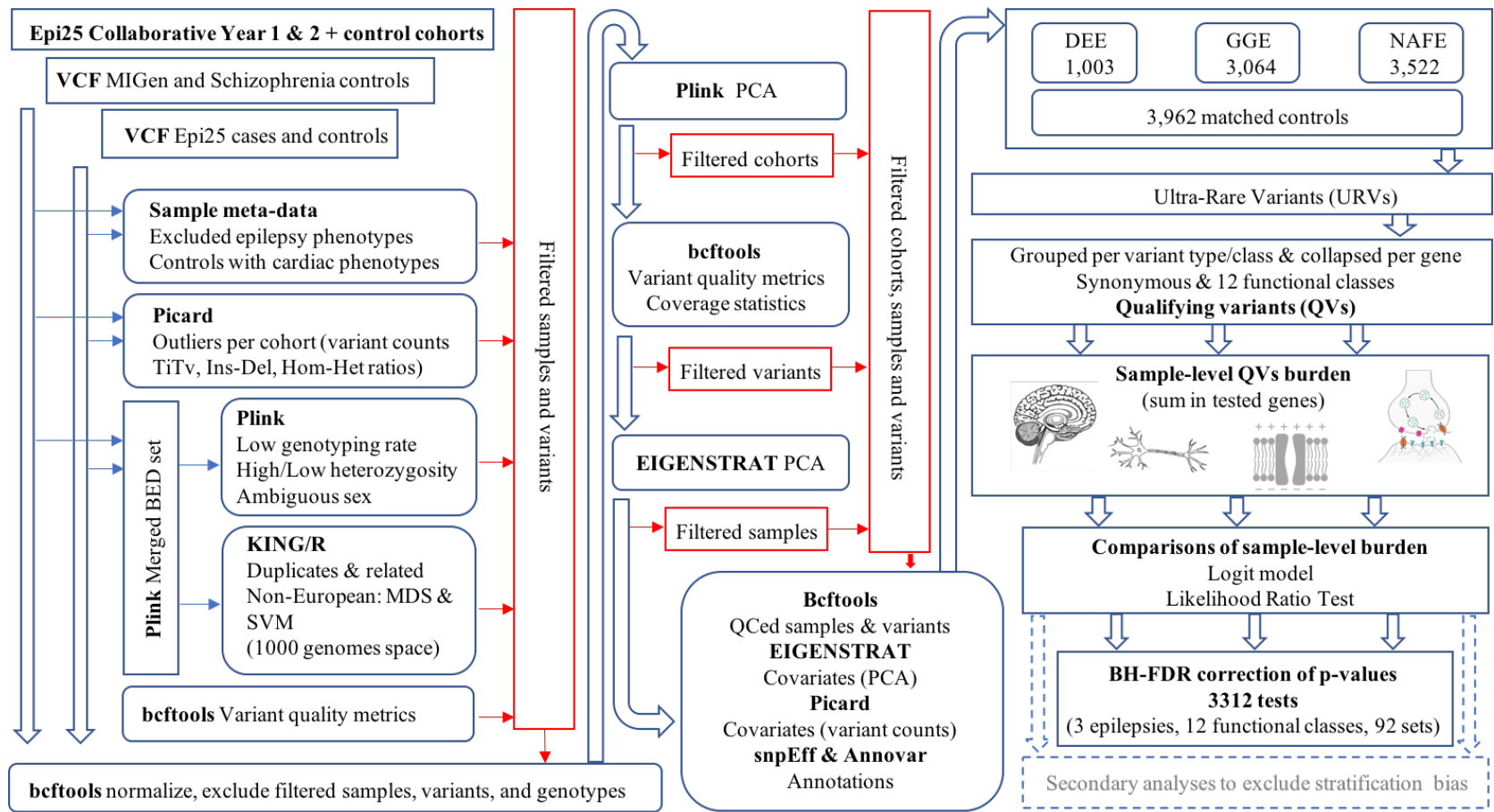


Figure S1: Outlines of the burden analysis method. Thirteen (twelve functional/non-synonymous and one synonymous) variants classes/types with focus on missense variants in constrained or paralog-conserved sites were tested in the three epilepsy phenotypes against a shared set of matched controls. The burden was examined in 92 gene-sets (detailed in Table 1) using a logistic regression model with the count of qualifying variants per sample as a predictor and sample sex, ten principal components, singletons and exome-wide variant counts as covariates. Secondary analyses: an analysis restricting the genes in all gene-sets to autosomal genes (to exclude bias introduced by male-to-female ratio imbalances), an analysis testing the controls prepared for exome sequencing using Illumina ICE capture kits against controls prepared with Agilent SureSelect capture kits (to exclude bias caused by differences in enrichment kits) coupled with an analysis of randomly selected cases and controls (500 permutations) to ensure adequate power, and a direct comparison of GGEs vs. NAFEs using highly constrained variants. BED: PLINK binary biallelic genotype table. BH-FDR: Benjamini-Hochberg False Discovery Rate. DEE: Developmental and Epileptic Encephalopathies. GGE: Genetic Generalized Epilepsies. Hom-Het: Homozygous-Heterozygous. Ins-Del : Insertion-Deletion. MDS: Multi-dimensional scaling. NAFE: Non-Acquired Focal Epilepsies. PCA: Principal Component Analysis. QCed: Quality-controlled. SVM: Support Vector Machine. TiTv: Transition-Transversion. VCF: Variant Call Format file.

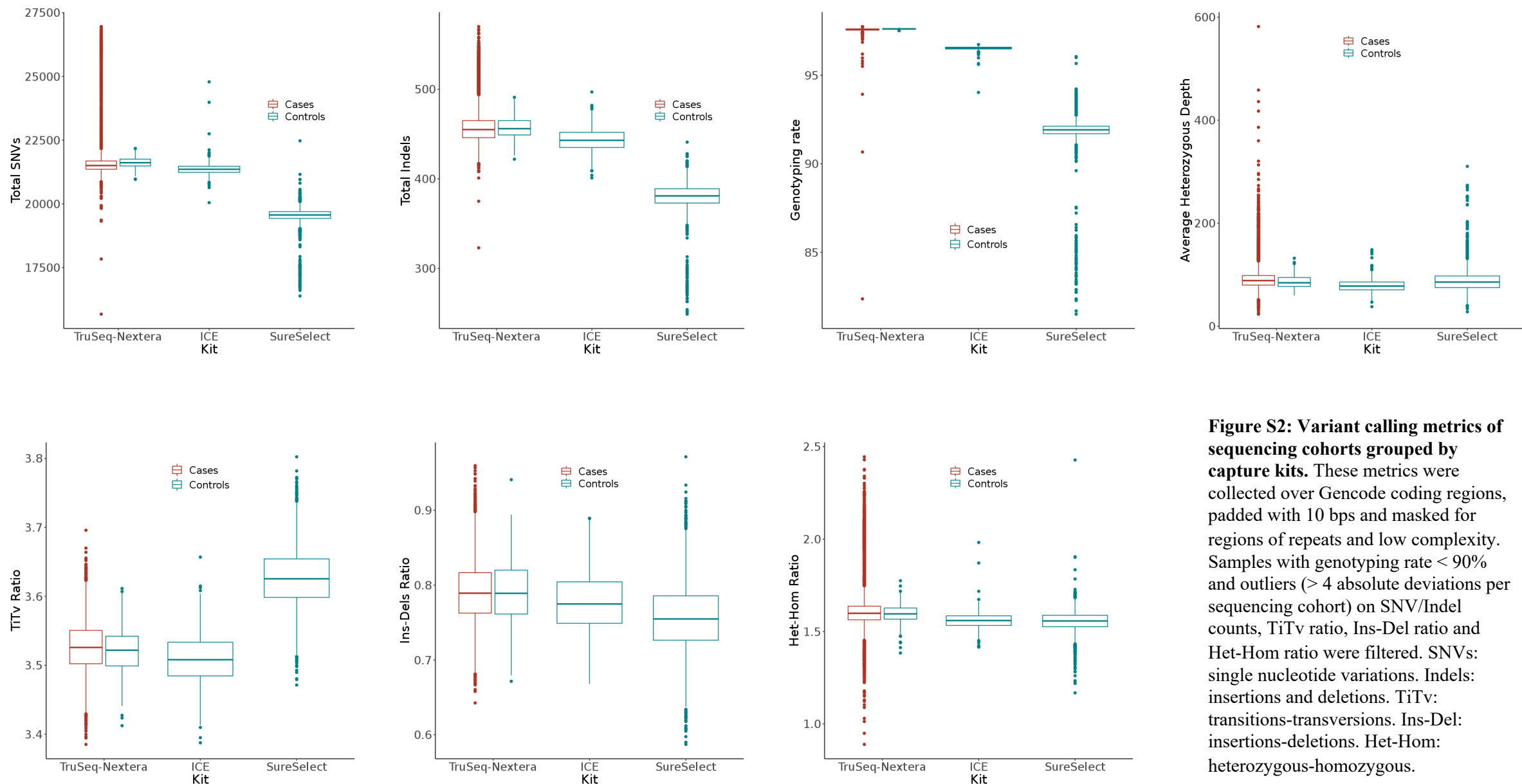


Figure S2: Variant calling metrics of sequencing cohorts grouped by capture kits. These metrics were collected over Gencode coding regions, padded with 10 bps and masked for regions of repeats and low complexity. Samples with genotyping rate < 90% and outliers (> 4 absolute deviations per sequencing cohort) on SNV/Indel counts, TiTv ratio, Ins-Del ratio and Het-Hom ratio were filtered. SNVs: single nucleotide variations. Indels: insertions and deletions. TiTv: transitions-transversions. Ins-Del: insertions-deletions. Het-Hom: heterozygous-homozygous.

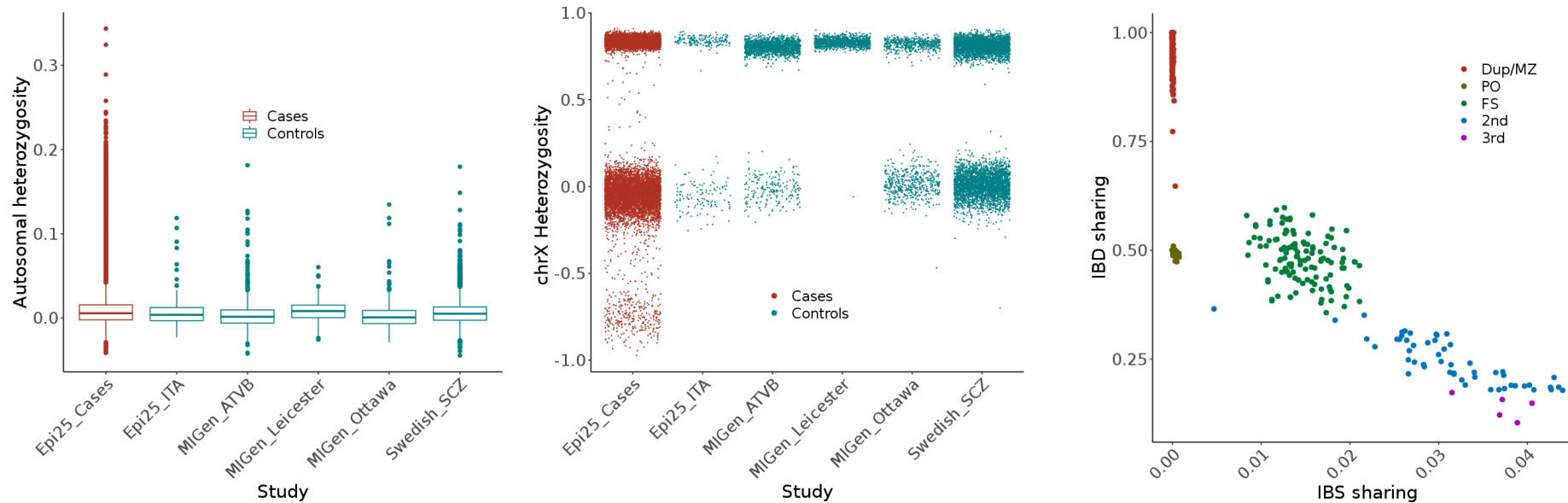


Figure S3: Heterozygosity and kinship filtering. A set of common, pruned variants with high genotyping rate was used to calculate the F-statistic in autosomes (left) and chrX (center) using PLINK. Samples with low or excess autosomal heterozygosity (> 3 standard deviations) were filtered. For sex prediction (SNP-sex), cut-offs of 0.2 and 0.6 were used to separate female and male clusters from samples with ambiguous sequencing sex prediction. Integrated kinship predictions (right) using KING identified pairs of duplicates/twins and related samples. One sample from each pair was filtered. IBD: Identity by descent. IBS: identity by state. Dup/MZ: duplicates or monozygotic twins. PO: parent-offspring. FS: full-sibling. 2nd: second degree. 3rd: third degree.

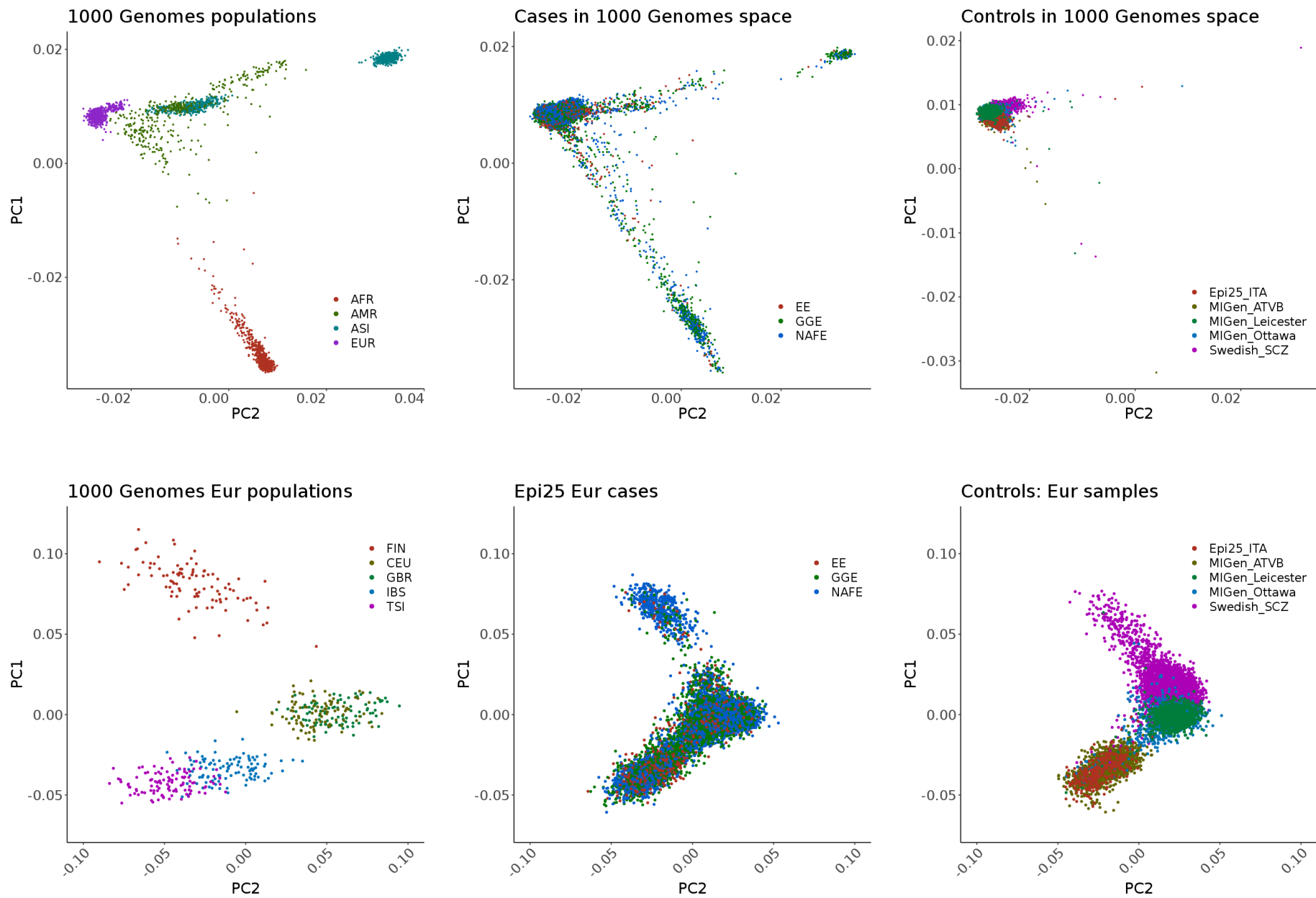


Figure S4: Continental ancestry groups. KING multidimensional scaling (MDS) projection in the 1000 Genomes space (top left panel) was used to estimate the major ancestry components. The cases (top center panel) showed wide variability in continental ancestry. The controls (top right panel) were mostly of European ancestry. A support vector machine was trained on 1000 Genomes sample labels and used to identify Epi25 and control samples with likely European ancestry (bottom center and right panels). A second round of MDS was performed to project the principal components of 500 samples of European ancestry from the 1000 Genomes (bottom left) on the Epi25 cases and control samples classified as European (bottom middle and right panel). See Figure S4 for subsequent case-control matching.

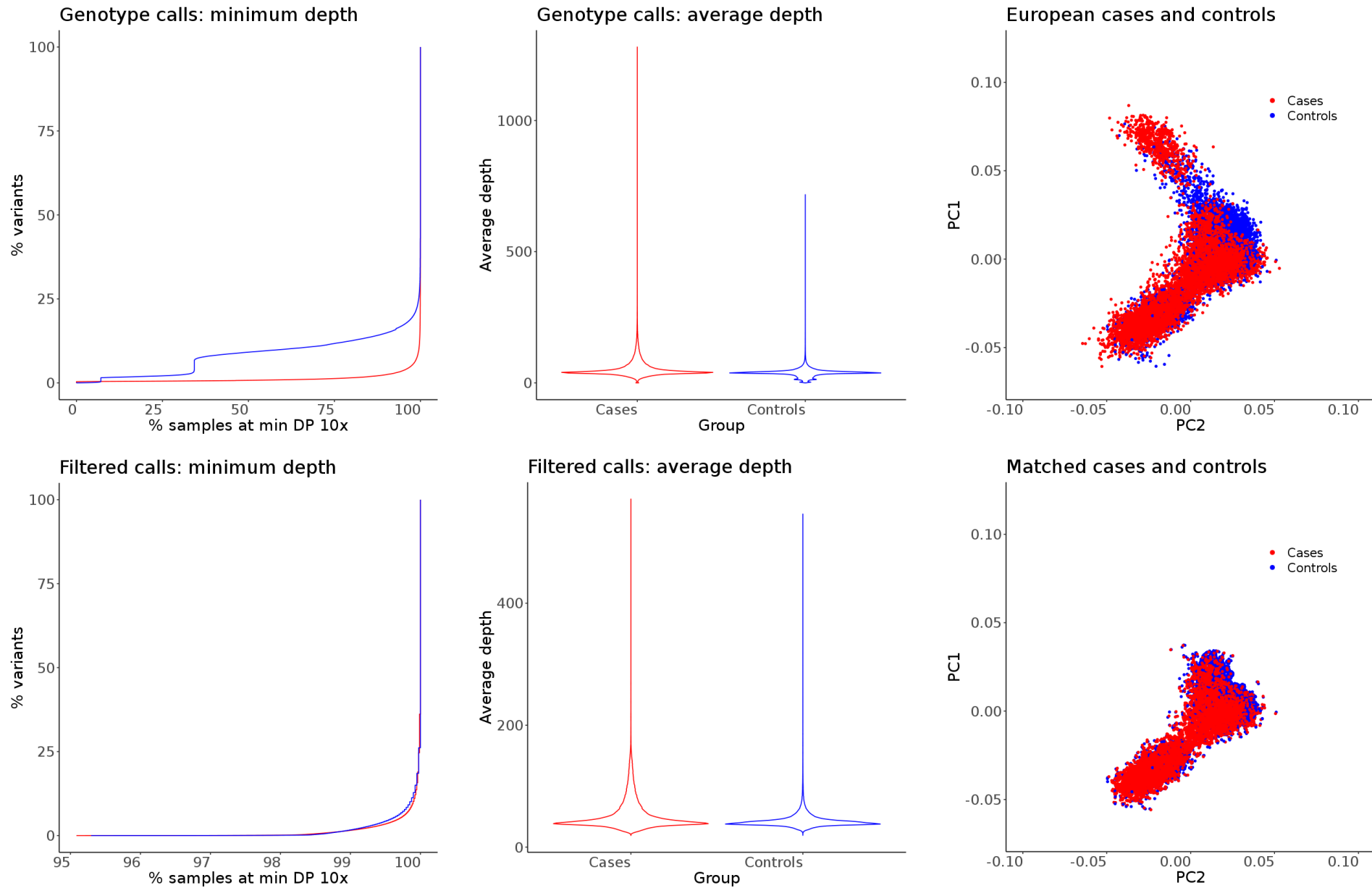


Figure S5: Baseline case-control matching and variant harmonization. The percent of samples covered at a minimum depth of 10x (top left) and the average depth (top center) are shown for the cases (red) and controls (blue). Multidimensional scaling was used to estimate the major ancestral components (top-right; see Figure S3 for details). To harmonize the ancestry and the variant calls, (a) about 20% of variants were removed where the percent of covered cases and controls was lower than 95%; (b) the difference in the average depth in cases and controls was calculated and outliers (> 3 standard deviations) were pruned out; (c) the difference in the percent of samples covered at depth 10x was calculated and variants with extreme differences (> 3 standard deviations) were also pruned; and (d) Poorly matched cases and controls on the top principal components PC1/PC2 and those of likely Finnish ancestry ($PC1 > 0.04$; see Figure S3) were removed. This resulted in a homogeneous variant call rate (plots in bottom panels).

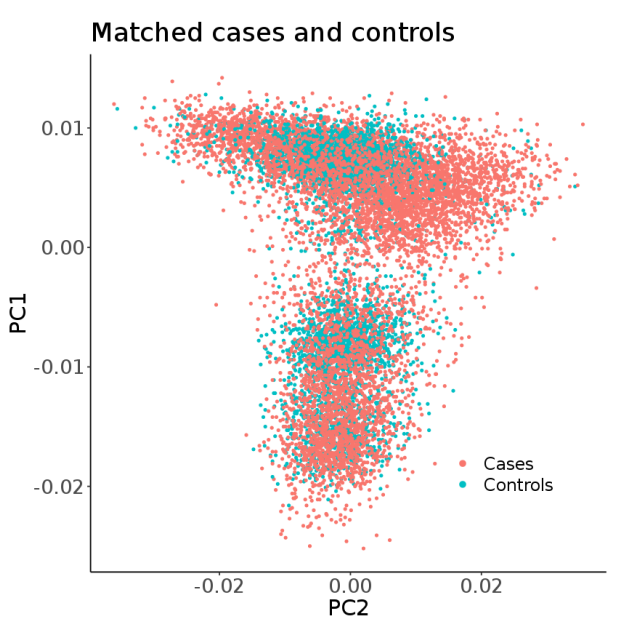
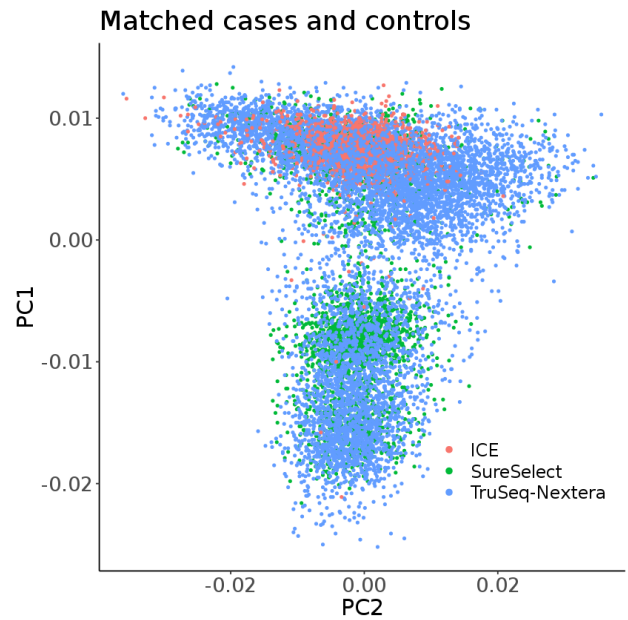
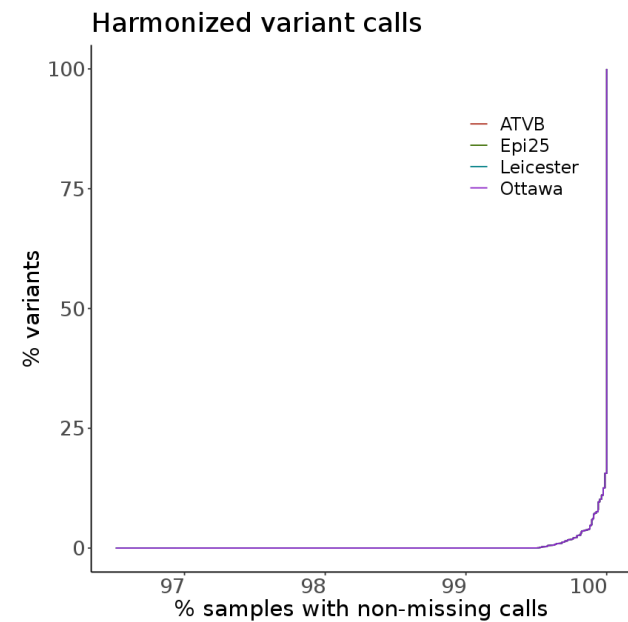
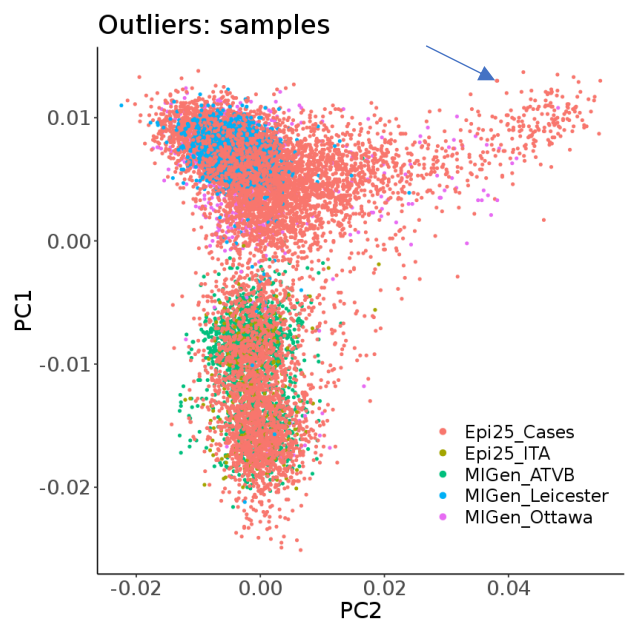
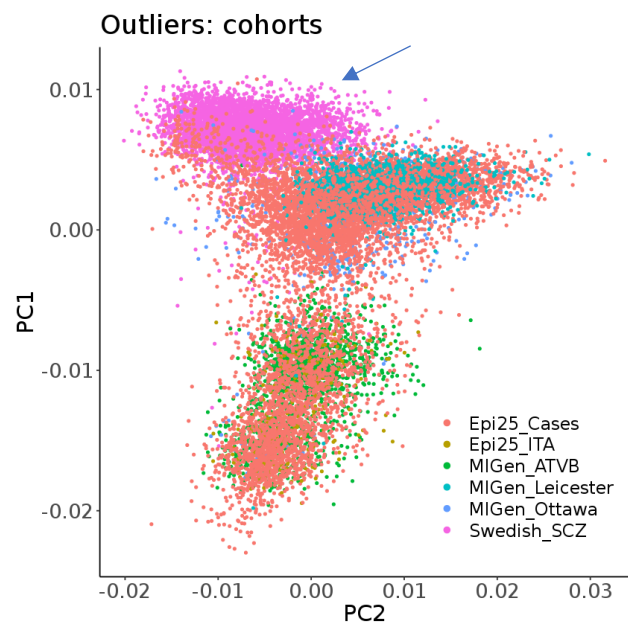


Figure S6: Final case-control matching. Principal component analysis of baseline-filtered cases and controls showed residual population and cohort stratification (top left). Swedish controls (outliers on the first round of PCA; arrow in top left panel) and additional poorly matched samples (outliers on the second round of PCA; arrow in top center panel) were filtered. The call-rate was harmonized between different sequencing cohorts (top right) by removing all variants where the difference in call rate between pairs of individual cohorts exceeds 0.5%. These measures minimized the patch effects (bottom left). The first and second principal components of the final matched case control set (bottom center panel) capture the northern-southern and eastern-western European geographical axis, respectively

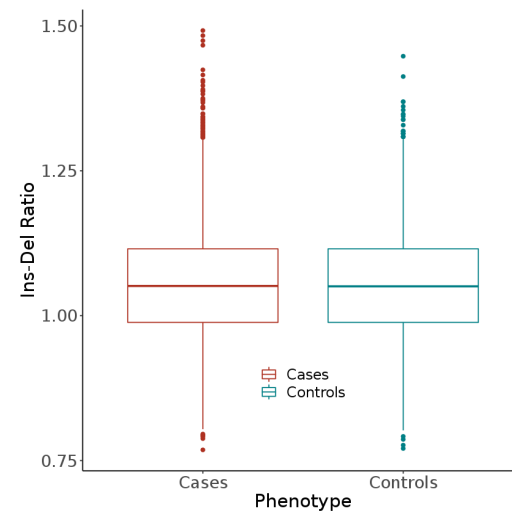
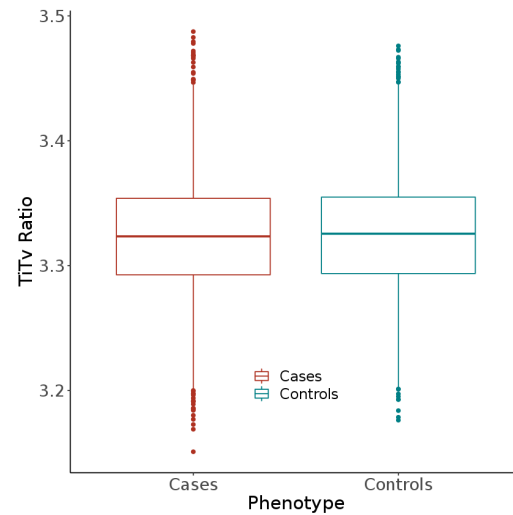
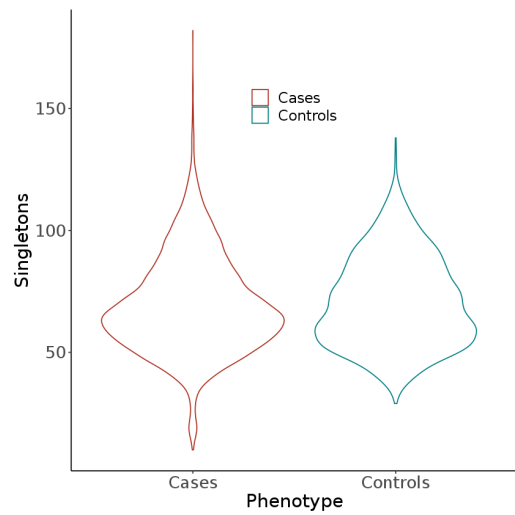
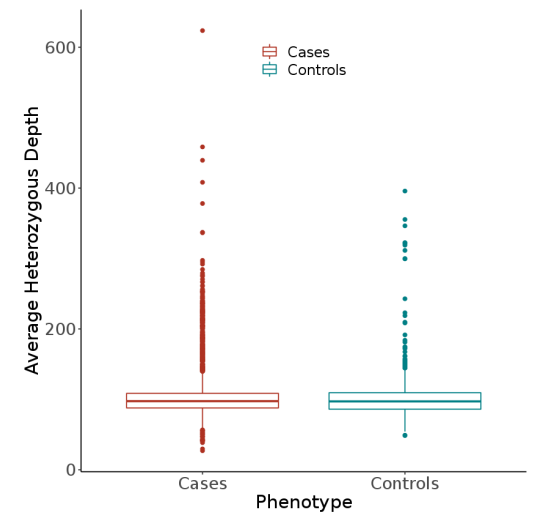
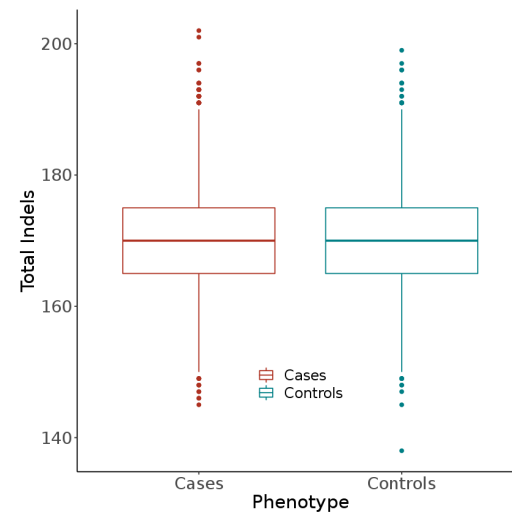
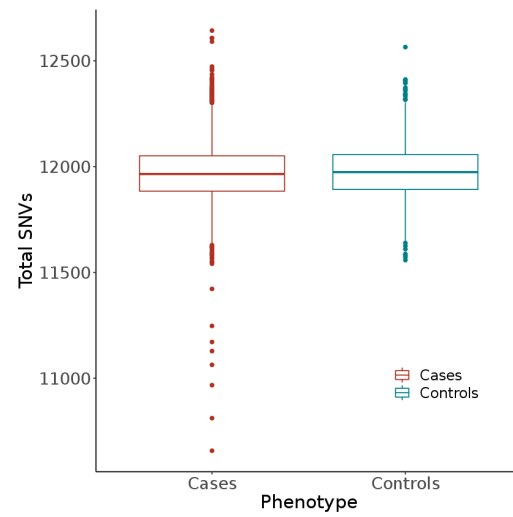
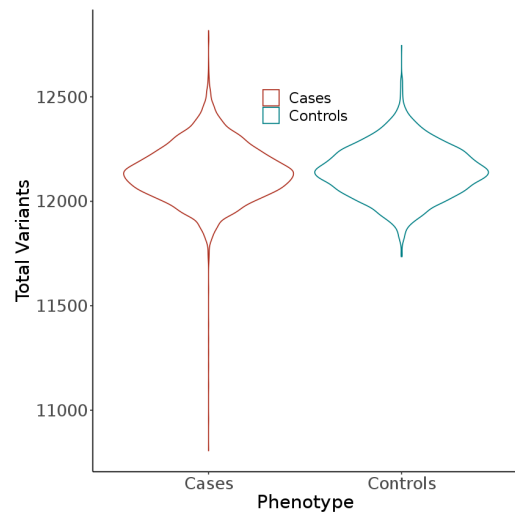


Figure S7: Variant counts and calling metrics in the final sample set.

A. Variant calling metrics stratified by phenotype. The sample and variant homogenization steps resulted the removal of half of the raw variant calls in coding regions (see Figure S1 for comparison) but also in a balanced SNP and Indel variant count distribution between the cases and controls. The residual difference in singletons count mirrors the European ancestry clusters seen in Figure S5. SNVs: single nucleotide variations. Indels: insertions and deletions. TiTv: transitions-transversions. Ins-Del: insertions-deletions.

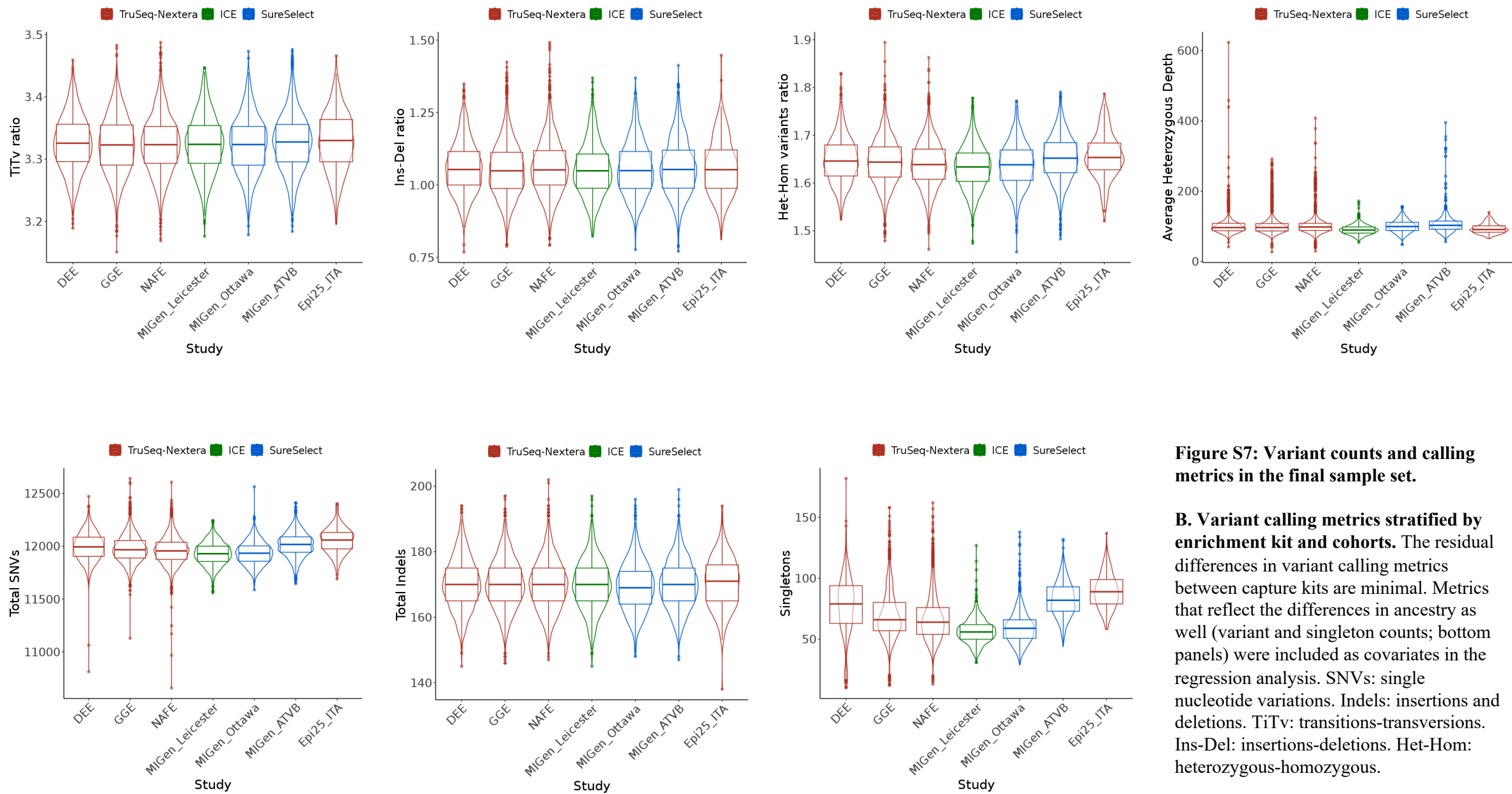


Figure S7: Variant counts and calling metrics in the final sample set.

B. Variant calling metrics stratified by enrichment kit and cohorts. The residual differences in variant calling metrics between capture kits are minimal. Metrics that reflect the differences in ancestry as well (variant and singleton counts; bottom panels) were included as covariates in the regression analysis. SNVs: single nucleotide variations. Indels: insertions and deletions. TiTv: transitions-transversions. Ins-Del: insertions-deletions. Het-Hom: heterozygous-homozygous.

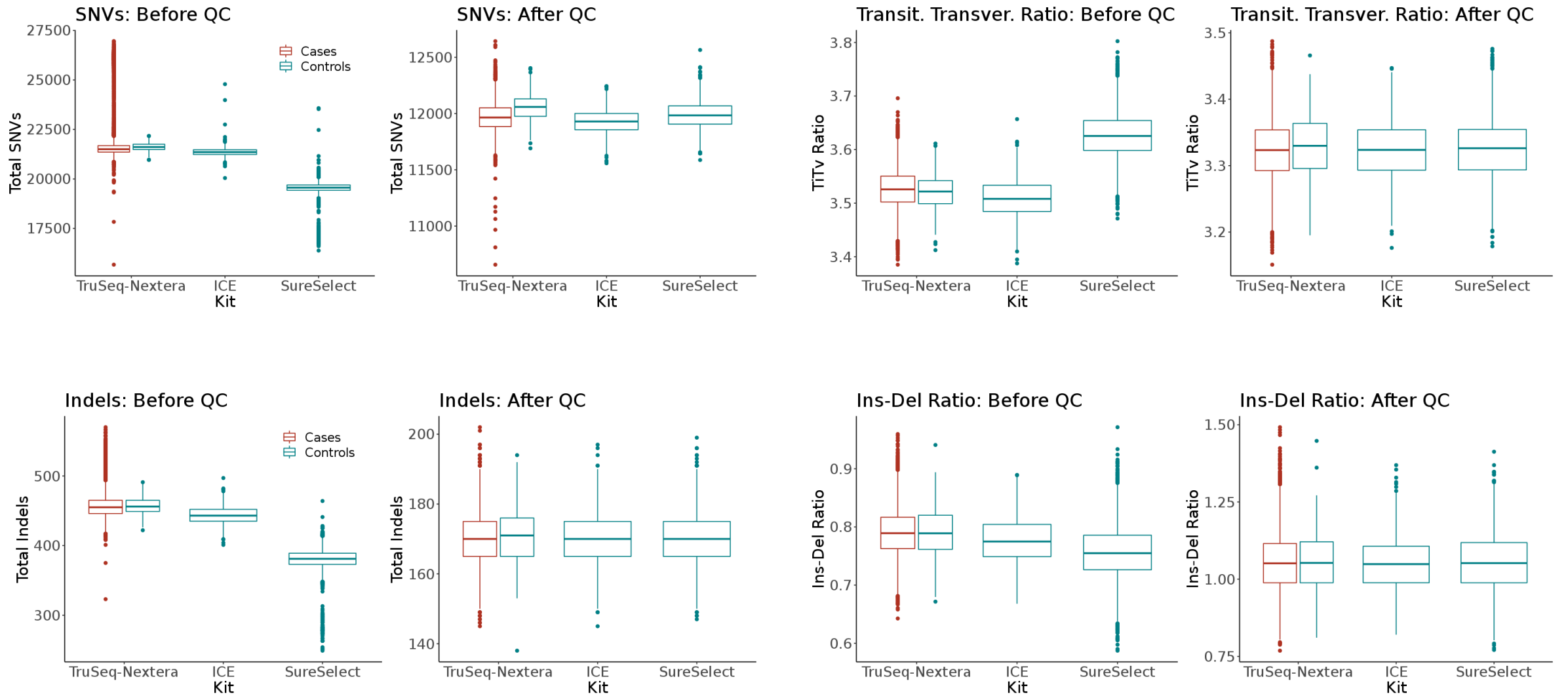


Figure S7: Variant counts and calling metrics in the final sample set. C. Outcomes of coverage harmonization. Quality control and coverage harmonization processes ensured inclusion of variants with adequate coverage across capture kits, eventually minimizing the possibility of spurious outcomes from differences between capture kits.

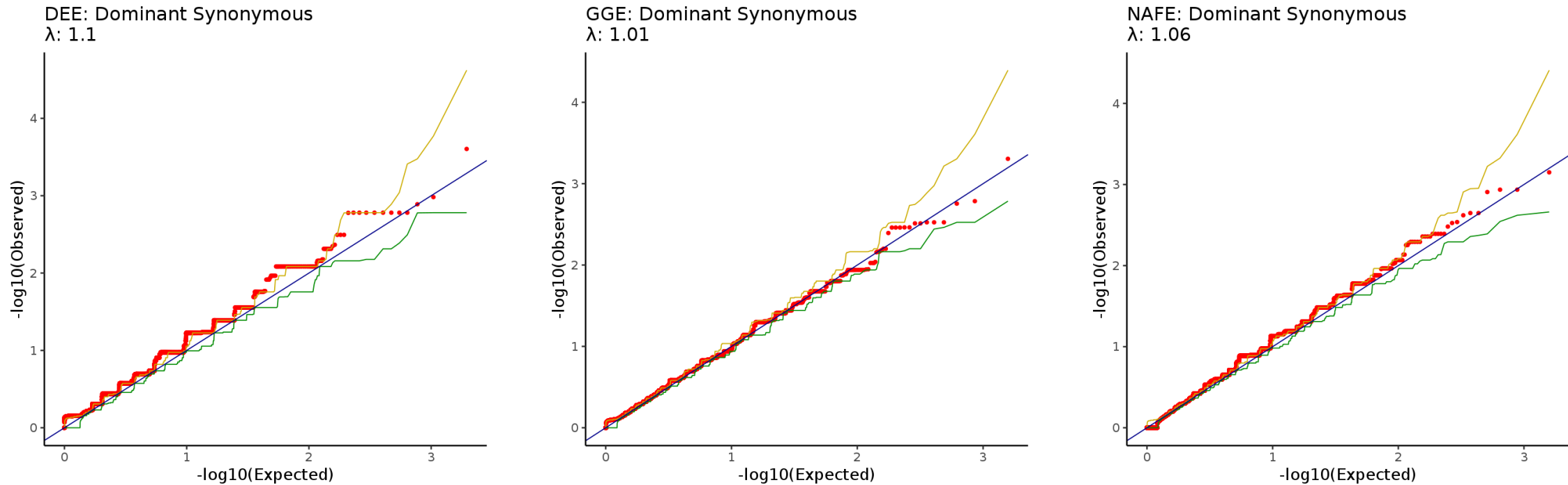


Figure S8: Quantile-Quantile plots of gene collapsing analysis of ultra-rare synonymous variants. Observed p values are obtained from testing the significance of the difference in qualifying and unqualifying cases and controls counts (cases and controls with or without qualifying variants) using Fisher Exact Test. Expected p values indicate the mean p values obtained from 1000 permutations of sample labels followed by Fisher Exact Test. Green and golden lines indicate 2.5th and 97.5th centiles of permutation p values. Genomic Inflation Factor estimates (λ) were calculated from a comparison of the observed and mean permutation p values. DEE: developmental and epileptic encephalopathies. GGE: genetic generalized epilepsies. NAFE: non-acquired focal epilepsies.

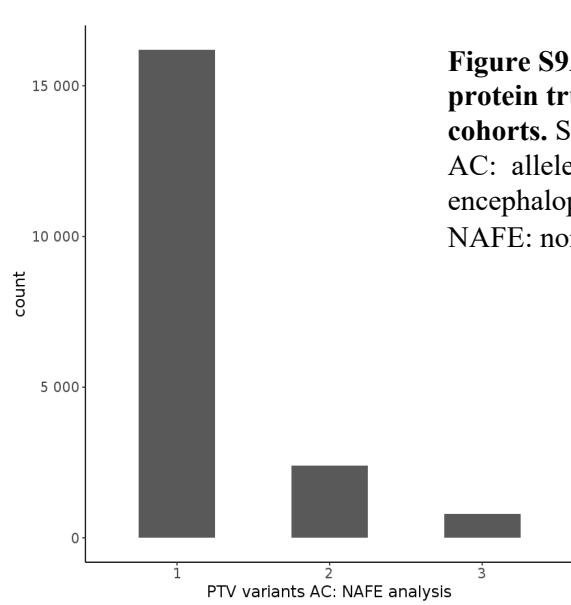
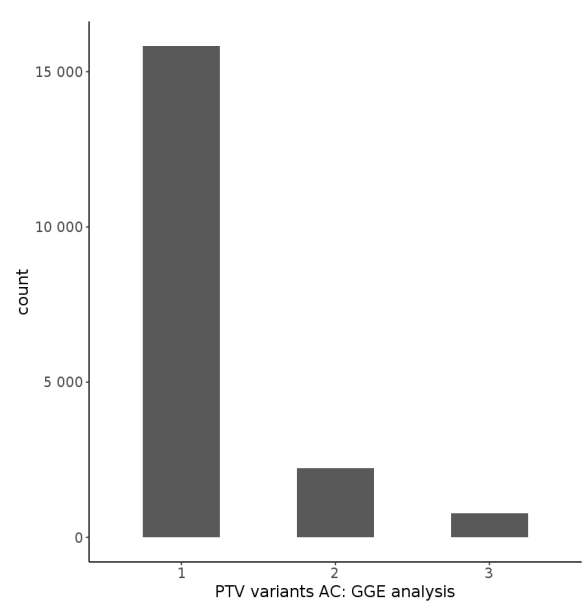
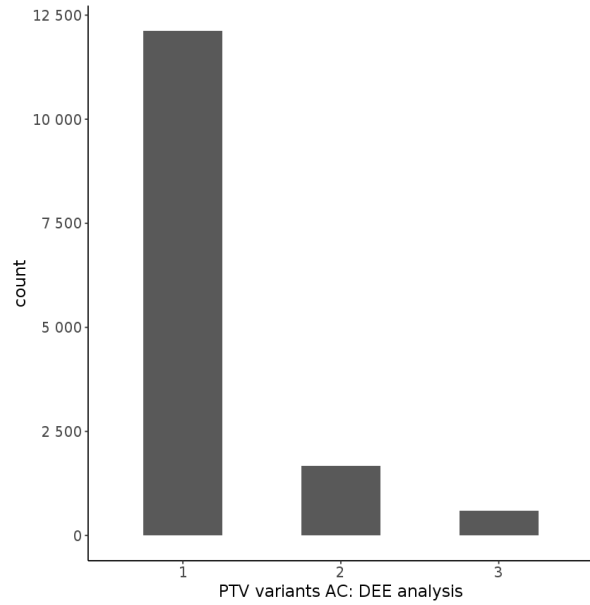
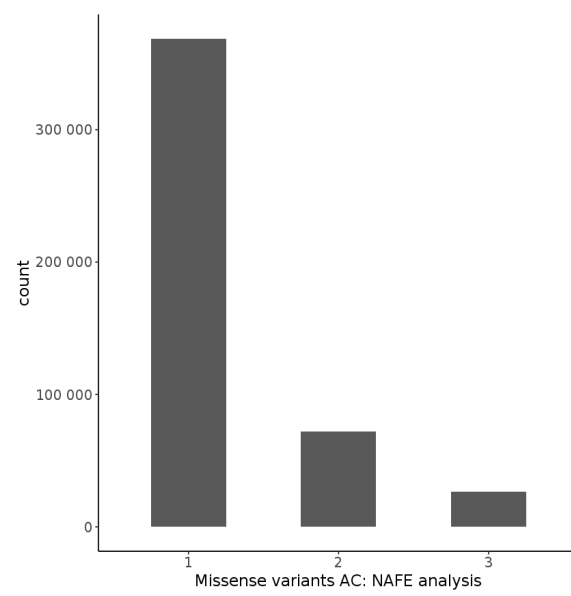
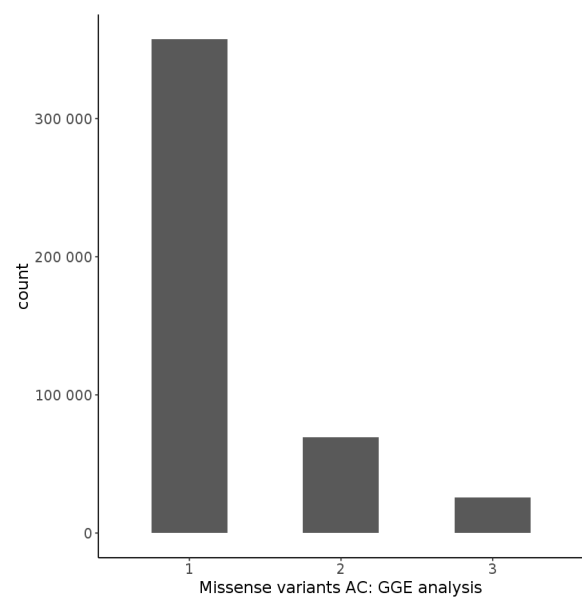
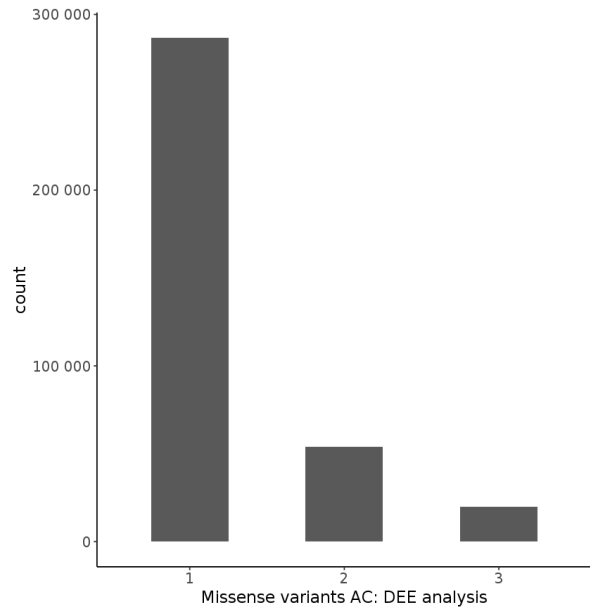


Figure S9A: Allele counts of ultra-rare missense and protein truncating variants (PTV) observed in the study cohorts. Singleton variants constitute most observations. AC: allele count. DEE: developmental and epileptic encephalopathies. GGE: genetic generalized epilepsies. NAFE: non-acquired focal epilepsies.

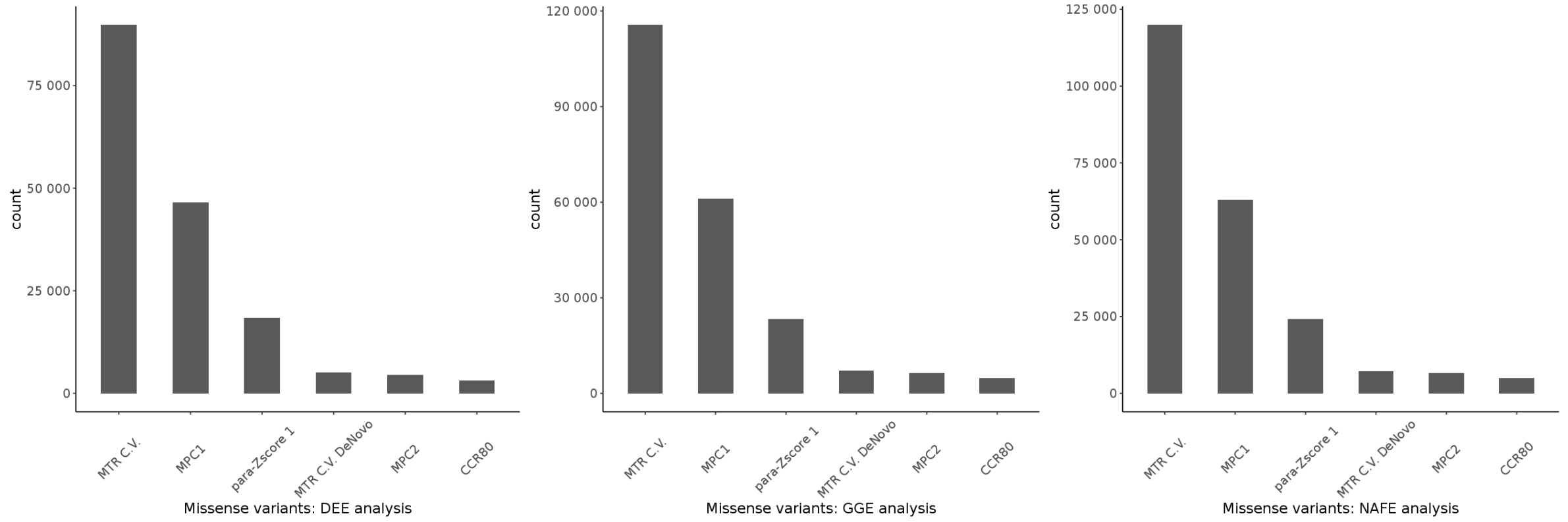


Figure S9B: Ultra-rare variants count in selected missense variant classes. The variants are partially overlapping between these models, particularly because the same set of controls is used. DEE: developmental and epileptic encephalopathies. GGE: genetic generalized epilepsies. NAFE: non-acquired focal epilepsies. C.V.: ClinVar.

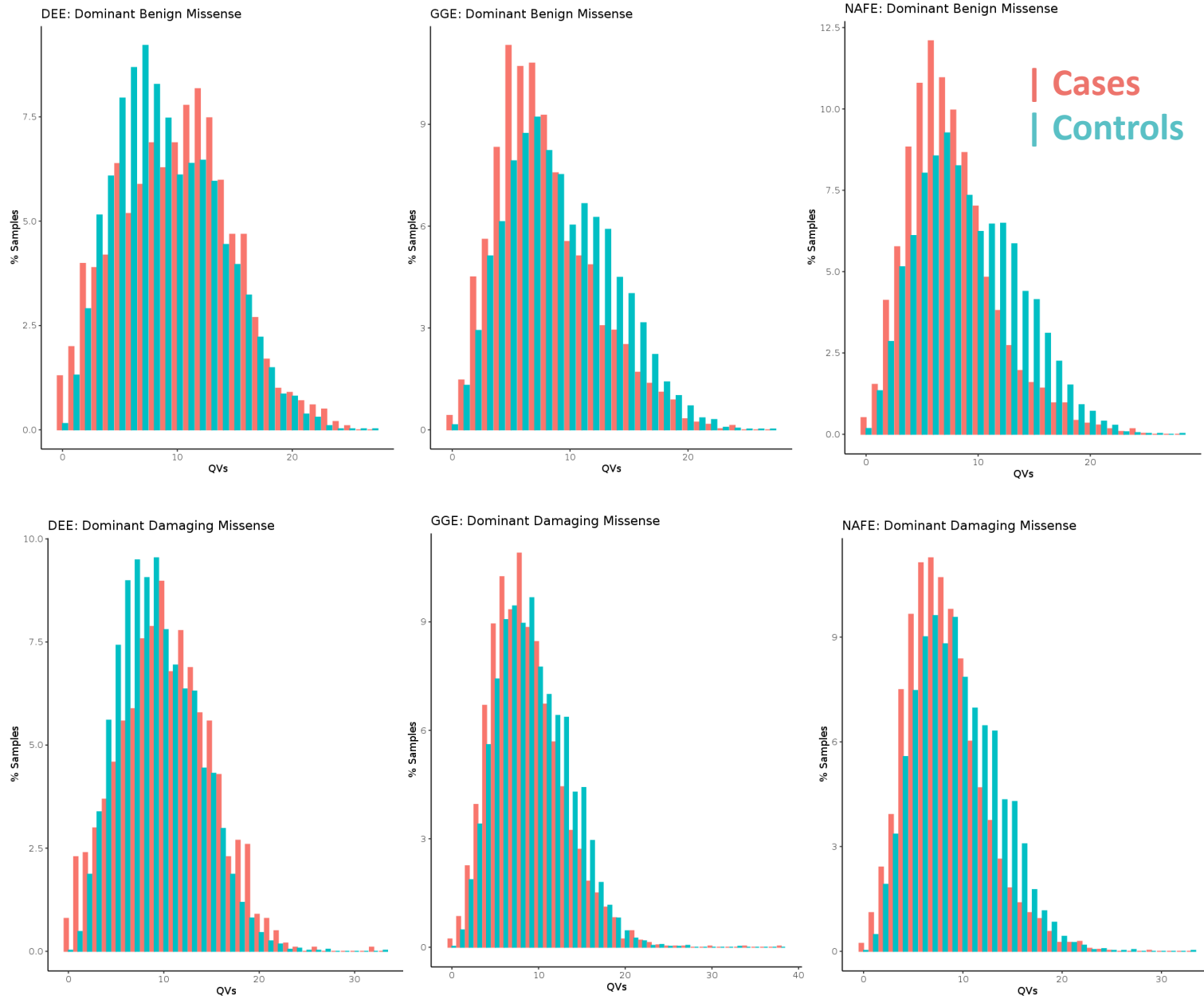


Figure S10: Distribution of qualifying variants (QVs) in cases and controls.

A. Plots from the analysis of benign (top) and damaging (bottom) missense variants are shown. DEE: developmental and epileptic encephalopathies. GGE: genetic generalized epilepsies. NAFE: non-acquired focal epilepsies.

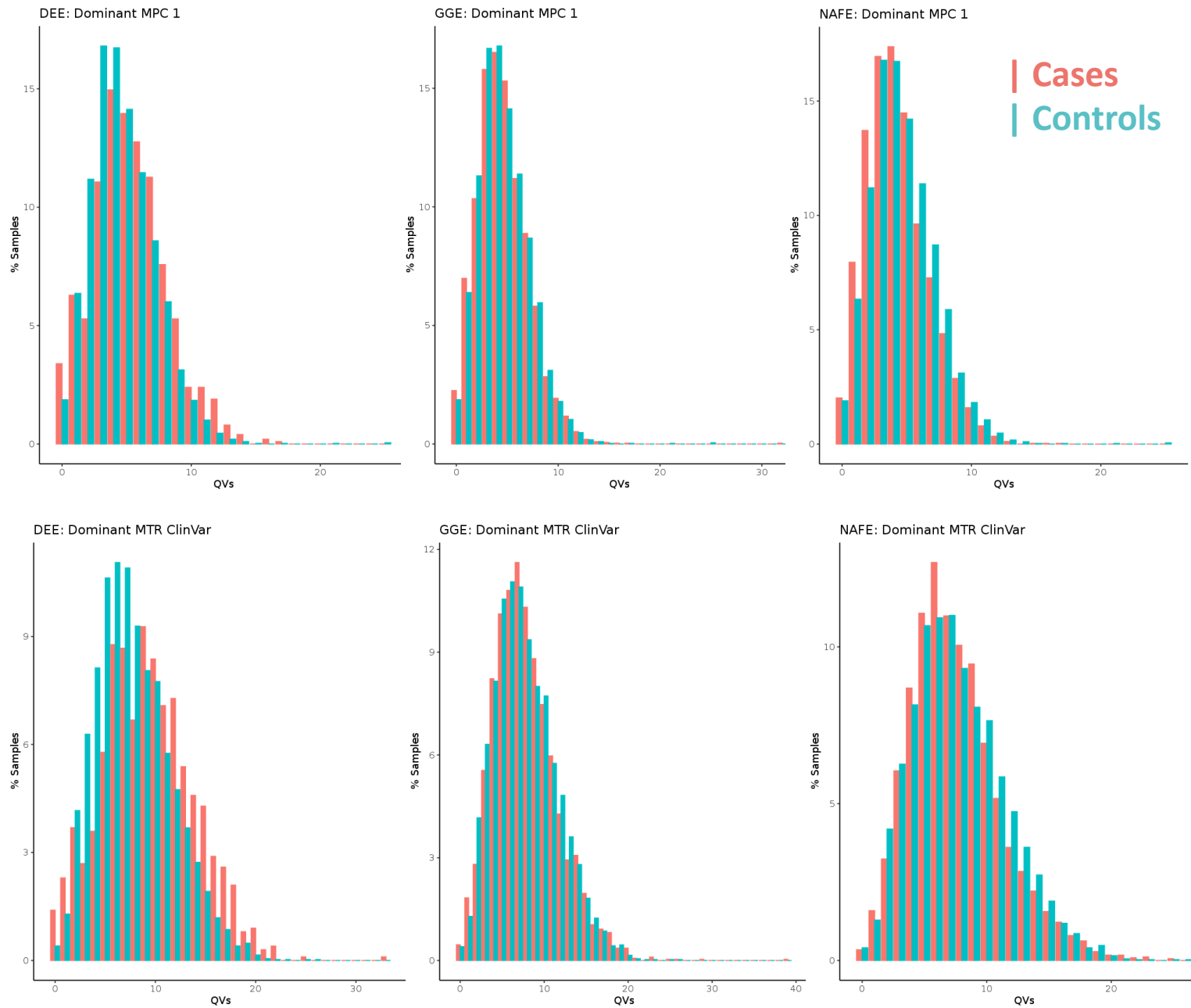


Figure S10: Distribution of qualifying variants (QVs) in cases and controls.

B. Plots from the analysis of missense variants in moderately constrained sites are shown (to: MPC 1 class, bottom: MTR ClinVar class). DEE: developmental and epileptic encephalopathies. GGE: genetic generalized epilepsies. NAFE: non-acquired focal epilepsies.

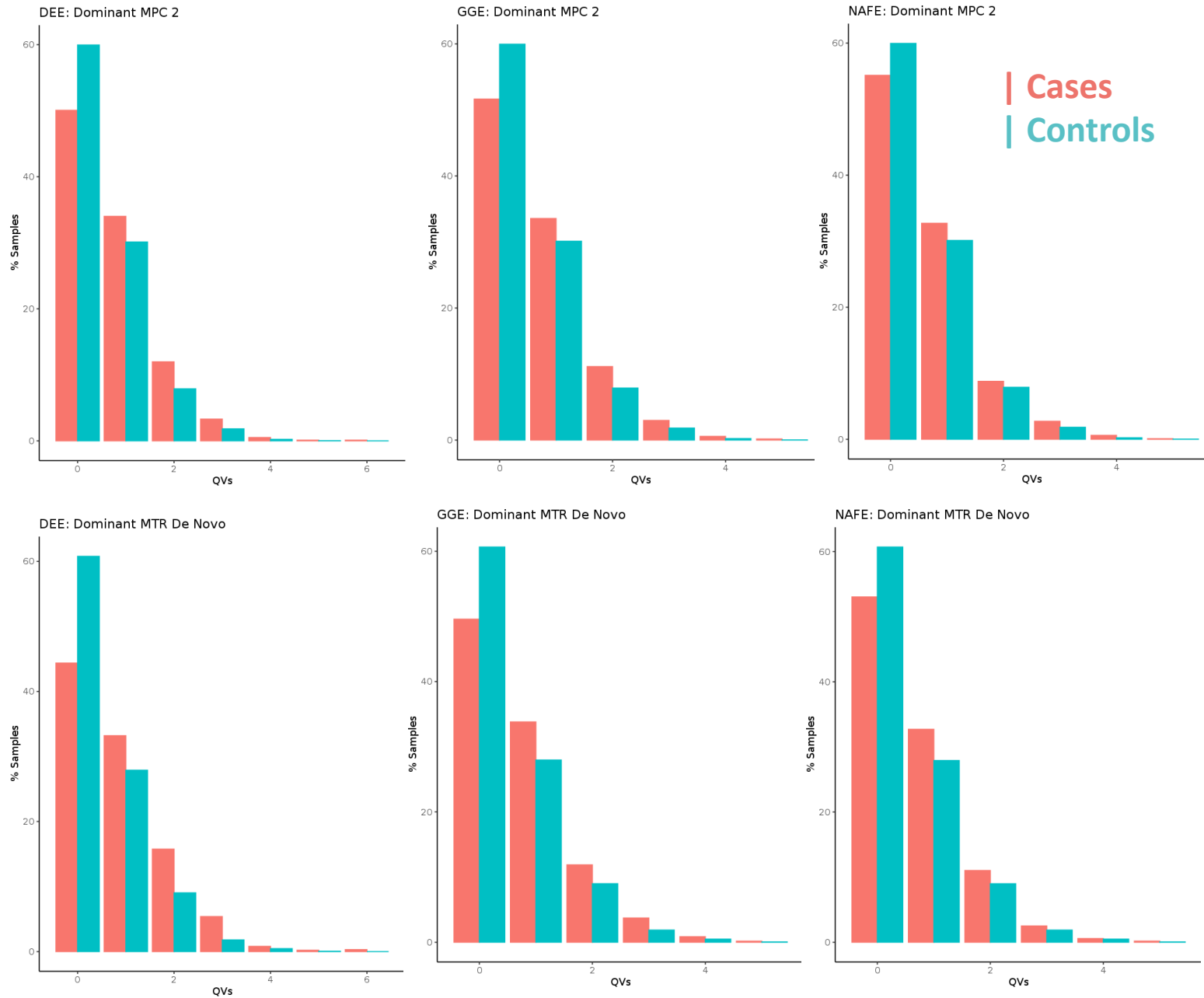


Figure S11: Variants load in three analysis sets in missense variants affecting highly constrained regions.

A. Variants classified based on MPC and MTR scores. Plots from the analysis of missense variants in highly constrained sites (top: MPC 2 class; bottom: MTR De Novo class). DEE: developmental and epileptic encephalopathies. GGE: genetic generalized epilepsies. NAFE: non-acquired focal epilepsies.

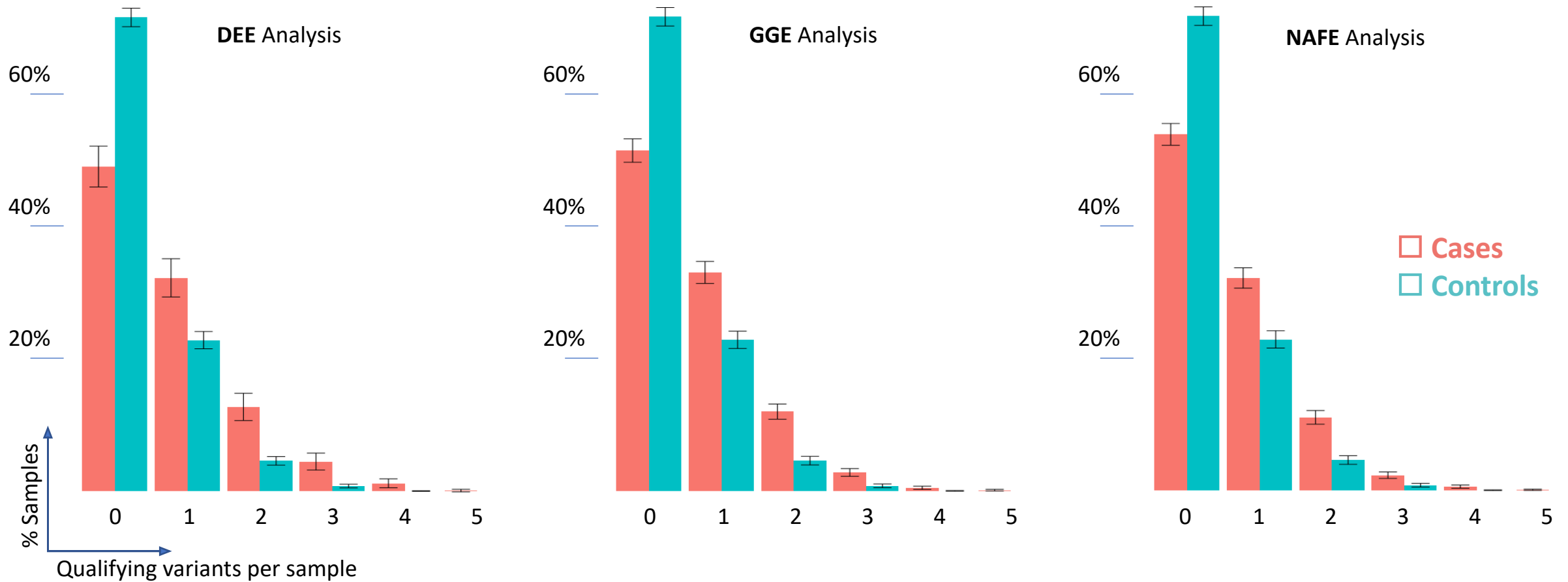


Figure S11: Variants load in three analysis sets in missense variants affecting highly constrained regions.

B. CCR 80 class of variants. Roughly, half of the cases compared to one fourth of the controls harbor one or more qualifying variant per exome in highly constrained sites. Error bars indicate the 95% confidence intervals calculated as follows: $p \pm 1.96 \times \sqrt{p(1-p)/n}$ where p is the proportion of samples and n is the total number of samples. DEE: developmental and epileptic encephalopathies. GGE: genetic generalized epilepsies. NAFE: non-acquired focal epilepsies.

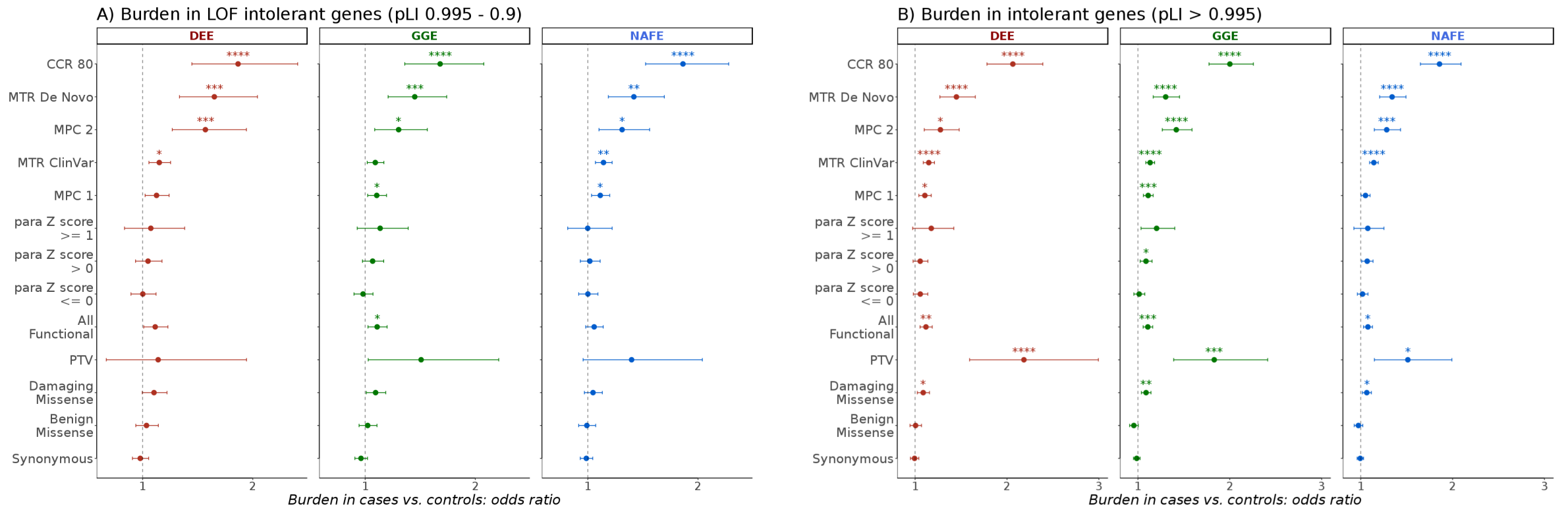


Figure S12: Burden of ultra-rare variants in loss-of-function intolerant genes. *y* axis: variant classes. *x* axis: odds ratio from regression analysis of individual burden of qualifying variants. Stars indicate FDR-adjusted *p* values: * < 0.05, ** < 0.005, *** < 0.0005, **** < 0.00005. Error bars indicate 95% confidence intervals of odds. DEE: developmental and epileptic encephalopathies. GGE: genetic generalized epilepsies. NAFE: non-acquired focal epilepsies. pLI: probability of loss-of-function intolerance.

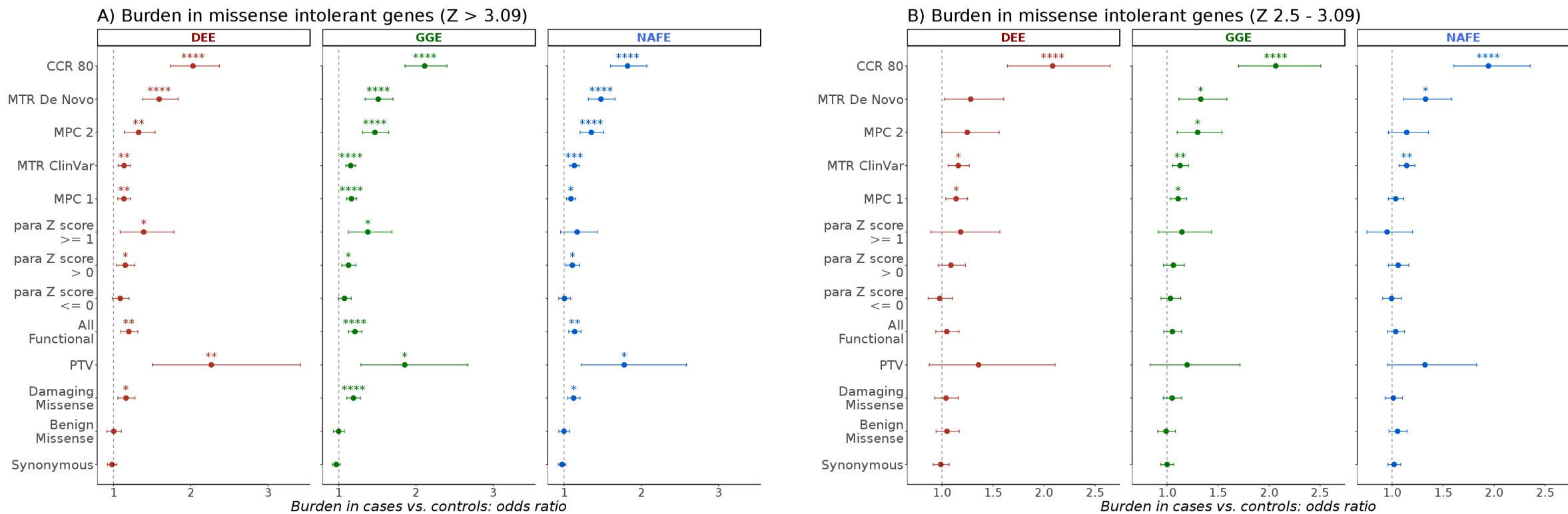


Figure S13: Burden in brain-expressed missense intolerant genes. y axis: variant classes. x axis: odds ratio from regression analysis of individual burden of qualifying variants. Stars indicate FDR-adjusted p values: * < 0.05, ** < 0.005, *** < 0.0005, **** < 0.00005. Error bars indicate 95% confidence intervals of odds. DEE: developmental and epileptic encephalopathies. GGE: genetic generalized epilepsies. NAFE: non-acquired focal epilepsies. Z: z-score of the probability of missense intolerance.

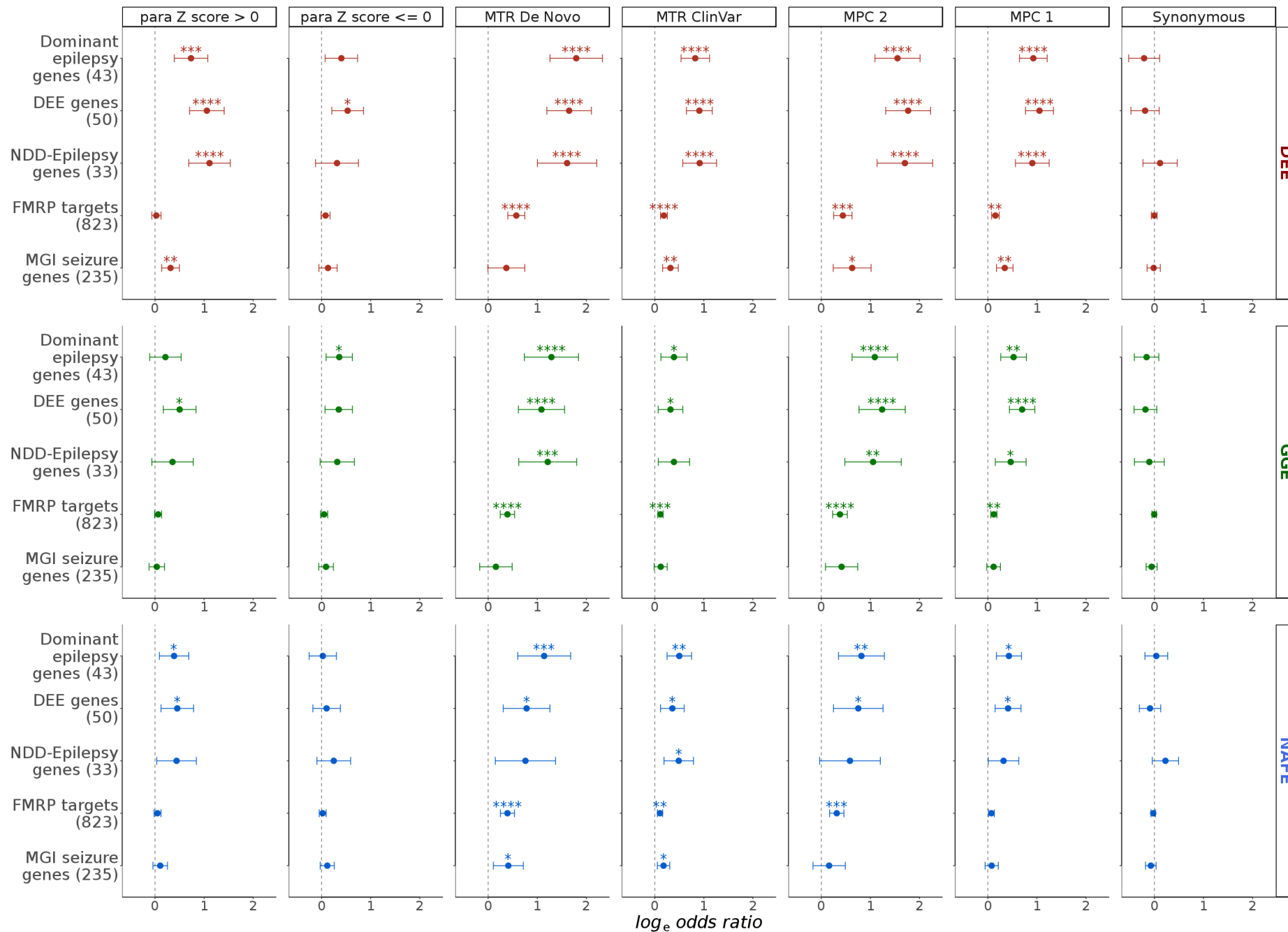


Figure S14: Burden of ultra-rare variants in groups of epilepsy-related known disease genes. The burden in five gene-sets (y-axis; number of genes between brackets) in developmental and epileptic encephalopathies (DEE), genetic generalized epilepsies (GGE) and non-acquired focal epilepsies (NAFE) (horizontal panel) in selected variant classes (vertical panels) is shown on the x-axis (log odd ratios from Likelihood Ratio Test; error bars indicate 95% confidence intervals). False-Discovery-Rate-adjusted p values (synonymous variants analysis p values were not adjusted) are indicated with stars as follows: no star > 0.05, * < 0.05, ** < 0.005, *** < 0.0005, **** < 0.00005. NDD-Epilepsy: neurodevelopmental disorders with epilepsy. FMRP: Fragile-X Mental Retardation Protein targets. MGI: Mouse Genome Informatics database.

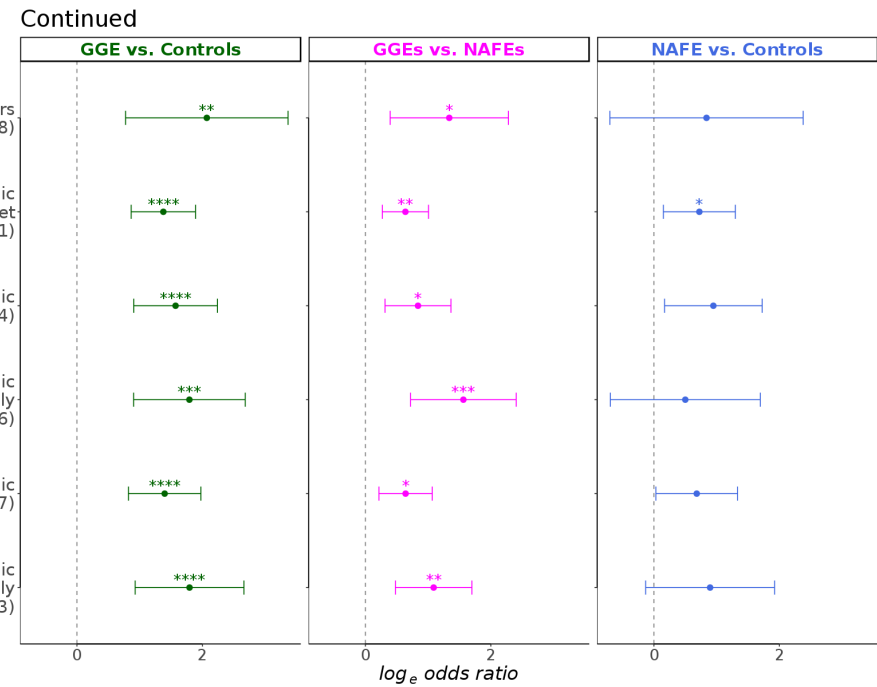
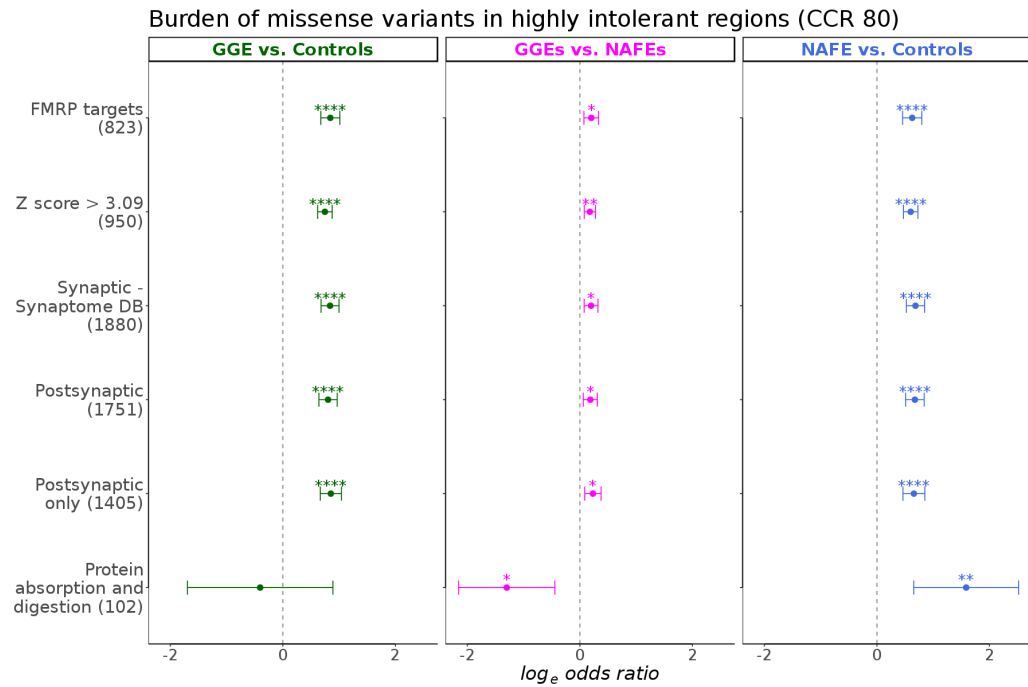


Figure S15: Gene sets with substantial differences in URVs burden in a direct comparison of GGEs vs. NAFEs. All gene sets with p values < 0.01 (corresponds to an FDR-adjusted p value of 0.05 in the primary analysis) are shown. Panels: variant classes. y axis: gene-sets (genes count between parenthesis). x axis: log odds ratio from regression analysis of individual burden of qualifying variants. Stars indicate FDR-adjusted p values: * < 0.05 , ** < 0.005 , *** < 0.0005 , **** < 0.00005 . Error bars indicate 95% confidence intervals of odds. GGE: genetic generalized epilepsies. NAFE: non-acquired focal epilepsies.

Synaptic and axon initial segment genes

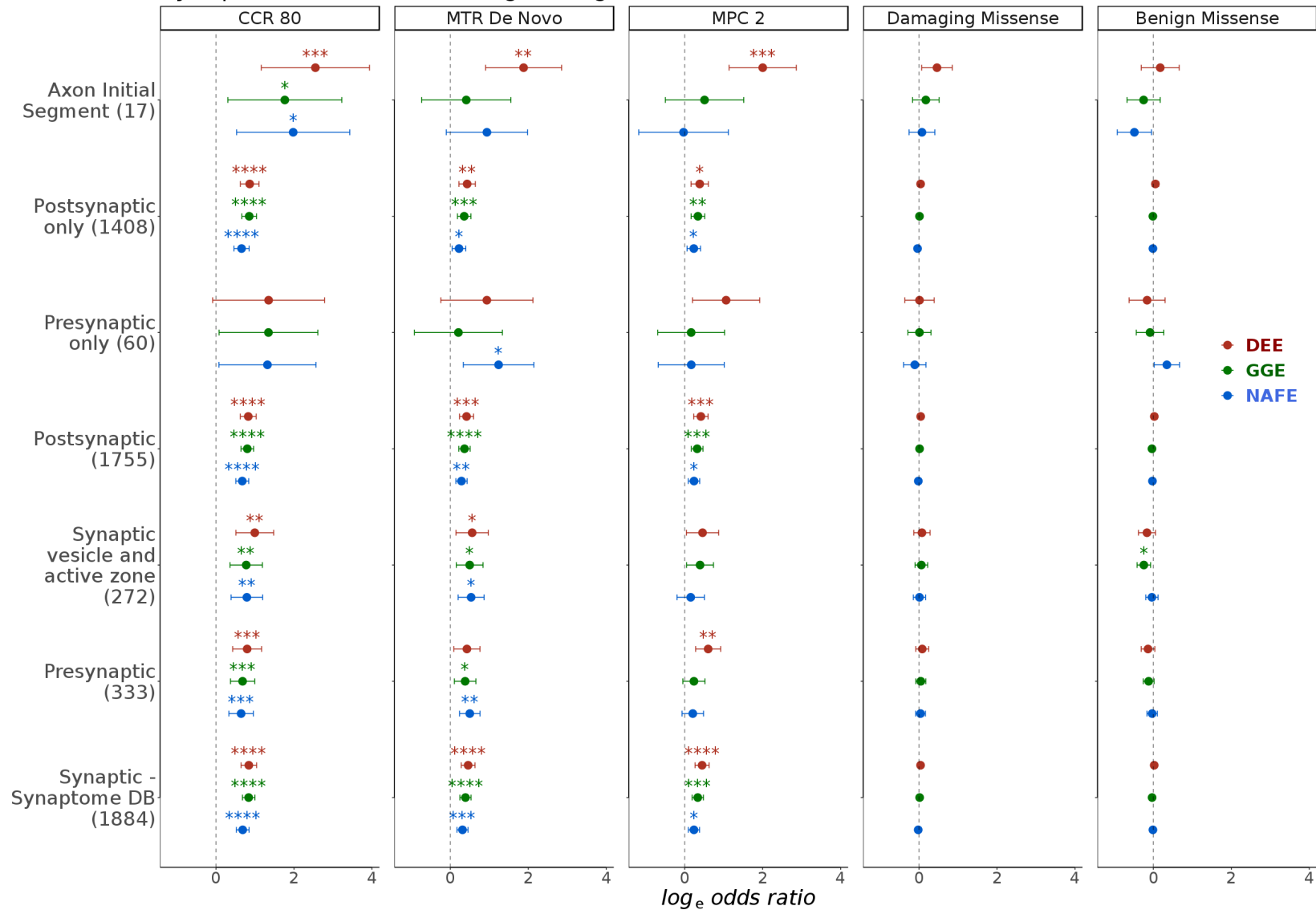


Figure S16: Burden in groups of axon initial segment and synaptic genes. Panels: variant classes. y axis: gene-sets (genes count between parenthesis). x axis: log odds ratio from regression analysis of individual burden of qualifying variants. Stars indicate FDR-adjusted p values: * < 0.05, ** < 0.005, *** < 0.0005, **** < 0.00005. Error bars indicate 95% confidence intervals of odds. DEE: developmental and epileptic encephalopathies. GGE: genetic generalized epilepsies. NAFE: non-acquired focal epilepsies.

Additional neuronal sets (KEGG & Reactome databases)

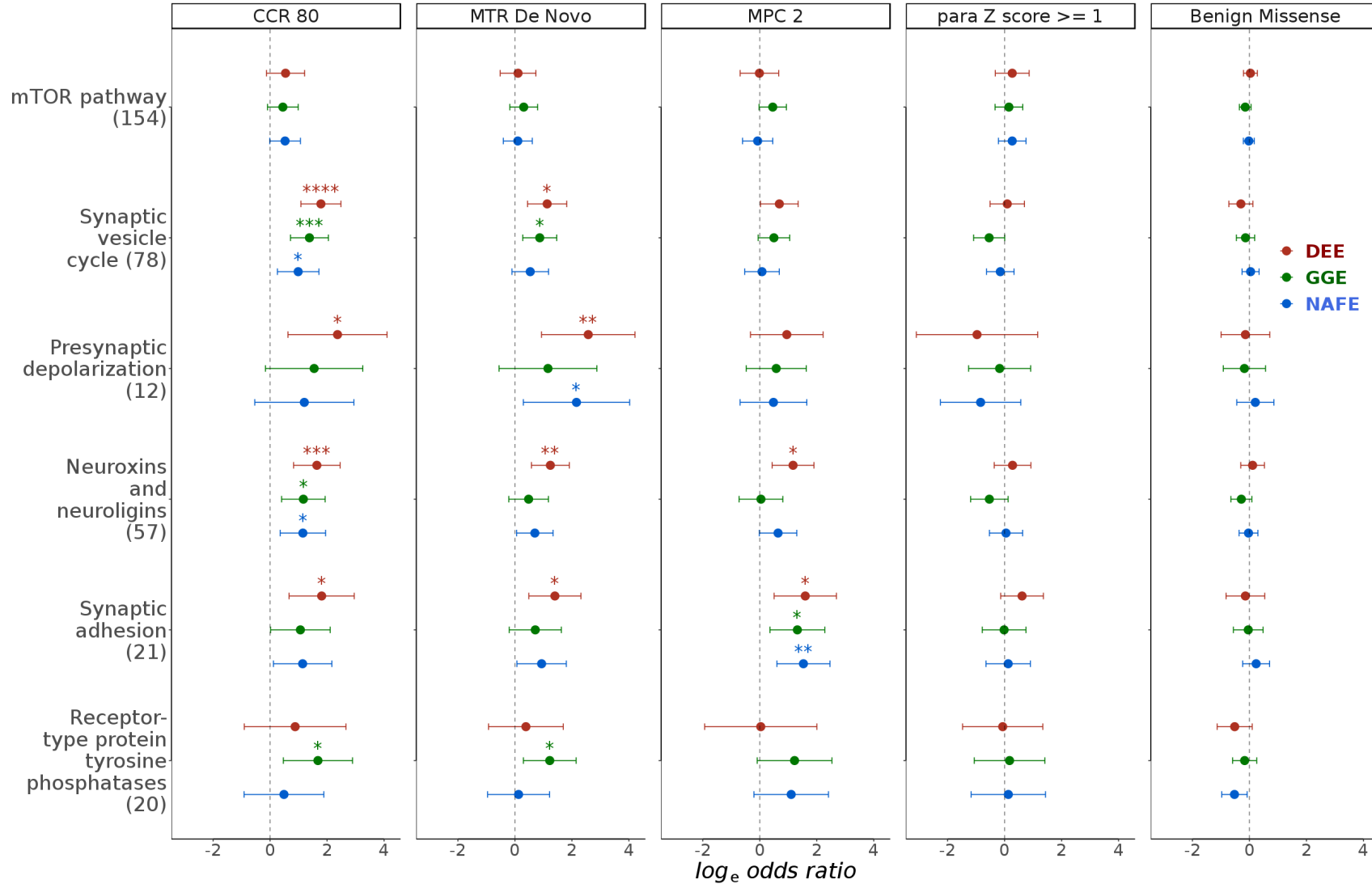


Figure S17: Burden in neuronal gene-sets from KEGG and Reactome. Panels: variant classes. *y* axis: gene-sets (genes count between parenthesis). *x* axis: log odds ratio from regression analysis of individual burden of qualifying variants. Stars indicate FDR-adjusted *p* values: * < 0.05, ** < 0.005, *** < 0.0005, **** < 0.00005. Error bars indicate 95% confidence intervals of odds. DEE: developmental and epileptic encephalopathies. GGE: genetic generalized epilepsies. NAFE: non-acquired focal epilepsies.

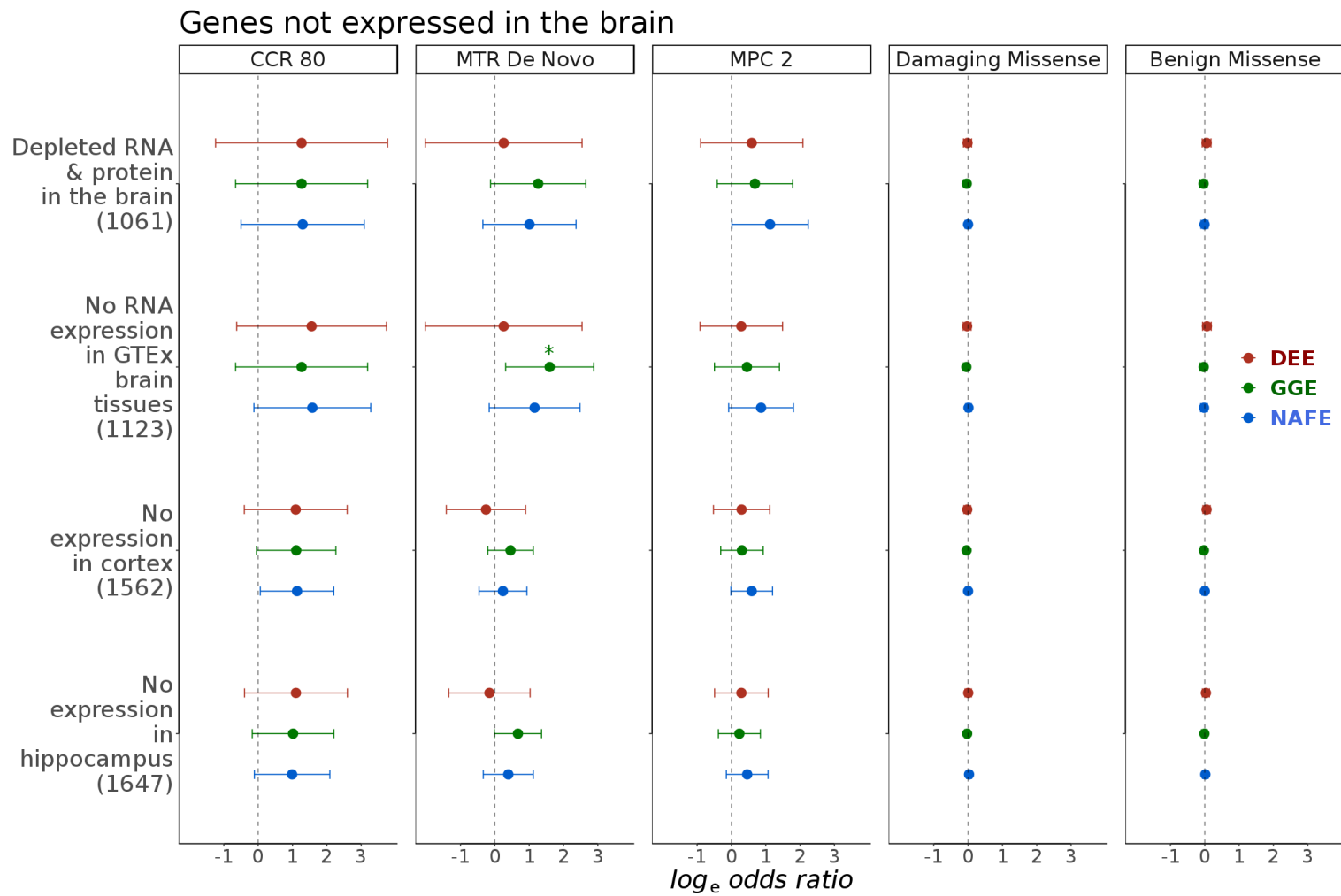


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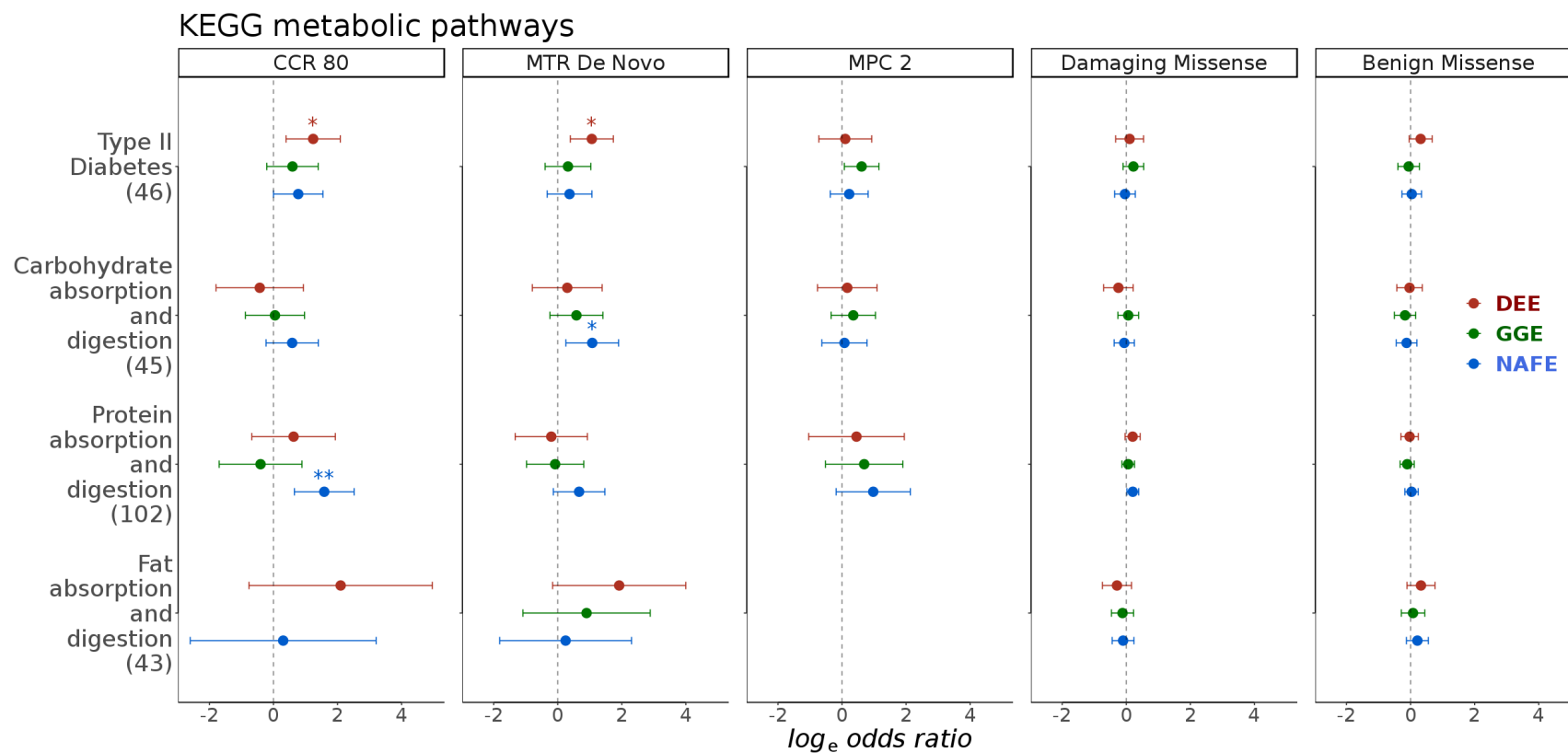


Figure S19: Burden in gene-sets from KEGG metabolic pathways. Panels: variant classes. y axis: gene-sets (genes count between parenthesis). x axis: log odds ratio from regression analysis of individual burden of qualifying variants. Stars indicate FDR-adjusted p values: * < 0.05, ** < 0.005, *** < 0.0005, **** < 0.00005. Error bars indicate 95% confidence intervals of odds. DEE: developmental and epileptic encephalopathies. GGE: genetic generalized epilepsies. NAFE: non-acquired focal epilepsies. Missing odds and error bars indicate the lack of sufficient variant counts for the logistic fits to converge or that the intervals are too wide to plot on the current scale.

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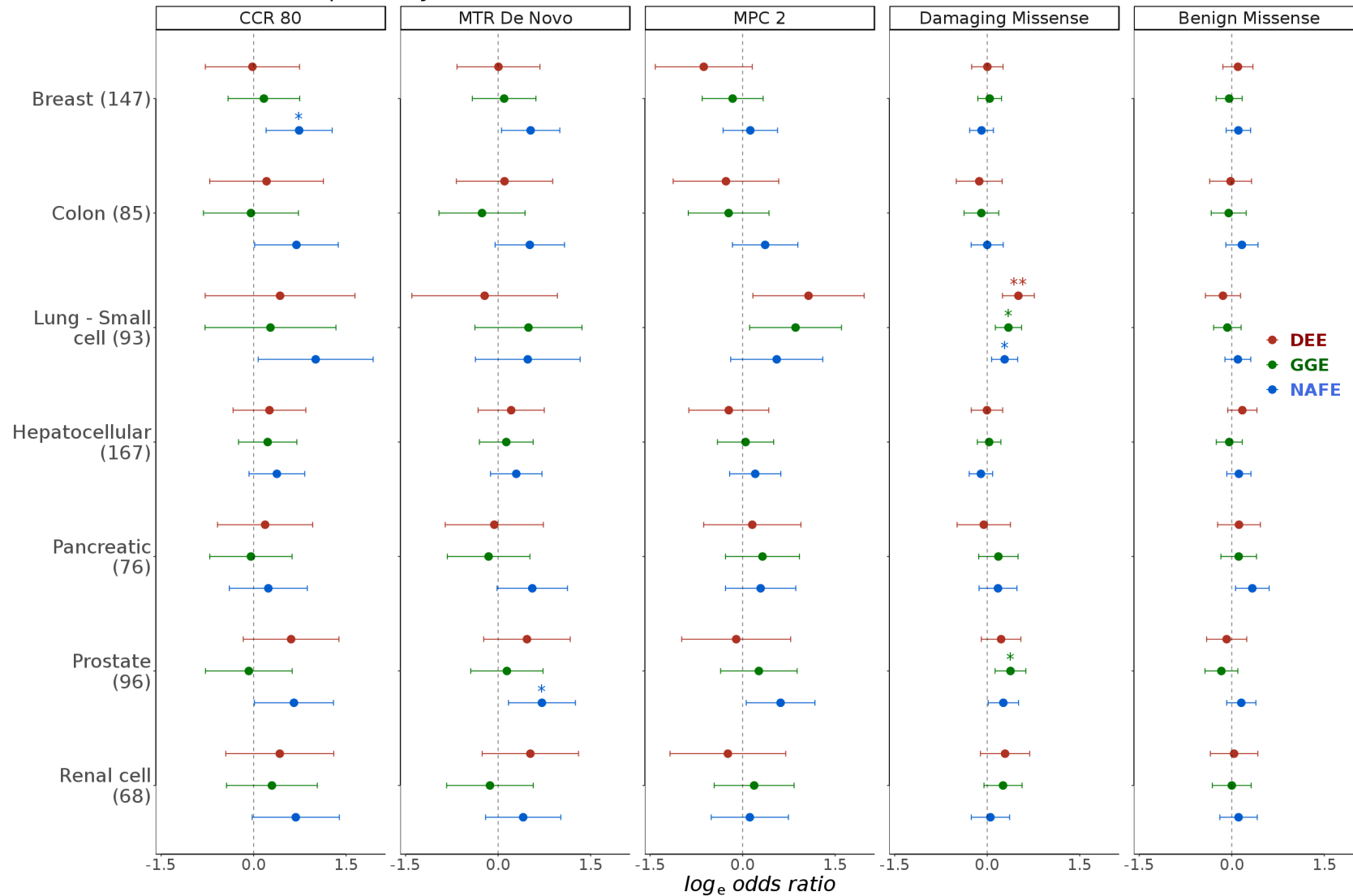


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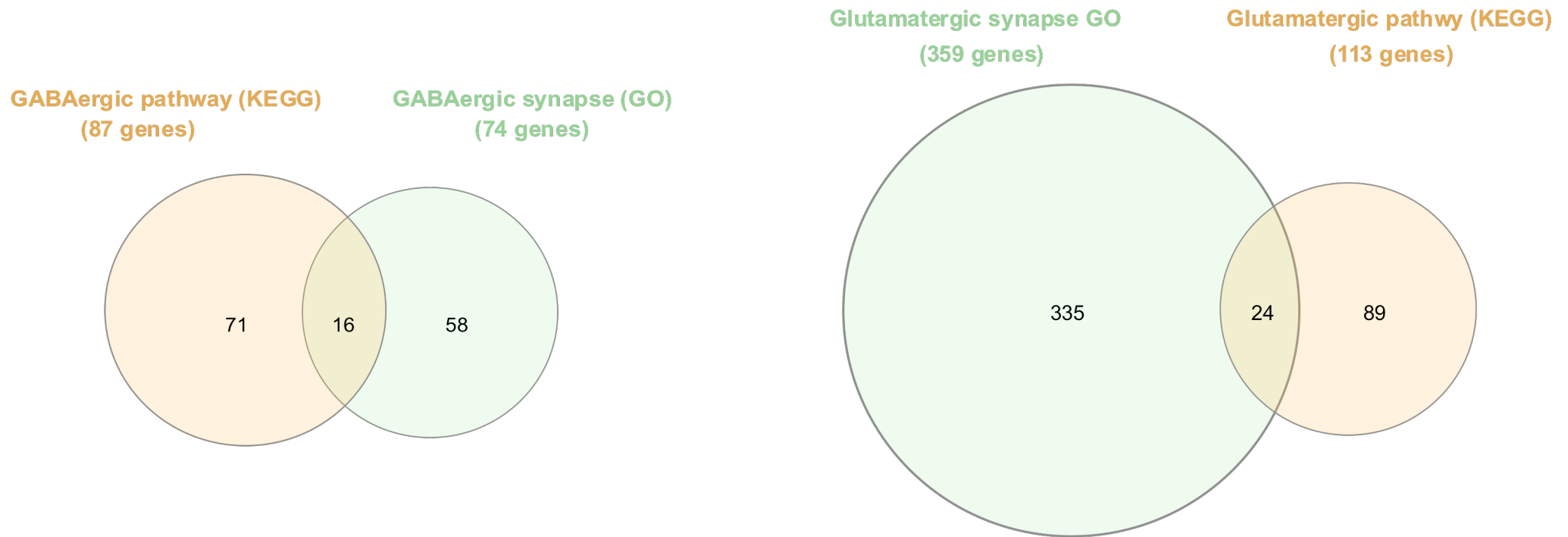


Figure S21: Overlap between gene-sets representing the GABAergic and glutamatergic pathways (KEGG) and synapses (Gene Ontology).
GO: Gene Ontology.

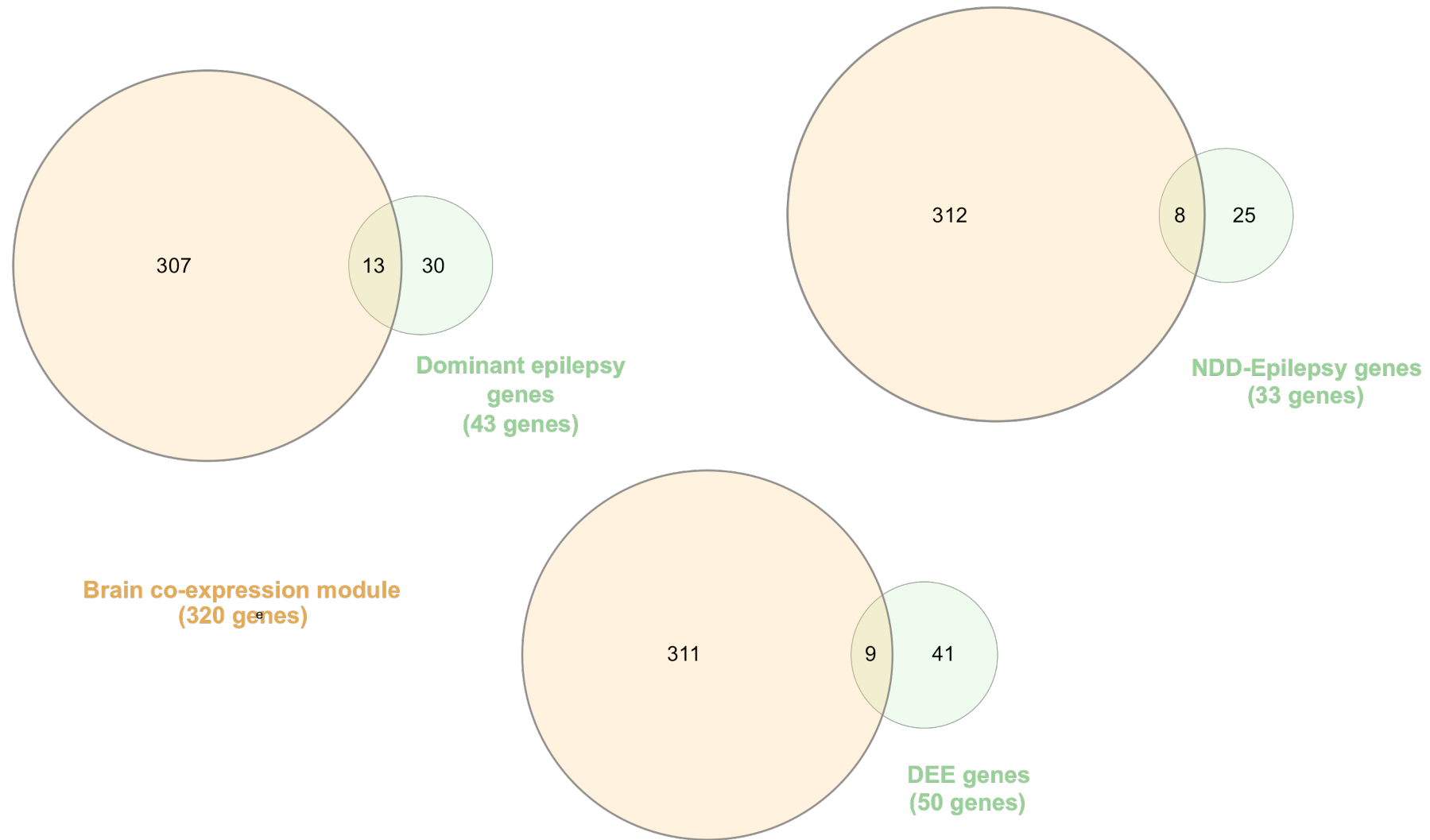


Figure S22: Overlap between an epilepsy-related co-expression module and groups representative of known disease genes. The overlap is shown with three groups: Dominant epilepsy, developmental and epileptic encephalopathy (DEE) and neurodevelopmental disorders (NDD) with epilepsy disease genes.

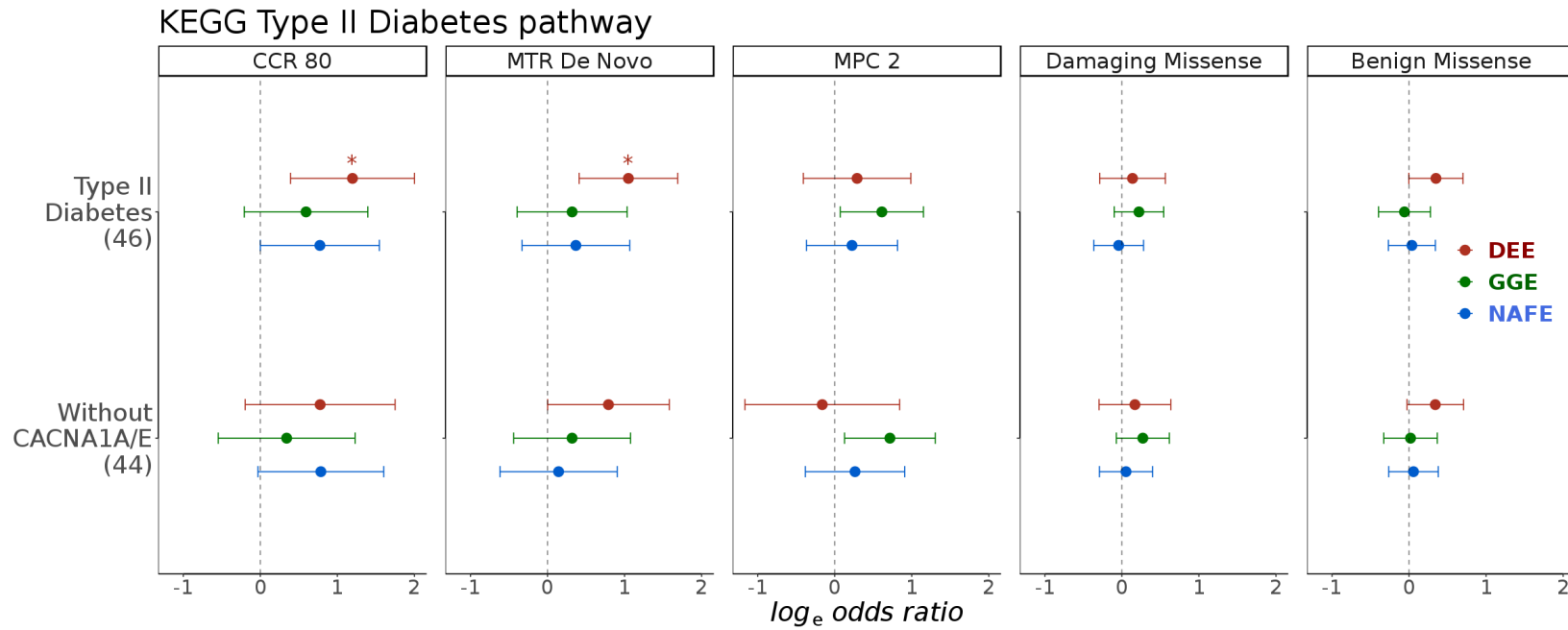


Figure S23: Burden in KEGG Type II Diabetes pathway genes with and without *CACNA1A/E*. Panels: variant classes. *y* axis: gene-sets (genes count between parenthesis). *x* axis: log odds ratio from regression analysis of individual burden of qualifying variants. Stars indicate FDR-adjusted *p* values: * < 0.05, ** < 0.005, *** < 0.0005, **** < 0.00005. Error bars indicate 95% confidence intervals of odds. DEE: developmental and epileptic encephalopathies. GGE: genetic generalized epilepsies. NAFE: non-acquired focal epilepsies.

Burden of missense variants in highly intolerant regions (CCR 80)

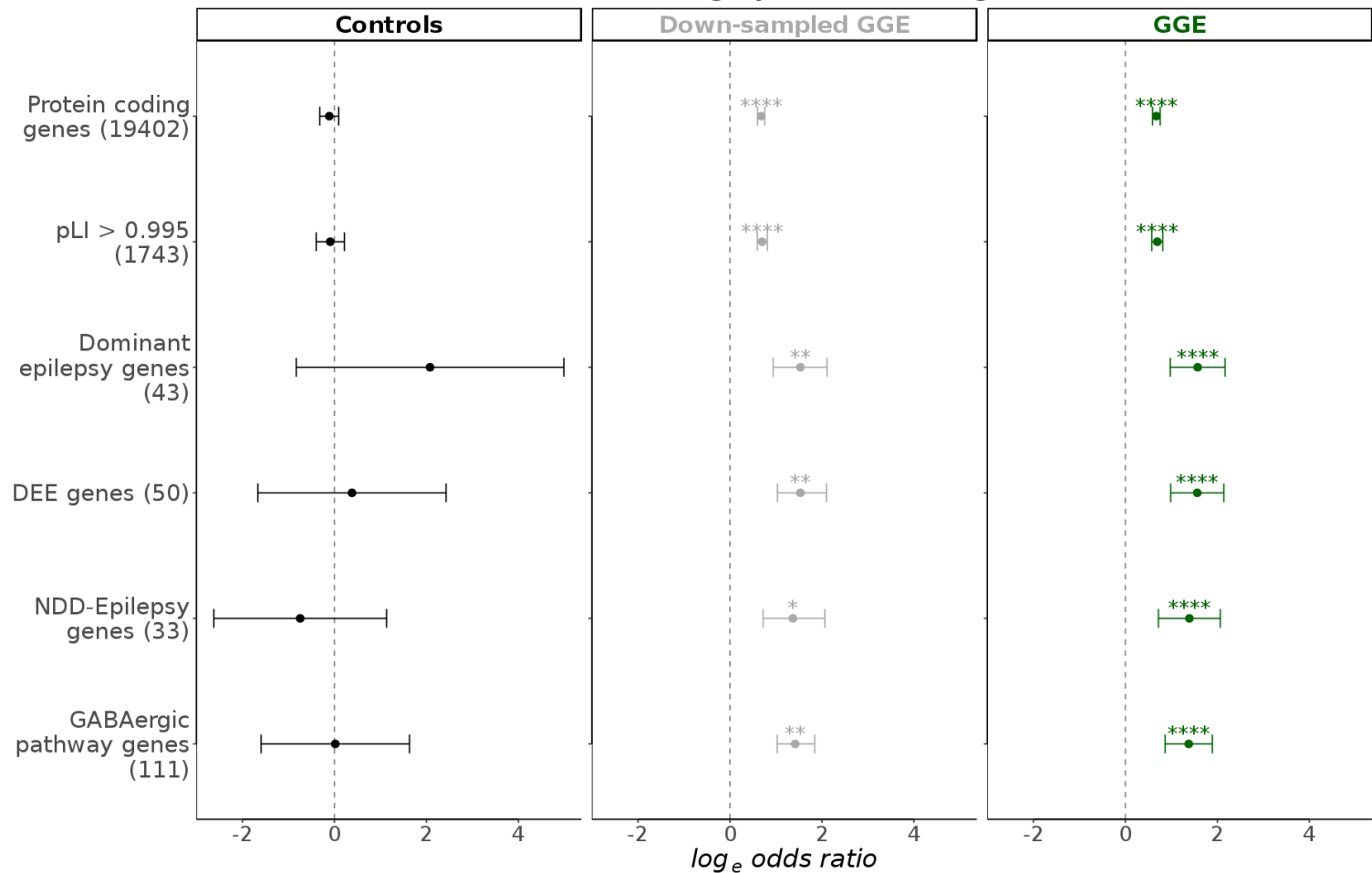


Figure S24: Secondary analyses to exclude capture kit artifacts. An analysis of the burden of missense variants in regions with CCR score equal to or exceeding 80 in six key gene sets in 1100 controls prepared using Illumina ICE capture kits (in gnomAD) vs. 2789 controls prepared using Agilent SureSelect kit (not in gnomAD) did not show any substantial enrichment. These numbers are likely sufficient to detect an enrichment in these gene sets based on an analysis of an equal number of randomly selected GGE cases vs. controls. The results of the analysis of all GGEs vs. all controls in these gene sets are shown for comparison. Panels: variant classes. *y* axis: gene-sets (genes count between parenthesis). *x* axis: log odds ratio from regression analysis of individual burden of qualifying variants. Stars indicate FDR-adjusted *p* values: * < 0.05, ** < 0.005, *** < 0.0005, **** < 0.00005. Error bars indicate 95% confidence intervals of odds. For down-sampling: odds and *p* values were averaged over 500 permutation and error bars indicate 2.5th and 97.5th centiles of odds. DEE: developmental and epileptic encephalopathies. GGE: genetic generalized epilepsies. NDD: Neurodevelopmental disorders. pLI: probability of Loss-of-function intolerance score.

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