

## Supplementary Materials

### Methods

#### Ancient hominins and primates genomes reconstruction

Aligned bam-files (IceMan, Hunters, VindijaNea, AltaiNea, MezmaiskayaNea) or vcf-files (Denisovan/pinky, Chimpanzee) were obtained from the corresponding open sources (ST2) and re-processed by using one of the following pipelines – depending on type of the source file available. In the case if bam-files were available – a “consensus DNA sequence” was generated by using “SAMtools” and “seqtk” [1] software:

```
$ samtools pileup -uf genome.fasta input.bam | bcftools view -cg - | vcfutils.pl vcf2fq > consensus.fq
$ seqtk seq -l 50 -A consensus.fq > consensus.fa
```

In the case when only vcf-files were available, - the consensus DNA sequence was generated by using Genome Analysis Toolkit (GATK) software [2]:

```
$ java -Xmx2g -jar GenomeAnalysisTK.jar -lw 50 -R genome.fa -T FastaAlternateReferenceMaker \
-L TARGET.intervals -o consensus.fa --variant input.vcf.gz
```

Having consensus DNA sequences and coordinates of regions of interest (ROI) around each SNPs position it was straightforward to extract ROI's nucleotide sequences and/or exons/introns nucleotide sequences corresponding to a particular ancient DNA sample by using “fastahack” software [3] and custom Python scripts (available upon request).

### Results

rs2218404. Neither WM nor PO and PS domain scores (N = 19 patients for the T allele carriers for WM and PS) were significantly attenuated comparing to G/G carriers (N = 34 patients for WM and PS;  $p = 0.12$  (F = 2.50) and  $p = 0.11$  (F = 2.59) for the WM and PIQ, respectively, and  $p = 0.14$  (F = 2.19) for the PS) (Figure 1B-1). None of the healthy human subjects IQ scores were affected by the presence of T allele (N = 62 for T and N = 81 for G/G) and were significantly higher than patients' scores (see ST1 for the diagnosis effect statistics and interaction).

rs96501. No substantial difference in the IQ scores has been observed among the patients either C (N = 20) or T/T (N = 41) allele carriers despite a decline across the all scores comparing to healthy subjects (ST1).

rs1105684. Within SCZ patients cohort a cognitive endophenotype was not detectable (N = 33 and N = 67 for the A and T/T alleles carriers, respectively) with very close scores for both genotyping groups but substantially lower than for the healthy subjects (ST1).

rs2149171. WM contributing scores of letter number sequencing (LNS), digit span (DS) and arithmetic (AM) did not differ significantly among the genotypes (Figure 1B-2, lower panel) indicative of rather a distributive nature of the mutation allele effect on the final WM score. None of the healthy human subjects IQ scores were affected by the C allele presence and were repeatedly higher than for the SCZ patients' scores at the diagnosis level (ST1).

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Supplementary table 1 (ST1):

HP118														
	WAIS-III	Schizophrenia (N = 61)				Control (N = 143)				ANCOVA (sex, education) <i>p</i> values ( <i>F</i> values)				
	Variables	G/G		T carrier		G/G		T carrier		Diagnosis	Genotype	Interaction		
	NETRIN G1; NTNG1	(N = 36)		(N = 25)		(N = 81)		(N = 62)		effect	effect			
	rs2218404	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD				SZ	HC
	Verbal IQ	96.1	14.3	83.6	16.3	108.9	13.2	108.6	13.8	<b><math>5.18 \times 10^{-13}</math> (59.81)</b>	<b>0.0033 (8.87)</b>	<b>0.0058 (7.78)</b>	<b>0.0059 (8.19)</b>	0.81 (0.06)
	Performance IQ	84.5	16.5	77.0	13.5	109.0	10.3	109.5	12.5	<b><math>1.05 \times 10^{-29}</math> (180.76)</b>	0.11 (2.59)	0.061 (3.54)	0.089 (3.00)	0.77 (0.08)
	Full-scale IQ	90.0	15.9	78.9	14.9	109.9	11.6	109.5	12.5	<b><math>1.05 \times 10^{-23}</math> (131.74)</b>	<b>0.0057 (7.80)</b>	<b>0.012 (6.48)</b>	<b>0.017 (6.01)</b>	0.76 (0.09)
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	Verbal Comprehension	97.5	13.2	84.4	16.6	106.6	13.2	107.1	12.9	<b><math>1.30 \times 10^{-9}</math> (40.58)</b>	<b>0.0050 (8.08)</b>	<b>0.0018 (9.99)</b>	<b>0.0037 (9.14)</b>	0.79 (0.07)
	Perceptual Organization	86.6	16.8	81.5	14.2	108.0	10.0	107.7	14.6	<b><math>2.57 \times 10^{-21}</math> (114.05)</b>	0.19 (1.74)	0.28 (1.19)	0.22 (1.52)	0.82 (0.05)
	Working Memory <sup>a</sup>	91.1	13.8	84.2	13.5	106.3	15.9	105.4	16.1	<b><math>7.14 \times 10^{-10}</math> (42.17)</b>	0.12 (2.50)	0.25 (1.33)	0.16 (2.06)	0.64 (0.21)
	Processing Speed <sup>a</sup>	82.9	14.9	75.1	12.9	110.0	12.9	108.8	13.3	<b><math>1.02 \times 10^{-26}</math> (157.61)</b>	0.14 (2.19)	0.23 (1.44)	0.24 (1.41)	0.71 (0.14)
Verbal Comprehension	Vocabulary	9.7	2.8	7.1	3.2	11.4	3.0	11.7	3.1	<b><math>1.69 \times 10^{-7}</math> (29.42)</b>	<b>0.020 (5.49)</b>	<b>0.0041 (8.44)</b>	<b>0.0053 (8.39)</b>	0.65 (0.20)
Verbal Comprehension	Similarities	9.6	2.9	7.6	3.3	11.2	2.3	11.2	2.4	<b><math>4.75 \times 10^{-7}</math> (27.13)</b>	<b>0.041 (4.23)</b>	<b>0.022 (5.35)</b>	<b>0.044 (4.26)</b>	0.79 (0.07)
Verbal Comprehension	Information	9.3	2.6	7.1	3.0	10.9	3.0	10.9	2.4	<b><math>1.57 \times 10^{-7}</math> (29.58)</b>	<b>0.0067 (7.50)</b>	<b>0.014 (6.09)</b>	<b>0.0047 (8.39)</b>	0.78 (0.08)
		<sup>a</sup> N=34		<sup>a</sup> N=19										

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HP122														
	WAIS-III	Schizophrenia (N = 61)				Control (N = 143)				ANCOVA (sex, education) <i>p</i> values ( <i>F</i> values)				
	Variables	C carrier		T/T		C carrier		T/T		Diagnosis	Genotype	Interaction		
	NETRIN G1; NTNG1	(N = 20)		(N = 41)		(N = 45)		(N = 98)		effect	effect			
	rs96501	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD					
	Verbal IQ	90.3	12.6	91.3	17.9	109.7	12.7	108.3	13.8	<b><math>3.97 \times 10^{-11}</math> (48.95)</b>	0.58 (0.31)	0.33 (0.95)		
	Performance IQ	79.7	13.5	82.2	16.7	108.5	10.1	109.6	11.8	<b><math>3.36 \times 10^{-27}</math> (159.45)</b>	0.53 (0.40)	0.57 (0.33)		
	Full-scale IQ	84.1	13.4	86.1	17.7	110.1	10.7	109.5	12.5	<b><math>4.87 \times 10^{-21}</math> (112.06)</b>	0.94 (0.01)	0.33 (0.96)		
										-				
	Verbal Comprehension	89.0	12.5	93.6	17.3	107.6	12.4	106.5	13.3	<b><math>1.15 \times 10^{-8}</math> (35.50)</b>	0.72 (0.13)	0.07 (3.31)		
	Perceptual Organization	83.2	14.3	85.1	16.7	108.5	12.1	107.6	12.3	<b><math>3.95 \times 10^{-20}</math> (105.62)</b>	>0.99 (<0.01)	0.39 (0.73)		
	Working Memory <sup>a</sup>	91.4	11.3	87.0	15.2	107.9	15.3	105.0	16.2	<b><math>7.39 \times 10^{-9}</math> (36.65)</b>	0.084 (3.01)	0.87 (0.03)		
	Processing Speed <sup>a</sup>	77.9	10.5	81.3	16.5	104.9	11.4	111.6	13.2	<b><math>3.65 \times 10^{-25}</math> (144.85)</b>	<b>0.028 (4.89)</b>	0.52 (0.42)		
Processing Speed	Digit Symbol	6.2	2.4	6.3	3.0	11.0	2.6	12.3	2.6	<b><math>2.16 \times 10^{-24}</math> (137.00)</b>	0.12 (2.40)	0.23 (1.48)		
Processing Speed	Symbol Search <sup>a</sup>	5.9	2.0	6.7	3.5	10.9	2.7	12.1	2.8	<b><math>2.98 \times 10^{-19}</math> (100.48)</b>	<b>0.053 (3.79)</b>	0.71 (0.14)		
		<sup>a</sup> N=19		<sup>a</sup> N=34										

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PPI	Schizophrenia (N = 54)						Control (N = 105)						ANCOVA (age, sex) <i>p</i> values ( <i>F</i> values)		
	C/C		C/T		T/T		C/C		C/T		T/T		Diagnosis	Genotype	Interaction
	(N = 4)		(N = 17)		(N = 33)		(N = 3)		(N = 30)		(N = 72)		effect	effect	
Variables	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD			
SR	52.2	24.4	160.5	148.3	128.4	87.4	102.8	51.1	154.1	119.3	177.2	124.1	0.59 (0.29)	0.50 (0.71)	0.42 (0.88)
HAB	32.8	21.1	42.7	20.3	43.4	20.2	44.6	24.1	53.6	19.7	53.0	19.2	0.07 (3.37)	0.58 (0.55)	0.98 (0.02)
PPI90	-5.7	18.4	37.7	25.2	41.3	32.2	36.9	31.8	45.2	24.1	43.0	44.0	0.08 (3.04)	0.15 (1.90)	0.35 (1.05)
PPI86	-14.0	19.3	28.6	49.5	37.9	27.7	16.7	25.6	37.9	29.0	33.8	43.3	0.23 (1.42)	0.054 (2.97)	0.35 (1.05)
PPI82	-30.1	41.0	31.3	27.6	37.8	23.5	12.9	24.1	32.7	27.8	29.4	35.5	0.11 (2.56)	<b>0.0010 (7.23)</b>	0.065 (2.78)

HP124	NETRIN G2; NTNG2											ANCOVA (sex, education) <i>p</i> values ( <i>F</i> values)		
rs1105684	rs1105684	Schizophrenia (N = 100)				Control (N = 145)				Diagnosis	Genotype	Interaction	SZ	HC
Variables	A carriers	T/T		A carriers	T/T		effect	effect						
	(N = 33)	(N = 67)		(N = 49)	(N = 96)									
	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD						
Verbal IQ	91.5	18.9	92.4	14.9	106.3	13.2	110.5	13.5	<b><math>2.59 \times 10^{-11}</math> (48.98)</b>	0.10 (2.72)	0.32 (1.01)	0.82 (0.05)	<b>0.029 (4.90)</b>	
Performance IQ	84.4	18.7	82.6	15.4	107.2	12.1	110.6	10.8	<b><math>3.03 \times 10^{-27}</math> (151.16)</b>	0.58 (0.31)	0.11 (2.51)	0.52 (0.41)	<b>0.048 (3.99)</b>	
Full-scale IQ	87.2	19.8	86.7	15.5	107.3	12.5	111.4	11.6	<b><math>6.24 \times 10^{-21}</math> (106.78)</b>	0.23 (1.45)	0.17 (1.92)	0.81 (0.06)	<b>0.018 (5.70)</b>	

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HP127	NETRIN G2; NTNG2											ANCOVA (sex, education) <i>p</i> values ( <i>F</i> values)				
rs2149171		Schizophrenia (N = 58)						Control (N = 142)				Diagnosis	Genotype	Interaction	SZ	HC
Variables	C/C	C/T		T/T		C/C	C/T		T/T		effect	effect				
	(N = 14)	(N = 29)		(N = 15)		(N = 39)	(N = 73)		(N = 30)							
	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD		
Verbal IQ	88.3	18.9	88.2	14.2	99.4	15.7	109.8	11.4	107.8	15.1	109.5	11.9	<b><math>1.88 \times 10^{-9}</math> (39.82)</b>	<b>0.029 (3.60)</b>	0.083 (2.52)	
Performance IQ	77.9	17.8	79.1	13.9	88.9	16.8	109.1	11.1	108.9	11.1	110.5	12.2	<b><math>1.57 \times 10^{-25}</math> (147.32)</b>	<b>0.035 (3.42)</b>	0.15 (1.89)	-
Full-scale IQ	82.3	18.7	82.6	14.3	94.1	17.2	110.4	10.7	108.9	12.8	110.8	11.8	<b><math>5.72 \times 10^{-19}</math> (98.28)</b>	<b>0.014 (4.35)</b>	0.066 (2.76)	-
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Verbal Comprehension	90.1	18.0	90.7	15.2	97.4	15.0	107.0	10.6	106.5	14.6	107.2	12.2	<b><math>1.62 \times 10^{-6}</math> (24.50)</b>	0.27 (1.31)	0.39 (0.95)	
Perceptual Organization	81.4	17.5	82.0	14.9	92.2	16.1	107.6	12.1	107.9	11.9	108.5	13.4	<b><math>4.71 \times 10^{-18}</math> (92.03)</b>	0.050 (3.04)	0.11 (2.20)	-
Working Memory*	83.9	15.0	86.5	11.0	97.0	16.0	107.3	14.9	104.5	16.8	107.7	15.2	<b><math>1.21 \times 10^{-8}</math> (35.60)</b>	<b>0.040 (3.27)</b>	0.16 (1.85)	-

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	Processing Speed <sup>a</sup>	76.3	18.2	79.3	14.7	84.3	11.4	106.6	12.1	110.6	12.5	110.7	15.0	<b><math>2.67 \times 10^{-24}</math> (139.08)</b>	0.19 (1.69)	0.71 (0.34)		
	Comprehension	6.6	3.9	7.7	3.3	11.0	3.5	12.5	2.9	12.1	3.2	11.7	3.1	<b><math>1.15 \times 10^{-8}</math> (35.59)</b>	<b>0.012 (4.54)</b>	<b><math>3.56 \times 10^{-4}</math> (8.28)</b>	<b>0.0030 (6.48)</b>	0.61 (0.49)
Working Memory	Arithmetic	8.6	3.7	7.4	2.7	9.1	3.4	11.8	2.8	11.3	3.5	11.8	3.1	<b><math>2.83 \times 10^{-7}</math> (28.34)</b>	0.092 (2.42)	0.58 (0.54)		
Working Memory	Digit Span	8.9	2.2	9.0	2.9	10.7	3.2	11.1	3.6	10.6	3.0	11.5	3.6	<b>0.0043 (8.34)</b>	0.066 (2.75)	0.61 (0.50)		-
Working Memory	Letter Number Sequencing <sup>a</sup>	5.9	2.5	7.1	2.8	8.5	3.6	11.1	3.6	10.7	3.4	10.8	2.7	<b><math>1.34 \times 10^{-8}</math> (35.37)</b>	0.27 (1.32)	0.18 (1.73)		-
		N=12		N=25		N=14												

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HP128	NETRIN G2; NTNG2																		
rs2274855		Schizophrenia (N = 59)				Control (N = 143)				ANCOVA (sex, education) <i>p</i> values ( <i>F</i> values)									
	Variables	A carrier		G/G		A carrier		G/G		Diagnosis	Genotype	Interaction							
		(N = 33)		(N = 26)		(N = 91)		(N = 52)		effect	effect								
		Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD										
	Verbal IQ	86.1	16.2	96.5	15.0	108.8	14.2	108.6	12.2	<b><math>9.68 \times 10^{-11}</math> (46.83)</b>	<b>0.017 (5.83)</b>	<b>0.018 (5.70)</b>	<b>0.020 (5.70)</b>					0.98 (<0.01)	
	Performance IQ	78.3	15.8	86.0	15.1	108.9	11.1	109.8	11.6	<b><math>3.77 \times 10^{-27}</math> (159.57)</b>	<b>0.036 (4.46)</b>	0.11 (2.58)						-	
	Full-scale IQ	81.1	16.2	90.9	15.6	109.6	12.2	109.9	11.6	<b><math>1.03 \times 10^{-20}</math> (110.02)</b>	<b>0.012 (6.44)</b>	<b>0.025 (5.07)</b>	<b>0.033 (4.80)</b>					0.77 (0.09)	
										-									
	Verbal Comprehension	88.8	17.0	95.5	14.1	106.8	13.4	106.7	12.5	<b><math>1.37 \times 10^{-7}</math> (29.91)</b>	0.14 (2.23)	0.16 (1.98)							
	Perceptual Organization	80.9	15.9	90.0	14.7	107.5	11.8	108.6	12.8	<b><math>1.49 \times 10^{-19}</math> (101.86)</b>	<b>0.012 (6.36)</b>	0.056 (3.68)						-	
	Working Memory <sup>a</sup>	84.0	11.8	95.0	14.3	106.0	16.7	105.8	14.6	<b><math>1.30 \times 10^{-8}</math> (35.36)</b>	<b>0.023 (5.28)</b>	<b>0.023 (5.23)</b>	<b>0.0031 (9.73)</b>					0.99 (<0.01)	
	Processing Speed <sup>a</sup>	77.0	16.9	84.0	10.6	109.2	11.8	109.9	15.0	<b><math>1.01 \times 10^{-25}</math> (149.62)</b>	0.12 (2.45)	0.20 (1.64)							
	Comprehension	13.4	5.2	17.4	5.0	21.0	4.4	19.9	4.1	<b><math>1.99 \times 10^{-9}</math> (39.61)</b>	<b>0.035 (4.49)</b>	<b><math>2.27 \times 10^{-4}</math> (14.12)</b>	<b>0.0063 (8.06)</b>					0.12 (2.44)	
Working Memory	Arithmetic	11.9	3.7	13.7	4.2	17.2	4.6	17.5	4.3	<b><math>2.06 \times 10^{-8}</math> (34.19)</b>	0.067 (3.39)	0.27 (1.24)							
Working Memory	Digit Span	16.1	3.2	18.2	4.2	19.0	4.3	19.3	4.5	<b>0.0040 (8.47)</b>	<b>0.026 (5.04)</b>	0.10 (2.70)						-	
Working Memory	Letter Number Sequencing <sup>a</sup>	10.0	3.1	11.4	2.4	13.9	2.8	13.3	2.3	<b><math>4.77 \times 10^{-8}</math> (32.39)</b>	0.27 (1.22)	<b>0.031 (4.73)</b>	0.053 (3.95)					0.32 (0.98)	
										-								-	
Perceptual Organization	Picture Completion	7.2	3.0	7.7	3.2	11.1	2.4	11.3	2.9	<b><math>3.98 \times 10^{-15}</math> (72.74)</b>	0.46 (0.56)	0.77 (0.09)						-	
Perceptual Organization	Block Design	7.0	3.9	9.1	3.4	11.1	2.7	11.3	2.9	<b><math>2.07 \times 10^{-8}</math> (34.18)</b>	<b>0.010 (6.82)</b>	<b>0.041 (4.23)</b>	<b>0.028 (5.08)</b>					0.57 (0.32)	
Perceptual Organization	Matrix Reasoning	6.8	3.0	8.7	3.2	11.6	2.7	11.6	2.4	<b><math>2.11 \times 10^{-14}</math> (68.26)</b>	<b>0.024 (5.19)</b>	<b>0.038 (4.34)</b>	<b>0.038 (4.54)</b>					0.84 (0.04)	
		N=29		N=23															

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Dataset Name	Link to the dataset	File name(s) used
Saqqaq-Eskimos [13]	<a href="http://www.binf.ku.dk/saqqaq/">http://www.binf.ku.dk/saqqaq/</a>	chr1.diff.annotation chr1.same.annotation.gz chr9.diff.annotation chr9.same.annotation.gz chr1.diff.highconfidence.PP chr1.same.highconfidence.PP chr9.diff.highconfidence.PP chr9.same.highconfidence.PP
IceMan[14]*	<a href="ftp://ftp.sra.ebi.ac.uk/vol1/ERA081/ERA081021/bam/">ftp://ftp.sra.ebi.ac.uk/vol1/ERA081/ERA081021/bam/</a> <a href="ftp://ftp.sra.ebi.ac.uk/vol1/ERA081/ERA081149/bam/">ftp://ftp.sra.ebi.ac.uk/vol1/ERA081/ERA081149/bam/</a> <a href="ftp://ftp.sra.ebi.ac.uk/vol1/ERA081/ERA081149/bam/">ftp://ftp.sra.ebi.ac.uk/vol1/ERA081/ERA081149/bam/</a>	ellen1.bam ellen2.bam teresa.bam
Hunters [15]**	<a href="http://www.ebi.ac.uk/ena/data/view/PRJEB6272">http://www.ebi.ac.uk/ena/data/view/PRJEB6272</a>	Loschbour.hg19_1000g.bam Motala1.bam Motala3.bam Motala12.bam
VindijaNea[16]*	<a href="ftp://hgdownload.cse.ucsc.edu/gbdb/hg18/neandertal/seqAlis/">ftp://hgdownload.cse.ucsc.edu/gbdb/hg18/neandertal/seqAlis/</a>	all-hg18.bam
Denisovan/pinky[17]**	<a href="http://cdna.eva.mpg.de/neandertal/altai/Denisovan/">http://cdna.eva.mpg.de/neandertal/altai/Denisovan/</a>	DenisovaPinky.hg19_1000g.1.mod.vcf.gz DenisovaPinky.hg19_1000g.9.mod.vcf.gz
AltaiNea[17]**	<a href="http://cdna.eva.mpg.de/neandertal/altai/AltaiNeandertal/bam/">http://cdna.eva.mpg.de/neandertal/altai/AltaiNeandertal/bam/</a>	AltaiNea.hg19_1000g.1.dq.bam AltaiNea.hg19_1000g.9.dq.bam
MezmaiskayaNea[17]**	<a href="http://cdna.eva.mpg.de/neandertal/Mezmaiskaya/bam/">http://cdna.eva.mpg.de/neandertal/Mezmaiskaya/bam/</a>	E733.bam
Chimpanzee [18]*	<a href="http://www.biologiaevolutiva.org/greatape/data.html">http://www.biologiaevolutiva.org/greatape/data.html</a> <a href="https://eichlerlab.gs.washington.edu/greatape/data/VCFs/SNPs/">https://eichlerlab.gs.washington.edu/greatape/data/VCFs/SNPs/</a>	Pan_troglydotes.vcf.gz

Supplementary Table 2 (ST2)

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