

# Curriculum vitae: Lude Franke



## Personal details

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## Education

### Doctorate degree

University: **Utrecht University (*cum laude*)**  
Starting date: 01/01/2004  
Completion date: 27/05/2008  
Supervisor: Prof. Cisca Wijmenga  
Title of thesis: *"Genome-wide approaches towards identification of susceptibility genes in complex diseases"*

### Master's degree

University: **Utrecht University**  
Date: 28/10/2002  
Studies: Biomedical Sciences  
Main subject: Genetics and genomics

### One year of philosophy

University: **Radboud University, Nijmegen**  
Date: 2002 - 2003  
Studies: Philosophy (with a stipend from the Radboud Foundation)

## Current and past employment

2016 – onwards	<b>Head of Research and Education section</b>	Permanent	Department of Genetics, University Medical Centre Groningen.
2014 – onwards	<b>Associate Professor</b>	Permanent	University Medical Centre Groningen, University of Groningen, the Netherlands.
2009 – 2014	<b>Assistant Professor</b>	Permanent	University Medical Centre Groningen, University of Groningen, the Netherlands.
2008 – 2011	<b>Postdoctoral Fellow</b>	Fixed-term	Queen Mary University of London, Institute of Cell and Molecular Science, London (UK).
2008 – 2009	<b>Postdoctoral Fellow (0.7 fte)</b>	Fixed-term	University Medical Centre Groningen, University of Groningen, the Netherlands.
2008 – 2009	<b>Postdoctoral Fellow (0.3 fte)</b>	Fixed-term	Queen Mary University of London, London(UK). Group leader: Prof. David van Heel. Funded by an NGI fellowship.
2006	<b>Research Fellow</b>	Fixed-term	Wellcome Trust Centre for Human Genetics, Oxford (UK). Group leader: Prof. Lon Cardon.

## International activities

### International visits

June – August 2014 **Visiting Scientist**, Broad Institute, Boston (USA) in the lab of Dr. Aviv Regev.

### International collaborations

#### (1) International blood-eQTL consortium

I am the initiator and leader of a large blood eQTL consortium (eQTLGen, 2010 – present), in which over 20 international research groups are collaborating. Through this consortium I am currently leading a large-scale eQTL meta-analysis, aiming to identify the downstream effects of disease-associated genetic variants: <http://www.genenetwork.nl/eqtlgen>.

#### (2) Tune Pers (Broad Institute, MIT, Harvard Medical School, Boston, USA)

This is a collaboration to develop novel statistical methods for finding disease genes.

#### (3) Tonu Esko & Andres Metspalu (Estonian Genome Center of the University of Tartu, Estonia)

This is a long-standing international collaboration. Several PhD students from Tartu have visited my lab, where we collaborate on various methylation and expression related projects.

#### (4) Peter Visscher (University of Queensland, Australia)

Collaboration on eQTL analysis.

## Grants

### Grants (Principal Investigator)

	Amount	Year of award
<b>Proof-of-concept grant:</b> towards a clinical genetics decision support system, BBMRI	€140,000	2016
<b>ERC Starting Grant</b> , European Research Council: Identification of environmental risk factors by exploiting eQTLs	€1,500,000	2014
<b>VIDI Grant</b> , NWO/ZonMW (Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research): Identification of downstream effects through <i>trans</i> -eQTL analysis	€800,000	2014
<b>VENI Grant</b> , NWO/ZonMW (Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research): Role of copy number variation in disease and eQTLs	€250,000	2010
<b>Horizon Breakthrough Grant</b> , Netherlands Genomics Initiative: Copy number variation	€100,000	2009
<b>Grants (Co-Applicant)</b>		
<b>BBMRI Rainbow Project Grant:</b> Functional genomics ( <u>Co-PI</u> ), €2m in total	€2,000,000	2011
<b>EU FP7 Grant:</b> European multidisciplinary ALS network identification to cure motor neuron degeneration, Euro-MOTOR, €9m in total ( <u>Work package leader</u> )	€450,000	2010
<b>RaakPro Grant</b> , Stichting Innovatie Alliantie: Development of high-performance bioinformatics tools, €600,000 in total ( <u>Co-applicant</u> )	€10,000	2009

## Scholarships

	Amount	Year of award
<b>Netherlands Genomics Initiative (NGI) Fellowship Grant</b> for visiting the Wellcome Trust Centre for Human Genetics, Oxford, UK, as a principal investigator	€5,000	2006
<b>Radboud Foundation, Nijmegen</b> , Stipend to study Philosophy for 1 year	€5,000	2002

## Awards and prizes

	Amount	Year of award
<b>Winner Researcher of the Year</b> University Medical Centre Groningen, the Netherlands	€100,000	2015
<b>Winner Gold European Design Award</b> for “The Living Cell” exhibit in the ERIBA Research Institute, Groningen	–	2013
<b>Lindau Nobel Laureate meeting, invited participant</b> , Lindau, Germany	–	2011
<b>Winner Young Scientist of the Year award in Bioinformatics</b> NBIC Conference, Lunteren, the Netherlands	€1,250	2010
<b>Winner Red Dot Design award for corporate identity</b> of Hubrecht Institute (Utrecht), Essen, Germany	–	2010
<b>Winner Young Scientist Award for best PhD thesis in Genetics</b> Dutch Society of Human Genetics, Veldhoven	€1,250	2009

<b>Winner Red Dot Design award</b> for corporate identity of International Celiac Disease Symposium, Essen, Germany	-	2008
<b>Winner Young Scientist Award</b> , European Mathematical Genetics Meeting 2008	€50	2008
<b>Winner Application Showcase</b> , Netherlands Bioinformatics Conference	€300	2007
<b>Winner Talma Eyckman Prize for M.Sc. thesis</b> , University Medical Center Utrecht	€1,250	2002

## Invited Lectures to International Meetings in last five years

1. *Identifying scRNA-seq eQTLs*, Satellite symposium 10XGenomics, European Society of Human Genetics, Copenhagen, Denmark (2017).
2. *Identification of downstream molecular effects using trans-eQTLs*, EPFL seminar session, Lausanne, Switzerland (2017)
3. *Understanding downstream consequences of disease-associated genetic variants through eQTL and meQTL analysis*. Global human medicine meeting, Barcelona, Spain (2016)
4. *Machine Learning for Personalized Medicine*, ESHG ancillary meeting, Barcelona, Spain (2016)
5. *Integration of multi-omics data*, Fifth course in Next-Generation Sequencing, Bertinoro, Italy (2016)
6. *Identification of downstream molecular effects for thousands of genetic risk factors*, Wellcome Trust Sanger Centre, Hinxton, Cambridge, UK (2015)
7. *Identification of downstream molecular effects for thousands of genetic risk factors*, Lausanne, Switzerland (2015)
8. *Transcriptome of the Netherlands*, Illumina User Meeting, Cannes, France (2015)
9. *Identification of downstream molecular effects for thousands of genetic risk factors*, Nantes, France (2015)
10. *Downstream expression effects of (rare) genetic variants*. Annual Meeting of the Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Gen-Diagnostik, Potsdam, Germany (2014)
11. *Identification of key genes that drive disease through trans-eQTL analysis*. EuroBATS meeting, London, UK (2014)
12. *Extending pathways by using gene expression data of 80,000 arrays, with an application to GWAS*. CHARGE consortium conference, Los Angeles, USA (2014)
13. *Gaining insight in the functional consequences of disease associated genetic variants*. Research retreat Turku University, Turku, Finland (2013)
14. *Trans-eQTL mapping in over 8,000 samples reveals genetic variants that define hallmarks of disease*. Basel Computational Biology Conference (BC2), Basel, Switzerland (2013)
15. *Let there be light: dark matters in autoimmunity*. Genomics Day Conference, Lausanne, Switzerland (2013)
16. *eQTLs: cell type specificity in cis and trans*. European Society of Human Genetics, Neurenberg, Germany (2012)
17. *Identification of the downstream consequences of genetic variants through genetical genomics and gene network reconstruction*. Gene Forum 2012, Tartu, Estonia (2012)
18. *The genetic background of hypertension and nephropathy: genome-wide association studies*. National Internal Medicine conference, Maastricht, the Netherlands (2012)

## Scientific committees and other positions

2017 – present	Chair of “Off-road” grant from Dutch Medical Research Council (NWO-ZonMw)
2016 – present	Appointed a member of De Jonge Akademie (The Young Academy), Royal Society of Arts and Sciences (KNAW)
2016 – present	Appointed a member of Young Academy Groningen
2016	Chair of “Off-road” grant from Dutch Medical Research Council (NWO-ZonMw)
2015 – present	Scientific Program Committee member, European Society of Human Genetics
2014 – present	Grant review committee member, Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique, Belgium
2013 – present	Co-organizer 2-day departmental retreat
2012 – present	Initiator and leader international expression and methylation quantitative trait locus consortium (eQTLGen)
2012 – 2017	Chair of department’s weekly scientific research meeting

2009 – present	Regular reviewer for PNAS, PloS Genetics, Nature, Nature Genetics, Nucleic Acids Research, Genome Biology and EJHG
2011 – present	Member of CHARGE consortium (Cohorts for Heart and Aging Research in Genomic Epidemiology)
2011 – present	Co-PI of Biobanking and Biomolecular Resources Research Infrastructure project “Functional Genomics”, providing data and infrastructure for nation-wide functional genomic research
2011 – present	Member of PhD thesis assessment committees (>10)
2009 – 2012	LifeLines Scientific Board Member

## Academic staff supervised

Completed PhD theses (4):

1. Marc Jan Bonder (2017), graduated *cum laude* on 22 March 2017 with his thesis: "The interplay between genetics, the microbiome, DNA-methylation & gene-expression."
2. Daria Zhernakova (2016), graduated on 12 Sept 2016 with her thesis on: " Multi-omics approaches for better understanding of the downstream effects of genetic risk factors.".
3. Serena Sanna (2016), graduated on 9 May 2016 with her thesis: “Enhancing genetic discoveries with population-specific reference panels.” She is now a postdoc in the Dept. of Genetics, UMCG.
4. Harm-Jan Westra (2014), graduated *cum laude* on 17 Sept 2014 with his thesis: "Interpreting disease genetics using functional genomics." So far Westra has published some 70 peer-reviewed papers (6 as first or second author). He is first author on a paper in Nature Genetics and was awarded an NWO Rubicon grant to visit Harvard Medical School for two years.

Currently *promotor* and supervisor of 4 PhD students:

- Juha Karjalainen, started in 2011: reconstruction of gene networks in cancer
- Niek de Klein, started in 2015: allele-specific expression
- Annique Claringbould, started in 2015: *trans*-eQTL analysis
- Marion Dam, started in 2015: single-cell RNA-seq

Supervisor of 2 post-docs

Supervisor of over 15 graduate, masters and undergraduate students from 2003 – present.

## Teaching Activities

2017	MSc courses in “New Biology/Big Data analyses”, University of Groningen
2017	Workshop organizer at ESHG 2017, Copenhagen, “How to develop your career in science”
2016	Visit Siemens Groningen, presentation on the use of big data to better diagnose patients, Groningen, the Netherlands, 30 June
2016	Landelijk overleg Genetici, Utrecht, the Netherlands, 16 June
2016	NIOO, Wageningen UR, the Netherlands, 6 June
2016	Building the future of health, UMCG, Groningen, the Netherlands, 2 June
2016	Cell Biology, UMCG, Groningen, the Netherlands, 26 May
2016	Global human biomedicine project meeting in Barcelona, Spain, 11 April
2016	Workshop organizer at ESHG 2016, Barcelona, “How to develop your career in science”
2013	Organizing and teaching a graduate school PhD course: “High- throughput next-generation biology”, University Medical Centre Groningen (UMCG), Groningen, the Netherlands
2008 – present	Teaching a B.Sc. student course “Molecular Genetics and Genomics”, University of Groningen, the Netherlands
2008 – present	Teaching a GUIDE PhD student course “Design and data analysis of microarray expression studies”, UMCG, Groningen, the Netherlands
2006 – present	Teaching a Ph.D. student course “SNPs and human disease”, Erasmus MC, Rotterdam, the Netherlands
2008, 2010	Teaching a PhD student course “Advances in population-based studies of complex genetic disorders”, Erasmus MC, Rotterdam, the Netherlands
2006 – 2008	Teaching an M.Sc. student course “Bioinformatics”, Utrecht University, Utrecht, the Netherlands

2004 – 2007 Teaching fundamentals of genetics to undergraduate medicine students, Utrecht University, Utrecht, the Netherlands

## Outreach/Media

- 2017 Developing your career in science. Challenges when starting your own group (UG seminar)
- 2016 Interview on Radio Noord on the value of genetic data for improving health
- 2016 Interview on the ability to predict grey hair based on DNA, published in Volkskrant (Dutch national newspaper)
- 2014 Two-page interview on my research in NRC Handelsblad (Dutch national newspaper), 11 Jan. 2014 “*Draaien aan de knoppen van de genexpressie*” by Wim Köhler.  
<http://www.nrc.nl/handelsblad/van/2014/januari/11/draaien-aan-de-knoppen-van-de-genexpressie-1336685>
- 2013 Two radio interviews on national Dutch radio stations (Radio 1 and Radio 5)
- 2012 Initiator of “The Living Cell”: a permanent exhibition of an interactive cell in the ERIBA research building, which won a Gold European Design Award (June 2013).  
[www.bright.nl/de-leukste-biologieles-ooit-living-cell](http://www.bright.nl/de-leukste-biologieles-ooit-living-cell)  
[www.cleverfranke.com/cf/en/project/umcg---living-cell/project.php?id=156](http://www.cleverfranke.com/cf/en/project/umcg---living-cell/project.php?id=156)
- 2012 Interview and near full-page visualization on data analysis and visualization in NRC Handelsblad, 17 April 2012. Social media visualization: Is it possible to predict the weather based on Twitter messages?  
<http://www.nrc.nl/handelsblad/van/2012/april/17/zon-wind-neerslag-en-veel-grijze-stippen-1093462>
- 2009 – 2012 Involved in science exhibits for the general public (Qu3 pavilion) at the annual Noorderzon Performing Arts Festival, Groningen.
- 2010 Second prize in the *Academische Jaarprijs* competition on communicating science to a wide audience”, team member for Dept. of Genetics, UMCG.
- 2009 Involved in explaining the topic of Healthy Aging to the King and Queen of Sweden and Queen Beatrix during their official visit to Groningen (April 23, 2009).

## Extra Curricular Activities

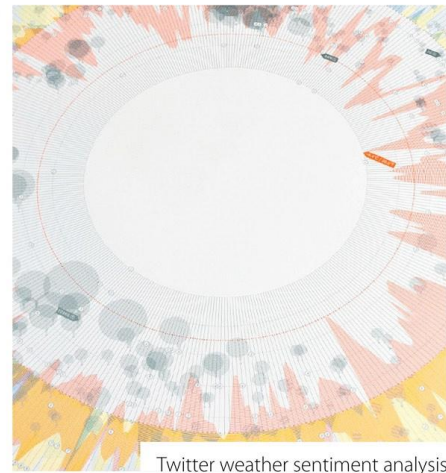
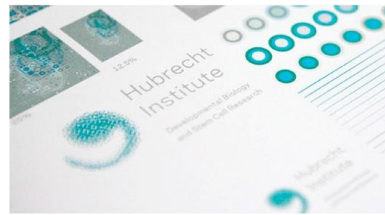
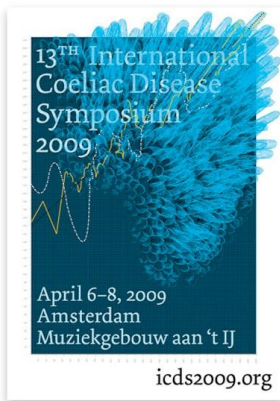
### Graphic design and data visualisation

Co-founder of the graphics design company CleverFranke (with Thomas Clever and Gert Franke, <http://www.cleverfranke.com>) specializing in data visualization. Clients include Google, Elsevier, KLM, Philips, KPMG, Wired, Vodafone, and The New York Times.

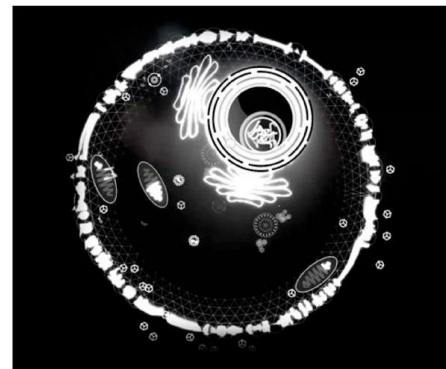
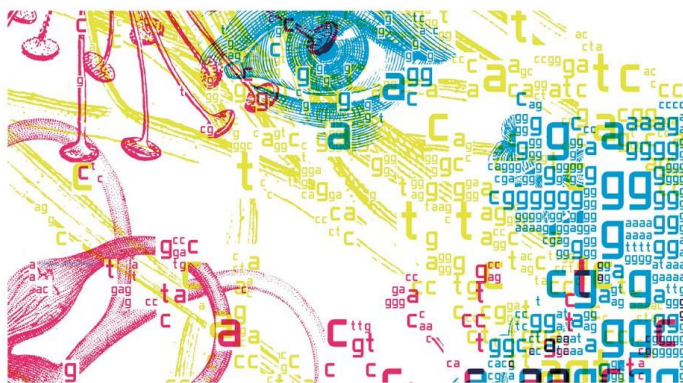
### *Responsible for various scientific art exhibitions and experiments, including:*

- 2013 The living cell: permanent exhibition of an interactive single cell in the ERIBA research institute (European Design Gold award)
- 2012 Social media visualization: Is it possible to predict the weather based on Twitter messages?
- 2010 Corporate identity Hubrecht Institute (Red Dot Design award)
- 2009 Corporate identity VIRGO consortium
- 2008 Life of a PhD student: Set of data visualizations on the life of being a PhD student
- 2008 Corporate identity International Celiac Disease Symposium (Red Dot Design award)
- 2007 Corporate identity Netherlands Proteomics Center
- 2007 Corporate identity Netherlands Bioinformatics Center (Dutch Design selection)

Scientific corporate identities and data visualisations:



Twitter weather sentiment analysis



Living Cell Exhibition



## Research achievements

The research line that I have been developing over the last six years targets the development and application of computational algorithms to functional genomics datasets. The foundation for this work was laid during my PhD (2008, *cum laude*) when I developed new, cutting-edge computational and statistical methods for conducting genome-wide association studies (GWAS) and reconstructing gene networks using gene expression data.

After my graduation, I took up concurrent post-doc positions in London (Institute of Cell and Molecular Science, Queen Mary University), and Groningen (University Medical Centre Groningen). In London, I worked on the genetics of immune-mediated diseases (i.e. celiac disease) and in Groningen, on the development of methods to identify the effects of GWAS risk-SNPs on gene expression levels (Franke and Jansen, *Methods Mol Bio* 2009). My post-doc work resulted in a landmark paper (Dubois et al. *Nature Genetics* 2010, cited >620 times) that combined my work in London and Groningen. In this paper we demonstrated that there were many independent genetic risk-variants in celiac disease and that they mostly increase disease-risk by altering gene expression levels.

As senior author, I subsequently developed various computational methods and software to increase statistical power to identify such effects on gene expression (Westra et al. *Bioinformatics* 2010). By using these methods, I was able to demonstrate that the genetic risk-variants for many other diseases also have an effect on gene-expression levels (Fehrmann et al. *PLoS Genetics* 2011), and that these genetic variants often affect gene expression levels only in specific cell types (Fu et al. *PLoS Genetics* 2012, Westra et al. *PLoS Genetics* 2015). We showed that SNPs also affect the expression levels of many long non-coding genes (lncRNAs, Kumar et al. *PLoS Genetics* 2013) and that they can affect poly-adenylation of genes (Zhernakova et al. *PLoS Genetics* 2013).

Through a large-scale, blood eQTL meta-analysis consortium that I initiated in 2010 and that I am currently leading, we then identified downstream (*trans*-eQTL) effects for over 100 risk-SNPs (Westra et al. *Nature Genetics*, 2013). Our work has shown that, by using functional genomics approaches, we can identify previously unknown pathways for many different diseases.

Another considerable focus point is the development of novel methods to reuse publicly available data. We recently integrated gene expression data from 80,000 microarrays to accurately predict gene functions and to gain better insight into cancer (Fehrmann et al. *Nature Genetics* 2015), developed DEPICT (Pers et al. *Nature Communications* 2015) to use these predicted gene functions to better interpret GWAS findings, and developed strategies to integrate genetic variation, gene expression and methylation data. (my recent last-author papers include Zhernakova et al. *Nature Genetics* 2017 and Bonder et al. *Nature Genetics* 2017).

Currently, my group is concentrating on integrating multi-omics datasets, such as conducting large-scale *trans*-QTL meta-analyses in >30,000 samples, in conjunction with single-cell RNA-seq data (a paper reporting results of our single-cell RNA-seq eQTL work is currently under review by *Nature Genetics*), to identify likely causal genes for diseases that might be targetable by drugs, and to help develop computational strategies to increase the diagnostic yield in clinical genetics, by integrating RNA-seq, whole-genome sequencing data, and gene function prediction.

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## Peer-reviewed publications/Impact

From Google Scholar, per 12 September 2017

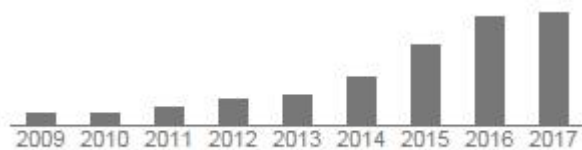
Number of peer-reviewed publications 173  
Number of book chapters 2

Papers in high-impact journals: *Nature* (10x, IF 42); *Science* (2x, IF 31); *New Engl. J. Med.* (1, IF 59), *Nature Genetics* (36x, IF 31), *PLoS Genetics* (16x, IF 7)

### Publication statistics Google Scholar

H-Index: 63  
i10-index: 152  
Total number of citations: 19016

### Citations per year:



Franke's most highly cited, [last-author paper](#) has 644 citations to date: *Systematic identification of trans eQTLs as putative drivers of known disease associations*, Westra HJ et al. *Nature Genetics* 2013.

## Full list of publications (in reverse chronological order)

Papers in high-impact journals (top 10%) are indicated:

\* Impact factor > 8  
\*\* Impact factor > 20  
\*\*\* Impact factor > 30

1. Matzaraki V, Gresnigt MS, Jaeger M, Ricaño-Ponce I, Johnson MD, Oosting M, **Franke L.**, Withoff S, Perfect JR, Joosten LAB, Kullberg BJ, van de Veerdonk FL, Jonkers I, Li Y, Wijmenga C, Netea MG, Kumar V. **An integrative genomics approach identifies novel pathways that influence candidaemia susceptibility.** *PLoS One.* 2017;12(7):e0180824.
2. Nolte IM, van der Most PJ, Alizadeh BZ, de Bakker PI, Boezen HM, Bruinenberg M, **Franke L.**, van der Harst P, Navis G, Postma DS, Rots MG, Stolk RP, Swertz MA, Wolffenbuttel BH, Wijmenga C, Snieder H. **Missing heritability: is the gap closing? An analysis of 32 complex traits in the Lifelines Cohort Study.** *Eur J Hum Genet.* 2017;25(7):877-885.
3. \*\*\* Tang AT, Choi JP, Kotzin JJ, Yang Y, Hong CC, Hobson N, Girard R, Zeineddine HA, Lightle R, Moore T, Cao Y, Shenkar R, Chen M, Mericko P, Yang J, Li L, Tanes C, Kobuley D, Vösa U, Whitehead KJ, Li DY, **Franke L.**, Hart B, Schwaninger M, Henao-Mejia J, Morrison L, Kim H, Awad IA, Zheng X, Kahn ML. **Endothelial TLR4 and the microbiome drive cerebral cavernous malformations.** *Nature.* 2017;545(7654):305-310.
4. \*\*\* Day FR, Thompson DJ, Helgason H, Chasman DI, Finucane H, Sulem P, Ruth KS, Whalen S, Sarkar AK, Albrecht E, Altmaier E, Amini M, Barbieri CM, Boutin T, Campbell A, Demerath E, Giri A, He C, Hottenga JJ, Karlsson R, Kolcic I, Loh PR, Lunetta KL, Mangino M, Marco B, McMahon G, Medland SE, Nolte IM, Noordam R, Nutile T, Paternoster L, Perjakova N, Porcu E, Rose LM, Schraut KE, Segrè AV, Smith AV, Stolk L, Teumer A, Andrulis IL, Bandinelli S, Beckmann MW, Benitez J, Bergmann S, Bochud M, Boerwinkle E, Bojesen SE, Bolla MK, Brand JS, Brauch H, Brenner H, Broer L, Brüning T, Buring JE, Campbell H, Catamo E, Chanock S, Chenevix-Trench G, Corre T, Couch FJ, Cousminer DL, Cox A, Crisponi L, Czene K, Davey Smith G, de Geus EJC, de Mutsert R, De Vivo I, Dennis J, Devilee P, Dos-Santos-Silva I, Dunning AM, Eriksson JG, Fasching PA, Fernández-Rhodes L, Ferrucci L, Flesch-Janys D, **Franke L.**, Gabrielson M, Gandin I, Giles GG, Grallert H, Gudbjartsson DF, Guénel P, Hall P, Hallberg E, Hamann U, Harris TB, Hartman CA, Heiss G, Hooning MJ, Hopper JL, Hu F, Hunter DJ, Ikram MA, Im HK, Järvelin MR, Joshi PK, Karasik D, Kellis M, Kutalik Z, LaChance G, Lambrechts D, Langenberg C, Launer LJ, Laven JSE, Lenarduzzi S, Li J, Lind PA, Lindstrom S, Liu Y, Luan J, Mägi R, Mannermaa A, Mbarek H, McCarthy MI, Meisinger C, Meitinger T, Menni C, Metspalu A, Michailidou K, Milani L, Milne RL, Montgomery GW, Mulligan AM, Nalls MA, Navarro P, Nevanlinna H, Nyholt DR, Oldehinkel AJ, O'Mara TA, Padmanabhan S, Palotie A, Pedersen N, Peters A, Peto J, Pharoah PDP, Pouta A, Radice P, Rahman I, Ring SM, Robino A, Rosendaal FR, Rudan I, Rueedi R, Ruggiero D, Sala CF, Schmidt MK, Scott RA, Shah M, Sorice R, Southey MC, Sovio U, Stampfer M, Steri M, Strauch K, Tanaka T, Tikkanen E, Timpson NJ, Traglia M, Truong T, Tyrer JP, Uitterlinden AG, Edwards DRV, Vitart V, Völker U, Vollenweider P, Wang Q, Widen E, van Dijk KW, Willemsen G, Winqvist R, Wolffenbuttel BHR, Zhao JH, Zoledziowska M, Zygunt M, Alizadeh BZ, Boomsma DI, Ciullo M, Cucca F, Esko T, Franceschini N, Gieger C, Gudnason V, Hayward C, Kraft P, Lawlor DA, Magnusson PKE, Martin NG, Mook-Kanamori DO, Nohr EA, Polasek O, Porteous D, Price AL, Ridker PM, Snieder H, Spector TD, Stöckl D, Toniolo D, Ulivi S, Visser JA, Völzke H, Wareham NJ, Wilson JF; LifeLines Cohort Study; InterAct Consortium; kConFab/AOCS Investigators; Endometrial Cancer Association Consortium; Ovarian Cancer Association Consortium; PRACTICAL consortium, Spurdle AB, Thorsteindottir U, Pollard KS, Easton DF, Tung JY, Chang-Claude J, Hinds D, Murray A, Murabito JM, Stefansson K, Ong KK, Perry JRB. **Genomic analyses identify hundreds of variants associated with age at menarche and support a role for puberty timing in cancer risk.** *Nat Genet.* 2017. doi: 10.1038/ng.3841.
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