

Identifying Mood Disorder Susceptibility Loci in a Densely Affected Pedigree from the Andalusian Region of Spain

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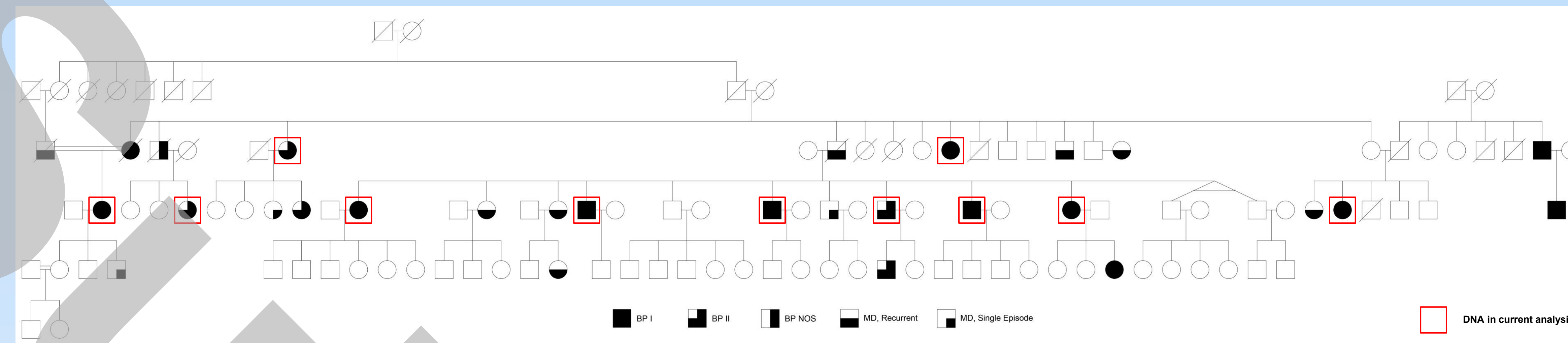


Figure 1: Pedigree of Andalusian family with high incidence of mood disorders

Introduction

Bipolar disorder

- Lifetime prevalence of ~3.9%.
- Complex genetics and high degrees of heterogeneity.
- Large, densely affected pedigrees may reduce heterogeneity and select for variants of large effect.

Pedigree

- Identified and phenotyped large multigenerational pedigree (Figure 1).
- Densely affected with bipolar disorder (BP).
- Additional members are affected with major depressive disorder (MD).
- Family is from Andalusian region of Spain with limited in-migration.

We are using a multipronged approach to scan this family for variants that appear to be segregating with disease.

Methods

We applied multiple complementary genomic technologies to this pedigree including SNP genotyping using the Illumina OMNI 1M chip, high density copy number variant mapping using Nimblegen 720K CGH tiling arrays, and exome sequencing using SureSelect v1 All Exome/Illumina PE X75. Whole genome sequencing is currently in progress using Illumina's HiSeq 2000 with version 3 chemistry.

Technology	Purpose
Nimblegen 720K aCGH	Copy number variation
Illumina OMNI	Shared segments inherited IBD
Exome sequencing	Exonic mutations
Genome sequencing	Any detectable mutation

Results

CNV Analysis

Obtained CNV calls from Nimblegen aCGH for 7 affected individuals (BPI or BP II)

- No large, novel CNVs.
- Some previously identified CNVs, but none in most individuals
- Confirmed some with data from Illumina OMNI chips (all 11 individuals).

Shared Segment Analysis

Identify segments of DNA shared by affected individuals within the family. Under a simple, causal model, these regions could contain causal genetic variation.

- Multiple methods yielded partially overlapping results (Figure 2):
- **Germline(1), Beagle(2), and PEDIBD(3)**: Uses pairwise analysis to predict number of pairs sharing a region IBD.
- **IBS regions(4)**: Detects longest regions with IBS in all individuals across all markers.
- Used multiple models due to varying limitations:
 - Dependent on phasing accuracy.
 - No heterogeneity allowed.
 - Not allowing for genotyping errors.
 - Detects centromeres or other regions with few markers as false positives.

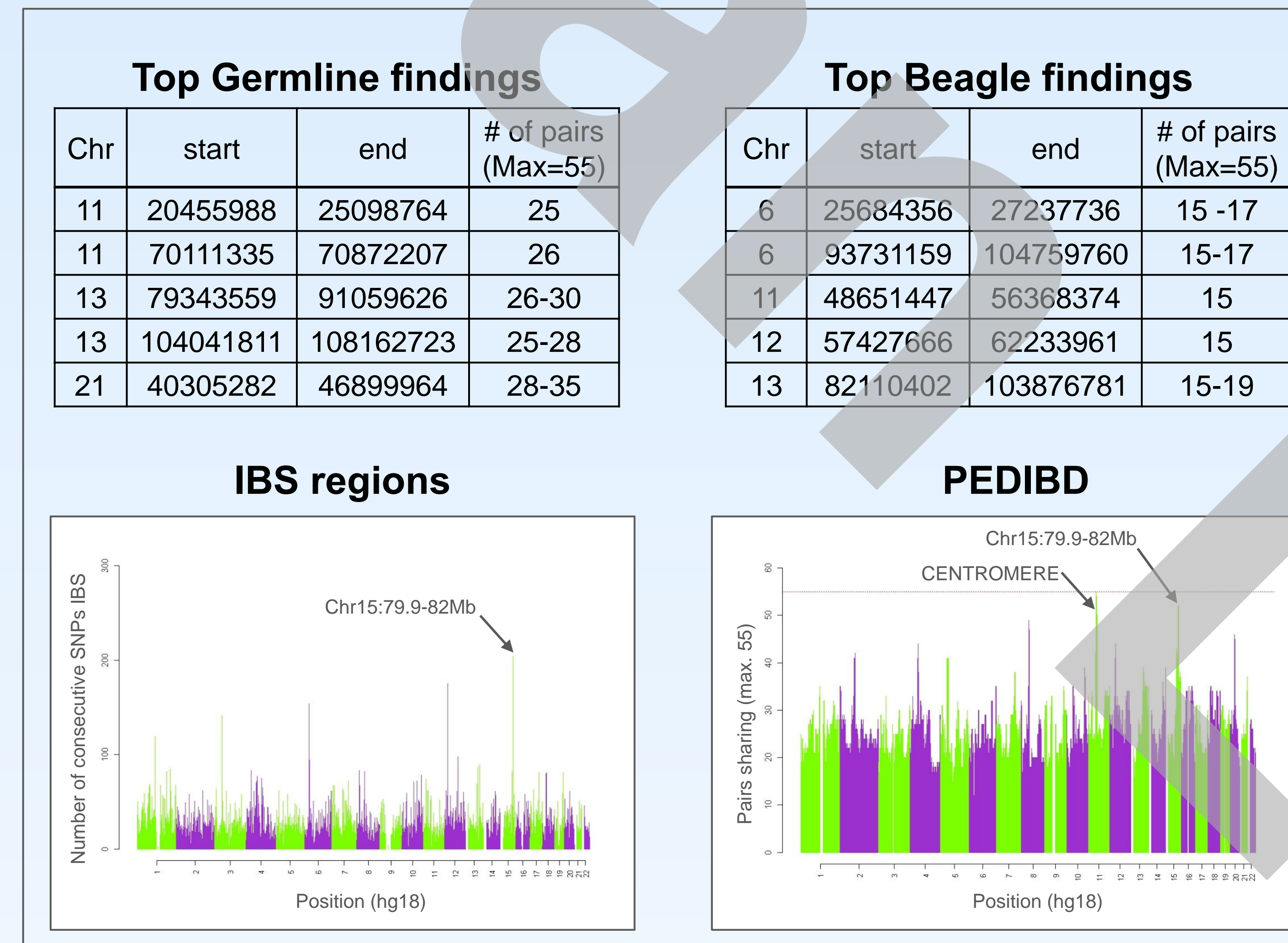


Figure 2: Four methods were used to identify shared segments from eleven individuals with bipolar disorder

Shared Segments Identified by Multiple Methods

Region ¹ (hg18)	Sharing		Notes
	Method	Max. sharing ²	
Chr6:~20-30MB	Germline	20 pairs (~7/11)	MHC
	Beagle	17 pairs (~6/11)	
	IBS	0.3Mb/154 SNPs (11/11)	
Chr11:~48-56Mb	Beagle	15 pairs (~6/11)	Centromere False positive
	PEDIBD	11/11	
Chr13:~82-103Mb	Germline	30 pairs (~8/11)	Contains <i>SLTRK1</i> , implicated in trichotillomania
	Beagle	19 pairs (~7/11)	
Chr15:~79.9-82Mb	IBS	2.4Mb/204 SNPs (11/11)	
	PEDIBD	52 pairs (~10-11/11)	

1. Some methods identify only part of region listed
2. For IBS lists length of region for which all 11 share and number of markers in the region.
For all others: Maximum number of pairs (approximation of number of individuals who could be sharing)

Exome Sequencing

- Sequenced five female BPI individuals.
- Aligned with BWA(5) and followed by Genome Analysis Toolkit (GATK; 6-7) pipeline.

Coverage	
% target bases $\geq 10X$	87-89%
Mean target coverage	58-62X

- Start with stringent filtering:
 - An alternate allele in all five individuals
 - Not present in an alternate study (autism family)
 - Non-synonymous alteration
 - Not present in dbSNP

chr15:76845785	ADAMTS7 ADAM metalloproteinase with thrombospondin type 1 motif, 7	S1175P	TOLERATED
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- This SNP is a few Mb from peak sharing on chr15 by IBS regions and PEDIBD.
- PEDIBD still shows 9-10 of 11 individuals sharing.
- SNP verification and genotyping in additional individuals in this family is in progress.

Conclusions

- This family appears to carry a genetic factor increasing risk for mood disorders, including bipolar disorder.
- We have identified regions of potential interest,
- Verification of novel SNP on chromosome 15 and additional genotyping in the family are warranted.
- Whole genome sequencing on three individuals is in progress.
- Future analysis will focus on shared segments.

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