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2 **that *ACE2* expression influences COVID-19 risk and yields genetic risk scores**  
3 **predictive of severe disease**

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28 **ABSTRACT**

29 SARS-CoV-2 enters host cells by binding angiotensin-converting enzyme 2 (ACE2). Through a  
30 genome-wide association study, we show that a rare variant (MAF = 0.3%, odds ratio 0.60,  
31  $P=4.5 \times 10^{-13}$ ) that down-regulates *ACE2* expression reduces risk of COVID-19 disease, providing  
32 human genetics support for the hypothesis that ACE2 levels influence COVID-19 risk. Further,  
33 we show that common genetic variants define a risk score that predicts severe disease among  
34 COVID-19 cases.

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36 **MAIN TEXT**

37 Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) causes coronavirus disease 2019  
38 (COVID-19), which has lead to >3 million deaths worldwide since December 2019 <sup>1</sup>. Reported  
39 risk factors for severe COVID-19, defined here as death or hospitalization combined with  
40 respiratory failure <sup>2</sup>, include male sex, older age, race, obesity, kidney, cardiovascular and  
41 respiratory diseases <sup>3-5</sup>. In this study, we used human genetics to identify genetic variants  
42 associated with severe COVID-19 and tested the utility of genetic risk scores to identify  
43 individuals at highest risk of severe disease.

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45 We performed genome-wide association studies (GWAS) of COVID-19 outcomes across 52,630  
46 individuals with COVID-19 and 704,016 individuals with no record of SARS-CoV-2 infection  
47 aggregated from four studies (Geisinger Health System [GHS], Penn Medicine BioBank [PMBB],  
48 UK Biobank [UKB] and AncestryDNA; **Supplementary Table 1**) and five continental ancestries.  
49 Of the COVID-19 cases, 6,911 (13.1%) were hospitalized and 2,184 (4.1%) had severe disease;  
50 hospitalized patients were more likely to be older, of non-European ancestry and to have pre-  
51 existing cardiovascular and lung disease (**Supplementary Table 2**). Using these data, we defined  
52 two groups (risk and severity) of COVID-19 outcomes, ultimately resulting in five case-control  
53 comparisons related to risk of infection and two others related to disease severity among COVID-  
54 19 cases (**Table 1** and **Supplementary Table 3**). For each comparison, we performed ancestry-  
55 specific GWAS in each study and then combined results using a fixed-effects meta-analysis.  
56 Genomic inflation factors ( $\lambda_{GC}$ ) for the meta-analyses were <1.05, suggesting no substantial  
57 impact of population structure or unmodeled relatedness (**Supplementary Table 4**).

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59 Our analysis provides independent support for several risk variants reported in previous GWAS of  
60 COVID-19 (**Supplementary Table 5**), including those recently reported by the COVID-19 Host  
61 Genetics Initiative (HGI) <sup>6</sup>, to which we contributed an earlier version of these data  
62 (**Supplementary Table 6**). Details for these replicated loci follow below, but first we looked for  
63 novel genetic associations that might have been missed by the HGI. Across the seven risk and  
64 severity phenotypes, considering both common (MAF>0.5%, up to 13 million) and rare  
65 (MAF<0.5%, up to 76 million) variants, we observed one previously unreported association at a  
66 conservative  $P < 8 \times 10^{-11}$  (Bonferroni correction for seven phenotypes x 89 million variants). This  
67 association was between lower risk of infection and rs190509934:C on the X-chromosome  
68 (MAF=0.3%, OR=0.60, 95% CI 0.52-0.69,  $P = 4.5 \times 10^{-13}$ ; **Figure 1A and 1B**). This rare variant is  
69 located on the X chromosome, 60 base pairs upstream of the angiotensin-converting enzyme 2  
70 gene (*ACE2*), the primary cell entry receptor for SARS-CoV-2 <sup>7</sup>.

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72 Given the potential significance of these findings, we studied the association between the *ACE2*  
73 variant rs190509934 and COVID-19 outcomes in greater detail. We found that the variant was  
74 well imputed (imputation info score >0.6 for all studies), and that there was no evidence for  
75 differences in effect size (heterogeneity test  $P > 0.05$ ) across studies (**Figure 1C**) or ancestries  
76 (**Supplementary Table 7**). However, a significantly stronger association ( $P = 0.009$ ) was observed  
77 in males (OR=0.49,  $P = 7.0 \times 10^{-11}$ ; explaining 0.085% of the variance in disease liability <sup>8</sup>,  $h^2$ ) when  
78 compared to females (OR=0.72,  $P = 5 \times 10^{-4}$ ;  $h^2 = 0.017\%$ ). There were no associations between  
79 rs190509934 and clinical risk factors for COVID-19 after correcting for multiple testing  
80 (**Supplementary Table 8**), suggesting that these were not likely confounders in the analysis. We  
81 then investigated the association between rs190509934 and severity among COVID-19 cases, and

82 found that carriers of rs190509934:C had numerically (but not significantly) lower risk of worse  
83 disease outcomes when compared to non-carriers (**Supplementary Table 9**). These results  
84 demonstrate that rs190509934 near *ACE2* confers protection against SAR-CoV-2 infection and  
85 potentially also modulates disease severity among infected individuals; since the variant is rare, a  
86 definite account of its role on disease severity will require larger numbers of severe cases.

87 We speculated that the protective rare variant near *ACE2* (rs190509934:C) might regulate *ACE2*  
88 expression. This variant was not characterized by GTEx<sup>9</sup> or other gene expression studies we  
89 queried (**Supplementary Table 10**). Thus, to test its association with *ACE2* expression, we  
90 analyzed RNA-seq data from liver tissue available in a subset of 2,035 individuals from the GHS  
91 study, including eight heterozygous and one hemizygous carrier for rs190509934:C. After  
92 adjusting for potential confounders (e.g. body mass index, liver disease), we found that  
93 rs190509934:C reduced *ACE2* expression by 0.87 standard deviation units (95% CI -1.18 to -0.57,  
94  $P=2.7 \times 10^{-8}$ ; **Figure 1D**). When considering raw, pre-normalized *ACE2* expression levels,  
95 rs190509934:C was associated with a 39% reduction in expression relative to non-carriers. There  
96 was no association with the expression of 12 other nearby genes (within 500 kb) after accounting  
97 for multiple testing. These results are consistent with rs190509934:C lowering *ACE2* expression,  
98 which in turn confers protection from SARS-CoV-2 infection.

99 In addition to its role in viral infections, the normal physiologic role of ACE2 involves  
100 its hydrolysis and clearance of angiotensin II, a vasoconstrictive peptide that can lead to higher  
101 vascular tone or blood pressure<sup>10</sup>. Therefore, we investigated if rs190509934:C was associated  
102 with higher systolic blood pressure in the UKB study, but found no significant association  
103 (beta=0.009 SD-units,  $P=0.56$ ; **Supplementary Table 11**). There was a trend for higher blood

104 pressure among carriers of ultra-rare coding variants in *ACE2* that are predicted to be full loss-of-  
105 function (beta=0.219,  $P=0.086$ ; **Supplementary Table 11**), assayed through exome-sequencing  
106 as described previously <sup>11</sup>. These results need to be confirmed in larger datasets, but suggest that  
107 *ACE2* loss-of-function may modestly increase blood pressure. This should be considered if *ACE2*  
108 blockade is to be developed for COVID-19 treatment, although pharmacologic inhibition of *ACE2*  
109 in such a setting would be expected to be short term and elevations in blood pressure could be  
110 managed with anti-hypertensives. Of note, *ACE2* expression in the airways was reported to be  
111 higher in smokers and patients with COPD <sup>12</sup> and to increase with age <sup>13</sup>. Collectively, these  
112 observations and our genetic findings are consistent with the hypothesis that *ACE2* levels play a  
113 key role in determining COVID-19 risk.

114 As noted, our GWAS also identified associations at several loci reported in previous GWAS of  
115 COVID-19 outcomes. To explore previously reported signals in detail, we first attempted to  
116 replicate eight independent associations ( $r^2<0.05$ ) with disease risk (**Supplementary Table 5**)  
117 reported in three recent GWAS that included >1,000 cases (**Supplementary Table 6**). After  
118 accounting for multiple testing, six variants had a significant ( $P<0.0012$ ) and directionally  
119 consistent association in at least one of our five disease risk analyses (**Supplementary Table 12**),  
120 specifically those located in/near *LZTFL1*, *SLC6A20*, *MHC*, *ABO*, *DPP9* and *IFNAR2*. There was  
121 no evidence for heterogeneity in effect sizes across studies (**Supplementary Table 12**) or  
122 ancestries (**Supplementary Table 13**). We also explored the possibility that the association  
123 between these six variants and COVID-19 risk could have been confounded by disease status for  
124 relevant comorbidities. We found that only two of the six variants were modestly associated with  
125 a clinical risk factor (**Supplementary Table 8**), and we conclude that it is unlikely that the

126 association between the six variants and risk of COVID-19 is explained by these underlying  
127 comorbidities.

128 To evaluate whether genetics could be used to predict severe disease, we first investigated which  
129 replicated variants were associated with severity amongst COVID-19 cases. Among the six  
130 replicated variants (in/near *LZTFL1*, *SLC6A20*, MHC, *ABO*, *DPP9* and *IFNAR2*), four were  
131 significantly ( $P < 0.05$ ) associated with worse outcomes among infected individuals (in/near  
132 *LZTFL1*, MHC, *DPP9* and *IFNAR2*), while those in *ABO* and near *SLC6A20* did not associate with  
133 COVID-19 severity (**Supplementary Figure 1B** and **Supplementary Table 14**). Collectively,  
134 these results highlight four variants associated with both COVID-19 risk and worse disease  
135 outcomes, including respiratory failure and death. These variants may be used to identify  
136 individuals at risk of severe COVID-19 and to guide the search for genes involved in the  
137 pathophysiology of COVID-19.

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139 We next evaluated whether variants identified by the COVID-19 HGI, a large worldwide effort to  
140 identify genetic risk factors for COVID-19, could augment this set of four disease severity variants.  
141 The latest HGI analyses<sup>6</sup> include data from 49,562 SARS-CoV-2 infected individuals and use >1.7  
142 million individuals with no record of infection as controls (**Supplementary Table 15**). To identify  
143 additional variants associated with severity, we started with variants associated with the phenotype  
144 “reported infection” (infected vs. no record of infection) which, despite the sample overlap  
145 between the HGI and our analyses, is statistically independent from severity among infected  
146 individuals – since infection status (positive vs. negative or unknown) is uncorrelated with  
147 hospitalization status once infected (hospitalized vs. not hospitalized). We found that two were  
148 nominally associated with risks of hospitalization or severe disease among cases (rs11919389 near



149 *RPL24* and rs1886814 near *FOXP4*; **Supplementary Table 15**), suggesting that these loci also  
150 modulate disease severity after infection with SARS-CoV-2.

151  
152 Collectively, our association analyses highlighted six common variants identified in previous  
153 GWAS or by the HGI - in/near *LZTFL1*, MHC, *DPP9*, *IFNAR2*, *RPL24* and *FOXP4* - that are  
154 associated with risk of COVID-19 as well as disease severity among cases. To help identify genes  
155 that might underlie the observed associations, we searched for functional protein-coding variants  
156 (missense or predicted loss-of-function) in high LD ( $r^2 > 0.80$ ) with each variant. We found eight  
157 functional variants in five genes (**Supplementary Table 16**): *IFNAR2*, a cytokine receptor  
158 component in the anti-viral type 1 interferon pathway, which is activated by SARS-CoV-2 and is  
159 dysregulated in severe COVID-19 cases <sup>14-16</sup>; *CCHCR1*, a P-body protein associated with  
160 cytoskeletal remodeling and mRNA turnover <sup>17,18</sup>; *TCF19*, a transcription factor associated with  
161 hepatitis B <sup>19</sup>; and *C6orf15* and *PSORS1C1*, two functionally uncharacterized genes in the MHC.  
162 These data indicate that the risk variants identified may have functional effects on these five genes.

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164 Next, we asked if any of the six sentinel risk variants co-localized (*i.e.* were in high LD,  $r^2 > 0.80$ )  
165 with published sentinel expression quantitative trait loci (eQTL) across 52 studies  
166 (**Supplementary Table 10**), specifically focusing on 114 genes in *cis* ( $\pm 500$  kb). We found co-  
167 localization with sentinel eQTL for eight genes (**Supplementary Table 17**): *SLC6A20* (eQTL  
168 from lung), a proline transporter that binds the host SARS-CoV-2 receptor, *ACE2* <sup>20</sup>; *NXPE3*  
169 (esophagus), a gene of unknown function; *SENP7* (blood), a SUMO-specific protease that promotes  
170 interferon signaling and that in mice is essential for innate defense against herpes simplex virus 1  
171 infection<sup>21</sup>; *IFNAR2* and *TCF19* (multiple tissues), both discussed above; *LST1* (blood), an

172 immune modulatory protein that inhibits lymphocyte proliferation<sup>22</sup> and is upregulated in response  
173 to bacterial ligands<sup>23</sup>; *HLA-C* (adipose), a natural killer cell ligand, associated with viral infection  
174<sup>24</sup> and autoimmunity<sup>25</sup>; and *IL10RB* (multiple tissues), a pleotropic cytokine receptor associated  
175 with persistent hepatitis B and autoimmunity<sup>26,27</sup>.

176 Collectively, analysis of missense variation and eQTL catalogs suggests 12 potential effector genes  
177 in COVID-19 loci (*ACE2*, *C6orf15*, *CCHCR1*, *HLA-C*, *IFNAR2*, *IL10RB*, *LST1*, *NXPE3*,  
178 *PSORS1C1*, *SEN7*, *SLC6A20* and *TCL19*), though functional studies are required to confirm  
179 these predictions.

180 Next, we proceeded to evaluate if common genetic variants can help identify individuals at high  
181 risk of severe disease. Specifically, we focused on the six variants (in/near *LZTFL1*, *MHC*, *DPP9*,  
182 *IFNAR2*, *RPL24* and *FOXP4*) that associated with both risk of COVID-19 and disease severity  
183 among infected individuals. Using these variants, we created a weighted genetic risk score (GRS)  
184 for individuals with COVID-19 and then compared the risk of hospitalization and severe disease  
185 between those with a high GRS and all other cases, after adjusting for established risk factors. The  
186 weights used for each variant corresponded to the effect size (log of the odds ratio) reported in  
187 previous GWAS. When considering COVID-19 cases of European ancestry (N=44,958), we found  
188 that having a high GRS (top 10%) was associated with a 1.38-fold increased risk of hospitalization  
189 (95% CI 1.26 to 1.53,  $P=6 \times 10^{-11}$ ; **Figure 2A**) and 1.58-fold increased risk of severe disease (95%  
190 CI 1.36 to 1.82,  $P=7 \times 10^{-10}$ ; **Figure 2B**). In other ancestries, a high GRS also appeared to predict  
191 risk of hospitalization – including among individuals of African ancestry (N=2,598, 1.70-fold risk  
192 for high GRS, 95% CI 1.03 to 2.81,  $P=0.038$ ), Admixed American ancestry (N=3,752, 1.56-fold  
193 risk, 95% CI 1.00 to 2.43,  $P = 0.05$ ) and South Asian ancestry (N=760, 1.42-fold risk, 95% CI

194 0.72 to 2.82,  $P = 0.32$ , **Supplementary Table 18**). A similar pattern was observed for risk of  
195 severe disease, though sample sizes were considerably smaller (**Supplementary Tables 19**).

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197 We then compared the effect of the GRS between individuals with and without established risk

198 factors for severe COVID-19. In Europeans of both the AncestryDNA and UK Biobank studies,

199 we found that a high GRS (top 10%) was associated with risk of severe disease both among

200 individuals with and without established clinical risk factors for severe COVID-19 (**Figure 3**). In

201 the meta-analysis of the two studies, a high GRS was associated with a 1.65-fold (95% CI 1.39-

202 1.96,  $P=1 \times 10^{-8}$ ) and 1.75-fold (95% CI 1.28-2.40,  $P=4 \times 10^{-4}$ ) higher risk of severe disease,

203 respectively among individuals with and without established risk factors (**Supplementary Table**

204 **20**). There was no evidence for heterogeneity of GRS effect with clinical risk factor status

205 ( $P=0.30$ ). Similar results were observed for (i) risk of hospitalization (**Supplementary Figure 2**

206 and **Supplementary Table 20**); (ii) when including in the GRS all 12 variants reported to associate

207 with risk of COVID-19 in previous GWAS (eight variants) and by the HGI (four novel variants

208 associated with reported infection; **Supplementary Figure 3**); and (iii) in individuals of Admixed

209 American ancestry (**Supplementary Figure 4**; stratified analysis not performed in other

210 ancestries due to small sample size). Lastly, we also found that expanding the GRS to include a

211 larger set of variants did not improve the observed associations (**Supplementary Figure 5**).

212 Overall, these results demonstrate that a GRS calculated using variants associated with disease risk

213 and severity can potentially be used to identify COVID-19 cases at high risk of developing poor

214 disease outcomes. We note that preeminent factor for severe COVID-19 outcomes remains age (as

215 illustrated in **Supplementary Figure 6**), but that common genetic variants appear to provide

216 complementary information that may be used to stratify risk among older individuals.

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218 The following caveats should be considered when interpreting results from this study. First, our  
219 study had greater power to identify associations with disease risk than with severity outcomes,  
220 given the relatively small sample size for the latter. Second, there was phenotypic heterogeneity  
221 among COVID-19 cases and controls and associated risk factors across our studies. One likely  
222 reason for this is that survey respondents from the AncestryDNA study were enriched for healthier  
223 individuals and milder COVID-19 cases, when compared to participants of the UKB, GHS and  
224 PMBB studies, who were ascertained in clinical settings and so were enriched for hospitalized and  
225 severe COVID-19 cases. Other sources of heterogeneity may include regional and temporal  
226 availability of COVID-19 testing and the inability to control for viral exposure among controls.  
227 While our meta-analysis collectively spans a broad phenotypic spectrum, these individual  
228 differences may account for variability in results across reported studies. Third, we used expression  
229 levels measured in liver to assess the impact of the ACE2 risk variant on gene expression. Liver is  
230 not the most relevant tissue to assess *ACE2* expression, but we note that cis eQTLs are often shared  
231 across tissues<sup>9,28</sup>. Fourth, the association between GRS and risk of severe disease was strongest in  
232 European individuals of the AncestryDNA (OR=1.72,  $P=2 \times 10^{-6}$ ) and UKB (OR=1.65,  $P=6 \times 10^{-6}$ )  
233 studies when compared to the smaller GHS study (OR=1.03,  $P=0.877$ ). The lower effect size in  
234 the latter may be due to differences in ascertainment of COVID-19 positive cases, as discussed  
235 above, or stochastic, given the smaller sample size. We also noted that the impact of the GRS on  
236 risk of hospitalization was attenuated in comparison to severe disease, which may be a reflection  
237 of the weighting schema for the variants comprising the score; the four largest GRS weights were  
238 derived from an analysis of critically ill individuals.

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240 In summary, we confirmed six common variant associations with risk of infection and further show  
241 that four of these variants modulate disease severity among cases. We also identified one novel  
242 association with disease risk which provides human genetic support for the hypothesis that ACE2  
243 expression plays a key role SARS-CoV-2 infection and may constitute an attractive therapeutic  
244 target for prevention COVID-19 disease and its sequelae. Lastly, we demonstrate that a genetic  
245 risk score based on common variants validated in this study can be used to identify individuals at  
246 high risk of poor disease outcomes.

247 **ONLINE METHODS**

248 **Participating Studies**

249 *AncestryDNA COVID-19 Research Study*. AncestryDNA customers over age 18, living in the  
250 United States, and who had consented to research, were invited to complete a survey assessing  
251 COVID-19 outcomes and other demographic information. These included SARS-CoV-2 swab and  
252 antibody test results, COVID-19 symptoms and severity, brief medical history, household and  
253 occupational exposure to SARS-CoV-2, and blood type. A total of 163,650 AncestryDNA survey  
254 respondents were selected for inclusion in this study<sup>29</sup>. Respondents selected for this study  
255 included all individuals with a positive COVID-19 test together with age and sex matched controls.  
256 DNA samples were genotyped as described previously<sup>29</sup>. Genotype data for variants not included  
257 in the array were then inferred using imputation to the Haplotype Reference Consortium (HRC)  
258 reference panel. Briefly, samples were imputed to HRC version 1.1, which consists of 27,165 total  
259 individuals and 36 million variants. The HRC reference panel does not include indels;  
260 consequently, indels are not present in the imputed data. We determined best-guess haplotypes  
261 with Eagle version 2.4.1 and performed imputation with Minimac4 version 1.0.1. We used  
262 1,117,080 unique variants as input and 8,049,082 imputed variants were retained in the final data  
263 set. Variants with a Minimac4  $R^2 < 0.30$  were filtered from the analysis.

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265 *Geisinger Health System (GHS)*. The GHS MyCode Community Health Initiative is a health  
266 system-based cohort from central and eastern Pennsylvania (USA) with ongoing recruitment since  
267 2006<sup>30</sup>. A subset of 144,182 MyCode participants sequenced as part of the GHS-Regeneron  
268 Genetics Center DiscovEHR partnership were included in this study. Information on COVID-19  
269 outcomes were obtained through GHS's COVID-19 registry. Patients were identified as eligible

270 for the registry based on relevant lab results and ICD-10 diagnosis codes; patient charts were then  
271 reviewed to confirm COVID-19 diagnoses. The registry contains data on outcomes, comorbidities,  
272 medications, supplemental oxygen use, and ICU admissions. DNA from participants was  
273 genotyped on either the Illumina OmniExpress Exome (OMNI) or Global Screening Array (GSA)  
274 and imputed to the TOPMed reference panel (stratified by array) using the TOPMed Imputation  
275 Server. Prior to imputation, we retained variants that had a MAF  $\geq 0.1\%$ , missingness  $< 1\%$  and  
276 HWE  $p$ -value  $> 10^{-15}$ . Following imputation, data from the OMNI and GSA datasets were merged  
277 for subsequent association analyses, which included an OMNI/GSA batch covariate, in addition  
278 to other covariates described below.

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280 *Penn Medicine BioBank (PMBB) study.* PMBB contains  $\sim 70,000$  study participants, all recruited  
281 through the University of Pennsylvania Health System (UPHS). Participants donate blood or tissue  
282 and allow access to EHR information<sup>31</sup>. The PMBB participants with COVID-19 infection were  
283 identified through the UPHS COVID-19 registry, which consists of qPCR results of all patients  
284 tested for SARS-CoV-2 infection within the health system. We then used electronic health records  
285 to classify COVID-19 patients into hospitalized and severe (ventilation or death) categories. DNA  
286 genotyping was performed with the Illumina Global Screening Array, and imputation performed  
287 using the TOPMed reference panel as described for GHS above.

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289 *UK Biobank (UKB) study.* We studied the host genetics of SARS-CoV-2 infection in participants  
290 of the UK Biobank study, which took place between 2006 and 2010 and includes approximately  
291 500,000 adults aged 40-69 at recruitment. In collaboration with UK health authorities, the UK  
292 Biobank has made available regular updates on COVID-19 status for all participants, including

293 results from four main data types: qPCR test for SARS-CoV-2, anonymized electronic health  
294 records, primary care and death registry data. We report results based on phenotype data  
295 downloaded on the 4th January 2021 and excluded from the analysis 28,547 individuals with a  
296 death registry event prior to 2020. DNA samples were genotyped as described previously<sup>32</sup> using  
297 the Applied Biosystems UK BiLEVE Axiom Array (N=49,950) or the closely related Applied  
298 Biosystems UK Biobank Axiom Array (N=438,427). Genotype data for variants not included in  
299 the arrays were inferred using the TOPMed reference panel, as described above.

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### 301 **COVID-19 phenotypes used for genetic association analyses**

302 We grouped participants from each study into three broad COVID-19 disease categories  
303 (**Supplementary Table 1**): (i) positive – those with a positive qPCR or serology test for SARS-  
304 CoV-2, or with a COVID-19-related ICD10 code (U07), hospitalization or death; (ii) negative –  
305 those with only negative qPCR or serology test results for SARS-CoV-2 and with no COVID-19-  
306 related ICD10 code (U07), hospitalization or death; and (iii) unknown – those with no qPCR or  
307 serology test results and no COVID-19-related ICD10 code (U07), hospitalization or death. We  
308 then used these broad COVID-19 disease categories, in addition to hospitalization and disease  
309 severity information, to create seven COVID-19-related phenotypes for genetic association  
310 analyses, as detailed in **Supplementary Table 3**.

311 SARS-CoV-2 infection status (positive, negative or unknown) was determined based on a  
312 qPCR test for SARS-CoV-2 in the UKB, GHS and PMBB studies; self-reported results for qPCR  
313 or serology test for SARS-CoV-2 in the AncestryDNA study.

314 Hospitalization status (positive, negative or unknown) was determined based on COVID-  
315 19-related ICD10 codes U071, U072, U073 in variable ‘diag\_icd10’ (table ‘hesin\_diag’) in the



316 UKB study; self-reported hospitalization due to COVID-19 in the AncestryDNA study; medical  
317 records in the GHS and PMBB studies.

318 Disease severity status (severe [ventilation or death] or not severe) was determined in the  
319 UKB study based on (i) respiratory support ICD10 code Z998 in variable ‘diag\_icd10’ (table  
320 ‘hesin\_diag’); (ii) the following respiratory support ICD10 codes in variable ‘oper4’ (table  
321 ‘hesin\_oper’): E85, E851, E852, E853, E854, E855, E856, E858, E859, E87, E871, E872, E873,  
322 E874, E878, E879, E89, X56, X561, X562, X563, X568, X569, X58, X581, X588, X589; or (3)  
323 COVID-19-related ICD10 codes U071, U072, U073 in cause of death (variable ‘cause\_icd10’ in  
324 table ‘death\_cause’). In the AncestryDNA study, disease severity was determined based on self-  
325 reported ventilation or need for supplementary oxygen due to COVID-19. In the GHS and PMBB  
326 study, it was determined based on ventilator or high-flow oxygen use.

327 For association analysis in the AncestryDNA study, we excluded from the COVID-19  
328 unknown group individuals who had (i) a first-degree relative who was COVID-19 positive; or (ii)  
329 flu-like symptoms.

330

### 331 **Genetic association analyses**

332 Association analyses in each study were performed using the genome-wide Firth logistic  
333 regression test implemented in REGENIE<sup>33</sup>. In this implementation, Firth’s approach is applied  
334 when the p-value from standard logistic regression score test is below 0.05. We included in step 1  
335 of REGENIE (*i.e.* prediction of individual trait values based on the genetic data) directly  
336 genotyped variants with a minor allele frequency (MAF) >1%, <10% missingness, Hardy-  
337 Weinberg equilibrium test  $P$ -value >  $10^{-15}$  and linkage-disequilibrium (LD) pruning (1000 variant  
338 windows, 100 variant sliding windows and  $r^2 < 0.9$ ). The association model used in step 2 of

339 REGENIE included as covariates age, age<sup>2</sup>, sex, age-by-sex, and the first 10 ancestry-informative  
340 principal components (PCs) derived from the analysis of a stricter set of LD-pruned (50 variant  
341 windows, 5 variant sliding windows and  $r^2 < 0.5$ ) common variants from the array (imputed for the  
342 GHS study) data.

343 Within each study, association analyses were performed separately for five different  
344 continental ancestries defined based on the array data: African (AFR), Admixed American (AMR),  
345 European (EUR) and South Asian (SAS). We determined continental ancestries by projecting each  
346 sample onto reference principle components calculated from the HapMap3 reference panel.  
347 Briefly, we merged our samples with HapMap3 samples and kept only SNPs in common between  
348 the two datasets. We further excluded SNPs with MAF < 10%, genotype missingness > 5% or  
349 Hardy-Weinberg Equilibrium test p-value < 10<sup>-5</sup>. We calculated PCs for the HapMap3 samples  
350 and projected each of our samples onto those PCs. To assign a continental ancestry group to each  
351 non-HapMap3 sample, we trained a kernel density estimator (KDE) using the HapMap3 PCs and  
352 used the KDEs to calculate the likelihood of a given sample belonging to each of the five  
353 continental ancestry groups. When the likelihood for a given ancestry group was > 0.3, the sample  
354 was assigned to that ancestry group. When two ancestry groups had a likelihood > 0.3, we  
355 arbitrarily assigned AFR over EUR, AMR over EUR, AMR over EAS, SAS over EUR, and AMR  
356 over AFR. Samples were excluded from analysis if no ancestry likelihoods were > 0.3, or if more  
357 than three ancestry likelihoods were > 0.3.

358 Results were subsequently meta-analyzed across studies and ancestries using an inverse  
359 variance-weighted fixed-effects meta-analysis.

360

361 **Identification of putative targets of GWAS variants based on colocalization with eQTL**

362 We identified as a likely target of a sentinel GWAS variant any gene for which a sentinel  
363 expression quantitative trait locus (eQTL) co-localized (*i.e.* had LD  $r^2 > 0.80$ ) with the sentinel  
364 GWAS variant. That is, we only considered genes for which there was strong LD between a  
365 sentinel GWAS variant and a sentinel eQTL, which reduces the chance of spurious colocalization.  
366 Sentinel eQTL were defined across 174 published datasets (**Supplementary Table 10**), as  
367 described previously<sup>34</sup>. We did not use statistical approaches developed to distinguish  
368 colocalization from shared genetic effects because these have very limited resolution at high LD  
369 levels ( $r^2 > 0.80$ )<sup>35</sup>.

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### 371 **Gene expression analysis in participants of the GHS study**

372 For a subset of individuals from the GHS study (n=2,035, ascertained through the Geisinger  
373 Bariatric Surgery Clinic), RNA was extracted from liver biopsies conducted during bariatric  
374 surgery to evaluate liver disease. Individuals had class 3 obesity (BMI>40kg/m<sup>2</sup>) or class 2 obesity  
375 (BMI 35-39 kg/m<sup>2</sup>) with an obesity-related co-morbidity (e.g. type-2 diabetes, hypertension, sleep  
376 apnea, non-alcoholic fatty liver disease). RNA libraries were prepared using polyA-extraction and  
377 then sequenced with 75bp paired-end reads with two 10 bp index reads on the Illumina NovaSeq  
378 6000 on S4 flow cells. RNA-seq data were then analyzed using the GTEx v8 workflow<sup>36</sup>, using  
379 STAR<sup>37</sup> and RNASeqQC<sup>38</sup>, except that GENCODE v32 was used in lieu of v26. Briefly: (i) raw  
380 expression counts were normalized with TMM (Trimmed Mean of M-values) as implemented in  
381 edgeR<sup>38</sup>; (ii) a rank-based inverse normal transformation was applied to the normalized expression  
382 values; (iii) principal components (PCs) analysis was performed on data from 25,078 genes with  
383 TPM >0.1 in >20% samples, to identify latent factors accounting for variation in gene expression;  
384 (iv) gene expression levels were adjusted for the top 100 PCs to improve power to identify cis-

385 regulatory effects. The association between adjusted *ACE2* expression and the imputed genotypes  
386 of rs190509934 was then tested using REGENIE, with the following variables included as  
387 covariates: age, age<sup>2</sup>, four ancestry-informative principal components, steatosis status, fibrosis  
388 status, diabetes status, and body mass index at the time of bariatric surgery.

389

### 390 **Genetic risk score (GRS) analysis of COVID-19 hospitalization and severity**

391 First, in each study (AncestryDNA, GHS, UKB and PMBB), we created a GRS for each COVID-  
392 19 positive individual based on variants that were reported to associate with risk of COVID-19 in  
393 previous GWAS and that we (i) independently replicated (except variants identified by the HGI);  
394 and (ii) found to be associated with COVID-19 severity outcomes. We used as weights the effect  
395 (beta) reported in previous GWAS (**Supplementary Table 5**). Second, we ranked COVID-19  
396 individuals based on the GRS and created a new binary GRS predictor by assigning each individual  
397 to a high (top 5%) or low (rest of the population) percentile group. Third, for studies with >100  
398 hospitalized cases, we used logistic regression to test the association between the binary GRS  
399 predictor and risk of hospitalization (hospitalized cases vs. all other cases), including as covariates  
400 age, sex, age-by-sex interaction, and ten ancestry-informative PCs. In addition to age and sex, we  
401 included as additional covariates established clinical risk factors for COVID-19 that are outlined  
402 in the Emergency Use Authorisation treatment guidelines for casirivimab and imdevimb: BMI,  
403 chronic kidney disease, diabetes, immunosuppressive disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary  
404 disease or other chronic respiratory disease, cardiovascular disease and hypertension. We repeated  
405 the association analysis (i) using different percentile cut-offs for the GRS (5%, 10%, 20%, 30%  
406 and 40%); and (ii) to test the association with disease severity (severe cases vs. all other cases).  
407 We then stratified COVID-19 cases by clinical risk (high versus lower) and evaluated the

408 association between the top 10% by GRS (i.e. high genetic risk) and risk of hospitalization or  
409 severe disease. The stratified analyses were performed with logistic regression, with sex and  
410 ancestry-informative PCs included as covariates. High clinical risk was defined as any one of the  
411 following: (i) age $\geq$ 65; (ii) BMI $\geq$ 35; (iii) chronic kidney disease, diabetes or immunosuppressive  
412 disease; (iv) age  $\geq$ 55 and presence of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease/other chronic  
413 respiratory disease, cardiovascular disease, or hypertension.

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#### 415 **Code availability**

416 Upload Agent (v1.5.30) can be found at <https://wiki.dnanexus.com/Downloads#Upload-Agent>.

417 bcl2fastq software (v2.19.0) can be found at

418 [https://support.illumina.com/sequencing/sequencing\\_software/bcl2fastq-conversion-](https://support.illumina.com/sequencing/sequencing_software/bcl2fastq-conversion-)

419 [software.html](https://support.illumina.com/sequencing/sequencing_software/bcl2fastq-conversion-software.html). BWA software (v0.7.17) for read alignment can be found at [420 \[bwa.sourceforge.net\]\(http://bio-bwa.sourceforge.net\). Picard software \(v1.141\) can be found at](http://bio-</a></p></div><div data-bbox=)

421 <https://broadinstitute.github.io/picard/>. Samtools (v1.7) can be found at <http://www.htslib.org>.

422 WeCall (v1.1.2) can be found at <https://github.com/Genomicsplc/wecall>. FastQC (v0.11.8) can

423 be found at <http://www.bioinformatics/babraham.ac.uk/projects/fastqc/>. Bcftools, bgzip, and

424 tabix (v1.7) can be found at <http://www.htslib.org>, bgzip/tabix v1.7. pigz (v2.3.4) can be found at

425 <https://zlib.net/pigz/>. Eagle (v2.4.1) can be found at <https://github.com/poruloh/Eagle>. Minimac4

426 (v1.01) can be found at <https://github.com/statgen/Minimac4>. GLnexus (v0.4.0) can be found at

427 <https://github.com/dnanexus-rnd/GLnexus>. PLINK (v1.90b6.21) can be found at

428 <https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink2/>. PRIMUS can be found at

429 <https://primus.gs.washington.edu/primusweb/>. REGENIE (v2.0.1) can be found at

430 <https://github.com/statgen/METAL>.

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432 **Data availability**

433 All genotype-phenotype association results reported in this study are available for browsing using  
434 the RGC's COVID-19 Results Browser (<https://rgc-covid19.regeneron.com>). Data access and use  
435 is limited to research purposes in accordance with the Terms of Use ([https://rgc-](https://rgc-covid19.regeneron.com/terms-of-use)  
436 [covid19.regeneron.com/terms-of-use](https://rgc-covid19.regeneron.com/terms-of-use)).

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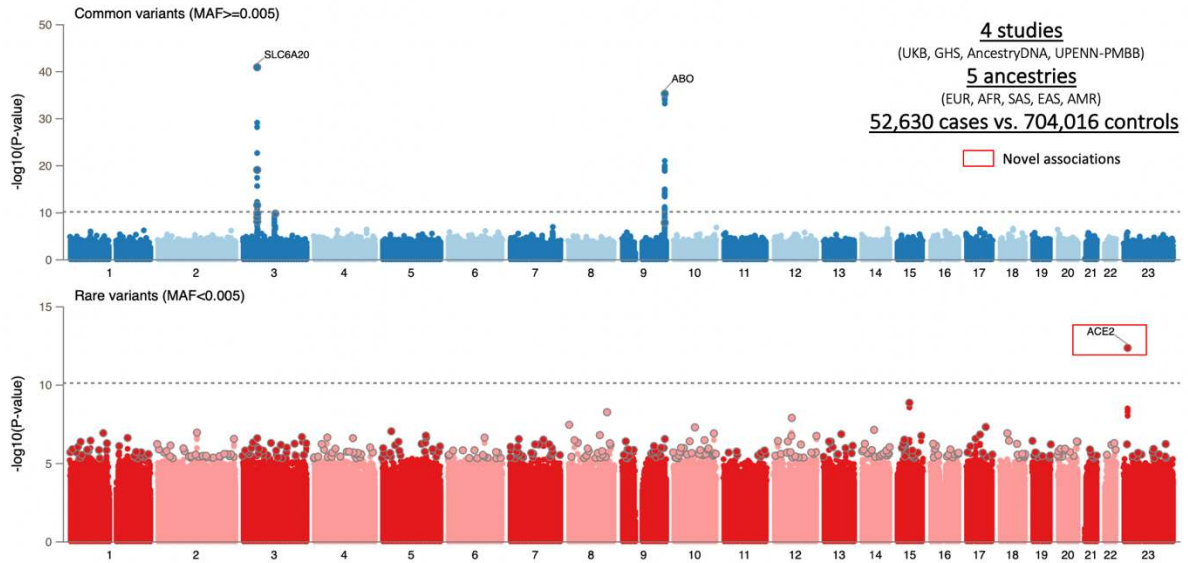
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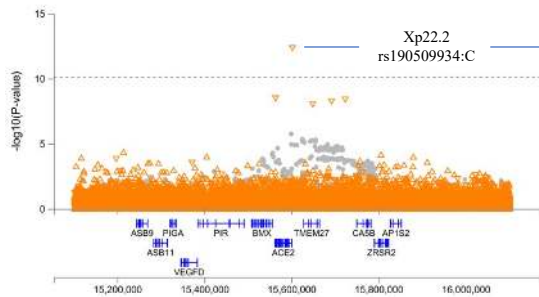
453 **FIGURES**

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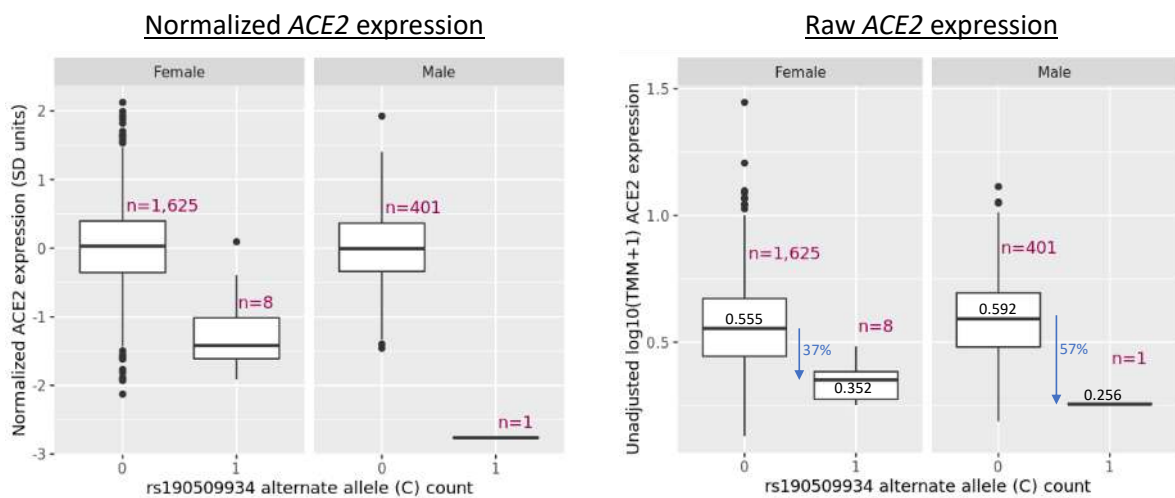


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STUDY	N CASES		N CONTROLS		OR [95% CI]	PVALUE	AAF
	RR RRAJAA	RR RRAJAA	RR RRAJAA	RR RRAJAA			
UKB_500K_Genotyped_EUR	14317135 2	420556 1244 509	8721 67 16		0.627 [0.492,0.8]	1.7e-04	0.0026
UKB_500K_Genotyped_AFR	616 3 1				0.783 [0.375,1.636]	0.516	0.0058
UKB_500K_Genotyped_SAS	750 12 1		9565 217 100		0.507 [0.325,0.792]	0.003	0.0219
ANCESTRY_Freeze_Four_EUR	25306 <100 <100	113489 327 <100			0.569 [0.444,0.728]	7.5e-06	0.002
ANCESTRY_Freeze_Four_AFR	1622 <100 <100	5641 <100 <100			0.392 [0.197,0.78]	0.008	0.0047
ANCESTRY_Freeze_Four_SAS	<100 <100 <100	250 <100 <100			0.359 [0.042,3.071]	0.35	0.0195
ANCESTRY_Freeze_Four_AMR	3742 <100 <100	12281 <100 <100			0.825 [0.443,1.537]	0.545	0.0021
UPENN_Freeze_One_EUR	40 0 0	6993 3 3			0.43 [0.001,187.431]	0.786	0.0013
UPENN_Freeze_One_AFR	347 2 0	8518 28 18			0.915 [0.286,2.928]	0.881	0.0045
GHS_Freeze_145_EUR	5267 9 0	107839 261 68			0.658 [0.432,1.003]	0.052	0.0019
GHS_Freeze_145_AFR	128 0 0	3025 14 11			0.493 [0.126,1.921]	0.308	0.0057
GHS_Freeze_145_AMR	88 0 0	1296 11 0			0.304 [0.015,6.097]	0.436	0.0039
<b>META</b>	<b>52294 122 8</b>	<b>698174 2251 812</b>			<b>0.6 [0.522,0.689]</b>	<b>4.5e-13</b>	<b>0.0027</b>

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D.



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457 **Figure 1. GWAS of 52,630 COVID-19 positive cases vs. 704,016 COVID-19 negative or**  
458 **unknown controls identifies a novel association with a rare variant near *ACE2* that lowers**  
459 **gene expression and protects against COVID-19.**

460 **(A)** Summary of association results for common (MAF>0.5%) and rare (MAF<0.5%) variants.

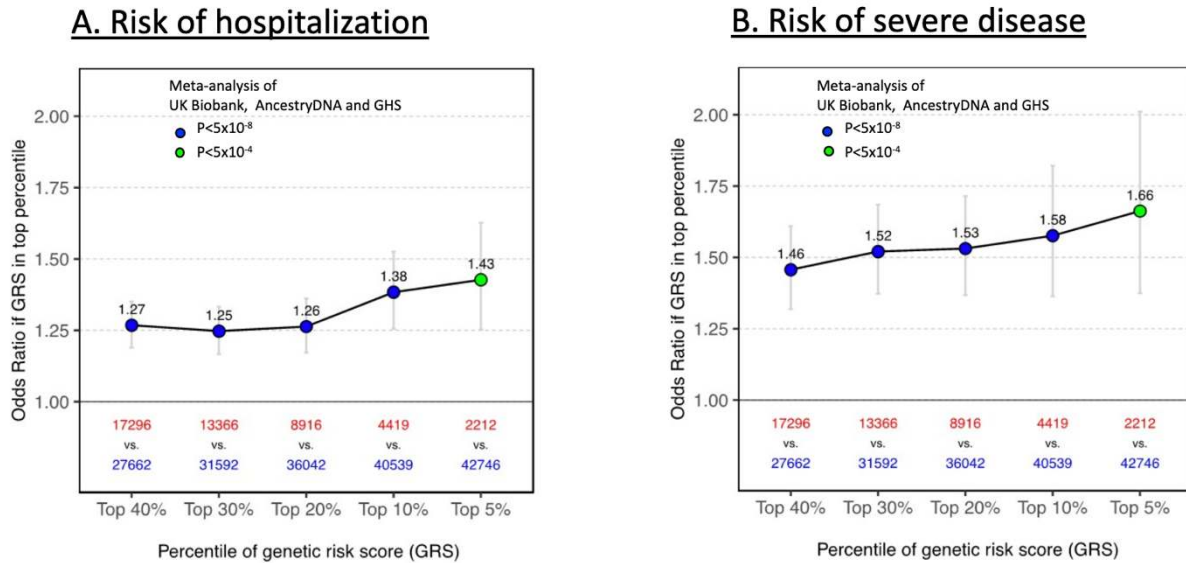
461 **(B)** Regional association plot centered around rs190509934 near *ACE2*.

462 **(C)** Breakdown of association results across studies included in the meta-analysis of  
463 rs190509934.

464 **(D)** Association between rs190509934:C and *ACE2* expression in liver measured in 2,035  
465 individuals from the GHS study.

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469 **Figure 2. Association between a 6-SNP genetic risk score (GRS) and risk of hospitalization**

470 **(A) and severe disease (B) among COVID-19 cases of European ancestry.**

471 **(A)** Association between high genetic risk and hospitalization. Risk of hospitalization among cases

472 is shown for individuals in the top GRS percentile, agnostic to the number of clinical risk factors

473 present. The association was tested in three studies separately (AncestryDNA, UKB and GHS

474 studies) using logistic regression, with established risk factors for COVID-19 included as

475 covariates (see Methods for details). Results were then meta-analyzed across studies, for a

476 combined sample size of 44,958 COVID-19 cases, including 6,138 hospitalized. N in red: number

477 of COVID-19 cases in the top GRS percentile. Error bars represent 95% confidence intervals.

478 **(B)** Association between high genetic risk and severe disease. The association was tested as

479 described above in three studies separately (AncestryDNA, UKB and GHS studies). Results were

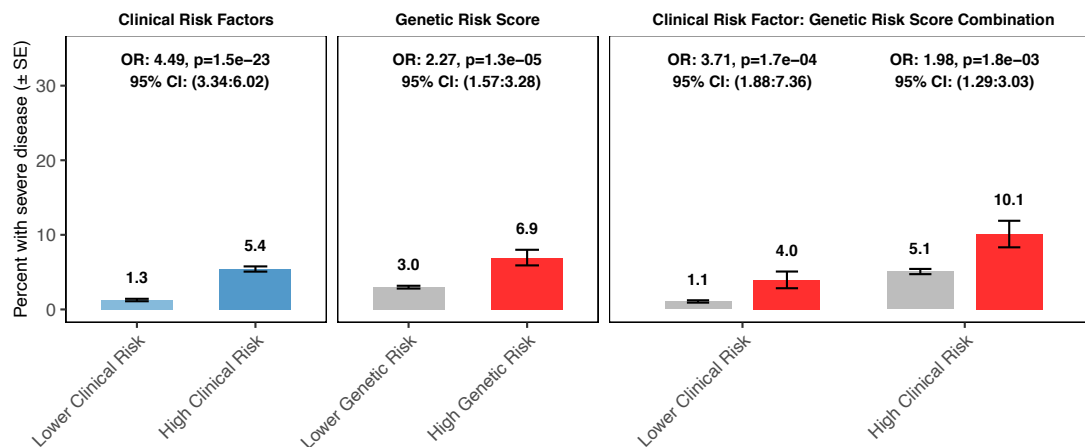
480 then meta-analyzed across studies, for a combined sample size of 44,958 COVID-19 cases,

481 including 1,940 with severe disease.

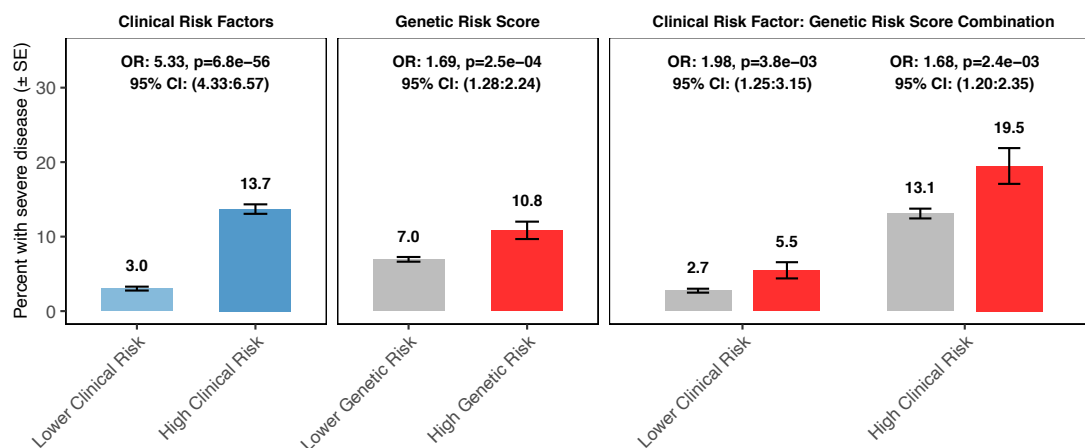
482 N in red: number of COVID-19 cases in the top GRS percentile. N in grey: number of COVID-19  
483 cases in the rest of population.

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### A. AncestryDNA study



### B. UK Biobank study



485

486 **Figure 3. Association between a 6-SNP genetic risk score (GRS) and risk of severe disease**  
 487 **among COVID-19 cases of European ancestry after stratifying by the presence of clinical**  
 488 **risk factors.**

489 (A) Rate of severe disease in the AncestryDNA study (25,353 COVID-19 cases, including 667  
 490 with severe disease).

491 (B) Rate of severe disease in the UK Biobank study (14,320 COVID-19 cases, including 951 with  
 492 severe disease).

493 High genetic risk (red bars): top 10% of the GRS. Low genetic risk (grey bars): bottom 90% of the  
 494 GRS (*i.e.* all other COVID-19 cases). Error bars (black) represent 95% confidence intervals.

495 **TABLES**

496

497 **Table 1. Seven COVID-19 phenotypes analyzed in this study.**

Broad phenotype category	Phenotype	Description	Group	Sample size with genetic data
Risk of infection	COVID-19 positive vs. COVID-19 negative or unknown	Risk of infection	Cases	52,630
			Controls	704,016
	COVID-19 positive vs. COVID-19 negative	Risk of infection among individuals tested for SARS-CoV-2	Cases	52,630
			Controls	109,605
	COVID-19 positive and not hospitalized vs. COVID-19 negative or unknown	Risk of infection that does not require hospitalization	Cases	45,641
			Controls	704,016
	COVID-19 positive and hospitalized vs. COVID-19 negative or unknown	Risk of infection that requires hospitalization	Cases	6,911
			Controls	689,620
	COVID-19 positive and severe vs. COVID-19 negative or unknown	Risk of infection with severe outcomes	Cases	2,184
			Controls	689,620
Risk of severe outcomes among infected individuals	COVID-19 positive and hospitalized vs. COVID-19 positive and not hospitalized	Risk of hospitalization among infected individuals	Cases	6,911
			Controls	45,185
	COVID-19 positive and severe vs. COVID-19 positive and not hospitalized	Risk of severe disease among infected individuals	Cases	2,184
			Controls	45,185

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499 **SUPPLEMENTARY FIGURES**

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502 **Supplementary Figure 1. Comparison of effect sizes across COVID-19 risk and severity**  
503 **outcomes for six previously reported novel risk variants that validated in this study.**

504 Six variants were reported to associatd with risk of COVID-19 in previous studies and replicated  
505 in our analysis. Of these, four variants also associated with disease severity among COVID-19  
506 cases (in/near *LZTFL1*, *CCHCR1*, *DPP9* and *IFNAR2*), whereas two variants did not (in *ABO* and  
507 *SLC6A20*). Error bars represent 95% confidence intervals.

508

509 **Supplementary Figure 2. Association between a 6-SNP genetic risk score (GRS) and risk of**  
510 **hospitalization among COVID-19 cases of European ancestry after stratifying by the**  
511 **presence of clinical risk factors.**

512 (A) Rate of hospitalization in the AncestryDNA study (25,353 COVID-19 cases, including 1,484  
513 hospitalized).

514 (B) Rate of hospitalization in the UK Biobank study (14,320 COVID-19 cases, including 3,878  
515 hospitalized).

516 High genetic risk (red bars): top 10% of the GRS. Low genetic risk (grey bars): bottom 90% of the  
517 GRS (*i.e.* all other COVID-19 cases).

518

519 **Supplementary Figure 3. Association between a 6- and 12-SNP genetic risk score (GRS) and**  
520 **risk of hospitalization and severe disease among COVID-19 cases of European ancestry. To**  
521 **evaluate if the association between the GRS and worse disease outcomes was dependent on the**

522 list of variants selected for analysis, we compared results between GRS calculated using different  
523 sets of variants. We considered a GRS calculated using: (i) the six variants that were reported in  
524 previous GWAS of COVID-19 and that we validated the published association and further showed  
525 that they were associated with risk of hospitalization or severe disease among COVID-19 cases  
526 (in/near *LZTFL1*, *MHC*, *DPP9*, *IFNAR2*, *RPL24* and *FOXP4*; see Supplementary **Figure 1**); or  
527 (ii) all 12 variants reported in previous GWAS of COVID-19 (in/near *LZTFL1* [two variants],  
528 *MHC*, *ABO*, *OAS3*, *DPP9*, *RAVER1*, *IFNAR2*; and four novel risk variants discovered by the HGI  
529 in/near *RPL24*, *DNAH5*, *FOXP4* and *PLEKHA4*; see **Supplementary Tables 5 and 15**). Analyses  
530 were performed separately in the UK Biobank, AncestryDNA and GHS studies (risk of  
531 hospitalization only) after stratifying COVID-19 cases by the presence of clinical risk factors,  
532 considering individuals with lower clinical risk (blue circles), high clinical risk (green triangles)  
533 or all individuals (grey squares). Association results were then meta-analyzed across studies.

534

535 **Supplementary Figure 4. Association between a six-SNP genetic risk score (GRS) and risk**  
536 **of hospitalization (A) and (B) severe disease among COVID-19 cases of Admixed American**  
537 **ancestry.**

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539 **Supplementary Figure 5. Association between risk of severe disease among COVID-19 cases**  
540 **of European ancestry and genetic risk scores determined based on different criteria.** We  
541 compared GRS based on variants (i) that were reported in the literature and validated in this study  
542 (Literature.HGI.1var: rs73064425 in *LZTFL1*; Literature.HGI.5var: variants from our 6-SNP  
543 model, with the exception of rs73064425 in *LZTFL1*; Literature.HGI.6var: all six variants from  
544 our 6-SNP model); (ii) obtained through pruning and thresholding applied to results from the risk

545 of infection phenotype reported by the HGI, using different association P-value and LD  $r^2$   
546 thresholds; (iii) the LDpred approach <sup>39</sup> applied to risk of infection reported by the HGI,  
547 considering different  $\rho$  parameters.

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549 **Supplementary Figure 6. Association between risk of severe disease among COVID-19 cases**  
550 **of European ancestry from the UK Biobank study and combination of clinical risk factors,**  
551 **genetic risk (6-SNP GRS model) and age.**



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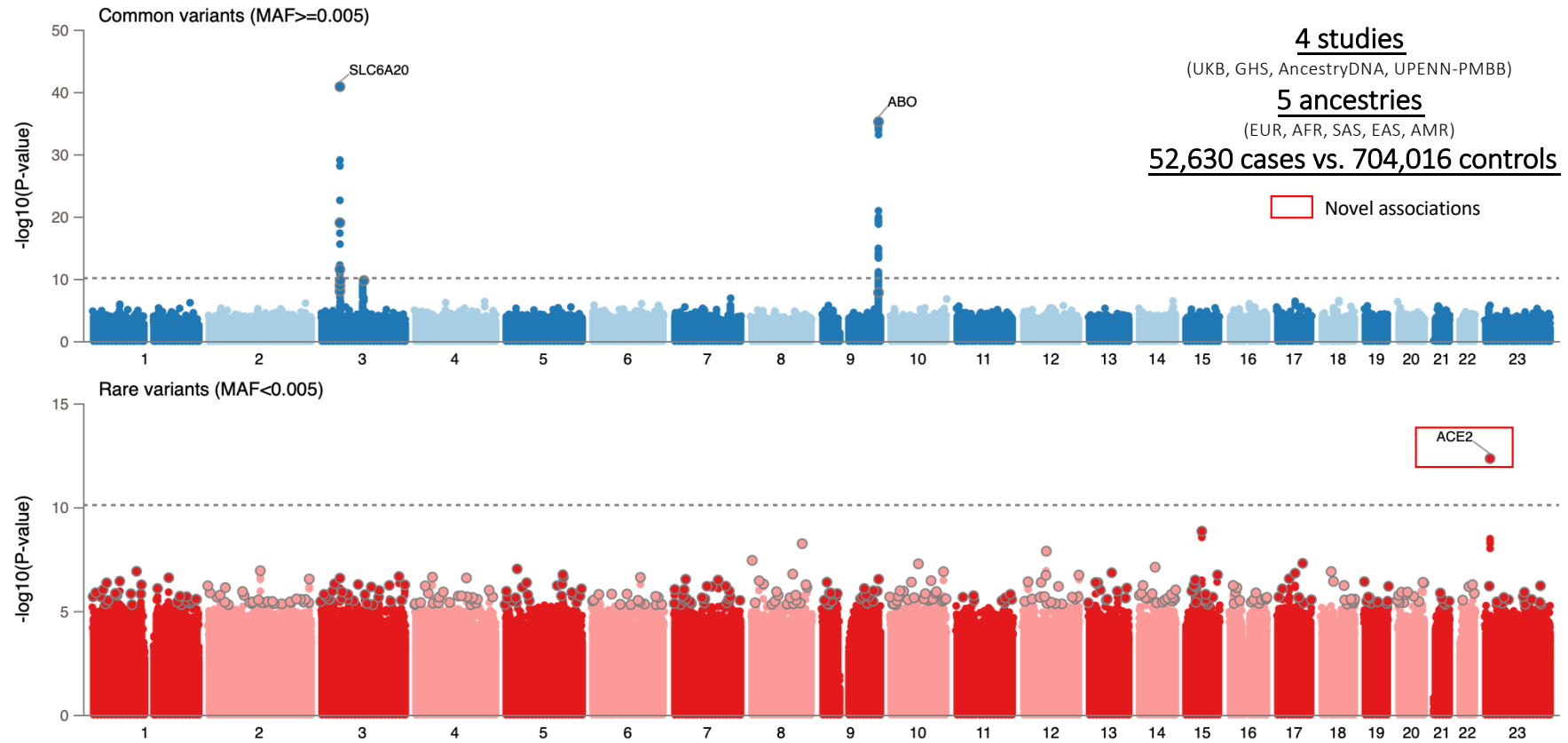
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## MAIN FIGURES

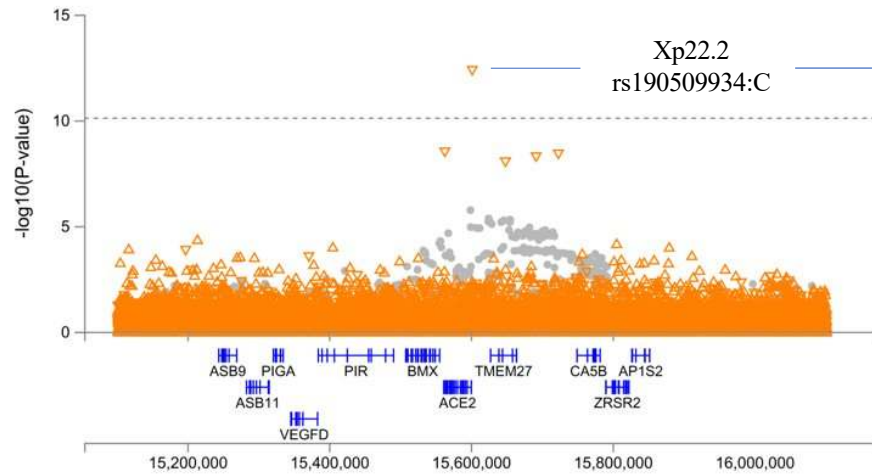
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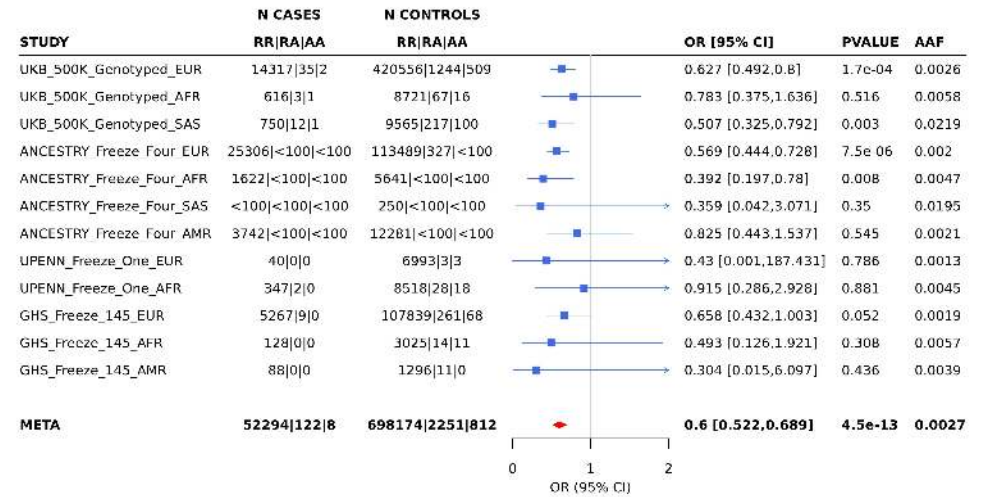
**Figure 1.** GWAS of 52,630 COVID-19 positive cases vs. 704,016 COVID-19 negative or unknown controls identifies a novel association with a rare variant near *ACE2* that lowers gene expression and protects against COVID-19.

(A) Summary of association results for common (MAF  $>$  0.5%) and rare (MAF  $<$  0.5%) variants.

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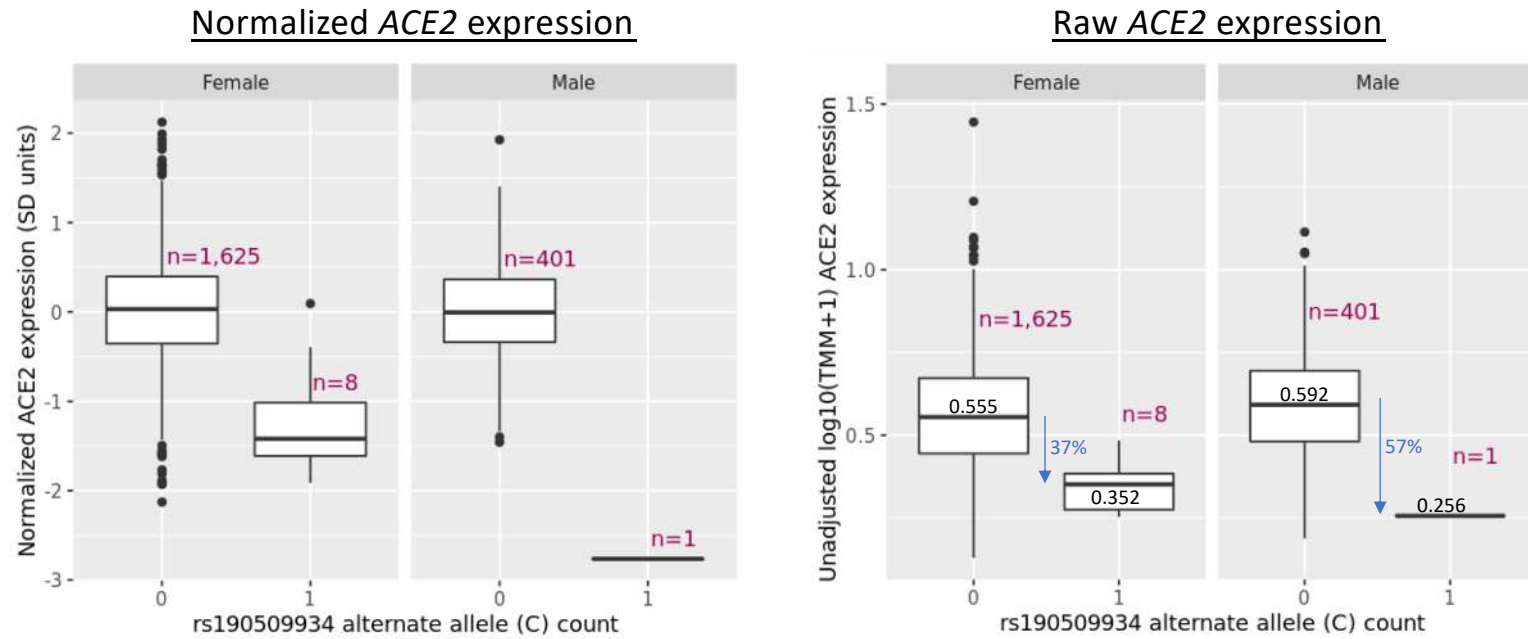


**Figure 1 (cont).** GWAS of 52,630 COVID-19 positive cases vs. 704,016 COVID-19 negative or unknown controls identifies a rare variant near ACE2 that lowers gene expression and protects against COVID-19.

(B) Regional association plot centered around rs190509934 near ACE2.

(C) Breakdown of association results across studies included in the meta-analysis of rs190509934.

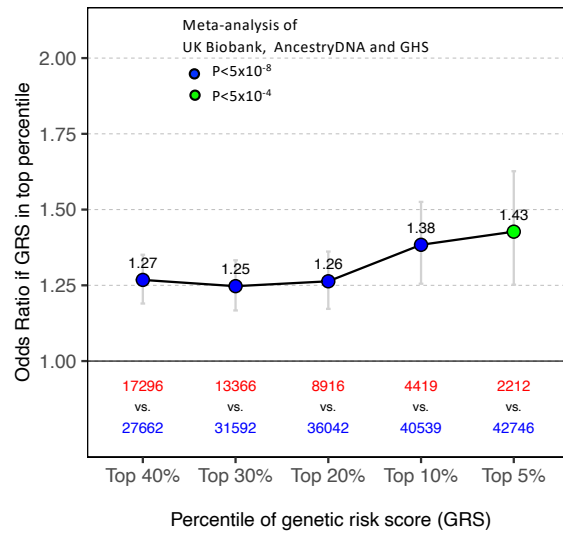
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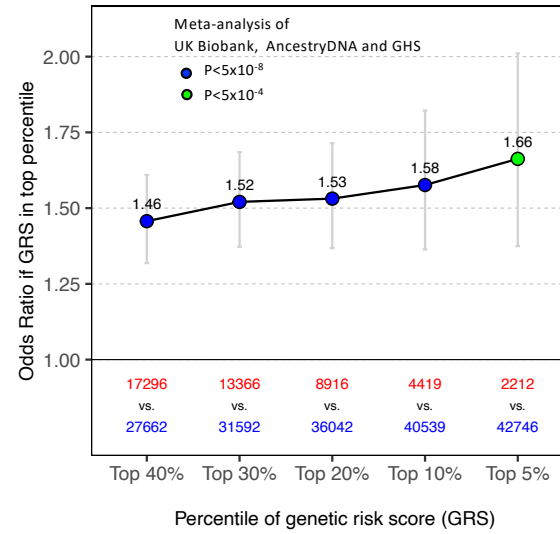
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### A. Risk of hospitalization



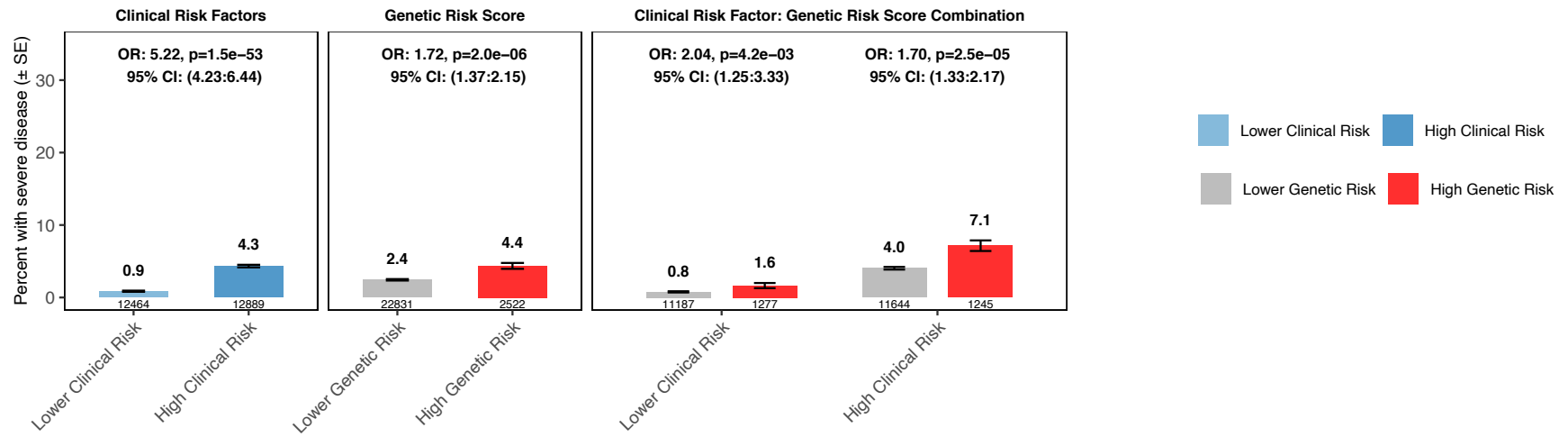
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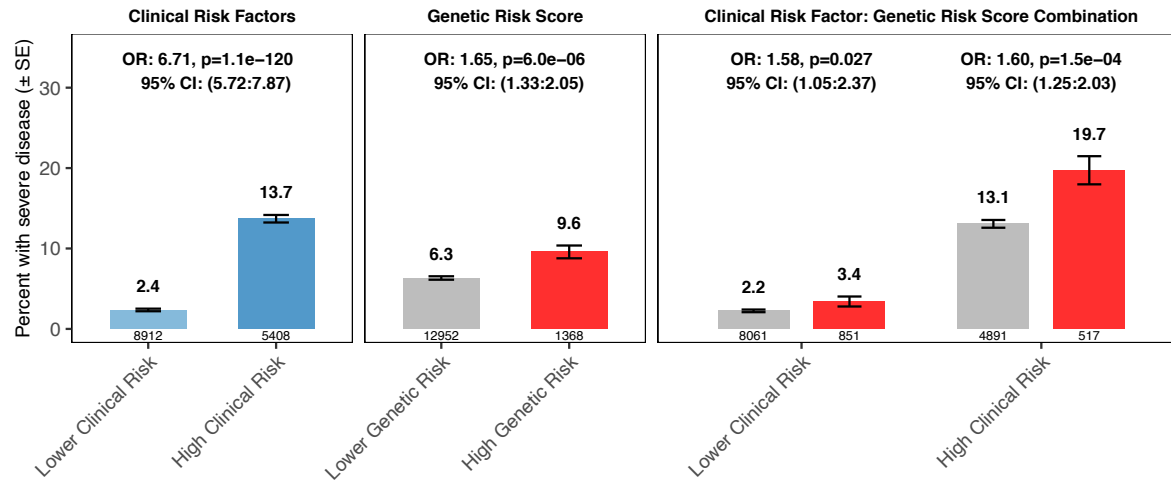
**Figure 2.** Association between a 6-SNP genetic risk score (GRS) and risk of hospitalization (A) and severe disease (B) among COVID-19 cases of European ancestry (N=44,958).



### A. AncestryDNA study

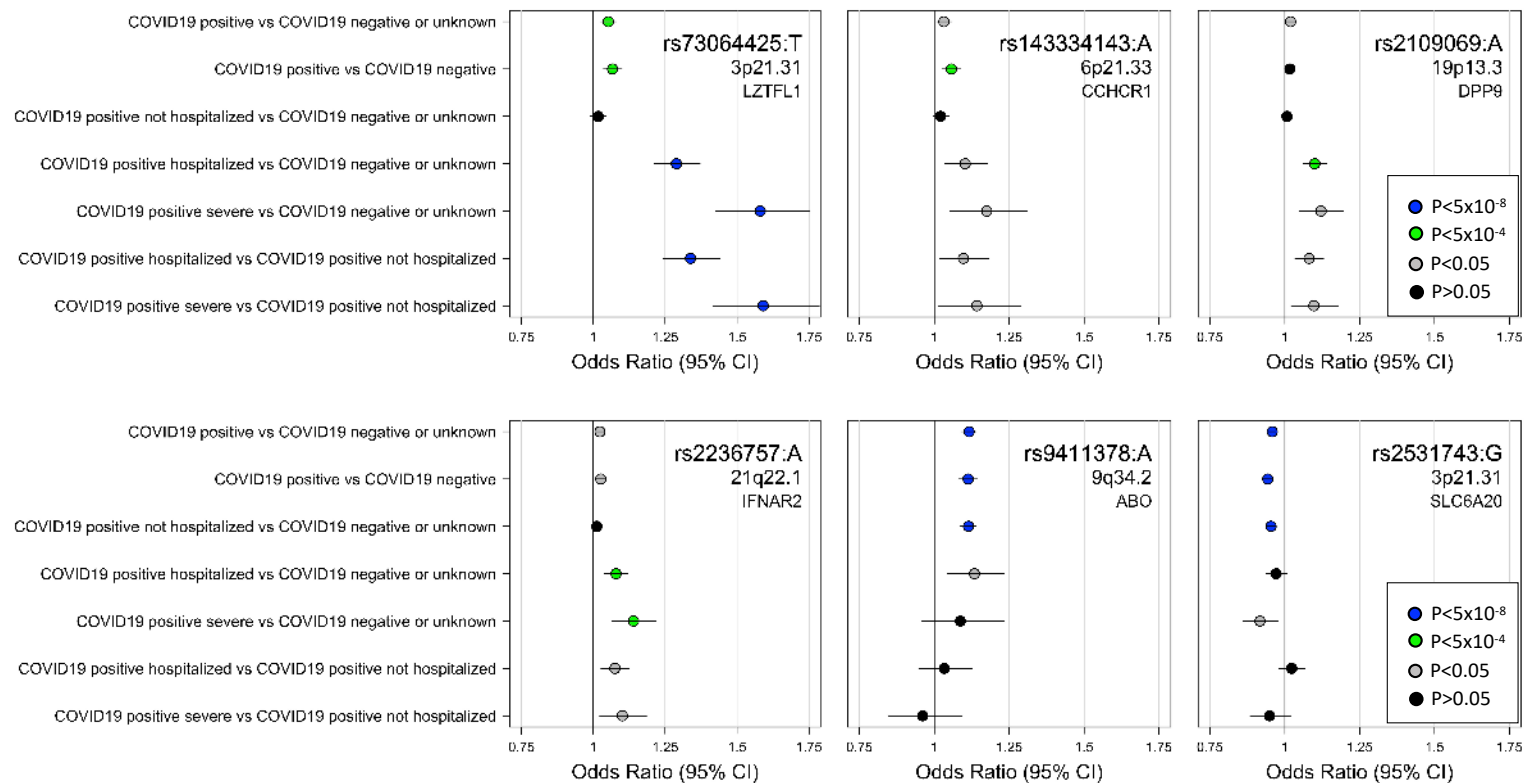


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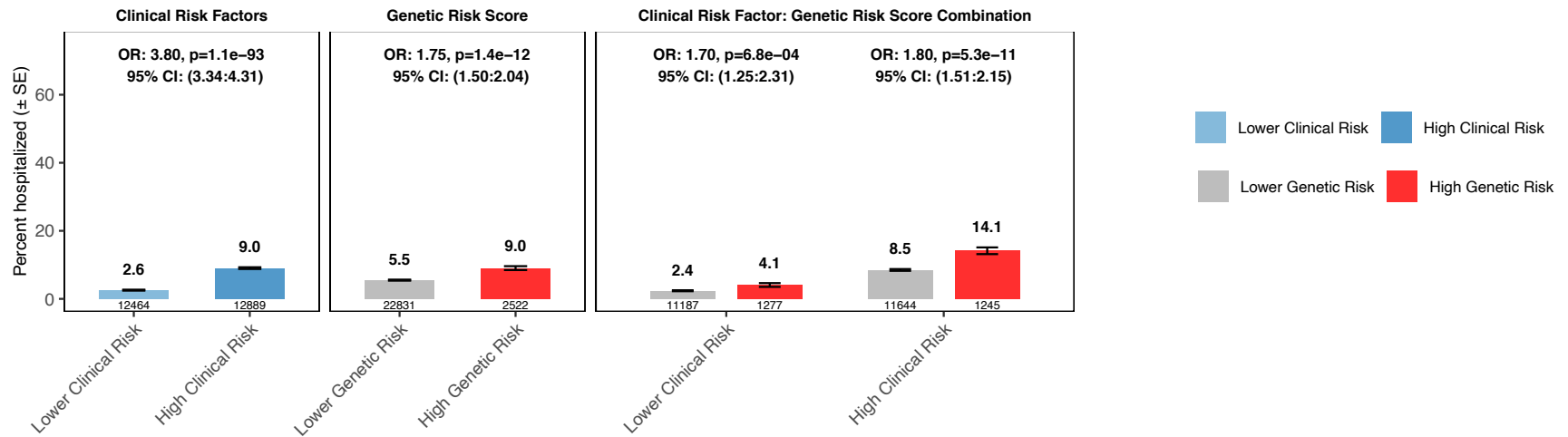
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## SUPPLEMENTARY FIGURES

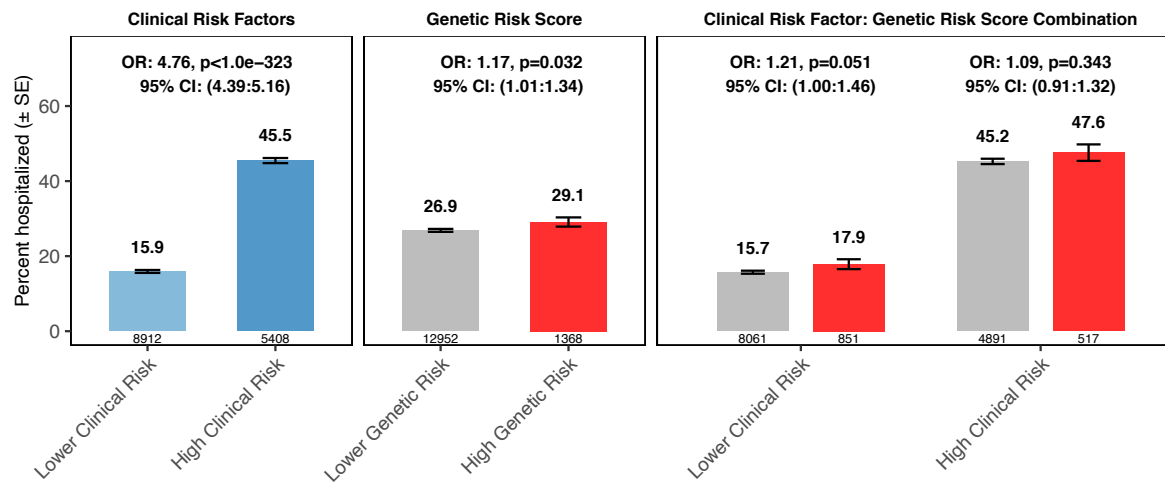


**Supplementary Figure 1.** Comparison of effect sizes across COVID-19 susceptibility and severity outcomes for six previously reported risk variants that validated in our study.

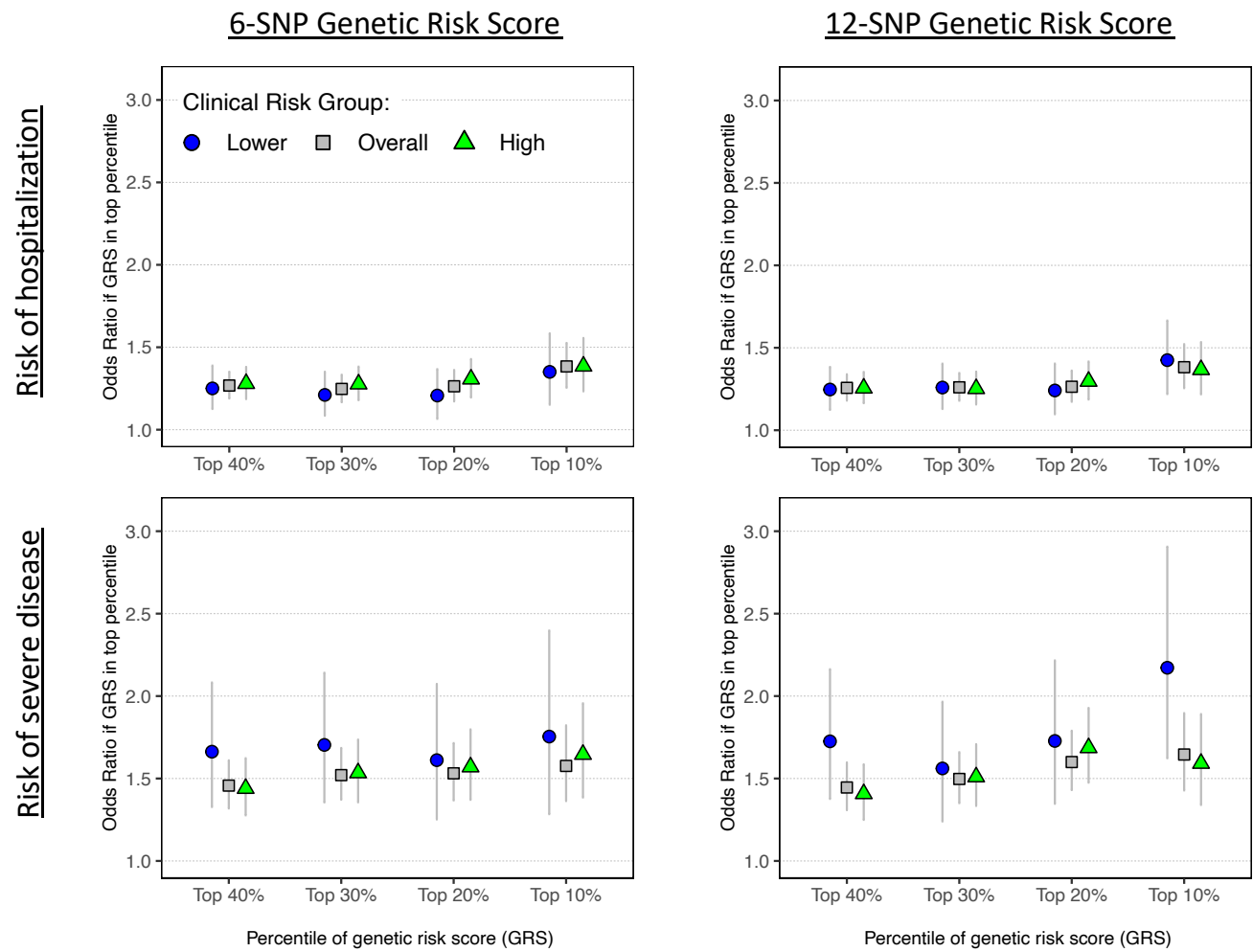
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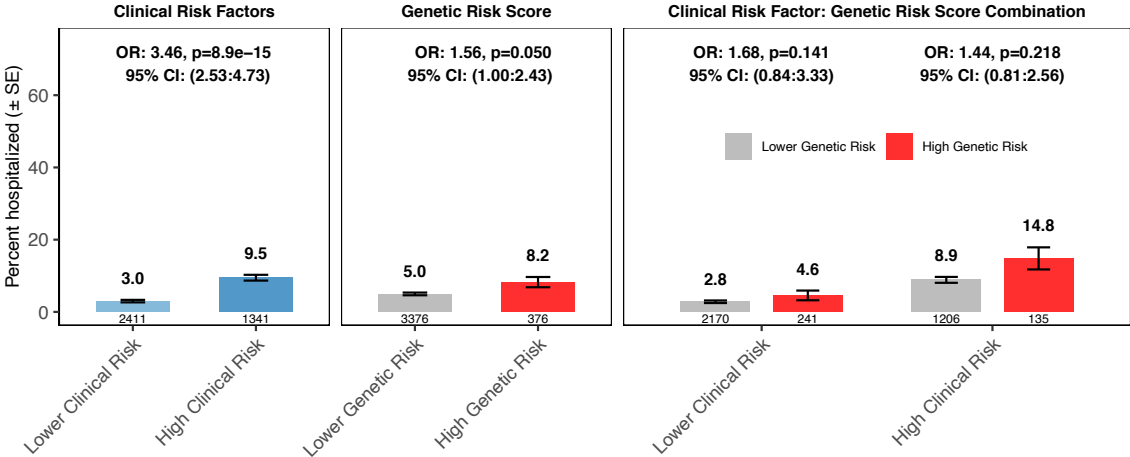
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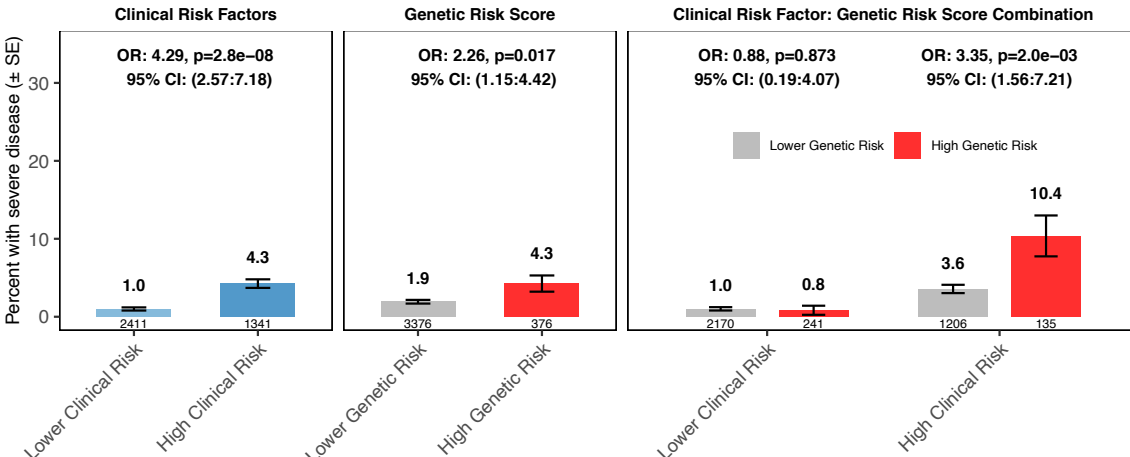
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**AncestryDNA study**  
Admixed American ancestry

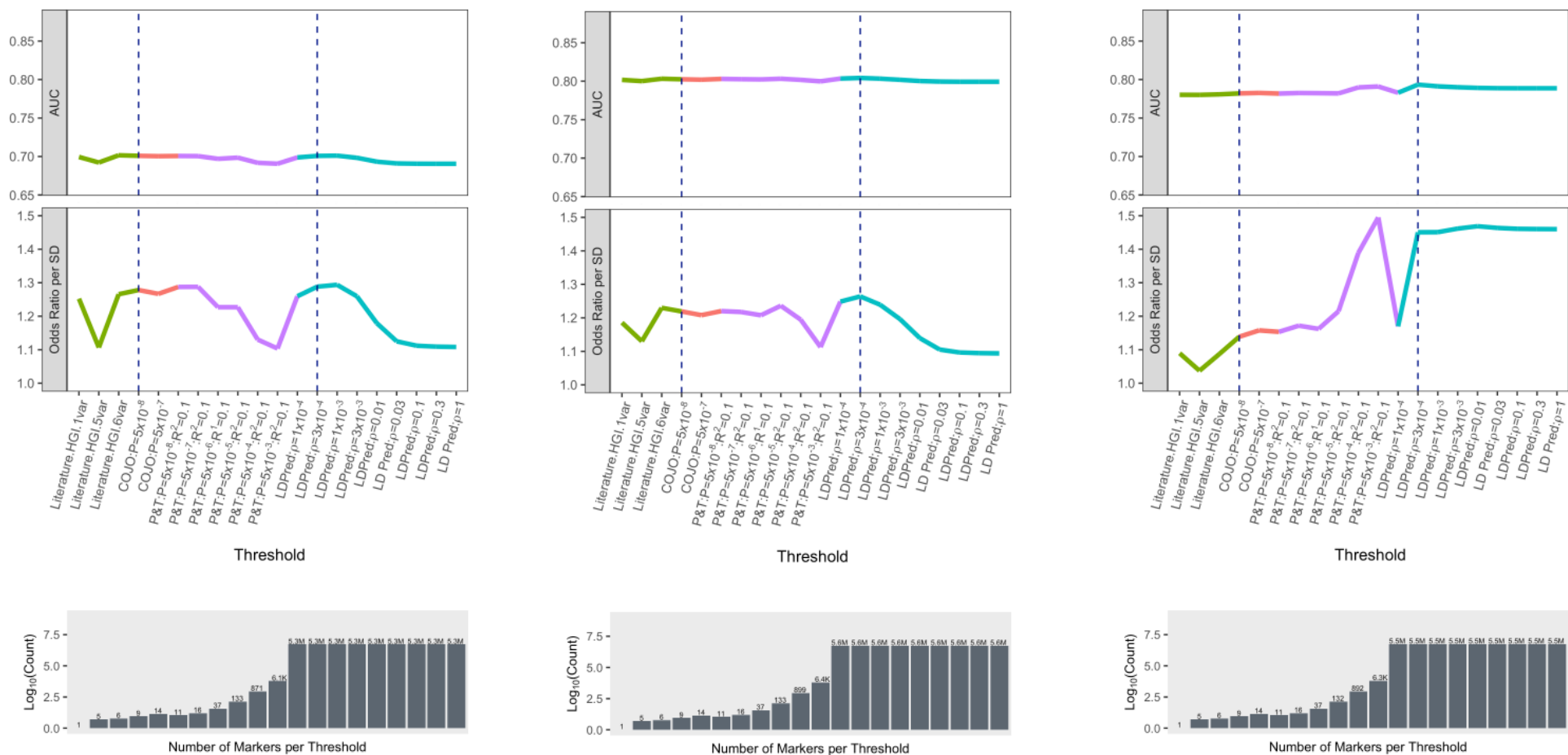
**A. Risk of hospitalization**



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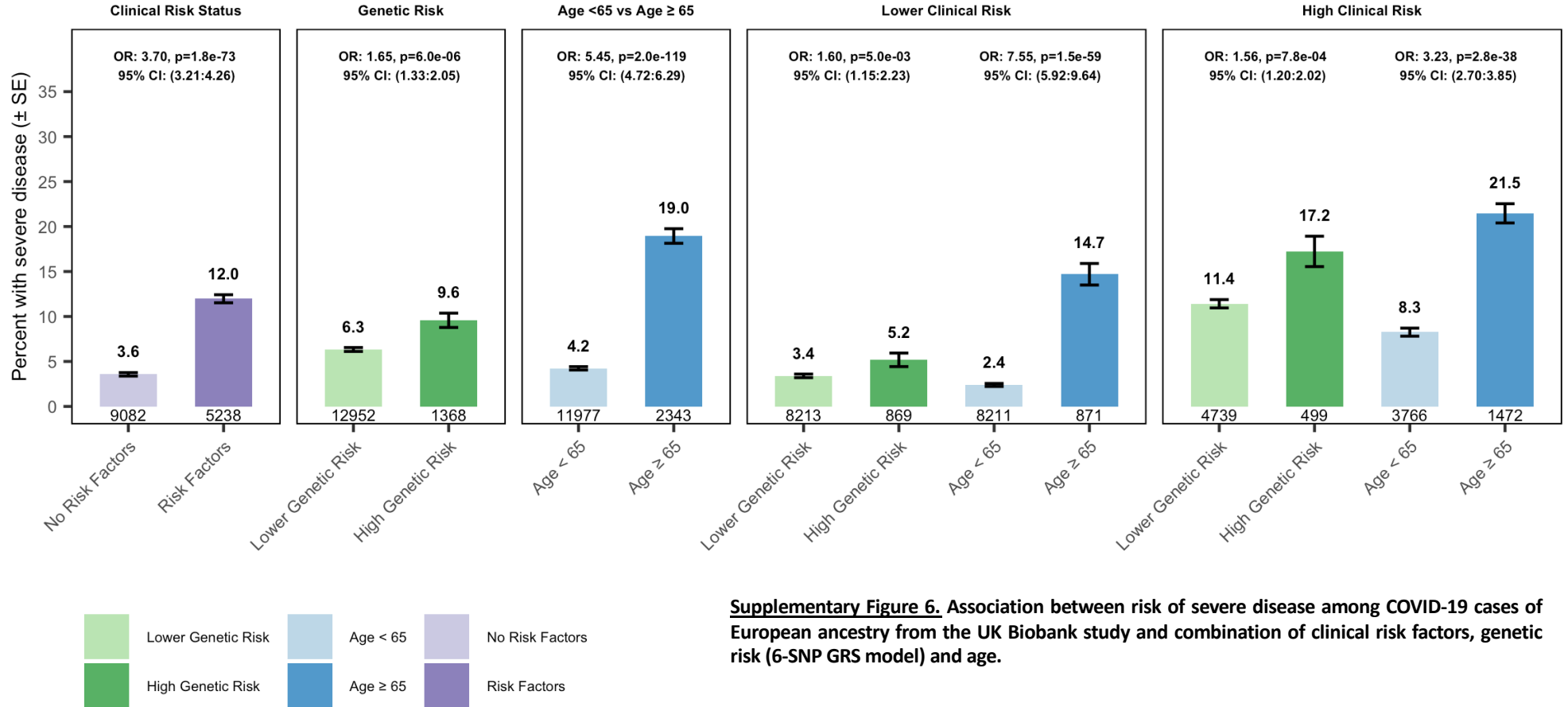


**Supplementary Figure 4.** Association between a six-SNP genetic risk score (GRS) and risk of hospitalization (A) and (B) severe disease among COVID-19 cases of Admixed American ancestry.



**Supplementary Figure 5. Association between risk of severe disease among COVID-19 cases of European ancestry and genetic risk scores determined based on (i) variants that were reported in the literature and validated in this study (Literature.HGI.1var: rs73064425 in LZTFL1; Literature.HGI.5var: variants from our 6-SNP model, with the exception of rs73064425 in LZTFL1; Literature.HGI.6var: all six variants from our 6-SNP model); (ii) pruning and thresholding applied to results from the risk of infection phenotype reported by the HGI, using different association P-value and LD  $r^2$  thresholds; (iii) LDpred applied to risk of infection reported by the HGI, considering different  $q$  parameters.**

UK Biobank - European ancestry: Risk of severe disease among COVID 19+ cases, 6-SNP GRS model



**Supplementary Figure 6.** Association between risk of severe disease among COVID-19 cases of European ancestry from the UK Biobank study and combination of clinical risk factors, genetic risk (6-SNP GRS model) and age.



## SUPPLEMENTARY TABLES

**Supplementary Table 1. Breakdown of COVID-19 status across the four studies included in the analysis.**

COVID-19 status	Positive qPCR or serology for SARS-CoV-2	ICD10 U07 diagnosis or hospitalization	Severe COVID-19 (ventilation or death)	Negative qPCR or serology test for SARS-CoV-2	Sample size				
					AncestryDNA	UK Biobank	GHS	PMBB	Total
Positive	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes or No or NA	817	793	326	22	1,958
	Yes	Yes	No or NA	Yes or No or NA	1,016	2810	471	122	4,419
	Yes	No or NA	Yes	Yes or No or NA	0	0	0	0	0
	Yes	No or NA	No or NA	Yes or No or NA	29,093	11,613	4695	240	45,641
	No or NA	Yes	Yes	No or NA	0	187	0	0	187
	No or NA	Yes	No or NA	No or NA	0	164	0	0	164
	No or NA	No or NA	Yes	No or NA	0	0	0	0	0
	No or NA	Yes	Yes	Yes	0	54	0	0	54
	No or NA	Yes	No or NA	Yes	0	202	0	5	207
	No or NA	No or NA	Yes	Yes	0	0	0	0	0
					Total = 30,926	Total =15,823	Total = 5492	Total = 389	Total = 52,630
Negative	No or NA	No or NA	No or NA	Yes	36,107	47,205	23,737	2556	109,605
Unknown	NA	No or NA	No or NA	NA	96,617	395,999	88,788	13,007	594,411
Total					163,650	459,027	118,017	15,952	756,646

**Supplementary Table 2. Demographics and clinical characteristics of study participants.**

Demographics	COVID-19 Positive		Covid-19 Negative or Unknown
	Hospitalized	Not Hospitalized	
<b>AncestryDNA</b>			
Total N	1818	29,093	132,724
AFR ancestry, n (%)	135 (7.34%)	1494 (5.14%)	5688 (4.29%)
AMR ancestry, n (%)	199 (10.95%)	3553 (12.21%)	13323 (10.04%)
EAS ancestry, n (%)	0 (0%)	110 (0.38%)	570 (0.43%)
EUR ancestry, n (%)	1484 (81.63%)	23869 (81.04%)	113882 (85.80%)
SAS ancestry, n (%)	<100 (0%)	<100 (0.23%)	261 (0.20%)
Average Age, y (% >60y)	57.84 (863)	50.1 (7940)	59.43 (48547)
Female, n (%)	726 (60.4%)	9870 (66.1%)	42909 (67.7%)
Hypertension, n (%)	670 (36.6%)	5402 (18.6%)	28912 (21.8%)
Cardiovascular Disease, n (%)	204 (11.1%)	1048 (3.6%)	6573 (5.0%)
Type 2 Diabetes, n (%)	392 (21.4%)	2330 (8.0%)	12432 (9.4%)
Chronic kidney disease, n (%)	<100 (5.0%)	323 (1.1%)	2123 (1.6%)
Asthma, n (%)	382 (20.8%)	3861 (13.3%)	18256 (13.8%)
COPD, n (%)	125 (6.8%)	523 (1.8%)	3563 (2.7%)
<b>UK Biobank</b>			
Total N	4188	11,613	443,204
AFR ancestry, n (%)	148 (3.53%)	472 (4.06%)	8804 (1.99%)
EAS ancestry, n (%)	0 (0%)	64 (0.55%)	2209 (0.50%)
EUR ancestry, n (%)	3884 (92.74%)	10470 (90.16%)	422309 (95.29%)
SAS ancestry, n (%)	156 (3.72%)	607 (5.23%)	9882 (2.23%)
Average Age, y (% >60y)	61 (52.3%)	51 (20.2%)	57 (37.2%)
Female, n (%)	1838 (43.9%)	6410 (55.2%)	244345 (55.1%)
Hypertension, n (%)	1851 (44.2%)	2407 (20.7%)	102820 (23.2%)
Cardiovascular Disease, n (%)	553 (13.2%)	566 (4.8%)	25998 (5.9%)
Type 2 Diabetes, n (%)	757 (18.0%)	766 (6.6%)	26743 (6%)
Chronic kidney disease, n (%)	280 (6.7%)	190 (1.6%)	8546 (1.9%)
Asthma, n (%)	829 (19.8%)	1784 (15.4%)	62740 (14.1%)
COPD, n (%)	392 (9.3%)	250 (2.1%)	10762 (2.4%)
<b>GHS</b>			
Total N	773	4827	116734
AFR ancestry, n (%)	0 (0%)	112 (2.32%)	3050 (2.61%)

<b>AMR ancestry, n (%)</b>	0 (0%)	80 (1.65%)	1307 (1.11%)
<b>EUR ancestry, n (%)</b>	773 (100%)	4503 (93.28%)	108168 (92.66%)
<b>Average Age, y (% &gt;60y)</b>	68.68 (76.06%)	52.20 (33.39%)	55.41 (43.43%)
<b>Female, n (%)</b>	393 (50.84%)	3129 (66.64%)	70456 (62.61%)
<b>Hypertension, n (%)</b>	603 (78.00%)	2191 (46.66%)	54881 (48.77%)
<b>Cardiovascular Disease, n (%)</b>	328 (42.43%)	653 (13.90%)	17395 (15.45%)
<b>Type 2 Diabetes, n (%)</b>	348 (45.01%)	1049 (22.34%)	24152 (21.46%)
<b>Chronic kidney disease, n (%)</b>	298 (38.55%)	519 (11.05%)	14534 (12.91%)
<b>Asthma, n (%)</b>	74 (9.57%)	381 (8.11%)	7146 (6.35%)
<b>COPD, n (%)</b>	192 (24.83%)	376 (8.00%)	11028 (9.80%)
<b>PMBB</b>			
<b>Total N</b>	132	240	15563
<b>AFR ancestry, n (%)</b>	132 (100%)	217 (90.42%)	8564 (55.03%)
<b>EUR ancestry, n (%)</b>	0 (0%)	23 (9.58%)	6999 (44.97%)
<b>Average Age, y (% &gt;60y)</b>	61.77 (58.33%)	50.45 (27.50%)	63.26 (61.95%)
<b>Female, n (%)</b>	69 (52.27%)	174 (72.50%)	8121 (52.18%)
<b>Hypertension, n (%)</b>	113 (85.61%)	141 (58.75%)	9466 (60.82%)
<b>Cardiovascular Disease, n (%)</b>	40 (30.30%)	34 (14.17%)	4842 (31.11%)
<b>Type 2 Diabetes, n (%)</b>	90 (68.18%)	70 (29.17%)	4546 (29.21%)
<b>Chronic kidney disease, n (%)</b>	74 (56.06%)	26 (10.83%)	3507 (22.53%)
<b>Asthma, n (%)</b>	29 (21.97%)	52 (21.67%)	2189 (14.07%)
<b>COPD, n (%)</b>	26 (19.70%)	15 (6.25%)	1706 (10.96%)

**Supplementary Table 3. Definitions used for the seven COVID-19 phenotypes analyzed.**

Broad phenotype category	Phenotype	Case/control group	Definition			Sample size with genetic data				
			COVID-19 status	Hospitalized	Severe disease	AncestryDNA	UK Biobank	GHS	PMBB	Total
Risk of infection	COVID-19 positive vs. COVID-19 negative or unknown	Cases	Positive	Yes, No or NA	Yes, No or NA	30,926	15,823	5,492	389	52,630
		Controls	Negative or unknown	No or NA	No or NA	132,724	443,204	112,525	15,563	704,016
	COVID-19 positive vs. COVID-19 negative	Cases	Positive	Yes, No or NA	Yes, No or NA	30,926	15,823	5,492	389	52,630
		Controls	Negative	No or NA	No or NA	36,107	47,205	23,737	2,556	109,605
	COVID-19 positive and not hospitalized vs. COVID-19 negative or unknown	Cases	Positive	No	No	29,093	11,613	4,695	240	45,641
		Controls	Negative or unknown	No or NA	No or NA	132,724	443,204	112,525	15,563	704,016
	COVID-19 positive and hospitalized vs. COVID-19 negative or unknown	Cases	Positive	Yes (or death)	Yes, No or NA	1,818	4,188	773	132	6,911
		Controls	Negative or unknown	No or NA	No or NA	131,893	440,995	108,168	8,564	689,620
COVID-19 positive and severe vs. COVID-19 negative or unknown	Cases	Positive	Yes, No or NA	Yes	810	1,028	321	25	2,184	
	Controls	Negative or unknown	No or NA	No or NA	131,893	440,995	108,168	8,564	689,620	
Risk of adverse outcomes amongst infected individuals	COVID-19 positive and hospitalized vs. COVID-19 positive and not hospitalized	Cases	Positive	Yes (or death)	Yes, No or NA	1,818	4,188	773	132	6,911
		Controls	Positive	No	No	28,916	11,549	4,503	217	45,185
	COVID-19 positive and severe vs. COVID-19 positive and not hospitalized	Cases	Positive	Yes, No or NA	Yes	810	1,028	321	25	2,184
		Controls	Positive	No	No	28,916	11,549	4,503	217	45,185

**Supplementary Table 4. Genomic inflation factor (lambda) across the seven COVID-19 phenotypes analyzed.**

Index	Phenotype	Study	N cases	N controls	Total N	Common variants (MAF>0.5%)		Rare variants (MAF<0.5%)	
						N variants	Lambda	N variants	Lambda
1	COVID19 positive vs COVID19 negative or unknown	Meta-analysis	52630	704016	756646	12659604	1.054	76347805	1.011
		ANCESTRY Freeze Four EUR	25353	113882	139235	9114485	1.032	17505860	1.021
		UKB 500K EUR	14354	422309	436663	10518951	1.034	41557338	1.038
		GHS Freeze 145 EUR	5276	108168	113444	10517411	1.013	31213671	1.078
		ANCESTRY Freeze Four AMR	3752	12323	16075	10360579	1.126	16342242	1.142
		ANCESTRY Freeze Four AFR	1629	5688	7317	16651249	1.083	7924824	1.111
		UKB 500K SAS	763	9882	10645	11223467	1.047	16126339	1.147
		UKB 500K AFR	620	8804	9424	19365480	1.028	23403726	1.126
		UPENN-PMBB Freeze One TOPMED AFR	349	8564	8913	19201924	0.993	24334265	0.877
		GHS Freeze 145 AFR	128	3050	3178	19261006	0.793	13222396	0.775
		ANCESTRY Freeze Four EAS	120	570	690	8287783	0.955	388659	1.276
		GHS Freeze 145 AMR	88	1307	1395	13559291	0.784	5975072	0.804
		UKB 500K EAS	86	2209	2295	9472040	0.994	5274937	0.808
		ANCESTRY Freeze Four SAS	<100	261	333	8772668	0.772	86	0.772
UPENN-PMBB Freeze One TOPMED EUR	40	6999	7039	10569481	0.914	11542106	0.189		
2	COVID19 positive vs COVID19 negative	Meta-analysis	52630	109605	162235	15917507	1.018	48430743	1.047
		ANCESTRY Freeze Four EUR	25353	30667	56020	9116923	1.069	17300691	1.065
		UKB 500K EUR	14354	44903	59257	10521738	1.031	31741985	1.05
		GHS Freeze 145 EUR	5276	22848	28124	10518718	1.021	26548178	1.082
		ANCESTRY Freeze Four AMR	3752	3403	7155	10409037	1.056	12259804	1.071
		ANCESTRY Freeze Four AFR	1629	1783	3412	16657740	1.037	5856801	1.063
		UKB 500K SAS	763	1104	1867	11217149	0.986	4212996	1.03
		UKB 500K AFR	620	1029	1649	19377829	0.988	6949159	1.032
		UPENN-PMBB Freeze One TOPMED AFR	349	1804	2153	19210279	1.001	9238302	1.159
		GHS Freeze 145 AFR	128	583	711	19220711	0.684	2145450	1.005
		ANCESTRY Freeze Four EAS	120	174	294	7368136	0.816	NA	NA
		GHS Freeze 145 AMR	88	306	394	12615699	0.625	NA	NA
		UKB 500K EAS	86	169	255	8096105	0.767	NA	NA
		ANCESTRY Freeze Four SAS	<100	<100	152	7499011	0.477	NA	NA
UPENN-PMBB Freeze One TOPMED EUR	40	752	792	10649166	0.902	1084967	0.686		
3	COVID19 positive not hospitalized vs COVID19 negative or unknown	Meta-analysis	45641	704016	749657	12664016	1.049	76053657	0.971
		ANCESTRY Freeze Four EUR	23869	113882	137751	9114352	1.033	17505215	1.02
		UKB 500K EUR	10470	422309	432779	10518900	1.027	41512665	1.004
		GHS Freeze 145 EUR	4503	108168	112671	10517274	1.015	31211655	1.112
		ANCESTRY Freeze Four AMR	3553	12323	15876	10359235	1.126	16286078	1.142
		ANCESTRY Freeze Four AFR	1494	5688	7182	16650531	1.080	7876530	1.119
		UKB 500K SAS	607	9882	10489	11224048	1.036	16007835	1.085
		UKB 500K AFR	472	8804	9276	19365078	1.037	23196596	1.048
		UPENN-PMBB Freeze One TOPMED AFR	217	8564	8781	19201513	0.981	24110114	0.655
		GHS Freeze 145 AFR	112	3050	3162	19259910	0.798	13175822	0.706
		ANCESTRY Freeze Four EAS	110	570	680	8277196	0.937	370881	1.238
		GHS Freeze 145 AMR	80	1307	1387	13555149	0.805	5935171	0.752
		ANCESTRY Freeze Four SAS	<100	261	328	8746716	0.734	59	0.737
		UKB 500K EAS	64	2209	2273	9469792	1.011	5218675	0.653
UPENN-PMBB Freeze One TOPMED EUR	23	6999	7022	10568880	0.842	11520379	0.103		
		Meta-analysis	6911	689620	696531	12311356	1.019	72100390	0.774
		UKB 500K EUR	3884	422309	426193	10518717	1.029	41438313	0.869

4	COVID19 positive hospitalized vs COVID19 negative or unknown	ANCESTRY Freeze Four EUR	1484	113882	115366	9113935	1.020	17492079	1.095
		GHS Freeze 145 EUR	773	108168	108941	10517626	0.989	31200896	0.679
		ANCESTRY Freeze Four AMR	199	12323	12522	10355552	0.954	15145563	0.66
		UKB 500K SAS	156	9882	10038	11226298	0.956	15643828	0.594
		UKB 500K AFR	148	8804	8952	19364991	0.959	22729568	0.524
		ANCESTRY Freeze Four AFR	135	5688	5823	16650183	0.845	7301363	0.704
		UPENN-PMBB Freeze One TOPMED AFR	132	8564	8696	19203151	0.954	23970759	0.463
5	COVID19 positive severe vs COVID19 negative or unknown	Meta-analysis	2184	689620	691804	12317578	0.996	71887891	0.436
		UKB 500K EUR	953	422309	423262	10518693	1.017	41399045	0.518
		ANCESTRY Freeze Four EUR	667	113882	114549	9113896	1.010	17491621	0.797
		GHS Freeze 145 EUR	321	108168	108489	10517572	0.944	31199381	0.337
		ANCESTRY Freeze Four AMR	<100	12323	12404	10356352	0.929	15099237	0.371
		ANCESTRY Freeze Four AFR	<100	5688	5750	16648952	0.925	7269674	0.481
		UKB 500K AFR	43	8804	8847	19365845	0.985	22580462	0.17
		UKB 500K SAS	32	9882	9914	11226767	0.918	15544218	0.168
UPENN-PMBB Freeze One TOPMED AFR	25	8564	8589	19201950	0.910	23788706	0.093		
6	COVID19 positive hospitalized vs COVID19 positive not hospitalized	Meta-analysis	6911	45185	52096	17736142	0.980	24498210	1.056
		UKB 500K EUR	3884	10470	14354	10524169	1.040	16832015	1.071
		ANCESTRY Freeze Four EUR	1484	23869	25353	9117639	1.011	15595929	1.148
		GHS Freeze 145 EUR	773	4503	5276	10521676	1.008	8477328	1.132
		ANCESTRY Freeze Four AMR	199	3553	3752	10392795	1.006	8906919	1.083
		UKB 500K SAS	156	607	763	11125523	0.881	900209	1.018
		UKB 500K AFR	148	472	620	19346132	0.963	1173739	1.121
		ANCESTRY Freeze Four AFR	135	1494	1629	16632746	0.879	3878224	1.088
UPENN-PMBB Freeze One TOPMED AFR	132	217	349	17386629	0.878	NA	NA		
7	COVID19 positive severe vs COVID19 positive not hospitalized	Meta-analysis	2184	45185	47369	17565432	0.977	22301026	0.981
		UKB 500K EUR	953	10470	11423	10524284	1.046	14265668	1.086
		ANCESTRY Freeze Four EUR	667	23869	24536	9117378	1.028	15460239	0.885
		GHS Freeze 145 EUR	321	4503	4824	10521257	0.902	7888063	0.971
		ANCESTRY Freeze Four AMR	<100	3553	3634	10395661	0.993	8745342	0.685
		ANCESTRY Freeze Four AFR	<100	1494	1556	16630281	0.978	3750324	0.792
		UKB 500K AFR	43	472	515	19296565	0.892	266926	0.693
		UKB 500K SAS	32	607	639	11034836	0.814	467149	0.548
UPENN-PMBB Freeze One TOPMED AFR	25	217	242	15603727	0.998	NA	NA		

**Supplementary Table 5. Eight variants associated with COVID-19 susceptibility in previous GWAS.**

Locus index	Independent signal index	Reference (PMID)	First author	Phenotype	rs ID	hg38	Nearest gene	Effect allele	Locus	Odds Ratio	LCI	UCI	P-value	N cases	N controls	Top independent association in locus
1	1	<a href="#">33307546</a>	Pairo-Castineira	covid19 severe vs negative or unknown	rs73064425	3:45859597:C:T	<i>LZTFL1</i>	T	3p21.31	2.14	1.88	2.45	4.77E-30	1676	8380	1
1	2	33888907	Shelton	covid test positive vs negative	rs2531743	3:45796808:G:A	<i>SLC6A20</i>	G	3p21.31	0.917	0.89	0.94	7.60E-10	12972	101268	1
2	1	<a href="#">33307546</a>	Pairo-Castineira	covid19 severe vs negative or unknown	rs143334143	6:31153649:G:A	<i>CCHCR1</i>	A	6p21.33	1.85	1.61	2.13	8.82E-18	1676	8380	1
3	1	33888907	Shelton	covid test positive vs negative	rs9411378	9:133270015:A:C	<i>ABO</i>	A	9q34.2	1.17	1.12	1.20	5.30E-20	12972	101268	1
4	1	<a href="#">33307546</a>	Pairo-Castineira	covid19 severe vs negative or unknown	rs10735079	12:112942203:G:A	<i>OAS3</i>	A	12q24.13	1.29	1.18	1.42	1.65E-08	1676	8380	1
5	1	<a href="#">33307546</a>	Pairo-Castineira	covid19 severe vs negative or unknown	rs2109069	19:4719431:G:A	<i>DPP9</i>	A	19p13.3	1.36	1.25	1.48	3.98E-12	1676	8380	1
6	1	<a href="#">33307546</a>	Pairo-Castineira	covid19 severe vs negative or unknown	rs74956615	19:10317045:T:A	<i>RAVER1</i>	A	19p13.2	1.59	1.35	1.87	2.31E-08	1676	8380	1
7	1	<a href="#">33307546</a>	Pairo-Castineira	covid19 severe vs negative or unknown	rs2236757	21:33252612:A:G	<i>IFNAR2</i>	A	21q22.1	1.28	1.17	1.41	5.00E-08	1676	8380	1



**Supplementary Table 6. Sample overlap between our study and those queried to identify variants associated with COVID-19 susceptibility in previous GWAS.**

First author	Reference (PMID)	N cases	N controls	Sample overlap with our study
<b><i>Three studies with minimal or no sample overlap with our study</i></b>				
<i>(eight variants selected for replication with five susceptibility phenotypes: in/near LZTFL1, SLC6A20, MHC, ABO, OAS3, DPP9, RAVR1 and IFNAR2)</i>				
Ellinghaus	32558485	1,610	2,205	No known overlap
Pairo-Castineira	<a href="#">33307546</a>	1,676	8,380	~1% of samples from our analysis of UKB were included as controls in this study
Shelton	33888907	15,434	1,035,598	No known overlap
<b><i>One study with substantial sample overlap with our study</i></b>				
<i>(Four variants associated with reported infection [phenotype "C2"] selected for look-up in our independent analysis of severity among cases: in/near RPL24, DNAH5, FOXP4 and PLEKHA4)</i>				
HGI (freeze 5)	NA	49,562	1.7 million	~100% of samples from UKB, GHS and UPENN, and ~60% from AncestryDNA contributed to HGI, but using an earlier phenotype freeze.

**Supplementary Table 7. Comparison of effect sizes between ancestries for the novel ACE2 risk variant.**

Locus, nearest gene	rs ID	hg38	Effect allele	Phenotype	Ancestry	Odds Ratio (95% CI)	P-value	N cases with 0 1 2 copies of the effect allele	N controls with 0 1 2 copies of the effect allele	Effect allele frequency	Cross-ancestry heterogeneity test P-value
Xp22.2 ACE2	rs190509934	23:15602217:T:C	C	COVID19 positive vs COVID19 negative or unknown	AFR	0.578[0.373,0.894]	0.014	2713 12 1	25905 146 55	0.005	0.676
					AMR	0.792[0.431,1.456]	0.45	3830 10 0	13577 44 9	0.002	
					EUR	0.606[0.516,0.711]	8.80E-10	44930 87 6	648877 1835 646	0.002	
					SAS	0.500[0.323,0.773]	0.0018	821 13 1	9815 226 102	0.020	

**Supplementary Table 8. Association results in the UK Biobank study between six established clinical risk factors for COVID-19 and (i) the novel risk variant in ACE2; (ii) the six published risk variants for COVID-19 that validated in this study; and (iii) the two novel risk variants identified in the HGI analysis of C2 and that we found to also associate with disease severity.**

Nearest gene	Variant	Effect allele	Disease	Odds Ratio	P-value	Effect allele frequency	N cases	N controls
<i>(i) Novel risk variant in ACE2</i>								
<i>ACE2</i>	23:15602217:T:C	C	Coronary artery disease	0.917[0.798,1.054]	0.2245	0.0027	28605	254598
			Kidney disease	0.927[0.808,1.064]	0.2800	0.0030	35472	211418
			Hypertension	0.899[0.821,0.984]	0.0210	0.0030	105117	269090
			COPD	0.904[0.739,1.105]	0.3200	0.0030	12839	372779
			Asthma	1.016[0.896,1.151]	0.8100	0.0030	39372	343873
			Type-2 diabetes	0.957[0.831,1.103]	0.5500	0.0030	25722	433026
<i>(ii) Six published risk variants that validated in this study</i>								
<i>SLC6A20</i>	3:45796808:G:A	G	Coronary artery disease	0.997[0.981,1.014]	0.7500	0.4070	38269	416904
			Kidney disease	1.000[0.983,1.018]	0.9700	0.4160	35472	211418
			Hypertension	0.995[0.984,1.007]	0.4100	0.4160	105117	269090
			COPD	1.011[0.984,1.038]	0.4300	0.4160	12839	372779
			Asthma	0.993[0.978,1.009]	0.3800	0.4160	39372	343873
			Type-2 diabetes	0.999[0.980,1.018]	0.9000	0.4160	25722	433026
<i>LZTFL1</i>	3:45859597:C:T	T	Coronary artery disease	0.986[0.957,1.017]	0.3700	0.0700	38269	416904
			Kidney disease	1.018[0.985,1.052]	0.2900	0.0690	35472	211418
			Hypertension	1.003[0.982,1.025]	0.7700	0.0690	105117	269090
			COPD	1.053[1.002,1.107]	0.0410	0.0690	12839	372779
			Asthma	1.026[0.996,1.056]	0.0940	0.0690	39372	343873
			Type-2 diabetes	1.002[0.966,1.039]	0.9200	0.0690	25722	433026
<i>CCHCR1</i>	6:31153649:G:A	A	Coronary artery disease	1.048[1.016,1.081]	0.0030	0.0650	38269	416904
			Kidney disease	1.016[0.982,1.051]	0.3500	0.0650	35472	211418
			Hypertension	0.989[0.968,1.011]	0.3400	0.0650	105117	269090
			COPD	0.999[0.949,1.052]	0.9800	0.0650	12839	372779
			Asthma	0.913[0.885,0.941]	6.80E-09	0.0650	39372	343873
			Type-2 diabetes	1.083[1.045,1.123]	1.50E-05	0.0660	25722	433026
<i>ABO</i>	9:133271182:T:C	T	Coronary artery disease	1.022[1.004,1.040]	0.0180	0.2550	38269	416904
			Kidney disease	0.963[0.945,0.982]	0.0001	0.2590	35472	211418
			Hypertension	0.990[0.978,1.003]	0.1400	0.2570	105117	269090
			COPD	1.009[0.980,1.039]	0.5500	0.2570	12839	372779
			Asthma	1.012[0.995,1.030]	0.1800	0.2570	39372	343873
			Type-2 diabetes	1.042[1.021,1.064]	0.0001	0.2570	25722	433026
			Coronary artery disease	1.009[0.992,1.025]	0.3100	0.3230	38269	416904
			Kidney disease	0.982[0.964,1.000]	0.0460	0.3200	35472	211418

<i>DPP9</i>	19:4719431:G:A	A	Hypertension	0.998[0.987,1.010]	0.7700	0.3200	105117	269090
			COPD	0.992[0.965,1.019]	0.5600	0.3200	12839	372779
			Asthma	1.000[0.984,1.016]	0.9900	0.3200	39372	343873
			Type-2 diabetes	1.004[0.984,1.024]	0.7200	0.3200	25722	433026
<i>IFNAR2</i>	21:33252612:A:G	A	Coronary artery disease	1.012[0.994,1.029]	0.1900	0.2810	38269	416904
			Kidney disease	1.006[0.987,1.025]	0.5400	0.2860	35472	211418
			Hypertension	1.008[0.996,1.021]	0.1800	0.2870	105117	269090
			COPD	0.992[0.965,1.021]	0.6000	0.2870	12839	372779
			Asthma	1.011[0.995,1.028]	0.1900	0.2870	39372	343873
			Type-2 diabetes	1.013[0.992,1.033]	0.2300	0.2870	25722	433026
<b><i>(iii) Two novel risk variants identified in the HGI analysis of C2 and that we found to also associate with disease severity</i></b>								
<i>RPL24</i>	3:101705614:T:C	C	Coronary artery disease	1.006[0.990,1.022]	0.4900	0.3550	38269	416904
			Kidney disease	1.004[0.987,1.022]	0.6300	0.3550	35472	211418
			Hypertension	1.012[1.001,1.024]	0.0400	0.3540	105117	269090
			COPD	1.004[0.978,1.031]	0.7400	0.3550	12839	372779
			Asthma	0.980[0.965,0.996]	0.0120	0.3550	39372	343873
			Type-2 diabetes	0.991[0.973,1.010]	0.3700	0.3550	25722	433026
<i>FOXP4</i>	6:41534945:A:C	C	Coronary artery disease	0.977[0.924,1.033]	0.4100	0.0210	38269	416904
			Kidney disease	0.989[0.933,1.050]	0.7300	0.0210	35472	211418
			Hypertension	0.996[0.958,1.035]	0.8200	0.0210	105117	269090
			COPD	0.982[0.897,1.076]	0.7000	0.0210	12839	372779
			Asthma	0.976[0.926,1.030]	0.3800	0.0210	39372	343873
			Type-2 diabetes	1.009[0.946,1.077]	0.7800	0.0210	25722	433026

**Supplementary Table 9. Association between two severity phenotypes and a novel risk variant for COVID-19 near ACE2 identified in this study.**

Locus, nearest gene	rs ID	hg38	Phenotype	Effect allele	Odds Ratio* [95% CI]	P-value	N cases with 0 1 2 copies of the effect allele	N controls with 0 1 2 copies of the effect allele	Effect allele frequency	N cases	N controls	Cross-study heterogeneity test P-value
Xp22.2 ACE2	rs190509934	23:15602217:T:C	COVID19 positive hospitalized vs COVID19 positive not hospitalized	C	0.694[0.419,1.150]	1.57E-01	6766 13 0	44854 106 8	0.001	6779	44968	0.222
			COVID19 positive severe vs COVID19 positive not hospitalized	C	0.544[0.210,1.408]	2.10E-01	2157 2 0	44854 106 8	0.001	2159	44968	0.916

\* Estimated based on trans-ancestry inverse-variance meta-analysis across UKB, AncestryDNA, GHS and UPENN-PMBB.

**Supplementary Table 10. Published gene expression datasets used to identify sentinel expression quantitative trait loci (eQTL) that co-localized (LD  $r^2 > 0.8$ ) with sentinel GWAS variants.**

First author	PMID	Tissue/cell type	Sample size
Alasoo	29379200	MACROPHAGES-IFNg	86
		MACROPHAGES-IFNg-salmonella	86
		MACROPHAGES-naive	86
		MACROPHAGES-salmonella	86
Andiappan	26259071	NEUTROPHILS	114
Barreiro	22233810	DENDRITIC-NotInfected	65
		DENDRITIC-TBInfected	65
Battle	24092820	WHOLE-BLOOD	922
		WHOLE-BLOOD-ase	922
		WHOLE-BLOOD-splice	922
Brown	29058714	LCLS	506
		SKIN	471
		WHOLE-BLOOD	242
Brumpton	27155841	LCLS	356
Caliskan	25874939	PBMCS-baseline	98
		PBMCS-rhinovirus	98
		PBMCS-rhinovirus-rcQTL	98
Chen	27863251	CD4TCELLS	Up to 197
		MONOCYTES	Up to 197
		NEUTROPHILS	Up to 197
Chiang	28369037	LUNG	Up to 147
		SKIN	Up to 147
		WHOLEBLOOD	Up to 147
Davenport 2016	26917434	LEUCOCYTES	265
Davenport 2018	30340504	WHOLEBLOOD	157
		WHOLEBLOOD-IFN-interaction	157
Dimas	19644074	LCLS	75
		TCELLS	75
Di Narzo	27336838	WHOLE-BLOOD	149
Ding	21129726	LESIONAL-SKIN	57
		NORMAL-SKIN	53
		UNINVOLVED-SKIN	53
Dixon	17873877	LCLS	400
Fairfax 2012	22446964	BCELLS	283
		MONOCYTES	283
Fairfax 2014	24604202	MONOCYTES-IFN	367
		MONOCYTES-LPS2	261
		MONOCYTES-LPS24	322
		MONOCYTES-NAIVE	414
Fehrmann	21829388	WHOLE-BLOOD	1469
Ferraro	24610777	Tconv	65
		Tregs	65
Franco	23878721	WHOLE-BLOOD-Influenza	247
Lappalainen	24037378	LCLS	373
Grundberg	22941192	LCLS	856
		SKIN	856
GTEX v8	32912332	49 individual tissues	73-706
Hao	23209423	LUNG	1111
Huang	25951796	LCLs	368
		PBMCS	240
		SKIN	110
Jansen	28165122	WHOLE-BLOOD	4896
Joahnes	28122634	WHOLE-BLOOD	5257
Kasela	28248954	CD4TCELLS	293
		CD8TCELLS	293
KimHellmuth	28814792	MONOCYTES-LPS6H	134
		MONOCYTES-LPS90	134
		MONOCYTES-MDP6H	134
		MONOCYTES-MDP90	134
		MONOCYTES-RNA6H	134

Kim	25327457	MONOCYTES-Baseline	137
		MONOCYTES-Differential	137
		MONOCYTES-LPS	137
Kukurba	27197214	WHOLE-BLOOD	922
Lee	24604203	DENDRITIC-Baseline	528
		DENDRITIC-Flu	342
		DENDRITIC-Flu-delta	342
		DENDRITIC-IFN $\beta$	284
		DENDRITIC-IFN $\beta$ -delta	284
		DENDRITIC-LPS	356
		DENDRITIC-LPS-delta	356
LloydJones	28065468	WHOLE-BLOOD	2765
Luo	26102239	SMALL-AIRWAYS	105
Momozawa	29930244	BCELLS	323
		CD4TCELLS	323
		CD8TCELLS	323
		GRANULOCYTES	323
		MONOCYTES	323
Murphy	20833654	CD4-TCELLS	200
Naranbhai	26151758	NEUTROPHILS	101
Nedelec	27768889	MACROPHAGES-baseline	95
		MACROPHAGES-baseline-asQTL	95
		MACROPHAGES-listeria	95
		MACROPHAGES-listeria-asQTL	95
		MACROPHAGES-listeria-reQTL	95
		MACROPHAGES-salmonella	95
		MACROPHAGES-salmonella-asQTL	95
MACROPHAGES-salmonella-reQTL	95		
Pala	28394350	LEUCOCYTES	624
Peters	27015630	BCELLS	80
		CD4-TCELLS	121
		CD8-TCELLS	108
		MONOCYTES	124
		NEUTROPHILS	121
Qiu 2011	21949713	SPUTUM	131
Qiu 2014	24770851	LCLS-steroids	117
Quach	27768888	MONOCYTES-baseline	100
		MONOCYTES-IAV	100
		MONOCYTES-LPS	100
		MONOCYTES-Pam3CSK4	100
		MONOCYTES-R848	100
Raj	24786080	CD4-TCELLS	407
		MONOCYTES	401
vanderWijst	29610479	BCELLS	45
		CD4TCELLS	45
		CD8TCELLS	45
		DENDRITIC	45
		MONOCYTES	45
		MONOCYTES-classical	45
		MONOCYTES-nonclassical	45
		NKCELLS	45
		PBMCS	45
		Vosa	BioRxiv
Walsh	27140173	WHOLE-BLOOD	377
Westra	24013639	WHOLE-BLOOD	5311
Yao	28285768	WHOLEBLOOD	5257
Ye	25214635	CD4-TCELLS-48h328	348
		CD4-TCELLS-48hTh17	348
		CD4-TCELLS-4h328	348
		CD4-TCELLS-4hIFN $\beta$	348
		CD4-TCELLS-UNST	348
Zeller	20502693	MONOCYTES	1490
Zhemakova	27918533	WHOLEBLOOD-exon-primary	2116
		WHOLEBLOOD-exonratio-primary	2116
		WHOLEBLOOD-gene-primary	2116
		WHOLEBLOOD-polyAratio-primary	2116

**Supplementary Table 11. Association between systolic and diastolic blood pressure in Europeans of the UK Biobank study and (i) the rare non-coding variant near ACE2 that was found to be associated with COVID-19 risk; and (ii) a burden of ultra-rare coding variants in ACE2 that are predicted to be loss-of-function.**

Variant	Effect allele	Phenotype	Effect[95% CI]	P-value	N individuals with 0 1 2 copies of the effect allele	Effect allele frequency
23:15602217:T:C	C	Systolic blood pressure	0.009[-0.022,0.041]	5.60E-01	406539 1179 493	3.00E-03
		Diastolic blood pressure	0.017[-0.017,0.051]	3.30E-01	406543 1179 493	3.00E-03
Burden of predicted loss-of-function (pLOF) variants	Minor allele for any pLOF variant	Systolic blood pressure	0.219[-0.031,0.469]	8.60E-02	408174 33 4	5.00E-05
		Diastolic blood pressure	0.195[-0.070,0.461]	1.50E-01	408178 33 4	5.00E-05





**Supplementary Table 13. Comparison of effect sizes between ancestries for the six published risk variants that were validated in this study.**

Locus, nearest gene	rs ID	hg38	Effect allele	Phenotype	Ancestry	Odds Ratio (95% CI)	P-value	N cases with 0 1 2 copies of the effect allele	N controls with 0 1 2 copies of the effect allele	Effect allele frequency	Cross-ancestry heterogeneity test P-value
3p21.31 SLC6A20	rs2531743	3:45796808:G:A	G	COVID19 positive vs COVID19 negative	AFR	0.9 (0.84, 0.98)	0.0091	716 1353 657	1200 2672 1327	0.504	0.647
					AMR	0.91 (0.85, 0.98)	0.0155	1606 1778 456	1457 1727 525	0.362	
					EAS	0.96 (0.6, 1.54)	0.8615	142 60 4	228 101 14	0.179	
					EUR	0.95 (0.93, 0.96)	8.41E-10	15747 21938 7338	33271 48507 17392	0.416	
					SAS	0.94 (0.79, 1.12)	0.498	381 380 74	504 551 129	0.331	
3p21.31 LZTFL1	rs73064425	3:45859597:C:T	T	COVID19 positive severe vs COVID19 negative or unknown	AFR	1.11 (0.42, 2.95)	0.8284	126 3 1	224 3 64 2	0.014	0.577
					AMR	1.63 (0.81, 3.27)	0.1731	69 11 1	11052 1236 35	0.053	
					EUR	1.6 (1.44, 1.78)	4.32E-18	1522 391 28	553956 86912 3491	0.073	
					SAS	1.26 (0.68, 2.31)	0.4591	15 16 1	5550 3667 665	0.253	
					AFR	1.0 (0.86, 1.17)	0.9888	24 2 307 7	4640 542 17	0.057	
6p21.33 CCHCR1	rs143334143	6:31153649:G:A	A	COVID19 positive vs COVID19 negative	AMR	1.02 (0.92, 1.14)	0.6816	2937 846 57	2904 747 58	0.121	0.427
					EAS	0.8 (0.44, 1.44)	0.4582	166 36 4	285 55 3	0.096	
					EUR	1.06 (1.03, 1.1)	0.0001	38029 6686 308	84722 13856 592	0.077	
					SAS	1.09 (0.87, 1.35)	0.4527	654 165 16	944 227 13	0.111	
					AFR	1.1 (1.01, 1.2)	0.0224	1781 858 87	18064 7277 765	0.171	
9q34.2 ABO	rs879055593 (proxy for rs9411378)	9:133271182:T:C	T	COVID19 positive vs COVID19 negative or unknown	AMR	1.16 (1.08, 1.24)	2.42E-05	2391 1272 177	8706 4386 538	0.203	0.183
					EAS	1.23 (0.93, 1.64)	0.1535	123 75 8	1815 851 113	0.196	
					EUR	1.1 (1.08, 1.11)	7.89E-30	23347 18306 3370	358276 249302 43780	0.260	
					SAS	0.95 (0.83, 1.1)	0.491	573 236 26	6795 3021 327	0.180	
					AFR	1.32 (1.11, 1.56)	0.0014	229 155 31	14025 7882 1149	0.221	
19p13.3 DPP9	rs2109069	19:4719431:G:A	A	COVID19 positive hospitalized vs COVID19 negative or unknown	AMR	0.94 (0.74, 1.2)	0.6154	116 72 11	6722 4760 841	0.261	0.094
					EUR	1.09 (1.05, 1.14)	4.87E-06	2743 2672 726	300516 278789 65054	0.317	
					SAS	1.15 (0.85, 1.56)	0.3533	92 55 9	6195 3244 443	0.209	
					AFR	1.05 (0.88, 1.25)	0.5825	245 145 25	13867 7992 1197	0.225	
					AMR	1.25 (1.02, 1.53)	0.0355	55 11 33	4813 5759 1751	0.377	
21q22.1 IFNAR2	rs2236757	21:33252612:A:G	A	COVID19 positive hospitalized vs COVID19 negative or unknown	EUR	1.08 (1.03, 1.12)	0.0003	3011 2578 552	329458 262225 52676	0.285	0.412
					SAS	1.03 (0.81, 1.32)	0.7863	58 64 34	3541 4685 1656	0.405	

**Supplementary Table 14. Association between two severity phenotypes and six published risk variants for COVID-19 that validated in this study.**

Locus, nearest gene	rs ID	hg38	Phenotype	Effect allele	Odds Ratio* [95% CI]	P-value	N cases with 0 1 2 copies of the effect allele	N controls with 0 1 2 copies of the effect allele	Effect allele frequency	N cases	N controls	Heterozygote Odds Ratio** [95% CI]	Homozygote Odds Ratio** [95% CI]	Cross-study heterogeneity test P-value
3p21.31 SLC6A20	rs2531743	3:45796808:G:A	COVID19 positive hospitalized vs COVID19 positive not hospitalized combined	G	1.023[0.980,1.068]	2.99E-01	2398 3345 1168	15913 21963 7309	0.406	6911	45185	1.016[0.958,1.078]	1.038[0.959,1.124]	0.1999
			COVID19 positive severe vs COVID19 positive not hospitalized combined	G	0.949[0.884,1.019]	1.47E-01	776 1072 336	15913 21963 7309	0.405	2184	45185	1.000[0.909,1.1]	0.92[0.806,1.051]	0.5371
3p21.31 LZTFL1	rs73064425	3:45859597:C:T	COVID19 positive hospitalized vs COVID19 positive not hospitalized combined	T	1.338[1.243,1.442]	<b>1.50E-14</b>	5713 11277 1	38671 6256 258	0.077	6911	45185	1.269[1.18,1.365]	1.835[1.393,2.418]	0.0522
			COVID19 positive severe vs COVID19 positive not hospitalized combined	T	1.591[1.417,1.786]	<b>4.28E-15</b>	1732 421 31	38671 6256 258	0.077	2184	45185	1.545[1.381,1.728]	2.81[1.916,4.121]	0.5010
6p21.33 CCHCR1	rs143334143	6:31153649:G:A	COVID19 positive hospitalized vs COVID19 positive not hospitalized combined	A	1.097[1.018,1.182]	<b>1.54E-02</b>	5839 1017 55	37929 6929 327	0.084	6911	45185	1.055[0.98,1.137]	1.363[1.011,1.836]	0.2440
			COVID19 positive severe vs COVID19 positive not hospitalized combined	A	1.142[1.013,1.289]	<b>3.06E-02</b>	1814 347 23	37929 6929 327	0.084	2184	45185	1.115[0.99,1.255]	1.71[1.111,2.631]	0.6952
9q34.2 ABO	rs879055593 (proxy for rs9411378)	9:133271182:T:C	COVID19 positive hospitalized vs COVID19 positive not hospitalized combined	T	1.022[0.976,1.071]	3.56E-01	3743 2658 510	24131 17915 3139	0.268	6911	45185	0.972[0.919,1.028]	1.049[0.945,1.165]	0.9457
			COVID19 positive severe vs COVID19 positive not hospitalized combined	T	1.000[0.926,1.080]	9.98E-01	1174 852 158	24131 17915 3139	0.268	2184	45185	0.979[0.894,1.073]	1.023[0.861,1.216]	0.4760
19p13.3 DPP9	rs2109069	19:4719431:G:A	COVID19 positive hospitalized vs COVID19 positive not hospitalized combined	A	1.081[1.034,1.129]	<b>5.66E-04</b>	3180 2954 777	21966 18903 4316	0.308	6911	45185	1.067[1.008,1.128]	1.223[1.119,1.337]	0.0077
			COVID19 positive severe vs COVID19 positive not hospitalized combined	A	1.097[1.021,1.180]	<b>1.20E-02</b>	994 936 254	21966 18903 4316	0.306	2184	45185	1.082[0.986,1.186]	1.281[1.111,1.479]	0.4921
21q22.1 IFNAR2	rs2236757	21:33252612:A:G	COVID19 positive hospitalized vs COVID19 positive not hospitalized combined	A	1.075[1.027,1.124]	<b>1.76E-03</b>	3369 2898 644	22305 18785 4095	0.299	6911	45185	1.064[1.006,1.125]	1.137[1.033,1.251]	0.6332
			COVID19 positive severe vs COVID19 positive not hospitalized combined	A	1.101[1.022,1.185]	<b>1.09E-02</b>	1032 930 222	22305 18785 4095	0.299	2184	45185	1.102[1.006,1.208]	1.257[1.081,1.463]	0.3129

\* Estimated based on trans-ancestry inverse-variance meta-analysis across UKB, AncestryDNA, GHS and UPENN-PMBB.

\*\* Estimated based on ancestry-specific genotype counts in UKB, AncestryDNA, GHS and UPENN-PMBB, using the Mantel-Haenszel procedure.

Supplementary Table 15. Fifteen variants associated with COVID-19 in the latest meta-analyses performed by the COVID-19 Host Genetics Initiative\*.

Locus index	rs ID	hg38	Nearest gene	HG1 phenotype	Effect allele	Odds Ratio	P-value	Locus reported in previous GWAS	HG1 phenotype independent from disease severity phenotypes among cases	Association with risk of hospitalization among cases in our study					Association with risk of severe disease among cases in our study																			
										Odds Ratio (95% CI)	P-value	N cases RR/RA/AA	N controls RR/RA/AA	AAF	Cross-study heterogeneity test P-value	Odds Ratio (95% CI)	P-value	N cases RR/RA/AA	N controls RR/RA/AA	AAF	Cross-study heterogeneity test P-value													
1	rs10490770	3:45823240:T:C	<i>LZTF1</i>	C2 - Reported infection	C	1.16	9.72E-30	Yes	Yes	Variants in four loci that were reported in previous GWAS. Association between these loci and disease severity is included in Supplementary Table 10.																								
2	rs912805253	9:133274084:C:T	<i>ABO</i>		T	0.9	1.45E-39	Yes	Yes																									
3	rs10774671	12:112919388:G:A	<i>OAS1</i>		A	1.06	1.61E-11	Yes	Yes																									
4	rs2109069	19:4719431:G:A	<i>DPP9</i>	A	1.05	4.08E-09	Yes	Yes																										
5	rs74956615	19:10317045:T:A	<i>RAVER1</i>	T	1.27	5.05E-10	Yes	No																										
6	rs13050728	21:33242905:T:C	<i>JPNAR2</i>	C	0.86	2.72E-20	Yes	No																										
7	rs67579710	1:155203736:G:A	<i>THBS3</i>	A	0.87	3.38E-08	No	No																										
8	rs13811109	2:166061783:G:T	<i>SCN1A</i>	T	0.91	4.21E-08	No	No																										
9	rs72711165	8:124324232:T:C	<i>TMEM65</i>	C	1.37	2.13E-09	No	No																										
10	rs1819040	17:46142465:T:A	<i>KANS1</i>	A	0.88	1.83E-10	No	No																										
11	rs77534576	17:49863303:C:T	<i>TAC4</i>	T	1.45	4.37E-09	No	No																										
12	rs11919389	3:101705614:T:C	<i>RPL24</i>	C	0.94	3.40E-15	No	Yes	0.962[0.921,1.005]															0.084	3142 3025 744	20405 19847 4933	0.328	0.751	0.923[0.859,0.992]	<b>0.029</b>	1015 961 208	20405 19847 4933	0.328	0.767
13	rs10070196	5:13939721:A:C	<i>DNAH5</i>	C	1.05	2.30E-08	No	Yes	0.989[0.947,1.033]															0.622	793 3038 3080	51001 9947 20138	0.666	0.451	0.956[0.890,1.027]	0.218	242 1017 925	51001 9947 20138	0.666	0.739
14	rs1886814	6:41534945:A:C	<i>FOXP4</i>	C	1.11	2.40E-08	No	Yes	1.159[1.031,1.302]															<b>0.013</b>	6435 458 18	41747 3252 186	0.040	0.126	1.255[1.039,1.517]	<b>0.018</b>	2024 152 8	41747 3252 186	0.040	0.445
15	rs4801778	19:48867352:G:T	<i>PLEKHA4</i>	T	0.95	1.20E-08	No	Yes	0.999[0.946,1.055]															0.966	4670 2028 213	30955 12887 1343	0.173	0.165	0.925[0.845,1.012]	0.090	1513 609 62	30955 12887 1343	0.172	0.919

\* Reported in Table 1 of <https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2021.03.10.21252820v1>. If a variant was associated with multiple phenotypes, we show results for C2 over B2 over A2.

**Supplementary Table 16. Missense or predicted loss-of-function variants in high linkage disequilibrium (LD,  $r^2 > 0.80$ ) with sentinel GWAS variants.**

Locus	Sentinel GWAS variant			Missense or pLOF in high LD with lead variant				
	rs ID	hg38	Nearest gene	Gene	rs ID	hg38	r2 with sentinel GWAS variant*	Variant effect
21q22.1	rs2236757	21:33252612:A:G	<i>IFNAR2</i>	<i>IFNAR2</i>	rs1051393	21:33241950:T:G	0.88	Missense:Phe10Val
					rs1131668	21:33262573:G:A	0.86	Missense:Ala285Thr
6p21.33	rs143334143	6:31153649:G:A	<i>CCHCR1</i>	<i>CCHCR1</i>	rs130072	6:31144707:C:T	1.00	Missense:Arg716Gln
					rs11540822	6:31151121:A:T	1.00	Missense:Leu268Gln
					rs72856718	6:31157480:C:A	1.00	Stop_gained:Glu41X
				<i>TCF19</i>	rs2073724	6:31161930:C:T	1.00	Missense:Pro241Leu
				<i>C6orf15</i>	rs2233976	6:31112217:C:T	0.87	Missense:Gly48Arg
				<i>PSORS1C1</i>	rs1265097	6:31138682:C:A	0.84	Missense:Pro24Thr

\* LD estimated based on individuals of European ancestry from the 1000 Genomes project



rs2236757	21:33252612:A:G	A	rs17860241	21:33258828:A:G	IFNAR2	GTeV8 Esophagus Mucosa	1.49E-16	G	A	-0.292	0.876	G
rs2236757	21:33252612:A:G	A	rs11911133	21:33256870:A:G	IFNAR2	Vosa Whole Blood	2.09E-280	G	A	-35.782	0.875	G
rs2236757	21:33252612:A:G	A	rs11911133	21:33256870:A:G	IFNAR2	Davenport Whole Blood	3.37E-16	G	A	-0.114	0.875	G
rs2236757	21:33252612:A:G	A	rs9975538	21:33254549:C:T	IL10RB	GTeV8 Muscle Skeletal	3.91E-13	T	C	-0.253	0.875	C
rs2236757	21:33252612:A:G	A	rs6517156	21:33261740:C:G	IL10RB	Vosa Whole Blood	1.16E-117	G	C	23.06	0.862	G
rs2236757	21:33252612:A:G	A	rs6517156	21:33261740:C:G	IL10RB	Joehanes Whole Blood	5.21E-41	C	G	-0.038	0.862	G
rs2236757	21:33252612:A:G	A	rs6517156	21:33261740:C:G	IFNAR2	Lappalainen LCLs	7.65E-36	NA	NA	0	0.862	G
rs2236757	21:33252612:A:G	A	rs6517156	21:33261740:C:G	IL10RB	GTeV8 Cells Cultured fibroblasts	1.82E-29	G	C	-0.264	0.862	G
rs2236757	21:33252612:A:G	A	rs6517156	21:33261740:C:G	IFNAR2	Brown Adipose	2.87E-25	NA	NA	0	0.862	G
rs2236757	21:33252612:A:G	A	rs6517156	21:33261740:C:G	IL10RB	GTeV8 Brain Cerebellum	4.75E-25	G	C	0.687	0.862	G
rs2236757	21:33252612:A:G	A	rs6517156	21:33261740:C:G	IL10RB	GTeV8 Brain Cerebellar Hemisphere	4.35E-17	G	C	0.586	0.862	G
rs2236757	21:33252612:A:G	A	rs6517156	21:33261740:C:G	IL10RB	GTeV8 Brain Cortex	2.64E-12	G	C	0.427	0.862	G
rs2236757	21:33252612:A:G	A	rs1131668	21:33262573:G:A	IFNAR2	Walsh Whole Blood	1.60E-30	NA	NA	0	0.86	A
rs2236757	21:33252612:A:G	A	rs1131668	21:33262573:G:A	IFNAR2	Alasoo Macrophages naive	1.14E-12	NA	NA	0	0.86	A
rs2236757	21:33252612:A:G	A	rs1131668	21:33262573:G:A	IFNAR2	Alasoo Macrophages IFNg	3.25E-10	NA	NA	0	0.86	A
rs2236757	21:33252612:A:G	A	rs3216172	21:33262748:G:GT	IL10RB	GTeV8 Nerve Tibial	1.62E-14	GT	G	0.344	0.857	GT

\* LD estimated based on individuals of European ancestry from the 1000 Genomes project

**Supplementary Table 18. Association between a 6-SNP genetic risk score (GRS) and risk of hospitalization among COVID-19 cases.**

Population, total N COVID-19 cases	GRS Group	Risk of hospitalization among COVID-19 cases (N positive and hospitalized / N positive) x 100		Unadjusted Risk Difference	Adjusted Odds Ratio*				
		Highest GRS group	Rest of Population		Estimate	SE	LCI	UCI	P-value
<b>European (EUR) ancestry</b>									
AncestryDNA EUR N=25,353	Top 40% vs Rest of population	7.33 (729/9947)	4.90 (755/15406)	2.43	1.54	0.06	1.38	1.72	6.7E-15
	Top 30% vs Rest of population	7.40 (555/7501)	5.20 (929/17852)	2.20	1.46	0.06	1.31	1.64	4.2E-11
	Top 20% vs Rest of population	8.09 (407/5029)	5.30 (1077/20324)	2.79	1.59	0.06	1.40	1.80	2.5E-13
	Top 10% vs Rest of population	9.04 (228/2522)	5.50 (1256/22831)	3.54	1.75	0.08	1.50	2.04	1.4E-12
	Top 5% vs Rest of population	9.73 (120/1233)	5.66 (1364/24120)	4.08	1.75	0.11	1.43	2.16	1.1E-07
GHS EUR N=5,285	Top 40% vs Rest of population	16.23 (343/2114)	13.65 (433/3171)	2.57	1.23	0.09	1.03	1.48	0.024
	Top 30% vs Rest of population	16.77 (266/1586)	13.79 (510/3699)	2.98	1.25	0.10	1.03	1.51	0.024
	Top 20% vs Rest of population	18.07 (191/1057)	13.84 (585/4228)	4.23	1.32	0.11	1.07	1.64	0.011
	Top 10% vs Rest of population	18.34 (97/529)	14.28 (679/4756)	4.06	1.28	0.15	0.96	1.70	0.091
UKB EUR N=14,320	Top 40% vs Rest of population	28.25 (1479/5235)	26.41 (2399/9085)	1.85	1.13	0.04	1.03	1.23	6.1E-03
	Top 30% vs Rest of population	28.37 (1214/4279)	26.53 (2664/10041)	1.84	1.13	0.05	1.03	1.23	0.011
	Top 20% vs Rest of population	28.09 (795/2830)	26.83 (3083/11490)	1.26	1.06	0.05	0.96	1.18	0.255
	Top 10% vs Rest of population	29.09 (398/1368)	26.87 (3480/12952)	2.23	1.17	0.07	1.01	1.34	0.032
	Top 5% vs Rest of population	30.53 (218/714)	26.90 (3660/13606)	3.63	1.24	0.10	1.03	1.49	0.024
Meta-analysis EUR N=44,958	Top 40% vs Rest of population				1.27	0.03	1.19	1.35	2.3E-13
	Top 30% vs Rest of population				1.25	0.03	1.17	1.33	7.0E-11
	Top 20% vs Rest of population				1.26	0.04	1.17	1.36	9.2E-10
	Top 10% vs Rest of population				1.38	0.05	1.26	1.53	6.5E-11
	Top 5% vs Rest of population				1.43	0.07	1.25	1.63	1.0E-07
<b>African (AFR) ancestry</b>									
AncestryDNA AFR N=1,629	Top 40% vs Rest of population	8.9	7.88	1.01	1.33	0.23	0.84	2.09	0.220
	Top 30% vs Rest of population	8.59	8.16	0.43	1.18	0.25	0.73	1.91	0.499
	Top 20% vs Rest of population	9.35	8.03	1.32	1.49	0.28	0.86	2.55	0.152
	Top 10% vs Rest of population	6.88	8.44	-1.57	1.00	0.41	0.45	2.21	0.993
	Top 5% vs Rest of population	6.1	8.4	-2.31	0.73	0.58	0.23	2.28	0.587
UKB AFR N=620	Top 40% vs Rest of population	28.63 (71/248)	20.70 (77/372)	7.93	1.62	0.24	1.00	2.60	0.048
	Top 30% vs Rest of population	27.57 (51/185)	22.30 (97/435)	5.27	1.37	0.26	0.83	2.27	0.220
	Top 20% vs Rest of population	28.23 (35/124)	22.78 (113/496)	5.44	1.43	0.29	0.80	2.52	0.224
	Top 10% vs Rest of population	37.70 (23/61)	22.36 (125/559)	15.34	2.61	0.37	1.25	5.42	0.010
	Top 5% vs Rest of population	41.94 (13/31)	22.92 (135/589)	19.02	3.12	0.52	1.13	8.58	0.028
PMBB AFR N=349	Top 40% vs Rest of population	45.00 (63/140)	33.01 (69/209)	11.99	1.92	0.41	1.20	5.88	0.016
	Top 30% vs Rest of population	43.81 (46/105)	35.25 (86/244)	8.56	2.43	0.45	1.38	7.97	7.2E-03
	Top 20% vs Rest of population	44.29 (31/70)	36.20 (101/279)	8.08	1.91	0.50	0.97	6.80	0.058
	Top 10% vs Rest of population	42.86 (15/35)	37.26 (117/314)	5.60	1.73	0.72	0.57	9.58	0.241
	Top 5% vs Rest of population	50.00 (9/18)	37.16 (123/331)	12.84	2.30	1.01	0.48	25.16	0.219
Meta-analysis AFR N=2,500	Top 40% vs Rest of population				1.52	0.15	1.12	2.05	0.007
	Top 30% vs Rest of population				1.39	0.17	1.00	1.93	5.1E-02
	Top 20% vs Rest of population				1.52	0.19	1.05	2.19	0.026



N=2,570	Top 10% vs Rest of population				1.70	0.26	1.03	2.81	0.038
	Top 5% vs Rest of population				1.71	0.36	0.84	3.47	0.140
<b>Admixed American (AMR) and South Asian (SAS) ancestries</b>									
AncestryDNA AMR N=3,752	Top 40% vs Rest of population	5.89	4.91	0.98	1.16	0.16	0.85	1.60	0.343
	Top 30% vs Rest of population	6.9	4.63	2.27	1.41	0.16	1.02	1.95	0.037
	Top 20% vs Rest of population	7.81	4.69	3.12	1.62	0.18	1.14	2.30	6.8E-03
	Top 10% vs Rest of population	8.24	4.98	3.27	1.56	0.23	1.00	2.43	0.050
	Top 5% vs Rest of population	7.98	5.16	2.82	1.22	0.32	0.65	2.28	0.530
UKB SAS N=760	Top 40% vs Rest of population	22.37 (68/304)	18.86 (86/456)	3.51	1.37	0.23	0.86	2.16	0.183
	Top 30% vs Rest of population	21.93 (50/228)	19.55 (104/532)	2.38	1.34	0.25	0.82	2.18	0.243
	Top 20% vs Rest of population	23.84 (36/151)	19.38 (118/609)	4.47	1.37	0.28	0.80	2.35	0.256
	Top 10% vs Rest of population	25.00 (19/76)	19.74 (135/684)	5.26	1.42	0.35	0.72	2.82	0.316
	Top 5% vs Rest of population	36.84 (14/38)	19.39 (140/722)	17.45	3.18	0.46	1.29	7.79	0.012
* Logistic regression model adjusted for age, sex, age x sex, BMI, ancestry-informative PCs, REGENIE genome-wide predictor (to account for family structure) and clinical risk factors associated with risk of hospitalization and severe disease: chronic kidney disease, diabetes, immunosuppressive disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease or other chronic respiratory disease, cardiovascular disease, hypertension (see methods for details)									

**Supplementary Table 19. Association between a 6-SNP genetic risk score (GRS) and risk of severe disease among COVID-19 cases.**

Population, total N COVID-19 cases	GRS Group	Risk of severe disease among COVID-19 cases (N positive and severe / N positive) x 100		Unadjusted Risk Difference	Adjusted Odds Ratio*				
		Highest GRS group	Rest of Population		Estimate	SE	LCI	UCI	P-value
<b>European (EUR) ancestry</b>									
AncestryDNA EUR N=25,353	Top 40% vs Rest of population	3.33 (331/9947)	2.18 (336/15406)	1.15	1.58	0.08	1.35	1.87	3.0E-08
	Top 30% vs Rest of population	3.60 (270/7501)	2.22 (397/17852)	1.38	1.69	0.08	1.43	1.99	7.9E-10
	Top 20% vs Rest of population	3.96 (199/5029)	2.30 (468/20324)	1.65	1.74	0.09	1.45	2.08	1.5E-09
	Top 10% vs Rest of population	4.36 (110/2522)	2.44 (557/22831)	1.92	1.72	0.11	1.37	2.15	2.0E-06
	Top 5% vs Rest of population	4.79	2.52	2.26	1.64	0.15	1.22	2.20	9.9E-04
GHS EUR N=5,285	Top 40% vs Rest of population	6.91 (146/2114)	5.55 (176/3171)	1.36	1.26	0.13	0.98	1.61	0.071
	Top 30% vs Rest of population	7.19 (114/1586)	5.62 (208/3699)	1.56	1.27	0.13	0.98	1.64	0.074
	Top 20% vs Rest of population	7.85 (83/1057)	5.65 (239/4228)	2.20	1.33	0.15	1.00	1.78	0.050
	Top 10% vs Rest of population	6.81 (36/529)	6.01 (286/4756)	0.79	1.03	0.20	0.69	1.53	0.877
	Top 5% vs Rest of population	6.04 (16/265)	6.10 (306/5020)	-0.06	0.76	0.30	0.42	1.36	0.355
UKB EUR N=14,320	Top 40% vs Rest of population	7.98 (418/5235)	5.87 (533/9085)	2.12	1.43	0.07	1.24	1.66	1.4E-06
	Top 30% vs Rest of population	8.39 (359/4279)	5.90 (592/10041)	2.49	1.49	0.08	1.28	1.73	2.5E-07
	Top 20% vs Rest of population	8.73 (247/2830)	6.13 (704/11490)	2.60	1.44	0.09	1.21	1.70	2.5E-05
	Top 10% vs Rest of population	9.58 (131/1368)	6.33 (820/12952)	3.24	1.65	0.11	1.33	2.05	6.0E-06
	Top 5% vs Rest of population	11.06 (79/714)	6.41 (872/13606)	4.66	2.00	0.14	1.52	2.64	7.5E-07
Meta-analysis EUR N=44,958	Top 40% vs Rest of population	NA			1.46	0.05	1.32	1.61	1.3E-13
	Top 30% vs Rest of population				1.52	0.05	1.37	1.68	1.2E-15
	Top 20% vs Rest of population				1.53	0.06	1.37	1.71	1.4E-13
	Top 10% vs Rest of population				1.58	0.07	1.36	1.82	7.1E-10
	Top 5% vs Rest of population				1.66	0.10	1.37	2.01	1.6E-07
<b>African (AFR) ancestry</b>									
AncestryDNA AFR N=1,629	Top 40% vs Rest of population	4.45	3.38	1.07	Number of severe cases too small for analysis (N<100)				
	Top 30% vs Rest of population	4.09	3.68	0.41					
	Top 20% vs Rest of population	4.36	3.67	0.69					
	Top 10% vs Rest of population	2.50	3.95	-1.45					
	Top 5% vs Rest of population	2.44	3.88	-1.44					
UKB AFR N=620	Top 40% vs Rest of population	5.65 (14/248)	7.80 (29/372)	-2.15	Number of severe cases too small for analysis (N=43)				
	Top 30% vs Rest of population	5.95 (11/185)	7.36 (32/435)	-1.41					
	Top 20% vs Rest of population	7.26 (9/124)	6.85 (34/496)	0.40					
	Top 10% vs Rest of population	11.48 (7/61)	6.44 (36/559)	5.04					
	Top 5% vs Rest of population	9.68 (3/31)	6.79 (40/589)	2.89					
PMBB AFR N=349	Top 40% vs Rest of population	6.43 (9/140)	7.66 (16/209)	-1.23	Number of severe cases too small for analysis (N=25)				
	Top 30% vs Rest of population	6.67 (7/105)	7.38 (18/244)	-0.71					
	Top 20% vs Rest of population	10.00 (7/70)	6.45 (18/279)	3.55					
	Top 10% vs Rest of population	8.57 (3/35)	7.01 (22/314)	1.57					
	Top 5% vs Rest of population	5.56 (1/18)	7.25 (24/331)	-1.70					
<b>Admixed American (AMR) and South Asian (SAS) ancestries</b>									
	Top 40% vs Rest of population	2.61	1.86	0.75					

AncestryDNA AMR N=3,752	Top 30% vs Rest of population	3.23	1.71	1.52	Number of severe cases too small for analysis (N<100)
	Top 20% vs Rest of population	3.90	1.73	2.17	
	Top 10% vs Rest of population	4.26	1.93	2.33	
	Top 5% vs Rest of population	4.79	2.02	2.77	
UKB SAS N=760	Top 40% vs Rest of population	4.61 (14/304)	3.95 (18/456)	0.66	Number of severe cases too small for analysis (N=32)
	Top 30% vs Rest of population	4.82 (11/228)	3.95 (21/532)	0.88	
	Top 20% vs Rest of population	5.30 (8/151)	3.94 (24/609)	1.36	
	Top 10% vs Rest of population	6.58 (5/76)	3.95 (27/684)	2.63	
	Top 5% vs Rest of population	7.89 (3/38)	4.02 (29/722)	3.88	

\* Logistic regression model adjusted for age, sex, age x sex, BMI, ancestry-informative PCs, REGENIE genome-wide predictor (to account for family structure) and clinical risk factors associated with risk of hospitalization and severe disease: chronic kidney disease, diabetes, immunosuppressive disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease or other chronic respiratory disease, cardiovascular disease, hypertension (see methods for details)

**Supplementary Table 20. Association between a 6-SNP genetic risk score (GRS) and risk of hospitalization and severe disease in individuals of European ancestry, after stratifying COVID-19 cases by pre-existing clinical risk status for severe COVID-19.**

Population, total N COVID-19 cases	Clinical Risk Level	N COVID-19 cases	Risk among COVID-19 cases (N positive and [hospitalized or severe] / N positive) x 100		Unadjusted Risk Difference	Adjusted Odds Ratio**				
			Top 10% GRS	Rest of Population		Estimate	SE	LCI	UCI	P-value
<b>Risk of hospitalization</b>										
AncestryDNA EUR N=25,353	Lower	12,464	4.07	2.39	1.69	1.70	0.16	1.25	2.31	6.8E-04
	High	12,889	14.14	8.49	5.64	1.80	0.09	1.51	2.15	5.3E-11
UKB EUR N=14,320	Lower	8,912	17.86 (152/851)	15.72 (1267/8061)	2.14	1.21	0.10	1.00	1.46	0.051
	High	5,408	47.58 (246/517)	45.25 (2213/4891)	2.34	1.09	0.10	0.91	1.32	0.343
GHS EUR N=5,285	Lower	1,537	5.48 (8/146)	2.95 (41/1391)	2.53	1.98	0.42	0.87	4.53	0.105
	High	3,748	23.24 (89/383)	18.96 (638/3365)	4.28	1.21	0.14	0.92	1.59	0.171
Meta-analysis EUR N=44,958	Lower	22,913	NA			1.35	0.08	1.15	1.58	2.1E-04
	High	22,045	NA			1.39	0.06	1.23	1.56	3.7E-08
<b>Risk of severe disease</b>										
AncestryDNA EUR N=25,353	Lower	12,464	1.64	0.78	0.87	2.04	0.25	1.25	3.33	4.2E-03
	High	12,889	7.15	4.04	3.11	1.70	0.13	1.33	2.17	2.5E-05
UKB EUR N=14,320	Lower	8,912	3.41 (29/851)	2.25 (181/8061)	1.16	1.58	0.21	1.05	2.37	0.027
	High	5,408	19.73 (102/517)	13.06 (639/4891)	6.66	1.60	0.12	1.25	2.03	1.5E-04
Meta-analysis EUR N=39,673	Lower	21,376	NA			1.75	0.16	1.28	2.40	4.2E-04
	High	18,297	NA			1.65	0.09	1.39	1.96	1.5E-08
* High clinical risk included individuals with any of the following criteria: age $\geq$ 65, BMI $\geq$ 35, chronic kidney disease, diabetes, immunosuppressive disease, or age $\geq$ 55 and presence of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, cardiovascular disease, or hypertension (see methods for details).										
** Logistic regression model adjusted for sex, ancestry-informative PCs and REGENIE genome-wide predictor to account for family structure.										