

**Supplementary table 1:** List of gene expression-modulating SNPs in IL6, TNFA and IL8 alongs

| Genes       | SNP ID    | Chromos   | Consequence | Alleles | Variant A | ALL   | AFR   |
|-------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|---------|-----------|-------|-------|
| <i>IL6</i>  | rs1800797 | chr7:2272 | Intron      | A/G     | A         | 0.138 | 0.017 |
|             | rs1800796 | chr7:2272 | Intron      | G/C     | C         | 0.314 | 0.103 |
|             | rs1800795 | chr7:2272 | Intron      | C/G     | C         | 0.141 | 0.018 |
|             | rs2069832 | chr7:2272 | Intron      | A/G/T   | A         | 0.14  | 0.018 |
|             | rs2069833 | chr7:2272 | Intron      | C/G/T   | C         | 0.14  | 0.017 |
|             | rs1474348 | chr7:2272 | Intron      | C/G     | C         | 0.141 | 0.017 |
|             | rs2069837 | chr7:2272 | Intron      | A/C/G   | G         | 0.12  | 0.12  |
|             | rs1474347 | chr7:2272 | Intron      | C/A     | C         | 0.168 | 0.113 |
|             | rs2066992 | chr7:2272 | Intron      | G/T     | T         | 0.308 | 0.085 |
|             | rs2069840 | chr7:2272 | Intron      | C/G     | G         | 0.186 | 0.15  |
|             | rs1554606 | chr7:2272 | Intron      | T/A/G   | T         | 0.249 | 0.311 |
| rs2069845   | chr7:2273 | Intron    | G/A         | G       | 0.253     | 0.317 |       |
| <i>TNFA</i> | rs3093661 | chr6:3157 | intron      | G/A     | A         | 0.052 | 0.03  |
|             | rs1800610 | chr6:3157 | intron      | G/A     | A         | 0.1   | 0.024 |
|             | rs3093662 | chr6:3157 | intron      | A/G     | G         | 0.08  | 0.077 |
|             | rs3093664 | chr6:3157 | intron      | A/G     | G         | 0.079 | 0.084 |
|             | rs3093665 | chr6:3157 | 3_prime_UTR | A/C     | C         | 0.019 | 0.039 |
| <i>IL8</i>  | rs2227307 | chr4:7374 | intron      | T/G     | G         | 0.424 | 0.518 |
|             | rs2227549 | chr4:7374 | intron      | A/C/G   | G         | 0.016 | 0.005 |
|             | rs2227306 | chr4:7374 | intron      | C/T     | T         | 0.259 | 0.097 |
|             | rs2227543 | chr4:7374 | 3_prime_UTR | C/T     | T         | 0.289 | 0.097 |
|             | rs1126647 | chr4:7374 | 3_prime_UTR | A/T     | T         | 0.285 | 0.096 |

SNPs with MAFs > 0.2 are highlighted in red

All populations (ALL); African super-population (AFR)- ((Yoruba in Ibadan, Nigeria (YRI); Luhya in Web

side their VAFs in twenty six populations.

| ACB   | ASW   | ESN   | GWD   | LWK   | MSL   | YRI   | AMR   | CLM   |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 0.062 | 0.074 | 0     | 0.004 | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0.184 | 0.277 |
| 0.089 | 0.066 | 0.071 | 0.115 | 0.212 | 0.071 | 0.079 | 0.295 | 0.207 |
| 0.062 | 0.09  | 0     | 0.004 | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0.184 | 0.287 |
| 0.062 | 0.09  | 0     | 0.004 | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0.187 | 0.287 |
| 0.062 | 0.082 | 0     | 0.004 | 0.01  | 0     | 0     | 0.187 | 0.287 |
| 0.062 | 0.082 | 0     | 0.004 | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0.187 | 0.287 |
| 0.12  | 0.131 | 0.136 | 0.128 | 0.076 | 0.124 | 0.13  | 0.081 | 0.069 |
| 0.172 | 0.172 | 0.091 | 0.071 | 0.081 | 0.124 | 0.111 | 0.196 | 0.298 |
| 0.062 | 0.066 | 0.03  | 0.115 | 0.197 | 0.071 | 0.042 | 0.293 | 0.197 |
| 0.151 | 0.148 | 0.096 | 0.204 | 0.116 | 0.129 | 0.19  | 0.262 | 0.266 |
| 0.349 | 0.336 | 0.298 | 0.279 | 0.242 | 0.382 | 0.315 | 0.287 | 0.399 |
| 0.354 | 0.336 | 0.308 | 0.283 | 0.242 | 0.388 | 0.329 | 0.285 | 0.399 |
| 0.01  | 0.033 | 0.01  | 0.066 | 0.056 | 0.035 | 0     | 0.056 | 0.037 |
| 0.031 | 0.049 | 0.025 | 0.022 | 0.01  | 0.024 | 0.019 | 0.183 | 0.17  |
| 0.042 | 0.107 | 0.076 | 0.115 | 0.096 | 0.071 | 0.042 | 0.11  | 0.085 |
| 0.052 | 0.107 | 0.101 | 0.097 | 0.096 | 0.059 | 0.079 | 0.084 | 0.064 |
| 0.026 | 0.066 | 0.066 | 0.031 | 0.03  | 0.024 | 0.037 | 0.027 | 0.027 |
| 0.536 | 0.549 | 0.515 | 0.54  | 0.535 | 0.471 | 0.486 | 0.337 | 0.34  |
| 0     | 0.016 | 0     | 0.013 | 0.005 | 0     | 0     | 0.026 | 0     |
| 0.167 | 0.123 | 0.071 | 0.111 | 0.111 | 0.029 | 0.069 | 0.269 | 0.266 |
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| 0.167 | 0.115 | 0.071 | 0.111 | 0.111 | 0.029 | 0.069 | 0.265 | 0.255 |

Luoye, Kenya (LWK); Gambian in Western Divisions in the Gambia (GWD); Mende in Sierra Leone (MSL); Es

| MXL   | PEL   | PUR   | EAS   | CDX   | CHB   | CHS   | JPT   | KHV   |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 0.133 | 0.053 | 0.24  | 0.001 | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0.005 |
| 0.344 | 0.518 | 0.163 | 0.791 | 0.823 | 0.718 | 0.786 | 0.822 | 0.808 |
| 0.133 | 0.053 | 0.231 | 0.001 | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0.005 |
| 0.141 | 0.053 | 0.236 | 0.001 | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0.005 |
| 0.141 | 0.053 | 0.236 | 0.001 | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0.005 |
| 0.141 | 0.053 | 0.236 | 0.001 | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0.005 |
| 0.078 | 0.047 | 0.12  | 0.141 | 0.156 | 0.16  | 0.143 | 0.111 | 0.136 |
| 0.148 | 0.053 | 0.25  | 0.007 | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.01  | 0.005 | 0.01  |
| 0.336 | 0.518 | 0.168 | 0.788 | 0.817 | 0.714 | 0.786 | 0.822 | 0.803 |
| 0.273 | 0.247 | 0.264 | 0.062 | 0.016 | 0.117 | 0.062 | 0.062 | 0.051 |
| 0.234 | 0.147 | 0.332 | 0.009 | 0.016 | 0.005 | 0.01  | 0.005 | 0.01  |
| 0.227 | 0.147 | 0.332 | 0.011 | 0.016 | 0.01  | 0.01  | 0.01  | 0.01  |
| 0.062 | 0.1   | 0.034 | 0.031 | 0.011 | 0.034 | 0.038 | 0.014 | 0.056 |
| 0.203 | 0.282 | 0.101 | 0.137 | 0.134 | 0.17  | 0.071 | 0.197 | 0.111 |
| 0.133 | 0.135 | 0.096 | 0.031 | 0.011 | 0.034 | 0.038 | 0.014 | 0.056 |
| 0.094 | 0.118 | 0.067 | 0.036 | 0.011 | 0.034 | 0.038 | 0.014 | 0.081 |
| 0.031 | 0.018 | 0.034 | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     |
| 0.383 | 0.235 | 0.389 | 0.414 | 0.5   | 0.417 | 0.424 | 0.327 | 0.409 |
| 0.023 | 0     | 0.053 | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     |
| 0.32  | 0.188 | 0.308 | 0.338 | 0.344 | 0.374 | 0.367 | 0.279 | 0.328 |
| 0.32  | 0.188 | 0.308 | 0.383 | 0.452 | 0.393 | 0.4   | 0.298 | 0.379 |
| 0.32  | 0.188 | 0.303 | 0.384 | 0.452 | 0.393 | 0.4   | 0.303 | 0.379 |

ian in Nigeria (ESN); Americans of African Ancestry in SW USA (ASW); African Caribbeans in Barbados (AC

| EUR   | CEU   | FIN   | GBR   | IBS   | TSI   | SAS   | BEB   | GIH   |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 0.408 | 0.505 | 0.434 | 0.401 | 0.35  | 0.355 | 0.134 | 0.116 | 0.141 |
| 0.048 | 0.045 | 0.051 | 0.038 | 0.051 | 0.051 | 0.395 | 0.384 | 0.33  |
| 0.416 | 0.515 | 0.455 | 0.412 | 0.35  | 0.355 | 0.139 | 0.116 | 0.155 |
| 0.411 | 0.515 | 0.449 | 0.401 | 0.346 | 0.35  | 0.134 | 0.116 | 0.141 |
| 0.411 | 0.515 | 0.449 | 0.401 | 0.346 | 0.35  | 0.138 | 0.116 | 0.155 |
| 0.411 | 0.515 | 0.449 | 0.401 | 0.346 | 0.35  | 0.14  | 0.116 | 0.155 |
| 0.089 | 0.076 | 0.101 | 0.088 | 0.079 | 0.103 | 0.156 | 0.221 | 0.107 |
| 0.412 | 0.515 | 0.449 | 0.401 | 0.346 | 0.355 | 0.14  | 0.116 | 0.155 |
| 0.048 | 0.045 | 0.051 | 0.038 | 0.051 | 0.051 | 0.395 | 0.372 | 0.335 |
| 0.332 | 0.298 | 0.237 | 0.385 | 0.407 | 0.332 | 0.155 | 0.134 | 0.184 |
| 0.432 | 0.53  | 0.465 | 0.423 | 0.383 | 0.369 | 0.199 | 0.151 | 0.228 |
| 0.433 | 0.53  | 0.465 | 0.423 | 0.388 | 0.369 | 0.206 | 0.163 | 0.233 |
| 0.048 | 0.061 | 0.04  | 0.082 | 0.019 | 0.042 | 0.105 | 0.105 | 0.17  |
| 0.089 | 0.051 | 0.061 | 0.06  | 0.131 | 0.136 | 0.119 | 0.076 | 0.107 |
| 0.084 | 0.081 | 0.04  | 0.093 | 0.084 | 0.121 | 0.108 | 0.122 | 0.17  |
| 0.083 | 0.086 | 0.081 | 0.126 | 0.051 | 0.079 | 0.108 | 0.122 | 0.17  |
| 0.021 | 0.015 | 0     | 0.016 | 0.033 | 0.037 | 0.003 | 0.017 | 0     |
| 0.417 | 0.414 | 0.424 | 0.379 | 0.458 | 0.402 | 0.374 | 0.32  | 0.466 |
| 0.051 | 0.04  | 0.051 | 0.049 | 0.051 | 0.061 | 0.005 | 0     | 0     |
| 0.388 | 0.389 | 0.399 | 0.346 | 0.416 | 0.383 | 0.259 | 0.244 | 0.311 |
| 0.393 | 0.389 | 0.404 | 0.357 | 0.421 | 0.388 | 0.357 | 0.308 | 0.447 |
| 0.387 | 0.394 | 0.399 | 0.352 | 0.411 | 0.374 | 0.349 | 0.297 | 0.442 |

3B)); Admixed Americans (AMR)- ((Mexican Ancestry from Los Angeles USA (MXL); Puerto Ricans from Pu

| ITU   | PJL   | STU   |
|-------|-------|-------|
| 0.167 | 0.141 | 0.103 |
| 0.456 | 0.328 | 0.471 |
| 0.176 | 0.13  | 0.113 |
| 0.172 | 0.13  | 0.108 |
| 0.172 | 0.13  | 0.113 |
| 0.176 | 0.135 | 0.113 |
| 0.137 | 0.167 | 0.162 |
| 0.176 | 0.135 | 0.113 |
| 0.456 | 0.339 | 0.466 |
| 0.103 | 0.193 | 0.162 |
| 0.245 | 0.193 | 0.172 |
| 0.245 | 0.193 | 0.186 |
| 0.132 | 0.047 | 0.069 |
| 0.118 | 0.151 | 0.137 |
| 0.132 | 0.047 | 0.069 |
| 0.132 | 0.047 | 0.069 |
| 0     | 0     | 0     |
| 0.377 | 0.349 | 0.348 |
| 0.005 | 0.016 | 0.005 |
| 0.25  | 0.26  | 0.225 |
| 0.363 | 0.318 | 0.338 |
| 0.348 | 0.318 | 0.328 |

uerto Rico (PUR); Colombians from Medellin, Colombia (CLM); Peruvians from Lima, Peru (PEL)); East Asi

an (EAS)- ((Han Chinese in Beijing,China (CHB); Japanese in Tokyo, Japan (JPT); Southern Han Chinese (CI

HS); Chinese Dai in Xishuangbanna, China (CDX); Kinh in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam (KHV)); European (EL

JR)-(Utah Residents (CEPH) with Northern and Western European Ancestry (CEU); Toscani in Italia (TSI);



Finnish in Finland (FIN); British in England and Scotland (GBR); Iberian Population in Spain (IBS); South A

sian (SAS)- ((Gujarati Indian from Houston, Texas (GIH); Punjabi from Lahore, Pakistan (PIL); Bengali from

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