

Forward and reverse genomic screens enhance the understanding of phenotypic variation in a large Chinese rhesus macaque cohort

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Combining genotype and phenotype data promises to greatly increase the value of macaque as biomedical models for human disease. Here we launch the Macaque Biobank project by deeply sequencing 919 captive Chinese rhesus macaques (CRM) while assessing 52 phenotypic traits. Genomic analyses reveal the captive CRMs are a mixture of multiple wild sources and exhibit significantly lower mutational load than their Indian counterparts. We identify hundreds of loss-of-function variants linked to human inherited disease and drug targets, and at least seven exert significant effects on phenotypes using forward genomic screens. Genome-wide association analyses reveal 30 independent loci associated with phenotypic variations. Using reverse genomic approaches, we identify *DISC1* (p.Arg517Trp) as a genetic risk factor for neuropsychiatric disorders, with macaques carrying this deleterious allele exhibiting impairments in working memory and cortical architecture. This study demonstrates the potential of macaque cohorts for the investigation of genotype-phenotype relationships and exploring potential spontaneous models of human genetic disease.

Over the past decades, rhesus macaque (*Macaca mulatta*) bioresources have played a crucial role in deepening our understanding of human physiology, metabolism, reproduction, development, cognition, and pathology^{1–3}. More recently, the importance of this species as an experimental model increased substantially during the COVID-19 pandemic, a dire public health crisis that urgently necessitated the recruitment of many animal models for vaccine testing and drug treatments⁴. However, this global pandemic also triggered, either

directly or indirectly, a worldwide shortage of rhesus macaques for research^{5,6}. In consequence, fully appreciating and efficiently utilizing macaque bioresources has become a major challenge currently faced by all biologists^{7,8}.

Effectively utilizing rhesus macaques as an experimental animal model benefits from the greater resolution of genetic variation and detailed phenotypic examination in parallel^{9,10}. Additionally, insights into the genetic diversity of macaque populations will greatly assist in

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the rational genetic management of research colonies¹¹. Rhesus macaques are geographically widespread and consequently genetically diverse^{12–14}. Three distinct lineages are nevertheless well recognized: Indian, Chinese and Indochinese¹⁵. Currently, the most significant macaque bioresource, macaque genotype and phenotype (mGAP)¹⁶, primarily concentrates on Indian rhesus macaques (IRM), with only a limited number of samples being of Chinese origin. However, it is now clear that Chinese rhesus macaque (CRM) populations exhibit considerable genetic variations, potentially surpassing that of their Indian counterparts¹⁷, and they vary markedly in traits such as body size, pelage, and other morphological characteristics^{18,19}. To effectively monitor and preserve the diversity of CRM, and with an eye to utilizing them as biomedical experimental models, a national primate facility known as “National Research Facility of Phenotypic and Genetic Analyses of Model Animals (Primate Facility)” has been established at the Kunming Institute of Zoology (KIZ), Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS)²⁰. Thanks to more than 80 years of dedicated artificial breeding efforts since the 1960s, along with the occasional introduction of new monkeys into the colony, the population now exceeds 1800 CRMs, descended from a diverse range of wild ancestors. This invaluable bioresource not only offers an opportunity to explore the genetic variation that underlies observable phenotypic, physiological and behavioral differences between macaques, but the identification of functionally significant genetic variations will also enhance our understanding of existing models thereby paving the way for the discovery of novel genetic models for inherited human diseases.

Two complementary approaches, namely forward genomics and reverse genomics, can be utilized to achieve these goals. Forward genomics, a phenotype-driven strategy (i.e., genome-wide association study [GWAS]), starts with the measurement or observation of a phenotype and proceeds to the mapping of the causative loci or genes²¹. This method is particularly powerful in deciphering the molecular mechanisms underlying natural phenotypic variation, in those cases where we have no prior knowledge of the genes involved in the biological process. Conversely, reverse genomics is a gene-driven approach that involves identifying mutations in specific genes of interest, followed by phenotypic assessment²². Whereas reverse genetic studies tend to be more straightforward and shorter in duration by comparison with forward genetic studies, they can be hampered by challenges such as inefficient gene knockdown or genetic background effects^{23,24}. Until now, both approaches have been successfully applied to a number of model organisms, including mouse^{25,26}, zebrafish²⁷, *Drosophila*²⁸, and *Arabidopsis*²³.

Accordingly, we have launched the Macaque Biobank (MB) project, with the aim of capturing a wide range of phenotypic and omics data across large numbers of individual macaques. In the initial phase, we densely genotyped 919 CRMs and assessed 52 phenotypic traits that were collected from the colony of KIZ. We first explored the ancestry, genetic diversity and sequence variations present in this cohort. Next, we performed forward genomic screens to identify the genetic variants responsible for specific phenotypes. Finally, we employed reverse genomic screens, focusing mainly on neurological disease genes, to examine the phenotypic consequences arising from specific mutations. Overall, the MB introduced here promises to serve as an invaluable resource for the study of the genotype-phenotype relevance of macaques to molecular medicine, as well as for the discovery of new spontaneous models of human genetic diseases.

Results

Genetic ancestry and status of the CRM cohort

The initial dataset comprised 919 captive CRM individuals that were sequenced to a high mean depth (~30.47X) (Supplementary Data 1) and 80 wild CRM samples¹⁸ with moderate genomic coverage (~11.71X). After applying a series of sample and variant quality controls (see

Methods), we obtained a total of 84,480,388 high-quality sequence variants across 961 individuals, including 74,752,163 single-nucleotide variants (SNVs) and 9,728,225 insertions or deletions (Indels) (Fig. 1a). This corresponds to an average of one variant per 35 base-pairs (bp) genomic DNA. Nearly 59% of these variants occurred at low allele frequencies (AF < 0.01) whereas approximately 8.0% were classified as very common (AF > 0.05). The comparison of variant dataset with the largest mGAP cohort (v2.2)¹⁶ revealed that more than 62 million of the SNVs and Indels (73.94%, Fig. 1a) were newly identified, despite the much smaller sample size of our cohort compared to that of the mGAP project¹⁶ (961 *vs.* 2,425). This is perhaps not surprising given that the reference genome per se is an Indian-origin lineage, which is phylogenetically distinct from the CRM²⁹. Nevertheless, we cannot exclude another possibility that our CRM cohort may possess higher levels of genetic diversity compared to the mGAP cohort¹⁶, which is evident from the results presented below.

We traced the genetic ancestry of the CRM cohort by incorporating samples from diverse geographical regions of China alongside samples from India. The PCA results show a clear separation between the CRMs and the IRMs (Fig. 1b), thereby corroborating the marked genetic divergence of these two geographically separated subpopulations^{18,30}. Within the Chinese samples, the captive CRMs were indistinguishable from the wild population, irrespective of whether or not the Indian-origin samples were excluded. Such pronounced admixture between captive CRM samples and the wild population was further corroborated in FRAPPE³¹-inferred ancestral clusters (Fig. 1c), implying that the captive CRMs are likely an admixture of multiple wild sources, aligning with the maintenance history of the cohort. The combination of multiple genetic ancestries introduces increased nucleotide variation into the recipient population. As expected, we found that the captive CRMs showed the highest genetic diversity (mean π = 0.0016), which is comparable to that of the wild population (average π = 0.0015) and 1.7-fold higher than the mGAP cohort¹⁶ (average π = 0.0001) (Fig. 1d). The observation of slightly lower genetic diversity among wild individuals than captive CRMs was likely caused by their lower sequencing depth (R^2 = 0.61, p -value = 6.065e-09, Supplementary Fig. 1). This notwithstanding, the mutational load pattern indicated that both the captive CRMs and the wild population carried significantly fewer deleterious mutations (Fig. 1e) and homozygous loss-of-function (LoF) (Fig. 1f) than the mGAP cohort¹⁶ (Mann–Whitney U test, p -value < 2.2×10^{-16}). This pattern consistent with the anticipation that a more inbred population would logically exhibit a higher genetic load³². High genetic diversity and low genetic load are reliable indicators of a population's long-term viability^{33,34}. These results imply that the genetic status of our captive CRMs compares favorably with the mGAP¹⁶ samples, with a lower risk of inbreeding, germplasm degradation, and loss of genetic diversity.

Variant annotation and mutational profiling

We classified the variants into different categories based on their location and functional impact. As seen in human cohorts^{35,36}, the majority of the CRM variants were found in intergenic and intronic regions, accounting for 45.13% and 39.75%, respectively, whereas the variants located in coding and splicing regions made up 0.89% of the total (Fig. 2a and Supplementary Fig. 2a–c). The number of synonymous variants (~328 K) was slightly higher than the non-synonymous variants (~315 K); they together comprised 85.22% of the variants in coding and splice regions. The allele frequency distribution indicated that the non-synonymous and frameshift mutations, start/stop gains or losses, and splice site variants are more likely to be rare or singletons (Fig. 2b), reflecting the putative purifying selection acting on them.

We next examined the mutational constraint on different genes and pathways. To calibrate the number of mutations resulting from mapping to a distant reference genome (Indian rhesus macaque) and accounting for local sequence features (e.g., gene length), we utilized

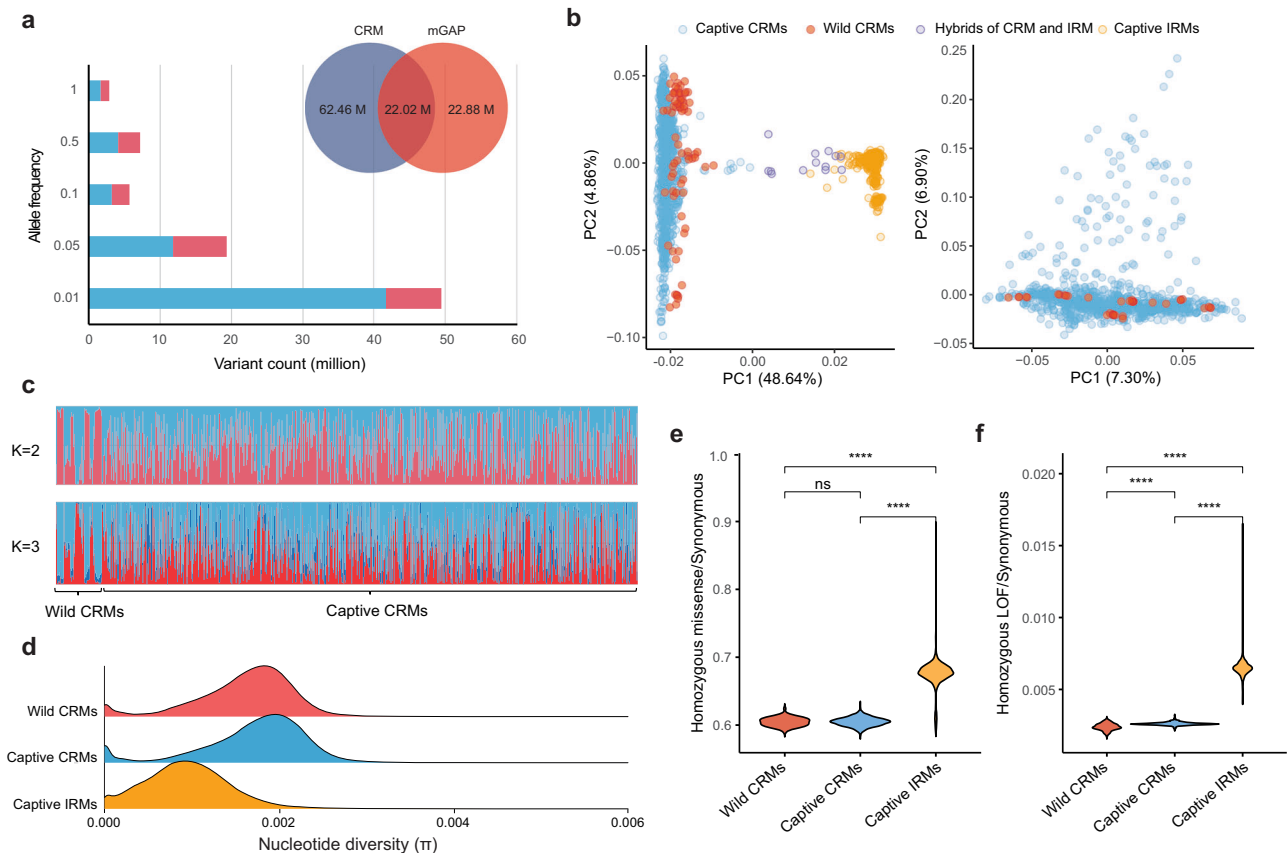


Fig. 1 | Genetic ancestry and status of the CRM cohort. **a** The Venn diagram depicting the number of variants (SNVs + Indels) detected in our CRM cohort compared to the mGAP project¹⁶, and the stacked bar chart displaying the overlap (red) and novel variants (sky blue) finding in the CRM cohort. Variants were categorized on the basis of allele frequency (AF). **b** Genetic ancestry inferred from PCA analyses. Left: principle component plot for combined genotype data of CRM and mGAP cohorts. This combined dataset includes captive CRMs, wild CRMs, captive IRMs, and the hybrids of CRM and IRM. Right: principle component plot for CRM cohort only, which includes captive CRMs and wild CRMs. The figure in parenthesis

represents the proportion of genetic variance explained by the eigenvector. **c** Mixed ancestry inferred from FRAPPE results ($K=2-3$). **d** Genetic diversity (π) of captive CRMs compared to wild CRMs and captive IRMs. Mutational load pattern of captive CRMs compared to wild CRMs ($n=961$) and captive IRMs ($n=714$), **(e)** depicting the ratio of the number of homozygous derived missense variants to homozygous derived synonymous variants, and **(f)** showing the number of derived homozygous LoF variants to homozygous derived synonymous variants. P -values were estimated by two-tailed Mann-Whitney U test. ns not significant; ****, p -value $< 2.2 \times 10^{-16}$. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

the number of synonymous variations as a control baseline³⁷. Specifically, we computed the ratio of non-synonymous to synonymous substitutions ($nsyn/syn$) for each gene. After controlling for the false discovery rate (FDR), our results showed that the most evolutionarily constrained pathways (involving genes with no observed non-synonymous mutations) were related to core biological processes, e.g., ribosome, spliceosome and proteasome components (adjusted p -value < 0.05 , Fig. 2d), consistent with previous findings in human cohorts^{37,38}. By contrast, the immune-related pathways, such as the chemokine signaling pathway, cytokine-cytokine receptor interactions, viral protein interactions with cytokine and cytokine receptors, were among the least constrained pathways ($nsyn/syn > 4$). Interestingly, several neurodegeneration pathways, such as those evident in amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), Parkinson's disease (PD), Huntington disease (HD), and Alzheimer's disease (AD), were also found to be markedly conserved (adjusted p -value < 0.05), implying their functional importance and strong purifying selection in rhesus macaques. It is reasonable to suppose that these categories of conserved pathways are also less tolerant to deleterious mutation.

Loss of function (LoF) variants and association with phenotypes
LoF variants, including nonsense, frameshift, or canonical splice-site mutations, are of particular interest as they have the potential to severely disrupt the functionality of protein-coding genes, thereby

could serve as naturally occurring gene knockouts to explore gene function³⁹. However, LoF variants are known to have a high false-positive rate due to various factors, including incomplete and imperfect genome annotation, occurrence on non-canonical transcripts or within the last 5% of the transcript^{40,41}. To increase the probability of a given variant being accurately annotated as a predicted loss-of-function (pLoF) mutation, we applied a set of filtering strategies to the raw LoF variants derived from the SnpEff prediction⁴² (see Methods for detail). In total, we identified 4,166 high-confidence pLoF variants across 2746 genes (Supplementary Data 2), where at least one copy of the gene was predicted to be inactivated based on both rhesus macaque and human genome annotations. Of these, the majority (83.08%) were found to be rare ($MAF < 0.01$) and only 5.61% of the pLoF variants were very common ($MAF > 0.05$). On average, each individual macaque carried 97 pLoF variants, similar to the numbers found in human genomes^{39,40}.

The very common pLoF alleles are likely to be LoF-tolerant because they are less constrained by purifying selection. We observed a significant enrichment in olfactory receptors among these alleles (adjusted p -value $= 1.809 \times 10^{-4}$, Supplementary Table 1), consistent with the findings of previous studies^{37,38,43}. It is intriguing to find that seven mouse essential genes (*PPP1R15B*, *IFT52*, *CYPIA2*, *ETV2*, *NFASC*, *SLC2A9*, *PLRG1*) and two human essential genes (*MAK16*, *PLRG1*) were tolerant to biallelic inactivation in CRMs (Supplementary Data 2). For

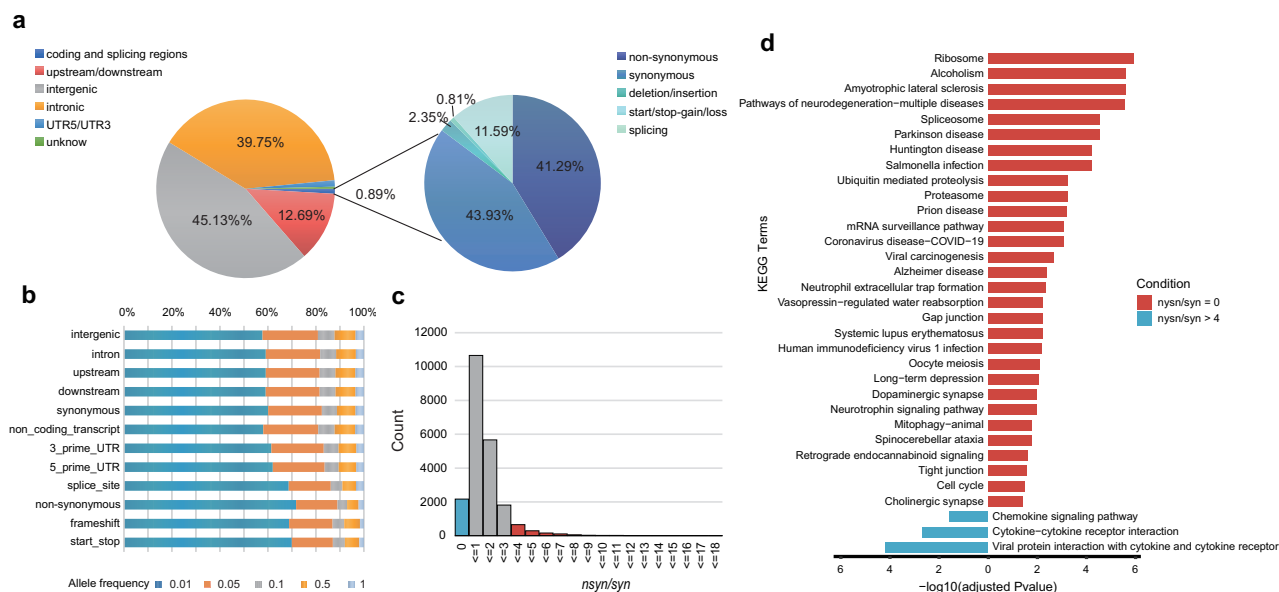


Fig. 2 | Statistics of variant annotation and mutational profile. a Pie chart displaying the proportion of functional annotation for all variants (left) and only variants in coding and splicing regions (right). **b** Variant type in coding and splicing regions categorized on the basis of allele frequency (AF). 0.01, AF ≤ 0.01 ; 0.05, AF ≤ 0.05 ; 0.5, AF ≤ 0.5 ; 1, AF ≤ 1 . **c** Distribution of *nsyn/syn* ratio for all genes. We referred that the genes with no observed non-synonymous mutations (*nsyn/syn* =

0) in the cohort were evolutionarily conserved, whereas genes with *nsyn/syn* > 4 were less constrained. The numbers of these two categories were filled with different colors. **d** The bar plot displaying the significant KEGG pathways that were enriched for the conserved genes (*nsyn/syn* = 0; 0dnds, red) and less constrained genes (*nsyn/syn* > 4; 4dnds, blue). P-values were corrected by Benjamini-Hochberg algorithm. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

example, the *PLRG1* gene, which encodes a core component of the cell division cycle 5-like (*CDC5L*) complex, is crucial for both mouse embryonic and human cells in terms of their viability^{44,45}. Analysis of the transcriptome data confirmed that the splice acceptor mutation in *PLRG1* (c.10-2_10-linsA) observed in CRMs likely influences the fusion of exon1 and exon2, resulting in the transcript of *PLRG1* with a loss of the exon1 fragment (Supplementary Fig. 3). However, our observations suggest that the homozygous knockout of this gene does not result in severe consequences or a disease state in CRMs, probably the evolutionary change of gene essentiality across species⁴⁶ or a compensation effect from gene family members⁴⁷. By contrast, rare pLoF alleles (MAF < 0.01) are expected to be less tolerated and likely associated with a strong functional effect. We found a strong depletion of homozygosity among rare pLoF variants, with only 78 (2.29%) of the variants being homozygous. These genes were significantly enriched for metabolic pathways, such as arachidonic acid metabolism, glycerophospholipid metabolism, and glycerolipid metabolism (adjusted *p*-value < 0.05, Supplementary Table 2). Interestingly, we identified 338 genes as potential drug targets within the high-quality pLoF catalog (Fig. 3b and Supplementary Data 2). These genes exhibited varying degrees of gene loss, which could potentially lead to inter-individual differences in pharmacological efficacy. Consequently, the compilation of high-confidence LoF variants could serve as a key resource to guide the selection of suitable “druggable” targets, and it would be rewarding to have a primary screening for these druggable targets in CRMs for selecting the proper individuals for the pharmacological evaluations.

To further characterize the phenotypic consequences of the rare pLoF variants, we performed an association screen against 52 distinct phenotypes (Supplementary Tables 3 and 4). Association results surpassed the Bonferroni significance threshold (*p*-value = 2.83×10^{-5} , see “Methods”) for seven pLoF-trait pairs (Supplementary Table 5). The most significant association was a splice acceptor variant in *ANO10* (c.203-2 AG > G), which was related to the full-leg length (*p*-value = 8.97×10^{-6}). Compared to the non-carriers, *ANO10* (c.203-2 AG > G) heterozygotes displayed a significant reduction in full-leg

length (Mann-Whitney *U* test, *p*-value = 0.0251, Fig. 3c). Notably, *ANO10* (c.203-2 AG > G) heterozygous carriers also exhibited a nominally significant reduction in full-arm length (Mann-Whitney *U* test, *p*-value = 0.0139, Fig. 3d), although the association test (*p*-value = 4.12×10^{-5}) did not surpass the level of significance required by Bonferroni correction, likely because the correction approach is highly conservative and would tend to “overcorrect” the variants in the context of a mild or small effect⁴⁸. *ANO10* encodes a transmembrane protein that belongs to the transmembrane 16 family. Defects in this gene can cause ataxia, a neurological condition characterized by gait and balance impairment, upper limb coordination problems, as well as impairment of speech and eye movements^{49,50}. However, to our knowledge, *ANO10* has never been reported to be associated with limb length. Similarly, we could identify a heterozygous splice acceptor mutation at *PRRC2B* (c.6379-2 A > G), which was predicted to play a role in embryonic development⁵¹, was significantly associated with a higher body weight (*p*-value = 9.67×10^{-6} , Fig. 3c). If employing a less conservative association *p*-value threshold (e.g., 1×10^{-4}), we could identify another 13 associations that was aligned with the gene function (Fig. 3d). For instance, the carriers of a stop gain mutation in the *ATR* gene possess a smaller head length (Mann-Whitney *U* test, *p*-value = 0.0072). It has been suggested defects of this gene was a cause of Seckel syndrome 1, a syndrome characterized by severe intrauterine and postnatal growth retardation, microcephaly and mental retardation⁵². In addition, the heterozygous knock-out of *ALOX15*, which encodes an enzyme that acts on various polyunsaturated fatty acid substrates⁵³, was associated with lower high-density lipoprotein (HDL) and low-density lipoprotein (LDL) concentrations in serum of CRMs (*p*-value = 0.0042 and 0.0073, respectively).

Genome-wide association for 52 phenotypes in CRMs

The availability of multiple genomes coupled with phenotypic data also provides an unprecedented opportunity to investigate the genetic foundations of phenotypic variation in CRMs. To this end, we performed GWAS analyses for each quantified trait on the common variants (SNVs + Indels) with a mixed linear model by fitting relevant

covariates, e.g., age, sex, genetic relationship, population structure (see Methods). The genomic control factor λ did not show any sign of inflation for all tests ($\lambda < 1.03$), suggesting that population structure

has been well controlled. The resulting statistical power of a GWAS was 0.0046 (Supplementary Fig. 4) when assuming a mean heritability (\hat{h}^2) of 0.5 for the traits. This indicates that 0.46% of the causal variants

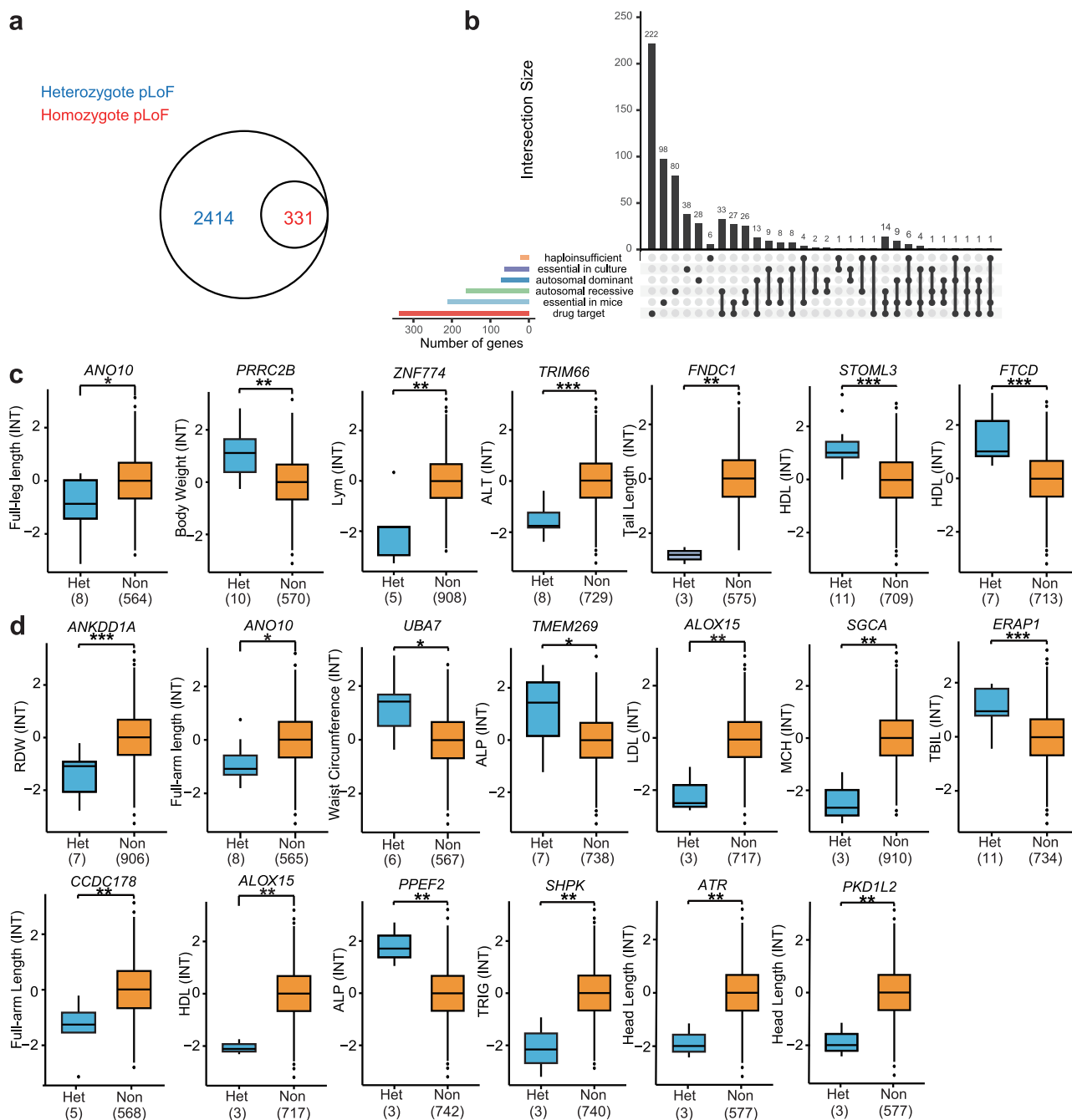


Fig. 3 | pLoF genes and their association with phenotypes. a Number of heterozygous (blue) and homozygous (red) pLoF genes in the CRM cohort. **b** UpSet plot depicting the intersection of pLoF genes with the following gene lists: haploinsufficient gene determined by the ClinGen Dosage Sensitivity Map (haploinsufficient), essential gene in multiple cultured cell lines (essential in culture), essential gene for the viability of mice (essential in mice), OMIM disease genes of autosomal dominant and autosomal recessive, and drug target in DrugBank. The first five gene lists are available at https://github.com/macarthur-lab/gene_lists, corresponding to the “ClinGen haploinsufficient genes”, “Essential in culture”, “Essential in mice”, “All dominant genes”, and “All recessive genes” lists, respectively. The drug target gene were annotated by Metascape¹⁰⁸. Details were provided in Supplementary Data 2. Associations of pLoF gene with the phenotypic trait that surpassed (c) the Bonferroni significance threshold (p -value = 2.83×10^{-5}), and (d) p -value of 1×10^{-4} based on a mixed linear model. These results are ordered

according the significance of association p -value. Please refer Supplementary Table 5 for detail variant type and exact p -value for each gene. The values on the y-axis represent the trait that were separately normalized using inverse normal transformation (INT) and were adjusted for age and sex. Numbers in brackets (x-axis) indicate the sample size with the mutation. P -values were estimated by two-tailed Mann–Whitney U test. The center line of the boxplot represents the median, the box spans the interquartile range (IQR, 25th to 75th percentile), and the whiskers extend to the minimum and maximum values within $1.5 \times$ IQR. Outliers beyond this range are shown as individual points. Asterisks denote the level of significance of the compared groups by a two-tailed Mann–Whitney test. “Het” denotes the group of heterozygous allele carriers. “Non” represents the non-carriers. *, p -value < 0.05 ; **, p -value < 0.01 ; ***, p -value < 0.001 . Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

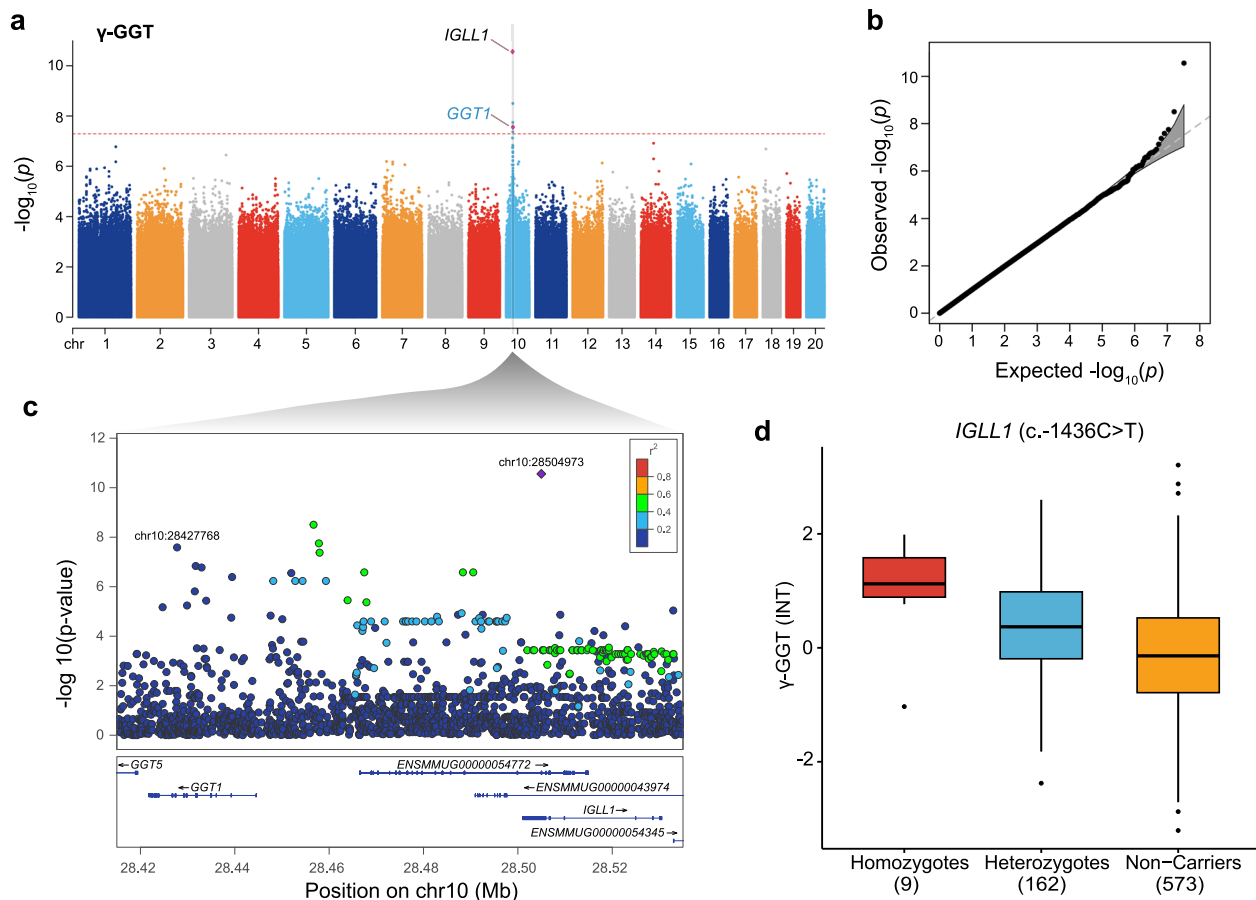


Fig. 4 | Illustrative examples of GWAS. **a** Manhattan plots showing the GWAS result for γ -GGT concentration in CRMs. The genetic loci that satisfied the genome-wide significance threshold of p -value $< 5.13 \times 10^{-8}$ (red dashed line) are presented. This threshold was estimated by using a uniform threshold of $1/n$, where n is the effective number of independent variants. The locus of *GGT1* has been previously reported to be associated with γ -GGT concentration⁶⁰ in the human GWAS catalog and is highlighted in blue. **b** Q-Q plots corresponding to the Manhattan plot of γ -GGT. Gray shaded areas show 95% confidence intervals for the expected distributions. **c** LocusZoom plots for the two independent SNPs (chr10:28504973 and chr10:28427768) related to the γ -GGT concentration on chromosome 10. The purple diamond (chr10:28504973) represents the most significant SNP; all other

variants are colored by their r^2 values. SNP positions and gene boundaries are based on the gene build of Mmul_10⁷⁹. **d** Carriage of the most significant SNP (chr10:28504973), c.-1436C > T, in 5'-UTR region of *IGLL1*, was associated with a step increase of γ -GGT concentration. Phenotypic data were normalized using INT method. Numbers in brackets (x-axis) indicate the sample size with the mutation. The center line of the boxplot represents the median, the box spans the inter-quartile range (IQR, 25th to 75th percentile), and the whiskers extend to the minimum and maximum values within $1.5 \times \text{IQR}$. Outliers beyond this range are shown as individual points. The summary statistics of GWAS results can be download from Non-Human Primate BioBank database (<https://nhpbiobank.kiz.ac.cn/Home/Download>). Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

could be detected given a sample size of 875 (the number of captive CRMs possessed the phenotypic data). In total, we identified 44 variants associated with 16 phenotypic traits that passed the genome-wide significance threshold (p -value = 5.13×10^{-8}). These variants were clumped into 30 independent loci across 18 chromosomes, explaining 3.36–5.97% of phenotypic variations (Supplementary Fig. 5 and Supplementary Table 6).

The annotation of these significant variants revealed six genes (*DCDC2C*, *TRIB1*, *EDIL3*, *GGT1*, *SHISA9*, *WVOW*) have been reported to be associated with specific human traits (Supplementary Table 6). For instance, the *EDIL3* gene, which encodes an integrin ligand, has been previously suggested to be related to human body mass index (BMI)⁵⁴. In this study, we discovered that a downstream variant of this gene was significantly associated with a reduction in BMI in rhesus macaques (beta = -1.0737 , p -value = 6.30×10^{-9} , Supplementary Fig. 5c). We also observed associations of the *SHISA9* locus link to hip circumference⁵⁵ (beta = -0.6693 , p -value = 3.69×10^{-8}), and the *WVOW* locus with body weight⁵⁶ (beta = 0.3909 , p -value = 3.87×10^{-8}) (Supplementary Fig. 5j, p). Apart from these known associations, we identified 11 significant associations that had not previously been reported in the human GWAS catalog⁵⁷ (Supplementary Table 6). Of these, the most

significant association was observed for a 5'-UTR variant at the *IGLL1* locus (c.-1436C > T), which was related to the serum gamma-glutamyl transpeptidase concentration (γ -GGT) level in CRMs (p -value = 2.76×10^{-11} , Fig. 4a, b and Supplementary Table 6). This gene encodes an immunoglobulin lambda-like polypeptide 1 protein which plays an important role in B cell development⁵⁸. In CRMs, the heterozygous and homozygous carriers exhibited a gradual increase in γ -GGT concentration as compared to non-carriers (Fig. 4d). Interrogation of human ENCODE databases⁵⁹ revealed that this signal region exhibited distinct active enhancer signatures in a range of human cell types (Supplementary Fig. 6). It is noteworthy that this peak also encompassed an independent locus of *GGT1* (p -value = 2.59×10^{-8}), which has previously been reported to be associated with γ -GGT level in human⁶⁰. However, regional association analysis indicated that these two variants were in weak linkage disequilibrium (LD) ($r^2 = 0.01$, Fig. 4c), suggesting they are being independently linked to the GGT level.

Reverse genetic screen identifies *DISC1* (p.Arg517Trp) as a genetic risk factor for neuropsychiatric disorders

The above classical forward genetic approaches enabled the identification of multiple genetic variants associated with the phenotypic

variations in CRMs. It is intriguing to verify whether a distinct genotype can predict a specific phenotype. In a reverse genetic screen, we identified 3192 non-synonymous mutations across 2216 genes that were predicted to be deleterious based on the intersection results of SIFT4G⁶¹ and PolyPhen-2⁶² (Supplementary Data 3). We are particularly interested in the genes related to human neurological disorders (NDs) as these complex diseases are difficult to investigate using rodent models^{3,63}. Non-human primates (NHPs) are not only phylogenetically close but they also share similar brain structure and function with humans, making them more suitable for the study of human NDs than other mammalian species⁶⁴. Below, we highlight the case regarding the phenotypic consequences arising from a deleterious missense mutation in the *DISC1* (Disrupted-In-Schizophrenia 1) gene (p.Arg517Trp, c.1549 C > T, SIFT4G score = 0.01).

In this cohort, we identified eight CRMs that carried the *DISC1* p.Arg517Trp mutation in the homozygous state versus 725 non-carriers. These macaques included three adults (aged 5–7 years) and five elderly individuals (aged over 19 years). Given that aging could potentially affect the results obtained (e.g., working memory), we focused on the three adults and excluded the elderly monkeys from the behavioral and brain imaging experiments. We observed a significant reduction in neurological function in carriers of the risk allele (Trp) than 19 non-carriers (Arg, two-tailed *t*-test, *p*-value < 0.0001, Fig. 5d). This reduction was manifested by diminished limb reflexes, as well as a decreased response to pain and teasing. We further assessed the working memory under mild-stressful and non-stressful conditions, respectively. Our results showed that risk allele carriers consistently exhibited lower working memory performance with increasing delay lengths, and this pattern was particularly evident in the trials with 30 s delays (Fig. 5a, b). When a restraint stress was applied, the risk allele carriers displayed markedly more errors under these stressful conditions (two-tailed *t*-test, *p*-value = 0.0363, Fig. 5c). Since stress is a risk factor for psychiatric disorders associated with impaired prefrontal function^{65,66}, these data may help to explain why the deleterious missense mutation of *DISC1* increases the risk of psychiatric disorders.

Next, we carried out magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) to examine whether any cortical structure was altered in *DISC1* Trp carriers. Although we did not detect a significant reduction in gray matter volume and thickness (Supplementary Fig. 7), we observed an increase in gray matter surface area in the frontal lobe of the Trp risk allele carriers (*p*-value = 0.0338, Fig. 5e), particularly in the motor cortices of the caudal frontal lobe. Additionally, we detected a significant reduction of white matter volume in the temporal lobe (*p*-value = 0.0064, Fig. 5f) and a significant increase in ventricular volume (*p*-value = 0.0169, Fig. 5g). Further region-level results confirmed that the majority of changes in gray matter surface area and white matter volume were localized to the frontal lobe and temporal lobe, respectively (Supplementary Figs. 8, 9). We also collected resting-state functional magnetic resonance imaging (rs-fMRI) data. Although no significant group differences in functional connectivity (FC) were observed at the whole-brain or lobe levels, the lobar analysis revealed a trend toward reduced parietal-frontal FC and increased subcortical and frontal-frontal FC in Trp monkeys (Supplementary Fig. 11a, b). The network-based statistic (NBS) was further conducted across a range of primary thresholds (*t* = 3.0–3.4) to identify differences in functional connectivity between the Trp-bearing macaques and the Arg controls under the general anesthesia. As the primary threshold increased, a stable set of differing functional connectivity persisted (Supplementary Fig. 10), with the results at the median threshold (*t* = 3.2) presented in Fig. 5h,i. Among these findings, the majority of increased functional connectivity measures in Trp-bearing monkeys were localized within the frontal lobe (*n* = 11), while a subset was observed between the frontal lobe and subcortical regions (*n* = 7) (Fig. 5h). Additionally, we identified 27 connections that displayed a reduction in strength in the

Trp-bearing macaques compared to controls, with the majority of these reductions occurring between the frontal lobe and parietal lobe (*n* = 13) (Fig. 5i). At the regional level, Trp monkeys showed altered functional connectivity density (FCD) in the SII, areas 24a/b prime, and the nucleus accumbens (Acb) (Supplementary Fig. 11c, d). Since the sample size in the current study is relatively small, especially considering the challenge in identifying group difference in resting state fMRI with only 3 Trp-bearing macaques, the functional connectivity results should be interpreted with caution. Further studies with larger sample sizes are needed to validate these findings.

Discussion

The macaque cohort presented here represents one of the most extensive sequencing studies so far performed in rhesus macaques, although our data have primarily been derived from the CRM population. This notwithstanding, we have for the first time incorporated a diverse array of phenotypic data from numerous macaque individuals. The current cohort comprises genomic data from 961 CRMs, supported by 52 hematological, biochemical and anthropometric measurements. Our preliminary analyses indicate that the captive CRMs are a mixture of animals from multiple wild sources, which was consistent with the introduction of wild animals into the colony to avoid potential inbreeding. Together they harbor over 62 million variants (74%) that were previously undetected in the mGAP project¹⁶, thereby demonstrating the distinctness of the CRM and IRM lineages, which serves as a *caveat* for their use as nonhuman primate models. The higher nucleotide diversity in the CRM cohort was also supported, but our new data with its large sample size and high coverage genomic sequencing indicate that the captive CRMs carry a significantly lower genetic load, and hence are less susceptible to inbreeding compared to the mGAP individuals¹⁶.

The relatively large sample size of the genomic data obtained enables us to assess the sensitivity of genes to functional variations in non-human primates, thereby enhancing our capacity to discover disease-related genes, especially in these monkeys with spontaneous diseases^{67–69}. Our results corroborate previous findings performed on large human cohorts^{37,38}, indicating that genes implicated in core biological processes (e.g., ribosome, spliceosome and proteasome components) belong to the most constrained categories, whereas immune-related genes are the least constrained. Notably, we discovered that human orthologous genes associated with neurological disorders, such as ALS, PD, HD and AD, are also under strong selective constraints (Fig. 2d). This implies that these neural genes are of functional importance and have been conserved in rhesus macaques, making them less tolerant to LoF mutations or detrimental non-synonymous mutations. Our findings therefore provide compelling genetic evidence to support the use of rhesus macaques as a suitable model for studying neurological diseases^{3,64,70}.

Employing a reverse genomic approach, we successfully demonstrated a case arising from a deleterious missense mutation in the macaque *DISC1* gene (p.Arg517Trp, Fig. 5), a well-recognized risk gene for several types of human neuropsychiatric disorder. This gene encodes a multi-compartmentalised protein that functions as a scaffold hub, interacting with numerous partners involved in brain development and disease processes. Defects in *DISC1* have been reported to be associated with impaired working memory⁷¹. Anatomical changes mostly involve cortical abnormalities, including the prefrontal cortex as this area plays an important role in executive functions and working memory⁷². In this study, our data collectively indicated that the macaques carrying the risk allele of *DISC1* p.Arg517Trp exhibited alterations in cortical architecture and functional connectivity (Fig. 5e–i), which may ultimately contribute to the observed neurological deficits and impairment of working memory (Fig. 5a–d). As working memory impairment is a contributing symptom to most neuropsychiatric disorders linked to *DISC1* mutations, these promising

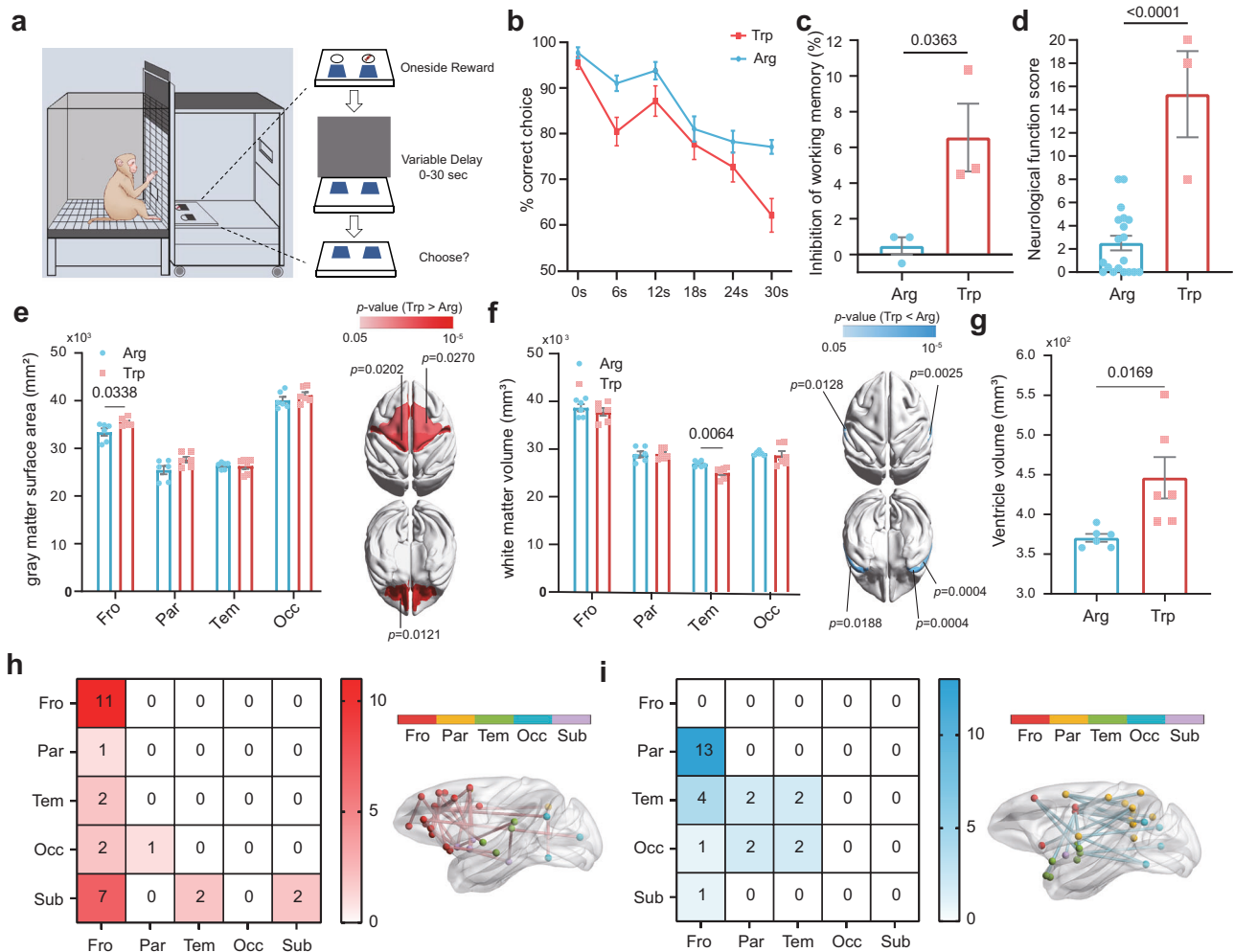


Fig. 5 | Phenotypic consequences arising from a deleterious missense mutation in *DISC1* (p.Arg517Trp). **a** Schematic diagram of spatial working memory test using the Wisconsin General Test Apparatus (WGTA), where the macaque was allowed to choose food (e.g., peanut) from one of the two covered wells with various time delays. Macaque drawings by Mu-Ru Zhou; full painting by Hong-Di Huang. **b** Performance (percentage of correct choice) of Trp-bearing macaques ($n = 3$, red) and Arg controls ($n = 3$, blue) across six tested delays (0 s, 6 s, 12 s, 18 s, 24 s, 30 s). Data here and below are presented as the mean \pm SEM. **c** Inhibition of working memory (ratio of errors score) caused by restraint stress between the Trp-bearing macaques ($n = 3$) and Arg controls ($n = 3$). P -value in working memory examinations was estimated by two-tailed t -test. **d** Neurological function scores performed for 3 adults of homozygous carriers (Trp) vs 19 non-carriers (Arg). P -value were estimated by two-tailed unpaired t -test. **e** Quantification of brain structure differences in macaques with 3 Trp carriers compared to 3 Arg controls that involved in working memory examinations. Left: gray matter surface area of four lobes in Trp-bearing macaques and Arg controls. Right: visualization of frontal brain regions showing significant differences between Trp-bearing macaques and Arg controls

on the mid-gray surfaces of the macaque template. Red indicates the surface area of Trp-bearing macaques is larger than Arg controls, blue is the opposite. Fro, frontal lobe; Par, parietal lobe; Tem, temporal lobe; Occ, occipital lobe. **f** White matter volume of the four lobes (left) and visualization of temporal brain regions showing significant differences (right) between the 3 Trp carriers and 3 Arg controls. **g** Ventricle volume of the whole-brain between the Trp carriers ($n = 3$) and Arg controls ($n = 3$). **e–g** Quantitative data in Arg and Trp groups are presented as means \pm SEM, with data collected from the two hemispheres of each monkey. Generalized linear mixed models (GLMMs) were used to estimate the statistical significance. Number of pairs of brain areas exhibiting increased (**h**) and decreased (**i**) functional connectivity within and across lobes and subcortical area at the median threshold ($t = 3.2$), respectively, in Trp macaques compared to Arg controls. Detailed information is presented in the right panels adjacent to the matrices. Red, yellow, green, blue and purple dots represent regions of frontal (Fro), parietal (Par), temporal (Tem), occipital lobe (Occ) and subcortical (Sub) regions, respectively. *, $p < 0.05$; **, $p < 0.01$; ****, $p < 0.0001$.

data provide a remarkable bridge across human and macaque species, albeit the number of macaques with *DISC1* p.Arg517Trp were relatively small. The naturally occurrence of disease in captive macaques provided a unique resource for establishing non-human primate models for human diseases. With the genome information affiliated prediction, it would be interesting to monitor the onset of spontaneous diseases in these macaques with the pLoF and deleterious missense mutation.

Although we have identified hundreds of pLoF variants and missense variants that were matched to known human diseases and drug target genes. However, as demonstrated in previous studies^{73,74}, we cannot be certain that these functional mutations

will be associated with an increased susceptibility to certain inherited diseases. Distinguishing the disease-causing mutations from benign genetic variation is challenging and problematic for organisms like macaques as there are few sources of genomic annotations, relative to human or mouse. Detailed phenotypic data offer a promising approach for understanding these functional mutations, as exemplified by the phenotypic consequences observed in *ANO10*, *PRRC2B*, *ATR* and *ALOX15* (Fig. 3c, d and Supplementary Table 5) in this study and human biobank^{75,76}. The integration of extensive phenotyping data in the future will enhance the accuracy and reliability of predicting the significance of genetic mutations in macaque genome^{20,77}.

Despite these significant observations, several limitations deserve attention. First, although we have applied a series of filtering strategies as well as liftover to human coordinate to utilize human data sources, any given mutation annotated as pLoF may not truly lead to loss of protein function. Therefore, experimental validation such as reverse-transcription PCR of transcript and/or western blotting of protein will ultimately be required in order to address this issue. A second limitation is reduced statistical power to establish unambiguous genotype–phenotype correlations if the pLoF is observed in only one or two participants, a similar issue also seen in GWAS analyses. The limited sample size also restricts the statistical power of our findings in brain structure and resting state fMRI under sedation. This could be improved if larger sample sizes were employed in the future. Currently, we have started the breeding of Trp-bearing macaques to expand the mutant colony. Finally, our analysis was limited to readily available phenotypes; in future analyses, a standardized clinical phenotyping protocol would be desirable for each participant.

In short, we provided a large-scale genome dataset for CRMs, which serve as an invaluable resource for the study of the genotype–phenotype of macaques and for potential usage of precision medicine. This resource can also guide the selection of appropriate models for experimental and pharmaceutical tests, facilitating the discovery of new genetic models for human disease research, and further improving and refining the rational genetic management of macaque colonies.

Methods

Sample collection and sequencing

We enrolled a total of 919 Chinese rhesus macaques (Supplementary Data 1) that were housed in KIZ, for genomic sequencing during their annual physical checks (normally September or October, outside the breeding season) since 2021. The initial cohort comprised 293 males and 626 females, aged from 3 to 30 years. To ensure that our blood collection did not adversely affect the safety of the monkeys, we extracted a 3–5 ml peripheral blood sample from each individual using conventional intravenous sampling method. One half of each blood sample was used for hematological trait examination while the other half was used for genomic DNA extraction using the QIAGEN® extraction kit. After DNA quality assessment, libraries were prepared following the standard protocol of the DNBseq platform and sequenced to a target depth of $\sim 30\times$ per individual, generating about 90 GB sequencing data. All samples were collected in accordance with the policy of the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) of KIZ, CAS (Approval ID: IACUC-PE-2022-11-003 and IACUC-PE-2024-11-002), which conforms to the regulatory standards for the human care and treatment of animals in research.

Phenotypic data collection

Hematological trait examination was performed using a hematology analyzer (Mindray, BC-5000Vet, China), which recorded 21 standard sets of blood cell traits. We also obtained a number of biochemical and anthropometric body measurements (summarized in Supplementary Tables 3, 4) during the following year (2022). Prior to biochemical testing, participant animals fasted overnight or at least 6 h prior to the peripheral blood sample being drawn, and the blood was centrifuged within 60 min of venipuncture. The serum samples were subsequently used to measure the biochemical traits via an automated autoanalyser (Dimension EXL200). For anthropometric body measurements, all individual animals received an intramuscular injection of 5 mg/kg ketamine to ensure sedation on the operating table while the various measurements were being obtained. We took 11 body measurements as well as the body weight for each animal. These measurements were taken following the standardized procedures as described in Supplementary Table 3.

Variant calling and filtration

To explore the genetic ancestry of our sequenced individuals, we additionally included 80 wild CRMs¹⁸ in our cohort. We followed the Genome Analysis Toolkit (GATK) best practices pipeline⁷⁸ to call the variants. Briefly, raw sequence reads were mapped to the reference genome of IRM (Mmul_10)⁷⁹ using BWA-MEM v0.7.17-r11198⁸⁰ with default parameters. Sambamba⁸¹ was used to remove multiple aligned, duplicated and unaligned reads. We first obtained the GVCF file for each sample using the HaplotypeCaller function in GATK version 4.1⁸². Then joint calling was performed to generate ‘raw’ variant data via the GenotypeGVCFs function. We used the following hard quality filter criteria $(QD < 2.0 \parallel QUAL < 50.0 \parallel FS > 60.0 \parallel MQ < 40.0 \parallel MQRankSum < -12.5 \parallel ReadPosRankSum < -8.0)$ for SNPs filtering, and $(QD < 2.0 \parallel QUAL < 50.0 \parallel FS > 200.0 \parallel MQ < 40.0 \parallel ReadPosRankSum < -20.0)$ for Indels filtering, respectively, as suggested by the pipelines. After this, the filtered variant call files were merged together for subsequent quality control.

Variant level quality control. To reduce false positive calls, we removed SNPs occurring in a cluster (more than three SNPs within 10 bp) using the VariantFiltration function in GATK (`--cluster-size 3 --cluster-window-size 10`) because these tightly spaced SNPs are more likely to result from read mis-alignment. In addition, variants located within 6 bp of predicted indels, presenting in fewer than 80% of individuals, and the approximate read depth exceeded 97.5% or lower than 2.5% of the quantile distribution, were also filtered using BCFtools v1.9⁸³. Triallelic alleles were further filtered out in the population genetic analyses (e.g., PCA, STRUCTURE).

Sample level quality control. For quality control of samples, we first removed duplicate samples (number = 8) with kinship coefficient > 0.35 based on the estimations from KING software⁸⁴. Then we removed samples (number = 26) with an excess of heterozygosity calls (inbreeding coefficient ≤ -0.1) or outlier number of SNPs ($> 17,000,000$) which roughly equal three standard deviations of the mean. We also examined whether the self-reported information on gender could be verified by the “check-sex” option implemented in PLINK software (v1.90b6.9)⁸⁵. This procedure identified two samples with discrepancy of sex identity which subsequently removed in downstream analyses. Finally, having removed samples (number = 2) with high missingness (> 0.05), we retained 961 samples in the final cohort.

Variant annotations

Identification of loss-of-function variants. The effects of filtered variants were annotated and classified by software SnpEff version 4.3⁴² based on the latest rhesus macaque gene build (Mmul_10)⁷⁹. The putative loss-of-function (LoF) annotations, e.g., stop gains, stop losses, start losses, frameshifts, splice-disrupting mutations, were extracted and filtered using the accompanying software of SnpSift⁴². We retained those LoF variants that were predicted to affect more than 50% of transcripts ($LOF[*].PERC > 0.5$) and where the nonsense-mediated mRNA decay (NMD tag) occurred within more than half of the transcripts. The LoF variants located within the last 5% of the length of the transcript were filtered out using in-house Perl scripts. These steps led to 12,012 LoF variants retained. Despite these filtering strategies, LoF variants are known to be enriched for annotation artefacts, e.g., exons flanked by non-canonical splice sites or incomplete transcripts^{40,41}. We utilized LOFTEE³⁷, a plugin of Ensembl Variant Effect Predictor (VEP)⁶², to filter out the aforementioned LoFs. As LOFTEE is currently only available for the human genome, we utilized the Lift-Over function in Picard (v2.23.9) (<http://broadinstitute.github.io/picard>) to transfer the variants in macaque (Mmul_10) position to the human genome (hg38) based on the overchain file download from the UCSC database. Only the successfully transferred (9136, 76%) and

labeled high-confidence (HC) LoF variants were then considered as predicted LoF variants (pLoFs, $n = 4166$) in the following analyses.

Inferring the pathogenicity of missense variants. We used the software of SIFT4G⁶¹ to predict the deleteriousness of missense variants. Prior to this step, a custom database was built with the genomic annotation file of Mmul_10⁷⁹. The scores of SIFT4G range from 0 to 1, and SNPs are predicted to be deleterious if the score is <0.05 and tolerated if the score is ≥ 0.05 . We also utilized human genome annotation to further infer the potential pathogenicity of missense variants detected in the macaque genome. Again, the LiftOver tool in Picard (v2.23.9) (<http://broadinstitute.github.io/picard>) was used to transfer the variants in the macaque (Mmul_10⁷⁹) position to the corresponding human coordinates (hg38) based on the overchain file download from the UCSC database. Then, the functional impact of amino acid substitutions was predicted by SIFT and PolyPhen-2 implemented in VEP⁶².

Function enrichment analyses

The web-server g:Profiler⁸⁶ was used to explore whether specific types of biological function were over-represented among the discovered genes. The species *Macaca mulatta* (Rhesus macaque) was selected as the background organism. *P*-values were adjusted by means of the Benjamini–Hochberg correction algorithm and the terms with false discovery rate (FDR) $q < 0.05$ were deemed to be significant.

Analyses of genetic ancestries

We performed principal component analysis (PCA) in software GCTA (v. 1.94.0)⁸⁷ to infer the genetic ancestries of the sequenced rhesus macaques. Two sample sets were used: one included the Indian-origin rhesus macaque (mGAP v2.2)¹⁶ in our cohort and one without. The variant data from the mGAP project were filtered in the same manner and then merged with our cohort via BCFtools software⁸³. For each sample set, we restricted our analyses to bi-allelic SNPs on autosomes and common variants with MAF above 1%. We further reduced the number of sites by applying a linkage disequilibrium (LD) pruning filter using PLINK v1.90b6.9 ($-indep-pairwise\ 50\ 5\ 0.1$)⁸⁵. We also used Frappe 1.1 (EM algorithm)³¹ to infer the individual ancestries. The postulated number of ancestral clusters (*K*) was set to range from 2 to 6, and the maximum number of EM iterations was set to 10,000.

Analyses of genetic diversity and genetic load

The level of nucleotide diversity (π) was estimated in a 50-kb sliding-window size with no step using VCFtools (v0.1.17)⁸⁸. However, estimating genetic load is challenging without information on the fitness effects of deleterious mutations. An alternative approach is to estimate changes in mutational load (i.e., number of deleterious mutations)⁸⁹. For the CRM cohort in this study and the mGAP cohort¹⁶, we calculated the ratio of the number of derived homozygous LoF variants to homozygous derived synonymous variants, as well as the number of homozygous derived missense variants to homozygous derived synonymous variants for each individual, respectively, based on the annotation of SnpEff results (version 4.3)⁴². Since no ancestral allele information is available for macaques, we followed the example of a previous study in adopting the minor allele as the derived allele⁹⁰.

Association analyses with rare pLoFs

From the list of high confidence rare LoF mutations identified above, we sought to determine whether any of the pLoF variants was associated with phenotypic trait variation. We employed a mixed linear model-based association analysis (GCTA-MLMA)^{91,92} for each pLoF–trait pairing. Quantitative traits were inverse normalized and age, sex and the first four ancestral clusters of FRAPPE³¹ results were used as covariates. To reduce the likelihood of false positives, we only considered the pLoF–trait pairs in which there were at least three LOF alleles genotyped, yielding 1767 (2373) pLoF–trait pairs for analysis.

After Bonferroni correction, we considered 2.83×10^{-5} ($0.05/1767$) as a threshold of significance.

Phenotype data processing and GWAS analyses

In order to focus on determinants of variation in the general population rather than on specific diseases, each quantitative trait was filtered those data over seven standard deviations of the mean value prior to GWAS analysis. Subsequently, the filtered trait data were standardized by rank-based inverse normal transformation (INT) using in-house R scripts. Genotype data were further filtered to exclude variants with a missing genotype rate greater than 0.02, minor allele frequency (MAF) less than 0.01, and deviation from Hardy–Weinberg equilibrium smaller than 1×10^{-6} , leaving 32,588,339 autosomal alleles for downstream analysis. After that, GWAS analyses were performed using the mixed linear model with the option of leaving one chromosome out ($-mlma-loco$) implemented in GCTA software⁸⁷ for each quantitative trait. This GCTA-LOCO approach⁹¹ provides a more robust association estimate by employing a genetic relatedness matrix (GRM) to account for genomic relationships, and the Leave One Chromosome Out (LOCO) method to control for proximal contamination⁹³. The data were adjusted for covariates including age, sex, and the first four ancestral clusters from FRAPPE³¹ results. We further employed a deep neural network of DeepNull⁹⁴ to model and account for potential non-linear or interactive effects among phenotypic data and their covariates. This method allows one to control for type I errors while enhancing phenotypic prediction⁹⁴. The genome-wide significance thresholds (5.13×10^{-8}) were determined using a uniform threshold of $1/n$, where *n* is the effective number of independent variants calculated using the Genetic type 1 Error Calculator (v.0.2)⁹⁵. This method utilized a divide-and-conquer algorithm to speed up the calculation of correlations between the genetic markers and ultimately gave the effective number of independent markers (*Me*) that in weak LD. The proportion of variance in the phenotype explained by a given SNP (PVE) was estimated using the formula from Shim et al.⁹⁶.

Analyze statistical power of GWAS

The statistical power of GWAS was determined by the non-centrality parameter (NCP) of the χ^2 test statistic⁹⁷, i.e., $NCP = n2f(1-f)b^2/(1-2f(1-f)b^2)$, where *b* is the per allele effect size, *f* is the minor allele frequency, and *n* is the sample size. We fixed *n* to 875 which equals the number of captive macaques that possess phenotypic data and sampling *f* from uniform distribution between 0.01 and 0.5. The effect size *b* was drawn from $N(0, h^2/m)$, where h^2 represents the mean estimated heritability across traits (e.g. 0.5) and *m* (the number of causal variants) was assumed to be 100. To estimate power, we ran 10,000 simulations and calculated the proportion of tests surpassing the genome-wide significance threshold of 5.13×10^{-8} .

Behavioral and brain imaging experimentation on CRMs with DISCI mutation p.Arg517Trp

Animals. We identified 3 adult samples (ages 5–7 years, two male and one female) and 5 elderly samples (ages >19 years, all female) harboring the homozygous missense mutations (p.Arg517Trp) in the cohort. Considering the old age of some of the monkeys, and our inability to eliminate the potential influence of aging on the results obtained, we performed the behavioral and brain imaging detection specifically on the three younger adult samples. All animal experimental procedures were approved by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) of KIZ, CAS (IACUC-PE-2022-07-001).

Behavioral experiments. We first estimated the neurological function of 3 homozygous carriers *vs.* 19 non-carriers using a neurological deficit score developed in our previous study (Supplementary Table 7)⁹⁸. This scoring system assigned points to three aspects of neurological function: the motor system (16 points), skeletal muscle coordination (9 points) and the sensory system (25 points), totaling a

maximum of 50 points. A score of 0 indicated normal behaviors whereas higher scores reflected neurological deficits. Next, we performed a spatial working memory test using the WGTA (Wisconsin General Test Apparatus) that modified from our previous studies^{99,100}. Considering the significant amount of time required for the training and experimental stages, we selected three non-carriers, who were of similar age and gender as the controls. Briefly, the macaque was allowed to choose food (e.g., peanut) from one of the two covered wells with six time delays (0 s, 6 s, 12 s, 18 s, 24 s, 30 s; Fig. 5a). The delays were semi-randomly distributed over the trials with totaling 36 trials conducted in one session. We performed one session per day for each macaque and 10 sessions were performed. To investigate the spatial working memory under stress, restraint stress was performed by fixing the macaque in a narrow space in its home cage for 30 min, then working memory was tested immediately after the stress. The next session was conducted after a recovery interval of at least three days when the macaque attained the average performance level without stress. Three trials were performed for each macaque under stress. The inhibition of working memory was obtained using the formula of $((\text{Pre} - \text{Post stress})/(\text{Pre} + \text{Post stress})) \times 100$. Differences of the behavioral performance were estimated by unpaired *t*-test.

Brain imaging. Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and resting state functional MRI (rs-fMRI) data were acquired with a 3.0 T UMR790 MRI scanner (United Imaging, Shanghai, China) at KIZ. T1-weighted images were acquired using a 3D T1-weighted fast spoiled gradient echo (gre_fsp) sequence (voxel size = 0.5 mm isotropic, TE = 5.6 ms, TR = 13.01 ms, flip angle: 8°) and T2-weighted images were acquired using a fse_mx sequence (voxel size = 0.5 mm isotropic, TE = 396.48 ms, TR = 3400 ms, flip angle: 59°) by using a 12-channel head coil. The structural data were processed using Analysis of Functional NeuroImages software (AFNI)¹⁰¹, FMRIB Software Library (FSL)¹⁰², Advanced Normalization Tools (ANTs)¹⁰³ and FreeSurfer¹⁰⁴ (see details in Supplementary materials). Rs-fMRI images were collected using an echo planar imaging (EPI) sequence (voxel size = 1.5 mm isotropic, TE = 29 ms, TR = 1700 ms, flip angle: 80°). During rs-fMRI scanning, macaques were placed under the general anesthesia, similar to structural imaging, to alleviate stress and minimize motion artifacts. Note that resting-state functional activity is an inherent characteristic of the brain, observed in both humans and macaques, even under anesthesia^{105,106}. The rs-fMRI data preprocessing was performed using the workflow outlined in a previous study¹⁰⁷ (see details in Supplementary materials).

Quantification and statistical analysis

Mann–Whitney U test was used to compare the phenotype difference between the pLoF allele carriers and non-carriers. Two-tailed Student's *t*-test were used to determine the significance of behavioral difference between *DISC1* (p.Arg517Trp) carriers and controls. Structural difference at the global, lobe, and region levels were conducted under Generalized Linear Mixed Models (GLMMs), using Hemisphere as the random factor, and all structural data were corrected with the intracranial volume of the corresponding hemisphere. Other statistical analyses can be found in the relevant sections of the method details, also have given in figure legends and supplementary tables.

Reporting summary

Further information on research design is available in the Nature Portfolio Reporting Summary linked to this article.

Data availability

All data needed to evaluate the conclusions in the paper are present in either the paper and/or the Supplementary Materials. The raw whole genomic sequencing data generated in this study have been deposited in the Genome Sequence Archive (GSA) of National Genomics Data Center under accession number [CRA014717](https://ngdc.cnc.ac.cn/gsa/014717). The raw phenotypic data

and the summary statistics of GWAS results can be download from Non-Human Primate BioBank database (<https://nhpbiobank.kiz.ac.cn/Home/Download>). Source data are provided with this paper.

Code availability

No specific custom codes were developed in this study. All commands and pipelines used for data analyses were conducted according to the manuals or protocols provided by the corresponding software development team, which are described in detail in the Methods section. Default parameters were employed if no detailed parameters were mentioned for the software used in this study.

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Supplemental information

Supplemental methods

Brain imaging

Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and resting state functional MRI (rs-fMRI) data were acquired with a 3.0 T UMR790 MRI scanner (United Imaging, Shanghai) at KIZ. The anesthesia and scanning procedures adhered to the guidelines outlined in the US National Institutes of Health Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals and were approved by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee of the Kunming Institute of Zoology, CAS. Prior to scanning, the animals were premedicated with atropine (0.05 mg/kg, intramuscular) followed by ketamine (10 mg/kg, intramuscular). Anesthesia was maintained throughout the scanning procedure with continuous intravenous propofol at 15 mg/kg/h. To ensure optimal anesthesia, the levels of End-tidal carbon dioxide (ETCO₂) and respiratory rate were monitored using a magnetic-resonance compatible monitoring system. Additionally, to prevent hypothermia, animals were carefully covered with a blanket during the scanning procedure.

Structural MRI data acquisition and analyses

T1-weighted images were acquired using a 3D T1-weighted fast spoiled gradient echo (gre_fsp) sequence (voxel size = 0.5 mm isotropic, TE = 5.6 ms, TR = 13.01 ms, flip angle: 8°), while T2-weighted images were acquired using a fse_mx sequence (voxel size = 0.5 mm isotropic, TE = 396.48 ms, TR = 3400 ms, flip angle: 59°) by using a 12-channel head coil. The structural data were processed using Analysis of Functional NeuroImages software (AFNI)¹, FMRIB Software Library (FSL)², Advanced Normalization Tools (ANTs)³ and FreeSurfer⁴.

Firstly, the T1 image of each animal was nonlinearly registered to the NIMH Macaque Template (NMT, version 2.0)⁵. Then, the initial skull stripping mask and white matter mask were generated using an in-house neural network model. The T2 image was co-registered with the T1 image using a rigid-body transformation. A bias correction procedure was applied to enhance contrast by combining the T1 and T2 images. Subsequently, a customized pipeline primarily based on FreeSurfer was employed to process the T1 image, and produced white matter and gray matter surfaces. Manual examination and editing of the skull stripping and white matter masks were performed slice-by-slice along axial and coronal planes by an expert to ensure accuracy. The revised versions were used to generate the final white matter and gray matter surfaces.

The brain surfaces were further segmented into four lobes (i.e., frontal, parietal, temporal, and occipital lobes) and 88 regions per hemisphere, according to the CHARM1 and CHARM5 atlas respectively⁵. FreeSurfer was utilized to extract the gray matter thickness, volume, and surface area (gray matter/CSF boundary) of each lobe and region. Subcortical regions were parcellated using a SARM atlas⁶, encompassing 13 main nuclei and structures such as the amygdala, thalamus, and hippocampal formation (Table S11). The segmentation of subcortical regions was achieved by inversely applying the abovementioned registration matrix to the SARM atlas. The segmentation of white matter was based on the CHARM1 and CHARM5 atlas⁵ for gray matter. The segmentation of the ventricle was conducted using the identical procedure to that employed for subcortical regions, followed by manual examination and editing if necessary. Note that the

volume of each region, including ventricles, white matter, and subcortical regions, was calculated based on the voxel count in the native space atlas.

Rs-fMRI data acquisition and analyses

Rs-fMRI images were collected using an echo planar imaging (EPI) sequence (voxel size = 1.5 mm isotropic, TE = 29 ms, TR = 1700 ms, flip angle: 80°). Each session comprised 505 EPI volumes. The first 5 volumes from each fMRI data were removed to allow the signal to reach a steady state. The reverse phase encoding data was acquired for EPI image correction. The rs-fMRI data preprocessing was performed using AFNI following a workflow as outlined in previous studies⁷.

For FC analyses, the data were divided into five segments, each consisting of 100 volumes. The brain was parcellated using the CHARM5 atlas and SARM atlas same to the structural data analysis. Then, the FC network was calculated for each individual. The edges of the FC network were defined as Pearson's correlation coefficients between the mean time series of all pairs of brain regions, resulting in a 202×202 matrix. The diagonal line of the matrix was set to zero. Next, FC matrices were transformed into z-score matrices using Fisher's z-transformation to improve normality.

We performed a comprehensive analysis of functional connectivity (FC) at three hierarchical levels: whole brain, lobe, and specific brain regions. First, we calculated the whole-brain mean functional connectivity (FC) by averaging the lower triangular values of the FC matrix. For the lobe-level analysis, all brain regions were grouped into the frontal, parietal, occipital, and temporal lobes, as well as subcortical nuclei. FC at the lobe level was calculated by averaging the FC between lobes in the same hemisphere. At the regional level, functional connectivity density (FCD) for each region was calculated by averaging its connections with all other regions within the same hemisphere, with negative connections set to zero⁸.

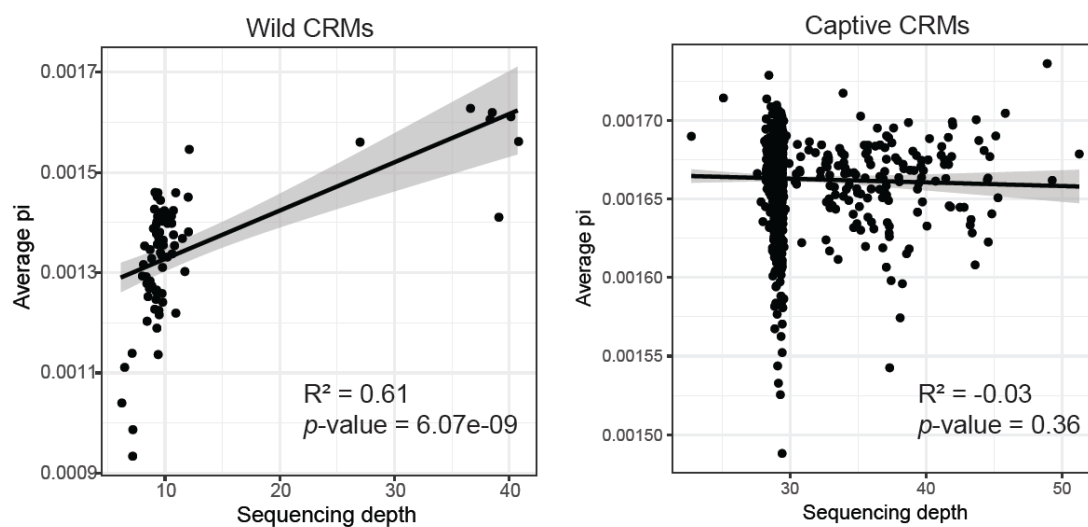
Group Analyses

To evaluate the structural difference between *DISC1* p.Arg517Trp carriers and non-carriers, we conducted Generalized Linear Mixed Models (GLMMs) on measures at the global, lobe, and region levels. Notably, we found no significant lateralization differences in either the Trp-bearing macaques or Arg controls. As such, data from both the right and left hemispheres were combined to enhance statistical power and robustness in our analyses. For the structural analyses, Hemisphere was treated as a random factor. Notably, all structural data were corrected with the intracranial volume of the corresponding hemisphere. Furthermore, we analyzed the differences in FC across the whole brain using the GLMM, treating Segment as a random factor. At the lobar and regional levels, we conducted GLMMs with both Segment and Hemisphere included as random factors to account for variability across different brain segments and hemispheres.

The present study employed the network-based statistic (NBS), as described by Zalesky et al.⁹, to identify subnetworks or clusters of regions exhibiting differential connectivity within the intra-hemisphere network between two groups. This non-parametric statistical approach was

specifically designed to control for family-wise error resulting from multiple comparisons. Connected components of the graph were identified based on edges that surpassed a primary threshold (a series of extent values, e.g., ranging from 3.0 to 3.4), and the statistical significance of these connected components was assessed by comparing their topological extension against a null distribution generated through non-parametric permutation testing (Family-wise error rate [FWER], $p < .05$). It is important to note that in the NBS analysis, the rejection of the null hypothesis occurs at the component level rather than at the individual edge level. This characteristic allows for superior statistical power compared to mass-univariate approaches. The NBS analysis was conducted using the NBS toolbox (<https://www.nitrc.org/projects/nbs/>), with all statistical analyses carried out in MATLAB R2021b. To account for potential confounding effects, Segment and Hemisphere were included as nuisance covariates. Brain results were visualized using a network surface representation based on BrainNet Viewer¹⁰.

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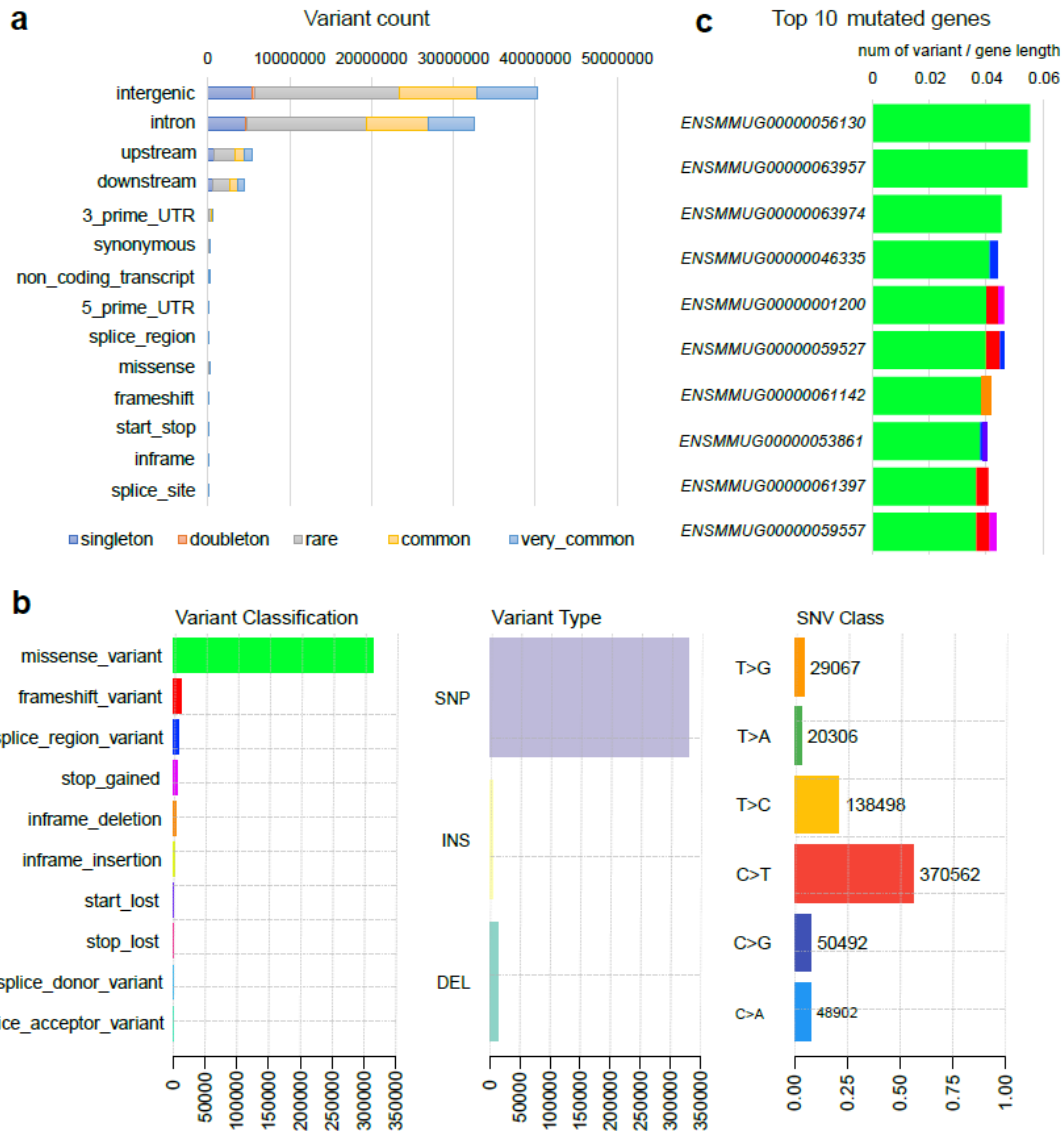
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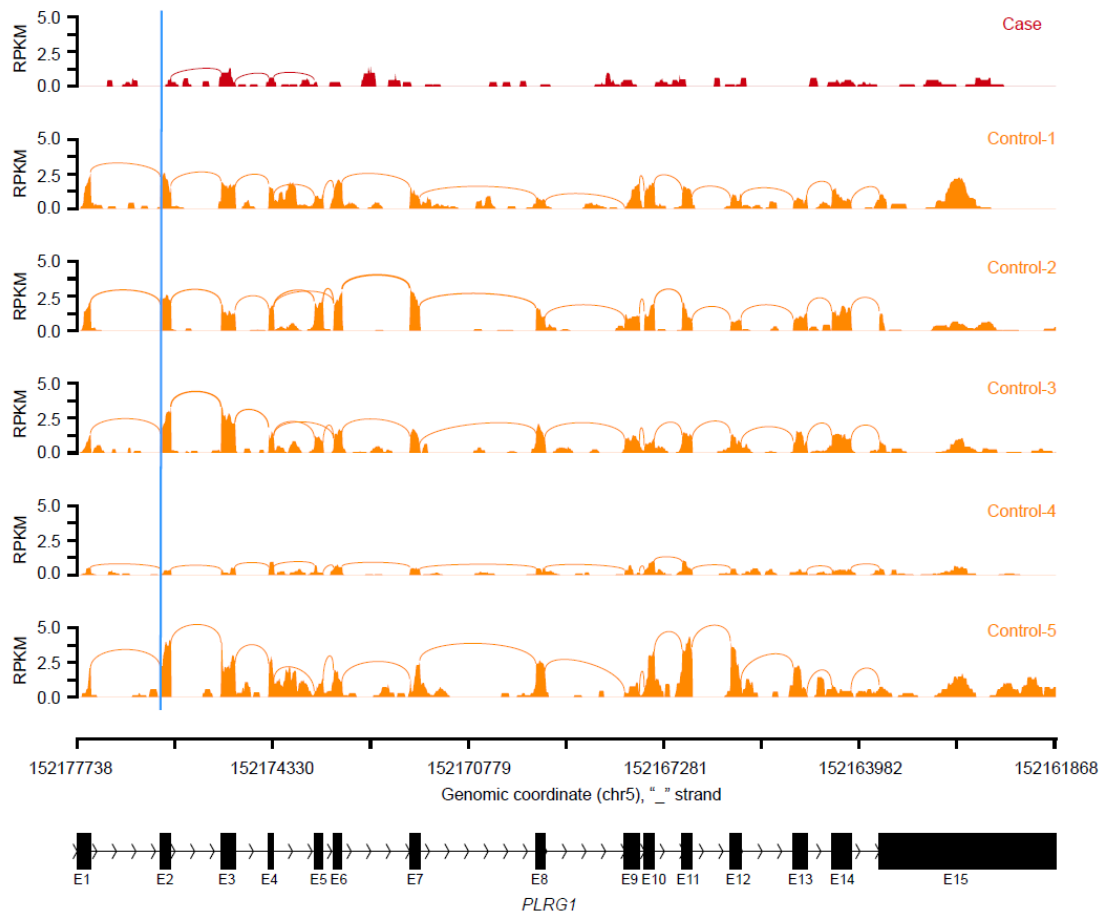
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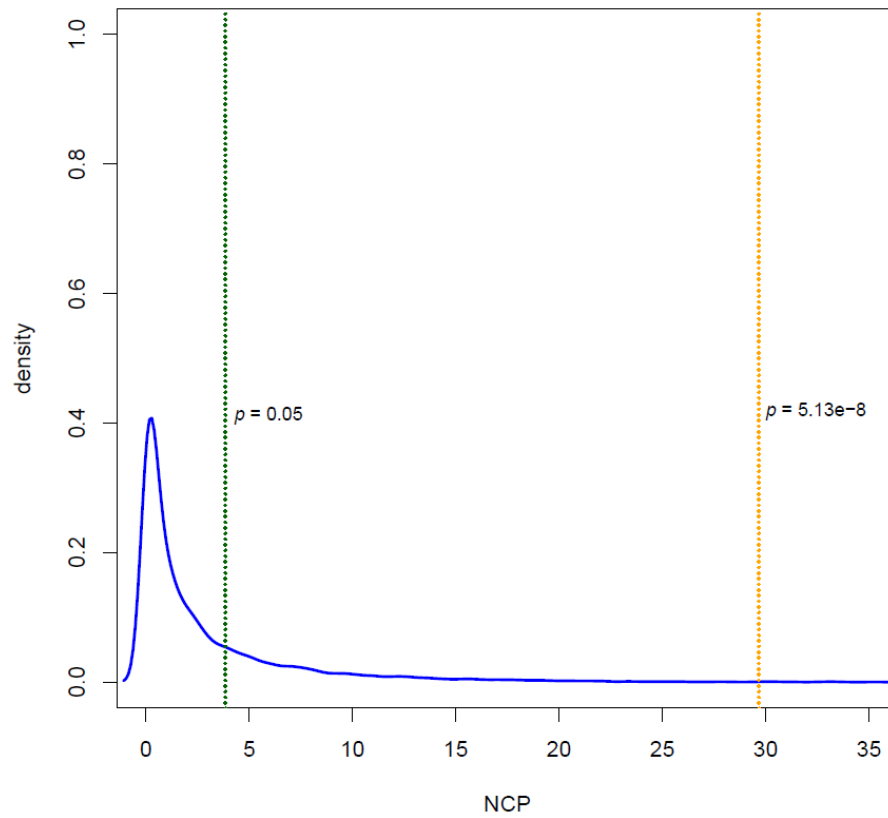
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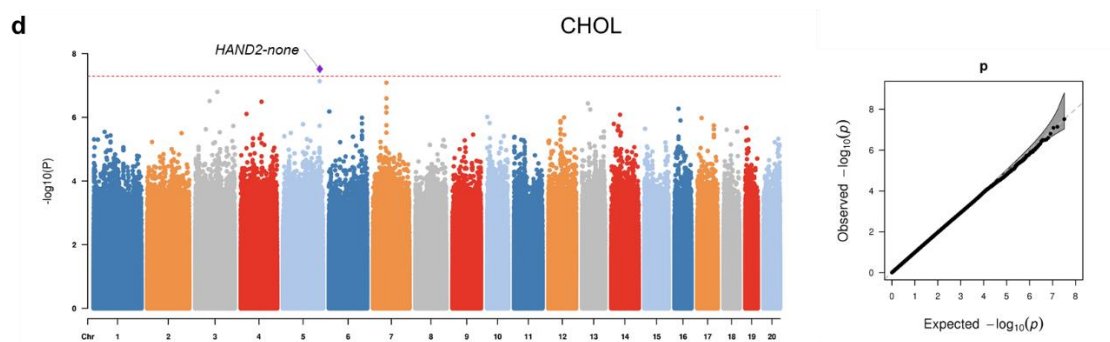
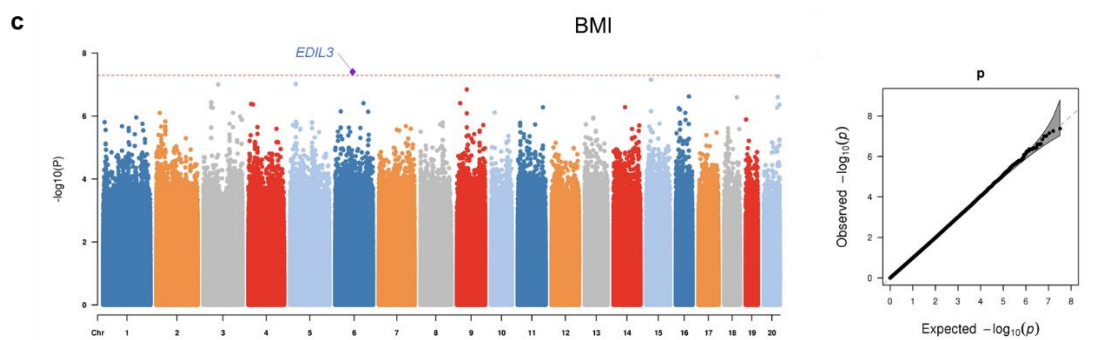
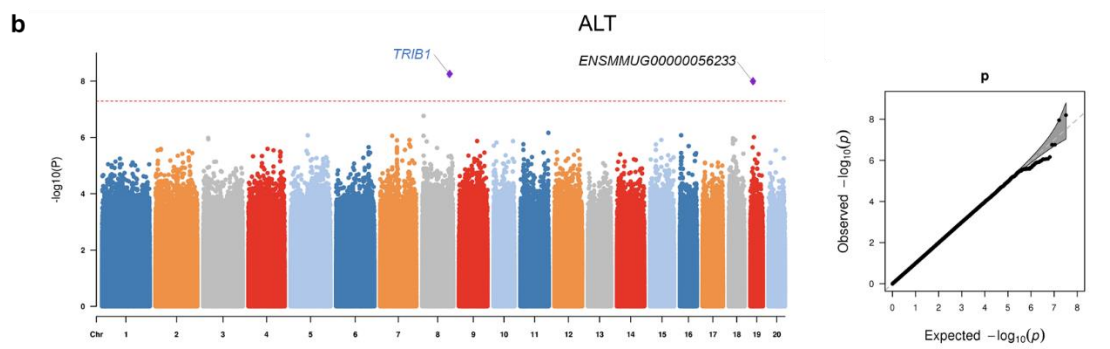
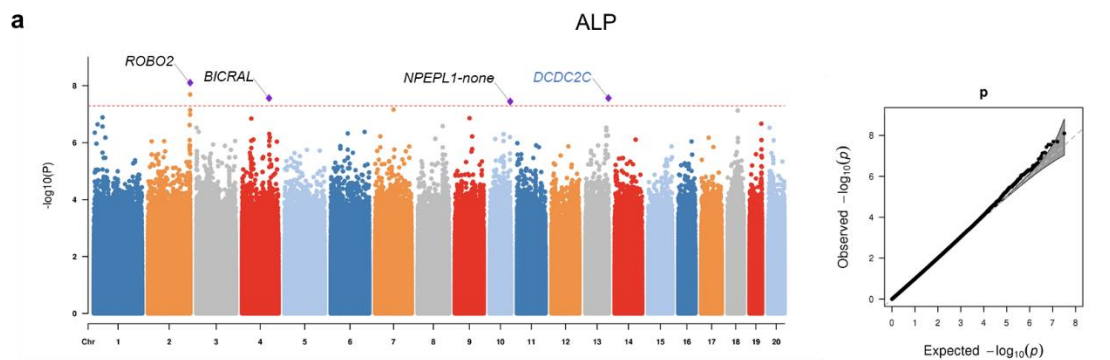
Supplementary Fig. 2: Summary of the mutations of CRM cohort. **a**, Variant count on the basis of variant type and allele frequency (AF). Singleton, allele count = 1; doubleton, allele count = 2; rare, allele count > 2 and AF ≤ 0.01; common, AF > 0.01 and AF ≤ 0.05; and very common, AF > 0.05. Source data are provided as a Source Data file. **b**, *Left*: histogram of the different mutation types in coding and splicing regions. *Middle*: frequency of three variant categories: SNP, insertion (INS), and deletion (DEL) in coding and splicing regions. *Right*: frequency of SNV classes. **c**, Stacked histogram of different types of mutation (color same to the left panel of Supplementary Fig. 1b) in relation to gene length. Genes were represented by Ensembl gene identifier and ordered by the number of missense variants in relation to gene length. Only the top 10 mutated genes were presented.

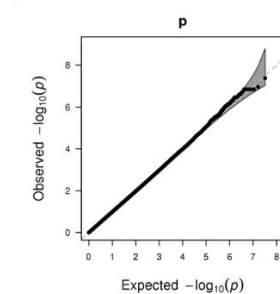
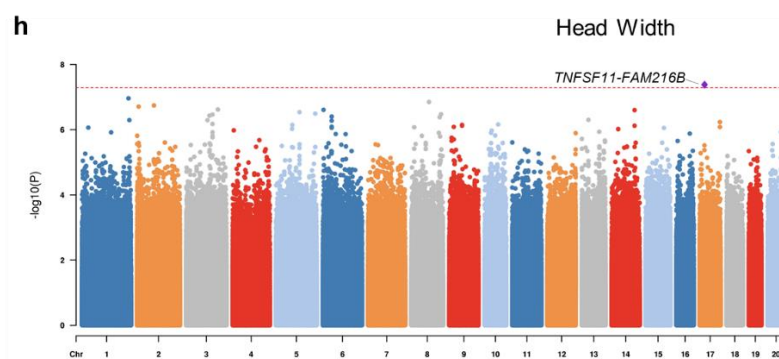
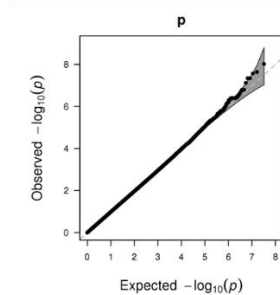
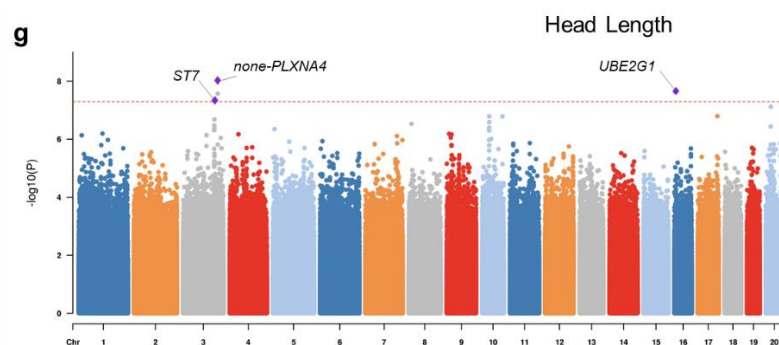
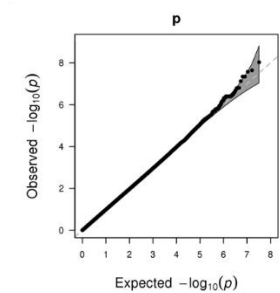
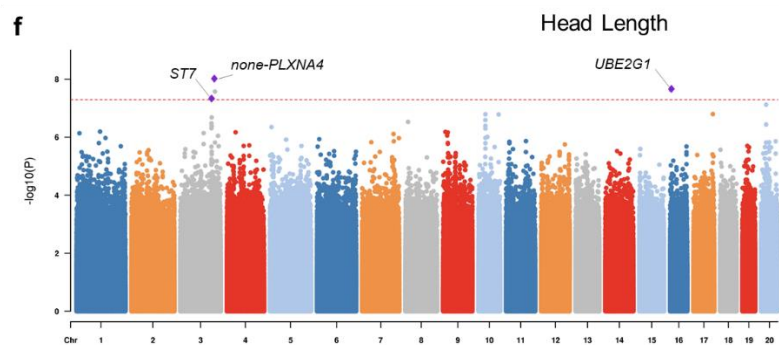
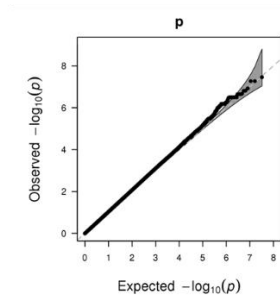
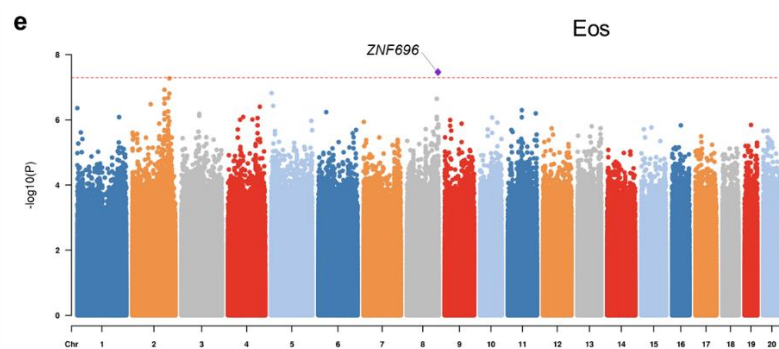


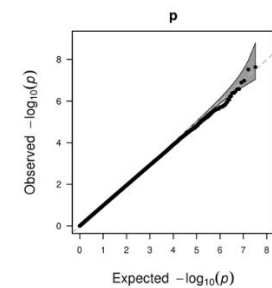
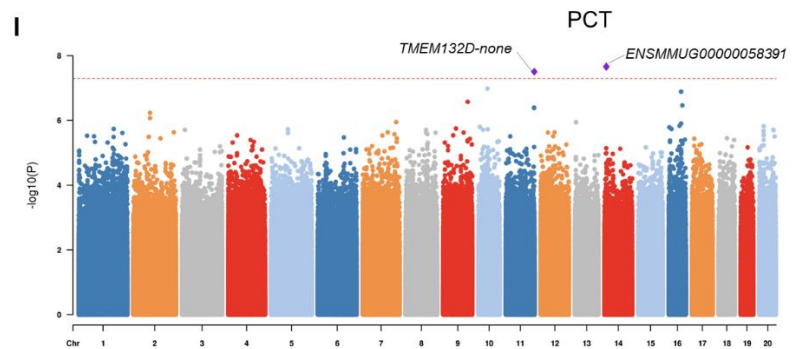
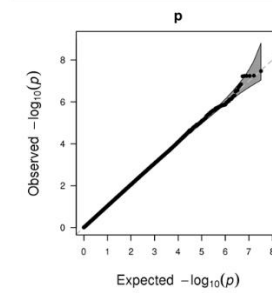
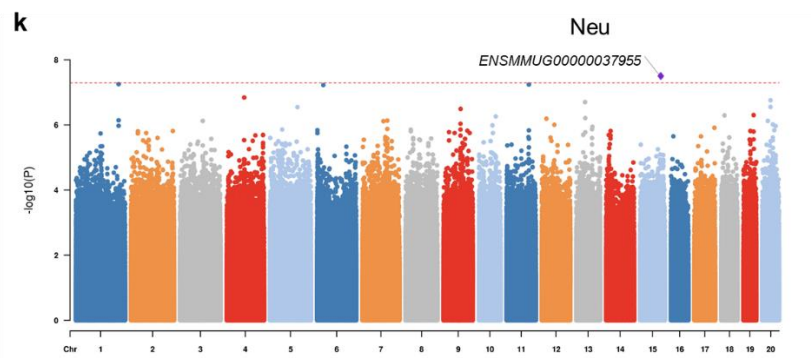
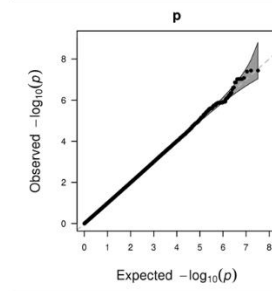
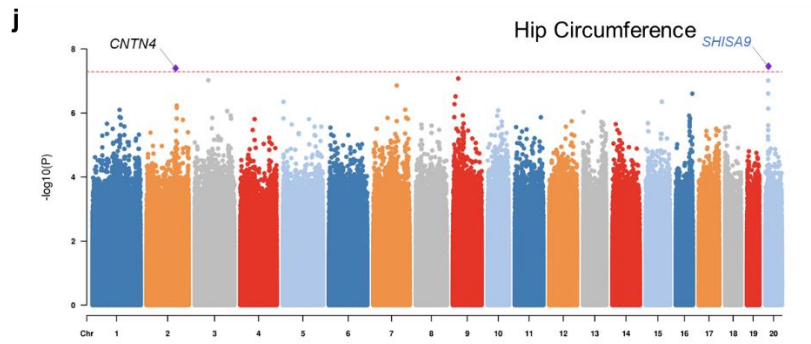
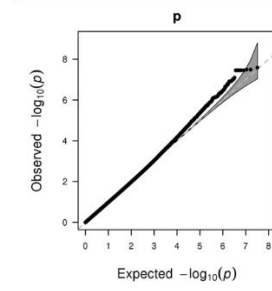
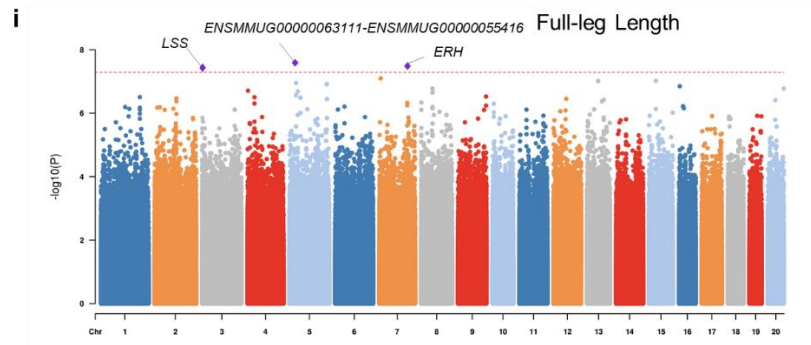
Supplementary Fig. 3: Sashimi plot of coverage and junction reads support the splice acceptor mutation of *PLRG1* (c.10-2_10-1insA) using transcriptome data. The vertical blue line indicates the position of LoF mutation. The macaque possess the LoF mutation is tuna-colored, whereas the controls are salmon colored.

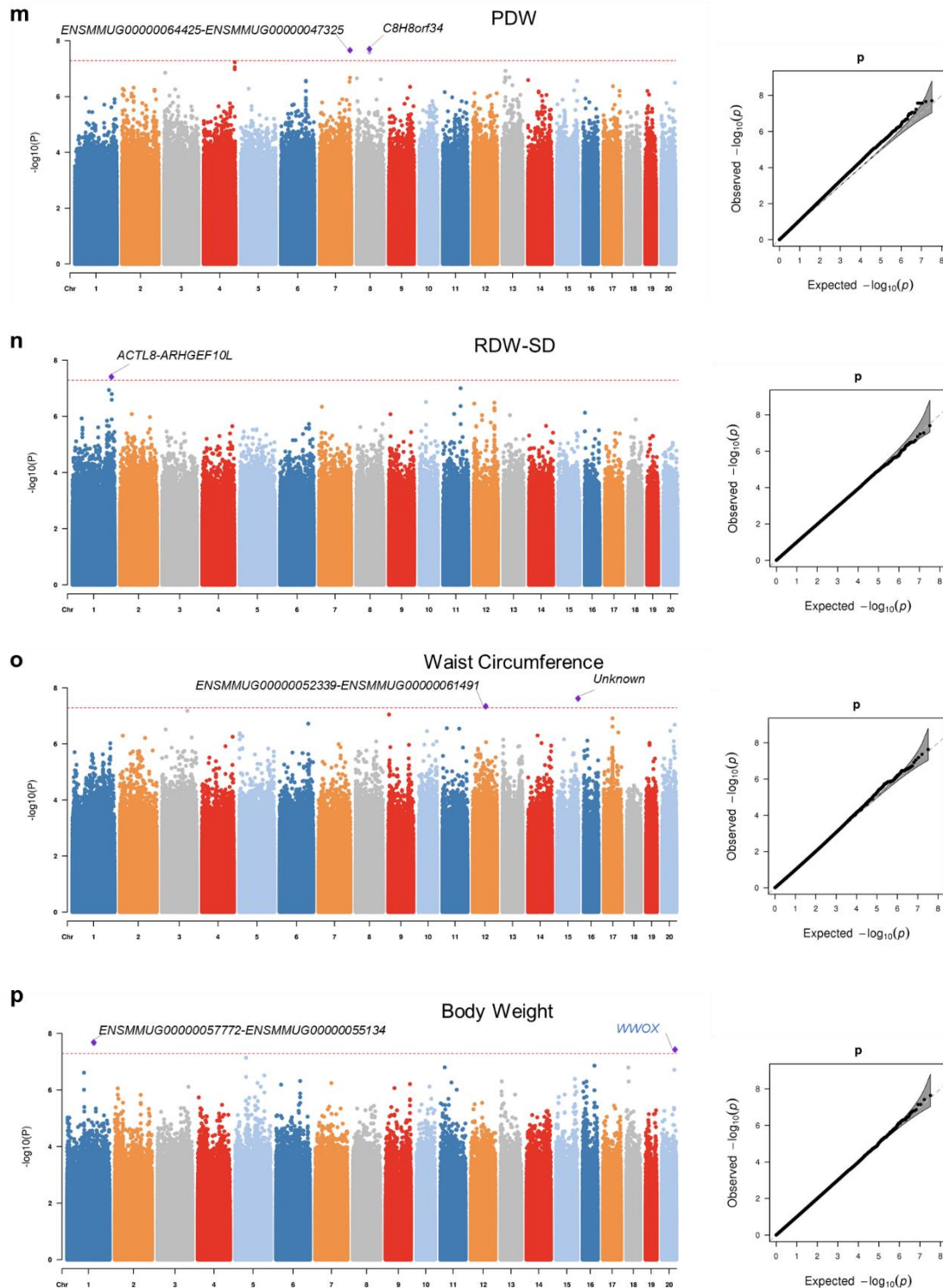


Supplementary Fig. 4: Non-centrality parameter (NCP) distribution of χ^2 test. The two vertical lines indicate the NCP values corresponding to the significance thresholds of $p = 0.05$ and $p = 5.13 \times 10^{-8}$, respectively.



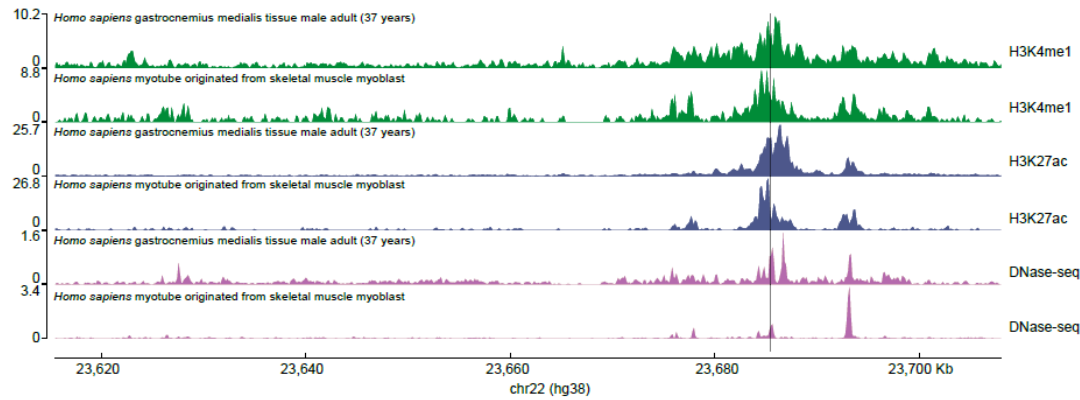




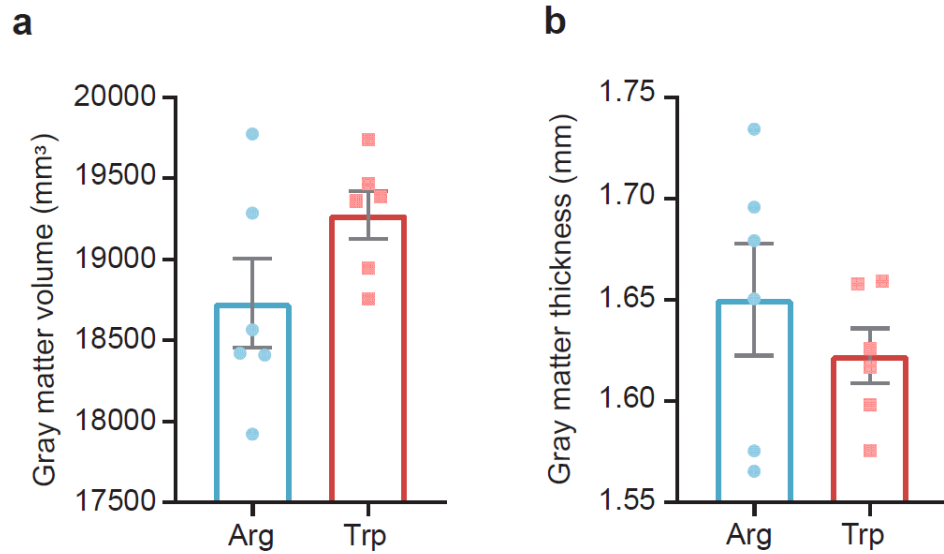


Supplementary Fig. 5: The variants that satisfied the genome-wide significance threshold in GWAS analyses. The purple diamond in each Manhattan plot (left) represents the independent loci that associate to the phenotype trait. Abbreviation of the hematological and biochemical traits were given in Table S6. The red dashed-line represents the genome-wide significance threshold of p -value $< 5.13 \times 10^{-8}$. Genes have been reported to associate with relevant human traits were highlighted in blue color. QQplots for the corresponding GWAS result were presented on the right. X-axis indicates expected $-\log_{10} p$ -value. Y-axis indicates observed $-\log_{10} p$ -value. Gray shaded

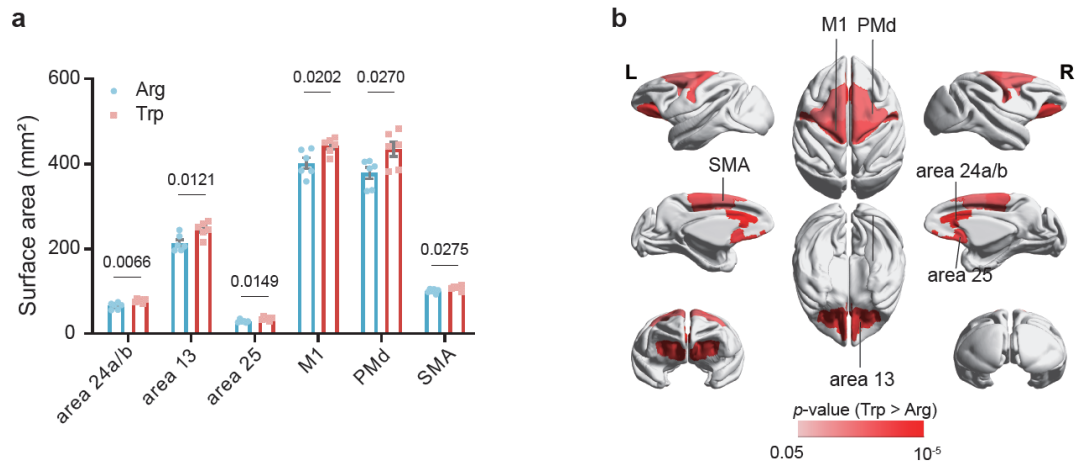
areas show 95% confidence intervals for the expected distributions. The summary statistics of GWAS results can be download from Non-Human Primate BioBank database (<https://nhpbiobank.kiz.ac.cn/Home/Download>).



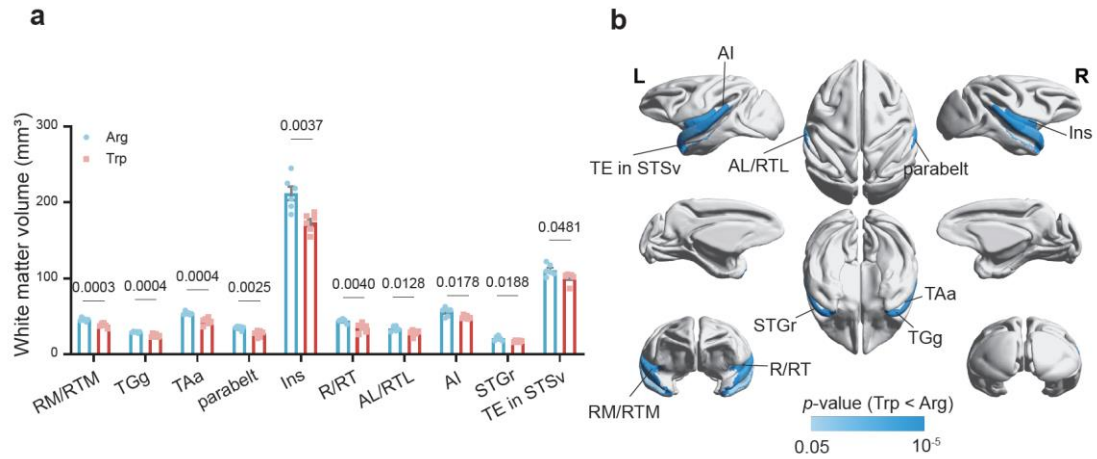
Supplementary Fig. 6. Position of chr10:28504973 in Mmul_10 genome exhibits distinct active enhancer signatures in several type of human cells. The position of chr10:28504973 in Mmul_10 genome that liftover to human coordinate (chr22:23685460) was indicated by a gray dash line. Active enhancer signatures in different cell types were defined by epigenetic marks, such as H3K4me1, H3K27ac, and DNase hypersensitivity.



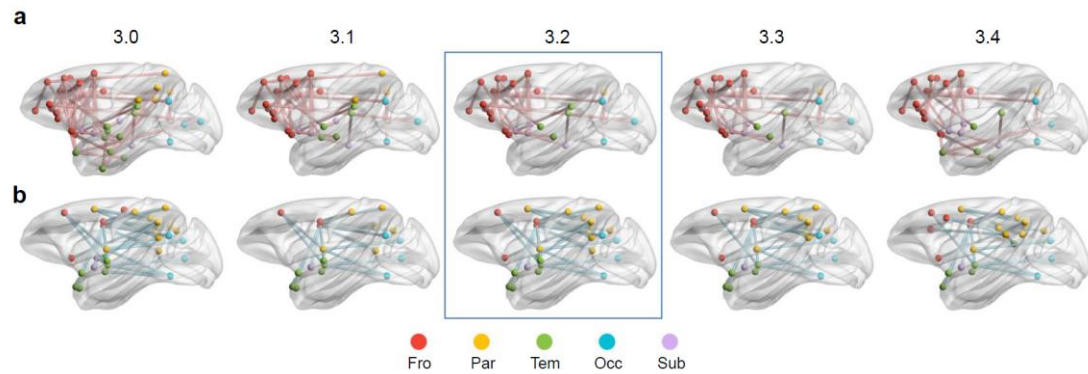
Supplementary Fig. 7. Differences in the whole-brain gray matter. a, Gray matter volume; and **(b)** Gray matter thickness in Trp-bearing macaques (n=3) and Arg controls (n=3). Quantitative data from each group are presented as means \pm SEM, with data collected from both hemispheres of each monkey. GLMM analyses were performed.



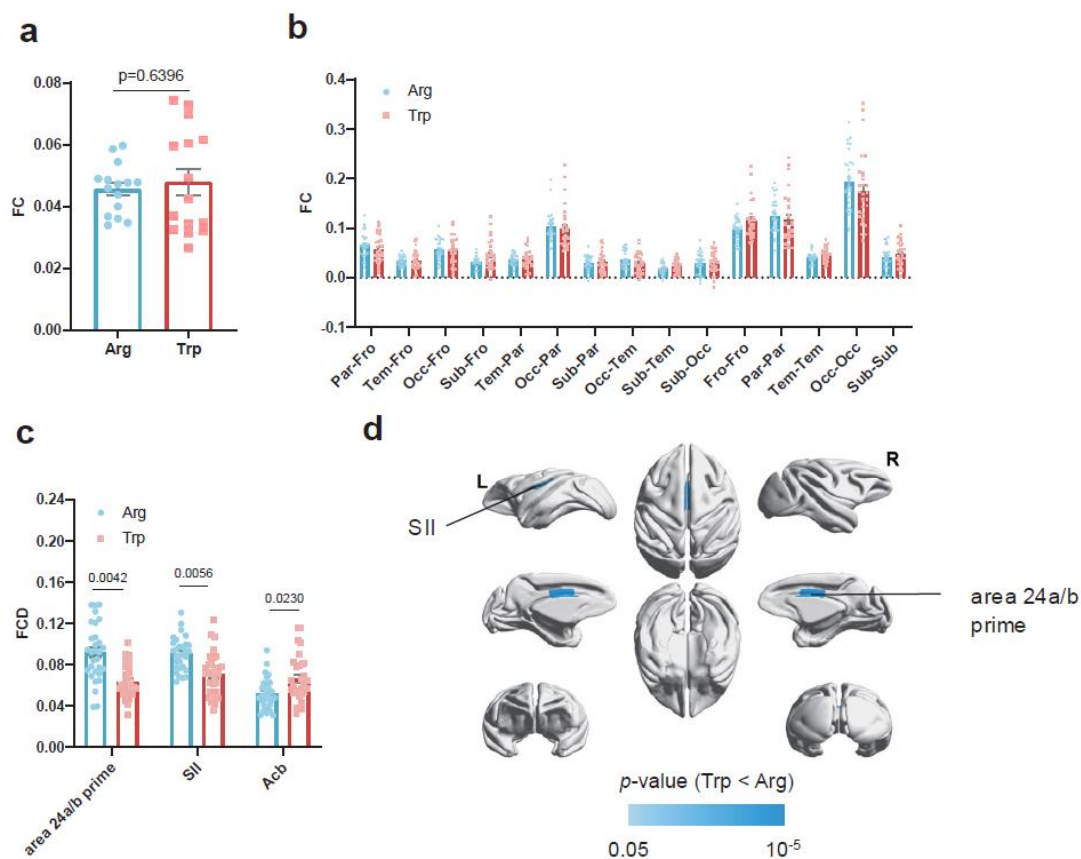
Supplementary Fig. 8: Surface area differences in frontal regions. **a**, Bar plots with individual data points of detail frontal brain regions exhibiting significant differences in surface area between Trp-bearing macaques (n=3) and Arg controls (n=3). **b**, Visualization of frontal brain regions showing significant differences between Trp-bearing macaques and Arg controls on the mid-gray surfaces of the macaque template. Red indicates where the surface area in Trp-bearing macaques was larger than Arg controls. The significance of structural difference at region level were measured using GLMMs and all structural data were corrected with the intracranial volume of the corresponding hemisphere. Quantitative data from each group are presented as means \pm SEM, with data collected from both hemispheres of each monkey.



Supplementary Fig. 9: White matter volume differences in temporal regions. **a**, Bar plots with individual data points of detail temporal brain regions exhibiting significant differences in white matter volume between Trp-bearing macaques (n=3) and Arg controls (n=3). **b**, Visualization of temporal brain regions showing significant differences between Trp-bearing macaques and Arg controls on the mid-gray surfaces of the macaque template. Blue color indicates the white matter volume of Trp-bearing macaques is smaller than Arg controls. The significance of structural difference at region level were measured using GLMMs and all structural data were corrected with the intracranial volume of the corresponding hemisphere. Quantitative data from each group are presented as means \pm SEM, with data collected from both hemispheres of each monkey.



Supplementary Fig. 10: Comparisons of NBS results. **a**, Increased functional connectivity observed in Trp-bearing macaques compared to Arg controls across a threshold range from $t = 3.0$ to $t = 3.4$. **b**, Decreased functional connectivity observed in Trp-bearing macaques compared to Arg controls across a threshold range from $t = 3.0$ to $t = 3.4$. The results at the median threshold ($t = 3.2$) were highlighted. Fro: frontal lobe; Par: parietal lobe; Tem: temporal lobe; Occ: occipital lobe; Sub: subcortical area.



Supplementary Fig. 11: Results of functional connectivity (FC) analyses. **a.** Mean FC at the whole-brain level. **b.** Differences in FC between brain lobes in Trp macaques (n=3) and controls (n=3). **c.** Functional connectivity density (FCD) for regions showing significant differences between Trp macaques and controls. **d.** Visualization of the cortical regions identified in c on the mid-gray surfaces of the macaque brain template. Red indicates regions where FCD is higher in Trp macaques than in controls; blue indicates regions where FCD is lower. Bars are presented as means \pm SEMs. SII: secondary somatosensory cortex, area 24a/b prime: areas 24a' and 24b', Acb: accumbens. Quantitative data from each group are presented as means \pm SEM, with data collected from five segments of each monkey. GLMM analyses were performed.

212 **Supplementary Table 1.** Enrichment results of the very common (MAF > 0.05) pLoF genes. The corrected p-value were estimated by Benjamini–Hochberg
213 algorithm.

Source	Term name	Term ID	Corrected <i>p</i> -value	Term size	Query size	Intersection size	Intersections
KEGG	Olfactory transduction	KEGG:04740	0.000180904	303	68	13	<i>OR6Y1</i> , <i>ENSMMUG00000052449</i> , <i>OR4E2</i> , <i>OR4F6</i> , <i>OR8A1</i> , <i>OR1E2</i> , <i>OR9A4</i> , <i>OR6C4</i> , <i>OR2J3</i> , <i>OR4D11</i> , <i>OR8B4</i> , <i>OR2D2</i> , <i>OR5A1</i>

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Supplementary Table 2. Enrichment results of the rare (MAF < 0.01) pLoF genes. The corrected p-value were estimated by Benjamini–Hochberg algorithm.

Source	Term name	Term ID	Corrected <i>p</i> -value	Term size	Query size	Intersection size	Intersections
KEGG	Motor proteins	KEGG:04814	0.002381394	182	959	43	<i>KIF14, DNAH1, MYH15, DYNC1H1, KIF13A, DNAH5, MYO3A, MYH7B, MYO1A, DNAH10, MYO3B, MYO7A, KIF24, DNAH2, MYH4, DNAH9, MYO15A, MYO19, MYO1F, TNNT1, KIFC3, MYO1G, KIF20B, KIF5C, KIF18A, DYNC2H1, DCTN3, ENSMMUG00000013436, CENPE, TUBA8, MYO1H, DNAH6, KIF18B, KLC3, KIF9, MYO5A, DNAI2, TUBA4A, KIF2B, STARD9, KIF19, TUBE1, MYO7B</i>
KEGG	Arachidonic acid metabolism	KEGG:00590	0.015385453	63	959	19	<i>PLA2G4B, PLA2G4D, PLA2G4F, PTGR2, AKR1C8, CYP2C19, ENSMMUG00000020999, ALOX12, PLA2G4C, PLA2G3, LTA4H, PLB1, ENSMMUG00000012749, ALOX5, ALOX15, EPHX2, PRXL2B, CYP2U1, CYP2J2</i>
KEGG	Serotonergic synapse	KEGG:04726	0.023845159	111	959	27	<i>CACNA1S, HTR3E, GNAI2, PLA2G4B, PLA2G4D, PLA2G4F, CYP2C19, MAPK1, TPH2, HTR3B, ALOX12, PLA2G4C, HTR1B, CACNA1C, GNB3, PRKCA, HTR3C, PLCB2, SLC18A1, ALOX5, ALOX15, RAPGEF3, ITPR2, CYP2J2, KCNJ9, MAOB, GNB2</i>
KEGG	Glycerophospholipid metabolism	KEGG:00564	0.025514799	96	959	24	<i>DGKG, DGKI, PLA2G4B, PLA2G4D, PLA2G4F, PLD4, LPIN3, GPAT2, PLD2, LPIN2, PLA2G4C, LPCAT2, DGKK, PLD1, CDS1, PLA2G3, PLB1,</i>

							<i>PLA2G15, DGKA, PNPLA7, PLPP5, PLA1A, DGKQ, DGKD</i>
KEGG	Metabolic pathways	KEGG:01100	0.036130079	1500	959	218	<i>ALDH9A1, ADCY10, FMO2, FMO4, PRDX6, PFKFB2, ASH1L, NPR1, CH1A, GSTM2, TNNI3K, ALG6, HYI, SDHB, GALNT15, DGKG, NIT2, ENSMMUG00000057255, GART, CYP2W1, MOGAT3, HYAL4, DGKI, ATP6V0A4, NOS3, GSTA4, PLA2G7, ENPP4, PPT2, CYP21A2, UGT2A1, ENSMMUG00000014773, ADH4, AGXT2, BHMT2, P4HA2, HK3, PLA2G4B, PLA2G4D, PLA2G4F, GANC, HDC, COQ6, DGLUCY, CKB, PLD4, CA1, NAPRT, ENSMMUG00000000958, AKR1C8, PAPSS2, PLCE1, CYP2C19, CYP17A1, NAGA, ENSMMUG00000020999, UPB1, LPIN3, ACOT8, PIK3C2G, GYS2, GLS2, ENSMMUG00000003763, GNS, TPH2, ALDH1L2, PGAP1, AOX1, GPAT2, ENSMMUG00000042838, ALDH3B1, LARGE2, EXT2, PDE3B, TREH, DBH, RALGDS, ALDH1B1, GLDC, SRR, PLD2, ALOX12, SAT2, ACACA, MTMR4, ATP6V0A1, G6PC3, ENPP7, ATP5F1A, ENOSF1, LPIN2, PLA2G4C, DHDH, ENSMMUG00000009003, LPCAT2, DGKK, IDH3G, BPNT1, CA14, CA6, PLD1, ACY1, UROCI, PFKL, QRSL1, SIRT5, CDS1, MGAT4D, GALNT7,</i>

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TYRPI, ST3GAL1, NT5DC4, LDHAL6A, NQO1,
FGGY, IMPA1

KEGG	Glycerolipid metabolism	KEGG:00561	0.043042595	63	959	17	<i>ALDH9A1, DGKG, MOGAT3, DGKI, LPIN3, GPAT2, ALDH1B1, LPIN2, DGKK, PNLIPRP3, PNPLA3, AKRIA1, DGKA, MOGAT2, PLPP5, DGKQ, DGKD</i>
KEGG	Choline metabolism in cancer	KEGG:05231	0.043042595	97	959	23	<i>SLC44A3, DGKG, DGKI, EGF, PDGFC, PLA2G4B, PLA2G4D, PLA2G4F, MAPK1, RALGDS, PLD2, SLC44A2, PLA2G4C, DGKK, PLD1, PRKCA, MAP2K2, DGKA, WAS, PDGFB, DGKQ, DGKD, ENSMMUG00000054705</i>

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219 **Supplementary Table 3.** Anthropometric body measurement and the standards of how to measure.

Full Name	Measurement Standard
Head Length	Measurement from the middle of eyebrows to the furthest point on the back of head
Head Width	Measurement the widest distance about one inch above each ear
Head Girth	Measure from the eyebrows and around the back at the biggest part of head
Torso Length	Measure from the base of neck (the most top cervical vertebra), down the curve of back, and end at the proximal base of tail
Sitting Height	Measurement from the highest point of the head to the base siting surface when sit up straight
Waist Girth	Measurement around the level of umbilicus (belly button)
Hip Girth	Measurement around the level of ischial callosity
Full-arm Length(left)	Measurement from the upper edge of the shoulder to the tip of middle finger
Full-leg Length(left)	Measurement from the upper edge of the iliac crest to the tip of middle toe.
Tail Length	Measurement from the proximal base of tail to the distal end of the last tail vertebra (excluding protruding hairs)
Body Length	Measurement from the highest point of the head to the proximal base of tail

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Supplementary Table 4. Hematological and biochemical traits measured in this study.

Full Name	Abbreviations
Body Mass Index	BMI
Waist To Hip Ratio	WHR
Aspartate Aminotransferase	AST
Creatine Kinase	CK
Alanine Aminotransferase	ALT
Gamma-Glutamyl Transpeptidase	GGT
Alkaline Phosphatase	ALP
Total Bilirubin	TBIL
Total Protein	TP
Albumin	ALB
Globulin	GLO
Albumin to Globulin Ratio	A/G
Glucose	GLU
Total Cholesterol	TCHO
Triglyceride	TRIG
High-Density Lipoprotein	HDL
Low-Density Lipoprotein	LDL
Blood Urea Nitrogen	BUN
Creatinine	CRE
White Blood Cell Count	WBC
Neutrophile	NEU
Lymphocyte	LYM
Monocyte	MON
Eosinophilic Granulocyte	EOS

Percentage of Neutrophils	Per_NEU
Percentage of Lymphocyte	Per_LYM
Percentage of Monocyte	Per_MON
Percentage of Eosinophilic granulocyte	Per_EOS
Red Blood Cell Count	RBC
Hemoglobin	HGB
Haematocrit	HCT
Mean Corpuscular Volume	MCV
Mean Corpuscular Hemoglobin	MCH
Mean Corpuscular Hemoglobin Concentration	MCHC
Red Blood Cell Volume Distribution Width Coefficient of Variation	RDW-CV
Red Blood Cell Volume Distribution Width Standard Deviation	RDW-SD
Platelet Count	PLT
Mean Platelet Volume	MPV
Platelet Volume Distribution Width	PDW
Plateletcrit	PCT

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225 **Supplementary Table 5.** Associations of rare pLoF variants with the phenotypic traits (p -value $< 1 \times 10^{-4}$) that were estimated by a mixed linear model-based
 226 (GCTA-MLMA) analysis.

Phenotypic trait	Chromosome	Position	Reference allele	Alternative allele	Variant type	Association p -value	Gene Symbol
Full-leg Length	chr2	99531286	CT	C	splice_acceptor_variant	8.97E-06	<i>ANO10</i>
Body Weight	chr15	8935286	T	C	splice_acceptor_variant	9.67E-06	<i>PRRC2B</i>
LYM	chr7	69202291	G	C	start_lost	1.08E-05	<i>ZNF774</i>
ALT	chr14	57003122	GT	G	frameshift_variant	1.23E-05	<i>TRIM66</i>
Tail Length	chr4	11338934	A	AT	frameshift_variant	1.60E-05	<i>FNDC1</i>
HDL	chr17	17697910	ACT	A	frameshift_variant	2.09E-05	<i>STOML3</i>
HDL	chr3	644408	CAGACG	C	frameshift_variant	2.79E-05	<i>FTCD</i>
RDW_SD	chr7	41477989	G	A	splice_donor_variant	3.10E-05	<i>ANKDD1A</i>
Full-arm Length	chr2	99531286	CT	C	splice_acceptor_variant	4.12E-05	<i>ANO10</i>
Waist Girth	chr2	105934945	CCT	C	frameshift_variant	4.94E-05	<i>UBA7</i>
ALP	chr1	181763800	CAT	C	frameshift_variant	5.75E-05	<i>TMEM269</i>
LDL	chr16	4465789	G	A	stop_gained	6.02E-05	<i>ALOX15</i>
MCH	chr16	46621405	C	A	splice_donor_variant	6.36E-05	<i>SGCA</i>
TBIL	chr6	93622223	G	A	stop_gained	7.04E-05	<i>ERAP1</i>
Full-arm Length	chr18	49528838	G	A	stop_gained	7.52E-05	<i>CCDC178</i>
HDL	chr16	4465789	G	A	stop_gained	7.89E-05	<i>ALOX15</i>
ALP	chr5	57847969	AG	A	frameshift_variant	8.02E-05	<i>PPEF2</i>
TRIG	chr16	3403757	C	T	stop_gained	9.23E-05	<i>SHPK</i>
Head Length	chr2	44680104	G	C	stop_gained	9.26E-05	<i>ATR</i>
Head Length	chr20	68189247	GGT	G	frameshift_variant	9.26E-05	<i>PKD1L2</i>

229 **Supplementary Table 6.** GWAS results of the 30 independent loci that surpassed the genome-wide significance threshold (5.13×10^{-8}). The threshold was was
230 estimated by using a uniform threshold of $1/n$, where n is the effective number of independent variants. PVE represents the proportion of variance in the phenotype
231 explained by a given SNP. Chr, chromosome; Pos, position; Ref, reference allele; Alt, alternative allele; AF, allele frequency.

Chr	Pos	Ref	Alt	AF	Variant type	Gene symbol	Phenoty pic trait	Index _beta	Index _se	Index_p	PVE (%)	Study Accession	Reference
chr2	195176108	C	T	0.01261	intron_variant	ROBO2	ALP	1.106 99	1.92E- 01	8.05E- 09	4.55		
chr4	126491691	C	T	0.03235	intron_variant	BICRAL	ALP	- 0.687 026	1.24E- 01	2.87E- 08	4.22		
chr10	93895076	T	C	0.01096	intergenic_reg ion	NPEPL1- none	ALP	1.021 48	1.86E- 01	3.72E- 08	4.16		
chr13	105052995	C	T	0.01151	intron_variant	DCDC2C	ALP	1.066 49	1.92E- 01	2.86E- 08	4.22	GCST006016	Genetic analysis of quantitative traits in the Japanese population links cell types to complex human diseases.
chr8	125789207	G	A	0.03618	downstream_ gene_variant	TRIB1	ALT	- 0.891 419	1.53E- 01	6.30E- 09	4.65	GCST900118 98	Genome-wide association study of serum liver enzymes implicates diverse metabolic and liver pathology
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chr6	80719770	C	T	0.01096	downstream_ gene_variant	EDIL3	BMI	- 1.073 65	1.96E- 01	4.17E- 08	4.97	GCST902556 21	Genomics and phenomics of body mass index reveals a complex disease network.

chr5	171233903	A	G	0.2012	intergenic_region	HAND2- none	CHOL	0.365 217	6.60E- 02	3.07E- 08	4.21	GCST007380	Biomarker and genomic risk factors for liver function test abnormality in hazardous drinkers
chr8	143539082	G	C	0.07292	upstream_gene_variant	ZNF696	EOS	- 0.532 782	9.66E- 02	3.48E- 08	3.39		
chr10	28427768	C	T	0.07511	intron_variant	GGT1	GGT	- 0.555 16	9.97E- 02	2.59E- 08	4.25		
chr10	28504973	C	T	0.1245	5_prime_UTR_variant	IGLL1	GGT	0.528 919	7.94E- 02	2.76E- 11	5.97		
chr3	143212415	A	T	0.03618	intron_variant	ST7	Head Length	- 0.741 429	1.36E- 01	4.57E- 08	4.94		
chr3	158119742	A	G	0.01096	intergenic_region	none- PLXNA4	Head Length	- 1.410 45	2.46E- 01	9.52E- 09	5.42		
chr16	4059616	T	C	0.01919	3_prime_UTR_variant	UBE2G1	Head Length	- 0.960 899	1.72E- 01	2.29E- 08	5.15		
chr17	21316584	G	A	0.03947	intergenic_region	TNFSF11- FAM216B	Head Width	- 0.675 899	1.23E- 01	4.13E- 08	4.97		
chr3	579267	G	GA	0.01206	intron_variant	LSS	Full-leg Length	- 1.197 45	2.17E- 01	3.48E- 08	5.09		

chr5	31285438	G	A	0.1053	intergenic_region	ENSMMUG 0000006311 1- ENSMMUG 0000005541 6	Full-leg Length	- 0.460 661	8.27E- 02	2.57E- 08	5.19
chr7	131534200	G	A	0.04496	synonymous_variant	ERH	Full-leg Length	- 0.630 373	1.14E- 01	3.24E- 08	5.11
chr2	134353857	T	G	0.01151	intron_variant	CNTN4	Hip Girth	- 1.154 99	2.11E- 01	4.11E- 08	5.04
chr20	13164913	GC	G	0.03564	intron_variant	SHISA9	Hip Girth	- 0.669 311	1.22E- 01	3.69E- 08	5.07
chr15	96287434	A	G	0.04989	intron_variant	ENSMMUG 0000003795 5	NEU	0.689 904	1.25E- 01	3.38E- 08	3.40
chr11	129838296	C	T	0.06963	intergenic_region	TMEM132D -none	PCT	0.569 107	1.03E- 01	3.04E- 08	3.41
chr14	9179447	G	T	0.01754	upstream_gene_variant	ENSMMUG 0000005839 1	PCT	1.143 84	0.204 782	2.33E- 08	3.47
chr7	159623299	C	T	0.1519	intergenic_region	ENSMMUG 0000006442	PDW	0.397 776	7.11E- 02	2.20E- 08	3.48

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						5- ENSMMUG 0000004732 5						
chr8	69026307	A	G	0.03728	intron_variant	C8H8orf34	PDW	-	1.41E-	1.97E-	3.50	
								0.788	01	08		
								873				
chr1	206962087	A	T	0.01042	intergenic_region	ACTL8- ARHGEF10 L	RDW- SD	-	2.47E-	3.99E-	3.36	
								1.355	01	08		
								29				
chr12	70820006	TA	T	0.02083	intergenic_region	ENSMMUG 0000005233 9- ENSMMUG 0000006149 1	Waist Girth	-	1.65E-	4.37E-	5.01	
								0.902	01	08		
								453				
chr15	106990683	A	T	0.01371	downstream_gene_variant	Unknown	Waist Girth	-	2.30E-	2.34E-	5.21	
								1.286	01	08		
								57				
chr1	140712384	C	T	0.02138	intergenic_region	ENSMMUG 0000005777 2- ENSMMUG 0000005513 4	Body Weight	-	1.11E-	2.29E-	5.15	
								0.622	01	08		
								9				

chr20	65890799	T	C	0.0466	intron_variant	<i>WWOX</i>	Body Weight	0.390931	7.11E-02	3.87E-08	4.99	GCST90277421	Interactions between genetic variants and environmental risk factors are associated with the severity of pelvic organ prolapse
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Supplementary Table 7. The neurological function scoring table for the macaques.

Behavioral category		Score
1 Motor system (0-16)		
1.1 <i>Hand flexibility when feeding</i>	Normal	0
	Slightly reduced, slowly get food by itself	2
	Moderately reduced, hard but still get food by itself	4
	Severely reduced, must be fed by the experimenter	6
1.2 <i>Upper limb reflex (slightly touched by a stick)</i>	Fiercely push, pull or bite the stick	0
	Slightly push or pull the stick	3
	Neither push or pull but defend with body	4
	Absent, no movement	5
1.3 <i>Lower limb reflex (slightly touched by a stick)</i>	Fiercely push, pull or bite the stick	0
	Slightly push or pull the stick	3
	Neither push or pull but defend with body	4
	Absent, no movement	5
2 Skeletal muscle coordination (0-9)		
2.1 <i>Overall body movement</i>	Normal	0
	Slowly walk or move	3
	Spontaneously stand, but unable to walk	4
2.2 <i>Bounce reflex (a stick was slightly swept at the bottom of the monkey's cage by the experimenter)</i>	Rapidly escape or jump to the upper part of the cage	0
	Defend by holding the stick, but unable to escape or jump to the upper part of the cage	2
	Absent, no movement	5
3 Sensory system (0-25)		
	Rapidly withdraw, threat with anger	0

3.1 <i>Finger pain reflex</i> (Slightly clipped with a tweezer)	Withdraw, without anger	1
	Slowly withdraw	3
	Absent, no movement	5
3.2 <i>Toe pain reflex</i> (Slightly clipped with a tweezer)	Rapidly withdraw, threat with anger	0
	Withdraw, without anger	1
	Slowly withdraw	3
	Absent, no movement	5
3.3 <i>Facial sensation</i> (Slightly touched with a brush)	Quickly escape, shake head or threat with anger	0
	Face reacts to touch without body movement	2
	No response	5
3.4 <i>Auricle reflex (Slightly touched with a brush)</i>	Quickly escape, shake head or threat with anger	0
	Ear and facial muscles tremble, reacts to touch without body movement	2
	No response	5
3.5 <i>Abdominal pain reflex</i> (Slightly being touched by a stick)	Fiercely push, pull or bite the stick	0
	Slightly push or pull the stick, defend with body	2
	No response	5

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237 **Supplementary Table 8.** Abbreviations for subcortical brain regions.

Abbreviation	Region Name
LVPal	lateral and ventral pallium
HF	hippocampal formation
Amy	amygdala
Cd	caudate
Pu	putamen
Acb	accumbens
Pd	pallidum
Hy	hypothalamus
PreThal	prethalamus
Thal	thalamus
EpiThal	epithalamus
PrT	pretectum
Mid	midbrain

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