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ORIGINAL ARTICLE Polygenic risk score identifies associations between sleep duration and diseases determined from an electronic medical record biobank

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Abstract

Study Objectives: We aimed to detect cross-sectional phenotype and polygenic risk score (PRS) associations between sleep duration and prevalent diseases using the Partners Biobank, a hospital-based cohort study linking electronic medical records (EMR) with genetic information.

Methods: Disease prevalence was determined from EMR, and sleep duration was self-reported. A PRS for sleep duration was derived using 78 previously associated SNPs from genome-wide association studies (GWAS) for self-reported sleep duration. We tested for associations between (1) self-reported sleep duration and 22 prevalent diseases (n = 30251), (2) the PRS and self-reported sleep duration (n = 6903), and (3) the PRS and the 22 prevalent diseases (n = 16033). For observed PRS-disease associations, we tested causality using two-sample Mendelian randomization (MR).

Results: In the age-, sex-, and race-adjusted model, U-shaped associations were observed for sleep duration and asthma, depression, hypertension, insomnia, obesity, obstructive sleep apnea, and type 2 diabetes, where both short and long sleepers had higher odds for these diseases than normal sleepers ($p < 2.27 \times 10^{-3}$). Next, we confirmed associations between the PRS and longer sleep duration (0.65 ± 0.19 SD minutes per effect allele; $p = 7.32 \times 10^{-6}$). The PRS collectively explained 1.4% of the phenotypic variance in sleep duration. After adjusting for age, sex, genotyping array, and principal components of ancestry, we observed that the PRS was also associated with congestive heart failure (CHF; p = 0.015), obesity (p = 0.019), hypertension (p = 0.039), restless legs syndrome (RLS; p = 0.041), and insomnia (p = 0.049). Associations were maintained following additional adjustment for obesity status, except for hypertension and insomnia. For all diseases, except RLS, carrying a higher genetic burden of the 78 sleep duration-increasing alleles (i.e. higher sleep duration PRS) associated with lower odds for prevalent disease. In MR, we estimated causal associations between genetically defined longer sleep duration with decreased risk of CHF (inverse variance weighted [IVW] OR per minute of sleep [95% CI] = 0.978 [0.961–0.996]; p = 0.019) and hypertension (IVW OR [95% CI] = 0.993 [0.986–1.000]; p = 0.049), and increased risk of RLS (IVW OR [95% CI] = 1.018 [1.000–1.036]; p = 0.045).

Conclusions: By validating the PRS for sleep duration and identifying cross-phenotype associations, we lay the groundwork for future investigations on the intersection between sleep, genetics, clinical measures, and diseases using large EMR datasets.

Statement of Significance

Recent implementations of electronic medical records (EMR) with genetic data across the healthcare sector have enabled advancement of clinical research. However, these approaches remain underutilized in sleep research likely due to the paucity of sleep information. We tested polygenic risk score (PRS) for sleep duration using 78 signals identified for self-reported sleep duration. We verified associations between the PRS and self-reported sleep duration in a hospital-based population and observed associations of higher PRS with lower odds of EMR-derived congestive heart failure, obesity, hypertension, and insomnia and higher odds of restless legs syndrome. This study demonstrates the feasibility and power of using genetic markers of sleep in clinical cohorts, laying the groundwork for future investigations on sleep, genetics, clinical measures, and diseases using large EMR datasets.

Key words: sleep duration; polygenic risk score; cardiometabolic diseases; psychiatric disorders; epidemiology

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Introduction

Sleep duration is a complex phenotype driven by genetic and lifestyle factors [1]. Prospective epidemiologic studies have indicated that deviating from the recommended sleep duration of 7–8 hours is associated with increased risk for various diseases [2]. Indeed, U-shaped relationships have been observed between habitual self-reported short (<6, 7 hours per night) and long (>8, 9 hours per night) sleep duration and cognitive and psychiatric, metabolic, cardiovascular, and immunological dysfunction as well as all-cause mortality, compared to sleeping 7–8 hours per night [3–9]. These observations have been made predominantly in population-based cohort studies relying on a single estimate of sleep duration at baseline via questionnaires [9–12].

Recent implementations of electronic medical/health records (EMR) across the healthcare sector have enabled significant advancement of clinical research through linkage of large and diverse medical data enriched for disease states with DNA biorepositories and lifestyle surveys, as has been implemented in the Partners Biobank [13] and eMERGE Network [14]. Robust algorithms using a combination of codified and narrative EMR data are applied to define disease states, enabling systematic comparisons with clinical measures and genetic variants [15, 16]. Although a promising resource for health services and costeffectiveness research, EMR are currently underutilized in sleep research, likely as a result of a paucity of sleep assessment or polysomnography information associated with EMR data.

As EMR are increasingly linked to genetic data collected on patients within health care systems, the genetic data can be used to derive genetic instruments, such as polygenic risk scores (PRSs) [17], to approximate the genetic architecture of a trait and dissect lifestyle from genetic exposures. PRS provide a quantitative measure of an aggregated genetic burden of disease in each person and are powerful tools to validate genetic links to disease and to dissect pleiotropic or causal associations across traits [17-19]. For example, in coronary artery disease, a trait with a sizable genetic component, PRSs comprised of top genetic signals identified from genome-wide association studies (GWAS) or aggregating variants spanning the entire genome have been shown to be valuable in disease risk prediction [20, 21]. Sleep duration is also a heritable trait, and twin- and familybased studies have estimated that 9% to 45% of variability in self-reported sleep duration is influenced by genetic factors [22, 23]. Recent GWAS in up to 446118 participants from the UK Biobank identified 78 signals for habitual self-reported sleep duration [23]. Here, we postulated that the PRS comprised of these signals could serve as a viable marker for sleep duration, providing estimates of the likelihood of a sleep phenotype that is not limited by sampling biases related to surveys and possibly also reflecting long-term sleep duration exposure.

Thus, in this study from the Partners Biobank, we used EMR and genetic data supplemented with a sleep habits questionnaire to (1) test cross-sectional associations between self-reported sleep duration and 22 prevalent diseases determined from EMR (19 from narrative data; three from codified data), (2) validate a PRS comprised of 78 signals associated with self-reported sleep duration from GWAS, and (3) systematically investigate whether the PRS associates with any of the 22 prevalent diseases. We further derive a genome-wide sleep duration PRS, and for observed PRS-disease associations, we test causality using twosample Mendelian randomization (MR).

Methods

Partners healthcare biobank

The Partners Biobank is a hospital-based cohort study from the Partners HealthCare hospitals with EMR and genetic data supplemented with electronic health and lifestyle surveys [13]. Recruitment for the Partners Biobank launched in 2010 and is active at participating clinics at Brigham and Women's Hospital (BWH), Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH), Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital (SRH), Faulkner Hospital (FH) and McLean Hospital (MCL), Newton-Wellesley Hospital (NWH), North Short Medical Center (NSMC). All patients provided consent upon enrollment. To date (February 2018), a total of 78726 participants were consented. The current analysis was restricted to 43058 adults ≥18 years with either self-reported sleep and/or highquality genotyping with EMR data.

Disease status ascertainment

Disease prevalence was determined from EMR using both structured and unstructured data [13]. Natural Language Processing (NLP) was used to extract data from narrative text including coded diagnoses, medications, procedures, and vital signs, as previously described [24], to screen enrichment/ frequencies of predictive disease features, such as comorbidities or symptoms, identified from Wikipedia and Medscape articles using an automated feature extraction protocol (AFEP). The feature set is narrowed to those that are most relevant using the adaptive least absolute shrinkage and selection operator (LASSO) procedure, and a gold-standard set of patients is used to train the model to accurately predict the phenotype based on the refined definition. Thus, for each disease phenotype, algorithm development included the following steps: (1) filtering Biobank participants by presence of the ICD9-CM billing code for each disease; (2) randomly selecting 100 participants with each code; (3) chart reviews by board-certified clinician to define disease status in a Training Set (Supplementary Methods); (4) automated feature extraction and feature selection to EMR narrative text; (5) LASSO penalized regression with features predicting disease status in Training Set; and (6) applying the algorithm to remaining participants to define disease phenotype set. The process produced robust phenotype algorithms that were evaluated using metrics such as positive predictive value (PPV), the proportion of individuals classified as cases by the algorithm, and True Positive Rates (TPR), which reflects the sensitivity or the proportion of true positives correctly identified as such. A total of 19 disease phenotypes were determined from EMR using this approach: asthma (PPV = 90%; TPR = 0.761; *n* = 1886), bipolar disorder (PPV = 89%; TPR = 0.200; *n* = 178), breast cancer (PPV = 90%; TPR = 0.963; n = 2302), chronic obstructive pulmonary disorder (PPV = 90%; TPR = 0.434; n = 400), congestive heart failure (CHF; PPV = 90%; TPR = 0.880; n = 594), coronary artery disease (CAD; PPV = 99%; TPR = 0.970; n = 3618), Crohn's disease (PPV = 90%; TPR = 0.960; *n* = 755), depression (PPV = 90%; TPR = 0.805; *n* = 4651), epilepsy (PPV = 90%; TPR = 0.932; *n* = 1167), gout (PPV = 90%; TPR = 0.931; *n* = 1886), hypertension (PPV = 90%; TPR = 0.952; n = 16569, multiple sclerosis (MS; PPV = 90%; TPR = 0.810; n = 368), obesity (PPV = 90%; TPR = 0.870; n = 13102), rheumatoid arthritis (RA; PPV = 90%; TPR = 0.905; n = 1161), schizophrenia (PPV = 90%; TPR = 0.832; n = 53), stroke (PPV = 90%;

TPR = 0.623; n = 511), type 1 diabetes (T1D; PPV = 90%; TPR = 0.784; n = 271), type 2 diabetes (T2D; PPV = 99%; TPR = 0.880; n = 3106), and ulcerative colitis (UC; PPV = 90%; TPR = 0.660; n = 561). In addition, three sleep-related disease phenotypes were determined from codified data using physician diagnoses ICD-10 codes: insomnia (G47.0; n = 5091), restless legs syndrome (RLS; G25.81; n = 1016), and obstructive sleep apnea (G47.3; n = 6247); however, these diagnoses were not validated by chart review.

Sleep duration and covariate measures

Study participants were invited following enrollment to selfreport information regarding their lifestyle, environment, and family history via the Partners Biobank Health Information Survey, an optional online survey. Sleep was assessed by the questions "In considering your longest sleep period, what time do you usually go to bed on WEEKDAYS or WORK or SCHOOL days?" and "In considering your longest sleep period, what time do you usually wake up on WEEKDAYS or WORK or SCHOOL days?" Similar questions were asked for "WEEKENDS or DAYS OFF." Responses were in half-hour increments. To date, a total of 31221 participants have completed the sleep survey. Weighted average weekly sleep duration was computed using selfreported weekday and weekend bed and wake-up times with 5/7 weighting for weekdays and 2/7 for weekends. Sleep duration was also categorized as short (<7 hours per night), normal (7 to <9 hours per night), and long (\geq 9 hours per night).

Age, sex, and race data were obtained from EMR. Study participants further self-reported height, weight, alcohol intake, employment status, exercise, and smoking status. Smoking was assessed by the question, "Have you smoked at least 100 cigarettes in your lifetime?" and categorized into "Yes, currently smoke," "Yes, smoked in the past, but quit," or "No." Alcohol was assessed by the question, "During the past year, how many alcoholic drinks (glass/bottle/can of beer; 4oz glass of wine; drink or shot of liquor) did you usually drink in a typical week?" and categorized as the following: None, or less than 1 per month; 1-3 per month; 1 per week; 2-4 per week; 5-6 per week; 1-2 per day; 3-4 per day; 5-6 per day; More than 6 per day. Exercise was assessed by the question, "During the past year, what was your average time spent per week at each of the following recreational activity:" for eight activities, and total moderate to high-intensity exercise (excluding walking/hiking) was estimated in hours per week. Employment was assessed by the question, "Which of the following best describes your usual work schedule?" with the following response options: day shift, afternoon shift, night shift, split shift, irregular shift/on-call, rotating shifts or do not work. Responses were collapsed to day shift, do not work, or nonday shift (all remaining options). Education was assessed by the question, "What is the highest grade in school that you finished?" with the following options: Grade school (1-4 years); Grade school (5-8 years); Some high school (9-11 years); High school diploma or GED (finished high school); Some college; 2-year college or vocational school; 4-year college; Masters, doctoral, or professional degree. Weight and height were self-reported and body mass index (BMI) was calculated as weight (kg) / height² (m²). Missing covariates (all <5% missing) were imputed by using sexspecific median values for continuous variables (i.e. BMI, alcohol intake, exercise, and Charlson Index), or using a missing indicator approach for categorical variables (i.e. smoking, employment).

Genetic data genotyping, imputation and quality control and generation of PRS

DNA from participants was genotyped using ~1.6 million SNPs on the Illumina Multi-Ethnic GWAS/Exome SNP Array. Imputation was performed using Minimac3 [25] using the HRC (Version r1.1 2016) reference panel [26] for imputation. This HRC panel consists of 64940 haplotypes of predominantly European ancestry. Haplotype phasing was performed using SHAPEIT [27]. To date, 20038 participants have been genotyped, of which 7982 also completed the sleep survey. Participant ancestry was determined using TRACE [28] and the Human Genome Diversity Project (HGDP) [29] as a reference panel. To correct for population stratification, we further computed principal components (PCs) using the same software in the subset with genetically European ancestry. Next, we derived a PRS for self-reported sleep duration using 78 SNPs previously reported to be associated at the genome-wide significance level in the UK Biobank ($p < 5 \times 10^{-8}$) [23]. All SNPs had a minor allele frequency (MAF) > 1% and an imputation quality (minimac rsq) ≥ 0.70 (Supplementary Table S1). Individual participant scores were created by summing the number of risk alleles (allele associated with longer sleep duration) at each genetic variant, which were weighted by the respective allelic effect sizes on longer sleep duration in the UK Biobank. Additionally, we generated a genome-wide PRS for each individual by summing sleep increasing risk alleles across the genome, each weighted by the beta estimate for that allele from the sleep duration GWAS. We included 1201079 SNPs after excluding X chromosome variants and, at each site, clumped SNPs based on association p value (the variant with the smallest p value within a 250kb range was retained and all those in linkage disequilibrium, $r^2 > 0.1$, were removed). LD clumping and genome-wide PRS generation were done using PRSice [30], and the best fit genome-wide sleep duration PRS encompassed 2096 SNPs at *p* value threshold = 0.00015 (Supplementary Figure S1).

Statistical analysis

The relationship between sleep duration and prevalent diseases were examined using categorical logistic regression with adjustments for age, sex, and race (model 1); then further adjusted for BMI, other than obesity outcome (model 2); and then further adjusted for additional established risk factors: alcohol intake, Charlson comorbidity index, education, employment status, exercise, and smoking status (model 3). Consistent with previous reports, improbable sleep durations <3 or >14 hours [31] (n = 968; resulting primarily from am/pm coding errors by participants) and improbable BMI (>100 kg/m²; n = 1) were excluded. Final total sample size for association analyses between estimated sleep durations and prevalent diseases was 30251. Phenotypic associations were considered significant at the Bonferroni correction accounting for 22 diseases ($p < 2.27 \times 10^{-3}$ [=0.05/22]).

For genetic analyses, samples with high-quality genotyping and EMR data were included (n = 20038). Participants of non-European ancestry based on genetic ancestry were excluded from all genetic analysis to minimize the influence of differences in population structure (n = 4005 removed). Independent SNP associations with self-reported sleep duration were conducted in the genetic subset with self-reported sleep duration and tested using linear trends and an additive genetic model adjusted for age, sex, genotyping array, and 5 PCs of ancestry (n = 7155). Independent SNP associations were considered significant at the Bonferroni-adjusted threshold accounting for 78 tests $(p < 6.4 \times 10^{-04})$. Post hoc power calculations for the independent SNP associations were conducted using Quanto version 1.2.4 (http://biostats.usc.edu/Quanto.html). Validation of the PRS was conducted in the genetic subset with self-reported sleep duration (n = 6903) by estimating linear trends of the PRS adjusted for age, sex, genotyping array, and five PCs of ancestry, and separately for weekday (n = 6805) and weekend (n = 6481) self-reported sleep duration. Systematic PRS association analyses with all 22 prevalent diseases were conducted in the full genetic dataset (n = 16033), and further adjusted for obesity status determined from EMR. PRS associations were considered significant at p < 0.05. For all significant PRS associations (p < 0.05), we assessed for associations between quartiles of PRS and odds of disease prevalence. Similarly, validation of the genome-wide PRS was conducted with self-reported sleep duration and tested for associations with the five diseases significant in the 78 SNP PRS-disease association analyses.

Mendelian randomization

Two-sample MR [32] was carried out using MRCIEU/ TwoSampleMR package in R, using the inverse variance weighted (IVW) approach as our main analysis method [33], and MR-Egger [34] and weighted median estimation [35] as sensitivity analyses, as previously described [23] (Supplementary Figure S2). For our two-sample MR analyses, for all 78 signals for habitual self-reported sleep duration [23], we looked for the per allele difference in disease outcomes (those showing associations with sleep duration PRS) from the Partners Biobank. Results are therefore a measure of genetically "longer sleep duration". Sample 1 is UK Biobank and sample 2 the disease phenotype from Partners Biobank.

Results

In a sample of 43058 adult participants (56.95 [16.84] years; 57.6% female) from the Partners Biobank, prevalent cases of diseases determined from EMR ranged from 0.12% for schizophrenia to 38.5% for hypertension. Sleep data were available for a subset of 30251 (70.3%) participants. Self-reported sleep duration was normally distributed with a mean of 8.24 hours (SD = 1.38 hours) per night (Table 1), and 11.9% (<7 hours per night; n = 3604), 63.1% (7 to <9 hours per night; n = 19084), and 25.0% (≥ 9 hours per night; n = 7563) were short, normal and long sleepers, respectively. Weekday self-reported sleep duration was shorter than average weekend self-reported sleep duration (weekday = 7.93 [1.30] hours per night vs. weekend = 9.05 [2.80] hours per night). Overall, short sleepers were more likely to be male and non-White, had higher BMI, consumed less alcohol, more likely to be current smokers and night workers, and had less education (all *p* < 0.001). The genetic subset, which was limited to participants of European ancestry, included 16033 participants and was significantly older (60.35 [16.51] years; p < 0.05) and consisted of more males (53.8% female; p < 0.05), compared to the subset who had self-reported sleep data.

In the age-, sex-, and race-adjusted model (model 1), U-shaped associations were observed for sleep duration and asthma, depression, hypertension, insomnia, obesity, obstructive sleep apnea, and type 2 diabetes, where both short and long sleepers had higher odds for these diseases than normal sleepers (Table 2). In addition, compared to normal sleepers, short sleepers had higher odds for chronic obstructive pulmonary disorder, gout, RLS, and type 1 diabetes, whereas long sleepers had higher odds for bipolar disorder and epilepsy. Overall, observed disease associations for short and long sleep were attenuated when further adjusted for BMI (model 2) and several additional established risk factors (model 3) (Table 2, Supplementary Table S2). In model 3, U-shaped associations remained significant for insomnia and obstructive sleep apnea, short sleep associations remained significant for obesity and type 1 diabetes, and long sleep associations remained significant for bipolar disorder and depression.

Among participants of European ancestry with genetic data (n = 16033), we generated a combined weighted PRS of the 78 self-reported sleep duration signals (Supplementary Table S1). In participants with self-reported sleep data (n = 6903), the PRS was associated with a 0.65 (0.19) minutes longer sleep per effect allele ($p = 7.32 \times 10^{-04}$) (Table 3). The PRS showed stronger associations with weekday ($p = 3.19 \times 10^{-04}$) than weekend (p = 0.07) selfreported sleep duration. The 5% of participants carrying most of the 78 sleep duration-increasing alleles had an estimated 8.4 minutes longer sleep duration compared to the 5% carrying the fewest. The 78 independent variants collectively explained ~1.4% of the phenotypic variance in estimated sleep duration. As expected, we did not observe association of the individual signals with sleep duration (all $p > 6.4 \times 10^{-04}$; Supplementary Table S1) likely due to low statistical power (all p < 0.80). Using genome-wide PRS, we also observed significant associations with sleep duration ($p = 3.34 \times 10^{-08}$), whereby the 5% of participants carrying most of the genome-wide sleep durationincreasing alleles had an estimated 28.2 minutes longer sleep duration compared to the 5% carrying the fewest.

Using the PRS as a marker for sleep duration, we investigated whether sleep duration associated with 22 prevalent diseases curated from EMR among all 16033 participants with genetic data. After adjusting for age, sex, genotyping array, and PCs of ancestry, we observed that the PRS was associated with CHF (p = 0.015), obesity (p = 0.019), hypertension (p = 0.039), RLS (p = 0.041), and insomnia (p = 0.049; Table 4). For all diseases, except RLS, carrying more of the 78 sleep duration-increasing alleles (i.e. higher PRS), associated with lower odds for prevalent disease, whereas for RLS, carrying more of the 78 sleep durationincrease alleles associated with higher odds for prevalence disease. Compared to the lowest quartile of PRS, the highest quartile of PRS was associated with a 29.7% lower odds for CHF (p = 0.01), 11.3% lower odds for hypertension (p = 0.02), 10.6% lower odds for insomnia (p = 0.09), 9.7% lower odds for obesity (p = 0.03), and 23.2% higher odds for RLS (p = 0.13; Table 4). When adjusted for obesity status, PRS associations remained significant and point estimates were consistent for CHF (p = 0.017) and RLS (p = 0.031; Table 3). In models unadjusted or adjusted for obesity, we observed that the genome-wide PRS associated with CHF $(p = 2.86 \times 10^{-04})$, but none of the other disease phenotypes (all p < 0.05). In MR analyses between sleep duration and PRS associated diseases using the 78 SNP PRS as the genetic instrument, we estimated causal associations between genetically defined longer sleep duration with decreased risk of CHF (IVW OR per minute of sleep [95% CI] = 0.978 [0.961-0.996]; p = 0.019) and hypertension (IVW OR [95% CI] = 0.993 [0.986-1.000]; p = 0.049),

Table 1. General characteristics of Partners Biobank participants with self-reported sleep duration estimates (n = 30251)

		Sleep duration			
	All	<7 hours	7 to <9 hours	≥9 hours	
Characteristic	30251	3604 (11.9%)	19084 (63.1%)	7563 (25.0%)	
Age, years	56.23 (16.48)	56.49 (14.70)	55.77 (16.16)	57.28 (17.97)	<0.001
Sex, female	18061 (59.7)	1869 (51.9)	11348 (59.5)	4844 (64.0)	< 0.001
Race, n (%)					< 0.001
Asian	713 (2.4)	106 (2.9)	470 (2.5)	137 (1.8)	
Black	780 (2.6)	197 (5.5)	397 (2.1)	186 (2.5)	
White	27 010 (89.3)	3031 (84.1)	17 190 (90.1)	6789 (89.8)	
Other	296 (1.0)	53 (1.5)	165 (0.9)	78 (1.0)	
Unknown	1452 (4.8)	217 (6.0)	862 (4.5)	373 (4.9)	
Sleep duration, hours	()	()		()	
Average	8.24 (1.38)	6.13 (0.80)	7.94 (0.52)	9.99 (1.08)	<0.001
Weekday	7.93 (1.30)	5.90 (0.93)	7.77 (0.62)	9.35 (1.19)	<0.001
Weekend	9.05 (2.80)	6.81 (1.49)	8.41 (0.98)	11.72 (4.17)	< 0.001
BMI, kg/m ²	27.28 (6.01)	28.59 (6.36)	27.00 (5.80)	27.37 (6.25)	< 0.001
Charlson Index	4.83 (2.56)	4.95 (2.51)	4.70 (2.54)	5.11 (2.61)	< 0.001
Alcohol, g/day	3.21 (1.94)	2.95 (1.95)	3.31 (1.90)	3.07 (2.00)	< 0.001
Exercise, hours/week	2.64 (3.73)	2.43 (3.93)	2.83 (3.78)	2.25 (3.45)	< 0.001
Smoking status, n (%)					< 0.001
Never	17600 (58.2)	1952 (54.2)	11512 (60.3)	4136 (54.7)	
Past	11 144 (36.8)	1358 (37.7)	6782 (35.5)	3004 (39.7)	
Current	1410 (4.7)	285 (7.9)	736 (3.9)	389 (5.1)	
Other	97 (0.3)	9 (0.2)	54 (0.3)	34 (0.4)	
Education, n (%)	57 (0.5)	5 (012)	51 (0.0)	01(011)	< 0.001
Grade school, high school diploma, or GED	2692 (8.9)	460 (12.8)	1358 (7.1)	874 (11.6)	(01001
Some college, 2-year college, or vocational school	6129 (20.3)	881 (24.4)	3497 (18.3)	1751 (23.2)	
Four-year college	9427 (31.2)	1045 (29.0)	6046 (31.7)	2336 (30.9)	
Masters, doctoral, or other professional degrees	12003 (39.7)	1218 (33.8)	8183 (42.9)	2602 (34.4)	
Work schedule, n (%)	12003 (33.7)	1210 (55.6)	0103 (12.3)	2002 (31.1)	<0.001
Day worker	16616 (54.9)	1975 (54.8)	11555 (60.5)	3086 (40.8)	10.001
Irregular	1151 (3.8)	175 (4.9)	677 (3.5)	299 (4.0)	
Rotating	659 (2.2)	99 (2.7)	385 (2.0)	175 (2.3)	
Afternoon	555 (1.8)	64 (1.8)	284 (1.5)	208 (2.8)	
Night	377 (1.2)	101 (2.8)	166 (0.9)	110 (1.5)	
Split	197 (0.7)	34 (0.9)	114 (0.6)	49 (0.6)	
Unemployed	9317 (30.8)	947 (26.3)	5050 (26.5)	3320 (43.9)	
Other	1378 (4.6)	209 (5.8)	853 (4.5)	316 (4.2)	
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and increased risk of RLS (IVW OR [95% CI] = 1.018 [1.000–1.036]; p = 0.045), with consistent effect direction in sensitivity analyses across other MR methods (Table 5).

Discussion

Leveraging an EMR dataset, the Partners Biobank emerged as a promising tool to detect underlying phenotypic and genetic relationships between sleep duration and prevalent diseases. In our analysis of up to 43058 adult participants in the Partners Biobank with EMR, genetic data and/or self-reported sleep duration, we (1) showed that self-reported sleep duration associates with prevalent diseases identified using the EMR, in agreement with earlier findings for sleep duration or sleep disorders [9–11, 36–40], and several of these associations remained significant even following adjustment for BMI and other established risk factors; (2) validated a sleep duration PRS of 78 self-reported sleep duration genetic signals, and a genome-wide PRS, initially derived in the UK Biobank, by confirming associations with self-reported sleep duration in an independent hospital-based cohort; and (3) observed novel associations between the PRS and five prevalent diseases determined from EMR indicating that sleep duration-increasing alleles associate with lower odds for CHF, obesity, hypertension, and insomnia, and higher odds for RLS, with obesity independent effects for associations with CHF and RLS, and causal evidence for CHF, hypertension, and RLS.

Validation of the PRS based on a focused set of SNPs or genome-wide data with self-reported sleep duration in the Partners Biobank supports the use of this score as an instrument to approximate sleep duration in further explorations. Confirmation was observed despite fundamental differences between the Partners Biobank and the discovery cohort (UK Biobank [23]), including differences in population demographics (hospital-based cohort vs. healthy population-based cohort) and ascertainment of self-reported sleep duration (based on weighted weekday/weekend sleep/wake times vs. single question on habitual sleep duration per 24 hours, including naps). The per allele effect of the association in the Partners Biobank of 0.65 (0.19) minutes longer sleep is similar to that estimated from the CHARGE consortium (0.66 minutes per allele), a meta-analysis of population-based studies [23], but

	Age-, sex-, and race-adjusted (model 1)					BMI-adjusted (model 2)ª				
	Short (<7 hours) n = 3604		Normal (7–9 hours) Long (≥9 hours) n = 19084 n = 7563		Short (<7 hours) n = 3604		Normal (7–9 hours) Long (≥9 hou n = 19084 n = 7563		urs)	
	OR [95% CI] P va	alue		OR [95% CI]	P value	OR [95% CI]	P value		OR [95% CI]	P value
Asthma ($n = 2780$) Breast cancer ($n = 1853$)	1.34 [1.19–1.50] 1.5 0.82 [0.69–0.97] 0.02		(ref) (ref)	1.17 [1.06–1.28] 0.94 [0.84–1.05]	9.67 × 10 ⁻⁰⁴ 0.25	1.23 [1.09–1.38] 0.84 [0.7–1.00]	8.36 × 10 ^{−04} 0.05	(ref) (ref)	1.14 [1.04–1.25] 0.94 [0.84–1.05]	
Bipolar disorder (n =74)	1.24 [0.54–2.81] 0.61	1	(ref)	2.80 [1.73-4.53]	2.70 × 10 ⁻⁰⁵	1.20 [0.53–2.74]	0.66	(ref)	2.78 [1.72-4.50]	3.16 × 10 ⁻⁰⁵
Chronic obstructive pulmonary disorder (n = 142)	2.08 [1.32–3.27] 1.5	5 × 10 ⁻⁰³	(ref)	1.21 [0.82–1.76]	0.34	1.96 [1.24–3.09]	3.69 × 10 ⁻⁰³	(ref)	1.19 [0.81–1.74]	0.37
Congestive heart failure (n = 127)	1.48 [0.89–2.46] 0.13	3	(ref)	1.50 [1.01–2.22]	0.04	1.38 [0.83–2.30]	0.21	(ref)	1.47 [0.99–2.18]	0.06
Coronary artery disease (n = 1267)	1.30 [1.09–1.55] 3.68	8 × 10 ⁻⁰³	(ref)	1.23 [1.08–1.40]	2.30 × 10 ⁻⁰³	1.23 [1.03–1.47]	0.02	(ref)	1.21 [1.06–1.39]	4.23 × 10 ⁻⁰³
Crohn's disease (n = 339)	1.05 [0.74–1.47] 0.79	9	(ref)	1.08 [0.84–1.38]	0.57	1.06 [0.75–1.50]	0.72	(ref)	1.08 [0.84–1.39]	0.55
Depression $(n = 2837)$	1.27 [1.13–1.44] 1.2	1 × 10 ⁻⁰⁴	(ref)	1.64 [1.50–1.78]	2.40 × 10 ⁻²⁹	1.21 [1.07–1.36]	3.11 × 10 ⁻⁰³	(ref)	1.62 [1.48–1.76]	8.37 × 10 ⁻²⁸
Epilepsy (n = 609)	1.04 [0.80–1.36] 0.76	6	(ref)	1.50 [1.26–1.80]	6.35 × 10 ⁻⁰⁶	1.06 [0.81–1.38]	0.69	(ref)	1.51 [1.27–1.80]	5.20 × 10 ⁻⁰⁶
Gout (n = 992)	1.35 [1.12–1.63] 1.5 4	4 × 10 ⁻⁰³	(ref)	1.02 [0.87–1.19]	0.83	1.26 [1.04–1.52]	0.02	(ref)	1.00 [0.85–1.16]	0.97
Hypertension $(n = 10128)$	1.29 [1.19–1.40] 7.4 8	8 × 10 ⁻¹⁰	(ref)	1.16 [1.09–1.24]	3.59 × 10 ⁻⁰⁶	1.16 [1.06–1.26]	6.14 × 10 ⁻⁰⁴	(ref)	1.13 [1.06–1.20]	2.73 × 10 ⁻⁰⁴
Insomnia (n = 3310)	1.40 [1.26–1.56] 1.2	3 × 10 ⁻⁰⁹	(ref)	1.23 [1.13–1.34]	1.81×10^{-06}	1.40 [1.25–1.56]	1.96×10^{-09}	(ref)	1.23 [1.13–1.34]	1.29 × 10-06
Multiple sclerosis (n = 267)	1.55 [1.10-2.19] 0.01	1	(ref)	1.11 [0.83–1.47]	0.48	1.53 [1.08–2.16]	0.02	(ref)	1.10 [0.83–1.47]	0.50
Obesity (n = 8187)	1.65 [1.53–1.78] 5.8 9	9 × 10 ⁻³⁷	(ref)	1.11 [1.04–1.18]	$9.32\times10^{\scriptscriptstyle-04}$	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Obstructive sleep apnea (n = 3953)	1.44 [1.30–1.59] 1.0 !	5 × 10 ⁻¹²	(ref)	1.30 [1.20–1.40]	8.89 × 10 ⁻¹¹	1.23 [1.11–1.37]	8.87 × 10 ⁻⁰⁵	(ref)	1.26 [1.16–1.36]	5.32 × 10 ⁻⁰⁸
Rheumatoid arthritis (n = 640)	1.17 [0.92–1.49] 0.20	D	(ref)	1.08 [0.9–1.29]	0.44	1.13 [0.89–1.45]	0.32	(ref)	1.07 [0.89–1.28]	0.49
Restless legs syndrome (n = 681)	1.47 [1.17–1.84] 8.5	1 × 10 ⁻⁰⁴	(ref)	1.27 [1.07–1.51]	7.31 × 10 ⁻⁰³	1.36 [1.09–1.71]	7.04 × 10 ⁻⁰³	(ref)	1.25 [1.05–1.48]	0.01
Schizophrenia (n = 13)			(ref)	4.43 [1.45–13.58]	9.13 × 10 ⁻⁰³	-	-	(ref)	4.45 [1.45–13.63]] 9.00 × 10 ⁻⁰³
Stroke (n = 159)	0.95 [0.56-1.63] 0.85	5	(ref)	1.65 [1.17–2.31]	3.89 × 10 ⁻⁰³	0.91 [0.53–1.57]	0.75	(ref)	1.63 [1.16–2.29]	4.63 × 10 ⁻⁰³
Type 1 diabetes (n =175)	1.99 [1.34–2.94] 6.4		(ref)	1.32 [0.93–1.88]	0.12	2.07 [1.39–3.07]	3.24×10^{-04}	(ref)	1.34 [0.94–1.90]	
Type 2 diabetes (n = 1385)	1.65 [1.41–1.92] 1.7 0	0 × 10 ⁻¹⁰	(ref)	1.28 [1.13–1.45]	1.34 × 10 ⁻⁰⁴	1.44 [1.23–1.68]	6.30 × 10 ⁻⁰⁶	(ref)	1.22 [1.07–1.39]	2.30 × 10 ⁻⁰³
Ulcerative colitis (n = 269)	1.27 [0.88–1.84] 0.19	9	(ref)	1.24 [0.94–1.64]	0.12	1.33 [0.92–1.92]	0.13	(ref)	1.25 [0.95–1.65]	0.11

Table 2. Phenotypic associations of average weekly self-reported sleep duration with 22 prevalent diseases curated from Electronic Medical Records in the Partners Biobank (*n* =30251), with additional adjustment for BMI (model 2)

Bold denotes significant associations ($p < 2.27 \times 10^{-03}$). CI = 95% confidence interval, n = number of cases, OR = odds ratio.

^aModel 2 covariates: model 1 covariates (age, sex, and race) + further adjustment for body mass index (except for obesity outcome).

smaller than that reported from the UK Biobank (1.04 minutes per allele), which may possibly be due to consequences of higher disease prevalence and medication use in the Partners Biobank or to anticipated larger effects due to "winner's curse" in the initial discovery sample. However, the ability to observe associations despite population and methodological differences supports the use of this instrument in sleep clinical research applications. Interestingly, the PRS association was only evident for weekday, but not weekend self-reported sleep duration, and may be due to higher heritability estimates for weekday (23.6%) compared to weekend (12.3%) sleep duration [41]. As was the case for earlier genetic studies of limited sample sizes [41–43], there was insufficient power to detect associations between each individual locus of the PRS, including the PAX8 variant, and self-reported sleep duration. In addition to the 78 SNP PRS, we also show the promise of a PRS calculated using genome-wide data with robust associations with self-reported sleep duration.

The pleiotropic nature of some genes implicated by the PRS suggests that the PRS may also associate with related diseases. Indeed, we observed associations between the PRS and lower odds for CHF, obesity, hypertension, and insomnia, and higher odds for RLS, and associations for CHF and RLS were maintained

Table 3. Association of the 78 sleep duration signals genetic risk score with self-reported sleep duration and 22 prevalent diseases curated from Electronic Medical Records in the Partners Biobank (n = 16033), with additional adjustment for obesity status

	Genetic risk score ^a		Genetic risk score—obesity-adjusted ^b		
	Beta (SE) per effect allele	P value	Beta (SE) per effect allele	P value	
	0.65 (0.19)	7.32 × 10 ⁻⁰⁴	0.58 (0.19)	2.74 × 10 ⁻⁰³	
Sleep duration ($n = 7155$)	OR [95% CI] per effect allele	P value	OR [95% CI] per effect allele	P value	
Asthma (n = 1451)	1.006 [0.995–1.017]	0.271	1.008 [0.997–1.019]	0.148	
Breast cancer ($n = 737$)	1.003 [0.989–1.018]	0.666	1.003 [0.989–1.018]	0.661	
Bipolar disorder (n = 126)	1.005 [0.971–1.040]	0.772	1.006 [0.972–1.041]	0.731	
Chronic obstructive pulmonary disorder ($n = 289$)	0.993 [0.971–1.016]	0.570	0.994 [0.971–1.016]	0.577	
Congestive heart failure ($n = 435$)	0.977 (0.959–0.995)	0.015	0.977 (0.959–0.996)	0.017	
Coronary artery disease (n = 2683)	1.002 [0.993–1.011]	0.608	1.003 [0.994–1.012]	0.575	
Crohn's disease ($n = 490$)	1.006 [0.988–1.024]	0.499	1.006 [0.988–1.024]	0.529	
Depression ($n = 2017$)	0.992 [0.983-1.001]	0.082	0.993 [0.984–1.003]	0.156	
Epilepsy ($n = 603$)	0.993 [0.977-1.009]	0.374	0.992 [0.977-1.009]	0.356	
Gout (n = 1008)	0.996 [0.983–1.009]	0.511	0.996 [0.984–1.009]	0.590	
Hypertension (n cases = 7691)	0.993 [0.986–1.000]	0.039	0.995 (0.988–1.002)	0.168	
Insomnia (n cases = 2123)	0.991 [0.982-1.000]	0.049	0.992 [0.983-1.001]	0.071	
Multiple sclerosis ($n = 160$)	0.990 [0.960–1.021]	0.519	0.991 [0.961–1.021]	0.548	
Obesity (n cases = 5631)	0.992 [0.986-0.999]	0.019	N/A	N/A	
Obstructive sleep apnea ($n = 2763$)	0.996 [0.988-1.004]	0.328	0.998 [0.990–1.007]	0.706	
Rheumatoid arthritis ($n = 703$)	1.004 [0.990–1.019]	0.557	1.005 [0.990-1.020]	0.491	
Restless legs syndrome ($n = 451$)	1.019 [1.001–1.038]	0.041	1.020 [1.002–1.039]	0.031	
Schizophrenia ($n = 28$)	1.006 [0.935–1.082]	0.881	1.006 [0.935–1.082]	0.873	
Stroke (n = 376)	1.005 [0.985–1.025]	0.657	1.004 [0.984–1.024]	0.686	
Type 1 diabetes ($n = 115$)	0.971 [0.937–1.006]	0.107	0.971 [0.936–1.006]	0.104	
Type 2 diabetes ($n = 1563$)	0.990 [0.980–1.001]	0.066	0.992 [0.981–1.002]	0.121	
Ulcerative colitis ($n = 331$)	0.998 [0.977–1.019]	0.828	0.998 [0.976–1.019]	0.821	

Threshold is P = 0.05.

CI = 95% confidence interval, OR = odds ratio, SE = standard error.

^aAssociations adjusted for age, sex, genotyping array, and principal components of ancestry.

^bAssociations further adjusted for obesity status derived from EMR.

Table 4. Associations between genetic risk score quartiles and associated diseases in the Partners Biobank (n = 16033)

	Genetic	risk score							
	Weight	ed							
	Q1	Weighted Q2		Weighted Q3		Weighted Q4		Weighted trend	
		OR (95% CI)	P value						
Congestive heart failure (n = 435)	ref	0.800 (0.614–1.043)	0.10	0.800 (0.614–1.042)	0.10	0.703 (0.534–0.925)	0.01	0.899 (0.824–0.980)	0.02
Hypertension (n = 7691)	ref	0.973 (0.880–1.075)	0.59	0.976 (0.881–1.081)	0.64	0.887 (0.801–0.982)	0.02	0.966 (0.935–0.997)	0.03
Insomnia ($n = 2123$)	ref	0.941 (0.827-1.071)	0.36	0.972 (0.854-1.105)	0.66	0.894 (0.785–1.019)	0.09	0.969 (0.930-1.010)	0.13
Obesity (n = 5631)	ref	0.961 (0.876-1.054)	0.40	0.880 (0.802-0.966)	0.01	0.903 (0.823-0.992)	0.03	0.961 (0.934-0.990)	0.01
Restless legs syndrome (n = 451)	ref	1.007 (0.758–1.338)	0.96	1.401 (1.075–1.826)	0.01	1.232 (0.938–1.617)	0.13	1.098 (1.009–1.195)	0.03

CI = 95% confidence interval, OR = odds ratio, Q = quartile.

Table 5. Causal links of longer sleep duration with disease outcomes using two-sample Mendelian Randomization

	Inverse variance weig	hted	Weighted median		MR-Egger	
	OR (95% CI)	P value	OR (95% CI)	P value	OR (95% CI)	P value
Congestive heart failure	0.978 (0.961–0.996)	0.019	0.978 (0.951–1.006)	0.12	0.991 (0.925–1.061)	0.80
Hypertension	0.993 (0.986-1.000)	0.049	0.994 (0.984–1.005)	0.28	0.989 (0.963–1.016)	0.42
Insomnia	0.992 (0.983-1.000)	0.053	0.994 (0.980–1.007)	0.34	0.985 (0.954–1.018)	0.38
Obesity	0.995 (0.987–1.003)	0.242	0.996 (0.986–1.007)	0.48	1.022 (0.992–1.052)	0.16
Restless legs syndrome	1.018 (1.000–1.036)	0.045	1.022 (0.996–1.049)	0.09	1.022 (0.957–1.091)	0.51

CI = 95% confidence interval, OR = odds ratio.

following additional adjustment for obesity status. The PRS associations with insomnia and obesity are consistent with the self-reported phenotypic cross-sectional links seen in this study, and findings from previous studies [11, 44]. Findings for insomnia are in agreement with previously observed genomewide genetic correlations that suggest shared biological links between short sleep and insomnia, and with objective short sleep being a feature of an important insomnia subtype [44, 45]. The finding of an association with CHF, however, is novel, and further supported by our use of a genome-wide PRS. Sleep duration and sleep disorders are recognized as risk factors for cardiovascular disease [4, 46], with multiple likely causal and bi-directional associations. Our data suggest that there may be underlying genetic risk factors for both sleep duration and CHF, possibly relating to pathways influencing sympathetic nervous system activity, which is common to short sleep duration, hypertension, [47] and heart failure [48]. Discordance between the self-reported sleep duration and PRS with CHF in this study may be attributed to differences in statistical power (n cases with self-reported sleep duration: 127; n cases with genetics: 435) or differences in duration of exposure, where self-reported sleep reflects acute sleep status whereas PRS reflects chronic exposure. Dissecting this relationship is possible through comparing PRS findings with repeated self-reported sleep duration or repeated actigraphy measures. Additional differences may reflect sampling biases from differences in clinical and demographic characteristics between the Partners Biobank sub-groups that answered sleep questions and those with genetic data. Future validation of both phenotypic and PRS associations of sleep with diseases in other EMR studies will be important. Initial MR findings indicate causal effects of genetically determined longer sleep duration on lower disease prevalence, except for RLS; however, further analyses in larger samples with prospective sampling to assess associations with incident disease are needed to definitively establish causality.

Our study has several strengths worth noting. The Partners Biobank is a large study population linking EMR to genetics and sleep data, allowing for phenotypic and genetic investigation of sleep duration associations with diseases. In addition, case definitions are based on a narrative approach using natural language processing of EMR, and over 89% PPV for disease prevalence, limiting false positive cases resulting from relying on coded data that are prone to various errors [49], with the exception of sleep disorders, which were based on a codified approach using ICD-10 physician diagnoses without chart validation and thus need to be interpreted cautiously. The PRS allows approximation of sleep duration independent of questionnaire response rate, which is lower among severe (i.e. CHF) and rare diseases, enabling adequate number of cases (~200 cases) to be considered in association studies [50]. Furthermore, unlike self-reported sleep duration, a score derived by genetics should act independently of confounders that may influence the relationships between sleep duration and diseases.

Weaknesses of our study include a modest response rate to the optional sleep survey (39.7% of entire Partners Biobank population), as has been observed in previous studies [51], and possible selection bias related to survey completion (subsample with responses were younger and more female) emphasizing the need for other markers of sleep duration independent of self-report. As our analyses are primarily based on self-reported sleep duration, which is susceptible to recall

bias and other limitations [52], it is necessary to supplement biobanks with objective sleep measures and consider genetic instruments derived from objective sleep duration and quality [53]. Furthermore, residual confounding, particularly by obesity, and reverse causality are possible explanations for our crosssectional phenotype and PRS observational associations. Our genetic analyses are conducted in individuals of European ancestry, and further investigation in other ethnicities is necessary for generalizability of our findings. In addition, given the cross-sectional design, causality cannot be assessed using the observed nongenetic phenotypic relationships, and may reflect the effects of disease onset, medication use, or other confounders, on self-reported sleep duration. Enriching future EMR datasets with disease onset timestamps and longitudinal phenotypic data through repeat assessments of self-reported and objective sleep measures as well as biomarkers of disease may enable prospective investigations. Causality may also be extended to other phenotypes and diseases using a phenomewide Mendelian randomization (MR-PheWAS) approach to investigate causal relationships between sleep duration using genetics and a range of disease outcomes and clinical biomarkers from EMR [54]. In addition, while our PRS is estimated to capture only a modest amount of variability in sleep duration (~1.4%), the score may reflect long-term exposure. In addition, refining our PRS by delineating genetic variants associated with different aspects of sleep microarchitecture is needed to pinpoint pathways driving disease relationships.

The adoption of EMR is becoming widespread, and our results suggest the feasibility of leveraging EMR and biobank data to advance sleep clinical research. By validating the PRS for sleep duration and identifying cross-phenotype associations, we lay the groundwork for future investigations on the intersection between sleep genetics, clinical measures, and diseases, which may enable identification of robust biomarkers for sleep duration [55].

Supplementary material

Supplementary material is available at SLEEP online.

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