

# NIAGADS Update

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# NIAGADS at a Glance



## Data Sharing

**127** datasets  
**>209,000** samples  
**497** unique requests  
**238** institutional certifications

## Userbase

 **>330** articles cite U24  
 **>4,900** verified users

## ADSP

**73** cohorts  
**23** current grant subawards

### R4 Release

**20,503** exomes  
**36,361** genomes

### R5 Release

Increasing to  
**>60,000** genomes

## ADSP Support



**14** workgroups /

**5** consortia



**>500** members



**52** institutions

# ADSP 2024 Releases



## Released in 2024

### October

Additional files added for R2, R3, and R4 releases

Structural Variant joint genotype calls, multi-allelic / chrX quality control results

## Coming Soon in 2024

### November

**R5 Whole Genome Sequencing** for ~24K new samples

Individual sample raw data (CRAMs)

Joint genotype calls preview pVCF across all ~60k genomes released by ADSP

### December

Additional cohorts from the **Phenotype Harmonization Consortium** (PHC)  
released

# ADSP Data Released in Oct 2024

NG00067v13; New files for R2, R3, and R4

Release	<b>R2:</b> 20K Whole Exomes (cumulative)	<b>R3:</b> 17K Whole Genomes (cumulative)	<b>R4:</b> 36K Whole Genomes (cumulative; including 17K from R3)
Files	20k WES <b>chrY and M joint genotype calls</b> (preview)	Population Structure Estimate: Principal Component Analysis ( <b>PCA</b> ) results from the 17k analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>GDS format:</b> fully QC'd bi-allelic joint call pVCFs</li> <li>• <b>Bi-allelic chr X</b> QC'd pVCF (full &amp; compact-filtered)</li> <li>• <b>Multi-allelic autosomal and chr X</b> QC'd pVCF (full &amp; compact-filtered)</li> <li>• <b>GraphTyper joint-called SV</b> pVCF (manta + Smoove)</li> <li>• <b>FAVOR annotations</b> in GDS format (Open Access)</li> </ul>

# Next ADSP Data Release (Pending Nov 2024)

## ADSP R5 – Up to 60K Whole Genomes

ADSP Release	Primary Ancestry/Ethnicity	Cases	Controls	Other	Totals
<b>GCAD Release 5</b>	Black/African American	2,646	5,608	777	9,031
	Asian	1,273	4,083	5	5,361
	Latino/Hispanic	4,488	10,248	2,777	17,513
	Non-Hispanic White	9,124	14,459	6,067	29,650
	<b>Total</b>	<b>17,531</b>	<b>34,398</b>	<b>9,626</b>	<b>61,555</b>

### ADRC samples in R5

**12,629**

genomes

*20% of total ADSP WGS*

**4,590**

Exomes (previously released)

*22% of total ADSP WES*

#### Files in the Preview Release

- Sequence read mappings (CRAMs) for individual genomes
- Individual structural variant calls using GCAD pipeline
- Joint variant calls over all ADSP genomes (project level VCF)
- Data quality information / Documentation

**ADRCs can get WGS/WES data from their own samples from us!**

Send an email to

[niagads@pennmedicine.upenn.edu](mailto:niagads@pennmedicine.upenn.edu) to initiate.

# Next ADSP Data Release (Pending Dec 2024)

Additional Clinical Data from the  
Phenotype Harmonization Consortium (PHC)



Cohorts	Cognition	Fluid Biomarkers	Neuro-pathology	Vascular Risk Factors	Imaging - DTI	Imaging - FLAIR	Imaging - T1	Imaging - PET
ADNI			N/A					
WHICAP		N/A						N/A
EFIGA		N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
NIA-AD FBS		N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
WRAP			N/A			N/A		
ROS/MAP/MARS		N/A						N/A
ACT		N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
NACC								
WashU (Knight ADRC)								
A4		N/A	N/A					
KBASE								
TARCC		N/A	N/A					
HABS-HD		N/A	N/A					
Miami Brain Bank	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
HIHG Brain Bank	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Case Western	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Coming in December 2024

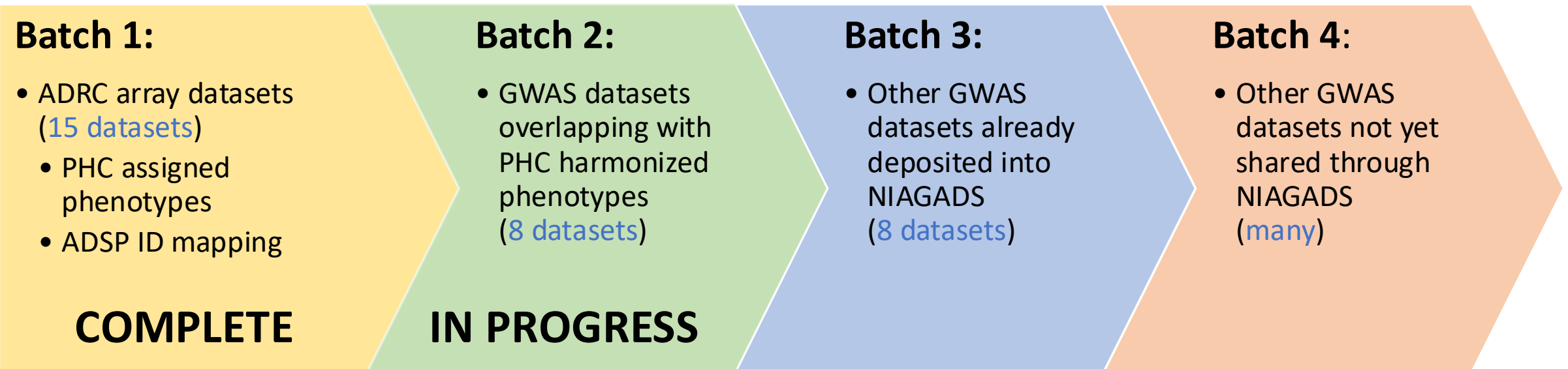
Harmonization in Progress; to be included in future release

N/A Domain data not available for harmonization

# ADGC GWAS Data Release



*Leads: Adam Naj & Amanda Kuzma*

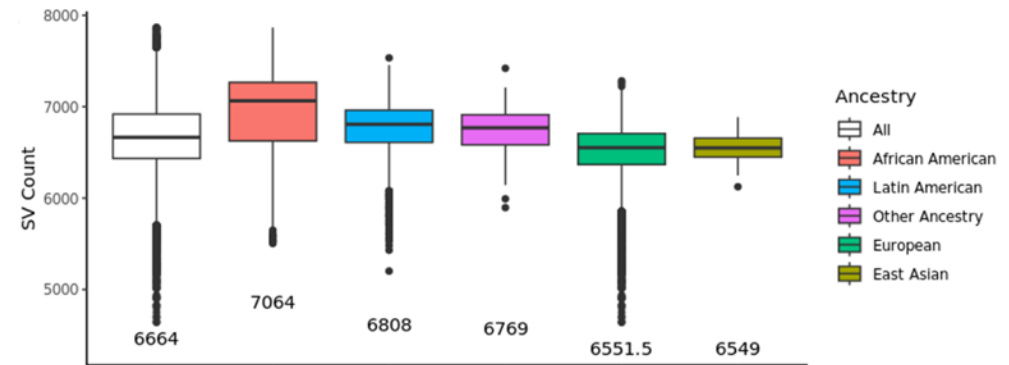
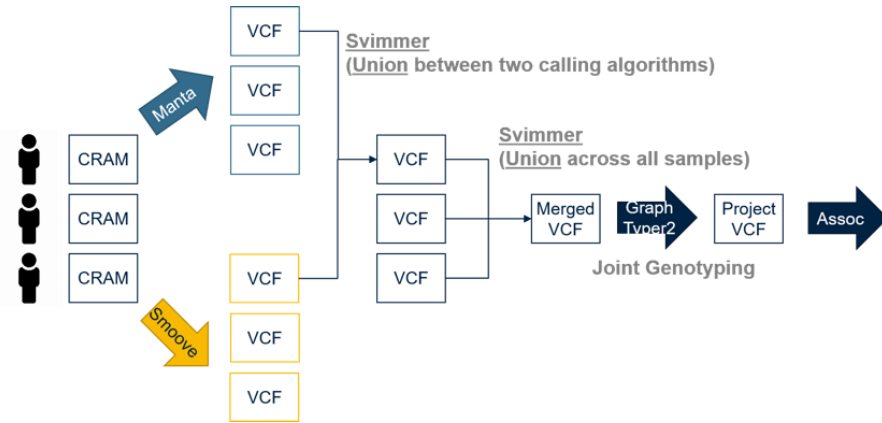


## Release Features

- All subject IDs standardized using updated schema
- PLINK files converted to forward strand and lifted to GRCh38
- Covariate files updated with consistent variables/formatting
- Standardized file naming schema

# Structural Variant Analysis of ADSP Data

## ADSP Structural Variant Workgroup



- Ultra-rare protein-altering SVs within ABCA7, APP, PLCG2, SORL1
- APP duplications in three early-onset AD cases
- Linkage disequilibrium between SVs and known AD risk-associated SNPs -> possible causal SV
- 16 SVs linked to AD and 13 SVs associated with AD-related pathological endophenotypes
- Enrichment of SVs in neuronal genes

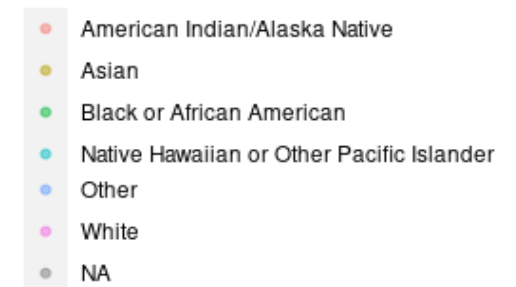
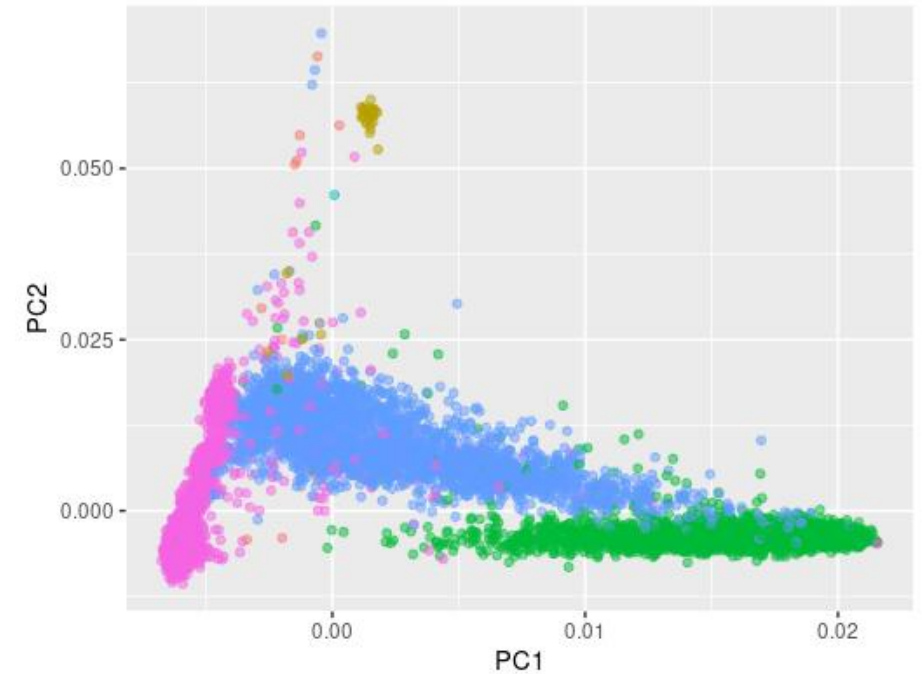
*H Wang et al., Structural Variation Detection and Association Analysis of Whole-Genome-Sequence Data from 16,905 Alzheimer's Diseases Sequencing Project Subjects. Under review. DOI: [10.1101/2023.09.13.23295505](https://doi.org/10.1101/2023.09.13.23295505)*



# SNV and INDEL Analysis of ADSP Data



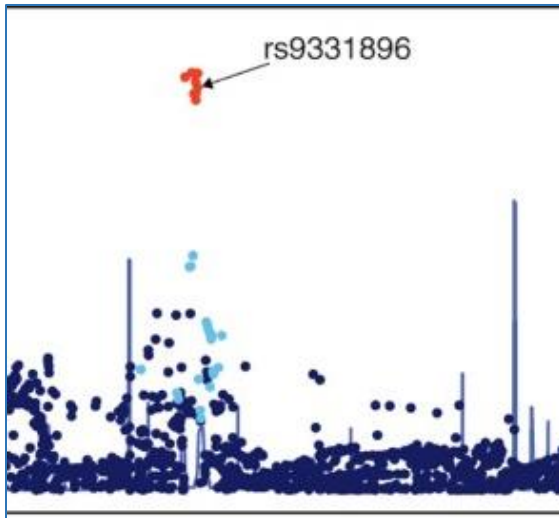
- Common variants and aggregates of rare coding/noncoding variants in 13,371 genomes
  - AD cases: 64.9% NHW, 15.7% Hispanics, and 17.4% AA
  - Controls: 45.4% NHW, 29.0% Hispanics, and 24.9% AA
- Significant findings
  - Common variants (MAF>0.5%) in or near *APOE*, *BIN1*, *LINC00320* and *14q24* ( $p < 5 \times 10^{-8}$ )
  - Suggestive associations ( $p < 5 \times 10^{-5}$ ) of rare coding variants in *ABCA7* and rare noncoding variants in the promoter of *TOMM40* distinct of *APOE*



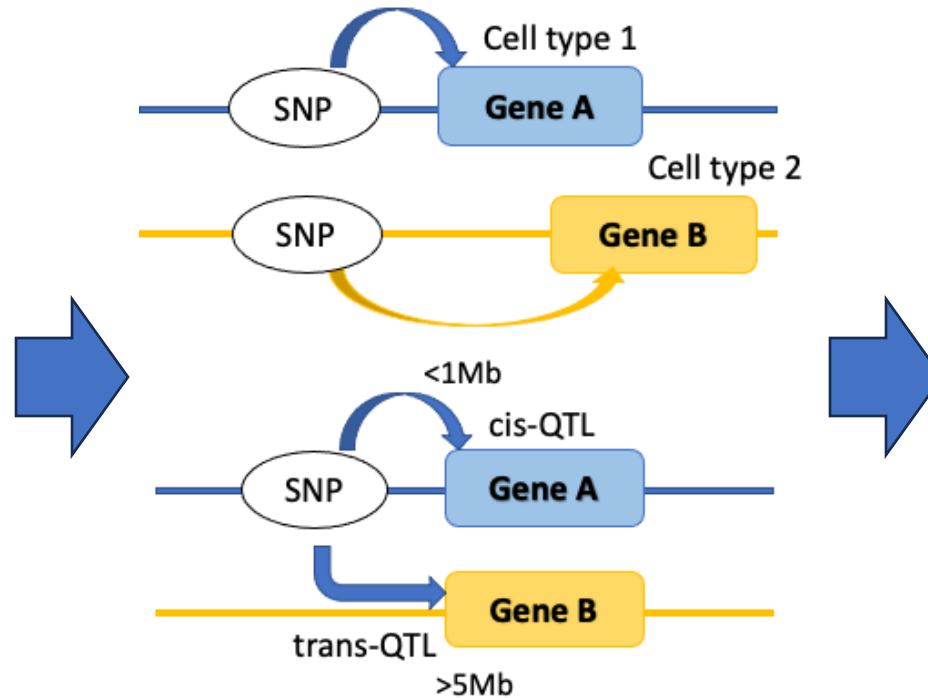
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# ADSP Quantitative Trait Locus (QTL) Analysis

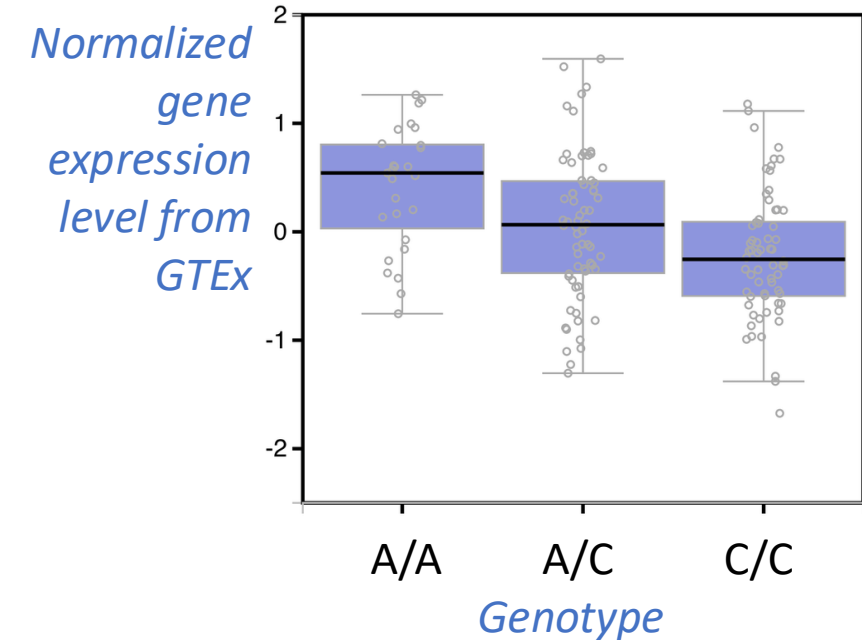
Find regulatory non-coding variants in AD susceptibility loci



Genetic Association Signal



**Hypothesis: risk of AD due to gene expression regulation in relevant cell type**



**Evidence: linkage with regulatory SNP using QTL datasets**

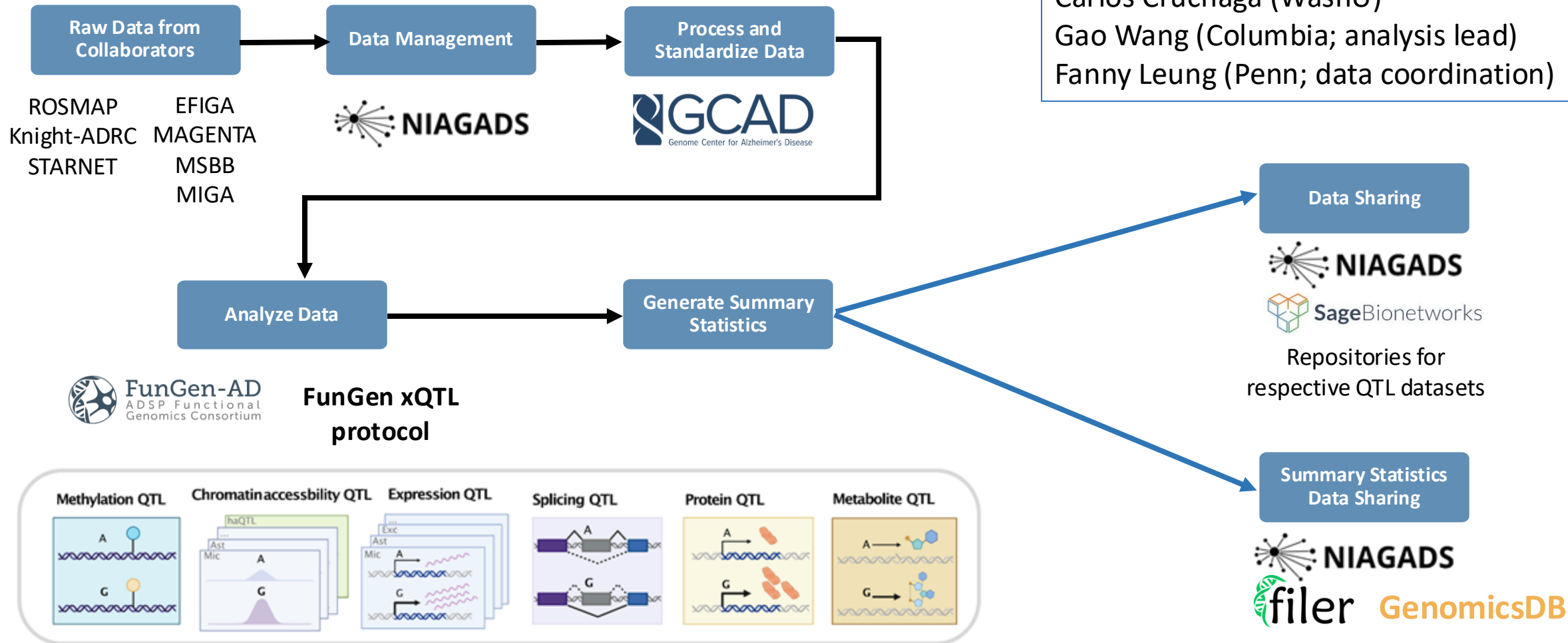
*Provided by Fanny Leung*

# QTL Analysis by the XQTL Workgroup

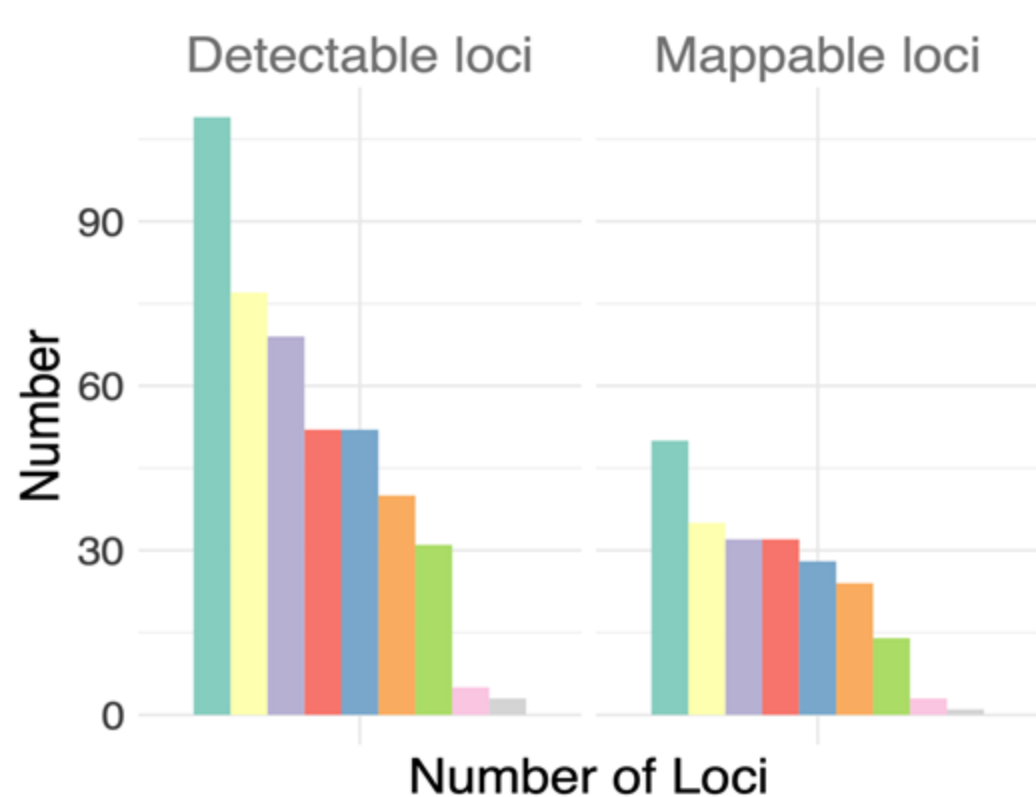
## ADSP FunGen Consortium

### Project Leads

Phil De Jager (Columbia)  
 Carlos Cruchaga (WashU)  
 Gao Wang (Columbia; analysis lead)  
 Fanny Leung (Penn; data coordination)



# Analyzing Quantitative Trait Locus (QTL)



**Detectable loci:**

CS 95%

**Mappable loci:**

CS 95% with  $\leq 3$  variants

As of v0.3.0,

**>90**

AD GWAS loci are fine-mapped genome-wide at 95% credible level

*Provided by Gao Wang*

# NIAGADS Open Access

## Data and Annotation Resources



Unrestricted data and annotations (variant, gene, sequence) available for immediate access



Open Access Portal

direct data downloads for  
GWAS summary statistics  
(p-values) and  
**ADSP Variant Annotations**

<https://dss.niagads.org>



**75,207**  
standardized, searchable  
functional genomics tracks

<https://tf.lisanwanglab.org/FILER/>



curated AD-GWAS catalog,  
documenting  
**>18k**  
published associations

<https://advp.niagads.org>



AD-genetics knowledgebase  
and **Genome Browser**,  
containing  
**>260M**  
annotated variants

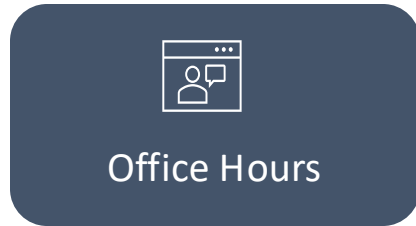
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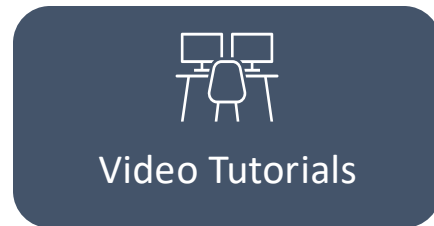


## User Support

NIAGADS offers several support resources launched over the last year:



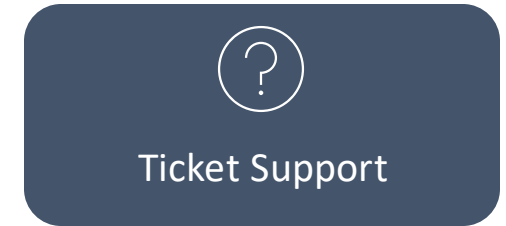
*Held at least once a quarter*



<https://www.youtube.com/@niagads>  
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*All NIAGADS documentation in one place, new informational pages to address user questions, dedicated FAQ page*



*Users can now submit a ticket to work on resolving technical issues with the NIAGADS team.*

## Awareness

Expanding NIAGADS reach through increased investigator awareness was accomplished through informational outreach sessions at AAIC and will continue at ASHG in 2024



Exhibit Hall Booth

*Visit us at booth 1023 at ASHG!*



Poster Presentations



ADRC workshop at AAIC in partnership with NACC, Sage, and NCRAD

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## NIAGADS: A Comprehensive National Data Repository for Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Genetics and Genomics Research

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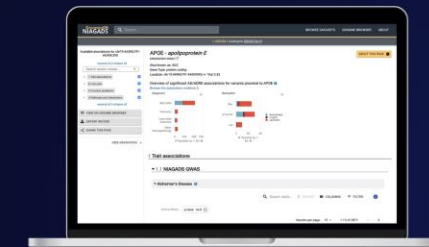
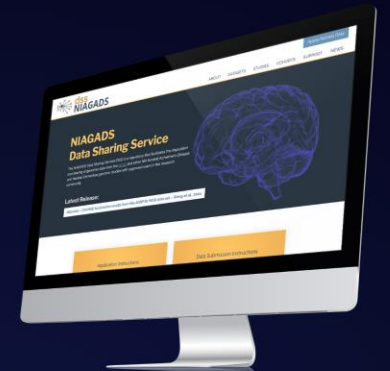
# The National Institute on Aging Genetics of Alzheimer's Disease Data Storage Site

The NIAGADS is a collaborative agreement between the National Institute on Aging and the University of Pennsylvania that stores and distributes genetics and genomics data from studies on Alzheimer's disease, related dementias, and aging to qualified researchers globally.

## Qualified Access

The NIAGADS Data Sharing Service (DSS) is home to genetics and genomics data from the Alzheimer's Disease Sequencing project and many other datasets that require qualified access for distribution.

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**Open Access**  
In addition to qualified access data housed in the DSS, NIAGADS freely offers any ADRD data we can through our publicly available files portal and annotation resources.

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## ASHG Exhibit Hall Booth

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