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Software and code

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Data collection	GWAS summary statistics of asthma in East Asians were downloaded from GBMI study, and summary statistics Japanese were obtained from studies of BioBank Japan through GWAS Catalog. Summary statistics of the largest GWAS for hematological traits were obtained from GWAS Catalog. RNA sequencing data from GSE201955 was downloaded from the GEO database.
Data analysis	The article utilized LDSC v1.0.1 to estimate the genetic correlation between asthma and hematological traits, employed S-LDSC to assess the enrichment of cell-type-specific SNP heritability, and conducted bidirectional Mendelian randomization analysis using the R package "TwoSampleMR" v0.6.4. Local genetic correlation analysis was carried out using p-HES v0.5.3. Multi-trait GWAS meta-analysis for asthma and various hematological traits was performed using MTAG. GWAS analysis of Chinese individuals was conducted using PLINK 1.9. The differential expression of CD36 was evaluated using the two-sided Wilcoxon rank-sum test.

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The datasets analyzed in this study are obtained from publicly available sources. Summary statistics for the BioBank Japan (BBJ) dataset were accessed via the GWAS Catalog (<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/gwas/summary-statistics>) under their data usage policies. Data from the Global Biobank Meta-analysis Initiative (GBMI) were used in accordance with their access guidelines (<https://www.globalbiobankmeta.org/resources>). Additional genotype and phenotype data from the Chinese replication cohort are not publicly available due to participant privacy restrictions. Access can be requested from the corresponding author (changxiao@sdfmu.edu.cn) and requires ethical approval and a data use agreement. Summary statistics for genome-wide significant loci generated in this study are provided in the Supplementary Data.

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In this study, the sex of participants in the Chinese cohort was determined through self-reporting. During the multivariable logistic regression analysis to investigate the association between genetic variations and asthma diagnosis status in Chinese individuals, sex was included as a covariate.

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In our manuscript, we specifically used "ethnicity" as a categorization variable to focus our genetic analysis on East Asians. This demographic focus was utilized to explore the genetic basis of asthma in a population that is underrepresented in global asthma studies. Ethnicity was used not as a proxy for other variables such as socioeconomic status, but as a means to directly study genetic variations unique to East Asians. This approach is essential because genetic markers and their association with diseases can significantly vary between populations due to evolutionary backgrounds and environmental interactions.

Population characteristics

See above

Recruitment

A total of 1,100 asthmatic patients were recruited from The First Affiliated Hospital of Shandong First Medical University. Patients diagnosed with asthma were identified based on the criteria outlined in the 2023 GINA Report (Global Strategy for Asthma Management and Prevention). Additionally, asthmatic patients from the CAS cohort who are currently undergoing asthma treatment were included based on healthcare and lifestyle questionnaires. A total of 2,506 control subjects were selected from the CAS cohort based on questionnaire information indicating no history of allergies or respiratory diseases.

Ethics oversight

This study was approved by the Institutional Review Boards of The First Affiliated Hospital of Shandong First Medical University, Beijing Institute of Genomics (Chinese Academy of Sciences) and Beijing Zhongguancun Hospital.

Note that full information on the approval of the study protocol must also be provided in the manuscript.

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Life sciences study design

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Sample size

In this study, the determination of sample size was not explicitly detailed regarding whether pre-statistical methods calculations were performed. The asthma GWAS analysis involved 18,549 cases and 322,655 controls for the East Asian population, and 13,015 cases and 162,933 controls for the Japanese population. Additionally, in the GWAS analysis of Chinese individuals, 1,100 asthmatic patients were recruited from The First Affiliated Hospital of Shandong First Medical University, and 2,506 control subjects without a history of allergies or respiratory diseases were selected from the CAS cohort of the Chinese Academy of Sciences in Beijing. These sample sizes were chosen based on existing large bioinformatics databases and available data from preliminary studies, providing sufficient statistical power to explore the association between asthma and related genetic markers.

Data exclusions

In the GWAS analysis, individuals with a genotype call rate less than 95%, gender mismatch, possible contamination, or not belonging to the target population (such as non-East Asians or Japanese) were excluded. Additionally, SNPs that did not meet Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium tests were also excluded. These exclusion criteria were pre-established to ensure the quality and reliability of the analysis data.

Replication

The study follows standard bioinformatics workflows to ensure the reproducibility and robustness of the findings.

Randomization

Since this study primarily involved observational genetic analysis rather than experimental interventions, samples/organisms/participants were not randomly assigned to experimental groups. All data originated from existing bioinformatics databases, hence this issue is not applicable to our study.

Blinding

During the data collection and analysis process, as the study's nature was primarily based on analyses of existing databases, the researchers were aware of the group allocations, and blinding was not a requirement. Moreover, the analysis relied on objective genetic data, which minimized the possibility of subjective bias.

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☒	☐ Animals and other organisms
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☒	☐ Dual use research of concern
☒	☐ Plants

Methods

n/a	Involved in the study
☒	☐ ChIP-seq
☐	☒ Flow cytometry
☒	☐ MRI-based neuroimaging

Antibodies

Antibodies used

APC anti-human CD36
Supplier: Biolegend
Catalog number: 336207
Clone name: 5-271
Lot number: B348761

Pacific Blue anti-human CD294 (CRTH2)
Supplier: Biolegend
Catalog number: 350129
Clone name: BM16
Lot number: B314227

FITC anti-human CD4
Supplier: Biolegend
Catalog number: 317407
Clone name: OKT4
Lot number: B374224

Validation

Antibodies are commercially available and validated in the literature as cited on the manufacturers' websites (listed below), as well as by the manufacturers data sheets.
APC anti-human CD36 (336207) : <https://www.biolegend.com/en-us/products/apc-anti-human-cd36-antibody-5421#antigenDetails>.
Pacific Blue anti-human CD294(CRTH2) (350129): <https://www.biolegend.com/en-us/products/pacific-blue-anti-human-cd294-crth2-antibody-16162>.
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Methodology

Sample preparation

Two milliliters (ml) of human peripheral blood were collected using an anticoagulant tube and diluted with phosphate-buffered saline (PBS) at a 1:1 ratio. Ficoll-Paque PLUS (Cytiva, 17144002) was added into a 15 ml centrifuge tube. Diluted peripheral blood was carefully layered onto the Ficoll along the tube wall, and after centrifugation, the middle white membrane layer containing Peripheral Blood Mononuclear Cells (PBMCs) was collected. PBMCs were washed and resuspended in PBS. Cells were then stained with monoclonal antibodies specific to CD4 (Biolegend, clone: OKT4, 317407), CD36 (Biolegend, clone: 5-271, 336207), and CRTH2 (Biolegend, clone: BM16, 350129).

Instrument

flow cytometry analysis was performed utilizing the BD-FACSAria Fusion platform.

Software

FACSDiva (BD) for cell acquisition and FlowJo software (FlowJo, LLC) version 10 for analysis.

Cell population abundance

PBMCs were freshly isolated using density gradient centrifugation from heparinized peripheral blood.

Gating strategy

Monocytes, granulocytes, lymphocytes are gated based on cell shape, size, and cell granularity. ILC2-rich cells are then identified in lymphocytes by CD4- and CRTH2+.

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