## GWAS for urinary sodium and potassium excretion highlights pathways shared with cardiovascular traits

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**Supplementary Figure 1- Manhattan and Q-Q plots for GWAs of urinary traits.** A) urinary sodium GWAS; B) urinary potassium GWAS; C) Urinary Sodium GWAS after medication and renal disease exclusions; D) Urinary potassium GWAS after medication and renal disease exclusions.

## Supplementary Figure 2- Association of Urinary trait loci with targeted metabolites in Airwave sample.





**Supplementary Figure 3- Overview of parallel MR approaches for the link between urinary traits and BP.** Method 1 represents MR analysis when 63 lead SNPs with effect estimates for urinary traits from the full UK biobank(UKB) sample were used against effect estimates of BP from International Consortium for Blood Pressure (ICBP). ICBP and UKB have no sample overlap. Method 2 represents MR analysis when the 63 lead SNPs with effect estimates for urinary traits from UKB north sample (n=224,883) were used against effect estimates for BP from UKB south sample (n=221,354). These two samples had no sample overlap. Method 3 represents MR analysis when the 63 lead SNPs with effect estimates for urinary traits from UKB random split half sample were used against effect estimates for BP from the second UKB random split half sample. These two samples had no sample overlap.



**Supplementary Figure 4- Mendelian randomization analysis assessing effect of urinary electrolytes on SBP.** a) plot shows the effect size of urinary sodium variants (x axis) against effect size of the same variants for SBP (y axis). b) Funnel plot compares effect estimate from IVW test (blue line) against effect estimate from MR-Egger test (Red line). c) plot shows the effect size of urinary potassium variants (x axis) against effect size of the same variants for SBP (y axis). d) MR plot compares effect estimate from IVW test (red line), simple median (blue line), and weighted median (purple line) against effect estimate from MR-Egger test (green line). The results are based on exposure and outcome effect estimates from UK Biobank north vs. south sample (see methods). SBP, systolic blood pressure; MAF, minor allele frequency; SNP, single nucleotide polymorphism. Error bars refer to 95% confidence interval for the effect estimate.



**Supplementary Figure 5- Mendelian randomization analysis assessing effect of urinary electrolytes on DBP.** a) plot shows the effect size of urinary sodium variants (x axis) against effect size of the same variants for DBP (y axis). b) Funnel plot compares effect estimate from IVW test (blue line) against effect estimate from MR-Egger test (Red line). c) plot shows the effect size of urinary potassium variants (x axis) against effect size of the same variants for DBP (y axis). d) MR plot compares effect estimate from IVW test (red line), simple median (blue line), and weighted median (purple line) against effect estimate from MR-Egger test (green line). The results are based on exposure and outcome effect estimates from UK Biobank north vs. south sample (see methods). DBP, diastolic blood pressure. MAF, minor allele frequency; SNP, single nucleotide polymorphism. Error bars refer to 95% confidence interval for the effect estimate.



**Supplementary Figure 6-** Mendelian randomization analysis assessing effect of urinary electrolytes on CVD. a) plot shows the effect size of urinary sodium variants (x axis) against effect size of the same variants for CVD from CARDIOGRAM with **no overlap** with UK Biobank data (y axis). b) plot shows the effect size of urinary sodium variants (x axis) against effect size of urinary sodium variants (x axis) against effect size of the same variants for CVD from CARDIOGRAM with overlap with UK Biobank data (y axis). c) plot shows the effect size of urinary **potassium** variants (x axis) against effect size of urinary **potassium** variants (x axis) against effect size of the same variants for CVD from CARDIOGRAM with **no overlap** with UK Biobank data (y axis). d) plot shows the effect size of urinary **potassium** variants for CVD from CARDIOGRAM with overlap with UK Biobank data (y axis). d) plot shows the effect size of urinary **potassium** variants for CVD from CARDIOGRAM with overlap with UK Biobank data (y axis). d) plot shows the effect size of urinary **potassium** variants (x axis) against effect size of the same variants for CVD from CARDIOGRAM with overlap with UK Biobank data (y axis). The results are based on exposure and outcome effect estimates from UK Biobank vs. CARDIOGRAM (Nikpay et al. or Nelson et al. see methods). CVD, cardiovascular disease.



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**Supplementary Figure 7-** Mendelian randomization analysis assessing effect of urinary electrolytes on blood pressure using data from International Consortium for Blood Pressure (ICBP). a) plot shows the effect size of urinary sodium variants (x axis) against effect size of the same variants for SBP (y axis). b plot shows the effect size of urinary potassium variants (x axis) against effect size of the same variants for DBP (y axis). c) plot shows the effect size of urinary potassium variants (x axis) against effect size of the same variants for SBP (y axis). d) plot shows the effect size of urinary potassium variants (x axis) against effect size of the same variants for SBP (y axis). d) plot shows the effect size of urinary potassium variants (x axis) against effect size of the same variants for DBP (y axis). d) plot shows the effect size of urinary potassium variants (x axis) against effect size of the same variants for DBP (y axis). SBP, systolic blood pressure. DBP, diastolic blood pressure.



Supplementary Figure 8- Comparison of Mendelian randomization analysis assessing effect of urinary potassium excretion pathways on blood pressure using data from UK Biobank (UKB) splits vs. International Consortium for Blood Pressure (ICBP). a) plot shows the effect size of urinary potassium variants (x axis) against effect size of the same variants for SBP (y axis) from UKB north vs UKB South . b) plot shows the effect size of urinary potassium variants (x axis) against effect size of the same variants (x axis) against effect size of the same variants for SBP (y axis) from UKB north vs UKB South . b) plot shows the effect size of urinary potassium variants (x axis) against effect size of the same variants for SBP (y axis) from UKB north vs UKB South . b) plot shows the effect size of urinary potassium variants (x axis) against effect size of the same variants for SBP (y axis) from UKB vs. ICBP data. SBP, systolic blood pressure.

| Characteristics                           | Urinary sodium sample (n=446,237) | Urinary potassium sample(n=446,230) |  |  |
|---|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| Age-yr                                    | 56.8(8)                           | 56.8(8)                             |  |  |
| Male sex -no.(%)                          | 205060(45.95)                     | 204824(45.9)                        |  |  |
| Hypertension-no./total no(%)              | 225368(54.23)                     | 225334(54.22)                       |  |  |
| HTN treatment-no./total no(%)             | 91648(20.54)                      | 91681(20.55)                        |  |  |
| Lipid treatment-no./total no(%)           | 76949(17.24)                      | 76945(17.24)                        |  |  |
| Diabetes mellitus-no./total no(%)         | 21290(4.78)                       | 21312(4.79)                         |  |  |
| Body mass index                           | 27.4(4.8)                         | 27.4(4.8)                           |  |  |
| sedentary lifestyle                       | 4.5(2.5)                          | 4.5(2.5)                            |  |  |
| current smoking-no.(%)                    | 46273(10)                         | 46245(10)                           |  |  |
| past smoking-no.(%)                       | 158310(36)                        | 158286(36)                          |  |  |
| never smoking-no.(%)                      | 239811(54)                        | 239852(54)                          |  |  |
| Alcohol intake- mean (SD)- gr/day         | 17.5(21)                          | 17.5(21)                            |  |  |
| Systolic blood pressure-mean (SD)- mmHg   | 141.1(20.7)                       | 141.1(20.7)                         |  |  |
| Diastolic blood pressure- mean (SD)- mmHg | 84.3(11.3)                        | 84.3(11.3)                          |  |  |
| Incident Coronary Artery Disease- N (%)   | 25680(5.83)                       | 25700(5.84)                         |  |  |
| Incident Myocardial Infarction- N (%)     | 11322(2.56)                       | 11325(2.56)                         |  |  |
| Incident Stroke-N(%)                      | 5703(1.29)                        | 5718(1.29)                          |  |  |

Supplementary Table 1: Baseline characteristics of the popoulation for analysis.

| SNP            | Value           | Chr_position_A2_A1 | EA | ID   | Component    | Analyte          | rho_beta     | pqval_fdr   | Locus  |
|----------------|-----------------|--------------------|----|------|--------------|------------------|--------------|-------------|--------|
| rs1260326      | 0.001463657     | Chr2_27730940_T_C  | С  | TPTG | Total Plasma | Triglycerides    | -0.079945424 | 0.000323468 | GCKR   |
| rs1260326      | 0.001463657     | Chr2_27730940_T_C  | С  | TPCH | Total Plasma | Cholesterol      | -0.089382593 | 5.77506E-05 | GCKR   |
| rs1260326      | 0.001463657     | Chr2_27730940_T_C  | С  | TPFC | Total Plasma | Free Cholesterol | -0.087978414 | 7.54572E-05 | GCKR   |
| rs1260326      | 0.001463657     | Chr2_27730940_T_C  | С  | VLTG | VLDL         | Triglycerides    | -0.079964895 | 0.000322378 | GCKR   |
| rs1260326      | 0.001463657     | Chr2_27730940_T_C  | С  | VLCH | VLDL         | Cholesterol      | -0.080560971 | 0.000290623 | GCKR   |
| rs1260326      | 0.001463657     | Chr2_27730940_T_C  | С  | VLFC | VLDL         | Free Cholesterol | -0.088291833 | 7.11088E-05 | GCKR   |
| rs1260326      | 0.001463657     | Chr2_27730940_T_C  | С  | VLPL | VLDL         | Phospholipids    | -0.080527949 | 0.000292303 | GCKR   |
| rs1260326      | 0.001463657     | Chr2_27730940_T_C  | С  | VLAB | VLDL         | Аро-В            | -0.073962093 | 0.00088147  | GCKR   |
| rs1260326      | 0.001463657     | Chr2_27730940_T_C  | С  | IDFC | IDL          | Free Cholesterol | -0.082577201 | 0.000203596 | GCKR   |
| rs1260326      | 0.001463657     | Chr2_27730940_T_C  | С  | V2TG | VLDL-2       | Triglycerides    | -0.072580005 | 0.001100285 | GCKR   |
| rs1260326      | 0.001463657     | Chr2_27730940_T_C  | С  | V4TG | VLDL-4       | Triglycerides    | -0.087048688 | 8.98822E-05 | GCKR   |
| rs1260326      | 0.001463657     | Chr2_27730940_T_C  | С  | V4FC | VLDL-4       | Free Cholesterol | -0.080500828 | 0.000293689 | GCKR   |
| rs1260326      | 0.001463657     | Chr2_27730940_T_C  | С  | V5TG | VLDL-5       | Triglycerides    | -0.083073708 | 0.000186286 | GCKR   |
| rs1260326      | 0.001463657     | Chr2_27730940_T_C  | С  | V5FC | VLDL-5       | Free Cholesterol | -0.073128398 | 0.00100806  | GCKR   |
| rs1260326      | 0.001463657     | Chr2_27730940_T_C  | С  | V6PL | VLDL-6       | Phospholipids    | -0.093822182 | 2.41667E-05 | GCKR   |
| rs1260326      | 0.001463657     | Chr2_27730940_T_C  | С  | L5CH | LDL-5        | Cholesterol      | -0.074823144 | 0.000766312 | GCKR   |
| rs1260326      | 0.001463657     | Chr2_27730940_T_C  | С  | L5FC | LDL-5        | Free Cholesterol | -0.079592054 | 0.00034386  | GCKR   |
| rs1260326      | 0.001463657     | Chr2_27730940_T_C  | С  | L5PL | LDL-5        | Phospholipids    | -0.074221465 | 0.000845196 | GCKR   |
| rs1260326      | 0.001463657     | Chr2_27730940_T_C  | С  | L6TG | LDL-6        | Triglycerides    | -0.09238052  | 3.22057E-05 | GCKR   |
| rs1260326      | 0.001463657     | Chr2_27730940_T_C  | С  | L6CH | LDL-6        | Cholesterol      | -0.079596053 | 0.000343623 | GCKR   |
| rs1260326      | 0.001463657     | Chr2_27730940_T_C  | С  | L6FC | LDL-6        | Free Cholesterol | -0.074390307 | 0.000822332 | GCKR   |
| rs1260326      | 0.001463657     | Chr2_27730940_T_C  | С  | L6PL | LDL-6        | Phospholipids    | -0.08535846  | 0.000122999 | GCKR   |
| rs1260326      | 0.001463657     | Chr2_27730940_T_C  | С  | L6AB | LDL-6        | Аро-В            | -0.082842731 | 0.000194159 | GCKR   |
| rs838133       | 0.001423107     | Chr19_49259529_A_G | G  | LDTG | LDL          | Triglycerides    | -0.080580863 | 0.000289616 | MLIP   |
| rs838133       | 0.001423107     | Chr19_49259529_A_G | G  | L5TG | LDL-5        | Triglycerides    | -0.076708662 | 0.000561166 | MLIP   |
| rs838133       | 0.001423107     | Chr19_49259529_A_G | G  | L6TG | LDL-6        | Triglycerides    | -0.09529881  | 1.79317E-05 | MLIP   |
| rs33951980     | 0.001355076     | Chr7_73029437_C_T  | Т  | V3TG | VLDL-3       | Triglycerides    | -0.072598041 | 0.001097131 | MLXIPL |
| rs33951980     | 0.001355076     | Chr7_73029437_C_T  | Т  | V3CH | VLDL-3       | Cholesterol      | -0.071473148 | 0.001310617 | MLXIPL |
| rs33951980     | 0.001355076     | Chr7_73029437_C_T  | Т  | V3FC | VLDL-3       | Free Cholesterol | -0.071959131 | 0.001214075 | MLXIPL |
| rs33951980     | 0.001355076     | Chr7_73029437_C_T  | Т  | V3PL | VLDL-3       | Phospholipids    | -0.07254954  | 0.00110563  | MLXIPL |
| rs33951980     | 0.001355076     | Chr7_73029437_C_T  | Т  | H4TG | HDL-4        | Triglycerides    | -0.079873604 | 0.000327519 | MLXIPL |
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Supplementary Table 2: Association of urinary sodium and potassium loci with metabolites in Airwave using <sup>1</sup>H NMR B-LISA (serum samples).

EA: Effect allele; rho\_beta: effect estimate

Supplementary Table 3- Number of eGenes per tissue for urinary trait loci from eQTL look up using GTeX.

## Urinary sodium loci

| Tissue                     | Gene |
|----------------------------|------|
| Thyroid                    | 8    |
| Esophagus_Mucosa           | 6    |
| Whole_Blood                | 5    |
| Lung                       | 4    |
| Adipose_Subcutaneous       | 3    |
| Muscle_Skeletal            | 3    |
| Artery_Tibial              | 2    |
| Heart_Left_Ventricle       | 1    |
| Nerve_Tibial               | 1    |
| Skin_Sun_Exposed_Lower_leg | 1    |
| Stomach                    | 1    |

## Urinary potassium loci

| Tissue               | Gene |
|----------------------|------|
| Artery_Tibial        | 2    |
| Esophagus_Muscularis | 1    |
| Whole_Blood          | 1    |

Supplementary Table 4: Regions of the UK Biobank study.

| Region              | Category          | Count |
|---------------------|-------------------|-------|
| UK Biobank North    | Bury              | 28335 |
|                     | Cheadle (imaging) | 19843 |
|                     | Cheadle (revisit) | 20346 |
|                     | Edinburgh         | 17201 |
|                     | Glasgow           | 18651 |
|                     | Leeds             | 44209 |
|                     | Liverpool         | 32818 |
|                     | Manchester        | 13940 |
|                     | Middlesborough    | 21289 |
|                     | Newcastle         | 37008 |
|                     | Newcastle         | 2996  |
|                     | (imaging)         |       |
|                     | Sheffield         | 30397 |
|                     | Stockport (pilot) | 3798  |
| UK Biobank Middland | Birmingham        | 25503 |
|                     | Cardiff           | 17882 |
|                     | Nottingham        | 33877 |
|                     | Stoke             | 19440 |
|                     | Swansea           | 2281  |
|                     | Wrexham           | 649   |
| UK Biobank South    | Barts             | 12583 |
|                     | Bristol           | 43014 |
|                     | Croydon           | 27385 |
|                     | Hounslow          | 28879 |
|                     | Oxford            | 14062 |
|                     | Reading           | 29416 |

Supplementary Table 5: Comparison of Mendelian Randomization analysis for the potential causal effect of urinary electrolytes on BP and CVD using International Consortium for Blood Pressure (ICBP) SNP-BP association results (at P<0.008).

| MR analysis using UKB North vs. UKB South (Original analysis) including all SNPs |          |                |        |       |          |  |  |
|--|----------|----------------|--------|-------|----------|--|--|
| Method   | Estimate | Standard Error | 95% Cl |       | P-value  |  |  |
| IVW estimate for sodium~ SBP UKBN vs. UKBS                                       | 1.84     | 2.09           | -2.24  | 5.93  | 0.38     |  |  |
| IVW estimate forsodium~ DBP UKBN vs. UKBS  | 1.73     | 1.27           | -0.75  | 4.21  | 0.17     |  |  |
| IVW estimate for potassium~ SBP UKBN vs. UKBS                                    | -10.56   | 3.49           | -17.4  | -3.72 | 2.47E-03 |  |  |
| IVW estimate for potassium <sup>~</sup> DBP UKBN vs. UKBS                        | -2.35    | 1.34           | -4.98  | 0.29  | 0.08     |  |  |

| Sensitivity analysis using UKB vs. BP consortium including all SNPs before removal of outliers |          |                |        |      |         |  |
|--|----------|----------------|--------|------|---------|--|
| Method   | Estimate | Standard Error | 95% Cl |      | P-value |  |
| IVW estimate for Sodium ~ SBP  | 2.93     | 1.6            | -0.2   | 6.07 | 0.07    |  |
| IVW estimate for Sodium ~ DBP  | 1.64     | 0.86           | -0.05  | 3.34 | 0.06    |  |
| IVW estimate for Potassium ~SBP  | -4.8     | 3.65           | -11.95 | 2.34 | 0.19    |  |
| IVW estimate for Potassium ~ DBP   | -1.4     | 2.02           | -5.37  | 2.57 | 0.49    |  |