



Aggression in Children: unraveling gene-environment interplay to inform Treatment and InterventiON strategies



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# Combining genome-wide association studies in ACTION

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- Aggression in Children: unraveling gene-environment interplay to inform Treatment and InterventiON strategies
- Aim: Improve the understanding of the causes of individual differences in aggression among children in order to better inform the development of prevention and treatment strategies.



Clinical state of the art

Cohorts

Biomarkers

and

causative

targets

Clinical utility

Stakeholder

interaction

#### My place?



#### WP1. Management All WPs WP2. Clinical epidemiology Current treatment practice Clinical problems related to aggression treatment • Clinical data of responders vs. non-responders to treatment WP3. Genetic epidemiology WP4. Gene-environment WP5. Metabolomics Genetic architecture • Environmental architecture · Correlation of existing Epigenetics Gene-environment correlation biomarkers GWA Gene-Environment interaction New metabolic biomarkers WP6. Prevention and treatment • ELSI issues concerning novel treatment and intervention programs · Overarching framework to guide novel interventions • Causative and modifiable targets to pave the way for novel therapies All WPs WP7. Dissemination



#### Lots Of Data

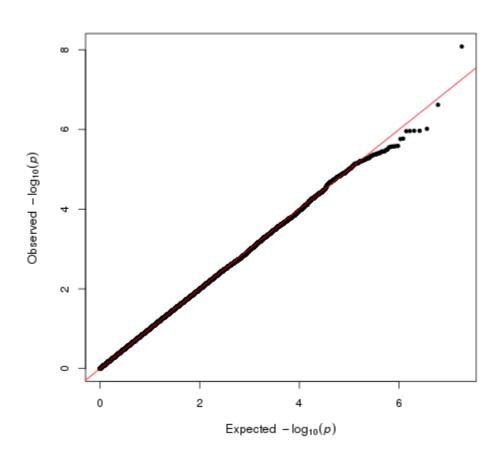


- Rater: mother, father, teacher and/or self
- Multiple age groups
- Various instruments
- NTR: 28 combinations
- My task: GWAS for every combination
  - So far: 1 GWA on mother-rated 10yo's



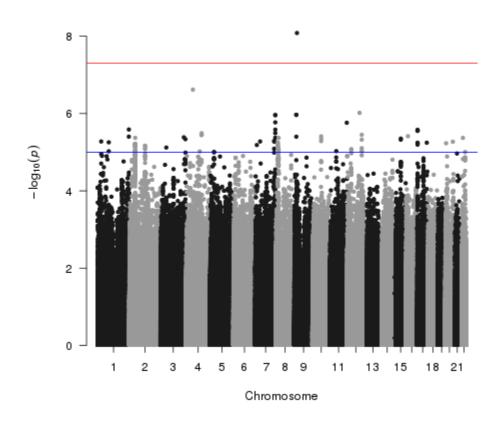
### Results













#### Future



- Run remaining GWA in NTR
- Collect results from partners
- Multivariate meta-regression
- Find combination of age, rater and instrument that gives best prediction of:
  - Future outcome
  - Other traits/disorders





## Thank you for your attention