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Genome-wide association study of serum metabolites in the African American Study of Kidney Disease and Hypertension

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Table S1. Statistically significant associations (N=42) between index SNPs representing 23 genomic loci and 38 serum metabolites in AASK.

Distinct index SNP-metabolite association	Distinct Loci	Chromosomal location	Mapped genes	Index SNP	Coded/Reference Allele	Coded Allele Frequency	Associated metabolite	Beta coefficient (p value)	Beta coefficient (p value) in the ARIC Study*
1	1	1:45907026-47417369	CYP4A11, FAAH	rs4507958	T/A	0.373	10-undecenoate (11:1n1)	0.42 (3.78E-14)	NA
2				rs324418	G/A	0.361	N-palmitoylglycine	0.42 (6.26E-12)	NA
3	2	1:53444415-54444415	HSPB11, LRRC42, DIO1, TMEM59	rs79319225	A/G	0.029	3-methyladipate	0.75 (1.29E-10)	-0.12 (0.43)
4	3	1:118887090-119887090	HAO2	rs7528838	T/A	0.252	alpha-hydroxyisovalerate	-0.57 (4.18E-19)	NA
5				rs7528838	T/A	0.252	2-hydroxy-3-methylvalerate	-0.47 (1.03E-14)	-0.27 (5.97E-07)
6	4	2:73105659-74173773	ALMS1, ALMS1P, NAT8, TPRKB	rs7587577	T/C	0.547	N-acetylasparagine	0.72 (1.47E-41)	NA
7				rs7587577	T/C	0.547	N-acetyl-3-methylhistidine	0.39 (6.11E-13)	NA
8				rs11126412	T/A	0.392	N-acetyl-1-methylhistidine	0.52 (5.40E-23)	NA
9				rs11126412	T/A	0.392	N-acetylphenylalanine	0.36 (2.42E-11)	NA
10				rs13431529	C/G	0.535	N2-acetyllysine	0.61 (3.26E-31)	0.62 (1.18E-45)
11				rs13409366	G/A	0.547	N-acetylcitrulline	0.68 (7.26E-37)	NA
12				rs13409366	G/A	0.547	N-acetylglutamine	0.62 (6.84E-29)	NA
13				rs13409366	G/A	0.547	N-acetylkynurenine	0.33 (7.26E-37)	NA
14				rs6546854	G/A	0.547	N-acetylleucine	0.53 (1.44E-21)	0.57 (1.39E-34)

15					rs10168931	A/G	0.54	N-acetylmethionine	0.66 (1.13E-32)	0.68 (2.85E-49)
16					rs10206899	C/T	0.545	N-delta-acetylmethionine	-0.69 (7.24E-39)	NA
17	5	2:129396140-130396140	UGT1A3, UGT1A4, UGT1A10		rs951389793	T/TA	0.014	cysteinylglycine	1.12 (1.42E-10)	0.01 (0.97)
18	6	2:233257337-234264663	AC114812.9, RPL17P11, UGT1A3, UGT1A4, UGT1A5, UGT1A6, UGT1A7, UGT1A8, UGT1A9, UGT1A10		rs1976391	G/A	0.453	biliverdin	0.42 (3.69E-17)	NA
19					rs4148325	T/C	0.454	bilirubin (E,E)	0.36 (3.82E-12)	NA
20	7	2:236306573-237306573	AC011286.1, AC112715.2		rs62184450	C/A	0.029	cysteinylglycine	0.77 (1.80E-10)	-0.20 (0.18)
21	8	3:51489004-52620872	POC1A, ACY1, ABHD14A-ACY1		rs73835707	C/T	0.021	N-acetylmethionine	1.38 (5.33E-13)	1.31 (7.12E-15)
22					rs73835707	C/T	0.021	N-acetylmethionine sulfoxide	1.24 (6.06E-13)	NA
23					rs2229152	T/C	0.022	N-acetylmethionine	1.26 (2.21E-12)	NA
24	9	4:185748013-186748013	KLKB1, CYP4V2, F11, CSMD1, PTHLH		rs1973612	T/C	0.587	histidylalanine	0.36 (5.08E-11)	0.04 (0.16)
25	10	5:34536259-35536259	AGXT2		rs344514	C/T	0.822	3-aminoisobutyrate	0.96 (1.33E-46)	NA
26	11	6:125264108-126264108	HEY2, NCOA7		rs60132035	A/G	0.016	sphingomyelin (d18:1/20:1, d18:2/20:0)	1.35 (1.14E-10)	-0.23 (0.27)

27	12	7:100192604-101692604	MOGAT3, AP1S1	rs7780766	T/C	0.297	N-acetylhistidine	-0.50 (6.32E-15)	NA
28	13	7:141183499-142183499	K/AA1147	rs139981949	T/C	0.018	glycochocholate	1.21 (9.15E-12)	-0.17 (0.38)
29	14	8:90241098-91241098	TMEM64	rs76541360	T/A	0.072	1-arachidonoyl-GPI	0.73 (2.93E-12)	0.16 (0.10)
30	15	8:143564265-144564265	OPLAH, CTD-3065J16.9, EXOSC4, GPAA1, KIAA1875, MAF1	rs59095288	C/T	0.309	6-oxopiperidine-2-carboxylate	0.62 (1.92E-22)	0.50 (3.37E-24)
31	16	9:128422557-129422736	LRRC8A, PHYHD1, SH3GLB2	rs55758160	G/A	0.548	2'-O-methyluridine	0.72 (1.97E-42)	NA
32				rs57294583	G/A	0.547	2'-O-methylcytidine	0.39 (1.97E-12)	0.80 (6.88E-69)
33	17	11:48528971-49528971	PTPRJ, FOLH1	rs142514677	C/CAG	0.059	N-acetyl-aspartyl-glutamate	-0.79 (5.35E-14)	-0.67 (1.57E-09)
34	18	11:54393863-55393863	OR4C1	rs150556827	T/C	0.056	N-acetyl-aspartyl-glutamate	-0.86 (1.11E-12)	-0.48 (0.04)
35	19	11:61320833-62320833	FADS1, FADS2, TMEM258	rs174564	G/A	0.119	1-arachidonoyl-GPC (20:4n6)	-0.54 (3.31E-11)	NA
36	20	11:67144985-68144985	ACY3, AP003385.2	rs115780269	T/C	0.025	N-acetyltryptophan	1.64 (1.11E-22)	1.23 (1.72E-10)
37				rs115780269	T/C	0.025	N-acetylkynurenine	1.07 (2.18E-12)	NA
38				rs115780269	T/C	0.025	N-acetyltyrosine	1.42 (4.15E-17)	1.24 (2.79E-10)
39				rs115780269	T/C	0.025	N-acetylphenylalanine	1.39 (8.18E-16)	NA
40	21	12:20701434-21701434	SLCO1B1	rs114419265	T/C	0.048	glycochenodeoxycholate glucuronide	0.93 (1.44E-14)	NA
41	22	12:120242216-121242216	ACADS, SPPL3,	rs34708625	C/T	0.061	ethylmalonate	0.90 (5.02E-14)	NA

42	23	17:77706736-78706736	UNC119B, RP11-173P15.7 AFM/D	rs114080902	T/C	0.043	N-formylanthranilic acid	1.00 (1.80E-13)	0.89 (9.13E-15)
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* Replication analysis was performed in the ARIC Study for associations that were determined to be novel.

Table S2. Correlations between index SNPs and metabolites within distinct genomic loci.

Distinct Loci	Chromosomal location	Index SNP	Associated metabolite	Correlation between SNPs			Correlations between metabolites		
1	1:45907026-47417369	rs4507958	10-undecenoate (11:1n1)	-0.03			0.15		
		rs324418	N-palmitoylglycine						
2	1:53444415-54444415	rs79319225	3-methyladipate	NA			NA		
3	1:118887090-119887090	rs7528838	alpha-hydroxyisovalerate	(same SNP)			0.89		
		rs7528838	2-hydroxy-3-methylvalerate						
4	2:73105659-74173773	rs7587577	N-acetylasparagine	Range: 0.73 to 1.0 Median, 0.98 25 th -75 th (0.73-1.0)			Range: -0.08 to 0.78; Median, 0.54 25 th -75 th (0.40-0.61)		
		rs7587577	N-acetyl-3-methylhistidine						
		rs11126412	N-acetyl-1-methylhistidine						
		rs11126412	N-acetylphenylalanine						
		rs13431529	N2-acetyllysine						
		rs13409366	N-acetylcitrulline						
		rs13409366	N-acetylglutamine						
		rs13409366	N-acetylkynurenine						
		rs6546854	N-acetylleucine						
		rs10168931	N-acetylarginine						
rs10206899	N-delta-acetyloronithine								
5	2:129396140-130396140	rs951389793	cysteinylglycine	NA			NA		
6	2: 233257337-234264663	rs1976391	biliverdin	1.0			0.75		
		rs4148325	bilirubin (E,E)						
7	2:236306573-237306573	rs62184450	cysteinylglycine	NA			NA		
8	3:51489004-52620872	rs73835707	N-acetylmethionine	-			-		
		rs73835707	N-acetylmethionine sulfoxide	same SNP	-		0.59	-	
		rs2229152	N-acetylalanine	0.96	0.96	-	0.41	0.45	-
9	4:185748013-186748013	rs1973612	histidylalanine	NA			NA		
10	5:34536259-35536259	rs344514	3-aminoisobutyrate	NA			NA		
11	6:125264108-126264108	rs60132035	sphingomyelin (d18:1/20:1, d18:2/20:0)	NA			NA		
12	7:100192604-101692604	rs7780766	N-acetylhistidine	NA			NA		
13	7:141183499-142183499	rs139981949	glycohyocholate	NA			NA		
14	8:90241098-91241098	rs76541360	1-arachidonoyl-GPI	NA			NA		

15	8:143564265-144564265	rs59095288	6-oxopiperidine-2-carboxylate	NA	NA			
16	9:128422557-129422736	rs55758160	2'-O-methyluridine	1.00	0.07			
		rs57294583	2'-O-methylcytidine					
17	11:48528971-49528971	rs142514677	N-acetyl-aspartyl-glutamate	NA	NA			
18	11:54393863-55393863	rs150556827	N-acetyl-aspartyl-glutamate	NA	NA			
19	11:61320833-62320833	rs174564	1-arachidonoyl-GPC (20:4n6)	NA	NA			
20	11:67144985-68144985	rs115780269	N-acetyltryptophan	(same SNP)	-			
		rs115780269	N-acetylkynurenine		0.63	-		
		rs115780269	N-acetyltyrosine		0.77	0.59	-	
		rs115780269	N-acetylphenylalanine		0.73	0.69	0.76	-
21	12:20701434-21701434	rs114419265	glycochenodeoxycholate glucuronide	NA	NA			
22	12:120242216-121242216	rs34708625	ethylmalonate	NA	NA			
23	17:77706736-78706736	rs114080902	N-formylanthranilic acid	NA	NA			

Table S3. Allele frequencies in general populations.

Distinct locus number	Index SNP	Coded allele in AASK	Coded allele frequency in AASK	Coded allele frequency in general populations
1	rs4507958	T/A	0.373	African = 0.368 European = 0.129
1	rs324418	G/A	0.361	African = 0.381 European = 0.256
2	rs79319225	A/G	0.029	African = 0.032 European = 0.0001
3	rs7528838	T/A	0.252	African = 0.273 European = 0.001
4	rs7587577	T/C	0.547	African = 0.548 European = 0.228
4	rs11126412	T/A	0.392	African = 0.372 European = 0.217
4	rs13431529	C/G	0.535	African = 0.531 European = 0.217
4	rs13409366	G/A	0.547	African = 0.548 European = 0.231
4	rs6546854	G/A	0.547	African = 0.548 European = 0.230
4	rs10168931	A/G	0.540	African = 0.529 European = 0.215
4	rs10206899	C/T	0.545	African = 0.556 European = 0.223
5	rs951389793	T/TA	0.014	NA
6	rs1976391	G/A	0.453	African = 0.449 European = 0.318
6	rs4148325	T/C	0.454	African = 0.458 European = 0.325
7	rs62184450	C/A	0.029	African = 0.030 European = 0.081
8	rs73835707	C/T	0.021	African = 0.016 European = 0.000
8	rs2229152	T/C	0.022	African = 0.018 European = 0.000
9	rs1973612	T/C	0.587	African = 0.601 European=0.519
10	rs344514	C/T	0.822	African = 0.801 European=0.998
11	rs60132035	A/G	0.016	African = 0.015 European = 0.003
12	rs7780766	T/C	0.297	African = 0.292 European = 0.082
13	rs139981949	T/C	0.018	African = 0.023 European = 0.000
14	rs76541360	T/A	0.072	African = 0.071 European = 0.000
15	rs59095288	C/T	0.309	African = 0.340

				European = 0.069
16	rs55758160	G/A	0.548	African = 0.515 European = 0.393
17	rs142514677	C/CAG	0.059	African = 0.056 European = 0.000
18	rs150556827	T/C	0.056	African = 0.057 European = 0.000
19	rs174564	G/A	0.119	African = 0.118 European = 0.346
20	rs115780269	T/C	0.025	African = 0.017 European = 0.000
21	rs114419265	T/C	0.048	African = 0.035 European = 0.000
22	rs34708625	C/T	0.061	African = 0.064 European = 0.264
23	rs114080902	T/C	0.043	African = 0.044 European = 0.000

Table S4. Pathway enrichment analysis.

Super-pathway	Total N of metabolites evaluated	N of metabolites associated with ≥ 1 SNP	Fisher Exact p-value	Permutation p-value*
Amino acid	180 (28%)	24 (63%)	7E-06	0.005
Nucleotide	34 (5%)	3 (8%)	0.448	0.345
Cofactors and vitamins	23 (4%)	2 (5%)	0.624	0.335
Peptide	35 (5%)	1 (3%)	0.714	0.765
Lipid	349 (54%)	8 (21%)	1E-04	0.995
Other	31 (4%)	0 (0%)	-	-
Total	652	38	-	-

Table S5. Summary of published metabolite GWAS literature.

Study	Metabolites	Metabolite platform	Study population, N	African Americans in study population	CKD in study population and/or (e)GFR	Main findings	Overlap in findings with present study
Yousri 2018 ^{S1}	1303 serum metabolites	Metabolon	Consanguineous Middle Eastern population (N=996)	0%	General population	21 common and 12 rare variant metabolic quantitative trait loci found and replicated, 7 of the common mQTLs were novel, all 12 of the rare mQTLs were also novel	ACADS and ethylmalonate, <i>PHYHD1</i> and 2'-O-methyluridine
Li 2018 ^{S2}	139 serum metabolites, 41 urine metabolites, pairwise ratios, and fractional excretions	Biocrates Life Sciences AG, Austria	GCKD (N=1143)	0%	All participants had CKD, mean eGFR = 51 mL/min/1.73 m ²	Genome-wide significance for 25 serum metabolites, 2 urine metabolites, 259 serum and 14 urine metabolite ratios	NAT8 and N-acetylornithine
Long 2017 ^{S3}	644 serum metabolites including 156 unknown metabolites	Metabolon	TwinsUK registry (N=1960)	0%	General population	Genetic sequence variations at 101 loci associated with the levels of 246 (38%) metabolites (P ≤1.9x10 ⁻¹¹)	ACADS and ethylmalonate, NAT8 and N-acetylasparagine, A, NAT8 and N-acetyl-1-methylhistidine, NAT8 and N-acetylphenylalanine, NAT8 and N-acetylcitrulline, NAT8 and N-acetylglutamine, NAT8 and N-delta-acetylornithine, <i>FADS2</i> and 1-arachidonoyl-GPC

Davis 2017 ^{S4}	72 blood lipid and lipoprotein traits	In-house platform	The METSIM study (N=8372)	0%	General population	Five novel genome-wide lipid and lipoprotein subclass association signals near established loci at <i>HIF3A</i> , <i>ADAMTSS3</i> , <i>PLTP</i> , <i>LCAT</i> , and <i>LIPG</i>	(20:4n6), <i>CYP4A11</i> and N-palmitoylglycine, <i>FAAH</i> and N-palmitoylglycine, <i>CYP4A11</i> and 10-undecenoate (11:1n1), <i>API51</i> and N-acetylhistidine, <i>AGXT2</i> and 3-aminoisobutyrate, <i>UGT1A</i> and biliverdin, <i>UGT1A</i> and bilirubin (E,E), <i>FADS2</i> and 1-arachidonoyl-GPC (20:4n6)
Rhee 2016 ^{S5}	217 plasma metabolites	Broad Institute (FHS) and Metabolon (ARIC)	FHS Offspring cohort (N=2076) and ARIC European Americans (N=1528)	0%	General population	Associations between <i>GMPS</i> and xanthosine, <i>HAL</i> and histidine, <i>PAH</i> and phenylalanine, and <i>UPB1</i> and ureidopropionate	None
Yu 2016 ^{S6}	70 serum amino acids	Metabolon	ARIC African Americans (N discovery=1872) and Europeans (N replication=1552)	100% discovery, 0% replication	General population, mean eGFR = 104.33 mL/min/1.73 m ² for the discovery	14 genetic loci-amino acid significant associations found and replicated, 4 of which were novel (DDC and 3-methoxytyrosine, VNN1 and acisoga, <i>ACY1</i>	<i>ALMS1P</i> and N-acetylphenylalanine, <i>ACY1</i> and N-acetylalanine

Yu 2016 ⁵⁷	308 serum metabolites	Metabolon	ARIC African Americans (N=1361)	100%	cohort and 91.12 mL/min/1.73 m ² for the replication cohort	and N-acetylglycine, ACY1 and N-acetylthreonine)	None
Kettunen 2016 ⁵⁸	123 blood lipids and metabolites	In-house platform	14 European cohorts (N=24925)	0%	General population	Loss-of-function variants influence metabolites, some of which are risk predictors or diagnostic biomarkers of disease. For example, loss of function mutations in <i>SLCO1B1</i> elevate the levels of hexadecanedioate, a fatty acid significantly associated with increased blood pressure levels and risk of incident heart failure	None
Yet 2016 ⁵⁹	43 serum metabolites named for the same compounds across Biocrates and Metabolon platforms	Biocrates and Metabolon	TwinsUK registry (N=1001)	0%	General Population	16 metabolites showed consistent genetic associations and appear to be robustly measured across metabolomic platforms	<i>FADS1</i> and 1-arachidonoyl-GPC (20:4n6)

Burkhardt 2015 ^{S10}	26 amino acids, 36 acylcarnitines and 34 metabolite ratios in blood	In-house platform	LIFE Leipzig Heart Study (N=2107)	0%	General population / CAD patients	Six novel loci associated with blood levels of total acylcarnitine, arginine (both on chromosome 6; rs12210538, rs17657775), propionylcarnitine (chromosome 10; rs12779637), 2-hydroxyisovalerylcarnitine (chromosome 21; rs1571700), stearoylcarnitine (chromosome 1; rs3811444), and aspartic acid traits (chromosome 8; rs750472)	None
Kraus 2015 ^{S11}	63 blood metabolites	In-house platform	CATHGEN study (N=3512)	19.1%	Cardiac catheterization patients	The UPS arm of the ER stress pathway was implicated in CVD pathogenesis	None
Draisma 2015 ^{S12}	129 serum metabolites	Biocrates Life Sciences AG, Austria	7 European cohorts (N discovery=7478, N replication=1182)	0%	General population	5 of 59 identified SNP-metabolite associations were novel, which were located in or near genes encoding metabolite transporter proteins or enzymes (<i>SLC22A16</i> , <i>ARG1</i> , <i>AGPS</i> and <i>ACSL1</i>), and demonstrated biomedical or pharmaceutical importance	None

Demirkan 2015 ^{S13}	42 serum metabolites	In-house platform	ERF (N=2482)	0%	General population	Replicated three known loci in the metabolome wide significance: <i>CPS1</i> with glycine, <i>PRODH</i> with proline, <i>SLC16A9</i> with carnitine and a novel association between <i>DMGDH</i> and dimethylglycine. Three novel, suggestively significant loci: <i>TNP1</i> with pyruvate, <i>KCNJ16</i> with 3-hydroxybutyrate and 2p12 locus with valine	None
Ried 2014 ^{S14}	151 serum metabolites using BIOCRATES AbsolutelIDQTM p150 kit and 193 serum metabolites measured with technique by Metabolon	Biocrates and Metabolon	KORA F4 (N=1814) and TwinsUK (N not described)	0%	General population	12 new genes were identified and validated using phenotype set enrichment analysis	None
Yu 2014 ^{S15}	308 serum metabolites	Metabolon	ARIC African Americans (N=1260)	100%	Mean eGFR = 105 mL/min/1.73 m ²	14 genes mapped within 19 loci, including 12 enzyme-encoding genes (<i>KLKB1</i> , <i>SIAE</i> , <i>CPS1</i> , <i>NAT8</i> , <i>ACE</i> , <i>GATM</i> , <i>ACY3</i> , <i>ACSM2B</i> , <i>THEM4</i> , <i>ADH4</i> , <i>UGT1A</i> , <i>TREH</i>) and a polycystin protein gene (<i>PKD2L1</i>); 4 potential disease-associated paths including <i>NAT8</i> ->N-acetylmethionine->CKD, <i>TREH</i> ->trehalose->diabetes	<i>UGT1A</i> and biliverdin, <i>UGT1A</i> and bilirubin (E,E), <i>ACY3</i> and N-acetylphenylalanine, <i>NAT8</i> and N-acetylmethionine

Shin 2014 ^{S16}	486 blood metabolites including 309 known and 177 unknown metabolites	Metabolon	KORA (N=1768) and TwinsUK (N=6054)	0%	General population	Genome-wide significant associations at 145 metabolic loci and their biochemical connectivity with more than 400 metabolites in human blood	CYP4A11 and 10-undecenoate, HAO2 and alpha-hydroxyisovalerate, NAT8 and N-acetylorithine, UGT1A1 and biliverdin
Rhee 2013 ^{S17}	217 plasma metabolites	In-house platform	FHS (N=2076)	0%	General Population	31 genetic loci associated with plasma metabolites, including 23 that have not previously been reported. Results highlight the role of AGXT2 in cholesterol ester and triacylglycerol metabolism	AGXT2 and β -aminoisobutyric acid
Hong 2013 ^{S18}	6138 unique molecular features from UPLC-MS were retained for genetic association testing. The molecular identities of the most strongly replicating features for each locus were determined according to a defined workflow	In-house platform	CAPS study (N discovery=492, N replication=489)	0%	Prostate cancer patients	Seven loci (PYROXD2, FADS1, PON1, CYP4F2, UGT1A8, ACADL, and LIPC) with associated sequence variants contributing significantly to trait variance for one or more metabolites. Regional mQTL enrichment analyses implicated two loci that included FADS1 and a novel locus near PDGFC. Biological pathway analysis implicated ACADM, ACADS, ACAD8, ACAD10, ACAD11, and ACOXL, reflecting significant enrichment of genes with	UGT1A8 and bilirubin; SLCO1B1 and glycochenodeoxycholic acid 3-glucuronide

Kettunen 2012 ^{S19}	216 serum metabolic phenotypes (including metabolite levels and ratios)	In-house platform	5 Finnish population-based cohorts (N=8330)	0%	General population	acyl-CoA dehydrogenase activity 31 loci, including 11 for which there have not been previous reports of associations to a metabolic trait or disorder. Analysis of twin pairs showed higher heritability of metabolic measures reported than conventional phenotypes	None
Tukiainen 2012 ^{S20}	117 serum metabolites, 99 derived measures and 4 enzymatic lipid measures	In-house platform	5 Finnish population-based cohorts (N=8330)	0%	General population	New metabolic or genetic associations were identified for 30 of the 95 known lipid loci	None
Krumsiek 2012 ^{S21}	225 unknown metabolites	Metabolon	German KORA F4 study (N=1768)	0%	General population	Overlying inferred genetic associations, metabolic networks, and knowledge-based pathway information, testable hypotheses were formed for the biochemical identities of 106 unknown metabolites. Nine concrete predictions experimentally confirmed as proof of principle	<i>UGT1A</i> and bilirubin
Inouye 2012 ^{S22}	130 metabolites and 11 metabolic networks derived using "agglomerative hierarchical clustering"	In-house platform	Young Finns Study (N=1905) and the NFB666 (N=4703)	0%	General population	34 genomic loci at genome-wide significance, of which 7 are novel. In comparison to univariate tests, multivariate	None

Demirkan 2012 ^{S23}	Plasma levels of 24 sphingomyelins, 9 ceramides, 57 phosphatidylcholines, 20 lysophosphatidylcholines, 27 phosphatidylethanolamines (PE), and 16 PE-based plasmalogens, as well as their proportions in each major class	In-house platform	5 European family-based studies (N=4034)	0%	General population	association analysis identified nearly twice as many significant associations in total	None
Suhre 2011 ^{S24}	250 serum metabolites, >30,000 ratios	Metabolon	KORA F4 (N=1768) and TwinsUK (N=1052)	0%	General population	37 independent loci reached genome-wide significance in meta-analysis, 23 of which described new genetic associations with metabolic traits. 14 of the new associations were replicated and extended knowledge of known genetically determined metabolites	NAT8 and N-acetylorntithine, UGT1A and bilirubin (E,E), CYP4A and 10-undecenoate (11:1n1)
Mittelstrass 2011 ^{S25}	131 serum metabolites	Biocrates Life Sciences AG, Austria	KORA F3 and F4 (N=3300)	0%	General population	Genome-wide significant sex-specific differences SNPs in the <i>CPS1</i> locus for glycine	None

Nicholson 2011 ^{S26}	526 plasma or urine metabolite peaks, 4 were driven largely by SNP variation, of which 3 were unambiguously identified and one was partially identified	In-house technique and Biocrates	MolTWIN (N=142 female twins), the MoIOBB cohort, Oxford Biobank (N=69)	0%	General population	Replicated mQTL findings of previous study (Illig 2010) and discovered a previously uncharacterized yet substantial familial component of variation in metabolite levels in addition to the heritability contribution from the corresponding mQTL effects	None (MAT8 was associated with urine N-acetylmethionine, AGXT2 with urine 3-aminoisobutyrate)
Illig 2010 ^{S27}	163 serum metabolites and all 26,406 possible metabolite ratios	Biocrates Life Sciences AG, Austria	KORA (N discovery=1809), TwinsUK (N replication=422)	0%	General population	Eight out of nine replicated loci (<i>FADS1</i> , <i>ELOVL2</i> , <i>ACADS</i> , <i>ACADM</i> , <i>ACADL</i> , <i>SPTLC3</i> , <i>ETFDH</i> and <i>SLC16A9</i>), the genetic variant is located in or near genes encoding enzymes or solute carriers whose functions match the associating metabolic traits. The use of metabolite concentration ratios as proxies for enzymatic reaction rates reduced the variance and yielded robust statistical associations	None
Gieger 2008 ^{S28}	363 serum metabolites	Biocrates Life Sciences AG, Austria	KORA S3 (N=284)	0%	General population	4 genetic variants in genes coding for enzymes (<i>FADS1</i> , <i>LIPC</i> , <i>SCAD</i> , <i>MCAD</i>) where the	None

							corresponding metabolic phenotype clearly matches the biochemical pathways in which these enzymes are active	
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ARIC, Atherosclerosis Risk in Communities; CAPS, Cancer of the Prostate in Sweden; CATHGEN, Catheterization Genetics; ERF, Erasmus Rucphen Family; FHS, Framingham Heart Study; KORA, Cooperative Health Research in the Augsburg Region; METSIM, Metabolic Syndrome in Men.

Table S6. Novel Index SNP-metabolite associations in AASK and replication in African Americans in the ARIC Study (N=818).

index SNP	Associated metabolites	Metabolite measured in the ARIC Study	Coded allele in the ARIC Study	Coded allele frequency in the ARIC Study	Metabolite missingness in the ARIC Study	Beta coefficient in the ARIC Study (P-value)	Replicated?
rs79319225	3-methyladipate	Yes	A/G	0.03	145/818	-0.12 (0.43)	No
rs7528838	2-hydroxy-3-methylvalerate	Yes	T/A	0.27	0/818	-0.27 (5.97E-07)	Yes
rs13431529	N2-acetyllysine	Yes	C/G	0.52	232/818	0.62 (1.18E-45)	Yes
rs13409366	N-acetylkynurenine	No	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
rs6546854	N-acetylleucine	Yes	G/A	0.54	8/818	0.57 (1.39E-34)	Yes
rs10168931	N-acetylarginine	Yes	A/G	0.54	0/818	0.68 (2.85E-49)	Yes
rs951389793	cysteinylglycine	Yes	T/TA	0.01	0/818	0.01 (0.97)	No
rs62184450	cysteinylglycine	Yes	C/A	0.03	0/818	-0.20 (0.18)	No
rs73835707	N-acetylmethionine	Yes	C/T	0.02	0/818	1.31 (7.12E-15)	Yes
rs73835707	N-acetylmethionine sulfoxide	No	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
rs1973612	histidylalanine	Yes	T/C	0.59	738/818	0.04 (0.16)	No
rs60132035	sphingomyelin (d18:1/20:1, d18:2/20:0)	Yes	A/G	0.01	0/818	-0.23 (0.27)	No
rs139981949	glycocholate	Yes	T/C	0.01	261/818	-0.17 (0.38)	No
rs76541360	1-arachidonoyl-GPI	Yes	T/A	0.07	0/818	0.16 (0.10)	No
rs59095288	6-oxopiperidine-2-carboxylate	Yes	C/T	0.34	7/818	0.50 (3.37E-24)	Yes
rs57294583	2'-O-methylcytidine	Yes	G/A	0.53	9/818	0.80 (6.88E-69)	Yes
rs142514677	N-acetyl-aspartyl-glutamate	Yes	C/CAG	0.04	124/818	-0.67 (1.57E-09)	Yes
rs150556827	N-acetyl-aspartyl-l-glutamate	Yes	T/C	0.01	124/818	-0.48 (0.04)	No
rs115780269	N-acetyltryptophan	Yes	C/T	0.02	40/818	1.23 (1.72E-10)	Yes
rs115780269	N-acetylkynurenine	No	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
rs115780269	N-acetyltyrosine	Yes	T/C	0.02	33/818	1.24 (2.79E-10)	Yes
rs114080902	N-formylanthranilic acid	Yes	T/C	0.04	0/818	0.89 (9.13E-15)	Yes

Table S7. Most likely causal genes for novel variant-metabolite associations identified in AASK and replicated in the ARIC Study and whether genes are enzyme encoding.

Gene	Enzyme encoding?
<i>HAO2</i>	Yes
<i>NAT8</i>	Yes
<i>ACY1</i>	Yes
<i>EXOSC4</i>	Yes
<i>GPAA1</i>	No
<i>PHYHD1</i>	Yes
<i>ACY3</i>	Yes
<i>AFMID</i>	Yes

Table S8. Interactions between index single nucleotide polymorphisms and glomerular filtration rate.

Distinct locus number	Genomic locus number; chromosomal location; mapped genes	Index SNP	Index SNP coded allele/reference allele	Index SNP coded allele frequency	Associated metabolites	Beta coefficient for index SNP (P-value)*	Beta coefficient for measured GFR (P-value)	Beta coefficient for interaction term between index SNP and GFR (P-value)*
3	1:118887090-119887090; HAO2	rs7528838	T/A	0.252	2-hydroxy-3-methylvalerate	-0.238 (6.81E-13)	0.001 (0.515)	0.007 (0.006)
4	2:73105659-74173773; ALMS1, ALMS1P, NAT8, TPRKB	rs13431529	C/G	0.535	N2-acetyllysine	-0.198 (4.94E-08)	-0.018 (1.33E-15)	-0.004 (0.165)
		rs6546854	G/A	0.547	N-acetylleucine	-0.058 (0.001)	-0.008 (1.52E-15)	0.001 (0.553)
		rs10168931	A/G	0.540	N-acetylariginine	-0.125 (9.06E-08)	-0.013 (2.17E-18)	-0.001 (0.583)
8	3:51489004-52620872; POC1A, ACY1, ABHD14A-ACY1	rs73835707	C/T	0.021	N-acetylmethionine	1.096 (8.20E-12)	-0.019 (9.06E-13)	0.011 (0.495)
		rs59095288	C/T	0.309	6-oxopiperidine-2-carboxylate	0.311 (5.73E-23)	-0.006 (2.73E-04)	-0.004 (0.090)
16	9:128422557-129422736; LRRRC8A, PHYHD1, SH3GLB2	rs57294583	G/A	0.547	2'-O-methylcytidine	0.007 (0.809)	0.005 (0.003)	-0.003 (0.162)
		rs142514677	C/CAG	0.059	N-acetyl-aspartyl-glutamate (NAAG)	-0.391 (6.03E-12)	-0.005 (1.90E-04)	0.006 (0.172)
20	11:67144985-68144985;	rs115780269	T/C	0.025	N-acetyltryptophan N-acetyltyrosine	1.56 (2.09E-34) 1.165 (1.21E-23)	-0.011 (3.61E-07) -0.014 (7.27E-12)	0 (0.963) 0.016 (0.089)

23	ACY3, AP003385.2 17:77706736- 78706736; AFMID	rs114080902	T/C	0.043	N-formylanthranilic acid	0.671 (8.18E-22)	-0.01 (1.50E-10)	0 (0.969)
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* **Bold font** indicates nominally significantly stronger (P<0.05) index-SNP association with lower measured GFR.

Beta coefficient for index SNP.

Table S9. Metabolites with replicated novel associations and correlation coefficients with GFR in AASK.

Associated metabolites	Spearman correlation coefficient
2-hydroxy-3-methylvalerate	0.03
N2-acetyllysine	-0.28
N-acetylleucine	-0.35
N-acetylarginine	-0.34
N-acetylmethionine	-0.21
6-oxopiperidine-2-carboxylate	-0.12
2'-O-methylcytidine	0.08
N-acetyl-aspartyl-glutamate (NAAG)	-0.08
N-acetyltryptophan	-0.16
N-acetyltyrosine	-0.18
N-formylanthranilic acid	-0.23

Table S10. Metabolite missingness and index SNP-metabolite associations after excluding missing values, re-quantifying metabolite level as an ordinary variable (1=missing, 2=below median, 3=equal to or above median), or re-imputing missing values using missing data principal components and a k-nearest neighbor method for metabolites detected in <90% of samples in AASK.

Distinct variant-metabolite association	index SNP	Associated metabolites	Metabolite missingness in AASK	Beta coefficient with missing values imputed with lowest detectable value (P-value)	Beta coefficient after excluding missing values (P-value)	Beta coefficient after re-quantifying metabolite level as ordinal variable (P-value)	Beta coefficient after imputing missing values using missing data principal components and a 25-nearest neighbor method (P-value)
1	rs4507958	10-undecenoate (11:1n1)	0/619	NA*	NA	NA	NA
2	rs324418	N-palmitoylglycine	26/619	NA	NA	NA	NA
3	rs79319225	3-methyladipate	438/619	0.75 (1.29E-10)	0.76 (8.10E-05)	0.76 (8.10E-05)	0.54 (5.19E-04)
4	rs7528838	alpha-hydroxyisovalerate	0/619	NA	NA	NA	NA
5	rs7528838	2-hydroxy-3-methylvalerate	1/619	NA	NA	NA	NA
6	rs7587577	N-acetylasparagine	0/619	NA	NA	NA	NA
7	rs7587577	N-acetyl-3-methylhistidine	101/619	0.39 (6.11E-13)	0.35 (1.09E-07)	0.16 (6.59E-07)	0.54 (1.92E-22)
8	rs11126412	N-acetyl-1-methylhistidine	10/619	NA	NA	NA	NA
9	rs11126412	N-acetylphenylalanine	0/619	NA	NA	NA	NA
10	rs13431529	N2-acetyllysine	56/619	NA	NA	NA	NA
11	rs13409366	N-acetylcitrulline	1/619	NA	NA	NA	NA
12	rs13409366	N-acetylglutamine	0/619	NA	NA	NA	NA
13	rs13409366	N-acetylkynurenine	177/619	0.33 (7.26E-37)	0.39 (5.29E-09)	0.15 (1.03E-05)	0.32 (9.27E-09)
14	rs6546854	N-acetylleucine	1/619	NA	NA	NA	NA
15	rs10168931	N-acetylmethionine	1/619	NA	NA	NA	NA
16	rs10206899	N-delta-acetylornithine	0/619	NA	NA	NA	NA
17	rs951389793	cysteinylglycine	468/619	1.12 (1.42E-10)	0.68 (0.02)	0.11 (0.23)	0.90 (2.2E-04)
18	rs1976391	biliverdin	2/619	NA	NA	NA	NA

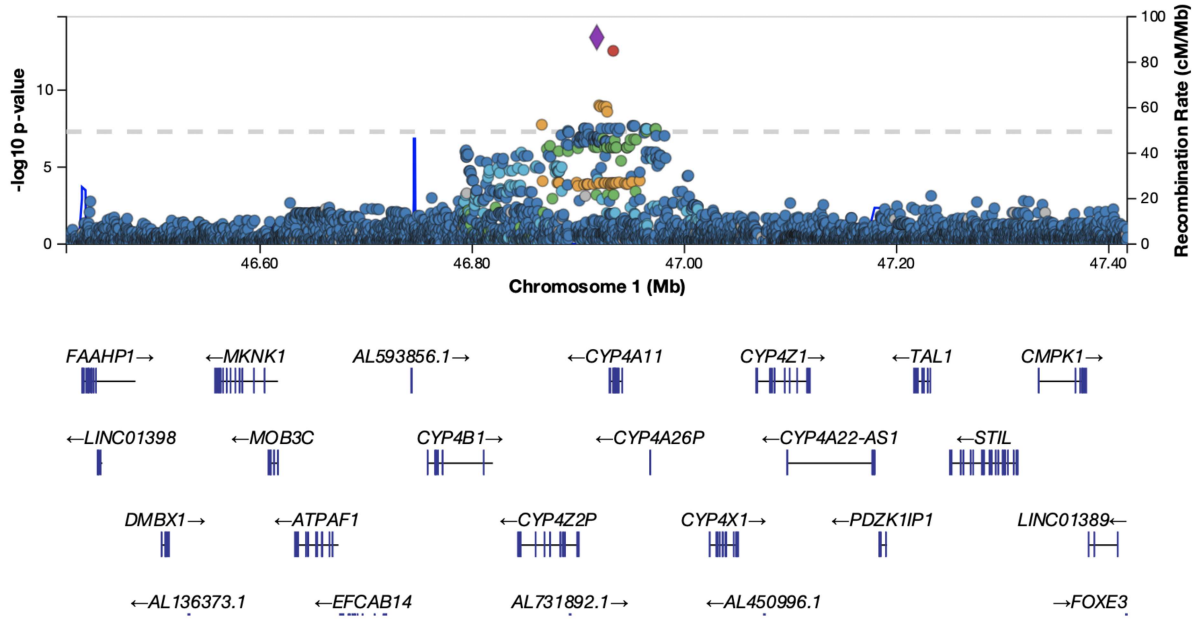
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20	rs62184450	cysteinylglycine	468/619	0.77 (1.80E-10)	0.44 (0.03)	0.10 (0.36)	0.44 (0.03)	0.10 (0.36)	0.44 (0.009)	NA
21	rs73835707	N-acetylmethionine	18/619	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
22	rs73835707	N-acetylmethionine sulfoxide	252/619	1.24 (6.06E-13)	0.99 (7.38E-07)	0.36 (3.89E-04)	0.99 (7.38E-07)	0.36 (3.89E-04)	1.08 (2.53E-08)	NA
23	rs2229152	N-acetylaniline	0/619	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
24	rs1973612	histidylalanine	3/619	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
25	rs344514	3-aminoisobutyrate	0/619	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
26	rs60132035	sphingomyelin (d18:1/20:1, d18:2/20:0)	0/619	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
27	rs7780766	N-acetylhistidine	3/619	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
28	rs139981949	glycohyocholate	112/619	1.21 (9.15E-12)	1.09 (2.52E-08)	0.41 (5.31E-05)	1.09 (2.52E-08)	0.41 (5.31E-05)	1.19 (1.38E-09)	NA
29	rs76541360	1-arachidonoyl-GPI	0/619	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
30	rs59095288	6-oxopiperidine-2-carboxylate	18/619	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
31	rs55758160	2'-O-methyluridine	12/619	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
32	rs57294583	2'-O-methylcytidine	22/619	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
33	rs142514677	N-acetyl-aspartyl-glutamate	49/619	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
34	rs150556827	N-acetyl-aspartyl-glutamate	49/619	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
35	rs174564	1-arachidonoyl-GPC (20:4n6)	0/619	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
36	rs115780269	N-acetyltryptophan	45/619	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
37	rs115780269	N-acetylkynurenine	177/619	1.07 (2.18E-12)	1.08 (2.13E-09)	0.37 (9.45E-05)	1.08 (2.13E-09)	0.37 (9.45E-05)	1.16 (1.60E-11)	NA
38	rs115780269	N-acetyltyrosine	76/619	1.42 (4.15E-17)	1.48 (2.40E-16)	0.38 (4.74E-05)	1.48 (2.40E-16)	0.38 (4.74E-05)	1.48 (5.43E-17)	NA
39	rs115780269	N-acetylphenylalanine	0/619	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
40	rs114419265	glycochenodeoxycholate glucuronide	54/619	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
41	rs34708625	ethylmalonate	0/619	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
42	rs114080902	N-formylanthranilic acid	5/619	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

* NA, sensitivity analysis not conducted for the index SNP-metabolite association because of low level of missingness (<10%) of the metabolite.

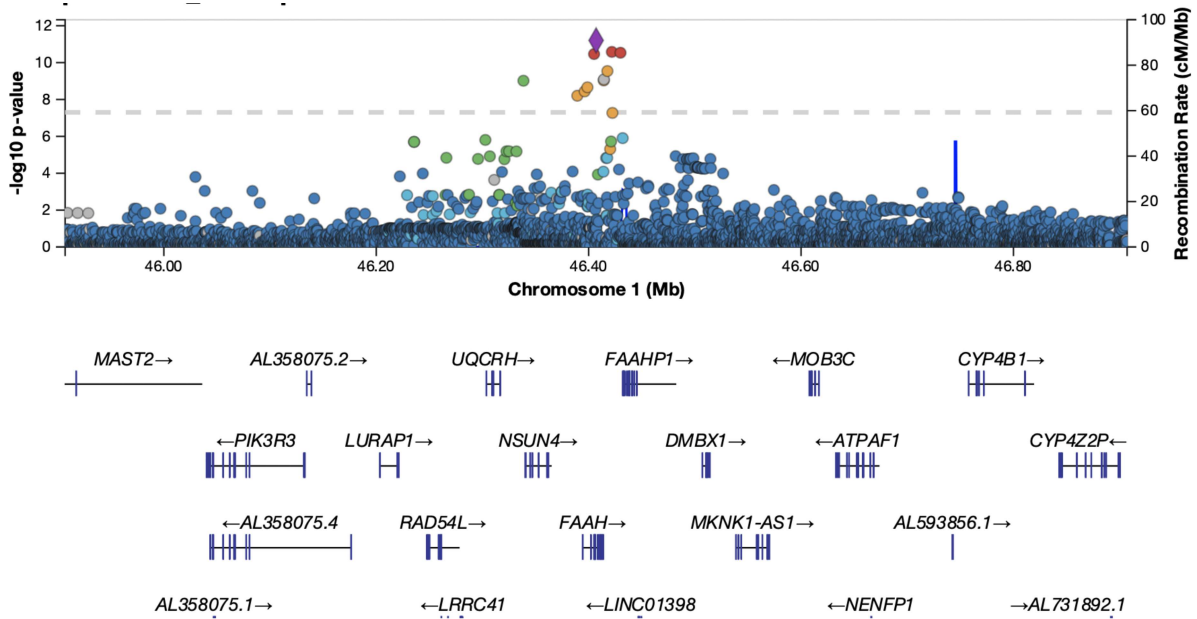
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Figure S1. Regional association plots for locus-metabolite associations (N=42).

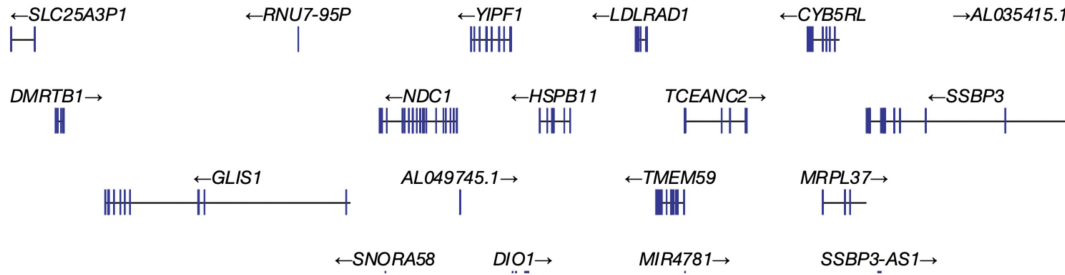
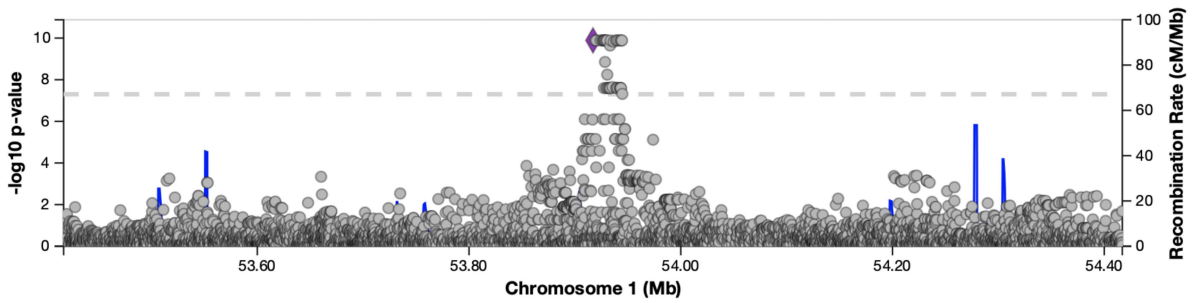
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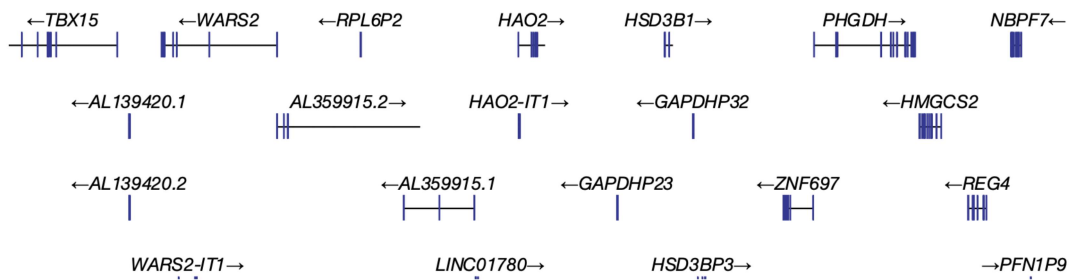
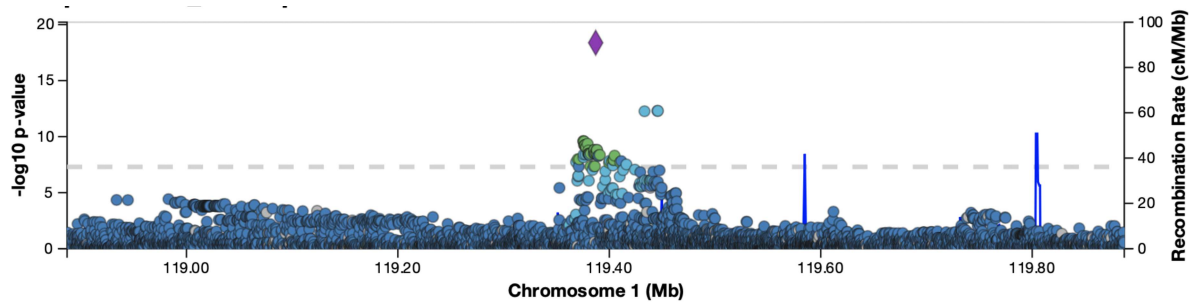
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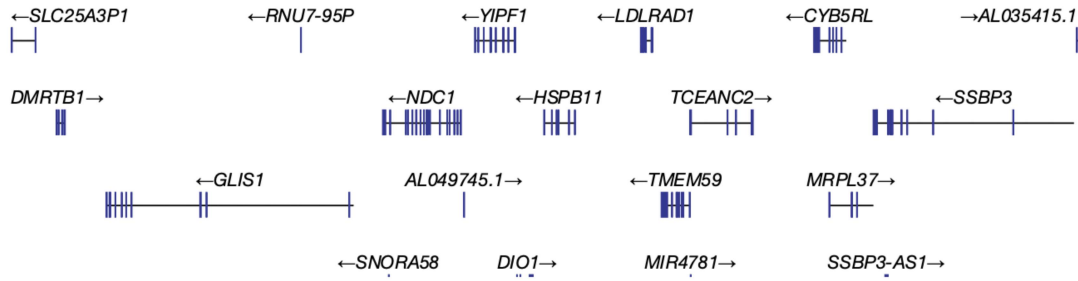
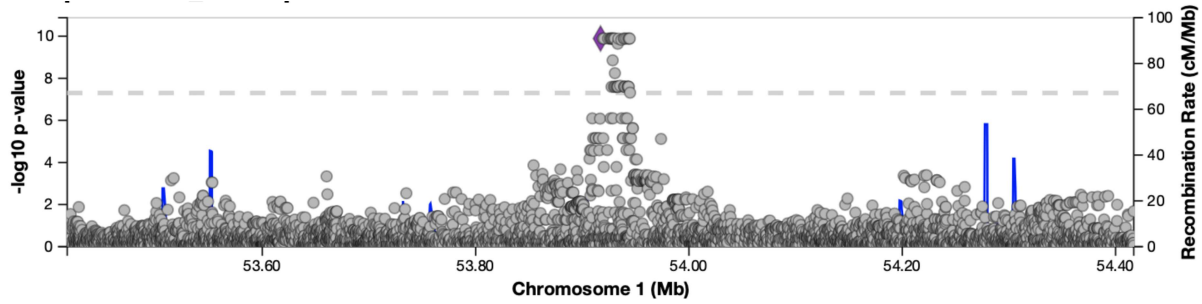
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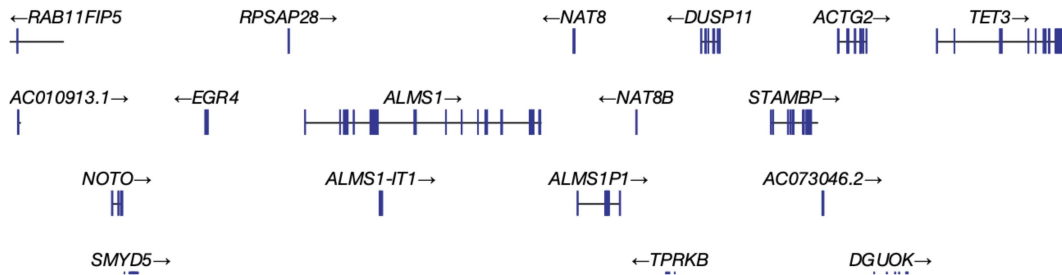
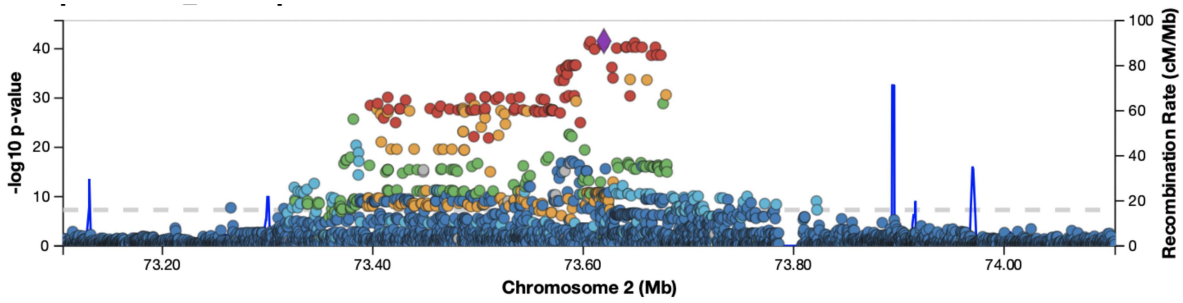
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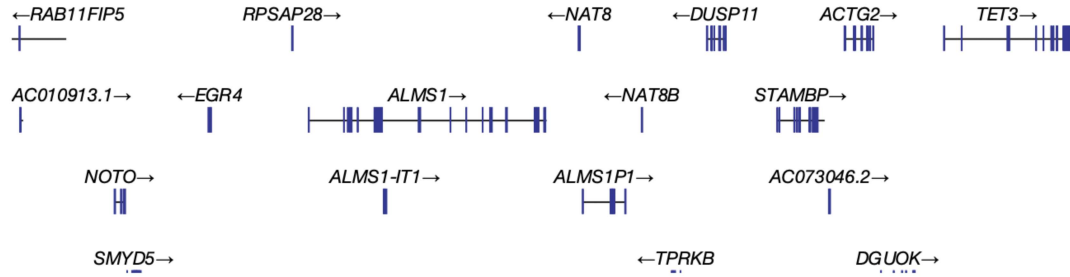
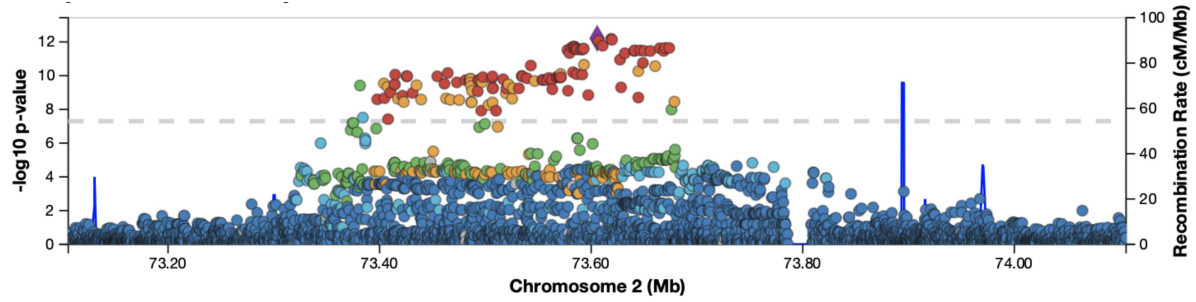
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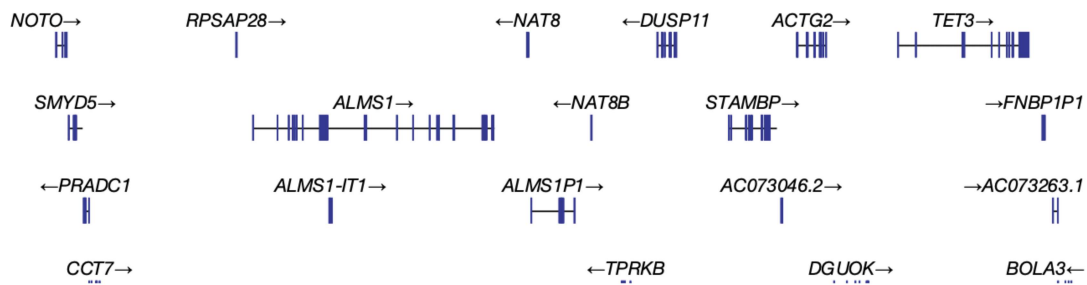
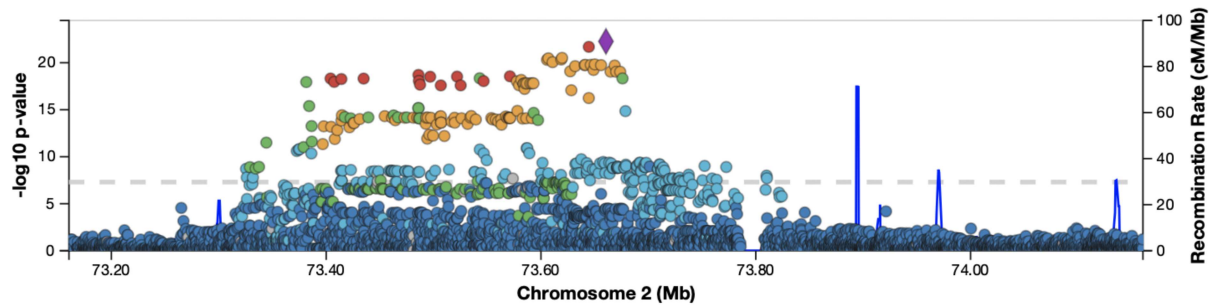
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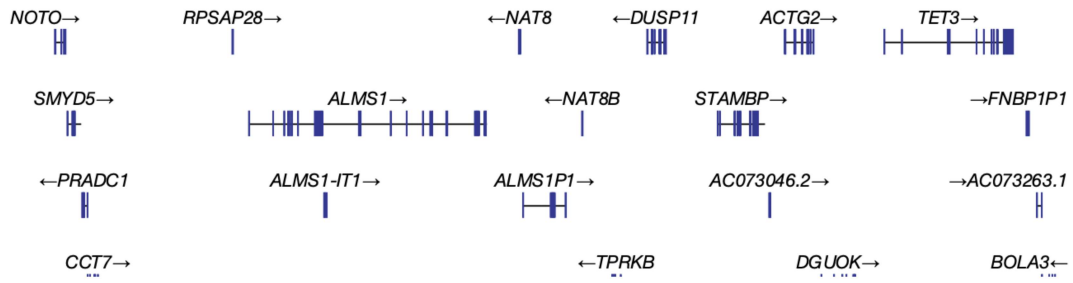
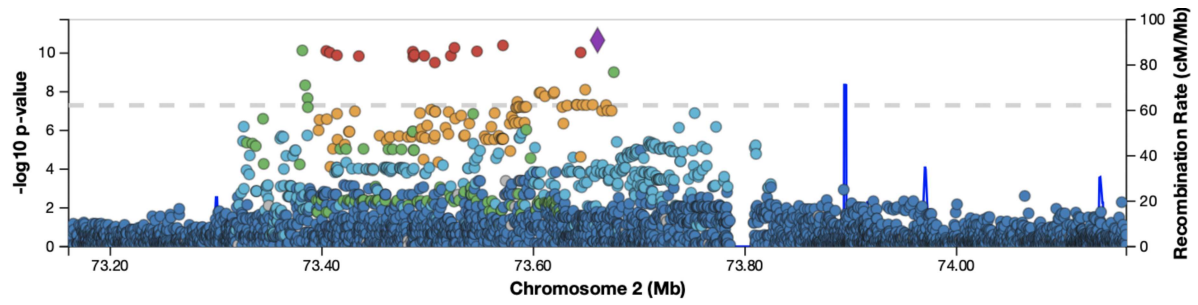
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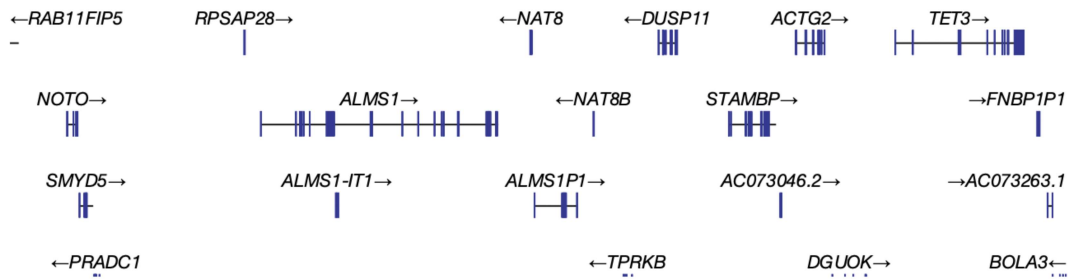
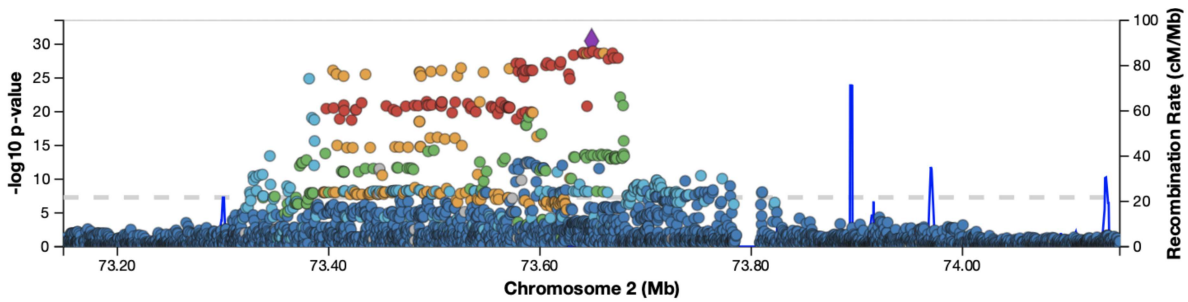
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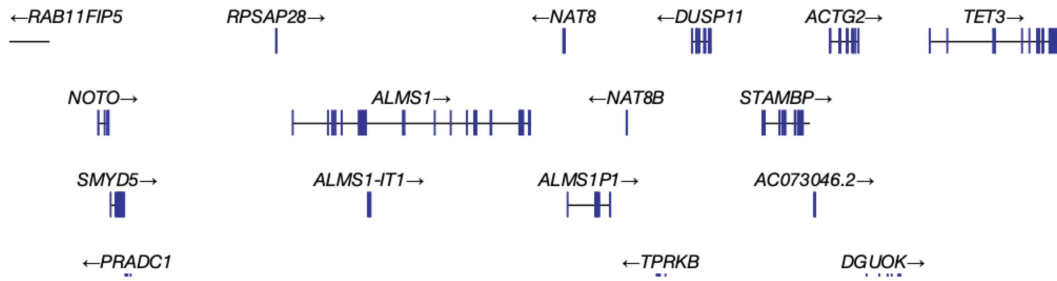
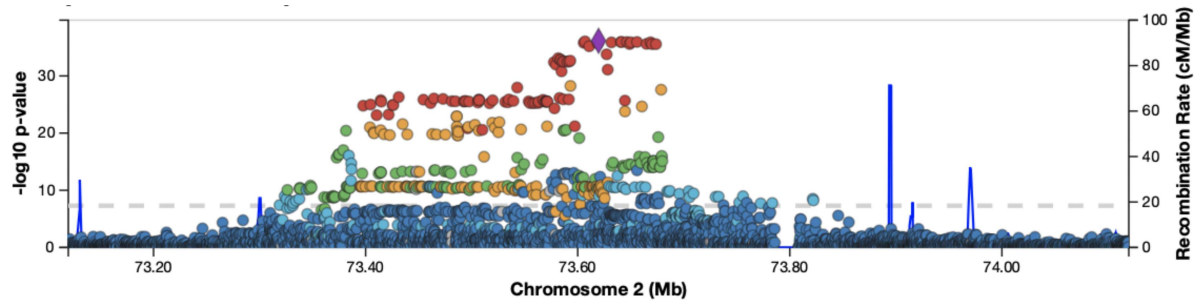
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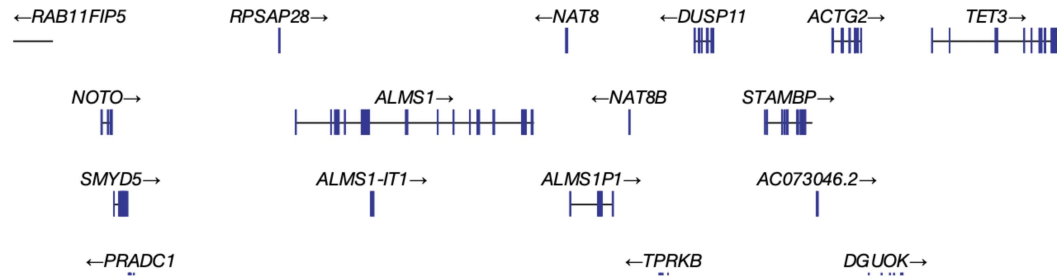
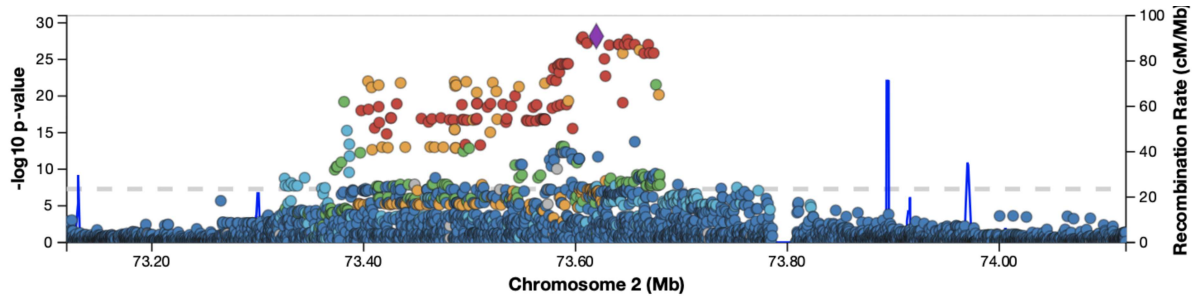
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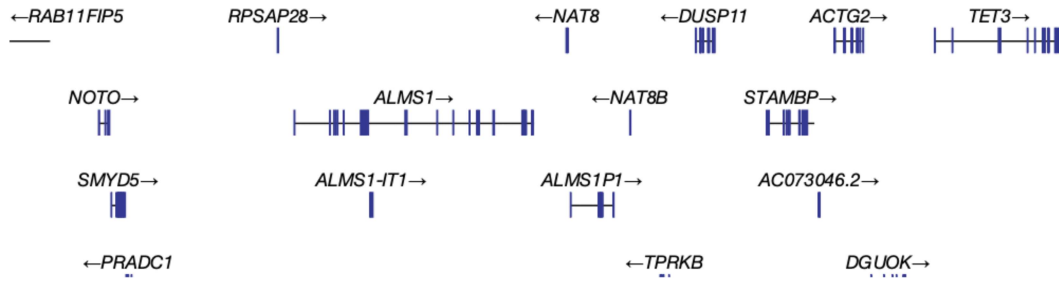
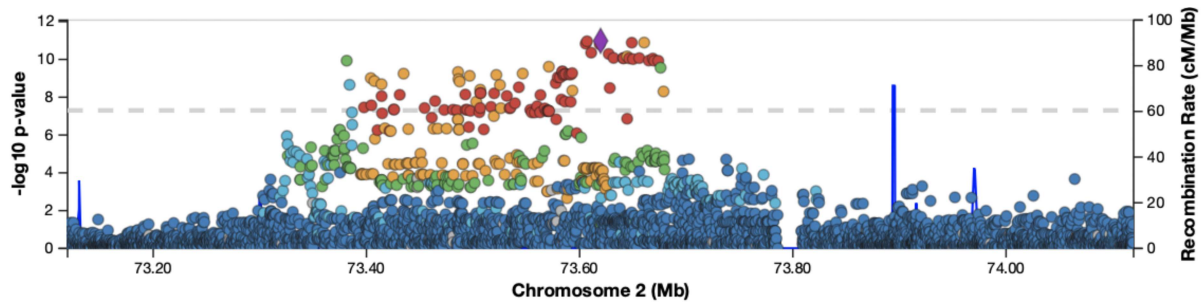
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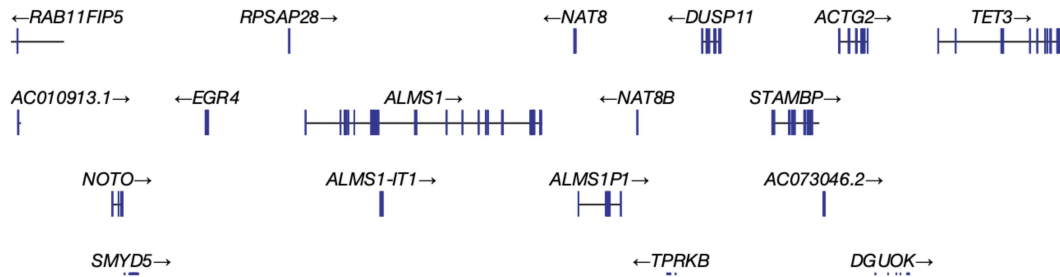
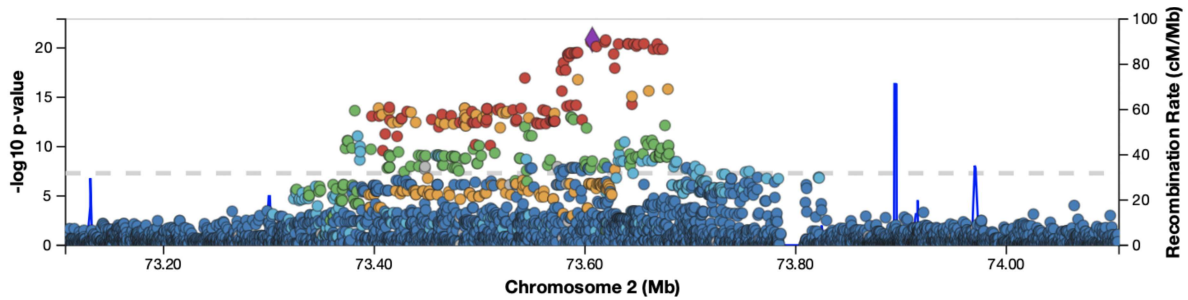
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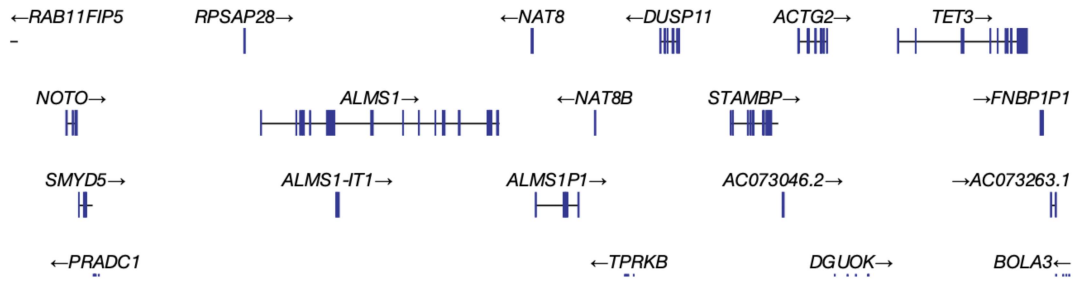
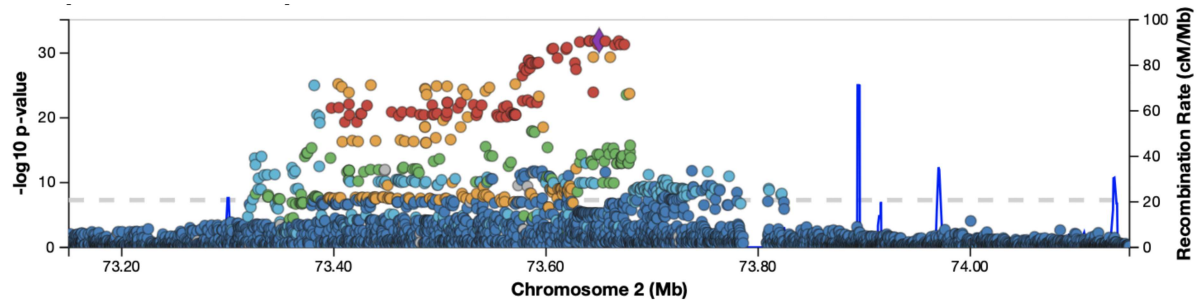
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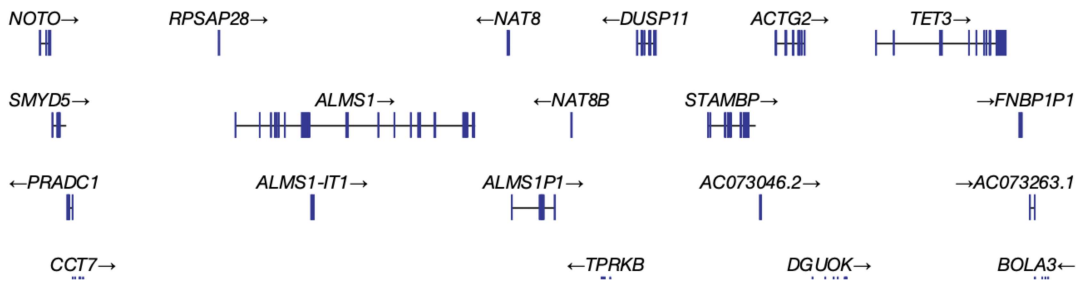
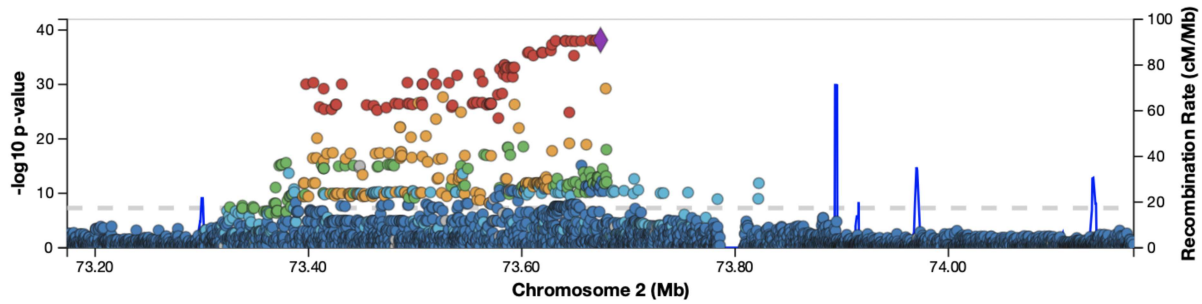
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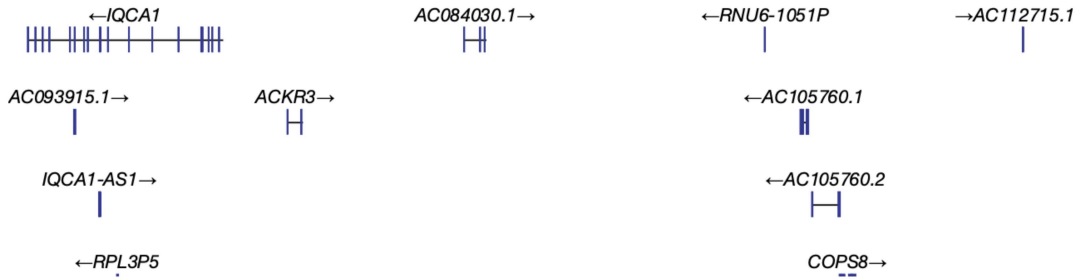
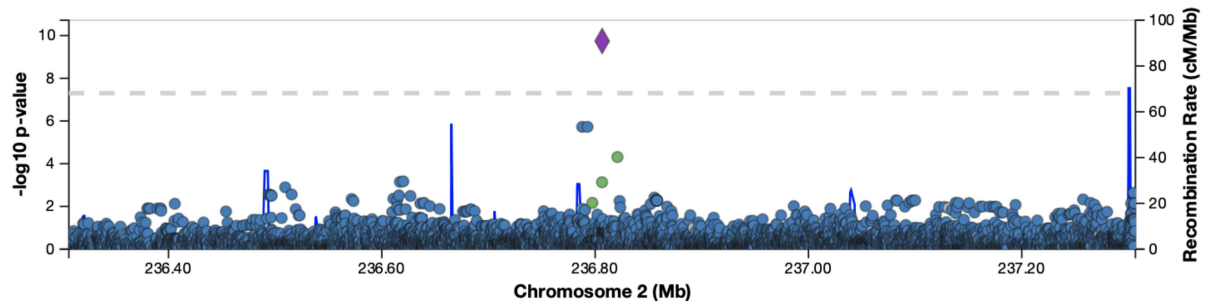
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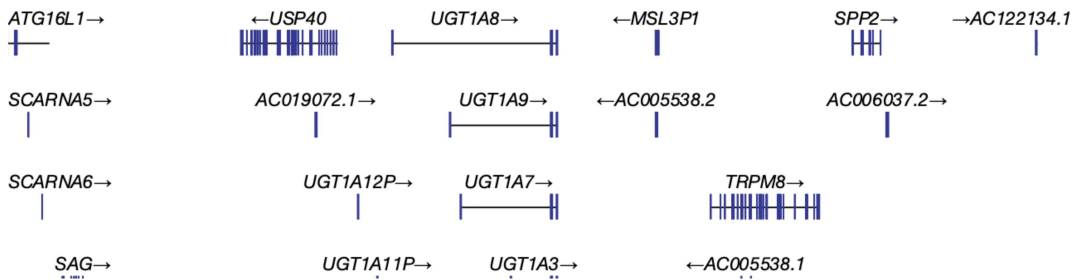
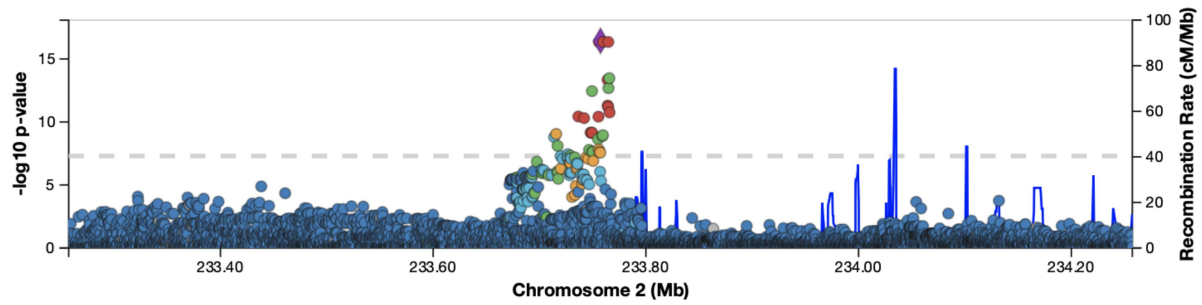
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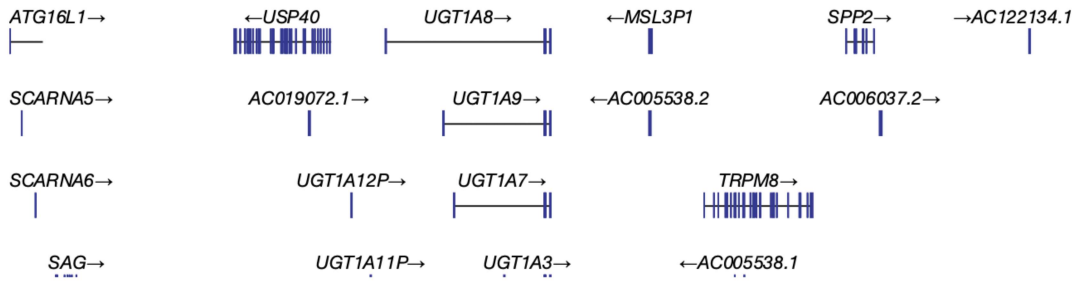
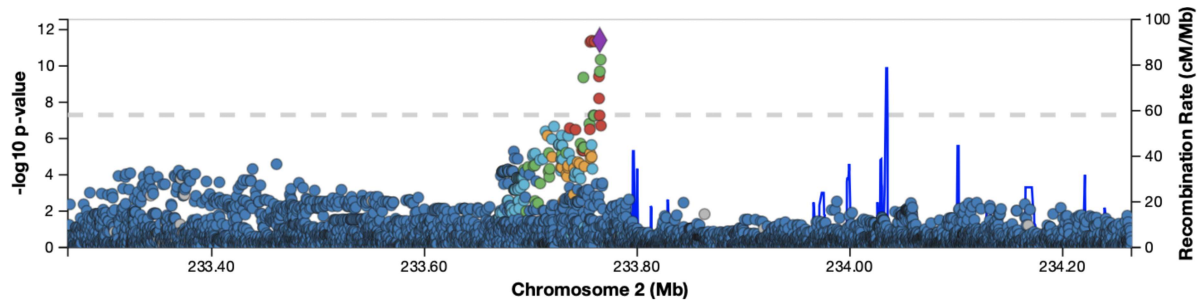
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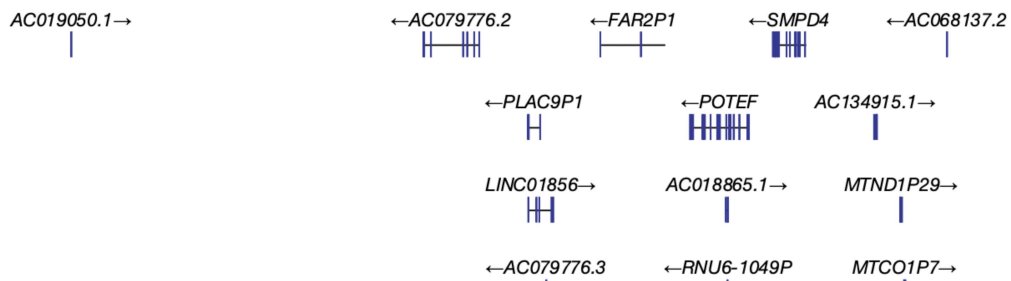
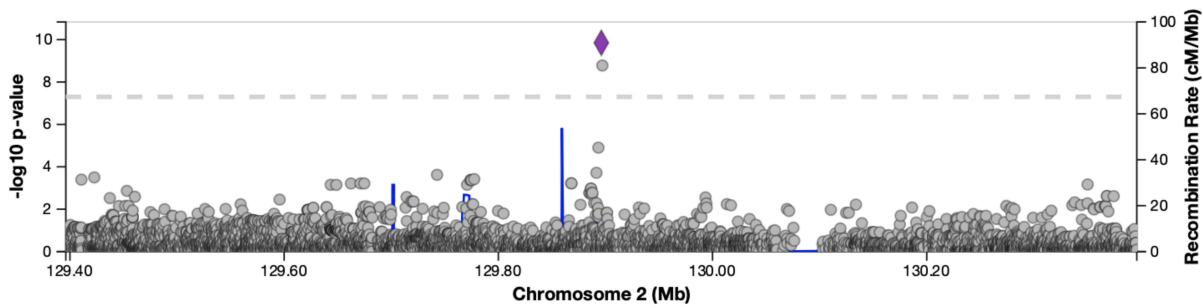
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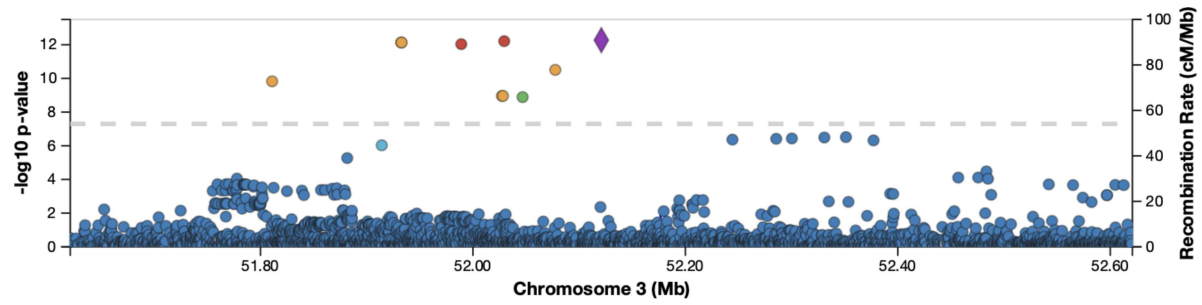
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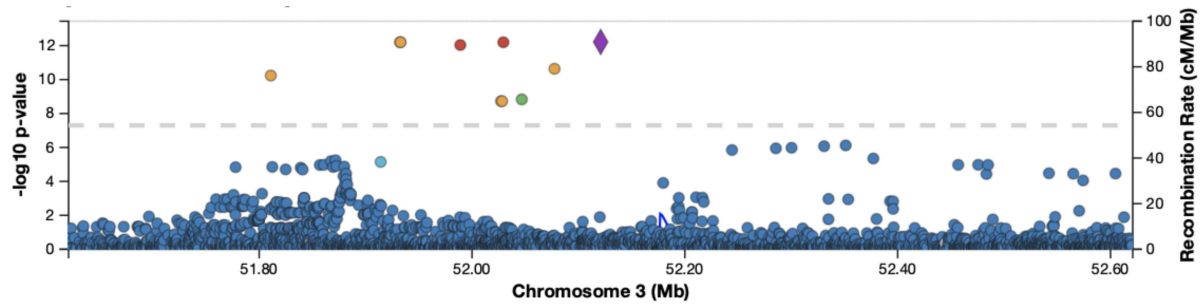
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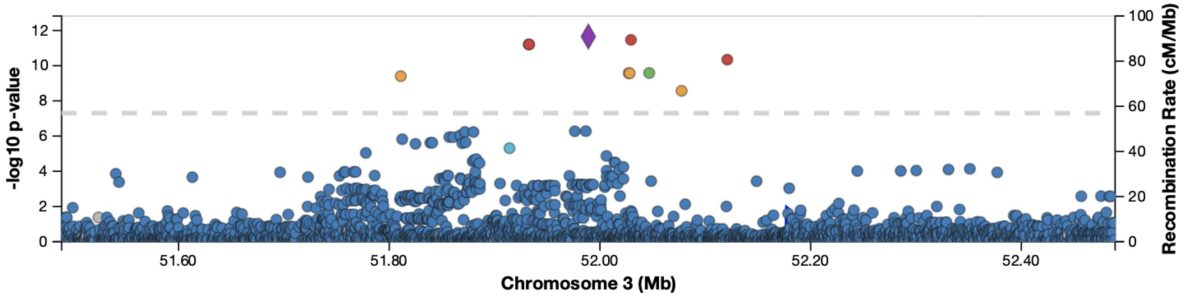
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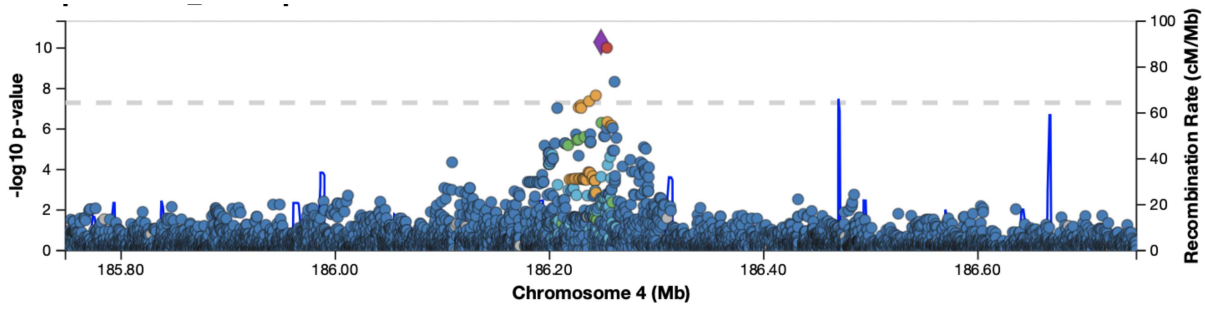
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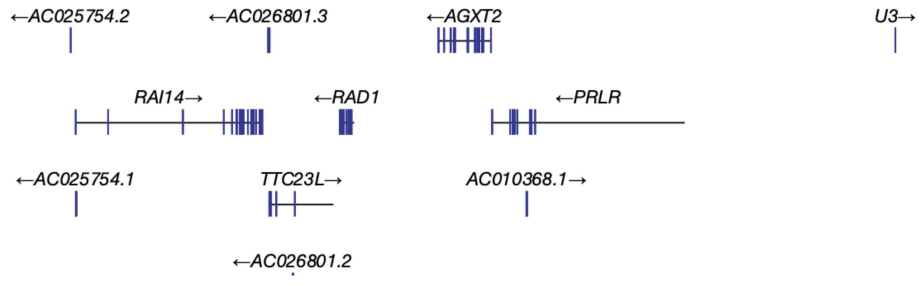
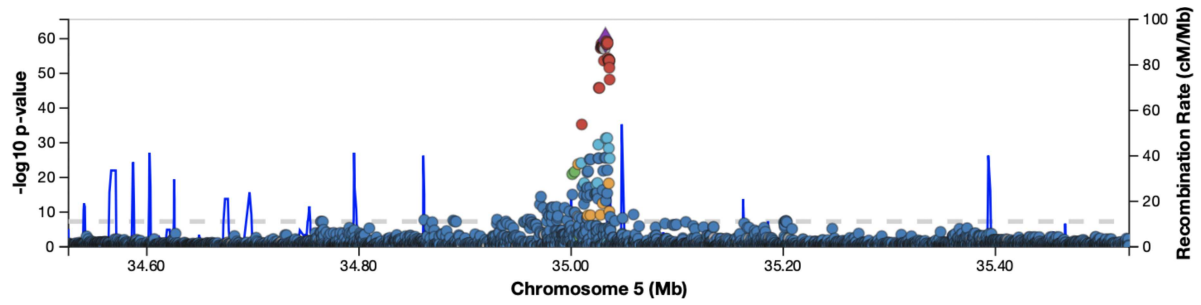
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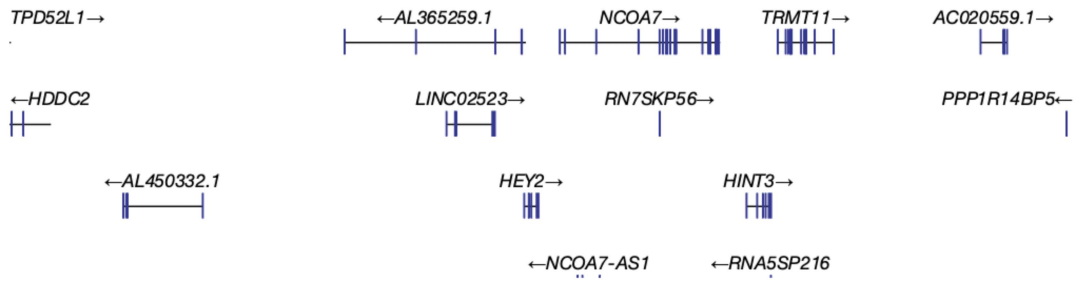
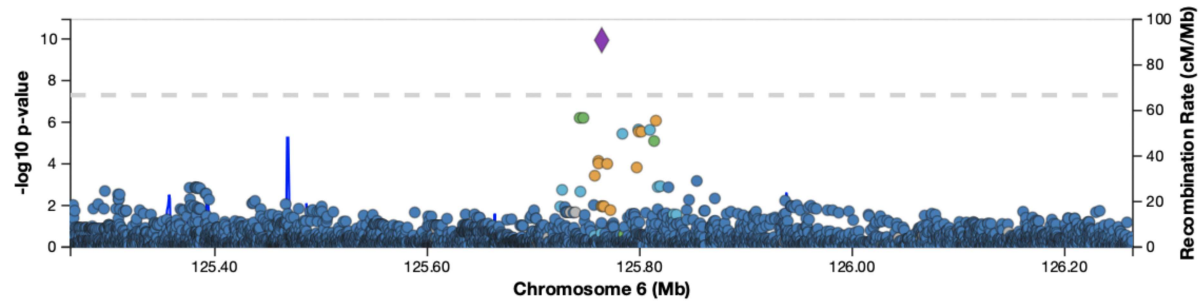
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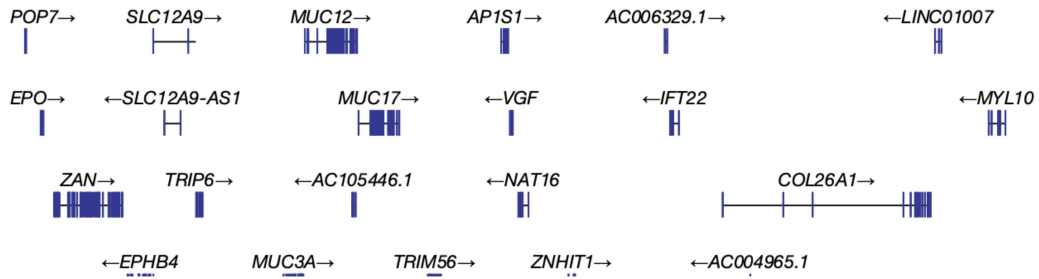
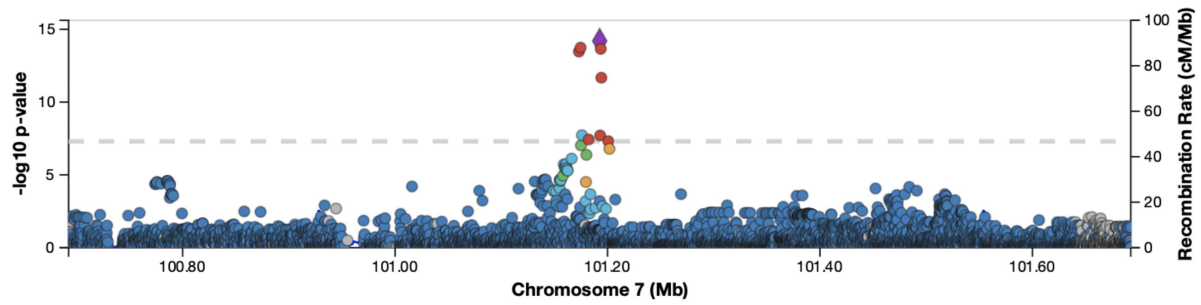
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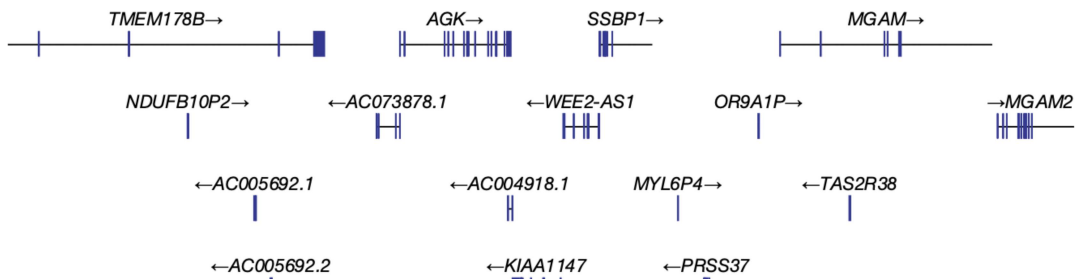
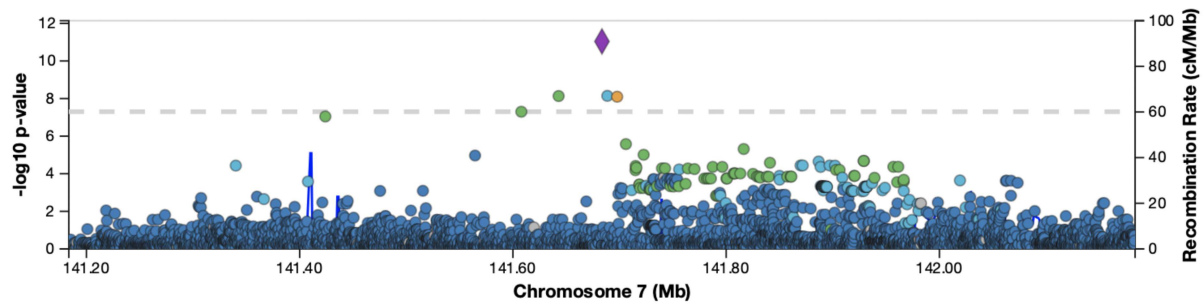
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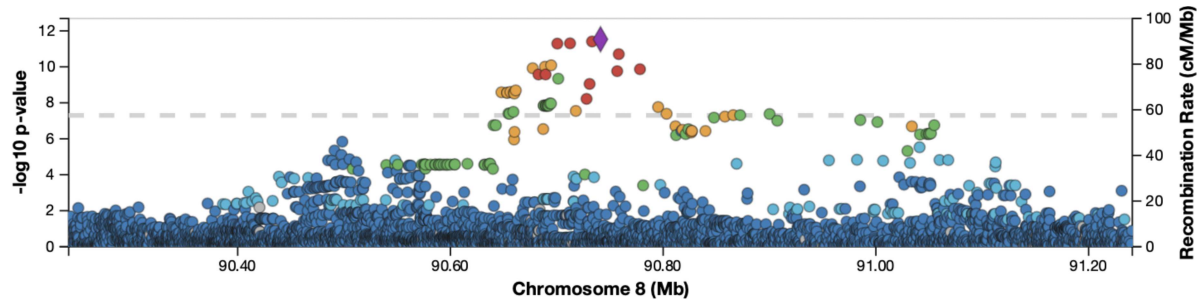
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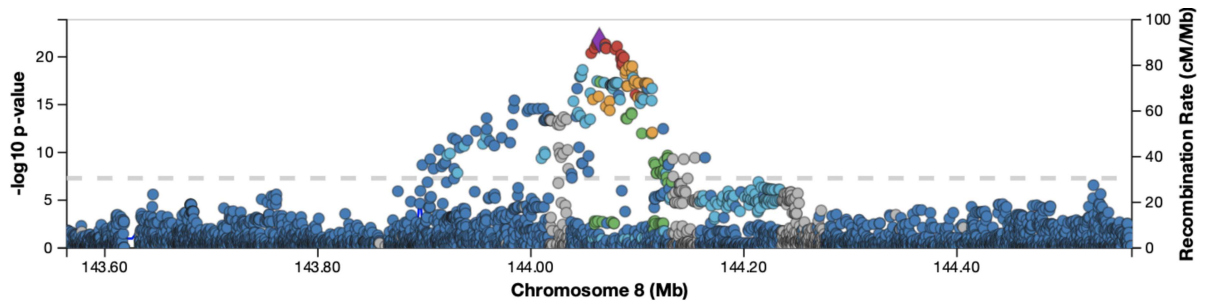
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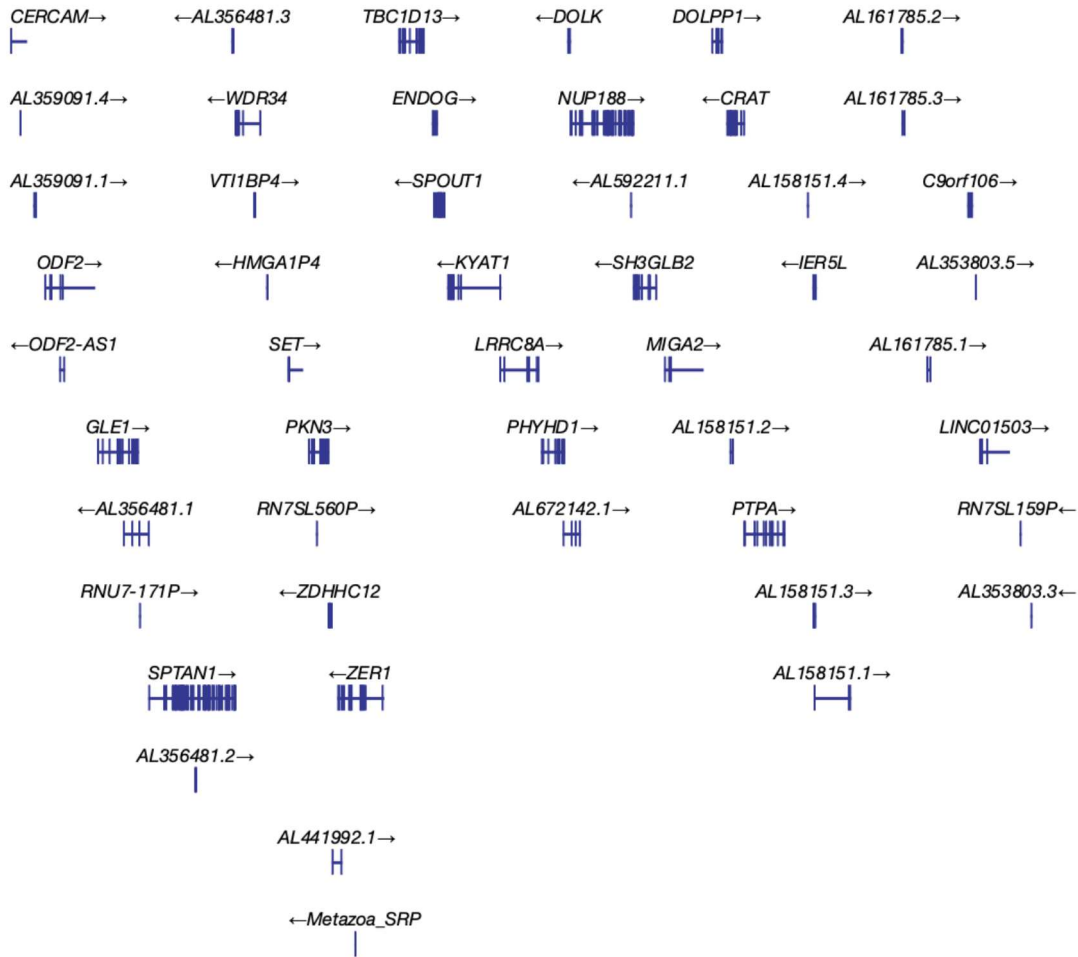
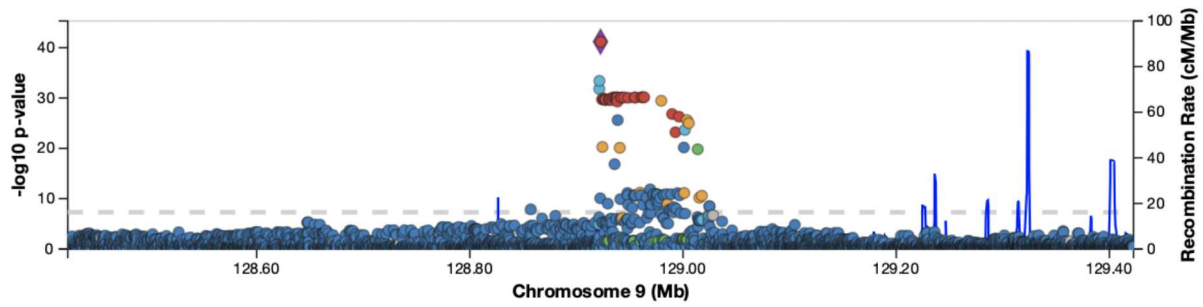
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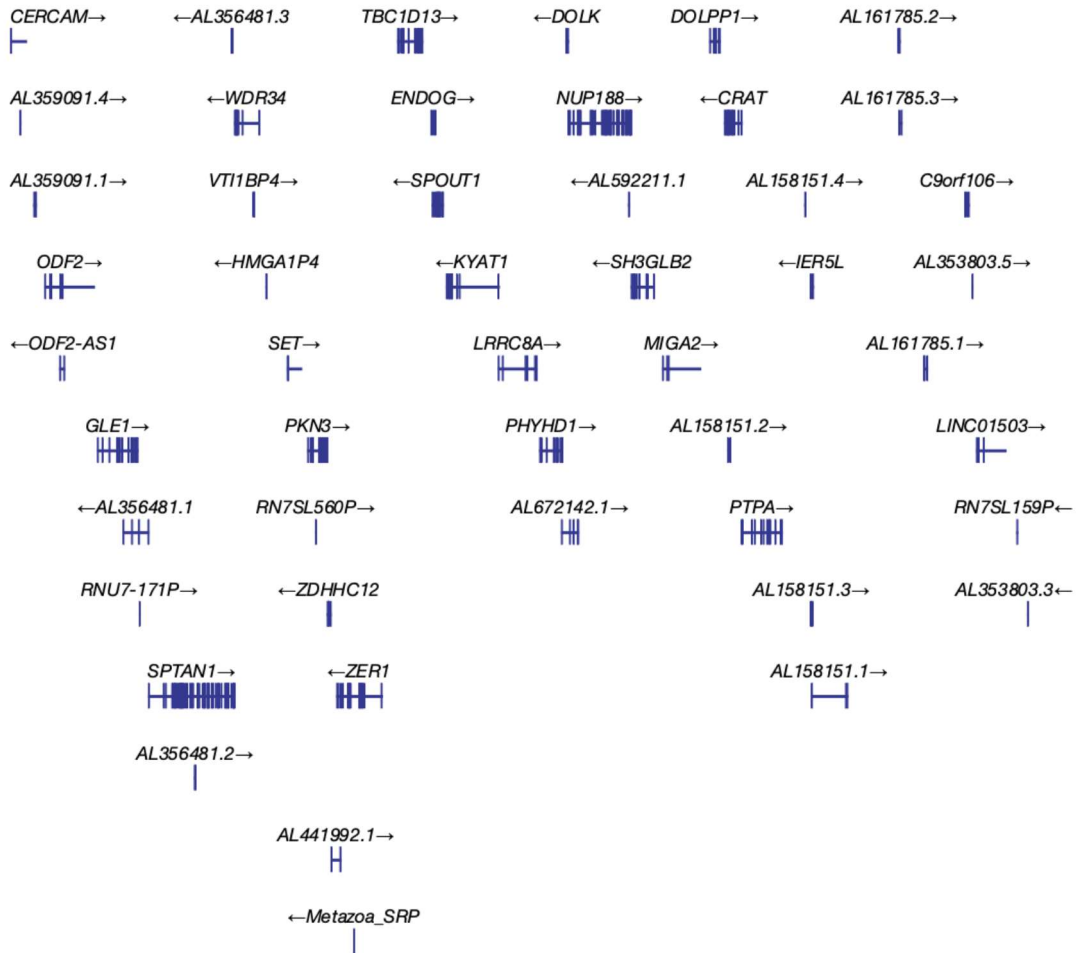
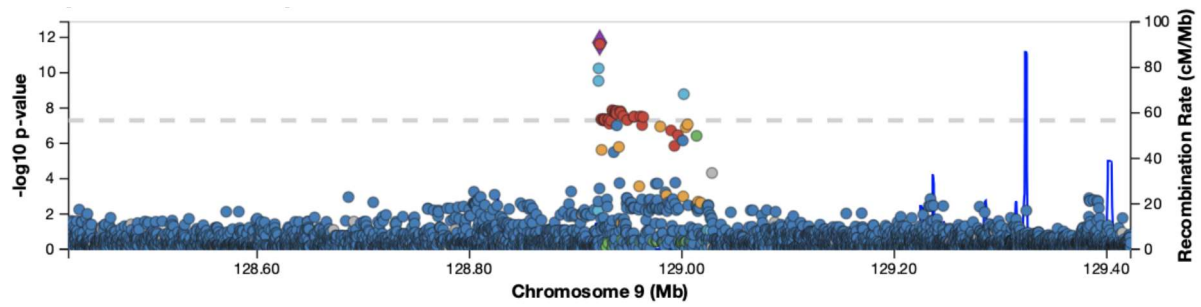
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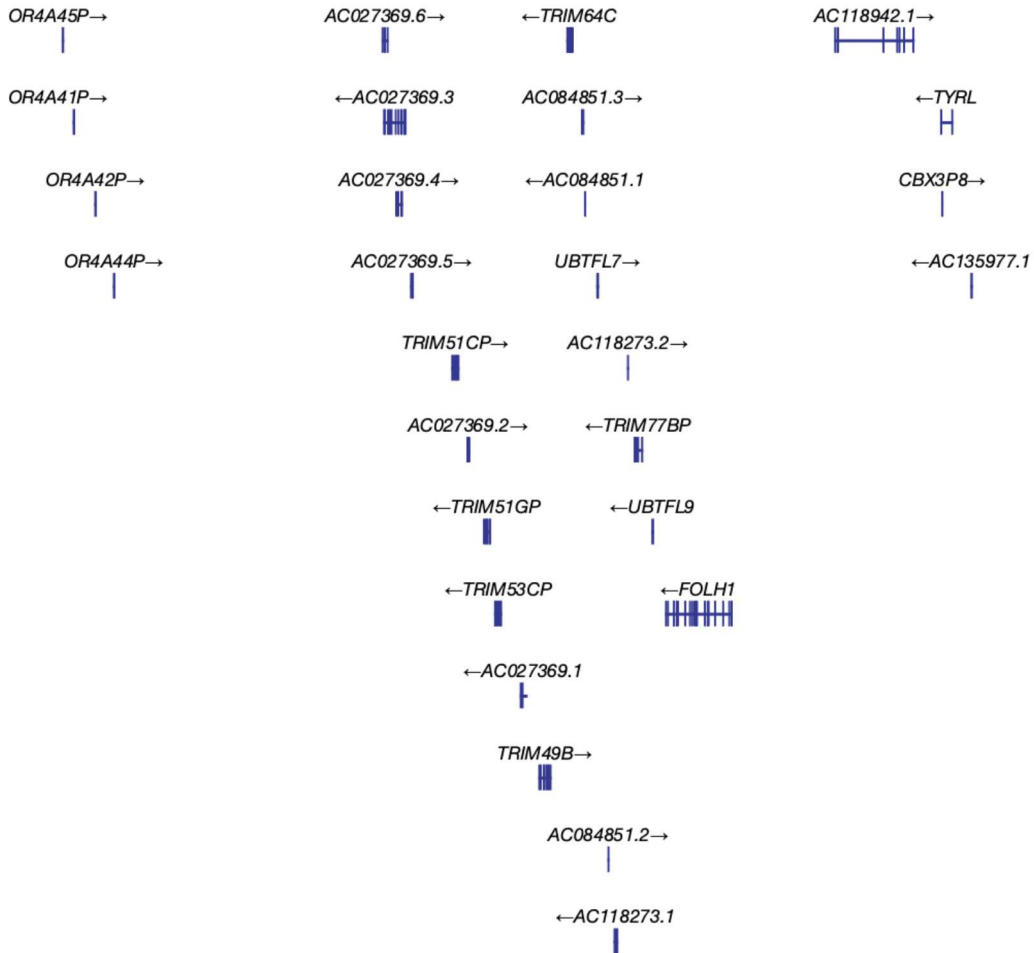
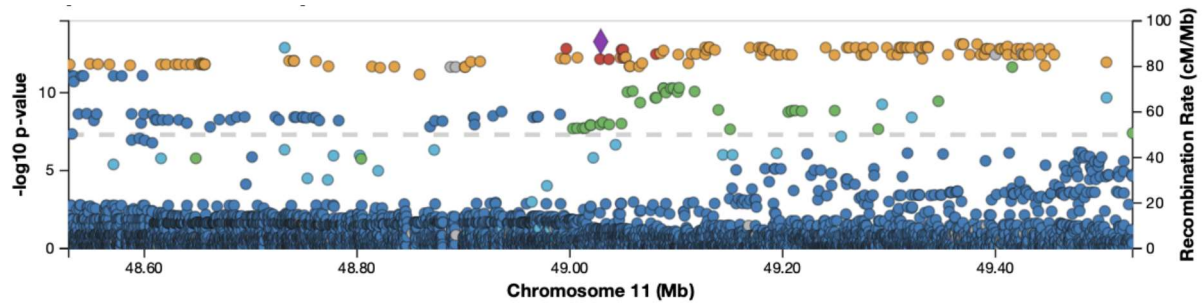
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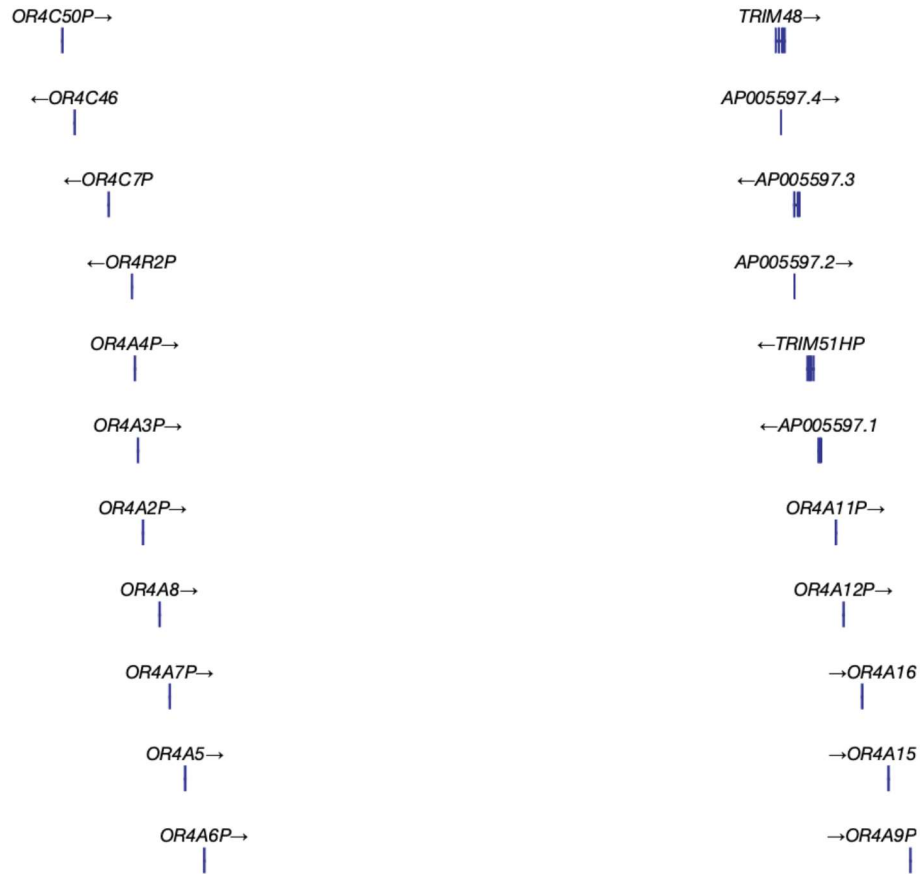
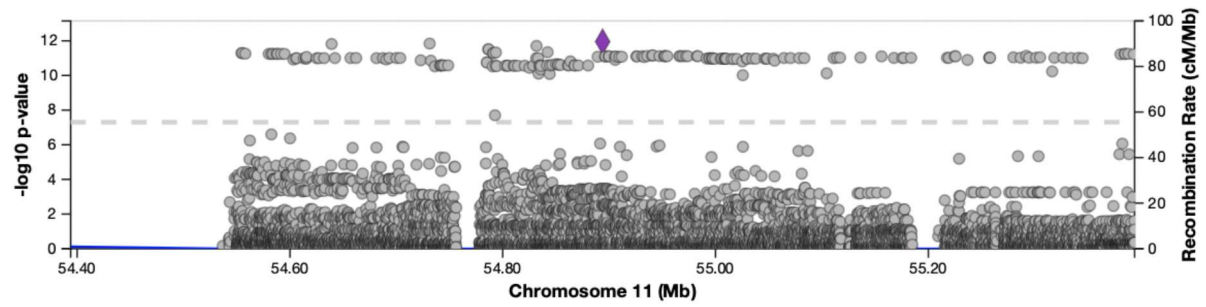
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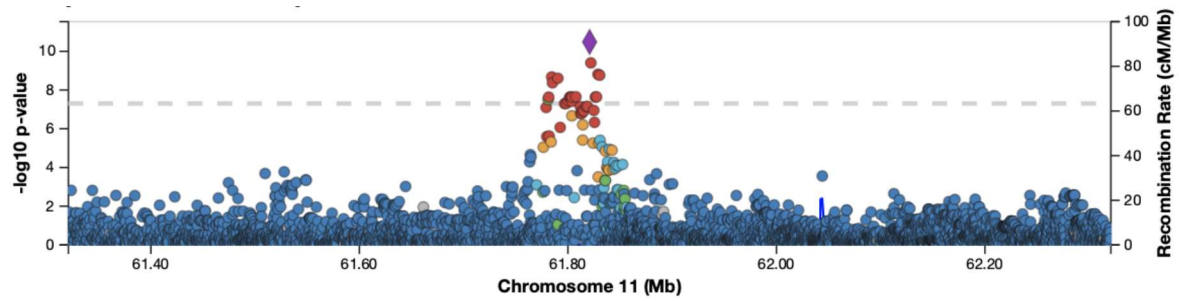
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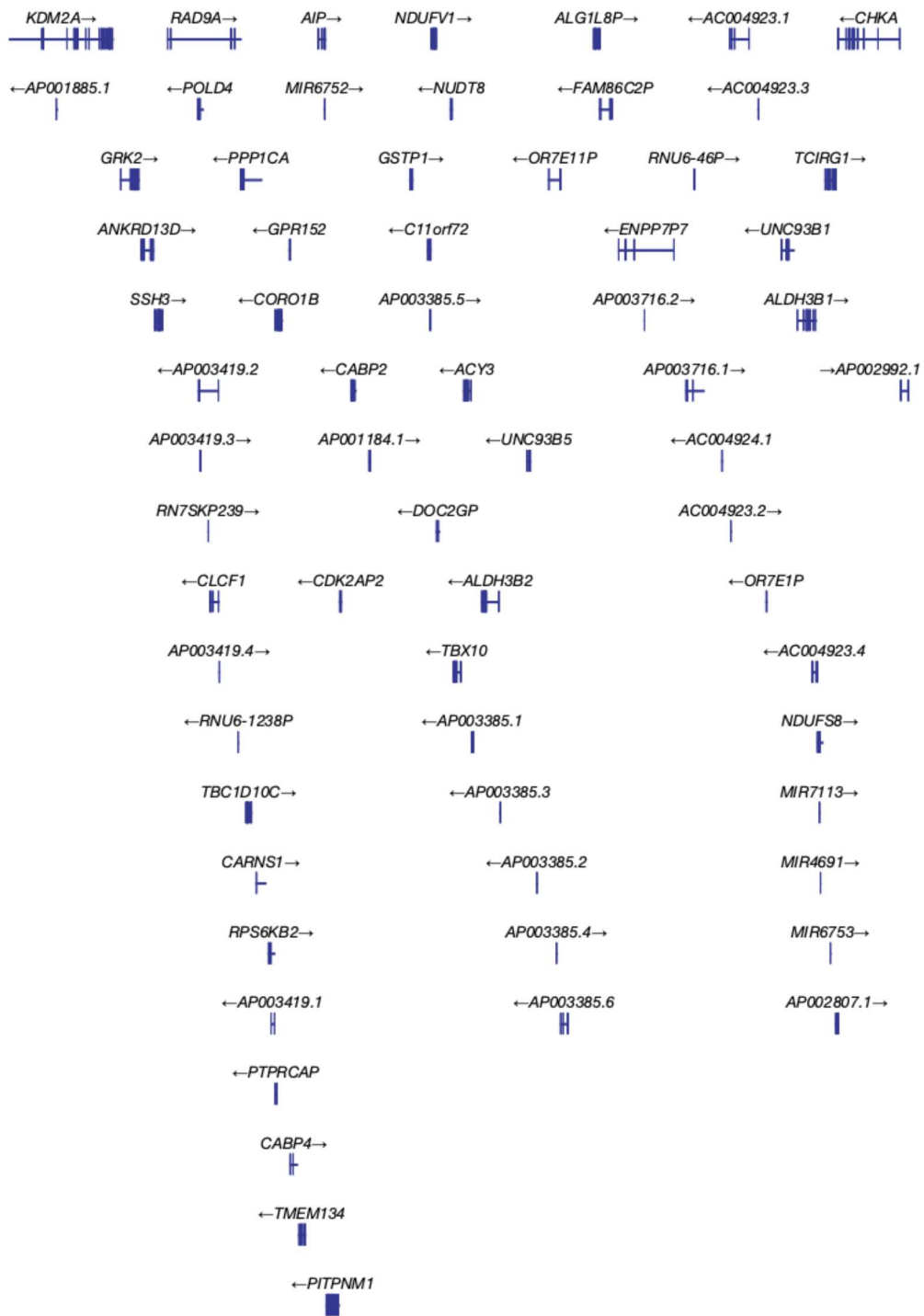
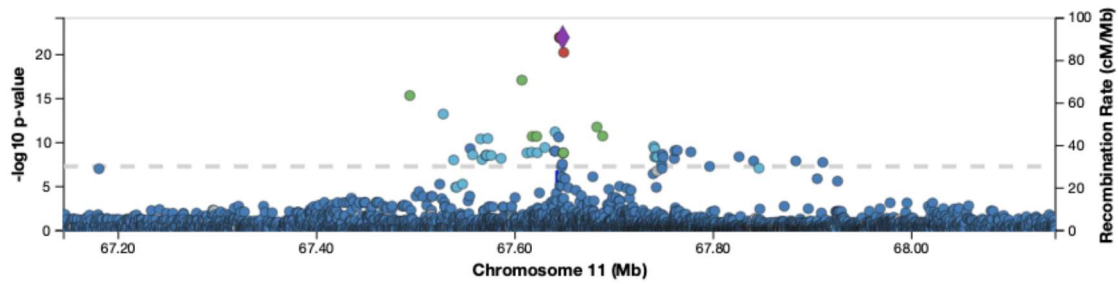
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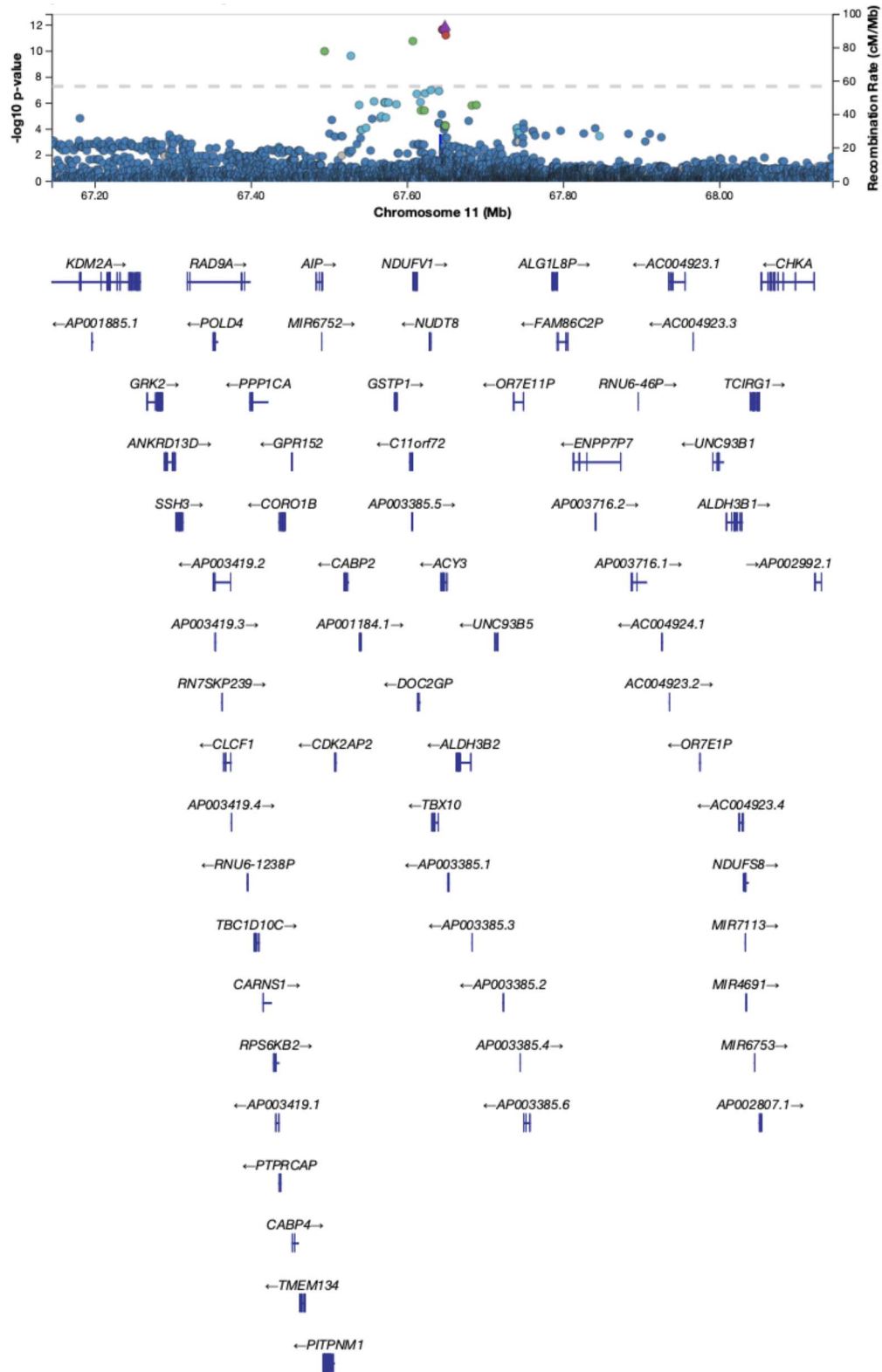
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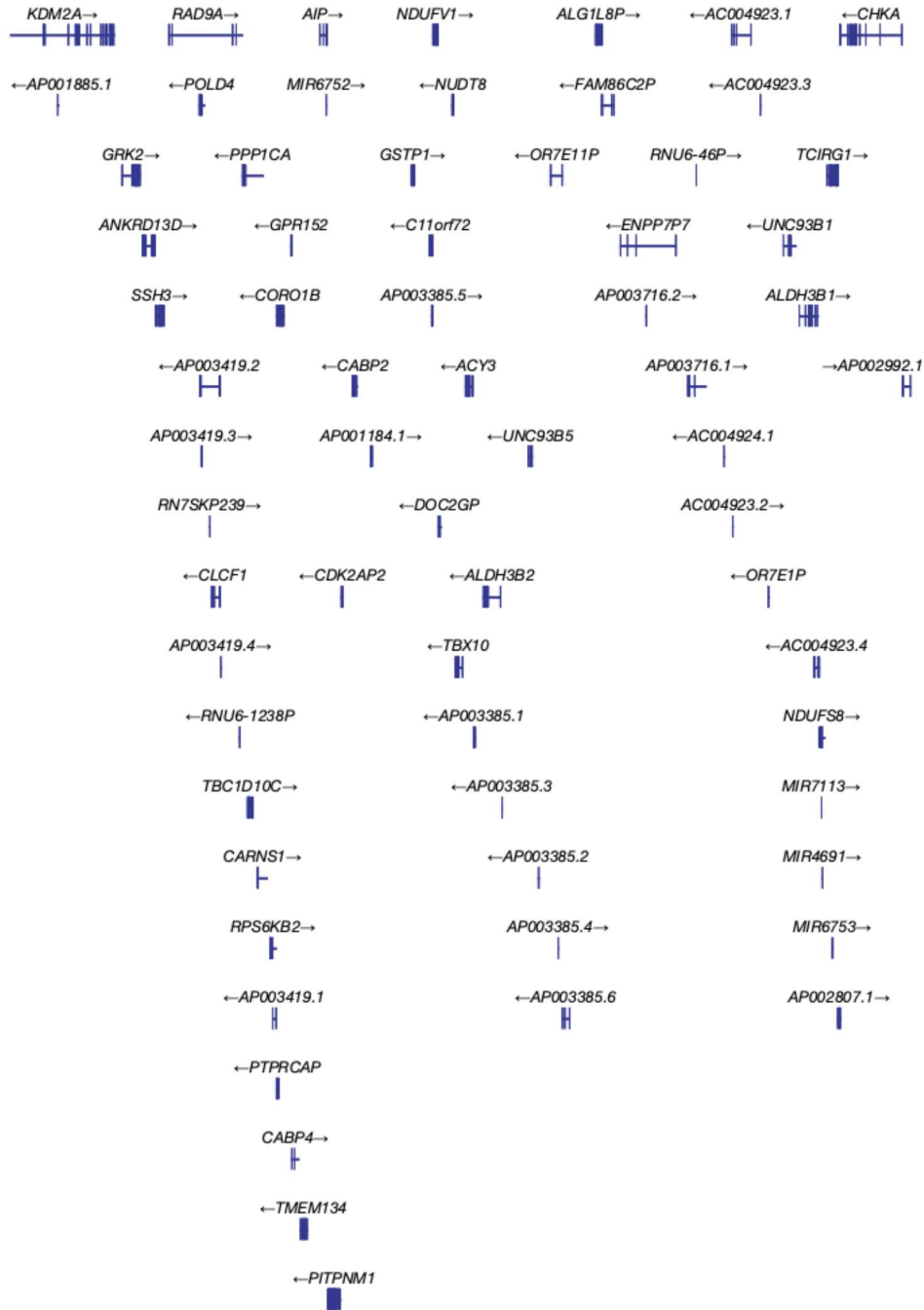
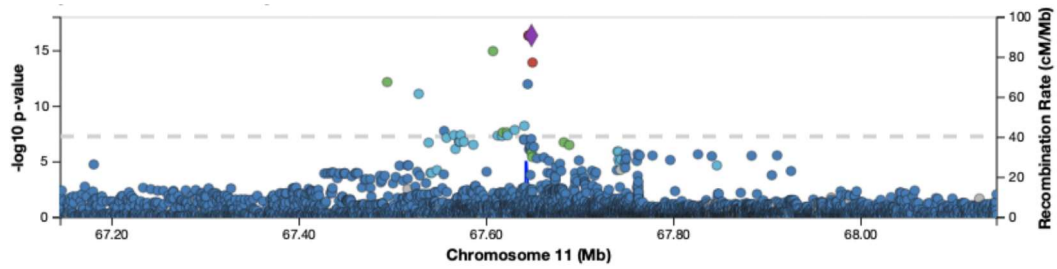
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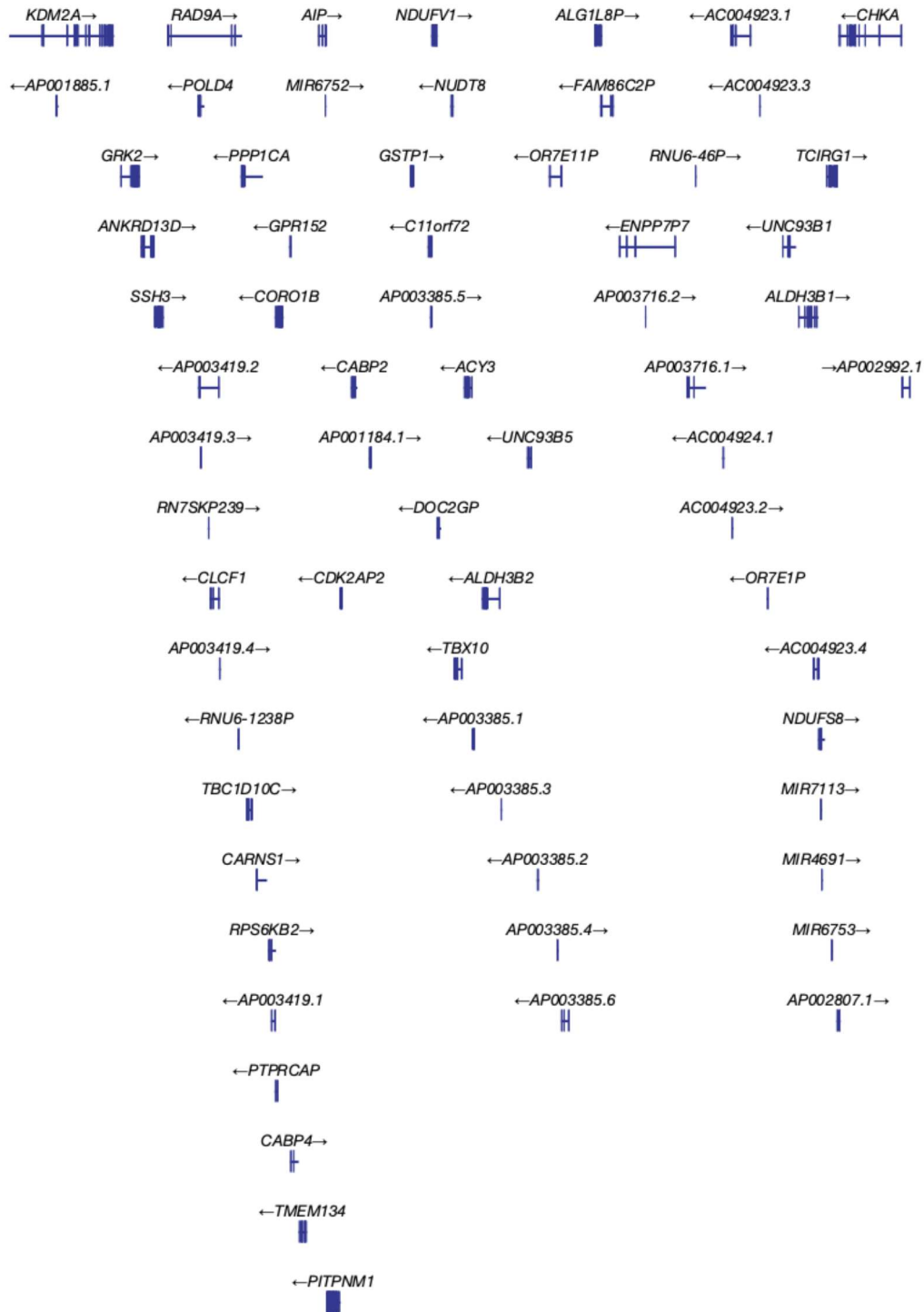
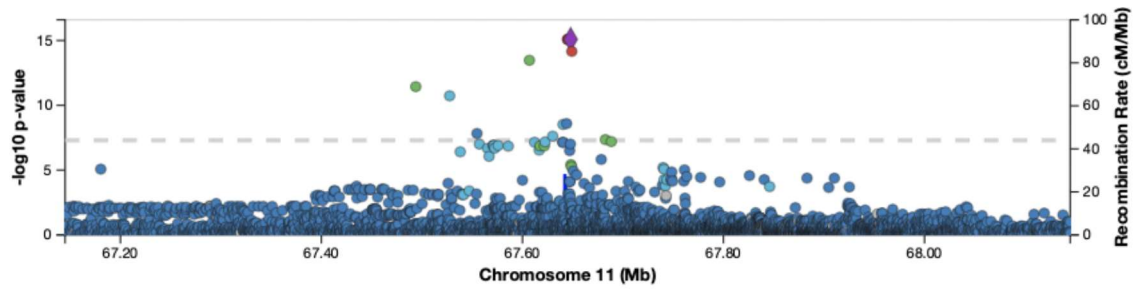
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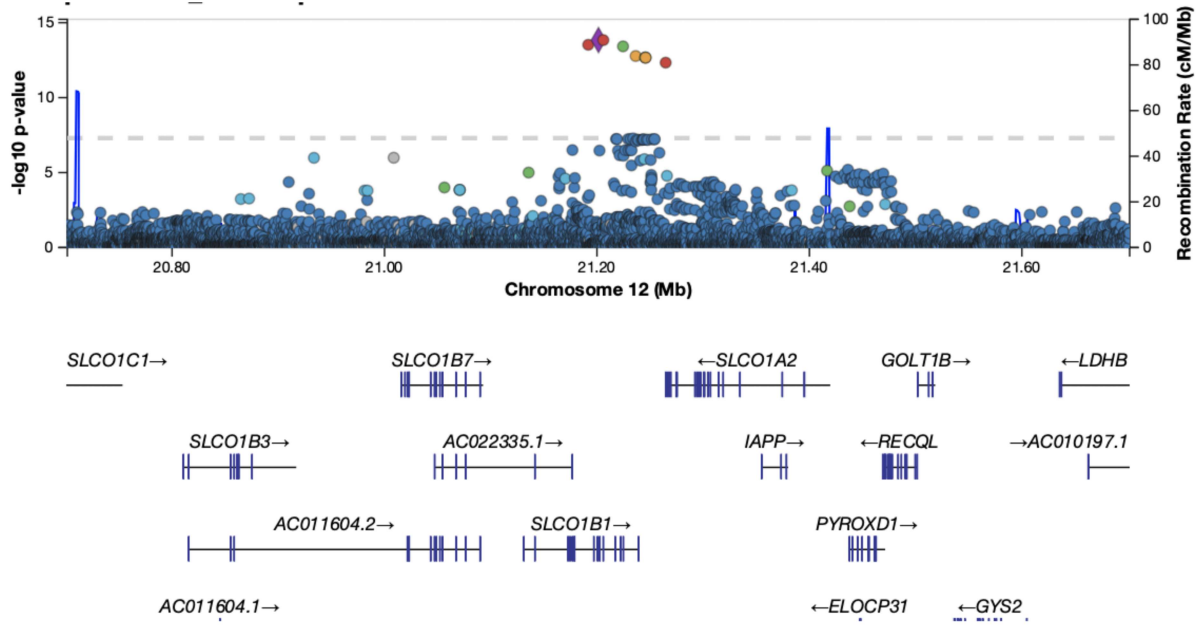
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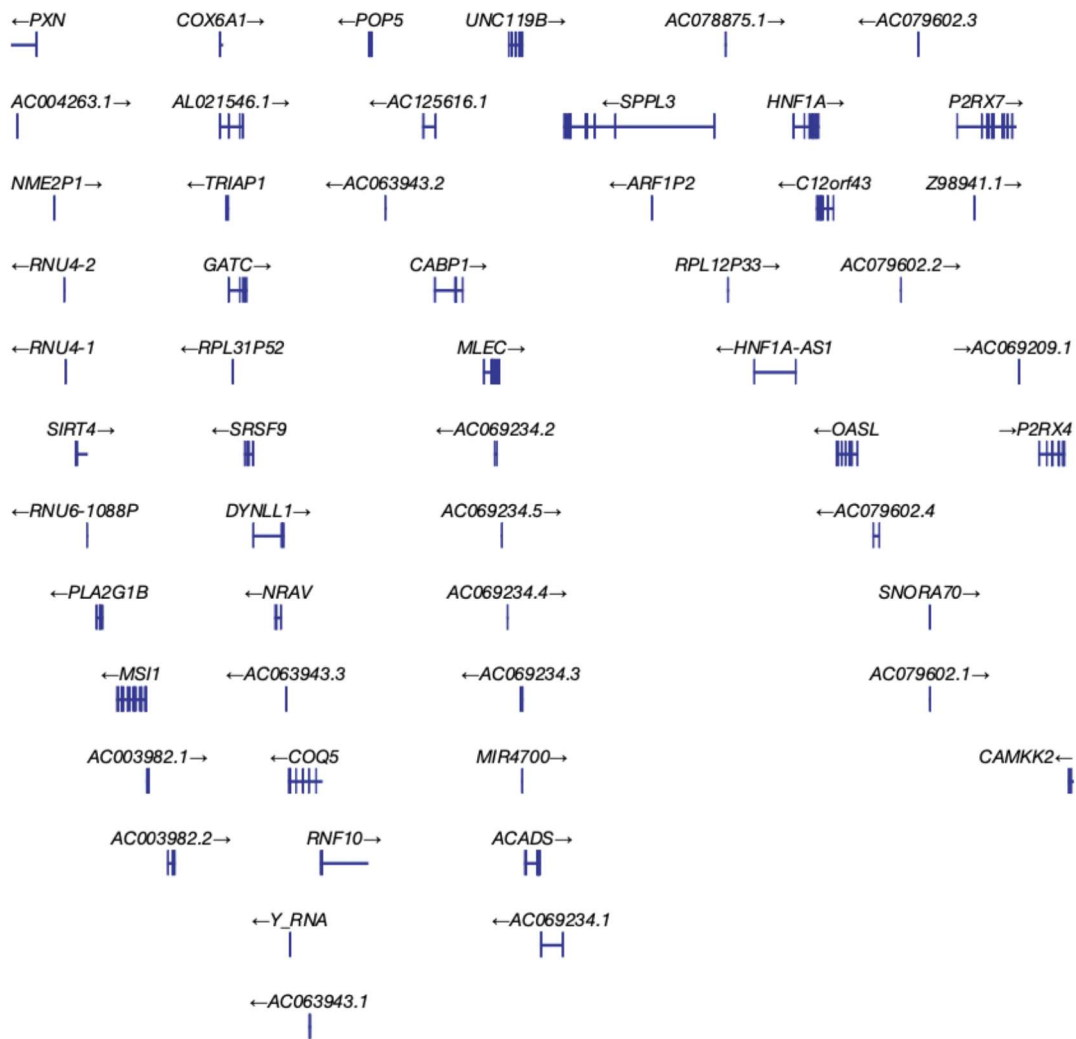
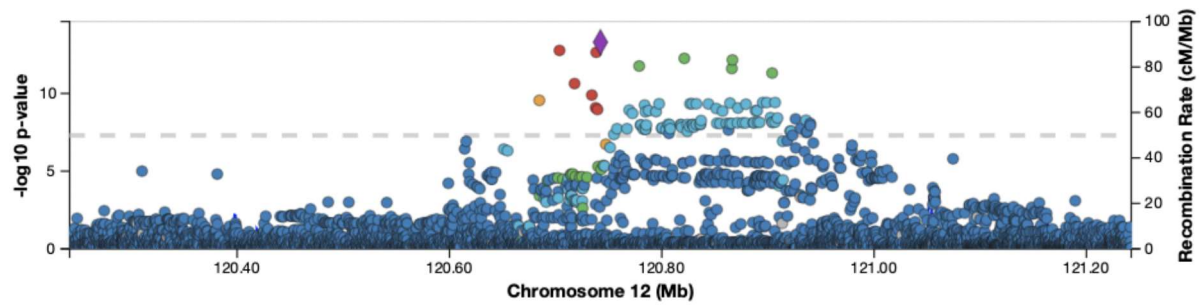
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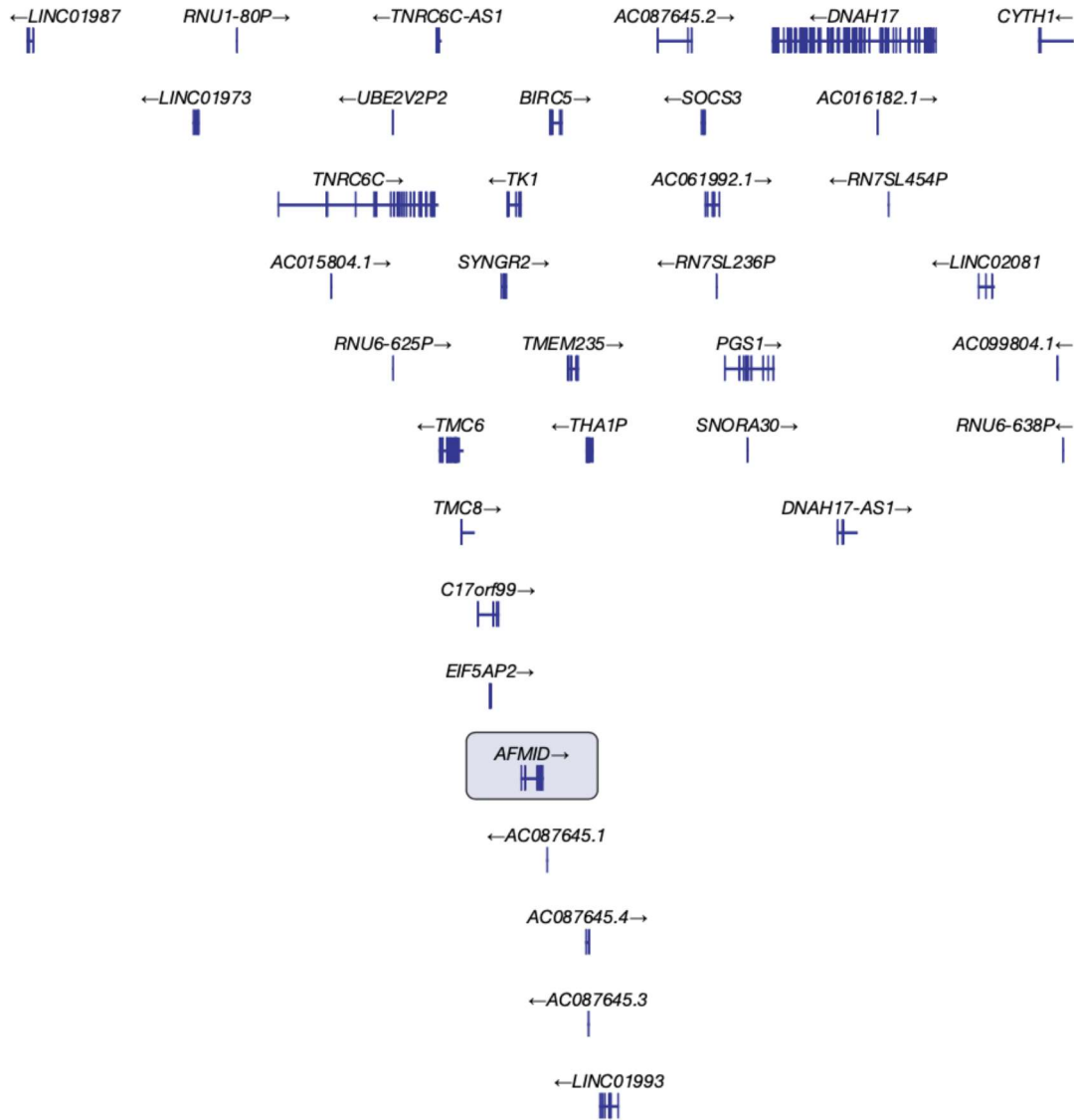
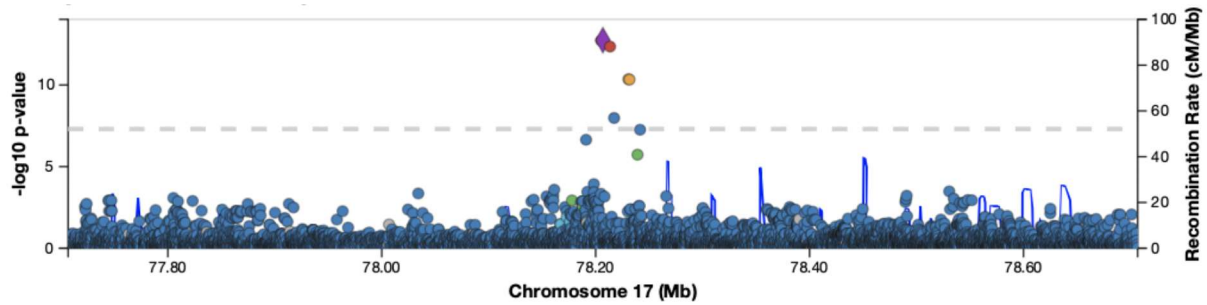
nn. Locus 21, rs114419265 and glycochenodeoxycholate glucuronide.



oo. Locus 22, rs34708625 and ethylmalonate.



pp. Locus 23, rs114080902 and N-formylanthranilic acid.



Color-coding indicates degree of linkage disequilibrium with index SNP: Purple indicates index SNP, red indicates SNPs with $r^2 \geq 0.8$, orange indicates SNPs with $r^2 \geq 0.6$, green indicates SNPs with $r^2 \geq 0.4$, light blue indicates SNPs with $r^2 \geq 0.2$, dark blue indicates SNPs with $r^2 \geq 0$, and grey indicates SNPs with unknown r^2 .

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