

## **Supplementary material**

**Dystrophin genotype and risk of neuropsychiatric disorders in dystrophinopathies:  
A systematic review and meta-analysis**

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**Supplementary table 1.** Excluded studies with reasons.

| Reference                       | Reason for exclusion     |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Banihani R et al (2015) [1]     | Not outcomes of interest |
| Conway KC et al (2015) [2]      | Not outcomes of interest |
| Gosar D et al (2021) [3]        | Not outcomes of interest |
| Hendriksen JGM et al (2008) [4] | No genotype available    |
| Hendriksen RGF et al (2018) [5] | Not outcomes of interest |
| Hinton VJ et al (2009) [6]      | Not outcomes of interest |
| Latimer R et al (2017) [7]      | No genotype available    |
| Ozer U et al (2019) [8]         | No genotype available    |
| Pangalila RF et al (2015) [9]   | No genotype available    |
| Wu JY et al (2005) [10]         | No genotype available    |

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**Supplementary table 2.** Diagnostic criteria for dystrophinopathies.

**A.** Advantages and disadvantages of the diagnostic methods of dystrophinopathies used by the authors of the included studies.

| Diagnostic method                                       | Advantage  | Disadvantages  |
|---|--|--|
| <b>A. Genetic testing</b>                               |  |  |
| Multiplex Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)               | Widely available and inexpensive   | A priori only detects deletions<br>Does not cover the entire gene                              |
| Multiplex ligation-dependent probe amplification (MLPA) | It detects more mutations than multiplex PCR<br>It detects deletions and duplications<br>It covers all exons<br>It allows carrier study  | Laborious and expensive design, although there are methods that make it affordable             |
| Southern blotting                                       | It detects deletions and duplications<br>It determines the deletion and duplication endpoints, determining the effect on the reading frame   | It requires isotopes and high molecular weight DNA<br>It is tedious, and more time is required |
| Direct sequencing                                       | In addition to detecting other mutations, it is very useful in point mutations   | It is impractical and expensive  |
| <b>B. Muscle biopsy</b>                                 |  |  |
| Immunohistochemistry                                    | Very profitable<br>High reliability in DMD and BMD: In DMD no fibers are detected, only reverted fibers (50% of patients); in BMD, reduction and/or irregularity in the staining of muscle fibers is observed  | More sensitive to degradation or decomposition than Western Blot                               |
| Western blot  | Very sensible<br>It differentiates DMD from BMD better than immunohistochemistry<br>Although it is rarely used, it has prognostic value: small amounts of functional dystrophin synthesized in some patients with DMD can be quantified, being associated with milder phenotypes | Different muscles may have different expression of dystrophin<br>It is laborious and expensive |

**B.** Diagnostic methods of dystrophinopathies used in each study.

| Reference                     | Diagnostic method  |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Lambert JT et al (2020)       | Clinical manifestation of BMD (exercise intolerance, elevated CPK, etc.), male gender, and diagnosis by genetic testing and/or biopsy  |
| Mori-Yoshimura M et al (2018) | Remedy Database: Japanese Population Registry with Genetically Confirmed DMD/BMD. If it could not be confirmed with MLPA, the gene was sequenced. Clinically, BMD was considered when the person with confirmed dystrophinopathy was ambulant at 17 years of age |
| Mori-Yoshimura M et al (2019) | Participants with genetically or immunohistochemically confirmed BMD. Clinically, BMD was considered when the person with confirmed dystrophinopathy was ambulant at 17 years of age   |
| Colombo P et al (2017)        | Participants with DMD confirmed genetically or by muscle biopsy  |
| Darmahkasih AJ et al (2019)   | Clinical manifestation of DMD, and genetic confirmation  |
| Pane M et al (2012)           | Participants with genetic confirmation of DMD by MLPA or PCR and direct sequencing   |
| Ricotti V et al (2015)        | Participants with genetic confirmation of DMD  |
| Saito Y et al (2022)          | Participants with genetic confirmation of DMD  |
| Thangarajh M et al (2019)     | Participants with genetic confirmation of DMD  |
| Fujino H et al (2018)         | MLPA, multiplex PCR, Southern blotting, direct sequencing  |

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**Supplementary table 3.** Diagnostic criteria for main outcomes.

| <b>Reference</b>            | <b>ASD</b>      | <b>ADHD</b>                   | <b>Depression</b> | <b>Anxiety</b>  | <b>OCD</b>      |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Colombo P et al (2017)      | ADOS            | -                             | -                 | -               | -               |
| Darmahkasih AJ et al (2019) | Medical history | Medical history               | Medical history   | Medical history | Medical history |
| Fujino H et al (2018)       | PARS            | -                             | -                 | -               | -               |
| Lambert JT et al (2020)     | Medical history | Medical history               | Medical history   | Medical history | Medical history |
| Pane M et al (2012)         | -               | DSM IV, CPRS-R:L,<br>CTRS-R:L | -                 | -               | -               |
| Ricotti V et al (2015)      | 3Di-sv          | -                             | -                 | -               | -               |
| Saito Y et al (2022)        | DSM-V           | DSM-V                         | -                 | -               | -               |
| Thangarajh M et al (2019)   | -               | Conners                       | -                 | -               | -               |

3Di-sv: Developmental, Diagnostic and Dimensional Interview – short version; ADOS: Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule; CPRSR: Conners' Parent Rating Scale-Revised; CTRS-R:L: Conners Teachers Rating Scales-Revised; DSM: Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders; PARS: Pervasive Developmental Disorders/Autism Spectrum Disorders Rating Scale

**Supplementary table 4.** Developmental disorders included in Becker muscular dystrophy and affected participants.

| Reference                     | Diagnostic criteria  | Developmental/Neurodevelopmental disorders (DSM-V and ICD10 nomenclature)   | Affected Participants   |
|-------------------------------|--|---|---|
| Mori-Yoshimura M et al (2018) | Data collection was carried out by self-reported questionnaire from the participants. Disorders were categorized according to DSM-IV, which corresponds to "neurodevelopmental disorders" in DSM-V | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intellectual Disability (ICD10: F70/F71/F72/F73)</li> <li>• Global developmental delay (ICD10: F88)</li> <li>• Unspecified intellectual disability (ICD10: F79)</li> <li>• Language disorder (ICD10: F80.9)</li> <li>• Speech sound disorder (ICD10: F80.0)</li> <li>• Childhood-Onset Fluency Disorder (ICD10: F80.81)</li> <li>• Social communication disorder (ICD10: F80.89)</li> <li>• Unspecified Communication Disorder (ICD10: F80.9)</li> <li>• Autism Spectrum Disorder (ICD10: F84.0)</li> <li>• Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ICD10: F90.0/F90.1/F90.2)</li> <li>• Other Specified Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ICD10: F90.8)</li> <li>• Unspecified Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ICD10: F90.9)</li> <li>• Specific Learning Disorder (ICD10: F81.0/F81.2/F81.81)</li> <li>• Developmental Coordination Disorder (ICD10: F82)</li> <li>• Stereotypic Movement Disorder (ICD10: F98.4)</li> <li>• Tourette's Disorder (ICD10: F95.2)</li> <li>• Persistent Motor or Vocal Tic Disorder (ICD10: F95.1)</li> <li>• Provisional Tic Disorder (ICD10: F95.0)</li> <li>• Other Specified Tic Disorder (ICD10: F95.8)</li> <li>• Unspecified Tic Disorder (ICD10: F95.9)</li> <li>• Other Specified Neurodevelopmental Disorder (ICD10: F88)</li> <li>• Unspecified Neurodevelopmental Disorder (ICD10: F89)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Autism (integrated as autism spectrum disorder in DSM-V): 1</li> <li>• Language disorders: 1</li> <li>• Mental retardation (Intellectual Disability in DSM-V): 7</li> </ul>                          |
| Mori-Yoshimura M et al (2019) | Data collection was performed by interviewing the participants by a neurologist. The categorization of the disorders was probably performed as in Mori-Yoshimura M et al (2018)                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intellectual Disability (ICD10: F70/F71/F72/F73)</li> <li>• Global developmental delay (ICD10: F88)</li> <li>• Unspecified intellectual disability (ICD10: F79)</li> <li>• Language disorder (ICD10: F80.9)</li> <li>• Speech sound disorder (ICD10: F80.0)</li> <li>• Childhood-Onset Fluency Disorder (ICD10: F80.81)</li> <li>• Social communication disorder (ICD10: F80.89)</li> <li>• Unspecified Communication Disorder (ICD10: F80.9)</li> <li>• Autism Spectrum Disorder (ICD10: F84.0)</li> <li>• Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ICD10: F90.0/F90.1/F90.2)</li> <li>• Other Specified Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ICD10: F90.8)</li> <li>• Unspecified Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ICD10: F90.9)</li> <li>• Specific Learning Disorder (ICD10: F81.0/F81.2/F81.81)</li> <li>• Developmental Coordination Disorder (ICD10: F82)</li> <li>• Stereotypic Movement Disorder (ICD10: F98.4)</li> <li>• Tourette's Disorder (ICD10: F95.2)</li> <li>• Persistent Motor or Vocal Tic Disorder (ICD10: F95.1)</li> <li>• Provisional Tic Disorder (ICD10: F95.0)</li> <li>• Other Specified Tic Disorder (ICD10: F95.8)</li> <li>• Unspecified Tic Disorder (ICD10: F95.9)</li> <li>• Other Specified Neurodevelopmental Disorder (ICD10: F88)</li> <li>• Unspecified Neurodevelopmental Disorder (ICD10: F89)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intellectual disorder (used as a synonym for intellectual disability by the authors): 5</li> <li>• Pervasive developmental disorders (integrated as autism spectrum disorder in DSM-V): 1</li> </ul> |



**Supplementary table 5. Risk of bias assessment.**

| Reference                            | 1     | 2     | 3     | 4     | 5      | 6     | 7     | 8     | 9     | 10     | 11    | 12     | 13    | 14    | 15    |
|--------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|
| <i>Colombo P et al (2017)</i>        | Green | Green | Green | Green | Yellow | Green | Green | Green | Green | Yellow | Green | Yellow | Green | Green | Green |
| <i>Darmahkasih AJ et al (2019)</i>   | Green | Green | Green | Green | Yellow | Green | Green | Green | Green | Yellow | Red   | Yellow | Green | Green | Green |
| <i>Fujino H et al (2018)</i>         | Green | Green | Green | Green | Yellow | Green | Green | Green | Green | Yellow | Green | Yellow | Green | Green | Green |
| <i>Lambert JT et al (2020)</i>       | Green | Green | Green | Green | Yellow | Green | Green | Green | Green | Yellow | Red   | Yellow | Green | Green | Green |
| <i>Mori-Yoshimura M et al (2018)</i> | Green | Green | Green | Green | Yellow | Green | Green | Green | Green | Yellow | Red   | Yellow | Green | Green | Green |
| <i>Mori-Yoshimura M et al (2019)</i> | Green | Green | Green | Green | Yellow | Green | Green | Green | Green | Yellow | Green | Yellow | Green | Green | Green |
| <i>Pane M et al (2012)</i>           | Green | Green | Green | Green | Yellow | Green | Green | Green | Green | Yellow | Green | Yellow | Green | Green | Green |
| <i>Ricotti V et al (2015)</i>        | Green | Green | Green | Green | Yellow | Green | Green | Green | Green | Yellow | Green | Yellow | Green | Green | Green |
| <i>Saito Y et al (2022)</i>          | Green | Green | Green | Green | Yellow | Green | Green | Green | Green | Yellow | Green | Yellow | Green | Green | Green |
| <i>Thangarajh M et al (2019)</i>     | Green | Green | Green | Green | Yellow | Green | Red   | Green | Green | Yellow | Green | Yellow | Green | Green | Green |

Green: good/low risk; Red: poor/high risk; Yellow: fair/some concerns/not applicable

Items for Study Quality Assessment Tools:

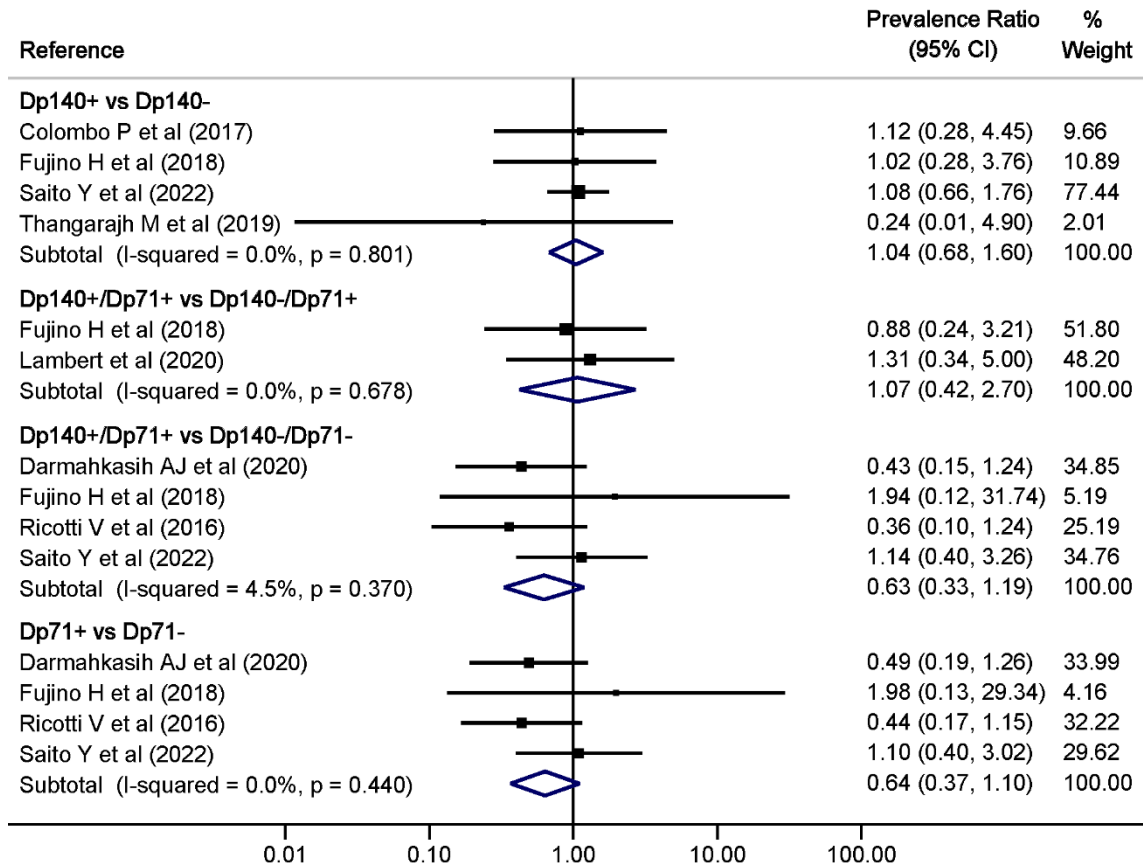
1. Was the research question or objective in this paper clearly stated?
2. Was the study population clearly specified and defined?
3. Was the participation rate of eligible persons at least 50%?
4. Were all the subjects selected or recruited from the same or similar populations (including the same time period)? Were inclusion and exclusion criteria for being in the study prespecified and applied uniformly to all participants?
5. Was a sample size justification, power description, or variance and effect estimates provided?
6. For the analyses in this paper, were the exposure(s) of interest measured prior to the outcome(s) being measured?
7. Was the timeframe sufficient so that one could reasonably expect to see an association between exposure and outcome if it existed?
8. For exposures that can vary in amount or level, did the study examine different levels of the exposure as related to the outcome (e.g., categories of exposure, or exposure measured as continuous variable)?
9. Were the exposure measures (independent variables) clearly defined, valid, reliable, and implemented consistently across all study participants?
10. Was the exposure(s) assessed more than once over time?
11. Were the outcome measures (dependent variables) clearly defined, valid, reliable, and implemented consistently across all study participants?
12. Were the outcome assessors blinded to the exposure status of participants?
13. Was loss to follow-up after baseline 20% or less?
14. Were key potential confounding variables measured and adjusted statistically for their impact on the relationship between exposure(s) and outcome(s)?
15. Overall bias. If poor, it need comments.

**Supplementary table 6.** Grades of Recommendation, Assessment, Development, and Evaluation.

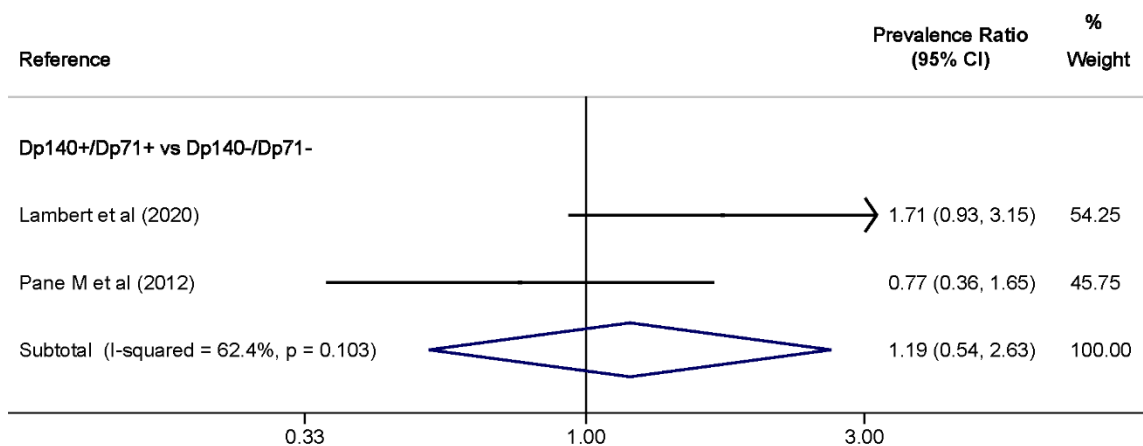
| № of studies                                       | Study design          | Risk of bias | Certainty assessment |              |             |                      | Impact                 | Certainty |
|--|-----------------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------|----------------------|------------------------|-----------|
|  |                       |              | Inconsistency        | Indirectness | Imprecision | Other considerations |                        |           |
| <b>A. Developmental disorders</b>                  |                       |              |                      |              |             |                      |                        |           |
| <b>Dp140+ vs Dp140-</b>                            |                       |              |                      |              |             |                      |                        |           |
| 2  | Observational studies | Not serious  | Not serious          | Not serious  | Not serious | Strong association   | PR = 0.11 (0.04, 0.34) | MODERATE  |
| <b>Dp71+ vs Dp71-</b>                              |                       |              |                      |              |             |                      |                        |           |
| 2  | Observational studies | Not serious  | Not serious          | Not serious  | Not serious | Strong association   | PR = 0.22 (0.07, 0.67) | MODERATE  |
| <b>B. Autism spectrum disorder</b>                 |                       |              |                      |              |             |                      |                        |           |
| <b>Dp140+ vs Dp140-</b>                            |                       |              |                      |              |             |                      |                        |           |
| 3  | Observational studies | Not serious  | Not serious          | Not serious  | Not serious | None                 | PR = 1.05 (0.66, 1.65) | LOW       |
| <b>Dp140+/Dp71+ vs Dp140-/Dp71-</b>                |                       |              |                      |              |             |                      |                        |           |
| 3  | Observational studies | Not serious  | Not serious          | Not serious  | Not serious | None                 | PR = 0.59 (0.29, 1.19) | LOW       |
| <b>Dp71+ vs Dp71-</b>                              |                       |              |                      |              |             |                      |                        |           |
| 3  | Observational studies | Not serious  | Not serious          | Not serious  | Not serious | None                 | PR = 0.61 (0.35, 1.06) | LOW       |
| <b>C. Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder</b> |                       |              |                      |              |             |                      |                        |           |
| <b>Dp140+ vs Dp140-</b>                            |                       |              |                      |              |             |                      |                        |           |
| 3  | Observational studies | Not serious  | Not serious          | Not serious  | Not serious | None                 | PR = 0.44 (0.10, 1.93) | LOW       |
| <b>Dp140+/Dp71+ vs Dp140-/Dp71-</b>                |                       |              |                      |              |             |                      |                        |           |
| 3  | Observational studies | Not serious  | Not serious          | Not serious  | Not serious | Strong association   | PR = 0.40 (0.28, 0.56) | MODERATE  |
| <b>Dp71+ vs Dp71-</b>                              |                       |              |                      |              |             |                      |                        |           |
| 3  | Observational studies | Not serious  | Not serious          | Not serious  | Not serious | Strong association   | PR = 0.47 (0.36, 0.63) | MODERATE  |

**Supplementary figure 1.** Meta-analysis of the prevalence ratio and 95% confidence interval by genotype comparisons of autism spectrum disorders and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder in dystrophinopathies.

**A-** Autism spectrum disorders.



**B-** Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder in dystrophinopathies.



**Supplementary appendix 1. Search strategy.**

- Medline, Scopus, Web of Science, and Cochrane Library

(epidemiology OR prevalence OR survey OR frequency OR question\* OR ratio OR rate)  
AND ("becker muscular dystrophy" OR "duchenne muscular dystrophy" OR dystroph\*)  
AND ("developmental disorders" OR "neurodevelopmental disorders" OR "attention deficit hyperactivity disorder" OR adhd OR "autism spectrum disorder" OR autism OR asd OR depression OR anxiety OR "obsessive-compulsive disorder" OR "obsessive compulsive disorder" OR ocd OR "mental disorders" OR "mental health")

- Grey literature

Not specified