

**Supplementary Table 1:** Two-locus model used in simulations.

Scénario	G <sub>2</sub>	G <sub>1</sub>			G <sub>1</sub>			G <sub>1</sub>		
		a/a	A/a	A/A	a/a	A/a	A/A	a/a	A/a	A/A
1	a/a	0	0	0	0.02	0.52	0.52	0.98	0.48	0.48
p <sub>1</sub> =0.03	A/a	0	0.89	0.89	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.98	0.09	0.09
p <sub>2</sub> =0.1	A/A	0	0.89	0.89	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.98	0.09	0.09
2	a/a	0	0	0	0	0.89	0.89	1	0.11	0.11
p <sub>1</sub> =0.03	A/a	0	0.89	0.89	0	0	0	1	0.11	0.11
p <sub>2</sub> =0.1	A/A	0	0.89	0.89	0	0	0	1	0.11	0.11
3	a/a	1.0e-4	0.05	0.05	9e-4	0.45	0.45	0.999	0.5	0.5
p <sub>1</sub> =0.027	A/a	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0	0	0.5	0.5	0.5
p <sub>2</sub> =0.027	A/A	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0	0	0.5	0.5	0.5

G<sub>1</sub> : Genotype at locus 1, G<sub>2</sub> : Genotype at locus 2, p<sub>1</sub>: A allele frequency in locus 1, p<sub>2</sub>: A allele frequency in locus 2

**Supplementary Table 2:** Descriptive statistics of the simulated families.

Scenario	Specific phenotype		Other phenotype		Total broad phenotype	
	Mean	Range	Mean	Range	Mean	Range
1	5	2 – 13	2	0 – 7	7	3 – 13
2	5	2 – 13	3	0 – 9	8	3 – 15
3	3	1 – 10	3	1 – 11	6	3 – 13

**Supplementary Table 3:** Signal at modifier locus (locus 2) using joint modeling of a specific and a broad phenotype under simulation scenario 2.

	Statistic <sup>a</sup>	Two epistatic genes only (100 replicate samples of 10 families)				Two epistatic genes plus heterogeneity (100 replicate samples of 40 families)				
		Mean (SD)	Mean $\theta$ (SD)	Power <sup>b</sup>	Power <sup>b</sup> (pre-select)	Mean (SD)	Mean $\theta$ (SD)	Power <sup>b</sup>	Power <sup>b</sup> (pre-select)	
All families	One-locus analyses	LOD within broad ( $Z_w^{1L}$ )	4.74 (1.96)	0.05 (0.04)	0.84	NA	3.40 (2.10)	0.22 (0.06)	0.60	NA
		HLOD within broad ( $Z_w^{H-1L}$ )	4.92 (1.85)	0.03 (0.04)	0.88	NA	5.16 (2.08)	0.05 (0.05)	0.91	NA
	Two-locus analyses	Conditional LOD ( $Z^{COND}$ )	6.28 (1.76)	0.00 (0.02)	0.97	0.97	5.44 (2.07)	0.08 (0.08)	0.95	0.96
		Sliced LOD ( $Z^{SLICED}$ )	6.29 (1.76)	0.00 (0.02)	0.97	0.97	5.46 (2.08)	0.08 (0.08)	0.95	0.96
		Conditional HLOD ( $Z^{H-COND}$ )	6.29 (1.76)	0.00 (0.01)	0.97	0.97	6.77 (2.17)	0.02 (0.04)	0.99	0.99
		Sliced HLOD ( $Z^{H-SLICED}$ )	6.29 (1.76)	0.00 (0.01)	0.97	0.97	6.44 (2.09)	0.02 (0.05)	0.99	0.99
Selected families	One-locus analyses	LOD within broad ( $Z_w^{1L+}$ ) <sup>c</sup>	4.63 (1.94)	0.05 (0.04)	0.85	NA	6.17 (2.40)	0.11 (0.05)	0.97	NA
		Conditional LOD ( $Z^{COND+}$ )	6.03 (1.79)	0.00 (0.02)	0.95	0.97	9.10 (2.52)	0.05 (0.05)	1.00	1.00
	Sliced LOD ( $Z^{SLICED+}$ )	6.01 (1.79)	0.00 (0.02)	0.97	0.97	8.52 (2.47)	0.04 (0.05)	1.00	1.00	

<sup>a</sup> All statistics are maximized over the corresponding model family (one-locus or two-locus model family) with the specific phenotype prevalence set to  $\pi_S = 0.01$  and the broad phenotype prevalence set to  $\pi_B = 0.053$

<sup>b</sup> Power for significance level  $\alpha = 0.0017$

<sup>c</sup> Families with  $Z_i^{2L}(\bar{\theta}_1(k), \gamma_2, k) > 0$  (as in  $Z^{COND+}$ )

**Supplementary Table 4:** Signal at modifier locus (locus 2) using joint modeling of a specific and a broad phenotype under simulation scenario 1, without requiring an unaffected pivot.

	Statistic <sup>a</sup>	Two epistatic genes only (100 replicate samples of 10 families)				Two epistatic genes plus heterogeneity (100 replicate samples of 40 families)				
		Mean (SD)	Mean $\theta$ (SD)	Power <sup>b</sup>	Power <sup>b</sup> (pre-select)	Mean (SD)	Mean $\theta$ (SD)	Power <sup>b</sup>	Power <sup>b</sup> (pre-select)	
All families	One-locus analyses	LOD within broad ( $Z_w^{1L}$ )	3.94 (2.20)	0.08 (0.06)	0.73	NA	2.86 (1.92)	0.22 (0.08)	0.52	NA
		HLOD within broad ( $Z_w^{H-1L}$ )	4.21 (2.18)	0.01 (0.03)	0.94	NA	4.58 (2.28)	0.05 (0.06)	0.87	NA
	Two-locus analyses	Conditional LOD ( $Z^{COND}$ )	5.79 (2.18)	0.01 (0.03)	0.94	0.94	5.30 (2.47)	0.09 (0.08)	0.89	0.89
		Sliced LOD ( $Z^{SLICED}$ )	5.81 (2.18)	0.01 (0.03)	0.94	0.94	5.31 (2.48)	0.09 (0.08)	0.89	0.89
		Conditional HLOD ( $Z^{H-COND}$ )	5.84 (2.17)	0.01 (0.03)	0.94	0.94	6.53 (2.62)	0.02 (0.04)	0.95	0.95
Selected families	One-locus analyses	Sliced HLOD ( $Z^{H-SLICED}$ )	5.85 (2.17)	0.01 (0.03)	0.94	0.94	6.37 (2.63)	0.02 (0.04)	0.94	0.94
		LOD within broad ( $Z_w^{L+}$ ) <sup>c</sup>	3.87 (2.25)	0.07 (0.07)	0.67	NA	4.91 (2.52)	0.13 (0.07)	0.85	NA
	Two-locus analyses	Conditional LOD ( $Z^{COND+}$ )	5.48 (2.16)	0.01 (0.03)	0.89	0.92	8.23 (2.52)	0.06 (0.06)	0.99	0.99
		Sliced LOD ( $Z^{SLICED+}$ )	5.45 (2.20)	0.01 (0.03)	0.90	0.93	7.72 (2.57)	0.05 (0.05)	0.97	0.97

<sup>a</sup> All statistics are maximized over the corresponding model family (one-locus or two-locus model family) with the specific phenotype prevalence set to  $\pi_S = 0.01$  and the broad phenotype prevalence set to  $\pi_B = 0.053$

<sup>b</sup> Power for significance level  $\alpha = 0.0017$

<sup>c</sup> Families with  $Z_i^{2L}(\bar{\theta}_1(k), \gamma_2, k) > 0$  (as in  $Z^{COND+}$ )

**Supplementary Table 5:** Signal at locus 2 using joint modeling of a specific and a broad phenotype under simulation scenario 3.

	Statistic <sup>a</sup>	Mean (SD)	Mean $\theta$ (SD)	Power <sup>b</sup>	Power <sup>b</sup> (pre-select)	
All families	One-locus analyses	LOD ( $Z^{1L}$ )	4.30 (2.02)	0.04 (0.06)	0.80	NA
		HLOD ( $Z^{H-1L}$ )	4.39 (1.99)	0.03 (0.05)	0.79	NA
		LOD within broad ( $Z_w^{1L}$ )	4.43 (2.16)	0.05 (0.05)	0.77	NA
		HLOD within broad ( $Z_w^{H-1L}$ )	4.58 (2.16)	0.03 (0.05)	0.75	NA
Selected families	Two-locus analyses	Conditional LOD ( $Z^{COND}$ )	4.91 (2.20)	0.02 (0.04)	0.84	0.82
		Sliced LOD ( $Z^{SLICED}$ )	4.92 (2.20)	0.02 (0.04)	0.84	0.82
		Conditional HLOD ( $Z^{H-COND}$ )	4.98 (2.18)	0.01 (0.03)	0.82	0.81
		Sliced HLOD ( $Z^{H-SLICED}$ )	4.99 (2.19)	0.02 (0.04)	0.82	0.81
	One-locus analyses	LOD within broad ( $Z_w^{1L+}$ ) <sup>c</sup>	2.89 (1.66)	0.05 (0.06)	0.55	NA
	Two-locus analyses	Conditional LOD ( $Z^{COND+}$ )	3.10 (1.50)	0.04 (0.08)	0.51	0.51
		Sliced LOD ( $Z^{SLICED+}$ )	3.08 (1.57)	0.03 (0.06)	0.53	0.55

<sup>a</sup> All statistics are maximized over the corresponding model family (one-locus or two-locus model family) with the specific phenotype prevalence set to  $\pi_S = 0.01$  and the broad phenotype prevalence set to  $\pi_B = 0.053$

<sup>b</sup> Power for significance level  $\alpha = 0.0017$

<sup>c</sup> Families with  $Z_i^{2L}(\bar{\theta}_1(k), \gamma_2, k) > 0$  (as in  $Z^{COND+}$ )

**Supplementary Table 6:** prevalence of the different phenotypes

phenotype	prevalence (%)	definition and justification
SZ narrow	1.0	Schizophrenia [1,2]
SZ extended	1.2	SZ narrow + small increment to account for schizopreniform disorder and schizotypal personality
BP narrow	1.0	Type I bipolar disorder [3]
BP extended	7.0	BP narrow subjects + subjects with recurrent MDD [4-6]
Major psychosis narrow	2.3	SZ narrow subjects + BP narrow subjects + schizo-affective disorder
Major psychosis extended	8.5	SZ extended subjects + BP extended subjects + schizo-affective disorder

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**Supplementary Table 7:** list of marker pairs tested in the analysis of the Eastern Quebec mixed SZ and BP kindreds

<b>locus 1</b>	<b>locus 2</b>	<b>pheno 1</b>	<b>pheno 2</b>
D2S298	D3S1579	MP-extended	SZ-narrow
	D3S3023	MP-extended	SZ-narrow
	D3S3023	MP-extended	SZ-extended
	478B14-848	MP-extended	SZ-narrow
	D8S1110	MP-extended	BP-narrow
	D8S1110	MP-extended	SZ-extended
	D8S1110	MP-extended	SZ-narrow
	D13S1233	MP-extended	BP-extended
	D13S1312	MP-extended	SZ-narrow
	D13S287	MP-extended	SZ-extended
	D13S287	MP-extended	SZ-narrow
	D13S326	MP-extended	BP-extended
	D13S788	MP-extended	SZ-extended
	D13S788	MP-extended	SZ-narrow
	D15S540	MP-extended	SZ-extended
D3S1558	478B14-848	MP-extended	SZ-narrow
	D8S1110	MP-extended	SZ-extended
	D8S1110	MP-extended	SZ-narrow
	D8S1110	MP-extended	BP-narrow
	D13S1233	MP-extended	BP-extended
	D13S1312	MP-extended	SZ-narrow
	D13S287	MP-extended	SZ-extended
	D13S287	MP-extended	SZ-narrow
	D13S326	MP-extended	BP-extended
	D13S788	MP-extended	SZ-extended
	D13S788	MP-extended	SZ-narrow
	D15S540	MP-extended	SZ-extended
D3S2418	478B14-848	MP-extended	SZ-narrow
	D8S1110	MP-extended	SZ-extended
	D8S1110	MP-extended	SZ-narrow
	D8S1110	MP-extended	BP-narrow
	D13S1233	MP-extended	BP-extended
	D13S1312	MP-extended	SZ-narrow
	D13S287	MP-extended	SZ-extended
	D13S287	MP-extended	SZ-narrow
	D13S326	MP-extended	BP-extended
	D13S788	MP-extended	SZ-narrow
	D13S788	MP-extended	SZ-extended
	D15S540	MP-extended	SZ-extended
D6S334	D3S1579	MP-extended	SZ-narrow
	D3S3023	MP-extended	SZ-narrow
	D3S3023	MP-narrow	SZ-narrow
	D3S3023	MP-extended	SZ-extended
	478B14-848	MP-extended	SZ-narrow
	D8S1110	MP-extended	SZ-narrow
	D8S1110	MP-extended	SZ-extended
	D8S1110	MP-narrow	SZ-narrow

	D8S1110	MP-extended	BP-narrow
	D8S1110	MP-narrow	BP-narrow
	D13S1233	MP-extended	BP-extended
	D13S1312	MP-extended	SZ-narrow
	D13S287	MP-extended	SZ-narrow
	D13S287	MP-extended	SZ-extended
	D13S326	MP-extended	BP-extended
	D13S788	MP-extended	SZ-narrow
	D13S788	MP-extended	SZ-extended
	D15S540	MP-extended	SZ-extended
	D18S1145	MP-narrow	SZ-narrow
	D18S472	MP-narrow	SZ-narrow
	D18S72	MP-narrow	SZ-narrow
	D18S851	MP-narrow	BP-narrow
	D18S851	MP-narrow	SZ-narrow
D10S245	D3S1579	MP-extended	SZ-narrow
	D3S3023	MP-extended	SZ-narrow
	D3S3023	MP-extended	SZ-extended
	478B14-848	MP-extended	SZ-narrow
	D8S1110	MP-extended	BP-narrow
	D8S1110	MP-extended	SZ-extended
	D8S1110	MP-extended	SZ-narrow
	D13S1233	MP-extended	BP-extended
	D13S1312	MP-extended	SZ-narrow
	D13S287	MP-extended	SZ-narrow
	D13S287	MP-extended	SZ-extended
	D13S326	MP-extended	BP-extended
	D13S788	MP-extended	SZ-extended
	D13S788	MP-extended	SZ-narrow
	D15S540	MP-extended	SZ-extended
D15S540	D3S1579	MP-extended	SZ-narrow
	D3S3023	MP-extended	SZ-narrow
	D3S3023	MP-extended	SZ-extended
	478B14-848	MP-extended	SZ-narrow
	D8S1110	MP-extended	SZ-extended
	D8S1110	MP-extended	SZ-narrow
	D8S1110	MP-extended	BP-narrow
	D13S1233	MP-extended	BP-extended
	D13S1312	MP-extended	SZ-narrow
	D13S287	MP-extended	SZ-extended
	D13S287	MP-extended	SZ-narrow
	D13S326	MP-extended	BP-extended
	D13S788	MP-extended	SZ-extended
	D13S788	MP-extended	SZ-narrow
GABRA5	D3S1579	MP-extended	SZ-narrow
	D3S3023	MP-extended	SZ-narrow
	D3S3023	MP-extended	SZ-extended
	478B14-848	MP-extended	SZ-narrow
	D8S1110	MP-extended	SZ-extended
	D8S1110	MP-extended	SZ-narrow

D8S1110	MP-extended	BP-narrow
D13S1233	MP-extended	BP-extended
D13S1312	MP-extended	SZ-narrow
D13S287	MP-extended	SZ-narrow
D13S287	MP-extended	SZ-extended
D13S326	MP-extended	BP-extended
D13S788	MP-extended	SZ-narrow
D13S788	MP-extended	SZ-extended

**Supplementary Table 8:** Two-locus model maximizing the conditional LOD score for marker pairs with the strongest signals.

Penetrance function for the specific phenotype $f_S(G_1, G_2)$			Penetrance function for other phenotypes within broad ( $f_B - f_S$ )( $G_1, G_2$ )			Complement of the penetrance function for the unaffected subjects $1 - f_B(G_1, G_2)$				
$G_2$	$G_1$			$G_1$			$G_1$			
	a/a	A/a	A/A	a/a	A/a	A/A	a/a	A/a	A/A	
D10S245-	a/a	0	0	0	0	0	0.1	1	1	0.9
D8S1110	A/a	0	0	0.9	0	0	0.00001	1	1	0.09999
(MPe-BPn)	A/A	0	0	0.9	0	0	0.00001	1	1	0.09999
D3S2418-	a/a	0	0	0	0.0365	0.7365	0.7365	0.9635	0.2635	0.2635
D8S1110	A/a	0	0.7	0.7	0.0365	0.03651	0.03651	0.9635	0.26349	0.26349
(MPe-SZe)	A/A	0	0.7	0.7	0.0365	0.03651	0.03651	0.9635	0.26349	0.26349

$G_1$  : Genotype at locus 1,  $G_2$  : Genotype at locus 2.