

Tutorial: a guide to performing polygenic risk score analyses

GRP1:

- Key elements
 - Why is the study conducted?
 - What is PRS about?
- Additional “highlights” (personal selection):
 - Score specific to an individual
 - Lack of guidelines
 - Link with SNP heritability
- “Digging in deep” opportunities include:
 - Liability
 - Summary statistics
 - Base and target data

GRP2:

- Key elements
 - How are PRS constructed?
 - QC
 - Technical formula
 - What is PRS about?
- Additional “highlights” (personal selection):
 - Two flavors of getting to a PRS score (shrinkage and classical → understanding == these are two approaches that include different ways to select your variants in the score)
 - LD: Can it be exploited when selecting the variants?
- “Digging in deep” opportunities include:
 - Leave-one-out (what? how is it used? Link with meta-analysis leave-one-out mentioned in the paper?)
 - Scale (transformations of the trait impact interpretation of PRS)

GRP3:

- Key elements
 - What are (additional attention points)?
 - Generalizability
 - Different traits
 - Multiple PRSs in a single analysis
 - Interpretation (graphical → direct visualization of numerics)
- Additional “highlights” (personal selection):
 - Goodness-of-fit
- “Digging in deep” opportunities include:
 - Generic sources of inflation/deflation of PRS-trait associations
 - Transferability (a term that is very popular in different contexts, is it linked to generalizability)

GRP4:

- Key elements
 - Interpretation – clinical perspective
 - Possibilities
 - Limitations
- Additional “highlights” (personal selection):
 - Interrelated biological and environmental network among human traits

- Reasons for limitations
 - Overfitting associations
 - Sample sizes (base/target)
- “Digging in deep” opportunities include:
 - Literature search on the use of PRS in “precision medicine” and link back to the paper (note: in the introduction it was mentioned that it was not an idea to give a review about potential applications)
 - User-friendly code available ? (by following the URL and looking into annotation, documentation, toy examples)