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## *Chapter 1*

# **A PRIORITIZED PANEL OF CANDIDATE GENES TO BE EXPLORED FOR ASSOCIATIONS WITH THE BLOOD PRESSURE RESPONSE TO EXERCISE**

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## **ABSTRACT**

*Introduction.* Identifying genetic variants associated with the blood pressure (BP) response to exercise is hindered by the lack of standard criteria for candidate gene selection, underpowered samples, and a limited number of conclusive whole genome studies. We developed a prioritized panel of candidate genetic variants that may increase the likelihood of finding genotype associations with the BP response to exercise when used alone or in conjunction with high throughput genotyping studies.

*Methods.* We searched for candidate genetic variants meeting preestablished criteria using PubMed and published systematic reviews. These preestablished criteria were genetic variants: 1) in major BP regulatory pathways and associated with BP, the BP response to exercise or antihypertensive medication, or the health-related fitness phenotype response to exercise; 2) from high throughput genotyping studies of BP meeting statistical significance after Bonferroni correction for multiple testing; 3) associated with energy metabolism and/or body composition as obesity is a major risk factor for hypertension; 4) associated with other established and emerging cardiovascular disease (CVD) risk factors that have been implicated in the etiology of hypertension; and 5) from high throughput genotyping studies of BP meeting arbitrary statistical significance thresholds.

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*Results.* Meeting the inclusion criteria were: 1) 162 variants from 60 candidate genes on 19 chromosomes associated with BP, the BP response to exercise or antihypertensive medication, or the health-related fitness phenotype response to exercise categorized within major BP regulatory pathways including: the renal and renin-angiotensin systems (92 variants, 27 genes, 14 chromosomes); sympathetic nervous system (39 variants, 20 genes, 14 chromosomes); nitric oxide synthase pathway (14 variants, 4 genes, 4 chromosomes); and other related BP regulatory pathways (17 variants, 9 genes, 7 chromosomes); 2) 55 variants on 17 chromosomes from high throughput genotyping studies of BP meeting statistical significance after Bonferroni correction for multiple testing; 3) 61 variants from 22 candidate genes on 15 chromosomes associated with energy metabolism and/or body composition; 4) 86 variants from 30 candidate genes on 16 chromosomes associated with other CVD risk factors including lipids and lipoproteins (43 variants, 14 genes, 10 chromosomes) and inflammatory or thrombotic factors (43 variants, 16 genes, 11 chromosomes); and 5) 149 variants on 20 chromosomes from high throughput genotyping studies of BP meeting arbitrary statistical significance thresholds.

*Conclusion.* This prioritized panel of 513 genetic variants provides genomic information that can serve as a reference for future work investigating the genetic basis of the BP response to exercise.

## INTRODUCTION

Hypertension is a major global public health problem. Exercise decreases BP 5-7 mmHg among those with hypertension [1]. BP reductions of this magnitude lower cardiovascular disease (CVD) risk by 20-30%. Thus, the Joint National Committee 7 recommends exercise as initial lifestyle therapy to prevent, treat, and control high blood pressure (BP) [2]. However, the BP response to exercise training is variable[3,4]. Indeed, the standard deviation often exceeds the mean BP response[5], and exercise does not lower BP in 25% of the people with high BP [3,6,7]. Reasons for this variability are unclear but may include factors such as the law of initial values and regression to the mean[7]; differences in subject characteristics such as ethnicity [4,8], gender [4], age [4,8], and body mass index [4,8,9]; and differences in the frequency, intensity, time and type or FITT components of the exercise interventions [4,8]. In addition, genetic factors have a significant role that remains to be defined [10].

*Exercise genomics* is the study of genetic factors contributing to human variation in the response of *health-related fitness phenotypes* such as the BP response to exercise [11]. A list of terms and definitions related to exercise genomics used and italicized in this chapter are displayed in Table 1. Experts consider genomics and the identification of responders and nonresponders to exercise interventions as key areas of research that will drive advancements in exercise science in the 21<sup>st</sup> century[12]. Future research in exercise genomics aims to: 1) gain insight in the mechanisms of biological processes related to exercise; and 2) use genetic information to design individualized exercise prescriptions to prevent, treat, and control disease processes and optimize sports performance.

However, despite the promise of exercise genomics, our understanding of what specific genetic factors account for the BP response to exercise remains poor. To date *genetic variants* from 20 different genes have been reported to be associated with the BP response following a single bout of acute exercise (i.e., postexercise hypotension) [10,13-16] or chronic exercise (i.e., an exercise training program) [17-30].

**Table 1. Key Genetic Terms and Definitions Included in this Chapter [11,63,64]**

3' untranslated region	The 3' end of a gene is the end of the deoxyribonucleic acid at which the carbon atom attached to the next genetic sequence is the third carbon atom clockwise from the oxygen atom in the last base. The 3' untranslated region of a gene is the sequence between the 3' end and the protein coding region of the gene. It is transcribed into messenger ribonucleic acid but does not encode any protein sequence.
5' untranslated region	The 5' end of a gene is the end of the deoxyribonucleic acid at which the carbon atom attached to the next genetic sequence is the fifth carbon atom clockwise from the oxygen atom in the last base. The 5' untranslated region of a gene is the sequence between the 5' end and the protein coding region of the gene. It is transcribed into messenger ribonucleic acid but does not encode any protein sequence.
Allele	One of the different forms of a gene that can exist at a single genetic location or locus.
Allele, major	The allele of a given variant occurring with greatest frequency in the population.
Allele, minor	The allele of a given variant occurring with least frequency in the population.
Coding synonymous	Located within the coding region of a gene's sequence but not causing a change in the amino acid sequence of the final protein.
Complex phenotype	A phenotype influenced by genetic as well as environmental factors.
Copy number variant	A variant in which some individuals have more or less than two copies of an entire gene sequence. This variation occurs because some chromosome copies are missing the gene, some have one copy of the gene, and some have multiple copies of the gene.
Epigenomics	The study of chemical modifications of the genome that do not alter the genetic sequence but can alter the physical and chemical behavior of the genetic material.
Epigenetic	The study of heritable changes in gene expression and other phenotypes caused by mechanisms other than changes in the underlying deoxyribonucleic acid sequence.
Exercise genomics	The study of genetic factors contributing to human variation in the response of health-related fitness phenotypes to exercise.
High throughput genotyping	The use of a collection of microscopic spots of genetic material attached to a solid surface in order to genotype a high number of genetic variants simultaneously.
Genetic variant	A genetic sequence variation present at a particular position, where different individuals can have any of two or more alleles.
Genome wide association study	A study testing the association of a phenotype with a large set of common genetic variants across the entire genome.

**Table 1. (Continued)**

Genome wide linkage study	A study of genetic variants across the entire genome examining the non-random co-segregation of a trait of interest and genotype. The goal of these studies is to map a trait to a specific chromosomal locus where a putative gene contributing to the trait is hypothesized to be located.
Genomics	The study of all of a person's genes (the genome) including interactions of those genes with each other and the environment.
Genotype	The two alleles of genetic sequence present at corresponding locations on the homologous chromosomes of a single individual.
Haplotype	A combination of alleles at different locations on the chromosome that tend to be inherited together.
Health-related fitness phenotype	A phenotype related to hemodynamic traits such as exercise heart rate, blood pressure, and heart morphology; anthropometry and body composition; insulin and glucose metabolism; and blood lipid, lipoprotein, or hemostatic factors among others.
Imputation	A statistical technique to indirectly infer the genotypes of unascertained variants using linkage disequilibrium information that allows geneticists to evaluate association between a phenotype and genetic variants not directly genotyped.
Insertion-deletion polymorphism	A section of genetic sequence present (insertion) in some individuals but not others (deletion).
Intron	A non-coding region of genetic sequence between coding regions within a gene.
Linkage disequilibrium	The nonrandom association between two or more alleles such that certain combinations of alleles are more likely to occur together on a chromosome than other combinations of alleles.
Locus	The chromosome location of a specific gene or genetic sequence.
Minor allele frequency	The number of times the minor allele occurs in the population divided by the total number of alleles in the population.
Missense	Causing a change in the amino acid sequence of the final protein.
Near Gene-3	Located within the 3' untranslated region but within 2,000 base pairs of the coding region.
Near Gene-5	Located within the 5' untranslated region but within 2,000 base pairs of the coding region.
Nonsense	Causing a change in the amino acid sequence that produces a stop codon and causes the premature termination of translation and protein synthesis.
Prioritized panel	A list of 100-50,000 genetic variants selected by predetermined criteria to be explored for associations with a phenotype of interest.
Phenotype	Any observable or measurable trait determined by genetic and/or environmental factors.

Post-translational modification	Chemical alterations to a protein following its synthesis that can influence its activity and function in the cell.
Proteomics	The study of the complete set of proteins expressed by a genome, cell, organism, or system.
Signaling pathway	A mechanism in a biological system by which a physical or chemical stimulus induces a specific physical or chemical cellular response. Often this mechanism involves specific interactions between cellular proteins.
Single nucleotide polymorphism	A gene sequence variant consisting of alteration to a single base in the sequence.
Transcriptional regulation	Various methods by which the cell controls the process of the copying of deoxyribonucleic acid genetic sequence into ribonucleic acid molecules. These processes govern the creation of ribonucleic acid which determines the encoded proteins that will ultimately be synthesized by the cell.
Transcriptomics	The study of all of the ribonucleic acid molecules that are assembled in the cells and tissues of organisms.
Variable number tandem repeats	A short, repetitive genetic sequence for which the number of repeats varies between individuals.

These genes were found in major BP regulatory systems including the: 1) Renin-Angiotensin System [angiotensin 1 converting enzyme (*ACE*), adducin 1 alpha (*ADD1*), angiotensinogen (*AGT*), angiotensin II receptor, type 1 (*AGTRI*), and aldosterone synthase (*CYP11B2*)]; 2) Sympathetic Nervous System [adenosine monophosphate deaminase 1 (*AMPD1*), adrenergic receptor, beta 1 (*ADRB1*) and beta 2 (*ADRB2*), cholinergic receptor (*CHRM2*), guanine nucleotide-binding protein system alpha subunit (*GNAS*), and guanine nucleotide binding protein, beta polypeptide 3 (*GNB3*)]; 3) Nitric Oxide Synthase Pathway [endothelin 1 (*EDNI*), nitric oxide synthase 3 (*NOS3*), and transforming growth factor, beta 1 (*TGFB1*)]; and 4) other related BP regulatory pathways [apolipoprotein (*APOE*), cytochrome b-245 alpha polypeptide (*CYBA*), cytochrome P450 superfamily (*CYP2D6*), fatty acid binding protein 2 (*FABP2*), leptin receptor (*LEPR*), and lipoprotein lipase (*LPL*)].

Unfortunately, no definitive conclusions can be made from these candidate gene association studies because of: 1) the small number of genetic variants examined that may be subject to selection bias; 2) sample sizes underpowered to detect the small effect of each variant on the *phenotype(s)* of interest; 3) emphasis on studying *single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs)* versus those in *linkage disequilibrium (LD)* or *haplotype* or structural genetic variants such as *copy number variants (CNVs)*; 4) emphasis on studying genetic variation without considering *epigenetic* effects such as *transcriptional regulation* and *post-translational modification*; 5) poor quality control of genotyping; 6) exercise interventions that were unstructured and poorly controlled; and 7) heterogeneous samples failing to control for population stratification of genotype phenotype associations by race, sex, age, and other factors. Collectively, these limitations have led to a general lack of replication among studies examining the BP response to exercise [31,32]. For example, only three genetic variants, *ACE I/D* (rs4340) [13,16,22,33,34], *AGT M235T* (rs699) [21,23], and *ADD1 G460W* (rs4961)

[13,35], have been shown to be associated with the BP response to exercise in more than one study.

As the young field of exercise genomics continues to grow, the technology has advanced, enabling investigators to begin addressing some of the limitations stated above. In particular, new *high throughput genotyping* allows investigators to simultaneously *genotype* individuals for an increasingly greater number of genetic variants at lower and lower costs. For example, in 2005 it was possible to genotype 70,000 genetic variants within an individual for \$20,000, and now in 2011 it is possible to genotype 2.5 million genetic variants in that same individual for \$1,000 [32]. This technological advancement has led to the advent and proliferation of *genome wide association studies (GWAS)*.

GWAS test the association of a phenotype with 70,000 to 2.5 million common genetic variants, meaning they occur in 1% or more of the population. The systematic and hypothesis-free approach of GWAS is less likely than the candidate gene association approach to be confounded by selection bias of variants examined. In a short time, GWAS have enabled significant advances in the field of genomics to occur. For example, in 2005 Klein et al. [36] found common variants of complement factor H gene (*CFH*) accounted for 45-61% of the risk for developing age-related macular degeneration. Previous candidate gene association studies of age-related macular degeneration failed to uncover these associations because they did not include *CFH* on the short list of genes they had the ability to examine at the time. The advent of high throughput genotyping technology enabled scientists to gain genetic and mechanistic insight into the etiology of age-related macular degeneration that was not possible previously.

While GWAS have had success in the identification of the genetic basis of some health-related phenotypes and diseases, the application of GWAS to other *complex phenotypes* such as resting BP or hypertension has not been as successful [37]. For instance, genetic variants associated with resting BP from GWAS generally account for  $\leq 0.2\%$  of the BP variability among individuals, corresponding to only a  $< 1$  mmHg difference between genotypes [38-40]. For a GWAS to have the statistical power needed to detect the subtle effects of common *alleles* on BP, 30,000-200,000 human subjects are required to be enrolled, genotyped, and phenotyped [38-40]. To accomplish enrolling this many subjects, investigators must form research collaborations consisting of anywhere from 6 [39] to 82 [40] separate study cohorts. Fortunately, there are research methods that can be used to partially circumvent the challenges presented by GWAS that include detecting small effect sizes, meeting the high statistical significance needed to test the large the number of variants examined, enrolling large samples, and ensuring adequate data quality control.

One recent approach that has evolved in the candidate gene study of complex phenotypes is to use a *prioritized panel* of genetic variants in conjunction with a GWAS [41]. A prioritized panel is a list of 100-50,000 genetic variants selected by predetermined criteria to associate with a phenotype of interest [41-43]. Prioritized panels exploit high throughput genotyping used in GWAS but have the additional benefit of selectively examining genetic variants in a hypothesis-driven fashion. In theory, prioritized panels should: 1) identify genetic variants with larger effect sizes than GWAS due to selecting variants more likely to strongly associate with the phenotype; 2) require less stringent statistical correction for multiple comparisons due to testing a smaller number of variants; and 3) require fewer subjects to adequately power studies due to larger effect sizes and less stringent statistical correction for multiple testing.

An example of a successful prioritized panel approach used in conjunction with GWAS is the Genetic Regulation of Arterial Pressure of Humans in the Community (GRAPHIC) study [44]. GRAPHIC investigators genotyped 2,020 subjects for a panel of 45,237 genetic variants with the IBC Array hypothesized to associate with any cardiovascular phenotype including BP [41]. These investigators obtained 24 hr ambulatory BP measurements on each subject [44] and then tested variants for association with BP. They found that minor allele carriers of rs2797221, an intronic variant in Usher Syndrome 2A (*USH2A*), had mean systolic 24 hr ambulatory BP 3.9 mmHg lower than non-carriers. They also found minor allele carriers of rs13306560, a variant in the near gene-5 region of methylenetetrahydrofolate reductase (*MTHFR*), had mean diastolic 24 hr ambulatory BP 2.6 mmHg lower than non-carriers.

GRAPHIC investigators noted previous GWAS had found several other genetic variants within *MTHFR* and closely neighboring genes associated with BP that accounted for a small difference in BP between genotype groups of <1 mmHg [38,39]. GRAPHIC investigators then replicated association of rs13306560 and BP in 753 subjects from the Silesian Cardiovascular Study [44]. GRAPHIC investigators concluded rs13306560 was the most significant genetic determinant of BP revealed by their study, as they found consistent significant association with BP in GRAPHIC, previous GWAS, and a validation cohort. GRAPHIC added value to previous GWAS by: 1) finding a larger effect on BP by a *MTHFR* single variant; 2) testing a lower number of variants, thus, increasing the chance that significant findings were not Type I statistical errors; and 3) requiring just 2,020 subjects rather than the 30,000-plus typically required by GWAS [38,39].

Other, smaller prioritized panels have tested 2,411 variants for association with the genetic basis of BP [42] and 181 variants for association with BP response to a dietary potassium intervention [43]. These panels, like the IBC array [41] used in the GRAPHIC study, employed specific criteria to select variants for inclusion. These criteria included variants: 1) from candidate gene studies reported to be associated with BP [41]; 2) from GWAS reported to be associated with BP [41]; and 3) in major BP regulatory pathways including the renal and renin-angiotensin systems, sympathetic nervous system, nitric oxide synthase pathway, and other related BP regulatory pathways [41-43].

We now present our prioritized panel of genetic variants to be examined for association with the BP response to exercise which to our knowledge is the first of its kind in the young field of exercise genomics. We propose that this prioritized panel can be used in conjunction with a GWAS to provide insight into the genetic basis of the BP response to exercise.

## METHODS

### Data Sources

Our first task was to locate genetic variants described in the existing literature warranting consideration of inclusion in our prioritized panel to be examined for association with the BP response to exercise. We searched PubMed for articles describing variants between January 1, 1995 and September 15, 2011 using the terms: exercise, aerobic, training, genotype, SNP, allele, variant, GWAS, obesity, adiposity, BP, hypertension, lipid, inflammation, and thrombosis. Next we searched for variants within systematic reviews including *The Human*

*Gene Map for Performance and Health-Related Fitness Phenotypes* [45] and *The Human Obesity Gene Map* [46], as well as narrative reviews from *Exercise Genomics* [11], *Current Hypertension Reports* [47], and the *Journal of Applied Physiology Highlighted Topic Series* [48]. We also reviewed tables of contents from the following relevant journals from 2001-2011: *Medicine and Science in Sport and Exercise*, *Journal of Applied Physiology*, *Physiological Genomics*, *Hypertension*, *Journal of Hypertension*, *American Journal of Hypertension*, and *Plos One*. We examined the reference lists of all articles we located for additional variants that may qualify for inclusion. Lastly, we considered genetic variants we previously investigated in the Functional Polymorphisms Associated with Human Muscle Size and Strength study (NIH-NINDS R01 NS40606-02) [49] and a series of investigations we conducted on candidate genes associated with the BP response to exercise (American Heart Association 0150507N) [13,14,16,50].

## Gene Variant Selection and Prioritization

Using previous prioritized panels in the literature for health-related phenotypes such as BP [41,42] and the BP response to dietary potassium supplementation [43], we formed five categories for inclusion on our prioritized panel of genetic variants associated with the BP response to exercise. Our categories of classification include:

Category 1- variants previously reported to be associated with the BP response to exercise. Category 1 also includes variants previously associated with health-related phenotypes such as BP, the BP response to antihypertensive medication, or the health-related fitness phenotype response to exercise. In addition, these variants localized on a gene known to code for a protein in a major BP regulatory pathway including the renal and renin-angiotensin systems, sympathetic nervous system, nitric oxide synthase pathway, or other related BP regulatory pathways. Therefore, variants in category 1, the highest prioritized category in our panel, were supported for inclusion in the panel based upon two lines of evidence: 1) previous reported associations with relevant phenotypes; and 2) biological plausibility. Thus, in our panel we employed the principle that the strongest candidate variants are those supported by more than one line of evidence [51].

Category 2- variants previously reported to be associated with BP in GWAS or other high throughput genotyping studies meeting statistical significance after Bonferroni correction for multiple testing.

Category 3- variants previously reported to be associated with energy metabolism and/or body composition as obesity is a major risk factor for hypertension [2]. The high interest of the scientific community and funding agencies in the genetic basis of obesity has led to the publication of a disproportionately high number of studies on this phenotype. For example, at least 426 reports have identified 127 candidate genes associated with obesity [46], more genes than are included in all the other categories in our panel combined. To avoid disproportionately representing obesity associated genes in our panel, we included genes in category 3 only if they were listed in a commentary by Bouchard in 2007 [52] on the *Human Obesity Gene Map* [46]. This commentary features a list of genes reported to be associated with obesity replicated in five or more studies that are localized on a gene with biological plausibility [52]. Experts in the field of exercise genomics have utilized this list as a summary of the genes most relevant to the phenotypes of energy metabolism and body composition

[53]. We also updated our panel to include genes that have been more recently reported to be associated with obesity that are not included in Bouchard's commentary [52] such as fat mass and obesity associated (*FTO*).

Category 4-variants previously reported to be associated with other established and emerging CVD risk factors that have been implicated in the etiology of hypertension such as dyslipidemia or thrombosis[2].

Category 5- variants previously reported to be associated with BP in GWAS or other high throughput genotyping studies meeting arbitrary statistical significance, but not significance after Bonferroni correction for multiple testing.

## Prioritized Panel Organization

Each row of the panel (see Table 2) corresponds to one genetic variant. Each column corresponds to a specific piece of information related to the genetic variants and includes:

Column One- the standard abbreviated gene name on which the variant is located. Variants from candidate gene studies (i.e., categories 1, 3, and 4) were classified according to the name of the gene. Variants from high throughput genotyping studies (i.e., categories 2 and 5) were classified according to the name of the nearest gene, as many variants showing significance in high throughput genotyping studies are not located within established genes. For example, the variant in row 200 of category 2 of Table 2 is not located within an established gene but is located nearer to the Fibroblast Growth Factor 5 gene (*FGF5*) than any other gene, so it is listed as *FGF5* in the panel. The full gene names corresponding to each abbreviation are displayed in Appendix A.

Column Two- the reference SNP (rs number) label for the variant. Rs numbers provide a universal indexing system allowing each genetic variant to be uniquely identified. For example, the rs number of the variant in row 200 of category 2 listed as nearest to *FGF5* is 16998073.

Column Three- the type of the variant. Variants were classified as *missense*, *nonsense*, *coding synonymous*, *intron*, *3' untranslated region*, *5' untranslated region*, *Near Gene-3*, or *Near Gene-5*. For some variants, its type is not available in the existing literature [57], and accordingly we listed it as not available. For example, the type of the variant in row 200 of category 2 listed as nearest to *FGF5* is not available.

Column Four- the phenotype reported to be associated with the variant that supported its inclusion in the panel. For example, the phenotype reported to be associated with the variant in row 200 of category 2 listed as nearest to *FGF5* is BP [38].

Column Five- the *minor allele frequency (MAF)* of the variant. The *minor allele* is the allele of a particular variant least common in the population. We reported the MAF of each variant and excluded variants for which the MAF was less than 1%. For example, the minor allele of the variant in row 200 of category 2 listed as nearest to *FGF5* is a thymine nucleotide (T) with a MAF of 0.19 or 19%.

Column Six- the chromosome location of the variant. This location was classified by the number of the chromosome; where available, whether it fell on the short (p) or long (q) arm; and the numerical classification of the band and sub-band location. For example, the variant in row 200 of category 2 listed as nearest to *FGF5* is located on the q arm of chromosome 4, specifically at band 21 and sub-band 21. Therefore, its chromosome location is 4q21.21.

Column Seven- the author and publication year of the reference reporting the variant to be associated with the phenotype listed in column four. For example, for the variant in row 200 of category 2 listed as nearest to *FGF5*, the reference is ‘Newton-Cheh 2009’ [38]. The full citations of these references are located in Appendix B.

The information contained within the panel of each genetic variant was obtained from a variety of sources and included:

The Genecards Database- used to obtain the abbreviated name of the gene (column one on Table 2) on which the variant is located as well as the full name of this gene (Appendix A). Genecards synthesizes information pertaining to specific genes and includes a universal nomenclature for each gene [58]. More information about Genecards is available at [www.genecards.org](http://www.genecards.org).

The National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) Entrez SNP Database- used to obtain the rs number label for each variant (column two on Table 2). NCBI Entrez SNP has assigned most genetic variants an rs number, allowing users to quickly locate them in the database [57,59]. It also provides synthesized information for each indexed variant including physical location, molecular function, alternative names for the variant used in the literature, and MAF. This information about physical location and molecular function includes links to sub-databases within NCBI providing further details. Genetic variants that have not been studied extensively may not have been assigned an rs number or indexed. For example, the variant located in row 264 of category 3 of Table 2 is a *LEPR insertion-deletion polymorphism* in the 3’ untranslated region associated with energy metabolism [60]. Therefore, this variant was included in our panel, but we could not list the rs number for this variant as no rs number to our knowledge has been assigned to it. More information about NCBI Entrez SNP is available at [www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sites/entrez?db=snp](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sites/entrez?db=snp).

The International Haplotype Map (HapMap) Consortium- was used to obtain the MAF for each variant (column five on Table 2) [61]. The HapMap provides genotype information for 1.5 to 4 million genetic variants among 269 individuals from four populations that include the: Yoruba Nigerian in Ibadan; Japanese in Tokyo; Han Chinese in Beijing, and northern and western European-derived American in Utah. MAF varies among populations; thus, we report the MAF from the European-derived American population. More information about the HapMap is available at [www.hapmap.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/](http://www.hapmap.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/).

The Ensembl Database- was used to obtain the chromosome location of each genetic variant (column six on Table 2) [62]. Ensembl features genome sequence information related to comparative genomics, genomic variation, and gene regulatory information. Therefore, it was ideal for determining the physical location of gene variants. More information about Ensembl is available at [www.ensembl.org](http://www.ensembl.org).

In summary, the prioritized panel in Table 2 is organized with each row corresponding to a genetic variant. The rows are classified according to the following prioritized categories: 1) in major BP regulatory pathways and associated with BP, the BP response to exercise or antihypertensive medication, or the health-related fitness phenotype response to exercise; 2) from high throughput genotyping studies of BP meeting statistical significance after Bonferroni correction for multiple testing; 3) associated with energy metabolism and/or body composition as obesity is a risk factor for hypertension; 4) associated with other established and emerging cardiovascular disease (CVD) risk factors that have been implicated in the etiology of hypertension; and 5) from high throughput genotyping studies of BP meeting arbitrary statistical significance thresholds.

The columns of the panel in Table 2 in the order they appear from left to right are the: 1) abbreviated gene name obtained from the Genecards Database; 2) rs number obtained from the NCBI Entrez SNP Database; 3) type of the variant obtained from the NCBI Entrez SNP Database; 4) phenotype the variant was reported to be associated with; 5) MAF obtained from the HapMap; 6) chromosome location obtained from the Ensembl Database; and 7) reference supporting the variant's inclusion in the panel.

## CONCLUSION

We developed a prioritized panel of candidate genetic variants that may increase the likelihood of finding genetic associations with the BP response to exercise when used alone or in conjunction with high throughput genotyping studies such as GWAS. Using systematic criteria, we selected 513 genetic variants (Table 2) grouped into five prioritized categories (Table 3): 1) 162 variants from 60 candidate genes on 19 chromosomes associated with BP, the BP response to exercise or antihypertensive medication, or the health-related fitness phenotype response to exercise categorized within major BP regulatory pathways including: the renal and renin-angiotensin systems (92 variants, 27 genes, 14 chromosomes); sympathetic nervous system (39 variants, 20 genes, 14 chromosomes); nitric oxide synthase pathway (14 variants, 4 genes, 4 chromosomes); and other related BP regulatory pathways (17 variants, 9 genes, 7 chromosomes); 2) 55 variants on 17 chromosomes from high throughput genotyping studies of BP meeting statistical significance after Bonferroni correction for multiple testing; 3) 61 variants from 22 candidate genes on 15 chromosomes associated with energy metabolism and/or body composition; 4) 86 variants from 30 candidate genes on 16 chromosomes associated with other CVD risk factors including lipids and lipoproteins (43 variants, 14 genes, 10 chromosomes) and inflammatory or thrombotic factors (43 variants, 16 genes, 11 chromosomes); and 5) 149 variants on 20 chromosomes from high throughput genotyping studies of BP meeting arbitrary statistical significance thresholds.

Overall our panel (Table 2) includes 3 insertion-deletion variants, 5 *variable number tandem repeat (VNTR)* variants, and 29 SNPs with a MAF <5%. The remaining 478 variants are SNPs with a MAF  $\geq$ 5%. Lastly, the panel variants are dispersed throughout the genome with 14 different chromosomes with 20 or more panel variants, and all 23 chromosomes have at least 2 panel variants.

Table 4 summarizes the types of these panel variants. Of the 513 variants, 60% are known to be non-coding (i.e., intron, near gene-5, near gene-3, 3' untranslated region, 5' untranslated region, and coding synonymous), 28% do not have information available in the existing literature to classify them as a type of variant[57], and 12% are known to be coding (i.e., missense or nonsense). Many of these variants whose types not available are from recent high throughput genotyping studies of BP (i.e., categories 2 and 5). Therefore, they are not widely known or published in the literature and to our knowledge have been not examined in studies that would classify their type.

**Table 2. Prioritized Panel of Generic Variants**

Gene <sup>a</sup>	Rs Number	Type of Variant	Phenotype	Minor Allele Frequency <sup>b</sup>	Chromosome Location	Reference
1) In Major BP Regulatory Pathways and Associated with BP, the BP Response to Exercise or Antihypertensive Medication, or the Health-related Fitness Phenotype Response to Exercise						
A. Renal and Renin-Angiotensin Systems						
<i>ACE</i>	rs2285666	Intron	BP	A (0.45)	17q23.3	Zhou 2009
<i>ACE</i>	rs35580653	Coding Synonymous	BP	G (0.20)	17q23.3	Bouzekri 2004
<i>ACE</i>	rs4305	Intron	BP	A (0.45)	17q23.3	Johnson 2011
<i>ACE</i>	rs4309	Coding Synonymous	BP	T (0.18)	17q23.3	Bouzekri 2004
<i>ACE</i>	rs4331	Coding Synonymous	BP	G (0.41)	17q23.3	Bouzekri 2004
<i>ACE</i>	rs4646994 <sup>c</sup>	Intron	Exercise Response	Insertion (0.46)	17q23.3	Pescatello 2006
<i>ACE</i>	rs4341	Intron	Exercise Response	C (0.46)	17q23.3	Bozkurt 2008
<i>ADD1</i>	rs4961	Missense	Exercise Response	T (0.23)	4p16.3	Pescatello 2007
<i>ADD1</i>	rs4963	Missense	BP	C (0.47)	4p16.3	Bianchi 2005
<i>ADD2</i>	rs1541582	Intron	BP	T (0.22)	2p13.3	Kardia 2007
<i>ADD2</i>	rs3755375	Intron	BP	A (0.23)	2p13.3	Kardia 2007
<i>ADD2</i>	rs4984	Coding Synonymous	BP	T (0.17)	2p13.3	Bianchi 2005
<i>ADD3</i>	rs3731566	Intron	BP	G (0.30)	10q25.10	Bianchi 2005
<i>AGT</i>	rs11122587	Intron	BP	G (0.21)	1q42.2	Johnson 2011
<i>AGT</i>	rs2004776	Intron	BP	T (0.27)	1q42.2	Johnson 2011
<i>AGT</i>	rs2493136	Near Gene-3	Exercise Response	A (0.42)	1q42.2	Ingelsson 2007
<i>AGT</i>	rs699	Missense	Medication Response	C (0.41)	1q42.2	Ying-Ying 2011
<i>AGT</i>	rs3789669	Intron	BP	G (0.33)	1q42.2	Watkins 2009
<i>AGT</i>	rs3789671	Intron	BP	A (0.26)	1q42.2	Watkins 2009
<i>AGT</i>	rs4762	Missense	BP	T (0.12)	1q42.2	Pereira 2008
<i>AGT</i>	rs5046	Near Gene-3	BP	T (0.12)	1q42.2	Watkins 2009
<i>AGT</i>	rs5049	5' Untranslated Region	BP	G (0.20)	1q42.2	Pereira 2008
<i>AGT</i>	rs5050	5' Untranslated Region	BP	C (0.17)	1q42.2	Pereira 2008
<i>AGT</i>	rs5051	5' Untranslated Region	BP	A (0.47)	1q42.2	Pereira 2008
<i>AGT</i>	rs11122580	Near Gene-3	BP	G (0.13)	1q42.2	Watkins 2009
<i>AGTR1</i>	rs3772608	Intron	BP	A (0.05)	3q24	He 2011

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<i>AGTR1</i>	rs5182	Coding Synonymous	BP	T (0.48)	3q24	Yazdanpanah 2007
<i>AGTR1</i>	rs5186	3' Untranslated Region	Exercise Response	C (0.41)	3q24	Blanchard 2006
<i>AGTR2</i>	rs1403543	Intron	BP	A (0.44)	Xq23	Liljedahl 2003
<i>AGTR2</i>	rs5194	3' Untranslated Region	BP	G (0.42)	Xq23	Liljedahl 2003
<i>APLNR</i>	rs2282623	3' Untranslated Region	BP	T (0.40)	11q12.1	Montasser 2011
<i>AVPR1A</i>	rs1042615	Coding Synonymous	Exercise Response	T (0.42)	12q14.2	Masuki 2010
<i>AVPR1A</i>	rs11174811	3' Untranslated Region	BP	A (0.08)	12q14.2	Nossent 2011
<i>BDKRB2</i>	rs2069591	3' Untranslated Region	BP	T (0.06)	14q32.1	Nossent 2011
<i>BDKRB2</i>	rs5225	3' Untranslated Region	BP	C (0.06)	14q32.1	Nossent 2011
<i>CYP11B2</i>	rs1799998	Near Gene-3	Exercise Response	C (0.27)	8q24.3	Blanchard 2006
<i>EMILIN1</i>	rs17881426	Intron	BP	A (0.17)	2p22.3	Shimodaira 2010
<i>EMILIN1</i>	rs2011616	Intron	BP	A (0.43)	2p22.3	Shimodaira 2010
<i>EMILIN1</i>	rs2289360	Intron	BP	A (0.37)	2p22.3	Shimodaira 2010
<i>EMILIN1</i>	rs2304682	Near Gene-5	BP	C (0.40)	2p22.3	Shimodaira 2010
<i>EMILIN1</i>	rs2536512	Missense	BP	A (0.38)	2p22.3	Shimodaira 2010
<i>HSD11B1</i>	rs11808690	Intron	BP	G (0.18)	1q32.2	He 2011
<i>HSD11B2</i>	rs5479	Coding Synonymous	BP	A (0.09)	16q22.1	He 2011
<i>KLK1</i>	No rs Number	Not Available	BP	C (0.09)	19q13.33	Svetkey 2011
<i>NEDD4L</i>	rs4149601	Intron	BP	A (0.21)	18q21.31	Luo 2009
<i>NPPA</i>	rs198358	Not Available	BP	G (0.27)	1p36.21	Newton-Cheh 2009
<i>NPPA</i>	rs5063	Missense	Medication Response	A (0.05)	1p36.21	Lynch 2008
<i>NPPA</i>	rs5065	Missense	Medication Response	C (0.23)	1p36.21	Lynch 2008
<i>NPPA</i>	rs5068	3' Untranslated Region	BP	C (0.07)	1p36.21	Newton-Cheh 2009
<i>NR3C2</i>	rs11099681	Intron	BP	C (0.20)	4q31.23	Montasser 2011
<i>NR3C2</i>	rs2048547	Intron	BP	G (0.04)	4q31.23	He 2011
<i>NR3C2</i>	rs4835493	Intron	BP	T (0.20)	4q31.23	Montasser 2011
<i>NR3C2</i>	rs5527	Missense	BP	C (0.02)	4q31.23	He 2011

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<i>NR3C2</i>	rs6848375	Intron	BP	T (0.05)	4q31.23	He 2011
<i>RABGAP1L</i>	rs12078839	Intron	BP	G (0.11)	1q25.1	Oguri 2010
<i>REN</i>	rs12089381	Intron	BP	C (0.05)	1q32.1	Johnson 2011
<i>REN</i>	rs1917539	Intron	BP	G (0.11)	1q32.1	Moore 2007
<i>REN</i>	rs12750834	Not Available	BP	T (0.19)	1q32.1	Moore 2007
<i>REN</i>	rs2272237	Intron	BP	G (0.39)	1q32.1	Moore 2007
<i>REN</i>	rs3795574	Intron	BP	T (0.10)	1q32.1	Moore 2007
<i>REN</i>	rs5705	Coding Synonymous	BP	C (0.15)	1q32.1	Moore 2007
<i>SCNNIA</i>	rs11064160	Not Available	BP	C (0.12)	12p12.3	Johnson 2011
<i>SCNNIA</i>	rs4149570	Not Available	BP	A (0.40)	12p12.3	Johnson 2011
<i>SCNNIB</i>	rs7205273	Intron	BP	T (0.26)	16p12.2	Montasser 2011
<i>SCNNIG</i>	rs11074553	Intron	BP	G (0.45)	16p12.2	Busst 2007
<i>SCNNIG</i>	rs4299163	Intron	BP	G (0.34)	16p12.2	Busst 2007
<i>SCNNIG</i>	rs1331086	Not Available	BP	G (0.16)	16p12.2	Busst 2007
<i>SCNNIG</i>	rs4073291	Intron	BP	G (0.16)	16p12.2	Zhao 2011
<i>SCNNIG</i>	rs4073930	Intron	BP	C (0.16)	16p12.2	Zhao 2011
<i>SCNNIG</i>	rs4299163	Intron	BP	C (0.10)	16p12.2	Zhao 2011
<i>SCNNIG</i>	rs4499238	Intron	BP	A (0.10)	16p12.2	Zhao 2011
<i>SCNNIG</i>	rs5723	Coding Synonymous	Medication Response	G (0.28)	16p12.2	Ying-Ying 2011
<i>SCNNIG</i>	rs5735	Coding Synonymous	BP	C (0.17)	16p12.2	Zhao 2011
<i>SCNNIG</i>	rs7404408	Intron	BP	T (0.16)	16p12.2	Zhao 2011
<i>SLC12A3</i>	rs11643718	Missense	BP	Q (0.22)	16q13	Keszei 2007
<i>SLC12A3</i>	rs12708965	Missense	BP	C (0.04)	16q13	Keszei 2007
<i>SLC12A3</i>	rs2399594	Intron	BP	G (0.39)	16q13	Johnson 2011
<i>SLC4A5</i>	rs1017783	Not Available	Exercise Response	T (0.38)	2p13.1	Taylor 2009
<i>SLC4A5</i>	rs6731545	Intron	Exercise Response	A (0.44)	2p13.1	Taylor 2009
<i>SLC4A5</i>	rs8179526	Intron	BP	C (0.47)	2p13.1	Taylor 2009
<i>SLC9A1</i>	rs484677	Not Available	BP	T (0.42)	1p31.1	Johnson 2011
<i>TBXA2R</i>	rs13306046	3' Untranslated Region	BP	A (0.10)	19p13.3	Nossent 2011

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<i>WNK1</i>	rs1468326	Not Available	BP	A (0.11)	12p13.33	Tobin 2005
<i>WNK1</i>	rs2286007	Missense	BP	T (0.08)	12p13.33	Tobin 2005
<i>WNK1</i>	rs2286028	Intron	BP	C (0.18)	12p13.33	Tobin 2005
<i>WNK1</i>	rs2301880	Intron	BP	T (0.26)	12p13.33	Tobin 2005
<i>WNK1</i>	rs2369402	Intron	BP	A (0.22)	12p13.33	Tobin 2005
<i>WNK1</i>	rs765250	Intron	BP	C (0.31)	12p13.33	Tobin 2005
<i>WNK1</i>	rs880054	Intron	BP	C (0.44)	12p13.33	Tobin 2005
<i>WNK1</i>	rs953361	Intron	BP	T (0.39)	12p13.33	Tobin 2005
<i>WNK1</i>	rs956868	Missense	BP	A (0.14)	12p13.33	Tobin 2005
<i>WNK4</i>	rs9896991	Missense	BP	A (0.11)	17q21.31	Tobin 2005
B. Sympathetic Nervous System						
i. Adrenergic System						
<i>ADRA1A</i>	rs483392	Intron	Exercise Response	T (0.45)	8p21.2	Ingelsson 2007
<i>ADRA1A</i>	rs489223	Intron	Exercise Response	G (0.10)	8p21.2	Ingelsson 2007
<i>ADRA1A</i>	rs7820633	Intron	Exercise Response	C (0.38)	8p21.2	Ingelsson 2007
<i>ADRA1D</i>	rs835873	Intron	Exercise Response	T (0.17)	20p13	Ingelsson 2007
<i>ADRA2A</i>	rs1800038	Intron	BP	A (0.33)	10q25.2	Rana 2007
<i>ADRA2A</i>	rs1800544	Near Gene-5	BP	G (0.28)	10q25.2	Rana 2007
<i>ADRA2A</i>	rs553668	3' Untranslated Region	BP	A (0.17)	10q25.2	Rana 2007
<i>ADRA2B</i>	No rs Number <sup>d</sup>	Intron	Exercise Response	9G (0.46)	2q11.1	Laaksonen 2007
<i>ADRB1</i>	rs1801252	Missense	BP	G (0.15)	10q25.3	Lee 2011
<i>ADRB1</i>	rs1801253	Missense	Exercise Response	G (0.22)	10q25.3	Leineweber 2006
<i>ADRB2</i>	No rs Number	Not Available	BP	G (0.09)	5q32	Svetkey 2011
<i>ADRB2</i>	No rs number	Not Available	BP	A (0.23)	5q32	Svetkey 2011
<i>ADRB2</i>	rs2082382	Not Available	BP	G (0.41)	5q32	Johnson 2011
<i>ADRB2</i>	rs6580586	Not Available	BP	C (0.11)	5q32	Johnson 2011
<i>ADRB2</i>	rs1042714	Missense	Exercise Response	G (0.45)	5q32	Macho-Azcarate 2003
<i>CHRM2</i>	rs8191992	3' Untranslated Region	Exercise Response	T (0.44)	7q33	Hautala 2006
<i>COMT</i>	rs4680	Missense	BP	G (0.48)	22q11.21	Chi Htun 2011
<i>PNMT</i>	rs3764351	Near Gene-5	BP	G (0.47)	17q12	Huang 2011

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<i>PNMT</i>	rs876493	5' Untranslated Region	BP	G (0.45)	17q12	Huang 2011
ii. Guanine Binding Proteins						
<i>GNAS</i>	rs7121	Coding Synonymous	Exercise Response	C (0.48)	20q13.32	Pescatello 2009
<i>GNB3</i>	rs2301339	Intron	BP	A (0.30)	12p13	Yazdanpanah 2007
<i>GNB3</i>	rs4963516	Near Gene-5	BP	C (0.33)	12p13	Montasser 2011
<i>GNB3</i>	rs5443	Coding Synonymous	Exercise Response	T (0.47)	12p13	Rankinen 2002
<i>GNB3</i>	rs5446	3' Untranslated Region	BP	T (0.19)	12p13	Gu 2006
iii. Other						
<i>AMPD1</i>	rs17602729	Nonsense	Exercise Response	T (0.11)	1p13.2	Rubio 2005
<i>ATP2B1</i>	rs2070759	Intron	BP	C (0.49)	12q21.33	Tabara 2010
<i>CAI</i>	rs13278559	Not Available	BP	T (0.10)	8q21.2	Johnson 2011
<i>CACNA1A</i>	rs1985579	Intron	BP	A (0.36)	19p13.2	Johnson 2011
<i>CACNA1C</i>	rs16929470	Intron	BP	T (0.07)	12p12.3	Johnson 2011
<i>CACNA1C</i>	rs2239101	Intron	BP	C (0.13)	12p12.3	Johnson 2011
<i>CASR</i>	rs1801725	Missense	Exercise Response	T (0.16)	3q21.1	Lorentzon 2001
<i>CASR</i>	rs4678172	Intron	BP	T (0.30)	3q21.1	Jung 2009
<i>CASR</i>	rs6438712	Intron	BP	G (0.29)	3q21.1	Jung 2009
<i>CASR</i>	rs937626	Intron	BP	G (0.35)	3q21.1	Jung 2009
<i>CASR</i>	rs9874845	Intron	BP	T (0.34)	3q21.1	Jung 2009
<i>SDK1</i>	rs645106	Intron	BP	A (0.15)	7p22.2	Oguri 2010
<i>SLC6A2</i>	rs2242446	Near Gene-5	Medication Response	C (0.37)	16q12.2	Nonen 2008
<i>SLC6A2</i>	rs5569	Coding Synonymous	Medication Response	A (0.34)	16q12.2	Nonen 2008
<i>TH</i>	rs10770141	Near Gene-3	BP	T (0.34)	11p15.5	Nielson 2010
C. Nitric Oxide Synthase Pathway						
<i>EDNI</i>	No rs Number <sup>d</sup>	5' Untranslated Region	Exercise Response	4 repeats (0.32)	6q24.1	Charu 2006
<i>EDNI</i>	rs1800541	Near Gene-5	BP	G (0.31)	6q24.1	Dong 2004
<i>EDNI</i>	rs2070699	Intron	Exercise Response	G (0.32)	6q24.1	Rankinen 2007
<i>EDNI</i>	rs5369	Coding Synonymous	Exercise Response	A (0.10)	6q24.1	Rankinen 2007

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<i>EDN1</i>	rs5370	Missense	Exercise Response	T (0.36)	6q24.1	Rankinen 2007
<i>MMP3</i>	No rs Number <sup>d</sup>	Not Available	Medication Response	5A (0.47)	11q22.2	Sherva 2010
<i>NOS3</i>	rs1799983	Missense	BP	T (0.36)	7q36.1	Pereira 2007
<i>NOS3</i>	rs1800779	Intron	Exercise Response	G (0.39)	7q36.1	Franks 2005
<i>NOS3</i>	rs1800783	Intron	Exercise Response	A (0.40)	7q36.1	Franks 2005
<i>NOS3</i>	rs2070744	Intron	Exercise Response	C (0.09)	7q36.1	Augeri 2009
<i>NOS3</i>	rs3800787	Intron	Exercise Response	C (0.48)	7q36.1	Franks 2005
<i>NOS3</i>	rs3918212	Intron	Exercise Response	C (0.01)	7q36.1	Franks 2005
<i>NOS3</i>	rs3918220	Intron	Exercise Response	G (0.01)	7q36.1	Franks 2005
<i>TGFB1</i>	rs1982073	Missense	Exercise Response	C (0.42)	19q13.2	Rivera 2001
D. Other Related BP Regulatory Pathways						
<i>APOE</i>	rs2223989	Missense	Exercise Response	C (0.47)	19q13.2	Hagberg 1999
<i>APOE</i>	rs7412	Missense	Exercise Response	T (0.16)	19q13.2	Hagberg 1999
<i>CYBA</i>	rs1049255	3' Untranslated Region	Exercise Response	A (0.44)	16q24.3	Feairheller 2009
<i>CYBA</i>	rs4673	Missense	Exercise Response	T (0.31)	16q24.3	Feairheller 2009
<i>CYP11B2</i>	rs4539	Missense	BP	C (0.47)	8q24.3	Kumar 2003
<i>CYP11B2</i>	rs3201271	3' Untranslated Region	BP	G (0.45)	8q24.3	Kumar 2003
<i>CYP11B2</i>	No rs Number	Not Available	BP	T (0.32)	8q24.3	Svetkey 2011
<i>CYP11B2</i>	rs28930074	Missense	BP	C (0.13)	8q24.3	Kumar 2003
<i>CYP17A1</i>	rs1004467	Intron	BP	C (0.07)	10q24.32	Liu 2011
<i>CYP17A1</i>	rs11191548	3' Untranslated Region	BP	C (0.08)	10q24.32	Liu 2011
<i>CYP2D6</i>	rs1065852	Missense	Exercise Response	T (0.23)	22q13.1	Zateyschchikov 2007
<i>CYP3A5</i>	rs776746	Intron	BP	A (0.06)	7q22.1	Zhang 2010
<i>FABP2</i>	rs1799883	Missense	Exercise Response	A (0.37)	4q26	de Luis 2006
<i>LEPR</i>	rs1137100	Missense	Exercise Response	A (0.49)	7q31.3	Kilpelainen 2008b
<i>LPL</i>	No rs Number	Intron	Exercise Response	T (0.47)	8p21.3	Hagberg 1999
<i>LPL</i>	No rs Number	Intron	Exercise Response	G (0.29)	8p21.3	Hagberg 1999
<i>LPL</i>	rs328	Nonsense	Exercise Response	G (0.10)	8p21.3	Flavell 2006
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<i>ADAMTS8</i>	rs11222084	Not Available	BP	T (0.38)	11q24.3	Wain 2011
<i>ADM</i>	rs7129220	Not Available	BP	A (0.07)	11p15.4	International Consortium 2011
<i>ADRB1</i>	rs2782980	Not Available	BP	T (0.20)	10q25.3	Wain 2011
<i>AL365265.23</i>	rs16877320	Not Available	BP	G (0.13)	6p22.3	Adeyemo 2009
<i>ARHGAP42</i>	rs633185	Intron	BP	G (0.35)	11q22.1	International Consortium 2011
<i>ATP2B1</i>	rs2681472	Intron	BP	G (0.17)	12q21.33	Levy 2009
<i>ATP2B1</i>	rs2681492	Intron	BP	C (0.20)	12q21.33	Levy 2009
<i>ATXN2</i>	rs653178	Intron	BP	C (0.48)	12q24.1	Newton-Cheh 2009
<i>c10orf107</i>	rs1530440	Intron	BP	T (0.19)	10q21	Newton-Cheh 2009
<i>c10orf107</i>	rs4590817	Intron	BP	C (0.11)	10q21.2	International Consortium 2011
<i>C21orf91</i>	rs2258119	Intron	BP	C (0.28)	21q21.1	Fox 2011
<i>CACNA1H</i>	rs3751664	Missense	BP	T (0.11)	16p13.3	Adeyemo 2009
<i>CACNB2</i>	rs11014166	Intron	BP	T (0.34)	10p12.31	Levy 2009
<i>CACNB2</i>	rs1813353	Not Available	BP	C (0.25)	10p12.31	International Consortium 2011
<i>CACNB2</i>	rs4373814	Not Available	BP	G (0.49)	10p12.33	International Consortium 2011
<i>CHIC2</i>	rs871606	Not Available	BP	T (0.85)	4q12	Wain 2011
<i>CSK</i>	rs1378942	Intron	BP	T (0.33)	15q24.1	Newton-Cheh 2009
<i>CSK-ULK3</i>	rs6495122	Not Available	BP	A (0.42)	15q24.1	Levy 2009
<i>EBF1</i>	rs11953630	Not Available	BP	T (0.26)	5q33.3	International Consortium 2011
<i>FGF5</i>	rs1458038	Not Available	BP	T (0.24)	4q21.21	International

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						Consortium 2011
<i>FGF5</i>	rs16998073	Not Available	BP	T (0.19)	4q21.21	Newton-Cheh 2009
<i>FIGN</i>	rs13002573	Not Available	BP	G (0.20)	2q24.3	Wain 2011
<i>FIGN</i>	rs1446468	Not Available	BP	T (0.53)	2q24.3	Wain 2011
<i>FURIN-FES</i>	rs2521501	Intron	BP	T (0.20)	15q26.1	International Consortium 2011
<i>GNAS - END3</i>	rs6015450	Not Available	BP	G (0.10)	20q13.32	International Consortium 2011
<i>GOSR2</i>	rs17608776	Not Available	BP	C (0.14)	11p14.1	International Consortium 2011
<i>GPR98/ARRDC3</i>	rs10474346	Not Available	BP	C (0.29)	5q14.3	Fox 2011
<i>GUCY1A3-GUCY1B3</i>	rs13139571	Intron	BP	A (0.20)	4q32.1	International Consortium 2011
<i>HFE</i>	rs1799945	Missense	BP	G (0.08)	6p22.2	International Consortium 2011
<i>IPO7</i>	rs12279202	Intron	BP	A (0.12)	11p15	Adeyemo 2009
<i>JAG1</i>	rs1327235	Not Available	BP	A (0.50)	20p12.2	International Consortium 2011
<i>MAP4</i>	rs319690	Intron	BP	T (0.51)	3p21.31	Wain 2011
<i>MDS1</i>	rs1918974	Not Available	BP	C (0.47)	3p26.2	Newton-Cheh 2009
<i>MECOM</i>	rs419076	Intron	BP	T (0.43)	3p26.2	International Consortium 2011
<i>MOV10</i>	rs2932538	Near Gene-5	BP	A (0.21)	1p13.2	International Consortium 2011
<i>MTHFR</i>	rs13306560	Near Gene-5	BP	A (0.04)	1p36.22	Tomaszewski 2010
<i>MTHFR-NPPB</i>	rs17367504	Intron	BP	G (0.17)	1p36.22	International Consortium 2011

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<i>NPR3-C5orf23</i>	rs1173771	Not Available	BP	A (0.35)	5p13.3	International Consortium 2011
<i>PIK3CG</i>	rs17477177	Not Available	BP	T (0.72)	7q22.3	Wain 2011
<i>PLCD3</i>	rs12946454	Intron	BP	T (0.27)	17q21.31	Newton-Cheh 2009
<i>PLCE1</i>	rs932764	Intron	BP	G (0.39)	10q23.33	International Consortium 2011
<i>PLEKHA7</i>	rs381815	Intron	BP	C (0.26)	11p15.1	Levy 2009
<i>PMS1</i>	rs5743185	Intron	BP	T (0.14)	2q31.1	Adeyemo 2009
<i>PRRC2A, 3A, 4A, 5A</i>	rs805303	Intron	BP	A (0.45)	6p21.33	International Consortium 2011
<i>SH2B3</i>	rs3184504	Missense	BP	T (0.48)	12q24.12	Levy 2009
<i>SLC24A4</i>	rs11160059	Intron	BP	A (0.18)	14q32.12	Adeyemo 2009
<i>SLC39A8</i>	rs13107325	Missense	BP	T (0.06)	4q24	International Consortium 2011
<i>SLC4A7</i>	rs13082711	Not Available	BP	C (0.11)	3p24.1	International Consortium 2011
<i>STK39</i>	rs6749447	Intron	BP	G (0.28)	2q24.3	Wang 2009
<i>TBX3</i>	rs2384550	Not Available	BP	A (0.34)	12q24.21	Levy 2009
<i>TBX5-TBX3</i>	rs10850411	Not Available	BP	C (0.42)	12q24.21	International Consortium 2011
<i>ULK4</i>	rs9815354	Intron	BP	A (0.23)	3p22.1	Levy 2009
<i>YWHAZ</i>	rs17365948	Intron	BP	A (0.11)	8q22.3	Adeyemo 2009
<i>ZNF652</i>	rs12940887	Intron	BP	T (0.21)	17q21.33	International Consortium 2011
<i>ZNF652</i>	rs16948048	Near Gene-5	BP	G (0.37)	17q21.33	Newton-Cheh 2009
3) Associated with Energy Metabolism and/or Body Composition						
<i>ADIPOQ</i>	rs2241766	Coding Synonymous	Energy Metabolism	G (0.14)	3q27.3	Zacharova 2005b

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<i>ADIPOQ</i>	No rs Number	Intron	Body Composition	Not Available	3q27.3	Sutton 2005
<i>ADIPOQ</i>	No rs Number	3' Untranslated Region	Body Composition	Not Available	3q27.3	Sutton 2005
<i>ADIPOQ</i>	rs1501299	Intron	Body Composition	T (0.32)	3q27.3	Nakatani 2005
<i>ADIPOQ</i>	rs182052	Intron	Body Composition	A (0.43)	3q27.3	Sutton 2005
<i>ADIPOQ</i>	rs4632532	Not Available	Body Composition	T (0.49)	3q27.3	Sutton 2005
<i>ADIPOQ</i>	rs860291	Not Available	Body Composition	T (0.06)	3q27.3	Sutton 2005
<i>AKT1</i>	rs1130214	5' Untranslated Region	Energy Metabolism	T (0.28)	14q32.32	Devaney 2011
<i>DRD2</i>	rs1800497	Missense	Body Composition	T (0.20)	11q23.2	Thomas 2000
<i>FTO</i>	rs1121980	Intron	Body Composition	T (0.48)	16q12.2	Vimaleswaran 2009
<i>FTO</i>	rs1477196	Intron	Body Composition	A (0.34)	16q12.2	Rampersaud 2008
<i>FTO</i>	rs1861868	Intron	Body Composition	G (0.48)	16q12.2	Rampersaud 2008
<i>FTO</i>	rs8050136	Intron	Body Composition	A (0.46)	16q12.2	Mitchell 2010
<i>FTO</i>	rs9939609	Intron	Body Composition	A (0.46)	16q12.2	Andreasen 2008
<i>GHRL</i>	rs35682	Intron	Body Composition	G (0.45)	3p25.3	Chung 2009
<i>GHRL</i>	rs35683	Intron	Body Composition	A (0.45)	3p25.3	Chung 2009
<i>HTR2C</i>	rs6318	Missense	Body Composition	C (0.17)	Xq23	Pooley 2004
<i>IGF2</i>	rs3842759	Intron	Body Composition	T (0.11)	11p15.5	Heude 2007
<i>IGF2</i>	rs680	3' Untranslated Region	Body Composition	A (0.33)	11p15.5	Heude 2007
<i>IL15</i>	rs1589241	Intron	Body Composition	T (0.29)	4q31.21	Pistilli 2008
<i>INSIG2</i>	rs7566605	Not Available	Body Composition	C (0.30)	2q14.2	Franks 2008
<i>LEP</i>	rs17151919	Missense	Body Composition	A (0.03)	15q26.3	Friedlander 2010
<i>LEP</i>	rs2167270	5' Untranslated Region	Body Composition	A (0.35)	15q26.3	Friedlander 2010
<i>LEP</i>	rs28954369	Near Gene-5	Body Composition	T (0.06)	15q26.3	Friedlander 2010
<i>LEP</i>	rs4731413	Not Available	Body Composition	A (0.17)	15q26.3	De Krom 2007
<i>LEP</i>	rs4731427	Intron	Body Composition	C (0.07)	15q26.3	Friedlander 2010
<i>LEP</i>	rs7799039	Not Available	Body Composition	A (0.49)	15q26.3	Jiang 2004
<i>LEPR</i>	No rs Number	Not Available	Body Composition	A (0.35)	7q31.3	DeSilva 2001
<i>LEPR</i>	No rs Number <sup>c</sup>	3' Untranslated Region	Body Composition	Insertion (0.18)	7q31.3	Zacharova 2005
<i>LEPR</i>	rs1045895	Intron	Body Composition	A (0.39)	7q31.3	Gallichio 2009

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<i>LEPR</i>	rs1137101	Missense	Body Composition	A (0.45)	7q31.3	Gallichio 2009
<i>LEPR</i>	rs8179183	Missense	Body Composition	C (0.15)	7q31.3	Chagnon 2000
<i>LIPE</i>	No rs Number	Not Available	Body Composition	G (0.06)	19q13.2	Garenc 2002
<i>LIPE</i>	No rs Number <sup>d</sup>	Intron	Body Composition	X (0.43)	19q13.2	Lavebratt 2002
<i>MC4R</i>	rs17782313	Not Available	Body Composition	C (0.28)	18q21.32	Huang 2011b
<i>MC4R</i>	rs2229616	Missense	Body Composition	A (0.01)	18q21.32	Geller 2004
<i>MC4R</i>	rs7242169	Not Available	Body Composition	G (0.50)	18q21.32	Loos 2005
<i>MTHFR</i>	rs2066470	Coding Synonymous	Body Composition	T (0.10)	1p36.14	Liu 2008
<i>MTHFR</i>	rs3737964	Intron	Body Composition	A (0.31)	1p36.14	Liu 2008
<i>MTHFR</i>	rs4846048	Intron	Body Composition	G (0.34)	1p36.14	Liu 2008
<i>NR3C1</i>	rs41423247	Intron	Body Composition	G (0.37)	5q31.3	van Rossum 2003
<i>NR3C1</i>	rs6195	Missense	Body Composition	G (0.08)	5q31.3	Rosmond 2001
<i>PPARD</i>	rs1053049	3' Untranslated Region	Energy Metabolism	C (0.32)	6q21.31	Stefan 2007
<i>PPARD</i>	rs2016520	5' Untranslated Region	Body Composition	C (0.25)	6q21.31	Aberle 2006
<i>PPARD</i>	rs2076167	Coding Synonymous	Energy Metabolism	C (0.30)	6q21.31	Stefan 2007
<i>PPARD</i>	rs6902123	3' Untranslated Region	Energy Metabolism	C (0.32)	6q21.31	Stefan 2007
<i>PPARG</i>	rs1801282	Intron	Body Composition	G (0.08)	3p25.2	Robitaille 2003
<i>PPARG</i>	rs1152003	Not Available	Energy Metabolism	G (0.28)	3p25.2	Kilpelainen 2008
<i>TNF</i>	rs361525	Near Gene-5	Energy Metabolism	A (0.07)	6p21.3	Dalziel 2002
<i>UCP1</i>	no rs Number	Near Gene-5	Body Composition	G (0.24)	4q31.1	Kim 2005
<i>UCP1</i>	rs10011540	Near Gene-5	Energy Metabolism	G (0.08)	11q13.4	Mori 2001
<i>UCP1</i>	rs1800592	Not Available	Energy Metabolism	A (0.27)	11q13.4	Nagai 2003
<i>UCP1</i>	rs45539933	Missense	Body Composition	T (0.09)	11q13.4	Hermann 2003
<i>UCP2</i>	rs632862	Intron	Energy Metabolism	C (0.50)	11q13.4	Lee 2008
<i>UCP2</i>	rs659366	Near Gene-5	Energy Metabolism	A (0.50)	11q13.4	Lee 2008
<i>UCP2</i>	rs660339	Missense	Energy Metabolism	T (0.50)	11q13.4	Lee 2008
<i>UCP3</i>	rs1800849	Near Gene-5	Energy Metabolism	T (0.42)	11q13.4	Lee 2008
<i>VDR</i>	rs1544410	Intron	Energy Metabolism	A (0.49)	12q13.11	Boraska 2008
<i>VDR</i>	rs731236	Coding Synonymous	Energy Metabolism	C (0.45)	12q13.11	Boraska 2008

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<i>VDR</i>	rs757343	Intron	Energy Metabolism	A (0.10)	12q13.11	Boraska 2008
<i>VDR</i>	rs10735810	Missense	Energy Metabolism	A (0.41)	12q13.11	Boraska 2008
4) Associated with Other Established and Emerging Cardiovascular Disease Risk Factors						
A. Lipids/Lipoproteins						
<i>ABCA1</i>	rs2249891	Not Available	Lipids/Lipoproteins	G (0.10)	9q31.1	Peloso 2010
<i>ABCA1</i>	rs212077	Intron	Lipids/Lipoproteins	G (0.21)	9q31.1	Peloso 2010
<i>ABCC6</i>	rs150468	Intron	Lipids/Lipoproteins	C (0.20)	16p13.11	Peloso 2010
<i>APOA1</i>	rs670	Near Gene-3	Lipids/Lipoproteins	A (0.10)	11q23.3	Souverein 2005
<i>APOA2</i>	rs3813627	Near Gene-5	Lipids/Lipoproteins	T (0.33)	1q23.3	Peloso 2010
<i>APOB</i>	rs1367117	Missense	Lipids/Lipoproteins	T (0.29)	2p24.1	Souverein 2005
<i>APOB</i>	rs531819	Intron	Lipids/Lipoproteins	C (0.14)	2p24.1	Benn 2008
<i>APOC4</i>	rs10413089	Not Available	Lipids/Lipoproteins	C (0.15)	19q13.32	Peloso 2010
<i>APOE</i>	rs439401	Intron	Lipids/Lipoproteins	T (0.38)	19q13.2	Kring 2010
<i>APOE</i>	rs429358	Missense	Lipids/Lipoproteins	C (0.21)	19q13.2	Ariza 2010
<i>CETP</i>	rs5882	Missense	Lipids/Lipoproteins	G (0.30)	16q21.1	Thompson 2008
<i>CETP</i>	rs1800775	Near Gene-5	Lipids/Lipoproteins	C (0.45)	16q21.1	Thompson 2008
<i>CETP</i>	rs1800776	Near Gene-5	Lipids/Lipoproteins	A (0.02)	16q21.1	Thompson 2008
<i>CETP</i>	rs1800777	Missense	Lipids/Lipoproteins	A (0.05)	16q21.1	Thompson 2008
<i>CETP</i>	rs708272	Intron	Lipids/Lipoproteins	A (0.44)	16q21.1	Nettleton 2006
<i>CUBN</i>	rs7893395	Intron	Lipids/Lipoproteins	T (0.18)	10p13	Peloso 2010
<i>HTR5A</i>	rs1436818	Not Available	Lipids/Lipoproteins	A (0.32)	7q36.2	Zhang 2010b
<i>HTR5A</i>	rs1730182	Not Available	Lipids/Lipoproteins	G (0.33)	7q36.2	Zhang 2010b
<i>HTR5A</i>	rs3734967	Not Available	Lipids/Lipoproteins	G (0.19)	7q36.2	Zhang 2010b
<i>LIPC</i>	rs723967	Not Available	Lipids/Lipoproteins	C (0.21)	15q21.3	Souverein 2005
<i>LIPC</i>	rs1800588	Near Gene-5	Lipids/Lipoproteins	T (0.21)	15q21.3	Nettleton 2006
<i>LIPC</i>	rs36041167	Near Gene-5	Lipids/Lipoproteins	A (0.03)	15q21.3	Chen 2009
<i>LIPC</i>	rs17269264	Intron	Lipids/Lipoproteins	G (0.49)	15q21.3	Felitosa 2009
<i>LIPC</i>	rs17190678	Intron	Lipids/Lipoproteins	C (0.48)	15q21.3	Felitosa 2009
<i>LIPC</i>	rs16940379	Intron	Lipids/Lipoproteins	G (0.24)	15q21.3	Felitosa 2009
<i>LIPC</i>	rs12594375	Intron	Lipids/Lipoproteins	A (0.02)	15q21.3	Boes 2009

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<i>LIPC</i>	rs3829462	Missense	Lipids/Lipoproteins	G (0.01)	15q21.3	Boes 2009
<i>LIPC</i>	rs1077834	Near Gene-5	Lipids/Lipoproteins	G (0.28)	15q21.3	Boes 2009
<i>LIPC</i>	rs8023503	Intron	Lipids/Lipoproteins	T (0.02)	15q21.3	Boes 2009
<i>LIPC</i>	rs11856322	Intron	Lipids/Lipoproteins	A (0.32)	15q21.3	Hodoglugil 2010
<i>LIPC</i>	rs4775065	Not Available	Lipids/Lipoproteins	A (0.22)	15q21.3	Peloso 2010
<i>LPL</i>	rs268	Missense	Lipids/Lipoproteins	G (0.04)	8p21.3	Wittrup 1999
<i>LPL</i>	rs1801177	Missense	Lipids/Lipoproteins	A (0.03)	8p21.3	Wittrup 1999
<i>RETN</i>	rs34861192	Near Gene-5	Lipids/Lipoproteins	A (0.22)	19p13.2	Asano 2009
<i>RETN</i>	rs3745368	3' Untranslated Region	Lipids/Lipoproteins	A (0.09)	19p13.2	Asano 2009
<i>RETN</i>	rs34124816	Near Gene-5	Lipids/Lipoproteins	C (0.05)	19p13.2	Asano 2009
<i>RETN</i>	rs1862513	Near Gene-5	Lipids/Lipoproteins	G (0.37)	19p13.2	Asano 2009
<i>RXRA</i>	rs11185660	Not Available	Lipids/Lipoproteins	C (0.17)	9q34.2	Peloso 2010
<i>SELP</i>	rs732314	Intron	Lipids/Lipoproteins	A (0.46)	1q24.2	Peloso 2010
<i>SORT1</i>	rs646776	3' Untranslated Region	Lipids/Lipoproteins	C (0.21)	1p13.3	Devaney 2011b
<i>SORT1</i>	rs12740374	3' Untranslated Region	Lipids/Lipoproteins	T (0.19)	1p13.3	Musunuru 2011
<i>SORT1</i>	rs599839	3' Untranslated Region	Lipids/Lipoproteins	G (0.34)	1p13.3	Musunuru 2011
<i>SORT1</i>	rs629301	3' Untranslated Region	Lipids/Lipoproteins	G (0.21)	1p13.3	Musunuru 2011
<b>B. Inflammation/Thrombosis</b>						
<i>ADRB2</i>	rs1042711	5' Untranslated Region	Inflammation	C (0.44)	5q32	Wessel 2007
<i>ADRB2</i>	rs1042713	Missense	Inflammation	A (0.34)	5q32	Wessel 2007
<i>ADRB2</i>	rs1042717	Coding Synonymous	Inflammation	A (0.20)	5q32	Wessel 2007
<i>ADRB2</i>	rs1042718	Coding Synonymous	Inflammation	A (0.18)	5q32	Wessel 2007
<i>ADRB2</i>	rs2053044	Near Gene-5	Inflammation	A (0.45)	5q32	Wessel 2007
<i>ADRB2</i>	rs41371044	Near Gene-5	Inflammation	A (0.35)	5q32	Wessel 2007
<i>ADRB2</i>	rs41432452	Near Gene-5	Inflammation	C (0.44)	5q32	Wessel 2007
<i>ADRB2</i>	rs1801704	5' Untranslated Region	Inflammation	C (0.49)	5q32	Wessel 2007
<i>BDKRB2</i>	rs1046248	Missense	Inflammation	T (0.11)	14q32.1	Asselbergs 2007
<i>BDKRB2</i>	rs5810761 <sup>c</sup>	Intron	Inflammation	Deletion (0.46)	14q32.1	Asselbergs 2007
<i>BDKRB2</i>	rs1799722	5' Untranslated Region	Inflammation	T (0.41)	14q32.1	Asselbergs 2007

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<i>CRP</i>	rs1800947	Coding Synonymous	Inflammation	C (0.04)	1q23.2	Carlson 2005
<i>CRP</i>	rs1205	3' Untranslated Region	Inflammation	A (0.32)	1q23.2	Wang 2006
<i>CRP</i>	rs1130864	3' Untranslated Region	Inflammation	A (0.31)	1q23.2	Wang 2006
<i>CRP</i>	rs1341665	Not Available	Inflammation	T (0.35)	1q23.2	Wang 2006
<i>CRP</i>	rs3093059	Near Gene-3	Inflammation	C (0.06)	1q23.2	Wang 2006
<i>CRP</i>	rs2794521	Near Gene-3	Inflammation	G (0.26)	1q23.2	Wang 2006
<i>CRP</i>	rs3091244	Near Gene-3	Inflammation	T (0.07)	1q23.2	Wang 2006
<i>CRP</i>	rs876538	Not Available	Inflammation	T (0.20)	1q23.2	Wang 2006
<i>FGA</i>	rs6050	Missense	Inflammation	G (0.25)	4q28	Reiner 2006
<i>FGA</i>	rs2070011	5' Untranslated Region	Inflammation	A (0.37)	4q28	Reiner 2006
<i>FGB</i>	rs1800790	Near Gene-5	Inflammation	A (0.14)	4q28	Reiner 2006
<i>FGG</i>	rs1049636	3' Untranslated Region	Inflammation	C (0.29)	4q31.3	Reiner 2006
<i>HNMT</i>	rs2071048	Near Gene-5	Inflammation	C (0.37)	2q22.1	Chen 2003
<i>HNMT</i>	rs45516894	Missense	Inflammation	T (0.09)	2q22.1	Chen 2003
<i>HNMT</i>	rs1455158	3' Untranslated Region	Inflammation	G (0.27)	2q22.1	Chen 2003
<i>F7</i>	rs6046	Missense	Inflammation	T (0.12)	13q34	Zee 2009
<i>IL1B</i>	rs1143634	Coding Synonymous	Inflammation	T (0.22)	2q13	Zee 2009
<i>IL6</i>	rs1800796	Near Gene-5	Inflammation	C (0.27)	7p15.3	Cheung 2011
<i>IL6</i>	rs2069837	Intron	Inflammation	G (0.11)	7p15.3	Cheung 2011
<i>IL10</i>	rs1800872	Near Gene-5	Inflammation	A (0.20)	1q32.1	Zee 2009
<i>IL10</i>	rs1800871	Near Gene-5	Inflammation	T (0.17)	1q32.1	Kuningas 2009
<i>IL10</i>	rs3024490	Intron	Inflammation	T (0.22)	1q32.1	Kuningas 2009
<i>IL10</i>	rs1554286	Intron	Inflammation	T (0.17)	1q32.1	Kuningas 2009
<i>PAI-1</i>	No rs Number <sup>d</sup>	Intron	Thrombosis	5G (0.48)	7q22.1	Bjorck 2011
<i>PROC</i>	rs2069901	Near Gene-5	Thrombosis	C (0.44)	2q14.3	Reiner 2008
<i>PROCR</i>	rs867186	Missense	Thrombosis	G (0.09)	20q11.22	Reiner 2008
<i>PROS1</i>	rs4857343	Intron	Thrombosis	C (0.18)	3q11.2	Reiner 2008
<i>TLR4</i>	rs10983755	Near Gene-5	Inflammation	A (0.03)	9q33.1	Chen 2010
<i>TH</i>	rs6356	Missense	Inflammation	A (0.38)	11p15.5	Wessel 2007
<i>TH</i>	rs10770140	Near Gene-3	Inflammation	G (0.35)	11p15.5	Wessel 2007

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<i>TH</i>	rs10840490	Near Gene-3	Inflammation	G (0.11)	11p15.5	Wessel 2007
<i>TH</i>	rs10734659	Near Gene-3	Inflammation	A (0.50)	11p15.5	Wessel 2007
5) From High Throughput Genotyping Studies of BP Meeting Arbitrary Statistical Significance						
<i>ABCC4</i>	rs9590141	Not Available	BP	A (0.12)	13q32	Adeyemo 2009
<i>AC089987.26-201</i>	rs17237198	Not Available	BP	A (0.03)	12q13.11	Hong 2010
<i>AC089987.26-201</i>	rs7312017	Not Available	BP	G (0.41)	12q13.11	Hong 2010
<i>AC096631.2</i>	rs12748299	Not Available	BP	C (0.13)	1q32.1	Adeyemo 2009
<i>ACPP</i>	rs11714139	Not Available	BP	T (0.08)	3q22.1	Adeyemo 2009
<i>ADC</i>	rs16835244	Missense	BP	T (0.07)	1p35.1	Hong 2010
<i>ADD2</i>	rs3755351	Intron	BP	A (0.36)	2p13.3	Kato 2008
<i>ADH7</i>	rs991316	Not Available	BP	T (0.45)	4q23	Adeyemo 2009
<i>ADRA2A</i>	rs11195417	Not Available	BP	A (0.09)	10q25.2	Sober 2009
<i>ADRA2A</i>	rs11195419	3' Untranslated Region	BP	A (0.11)	10q25.2	Sober 2009
<i>AL354747.12</i>	rs7902529	Not Available	BP	A (0.14)	10p15.3	Adeyemo 2009
<i>ALDH1A2</i>	rs1550576	Not Available	BP	T (0.14)	15q21.3	Adeyemo 2009
<i>AP000473.2</i>	rs2823756	Not Available	BP	T (0.44)	21q21.2	Adeyemo 2009
<i>ATP2B1</i>	rs11105354	Intron	BP	G (0.18)	12q21.33	Levy 2009
<i>ATXN2</i>	rs10774625	Intron	BP	A (0.49)	12q24	Levy 2009
<i>ATXN2</i>	rs4766578	Intron	BP	T (0.49)	12q24	Levy 2009
<i>C12orf30</i>	rs17696736	Intron	BP	G (0.44)	12q24	Levy 2009
<i>C12orf51</i>	rs11066188	Intron	BP	A (0.43)	12q24	Levy 2009
<i>C14orf118</i>	rs2121070	Intron	BP	T (0.15)	14q24.3	Levy 2007
<i>C18orf1</i>	rs8096897	Intron	BP	G (0.01)	18p11.21	Levy 2009
<i>C21orf91</i>	rs243601	Not Available	BP	G (0.48)	21q21.1	Fox 2011
<i>C21orf91</i>	rs243603	Not Available	BP	C (0.50)	21q21.1	Fox 2011
<i>C21orf91</i>	rs243605	Near Gene-3	BP	C (0.50)	21q21.1	Fox 2011
<i>C21orf91</i>	rs243607	3' Untranslated Region	BP	C (0.50)	21q21.1	Fox 2011
<i>C21orf91</i>	rs243609	3' Untranslated Region	BP	T (0.49)	21q21.1	Fox 2011
<i>C21orf91</i>	rs2220511	3' Untranslated Region	BP	T (0.37)	21q21.1	Fox 2011

Gene <sup>a</sup>	Rs Number	Type of Variant	Phenotype	Minor Allele Frequency <sup>b</sup>	Chromosome Location	Reference
<i>CAMK4</i>	rs10493340	Not Available	BP	G (0.22)	5q21.3	Levy 2007
<i>CASZ1</i>	rs155524	Intron	BP	C (0.43)	1p36	Takeuchi 2010
<i>CASZ1</i>	rs284277	Intron	BP	C (0.35)	1p36.22	Levy 2009
<i>CASZ1</i>	rs880315	Intron	BP	C (0.35)	1p36.22	Levy 2009
<i>CDH13</i>	rs11646213	Not Available	BP	A (0.41)	16q24.3	Org 2009
<i>CDYL2</i>	rs4613079	Not Available	BP	T (0.18)	16q23.2	Adeyemo 2009
<i>CYP17A1</i>	rs12413409	Intron	BP	A (0.06)	10q24	Takeuchi 2010
<i>CYP17A1</i>	rs1328925	Not Available	BP	T (0.42)	4q32.1	Levy 2007
<i>DCK</i>	rs10512889	Not Available	BP	T (0.17)	5p15.31	Levy 2007
<i>F13A1</i>	rs13201744	Not Available	BP	A (0.16)	6p25	Adeyemo 2009
<i>FAM155A</i>	rs9301196	Not Available	BP	T (0.12)	13q33	Adeyemo 2009
<i>FMNL2</i>	rs13413144	Intron	BP	T (0.13)	2q23.3	Fox 2011
<i>GPD2</i>	rs592582	Not Available	BP	T (0.28)	2q24.1	Fox 2011
<i>GPR98</i>	rs1858309	Not Available	BP	C (0.28)	5q14.3	Fox 2011
<i>GPR98</i>	rs7709572	Not Available	BP	G (0.28)	5q14.3	Fox 2011
<i>GPR98</i>	rs7724489	Not Available	BP	A (0.28)	5q14.3	Fox 2011
<i>IPO13</i>	rs1990151	Intron	BP	A (0.01)	1p34.1	Fox 2011
<i>ITGA9</i>	rs743395	Intron	BP	T (0.40)	3p22.2	Levy 2009
<i>ITGA9</i>	rs7640747	Intron	BP	G (0.39)	3p22.2	Levy 2009
<i>KCTD1</i>	rs506038	Intron	BP	C (0.22)	18q11.2	Org 2009
<i>KCTD1</i>	rs9948310	Intron	BP	C (0.14)	18q11.2	Org 2009
<i>LDHAL3</i>	rs11692045	Not Available	BP	C (0.41)	2p21	Adeyemo 2009
<i>LZTS1</i>	rs11988036	Not Available	BP	T (0.24)	8p22	Adeyemo 2009
<i>MC4R</i>	rs11659639	Not Available	BP	C (0.10)	18q22	Adeyemo 2009
<i>MDS1</i>	rs1685374	Not Available	BP	C (0.04)	3q26	Adeyemo 2009
<i>MSTN</i>	rs13401889	Not Available	BP	C (0.21)	2q32	Levy 2009
<i>MYADML</i>	rs9308945	Not Available	BP	G (0.42)	2p22.3	Yang 2009
<i>NRXN3</i>	rs10135446	Not Available	BP	A (0.13)	14q31	Adeyemo 2009
<i>NUCB2</i>	rs214070	Intron	BP	A (0.24)	11p15.1	Fox 2011
<i>OPN5</i>	rs10485320	Intron	BP	C (0.29)	6p12.3	Levy 2007

**Table 2. (Continued)**

Gene <sup>a</sup>	Rs Number	Type of Variant	Phenotype	Minor Allele Frequency <sup>b</sup>	Chromosome Location	Reference
<i>P4HA2</i>	rs9791170	Not Available	BP	A (0.43)	5q31	Adeyemo 2009
<i>PLD2</i>	rs2286672	Missense	BP	A (0.39)	17p13.2	Hong 2010
<i>PLEKHA7</i>	rs11024074	Intron	BP	C (0.28)	11p15	Levy 2009
<i>PLEKHA7</i>	rs7926335	Intron	BP	C (0.26)	11p15.1	Levy 2009
<i>PMS1</i>	rs7571613	Not Available	BP	G (0.18)	2q31.1	Levy 2009
<i>PRCI</i>	rs1867226	Not Available	BP	C (0.46)	15q26	Adeyemo 2009
<i>PTGER3</i>	rs2268062	Intron	BP	C (0.38)	1p31.1	Sober 2009
<i>PTPN14</i>	rs11120313	Not Available	BP	A (0.16)	1q32	Adeyemo 2009
<i>RHBG</i>	rs12408339	Near Gene-3	BP	A (0.11)	1q22	Fox 2011
<i>RP11-182B22.4</i>	rs16848861	Not Available	BP	G (0.20)	1q43	Adeyemo 2009
<i>RP11-182B22.4</i>	rs2146204	Not Available	BP	C (0.09)	1q24.2	Adeyemo 2009
<i>RP11-182B22.4</i>	rs2183737	Not Available	BP	T (0.46)	9q21.11	Adeyemo 2009
<i>RPL10L</i>	rs11846013	Not Available	BP	A (0.14)	14q21.2	Adeyemo 2009
<i>SLC25A42</i>	rs6511018	Intron	BP	G (0.20)	19p13.11	Fox 2011
<i>SLC25A42</i>	rs12985799	Intron	BP	C (0.20)	19p13.11	Fox 2011
<i>SLC25A42</i>	rs2012318	Intron	BP	C (0.20)	19p13.11	Fox 2011
<i>SLC25A42</i>	rs11666627	Intron	BP	C (0.20)	19p13.11	Fox 2011
<i>SLC25A42</i>	rs10417974	3' Untranslated Region	BP	C (0.20)	19p13.11	Fox 2011
<i>SLC2A1</i>	rs1105297	Intron	BP	T (0.32)	1p34.2	Sober 2009
<i>SLC4A2</i>	rs2303934	Intron	BP	T (0.03)	7q36.2	Sober 2009
<i>SLC8A1</i>	rs394112	Intron	BP	A (0.08)	2p22.1	Sober 2009
<i>SLC8A1</i>	rs405884	Intron	BP	C (0.10)	2p22.1	Sober 2009
<i>SLC8A1</i>	rs406222	Intron	BP	G (0.08)	2p22.1	Sober 2009
<i>SLC8A1</i>	rs415695	Intron	BP	C (0.10)	2p22.1	Sober 2009
<i>SLITRK3</i>	rs6784190	Not Available	BP	T (0.25)	3q26.1	Org 2009
<i>SMARCD2</i>	rs2665797	Not Available	BP	G (0.10)	17q23.3	Adeyemo 2009
<i>SV2B</i>	rs8039294	Not Available	BP	G (0.48)	15q26	Adeyemo 2009
<i>TMEM16C</i>	rs1994547	Not Available	BP	T (0.13)	11p14.3	Org 2009
<i>TRAFD1</i>	rs17630235	Near Gene-3	BP	A (0.43)	12q	Levy 2009

Gene <sup>a</sup>	Rs Number	Type of Variant	Phenotype	Minor Allele Frequency <sup>b</sup>	Chromosome Location	Reference
<i>UGT2A3</i>	rs1841055	Not Available	BP	A (0.16)	4q13.2	Levy 2007
<i>ULK4</i>	rs6768438	Intron	BP	A (0.16)	3p22	Levy 2009
<i>ULK4</i>	rs9816772	Intron	BP	T (0.16)	3p22	Levy 2009
<i>ULK4</i>	rs9852991	Intron	BP	A (0.16)	3p22	Levy 2009
<i>USH2A</i>	rs2797221	Intron	BP	T (0.02)	1q41	Tomaszewski 2010
<i>WRN</i>	rs2553268	Intron	BP	C (0.28)	8p12	Vasan 2007
<i>XRG9</i>	rs7828552	Not Available	BP	C (0.31)	8q13.3	Vasan 2007
None	rs10491334	Intron	BP	T (0.20)	5q22.1	Levy 2007
None	rs10498500	Not Available	BP	G (0.13)	14q23.2	Levy 2007
None	rs10504389	Near Gene-5	BP	T (0.15)	8q13.1	Levy 2007
None	rs10506595	Not Available	BP	A (0.21)	12q15	Levy 2007
None	rs10510911	Not Available	BP	G (0.42)	3p14.1	Levy 2007
None	rs10520569	Not Available	BP	A (0.14)	15q25.2	Levy 2007
None	rs10744835	Not Available	BP	A (0.30)	12q24	Levy 2009
None	rs11065987	Not Available	BP	G (0.42)	12q24.21	Levy 2009
None	rs11105328	Not Available	BP	G (0.18)	12q21.33	Levy 2009
None	rs11105364	Not Available	BP	G (0.18)	12q21.33	Levy 2009
None	rs11105368	Not Available	BP	G (0.18)	12q21.33	Levy 2009
None	rs11105378	Not Available	BP	C (0.18)	12q21.33	Levy 2009
None	rs11110912	Intron	BP	G (0.17)	12q23	Wellcome Trust 2007
None	rs11895934	Not Available	BP	G (0.18)	2q32.2	Levy 2009
None	rs12230074	Not Available	BP	C (0.18)	12q21.33	Levy 2009
None	rs12579302	Near Gene-5	BP	G (0.18)	12q21.33	Levy 2009
None	rs1338657	Not Available	BP	T (0.36)	6q16.3	Levy 2007
None	rs1408113	Intron	BP	A (0.40)	9q32	Levy 2007
None	rs1408263	Intron	BP	T (0.26)	6p22.3	Levy 2007
None	rs1434939	Intron	BP	A (0.36)	8q13.2	Levy 2007
None	rs1519592	Not Available	BP	G (0.21)	6q24.1	Levy 2007

**Table 2. (Continued)**

Gene <sup>a</sup>	Rs Number	Type of Variant	Phenotype	Minor Allele Frequency <sup>b</sup>	Chromosome Location	Reference
None	rs1588260	Not Available	BP	G (0.22)	5q23.1	Levy 2007
None	rs1590919	Not Available	BP	T (0.22)	13q33.2	Levy 2007
None	rs17249754	Not Available	BP	G (0.18)	12q21.33	Levy 2009
None	rs1816088	Not Available	BP	T (0.20)	5p13.1	Levy 2007
None	rs1937506	Not Available	BP	A (0.29)	13q21	Welcomme Trust 2007
None	rs1963982	Not Available	BP	C (0.44)	8q13.3	Levy 2007
None	rs1991391	Not Available	BP	A (0.35)	12q24.21	Levy 2009
None	rs2035254	Not Available	BP	G (0.34)	3q13.11	Levy 2007
None	rs2322509	Not Available	BP	C (0.43)	8p21.2	Levy 2007
None	rs2398162	Intron	BP	G (0.26)	15q26	Welcomme Trust 2007
None	rs2509458	Not Available	BP	G (0.17)	6q15	Levy 2007
None	rs2820037	Not Available	BP	T (0.14)	1q43	Welcomme Trust 2007
None	rs3853241	Not Available	BP	T (0.08)	5q34	Levy 2007
None	rs4370013	Intron	BP	T (0.19)	3p26.3	Levy 2007
None	rs4514016	Intron	BP	C (0.09)	8q24.12	Levy 2007
None	rs4842666	Not Available	BP	C (0.18)	12q21.33	Levy 2009
None	rs629448	Not Available	BP	A (0.31)	9p21.2	Levy 2007
None	rs636864	Not Available	BP	T (0.25)	6q25.1	Levy 2007
None	rs6489992	Not Available	BP	A (0.37)	12q24.21	Levy 2009
None	rs6763833	Intron	BP	C (0.20)	3p14.1	Levy 2007
None	rs6940110	Not Available	BP	C (0.43)	6p24.3	Levy 2007
None	rs6950982	Not Available	BP	G (0.23)	7q22.1	Levy 2007
None	rs6997709	Not Available	BP	T (0.29)	8q24	Welcomme Trust 2007
None	rs715987	Not Available	BP	C (0.15)	10p15.1	Cho 2009

Gene <sup>a</sup>	Rs Number	Type of Variant	Phenotype	Minor Allele Frequency <sup>b</sup>	Chromosome Location	Reference
None	rs726698	Not Available	BP	T (0.49)	2p22.3	Levy 2007
None	rs729053	Not Available	BP	G (0.27)	18q21.2	Levy 2007
None	rs7564968	Not Available	BP	C (0.18)	2q32.2	Levy 2009
None	rs7961152	Intron	BP	A (0.42)	12p12	Welcomme Trust 2007
None	rs7963771	Not Available	BP	T (0.31)	12q24.21	Levy 2009
None	rs7977406	Not Available	BP	A (0.30)	12q24	Levy 2009
None	rs9311171	Intron	BP	G (0.18)	3p22.2	Levy 2007
None	rs9321764	Not Available	BP	T (0.21)	6q24.1	Levy 2007
None	rs935334	Not Available	BP	T (0.15)	14q24.3	Levy 2007
None	rs746463	Intron	BP	C (0.27)	11q22.3	Vasan 2007
None	rs2016718	Not Available	BP	T (0.48)	8q22.1	Vasan 2007
None	rs963328	Intron	BP	G (0.43)	1q32.3	Levy 2007

<sup>a</sup>Refers to the name of the gene for categories 1,3 and 4. Refers to the name of the nearest gene for categories 2 and 5.

<sup>b</sup>Allele frequencies taken from cited references when available, otherwise from International HapMap Consortium Northern and Western European-Derived American Cohort.

All variants are single nucleotide polymorphisms unless reference sequence number indicated otherwise: <sup>c</sup>insertion-deletion, <sup>d</sup>variable number tandem repeats.

**Table 3. Genes and Variants Included in Our Prioritized Panel (Table 2) Summarized by Category**

Category	Number of Genes	Number of Variants	Number of Chromosomes <sup>a</sup>
1- Associated with BP, the BP Response to Exercise or Antihypertensive Medication, and/or the Health-Related Fitness Phenotype Response to Exercise	60	162	19
Renal and Renin Angiotensin Systems	27	92	14
Sympathetic Nervous System	20	39	14
Nitric Oxide Synthase Pathway	4	14	4
Other Related BP Regulatory Pathways	9	17	7
2- From High Throughput Genotyping Studies of BP Meeting Statistical Significance After Bonferroni Correction for Multiple Testing <sup>b</sup>	-	55	17
3- Associated with Energy Metabolism and/or Body Composition <sup>c</sup>	22	61	15
4- Associated with Other Established and Emerging Cardiovascular Disease Risk Factors	30	86	16
Lipid Metabolism <sup>d</sup>	14	43	10
Inflammation/Thrombosis	16	43	11
5- From High Throughput Genotyping Studies of BP Meeting Arbitrary Statistical Significance Thresholds <sup>b</sup>	-	149	20
Total	102	513	23

BP - Blood Pressure.

<sup>a</sup> Indicates number of chromosomes containing at least one variant from this category. See Methods, Prioritized Panel Organization, Column Six for an explanation of chromosome location.

<sup>b</sup> The number of genes is not listed for these categories because many variants from high throughput genotyping studies are not located within established genes.

<sup>c</sup> The gene summary for this category does not include the leptin receptor gene (*LEPR*) as it is in category 1.

<sup>d</sup> The gene summary for this category does not include the apolipoprotein (*APOE*) or lipoprotein lipase (*LPL*) genes as they are in category 1.

A delimitation of our panel is that, unlike previous panels in the literature [41-43], we did not include variants on the basis of LD. We employed this strategy in order to limit our panel to variants with direct evidence for association with health-related phenotypes. Future studies could expand the panel to include variants in LD, by inputting the variants currently included to an algorithm designed to find LD variants such as TAGGER [54]. The inclusion of LD variants would allow us to include a greater number of variants in strong candidate genes likely to associate with our phenotype [44,55,56].

Despite the many advantages of a GWAS that include the discovery of previously unexplored variants associated with phenotypes, a systematic and hypothesis-free approach, and the mitigation of selection bias with regard to variants explored, there are also limitations. These limitations include detecting small effect sizes, meeting the high statistical

significance needed to test the large the number of variants examined, enrolling large samples, and ensuring quality controlling of the genotype and phenotype assessments. Thus, our prioritized panel of 513 genetic variants can be to be used in conjunction with high throughput genotyping studies such as GWAS in future studies to help address these limitations.

**Table 4. Genetic Variants Summarized by Type of Variant<sup>a</sup>**

Type of Variant	Number of Variants	Percentage of Total Panel Variants
Intron	188	36.6%
Not Available	146	28.5%
Missense	59	11.5%
Near Gene Regions	51	9.9%
Near Gene-5	36	7.0%
Near Gene-3	15	2.9%
Untranslated Regions	45	8.8%
3' Untranslated Region	33	6.4%
5' Untranslated Region	12	2.3%
Coding Synonymous	22	4.3%
Nonsense	2	0.4%
Total	513	100.0%

<sup>a</sup>See Table 1 for the definitions of terms used in this table.

For example, subjects could be genotyped using GWAS high throughput genotyping and then be phenotyped for their BP response to exercise, i.e., before and after a standardized, structured exercise intervention. To explore genotype BP phenotype associations from the panel, we would then use the GWAS genotyping data and compare it to the panel variants in the order of the prioritized categories from category 1 through category 5. The variants showing significant association with the BP phenotype in both the GWAS and panel would be identified as significant genetic determinants of the BP response to exercise. In the event a panel variant was not included in the GWAS, its genotype could be determined by *imputation* based on GWAS data using LD information from the HapMap [61,66]. Lastly, as new genetic variants are identified in the emerging literature as relevant to the BP response to exercise, we would statistically examine them as confirmation of their importance. If statistically significant associations are found, they then would also be included on our panel for future replication studies. Updated versions of the panel including these new variants will be published annually in online supplementary material for this chapter at [www.novapublishers.com](http://www.novapublishers.com).

In summary, this chapter provides genomic information for genetic variants in our prioritized panel (Table 2), and can serve as a reference for future studies seeking to utilize this panel to study BP response to exercise. It can also serve as a time saving exercise genomics reference for researchers and clinicians. Lastly, it can serve as a model for future prioritized panels to investigate the response of other health-related fitness phenotypes to exercise.

## APPENDIX A. GENE NAME ABBREVIATIONS

1) From Candidate Gene Studies (Categories 1, 3, and 4 of Table 2)	
Gene Abbreviation	Gene Name
<i>ABCA1</i>	ATP-Binding Cassette, Sub-Family A, Member 1
<i>ABCC6</i>	ATP-Binding Cassette, Sub-Family C, Member 6
<i>ACE</i>	Angiotensin 1 Converting Enzyme
<i>ADD1</i>	Adducin 1 (Alpha)
<i>ADD2</i>	Adducin 2 (Beta)
<i>ADD3</i>	Adducin 3 (Gamma)
<i>ADIPOQ</i>	Adiponectin, C1Q and Collagen Domain Containing
<i>ADRA1A</i>	Adrenergic Alpha 1A Receptor
<i>ADRA1D</i>	Adrenergic Alpha 1D Receptor
<i>ADRA2A</i>	Adrenergic Alpha 2A Receptor
<i>ADRB1</i>	Adrenergic Beta 1 Receptor
<i>ADRB2</i>	Adrenergic Beta 2 Receptor
<i>AGT</i>	Angiotensinogen
<i>AGTR1</i>	Angiotensin II Receptor Type I
<i>AGTR2</i>	Angiotensin II Receptor Type II
<i>AKT1</i>	V-Akt Murine Thymoma Viral Oncogene Homolog 1
<i>AMPD1</i>	Adenosine Monophosphate Deaminase 1
<i>APLNR</i>	Apelin Receptor
<i>APOA1</i>	Apolipoprotein A1
<i>APOA2</i>	Apolipoprotein A-II
<i>APOB</i>	Apolipoprotein B
<i>APOC4</i>	Apolipoprotein C-IV
<i>APOE</i>	Apolipoprotein E
<i>ATP2B1</i>	ATPase, Ca <sup>++</sup> Transporting, Plasma Membrane 1
<i>AVPR1A</i>	Arginine Vasopressin VA1 Receptor
<i>BDKRB2</i>	Bradykinin B2 Receptor
<i>CA1</i>	Carbonic Anhydrase
<i>CACNA1A</i>	Calcium Channel, Voltage-Dependent, P/Q Type, Alpha 1A Subunit
<i>CACNA1C</i>	Calcium Channel, Voltage-Dependent, L Type, Alpha 1C Subunit
<i>CASR</i>	Calcium Sensing Receptor
<i>CETP</i>	Cholesteryl Ester Transfer Protein, Plasma
<i>CHRM2</i>	Cholinergic Receptor, Muscarinic 2
<i>COMT</i>	Catechol-O-Methyltransferase Activity
<i>CRP</i>	C-Reactive Protein
<i>CUBN</i>	Cubulin
<i>CYBA</i>	Cytochrome b-245, Alpha Polypeptide
<i>CYP11B2</i>	Aldosterone Synthase
<i>CYP17A1</i>	Cytochrome P450, Family 17, Subfamily A, Polypeptide 1
<i>CYP2D6</i>	Cytochrome P450, Family 2, Subfamily D, Polypeptide 6
<i>CYP3A5</i>	Cytochrome P450, Family 3, Subfamily A, Polypeptide 5
<i>DRD2</i>	Dopamine Receptor D2

<i>EDN1</i>	Endothelin-1
<i>EMILIN1</i>	Elastin Microfibril Interfacer 1
<i>F7</i>	Coagulation Factor VII
<i>FABP2</i>	Fatty Acid Binding Protein 2
<i>FGA</i>	Fibrinogen Alpha
<i>FGB</i>	Fibrinogen Beta
<i>FGG</i>	Fibrinogen Gamma
<i>FTO</i>	Fat Mass and Obesity Associated
<i>GHRL</i>	Ghrelin
<i>GNAS</i>	Guanine Nucleotide Binding Protein
<i>GNB3</i>	G Protein Beta 3
<i>HNMT</i>	Histamine N-Methyltransferase
<i>HSD11B1</i>	11-Beta-Hydroxysteroid Dehydrogenase, Type 1
<i>HSD11B2</i>	11-Beta-Hydroxysteroid Dehydrogenase, Type 2
<i>HTR2C</i>	5-Hydroxytryptamine Receptor 2C
<i>HTR5A</i>	5-Hydroxytryptamine Receptor 5A
<i>IGF2</i>	Insulin Growth Factor 2
<i>IL10</i>	Interleukin 10
<i>IL15</i>	Interleukin 15
<i>IL1B</i>	Interleukin-1 Beta
<i>IL6</i>	Interleukin 6 (Interferon, Beta 2)
<i>INSIG2</i>	Insulin Induced Gene 2
<i>KLK1</i>	Kallikrein 1
<i>LEP</i>	Leptin
<i>LEPR</i>	Leptin Receptor
<i>LIPC</i>	Hepatic Lipase
<i>LIPE</i>	Lipase, Hormone-Sensitive
<i>LPL</i>	Lipoprotein Lipase
<i>MC4R</i>	Melanocortin-4 Receptor
<i>MMP3</i>	Matrix Metalloproteinase
<i>MTHFR</i>	Methylenetetrahydrofolate Reductase
<i>NEDD4L</i>	Neural Precursor Cell Expressed, Developmentally Down-Regulated 4-Like
<i>NOS3</i>	Endothelial Nitric Oxide Synthase
<i>NPPA</i>	Natriuretic Peptide Precursor A
<i>NR3C1</i>	Nuclear Receptor Subfamily 3, Group C, Member 1
<i>NR3C2</i>	Nuclear Receptor Subfamily 3, Group C, Member 2
<i>PAI-1</i>	Serpin Peptidase Inhibitor, Clade E, Member 1; Serpine1
<i>PNMT</i>	Phenylethanolamine N-Methyltransferase
<i>PPARD</i>	Peroxisome Proliferative Receptor Delta
<i>PPARG</i>	Peroxisome Proliferative Receptor Gamma
<i>PROC</i>	Protein C
<i>PROCR</i>	Protein C Receptor, Endothelial
<i>PROS1</i>	Protein S
<i>RABGAP1L</i>	Rab Gtpase Activating Protein 1-Like

**Appendix A. (Continued)**

<i>REN</i>	Renin
<i>RETN</i>	Resistin
<i>RXRA</i>	Retinoid X Receptor, Alpha
<i>SCNN1A</i>	Sodium Channel, Nonvoltage-Gated 1 Alpha
<i>SCNN1B</i>	Sodium Channel, Nonvoltage-Gated 1 Beta
<i>SCNN1G</i>	Y-Subunit Epithelial Sodium Channel
<i>SDK1</i>	Sidekick 1
<i>SELP</i>	Selectin P
<i>SLC12A3</i>	Solute Carrier Family 12 (Sodium/Chloride Transporters), Member 3
<i>SLC4A5</i>	Solute Carrier Family 4, Sodium Bicarbonate Cotransporter, Member 5
<i>SLC6A2</i>	Solute Carrier Family 6 (Neurotransmitter Transporter, Noradrenalin), Member 2
<i>SLC9A1</i>	Solute Carrier Family 9 (Sodium/Hydrogen Exchanger), Member 1
<i>SORT1</i>	Sortilin
<i>TBXA2R</i>	Thromboxane A2 Receptor, Platelet
<i>TGFB1</i>	Transforming Growth Factor, B1
<i>TH</i>	Tyrosine Hydroxylase
<i>TLR4</i>	Toll-Like Receptor 4
<i>TNF</i>	Tumour Necrosis Factor
<i>UCP1</i>	Mitochondrial Uncoupling Protein 1
<i>UCP2</i>	Mitochondrial Uncoupling Protein 2
<i>UCP3</i>	Mitochondrial Uncoupling Protein 3
<i>VDR</i>	Vitamin D Receptor
<i>WNK1</i>	Protein Kinase, Lysine-Deficient 1
<i>WNK4</i>	Protein Kinase, Lysine-Deficient 4
2) From High Throughput Genotyping Studies (Categories 2 and 5 of Table 2)	
Gene Abbreviation	Gene Name
<i>ABCC4</i>	Atp-Binding Cassette, Sub-Family C (Cftr/Mrp), Member 4
<i>AC089987.26-201</i>	AC089987.26-201
<i>AC096631.2</i>	AC096631.2
<i>ACPP</i>	Acid Phosphatase, Prostate
<i>ADAMTS8</i>	A Disintegrin-Like and Metalloproteinase with Thrombospondin Type 1 Motif, 8
<i>ADC</i>	Arginine Decarboxylase
<i>ADH7</i>	Alcohol Dehydrogenase 7
<i>ADM</i>	Adrenomedullin
<i>ADRB1</i>	Adrenergic Beta 1 Receptor
<i>AL354747.12</i>	AL354747.12
<i>AL365265.23</i>	AL365265.23
<i>ALDH1A2</i>	Aldehyde Dehydrogenase 1 Family, Member A2

<i>AP000473.2</i>	AP000473.2
<i>ARHGAP42</i>	Rho GTPase Activating Protein 42
<i>ARRDC3</i>	Arrestin Domain Containing 3
<i>ATP2B1</i>	ATPase, Ca <sup>++</sup> Transporting, Plasma Membrane 1
<i>ATXN2</i>	Ataxin 2
<i>c10orf107</i>	Chromosome 10 Open Reading Frame 107
<i>C12orf30</i>	Chromosome 12 Open Reading Frame 30
<i>C12orf51</i>	Chromosome 12 Open Reading Frame 51
<i>C14orf118</i>	Chromosome 14 Open Reading Frame 118
<i>C18orf1</i>	Chromosome 18 Open Reading Frame 1
<i>C21orf91</i>	Chromosome 21 Open Reading Frame 91
<i>C5orf23</i>	Chromosome 5 Open Reading Frame 23
<i>CACNA1H</i>	Calcium Channel, Voltage-Dependent, T Type, Alpha-1H Subunit
<i>CACNB2</i>	Calcium Channel, Voltage-Dependent, Beta-2 Subunit
<i>CAMK4</i>	Calcium/Calmodulin-Dependent Protein Kinase IV
<i>CASZ1</i>	Castor Zinc Finger 1
<i>CDH13</i>	H-Cadherin
<i>CDYL2</i>	Chromodomain Protein, Y-Like 2
<i>CHIC2</i>	Cysteine-Rich Hydrophobic Domain 2
<i>CSK</i>	C-Src Tyrosine Kinase
<i>DCK</i>	Deoxycytidine Kinase
<i>EBF1</i>	Early B-Cell, Factor 1
<i>EDN3</i>	Endothelin-3
<i>F13A1</i>	Coagulation Factor XIII, A1 Polypeptide
<i>FAM155A</i>	Family With Sequence Similarity 155, Member A
<i>FES</i>	Feline Sarcoma Oncogene
<i>FGF5</i>	Fibroblast Growth Factor 5
<i>FIGN</i>	Fidgetin
<i>FMNL2</i>	Formin-Like 2
<i>FURIN</i>	Furin
<i>GPD2</i>	Glycerol-3 Phosphate Dehydrogenase 2
<i>GNAS</i>	Guanine Nucleotide Binding Protein
<i>GOSR2</i>	Golgi Snap Receptor Complex Member 2
<i>GPR98</i>	G Protein-Coupled Receptor 98
<i>GUCY1A3</i>	Guanylate Cyclase 1, Soluble, Alpha-3
<i>GUCY1B3</i>	Guanylate Cyclase 1, Soluble, Beta-3
<i>HFE</i>	HFE Gene
<i>IPO7</i>	Importin 7
<i>IPO13</i>	Importin 13
<i>ITGA9</i>	Integrin, Alpha 9
<i>JAG1</i>	Jagged 1
<i>KCTD1</i>	Potassium Channel Tetramerisation Domain
<i>LDHAL3</i>	Lactate Dehydrogenase A-Like 3
<i>LZTS1</i>	Leucine Zipper, Putative Tumor Suppressor 1
<i>MAP4</i>	Microtubule-Associated Protein 4

**Appendix A. (Continued)**

<i>MC4R</i>	Melanocortin 4 Receptor
<i>MDS1</i>	Myelodysplasia Syndrome 1
<i>MECOM</i>	Ecotropic Viral Integration Site 1
<i>MOV10</i>	MOV10-Like 1
<i>MSTN</i>	Myostatin
<i>MTHFR</i>	Methylenetetrahydrofolate Reductase
<i>MYADML</i>	Myeloid-Associated Differentiation Marker-Like
<i>NPPB</i>	Natriuretic Peptide Precursor B
<i>NPR3</i>	Natriuretic Peptide Receptor C
<i>NRXN3</i>	Neurexin 3
<i>NUCB2</i>	Nucleobindin 2
<i>OPN5</i>	Opsin 5
<i>P4HA2</i>	Prolyl 4-Hydroxylase, Alpha Polypeptide II
<i>PIK3CG</i>	Phosphatidylinositol 3-Kinase, Catalytic, Gamma
<i>PLCD3</i>	Phospholipase C, Delta 3
<i>PLCE1</i>	Phospholipase C, Epsilon 1
<i>PLD2</i>	Phospholipase D2
<i>PLEKHA7</i>	Pleckstrin Homology Domain Containing, Family A Member 7
<i>PMS1</i>	Pms1 Postmeiotic Segregation Increased 1 ( <i>S. Cerevisiae</i> )
<i>PRC1</i>	Protein Regulator Of Cytokinesis 1
<i>PRRC2A, 3A, 4A, 5A</i>	Proline-Rich Coiled-Coil Protein 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A
<i>PTGER3</i>	Prostaglandin E Receptor 3 (Subtype Ep3)
<i>PTPN14</i>	Protein Tyrosine Phosphatase, Non-Receptor Type 14
<i>RHBG</i>	Rh Family, B Glycoprotein
<i>RP11-182B22.4</i>	Retinitis Pigmentosa 11
<i>RPL10L</i>	Ribosomal Protein L10-Like
<i>SH2B3</i>	Sh2B Adaptor Protein 3
<i>SLC24A4</i>	Sodium/Potassium/Calcium Exchanger
<i>SLC2A1</i>	Solute Carrier Family 2 (Facilitated Glucose Transporter), Member 1
<i>SLC25A42</i>	Solute Carrier Family 25, Member 42
<i>SLC39A8</i>	Solute Carrier Family 39 (Zinc Transporter), Member 8
<i>SLC4A2</i>	Solute Carrier Family 4, Anion Exchanger, Member 2 (Erythrocyte Membrane Protein Band 3-Like 1)
<i>SLC4A7</i>	Solute Carrier Family 4 (Sodium Bicarbonate Cotransporter), Member 7
<i>SLC8A1</i>	Solute Carrier Family 8 (Sodium/Calcium Exchanger), Member 1
<i>SLITRK3</i>	Slitrk
<i>SMARCD2</i>	Swi/Snf Related, Matrix Associated, Actin Dependent Regulator Of Chromatin, Subfamily D, Member 2
<i>STK39</i>	Serine Threonine Kinase 39
<i>SV2B</i>	Synaptic Vesicle Glycoprotein 2
<i>TBX3</i>	T-Box 3
<i>TBX5</i>	T-Box 5

<i>TMEM16C</i>	Transmembrane Protein 16C
<i>TRAFD1</i>	Traf-Type Zinc Finger Domain Containing 1
<i>UGT2A3</i>	Udp Glucuronosyltransferase 2 Family, Polypeptide A3
<i>ULK3</i>	Unc-51-Like Kinase 3
<i>ULK4</i>	Unc-51-Like Kinase 4
<i>USH2A</i>	Usher Syndrome 2A
<i>WRN</i>	Werner Syndrome, RecQ Helicase-Like
<i>XKR9</i>	XK, Kell Blood Group Complex Subunit-Related Family, Member 9
<i>YWHAZ</i>	Tyrosine 3-Monooxygenase/Tryptophan 5-Monooxygenase Activation Protein, Zeta Polypeptide
<i>ZNF652</i>	Zinc Finger Protein 652

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