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2 Prospective functional classification of all possible missense variants in *PPARG*

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47 **Introductory paragraph**

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49 Clinical exome sequencing routinely identifies missense variants in disease-related genes, but
50 functional characterization is rarely undertaken, leading to diagnostic uncertainty^{1,2}. For
51 example, mutations in *PPARG* cause Mendelian lipodystrophy^{3,4} and increase risk of type 2
52 diabetes (T2D)⁵. While approximately one in 500 people harbor missense variants in *PPARG*,
53 most are of unknown consequence. To prospectively characterize PPAR γ variants we used
54 highly parallel oligonucleotide synthesis to construct a library encoding all 9,595 possible single
55 amino acid substitutions. We developed a pooled functional assay in human macrophages,
56 experimentally evaluated all protein variants, and used the experimental data to train a variant
57 classifier by supervised machine learning (<http://miter.broadinstitute.org>). When applied to 55
58 novel missense variants identified in population-based and clinical sequencing, the classifier
59 annotated six as pathogenic; these were subsequently validated by single-variant assays.
60 Saturation mutagenesis and prospective experimental characterization can support immediate
61 diagnostic interpretation of newly discovered missense variants in disease-related genes.

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64 A major challenge in clinical exome sequencing is determining pathogenicity of
65 missense variants incidentally found in genes previously implicated in a severe genetic disease
66 ^{1,2,6}. Every exome contains ~200 missense variants that have never before been seen⁷. Few of
67 these are in fact pathogenic, but functional testing is too slow and resource intensive for clinical
68 use, leading to many Variants of Uncertain Significance (VUS)⁸. The lack of functional data and
69 failure to explicitly incorporate information about ascertainment and prior probability can lead
70 both to misdiagnosis^{6,9} (if a benign variant is presumed pathogenic) and overestimation of
71 penetrance (if modestly functional variants are systematically excluded from disease
72 databases).

73 The peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor γ (PPAR γ) exemplifies the challenge of
74 classifying newly identified variants even in a well-studied disease gene. Rare mutations in
75 *PPARG* cause familial partial lipodystrophy 3 (FPLD3)^{3,4} and a common missense variant
76 p.P12A, along with linked non-coding variants, associates with risk of T2D^{10,11}. Molecular
77 functions of PPAR γ are well characterized^{12,13} including its role as the target of anti-diabetic
78 thiazolidinedione medications. Approximately 0.2% of the general population carries a rare
79 missense variant in *PPARG*, but only 20% of these variants are functionally significant and
80 associated with metabolic disease⁵.

81 In order to enable functional interpretation of PPAR γ variants identified in exome
82 sequencing we constructed a cDNA library consisting of all possible amino acid substitutions in
83 the protein (Figure 1A and Supplementary Figure 1). Based on the observation that primary
84 human blood monocytes from patients with FPLD3 exhibit blunted *PPARG* response when
85 stimulated with agonists ex vivo¹³, the construct library was introduced into human
86 macrophages edited to lack the endogenous *PPARG* gene (Supplementary Figure 2). After
87 stimulation with PPAR γ agonists, cells were FACS sorted according to the level of expression of
88 CD36, a canonical target of PPAR γ in multiple tissues^{14,15} (Figure 1A). The sorted CD36+ and

89 CD36- cell populations were sequenced to determine the distribution of each PPARG variant in
90 relation to CD36 activity.

91 “Function scores” were generated for each amino acid substitution at each site in PPAR γ
92 (see Methods, Figure 1B, Figure 2A) based on the partitioning of variants into CD36+/- FACS
93 populations. Over 99% of all possible amino acid substitutions in the protein were covered. Of
94 the twenty possible amino acid substitutions at each site, change to proline was most likely to
95 reduce function, and to cysteine was best tolerated, consistent with the known conformational
96 effects of amino acid side chains on protein structure¹⁶. Each of the 505 amino positions in
97 PPAR γ was assigned a “tolerance score” by combining function scores of the 19 alternative
98 amino acids at that position (Figure 1B). Tolerance scores were overlaid on the known crystal
99 structure of PPAR γ (Figure 2B)^{17,18} demonstrating that amino acid positions that are intolerant of
100 substitution cluster at residues that contact DNA, co-activating proteins, and ligands
101 (rosiglitazone) (Figure 1B, 2B).

102 We next examined the function scores derived from the CD36/macrophage assay for
103 those mutations previously reported in patients with lipodystrophy/insulin resistance and known
104 to diminish PPAR γ activity (Figure 2A). These pathogenic variants (Figure 2A, 2C), clustered in
105 the PPAR γ ligand-binding and DNA-binding domains^{19,4} and had function scores demonstrating
106 enrichment in the CD36-“low” activity bin. In contrast, higher frequency variants including the
107 common P12A variant had function scores demonstrating enrichment in the CD36-“high” activity
108 bin (Figure 2C, Supplementary Table 1). The distribution of function scores for the pathogenic
109 and common variants were significantly different ($p < 6 \times 10^{-7}$, KS test).

110 Linear discriminant analysis was used to combine function scores for each of the 9,595
111 variants across multiple agonist conditions (Figure 2C) into a classifier that maximized
112 discrimination between the set of lipodystrophy-associated variants and the set of high
113 frequency variants described above. The classifier emits the likelihood of each variant being

114 drawn from either of the two classes (pathogenic or benign) and can be expressed as a
115 continuous integrated function score (IFS) (Figure 2C-D).

116 As above and described in the Methods, the classifier was trained on pathogenic
117 variants obtained from the published literature and benign variants from population-based
118 sequencing²⁰. In order to evaluate the performance of the model on independent data, we
119 turned to novel variants obtained in population-based exome sequencing and sequencing of
120 *PPARG* in patients referred to specialty clinics for possible lipodystrophy and early-onset
121 diabetes. Specifically, we tested the predictions of functionality emitted by the classifier using
122 standard assays and correlation to clinical phenotypes.

123 The classifier was applied to data from exome sequencing of 22,106 case/controls
124 selected for study of early-onset myocardial infarction (MIGEN²¹). In total, 57 missense variants
125 in *PPARG* were observed with minor allele frequency < 0.1%. Of these, 74% (n=42/57) were
126 novel and thus had not previously been functionally characterized (Supplementary Table 1). In
127 order to calculate a posterior probability of pathogenicity relevant to the clinical context in which
128 the carriers were identified we combined the IFS of these variants with the estimated prevalence
129 of FPLD3 in the general population (1:100,000-1:1,000,000¹⁹). One variant, p.R194Q, was
130 estimated pathogenic with high posterior odds (benign:pathogenic) of 1:10,000. The individual
131 who was heterozygous for p.R194Q carried a diagnosis of T2D and had fasting triglyceride
132 levels in the 99th percentile (Supplementary Table 2). As described below, p.R194Q was
133 independently identified in a separate individual referred for clinical features of lipodystrophy
134 (Figure 3, and Supplementary Table 3) who similarly manifested T2D and severe
135 hypertriglyceridemia. Moreover, the p.R194Q variant abolished PPAR γ transactivation activity in
136 standard assays (Figure 3C). The combination of clinical and functional data indicate that
137 p.R194Q is likely pathogenic, and that the individual from MIGEN may have undiagnosed
138 FPLD3.

139 We next applied the classifier to variants ascertained from 335 patients referred to UK
140 centers specializing in monogenic forms of diabetes and/or insulin resistance. Thirteen
141 individuals were identified as carrying novel missense variants in *PPARG* (Supplementary Table
142 2 and 3), of whom 77% (10/13) had clinical features suggestive of lipodystrophy and associated
143 metabolic derangement including severe insulin resistance, non-alcoholic fatty liver,
144 dyslipidaemia and low serum adiponectin (Supplementary Table 3). The IFS for these thirteen
145 variants were lower than those found in the population-based cohort (above and Figure 3A)
146 ($P < 0.005$ Student's t-test). For each variant, the posterior probability of pathogenicity was
147 calculated by combining the IFS for that variant and the prevalence of FPLD3 in patients
148 ascertained in these specialty clinics (~1:7 as estimated from the Cambridge national
149 lipodystrophy clinic records).

150 Three variants (p.E54Q, p.D92N, p.D230N) were found in patients without clinical
151 features of lipodystrophy who had been referred for sequencing based on suspected monogenic
152 diabetes. Despite a higher prior probability based on ascertainment in specialty clinics, these
153 three variants were classified as benign with high confidence (posterior odds benign:pathogenic
154 = 200:1) (Supplementary Table 2). Moreover, when tested individually in standard $PPAR\gamma$
155 reporter assays these variants showed function indistinguishable from wild-type $PPAR\gamma$ (Figure
156 3C). Thus, the rate of benign variant identification in individuals ascertained in specialty clinics
157 (~1:110, n=335) was similar to the rate of benign variants identified in the MIGEN cohort
158 (~1:200, n=22,106).

159 Three variants (p.M31L, p.R308P, p.R385Q) classified as benign with high confidence
160 were found in individuals with clinical features of partial lipodystrophy. The p.M31L variant was
161 found in a female proband with features of lipodystrophy and metabolic derangement
162 (Supplementary Table 3); critically, her daughter had a very similar fat distribution and metabolic
163 phenotype but did not carry the p.M31L variant. Thus, in this case, the phenotype did not

164 segregate with genotype at *PPARG*. An individual with partial lipodystrophy carried p.R385Q,
165 which was independently identified in a woman from the population-based cohort who had not
166 developed T2D at age 61 (Supplementary Table 2). When tested in PPAR γ reporter assays,
167 these variants retained reporter activity, albeit subtly diminished under some conditions (Figure
168 3). The combination of functional testing, clinical data, and segregation / epidemiology suggests
169 that p.M31L, p.R308P, and p.R385Q are likely incidental findings, although it is not possible to
170 rule out that they act as partial risk-factors for metabolic phenotypes.

171 Six variants (p.R194Q, p.A417V, p.R212W, p.P387S, p.M203I, p.T356R) were found in
172 patients with lipodystrophy and classified as pathogenic with high probability (posterior-odds
173 benign:pathogenic = 1:>25,000). Five of the six were confirmed as defective in classical
174 transactivation assays. The exception was p.R212W, where transactivation function when
175 tested using a synthetic PPAR γ response element (PPRE) was normal. However, R212W
176 showed less activity in a reporter assay with an endogenous promoter (Figure 4A), and reduced
177 in vitro binding to three PPREs (Figure 4B). The R212 side-chain forms multiple hydrogen-bond
178 contacts in the minor-groove-bound DNA (Figure 4C), outside the main PPRE binding motif.
179 These data indicate that R212W is likely a pathogenic variant despite not showing decreased
180 activity in the traditional functional assay using a synthetic promoter.

181 Finally, p.T468K, found in a single patient with partial lipodystrophy, was classified by
182 IFS as pathogenic with low confidence (posterior-odds benign:pathogenic = 2:3): its score fell in
183 the overlapping tails of the benign and lipodystrophy-associated variant distributions. In PPAR γ
184 reporter assays, this variant demonstrated severely decreased function (Figure 3), supporting
185 that p.T468K is likely a pathogenic variant.

186 We previously reported that rare missense variants in *PPARG* that impair function in a
187 single-variant adipocyte differentiation assay confer increased risk of T2D in the general
188 population⁵. We re-examined this relationship using functional annotation emitted by the

189 classifier (i.e. IFS) for the original sample of 118 *PPARG* variant carriers ascertained from
190 19,752 T2D case/controls (Figure 5A). We observe a long tail of variants with low IFS in T2D
191 cases but not controls ($P = 0.024$, two-sample Kolmogorov-Smirnov test). We quantified this
192 inverse relationship between IFS and T2D case status (logistic regression $\beta = -0.49 \pm \text{SE}$
193 0.15 , $P = 0.002$). The odds ratio for T2D in carriers of variants with the lowest tertile of IFS (as
194 compared to carriers of variants in the highest tertile) was 6.5 (95%CI 1.9 – 41) consistent with
195 our previously published estimate⁵. The odds ratio for the middle vs highest tertile of IFS was
196 2.0 (95%CI 1.3 – 3.1) suggesting that *PPARG* variants with even moderately reduced IFS
197 confer a modest increase in T2D risk. By contrast, a conventional predictor of mutation
198 deleteriousness (CONDEL score²²) failed to distinguish between likely pathogenic and benign
199 variants (Figure 5b; $P > 0.1$ two-sample Kolmogorov-Smirnov test) by misclassifying many likely
200 benign variants as pathogenic (Figure 5C).

201 These data show that it is possible to experimentally characterize all possible missense
202 variants in a mammalian gene and use the information to guide interpretation of VUS, a concept
203 that has been previously applied to single protein domains^{23,24}. Testing variants prospectively
204 (that is, prior to their discovery in patients) overcomes barriers of time and scalability that have
205 thus far made it impractical to incorporate experimental data into routine clinical variant
206 interpretation. Furthermore, by simultaneously and consistently evaluating all variants in a single
207 experiment, more valid comparisons can be made across variants as compared to data on
208 different variants generated in different labs at different times.

209 The *PPARG* classifier annotated as benign nearly all variants (56/57) incidentally
210 identified in a study of myocardial infarction. The one variant classified as pathogenic with high
211 confidence (and confirmed by single variant laboratory experiments) was observed in an
212 individual with hypertriglyceridemia and T2D, and independently observed in a patient with
213 lipodystrophy, likely indicating FPLD3²⁵. In 12/13 cases referred for suspected lipodystrophy or
214 monogenic diabetes and carrying a *PPARG* variant, the classifier provided immediate, high

215 confidence information regarding the likelihood of a functional defect and a molecular diagnosis
216 of FPLD3. In only a single case (p.T468K) did the classifier not provide a high confidence
217 estimate and low-throughput laboratory assays fail to corroborate the pooled assay data¹³.
218 Systematic variant construction, pooled experimental characterization in relevant assays, and
219 statistical integration with epidemiological data offer a generalizable approach to enable
220 genome interpretation at clinically important genes, reducing overdiagnosis^{6,9} and diagnostic
221 uncertainty⁸. Fully realizing such comprehensive approaches will require a complementary array
222 of methods²⁶. The *PPARG* construct library is easily shared so that others can generate and
223 contribute function scores in other assays²⁷, but as a transgene library it is not ideally suited for
224 detecting functional effects of coding variation on splicing efficiency. Given the limitations on the
225 library and because CD36 expression is unlikely to report on all the functions of PPAR γ , we
226 have made the PPAR γ classifier available as a web application (<http://miter.broadinstitute.org>)
227 that can be updated as new genetic and functional data become available. Broadening this
228 approach to other genes and diseases will require cellular assays that read out disease relevant
229 characteristics, are robust and scalable, and the availability of training sets of pathogenic and
230 benign variants. Such assays and variants exist for a number of Mendelian disease genes,
231 making it possible to apply a similar approach to help interpret VUS for many other clinical
232 situations.

233 **URLs**

234 <http://miter.broadinstitute.org>; PPARG missense variant lookup table

235 www.cuh.org.uk/national-severe-insulin-resistance-service

236 www.diabetesgenes.org

237 <http://www.broadinstitute.org/rnai/public/resources/protocols>; lentivirus

238 <http://www.broadinstitute.org/achilles>; cell lines

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263 **Figure Legends**

264 **Figure 1. Comprehensive functional testing of 9,595 PPAR γ amino acid variants.**

265 a) A library of 9,595 PPARG constructs was synthesized, each construct containing one amino
266 acid substitution. The construct library was introduced into THP-1 monocytes (edited to lack the
267 endogenous *PPARG* gene) such that each cell received a single construct. This polyclonal
268 population of THP-1 monocytes was differentiated to macrophages and stimulated with PPAR γ
269 agonists (rosiglitazone, PGJ2); the stimulated macrophages were separated via fluorescence
270 activated cell sorting according to expression of the PPAR γ response gene CD36 into low (-)
271 and high (+) activity bins. Each bin of cells was subject to next-generation sequencing at the
272 transgenic PPARG locus to identify and tabulate introduced variants. PPAR γ variant counts in
273 the CD36 low and CD36 high bins were used to calculate a functional score for all 9,595
274 variants. b) Raw PPAR γ function scores for each of the 9,595 variants plotted according to
275 amino acid position along the PPAR γ sequence. “Blue” denotes that any amino acid change
276 away from reference results in low CD36 function score, whereas “white” denotes that amino
277 acid changes do not alter function; “grey” denotes the reference amino acid. Function scores
278 summed by amino acid position are plotted to the right, denoting tolerance for any amino acid
279 substitution away from reference.

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281 **Figure 2. Integrating experimental function to construct a PPAR γ classification table.**

282 a) Raw PPAR γ function scores ranked for all 9,595 PPAR γ variants tested. Highlighted in red
283 are raw function scores of known lipodystrophy causing mutations if they reside in the DNA-
284 binding domain (DBD) or in orange if they reside in the Ligand-binding domain (LBD). The

285 common P12A variant is shown in blue. b) Mutation tolerance scores as described in Figure 1
286 are shown color-coded and mapped onto the known crystal structure of PPAR γ with RXR α ,
287 NCoA and Rosiglitazone. "Red" denotes that amino acid changes away from reference results
288 in low CD36 function score, whereas "white" denotes that amino acid changes do not alter
289 function. c) Raw PPAR γ function scores were obtained for 9,595 variants under four
290 experimental conditions: 1) 1 μ M Rosiglitazone, 2) 0.1 μ M Rosiglitazone, 3) 10 μ M
291 Prostaglandin J2, and 4) 0.1 μ M Prostaglandin J2. The function of known benign (n=13) and
292 lipodystrophy-causing (n=11) variants are highlighted in blue and red respectively with their
293 overall distributions overlaid. The raw function scores were combined into an integrated function
294 score (IFS) after classifier training using linear discriminant analysis (LDA).

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296 **Figure 3. Experimental and clinical classification of novel missense *PPARG* variants**
297 **identified in sequenced individuals.**

298 a) Variants identified in patients plotted according to their integrated function score (IFS)
299 alongside the IFS distributions of known benign, and lipodystrophy associated variants. b)
300 Diagnostic classification for Familial Partial Lipodystrophy 3 (FPLD3) expressed as posterior
301 probability of non-pathogenicity of *PPARG* variants shown in (a). Posterior probability was
302 calculated by combining IFS with prevalence of lipodystrophy in the general population
303 (1:100,000) or from patients referred for lipodystrophy/familial diabetes (1:7). c) The variants
304 identified in patients were individually recreated and tested for their ability to activate luciferase
305 reporter constructs containing three, tandemly-repeated, copies of the PPARE from the Acyl-CoA
306 oxidase gene linked to the thymidine kinase promoter under varying doses of pharmacologic
307 (rosiglitazone) or endogenous (prostaglandin J2; PGJ2) ligands (mean \pm S.E.M n =5). Variants
308 are grouped according to not-pathogenic/pathogenic designation in (b).

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310 **Figure 4 Ability of PPAR γ p.R212W to transactivate gene expression and bind DNA at**
311 **endogenous enhancers**

312 a) Ability of PPAR γ 2 WT or R212W mutant to activate luciferase reporter constructs containing
313 FABP4 promoter under varying doses of pharmacologic (rosiglitazone 0-1 μ M) or endogenous
314 (prostaglandin J2; PGJ2 0-10 μ M) ligands (mean +/- S.E.M n = 5). b) Comparison of the DNA
315 binding properties of in vitro translated wild type or mutant PPAR γ proteins, tested in
316 electrophoretic mobility shift assays using either γ 1 (R184W) or γ 2 (R212W) mutants and
317 radiolabelled PPREs from the acyl coenzyme A oxidase (AcCoA: 5' ggaccAGGA-
318 CAaAGGTCAcgtt 3'), fatty acid binding protein 4 (FABP4: 5'aaacaCAGGCAaAGGTCAgagg 3')
319 or muscle carnitine palmitoyl transferase 1 (CPT1: 5' atcggTGACCTtTTCCCTaca 3') promoters
320 with retinoid X receptor (RXR) and increasing concentrations of ligand (Rosiglitazone 0 to
321 10 μ M). RL, reticulocyte lysate. c) PPAR γ colored by mutation tolerance scores obtained under
322 stimulation with 1 μ M Rosiglitazone in THP-1 cells. As in Figure 2b, red represents sites that
323 exhibited low CD36 response when mutated away from WT. Arginine 212 is highlighted which
324 occurs in the 'hinge' region of PPAR γ connecting the DNA binding and ligand binding domains.
325 The positively charged arginine side chain extends into the minor groove of DNA forming
326 multiple hydrogen bonds with bases.

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328 **Figure 5. Relationship of PPAR γ function to T2D risk in the general population.**

329 a) Missense PPAR γ variants identified from 19,752 sequenced type 2 diabetes (T2D)
330 case/controls plotted according to IFS (integrated functional score) from the PPAR γ
331 classification table alongside the IFS distributions of known benign, and lipodystrophy
332 associated variants. Each point represents a missense variant; point size denote the number of
333 individuals carrying that variant. Among the 118 individuals carrying missense PPAR γ variants
334 T2D cases contained a long tail of low-functioning missense variants, which was notably absent
335 from the distribution of variants observed in T2D controls ($p = 0.024$ two-sample Kolmogorov-

336 Smirnov test). b) When the same 118 individuals were plotted according to computational
337 prediction of deleteriousness no difference in distributions of functional variants is seen among
338 T2D cases vs controls ($p > 0.1$ two-sample Kolmogorov-Smirnov test). c) Scatterplot of IFS vs
339 computational prediction scores for PPAR γ missense variants from T2D case/controls as
340 described above.

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416 **Methods**

417 *Synthesis and assembly of 9,595 PPARG variant constructs*

418 A library of all 9,595 possible single amino acid variants in PPARG was synthesized using a
419 site-directed, multiplexed method (Mutagenesis by Integrated Tiles (MITE)²⁸) adapted to render
420 it suitable for saturation mutagenesis in mammalian cells. Detail is provided below where
421 methodologic advancements were made permitting saturation mutagenesis of *PPARG*. First,
422 the PPARG cDNA sequence (CCDS2609.1) was recoded (see Supplementary Table 4) to
423 eliminate susceptibility to restriction enzymes and CRISPR/CAS9 targeting sgRNAs (see below)
424 to enable a “delete and replace” strategy. As described previously, DNA oligonucleotides were
425 synthesized on a programmable microarray, each oligonucleotide encoding a desired amino
426 acid change but otherwise homologous to the template un-mutated *PPARG* in all other
427 respects. Oligonucleotides were organized into ‘tiles’, where those within each tile differ in a
428 central variable region but share identical 5’ and 3’ ends (see Supplementary Table 4). Tiles
429 were staggered such that their variable regions collectively span the entire template. To ensure
430 uniform amplification and reduce chimera formation for the longer PPARG template, the
431 protocol was modified to amplify each tile by emulsion PCR (MICELLULA DNA Emulsion &
432 Purification Kit; EURx). The resulting products were inserted into linearized plasmids (Phusion®
433 High-Fidelity DNA Polymerase NEB M0530) that carry the remaining template sequence using
434 multiplexed Gibson assembly (NEBuilder® HiFi DNA Assembly Master Mix, NEB, cat E2621L)
435 according to the manufacturer’s protocol. A “frameshift cleaning” procedure was introduced
436 given that the most common error mode during library construction (25-30% of constructs; data
437 not shown) resulted from oligo synthesis errors causing 1-2 bp indels. The PPARG template
438 vector was designed such that all PPARG constructs terminated with amber stop codons (i.e.
439 TAG) and bore an in-frame zeocin resistance cassette (pUC57-PPARG-zeo; GenScript).
440 Constructs bearing frame-shifting indels were depleted by transforming into an amber
441 suppressor cloning host (TG1, Lucigen) and selecting the construct library under zeocin and
442 kanamycin dual selection. Library plasmids were purified from $>10^6$ colonies to preserve
443 complexity and the frameshift depleted PPARG transgenes excised from the zeocin resistance

444 cassette. To enable mammalian cell transduction, the transgene library was transferred into a
445 lenti-viral expression vector by simple restriction cloning and transfected into a packaging cell
446 line to produce pooled lenti-virus according to standard protocols (pLXI_TRC401;
447 <http://www.broadinstitute.org/rnai/public/resources/protocols>)⁵.

448

449 *Deletion of endogenous PPARG in THP-1 monocytes using CRISPR/CAS9*

450 The endonuclease Cas9 and sgRNAs targeting exon 6 of PPARG
451 (CCCAAACCTGATGGCTATAG) and exon 8 of a control gene, PHACTR1
452 (CTATCATTCTGCAGCCCGAG), were introduced into THP1 cells by lenti-viral transduction. To
453 quantify modification of the endogenous gene, genomic DNA was extracted at multiple time
454 points, amplified by PCR around the PPARG sgRNA target site (forward primer:
455 GGAGAGCACAGT, reverse primer: AATCCAGAGTCCGCTGACCT) and Sanger sequenced.
456 Cutting efficiency was determined using the TIDE web tool for decomposition analysis of the
457 sequencing traces²⁹.

458 Twenty-one days after transduction of CRISPR/Cas9 with PPARG or control sgRNAs,
459 cells were tested for PPARG response by gene (FABP4) and protein (CD36) expression to
460 validate lack of functional endogenous *PPARG*. PPARG targeting sgRNA and control sgRNA
461 treated THP1 cells were stimulated with 1 μ M Rosiglitazone in THP1 growth media (RPMI 1640
462 + 10% heat-inactivated FBS + 1% PenStrep + 0.1% BME) for 72 hours. mRNA was then
463 extracted and quantified for FABP4 gene expression(nanoString Technologies). For CD36
464 protein expression, THP1 cells were stimulated with 50 ng/mL PMA and 1 μ M of Rosiglitazone
465 in growth media for 72 hours. Cells were then detached from the plate, washed and stained with
466 a monoclonal antibody to CD36 according to the manufacturer's protocol (Miltenyi 130-100-149)
467 and subjected to flow cytometry.

468

469 *Simultaneous testing of 9,595 PPARG variants in experimental assays*

470 The PPARG construct library was introduced into a human monocytic cell line (THP-1: obtained
471 from <http://www.broadinstitute.org/achilles> and tested mycoplasma negative) engineered
472 through CRISPR/CAS9 to lack endogenous *PPARG* (Supplementary Figure 2) by pooled
473 infection. While isoform 1 of PPARG is dominantly expressed in monocyte/macrophages, we
474 expressed isoform 2, which is identical in sequence but encodes a protein with an additional 28
475 N-terminal amino acids. Both isoforms demonstrated identical ligand dependent activity. The
476 pooled virus was diluted such that the multiplicity of infection (number of viral particles per cell)
477 was 0.3 so that each monocyte would receive zero or a single PPARG variant. Uninfected cells
478 were eliminated by selection with puromycin 2 µg/mL. Expression of the PPARG transgene was
479 controlled by a doxycycline inducible promoter⁵. At least 10⁷ cells were infected to ensure that
480 each *PPARG* variant was independently represented in 1000 monocytes. The resulting
481 polyclonal population of THP-1 monocytes containing the PPARG variant library was stimulated
482 for 72 hours with 1) 50 µM phorbol ester (PMA) to induce differentiation into macrophages, 2)
483 doxycycline 1 µg/mL to induce expression of *PPARG* constructs, and 3) low/high doses (based
484 on ranges used in prior studies¹³) of thiazolidinedione (Rosiglitazone 0.1 µM/1 µM) or proposed
485 natural ligand³⁰ (Prostaglandin J2 (PGJ2) 0.1 µM/10 µM) to stimulate PPARG activity. The
486 population of stimulated THP-1 macrophages was immuno-stained for CD36 (Miltenyi: 130-095-
487 472), a cell surface protein that is a direct transcriptional target of PPARG¹⁵. Using
488 fluorescence activated cell sorting, stained cells were grouped into two activity bins separated
489 by at least 5-10 fold expression of CD36 and selected to encompass equal numbers of cells
490 (Supplementary Figure 3). For each stimulation condition, at least three replicates were
491 generated, each with at least 5×10⁶ cells sorted. To re-identify and quantitate the PPARG
492 variants in the CD36 'high' and 'low' bins, genomic DNA was extracted from the cells in each bin
493 and the integrated proviral PPARG transgenes amplified by PCR and shotgun sequenced
494 (Nextera, Illumina). Raw sequencing reads were aligned to the reference *PPARG* cDNA

495 sequence (see Supplementary Table 4) and the number of occurrences of each amino acid at
496 each position along the coding region counted and tabulated with a custom aligner. To minimize
497 erroneous mutation calls, only codons that matched designed mutations and consisted of high
498 quality base calls (Phred score > 30) were tabulated. Over 99 percent of the designed amino
499 acid substitutions were observed at least 50 times for a given experimental condition (see
500 Supplementary Figure 1). A raw function score was calculated based on the ratio of observed
501 frequencies of each mutant amino acid in the two CD36 activity bins (see Figure 1).

502

503 *Calculation of raw function score*

504 Control experiments showed that variants deleterious to PPAR γ function were enriched in the
505 CD36 low fraction and benign variants enriched in the CD36 high fraction. We constructed a
506 likelihood function based on the log-odds of an amino acid variant in the CD36 high and low
507 fractions. The log-odds for each amino acid variant was estimated by maximizing a likelihood
508 function based on the observed counts of each amino acid variant in the CD36 high and low
509 fractions as well as the total read depth at that amino acid position. Data were combined across
510 experimental replicates after determining replicate variability (see Supplementary Figure 4). To
511 avoid spuriously high or low log-odds estimates for any given variant, we constrained the log-
512 odds estimate with a Gaussian prior whose parameters were estimated from data combined
513 across all variants. See “Supplemental Note: Supplementary Analytic Methods” for detailed
514 specification.

515

516 *Construction of a PPAR γ classifier by supervised machine learning*

517 To predict the likelihood of novel variants being benign and pathogenic, we developed a
518 classifier based on raw function scores obtained across various experimental conditions. The
519 synthesis of multiple experimental conditions was intended to span a greater range of possible
520 activities of PPAR γ than would be queried using a single condition. Specifically, we used linear

521 discriminant analysis (MASS package in R 3.0) to train the classifier, adopting a two-class
522 model. The model incorporates as parameters (a) raw function scores for each PPAR γ variant
523 as measured across the four experimental conditions (i.e. rosiglitazone (Rosi) and
524 Prostaglandin J2 (PGJ2) at high and low doses) and (b) mutation tolerance scores calculated
525 for each position in PPARG as measured across the four experimental conditions (see Figure
526 1B). Potential classifiers were systematically constructed on linear combinations of four of these
527 eight parameters, with a requirement that one parameter be included from each experimental
528 condition. Classifier models were built for each the 16 possible combinations of four parameters
529 using a training set of pathogenic and benign PPAR γ variants (see Supplementary Table 1).
530 Pathogenic variants used to train the classifier were selected based on (a) segregation with
531 FPLD3 and (b) prior demonstration of loss-of-function in cellular assays. Benign variants used to
532 train the classifier were selected from among variants identified in 60,706 aggregated exome
533 sequences²⁰ at an allele frequency rendering them very unlikely to be causal for FPLD3 under a
534 dominant model of inheritance and prevalence estimate ranging from 1:100,000 to 1:1,000,000
535 ($P < 0.05$ 1-tailed binomial probability $n = 121,412$ chromosomes, $p = 10^{-5}$) (see Supplementary
536 table 1). The performance of these 16 models was compared using a leave-one-out cross-
537 validation (LOOCV) protocol with each model scored by its aggregate ability to correctly classify
538 the “left-out” variant over all the cycles of LOOCV. The highest scoring model consisted of raw
539 function scores for each possible variant obtained from three conditions (Rosi 1 μ M, Rosi 0.1 μ M,
540 PGJ2 10 μ M) and mutation tolerance score for each position in PPARG obtained from PGJ2
541 0.1 μ M. This model was fit to the full training dataset for prospective evaluation of novel *PPARG*
542 variants. The weighted sum of the four parameters in the final model, as fit by the LDA
543 algorithm, is denoted as the integrated function score (IFS) (see Figure 2C and Supplementary
544 Figure 5) and represents an aggregate measure of variant function over the four experimental
545 conditions. For clinical prediction, the IFS was expressed as an odds (benign:pathogenic),

546 which when multiplied by the estimated prior odds of FPLD3 based on the clinical situation (i.e.
547 prevalence) yielded an estimated probability of pathogenicity. Because the final model was
548 trained on the full set of available pathogenic and benign variants, its performance next required
549 prospective evaluation on a completely independent set of variants. These variants were
550 obtained from the population and clinic data described below, and evaluated as described in
551 Figure 3.

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553 *Missense PPARG variants identified in population based exomes and clinically referred*
554 *individuals*

555 The study was conducted in accordance with the Declaration of Helsinki, and approved
556 by research ethics committees; written informed consent was obtained from all participants.

557 Missense *PPARG* variants were extracted from 22,106 exomes (8,400 with early-onset
558 coronary artery disease and 12,804 controls) sequenced by the Myocardial Genetics
559 Consortium (MIGEN) as described elsewhere²¹. Study participants were ascertained from the
560 following studies: ATVB, DHM, DUKE, JHS, ESP-EOMI, MedStar, OHS, PennCath,
561 PROCARDIS, PROMIS, and REGICOR. Participants were of European ancestry (n=12,849;
562 58%), Asian ancestry (n=6,823; 31%), African ancestry (n=2,399; 11%), and “other or unknown”
563 self-reported ethnicity (n=34; 0.2%). Twenty-two percent (n=4,258) reported a diagnosis of T2D.

564 Patients were referred to one of two UK centers (Cambridge: [www.cuh.org.uk/national-](http://www.cuh.org.uk/national-severe-insulin-resistance-service)
565 [severe-insulin-resistance-service](http://www.cuh.org.uk/national-severe-insulin-resistance-service) or Exeter: www.diabetesgenes.org) which specialize in
566 syndromes of severe insulin resistance and/or monogenic forms of diabetes. In clinically
567 suspected FPLD3 cases, mutations in *PPARG* were identified in genomic DNA extracted from
568 peripheral-blood leukocytes using *PPARG* amplification and sequencing. In patients for whom
569 FPLD3 was not the primary clinical diagnosis, *PPARG* was sequenced as part of a targeted
570 next-generation panel of 29 genes³¹ selected to improve diagnostic yield for suspected
571 monogenic diabetes. Mutations were confirmed in index patients and, where possible, from

572 family members. In all instances, the nomenclature used for missense variants is for isoform 2
573 of *PPARG* (transcript accession: NM_015869.4; protein accession: NP_056953.2).

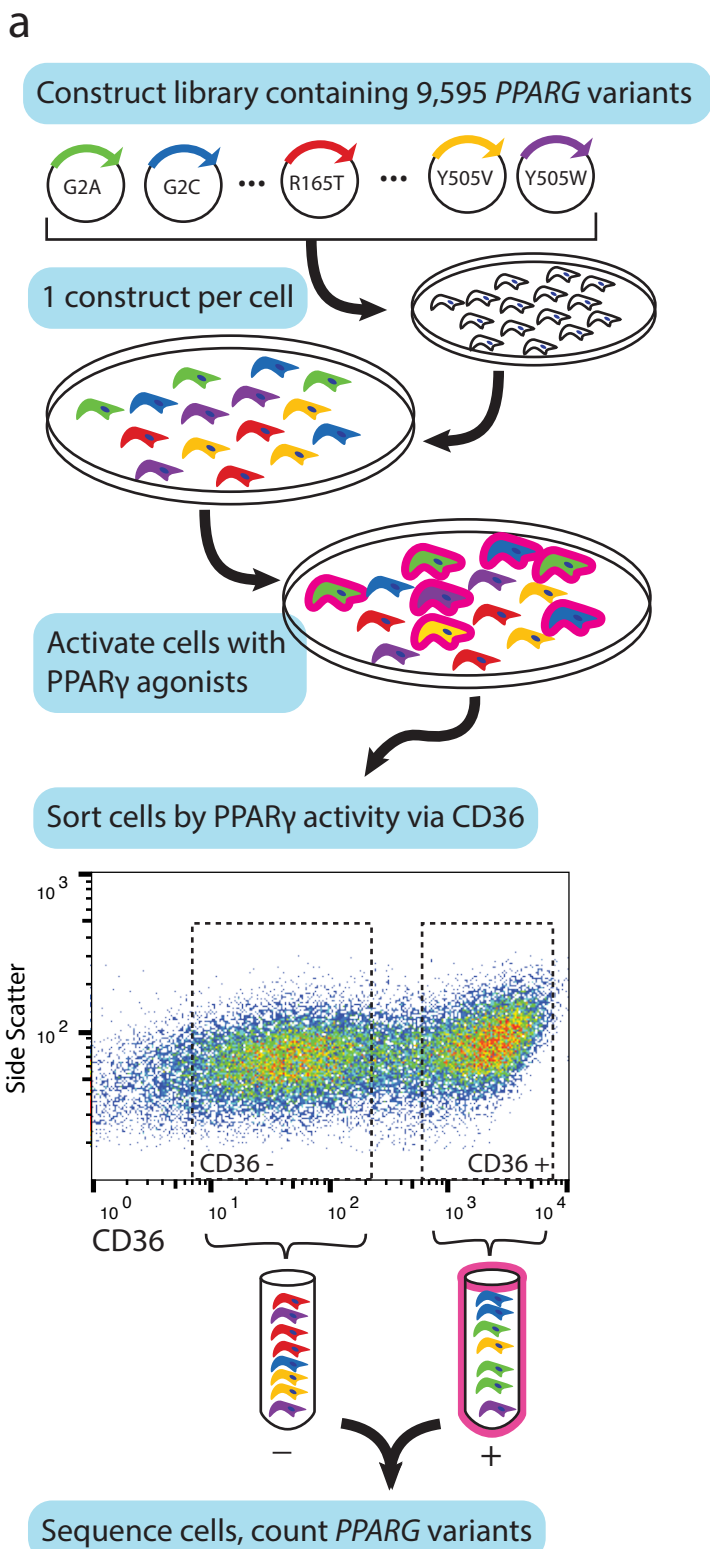
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575 *Individual testing of PPARG variant function by transcriptional activity*

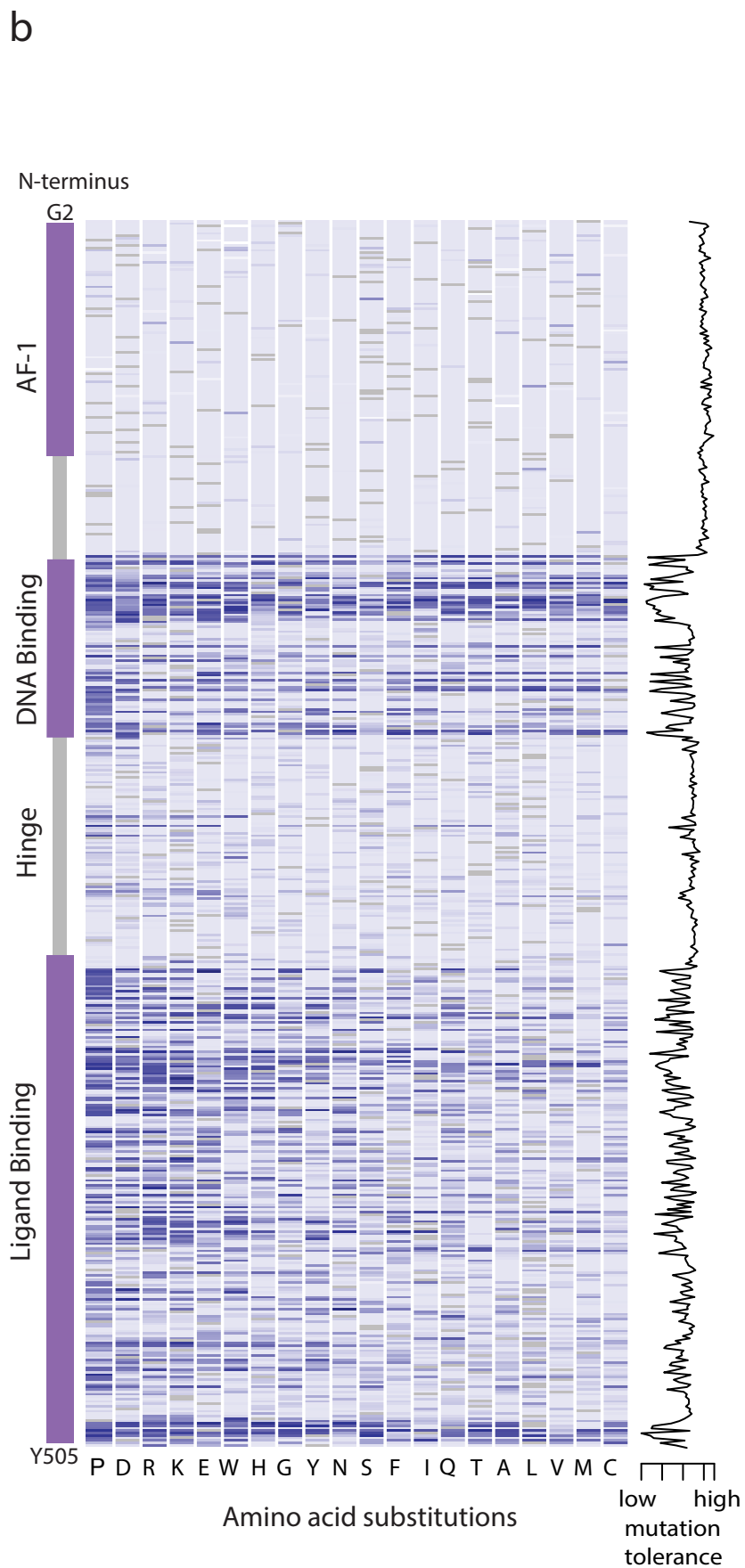
576 The novel variants identified in patients with suspected familial lipodystrophy or diabetes
577 were characterized using a well-established *PPARG* reporter containing three, tandemly-
578 repeated, copies of the PPRE from the Acyl-CoA oxidase (AcCoA: 5'
579 ggaccAGGACAaAGGTCAcgtt 3') gene upstream of the thymidine kinase (TK) promoter and
580 luciferase. In brief, 293EBNA cells, cultured in DMEM/10%FCS were transfected with
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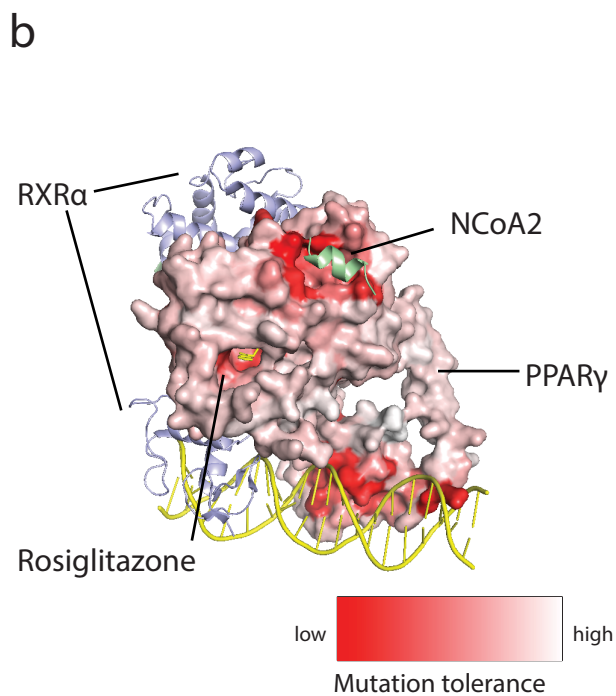
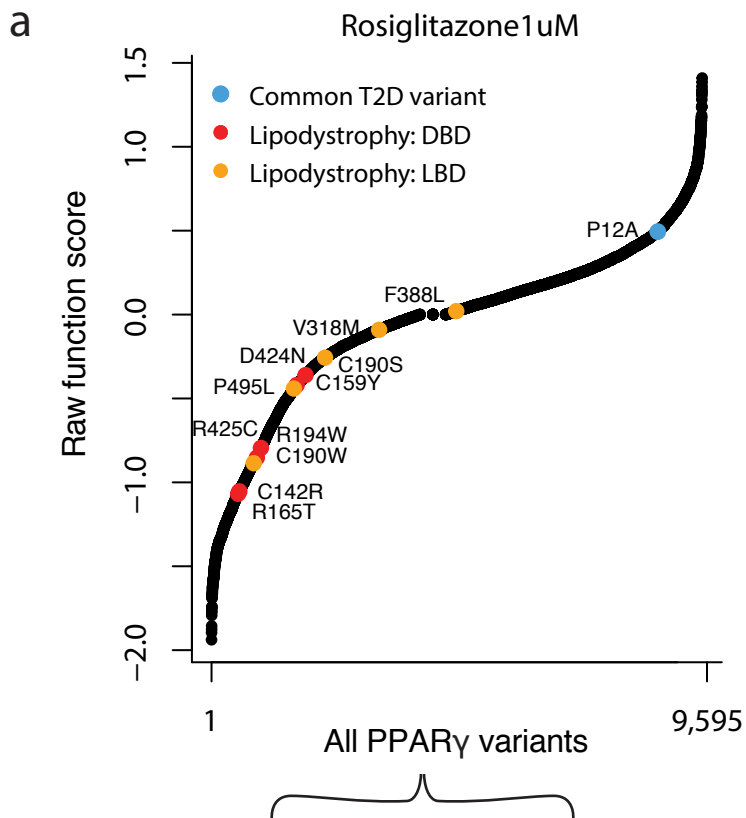
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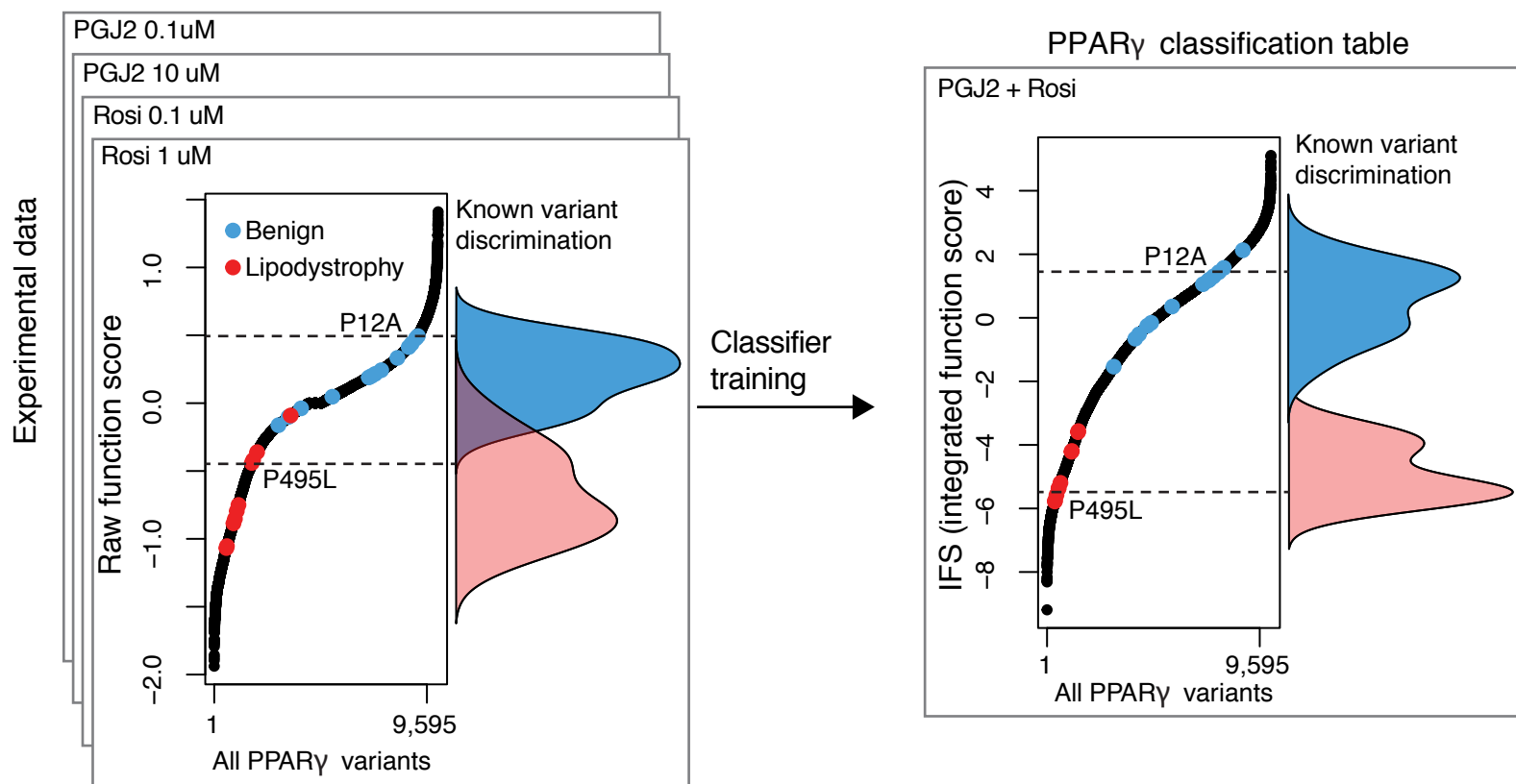


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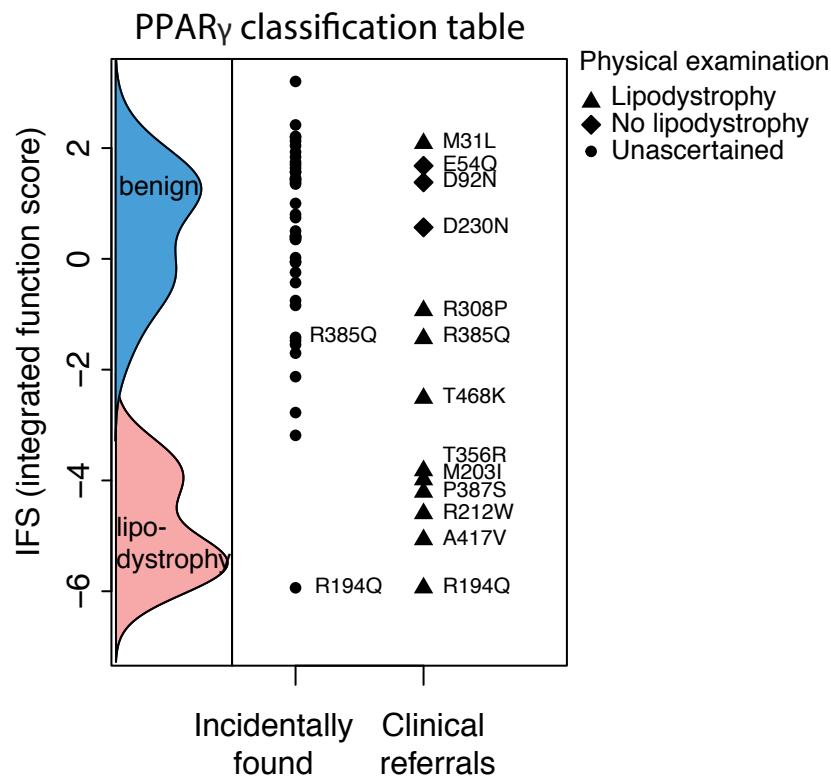




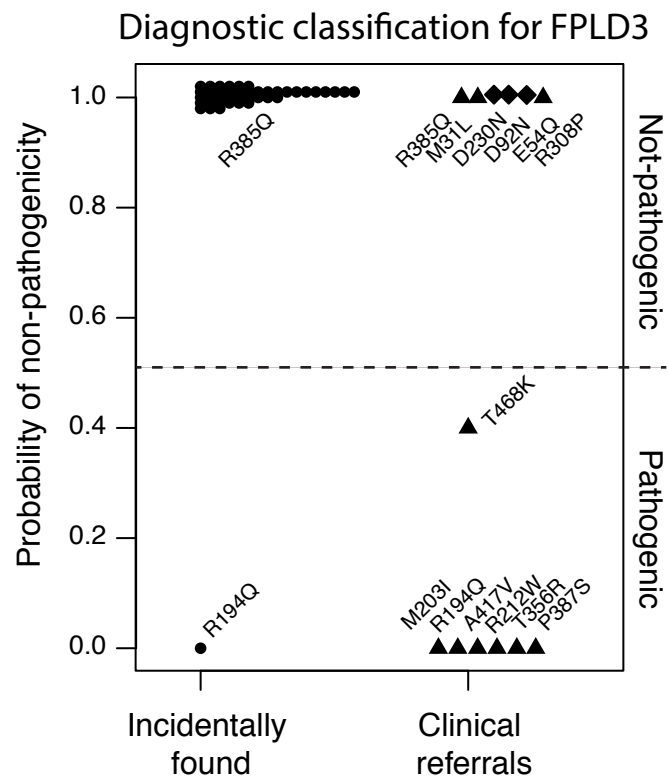
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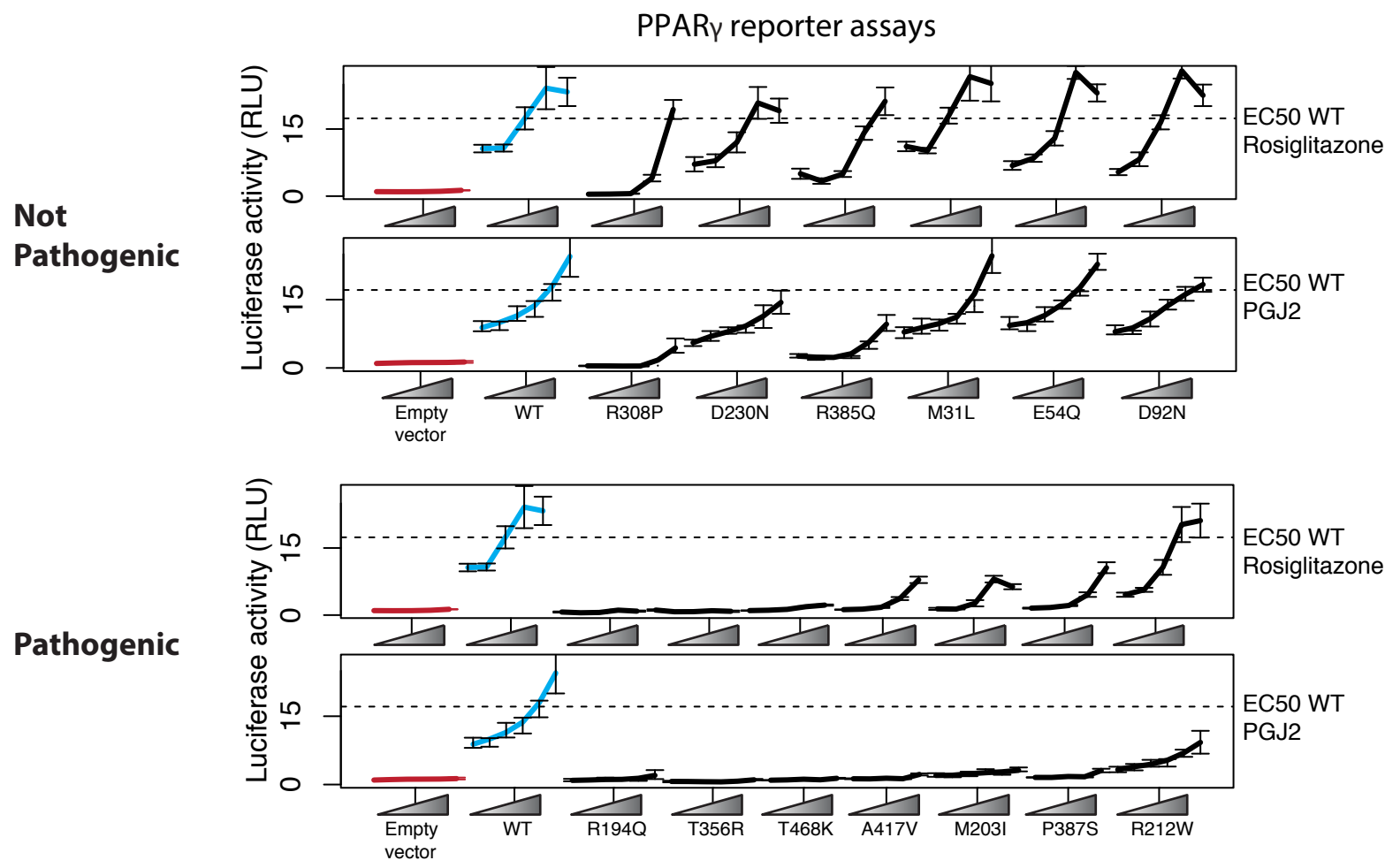
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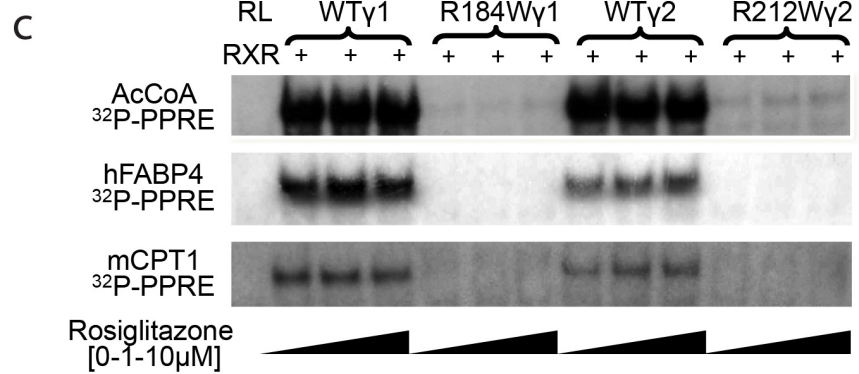
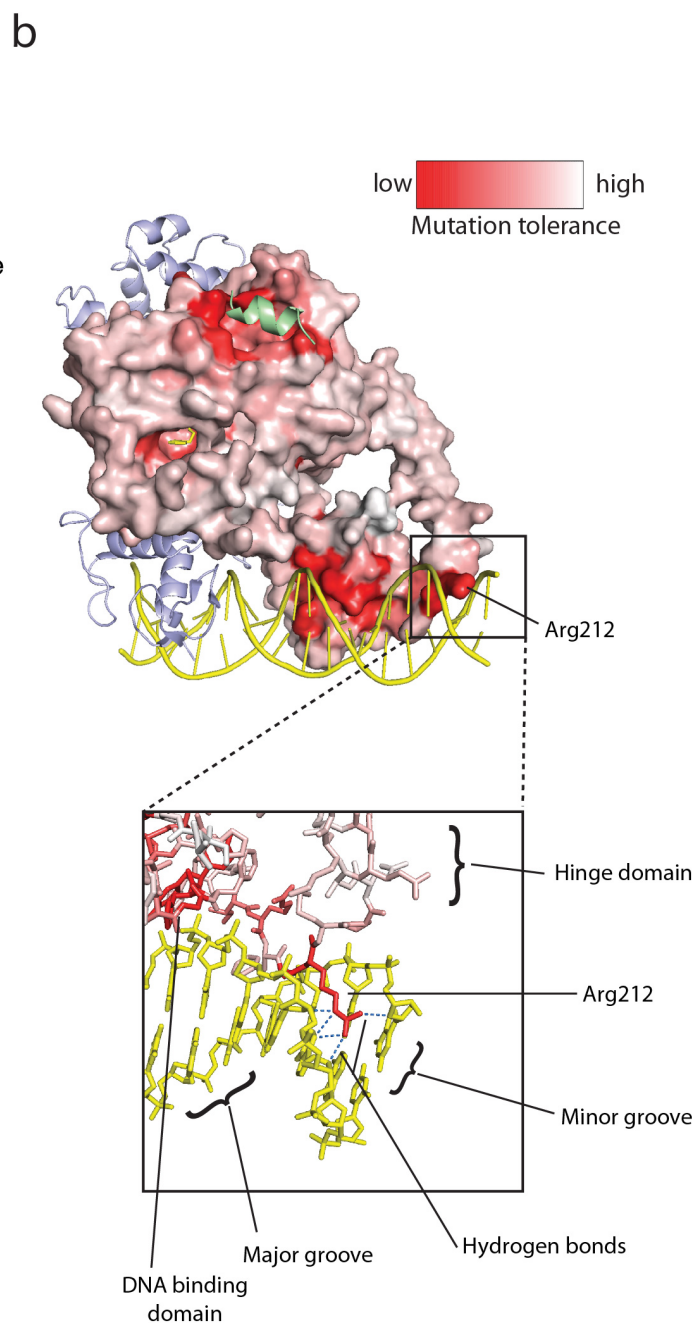
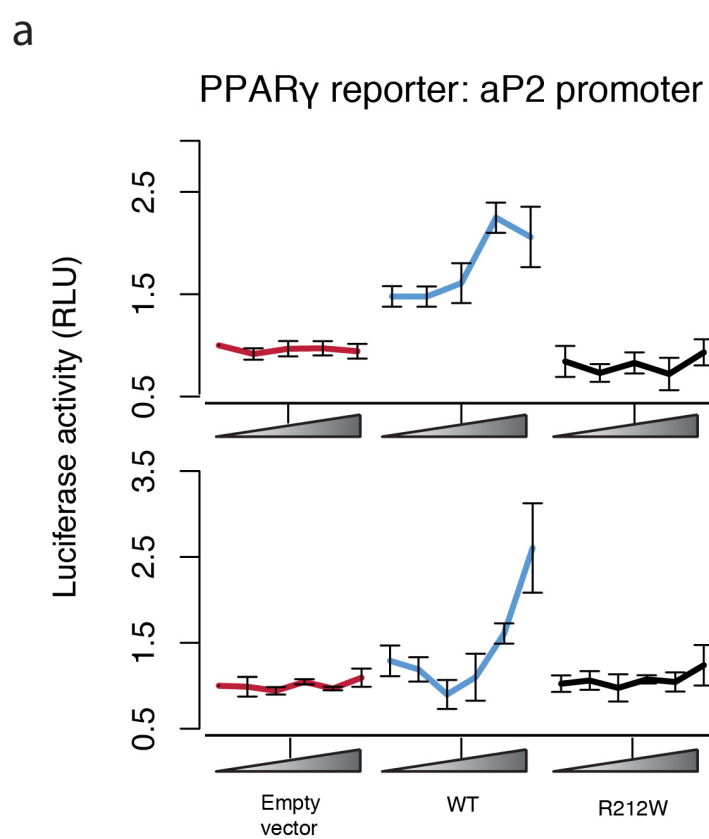


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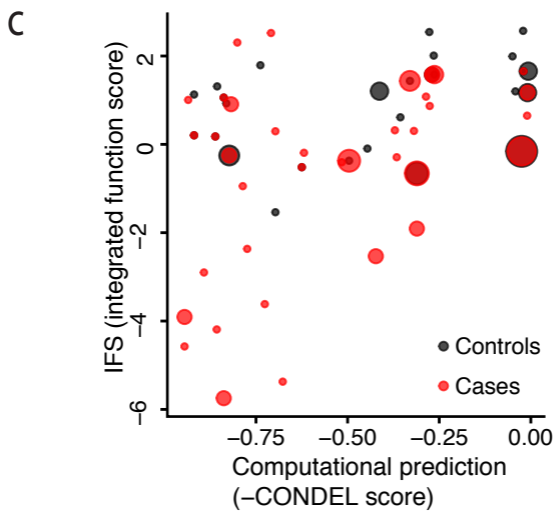
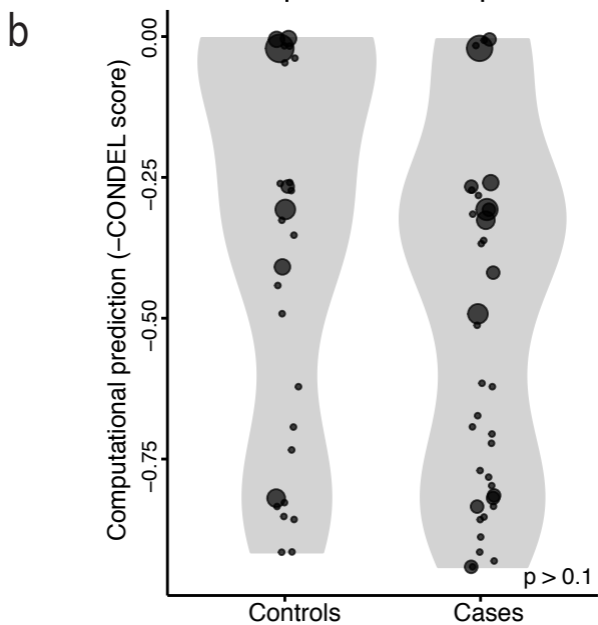
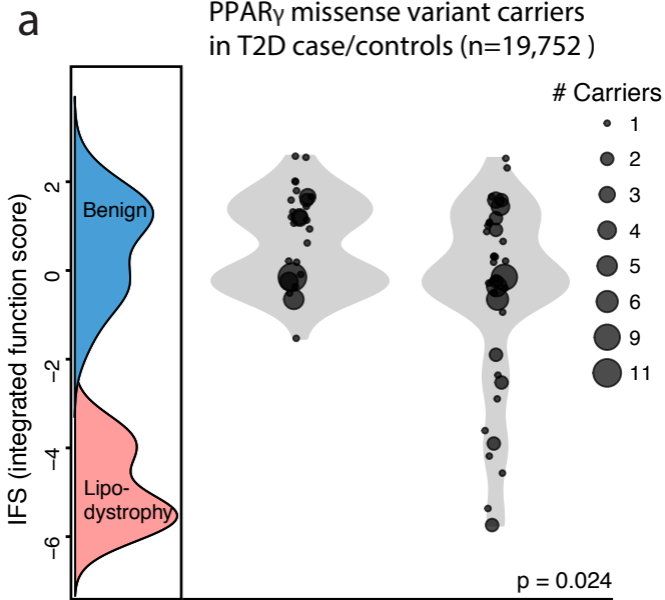


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Supplementary Analytic Methods

1 Data

For each reference amino acid position x along PPARG2 and alternative amino acid t and run r we are given counts

$$C(x, t, r, k) \quad k = 0, 1$$

One value of t is distinguished as wild-type (WT). Here ‘0’ corresponds to ‘-’ and ‘1’ to ‘+’ ; Fix x, t where t is not WT. We write

$$\begin{aligned} A(r, k) &= C(x, t, r, k) \\ W(r, k) &= C(x, WT, r, k) \end{aligned}$$

Here for the W (Wild-type) counts, we use the total coverage.

2 Calculation of raw function score

We wish to calculate a maximum likelihood estimator (MLE) of the offset to WT log-odds. for a probability p we have a map $ptoz(p) = \log(p/(1-p))$ with inverse map $ztop(z) = \frac{e^z}{1+e^z}$. The wild type log-odds for run r is

$$w(r) = ptoz(W(r, 1)/(W(r, 0) + W(r, 1)))$$

For offset θ we take the log-odds for run r to be $w(r) + \theta$ and the probability of 1 as:

$$p(r, \theta) = ztop(w(r) + \theta)$$

We now can define the log-likelihood:

$$\mathcal{L}(\theta) = \sum_r A(r, 0) \log(1 - p(r, \theta)) + A(r, 1) \log p(r, \theta)$$

Set $\hat{\theta}$ to be the arg max of $\mathcal{L}(\theta)$.

We maximized $\mathcal{L}(\theta)$ on the interval $[-5, 5]$ (R stats package).

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2.1 Introduction of a prior

Especially if the counts A are small, the MLE for θ may be unreasonably extreme. We will assume that there is a distribution Q on θ and for a given mutant class set

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$$Q(\theta, \sigma) = N(\theta; 0, \sigma)$$

$$w(r) = ptoz(W(r, 1)/(W(r, 0) + W(r, 1)))$$

where N is the normal distribution with mean 0, variance σ^2 , and set σ by maximizing the the global likelihood, using the following *empirical Bayes* procedure.

Set We now can define the log-likelihood:

$$\mathcal{M}(\theta, \sigma) = \exp(\log Q(\theta, \sigma) + \mathcal{L}(\theta))$$

$$\mathcal{L}(\theta) = \sum A(r, 0) \log(1 - p(r, \theta)) + A(r, 1) \log p(r, \theta)$$

The likelihood for mutant class i is now obtained by integrating over θ :

$$\text{Set } \hat{\theta} \text{ to be the arg max of } \mathcal{L}(\theta). \quad \text{We maximized } \mathcal{L}(\theta) \text{ on } \mathcal{K}(\theta) \text{ interval } [-5, 5] \text{ (page 10).}$$

$$\mathcal{K}_i(\sigma) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathcal{M}(\theta, \sigma) d\theta_i \quad (1)$$

Then the overall log-likelihood is:

$$\mathcal{S}(\sigma) = \sum_i \log \mathcal{K}_i(\sigma) \quad (2)$$

Summarizing, We estimate σ by maximizing the log-likelihood $\mathcal{S}(\sigma)$, and then plug σ in to our estimation procedure for θ_i .

Supplementary Table 1: Known variants used to train PPARG classification table and novel PPARG variants incidentally identified from 22,106 exomes

PPARG Variant	Classification
P12A	classifier training:benign
V276I	classifier training:benign
I331V	classifier training:benign
V335L	classifier training:benign
L361F	classifier training:benign
I437V	classifier training:benign
I45F	classifier training:benign
P454A	classifier training:benign
V48L	classifier training:benign
K486T	classifier training:benign
V52I	classifier training:benign
D55V	classifier training:benign
E79K	classifier training:benign
C142R	classifier training:lipodystrophy
Y151C	classifier training:lipodystrophy
C159Y	classifier training:lipodystrophy
R165T	classifier training:lipodystrophy
C190S	classifier training:lipodystrophy
C190W	classifier training:lipodystrophy
R194W	classifier training:lipodystrophy
V318M	classifier training:lipodystrophy
R425C	classifier training:lipodystrophy
P495L	classifier training:lipodystrophy
S104R	novel exome sequencing
D11Y	novel exome sequencing
S117A	novel exome sequencing
Q121R	novel exome sequencing
N132S	novel exome sequencing
S14G	novel exome sequencing
V141I	novel exome sequencing
K170N	novel exome sequencing
R181G	novel exome sequencing
R194Q	novel exome sequencing
I208V	novel exome sequencing
N233S	novel exome sequencing
P234S	novel exome sequencing
R240Q	novel exome sequencing
L246M	novel exome sequencing
A263V	novel exome sequencing
F292L	novel exome sequencing
T296N	novel exome sequencing
R308H	novel exome sequencing

V335I	novel exome sequencing
V350G	novel exome sequencing
M357V	novel exome sequencing
M36T	novel exome sequencing
N363S	novel exome sequencing
I369M	novel exome sequencing
R385Q	novel exome sequencing
W39R	novel exome sequencing
T41A	novel exome sequencing
S410G	novel exome sequencing
F43L	novel exome sequencing
I434V	novel exome sequencing
I437V	novel exome sequencing
V48L	novel exome sequencing
T487M	novel exome sequencing
S51F	novel exome sequencing
D55V	novel exome sequencing
I62N	novel exome sequencing
I62V	novel exome sequencing
T84P	novel exome sequencing
D92N	novel exome sequencing
K94E	novel exome sequencing
K98T	novel exome sequencing

Variant numbering is with respect to amino acid position on PPARG isoform 2

Supplementary Table 2. Biochemical Findings In Patients With Confirmed PPARG Mutations ascertained from targeted/exome sequencing.

PPARG mutation	Glu54Gln	Asp92Asn	Arg194Gln	Asp230Asn	Arg385Gln	Normal range
Clinical phenotype	Laurence-Moon-Biedl syndrome	Early onset diabetes in lean adult	unascertained	Morbidly obese with possible limb lipodystrophy	Partial lipodystrophy	unascertained
Gender	Male	Male	Female	Female	Female	Female
Age at time of assessment - yr	40	34	58	63	38	61
Age at first presentation - yr	36	27	58	60	23	61
Height – m	1.68	1.78	1.55	NA	1.85	1.65
Weight – kg	154	61.8	58	NA	93.9	64.5
BMI* - kg/m²	54	20	24	43	27	24
Hypertension	Yes	No	Yes	NA	Yes	Yes
T2DM or IGT†	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
PCOS‡	No	No	NA	NA	Yes	NA
NAFLD‡	Yes (US)	No	NA	NA	Yes (US)	NA
Triglyceride - mg/dL	327	168	613	133	230	** <200
HDL-Cholesterol - mg/dL	39	66	30	60	31	** >40
Total-Cholesterol - mg/dL	143	154	225	143	131	** <150
Glycated hemoglobin -mmol/mol	62	140	NA	53	53	NA 20-41
Functional score	1.679	1.381	-5.938	0.568	-1.416	

NA denotes not available.

*The body-mass index (BMI) is the weight in kilograms divided by the height squared

** Treated hyperlipidemia

of the height in meters.

***Functional score as derived from <http://miter.broadinstitute.org/>

¶Type 2 diabetes mellitus (T2DM) or impaired glucose tolerance (IGT) – yes or no indicates the presence or absence of either of these conditions.

§Polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS) - yes or no indicates the presence or absence of this syndrome.

#Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD) – yes or no indicates presence or absence as confirmed by biopsy or ultrasound(US).

To convert the values for triglycerides to millimoles per liter multiply by 0.0113. To convert the values for cholesterol and HDL to millimoles per liter multiply by 0.0259.

Fatty liver was assessed by ultrasound.

Supplementary Table 3. Biochemical Findings In Patients With A Clinical Diagnosis Of Suspected

Familial Partial Lipodystrophy Type 3 (FPLD3) And With Confirmed PPARG Mutations.

PPARG mutation	Met31Leu	Arg194Gln	Met203Ile	Arg212Trp	Arg308Pro	Thr356Arg	Pro387Ser	Ala417Val	Thr468Lys	Normal range
Gender	Female	Female	Female	Female	Female	Female	Female	Female	Female	
Age at time of assessment - years	56	46	17	31	16	19	13	40	15	
Age at first presentation - years	24	24	10	15	16	19	8	39	7	
Height – m	1.83	1.72	1.54	1.63	1.46	1.85	1.49	1.56	1.78	
Weight – kg	110.7	71.8	60.9	74.5	48.0	118.6	43.6	87.5	98.0	
BMI* - kg/m²	33	24	26	28	23	34	20	36	31	
Fat distribution	Central obesity with limb and femorogluteal lipodystrophy	Limb and femorogluteal lipodystrophy	Limb and femorogluteal lipodystrophy	Limb and femorogluteal lipodystrophy	Limb and femorogluteal lipodystrophy	Central obesity with limb and femorogluteal lipodystrophy	Limb and femorogluteal lipodystrophy	Central obesity with limb and femorogluteal lipodystrophy	Central obesity with limb and femorogluteal lipodystrophy	
Total body fat - %	NA	NA	30	21	20	41	NA	NA	NA	
Predicted body fat - %**	42	29	31	34	27	43	NA	NA	NA	
Truncal fat - %	NA	NA	35	25	22	47	NA	NA	NA	
Leg fat - %	NA	NA	28	15	18	32	NA	NA	NA	
Fat mass ratio***	NA	NA	1.25	1.67	1.22	1.47	NA	NA	NA	>1.2
Hypertension	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	
T2DM or IGT†	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
PCOS‡	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	NA	
NAFLD‡	Yes (US)	Yes (biopsy)	Yes (US)	12 (MRS)	Yes (US)	18 (MRS)	Yes	Yes (US)	NA	<5 (MRS)
Triglyceride - mg/dL	221	5106	5000	212	1168	434	150	593	965	<150
HDL-Cholesterol - mg/dL	39	35	NA	19	15	15	46	35	31	>40

Total-Cholesterol - mg/dL	135	544	981	151	181	158	212	201	NA	<200
Insulin - pmol/L	240	128	177	306	405	476	160	165	310	<60
Glucose - mg/dL	111.7	304.5	122.5	82.9	131.5	120.7	66.7	167.6	94.5	<110
Glycated hemoglobin -mmol/mol	49	94	48	37	61	44	44	68	66	20-41
HOMA IR§§	4.50	3.86	3.45	5.24	7.46	7.35	2.67	3.44	5.49	<1.18
HOMA %S	22.2	25.9	29.0	19.1	13.4	13.6	37.5	29.1	18.2	100
Leptin - ug/L	18.7	4.3	5.4	5.2	NA	22.6	NA	18.7	NA	2.4-60.2
Adiponectin - mg/L	3.5	2.5	4.0	0.8	NA	2.9	NA	2.1	NA	2.6-17.7
Familial co-segregation	Obese daughter with PCOS is mutation negative.	Affected sibling is mutation positive	Unaffected mother is mutation negative and father with high fasting insulin level is mutation positive	NA	Unaffected mother and sibling are mutation negative	Affected father is mutation positive	Father with high triglycerides is mutation positive	NA	Mother with gestational diabetes is mutation positive	
****Functional score	2.085	-6.267	-3.982	-4.598	-0.932	-3.823	-4.211	-5.068	-2.516	

NA denotes not available. Biochemical tests were all done after an overnight fast.

*The body-mass index (BMI) is the weight in kilograms divided by the square of the height in meters.

**Predicted body fat = (1.48*BMI)-7

***Fat mass ratio (FMR) is the trunk fat % divided by the leg fat %. FMR>1.2 in women is consistent with lipodystrophy, though not diagnostic in itself.

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§§HOMA IR (Homeostatic model assessment) and HOMA %S (% sensitivity) were calculated using the Oxford Homa Calculator

<https://www.dtu.ox.ac.uk/homacalculator/>. Note that this calculator does not accept insulin values >400 pmol/L so in cases where fasting insulin levels were >400 pmol/L, we defaulted to 400 pmol/L. The HOMA estimates will thus over-estimate insulin sensitivity in these patients.

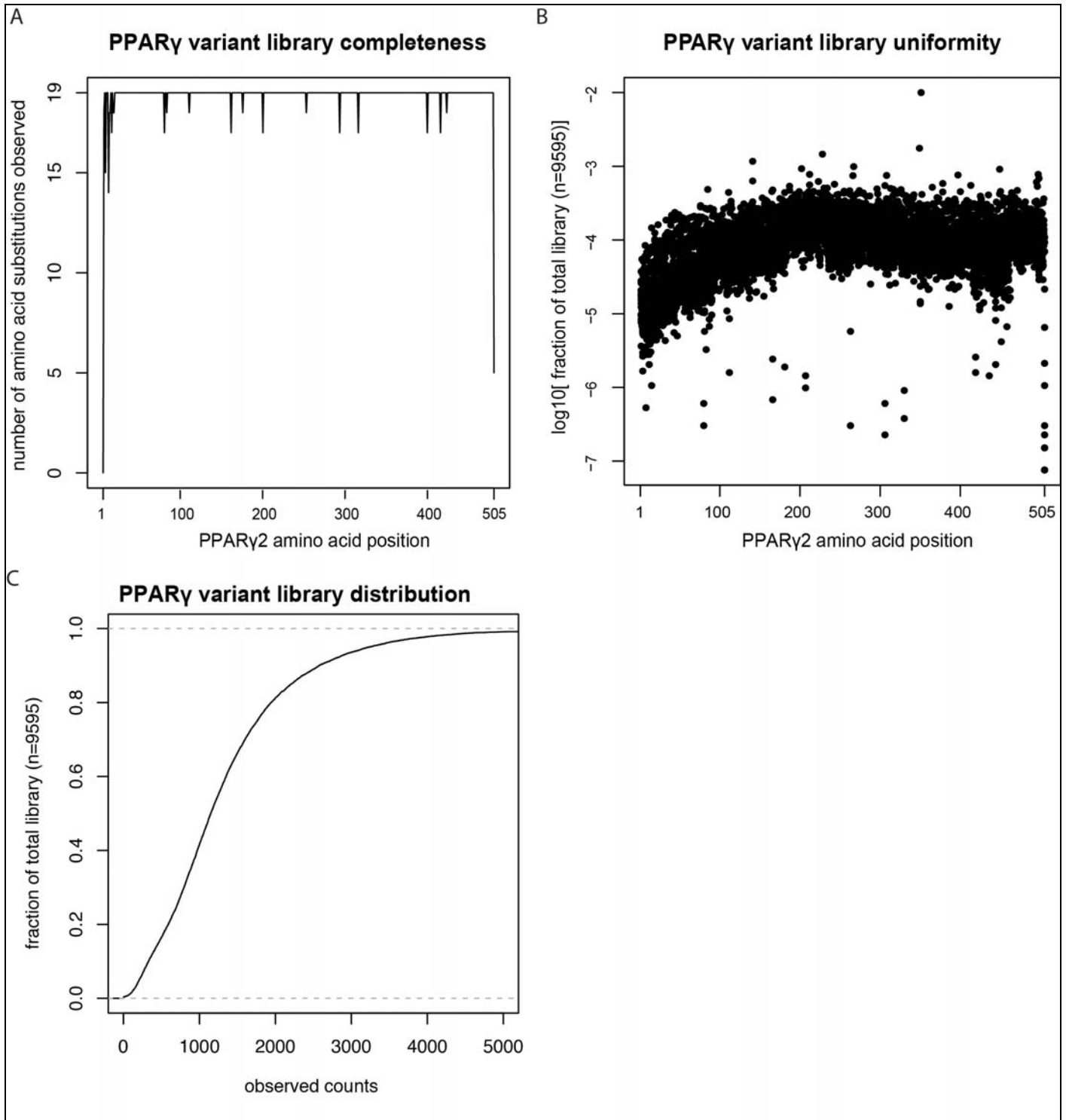
***Functional score as derived from <http://miter.broadinstitute.org/>

To convert the values for glucose into millimoles per liter multiply by 0.0555. To convert the values for insulin to microinternational units per milliliter divide by 6.945. To convert the values for triglycerides to millimoles per liter multiply by 0.0113. To convert the values for cholesterol and HDL to millimoles per liter multiply by 0.0259.

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Supplementary Table 4: Template and Primer sequences for Mutagenesis by Integrated Tiles	
PPARG recoded cDNA template	ATGGGCGAGACCCTGGGCGACAGCCCCATCGACCCCGAGAGCG ACAGCTTCACCGACACCCTGAGCGCCAACATCAGCCAGGAGATG ACCATGGTGGACACCGAGATGCCCTTCTGGCCCACCAACTTCGG CATCAGCAGCGTGGACCTGAGCGTGATGGAGGACCACAGCCACA GCTTCGACATCAAGCCCTTACCACCGTGGACTTCAGCAGCATCA GCACCCCCACTACGAGGACATCCCCTTACCCCGCACCGACCCC GTGGTGGCCGACTACAAGTACGACCTGAAGCTGCAGGAGTACCA GAGCGCCATCAAGGTGGAGCCCGCCAGCCCCCCTACTACAGC GAGAAGACCCAGCTGTACAACAAGCCCCACGAGGAGCCCAGCAA CAGCCTGATGGCCATCGAGTGCCGCGTGTGCGGCGACAAGGCC AGCGGCTTCCACTACGGCGTGCACGCCTGCGAGGGCTGCAAGG GCTTCTTCCGCCGCACCATCCGCCTGAAGCTGATCTACGACCGC TGCGACCTGAACTGCCGCATCCACAAGAAGAGCCGCAACAAGTG CCAGTACTGCCGTTCCAGAAGTGCCCTGGCCGTGGGCATGAGCC ACAACGCCATCCGCTTCGGCCGCATGCCCCAGGCCGAGAAGGA GAAGCTGCTGGCCGAGATCAGCAGCGACATCGACCAGCTGAACC CCGAGAGCGCCGACCTGCGCGCCCTGGCCAAGCACCTGTACGA CAGCTACATCAAGAGCTTCCCCCTGACCAAGGCCAAGGCCCGCG CCATCCTGACCGGCAAGACCACCGACAAGAGCCCCTTCGTGATC TACGACATGAACAGCCTGATGATGGGCGAGGACAAGATCAAGTT CAAGCACATCACCCCTGCAGGAGCAGAGCAAGGAGGTGGCC ATCCGCATCTTCCAGGGCTGCCAGTTCGCGAGCGTGGAGGCCGT GCAGGAGATCACCGAGTACGCCAAGAGCATCCCCGGCTTCGTGA ACCTGGACCTGAACGACCAGGTGACCCTGCTGAAGTACGGCGTG CACGAGATCATCTACACCATGCTGGCCAGCCTGATGAACAAGGA CGGCGTGCTGATCAGCGAGGGCCAGGGCTTCATGACCCGCGAG TTCTGAAGAGCCTGCGCAAGCCCTTCGGCGACTTCATGGAGCC CAAGTTCGAGTTCGCCGTGAAGTTCAACGCCCTGGAGCTGGACG ACAGCGACCTGGCCATCTTCATCGCCGTGATCATCCTGAGCGGC GACCGCCCCGGCCTGCTGAACGTGAAGCCCATCGAGGACATCCA GGACAACCTGCTGCAGGCCCTGGAGCTGCAGCTGAAGCTGAACC ACCCCGAGAGCAGCCAGCTGTTCCGCAAGCTGCTGCAGAAGATG ACCGACCTGCGCCAGATCGTGACCGAGCACGTGCAGCTGCTGCA GGTGATCAAGAAGACCGAGACCGACATGAGCCTGCACCCCTGC TGCAGGAGATCTACAAGGACCTGTAC
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NR1C3_A2_amF	ACCCGCACCGACCCCGTGGTGGC
NR1C3_B2_amF	CCCAGCAACAGCCTGATGGCCAT
NR1C3_A3_amF	TGCGACCTGAACTGCCGCATCCA
NR1C3_B3_amF	CTGGCCGAGATCAGCAGCGACAT
NR1C3_A4_amF	AAGACCACCGACAAGAGCCCCTT
NR1C3_B4_amF	CAGTTCGCGAGCGTGGAGGCCGT
NR1C3_A5_amF	AGCCTGATGAACAAGGACGGCGT
NR1C3_B5_amF	GAGCTGGACGACAGCGACCTGGC
NR1C3_A6_amF	CCGAGAGCAGCCAGCTGTTCCGCC
NR1C3_A1_amR	TGGCTGTGGTCTCCATCACGT
NR1C3_B1_amR	CTCTGGTACTCCTGCAGCTTCAG

NR1C3_A2_amR	TGGAAGCCGCTGGCCTTGTCGCC
NR1C3_B2_amR	TGGAAGCGGCAGTACTGGCACTT
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NR1C3_B3_amR	TCCTCGCCCATCATCAGGCTGTT
NR1C3_A4_amR	AAGCCGGGGATGCTCTTGGCGTA
NR1C3_B4_amR	AACTCGCGGGTCATGAAGCCCTG
NR1C3_A5_amR	GGGCGGTCCCGCTCAGGATGAT
NR1C3_B5_amR	TGGCGCAGGTCGGTCATCTTCTG
NR1C3_A6_amR	AGGTCAGCAGGGACCCCTTCCC
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NR1C3_A2_lnF	GTAGTCGGCCACCACGGGGTCCG
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NR1C3_A6_lnF	GGCGAACAGCTGGCTGCTCTCGG
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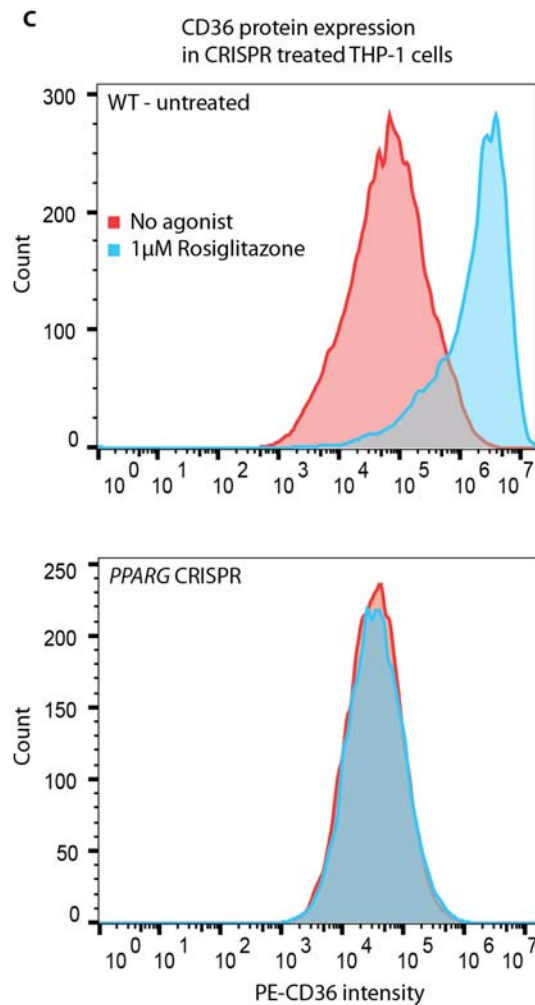
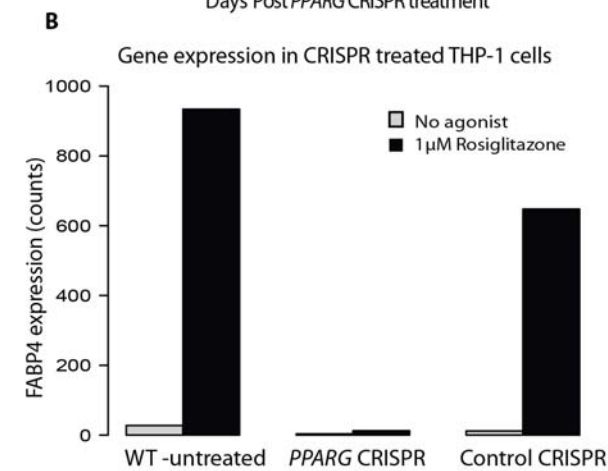
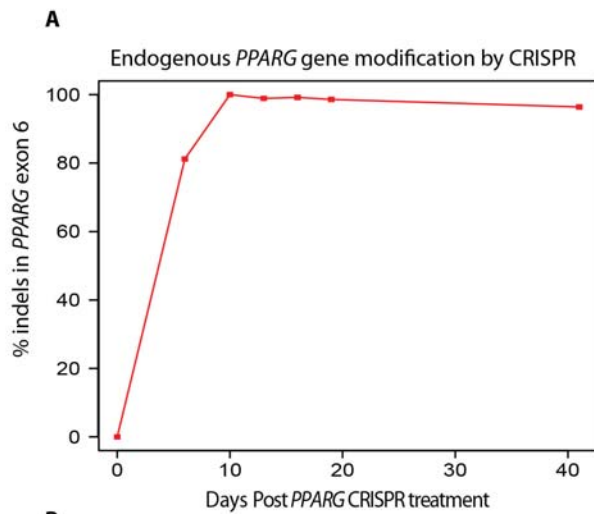


Supplementary Figure 1

PPAR γ variant library completeness and uniformity

After transduction into THP1 macrophages, cell sorting and transgene recovery, the library of 9,595 PPAR γ variant transgenes was shotgun sequenced (Nextera- Illumina) to assess completeness and balance. A) For each amino acid position along the PPAR γ 2

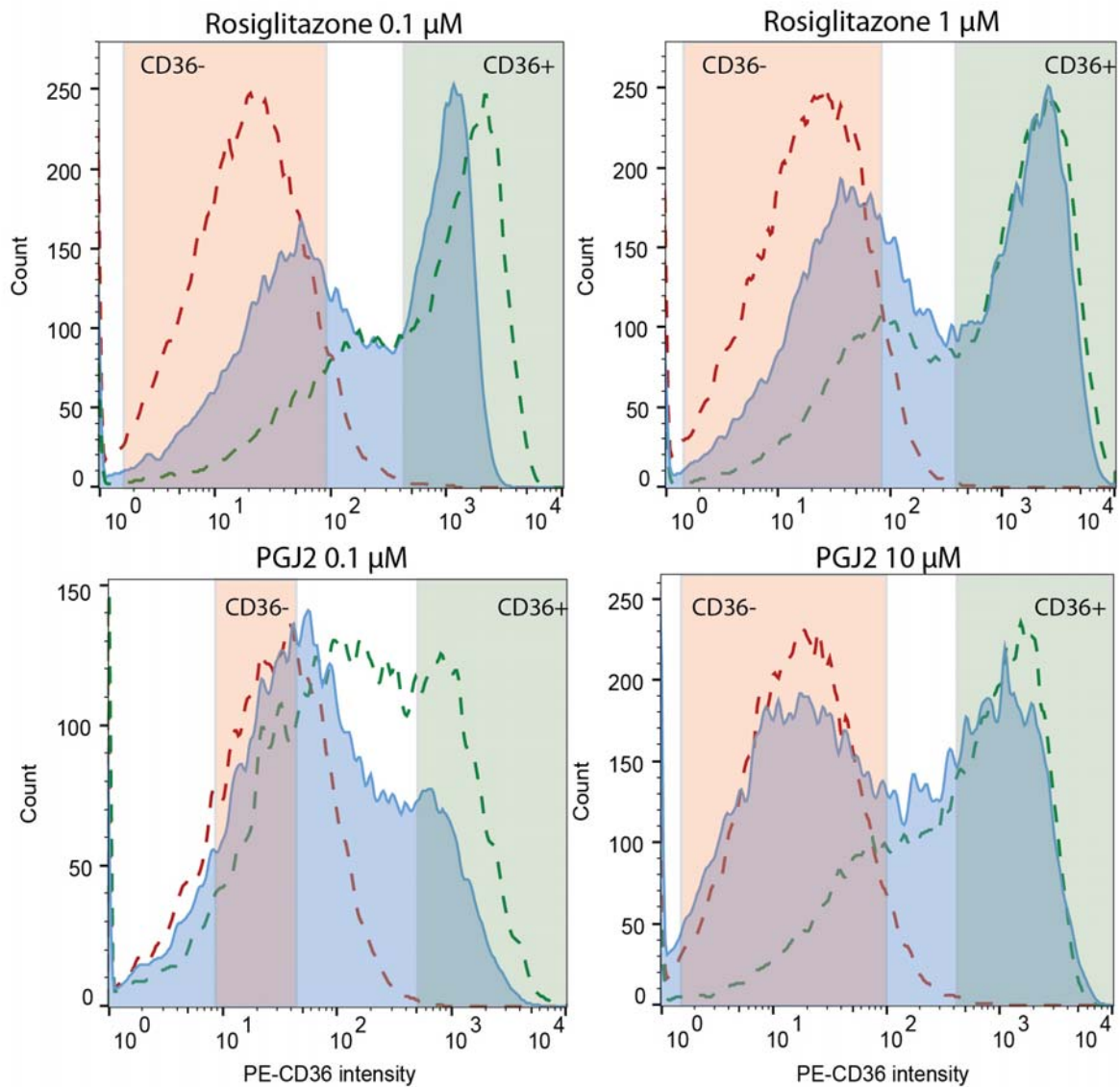
protein, the number of observed amino acid changes out of the 19 possible changes was quantified; 99.3% of the total 9,595 possible missense variants were observed. B) The distribution of missense variant frequency is plotted by position along the PPAR γ 2 protein. No single variant comprised more than 0.9% of the variant construct library. C) The cumulative distribution of counts observed for each variant is shown.



Supplementary Figure 2

Deletion of endogenous *PPARG* in THP-1 monocytes

Endogenous *PPARG* was deleted in THP-1 monocytes by lentivirus-transduced CRISPR-Cas9. WT THP-1 cells were transduced with CRISPR-Cas9 and an sgRNA targeting either exon 6 of *PPARG* (NM_015869.4) or exon 8 of a control gene, *PHACTR1*. Samples of the resulting cell populations were collected at various time points. A) Percent of genomic DNA sequences with indels in *PPARG* over time. *PPARG* modification appears to saturate by the 10th day after introduction of CRISPR-Cas9. B) FABP4 gene expression assayed by nCounter in THP-1 cells stimulated with Rosiglitazone for 3 days. C) Cell surface CD36 protein expression in THP-1 cells stimulated with Rosiglitazone. Cells were treated with Rosiglitazone for 3 days, stained with PE-conjugated CD36 and subjected to flow cytometry. The response of WT cells is shown in the top panel and the response of *PPARG* CRISPR treated cells is shown in the bottom panel.

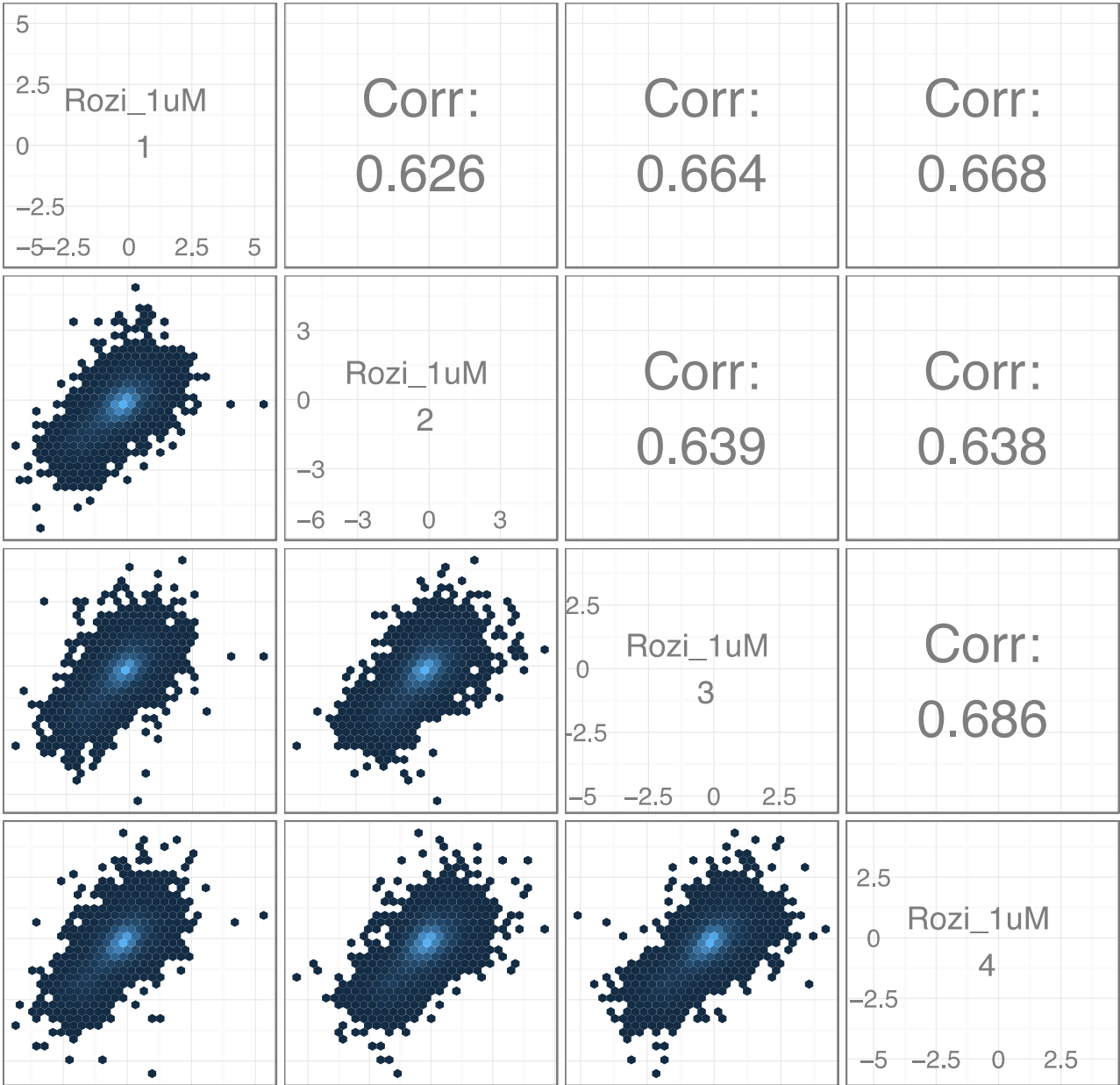


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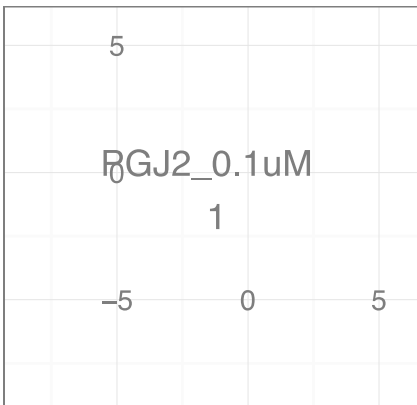
Sorting of PPAR γ variants by CD36 activity

The library of 9595 PPAR γ variant transgenes was introduced into a THP-1 cell line deleted for endogenous PPAR γ . These cells expressed CD36 at a background level as shown (dashed red lines). Upon stimulation with PPAR γ agonists (Rosiglitazone/PGJ2), a shift in the distribution of CD36 expression is seen (shaded blue lines). WT PPAR γ was introduced into a separate population of PPAR γ -/- THP-1 cells and stimulated with the same PPAR γ agonists as above. The distribution of CD36 expression in cells bearing only WT PPAR γ transgenes is shown (green dashed lines). The stimulated population of THP-1 cells containing the PPAR γ transgene library was sorted by FACS into two subpopulations based on CD36 activity (red and green shaded areas). CD36 activity bins were selected to contain equal proportions of the shaded blue distribution and to be separated by a 5-10 fold difference in CD36 activity.

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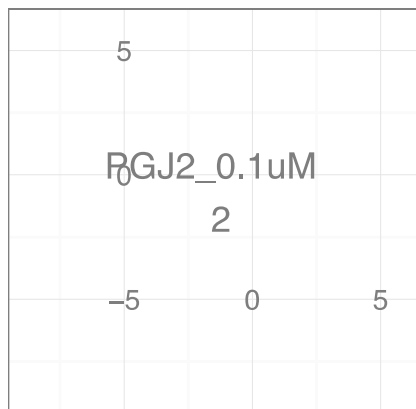
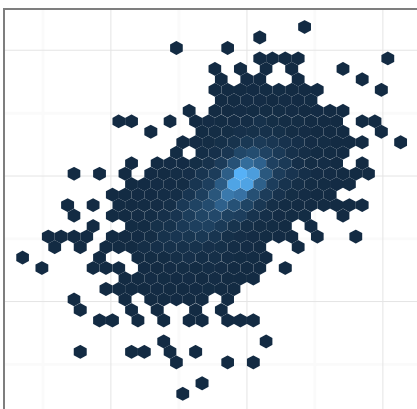


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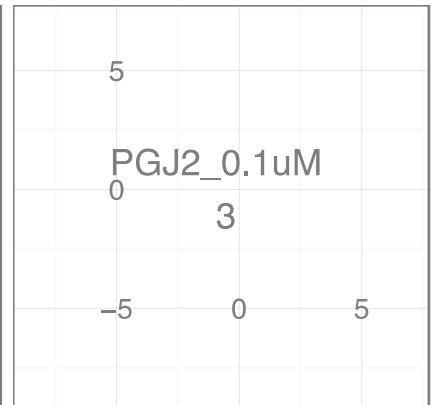
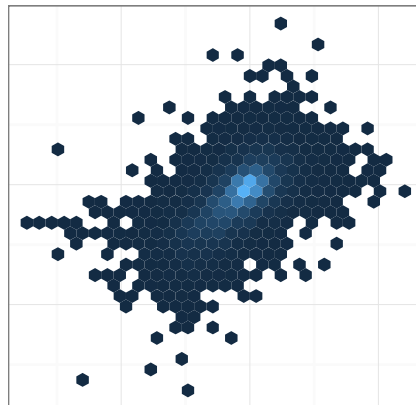
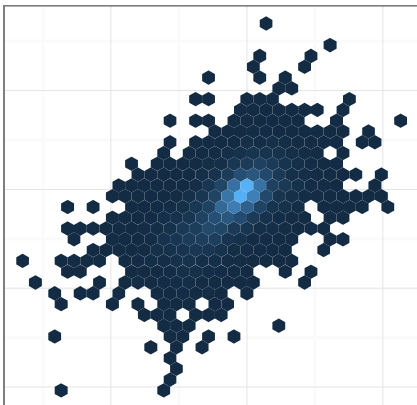


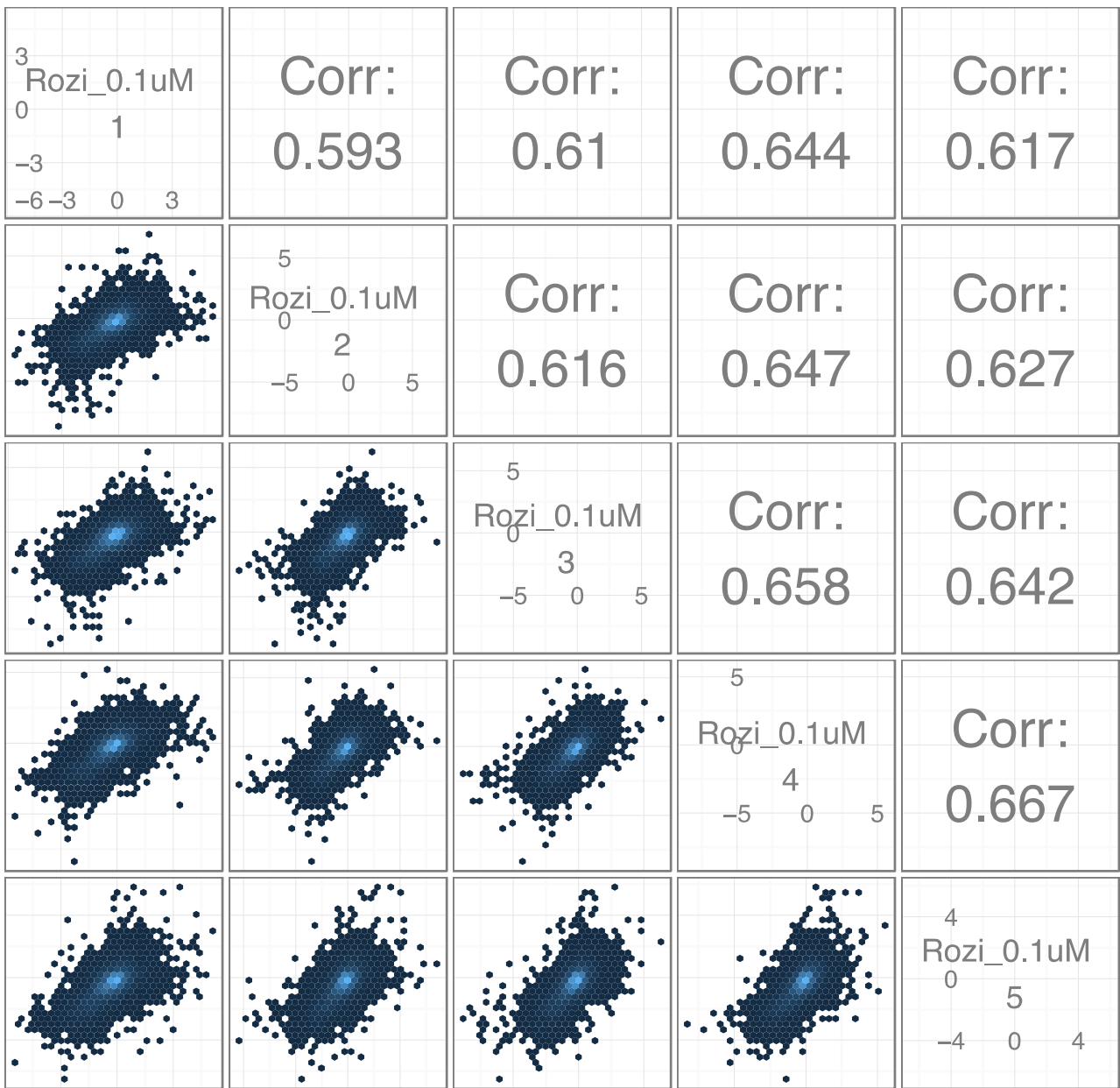
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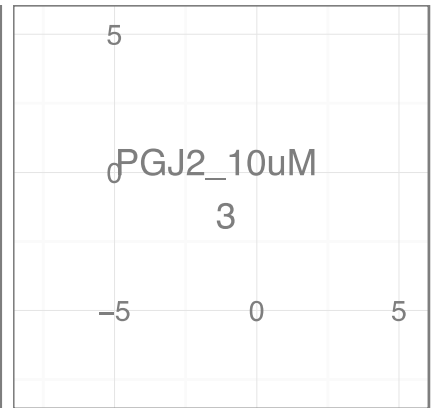
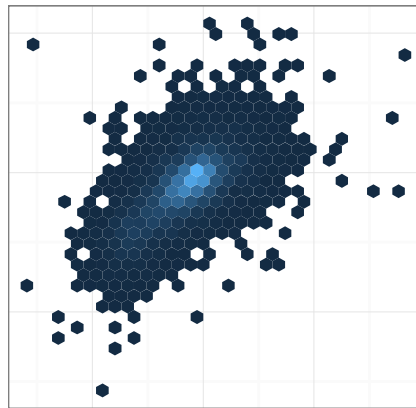
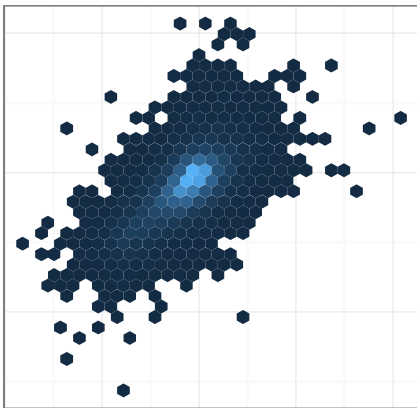
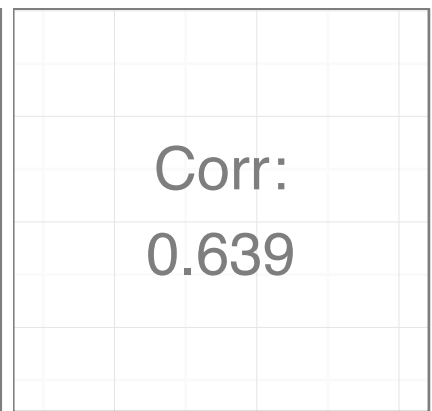
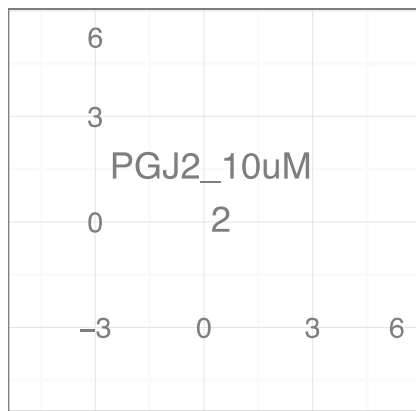
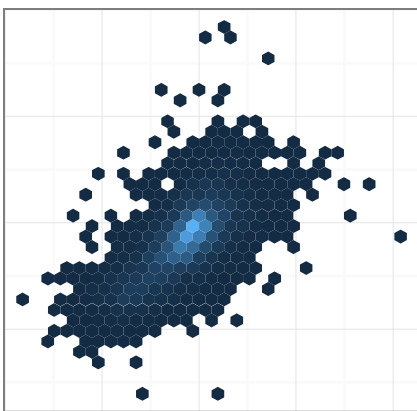
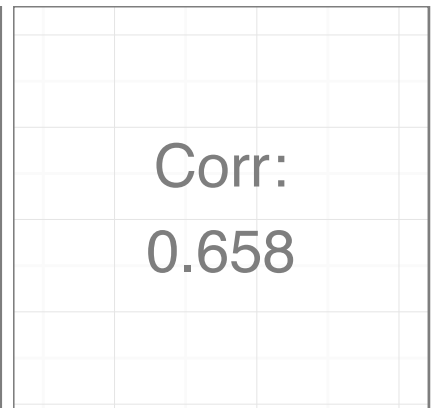
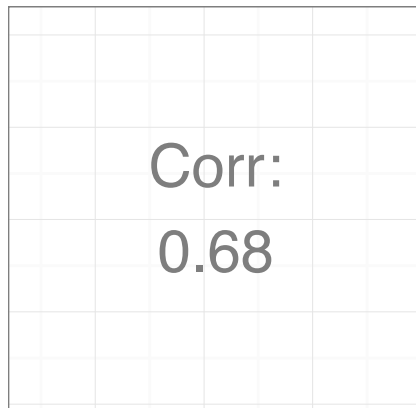
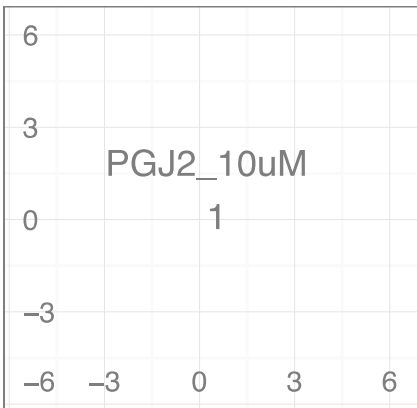


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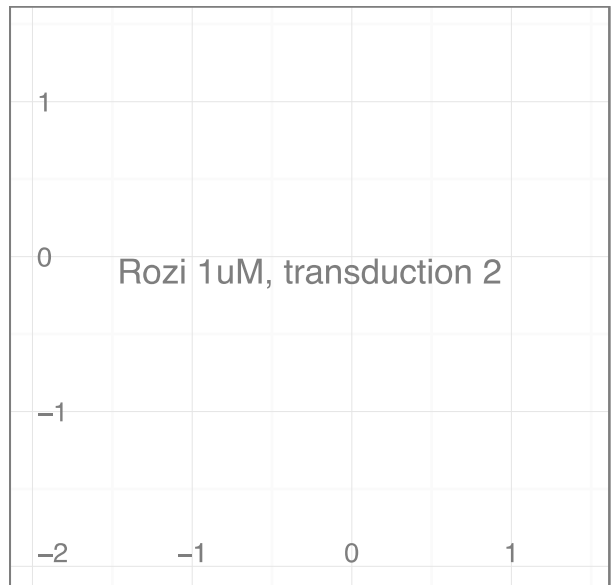
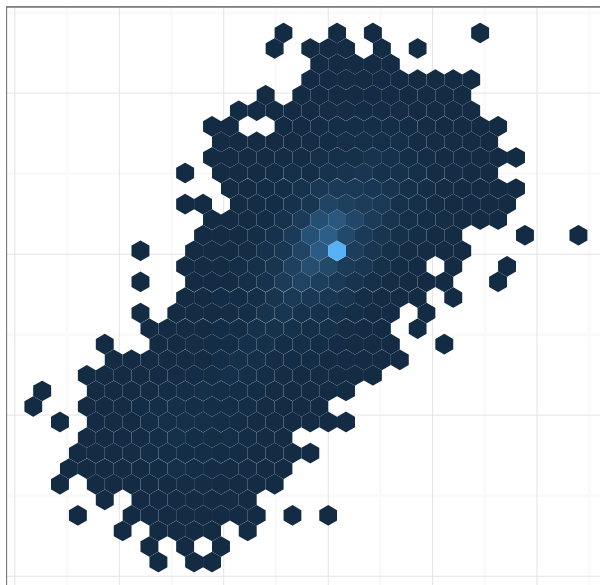
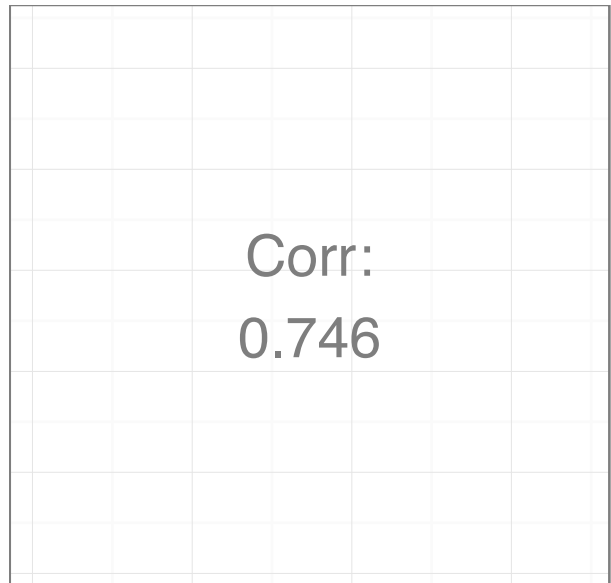
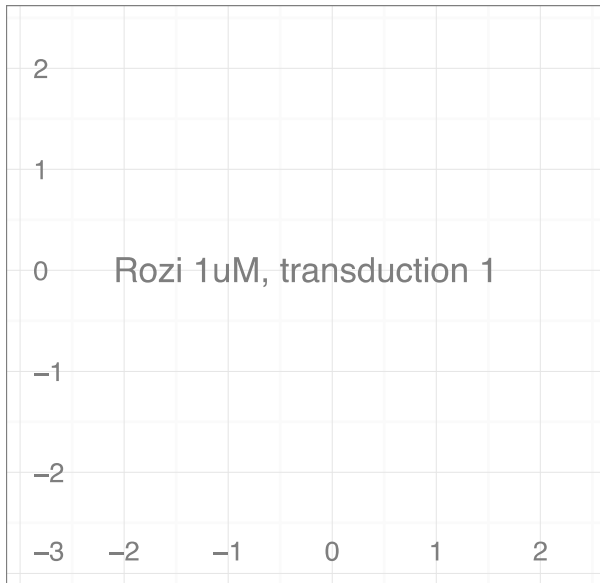


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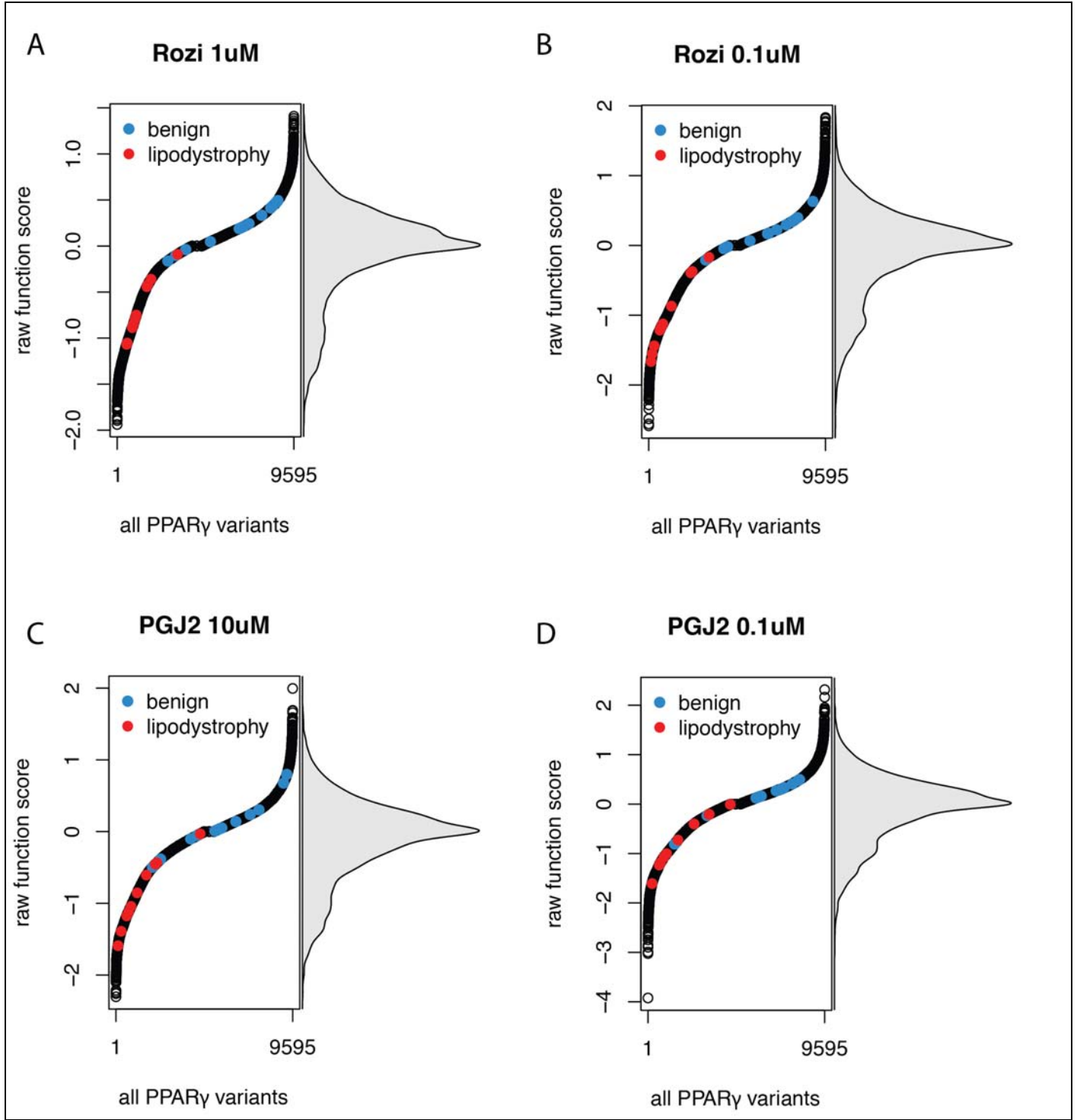


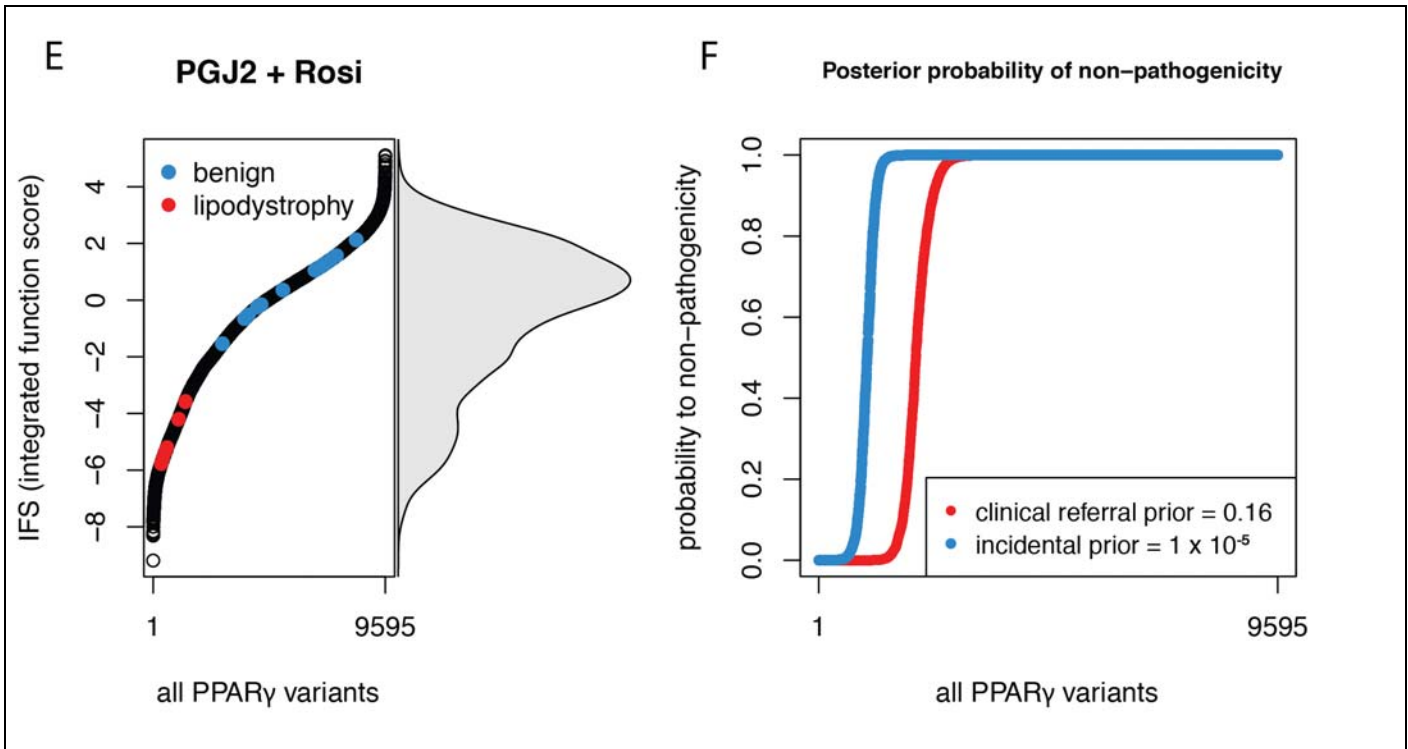
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Supplementary Figure 4**Replicate variability from simultaneous testing of 9,595 PPARG variants.**

(A, B, C, D) Pairwise hexbin scatterplots and correlation coefficients of $\log_2(\text{CD36}^+/\text{CD36}^-)$ counts for FACS sorting, sequencing and counting of each PPAR γ variant in the library stimulated with A) Rosiglitazone 1 μM B) PGJ2 0.1 μM C) Rosiglitazone 0.1 μM and D) PGJ2 10 μM . The elements of each row/column represent an independent sorting run into CD36+ and CD36- fractions performed on the same day. For each variant the \log_2 ratio of the coverage corrected counts in the CD36+ and CD36- bins is plotted. D) Pairwise hexbin scatterplot and correlation coefficient of raw function scores from two separate transductions of THP-1 cells with the PPAR γ variant library, followed by Rosiglitazone stimulation, FACS sorting, sequencing and counting as above. The raw function scores plotted on each axis represent the synthesis of multiple sorting runs (A: all panels) (see Methods) and correspond to $\log_2(\text{CD36}^+/\text{CD36}^-)$ counts for a single sorting run (A: single panel).





Supplementary Figure 5

Distribution of PPAR γ function scores by experimental condition and following integration with clinically relevant priors

Raw PPAR γ function scores were obtained for 9595 variants under four experimental conditions: A) 1 μ M Rosiglitazone, B) 0.1 μ M Rosiglitazone, C) 10 μ M Prostaglandin J2, and D) 0.1 μ M Prostaglandin J2. The overall distribution of scores is overlaid to the right and the function of known benign and lipodystrophy causing variants are highlighted in green and red respectively. E) Integrated functional scores (IFS) after classifier training using iterative linear discriminant analysis. F) Posterior probability of non-pathogenicity of 9595 PPAR γ variants. This was calculated by combining IFS with prevalence of lipodystrophy in the general population (1:100,000) or from patients referred for lipodystrophy/familial diabetes (1:7).

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