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FROM  
MOLECULE TO  
PATIENT



## Developing a Knowledge Base and Infrastructure to Enable QSP for Alzheimer's Disease Research and Drug Development

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## QSP at NIH

**NIGMS WORKSHOPS: Quantitative and Systems Pharmacology (2008 and 2010)**

**NIH QSP White Paper: "Quantitative and Systems Pharmacology in the Post-genomic Era: New Approaches to Discovering Drugs and Understanding Therapeutic Mechanisms,"** October 2011



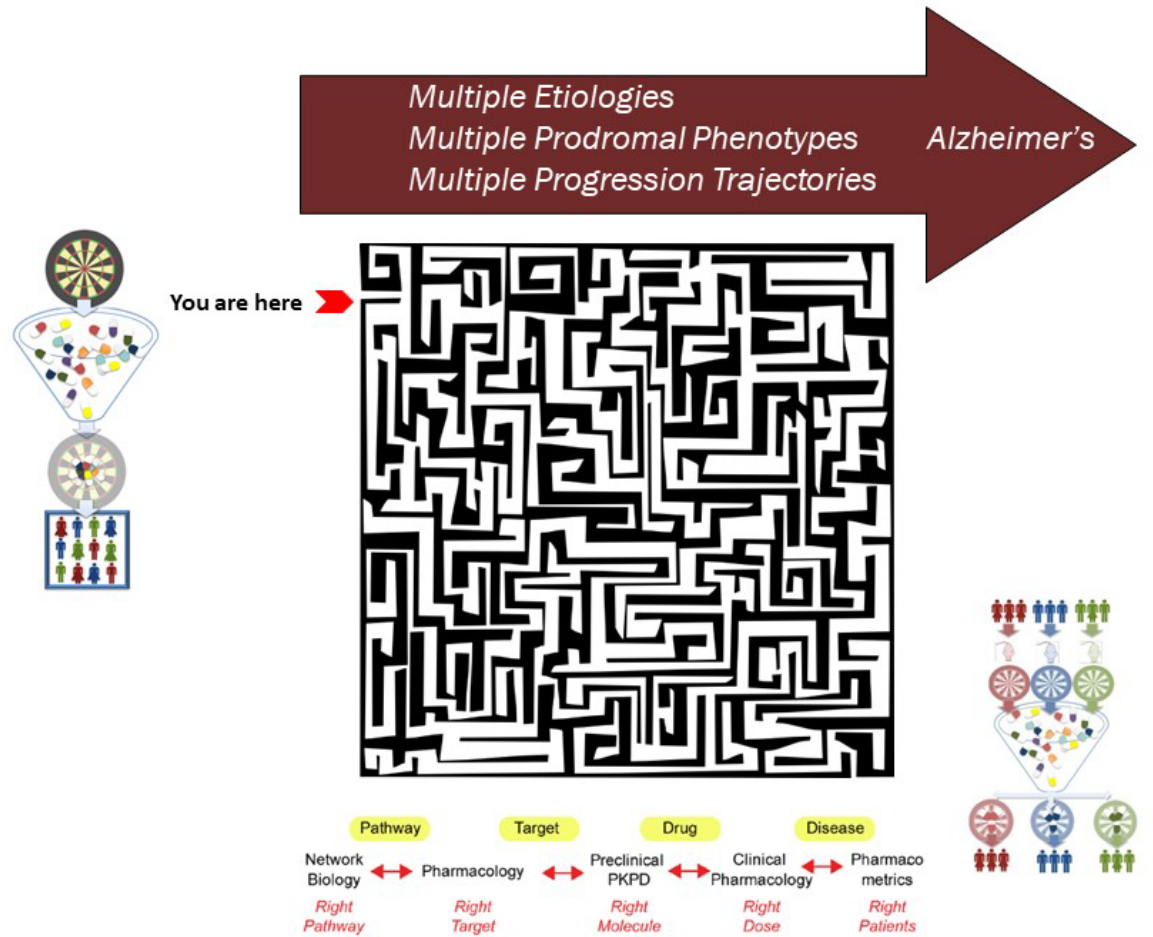
**Quantitative Systems Pharmacology and Drug Discovery:  
Filling the Gaps in Current Models of the R&D** July 2017

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## Phase III Randomized, Double-blind, Placebo Controlled, Clinical Trials for AD

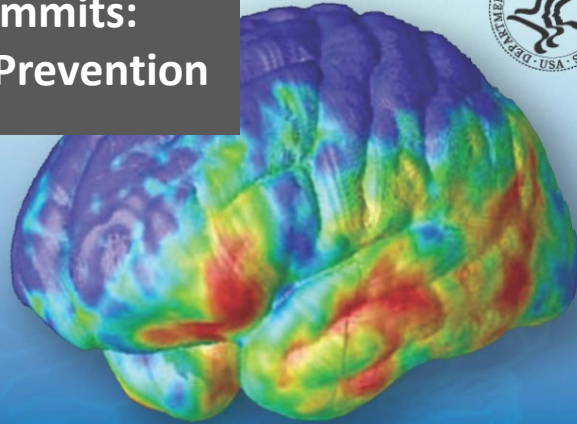
<u>Agent</u>	<u>Target/Mechanism</u>	<u>Outcome</u>
Atorvastatin	HMG CoA reductase	Negative
Dimebon	Mitochondrial function	Negative
Semagacestat	Gamma secretase	Negative
NSAIDs	Inflammation	Negative
Phenserine	Cholinesterase/Amyloid	Negative
Rosiglitazone	PPAR gamma agonist	Negative
Simvastatin	HMG CoA reductase	Negative
Tarenflurbil	Gamma secretase	Negative
Xaliproden	Serotonin antagonist	Negative
Bapineuzumab	amyloid beta (passive immunization)	Negative
Solanezumab	amyloid beta (passive immunization)	Negative*
IVIg	amyloid beta (passive immunization)	Negative
JNJ-54861911	BACE	Negative
Lanabecestat	BACE	Negative
Verubecestat	BACE	Negative

Failures due to lack of efficacy or unforeseen toxicity.



## NIH AD Research Summits: Path to Treatment and Prevention

May 14-15, 2012  
Feb 9-10, 2015  
March 1-2, 2018



Formulate a blueprint for an integrated, translational research agenda that will enable the development of effective therapies (disease modifying and palliative) across the disease continuum for the cognitive as well as neuropsychiatric symptoms of Alzheimer's disease.

<https://www.nia.nih.gov/research/milestones>

## Overarching Recommendations

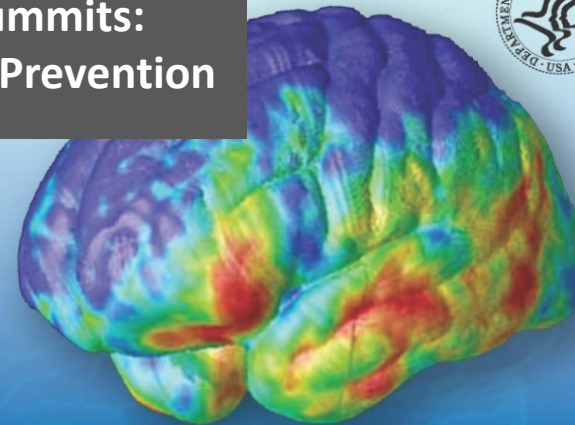
- ❑ Recognize the **heterogeneity and the multifactorial nature** of the disease.
- ❑ Support extensive molecular profiling of existing and establish new cohorts to **fill the gaps in large-scale human data** needed to **build predictive models** of disease and wellness.
- ❑ Employ **data-driven research paradigms** such as **systems biology and systems pharmacology**.
- ❑ Enable **rapid and extensive sharing** of data, disease models, and biological specimens.
- ❑ Develop **computational tools and infrastructure** for storage, integration, and analysis of large-scale biological and other patient-relevant data.
- ❑ Build **new multidisciplinary translational teams** and create virtual and real spaces where these teams can operate.
- ❑ Support and enable **open science**.
- ❑ Develop new **precompetitive public-private partnerships**.
- ❑ **Change** academic, publishing, and funding **incentives** to promote collaborative, transparent, and reproducible research.
- ❑ Engage **patients, caregivers** and citizens **as direct partners in research**.

**QSP at NIA**

**Building a Foundation for QSP in  
Alzheimer's Research and Drug  
Development**

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- We are targeting the wrong pathophysiological mechanisms
- Drugs do not engage with the intended target
- Interventions are started at the wrong stage of the disease
- Lack of translatable pharmacodynamic biomarkers
- Poor predictive power of animal model preclinical efficacy testing



## QSP to the Rescue?

- Complexity of disease
- Complexity of the physiologic response to therapeutic intervention



## ENABLING A SYSTEMS-BASED APPROACH TO TARGET DISCOVERY AND VALIDATION

# ACCELERATING MEDICINES PARTNERSHIP (AMP)

## ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE - Target Discovery and Preclinical Validation Project

### RFA AG13-013

Academic Teams	Broad-Rush	Mt Sinai	UFL/ISB /Mayo	Emory	Duke	Harvard/MIT
Principal Investigators	De Jager, Bennett	Schadt, Zhang	Golde, Price, Taner	Levey	Kaddurah-Daouk	Yankner, Tsai
Human Data source	ROSMAP	Mt Sinai Brain Bank	Mayo Brain Bank	All	ADNI	ROSMAP
Molecular Data Types	RNAseq	RNAseq Whole exome seq	RNAseq	All Proteomics	Metabolomic	Txpn Factors
Target Identification	Bayesian networks	Bayesian networks	Innate Immunity Networks	Bayesian Networks	Systems analysis	REST
Preclinical Validation	iPSCs Cell lines	iPSC, drosophila, mouse	mouse	Mouse, cell culture, drosophila	NA	mouse

Apply a systems biology approach to discover and validate the next generation therapeutic targets using an open science research model:

- Generate multi-omic human data from postmortem brain tissue and plasma samples (well phenotyped cohorts and brain banks)
- Build network models of targets/pathways
- Carry out early target validation in multiple cell-based and animal models.
- Develop a data portal to enable rapid and broad sharing of data and analytical results.

Data Coordination and Integrated Analysis  
Sage Bionetworks (Mangravite)



7043 human samples | 15 human studies | 15 genomic data types | 22 model system studies

**60,000 files** contributed by **42 investigators** across  
**22 institutions** representing samples from **36 research studies**

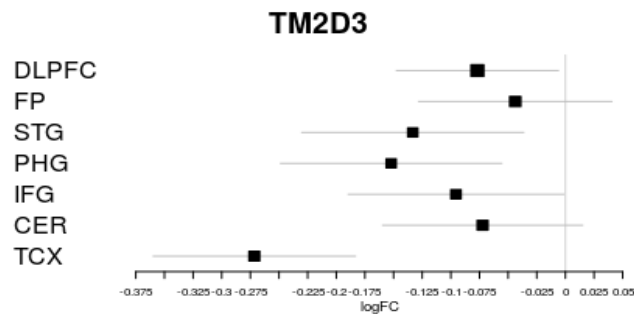


**Over 2000 users\*** with **~55 new users** per month

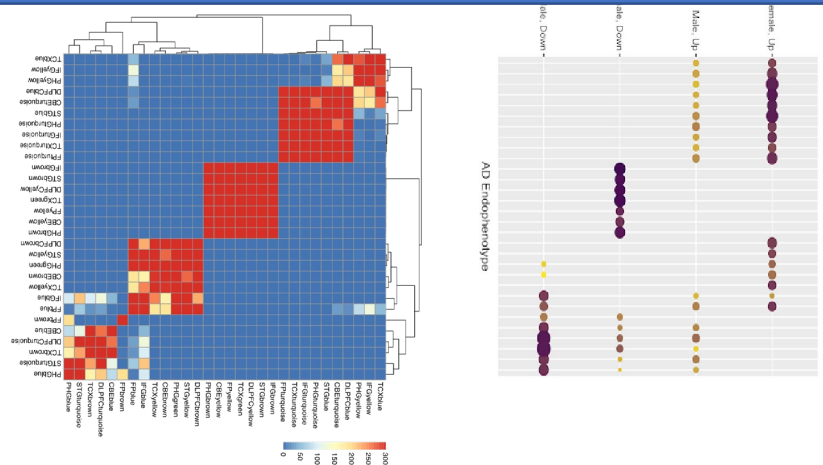
(\*users from academia, biotech, pharma)

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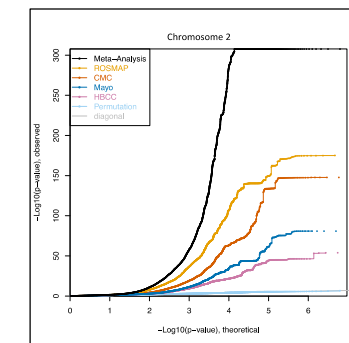
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RNAseq Working Group

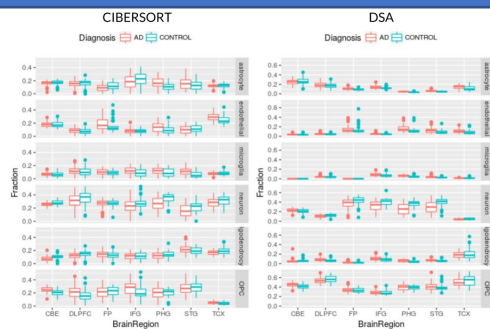


Network Working Group

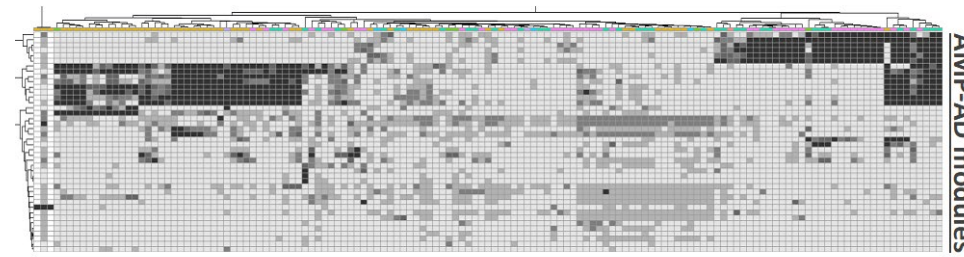


eQTL Working Group

Analytical working groups (academic and industry participation): developing new data and analytical resources for AD research



Deconvolution Working Group



139 mouse model Differentially Expressed Genes (DEGs) in Brain

Cross-Species Working Group



**Sage**Bionetworks



Agora

An open source, interactive platform to discover and evaluate the results from the AMP-AD consortium.

**[agora.ampadportal.org](https://agora.ampadportal.org)**

- Broadcast AMP-AD target predictions
- Establish confidence in target predictions through unbiased, consistent assessment across multiple types of evaluations
- Disseminate tools to encourage independent evaluation



# Agora

## PLANNED ADDITIONAL FEATURES

- New widgets to incorporate additional lines of evidence:
  - genome explorer (eQTLs, GWAS, transcription factor networks)
  - proteomic data: differential expression and networks
  - metabolomic data: differential expression and networks
  - integrative ranking across multiple types of evidence
  - single cell RNA-seq
  - druggability widget
- New widgets to highlight available tools and resources:
  - model systems and other experimental models
- Enabling users to follow, favorite, and give feedback on gene targets of interest

# AMP-AD: Integrative Proteomics for Novel Target and Biomarker Discovery

## 1. Discovery Proteomics

Control AsymAD



non-AD MCI AD

~1800 Cases  
(MSSM, Mayo,  
Banner, UPenn,  
BLSA, ACT and  
Emory)

~3,000 proteins  
 $n=1,000$  tissues



QE-Orbitrap  
Label-free  
"single shot"

~11-12,000 proteins  
 $n=80$  tissues



Fusion-Orbitrap  
Multiplex (TMT)

Systems Biology and Predictive Modeling

Protein Networks Associated with Key Traits

## 2. Validation Proteomics

400 Cases (ROS/MAP)

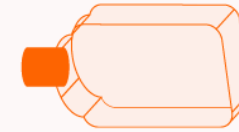


TMT  
Multi-Plex

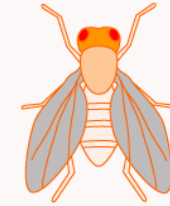


## 3. Therapeutic Feasibility

Model Systems



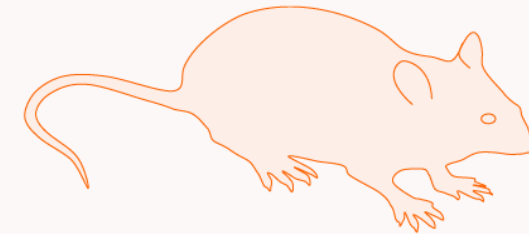
Cell Culture



Transgenic Flies

~50 hub proteins in key modules

~ 5 targets in mouse models



Novel Targets

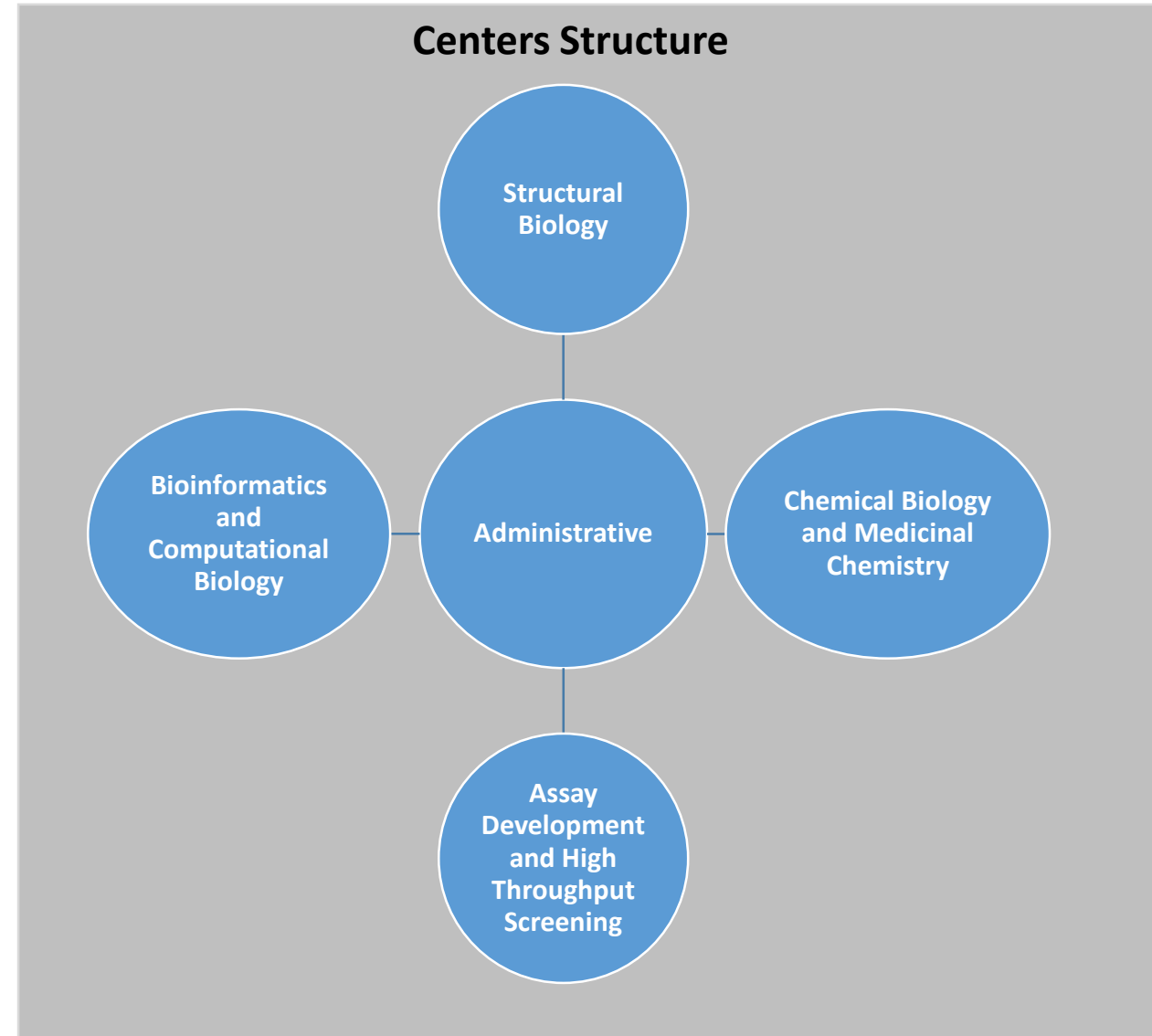
# DE-RISKING NOVEL TARGETS THROUGH OPEN SCIENCE

# AD Centers for Discovery of New Medicines - [RFA AG 19-010](#)

-Applications submitted Feb 2, 2019-

-NIA plans to commit ~\$75M over 5 years to support 2 Centers-

Accelerate the characterization and validation of candidate targets delivered by AMP-AD and other target discovery programs, through the development of open source tools, reagents and methods and by integrating the enabled targets into drug discovery campaigns.

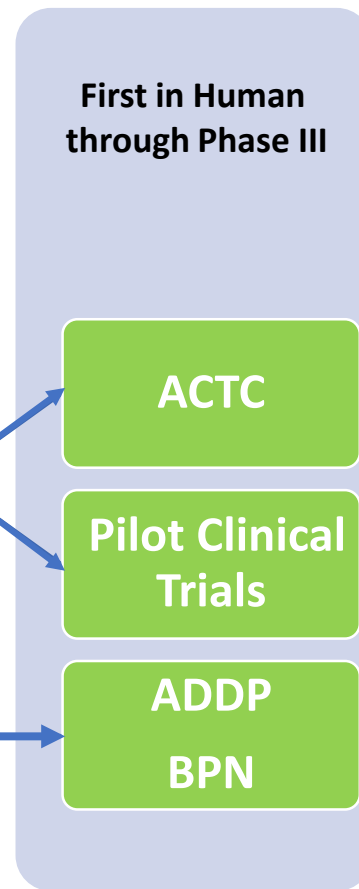
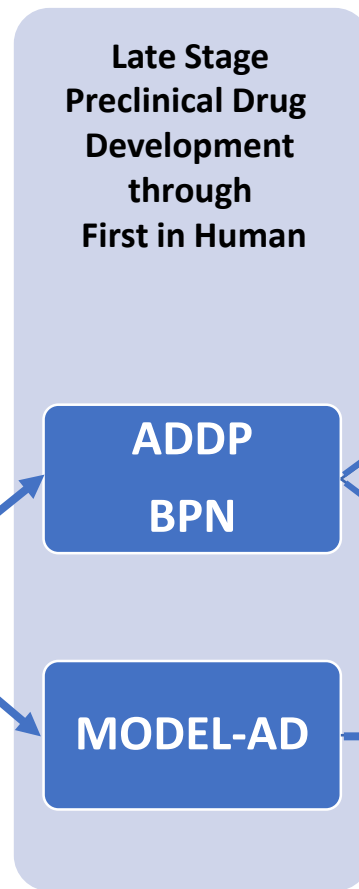
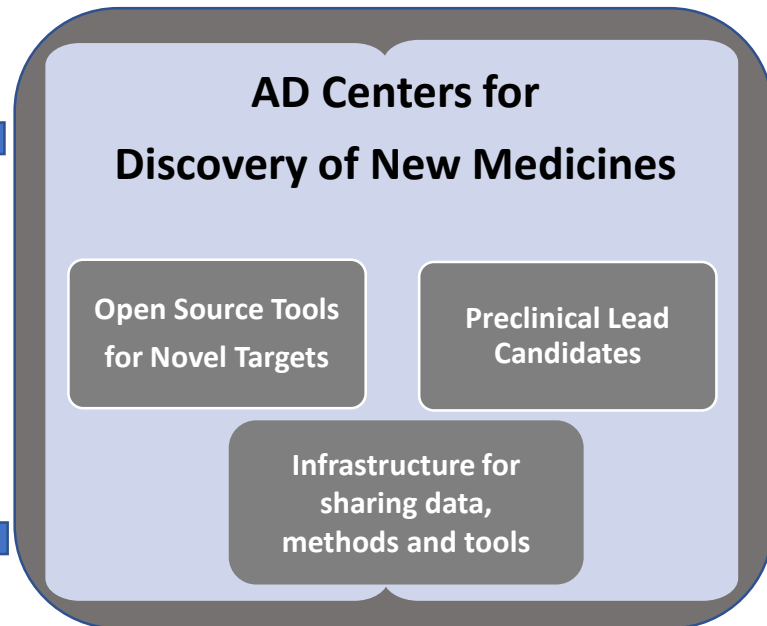


**Understanding the biology of targets/disease**

Researchers at Large

**External Drug Discovery Campaigns**

Academic Labs  
Biotech  
Pharma



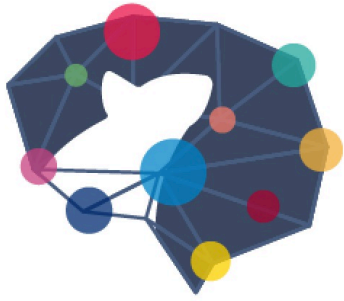
**ADDP – [AD Drug Development PAR-18-174](#)**  
**BPN – [Blueprint Neurotherapeutics PAR 18-546](#)**  
**ACTC – [AD Clinical Trials Consortium](#)**





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# INCREASING THE PREDICTIVE POWER OF ANIMAL MODEL EFFICACY TESTING

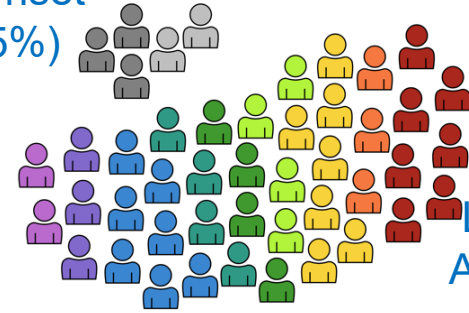


# MODEL-AD

Model Organism Development & Evaluation for Late-Onset Alzheimer's Disease

<https://model-ad.org>

Early Onset  
AD (< 5%)



Late Onset  
AD (> 95%)

Existing  
Models



- Prioritize LOAD variants for animal modeling
- Create 50 new mouse models with CRISPR (piloting rat models)
- High-capacity screening of all models, deep phenotyping of promising models
- Align mouse and human phenotypes (neuropath, omics, imaging)
- Rigorous preclinical testing of the most promising models and therapeutics
- **Broad, unrestricted distribution of all data and models for use in research and therapy development.**

Bioinformatics and Data  
Management Core (BDMC)

Disease Modeling Project  
(DMP)

Preclinical Testing Core  
(PTC)



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University



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UCI University of  
California, Irvine

## **INTEGRATE**

**Clinical, Genomic, Mechanistic and Translational Research**

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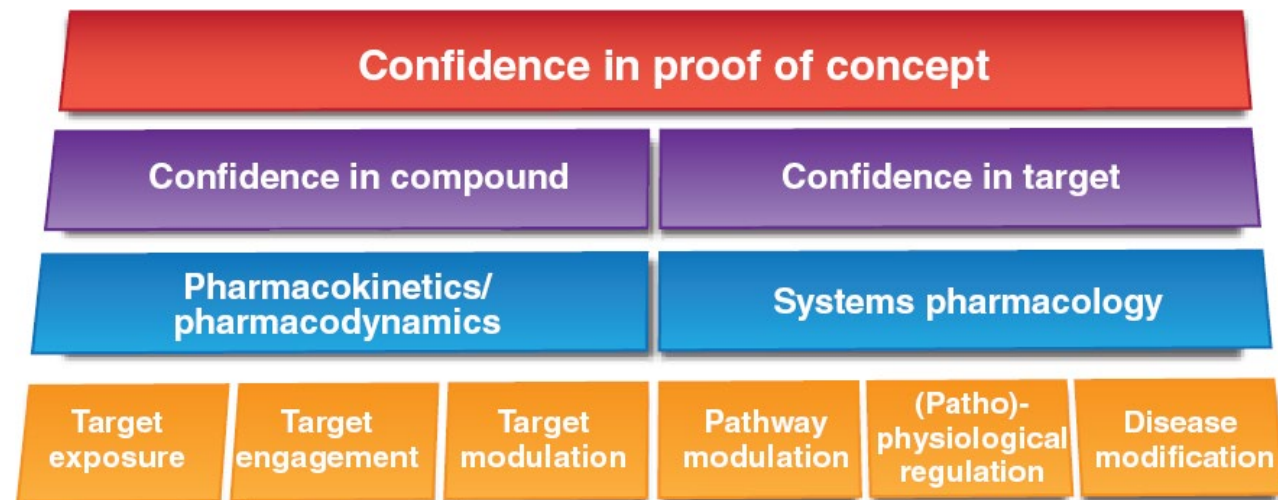
**Computational and Experimental Methods**

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**Data from Animal Models and Humans**

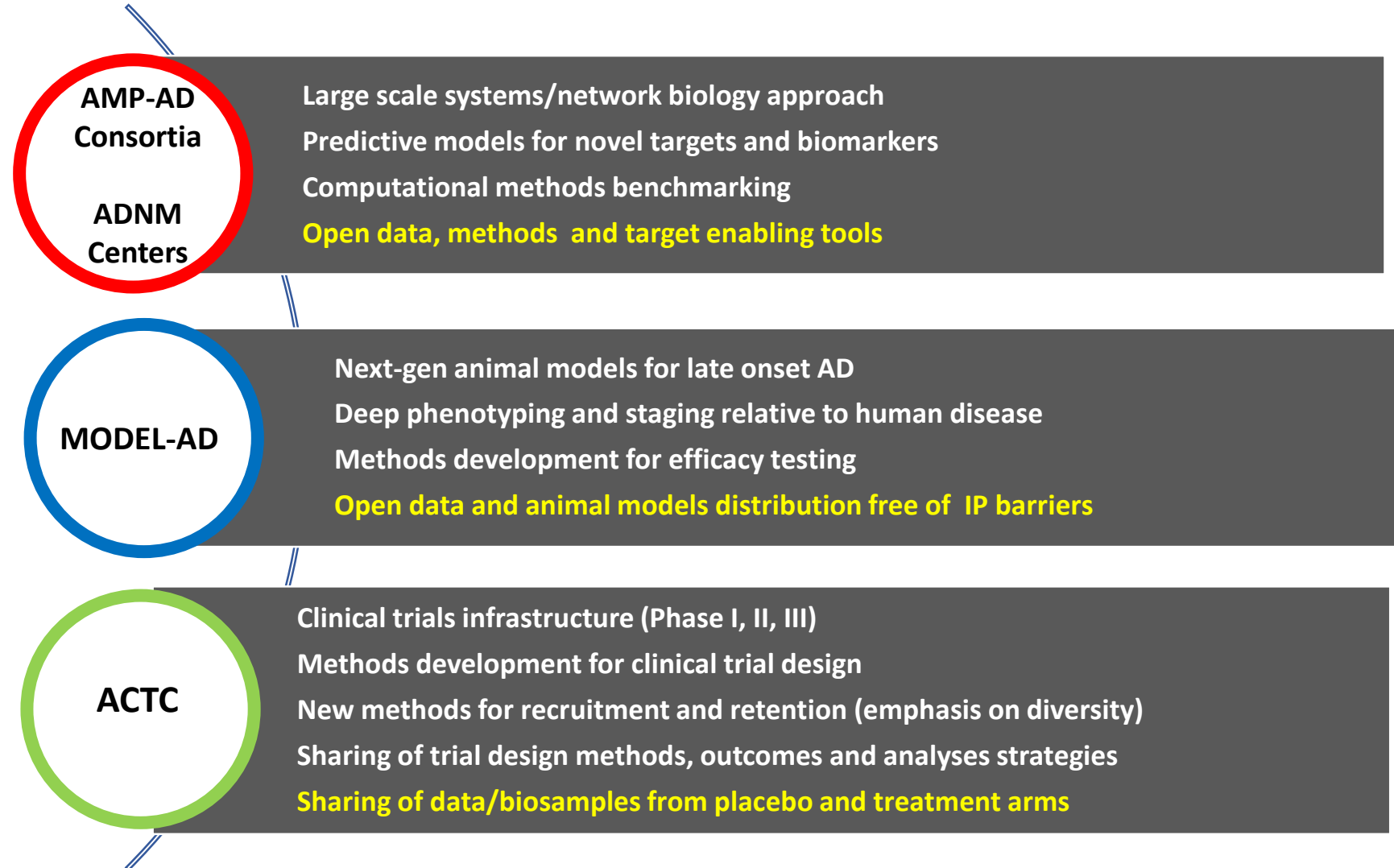
## **INTEGRATE**

**Academic and Industry Expertise**



# DEPLOYING OPEN SCIENCE/OPEN SOURCE PRINCIPLES: FROM TARGETS TO TRIALS

## ENABLING INFRASTRUCTURE FOR DATA DRIVEN AND PREDICTIVE DRUG DEVELOPMENT





# 2018 NIH Alzheimer's Disease Research Summit

## Path to Treatment and Prevention



#ADSummit18

### AGENDA

- Novel Mechanistic Insights into the Complex Biology and Heterogeneity of AD
- Enabling Precision Medicine for AD
- Translational Tools and Infrastructure to Enable Predictive Drug Development
- Emerging Therapeutics
- Understanding the Impact of the Environment to Advance Disease Prevention
- Advances in Disease Monitoring, Assessment and Care
- Building an Open Science Research Ecosystem to Accelerate AD Therapy Development

### 2018 NIH AD Research Summit Recommendations

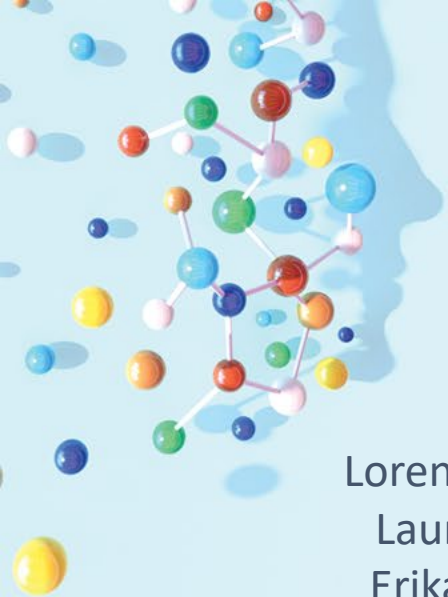
<https://www.nia.nih.gov/research/administration/recommendations-nih-ad-research-summit-2018>

*Expand support for quantitative systems pharmacology approaches that couple biological network and pathway analyses with mechanistic systems models, and integrate data from disparate sources (e.g., preclinical and clinical; in vitro, ex vivo, and in vivo; acute and chronic intervention) to enable predictive drug development.*

*These efforts should ensure full transparency of data and analytical methods development and encourage precompetitive academic-industry collaborations.*



**Data/Methods/Infrastructure/Training  
Precompetitive Partnerships**



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