

# Alzheimer's Disease Genetics Consortium



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# Alzheimer's Disease Genetics Consortium (ADGC)

**Goal: Completely solve the genetics of Alzheimer's disease**

- Common variants – susceptibility loci
- Rare strong effect variants
- CNVs/indels

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## Today's talk:

- Update you on what we have done (with your samples and your help).
- Outline projects in progress
- Encourage continuous participation by ADCs in getting blood samples/DNA to NCRAD

## Samples and data:

- Alzheimer's disease centers
- Collaborations with other studies
- Collaborations with other consortia

## External cohorts (examples)

TGEN, ACT, Pfizer, GSK, Merck  
U of Miami/Vanderbilt/Mt Sinai  
Mayo – Jacksonville, ROS-MAP,  
ADNI, WHISCA, WHICAP, NIA-LOAD, etc

- clean genotype data
- impute genotypes
- merge genotype/phenotype data
- assemble analysis package
  1. cleaned data
  2. original data
  3. Beadstudio package for CNVs

ADGC  
UPenn

genotype  
data

University of Miami  
analysis group

Margaret Pericak-Vance

Boston University  
analysis group

Lindsay Farrer

Special analysis groups  
(SAGs), others

g sites


genetics

# ADC Contribution

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# ADGC Genotyping

| Cohort        | Cases       | Controls    | Other       | Total        |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| ACT           | 20          | 7           | 372         | 399          |
| ADC           | 4787        | 3121        | 559         | 8467         |
| Miami         | 92          | 71          | 3           | 166          |
| ROS/MAP       | 81          | 68          | 501         | 650          |
| TARCC         | 203         | 97          | 0           | 300          |
| Vanderbilt    | 17          | 81          | 4           | 102          |
| WHICAP        | 82          | 605         | 0           | 687          |
| CHAP*         | 16          | 54          | 778         | 848          |
| Cache County* | 0           | 1022        | 0           | 1022         |
| EAS*          | 22          | 213         | 34          | 269          |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>5320</b> | <b>5339</b> | <b>2251</b> | <b>12910</b> |

\*Genotyping not complete



# Other Genotype Data Contributed


| Cohort          | Cases       | Controls    | Total        |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| ACT             | 566         | 1696        | 2262         |
| ADNI            | 268         | 173         | 441          |
| GenADA          | 669         | 713         | 1382         |
| London          | 61          | 137         | 198          |
| Mayo            | 728         | 1173        | 1901         |
| Merck/NYU       | 392         | 159         | 551          |
| MIRAGE          | 509         | 753         | 1262         |
| NIA-LOAD        | 1811        | 1575        | 3386         |
| OHSU            | 132         | 153         | 285          |
| Pfizer          | 733         | 792         | 1525         |
| ROS/MAP         | 296         | 776         | 1072         |
| TGen            | 864         | 493         | 1357         |
| Univ Pittsburgh | 1271        | 841         | 2112         |
| Wash U          | 339         | 187         | 526          |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>8639</b> | <b>9621</b> | <b>18260</b> |

## Common variants at *MS4A4/MS4A6E*, *CD2AP*, *CD33* and *EPHA1* are associated with late-onset Alzheimer's disease

The Alzheimer Disease Genetics Consortium (ADGC) performed a genome-wide association study of late-onset Alzheimer disease using a three-stage design consisting of a discovery stage (stage 1) and two replication stages (stages 2 and 3). Both joint analysis and meta-analysis approaches were used. We obtained genome-wide significant results at *MS4A4A* (rs4938933; stages 1 and 2, meta-analysis  $P$  ( $P_M$ ) =  $1.7 \times 10^{-9}$ , joint analysis  $P$  ( $P_J$ ) =  $1.7 \times 10^{-9}$ ; stages 1, 2 and 3,  $P_M$  =  $8.2 \times 10^{-12}$ ), *CD2AP* (rs9349407; stages 1, 2 and 3,  $P_M$  =  $8.6 \times 10^{-9}$ ), *EPHA1* (rs11767557; stages 1, 2 and 3,  $P_M$  =  $6.0 \times 10^{-10}$ ) and *CD33* (rs3865444; stages 1, 2 and 3,  $P_M$  =  $1.6 \times 10^{-9}$ ). We also replicated previous associations at *CR1* (rs6701713;  $P_M$  =  $4.6 \times 10^{-10}$ ,  $P_J$  =  $5.2 \times 10^{-11}$ ), *CLU* (rs1532278;  $P_M$  =  $8.3 \times 10^{-8}$ ,  $P_J$  =  $1.9 \times 10^{-8}$ ), *BIN1* (rs7561528;  $P_M$  =  $4.0 \times 10^{-14}$ ,  $P_J$  =  $5.2 \times 10^{-14}$ ) and *PICALM* (rs561655;  $P_M$  =  $7.0 \times 10^{-11}$ ,  $P_J$  =  $1.0 \times 10^{-10}$ ), but not at *EXOC3L2*, to late-onset Alzheimer's disease susceptibility<sup>1-3</sup>.


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## Late-onset Alzheimer's disease susceptibility genes

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| <i>EPHA1</i> <sup>6,7</sup> :  | ephrin receptor  |
| <i>MS4A4/MS4A6</i> <sup>6,7</sup> :  | membrane-spanning 4-domains, subfamily A               |
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| <i>ABCA7</i> <sup>6,7</sup> :  | ATP-binding cassette (ABC) transporter, member A7      |
| <i>BIN1</i> <sup>5</sup> :   | bridging integrator 1                                  |
|  <i>SORL1</i> <sup>2</sup> | sortilin related receptor 1                            |

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- ADGC samples
- Japanese case-control samples
- Korean case-control samples

**Genome-wide significant association with AD**

# African American GWAS: ADC + other cohorts

|                               | Cases | Controls | Total |
|-------------------------------|-------|----------|-------|
| DNA received (ADGC genotyped) | 1076  | 1909     | 3297  |
| Genotypes contributed to ADGC | 1243  | 2565     | 3808  |
| Total All                     | 2319  | 4474     | 7105  |

**Analysis nearly complete**

# ADGC Ongoing Core Projects

- African American population
- Hispanic population
- Rate of cognitive change
- CSF biomarkers
- Neuropathologic markers
- Neuropathology versus clinical cases/controls
- Onset age GWAS
- *APOE* interaction GWAS
- Exome chip
- IGAP – international collaboration
- Whole exome (genome) sequencing

# IGAP

## International Genomics Alzheimer Project

- |   |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| • EADI – France and Europe                          | Philippe Amouyel    |
| • ADGC – USA  | Gerard Schellenberg |
| • CHARGE – USA + Europe<br>population based cohorts | Sudha Seshadri      |
| • GERAD – Great Britain                             | Julie Williams      |

# IGAP

## International Genomics Alzheimer Project

- Stage 1: ~20,000 cases  
~20,000 elderly controls  
~20,000 population controls (younger)
- Stage 2: custom chip from stage 1 data  
~50,000 SNPs  
14,000 cases (?)  
14,000 controls (?)

**Genotyping  
in progress!**



# IGAP

## International Genomics Alzheimer Project

Analysis – June 2012?

- Sub-projects:
- onset age analysis
  - stratified APOE GWAS
  - pathway analysis
  - Incident AD
  - burden analysis
  - other ?

# Rare variants

## Rationale:

- detect genes that cannot be identified by GWAS
- detect large effect alleles at genes identified by GWAS

## Approaches:

- exome chip
- whole-exome sequencing
- whole-genome sequencing

# Exome Chip Experiment

**Goal:** To enable an intermediate experiment between current genotyping arrays, which focus on relatively common variants, and exome sequencing of very large numbers of samples, which will enable examination of coding variants, down to singletons.

- Variants detected in 24,000 chromosomes by whole exome sequencing
- Includes rare variants – seen 3 times across 2 data sets
- Common exon variants

# Exome Chip Content

|   |         |
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| Stop Altering Variants                    | 7,137   |
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| Ancestry Informative Markers              |         |
| European descent versus African Americans | 3,241   |
| European descent versus Native Americans  | 998     |
| Scaffold for Identity by Descent          | 5,710   |
| Grid of common variants                   | 5,286   |
| Random set of synonymous variants         | 4,651   |
| Fingerprint SNPs                          | 259     |
| Mitochondrial SNPs                        | 246     |
| Chromosome Y SNPs                         | 128     |
| HLA tag SNPs                              | 2,459   |
| Indels                                    | 181     |

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- Genotyping completed for 7,000 chips
- Genotyping in progress for 10,000 more (complete in several weeks)

# ADGC Genotyping – CSF cohorts

| Cohort           | Cases      | Controls   | Other      | Total        |
|------------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| BIOCARD          | 0          | 244        | 105        | 349          |
| Blennow/Sweden   | 300        | 0          | 0          | 300          |
| Peskind/UW       | 0          | 0          | 269        | 269          |
| Vanderbilt       | 17         | 81         | 4          | 102          |
| Wash U           | 113        | 233        | 197        | 543          |
| Mayo – Rochester | ?          | ?          | ?          | 500          |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>430</b> | <b>558</b> | <b>575</b> | <b>2,063</b> |

All samples have tau, P-tau, and A $\beta$  levels

# Other projects

- African American GWAS
  - About 2300 cases and 4100 controls
    - 1000 cases and 1600 controls genotyped by the ADGC
- Exome Chip
  - ADC: 2673 cases and 4418 controls
  - Other: 4652 cases and 3892 controls
  - Total: 7325 cases and 8310 controls

# ADGC Member Analysis Projects

1. Washington University  
***Use of biological and evolutionary information to prioritize SNPs from the ADGC genome-wide association studies for follow-up***  
Alison Goate (PI), Keoni Kauwe, Carlos Cruchaga
2. Vanderbilt University  
***Detection of Gene x Gene Interactions in LOAD GWAS Data***  
Jonathan Haines (PI), Marilyn Ritchie, Kim Luci
3. NIA and University College London  
***Epigenetic and Expression Modifications Associated with AD Risk SNPs***  
Hardy, Andrew Singleton, Michael Nalls
4. University of Kentucky  
Topic – ***GWAS to identify SNPs associated with pathologically-verified hippocampal sclerosis***  
Peter Nelson MD PhD (PI), Steven Estus PhD, and David Fardo PhD
5. Mass General (and University of Washington)  
***A genome-wide association study of Alzheimer's disease with psychosis (AD+P)***  
Deborah Blacker MD (PI), Alan Fung MD, Debby Tsuang MD
6. Columbia University  
***Identification of mitochondrial DNA variants associated with Alzheimer's disease***  
Investigators - Sandra Barral Rodriguez PhD (PI), Rong Cheng PhD, Joseph Lee DrPH,
7. University of Washington (and Boston University, Indiana University)  
***Psychometrically sophisticated GWAS: Cognitive decline among AD cases in the ADGC***  
Paul Crane MD (PI), S McKay Curtis MD, Robert C Green MD



# (analysis projects cont.)

8. University of Pennsylvania

***CNV Analysis of the ADGC Phase 1+2 Dataset***

Li-San Wang PhD, Chiao-Feng Lin PhD, Gerard Schellenberg PhD

9. Mayo Clinic

***Analysis of variants in the chromosome 10 VR22/LRRTM3 region in the combined ADGC and Mayo Clinic Datasets***

Nilufer Ertekin-Taner MD PhD

10. University of Pennsylvania

***Pathway and eSNP Analysis of AD and Cognitive decline***

Li-San Wang PhD, Chiao-Feng Lin PhD, Otto Valladares, Gerard Schellenberg PhD

11. Washington University

***Analysis of ADGC GWAS data for association with cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) biomarkers for LOAD***

Alison Goate PhD, Carlos Cruchaga PhD, Tony Hinrichs PhD

12. Boston University

***Analysis of Gene Interactions for AD Risk Using a Cooperative Game Theory Approach***

Badri Vardarajan, Lindsay Farrer PhD, Adrienne Cupples PhD

13. New York University

***Analysis of Gene-Environment Interactions Involved in AD***

Iryna Lobach PhD (PI), Tatiyana Apanasovich PhD, Hongyu Zhao PhD

# (analysis projects cont.)

14. University of Pennsylvania  
***Evaluation of Mitochondrial Heteroplasmy in AD GWAS datasets***  
Neal Sondheimer MD PhD (PI), Jack Tirone, Li-San Wang PhD
15. ROS/MAP  
***Validation of a CR1 susceptibility allele***  
Philip L. De Jager MD PhD (PI), Eric Reiman MD, David A. Bennett MD
16. Mayo Clinic  
***Combined GWAS for brain gene expression levels and AD risk***  
Dr. Nilufer Ertekin-Taner (PI), Dr. Steven G. Younkin, Dr. Fanggeng Zou
17. ROS/MAP  
***Replication of Genome-wide Scans for AD-related Intermediate Phenotypes and Functional Validation in Drosophila***  
Philip L. De Jager MD PhD (PI), Mel Feany MD PhD, David A. Bennett MD
18. Columbia University  
***Multi-locus genotype patterns associated with episodic memory in the NIA-LOAD/NCRAD Study***  
Sandra Barral PhD (PI), Richard Mayeux MD
19. University of Washington  
***Pathway-wide association study (PWAS) of AD***  
Paul Crane MD (PI), Shubhadbrata Mukherjee PhD, S. McKay Curtis PhD

## (analysis projects cont.)

20. University of Pennsylvania  
***Alzheimer's Disease and toxicity exposure: a gene-environment Interactions analysis***  
Shin-Yi Chou (PI) and Rhea Bhatta (Lehigh University), Li-San Wang
21. Columbia University  
***SORCS2, SORCS3 and SORT1 and risk of Alzheimer's disease***  
Chistiane Reitz, MD PhD, Lindsay Farrer, PhD, and Richard Mayeux, MD MSc
22. Mayo Clinic  
***Determine risk associated with TMEM106B SNP rs1990622 in AD***  
Dr. Rosa Rademakers, Dr. Minerva Carrasquillo and Dr. Steven Younkin
23. Mayo Clinic  
***Joint Analysis of Genomic and Transcriptomic Data to Identify Novel AD Risk Genes***  
Dr. Nilufer Ertekin-Taner (PI), Dr. Steven G. Younkin, Dr. Fanggeng Zou
24. Oregon Health & Sciences University  
***Replication of a GWAS for autopsy-confirmed AD cases and controls***  
Patricia Kramer, Matthew Huentelman, Jason Corneveaux
25. Autopsy-confirmed Parkinson Disease GWAS Consortium (APDGC)  
***ADGC Controls for Parkinson Disease GWAS***  
Dr. William Scott, Dr. Gary Beecham and Cherylyn Jauregui
26. Brigham Young University  
***Pleiotropy and Interactions in CSF Biomarkers for AD***  
Keoni Kauwe, PhD, Alison Goate, PhD, Taylor Maxwell PhD

## (analysis projects cont.)

27. Genentech

***Whole-genome sequence analysis of early-onset Alzheimer's disease in APOE 3/4 and 4/4 subjects***

Timothy Behrens, Ward Ortmann, and Robert C. Gentleman

28. Emory University

***The proportion of common SNPs that explain late-onset Alzheimer's disease***

Thomas Wingo, MD and David Cutler, PhD

29. North American Pancreatic Study Group (NAPS)

***Genetic risk in recurrent acute and chronic pancreatitis***

David Whitcomb, MD, PhD, Bernie Devlin, MD

30. Brigham Young University

***Remaining genetic variance in clinical diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease***

Keoni Kauwe, PhD, and Perry Ridge, MS


31. UCSF

***Investigation for genetic loci underlying depressive symptomatology in Alzheimer's Disease***

Jennifer Yokoyama (PI), Howard Rosen, MD (mentor), Bruce Miller, MD

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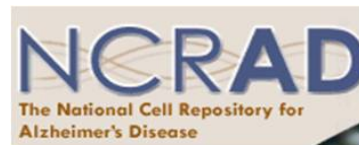
# Benefits – Alzheimer's Disease Center Participation

- Participate in exciting science
- Genotypes returned for own study (including *APOE*)
- If blood sent to NCRAD, DNA prepared/returned
- Propose analysis projects (pre-publication data)

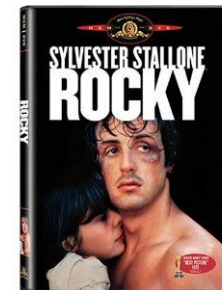
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