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# A study based on whole-genome sequencing yields a rare variant at 8q24 associated with prostate cancer

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### Abstract

Western countries, prostate cancer is the most prevalent cancer of men, and one of the leading causes of cancer-related death in men. Several genome-wide association studies have yielded numerous common variants conferring risk of prostate cancer. In the present study we analyzed 32.5 million variants discovered by whole-genome sequencing 1,795 Icelanders. One variant was found to be associated with prostate cancer in European populations: rs188140481[A] (OR = 2.90,  $P_{comb} = 6.2 \times 10^{-34}$ ) located on 8q24, with an average risk allele control frequency of 0.54%. This variant is only very weakly correlated (r<sup>2</sup> 0.06) with previously reported risk variants on 8q24, and remains significant after adjustment for all of them. Carriers of rs188140481[A] were diagnosed with prostate cancer 1.26 years younger than non-carriers (P = 0.0059). We also report results for the previously described *HOXB13* mutation (rs138213197[T]), confirming it as prostate cancer risk variant in populations from all over Europe.

Risk of prostate cancer has been shown to have a strong genetic component<sup>1,2</sup>. Numerous genome-wide association studies (GWAS) are registered in the Catalog of published Genome-Wide Association Studies (see URLs), where well over 40 prostate cancer susceptibility loci are listed. However, these risk variants, which were discovered using commercial genotyping chips, are common and each confers a moderate to low risk. New high-throughput whole-genome sequencing techniques allow for systematic search for rarer risk variants, that possibly also confer greater risk. An example is the recently published missense mutation in *HOXB13* conferring high risk of prostate cancer<sup>3</sup>. Here, we report one additional independent variant located on 8q24 that is rarer and confers greater risk than previously published common prostate cancer risk variants.

To search for prostate cancer risk variants, we analyzed data generated by deCODE's ongoing whole-genome sequencing project. In short, the goal of this project is to sequence 2,500 Icelanders, to at least 10-fold coverage of the genome for each individual. The variants (SNPs and INDELs) discovered in the sequencing phase are then propagated into chip-genotyped individual as well as into individuals without genotypic information, making use of the extensive genealogical information available in Iceland as well as phasing- and imputation methods previously described<sup>4</sup>. The association analysis in our study was done at a time point when 1,795 Icelanders had been sequenced to at least a ten-fold coverage. The approximately 32.5 million variants discovered through whole-genome sequencing were imputed into 71,743 Icelanders who had all been genotyped using commercial Illumina SNP-chips as well as into 296,496 Icelanders without direct chip-genotypes but with familybased imputation genotype information<sup>4,5</sup> (see Online Methods and Supplementary Note). Our list of prostate cancer patients contains 5,141 men diagnosed from 1955 until end of 2010; based on the nationwide Icelandic Cancer Registry (ICR; see URLs). Of those, 2,315 patients had been genotyped using one of the Illumina chips, and 2,222 additional patients had at least partial data from family based imputation; leaving 604 of the total patient list with no genotypic information. As controls we used 54,444 males (27,780 had variants imputed based on chip-genotypes and 26,664 had variants imputed with a family based methods; see Supplementary Note) not diagnosed with prostate cancer according to the nationwide ICR.

According to our analysis 252 variants were significantly associated with prostate cancer at  $P < 1.5 \times 10^{-9}$  (a GWAS significance threshold applicable according to a Bonferroni correction of 32 million tests). All these variants were located at the previously described prostate cancer risk loci on 8q24 and 17q12. In order to search for novel risk variants at these two loci we used multivariate logistic regression.

When analyzing the 17q12 locus we adjusted for the variant rs4430796, the SNP originally reported at this locus<sup>6</sup> and also the SNP most significantly associated with prostate cancer at this locus, in our present GWAS. Based on the conditional analysis no other variant on 17q12 remained significant at our GWAS *P*-value threshold.

At the 8q24 locus, nine independent prostate cancer risk variants have been previously published<sup>7-14</sup> (Supplementary Table 1a). These variants are distributed over five neighboring LD-regions/blocks (see Fig.1). When performing the multivariate logistic regression analysis for the variants at 8q24 in our current GWAS, we first adjusted for the SNP most significantly associated with prostate cancer, which is rs11995378 located in region-1 ( $r^2 = 0.95$  between rs11995378 and rs1447295 which is the SNP originally reported<sup>7</sup> in region-1). In the second step we conditioned on two SNPs, including the SNP used in step-1 as well as the SNP most significant after step-1, which is rs77541621 located in region-2 ( $r^2 = 0.64$  between rs77541621 and rs16901979, which is the SNP initially reported<sup>8,10</sup> in region-2). Based on the results from step-2, four SNPs and one INDEL, all correlated with each other ( $r^2 = 0.74$ ; Supplementary Table 1b), remained significant at the GWAS P-value threshold. Of those, based on the unconditional family based imputed results, the most significant association with prostate cancer was observed for the minor allele (allele G) of rs183373024 (P =  $1.50 \times 10^{-23}$ , OR = 2.69) and the minor allele (allele A) of rs188140481 (P =  $1.5 \times 10^{-22}$ , OR = 2.88). In the third step of the logistic regression, after adding rs183373024 to the list of SNPs conditioned on, no variant remained significant at the applicable P-value threshold of  $P < 1.5 \times 10^{-9}$  (Fig. 1). Hence, no further step-wise conditional analysis was done.

Of the previously published prostate cancer risk SNPs located on 8q24 that are not included or not strongly correlated with the SNPs conditioned on in the logistic regression analysis described above, four SNPs remain marginally significant (P < 0.05): rs13252298, rs16902094, rs445114, rs6983267 (Supplementary Table 2).

For validating the Icelandic association results we genotyped rs183373024 and rs188140481 in five prostate cancer study groups of European descent. These groups come from The Netherlands, Spain, Romania, the United Kingdom (UK) and the United States (US). The combined results of the five study groups were significant for both SNPs and combining them with the imputed results from Iceland gave an estimated OR of 2.59 for rs183373024[G] ( $P_{comb} = 4.1 \times 10^{-33}$ ) and an OR of 2.90 for rs188140481[A] ( $P_{comb} = 6.2 \times 10^{-34}$ ). The control frequency of the risk alleles of these two variants ranges from 0.1% to 1.1%, being lowest in southern Europe and higher in northern Europe. A test of heterogeneity among all six study groups showed no significant difference between the ORs of the two variants ( $P_{het} > 0.32$ ; Table 1 and Supplementary Table 3). We also genotyped both SNPs in 498 Asian prostate cancer patients from Hong Kong and 467 African American controls from Chicago but the SNPs were not polymorphic in these study groups it is either not tagged by these SNPs or very rare.

Since, the association effect of the two variants cannot be distinguished from each other, we elected to focus on rs188140481[A] in subsequent investigations, based on its slightly stronger combined replication results than in the case of rs183373024. Neither rs188140481

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nor any of the highly correlated ( $r^2 > 0.7$ ; Supplementary Table 1b) variants are present in the latest HapMap release (data release 28). Therefore, association analysis based on HapMap data did not yield the association signal reported here. The SNP rs188140481 is however, in the 1000-genome data set registered into the dbSNP-135 database in July 2011.

The SNP, rs188140481, is located telomeric to the previously published region-2 on 8q24; originally reported to contain the prostate cancer risk SNP rs16901979<sup>8</sup> and later also rs1016343 and rs13252298<sup>14</sup> (Fig. 1). rs188140481 has D' = 1 with those three SNPs but it is only very weakly correlated with them (r<sup>2</sup> 0.005). Furthermore, the correlation (the r-coefficient) between rs188140481 and rs16901979 is in a negative direction. Of the previously published risk SNPs in populations of European descent and located on 8q24, rs16901979 has the closest resemblance in terms of conferred risk and allele frequency (risk allele control frequency in Iceland is ~3% and ~1% for rs16901979[A] and rs188140481[A], respectively). This indicates that the two risk variants, are never together on the same haplotype. Consequently, the association results for rs16901979 and rs188140481 remain significant after being adjusted for each other. Furthermore, rs188140481 is only very weakly correlated (r<sup>2</sup> < 0.06) with the previously published leukemia<sup>15</sup>, prostate<sup>7-10,14</sup>, colon<sup>16-18</sup>, breast<sup>19</sup>, or bladder cancer<sup>20</sup> risk variants on 8q24 (Supplementary Table 1a), and the association results for rs188140481 remain significant after being adjusted for each other. Furthermore, 15, prostate<sup>7-10,14</sup>, and the association results for rs188140481 remain significant after being adjusted for each other. Furthermore, 16, prostate<sup>7-10,14</sup>, colon<sup>16-18</sup>, breast<sup>19</sup>, or bladder cancer<sup>20</sup> risk variants on 8q24 (Supplementary Table 1a), and the association results for rs188140481 remain significant after being adjusted for each other remain significant after being adjusted for all nine previously published prostate cancer risk SNPs at 8q24 (Table 2).

We examined rs188140481 and the four correlated ( $r^2 > 0.7$ ) variations for known functional features from The Encyclopedia of DNA Elements (ENCODE) project. We noted that rs183373024 is located at a site of DNaseI hypersensitivity in prostate adenocarcinoma and normal prostate cell lines (LNCaP and PrEC; Supplementary Fig.1). Whether that has any biological significance remains to be studied further. Other correlated variants were not found at sites predicted to have a biological effect.

Recently, the rare missense mutation G84E (rs138213197[T]) in *HOXB13* was found to confer risk of prostate cancer in a US study population<sup>3</sup>. In order to assess the *HOXB13* association signal in study populations independent of the original report, we genotyped rs138213197 in five study groups of European descent. Combination of the imputed Icelandic results and the results from the five directly genotyped replication study groups gave an estimated OR of 7.06 ( $P_{comb.} = 1.5 \times 10^{-19}$ ; Table 3). This effect is comparable but somewhat lower than the effect reported in the initial study<sup>3</sup>. We also genotyped rs138213197 in 498 Asian prostate cancer patients from Hong Kong and 467 African American controls from Chicago but we did not detect the risk allele in these individuals, suggesting that either is the risk variant very rare or not present in these two ethnic groups.

In order to analyze further the new variant on 8q24 and the *HOXB13* mutation we stratified the patients from the six European study groups according to age at diagnosis and aggressiveness of the disease. For rs188140481[A] at 8q24, when comparing the group of patients with a more aggressive phenotype (Gleason 7 and/or T3 or higher and/or node positive and/or metastatic disease) to the group with less aggressive tumors (Gleason <7 and T2 or lower), a non-significant trend towards being diagnosed with an advanced disease was observed (OR = 1.30,  $P_{comb.} = 0.08$ ; Supplementary Table 4a). The same type of analysis for the *HOXB13* mutation resulted in an OR = 1.05 for the more aggressive phenotype ( $P_{comb.} = 0.90$ ; Supplementary Table 4b). When stratifying according to age at diagnosis, carriers of allele A of rs188140481on 8q24 were found to be diagnosed 1.26 years younger than non-carriers ( $P_{comb} = 0.0059$ , Supplementary Table 5a), and carriers of the HOXB13 mutation (rs138213197[T]) were found to be diagnosed 1.16 years younger than non-carriers ( $P_{comb} = 0.098$ ; Supplementary Table 5b).

When examining the genotypic status of all subjects in our study, one subject was found to be homozygous for the *HOXB13* mutation; a Dutch prostate cancer patient diagnosed at the age of 69 and with a positive family history of prostate cancer (two brothers diagnosed at the age of 67 and 74, but no DNA samples were available). In the Icelandic study group, we identified 13 Icelandic male carriers of the *HOXB13* mutation who have been diagnosed with prostate cancer. Thereof, four patients have a positive family history of prostate cancer, two belong to a brother pair, and two belong to a father-offspring pair. The remaining nine patients do not have any 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> degree male relatives diagnosed with prostate cancer, based on deCODE's extensive genealogy database and the nationwide ICR database.

We identified 16 homozygous carriers of the 8q24 variant: a Dutch prostate cancer patient diagnosed at the age of 69 and not known to have a positive family history of prostate cancer; 8 Icelandic females and 7 Icelandic males. Of the 7 Icelandic males 5 have been diagnosed with prostate cancer (age at diagnosis ranges between 55 and 87 years) and the remaining two are both born in 1953 (current age is 59 years) and not known to have been diagnosed with prostate cancer. The 5 Icelandic homozygous prostate cancer patients (of whom four belong to two brother pairs) all have one or more close relatives within the nuclear family diagnosed with prostate cancer (Supplementary Fig. 2). This demonstrates a high prevalence of the disease among homozygous male carriers over 60 years of age. Furthermore, using directly generated genotypes only, the carrier frequency among Icelandic patients with a positive family history (OR = 2.70, P =  $1.8 \times 10^{-5}$ ).

In summary, we have discovered a new independent prostate cancer risk variant at the 8q24 locus. The risk profile of this new variant differs from other GWAS-based discovered risk variants in being rare and conferring greater risk of the disease. The replication results for the *HOXB13* coding variant presented above, confirm it as a prostate cancer risk variant in populations from across Europe.

### **Online Methods**

#### Study populations

For a description of the study populations see Supplementary Note.

### **Genotyping Methods**

**Illumina genome-wide genotyping**—The Icelandic chip-typed samples were assayed with the Illumina Human Hap300, Hap CNV370, Hap 610, 1M or Omni-1 Quad bead chips at deCODE genetics. SNPs were excluded if they had (i) yield less than 95%, (ii) minor allele frequency less than 1% in the population or (iii) significant deviation from Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium in the controls (P < 0.001), (iv) if they produced an excessive inheritance error rate (over 0.001), (v) if there was substantial difference in allele frequency between chip types (from just a single chip if that resolved all differences, but from all chips otherwise). All samples with a call rate below 97% were excluded from the analysis. The final set of SNPs used for long-range phasing was composed of 785,863 SNPs.

**Single track assay SNP genotyping**—Genotyping of the SNP reported in Tables 1–3 of the main text for the five case-control groups from the Netherlands, Spain, Romania, the UK and the US was carried out by deCODE Genetics in Reykjavik, Iceland, applying the Centaurus<sup>22</sup> (Nanogen) platform. Using the Centaurus single-track assay, we genotyped all cases and controls available from these study populations. For confirming the imputed Icelandic association results for rs188140481on 8q24 and rs138213197 in *HOXB13*, we directly genotyped over 3.900 Icelandic study subjects using Centaurus single-track assay

for these SNPs. The correlation  $(r^2)$  between the results of two genotyping methods for these two SNPs was >0.94.

**Sanger Sequencing**—For confirming the genotypes from the Centaurus single-track assay genotyping, using standard procedure, we Sanger sequenced all carriers of the *HOXB13* mutation identified in all the study populations as well as all homozygous carriers and 25 heterozygous Icelandic carriers of the 8q24 variant rs188140481. Concordance rate between the different genotyping platforms was above 98%.

**Whole-genome sequencing and SNP imputations**—Of the 1,795 individuals wholegenome sequence and used in the current study, 53 have been diagnosed with prostate cancer according to the nationwide list maintained by the Icelandic Cancer Registry. For a more detailed description of the key steps of the whole-genome sequencing and imputation see Supplementary Note.

#### **Bioinformatics**

For the list of SNPs correlated with rs188140481 we carried out a search for overlaps between SNP position and known bioinformatic features. We retrieved data from UCSC test browser (HG19 build 37). We accessed all feature tracks relevant to the prostate tissue as well as containing genome positional information, and identified those features that overlapped with the SNPs. These are recognized draft quality data and were used as is without quality filtering.

#### Statistical analysis

**Long range phasing**—Long range phasing of all chip-genotyped individuals was performed with methods described previously<sup>4,23–26</sup>. In brief, phasing is achieved using an iterative algorithm which phases a single proband at a time given the available phasing information about everyone else that shares a long haplotype identically by state with the proband. Given the large fraction of the Icelandic population that has been chip-typed, accurate long range phasing is available genome-wide for all chip-typed Icelanders.

**Genotype imputation**—We imputed the SNPs identified and genotyped through sequencing into all Icelanders who had been phased with long range phasing using the same model as used by IMPUTE<sup>27</sup> (see Supplementary Note for a more detailed description).

**In-silico genotyping**—In addition to imputing sequence variants from the whole genome sequencing effort into chip genotyped individuals, we also performed a second imputation step where genotypes were imputed into relatives of chip genotyped individuals, creating *insilico* genotypes. The inputs into the second imputation step are the fully phased (in particular every allele has been assigned a parent of origin) imputed and chip type genotypes of the available chip typed individuals (see Supplementary Note for a detailed description).

**Genotype imputation information**—The informativeness of genotype imputation was estimated by the ratio of the variance of imputed expected allele counts and the variance of the actual allele counts. For the present study, when imputed genotypes are used, the information value for all SNPs is between 0.92 and 0.99.

**Case control association testing**—Logistic regression was used to test for association between SNPs and disease, treating disease status as the response and expected genotype counts from imputation or allele counts from direct genotyping as covariates. Testing was performed using the likelihood ratio statistic (for a detailed description of the genotyping, sequencing and statistical methods see Supplementary Note and Ref.<sup>24–26</sup>).

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**Multivariate logistic regression**—For this analysis we only used cases and controls which have been genotyped using the Illumina chip-genotyping platform. The multivariate logistic regression analysis was performed conditioning for a given marker by adjusting for the estimated allele count based on imputation of this marker. The genomic control correction factor is the same as used for the unadjusted association analysis. A forward selection multiple logistic regression model was used to further define the extent of the genetic association. Briefly, all imputed SNPs located within the interval 127.8 Mb to 128.8 on 8q24 were tested for possible incorporation into a multiple regression model. In stepwise fashion, a SNP was added to the model if it had the smallest P-value among all SNPs not yet included in the model and if it had a P-value below  $1.5 \times 10^{-9}$  (a GWAS significance threshold applicable according to a Bonferroni correction of 32 million tests). In the last step none of the SNPs remained significant at this threshold.

**Inflation factor adjustment**—In order to account for the relatedness and stratification within our case and control sample sets we applied the method of genomic control based on chip markers. For prostate cancer GWAS the correction factor based on the genomic control is 1.33.

### Supplementary Material

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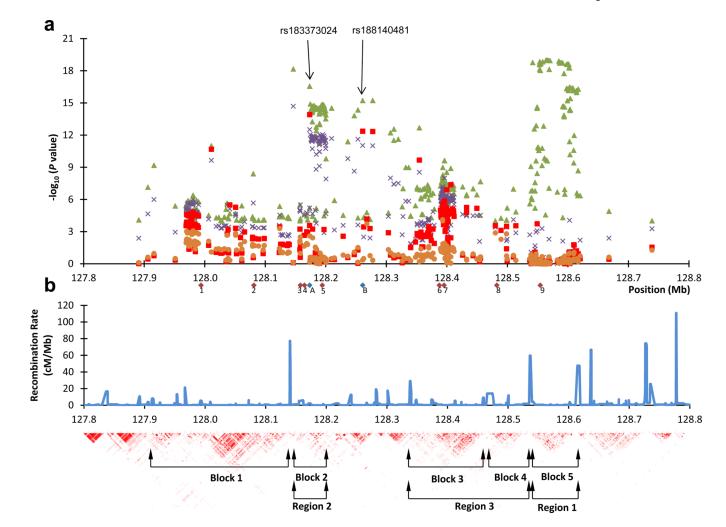
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#### Figure 1.

Schematic view of a region on chromosome 8q24 containing several prostate cancer risk variants. **a**) Shown are imputed association results, using only results based on chipgenotyped subjects, for variants with P < 1E-4 in the Icelandic prostate cancer GWAS and located between 127.8 Mb and 128.8 Mb (Build 36) on 8q24. Green triangles denote imputed association results (-log(*P*-value) of the unconditional analysis. Purple crosses denote association results after step-1 of the conditional analysis (the logistic regression), red boxed denote association results after step-2, and orange circles denote association result after step-3. The red diamonds below the X-axis denote the previously reported prostate cancer risk SNPs on 8q24 in populations of European descent (1, rs12543663<sup>14</sup>; 2, rs10086908<sup>11,14</sup>; 3, rs1016343<sup>14</sup>; 4, rs13252298<sup>14</sup>; 5, rs16901979<sup>8</sup>; 6, rs16902094<sup>12</sup>; 7, rs445114<sup>12</sup> / rs620861<sup>13,14</sup>; 8, rs6983267<sup>9</sup>; 9, rs1447295<sup>7</sup>) and the two blue diamonds denote the two SNPs (A, rs183373024 and B, rs188140481) discussed in the main text. **b**) Shown are the CEU HapMap population recombination rate and the pairwise correlation coefficient (r<sup>2</sup>) for SNPs in the 1 megabase (Mb) region depicted. The annotations of blocks/ regions is as previously described <sup>7–9,14,21</sup>.

# Table 1

Summary association results for rs188140481[A] and prostate cancer

|                                    |                      |                 | Free   | Frequency      |                    |                       |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|--------|----------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Study<br>population                | Cases<br>(n)         | Controls<br>(n) | Cases  | Cases Controls | OR (95% CI)        | P value               |
| Iceland                            | 4,537                | 54,444          | 0.032  | 0.011          | 2.88 (2.44, 3.44)  | $1.5 \times 10^{-22}$ |
| Chicago                            | 1,944                | 1,260           | 0.013  | 0.0052         | 2.61 (1.46, 4.69)  | 0.0012                |
| Spain                              | 726                  | 1,625           | 0.0041 | 0.0012         | 3.37 (0.87, 13.03) | 0.079                 |
| The Netherlands                    | 1,531                | 1,956           | 0.019  | 0.0072         | 2.63 (1.68, 4.11)  | $2.1 \times 10^{-5}$  |
| Romania                            | 731                  | 917             | 0.0068 | 0.0027         | 2.52 (0.80, 7.98)  | 0.12                  |
| UK                                 | 538                  | 1,825           | 0.020  | 0.0049         | 4.21 (2.23, 7.95)  | $9.2 \times 10^{-6}$  |
| All excl. Iceland                  | 5,470                | 7,583           |        | 0.0042         | 2.93 (2.19, 3.92)  | $5.6 \times 10^{-13}$ |
| All combined                       | 10,007               | 62,027          |        | 0.0054         | 2.90 (2.44, 3.44)  | $6.2 \times 10^{-34}$ |
| $\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{het}} = 0.88$ | $\mathbf{I}^2 = 0.0$ |                 |        |                |                    |                       |

individual populations, while the OR and the *P* value were estimated using the Mantel-Haenszel model. Of the Leelandic cases, 2,315 patients had been genotyped using one of the Illumina chips, and 2,222 All P values shown are two-sided. Shown are the corresponding numbers of cases and controls (n), allelic frequencies of variants in affected and control individuals, the allelic odds-ratio (OR) with 95% additional patients had at least partial data based on family based imputation. Of the Icelandic controls 27,780 were imputed based on chip-genotypes and 26,664 were family based imputed. All nonconfidence interval (95% CI) and *P* value. Also shown are the P-values for the heterogeneity of the ORs (Phet) for all study groups as well as 1<sup>2</sup> which lies between 0% and 100% and describes the proportion of total variation in study estimates that is due to heterogeneity. For the combined study populations, the reported control frequency was the average, unweighted control frequency of the Icelandic replication samples are directly genotyped.

#### Table 2

Adjusted and unadjusted association results for rs188140481[A] and prostate cancer

|                 | Unadjus                               | ted                   | Adjuste            | d                     |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Study group     | OR (95% CI)                           | P value               | OR (95% CI)        | P value               |
| Iceland         | 3.01 (2.23, 4.06)                     | 5.9×10 <sup>-13</sup> | 2.04 (1.42, 2.92)  | $1.0 \times 10^{-4}$  |
| Chicago         | 2.63 (1.50, 4.60)                     | $7.0 \times 10^{-4}$  | 1.95 (1.07, 3.56)  | 0.029                 |
| The Netherlands | 2.67 (1.73, 4.13)                     | $1.0 \times 10^{-5}$  | 1.93 (1.21, 3.08)  | 0.006                 |
| Romania         | 2.52 (0.90, 7.09)                     | 0.08                  | 2.06 (0.71, 5.97)  | 0.18                  |
| Spain           | 3.3 (0.95, 11.45)                     | 0.06                  | 3.31 (0.92, 11.86) | 0.066                 |
| UK              | 4.22 (2.24, 7.96)                     | $8.8 \times 10^{-6}$  | 3.20 (1.66, 6.15)  | $4.9 \times 10^{-4}$  |
| All combined    | 2.97 (2.42, 3.65)                     | 3.4×10 <sup>-25</sup> | 2.15 (1.71, 2.70)  | 7.0×10 <sup>-11</sup> |
|                 | <b>P</b> <sub>het</sub> = <b>0.89</b> | $I^2 = 0.0$           | $P_{het} = 0.81$   | $I^2 = 0.0$           |

Shown are association results (the allelic odds-ratio (OR) with 95% confidence interval (95% CI) and *P* value) for rs188140481 adjusted and unadjusted for the 9 previously published anchor prostate cancer risk SNPs in populations of European descent and located on 8q24 (rs12543663<sup>14</sup>, rs10086908<sup>11,14</sup>, rs1016343<sup>14</sup>, rs13252298<sup>14</sup>, rs16901979<sup>8</sup>, rs16902094<sup>12</sup>, rs445114<sup>12</sup>/rs620861<sup>13,14</sup>, rs6983267<sup>9</sup>, rs1447295<sup>7</sup>). Only individuals directly genotyped for rs188140481 were used in this analysis.

# Table 3

Summary association results for rs138213197[T] in HOXB13 and prostate cancer

|                                  |                      |               | Frequency | lency        |                     |                       |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|-----------|--------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Study<br>population              | Cases<br>(n)         | Control s (n) | Cases     | Control<br>s | OR (95% CI)         | P value               |
| Iceland                          | 4,537                | 54,444        | 0.0029    | 0.00080      | 3.67 (1.71, 7.90)   | $8.8 \times 10^{-4}$  |
| Chicago                          | 1,982                | 1,260         | 0.0058    | 0.00040      | 14.70 (3.59, 60.14) | $1.8 \times 10^{-4}$  |
| Spain                            | 716                  | 1,692         | 0.00070   | 0.0          | inf                 | 0.30                  |
| The Netherlands                  | 1,520                | 1,916         | 0.015     | 0.0021       | 7.51 (3.99, 14.11)  | $3.9{\times}10^{-10}$ |
| Romania                          | 722                  | 857           | 0.0014    | 0.0012       | 1.19 (0.00, inf)    | 1.0                   |
| UK                               | 511                  | 1,825         | 0.012     | 0.00082      | 14.44 (4.74, 44.03) | $2.7 \times 10^{-6}$  |
| All excl. Iceland                | 5,451                | 7,550         |           | 0.00089      | 9.41 (5.66, 15.64)  | $5.1 \times 10^{-18}$ |
| All combined                     | 9,988                | 61,994        |           | 0.00088      | 7.06 (4.62, 10.78)  | $1.5 \times 10^{-19}$ |
| $\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{het}}=0.36$ | $\mathbf{I}^2 = 8.6$ |               |           |              |                     |                       |

individual populations, while the OR and the *P* value were estimated using the Mantel-Haenszel model. Of the Leelandic cases, 2,315 patients had been genotyped using one of the Illumina chips, and 2,222 All P values shown are two-sided. Shown are the corresponding numbers of cases and controls (n), allelic frequencies of variants in affected and control individuals, the allelic odds-ratio (OR) with 95% additional patients had at least partial data based on family based imputation. Of the Icelandic controls 27,780 were imputed based on chip-genotypes and 26,664 were family based imputed. All nonproportion of total variation in study estimates that is due to heterogeneity. For the combined study populations, the reported control frequency was the average, unweighted control frequency of the confidence interval (95% CI) and *P* value. Also shown are the P-values for the heterogeneity of the ORs (Phet) for all study groups as well as I<sup>2</sup> which lies between 0% and 100% and describes the Icelandic replication samples are directly genotyped.