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Supplementary Notes

1. Searching for genomic loci with stronger effects in asthma subgroups than in the any-CDs group

We were also interested in loci that met only a suggestive significance threshold ($p < 10^{-5}$) but not a genome-wide significance threshold ($p < 5 \times 10^{-8}$), yet still appeared to exhibit comparably stronger effects in individual asthma subgroups than in the any-CDs group. We proposed to use a subsampling method to enable such comparisons (see Methods for details). To demonstrate, we use the discovery process of rs71465403 (in CPT1A) as an example. Initial GWAS found that this SNP’s association with asthma in subgroup 3 “GI” had a $Z$ score of 4.93 ($p = 8.29 \times 10^{-7}$), compared to a $Z$ score 3.36 ($p = 7.86 \times 10^{-4}$) in the any-CDs group. Noticing that the former’s sample size (9,015 asthma cases and 49,635 unaffected controls) was much smaller than the latter’s (44,383 cases and 260,715 controls), we therefore tried to match their sample sizes first, and then only looked at the association statistics based on the samples of comparable sizes. Specifically, we randomly drew the equivalent number of subsamples (i.e., 9,015 cases and 49,635 controls) from the any-CDs group and re-estimated the association $Z$ score for the group, repeating this process 20,000 times to generate a distribution of re-estimated $Z$ scores. This distribution presents all the possible $Z$ scores out of the association tests between rs71465403 and asthma in the any-CDs group, based on fewer samples (i.e., 9,015 cases and 49,635 controls, the same sizes as the GI subgroup has). If the same distribution ought to be followed by the $Z$ score of 4.93 that was observed in the GI-subgroup-specific asthma (null hypothesis), the
probability of getting a $Z$ statistic at least as extreme was computed to be $4.89 \times 10^{-5}$. We then adjusted this probability value to $2.81 \times 10^{-3}$ ($< 0.05$) after controlling the false discovery rate, and thus claimed that rs71465403 had a significantly stronger effect in the GI subgroup than that in the any-CDs group by rejecting the null hypothesis. In this way, we subjected all the SNPs that met the suggestive threshold ($p < 10^{-5}$) to the test, and in total, we identified 182 loci that showed comparably stronger effects in subgroups (see Supplementary Data 8 for a detailed summary).

On top part of the GWAS Manhattan plots of the five selected subgroups in Supplementary Fig. 2, we highlighted these significant loci in orange and annotated their mapped genes by positional proximity, e.g., loci can be linked to intronic, intergenic, 3 prime UTR (UTR3), or other variants of genes. More specifically, in subgroup 3 “GI”, we expected protein-coding genes, such as $SPATA17$ (intronic), $NPFFR2$ (intergenic), $RAD50$ (intronic), $SNORA33$ (intergenic), $SCAF8$ (intronic), $IMMP2L$ (intronic), $FOXP2$ (intergenic), $ZMIZ1-AS1$ (intronic), $CPTIA$ (intronic), $VPS16$ (intronic), and $NINL$ (UTR3) to relate with the susceptibility to the GI-subgroup-specific type of asthma. These implicated genes showing stronger effects likely include many previously unsuspected players in the pathophysiology of asthma, possibly informing subgroup-specific asthma pathogeneses and eventually opening new avenues for therapeutic opportunities.

2. Detecting genomic regions with shared genetic influences in asthma subgroups and in the any-CDs group

To complete our query into the GWAS findings, we tested not only the genetic specificities between asthma subgroups and the any-CDs group, but also their genetic commonalities; in other words, whether genomic regions share asthma-associated influences between the two. For this purpose, we first divided the 22 autosomes into 1703 approximately independent regions based on patterns of linkage disequilibrium $^1$, and then for each region applied a hierarchical model to estimate the probability that a genomic locus contained at least one variant that influenced the both $^2$ (see Methods for details). A systematic scan through all the regions located 73 unique genomic regions that had shared influences between the subgroup(s) and the any-CDs group (see Supplementary Data 9 for the complete results). In Supplementary Fig. 2, these regions were colored in blue. We can see their great abundance in the relatively densely populated subgroups 3, 5 and 8, and their scarcity in sparsely populated subgroups 4 and 6 possibly due to limited detection powers. In the same way, we also investigated the genetic commonality between asthma subgroups, finding 21 unique genomic regions with shared influences (see Supplementary Data 10 for the complete results).

Supplementary Fig. 6 shows eight genomic regions in which genetic influences observed in the any-CDs group are shared with four or more different subgroups, and we consider them as conserved regions. In particular, two consecutive genomic regions, No. 655 and 656, covering SNP positions from 30 Mb to 32 Mb on chromosome 6, are among the most conserved regions (shared by five subgroups), and therein lie the Human Leukocytes Antigen (HLA) super-loci, which have been reported to associate with various asthma phenotypes $^3$ and with regulation of immune system, as well as some other fundamental cellular processes $^4$. 
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Supplementary Table 1. Genome-wide significant associations with asthma in the general population with any comorbid diseases (the any-CdDs group) or in their subgroups (see Methods “UK Biobank database and GWAS”)

| Asthma association in | Lead SNP * | Position b | Nearest gene | Allele c | AAF d | ln(OR) e | SE f | p-value |
|----------------------|------------|------------|--------------|----------|-------|----------|-----|---------|
| any CdDs             | rs1381928  | 1:8690933  | REEE         | A/G      | 0.361 | -0.045   | 0.008| 4.27x10^{-9} |
| any CdDs             | rs12123821 | 1:152179152| HRNR         | C/T      | 0.048 | 0.160    | 0.016| 5.07x10^{-21} |
| any CdDs             | rs61815704 | 1:152893891| IVL          | C/G      | 0.024 | 0.148    | 0.023| 1.22x10^{-10} |
| any CdDs             | rs7523907  | 1:167427247| CD247        | T/C      | 0.454 | -0.041   | 0.007| 1.58x10^{-4}  |
| any CdDs             | rs112819286*| 1:168740269| DPT         | A/G      | 0.177 | -0.054   | 0.010| 4.48x10^{-8}  |
| any CdDs             | rs11590405 | 1:203080264| ADORA1       | T/C      | 0.324 | -0.053   | 0.008| 1.36x10^{-11} |
| any CdDs             | rs10178845 | 2:8443803  | LINC00299    | G/A      | 0.294 | -0.060   | 0.008| 1.36x10^{-11} |
| any CdDs             | rs1007027  | 2:102731596| IL1R1        | A/C      | 0.389 | 0.054    | 0.007| 4.39x10^{-13} |
| GI                   | rs60227565 | 2:102892339| IL1RL1       | G/A      | 0.130 | -0.160   | 0.025| 2.25x10^{-10} |
| any CdDs             | rs60227565 | 2:102892339| IL1RL1       | G/A      | 0.130 | -0.137   | 0.011| 8.08x10^{-34} |
| GI                   | rs12470864 | 2:102926362| IL1RL1       | G/A      | 0.388 | 0.093    | 0.017| 1.78x10^{-4}  |
| any CdDs             | rs12470864 | 2:102926362| IL1RL1       | G/A      | 0.388 | 0.090    | 0.007| 8.96x10^{-34} |
| any CdDs             | rs3771175  | 2:102960210| IL1RL1       | T/A      | 0.137 | -0.139   | 0.011| 5.24x10^{-37} |
| any CdDs             | rs72837826*| 2:111933001| BCL2L11      | G/T      | 0.102 | 0.067    | 0.012| 1.43x10^{-4}  |
| GI                   | rs34290285 | 2:242698640| D2HGHDH      | G/A      | 0.255 | -0.117   | 0.019| 6.06x10^{-10} |
| Cardiovascular       | rs34290285 | 2:242698640| D2HGHDH      | G/A      | 0.255 | -0.134   | 0.019| 6.37x10^{-12} |
| any CdDs             | rs34290285 | 2:242698640| D2HGHDH      | G/A      | 0.255 | -0.103   | 0.008| 1.13x10^{-33} |
| any CdDs             | rs35570272 | 3:33047662  | GLBI         | G/T      | 0.396 | 0.050    | 0.007| 2.17x10^{-11} |
| any CdDs             | rs7626218  | 3:176852038| TBL1XR1      | A/T      | 0.395 | -0.047   | 0.007| 2.27x10^{-10} |
| any CdDs             | rs6808893  | 3:188133439| LPP          | T/C      | 0.488 | 0.051    | 0.007| 5.71x10^{-12} |
| any CdDs             | rs45613035 | 4:123141070| KIAA1109     | T/C      | 0.099 | 0.085    | 0.012| 7.15x10^{-13} |
| any CdDs             | rs2069772  | 4:123373133| IL2          | T/C      | 0.277 | 0.048    | 0.008| 3.91x10^{-9}  |
| any CdDs             | rs16903574 | 5:14610309  | FAM105A      | C/G      | 0.077 | 0.083    | 0.014| 1.37x10^{-9}  |
| any CdDs             | rs4594881  | 5:35846815  | IL7R         | G/T      | 0.342 | -0.046   | 0.008| 1.89x10^{-8}  |
| any CdDs             | rs17513503 | 5:110146446 | SLC25A46     | C/G      | 0.074 | 0.089    | 0.014| 6.90x10^{-11} |
| Cardiovascular       | rs10037959 | 5:110265787 | TSLP         | C/T      | 0.059 | 0.090    | 0.015| 2.77x10^{-4}  |
| any CdDs             | rs1837253  | 5:10401872  | TSLP         | C/T      | 0.260 | -0.125   | 0.019| 9.22x10^{-11} |
| any CdDs             | rs1837253  | 5:10401872  | TSLP         | C/T      | 0.260 | -0.106   | 0.008| 6.96x10^{-36} |
| any CdDs             | rs114442993| 5:10431897  | WDR36        | A/G      | 0.070 | 0.092    | 0.014| 2.58x10^{-10} |
| any CdDs             | rs10491424 | 5:10453806  | WDR36        | T/C      | 0.356 | -0.059   | 0.008| 1.48x10^{-14} |
| any CdDs             | rs157577   | 5:131563571 | P4HA2        | C/G      | 0.279 | 0.045    | 0.008| 2.14x10^{-4}  |
| any CdDs             | rs1023518  | 5:131793772 | IRF1         | G/T      | 0.264 | 0.080    | 0.008| 9.73x10^{-21} |
| any CdDs             | rs72797327 | 5:131843465 | IRF1         | A/G      | 0.259 | -0.048   | 0.008| 1.20x10^{-4}  |
| any CdDs             | rs115008099| 5:131991881 | IL13         | C/T      | 0.168 | 0.092    | 0.010| 1.05x10^{-21} |
| any CdDs             | rs10455052 | 5:132034588 | KIF3A        | C/A      | 0.128 | 0.063    | 0.011| 4.96x10^{-4}  |
| any CDs | rs249677 | 5:141539339 | NDFIP1 | A/C | 0.367 | -0.046 | 0.008 | 1.98×10⁻⁶ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| any CDs | rs6879838* | 5:156966567 | ADAM19 | T/A | 0.145 | 0.062 | 0.010 | 1.80×10⁻⁴ |
| any CDs | rs17312661 | 6:26300336 | ZSCAN31 | A/G | 0.212 | 0.050 | 0.009 | 1.09×10⁻⁴ |
| any CDs | rs1233493* | 6:29458241 | RPS17P1 | A/G | 0.126 | 0.063 | 0.011 | 4.24×10⁻⁴ |
| GII | rs9271365 | 6:32586794 | HLA-DQA1 | T/G | 0.431 | 0.129 | 0.016 | 3.62×10⁻¹³ |
| Musculoskeletal | rs9271365 | 6:32586794 | HLA-DQA1 | T/G | 0.431 | 0.164 | 0.028 | 2.85×10⁻⁹ |
| Cardiovascular | rs9271365 | 6:32586794 | HLA-DQA1 | T/G | 0.431 | 0.128 | 0.017 | 1.51×10⁻¹⁴ |
| any CDs | rs1704996* | 6:33182895 | ZNF70P1 | A/C | 0.054 | 0.100 | 0.016 | 1.45×10⁻¹⁰ |
| any CDs | rs28607030 | 6:33716716 | IP6K3 | A/G | 0.341 | -0.048 | 0.008 | 4.76×10⁻¹⁰ |
| any CDs | rs9350929* | 6:64175668 | EEF1B2P5 | G/A | 0.447 | -0.041 | 0.007 | 2.55×10⁻⁸ |
| any CDs | rs6899623 | 6:90986559 | BACH2 | A/G | 0.354 | -0.076 | 0.008 | 5.20×10⁻²¹ |
| any CDs | rs802731 | 6:12827942 | PTPRK | C/G | 0.271 | 0.051 | 0.008 | 3.52×10⁻¹⁰ |
| any CDs | rs2390314 | 7:20455978 | ITGB8 | T/A | 0.071 | 0.083 | 0.014 | 3.32×10⁻⁹ |
| any CDs | rs13241235 | 7:20584837 | EEF1A1P27 | T/C | 0.356 | -0.042 | 0.008 | 2.95×10⁻⁴ |
| any CDs | rs13263709 | 8:81287175 | LOC10021634 | C/T | 0.352 | 0.066 | 0.008 | 4.20×10⁻¹⁸ |
| any CDs | rs72693791 | 9:5816825 | ERMP1 | G/A | 0.086 | 0.083 | 0.013 | 4.71×10⁻¹¹ |
| any CDs | rs7047575 | 9:5841438 | ERMP1 | A/G | 0.469 | 0.052 | 0.007 | 1.09×10⁻¹² |
| GII | rs78728108 | 9:5963613 | KIAA2026 | T/C | 0.046 | 0.234 | 0.037 | 2.01×10⁻¹⁰ |
| any CDs | rs78728108 | 9:5963613 | KIAA2026 | T/C | 0.046 | 0.160 | 0.017 | 7.52×10⁻₂² |
| any CDs | rs10975413 | 9:6049843 | RANBP6 | A/G | 0.187 | -0.097 | 0.010 | 4.59×10⁻²⁴ |
| Cardiovascular | rs340928 | 9:6086913 | RANBP6 | G/A | 0.045 | 0.204 | 0.037 | 4.38×10⁻⁹ |
| any CDs | rs340928 | 9:6086913 | RANBP6 | G/A | 0.045 | 0.166 | 0.017 | 3.08×10⁻²¹ |
| GII | rs992969 | 9:6209697 | IL33 | G/A | 0.252 | 0.151 | 0.018 | 9.77×10⁻¹⁷ |
| Cardiovascular | rs992969 | 9:6209697 | IL33 | G/A | 0.252 | 0.129 | 0.019 | 6.29×10⁻¹² |
| any CDs | rs992969 | 9:6209697 | IL33 | G/A | 0.252 | 0.119 | 0.008 | 4.46×10⁻⁷ |
| any CDs | rs78757963 | 9:6282511 | IL33 | G/A | 0.035 | 0.191 | 0.018 | 4.79×10⁻²³ |
| any CDs | rs75636497 | 9:6545605 | GLDC | C/G | 0.117 | -0.063 | 0.012 | 4.25×10⁻⁸ |
| any CDs | rs4742214 | 9:6548053 | GLDC | C/G | 0.366 | 0.047 | 0.008 | 4.80×10⁻¹⁰ |
| Musculoskeletal | rs11144271* | 9:77785171 | OSTF1 | C/T | 0.106 | 0.235 | 0.042 | 2.56×10⁻⁴ |
| any CDs | rs1888072* | 9:92205987 | GADD45G | C/T | 0.492 | -0.040 | 0.007 | 3.34×10⁻⁴ |
| any CDs | rs150707349* | 9:10198706 | SEC61B | A/G | 0.031 | -0.138 | 0.023 | 1.80×10⁻⁴ |
| GII | rs2249851* | 9:130324154 | FAM129B | A/G | 0.260 | 0.108 | 0.018 | 3.30×10⁻⁹ |
| any CDs | rs11255507 | 10:8109615 | GATA3 | T/G | 0.177 | 0.054 | 0.009 | 1.21×10⁻⁴ |
| any CDs | rs10095361 | 10:8455537 | LOC10537639 | C/T | 0.456 | 0.040 | 0.007 | 2.99×10⁻⁴ |
| any CDs | rs12785018 | 10:8515348 | LOC10537639 | C/T | 0.339 | 0.048 | 0.008 | 4.50×10⁻¹⁰ |
| Cardiovascular | rs2765400 | 10:8566517 | KRT8P37 | C/T | 0.369 | 0.095 | 0.017 | 2.56×10⁻⁸ |
| any CDs | rs4749785 | 10:8603844 | KRT8P16 | C/T | 0.270 | 0.048 | 0.008 | 3.05×10⁻⁹ |
| Region | ID   | Position | Gene  | SNP   | Ref       | Alt       | Minor Effect | OR   | P-value     | OR   | P-value     |
|--------|------|----------|-------|-------|-----------|-----------|--------------|------|-------------|------|-------------|
| Cardiovascular | rs2025758 | 10:8841669 | LOCI0537640 | T/C | 0.456 | -0.056 | 0.007 | 1.83×10⁻¹⁴ |
| Cardiovascular | rs6602347 | 10:8979851 | LOCI0537640 | G/A | 0.356 | -0.043 | 0.008 | 1.97×10⁻⁴  |
| Cardiovascular | rs118077070 | 10:9037669 | LOCI0537640 | G/A | 0.039 | -0.112 | 0.020 | 1.37×10⁻⁴  |
| Gl | rs186856025 | 10:9043457 | LOCI0537640 | C/T | 0.108 | -0.176 | 0.028 | 1.95×10⁻¹⁰ |
| Gl | rs186856025 | 10:9043457 | LOCI0537640 | C/T | 0.108 | -0.128 | 0.012 | 1.17×10⁻²³ |
| Lung | rs1612986 | 10:9064716 | LOCI0537640 | T/C | 0.187 | 0.115 | 0.021 | 3.51×10⁻⁴  |
| Lung | rs1612986 | 10:9064716 | LOCI0537640 | T/C | 0.187 | 0.089 | 0.009 | 4.65×10⁻²² |
| Lung | rs10490944 | 10:9143511 | LIN00709 | C/T | 0.077 | -0.119 | 0.014 | 4.11×10⁻¹⁷ |
| Lung | rs17406680 | 10:9208204 | LIN00709 | G/C | 0.052 | 0.121 | 0.016 | 1.33×10⁻¹⁴ |
| Lung | rs75125788* | 10:9255890 | LIN00709 | C/T | 0.080 | -0.078 | 0.014 | 1.12×10⁻⁴  |
| Lung | rs35654771 | 10:9310831 | LIN00709 | C/A | 0.156 | 0.057 | 0.010 | 1.56×10⁻⁸  |
| Lung | rs174566 | 11:6159236 | FADS2 | A/G | 0.350 | -0.044 | 0.008 | 1.24×10⁻⁴  |
| Lung | rs4945084 | 11:76121290 | THAP12 | C/G | 0.332 | 0.042 | 0.008 | 3.12×10⁻⁸  |
| Lung | rs1892958 | 11:76277902 | ENSY | T/C | 0.104 | -0.068 | 0.012 | 3.43×10⁻⁴  |
| Gl | rs7110818 | 11:76292575 | ENSY | C/T | 0.452 | 0.098 | 0.016 | 1.83×10⁻⁸  |
| Gl | rs7110818 | 11:76292575 | ENSY | C/T | 0.452 | 0.092 | 0.007 | 1.41×10⁻³⁶ |
| Lung | rs55646091 | 11:76299431 | ENSY | G/A | 0.051 | 0.185 | 0.016 | 2.20×10⁻³¹ |
| Lung | rs12365699 | 11:118743286 | CXCR3 | G/A | 0.167 | -0.059 | 0.010 | 3.50×10⁻⁹  |
| Lung | rs705700 | 12:56389293 | RAB5B | T/C | 0.425 | 0.051 | 0.007 | 2.83×10⁻¹² |
| Lung | rs3024971 | 12:57493727 | STAT6 | T/G | 0.107 | -0.108 | 0.012 | 6.03×10⁻¹⁹ |
| Lung | rs3001425 | 12:57509569 | STAT6 | C/T | 0.404 | 0.065 | 0.007 | 3.08×10⁻¹⁴ |
| Lung | rs17547610 | 12:57530341 | LRP1 | C/A | 0.156 | -0.065 | 0.010 | 1.75×10⁻¹⁰ |
| Lung | rs3851611 | 12:71524042 | TSPAN8 | C/G | 0.409 | -0.045 | 0.007 | 9.77×10⁻¹⁰ |
| Lung | rs7134784* | 12:94582477 | PLXNC1 | C/T | 0.150 | -0.061 | 0.010 | 4.24×10⁻⁹  |
| Lung | rs59186511 | 13:99986238 | UBA1C2 | C/T | 0.120 | -0.074 | 0.011 | 7.34×10⁻¹¹ |
| Lung | rs10131490 | 14:68743307 | RADS1B | A/G | 0.279 | 0.052 | 0.008 | 1.48×10⁻¹⁰ |
| Lung | rs76225731* | 15:25393616 | SNHG14 | A/G | 0.038 | 0.626 | 0.114 | 3.66×10⁻⁴  |
| Lung | rs34986765 | 15:61069201 | RORA | T/C | 0.130 | -0.076 | 0.011 | 5.11×10⁻¹² |
| Lung | rs28617673 | 15:67371244 | SMAD3 | C/T | 0.110 | 0.075 | 0.011 | 7.00×10⁻¹¹ |
| Gl | rs72743461 | 15:67441750 | SMAD3 | C/A | 0.237 | 0.110 | 0.019 | 3.83×10⁻⁹  |
| Cardiovascular | rs72743461 | 15:67441750 | SMAD3 | C/A | 0.237 | 0.116 | 0.019 | 1.33×10⁻⁹  |
| Cardiovascular | rs72743461 | 15:67441750 | SMAD3 | C/A | 0.237 | 0.104 | 0.008 | 3.59×10⁻¹³ |
| Cardiovascular | rs10152295 | 15:67475488 | SMAD3 | C/G | 0.248 | -0.068 | 0.009 | 2.43×10⁻¹³ |
| Cardiovascular | rs4842921* | 15:84556623 | ADAMTS13 | G/A | 0.388 | -0.042 | 0.007 | 1.83×10⁻⁴  |
| Cardiovascular | rs35441874 | 16:11213021 | CLEC16A | T/A | 0.247 | -0.084 | 0.009 | 1.14×10⁻²² |
| Cardiovascular | rs11738200 | 16:11266124 | CLEC16A | T/G | 0.022 | -0.150 | 0.027 | 1.70×10⁻⁴  |
| Cardiovascular | rs4296278 | 16:11541685 | LOC100499 | G/A | 0.169 | 0.054 | 0.010 | 2.27×10⁻⁸  |
| Cardiovascular | rs3785356 | 16:27349168 | IL4R | C/T | 0.298 | 0.055 | 0.008 | 5.07×10⁻¹² |
| Any CDs       | rs179771*                  | 16:27417744 | IL21R | G/C | 0.488 | 0.040 | 0.007 | 3.90×10^{-8} |
|---------------|---------------------------|-------------|-------|-----|-------|-------|-------|--------------|
| Any CDs       | rs112144981*              | 16:89418705 | ANKR11 | C/G | 0.157 | -0.057 | 0.010 | 2.17×10^{-8} |
| Musculoskeletal| rs113757163*              | 17:13898421 | COX10 | G/A | 0.022 | 0.498 | 0.083 | 1.58×10^{-9} |
| Any CDs       | rs146644295               | 17:37574592 | MED1  | G/C | 0.022 | 0.163 | 0.024 | 9.20×10^{-12}|
| Any CDs       | rs145835664               | 17:37579383 | MED1  | G/A | 0.151 | -0.067 | 0.010 | 1.25×10^{-10}|
| Any CDs       | rs9903269                 | 17:37742383 | CDK12 | T/A | 0.178 | 0.078 | 0.009 | 9.64×10^{-17}|
| GI            | rs113757163*              | 17:38068514 | GSDMB | T/C | 0.480 | 0.101 | 0.016 | 4.50×10^{-10}|
| Any CDs       | rs1011082                 | 17:38068514 | GSDMB | T/C | 0.480 | 0.097 | 0.007 | 2.43×10^{-40}|
| Any CDs       | rs62065216                | 17:38218773 | THRA  | G/A | 0.425 | 0.051 | 0.007 | 5.11×10^{-12}|
| Any CDs       | rs4792811                 | 17:43347336 | MAP3K14 | G/C | 0.268 | 0.047 | 0.008 | 6.64×10^{-9}  |
| Any CDs       | rs2074190                 | 17:45811210 | TBX21 | A/G | 0.257 | -0.046 | 0.008 | 3.68×10^{-9}  |
| Any CDs       | rs4141183                 | 17:45858487 | OSBPL7 | C/T | 0.369 | 0.056 | 0.007 | 6.70×10^{-14}|
| Cardiovascular| rs117710327               | 19:33726578 | SLC7A10 | C/A | 0.067 | -0.201 | 0.036 | 2.13×10^{-4}  |
| Any CDs       | rs117710327               | 19:33726578 | SLC7A10 | C/A | 0.067 | -0.149 | 0.016 | 1.06×10^{-21}|
| Lymphoma      | rs117262476*              | 21:47794898 | PCNT  | C/G | 0.026 | 1.116 | 0.197 | 1.46×10^{-4}  |

* Lead SNPs are defined as SNPs which are significant (p-value < 5×10^{-8}) and are independent from each other at r² < 0.1; in this column, SNPs never reported in any previously published asthma GWASs are marked with asterisks;

b Chromosome number: SNP position (Human Genome version 19);

c Reference/Alternative allele; d Alternative allele frequency (AAF);

e Natural logarithm of odds ratio, i.e., ln(OR); f Standard error of ln(OR) estimate.
### Supplementary Table 2. The top five most frequently-occurring diseases in all the subgroups identified based on different cohorts.

| Asthma subgroups * | Discovery cohort (MarketScan: at least one asthma code, aged between 15 and 70) b | Sensitivity analysis 1 (MarketScan: at least two asthma codes, aged between 15 and 70) c | Sensitivity analysis 2 (MarketScan: at least one asthma code and one asthma drug prescription, aged between 40 and 70) d | Sensitivity analysis 3 (MarketScan: at least one asthma code and one asthma prescription, aged between 15 and 70) e | Sensitivity analysis 4 (UK Biobank: at least one asthma code) f |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Diabetes         | Type II Diabetes Mellitus: 58.1% + General Hypertension: 10.5% + Type I Diabetes Mellitus: 6.7% + Unspecified Hyperlipidemia: 4.3% + Unspecified Diabetes Mellitus: 2.2% | Type II Diabetes Mellitus: 57.7% + General Hypertension: 10.2% + Type I Diabetes Mellitus: 6.5% + Unspecified Hyperlipidemia: 3.9% + Unspecified Diabetes Mellitus: 2.1% | Type II Diabetes Mellitus: 60.4% + General Hypertension: 10.5% + Type I Diabetes Mellitus: 5.8% + Unspecified Hyperlipidemia: 4.0% + Unspecified Diabetes Mellitus: 2.3% | Type II Diabetes Mellitus: 59.0% + General Hypertension: 9.5% + Type I Diabetes Mellitus: 6.8% + Unspecified Hyperlipidemia: 3.7% + Unspecified Diabetes Mellitus: 2.1% | Type II Diabetes Mellitus: 44.3% + General Hypertension: 19.9% + Unspecified Diabetes Mellitus: 6.1% + Unspecified Lipid Metabolism Disorder: 4.7% + Type I Diabetes Mellitus: 4.3% |
| 2. Autoimmune       | Rheumatoid Arthritis Related Conditions: 44.8% + Lupus Erythematous: 9.8% + Non-Specific Joint Disorder: 3.2% + Non-Specific Arthritis: 3.2% + Sjogren’s Syndrome: 2.9% | Rheumatoid Arthritis Related Conditions: 42.0% + Lupus Erythematous: 9.6% + Sjogren’s Syndrome: 2.8% + Non-Specific Joint Disorder: 2.7% + Non-Specific Arthritis: 2.6% | Rheumatoid Arthritis Related Conditions: 44.5% + Lupus Erythematous: 9.6% + Non-Specific Joint Disorder: 3.1% + Sjogren’s Syndrome: 2.9% + Non-Specific Arthritis: 2.5% | Rheumatoid Arthritis Related Conditions: 46.8% + Lupus Erythematous: 9.6% + Non-Specific Joint Disorder: 3.5% + Non-Specific Arthritis: 2.9% + Sjogren’s Syndrome: 2.7% | Rheumatoid Arthritis Related Conditions: 55.5% + Psoriasis Related Disorders: 12.4% + Osteoporosis: 2.1% + Osteoarthritis: 1.2% + Sjogren’s Syndrome: 0.8% |
| 3. GI               | Esophageal Disease: 16.9% + Non-Specific Gastrointestinal Disorder: 6.4% + Functional Digestive Disorder: 6.3% + Gastritis Duodenitis: 6.0% + Biliary Tract Disease: 5.4% | Esophageal Disease: 18.6% + Functional Digestive Disorder: 6.6% + Non-Specific Gastrointestinal Disorder: 6.5% + Gastritis Duodenitis: 6.1% + IBS: 4.9% | Esophageal Disease: 18.1% + Gastritis Duodenitis: 5.9% + Functional Digestive Disorder: 5.8% + Non-Specific Gastrointestinal Disorder: 5.8% + Hernia: 4.9% | Esophageal Disease: 18.3% + Gastritis Duodenitis: 5.9% + Functional Digestive Disorder: 5.8% + Non-Specific Gastrointestinal Disorder: 6.4% + Gastritis Duodenitis: 6.1% + Biliary Tract Disease: 5.4% | Hernia: 14.3% + Esophageal Disease: 10.6% + Non-Specific Gastrointestinal Disorder: 7.2% + Gastritis Duodenitis: 7.0% + Gastrointestinal Ulcer: 5.8% |
| 4. Lymphoma         | Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma: 15.0% + Unspecified White Blood Cell Disease: 5.7% + General Thrombocytopenia: 5.5% + Lymphoid Leukemia: 5.4% + Myeloid Leukemia: 3.9% | Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma: 19.0% + Myeloproliferative Disease: 8.6% + General Thrombocytopenia: 6.4% + Unspecified White Blood Cell Disease: 6.3% + Lymphoid Leukemia: 6.2% | Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma: 18.8% + Myeloproliferative Disease: 10.6% + Multiple Myeloma: 7.0% + Unspecified White Blood Cell Disease: 6.2% + Lymphoid Leukemia: 6.0% | Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma: 18.9% + Myeloproliferative Disease: 8.3% + Lymphoid Leukemia: 6.9% + Unspecified White Blood Cell Disease: 6.0% + General Thrombocytopenia: 4.8% | Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma: 43.6% + Unspecified White Blood Cell Disease: 4.2% + Hodgkins Disease: 3.0% + Septicemia: 2.0% + Other Infectious Diseases: 1.3% |
| 5. Musculoskeletal   | Non-Specific Joint Disorder: 31.6% + Muscle Ligament Disorder: 17.8% + Osteoarthritis: 15.2% + Non-Specific Acquired Musculoskeletal Abnormality: 7.0% + Non-Specific Pain: 6.7% | Non-Specific Joint Disorder: 29.6% + Osteoarthritis: 14.9% + Muscle Ligament Disorder: 11.3% + Non-Specific Acquired Musculoskeletal Abnormality: 6.7% + Non-Specific Pain: 6.7% | Non-Specific Joint Disorder: 16.4% + Muscle Ligament Disorder: 11.3% + Non-Specific Pain: 6.3% + Non-Specific Acquired Musculoskeletal Abnormality: | Non-Specific Joint Disorder: 31.7% + Muscle Ligament Disorder: 18.3% + Osteoarthritis: 16.2% + Non-Specific Acquired Musculoskeletal Abnormality: | Osteoarthritis: 18.6% + General Spondylitis Spine Disorder: 15.5% + Non-Specific Acquired Musculoskeletal Abnormality: |
| 6. Lung | Pearson's correlation (p-value) | 9.990 (< 10^{-16}) | 9.997 (< 10^{-16}) | 9.999 (< 10^{-16}) | 0.547 (< 10^{-16}) |
|---------|-------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Brain | Emphysema COPD: 52.3% + Non-Specific Pulmonary Disorder: 12.0% + Pneumonia: 8.2% + Acute Bronchitis: 3.6% + Non-Specific Cardiovascular Disease: 1.9% | Emphysema COPD: 52.2% + Non-Specific Pulmonary Disorder: 11.8% + Pneumonia: 8.0% + Acute Bronchitis: 3.6% + Non-Specific Cardiovascular Disease: 1.8% | Emphysema COPD: 55.7% + Non-Specific Pulmonary Disorder: 11.3% + Pneumonia: 7.5% + Acute Bronchitis: 3.3% + Non-Specific Cardiovascular Disease: 1.8% | Emphysema COPD: 54.1% + Non-Specific Pulmonary Disorder: 11.3% + Pneumonia: 7.5% + Acute Bronchitis: 3.3% + Non-Specific Cardiovascular Disease: 1.8% | Emphysema COPD: 26.1% + Non-Specific Pulmonary Disorder: 20.2% + Pneumonia: 12.4% + Pleuritis: 5.2% + Upper Respiratory Inflammation: 3.7% |
| Cardiovascular | Pearson's correlation (p-value) | 9.999 (< 10^{-16}) | 9.999 (< 10^{-16}) | 9.999 (< 10^{-16}) | 0.876 (< 10^{-15}) |
| Heart | Cardiac Dysrhythmia: 19.4% + Atherosclerosis: 19.0% + Non-Specific Cardiovascular Disease: 10.0% + General Hypertension: 6.5% + Non-Rheumatic Heart Disease: 5.2% | Cardiac Dysrhythmia: 20.0% + Atherosclerosis: 18.1% + Non-Specific Cardiovascular Disease: 10.6% + General Hypertension: 6.6% + Non-Rheumatic Heart Disease: 5.4% | Cardiac Dysrhythmia: 21.3% + Atherosclerosis: 20.8% + Non-Specific Cardiovascular Disease: 10.8% + General Hypertension: 6.4% + Non-Specified Cardiac Ischemia: 5.6% | Cardiac Dysrhythmia: 19.9% + Atherosclerosis: 19.4% + Non-Specific Cardiovascular Disease: 10.1% + General Hypertension: 6.1% + Non-Specified Cardiac Ischemia: 5.1% | Cardiac Dysrhythmia: 40.8% + Non-Specific Cardiovascular Disease: 11.5% + Non-Rheumatic Heart Disease: 7.8% + Cardiac Conduction Disorder: 3.8% + Upper Respiratory Inflammation: 3.1% |
| 8. Cardiovascular | Pearson's correlation (p-value) | 9.999 (< 10^{-16}) | 9.999 (< 10^{-16}) | 9.999 (< 10^{-16}) | 0.718 (< 10^{-15}) |
| 9. Brain | General Hypertension: 48.2% + Unspecified Hyperlipidemia: 14.6% + Mixed Hyperlipidemia: 2.9% + Acute Bronchitis: 2.5% + Esophageal Disease: 1.7% | General Hypertension: 50.6% + Unspecified Hyperlipidemia: 13.7% + Acute Bronchitis: 2.6% + Mixed Hyperlipidemia: 2.4% + Esophageal Disease: 1.7% | General Hypertension: 51.7% + Unspecified Hyperlipidemia: 14.9% + Acute Bronchitis: 2.7% + Mixed Hyperlipidemia: 2.2% + Obesity: 1.6% | General Hypertension: 49.9% + Unspecified Hyperlipidemia: 14.1% + Acute Bronchitis: 2.6% + Mixed Hyperlipidemia: 2.5% + Esophageal Disease: 1.5% | General Hypertension: 59.0% + Unspecified Lipid Metabolism Disorder: 7.2% + Osteoarthritis: 4.5% + Pure Hypercholesterolemia: 3.0% + Upper Respiratory Inflammation: 1.8% |
| 10. Thyroid | Pearson's correlation (p-value) | 9.970 (< 10^{-16}) | 9.952 (< 10^{-16}) | 9.985 (< 10^{-16}) | 0.900 (< 10^{-16}) |
| Acquired Hypothyroidism: 36.4% + Goiter: 9.2% + Vitamin Deficiency: 6.0% + Unspecified Hyperlipidemia: 4.8% + Menopausal Disorder: 2.7% | Acquired Hypothyroidism: 36.0% + Goiter: 8.5% + Vitamin Deficiency: 5.6% + Unspecified Hyperlipidemia: 5.0% + Menopausal Disorder: 2.7% | Acquired Hypothyroidism: 36.5% + Goiter: 8.7% + Vitamin Deficiency: 6.0% + Unspecified Hyperlipidemia: 4.4% + Menopausal Disorder: 2.6% | Acquired Hypothyroidism: 36.5% + Goiter: 8.7% + Vitamin Deficiency: 6.0% + Unspecified Hyperlipidemia: 4.4% + Menopausal Disorder: 2.6% | Acquired Hypothyroidism: 54.8% + Thyrotoxicosis: 4.5% + Disease of the Female Reproductive Organs: 3.2% + Osteoarthritis: 2.3% + Upper Respiratory Inflammation: 1.9% |
| 11. Psychiatric | Pearson's correlation (p-value) | 0.999 (< 10^{-16}) | 0.997 (< 10^{-16}) | 0.999 (< 10^{-16}) | 0.942 (< 10^{-16}) |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Depression: 57.7% + Anxiety Phobic Disorder: 21.0% + PTSD: 3.4% + Non-Specific Pain: 0.5% + Acute Upper Respiratory Infection: 0.3% | Depression: 58.4% + Anxiety Phobic Disorder: 20.4% + PTSD: 1.1% + Non-Specific Pain: 0.5% + Non-Specific Joint Disorder: 0.4% | Depression: 55.7% + Anxiety Phobic Disorder: 18.3% + PTSD: 3.0% + ADHD: 0.7% + Non-Specific Pain: 0.6% | Depression: 60.0% + Anxiety Phobic Disorder: 19.7% + PTSD: 1.2% + Non-Specific Pain: 0.5% + Adjustment Disorder: 0.4% | Substance Abuse: 42.2% + Depression: 11.4% + Anxiety Phobic Disorder: 4.0% + Non-Specific Gastrointestinal Disorder: 2.9% + Bipolar Disorder: 2.3% |
| Extra, Allergic Rhinitis | Allergic Rhinitis: 94.1% + Acute Sinusitis: 0.8% + Eye Inflammation: 0.8% + Chronic Sinusitis: 0.7% + Atopic Contact Dermatitis: 0.3% | Allergic Rhinitis: 94.1% + Acute Sinusitis: 0.8% + Eye Inflammation: 0.8% + Chronic Sinusitis: 0.5% + Atopic Contact Dermatitis: 0.3% | Allergic Rhinitis: 93.6% + Acute Sinusitis: 0.8% + Eye Inflammation: 0.7% + Chronic Sinusitis: 0.6% + Atopic Contact Dermatitis: 0.3% | Allergic Rhinitis: 94.2% + Acute Sinusitis: 0.9% + Chronic Sinusitis: 0.7% + Eye Inflammation: 0.7% + Atopic Contact Dermatitis: 0.3% |
| Extra, Anemia | Non-Specific Anemia: 32.2% + Chronic Kidney Disease: 24.3% + General Hypertension: 4.0% + Electrolyte Acid Base Balance Disorder: 3.9% + Acute Renal Failure: 2.4% | Non-Specific Anemia: 32.2% + Chronic Kidney Disease: 22.4% + Electrolyte Acid Base Balance Disorder: 4.2% + General Hypertension: 4.1% + Non-Specific Cardiovascular Disease: 2.5% | Non-Specific Anemia: 33.1% + Chronic Kidney Disease: 27.5% + General Hypertension: 4.4% + Electrolyte Acid Base Balance Disorder: 4.3% + Acute Renal Failure: 2.9% | Non-Specific Anemia: 30.9% + Chronic Kidney Disease: 24.5% + General Hypertension: 4.1% + Electrolyte Acid Base Balance Disorder: 3.8% + Acute Renal Failure: 2.5% |
| Extra, Breast Cancer | Breast Cancer: 50.0% + Secondary Malignant Neoplasm: 6.3% + Breast Disorder: 5.4% + Lymphatic Disorder: 1.7% + Unspecified White Blood Cell Disease: 1.4% | Breast Cancer: 52.9% + Secondary Malignant Neoplasm: 6.1% + Breast Disorder: 6.0% + Lymphatic Disorder: 2.0% + Unspecified White Blood Cell Disease: 1.4% | Breast Cancer: 32.5% + Lung Cancer: 14.9% + Secondary Malignant Neoplasm: 9.3% + Unspecified Cancer: 2.7% + Breast Disorder: 2.2% | Breast Cancer: 51.6% + Secondary Malignant Neoplasm: 6.2% + Breast Disorder: 4.9% + Lymphatic Disorder: 1.8% + Unspecified White Blood Cell Disease: 1.3% |
| Extra, Lung Cancer | Lung Cancer: 19.7% + Secondary Malignant Neoplasm: 10.9% + Colorectal Cancer: 10.4% + Unspecified Cancer: 4.9% + Non-Specific Pulmonary Disorder: 3.4% | Lung Cancer: 17.8% + Secondary Malignant Neoplasm: 10.5% + Colorectal Cancer: 9.5% + Unspecified Cancer: 4.7% + Oropharyngeal Cancer: 3.9% | Lung Cancer: 23.3% + Secondary Malignant Neoplasm: 11.0% + Colorectal Cancer: 10.2% + Oropharyngeal Cancer: 5.1% + Unspecified Cancer: 4.8% | 
| Extra, Headache | Migraine: 38.1% + Unspecified Recurrent Headaches: 5.0% + Non-Specific Pain: 3.5% + Muscle Ligament Disorder: 2.3% + Acquired Visual Disturbances: 1.8% | Migraine: 38.9% + Non-Specific Pain: 5.7% + Unspecified Recurrent Headaches: 5.1% + Muscle Ligament Disorder: 2.4% + Extrapyramidal Abnormal Movement Disorders: 1.9% | Migraine: 44.5% + Unspecified Recurrent Headaches: 5.2% + Non-Specific Pain: 4.9% + Muscle Ligament Disorder: 2.8% + Acquired Visual Disturbances: 1.8% | 

| Pearson's correlation (p-value) | 0.997 (< 10^{-16}) | 0.999 (< 10^{-16}) | 0.992 (< 10^{-16}) | 0.998 (< 10^{-16}) |
| Extra. Pain | Non-Specific Pain: 54.6% + General Spondylosis Spine Disorder: 26.4% + Muscle Ligament Disorder: 5.8% + Spinal Stenosis: 2.9% + Non-Specific Joint Disorder: 1.9% | Non-Specific Pain: 54.3% + General Spondylosis Spine Disorder: 26.9% + Muscle Ligament Disorder: 4.6% + Spinal Stenosis: 3.0% + Non-Specific Joint Disorder: 1.8% | Non-Specific Pain: 51.8% + General Spondylosis Spine Disorder: 28.3% + Muscle Ligament Disorder: 3.6% + Spinal Stenosis: 3.6% + Non-Specific Joint Disorder: 2.1% | Non-Specific Pain: 53.9% + General Spondylosis Spine Disorder: 26.5% + Muscle Ligament Disorder: 5.2% + Spinal Stenosis: 3.0% + Non-Specific Joint Disorder: 2.0% |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pearson's correlation (p-value) | 0.999 (< 10^{-16}) | 0.998 (< 10^{-16}) | 0.999 (< 10^{-16}) | 
| Extra. Sleep Apnea | Sleep Apnea: 59.0% + Obesity: 17.0% + General Hypertension: 3.1% + Sleep Disorder: 2.0% + Esophageal Disease: 1.5% | Sleep Apnea: 60.2% + Obesity: 16.7% + General Hypertension: 2.6% + Sleep Disorder: 2.0% + Esophageal Disease: 1.6% | Sleep Apnea: 66.7% + Obesity: 13.2% + General Hypertension: 2.3% + Sleep Disorder: 2.0% + Esophageal Disease: 1.3% | Sleep Apnea: 61.1% + Obesity: 14.9% + General Hypertension: 2.6% + Sleep Disorder: 1.8% + Esophageal Disease: 1.4% |
| Pearson's correlation (p-value) | 0.999 (< 10^{-16}) | 0.996 (< 10^{-16}) | 0.999 (< 10^{-16}) | 
| Extra. Male Reproductive | Disease of the Male Reproductive Organs: 18.3% + Urinary Calculus: 13.6% + Non-Specific Urinary Disorder: 12.3% + Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia: 8.8% + Prostate Cancer: 6.1% | Disease of the Male Reproductive Organs: 13.8% + Non-Specific Urinary Disorder: 12.9% + Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia: 8.4% + UTI: 5.2% | Disease of the Male Reproductive Organs: 16.4% + Urinary Calculus: 13.1% + Non-Specific Urinary Disorder: 12.1% + Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia: 11.1% + UTI: 3.3% | Disease of the Male Reproductive Organs: 18.3% + Urinary Calculus: 14.8% + Non-Specific Urinary Disorder: 12.1% + Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia: 8.9% + UTI: 3.5% |
| Pearson's correlation (p-value) | 0.994 (< 10^{-16}) | 0.972 (< 10^{-16}) | 0.977 (< 10^{-16}) | 
| Extra. Upper Respiratory | Acute Sinusitis: 12.7% + Acute Bronchitis: 9.7% + Acute Upper Respiratory Infection: 8.1% + Upper Respiratory Inflammation: 7.6% + Allergic Rhinitis: 5.5% | Acute Sinusitis: 14.1% + Chronic Sinusitis: 13.4% + Acute Bronchitis: 10.2% + Acute Upper Respiratory Infection: 7.8% + Upper Respiratory Inflammation: 7.5% | Acute Sinusitis: 14.8% + Chronic Sinusitis: 14.3% + Acute Bronchitis: 10.3% + Allergic Rhinitis: 6.9% + Upper Respiratory Inflammation: 5.8% | Acute Sinusitis: 13.5% + Acute Bronchitis: 9.7% + Chronic Sinusitis: 8.2% + Acute Upper Respiratory Infection: 7.9% + Upper Respiratory Inflammation: 7.5% |
| Pearson's correlation (p-value) | 0.900 (< 10^{-16}) | 0.848 (< 10^{-16}) | 0.965 (< 10^{-16}) | 
| Extra. Skin Disorder | Non-Specific Skin Disorder: 18.6% + Cellulitis: 15.4% + Fungal Infection: 8.4% + Peripheral Vascular Disease: 6.1% + Nail Disease: 4.9% | Non-Specific Skin Disorder: 18.8% + Cellulitis: 12.7% + Peripheral Vascular Disease: 6.8% + Fungal Infection: 5.1% + Non-Specific Vascular Disease: 4.2% | Non-Specific Skin Disorder: 16.2% + Cellulitis: 12.7% + Fungal Infection: 5.0% + Peripheral Vascular Disease: 4.5% + Nail Disease: 2.8% | Non-Specific Skin Disorder: 16.3% + Cellulitis: 13.3% + Fungal Infection: 5.1% + Peripheral Vascular Disease: 4.3% + Nail Disease: 2.8% |
| Pearson's correlation (p-value) | 0.984 (< 10^{-16}) | 0.990 (< 10^{-16}) | 0.990 (< 10^{-16}) | 
| Extra. Skin Cancer | Keratosis: 7.7% + Non-Melanoma Skin Cancer: 6.4% + Benign Skin Neoplasm: 5.2% + Cataract: 4.5% + Non-Specific Skin Disorder: 3.4% | Keratosis: 9.5% + Non-Melanoma Skin Cancer: 7.8% + Benign Skin Neoplasm: 6.5% + Non-Specific Skin Disorder: 4.8% + Atopic Contact Dermatitis: 4.2% | Keratosis: 15.5% + Non-Melanoma Skin Cancer: 12.2% + Benign Skin Neoplasm: 8.8% + Atopic Contact Dermatitis: 6.0% + Non-Specific Skin Disorder: 5.8% | Keratosis: 12.2% + Non-Melanoma Skin Cancer: 11.0% + Benign Skin Neoplasm: 9.0% + Non-Specific Skin Disorder: 5.5% + Unspecified Hyperlipidemia: 2.3% |
| Pearson's correlation (p-value) | 0.908 (< 10^{-16}) | 0.919 (< 10^{-16}) | 0.938 (< 10^{-16}) | 
| Extra. Female Reproductive | Disease of the Female Reproductive Organs: 24.1% + Gestational Pregnancy Related Disorder: 17.7% + Menstrual | Disease of the Female Reproductive Organs: 17.8% + Menstrual Disorder: 6.9% + Menopausal Disorder: 6.5% | Disease of the Female Reproductive Organs: 24.1% + Gestational Pregnancy Related Disorder: 18.2% + Menstrual | Disease of the Female Reproductive Organs: 24.1% + Gestational Pregnancy Related Disorder: 11.9% + Menstrual |
| Disorder                  | Percentage | Disorder                  | Percentage | Disorder                  | Percentage |
|--------------------------|------------|--------------------------|------------|--------------------------|------------|
| Breast Disorder          | 12.1%      | Breast Disorder          | 3.7%       | Benign Uterine Neoplasm  | 3.7%       |
| Breast Disorder          | 12.5%      | Breast Disorder          | 3.7%       | Benign Uterine Neoplasm  | 3.5%       |
| Menstrual Disorder        | 7.2%       | Menstrual Disorder        | 3.8%       | Menopausal Disorder       | 3.1%       |
| Substance Abuse           | 55.2%      | Substance Abuse           | 29.8%      | Benign Uterine Neoplasm  | 3.5%       |
| Substance Abuse           | 29.8%      | Substance Abuse           | 29.8%      | Benign Uterine Neoplasm  | 3.5%       |
| Glaucoma                  | 17.7%      | Glaucoma                  | 17.8%      | Benign Uterine Neoplasm  | 3.5%       |
| Glaucoma                  | 17.7%      | Glaucoma                  | 17.8%      | Benign Uterine Neoplasm  | 3.5%       |
| Bipolar Disorder          | 36.3%      | Bipolar Disorder          | 36.3%      | Benign Uterine Neoplasm  | 3.5%       |
| Secondary Malignant Neoplasm | 42.3%   | Secondary Malignant Neoplasm | 42.3% | Unspecified Cancer: 1.6% + Unspecified White Blood Cell Disease: 1.0% + Pleuritis: 0.5% + Septicemia: 0.5% |
| Cataract                  | 31.0%      | Cataract                  | 31.0%      | Acquired Retinal Defects: 13.3% + Glaucoma: 11.2% + Acquired Visual Disturbances: 3.9% + General Hypertension: 3.4% |
| Non-Specific Urinary Disorder | 24.6%   | Non-Specific Urinary Disorder | 24.6% | Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia: 10.1% + Bladder Disorder: 9.5% + Urinary Calculus: 8.8% + Prostate Cancer: 7.8% |
| Biliary Tract Disease     | 40.3%      | Biliary Tract Disease     | 40.3%      | Pancreatic Disease: 12.1% + Disease of the Female |
We applied topic modeling to five different cohorts (see b-f), generating a total of 33 subgroups (see Methods “The US MarketScan Commercial database and topic modeling for asthma subgroup identification”). Out of these subgroups, we particularly numbered the eleven stable subgroups that can be commonly found in all the five cohorts and thus were further discussed in this study (see the first eleven rows), while named the other 22 subgroups as “Extra” subgroups (see the last 22 rows).

We applied topic modeling to a population of 6,048,247 asthma patients aged between 15 and 70 in the US MarketScan insurance claims database, identifying a total of 22 subgroups (see the filled rows). Here, we report the top five most abundant comorbid diseases therein contained as well as their respective occurring frequencies (see Supplementary Data 1 for the complete subgroup profiles).

The same topic modeling procedure was applied to a population of 3,152,519 individuals in the US MarketScan data who were aged between 15 and 70, but carried at least two asthma codes. This sensitivity analysis 1 generated a total of 25 subgroups, of which 21 subgroups had been seen among the subgroups found in the discovery cohort b (see Supplementary Data 2 for the complete subgroup profiles).

The same topic modeling procedure was applied to a population of 3,401,250 individuals in the US MarketScan data who carried at least one asthma code, but were aged between 40 and 70. This sensitivity analysis 2 generated a total of 23 subgroups, of which 20 subgroups had been seen among the subgroups found in the discovery cohort b (see Supplementary Data 3 for the complete subgroup profiles).

The same topic modeling procedure was also applied to a population of 3,687,965 individuals in the US MarketScan data who not only were aged between 15 and 70 and carried at least one asthma code, but also had at least one type of asthma drug prescriptions. This sensitivity analysis 3 generated a total of 26 subgroups, of which 22 subgroups had been seen among the subgroups found in the discovery cohort b (see Supplementary Data 4 for the complete subgroup profiles).

The same topic modeling procedure was also applied to a population of 66,448 individuals enrolled in UK Biobank who carried at least one asthma code and were aged between 39 and 72. This sensitivity analysis 4 generated a total of 18 subgroups, of which eleven subgroups had been seen among the subgroups found in the discovery cohort b (see Supplementary Data 5 for the complete subgroup profiles).

In order to assess whether any of the subgroups generated based on the cohorts for sensitivity analyses can be claimed as successful replications of the subgroups discovered based on the discovery cohort, we computed their Pearson’s correlations based on the median frequency profiles of comorbid diseases in the respective subgroups. We only claim a successful replication, if the respective correlation is determined to be significant. The Pearson's correlation coefficients and their corresponding two-sided p-values out of Student’s r tests are shown here.

| Subgroup                      | Comorbid Diseases                                                                 |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Extra. Cardiac Ischemia       | Reproductive Organs: 6.4% + Non-Specific Gastrointestinal Disorder: 4.4% + Chronic Liver Disease: 3.9% |
| Extra. Chronic Kidney Disease | Non-Specific Cardiac Ischemia: 48.6% + General Hypertension: 11.5% + Myocardial Infarction: 11.2% + Unspecified Lipid Metabolism Disorder: 8.2% + Upper Respiratory Inflammation: 7.0% |
| Extra. Chronic Kidney Disease | Chronic Kidney Disease: 79.1% + Non-Specific Nephropathy: 1.8% + General Hypertension: 1.4% + Acute Renal Failure: 0.7% + Non-Specific Anemia: 0.4% |
**Supplementary Table 3. Pathway analysis based on GWAS summary statistics (see Methods “Pathway enrichment analysis based on GWAS summary statistics”).**

| Asthma subgroups | Enriched canonical pathways/ Biological processes (Benjamini–Hochberg adjusted p-value) | Overlap with GWAS catalog association signals |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| 1. Diabetes      | Ubiquitin-Proteasomal pathway involving Parkin (1.17 × 10⁻³); Dopamine transport (5.48 × 10⁻³); Positive regulation of response to oxidative stress (5.48 × 10⁻³); Alpha-Synuclein signaling (2.86 × 10⁻²). | Aging (1.24 × 10⁻²); Loneliness (2.84 × 10⁻²). |
| 2. Autoimmune    | Phase I biotransformations (2.94 × 10⁻²). | Lipoprotein (a) levels (2.39 × 10⁻⁴); Sarcoidosis (non-Lofgren’s syndrome without extrapulmonary manifestations) (3.33 × 10⁻⁴); Heel bone mineral density (6.67 × 10⁻³); Hyperopia (2.03 × 10⁻³); Ossification of the posterior longitudinal ligament of the spine (2.93 × 10⁻³); Dimensional psychopathology (Negative) (2.93 × 10⁻³); Post bronchodilator FEV1 (3.73 × 10⁻²); Periodontitis (4.23 × 10⁻²). |
| 3. GI            | Keratinocyte differentiation (7.52 × 10⁻¹⁶); Regulation of leukocyte proliferation (5.27 × 10⁻⁷); IL12-mediated signaling (8.43 × 10⁻⁷); Leukocyte differentiation (9.05 × 10⁻⁷); Regulation of lymphocyte differentiation (1.31 × 10⁻⁶); STAT5 signaling in response to IL2 stimulation (4.87 × 10⁻⁹); Interferon gamma response (5.11 × 10⁻⁶); Regulation of B cell activation (1.18 × 10⁻⁵); Regulation of T cell differentiation (1.61 × 10⁻⁵); JAK-STAT signaling pathway (1.16 × 10⁻³); Th1/Th2 Differentiation (3.02 × 10⁻³); Late response to estrogen (3.13 × 10⁻³); IL4-mediated signaling (4.16 × 10⁻³); IL5 signaling pathway (9.85 × 10⁻³); IL6 Jak STAT3 signaling (1.32 × 10⁻²); NF-kB signaling in response to TNF (2.55 × 10⁻²). | Asthma or allergic disease (2.77 × 10⁻⁴⁹); Ulcerative colitis (1.43 × 10⁻¹²); Eosinophil counts (2.06 × 10⁻¹²); Nasal polyps (5.51 × 10⁻⁹); Neutrophil percentage of granulocytes (3.91 × 10⁻⁷); Lymphocyte counts (6.78 × 10⁻⁵). |
| 4. Lymphoma      | Late response to estrogen (5.30 × 10⁻³). | Waist-to-hip ratio adjusted for BMI (age >50) (2.81 × 10⁻²); Systemic juvenile idiopathic arthritis (3.04 × 10⁻²). |
| 5. Musculoskeletal | NA | Urinary magnesium-to-creatinine ratio (1.51 × 10⁻⁷); Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease or resting heart rate or pleiotropy (1.72 × 10⁻⁶); Calcium levels (1.01 × 10⁻³); Loneliness (1.87 × 10⁻³); Metabolite levels (5-HIAA) (7.16 × 10⁻³). |
| Section   | Affected Area/Condition | Associated Genetic Mechanisms | Additional Clinical Features |
|-----------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 6. Lung   | NA                      | Fast beta electroencephalogram (3.40 × 10^-8); Ulcerative colitis (3.18 × 10^-2). |  |
| 7. Heart  | Amino acid conjugation of benzoic acid (3.38 × 10^-4); Glycine metabolic process (7.34 × 10^-2). | Severe aortic features in Marfan syndrome (2.92 × 10^-3); Heschl's gyrus morphology (4.23 × 10^-3); Basophil percentage of white cells (2.26 × 10^-2); Basophil percentage of granulocytes (2.26 × 10^-3); Periodontal microbiota (2.26 × 10^-2). |  |
| 8. Cardiovascular | Keratinocyte differentiation (4.40 × 10^-19); Epidermal cell differentiation (2.24 × 10^-14); Leukocyte differentiation (1.76 × 10^-6); STAT5 signaling in response to IL2 stimulation (2.87 × 10^-8); Lymphocyte activation (1.74 × 10^-5); Regulation of B cell activation (9.52 × 10^-6); IL12-mediated signaling (2.75 × 10^-5); Positive regulation of type 2 immune response (3.11 × 10^-5); T-helper 1 type immune response (9.98 × 10^-5); Regulation of T cell differentiation (2.56 × 10^-4); Positive regulation of macrophage activation (2.56 × 10^-4); Late response to estrogen (6.17 × 10^-4); IL4-mediated signaling (1.20 × 10^-3); Development and heterogeneity of the ILC family (1.73 × 10^-3); Th1/Th2 Differentiation (2.82 × 10^-3); Positive regulation of immunoglobulin production (7.89 × 10^-3); Apoptosis mediated by caspase cascade (8.09 × 10^-3); Cellular response to interferon gamma (8.92 × 10^-3); Caspase Cascade in Apoptosis (9.12 × 10^-3); IL5 signaling (9.40 × 10^-3); IL6 Jak STAT3 signaling (1.99 × 10^-2). | Asthma or allergic disease (pleiotropy) (4.74 × 10^-42); Eosinophil counts (4.13 × 10^-14); Eosinophil percentage of granulocytes (9.71 × 10^-13); Nasal polyps (2.79 × 10^-9); Neutrophil percentage of granulocytes (1.34 × 10^-8); IgE levels (3.38 × 10^-7); Rheumatoid arthritis (4.45 × 10^-7). |  |
| 9. Brain  | Amine ligand-binding receptors signaling (7.07 × 10^-3). | Rheumatogenous retinal detachment (1.75 × 10^-13); Congenital left-sided heart lesions (4.33 × 10^-6); Body mass index (6.79 × 10^-4); Melanoma (1.85 × 10^-3); Bipolar disorder (8.29 × 10^-3); Blood osmolality (transformed sodium) (8.42 × 10^-3). |  |
| 10. Thyroid | NA                      | Lung adenocarcinoma (4.68 × 10^-3); Skin pigmentation (7.76 × 10^-3). |  |
| 11. Psychiatric | Positive regulation of chondrocyte differentiation (4.84 × 10^-3); Positive regulation of cartilage development (9.05 × 10^-3); ErbB1 internalization pathway (2.19 × 10^-2). | Lipoprotein (a) levels (9.30 × 10^-4); Dimensional psychopathology (Negative) (2.15 × 10^-2); Vitamin D levels (2.15 × 10^-2). |  |
### Supplementary Table 4. Basic subgroup-specific information (based on US MarketScan and UK Biobank data).

| Basic info | Subgroups | US MarketScan * | UK Biobank (white British) b |
|------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
|            |           | Case | Control | Case | Control |
| 1. Diabetes| 268,627 (4.4%) | 3,245,822 (4.1%) | 1,140 (2.6%) | 4,464 (1.7%) |
| 2. Autoimmune | 31,046 (0.5%) | 319,349 (0.4%) | 562 (1.3%) | 2,936 (1.1%) |
| 3. GI | 377,025 (6.2%) | 4,739,945 (6.1%) | 9,041 (20.4%) | 49,738 (19.1%) |
| 4. Lymphoma | 19,760 (0.3%) | 285,338 (0.4%) | 368 (0.8%) | 2,241 (0.9%) |
| 5. Musculoskeletal | 643,760 (10.6%) | 8,359,443 (10.7%) | 3,020 (6.8%) | 21,161 (8.1%) |
| 6. Lung | 147,698 (2.4%) | 559,456 (0.7%) | 1,461 (3.3%) | 2,589 (1.0%) |
| 7. Heart | 162,336 (2.7%) | 1,991,044 (2.5%) | 2,670 (6.0%) | 13,300 (5.1%) |
| 8. Cardiovascular | 538,939 (8.9%) | 7,425,887 (9.5%) | 3,020 (6.8%) | 50,508 (19.4%) |
| 9. Brain | 53,340 (0.9%) | 875,865 (1.1%) | 1,296 (2.9%) | 8,149 (3.1%) |
| 10. Thyroid | 203,593 (3.4%) | 2,828,415 (3.6%) | 2,093 (4.7%) | 11,793 (4.5%) |
| 11. Psychiatric | 270,950 (4.5%) | 3,439,181 (4.4%) | 949 (2.1%) | 5,892 (2.3%) |
| Male percentage |             |       |         |       |         |
| 1. Diabetes | 37.4% | 56.0% | 57.5% | 66.6% |
| 2. Autoimmune | 17.2% | 27.1% | 31.0% | 33.4% |
| 3. GI | 36.2% | 47.4% | 41.6% | 45.0% |
| 4. Lymphoma | 44.6% | 52.1% | 54.6% | 55.8% |
| 5. Musculoskeletal | 34.5% | 48.3% | 38.9% | 43.5% |
| 6. Lung | 42.0% | 61.6% | 49.1% | 51.4% |
| 7. Heart | 55.2% | 67.0% | 63.5% | 67.0% |
| 8. Cardiovascular | 41.2% | 54.7% | 48.2% | 54.1% |
| 9. Brain | 38.4% | 49.7% | 47.7% | 51.8% |
| 10. Thyroid | 13.2% | 18.0% | 13.2% | 14.0% |
| 11. Psychiatric | 28.5% | 38.2% | 31.7% | 33.8% |
| Median age |             |       |         |       |         |
| 1. Diabetes | 53 (46-60) | 53 (45-60) | 61 (55-66) | 61 (56-65) |
| 2. Autoimmune | 52 (42-59) | 50 (39-58) | 61 (54-65) | 59 (52-64) |
| 3. GI | 42 (30-52) | 41 (29-51) | 58 (51-63) | 59 (51-63) |
| 4. Lymphoma | 50 (36-59) | 46 (32-57) | 60 (52-65) | 60 (52-64) |
| 5. Musculoskeletal | 44 (30-54) | 42 (29-52) | 57 (49-62) | 58 (51-63) |
| 6. Lung | 57 (48-63) | 47 (30-59) | 60 (53-64) | 58 (50-63) |
| 7. Heart | 56 (47-62) | 55 (44-62) | 62 (57-66) | 62 (56-66) |
| 8. Cardiovascular | 51 (43-58) | 51 (43-58) | 61 (55-65) | 61 (55-65) |
| 9. Brain | 49 (34-59) | 47 (31-58) | 58 (51-64) | 59 (52-64) |
| 10. Thyroid | 46 (36-54) | 45 (35-54) | 59 (52-64) | 59 (52-64) |
| 11. Psychiatric | 36 (24-47) | 34 (25-45) | 51 (45-58) | 53 (46-59) |

* The MarketScan insurance claims database in US;
b The white British subset of UK Biobank;

c The percentage values do not sum up to 100%, because there are other eleven subgroups discovered based on US MarketScan data but not found in UK Biobank and they are not shown here;

d Values in parentheses are interquartile ranges given in years and they are the ages when individuals were enrolled.
Supplementary Table 5. Subgroup-specific white blood cell counts (based on UK Biobank data).

| White blood cell count (10⁹ cells/liter) | Subgroups     | UK Biobank (white British) |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|
|                                         |               | Case                      | Control                   |
| **Eosinophil count**                    |               |                           |                           |
| 1. Diabetes                             | 0.2 (0.1-0.3) | 0.17 (0.1-0.25)           |
| 2. Autoimmune                           | 0.17 (0.1-0.26)| 0.11 (0.09-0.2)           |
| 3. GI                                   | 0.2 (0.1-0.3) | 0.13 (0.1-0.2)            |
| 4. Lymphoma                             | 0.15 (0.1-0.285)| 0.11 (0.09-0.2)          |
| 5. Musculoskeletal                      | 0.19 (0.1-0.28)| 0.12 (0.1-0.2)            |
| 6. Lung                                 | 0.2 (0.1-0.3) | 0.14 (0.1-0.2)            |
| 7. Heart                                | 0.2 (0.1-0.3) | 0.14 (0.1-0.21)           |
| 8. Cardiovascular                       | 0.2 (0.1-0.3) | 0.14 (0.1-0.21)           |
| 9. Brain                                | 0.2 (0.1-0.3) | 0.12 (0.1-0.2)            |
| 10. Thyroid                             | 0.2 (0.1-0.3) | 0.14 (0.1-0.2)            |
| 11. Psychiatric                         | 0.19 (0.1-0.29)| 0.12 (0.1-0.2)           |
| **Neutrophil count**                    |               |                           |                           |
| 1. Diabetes                             | 5 (3.99-6.1)  | 4.5 (3.67-5.5)            |
| 2. Autoimmune                           | 4.72 (3.7-5.96)| 4.2 (3.4-5.3)             |
| 3. GI                                   | 4.27 (3.4-5.3)| 4 (3.29-4.9)              |
| 4. Lymphoma                             | 3.935 (3.092-5.058)| 3.82 (3.007-4.86)       |
| 5. Musculoskeletal                      | 4.1 (3.3-5.04)| 3.9 (3.2-4.8)             |
| 6. Lung                                 | 4.6 (3.68-5.95)| 4.12 (3.33-5.12)          |
| 7. Heart                                | 4.575 (3.65-5.69)| 4.2 (3.4-5.1)            |
| 8. Cardiovascular                       | 4.5 (3.67-5.54)| 4.23 (3.48-5.17)          |
| 9. Brain                                | 4.31 (3.4-5.4)| 4.1 (3.3-5.06)            |
| 10. Thyroid                             | 4.265 (3.47-5.3)| 3.99 (3.212-4.89)        |
| 11. Psychiatric                         | 4.3 (3.4-5.3) | 4 (3.268-4.98)            |
| **Lymphocyte count**                    |               |                           |                           |
| 1. Diabetes                             | 2.04 (1.6-2.547)| 2 (1.6-2.47)              |
| 2. Autoimmune                           | 1.79 (1.4-2.22)| 1.72 (1.37-2.17)          |
| 3. GI                                   | 1.88 (1.5-2.3)| 1.87 (1.5-2.28)           |
| 4. Lymphoma                             | 1.7 (1.3-2.238)| 1.7 (1.27-2.2)            |
| 5. Musculoskeletal                      | 1.88 (1.52-2.29)| 1.85 (1.51-2.24)         |
| 6. Lung                                 | 1.895 (1.5-2.3)| 1.86 (1.5-2.3)            |
| 7. Heart                                | 1.81 (1.5-2.3)| 1.82 (1.5-2.25)           |
| 8. Cardiovascular                       | 1.9 (1.52-2.32)| 1.9 (1.53-2.3)            |
| 9. Brain                                | 1.9 (1.5-2.33)| 1.83 (1.5-2.26)           |
| 10. Thyroid                             | 1.92 (1.59-2.4)| 1.9 (1.56-2.3)            |
| 11. Psychiatric                         | 1.9 (1.56-2.35)| 1.86 (1.5-2.25)           |
| **Monocyte count**                      |               |                           |                           |
| 1. Diabetes                             | 0.5 (0.4-0.63)| 0.5 (0.4-0.61)            |
| 2. Autoimmune                           | 0.46 (0.38-0.6)| 0.44 (0.35-0.56)          |
| 3. GI                                   | 0.46 (0.37-0.59)| 0.44 (0.36-0.56)          |
| 4. Lymphoma                             | 0.45 (0.37-0.6)| 0.44 (0.33-0.58)          |
| 5. Musculoskeletal                      | 0.45 (0.36-0.56)| 0.43 (0.35-0.54)          |
The assay was performed on blood samples which were obtained during UK Biobank assessment center visit. Eosinophil count in the table, for example, is the median proportion of (eosinophils/100) × white blood cell count given in 10^9 cells/liter (i.e., unit of measurement here), and the values in parentheses are interquartile ranges;

|       | Basophil count |       |       |
|-------|----------------|-------|-------|
| 6. Lung | 0.5 (0.4-0.62) | 0.45 (0.37-0.58) |
| 7. Heart | 0.5 (0.4-0.65) | 0.5 (0.4-0.6) |
| 8. Cardiovascular | 0.5 (0.4-0.6) | 0.5 (0.4-0.6) |
| 9. Brain | 0.49 (0.39-0.6) | 0.47 (0.38-0.6) |
| 10. Thyroid | 0.46 (0.37-0.58) | 0.43 (0.35-0.54) |
| 11. Psychiatric | 0.43 (0.34-0.56) | 0.42 (0.34-0.53) |

|       | Basophil count |       |       |
|-------|----------------|-------|-------|
| 1. Diabetes | 0.03 (0-0.06) | 0.02 (0-0.05) |
| 2. Autoimmune | 0.03 (0-0.05) | 0.02 (0-0.04) |
| 3. GI | 0.02 (0-0.05) | 0.02 (0-0.04) |
| 4. Lymphoma | 0.02 (0-0.05) | 0.02 (0-0.04) |
| 5. Musculoskeletal | 0.02 (0-0.05) | 0.02 (0-0.04) |
| 6. Lung | 0.03 (0-0.06) | 0.02 (0-0.04) |
| 7. Heart | 0.03 (0-0.05) | 0.02 (0-0.04) |
| 8. Cardiovascular | 0.03 (0-0.05) | 0.02 (0-0.04) |
| 9. Brain | 0.02 (0-0.05) | 0.02 (0-0.04) |
| 10. Thyroid | 0.03 (0-0.05) | 0.02 (0-0.04) |
| 11. Psychiatric | 0.03 (0-0.05) | 0.02 (0-0.04) |

a The assay was performed on blood samples which were obtained during UK Biobank assessment center visit. Eosinophil count in the table, for example, is the median proportion of (eosinophils/100) × white blood cell count given in 10^9 cells/liter (i.e., unit of measurement here), and the values in parentheses are interquartile ranges;

b The white British subset of UK Biobank.
## Supplementary Table 6. Subgroup-specific spirometry measurements (based on UK Biobank data).

| Spirometry | Subgroups | UK Biobank (white British) * |  |  |
|------------|-----------|-------------------------------|---|---|
|            |           | Case                          | Control |  |
| **FVC** b  |           | 1. Diabetes 0.793 (0.695-0.907) | 0.853 (0.752-0.944) |  |
|            |           | 2. Autoimmune 0.865 (0.76-0.975) | 0.911 (0.811-1.007) |  |
|            |           | 3. GI 0.886 (0.781-0.987) | 0.928 (0.832-1.022) |  |
|            |           | 4. Lymphoma 0.877 (0.785-0.981) | 0.92 (0.825-1.013) |  |
|            |           | 5. Musculoskeletal 0.901 (0.805-0.998) | 0.934 (0.842-1.026) |  |
|            |           | 6. Lung 0.831 (0.712-0.938) | 0.895 (0.79-0.999) |  |
|            |           | 7. Heart 0.83 (0.719-0.948) | 0.895 (0.796-0.994) |  |
|            |           | 8. Cardiovascular 0.857 (0.749-0.959) | 0.902 (0.805-0.999) |  |
|            |           | 9. Brain 0.865 (0.745-0.967) | 0.905 (0.805-1.006) |  |
|            |           | 10. Thyroid 0.868 (0.77-0.971) | 0.912 (0.819-1.006) |  |
|            |           | 11. Psychiatric 0.898 (0.79-0.994) | 0.934 (0.84-1.023) |  |
| **FEV₁** c |           | 1. Diabetes 0.765 (0.642-0.885) | 0.854 (0.746-0.96) |  |
|            |           | 2. Autoimmune 0.826 (0.689-0.929) | 0.898 (0.788-1.002) |  |
|            |           | 3. GI 0.844 (0.723-0.956) | 0.919 (0.814-1.02) |  |
|            |           | 4. Lymphoma 0.827 (0.717-0.958) | 0.911 (0.809-1.006) |  |
|            |           | 5. Musculoskeletal 0.864 (0.75-0.968) | 0.926 (0.825-1.024) |  |
|            |           | 6. Lung 0.746 (0.563-0.893) | 0.869 (0.738-0.98) |  |
|            |           | 7. Heart 0.774 (0.642-0.897) | 0.889 (0.776-0.994) |  |
|            |           | 8. Cardiovascular 0.815 (0.686-0.933) | 0.9 (0.792-1.004) |  |
|            |           | 9. Brain 0.812 (0.681-0.926) | 0.897 (0.78-1) |  |
|            |           | 10. Thyroid 0.836 (0.712-0.945) | 0.906 (0.805-1.003) |  |
|            |           | 11. Psychiatric 0.851 (0.737-0.957) | 0.917 (0.819-1.012) |  |
| **PEF** d  |           | 1. Diabetes 0.739 (0.582-0.879) | 0.78 (0.622-0.918) |  |
|            |           | 2. Autoimmune 0.799 (0.639-0.921) | 0.812 (0.662-0.937) |  |
|            |           | 3. GI 0.808 (0.664-0.943) | 0.826 (0.682-0.955) |  |
|            |           | 4. Lymphoma 0.808 (0.646-0.949) | 0.816 (0.678-0.951) |  |
|            |           | 5. Musculoskeletal 0.828 (0.689-0.956) | 0.841 (0.698-0.966) |  |
|            |           | 6. Lung 0.714 (0.529-0.878) | 0.776 (0.619-0.926) |  |
|            |           | 7. Heart 0.75 (0.583-0.891) | 0.813 (0.661-0.953) |  |
|            |           | 8. Cardiovascular 0.787 (0.634-0.92) | 0.815 (0.664-0.947) |  |
|            |           | 9. Brain 0.763 (0.596-0.899) | 0.79 (0.623-0.927) |  |
|            |           | 10. Thyroid 0.813 (0.662-0.944) | 0.819 (0.678-0.95) |  |
|            |           | 11. Psychiatric 0.797 (0.656-0.92) | 0.817 (0.676-0.944) |  |
| **FEV₁/FVC** e |           | 1. Diabetes 0.96 (0.886-1.019) | 1.011 (0.954-1.055) |  |
|            |           | 2. Autoimmune 0.94 (0.861-1.001) | 0.982 (0.932-1.03) |  |
|            |           | 3. GI 0.952 (0.881-1.01) | 0.992 (0.94-1.037) |  |
|            |           | 4. Lymphoma 0.946 (0.887-1.005) | 0.993 (0.939-1.04) |  |
|            |           | 5. Musculoskeletal 0.957 (0.888-1.011) | 0.991 (0.941-1.036) |  |
|       | Lung       | Heart      | Cardiovascular | Brain      | Thyroid     | Psychiatric |
|-------|------------|------------|----------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| 6. Lung | 0.899 (0.775-0.979) | 0.971 (0.902-1.027) | 0.899 (0.849-1.003) | 0.955 (0.879-1.014) | 0.957 (0.89-1.011) | 0.953 (0.877-1.004) |
| 7. Heart | 0.932 (0.849-1.003) | 0.995 (0.939-1.042) | 0.932 (0.849-1.003) | 0.955 (0.879-1.014) | 0.957 (0.89-1.011) | 0.953 (0.877-1.004) |
| 8. Cardiovascular | 0.955 (0.879-1.014) | 1 (0.947-1.046) | 0.942 (0.861-1.004) | 0.99 (0.934-1.041) | 0.991 (0.941-1.033) | 0.983 (0.933-1.029) |
| 9. Brain | 0.942 (0.861-1.004) | 0.99 (0.934-1.041) | 0.942 (0.861-1.004) | 0.955 (0.879-1.014) | 0.957 (0.89-1.011) | 0.953 (0.877-1.004) |
| 10. Thyroid | 0.957 (0.89-1.011) | 0.991 (0.941-1.033) | 0.957 (0.89-1.011) | 0.955 (0.879-1.014) | 0.957 (0.89-1.011) | 0.983 (0.933-1.029) |
| 11. Psychiatric | 0.953 (0.877-1.004) | 0.983 (0.933-1.029) | 0.953 (0.877-1.004) | 0.955 (0.879-1.014) | 0.957 (0.89-1.011) | 0.983 (0.933-1.029) |

a The white British subset of UK Biobank;
b FVC stands for forced vital capacity, and we report its fraction of predicted FVC value here (see Methods “Associating with health-related phenotypes based on UKB phenotypic data”);
c FEV1 stands for forced expiratory volume in one second, and we report its fraction of predicted FEV1 value here;
d PEF stands for peak expiratory flow, and we report its fraction of predicted PEF value here;
e FEV1/FVC is the ratio of FEV1 to FVC, and we report its fraction of predicted ratio value here.
**Supplementary Table 7. Other subgroup-specific information (based on UK Biobank data).**

| Other info. | Subgroups | UK Biobank (white British) |
|-------------|-----------|---------------------------|
|             |           | Case                      | Control                   |
| Median BMI  | 1. Diabetes | 32.194 (28.393-36.192)    | 30.407 (27.391-34.222)    |
|             | 2. Autoimmune | 27.21 (24.223-30.575)     | 26.194 (23.592-29.304)    |
|             | 3. GI        | 27.144 (24.455-30.586)    | 26.587 (24.096-29.548)    |
|             | 4. Lymphoma  | 26.641 (23.899-29.929)    | 26.32 (23.872-29.361)     |
|             | 5. Musculoskeletal | 27.346 (24.674-30.938)   | 26.677 (24.202-29.688)    |
|             | 6. Lung      | 26.016 (23.193-29.131)    | 25.599 (23.147-28.506)    |
|             | 7. Heart     | 27.748 (24.849-31.643)    | 27.215 (24.715-30.309)    |
|             | 8. Cardiovascular | 29.059 (26.02-32.911)   | 28.282 (25.602-31.531)    |
|             | 9. Brain     | 26.684 (23.984-30.589)    | 26.542 (23.948-29.49)     |
|             | 10. Thyroid  | 28.173 (24.958-32.45)     | 26.892 (24.162-30.469)    |
|             | 11. Psychiatric | 26.796 (24.083-30.261)  | 26.048 (23.452-29.029)    |

| Smoking status  | Subgroups | UK Biobank (white British) |
|-----------------|-----------|---------------------------|
|                 |           | Case                      | Control                   |
| (percentages of | 1. Diabetes | 47.0%, 16.1%             | 45.4%, 11.2%              |
| previous, current | 2. Autoimmune | 40.6%, 14.0%             | 38.0%, 11.1%              |
| smokers)        | 3. GI        | 37.2%, 12.4%             | 35.9%, 10.1%              |
|                 | 4. Lymphoma  | 39.3%, 12.2%             | 33.7%, 9.4%               |
|                 | 5. Musculoskeletal | 36.3%, 9.3%             | 34.1%, 9.2%               |
|                 | 6. Lung      | 41.6%, 18.9%             | 37.2%, 16.1%              |
|                 | 7. Heart     | 45.1%, 16.1%             | 42.7%, 9.6%               |
|                 | 8. Cardiovascular | 42.1%, 10.3%         | 39.7%, 8.0%               |
|                 | 9. Brain     | 35.8%, 19.8%             | 35.5%, 12.9%              |
|                 | 10. Thyroid  | 37.6%, 9.9%              | 36.2%, 7.5%               |
|                 | 11. Psychiatric | 30.0%, 19.9%          | 31.1%, 14.8%              |

| Pack years adult | Subgroups | UK Biobank (white British) |
| smoking as       |           | Case                      | Control                   |
| proportion of    | 1. Diabetes | 0.741 (0.422-1.124)       | 0.585 (0.333-0.917)       |
| life span exposed| 2. Autoimmune | 0.541 (0.312-0.868)       | 0.449 (0.231-0.75)        |
| to smoking       | 3. GI        | 0.53 (0.269-0.878)        | 0.447 (0.228-0.741)       |
|                  | 4. Lymphoma  | 0.593 (0.278-0.95)        | 0.445 (0.236-0.712)       |
|                  | 5. Musculoskeletal | 0.462 (0.225-0.75)     | 0.413 (0.214-0.712)       |
|                  | 6. Lung      | 0.692 (0.384-0.984)       | 0.531 (0.25-0.882)        |
|                  | 7. Heart     | 0.624 (0.348-0.978)       | 0.491 (0.25-0.797)        |
|                  | 8. Cardiovascular | 0.565 (0.288-0.883)   | 0.456 (0.237-0.75)        |
|                  | 9. Brain     | 0.692 (0.381-1)          | 0.491 (0.25-0.797)        |
|                  | 10. Thyroid  | 0.498 (0.26-0.798)       | 0.407 (0.204-0.688)       |
|                  | 11. Psychiatric | 0.5 (0.245-0.9)        | 0.484 (0.238-0.781)       |

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*a* The white British subset of UK Biobank;

*b* BMI stands for body mass index, and it was constructed from height (in meters) and weight (in kilograms) measured during the initial Assessment Centre visit. Here we report the median BMI value given in kilogram/meter$^2$, and the values in parentheses are interquartile ranges;

*c* The two percentage values in each cell are the percentages of the participants, who smoked previously (have stopped now) and are still smoking now, respectively;

**Other info.**
- **Subgroups:** UK Biobank (white British)
- **Case:** BMI stands for body mass index, and it was constructed from height (in meters) and weight (in kilograms) measured during the initial Assessment Centre visit. Here we report the median BMI value given in kilogram/meter$^2$, and the values in parentheses are interquartile ranges;
- **Control:** The two percentage values in each cell are the percentages of the participants, who smoked previously (have stopped now) and are still smoking now, respectively;
This is defined as pack years of smoking divided by the number of years between the age of participants at recruitment and the age of 16.
Supplementary Table 8. Age of patients with asthma diagnosis by subgroup (based on UK Biobank data).

| Subgroups          | Asthma patients in UK Biobank (white British) |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| 1. Diabetes        | 39 (12-50)                                    |
| 2. Autoimmune      | 38 (20-50)                                    |
| 3. GI              | 35 (14-48)                                    |
| 4. Lymphoma        | 35 (13.5-50)                                  |
| 5. Musculoskeletal | 33 (14-45)                                    |
| 6. Lung            | 33 (12-50)                                    |
| 7. Heart           | 40 (13-50.75)                                 |
| 8. Cardiovascular  | 40 (16-50)                                    |
| 9. Brain           | 32 (12-47)                                    |
| 10. Thyroid        | 39 (22-50)                                    |
| 11. Psychiatric    | 30 (14-41)                                    |

* For asthma patients in the white British subset of UK Biobank, we report their median ages of asthma onset (given in years) as well as interquartile ranges in parentheses.
Supplementary Table 9. Fraction of asthma patients in each subgroup who take different types of asthma medications (based on US MarketScan data).

| Subgroups     | Asthma patient counts | Antibody inhibitor | Inhaled corticosteroids | Inhaled steroid combinations with long acting beta agonists | Leukotriene modifiers | Mast cell stabilizers | Methylxanthines | Short-acting, inhaled beta-2 agonists | Systemic corticosteroids |
|---------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Diabetes   | 164,793               | 3.75×10⁻³          | 0.195                   | 0.448                                                      | 0.313                 | 7.34×10⁻⁴            | 2.49×10⁻² | 0.693                               | 0.665                    |
| 2. Autoimmune | 21,723                | 3.82×10⁻³          | 0.177                   | 0.421                                                      | 0.298                 | 4.14×10⁻⁴            | 1.78×10⁻² | 0.616                               | 0.886                    |
| 3. GI         | 214,425               | 3.65×10⁻³          | 0.198                   | 0.392                                                      | 0.304                 | 7.09×10⁻⁴            | 1.19×10⁻² | 0.689                               | 0.632                    |
| 4. Lymphoma   | 12,572                | 1.99×10⁻³          | 0.183                   | 0.416                                                      | 0.277                 | 6.36×10⁻⁴            | 1.61×10⁻² | 0.631                               | 0.780                    |
| 5. Musculoskeletal | 392,786          | 2.86×10⁻³          | 0.197                   | 0.390                                                      | 0.304                 | 6.90×10⁻⁴            | 1.14×10⁻² | 0.711                               | 0.664                    |
| 6. Lung       | 102,070               | 6.54×10⁻³          | 0.175                   | 0.702                                                      | 0.360                 | 1.44×10⁻³            | 1.21×10⁻¹ | 0.651                               | 0.835                    |
| 7. Heart      | 100,456               | 3.21×10⁻³          | 0.190                   | 0.469                                                      | 0.288                 | 6.87×10⁻⁴            | 2.62×10⁻² | 0.627                               | 0.718                    |
| 8. Cardiovascular | 324,961            | 2.11×10⁻³          | 0.189                   | 0.419                                                      | 0.297                 | 4.22×10⁻⁴            | 1.55×10⁻² | 0.691                               | 0.661                    |
| 9. Brain      | 30,644                | 2.45×10⁻³          | 0.166                   | 0.403                                                      | 0.274                 | 1.01×10⁻³            | 1.94×10⁻² | 0.627                               | 0.675                    |
| 10. Thyroid   | 121,880               | 2.42×10⁻³          | 0.195                   | 0.391                                                      | 0.318                 | 7.30×10⁻⁴            | 1.09×10⁻² | 0.713                               | 0.633                    |
| 11. Psychiatric | 171,793             | 3.17×10⁻³          | 0.221                   | 0.386                                                      | 0.293                 | 6.46×10⁻⁴            | 7.93×10⁻³ | 0.739                               | 0.606                    |
Supplementary Table 10. Summary statistics of the first and the second genetic principal components of asthma cases and non-asthma controls in each subgroup (based on UK Biobank data).

| Asthma subgroups | Min.     | 1st Qu.   | Median   | Mean   | 3rd Qu.   | Max.   |
|------------------|----------|-----------|----------|--------|-----------|--------|
| 1. Diabetes      | -17.865  | -13.485   | -12.466  | -12.397| -11.293   | -6.935 |
| Control          | -18.108  | -13.425   | -12.379  | -12.347| -11.305   | -6.828 |
| 2. Autoimmune    | -16.775  | -13.391   | -12.173  | -12.207| -11.121   | -6.638 |
| Control          | -18.317  | -13.371   | -12.367  | -12.336| -11.268   | -6.241 |
| 3. GI            | -18.071  | -13.475   | -12.409  | -12.391| -11.340   | -6.564 |
| Control          | -18.357  | -13.462   | -12.396  | -12.380| -11.324   | -6.137 |
| 4. Lymphoma      | -16.52   | -13.32    | -12.24   | -12.22 | -11.04    | -6.78  |
| Control          | -16.929  | -13.417   | -12.327  | -12.311| -11.285   | -6.567 |
| 5. Musculoskeletal| -17.51   | -13.42    | -12.35   | -12.33 | -11.28    | -6.72  |
| Control          | -18.206  | -13.424   | -12.371  | -12.341| -11.287   | -6.053 |
| 6. Lung          | -18.414  | -13.457   | -12.413  | -12.389| -11.333   | -6.969 |
| Control          | -18.367  | -13.398   | -12.392  | -12.326| -11.281   | -6.381 |
| 7. Heart         | -17.672  | -13.465   | -12.395  | -12.372| -11.312   | -6.502 |
| Control          | -18.436  | -13.461   | -12.403  | -12.357| -11.311   | -6.209 |
| 8. Cardiovascular| -17.725  | -13.436   | -12.394  | -12.364| -11.319   | -6.254 |
| Control          | -18.33   | -13.44    | -12.37   | -12.34 | -11.29    | -6.18  |
| 9. Brain         | -17.094  | -13.467   | -12.391  | -12.353| -11.387   | -6.965 |
| Control          | -18.336  | -13.483   | -12.383  | -12.366| -11.297   | -6.145 |
| 10. Thyroid      | -17.328  | -13.431   | -12.308  | -12.279| -11.163   | -6.578 |
| Control          | -18.049  | -13.470   | -12.415  | -12.386| -11.358   | -6.218 |
| 11. Psychiatric  | -17.925  | -13.345   | -12.357  | -12.261| -11.149   | -7.284 |
| Control          | -18.064  | -13.371   | -12.342  | -12.304| -11.290   | -6.435 |
## The second genetic principal component (PC2)

|                  | Min.  | 1st Qu. | Median | Mean   | 3rd Qu. | Max.  |
|------------------|-------|---------|--------|--------|---------|-------|
| **1. Diabetes**  | Case  | -0.5595 | 2.7788 | 3.7357 | 3.7868  | 4.8066| 8.4672|
|                  | Control| -1.431  | 2.773  | 3.807  | 3.783   | 4.791 | 8.826 |
| **2. Autoimmune**| Case  | -1.972  | 2.783  | 3.875  | 3.776   | 4.869 | 8.089 |
|                  | Control| -1.515  | 2.844  | 3.796  | 3.772   | 4.737 | 8.708 |
| **3. GI**        | Case  | -1.981  | 2.764  | 3.804  | 3.785   | 4.792 | 9.255 |
|                  | Control| -1.882  | 2.769  | 3.778  | 3.765   | 4.785 | 9.319 |
| **4. Lymphoma**  | Case  | 0.02846 | 2.91168| 3.72756| 3.81476 | 4.73132| 8.17107|
|                  | Control| -1.324  | 2.677  | 3.732  | 3.710   | 4.716 | 8.376 |
| **5. Musculoskeletal** | Case  | -1.261  | 2.834  | 3.853  | 3.811   | 4.806 | 9.105 |
|                  | Control| -1.839  | 2.776  | 3.791  | 3.775   | 4.793 | 9.427 |
| **6. Lung**      | Case  | -1.049  | 2.810  | 3.826  | 3.776   | 4.735 | 9.353 |
|                  | Control| -1.329  | 2.773  | 3.800  | 3.785   | 4.836 | 8.581 |
| **7. Heart**     | Case  | -1.746  | 2.743  | 3.767  | 3.765   | 4.795 | 9.181 |
|                  | Control| -2.024  | 2.785  | 3.808  | 3.783   | 4.790 | 8.703 |
| **8. Cardiovascular** | Case  | -1.759  | 2.786  | 3.807  | 3.793   | 4.823 | 9.179 |
|                  | Control| -1.781  | 2.792  | 3.808  | 3.793   | 4.808 | 9.165 |
| **9. Brain**     | Case  | -0.8662 | 2.7806 | 3.8118 | 3.7601  | 4.7527 | 7.9944|
|                  | Control| -1.506  | 2.808  | 3.830  | 3.792   | 4.781 | 8.710 |
| **10. Thyroid**  | Case  | -0.9042 | 2.7570 | 3.8081 | 3.7905  | 4.8342 | 9.3455|
|                  | Control| -1.889  | 2.773  | 3.780  | 3.778   | 4.788 | 8.873 |
| **11. Psychiatric** | Case  | -1.766  | 2.699  | 3.799  | 3.779   | 4.831 | 8.609 |
|                  | Control| -1.563  | 2.762  | 3.783  | 3.782   | 4.818 | 8.895 |
Supplementary Table 11. Summary statistics of individuals’ diagnosis code counts in each subgroup and in these subgroups combined (based on US MarketScan data).

| Asthma subgroups   | Min. | 1st Qu. | Median | Mean  | 3rd Qu. | Max.  |
|--------------------|------|---------|--------|-------|---------|-------|
| 1. Diabetes        | 1    | 30      | 66     | 97.6  | 129     | 2268  |
| 2. Autoimmune      | 1    | 33      | 74     | 106.2 | 143     | 1612  |
| 3. GI              | 1    | 11      | 25     | 43.64 | 54      | 1890  |
| 4. Lymphoma        | 1    | 29      | 83     | 120.2 | 169     | 1391  |
| 5. Musculoskeletal | 1    | 16      | 39     | 65.79 | 85      | 2077  |
| 6. Lung            | 1    | 15      | 54     | 95.27 | 133     | 2033  |
| 7. Heart           | 1    | 26      | 68     | 106.6 | 145     | 2179  |
| 8. Cardiovascular  | 1    | 15      | 34     | 52.49 | 69      | 1911  |
| 9. Brain           | 1    | 19      | 50     | 87.46 | 115     | 1760  |
| 10. Thyroid        | 1    | 15      | 34     | 51.1  | 67      | 1420  |
| 11. Psychiatric    | 1    | 18      | 45     | 77.59 | 100     | 1727  |
| Combined subgroups | 1    | 16      | 40     | 68.6  | 88      | 2268  |
Supplementary Table 12. Similarities between the distributions of subgroup (or these subgroups combined) individuals’ diagnosis code counts (based on US MarketScan data).

| Comparisons between two asthma subgroups | Similarity estimated using MarketScan data $^a$ |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| 1. Diabetes vs. 2. Autoimmune           | 0.8861                                        |
| 1. Diabetes vs. 3. GI                   | 0.4980                                        |
| 1. Diabetes vs. 4. Lymphoma             | 0.7488                                        |
| 1. Diabetes vs. 5. Musculoskeletal      | 0.6900                                        |
| 1. Diabetes vs. 6. Lung                 | 0.7389                                        |
| 1. Diabetes vs. 7. Heart                | 0.8432                                        |
| 1. Diabetes vs. 8. Cardiovascular       | 0.6073                                        |
| 1. Diabetes vs. 9. Brain                | 0.8028                                        |
| 1. Diabetes vs. 10. Thyroid             | 0.6010                                        |
| 1. Diabetes vs. 11. Psychiatric         | 0.7665                                        |
| 2. Autoimmune vs. 3. GI                 | 0.4477                                        |
| 2. Autoimmune vs. 4. Lymphoma           | 0.8296                                        |
| 2. Autoimmune vs. 5. Musculoskeletal    | 0.6235                                        |
| 2. Autoimmune vs. 6. Lung               | 0.7413                                        |
| 2. Autoimmune vs. 7. Heart              | 0.8659                                        |
| 2. Autoimmune vs. 8. Cardiovascular     | 0.5433                                        |
| 2. Autoimmune vs. 9. Brain              | 0.7555                                        |
| 2. Autoimmune vs. 10. Thyroid           | 0.5371                                        |
| 2. Autoimmune vs. 11. Psychiatric       | 0.7008                                        |
| 3. GI vs. 4. Lymphoma                   | 0.4119                                        |
| 3. GI vs. 5. Musculoskeletal            | 0.7341                                        |
| 3. GI vs. 6. Lung                       | 0.5404                                        |
| 3. GI vs. 7. Heart                      | 0.4936                                        |
|                 | Score  |
|----------------|--------|
| 3. GI vs. 8. Cardiovascular | 0.8122 |
| 3. GI vs. 9. Brain            | 0.5927 |
| 3. GI vs. 10. Thyroid         | 0.8070 |
| 3. GI vs. 11. Psychiatric     | 0.6524 |
| 4. Lymphoma vs. 5. Musculoskeletal | 0.5609 |
| 4. Lymphoma vs. 6. Lung       | 0.7606 |
| 4. Lymphoma vs. 7. Heart      | 0.8430 |
| 4. Lymphoma vs. 8. Cardiovascular | 0.4814 |
| 4. Lymphoma vs. 9. Brain      | 0.7093 |
| 4. Lymphoma vs. 10. Thyroid   | 0.4757 |
| 4. Lymphoma vs. 11. Psychiatric | 0.6353 |
| 5. Musculoskeletal vs. 6. Lung | 0.6996 |
| 5. Musculoskeletal vs. 7. Heart | 0.6691 |
| 5. Musculoskeletal vs. 8. Cardiovascular | 0.8706 |
| 5. Musculoskeletal vs. 9. Brain | 0.7938 |
| 5. Musculoskeletal vs. 10. Thyroid | 0.8621 |
| 5. Musculoskeletal vs. 11. Psychiatric | 0.8862 |
| 6. Lung vs. 7. Heart          | 0.8432 |
| 6. Lung vs. 8. Cardiovascular | 0.6079 |
| 6. Lung vs. 9. Brain          | 0.8507 |
| 6. Lung vs. 10. Thyroid       | 0.6009 |
| 6. Lung vs. 11. Psychiatric   | 0.7811 |
| 7. Heart vs. 8. Cardiovascular | 0.5788 |
| 7. Heart vs. 9. Brain         | 0.8312 |
| 7. Heart vs. 10. Thyroid      | 0.5723 |
| Comparison                          | Similarity |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| 7. Heart vs. 11. Psychiatric       | 0.7545     |
| 8. Cardiovascular vs. 9. Brain     | 0.6891     |
| 8. Cardiovascular vs. 10. Thyroid  | 0.9756     |
| 8. Cardiovascular vs. 11. Psychiatric | 0.7713   |
| 9. Brain vs. 10. Thyroid           | 0.6820     |
| 9. Brain vs. 11. Psychiatric       | 0.8947     |
| 10. Thyroid vs. 11. Psychiatric    | 0.7636     |
| Combined subgroups vs. 1. Diabetes | 0.698      |
| Combined subgroups vs. 2. Autoimmune | 0.632    |
| Combined subgroups vs. 3. GI       | 0.728      |
| Combined subgroups vs. 4. Lymphoma | 0.570      |
| Combined subgroups vs. 5. Musculoskeletal | 0.973  |
| Combined subgroups vs. 6. Lung     | 0.712      |
| Combined subgroups vs. 7. Heart    | 0.679      |
| Combined subgroups vs. 8. Cardiovascular | 0.858  |
| Combined subgroups vs. 9. Brain    | 0.805      |
| Combined subgroups vs. 10. Thyroid | 0.848      |
| Combined subgroups vs. 11. Psychiatric | 0.896  |

* Distribution similarity is measured by overlapped area relative to each pair of distributions; the value ranges from 0 to 1. The distribution similarity metric is equal to 1 for two identical distributions and 0 for two completely dissimilar ones.
Supplementary Table 13. Summary statistics of individuals’ durations (in weeks) of enrollment and actual diagnosis recordings in each subgroup and in these subgroups combined (based on US MarketScan data).

| Asthma subgroups | Durations of (in weeks) | Min. | 1st Qu. | Median | Mean | 3rd Qu. | Max. |
|------------------|------------------------|------|--------|--------|------|--------|------|
| 1. Diabetes      | Enrollment             | 0    | 126    | 226    | 274.9| 366    | 678  |
|                  | Diagnosis              | 0    | 92     | 191    | 227.3| 334    | 577  |
| 2. Autoimmune    | Enrollment             | 4    | 117    | 209    | 267  | 365    | 678  |
|                  | Diagnosis              | 0    | 92     | 189    | 223.1| 313    | 574  |
| 3. GI            | Enrollment             | 0    | 100    | 161    | 210.1| 265    | 678  |
|                  | Diagnosis              | 0    | 49     | 110    | 157.1| 214    | 579  |
| 4. Lymphoma      | Enrollment             | 0    | 104    | 209    | 252.3| 365    | 678  |
|                  | Diagnosis              | 0    | 72     | 159    | 206.3| 304    | 575  |
| 5. Musculoskeletal| Enrollment             | 0    | 105    | 209    | 242.2| 313    | 678  |
|                  | Diagnosis              | 0    | 74     | 150    | 189.5| 259    | 578  |
| 6. Lung          | Enrollment             | 0    | 96     | 174    | 234  | 326    | 678  |
|                  | Diagnosis              | 0    | 51     | 137    | 188.3| 280    | 580  |
| 7. Heart         | Enrollment             | 0    | 105    | 209    | 268.6| 365    | 678  |
|                  | Diagnosis              | 0    | 78     | 174    | 220.4| 332    | 577  |
| 8. Cardiovascular| Enrollment             | 0    | 105    | 209    | 257.1| 365    | 678  |
|                  | Diagnosis              | 0    | 73     | 156    | 202.4| 294    | 577  |
| 9. Brain         | Enrollment             | 3    | 104    | 196    | 240  | 326    | 678  |
|                  | Diagnosis              | 0    | 63     | 147    | 191.5| 270    | 578  |
| 10. Thyroid      | Enrollment             | 0    | 104    | 208    | 235.1| 313    | 678  |
|                  | Diagnosis              | 0    | 68     | 146    | 184.2| 255    | 574  |
| 11. Psychiatric  | Enrollment             | 0    | 104    | 191    | 228.9| 313    | 678  |
|                  | Diagnosis              | 0    | 64     | 142    | 182.4| 256    | 576  |
| Combined subgroups| Enrollment           | 0    | 104    | 208    | 243.5| 326    | 678  |
|                  | Diagnosis              | 0    | 68     | 149    | 192.5| 269    | 580  |
Supplementary Table 14. Similarities between the distributions of subgroup (or these subgroups combined) individuals’ durations (in weeks) of enrollment and actual diagnosis recordings (based on US MarketScan data).

| Comparisons between two asthma subgroups | Similarity on durations (in weeks) of enrollment * | Similarity on durations (in weeks) of actual diagnosis recordings * |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Diabetes vs. 2. Autoimmune           | 0.8444                                          | 0.8977                                          |
| 1. Diabetes vs. 3. GI                   | 0.7065                                          | 0.6866                                          |
| 1. Diabetes vs. 4. Lymphoma             | 0.8121                                          | 0.8452                                          |
| 1. Diabetes vs. 5. Musculoskeletal      | 0.8167                                          | 0.8199                                          |
| 1. Diabetes vs. 6. Lung                 | 0.7924                                          | 0.7827                                          |
| 1. Diabetes vs. 7. Heart                | 0.8937                                          | 0.9041                                          |
| 1. Diabetes vs. 8. Cardiovascular       | 0.9020                                          | 0.8811                                          |
| 1. Diabetes vs. 9. Brain                | 0.8199                                          | 0.8180                                          |
| 1. Diabetes vs. 10. Thyroid             | 0.8368                                          | 0.8125                                          |
| 1. Diabetes vs. 11. Psychiatric         | 0.8152                                          | 0.7994                                          |
| 2. Autoimmune vs. 3. GI                 | 0.6626                                          | 0.6817                                          |
| 2. Autoimmune vs. 4. Lymphoma           | 0.9254                                          | 0.9002                                          |
| 2. Autoimmune vs. 5. Musculoskeletal    | 0.7311                                          | 0.7936                                          |
| 2. Autoimmune vs. 6. Lung               | 0.8001                                          | 0.7882                                          |
| 2. Autoimmune vs. 7. Heart              | 0.9007                                          | 0.8898                                          |
| 2. Autoimmune vs. 8. Cardiovascular     | 0.7968                                          | 0.8538                                          |
| 2. Autoimmune vs. 9. Brain              | 0.8668                                          | 0.8342                                          |
| 2. Autoimmune vs. 10. Thyroid           | 0.7911                                          | 0.8009                                          |
| 2. Autoimmune vs. 11. Psychiatric       | 0.7822                                          | 0.7893                                          |
| 3. GI vs. 4. Lymphoma                   | 0.6819                                          | 0.7287                                          |
| 3. GI vs. 5. Musculoskeletal            | 0.8339                                          | 0.8152                                          |
| 3. GI vs. 6. Lung                       | 0.7687                                          | 0.7977                                          |
| Comparison                        | C1 Value | C2 Value |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------|
| 3. GI vs. 7. Heart               | 0.7004   | 0.7196   |
| 3. GI vs. 8. Cardiovascular      | 0.7788   | 0.7748   |
| 3. GI vs. 9. Brain               | 0.7435   | 0.8028   |
| 3. GI vs. 10. Thyroid            | 0.8254   | 0.8372   |
| 3. GI vs. 11. Psychiatric        | 0.8387   | 0.8545   |
| 4. Lymphoma vs. 5. Musculoskeletal| 0.7206   | 0.8041   |
| 4. Lymphoma vs. 6. Lung          | 0.8400   | 0.8544   |
| 4. Lymphoma vs. 7. Heart         | 0.8887   | 0.8999   |
| 4. Lymphoma vs. 8. Cardiovascular| 0.7809   | 0.8684   |
| 4. Lymphoma vs. 9. Brain         | 0.9093   | 0.9035   |
| 4. Lymphoma vs. 10. Thyroid      | 0.7973   | 0.8351   |
| 4. Lymphoma vs. 11. Psychiatric  | 0.8005   | 0.8277   |
| 5. Musculoskeletal vs. 6. Lung    | 0.7646   | 0.7958   |
| 5. Musculoskeletal vs. 7. Heart   | 0.7704   | 0.8105   |
| 5. Musculoskeletal vs. 8. Cardiovascular| 0.8962 | 0.8853 |
| 5. Musculoskeletal vs. 9. Brain  | 0.7666   | 0.8445   |
| 5. Musculoskeletal vs. 10. Thyroid| 0.8853  | 0.9282   |
| 5. Musculoskeletal vs. 11. Psychiatric| 0.8620 | 0.9215 |
| 6. Lung vs. 7. Heart             | 0.8446   | 0.8425   |
| 6. Lung vs. 8. Cardiovascular    | 0.8115   | 0.8514   |
| 6. Lung vs. 9. Brain             | 0.8986   | 0.8965   |
| 6. Lung vs. 10. Thyroid          | 0.8276   | 0.8266   |
| 6. Lung vs. 11. Psychiatric      | 0.8620   | 0.8311   |
| 7. Heart vs. 8. Cardiovascular   | 0.8526   | 0.8912   |
| 7. Heart vs. 9. Brain            | 0.8811   | 0.8677   |
| Comparison                              | Overlapped Area | Distribution Similarity |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| 7. Heart vs. 10. Thyroid               | 0.8251          | 0.8240                  |
| 7. Heart vs. 11. Psychiatric           | 0.8191          | 0.8167                  |
| 8. Cardiovascular vs. 9. Brain         | 0.8203          | 0.8931                  |
| 8. Cardiovascular vs. 10. Thyroid      | 0.9044          | 0.9118                  |
| 8. Cardiovascular vs. 11. Psychiatric  | 0.8772          | 0.8887                  |
| 9. Brain vs. 10. Thyroid               | 0.8551          | 0.8903                  |
| 9. Brain vs. 11. Psychiatric           | 0.8656          | 0.8927                  |
| 10. Thyroid vs. 11. Psychiatric        | 0.9261          | 0.9512                  |
| Combined subgroups vs. 1. Diabetes     | 0.7695          | 0.8159                  |
| Combined subgroups vs. 2. Autoimmune   | 0.6753          | 0.7751                  |
| Combined subgroups vs. 3. GI           | 0.8462          | 0.8168                  |
| Combined subgroups vs. 4. Lymphoma     | 0.6695          | 0.7899                  |
| Combined subgroups vs. 5. Musculoskeletal | 0.8943      | 0.9226                  |
| Combined subgroups vs. 6. Lung         | 0.7310          | 0.8096                  |
| Combined subgroups vs. 7. Heart        | 0.7296          | 0.8183                  |
| Combined subgroups vs. 8. Cardiovascular | 0.8364     | 0.8972                  |
| Combined subgroups vs. 9. Brain        | 0.7126          | 0.8315                  |
| Combined subgroups vs. 10. Thyroid     | 0.8117          | 0.8950                  |
| Combined subgroups vs. 11. Psychiatric | 0.8042          | 0.8962                  |

* Distribution similarity is measured by overlapped area relative to each pair of distributions; the value ranges from 0 to 1. The distribution similarity metric is equal to 1 for two identical distributions and 0 for two completely dissimilar ones.
Supplementary Table 15. Two types of subgroup-specific fraction values computed based on the diagnosis records of asthma patients with at least one comorbid disease code.

| Asthma subgroups | Top disease codes                              | Fraction of patients who are in the subgroup indeed carry the top code | Fraction of patients who carry the top code are eventually assigned to the subgroup |
|------------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Diabetes      | Type II Diabetes Mellitus                       | 0.998                                                                 | 0.292                                                                            |
| 2. Autoimmune    | Rheumatoid Arthritis Related Conditions         | 0.966                                                                 | 0.155                                                                            |
| 3. GI            | Esophageal Disease                             | 0.773                                                                 | 0.205                                                                            |
| 4. Lymphoma      | Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma                          | 0.626                                                                 | 0.386                                                                            |
| 5. Musculoskeletal| Non-specific Joint Disorder                    | 0.921                                                                 | 0.239                                                                            |
| 6. Lung          | Emphysema COPD                                 | 0.907                                                                 | 0.156                                                                            |
| 7. Heart         | Cardiac Dysrhythmia                            | 0.719                                                                 | 0.181                                                                            |
| 8. Cardiovascular| General Hypertension                           | 0.997                                                                 | 0.239                                                                            |
| 9. Brain         | Cerebrovascular Disease                        | 0.713                                                                 | 0.096                                                                            |
| 10. Thyroid      | Acquired Hypothyroidism                        | 0.956                                                                 | 0.218                                                                            |
| 11. Psychiatric  | Depression                                    | 0.902                                                                 | 0.208                                                                            |
Supplementary Fig. 1. Visualizations of the identified eleven asthma subgroups (Related to Fig. 1).

(a) The elbow method determined the optimal threshold number of cluster points for claiming a stable subgroup. Varying the threshold numbers, we computed the mean stability score of the resulting subgroups for each threshold number. Here, we plot the mean stability scores (y-axis) against different threshold numbers (x-axis). The threshold number of 50 appears optimal, because it is where the increase of the mean stability score switches from fast to slow (i.e., the “elbow” location, indicated by a dashed line).

(b) The t-SNE projection of the identified asthma subgroups. Applying the flowchart shown in Fig. 1 generated eleven asthma subgroups (shown in different colors). We named each subgroup after the broader category to which several most frequently occurring diseases belonged, and also numbered the subgroups for easier reference. Singleton subgroup points were treated as noises and thus excluded from display. This two-dimensional t-SNE projection here is for visualization purpose only, while the actual subgrouping was done based on all the dimensions of 567 diseases (see Methods).

(c) The hierarchy of the asthma subgroups. With between-subgroup dissimilarity measured by Jensen-Shannon divergence, HDBSCAN inferred the hierarchical clustering of the subgroups, shown here as a dendrogram using the same color coding as in panel a. For each subgroup, a word cloud shows comorbid diseases therein contained, the occurring frequencies of which are roughly proportional to the font sizes (see Supplementary Data 1 for precise descriptions of the frequency distributions). Note that the identified asthma subgroups
are mutually exclusive, and each subgroup is defined by a unique distribution of co-occurring diseases.
Supplementary Fig. 2. GWAS Manhattan plots with stronger-effect and shared-effect loci annotated (Related to Fig. 2b).

On the basis of UK Biobank data analysis, Manhattan plots were generated to indicate statistical significance of genetic associations between states of SNPs and asthma in individual subgroups. We selected subgroups 3 “GI,” 4 “Lymphoma,” 5 “Musculoskeletal,” 6 “Lung,” and 8
“Cardiovascular” that contained genome-wide significant loci for display here (as labelled in each plot’s title, there also shows asthma case count versus non-asthma control count in the respective subgroup). All \( p \)-values are shown on a \(-\log_{10} \) scale on the \( y \)-axis, and genomic locations are shown on the \( x \)-axis. The threshold of genome-wide significance \( (5 \times 10^{-8}) \) is indicated as a red horizontal line in each plot. Some loci shared the similar effects in subgroups as those in the any-CDs group, and we color these loci in blue; other loci showed significantly stronger effects in subgroups (see Methods) and are marked in orange along with their nearest genes. In addition, we highlighted the genome-wide significant loci that are subgroup-specific in purple and labelled them with the nearest genes and the SNPs (in parentheses). Detailed results can be found in Supplementary Data 8-10.
Supplementary Fig. 3. Regional associations involving the SNPs in the vicinity of target SNPs, based on Biobank Japan (BBJ).

In BBJ, if a target SNP to be replicated was neither genotyped nor imputed, the SNP in its highest linkage disequilibrium (LD), if available, was used (see Methods). Here, we show all the relevant regional Manhattan plots, and in each plot, the left vertical axis represents $-\log_{10}$ transformed $p$-value, the right vertical axis is the estimated recombination rate, and genomic locations in the vicinity of the target SNP are shown on the horizontal axis. SNPs are presented as points and colored according to their $r^2$ measure of LD with respect to the target SNP (pairwise $r^2$ values are from 1000 Genomes East Asian reference panel, March 2012 release). We chose the SNP of the highest LD as a surrogate for the target SNP, which is pointed by an arrow and annotated in red. A lower annotation track shows nearby genes along with the orientation of their transcribed strand and exons/introns (based on UCSC genome browser, Human Genome version 19).
Supplementary Fig. 4. Graphical model and matrix factorization in topic modeling.

(a) Topic modeling is realized using the Hierarchical Dirichlet Process (HDP), and its basic design can be graphically presented here. Shaded and unshaded nodes indicate observed and latent variables, respectively. Arrows denote conditional dependencies between variables, and “plate” notations are used to illustrate repeated sampling steps. For example, the inner plate over $Z_{d,n}$, $W_{d,n}$ denotes the repeated sampling of asthma subgroup assignments and diagnoses until $N_d$ diagnoses are generated for diagnosis record $d$. The plate over $\Theta_{d,k}$ demonstrates the repeated sampling of a distribution over disease subgroups for each diagnosis record $d$ for a total of $D$ records, and the plate surrounding $\Phi_{k,n}$ illustrates the sampling of diagnosis distributions for each subgroup $k$ until the total number $K$ is reached. Hyperparameters $\alpha$ and $\beta$ define the HDPs, which are distributions over a set of random probability measures over $\Theta_{d,k}$ and $\Phi_{k,n}$, respectively. Therefore, given the observed $W_{d,n}$, statistical inference aims to estimate $\Theta_{d,k}$ and $\Phi_{k,n}$.

(b) Alternatively, from the perspective of matrix factorization, this statistical inference is to find a low-dimensional representation for the record-diagnosis (document-word) co-occurrence matrix of $W_{d,n}$ by decomposing it into the matrix of subgroup (topic) proportions $\Theta_{d,k}$ and the matrix of subgroups (topics) $\Phi_{k,n}$. 
Supplementary Fig. 5. The distributions of used biobanks among asthma subgroups.

This figure summarizes all the biobank databases that were used in this study, as well as their representations among asthma subgroups. All the databases contain diagnosis record information, which we used to identify the subgroups in the case of US MarketScan dataset, or was based on to assign patients into the identified subgroups in the case of the other databases, so that various downstream analyses could follow:

(i) to discover subgroup-associated genetic variants and health-related phenotypes, using white British subjects in UK Biobank (that contains genome-wide genotype data and health-related phenotype data);

(ii) to replicate the significant genetic associations found in (i), by leveraging four different cohorts: a UK Biobank cohort of white Irish and any other white background, a UK Biobank cohort of African, Caribbean and any other black background, a BioVU cohort of European descent group, and a Biobank Japan cohort (that also contains genome-wide genotype data);

(iii) to test for subgroup-specific differential expression of the genes whose nearby SNPs were found to exhibit subgroup-specific associations with asthma, using the RNA-sequencing dataset from the University of Chicago (bronchial epithelial transcriptome profiling of 42 asthma patients).
Supplementary Fig. 6. Genomic regions that share similar signals between individual asthma subgroups and the any-CDs group, and between subgroup pairs.

By analyzing GWAS summary statistics between asthma subgroups and the any-CDs group, we tested a shared-association model that describes a genomic region where there exists at least one variant that has shared influences (Methods). Vertical stripes of the same color indicate the coverages of the genomic regions (x-axis shows SNP positions) shared by the any-CDs group and at least four subgroups (as shown on the y-axis). The irrelevant regions in the genome were cropped off and omitted on the x-axis.
Supplementary Fig. 7. Other differential asthma associations with health-related phenotypes across subgroups (Related to Fig. 4).

The heterogeneity in the slope estimates of asthma associations was assessed across subgroups, in comparison with the slope values in the any-CDs group (served as benchmarks). In total, there are 44 phenotypes found to have differential asthma associations across subgroups, of which 25 have been displayed in Fig. 4. We show the remaining 19 phenotypes here using meta-plots. The meta-plot of a phenotype shows the posterior means (as squares) and 95 percent confidence intervals (as error bars) of the slopes from subgroups 1 to 11 (displayed from top to bottom). The benchmark slope value in the any-CDs group is marked by a vertical dashed line. If the slope estimate in a subgroup turns out to be less positive than the benchmark, we would color it in blue, and if more positive than the benchmark, we would color it in red. See Methods for technical details and Supplementary Data 11 for the numbers of allocated cases and controls in each subgroup.
Supplementary Data 1-12 (provided in separate Excel files, and the table captions are as below):

**Supplementary Data 1.** Asthma subgroup profile defined by comorbidities and their occurring frequencies, based on US MarketScan asthma cases (with at least one asthma code and aged between 15 and 70, for discovery analysis).

**Supplementary Data 2.** Asthma subgroup profile based on US MarketScan asthma cases (with at least two asthma codes and aged between 15 and 70, for sensitivity analysis 1).

**Supplementary Data 3.** Asthma subgroup profile based on US MarketScan asthma cases (with at least one asthma code and aged between 40 and 70, for sensitivity analysis 2).

**Supplementary Data 4.** Asthma subgroup profile based on US MarketScan asthma cases (with at least one asthma code, aged between 15 and 70, and with at least one type of asthma drug prescriptions, for sensitivity analysis 3).

**Supplementary Data 5.** Asthma subgroup profile based on UK Biobank asthma cases (with at least one asthma code, for sensitivity analysis 4).

**Supplementary Data 6.** Summary statistics of the identified 109 lead SNPs in asthma subgroups and in the any-CDs group, and the test results of their effect size heterogeneity (see Methods “UK Biobank (UKB) database and GWAS”).

**Supplementary Data 7.** Summary statistics of the identified genome-wide significant associations and their replication results from multi-ancestry meta-analysis (see Methods “Replicating genome-wide significant associations in multi-ancestry meta-analysis”).

**Supplementary Data 8.** Lead SNPs that show stronger effects in individual asthma subgroups than in the any-CDs group (see Methods “Stronger risk loci identification using a subsampling method”).

**Supplementary Data 9.** Genomic regions that share similar effects between individual asthma subgroups and the any-CDs group (see Methods “Identifying genomic regions that share influences on asthma”).

**Supplementary Data 10.** Genomic regions that share similar effects between asthma subgroups (see Methods “Identifying genomic regions that share influences on asthma”).

**Supplementary Data 11.** Asthma associations with health-related phenotypes (see Methods “Associating with health-related phenotypes based on UKB phenotypic data”, the first three steps of our phenotype association analysis).

**Supplementary Data 12.** Heterogeneity in asthma associations with health-related phenotypes across asthma subgroups (see Methods “Associating with health-related phenotypes based on UKB phenotypic data”, the fourth step of our phenotype association analysis).