



"Genetics of Alzheimer's Disease in Minoritized Populations "

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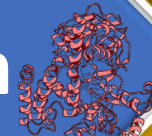
Human Genetics Disease Research Goals

- Study human disease mechanism directly in humans
- Prediction
- Mechanism
- Drug targets

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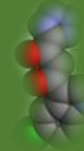
Protein



Mechanism/
Pathways



Drug
Target



Genetic Studies in Alzheimer Disease

❑ Why study genes?

To identify new targets for drug discovery

Genetic targets are 2X as successful in drug trials versus non-genetic targets.

❑ Why study Diverse Groups

More than 30 genetic risk factors for AD discovered- primarily in individuals of **European ancestral** descent

Different **ancestral** groups have different genetic risk factors

So that treatments are universally translational

- Black Americans and Hispanic Americans are more likely to develop AD and dementia compared to non-Hispanic white (European) Americans

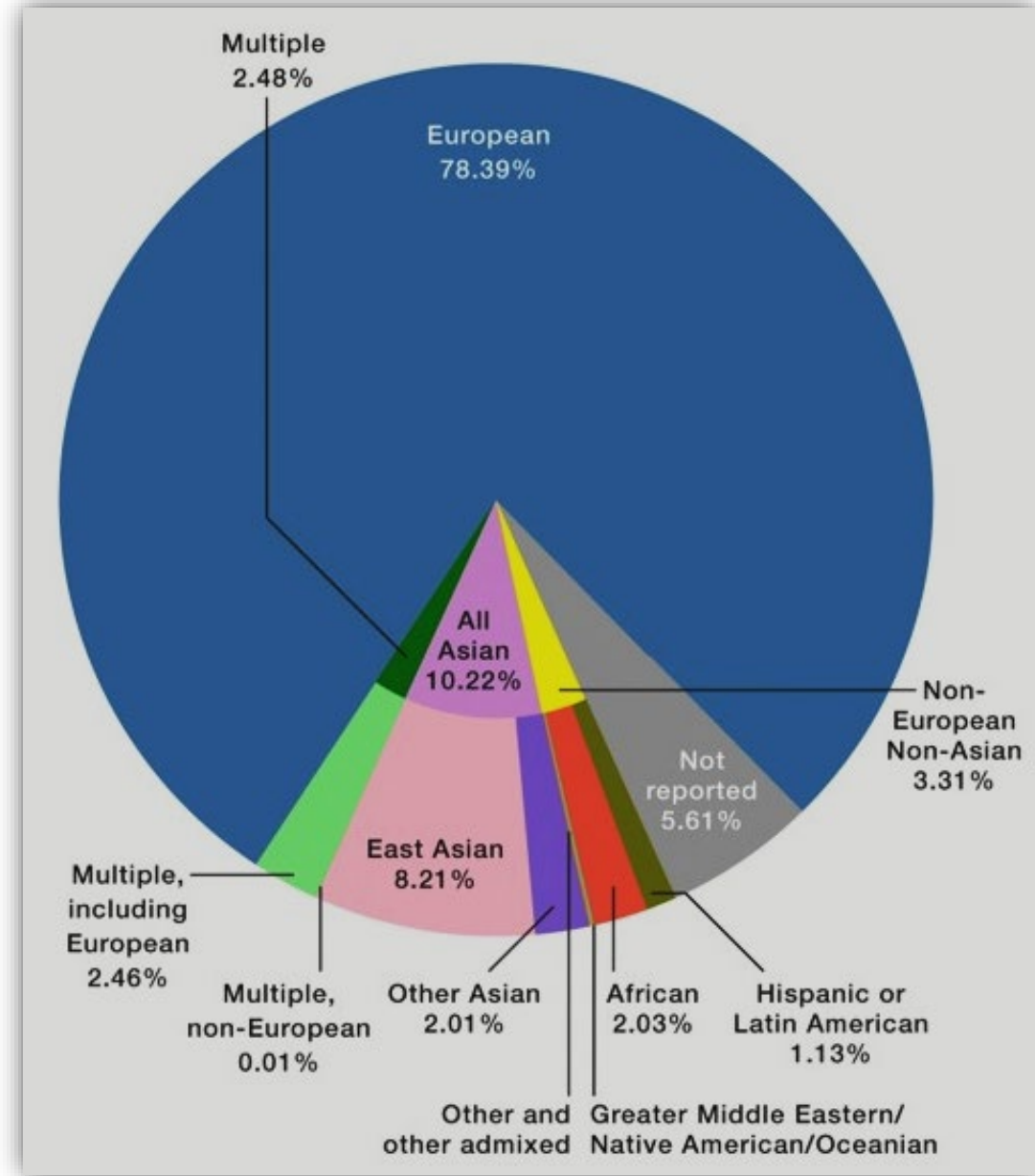
- Greater familial risk for AD
- Limited health care access
- AD patients identified at later stages
- Poorer treatment outcomes



Why Study Diverse Groups

- The underrepresentation of ancestrally diverse populations in genetic studies:
 - hinders our ability to fully understand the genetic architecture of disease, and
 - intensify health inequalities.
 - reduce the power of risk prediction
- The translation of genetic research into clinical practice may be dangerously incomplete or, worse, mistaken

Ancestry category distribution of individuals in study catalog



Genetic Studies in Alzheimer Disease

AD GWAS studies

Europeans: N~93,000 (Kunkle et al. 2019)

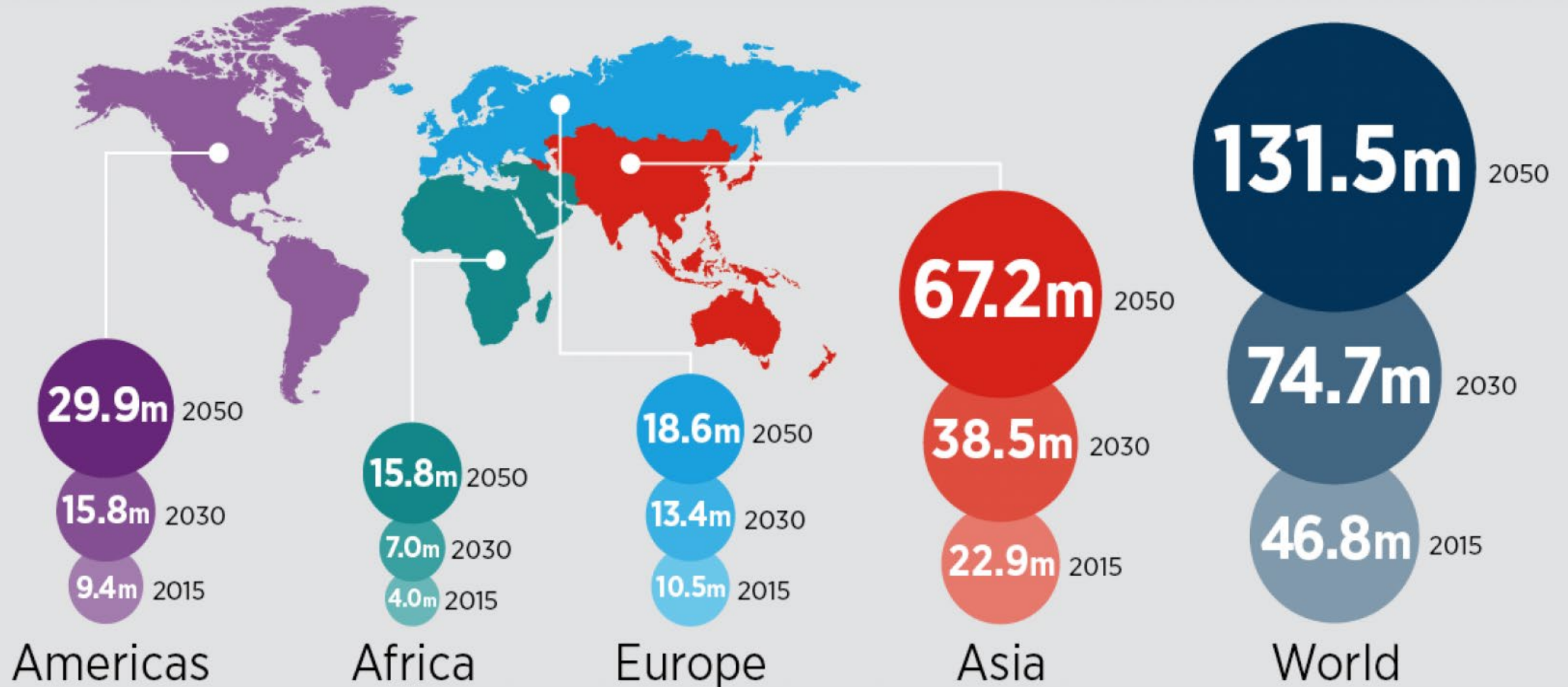
African Americans: N~8,000 (Kunkle et al. 2020)

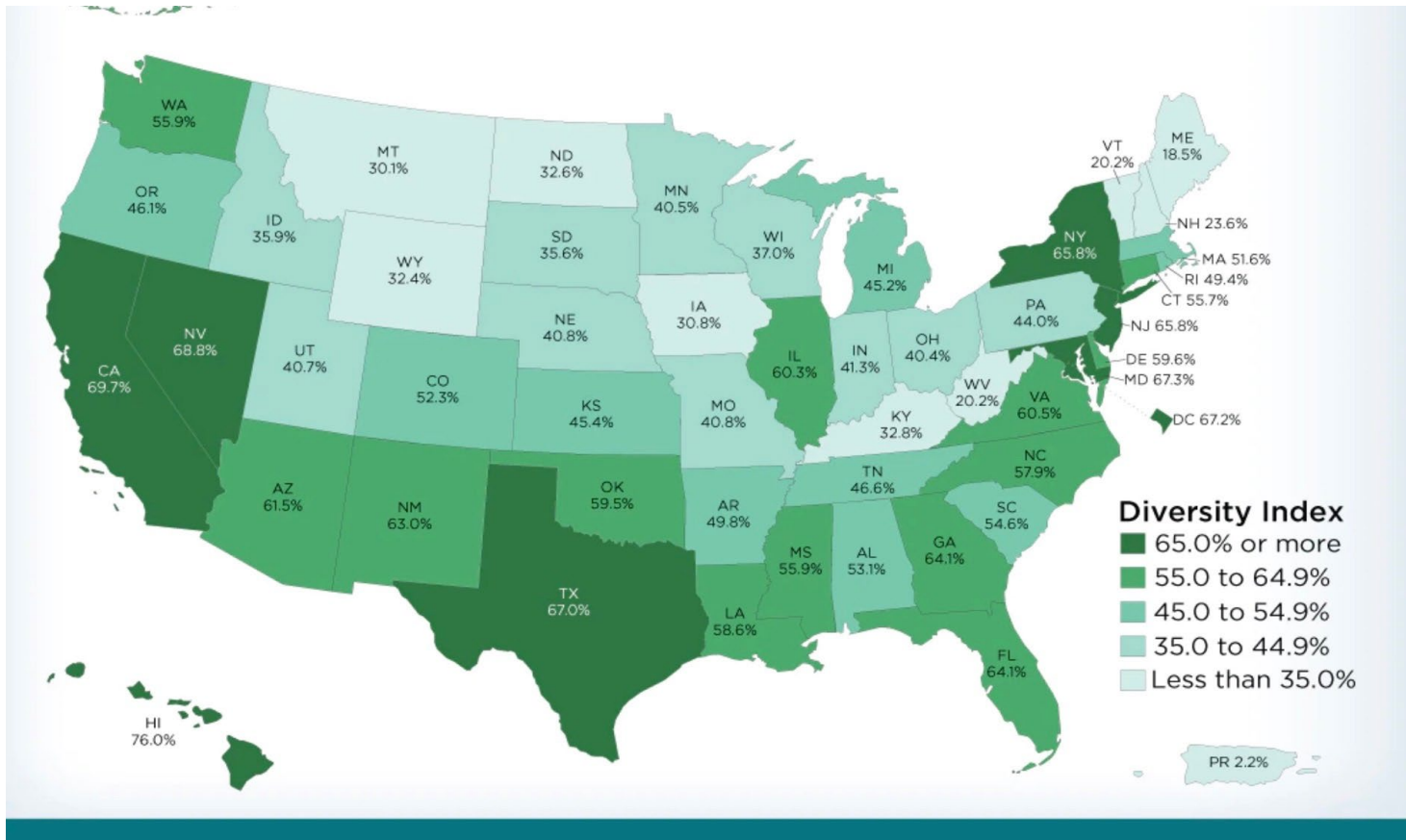
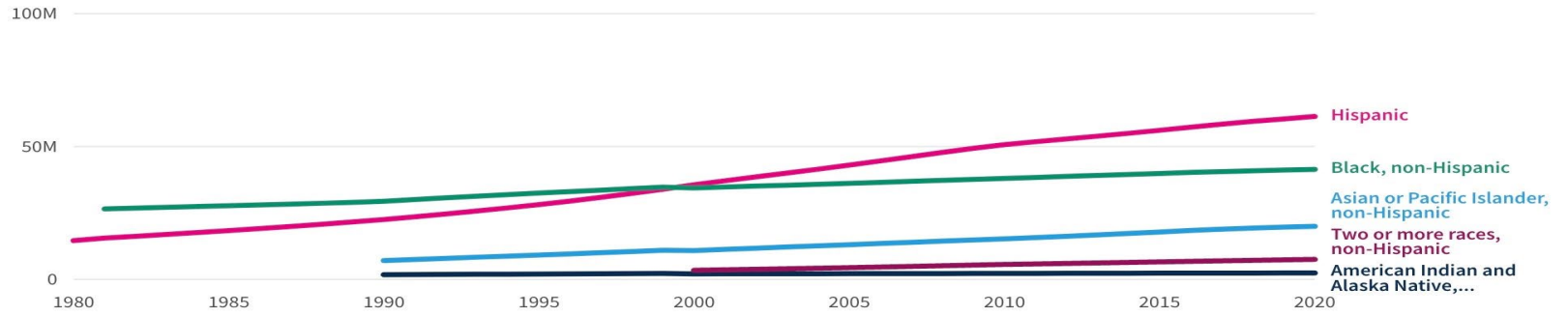
Hispanics: N~4,500 (Tosto et al., 2015)



Alzheimer Disease

People living with **dementia** around the world

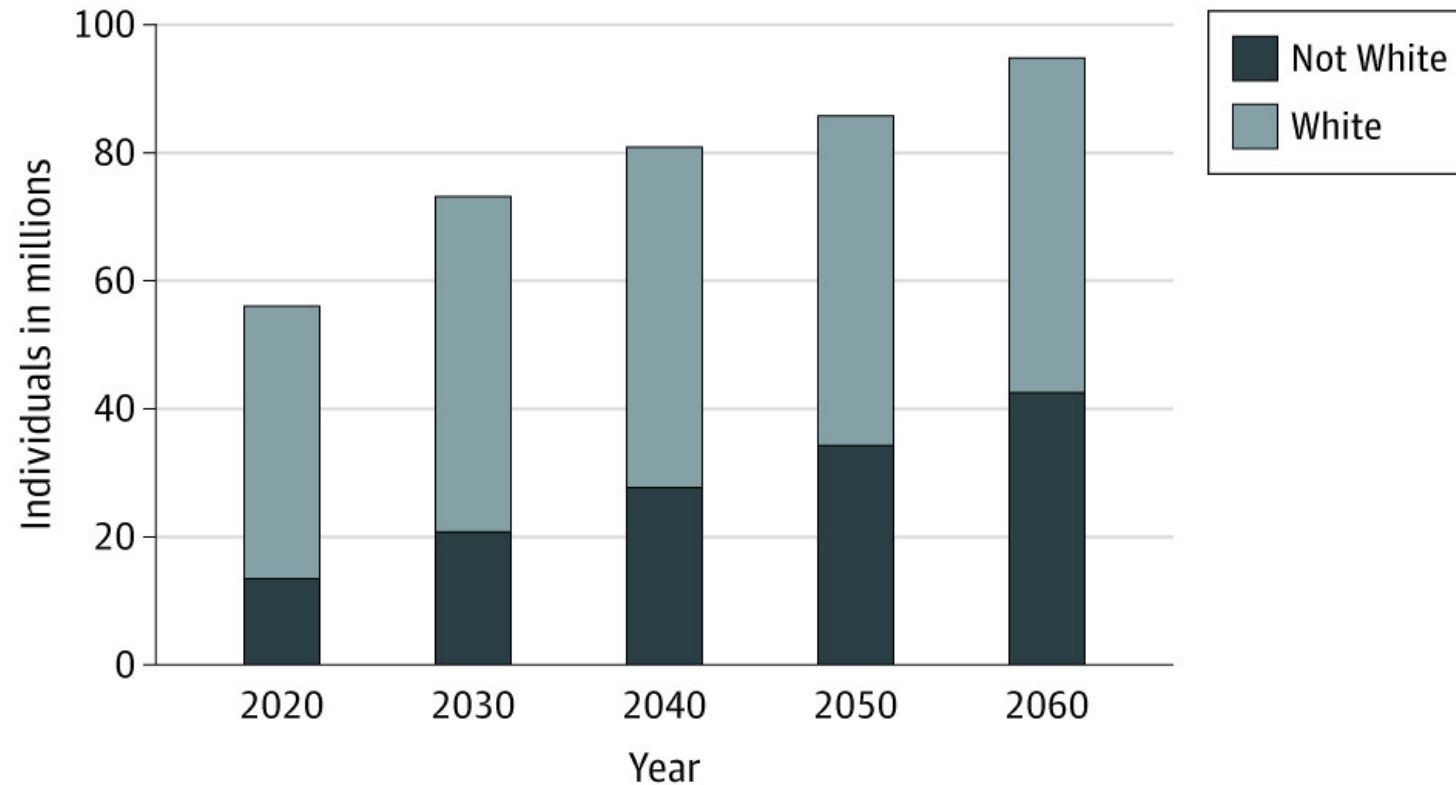




US Populations Diversity and Growth*

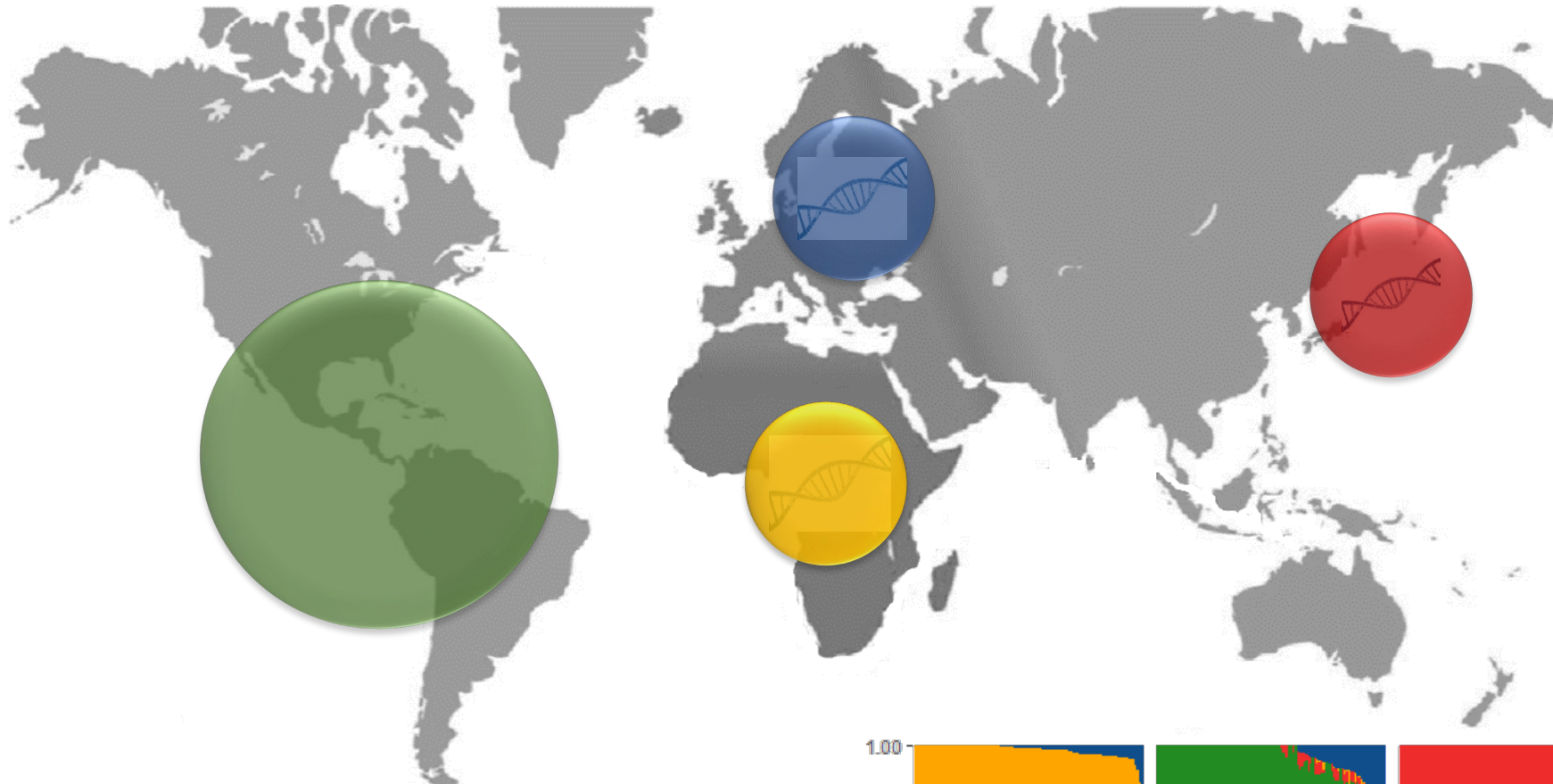
*2020 US Census

Aging Population 65 yrs and older in the US



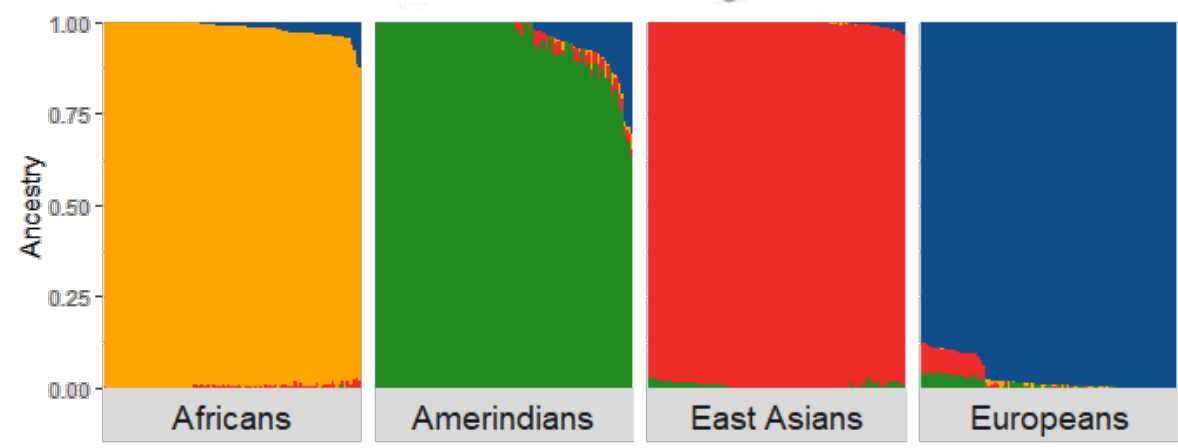
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JAMA 78(6): 650, 2021

Global Ancestry: Continental Populations

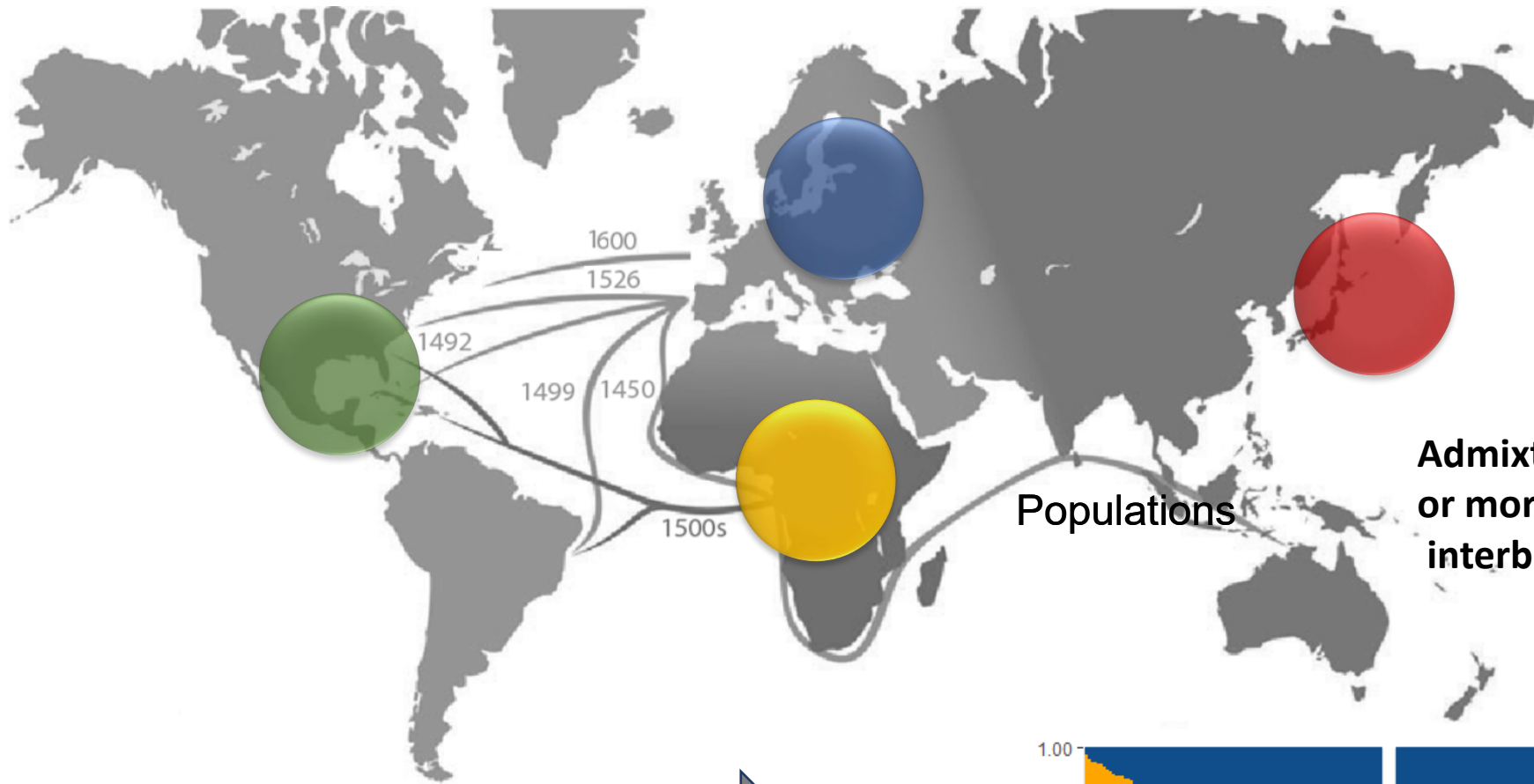


Europe

Africa
East Asia



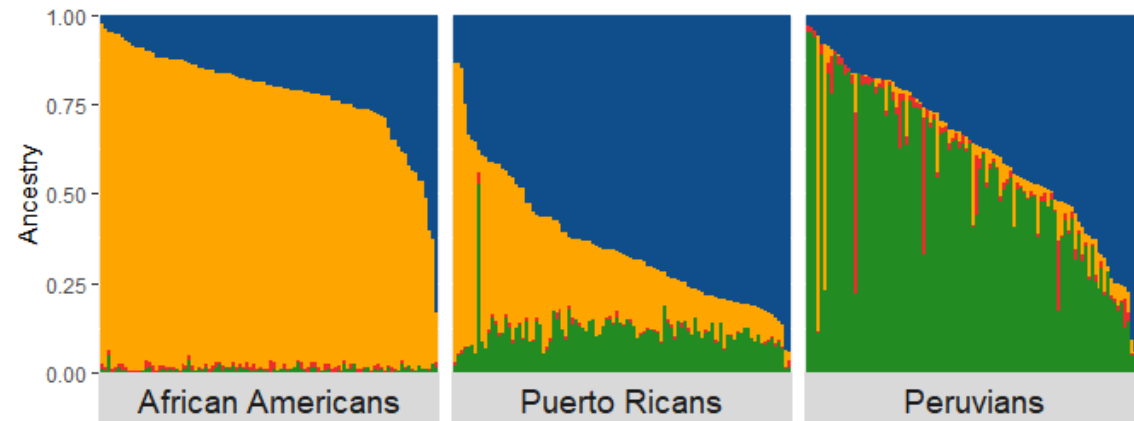
Global Ancestry and Admixture



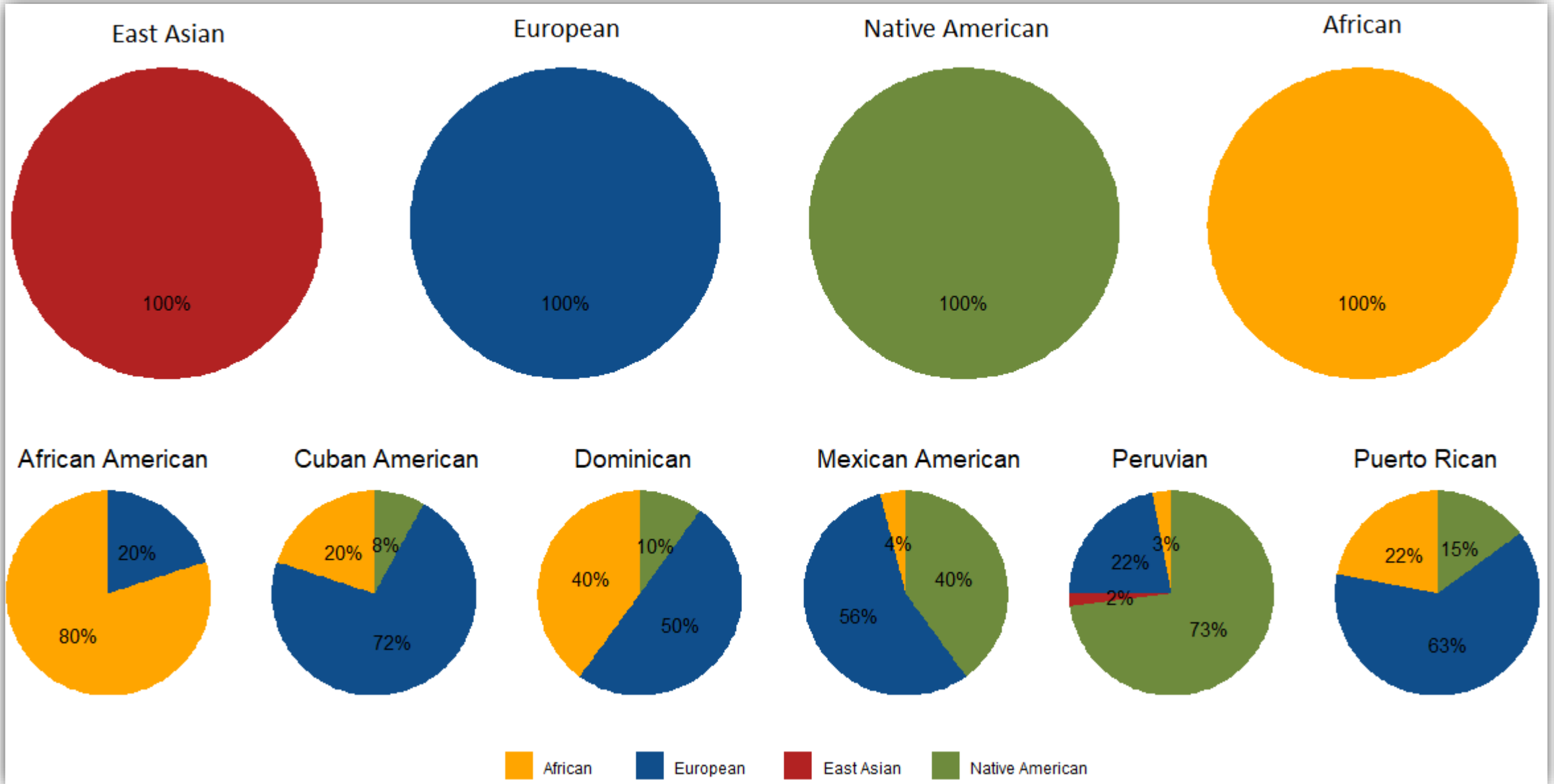
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Admixture happens when individuals from two or more genetically distinct populations are interbreeding

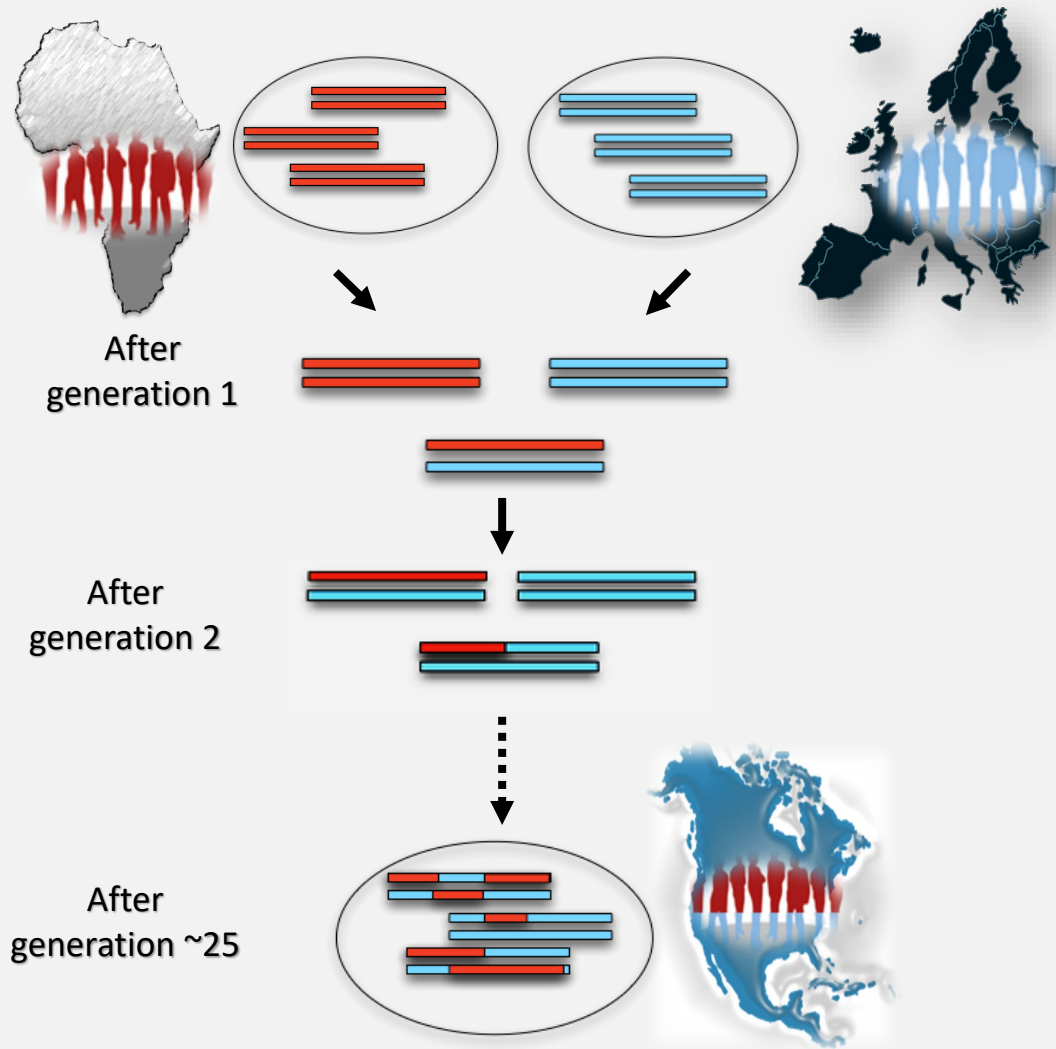


Average Ancestral Proportions in Hispanic Populations and African Americans

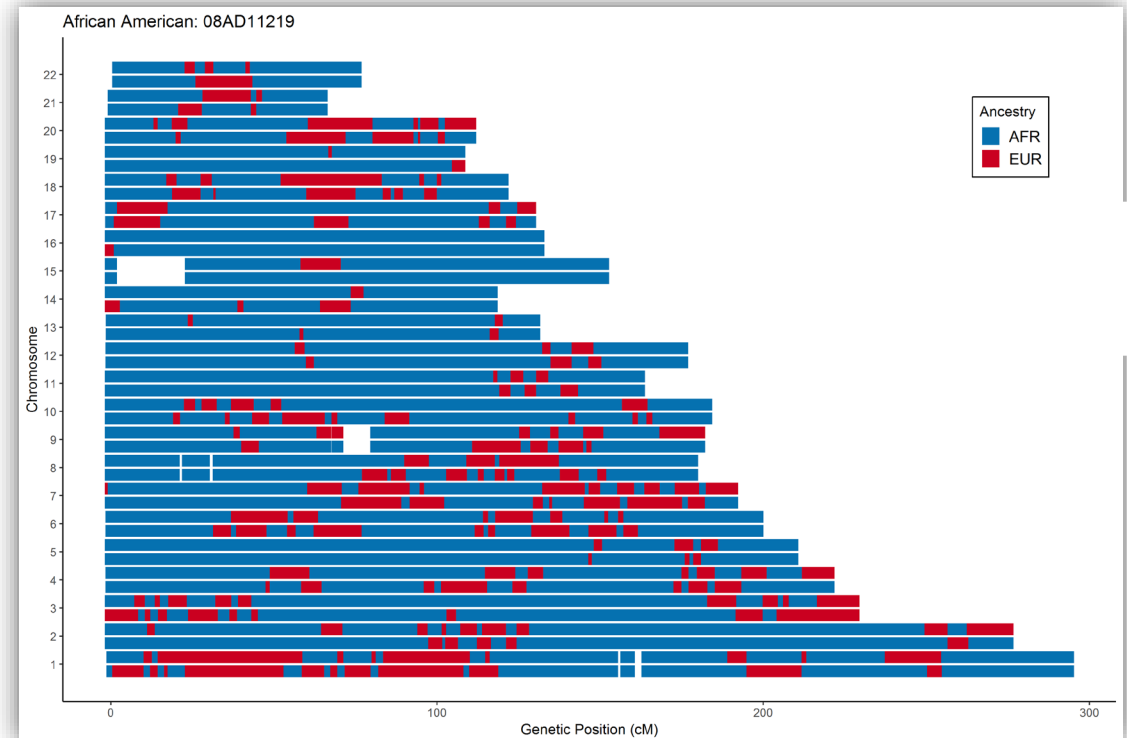


Admixture and Local Ancestry

- AA population is an admixed population



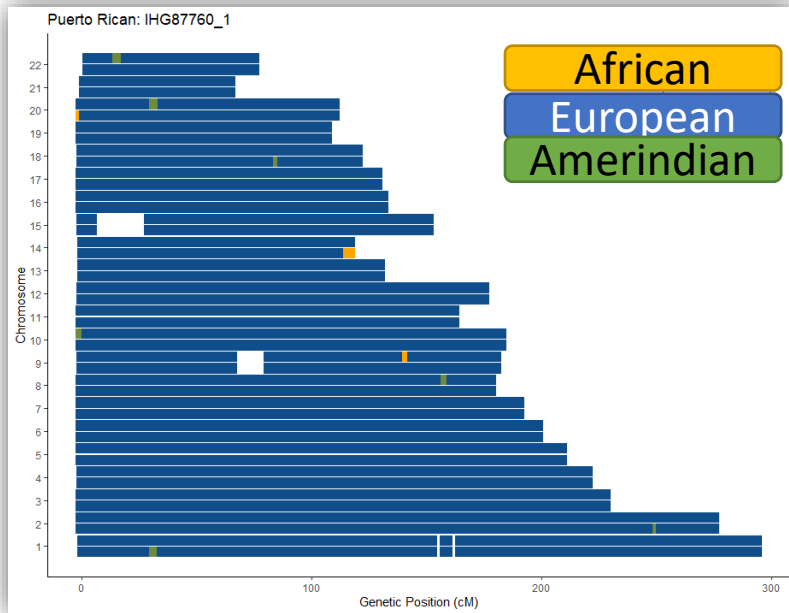
- Local ancestry estimates of a Black American individual



The US Black population is a two-way admixed population with genetic ancestry from African and European ancestors.

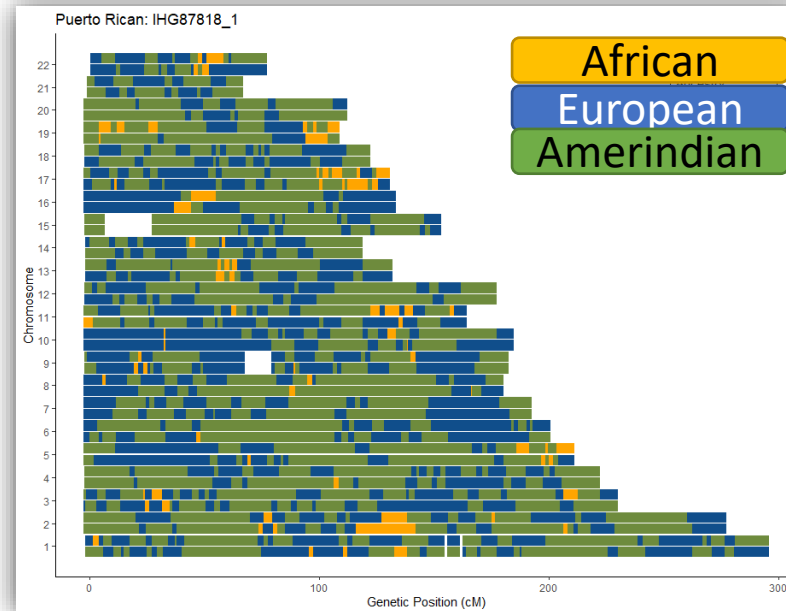
Local Ancestry in Puerto Ricans

Puerto Rican 1



99.7%

Puerto Rican 2

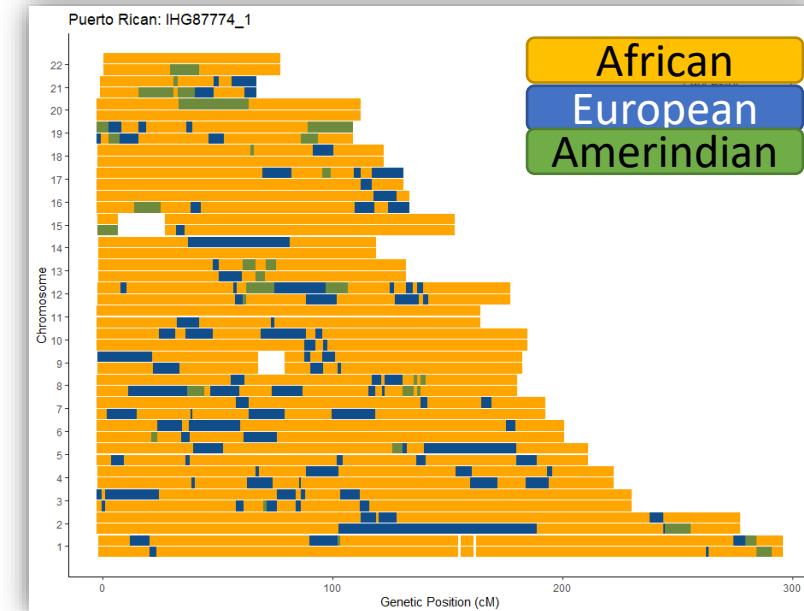


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57%

Puerto Rican 3



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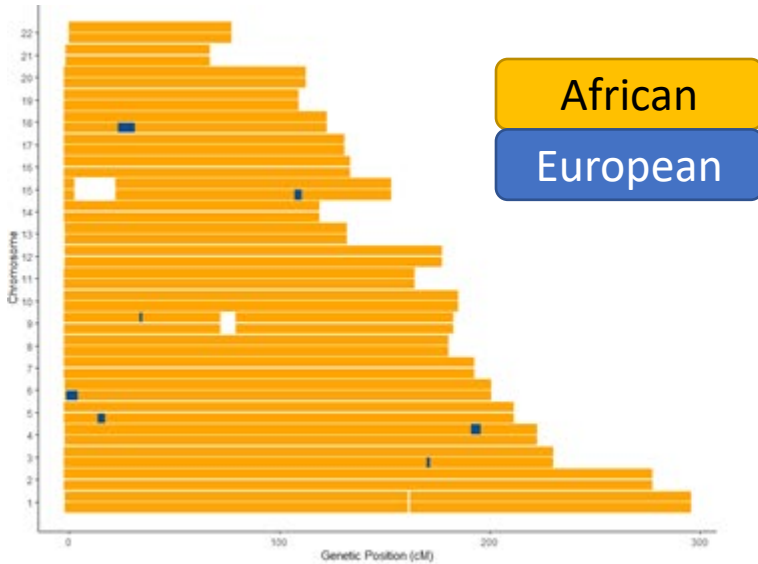
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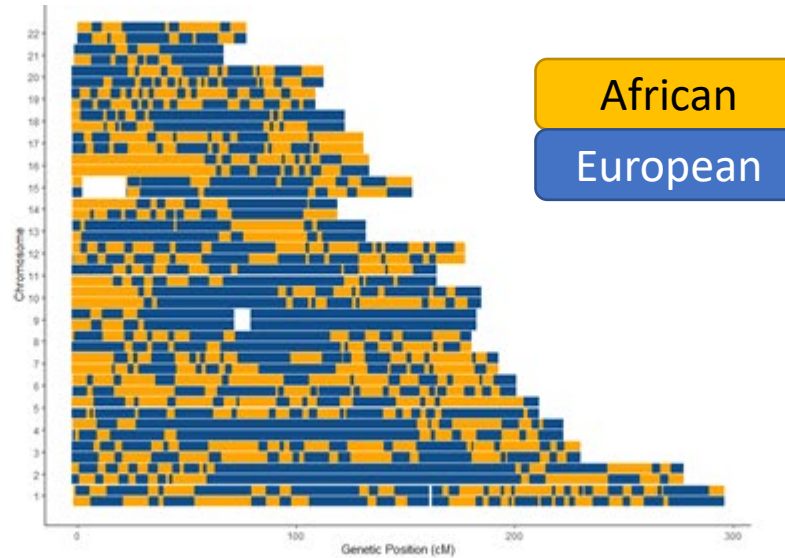
Race versus Ancestry

- Ancestry is biological and is about the history of genetic variation and the origin of one's population
- Race, itself is not biological, but is often self-ascribed or socially-ascribed by others
- As I have shown populations used to live in isolation with each geographic region having its own genetic map (Continental Populations)
- Populations today particularly in the US are admixed (multiple ancestries) with individuals of European, African, Amerindian and Asian ancestry.

Ancestry versus Race

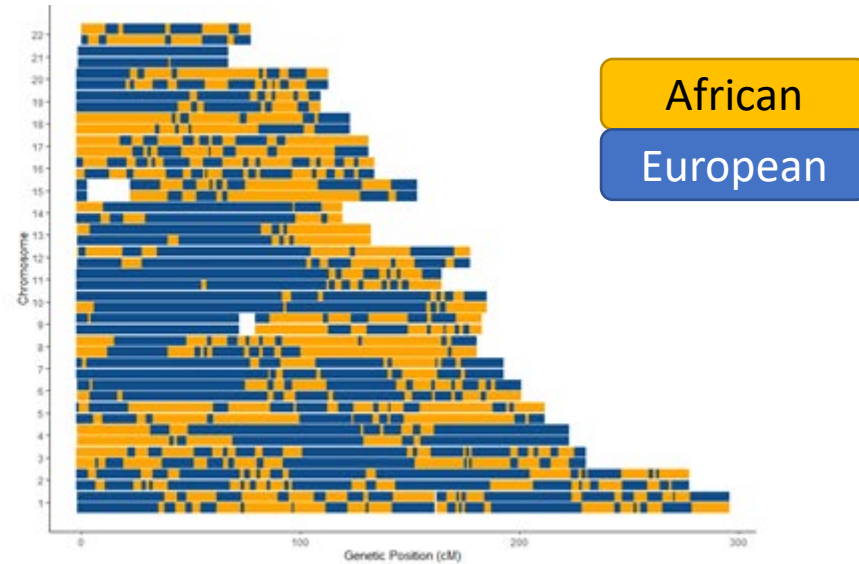


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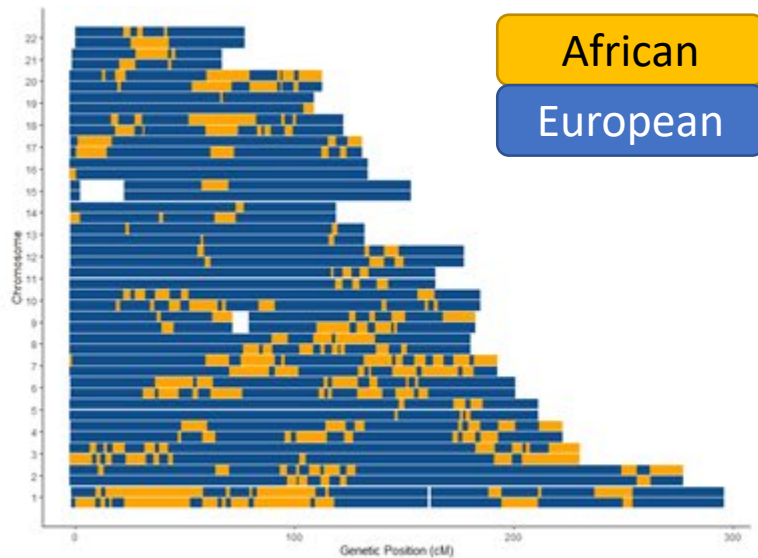
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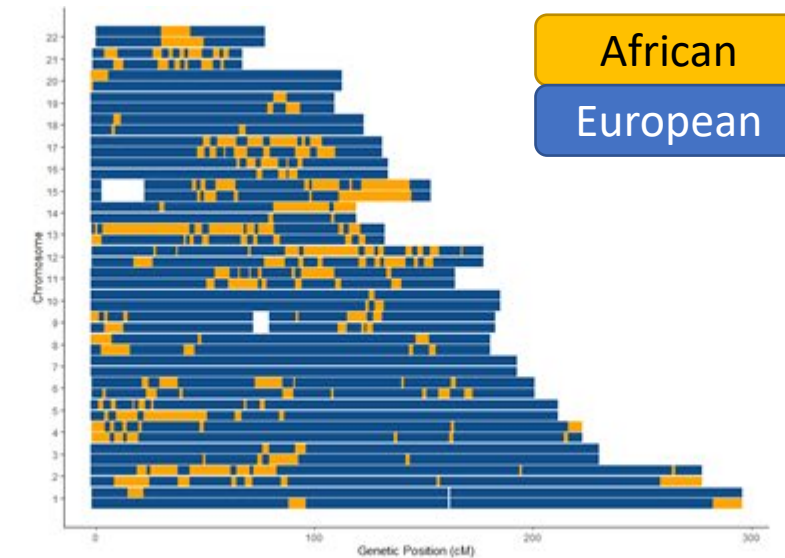
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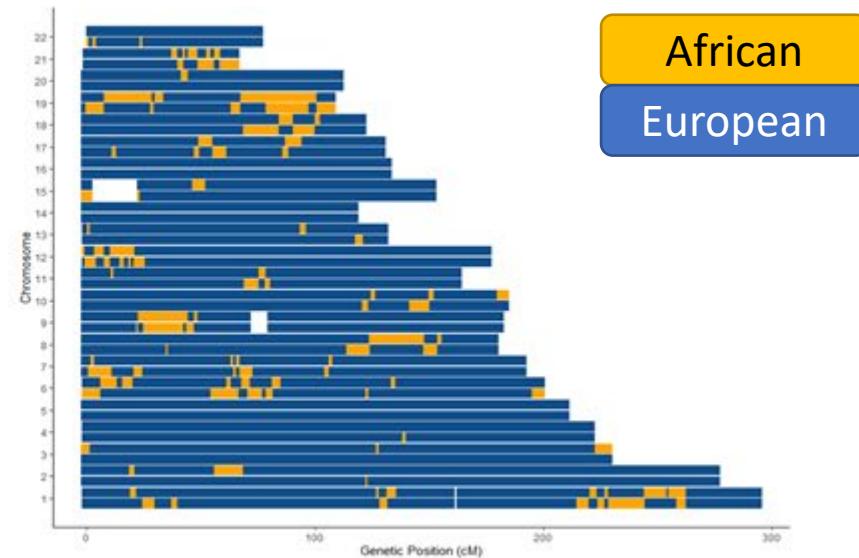
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86%

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93%

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Admixture – Local Ancestry – APOE

RESEARCH ARTICLE

Ancestral origin of *ApoE* $\epsilon 4$ Alzheimer disease risk in Puerto Rican and African American populations

Plos Genetics 2018

Ancestry

African

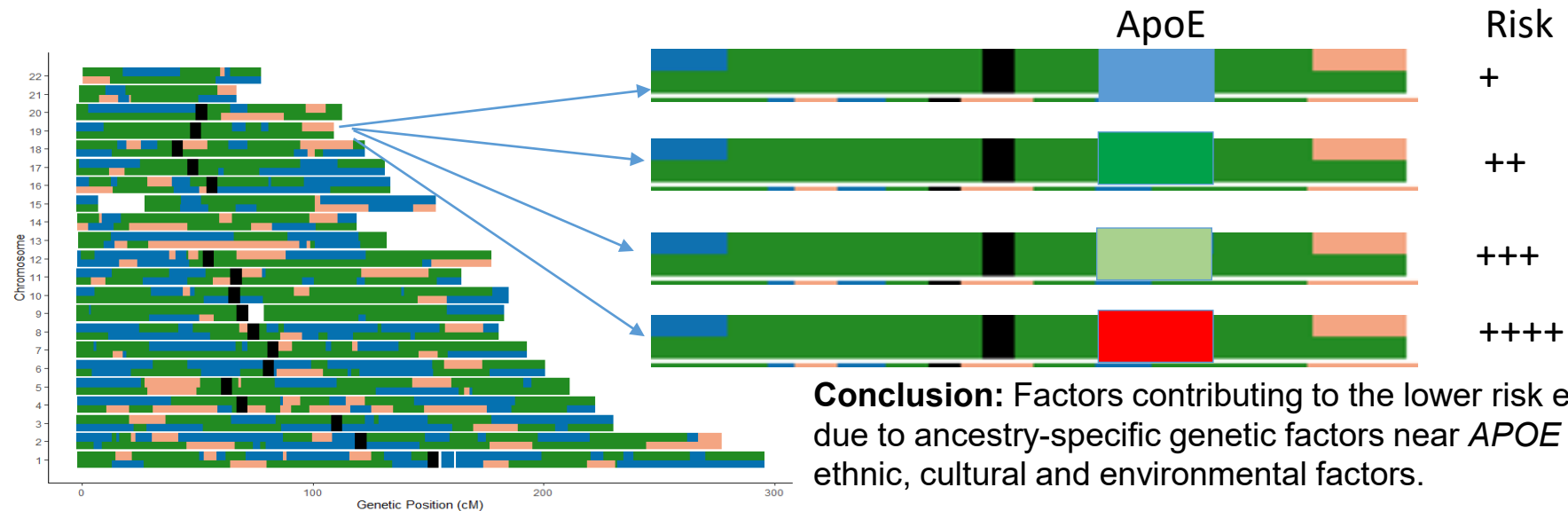
European

Amerindian

Asian



Farid Rajabli^{1*}, Briseida E. Feliciano², Katrina Celis¹, Kara L. Hamilton-Nelson¹, Patrice L. Whitehead¹, Larry D. Adams¹, Parker L. Bussies¹, Clara P. Manrique¹, Alejandra Rodriguez², Vanessa Rodriguez¹, Takiyah Starks³, Grace E. Byfield³, Carolina B. Sierra Lopez², Jacob L. McCauley¹, Heriberto Acosta⁴, Angel Chinae², Brian W. Kunkle¹, Christiane Reitz⁵, Lindsay A. Farrer⁶, Gerard D. Schellenberg⁷, Badri N. Vardarajan⁵, Jeffery M. Vance^{1,8}, Michael L. Cuccaro^{1,8}, Eden R. Martin^{1,8}, Jonathan L. Haines⁹, Goldie S. Byrd³, Gary W. Beecham^{1,6*}, Margaret A. Pericak-Vance^{1,8*}



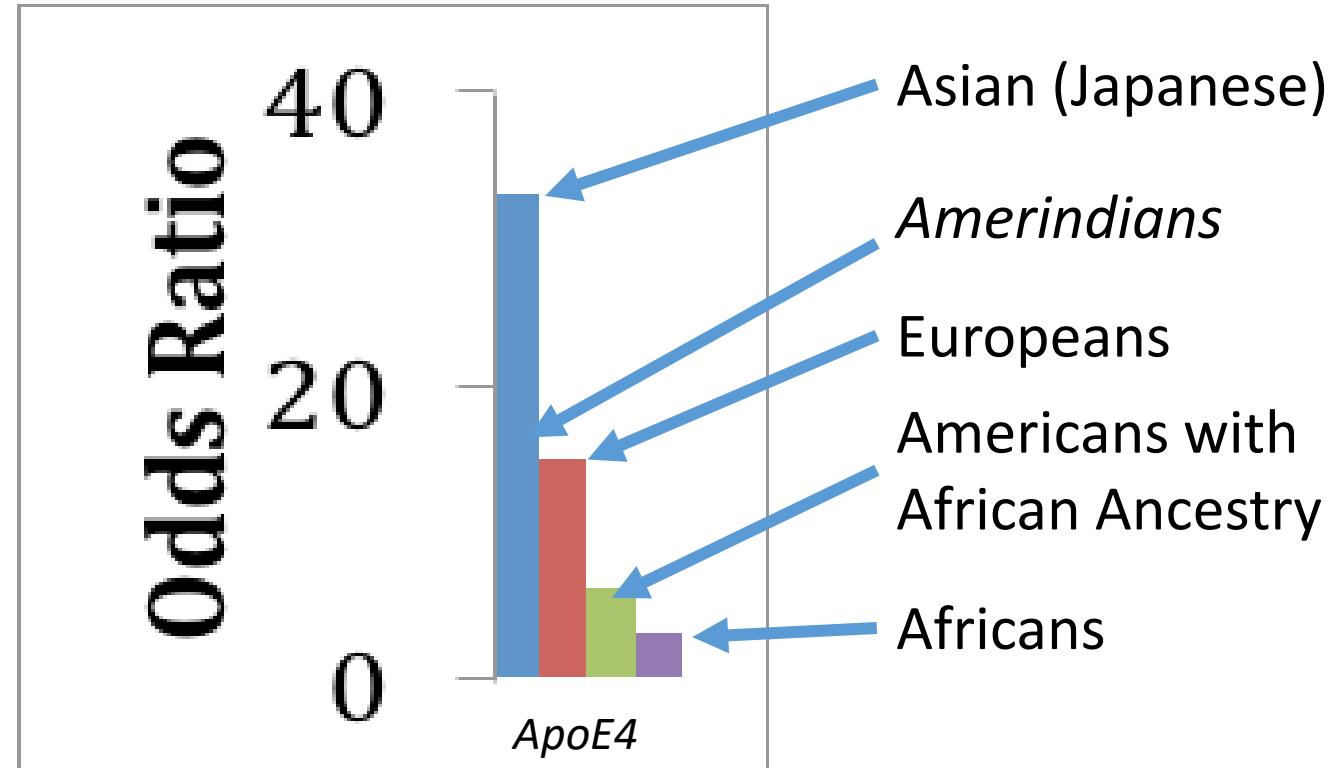
Conclusion: Factors contributing to the lower risk effect in the *APOE* are due to ancestry-specific genetic factors near *APOE* rather than non-genetic ethnic, cultural and environmental factors.

The Risk to Develop Alzheimer Disease (AD) for *ApoEε4/ε4* carriers (compared to *ApoEε3/ε3* carriers) is different across ancestral groups

Odds Ratios:

2= twice the risk

3= three times the risk
Etc.



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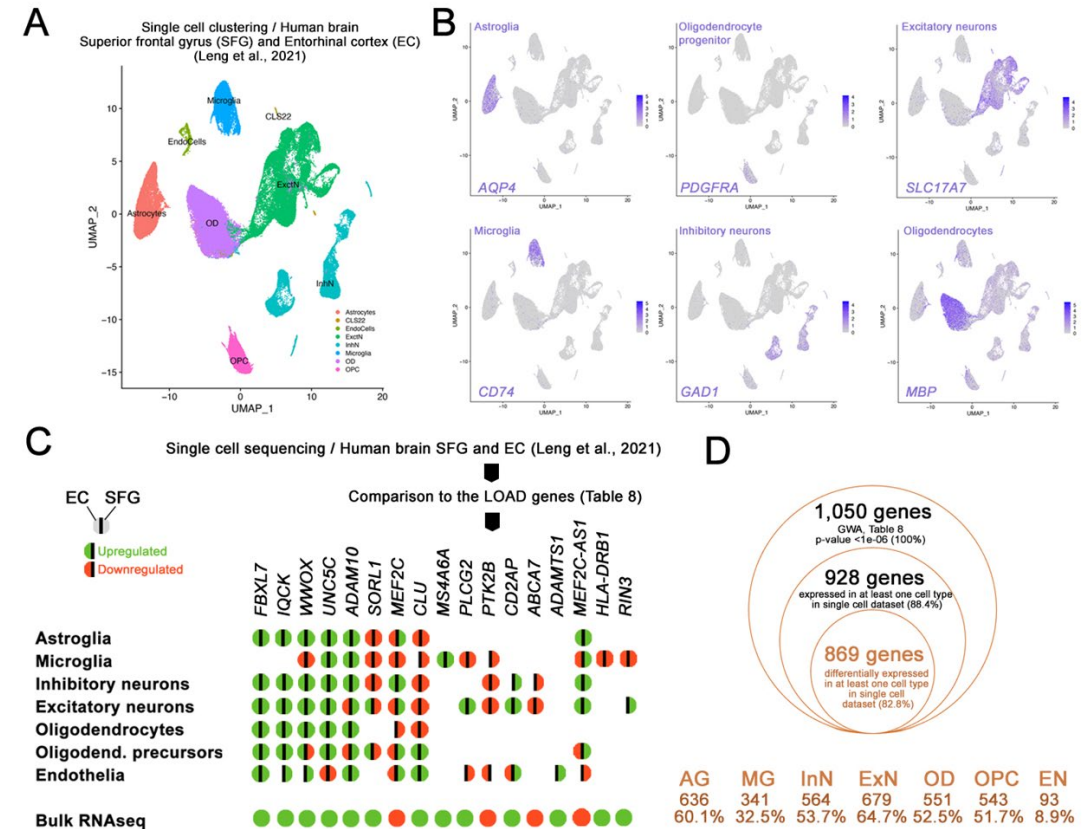
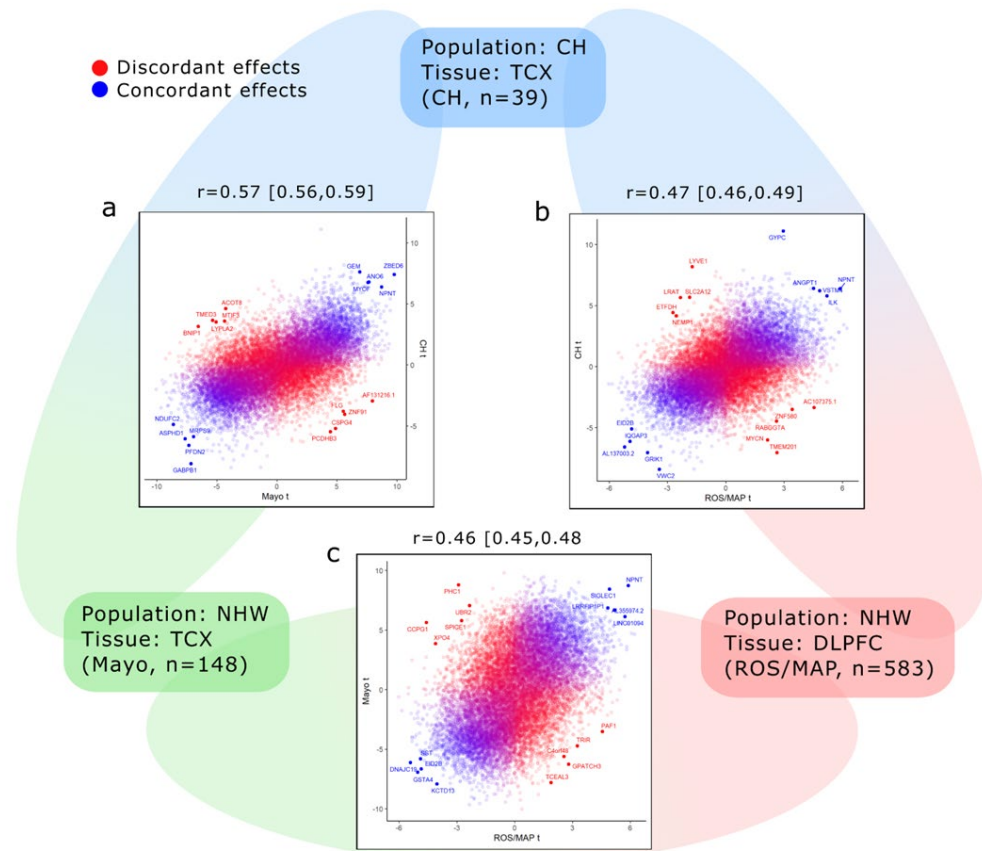
Increased *APOE* $\epsilon 4$ expression is associated with the difference in Alzheimer's disease risk from diverse ancestral backgrounds

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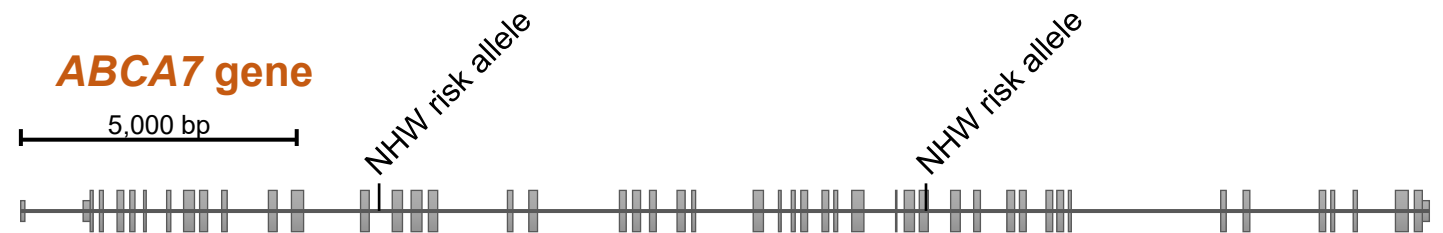
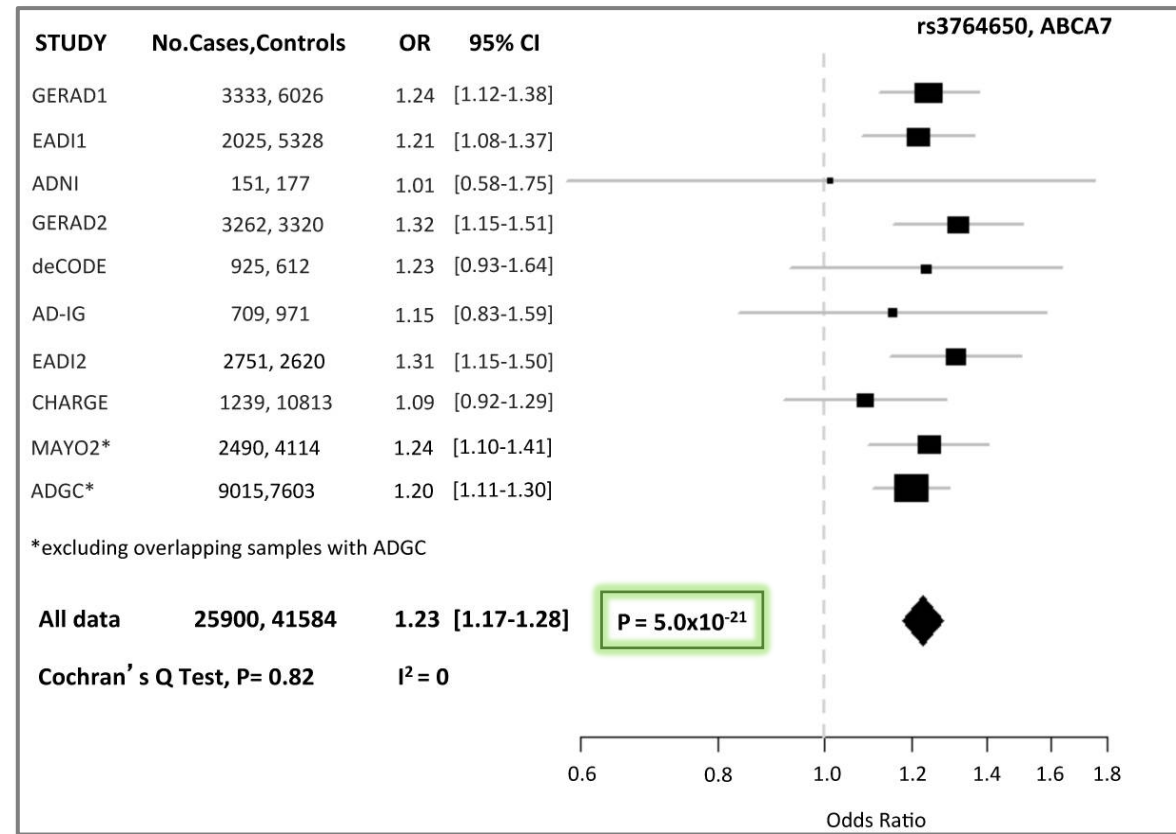
Anthony J. Griswold, Katrina Celis, Juan I. Young, and Jeffery M. Vance contributed equally to this study.

The Caribbean-Hispanic Alzheimer's Brain Transcriptome Reveals Ancestry-Specific Disease Mechanisms – *in press*



ABCA7 first implicated in AD risk in Europeans

- *ABCA7: ATP-binding cassette, sub-family A (ABC1), member 7*
 - ABC transporters are a large gene superfamily involved in the movement of molecules across cellular membranes
- Two distinct studies identified single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) in *ABCA7* significantly associated with AD risk
- Both studies were performed with large cohorts of AD patients and controls with European ancestry (non-Hispanic white/NHW).

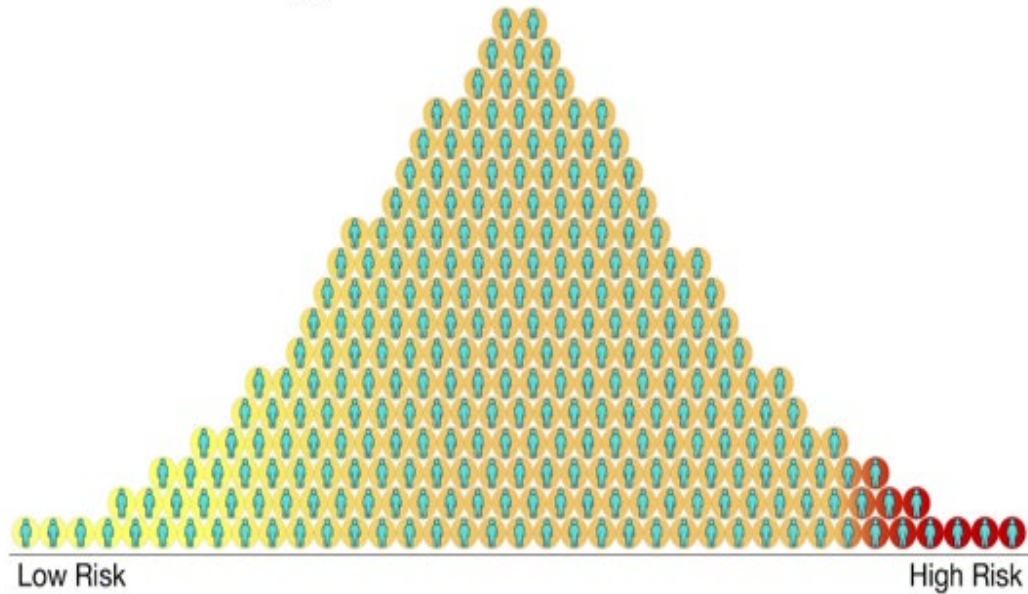


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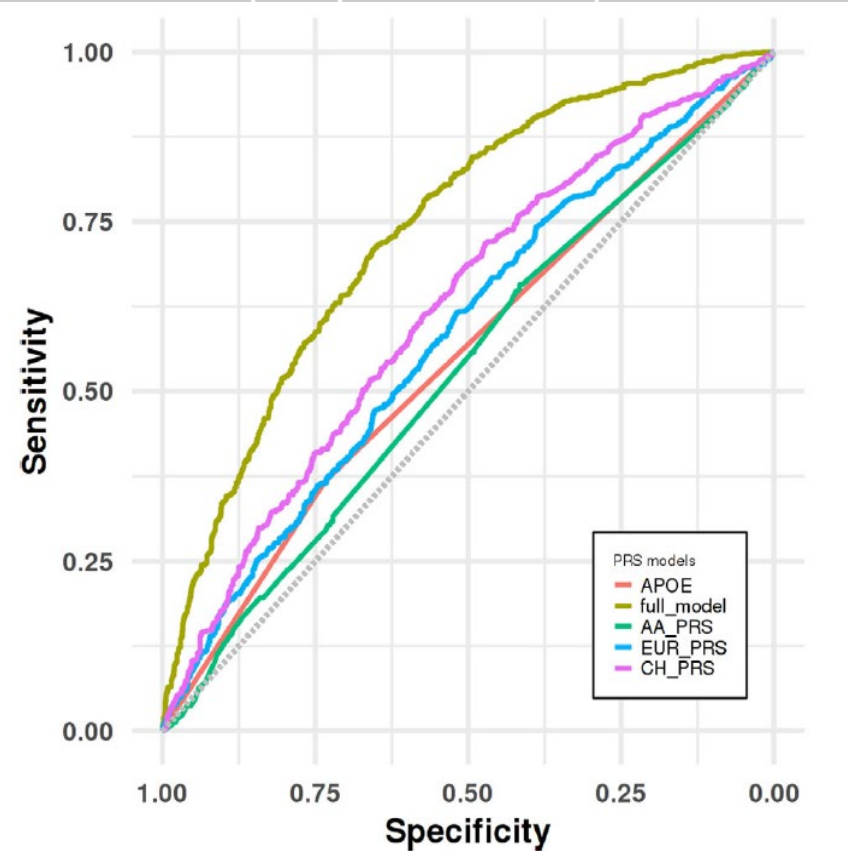
Risk Prediction may not be accurate

Polygenic risk score bell curve



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Alzheimer's Disease in Hispanic Ancestry
(Sariya et al. 2021)



Critical variants may be missed

- Low frequency variants/variants absent in European populations may be missed
- Rare variants are more likely to be population specific

Rare variants in *AKAP9*

- African Americans (Logue et al. 2014)
- Hispanic families in ADSP (Vardarajan et al. 2016)



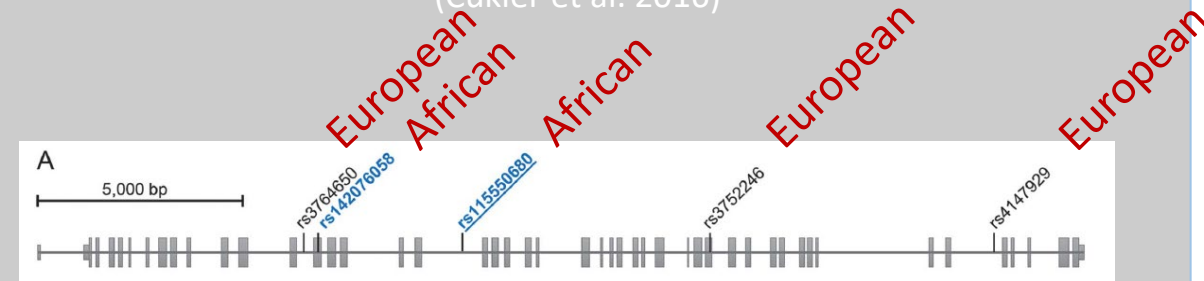
RESEARCH ARTICLE

Whole genome sequencing of Caribbean Hispanic families with late-onset Alzheimer's disease

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ABCA7 in European and African Ancestries

(Cukier et al. 2016)



Novel Rare Loci in African American GWAS

(Kunkle et al. 2020)

IGFIR: chr15q26

AP15: chr11p12

RBFOX1: chr16p13



Genetic Summary

- 1. Genetic risk factors for AD can be different depending on your ancestral background**
- 2. The mechanisms (pathways) between ancestries appear to be similar, but some pathways may be more important in some ancestries than others**
- 3. *ABCA7* is much stronger risk factor for AD in African Ancestry than European**
- 4. *ApoE4* is a much weaker risk factor for AD in African Ancestry than European**
- 5. The ancestry your patient inherited their *ApoE4* allele from determines their risk for AD from *ApoE4*.**
- 6. Different ancestral risks suggest different therapies maybe needed for different ancestries**

**Some Recent Studies
Applying Ancestry to Genetic
Studies.**

ADMIXTURE MAPPING

Molecular Psychiatry

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ARTICLE

Admixture Mapping of Alzheimer's disease in Caribbean Hispanics identifies a new locus on 22q13.1

Caghan Kizil^{1,2,3,12}, Sanjeev Sariya^{1,2,4,12}, Yoon A. Kim^{1,5}, Farid Rajabli⁶, Eden Martin^{6,7}, Dolly Reyes-Dumeyer^{1,2,4}, Badri Vardarajan^{1,2,4}, Aleyda Maldonado⁸, Jonathan L. Haines⁹, Richard Mayeux^{1,2,4,10,11}, Ivonne Z. Jiménez-Velázquez⁸, Ismael Santa-Maria^{1,5} and Giuseppe Tosto^{1,2,4}✉

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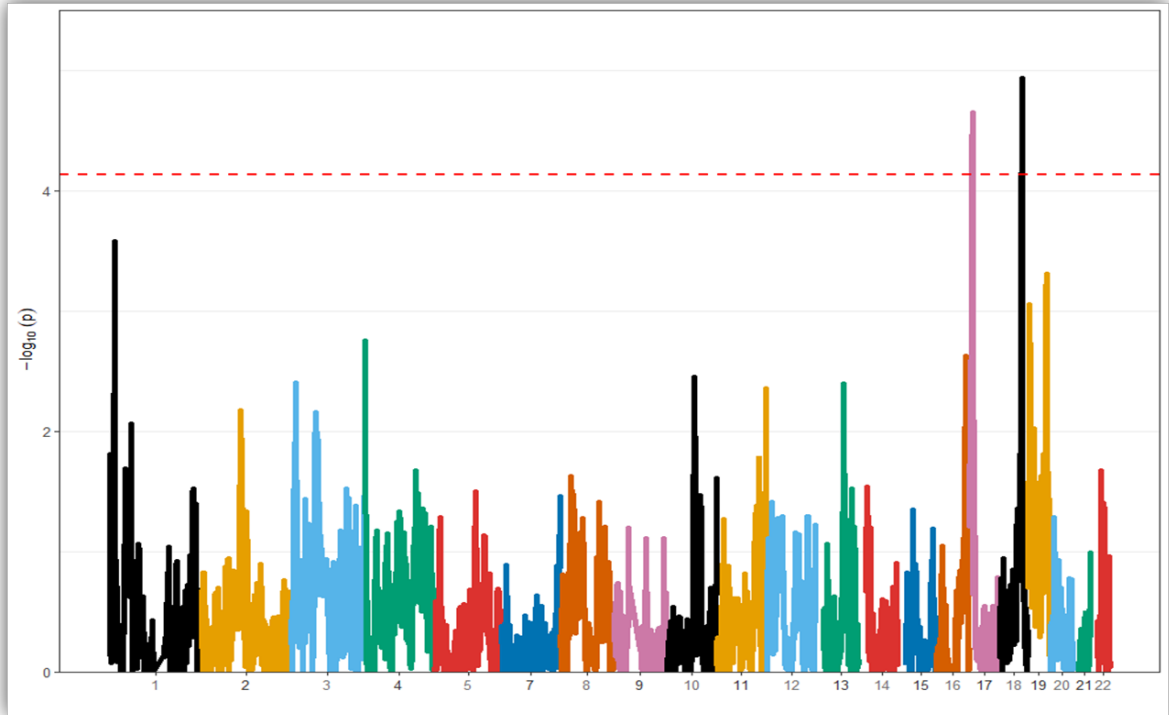
Late-onset Alzheimer's disease (LOAD) is significantly more frequent in Hispanics than in non-Hispanic Whites. Ancestry may explain these differences across ethnic groups. To this end, we studied a large cohort of Caribbean Hispanics (CH, $N = 8813$) and tested the association between Local Ancestry (LA) and LOAD ("admixture mapping") to identify LOAD-associated ancestral blocks, separately for ancestral components (European [EUR], African [AFR], Native American[NA]) and jointly (AFR + NA). Ancestral blocks significant after permutation were fine-mapped employing multi-ethnic whole-exome sequencing (WES) to identify rare variants associated with LOAD (SKAT-O) and replicated in the UK Biobank WES dataset. Candidate genes were validated studying (A) protein expression in human LOAD and control brains; (B) two animal AD models, *Drosophila* and Zebrafish. In the joint AFR + NA model, we identified four significant ancestral blocks located on chromosomes 1 (p value = $8.94E-05$), 6 (p value = $8.63E-05$), 21 (p value = $4.64E-05$) and 22 (p value = $1.77E-05$). Fine-mapping prioritized the *GCAT* gene on chromosome 22 (SKAT-O p value = $3.45E-05$) and replicated in the UK Biobank (SKAT-O p value = 0.05). In LOAD brains, a decrease of 28% in *GCAT* protein expression was observed (p value = 0.038), and *GCAT* knockdown in Amyloid- β_{42} *Drosophila* exacerbated rough eye phenotype (68% increase, p value = $4.84E-09$). In zebrafish, *gcat* expression increased after acute amyloidosis (34%, p value = 0.0049), and decreased upon anti-inflammatory Interleukin-4 (39%, p value = $2.3E-05$). Admixture mapping uncovered genomic regions harboring new LOAD-associated loci that might explain the observed different frequency of LOAD across ethnic groups. Our results suggest that the inflammation-related activity of *GCAT* is a response to amyloid toxicity, and reduced *GCAT* expression exacerbates AD pathology.

Molecular Psychiatry; <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41380-022-01526-6>

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Admixture mapping identifies novel Alzheimer disease risk regions in African Americans.

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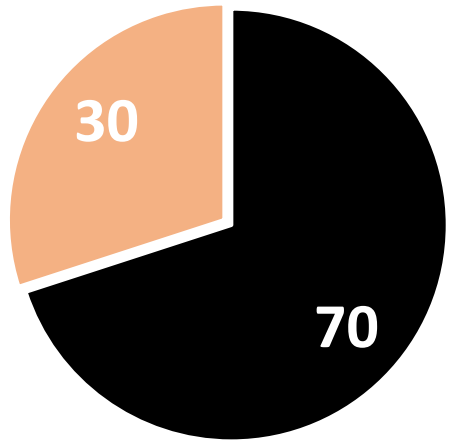


Why Admixture Mapping ?

- The admixture mapping has a lower multiple testing burden than SNP-based GWAS studies
- Identifies wide genomic regions that might harbor multiple risk loci

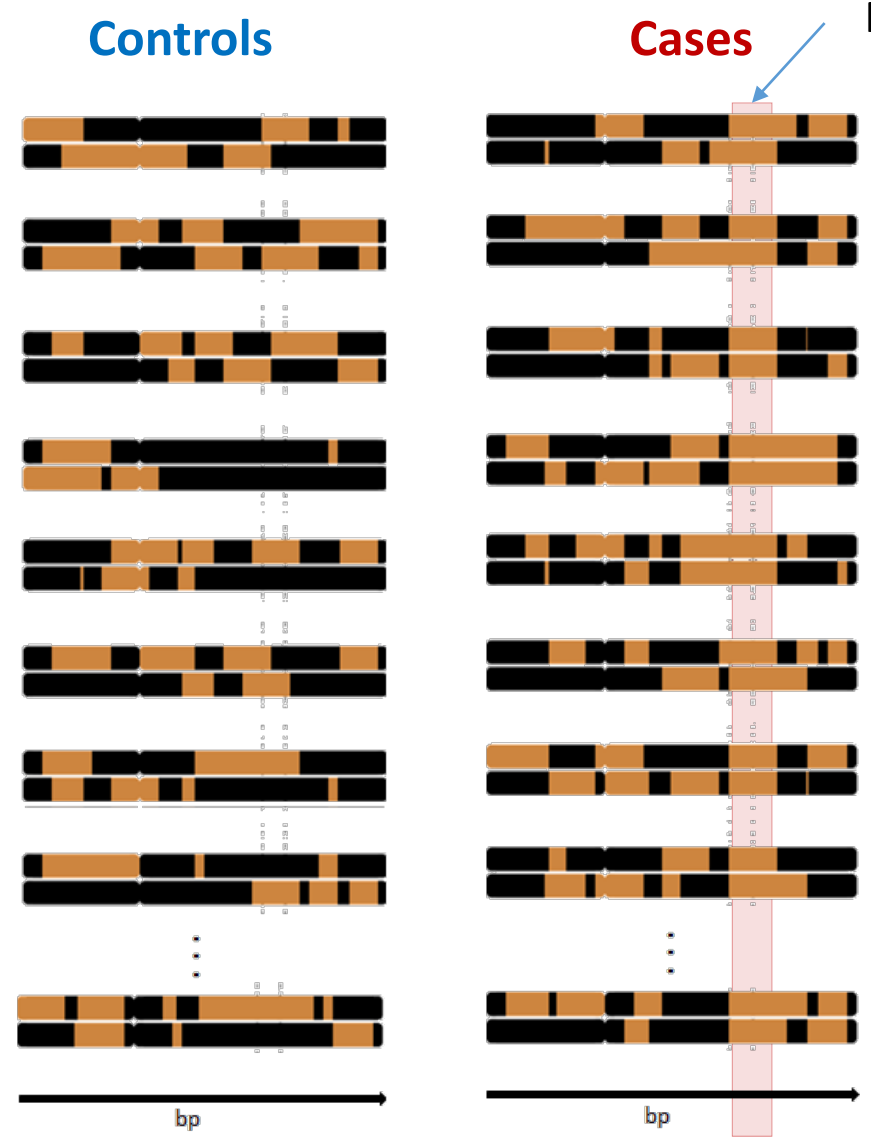
Admixture Mapping

Admixed Population X

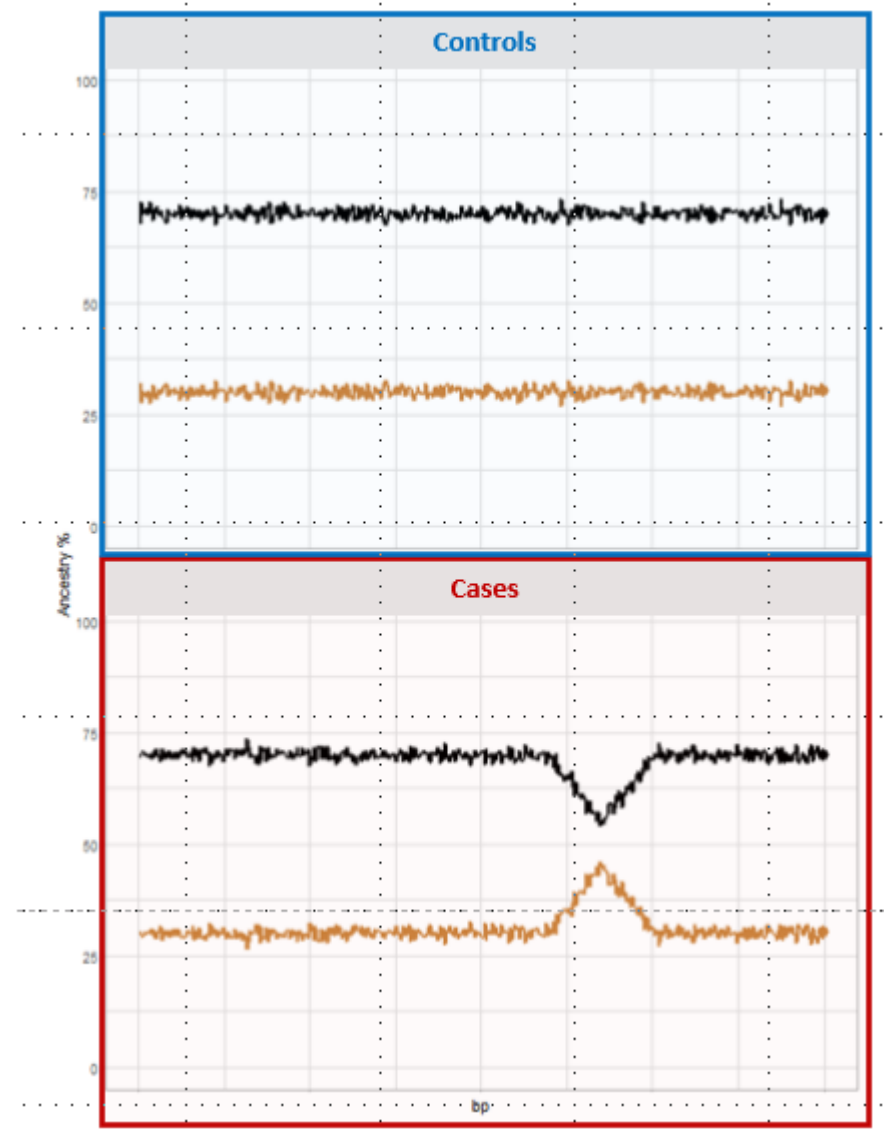


■ Ancestry A ■ Ancestry B

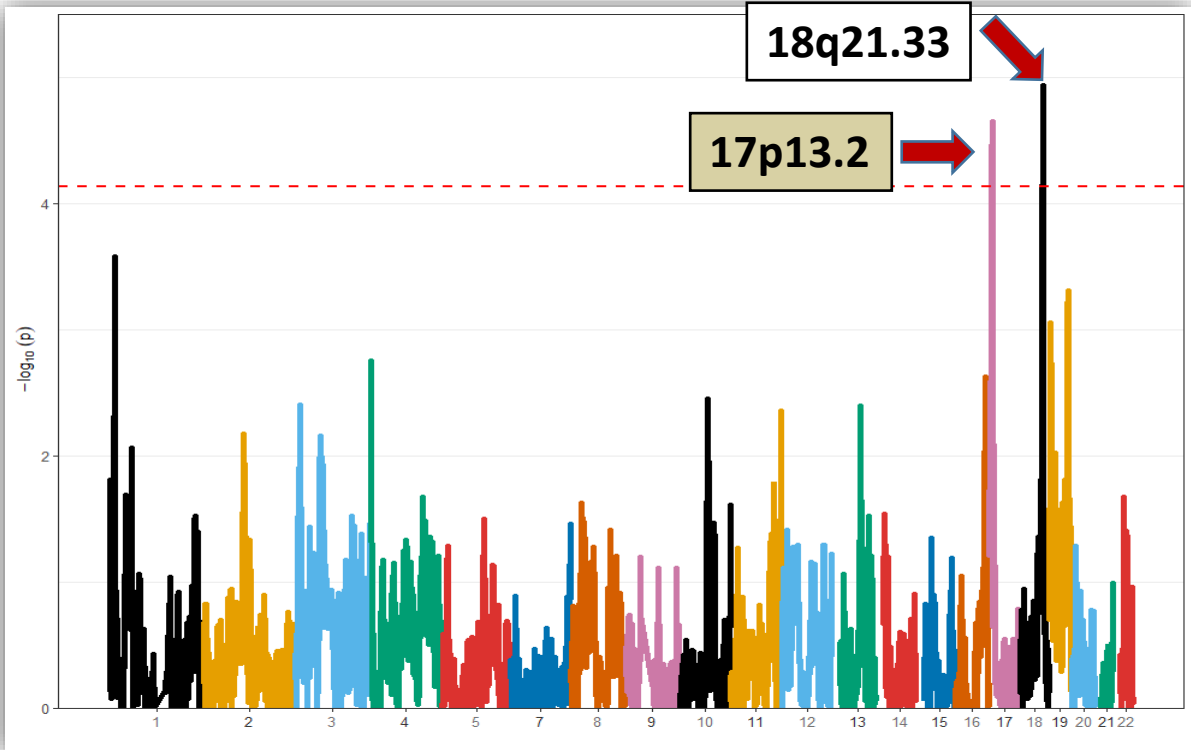
Chromosome



Risk locus; $MAF_B \gg MAF_A$



Admixture Mapping Results



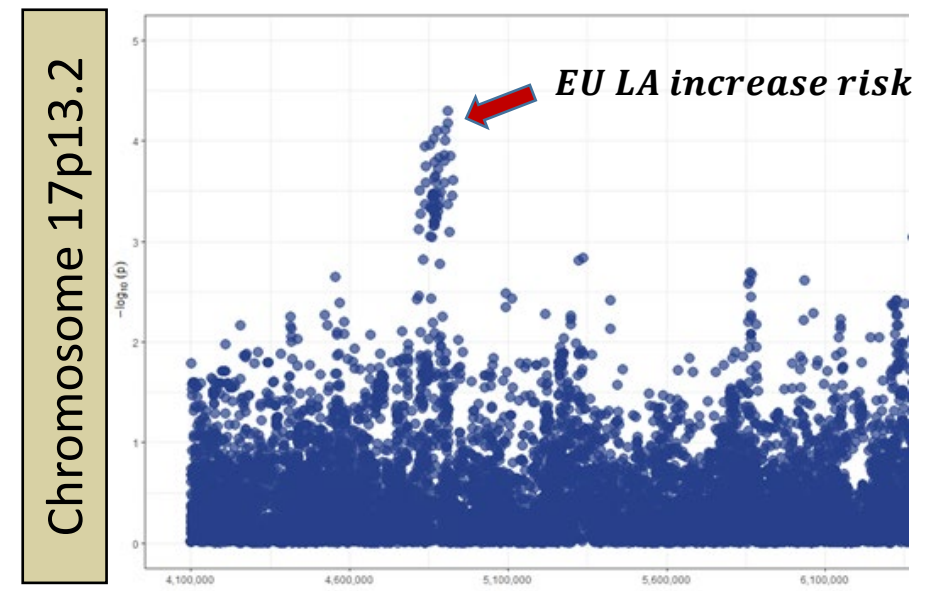
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Genome-wide meta-analysis and integrative priors for Alzheimer's disease risk
 Jeremy Schwartzentruber^{1,2,3}, Sarah Erica Bello^{2,3}, Natsuhiko Kumasaka⁴, Karol Estrada⁵, Daniel J. Gaffney^{2,3,6}

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Genome-wide meta-analysis and functional pathway analysis reveal disease risk
 Iris E. Jansen^{1,2,4*}, Jeanne E. Savage^{1,4*}, Kyoko Stacy Steinberg⁵, Julia Sealock⁶, Ida K. Karlsson⁷

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Genome-wide association analysis of dementia and its clinical endophenotypes reveal novel loci associated with Alzheimer's disease and three causality networks: The GR@ACE project
 Sonia Moreno-Grau^{1,2}, Itziar de Rojas¹, Isabel Hernández^{1,2}, Inés Quintela¹, Laura Monttreal¹, Montserrat Alegret^{1,2}, Begoña Hernández-Olasagarre¹, Laura Madrid¹, Antonio González-Pérez¹

Fine-Mapping

(i) Ancestry-aware regression analysis



(ii) Differential Gene-expression Analysis

Significant differential gene-expression results of peripheral blood and post-mortem brain tissues studies*

LOCUS	GENE NAME
Chr.17p13.2	GP1BA
	SLC25A11
	MINK1
Chr. 18q21.33	BCL2

(*) Griswold et al, 2019; ROSMAP, MSBB, Mayo

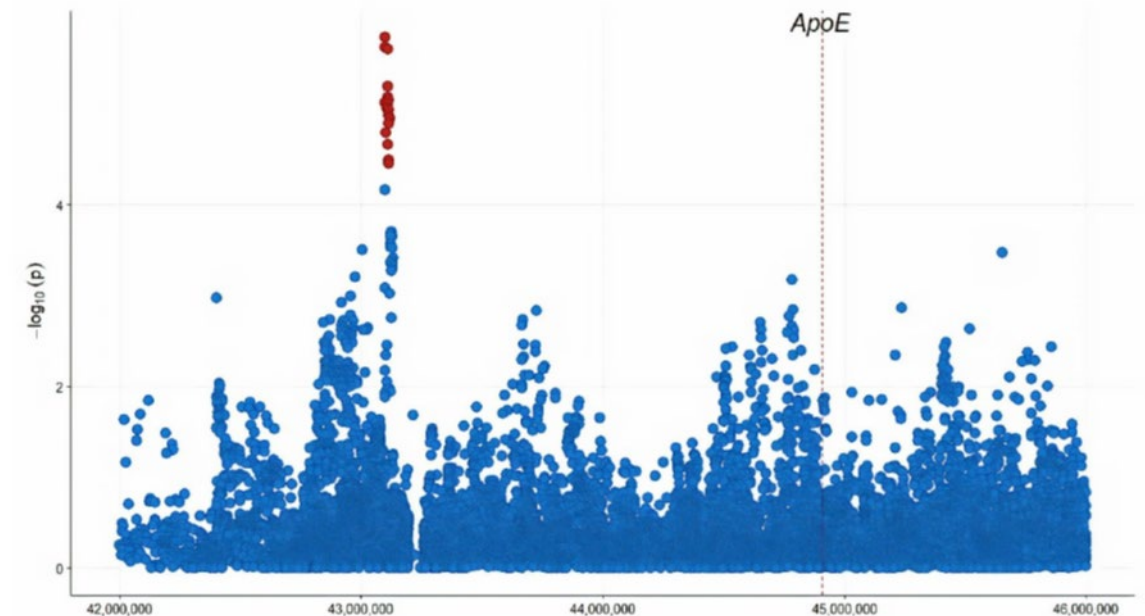
Summary

- We identified two novel genome-wide significant admixture mapping signals in AA population:
 - on chromosomes **17p13.2** and **18q21.33**
- Our study **generalized** the European genetic AD risk locus (17p13.2) to the AA population.
- Our ancestry-aware analysis showed that AA individuals **have a lower risk of AD** if they inherited African ancestry at the **17p13.2 locus**
- Our fine-mapping revealed several interesting candidate genes, some of which were implicated to contribute to AD risk such as ***SLC25A11***, ***MINK1*** and ***BCL2***.

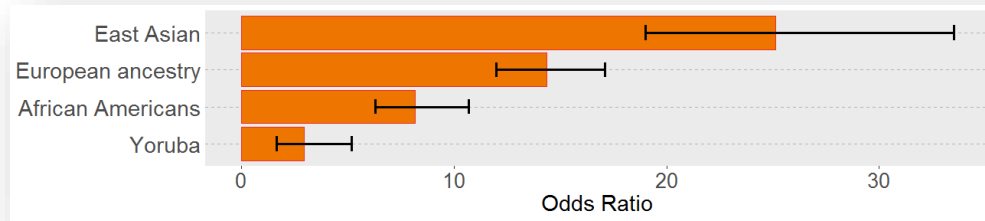
IDENTIFYING THE APOE PROTECTIVE EFFECT

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Identifying the Protective effect of the African genome for ApoE4



Risk for AD from ApoE4



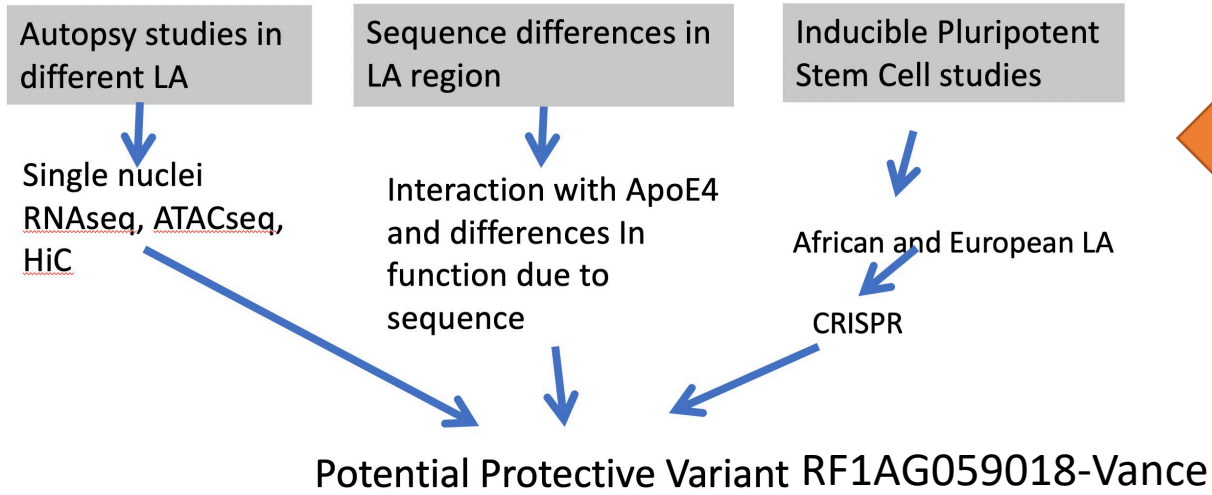
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Featured Article
Local ancestry at *APOE* modifies Alzheimer's disease risk in Caribbean Hispanics
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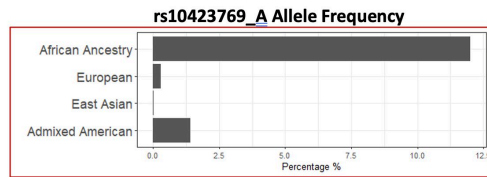
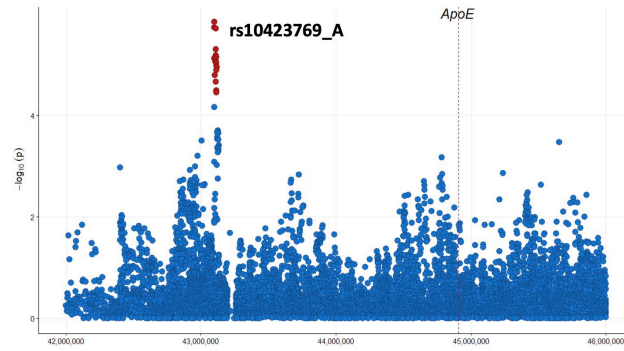
Global and local ancestry modulate *APOE* association with Alzheimer's neuropathology and cognitive outcomes in an admixed sample
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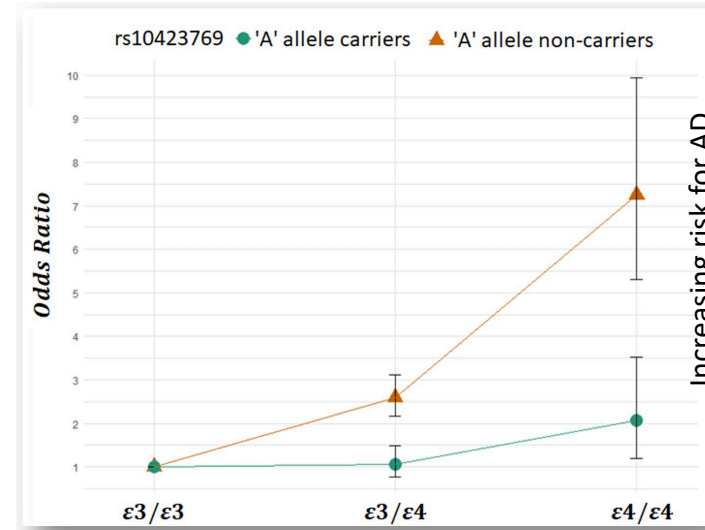
Due to local ancestry surrounding ApoE

New protective locus for ApoE4 (Rajabli et al 2022)

Interaction with ApoE4 in 6,500 African Americans

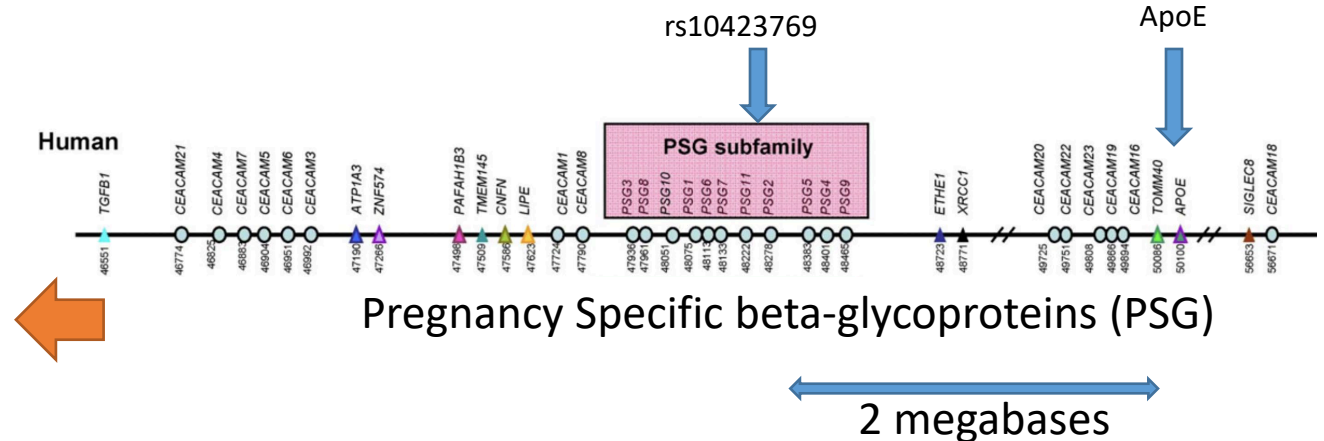


Replicated in
Ibadan/Nigeria N~ 700
Puerto Ricans N~ 550



ApoE genotypes

- This study identified a new African ancestry-specific haplotype that reduces the AD risk effect of *APOE* $\epsilon 4$ homozygotes in African ancestry by approximately 75%.
- 2 mB from ApoE and lack of known AD genes surrounding rs10423769 suggests novel mechanism of protection
- Located in area of high segmental DNA duplications
- Rs10423769 is a splicing qTL for TMEM145, expressed in brain, highest in cerebellum





Welcome to the **Alzheimer's Disease Sequencing Project**

The overarching goals of the ADSP are to:

1. Identify new genomic variants contributing to increased risk of developing Late-Onset Alzheimer's Disease (LOAD)
2. Identify new genomic variants contributing to protection against developing Alzheimer's Disease (AD)
3. Provide insight as to why individuals with known risk factor variants escape from developing AD
4. Examine these factors in multi-ethnic populations as applicable in order to identify new pathways for disease prevention

Study Design

Learn about study design, sample selection, and data generation procedures

Apply for Data

Instructions on how to apply for ADSP data

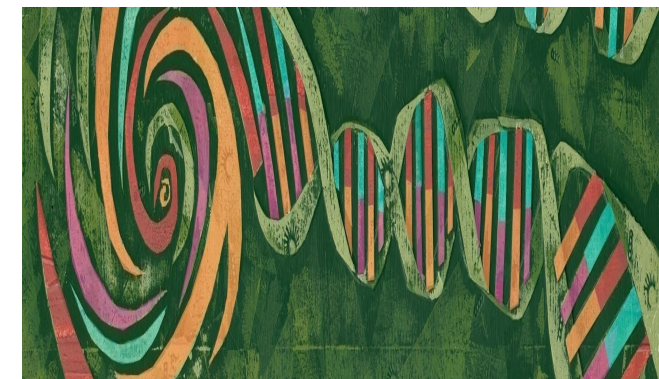
Access Data

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[Additional ADSP Data Released on NIAGADS DSS](#)
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[Genetic variation paper published in Dementia and Geriatric Cognitive Disorders](#)

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Alzheimer's Disease

Sequencing Project Follow-up Study (ADSP-FUS)*

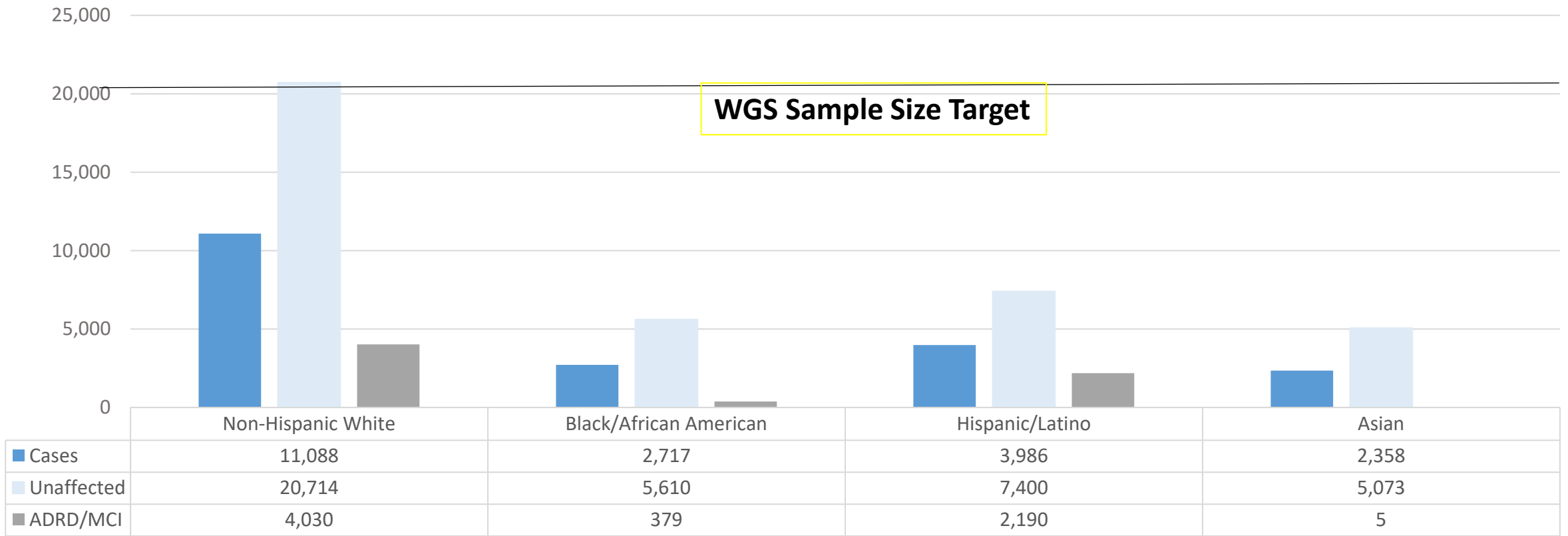
Global Effort to Generate Whole Genome Sequencing in Alzheimer's Disease

Identify new genomic variants contributing to increased risk of developing and protection against Alzheimer's Disease (AD)

Examine these factors in multi-ethnic populations as applicable in order to identify new pathways for disease prevention

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WGS Sample Size Target



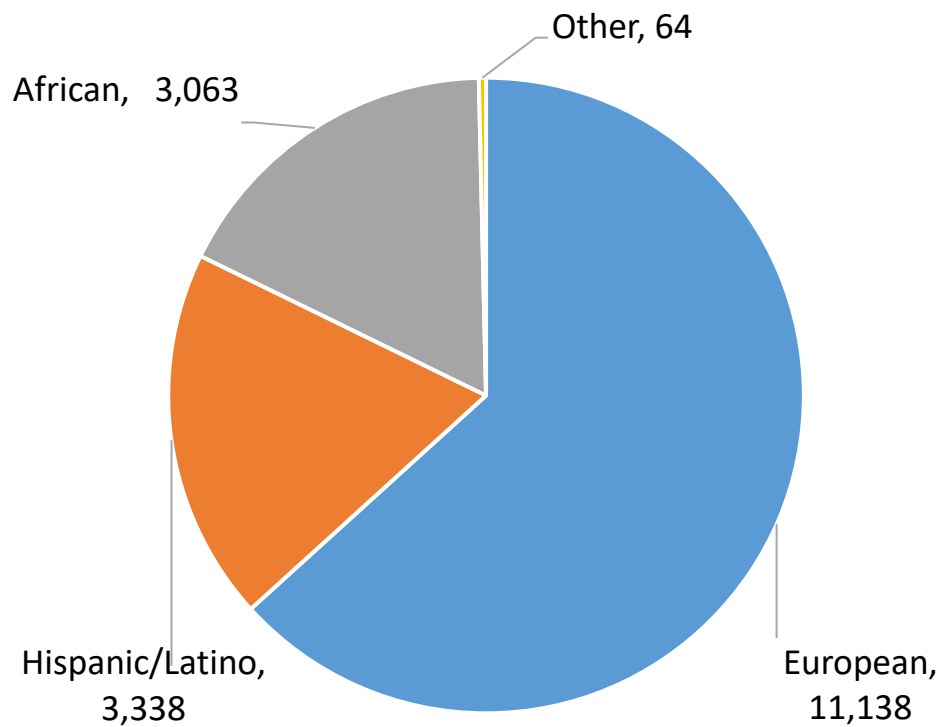
Cases

Unaffected

ADRD/
Mild Cognitive Impairment (MCI)/
PSP

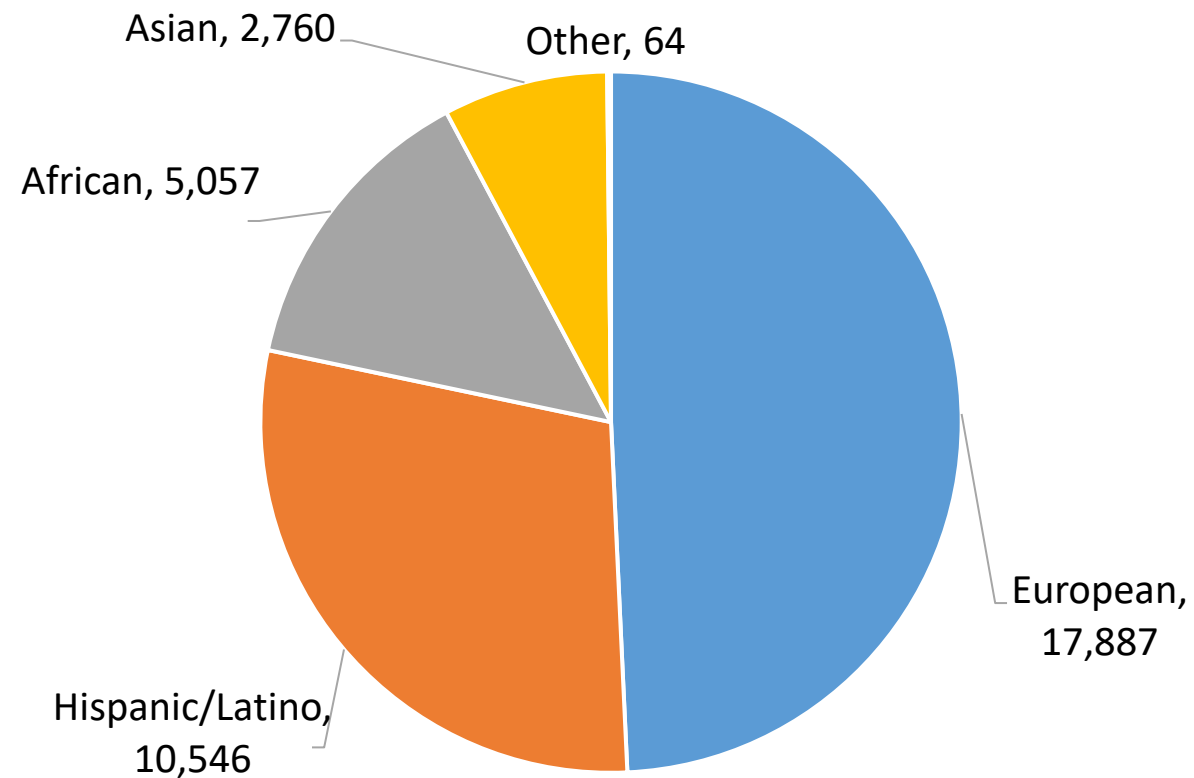
r3 (17k) release 2021

WGS by Ancestry/Ethnicity



r4 (36k) initial release Fall 2022

WGS by Ancestry/Ethnicity



Recruitment and Retention for AD Diversity Genetic Cohorts in the ADSP (REAAD-ADSP)

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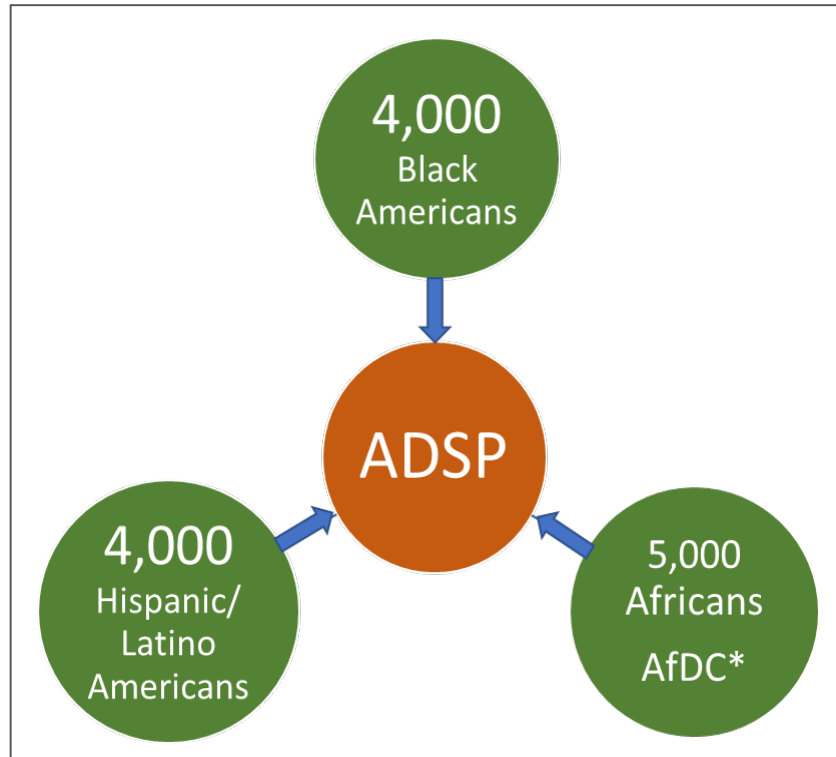
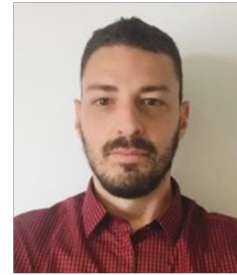
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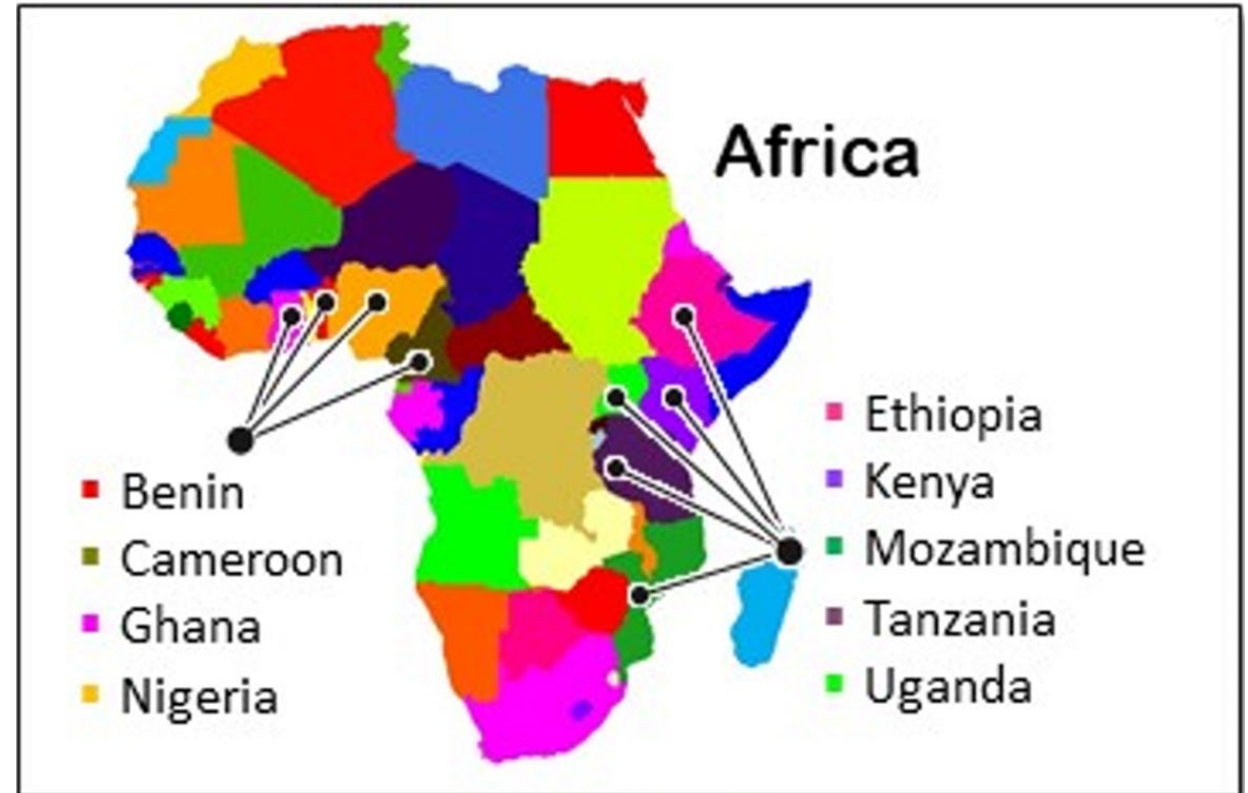
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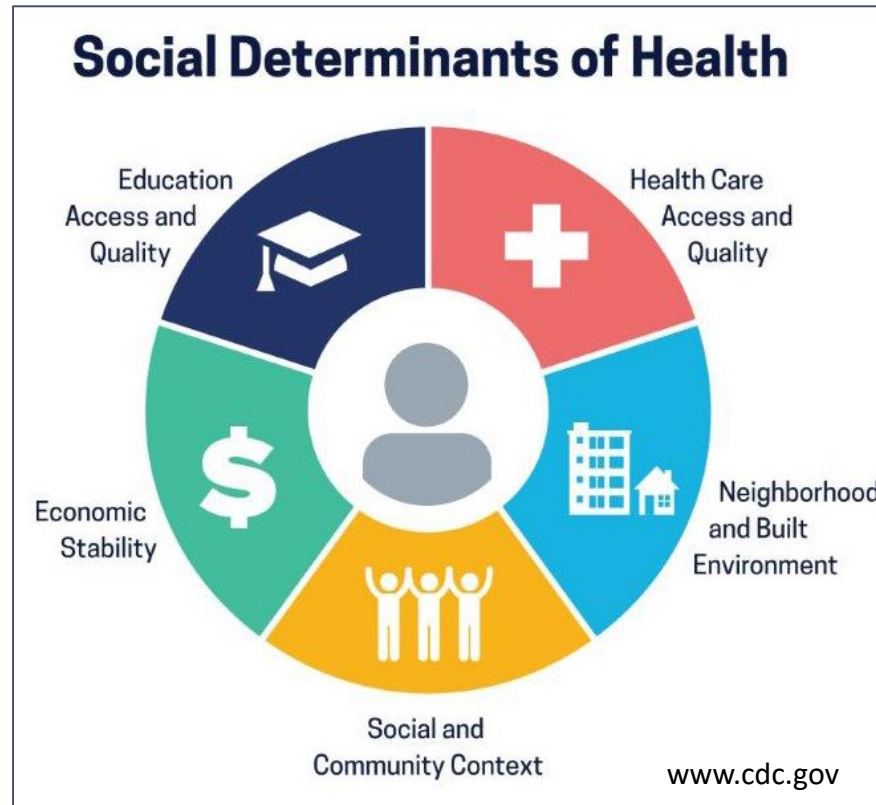


REAAD-ADSP GOALS

- DNA, RNA, Plasma Biomarkers and CVD markers and extensive phenotyping
- Whole Genome Sequencing
- Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) also influence AD risk, but studies collecting both biological and SDOH data are rare. *Collecting SDOH data provides a basis for the integrative studies of biological and social risks of AD.*



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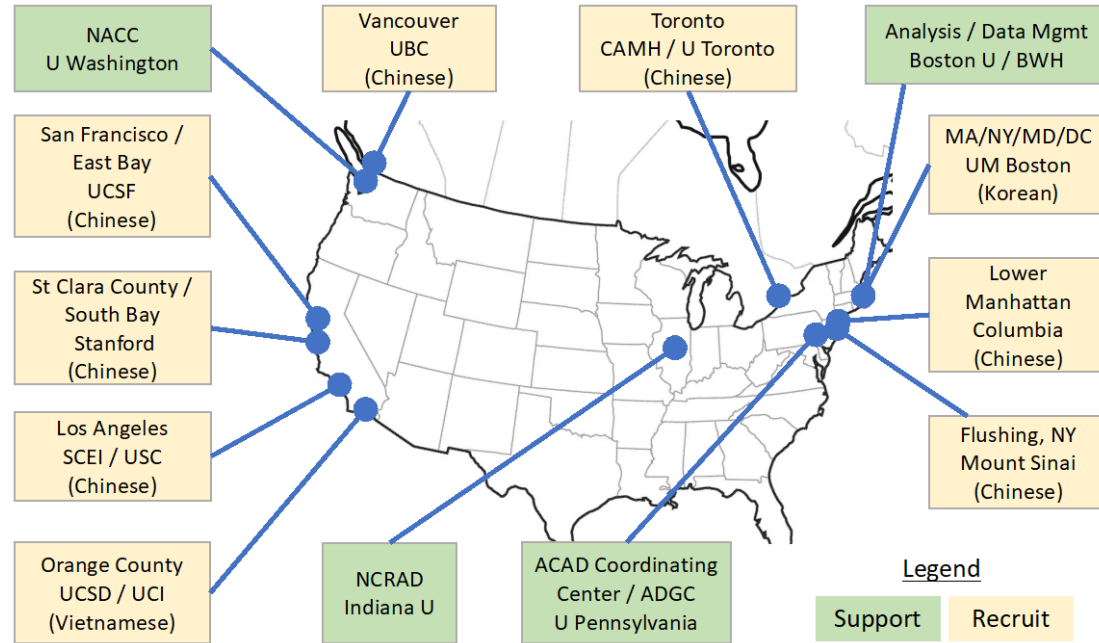
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- **Gwangju Alzheimer's & Related Dementias (GARD) Study – Korea**
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- **Aspirin in Reducing Events in the Elderly (ASPREE) Trial cohort – Australia**
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- **Interaction between SARS-CoV-2 Infection and Ancestral genomic Variations in the Risk of Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders (ISAVRAD) - Argentina**
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- **Longitudinal Aging Study in India – Diagnostic Assessment of Dementia (LASI-DAD) – India**
 - PI: Jincook Li (University of Southern California)



Asian Cohort for Alzheimer's Disease



- **R56 phase: 1,000 Chinese in US and Canada**, additional pilots for Vietnamese and Korean Americans at two sites
- Eventually 5,000 participants in 5 years: Chinese / Korean / Vietnamese Ancestry in US and Canada
- Culturally appropriate recruitment and assessment
- DNA for genetics and plasma for blood-based biomarkers



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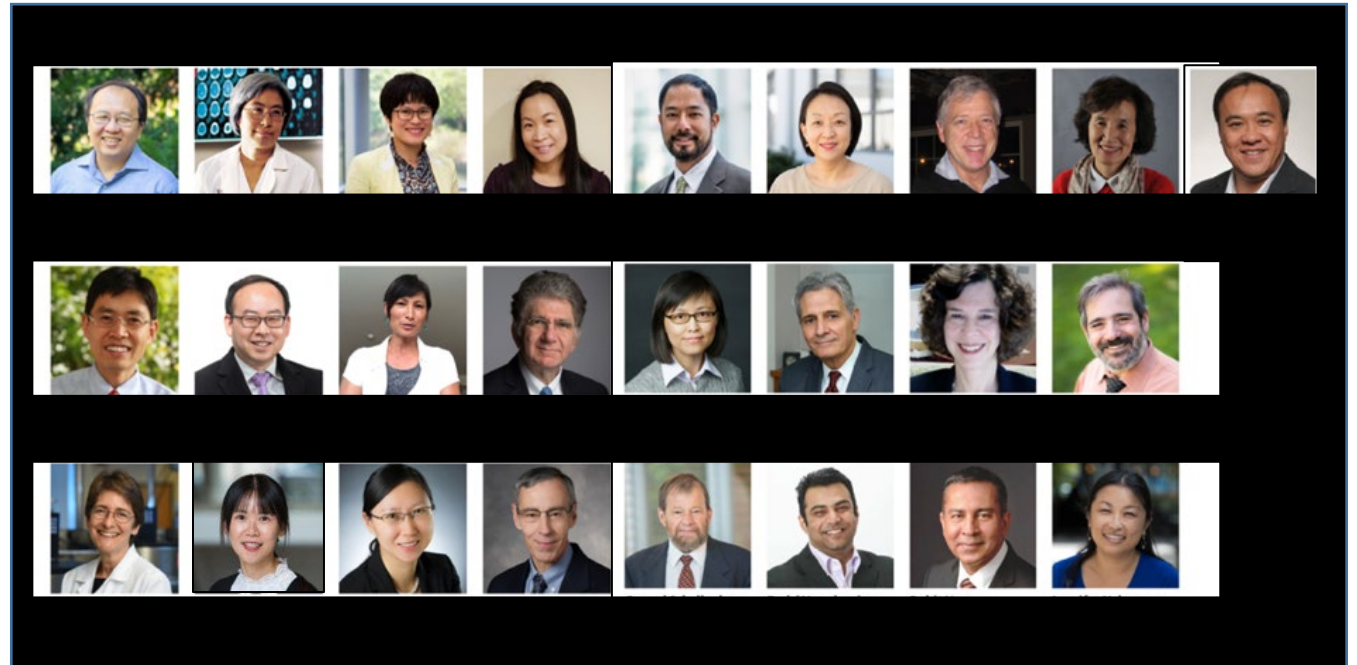
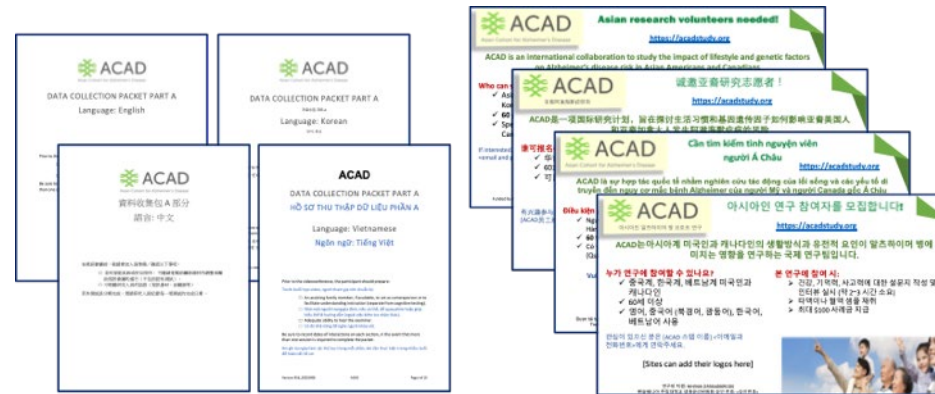
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ACAD Strategy

- 3-Part Data Collection Packet based on NACC UDS; translated into Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean
- Translated validated cognitive test instruments
- Training/outreach material and REDCap data capture
- Recruitment started in September 2021; >1000 signed up, ~500 completed assessment
- Community-Based Participatory Research (CBPR)
- Interdisciplinary team/international collaboration



Studies in Amerindian populations in South America

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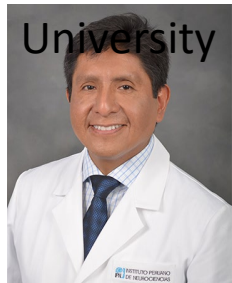
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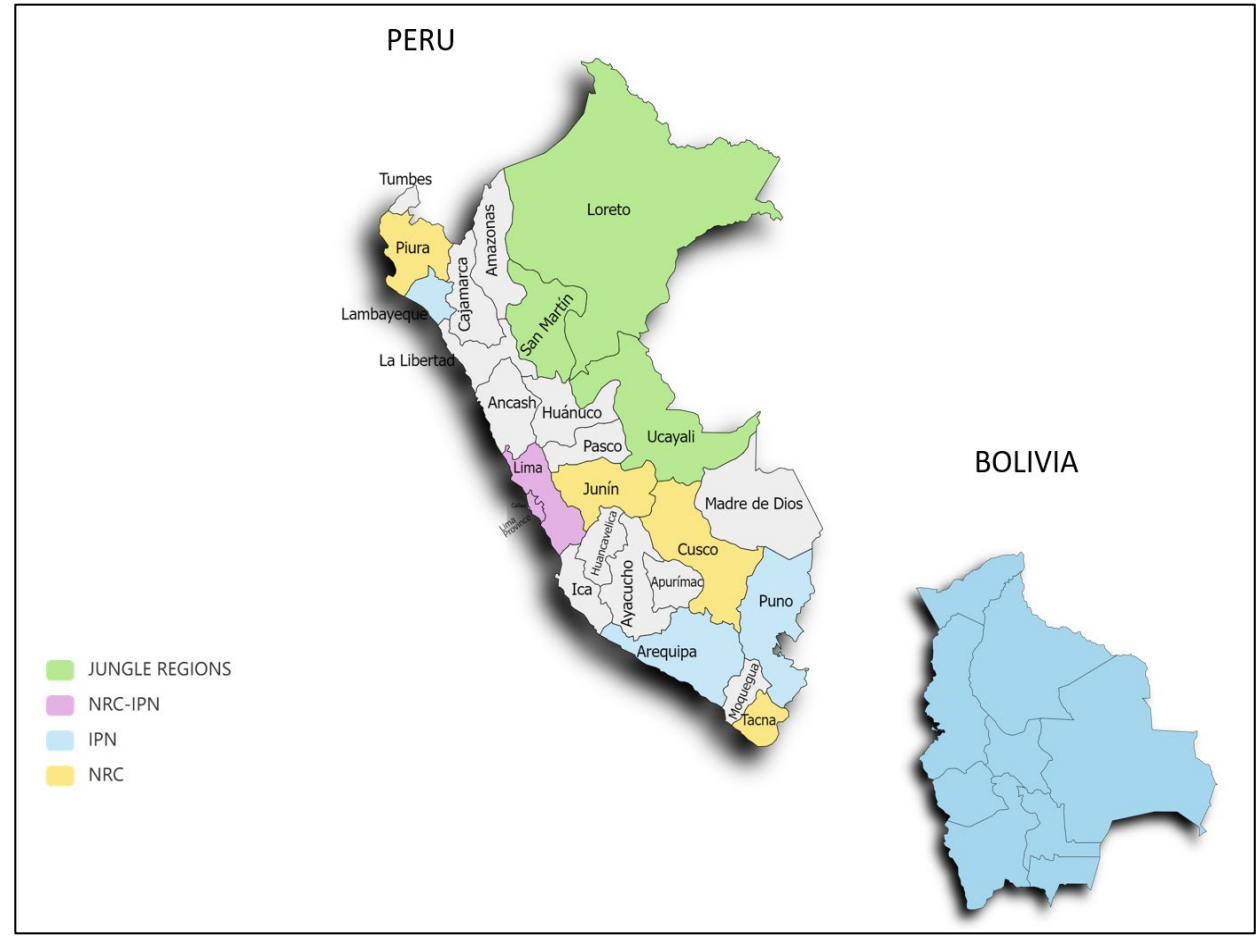
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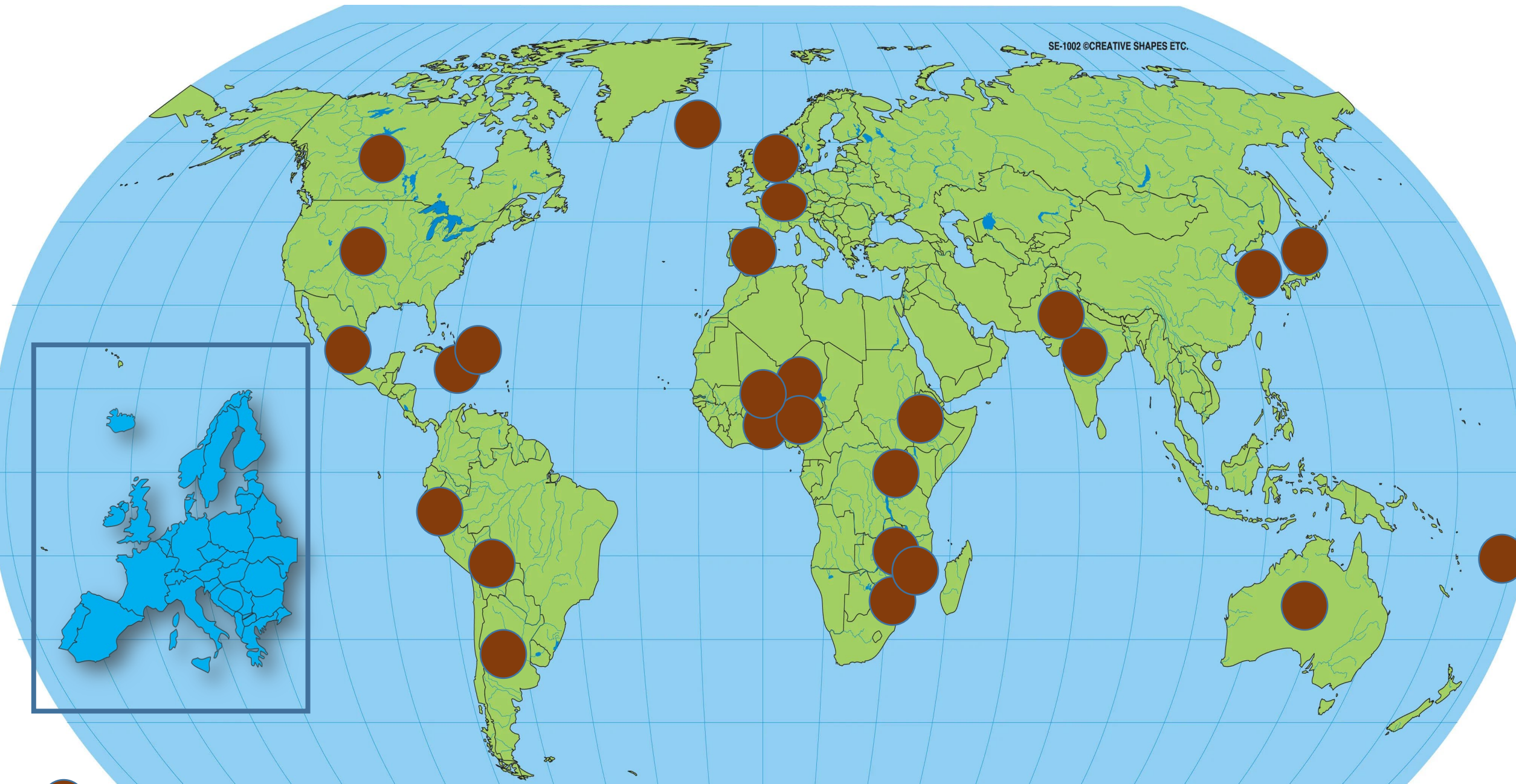
Enrollment

- 1,700 dementia cases and 1,850 healthy controls
- 7 sites in Peru
- 1 site in Bolivia





International Expansion: ADSP and Collaborators



- Genetic risk factors for AD can be different depending on your ancestral background
- The mechanisms (pathways) between ancestries appear to be similar, but some genes/pathways may be more important in some ancestries than others
- Investigating the relationship between genetic ancestry, SDOH and disease may inform precision medicine initiatives, risk assessment, and development of ancestry-specific therapeutics and prevention strategies
- ADSP FUS focused on increasing Asian, African and Hispanic/Latino Ancestry Participants

Critical need to significantly increase diversity in genomic analyses to truly achieve the ability to conduct cross-ancestry comparisons and clarify differences in genetic etiology and potential molecular therapeutic targets

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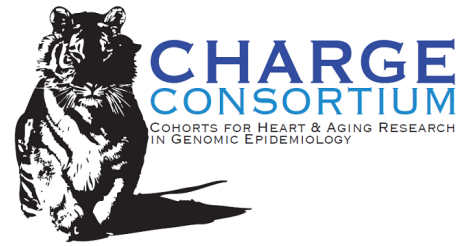
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