

The Aetiology & pathogenesis of Parkinson's disease

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Structure of this talk

- Background
 - Genetics of Parkinson's disease
 - Focusing on recent developments
 - Clinical relevance
 - What do I tell my patients?
 - Investigations

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REPORT OF DNA ANALYSIS

18/01/18

Sample type

DNA

Next-generation sequencing (NGS) coverage:

100% of the coding exons (+/- 15 base pairs) of all genes in the panel were sequenced to a read depth of 30X or greater. The minimum depth of coverage was 52X.

Please contact the laboratory if further information is required.

NHNN Test Code: PRK1+PRK3

Methodology: Enrichment was performed with an Illumina custom Nextera Rapid Capture panel (PD Panel: Neurogenetics_NRC_v1.3) prior to next-generation sequencing on an Illumina MiSeq or HiSeq. NGS analysis is performed using an in-house pipeline. This test has a sensitivity of >95% at the 95% confidence interval for all sequencing over a depth of 30X. The sensitivity to detect insertions/deletions over 24 bp in length may be lower than this. All sequencing <10X is manually inspected.

The MLPA analysis is performed using the P051D1 kit from MRC-Holland and detects exonic deletions/duplications in SNCA (PARK1: exons 1-7), PARK2 (Parkin: all 12 coding exons and a probe in exon 39 of the LPA gene), PINK1 (PARK6: all 8 coding exons), PARK7 (DJ1: all 7 coding exons and a region 5' to exon 1), ATP13A2 coding exons 2 and 9, the Ala30Pro mutation in SNCA (PARK1) and the Gly2019Ser mutation in LRRK2 (PARK8).

The 'A' of the translation initiator ATG is numbered as +1. Mutation nomenclature used is according to current HGVS (Human Genome Variation Society) guidelines: www.hgvs.org/mutnomen/

Resources: www.genetests.org/; www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov

The Neurogenetics Laboratory is UKAS accredited medical laboratory No.8040. Our accreditation currently covers any Sanger sequencing and MLPA analysis that contributes to this report (if performed). NGS sequencing is not UKAS accredited, however an application for this is under consideration.

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Activation date: 28/11/2016

Reason for referral: Parkinson Disease (PD)

Type of Test: Diagnostic

Test performed: Next-generation sequencing (NGS) analysis of a panel of 7 genes involved in different forms of Parkinson Disease and MLPA gene dosage analysis of 3 genes. See below for a full list of genes and the footer of page 2 for the methodology.

Result: No pathogenic mutation detected

Interpretation: This result significantly reduces the likelihood that a mutation in the genes listed below is a cause of the clinical phenotype. It does not exclude large-scale rearrangements in the genes not targeted by the MLPA analysis, or mutations in other genes that may cause PD.

Comments: Please see page 2 of this report for details of the coverage of the genes targeted

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How confident can we be with the diagnosis of Parkinson's disease?

- There is a diagnostic error rate
 - In primary care- ~50%
 - In movement disorders clinics ~10% (Hughes et al, 2001)
 - From imaging studies (Whone AL, et al. The REAL-PET study. Ann Neurol. 2003;54:93-101.); The Parkinson Study Group N Engl J Med 2004; 351:2498-2508)

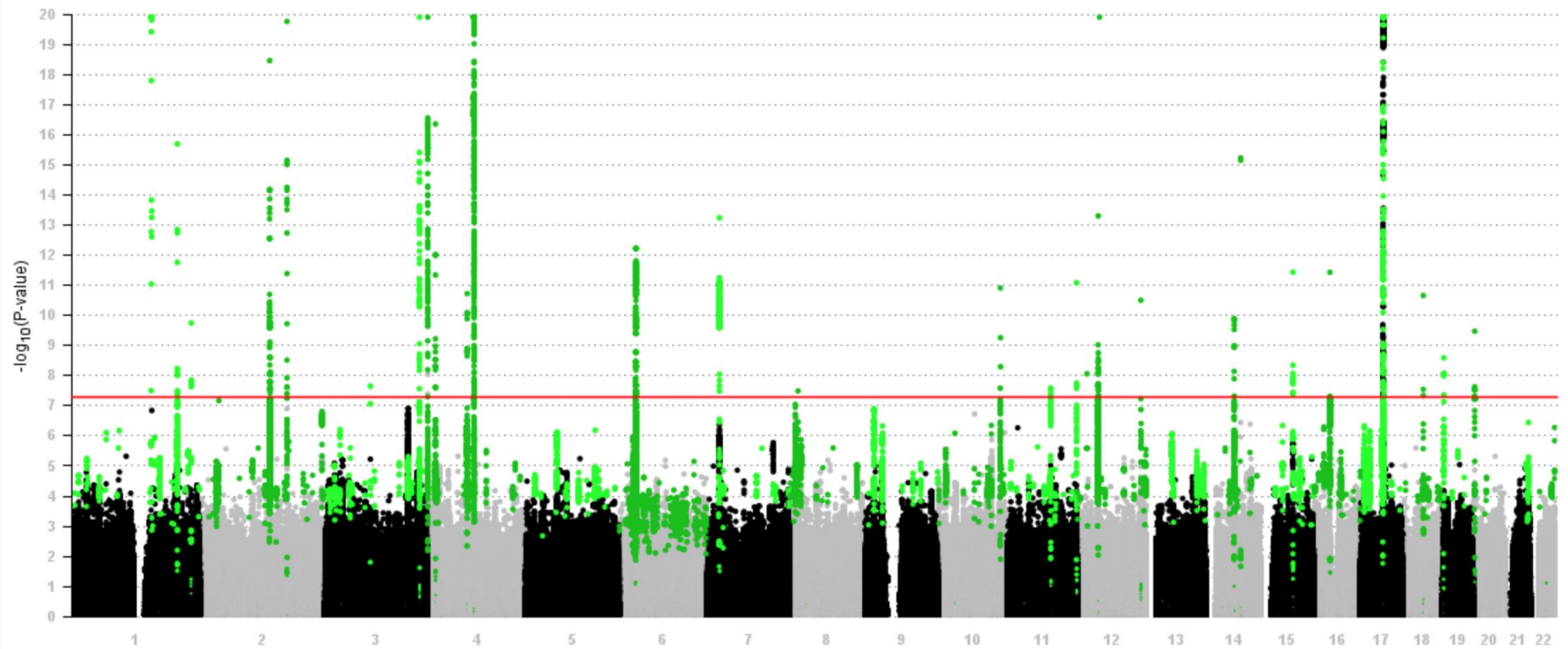
Or what is my risk of PD?

How genetic is PD?

- 15% of PD patients have an affected relative (Gowers, 1893)
- twin studies (Tanner, 1998)
- large families
- Association studies ~813 studies...only 4 genes (SNCA, MAPT, LRRK2, PARK16) hold up....until GWAS (Dec 2009) <http://www.pdgene.org/>

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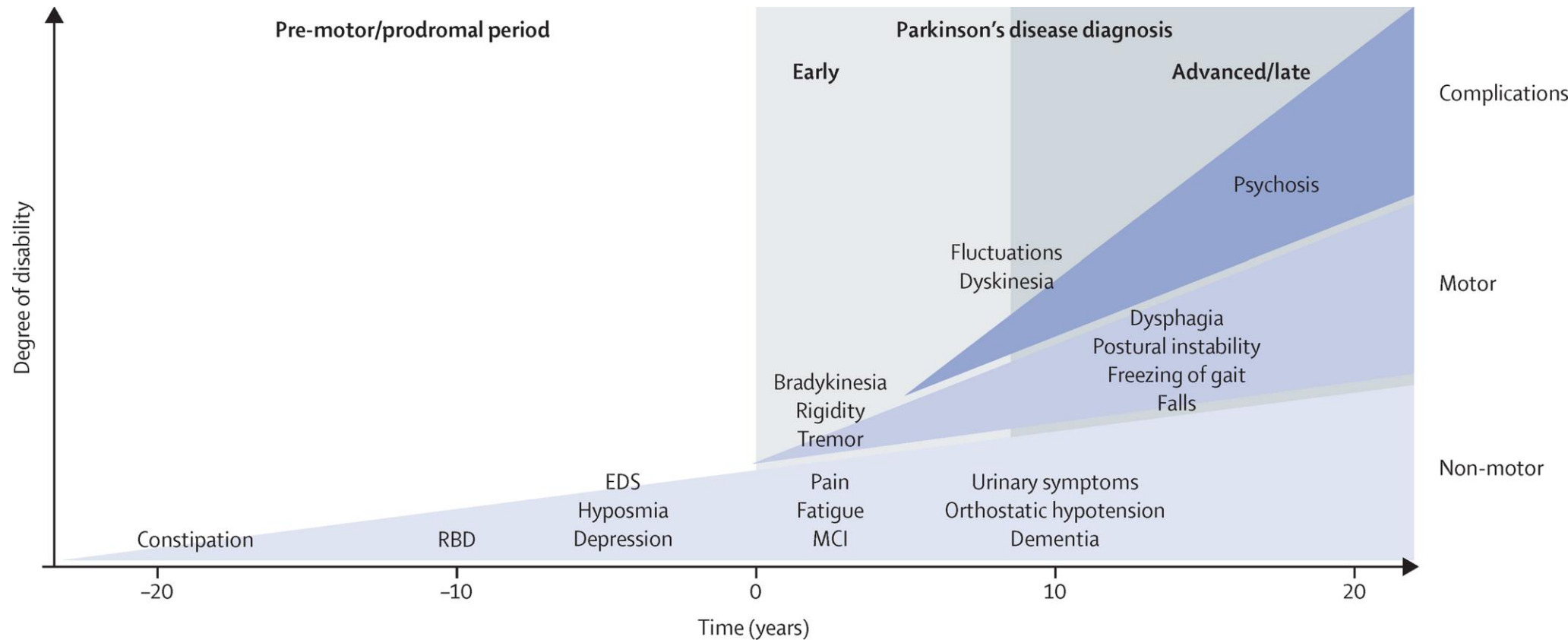
Genome-wide meta-analysis results of all included datasets



Genetic contribution to PD

- **Case control studies**
- **relative risk of 2.3 for first degree relatives of index PD cases (community-based study)***(Marder et al, 1996; Marder et al, 2003)*

Clinical symptoms & time course of PD progression



Kalia & Lang (2015)

Synucleinopathies

Golbe et al, 1996; Galvin et al, 2001; Popescu et al, 2005

■ PD

- Sporadic
- Familial with alpha-syn mutations
- Familial without alpha-syn mutations

■ Dementia with Lewy Bodies

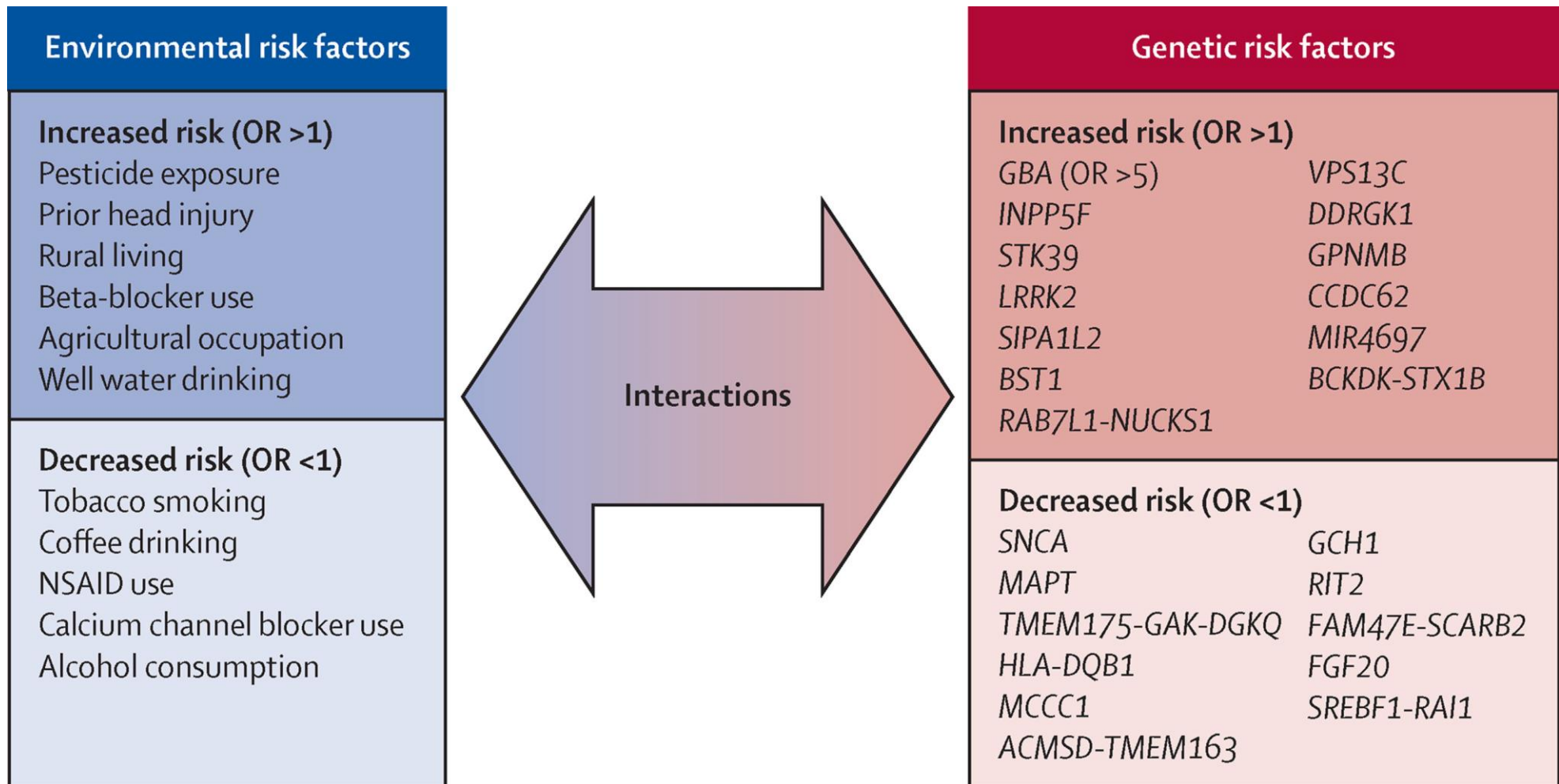
- Pure LB dementia
- LB variant of AD
- Familial AD with APP/ PS-1/ PS-2 mutations
- Down syndrome

- Multiple system atrophy
- Neurodegeneration with brain iron accumulation type 1
 - Hallervorden-Spatz syndrome
 - Neuroaxonal dystrophy
- Other disorders
 - Traumatic brain injury
 - Pick disease
 - Argrophilic grain disease
 - ALS

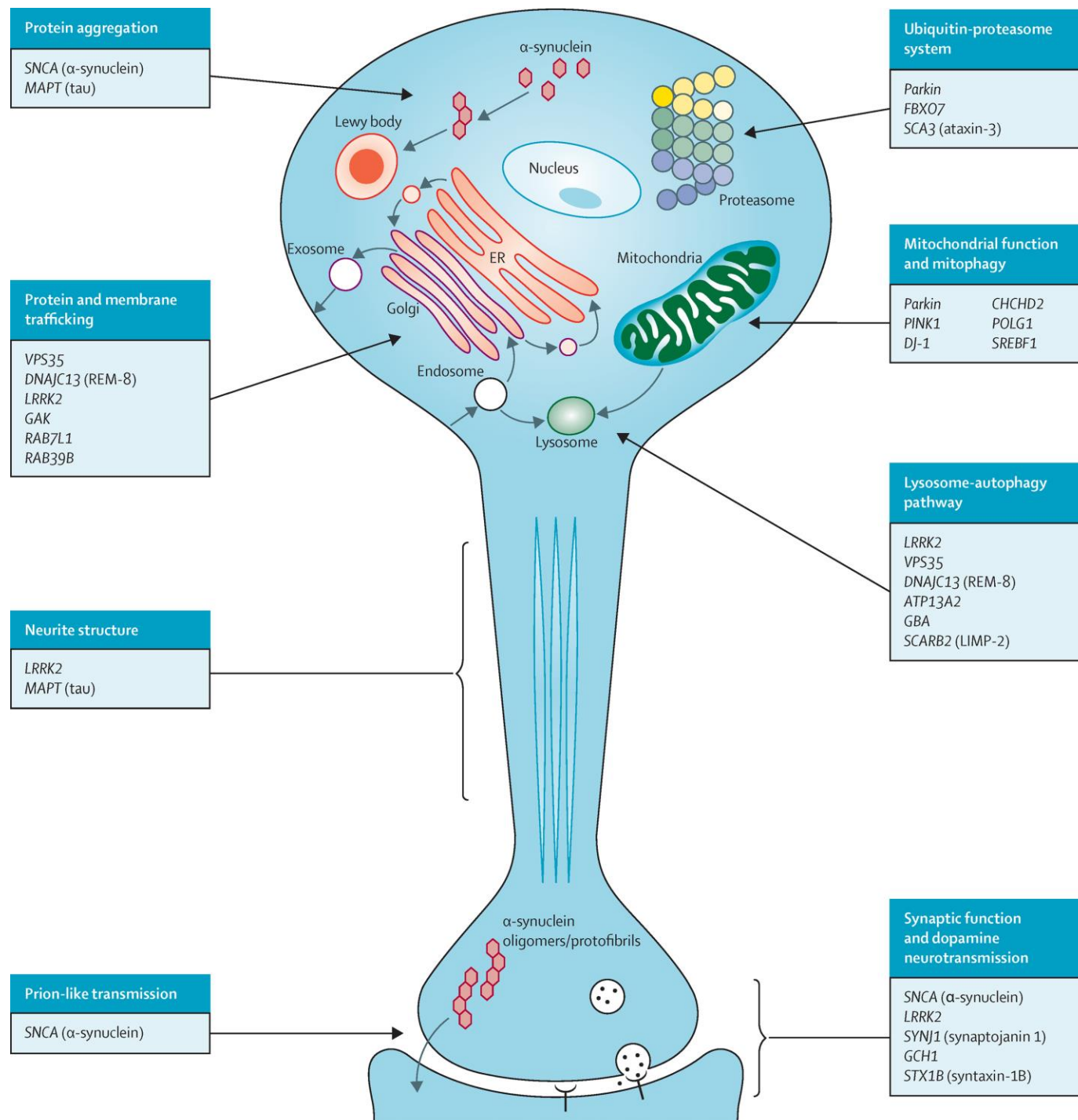
Mendelian Parkinson's Loci: one process or more?

LOCUS1	Inheritance	Onset	Protein	Path
PARK-1/4	AD	~45	Alpha-synuclein	LB
PARK-2	AR	7-60	Parkin	None
PARK-6	AR	36-60	PINK-1	one case with LB
PARK-7	AR	27-40	DJ-1	Nigral degeneration, diffuse LBs spheroids
PARK-8	AD	45-57	LRRK2	Usually LB, variable tau deposition
PARK-9 (Kufor-Rakeb sy.)	AR	Teens	ATP13A2	Absent LBs; neuronal & glial lipofuscinosis
PARK-14	AR	Teens	PLA2G6	LB, also spheroids brain iron Xs
PARK-15	AR	Teens	FBXO7	?
PARK-17	AD	50-70	VPS35	?
PARK-18				

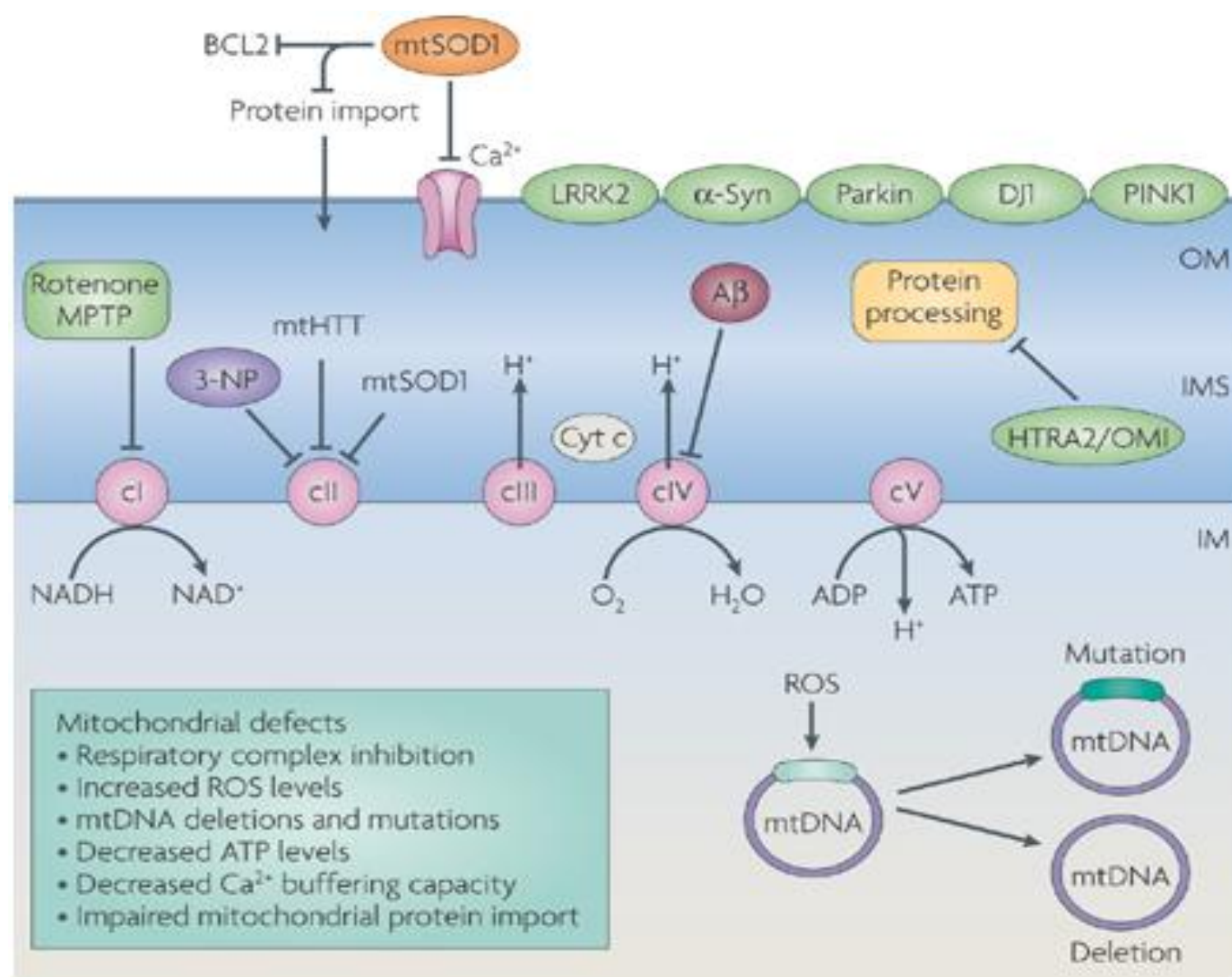
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PARK-15	AR	Teens	FBXO7	?
PARK-17	AD	50-70	VPS35	?
PARK-18	AR	Late onset	EIF4G1	LBs
PARK-19	AR	Juvenile onset	DNAJC6	?
PARK-20	AR	Early onset	SYNJ1	?
PARK-21	AD	Late onset PD/PSP	DNAJC13	Brain stem or transitional LB. tauopathy
PARK-22 ?	AD	Late onset (Japanese)	CHCHD2	?
PARK-23	AR	Early onset, rapid	VPS13C	LB present



From Kalia & Lang (2015)



Cellular processes
Involved in
pathogenesis
of PD



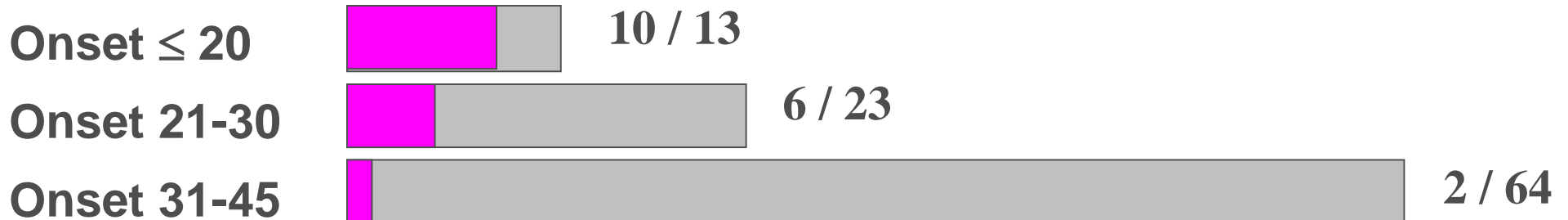
Parkin disease - frequencies

1998-2004 - more than 80 mutations found

Families (onset <45y): 49 % 36 / 73



Isolated cases: 18 % 18 / 100



Lücking et al., N Engl J Med 2000

Kilarski et 2012

- **Systematic review and UK-based study of PARK2 (parkin), PINK1, PARK7 (DJ-1) and LRRK2 in early-onset Parkinson's disease.**

3.6% of patients have AAO <45y; n=136

		Freq	Ethnicity
PARK2	parkin	8.6%	All
PARK7	DJ1	0.4%	All

Parkin disease - phenotypes

typical features:

- early-onset, mean 32 ± 11 y.rs, range 7-68
- good levodopa-response
- recessive inheritance (familial, isolated cases)
- slow progression

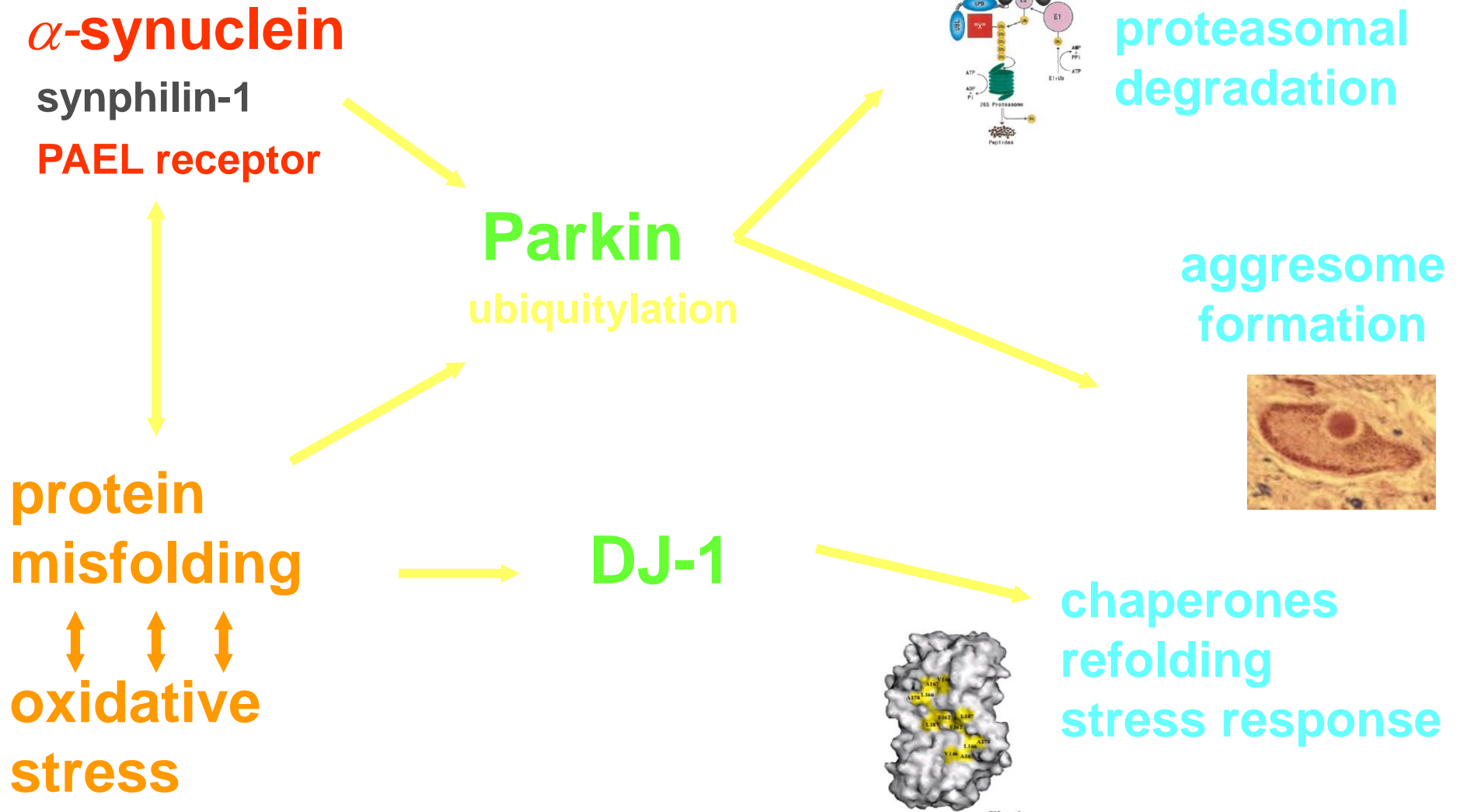
- l-dopa-induced fluctuations and dyskinesias
- rare cognitive or vegetative involvement
- dystonia at onset, brisk reflexes, sleep benefit

“overlap” phenotypes:

Dopa-responsive dystonia (plus mild parkinsonian signs)

Late-onset “clinically classical” Parkinson’s disease

protein quality control system and PD



Genetic loci implicated in PD

Locus	Chromosomal location	Inheritance	Protein	Putative function
PARK1	4q21	AD	α synuclein	?
PARK2	6q25.2-27	AR	Parkin	E3 ubiquitin ligase
PARK3	2p13	AD	?	
PARK4	4q21	AD	α synuclein	?
PARK5	4p14	AD	UCH-L1	Ubiquitin C-terminal ligase
PARK6	1p36	AR	PINK1	Mitochondrial protein kinase
PARK7	1p36	AR	DJ-1	Chaperone, oxidative stress response
PARK8	12p11.2-13.1	AD	LRRK2	phosphorylation
PARK9	1p36	?AR	?	
GBA	1q21	Susceptibility factor	Glucocerebrosidase	Glucocerebrosidase hydrolase

Cloning of the Gene Containing Mutations that Cause *PARK8*-Linked Parkinson's Disease

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Leucine-rich repeat
kinase 2
(*LRRK2*)

Dardarin Protein

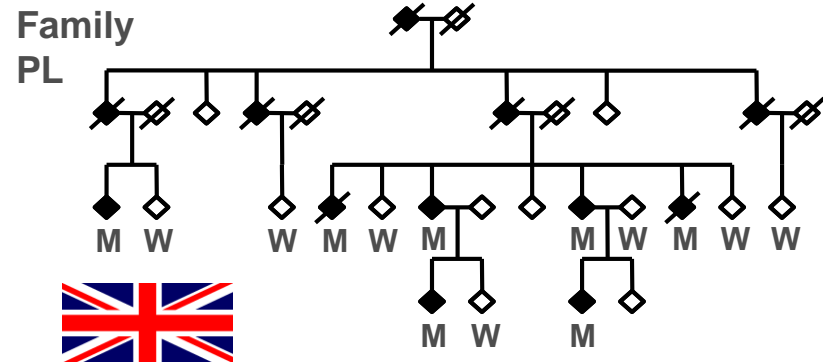
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Mutations in *LRRK2* Cause Autosomal-Dominant Parkinsonism with Pleomorphic Pathology

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PARK-8 PD

Funayama et al, 2002- Sagamihara kindred



Age at exam 67y
Onset 42y

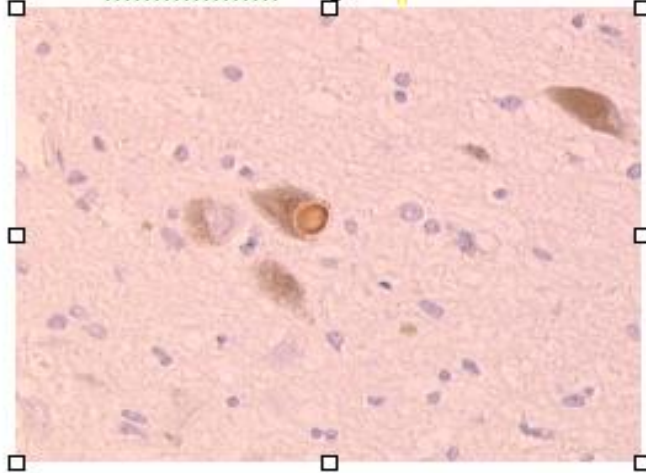
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mutation in exon
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Nicholl et al, Brain 2002;125:44; Khan N et al, 2005

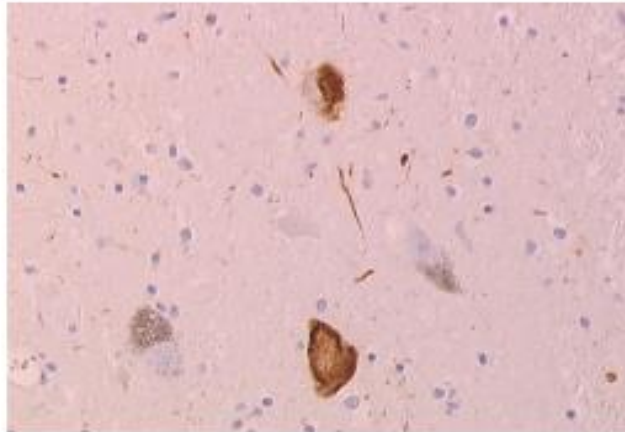
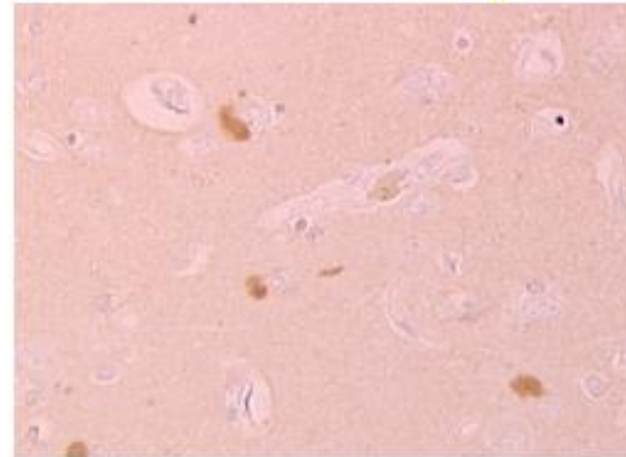
PARK8

- *LRRK2*-
 - 51 exons
 - Gly2019Ser responsible for a significant portion of dominant disease (5-6% of familial cases & 1-2% of sporadic cases)
 - Mutations contribute to apparently sporadic disease
 - LRRK2 protein contains LRR, WD40, kinase and RAS/RAB domain
 - Function- mixed lineage kinase activity & autophosphorylation activity
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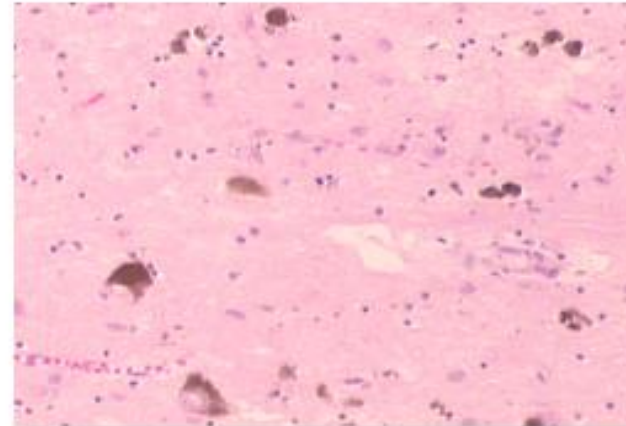
Case 1: Lewy body in
substantia nigra



Case 2: Lewy body
in insular cortex



Case 3: Tau inclusions
in substantia nigra



Case 4: Extracellular pigment
in substantia nigra

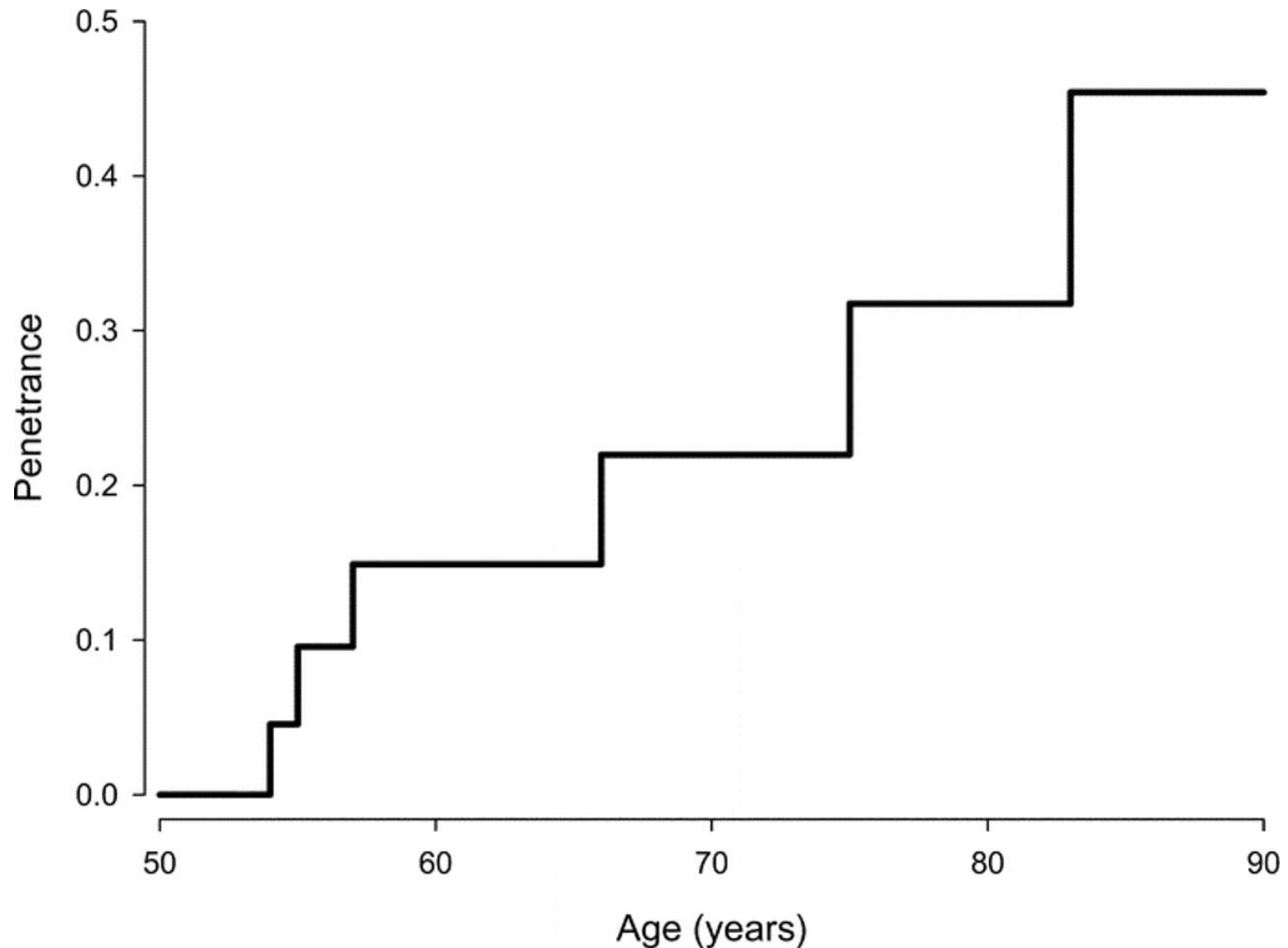
PARK8 Neuropathology

Wszolek Z et al, Neurology 2004; 62:1619;
Zimprich et al, 2004; Rajput et al, Neurology, 2006;
Ross et al, 2006
Giasson et al, 2006

LRRK2- penetrance

- Age related penetrance
 - 17% at 50 years
 - 85% at 70 years
 - (Karchergus et al, 2005)
- Varies according to geographic origin
 - 30% Europeans
 - 10% North Africans
- Disease progression- slower
 - [JAMA Neurol.](#) 2018 Jan 8.
- 85 y old G2019S carrier with no signs of PD (Kay et al, 2005)

Figure. Kaplan-Meier analysis of the cumulative incidence of Parkinson disease among 36 subjects carrying the LRRK2-G2019S mutation.



Goldwurm S et al. Neurology 2007;68:1141-1143

LRRK2 G2019S is common & dependent on ethnicity

	Sporadic	Familial	Control
N African Arabs	39%	36%	<1%
Ashkenazi Jews	10%	28%	<1%
UK British	1%	2%	0%
Welsh	0.3%	1.5%	NA

Healy D et al. Lancet Neurol 2008

Summary

- 23 different genetic loci and 16 genes (alpha-synuclein, parkin, DJ-1, PINK1 and UCHL1, ATP13A2 & LRRK2) in last 20 years
- Ubiquitination, protein aggregation, autophagy & formation of Lewy bodies appears central to PD pathogenesis

LRRK2 in clinical practice?

- Role of G2019S screening
 - Genetic counselling (cf Huntington's)
 - Reduced penetrance
 - Interaction with other proteins, eg parkin
 - role for kinase inhibitors in neuroprotection of PD
 - [West A. Exp Neurol.](#) 2017 Dec;

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Google founder finds out he has Parkinson's risk after taking wife's genetic test

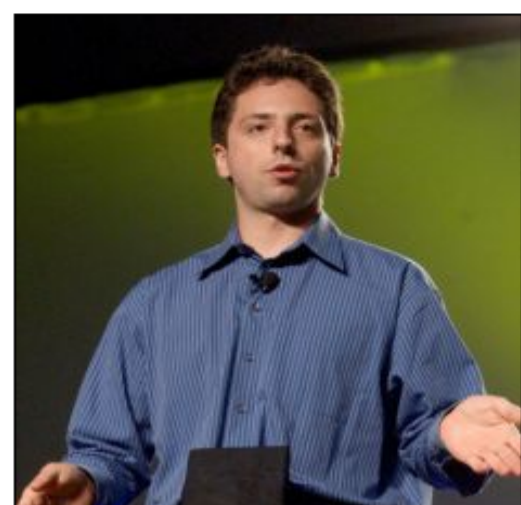
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Google's co-founder Sergey Brin has discovered he has an increased risk of developing Parkinson's disease, after taking a genetic test by a company founded by his wife.

Writing on his personal blog, the 35-year-old revealed both he and his mother carry the G2019S mutation of the LRRK2 gene, which is linked to a rare hereditary form of the degenerative brain disorder.

His mother, who worked with computers for NASA, thought she has repetitive strain injury after she suffered pain in her hands. She has since been diagnosed with the disease.



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Model thrust out porn star



Are neurologists being too fussy over the diagnostic issues?

PLoS Genetics: Web-Based Genome-Wide Association Study Identifies ...l Loci and a Substantial Genetic Component for Parkinson's Disease

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Web-Based Genome-Wide Association Study Identifies Two Novel Loci and a Substantial Genetic Component for Parkinson's Disease

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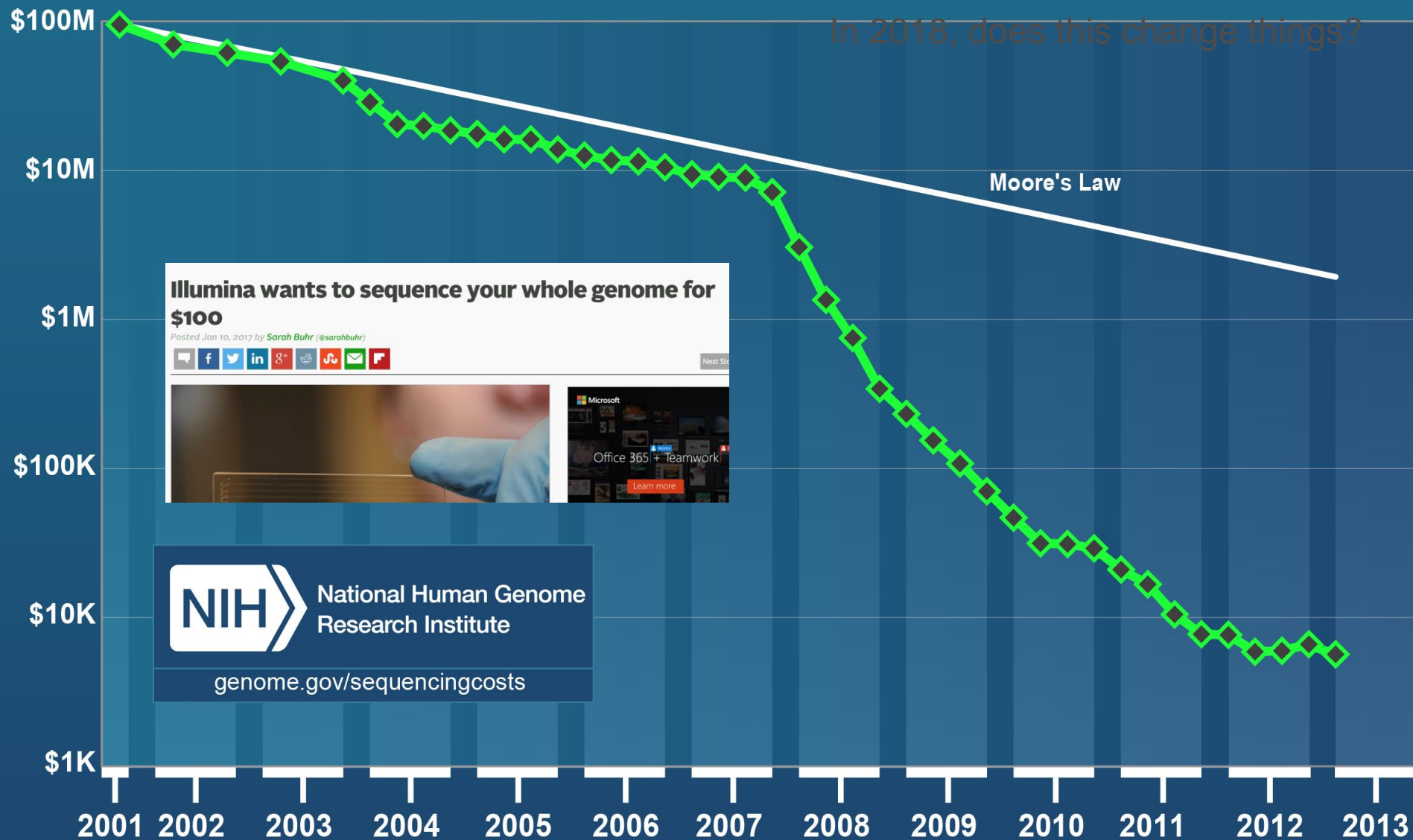
1 23andMe, Mountain View, California, United States of America, **2** Parkinson's Institute, Sunnyvale, California, United States of America

| Abstract

My requests for DNA tests- 2002-2012 (Appleton et JNNP (2013)

- 137 requests in 111 patients (45 (16-81)y)
 - 21.9% DNA banking
 - 78.1% for tests (82)
 - DRD (GTP Cyclohydrolase)(14)
 - SCA (11)
 - Parkin (8)
 - LRRK2 (8)
 - Friederich's (7)
 - Wilson's (6)
 - Lebers (6)
 - 20.6% showed an abnormality

Cost per Genome



Presymptomatic testing for late-onset genetic disorders (adapted from Harper, 1997)

■ Huntington's disease

- Serious & ultimately fatal
- Currently not treatable
- Onset most often in middle life
- Autosomal dominant
- Relatively frequent
- Specific genetic testing feasible
- Testing introduced with careful preparation
- Accurate documentation of testing experience
- Close co-operation & co-ordination of protocols worldwide

■ Parkinson's disease

- Usually older age
- Most idiopathic; AD; AR
- Mendelian families rare
- Genetics complex- known genes large!
- OTHER problems:
 - Penetrance
 - Phenocopies
 - Many different genetic loci with an identical phenotype

Genetic testing for PD?

- Do we know the causative gene?
- Do we know the frequency of disease causing mutations?
- Are we able to prioritise patients based on suggestive clinical features?
- What is the sensitivity/specificity of the genetic test?
- How reliable is the lab performing the tests?
- Will genetic testing alter patient management?
- Could variations in these genes affect sporadic PD?

J Genet Couns. 2017 Sep 30.

- Survey of subjects- **Patients' Opinions on Genetic Counseling on the Increased Risk of Parkinson Disease among Gaucher Disease Carriers.**
-
- 86.7% believed that patients should be informed about the increased risk of PD prior to having GD carrier screening

Referral to neurology from genetics

- 35y old Pakistani male referred as child with learning difficulties
 - Found to have partial deletion of chr 6
 - “Is he at risk of developing Parkinson’s disease?”

Referral to Gp from paediatric neurology

- “Can you send a DNA for PD NGS panel on this 17y old man with tremor?”
- “I’ll think I’ll ask a neurologist”
- Define the phenotype
- Take a Family History
- WHY TEST????

56 y old female with idiopathic torsion dystonia

- Onset aged 29y
- 24h urine copper- normal
- MRI head- normal
- NGS dystonia panel heterozygous variant in ATP7B gene
- What does this mean?

Table 2. Benefits, Misconceptions, and Limitations of the Genomewide Association Study.

Benefits

- Does not require an initial hypothesis
- Uses digital and additive data that can be mined and augmented without data degradation
- Encourages the formation of collaborative consortia, which tend to continue their collaboration for subsequent analyses
- Rules out specific genetic associations (e.g., by showing that no common alleles, other than *APOE*, are associated with Alzheimer's disease with a relative risk of more than 2)
- Provides data on the ancestry of each subject, which assists in matching case subjects with control subjects
- Provides data on both sequence and copy-number variations

Misconceptions

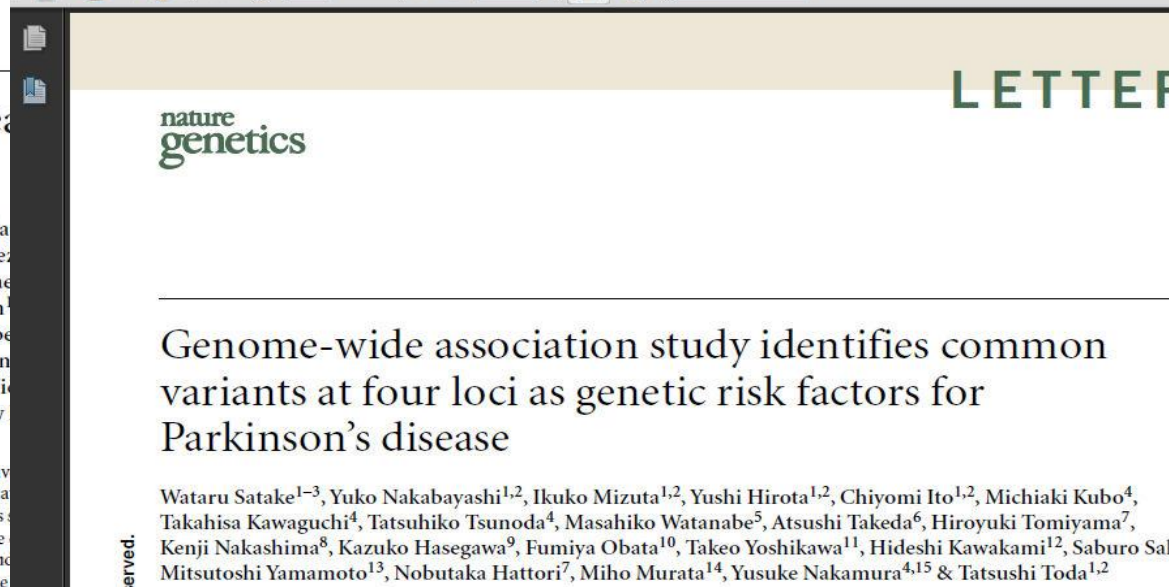
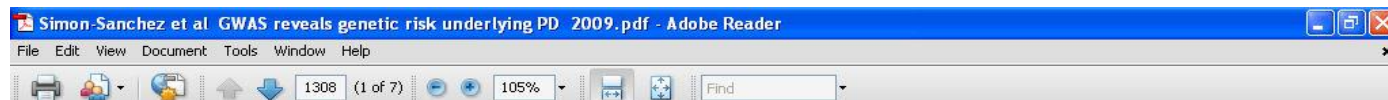
- Thought to provide data on all genetic variability associated with disease, when in reality only common alleles with large effects are identified
- Thought to screen out alleles with a small effect size, when in reality such findings may still be very useful in determining pathogenic biochemical pathways, even though low-risk alleles may be of little predictive value

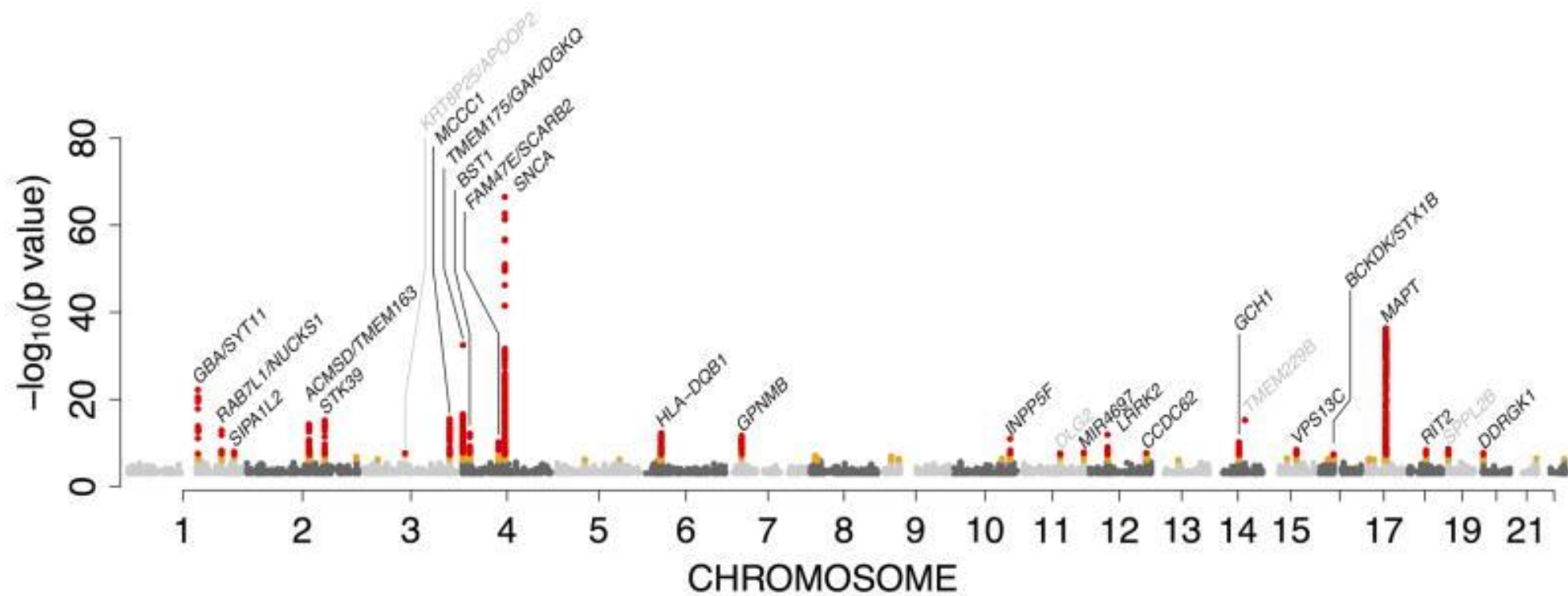
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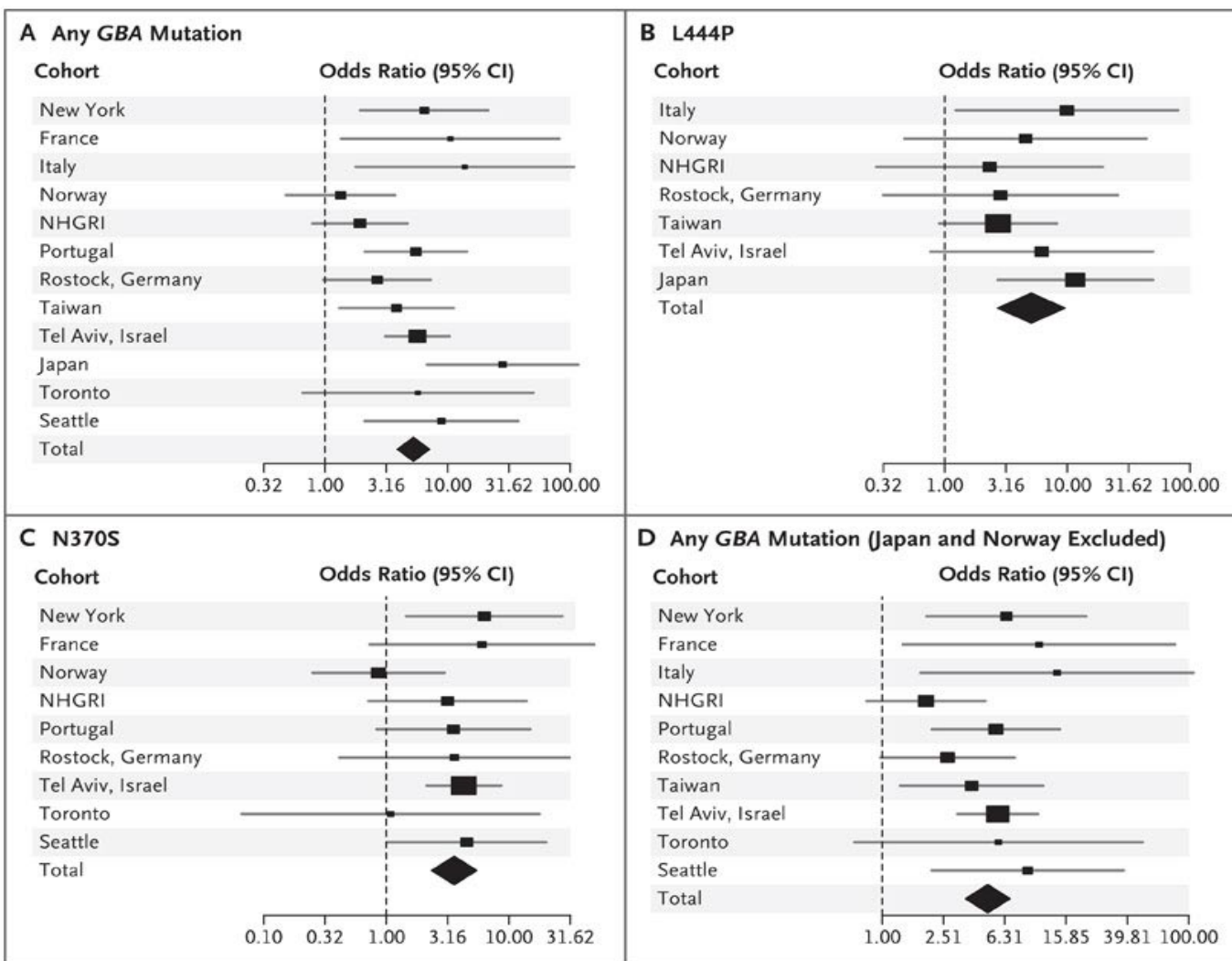
- Requires samples from a large number of case subjects and control subjects and therefore can be challenging to organize
- Finds loci, not genes, which can complicate the identification of pathogenic changes on an associated haplotype
- Detects only alleles that are common (>5%) in a population
- Requires replication in a similarly large number of samples

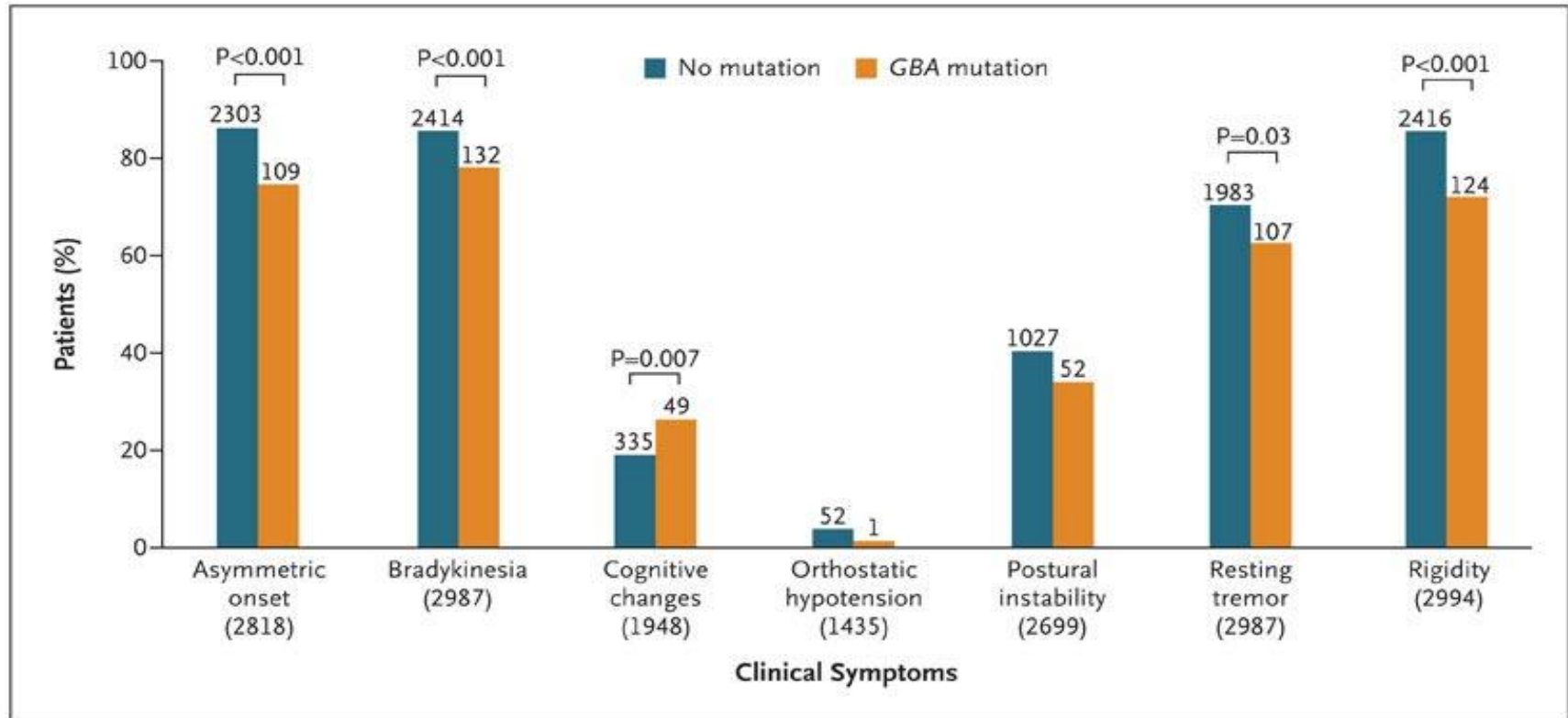


GWAS and Parkinson's disease- Nature Genetics- Dec 2009









GBA & Parkinsonism

- Mutations in *GBA1* can be found in 4% to 7% of PD cases
- reduced activity of β -glucocerebrosidase appears to be a common feature of most (and perhaps nearly all) cases of PD, even when no mutation in the gene can be detected

EDITORIAL

What Would Dr. James Parkinson Think Today? Mutations in Beta-glucocerebrosidase and Risk of Parkinson's Disease

Role of the lysosome

- Excessive burden of lysosomal storage disorder gene variants in Parkinson's disease.
- confirmed associations at the GBA and SMPD1 loci
- CTSD, SLC17A5 & ASAH1 as candidate Parkinson's disease susceptibility genes.
- [Robak et al. Brain.](#) 2017 Dec 1

Where next with PD genetics & technology?

- Should we start thinking about pharmacogenetics more seriously?

- Eg Tolcapone & liver failure

- Pharmacogenomics J. 2002;2(5):327-34

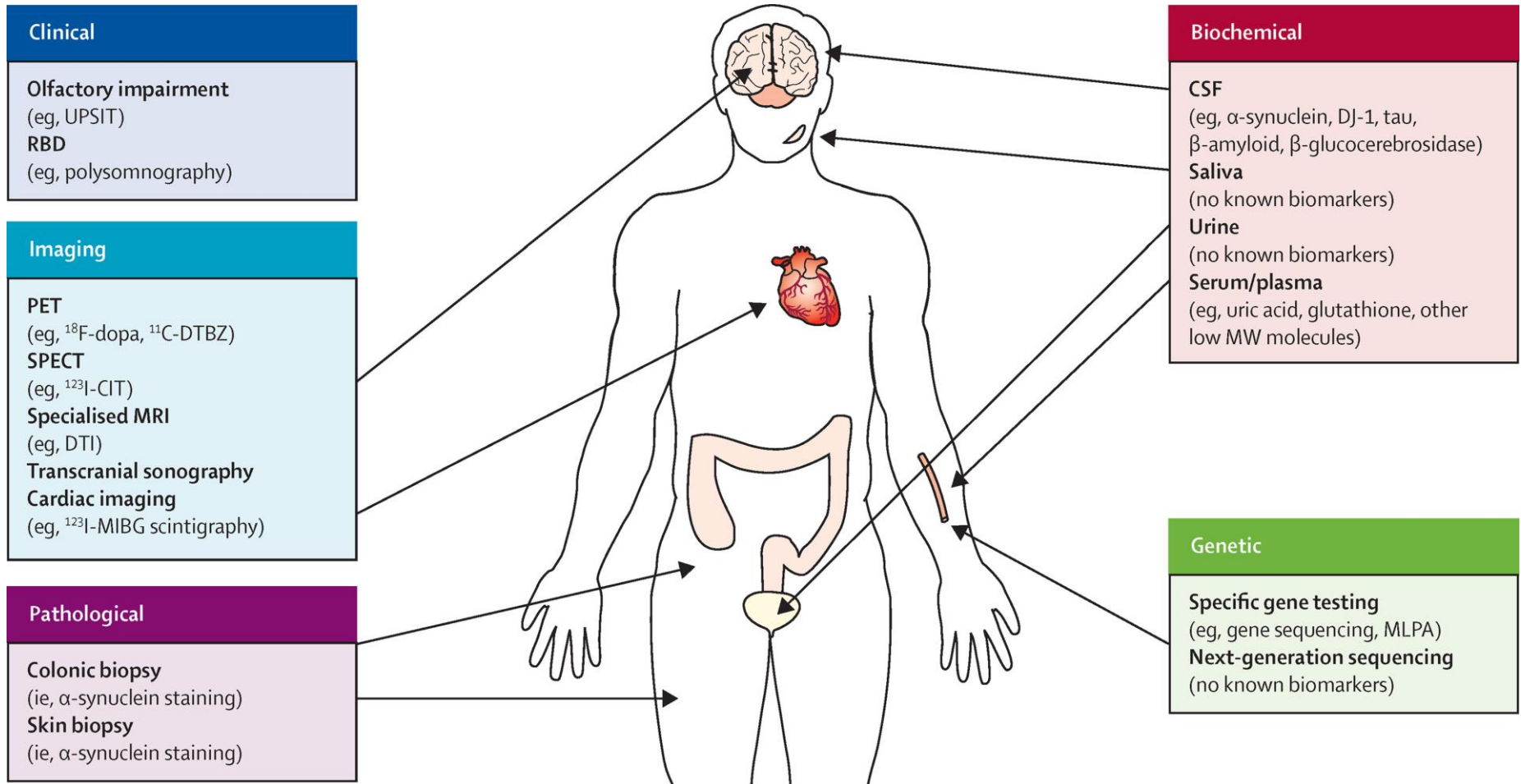
- SNPs in UDP-glucuronosyl transferase 1A gene complex

Dopamine D2 receptor gene variants and response to rasagiline in early Parkinson's disease: a pharmacogenetic study. (Masellis et al, Brain 2016)

The UK 100,000 Genomes Project

February 2015

www.genomicsengland.co.uk



Potential biomarkers for diagnosis of PD (from Kalia & Lang (2015))

In summary

- Do NOT underestimate the importance of clinical observation....from James Parkinson, to GBA
- Take a Family History
- Selective investigation! (onset <50y; good FH; atypical features)