**I can’t keep it in my genes: Being sex-mad is ‘genetic’, say scientists**

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Study reveals some people are born to be more promiscuous than others

**RANDY men and women are driven sex-mad by their genes, say scientists.**

They have identified DNA variations which mean some people are born to be more  
promiscuous than others.

A study of 400,000 Brits found genes could cause early puberty and parenthood.

One was also linked to risk-taking behaviour.

*Sex at an early age is linked with poor school performance, ill health and  
psychiatric problems.*

It had been thought social factors and peer pressure were the biggest  
influences on a person’s sex life.

But Cambridge University researchers identified 38 genetic differences  
directly linked to sexual behaviour.

Their study, published in online research journal Nature Genetics, analysed  
the genes of almost 400,000 men and women aged from 40 to 69.

Several of the gene variants linked to early intercourse had previously been  
implicated in brain development.

One was a defect in a gene called CADM2 — linked with a risk-taking  
personality, as well as earlier sexual activity and higher numbers of kids.

The team’s Dr John Perry said: “While social and cultural factors are clearly  
relevant, we show that age at first sexual intercourse is also influenced by  
genes.”