**Supplementary material**

This document contains supplementary material for the article *Unraveling the Genetic Architecture of Major Depression Disorder: Merits and Pitfalls of the Approaches Used in Genome-Wide Association Studies* by Schwabe, I., Milaenschi, P.F., Gerring, Z., Sullivan, P.F., Schulte, E., Suppli, N.P., Thorp, J.G., Derks, E.M. and Middeldorp, C.M.

**Supplementary Table 1**. Overview of all Genome Wide Association studies on depression

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| **Study** | **Population** | **Depression phenotype/s** | **Ascertainment** | | | **Total N** | **N cases** | **N controls** | **GWS loci** | **H2SNP (s.e.)** |
| **Clinical diagnosis / diagnostic interview** | **Self-reported diagnosis / treatment** | **Self-reported questionnaires / symptoms** |
| Sullivan et al. (2009) | European | MDD | x |  |  | 3,540 | 1,738 | 1,802 | 0 | **\*** |
| Lewis et al. (2010) | European | Recurrent MDD | x |  |  | 3,230 | 1,636 | 1,594 | 0 | \* |
| Muglia et al. (2010) | European | Recurrent MDD | x |  |  | 3,141 | 1,359 | 1,782 | 0 | \* |
| Rietschel et al. (2010) | European | MDD | x |  |  | 1,968 | 604 | 1,364 | 0 | \* |
| Shi et al. (2011) | European | Recurrent, early-onset MDD | x |  |  | 2,656 | 1,020 | 1,636 | 0 | \* |
| Shyn et al. (2011) | European | MDD (all cases)  Recurrent, early-onset MDD | x  x |  |  | 7,385  5,619 | 3,957  2,191 | 3,428  3,428 | 0  0 | \*  \* |
| Kohli et al. (2011) | European | MDD | x |  | x | 15,089 | 4,088 | 11,001 | 0 | \* |
| Wray et al. (2012) | European | MDD | x |  |  | 12,664 | 5,763 | 6,901 | 0 | \* |
| Ripke et al. (2013) | European | MDD | x |  |  | 18,759 | 9,240 | 9,519 | 0 | 0.21 (0.021) |
| Hek et al. (2013) | European | Depressive symptoms |  |  | x | 34,549 | - | - | 0 | \* |
| Cai et al. (2015) | Han Chinese women | Recurrent MDD | x |  |  | 10,640 | 5,303 | 5,337 | 2 | 0.21 (0.030) |
| Okbay et al. (2016) | European | Depressive symptoms | x |  | x | 180,866 | 16,471 | 58,835 | 2 | 0.04 (0.004) |
| Hyde et al. (2016) | European | Major depression | x | x |  | 478,240 | 130,620 | 347,620 | 15 | 0.06 (\*) |
| Direk et al. (2017) | European | Broad depression  (meta-analysis of MDD and depressive symptoms) | x |  | x | 70,017 | 9,240 | 9,519 | 1 | 0.30 (0.040) |
| Power et al. (2017) | European | Age at onset stratified MDD:  Late-onset (adult-onset) MDD | x  x |  |  | 18,439  ~13,519  (octiles 5-8) | 8,920  ~4,000 | 9,519  9,519 | 1 | 0.23 (0.046) |
| Mbarek et al. (2017) | European | MDD | x |  |  | 6,507 | 1,941 | 4,565 | 1 | \* |
| Milaneschi et al. (2017) | European | MDD (all cases)  MDD with increased appetite/weight  MDD with decreased appetite/weight  MDD with no change in appetite/weight | x  x  x  x |  |  | 26,628  16,662  20,138  18,212 | 11,837  1,871  5,347  3,421 | 14,791  14,791  14,791  14,791 | na  0  0  na | 0.14 (0.08)  0.11 (0.03)  0.11 (0.02)  0.08 (0.02) |
| Hall et al. (2018) | European | Major depression (all cases)  Recurrent major depression  Male major depression  Female major depression | x  x  x  x | x  x  x  x | x  x  x  x | 43,062  39,556  19,886  23,169 | 10,851  7,345  3,852  6,997 | 32,211  32,211  16,034  16,172 | 0  0  1  0 | 0.12 (0.02)  0.12 (0.02)  0.13 (0.03)  0.05 (0.03) |
| Howard et al. (2018) | European | Help-seeking for mental health difficulties (Broad depression)  Probable MDD  MDD (ICD-coded) | x | x  x | x | 322,580  174,519  217,584 | 113,769  30,603  8,276 | 208,811  143,916  209,308 | 14  2  1 | 0.10 (0.004)  0.05 (0.006)  0.10 (0.012) |
| Wray et al. (2018) | European | Major depression | x | x | x | 461,134 | 135,458 | 344,901 | 44 | 0.09 (0.004) |
| Peterson et al. (2018) | Han Chinese women | MDD (all cases)  MDD with exposure to adversity  MDD with no exposure to adversity  *(adversity assessed through stressful life events and childhood abuse questionnaires)* | x  x  x |  |  | 9,599  2,628  6,971 | 4,785  1,646  3,139 | 4,814  982  3,832 | 0  0  3 | 0.31 (0.037)  0.34 (0.159)  0.38 (0.048) |
| Xiaoyan et al. (2018) | European (n = 326,113) and Han Chinese women (n = 10,640) | Major depression | x | x |  | 336,753 | 90,150 | 246,603 | 10 | \* |
| Dunn et al. (2018) | Hispanic / Latino | Depressive symptoms  Depressive symptoms adjusted for anti-depressant use  Depressive symptoms excluding anti-depressant users |  |  | x  x  x | 12,310  12,310  11,486 | -  -  - | -  -  - | 0  0  0 | 0.04 (0.031)  0.03 (0.031)  0.04 (0.033) |
| Howard et al. (2019) | European | Major depression | x | x | x | 807,553 | 246,363 | 561,190 | 101 | 0.09 (0.003) |
| Cai et al. (2018) | European | Help-seeking from psychiatrist  Help-seeking from GP  Probable MDD  Self-reported MDD  DSM-based major depression  Recurrent DSM-based major depression |  | x  x  x  x | x  x  x | 333,412  332,622  79,575  253,919  67,171  59,385 | 36,286  113,260  21,117  19,805  16,301  10,302 | 297,126  219,362  58,398  234,114  50,870  49,083 | 5  24  0  0  1  0 | 0.13 (0.018)  0.14 (0.008)  0.18 (0.015)  0.11 (0.009)  0.26 (0.022)  0.32 (0.026) |

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