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4 Sex-specific associations of asthma acquisition with changes in DNA methylation during  
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**Abstract (246 words)**

**Background-** Underlying biological mechanisms involved in sex differences in asthma status changes from pre- to post-adolescence are unclear. DNA methylation (DNAm) has been shown to be associated with the risk of asthma.

**Objective-** We hypothesized that asthma acquisition from pre- to post-adolescence was associated with changes in DNAm during this period at asthma-associated cytosine-phosphate-guanine (CpG) sites and such an association was sex-specific.

**Methods-** Subjects from the Isle of Wight birth cohort (IOWBC) with DNAm in blood at ages 10 and 18 years (n=124 females, 151 males) were studied. Using a training-testing approach, epigenome-wide CpGs associated with asthma were identified. Logistic regression was used to examine sex-specific associations of DNAm changes with asthma acquisition between ages 10 and 18 at asthma-associated CpGs. The ALSPAC birth cohort was used for independent replication. To assess functional relevance of identified CpGs, association of DNAm with gene expression in blood was assessed.

**Results-** We identified 535 CpGs potentially associated with asthma. Significant interaction effects of DNAm changes and sex on asthma acquisition in adolescence were found at 13 of the 535 CpGs in IOWBC ( $p$ -values  $< 1.0 \times 10^{-3}$ ). In the replication cohort, consistent interaction effects were observed at 10 of the 13 CpGs. At 7 of these 10 CpGs, opposite DNAm changes across adolescence were observed between sexes in both cohorts.

**Conclusion-** Gender-reversal in asthma acquisition is associated with opposite changes in DNAm (males vs females) from pre- to post-adolescence at asthma-associated CpGs. These CpGs are potential biomarkers of sex-specific asthma acquisition in adolescence.

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### Introduction (427 words)

Asthma is a common chronic condition that affects approximately 339 million people worldwide [1], causing substantial morbidity, reduced quality of life and substantial health-care costs [2].

Asthma predominantly originates in early childhood [3] with an estimated 1.1 million children affected in the UK [4].

There is a male predominance of asthma in early childhood. During adolescence more boys remit asthma than girls, while more girls acquire asthma than boys, which results in gender-reversal of asthma prevalence from pre- to post-adolescence [5-14] with asthma becoming more prevalent and severer among females after puberty [9, 15, 16]. However, the underlying biological mechanisms involved in these sex differences in the natural history of asthma across childhood and adolescence remain unclear.

Although the pathogenesis of asthma reflects a combination of inherited susceptibility and environmental exposures, the etiology and biological mechanisms are poorly understood. The increase in prevalence of asthma in recent decades suggests an important role for environmental exposures in the development of asthma in genetically high-risk individuals, and a number of studies have highlighted the potential for a role of epigenetic programming in response to early life environmental exposures in asthma susceptibility [17-21]. One of the most widely studied epigenetic mechanisms is DNA methylation (DNAm) [22, 23]. Changes in the level of DNAm at specific cytosine-phosphate-guanine (CpG) sites in DNA from both blood and lung tissue has been found to be associated with asthma and related phenotypes in prospective longitudinal [24, 25] and cross-sectional [26-32] studies.

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3 While these studies have established a clear association between DNAm patterns and  
4 asthma, they rely on asthma status determined at a single time point. Yet, as previously  
5 discussed, asthma phenotype within an individual can be dynamic, new incidence and clinical  
6 remission occurring across the life course with gender reversal in asthma prevalence observed in  
7 adolescence. In a candidate gene approach, we have previously investigated temporal changes of  
8 DNAm at CpG sites in genes encoding proteins in the Th2 pathway and the transition of asthma  
9 over adolescence [4]. This study showed that the level of DNAm and the association between  
10 specific CpGs (and their interaction with DNA sequence variation) and asthma changes across  
11 adolescence. We therefore hypothesized that DNAm changes at specific sites across adolescence  
12 might explain the biological basis of sex differences in the natural history of asthma across  
13 adolescence and identify biomarkers of asthma acquisition in adolescence that would potentially  
14 be beneficial for prediction and prevention. To test this, we have used genome-wide DNAm data  
15 to assess sex-specific association of DNAm changes from pre- to post-adolescence with asthma  
16 acquisition at asthma-associated CpG sites.  
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## Methods (1202 words)

### Study Population

The Isle of Wight birth cohort (IOWBC) consists of children born between January 1, 1989 and February 28, 1990 on the Isle of Wight (IoW), United Kingdom [33]. The IOWBC was established to investigate the natural history of allergic diseases among children residing on a semi-rural island near the UK mainland. Of the 1,536 pregnancies in this period, 1,456 parents consented for further follow-up with survey and clinical data collected at 1, 2, 4, 10, and 18 years.

### Asthma acquisition

Detailed questionnaires that included the questions from the International Study of Asthma and Allergy in Childhood (ISAAC) were administered to parents/participants at 10 and 18 years. Asthma was defined as “ever had asthma” and “wheezing or whistling in the chest in the last 12 months” or “current treatment for asthma.” This study focuses on new incidence (i.e., acquisition) of asthma between 10 and 18 years defined as no asthma at 10 years but having asthma at 18 years. Subjects that had no asthma at both ages were used as a reference group.

Of the 1,053 subjects who did not have asthma at 10 years, 275 subjects had DNAm measurements available from peripheral blood samples at both 10 and 18 years and were included in further analyses.

### Covariates

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3 Information regarding sex, birth weight, maternal and paternal disease status of asthma was  
4 assessed based on questionnaire data and hospital records collected at birth. Socio-economic  
5 status was defined based on household income, number of rooms and maternal education. Atopic  
6 status was assessed at 10 and 18 years using skin prick test (SPT) for 11 common allergens  
7 (house dust mite, cat dander, dog dander, grass pollen mix, tree pollen mix, *Alternaria alternata*,  
8 *Cladosporium herbarium*, cow's milk, hen's egg, peanut, and cod), and change of atopic status  
9 from 10 to 18 years was recorded. Height and weight were measured at 10 and 18 years, and in  
10 cases that a participant did not visit the study center, information was obtained by telephone  
11 interviews. Body mass index (BMI) was calculated based on height and weight, and relative  
12 changes in height and BMI were calculated for each subject, for instance, relative change in  
13 height of a subject is calculated as the difference in height from pre- to post-adolescence divided  
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### 31 DNA methylation (DNAm)

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35 DNAm was measured in peripheral blood with samples collected at 10 and 18 years using either  
36 the Infinium HumanMethylation450 BeadChips or MethylationEPIC BeadChips (Illumina, Inc.,  
37 San Diego, CA). Pre-processing of DNAm was carried out using the CPACOR pipeline [34].  
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42 Details of DNAm data generation, quality control, and preprocessing, as well as principal  
43 components (PC) analyses detecting latent variables for batch and technical variations are in the  
44 Supplemental Material S1. After preprocessing, a total of 439,635 CpGs in common between the  
45 two platforms were included in the analyses.  
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3 heterogeneity in DNAm measured from blood samples [36]. We estimated cell type proportions  
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5 using the method proposed by Jaffe and Irizarry [37], adapted from Houseman et al.[38], using  
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7 the Bioconductor *minfi* package [39]. The estimated cell type proportions of CD4+ T cells,  
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21 determined using paired-end (2\*75 bp) RNA sequencing. All samples were sequenced twice  
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23 using the identical protocol and for each sample the output from both runs were combined.  
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25 Normalized read count were calculated and their log transformed values were used for data  
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29 normalization are in the Supplemental Material S2.  
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### 34 Statistical analysis

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37 To examine whether the subsample (n=275) included in the study reasonably represented the  
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39 complete cohort (n=1,053), one sample proportion tests and multinomial tests for categorical  
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51 values) was associated with asthma cross-sectionally [40]. Subjects with DNAm and asthma data  
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53 at one or both ages were included in the screening. This approach was cross-sectional and  
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55 focused on asthma status rather than asthma transition, to avoid data double dipping, i.e., avoid  
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#### 10 Assessment of DNAm change across adolescence for asthma-associated CpGs

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14 CpGs that passed screening were treated as potentially asthma-associated CpGs. At these sites,  
15 M values of DNAm at each CpG were regressed on 15 PCs obtained from control probes  
16 (Supplemental Material S1) and the 6 cell type proportions [41] to obtain batch and cell-type  
17 adjusted DNAm (residuals). This regression analysis was conducted at 10 and 18 years,  
18 respectively. At each of the asthma-associated CpGs, the difference in residuals between 10 and  
19 18 years was then calculated for each subject to represent DNAm change from 10 to 18 years.  
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30 Logistic regressions via R function *glm* with a logit link were applied to evaluate the  
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32 (independent variable) adjusted for covariates and confounders potentially associated with  
33 asthma: maternal and paternal history of asthma, sex, birth weight, socio-economic status,  
34 change of atopic status from 10 to 18 years, and relative changes in height and BMI from 10 to  
35 18 years. Additionally, since multiple studies have demonstrated gender reversal on asthma  
36 prevalence from pre- to post-adolescence, interaction effects of CpGs and sex on asthma  
37 acquisition were assessed. Multiple testing was adjusted by controlling a false discovery rate  
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#### 51 Replication cohort - the Avon Longitudinal Study of Parents and Children (ALSPAC) cohort

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54 CpGs shown to be associated with asthma acquisition in IOWBC were further assessed in  
55 an independent cohort, the Avon Longitudinal Study of Parents and Children (ALSPAC) [42].  
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3 DNAm data at 7 and 15 or 17 years and asthma acquisition from 7 to 15 years were included in  
4 the replication analyses. Details of these data along with information on covariates are presented  
5 in the Supplemental Material S3. Please note that the study website contains details of all the data  
6 that is available through a fully searchable data dictionary and variable search tool  
7 (<http://www.bristol.ac.uk/alspac/researchers/our-data/>). A p-value<0.05 was deemed as being  
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24 (<https://csg.sph.umich.edu/boehnke/snipper/>) version 1.2. We tested the association between  
25 DNAm at these CpGs and gene expression in blood at 26 years using linear regressions. Gene  
26 expression (n=136) was the dependent variable, and DNAm and sex were the independent  
27 variables. DNAm at 10 and 18 years were analyzed separately. In addition, to assess sex-  
28 specificity of DNAm and expression association, an interaction term of DNAm×sex was also  
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## Results (836 words)

In IOWBC, the analytical subsample was representative of the complete cohort with respect to asthma transition status, demographic variables, and other covariates (p-values >0.05, Table 1).

A sex difference in asthma acquisition was observed in the complete cohort; 10.8% of females acquired asthma from 10 to 18 years, as compared to only 7.1% of males (p-value = 0.03).

To identify candidate CpGs potentially associated with asthma at 10 and 18 years for each sex, we applied *ttScreening* to 442,475 CpGs, stratified by sex. In total, 265 (220 for males, 45 for females) CpGs and 290 (40 for males, 250 for females) CpGs passed screening at 10 and 18 years, respectively. CpGs that passed screening at either age of males or females (535 CpGs in total; Supplemental Table S1) were treated as asthma-associated CpGs and included in subsequent analyses.

For each CpG site that passed screening, whether asthma acquisition was associated with changes in DNAm from 10 to 18 years and whether such an association was sex-specific were tested using logistic regressions. Sex and DNAm changes, and their interaction, along with adjusting factors were included in the model. After controlling FDR at 0.05, statistically significant interaction effects were observed at 13 CpG sites (Table 2, left panel of Figure 1). All the coefficients for the interaction effects between sex and DNAm changes were positive. Combined with the estimates of main effect, a potential gender reversal with respect to the effects of DNAm changes on asthma acquisition was identified. For instance, at CpG site cg03269757, a larger increase in DNAm from 10 to 18 years was associated with an increased risk of acquisition in females (log-OR=3.04), but a decreased risk of acquisition in males (log-OR=-1.34). Such opposite associations between males and females were observed at nine of the 13 CpGs. At the remaining four CpG sites, cg11814087, cg12587133, cg18278943, and

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3 cg22484084, the association of DNAm changes with asthma acquisition were much stronger in  
4 females with larger effect size (increased risk of acquiring asthma). For example, at cg11814087,  
5 the log-OR was 6.72 for females, much higher than the log-OR=0.58 for males (interaction effect  
6 p-value  $8.85 \times 10^{-4}$  with 95% CI: 2.29, 10.01).  
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13 consistent interaction effects with respect to the direction of effects were observed compared to  
14 those found in IOWBC, although only one of the 10 CpGs (cg20891917) showed a statistically  
15 significant effect (Table 2 and Figure 1). In addition, in the ALSPAC cohort, for eight of these  
16 10 CpGs, the interaction effects were all much stronger than the main effects (Figure 1), the  
17 same pattern observed in IOWBC.  
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26 To explore underlying mechanisms of the observed interaction effects, for each of the 13  
27 CpGs, we calculated average DNAm changes between 10 and 18 years in IOWBC, and between  
28 7 years and 15 or 17 years in the ALSPAC cohort, for males and females, separately (Figures 2a  
29 and 2b). In both cohorts, average DNAm changes in non-asthmatic subjects were all around zero  
30 at the 13 CpGs. However, for subjects in IOWBC who acquired asthma between 10 and 18  
31 years, across all the 13 CpGs, the changes in DNAm were opposite between males and females  
32 with males showing decrease in DNAm from pre- to post-adolescence (negative differences in  
33 males but positive differences in females, Figure 2a). In the ALSPAC cohort, for the first 10  
34 CpGs in Figure 2b, DNAm at these CpGs showed consistent directions of interaction effects with  
35 those in IOWBC (Table 2). The pattern of opposite changes in DNAm from age 7 to 15 or 17  
36 years in ALSPAC between males and females were also observed at 7 of these 10 CpGs (Figure  
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3 To assess the biological relevance of the 10 CpGs showing consistent sex-specificity  
4 between the two cohorts, we evaluated the association of DNAm at these CpGs with expression  
5 of their mapped genes and whether such associations were sex-specific. The 10 CpGs were  
6 mapped to 10 genes (Table 2). We did not have expression data for gene *PTPRV*. Statistically  
7 significant interaction effects were observed at five of the nine CpG sites (Table 3) with four  
8 genes identified based on age 10 DNAm and one based on age 18 DNAm. Combined with the  
9 estimates of main effect of DNAm, a potential gender reversal with respect to the association of  
10 DNAm with gene expression levels was found at all these five CpG sites (based on opposite  
11 signs of the estimated main and interaction regression coefficients). For instance, at CpG site  
12 *cg11295724*, an increase in DNAm at 10 years was associated with increased gene expression  
13 levels of *SIRPD* in males, but decreased expression in females. Similar opposite patterns were  
14 observed for the CpGs on *CCDC146*, *SLMAP*, and *ZNF385A*. For *cg03269757* on *ATL2*,  
15 although for both sexes, the regression coefficients were negative (-0.98 for males and -0.06 for  
16 females), the effect size for males was more than 16 times as that for females (which was close  
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**Discussion (1011 words)**

We examined the sex-specificity on the association of changes in DNAm with asthma acquisition from pre-adolescence to late- (ALSPAC) or post-adolescence (IOWBC) in two birth cohorts. In IOWBC, 13 CpGs mapping to 13 genes were identified that showed statistically significant interaction effects with sex, of which 10 (77%) CpGs showed consistent directions of interaction effects in ALSPAC with one CpG (cg20891917) being statistically significant. In most of these CpGs, the effects of changes in DNAm on asthma acquisition during adolescence were opposite between males and females, showing gender reversal of DNAm effects. Accompanied by the opposite direction of changes in DNAm between males and females at most of the identified CpGs in both cohorts, this suggests that DNAm may represent a mechanism underlying the well-established gender reversal in asthma prevalence across adolescence [15, 16]. In addition, assessment of the biological relevance for 9 of the 10 CpGs indicated a potential of epigenetic regulatory functionality on gene activities. DNAm at 5 of the 9 CpGs showed sex-specific associations with gene expression, supporting the gender reversal phenomenon found in the association assessment between DNAm changes and asthma acquisition during adolescence. The strength of this study is the availability of DNAm data and asthma status at two important time points, pre- and post-adolescence, enabling the possibility to examine changes in DNAm and its association with asthma acquisition during adolescence. To our knowledge, this is the first study to examine the epigenetics of asthma acquisition during adolescence regarding sex-differences.

For each of the genes annotated to the identified CpGs, we performed a literature search for their possible roles that they played in the risk of asthma. Among the CpGs showing consistent direction of interaction effects, DNAm of gene *ZNF385A* and expression of *IFRDI*

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3 have been reported as biomarkers of asthma [43]. Our finding on the association of DNAm with  
4 expression of *ZNF385A* further strengthens its relationship with asthma. Lund et al.  
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8 human Th1 lymphocytes [44]. One of our earlier studies in females showed that genes in the Th2  
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12 of asthma transition [4]. Although in the present study we did not identify genes in the Th2  
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16 functions with specific cytokine production, associated with the pathogenesis of asthma. As for  
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22 sex-specificity in these associations due to the focus of the study and the methods applied in the  
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24 study. For instance, the study of Zhang et al. [4] only included females; while in the study of  
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26 Kurz et al. [45], the focus was to identify single nucleotide polymorphisms associated with  
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28 asthma or bronchial hyperresponsiveness and the effects of sex were not considered.  
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48 asthma status change was from 7 years to 15 years. At the age of 15 years, it was likely that  
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50 children were still in the period of pubertal transition, and thus sex-specificity might not be  
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3 consistent sex-specificity between the two cohorts, associations in DNAm with expression of  
4 genes happened more often with DNAm at age 10 years. We do not have a specific biological  
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6 DNAm data at age 18 compared to DNAm at age 10, and thus we did not have enough power to  
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15 In this study, the candidate CpGs were identified based on their associations with asthma  
16 status at 10 and 18 years separately. With this approach, we were able to focus on asthma related  
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18 CpGs that were not related to asthma at ages 10 nor 18 years but were related to asthma  
19 acquisition from 10 to 18 years. However, screening candidate CpGs based on asthma  
20 acquisition had the risk of double-dipping the data. That is, the screening and final association  
21 analyses would share a similar analytical model applied to the same data, which in general is not  
22 encouraged. In addition, screening of CpGs and association analyses were applied to each  
23 individual CpG sites. CpG sites might be correlated and jointly impact asthma acquisition. Using  
24 our approach, correlated CpGs might have presented an issue that we were unable to address.  
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26 Approaches analogous to linkage disequilibrium and haplotype identification in genetic studies  
27 deserve further investigations both methodologically and experimentally. We also would like to  
28 point out that the present study was based on a concurrent analysis (i.e. both DNAm changes and  
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The authors declare that they have no conflicts of interest.

### **Declarations**

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**Table 1:** Asthma acquisition and non-asthma participants included in the present study compared to the participants in the complete cohort.

Categorical Variables: N (%)		Females			Males		
		Subsample n=124	Complete cohort n=544	<i>p</i> - value	Subsample n=151	Complete cohort n=509	<i>p</i> - value
Asthma Transition	Acquisition	12 (9.7%)	59 (10.8%)	0.78	14 (9.27%)	36 (7.1%)	0.37
	Non- asthma	112 (90.3%)	485 (89.1%)		137 (90.7%)	473 (92.9%)	
Maternal asthma	Yes	15 (12.1%)	50 (9.3%)	0.35	23 (15.4%)	53 (10.4%)	0.06
	No	109 (87.9%)	490 (90.7%)		126 (84.5%)	453 (89.5%)	
Paternal asthma	Yes	14 (11.5%)	45 (8.4%)	0.27	15 (10.1%)	50 (9.9%)	1
	No	107 (88.4%)	492 (91.6%)		133 (89.8%)	454 (90%)	
Socio-economic status	Mid-High	42 (33.8%)	193 (36.4%)	0.67	55 (36.4%)	197 (40.2%)	0.60
	Low-mid	35 (28.2%)	153 (28.8%)		51 (33.7%)	149 (30.4%)	
	Low-low	47 (37.9%)	184 (34.7%)		45 (29.8%)	143 (29.2%)	
Change of atopic status from 10 to 18 year	Yes-No	4 (3.6%)	7 (2.37%)	0.53	3 (2.5%)	3 (1.4%)	0.43
	No-Yes	20 (18%)	52 (17.6%)		32 (26.8%)	62 (28%)	
	No-No	87 (78.3%)	236 (80%)		84 (70.5%)	156 (70.5%)	
<b>Continuous Variables: Mean (SD)</b>							
Birth weight		3.32 (0.51)	3.33 (0.50)	0.88	3.45 (0.56)	3.50 (0.52)	0.51
Relative change in height from 10 to 18 years		0.18 (0.04)	0.19 (0.04)	0.27	0.28 (0.03)	0.28 (0.04)	0.39
Relative change in BMI from 10 to 18 years		0.29 (0.15)	0.29 (0.16)	0.64	0.29 (0.15)	0.29 (0.15)	0.88

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**Table 2:** Association of DNAm change with asthma acquisition from pre- to post-adolescence at 13 CpG sites that are sex-specific. Significant interactions between DNAm and sex on asthma acquisition from 10 to 18 years identified in the IOWBC<sup>a</sup> were further tested in the ALSPAC cohort<sup>b</sup>. Males are in the reference group.

CpG site	IOWBC						CpG islands	Gene Location	Chr. <sup>c</sup>	ALSPAC cohort		
	Est. <sup>c</sup>	Int. <sup>c</sup>	95% C.I. <sup>c</sup>	P <sub>Raw</sub> <sup>d</sup>	P <sub>FDR</sub> <sup>d</sup>	Gene				Est. <sup>c</sup>	Int. <sup>c</sup>	P <sub>Raw</sub> <sup>d</sup>
cg03269757	-1.34	<b>4.38</b>	1.93, 6.83	1.88×10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.02	<i>ATL2</i>	N_Shore	Body	2	0.03	<b>0.59</b>	0.19
cg11295724	-0.33	<b>7.82</b>	4.12, 11.52	5.35×10 <sup>-6</sup>	0.003	<i>SIRPD</i>	-	TSS200	20	0.06	<b>0.76</b>	0.22
cg12587133	0.34	<b>4.85</b>	2.37, 7.32	1.03×10 <sup>-5</sup>	0.003	<i>AGA</i>	-		4	0.01	<b>0.24</b>	0.5
cg15154628	-0.67	<b>3.23</b>	1.14, 5.31	1.15×10 <sup>-3</sup>	0.05	<i>CCDC146</i>	-	Body	7	0.24	<b>0.07</b>	0.89
cg16301989	-0.48	<b>4.42</b>	1.89, 6.93	1.86×10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.02	<i>FUNDC2P2<sup>f</sup></i>	-		2	0.05	<b>0.47</b>	0.26
cg18278943	0.70	<b>4.55</b>	1.87, 7.24	4.36×10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.03	<i>SLMAP</i>	N_Shelf		3	-0.25	<b>0.82</b>	0.18
cg20885063	-0.52	<b>4.45</b>	1.86, 7.05	3.78×10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.03	<i>ATPAF2</i>	N_Shelf	Body	17	0.007	<b>0.4</b>	0.36
cg20891917	-0.43	<b>5.5</b>	2.03, 8.96	9.86×10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.04	<i>IFRD1</i>	-	5'UTR	7	-0.13	<b>1.26</b>	<b>0.01</b>
cg21163444	-2.22	<b>11.13</b>	4.31, 17.95	8.53×10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.04	<i>ZNF385A</i>	S_Shore	Body	12	0.27	<b>0.14</b>	0.86
cg22484084	0.29	<b>7.18</b>	2.69, 11.67	1.0×10 <sup>-3</sup>	0.04	<i>PTPRV</i>	-	TSS1500	1	0.13	<b>0.84</b>	0.39
cg06492287	-1.91	10.49	4.73, 16.25	7.78×10 <sup>-5</sup>	0.01	<i>SNTG2</i>	-	Body	2	0.002	-0.04	0.96
cg11770323	-0.7	9.18	4.11, 14.25	7.92×10 <sup>-5</sup>	0.01	<i>NDFIP2</i>	-	Body	13	-0.75	-0.55	0.29
cg11814087	0.58	6.14	2.29, 10.01	8.85×10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.04	<i>ZFR</i>	-	Body	5	0.11	-0.68	0.05

<sup>a</sup> For the analyses in IoW, logistic regression models were adjusted for birth weight, sex, maternal and paternal disease status of asthma, socio-economic status (SES), change of atopic status, BMI, height from 10 to 18 years.

<sup>b</sup> Analyses of ALSPAC used similar covariates: maternal disease status of asthma, sex, birth weight, SES, atopy status at 7 years, and changes of height, and BMI from 7 to 15/17 years.

<sup>c</sup> Est. – Estimated main effect; Int. – interaction coefficient of the CpGs with the sex of a child. Interaction effects consistent between the two cohorts are with bold fonts; C.I. – confidence interval

<sup>d</sup> P<sub>Raw</sub> – raw p-value; P<sub>FDR</sub> – adjusted p-value for multiple testing by controlling a false discovery rate (FDR) of 0.05. All the p-values are for interaction effects.

<sup>e</sup> Chr. – Chromosome.

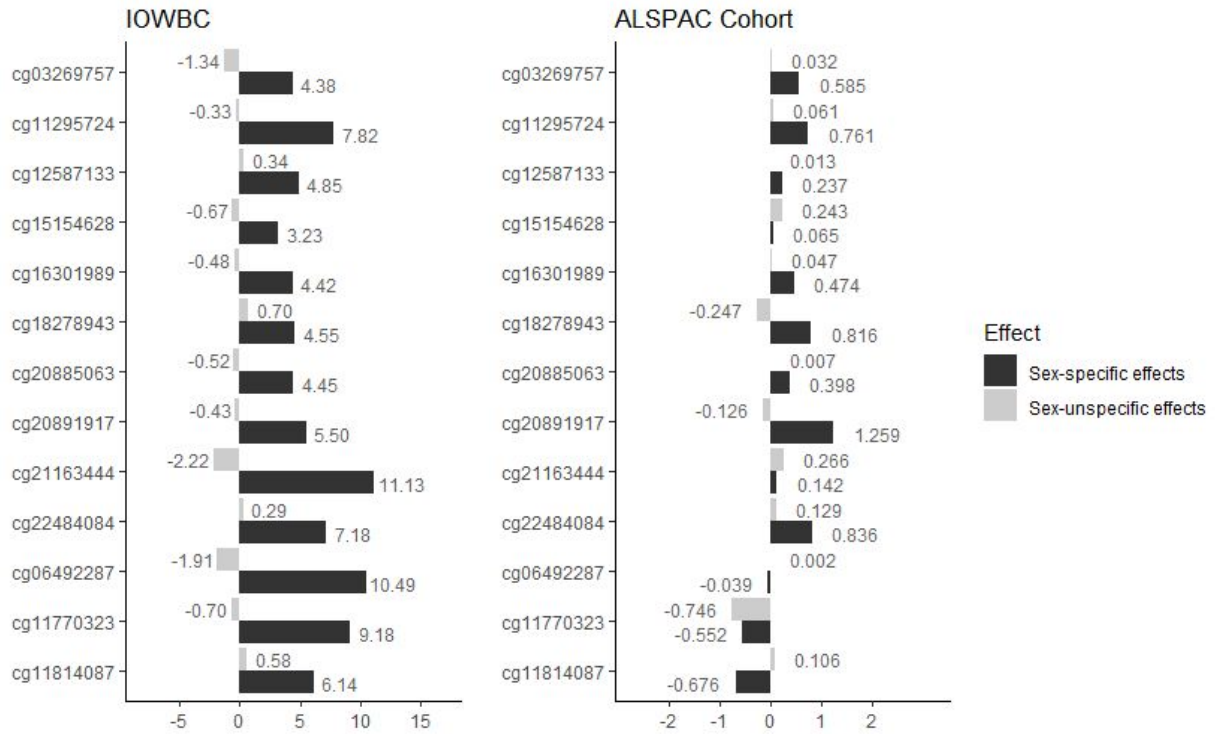
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Table 3: Association of DNAm at 5 CpGs with their mapped genes' expression levels that are sex-specific. Only results on CpGs showing statistically significant interaction effects of DNAm×sex on gene expression were shown. Males are in the reference group. The p-values are for interaction effects.

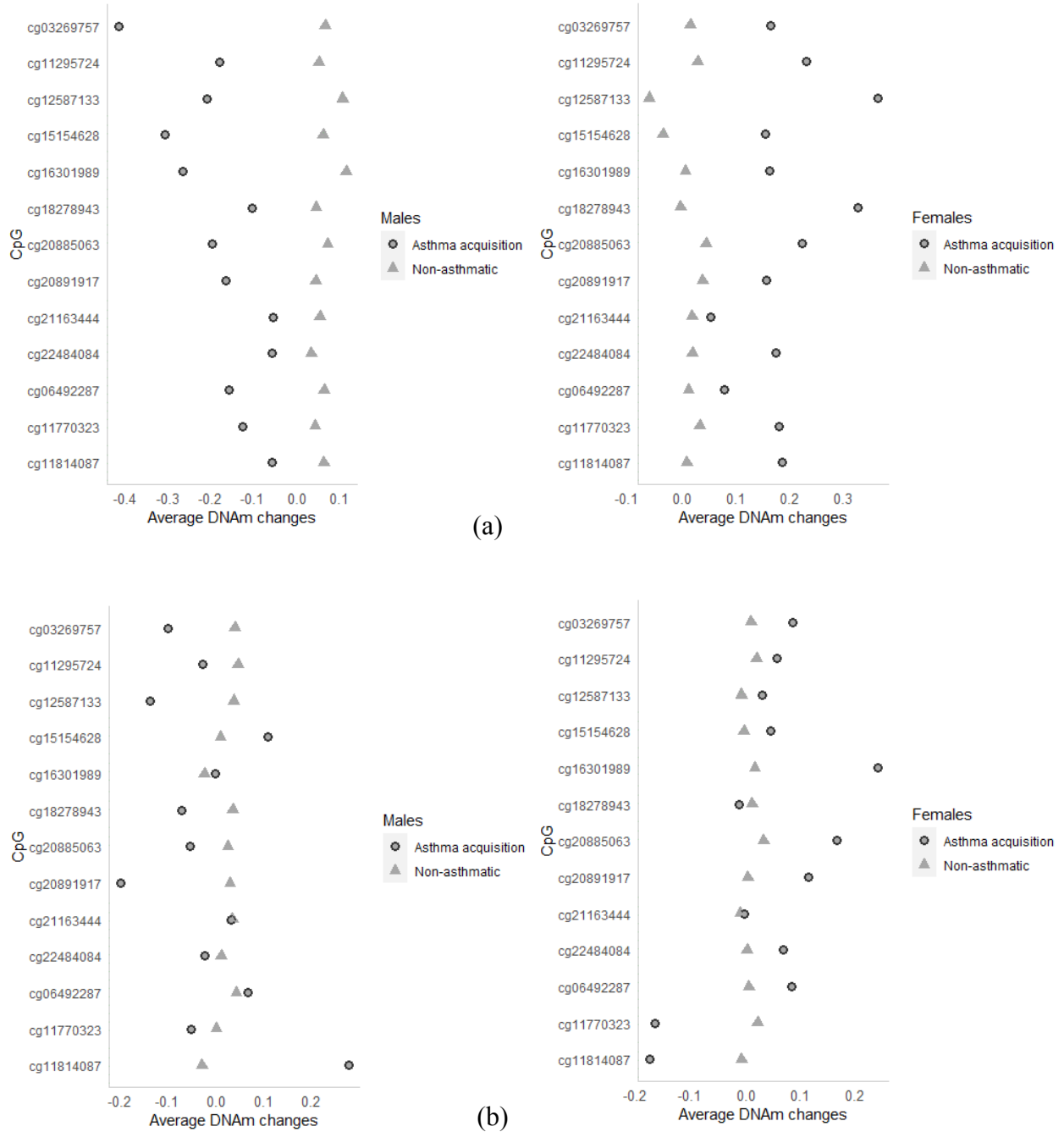
Gene	CpG	DNAm effect	Age 10 years		Age 18 years		
			Sex×DNAm interaction	p-value (Sex×DNAm)	DNAm effect	Sex×DNAm interaction	p-value (Sex×DNAm)
<i>SIRPD</i>	cg11295724	0.89	-1.39	<b>0.022</b>	0.24	-0.42	0.45
<i>CCDC146</i>	cg15154628	-0.40	0.72	<b>0.041</b>	0.44	-0.43	0.39
<i>SLMAP</i>	cg18278943	-1.43	1.90	<b>0.006</b>	-0.28	0.58	0.45
<i>ZNF385A</i>	cg21163444	-0.2	0.72	<b>0.037</b>	0.009	-0.24	0.56
<i>ATL2</i>	cg03269757	-0.66	0.80	0.09	-0.98	0.92	<b>0.040</b>

**Figure 1:** Effects of changes in methylation on asthma acquisition in adolescence for 13 CpGs in IOWBC (left) and ALSPAC (right) cohorts, stratified by sex-specific (interaction effects with male as the reference group, black bars) and sex nonspecific effects (main effects, gray bars). X-axis is for the regression coefficients (main effects and interaction effects). For interaction effects (black bars) in the IOWBC, 95% confidence intervals are in Table 2.

**Figure 2:** Scatter plots showing average DNAm changes from pre-adolescence to post-/late-adolescence, stratified by sex. (a) Average DNAm changes between 10 and 18 years in IOWBC. (b) Average DNAm changes between 7 and 15 or 17 years in the ALSPAC cohort. In both panels, left figure is for males, and right for females.



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## Supplemental Material

## S1. Quality control and pre-processing genome-wide DNA methylation data

A standard salting out procedure was used to extract DNA from peripheral blood samples collected at ages 10 and 18 years [1]. DNA concentration was determined by PicoGreen dsDNA quantitation (Molecular Probes, INC. OR, USA) or Qubit (ThermoFisher, MA, USA). One microgram of DNA was bisulfite-treated for cytosine to thymine conversion using the EZ 96-DNA Methylation Kit (Zymo Research, Irvine, CA, USA) for each sample. Arrays were processed using a standard protocol with multiple identical control samples assigned to each bisulfite conversion batch to assess assay variability. Methylation level at >484,000 and >850,000 CpG sites was assessed using Infinium HumanMethylation450 BeadChips or Infinium MethylationEPIC BeadChips (Illumina, Inc., San Diego, CA), respectively. Probes not reaching a detection p-value of  $10^{-16}$  in at least 95% of samples were excluded, and the same criterion was applied to the exclusion of a sample. CpGs on the sex chromosomes were excluded from analyses to avoid bias.

DNAm data were preprocessed using the CPACOR pipeline [2]. Specifically, DNAm intensity data were quantile-normalized using the R package, *minfi* [3]. Beta values were calculated representing proportions of intensity of methylated ( $M$ ) over the sum of methylated and unmethylated ( $U$ ) probes ( $\beta = M/[c + M + U]$ , where  $c$  is a constant to prevent zero in the denominator if  $M + U$  is too small). Beta values close to 0 or 1 tend to suffer from severe heteroscedasticity. Therefore base-2 logit transformed beta values (denoted as M values) were used in analyses [4].

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3 Principal components (PCs) inferred based on control probes to represent latent  
4 chip-to-chip and technical variations were inferred. Since DNAm data were from two different  
5 platforms (450K and EPIC), PCs were determined based on DNAm at 195 control probes shared  
6 between the platforms; the top 15 control probe PCs were used to represent latent batch factors  
7 [2]. These 15 PCs were included in subsequent analyses. Probes that contained single nucleotide  
8 polymorphisms (SNPs) within 10 base pairs of a targeted CpG site with a minor allele in more  
9 than 0.7% subjects (corresponding to at least 10 subjects in IOWBC with  $n = 1,456$ ) were  
10 excluded due to their potential influence on DNAm measurement. After preprocessing, a total of  
11 439,635 CpGs in common between the two platforms were included in the analyses.  
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## S2. Genome-wide RNA-seq gene expression data generation

Gene expression levels from peripheral blood samples collected at 26 years from the IoW cohort was determined using paired-end (2\*75 bp) RNA sequencing with the Illumina Tru-Seq Stranded mRNA Library Preparation Kit with IDT for Illumina Unique Dual Index (UDI) barcode primers following the manufacturer's recommendations. All samples were sequenced twice using the identical protocol and for each sample the output from both runs were combined. FASTQC were run to assess the quality of the FASTQ files

(<https://www.bioinformatics.babraham.ac.uk/projects/fastqc/>). Reads were mapped against Human Genome (GRch37 version 75) using HISAT2 (v2.1.0) aligner [5]. The alignment files, produced in the Sequence Alignment Map (SAM) format, were converted into the Binary Alignment Map (BAM) format using SAMtools (v1.3.1) [6]. HTseq (v0.11.1) was used to count the number of reads mapped to each gene in the same reference genome used for alignment [7]. Normalized read count FPKM (Fragments Per Kilobase of transcript per Million mapped reads) were calculated using the countToFPKM package (<https://github.com/AAlhendi1707/countToFPKM>) and their log transformed values were used for data analysis.

### S3. Screening asthma-associated CpG sites

An R package, *ttScreening*, was implemented to screen for CpGs whose methylation (in M values) was associated with asthma cross-sectionally [8]. This method utilizes training and testing data in robust linear regressions with surrogate variables included to adjust for unknown (latent) factors. Screening was performed separately for each sex at ages 10 and 18 years. Subjects with DNAm and asthma data at one or both ages were included in the screening. The minimum frequency of selecting an informative CpG sites was set at 50%, i.e., a CpG site gained statistical significance in at least 50% of the randomly selected training and testing data set pairs. CpGs that passed the screening at either age for one or both sexes were considered to be potentially associated with asthma and were included as candidate CpGs in subsequent analyses. This approach of screening was cross-sectional and focused on asthma status rather than asthma transition, to avoid data double dipping, i.e., avoiding using the same or a very similar model in screening as well as in final data analyses with the same data.



#### S4. The replication cohort, ALSPAC

DNAm in the ALSPAC cohort was assessed using the Infinium HumanMethylation450 BeadChip. DNAm data on 1,018 offspring in the ALSPAC cohort were available at ages 7 and 15 or 17 years [9]. The pre-processing of DNAm was performed by correcting for batch effects using the *minfi* package [3] and removing CpGs with detection p-value  $\geq 0.01$ . Samples were flagged that contained sex-mismatch based on X-chromosome methylation. Estimated cell type proportions of CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells, natural killer cells, neutrophil, B cells, monocytes, and granulocytes cells were used in the analyses to adjust for cell heterogeneity. DNAm changes between pre- and post-adolescence were calculated in a similar way to that in IOWBC, except that PCs were not utilized in the ALSPAC cohort for batch effect adjustment.

Asthma acquisition was defined as no asthma at age 7 but asthma at age 15 years. Identical logistic regression models were used with comparable covariates (as those in IOWBC) available in ALSPAC, including maternal asthma, sex, birth weight, socio-economic status, and atopy status at 7 years, and relative changes of height and BMI from 7 to 15 or 17 years.

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Supplemental Table 1: Results of CpG sites that passed screening. "Frequency" is the frequency of selecting a CpG site based on 100 randomly chosen training and testing data. CpGs with a frequency of 50 and more are included in the table. "Coef<sub>asthma</sub>" reflects the effect of asthma and "p<sub>asthma</sub>" is the associated p-value. We adjusted for batch effects in the screening process and the batch variable represents different batches by which DNA methylation was measured.

Age 10 Female						
CpG	Frequency	Coef <sub>asthma</sub>	Coef <sub>batch</sub>	P <sub>asthma</sub>	P <sub>batch</sub>	
cg2533143	76	0.447377	0.169589	2.49E-06	0.087365	
cg0809231	57	-0.29112	0.099644	3.38E-05	0.177629	
cg2118523	51	0.427722	-0.0659	0.000151	0.580256	
cg2206846	60	-0.29445	0.592191	1.18E-05	6.50E-14	
cg0405587	55	0.360233	1.446003	2.61E-05	2.99E-32	
cg2084003	52	0.31917	0.934488	4.11E-05	3.51E-21	
cg1785116	73	-0.36101	0.357198	1.30E-05	6.45E-05	
cg0350398	60	0.358672	1.331627	3.38E-05	5.98E-29	
cg0303087	69	0.344976	0.404608	3.27E-06	6.05E-07	
cg2199240	53	0.323739	0.88341	8.56E-05	4.09E-18	
cg2109556	55	0.354243	0.893372	6.27E-05	1.06E-16	
cg2007098	51	0.367637	0.513139	4.05E-05	2.39E-07	
cg2403058	54	0.346869	0.167238	0.0001	0.076864	
cg0512419	50	-0.38323	0.934518	7.98E-05	1.36E-15	
cg1448011	64	0.391627	-0.34825	1.89E-06	7.57E-05	
cg1644921	58	-0.42341	0.715569	6.51E-05	2.49E-09	
cg0703745	52	-0.38069	1.037257	0.000234	2.01E-16	
cg0729899	57	0.284279	0.973611	3.11E-05	2.04E-26	
cg2591291	50	0.28097	0.351626	6.82E-05	5.57E-06	
cg2071595	62	-0.31716	0.350184	1.08E-05	7.97E-06	
cg0872828	50	0.273311	0.608093	6.92E-05	7.26E-14	
cg0405133	55	-0.39382	0.014578	5.73E-06	0.871928	
cg2661165	55	0.336989	0.551394	2.07E-05	7.66E-10	
cg0092650	56	0.273283	1.331253	0.000229	3.16E-34	
cg0568258	50	0.894524	0.146532	2.56E-05	0.510833	
cg1056183	51	0.340971	0.192399	2.76E-05	0.025451	
cg1980821	62	0.536805	0.425467	1.71E-05	0.001417	
cg2553292	56	-0.54257	-0.71184	3.72E-05	9.23E-07	
cg0296338	52	0.537687	1.203842	4.75E-05	1.82E-14	
cg1318667	53	-1.03582	-1.50242	1.11E-05	1.16E-08	
cg1630758	54	-4.0993	2.219087	5.49E-06	0.019454	
cg1944715	82	-3.82058	0.391963	6.54E-09	0.55715	
cg0045984	58	0.440901	1.255816	2.71E-05	4.24E-21	
cg0133067	67	-2.8867	-1.4078	2.82E-06	0.029404	
cg1625515	53	-0.41167	0.173212	4.69E-05	0.104788	
cg1034987	51	-1.11264	-0.49751	1.98E-05	0.070172	
cg0359553	67	-2.54524	-1.65332	3.07E-07	0.001549	
cg1136144	63	-0.30076	1.625247	4.23E-05	7.11E-43	
cg0944690	54	-0.33478	0.16986	2.30E-05	0.04197	
cg0075201	74	-2.22482	0.595272	3.67E-07	0.188088	
cg1221368	52	-0.47836	1.037266	6.65E-05	2.07E-13	

1	cg1224543	63	-0.38224	-0.62643	1.10E-05	2.20E-10
2	cg1712580	50	0.514999	1.367136	6.34E-05	6.55E-18
3	cg0518401	52	-0.58201	1.157031	0.000123	3.84E-11
4	cg0972173	62	-1.23891	-1.69883	4.27E-06	1.43E-08

## Age 18 Female

CpG	Frequency	Coef <sub>asthma</sub>	Coef <sub>batch</sub>	P <sub>asthma</sub>	P <sub>batch</sub>
cg0191999	52	0.128502	0.791633	0.000123	1.08E-06
cg2026373	58	-0.26957	0.309714	1.51E-05	0.291615
cg1347563	51	-0.12412	0.255558	0.00011	0.093107
cg1627489	51	0.099569	0.325036	2.05E-05	0.003457
cg2680433	70	-0.12563	-0.08267	1.70E-06	0.501895
cg2162718	65	-0.2036	0.235659	7.41E-07	0.221569
cg0412498	50	0.314541	-0.66464	0.000191	0.096803
cg0523552	56	0.112004	0.18901	7.85E-05	0.159355
cg0849878	69	-0.13414	0.278106	4.15E-05	0.072726
cg1759351	50	-0.14951	0.53652	8.06E-05	0.003018
cg0533134	51	0.073431	0.39167	0.00015	2.74E-05
cg1640505	53	-0.73057	0.712838	0.00013	0.430255
cg1408460	51	-0.22373	-0.20799	0.000118	0.449438
cg1265171	56	0.125271	-0.29756	4.51E-05	0.040964
cg1498354	70	-0.21829	0.496746	1.02E-06	0.018239
cg1754792	70	0.093811	0.207197	1.45E-06	0.023911
cg0991255	59	0.100349	0.167257	7.05E-05	0.161735
cg1865565	54	-0.26186	-0.25997	0.000255	0.443663
cg2149847	58	-0.13147	-0.0942	2.26E-05	0.519596
cg0391554	57	-0.11649	0.081549	0.000115	0.568188
cg2159748	58	0.233701	0.746125	7.05E-05	0.007685
cg2746915	62	-0.15395	-0.17697	3.12E-05	0.310657
cg0578228	59	0.115487	-0.17844	0.000187	0.223412
cg0633380	58	0.124635	0.438473	8.51E-07	0.000265
cg0700685	60	-0.19394	-0.87386	3.06E-05	8.94E-05
cg2449161	74	-0.23769	0.281088	6.37E-07	0.20892
cg2482367	70	-0.16695	0.288477	1.75E-06	0.079124
cg0970578	70	-0.25888	0.350026	6.33E-07	0.150937
cg0106946	59	-0.15135	-0.14626	5.26E-06	0.349424
cg1846010	67	-0.15494	-0.05125	1.26E-05	0.759032
cg0619637	50	0.083316	0.777704	0.000132	9.59E-13
cg2436896	64	-0.23601	0.456403	1.10E-05	0.071852
cg0655975	50	-0.12395	-0.16707	8.09E-05	0.261519
cg0571047	79	-0.18799	-0.03221	6.48E-06	0.869453
cg0313176	55	-0.16437	-0.06505	5.62E-05	0.735705
cg0421785	55	-0.18017	0.311851	2.87E-06	0.085326
cg0947075	70	0.094184	0.605839	8.18E-06	4.18E-09
cg0280199	57	0.11953	0.602027	1.94E-05	7.87E-06
cg1383568	60	-0.24684	-0.22278	4.47E-06	0.378432
cg0607062	52	-0.17746	0.520816	2.09E-05	0.008537
cg1379258	65	-0.23768	0.499392	1.18E-06	0.030157
cg0613071	50	0.188224	0.077771	0.000261	0.750177
cg1740453	60	0.105776	0.494215	6.63E-06	1.16E-05
cg1662735	58	-0.2261	0.288055	2.12E-06	0.198565
cg0933250	50	-0.18689	0.247092	6.13E-05	0.26253



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2	cg00881374	56	-0.14595	0.274315	2.48E-05	0.093746
3	cg20885063	58	-0.2583	0.150845	8.01E-06	0.579431
4	cg01097103	51	-0.13979	0.108781	2.62E-05	0.487996
5	cg16658193	72	-0.25531	0.388234	1.19E-06	0.115875
6	cg09489470	58	-0.17075	0.56702	4.98E-05	0.004667
7	cg14266770	55	0.113142	0.522463	1.38E-05	2.87E-05
8	cg00213283	58	-0.19377	0.682097	1.94E-05	0.001592
9	cg05753793	65	0.104559	0.412927	3.05E-06	0.000111
10	cg23978553	52	-0.20188	0.610467	0.00023	0.019387
11	cg23939090	61	0.088493	0.926449	2.39E-05	5.36E-18
12	cg21291880	54	0.270503	-0.75996	0.000277	0.031896
13	cg01901579	51	-0.2014	0.627137	3.70E-05	0.0069
14	cg03437603	52	-0.18806	-0.22047	1.47E-05	0.281237
15	cg14539460	52	-0.13064	0.186561	0.000164	0.256073
16	cg22616251	62	-0.12207	0.465948	3.91E-05	0.001007
17	cg04264073	57	0.136903	0.822224	1.12E-05	5.67E-08
18	cg18550843	60	-0.22345	0.295708	4.14E-05	0.251003
19	cg01614759	61	-0.22576	0.254549	3.29E-06	0.264506
20	cg09708060	50	0.298306	1.04242	4.14E-05	0.002644
21	cg10704173	60	-0.24003	0.121415	7.79E-06	0.630691
22	cg09597193	59	-0.21493	-0.78265	4.62E-06	0.000457
23	cg00259404	64	0.102377	0.372734	1.47E-06	0.000228
24	cg05180183	50	-0.13973	0.108876	0.000244	0.546323
25	cg13534793	56	0.084494	0.483044	2.23E-06	2.46E-08
26	cg08799394	67	-0.15697	-0.61085	4.09E-07	3.48E-05
27	cg00381393	58	-0.21175	0.400225	1.08E-05	0.078219
28	cg05904013	55	0.09098	0.520269	3.11E-05	8.66E-07
29	cg06866203	53	-0.11776	-0.5258	4.49E-05	0.000144
30	cg07724243	63	0.11882	0.191743	3.28E-05	0.156265
31	cg04004603	62	-0.19059	0.766405	2.33E-05	0.00037
32	cg14554710	64	-0.18512	-0.0141	2.62E-05	0.945837
33	cg14613873	65	-0.19268	0.202986	1.39E-06	0.27857
34	cg01881893	58	0.180121	0.543922	5.19E-05	0.010168
35	cg17519033	50	-0.18022	0.284698	1.39E-05	0.145773
36	cg13167433	52	0.182251	0.277384	3.75E-06	0.134811
37	cg06391413	60	-0.1911	-0.11777	1.49E-05	0.571011
38	cg24678763	67	-0.09795	-0.15161	1.74E-05	0.158981
39	cg11389960	58	0.098463	0.317521	0.000104	0.00861
40	cg09596643	62	-0.22314	0.605538	2.62E-06	0.007012
41	cg05000333	71	-0.18002	0.43759	1.60E-06	0.013433
42	cg07908654	58	-0.22495	0.173045	2.04E-05	0.48701
43	cg08165794	54	-0.13764	0.109289	6.20E-06	0.445511
44	cg02244263	53	-0.24017	0.888739	0.000244	0.004488
45	cg02674833	53	0.116824	0.520249	0.000118	0.000349
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40	cg1160895:	73	0.136787	0.516311	1.73E-05	1.99E-25	
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42	cg2050310:	74	0.086615	0.595344	2.98E-06	6.65E-59	
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12	cg2336397	55	-1.28684	2.467133	6.27E-05	3.52E-08	
13	cg2259546	58	0.193562	0.378363	0.000131	7.70E-08	
14	cg1244619	64	-0.28602	0.631866	0.000113	1.33E-09	

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21	cg1948340	58	0.323488	0.60037	0.803372	3.58E-05	0.005817	1.93E-06
22	cg2505333	74	-0.19584	0.702493	0.087003	1.88E-06	2.28E-09	0.309714
23	cg1771429	57	0.205835	0.895016	0.70389	1.54E-05	8.81E-11	2.35E-11
24	cg0505112	74	-0.25315	0.366505	-0.12287	6.97E-06	0.018534	0.296829
25	cg2670962	55	-0.10468	0.225737	-0.35932	9.35E-06	0.000605	6.75E-12
26	cg2484208	50	-0.10577	0.562642	-0.15937	2.33E-05	2.89E-14	0.002612
27	cg0703107	57	-0.19051	0.798768	0.293259	2.77E-05	1.11E-09	0.002332
28	cg0677615	50	-0.25424	0.430996	0.140687	7.75E-05	0.015961	0.298394
29	cg2565162	70	-0.14868	1.14854	1.174768	3.68E-05	3.61E-24	1.52E-36
30	cg2038329	68	-0.17247	0.556059	-0.10441	7.35E-07	1.88E-08	0.149993
31	cg2121311	53	-0.29815	0.398007	-0.15717	4.67E-05	0.049744	0.306829
32	cg0899438	56	-0.22659	0.172274	0.067399	2.32E-05	0.243302	0.548049
33	cg0900428	52	-0.15026	0.644508	-0.10447	6.50E-05	2.82E-09	0.186888
34	cg0210970	56	-0.18249	-0.01503	0.004591	2.44E-05	0.899535	0.959569
35	cg2331896	50	0.133268	0.833523	0.490539	0.000285	2.52E-14	1.38E-09
36	cg1100108	50	-0.20758	0.944184	0.753469	2.34E-05	3.68E-11	5.01E-12
37	cg0338844	66	0.15472	0.474721	-0.05337	3.10E-06	4.17E-07	0.440484
38	cg1395543	59	-0.11256	0.297356	-0.36745	0.000144	0.00035	1.44E-08
39	cg2695089	54	-0.1092	0.463848	-1.33091	9.10E-06	7.55E-11	1.86E-66
40	cg1573305	50	-0.08623	0.009245	-0.67315	6.09E-05	0.87619	1.50E-34
41	cg0837528	53	-0.17187	1.528248	0.289276	1.47E-05	9.31E-32	0.00059
42	cg2717809	64	0.208441	0.690088	0.684973	4.79E-07	4.73E-09	1.02E-13
43	cg0649228	58	-0.10069	0.614196	0.10212	8.99E-06	4.82E-19	0.032123
44	cg2412035	50	0.243317	-0.02097	0.240943	9.63E-05	0.903161	0.067232
45	cg2022336	55	-0.16341	0.858364	0.345928	4.22E-05	2.89E-13	5.11E-05
46	cg0716123	67	-0.11059	0.069265	0.097372	4.13E-05	0.352039	0.086325
47	cg1538011	51	-0.23653	0.672961	0.484887	0.000209	0.000179	0.000378
48	cg2493672	60	-0.20884	0.454615	-0.11055	0.00011	0.002577	0.33053
49	cg0913300	51	-1.14059	0.556479	-0.75152	0.000126	0.498746	0.230432
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