



December 4 - 8 ■ Philadelphia, PA
69TH ANNUAL MEETING

Scientific Symposium
Personalized Medicine in Epilepsy:
A Brave New World

Symposium Co-Chairs:
Daniel Lowenstein, M.D.

and

Scott Baraban, Ph.D.

Friday, December 4, 2015
Convention Center – Room 204 AB

8:45 – 10:45 a.m.

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OVERVIEW

Tremendous advances in our understanding of the genetic mutations that underlie different types of epilepsy have left the epilepsy research and clinical world reeling. How to take this knowledge to the next level so that treatments can be identified for these patients in, some of whom exist in only small numbers, is being wrestled with at many levels. At the same time President Obama's recent Precision Medicine Initiative represents a bold new research effort to revolutionize how we improve health and treat disease. This symposium will address these issues, from mutation to bedside in a precision medicine fashion.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Following participation in this symposium, learners should be able to:

- Recognize identified genetic causes of epilepsy and is familiar with the literature on emerging genetic causes of epilepsy
- Counsel families regarding prognosis and treatment using a personalized medicine approach
- Participate in counseling families regarding genetic epilepsies
- Assist in treating genetic epilepsies through a better understanding of emerging personalized medicine findings
- Recognize the neuropsychological and developmental impact of genetic epilepsies

TARGET AUDIENCE

Basic: Those new to epilepsy treatment or whose background in the specialty is limited, e.g., students, residents, general physicians, general neurologists and neurosurgeons, other professionals in epilepsy care, administrators.

Intermediate: Epilepsy fellows, epileptologists, epilepsy neurosurgeons, and other providers with experience in epilepsy care (e.g., advanced practice nurses, nurses, physician assistants), neuropsychologists, psychiatrists, basic and translational researchers.

Advanced: Address highly technical or complex topics (e.g., neurophysiology, advanced imaging techniques or advanced treatment modalities, including surgery.)

Agenda

Co-Chairs: Scott Baraban, Ph.D. and Daniel Lowenstein, Ph.D.

Introduction

Daniel Lowenstein, M.D.

Defining the Target: mutation Discovery in Human Epilepsy

Heather Mefford, M.D., Ph.D.

Precision medicine in Zebrafish: A Primer Using SCN1 mutants

Scott C. Baraban, Ph.D.

Patient-derived IPS Cells to Understand Epileptic Encephalopathy and SUDEP

Lori Isom, Ph.D.

Application of Precision medicine in Patients with a KCNT1 mutation

Ethan Goldberg, M.D., Ph.D.

Conclusions

Daniel Lowenstein, M.D.

Education Credit

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The American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology has reviewed the Personalized Medicine in Epilepsy: A Brave New World Symposium and has approved this program as part of a comprehensive program, which is mandated by the ABMS as a necessary component of maintenance of certification.

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FACULTY / PLANNER BIO AND DISCLOSURES

Daniel Lowenstein, M.D. (Co-Chair)

Daniel H. Lowenstein, M.D. is the Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost, and the Robert B. and Ellinor Aird Professor and Vice-Chairman of Neurology, at the University of California, San Francisco. He received his BA in Mathematics from the University of Colorado and MD from Harvard Medical School, and completed neurology residency training at UCSF. Dr. Lowenstein is a clinician-scientist and educator who has studied both basic science and clinical aspects of epilepsy. He has been actively involved in advancing the cause of epilepsy at the national and international level, and has held leadership posts in numerous organizations, including AESD, ILAE, and NINDS.

Dr. Lowenstein has indicated he has no financial relationships with commercial interests to disclose.

Dr. Lowenstein does intend to reference unlabeled/unapproved uses of drugs or products - Quinidine
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Scott Baraban, Ph.D. (Co-Chair)

Scott C. Baraban, PhD is a Professor and William K. Bowes Jr. Endowed Chair in Neuroscience Research at the University of California, San Francisco. Dr. Baraban's lab studies the cellular and molecular basis of epilepsy with a focus on translational work. Publications from the Baraban laboratory have appeared in Science, Nature Neuroscience, Journal of Neuroscience, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, and Neuron. He is the recipient of awards from the Esther and Joseph Klingenstein Fund, the Sandler Family Supporting Foundation, the UCSF Innovation in Basic Science Award, a EUREKA grant and Javits Neuroscience Award from the NIH.

Dr. Baraban discloses receiving support for Royalties from Springer, annual book royalties.

Ethan Goldberg, M.D., Ph.D.

Ethan M. Goldberg, M.D., Ph.D., is Assistant Professor of Neurology and Neuroscience in the Division of Neurology, The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, and Departments of Neurology and Neuroscience at The Perelman School of Medicine at The University of Pennsylvania, in Philadelphia, PA, U.S.A. Dr. Goldberg is a member of the Neurogenetics Program in the Division of Neurology at CHOP. His laboratory studies basic mechanisms of epilepsy in experimental models using electrophysiology, optogenetics, and multiphoton calcium imaging.

Dr. Goldberg has indicated he has no financial relationships with commercial interests to disclose.

Lori Isom, Ph.D.

Dr. Isom is Professor and Chair of Pharmacology, Professor of Molecular and Integrative Physiology, and Professor of Neurology at the University of Michigan. She received her PhD in Pharmacology at Vanderbilt University and completed a postdoctoral fellowship in the Catterall laboratory at the University of Washington. Dr. Isom's research program focuses on voltage-gated sodium channel structure, function, and role in inherited disease. She reported the first mutation in SCN1B linked to Dravet Syndrome in 2009 and is collaborating with Dr. Jack Parent and Dr. Miriam Meisler to investigate SCN1A- and SCN1B-linked Dravet Syndrome mutations and SCN8A-linked EIEE13 in human induced pluripotent stem cell neurons and cardiac myocytes.

Dr. Isom discloses receiving support for Consulting from Zogenix, consultant for education on Dravet Syndrome mechanisms; for Honoraria from giving seminars at universities, including UPenn, Cold Spring Harbor, Xiangya Medical School.

Heather Mefford, M.D., Ph.D.

Heather C. Mefford, MD, PhD, is an Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Washington in the Division of Genetic Medicine. Dr. Mefford's research laboratory is devoted to the discovery of novel genetic and genomic causes of pediatric disease. A major focus of their current work is to identify causes of pediatric epilepsy. They employ state-of-the-art technologies including whole exome sequencing, gene panel sequencing and custom array CGH. The Mefford lab has discovered numerous novel epilepsy genes and copy number variants that are important for epilepsy.

Dr. Mefford discloses receiving support for Service from Professional Advisory Board, Lennox Gastaut Foundation Scientific Advisory Board, Simons Foundation Powering Autism Research for Knowledge (SPARK) Medical Advisory Board, Supporting Families with KdVS Syndrome Foundation.

CME Reviewer

Kevin Graber, M.D.

Kevin Graber is associate professor of neurology and neurological sciences at Stanford University. In addition to care of patients with epilepsy, he also has research interests in posttraumatic epilepsy and vagus nerve stimulation.

Dr. Graber discloses receiving support for Contract Research from LVIS Corporation; No salary support or indirect payments.

Paul Levisohn, M.D. (Medical Content Specialist, AES)

Dr. Levisohn is a member of the faculty of the section of Pediatric Neurology at The University of Colorado School of Medicine and Children's Hospital Colorado Neuroscience Institute, having joined the faculty over 15 years ago following a similar period of time in the private practice of pediatric

neurology. His academic career has focused on clinical care for children with epilepsy with particular interest in clinical trials and on the psychosocial impact of epilepsy. Dr. Levisohn is currently a consultant on medical content for CME activities to staff of AES. He is a member of the national Advisory Board of EF and has been chair of the advisory committee for the National Center of Project Access through EF.

Dr. Levisohn has indicated he has no financial relationships with commercial interests to disclose.

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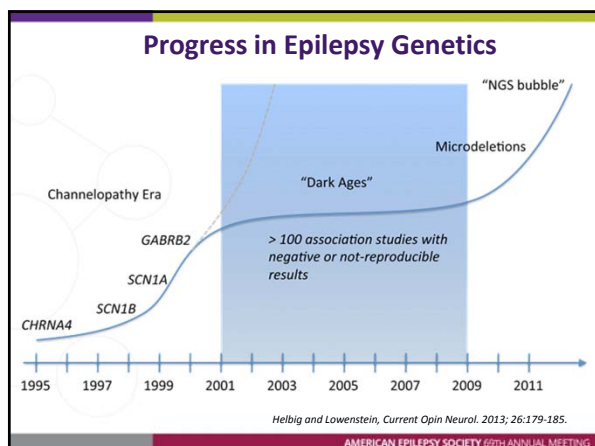
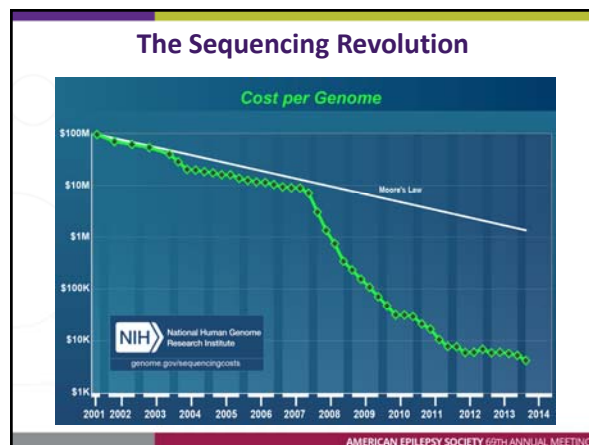
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PYRIDOXINE DEPENDENCY: REPORT OF A CASE OF INTRACTABLE CONVULSIONS IN AN INFANT CONTROLLED BY PYRIDOXINE

By ANDREW D. HUNT, JR., M.D.,* JOSEPH STOKES, JR., M.D., WALLACE W. MCCORMY, M.D., AND H. H. STROUD, M.D., Philadelphia

THE IMPORTANCE of pyridoxine in animal and human nutrition has been a subject of wide interest since its original description as a B factor by György in 1934. Unlike the majority of vitamins, however, no pathologic condition in humans has been described which occurred spontaneously and was corrected solely by the administration of pyridoxine. The authors recently observed an infant with a severe convulsive disorder who responded in an extraordinary manner to regular administration of pyridoxine. This phenomenon was thought to be unique and to warrant the following case report.

CASE REPORT

A. M., a female infant, was admitted to The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia at the age of 13 days because of constant and intractable convulsions having their onset 8 hr. after birth.

Mrs. M.'s first pregnancy had been normal, devoid of illness or significant nursing. The second pregnancy, however, was complicated by severe nausea and which was treated with injections of vitamin B₆ and thiamine during the last 4 mo. of pregnancy with the patient also having severe nausea and vomiting, which required hospitalization on 1 or 2 occasions intravenous fluids. During the fourth and fifth months of this pregnancy, 3 to 4 times weekly, an oral injection consisting of pyridoxine, 10 mg., and thiamine HCl, 50 mg. No actions were noted during this therapy. Labor had a spontaneous onset, term, and was of 4 hr.'s duration. No ties were encountered during delivery; weight was 3.2 kg., respirations spontaneous, and the baby's color was good. However, 8 hr. after birth, twitching accompanied by skull rigidity, tonic arm extension, and tonic abduction of the legs were noticed.

FIG. 1. Central EEG, 1 hr. after birth. FIG. 2. EEG, 1 hr. after birth.

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Epileptic Encephalopathy Genes (and counting)

A2M	BHLHE22	CHD4	DIP2C	FETUB	HDAC4	LANCL2	MYO5A	PACS2	PITPRO	RFXP1	STK36	TTN
AAK1	BMP2	CHIA	DISP1	FLG	HECW2	LCE1A	MYO7B	PAK6	PTRPT	RYR2	STX18	TTTH1
ABCA2	BM51	CLDN19	DNAH7	FJAA	HFE	LIGRAD1	MYO14	PALLO	PURA	RYR3	STX10P1	TUBB2A
ABC9	C16orf62	CLUC	DNAH9	FLNC	HPK3	LEKL1	NSAMT1	PAQR8	PWWP2A	SAFB2	SYOF1	UBQLN4
ACOT4	C17orf53	ONTN5	DNAIC6	FLRT1	HIST2H2BD	LEMD2	NBAS	PASK	QRSL1	SCAF4	SYNE2	UHRF1BP1
ADAM21	C18orf25		DNM1	FOCAD	HIST2H2BE	LETM1	NBEA	PCDH13	RAB5C	SCN1A	STYL5	UNC5CL
ADAMTS14	C1orf123	COL7A1	DSG2	FRAT2	HLTF	UNTA	NCBP1	PCDL2	RAD54L2	SCN2A	TAAH2	USP7
ADPA13	C1orf56	CO33	DTYMK	FMDGA	HNHNP1	LUP1	NCOR2	PONKL	RAET1L	SCN8A	TAF1	UTRN
ANFY	C10orf6	OPAMD8	EDEM1	G3BP1	HNHNP1	LUP4	NEDD4L	PHF21A	RALGAPB	SCYL1	TAS2R4	VPS37A
APAP6	C1orf22	OR2	EMILIN3	GABBR2	HRG	LUC7L3	NEDD9	PHP	RALGPS1	SOCBP2	TCF4	WDF2
AKR1C4	C4orf37	CREBBP	EPH81	GABRA1	HSF2	MAML3	NETO2	PIG5	RANBP17	SELIC1	TCTE3	WDR1
ALG13	C5orf22	ORTAC1	ERG	GABRB1	HSPG2	MAN1A2	MFAC	PIE3AP1	RANGAP1	SEPPIN1	TIP1	WDR19
ALMS1	C1orf222	CSDM2	ETNK2	GABRB3	IFT172	MAP3K8	NEFL1	PIKFYVE	RARS	SETY	TTT3	WDR45
ALS2CL	CACNA1A	CSNK1E	ETS1	GAS2	IQGIC2	MAPKBP1	NRK8	PITX1	RASP1	SGK223	TEX15	WDR82
ANK3	CACNA1E	CTTNBP2NL	EXOSC2	GCM2	ITGAM	MAST1	NIPAI1	PLA1A	RBM12	SKA3	THAP4	WHSC1L1
ANKRD12	CAMM4	CUBN	EXPH5	GFM2	ITGB4	MCM3	NLGN2	PLCG2	RBM45	SLAMF1	THOC2	WDR1
ANKRD24	CANT1	CUX2	FAM103A	GLEL3	ITPR1	MCM7	NLRP11	PLNCLAL	RCLL	SLC16A3	TIFA	XPO1
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AP3S2	CASP9	COXC11	FAM133B	GLUL	KCNQ2	MIOK	NLRP8	PNMAL1	RET	SLC25A13	TNKS2	YWHAG
ARFGEF1	CASQ1	CYP2U1	FAM134A	GNAO1	KCNQ3	MLKL1	NOLC1	PPP1R3B	RFX3	SLC26A11	TNNI3K	ZBTB40
ARHDC1	CCDC125	DAD	FAM21C	GPR108	KCNH7	MLL	NOTUM	PPP1CA	RG514	SLC26A8	TPTF2	ZC3H3
ASH1L	CCDC258	DBP	FAM50A	GPR128	KDR	MLL2	NPAT	PPP6R2	RHOIC	SLC25A2	TRIM29	ZFHX3
ASXL1	CDHR2	DCX	FAM63B	GPR98	KIAA0913	MMP27	NR1H2	PRDM12	RIOK3	SLC5A10	TRIM32	ZNF248
ATA2D2	CDKL5	DDX50	FAM86C1	GRAMD2	KIAA1324L	MR52	NTSR2	PRDM4	RNF186	SLCO1B7	TRIM8	ZNF282
ATIC	CD52	DDX58	FARSA	GRIN1	KIAA2018	MSANTD1	OR10S1	PRG3	RP111	SMO9	TRIO	ZNF354C
ATP2B4	CLALB	DKC2	FASN	GRIN2B	KULH11	MTOR	OR2F2	PRKX	RBP18	SMURF1	TRRAP	ZNF572
BIGNAT4	CLISL1	DDHD5	FBXL4	GTF2B	KMT2B	MTFR1	OR52B	PRR19	RTNND	SNK30	TSNAXIP1	ZNF839
BCL2L13	CEP55	DHDK1	FBXO41	HBS1L	KNDG1	MVK	OSBP1	PSD3	RTN1	SORBS3	TSPL1	ZNF1
BCLAF1	CEP55	DHDK1	FBXO41	HBS1L	KNDG1	MVK	OSBP1	PSD3	RTN1	SORBS3	TSPL1	ZNF1
BEST2	DIAPH3	FCGR2B	HCK	KRT34	MYH6	OSBP1	PTEN	RTN1	SP2	TTCL16	ZSCAN2	
	DR2B	FERMT3	HCK	KRTAP1-3	MYO3A	OSAL1	RUB2B	RUB2B	SPG7	TTF1	ZSCAN2	

Erin Heinzen, Columbia University

At the dawn of precision medicine...

CURRENT PRACTICE—already using genetic information

- SCN2A → avoid LTG and PHT (in general, not always)
- SCN2A, SCN8A → high-dose PHT helpful
- SLC2A1 → ketogenic diet
- ALDH7A1 → pyridoxine
- PNPO → pyridoxal-5-phosphate
- YOLC1 → avoid VPA

TREATMENTS ON THE HORIZON—clinical trials needed

- KCNQ2 → consider ezogabine
- KCNV1 → consider quinidine
- GNAO1 → consider memantine
- SCN2A → consider everolimus
- Other mTOR-related epilepsies → everolimus? others?

Amrithaduri, Boston Children's

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Defining the target: Mutation discovery in human epilepsy

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Learning Objectives

- Review types of epilepsy-associated genetic variants
- Define the role of whole exome sequencing in gene discovery
- Introduce examples of potential precision therapies

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Impact on Clinical Care and Practice

- Providing “Precision Therapy” requires having a precise diagnosis
- Clinical whole exome sequencing provides a genetic diagnosis in a subset of affected individuals, which...
 - Improves prognosis and recurrence risk counseling
 - Connects patients to a community
 - Affects medical management

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Epilepsy Classification

Generalized Epilepsy (GGE)
JME
CAE
GEFS+

Focal Epilepsy
ADNFLE
ADPEAF
TLE

Epileptic Encephalopathy* (EE)
Dravet
Ohtahara
Infantile spasms

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Epilepsy Genetics

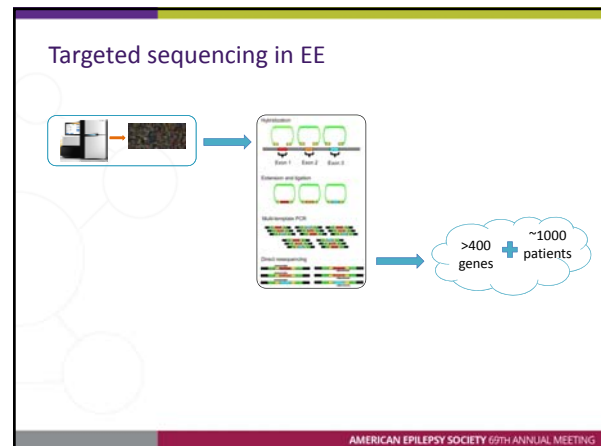
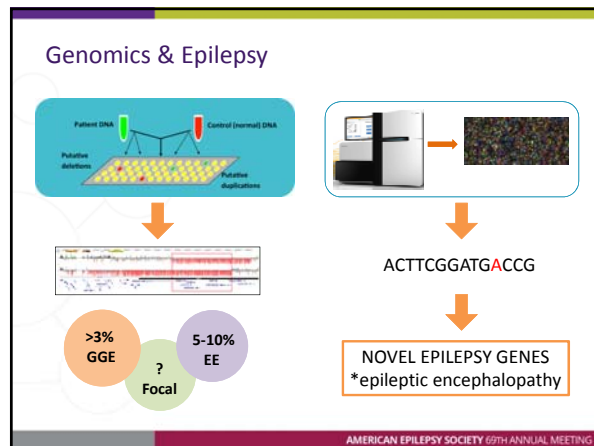
Generalized Epilepsy
KCNQ3

Focal Epilepsy

Epileptic Encephalopathy*
SCN1A
STXBP1
SPTAN
ARX
CDKL5

Genetic diagnosis is only possible in a fraction of cases

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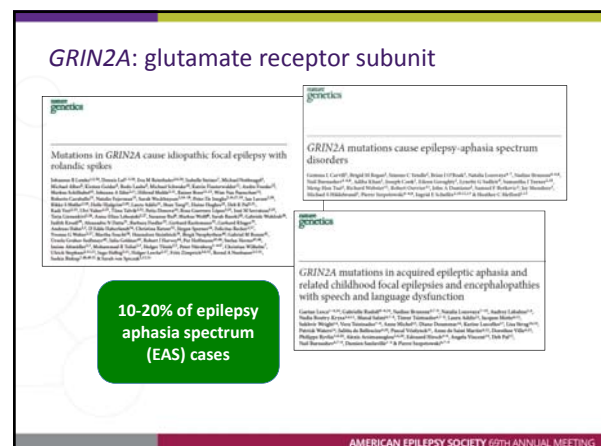
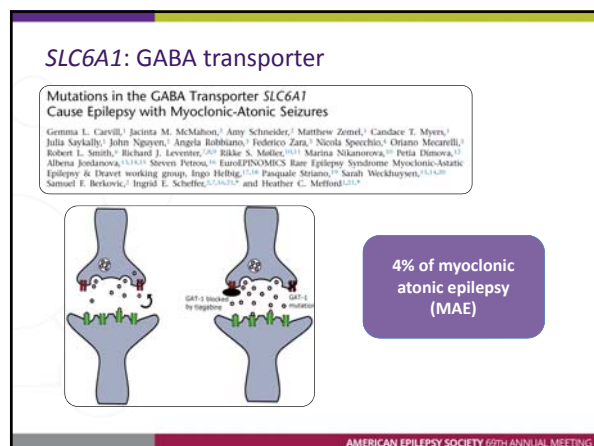
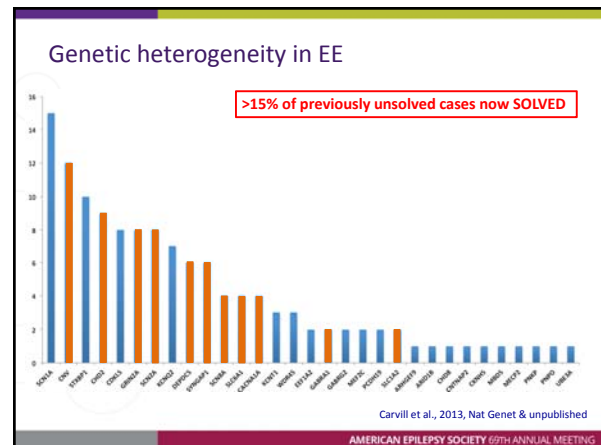


EE Cohort

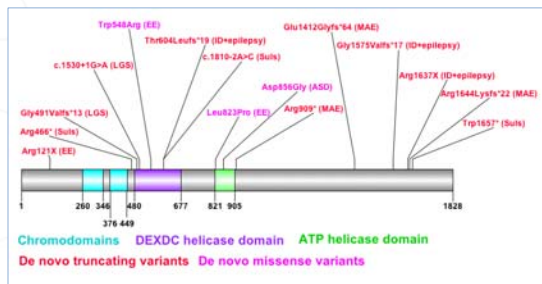
Syndrome	Unsolved	Solved
Dravet	24	14
Epilepsy aphasia	46	10
Eyelid myoclonus	9	1
Early myoclonic	3	2
Early onset EE	32	11
Infantile spasms	89	8
Lennox Gastaut	41	4
Myoclonic astatic	88	8
Migrating focal sz of infancy	14	1
Ohtahara	2	2
ID+GGE	47	3
FE+ID	32	9
Other	253	47
TOTAL	679	120

Scheffer, Mefford, unpublished

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CHD2: chromatin remodeler



Carvill et al., 2012, Nat Genet
Thomas et al., 2015, Neurology

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Epi4K: Trio sequencing in EE

INFANTILE SPASMS (IS)

- Onset in first year of life
- Characteristic EEG: hypsarrhythmia
- Often evolves to LGS

LENNOX GASTAUT SYNDROME (LGS)

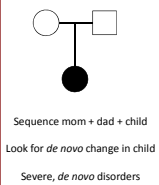
- Onset before 4 years
- Multiple, refractory seizure types
- Moderate to severe ID

356 Trios analyzed: 429 de novo variants in >400 genes

~15% solved

Collected by Epilepsy Phenome/Genome Project
& EuroEPINOMICS Consortium

Trio analysis



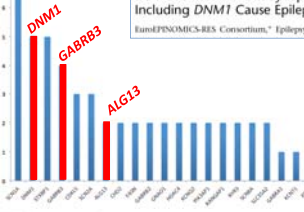
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Epi4K: Trio sequencing in EE

De novo mutations in epileptic encephalopathies

De Novo Mutations in Synaptic Transmission Genes Including *DNM1* Cause Epileptic Encephalopathies

EuroEPINOMICS Consortium, Epilepsy Phenome/Genome Project, and Epi4K Consortium



Follow-up targeted sequencing in candidates ongoing

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Exome sequencing: Many successes

Missense mutations in the sodium-gated potassium channel gene *KCNIT1* cause severe autosomal dominant nocturnal frontal lobe epilepsy

De novo mutations in *HCN1* cause early infantile epileptic encephalopathy

De novo gain-of-function *KCNIT1* channel mutations cause malignant migrating partial seizures of infancy

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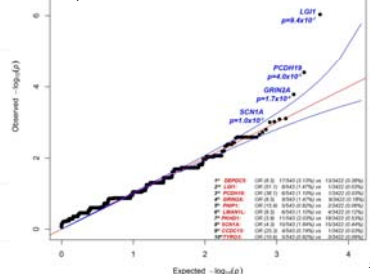
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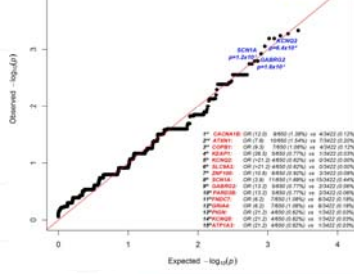
Likelihood of seeing top 4/18K ranks occupied by 4/43 *bona fide* dominant epilepsy genes
Hypergeometric $p = 2.7 \times 10^{-11}$

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Diverse biological mechanisms

Metabolism
ALG13, PNKP, PNPO

Synaptic vesicle trafficking
DNM1, STXBP1

Neurotransmission
GABRA1/B1/B3/G2, KCNH5, GRIN2A/2B, CACNA1A, HCN1, SCN1A/1B/2A/8A, KCNQ2/3, SLC13A5, SLC25A22, SLC2A1, SLC6A1

Intracellular signaling
ARHGEF9, SYNGAP1, DEPDC5, MTOR, GNAO1, PLCB1, PCDH19

Gene regulation
Chromatin remodeling: CDKL5, UBE3A, MECP2, MBDS, CHD2
mRNA regulation: HNRNP1
Txn factors: ARX, FOXG1

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How do we solve the rest?

- **Epilepsy Genetics Initiative (EGI)**
 - Repository for exome data
 - Regular re-analysis of data
 - CURE Foundation + NINDS
- **Epi25**
 - International effort to combine available cohorts
 - >30,000 available epilepsy samples identified
 - Whole genome sequencing

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How do we solve the rest?

- **Noncoding variation**
 - Do regulatory variants play a role?
 - Whole genomes + RNA-seq
- **Epigenetics**
 - Which assays? How to validate?
- **Somatic mosaic mutations**
 - Tissue type and access
 - Sensitive techniques

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Summary

- Accelerated gene discovery in EE
- Significant genetic heterogeneity
- Genetics teaching us about biology
- Precision medicine in epilepsy looks promising

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Precision Medicine in Zebrafish: A Primer Using SCN1 Mutants

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Learning Objectives

- To understand the value of zebrafish as a simple vertebrate model for genetic epilepsies and precision medicine
- To examine the research tools available in zebrafish
- To characterize scn1 mutant zebrafish
- To explore the potential for HTS in scn1 mutants

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Precision medicine in epilepsy

- Problem:** How to rapidly identify new and effective drugs for rare, genetic, and catastrophic childhood epilepsies?
- Solution:** A strategy using genetically engineered zebrafish



Dravet syndrome (*scn1*, *scn8*, *gabra1*, *hcn1*)
Classical Lissencephaly (*liss1*)
Epileptic encephalopathy (*stxbp1*, *dnm1*, *depdc5*, *grin2b*)
Lennox-Gastaut syndrome (*gabrb3*, *chd2*, *cdkl5*)
PCDH19 female epilepsy (*pcdh19*)

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An introduction to zebrafish (*Danio rerio*)

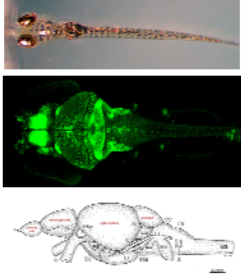
- Vertebrate
- Transparent
- 100s offspring
- Genetic tractable
- Rapid development
- Permeable to drugs



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Tools available in zebrafish

- CRISPR/Cas9 gene editing
- Whole-brain imaging
 - GCaMP expressing zebrafish
- High-throughput electrophysiology
 - Integrated Zebrafish Activity Platform
- Metabolic function assays
- Cardiac function assays
- Sleep-wake patterns
- Kaplan-Meier survival



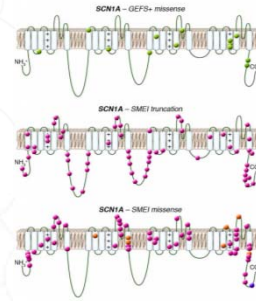
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Precision medicine in zebrafish – *scn1*

- Dravet syndrome
- *scn1* mutant zebrafish
- Screening commercially available libraries
- Lead compound identification

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Dravet syndrome – *SCN1* mutation

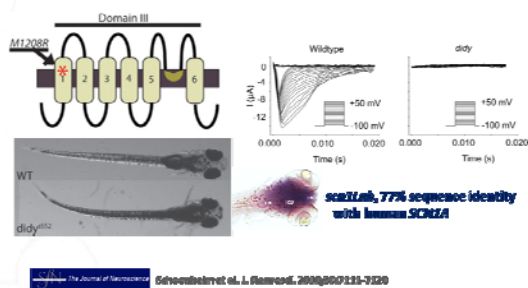


Meisler and Kearney 2005

- Developmental delay
- Early onset (< 1 y.o.)
- Balance issues
- Delayed language
- Cognitive problems
- Autonomic problems
- Sleep disturbance
- Drug-resistant
- Reduced lifespan

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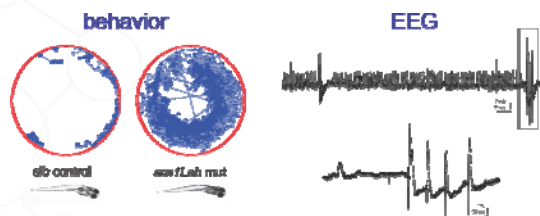
Dravet syndrome - *scn1* mutant zebrafish



Gadvardehelmet et al., J. Neurosci., 2009;29(11):3115-3120

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Epilepsy phenotype in *scn1* mutants



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Summary of progress to date

- Generated 6 new zebrafish mutant lines
- Screened >1600 compounds
- Identified 72 hits (~4%) in first-pass locomotion assays
- Classified >200 compounds (~13%) as toxic
- Identified 5 antiepileptic lead compounds (including **clemizole**) with subsequent retests and electrophysiology

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Impact on Clinical Care and Practice

- Zebrafish can be used to model specific human genetic forms of epilepsy
 - Dravet Syndrome zebrafish mutant
 - CRISPR/Cas9 gene editing
 - Multiple behavioral and functional read-outs
- Drugs identified in *scn1* zebrafish screens
 - Fenfluramine, dimethadione, ketogenic diet, etc.
 - Clemizole

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Patient-derived iPS Cells to Understand Epileptic Encephalopathy and SUDEP

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Learning Objectives

To understand the mechanism of epileptic encephalopathy:

- Model choice is critical.
- Mice are not small humans.
- Genetic background is important.
- No single model is sufficient – the truth lies at the intersection of models.

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Impact on Clinical Care and Practice

- Patient-derived iPSC cardiac myocytes may provide novel biomarkers for SUDEP risk.
- Patient-derived iPSC neurons and cardiac myocytes may be valuable platforms for drug discovery.

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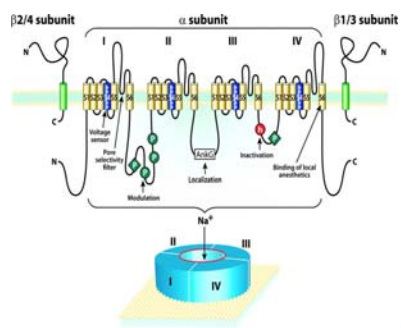
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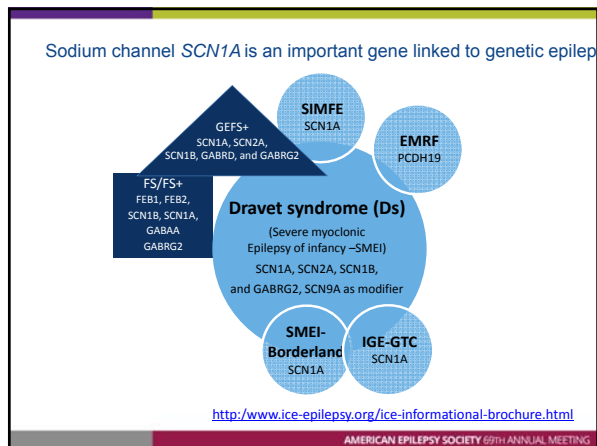
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Na⁺ channels are essential for firing of nerve and heart cells



Benarroch, E. E. *Neurology* 2007;68:233-236

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SEIZURES 1 IN 40,000
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WHAT IS DRAVET SYNDROME?
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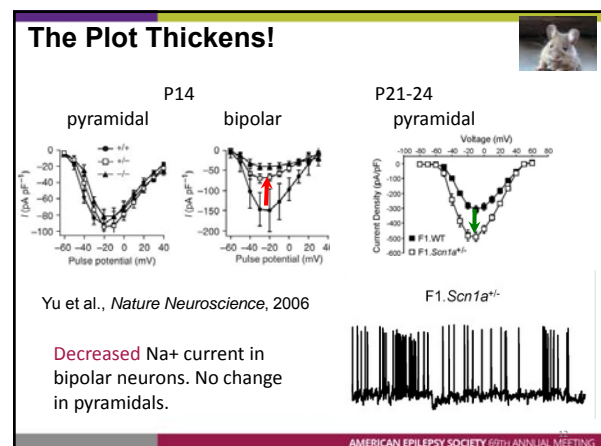
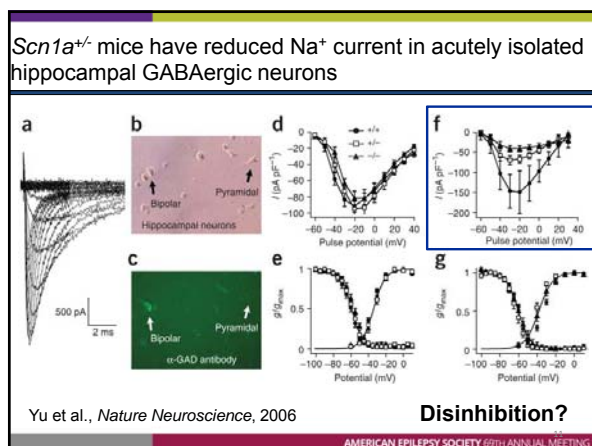
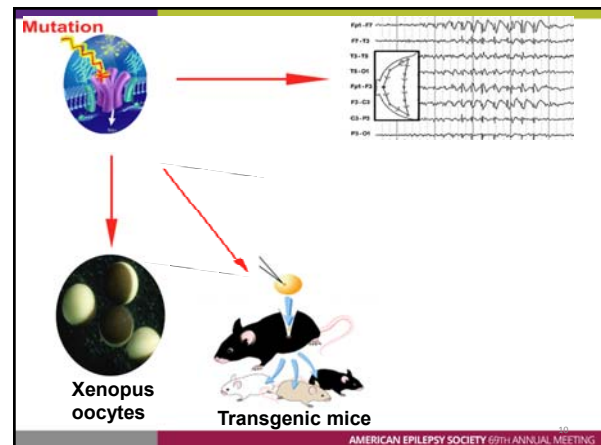
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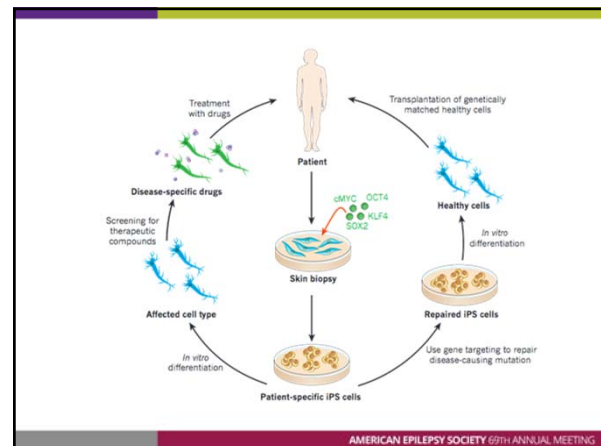
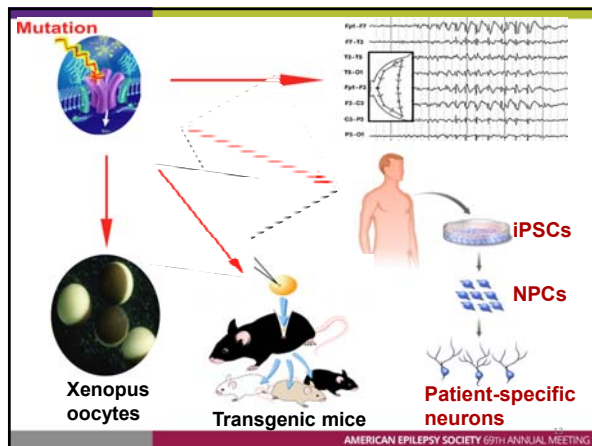
***SCN1A* and Dravet Syndrome**

- Majority of DS cases are caused by *de novo* mutations in the sodium channel gene encoding Nav1.1, *SCN1A*, resulting in haploinsufficiency.
- 50% *SCN1A* is insufficient for normal neuronal function

Kearney and Meisler, 2010

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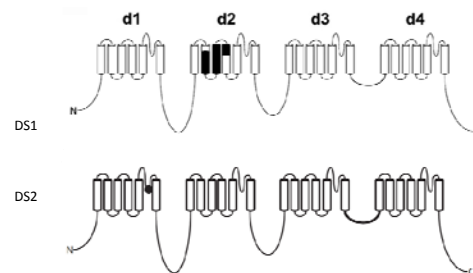


Why use iPSCs to model human genetic epilepsy?

- Genetic background is key
- Mice are not small humans
 - 20% of CNS genes show distinct cortical expression patterns between human and rodent
 - Human and mouse brain development are different:
 - Germinal zone of the developing cerebral mantle is proportionately larger in humans - especially the human outer subventricular zone which contains many outer radial glia (oRG) that are rare in mice
 - The expanded outer SVZ and oRG seen in the human embryonic dorsal forebrain appear to be present in human iPSCs cultured as organoids

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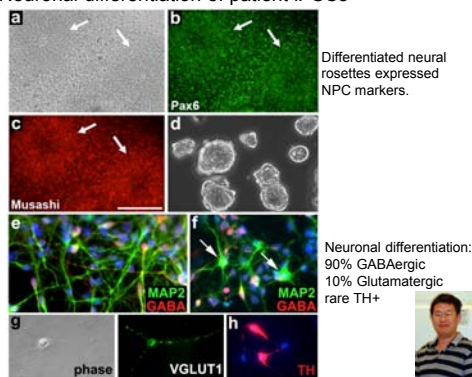
iPSC neurons were generated from 2 *SCN1A*-linked DS patients and 3 non-epileptic controls



Liu et al., Annals of Neurology, 2013

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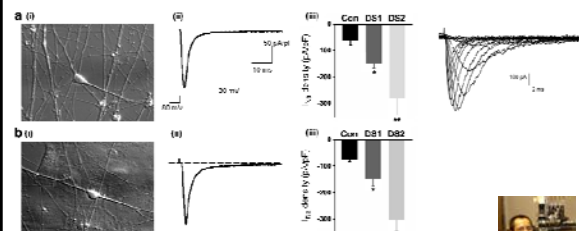
Neuronal differentiation of patient iPSCs



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Na⁺ current density is increased in iPSC pyramidal and bipolar neurons derived from DS1 and DS2 patients at 3 weeks post differentiation.

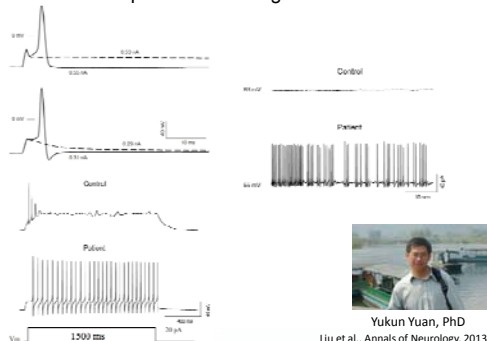


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DS patient-derived bipolar and pyramidal neurons have reduced thresholds for AP initiation, increased firing frequency, and spontaneous firing



Yukun Yuan, PhD
Liu et al., Annals of Neurology, 2013

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What is the mechanism:

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Will Brackenbury, PhD and Heather O'Malley, PhD

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SCN8A-shRNA normalizes sodium current and AP firing properties in DS iPSC neurons

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Proposed mechanism of SUDEP in Dravet Syndrome:

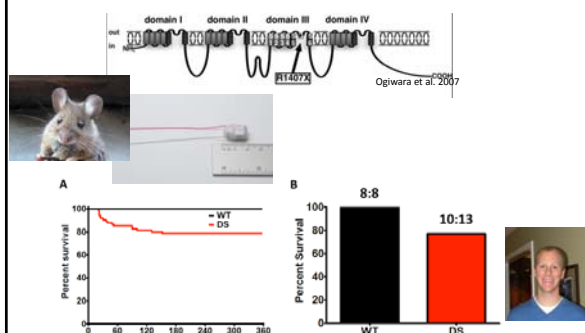
Mutant *SCN1A* expressed in brain and heart.



<http://persondevelopment.wordpress.com/2013/02/24/heart-brain-connection/>

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Do DS mice have a cardiac phenotype?

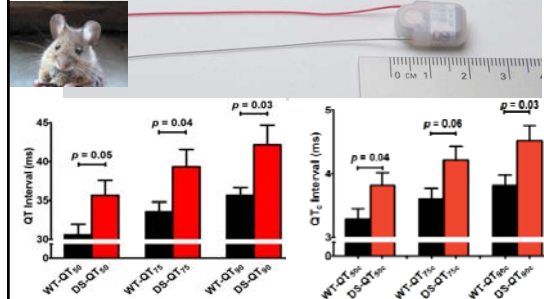


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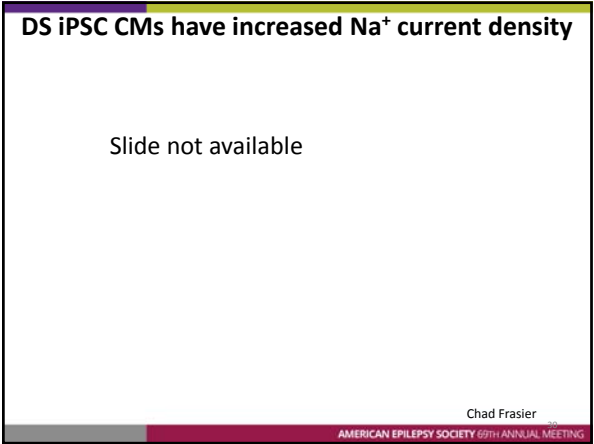
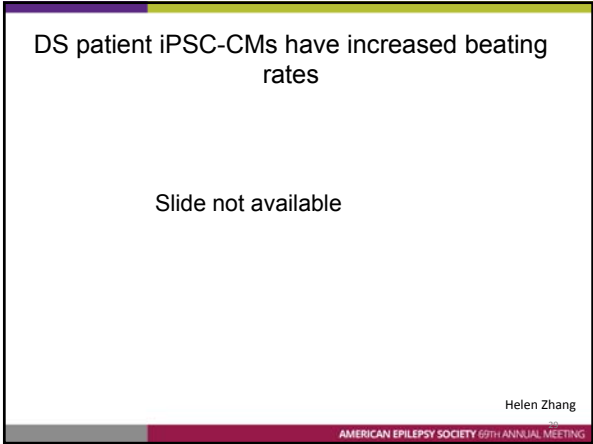
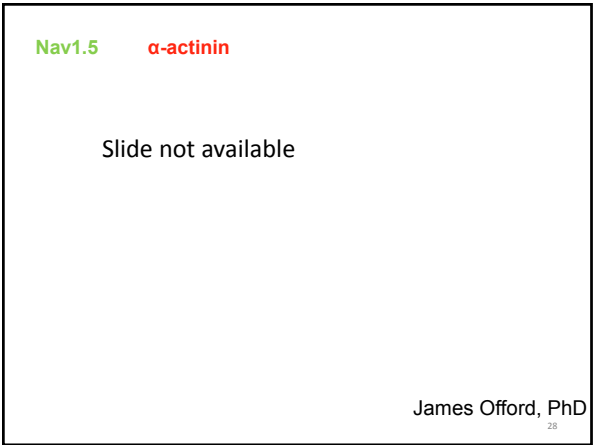
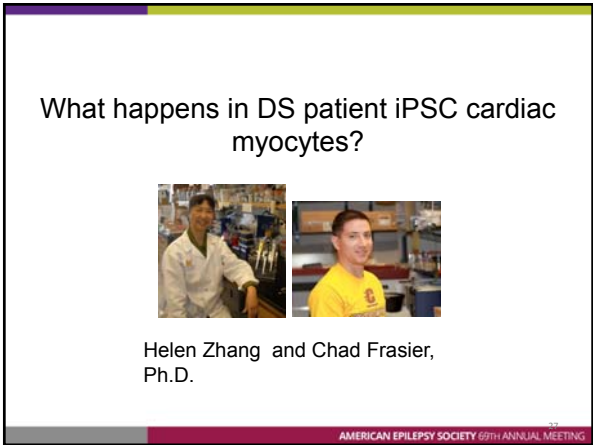
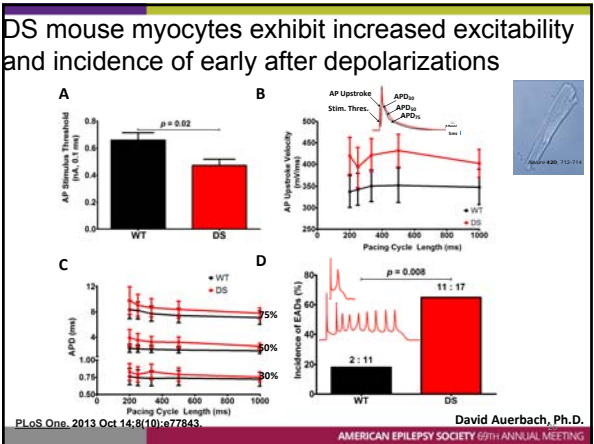
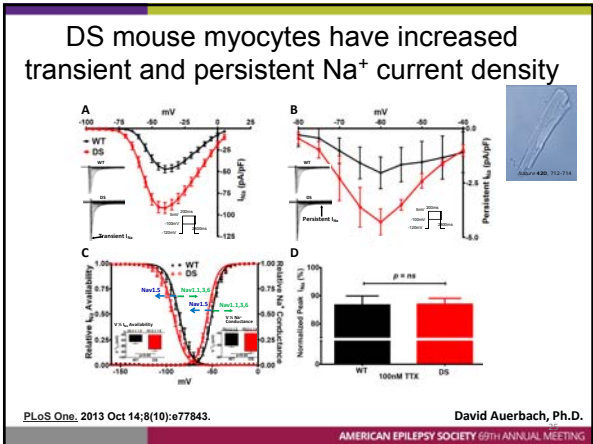
DS mice have prolonged QT intervals



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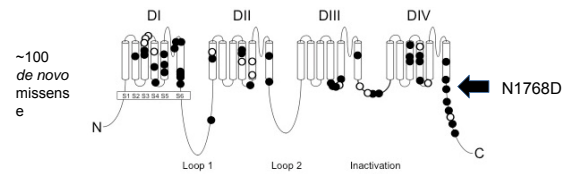
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Is the iPSC model informative for other genetic epilepsies?

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SCN8A mutations in early-infantile epileptic encephalopathy (EIEE13, OMIM #614558)



Clinical features

- Seizure onset 0-18 months
- Refractory to treatment
- Developmental delay and/or regression
- Intellectual disability
- Movement disorders
- Risk of SUDEP

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Acutely isolated neurons from *SCN8A*-EIEE13 mice have increased persistent Na^+ current

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SCN8A-EIEE13 patient iPSC neurons have increased persistent Na^+ current

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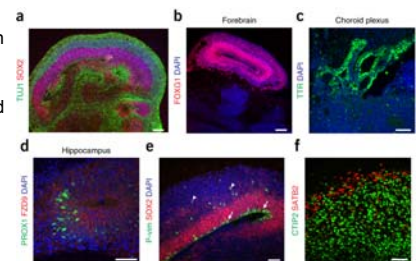
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What is the next step for iPSCs?

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Cerebral Organoid Cultures from Human iPSCs

- Human iPSCs can generate 3D organoid cultures
- Yield VZ, SVZ and cortical layers
- Show radial migration of excitatory and tangential migration of inhibitory neurons



Lancaster and Knoblich, Nat Prot 2014

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hiPSC-derived cerebral organoid – 1 month

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At 1 month, organoids form a pseudostratified ventricular zone that expresses Sox2 and Pax 6 around a ventricular-like lumen.

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Application of Precision Medicine in Patients with *KCNT1* Mutation

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The speaker will be discussing the off-label use of quinidine for the treatment of epilepsy.

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Learning Objectives

- Recognize genetic causes of epilepsy that may be amenable to a precision medicine approach
- Provide an update on emerging findings in precision medicine in the epilepsies
- Counsel patients and families regarding opportunities for and limitations of a precision medicine approach to treatment of the epilepsies

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Personalized/Precision Medicine: What is it?

- To allow clinicians to accurately predict the most efficacious treatment (*typically a drug*) and/or avoid potential complications of treatment, using patient-specific (*often genetic*) data
- Hypothesis: Use of a marker to match treatment to mechanism of disease will provide clinical benefit

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Personalized/Precision Medicine: what is it?

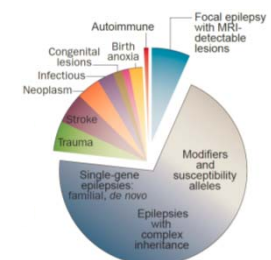
- The practice of medicine – including the care of patients with epilepsy – is *imprecise*.
 - physiology/pathophysiology is complicated
 - in many cases, the cause of epilepsy is not known
- Genetics is a potential source of increased precision.
 - Genetics contributes to the complexity of physiology
 - provides a potential mechanism for disease. Without a mechanism, it can be difficult or impossible to determine the optimal treatment for a given disease

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Genetics is an important cause of epilepsy

ALDH3B2	PRKRI	KCNK1	PRKCE2	SCN5A
ALG3	EPFLA2	KCNK3	PRRT2	SRP1
ANKK1	EPKGA	KCNMA1	BSN	SPRNG
ANK	GABRA3	KCNK2	SCAR2	SRP2
ASPM	GABRG2	KCNK3	SCN1A	STSALE
CDC15	GABRG2	KCNK7	SCN1B	STRADA
CHD8	GNAO1	ACT1P	SCN2A	STRX8
CHRNA2	GRIK2	LOX	SCN2A	STRP1
CHRNA2	GRIK2	MBX1C	SCN2A	STRX
CHRNA2	GRIK2A	MBX1C	SAT3	STRGAP1
ELAV	GRIK2B	PCDH19	SLK	STZ
ENKNA2	HCN1	PLCB1	SCN1A	TRC2014
ENK	HNRNP1	PRNP	SCN2A2	WDRX
EXTN	GRIP1	PRNP	SCN1A	
EPH2	KCNK2	PRKCE1	SCN5A2	

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Personalized Medicine in Epilepsy: Pharmacogenetics

Pharmacogenomics: Actionable somatic (non-tumor genetic variants and associated medications)		
Genetic variation	Medication	Side effect
TPMT	Mercaptopurine, thioguanine, azathioprine	myelotoxicity
CYP2D6	Cocaine, tramadol, tricyclic antidepressants	"ultrametabolism"
CYP2C19	Tricyclic antidepressants, clopidogrel, voriconazole	"poor metabolizers"
CYP2C9	Warfarin, phenytoin	reduced drug clearance
VKOR2C1	Warfarin	increased sensitivity
HLA-B	Allopurinol, abacavir, carbamazepine (HLA-B*57:02), phenytoin	SCAR, SJS
CFTR	Ivacaftor	CFTR potentiator
DPYD	Fluorouracil, capecitabine, tegafur	toxicity (mucositis, etc)
UGT1A1	Irinotecan, atazanavir	hemolysis
UGT1A1	Irinotecan, atazanavir	toxicity (neutropenia, etc)
SLCO1B1	Simvastatin	myopathy
IFNL3 (IL28B)	Interferon	improved response
CYP3A5	Tacrolimus	increased clearance

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Personalized Medicine in Epilepsy: Examples of targeted/precision treatments

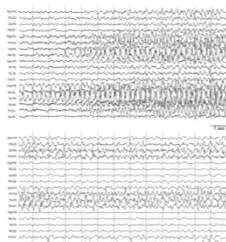
Precision medicine for genetic epilepsies					
Epilepsy syndrome	Gene	Treatment	Mechanism of action	Effect on seizure frequency	Development/ cognition
KCNQ2 encephalopathy	KCNQ2	retigabine	KCNQ channel activator	—	—
Epilepsy aphasia spectrum disorders	GRIN2A	memantine	Multiple; low-affinity NMDA-R antagonist	Decrease from 11 to 3 seizures/week	None
Epilepsy of Infancy w/ Migrating Focal Seizures (EIMFS)	KCNT1	quinidine	KCNT1 antagonist; multiple targets	Seizure-free; previously 5-20 seizures per day	Improved alertness, language, motor function
PWS ("Prader syndrome")	STRADA	rapamycin	mTOR inhibitor	4/5 patients seizure-free	—
Tuberous sclerosis	TSC1 & 2	everolimus	mTOR inhibitor	~50% reduction in 12 of 20 patients	Improved behavior
pyridoxine-dependent epilepsy	ALDH7A1	vitamin B6 replacement	—	—	—
GLUT1 deficiency syndrome	SLC3A1	ketogenic diet	alternative energy source	—	—

Bearden et al, 2014; Parker et al, 2013; Krueger et al, 2013; Mills et al, 2006; Klepper et al, 2005

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Targeted treatment of Epilepsy of Infancy with Migrating Focal Seizures (EIMFS) due to *KCNT1* mutation with quinidine

- seizure onset at 10 weeks
- focal EEG discharges "migrate" between left/right hemispheres
- arrest of psychomotor development
- Pharmacoresistance
- normal MRI of the brain
- Whole exome sequencing revealed *de novo* mutation in *KCNT1* (p.Arg428Gln)

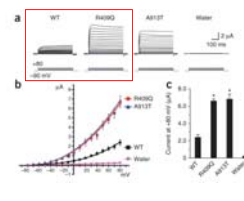


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De novo activating mutation of *KCNT1* is a cause of Epilepsy of Infancy w/ Migrating Focal Seizures

- **Genetic pleiotropy of *KCNT1*:** mutations in *KCNT1* are associated with a range of epilepsy phenotypes (EIMFS, ADNFLE, Ohtahara syndrome; Møller et al, 2015)
- **Genetic heterogeneity of EIMFS:** EIMFS is associated with mutation in multiple genes (*KCNT1*, *PLC-β1*, *SLC25A22*, *SCN1A*, *SCN2A*, *SCN8A*, *TBC1D24*)

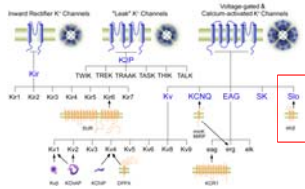


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De novo activating mutation of *KCNT1* is a cause of Epilepsy of Infancy w/ Migrating Focal Seizures

- *KCNT1* encodes the pore-forming subunit of the sodium-activated potassium channel Slo2.2 (Slack)
- Voltage- and sodium-dependent
- Highly expressed in brain
- Regulate neuronal excitability
- Directly interacts with FMRP (Brown et al, 2010; Zhang et al, 2012)



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Multiple mechanisms of epilepsy-associated ion channel/transmitter receptor gene mutation

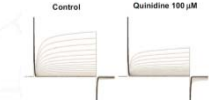
- Promoter mutations leading to reduced transcription
- Early exon nonsense mutations leading to impaired translation of truncated subunits (via NMD)
- Nonsense mutations with ER retention of truncated subunits
- Missense mutations leading to misfolding and degradation of subunits (via ERAD)
- **Impaired receptor function (hypo- or hyperfunction)**

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Targeted treatment of EIMFS due to *KCN1* mutation with quinidine

Pharmacologic inhibitors of <i>KCN1</i> activity			
Category	Agent	IC ₅₀ (mM)	References
Peptide toxins	charybdotoxin		
	iberiotoxin		
Gating inhibitors	Ca	6.5	Paulsen et al, 2006.
	bepiridil	5.0 - 6.0	Bhattacharjee et al, 2003; Yang et al, 2006.
Channel blocking antagonists	quinidine	1.7 - 2.0	Bhattacharjee et al, 2005.
	TEA	4.0	Yang et al, 2006.



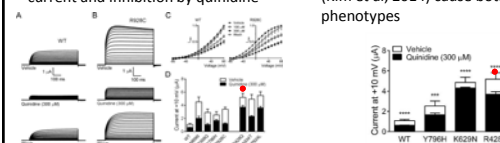
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- From 5-20 seizures per day to seizure-free
- Sustained seizure freedom for > 1 year on quinidine at 45 mg/kg/day
- Serum quinidine levels monitored and remained 2-5 μg/mL
- Frequent EKG to monitor for LQT
- no change in levels of other anti-seizure medications

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Quinidine normalizes currents due to pathological *KCN1* mutations *in vitro*

- Quinidine inhibits *KCN1* mutant currents
- R428Q mutation exhibits very large current and inhibition by quinidine
- mutant current magnitude not clearly related to phenotype (Kim et al, 2014)
- R398Q (Møller et al, 2015) and G288S (Kim et al, 2014) cause both phenotypes



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Targeted treatment of EIMFS due to *KCN1* mutation with quinidine

- Cross sectional survey/case series of 10 patients with EIMFS and *de novo* *KCN1* mutation
- Two patients seizure-free
- Three additional patients with EIMFS without *KCN1* mutation had no response to quinidine
- Mikati *et al* (2015) report a case of EIMFS due to *KCN1* mutation with 80% seizure reduction with quinidine; a patient with ADNFLE due to *KCN1* mutation did not respond to quinidine.

Quinidine for EIMFS due to <i>KCN1</i> mutation						
Patient	Age at initiation (months)	Dose (mg/kg/d)	Serum levels (μg/mL)	Mutation	Side effects	Response
1	25	45	1.5 - 2.1	p.R428Q	None	Seizure-free; Improved cognition
2	9	120	1.1 - 4.1	p.R961S	LQT	Seizure-free; Improved cognition
3	15	60	1.2	p.M267T	None	~50% reduction in seizures
4	20	107	2.1	p.G288S	Irritable	~50% reduction in seizures
5	9	60	2.0 - 5.5	p.D413N	None	~50% reduction in seizures
6	31	200	3.0 - 6.9	p.R398Q	Reflux	Slight reduction in seizures
7	33	58	—	p.R474C	LQT	Slight reduction in seizures
8	15	60	—	p.M354R	LQT	None
9	4	40	—	p.R474H	None	None
10	36	60	—	p.M889I	None	None

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Is quinidine an anti-seizure medication?

- Crystalline alkaloid; stereoisomer of quinine
- Class 1a antiarrhythmic via use dependent block of sodium current; also blocks multiple potassium channels.
- Blocks connexin 36 channel gap junctions (Srinivas et al, 2001)
- Combined with dextromethorphan for treatment of pseudobulbar affect in patients with MS and ALS
- Indicated (not first-line) treatment of *P. falciparum* malaria

Block of sodium (Na) channels by quinidine					
Channel/ Subunit	Gene symbol	Inhibited (Y/N)	Action	IC ₅₀ (mM)	Associated disease
Nav1.1	SCN1A	N			DS spectrum; GEFS+; other EE; FHM3
Nav1.2	SCN2A	N			BFIS, EIEE11
Nav1.3	SCN3A	N			
Nav1.4	SCN4A	N			Congenital myasthenic syndrome; NPP
Nav1.5	SCN5A	Y	Pore block 4.4-5.0		Brugada syndrome 1; LQTS
Nav1.6	SCN6A	N			EIEE13; cognitive impairment w/ ataxia
Nav1.7	SCN7A	N			Erythralgia; modifier of DS?
Nav1.8	SCN10A	N			Pain syndromes ²
Nav1.9	SCN11A	N			Pain syndromes ³

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Is quinidine an anti-seizure medication?

- Long been known to have anticonvulsant properties (Steriade and Stoica, 1960a; 1960b; 1961) in experimental animals
- Overdose can cause seizures in humans (Kerr et al, 1971)
- Ineffective in 3 cases of non-*KCN1* EIMFS (Bearden et al, 2015)
- Ineffective in the treatment of ADNFLE due to *KCN1* mutation (n = 1; Mikati et al, 2015)

Inhibition of Potassium (K) channels by quinidine						
Subfamily	Channel/ Subunit	Gene symbol	Other names	Affinity IC ₅₀ (mM)	Conc. (mM)	References
Ca ²⁺ -activated (I _K)	KCN1.1	KCN1.1	Slc2.2; Slack	4.0		Yang et al, 2006.
			Slc2.2; Slack	—	1.0	Bhattacharjee et al, 2003.
	KCN1.2	KCN1.2	Slc2.3; Slack	—	—	Tang et al, 2010.
Inwardly rectifying (I _{K1})	KCN1.2	KCN1.2	Slc2.3; Slack	—	—	Tang et al, 2010.
			Slc2.3; Slack	—	—	Tang et al, 2010.
Voltage gated (I _K)	Kv1.4	KCN4A		3.7		Yamagishi et al, 1995.
				5.2		Snyders et al, 1992.
	Kv1.7	KCNAB7		4.8		Bandien-Kruger et al, 2002.
				5.8		Schönher et al, 2002.
	Kv10.2	KCNH9	EAG2	3.8		Gessner et al, 2004.

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Targeted treatment of Epilepsy of Infancy with Migrating Focal Seizures due to *KCN1* mutation with quinidine: Summary

- Quinidine may be an effective treatment for seizures in a subset of patients with EIMFS due to *KCN1* mutation, perhaps in patients with mutations that produce markedly increased currents that are effectively inhibited by quinidine
- The mechanism of this effect is unknown, but is presumed to be due to normalization of *KCN1* mutant current
- Only mild effects on development/cognition

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Targeted treatment of Epilepsy of Infancy with Migrating Focal Seizures due to *KCNT1* mutation with quinidine: *Future Directions*

- Dose-finding study; Multicenter RCT
- What is the mechanism by which quinidine reduces seizure frequency in patients with EIMFS due to *KCNT1* mutation?
- What is the basis of the genetic pleiotropy seen in the *KCNT1* epilepsy spectrum?
- Can a more specific agent yield better results, such as greater improvement in development/cognition?

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Targeted treatment of Epilepsy of Infancy with Migrating Focal Seizures due to *KCNT1* mutation with quinidine: *The case report approach*

- Disadvantages
 - Heavily subject to bias
 - Failures unlikely to be reported
- Advantages
 - Inexpensive
 - Easily replicable
 - Can provide a novel insight into treatment of disease
 - Can fill a gap in knowledge when larger series do not exist

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Personalized/Precision Medicine: *Limitations*

- Results of early-stage testing in the cancer field correlates poorly with performance of drugs in later, larger-scale trials.
- Successes may be syndrome-, gene-, mutation-, or even patient-specific
- the development of novel compounds may be required, that are subunit- or even mutation-specific
- Moves us away from "one treatment to cure all epilepsy"
- What about effects on epilepsy-associated comorbidities?

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Personalized/Precision Medicine: *The Future*

- To provide a greater mechanistic insight into rare causes of epilepsy, which in turn might yield general principles that apply to all epilepsy
- Involvement of partners in the pharmaceutical industry
- Parent groups: offers unique opportunity for high participation rates in trials
- Look for "super responders" (as in immunotherapy for cancer)
- Develop time- and cost-efficient ways to test for and implement precision medicine therapies

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Impact on Clinical Care and Practice

- **Clinical utility:** whether the use of a test leads to improved clinical outcome for patients while avoiding adverse effects attributable to the test
- **Forward-and-backward translation** between clinicians and researchers
- **Multi-center clinical trials**

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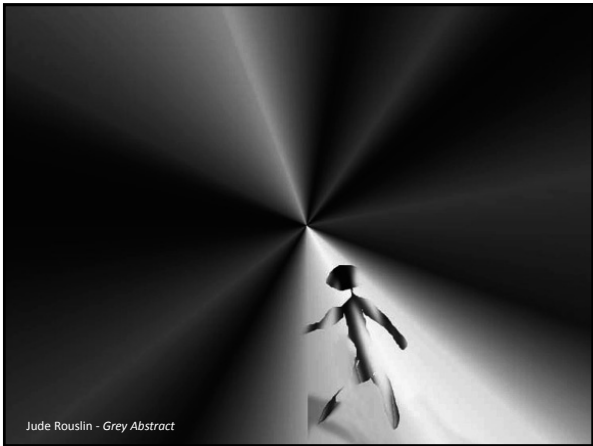
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Personal View

A roadmap for precision medicine in the epilepsies

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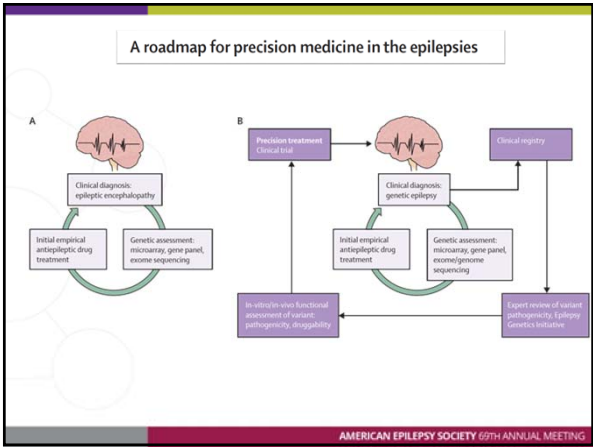
Technological advances have paved the way for accelerated genomic discovery and are bringing precision medicine clearly into view. Epilepsy research in particular is well suited to serve as a model for the development and deployment of targeted therapeutics in precision medicine because of the rapidly expanding genetic knowledge base in epilepsies, the availability of good in-vitro and in-vivo model systems to efficiently study the biological consequences of genetic mutations, the ability to turn these models into effective drug-screening platforms, and the establishment of collaborative research groups. Moving forward, it is crucial that these collaborations are strengthened, particularly through integrated research platforms, to provide robust analyses both for accurate personal genome analysis and gene and drug discovery. Similarly, the implementation of clinical trial networks will allow the expansion of patient sample populations with genetically defined epilepsy so that drug discovery can be translated into clinical practice.

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