# ApoE Genotype Directed Drug Repositioning and Combination Therapy for Alzheimer's Disease

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# The Network Concept of Drug Targets for Alzheimer's Disease



One or more therapeutic agents to perturb entire

molecular networks away

from the disease states

Four Major Publically Available Transcriptional Studies in the Temporal Cortex of Control and AD Patients with ApoE Genotype Information (Total N = 956)

Study ID	Online Source	Data Source	n	ApoE Genotype	Brain Region	Analytic Method	Quality Control
GSE15222 <sup>ª</sup>	GEO expression Omnibus	U. Miami Myers Lab	240	Yes	Temporal cortex	Illumina, microarray	Yes <sup>a</sup>
Syn3157255 <sup>b</sup>	Sage synapse Amp-AD	UFL-MAYO-ISB (MayoEGWAS)	399	Yes	Temporal cortex	Illumina, whole genome DASL	Yes <sup>b</sup>
Syn5550404 <sup>℃</sup>	Sage synapse Amp-AD	UFL-MAYO-ISB (MayoRNA-seq)	192	Yes	Temporal cortex	RNA-Seq, HiSeq 200	Yes
Syn3157743 <sup>d</sup>	Sage synapse Amp-AD	Mt. Sinai Brain Bank	125	Yes	Temporal cortex	RNA-Seq HiSeq 2500	Yes <sup>e</sup>

- a. Webster JA, Gibbs JR, Clarke J, et al. Genetic control of human brain transcript expression in Alzheimer disease. *Am J Hum Genet*. 2009;84:445–458.
- b. Zou F, Chai HS, Younkin CS, et al. Brain expression genome-wide association study (eGWAS) identifies human diseaseassociated variants. *PLoS Genet.* 2012;8:e1002707.
- c. For Syn5550404 (MayoRNA-seq), temporal lobar brain samples were taken from the Mayo Clinic Brain Bank and Banner Sun Health Research Institute.
- d. For Syn3157743 (MSBB), temporal cortex samples were taken from the Mt. Sinai Brain Bank.
- e. Levin JZ, Yassour M, Adiconis X, et al. Comprehensive comparative analysis of strand-specific RNA sequencing methods. *Nat Methods*. 2010;7:709–715.

# **Precision Medicine** is Paramount to Accuracy in Mapping Disease Networks



#### First Step: Identifying ApoE Genotype-Specific Gene Expression Signatures of Alzheimer's Disease



#### ApoE Genotype-Specific Gene Expression Signatures of Alzheimer's Disease (N=639)

Sample Numbers



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Ingenuity.Canonical.Pathways p.value Dysregulated Glutamate Dependent Acid Resistance 0.000200 0.000437 GABA Receptor Signaling E4/E4 Coagulation System 0.001480 Pathways in CTRL AD cAMP-mediated signaling 0.001550 7 46 0.001740 Neuroinflammation Signaling Pathway ApoE4/4 AD Glutamate Degradation III (via 4-aminobutyrate) 0.001950 E3/E4 G-Protein Coupled Receptor Signaling 0.002040 AD CTRL G-alpha-s Signaling 0.004900 147 69 IL-12 Signaling and Production in Macrophages 0.004900 VDR/RXR Activation 0.005010 E3/E3 0.005250 Synaptic Long Term Depression CTRL AD Pathogenesis of Multiple Sclerosis 0.006760 236 106 0.008710 Glutamate Receptor Signaling 28 Phagosome Formation 0.010700 0.014100 Cholesterol Biosynthesis I Cholesterol Biosynthesis II (via 24,25-dihydrolanosterol) 0.014100 6 Cholesterol Biosynthesis III (via Desmosterol) 0.014100 0.019500 11 Agranulocyte Adhesion and Diapedesis Mechanisms of Viral Exit from Host Cells 0.020400 3 0.020400 NRF2-mediated Oxidative Stress Response 19 Role of Hypercytokinemia/hyperchemokinemia in the Pathogenesis of Influenza 0.022900 0.032400 Tight Junction Signaling Cell Cycle: G2/M DNA Damage Checkpoint Regulation 0.032400 10 0.038000 CCR3 Signaling in Eosinophils L-serine Degradation 0.041700 N-acetylglucosamine Degradation I 0.041700 Factors Promoting Cardiogenesis in Vertebrates 0.041700 Actin Cytoskeleton Signaling 0.043700

E4/4 Unique

### Drug Repositioning Pipeline

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Drug

gene 1

gene 2

gene 3

gene 4

gene 5

gene 6

Consensus

Signature

gene 1

gene 2

gene 3 gene 4

gene 5 gene 6

Disease

Gene Expression Signatures of AD



Drug Repositioning with Full Gene Singature

CMAP Compound Library



Precision Medicine and Combination Therapy of Repurposed Drugs based on ApoE Genotype-Specific Gene Expression Signatures of AD



#### Conclusions and Further Directions

- Network approach to drug targeting to treat complex disease
- Precision medicine is paramount to efficacious targeting of disease networks
- Developing unique and combinatorial precision medicine-led methods for drug repositioning
- Currently testing lead compounds

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