Supplemental information

Multi-ancestry meta-analysis of asthma identifies novel associations and highlights the value of increased power and diversity

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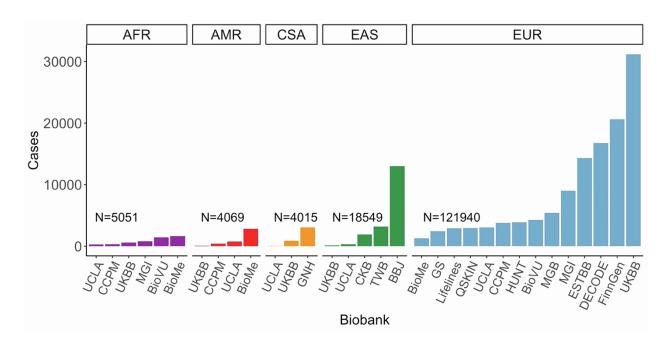


Figure S1. Asthma cases in discovery biobanks stratified by ancestry group, Related to Figure 1 and Table S1. GBMI biobank participants were projected to the same principal components space using pre-computed loadings of genetic markers to compare the genetic ancestries represented in each biobank, indicated on the x-axis. N indicates the total number of cases per ancestry group.

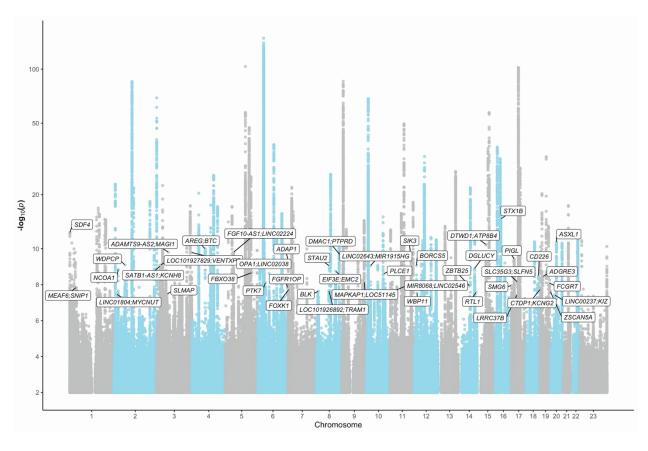


Figure S2. GBMI meta-analysis association results, Related to Figure 2 and Table S2. Nearest genes to the novel loci are highlighted.

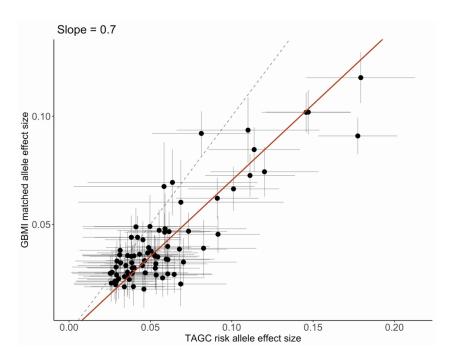


Figure S3. GBMI index variants in TAGC, Related to Figure 2 and Table S4. 76 of the 179 index variants associated with asthma discovered in the GBMI meta-analysis were found in the TAGC meta-analysis of asthma, or had a tagging variant ($r^2 > 0.8$) in the TAGC study, with a p-value $< 0.05^9$. The effect sizes of these 76 variants as estimated in the TAGC vs. GBMI meta-analyses were compared using the Deming regression method³⁵. The intercept was set to be 0; the slope estimated from the regression analysis is reported here. Error bars represent 95% confidence intervals of the effect size estimates from the corresponding meta-analysis.

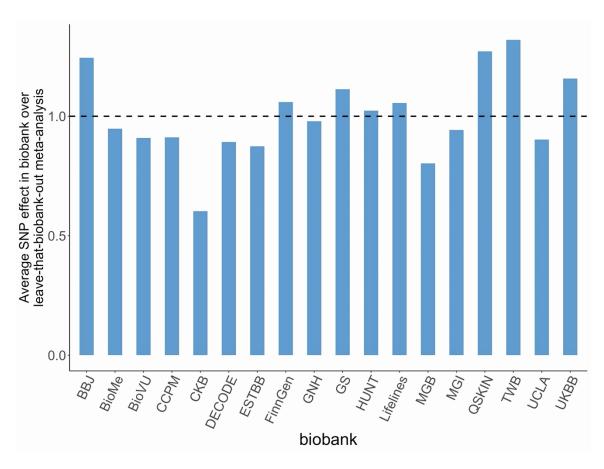


Figure S4. Consistency of asthma index variants across biobanks, Related to Figure 3. For each biobank shown on the x-axis, the average ratio of effect sizes of the index variants in the biobank vs. in the corresponding leave-that-biobank-out meta-analysis is reported here.

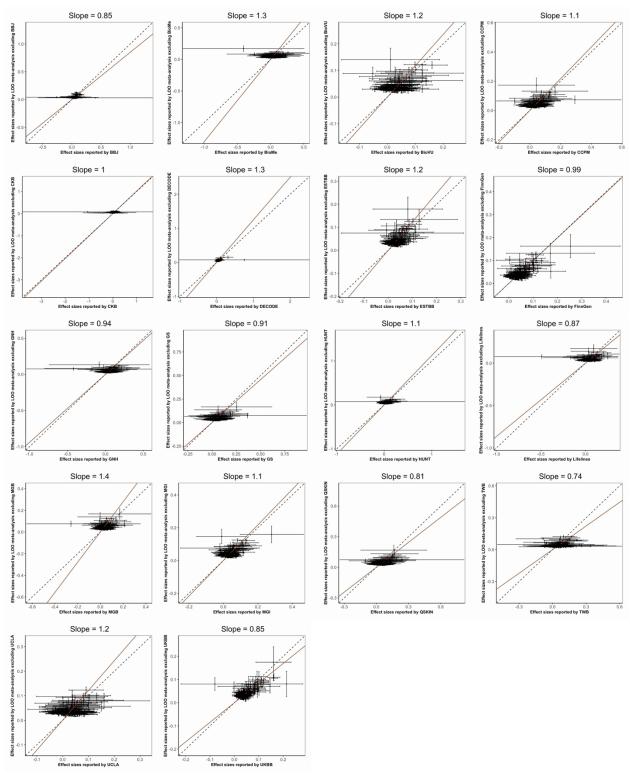


Figure S5. Consistency of asthma index variants across biobanks using Deming regression, Related to Figure 3. The effect sizes of the asthma index variants as estimated in each biobank GWAS vs. in the corresponding leave-that-biobank-out meta-analysis were compared using the Deming regression method³⁵. Intercepts were set to be 0; slopes from the regression analyses are reported here. Error bars represent 95% confidence intervals of the effect size estimates from the corresponding meta-analysis or GWAS.

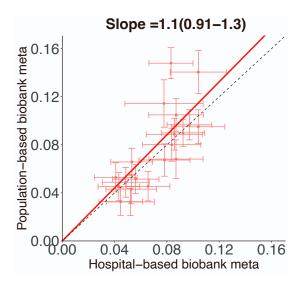


Figure S6. Consistency of asthma index variants across biobanks with different ascertainment, Related to Figure 3. The effect sizes of the asthma index variants as estimated in the meta-analyses of the hospital- vs. population-based biobanks, using the SNPs with p-value $< 1 \times 10^{-6}$ in both meta-analyses, were compared using the Deming regression method³⁵. The intercept was set to be 0, and the slope and corresponding 95% confidence interval are reported here. Error bars represent 95% confidence intervals of the effect size estimates from the corresponding meta-analysis.

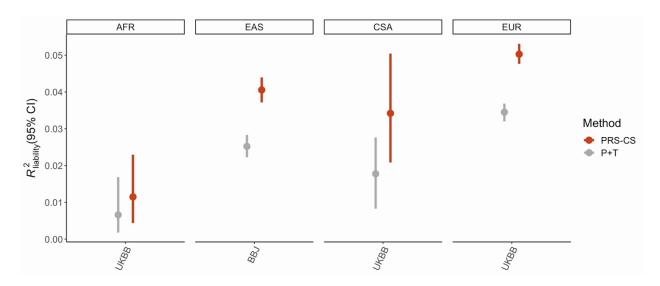


Figure S7. PRS performance of P+T vs. PRS-CS across target cohorts of different ancestries, Related to Figure 5. Each panel represents a target cohort, with the ancestry of the target cohort on the top and the biobank which the target cohort is from on the bottom x-axis. This figure was adapted from Wang et al. 56 Error bars represent the 95% confidence intervals.

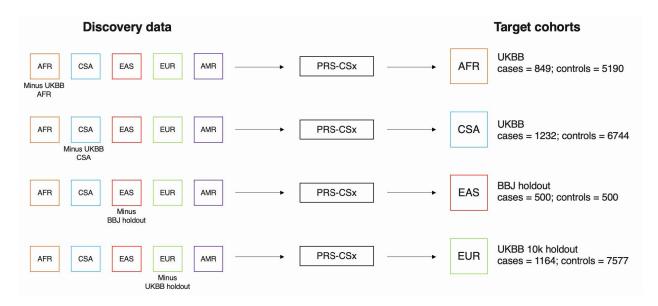


Figure S8. Workflow for PRS-CSx analyses, Related to Figure 5, Figure S9, Figure S10, Table S9, Table S10, and STAR Methods. The discovery data consisted of ancestry-specific meta-analyses, indicated by the squares on the left, that were inputs for PRS-CSx⁵⁸. PRS-CSx returned separate sets of posterior effect size estimates for each input dataset, which were then used to construct PRS. The target cohorts were randomly evenly split; optimal weights for the linear combination of the PRS were selected in one subset and the linear combination of the PRS was evaluated in the other subset.

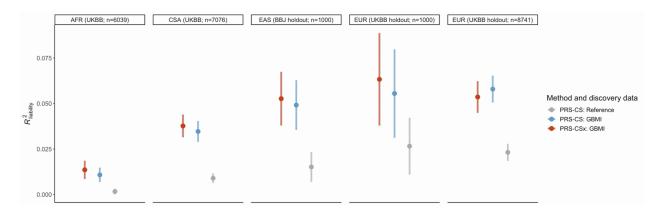


Figure S9. PRS performance in downsampled EUR target cohort, Related to Figure 5, Figure S8, Figure S10, Table S9, and Table S10. Figure 5 is extended here to include results from PRS evaluated in a target cohort of 1,000 randomly selected individuals from the EUR UKBB 10k holdout. Discovery datasets and methods used were the same as described in Figure 5. Error bars represent standard deviation of R^2 on the liability scale across 100 replicates.

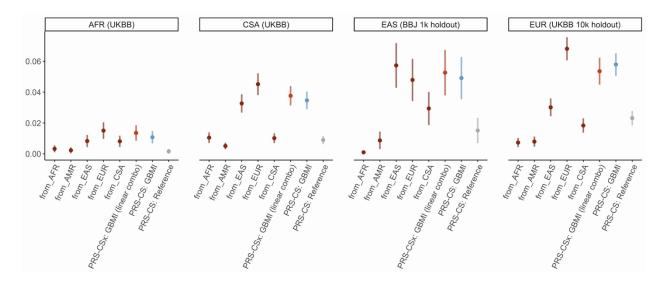


Figure S10. PRS performance of individual PRS vs. linear combination of PRS using PRS-CSx across ancestries, Related to Figure 5, Figure S8, Figure S9, Figure S10, Table S9, and Table S10. Each panel represents a target cohort. The performance of the individual PRS, computed from a single set of posterior effect size estimates corresponding to each input ancestry population from PRS-CSx, is plotted here. The prediction accuracy of the linear combination of the PRS from PRS-CSx, as well as the PRS from the PRS-CS analyses (shown in Figure 5), are also plotted for comparison. PRS-CS results used the GBMI leave-BBJ-out meta-analysis and GBMI leave-UKBB-out meta-analysis as discovery data for the BBJ and all UKBB target cohorts, respectively⁵⁶. The reference dataset was the TAGC meta-analysis⁹. Error bars represent standard deviation of R² on the liability scale across 100 replicates.

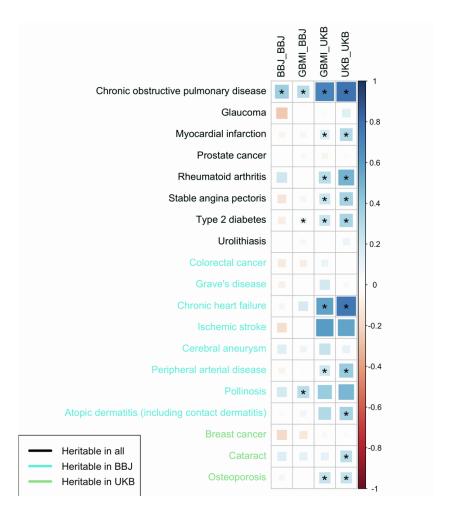


Figure S11. Genetic correlations between asthma and heritable diseases across UKBB and BBJ, Related to STAR Methods, Table S12 and Table S13. Genetic correlations between asthma and disease endpoints that were significantly heritable in BBJ, UKBB EUR, or both. Asterisks indicate genetic correlation estimates with significant p-values at Bonferroni-corrected p-value threshold (p-value < 0.05/20). On x-axis: BBJ BBJ = BBJ GWAS of asthma vs. BBJ GWAS of diseases on y-axis; GBMI BBJ = GBMI-excluding-**GWAS** BBJ meta-analysis of asthma VS. BBJ of diseases on y-axis; GBMI-excluding-UKB GBMI UKB meta-analysis of asthma VS. UKB GWAS of diseases (EUR only) on y-axis; UKB UKB = UKB GWAS of asthma vs. UKB GWAS of diseases (EUR only) on y-axis.

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