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# Comparative Multi-omics for Generating New Disease Insights and Novel Target Discovery

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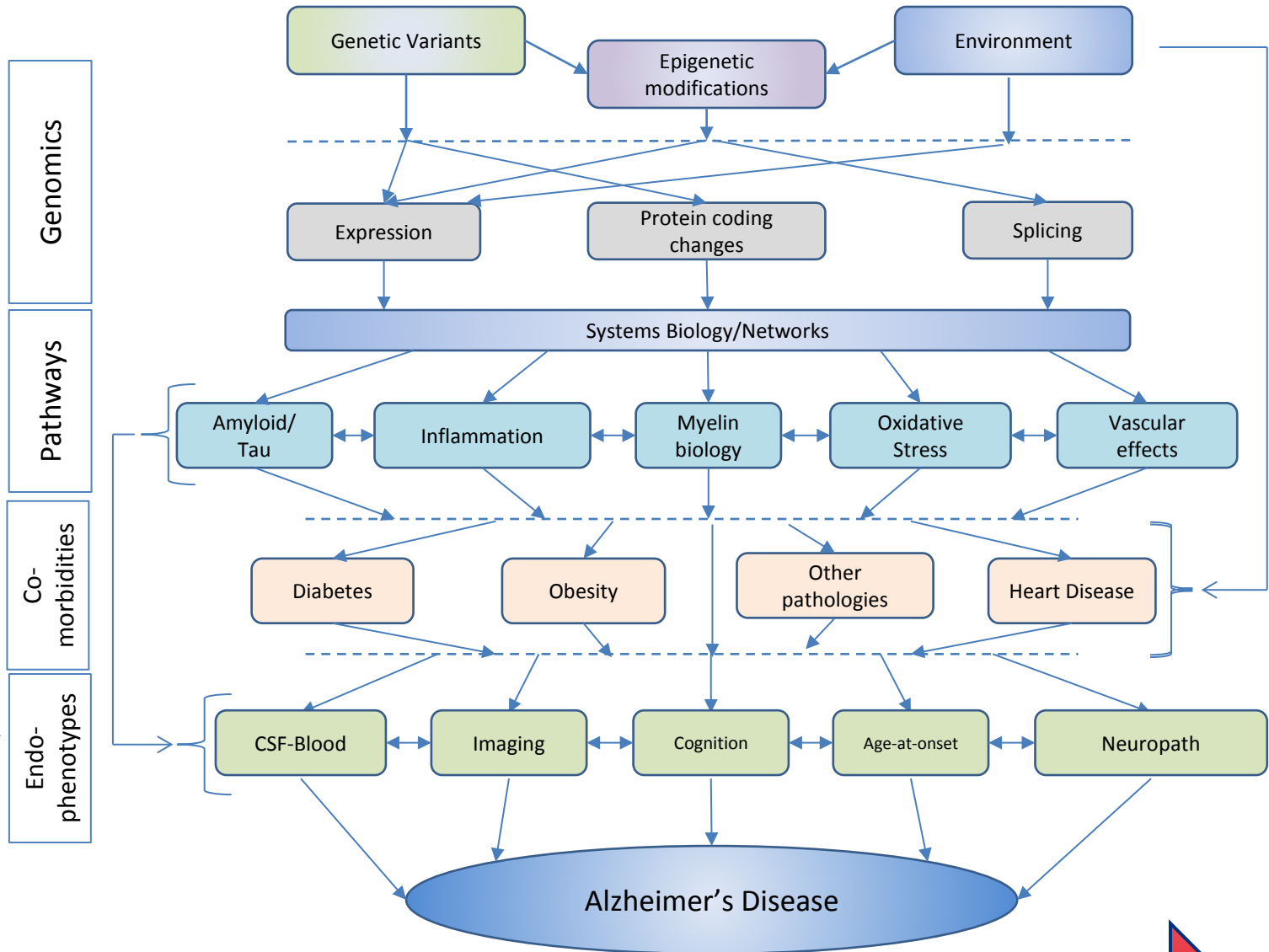
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# Model: From Genomics to Molecular Mechanisms

**Causality-Influence**



Normal

Pre-clinical decline

Early-stage

Late-stage

**Clinical Continuum**

# Aims: AMP-AD U01 AG046193

**Original Aim 1:** To detect transcript alterations in innate immunity genes in mice and humans.

- RNAseq human and mice brains.
- Differential expression.
- Protein/Nanostring validation
- Expression quantitative trait loci (eQTL).

**Original Aim 2:** To assess AD risk conferred by variants in innate immunity genes from Aim 1.

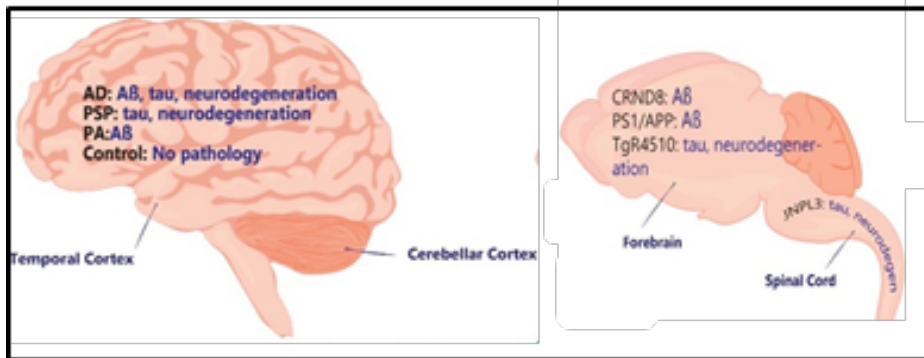
- Test eQTL for effects on AD risk
- Functionally annotate AD risk variants for effects on gene expression.
- Transcription factor networks.

**Original Aim 3:** To manipulate innate immune states in vivo.

- rAAV based genetic manipulation in mice and cells.
- Evaluate A $\beta$ , tau, neurodegeneration outcomes in model systems.

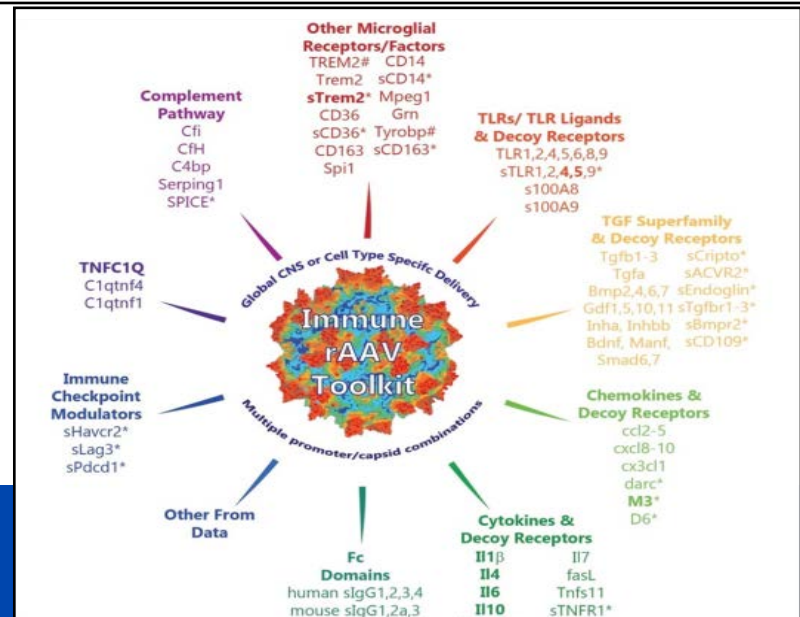
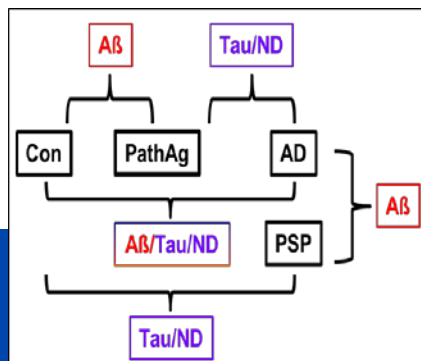
**Original Aim 4:** To determine outcome of gene manipulation in wild type mice.

Behavioral studies in nontransgenic mice.

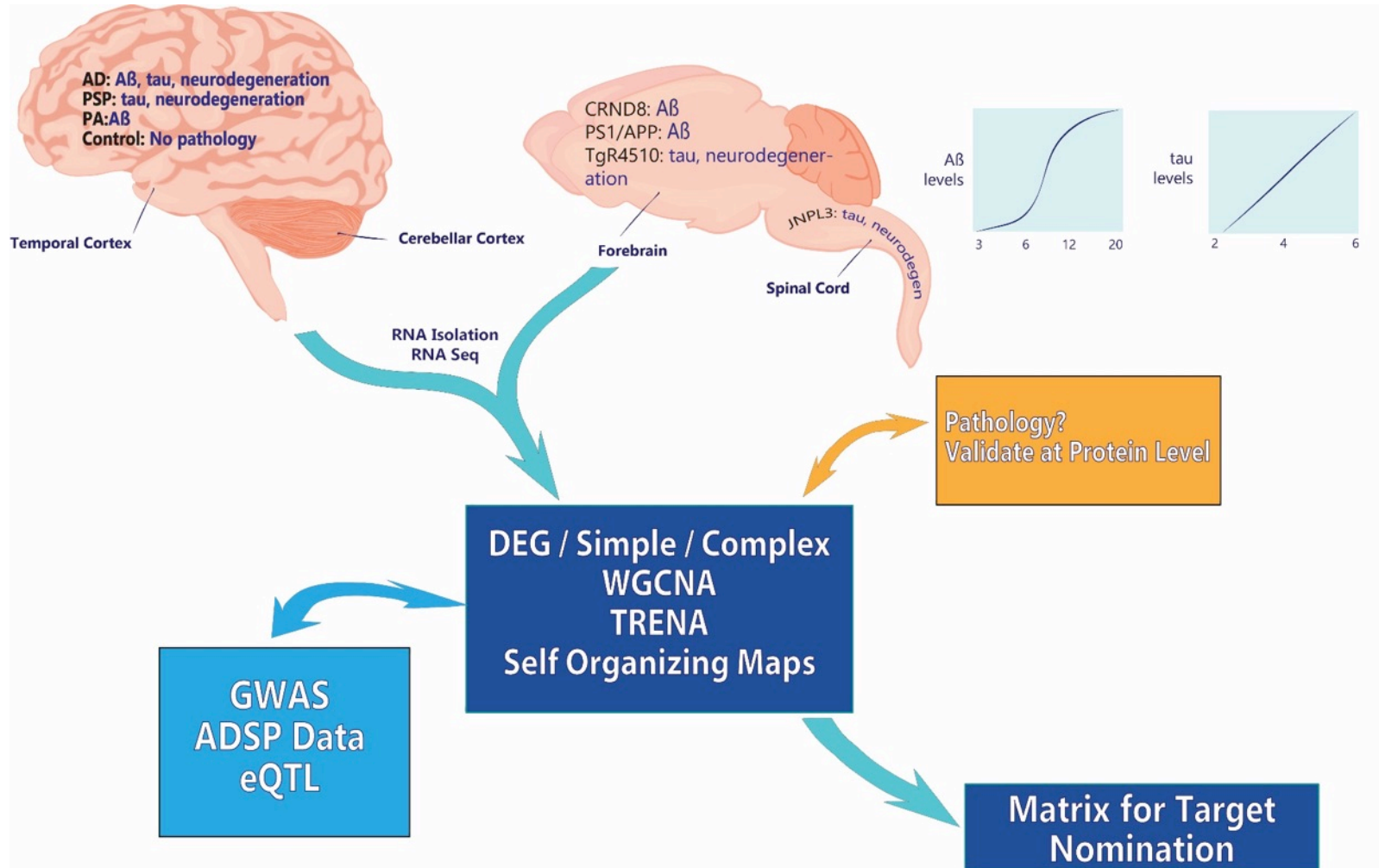


- Pathologic specificity (Tau vs. Amyloid),
- Regional specificity (CER vs. TCX)
- Temporal change (Mouse expression)
- Cell composition dependent vs. not
- Differential expression, intron retention, networks
- Integrative –omics analysis (expression, genetic variants, protein)

Diagnosis	Pathology	
	Amyloid beta	Tau
AD	yes	yes
PSP	no	yes
Pathologic Aging	yes	no
Control	no	no



# Approach: Target Discovery



# Data Generation

Human RNAseq: n= 555

Mouse RNAseq: n= 172

Tissue Source	Tissue Region	Diagnosis				Total
		AD	PSP	Path Aging	Control	
Mayo Clinic Brain Bank (Dennis Dickson)	TCX	84	84	0	31	199
BannerSunHealth (TomBeach)		0	0	29	49	78
Mayo Clinic Brain Bank (Dennis Dickson)	CER	86	84	0	34	204
BannerSunHealth (TomBeach)		0	0	28	46	74

rTG4510: n=36
P301L: n=24
APPS1: n=24
CRND8: n=88

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Mayo Clinic Medical Genome Facility: TruSeq Library + Illumina HiSeq2000 (101 bp, PE, 3 samples/lane)

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ISB - SNAPR alignment -  
Filter by Phred scores -  
normalize to CPM

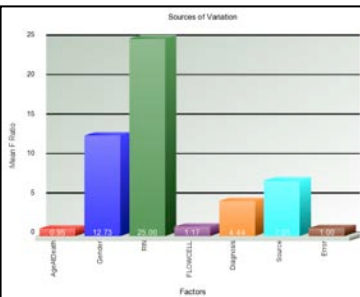
Mayo - MAPRSeq Pipeline  
- CQN normalization -  
Variant calls



# Data Analysis

## Data Processing

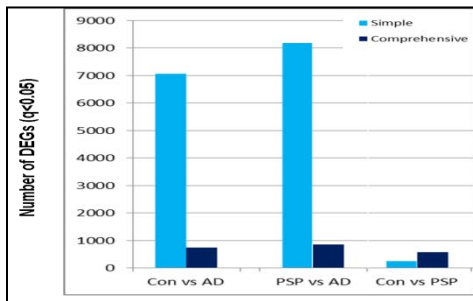
Data QC and sources of variation



## Profiling (DEG)

Human and mouse brain transcript profiling

Cell type composition analyses

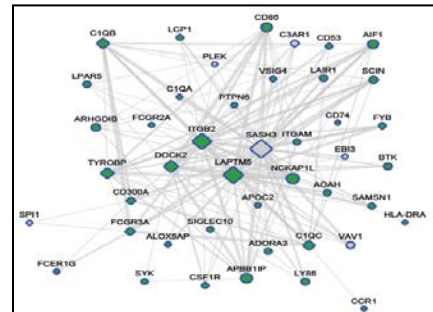


## Networks

Co-expression networks

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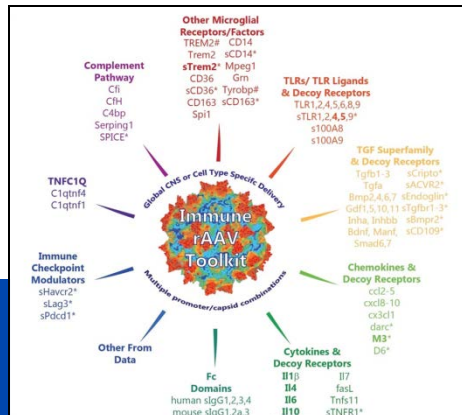
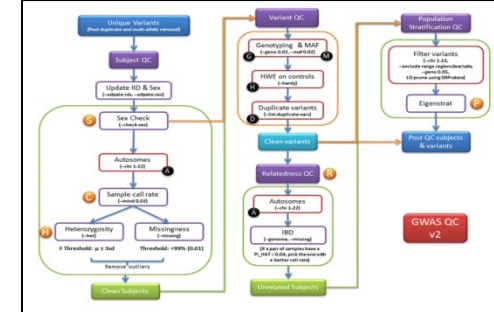
Intron Retention



## Omics Integration

eQTL

WGS



# Human –Omics Data

**A. Mayo LOAD GWAS**  
(n=2,099)  
(Data Citation 2)

**Carrasquillo et al., *Nat Gen*, 2009.**

**2 ante-mortem cohorts:**  
Mayo Clinic Jacksonville  
(n=684) and Rochester  
(n=946).

**1 post-mortem cohort:**  
Mayo Clinic Brain Bank  
(n=469)

**B. Mayo eGWAS**  
(n=773)  
(Data Citation 3,4)

**CER samples with WG-DASL gene expression**  
(n=202 AD, 197 non-AD)

**TCX samples with WG-DASL gene expression**  
(n=197 AD, 177 non-AD)

**C. Mayo Pilot RNAseq**  
(n=94 AD, 92 PSP)  
(Data Citation 5)

R01 AG032990  
P50 AG0016574  
R01 NS080820

Zou et al., *PLoS Genet*, 2012.

Allen et al., *Neurol Genet*, 2015; *Acta Neuropath*, 2016.

SCIENTIFIC DATA

**Data Descriptor: Human whole genome genotype and transcriptome data for Alzheimer's and other neurodegenerative diseases**

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- Gene expression on >1,300 brain samples (AD, PSP, controls).
- GWAS genotypes on >2,400.
- WGS on >300.

**D. Mayo RNAseq**  
(n=556)  
(Data Citation 6,7)

**CER samples**  
(n=86 AD, 84 PSP, 28 pathologic aging, 80 controls)

**TCX samples**  
(n=84 AD, 84 PSP, 30 pathologic aging, 80 controls)

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# Data Deposition

	Directory	Study	Data Type	Tissue	Dx Group	N	Synapse ID	
Human	MCADGS	Mayo LOAD GWAS	Genotypes/Covariates	---	AD, Con, nAD	2099	syn3157238	Nature Scientific Data
	MCADGS	MayoeGWAS	Array expression/Covariates	CBE	AD, nAD	374	syn3157225	
	MCADGS	MayoeGWAS	eQTL results (cis)	CBE	AD, nAD	374	syn3157249	
	MCADGS	MayoeGWAS	Array expression/Covariates	TCX	AD, nAD	399	syn3157225	
	MCADGS	MayoeGWAS	eQTL results (cis)	TCX	AD, nAD	399	syn3157249	
	MCADGS	Mayo Pilot RNAseq	Gene/Transcript counts, Covariates	TCX	AD	96	syn3157268	
	MCADGS	Mayo Pilot RNAseq	Gene/Transcript counts, Covariates	TCX	PSP	96	syn3157268	
	Mayo RNAseq Study	Cerebellum	Gene/Transcript counts, Covariates	CBE	AD, PSP, PA, Con	276	syn5049298	
	Mayo RNAseq Study	Temporal Cortex	Gene/Transcript counts, Covariates	TCX	AD, PSP, PA, Con	275	syn3163039	
	Mayo RNAseq Study	Path Aging	Gene/Transcript counts, Covariates	TCX	PA	41	syn7344223	
Mouse	Tau and APP ms	APPPS1	Gene/Transcript counts, Covariates	Forebrain	TG/NonTG	40 (various ages)	syn3435792	
	Tau and APP ms	TgCRND8	Gene/Transcript counts, Covariates	Forebrain	TG/NonTG	88 (various ages)	syn3435792	
	Tau and APP ms	P301L tau (JNPL3)	Gene/Transcript counts, Covariates	Spinal Cord	TG/NonTG	24 (various ages)	syn3157183	
	Tau and APP ms	rTg4510	Gene/Transcript counts, Covariates	Forebrain	TG/NonTG	36 (various ages)	syn3157183	

**Data uploaded to AMP-AD Knowledge portal on Synapse by the Mayo/UF/ISB team.**

MCADGS = Mayo Clinic Alzheimer's Disease Genetics Studies; PA = pathologic aging, Con = Pathology free control; nAD = non Alzheimer's pathology



# Outcomes

- Conserved brain myelination networks are altered in AD and PSP (Allen et al., Alzheimer's and Dementia, 2017). - **Comparative -omics, mechanism, novel targets.**
- An intronic variant at the *TREM* locus is associated with higher brain *TREM2* and *TREML1* levels and resides in a TF binding site (Carrasquillo et al., *Alzheimer's and Dementia*, 2016). - **Omics integration, directionality, mechanism.**
- Many AD candidate risk genes have strong eQTL and/or differential expression in brain (Allen et al, *Neurology Genetics* 2015, 2017; Ridge et al., *Genome Medicine*, 2017; Mukherjee et al., *Alzheimer's and Dementia*, 2017).
- AD risk genes *PLCG2*, *ABI3* and *TREM2* have higher levels in AD brains, A $\beta$  models and reside in immune networks (Sims et al., *Nature Genetics*, 2017).
- Modulation of innate immunity proteins influences A $\beta$  and tau pathophysiology (Chakrabarty et al., *Neuron*, 2015; Li et al., *FASEB*, 2015).
- Differentially expressed genes/pathways in AD vs. other diagnoses are enriched for immune pathway genes.
- Immunity co-expression networks are enriched for AD risk genes.

# **Comparative Multi-omics and Convergent Neurodegenerative Disease Mechanisms: Myelination**

# Identification of Altered Myelination Networks in AD and PSP: A Comparative Transcriptome Analysis



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## Featured Article

### Conserved brain myelination networks are altered in Alzheimer's and other neurodegenerative diseases

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# Comparative Transcriptome Analysis: Rationale

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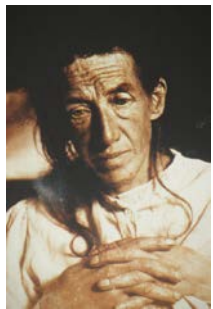
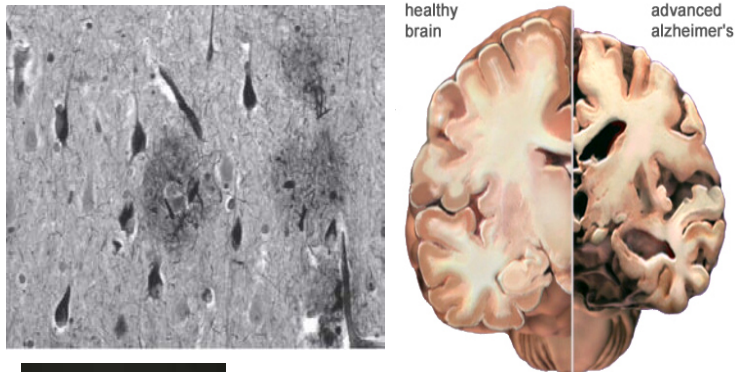
Comparative transcriptome analysis of distinct neurodegenerative diseases can uncover disease pathways that are *unique* or *common* to these diseases.

- $AD \neq PSP$  AND  $[(\Delta AD \text{ vs. Con}) \neq (\Delta PSP \text{ vs. Con})] \rightarrow$   
**uniquely perturbed pathways**
- $[(\Delta AD \text{ vs. Con}) \sim (\Delta PSP \text{ vs. Con})] \rightarrow$   
**commonly perturbed pathways**

# Diagnostic Groups

Diagnosis	Pathology	
	Amyloid beta	Tau
AD	yes	yes
PSP	no	yes

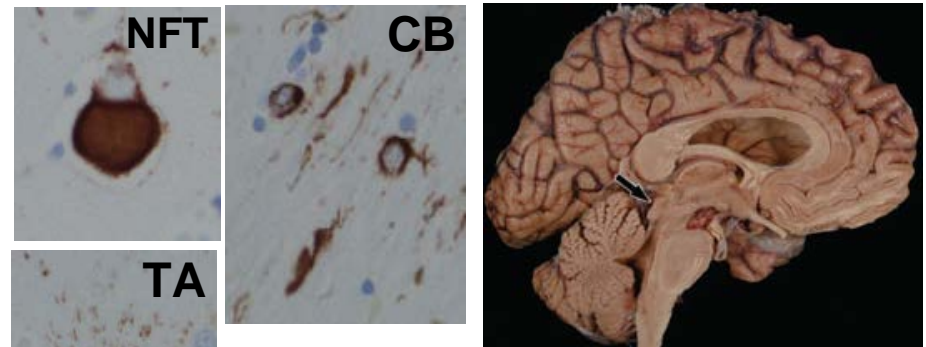
## Alzheimer's Disease (AD)



- **Plaques ( $A\beta$ )+Tangles (tau).**
- **Dementia: Memory, language, others.**

- *APP, PSEN1, PSEN2*
- *APOE  $\epsilon 4$*
- 20 GWAS loci genes
- *TREM2, PLD3*

## Progressive Supranuclear Palsy (PSP)



(Dickson et al, 2007)

- **Tangles+ tau-positive glial lesions.**
- **Parkinsonian disorder: Falls, eye movement.**

- *MAPT (H1 haplotype)*
- 6 other GWAS loci (*MOBP* etc.)

# Comparative Transcriptome Analysis: Approach

## Discovery and Replication Cohorts

Transcriptome profiling	Mayo Clinic eGWAS (WG-DASL)				Mayo Clinic RNAseq		
	Temporal Cortex (TCX)		Cerebellum (CER)		Temporal Cortex (TCX)		
	AD	PSP	AD	PSP	AD	PSP	Control
<b>N</b>	181	97	173	96	80	82	76
<b>Females (%)</b>	94 (52%)	40 (42%)	88 (51%)	37 (39%)	49 (61%)	33 (40%)	38 (50%)
<b>Age: Mean (SD)</b>	74 (5.6)	72 (5.3)	73 (5.7)	72 (5.0)	83 (8.6)	74 (6.5)	84 (9.3)
<b>RIN: Mean (SD)</b>	6.3 (0.8)	7.0 (1.0)	7.1 (1.0)	7.1 (1.0)	8.6 (0.6)	8.5 (0.5)	7.6 (1.0)

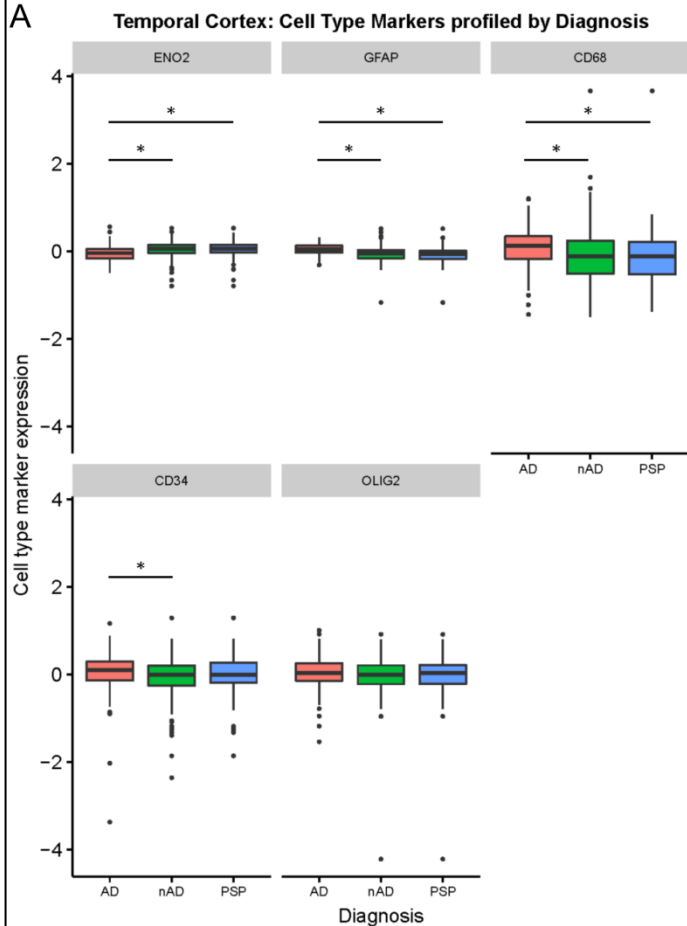
**Transcriptome Profiling:** Multi-variable linear regression analysis in R controlled for covariates (age, sex, RIN, APOE, plate for discovery; age, sex, RIN, tissue source, flowcell for replication cohort analyses).

**Network Analysis:** Weighted Gene Co-expression Network Analysis (Langfelder&Horvath BMC Bioinform, 2008). Gene expression residuals after accounting for covariates.

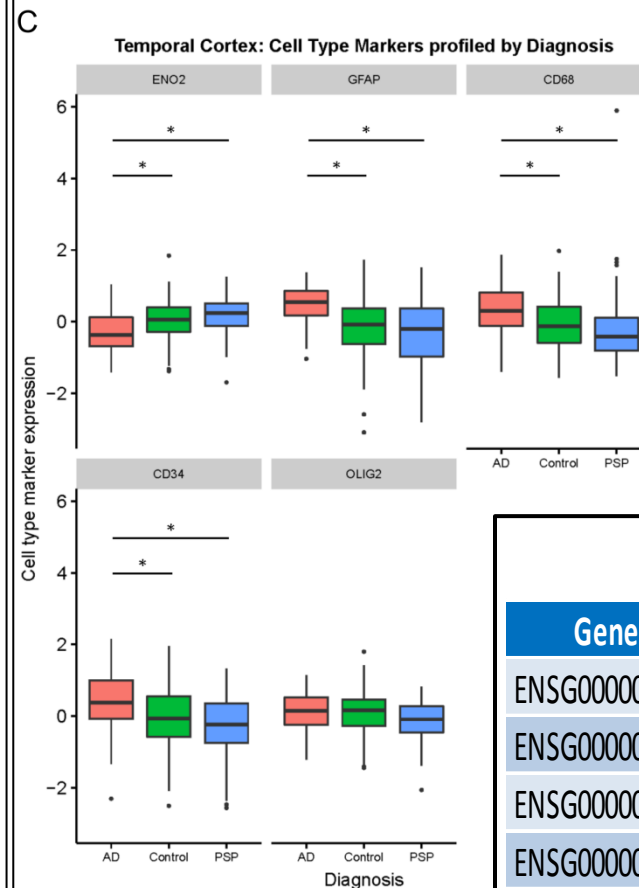
**Goal: Discover common and distinct dysregulated expression networks and key molecules that underlie disease pathways in AD and PSP.**

# Comparative Transcriptome Analysis: Cell Type Adjustment

## Discovery Cohort



## Replication Cohort



## Covariates included

- Age at death
- Gender
- RIN
- Source
- Flowcell/plate
- Celltype markers

Simple Model

Comprehensive Model

## Cell type markers

GeneID	GeneName	Chr	Celltype
ENSG00000129226	CD68	chr17	Microglial
ENSG00000174059	CD34	chr1	Endothelial
ENSG00000205927	OLIG2	chr21	Oligodendroglial
ENSG00000131095	GFAP	chr17	Astrocytic
ENSG00000111674	ENO2	chr12	Neuronal



# Myelination Networks Are Up In AD vs. PSP Temporal Cortex (TCX) – Discovery Cohort

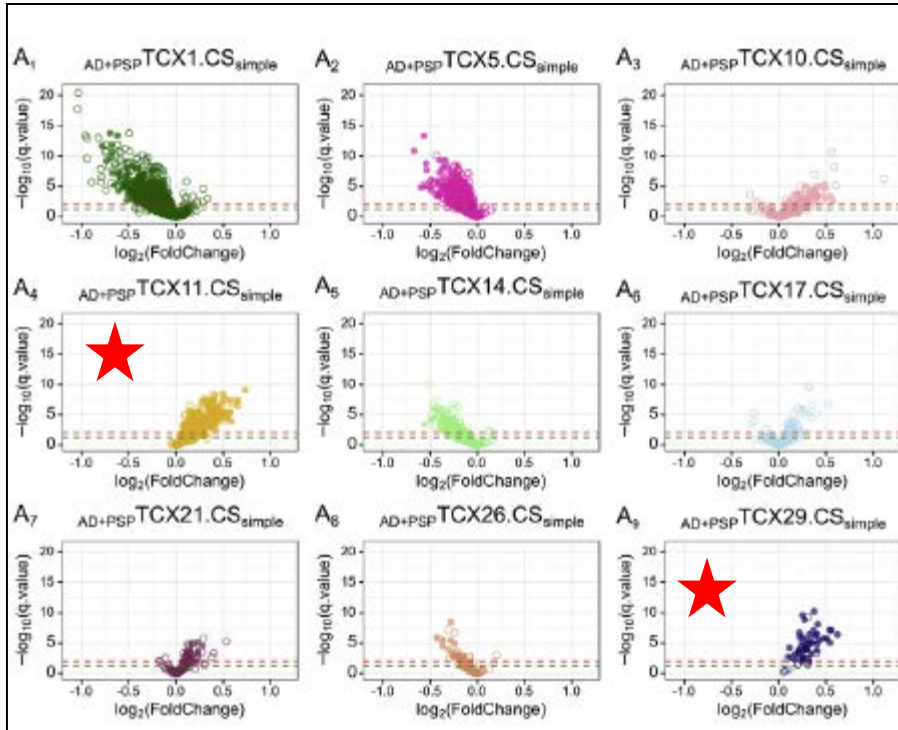
Table 1  
Temporal cortex coexpression networks in the discovery cohort with significant cell type enrichment

Model	Module name	Module size	Cell type enrichment			Disease association		Top GO biological process		
			Cell type	OR	P Value	Beta	P Value	ID	Name	Enrichment P value
Simple	AD+PSP.TCX17.CS <sub>simple</sub>	213	Astrocyte	54.4	$5.83 \times 10^{-80}$	0.06	$3.34 \times 10^{-1}$	GO:0007399	Nervous system development	$3.25 \times 10^{-6}$
	AD+PSP.TCX10.CS <sub>simple</sub>	404	Microglia	55.6	$7.34 \times 10^{-158}$	0.11	$7.66 \times 10^{-2}$	GO:0006955	Immune response	$1.98 \times 10^{-33}$
	AD+PSP.TCX21.CS <sub>simple</sub>	153	Microglia	4.3	$8.74 \times 10^{-3}$	0.12	$5.09 \times 10^{-2}$	NA	NA	NA
	AD+PSP.TCX1.CS <sub>simple</sub>	2046	Neuron	9.8	$1.00 \times 10^{-100}$	<b>-0.21</b>	<b><math>5.50 \times 10^{-4}</math></b>	GO:0007268	Synaptic transmission	$2.15 \times 10^{-60}$
	AD+PSP.TCX14.CS <sub>simple</sub>	314	Neuron	9.5	$9.06 \times 10^{-27}$	<b>-0.16</b>	<b><math>8.50 \times 10^{-3}</math></b>	GO:0007268	Synaptic transmission	$2.93 \times 10^{-12}$
	AD+PSP.TCX5.CS <sub>simple</sub>	654	Neuron	4.9	$1.06 \times 10^{-19}$	<b>-0.29</b>	<b><math>1.04 \times 10^{-6}</math></b>	NA	NA	NA
	AD+PSP.TCX26.CS <sub>simple</sub>	102	Neuron	7.4	$2.56 \times 10^{-6}$	<b>-0.14</b>	<b><math>1.96 \times 10^{-2}</math></b>	GO:0098655	Cation transmembrane transport	$3.55 \times 10^{-2}$
	AD+PSP.TCX11.CS <sub>simple</sub>	340	Oligodendrocyte	96.4	$2.78 \times 10^{-81}$	<b>0.27</b>	<b><math>5.58 \times 10^{-6}</math></b>	GO:0042552	Myelination	$1.03 \times 10^{-7}$
	AD+PSP.TCX29.CS <sub>simple</sub>	58	Oligodendrocyte	47.1	$2.01 \times 10^{-13}$	<b>0.32</b>	<b><math>4.43 \times 10^{-8}</math></b>	NA	NA	NA
Comprehensive	AD+PSP.TCX14.CS	264	Astrocyte	31.5	$1.86 \times 10^{-99}$	-0.11	$6.41 \times 10^{-2}$	GO:0007399	Nervous system development	$6.32 \times 10^{-7}$
	AD+PSP.TCX26.CS	120	Microglia	153.6	$9.19 \times 10^{-106}$	<b>-0.17</b>	<b><math>4.56 \times 10^{-3}</math></b>	GO:0006955	Immune response	$2.72 \times 10^{-34}$
	AD+PSP.TCX42.CS	41	Neuron	8.9	$2.58 \times 10^{-3}$	<b>0.12</b>	<b><math>4.38 \times 10^{-2}</math></b>	NA	NA	NA
	AD+PSP.TCX27.CS	111	Neuron	10.3	$8.18 \times 10^{-12}$	-0.01	$8.31 \times 10^{-1}$	GO:0007268	Synaptic transmission	$1.33 \times 10^{-2}$
	AD+PSP.TCX16.CS	219	Neuron	6.7	$7.15 \times 10^{-13}$	0.01	$9.12 \times 10^{-1}$	NA	NA	NA
	AD+PSP.TCX12.CS	305	Neuron	6.6	$7.31 \times 10^{-16}$	0.02	$7.32 \times 10^{-1}$	GO:0007268	Synaptic transmission	$1.57 \times 10^{-13}$
	AD+PSP.TCX8.CS	377	Neuron	7.1	$5.76 \times 10^{-22}$	0.03	$6.26 \times 10^{-1}$	GO:0007268	Synaptic transmission	$1.51 \times 10^{-17}$
	AD+PSP.TCX2.CS	752	Neuron	14.1	$4.96 \times 10^{-93}$	0.08	$1.97 \times 10^{-1}$	GO:0007268	Synaptic transmission	$4.44 \times 10^{-20}$
	AD+PSP.TCX41.CS	41	Oligodendrocyte	40.6	$3.98 \times 10^{-8}$	0.06	$3.02 \times 10^{-1}$	NA	NA	NA
	AD+PSP.TCX40.CS	44	Oligodendrocyte	20.1	$2.29 \times 10^{-3}$	<b>0.20</b>	<b><math>8.00 \times 10^{-4}</math></b>	NA	NA	NA
AD+PSP.TCX10.CS	308	Oligodendrocyte	81.6	$1.70 \times 10^{-72}$	<b>0.19</b>	<b><math>1.43 \times 10^{-3}</math></b>	GO:0042552	Myelination	$2.37 \times 10^{-9}$	

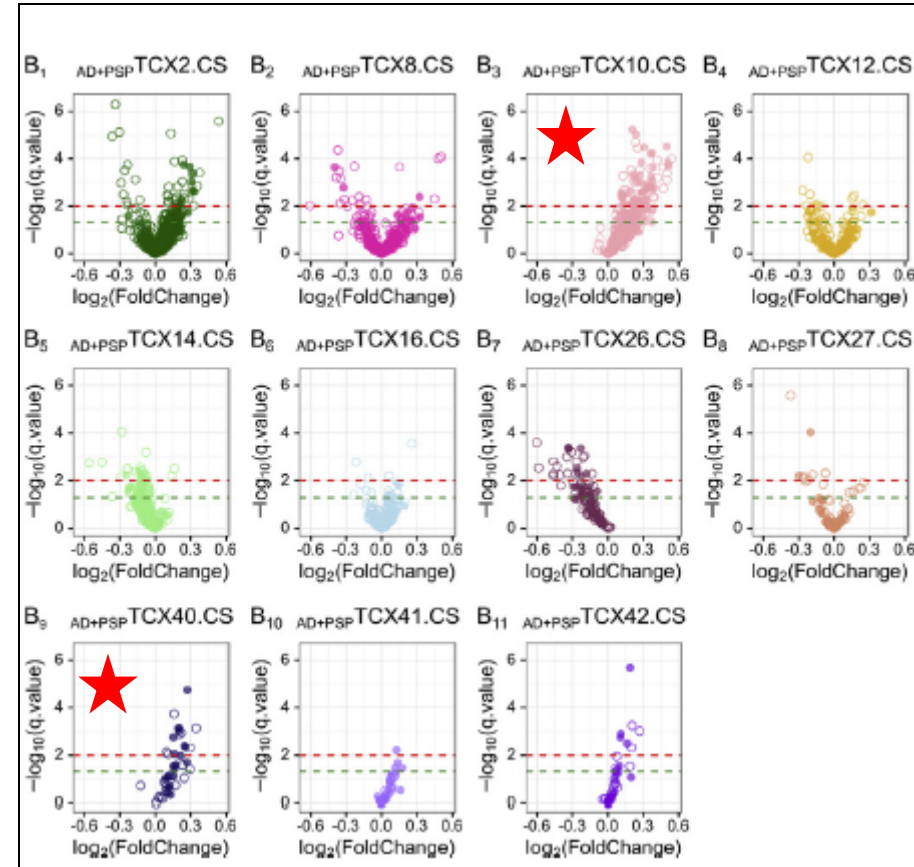
- TCX co-expression networks enriched for oligodendrocyte transcripts and myelination related biological processes are higher in AD vs. PSP.
- This association persists even when adjusting for five CNS cell-specific transcripts (surrogate for cell type composition).

# Myelination Networks Are Up In AD vs. PSP Temporal Cortex (TCX) – Discovery Cohort

## Simple Model



## Comprehensive Model



# Myelination Networks Are Up In AD vs. PSP

## Down in PSP vs. Control

## Down in AD vs. Control

### Temporal Cortex (TCX) – Replication Cohort

Table 3  
Temporal cortex coexpression networks in replication cohort with significant oligodendrocyte-specific gene enrichment

Model	Diagnostic comparison	Module name	Module size	Number of oligodendrocyte genes in module	Oligodendrocyte enrichment OR	Oligodendrocyte enrichment <i>P</i> value	Disease association beta	Disease association <i>P</i> value
Simple	AD + Con	AD+ConTCX10.CSRS <sub>simple</sub>	398	15	5.95	$2.45 \times 10^{-7}$	-0.094	$9.19 \times 10^{-1}$
		AD+ConTCX4.CSRS <sub>simple</sub>	924	73	40.48	$2.44 \times 10^{-63}$	-0.008	$2.44 \times 10^{-1}$
	AD + PSP	AD+PSPTCX3.CSRS <sub>simple</sub>	1542	93	125.11	$6.12 \times 10^{-80}$	0.279	$3.31 \times 10^{-4}$
	PSP + Con	PSP+ConTCX5.CSRS <sub>simple</sub>	737	73	52.71	$9.60 \times 10^{-69}$	-0.221	$5.19 \times 10^{-3}$
		PSP+ConTCX12.CSRS <sub>simple</sub>	253	15	9.68	$5.35 \times 10^{-8}$	-0.176	$2.74 \times 10^{-2}$

- TCX myelination network expression is replicably higher in AD vs. PSP.
- This appears to be due to greater reduction in myelination network gene levels in ‘PSP vs. Control’ than ‘AD vs. Control’.

# Myelination Networks Are Up In AD vs. PSP

## Down in PSP vs. Control

## Down in AD vs. Control

# Temporal Cortex (TCX) – Replication Cohort

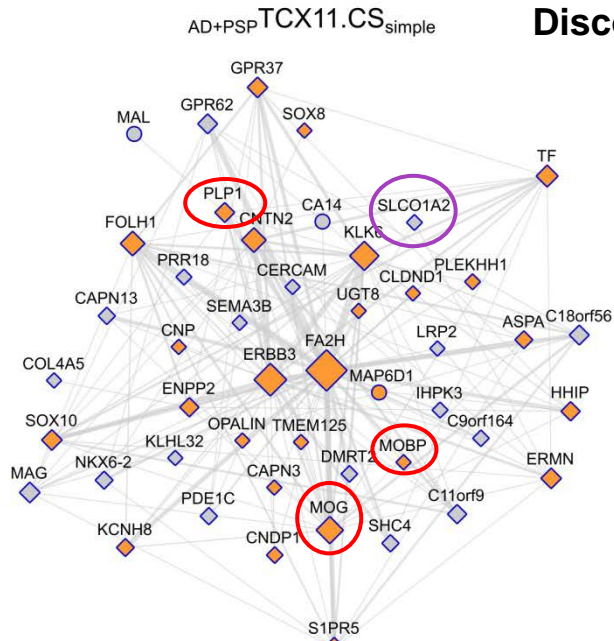
Table 3  
Temporal cortex coexpression networks in replication cohort with significant oligodendrocyte-specific gene enrichment

Model	Diagnostic comparison	Module name	Module size	Number of oligodendrocyte genes in module	Oligodendrocyte enrichment OR	Oligodendrocyte enrichment $P$ value	Disease association beta	Disease association $P$ value
Simple	AD + Con	AD+C <sub>con</sub> TCX10.CSRS <sub>simple</sub>	398	15	5.95	$2.45 \times 10^{-7}$	-0.094	$9.19 \times 10^{-1}$
		AD+C <sub>con</sub> TCX4.CSRS <sub>simple</sub>	924	73	40.48	$2.44 \times 10^{-63}$	-0.008	$2.44 \times 10^{-1}$
	AD + PSP	AD+PSPTCX3.CSRS <sub>simple</sub>	1542	93	125.11	$6.12 \times 10^{-80}$	0.279	<b><math>3.31 \times 10^{-4}</math></b>
	PSP + Con	PSP+C <sub>con</sub> TCX5.CSRS <sub>simple</sub>	737	73	52.71	$9.60 \times 10^{-69}$	-0.221	<b><math>5.19 \times 10^{-3}</math></b>
PSP+C <sub>con</sub> TCX12.CSRS <sub>simple</sub>		253	15	9.68	$5.35 \times 10^{-8}$	-0.176	<b><math>2.74 \times 10^{-2}</math></b>	
Comprehensive	AD + Con	AD+C <sub>con</sub> TCX7.CSRS	526	17	5.15	$4.49 \times 10^{-5}$	-0.228	<b><math>4.12 \times 10^{-3}</math></b>
		AD+C <sub>con</sub> TCX24.CSRS	65	15	46.61	$9.42 \times 10^{-17}$	-0.143	$7.40 \times 10^{-2}$
		AD+C <sub>con</sub> TCX26.CSRS	52	5	14.81	$6.03 \times 10^{-3}$	-0.025	$7.54 \times 10^{-1}$
	AD + PSP	AD+C <sub>con</sub> TCX2.CSRS	886	56	19.35	$5.81 \times 10^{-38}$	-0.042	$6.05 \times 10^{-1}$
		AD+PSPTCX2.CSRS	946	49	13.44	$4.62 \times 10^{-28}$	0.009	$9.07 \times 10^{-1}$
		AD+PSPTCX8.CSRS	628	25	7.02	$5.42 \times 10^{-10}$	0.003	$9.66 \times 10^{-1}$
		AD+PSPTCX26.CSRS	69	15	43.23	$2.84 \times 10^{-16}$	-0.050	$5.29 \times 10^{-1}$
	PSP + Con	PSP+C <sub>con</sub> TCX2.CSRS	1291	74	29.01	$5.46 \times 10^{-52}$	-0.100	$2.12 \times 10^{-1}$
		PSP+C <sub>con</sub> TCX22.CSRS	112	14	21.9	$1.35 \times 10^{-11}$	-0.064	$4.26 \times 10^{-1}$

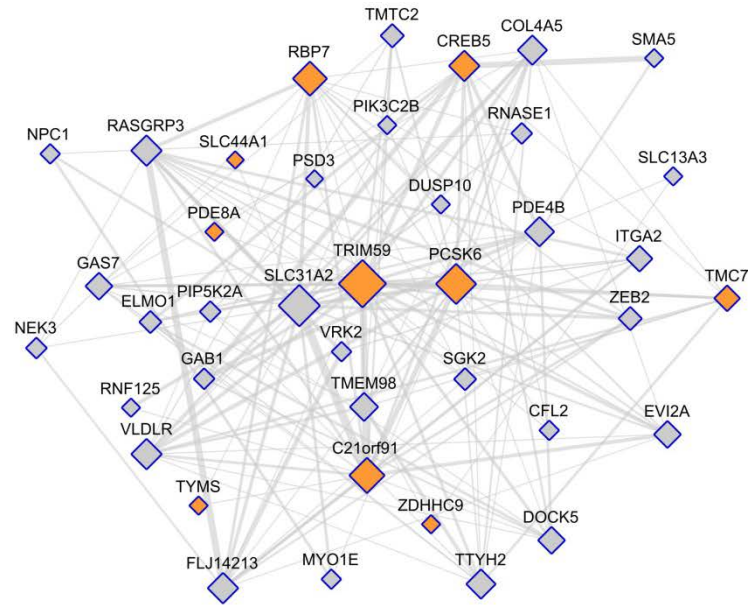
- In comprehensive model for Replication Cohort, trends remain the same but significance reduced for some comparisons (over-correction?).

# Myelination Networks Harbor AD and PSP Risk

## Discovery Cohort

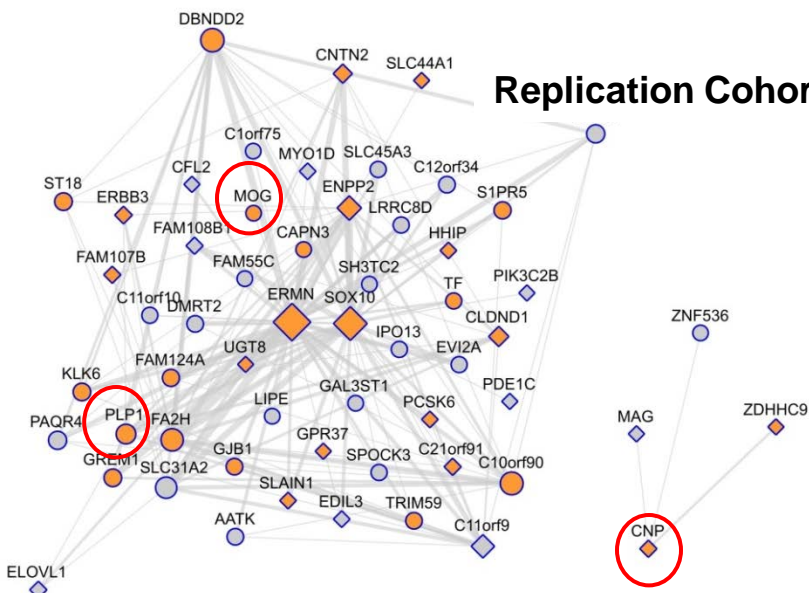


## AD+PSP TCX29.CS<sub>simple</sub>



## AD+PSP TCX3.CSRS<sub>simple</sub>

## Replication Cohort



### Myelination genes:

*MOG, PLP1, PLLP, CNP, MOBP*

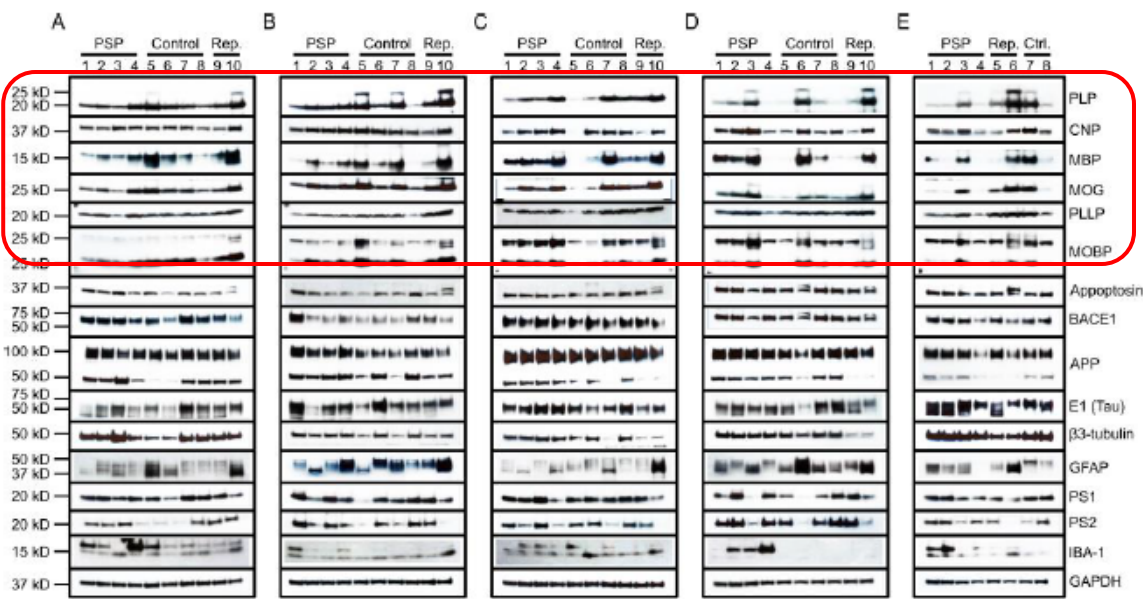
### PSP risk genes:

*SLCO1A2, MOBP*

### AD risk/related genes:

*BACE1, PSEN1, BIN1, CR1*

# Myelination Network Perturbations Are Validated at Protein Level



		PSP vs. Control			
		Mean ± SD		β-PSP	p-value
Protein	Gene	PSP	Controls		
PLP	PLP1	0.758 ± 0.355	0.94 ± 0.539	-0.338	0.056
CNP	CNP	0.902 ± 0.27	0.852 ± 0.338	-0.027	0.803
MBP	MBP	1.519 ± 1.213	1.852 ± 1.936	-0.772	0.221
MOG	MOG	1.056 ± 0.735	1.219 ± 0.794	-0.421	0.114
PLLP	PLLP	0.804 ± 0.168	0.649 ± 0.213	-0.108	0.147
MOBP183	MOBP	1.217 ± 0.487	1.178 ± 0.653	-0.01	0.963
MOBP81	MOBP	0.856 ± 0.43	0.868 ± 0.496	-0.119	0.514
Apoptosin	SLC25A38	0.54 ± 0.216	0.418 ± 0.177	0.157	0.053
BACE1	BACE1	1.534 ± 0.655	1.441 ± 0.462	0.098	0.65
APP	APP	1.567 ± 0.42	1.285 ± 0.199	0.323	0.018
E1 (Tau)	MAPT	2.108 ± 0.632	1.874 ± 0.527	0.266	0.239
β3-tubulin	TUBB3	1.383 ± 0.543	1.275 ± 0.621	0.115	0.516
GFAP	GFAP	1.075 ± 0.524	1.331 ± 0.911	-0.565	0.048
PS1	PSEN1	1.048 ± 0.328	0.938 ± 0.316	0.281	0.02
PS2	PSEN2	0.847 ± 0.341	0.835 ± 0.487	0.272	0.068
IBA-1	AIF1	1.624 ± 2.551	0.463 ± 0.318	1.076	0.136

## Proteome Data of Mayo TCX Samples from Emory/UCLA (84 AD vs. 83 PSP)

Gene Name	UniProt ID	Gene Symbol	log2FC.PSPvsAD	p.PSPvsAD	FDR.PSPvsAD
MBP	P02686	MBP	-0.283166459	0.004054992	<b>0.013873479</b>
MBP	H7BYR8	MBP	-0.44204852	0.006880439	<b>0.021600988</b>
CNP	P09543	CNP	-0.230290189	0.008508914	<b>0.025767751</b>
MOG	C9JTE0	MOG	-0.169774747	0.080079509	0.159454749
PLP1	P60201	PLP1	-0.138230067	0.19583294	0.324337773
BIN1	O00499	BIN1	-0.005061693	0.881080053	0.931413656

# Rigor and "External" Reproducibility



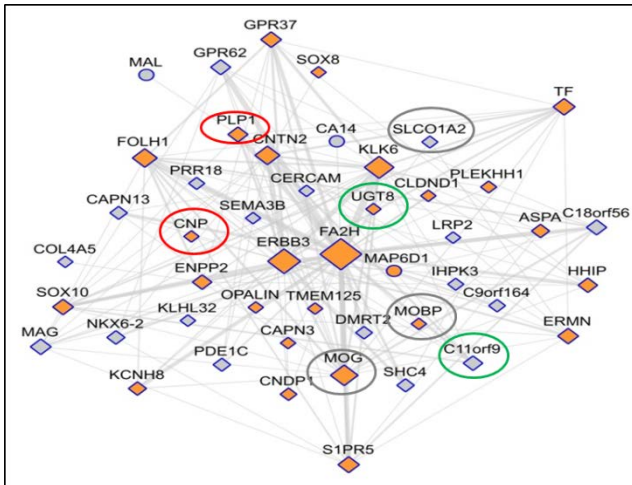
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Featured Article

Conserved brain myelination networks are altered in Alzheimer's and other neurodegenerative diseases

(Allen, Ertekin-Taner et al.)

261 AD, 179 PSP, 76 Control (2 cohorts) TCX



Mayo Discovery Cohort

**Replication of Network Structure:**  
**Myelination genes:** *PLP1, PLLP, CNP, MOBP*  
**AD risk/related genes:** *BACE1, PSEN1, BIN1, UNC5C*  
 o myelin, o key driver, o AD risk genes (replicable)



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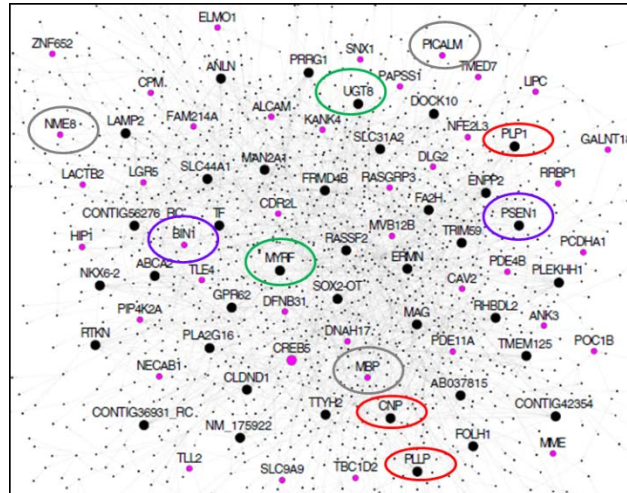
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Multiscale network modeling of oligodendrocytes reveals molecular components of myelin dysregulation in Alzheimer's disease

(McKenzie, Zhang et al.)

376 AD, 173 non-AD CER, DLPFC, VC



Mount Sinai

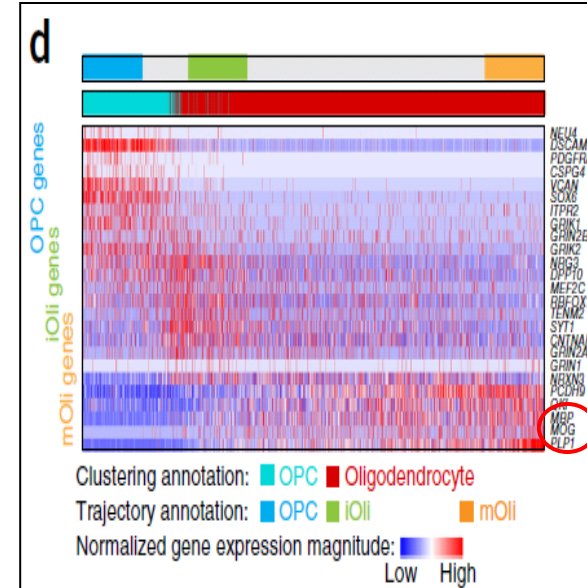


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Integrative single-cell analysis of transcriptional and epigenetic states in the human adult brain

(Lake, Zhang et al.)

6 brains CER, FC, VC

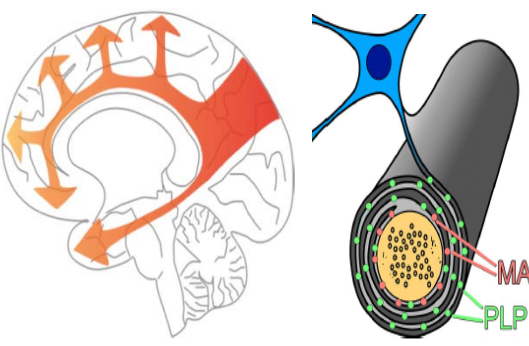


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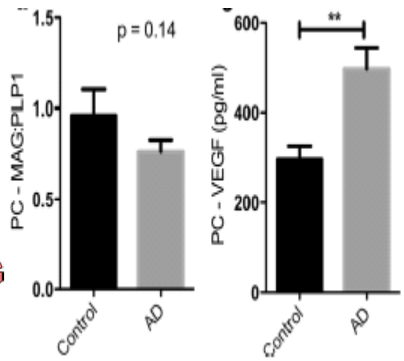
**Replication of Myelination genes:**  
**Myelination genes:** *PLP1, MOG, MBP*  
**AD risk/related genes:** *MEF2C*  
 o myelin

# Potential Mechanisms of Myelin Dysregulation

## Hypoperfusion:

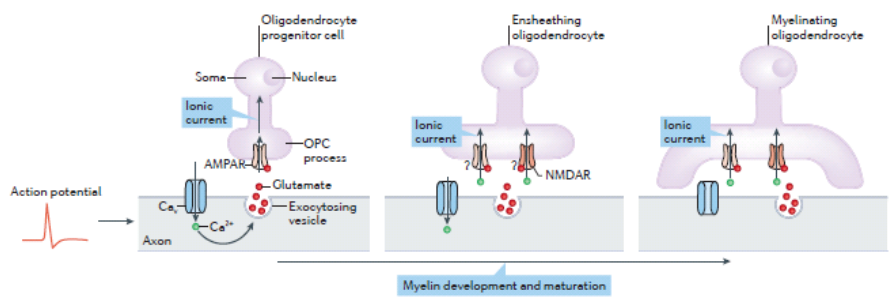


Spread of hypoperfusion in AD



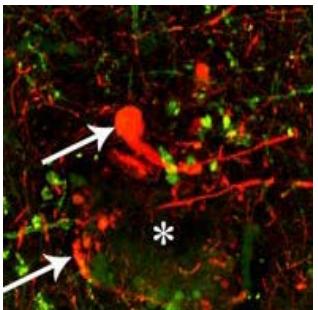
MAG:PLP1 reduced and VEGF increased in AD (Love&Miners, Acta Neuropath, 2016)

## Disrupted axo-myelin transmission:

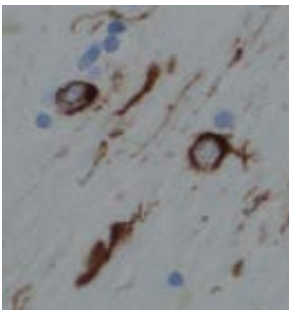


Hypothetical development of axo-myelinic synapse (Micu et al., Nat Rev NSci, 2018)

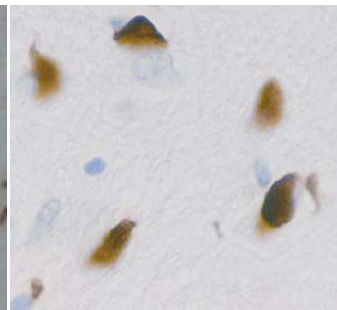
## Proteostasis (Tau, Aβ, α-Syn):



AD, Aβ plaque (\*), demyelinated axon (arrow) (Mitew et al., 2010)

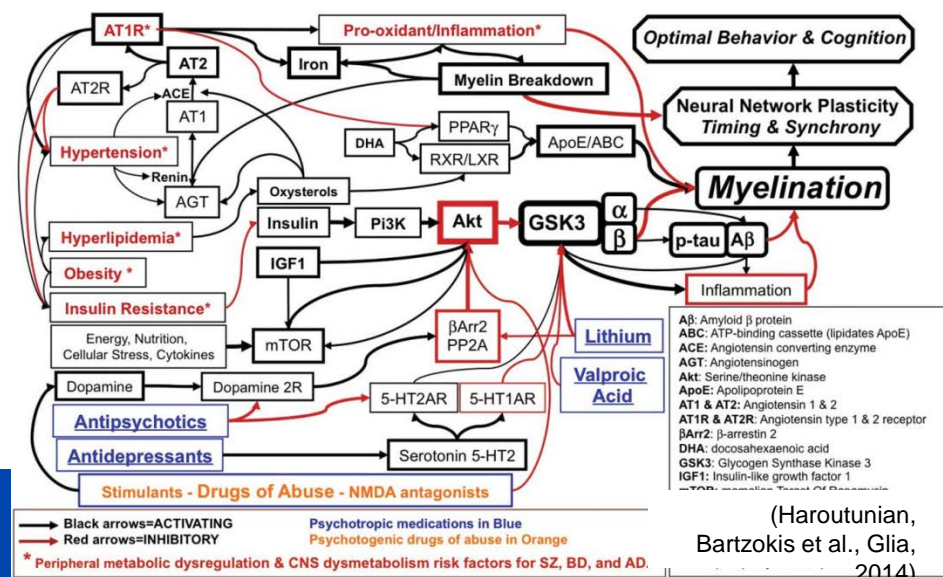


PSP, Tau (Dickson et al., 2006)



MSA, α-Syn (Croisier&Graber, 2006)

## Neurotransmitters, inflammation:



(Haroutunian, Bartzokis et al., Glia, 2014)



# Novel Target Discovery: Myelin

## Therapeutic Hypothesis: Promoting Myelination and Oligodendrocyte Health

We and others have recently implicated oligodendrocyte and myelin dysfunction as an early event in AD (and PSP), perhaps even preceding evidence for overt neuronal dysfunction. If this is the case, promoting oligodendrocyte health and myelination may be a key target for intervention in AD (and other neurodegenerative diseases).

Mayo-UF-ISB Targets: Class Myelin-Oligodendrocyte		ADvsControl_Simple_TCX		ADvsCon_Simple_CER		AD vs Control_Comprehensive_TCX		AD vsCon_Comprehensive_CER	
gene symbol	Predicted therapeutic direction	Modules	GO_Module	Modules	GO_Module	Modules	GO_Module	Modules	GO_Module
MOG	agonism	MM5	axon ensheathment	MM20	axon ensheathment	MM8	NA	MM11	axon ensheathment
MOBP	agonism	MM10	NA	MM48	NA	MM33	NA	MM11	axon ensheathment
SLC01A2	unknown	MM10	NA	MM48	NA	MM8	NA	MM1	NA
UNC5C	agonism	MM5	axon ensheathment	MM22	cell-cell signaling	MM2	NA	MM24	cell-cell signaling
PLP1	agonism	MM5	axon ensheathment	MM20	axon ensheathment	MM2	NA	MM11	axon ensheathment
PLLP	agonism	MM10	NA	MM48	NA	MM8	NA	MM11	axon ensheathment
BIN1	unknown	MM5	axon ensheathment	MM1	chromosome organization	MM2	NA	MM8	NA

Mayo-UF-ISB Targets: Class Myelin-Oligodendrocyte		DEG Comparison Summary		AD vs Control_Simple_TCX_DEG		AD vs Control_Simple_CER_DEG		AD vs Control_Comprehensive_TCX_DEG		AD vs Control_Comprehensive_CER_DEG	
gene symbol	Predicted therapeutic direction	Consistency of TCX and CER	Consistency of Simple vs. Comprehensive Models	FDR	Direction	FDR	Direction	FDR	Direction	FDR	Direction
MOG	agonism	No	No	8.68E-01	HighInAD	5.95E-01	LowInAD	8.16E-01	LowInAD	7.33E-01	LowInAD
MOBP	agonism	Yes	Yes	1.21E-01	LowInAD	<b>1.50E-02</b>	<b>LowInAD</b>	7.77E-02	LowInAD	<b>3.17E-02</b>	<b>LowInAD</b>
SLC01A2	unknown	Yes	Yes	7.52E-01	LowInAD	9.11E-01	LowInAD	1.80E-01	LowInAD	9.67E-01	LowInAD
UNC5C	agonism	No	Yes	6.95E-01	HighInAD	1.41E-01	LowInAD	7.78E-01	HighInAD	5.53E-01	LowInAD
PLP1	agonism	No	Yes	3.25E-01	HighInAD	9.28E-01	LowInAD	8.17E-01	HighInAD	8.68E-01	HighInAD
PLLP	agonism	Yes	Yes	7.35E-01	LowInAD	6.29E-02	LowInAD	5.76E-01	LowInAD	9.43E-02	LowInAD
BIN1	unknown	Yes	Yes	8.25E-01	HighInAD	3.58E-01	HighInAD	9.12E-01	HighInAD	9.30E-01	LowInAD

# Conclusions and Implications

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- **Myelination networks are down in both AD and PSP, but more so in PSP.**
  - Convergent pathway for multiple neurodegenerative diseases.
  - Tau-related (especially 4R), disrupted neuron-glia interaction, other?
  - Role of aging and high metabolic demand of maintaining myelin.
- **Myelination networks are reproducible, validated and their alterations are unlikely to be due to cell population changes.**
  - TCX is a relatively unaffected region in PSP.
  - Similar findings even after adjusting for cell populations.
  - Internal, external replications, including single cell type data.
- **Myelination networks harbor AD and PSP risk genes.**
  - Mechanistic implications for these genes and their variants.
- **Implications for (Combination) Therapy.**
  - Myelin repair/remyelination.
  - Maintenance of microglial, astrocyte function (myelin debris removal)
  - APOE/lipid metabolism/cerebrovascular health

# Comparative Multi-omics and Divergent Neurodegenerative Disease Mechanisms:

## Innate Immunity

## Rare coding variants in *PLCG2*, *ABI3*, and *TREM2* implicate microglial-mediated innate immunity in Alzheimer's disease

We identified rare coding variants associated with Alzheimer's disease in a three-stage case-control study of 85,133 subjects. In stage 1, we genotyped 34,174 samples using a whole-exome microarray. In stage 2, we tested associated variants ( $P < 1 \times 10^{-4}$ ) in 35,962 independent samples using *de novo* genotyping and imputed genotypes. In stage 3, we used an additional 14,997 samples to test the most significant stage 2 associations ( $P < 5 \times 10^{-8}$ ) using imputed genotypes. We observed three new genome-wide significant nonsynonymous variants associated with Alzheimer's disease: a protective variant in *PLCG2* (rs72824905: p.Pro522Arg,  $P = 5.38 \times 10^{-10}$ , odds ratio (OR) = 0.68, minor allele frequency (MAF)<sub>cases</sub> = 0.0059, MAF<sub>controls</sub> = 0.0093), a risk variant in *ABI3* (rs616338: p.Ser209Phe,  $P = 4.56 \times 10^{-10}$ , OR = 1.43, MAF<sub>cases</sub> = 0.011, MAF<sub>controls</sub> = 0.008), and a new genome-wide significant variant in *TREM2* (rs143332484: p.Arg62His,  $P = 1.55 \times 10^{-14}$ , OR = 1.67, MAF<sub>cases</sub> = 0.0143, MAF<sub>controls</sub> = 0.0089), a known susceptibility gene for Alzheimer's disease. These protein-altering changes are in genes highly expressed in microglia and highlight an immune-related protein-protein interaction network enriched for previously identified risk genes in Alzheimer's disease. These genetic findings provide additional evidence that the microglia-mediated innate immune response contributes directly to the development of Alzheimer's disease.

controls using the Illumina HumanExome microarray. Data from multiple consortia were combined in a single-variant meta-analysis (Online Methods) assuming an additive model. In total, 241,551 variants passed quality control (Supplementary Table 3). Of these, 203,902 were polymorphic, 26,947 were common (MAF  $\geq$  5%), and 176,955 were low frequency or rare (MAF < 5%). We analyzed common variants using a logistic regression model in each sample cohort and combined data using METAL<sup>30</sup>. Rare and low-frequency variants were analyzed using the score test and data were combined with SeqMeta<sup>31</sup> (Supplementary Fig. 2).

We reviewed cluster plots for variants showing association ( $P < 1 \times 10^{-4}$ ) and identified 43 candidate variants (Supplementary Table 4), excluding known risk loci (Supplementary Table 5). In stage 2, we tested these for association in 14,041 LOAD cases and 21,921 controls, using genotypes derived from *de novo* genotyping and imputation (Online Methods). We carried forward single-nucleotide variants (SNVs) with genome-wide significant associations and consistent directions of effect to stage 3 where genotypes for 6,652 independent cases and 8,345 controls were imputed using the Haplotype Reference Consortium resource<sup>32,33</sup> (Online Methods and Supplementary Table 6).

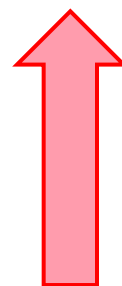
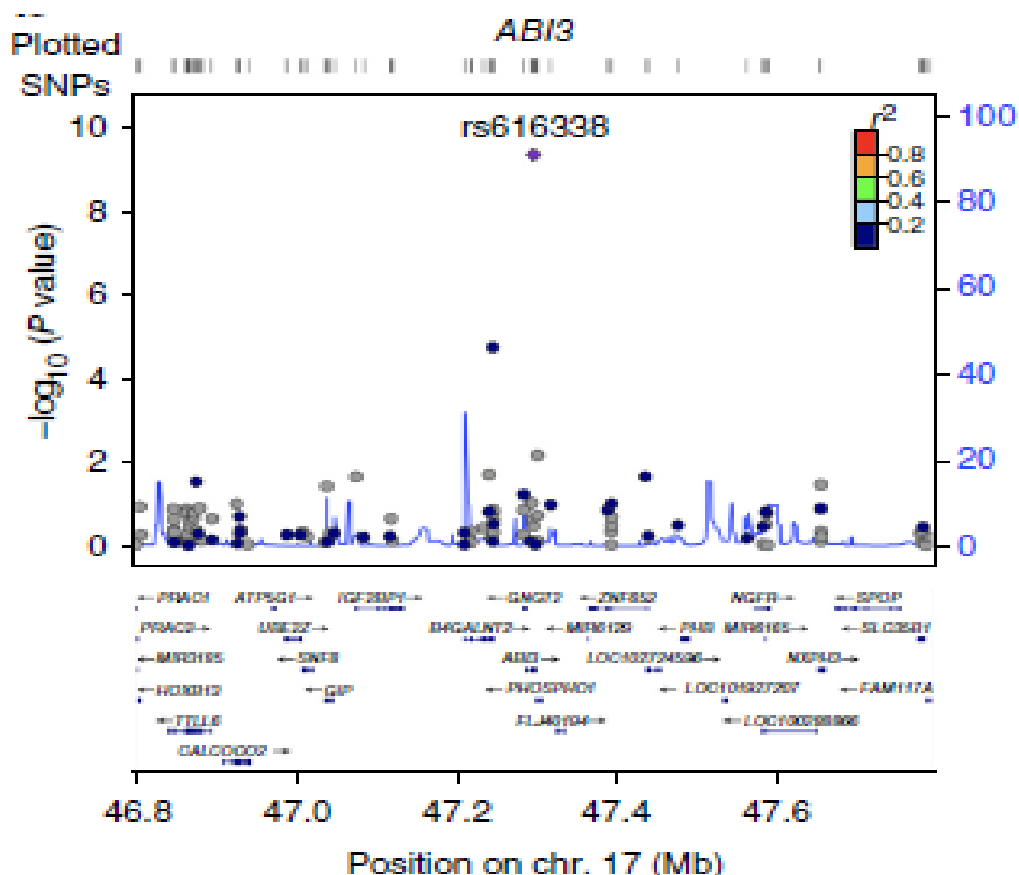
We identified four rare coding variants with genome-wide significant association signals with LOAD ( $P < 5 \times 10^{-8}$ ) (Table 2 and Supplementary Tables 7 and 8). The first is a missense variant p.Pro522Arg ( $P = 5.38$

**Table 2 Summary of stages 1, 2 and 3 and combined meta-analysis results for SNVs at  $P < 5 \times 10^{-8}$**

SNV	rs75932628	rs143332484	rs72824905	rs616338
Chr.	6	6	16	17
Position (bp)	41,129,252	41,129,207	81,942,028	47,297,297
Protein variation	Arg47His	Arg62His	Pro522Arg	Ser209Phe
Gene	<i>TREM2</i>	<i>TREM2</i>	<i>PLCG2</i>	<i>ABI3</i>
Effect allele	T	T	G	T
<b>Stage 1</b>				
<i>P</i>	$3.02 \times 10^{-12}$	$3.48 \times 10^{-9}$	$1.19 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.16 \times 10^{-5}$
OR	2.46	1.58	0.65	1.42
MAF <sub>cases</sub>	0.003	0.015	0.006	0.013
MAF <sub>controls</sub>	0.001	0.010	0.011	0.010
<i>N</i>	30,018	33,786	33,786	33,786
<b>Stage 2</b>				
<i>P</i>	$4.38 \times 10^{-8}$	$3.66 \times 10^{-7}$	$1.35 \times 10^{-4}$	$8.37 \times 10^{-5}$
OR	2.37	3.97	0.70	1.41
MAF <sub>cases</sub>	0.004	0.014	0.006	0.010
MAF <sub>controls</sub>	0.002	0.006	0.008	0.008
<i>N</i>	35,831	3,968	35,831	35,831
<b>Stage 3</b>				
<i>P</i>	$1.23 \times 10^{-6}$	$2.45 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.48 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.75 \times 10^{-2}$
OR	2.58	1.55	0.69	1.58
MAF <sub>cases</sub>	0.006	0.012	0.006	0.010
MAF <sub>controls</sub>	0.003	0.008	0.007	0.008
<i>N</i>	14,884	15,288	15,288	14,876
<b>Stage 1–3 meta-analysis</b>				
<i>P</i>	$5.38 \times 10^{-24}$	$1.55 \times 10^{-14}$	$5.38 \times 10^{-10}$	$4.56 \times 10^{-10}$
OR	2.46	1.67	0.68	1.43
MAF <sub>cases</sub>	0.004	0.014	0.006	0.011
MAF <sub>controls</sub>	0.002	0.009	0.009	0.008
<i>N</i>	80,733	53,042	84,905	84,493

# Abelson Interactor Protein 3 (*ABI3*)

## Ser209Phe, rs616338

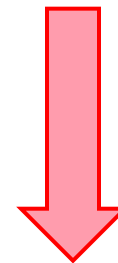
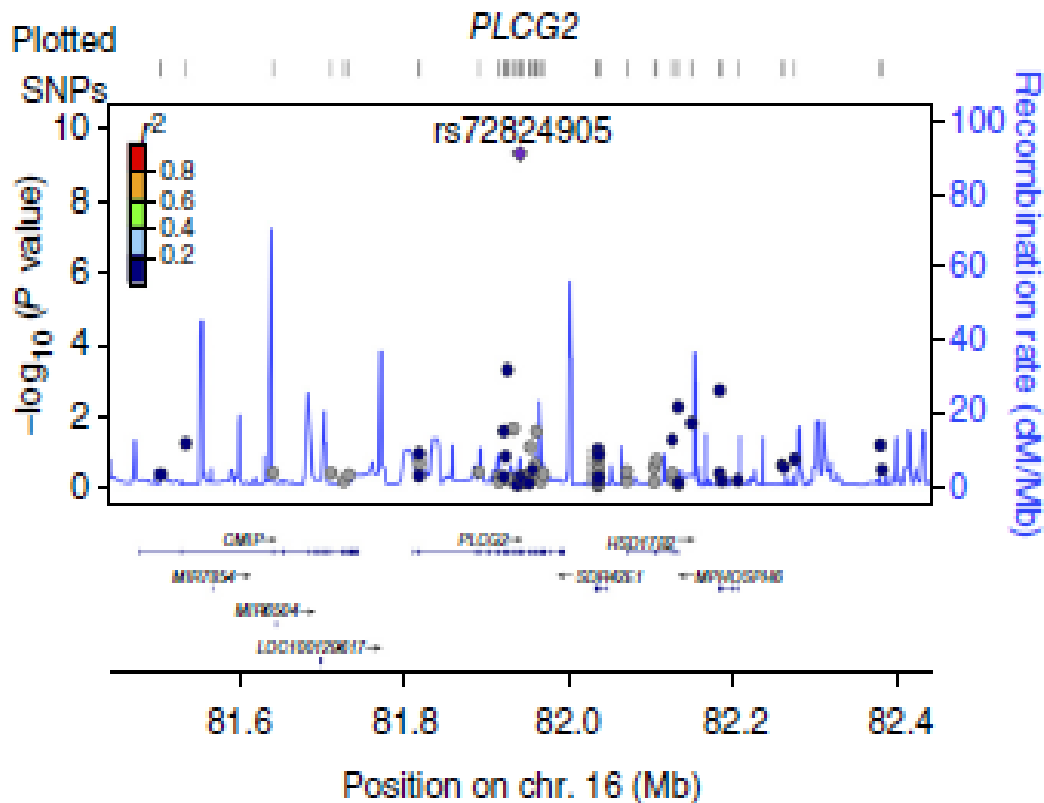


**Risk of  
Alzheimer's  
Disease**

<b>Odds Ratio (OR)</b>	<b>1.43</b>
<b>P value</b>	<b><math>4.56 \times 10^{-10}</math></b>
<b>Minor Allele Frequency Cases</b>	<b>0.011</b>
<b>Minor Allele Frequency Controls</b>	<b>0.008</b>

# Phospholipase C $\gamma$ 2 (*PLCG2*)

## Pro522Arg, rs72824905



**Risk of  
Alzheimer's  
Disease**

<b>Odds Ratio (OR)</b>	<b>0.68</b>
<b>P value</b>	<b><math>5.38 \times 10^{-10}</math></b>
<b>Minor Allele Frequency Cases</b>	<b>0.0059</b>
<b>Minor Allele Frequency Controls</b>	<b>0.0093</b>

# Conclusions and Implications

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- **Innate immunity/microglial networks are up only in AD, but not in PSP.**
  - Divergent pathway between AD vs. PSP (primary tauopathy).
  - AD (A $\beta$ ) specificity?
- **Innate immunity networks are reproducible and validated though their changes are likely due to microgliosis in AD pathology-affected regions.**
  - Observed only in AD vs. control, in TCX and simple model.
  - Findings disappear after adjusting for cell populations.
- **Innate immunity networks harbor AD risk genes.**
  - Mechanistic implications for these genes and their variants.
- **Implications for Therapy.**
  - Innate immunity may be a viable AD-specific target.
  - Opposite direction of risk associations between AD and PSP for some innate immunity AD risk genes may be multifactorial and should raise caution about targeting innate immunity in non-AD degenerative diseases.



# AMP-AD Interactive Collaborations

