Supplementary information

Denovo variants in the *RNU4-2* snRNA cause a frequent neurodevelopmental syndrome

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Supplementary Figures



Supplementary Figure 1: Quality control metrics for the variant calls in all 46 individuals with the n.64_65insT variant. (A) genotype quality scores, (B) allele balance, (C) GQX score (defined as "Empirically calibrated variant quality score for variant sites, otherwise the minimum of genotype quality assuming variant position and genotype quality assuming non-variant position"), and (D) sequencing depth (the number of reads covering the variant position. (C) and (D) includes a background distribution of these metrics in all other sequenced genomes in the GEL aggregated variant dataset (grey).



Supplementary Figure 2: Example IGV plots of the region surrounding the n.64_65insT variant in three trios demonstrate that the variant is detected with high confidence in the probands and is absent from the parents. Soft clipped reads are shown in colour.



Supplementary Figure 3: Number of sequencing reads with mapping quality scores (MAPQ) >20 across *RNU4-2* (teal), *RNU4-1* (light grey) and 999 random intergenic regions of the same length (dark grey) in probands with *RNU4-2* variants (n=57). Centre line, median; box limits, upper and lower quartiles; whiskers, 1.5x interquartile range; points, outliers.



Supplementary Figure 4: DNA sequence motifs around all canonical 5' splice sites in MANE transcripts⁴¹.



Supplementary Figure 5: Correlation between *RNU4-1* and *RNU4-2* expression in RNA-seq data from human cortex across prenatal and postnatal development from BrainVar²⁵. 'Period' refers to developmental stages, spanning from embryonic development to late adulthood, that were defined previously⁴².

Supplementary Tables

Variant	Gene	Symbol	Allele count	ICD10	ICD9	Current age (5 yr range)
chr12:1202918 39-T-TA	ENSG000 00202538	RNU4-2	AC=1	D64.9 Anaemia, unspecified; E83.3 Disorders of phosphorus metabolism; I10 Essential (primary) hypertension; I20.9 Angina pectoris, unspecified; I25.1 Atherosclerotic heart disease; I25.9 Chronic ischaemic heart disease, unspecified; I83.9 Varicose veins of lower extremities without ulcer or inflammation; L72.0 Epidermal cyst; R03.0 Elevated blood-pressure reading, without diagnosis of hypertension; R04.0 Epistaxis; Z30.2 Sterilisation; Z72.1 Alcohol use; Z82.3 Family history of stroke; Z86.4 Personal history of psychoactive substance abuse; Z86.6 Personal history of diseases of the nervous system and sense organs; Z86.7 Personal history of diseases of the circulatory system; Z92.1 Personal history of long-term (current) use of anticoagulants; Z95.5 Presence of coronary angioplasty implant and graft		70-75
chr12:1202918 39-T-TG	ENSG000 00202538	RNU4-2	AC=1	K30 Dyspepsia; K44.9 Diaphragmatic hernia without obstruction or gangrene; L82 Seborrhoeic keratosis		75-80
chr12:1202931 73-T-TA	ENSG000 00200795	RNU4-1	AC=6			65-70
chr12:1202931 73-T-TA	ENSG000 00200795	RNU4-1	AC=6	B98.0 Helicobacter pylori [H.pylori] as the cause of diseases classified to other chapters; E66.9 Obesity, unspecified; E78.0 Pure hypercholesterolaemia; F32.9 Depressive episode, unspecified; F41.9 Anxiety disorder, unspecified; I10 Essential (primary) hypertension; K21.9 Gastro-oesophageal reflux disease without oesophagitis; K29.6 Other gastritis; K30 Dyspepsia; K44.9 Diaphragmatic hernia without obstruction or gangrene; K76.0 Fatty (change of) liver, not elsewhere classified; K76.8 Other specified diseases of liver; M19.9 Arthrosis, unspecified; M47.92 Spondylosis, unspecified (Cervical region); M54.9 Dorsalgia, unspecified; R10.4 Other and unspecified abdominal pain		65-70
				C44.5 Skin of trunk; C61 Malignant neoplasm of prostate: D04.3 Skin of other and unspecified		
chr12:1202931 73-T-TA	ENSG000 00200795	RNU4-1	AC=6	parts of face; N40 Hyperplasia of prostate; Z46.6 Fitting and adjustment of urinary device		70-75
chr12:1202931 73-T-TA	ENSG000 00200795	RNU4-1	AC=6			70-75

chr12:1202931 73-T-TA	ENSG000 00200795	RNU4-1	AC=6	A09.9 Gastroenteritis and colitis of unspecified origin; H26.4 After-cataract; I45.1 Other and unspecified right bundle-branch block; M13.94 Arthritis, unspecified (Hand); M67.4 Ganglion; R00.1 Bradycardia, unspecified; R55 Syncope and collapse		80-85
chr12:1202931 73-T-TA	ENSG000 00200795	RNU4-1	AC=6	I20.9 Angina pectoris, unspecified; I21.9 Acute myocardial infarction, unspecified; I25.1 Atherosclerotic heart disease; I48.0 Paroxysmal atrial fibrillation; J45.9 Asthma, unspecified; K20 Oesophagitis; R07.4 Chest pain, unspecified; R19.4 Change in bowel habit; R63.4 Abnormal weight loss; Z50.0 Cardiac rehabilitation; Z87.1 Personal history of diseases of the digestive system; Z87.4 Personal history of diseases of the genito-urinary system	78909 Abdominal pain (other and unspecified)	70-75
chr12:1202931 73-T-TG	ENSG000 00200795	RNU4-1	AC=2	R56.8 Other and unspecified convulsions		55-60
chr12:1202931 73-T-TG	ENSG000 00200795	RNU4-1	AC=2	M54.12 Radiculopathy (Cervical region)		55-60

Supplementary Table 1: ICD10 and ICD9 codes for individuals with single base pair insertions between codons 64 and 65 of *RNU4-2* and *RNU4-1* in the UK Biobank.

symbol	gene	chr	start	end	mean CPM
RNU4-2	ENSG00000202538	12	120291763	120291903	3574.85
RNU4-1	ENSG00000200795	12	120293097	120293237	629.12
RNU4ATAC	ENSG00000264229	2	121530881	121531007	5.43150
U4	ENSG00000274197	11	130114251	130114335	2.07471
U4	ENSG00000277986	2	231711525	231711647	1.47215
U4	ENSG00000276103	1	150608507	150608623	1.02479
U4	ENSG00000278374	8	123454981	123455107	0.94882
U4	ENSG00000273744	6	106271634	106271720	0.90575
U4	ENSG00000283442	1	155894281	155894386	0.62500
U4	ENSG00000272215	5	179492076	179492157	0

Supplementary Table 3: Mean expression of U4 genes in prefrontal cortex across all samples in BrainVar²⁵.

Other Supplementary files and legends

Supplementary Table 2: Detailed clinical information for 49 individuals with *RNU4-2* variants. SNVs are highlighted in pink, and alternate insertions are in blue. Blank spaces indicate that data were not provided.

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