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Supplemental Methods

Phenotype Ascertainment

Cohorts and Phenotype Ascertainment

In the current study, we used data from twenty-nine cohorts and three sequencing projects related to AD¹⁻²³. Details on phenotype ascertainment are described elsewhere¹⁻⁶. Briefly, all individuals with a diagnosis of AD met National Institute of Neurological and Communicative Disorders and Stroke/Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association (NINCDS-ADRDA) criteria for probable or possible late onset AD⁷, or met Diagnosis and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders IV-V (DSMIV-V) criteria⁸⁻¹⁰, or had a clinical dementia rating (CDR[®] Dementia Staging Instrument¹¹) > 0.5. Some cohorts verified AD diagnoses by means of neuropathology, using Braak staging¹², CERAD scoring¹³, or National Institute on Aging Reagan (NIA-Reagan) 1997 criteria¹⁴. Cognitively normal subjects (controls) did not have AD according to the above clinical criteria for AD, did not have a diagnosis of MCI, and had a CDR of 0 and/or Mini-Mental State Examination (MMSE¹⁵) > 25. In the MIRAGE cohort, control status was evaluated through a Modified Telephone Interview of Cognitive Status score \geq 86 (a telephone version of the MMSE)¹⁶.

Further, the National Alzheimer's Coordinating Center (NACC), Rush University Religious Orders Study/Memory and Aging Project (ROSMAP), and Alzheimer's Disease Neuroimaging Initiative (ADNI), are longitudinal cohorts that provide detailed information regarding clinical status (control, MCI, demented) and presumed disease etiology at repeated examinations. Additionally, deceased subjects are assessed for neuropathology. Where possible, in NACC, a final diagnoses of MCI or possible/probable/definite AD was obtained using NIA Alzheimer's Association (NIA-AA) 2011 criteria^{17,18}. In all three cohorts, AD diagnoses were verified by neuropathology as middle or high AD likelihood following NIA-Reagan 1997 criteria (moderate to frequent neuritic plaques and Braak stage III-VI)¹⁴. In concordance with the category "possible AD dementia with evidence of the AD pathophysiological process" from the NIA-AA 2011 criteria¹⁷, we attributed possible AD diagnoses to subjects who met clinical criteria for non-AD dementia but also met AD neuropathological criteria. In concordance with the NIA-AA 2011/2012 framework^{18,19}, we also evaluated neuropathology in MCI subjects to verify presumed AD etiology (cf. page 5). Controls were not re-evaluated based on neuropathology data. Subjects that reverted from dementia to control status during longitudinal follow-up were excluded. Additional cohort-specific details are listed below.

NACC

Genotyping waves 1 through 7 from the Alzheimer's Disease Centers (ADC1-7) and a subset of the ADSP projects include subjects ascertained and evaluated by the clinical and neuropathological cores of 32 NIA-funded ADCs. NACC coordinates the collection of these phenotypes, implements diagnoses (cognitively normal, cognitively impaired but not MCI, MCI, demented; and presumed disease etiology) and then provides all data to researchers under the form of the Minimum Data Set (MDS), Uniform Data Set (UDS)²⁰⁻²², and Neuropathology data set (NP)²³. The MDS represents an older subset of the NACC data and only contains cross-sectional data, while the more recent UDS provides longitudinal phenotypes and covariates. Since 2015, the UDS was updated to incorporate the NIA-AA 2011 criteria for MCI and AD^{18,24}. In the current study, we used the UDS and NP for which data was collected between September 2005 and March 2020. The ADC1-7 data sets covered 7,627 subjects in the UDS and 2,629 subjects in the MDS.

Subjects that had a diagnosis of Down syndrome, central nervous system neoplasm, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, alcohol-induced dementia, or substance-abuse-induced dementia, were excluded. Subjects carrying mutations of dominantly inherited AD or frontotemporal lobar degeneration (FTLD) were also excluded. Subjects with a final diagnosis of MCI or dementia, for which the etiology was unknown, not due to AD, or only secondary due to AD (and without AD neuropathological information), were excluded. Subjects with a final diagnosis of "cognitively impaired but not MCI", but having no other neurological disorder, were kept as controls, considering that this more consistently matched control criteria in many of the other cohorts considered in this study.

ROSMAP

In ROSMAP, subjects were diagnosed at each visit: as possible/probable AD according to NINCDS-ADRDA criteria⁷; as MCI when judged to have cognitive impairment but not meeting dementia criteria according to the clinician; or as control when there was no cognitive impairment or the subject did not meet dementia criteria^{25,26}. At time of death, a final clinical diagnosis was made by an expert neurologist, followed by case conference consensus review (blinded to postmortem data)²⁷.

ADNI

In ADNI, subjects were diagnosed at regular visits: as possible/probable AD according to NINCDS-ADRDA criteria⁷; as MCI according to Petersen/Winblad criteria; or as control when not demented, not MCI, CDR = 0, and MMSE > 28. Neuropathology assessments followed the NACC NP framework.

Discovery Samples Phenotype Harmonization

The discovery sample contained many subjects that were genotyped multiple times across different studies. This largely reflected efforts from the ADGC, ADSP, and AMP-AD, to perform next generation sequencing (NGS) on existing cohort samples for the purpose of rare variant discovery and AD gene prioritization. In other instances, participants were recruited in different studies at different times. Therefore, to handle potential duplicate discordance and phenotype heterogeneity, we implemented a cross-sample phenotype harmonization procedure aiming to standardize pathology-verified diagnoses where possible, share unique missing information across all duplicate entries of a given subject, resolve longitudinal changes in diagnosis, and flag subjects with unresolvable duplicate discordance for exclusion.

Duplicate samples were identified by determining genetic cryptic relatedness (cf. page 6 below), but for the purpose of sample cross-referencing did not include known identical twins in LOAD and ROSMAP samples. First, duplicate samples were flagged as discordant if their age-at-death information differed by more than 2 years or if pathology measures (Braak or neuritic plaque density) differed. Across all cohorts, where possible, AD diagnoses were verified by neuropathology as middle or high AD likelihood following NIA-Reagan 1997 criteria (moderate to frequent neuritic plaques and Braak stage III-VI)¹⁴. Additionally, when only either neuritic plaque or Braak information was available and in line with NIA-Reagan 1997 middle or high AD likelihood criteria, and/or the cohort/project demographics provided a diagnosis of definite AD, the subject was considered to have pathology-verified AD status. Cognitively normal (CN) subjects with evidence of AD pathology were kept as CN. Further, if at least one entry across duplicate samples indicated a diagnosis of Down syndrome, central nervous system neoplasm, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, alcohol-induced dementia, substance-abuse-induced dementia, neurological (not including Parkinson's disease) or systemic disease despite being cognitively normal, or carrying mutations of dominantly inherited AD or frontotemporal lobar degeneration (FTLD), then all duplicate samples were marked as such and flagged for exclusion. Extending on the above, all genetic samples were checked for the presence of known pathogenic mutations on *APP*, *PSEN1*, *PSEN2* and *MAPT*, whereby carriers and their duplicate samples were flagged for exclusion.

Then, duplicate samples with differing age entries (i.e. longitudinal changes) were evaluated. Reversions from AD or dementia to MCI status, or from MCI to cognitively normal (CN) status, were permitted, but reversions from AD or non-AD dementia to CN status were flagged for exclusion. "Reversions" from AD to non-AD dementia status were permitted, unless pathology (cf. above) indicated the presence of AD pathology, thereby marking the subject as AD. Vice versa, "conversions" from non-AD

dementia to AD status were permitted, unless pathology (cf. above) indicated no presence of AD pathology, thereby marking the subject as non-AD dementia. All other types of conversions were directly permitted. Then, duplicate samples for which the diagnoses at the oldest shared age entries differed, or for which diagnoses differed but age was consistent (i.e. apparent cross-sectional discordances), were evaluated. Discordances between AD and non-AD dementia status were resolved on the basis of pathology (cf. above) or flagged as discordant if no pathology data was available. Discordances between CN and AD status, or CN and non-AD dementia status, were resolved as respectively AD or non-AD dementia when those dementia diagnoses corresponded to a unique age-at-onset (of symptoms) without other available age information (i.e. indicating that a conversion likely occurred after the subject was lost to follow-up in the cohort that last observed a CN status), or, were flagged as discordant if duplicate entries shared the same age-at-examination and age-at-last-exam. Discordances between CN and MCI status, or MCI and AD status, or MCI and non-AD dementia status, were resolved as respectively MCI, AD, or non-AD dementia (i.e. keeping the most severe diagnosis).

Finally, once all clinical diagnostic and pathological data were unified across duplicate entries, pathological criteria were applied once more to obtain the final diagnoses. Where possible, AD diagnoses were verified by neuropathology as middle or high AD likelihood following NIA-Reagan 1997 criteria (moderate to frequent neuritic plaques and Braak stage III-VI)¹⁴. In concordance with the category “possible AD dementia with evidence of the AD pathophysiological process” from the NIA-AA 2011 criteria¹⁷, we attributed possible AD diagnoses to subjects who met clinical criteria for non-AD dementia but also met AD neuropathological criteria. In concordance with the NIA-AA 2011/2012 framework^{18,19}, we also evaluated neuropathology in MCI subjects to verify presumed AD etiology and considered subjects as cases if AD pathology, following NIA-Reagan 1997 criteria (cf. above), was present (i.e. marking high likelihood of AD etiology). Controls were not re-evaluated based on neuropathology data.

Beyond cross-referencing clinical diagnostic and pathological data across subjects, other covariates were considered for cross-referencing or sharing in case of missingness across duplicate entries. These included age-at-onset of cognitive symptoms, age-at-examination providing clinical diagnosis, at-at-last exam, age-at-death, sex, race, ethnicity, *APOE* genotype provided from demographics, *APOE* genotype provided from whole-genome sequencing, and *APOE* genotype provided from whole-exome sequencing. Duplicate entries with discordant sex or race information were flagged for exclusion.

Genetic Data Quality Control and Processing

Discovery Samples Genetic Data Harmonization and Standard Quality Control

Genotypes were available from commercial high-density single-nucleotide polymorphism (SNP) genotyping microarrays (Illumina or Affymetrix), Whole-exome sequencing (WES), or Whole-genome sequencing (WGS) (**Table S1**). Genotype samples had their genetic variants lifted to hg19 using liftOver if not released in hg19²⁸. Autosomal variants were extracted from the SNP array data and further processed in several stages. First, SNP array data were processed by the Genotype Harmonizer with CEU and TSI HapMap populations as the reference panel, to perform automatic strand alignment²⁹. Then, multi-allelic SNPs, SNPs located on common copy number or segmental duplication regions, and duplicated or monomorphic SNPs, were removed. The list of multi-allelic SNPs or SNPs located on common copy number and segmental duplication regions was created using Tri-Typer³⁰. The list of CNV and segmental duplication regions was curated from the Eichler lab (eichlerlab.gs.washington.edu/database.html)³¹ and the gnomAD website (gnomad.broadinstitute.org/downloads)³². All respective genotype data sets were then iteratively merged with each other, applying strand flipping and variant ID updating as applicable, to ultimately obtain parsimonious data sets that could be merged for cross-sample relationship determination and principal component analyses (cf. below).

Genetic data were then further processed using Plink v1.9. The numbers of remaining samples after each quality control (QC) or processing step are listed in **Table S2**. For each sample platform, subjects with autosome missingness ($\geq 5\%$) and sex problems (discordance between genetic sex and demographic sex, or deviation of expected X-chromosome homozygosity/heterozygosity) were flagged for exclusion.

Discovery Samples Ancestry Determination

Individual ancestries were determined using SNPweights v.2.1 with populations from the 1000 Genomes Consortium as a reference^{33,34}. By applying an ancestry percentage cut-off $\geq 75\%$, the samples were stratified into the five super populations, South-Asians (SAS), East-Asians (EAS), Americans (AMR), Africans (AFR) and Europeans (EUR) (**Figure S1**). Subjects with a genetic ancestry that differed from their race, as provided in cohort demographics, were flagged for exclusion.

Discovery Samples Relationship Determination using Plink

Across all cohorts (and ethnicities) the relatedness of subjects (after QC indicated above) was evaluated through identity-by-descent (IBD) analysis (using directly genotyped non-palindromic SNPs that were

shared across all genetic datasets with a call rate > 99%, minor allele frequency (MAF) > 1%). This IBD outcome (**Figure S3-A**) was used for duplicate (IBD > 0.95) tracking across samples.

Discovery Samples Relationship Determination and Principal Component Analysis using GENESIS

Across SNP array and WGS data (or SNP array, WES, and WGS data for duplicate identification), the relatedness of subjects and principal components capturing population substructure were determined using IBD and principal component analyses (PCA) as implemented through the R package GENESIS (R v3.6.0)³⁵. Specifically, this approach first uses an R-implementation of KING-robust to determine kinship coefficients that take into account ancestry divergence. The derived pairwise kinship coefficients are then used to perform a PCA in related samples (PC-AiR) providing accurate ancestry inference not confounded by family structure. The latter output is then used to estimate kinship coefficients using PC-Relate, which accounts for population structure (ancestry) among sample individuals through the use of ancestry representative principal components (PCs) to provide accurate relatedness estimates due only to recent family (pedigree) structure. For each respective data merge, these analyses were performed on directly genotyped and pruned SNPs ($R^2 < 0.5$, call rate > 99.9%, MAF > 1%, and excluding palindromic SNPs) in non-Hispanic white European ancestry individuals (**Figure S2-3**).

Discovery Samples APOE genotype assessment in old and new ADSP WES/WGS

The “old” ADSP WES (N=10,919) and ADSP WGS (N=4,750), which were available to us prior to 2020, refer to the ADSP discovery and extension phases described in detail in the main text. These data were used for variant association analyses. The new ADSP WES (N=20,503) and ADSP WGS (N=16,906), which were available to us as of 2021, refer to updated samples (including the prior ADSP data and more) and updated joint calling performed by the ADSP (NG00067.v5)³⁶. These data were used to verify *APOE* genotypes (and filter discordant subjects) in variant association analyses for approach 2.

In both the old and new ADSP WGS, rs429358 and rs7412 showed low genotype missingness across subjects, reflecting good variant quality metrics in the joint calling performed by ADSP. In the old and new ADSP WES, rs7412 respectively did not pass ADSP quality control and showed a high genotype missingness at (32.5%). This resulted from a low read depth and genotype quality in some of the different WES capture kits that were used in the ADSP WES². We therefore sought to re-call both variants in order to fill out missing *APOE* information where possible. We first inferred the variants' genotype using data called by the ADSP, which required a read depth read depth (DP) ≥ 10 and genotype quality (GQ) ≥ 20 . We then

further inferred the variants' genotype if DP and GQ were respectively greater than or equal to 6 and 20, observing at least 20% alternate allele reads to call a heterozygote (e.g. *APOE**3/4).

After this first round of *APOE* genotype ascertainment, some individuals still had either the rs7412 or rs429358 genotype missing (i.e., only one of the two variants could be called using the above criteria), making it impossible to infer their *APOE* genotype from the ADSP NGS data alone. Many of these remaining individuals however had a reported *APOE* genotype in their demographics that could be used to complete the missing information in a second additional round of *APOE* genotype ascertainment. This approach was preferred over relying solely on the *APOE* genotype in the demographics, since the genotype calls on the ADSP NGS data are expected to provide higher accuracy compared to other commonly used *APOE* direct genotyping methods³⁷. To illustrate, consider the example where one of these remaining individuals in the sequencing data was homozygous for the reference allele at rs429358, which would suggest the subject is *APOE**3/3, but had a missing genotype at rs7412. In this case, from the ADSP NGS data, we know that this individual is not carrying an *APOE**4 allele, but we cannot determine the presence or absence of an *APOE**2 allele. We then turned to the information from the *APOE* genotype provided in the demographics to infer the most likely *APOE* genotype. For the current example, if the individual has a provided *APOE* genotype that was 2/2, 2/3, or 3/3, then the information in the ADSP NGS data is deemed concordant with the provided *APOE* genotype (that is, rs429358 is always the reference allele for those provided *APOE* genotypes) and we used the provided *APOE* genotype. However, if the provided *APOE* genotype was 4/4 or 3/4, then we would correct it to *APOE**3/3, because the ADSP NGS information clearly indicated there was no *APOE**4 genotype call (similarly a provided *APOE**2/4 genotype would be corrected to *APOE**2/3). This can be generalized as: for remaining individuals with DP \geq 6 and GQ \geq 20 at rs429358, the ADSP NGS data at rs429358 was used to change, when discordant, the provided *APOE**3 genotype to *APOE**4, or vice-versa. One additional extension to this step was implemented for the few scenarios where the ADSP NGS data called two rs429358 alleles (i.e. *APOE**4/4) but the allelic distribution indicated that the reference allele was still observed (e.g. 1 REF allele and 7 ALT alleles). In these situations, if the provided *APOE* genotype indicated the presence of *APOE**3, then the genotype was corrected to *APOE**3/4 (reasoning there is sufficient evidence to support the presence of an *APOE**3 genotype). The extra checks described in this paragraph were also applied to subjects in the first QC round (prior paragraph), who had 6 \leq DP $<$ 10 and GQ \geq 20 for both rs429358 and rs7412.

As a quality check, using these thresholds, we did not observe any discordance in the inferred *APOE* genotype across 3,499 duplicates between the ADSP WGS and ADSP WES.

Statistical Analyses – Additional Model Criteria

Case-Control Analyses

For age adjustment, when multiple age data were available, we prioritized in cases age-at-onset of symptoms (AAO) > age-at-examination providing clinical diagnosis of AD (AAE) > age-at-death (AAD), and in controls AAD > age-at-last-examination (AAL) (**Table S3**). This priority ranking is consistent with prior AD studies^{1,38}. For cases that only had AAD available, the final ages used for regression analysis were subtracted by 10 years in order to approximate AAO. This reflects expected mean delays between AAO and AAD for AD patients³⁹, and is consistent with the derived age covariate for AD case-control analyses provided by the Alzheimer's Disease Genetics Consortium (ADGC) on NIAGADS⁴⁰. In the ADNI and ROSMAP cohorts, which provide longitudinal diagnoses with matching age information, but do not directly provide AAO, the AAE variable used either the age-at-MCI-diagnosis or the first age-at-dementia-diagnosis.

Models including unrelated individuals

In sensitivity analyses that did not include related individuals, only a single subject was retained per relatedness cluster, prioritizing first younger cases followed by older controls.

Figure S1. Admixture plot for the five major super populations across all discovery samples. Black vertical line marks the cut-off for EUR ancestry [$\geq 75\%$].

Abbreviations: EUR, European; AFR, African; AMR, American; SAS, Southern Asian; EAS, Eastern Asian.

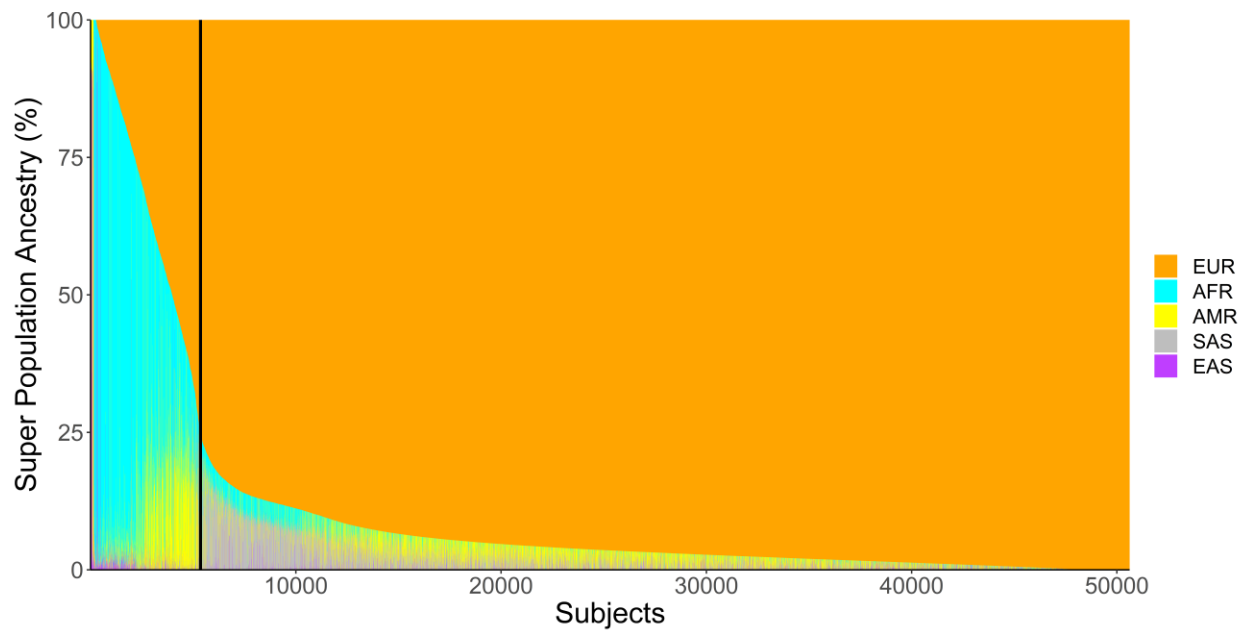


Figure S2. First five principal components of the genetic population structure in European subjects from the discovery samples. (A) PCs are labelled by sub-European ancestries for merged SNP array and WGS data.

Abbreviations: PC, principal component; EU, European; NWE, Northwestern European; SEE, Southeastern European; AJE, Ashkenazi Jewish.

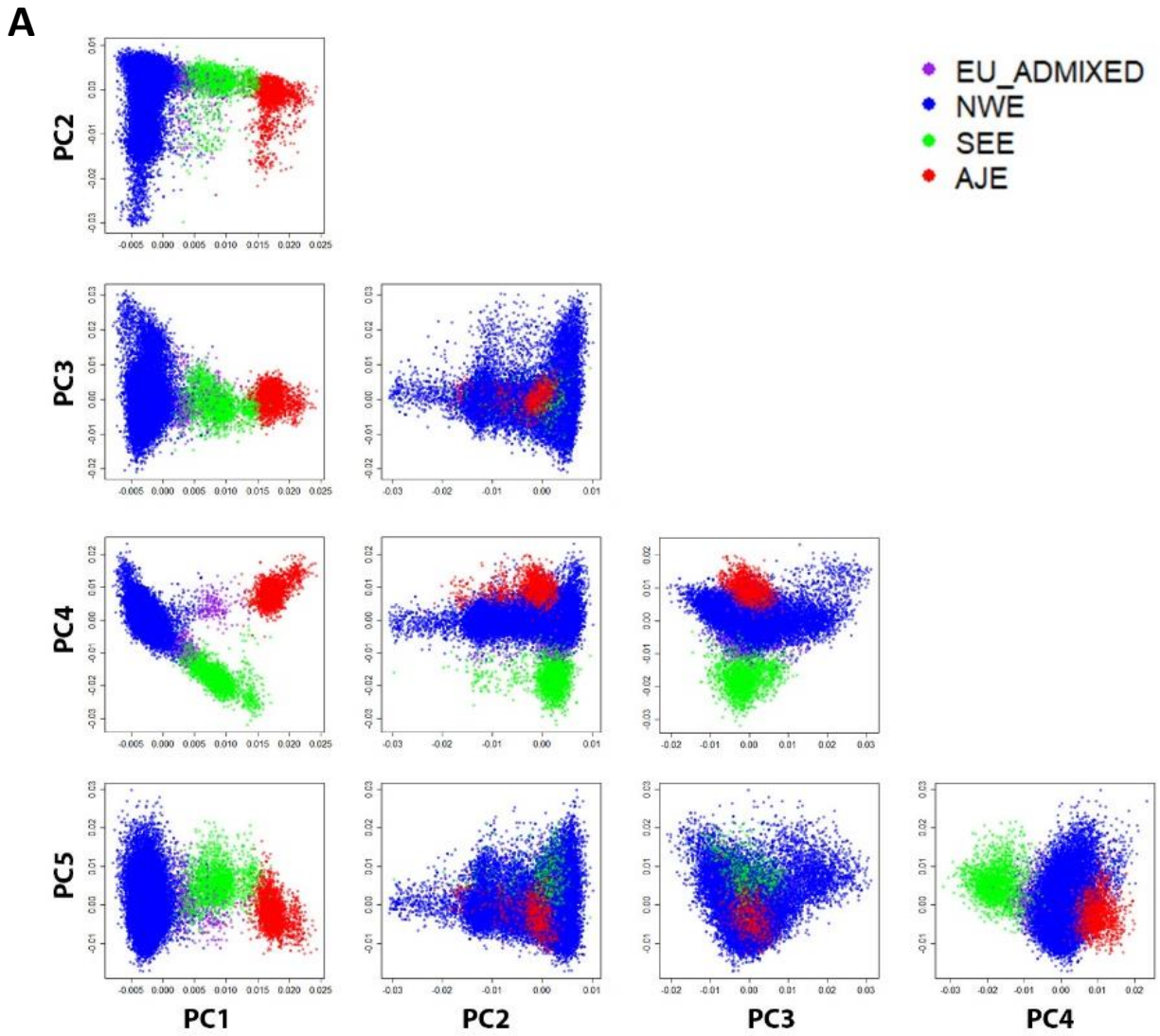


Figure S2. (B) PCs are labelled by genetic source for merged SNP array and WGS data.

Abbreviations: PC, principal component; SNP, single nucleotide polymorphism; WGS, whole genome sequencing; ADSP, Alzheimer's Disease Sequencing Project.

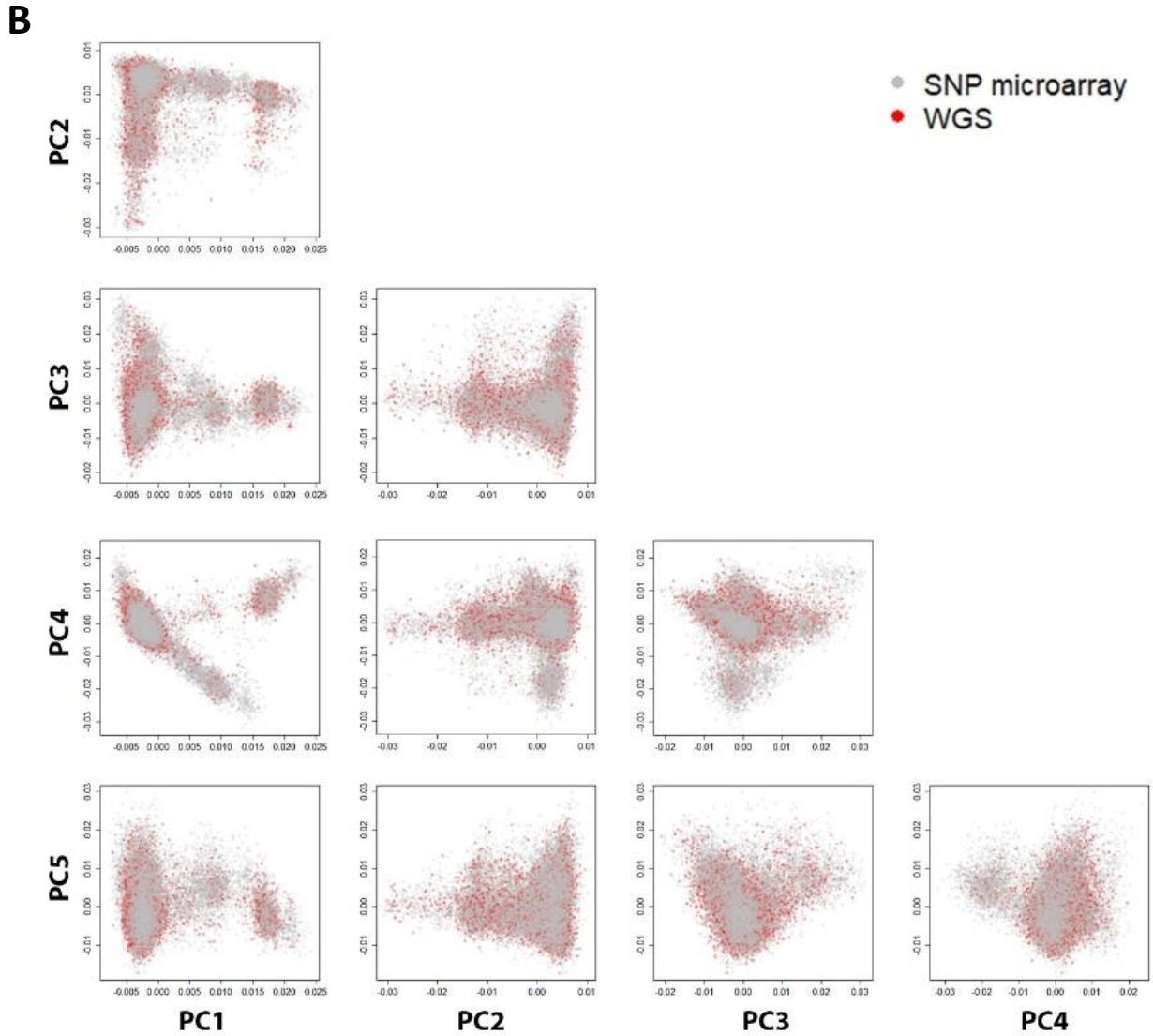


Figure S2. (C) PCs are labelled by Diagnosis. The Diagnosis of “Other” refers to subjects with diagnoses such as “demented not due to AD” or “mild cognitive impairment”.

Abbreviations: PC, principal component; CN, Cognitively normal; AD, Alzheimer’s disease.

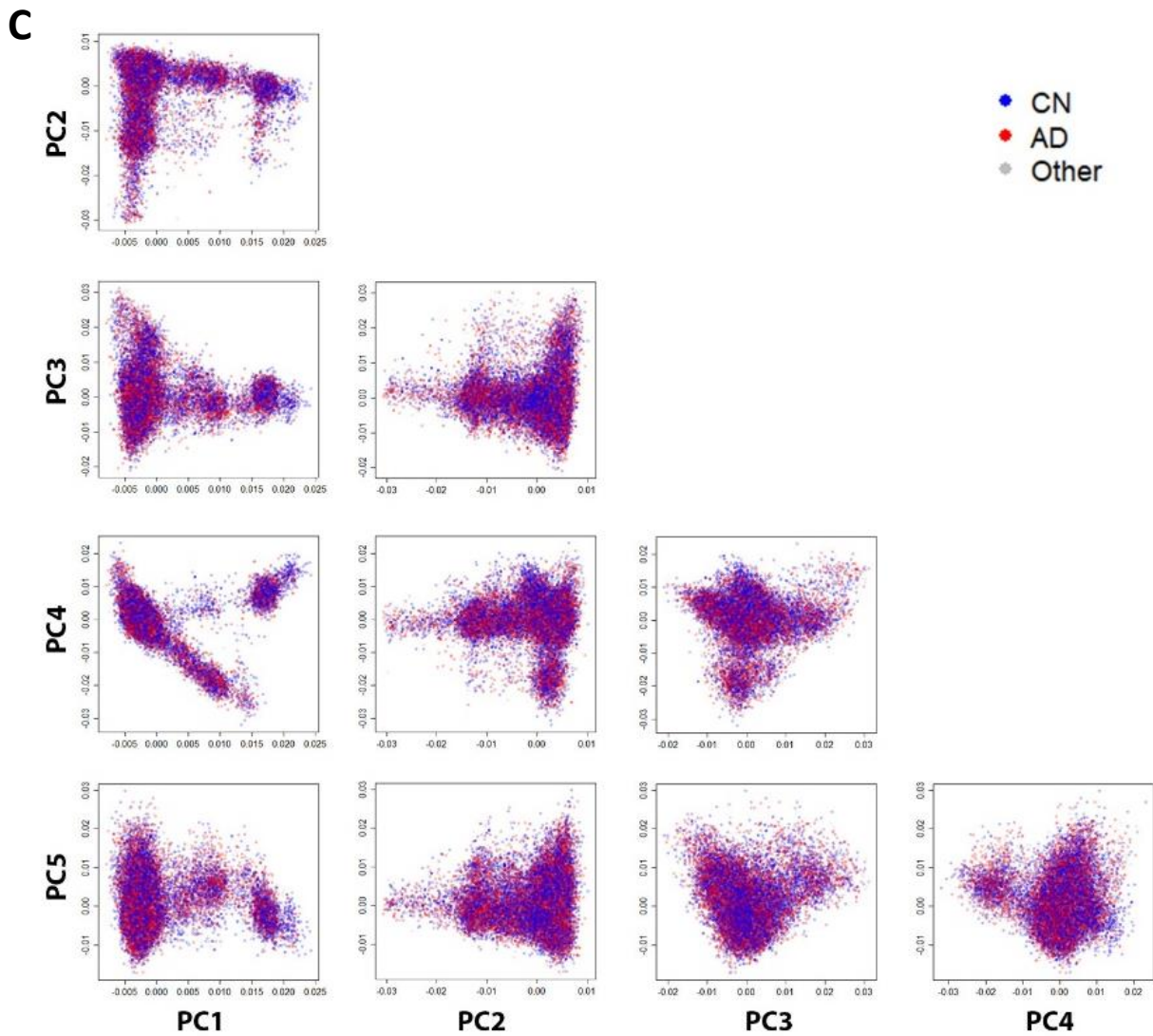
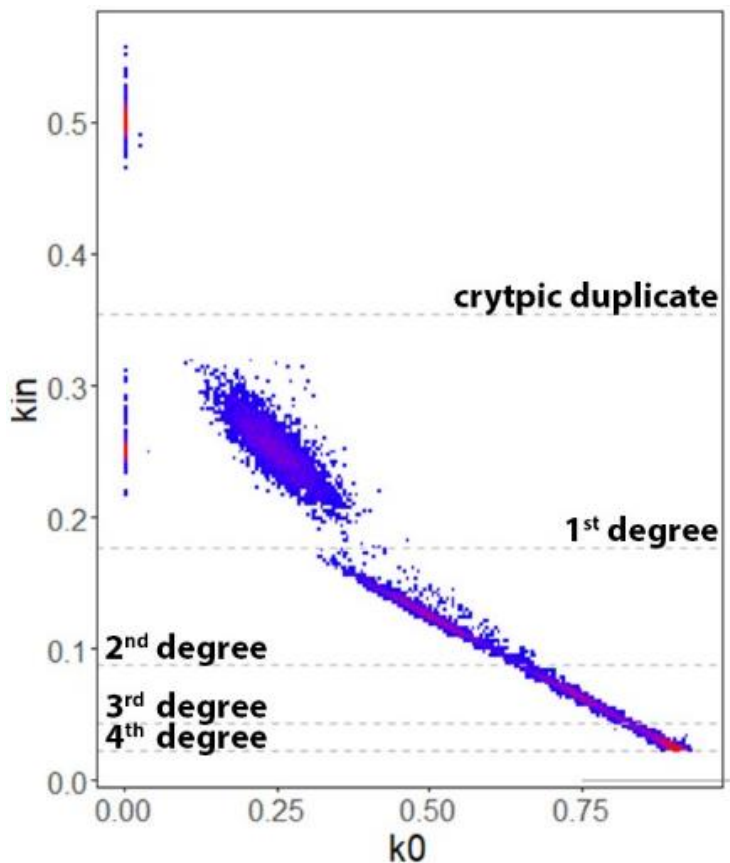
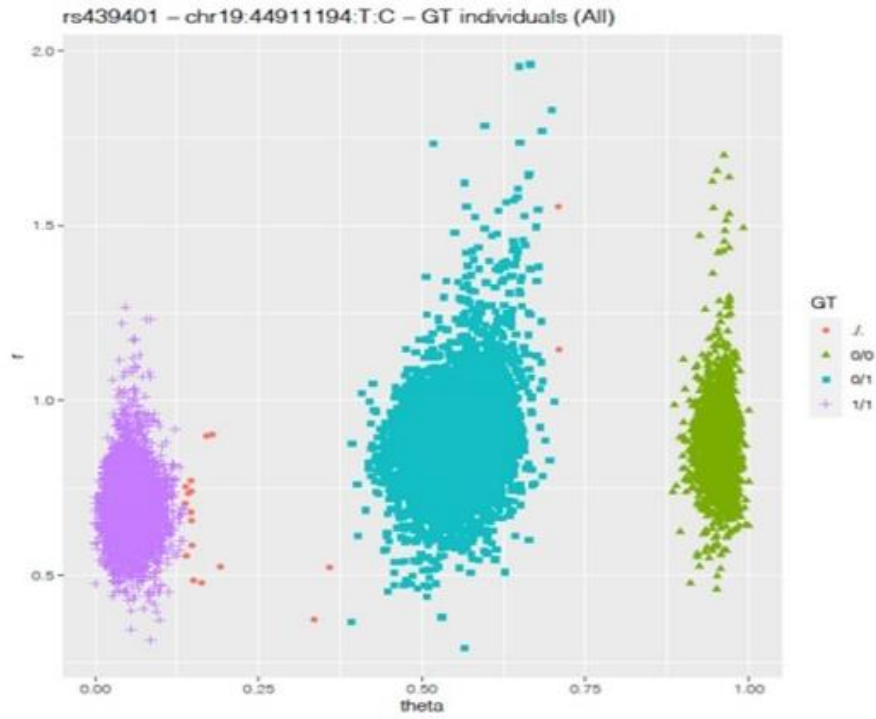


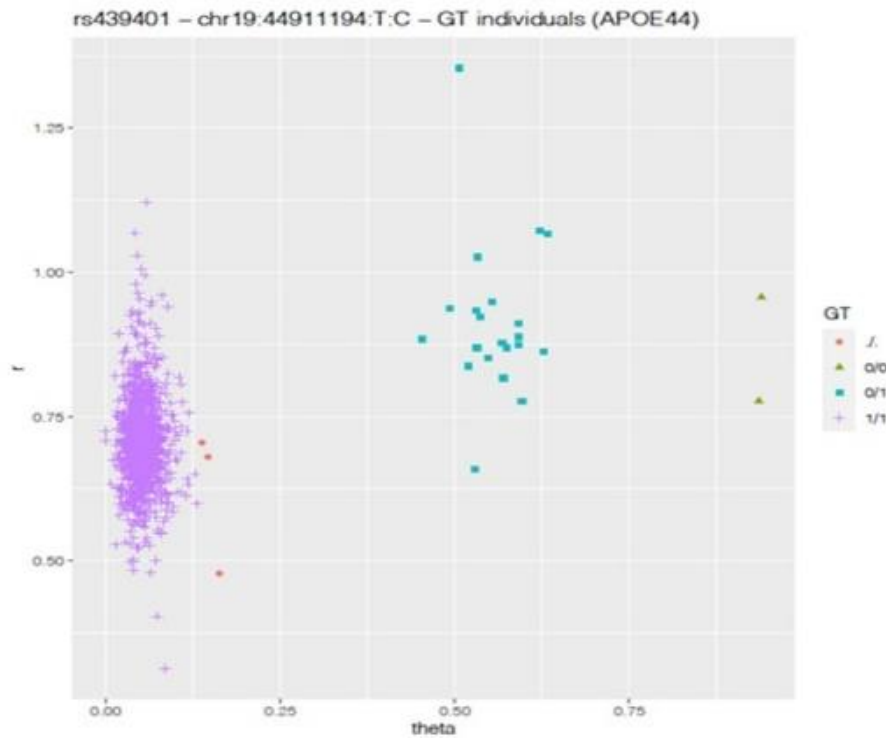
Figure S3. Identity-by-descent (IBD) analyses. Panel shows scatter a density plot, with values ranging from 0 (blue) to 200 or more (red) IBD pairs. Dashed lines indicate boundaries between levels of relatedness. All IBD analyses were thresholded at the lower boundary of 4th degree relatedness (using KING-robust and PC-Air/PC-Relate, the expected reliable lower boundary for dense SNP data is 3rd or 4th degree relatedness³⁵). The panel shows an IBD analyses performed on a merge of SNP array and WGS data using KING-robust and PC-Air/PC-Relate. X-axis shows k_0 , indicating the probability of having 0 alleles identical by descent (ranging 0 to 1). Y-axis shows k_{in} , the pairwise kinship coefficient estimate (ranging 0 to 0.5 conventionally, but possibly extending beyond these boundaries given the use of ancestry divergence measures by KING and PC-Relate). Note the well-conditioned relationship of k_0 and k_{in} down to the lower boundary of 3rd degree relatedness. High intensity inflation was visible at the lower boundary of 4th degree relatedness, suggesting inflated number of IBD pairs. Relatedness levels in this approach were thus judged to be reasonably reliable down to 3rd degree relatedness.



- 1 **Figure S4. Genotype intensity data in EADB for rs439401.** Top panel shows full sample, bottom panel shows *APOE**4/4 subjects.
- 2 shows *APOE**4/4 subjects.
- 3 Abbreviations: *GT*, genotype.



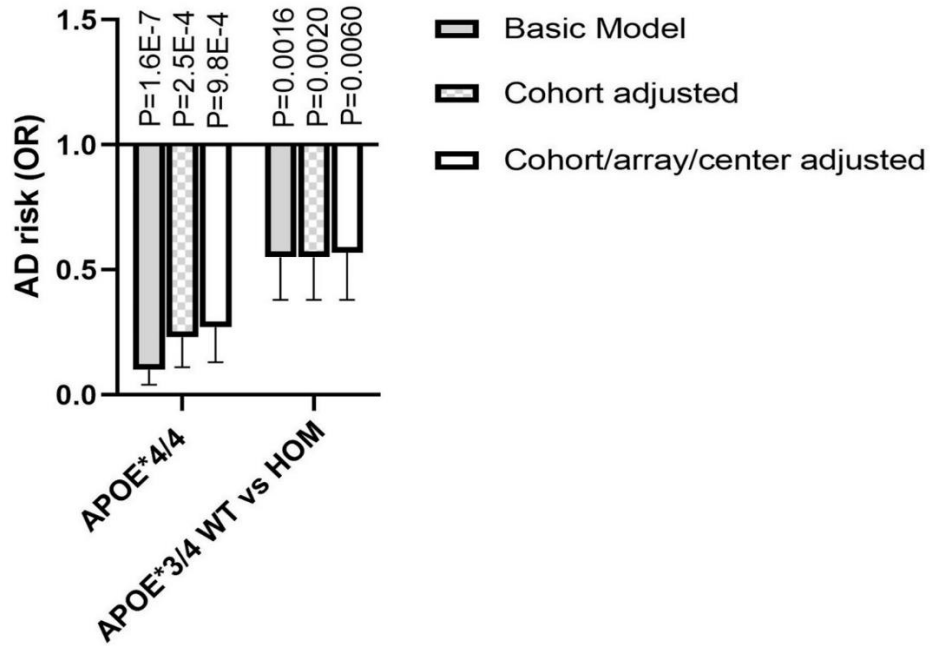
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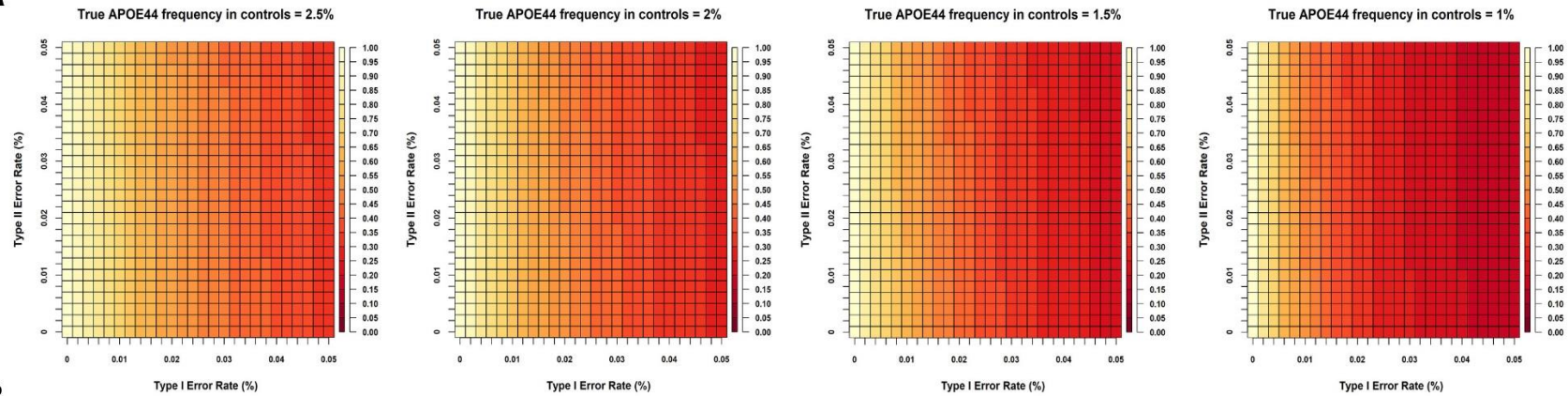
7 Figure S5. Discovery case-control association results for rs439401 when in-phase with *APOE**4,
 8 comparing the basic model to cohort and cohort/array/center adjustment, using *APOE* filtering
 9 approach 1.



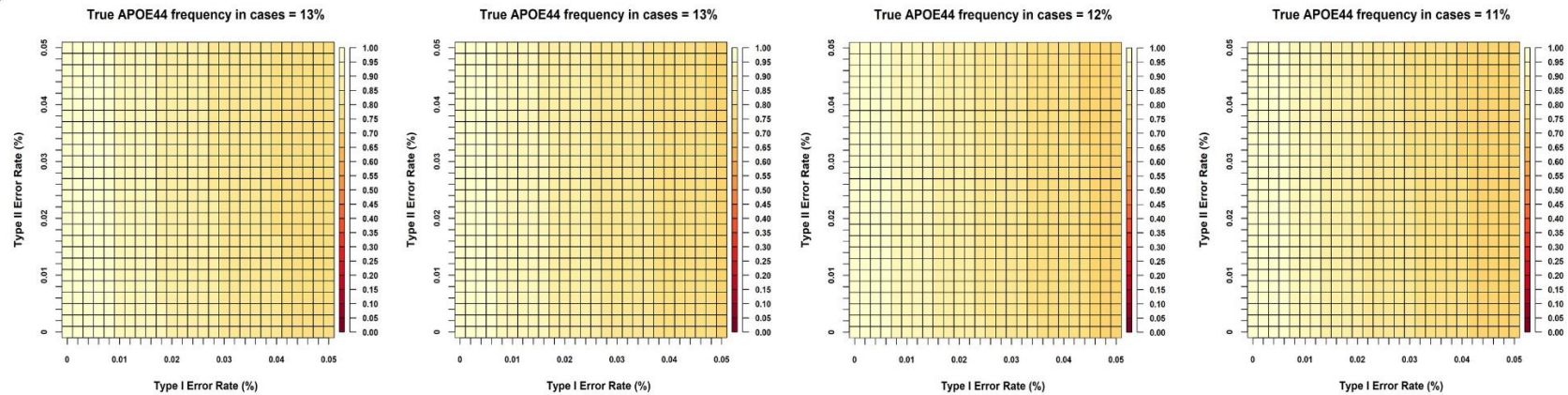
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11 **Figure S6. Simulation of the concordance between observed *APOE**4/4 and true *APOE**4/4 genotypes considering different type I and II error rates. A) Controls. B) Cases. Four different true frequencies were considered for controls and cases respectively. The frequencies were centered**
 12 **around the frequency observed in the full discovery cohort, which is somewhere around the expected true frequency. Type I error rate is defined**
 13 **as the probability to mis-classify non-*APOE**4/4 as *APOE**4/4; Type II error rate is defined as the probability to mis-classify *APOE**4/4 as non-**
 14 ***APOE**4/4.**
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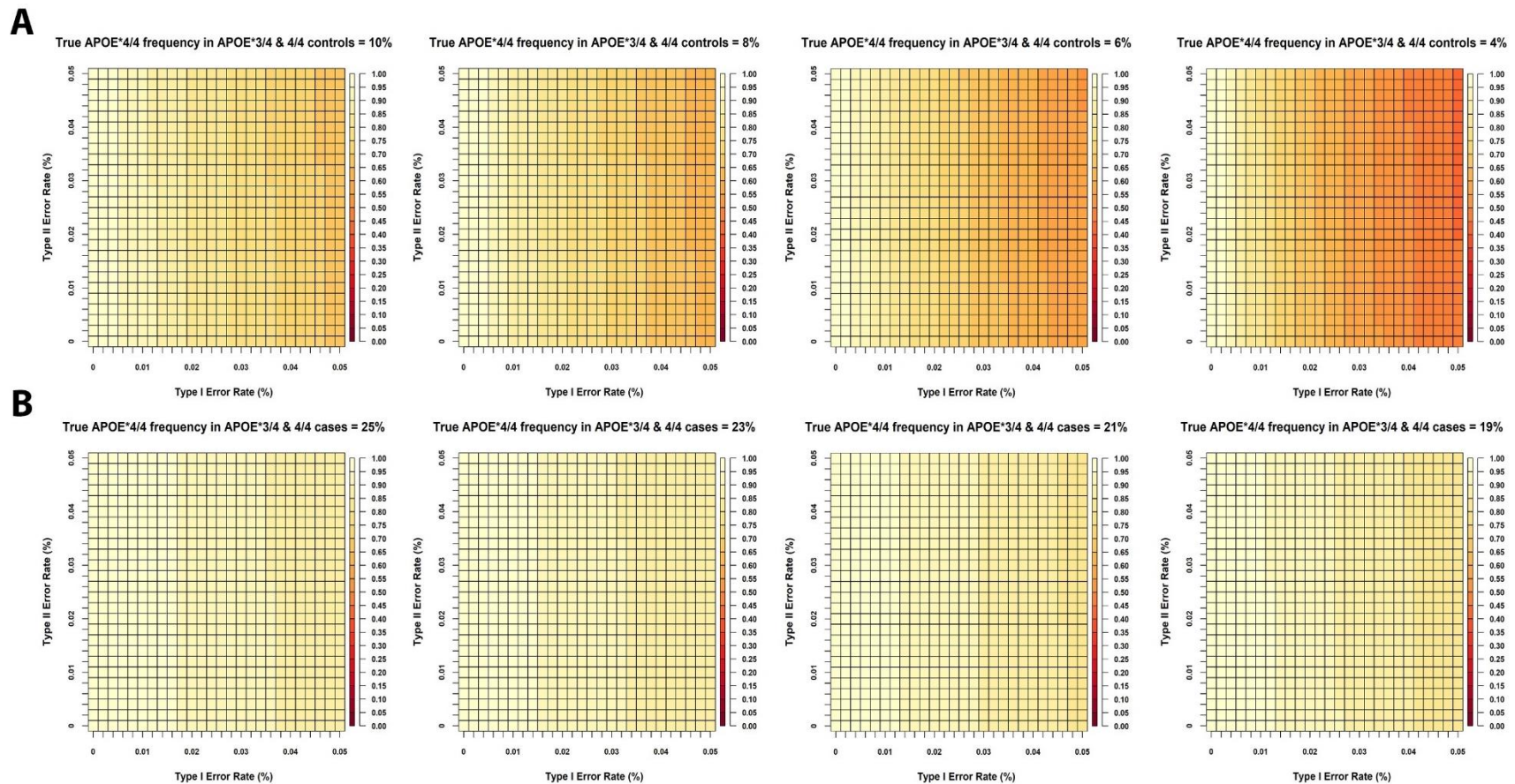
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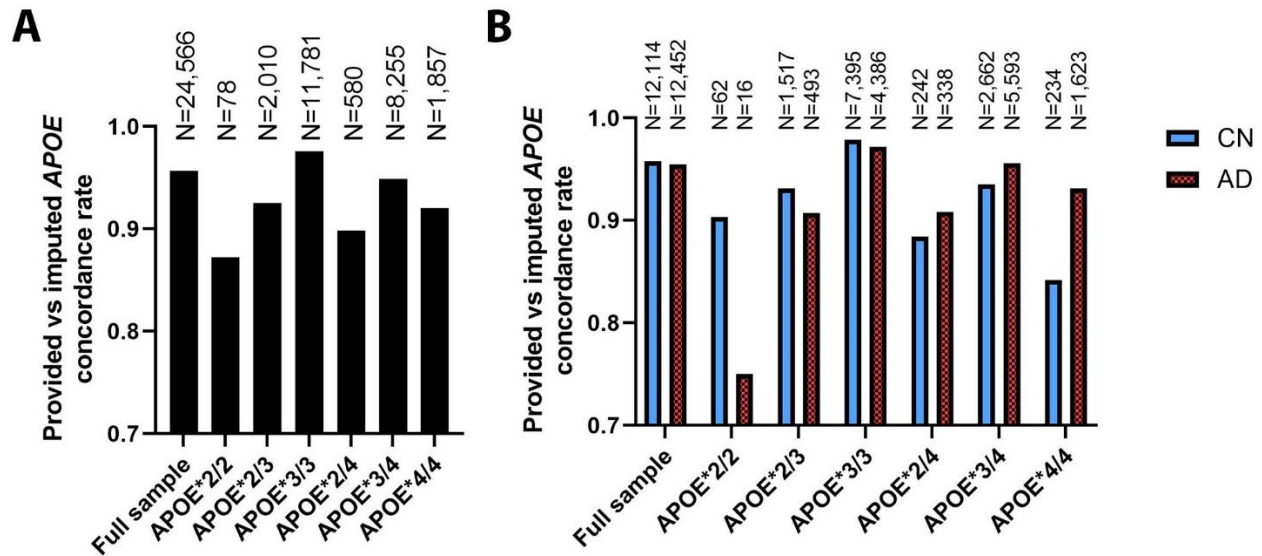
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17 **Figure S7. Simulation of the concordance between observed *APOE**4/4 and true *APOE**4/4 genotypes considering different type I and II error**
 18 **rates and considering only *APOE**3/4 and *APOE**4/4 carriers. A) Controls. B) Cases. One limitation when considering concordance rates as**
 19 **depicted in Figure S9 is that this assumes each *APOE* genotype (2/2, 2/3, 3/3, 2/4, 3/4, 4/4) could equally produce any other *APOE* genotype**
 20 **when error occurs. Based on observations in Table S18, it may be more likely that *APOE**4/4 subjects are enriched for miscalled *APOE**3/4 subjects.**
 21 **Observed versus true *APOE**4/4 concordance rates may thus be better assessed by considering the true frequency of *APOE**4/4 subjects with**
 22 **regard to the group of *APOE**3/4 and *APOE**4/4 subjects.**



24 **Figure S8. Concordance rates between imputed and provided *APOE* across different *APOE* strata. A)**
 25 **Combining cases and controls per stratum. B) Splitting cases and controls per stratum.** Considered
 26 samples were those used in the discovery analyses, passing sample QC, and here further excluding
 27 subjects that did not have imputed genotypes available. Further, the analyses considered the provided
 28 *APOE* genotype to stratify samples as depicted (not using verification from the WGS/WES *APOE*
 29 genotypes). Number of subjects across groups are shown at the top of bar graphs. *Abbreviations: CN,*
 30 *Cognitively normal; AD, Alzheimer's Disease.*



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32 **Table S1. Overview genotyping platforms across cohorts/projects considered in analysis approach 1.**

Cohort/Project	Genotyping Platform	In-house data ID	Sample count	Data Repository & ID
ACT	Illumina Human 660W-Quad	ACT	2790	NIAGADS (NG00034) / dbGaP (phs000234)
ADC1	Illumina Human 660W-Quad	ADC1	2731	NIAGADS (NG00022) / NACC
ADC2	Illumina Human 660W-Quad	ADC2	928	NIAGADS (NG00023) / NACC
ADC3	Illumina Human OmniExpress	ADC3	1526	NIAGADS (NG00024) / NACC
ADC4	Illumina Human OmniExpress	ADC4	1054	NIAGADS (NG00068) / NACC
ADC5	Illumina Human OmniExpress	ADC5	1224	NIAGADS (NG00069) / NACC
ADC6	Illumina Human OmniExpress	ADC6	1333	NIAGADS (NG00070) / NACC
ADC7	Illumina Infinium Human OmniExpressExome	ADC7	1462	NIAGADS (NG00071) / NACC
ADDNEUROMED	Illumina Human 610-Quad	ADM_Q	315	Synapse AddNeuroMed (syn4907804)
	Illumina Human OmniExpress	ADM_O	329	Synapse AddNeuroMed (syn4907804)
ADNI	Illumina Human 610-Quad	ADNI_1	757	LONI ADNI
	Illumina Human OmniExpress	ADNI_2	361	LONI ADNI
	Illumina Omni 2.5	ADNI_O25	812	LONI ADNI
	Whole Genome Sequencing - Illumina	ADNI_WGS	812	LONI ADNI
ADNI-DOD	Illumina Human OmniExpress	ADNI_DOD	204	LONI ADNIDOD
ADSP discovery	Whole Exome Sequencing (discovery joint called) - Baylor College	ADSP_DISC_Baylor	2609	dbGaP (phs000572) / NACC
	Whole Exome Sequencing (discovery joint called) - Broad Institute	ADSP_DISC_Broad	4574	dbGaP (phs000572) / NACC
	Whole Exome Sequencing (discovery joint called) - Washington University	ADSP_DISC_Washu	3726	dbGaP (phs000572) / NACC
	Whole Exome Sequencing (discovery joint called) - unspecified	ADSP_DISC	10	dbGaP (phs000572) / NACC
ADSP extension	Whole Genome Sequencing (extension joint called) - Baylor College	ADSP_EXT_Baylor	1260	NIAGADS (NG00067) / NACC
	Whole Genome Sequencing (extension joint called) - Broad Institute	ADSP_EXT_Broad	1365	NIAGADS (NG00067) / NACC
	Whole Genome Sequencing (extension joint called) - Illumina	ADSP_EXT_Illumina	809	NIAGADS (NG00067) / NACC
	Whole Genome Sequencing (extension joint called) - Washington University	ADSP_EXT_Washu	1316	NIAGADS (NG00067) / NACC
EADI	Illumina Human 610-Quad	EADI	9863	contact: jean-charles.lambert@pasteur-lille.fr
EADB	Illumina Global Screening Array	EADB	64704	contact: jean-charles.lambert@pasteur-lille.fr

GenADA	Affymetrix 500K	GSK	1571	dbGaP (phs000219)
NIA-LOAD	Illumina Human 610-Quad	LOAD	5220	NIAGADS (NG00020)
MAYO	Illumina Human Hap300	MAYO_1	2099	Synapse AMP-AD (syn5591675) / NIAGADS (NG00029)
	Whole Genome Sequencing (AMP-AD joint called ROSMAP/MAYO/MSBB)	AMP_AD_MAYO_WGS	349	Synapse AMP-AD (syn22264775)
MAYO2	Illumina Omni 2.5	MAYO_2	314	Synapse AMP-AD (syn5550404)
	Whole Genome Sequencing (AMP-AD joint called ROSMAP/MAYO/MSBB)	AMP_AD_MAYO_WGS	349	Synapse AMP-AD (syn22264775)
MIRAGE	Illumina Human CNV370-Duo	MIRAGE_370	397	NIAGADS (NG00031)
	Illumina Human 610-Quad	MIRAGE_610	1105	NIAGADS (NG00031)
MSBB	Whole Genome Sequencing (AMP-AD joint called ROSMAP/MAYO/MSBB)	AMP_AD_MSBB_WGS	349	Synapse AMP-AD (syn3159438, syn22264775)
MTC	Illumina Human OmniExpress	MTC	542	NIAGADS (NG00096)
OHSU	Illumina Human CNV370-Duo	OHSU	647	NIAGADS (NG00017)
ROTTERDAM	Illumina Infinium II HumanHap550chip v3.0	ROTTERDAM	10150	contact: m.a.ikram@erasmusmc.nl
ROSMAP	Affymetrix GeneChip 6.0 - Broad Institute	ROSMAP_1B	1126	RADC Rush (contact:Gregory_Klein@rush.edu) / Synapse AMP-AD (syn3219045)
	Affymetrix GeneChip 6.0 - TGen	ROSMAP_1T	582	RADC Rush (contact:Gregory_Klein@rush.edu) / Synapse AMP-AD (syn3219045)
	Illumina Human OmniExpress 12 - Chop	ROSMAP_2C	382	RADC Rush (contact:Gregory_Klein@rush.edu) / Synapse AMP-AD (syn7824841)
	Illumina Multi-Ethnic - BU	ROSMAP_3BU	494	RADC Rush (contact:Gregory_Klein@rush.edu)
	Whole Genome Sequencing (AMP-AD joint called ROSMAP/MAYO/MSBB)	AMP_AD_ROSMAP_WGS	1196	RADC Rush (contact:Gregory_Klein@rush.edu) / Synapse AMP-AD (syn22264775)
TARCC	Affymetrix 6.0	TARCC	625	NIAGADS (NG00097)
TGEN2	Affymetrix 6.0	TGEN	1599	NIAGADS (NG00028)
UPITT	Illumina Human Omni1-Quad	UPITT	2440	NIAGADS (NG00026)
UM/VU/MSSM	Illumina Human 1M-Duo, Illumina 1M	UVM_A	1153	NIAGADS (NG00042)
	Affymetrix 6.0	UVM_B	864	NIAGADS (NG00042)
	Illumina Human 550K, Illumina Human 610-Quad	UVM_C	445	NIAGADS (NG00042)
WASHU	Illumina Human 610-Quad	WASHU_1	670	NIAGADS (NG00030)
WASHU2	Illumina Human OmniExpress	WASHU_2	235	NIAGADS (NG00087)
WHICAP	Illumina Human OmniExpress	WHICAP	647	NIAGADS (NG00093)

34 **Table S2. Discovery sample sizes per cohort/project after sequential quality control and filtering steps**
 35 **(detailed in column titles).** Cohorts/Arrays that had no coverage of rs439401 (genotyping rate 0%) are
 36 not listed.

Cohorts	1. All genotyped subjects	2. Genotype missingness <95%	3. No sex problems/missingness	4. No ancestry/race discordance	5. No duplicate discordance	6. Filter to CN/AD	7. APOE genotype available	8. AGE available	9. AGE 60y and up	10. European (EU)	11. Retain unique non-duplicate
ACT	2790	2790	2790	2786	2784	2558	2364	2364	2363	2270	2269
ADC1	2731	2731	2730	2697	2682	2522	2508	2508	2221	2058	2053
ADC2	928	928	927	927	923	829	827	827	820	817	816
ADC3	1526	1526	1525	1524	1519	1356	1354	1354	1253	1232	1232
ADC4	1054	1054	1054	1054	1054	875	871	871	839	828	827
ADC5	1224	1224	1223	1222	1221	1005	1005	1005	996	993	989
ADC6	1333	1333	1332	1332	1330	933	927	927	719	719	716
ADC7	1462	1462	1462	1460	1460	1314	1314	1314	1313	1308	1308
ADM_O	315	315	313	313	313	240	235	235	232	231	231
ADM_Q	329	329	281	281	281	202	201	201	196	196	196
ADNI_1	757	756	755	751	750	551	549	549	538	495	293
ADNI_2	361	361	359	353	353	248	248	248	241	206	185
ADNI_O25	812	812	811	804	804	470	470	470	462	433	362
ADNI_DOD	204	204	203	200	200	94	94	94	94	79	79
ADSP_EXT_Baylor	1260	1259	1259	1253	1251	1064	1064	1064	1033	119	119
ADSP_EXT_Broad	1365	1362	1362	1356	1352	1274	1274	1274	1245	972	291
ADSP_EXT_Illumina	809	809	808	801	801	468	468	468	460	432	1
ADSP_EXT_WashU	1316	1316	1315	1301	1298	1248	1248	1247	1204	144	32
LOAD	5220	5220	5201	5164	5155	4482	4470	4470	3940	3344	3050
MAYO_1	2099	2058	2058	2058	2056	1953	1918	1918	1917	1887	1761
MAYO_2	314	314	312	312	311	223	223	223	210	208	185
AMP_AD_MAYO_WGS	349	349	349	349	348	263	263	263	250	250	45
MIRAGE_370	397	397	358	358	358	356	331	329	321	295	276
MIRAGE_610	1105	1105	992	991	990	984	926	915	901	857	822
AMP_AD_MSBB_WGS	349	349	340	337	334	224	224	224	216	186	180
MTC	542	542	540	539	539	460	371	367	365	352	332
OHSU	647	641	634	634	618	576	561	561	559	554	511
ROSMAP_2C	382	382	380	380	380	298	298	298	298	293	261
ROSMAP_3BU	494	488	480	452	449	353	303	303	303	231	180
AMP_AD_ROSMAP_WGS	1196	1196	1185	1184	1167	937	937	937	937	937	647
UPITT	2440	2371	2364	2364	2364	2235	2227	2218	2218	2204	2163
UVM_A	1153	1153	1153	1153	1151	1147	1140	1140	1140	1137	1099
UVM_B	864	864	863	863	861	816	804	800	795	791	553
WASHU	670	670	668	668	667	640	629	599	582	582	434
WHICAP	647	647	647	647	647	639	638	638	638	631	622
Total	39444	39317	39033	38868	38771	33837	33284	33223	31819	28271	25120

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38 **Table S3. Expanded sample demographics for Alzheimer’s disease case-control association analyses.**

Cohort		Diagnosis		Pathology		Sex	Age	Age type			
Name	Participants after QC (N)	Type	(N)	Available (N (%))	AD Path. (N (%))	Female (N (%))	Age (Mean (SD))	AAD (Mean (SD)) [%]	AAL (Mean (SD)) [%]	AAE (Mean (SD)) [%]	AAO (Mean (SD)) [%]
DISCOVERY SAMPLE											
ACT	2269	CN	1645	196 (11.9 %)	0 (0.0 %)	891 (54.2 %)	83.5 (5.9)	83.7 (5.7) [59.4 %]	83.2 (6.3) [40.6 %]	-	-
		AD	624	119 (19.1 %)	119 (100 %)	405 (64.9 %)	81.8 (6.3)	-	-	82.6 (5.8) [7.9 %]	81.8 (6.3) [92.1 %]
NACC - ADC1	2053	CN	490	152 (31.0 %)	8 (5.3 %)	279 (56.9 %)	81.4 (9.1)	85.8 (8.5) [39.2 %]	78.6 (8.3) [60.8 %]	-	-
		AD	1563	1535 (98.2 %)	1535 (100 %)	857 (54.8 %)	73.0 (7.5)	83.5 (6.0) [1.6 %]	-	79.6 (8.5) [6.3 %]	72.6 (7.2) [92.1 %]
NACC - ADC2	816	CN	125	18 (14.4 %)	4 (22.2 %)	88 (70.4 %)	79.8 (9.1)	86.3 (8.3) [21.6 %]	78.0 (8.6) [78.4 %]	-	-
		AD	691	329 (47.6 %)	329 (100 %)	362 (52.4 %)	73.1 (7.0)	-	-	76.9 (6.9) [1.3 %]	73.1 (7.0) [98.7 %]
NACC - ADC3	1232	CN	490	42 (8.6 %)	5 (11.9 %)	305 (62.2 %)	79.3 (9.5)	88.3 (7.5) [20.4 %]	77.0 (8.6) [79.6 %]	-	-
		AD	742	483 (65.1 %)	483 (100 %)	410 (55.3 %)	74.7 (8.3)	83.5 (6.4) [0.3 %]	-	80.2 (8.8) [4.0 %]	74.5 (8.2) [95.7 %]
NACC - ADC4	827	CN	422	50 (11.8 %)	15 (30.0 %)	261 (61.8 %)	79.4 (8.6)	87.1 (7.8) [18.2 %]	77.6 (7.8) [81.8 %]	-	-
		AD	405	156 (38.5 %)	156 (100 %)	217 (53.6 %)	74.0 (7.3)	-	-	79.7 (12.4) [0.7 %]	74.0 (7.3) [99.3 %]
NACC - ADC5	989	CN	589	83 (14.1 %)	16 (19.3 %)	382 (64.9 %)	81.9 (8.8)	88.8 (6.7) [22.6 %]	79.8 (8.2) [77.4 %]	-	-
		AD	400	150 (37.5 %)	150 (100 %)	215 (53.8 %)	74.5 (7.9)	-	-	76 (-) [0.2 %]	74.5 (7.9) [99.8 %]
NACC - ADC6	716	CN	357	39 (10.9 %)	15 (38.5 %)	240 (67.2 %)	80.0 (8.9)	87.0 (8.7) [21.0 %]	78.1 (8.0) [79.0 %]	-	-
		AD	359	119 (33.1 %)	119 (100 %)	192 (53.5 %)	74.4 (7.9)	-	-	90 (-) [0.3 %]	74.4 (7.9) [99.7 %]
NACC - ADC7	1308	CN	772	39 (5.1 %)	4 (10.3 %)	497 (64.4 %)	77.7 (7.8)	84.0 (8.3) [9.3 %]	77.1 (7.4) [90.7 %]	-	-
		AD	536	121 (22.6 %)	121 (100 %)	284 (53.0 %)	72.9 (7.7)	-	-	-	72.9 (7.7) [100 %]
ADDNEURO	427	CN	182	0 (0.0%)	-	102 (56.0%)	76.6 (6.3)	-	76.6 (6.3) [100 %]	-	-
		AD	245	0 (0.0%)	-	158 (64.5%)	73.4 (6.2)	-	-	78.2 (5.9) [8.6 %]	73.0 (6.0) [91.4 %]
ADNI	840	CN	344	1 (0.3 %)	0 (0.0 %)	172 (50.0 %)	78.5 (6.8)	84 (-) [0.3 %]	78.5 (6.8) [99.7 %]	-	-
		AD	496	29 (5.8 %)	29 (100 %)	211 (42.5 %)	75.5 (6.7)	-	-	75.6 (6.7) [97.6 %]	72.7 (7.5) [2.4 %]
ADNI-DOD	79	CN	79	0 (0.0 %)	-	0 (0.0 %)	70.2 (5.3)	-	70.2 (5.3) [100 %]	-	-
		AD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ADSP Extension	443	CN	160	26 (16.3 %)	1 (3.8 %)	93 (58.1 %)	79.1 (7.5)	82.7 (7.9) [5.6 %]	78.8 (7.5) [94.4 %]	-	-
		AD	283	201 (71.0 %)	201 (100 %)	152 (53.7 %)	74.2 (8.0)	-	-	73 (-) [0.4 %]	74.2 (8.0) [99.6 %]
MAYO	1761	CN	1048	132 (12.6 %)	0 (0.0 %)	543 (51.8 %)	74.2 (5.4)	82.2 (5.0) [0.6 %]	74.1 (5.3) [99.4 %]	-	-
		AD	713	227 (31.8 %)	227 (100 %)	414 (58.0 %)	73.5 (5.1)	-	-	73.5 (5.1) [99.4 %]	68.8 (3.9) [0.6 %]
MAYO2	230	CN	160	160 (100 %)	0 (0.0 %)	81 (50.6 %)	83.8 (7.1)	83.8 (7.1) [100 %]	-	-	-
		AD	70	70 (100 %)	70 (100 %)	48 (68.6 %)	74.6 (5.7)	84.4 (5.6) [98.6 %]	-	-	85 (-) [1.4 %]
MIRAGE	1098	CN	688	0 (0.0 %)	-	403 (58.6 %)	72.0 (7.2)	-	72.0 (7.2) [100 %]	-	-
		AD	410	0 (0.0 %)	-	254 (62.0 %)	70.9 (6.5)	-	-	74.5 (4.2) [1.0 %]	70.9 (6.5) [99.0 %]
MSBB	180	CN	31	31 (100 %)	2 (6.5 %)	23 (74.2 %)	82.4 (7.6)	82.4 (7.6) [100 %]	-	-	-
		AD	149	149 (100 %)	149 (100 %)	100 (67.1 %)	78.1 (8.4)	85.6 (7.1) [53.7 %]	-	-	80.9 (9.0) [46.3 %]
MTC	332	CN	113	0 (0.0 %)	-	70 (61.9 %)	73.1 (7.8)	-	73.1 (7.8) [100 %]	-	-
		AD	219	1 (0.5 %)	-	122 (55.7 %)	74.4 (7.3)	89 (-) [0.5 %]	-	81.0 (8.3) [10.5 %]	73.6 (6.8) [89.0 %]
NIA-LOAD	3050	CN	1303	69 (5.3 %)	6 (8.7 %)	788 (60.5 %)	74.5 (9.2)	85.4 (7.0) [7.1 %]	73.7 (8.8) [92.9 %]	-	-
		AD	1747	463 (26.5 %)	463 (100 %)	1145 (65.5 %)	73.8 (6.8)	-	-	84.2 (8.0) [0.5 %]	73.7 (6.8) [99.5 %]
OHSU	511	CN	326	326 (100 %)	77 (23.6 %)	171 (52.5 %)	85.8 (7.3)	85.8 (7.3) [100 %]	-	-	-
		AD	185	185 (100 %)	185 (100 %)	117 (63.2 %)	85.3 (6.1)	-	-	85.1 (6.5) [17.8 %]	85.3 (6.0) [82.2 %]

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ROSMAP	1088	CN	528	291 (55.1 %)	123 (42.3 %)	383 (72.5 %)	86.0 (7.2)	88.1 (6.5) [58.5 %]	83.1 (7.1) [41.5 %]	-	-
		AD	560	502 (89.6 %)	502 (100 %)	412 (73.6 %)	84.4 (6.6)	-	-	84.2 (6.5) [86.8 %]	85.4 (7.0) [13.2 %]
UM/VU/MSSM	1652	CN	931	42 (4.5 %)	0 (0.0 %)	594 (63.8 %)	73.3 (7.7)	80.9 (9.1) [6.3 %]	72.8 (7.3) [93.7 %]	-	-
		AD	721	160 (22.2 %)	160 (100 %)	461 (63.9 %)	74.3 (7.3)	86.0 (7.1) [7.3 %]	-	85.7 (6.1) [2.6 %]	73.9 (7.1) [89.9 %]
UPITT	2163	CN	870	0 (0.0 %)	-	549 (63.1 %)	75.4 (6.0)	-	75.4 (6.0) [100 %]	-	-
		AD	1293	0 (0.0 %)	-	822 (63.6 %)	73.3 (6.6)	-	-	78.1 (7.8) [7.3 %]	72.9 (6.4) [92.7 %]
WASHU	434	CN	139	2 (1.4 %)	0 (0.0 %)	87 (62.6 %)	76.9 (8.5)	90.5 (0.7) [1.4 %]	76.7 (8.4) [98.6 %]	-	-
		AD	295	28 (9.5 %)	28 (100 %)	171 (58.0 %)	76.5 (8.8)	-	-	-	76.5 (8.8) [100 %]
WHICAP	622	CN	548	0 (0.0 %)	-	330 (60.2 %)	81.8 (6.7)	-	81.8 (6.7) [100 %]	-	-
		AD	74	0 (0.0 %)	-	53 (71.6 %)	84.3 (7.7)	-	-	-	84.3 (7.7) [100 %]
TOTAL	25120	CN	12340	1699 (13.8 %)	276 (16.2 %)	7332 (59.4 %)	78.3 (8.6)	85.3 (7.1) [21.5 %]	76.5 (8.0) [78.5 %]	-	-
		AD	12780	5027 (39.3 %)	5027 (100 %)	7582 (59.3 %)	74.9 (7.8)	85.1 (6.6) [1.8 %]	-	77.8 (7.7) [16.2 %]	74.3 (7.7) [82.0 %]
REPLICATION SAMPLES											
ROTTERDAM	10150	CN	8824	-	-	4956 (56.2 %)	77.5 (9.5)	81.6 (8.8) [41.2 %]	74.7 (8.9) [58.8 %]	-	-
		AD	1326	-	-	945 (71.3 %)	83.7 (6.6)	-	-	83.7 (6.6) [100 %]	-
EADI	8571	CN	6502	-	-	3920 (60.3 %)	80.4 (6.6)	82.9 (6.3) [15.6 %]	79.9 (6.7) [84.4 %]	-	-
		AD	2069	-	-	1359 (65.7 %)	75.2 (8.2)	-	-	75.2 (8.2) [100 %]	-
EADB	21860	CN	12295	-	-	7155 (58.2 %)	73.3 (8.0)	79.7 (6.8) [0.2 %]	73.3 (8.0) [99.8 %]	-	-
		AD	9565	-	-	6055 (63.3 %)	74.9 (7.8)	-	-	-	74.9 (7.8) [100 %]

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41 Subjects with a diagnosis of cognitively normal at their last examination prior to death were kept as controls, regardless of the presence of AD pathology.

42 **Table S4. Expanded sample demographics for Alzheimer’s disease case-control association analyses in evaluated *APOE**4 carriers.**

Cohort				<i>APOE</i> *3/4 carriers			<i>APOE</i> *4/4 carriers		
Name	Participants after QC (N)	Diagnosis (N)	(N (%))	Female (N (%))	Age (Mean (SD))	(N (%))	Female (N (%))	Age (Mean (SD))	
DISCOVERY SAMPLES									
ACT	2269	CN	1645	299 (18.2 %)	176 (58.9 %)	82.7 (6.2)	16 (1.0 %)	11 (68.8 %)	81.8 (6.8)
		AD	624	211 (33.8 %)	128 (60.7 %)	80.4 (5.9)	40 (6.4 %)	30 (75.0 %)	74.7 (8.0)
NACC - ADC1	2053	CN	490	99 (20.2 %)	51 (51.5 %)	77.2 (9.2)	5 (1.0 %)	4 (80.0 %)	71.8 (3.3)
		AD	1563	765 (49.0 %)	408 (53.3 %)	73.0 (7.1)	255 (16.3 %)	118 (46.3 %)	69.4 (5.9)
NACC - ADC2	816	CN	125	23 (18.4 %)	17 (73.9 %)	76.1 (9.3)	3 (2.4 %)	2 (66.7 %)	78.3 (8.5)
		AD	691	313 (45.3 %)	173 (55.3 %)	72.5 (6.3)	113 (16.4 %)	51 (45.1 %)	68.8 (5.4)
NACC - ADC3	1232	CN	490	94 (19.2 %)	61 (64.9 %)	76.0 (8.9)	7 (1.4 %)	4 (57.1 %)	70.9 (3.0)
		AD	742	339 (45.7 %)	182 (53.7 %)	73.5 (7.2)	96 (12.9 %)	54 (56.3 %)	70.8 (6.0)
NACC - ADC4	827	CN	422	91 (21.6 %)	54 (59.3 %)	76.8 (8.4)	11 (2.6 %)	7 (63.6 %)	77.0 (8.2)
		AD	405	166 (41.0 %)	95 (57.2 %)	72.7 (6.0)	46 (11.4 %)	24 (52.2 %)	68.4 (4.8)
NACC - ADC5	989	CN	589	105 (17.8 %)	66 (62.9 %)	79.9 (8.2)	10 (1.7 %)	6 (60.0 %)	75.2 (6.6)
		AD	400	185 (46.3 %)	108 (58.4 %)	73.4 (6.7)	48 (12.0 %)	25 (52.1 %)	68.6 (4.6)
NACC - ADC6	716	CN	357	84 (23.5 %)	55 (65.5 %)	78.2 (8.3)	5 (1.4 %)	3 (60.0 %)	72.4 (7.4)
		AD	359	156 (43.5 %)	85 (54.5 %)	72.5 (7.0)	38 (10.6 %)	17 (44.7 %)	69.0 (5.4)
NACC - ADC7	1308	CN	772	203 (26.3 %)	125 (61.6 %)	77.3 (7.7)	14 (1.8 %)	12 (85.7 %)	74.1 (6.4)
		AD	536	239 (44.6 %)	129 (54.0 %)	72.3 (6.6)	77 (14.4 %)	39 (50.6 %)	67.4 (6.7)
ADDNEURO	427	CN	182	37 (20.3 %)	22 (59.5 %)	75.5 (6.4)	3 (1.6 %)	1 (33.3 %)	73.3 (7.2)
		AD	245	102 (41.6 %)	71 (69.6 %)	72.8 (5.5)	27 (11.0 %)	19 (70.4 %)	68.9 (4.9)
ADNI	840	CN	344	82 (23.8 %)	44 (53.7 %)	76.4 (7.3)	7 (2.0 %)	2 (28.6 %)	77.3 (4.5)
		AD	496	237 (47.8 %)	102 (43.0 %)	75.1 (6.1)	83 (16.7 %)	33 (39.8 %)	72.1 (6.4)
ADNI-DOD	79	CN	79	16 (20.3 %)	0 (0.00 %)	70.0 (6.2)	2 (2.5 %)	0 (0.00 %)	72.5 (3.5)
		AD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ADSP Extension	443	CN	160	41 (25.6 %)	22 (53.7 %)	77.9 (6.9)	1 (0.6 %)	0 (0.00 %)	77.0 (-)
		AD	283	134 (47.3 %)	63 (47.0 %)	72.6 (7.0)	24 (8.5 %)	11 (45.8 %)	67.3 (6.3)
MAYO	1761	CN	1048	250 (23.9 %)	139 (55.6 %)	73.9 (4.9)	18 (1.7 %)	9 (50.0 %)	74.6 (2.7)
		AD	713	334 (46.8 %)	192 (57.5 %)	74.2 (4.7)	123 (17.3 %)	74 (60.2 %)	71.4 (5.0)
MAYO2	230	CN	160	31 (19.4 %)	16 (51.6 %)	82.3 (6.7)	2 (1.3 %)	1 (50.0 %)	88.0 (2.8)
		AD	70	31 (44.3 %)	23 (74.2 %)	74.3 (5.6)	5 (7.1 %)	4 (80.0 %)	67.8 (0.8)
MIRAGE	1098	CN	688	210 (30.5 %)	124 (59.0 %)	71.4 (7.1)	41 (6.0 %)	28 (68.3 %)	70.8 (6.9)
		AD	410	165 (40.2 %)	107 (64.8 %)	71.4 (6.2)	63 (15.4 %)	41 (65.1 %)	68.3 (5.4)
MSBB	180	CN	31	5 (16.1 %)	5 (100 %)	85.4 (3.6)	0 (0.0 %)	-	-
		AD	149	56 (37.6 %)	38 (67.9 %)	77.4 (7.8)	9 (6.0 %)	5 (55.6 %)	72.0 (7.4)
MTC	332	CN	113	18 (15.9 %)	13 (72.2 %)	73.0 (6.1)	1 (0.9 %)	1 (100 %)	73 (-)
		AD	219	99 (45.2 %)	55 (55.5 %)	73.6 (6.7)	27 (12.3 %)	10 (37.0 %)	68.7 (5.6)
NIA-LOAD	3050	CN	1303	412 (31.6 %)	242 (58.7 %)	72.0 (8.3)	45 (3.5 %)	26 (57.8 %)	70.3 (8.00)
		AD	1747	948 (54.3 %)	630 (66.5 %)	73.0 (6.1)	306 (17.5 %)	183 (59.8 %)	70.9 (6.4)
OHSU	511	CN	326	60 (18.4 %)	31 (51.7 %)	84.4 (7.6)	4 (1.2 %)	1 (25.0 %)	80.0 (5.6)
		AD	185	61 (33.0 %)	33 (54.1 %)	83.6 (6.3)	6 (3.2 %)	3 (50.0 %)	81.3 (8.3)

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ROSMAP	1088	CN	528	82 (15.5 %)	62 (75.6 %)	84.3 (7.5)	5 (1.0 %)	5 (100 %)	87.0 (4.6)
		AD	560	174 (31.1 %)	128 (73.6 %)	81.9 (6.7)	14 (2.5 %)	12 (85.7 %)	78.4 (6.0)
UM/VU/MSSM	1652	CN	931	190 (20.4 %)	119 (62.6 %)	72.1 (7.7)	17 (1.8 %)	11 (64.7 %)	69.4 (5.1)
		AD	721	303 (42.0 %)	201 (66.3 %)	73.6 (6.6)	101 (14.0 %)	58 (57.4 %)	69.7 (5.9)
UPITT	2163	CN	870	144 (16.6 %)	89 (61.8 %)	73.4 (6.2)	9 (1.0 %)	5 (55.6 %)	75.6 (2.3)
		AD	1293	586 (45.3 %)	377 (64.3 %)	72.5 (6.5)	126 (9.7 %)	69 (54.8 %)	69.7 (5.8)
WASHU	434	CN	139	29 (20.9 %)	18 (62.1 %)	72.7 (7.4)	6 (4.3 %)	3 (50.0 %)	71.0 (5.8)
		AD	295	122 (41.4 %)	73 (59.8 %)	74.6 (7.7)	24 (8.1 %)	15 (62.5 %)	70.9 (7.2)
WHICAP	622	CN	548	102 (18.6 %)	64 (62.7 %)	80.9 (6.8)	6 (1.1 %)	3 (50.0 %)	71.0 (5.8)
		AD	74	14 (18.9 %)	10 (71.4 %)	85.4 (5.9)	1 (1.4 %)	0 (0.00 %)	70.9 (7.2)
TOTAL	25120	CN	12340	2707 (21.9 %)	1615 (59.7 %)	76.2 (8.4)	238 (1.9 %)	145 (60.9 %)	73.7 (7.4)
		AD	12780	5740 (44.9 %)	3411 (59.4 %)	73.8 (6.9)	1652 (12.9 %)	895 (54.2 %)	70.1 (6.2)
REPLICATION SAMPLES									
ROTTERDAM	10150	CN	8824	1868 (21.2 %)	1034 (55.4 %)	76.4 (9.3)	150 (1.7 %)	74 (49.3 %)	73.8 (8.0)
		AD	1326	411 (31.0 %)	282 (68.6 %)	82.2 (6.4)	86 (6.5 %)	50 (58.1 %)	78.2 (6.9)
EADI	8571	CN	6502	1141 (17.5 %)	672 (58.9 %)	79.6 (6.4)	62 (1.0 %)	45 (72.6 %)	77.8 (6.4)
		AD	2069	801 (38.7 %)	529 (66.0 %)	73.9 (7.4)	205 (9.9 %)	134 (65.4 %)	69.4 (5.9)
EADB	21860	CN	12295	2498 (20.3 %)	1431 (57.3 %)	72.4 (7.9)	195 (1.6 %)	107 (54.9 %)	70.3 (7.5)
		AD	9565	3912 (40.9 %)	2522 (64.5 %)	74.0 (7.2)	959 (10.0 %)	551 (57.5 %)	70.4 (6.8)

46 **Table S5. Carrier frequencies of rs439401 across *APOE**2/3/4 genotypes, in the haplotype reference consortium⁴¹, versus the current study**
 47 **discovery sample, using *APOE* filtering approach 1.** Note enrichment of *APOE**4-rs439401 haplotypes for *APOE**3/4 and 4/4 strata in the discovery
 48 sample compared to the haplotype reference consortium. Related individuals were filtered down to third degree relatedness, retaining a single
 49 sample per relatedness cluster.

Haplotype Reference Consortium (HRC) r1.1

		rs439401 - T		
		0	1	2
APOE	2/2	156 (100 %)	0 (0.00 %)	0 (0.00 %)
	2/3	1712 (54.09 %)	1453 (45.91 %)	0 (0.00 %)
	3/3	4864 (29.76 %)	7840 (47.97 %)	3639 (22.27 %)
	2/4	643 (99.69 %)	2 (0.31 %)	0 (0.00 %)
	3/4	3327 (53.44 %)	2889 (46.40 %)	10 (0.16 %)
4/4	625 (99.21 %)	5 (0.79 %)	0 (0.00 %)	

Discovery samples (including related individuals)

		rs439401 - T		
		0	1	2
APOE	2/2	78 (97.50 %)	1 (1.25 %)	1 (1.25 %)
	2/3	1063 (52.31 %)	962 (47.34 %)	7 (0.34 %)
	3/3	3327 (27.67 %)	6012 (50.00 %)	2687 (22.34 %)
	2/4	588 (97.84 %)	13 (2.16 %)	0 (0.00 %)
	3/4	4342 (51.48 %)	4060 (48.13 %)	33 (0.39 %)
4/4	1856 (98.25 %)	28 (1.48 %)	5 (0.26 %)	

Discovery samples (excluding related individuals)

		rs439401 - T		
		0	1	2
APOE	2/2	75 (98.68 %)	1 (1.32 %)	0 (0.00 %)
	2/3	989 (52.36 %)	894 (47.33 %)	6 (0.32 %)
	3/3	3018 (27.42 %)	5513 (50.10 %)	2472 (22.47 %)
	2/4	508 (98.07 %)	10 (1.93 %)	0 (0.00 %)
	3/4	3825 (51.44 %)	3584 (48.20 %)	27 (0.36 %)
4/4	1606 (98.35 %)	22 (1.35 %)	5 (0.31 %)	

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51 **Table S6. Associations of rs439401 with case-control status in supporting *APOE**3/4 and 3/3 stratified**
 52 **analyses, using *APOE* filtering approach 1.**

Group/model	Genotype distributions			AD Case-Control regression	
	CN, carrier No. / Total No. (%)	AD, carrier No. / Total No. (%)	CN - AD, MAF (%)	OR (95% CI)	P-value
rs439401 - T allele tested					
<i>APOE</i> *3/4 - additive model					
Discovery	1320 / 2702 (48.9 %)	2774 / 5734 (48.4 %)	24.8 % - 24.3 %	0.97 (0.88, 1.06)	0.45
<i>APOE</i> *3/3 - additive model					
Discovery	5424 / 7519 (72.1 %)	3276 / 4508 (72.7 %)	47.4 % - 47.2 %	1.00 (0.94, 1.05)	0.86

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54 **Table S7. Duplicate concordance across samples for rs439401.** Only genotype data that passed *APOE* filtering approach 1 and indicated European
 55 ancestry were used for these analyses (thus largely matching to samples considered in main analyses). In this subset, the total number of unique
 56 subjects with duplicates samples was N = 3804. Note there is subject overlap in the three respective analyses indicated in the table.

Duplicates across SNP microarray samples
(unique N = 1431)

		rs439401 - T			rs439401 - T		
		0	1	2	0	1	2
APOE	2/2	6	0	0	0	0	0
	2/3	72	62	0	0	0	0
	3/3	182	340	167	0	0	0
	2/4	27	0	0	0	0	0
	3/4	240	223	1	0	0	0
4/4	106	4	0	0	0	0	

Duplicates across NGS samples
(unique N = 704)

		rs439401 - T			rs439401 - T		
		0	1	2	0	1	2
APOE	2/2	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2/3	0	1	0	0	0	0
	3/3	12	11	3	0	0	0
	2/4	1	0	0	0	0	0
	3/4	5	7	0	0	0	0
4/4	0	0	0	0	0	0	

Duplicates between SNP microarray and WGS samples
(unique N = 2463)

		rs439401 - T			rs439401 - T		
		0	1	2	0	1	2
APOE	2/2	6	0	0	0	0	0
	2/3	114	118	1	0	0	0
	3/3	365	647	307	1*	1*	0
	2/4	53	1	0	0	0	0
	3/4	368	344	4	0	0	0
4/4	131	1	0	0	0	0	

*Indicates 1 individual

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58 **Table S8. Cohort and APOE genotype details of APOE*4/4 subjects in the discovery carrying rs439401.**

59 All shown participants were included in analyses using APOE filtering approach 1. Notably, one subject
 60 previously had APOE*4/4 status called from the prior ADSP WES but now had a dubious call from the new
 61 ADSP WES data (first line in table), suggesting the subject is in fact an APOE*3/4 carrier, which was also
 62 the provided and imputed APOE genotype.

Cohort	rs439401_T	final APOE determined for approach 1			Subjects excluded in approach 2							
		prv_apoe (from demographics)	wgs_apoe (old ADSP extension + AMP-AD WGS)	wes_apoe (old ADSP discovery)	imp_apoe (TOPMed imputation)	rs429359_R2 (TOPMed imputation)	wgs_apoe (new ADSP WGS + AMP-AD WGS)	wes_apoe (new ADSP WES)	rs429359_DP (ADSP read depth)	rs7412_DP (ADSP read depth)	rs429358_AD (ADSP allelic distribution T,C)	rs7412_AD (ADSP allelic distribution C,T)
CONTROLS												
ACT	1	44	34	44	excluded	34	0.92	?4	11	3	1,10	3,0
ADC1	1	44	44		excluded	34	0.93	34	40	33	15,25	33,0
ADC3	1	44	44		included	44	0.99					
ADC7	1	44	44		included	44	0.99	44	48	38	0,48	38,0
NIA-LOAD	1	44	44		excluded	34	0.94					
MIRAGE	2	44	44		excluded	33	0.90					
MIRAGE	2	44	44		excluded	33	0.92					
MIRAGE	1	44	44		excluded	34	0.92					
MIRAGE	2	44	44		excluded	33	0.92					
MIRAGE	1	44	44		excluded	34	0.92					
MIRAGE	1	44	44		excluded	34	0.92					
MIRAGE	1	44	44		excluded	33	0.92					
UPITT	1	44	44		excluded	33	1					
WASHU	1	44	44		excluded	33	0.93	33	36	20	36,0	20,0
CASES												
ADC1	1	44	44		included	44	0.93					
ADC1	1	44	44		excluded	34	0.93					
ADC4	1	44	44		included	44	0.99					
ADC7	1	44	44		included	44	0.99	44	66	35	0,66	35,0
ADC7	1	44	44		included	44	0.99					
ADC7	1	44	44		included	44	0.99					
ADDNEURO	1	44	44		excluded	33	0.98					
ADNI	1	44	44	44	included	44	0.99	44	16	25	0,16	25,0
NIA-LOAD	1	44	44		included	44	0.94					
NIA-LOAD	1	44	44		included	44	0.94	44	24	9	0,24	9,0
NIA-LOAD	1	44	44		included	34	0.94	44	28	6	0,28	6,0
MAYO	1	44	44		included	44	0.92					
MIRAGE	1	44	44		excluded	34	0.92					
MIRAGE	1	44	44		excluded	34	0.92					
MIRAGE	1	44	44		excluded	34	0.92					
UPITT	1	44	44		excluded	34	1					
UPITT	2	44	44		excluded	33	1					
UM-VU-MSSM	1	44	44		included	44	0.94					
UM-VU-MSSM	2	44	44		excluded	33	0.98					

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64 **Table S9. Concordance rate between provided and TOPMed imputed *APOE**2/3/4 status across cohorts.**
 65 Note the rs7412 and rs429358 imputation (R²) scores for MIRAGE_370 and MIRAGE610. Very similar
 66 scores were observed for ADM_Q, ROSMAP_1B, and ROSMAP_1T, yet concordance rates between
 67 provided and imputed *APOE* were higher for those cohorts/arrays.

Cohort/Array	Concordance rate provided versus imputed <i>APOE</i>	Participants with provided <i>APOE</i> (N)	Participants with imputed <i>APOE</i> (N)	Participants with provided and imputed <i>APOE</i> (N)	rs429358 R ²	rs7412 R ²
ACT	95.37%	2581	2709	2551	91.82%	91.25%
ADC1	94.70%	2731	2662	2662	93.28%	89.79%
ADC2	95.23%	926	924	922	93.19%	90.89%
ADC3	99.34%	1526	1517	1517	98.70%	99.94%
ADC4	99.81%	1051	1037	1034	98.72%	99.96%
ADC5	99.59%	1224	1223	1223	98.52%	99.71%
ADC6	99.92%	1333	1329	1329	98.73%	99.98%
ADC7	99.72%	1462	1454	1454	98.59%	99.73%
ADM_O	98.70%	308	314	307	98.14%	93.51%
ADM_Q	88.45%	278	328	277	88.33%	80.21%
ADNI_1	93.13%	757	742	742	93.03%	87.97%
ADNI_DOD	100.00%	203	184	183	98.05%	99.96%
ADNI_O25	99.37%	812	796	796	99.13%	99.55%
ADNI_OE	100.00%	360	349	348	98.54%	99.98%
LOAD	94.90%	5220	5194	5194	93.79%	90.51%
MAYO_1	93.59%	2066	2046	2013	91.50%	89.01%
MAYO_2	99.67%	312	309	307	99.26%	99.80%
MIRAGE_370	81.46%	337	386	329	89.07%	83.05%
MIRAGE_610	82.50%	938	1102	937	91.99%	83.24%
MTC	98.78%	409	530	409	98.56%	99.79%
OHSU	91.41%	636	638	629	88.34%	91.87%
ROSMAP_1B	93.22%	1120	1097	1091	90.45%	80.38%
ROSMAP_1T	94.13%	581	580	579	91.39%	82.10%
ROSMAP_2C	98.69%	381	382	381	98.06%	99.98%
ROSMAP_3BU	98.20%	424	452	389	98.88%	99.93%
UPITT	96.82%	2436	2363	2359	99.53%	99.61%
UVM_A	95.89%	1147	1150	1144	94.10%	91.39%
UVM_B	95.22%	857	864	857	98.03%	99.98%
WASHU	92.22%	668	670	668	92.93%	92.63%
WHICAP	97.20%	642	647	642	98.35%	97.22%

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69 **Table S10. Discordance rate between APOE genotypes from different sources.** Discordance rates in
 70 APOE*4/4 carriers was determined only for provided APOE*4/4 subjects.

Full sample

discordance rate = 4.3%

		imputed APOE					
		2/2	2/3	2/4	3/3	3/4	4/4
provided APOE	2/2	68	5	1	2	2	0
	2/3	10	1859	14	108	18	1
	2/4	0	21	521	7	31	0
	3/3	0	80	5	11501	182	13
	3/4	0	23	11	352	7837	32
	4/4	0	0	1	13	135	1708

discordance rate = 2.8%

		imputed APOE					
		2/2	2/3	2/4	3/3	3/4	4/4
WGS APOE	2/2	8	1	0	0	0	0
	2/3	0	214	0	19	1	0
	2/4	0	0	43	1	4	0
	3/3	0	4	0	1322	9	0
	3/4	0	1	2	24	696	1
	4/4	0	0	0	0	2	115

discordance rate = 0.9%

		provided APOE					
		2/2	2/3	2/4	3/3	3/4	4/4
WGS APOE	2/2	11	0	0	0	0	0
	2/3	0	256	0	0	0	0
	2/4	0	0	61	0	2	0
	3/3	0	2	1	1538	10	0
	3/4	0	2	1	6	883	0
	4/4	0	0	0	0	1	138

APOE *4/4 sample (determined through APOE filtering approach 1)

discordance rate = 7.9%

		imputed APOE					
		2/2	2/3	2/4	3/3	3/4	4/4
provided APOE	2/2	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2/3	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2/4	-	-	-	-	-	-
	3/3	-	-	0	0	0	1
	3/4	-	-	0	0	1	8
	4/4	-	-	1	12	134	1708

discordance rate = 1.7%

		imputed APOE					
		2/2	2/3	2/4	3/3	3/4	4/4
WGS APOE	2/2	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2/3	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2/4	-	-	-	-	-	-
	3/3	-	-	-	-	-	-
	3/4	-	-	-	-	-	-
	4/4	-	-	0	0	2	115

discordance rate = 0.7%

		provided APOE					
		2/2	2/3	2/4	3/3	3/4	4/4
WGS APOE	2/2	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2/3	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2/4	-	-	-	-	-	-
	3/3	-	-	-	-	-	-
	3/4	-	-	-	-	-	-
	4/4	-	-	-	0	1	138

APOE *4/4 cases sample (determined through APOE filtering approach 1)

discordance rate = 6.8%

		imputed APOE					
		2/2	2/3	2/4	3/3	3/4	4/4
provided APOE	2/2	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2/3	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2/4	-	-	-	-	-	-
	3/3	-	-	0	0	0	1
	3/4	-	-	0	0	0	7
	4/4	-	-	1	5	104	1511

discordance rate = 1.9%

		imputed APOE					
		2/2	2/3	2/4	3/3	3/4	4/4
WGS APOE	2/2	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2/3	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2/4	-	-	-	-	-	-
	3/3	-	-	-	-	-	-
	3/4	-	-	-	-	-	-
	4/4	-	-	0	0	14	146

discordance rate = 0.8%

		provided APOE					
		2/2	2/3	2/4	3/3	3/4	4/4
WGS APOE	2/2	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2/3	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2/4	-	-	-	-	-	-
	3/3	-	-	-	-	-	-
	3/4	-	-	-	-	-	-
	4/4	-	-	-	0	1	128

APOE *4/4 controls sample (determined through APOE filtering approach 1)

discordance rate = 15.8%

		imputed APOE					
		2/2	2/3	2/4	3/3	3/4	4/4
provided APOE	2/2	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2/3	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2/4	-	-	-	-	-	-
	3/3	-	-	-	-	-	-
	3/4	-	-	-	0	1	1
	4/4	-	-	-	7	30	197

discordance rate = 0%

		imputed APOE					
		2/2	2/3	2/4	3/3	3/4	4/4
WGS APOE	2/2	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2/3	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2/4	-	-	-	-	-	-
	3/3	-	-	-	-	-	-
	3/4	-	-	-	-	-	-
	4/4	-	-	-	0	0	9

discordance rate = 0%

		provided APOE					
		2/2	2/3	2/4	3/3	3/4	4/4
WGS APOE	2/2	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2/3	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2/4	-	-	-	-	-	-
	3/3	-	-	-	-	-	-
	3/4	-	-	-	-	-	-
	4/4	-	-	-	-	0	10

APOE *4/4-rs439401 haplotype cases sample (determined through APOE filtering approach 1)

discordance rate = 47.4%

		imputed APOE					
		2/2	2/3	2/4	3/3	3/4	4/4
provided APOE	2/2	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2/3	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2/4	-	-	-	-	-	-
	3/3	-	-	-	-	-	-
	3/4	-	-	-	-	-	-
	4/4	-	-	-	3	6	10

discordance rate = 25%

		imputed APOE					
		2/2	2/3	2/4	3/3	3/4	4/4
WGS APOE	2/2	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2/3	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2/4	-	-	-	-	-	-
	3/3	-	-	-	-	-	-
	3/4	-	-	-	-	-	-
	4/4	-	-	0	0	1	3

discordance rate = 0%

		provided APOE					
		2/2	2/3	2/4	3/3	3/4	4/4
WGS APOE	2/2	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2/3	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2/4	-	-	-	-	-	-
	3/3	-	-	-	-	-	-
	3/4	-	-	-	-	-	-
	4/4	-	-	-	-	-	4

APOE *4/4-rs439401 haplotype controls sample (determined through APOE filtering approach 1)

discordance rate = 84.6%

		imputed APOE					
		2/2	2/3	2/4	3/3	3/4	4/4
provided APOE	2/2	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2/3	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2/4	-	-	-	-	-	-
	3/3	-	-	-	-	-	-
	3/4	-	-	-	0	1	0
	4/4	-	-	-	6	5	2

discordance rate = -

		imputed APOE					
		2/2	2/3	2/4	3/3	3/4	4/4
WGS APOE	2/2	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2/3	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2/4	-	-	-	-	-	-
	3/3	-	-	-	-	-	-
	3/4	-	-	-	-	-	-
	4/4	-	-	-	-	-	-

discordance rate = -

		provided APOE					
		2/2	2/3	2/4	3/3	3/4	4/4
WGS APOE	2/2	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2/3	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2/4	-	-	-	-	-	-
	3/3	-	-	-	-	-	-
	3/4	-	-	-	-	-	-
	4/4	-	-	-	-	-	-

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