

SPARK (N > 30,000)

Factors Core F1 language Receptive F2 language F3 Nonverbal IO Early F4 language F5 **Talkativeness Following** F6 directions

Vocabulary

F7

Developmental phenotypes





ABCD sample (N > 5,000)

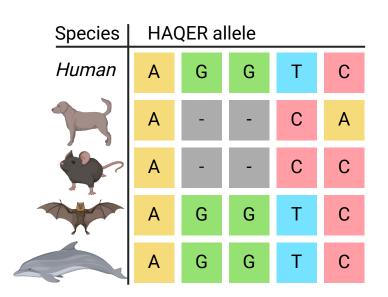
Ancient DNA



AADR sample (N > 3,000)

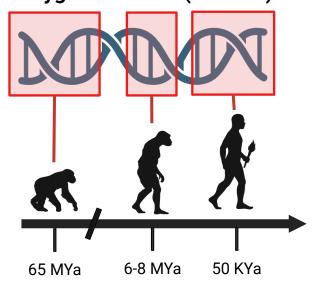
Polygenic selection

Multiple sequence alignment



Zoonomia sample (N = 170 non-primate species)

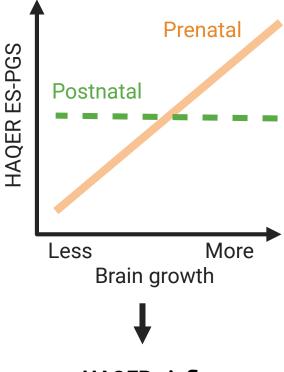
Evolutionary Stratified Polygenic Scores (ES-PGS)



H₀: phenotype ~ background PGS **H**₁: phenotype ~ background PGS + ES-PGS

HAQERs influence language ability

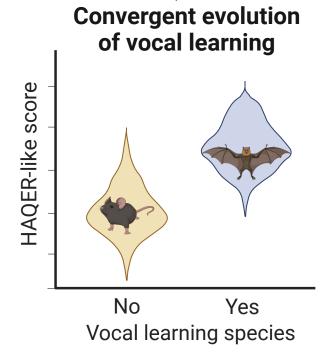
Neurodevelopmental effects of language evolution



HAQERs influence prenatal brain growth

HAQER ES-PGS Past Present Time

Language alleles in HAQERs have been stable throughout the past 20,000 years



HAQER-like sequences repeatedly evolved across vocal learning species