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Software and code

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Data collection No software was used for data collection.

Data analysis Packages or software used in this manuscript include the following; Michigan Imputation Server (version 1.6.3), Eagle (2.4), plink (2.0), bcftools (1.18), Cellranger (5.0.1), Cellranger-ARC (2.0.2), DropletUtils (1.22), Seurat (v4), DoubletFinder (2.0), edgeR (3.4.2), MatrixEQTL (2.3), lmerTest (3.1), qvalue (2.34), MungeSumstats (1.10.1), ieugwasr (1.0.1), coloc (5.2.3), MendelianRandomization (0.10).

Scripts used for data analysis are available here. <https://github.com/johnsonlab-ic/singlecell-MR>

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Raw snRNA-seq and genotype data from the Bryois_192 dataset is available as per their publication at the European Genome-Phenome Archive (EGA) under accession code EGAS00001006345 [7]. Raw snRNA-seq and genotype data from the MATTHEWS dataset is hosted at Synapse under accession code syn54083444. Newly generated raw snRNA-seq and associated genotype data (MRC_60 and Roche_PD) is available under accession code EGAS00000000687. Genotype data is considered personal data and is therefore under protected access by the host repository (EGA), where access is subject to the submission of an application delineating the scope of the project and the data required (full details on the portal). Applications are aimed to be reviewed within two weeks.

Processed single-cell expression counts for each dataset and the full set of eQTL summary statistics for both the full and control-only datasets are available at <https://zenodo.org/records/13343729>. The full set of published GWAS summary statistics used for the colocalisation and MR analysis as well as links to the original publications are described in Supplementary Table 3.

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Population characteristics	Yes, clinical covariates have been included and contain age, sex, genotypic information, disease diagnosis as assessed by neuropathology. All samples were collected post-mortem.
Recruitment	This research was conducted under the oversight of Imperial College Research ethics.
Ethics oversight	Imperial College Research Ethics reference: ICREC_14_2_11

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Life sciences study design

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Sample size	We performed snRNA-seq on all brain samples available to us, yielding N=409 individuals (391 post quality control). It is the largest dataset to date with almost equal sizes of controls (N = 183) and disease cases (N = 208), allowing to isolate disease-specific effects of feQTLs at cell-type specific level.
Data exclusions	Nuclei with less than 500 UMIs in 300 features, and more than 5% Mitochondrial content were excluded. Related individuals based on genotypic data were excluded, and individuals with less than 10 nuclei for a single cell-type were removed.
Replication	Replication was made by comparing eQTL discovery to a large-scale eQTL study performed in bulk brain tissue (N = 6,523). Between 72.9-88.7% of cell-type eQTLs (depending on cell type) replicated at FDR < 5%, of which 90.0-98.3 had the same direction of effect.
Randomization	Grouping was done based on diagnosis, determined by neuropathology. eQTL discovery was conducted on the full dataset (N = 391) and on the controls-only dataset (N = 183). No other grouping or selection was made.
Blinding	Blinding was not implemented to group allocation. However, in our case, the analysis focused on objective genetic and expression data, where researcher bias is unlikely to influence the outcome. Our study design required knowledge of group allocation to conduct separate analyses for controls and the full cohort, which is standard in genetic studies aiming to capture eQTLs across different biological conditions.

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