

Genetics Core Update and ADNI-3 Plans



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Original ADNI-2 Specific Aims

Progress Report & Impact

Aim 1: Blood sample processing, genotyping and dissemination

Aim 2: Genome-wide analysis of multidimensional phenotypic data collected on the ADNI cohort

Aim 3: Serve as a central resource, point of contact and planning group for genetics in ADNI

Aim 1: Blood sample processing, genotyping and dissemination

- 1707 participants have at least 1 lymphoblastoid cell line (LCL) DNA sample banked at NCRAD*
 - 810 ADNI-1, 125 ADNI-GO, and 772 ADNI-2
- 1685 participants have at least 1 DNA sample from genomic blood extracted and banked*
 - 777 ADNI-1, 127 ADNI-GO, and 781 ADNI-2
- 1198 participants have RNA samples*
 - RNA collection was initiated in ADNI-GO
 - ADNI-1 subjects who continued to ADNI-GO/2 have RNA samples; 290 ADNI-1, 128 ADNI-GO, and 780 ADNI-2 subjects have at least 1 RNA sample stored at NCRAD

** Data as of 3/24/2015*

Aim 1: Blood sample processing, genotyping and dissemination – cont'd

- Genotyping
 - All samples: *APOE*, DNA fingerprinting & GWAS (n=1724*)
 - Unique individuals with GWAS (n=1674) (8 more need QC repeat)
 - ADNI-1: *TOMM40* PolyT (n=757)
- Genome-wide association studies (GWAS)
 - ADNI-1 Illumina 610 Quad (n=818*)
 - ADNI-GO/2 Illumina OmniExpress (n=793)
 - Illumina Omni2.5M (n=817*) – completed with WGS
- Whole exome sequencing (WES) – n=18 (extreme phenotype)
- Whole genome sequencing (WGS) – n=808 (Broad VCF set)
- RNA genome-wide expression profiling (Affymetrix array)
 - Pending QC: n~746 of 811 PaxGene blood RNA tubes (BMS)

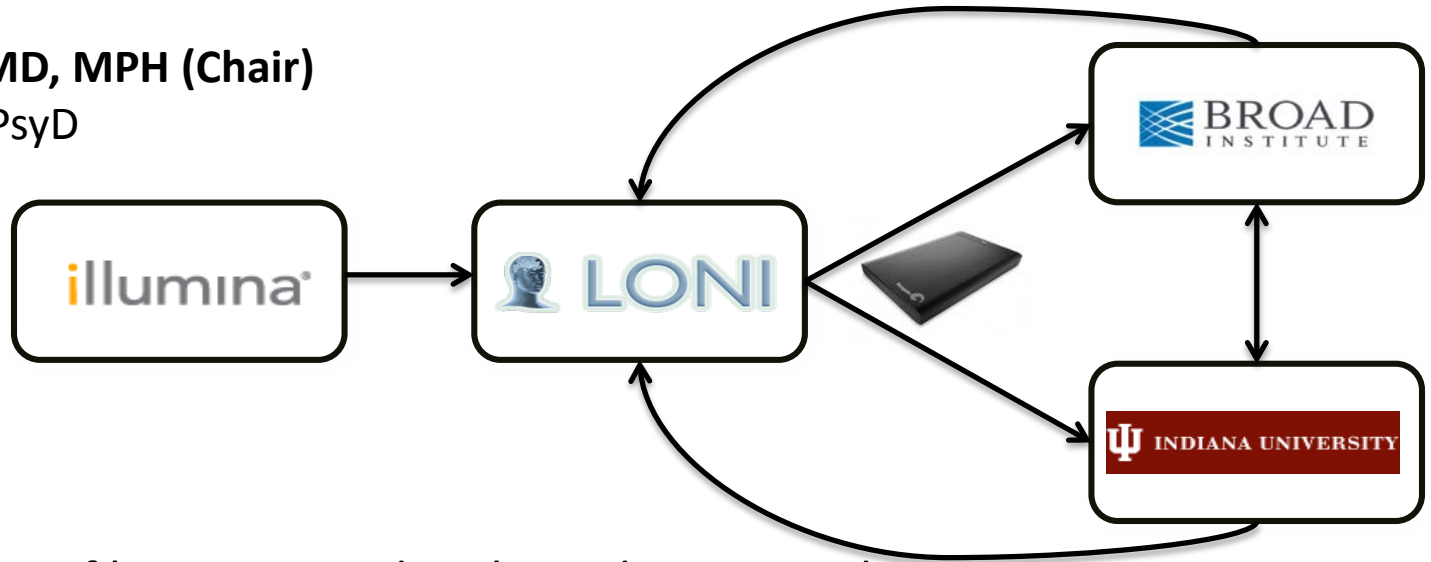
* 1674/1724 GWAS available; local IRB related embargo: 61/818; 5/817; updated 4/2015

WGS Update: Data Transfer and Requests

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- Requests for BAM files are served in the order received.
- Total space needed for BAM files is ~96TB and requesters are required to provide their own hard drive.
- The copying & validation process takes 3-4 weeks per copy.
- We've received 27 requests to date and served 14:
 - 20 Research
 - 2 Pharmaceutical
 - 4 Biotech
 - 1 Gov

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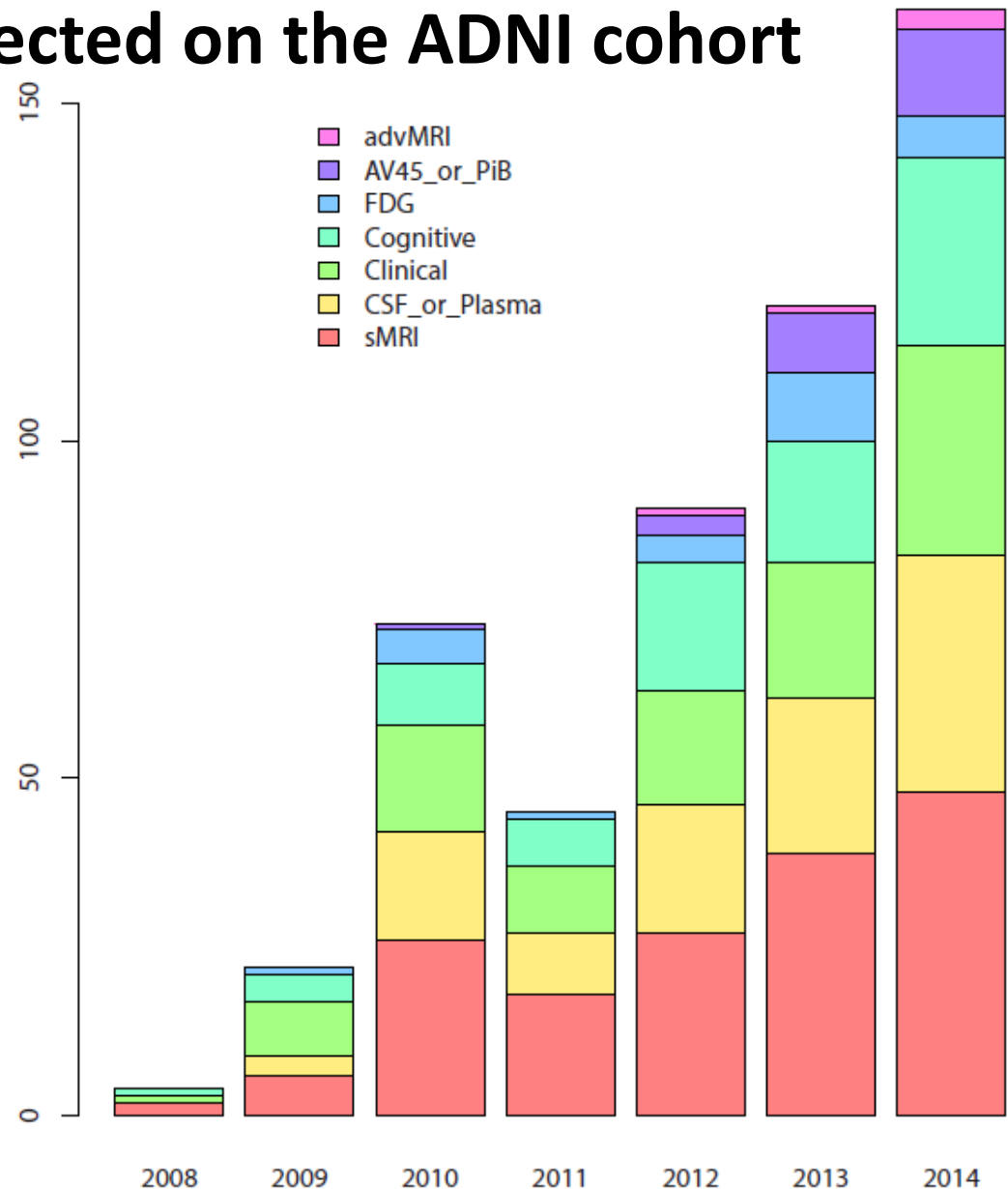
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ADNI Genetics Data Use and Reports (2008 to 2014)

Publications

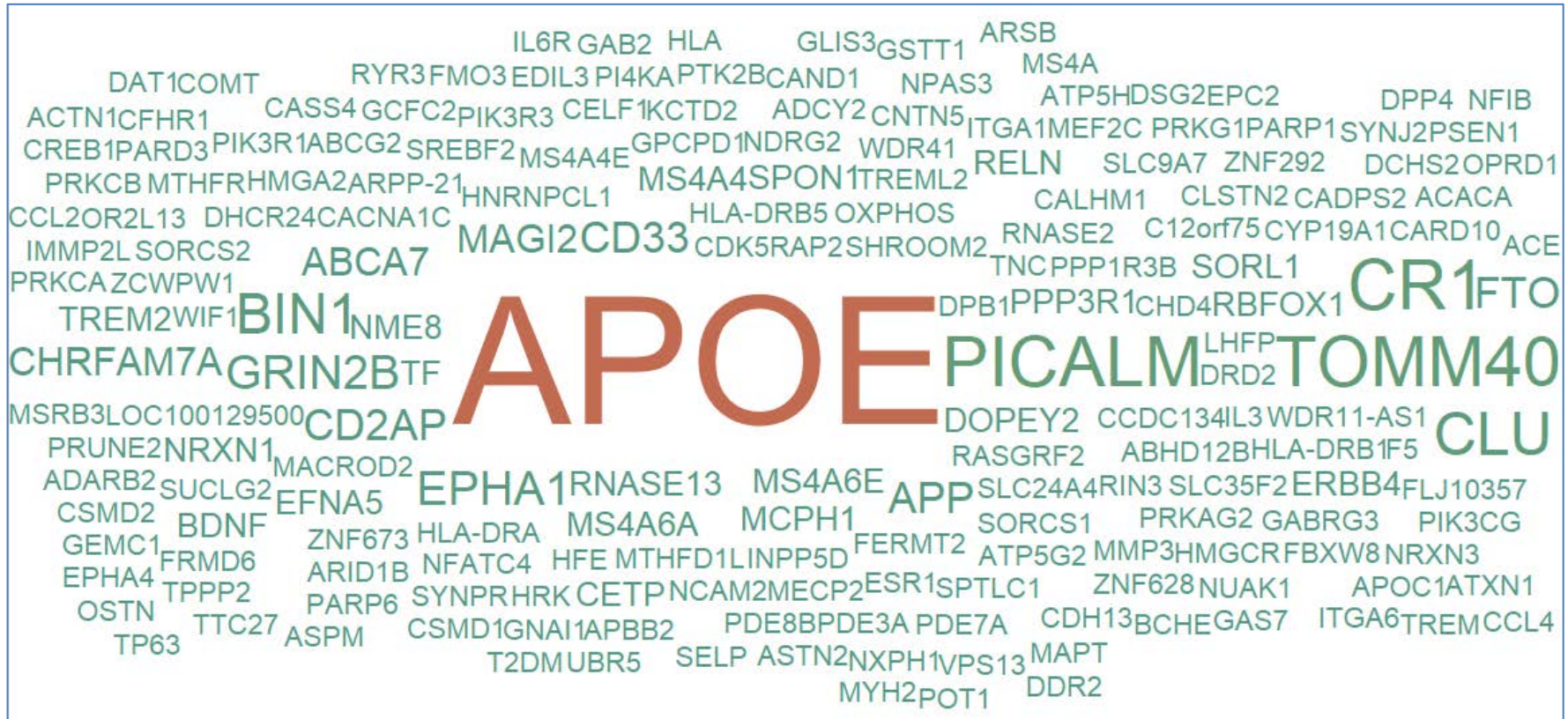
Year	Count
2008	2
2009	9
2010	38
2011	36
2012	60
2013	69
2014	99
total	313

As of 1/1/2015



ADNI Genetics Data Use and Reports (2008 to 2014)

Gene Counts



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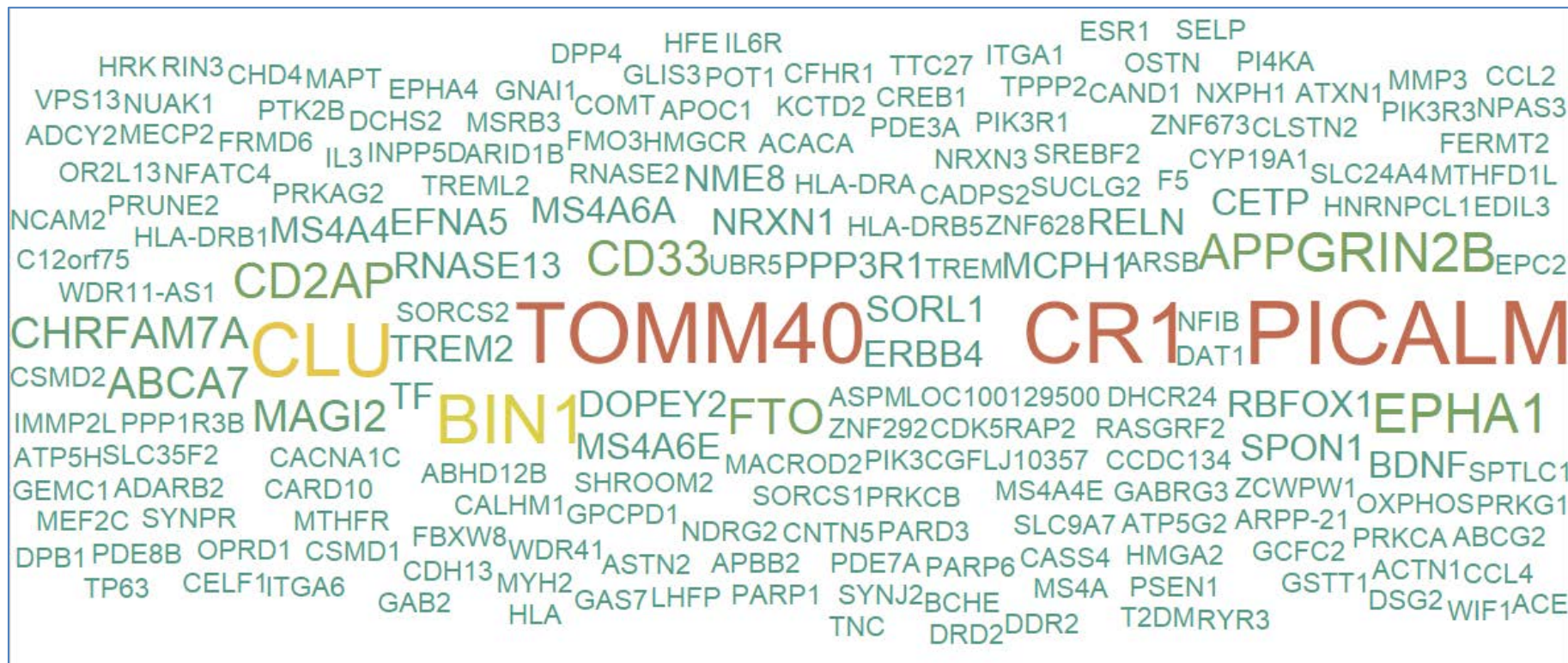


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Shen et al, Brain Imaging Behav 2014; Yao et al, AAIC 2014 & AAIC 2015; Saykin et al, submitted

ADNI Genetics Data Use and Reports (2008 to 2014)

Gene Counts without APOE



Count



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As of 1/1/2015

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Aim 2: Genome-wide analysis of multidimensional phenotypic data collected on the ADNI cohort

- ADNI *APOE* data has been reported extensively regarding MCI and AD
- ADNI GWAS data - Selected contributions highlighting impact

ADNI GWAS and related studies in MCI and AD:

- 2009: 1st GWAS of MRI hippocampal volume in AD
- 2010: 1st GWAS of CSF amyloid and tau markers
- 2010: 1st whole brain ROI-based GWAS & voxel-based GWAS
- 2010: 1st GWAS of longitudinal hippocampal MRI change
- 2010: Among 1st studies of mitochondrial DNA variations in AD
- 2011: Replication sample in very large-scale AD case-control GWAS
- 2011: Among the 1st reports of copy number variation (CNV) in AD/MCI
- 2012: Sample in two of the 1st large-scale genetic meta-analyses of MRI
- 2012: 1st gene pathway analysis of amyloid PET (PiB)
- 2012: Among the 1st gene pathway analyses of memory impairment

Aim 2: Genome wide analysis and impact of ADNI MCI and AD phenotypes – continued

- 2013: 1st GWAS of amyloid PET (florbetapir)
- 2013: 1st MRI study of recently discovered *TREM2* variant
- 2013: 1st whole-exome sequencing study in MCI (1st extreme MRI phenotype in MCI)
- 2013: Demonstrated strong influence of genetic variation on plasma protein levels
- 2013: 1st large scale WGS data set released to scientific community – analyses begin
- 2013: 1st GWAS of the healthy human structural connectome discovers *SPON1* gene
- 2014: Largest GWAS of memory at the time - *FASTKD2* gene discovered and associated with hippocampal structure on MRI
- 2014: Metabolomics collaboration launched (to include gene-metabolite studies)
- 2015: WES detects *REST* as novel neuroprotective target in MCI
- 2015: RNA baseline expression profiling and quality control nears completion
- 2015: Numerous discovery, replication & methods studies continue using ADNI data

Novel Target Discovery Examples



Editorial

Pharmacogenomics

fas-activated serine/threonine kinase domains 2 (Chr 2q33.3)

FASTKD2 and human memory: functional pathways and prospects for novel therapeutic target development for Alzheimer's disease and age-associated memory decline

“...the mechanisms underlying Alzheimer's disease and other age-related conditions causing cognitive deficits are only partially understood, limiting the development of disease-modifying therapies and novel early diagnostic biomarkers.”

Keywords: Alzheimer's disease • apoptosis • cognitive aging • drug target • *FASTKD2* • fas-associated serine/threonine kinase domains 2 • functional genomics • inflammation • memory • microRNA • mitochondria

Impairment in episodic memory is typically the earliest clinical deficit to appear in Alzheimer's disease (AD), the most common cause of dementia and a source of immense personal and societal burden. Unfortunately, the mechanisms underlying AD and other age-related conditions causing cognitive deficits are only partially understood, limiting the development of disease-modifying therapies and novel early diagnostic biomarkers.

Recently, we reported the discovery of a SNP in the *FASTKD2* gene associated with

against AD and age-associated cognitive decline. As a result, this is an opportune moment to critically appraise extant knowledge about *FASTKD2* and its functional pathways in order to guide next steps aimed at translating mechanistic knowledge into potential clinical strategies.

FASTKD protein family

FASTKD2 encodes one of a family of proteins (including FASTK and FASTKD1–5) that share a common structure including

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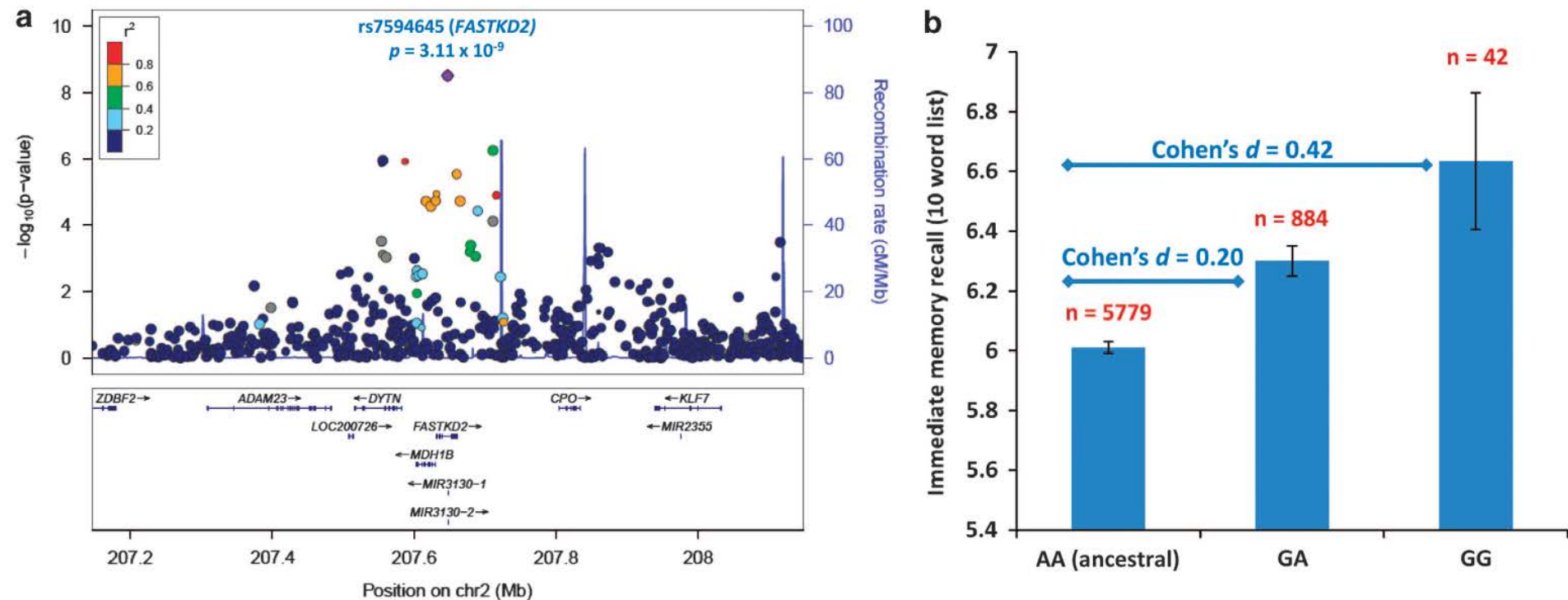


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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

FASTKD2 is associated with memory and hippocampal structure in older adults

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Cohorts: HRS, ADNI-1, ADNI GO/2, AddNeuroMed, IMAS, ROS/MAP

FASTKD2 & Hippocampal Structure (ADNI)

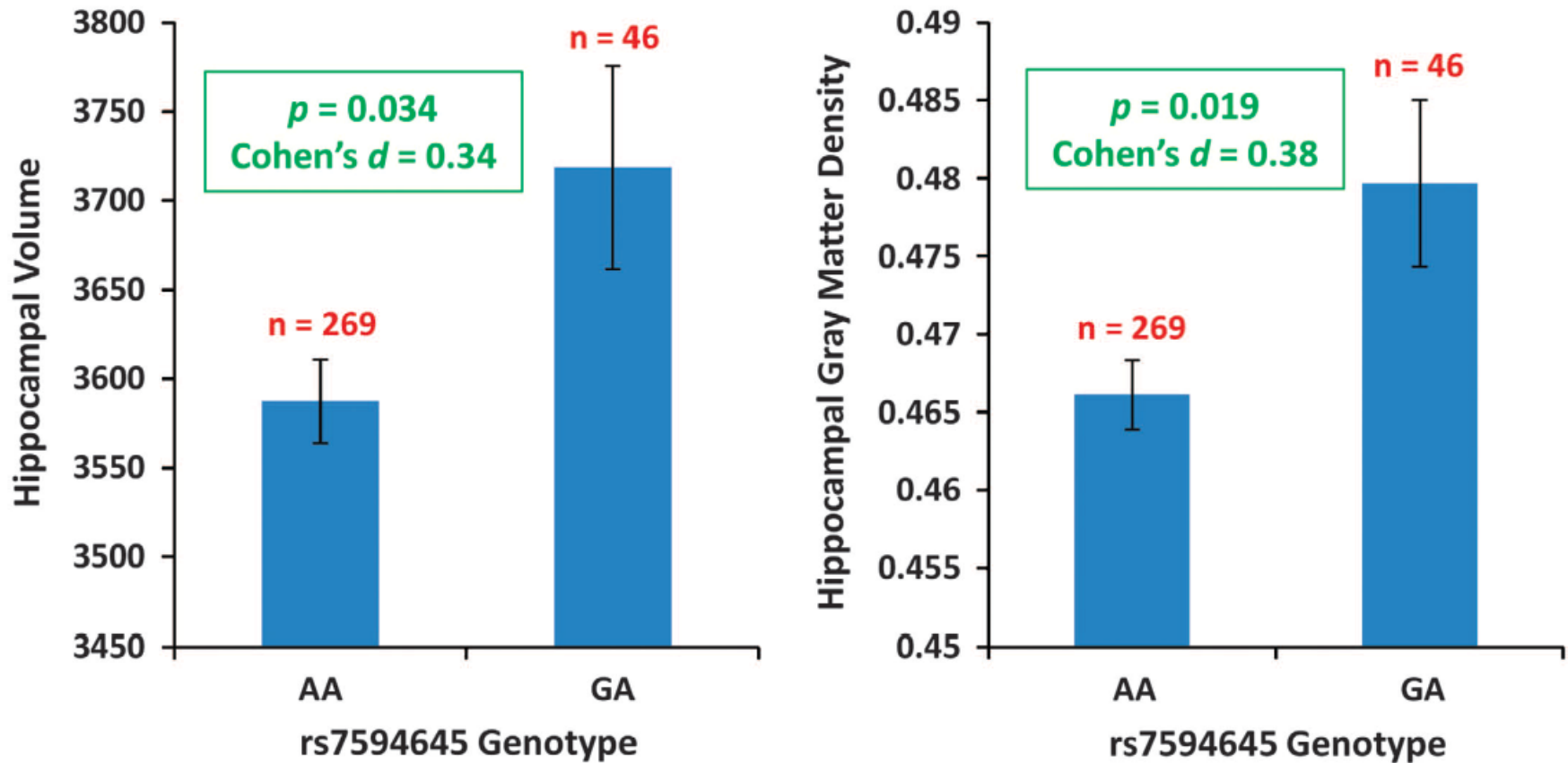


Figure 3. Effect of *FASTKD2* rs7594645-G on hippocampal volume and gray matter density in 315 older healthy control participants from the ADNI (Alzheimer's Disease Neuroimaging Initiative). Using high-resolution T1-weighted structural magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), mean volumes and gray matter densities in the hippocampus (adjusted for age, gender, education and intracranial volume) \pm s.e.s. are displayed based on rs7594645 genotype. Participants with the minor allele (G) of rs7594645 displayed increased hippocampal volume and gray matter density, with a significant multivariate effect of genotype on these MRI measures ($P=0.036$).

FASTKD2 (fas-activated serine/threonine kinase domains 2)

- Highly expressed in the hippocampus throughout adulthood (Human Brain Transcriptome database)
- Mitochondrial regulator of apoptosis (Yeung et al., *Mol Cell Biol* 2011)
- Signaling through upstream activator Fas (“death receptor”)
 - Neuronal responses to traumatic brain injury (Beier et al., *Cell Res* 2007)
 - Amyloid- β -induced neurodegeneration (Su et al., *Neurobiol Dis* 2003)
 - Methamphetamine-induced neurodegeneration (Jayanthi et al., *PNAS* 2005)
 - Frontotemporal lobar dementia (Hu et al., *Neurology* 2010)
- Rare mutations associated with infantile encephalopathy due to electron transport chain complex IV deficiency (Ghezzi et al., *AJHG* 2008)
- rs7594645 resides in an intron overlapped by *MIR3130-1* and *-2*
 - Micro RNAs: small, non-coding RNAs \rightarrow base-pair with complementary sequences in coding mRNAs to direct their degradation or translational repression
 - Genetic variation may alter mRNA-miRNA interactions to regulate *FASTKD2* expression

REST: Protective Variant Repressor element 1-silencing transcription factor (4q12)

Expressed in cortex & hippocampus,
Represses genes involved in cell fate, cell
death & neurogenesis, Role in protection
against oxidative stress & amyloid toxicity

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REST and stress resistance in ageing and Alzheimer's disease

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Human neurons are functional over an entire lifetime, yet the mechanisms that preserve function and protect against neurodegeneration during ageing are unknown. Here we show that induction of the repressor element 1-silencing transcription factor (REST; also known as neuron-restrictive silencer factor, NRSE) is a universal feature of normal ageing in human cortical and hippocampal neurons. REST is lost, however, in mild cognitive impairment and Alzheimer's disease. Chromatin immunoprecipitation with deep sequencing and expression analysis show that REST represses genes that promote cell death and Alzheimer's disease pathology, and induces the expression of stress response genes. Moreover, REST potently protects neurons from oxidative stress and amyloid β -protein toxicity, and conditional deletion of REST in the mouse brain leads to age-related neurodegeneration. A functional orthologue of REST, *Caenorhabditis elegans* SPR-4, also protects against oxidative stress and amyloid β -protein toxicity. During normal ageing, REST is induced in part by cell non-autonomous Wnt signalling. However, in Alzheimer's disease, frontotemporal dementia and dementia with Lewy bodies, REST is lost from the nucleus and appears in autophagosomes together with pathological misfolded proteins. Finally, REST levels during ageing are closely correlated with cognitive preservation and longevity. Thus, the activation state of REST may distinguish neuroprotection from neurodegeneration in the ageing brain.

Protective Variant for Hippocampal Atrophy Identified by Whole Exome Sequencing

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Neuroimaging Initiative

We used whole exome sequencing to identify variants other than *APOE* associated with the rate of hippocampal atrophy in amnesic mild cognitive impairment. An in silico predicted missense variant in *REST* (rs3796529) was found exclusively in subjects with slow hippocampal volume loss and validated using unbiased whole brain analysis and meta-analysis across 5 independent cohorts. *REST* is a master regulator of neurogenesis and neuronal differentiation that has not been previously implicated in Alzheimer disease. These

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Exome Sequencing - Protective Effects: *REST*

Repressor element 1-silencing transcription factor

Investigation in ADNI-1 (n=315)

Quantitative Trait Loci (QTL) analysis and surface-based analysis

rs3796529 (*REST*)

	All APOE $\epsilon 3/\epsilon 3$ (N=315)	APOE $\epsilon 3/\epsilon 3$ MCI (N=135)
<i>Right Hippocampus</i>		
Volume	0.0182	0.0451
APC	0.8964	0.8268
Slope	0.6568	0.7524
<i>Left Hippocampus</i>		
Volume	0.0850	0.0751
APC	0.7013	0.5046
Slope	0.1010	0.4515
<i>Mean Hippocampus</i>		
Volume	0.0307	0.0470
APC	0.8725	0.6047
Slope	0.2838	0.9110



Effect of rs3796529 on hippocampal volume at baseline (Cross-sectional)

Effect of rs3796529 on cortical thickness at baseline (Cross-sectional)

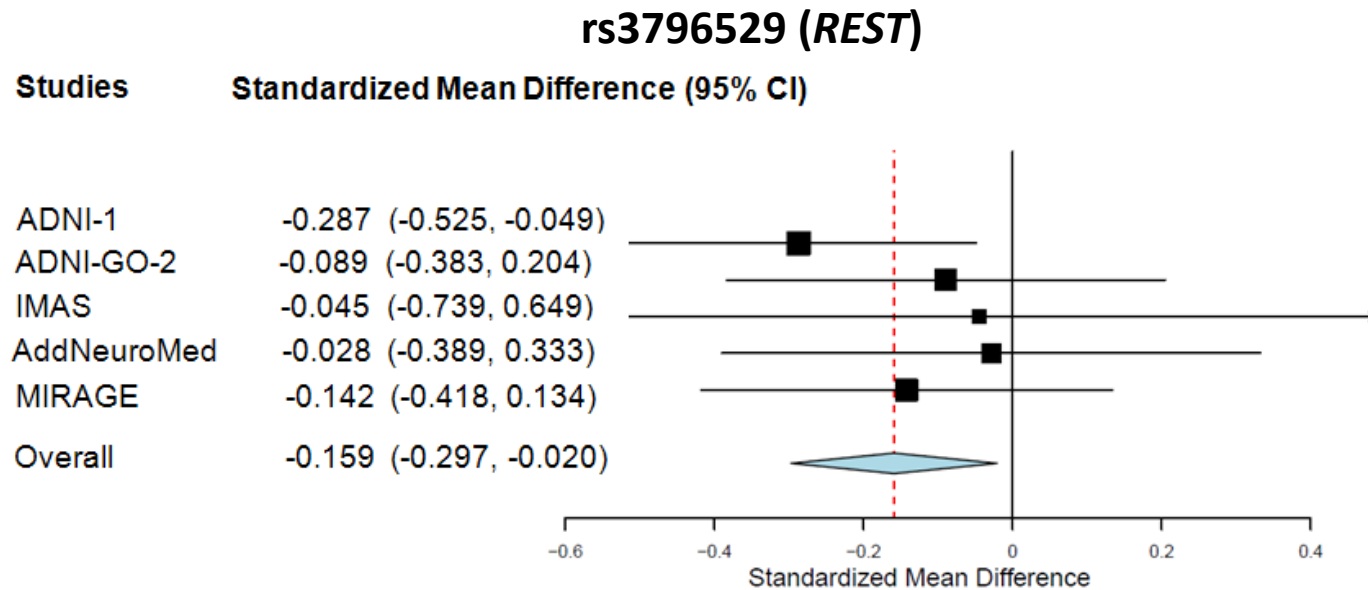
Subjects with minor alleles of rs3796529 showed **larger** hippocampal volume and cortical thickness in the temporal lobe regions

Nho et al. *Annals of Neurology* (2015)

REST: Meta-Analysis

5 Independent Cohorts (N=923)

Quantitative Trait loci (QTL) Association Analysis using hippocampal volume as endophenotypes



$P = 0.02$

Effect of rs3796529 on right hippocampal volume at baseline

Subjects with minor alleles of rs3796529 showed **larger** hippocampal volume

Nho et al. *Annals of Neurology* (2015)

Cohorts: ADNI-1, ADNI-GO/2, IMAS, AddNeuroMed, MIRAGE

ADNI 3 – OVERALL SPECIFIC AIMS

Genetics can contribute to each goal

Overall goal: validation of biomarkers for AD

- **Longitudinal change of cognition and biomarkers:** measures that capture longitudinal change with highest statistical power
- **Prediction of cognitive decline:**
- **Clinical trial design:** Optimum outcome measures, predictors, and inclusion/exclusion criteria for clinical trials
- **Discovery:** new markers, new targets

Genetics Aims for ADNI-3

Overview

- Aim 1: Data collection, sample banking, quality control and dissemination
- Aim 2: Comprehensive and integrative genomics and bioinformatics analysis
- Aim 3: Determine the clinical and biological significance of identified variants
- Aim 4: Continue to provide organization, collaboration and leadership for genomic studies of quantitative biomarker phenotypes

Scientific Rationale & Hypotheses

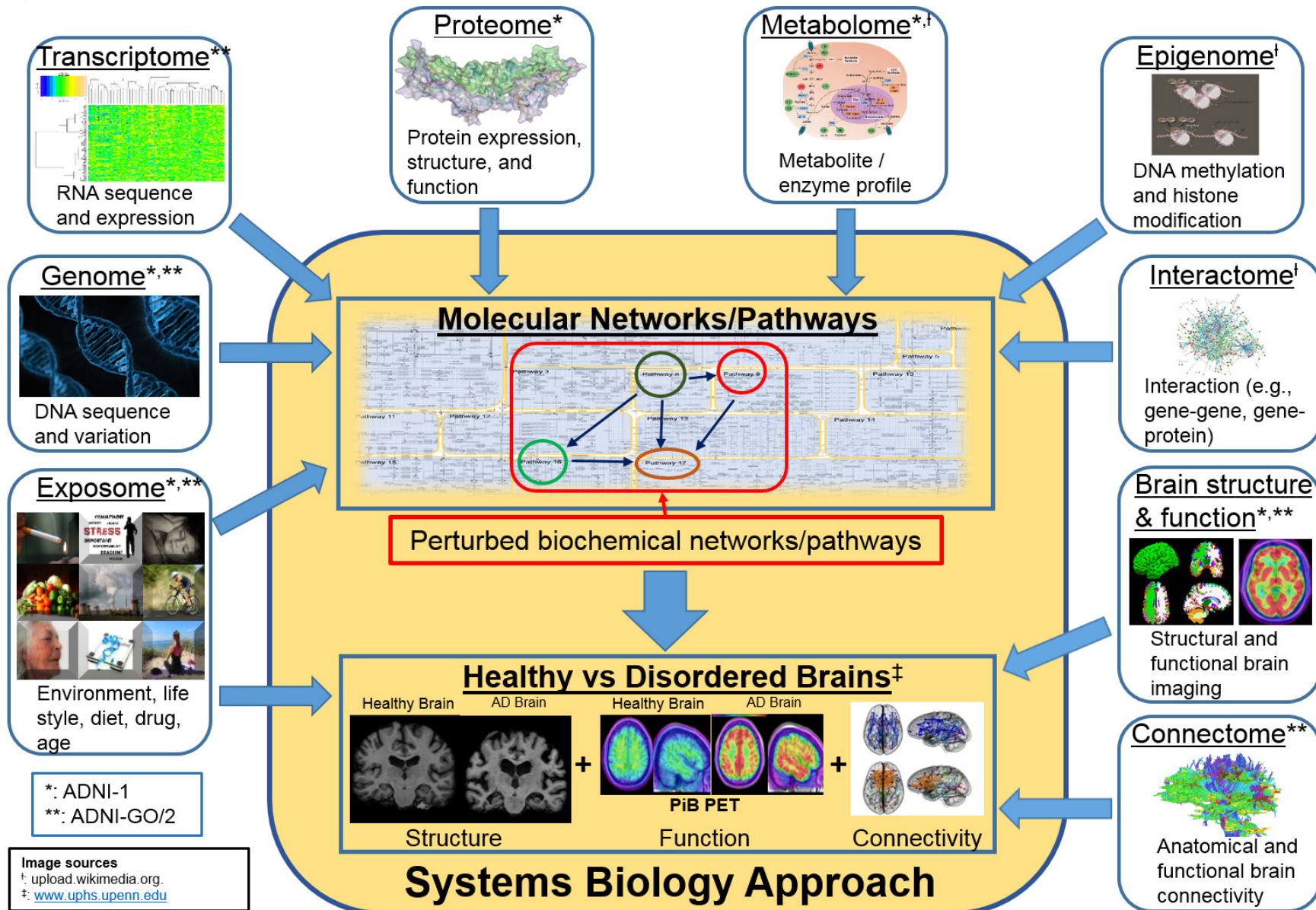
- Genetics informs precision medicine and impacts trial design
 - Examples: A4, API Colombian kindred and APOE, DIAN-TU, TOMMORROW Study
 - Understand disease heterogeneity – phenotype profile, rate of progression
 - Analyses in current samples, eg, amyloid vs tau vs inflammatory subtypes –treatable subsets?
 - Role of gene pathways & networks in comorbidities – “diseasome”
 - Existing Pharma data sets have relatively little longitudinal follow-up and usually incomplete biomarker panels
- Discovery, validation and prioritization of diagnostic and therapeutic targets
 - Current: *APOE*, *TOMM40*, *BCHE* (rivastigmine, now amyloid), *TREM2* *Promising nominations: FASKD2, REST*
 - Future: prescription by genotype with PGX screen to avoid adverse effects

Genetics Core ADNI-3 Specific Aims

- **Aim 1: Data collection, sample banking, quality control and dissemination**
 - Serial DNA and RNA collection for genomic, transcriptome and epigenetic studies
 - Extend current collection to include fibroblasts and PBMCs for development of induced pluripotent stem cells (iPSCs)
- **Aim 2: Comprehensive and integrative genomics and bioinformatics analysis**
 - Complete *APOE*, GWAS, DNA and RNA sequencing and epigenetic analyses (quality control and organize for user-friendly dissemination)
 - Identify variants that improve prediction of genetic risk & modulate AD biomarker curves
 - Identify baseline variants that enhance clinical trial design through risk enrichment and stratification based on genetic subtyping
 - Identify dynamic changes associated with disease progression (transcriptome, epigenetic markers)
 - Identify gene networks and pathways associated with risk, phenotypic profiles and progression through systems biology

Genetics Core Specific Aims – Cont'd

- **Aim 3: Determine the clinical and biological significance of identified variants**
 - Family studies of ADNI participants enriched for LOAD (FH+) or carrying informative risk or protective variants; e.g. FH+/ ϵ 4- cases to identify other risk genes; ϵ 4+/FH- controls to discover potential protective variants; Collaborate with the Clinical Core for follow-up and family recruitment
 - Replication studies using other family-based and case-control cohort data sets
 - Functional genomic follow-up studies – collaborate with industry and academic partners for therapeutic target identification and characterization of mechanism
 - Collaborate with Neuropathology Core - relate blood and brain RNA expression
- **Aim 4: Continue to provide organization, collaboration and leadership for genomic studies of quantitative biomarker phenotypes**
 - Cores/sites within ADNI, industry & academic partners; 3 working groups
 - Foster collaboration with ADGC/ADSP, DIAN, WW-ADNI cohorts and other national/international consortia, AD prevention trials and RNA & iPSC groups



*: ADNI-1
**: ADNI-GO/2

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 - Biogen, Eisai, Eli Lilly (others welcome)
- EAC Representatives
- Metabolomics Network (Duke University)
- Sage Bionetworks
- Orion Bionetwork
- In-Silico Biosciences
- AMP-AD Investigators
- Other academic labs (Emory, MSSM, Penn, Rush)

Path from genetic signal to targeted therapeutics: key applications to drug discovery and development

