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Genome Wide Association Studies and Polygenic Risk Score Phenome Wide Association Studies across complex phenotypes in the Human Phenotype Project

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Summary

Background

Genome-Wide-Association Studies (GWAS) associate phenotypes and genetic variants across a study cohort. GWAS require large-scale cohorts with both phenotype and genetic sequencing data, limiting studied phenotypes. The Human Phenotype Project is a longitudinal study which has measured a wide range of clinical and biomolecular features from a self-assignment cohort over 5 years. The phenotypes collected are quantitative traits, providing higher resolution insights into the genetics of complex phenotypes.

Methods

We present the results of GWAS and Polygenic Risk Score-Phenome-Wide Association Studies with 729 clinical phenotypes and 4,043 molecular features from the Human Phenotype Project. This includes clinical traits that have not been previously associated with genetics, including measures from continuous sleep monitoring, continuous glucose monitoring, liver ultrasound, hormonal status and fundus imaging.

Findings

In GWAS of 8,706 individuals, we found significant associations between 169 clinical traits and 1,184 Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms. We found genes associated with both glycemic control and mental disorders, and we quantify the strength of genetic signals in serum metabolites. In Polygenic Risk Score Phenome-Wide-Association Studies for clinical traits, we found 16,047 significant associations.

Conclusions

The entire set of findings, which we disseminate publicly, provides newfound resolution into the genetic architecture of complex human phenotypes. Our findings are available through an interactive online dashboard at <https://zacharylevine.shinyapps.io/GWASDashboard/>.

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41 **Introduction**

42 **The Human Phenotype Project (HPP)**

43 The present study aimed to study the genetic associations for novel complex phenotypes from
44 the HPP. HPP is a large-scale longitudinal study focused on the deep profiling of healthy
45 participants aged between 40 and 70 years from the Israeli general population. The project is
46 centered around the cohort based on voluntary self-assignment and a screening survey and aims
47 to identify novel diagnostic biomarkers and targets for disease. Over the course of five years, the
48 study has collected a wide range of clinical data and molecular data, and aims to uncover markers
49 for disease and treatment targets¹. Table 1 displays the basic demographic characteristics of the
50 study population. The baseline characteristics of the cohort vary significantly between sexes. As
51 assessed by standard health markers such as waist circumference and Body-Mass-Index (BMI),
52 female HPP participants are healthier than their male counterparts. The HPP cohort is
53 additionally largely composed of educated European (Ashkenazi) Jews.

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55 **Why Study Quantitative Traits?**

56 The vast majority of our traits are quantitative, and here we focused on the continuous-scale traits.
57 This not only increases statistical power in a GWAS setting², but also allows for detection of
58 genetic signals before disease diagnoses thresholds are reached. Overall, our phenotypes
59 provide unique viewpoints to both identify new genetic associations across the many domains of
60 human health we studied, and understand existing genetic associations in a new light.

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62 **What is PRS-PheWAS?**

63 Phenome-wide association studies (PheWAS) test for associations between many phenotypes
64 and a single genetic variant or signal. For most human traits, the proportion of variance explained
65 by individual genetic variants is small³. Thus, one approach to study complex phenotypes is to
66 aggregate the contributions of multiple SNPs (weighted by effect sizes) to a phenotype using
67 Polygenic Risk Scores (PRS). PRS-PheWAS is an analogue of standard PheWAS, in which a
68 single genetic variant is replaced by a PRS⁴, which is tested for associations with phenotypes.
69 PheWAS has been shown previously to yield insights on the genetic underpinnings of disease^{5,6},
70 with follow-up applications to causal inference using Mendelian Randomization⁷. PheWAS
71 normally includes genotypes and phenotypes from the same population. In our PheWAS, we
72 associated each of our traits with PRS from the UK Biobank (UKBB)⁸, which we chose because
73 it is the largest biobank with comparable phenotypes to the The Human Phenotype Project (HPP).
74 The UKBB also features pre-existing GWAS results for its traits. Compared to standard PheWAS
75 with SNPs from the HPP, testing for associations to PRS from the UKBB allows for detection of
76 more robust signals, leveraging insights from the larger UKBB study cohort.

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78 **Main Findings**

79 We found 1,184 and 16,047 significant associations in GWAS and PRS-PheWAS, respectively.
80 In GWAS we identified genes associated with both glycemic control and mental disorders, and
81 present unexpected genetic associations for glycemic variance. We also found strong genetic
82 signals in serum metabolites.

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84 **Results and Discussion**

85 **Trait and Variant Filtering**

86 The core components of our datasets are quantitative high-resolution traits extracted from
87 continuous time measurements of sleep monitoring and blood glucose. For blood glucose, these
88 include eA1c, an estimate of Glycated Hemoglobin A1c⁹ (HbA1c) levels in the blood, which is
89 useful for diagnosing diabetes, and CoGV, the coefficient of glucose variation over time. These

90 features are based on continuous glucose monitors (CGMs) worn by participants for two weeks.
91 For sleep, our feature set is based on at-home sleep monitoring data from three nights, and
92 includes clinical tools used to diagnose sleep apnea such as the respiratory disturbance index
93 (RDI) and Apnea-Hypopnea Index (AHI). We additionally included fundus microvasculature
94 features, computed via a deep-learning pipeline for analysis of retinal vascular morphology¹⁰.
95 These include ocular biomarkers for systemic disease, such as vein vessel density and fractal
96 dimension, which is a measure of the complexity and density of retinal vasculature. We also
97 performed measurements related to liver health (liver ultrasound and two-dimensional shear wave
98 elastography as a surrogate for fibrosis), the ankle brachial index (ABI), pulse wave velocity and
99 blood pressure, body composition via Dual-energy X-ray absorptiometry (DEXA) scan, and
100 lifestyle and hormonal status questionnaires from the HPP. Rather than standard disease
101 diagnoses, the aforementioned measured traits allow for higher resolution insights into the
102 development of disease, thus enabling us to detect signals before a disease diagnosis threshold
103 is crossed. Genetics data is based on shallow sequencing performed by the external third-party
104 Gencove^{11,12} on 8,706 subjects, which has been shown to be viable and accurate^{13,14}.
105 In our study, we first applied filters for Hardy-Weinberg Equilibrium, minor allele frequency, and
106 first-degree relatives to arrive at a final genetics set consisting of genotypes for 8,932,865 SNPs
107 and 8,706 individuals. We analyzed the clinical phenotypes separately from the molecular
108 phenotypes. After excluding phenotypes with missing data and trait imbalance, we included a total
109 of 729 clinical phenotypes in our analysis, of which 701 were quantitative and 28 were binary (as
110 shown in Table 2). We included observations from the beginning of the study, January 2019, to
111 September 17th 2023, the cut off point.

112 113 **Considering Clinical Traits, Only SNPs Associated to Glycemic Control Reach Study Wide** 114 **Significance**

115 To investigate the relationship between individual SNPs and all 729 clinical traits in the HPP, we
116 conducted GWAS at two different thresholds (single trait and study-wide). Using the standard
117 genome-wide significant threshold ($P < 5e-8$), we identified 160 traits with at least one significant
118 hit, and 14 of these traits remained significant after strict correction for multiple testing ($P < 5e-8/729$) (Figure 1). We denoted the results that were significant after correction for multiple testing
119 as “multi-trait” hits, and studied these in more detail. The only multi-trait hits were related to
120 glycemic control (e.g., e1Ac, COGI, and quartiles of glucose distribution). Thus, while we provide
121 full results for all data domains in the online dashboard, the present discussion only considers
122 glycemic control traits.

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125 In our insulin genome-wide association study (GWAS) after clumping (originally 8,932,865 tests),
126 we observed that the first quartile of each individual’s glucose distribution (a trait computed by the
127 iglu package) had the largest number (4) of multi-trait significant SNPs. Genes containing or
128 located near these SNPs were also implicated in other GWAS studies for childhood obesity¹⁵
129 (*PCDH15*, $P < 2E-19$), smoking¹⁶ (*PCDH15*, $P < 4E-21$), and mental disorders, predominantly
130 schizophrenia¹⁷⁻²³ (*GPM6A*, *PCDH15*) ($P < 3E-11$, $P < 2E-19$) (Figure 2). Our results are inline with
131 the previously reported shared genetic associations between glycemic control and mental
132 disorders²⁴.

133 134 **Features are Related to the Genetic Signals (PRS) of Similar Static Measurements**

135 Due to the polygenic nature of most commonly-studied human traits²⁵⁻²⁷, and limitations of GWAS
136 in terms of small effect sizes for most SNPs, we generated 4,116 PRS based on GWAS results
137 from the UKBB for our HPP cohort. The entire set includes PRS for disease diagnoses,
138 quantitative blood test measurements, behavior patterns, and family medical history. We
139 associated each PRS from the UKBB with all of our phenotypes in a PRS-PheWAS analysis
140 (Methods). The strongest PRS associations were found for HPP glycemic traits with the PRS for

141 glucose, as shown in Table S1. Consistent results were also observed across all data domains
142 (see Supplementary Figures). Overall, our findings suggest that the novel traits are strongly
143 associated with the genetic signals of similar but lower-resolution traits. Based on this validation,
144 any other associations found may be clinically significant.

145 146 **Within-Day and Between-Day Glycemic Variance contain different Genetic Signals**

147 In PRS-PheWAS, the standard deviation of the mean glucose across days at each time point in
148 the day²⁸ (SdHHMM) had the highest number of significant associations to PRS, among the entire
149 set of computed PRS. SdHHMM is a measure of within-day glycemic variance, the extent to which
150 blood glucose changes over the course of a day²⁸. As our association between this trait and
151 genetics is novel, it provides another angle into previous associations for glycemic control.

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153 The iglu package characterizes glycemic variability using the set of measures assembled by
154 Rodbard²⁸, including MAGE^{29,30}, CONGA_n³¹, SdW²⁸, MODD^{30,32}, SdDM²⁸, SdHHMM. These
155 measures distinguish between within-day variability and between-day variability. Within-day
156 variability includes MAGE, SdW, and SdHHMM, while between-day variability includes MODD,
157 SdDM, and CONGA. In our study, we used CONGA_24, defined on an interval for the entire day.
158 Rodbard observed weak correlations between the measures of within-day variability and
159 between-day variability²⁸. We found this similar dichotomy in our results. We found two different
160 groups of PRS, one that associated significantly with measures of between-day variability, and a
161 different set associated with the within-day measures. For SdHHMM, the significantly associated
162 PRS all predicted body fat mass, including BMI ($P < 2E-05$) and arm ($P < 1E-3$) and leg ($P < 8E-5$)
163 fat mass, and the direction of parameter estimates was negative. This suggests that in people
164 who are genetically predisposed to have higher fat mass, SdHHMM, or within day variability, was
165 significantly lower. This association is not limited to the genetic space: we saw significant negative
166 pearson correlations between SdHHMM and the BMI ($P < 3E-39$), DEXA-measured total fat mass
167 ($P < 2E-17$) and waist circumference ($P < 2E-18$) of HPP participants (see Methods). We found
168 different behavior in between-day variability for the Mean Of Daily paired Differences during
169 consecutive 24h periods (MODD). We found significant associations for MODD with PRS for
170 whether one takes the blood sugar medication metformin ($P = 0.0002$), diabetes diagnosis ($P <$
171 $2E-2$), and diabetes diagnosis of the mother ($P < 3E-7$), all linked to genetic risk of diabetes. These
172 parameter estimates were all positive, so that increased genetic risk of diabetes is associated
173 with larger between-day glycemic variance. These findings suggest that the relationship between
174 glycemic variability and Type 2 diabetes may involve more complex interactions than initially
175 thought³³, warranting further research to elucidate the underlying mechanisms.

176 177 **Our Association of Continuous Time Monitors with Genetics is Novel**

178 iglu CGM features have never been associated with genetics before. In addition, while sleep traits
179 have been the subject of GWAS before, the majority of these studies are based on self-reported
180 data, which has been shown to disagree with objective sleep measures^{34,35}, or were based on
181 data from a single night or with lower resolution³⁶. GWAS have been conducted previously on
182 quantitative sleep data from the UK Biobank. These analyses on sleep quality, quantity, and
183 timing estimates are based on actigraphy, and focus only on a limited number of traits³⁷. In
184 contrast, we measure more precise sleep indices, reflecting both previously measured sleep
185 patterns, but also sleep apnea related phenomena, from both actigraphy and
186 photoplethysmography.

187 188 **Molecular Traits: Negative Results for Gut Microbiome but Hope for Metabolites**

189 The gut microbiome is an important determinant of health³⁸⁻⁴⁶. We therefore tested for
190 associations between gut microbiome composition, specifically relative abundance of different
191 species, and genetics. Compared to most studies, our GWAS is on a larger scale.

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193 To quantify gut microbiome composition, we measured the relative abundance of different species
194 in the gut from a self collected stool sample by HPP participants. We passed these feature sets
195 through the same filtering as other traits (see Methods). Of these, 3645 metabolites and 398
196 species of gut microbiota were selected based on a balanced distribution, which we defined by
197 no more than 95% of the data having the same value, and a low proportion of missing values, in
198 which we set the minimum allowable sample size to be 2000. These are quantitative molecular
199 traits, as opposed to the clinical traits discussed above, thus, we performed GWAS and PRS
200 analysis separately on them.

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202 Our results suggest that there is untapped potential in genetic analyses of metabolomic features.
203 We found 70 metabolites with at least one multi-trait (study-wide) hit, adjusting for 3,645
204 metabolites. After a much stricter multiple hypothesis correction than for our clinical traits (differing
205 by a factor of 5), 1.9% of the metabolites had at least one multi-trait significant hit. The metabolite
206 with the most hits had 48 significant SNPs after clumping. These mapped to 32 unique genes,
207 many of which have previous associations to metabolomic⁴⁷ (rs62529934, *ARHGAP39*, $P < 3E-12$),
208 mental^{19,48-50} (rs184086599, *HCN1*, $P < 3E-15$), and lipidomic⁵¹ (rs61873077, *OLMALINC*,
209 $P < 4E-15$) traits in the literature. For each metabolite, we ran over representation analysis on the
210 set of genes containing its significant multi-trait hits after clumping. After correction for the multiple
211 pathways tested for each metabolite, we found 38 pathways with significant overlap, for 9
212 metabolites. Table 3 describes the pathways we found, and the metabolites that are linked to
213 them.

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215 Among all gut microbiome species cataloged, we found only one gut microbiota species whose
216 relative abundance had multi-trait hits after clumping, Flavonifractor (rs117217109, $P < 1E-10$).

217 218 **The Connection between Host Genetics and Gut Microbiome Composition is Poorly** 219 **Understood**

220 With respect to the gut microbiome, we found largely negative results. However, the role of host
221 genetics in determining gut microbiome composition is currently poorly understood⁵². Previous
222 work has found that host genetics perhaps plays only a minor role in determining gut microbiome
223 composition⁵³. According to a systematic review published in 2022, while published studies
224 including more than 1,000 subjects have reported dozens of hits for microbiome composition at
225 the genome wide significance level, SNPs in only two genes (*LCT*, *ABO*) have been consistently
226 replicated in at least three studies or more. Beyond these two loci, another 546 were reported at
227 genome wide-significance levels in at least one study. While for the *LCT* gene, genetic variants
228 are consistently associated with the genus *Bifidobacterium* and its related species, taxa
229 associations for the *ABO* gene are not consistent across studies⁵⁴. There is a large variance in
230 gut microbiome composition between individuals. In one study, less than 3% of genera were
231 detected in more than 95% of the samples. However, this study pooled multiple cohorts that were
232 heterogenous both in ancestry and methodological processing of samples⁵⁵. Still, this diversity,
233 together with statistical power considerations, could potentially explain the poor replicability of
234 genetic analyses of the gut microbiome⁵⁴.

235 236 **Conclusion**

237 In this study, we performed comprehensive genetic analyses on novel phenotypes from the HPP
238 cohort. Using GWAS we showed that clinical traits measured share genetic associations with
239 related traits in the literature. We compared computed PRS to our traits through PRS-Phenome-
240 Wide Association Studies (PRS-PheWAS). We validated these traits by showing that many of
241 them were associated with the expected PRS from the UK Biobank. We continued to discuss
242 novel findings, including negative linear associations between within-day glycemic variance and

243 genetic risk for obesity, and positive correlations between genetic risk for diabetes and between-
244 day glycemic variance. Finally, we provided evidence for the presence of strong genetic signals
245 in serum metabolomics. We believe that our findings for glycemic variance could serve as a
246 foundation for further studies on the role played by glycemic control mechanisms in human health.
247 Our results showed novel genotype-phenotype relationships which may lead to improved
248 understanding of human health and disease, and are available for download and interactive
249 exploration (Data Availability).

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251 **Limitations of Study**

252 In this study, we transferred PRS from the UK Biobank to the HPP cohort. While prediction
253 performance of the PRS may be reduced as a result of potential ancestry differences between
254 the two cohorts⁵⁶, as the 10K cohort is largely composed of European Jews, these effects are
255 assumed to be minimal. Our study is limited by sample size: in any cohort study, there is an
256 inherent tradeoff between phenotyping depth and viable cohort size⁵⁷. As well, as many of our
257 phenotypes have never been connected to genetic data before on a large scale, there is no other
258 data that can be used to replicate our GWAS results on CGM phenotypes, for instance. This lack
259 of replicability is another drawback of our study, though our results are also novel for this reason.
260 As well, our population is a single sample of the general healthy Israeli population, and thus is not
261 fully representative of all people everywhere. Future work should replicate our analysis on a
262 separate cohort that is also more representative of populations. Exclusion criteria such as age
263 restrictions and specific medical conditions, while theoretically limit generalizability, were elected
264 to build a healthy cohort in which diseases may be detectable a few years through follow-up. Still,
265 it is our hope that the public availability of our results can facilitate further investigations into the
266 genetic determinants of human health and disease.

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301 **Main figure titles and legends**

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303 **Figure 1: There are few multi-trait significant hits after clumping, but many single-GWAS**
304 **significant SNPs.**

305 Study summary and distribution of significant GWAS associations for all 729 clinical traits both
306 before ($P < 5e-8$) and after ($P < 5e-8/727$) multi-trait correction and clumping.

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309 **Figure 2: Glycemic variance traits have the highest number of multi-SNP (polygenic risk**
310 **score) associations. The strongest associations are to the polygenic risk score for blood**
311 **glucose.**

312 a) GWAS results for all CGM in related traits b) Top multi-trait significant hits (after clumping) for
313 first quartile of glucose c) Manhattan plot for first quartile of glucose d) PRS associations
314 heatmap for glycemic-related traits. “(WD)” denotes measures of within-day glycemic variability,
315 and “(BD)” denotes measures of between-day variability.

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320 **Main tables and legends**

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Feature	Males (46.6%)	Females (53.4%)	All
	Mean (SD)	Mean (SD)	Mean (SD)
Age	51.05 (7.84)	51.91 (7.92)	51.5 (7.90)
Waist Circumference (cm)	94.23 (10.77)	84.80 (11.12)	89.19 (11.93)
BMI	26.54 (3.75)	25.67 (4.40)	26.08 (4.13)
Sitting BP Systolic	126.1 (14.61)	114.53 (15.45)	119.92 (16.13)
Sitting BP Diastolic	80.00 (9.76)	76.61 (9.47)	78.20 (9.76)

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Table 1: Baseline features of the HPP cohort
Baseline features of the HPP cohort differed between the sexes.

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Domain (Average N)	# Included features
Sleep (N = 7291)	70
Glycemic control(N = 7466)	47
Liver (N = 3672)	97
Body Composition (N = 8440)	436
Retina Scans (N = 7018)	50
Lifestyle Questionnaires (N = 6014)	29
Total Clinical Features	729
Gut Microbiome (N = 4432)	398
Serum Metabolomics (N = 4463)	3645
Total	4772

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Table 2: Number of included features for each trait domain

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In our analysis, we included 729 clinical and 4,043 molecular features from the HPP, the majority of which measured body composition, and serum metabolite levels, respectively.

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Pathway	P. Adj
equilibrioception (GO:0050957)	0.0036
neuromuscular process controlling balance (GO:0050885)	0.0042
negative regulation of amyloid fibril formation (GO:1905907)	0.0045
regulation of amyloid fibril formation (GO:1905906)	0.0045
sensory perception of mechanical stimulus (GO:0050954)	0.0095
sensory perception (GO:0007600)	0.0095
sensory perception of sound (GO:0007605)	0.0095
sensory perception of light stimulus (GO:0050953)	0.0095
negative regulation of protein metabolic process (GO:0051248)	0.0104
negative regulation of supramolecular fiber organization (GO:1902904)	0.0108
dephosphorylation (GO:0016311)	0.0114

protein dephosphorylation (GO:0006470)	0.0114
protein localization to endosome (GO:0036010)	0.0149
cell part morphogenesis (GO:0032990)	0.01496
plasma membrane tubulation (GO:0097320)	0.0149
plasma membrane raft assembly (GO:0044854)	0.0141
caveola assembly (GO:0070836)	0.0141
caveolin-mediated endocytosis (GO:0072584)	0.0149
dosage compensation by inactivation of X chromosome (GO:0009048)	0.0246
microtubule-based transport (GO:0099111)	0.0244
brain morphogenesis (GO:0048854)	0.0245
extracellular transport (GO:0006858)	0.0246
cell projection organization (GO:0030030)	0.0271
epithelial cilium movement involved in extracellular fluid movement (GO:0003351)	0.0291
regulation of sodium ion transport (GO:0002028)	0.038
regulation of ion transport (GO:0043269)	0.0420
regulation of endocytosis (GO:0030100)	0.0422
plasma membrane organization (GO:0007009)	0.0422
spermatid development (GO:0007286)	0.0451
cilium movement (GO:0003341)	0.0451
respiratory system development (GO:0060541)	0.04512
skeletal system morphogenesis (GO:0048705)	0.0451
regulation of vesicle-mediated transport (GO:0060627)	0.0472
plasma membrane bounded cell projection morphogenesis (GO:0120039)	0.0474
neuron migration (GO:0001764)	0.0474
positive regulation of filopodium assembly (GO:0051491)	0.0474
stem cell differentiation (GO:0048863)	0.0474
regulation of filopodium assembly (GO:0051489)	0.0474

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337 **Table 3: Pathways Significantly Genetically Associated to Serum Metabolites**
338 Over representation analysis was performed on sets of genes containing multi-trait significant
339 hits for each metabolite tested. Significant pathways were implicated in pathways including
340 those for sensory perception and cellular mechanisms.
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343 **STAR METHODS**

344 **RESOURCE AVAILABILITY**

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346 Further information and requests for resources should be directed to and will be fulfilled by the
347 lead contact, Eran Segal (eran.segal@weizmann.ac.il).
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349 ***Materials Availability***

350 This study did not generate new unique reagents.
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352 ***Data and code availability***

- 353 • GWAS and PR-PheWAS results are publicly accessible at
354 <https://zacharylevine.shinyapps.io/GWASDashboard/>. Data in this paper is part of the
355 Human Phenotype Project. Individual-level data cannot be released to the public due to
356 ethical considerations. Individual level data is accessible to researchers from universities
357 and other research institutions at <https://humanphenotypeproject.org/home>, by
358 submitting an application, and signing a Material Transfer Agreement
359 (MTA). Restrictions on the utilization of individual-level data include access through a
360 Trusted Research Environment (TRE), with computational resources available within
361 secure collaborative workspaces.
- 362 • All original code is publicly available at Zenodo as of the date of publication. The link is
363 listed in the key resources table.
- 364 • Any additional information required to reanalyze the data reported in this paper is
365 available from the lead contact upon request.
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367 **EXPERIMENTAL MODEL AND STUDY PARTICIPANT DETAILS**

368 The age and gender of the participants in the study is described in Table 1. The study
369 population is Israeli subjects, and our cohort is largely composed of Ashkenazi (European-
370 ancestry) Jewish people, of above average socioeconomic status. We do not believe this limits
371 the generalizability of our work, as we adjusted our models for population-level stratification
372 using principal component analysis (PCA). This data was self-reported based on
373 questionnaires. We did not perform genetic analyses that were stratified by sex and gender,
374 opting instead to include and therefore adjust for sex as a covariate in all of the models we
375 used. We do not believe this limits the generalizability of our work. Information on the sample
376 size used for each analysis is available both in Table 2 (stratified by each data modality), and in
377 the raw downloadable results files and visualization dashboards we provide to the public. The
378 Weizmann Institute of Science review board (IRB) approved the study and its protocols. All
379 identifying details of the participants were erased prior to statistical analysis, so informed
380 consent was waived by the IRB. All participants had full knowledge of data handling, storage,
381 and sharing methods. This information was given to all participants, and is in agreement with
382 the data privacy and protection policy of the Weizmann Institute of Science
383 (<https://www.weizmann.ac.il/pages/privacy-policy>).
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386 **METHOD DETAILS**

387 Study Cohort

388 HPP is a large-scale longitudinal study focused on the deep physiological and molecular profiling
389 of a diverse cohort of healthy participants from the general population aged between 40 and 70
390 years in Israel. The HPP cohort is largely composed of European (Ashkenazi) Jews. Over the
391 course of 5 years, the study has collected a wide range of clinical data including vital signs,
392 anthropometry and body composition, blood tests, liver ultrasound and two-dimensional shear
393 wave elastography, continuous glucose monitoring (CGM), continuous food intake logging, sleep
394 monitoring, measures of vascular health, and fundus imaging. Molecular data collected as part of
395 the study includes serum metabolomics and gut microbiome composition. The project is centered
396 around the cohort based on voluntary self-assignment and a screening survey and aims to identify
397 novel diagnostic biomarkers and targets for diseases¹.

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399 Phenotypes

400 We set the data collection period to be from the beginning of the study, January 2019 to
401 September 2023. Participants in our study wear a continuous glucose monitor (CGM), measuring
402 interstitial fluid glucose every 5 minutes for two weeks using subcutaneous sensors⁵⁸. A set of 47
403 phenotypes was computed from CGMs using the iglu R package⁵⁹, which is a standard method
404 for quantifying glucose control and variability from CGM data⁶⁰. Sleep quality data was collected
405 using a clinically validated sleep monitor for three nights, with quantitative sleep features
406 computed from the continuous time data^{61,62}.

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408 To measure the relative abundance of different species in the gut microbiome, we analyzed a self
409 collected stool sample by HPP participants. The process of estimating bacterial relative
410 abundance estimation has been detailed previously^{63,64}. Denoted as serum metabolites,
411 thousands of small molecules circulating in blood may provide newfound understandings of
412 biological processes⁶⁵. We therefore tested serum metabolites for associations with genetics.
413 Within this data, single features may represent the levels of single metabolites or clusters of
414 related metabolites in blood collected from participants as part of the HPP. As the serum
415 metabolites are untargeted, the identity of individual metabolites is unknown.

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417 **QUANTIFICATION AND STATISTICAL ANALYSIS**

418 **Outlier Detection and Exclusion**

419 For each of the features included in the HP study, we kept only the latest of multiple entries;
420 removing outliers from the data by clipping it to five standard deviations of the mean. Additionally,
421 we excluded microbiome species with an abundance below 10^{-4} as this was our detection limit.
422 Lastly, we excluded features with less than 2000 entries, and those that were highly unbalanced
423 (>95% frequency for any individual value).

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425 **Genotypes**

426 Genomes of participants were sequenced at an average depth of 0.6x coverage before being
427 imputed based on HapMap 3⁶⁶. PLINK version 1.9⁶⁷ was used for variant filtering. Subjects and
428 SNPs with a minor allele frequency (MAF) below 0.01 were excluded from the analysis. We
429 additionally also removed SNPs that did not meet the Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium threshold of
430 $1e-6$. To account for small-scale family structure, we used PLINK's built-in King-cutoff to estimate
431 pairs of first degree relatives, and removed them based on a threshold of 0.22, which accounts
432 for the higher baseline relatedness in our population of primarily Ashkenazi Jews. SNPs with a
433 minimum allele count below 20 were also removed at this stage. We ran Plink's LD-based
434 clumping procedure on each GWAS result afterwards for traits with the trait had at least one

435 significant (multi-trait) hit, with a significance threshold of 0.0001, a secondary significance
436 threshold for clumped SNPs of 0.01, a LD threshold of 0.5, and a 250 kb physical distance for
437 clumping.

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440 **GWAS Analysis**

441 We used PLINK version 2⁶⁷ to perform GWAS analyses. To correct for demography and
442 population stratification, for each GWAS we included 12 covariates in addition to the variant term
443 under an additive model. These twelve covariates were composed of the top 10 eigenvectors
444 estimated from principal component analysis as well as the reported age and sex of each
445 participant. We used PLINK's built-in linear transform to normalize each covariate and phenotype
446 to zero mean and unit variance.

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448 **PRS Computation**

449 We projected PRS using PRSice-2⁶⁸ using the latest GWAS results from the Neale Lab⁶⁹ as base
450 data and the HPP genotypes data as target data. We included all traits for which summary
451 statistics were available, using the "both sexes" and inverse rank normalized, "irnt" version for
452 each trait. The summary statistics from the Neale Lab are based on the UK Biobank. We used LD
453 clumping cutpoints of 0.5 (r^2), and 250 (kb) and a P value threshold of 0.0001. For each PRS, we
454 excluded points above the 95% percentile or below the 5% percentile then calculated the mean
455 and standard deviation of the distribution, and normalized the data by these values using z-score
456 normalization.

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458 **PRS-PheWAS**

459 For PRS involving taking medications, family history of medical diagnoses, or medical diagnoses,
460 we excluded from the association test the HPP participants who met these criteria based on
461 International Classification of Diseases 10th Revision (ICD10) codes⁷⁰. For every trait, we tested
462 its association with every PRS projected from the UK Biobank under a multiple linear model,
463 including as covariates the top 10 principal components as well as age and sex. We then tested
464 for the significance of the difference between the parameter estimate for the PRS and zero using
465 the Wald test, and obtained a P value. We used Bonferroni correction to adjust P values for every
466 test we did. This corresponds to correction for each of 4,116 PRS and 4,772 traits, or a total of
467 19,641,552 tests.

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469 **Overrepresentation Analysis**

470 We mapped the significant multi-trait SNPs from each metabolite to genes based on dbSNP⁷¹. To
471 perform overrepresentation analysis, we used GSEAPY⁷² to match gene sets to the GO Gene
472 Ontology Resource⁷³⁻⁷⁵. We adjusted original P values using Bonferroni test correction for all gene
473 sets with any overlap for all metabolites, for a total of 2,387 tests.

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475 **Phenotype Correlations**

476 We calculated the Pearson correlation coefficients between the SdHHMM and each of BMI, total
477 fat DEXA-measured fat mass, and the waist circumference of individuals. We adjusted P values
478 for multiple tests using Bonferroni correction for each of the two response traits (SdHHMM and
479 BMI) and for each the two fat mass indicators, for a total of four tests.

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481 **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

482 *Our publicly accessible interface for download and visualization of results:*

483 <https://zacharylevine.shinyapps.io/GWASDashboard/>

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