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Manuscript details

Tracking number		Submission date		Decision date	
GUIDEDOA-21-00165		24 June 2021		9 August 2021	
Title	Inflammatory and infectious upper respiratory diseases associate with 59 genomic loci that link to type 2 inflammation genes	Corresponding author	Aarno Palotie Affiliation: Helsinki Institute of Life Science		
Preprint information	There is a preprint of this manuscript posted at Research Square	Peer review type	Single-blind		

Editorial assessment team

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Editorial assessment and review synthesis

Editor's summary and assessment

The authors studied genome-wide association to eight Inflammatory and infectious Upper Respiratory diseases (IURDs) together and separately in the biobank-scale FinnGen study cohort (release 6). The study sample included 260,405 individuals of all ages, where they focused on cases of specialist-diagnosed IURDs ($n = 61,197$), including their more specific diagnosis. Using meta-analysis, clustering methods and Bayesian framework models, they investigated the shared and distinct genetic impacts among these disorders and related immune-mediated traits. They detected 59 independent genome-wide significant loci, distinguishing impact on sinonasal or pharyngeal diseases, or both. Fine mapping implicated non-synonymous variants in 16 genes, including 10 linked to immune related diseases. The genetic predispositions to IURDs highlight an underlying genetic structure among several of the IURDs that extends to other immune-mediated traits as well.

While the editors jointly decided to send this manuscript out to review, we recognized that there were a number of IURD-related GWAS studies reported previously. We appreciate the value of analyzing shared genetic contributions of IURDs, though have some concerns about the conceptual advance as well as the degree of biological or epidemiological insights.

Editorial synthesis of reviews

While the Referees find the study of considerable potential interest, they have raised substantial concerns regarding the limitations in the study design, which may affect the conclusions and the robustness of some of the results. They have provided suggestions for including additional analyses and using alternative approaches to strengthen the claims. In addition, the Referees also note that the novelty and biological insights are modest.

In summary, the required revisions should include, but are not limited to, those listed here and detailed in the referee comments:

1. Have robust claim on specific subsets; present combined significance with other population outside Finland and with more stringent significance cutoffs (as highlighted by Referees #1-2).
2. Show replication of already published GWAS on the specific phenotypes (as outlined by Referees #1 &3). How to interpret the replication results especially for loci that failed replication?
3. Use other approaches (as suggested by Referee #2) to identify genetic factors that are shared across the individual disease GWAS.
4. Perform additional analyses to strengthen the conclusions, as noted by Referees #1-3.

When revising the paper for *Nature Communications*, we would ask that you address all points raised by the three reviewers.

Editorial recommendation

**nature
genetics**

Revision not invited

The biological insights and the degree of conceptual advance have not matched the criteria for further consideration at *Nature Genetics*.

**nature
communications**

Major Revisions

For further consideration at *Nature Communications*, we would strongly encourage revising the study to provide clearer conclusions on disease-specific subsets (recommendations provided by Reviewer #1) and placing this work in the context of the wider body of literature. It is also essential to address concerns with significance thresholds (raised by Reviewer #1, #2) and lack of replication (raised by Reviewer #3) in order to provide more robust associations and conclusions.

**communications
biology**

Major Revisions

As noted by the Reviewers, further consideration at *Communications Biology* would require improved statistical analyses, discussion and replication of analogous GWASs for specific phenotypes, and identification of genetic factors that are shared across individual disease GWASs.

Next steps

Recommendation Summary

- **Option 1:** Revise for consideration at *Communications Biology*.
- **Option 2:** Revise for consideration at *Nature Communications*.

See the previous page for details. As noted on page 4, *Nature Genetics* is not able to consider the work further. If you choose to submit the manuscript via Guided Open Access, only the editors at *Nature Communications* and *Communications* will discuss the manuscript.

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Annotated reviewer reports

The editors have included some additional comments on specific points raised by the reviewers below, to clarify requirements for publication in the recommended journal(s). However, please note that all points should be addressed in a revision, even if an editor has not specifically commented on them.

Reviewer #1	
Reviewer #1	This reviewer has not chosen to waive anonymity. The reviewer's identity can only be shared with representatives of an established journal editorial office.
Reviewer #1 expertise	statistical genetics, epidemiology
Editor's comments about this review	<p>This reviewer has provided insightful feedback regarding the study design and the strength of the claims. They also highlight the need to proofread the manuscript for clarity, and provide a useful framework for the study to make it easier for a reader to logically follow the data.</p> <p>All of these points should be addressed for publication at <i>Nature Communications</i>.</p>
Reviewer #1 comments	
Overview	<p>Saarentaus and colleagues performed a genome wide association of combined set of infectious upper respiratory diseases (IURDs) in Finland. They claimed associations of variants with IURDs at 59 loci. Whereas it is clear that this represents a large amount of work, the current presentation has major limitations. First it is somewhat unclear what is really claimed, the combined set or the subsets of diseases. Second through the manuscript it is unclear what is novel and what is new; the reader has to arrive to the discussion to see that clearly articulated. I would have found easier to take specifically homogenic unit of disease (i.e., the subset in the current), perform an international meta -analysis with foreign public set such as UKB (UK biobank) and/or BBJ (biobank japan). Then have as robust association as possible, i.e. choose more stringent cutoff than 5E-8, a cutoff that have been proposed a long time ago under different settings (i.e., population, number of markers).</p>
<p>Editorial comments:</p> <p>For <i>Nature Communications</i>, we would also like to see clear justification of significance threshold used and potential exploration of a more robust cut-off.</p> <p>The point about the cutoff was also raised by Reviewer #2, please justify the use of a 5E-8 cutoff, or update your analyses with a more appropriate threshold. This point is important for publication in either of the 2 journals.</p>	

Specific comments		
#	Reviewer comment	Editorial comment
1	I understand the work of the authors which is somewhat methodological when grouping all the IURDs phenotypes, but I feel that this demonstration somewhat limits the conclusions and the robustness of the results. If the authors succeed to have a clearer presentation including replication and combined analysis with abroad. A large number of the results presented here might be false positive, since 1)the cutoff used 5E-8 had been set under different circumstances, population and number of markers 2) Many of the claimed association are less than an order of magnitude from the lenient threshold 3) most of them 24 out of 41 do not replicate nominally in their foreign group.	
2	Additionally, one would expect that the authors attempt replication of all the reported variants in the literature for the phenotypes they study, in order to assess how comparable their groups are with the one used for previously reported associations. For example, a variant in <i>ALOX15</i> has been reported to confer a strong and significant protection against NP and CRS. It is somewhat unexpected not to see it mentioned in this manuscript.	
3	One of the main issue with this manuscript is the phenotype. I understand the angle the authors have taken: starting with a combination of phenotypes in Finland. But I truly am of the opinion that it makes it very unclear what is really claimed.	
4	I would strongly suggest to start with specific phenotypes, performing meta-analysis with other population than Finland and with more stringent significance cutoffs to then arrive to a set of robust associations that they can then assess in the other subsets. In the UK biobank some of these diagnosis have to be derived from the GP sets in addition to hospital diagnosis.	<p>Please carefully proofread the manuscript for clarity. We also encourage you to follow this framework to improve the flow and readability of the manuscript.</p> <p>For Nature Communications, we would strongly encourage revising the study to provide clearer conclusions and address</p>

		issues with significance thresholds in order to provide more robust associations.
5	Also the authors might realize that a lot of these diagnosis are differential diagnosis for each other's, and that a large number of the patients probably overlap between subsets.	
6	Personally, I recommend to focus on the strong signal, choose more significant cutoffs. And present the results that are specific on the subsets, once combined with public datasets.	
7	As mentioned in different places above, the cutoff for statistical significance of 5E-8 has been proposed many years back at the time where sample size and number of markers tested where different. From the attempt of replication currently displayed it is possible that a large fraction of the association are not true positive. If they were, the ones very close to the cutoff are likely suffering from winner's curse, i.e. an inflation of effect.	
8	Using meta-analysis with foreign data should be performed when available.	
9	Again, I would rather have claims specific to the subsets that are robust presented first, with combined significance with the foreign groups.	
10	I would present replications of all previous reported markers for these phenotypes.	

Reviewer #2	
Reviewer #2	This reviewer has not chosen to waive anonymity. The reviewer's identity can only be shared with representatives of an established journal editorial office.
Reviewer #2 expertise	human genetics, epidemiology
Summarised	

by the editor		
Editor's comments about this review	This reviewer has provided insightful feedback regarding the approaches used in the analyses and the potential impact. This reviewer also highlights the limited reproducibility of the current work, which should be improved for further consideration. All of these points should be addressed for further consideration at <i>Nature Communications</i> and <i>Communications Biology</i> .	
Reviewer #2 comments		
Overview	The manuscript by Saarentaus and colleagues describes a GWAS of inflammatory and infectious upper respiratory disease (IURD) in ~260k FinnGen study participants. They identify 59 genome-wide significant loci associated with this heterogeneous disease definition and/or component diseases of the umbrella term. I have a few comments for consideration by the authors:	
Specific comments		
#	Reviewer comment	Editorial comment
1	Identifying loci by lumping together different diseases into a single 'mega case' group is a reasonable approach but I wonder if there are better alternatives. Have the authors explored using Genomic SEM (or similar approaches) to identify genetic factors that are shared across the individual disease GWAS?	
2	The authors have effectively run 12 GWASs but corrected for only one ($P < 5 \times 10^{-8}$) from what I can see. They may want to justify this approach.	Given that concerns about significance thresholds were also raised by Reviewer #1, we would ask that you provide clear justification for this cutoff, or update the analyses with a more appropriate threshold.
3	"Lead variants of the 58 non-HLA GWS loci were associated with 2,861 endpoints in FinnGen" – I suspect this number would be substantially lower if co-localization analyses were run. Presumably it's possible that many of these associations are in "LD shadows" of other signals?	For publication at <i>Nature Communications</i> , we would like you to address this concern with additional colocalisation analyses.
4	"We then compared SNPs with expression data from GTEx v8 and DICE, which showed change in the expression of a	

	total of 264 genes in all 58 non-HLA loci in total” – this statement really highlights the limitations of using tools like FUMA to assign causal genes to GWAS hits. The mapping of non-synonymous variants appeared methodologically robust, and I’d suggest the authors apply a similarly conservative approach to eQTL mapping. At a minimum the authors need to ensure they use eQTL integration approaches that reduce spurious associations due to more coincidental LD overlaps.	
5	<p>Impact</p> <p>Personally I feel this manuscript lacks the novel biological or epidemiological insights that warrant publication in journal such as <i>Nature Genetics</i>. A more incremental but rigorous study of this type may be better suited to <i>Communications Biology</i> or <i>Nature Communications</i>.</p>	
6	<p>Reproducibility</p> <p>From what I can see it is not possible for anyone outside of FinnGen to access individual level data and reproduce these results. This is a shame given the precedent set by studies such as UK Biobank.</p>	<p>Please carefully review the policies in the Open Research Evaluation to improve the reproducibility of these results.</p>

Reviewer #3

Reviewer #3	This reviewer has not chosen to waive anonymity. The reviewer’s identity can only be shared with representatives of an established journal editorial office.
<p>Reviewer #3 expertise</p> <p>Summarised by the editor</p>	statistical genetics
Editor’s comments about this review	This reviewer has provided an overall positive assessment of the paper, but please see major concerns #1 and #2. Altogether, they have provided several important points that should be discussed in a revised manuscript for further consideration at <i>Nature Communications</i> or <i>Communications Biology</i> .

Reviewer #3 comments		
Overview	<p>The authors performed genome-wide association studies of a series of inflammatory and infectious upper respiratory diseases and identified 59 loci associated with one or more of these diseases, of which 23 are novel. They identified a high degree of sharing between many IURD subtypes, as well as with other related phenotypes such as asthma and allergies. The analyses are appropriate and well-performed and the paper is well-written. I have some questions and concerns that I hope the authors will be able to address:</p>	
Specific comments		
#	Reviewer comment	Editorial comment
1	<p>On page 3, several previous genetic studies of IURDs are mentioned, but the authors do not seem to place their new results in the context of these studies. For instance, when compared to Kristjansson et al 2019, the current manuscript has twice the number of CRS cases and a similar number of NP cases, yet did not report associations at the loss-of-function variant in <i>ALOX15</i>. I would be curious to know whether these and other variants reported in the literature also showed associations in FinnGen, and if not, whether aspects of study design (e.g. case definition) or differences in LD patterns can lead to certain loci not being detected.</p>	<p>Appropriate comparison of these results with the literature would be necessary for further consideration at <i>Communications Biology</i>.</p> <p>For publication at <i>Nature Communications</i>, we would like to see a more comprehensive discussion placing this study in the context of the existing literature and commenting on differences underlying the diverging associations found.</p>
2a	<p>With regards to the replication work in UKB:</p> <p>Page 7: “We found that the effect size differed ($p < 0.05$) only for the CRS association to the locus 5q22.1 (near <i>WDR36</i>) and the NP association to the locus 1q211.3 (near <i>ARNT</i>).”</p> <p>In Table S6, it looks like the <i>GAS2L2/TAF15</i> association with CRS was also not replicated and has a significant effect size difference in UKB.</p>	
2b	<p>In general, how should we interpret loci that failed replication, despite having over 95% power to do so at $\alpha=0.05$? Could it be that some of these diseases that occurred earlier in life are not well-captured in the UKB’s cohort of middle-aged participants? Is there</p>	<p>For publication at <i>Nature Communications</i>, we would like you to address the concerns in 2b and 2c with addition analyses and discussion, providing clearer</p>

	any evidence of different LD patterns between Finnish and UK population at some of the non-replicating loci?	recommendations of how to interpret these results.
2c	Similarly, in UKB, the CDTA phenotype had the smallest effective sample size, while in FinnGen, this phenotype had the largest. Is this a consequence of diseases that occur earlier in life not being as well captured in UKB? If that is the case, how should we interpret the replication results in UKB more generally?	
3	In the PheWAS analysis of lead SNPs, Sup table 7 shows 462 significant variant-phenotype pairs. How many of these pairs are actually being most likely driven by the same causal variant versus being driven by LD with another causal variant?	
4	Several variants in Table 4 appear to have allele frequencies that are inconsistent with other tables. For instance, rs189411872 has frequency 1.3% in Table S4, but 66% in Table S3.	
5	In Table 3, please include the posterior probability of causality for each variant to help quantify the likelihood that the variant is causal. It also appears that rs11557467 and rs2305479 are two missense variants in different genes but belong to the same credible set? Please clarify.	
6	Page 7. "Lead variants of the 58 non-HLA GWS loci were associated with 2,861 endpoints in FinnGen". The phrasing here is ambiguous. On first reading I thought this meant that the 58 loci showed significant associations with 2861 other phenotypes, but I think this number refers to the total number of phenotypes tested?	
7	Table S4. MAF column should be renamed EAF since many frequencies are > 0.5	
8	Table S7. Are the betas with respect to the same ref/effect alleles given in Tables S1-S3? Please clarify	
9	"SNP" is used throughout the paper even though many of the lead variants at significant loci are indels.	

Open research evaluation

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