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Statistics

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- Estimates of effect sizes (e.g. Cohen's d , Pearson's r), indicating how they were calculated

Our web collection on [statistics for biologists](#) contains articles on many of the points above.

Software and code

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Data collection

No software was used for data collection.

Data analysis

- QC-tools for EWAS summary statistics: R-based in-house pipeline, R-packages: metafor (v2.4.0), qqman (v0.1.4), limma (v3.42.2), openxlsx (v4.1.5), car (v3.0.8)
 - Software-tools for association analyses: R-based in-house pipeline, R-packages: metafor (v2.4.0), qqman (v0.1.4), limma (v3.42.2), bacon (v1.16.0), mutoss (v0.1.12)
 - Software-tools for postprocessing of results: R-based in-house pipeline, R-packages: metafor (v2.4.0), methylGSA (v1.6.1), ggplot2 (v3.3.3), rmeta (v3.0), SeSAmE v1.10.5
 - mediation R package v4.5.0
 - TwoSampleMR R package v0.5.6
 - GCTA (Genome-wide Complex Trait Analysis, 1.93.2beta)
 - Miscellaneous: R v3.6.3, R v4.0.1
 The script for generating the phenotypes used in the EWAS is available via GitHub [<https://github.com/genepi-freiburg/ckdgen-pheno-ewas>].

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The individual participant data included in this project are generally not publicly available due to data protection laws, but can be applied from the individual studies on reasonable request. The summary statistics from the meta-analysis are available in the CKDGen Consortium website (<https://ckdgen.imbi.uni-freiburg.de>).

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Life sciences study design

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Sample size	Discovery project using maximum sample size available when starting the project. Therefore, no sample-size calculation was performed.
Data exclusions	We excluded studies from an analysis if the sample size for EWAS was not greater than 50, to ensure a reasonable sample size for the statistical association models. DNA methylation probes that are only in the HM450K or EPIC arrays were excluded.
Replication	Replication of significant EWAS results was performed in independent samples of cohorts that were available at time when that replication stage was initiated, and not included in the discovery stage. All results of CpG sites (replicated or not) of the replication stage are provided in the Supplementary Tables.
Randomization	Not applicable because this is an observational study.
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Animals and other organisms

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Laboratory animals	ABCG2 Q141K (ABCG2 Q140K) was knocked in to the endogenous Abcg2 locus using CRISPR/ Cas9 on a C57BL/6J background. Species: C57BL/6J, sex: male
Wild animals	None
Field-collected samples	None

Ethics oversight

University of Maryland School of Medicine Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee.

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Human research participants

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Population characteristics

Details of each cohort are provided in Supplementary Table 1

Recruitment

Participants were recruited prior and independent to this projects, and predominantly population based. Details incl. references are provided in the Supplementary Table 1

Ethics oversight

Each study was approved by the respective ethics committee, and all participants provided written informed consent.

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