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DETAILS ON PARTICIPATING STUDIES:

Fourteen genome-wide association studies (GWAS) consisting of individuals of European descent from Europe and the United States contributed to the discovery phase of this study. To extend our analyses, we genotyped select variants representing nine loci in an additional cohort (PREVEND). All studies received approval from the appropriate institutional review committees, and the subjects in each cohort provided written informed consent.

AGES: The Age, Gene/Environment Susceptibility (AGES) Reykjavik Study was initiated to examine genetic susceptibility and gene/environment interaction as these contribute to phenotypes common in old age, and represents a continuation of the Reykjavik Study cohort begun in 1967 and is comprised of 5776 randomly recruited survivors from the original cohort. QRS interval duration was automatically measured from 12-lead electrocardiograms using the Marquette 12 SL analysis program (General Electric Marquette Medical Division, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA).

ARIC: The Atherosclerosis Risk in Communities study (http://www.cscc.unc.edu/aric/) includes 15,792 men and women from four communities in the United States (Jackson, Mississippi; Forsyth County, North Carolina; Washington County, Maryland; suburbs of Minneapolis, Minnesota) enrolled in 1987–1989 and prospectively followed. ECGs were recorded at baseline using MAC PC ECG machines (Marquette Electronics) and processed initially by the Dalhousie ECG program in a central laboratory at the EPICORE Center (University of Alberta). Processing was later repeated for the present study using the GE Marquette 12-SL program (2001 version) at the EPICARE Center (Wake Forest University). All ECGs were visually inspected for technical errors and inadequate quality. QRS interval was measured automatically from baseline ECGs.

BRIGHT: The MRC BRIGHT study (http://www.brightstudy.ac.uk/) comprises 2000 severely hypertensive probands ascertained from families with multiplex affected sibships or as parent-offspring trios. Case ascertainment and phenotyping has been described previously. Briefly, cases have BP readings ≥150/100 mmHg based on one reading or ≥145/95 mmHg based on the mean of three readings. Twelve-lead ECG recordings (Siemens-Sicard 440; http://www.brightstudy.ac.uk/info/sop04.html), which produces an
automated measurement of the QRS interval, were available for all subjects. All data were transferred from each recruitment centre by electronic modem to electrophysiologists from the West of Scotland Primary Prevention Study (Professor Peter MacFarlane) for central reporting. All individuals included in the analysis were of white British ancestry (up to level of grandparents).

**CHS:** The Cardiovascular Health Study ([www.chs-nhlbi.org](http://www.chs-nhlbi.org)) is a prospective, longitudinal cohort study of risk factors for cardiovascular disease in the elderly, was begun in 1989 and included 4,925 self-described White participants. People 65 years of age or older were recruited from four field centers in the United States. The CHS study sample used in this analysis includes participants without clinically-recognized cardiovascular disease at baseline who described their race as White, consented to genetic testing, and had DNA available for genotyping. Study electrocardiograms were recorded using MAC PC ECG machines (Marquette Electronics, Milwaukee, Wisconsin) in all clinical centers. ECGs were initially processed in a central laboratory at the EPICORE Center (University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada) and during later phases of the study, at the EPICARE Center (Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, North Carolina). All ECGs were visually inspected for technical errors and inadequate quality. QRS interval was measured using the baseline ECG for eligible subjects. Initial ECG processing was done by the Dalhousie ECG program, and processing was later repeated with the 2001 version of the GE Marquette 12-SL program (GE Marquette, Milwaukee, Wisconsin).

**ERF:** The Erasmus Rucphen Family study is comprised of a family-based cohort embedded in the Genetic Research in Isolated Populations (GRIP) program in the southwest of the Netherlands. The aim of this program is to identify genetic risk factors for the development of complex disorders. In ERF, twenty-two families that had a minimum of five children baptized in the community church between 1850 and 1900 were identified with the help of detailed genealogical records. All living descendants of these couples, and their spouses, were invited to take part in the study. Comprehensive interviews, questionnaires, and examinations were completed at a research center in the area; approximately 3,200 individuals participated. Examinations included 12 lead ECG measurements. Electrocardiograms were recorded on ACTA electrocardiographs (ESAOTE, Florence, Italy) and digital measurements of the QRS intervals were made using the Modular ECG Analysis
The QRS detector of MEANS operates on multiple simultaneously recorded leads, which are transformed to a detection function that brings out the QRS complexes among the other parts of the signal. Data collection started in June 2002 and was completed in February 2005. In the current analyses, 1466 participants for whom complete phenotypic, genotypic and genealogical information was available were studied.

**FHS:** The Framingham Heart Study (http://www.framinghamheartstudy.org/) is a community-based, longitudinal cohort study comprising three generations of individuals in multigenerational pedigrees and additional unrelated individuals. The current study included individuals from Generation 1 (11th examination), Generation 2 (1st examination) and Generation 3 (1st examination). In FHS, paper electrocardiograms recorded on Marquette machines were scanned and digital caliper measurements were made using proprietary software (eResearchTechnology, generations 1 and 2) or using Rigel 1.7.2. (AMPS, LLC, New York, NY, USA, generation 3). The QRS duration was measured from the Q-onset to S-offset in two cardiac cycles from lead II and averaged.

**KORA F3 and S4:** The KORA study is a series of independent population-based epidemiological surveys of participants living in the city of Augsburg, Southern Germany, or the two adjacent counties. All survey participants are residents of German nationality identified through the registration office and aged between 25 and 74 years at recruitment. The baseline survey KORA S3 was conducted in the years 1994/95 and KORA S4 in 1999-2001. 3,006 participants from KORA S3 were reexamined in a 10-year follow-up (KORA F3) in the years 2004/05. Genomewide data for the analysis of the length of the QRS interval is available for random subsets of 1,644 persons from KORA F3 and 1,814 study participants from KORA S4. In both studies, 12-lead resting electrocardiograms were recorded with digital recording systems (F3: Mortara Portrait, Mortara Inc., Milwaukee, USA, S4: Hörmann Bioset 9000, Hörmann Medizinelektronik, Germany).

**KORKULA:** The KORCULA study sampled Croatians from the Adriatic island of Korcula, between the ages of 18 and 88. The fieldwork was performed in 2007 in the eastern part of the island, targeting healthy volunteers from the town of Korčula and the villages of Lumbarda, Žrnovo and Račišće. Mortara ELI 350 was used in ECG recording.
**MICROS:** The MICROS study ([http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2350/8/29](http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2350/8/29)) is part of the genomic health care program 'GenNova' and was carried out in three villages of the Val Venosta on the populations of Stelvio, Vallefunga and Martello. This study was an extensive survey carried out in South Tyrol (Italy) in the period 2001-2003. Study participants were volunteers from three isolated villages located in the Italian Alps, in a German-speaking region bordering with Austria and Switzerland. Due to geographical, historical and political reasons, the entire region experienced a prolonged period of isolation from surrounding populations. Genotyping was performed on just under 1400 participants with 1334 available for analysis after data cleaning. Information on participants’ health status was collected through a standardized questionnaire and clinical examinations, including digitized ECG measurements (Mortara Portrait, Mortara Inc., Milwaukee, USA). Individuals with identified U-waves were excluded from analysis. The Mortara portrait determines QRS complex by a proprietary algorithm (Michelucci 2002). Laboratory data were obtained from standard blood analyses.

**ORCADES:** The Orkney Complex Disease Study (ORCADES) is an ongoing family-based, cross-sectional study in the isolated Scottish archipelago of Orkney. Genetic diversity in this population is decreased compared to Mainland Scotland, consistent with high levels of endogamy historically. Participants included here were aged 18-92 years and came from a subgroup of ten islands. The Cardioview ECG device was used in the phenotyping.

**ROTTERDAM STUDY (RS1 and RS2):** The Rotterdam Study is a prospective population-based cohort study comprising 7,983 subjects aged 55 years or older (RS-I), which started in 1990. In 2000-2001, an additional 3,011 individuals aged 55 years or older were recruited (RS-II). In the RS-I and RS-II, electrocardiograms were recorded on ACTA electrocardiographs (ESAOTE, Florence, Italy) and digital measurements of the QRS intervals were made using the Modular ECG Analysis System (MEANS). The QRS detector of MEANS operates on multiple simultaneously recorded leads, which are transformed to a detection function that brings out the QRS complexes among the other parts of the signal.

**SHIP:** The Study of Health in Pomerania ([http://ship.community-medicine.de](http://ship.community-medicine.de)) is a longitudinal population-based cohort study in West Pomerania, a region in the northeast of Germany. From the total population comprising 212,157 inhabitants in 1995, a two-stage
stratified cluster sample of adults aged 20 to 79 years was drawn. From the net sample of 6265 eligible subjects, 4308 subjects (2192 women) of Caucasian origin participated in the baseline examination, SHIP-0 (response 68.8%). For the present analyses both electrocardiographic and genotyping data were available from 2985 participants of the SHIP baseline cohort without exclusion criteria. QRS intervals in SHIP were measured from digitally stored electrocardiograms (Personal 120LD, Esaote, Genova, Italy) using MEANS according to the method described above for the RS.

**SPLIT:** The SPLIT study samples Croatians from the town of Split, between the ages 18 and 85. The sampling started in 2008, and continues throughout 2010. Mortara ELI 350 was used in ECG recording.

**TWINSUK:** The Twins UK Registry (http://www.twinsuk.ac.uk) comprises unselected, mostly female volunteers ascertained from the general population through national media campaigns in the UK. Means and ranges of quantitative phenotypes in Twins UK were similar to an age-matched singleton sample from the general population. Zygosity was determined by standardized questionnaire and confirmed by DNA fingerprinting. QRS duration data were available on 2,726 of these individuals measured automatically by the Cardiofax ECG-9020K (Nihon Kohden UK Ltd., Middlesex, UK).

**PREVEND:** The Prevention of REnal and Vascular ENd stage Disease (PREVEND) study is an ongoing prospective study investigating the natural course of increased levels of urinary albumin excretion and its relation to renal and cardiovascular disease. Inhabitants 28 to 75 years of age (n=85,421) in the city of Groningen, The Netherlands, were asked to complete a short questionnaire, 47% responded, and individuals were then selected with a urinary albumin concentration of at least 10 mg/L (n = 7,768) and a randomly selected control group with a urinary albumin concentration less than 10 mg/L (n = 3,395). Details of the protocol have been described elsewhere (www.prevend.org). Standard 12-lead electrocardiograms were recorded with CardioPerfect equipment (Cardio Control; currently Welch Allyn, Delft, The Netherlands) and digital measurements of the QRS intervals were made using the Modular ECG Analysis System (MEANS). The QRS detector of MEANS operates on multiple simultaneously recorded leads, which are transformed to a detection function that brings out the QRS complexes among the other parts of the signal.
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SUPPLEMENTARY FIGURES:

Supplementary Figure 1: Q-Q plot. The quantile-quantile (Q-Q) plots demonstrate robust behavior in the bulk of the distribution (lower-left corner) (consistent with a modest $\lambda_{GC}$ of 1.05). In the tail of the distribution, we observe a departure away from the null hypothesis, presumably due to the presence of true associations.
Supplementary Figure 2: Regional association plots. Association results at each significantly associated locus. Loci are displayed in the order listed in Table 1. Each SNP is plotted with respect to its chromosomal location (x-axis) and its $P$-value (y-axis on the left). Each panel spans approximately ±500 kb around each index SNP and has known gene transcripts annotated at the bottom. The SNPs are colored according to their degree of linkage disequilibrium ($r^2$) with the index variant which is highlighted with a red diamond and displayed by rs number and significance level achieved in the meta-analysis. The triangles indicate coding region SNPs. The tall blue spikes indicate the recombination rate (y-axis on the right) at that region of the chromosome. To the right of each association plot is the forest plot detailing the findings at the level of the individual study.
Supplementary Figure 3a: Cis expression-genotype association analysis. The most striking cis eQTLs were observed for probes in exonic regions of *TKT* (rs46877718, $P=5.87\times10^{-70}$) and *CDKN1A* (rs9470361, $P=1.41\times10^{-10}$) and an intronic probe for *C6orf204* near *PLN* (rs11153730, $P=1.54\times10^{-10}$). The y-axis indicates normalized expression data and the x-axis indicates the dosage genotype values. NCBI genomic build 36 was used in probe numbering.
Supplementary Figure 3b: Cis expression-genotype association results

| Locus | Index SNP | Chr | Coded/Non-coded Allele | AF  | Gene ID | Genomic location of probe | eQTL β  | eQTL SE | eQTL P     |
|-------|-----------|-----|------------------------|-----|---------|---------------------------|---------|---------|------------|
| 13    | rs4687718 | 3   | A/G                    | 0.11| TKT     | Exon                      | -0.227  | 0.0128  | 5.87x10^-70|
| 2     | rs9470361 | 6   | A/G                    | 0.24| CDKN1A  | Exon                      | -0.083  | 0.0129  | 1.41x10^-40|
| 3     | rs11153730| 6   | C/T                    | 0.48| C6orf204| Intron                    | 0.044   | 0.0069  | 1.54x10^-10|
| 6     | rs1362212 | 7   | A/G                    | 0.15| DPY19L1 | Exon                      | 0.036   | 0.0093  | 1.22x10^-4  |
|       |           |     |                        |     |         |                           | -0.016  | 0.0057  | 5.59x10^-3  |
| 11    | rs991014  | 18  | T/C                    | 0.43| SETBP1  | Exon                      | 0.027   | 0.0081  | 9.03x10^-4  |
| 14    | rs7562790 | 2   | G/T                    | 0.4 | AC007401.2/FEZ2 | Exon | -0.025  | 0.0095  | 7.96x10^-3  |
| 22    | rs17608766| 17  | C/T                    | 0.16| NSF     | Intron                    | 0.027   | 0.0105  | 9.49x10^-3  |
| 5     | rs13165478| 5   | A/G                    | 0.34| HAND1   | Exon                      | -0.01   | 0.004   | 9.82x10^-3  |

Supplementary Figure 3b: Cis expression-genotype association probe information

| Locus | Index SNP | Chr | Position | Coded/Non-coded Allele | HWE P | genotype_Info | ProbeID | GeneID | Transcript Start | Transcript End |
|-------|-----------|-----|----------|------------------------|-------|---------------|---------|--------|-----------------|----------------|
| 13    | rs4687718 | 3   | 53,257,343| A/G                    | 0.56  |               | 6860202 | TKT    | 53,233,715      | 53,266,078     |
| 2     | rs9470361 | 6   | 36,731,357| A/G                    | 0.66  |               | 4230201 | CDKN1A | 36,753,465      | 36,764,086     |
| 3     | rs11153730| 6   | 118,774,215| C/T                    | 0.33  |               | 3170403 | C6orf204 | 118,911,755    | 118,919,501   |
| 6     | rs1362212 | 7   | 35,271,831| A/G                    | 0.85  |               | 3120379 | DPY19L1 | 34,926,606      | 35,045,178     |
|       |           |     |          | A/G                    | 0.93  |               | 6330100 | TBX20   | 35,207,567      | 35,261,283     |
| 11    | rs991014  | 18  | 40,693,884| T/C                    | 0.46  |               | 5310079 | SETBP1  | 40,513,861      | 40,899,771     |
| 14    | rs7562790 | 2   | 36,527,059| G/T                    | 0.11  |               | 6200053 | AC007401.2/FEZ2 | 36,619,732 | 36,656,875 |
| 22    | rs17608766| 17  | 42,368,270| C/T                    | 0.28  |               | 2370411 | NSF     | 42,107,119      | 42,125,492     |
| 5     | rs13165478| 5   | 153,849,233| A/G                    | 0.11  |               | 3420035 | HAND1   | 153,834,205     | 153,838,537   |

The P-values in bold are significant at P<2.5x10^-4, corresponding to Bonferroni corrected P<0.05. The bolded allele is the coded allele. Effect size (β) is reported in normalized units of gene expression per copy of the coded allele. Chr, chromosome; AF, coded allele frequency; SE, standard error; HWE, Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium.
Supplementary Figure 4. Network map. In silico relational network linking the loci associated with QRS interval duration. Most loci meeting genome-wide significance mapped to this network (shown in magenta). For loci where either multiple genes were independently associated with QRS interval duration (SCN5A and SCN10A in locus 1) or where it was difficult to discern to which of several genes the association signal might map (loci 3, 5, 12, 13, 15, 21, or 22), several genes (listed in Table 1 for each of the loci) were included in the model. Of these seven latter loci, three (loci 13, 15, and 21) had 2 gene members map to the network. All interactions depicted in this relational network represent direct gene product interactions obtained from curated databases. To ensure that the interactome spanned across the maximum number of QRS-associated genes, several nodes (shown in yellow) were added to the network based on the strength of their connectivity with the original loci. Linker nodes were added only if they connected to a minimum of two network nodes, without bias in regards to function. The minimum number of linkers required to connect network nodes was selected. Our network analysis shows that many of the genetic loci associated with QRS duration interact with each other and are likely to be functionally linked, although the relevance of these relationships in the human heart needs to be experimentally assessed.
### Supplementary Table 1a: Study participant characteristics

| Characteristic                          | AGES | ARIC | BRIGHT | CHS  | SPLIT | KORCULA | ERF  | FHS  |
|----------------------------------------|------|------|--------|------|-------|---------|------|------|
| N, Participants with ECG and genotype data | 3188 | 9013 | 1566   | 3271 | 433   | 428     | 1591 | 7950 |
| N, Participants after exclusion        | 2251 | 8085 | 1302   | 2845 | 395   | 378     | 1466 | 7499 |
| Sex, women, %                          | 64.0 | 54.4 | 63.0   | 62.8 | 63.5  | 62.5     | 59.5 | 54.1 |
| Age, years, mean                       | 76.0 | 54.0 | 58.8   | 72.1 | 49.3  | 54.5     | 47.8 | 39.2 |
| Age, years, range                      | 66 – 95 | 44 – 66 | 21 – 89 | 65 – 94 | 18 – 85 | 18 – 88 | 18 – 83 | 19 – 79 |
| QRS interval, ms, mean                 | 90.4 | 96.2 | 92.9   | 88.3 | 96.1  | 95.9     | 97.1 | 87.2 |
| QRS interval, ms, range                | 60 – 120 | 61 – 120 | 66 – 118 | 56 – 120 | 70 – 120 | 76 – 119 | 68 – 120 | 59 - 120 |
| Height, cm, mean                       | 166.1| 168.6| 170.0  | 164.3| 171.2 | 168.0    | 166.5| 168.9|
| BMI, kg/m2, mean                       | 27.0 | 26.8 | 27.4   | 26.2 | 26.7  | 28.0     | 26.7 | 26.2 |
| Hypertension, %                        | 77.8 | 24.1 | 100    | 51.9 | 25.2  | 28.8     | 15   | 8.3  |
| Diabetes mellitus, %                   | 10.4 | 7.6  | 0.1    | 11.2 | 3.6   | 6.1      | 2.8  | 1.6  |
| Heart rate, bpm, mean                  | 66.6 | 66.5 | 63.0   | 64.7 | 65.7  | 65.8     | 63.1 | 68.0 |

### Supplementary Table 1a (continued): Study participant characteristics

| Characteristic                          | KORA S4* | KORA F3* | MICROS | ORCADES | RS 1* | RS 2* | SHIP | TwinsUK | PREVEND** |
|----------------------------------------|----------|----------|--------|---------|-------|-------|------|---------|-----------|
| N, Participants with ECG and genotype data | 1814     | 1644     | 1244   | 719     | 5974  | 2157  | 3548 | 2687    | 7500      |
| N, Participants after exclusion        | 1654     | 1393     | 1061   | 690     | 4081  | 1838  | 2985 | 2484    | 7170      |
| Sex, women, %                          | 52.5     | 51.7     | 57.8   | 54.9    | 62.9  | 57.9  | 52.6 | 95.0    | 53.0      |
| Age, years, mean                       | 53.5     | 61.4     | 44.2   | 53.3    | 68.3  | 64.8  | 48.1 | 51.3    | 48.7      |
| Age, years, range                      | 25 – 74  | 35 – 79  | 18 – 87| 18 – 92 | 55 - 101| 55 - 95| 20 – 81| 17 – 83 | 28 – 75   |
| QRS interval, ms, mean                 | 91.5     | 92.4     | 94.3   | 90.0    | 96.6  | 97.5  | 97.1 | 87.7    | 96.2      |
| QRS interval, ms, range                | 64 – 120 | 62 – 120 | 69 – 120| 60 – 120| 64 – 120| 70-120| 60 – 120| 60 – 120| 50 – 120 |
| Height, cm, mean                       | 167.6    | 167.1    | 166.3  | 167.3   | 166.7 | 168.2 | 169.1| 163.0   | 173.0     |
| BMI, kg/m2, mean                       | 27.6     | 27.9     | 25.3   | 27.6    | 26.3  | 27.3  | 27.0 | 25.7    | 26.0      |
| Hypertension, %                        | 16.6     | 41.6     | 15.5   | 24.9    | 51.8  | 58.5  | 49.5 | 16.4    | 31.1      |
| Diabetes mellitus, %                   | 3.0      | 8.8      | 3.1    | 2.7     | 8.6   | 9.3   | 6.3  | 1.5     | 3.2       |
| Heart rate, bpm, mean                  | 64.9     | 64.1     | 68.0   | 60.7    | 70.2  | 69.7  | 72.0 | 66.5    | 69.0      |

*The KORA and RS studies both have two separate cohorts. **PREVEND study participants were used for the candidate SNP extension genotyping only. All other studies were included in the GWAS meta-analysis.
### Supplementary Table 1b: Study genome-wide genotyping characteristics

| Characteristic                     | AGES          | ARIC         | BRIGHT        | CHS           | SPLIT         | KORCULA       | ERF           | FHS           |
|------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Array                              | Illumina CNV370 | Affy 6.0     | Affy 500K     | Illumina CNV370 | Illumina CNV370 | Illumina 318K, 370K, Affy 250K | Affy 500K, 50K MIP |
| Genotype calling software          | Bead Studio   | Birdseed     | CHIAMO        | Bead Studio   | Bead Studio   | Bead Studio   | Bead Studio   | BRLMM         |
| SNP call rate exclusion            | <97%          | <95%         | <95%          | <95%          | <98%          | <98%          | <98%          | <=97%         |
| SNP MAF exclusion                  | <0.01         | <1%          | <1%           | <1%           | <1%           | <1%           | NA            | <0.01         |
| P HWE exclusion                    | <10x10^{-6}   | <10x10^{-5}  | <10x10^{-5}   | <10x10^{-5}   | <10x10^{-6}   | <10x10^{-6}   | <10x10^{-6}   | <10x10^{-6}   |
| Imputation software                | Mach v1.0.16  | Mach v1.0.16 | IMPUTE        | Mach v1.0.15  | Mach v1.0.15  | Mach v1.0.15  | Mach v1.0.15  | Mach v1.0.15  |
| NCBI Build for imputation          | Build 36      | Build 35     | Build 35      | Build 36      | Build 36      | Build 36      | Build 36      | Build 36      |
| GWAS statistical analysis          | ProbABEL, R   | Mach2QTL + plink | SNPTEST        | R             | GeneABEL, ProbABEL, R | GeneABEL, ProbABEL, R | GeneABEL, ProbABEL | R             |
| Related individuals?               | No            | No           | No            | No            | Yes           | Yes           | Yes           | Yes           |
| Familial adjustment method         | N/A           | N/A          | N/A           | N/A           | Mmscore in ProbABEL | Mmscore in ProbABEL | Mmscore in ProbABEL | Kinship package in R |
| Genomic control factor ($\lambda$) | 1.01          | 1.01         | 1.00          | 1.03          | 1.02          | 1.03          | 1.01          | 1.03          |

### Supplementary Table 1b (continued): Study genome-wide genotyping characteristics

| Characteristic                     | KORA S4       | KORA F3      | MICRO5        | ORCADES       | RS 1          | RS 2          | SHIP          | TwinsUK       |
|------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Array                              | Affy 6.0      | Affy 500K    | Illumina HumHap300v2 | Illumina CNV370 & Illumina HumHap300v2 | Illumina550K Duo, 610KQuad | Affy 6.0 | Illumina Hap300 Duo, Hap300, Hap550, Hap610 |
| Genotype calling software          | Birdseed      | BRLMM        | BeadStudio    | Bead Studio   | Genomestudio  | Bead Studio   | Illuminus     |
| SNP call rate exclusion            | <93%          | <95%         | <98%          | <98%          | <98%          | <98%          | None          | <95%          |
| SNP MAF exclusion                  | <1%           | <1%          | <1%           | <1%           | <1%           | <1%           | None          | <1%           |
| P HWE exclusion                    | <10x10^{-4}   | <10x10^{-5}  | <10x10^{-5}   | <10x10^{-5}   | <10x10^{-6}   | <10x10^{-6}   | None          | <10x10^{-4}   |
| Imputation software                | Mach v1.0.16  | Mach v1.010  | Mach v1.0.16  | Mach 1.0 ML   | Machv1.0.15   | Machv1.0.15   | Impute v0.5.0 | Impute v0.3.2 |
| NCBI Build for imputation          | Build 36      | Build 35     | Build 36      | Build 36      | Build 36      | Build 36      | Build 36      | Build 36      |
| GWAS statistical analysis          | ProbABEL v0.1-2 | ProbABEL v0.1-2 | ProbABEL | GeneABEL, ProbABEL, R | Mach2QTL as implemented in GRIMP | Mach2QTL as implemented in GRIMP | SNPTEST v.1.1.5 | SNPTEST v.1.1.4 |
| Related individuals?               | No            | No           | Yes           | Yes           | No            | No            | Yes           |
| Familial adjustment method         | N/A           | N/A          | Mmscore in ProbABEL | Mmscore in ProbABEL | N/A          | N/A          | N/A          | Huber-White robust variance estimation in R |
| Genomic control factor ($\lambda$) | 1.01          | 1.01         | 1.00          | 1.00          | 1.01          | 1.02          | 1.04          | 1.02          |
Supplementary Table 2: Interaction with sex and age

| Locus | Index SNP | Chr | Position   | Overall $\beta$ | $\Delta$ (males - females) | SE   | $P$ | Effect Stronger | Age $\beta$ | SE   | $P$ | Effect Change |
|-------|-----------|-----|------------|-----------------|----------------------------|------|-----|-----------------|-------------|------|-----|----------------|
| 1     | rs6801957 | 3   | 38,742,319 | -0.774          | 0.013                      | 0.214| 0.95| female          | -0.0078     | 0.0056| 0.17| increase       |
|       | rs9851724 | 3   | 38,694,939 | -0.656          | 0.044                      | 0.145| 0.77| female          | -0.0145     | 0.0056| 0.014| increase       |
|       | rs11710077| 3   | 38,632,903 | 0.849           | -0.342                     | 0.189| 0.10| female          | 0.0114      | 0.0054| 0.043| increase       |
|       | rs11708996| 3   | 38,608,927 | 0.796           | 0.236                      | 0.121| 0.08| male            | 0.0009      | 0.0056| 0.87 | increase       |
| 2     | rs9470361 | 6   | 36,731,357 | 0.867           | -0.018                     | 0.160| 0.92| female          | -0.0145     | 0.0056| 0.15 | increase       |
| 3     | rs11153730| 6   | 118,774,215| 0.584           | 0.383                      | 0.101| 0.004| male            | -0.0539     | 0.0288| 0.12 | increase       |
| 4     | rs9436640 | 1   | 61,646,265 | -0.596          | -0.053                     | 0.166| 0.044| female          | -0.0094     | 0.0045| 0.03 | increase       |
| 5     | rs13165478| 5   | 153,849,233| -0.558          | -0.026                     | 0.128| 0.84| male            | 0.0826      | 0.0370| 0.03 | increase       |
| 6     | rs1362212 | 7   | 35,271,831 | 0.689           | -0.101                     | 0.151| 0.52| female          | 0.0024      | 0.0047| 0.61 | increase       |
| 7     | rs11848785| 14  | 71,127,108 | 0.494           | -0.239                     | 0.195| 0.25| female          | -0.0025     | 0.0055| 0.65 | decrease       |
| 8     | rs883079  | 12  | 113,277,623| 0.492           | -0.147                     | 0.163| 0.39| female          | 0.0073      | 0.0053| 0.18 | increase       |
| 9     | rs10850409| 12  | 113,866,123| -0.488          | -0.237                     | 0.212| 0.29| male            | -0.0599     | 0.0271| 0.009| decrease       |
|       |           |     |            |                 |                            |      |     |                 |             |      |     |                     |

Interactions that are nominally significant are denoted in **bold**. None of the interactions with sex or age remained significant after Bonferroni correction for number of tests. Effect size for QRS (Overall $\beta$) is reported in milliseconds (ms) per copy of the coded allele, and combines both GWAS and PREVEND results. Effect size for age ($\beta$ age) is reported in ms per year. Chr, chromosome; SE, standard error. *Includes term for non-linear best-fit of regression model.
### Supplementary Table 3a: Mean QRS duration and sample sizes for individuals stratified by QRS >120 ms and specific ventricular conduction defects

|                | QRS≤120 ms (mean±sd) | QRS >120 ms (mean±sd) | LBBB (mean±sd) | RBBB (mean±sd) | NIVCD (mean±sd) |
|----------------|-----------------------|------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| **ARIC**       | 7996 (96.2±9.3)       | 213 (138.3±16.2)       | 26 (157.7±11.7) | 62 (148.5±13.4) | 125 (129.8±11.3) |
| **Rotterdam**  | 4769 (96.9±10.6)      | 306 (143.5±17.2)       | 81 (157.8±12.7) | 107 (148.8±14.9) | 118 (129.0±8.9)  |

Excludes individuals with prevalent heart failure or myocardial infarction. sd, standard deviation; LBBB, left bundle branch block; RBBB, right bundle branch block; NIVCD, non-specific intraventricular conduction defect.

### Supplementary Table 3b: Effects of a weighted genotype risk score on QRS >120 ms and stratified on specific ventricular conduction defects

|                | QRS >120 ms | LBBB | RBBB | NIVCD |
|----------------|-------------|------|------|-------|
|                | OR (95% CI) | P    | OR (95% CI) | P      | OR (95% CI) | P    |
| **ARIC**       | 1.12 (1.04-1.22) | 0.003 | 1.11 (0.89-1.40) | 0.34 | 1.00 (0.86-1.16) | 0.98 | 1.20 (1.08-1.33) | 0.0006 |
| **Rotterdam**  | 1.04 (0.97-1.12) | 0.21 | 1.00 (0.88-1.13) | 0.97 | 1.02 (0.91-1.14) | 0.73 | 1.11 (0.99-1.23) | 0.07  |
| **Combined**   | **1.08 (1.02-1.13)** | **0.004** | 1.02 (0.92-1.14) | 0.67 | 1.01 (0.93-1.11) | 0.79 | **1.15 (1.07-1.25)** | **0.0002** |

Excludes individuals with prevalent heart failure or myocardial infarction. **Bold** indicates significant results \((P < 0.05)\). LBBB, left bundle branch block; RBBB, right bundle branch block; NIVCD, non-specific intraventricular conduction defect; OR, odds ratio; CI, confidence interval.
Supplementary Table 4a: Effect of QRS duration hits on PR interval and QT interval

| Locus | Nearest Gene | Index SNP | Chr | Position | Coded/Non-coded Allele | QRS $\beta$ | QRS SE | PR $\beta$ | PR SE | PR $P$ | QT $\beta$ | QT SE | QT $P$ |
|-------|-------------|-----------|-----|----------|------------------------|-------------|--------|-----------|-------|--------|-----------|-------|-------|
| 1     | SCN10A      | rs6801957 | 3   | 38,742,319 | T/C                    | 0.77        | 0.07   | 3.79      | 0.21  | -0.67  | 1.80x10^{-75} | 0.20  | 1.05x10^{-1} |
|       | SCN10A      | rs9851724 | 3   | 38,694,939 | C/T                    | -0.66       | 0.07   | -1.70     | 0.22  | 0.95   | 7.98x10^{-15} | 0.21  | 6.66x10^{-6} |
| 2     | SCN5A       | rs11710077| 3   | 38,632,903 | T/A                    | -0.84       | 0.09   | -1.80     | 0.26  | 0.92   | 3.18x10^{-12} | 0.24  | 1.34x10^{-4} |
|       | SCN5A       | rs11708996| 3   | 38,608,927 | C/G                    | 0.79        | 0.10   | 3.04      | 0.29  | 6.00x10^{-6} | 0.93   | 2.8x10^{-1}  |
|       | CDKN1A      | rs9470361 | 6   | 36,731,357 | A/G                    | 0.87        | 0.08   | 0.74      | 0.24  | -0.64  | 2.01x10^{-3}  | 0.24  | 6.64x10^{-7} |
| 3     | C6orf204/SLC35F1/PLN/BRD7P3 | rs11153730| 6   | 118,774,215 | C/T                    | 0.59        | 0.07   | -0.56     | 0.20  | 0.62   | 0.19      | 1.61  | 5.19x10^{-16} |
| 4     | NF1A        | rs9436640 | 1   | 61,585,698 | G/T                    | -0.59       | 0.07   | 0.39      | 0.20  | 0.67   | 0.04      | 0.44  | 0.20   |
| 5     | HAND1/SAP30L| rs13165478| 5   | 153,849,233 | A/G                    | -0.55       | 0.07   | 0.39      | 0.22  | 0.73   | 0.15      | 0.21  | 0.67   |
| 6     | TBX20       | rs1362212 | 7   | 35,078,546 | A/G                    | 0.69        | 0.09   | 0.50      | 0.27  | 0.17   | 0.27      | 0.53  | 0.22   |
| 7     | SIPA1L1     | rs11848785| 14  | 71,127,108 | G/A                    | -1.70       | 0.22   | 4.26x10^{-3} | 0.09 | 0.22  | 0.67      | 0.53  | 0.22   |
| 8     | TBX5        | rs883079  | 12  | 113,255,960| C/T                    | 0.49        | 0.08   | 1.15      | 0.23  | 0.04   | 9.08x10^{-7}  | 0.42  | 0.22   |
| 9     | TBX3        | rs1085409 | 12  | 113,844,460| A/G                    | -1.70       | 0.22   | 3.72x10^{-13} | 0.33 | 0.23  | 0.15      | 0.43  | 0.08   |
| 10    | VTI1A       | rs7342028 | 10  | 114,469,252| T/G                    | -0.49       | 0.08   | -0.34     | 0.26  | 0.18   | 0.80      | 0.40  | 0.30   |
| 11    | SETBP1      | rs991014  | 18  | 40,693,884 | T/C                    | 0.42        | 0.07   | 0.73      | 0.21  | 0.06   | 0.06      | 0.06  | 0.20   |
| 12    | HEATR5B/STRN| rs17020136| 2   | 37,159,666 | C/T                    | 0.51        | 0.08   | -0.34     | 0.26  | 0.18   | 0.43      | 0.43  | 0.25   |
| 13    | TKT/CACNA1D/PRKCD | rs4687718 | 3   | 53,257,343 | A/G                    | -0.63       | 0.11   | -0.27     | 0.32  | 0.40   | 0.11      | 0.30  | 0.71   |
| 14    | CRIM1       | rs7562790 | 2   | 36,585,206 | G/T                    | 0.39        | 0.07   | -0.32     | 0.21  | 0.12   | 0.02      | 0.20  | 0.31   |
| 15    | C1orf185/RNF11/CDKNC2/FAF1 | rs17391905| 1   | 51,258,161 | G/T                    | -1.35       | 0.23   | -3.01     | 0.71  | 2.09x10^{-5} | -0.38 | 0.70  | 0.59      |
| 16    | PRKCA       | rs9912468 | 17  | 61,748,819 | G/C                    | 0.39        | 0.07   | 0.39      | 0.21  | 0.06   | -0.92     | 0.20  | 3.66x10^{-6} |
| 17    | IGFBP3      | rs7784776 | 7   | 46,393,348 | G/A                    | 0.39        | 0.07   | 0.17      | 0.21  | 0.41   | 0.15      | 0.20  | 0.46   |
| 18    | CASQ2       | rs4074536 | 16  | 116,023,009| C/T                    | -0.42       | 0.07   | 0.32      | 0.23  | 0.16   | -0.63     | 0.22  | 4.47E-3 |
| 19    | KLF12       | rs1886512 | 13  | 73,418,187 | A/T                    | -0.40       | 0.07   | -0.40     | 0.22  | 0.06   | 0.28      | 0.22  | 0.19   |
| 20    | LRIG1/SLC25A26 | rs2242285 | 3   | 66,514,292 | A/G                    | 0.37        | 0.07   | 0.55      | 0.21  | 8.27x10^{-3} | 0.07 | 0.20  | 0.73      |
| 21    | DKK1        | rs1733724 | 10  | 53,893,983 | A/G                    | 0.49        | 0.09   | 0.03      | 0.29  | 0.92   | 0.84      | 0.28  | 2.46x10^{-1} |
| 22    | GOSR2       | rs1760876 | 17  | 42,368,270 | C/T                    | 0.53        | 0.10   | 0.48      | 0.30  | 0.12   | 0.88      | 0.29  | 2.86x10^{-7} |

QT interval results are drawn from the QTSCD study. Bold indicates significant SNPs after Bonferroni correction for the number of SNPs tested. The bolded allele is the coded allele. Effect size ($\beta$) is reported in milliseconds (ms) per copy of the coded allele. Chr, chromosome; AF, coded allele frequency; SE, standard error.
| Trait          | Locus     | Index SNP | Chr | Position      | Coded/Non-coding Allele | Trait β | Trait SE | QRS β | QRS SE | QRS P       |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----|---------------|----------------------|---------|---------|-------|--------|-------------|
| PR interval   | SCN10A    | rs6800541 | 3   | 38,749,836    | C/T                  | 3.77    | 0.21    | 0.74  | 0.07   | 5.85x10^-29 |
|               | SCN5A     | rs11708996| 3   | 38,608,927    | C/G                  | 3.04    | 0.29    | 0.79  | 0.09   | 1.66x10^-17 |
|               | TBX5-TBX3 | rs1896312 | 12  | 113,830,807   | C/T                  | 1.95    | 0.23    | -0.44 | 0.07   | 2.63x10^-9  |
|               | CAV1-CAV2 | rs3807989 | 7   | 115,973,477   | A/G                  | 2.30    | 0.21    | 0.30  | 0.07   | 5.84x10^-6  |
|               | MEIS1     | rs11897119| 2   | 66,625,504    | C/T                  | 1.36    | 0.21    | 0.10  | 0.07   | 0.12        |
|               | NKX2-5    | rs251253  | 5   | 172,412,942   | C/T                  | -1.49   | 0.21    | 0.10  | 0.07   | 0.13        |
|               | SOX5      | rs11047543| 12  | 24,679,606    | A/G                  | -2.09   | 0.29    | 0.10  | 0.09   | 0.29        |
|               | ARHGAP24  | rs7692808 | 4   | 86,860,173    | A/G                  | -2.01   | 0.22    | -0.04 | 0.07   | 0.60        |
|               | WNT11     | rs4944092 | 11  | 75,587,267    | G/A                  | -1.19   | 0.22    | 0.04  | 0.07   | 0.60        |
| QT interval   | SCN5A     | rs11129795| 3   | 38,568,397    | A/G                  | -1.27   | 0.23    | 0.78  | 0.08   | 1.95x10^-24 |
|               | PLN       | rs11970286| 6   | 118,787,067   | T/C                  | 1.64    | 0.20    | 0.55  | 0.07   | 7.07x10^-17 |
|               | PLN       | rs12210810| 6   | 118,759,897   | C/G                  | -3.13   | 0.43    | -0.75 | 0.15   | 4.08x10^-7  |
|               | NOS1AP    | rs12143842| 1   | 160,300,514   | T/C                  | 2.88    | 0.23    | -0.29 | 0.08   | 1.25x10^-4  |
|               | ATP1B1    | rs10919071| 1   | 167,366,107   | G/A                  | -2.05   | 0.29    | -0.21 | 0.10   | 0.03        |
|               | LIQ3      | rs2074518 | 17  | 30,356,290    | T/C                  | -1.23   | 0.18    | -0.10 | 0.07   | 0.12        |
|               | KCNJ2     | rs1777947 | 17  | 66,006,587    | T/G                  | -1.16   | 0.21    | -0.10 | 0.07   | 0.15        |
|               | KCNE1     | rs1805128 | 21  | 34,743,550    | T/C                  | 4.03    | 1.58    | -0.29 | 0.22   | 0.19        |
|               | KCNH2     | rs4725982 | 7   | 150,268,796   | T/C                  | 1.58    | 0.35    | -0.10 | 0.08   | 0.24        |
|               | NOS1AP    | rs4657178 | 1   | 160,477,234   | T/C                  | 2.19    | 0.22    | -0.08 | 0.07   | 0.27        |
|               | KCNQ1     | rs12296050| 11  | 2,445,918     | T/C                  | 1.44    | 0.25    | -0.06 | 0.08   | 0.45        |
|               | NDRG4     | rs7188697 | 16  | 57,179,679    | G/A                  | -1.66   | 0.23    | -0.06 | 0.08   | 0.46        |
|               | KCNH2     | rs2968863 | 7   | 150,254,070   | T/C                  | -1.35   | 0.23    | 0.05  | 0.08   | 0.55        |
|               | KCNQ1     | rs2074238 | 11  | 2,441,379     | T/C                  | -8.22   | 1.05    | 0.18  | 0.34   | 0.59        |
|               | RNF207    | rs846111  | 1   | 6,201,957     | C/G                  | 1.49    | 0.25    | -0.04 | 0.09   | 0.66        |
|               | LITAF     | rs8049607 | 16  | 11,592,254    | T/C                  | 1.25    | 0.22    | -0.01 | 0.07   | 0.88        |

**Supplementary Table 4b: Effect of PR and QT interval SNPs on QRS duration**

QT results are drawn from the QTSCD study, unless otherwise noted. PR results are from. Bold indicates significant SNPs after Bonferroni correction for the number of SNPs tested. The bolded allele is the coded allele. Effect size (β) is reported in milliseconds (ms) per copy of the coded allele. Chr, chromosome; MAF, minor allele frequency; SE, standard error. *Genome-wide significant results (P<5x10^-8) are drawn from the QTGEN study, and standardized beta estimates and SE were converted to ms using SD=17.5 ms.
Supplementary Table 5: Gene specific primers used in the animal studies

| Gene     | Sense                  | Anti-sense                         |
|----------|------------------------|------------------------------------|
| SCN10A   | 5’-AATCAGAGCGAGGAGGAC-3’ | 5’-CTAGGTGAGCTAAGGATCGCA-3’        |
| S26      | 5’-GCCATCCATAGCAAGTTGT-3’ | 5’-GCCTCTTTACATGGGCTTTG-3’         |