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STUDY SUMMARY

Genetic variants in genes expressed in the brain are associated with major depressive disorder.

YOUR RESULT

STUDY DESCRIPTION



Major depressive disorder (MDD), or depression, is a common mental disorder characterized by intense feelings of sadness for extended periods of time that impacts the mood, behavior, sleep, and appetite of an individual. It may also be accompanied by an increased risk of suicide or suicidal thoughts and a general disinterest for activities that used to cause excitement. Genetics are a known factor in a person's risk of developing depression. This study examined 480,359 individuals of European ancestry to identify genetic variants associated with depression. The majority of the variants identified in this study are in genes that are expressed in brain regions known for their role in depression. This study also found that individuals with lower educational attainment and higher body mass are more likely to develop depression.

DID YOU KNOW?

You may be able to decrease your risk of depression by exercising regularly, developing a strong support system, managing your stress, and avoiding alcohol and drugs.

YOUR DETAILED RESULTS

To calculate your genetic predisposition to depression we summed up the effects of genetic variants that were linked to depression in the study that this report is based on. These variants can be found in the table below. The variants highlighted in green have **positive effect sizes** and increase your genetic predisposition to depression. The variants highlighted in blue have **negative effect sizes** and decrease your genetic predisposition to depression. Variants that are not highlighted are not found in your genome and do not affect your genetic predisposition to depression. By adding up the effect sizes of the highlighted variants we calculated your polygenic score for depression to be **-0.11**. To determine whether your score is high or low, we compared it to the scores of 5,000 other Nebula Genomics users. We found that your polygenic score for depression is in the **73rd percentile**. This means that it is higher than the polygenic scores **73%** of people. We consider this to be an **above average genetic predisposition to depression**. However, please note that genetic predispositions do not account for important non-genetic factors like lifestyle. Furthermore, the genetics of most traits has not been fully understood yet and many associations between traits and genetic variants remain unknown. For additional explanations, click on the column titles in the table below and visit our Nebula Library tutorial.

VARIANT [©]	YOUR GENOTYPE [®]	EFFECT SIZE [®]	VARIANT FREQUENCY [™]	SIGNIFICANCE [®]
rs12552_A	A/G	0.04 (1)	44%	6.10 × 10 ⁻¹⁹
rs1432639_A	C / A	0.04 (1)	63%	4.60 x 10 ⁻¹⁵
s8025231_A	A / A	-0.03 (↓)	57%	2.40 x 10 ⁻¹²
s12129573_A	C/C	0.04 (-)	37%	4.00 x 10 ⁻¹²
s115507122_C	1	-0.04 (-)	18%	3.30 × 10 ⁻¹¹
s12958048_A	G / G	0.03 (-)	33%	3.60 x 10 ⁻¹¹
s61867293_T	T/T	-0.04 (\psi)	20%	7.00 x 10 ⁻¹⁰
s915057_A 🖐	A / G	-0.03 (↓)	42%	7.60 x 10 ⁻¹⁰
s11135349_A	A/C	-0.03 (↓)	48%	1.10 × 10 ⁻⁹
s1806153_T 🌼	9 / T	0.04 (1)	22%	1.20 x 10 ⁻⁹
s4904738_T 💮	T/C	-0.03 (↓)	57%	2.60 x 10 ⁻⁹
s7430656_A	A / A	-0.03 (↓)	58%	2.90 x 10 ⁻⁹
s10149470_A	A / A	-0.03 (↓)	49%	3.10 × 10 ⁻⁹
s34215985_C 🌼	G / G	-0.04 (-)	24%	3.10 × 10 ⁻⁹
s11682175_T	C/C	-0.03 (-)	52%	4.70 x 10 ⁻⁹
s10959913_T 🖐	T/G	0.03 (1)	76%	5.10 x 10 ⁻⁹
4869056_A 🌼	G / A	-0.03 (\1)	63%	6.80 x 10 ⁻⁹
8063603_A 🌼	A / A	-0.03 (↓)	65%	6.90 × 10 ⁻⁹
5758265_A	G/A	0.03 (1)	28%	7.60 × 10 ⁻⁹
37856424_T 🐡	C/C	-0.03 (-)	29%	8.50 × 10 ⁻⁹
s17727765_T 💮	T/T	-0.05 (↓)	92%	8.50 x 10 ⁻⁹
7198928_T	T/T	0.03 (1)	62%	1.00 × 10 ⁻⁸
s2389016_T	C/C	0.03 (-)	28%	1.00 x 10 ⁻⁸
4261101_A 🐵	G / G	-0.03 (-)	37%	1.00 x 10 ⁻⁸
62099069_A	Т/Т	-0.03 (-)	42%	1.30 x 10 ⁻⁸
12666117_A 👜	A / A	0.03 (↑)	47%	1.40 x 10 ⁻⁸
s11663393_A	G/G	0.03 (-)	45%	1.60 × 10 ⁻⁸
s1354115_A	A / A	0.03 (↑)	62%	2.40 x 10 ⁻⁸
57200826_T @	C/C	0.03 (-)	25%	2.40 × 10 ⁻⁸
1226412_T 👵	Т/Т	0.03 (↑)	79%	2.40 × 10 ⁻⁸
s4143229_A 🐵	A / A	-0.05 (↓)	92%	2.50 x 10 ⁻⁸
s10950398_A	G / A	0.03 (↑)	41%	2.60 x 10 ⁻⁸
61833288_A	A / A	0.03 (↑)	72%	2.60 x 10 ⁻⁸
s7029033_T 😥	т/т	0.05 (↑)	7%	2.70 × 10 ⁻⁸
s9402472_A	G/G	0.03 (-)	24%	2.80 × 10 ⁻⁸
s4074723_A 🐵	A/C		41%	3.10 × 10 ⁻⁸
s4074725_A 🌼		-0.03 (↓)		3.10 x 10 ⁻⁸
	G / G	-0.03 (-)	24%	
s159963_A	A / A	-0.03 (1)	56%	3.20 × 10 ⁻⁸
s11643192_A 💮	C / A	0.03 (1)	41%	3.40 x 10 ⁻⁸

