

Multi-trait genome-wide joint analyses identify new susceptibility loci and candidate drugs to primary sclerosing cholangitis

Supplementary Information

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GWAS summary statistics for PSC and other polygenic traits used in the present study.

We downloaded publicly available GWAS summary statistics from existing data resources, the NHGRI-EBI GWAS Catalog¹, the MR IEU OpenGWAS data^{2,3}, and the international PSC Study Group⁴. PSC summary statistics can be downloaded from the international PSC Study Group (IPSCSG; <https://www.ipscsg.org/published-studies/>) and the NHGRI-EBI GWAS Catalog (http://ftp.ebi.ac.uk/pub/databases/gwas/summary_statistics/GCST004001-GCST005000/GCST004030). The details, including data code, category of trait, sample size, number of SNPs, reference with PMID, and download link, are shown in Supplementary Data 1.

Estimates of genetic heritability and pairwise genetic correlation using LDSR analysis.

We implemented LD score regression (LDSR; `ldsc` v1.0.1, <https://github.com/bulik/ldsc>)^{5,6} to estimate genome-wide SNP-array heritability (h^2) representing the proportion of phenotypic variance explained by all common SNPs and to examine the shared genetic contribution (rg) of PSC against numerous polygenic traits using publicly available GWAS summary statistics and linkage disequilibrium (LD) information with European samples from 1000 Genome Project as a reference for the pattern of genome-wide LD. LDSR is a method regressing χ^2 statistics from summary statistics on LD scores, estimating genetic correlation without bias due to population stratification or cryptic relatedness^{5,6}. By regressing SNP-level associations for two traits, (i.e., the product of Z scores, $Z_{PSC} \times Z_{trait1}$) and weighting each SNP by its LD score, which is an estimate of the total amount of genetic variations tagged by each variant, we can estimate the magnitude and direction of the shared genomic architecture between PSC and a tested trait. We first implemented the command option of LD Score with “`munge_sumstats.py`” to generate the “.sumstats” format from the summary statistics after selecting approximately 1.22M HapMap3 SNPs with minor allele frequency (MAF) > 0.01 and exclusion of multi-allelic SNPs and the major histocompatibility complex (MHC) region (Chr6:25Mb-34Mb) as recommended. The major histocompatibility complex (MHC) region was excluded from summary statistics because of the complex and extended LD pattern and genetic architecture of the MHC region⁷⁻¹⁰. We then applied “`ldsc.py --rg PSC.sumstats.gz, trait1.sumstats.gz --ref-ld-chr eur_w_ld_chr/ --w-ld-chr eur_w_ld_chr/ --out PSC_trait1`”.

Joint association analysis of multi-traits on PSC.

We carried out MTAG¹¹ (`mtag` v1.0.8; <https://github.com/JonJala/mtag>) to discover new independent PSC risk-associated loci against polygenic traits that demonstrated strong genetic correlation with PSC through LDSR analysis. MTAG¹¹ estimates the effect size per SNP for each trait by incorporating information included in other correlated traits by utilizing

bivariate LD score regression to gauge sample overlaps between summary statistics from multiple GWAS as input in MTAG (since MTAG does not require summary statistics from independent samples¹¹ among the multiple GWAS). It then carries out a combined LD score regression and meta-analysis approach from the genetically related traits. MTAG aligned all alleles in all summary statistics analyzed, and SNPs not present in any summary statistics were removed further. The output from MTAG provides re-estimated effect size and P-value (P) per each SNP for each trait.

Summary statistics imputation.

Since MTAG utilizes a common set of SNPs that overlap among all tested traits, MTAG implementation with high-powered GWAS is recommended¹¹. The number of SNPs for PBC is approximately 5M, and those for other immune-mediated disorders are approximately ~8M (PSC and lupus) and ~10M (IBD, CD, and UC). We imputed the GWAS summary statistics for PBC¹² using SSimp package¹³ (ssimp v.0.5.6; https://github.com/zkotalik/ssimp_software) and European individuals from the 1000 Genomes Project phase 3 reference panel, filtering out SNPs with a MAF ≤ 0.005 . This imputation increased the number of SNPs from 5,054,572 to 8,412,578 for subsequent analyses, such as LDSR and MTAG, after removing SNPs with poor imputation quality ($r^2 < 0.5$). We applied “ssimp --gwas in.chr22 \ --ref

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Colocalization between GWAS and Expression quantitative trait locus signals from the Genotype-Tissue Expression

Based on the prediction that risk variants may exert their effects via various tissues, we surveyed all 49 tissue types available in Genotype-Tissue Expression (GTEx)¹⁴ v8. The sample size of each tissue is described in Supplementary Data 3. All variant-gene cis-expression quantitative trait locus (eQTL) associations tested in each tissue within ± 100 kb windows of the lead variant presented in MTAG_PSC were extracted. Colocalization of the MTAG_PSC and eQTL signals was calculated using the LD-independent colocalization approach (coloc v5.1.0; <https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/coloc/>)¹⁵. Although the PSC GWAS⁴ implemented population stratification analysis and focused on European-descent individuals, we applied the LD-independent approach to avoid spurious colocalizations due to the violation of common LD assumption

in the GWAS summary-level data. We considered the colocalizations when coloc suggested the plausible posterior probability that both PSC and a tissue from GTEx v8 are associated and share a single function variant ($PP4 > 0.80$).

Gene-based functional enrichment analysis using STRING database and DAVID Bioinformatics Resources

We carried out gene-based enrichment analysis of protein-protein interaction (PPI) networks amongst 406 potential candidate genes from position mapping, eQTL mapping, and chromatin interaction mapping as well as newly 19 MTAG-identified and previously reported PSC risk-associated genes using STRING PPI networks (STRING v11.5; <https://string-db.org/cgi/input?sessionId=bmwWOuutn8ZR>). We selected the setting options with the max number of interactions = 20 and the highest confidence score of 0.9 to survey the functional enrichment of numerous pathways by genes. We also utilized the Database for Annotation, Visualization, and Integrated Discovery (DAVID v6.8; <https://david.ncifcrf.gov/>) Bioinformatics Resources to survey the enrichment of various functional annotations (count > 2, P-value < 0.05).

Network-based proximity between drugs and disease-identified proteins for drug repurposing

To estimate a drug-disease proximity measures, distance (d) and the corresponding relative proximity (z), we implemented network-based proximity analysis for drug repurposing developed by Guney et al.¹⁶. The method provides a relative measure that quantifies the network-based proximity (or closeness) between drugs and disease proteins encoded by genes associated with disease^{12,16}. We obtained the drug and drug target data from the DrugBank database¹⁷ (version 5.1.9, <https://go.drugbank.com/releases/latest>, accessed in April 2022). In this study, we selected 39 PSC-associated genes from previously reported genome-wide significant associations¹⁸ and newly MTAG-identified associations at $P=5.00 \times 10^{-8}$ (Supplementary Data 16). Among them, 32 candidate genes were converted to NCBI gene IDs using Ensembl BioMart¹⁹ and used to calculate the relative proximity between each drug in the DrugBank database (v5.1.9) and a set of candidate proteins for PSC (Supplementary Table 1). All required packages are available at the emreg00 GitHub repository (<https://github.com/emreg00>)¹⁶.

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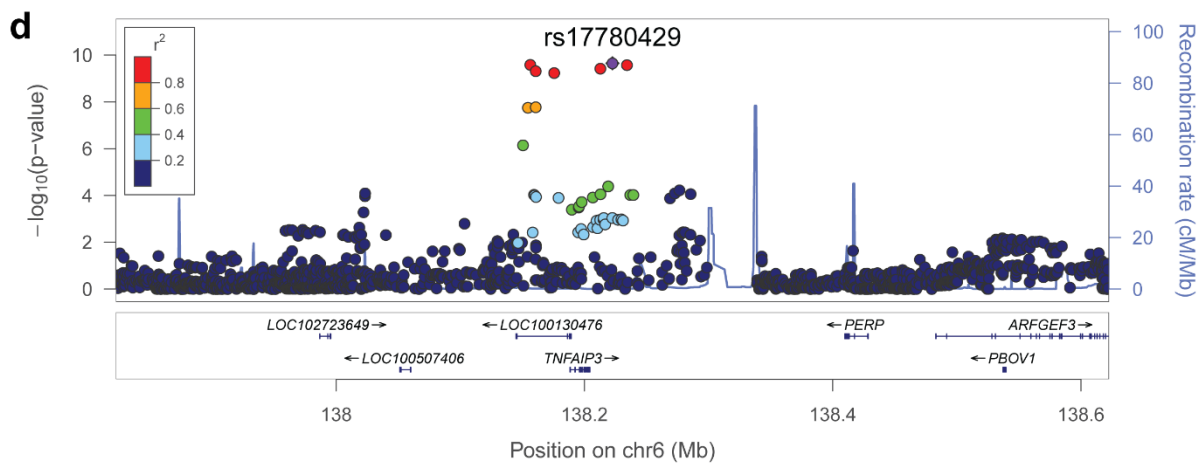
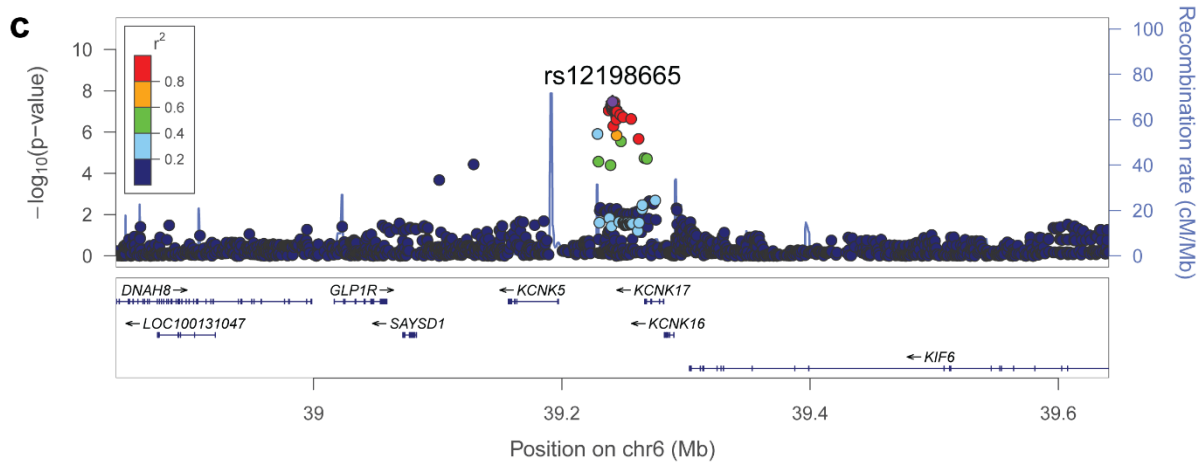
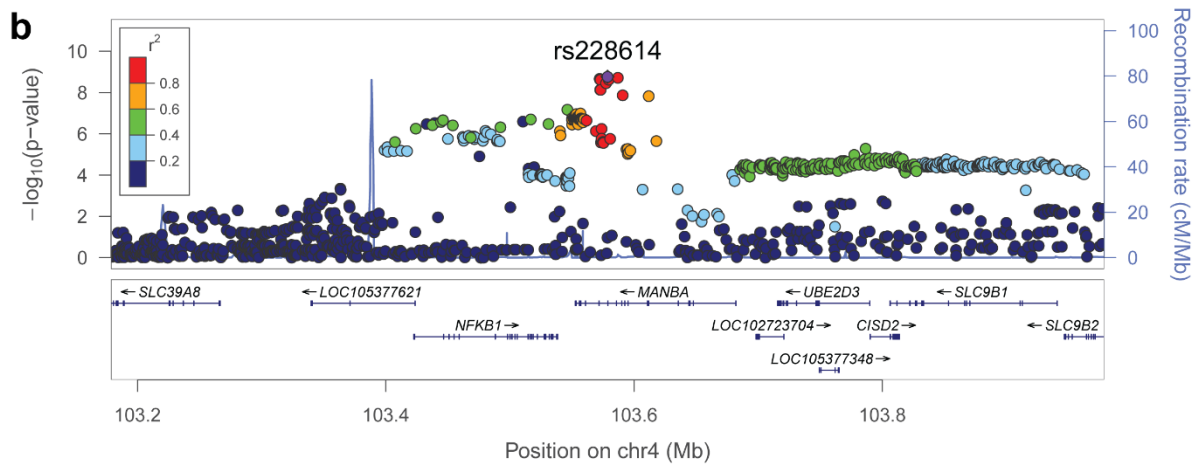
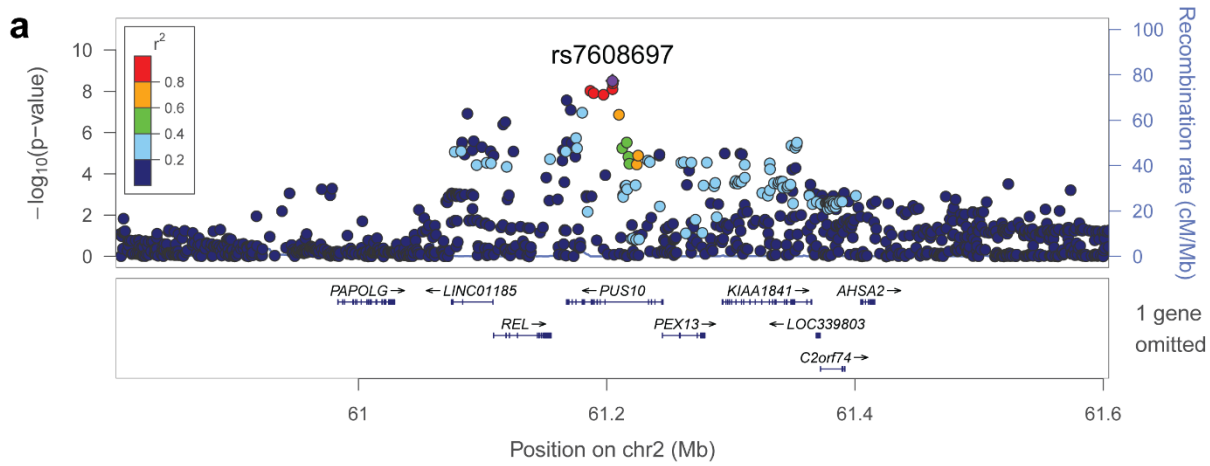
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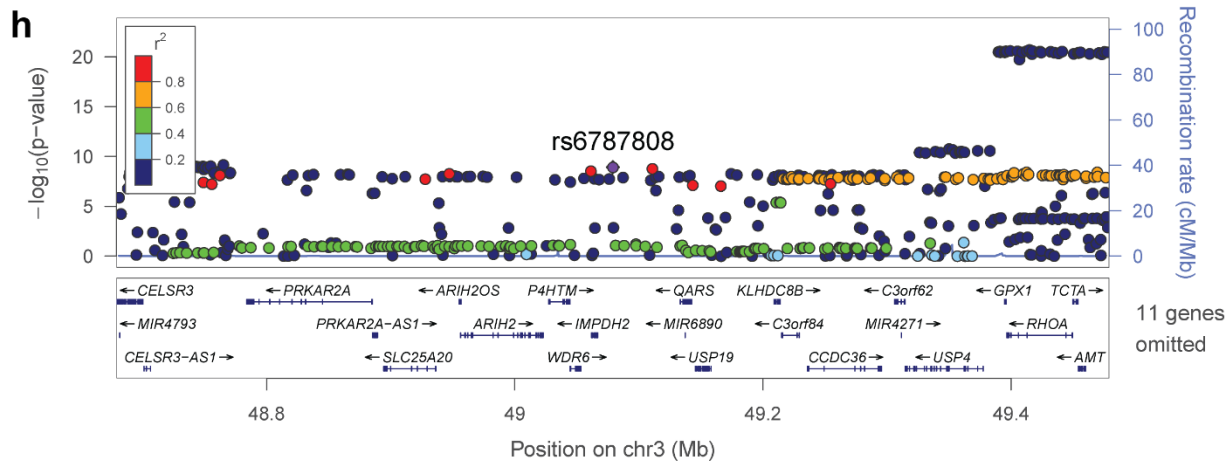
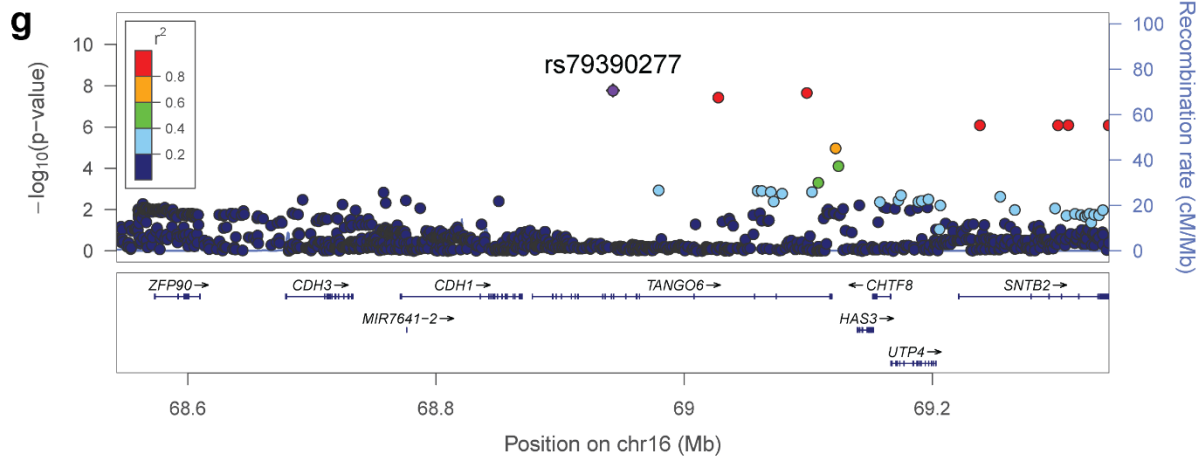
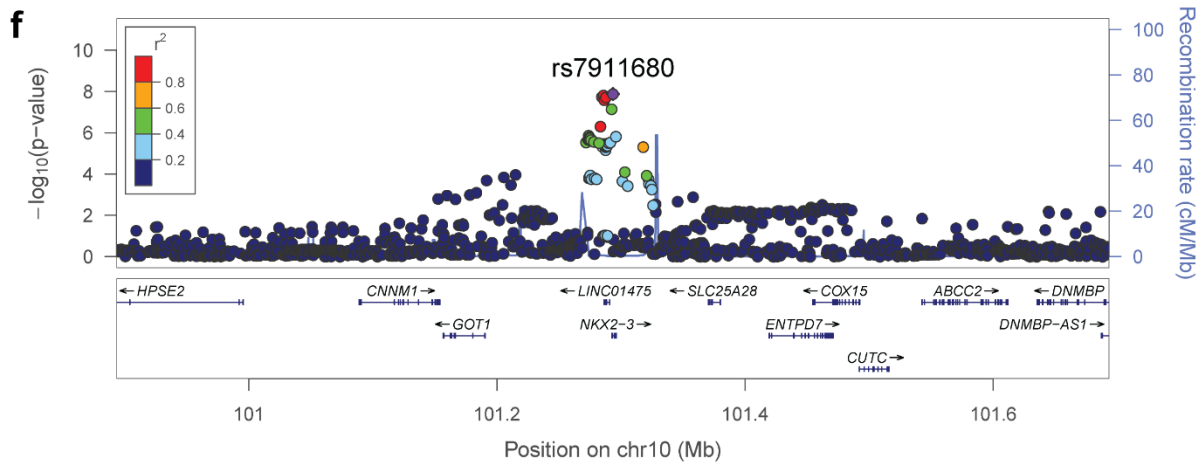
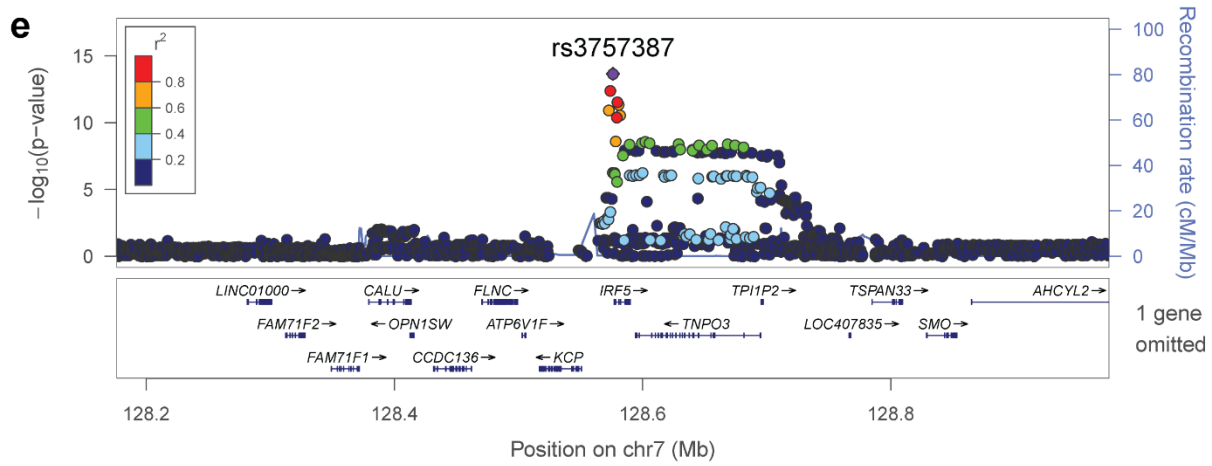
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Supplementary Table 1. PSC risk-associated candidate protein input for drug repurposing analysis. Candidate proteins were selected based on a genome-wide significant P-value shown in Supplementary Data 16.

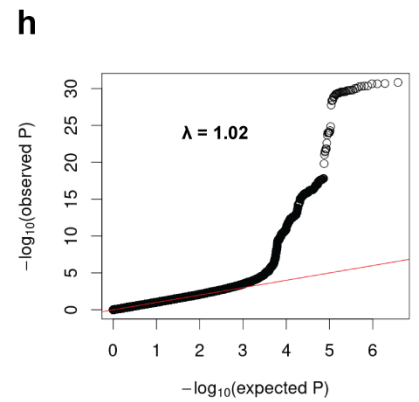
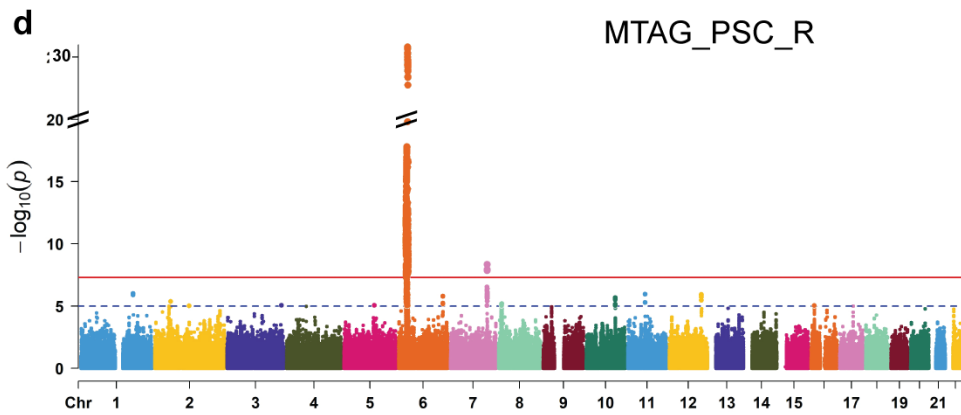
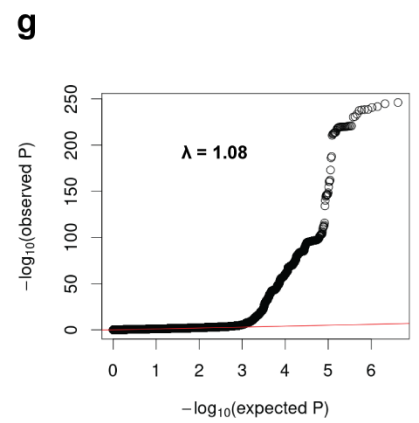
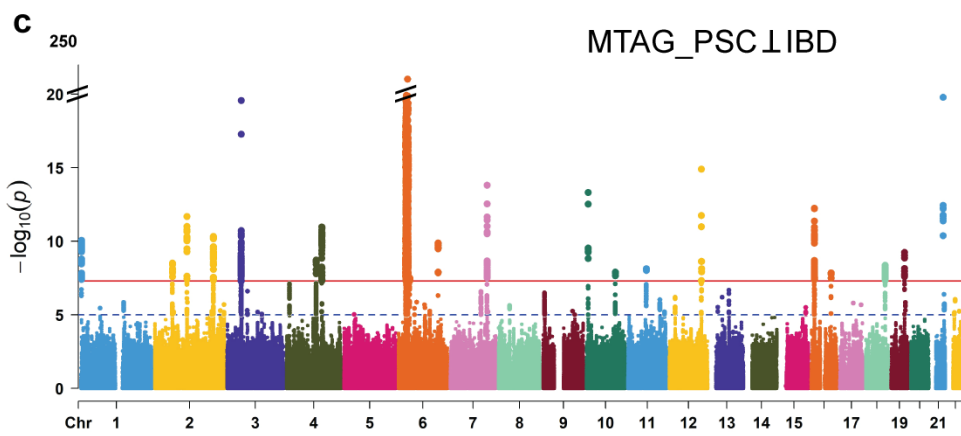
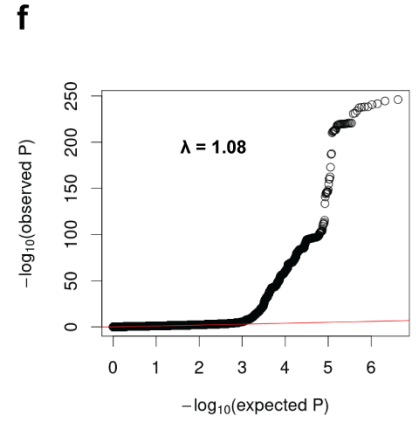
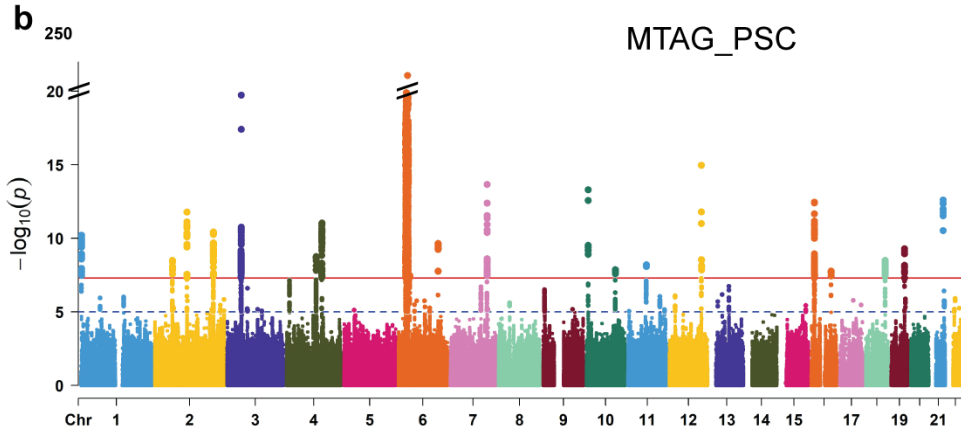
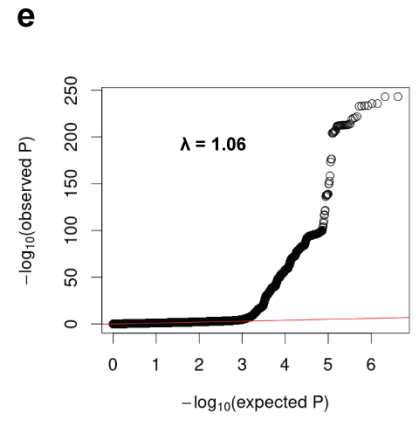
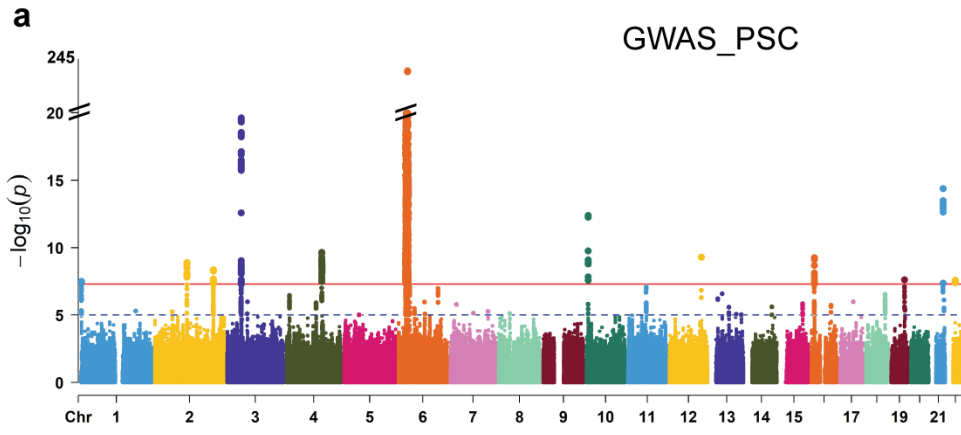
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Supplementary Figure 1. LocusZoom plots of regional genome-wide associations for MTAG-identified PSC-specific new susceptibility associations. LocusZoom genomic regional plot displays a new PSC-specific risk locus identified from the multi-trait analysis of GWAS (MTAG) in the discovery study. All presented P-values (p-value) are two-sided unadjusted P-values. The newly MTAG-identified PSC risk variant is colored in purple, and colors dots indicate LD measure r^2 with the lead variant in purple. **(a) - (g)** displays newly discovered loci in this study and **(h)** new lead variant in the previously reported locus. **(a)** rs7608697 in *PUS10* on 2p16.1; **(b)** rs228614 in *MANBA* on 4q24; **(c)** rs12198665 in *KCNK17* on 6p21.2; **(d)** rs17780429 in *TNFAIP3* on 6q23.3; **(e)** rs3757387 in *IRF5* on 7q32.1; **(f)** rs791168 in *NKX2-3* on 10q24.2; **(g)** rs79390277 in *TANGO6* on 16q22.1; **(h)** rs6787808 in *QRICHI* on 3p21.31. LocusZoom (v1.4; <https://github.com/statgen/locuszoom-standalone>) was used to visualize regional GWAS results.



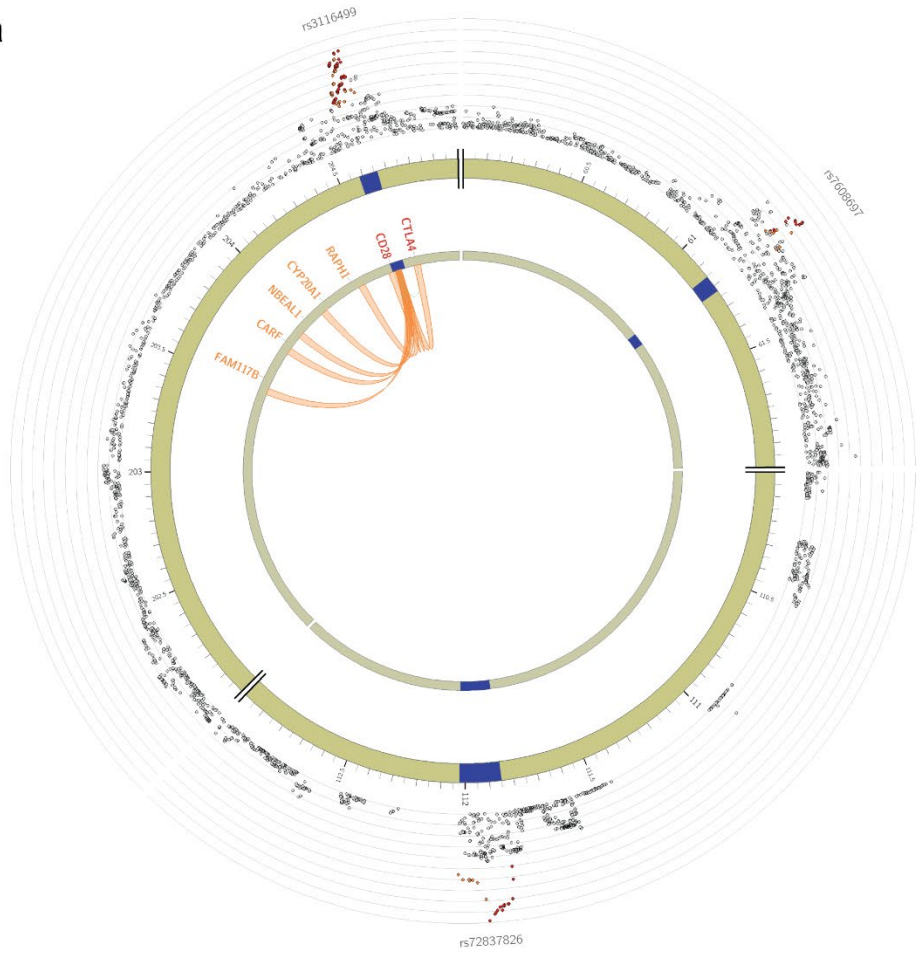


Supplementary Figure 2. Manhattan and quantile-quantile plots from PSC-specific genome-wide associations. The solid lines in red and the dotted lines in blue indicate the genome-wide significant two-sided unadjusted P-value of $-\log_{10}(5 \times 10^{-8})$ and the suggestive significant two-sided unadjusted P-value of $-\log_{10}(1 \times 10^{-5})$, respectively. **(a, e)** the single-trait GWAS (**GWAS_PSC**); **(b, f)** MTAG-identified PSC GWAS against five immune-mediated disorders, CD, UC, IBD, lupus, and PBC (**MTAG_PSC**); **(c, g)** MTAG PSC GWAS excluding IBD (**MTAG_PSC \perp IBD**); **(d, h)** MTAG PSC GWAS in the replicate phase (**MTAG_PSC_R**).

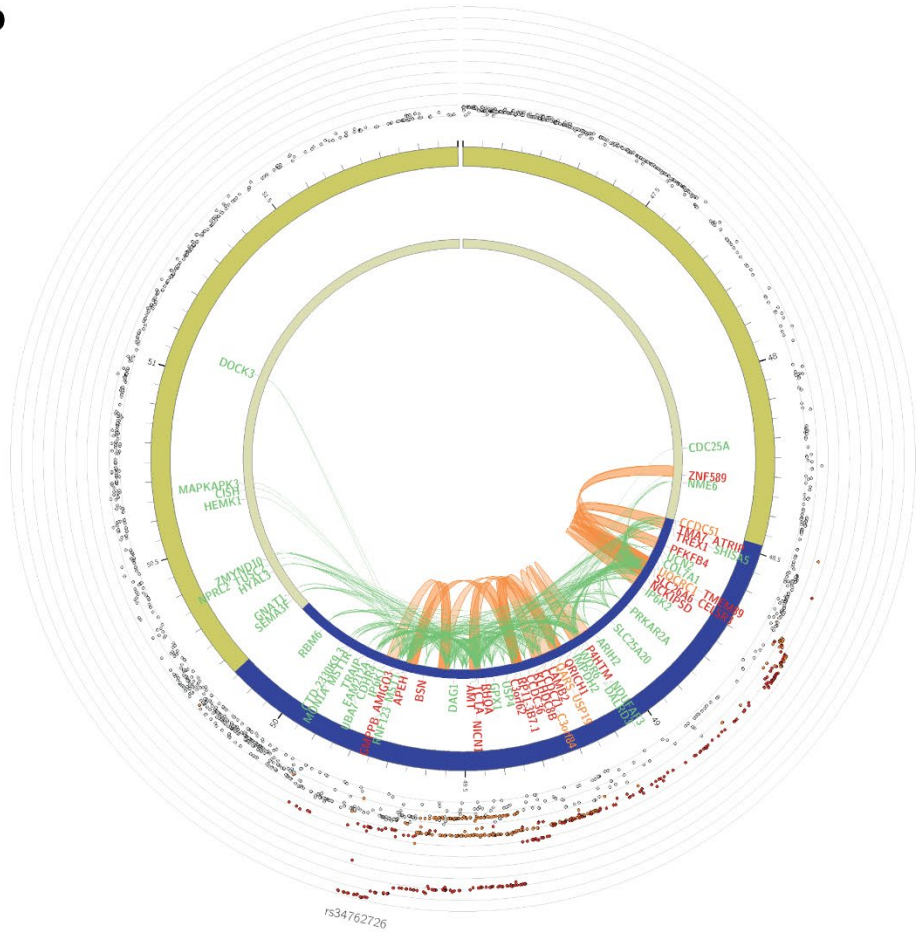


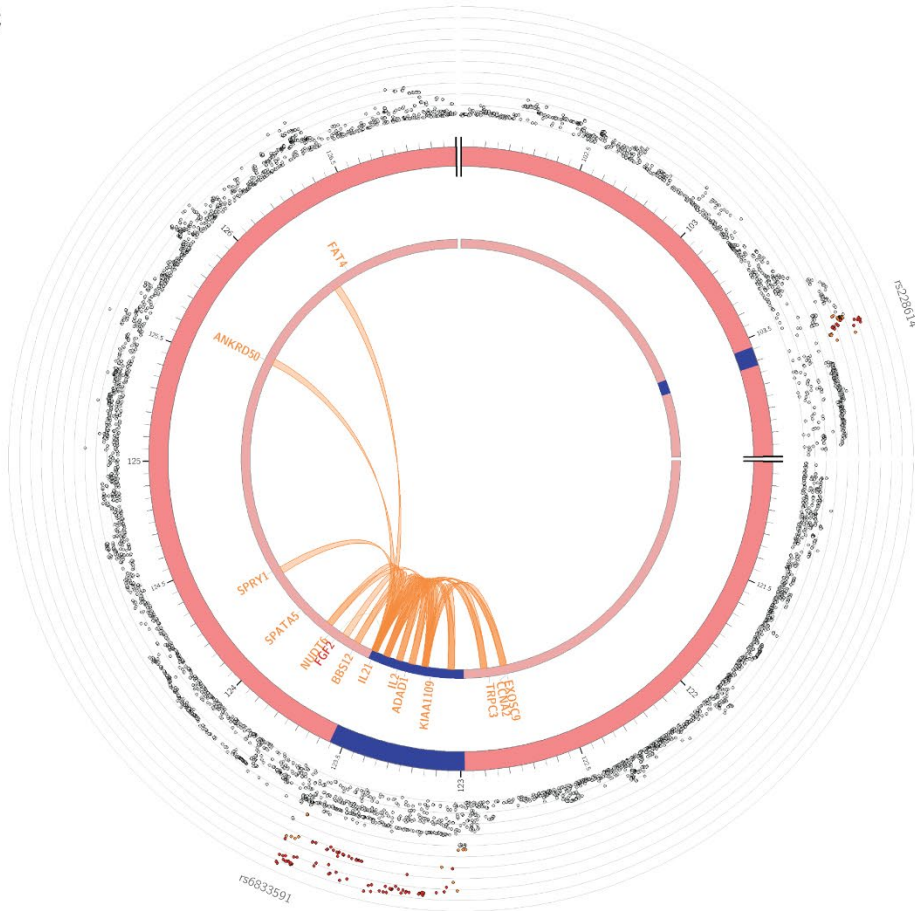
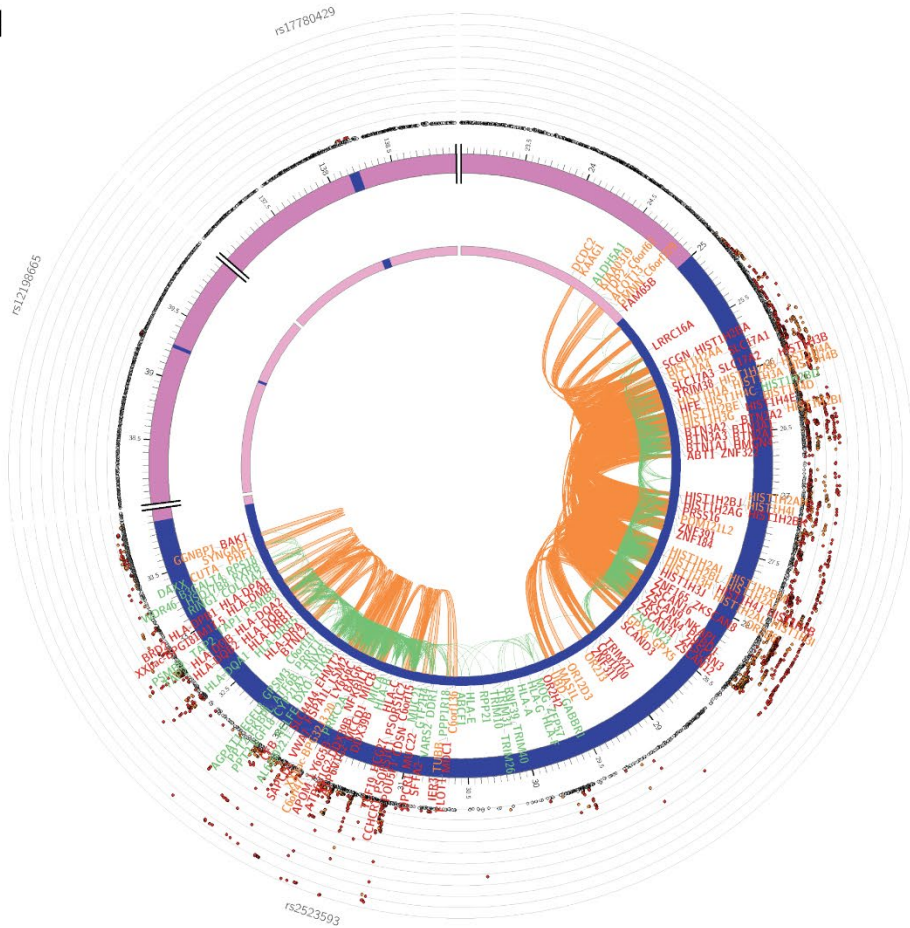
Supplementary Figure 3. Interactions of chromatin and eQTL within PSC risk loci. Genes mapped by either Hi-C (orange), or eQTL (green) are shown on the inner circle. Genes mapped by both Hi-C and eQTL are shown in red on the inner circle. The most outer layer represents Manhattan plot including only SNPs with $P < 0.05$. SNPs in genomic risk loci are color-coded as a function of their maximum LD r^2 to the one of the independent significant SNPs in each locus, as follows: $r^2 > 0.8$ in red, $r^2 > 0.6$ in orange, $r^2 > 0.4$ in green, $r^2 > 0.2$ in blue. SNPs not in LD with any of the independent significant SNPs ($r^2 \leq 0.2$) are grey. The rsIDs of the top SNPs in each risk locus are displayed in the most outer layer. Y-axis ranges from 0 to the maximum $-\log_{10}(P\text{-value})$ of the SNPs. The second layer displays the chromosome ring and genomic risk locus highlighted in blue. The third layer aligns the position of genes with genomic coordinate and genomic risk locus in blue. **(a)** 2p16.1; **(b)** 3p21.31; **(c)** 4q24; **(d)** 6p21.2; **(e)** 7q32.1; **(f)** 10q24.2, **(g)** 16q22.1; **(f)** 21q22.2.

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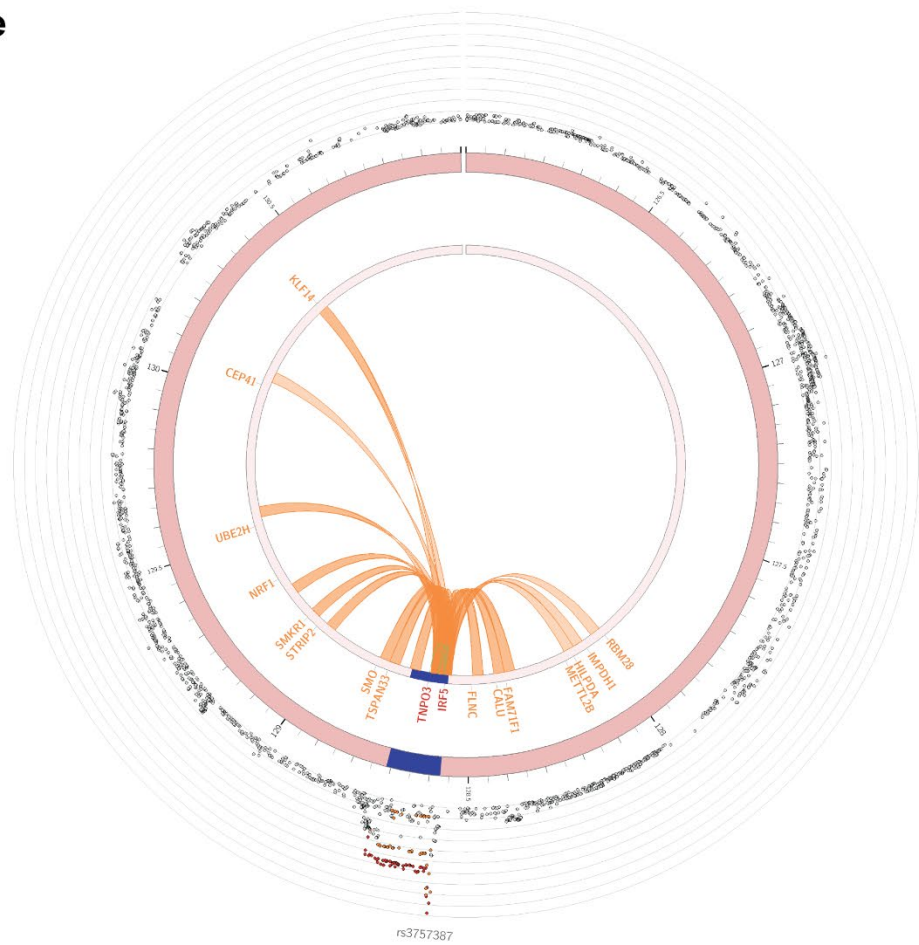


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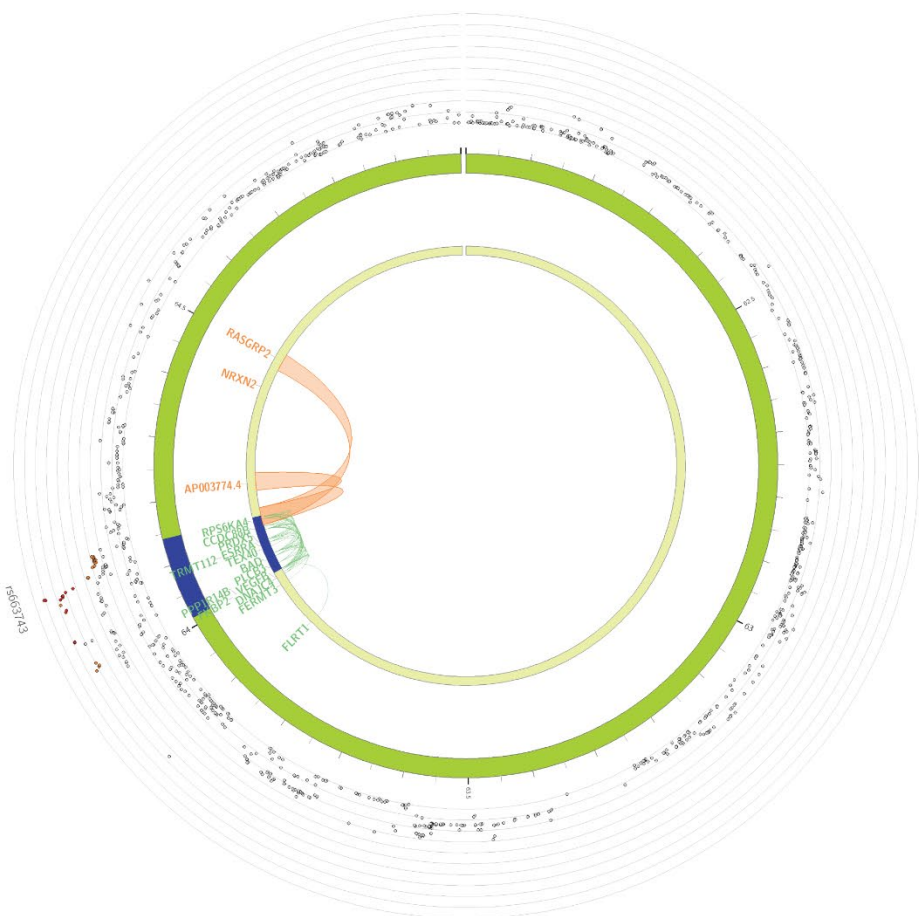


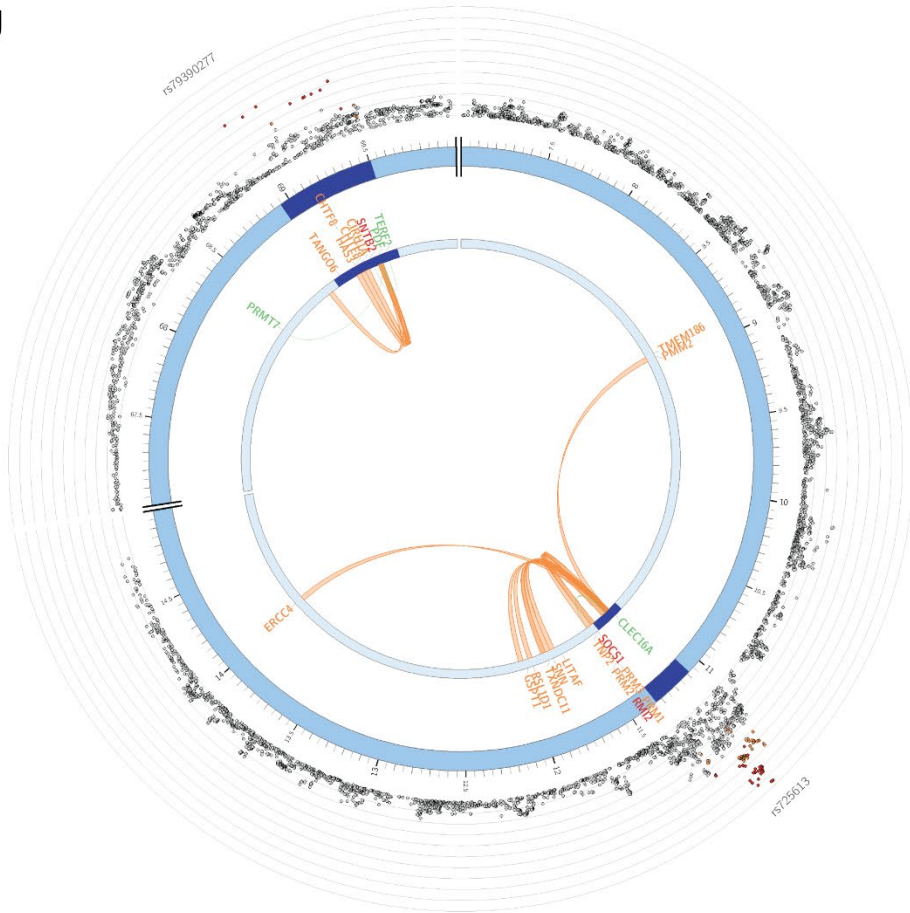
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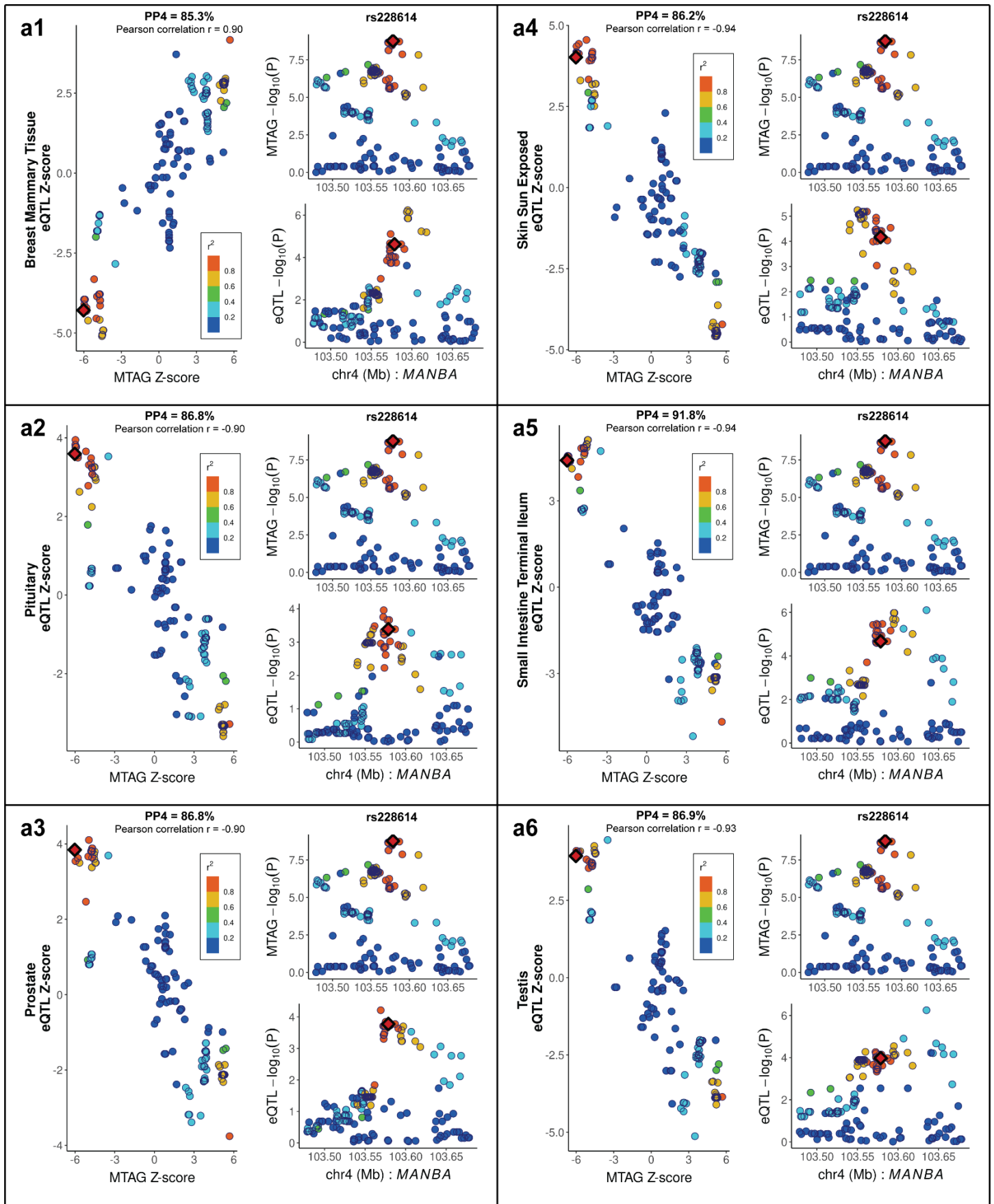


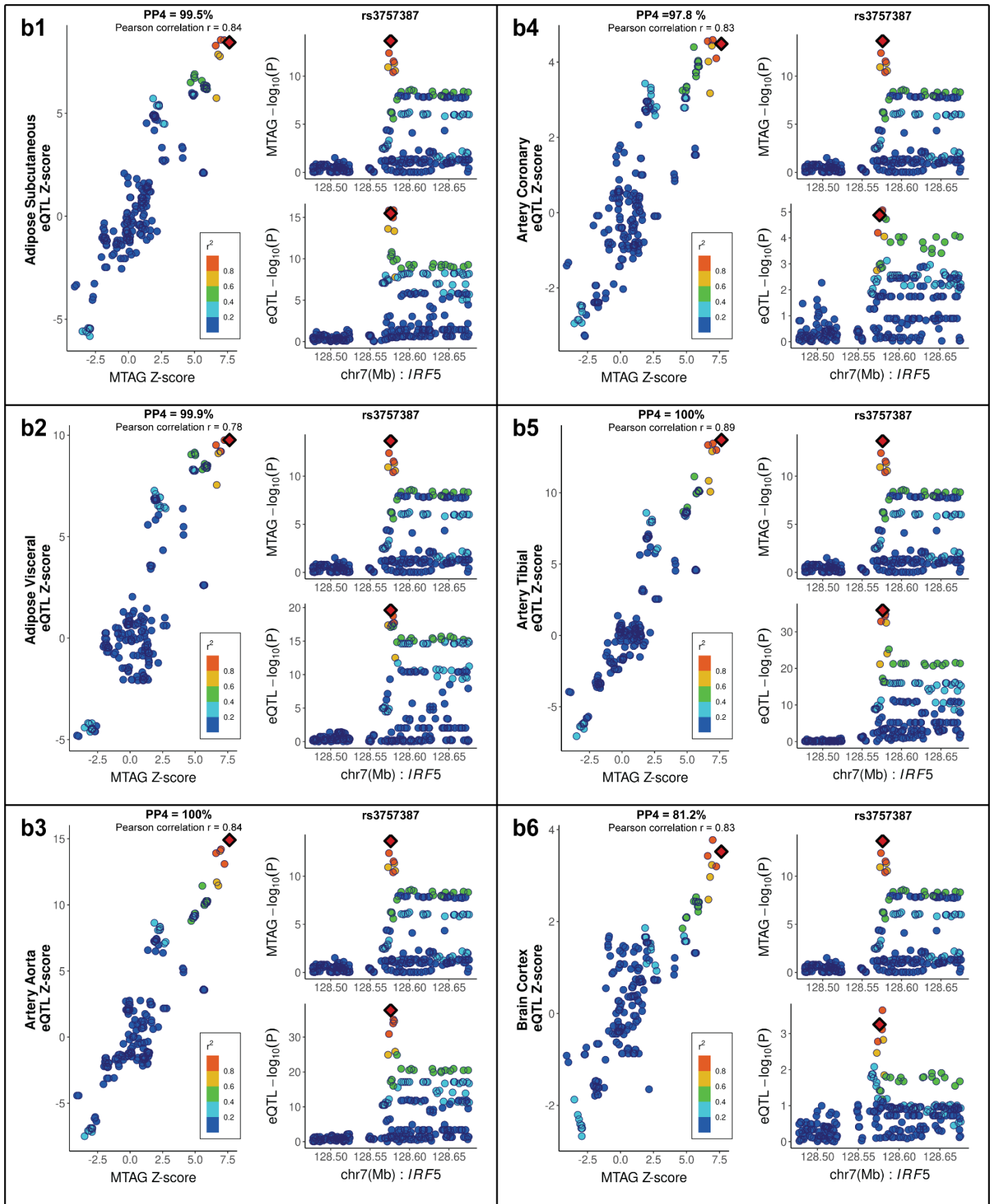
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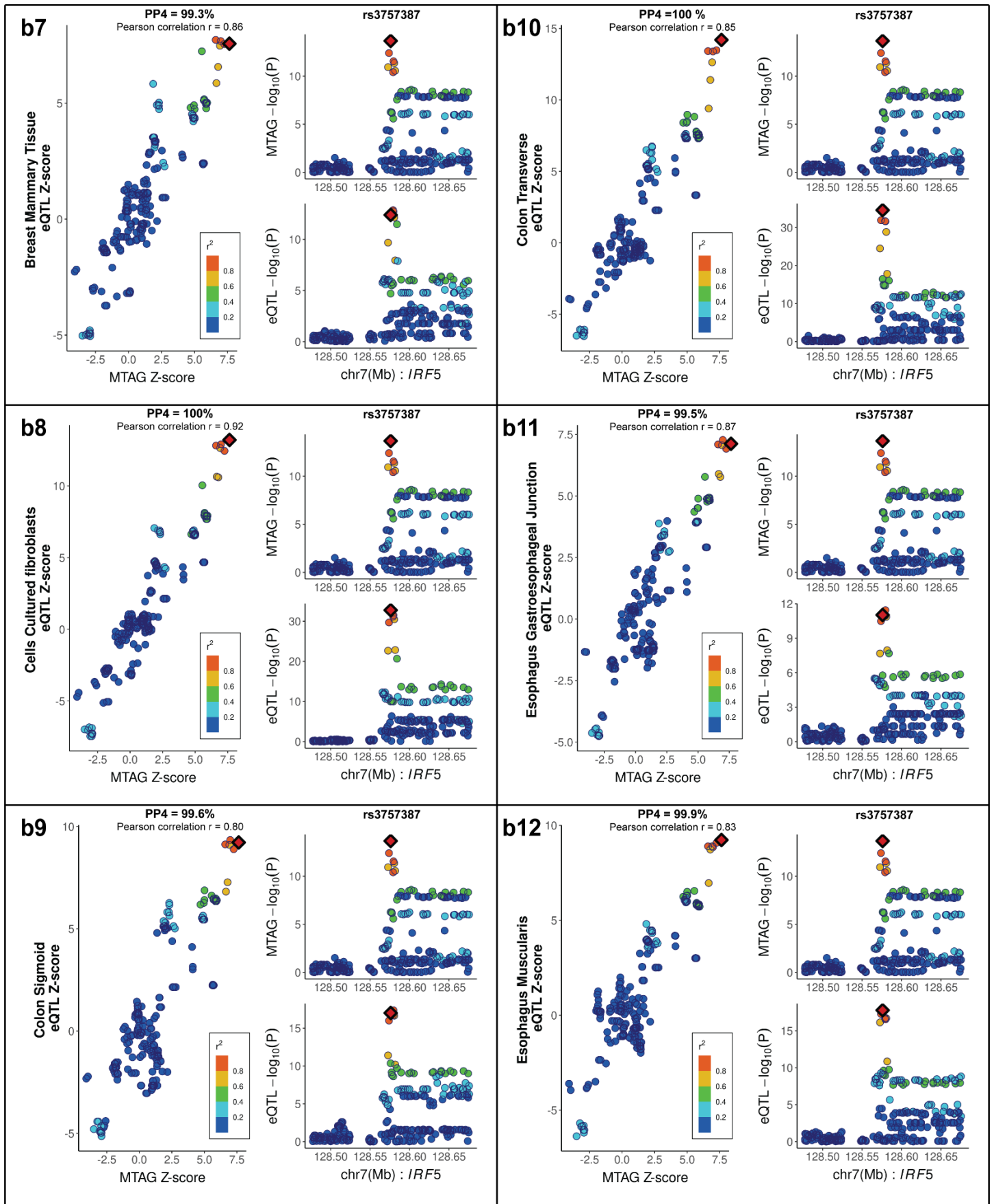


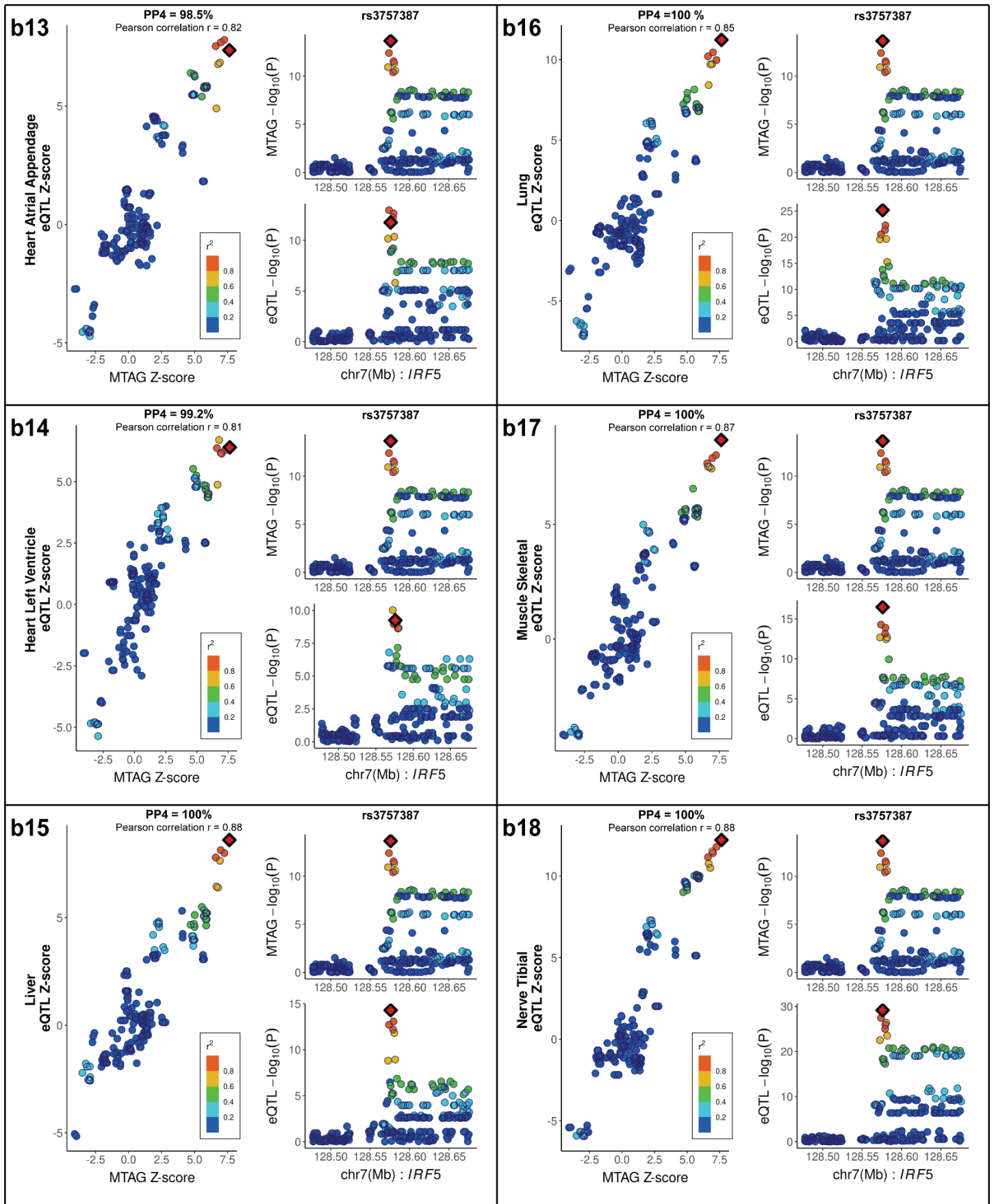
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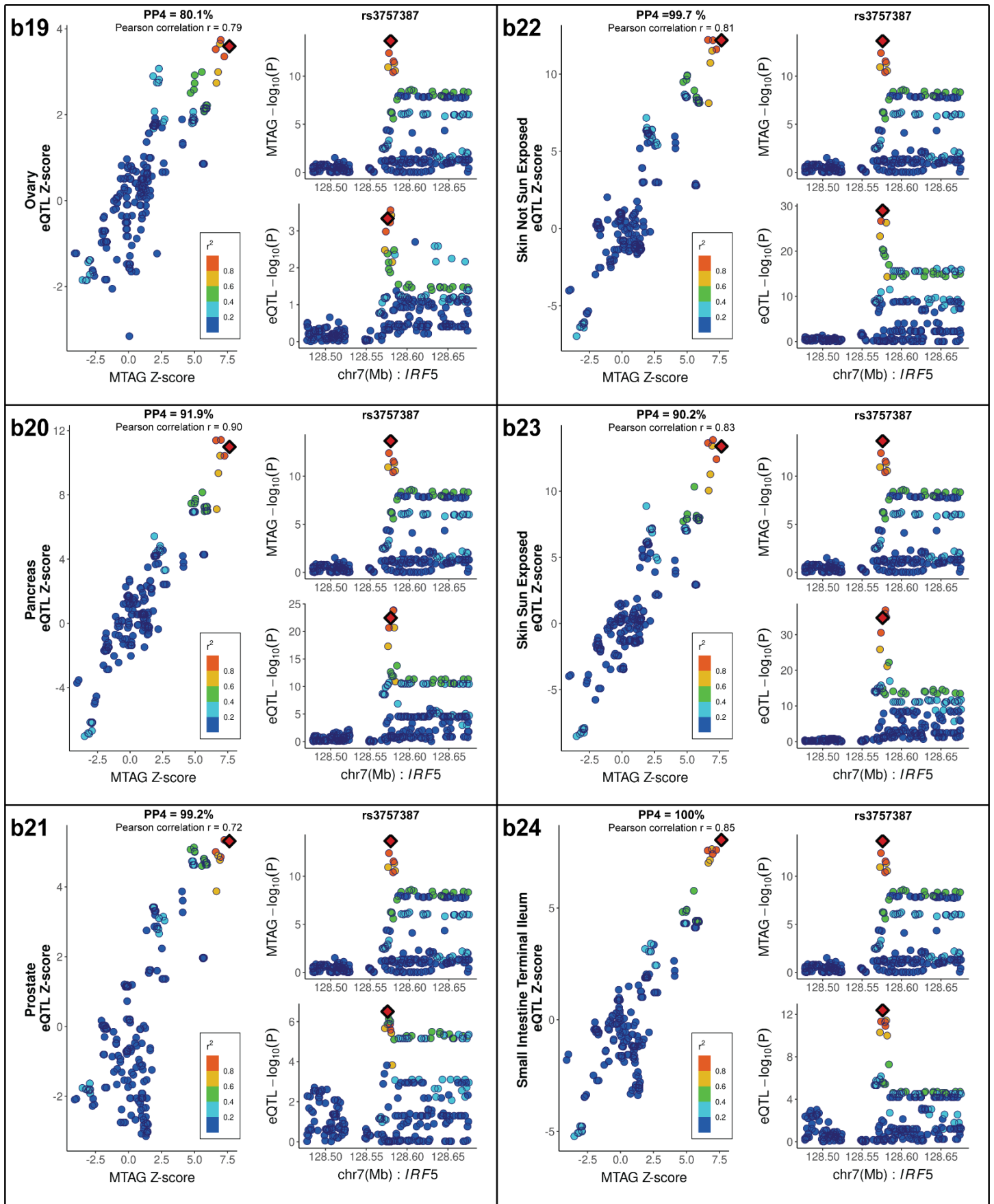
Supplementary Figure 4. Colocalization plots between PSC MTAG and eQTL tissue. Functional validation of the MTAG-identified PSC candidate genes suggests the plausible posterior probability that both PSC and tested tissue are associated and share a single function variant (PP4) at the threshold of $PP4 > 0.80$. **(a1-a3)** Tissue-specific colocalization for *MANBA*; **(bC1-b30)** for *IRF5*; **(c1-c3)** for *NKX2-3*.

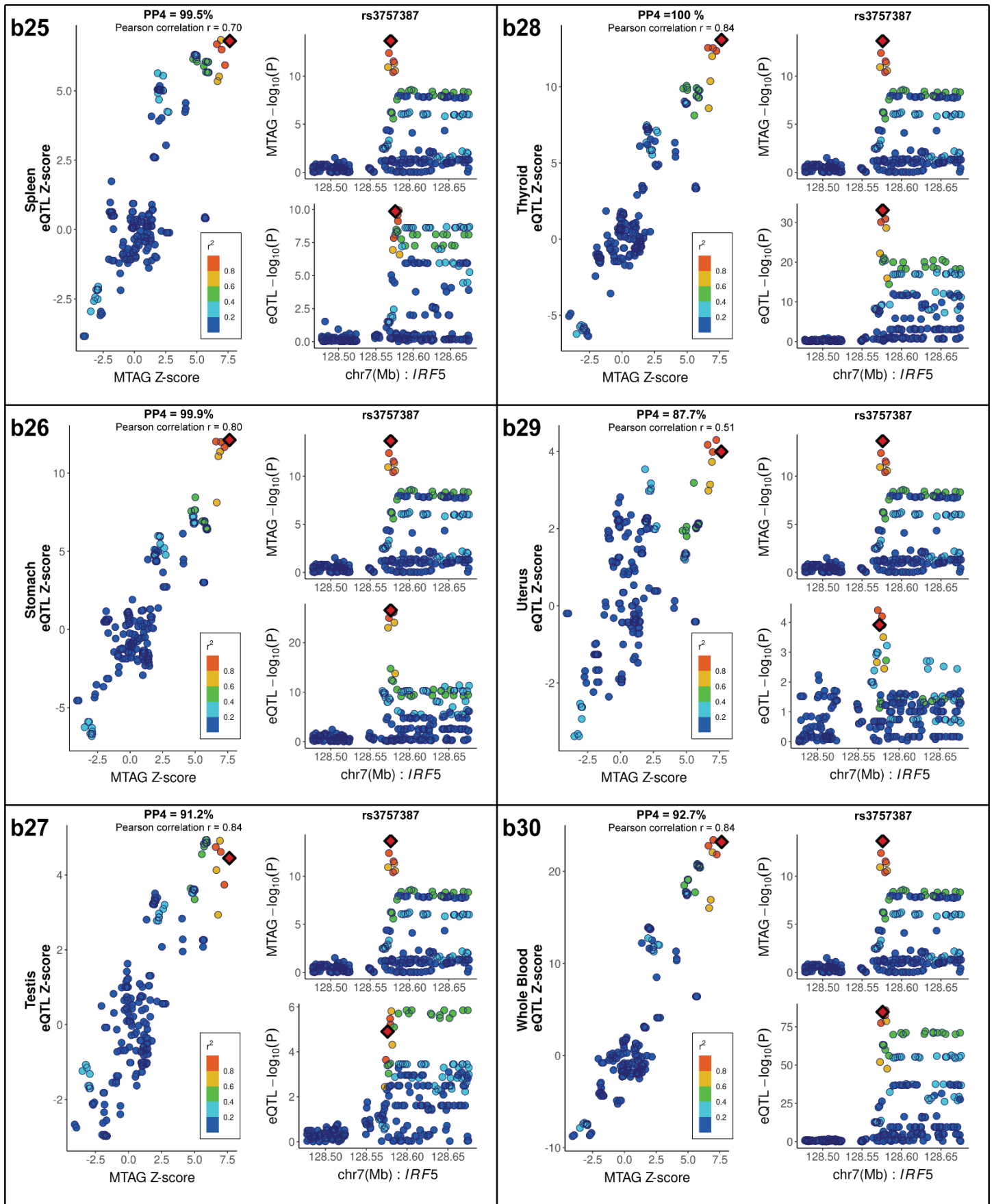


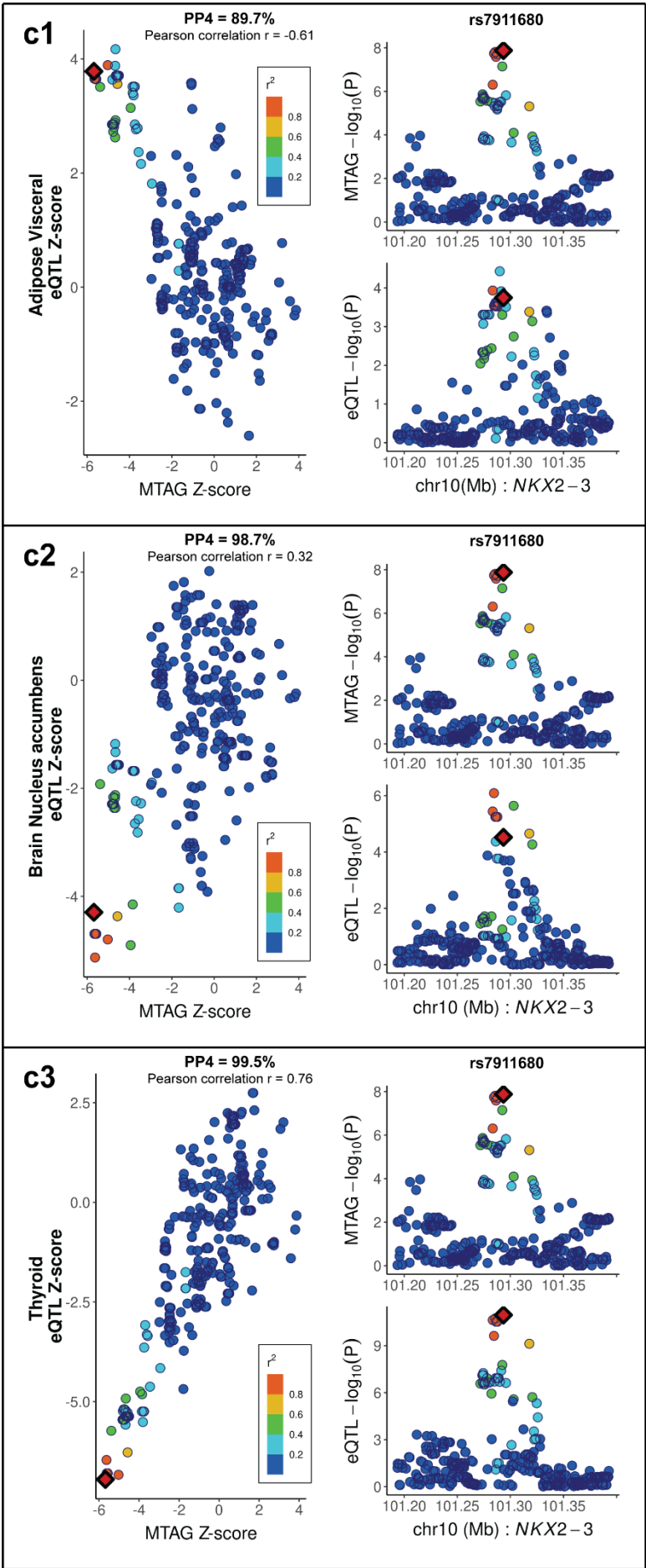




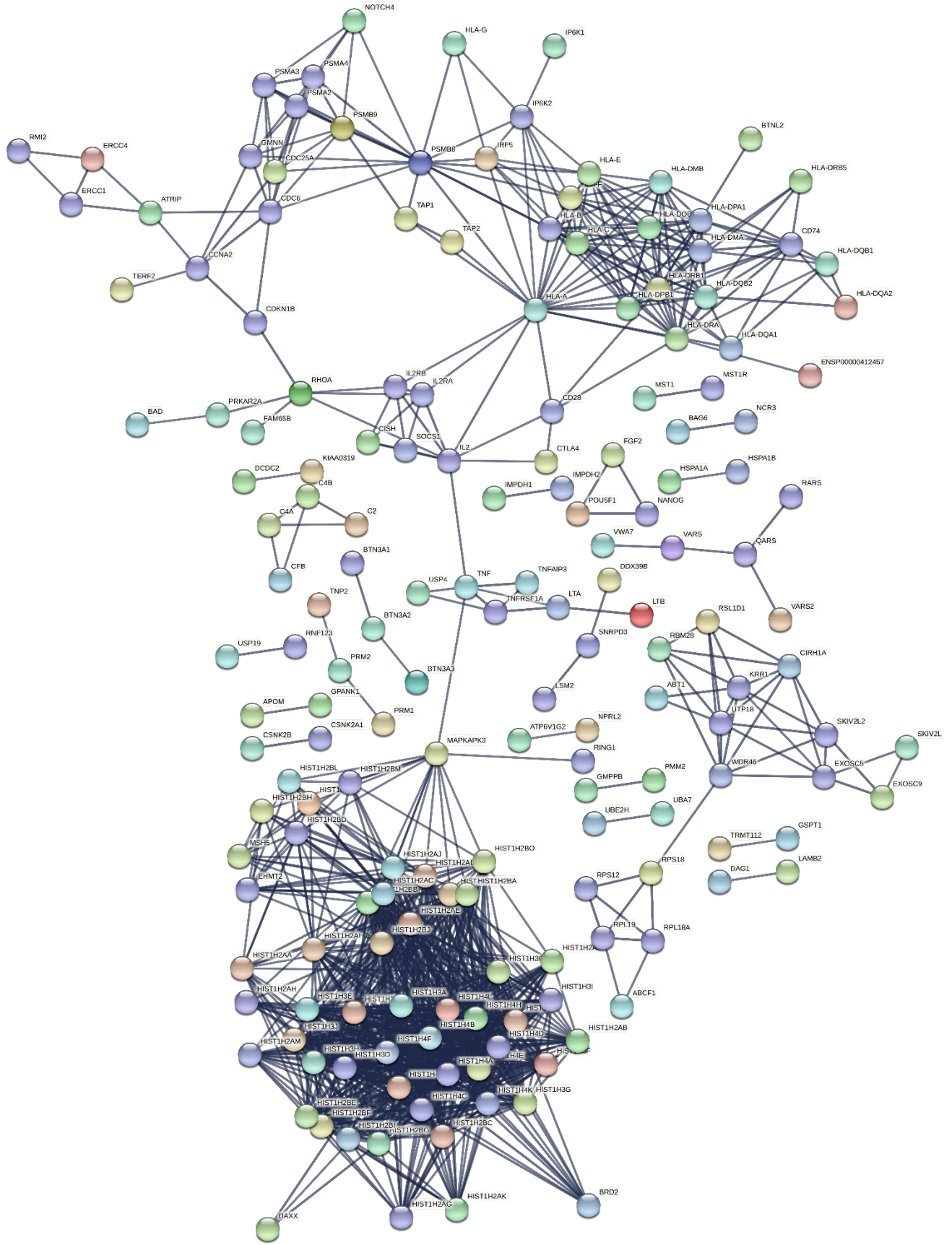




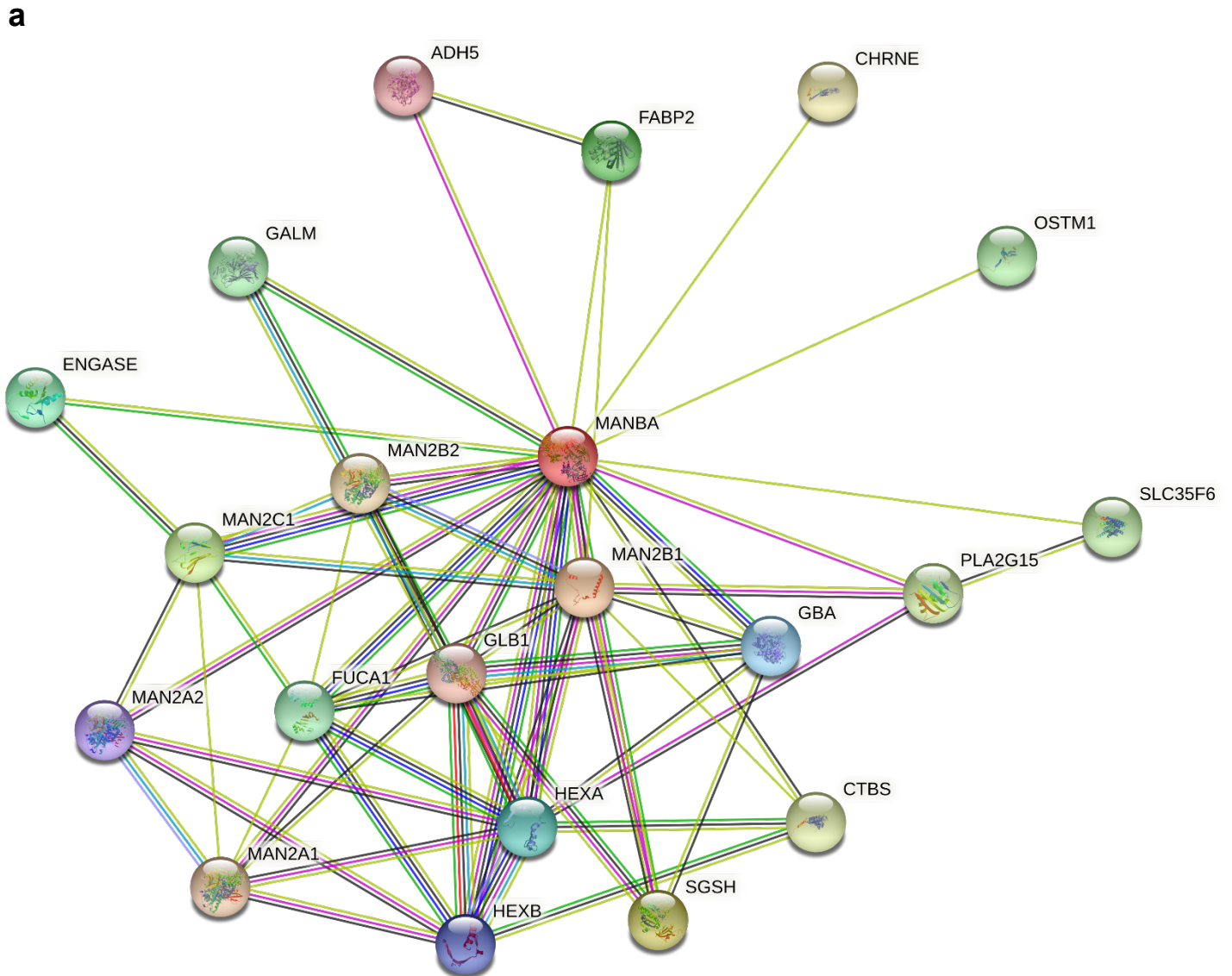




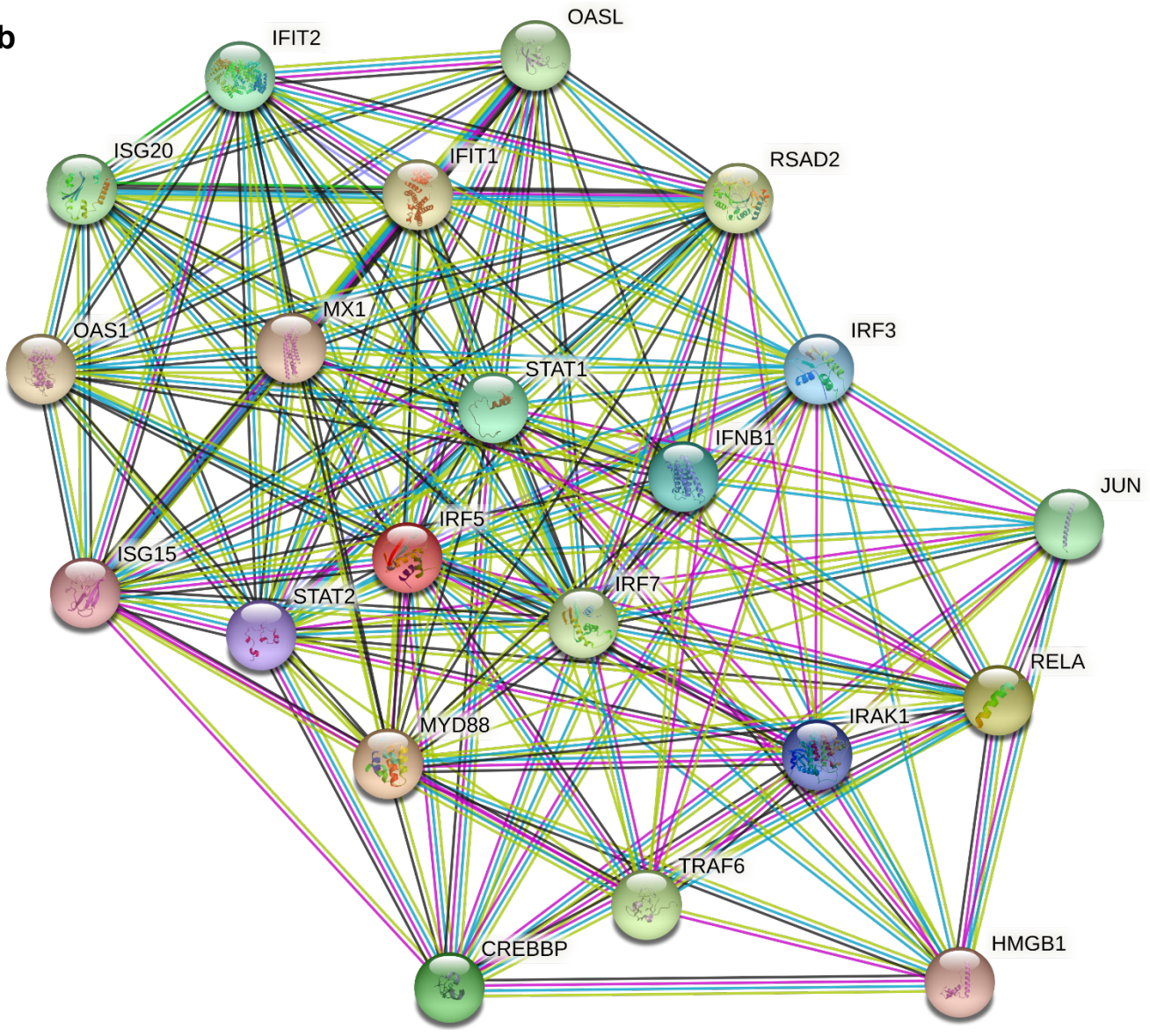
Supplementary Figure 5. STRING protein-protein interaction (PPI) plots modeled in STRING using 406 candidate genes. The prioritized 406 genes displayed relevant groups of related genes involved in the regulation of specific biological pathways using PPI networks. Results of highly enriched pathways using STRING PPI are shown in Supplementary Data 13.



Supplementary Figure 6. STRING protein-protein interaction (PPI) plots modeled in STRING. MTAG-identified PSC-specific candidate gene network reported for (a) *MANBA* (PPI enrichment P-value, $P=5.16 \times 10^{-14}$); (b) for *IRF5* ($P=1.00 \times 10^{-16}$); (c) for *NKX2-3* ($P=1.13 \times 10^{-9}$).



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