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25 26 27 28 **Abstract**

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30 **Purpose:** The Canadian Longitudinal Study on Aging (CLSA) Comprehensive cohort was
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32 established to provide unique opportunities in studying the genetic and environmental
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34 contributions to human health and disease in aging process. The aim of this study is to describe
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36 the genomic data included in CLSA.

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38 **Participants:** A total of 26,622 individuals from CLSA baseline data collection on 51,338 men
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40 and women aged 45 to 85 recruited between 2010 and 2015 have undergone genome-wide
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42 genotyping of DNA samples collected from blood. Comprehensive quality control metrics were
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44 measured on genetic marker and sample-wise respectively. The genotypes were imputed to the
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46 TopMed reference panel. Sex chromosome abnormalities were identified by copy number
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48 profiling. The genotypes were imputed for classical HLA genes at two-field (four-digit).

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50 **Findings to date:** Of the 26,622 genotyped participants, 24,655 (92.6%) were identified as
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52 having European ancestry. This genomic data can be linked to physical, lifestyle, medical,
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54 economic, environmental, and psychosocial factors collected longitudinally in CLSA. CLSA
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3 genomic dataset has been used as a validation cohort to test the contribution of polygenic risk
4 score to screen individuals with high fracture risk. It is also a valuable resource to directly
5 identify common genetic variation associated with conditions related to complex traits. One
6 study has employed CLSA genomic data in a large-scale GWAS and identified novel variants
7 associated with sleep apnoea. Taking advantage of the comprehensive interview and physical
8 information collected in CLSA, this genomic dataset has been linked to psychosocial factors to
9 investigate both the independent and interactive effects on cardiovascular disease.
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18 **Future plans:** The DNA methylation, metabolomic and proteomic data are being generated.
19 Ongoing studies focus on elucidating the role of genetic factors in cognitive decline and
20 cardiovascular diseases. This genomic data resource is available upon request through CLSA
21 data access application process.
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28 **Strengths and limitations of this study**

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30 • The genomic data in Canadian Longitudinal Study on Aging (CLSA) Comprehensive
31 cohort provides whole-genome genotyping data on 794,409 markers and whole-genome
32 imputed data on approximately 308 million genetic variants.
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- 35 • The UK Biobank array used for genotyping is enriched with known markers associated
36 with multiple phenotypes. The comprehensive pharmacogenomic and inflammation
37 markers may be of particular interest since DNA methylation, metabolomic and
38 proteomic data are being generated by CLSA.
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- 41 • The CLSA cohort has completed the baseline sample collection. It continues to follow up
42 the participants on a wide spectrum of qualitative and quantitative variables. This
43 facilitates the research on the effect of interplay between genetics and environmental
44 factors on age-related diseases.
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- 47 • Potential limitations may include the relatively lower genotyping coverage in participants
48 with non-European ancestry and inadequate power to discover very rare predisposition
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3 variants. Such limitations associated with this type of data can be overcome by
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5 imputation and meta-analysis.
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9 **Introduction**

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11 The global life expectancy increased dramatically through the past two hundred years. In such
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13 times, the make-up of Canadian population has changed unprecedentedly. From 1977 to 2017,
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15 the senior population, i.e., people aged 65 and older, grew from 2 million to 6.2 million, which
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17 equaled to nearly 17% of its population size. However, this number is still rapidly rising. It is
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19 anticipated that by 2036 there will be 10.2 million senior people in Canada. In another word, in
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21 every 4 Canadians, there will be one senior person.
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24 Along with the expanded human life expectancy, the prevalence of age-related diseases is
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26 strikingly increasing. Aged people experience progressive decline in functional integrity and
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28 homeostasis. This process is accompanied by increased risk of neurodegeneration,
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30 cardiovascular disease and cancer among many other diseases, which have become the most
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32 common causes of decreased life quality and late-life mortality. It adds substantial burden to
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34 individual and social health care system inadvertently. Age-related diseases have highly
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36 complex nature. Both the genetic and environmental factors play an important role as well as
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38 the interaction between them. Therefore, understanding of the underlying mechanisms of aging
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40 is highly in demand for sustaining longer lives with reduced loss of healthy years.
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43 Studies on short-lived model organisms provided insights on several key genetical regulators in
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45 hallmark aging pathways, however, the identification of biomarkers of age and age-related
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47 disease in human is more complicated ¹. Over the past decade, genetic epidemiology methods
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49 emerged to be a powerful tool. The genome-wide association studies (GWAS) uncovered tens
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51 of genes and genetic variations that may dominate the variability of aging outcomes among
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53 people ². They shed light on multi-trait variants associated with diseases. However, the genetic
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55 effects are usually relatively moderate and altered by lifestyle and other environmental
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3 determinants. More work is needed to fully deconvolute the interplay between genetics and
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5 extrinsic influences. This effort will be benefited by larger sample size and linked information on
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7 proteomics and epigenetics.
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10 11 **Cohort description**

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13 The Canadian Longitudinal Study on Aging (CLSA) is a national long-term study that recruited
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15 51,338 men and women, aged 45-85 years at enrolment between 2010 and 2015 for baseline
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17 data collection ³. It presents a unique opportunity to study genetic and environmental
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19 contributions to human health and disease by providing information on the changing biological,
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21 medical, psychological, social, lifestyle and economic aspects of participants' lives. It is
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23 composed of two complementary cohorts: the Tracking cohort of 21,241 participants who are
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25 interviewed by telephone and the Comprehensive cohort of 30,097 participants who are
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27 interviewed in person and provide blood and urine samples. The participants in the
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29 Comprehensive cohort were randomly selected from within 25-50 km of 11 data collection sites
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31 in seven provinces. A total of 27,170 (90.3%) Comprehensive cohort participants provided blood
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33 samples at baseline. The Comprehensive Cohort samples have been used to produce whole
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35 genome genotyping data. The data were collected to understand, individually and in
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37 combination, the impact of genetic variation in both maintaining health and in the development
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39 of disease and disability as people age. In this release of the CLSA genomic data, 26,622
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41 participants have been genotyped using the Affymetrix UK Biobank Axiom array ⁴. Qualified
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43 researchers from any country can access these genomic and phenotypic data via a formal data
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45 and sample access procedure described on the CLSA Data Preview Portal.
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49 ***Patient and public involvement***

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51 Patients or public were not involved in the development of the research question and study
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53 design or conducting the present study.
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Data collected:***Sample storage and DNA extraction***

The CLSA protocol was reviewed and approved by 13 research ethics boards across Canada. All participants provided written informed consent⁵. The biological samples were collected at the Data Collection Site and de-identified. Whole blood buffy coats were isolated from peripheral blood drawn and the plasma layer was removed. Samples were immediately moved to -80°C storage, and transferred to LN₂ storage at the CLSA Biorepository and Bioanalysis Centre up to one week later until shipment to the genomics facility, after which they were stored at -20°C. The time from blood collection to -80°C storage was under two hours for all participants. Genomic DNA was extracted from blood samples using the purification protocol “Chemagic DNA Buffy Coat Kit special 200µl prefilling VD151007” on the Chemagic MSM I instrument (Perkin-Elmer article No. CMG-533). All extracted samples were quantified using PicoGreen Reagent Kit (Life Technologies, catalog # P7589). A minimum concentration for passing of samples was set at 10 ng/µl. Samples were subsequently normalized to 20 ng/µl, except for those with a concentration of 10-20 ng/µl, which were used undiluted.

Genotyping and calling

Each plate genotyped contained 92 CLSA DNA samples and 4 controls, one male control as the Affymetrix Reference Genomic DNA 103 (Catalog# 900421) or Personal Genome Project sample huAA53E0 (Coriell Cell Repositories, catalog # NA24385), two female controls as the CEPH control 1463-02 (Coriell Cell Repositories, catalog # NA12878) or the CEPH control 1347-2 (Coriell Cell Repositories, catalog # NA10859), and a deionized water negative control. The Affymetrix protocol (Axiom 2.0 Assay Automated workflow on Affymetrix NIMBUS) was followed. Samples were hybridized to UK Biobank arrays (ThermoFisher Catalog #902502), the same array that was used to genotype ~450,000 individuals in the UK Biobank cohort⁶. Axiom Array plates were processed on the Affymetrix GeneTitan Multi-Channel Instrument. For first pass quality control (QC), batches of 8 plates were analyzed using the Sample QC workflow

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3 of the AxiomTM Analysis Suite 2.0 software where a subset of 20,000 reliable probes were used
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5 to determine Dish QC (the measure of the resolution of the AT and GC signal contrast) and
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7 sample QC. The reliable probes are autosomal, previously wet-lab tested, working probe sets
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9 with two array features per probe set.
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11 ***Genotyping quality control and removal of duplicate genotyped participants***

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13 Genotyping was undertaken in separate batches of approximately 5,000 samples each using
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15 AxiomTM Analysis Suite 2.0, similar to UK Biobank genotyping QC documentation ⁴. Genotype
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17 calling resulted in 27,010 successfully genotyped DNA samples. An inclusion list containing
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19 794,409 genetic variants was used ⁶, as well as the following QC parameters for selecting
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21 samples passing to further analysis: Dish QC ≥ 0.82 on sample level, and average QC call rate
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23 of passing samples on a plate (plate QC call rate) $\geq 95\%$, percentage of passing samples \geq
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25 70%, and average call rate for passing samples $\geq 95\%$ on plate-level. Duplicate genotyped
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27 participants were detected by KING version 2.1.3 ⁷ and the sample with higher genotype
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29 missingness was removed. This resulted in 26,622 successfully genotyped participants.
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32 ***Sex chromosome composition***

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34 Distribution of F estimates on the X chromosome showed a gap between 0.4 and 0.8
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36 (Supplementary Figure S1). Using this threshold, we obtained X chromosome number using
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38 PLINK version 1.90b4.4 ^{8,9}. F estimates for the 48 individuals with sex discrepancies between
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40 self-reported sex and X chromosome composition (Table 1) are listed in Supplementary Table
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42 S1. All subsequent analyses in this paper will use X chromosome number to define sex.
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48 ***Genetic marker-based quality control***

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50 This consisted of 4 tests intended to check for consistency of markers across various
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52 experimental factors, such as genotyping batch, participant sex, Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium
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54 (HWE), and discordance of genotyping across control replicates.
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3 The above tests require a population with relatively homogenous ancestry. Given this, we
4 determined the largest subset of ancestrally homogeneous participants via K-means clustering
5 of projected principal components from 414 individuals across 4 populations (Utah Residents
6 (CEPH) with Northern and Western European Ancestry (CEU), Han Chinese in Beijing, China
7 (CHB), Japanese in Tokyo, Japan (JPT) and Yoruba in Ibadan, Nigeria (YRI)) from 1000
8 Genomes Phase 3. The largest cluster across all genotype batches overlapped the CEU
9 population, and included a total of 24,361 individuals, or 92% of the entire genotyped cohort
10 (N=26,622) (Supplementary Figure S2).

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22 We then determined a multiple-testing corrected p-value threshold for quality control tests as
23 3.15×10^{-10} . For the 794,409 markers and 5 batches, this p-value cut-off can be considered as
24 a family-wise error rate of 0.001 for each test. Since many tests may be positively correlated,
25 the threshold is conservative and will identify markers with strong evidence of deviation from the
26 null hypothesis. Single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) that failed the tested QC parameters
27 are flagged within the marker quality table provided with the data release. We thus invite
28 researchers to filter markers based on these properties or devise their own quality control
29 metrics that satisfy their research requirements.

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41 To detect deviation in genotype frequency of markers between batches, we used a Fisher's
42 exact test on the 2x3 table of genotype counts (or 2x2 table for haploid markers). The vast
43 majority of markers did not exhibit significant deviation in genotype frequency (779,656, 98.1%
44 of total).

45 46 47 48 49 *Departure from Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium*

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51 We conducted the test for departure from HWE using the exact test¹⁰. There were 7,790
52 markers with an HWE p-value $< 3.5 \times 10^{-10}$.

53 54 55 56 57 58 59 *Discordance across control replicates*

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3 There were 3 positive control samples on each genotyping plate: a male control (Affymetrix
4 CTL1 103 or Personal Genome Project participant huAA53E0), and one of two female controls
5 (CEPH 1463-02 or CEPH 1347-02) in duplicate. For each marker and control sample we
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7 computed a discordance metric (d) defined as below:
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$$d = 1 - \frac{\max(n_{aa}, n_{ab}, n_{bb})}{n_{aa} + n_{ab} + n_{bb}}$$

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12 where n_{aa} , n_{ab} , n_{bb} is the number of times the genotypes AA, AB, and BB are called for the
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14 individual at that marker. There were 27,937 markers with control replicate discordance greater
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16 than 0.05 (i.e. concordance < 0.95).
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19 *Sex genotype frequency discordance*

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21 To detect deviation in genotype frequency of markers between sexes, we used Fisher's exact
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23 test on the 2x3 table of genotype counts for autosomal SNPs (or 2x2 table of allele counts for
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25 the sex-specific regions of the X chromosome). There were 248 markers with discordant
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27 genotype counts or allele counts between sexes with p-value < 3.5×10^{-10} .
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30 *Summary of results from marker-based tests*

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32 There were 37,706 SNPs that were flagged by one or more of the 4 tests. They are labeled in
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34 the marker quality control file accompanying this data release. The effect of this quality
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36 analysis is depicted by comparing [Supplementary Figure S3](#) with [Figure 1](#) where there is clear
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38 improvement in the concordance in minor allele frequency between batches after removal of
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40 these markers. We recommend to remove these markers, but have maintained these markers in
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42 the dataset so that researchers have access to all data. In addition, 15,616
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44 insertions/deletions(indels) and 95,363 low-frequency SNPs with minor allele frequency (MAF) <
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46 0.005 were flagged as they may bias subsequent sample-based quality control.
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50 *Sample-based quality control*

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52 This sample-based quality control was intended to identify genotyped samples of low-quality,
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54 related individuals, and provide a genetic-based description of ancestry. We thus encourage
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3 researchers using this information included in the data release to filter samples or devise their
4 own sample quality control metrics that satisfy their research requirements.

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7 We selected the SNP markers that passed all 4 tests from marker-based quality control with
8 MAF > 0.01 and marker-wise missingness < 0.01 resulting in a total of 573,386 markers. The
9 software program PLINK was used to LD- prune these markers to a subset of 161,536
10 independent markers that were used for the following sample-wise assessments. The pruning
11 was done on window size of 5000 kb with pairwise r^2 threshold as 0.1 and the number of
12 variants to shift the window as 5.
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19 *Familial relatedness*

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22 Familial relationships among CLSA participants were not recorded in the questionnaires or
23 interviews. However, this information is essential for some epidemiological and genomic analyses.
24 Using the KING software ⁷ we computed all pairwise kinship coefficients and noted all pairs with
25 inferred relatedness of 3rd degree or closer using autosomal SNPs ([Table 2](#), [Supplementary](#)
26 [Figure S4](#)). Individuals with an inferred relationship of 3rd degree or closer are labeled in the
27 database.
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34 *Detection of outliers in heterozygosity and missing rates*

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37 Since extreme values in sample-wise heterozygosity and missingness may suggest low quality
38 genotyping or cross-contamination of biological samples, we detected outliers by using PLINK
39 ([Supplementary Figure S5](#)). As expected, because the allele frequencies differ between
40 populations, we observed that heterozygosity was dependent on self-reported cultural
41 background.
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47 *Population structure*

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49 Population structure was computed by principal component analysis (PCA) ¹¹ to complement
50 self-reported ancestry and control for population stratification in GWAS ^{12 13}. The top 20 principal
51 components were computed using a high-quality subset of unrelated individuals by removing
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3 individuals classified as outliers in heterozygosity and missingness, and any individual with a
4 relation of 3rd degree or less.
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6 7 *Selection of European ancestry subset*

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9 To reduce the effect of population structure on analyses such as GWAS it is recommended to
10 use a subset of the population with relatively homogeneous ancestry. The majority of individuals
11 in this genomic data release are of self-reported European ancestry (N=25,172). We combined
12 self-reported ancestry with genomic information and PCA analysis to identify a subset of self-
13 reported European individuals with relatively homogenous ancestry and refer to this subset as
14 the “CLSA European ancestry subset”.
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24 To determine the CLSA European ancestry subset we clustered the top 4 principal components
25 from the analysis of population structure in the previous section into 6 clusters. Visualization of
26 these clusters alongside those from 1000 Genomes reveals a clear overlap of the largest cluster
27 (cluster 4, N=24,655) with populations of European ancestry in 1000 Genomes ([Figure 2](#)).
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30 Moreover, this largest cluster contains the vast majority of individuals in CLSA that self-report
31 European ancestry ([Table 3, Supplementary Table S2](#)). The European ancestry subset has
32 markedly reduced variance in the top principal components as compared to the entire CLSA
33 cohort ([Supplementary Figure S6](#)). The top 20 principal components of the PCA analysis are
34 provided in the sample QC file accompanying this data release, as well as the top 10 principal
35 components of the PCA analysis from the CLSA European ancestry subset.
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45 *Detection of copy number abnormalities associated with disease*

46 47 *Sex chromosome abnormalities*

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49 The sex was called by both Affymetrix Axiom™ Analysis Suite 2.0 and PLINK. Affymetrix uses
50 the ratio of mean signal values of non-polymorphic probes separately on the X and Y
51 chromosomes to calculate sex. PLINK determines sex by using only X chromosome inbreeding
52 coefficient (F estimates). When a subject has sex chromosomal abnormalities such as Turner
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3 syndrome (45, X), Affymetrix will call them female but PLINK will call them male. Similarly, when
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5 a subject has Klinefelter Syndrome (47, XXY), Affymetrix will call the subject male but PLINK
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7 will call them female. We use this discordance information combined with copy number profiling
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9 to identify chromosomal abnormalities in CLSA participants.
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11 To correct the miscalling of males by stringent Affymetrix default threshold, the intensity data of
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13 chromosome X and Y markers from all UK Biobank samples were used as a training data set to
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15 generate a Support Vector Machine (SVM) model. This SVM model was applied to CLSA
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17 samples to recall the vast majority of miscalled samples (331 out of 359). However, the SVM
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19 approach as aforementioned could not be applied to PLINK sex calling since the sex calling in
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21 UK Biobank data was already corrected. Alternatively, an empirical threshold was used to recall
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23 most (140 out of 175) of the samples miscalled by PLINK through setting X chromosome F
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25 estimate < 0.3 as female and > 0.8 as male. We used a relatively more stringent threshold of F
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27 estimate because high F estimates may indicate mosaic chromosomal abnormalities such as
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29 mosaic deletion. Finally, we used Axiom CNV Summary Tool to calculate log₂ ratio and B allele
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31 frequency (BAF, which is in fact the within person ratio of B/B+A intensity at each SNP) for both
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33 X and Y chromosomes from the genotyping data. The log₂ ratio and BAF were used to identify
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35 sex chromosomal abnormalities compared to normal male and female (Figure 3 (A-B)).
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39 As a result, we detected 63 participants with discordance between self-reported sex and
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41 Affymetrix and/or PLINK sex calling (Supplementary Table S2), then we examined their CNV to
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43 identify them as one of four scenarios, sex chromosomal aneuploidy (11 subjects), mosaic sex
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45 chromosomal aneuploidy (15 subjects), low heterozygosity on the X chromosome (14 subjects),
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47 discordance between X chromosome number and self-reported sex without sex chromosomal
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49 aneuploidy (23 subjects). Briefly, we identified all 5 participants with self-reported sex
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51 chromosomal abnormalities including 1 mosaic Turner syndrome patient (45,X/46,XY)
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53 (scenarios 1 and 2). We identified all 48 participants with sex discordance as in
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55 abovementioned sex check. For the 23 participants who had discordance with both Affymetrix
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3 and PLINK calling, CNV analysis confirmed the sex chromosome composition (scenario 4). In
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5 addition, for participants with no self-reported sex, Affymetrix/PLINK calling and CNV analysis
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7 are concordant to call sex. Besides the validated self-reported sex chromosomal abnormalities,
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9 we identified 4 participants with Klinefelter syndrome (47,XXY) and 3 with Turner Syndrome
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11 (45,X) (scenario 1) (Figure 3 (C-D)). In total, we found 3 participants with 45,X/46,XX
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13 mosaicism, and 11 participants with 45,X/46,XY mosaicism including 1 with self-reported Turner
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15 syndrome (45,X/46,XY) (Figure 3 (E-F)). Additionally, individuals with low heterozygosity on
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17 chromosome X could be a result of inbreeding (Supplementary Figure S7).

18 19 20 *Charcot-Marie-Tooth Disease*

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22 Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease (CMT) is one of the most common inherited neurological
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24 disorders. It is mostly caused by duplication at 17p12 where *PMP22* is located (CMT1A and
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26 CMT1E; OMIM: # 118220; # 118300). In this release of CLSA genomic data, there are 9 CLSA
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28 participants who self-reported as having CMT. We examined their CNVs and found that 4
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30 participants have duplication at *PMP22* (Supplementary Figure S8), and 1 participant has
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32 deletion at *PMP22* (Supplementary Figure S8). The other 4 subjects did not have CNVs
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35 36 37 *HLA type imputation*

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39 We used the HLA*IMP:02 method¹⁴ and a multi-population reference panel¹⁴ (ThermoFisher
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41 Catalog # 000.911) to impute HLA types. The genotypes of 11 major MHC Class I and Class II
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43 loci with 4-digit resolution were imputed for *HLA-A*, *-B*, *-C*, *-DPA1*, *-DPB1*, *-DQA1*, *-DQB1*, *-*
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45 *DRB1*, *-DRB3*, *-DRB4*, *-DRB5*. For the positive controls, the imputation was done for 587
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47 replicates of NA12878, 75 replicates of NA24385 and 4 replicates of NA10859. The alleles
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49 called with a posterior probability threshold as 0.7 were compared to their known genotypes
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51 from literature. Calling accuracy was 100% across the loci (Supplementary Table S3). The
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53 imputation accuracy of genotyped CLSA participants was estimated by using the replicated
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Imputation to the TopMed reference panel

Genotype imputation is a computational method to predict marker genotypes that are not directly genotyped by an assay, such as genotyping array. The imputation process uses a reference panel of sequenced individuals to predict genotypes in a study sample for which only a subset of these genetic markers has been genotyped¹⁵. As input to the imputation process, we used the 26,622 CLSA participants that passed quality control, and the set of 653,729 markers that pass all marker QC tests, with SNP-wise missingness < 0.05, MAF > 0.0001 and have alleles that match the human genome GRCh37 reference sequence.

Phasing and imputation were conducted using the TOPMed reference panel¹⁶ at the University of Michigan Imputation Service¹⁷. We used the TOPMed reference panel version r2, containing 97,256 reference samples at 308,107,085 genetic markers. We used this imputation service to pre-phase and impute the CLSA genotype data using EAGLE2¹⁸ and Minimac¹⁵, respectively. Both autosomal and X chromosome variants were imputed. The imputation was carried out in two batches of 13,310 and 13,312 CLSA samples. Each batch also included the one of each 3 control samples. The two batches were subsequently merged into a single dataset.

Imputation performance

Imputation quality using the TOPMed reference panel was assessed using the marker-wise information measure (Rsq) and compared to the imputation using the Haplotype Reference Consortium reference panel containing 32,488 reference samples and 40.4 million genetic markers¹⁹. For each imputation data set, information measures for all SNPs on chromosome 22 were stratified into MAF bins prior to comparison. Comparison of imputation quality between the two reference panels demonstrated that the TOPMed reference panel yielded overall higher imputation quality, likely due to the larger number of samples included in the reference panel ([Supplementary Figure S9](#)).

Findings to date

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3 This data resource has been used in three completed and several ongoing studies. In a study to
4 investigate the contribution of polygenic risk score (GRS) to screening for fracture risk ²⁰, the
5 CLSA genomic data was linked to the participants' physical examinations. It was the largest
6 cohort included in this fracture risk study for testing, which enabled the researchers to
7 understand the performance of GRS particularly in old-aged individuals. It was found that the
8 genetic pre-screening could reduce the number of further assessments to identify individuals at
9 high risk of osteoporotic fractures. In another study on cardiovascular disease ²¹, the
10 investigators evaluated the independent effects and interactions of multiscale risk factors by
11 taking advantage of combined genomic and psychosocial information collected in CLSA cohort.
12 In addition, the CLSA dataset provides opportunities to study other conditions related to
13 complex diseases. It was employed by a large scale GWAS on sleep apnoea which was
14 associated with cardiovascular disease and glaucoma. The authors revealed robust novel
15 associations between 30 genes and this condition, and substantial molecular overlap with other
16 complex traits ²². For further publications please consult [https://www.clsa-elcv.ca/stay-](https://www.clsa-elcv.ca/stay-informed/publications)
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37 **Strengths and limitations**

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39 The CLSA genomic data are a unique resource nested in a large-scale, longitudinal study
40 profiling aging population in Canada. The genotyping array is enriched with known markers
41 associated with multiple phenotypes. However, the UK Biobank array may have relatively lower
42 coverage in participants with non-European ancestry. The sample size may be small to identify
43 very rare variants. In spite of these limitations, CLSA cohort includes deep and extensive
44 phenotyping and planned linkage to health administrative databases. This data resource will
45 facilitate the research on complex relationship between human genomic variants and a wide
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3 of particular interest since DNA methylation, metabolomic and proteomic data are being
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9 **Collaboration**

10 The genomic data from the CLSA Comprehensive cohort are accessible via the CLSA Data
11 Access process (<https://www.clsa-elcv.ca/data-access>). The list of phenotypic variables can be
12 browsed via the CLSA Data Preview Portal (<https://datapreview.clsa-elcv.ca/>). To be informed of
13 the potential overlapping research topics, prospective data users are encouraged to consult the
14 approved project summaries catalogued on the CLSA website ([http://www.clsa-
15 elcv.ca/researchers/approved-project-summaries](http://www.clsa-elcv.ca/researchers/approved-project-summaries)). Given that this genomic data resource is
16 released in 2018, we calculated the proportion of data requests including genomic data since
17 2018. At the time of writing, 17% of approved projects requested genetic data for their studies.
18 The directly genotyped data are provided in binary PLINK format. It is recommended to use
19 PLINK to manipulate these files (<https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/>). The imputed
20 genotyped data are provided in binary BGEN version 1.2 format using 8-bit encoding. It is
21 recommended to use *qctool* version 2 or *bgenix* to manipulate this data type. The HLA
22 imputation file is a plaintext file containing information pertaining to the imputation of classical
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41 All studies using CLSA genetic data resource are requested to give full acknowledgement to
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Table1: Count of CLSA genotyped participants by self-reported gender and sex chromosome composition

Self-reported Gender	Sex Chromosome Composition	Count
Male	Male	13324
Female	Female	13250
Female	Male	17
Male	Female	16
Female	Undefined	10
Male	Undefined	5

Table 2: Count of kinship pairs per type of inferred relationship

Inferred Relationship	Count
Monozygotic twin	1
Full sibling	357
Parent/offspring	176
2 nd degree	315
3 rd degree	1066
Unrelated	123294

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Table 3: Count of CLSA genotyped participants per self-reported ancestry and k-means cluster

Self-reported ancestry ^a	k-means cluster					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Black	7	0	156	0	7	0
East Asian	0	214	1	2	0	3
Latin American	1	0	1	2	9	72
Mixed	11	11	7	207	61	21
Other	11	5	8	54	53	41
South Asian	211	5	0	0	7	0
Southeast Asian	20	61	0	0	1	1
West Asian	4	0	1	2	98	0
White	7	2	0	24380	742	41
White and Asian	3	3	0	5	19	11
White and Black	2	0	11	3	17	0

^aThe details of grouping self-reported cultural and racial category into fewer groups are in Supplementary Table S2

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7 (A) In 46,XY, the BAF is either 0 or 1 and the expected log₂ Ratio is less than 0 on chromosome
8 X. However, in the pseudoautosomal region (PAR) and the chrY11.2/chrXq21.3 homology
9 block, there are heterozygous calls in male shown as BAF of 0.5. The red line shows the lowest
10 curve for log₂ Ratio. The BAF is either 0 or 1 and the expected log₂ Ratio is 0 on chromosome
11 Y. (B) In 46,XX, the BAF is either 0 (AA), ½ (AB) or 1 (BB) and the expected Log₂ Ratio is 0 on
12 chromosome X as in a normal diploid cell. The BAF is between 0 and 1, and Log₂ Ratio is less
13 than 0 on chromosome Y. (C) For Klinefelter syndrome (47,XXY), log₂ ratio is around 0 on
14 chromosome X which indicates ploidy as 2N. Compared to 46,XY, there is relatively lower
15 peaks of log₂ ratio at PAR and chrX21.3/chrY11.2 homology block region. And BAF of
16 heterozygous calls at PAR and chrX21.3/chrY11.2 homology block region shifted from 0.5 to
17 intermediate values. They both indicated an extra copy of chromosome X. Chromosome Y
18 intensity profile showed clear male pattern. (D) For Turner syndrome (45,X), on chromosome X,
19 log₂ ratio is below 0 and there is no BAF bands of 0.5, which indicates one copy loss.
20 Chromosome Y intensity profile showed clear female pattern. (E) For 45,X/46,XX mosaicism, on
21 chromosome X, there is a relatively smaller decrease of log₂ ratio compared to 1 copy of
22 chromosome X as in male. The BAF of heterozygous calls on chromosome X is split to
23 intermediate values. They both indicate that the sample is mosaic for deletion of chromosome
24 X. Chromosome Y intensity profile showed clear female pattern. (F) For 45,X/46,XY mosaicism,
25 the log₂ ratio less than 0 and no BAF 0.5 band on chromosome X indicates one copy. The log₂
26 ratio shifts to below 0 and BAF values between 0 and 1 on chromosome Y indicates
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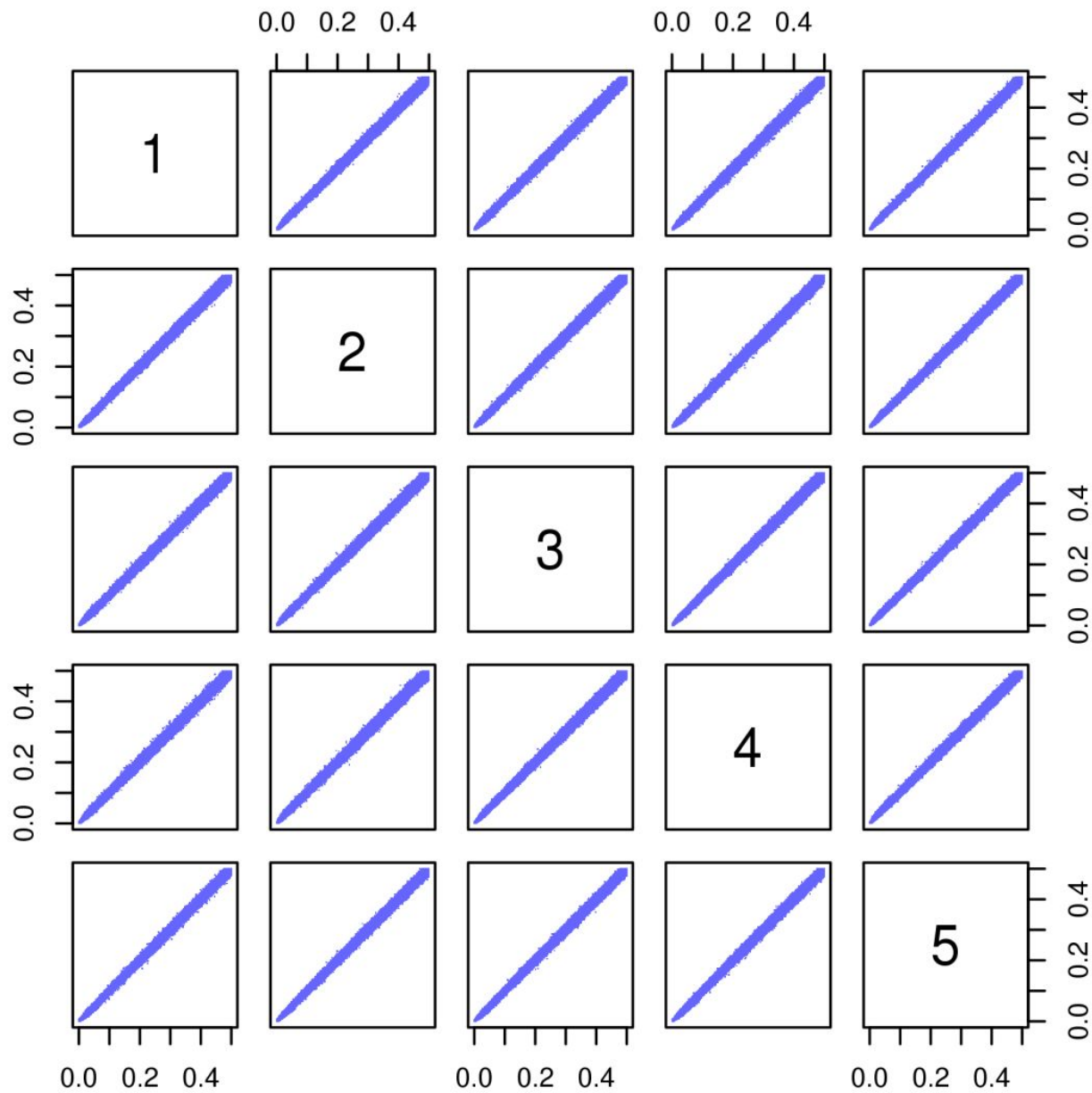


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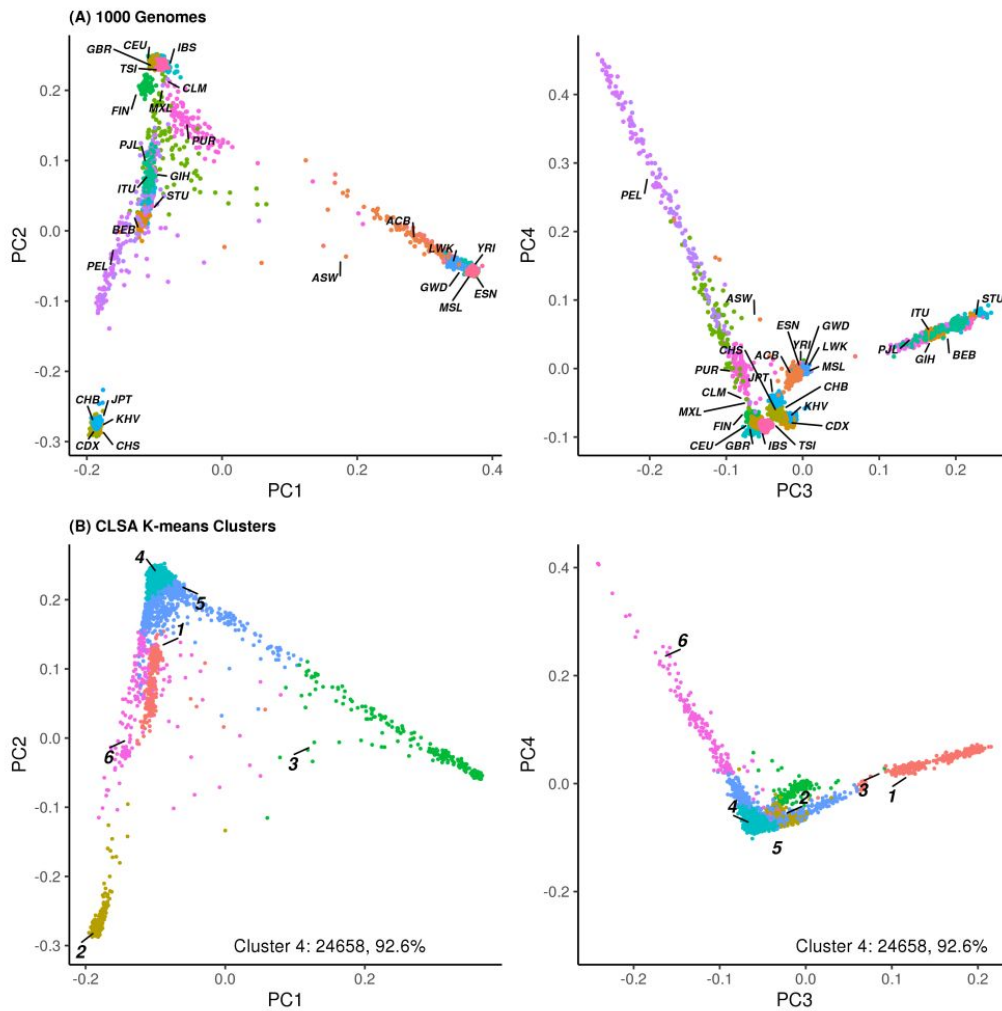


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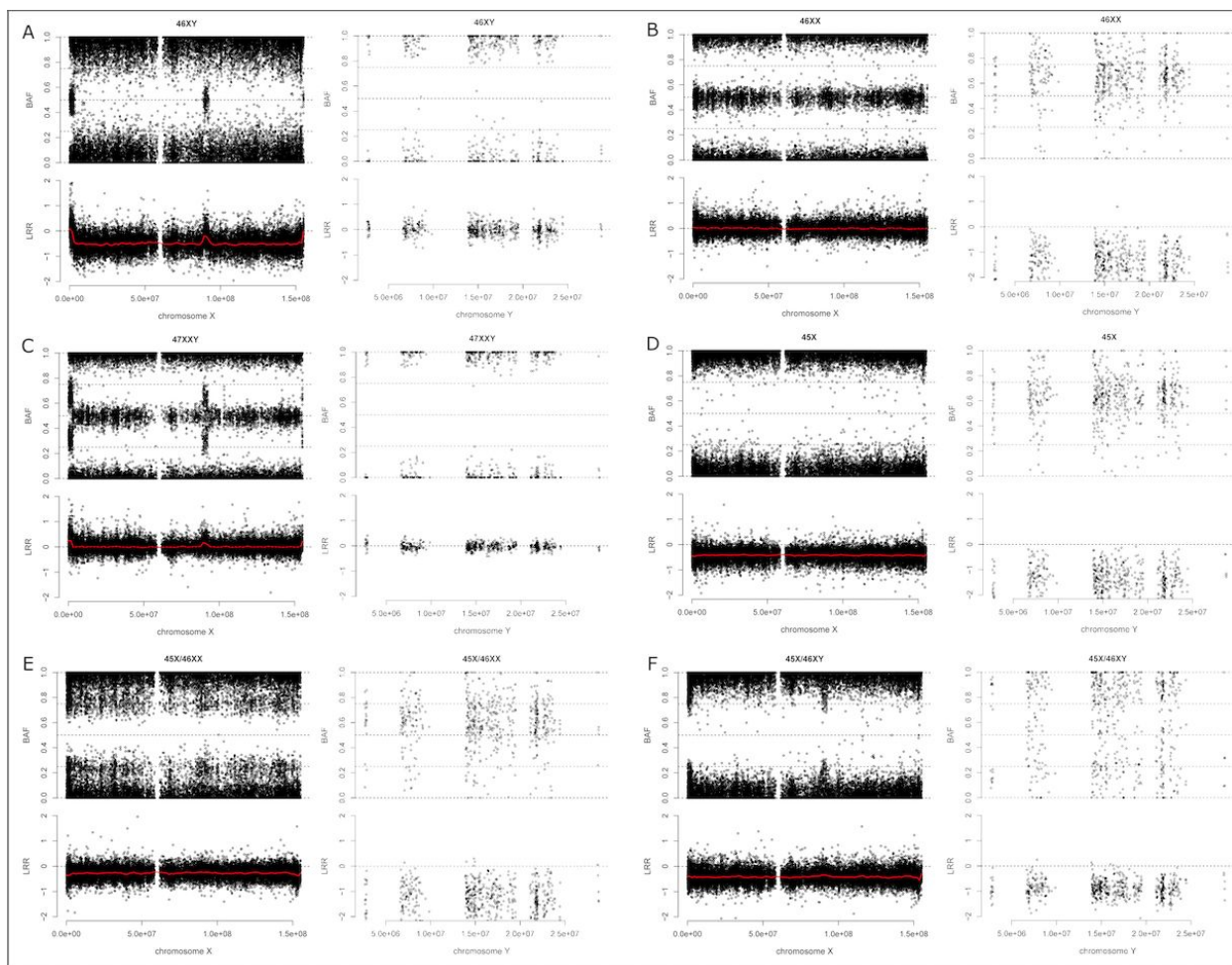
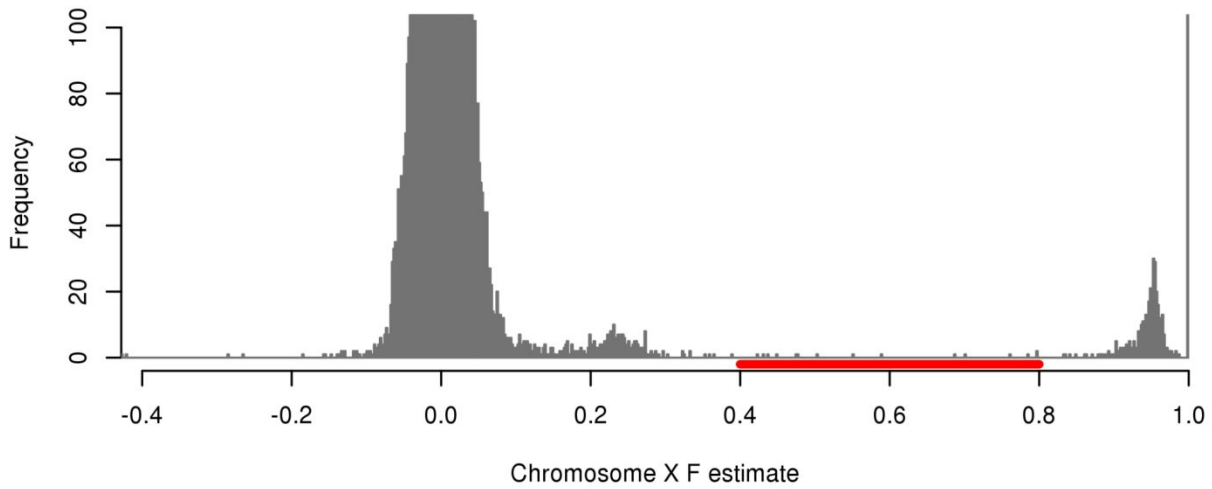
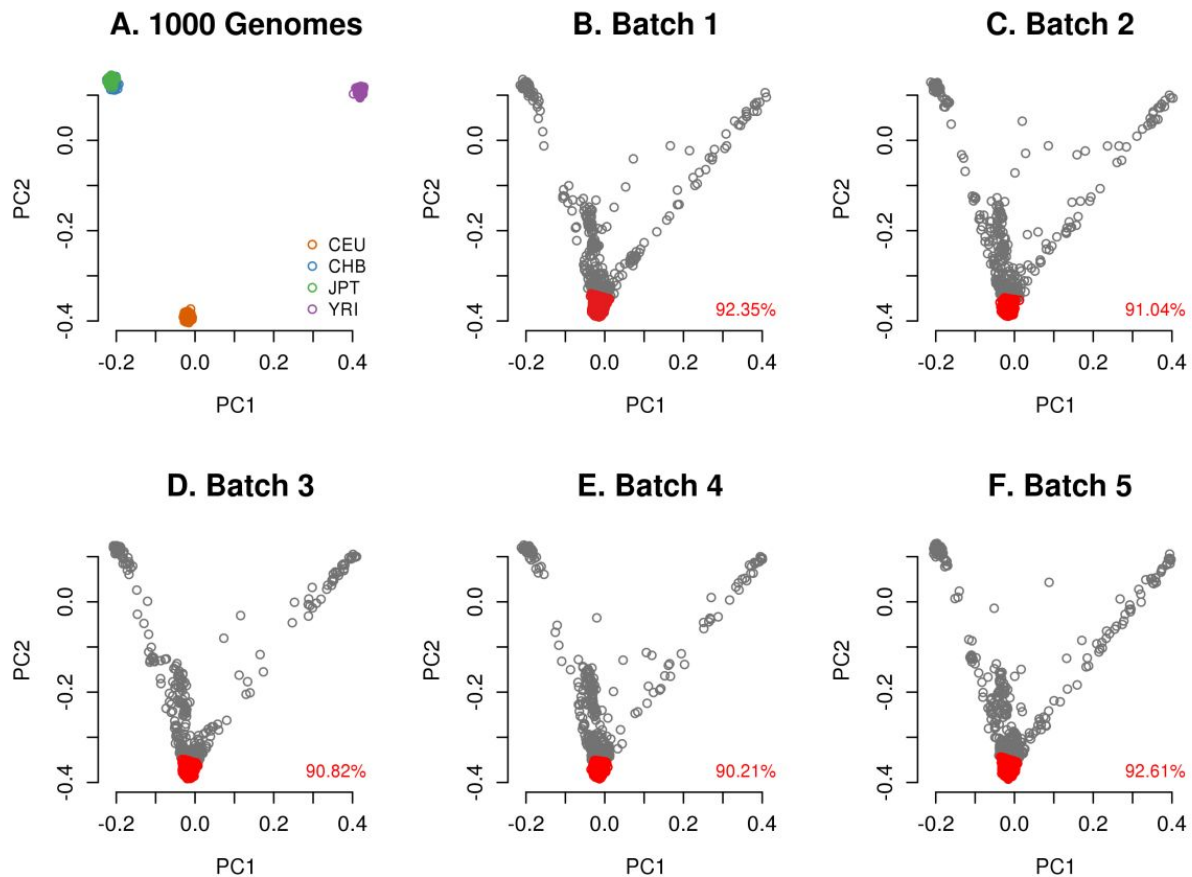


Figure 3: BAF (TOP) and log2 ratio (BOTTOM) of chromosomes X and Y are shown for sex chromosome abnormalities.

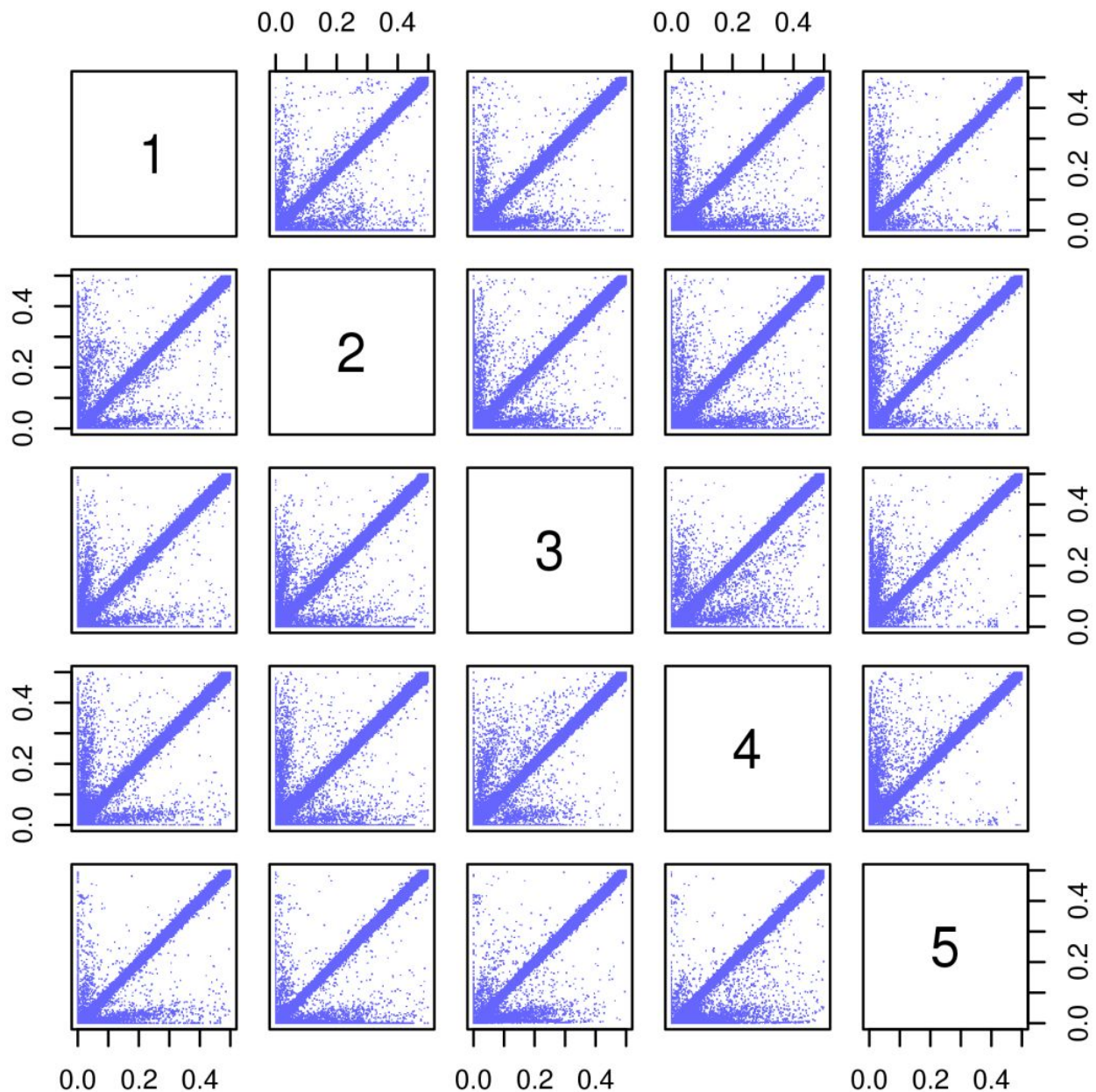


Supplementary Figure S1: Distribution of chromosome X F estimates for CLSA genotyped participants (y-axis truncated). Individuals with chromosome X F estimates within the range of 0.4 to 0.8 (red) are considered to have undefined chromosomal sex.

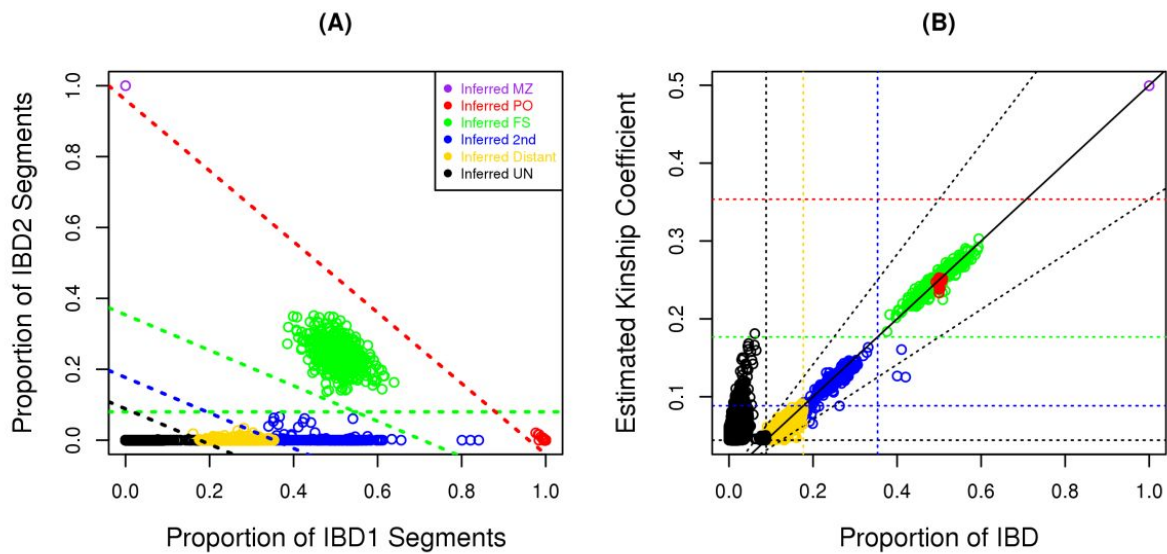


Supplementary Figure S2: Principal component (PC) plots. (A) Plot of first 2 PC for the analyzed populations from 1000 Genomes. (B-F) Projection of CLSA participants onto 1000 Genomes PC plot for genotype batch 1 to 5 followed by k-means clustering of PC1-4 (grey points). The largest cluster overlaps the 1000 Genomes CEU population (red points and percentage of total in batch is provided).

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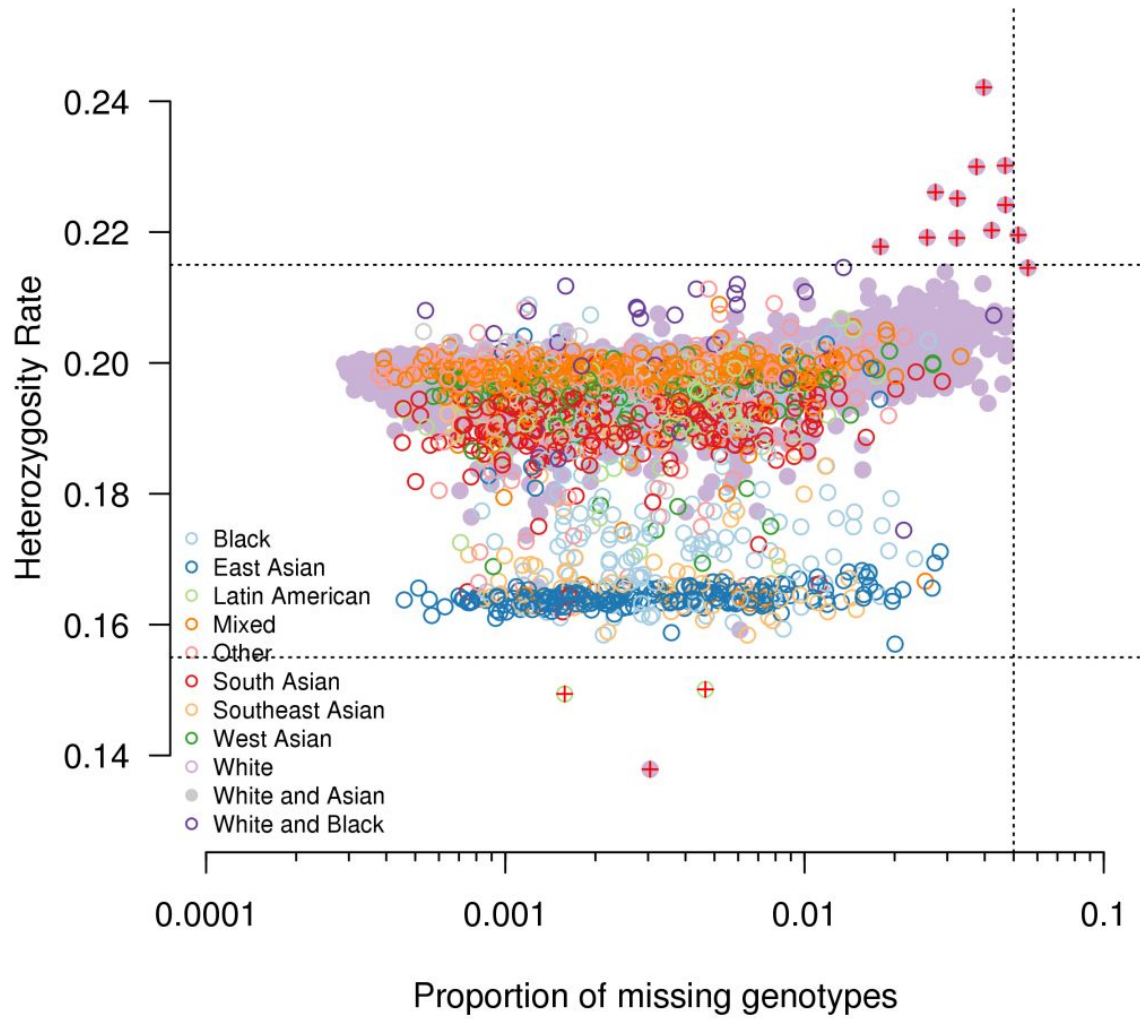
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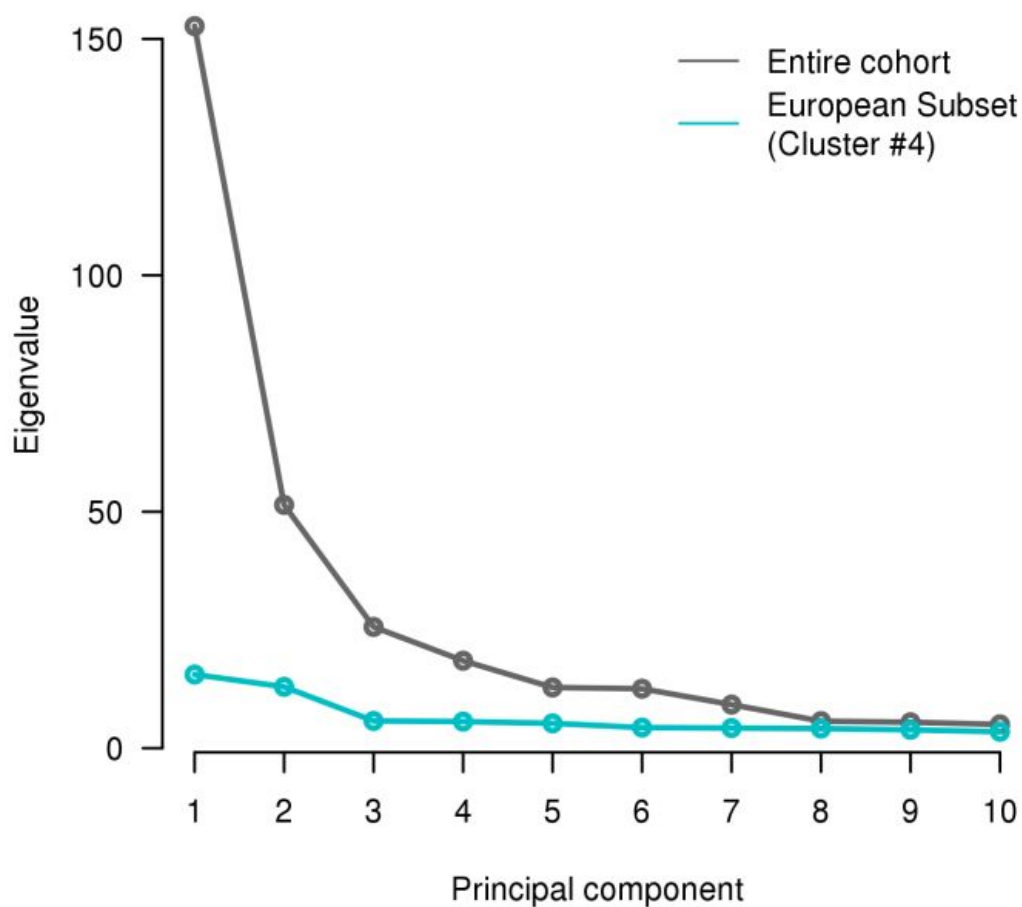
Supplementary Figure S4: Inference of familial relatedness using KING.

(A) Inference using IBD segments. (B) Inference using proportion IBD and kinship coefficient.

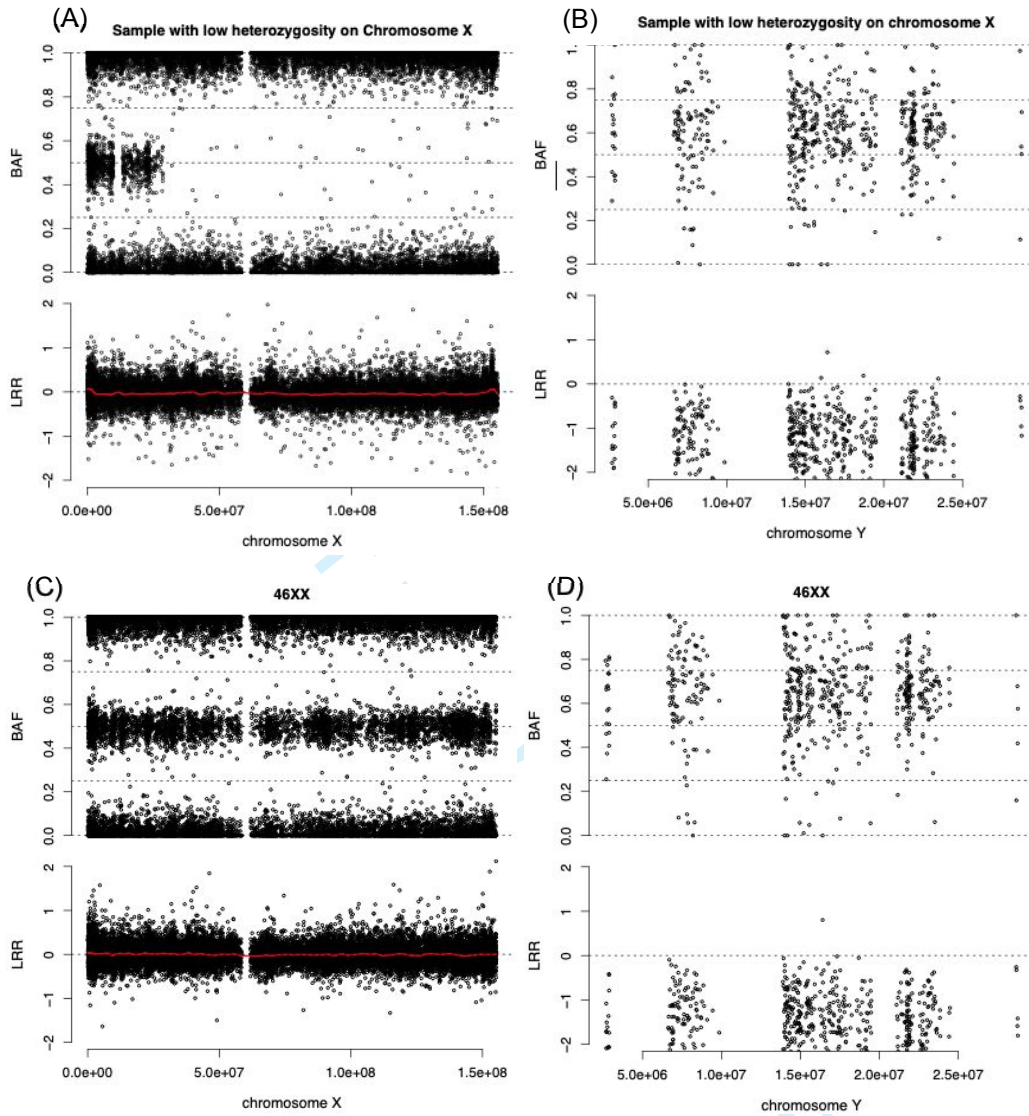
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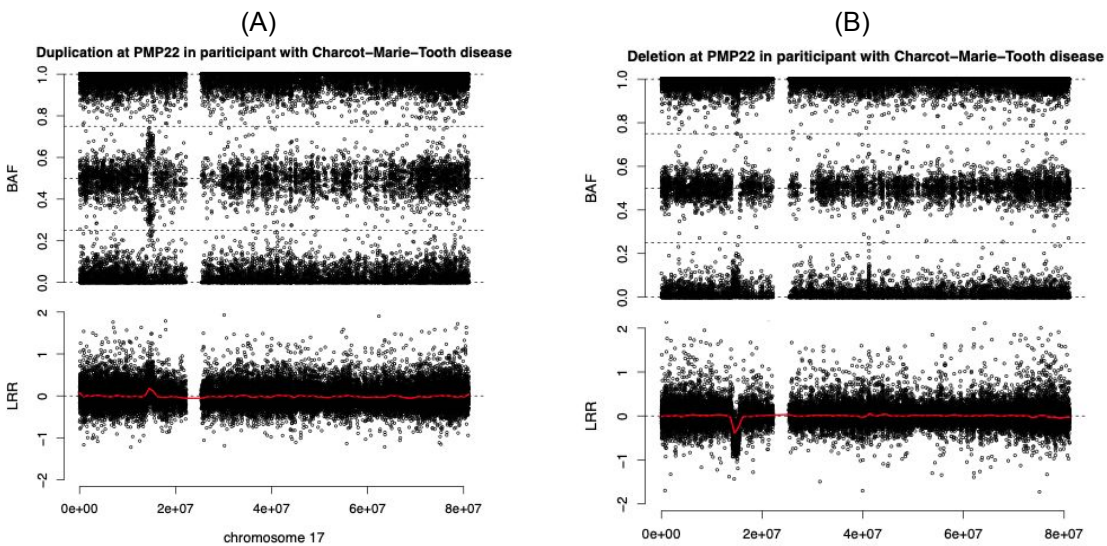
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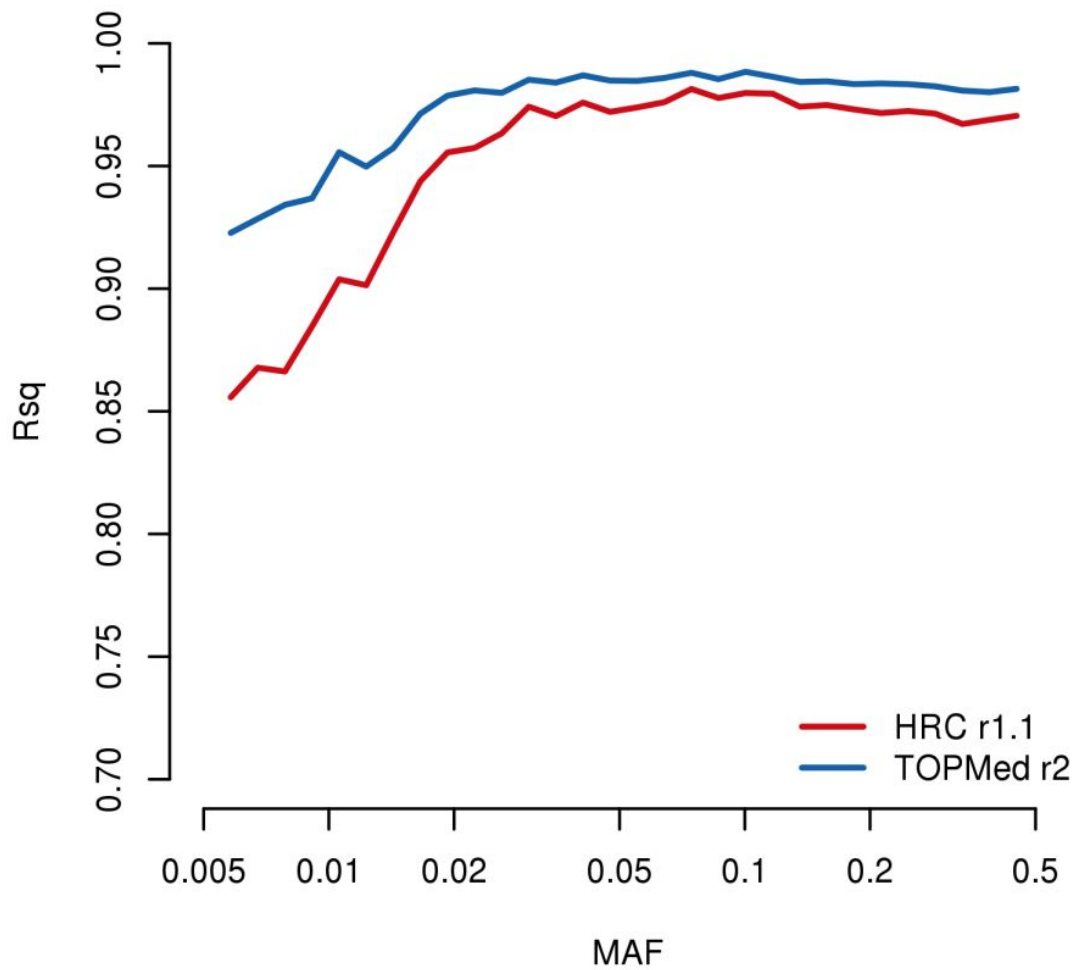
Supplementary Figure S6: Eigenvalues for PCA analysis of the entire cohort (grey) and the European ancestry subset (cluster 4, Robin egg blue), demonstrating a reduction in genetic variance within the European ancestry subset.



Supplementary Figure S7: BAF (TOP) and log₂ ratio (BOTTOM) of chromosomes X (A) and Y (B) are shown for sample with low heterozygosity on chromosome X compared to sample with 46,XX (C-D).



22 **Supplementary Figure S8:** BAF (TOP) and log₂ ratio (BOTTOM) of chromosome 17 are shown for
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Supplementary Figure S9: Imputation quality of the CLSA cohort using the TOPMed versus Haplotype Reference Consortium (HRC) reference panel stratified by minor allele frequency (MAF) bins (data shown is from chromosome 22).

Supplementary Table S1: Sex chromosome determination of miscalled genotyped CLSA participant

Self reported sex	Affymetrix sex corrected by SVM	PLINK sex (raw F estimate <0.3 female raw F estimate >0.8 male)	discordance in section Sex chromosome composition	PLINK sex (adjusted F estimate <0.4 female adjusted F estimate >0.8 male)	sex determined by combined Affymetrix/P LINK/CNV approach	CLSA self-reported phenotype
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chromosomal abnormality from CNV profile	Raw F estimate	Adjusted F estimate
No abnormality	-0.00301	0.01745
Klinefelter Sync	0.1048	0.1002
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No abnormality	0.01533	0.02791
Low heterozygous	0.3495	0.3644
45,X/46,XX mosaic	0.5095	0.4773
Low heterozygous	0.4637	0.4485
Low heterozygous	0.4352	0.4746
No abnormality	0.008892	0.03223
No abnormality	1	1
No abnormality	1	1
No abnormality	-0.03065	-0.02794
Turner Syndrom	0.9507	0.9614
No abnormality	1	1
Low heterozygous	0.3043	0.2802
No abnormality	-0.002689	-0.01603
No abnormality	1	1
Klinefelter Sync	0.3124	0.3235
No abnormality	1	1
No abnormality	0.6854	0.6878
45,X/46,XY mosaic	0.5798	0.5893
Turner Syndrom	0.9792	0.9875
No abnormality	1	1
No abnormality	0.04474	0.03819
Turner Syndrom	0.9439	0.9545
45,X/46,XY mosaic	0.7965	0.8497
Low heterozygous	0.4524	0.4305
45,X/46,XY mosaic	0.9748	0.986
Low heterozygous	0.5457	0.5504
45,X/46,XY mosaic	0.9678	0.9797
Low heterozygous	0.8076	0.7966
No abnormality	1	1
45,X/46,XY mosaic	0.7827	0.8404
Klinefelter Sync	-0.0457	-0.04304
Turner Syndrom	0.879	0.9028
Low heterozygous	0.3035	0.3339

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2	45,X/46,XY mos	0.6732	0.7016
3	Klinefelter Sync	-0.03886	-0.02651
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6	Klinefelter Sync	0.3093	0.2872
7	45,X/46,XY mos	1	0.9603
8	Turner Syndron	0.9273	0.9527
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10	Low heterozygc	0.4004	0.3584
11	Low heterozygc	0.3838	0.4362
12	45,X/46,XY mos	0.7707	0.8358
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14	Low heterozygc	0.3978	0.3886
15	Low heterozygc	0.7748	0.7842
16	No abnormality	0.3298	0.3527
17	45,X/46,XY mos	0.6658	0.7601
18	45,X/46,XY mos	1	0.9827
19	45,X/46,XY mos	1	0.9827
20	45,X/46,XX mos	0.4148	0.4228
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22	No abnormality	-0.003668	-0.01753
23	Low heterozygc	0.3489	0.2975
24	No abnormality	1	1
25	No abnormality	-0.02345	-0.01932
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27	Klinefelter Sync	-0.03581	-0.02924
28	45,X/46,XX mos	0.5139	0.5022
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30	Low heterozygc	0.3461	0.3336
31	No abnormality	0.01936	-0.006017
32	No abnormality	-0.04206	-0.0411
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34	No abnormality	1	1
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Supplementary Table S2: Self-reported ancestry and derived category from cultural and racial back

Self-reported Category

Arab	Arab
West Asian	Arab
Black	Black
Chinese	East Asian
Japanese	East Asian
Korean	East Asian
Latin America	Latino
Don't know	Other
Mixed	Mixed
Other	Other
Refused	Other
South Asian	South Asian
Filipino	Southeast Asian
Southeast Asi	Southeast Asian
White	White

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Supplementary Table S3: Comparison of HLA types in positive controls with known types in literature

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B	07:02/15:01 ^b 4 100/100	08:01/56:01 ^e 587
C	06:02/07:02 ^b 4 100/100	01:02/07:01 ^e 587
DPA1	01:03/01:03 ^b 4 100/100	01:03/02:01 ^e 587
DPB1	04:02/04:02 ^b 4 100/100	04:01/14:01 ^e 587
DQA1	01:02/03:01 ^b 4 100/100	01:01/05:01 ^e 587
DQB1	03:02/06:02 ^b 4 100/100	02:01/05:01 ^e 587
DRB1	04:01/15:01 ^b 4 100/100	01:01/03:01 ^e 587
DRB3	NA ^{b,c} 4 -	01:01/01:01;0 587
DRB4	01 ^b 4 100/100	01:01/01:01;0 587
DRB5	Na ^{b,c} 4 -	NA ^e 587

Note: a-Coriell ID (CEPH Family ID or NIST ID/RM Number for Personal Genome Project sample)

b: reference genotype source-IPD-IMGT/HLA Database

c: reference genotype data is not available

d: call rate is based on a posterior probability call threshold of 0.7

e: reference genotype source-PLoS Comput Biol. 2016 Oct; 12(10): e1005151. PMID: 27792722. A s

f: reference genotype source-DOI: 10.12688/f1000research.19630.1

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h: reference genotype source-DOI: 10.12688/f1000research.19630.1 and Nature Communications

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100/100	38:01/35:08 ^f	75	-		
100/100	12:03/04:01 ^f	75	100/100		
100/100	01:03/01:03 ^f	75	100/100		
100/100	04:01/04:01 ^g	75	100/100		
100/100	03:01/01:01 ^h	75	100/100		
100/100	05:01/03:02 ^f	75	100/100		
100/100	04:02/10:01 ^f	75	100/100		
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25 26 27 28 **Abstract**

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30 **Purpose:** The Canadian Longitudinal Study on Aging (CLSA) Comprehensive cohort was
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32 established to provide unique opportunities to study the genetic and environmental contributions
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34 to human disease as well as aging process. The aim of this report is to describe the genomic
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36 data included in CLSA.

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38 **Participants:** A total of 26,622 individuals from CLSA comprehensive cohort of men and
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40 women aged 45 to 85 recruited between 2010 and 2015 have undergone genome-wide
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42 genotyping of DNA samples collected from blood. Comprehensive quality control metrics were
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44 measured for genetic markers and samples respectively. The genotypes were imputed to the
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46 TOPMed reference panel. Sex chromosome abnormalities were identified by copy number
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48 profiling. Classical HLA genes haplotypes were imputed at two-field (four-digit).

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50 **Findings to date:** Of the 26,622 genotyped participants, 24,655 (92.6%) were identified as
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52 having European ancestry. This genomic data is linked to physical, lifestyle, medical, economic,
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54 environmental, and psychosocial factors collected longitudinally in CLSA. The combined
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3 analysis including CLSA genomic data uncovered over 100 novel loci associated with key
4 parameters to define glaucoma. The CLSA genomic dataset validated the contribution of a
5 polygenic risk score to screen individuals with high fracture risk. It is also a valuable resource to
6 directly identify common genetic variations associated with conditions related to complex traits.
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8 Taking advantage of the comprehensive interview and physical information collected in CLSA,
9 this genomic dataset has been linked to psychosocial factors to investigate both the
10 independent and interactive effects on cardiovascular disease.
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14 **Future plans:** The CLSA overall is ongoing. Follow-up data will continue to be collected from
15 participants in the current genomic subcohort including the DNA methylation and metabolomic
16 data. Ongoing studies focus on elucidating the role of genetic factors in cognitive decline and
17 cardiovascular diseases. This genomic data resource is available upon request through the
18 CLSA data access application process.
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30 **Strengths and limitations of this study**

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32 • The genomic data in Canadian Longitudinal Study on Aging (CLSA) Comprehensive
33 cohort provides whole-genome genotyping data on 794,409 markers and whole-genome
34 imputed data on approximately 308 million genetic variants.
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- 37 • The UK Biobank array used for genotyping is enriched with markers associated with
38 multiple phenotypes including the comprehensive pharmacogenomic and inflammation
39 markers which may be of particular interest since DNA methylation, metabolomic and
40 proteomic data are being generated by CLSA.
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- 43 • The CLSA cohort continues to follow up the participants on a wide spectrum of
44 qualitative and quantitative variables; it will facilitate research on the effect of interplay
45 between genetics and environmental factors on age-related diseases.
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- 48 • Potential limitations may include the relatively lower genotyping coverage in participants
49 with non-European ancestry, which can be substantially improved by using imputation
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9 **Introduction**

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11 The global life expectancy increased dramatically through the past two hundred years. In such
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13 times, the make-up of Canadian population has changed unprecedentedly. From 1977 to 2017,
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15 the senior population, i.e., people aged 65 years and older, grew from 2 million to 6.2 million,
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17 which equaled to nearly 17% of its population size. This number is still rapidly rising. It is
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19 anticipated that by 2036 there will be 10.2 million senior people in Canada. Of every 4
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21 Canadians, there will be one senior person.
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24 Along with the expanded human life expectancy, the prevalence of age-related diseases is
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26 strikingly increasing. Aged people experience progressive decline in functional integrity and
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28 homeostasis. This process is accompanied by increased risk of neurodegeneration,
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30 cardiovascular disease and cancer among many other diseases, which have become the most
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32 common causes of decreased life quality and late-life mortality. It adds substantial burden to
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34 individual and social health care system inadvertently. Age-related diseases have a highly
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36 complex nature. Both the genetic and environmental factors play an important role as well as
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38 the interaction between them^{1 2}. Therefore, understanding of the underlying mechanisms of
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40 aging is required for sustaining longer lives with reduced loss of healthy years.
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43 Studies on short-lived model organisms provided insights on several key genetical regulators in
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45 hallmark aging pathways, however, the identification of biomarkers of age and age-related
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47 disease in human is more complicated³. Over the past decades, genetic epidemiology methods
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49 emerged to be a powerful tool. The genome-wide association studies (GWASs) have uncovered
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51 tens of genes and genetic variations that play a role in the variability of aging outcomes among
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55 lifestyle and other environmental determinants^{2 5}. More work is needed to fully deconvolute the
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8 9 **Cohort description**

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11 The Canadian Longitudinal Study on Aging (CLSA) is a national long-term study that recruited
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13 51,338 men and women, aged 45-85 years at enrolment between 2010 and 2015 for baseline
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15 data collection ⁶. It presents a unique opportunity to study the genetic and environmental
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17 contributions to human health and disease by providing information on the changing biological,
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19 medical, psychological, social, lifestyle and economic aspects of participants' lives. It is
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21 composed of two complementary cohorts: the Tracking cohort of 21,241 participants who were
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23 interviewed by telephone and the Comprehensive cohort of 30,097 participants who were
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25 interviewed in person and provided blood and urine samples. The participants in the
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27 Comprehensive cohort were randomly selected from within 25-50 km of 11 data collection sites
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29 in seven provinces. A total of 27,170 (90.3%) Comprehensive cohort participants provided blood
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31 samples at baseline. The Comprehensive Cohort samples have been used to produce whole
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33 genome genotyping data. The data were collected to understand, individually and in
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35 combination, the impact of genetic variation in both maintaining health and in the development
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37 of disease and disability as people age. In this release of the CLSA genomic data, 26,622
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39 participants have been genotyped using the Affymetrix UK Biobank Axiom array ⁷. Qualified
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41 researchers from any country can access these genomic and phenotypic data via a formal data
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43 and sample access procedure described on the CLSA website ([https://www.clsa-elcv.ca/data-](https://www.clsa-elcv.ca/data-access)
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45 [access](https://www.clsa-elcv.ca/data-access)).
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49 ***Patient and public involvement***

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56 **Data collected:**

Sample storage and DNA extraction

The CLSA protocol was reviewed and approved by 13 research ethics boards across Canada. All participants provided written informed consent⁸. The biological samples were collected at the Data Collection Sites and de-identified. Whole blood buffy coats were isolated from peripheral blood drawn and the plasma layer was removed. Samples were immediately moved to -80°C storage, and transferred to liquid N₂ storage at the CLSA Biorepository and Bioanalysis Centre up to one week later until shipment to the genomics facility, after which they were stored at -20°C. The time from blood collection to -80°C storage was under two hours for all participants. Genomic DNA was extracted from blood samples using the purification protocol “Chemagic DNA Buffy Coat Kit special 200µl prefilling VD151007” on the Chemagic MSM I instrument (Perkin-Elmer article No. CMG-533, Baesweiler, Germany). All extracted samples were quantified using PicoGreen Reagent Kit (Life Technologies, catalog # P7589). A minimum DNA concentration for passing of samples was set at 10 ng/µl. Samples were subsequently normalized to 20 ng/µl, except for those with a concentration of 10-20 ng/µl, which were used undiluted.

Genotyping and calling

Each plate genotyped contained 92 CLSA DNA samples and 4 controls, one male control as the Affymetrix Reference Genomic DNA 103 (Catalog# 900421) or Personal Genome Project sample huAA53E0 (Coriell Cell Repositories, catalog # NA24385), two female controls as the CEPH control 1463-02 (Coriell Cell Repositories, catalog # NA12878) or the CEPH control 1347-2 (Coriell Cell Repositories, catalog # NA10859), and a deionized water negative control. The Affymetrix protocol (Axiom 2.0 Assay Automated workflow on Affymetrix NIMBUS) was followed. Samples were hybridized to UK Biobank arrays (ThermoFisher Catalog #902502), the same array that was used to genotype ~450,000 individuals in the UK Biobank⁹. Axiom Array plates were processed on the Affymetrix GeneTitan Multi-Channel Instrument. For first pass quality control (QC), batches of 8 plates were analyzed using the Sample QC workflow

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3 of the Axiom™ Analysis Suite 2.0 software where a subset of 20,000 reliable probes were used
4 to determine the resolution of the AT and GC signal contrast (Dish QC) and sample QC. The
5 reliable probes are autosomal, previously wet-lab tested by the provider, working probe sets
6 with two array features per probe set.
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10 ***Genotyping quality control and removal of duplicate genotyped participants***

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12 Genotyping was undertaken in separate batches of approximately 5,000 samples each using
13 Axiom™ Analysis Suite 2.0, similar to UK Biobank genotyping QC documentation ⁷. Genotype
14 calling resulted in 27,010 successfully genotyped DNA samples. An inclusion list containing
15 794,409 genetic variants was used ⁹, as well as the following QC parameters for selecting
16 samples passing to further analysis: Dish QC ≥ 0.82 on sample level, and average QC call rate
17 of passing samples on a plate (plate QC call rate) $\geq 95\%$, percentage of passing samples \geq
18 70%, and average call rate for passing samples $\geq 95\%$ on plate-level. Duplicate genotyped
19 participants were detected by KING version 2.1.3 ¹⁰ and the sample with higher genotype
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36 ***Sex chromosome composition***

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38 Distribution of F estimates on the X chromosome showed a gap between 0.4 and 0.8
39 ([Supplementary Figure S1](#)). Using this threshold, we obtained X chromosome number using
40 PLINK version 1.90b4.4 ^{11 12}. F estimates for the 48 individuals with sex discrepancies between
41 self-reported sex and X chromosome composition ([Table 1](#)) are listed in [Supplementary Table](#)
42 [S1](#). All subsequent analyses in this paper will use X chromosome number and number of
43 nonmissing Y chromosome genotypes to define sex.
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51 ***Genetic marker-based quality control***

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3 This consisted of 4 tests intended to check for consistency of markers across various
4 experimental factors, such as genotyping batch, participant sex, Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium
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10 determined the largest subset of ancestrally homogeneous participants via K-means clustering
11 of projected principal components from 414 individuals across 4 populations (Utah Residents
12 (CEPH) with Northern and Western European Ancestry (CEU), Han Chinese in Beijing, China
13 (CHB), Japanese in Tokyo, Japan (JPT) and Yoruba in Ibadan, Nigeria (YRI)) from 1000
14 Genomes Phase 3¹³. The largest cluster across all genotype batches overlapped the CEU
15 population and included 24,361 individuals, or 92% of the entire genotyped cohort (N=26,622)
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28 We then set a multiple-testing corrected p-value threshold for quality control tests as $3.15 \times$
29 10^{-10} . For the 794,409 markers and 5 batches, this p-value cut-off can be considered as a
30 family-wise error rate of 0.001 for each test. Since many tests may be positively correlated, the
31 threshold is conservative and will identify markers with strong evidence of deviation from the null
32 hypothesis. Single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) that failed the tested QC parameters are
33 flagged within the marker quality table provided with the data release. We thus invite
34 researchers to filter markers based on these properties or devise their own quality control
35 metrics that satisfy their research requirements.
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45 *Discordant genotype frequency between batches*

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47 To detect deviation in genotype frequency of markers between batches, we used a Fisher's
48 exact test on the 2x3 table of genotype counts (or 2x2 table for haploid markers). The vast
49 majority of markers did not exhibit significant deviation in genotype frequency (779,656, 98.1%
50 of total).
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55 *Departure from Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium*

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3 We conducted the test for departure from HWE using the exact test¹⁴. There were 7,790
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5 6 7 *Discordance across control replicates*

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9 There were 3 positive control samples on each genotyping plate: a male control (Affymetrix
10 CTL1 103 or Personal Genome Project participant huAA53E0), and one of two female controls
11 (CEPH 1463-02 or CEPH 1347-02) in duplicate. For each marker and control sample we
12 (CEPH 1463-02 or CEPH 1347-02) in duplicate. For each marker and control sample we
13 computed a discordance metric (d) defined as below:
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$$16 \quad d = 1 - \frac{\max(n_{aa}, n_{ab}, n_{bb})}{n_{aa} + n_{ab} + n_{bb}}$$

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18 where n_{aa} , n_{ab} , n_{bb} is the number of times the genotypes AA, AB, and BB are called for the
19 individual at that marker. There were 27,937 markers with control replicate discordance greater
20 than 0.05 (i.e. concordance < 0.95).
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23 24 25 26 27 *Sex genotype frequency discordance*

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29 To detect deviation in genotype frequency of markers between sexes, we used Fisher's exact
30 test on the 2x3 table of genotype counts for autosomal SNPs (or 2x2 table of allele counts for
31 the sex-specific regions of the X chromosome). There were 248 markers with discordant
32 genotype counts or allele counts between sexes with p-value $< 3.15 \times 10^{-10}$, in which 192
33 markers were on sex-specific region of the X chromosome.
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36 37 38 39 40 *Summary of results from marker-based tests*

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42 There were 37,706 SNPs that were flagged by one or more of the 4 tests. They are labeled in
43 the marker quality control file accompanying this data release. The effect of this quality
44 analysis is depicted by comparing [Supplementary Figure S3](#) with [Figure 1](#) where there is clear
45 improvement in the concordance in minor allele frequency (MAF) between batches after
46 removal of these markers. We recommend removing these markers but have maintained these
47 markers in the dataset so that researchers have access to all data. In addition, 15,616
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3 insertions/deletions and 95,363 low-frequency SNPs with MAF < 0.005 were flagged as they
4 may bias subsequent sample-based quality control.
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6 7 ***Sample-based quality control*** 8

9 This sample-based quality control was intended to identify samples of low-quality, related
10 individuals, and provide a genetic-based description of ancestry. We thus encourage
11 researchers using this information included in the data release to filter samples or devise their
12 own sample quality control metrics that satisfy their research requirements.
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14 We selected the SNPs that passed all 4 tests from marker-based quality control with MAF >
15 0.01 and marker-wise missingness < 0.01 resulting in a total of 573,386 markers. PLINK was
16 used to prune these markers to a subset of 161,536 independent markers in approximate
17 linkage equilibrium. They were used for the following sample-wise assessments. The pruning
18 was done on window size of 5000 kb with pairwise r^2 threshold as 0.1 and the number of
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30 ***Familial relatedness*** 31

32 Familial relationships among CLSA participants were not recorded in the questionnaires or
33 interviews. However, this information is essential for some epidemiological and genomic
34 analyses. Using the KING software ¹⁰ we computed all pairwise kinship coefficients and noted
35 all pairs with inferred relatedness of 3rd degree or closer using autosomal SNPs ([Table 2](#),
36 [Supplementary Figure S4](#)). Individuals with an inferred relationship of 3rd degree or closer are
37 labeled in the database.
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45 ***Detection of outliers in heterozygosity and missing rates*** 46

47 Since extreme values in sample-wise heterozygosity and missingness may suggest low quality
48 genotyping or cross-contamination of biological samples, we detected outliers by using PLINK
49 ([Supplementary Figure S5](#)). As expected, because the allele frequencies differ between
50 populations, we observed that heterozygosity was dependent on self-reported background.
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56 ***Population structure*** 57 58 59 60

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3 Population structure was computed by principal component analysis (PCA) ¹⁵ to complement
4 self-reported ancestry and control for population stratification in GWAS ^{16 17}. The top 20 principal
5 components were computed using a high-quality subset of unrelated individuals by removing
6 individuals classified as outliers in heterozygosity and missingness, and any individual with a
7 relation of 3rd degree or less.
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10 11 12 13 *Selection of European ancestry subset*

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15 To reduce the effect of population structure on analyses such as GWAS it is recommended to
16 use a subset of the population with relatively homogeneous ancestry. The majority of individuals
17 in this genomic data release are of self-reported European ancestry (N=25,172). We combined
18 self-reported ancestry with genomic information and PCA analysis to identify a subset of self-
19 reported European individuals with relatively homogenous ancestry and refer to this subset as
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30 To determine the CLSA European ancestry subset we clustered the top 4 principal components
31 from the analysis of population structure in the previous section into 6 clusters. Visualization of
32 these clusters alongside those from 1000 Genomes reveals a clear overlap of the largest cluster
33 (cluster 4, N=24,655) with populations of European ancestry in 1000 Genomes ([Figure 2](#)).
34 Moreover, this largest cluster contains the vast majority of individuals in CLSA that self-report
35 European ancestry ([Table 3](#), [Supplementary Table S2](#)). The European ancestry subset has
36 markedly reduced variance in the top principal components as compared to the entire CLSA
37 cohort ([Supplementary Figure S6](#)). The top 20 principal components of the PCA analysis are
38 provided in the sample QC file accompanying this data release, as well as the top 10 principal
39 components of the PCA analysis from the CLSA European ancestry subset.
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51 *Detection of copy number abnormalities associated with disease*

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3 The sex chromosome composition was called by both Affymetrix Axiom™ Analysis Suite 2.0
4 and PLINK. Affymetrix uses the ratio of mean signal values of non-polymorphic probes
5 separately on the X and Y chromosomes to calculate sex. PLINK determines sex by using only
6 X chromosome inbreeding coefficient (F estimates). When a subject has sex chromosome
7 abnormalities such as Turner syndrome (45, X), Affymetrix will call them female but PLINK will
8 call them male. Similarly, when a subject has Klinefelter Syndrome (47, XXY), Affymetrix will call
9 the subject male but PLINK will call them female. We use this discordance information
10 combined with copy number profiling to identify sex chromosome abnormalities in CLSA
11 participants.
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14 To correct the miscalling of males by stringent Affymetrix default threshold, the intensity data of
15 chromosome X and Y markers from all UK Biobank samples were used as a training data set to
16 generate a Support Vector Machine (SVM) model. This SVM model was applied to CLSA
17 samples to recall the vast majority of miscalled samples (331 out of 359). However, the SVM
18 approach as aforementioned could not be applied to PLINK sex calling since the sex calling in
19 UK Biobank data was already corrected. Alternatively, an empirical threshold was used to recall
20 most (140 out of 175) of the samples miscalled by PLINK through setting X chromosome F
21 estimate < 0.3 as female and > 0.8 as male. We used a relatively more stringent threshold of F
22 estimate because high F estimates may indicate mosaic chromosomal abnormalities such as
23 mosaic deletion. Finally, we used Axiom CNV Summary Tool to calculate log₂ ratio and B allele
24 frequency (BAF, which is in fact the within person ratio of B/B+A intensity at each SNP) for both
25 X and Y chromosomes from the genotyping data. The log₂ ratio and BAF were used to identify
26 sex chromosome abnormalities compared to males and females with 46,XY and 46,XX,
27 respectively (Figure 3 (A-B)).
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30 As a result, we detected 63 participants with discordance between self-reported sex and
31 Affymetrix and/or PLINK sex calling (Supplementary Table S2), then we examined their CNV to
32 identify them as one of four scenarios, sex chromosome aneuploidy (11 subjects), mosaic sex
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3 chromosome aneuploidy (15 subjects), low heterozygosity on the X chromosome (14 subjects),
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11 (scenarios 1 and 2). We identified all 48 participants with sex discordance as in
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13 abovementioned sex check. For the 23 participants who had discordance with both Affymetrix
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15 and PLINK calling, CNV analysis confirmed the sex chromosome composition (scenario 4). In
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17 addition, for participants with no self-reported sex, Affymetrix/PLINK calling and CNV analysis
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19 are concordant to call sex. Besides the validated self-reported sex chromosomal abnormalities,
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21 we identified 4 participants with Klinefelter syndrome (47,XXY) and 3 with Turner Syndrome
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23 (45,X) (scenario 1) (Figure 3 (C-D)). In total, we found 3 participants with 45,X/46,XX
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25 mosaicism, and 11 participants with 45,X/46,XY mosaicism including 1 with self-reported Turner
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27 syndrome (45,X/46,XY) (Figure 3 (E-F)). Additionally, individuals with low heterozygosity on the
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29 chromosome X could be a result of inbreeding (Supplementary Figure S7).

32 *Charcot-Marie-Tooth Disease*

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34 Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease (CMT) is one of the most common inherited neurological
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36 disorders. It is mostly caused by duplication at 17p12 where *PMP22* is located (CMT1A and
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38 CMT1E; OMIM: # 118220; # 118300). In this release of CLSA genomic data, there are 9 CLSA
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40 participants who self-reported as having CMT. We examined their CNVs and found that 4
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42 participants have duplication at *PMP22* (Supplementary Figure S8), and 1 participant has
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44 deletion at *PMP22* (Supplementary Figure S8). The other 4 subjects did not have CNVs
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46 detected at *PMP22*.

49 *HLA type imputation*

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51 We used the HLA*IMP:02 method¹⁸ and a multi-population reference panel¹⁸ (ThermoFisher
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53 Catalog # 000.911) to impute HLA types. The genotypes of 11 major MHC Class I and Class II
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55 loci with 4-digit resolution were imputed for *HLA-A*, *-B*, *-C*, *-DPA1*, *-DPB1*, *-DQA1*, *-DQB1*, -
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3 *DRB1*, *-DRB3*, *-DRB4*, *-DRB5*. For the positive controls, the imputation was done for 587
4 replicates of NA12878, 75 replicates of NA24385 and 4 replicates of NA10859. The alleles
5 called with a posterior probability threshold as 0.7 were compared to their known genotypes
6 from literature. Calling accuracy was 100% across the loci ([Supplementary Table S3](#)). The
7 imputation accuracy of genotyped CLSA participants was estimated by using the replicated
8 samples. The validation rate is 100% for all the replicates.

15 ***Imputation to the TOPMed reference panel***

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17 Genotype imputation is a computational method to predict marker genotypes that are not
18 directly genotyped by an assay, such as genotyping array, or to impute markers that are missing
19 in certain individuals. The imputation process uses a reference panel of sequenced individuals
20 to predict genotypes in a study sample for which only a subset of these genetic markers has
21 been genotyped ¹⁹. As input to the imputation process, we used the 26,622 CLSA participants
22 that passed quality control, and the set of 653,729 markers that passed all marker QC tests,
23 with SNP-wise missingness < 0.05, MAF > 0.0001 and have alleles that match the human
24 genome GRCh37 reference sequence.

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26 Phasing and imputation were conducted using the TOPMed reference panel ²⁰ at the University
27 of Michigan Imputation Service ²¹. We used the TOPMed reference panel version r2, containing
28 97,256 reference samples at 308,107,085 genetic markers. We used this imputation service to
29 pre-phase and impute the CLSA genotype data using EAGLE2 ²² and Minimac ¹⁹, respectively.
30 Both autosomal and X chromosome variants were imputed. The imputation was carried out in
31 two batches of 13,310 and 13,312 CLSA samples. Each batch also included the one of each 3
32 control samples. The two batches were subsequently merged into a single dataset.

33 ***Imputation performance***

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35 Imputation quality using the TOPMed reference panel was assessed using the marker-wise
36 information measure (Rs_q) and compared to the imputation using the Haplotype Reference
37 Consortium reference panel containing 32,488 reference samples and 40.4 million genetic
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3 markers ²³. For each imputation data set, information measures for all SNPs on chromosome 22
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5 were stratified into MAF bins prior to comparison. Comparison of imputation quality between the
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7 two reference panels demonstrated that the TOPMed reference panel yielded overall higher
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9 imputation quality, likely due to the larger number of samples included in the reference panel
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11 (Supplementary Figure S9). The relatively better imputation performance may also be
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13 empowered by the higher sequencing depth and joint calling method that were used to generate
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15 the TOPMed reference panel.
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20 **Findings to date**

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22 This data resource has been used in four completed and several ongoing studies. Glaucoma is
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24 the second leading cause of irreversible blindness in the world ²⁴. The GWAS combining data
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26 from UK Biobank, CLSA and the International Glaucoma Genetic Consortium identified more
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28 than 100 novel loci for vertical cup-to-disc ratio and vertical disc diameter ²⁵. They are highly
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30 heritable optic disc morphology traits related to glaucoma risk. In a study to investigate the
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32 contribution of polygenic risk score (PRS) to screening for fracture risk ²⁶, the CLSA genomic
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34 data were linked to the participants' physical examinations. It was the largest cohort included in
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36 this combined analysis of fracture risk, which enabled the researchers to understand the
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38 performance of PRS particularly in older individuals. It was found that the genetic pre-screening
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42 osteoporotic fractures. In another study on cardiovascular disease ²⁷, the investigators
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46 of combined genomic and psychosocial information collected in CLSA cohort. In addition, the
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48 CLSA dataset provides opportunities to study other conditions related to complex diseases. It
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52 cardiovascular disease and glaucoma. The authors revealed robust novel associations between
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3 30 genes and this condition, and substantial molecular overlap with other complex traits²⁸. For
4 further publications please consult <https://www.clsa-elcv.ca/stay-informed/publications>.
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8 9 **Strengths and limitations**

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11 The CLSA genomic data are a unique resource nested in a large-scale, longitudinal study
12 profiling the aging population in Canada. The genotyping array is enriched with known markers
13 associated with multiple phenotypes. However, the UK Biobank array may have relatively lower
14 coverage in participants with non-European ancestry²⁹, which can be improved by using
15 imputation reference panels with high genetic diversity³⁰. It may be difficult to identify very rare
16 variants by using this genotyping data since the current imputation method cannot confidently
17 predict variants with frequency under certain threshold. In spite of these limitations, CLSA
18 cohort includes deep and extensive phenotyping and planned linkage to health administrative
19 databases. For example, recently the metabolomic data comprising 1,314 biochemicals became
20 available in approximately 9,500 blood samples collected from CLSA participants, which can be
21 integrated to this genomic data to help understand the causes of frailty related diseases. DNA
22 methylation data are generated on 850,000 methylation sites in 1,479 participants. The CLSA
23 has also initiated a subcohort to collect longitudinal data from magnetic resonance imaging of
24 the brain and microbiome of the gut in 6,000 participants. This data resource will facilitate the
25 research on complex relationship between human genomic variants and a wide spectrum of
26 environmental, lifestyle, and medical factors. The comprehensive pharmacogenomic and
27 inflammation markers among other disease-associated variants may be of particular interest
28 since DNA methylation and proteomic data are being generated. The CLSA overall is an
29 ongoing perspective study. Follow-up data will continue to be collected from participants in the
30 present genomic subcohort.
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Collaboration

The genomic data from the CLSA Comprehensive cohort are accessible via the CLSA Data Access process (<https://www.clsa-elcv.ca/data-access>). The list of phenotypic variables can be browsed via the CLSA Data Preview Portal (<https://datapreview.clsa-elcv.ca/>). To be informed of the potential overlapping research topics, prospective data users are encouraged to consult the approved project summaries catalogued on the CLSA website (<http://www.clsa-elcv.ca/researchers/approved-project-summaries>). Given that this genomic data resource is released in 2018, we calculated the proportion of data requests including genomic data since 2018. At the time of writing, 17% of approved projects requested genetic data for their studies. The directly genotyped data are provided in binary PLINK format. It is recommended to use PLINK to manipulate these files (<https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/>). The imputed genotyped data are provided in binary BGEN version 1.2 format using 8-bit encoding. It is recommended to use *qctool* version 2 or *bgenix* to manipulate this data type. The HLA imputation file is a plain text file containing information pertaining to the imputation of classical human leukocyte antigen alleles from SNP genotypes. All studies using CLSA genetic data resource are required to give full acknowledgement to CLSA in their publications following instructions in *Publication and Promotion Policy for CLSA Data Users* on <https://www.clsa-elcv.ca>.

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25 ***Data availability statement***

26 Data are available from the Canadian Longitudinal Study on Aging (www.clsa-elcv.ca) for
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Table1: Count of CLSA genotyped participants by self-reported sex and sex chromosome composition

Self-reported Sex	Sex Chromosome Composition	Count
Male	Male	13324
Female	Female	13250
Female	Male	17
Male	Female	16
Female	Undefined	10
Male	Undefined	5

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Table 2: Count of kinship pairs per type of inferred relationship

Inferred Relationship	Count
Monozygotic twin	1
Full sibling	357
Parent/offspring	176
2 nd degree	315
3 rd degree	1066
Unrelated	123294

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Table 3: Count of CLSA genotyped participants per self-reported ancestry and k-means cluster

Self-reported ancestry ^a	k-means cluster					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Black	7	0	156	0	7	0
East Asian	0	214	1	2	0	3
Latin American	1	0	1	2	9	72
Mixed	11	11	7	207	61	21
Other	11	5	8	54	53	41
South Asian	211	5	0	0	7	0
Southeast Asian	20	61	0	0	1	1
West Asian	4	0	1	2	98	0
White	7	2	0	24380	742	41
White and Asian	3	3	0	5	19	11
White and Black	2	0	11	3	17	0

^aThe details of grouping self-reported cultural and racial category into fewer groups are in Supplementary Table S2

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11 Y. (B) In 46,XX, the BAF is either 0 (AA), ½ (AB) or 1 (BB) and the expected Log₂ Ratio is 0 on
12 chromosome X as in a normal diploid cell. The BAF is between 0 and 1, and Log₂ Ratio is less
13 than 0 on chromosome Y. (C) For Klinefelter syndrome (47,XXY), log₂ ratio is around 0 on
14 chromosome X which indicates ploidy as 2N. Compared to 46,XY, there is relatively lower
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17 intermediate values. They both indicated an extra copy of chromosome X. Chromosome Y
18 intensity profile showed clear male pattern. (D) For Turner syndrome (45,X), on chromosome X,
19 log₂ ratio is below 0 and there is no BAF bands of 0.5, which indicates one copy loss.
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22 chromosome X as in male. The BAF of heterozygous calls on chromosome X is split to
23 intermediate values. They both indicate that the sample is mosaic for deletion of chromosome
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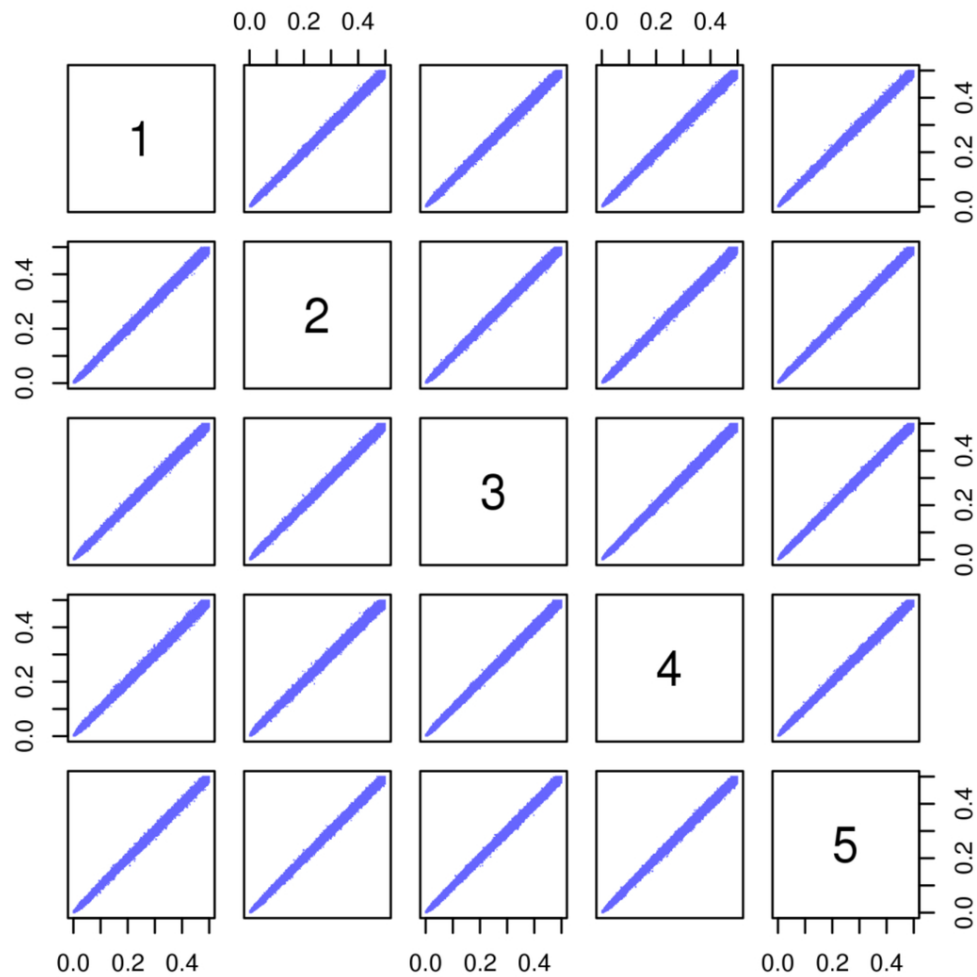


Figure 1: Pairwise plot of allele frequency of SNPs that pass all 4 tests from genotype batch 1 to 5. The SNPs are considered as passed if they have nonsignificant p-value (Fisher's $p > 3.5 \times 10^{-10}$) below the multiple testing corrected threshold for the respective test on discordant genotype frequency between batch, departure from HWE, discordance between the positive control replicates and on discordant genotype frequency between male and female.

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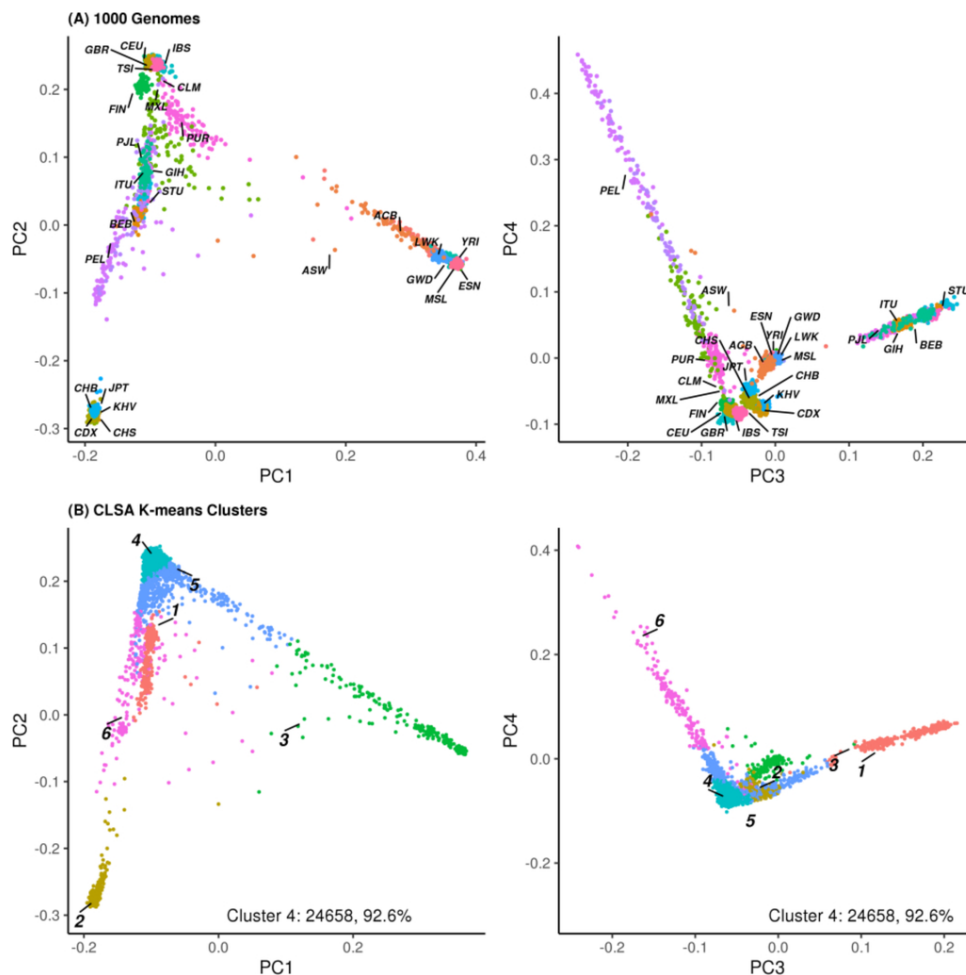


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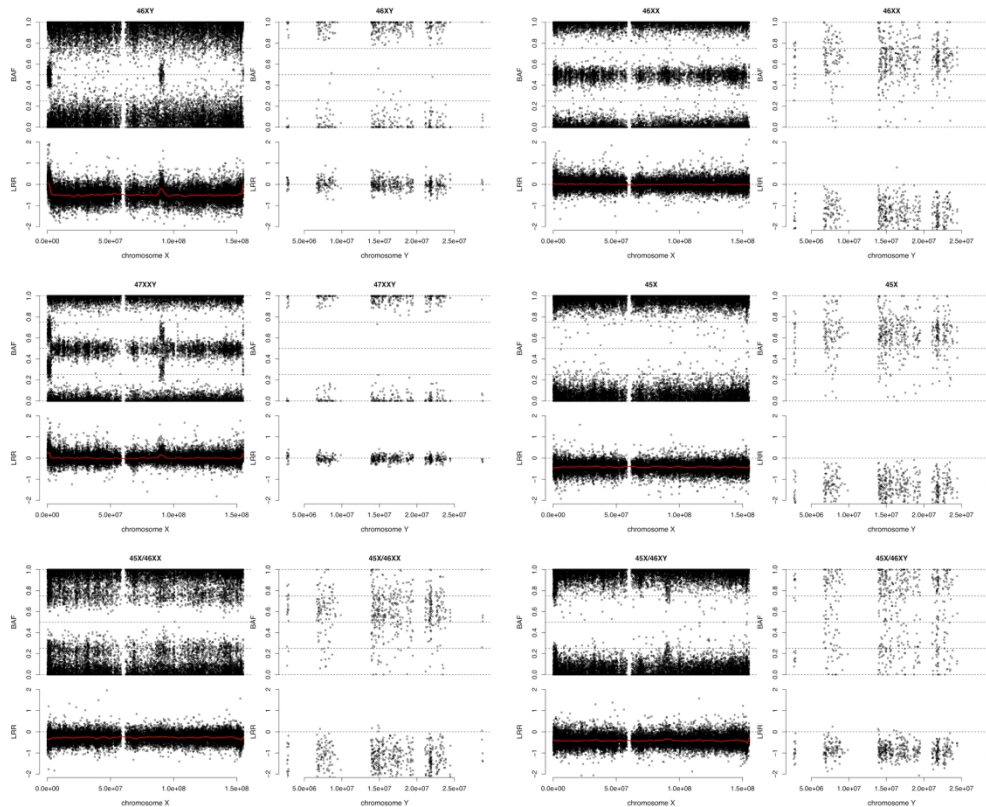


Figure 3: BAF (TOP) and log₂ ratio (BOTTOM) of chromosomes X and Y are shown for sex chromosome abnormalities.

(A) In 46,XY, the BAF is either 0 or 1 and the expected log₂ Ratio is less than 0 on chromosome X. However, in the pseudoautosomal region (PAR) and the chrY11.2/chrXq21.3 homology block, there are heterozygous calls in male shown as BAF of 0.5. The red line shows the lowest curve for log₂ Ratio. The BAF is either 0 or 1 and the expected log₂ Ratio is 0 on chromosome Y. (B) In 46,XX, the BAF is either 0 (AA), 1/2 (AB) or 1 (BB) and the expected Log₂ Ratio is 0 on chromosome X as in a normal diploid cell. The BAF is between 0 and 1, and Log₂ Ratio is less than 0 on chromosome Y. (C) For Klinefelter syndrome (47,XXY), log₂ ratio is around 0 on chromosome X which indicates ploidy as 2N. Compared to 46,XY, there is relatively lower peaks of log₂ ratio at PAR and chrX21.3/chrY11.2 homology block region. And BAF of heterozygous calls at PAR and chrX21.3/chrY11.2 homology block region shifted from 0.5 to intermediate values. They both indicated an extra copy of chromosome X. Chromosome Y intensity profile showed clear male pattern. (D) For Turner syndrome (45,X), on chromosome X, log₂ ratio is below 0 and there is no BAF bands of 0.5, which indicates one copy loss. Chromosome Y intensity profile showed clear female pattern. (E) For 45,X/46,XX mosaicism, on chromosome X, there is a relatively smaller decrease of log₂ ratio compared to 1 copy of chromosome X as in male. The BAF of heterozygous calls on chromosome X is split to intermediate values. They both indicate that the sample is mosaic for deletion of chromosome X. Chromosome Y intensity profile showed clear female pattern. (F) For 45,X/46,XY mosaicism, the log₂ ratio less than 0 and no BAF 0.5 band on chromosome X indicates one copy. The log₂ ratio shifts to below 0 and BAF values between 0 and 1 on chromosome Y indicates chromosome loss. However, the intermediate BAF values close to 0 or 1 at PAR and chrX21.3/chrY11.2 homology block region indicates the loss of chromosome Y is existed in a larger proportion of cells.

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Supplementary Table S1: Sex chromosome determination of miscalled genotyped CLSA participants

Self reported sex	Affymetrix sex corrected by SVM	PLINK sex (raw F estimate <0.3 female raw F estimate >0.8 male)	discordance in section Sex chromosome composition	PLINK sex (adjusted F estimate <0.4 female adjusted F estimate >0.8 male)	sex determined by combined Affymetrix/PLINK/CNV approach	CLSA self-reported phenotype	chromosomal abnormality from CNV profile	Raw F estimate	Adjusted F estimate
male	female	female	1	female	female		No abnormality	-0.00301	0.01745
male	male	female	1	female	male		Klinefelter Syndrome (47,XXY)	0.1048	0.1002
female	male	male	1	male	male		No abnormality	1	1
male	female	female	1	female	female		No abnormality	0.01533	0.02791
female	female	unknown		female	female		Low heterozygosity on chrX	0.3495	0.3644
female	female	unknown	1	unknown	female		45,X/46,XX mosaicism	0.5095	0.4773
female	female	unknown	1	unknown	female		Low heterozygosity on chrX	0.4637	0.4485
female	female	unknown	1	unknown	female		Low heterozygosity on chrX	0.4352	0.4746
male	female	female	1	female	female		No abnormality	0.008892	0.03223
female	male	male	1	male	male		No abnormality	1	1
female	male	male	1	male	male		No abnormality	1	1
male	female	female	1	female	female		No abnormality	-0.03065	-0.02794
female	female	male	1	male	female	Turner Syndrome	Turner Syndrome (45,X)	0.9507	0.9614
female	male	male	1	male	male		No abnormality	1	1
female	female	unknown		female	female		Low heterozygosity on chrX	0.3043	0.2802
male	female	female	1	female	female		No abnormality	-0.002689	-0.01603
female	male	male	1	male	male		No abnormality	1	1
male	male	unknown	1	female	male		Klinefelter Syndrome (47,XXY)	0.3124	0.3235
female	male	male	1	male	male		No abnormality	1	1
male	male	unknown	1	unknown	male		No abnormality	0.6854	0.6878
male	male	unknown	1	unknown	male		45,X/46,XY mosaicism	0.5798	0.5893
female	female	male	1	male	female		Turner Syndrome (45,X)	0.9792	0.9875
female	male	male	1	male	male		No abnormality	1	1
male	female	female	1	female	female		No abnormality	0.04474	0.03819
female	female	male	1	male	female		Turner Syndrome (45,X)	0.9439	0.9545
male	male	unknown		male	male		45,X/46,XY mosaicism	0.7965	0.8497
female	female	unknown	1	unknown	female		Low heterozygosity on chrX	0.4524	0.4305
male	female	male		male	female		45,X/46,XY mosaicism	0.9748	0.986
female	female	unknown	1	unknown	female		Low heterozygosity on chrX	0.5457	0.5504

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2	male	female	male		male	male		45,X/46,XY mosaicism	0.9678	0.9797
3	female	female	male	1	unknown	female		Low heterozygosity on chrX	0.8076	0.7966
4	female	male	male	1	male	male		No abnormality	1	1
5	female	male	unknown	1	male	female	Turner Syndrome	45,X/46,XY mosaicism	0.7827	0.8404
6	male	male	female	1	female	male		Klinefelter Syndrome (47,XXY)	-0.0457	-0.04304
7	female	female	male	1	male	female		Turner Syndrome (45,X)	0.879	0.9028
8	female	female	unknown		female	female		Low heterozygosity on chrX	0.3035	0.3339
9	male	male	unknown	1	unknown	male		45,X/46,XY mosaicism	0.6732	0.7016
10	male	male	female	1	female	male	Klinefelter Syndrome	Klinefelter Syndrome (47,XXY)	-0.03886	-0.02651
11	female	male	male	1	male	male		No abnormality	1	1
12	male	male	unknown	1	female	male		Klinefelter Syndrome (47,XXY)	0.3093	0.2872
13	male	female	male		male	male		45,X/46,XY mosaicism	1	0.9603
14	female	female	male	1	male	female	Turner Syndrome	Turner Syndrome (45,X)	0.9273	0.9527
15	female	female	unknown		female	female		Low heterozygosity on chrX	0.4004	0.3584
16	female	female	unknown	1	unknown	female		Low heterozygosity on chrX	0.3838	0.4362
17	male	male	unknown		male	male		45,X/46,XY mosaicism	0.7707	0.8358
18	female	female	unknown		female	female		Low heterozygosity on chrX	0.3978	0.3886
19	female	female	unknown	1	unknown	female		Low heterozygosity on chrX	0.7748	0.7842
20	female	female	unknown		female	female		No abnormality	0.3298	0.3527
21	male	male	unknown	1	unknown	male		45,X/46,XY mosaicism	0.6658	0.7601
22	male	female	male		male	male		45,X/46,XY mosaicism	1	0.9827
23	female	female	unknown	1	unknown	female		45,X/46,XX mosaicism	0.4148	0.4228
24	male	female	female	1	female	female		No abnormality	-0.003668	-0.01753
25	female	female	unknown		female	female		Low heterozygosity on chrX	0.3489	0.2975
26	female	male	male	1	male	male		No abnormality	1	1
27	male	female	female	1	female	female		No abnormality	-0.02345	-0.01932
28	male	male	female	1	female	male	Klinefelter Syndrome	Klinefelter Syndrome (47,XXY)	-0.03581	-0.02924
29	female	female	unknown	1	unknown	female		45,X/46,XX mosaicism	0.5139	0.5022
30	female	female	unknown		female	female		Low heterozygosity on chrX	0.3461	0.3336
31	male	female	female	1	female	female		No abnormality	0.01936	-0.006017
32	male	female	female	1	female	female		No abnormality	-0.04206	-0.0411
33	female	male	male	1	male	male		No abnormality	1	1
34	male	female	male		male	male		45,X/46,XY mosaicism	0.9756	0.9832

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Supplementary Table S2: Self-reported ancestry and derived category from cultural and racial background

Self-reported Ancestry	Category
Arab	Arab
West Asian	Arab
Black	Black
Chinese	East Asian
Japanese	East Asian
Korean	East Asian
Latin American	Latino
Don't know	Other
Mixed	Mixed
Other	Other
Refused	Other
South Asian	South Asian
Filipino	Southeast Asian
Southeast Asian	Southeast Asian
White	White

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Supplementary Table S3: Comparison of HLA types in positive controls with known types in literature

HLA locus	NA10859 (1347-02) ^a Reference Genotype	NA10859 (1347-02) No of replicates	NA10859 (1347-02) Accuracy(%)/ Call rate(%) ^d	NA12878 (1463-02) Reference Genotype	NA12878 (1463-02) No of replicates	NA12878 (1463-02) Accuracy(%)/ Call rate(%)	NA24385 (HG002 (NIST RM 8391)) Reference Genotype	NA24385 (HG002 (NIST RM 8391)) No of replicates	NA24385 (HG002 (NIST RM 8391)) Accuracy(%)/ Call rate(%)
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B	07:02/15:01 ^b	4	100/100	08:01/56:01 ^e	587	100/100	38:01/35:08 ^f	75	-
C	06:02/07:02 ^b	4	100/100	01:02/07:01 ^e	587	100/100	12:03/04:01 ^f	75	100/100
DPA1	01:03/01:03 ^b	4	100/100	01:03/02:01 ^e	587	100/100	01:03/01:03 ^f	75	100/100
DPB1	04:02/04:02 ^b	4	100/100	04:01/14:01 ^e	587	100/100	04:01/04:01 ^g	75	100/100
DQA1	01:02/03:01 ^b	4	100/100	01:01/05:01 ^e	587	100/100	03:01/01:01 ^h	75	100/100
DQB1	03:02/06:02 ^b	4	100/100	02:01/05:01 ^e	587	100/100	05:01/03:02 ^f	75	100/100
DRB1	04:01/15:01 ^b	4	100/100	01:01/03:01 ^e	587	100/100	04:02/10:01 ^f	75	100/100
DRB3	NA ^{b,c}	4	-	01:01/01:01;01:01/02:02 ^e	587	100/100	NA ^f	75	-
DRB4	01 ^b	4	100/100	01:01/01:01;01:03/01:03;01:06/01:06 ^e	587	-	01:03 ^f	75	100/100
DRB5	NA ^{b,c}	4	-	NA ^e	587	-	NA ^f	75	-

Note: a-Coriell ID (CEPH Family ID or NIST ID/RM Number for Personal Genome Project sample)

b: reference genotype source-IPD-IMGT/HLA Database

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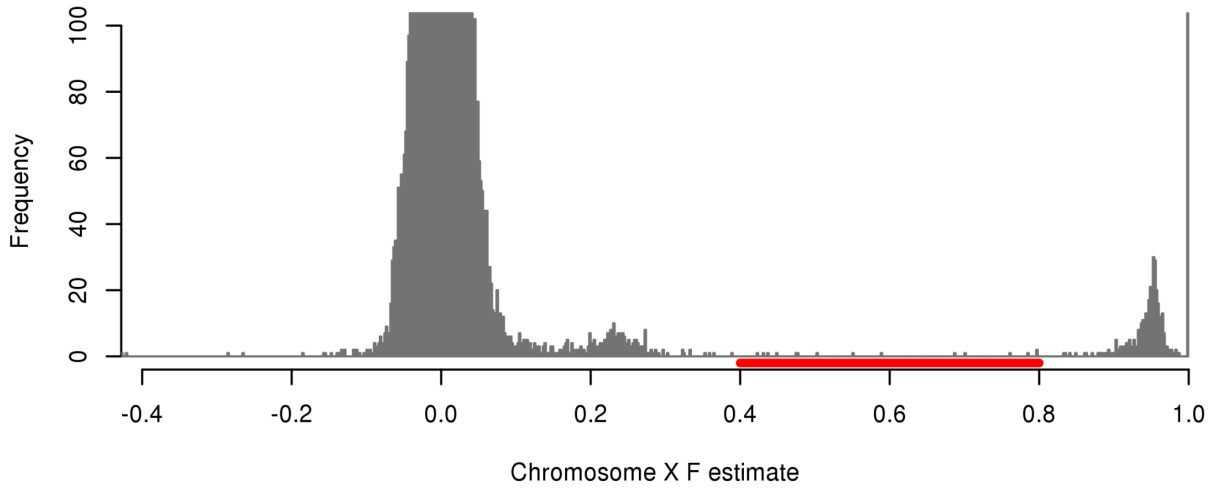
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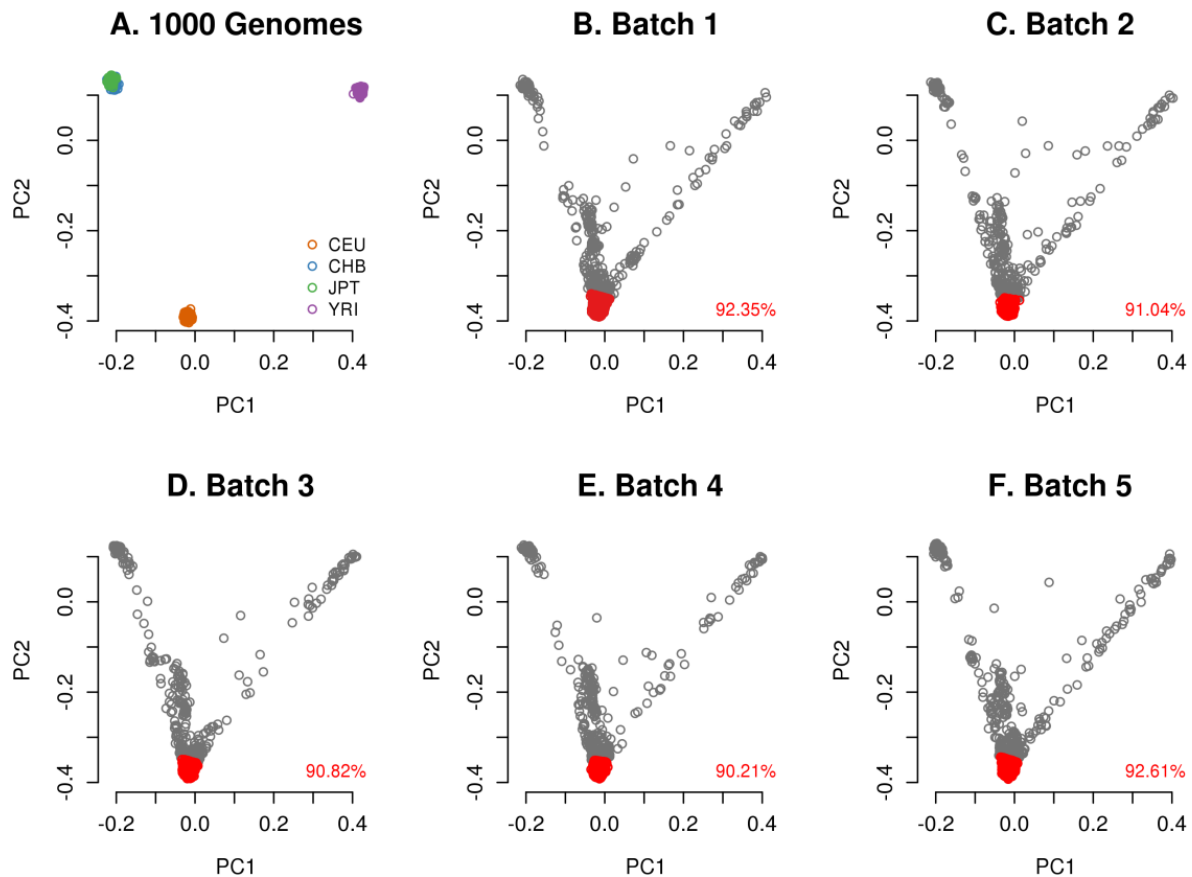
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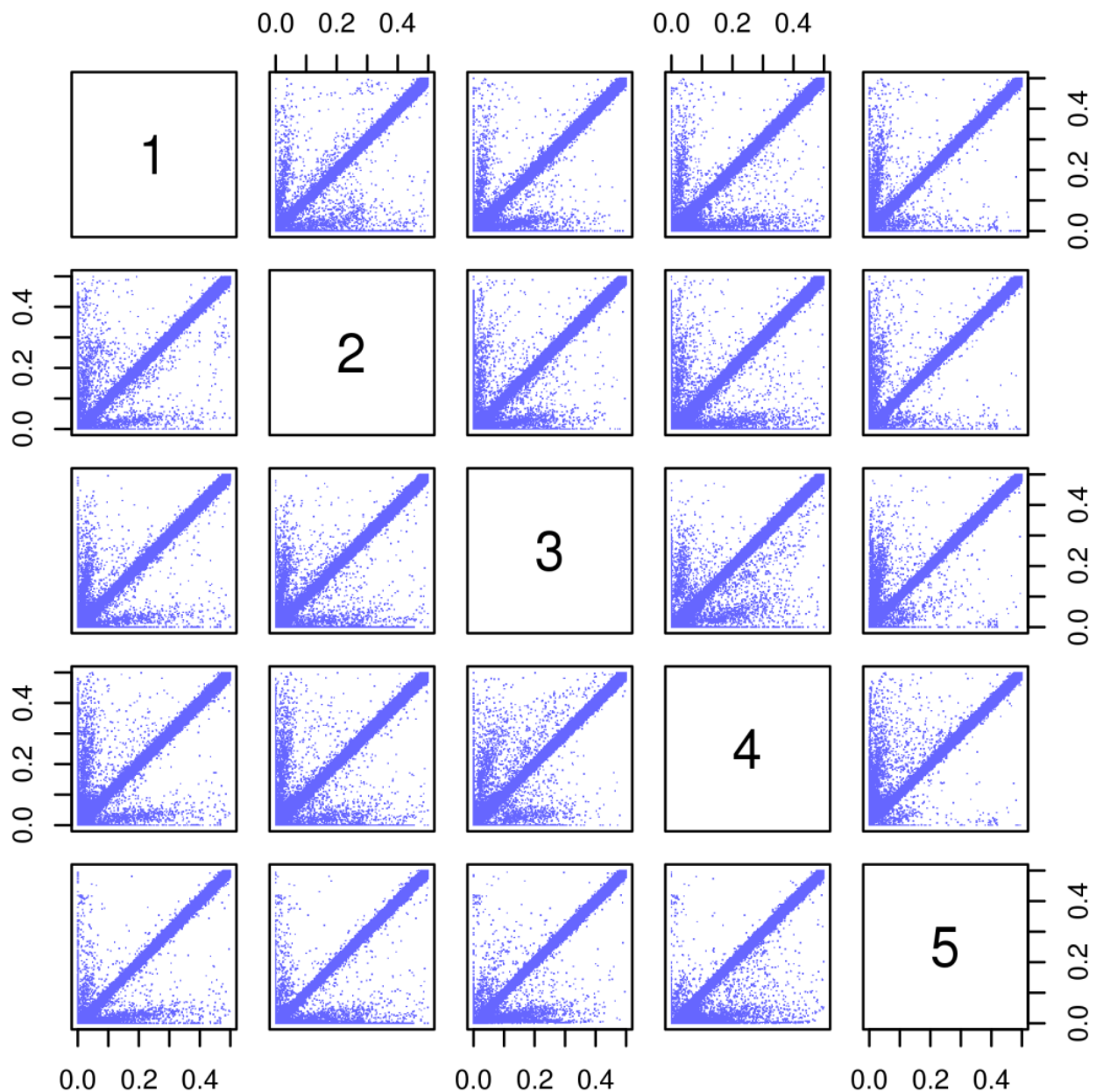


Supplementary Figure S1: Distribution of chromosome X F estimates for CLSA genotyped participants (y-axis truncated). Individuals with chromosome X F estimates within the range of 0.4 to 0.8 (red) are considered to have undefined chromosomal sex.

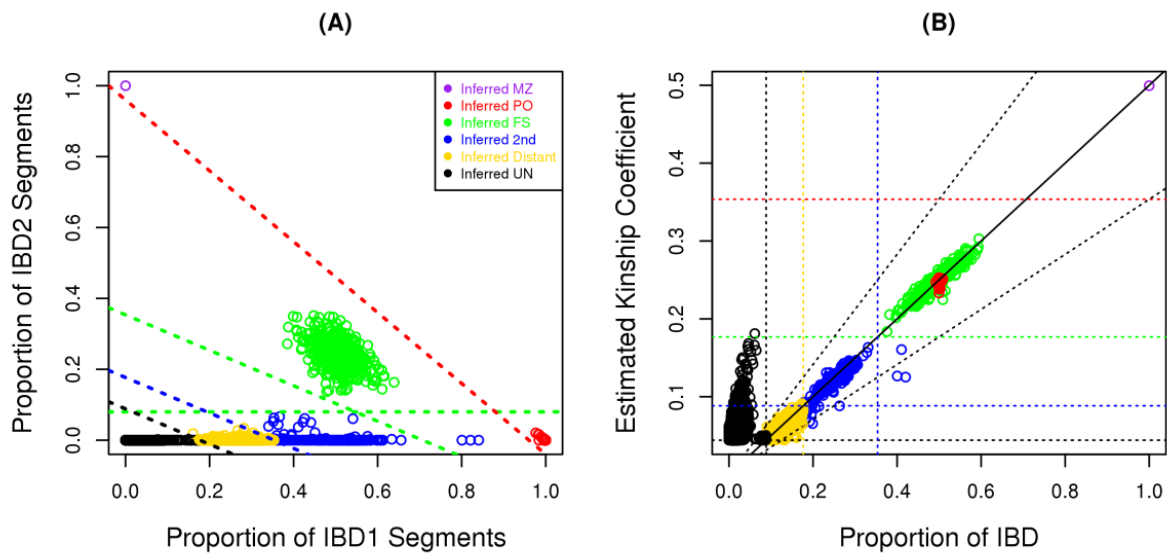


Supplementary Figure S2: Principal component (PC) plots. (A) Plot of first 2 PC for the analyzed populations from 1000 Genomes. (B-F) Projection of CLSA participants onto 1000 Genomes PC plot for genotype batch 1 to 5 followed by k-means clustering of PC1-4 (grey points). The largest cluster overlaps the 1000 Genomes CEU population (red points and percentage of total in batch is provided).

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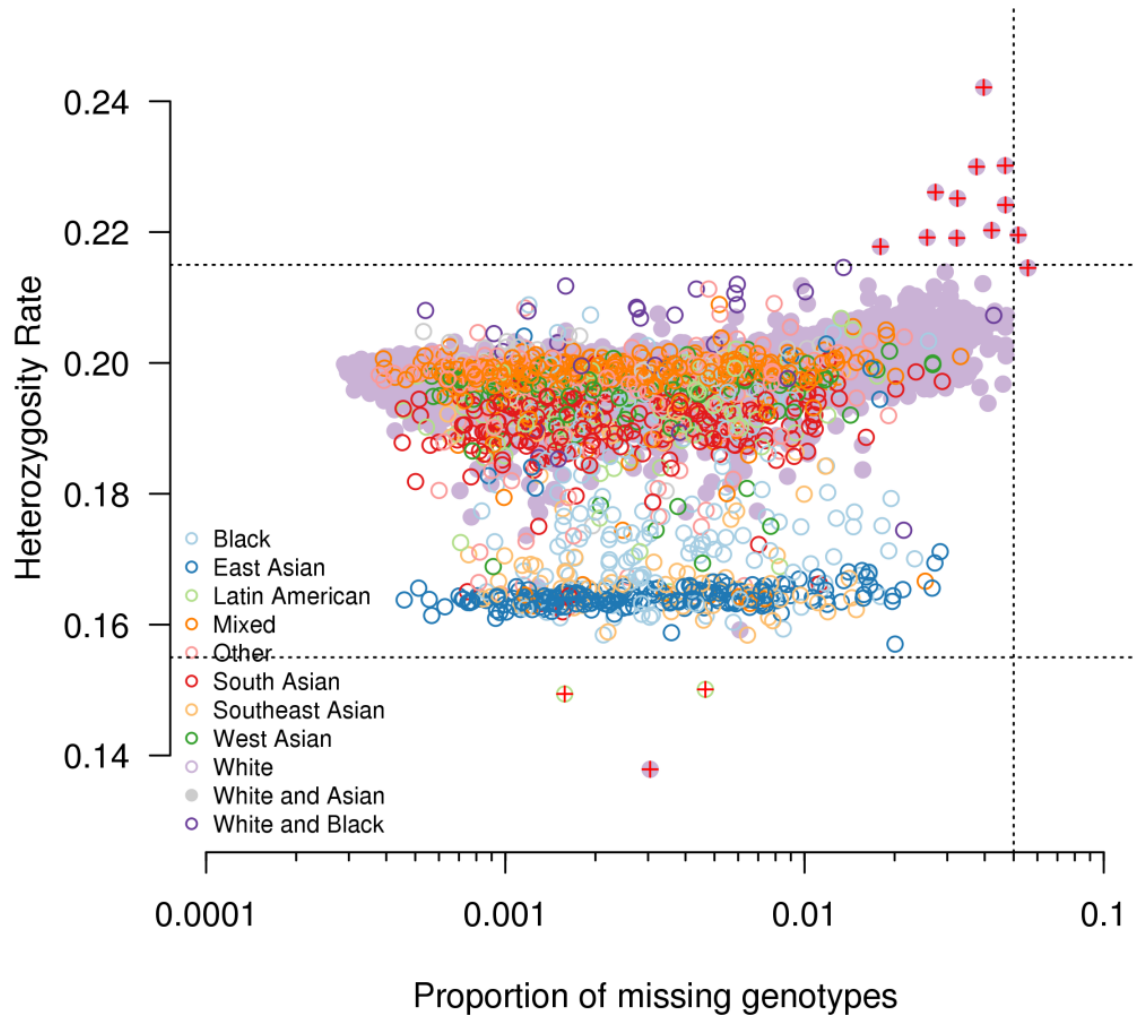
Supplementary Figure S3: Pairwise plot of allele frequency of SNPs from genotype batch 1 to 5.



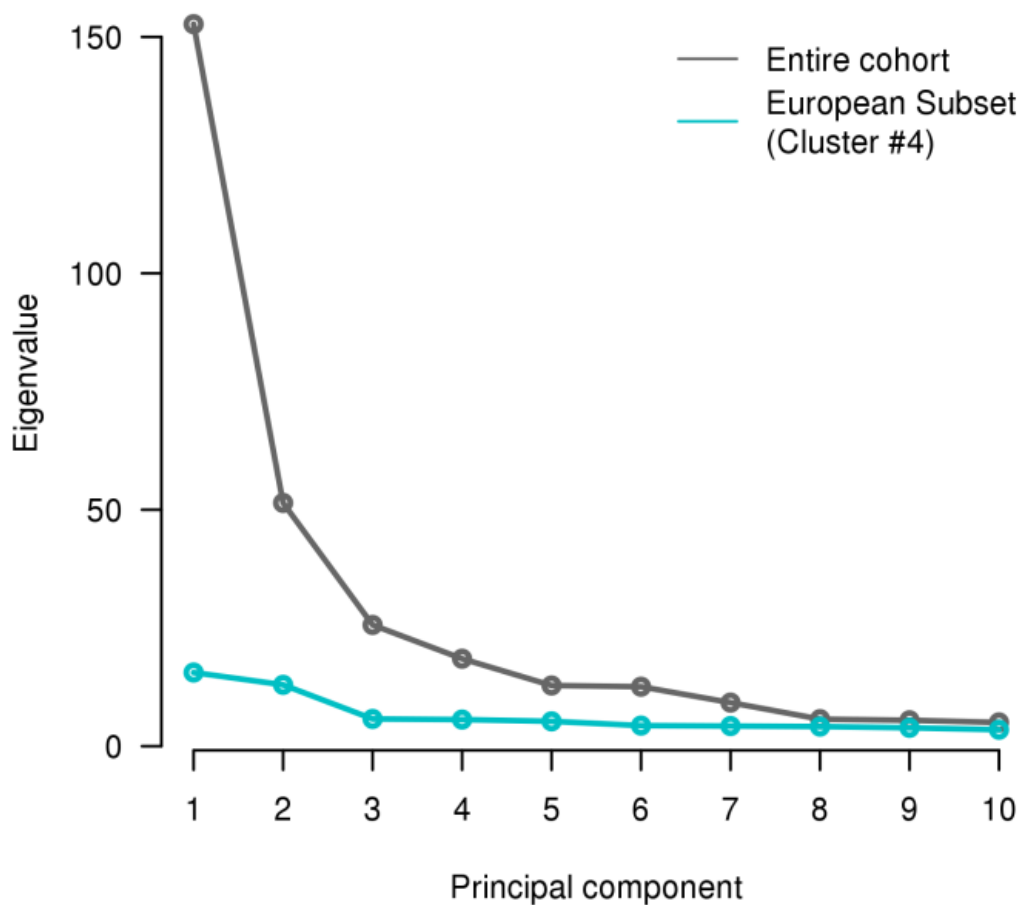
Supplementary Figure S4: Inference of familial relatedness using KING.

(A) Inference using IBD segments. (B) Inference using proportion IBD and kinship coefficient.

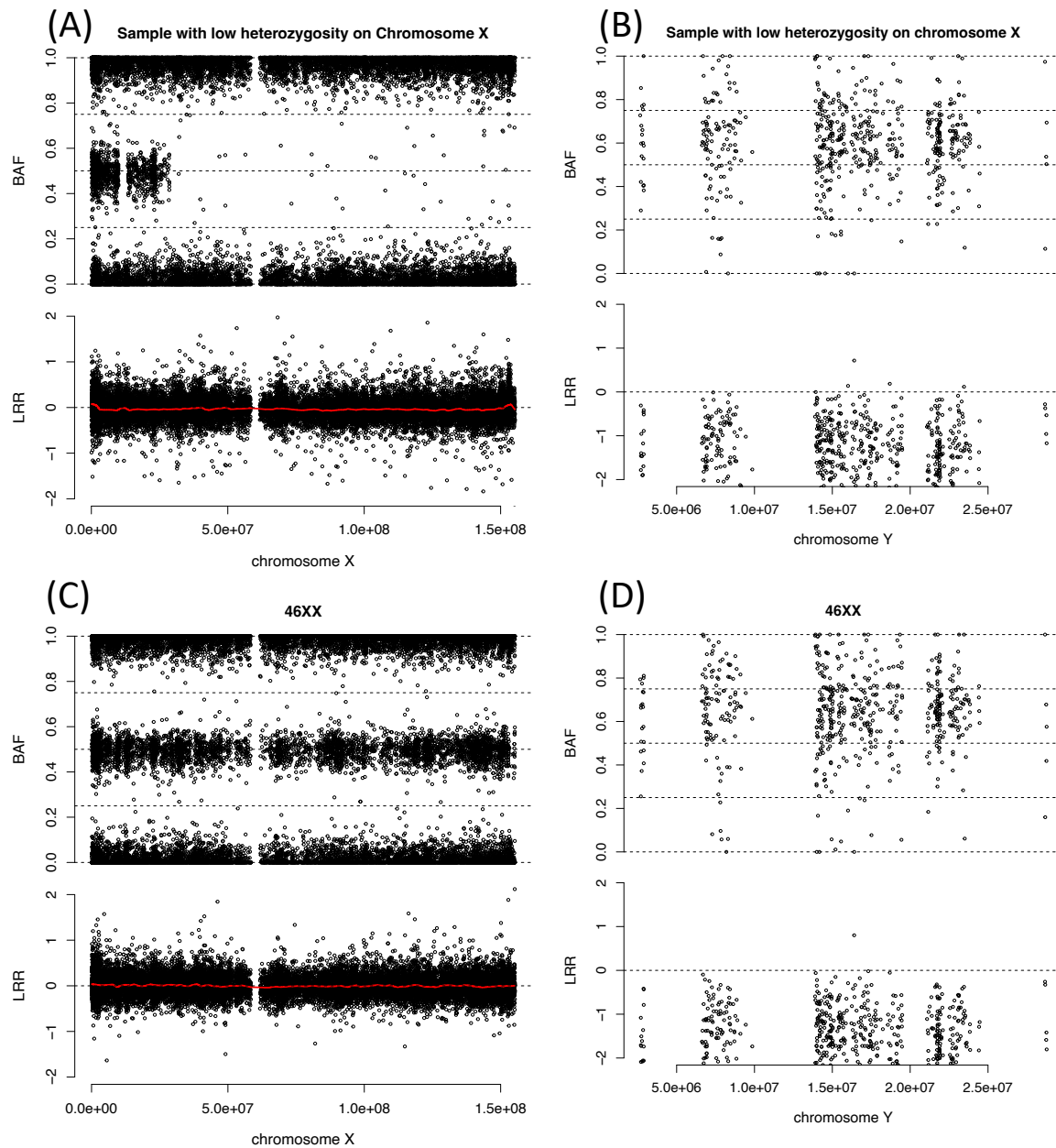
Relationships in legend are abbreviated as: MZ=Monozygotic twin, PO=Parent/offspring, FS=Full sibling, 2nd=Second-degree relative, 3rd=Third-degree relative, Distant=Greater than 3rd degree relative, UN=Unrelated. Limits for inferring relationship type are indicated by dashed lines that are color-coded to match those listed in the legend.



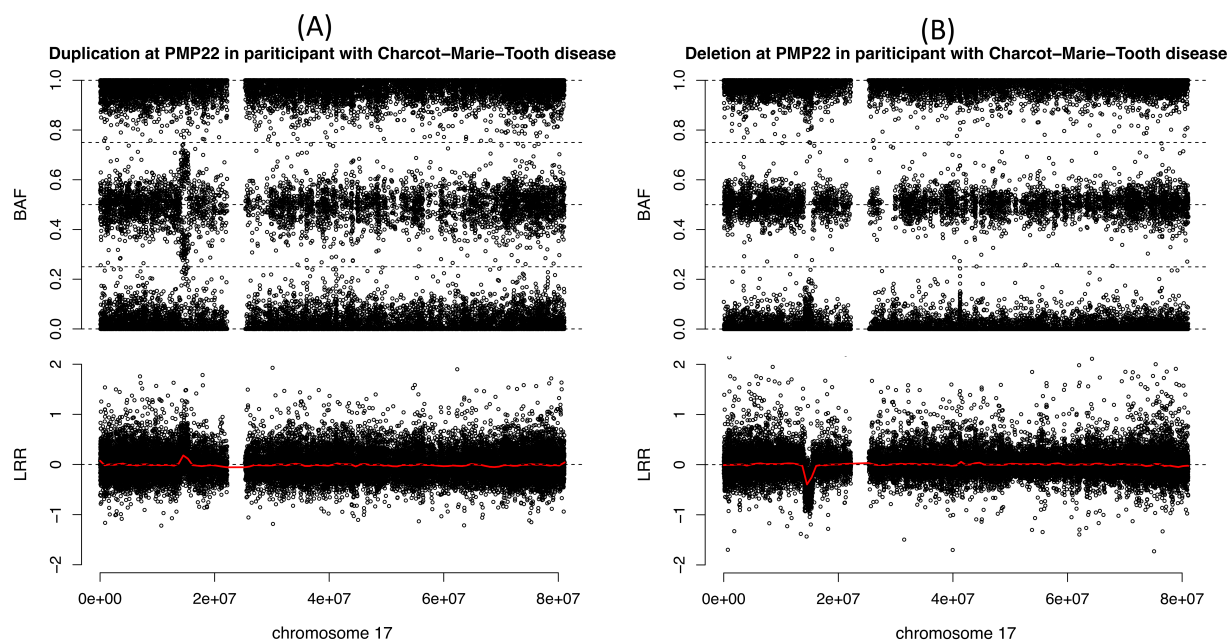
Supplementary Figure S5: Sample-wise heterozygosity versus genotype missingness. Points are color coded according to self-reported ancestry category. Outliers are marked with a red plus sign.



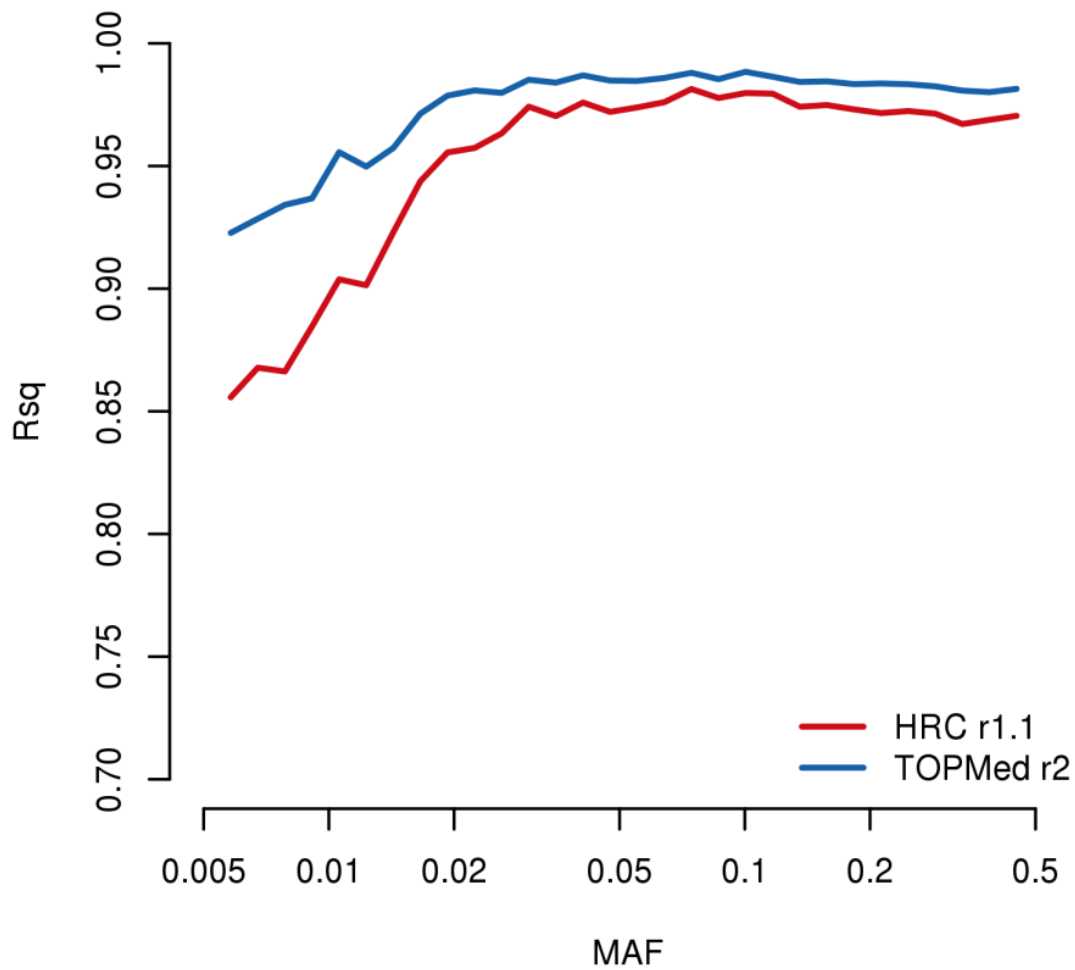
Supplementary Figure S6: Eigenvalues for PCA analysis of the entire cohort (grey) and the European ancestry subset (cluster 4, Robin egg blue), demonstrating a reduction in genetic variance within the European ancestry subset.



Supplementary Figure S7: BAF (TOP) and log₂ ratio (BOTTOM) of chromosomes X (A) and Y (B) are shown for sample with low heterozygosity on chromosome X compared to sample with 46,XX (C-D).



26 **Supplementary Figure S8:** BAF (TOP) and log₂ ratio (BOTTOM) of chromosome 17 are shown for
27 sample with duplication (A) or deletion (B) at *PMP22* locus.
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Supplementary Figure S9: Imputation quality of the CLSA cohort using the TOPMed versus Haplotype Reference Consortium (HRC) reference panel stratified by minor allele frequency (MAF) bins (data shown is from chromosome 22).