

Table S1. Example of the original/reverse coding direction of inheritance mode on recessive-dominant SNP-SNP interaction models using the two SNPs (rs2075110-rs7538029) associated with prostate cancer aggressiveness (n=21,314)

rs2075110-rs7538029	Coding direction <sup>1</sup>			
	p-value of the interaction			
Model type	Original-original (oo)	Reverse-original (ro)	Original-reverse (or)	Reverse-reverse (rr)
RD_Full	<b>0.011</b>	0.011	0.011	0.011
RD_M1_int	<b>0.526</b>	<b>3.5x10<sup>-5</sup></b>	0.526	3.5x10 <sup>-5</sup>
RD_M2_int	<b>0.247</b>	0.247	<b>0.008</b>	0.008
RD_int	<b>0.829</b>	<b>0.0007</b>	<b>0.155</b>	<b>2.6x10<sup>-5</sup></b>

<sup>1</sup>original mode is based on the minor allele. Unique p-values in each model type are bold.

Table S2. Power comparisons of SIPI and other four statistical approaches<sup>1</sup> in detecting SNP-SNP interactions for Models 1-3

Model 1 <sup>2</sup> sample size	P(outcome)=(0.30,0.30,0.20,0.30,0.30,0.20,0.20,0.20,0.20)													
	1000								5000					
MAF (SNP1, SNP2)	(0.5,0.3)	(0.5,0.2)	(0.5,0.05)	(0.3,0.3)	(0.3,0.1)	(0.3,0.05)	(0.1,0.05)	(0.5,0.3)	(0.5,0.2)	(0.5,0.05)	(0.3,0.3)	(0.3,0.1)	(0.3,0.05)	(0.1,0.05)
SIPI	0.537	0.493	0.493	0.280	0.103	0.102	0.007	1.000	0.998	0.998	0.997	0.946	0.938	0.014
MDR	0.497	0.502	0.627	0.170	0.109	0.122	0.050	0.998	1	0.999	0.838	0.595	0.594	0.067
AA_Full	0.052	0.057	0.036	0.044	0.044	0.040	0.040	0.144	0.088	0.037	0.078	0.044	0.031	0.043
Geno_Full	0.085	0.081	0.046	0.071	0.062	0.049	0.055	0.134	0.271	0.143	0.078	0.074	0.053	0.046
SNPassoc	0.071	0.056	0.023	0.048	0.048	0.027	0.022	0.201	0.100	0.040	0.119	0.042	0.040	0.024
Model 2 <sup>2</sup> sample size	P(outcome)=(0.20,0.20,0.20,0.20,0.30,0.30,0.20,0.30,0.30)													
	1000								5000					
MAF (SNP1, SNP2)	(0.5,0.3)	(0.5,0.2)	(0.5,0.05)	(0.3,0.3)	(0.3,0.1)	(0.3,0.05)	(0.1,0.05)	(0.5,0.3)	(0.5,0.2)	(0.5,0.05)	(0.3,0.3)	(0.3,0.1)	(0.3,0.05)	(0.1,0.05)
SIPI	0.654	0.579	0.160	0.554	0.224	0.096	0.037	0.998	0.996	0.872	1.000	0.952	0.722	0.242
MDR	0.651	0.586	0.105	0.498	0.192	0.077	0.077	1	0.997	0.563	0.995	0.701	0.276	0.107
AA_Full	0.161	0.187	0.089	0.280	0.231	0.144	0.125	0.663	0.662	0.352	0.888	0.812	0.559	0.480
Geno_Full	0.181	0.224	0.107	0.292	0.202	0.139	0.161	0.759	0.755	0.399	0.911	0.739	0.520	0.383
SNPassoc	0.150	0.188	0.074	0.283	0.177	0.107	0.071	0.713	0.706	0.317	0.923	0.777	0.500	0.324
Model 3 <sup>2</sup> sample size	P(outcome) <sup>1</sup> =(0.30,0.20,0.20,0.30,0.20,0.20,0.20,0.20,0.20)													
	1000								5000					
MAF (SNP1, SNP2)	(0.5,0.3)	(0.5,0.2)	(0.5,0.05)	(0.3,0.3)	(0.3,0.1)	(0.3,0.05)	(0.1,0.05)	(0.5,0.3)	(0.5,0.2)	(0.5,0.05)	(0.3,0.3)	(0.3,0.1)	(0.3,0.05)	(0.1,0.05)
SIPI	0.643	0.659	0.577	0.699	0.454	0.265	0.108	0.998	0.999	1.000	0.995	0.998	1.000	0.950
MDR	0.651	0.698	0.667	0.78	0.494	0.268	0.243	0.999	1	1	1	1	0.964	0.906
AA_Full	0.200	0.211	0.080	0.100	0.084	0.066	0.042	0.698	0.667	0.317	0.286	0.213	0.120	0.050
Geno_Full	0.186	0.187	0.092	0.120	0.092	0.065	0.080	0.756	0.697	0.343	0.382	0.228	0.146	0.069
SNPassoc	0.170	0.170	0.057	0.074	0.073	0.043	0.030	0.740	0.687	0.278	0.252	0.144	0.099	0.027

<sup>1</sup>SIPI: SNP Interaction Pattern Identifier; MDR: Multifactor Dimensionality Reduction (test an overall association allowing an interaction); AA\_Full and Geno\_Full: full interaction logistic model with additive and genotypic SNPs, respectively, and SNPassoc: SNP interaction approach in SNPassoc R package

<sup>2</sup>Percentages of the outcome event in the nine genotype combinations (TL, TM, TR, ML, MM, MR, BL, BM, BR). T: top, M: middle, B: bottom, L: left, R: right; MAF=minor allele frequency

Table S3. Power comparisons of SIPI and other four statistical approaches<sup>1</sup> in detecting SNP-SNP interactions for Models 4-6

Model 4 <sup>2</sup> sample size	P(outcome)= (0.20,0.20,0.20,0.30,0.40,0.40,0.30,0.40,0.40)							5000						
	1000							5000						
MAF (SNP1, SNP2)	(0.5,0.3)	(0.5,0.2)	(0.5,0.05)	(0.3,0.3)	(0.3,0.1)	(0.3,0.05)	(0.1,0.05)	(0.5,0.3)	(0.5,0.2)	(0.5,0.05)	(0.3,0.3)	(0.3,0.1)	(0.3,0.05)	(0.1,0.05)
SIPI	0.726	0.744	0.594	0.612	0.811	0.781	0.563	1.000	0.999	0.918	0.984	0.929	0.880	0.909
MDR	0.928	0.862	0.685	0.986	0.942	0.903	0.757	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
AA_Full	0.117	0.141	0.068	0.235	0.173	0.110	0.121	0.513	0.527	0.260	0.786	0.667	0.432	0.391
Geno_Full	0.148	0.169	0.089	0.221	0.158	0.127	0.123	0.602	0.583	0.266	0.773	0.573	0.376	0.319
SNPassoc	0.126	0.144	0.069	0.223	0.132	0.074	0.054	0.546	0.525	0.216	0.831	0.625	0.357	0.253
Model 5 <sup>2</sup> sample size	P(outcome)= (0.08,0.13,0.21,0.13,0.33,0.62,0.21,0.62,0.91)							5000						
	1000							5000						
MAF (SNP1, SNP2)	(0.5,0.3)	(0.5,0.2)	(0.5,0.05)	(0.3,0.3)	(0.3,0.1)	(0.3,0.05)	(0.1,0.05)	(0.5,0.3)	(0.5,0.2)	(0.5,0.05)	(0.3,0.3)	(0.3,0.1)	(0.3,0.05)	(0.1,0.05)
SIPI	0.760	0.774	0.986	0.727	0.911	0.952	0.784	1.000	1.000	0.794	1.000	0.951	0.730	0.793
MDR	1	1	0.982	1	0.989	0.938	0.685	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
AA_Full	0.915	0.831	0.437	0.877	0.595	0.367	0.203	1.000	1.000	0.984	1.000	1.000	0.963	0.732
Geno_Full	0.755	0.656	0.333	0.718	0.423	0.288	0.196	1.000	1.000	0.928	1.000	0.988	0.883	0.603
SNPassoc	0.801	0.709	0.285	0.742	0.404	0.223	0.105	1.000	1.000	0.932	1.000	0.990	0.887	0.556
Model 6 <sup>2</sup> sample size	P(outcome)= (0.18,0.18,0.18,0.18,0.18,0.18,0.18,0.29,0.29)							5000						
	1000							5000						
MAF (SNP1, SNP2)	(0.5,0.3)	(0.5,0.2)	(0.5,0.05)	(0.3,0.3)	(0.3,0.1)	(0.3,0.05)	(0.1,0.05)	(0.5,0.3)	(0.5,0.2)	(0.5,0.05)	(0.3,0.3)	(0.3,0.1)	(0.3,0.05)	(0.1,0.05)
SIPI	0.397	0.290	0.055	0.124	0.047	0.013	0.006	0.999	0.988	0.456	0.799	0.321	0.113	0.010
MDR	0.267	0.183	0.07	0.088	0.065	0.045	0.056	0.884	0.644	0.124	0.211	0.079	0.073	0.044
AA_Full	0.254	0.271	0.125	0.128	0.109	0.084	0.046	0.842	0.833	0.520	0.406	0.348	0.203	0.055
Geno_Full	0.234	0.263	0.132	0.142	0.111	0.088	0.075	0.883	0.864	0.499	0.514	0.380	0.242	0.073
SNPassoc	0.211	0.233	0.082	0.101	0.060	0.045	0.027	0.871	0.845	0.476	0.360	0.262	0.143	0.025

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<sup>2</sup>Percentages of the outcome event in the nine genotype combinations (TL, TM, TR, ML, MM, MR, BL, BM, BR). T: top, M: middle, B: bottom, L: left, R: right; MAF=minor allele frequency

Table S4. Comparisons of type I errors of SIPI and other four statistical approaches<sup>1</sup> in detecting SNP-SNP interactions in the null model

Null Model <sup>2</sup> sample size	P(outcome)= (0.2,0.2, 0.2,0.2,0.2,0.2,0.2,0.2,0.2)													
	1000							5000						
MAF (SNP1, SNP2)	(0.5,0.3)	(0.5,0.2)	(0.5,0.05)	(0.3,0.3)	(0.3,0.1)	(0.3,0.05)	(0.1,0.05)	(0.5,0.3)	(0.5,0.2)	(0.5,0.05)	(0.3,0.3)	(0.3,0.1)	(0.3,0.05)	(0.1,0.05)
SIPI	0.017	0.017	0.006	0.013	0.007	0.004	0.005	0.015	0.017	0.011	0.021	0.010	0.009	0.011
MDR	0.056	0.056	0.045	0.053	0.055	0.052	0.055	0.031	0.045	0.053	0.06	0.051	0.068	0.047
AA_Full	0.051	0.061	0.048	0.043	0.048	0.041	0.038	0.047	0.056	0.044	0.042	0.042	0.048	0.034
Geno_Full	0.046	0.063	0.042	0.064	0.051	0.043	0.061	0.054	0.066	0.061	0.053	0.064	0.054	0.052
SNPassoc	0.046	0.057	0.041	0.043	0.029	0.025	0.026	0.035	0.043	0.040	0.029	0.033	0.037	0.021

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Table S5. Main effect tests and minor allele frequency (MAF) of the eight SNPs with a promising interaction associated with prostate cancer aggressiveness in the PRACTICAL study

SNP	Minor<Major allele	Discovery MAF	Validation MAF	Combined MAF	Combined set		
					Best Mode <sup>1</sup>	OR (95% CI) <sup>2</sup>	p-value
rs10488141	T<A	0.196	0.198	0.197	Rec	1.14 (0.96-1.36)	0.145
rs6994019	A<C	0.253	0.255	0.254	Dom	0.98 (0.92-1.06)	0.659
rs2058502	A<G	0.498	0.501*	0.499	Dom	1.10 (1.02-1.20)	0.020
rs4947972	C<G	0.278	0.275	0.276	Rec	1.13 (1.00-1.29)	0.058
rs723527	G<A	0.432	0.433	0.432	Rec	1.14 (1.04-1.24)	0.004
rs845555	A<G	0.464	0.453	0.458	Add	1.05 (1.00-1.10)	0.048
rs2075110	G<A	0.476	0.478	0.477	Rec	1.06 (0.97-1.15)	0.183
rs7538029	A<C	0.211	0.207	0.209	Add	1.11 (1.05-1.18)	0.0004

\*G allele became a minor allele in the validation set

<sup>1</sup> Mode with the smallest p-value

<sup>2</sup> Odds ratio (95% confidence interval)

Figure S1. Nine models of SNP1 and SNP2 with the dominant-dominant mode (part1)

Model structure Model label (details) <sup>1</sup>	Number of sub-groups	Interaction patterns $logit(Y)_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 SNP_{1i} + \beta_2 SNP_{2i} + \beta_3 SNP_{1i} \times SNP_{2i} + \epsilon_i$		Note
<b>Full interaction</b> DD_Full (dSNP1, dSNP2, dSNP1xdSNP2)	4	SNP <sub>2</sub> SNP <sub>1</sub>	Log(odds) BB (0) Bb/bb (1)	Significant test of interaction has the same results regardless the original or reverse coding of the inheritance mode
		AA (0)	$\beta_0$ $\beta_0+\beta_2$	
		Aa/aa (1)	$\beta_0+\beta_1$ $\beta_0+\beta_1+\beta_2+\beta_3$	
<b>Main1+int</b>  DD_M1_int_o1 (dSNP1, dSNP1*dSNP2)  DD_M1_int_r1 (rdSNP1, rdSNP1*dSNP2)	3	SNP <sub>2</sub> SNP <sub>1</sub>	Log(odds) BB (0) Bb/bb (1)	The original or reverse coding only matters for the SNP with an main effect in this model
		AA (0)	$\beta_0$ $\beta_0$	
		Aa/aa (1)	$\beta_0+\beta_1$ $\beta_0+\beta_1+\beta_3$	
		SNP <sub>2</sub> SNP <sub>1</sub>	Log(odds) BB (0) Bb/bb (1)	
		AA (1)	$\beta_0+\beta_1$ $\beta_0+\beta_1+\beta_3$	
		Aa/aa (0)	$\beta_0$ $\beta_0$	
<b>Main2+int</b> DD_M2_int_o2 (dSNP2, dSNP1*dSNP2)  DD_M2_int_r2 (rdSNP2, dSNP1*rdSNP2)	3	SNP <sub>2</sub> SNP <sub>1</sub>	Log(odds) BB (0) Bb/bb (1)	The original or reverse coding only matters for the SNP with an main effect in this model
		AA (0)	$\beta_0$ $\beta_0+\beta_2$	
		Aa/aa (1)	$\beta_0$ $\beta_0+\beta_2+\beta_3$	
		SNP <sub>2</sub> SNP <sub>1</sub>	Log(odds) BB (1) Bb/bb (0)	
		AA (0)	$\beta_0+\beta_2$ $\beta_0$	
		Aa/aa (1)	$\beta_0+\beta_2+\beta_3$ $\beta_0$	

<sup>1</sup>dSNP1 denote a dominant mode of SNP1 based on the minor allele, rdSNP1 denotes SNP1 with a reverse dominant mode

Figure S2. Nine models of SNP1 and SNP2 with the dominant-dominant mode (part 2)

Model structure unique model <sup>1</sup>	Number of sub- groups	Interaction patterns $logit(Y)_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 SNP_{1i} + \beta_2 SNP_{2i} + \beta_3 SNP_{1i} \times SNP_{2i} + \epsilon_i$		Note
<b>Int-only</b> DD_int_oo (dSNP1*dSNP2)  DD_int_ro (rdSNP1*dSNP2)  DD_int_or (dSNP1*rdSNP2)  DD_int_rr (rdSNP1*rdSNP2)	2	SNP <sub>2</sub> SNP <sub>1</sub>	Log(odds) BB (0)    Bb/bb (1)	the original or reverse coding of both SNPs matter for the interaction significance test
		AA (0)	$\beta_0$ $\beta_0$	
		Aa/aa (1)	$\beta_0$ $\beta_0 + \beta_3$	
		SNP <sub>2</sub> SNP <sub>1</sub>	Log(odds) BB (0)    Bb/bb (1)	
		AA (1)	$\beta_0$ $\beta_0 + \beta_3$	
		Aa/aa (0)	$\beta_0$ $\beta_0$	
		SNP <sub>2</sub> SNP <sub>1</sub>	Log(odds) BB (1)    Bb/bb (0)	
		AA (0)	$\beta_0$ $\beta_0$	
Aa/aa (1)	$\beta_0 + \beta_3$ $\beta_0$			
SNP <sub>2</sub> SNP <sub>1</sub>	Log(odds) BB (1)    Bb/bb (0)			
AA (1)	$\beta_0 + \beta_3$ $\beta_0$			
Aa/aa (0)	$\beta_0$ $\beta_0$			

<sup>1</sup>dSNP1 denote a dominant mode of SNP1 based on the minor allele, rdSNP1 denotes SNP1 with a reverse dominant mode

Figure S3. Interpretation of the designed and sister pattern<sup>1</sup> in the SNP Interaction Pattern Identifier (SIPI) for a SNP with a minor allele frequency (MAF) close to 0.5

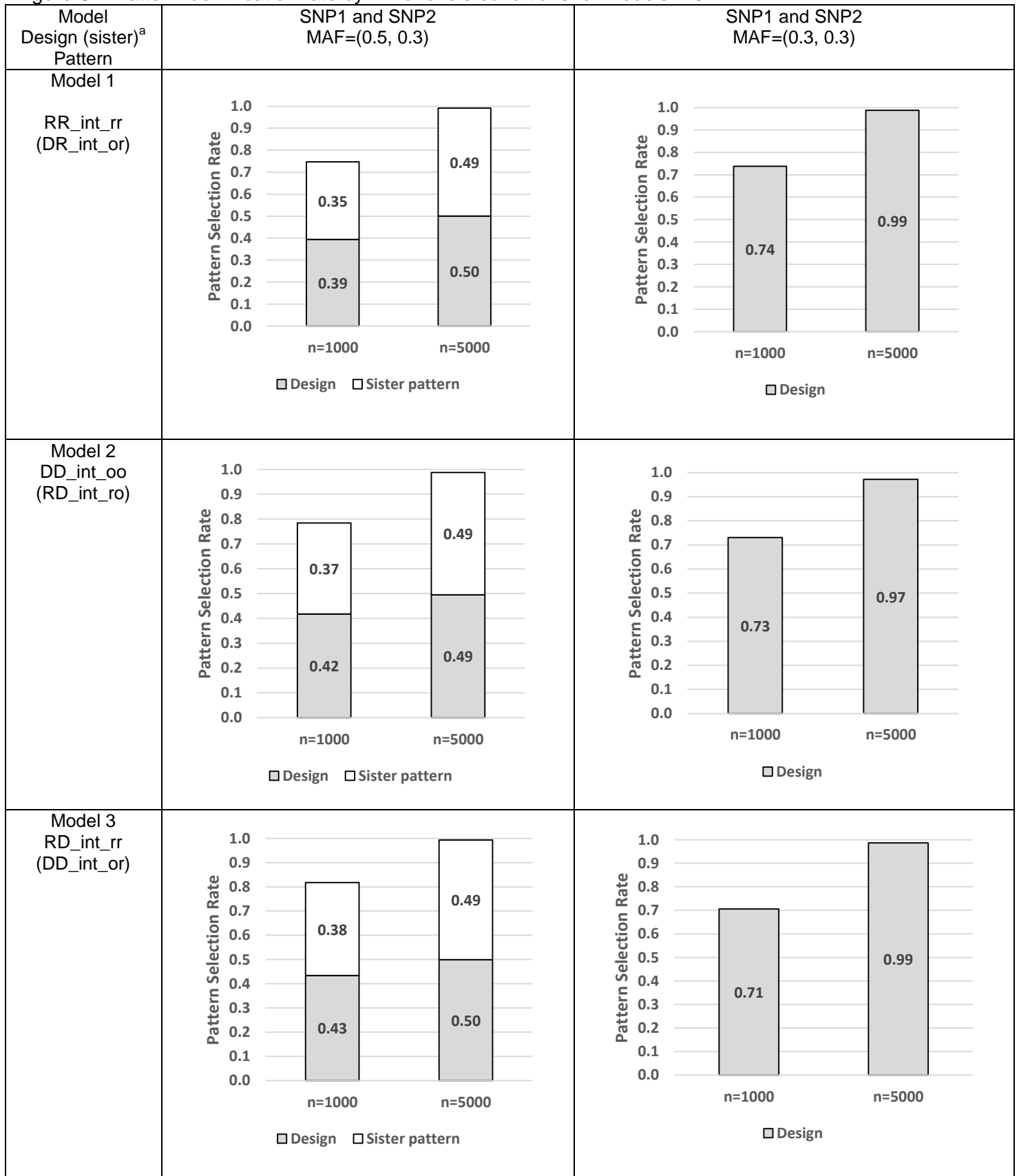
SNP1 (A<G) <sup>2</sup> , SNP2 (C<G) Designed pattern: DD_int_rr				SNP1 (G<A) <sup>2</sup> , SNP2 (C<G) Sister pattern: RD_int_or			
SNP1\ SNP2	GG	CG	CC	SNP1\ SNP2	GG	CG	CC
GG	Low risk			AA			
AG				AG			
AA				GG	Low risk		

<sup>1</sup> The 3x3 table is with the homozygous major genotypes on the left top corner in SIPI. The correct pattern is (GG+ GG) as the low-risk group.

<sup>2</sup> (A<G) means “G” is the major allele and “A” is the minor allele. When SNP1 MAF~0.5, half of the simulation runs treated “G” as the major allele, and the other half treated “A” as the major allele.

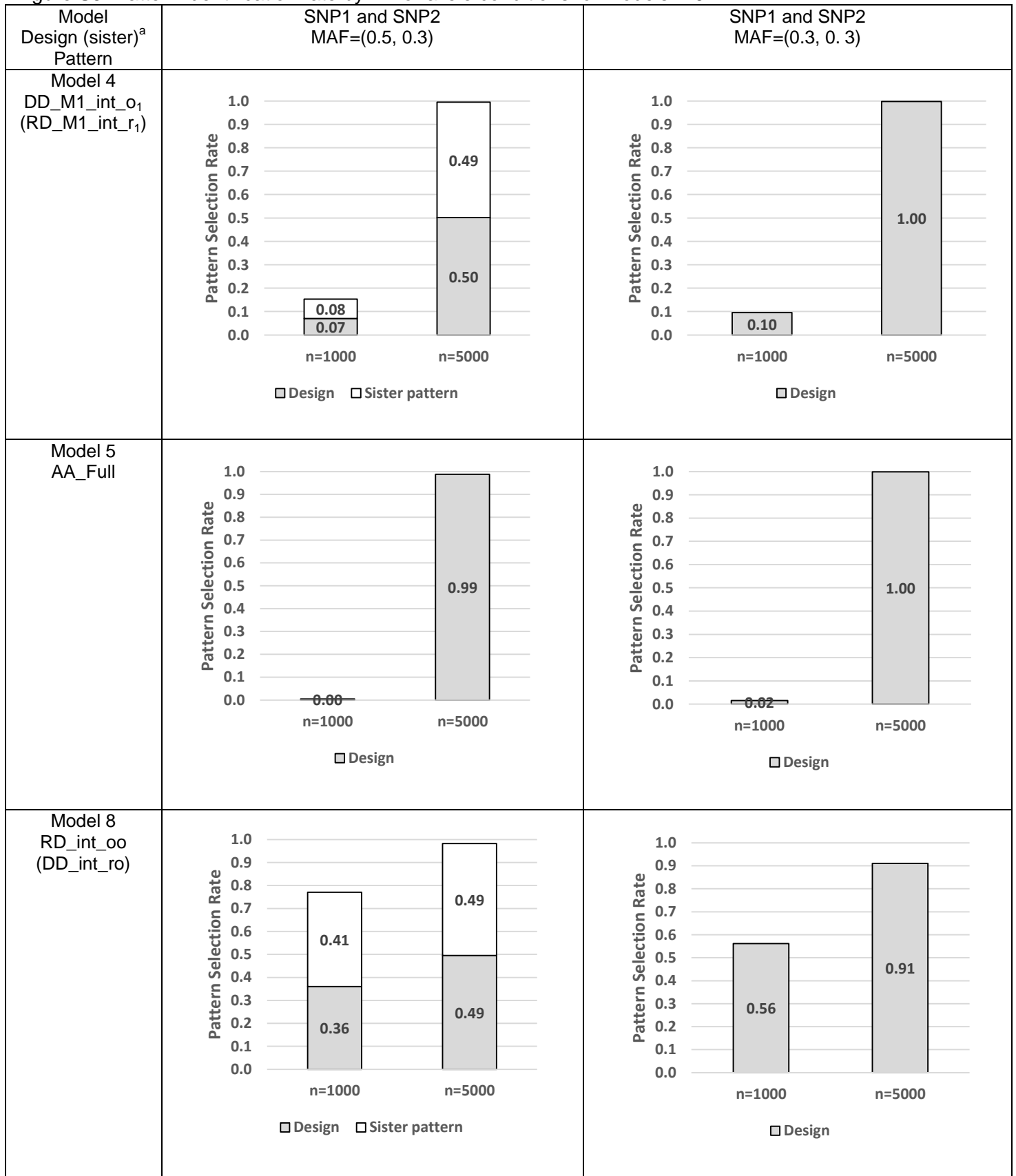


Figure S4. Pattern identification rate by minor allele conditions for Models 1-3



<sup>a</sup> Sister pattern is only for a SNP pair with a MAF=(0.5, 0.3)

Figure S5. Pattern identification rate by minor allele conditions for Models 4-6



<sup>a</sup> Sister pattern is only for a SNP pair with a MAF=(0.5, 0.3)

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