

Improving Cohort Diversity in Alzheimer's Disease Genetics Research

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Alzheimer's Disease

Most common cause of dementia in seniors

Gradual, progressive loss of cognitive abilities; Extensive brain atrophy; Change of personality; Incapacitation and death

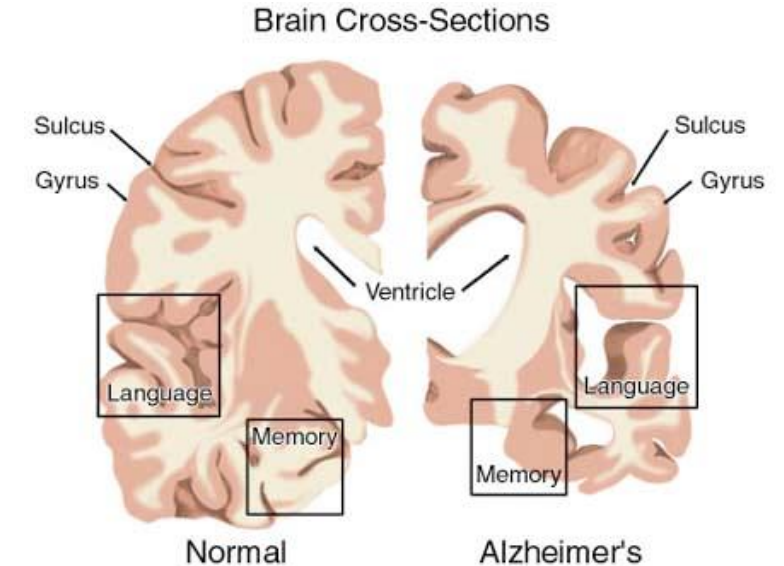
AD is a big health issue

6th topmost cause of death in US

No effective cure, prevention, or means to slow progression

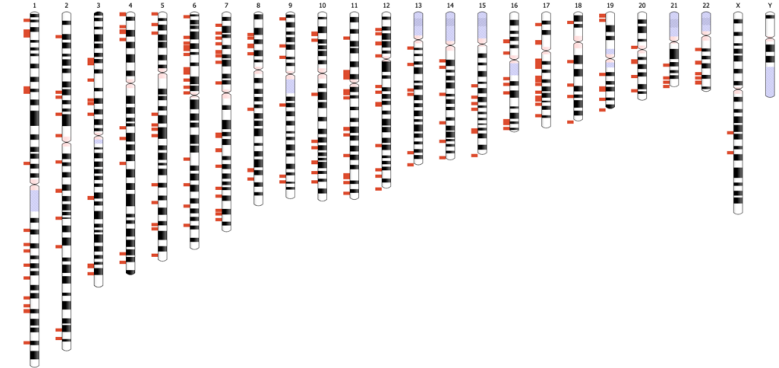
AD recruitment is challenging

- Hours of cognitive and neurological assessments
- CSF/Imaging to exclude other dementia causes
- Challenges in recruiting and retaining seniors in longitudinal studies



Auguste D, first AD case identified in 1901

AD Genetic Findings Are Mainly for Populations of European Ancestry



AD Variant Portal - advp.niagads.org
ADGC Publication Summary as of 2020

Population	#Variants	#Loci	#Pubs
Caucasian / White / NHW	1,687	953	117
African American / Black	90	44	9
Asian (in Asia)	53	38	7
Caribbean Hispanic	45	17	3
Arab (in Asia)	31	16	3
Hispanic	7	1	1

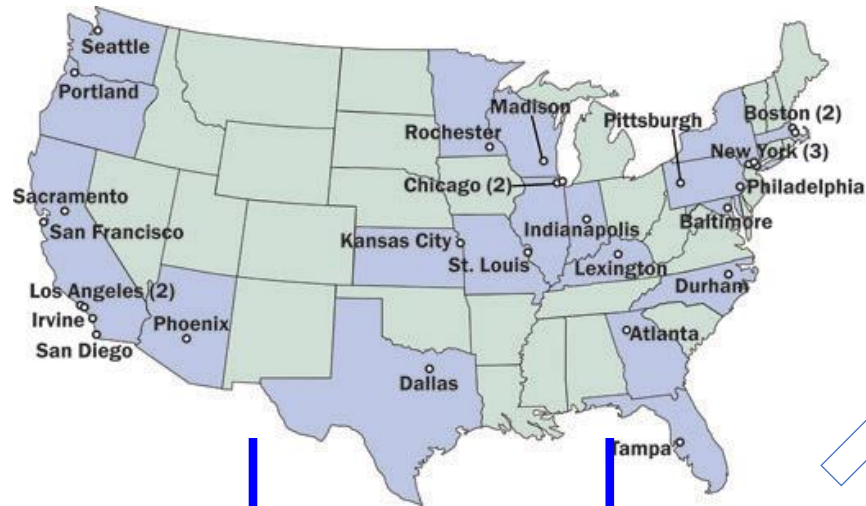
Population Specific Odds Ratio
(strongest common variant in each locus)

Ancestry	APOE e4	ABCA7
European	3.43	1.15
African	2.31	1.79
East Asian	4.98	1.13

PMIDs: APOE - 32015339, 23571587, 31426376,
ABCA7 - 24162737, 23571587, 23565137

Leverage Existing Resources for Larger Sample and More Diversity

32 NIA ADRCs recruit subjects



- Chooses and genotypes >10,000 subjects (Illumina 660K/OmniExpress, 500~700K SNPs)
- Collects other studies

Phenotype

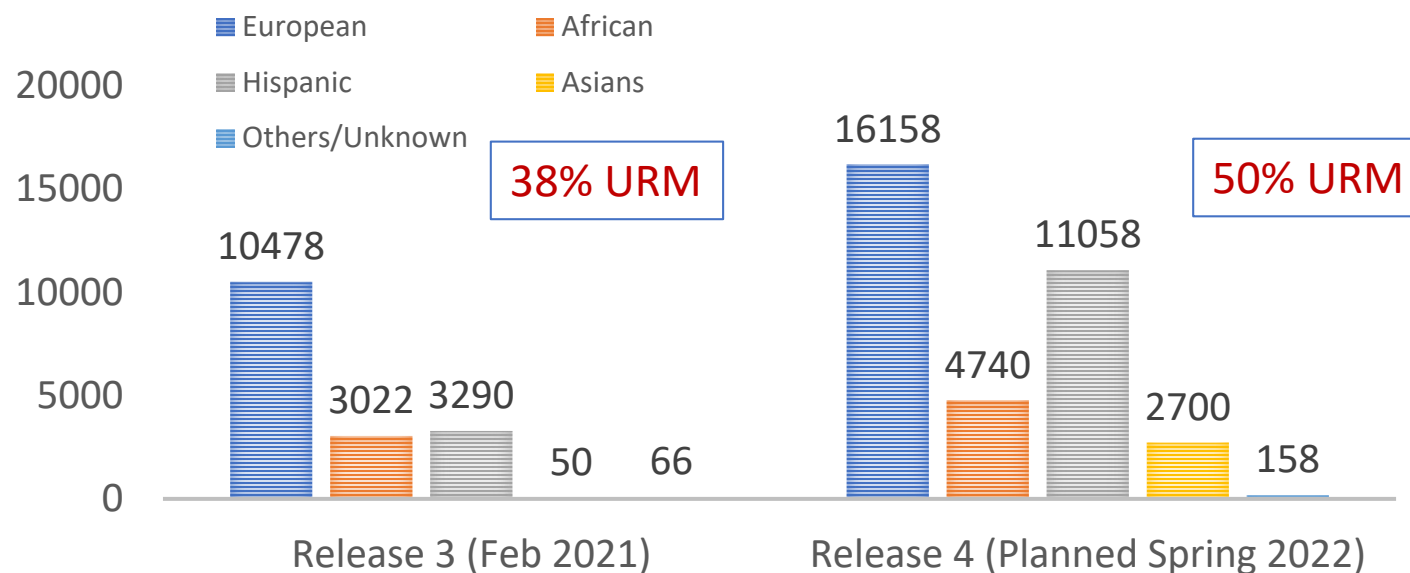


DNA



Alzheimer's Disease Sequencing Project

#Genomes



PAR-16-406: Additional Sequencing for the Alzheimer's Disease Sequencing Project

PAR-21-212: Alzheimer's Disease Sequencing Project Follow-Up Study 2.0 (ADSP FUS 2.0): The Diverse Population Initiative



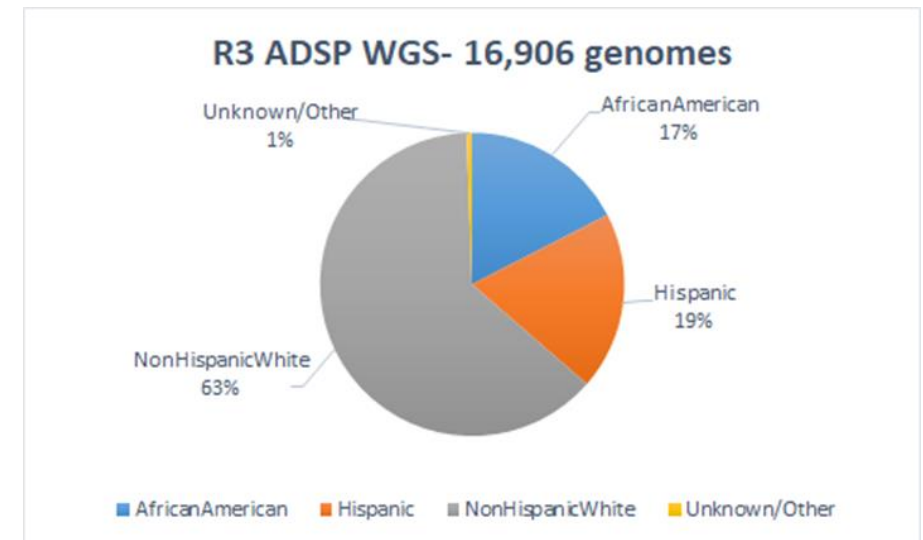
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National Institute on Aging Late Onset of Alzheimer's Disease Family (NIA-LOAD)
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University of Miami (MIA)
Washington Heights and Inwood Community Aging project (WHICAP)
Alzheimer's Disease Neuroimaging Initiative (ADNI)
Puerto Rican 10/66 Study (PR1066)
Vanderbilt University (VAN)
Stanford Extreme Phenotypes in AD (StEP AD)
Atherosclerosis Risk in Communities (ARIC)
Chicago Health and Aging Project (CHAP)
Cardiovascular Health Study (CHS)
Framingham Heart Study (FHS)
Genetic Differences (GenDiff)
Religious Orders Study/Memory and Aging Project (ROSMAP)
Multi-Institutional Research in Alzheimer's Genetic Epidemiology (MIRAGE)
Rotterdam Study (RS)
Texas Alzheimer's Research and Care Consortium (TARCC)
University of Toronto
University of Washington Families (RAS)
Mayo Clinic (MAYO)

AAPI is the fastest growing minority in US

- Fastest growing minority in the US
 - 14.6 Million as of 2010
 - 20.9 Million as of 2016
- Subpopulations by ancestry as of 2010

Ancestry	Population 2010
Chinese	3,535,382
Indian	2,918,807
Filipino	2,649,973
Vietnamese	1,632,717
Korean	1,463,474
Japanese	841,824
Pakistani	382,994

50 (0.3%) AAPI out of 16,906 R3 ADSP samples



Doan et al. 2019: ... 529 clinical research projects focused on Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander participants funded by the NIH between 1992 and 2018, composing 0.17% of the total NIH budget.

Challenges in Recruiting AAPIs for AD Genetics Research



Research institutions may not be located in the AAPI community

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AAPI are heterogeneous in languages/dialect, cultures, etc.



Lack of funding / active recruitment

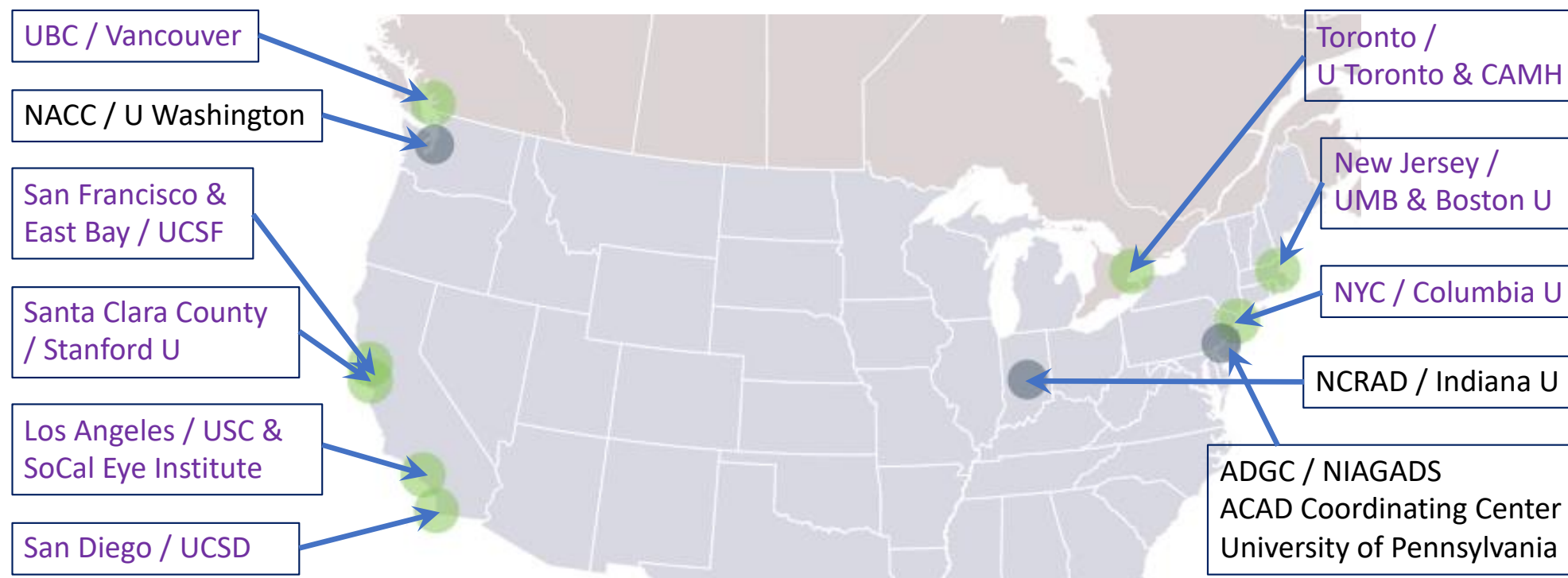


Limited outreach, trust, community partnerships with AAPI

We need resources to invest in the infrastructure and networks to meaningfully include AAPIs in ADRD genetics and other clinical and caregiving research



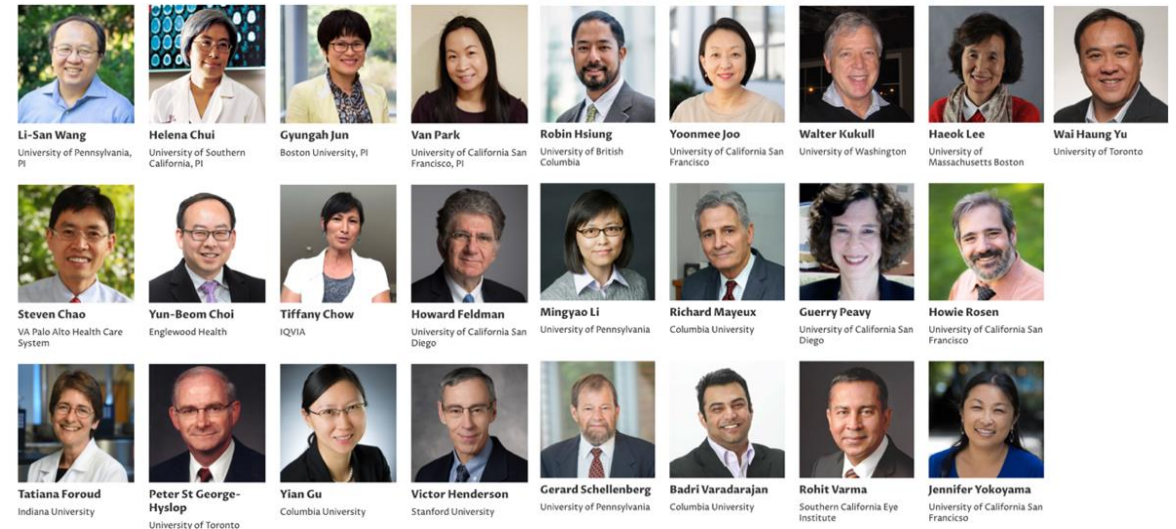
acadstudy.org



NIA R56 AG 069130

ACAD Strategy

- Sponsored by a two-year NIA R56 award
 - 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 August; >200 signed up
- Community-Based Participatory Research (CBPR)
- Interdisciplinary team/international collaboration
- Engaging multiple populations: **Respect diversity among AAPIOs while working together to have a bigger voice**



Summary

- Diverse cohorts increase statistical power for gene discovery
- Leverage existing cohorts/infrastructure to increase sample size quickly
- Long term investment for minority populations underrepresented in medical research
- Culturally sensitive assessment protocols and recruitment strategies; build trust with communities

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