

Table S1. Description of the parameters used for the epigenetic analysis of DNA methylation levels by pyrosequencing.

Gene	Assay	Primers sequence (5'→3')	Amplicon (bp)	CpGs analyzed	Number of PCR cycles (X)	Annealing temperature (Y; °C)	Target
<i>SNCA</i>	1	F: GGGGAAAGAGGAAGAGGT R: *CCCTCTCTTAAACCCCTCTA Pyroseq (F): GGAGTAAGTTGTAGGGAAAGTA	340	6	45	63	Predicted promoter
<i>SNCA</i>	2	F: AGGTAGGAGGTGGAGTTGAT R: *TAACCACTCCCAATTCTCC Pyroseq (F): GGGTTTAAGAGAGGGGG	380	8	38	61	Predicted promoter
<i>SNCA</i>	3	F: GGAGAATTGGGAGTGGTTAT R: *CACAAATACTTACCTAAATCCCTCTAC Pyroseq (F): GGGTTTGTTTTTATTTTTAG	262	5	45	60	Exon 1
<i>LRRK2</i>	1	F: GGGGTTAGGGTTGTGGAT R: *TCCCTCTCCCAAACCCCTCAC Pyroseq (F): AGTTAGGTAGGTTTAGTAGT	307	9	45	65	Predicted promoter
<i>LRRK2</i>	2	F: TTTGAGTGGGGAGGAGGAA R: *ACCAACTAACATAAACACCTACTTC Pyroseq (F): AGTTGTTTTTTTATAAAATAGG	254	9	45	63	Exon 1
<i>PRKN</i>	1	F: AGAGTTGTAATAAGTTTAAAGGTAAGT R: *CTCCCACCAACCCTCTCCTAAATTA Pyroseq (F): GGGGGTTGGGGGTA	284	4	45	60	Predicted promoter
<i>PRKN</i>	2	F: GATAGGTAAGTGGGTATTGTTAGGTATAG R: *ACTTTAACCCCTCATTAACAATTAAACACC Pyroseq (F): ATTTGTTAGGTATAGTTTTTG	124	9	38	58	Predicted promoter partially overlapping with intron 1
<i>PINK1</i>	1	F: TGGTAGGGTTGGGTTG R: *ACCCCCCTCACCTAAATCTCTAAC Pyroseq (F): TTGGGTTTATAGAGGAAAAATAG	142	5	38	61	Predicted promoter overlapping with exon 1
<i>DJ-1</i>	1	F: GGGAGGTTGGATTAGAGTT R: *ACCCCCACCAATAACACAATCC Pyroseq (F): GGTTGGATTAGAGTTAACATAG	229	6	38	61	Predicted promoter
<i>DJ-1</i>	2	F: GGTGGAGGTAGAGATTGTTAAGTT R: *ACCCCCACACCAAACTAA Pyroseq (F): TGTGGGGTTGAGGGGA	273	8	45	60	Predicted promoter overlapping with exon 1

*All the reverse primers were biotinylated in 5'.

T (in forward primers) and **A** (in reverse primers) denote the converted unmethylated cytosines whereas **A** (in forward primers) and **C** (in reverse primers) correspond to cytosines in CpG dinucleotides and are thus introduced as mismatches to overpass those variable positions.

PCR conditions: 95°C 15'; X cycles (94°C 30", Y°C 30", 72°C 30"); 72°C 10'; 4°C ∞

PCR mix per one reaction (1X) for a final volume of 25µL: 17.25µL Milli-Q water + 2.5µL 10X buffer + 1µL dNTPs 5mM each + 2.5µL MgCl₂ 25mM + 0.5µL primerF 10 µM + 0.5µL primerR 10 µM + 0.25µL Maxima Hot Start *Taq* DNA polymerase (Thermo Scientific) 5U/µL + 0.5µL bisulfite treated DNA 50ng/µL.

Table S2. Characteristics of the CpG islands predicted by the software employed in this work. In this table, for each gene and for each program, we show the length (in bp) of the predicted CpG islands as well as their GC content. When a particular software predicted several CpG islands, they are shown separated by "," (comma)

Gene	Program	CpG island length (bp)	% GC content
<i>SNCA</i>	Bioinformatics	1761	60
	CpG cluster	282, 579, 149, 306	60, 69, 61, 58
	UCSC	862	67
	Emboss	591	69
	Softberry	364	71
<i>LRRK2</i>	Bioinformatics	899	66
	CpG cluster	649	72
	UCSC	558	76
	Emboss	403, 235	73, 74
	Softberry	282	78
<i>PRKN</i>	Bioinformatics	1027	67
	CpG cluster	778	72
	UCSC	641	73
	Emboss	772	72
	Softberry	522	75
<i>PINK1</i>	Bioinformatics	969	67
	CpG cluster	779	73
	UCSC	506	75
	Emboss	749	74
	Softberry	435	80
<i>DJ-1</i>	Bioinformatics	1075	63
	CpG cluster	840	68
	UCSC	925	66
	Emboss	335, 507	63, 70
	Softberry	925	66

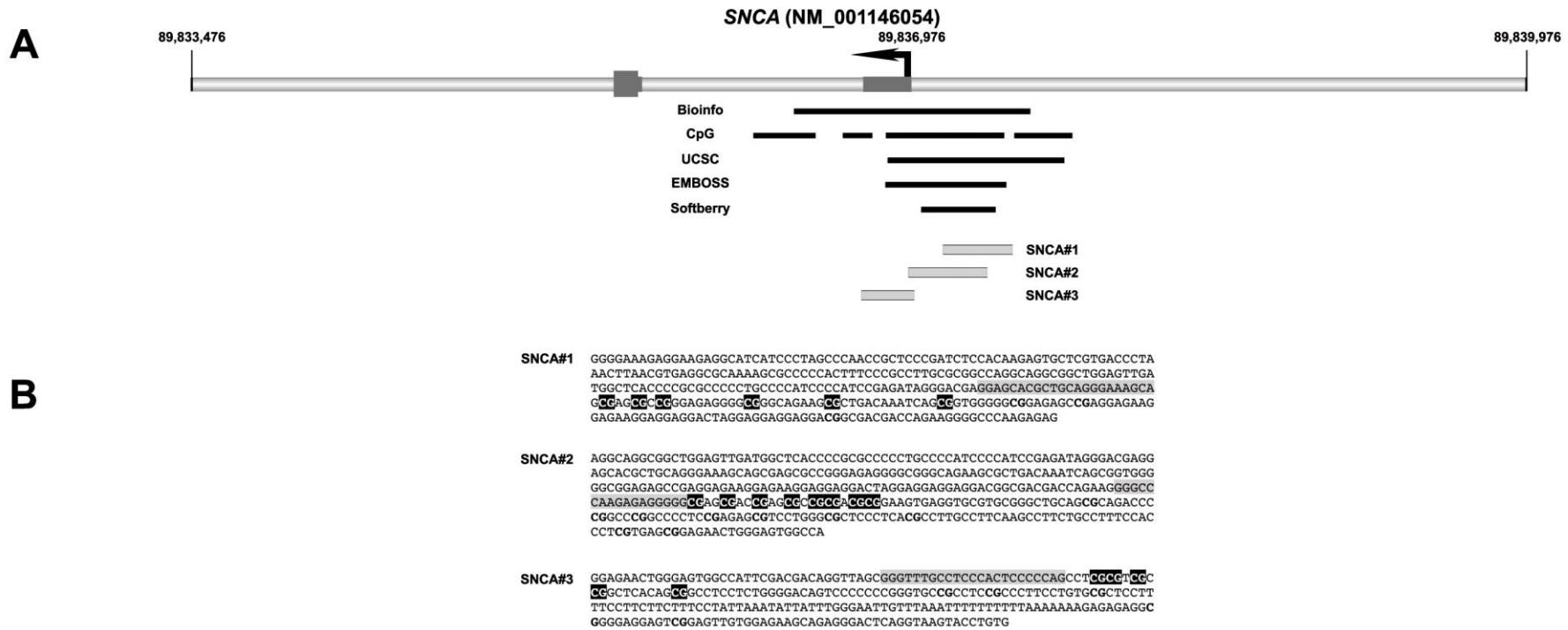


Figure S1. Schematic representation of the regions of interest in SNCA (A, B), LRRK2 (C, D), PRKN (E, F), PINK1 (G, H) and DJ-1 (I, J). (A, C, E, G, I). Representation of the region analyzed using the bioinformatic tools mentioned in the Materials and Methods section. Narrow dark grey boxes represent non-coding exons; wider dark grey boxes represent coding exons. Sense of transcription is shown by a black arrow on top of the region. Black bars represent the islands identified by the different web servers. Grey bars represent the assays designed in this study with their respective name on the right. **(B, D, F, H, J)** DNA sequence of the assays in A, C, E, G, I respectively. In grey, the sequencing primer used in the pyrosequencing reactions. Black boxes represent the CpG dinucleotides analyzed in this study.

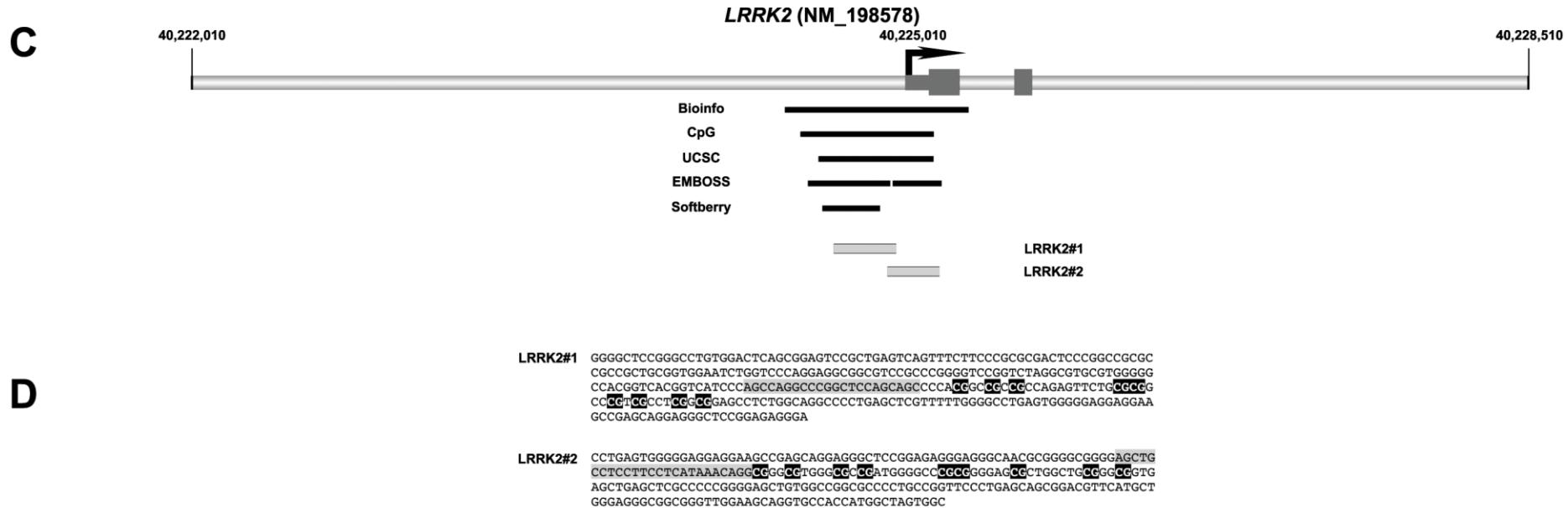


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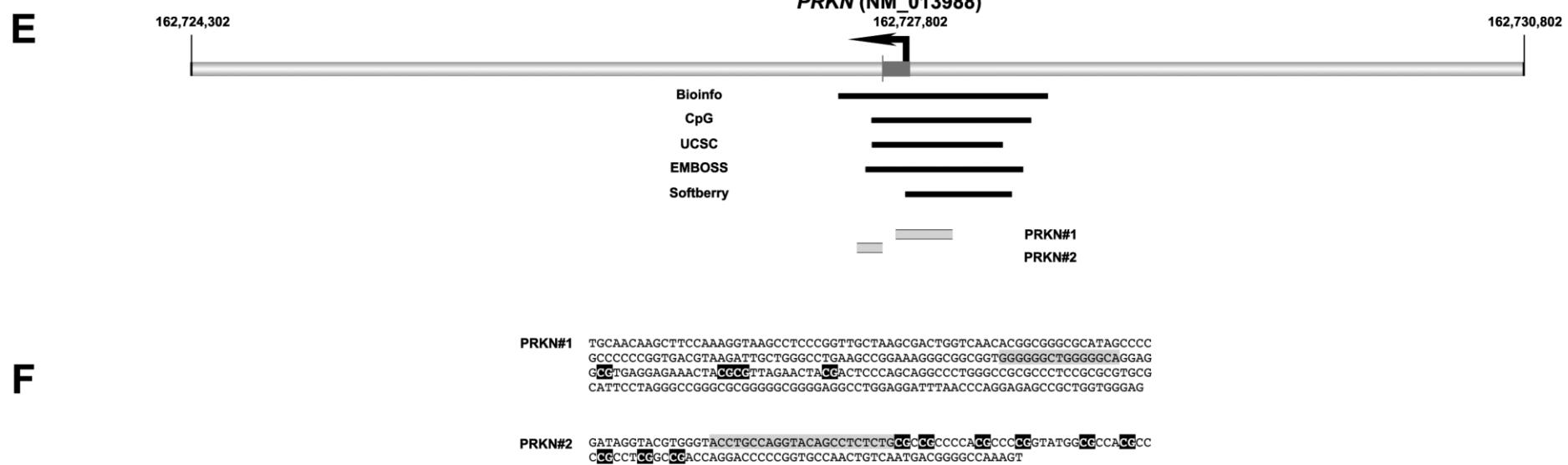
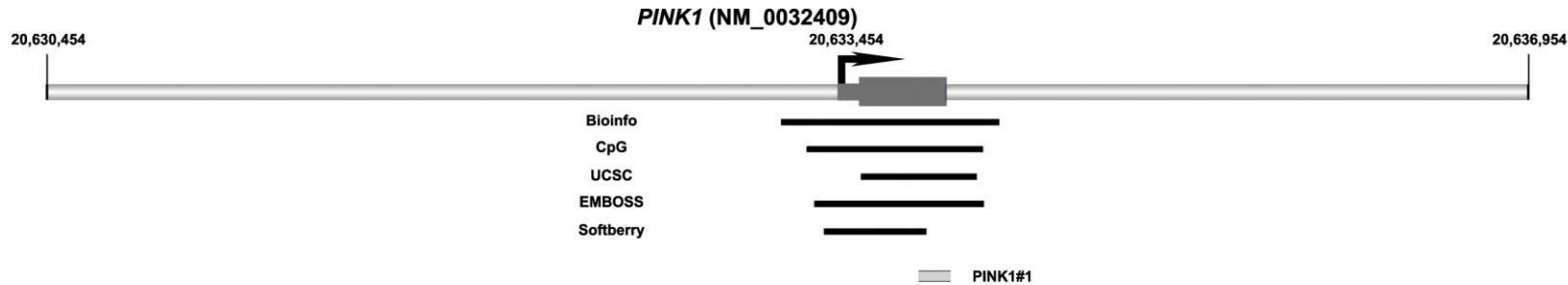


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PINK1#1 TGGTGCAGGGCCTGGGGCTGCCCGGGCCCTTGCGGCCGGCAGTCTTCCTGGCCTCGGGCTAGGGCTGGG
CCTCATCGAGGAAAAACAGGCCGGAGAGCCGGGGCGTCCTCCGCCTGTCAGGAGATCCAGGTGAGCGGG
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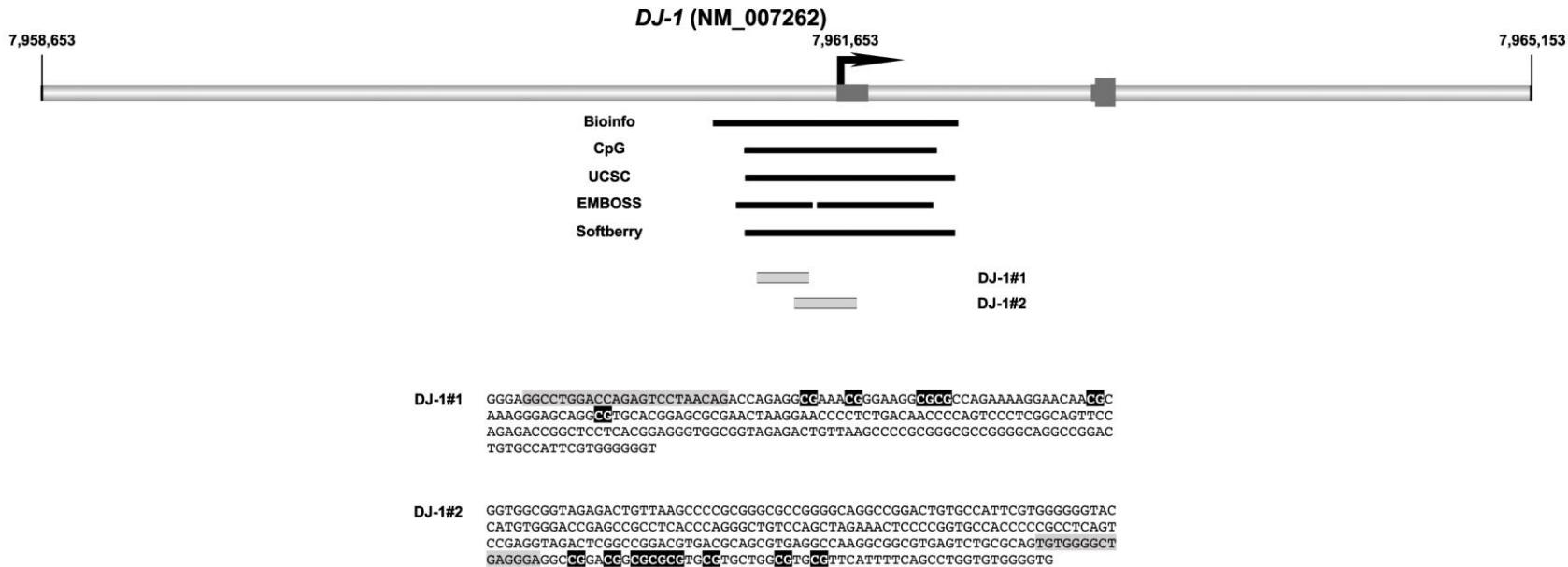


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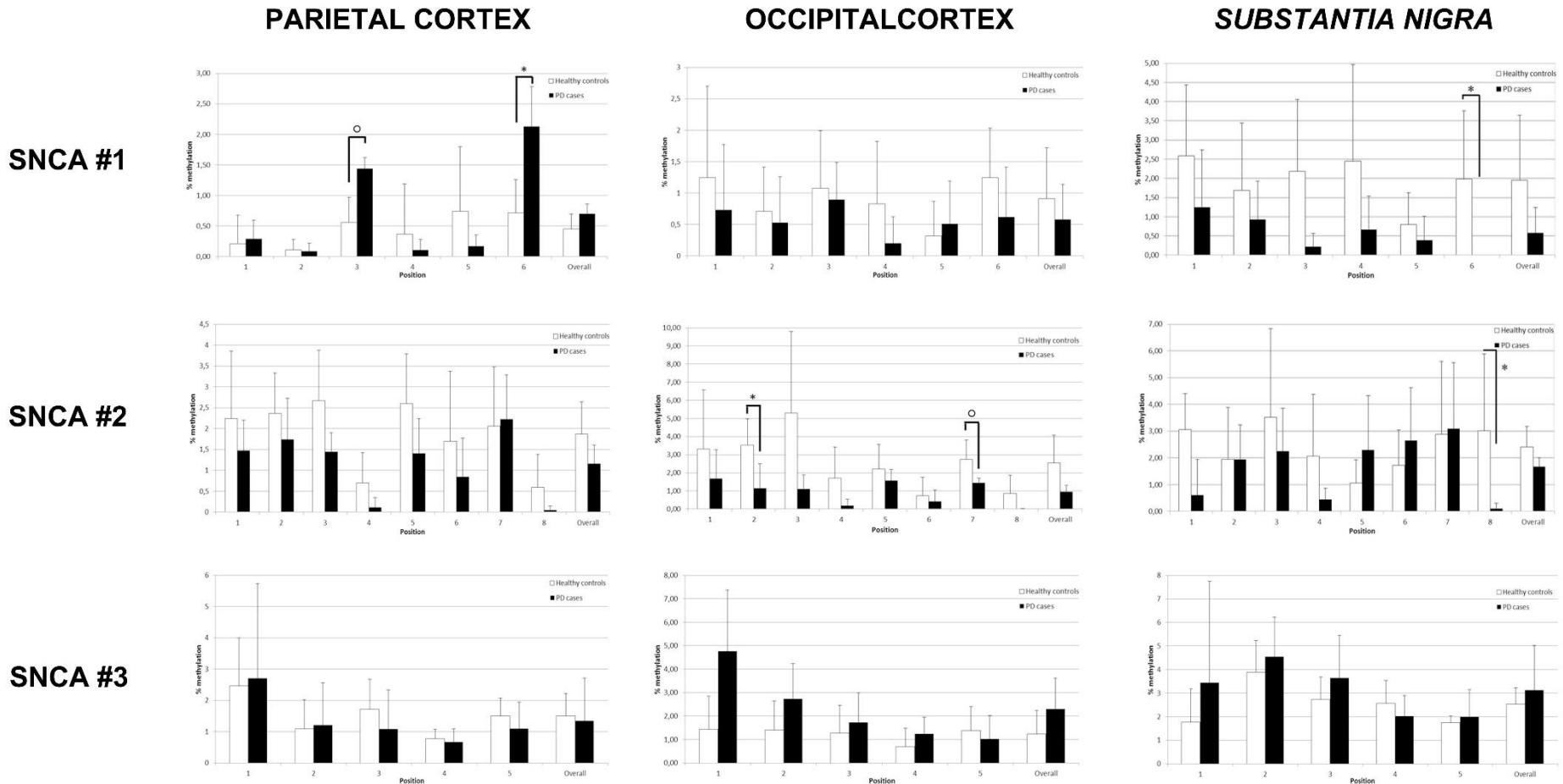


Figure S2. Methylation levels for the three assays in SNCA in the parietal and occipital cortices and *Substantia nigra* from PD patients and controls. The percentage of methylated C for each CpG pair in the assays is shown (bars) together with its corresponding Standard deviation for PD patients (Black bars; n=5) and healthy controls (white bars; n=5 in parietal and occipital cortices, n=4 in *Substantia nigra*). The global level of methylation for each CpG island is also included (Overall). * p<0.05; ° p<0.01

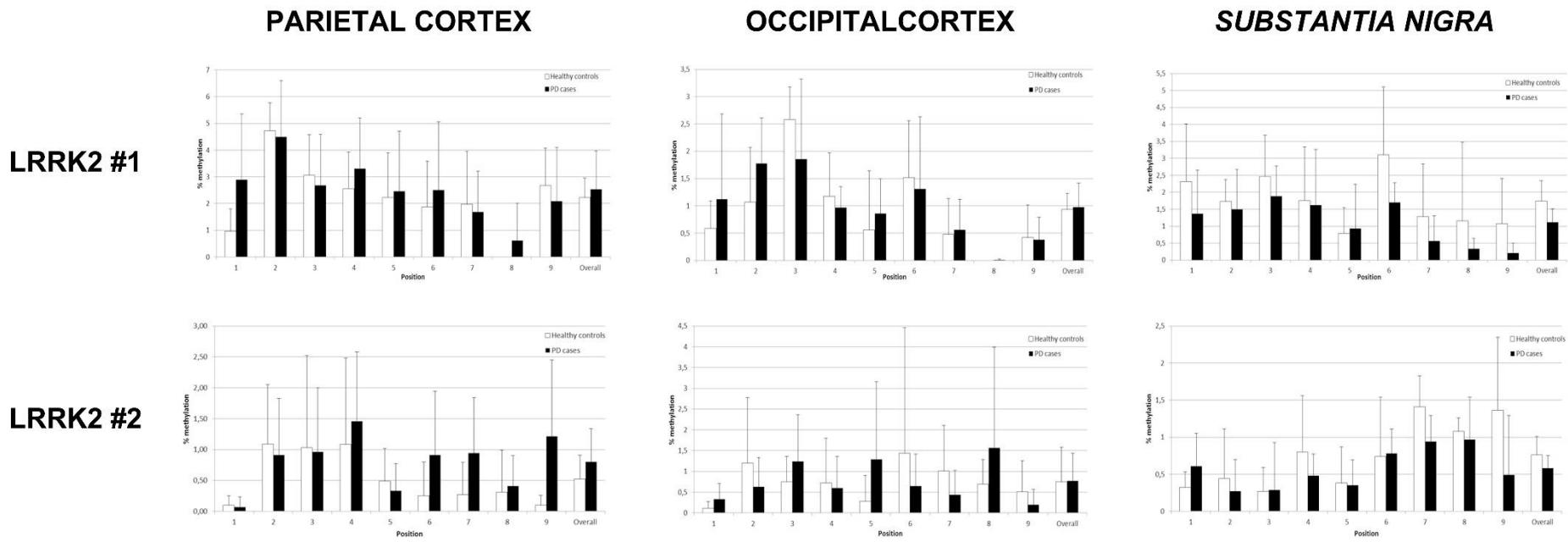
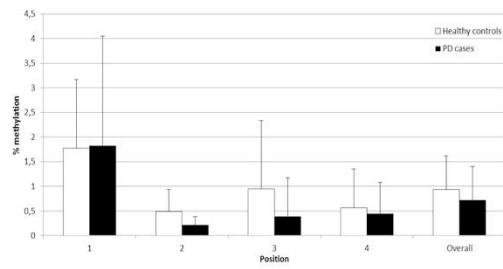
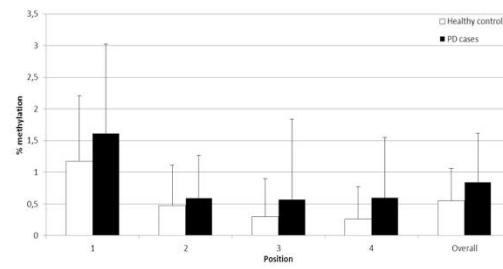


Figure S3. Methylation levels for the two assays in *LRRK2* in the parietal and occipital cortices and *Substantia nigra* from PD patients and controls. The percentage of methylated C for each CpG pair in the assays is shown (bars) together with its corresponding Standard deviation for PD patients (Black bars; n=5) and healthy controls (white bars; n=5 in parietal and occipital cortices, n=4 in *Substantia nigra*). The global level of methylation for each CpG island is also included (Overall).

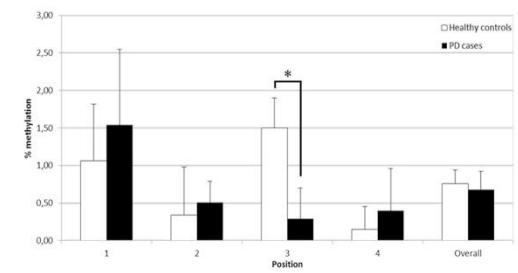
PRKN #1



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PRKN #2

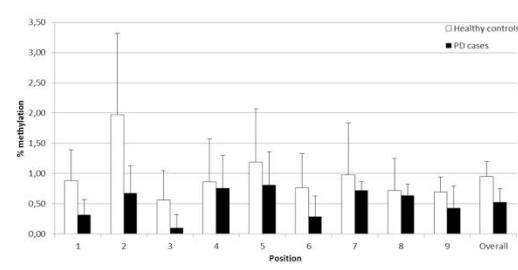
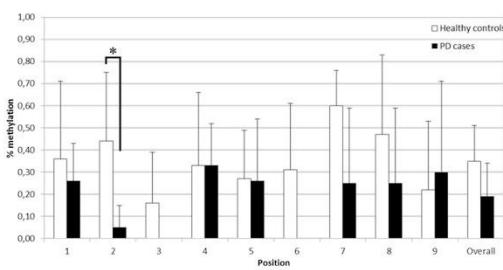
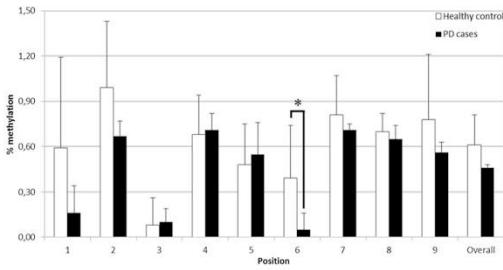


Figure S4. Methylation levels for the two assays in *PRKN* in the parietal and occipital cortices and *Substantia nigra* from PD patients and controls. The percentage of methylated C for each CpG pair in the assays is shown (bars) together with its corresponding Standard deviation for PD patients (Black bars; n=5) and healthy controls (white bars; n=5 in parietal and occipital cortices, n=4 in *Substantia nigra*). The global level of methylation for each CpG island is also included (Overall). * p<0.05

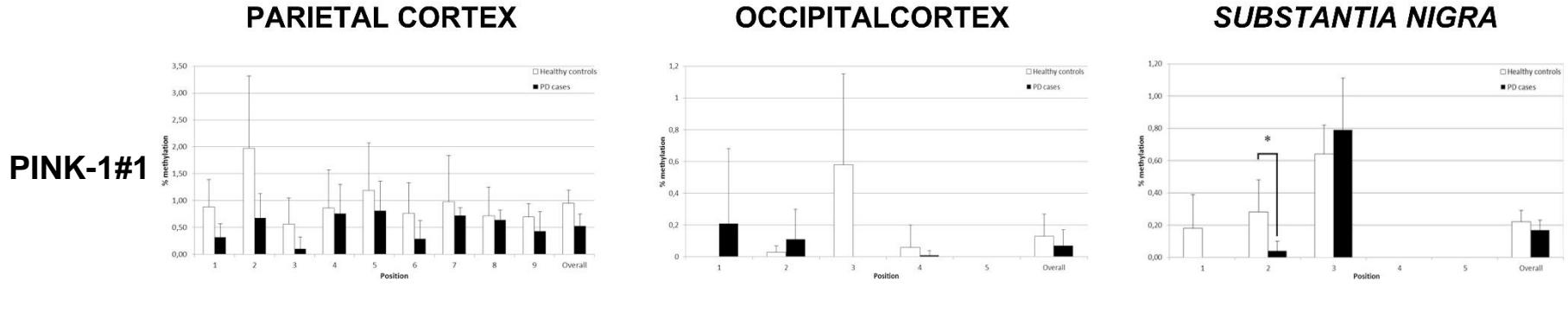


Figure S5. Methylation levels in *PINK-1* in the parietal and occipital cortices and *Substantia nigra* from PD patients and controls. The percentage of methylated C for each CpG pair in the assays is shown (bars) together with its corresponding Standard deviation for PD patients (Black bars; n=5) and healthy controls (white bars; n=5 in parietal and occipital cortices, n=4 in *Substantia nigra*). The global level of methylation for each CpG island is also included (Overall). * p<0.05

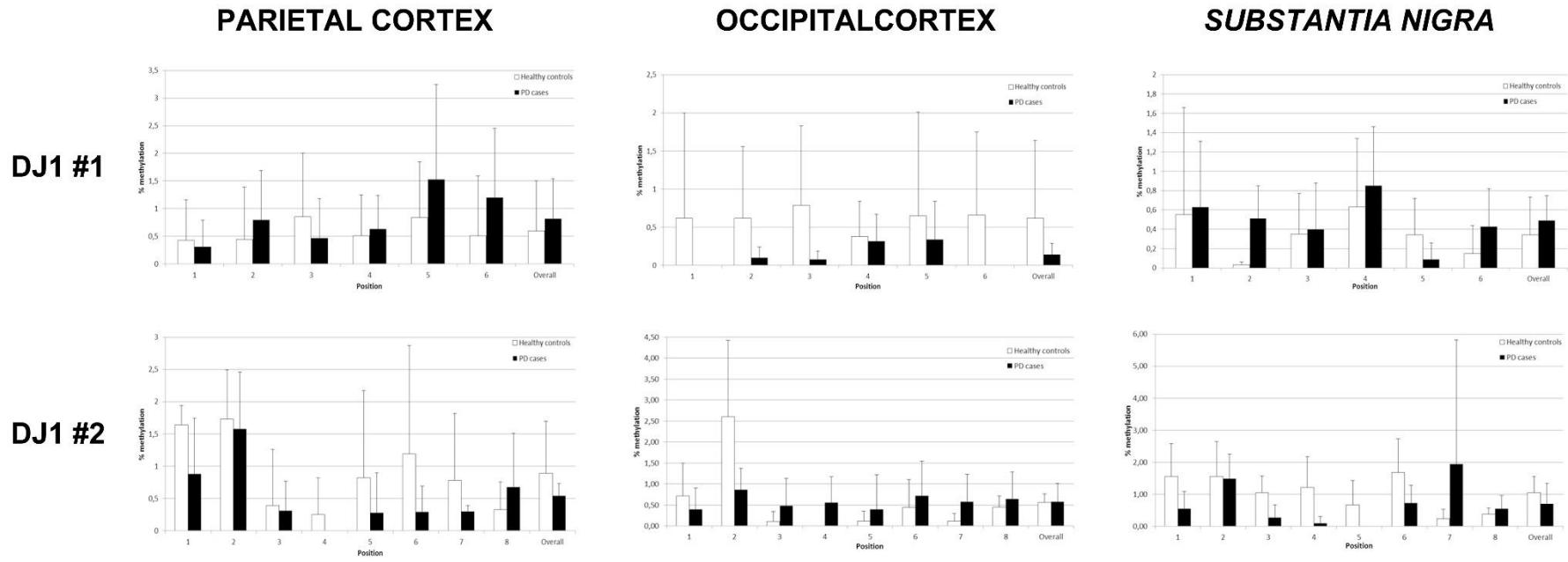


Figure S6. Methylation levels for the two assays in *DJ-1* in the parietal and occipital cortices and *Substantia nigra* from PD patients and controls. The percentage of methylated C for each CpG pair in the assays is shown (bars) together with its corresponding Standard deviation for PD patients (Black bars; n=5) and healthy controls (white bars; n=5 in parietal and occipital cortices, n=4 in *Substantia nigra*). The global level of methylation for each CpG island is also included (Overall).