

# OVERVIEW OF GENETICS IN DIVERSE PD POPULATIONS: UPDATE ON THE LARGE-PD STUDY

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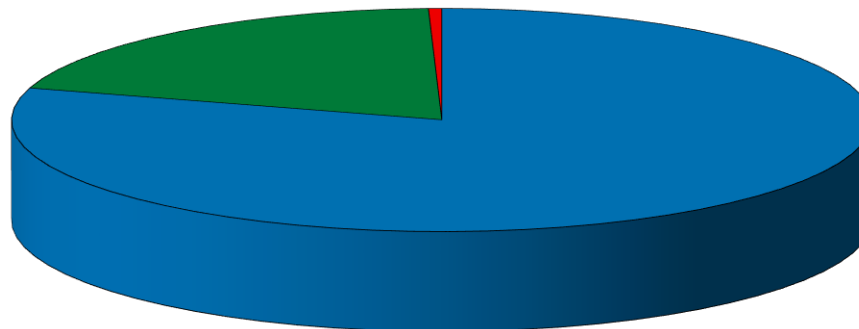
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# PARKINSON'S DISEASE: INHERITANCE

■ Sporadic ■ Familial ■ Mendelian <0.1%



## *Parkinson's disease/parkinsonism causative genes/loci*

PARK1/4: (D, susceptibility), 4q21: **SNCA**

PARK2: (R, susceptibility?), 6q25.2-q27: **PRKN**

PARK6: (R) 1p35-p36: **PINK1**

PARK7: (R) 1p36: **DJ-1**

PARK8: (D, susceptibility) 12q12: **LRRK2**

PARK17: (D) 16q12: **VPS35**

PARK18: (D) 3q27: **EIF4G1**

PARK19: (R) 1p31: **DNAJC6**

PARK20: (R) 21q22: **SYNJ1**

(D) 3q22: **DNAJC13**

(X-linked) Xq28: **RAB39B**

PARK3: (D?, reduced penetrance) 2p13

PARK5: (D?, susceptibility), 4p14: **UCHL1**

PARK9: (R) 1p36 (Kufor-Rakeb syndrome)

**ATP13A2**

PARK10: (susceptibility?) 1p32

PARK11: (D?) 2q36-37 **GIGYF2?**

PARK12: (X-linked?) Xq

PARK13: (D?) 2p13 **HTRA2**

PARK14: (R?) 22q13.1 **PLA2G6**

PARK15: (R?) 22q12-13 **FBXO7**

FTDP17: (D, susceptibility) 17q21: **MAPT**

Rapid-Onset Dystonia Parkinsonism: **ATP1A3**

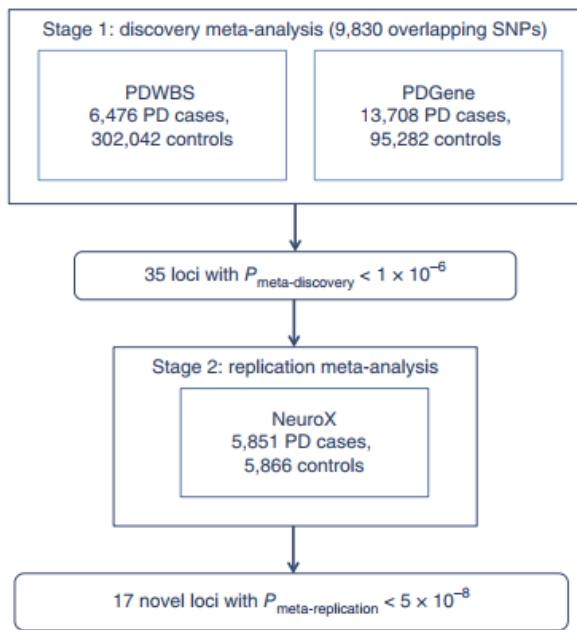
SpinoCerebellar Ataxia: **SCA2**



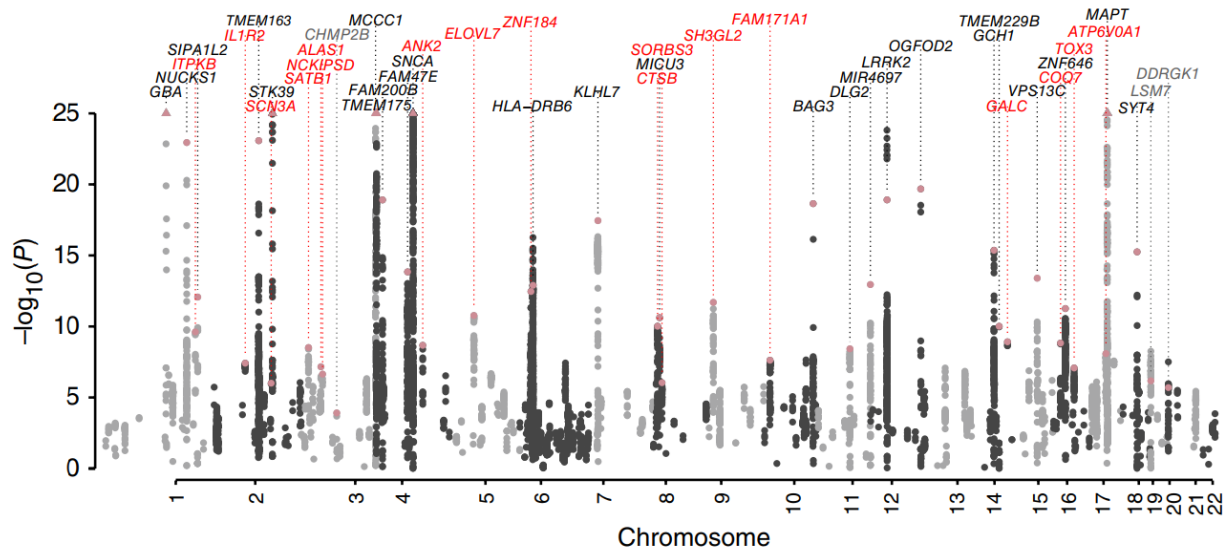
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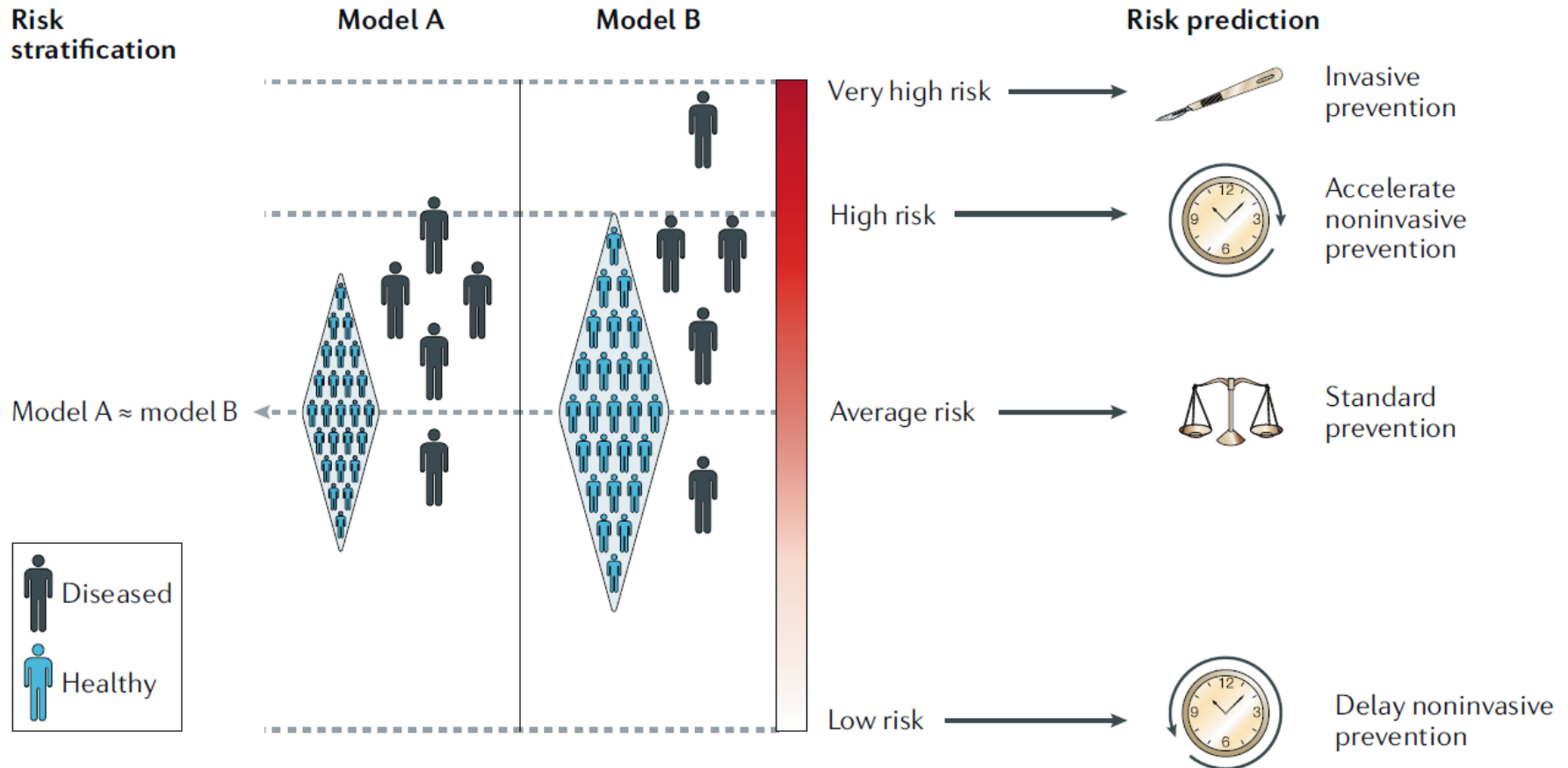
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Research participants were restricted to those of mainly (>97%) European ancestry



# POLYGENIC RISK SCORES (PRS)

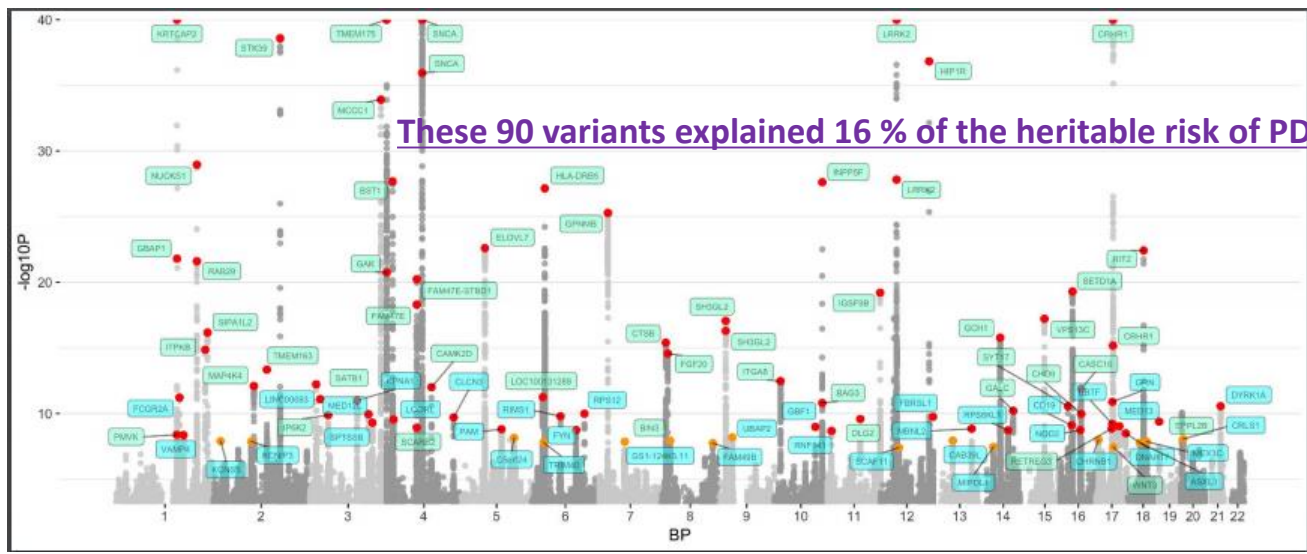


# LARGEST META ANALYSIS

**Risk loci discovery**

37.7K cases  
18.6K proxies  
1.4M controls  
7.8M SNPs

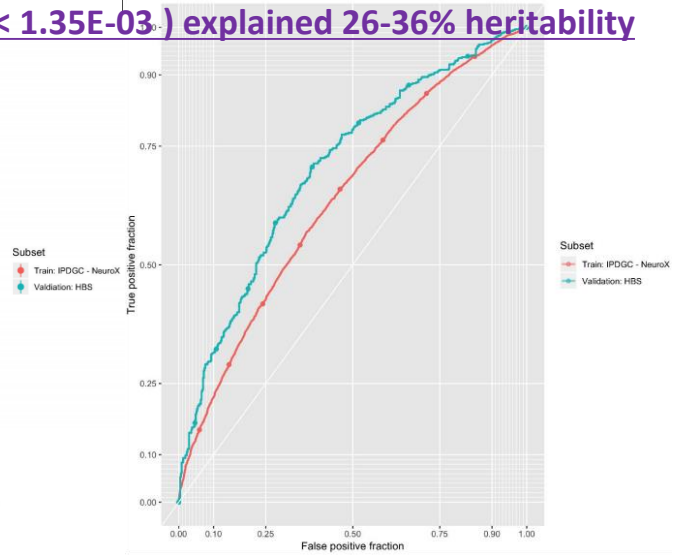
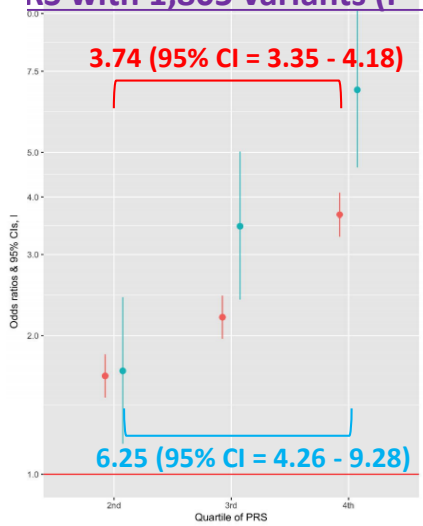
90 independent risk signals (38 novel).  
305 candidate genes under LD peaks.



**NeuroX (5,851 cases and 5,866 controls)**

**RS with 1,805 variants (P < 1.35E-03) explained 26-36% heritability**

**Harvard Biomarker Study (HBS, 527 cases and 472 controls)**



New Results  
**Expanding Parkinson's disease genetics: novel risk loci, gene insights and heritable risk**

Mike A. Nalls, Cornelis Blauwendraat, Costanza L. Vallerga, Karl Heilbron, Sara Bandres-Ciga, Diana Chang, Manuela Tan, Demis A. Kia, Alastair J. Noyce, Angli Xue, Jose Bras, Emily Young, Rainer von Coelln, Javier Simón-Sánchez, Claudia Schulte, Manu Sharma, Lynne Krohn, Lasse Pihlstrom, Ari Siitonen, Hirotaka Iwaki, Hampton Leonard, Faraz Faghri, J. Raphael Gibbs, Dena G. Hernandez, Sonja VV. Scholz, Juan A. Botia, Maria Martinez, Jean-Christophe Corvol, Suzanne Lesage, Joseph Jankovic, Lisa M. Shulman, The 23andMe Research Team, System Genomics of Parkinson's Disease (SGPD) Consortium, Margaret Sutherland, Pentti Tienari, Kari Majamaa, Mathias Toft, Ole A. Andreassen, Tushar Bangale, Alexis Brice, Jian Yang, Ziv Gan-Or, Thomas Gasser, Peter Heutink, Joshua M Shulman, Nicolas VWood, David A. Hinds, John A. Hardy, Huw R. Morris, Jacob Gratten, Peter M. Visscher, Robert R. Graham, Andrew B. Singleton, for the International Parkinson's Disease Genomics Consortium

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# GWAS IN NON-EUROPEANS

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ASSOCIATION STUDIES ARTICLE

## Genome-wide association study of Parkinson's disease in East Asians

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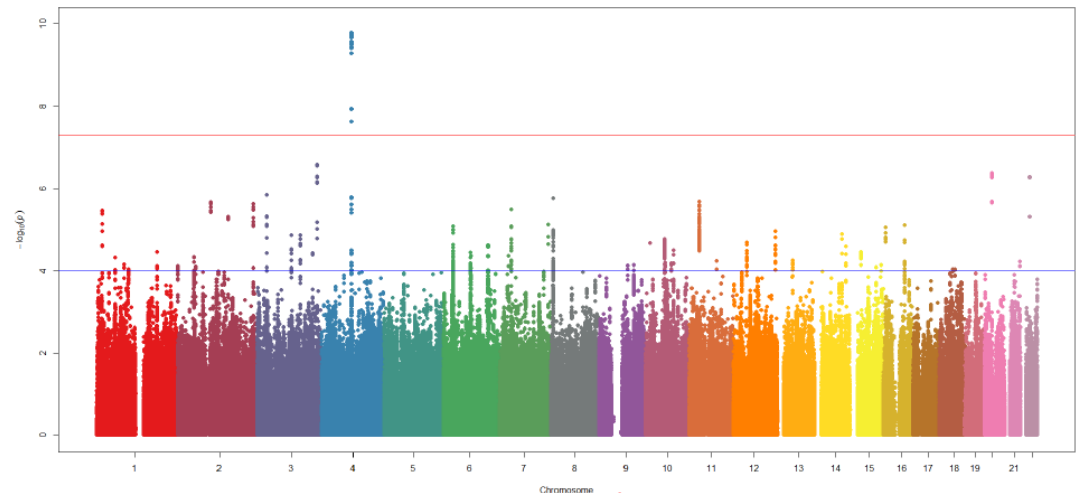
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## Genome-wide association study identifies common variants at four loci as genetic risk factors for Parkinson's disease

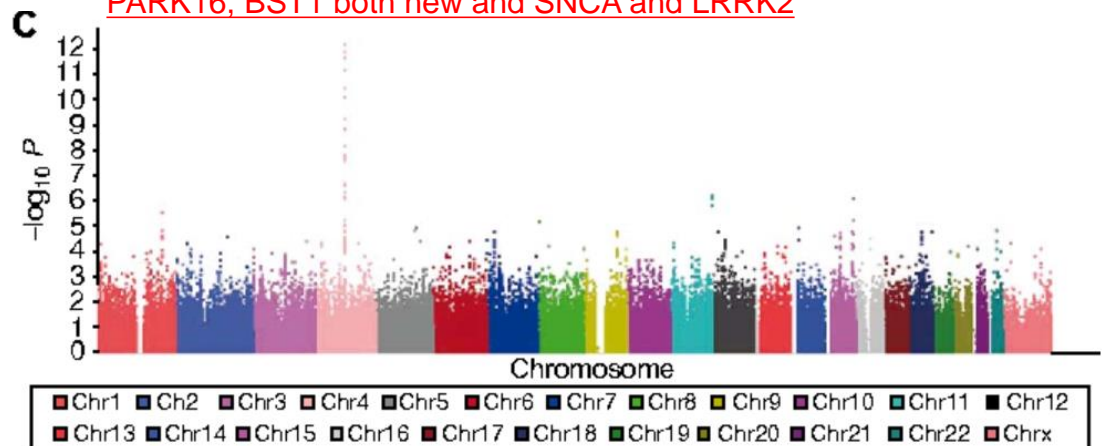
Wataru Satake, Yuko Nakabayashi, Ikuko Mizuta, Yushi Hirota, Chiyomi Ito, Michiaki Kubo, Takahisa Kawaguchi, Tatsuhiro Tsunoda, Masahiko Watanabe, Atsushi Takeda, Hiroyuki Tomiyama, Kenji Nakashima, Kazuko Hasegawa, Fumiya Obata, Takeo Yoshikawa, Hideshi Kawakami, Saburo Sakoda, Mitsutoshi Yamamoto, Nobutaka Hattori, Miho Murata, Yusuke Nakamura & Tatsushi Toda

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779 PD cases, 13,227 controls from Singapore, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Korea, mainland China and Taiwan. Strong associations at SNCA, LRRK2 and MCCC1



2,011 cases and 18,381 controls from Japan. Associations with PARK16, BST1 both new and SNCA and LRRK2



# GENETICS OF PD IN LATIN AMERICA

Low frequency of common *LRRK2* mutations in Mexican patients with Parkinson's disease **PD= 319**

Petra Yescas<sup>a,1</sup>, Marisol López<sup>b,1</sup>, Nancy Monroy<sup>a</sup>, Marie-Catherine Boll<sup>c</sup>, Mayela Rodríguez-Violante<sup>d</sup>, Ulises Rodríguez<sup>c</sup>, Adriana Ochoa<sup>a</sup>, María Elisa Alonso<sup>a,\*</sup>

Genetic Mutations in Early-Onset Parkinson's Disease Mexican Patients: Molecular Testing Implications **PD= 127, Control=120**

Nancy Monroy-Jaramillo,<sup>1,2</sup> Jorge Luis Guerrero-Camacho,<sup>1</sup> Mayela Rodríguez-Violante,<sup>3</sup> Marie-Catherine Boll-Woehrlen,<sup>1</sup> Petra Yescas-Gómez,<sup>1</sup> María Elisa Alonso-Vilatela,<sup>1</sup> and Marisol López-López<sup>5\*</sup>

Low prevalence of most frequent pathogenic variants of six *PARK* genes in sporadic Parkinson's disease

Silvia García, Luz Berenice López-Hernández, Juan Antonio Suarez-Cuenca, Marlene Solano-Rojas, Martha P. Gallegos-Arreola, Olga Gama-Moreno, Paulina Valdez-Anguiano, Patricia Canto, Luis Dávila-Maldonado, Carlos F. Cuevas-García, Ramón Mauricio Coral-Vázquez **PD= 173, Control= 208**

Autosomal dominant Parkinson's disease: Incidence of mutations in *LRRK2*, *SNCA*, *VPS35* and *GBA* genes in Brazil **PD= 141**

Gabriella de M. Abreu<sup>a,1</sup>, Débora Cristina T. Valença<sup>a,1</sup>, Mário Campos Júnior<sup>b</sup>, Camilla P. da Silva<sup>a</sup>, João S. Pereira<sup>c</sup>, Marco A. Araujo Leite<sup>d</sup>, Ana Lucia Rosso<sup>e</sup>, Denise H. Nicaretta<sup>f</sup>, Luiz Felipe R. Vasconcellos<sup>g,h</sup>, Delson José da Silva<sup>i,j</sup>, Marcus V. Della Coletta<sup>k</sup>, Jussara M. dos Santos<sup>a</sup>, Andressa P. Gonçalves<sup>a</sup>, Cíntia B. Santos-Rebouças<sup>a</sup>, Márcia M.G. Pimentel<sup>a,\*</sup>

Exon dosage variations in Brazilian patients with Parkinson's disease: analysis of *SNCA*, *PARKIN*, *PINK1* and *DJ-1* genes. **PD= 102**

Moura KC<sup>1</sup>, Junior MC, de Rosso AL, Nicaretta DH, Pereira JS, José Silva D, Santos-Rebouças CB, Pimentel MM

The rs3857059 variant of the *SNCA* gene is associated with Parkinson's disease in Mexican Mestizos.

García S<sup>1</sup>, Chavira-Hernández G<sup>1</sup>, Gallegos-Arreola MP<sup>2</sup>, Dávila-Maldonado L<sup>3</sup>, García-Martínez E<sup>1</sup>, Montes Almanza LA<sup>1</sup>, Palma-Flores C<sup>1</sup>, Mondragón-Terán P<sup>1</sup>, Alcaraz Estrada SL<sup>1</sup>, López-Hernández LB<sup>1</sup>

**PD= 106, Control=135**

A study of *LRRK2* mutations and Parkinson's disease in Brazil **PD= 154**

Márcia Mattos Gonçalves Pimentel<sup>a,\*</sup>, Karla Cristina Vasconcelos Moura<sup>a</sup>, Cláudia Bueno Abdalla<sup>a</sup>, João Santos Pereira<sup>b</sup>, Ana Lúcia Zuma de Rosso<sup>c</sup>, Denise Hack Nicaretta<sup>b,d</sup>, Mário Campos Junior<sup>a</sup>, Richard Morais de Almeida<sup>a</sup>, Jussara Mendonça dos Santos<sup>a</sup>, Izabel Cristina Constantino Bastos<sup>e</sup>, Maria Filomena Xavier Mendes<sup>e</sup>, Henryk Maultasch<sup>c</sup>, Flavio Henrique de Rezende Costa<sup>c</sup>, Antônio Luiz dos Santos Werneck<sup>c</sup>, Cíntia Barros Santos-Rebouças<sup>a</sup>

Genetic and Environmental Findings in Early-onset Parkinson's Disease Brazilian Patients

**PD= 72, Control= 81**

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Familial Parkinsonism and early onset Parkinson's disease in a Brazilian Movement Disorders clinic: Phenotypic characterization and frequency of *SNCA*, *PRKN*, *PINK1* and *LRRK2* mutations

**PD= 575**

Sarah Teixeira Camargos, MD<sup>1</sup>, Leonardo Oliveira Dornas, MD<sup>1</sup>, Parastoo Momeni, PhD<sup>3</sup>, Andrew Lees, MD, PhD<sup>4</sup>, John Hardy, PhD<sup>4,5</sup>, Andrew Singleton, PhD<sup>2</sup>, and Francisco Cardoso, MD, PhD<sup>1</sup>

*PINK1* Mutations in a Brazilian Cohort of Early-Onset Parkinson's Disease Patients **PD= 60**

Clecio Godeiro-Junior, MD,<sup>1,2\*</sup> Patricia M. de Carvalho-Aguiar, MD, PhD,<sup>1,2</sup> Andre C. Felício, MD,<sup>1,2</sup> Orlando G.P. Barsottini, MD, PhD,<sup>1,2</sup> Sonia M.A. Silva, MD, PhD,<sup>1</sup> Vanderci Borges, MD, PhD,<sup>1</sup> Luiz Augusto F. Andrade, MD, PhD,<sup>2</sup> and Henrique Ballalai Ferraz, MD, PhD<sup>1</sup>

*Lrrk2* mutations in South America:

A study of Chilean Parkinson's disease **PD= 166, Control=153**

Carolina Perez-Pastene<sup>1</sup>, Stephanie A. Cobb<sup>2</sup>, Fernando Diaz-Grez<sup>1</sup>, Mary M. Hulihan<sup>2</sup>, Marcelo Miranda<sup>3,4</sup>, Pablo Venegas<sup>3</sup>, Osvaldo Trujillo Godoy<sup>3</sup>, Jennifer M. Kachergus<sup>2</sup>, Owen A. Ross<sup>2</sup>, Luis Layson<sup>2</sup>, Matthew J. Farrer<sup>2</sup>, and Juan Segura-Aguilar<sup>1</sup>

# DIVERSITY IN GENETICS

NATURE | COMMENT

## Genomics is failing on diversity

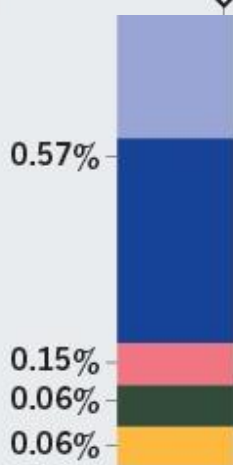
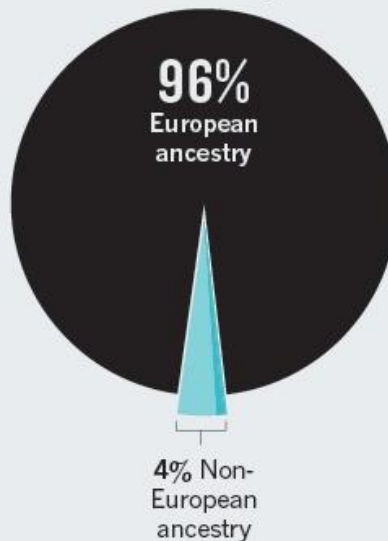
Alice B. Popejoy & Stephanie M. Fullerton

12 October 2016

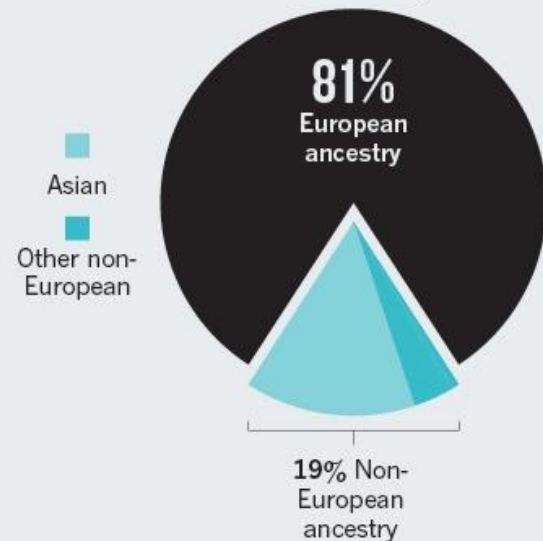
An analysis by Alice B. Popejoy and Stephanie M. Fullerton indicates that some populations are still being left behind on the road to precision medicine.



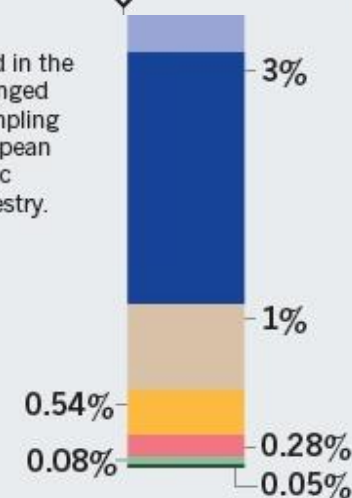
**2009**  
373 studies  
1.7 million samples



**2016**  
2,511 studies  
35 million samples

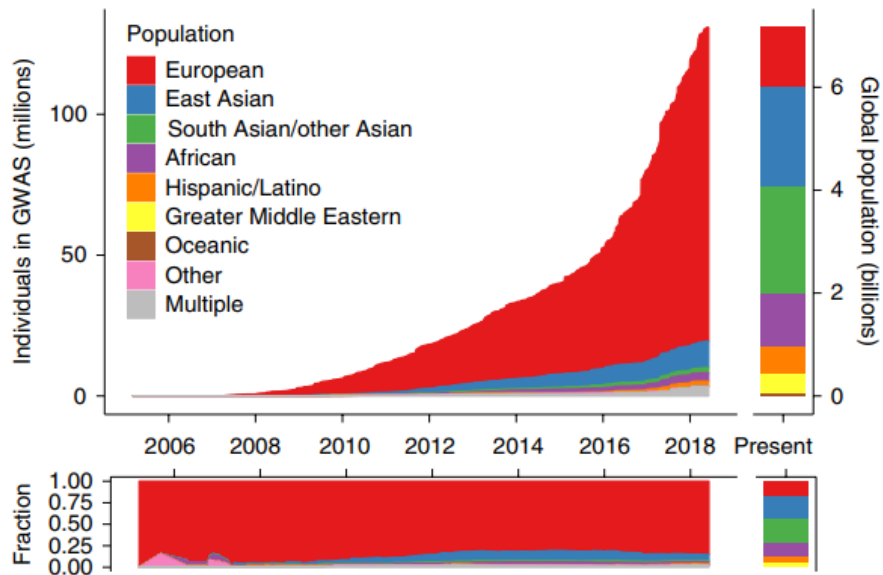


Terms for ethnicity are those used in the GWAS Catalog. Some have changed between 2009 and 2016 as sampling has increased. Samples of European origin have the most specific descriptions of population ancestry.

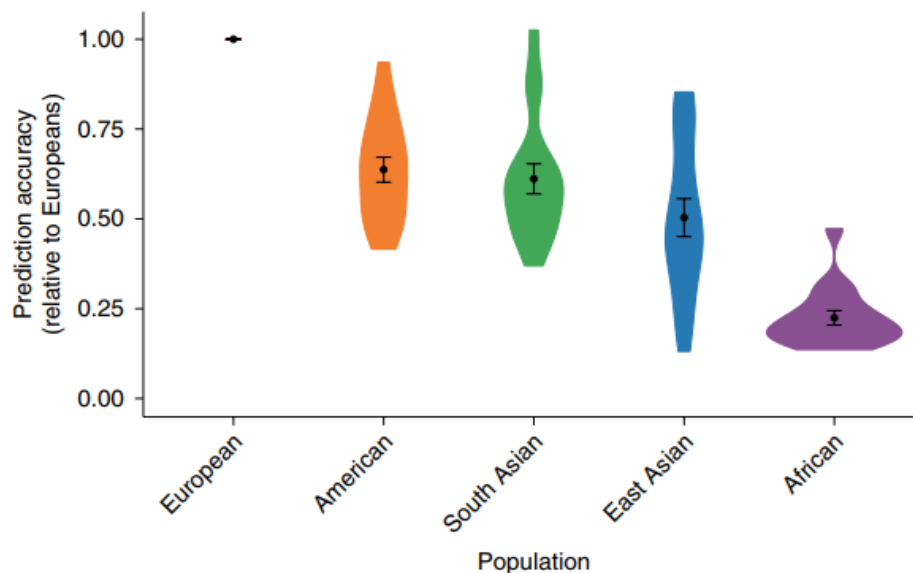




# PRS ACROSS POPULATIONS



**Fig. 1 | Ancestry of GWAS participants over time, as compared with the global population.** Cumulative data, as reported by the GWAS catalog<sup>76</sup>. Individuals whose ancestry is 'not reported' are not shown.



**Fig. 3 | Prediction accuracy relative to European-ancestry individuals across 17 quantitative traits and 5 continental populations in the UKBB.** All

## PERSPECTIVE

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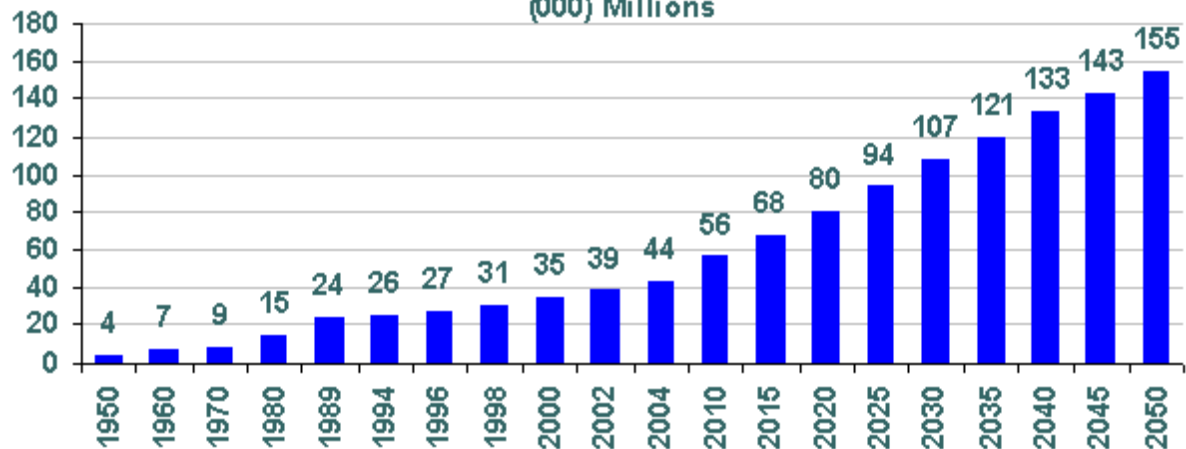
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## Clinical use of current polygenic risk scores may exacerbate health disparities

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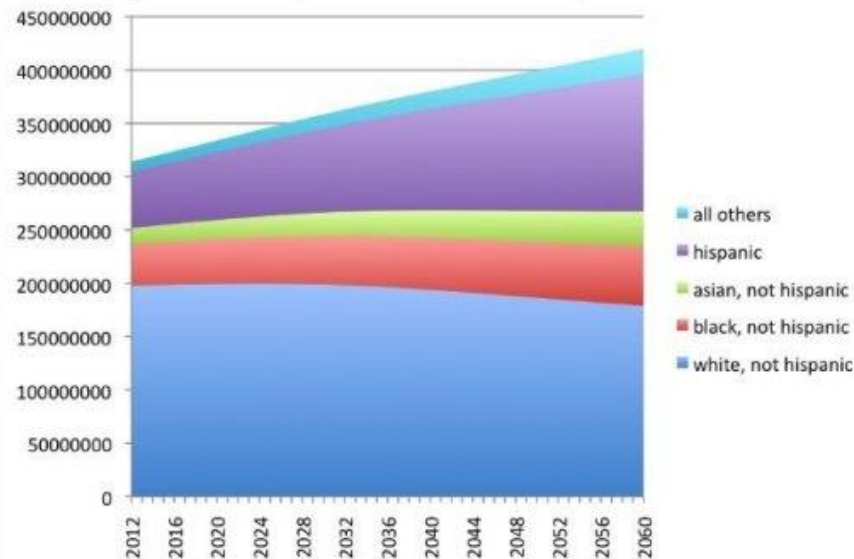
# LATINOS IN THE US

US Hispanic Population and Projections 1950-2050  
(000) Millions



Source: Synovate, U.S. Census Bureau

Population by race and ethnicity, 2012-2060



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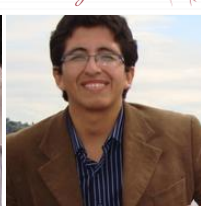
# LARGE-PD



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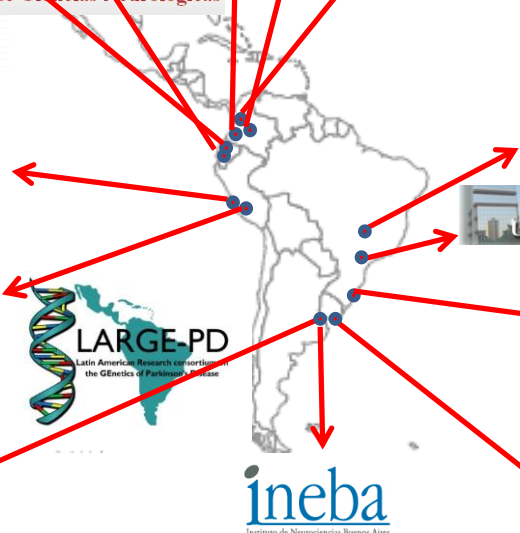


# LARGE-PD




New sites:

- 8 new sites in Brazil (CBPD consortium)
- Honduras
- Costa Rica
- Puerto Rico
- Mexico



# LARGE-PD RECRUITMENT & DATA COLLECTION



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Número de LARGE-PD \_\_\_\_\_ Fecha \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**Parte II - Antecedentes demográficos, clínicos**  
A rellenar por el coordinador

¿Ha recibido el individuo diagnóstico de EP?  
En caso afirmativo comience aquí, sino vaya a la parte I

1) Síntoma de comienzo Por favor marque todos los que correspondan

Bradicinesia  
 Rigidez  
 Temblor  
 Inestabilidad postural  
 Otro: \_\_\_\_\_

3) Comienzo de los síntomas motores parkinsonianos

4) Primer diagnóstico por un médico

5) ¿Actualmente tratado con agonistas dopaminérgicos?

Sí desde el año \_\_\_\_ hasta \_\_\_\_  
 No

6) Si el paciente no está actualmente tratado con agonistas dopaminérgicos

Sí desde el año \_\_\_\_ hasta \_\_\_\_  
 No

7) ¿Actualmente tratado con levodopa?

Sí desde el año \_\_\_\_ hasta \_\_\_\_  
 No

8) Si el paciente no está actualmente tratado con levodopa, ¿h

Sí desde el año \_\_\_\_ hasta \_\_\_\_  
 No

9) Edad actual \_\_\_\_\_ Año de nacimiento \_\_\_\_\_

10) Sexo  Hombre  Mujer


11) Número total de años de educación (Sin contar kindergarten)

12) Nivel más alto de educación

Ninguno  Cc  
 Completada secundaria  Et

13) Adoptado  Sí  No

Parte II, Página 1 de 3



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**Parte I - Criterios Diagnósticos del UK Brain Bank**  
A rellenar por el neurólogo

**Paso 1. Criterios de inclusión**

1) ¿Presenta el sujeto bradicinesia?  Sí  No  Desconocido

(La respuesta ha de ser afirmativa para cumplir los criterios de UK)

2) ¿Presenta el sujeto alguno de los siguientes síntomas?

Rigidez muscular  Sí  No  Desconocido

Temblor de reposo 4-6 Hz  Sí  No  Desconocido

Inestabilidad postural  Sí  No  Desconocido

Si la respuesta es "No" para las preguntas 1 y 2, vaya a la pregunta 13.

*Inestabilidad postural no debe ser causada por disfunción visual, vestibular, cerebral o propioceptiva.*

(La respuesta ha de ser afirmativa en al menos uno para cumplir los criterios de UK)

**Paso 2. Criterios de exclusión**

3) ¿Presenta el sujeto alguno de los siguientes?  Sí  No

- Antecedentes de accidentes cerebrovasculares repetidos o progresión escalonada de los signos parkinsonianos
- Antecedentes de traumatismos de cráneo repetidos
- Antecedentes de encefalitis
- Crisis oclúgiras
- Tratamiento con neurolépticos al inicio de los síntomas
- Remisión sostenida
- Síntomas unilaterales después de 3 años de evolución
- Parálisis supranuclear de la mirada (excepto de la mirada vertical hacia arriba)
- Signos cerebelosos
- Compromiso autonómico temprano y severo
- Demencia precoz con trastornos amnésicos, del lenguaje y praxia
- Signo de Babinski
- Presencia de tumor cerebral o hidrocefalia comunicante en la TC (tomografía computerizada)
- Falta de respuesta a dosis adecuadas de levodopa (excluyendo mala absorción)
- Exposición a MPTP

(La respuesta ha de ser negativa para cumplir los criterios de UK)

**Paso 3. Criterios que apoyan el diagnóstico de EP**

4) Comienzo unilateral  Sí  No  Desconocido

5) Temblor de reposo  Sí  No  Desconocido

6) Cuadro progresivo  Sí  No  Desconocido

7) Asimetría persistente que comprometa más al lado por donde comenzó  Sí  No  Desconocido

8) Excelente respuesta (70-100%) a la levodopa (o agonistas dopaminérgicos)

Sí  No  Sin ensayo/Ensayo inadecuado  Desconocido

9) Corea severa inducida por la levodopa  Sí  No  Desconocido

10) Respuesta a la levodopa de 5 o más años  Sí  No  Desconocido

11) Curso clínico de 10 o más años  Sí  No  Desconocido

Parte I, Página 1 de 2

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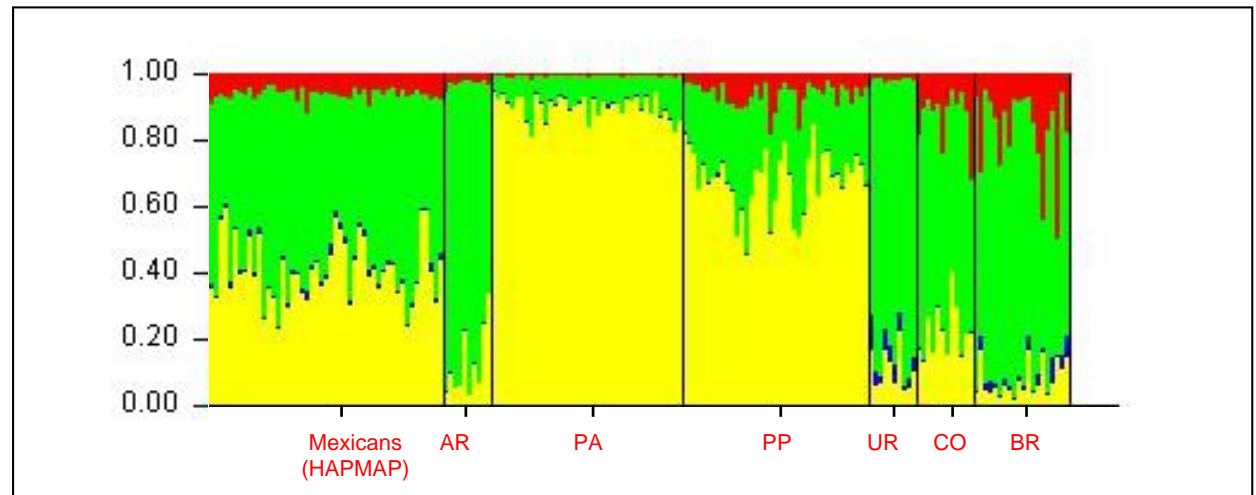
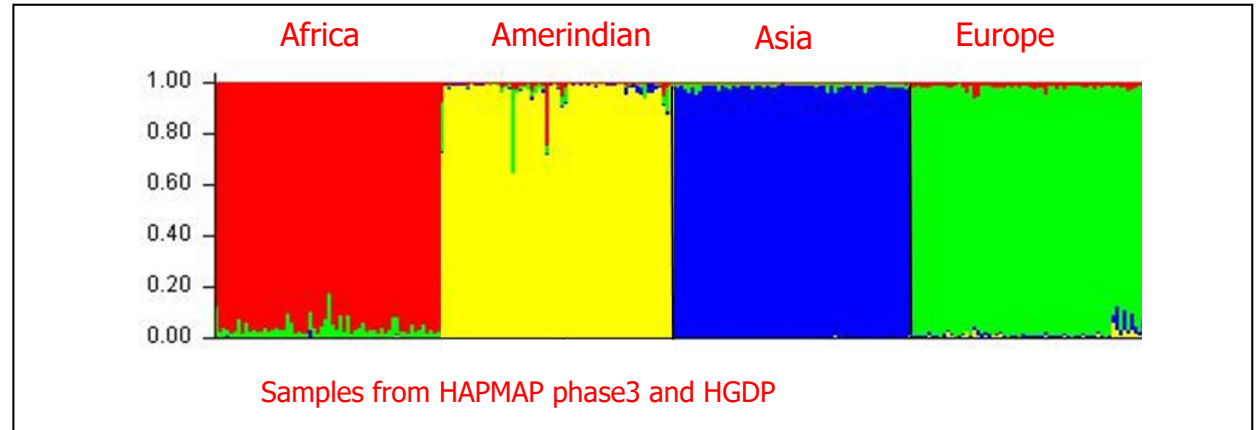
Country	No. of samples recruited
Peru	788
Peru	49
Brazil	430
Brazil	429
Chile	13
Colombia	1,233
Colombia	33
Colombia	23
Argentina	192
Uruguay	559
Honduras	23
Ecuador	85
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,857</b>

## Questionnaire

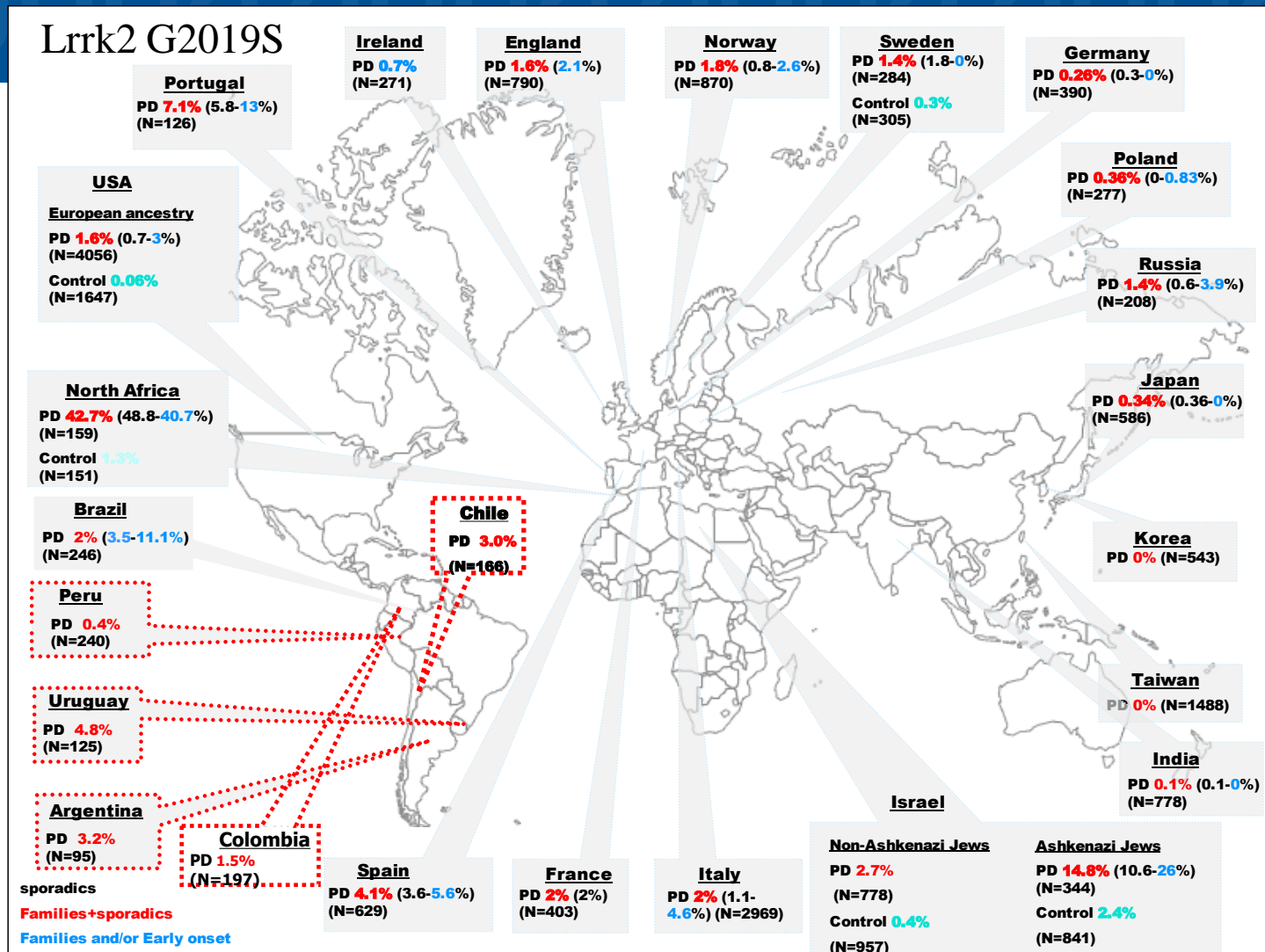
- 11 Pages (aprox 20 min)
- Self administered or research coordinator
- 3 languages (English, Spanish and Portuguese)
- Environmental exposure questionnaire (Tobacco, Caffeine, NSAIDs,...)
- Cognitive function (Montreal Cognitive Assessment, MoCA)

# ANCESTRY INFORMATIVE MARKERS (AIMS) GLOBAL ANCESTRY

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# LRRK2



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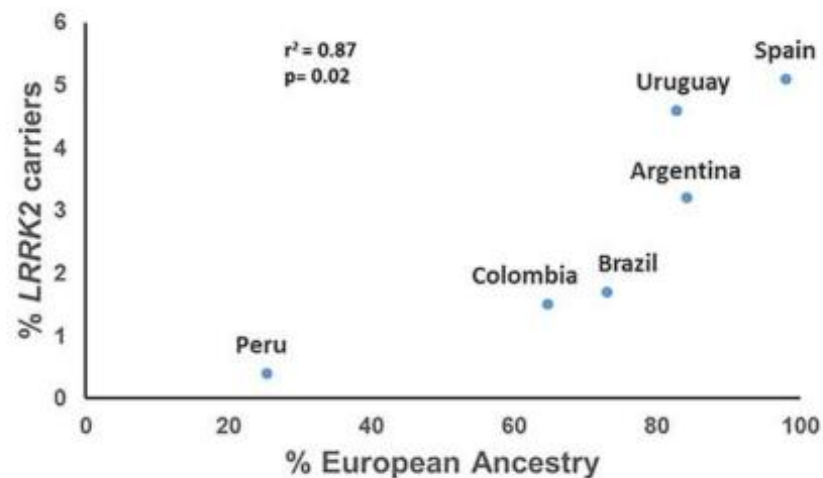
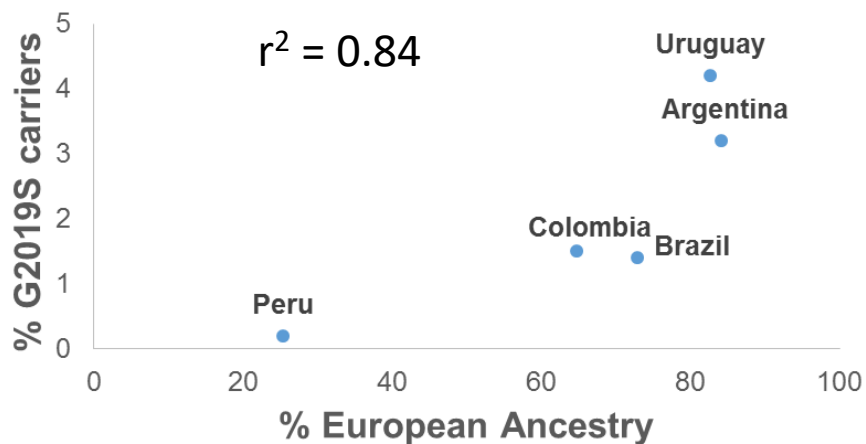
## LARGE-PD: Examining the genetics of Parkinson's disease in Latin America.

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Variable frequency of *LRRK2* variants in the Latin American research consortium on the genetics of Parkinson's disease (LARGE-PD), a case of ancestry

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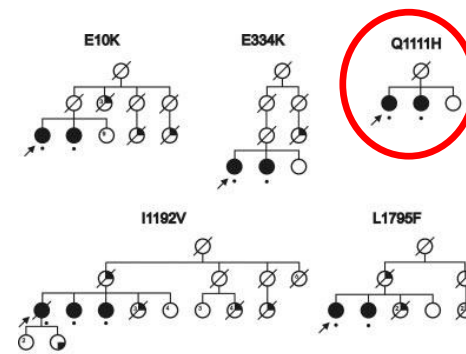
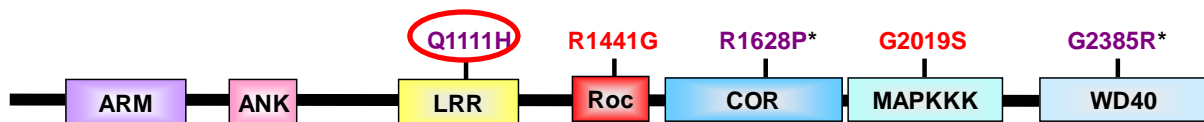


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\* Only in Asia

Pathogenic

Risk factors



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2007

	Q1111H	GG	GT	TT	T
Perú Cases "mestizos" (n=420)	350 (83.3%)	62 (14.8%)	8 (1.9%)	9.3%	
Perú Controls "mestizos" (n=146)	127 (87%)	17 (11.6%)	2 *(1.4%)	7.2%	
Perú Controls Amerindians (n=49)	34 (69.4%)	12 (24.5%)	3 (6.1%)	18.4%	
Chile Cases (n=358)	326 (91%)	31 (8.7%)	1 (0.3%)	4.6%	
Chile Controls (n=162)	151 (93%)	11 (7%)	0	3.4%	
Uruguay controls (n=149)	147 (98%)	3 (2%)	0	1%	
Argentina Controls (n=95)	93 (97.9%)	2 (2.1%)	0	1%	
Spain Controls (n=59)	59 (100%)	0	0	0%	

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\* 1 with Family History



Short communication

Lrrk2 p.Q1111H substitution and Parkinson's disease in Latin America<sup>a</sup>

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Table 2. Allele and genotype frequencies of *LRRK2* p.Q1111H (rs78365431)

Site	Affection status	Samples No.	Genotype GG No. (%)	Genotype GT No. (%)	Genotype TT No. (%)	G allele No. (%)	T allele No. (%)	Odds ratio (95% CI)	p-value
Argentina	Cases	179	175 (97.8)	4 (2.2)	0	354 (98.9)	4 (1.1)	NA	NA
	Controls	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA		
Brazil	Cases	412	408 (99.0)	4 (1)	0	820 (99.5)	4 (0.5)	0.93 (0.24-3.51)	0.919
	Controls	283	281 (99.3)	1 (0.35)	1 (0.35)	563 (99.5)	3 (0.5)		
Colombia	Cases	197	188 (95.4)	9 (4.6)	0	385 (97.7)	9 (2.3)	1.7 (0.56-5.21)	0.342
	Controls	184	179 (97.3)	5 (2.7)	0	363 (98.6)	5 (1.4)		
Ecuador	Cases	85	80 (94.1)	5 (5.9)	0	165 (97.1)	5 (2.9)	NA	NA
	Controls	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA		
Peru	Cases	536	444 (82.8)	82 (15.3)	10 (1.9)	970 (90.5)	102 (9.5)	1.03 (0.72-1.46)	0.884
	Controls	248	204 (82.3)	42 (16.9)	2 (0.8)	450 (90.7)	46 (9.3)		
Uruguay	Cases	280	276 (98.6)	4 (1.4)	0	548 (99.3)	4 (0.7)	0.67 (0.25-1.88)	0.447
	Controls	272	265 (97.4)	7 (2.6)	0	537 (98.7)	7 (1.3)		
Combined	Cases	1689	1571 (93.0)	108 (6.4)	10 (0.6)	3250 (96.2)	128 (3.8)	1.02 (0.75-1.40)	0.873
	Controls	987	929 (94.1)	55 (5.6)	3 (0.3)	1913 (96.9)	61 (3.1)		

Estimated odds ratios (ORs) with confidence intervals (CIs) and p-values result from logistic regression models adjusted for age, sex, and site (for the combined sample only).



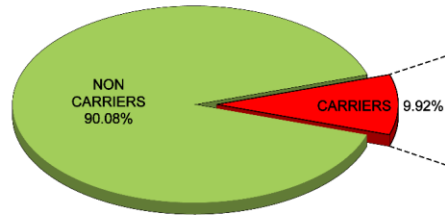
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## Lrrk2 p.Q1111H substitution and Parkinson's disease in Latin America

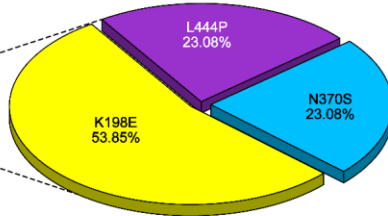
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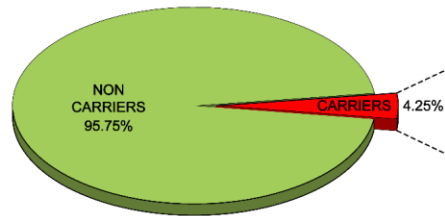
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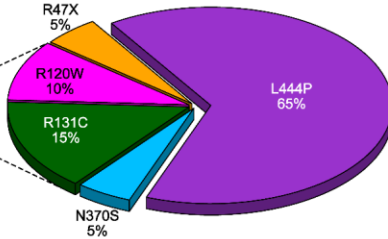
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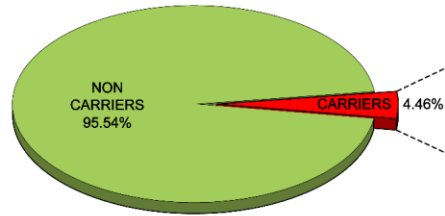
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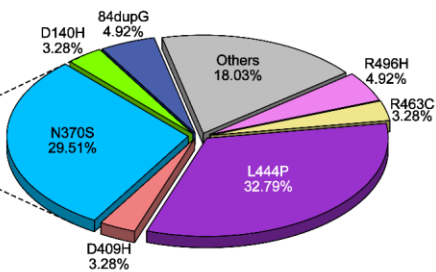
## Peruvian mutation distribution



## USA GBA mutations (n=61)



## USA mutation distribution



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The distribution and risk effect of *GBA* variants in a large cohort of PD patients from Colombia and Peru

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	Colombia			Peru			Combined		
	PD	CTRL	OR (95% CI) <i>p</i>	PD	CTRL	OR (95% CI) <i>p</i>	PD	CTRL	OR (95% CI) <i>p</i>
<b>N<sup>a</sup></b>	131	164		471	155		602	319	
<b>N males (%)</b>	63 (49.2)	82 (50)		258 (54.8)	49 (31.8)		321 (53.6)	131 (41.2)	
<b>AAGE, y</b>	64.6 ± 13.4	53.8 ± 14.1		62.1 ± 12.2	54 ± 12.8		62.6 ± 12.5	62.1 ± 12.2	
<b>AAO, y</b>	49.3 ± 16.4	N/A		57.1 ± 13.2	N/A		55.4 ± 14.3	N/A	
<b>Pathogenic Carriers<sup>b</sup> (%)</b>	13 (9.9)	3 (1.8)	5.9 (1.5-23.7) 0.012	20 (4.2)	2 (1.3)	4.1 (0.9-18.6) 0.063	33 (5.5)	5 (1.6)	4.3 (1.6-11.5) 0.004
<b>Pathogenic Carriers + E326K (%)</b>	15 (11.4)	4 (2.4)	6.2 (1.8-21.2) 0.003	23 (4.9)	2 (1.3)	4.5 (1.0-19.9) 0.048	38 (6.3)	6 (1.9)	4.2 (1.7-10.4) 0.002

# NEW PROJECTS

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High Throughput *in Vivo* Screens for Targeted Parkinson's Disease Gene Therapies

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Parkinson's Genetic Risk Factors in Latino Populations

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Direct Pathway Striatal Activity in Dyskinesia

Alexandra Nelson, M.D., Ph.D., University of California, San Francisco

June 2016- May 2019

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## SPECIFIC AIMS

### **Aim 1: Identify PD-susceptibility variants in Latinos.**

We will genotype almost 2 million variants across the entire genome in 1,500 LARGE-PD participants using the newly designed MEGA chip.

Aim1a: Admixture mapping approach

Aim1b: Conventional GWAs and GWAs combination using a newly developed cross-population empirical Bayes (XPEB) approach.

### **Aim 2: Sequence known PD causal genes in Latino families.**

Aim2a: We will select 20 individuals with a strong family history of PD and sequence all known PD-causal genes using a next-generation sequencing (NGS) panel to identify the variant causing PD in those families.

Aim2b: We will enroll and obtain DNA from additional family members (affected and non-affected) for those families that were identified as not carrying a causal variant in Aim 2a.

**This proposal will provide the first large-scale PD genetic study conducted in a Latino population. Completing these aims will improve our understanding of the role of known PD genes in Latinos, as well as identify novel susceptibility variants/genes.**

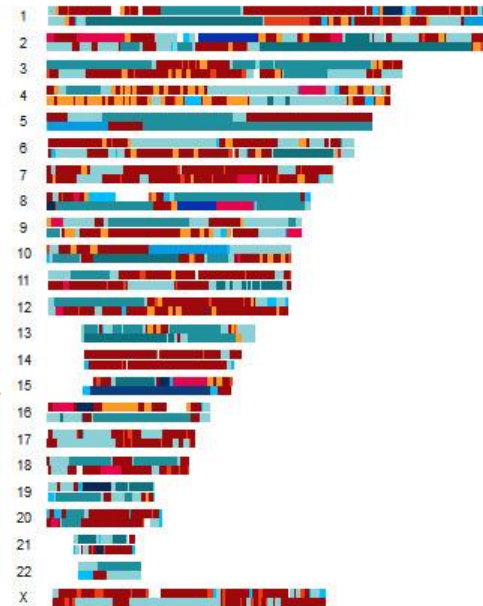
# AIM 1: IDENTIFY PD-SUSCEPTIBILITY VARIANTS IN LATINOS



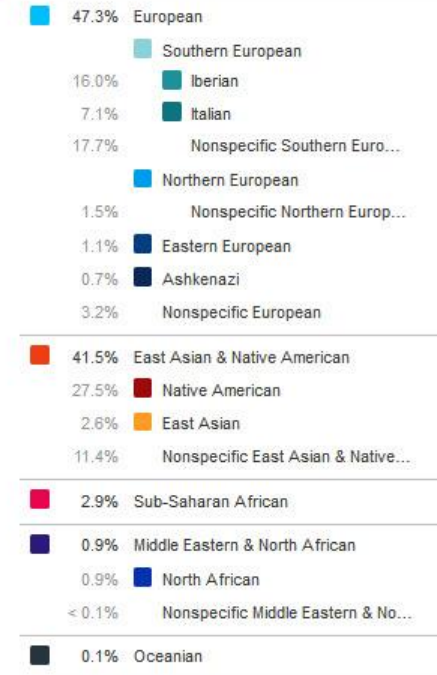
POP	STUDY	African	European	East_Asian	AmerIndians
Africa	HapMap3 + HGDP	93.1%	6.6%	0.2%	0.1%
America	HapMap3 + HGDP	1.2%	1.9%	0.6%	96.3%
East_Asia	HapMap3 + HGDP	0.4%	2.3%	96.9%	0.4%
Europe	HapMap3 + HGDP	2.0%	96.3%	0.9%	0.9%
MEX	HapMap3 + HGDP	6.0%	51.8%	1.3%	40.9%
Argentina	LARGE-PD	2.7%	84.1%	0.5%	12.8%
Peru (Puno)	LARGE-PD	0.6%	8.9%	0.4%	90.1%
Peru (Lima)	LARGE-PD	6.1%	25.3%	0.4%	68.1%
Uruguay	LARGE-PD	1.5%	82.7%	4.8%	10.9%
Colombia	LARGE-PD	12.6%	64.7%	0.3%	22.4%
Brazil	LARGE-PD	16.8%	72.9%	2.5%	7.7%

## Local Ancestry

Chromosome View - Sub-regional Resolution +



Ancestry Composition tells you what percent of your DNA comes from each of 22 populations worldwide. The analysis includes DNA you received from all of your ancestors, on both sides of your family. The results reflect where your ancestors lived 500 years ago, before ocean-crossing ships and airplanes came on the scene.



A good set of reference panels for each of the ancestral populations is necessary

# AIM 1: IDENTIFY PD-SUSCEPTIBILITY VARIANTS IN LATINOS

1,536 individuals  
1,779,819 variants

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1,498 individuals  
1,294,079 variants

Genotyping rate=0.998493

## Infinium® Multi-Ethnic Global BeadChip

A cost-effective array for understanding complex disease in diverse human populations.

### Introduction

The Infinium Multi-Ethnic Global BeadChip harnesses content from Phase 3 of the 1000 Genomes Project (1kGP)<sup>1</sup>, Consortium on Asthma among African-ancestry Populations in the Americas (CAAPA), Population Architecture using Genomics and Epidemiology (PAGE), T2D-Genes Consortium, OMIM, ClinVar, ACMG, carrier screening panels, and other resources to create a multipurpose, multiethnic array. With > 1.7 million expertly selected markers, the Infinium Multi-Ethnic Global BeadChip enables identification of genetic associations with common and rare traits, providing insight across diverse populations to epidemiologists, health care researchers, population geneticists, and genomic researchers (Tables 1–5).

### Maximized Imputation Accuracy

Consortium partners developed content for the Infinium Multi-Ethnic Global BeadChip using tagging strategies with the power to perform more effective association studies in diverse populations. The novel algorithm selects population-specific and transethnic tag SNPs that maximize imputation accuracy, as imputation has become a standard practice in the interpretation of genotyping data and allows for more accurate statistical inference of genotypes not directly genotyped.

### Expert-Selected Content

The Infinium Multi-Ethnic Global BeadChip combines expertly selected markers and content from the most popular Illumina commercial arrays with the most current genomic information. Researchers can detect both common and rare variants across the most commonly studied 5 superpopulations and impute variants in a vast number of subpopulations.

The Infinium Multi-Ethnic Global BeadChip contains the following content:

- Infinium HumanCore-24 BeadChip content with highly informative genome-wide tag SNPs
- African Diaspora Consortium Power Chip content identified through sequencing of 692 individuals by CAAPA
- Genome-wide coverage for diverse populations selected by PAGE

Table 1: Multi-Ethnic Global BeadChip Product Information

Feature	Description
Total No. of Markers	1,779,819
Capacity for Custom Bead Types	245,000
No. Samples per BeadChip	8
DNA Input Requirement	200 ng
Assay Chemistry	Infinium LCG
Instrument Support	iScan® or HiScan® System
Sample Throughput <sup>a</sup>	~ 1067 samples/week

Scan Time per Sample	iScan System	HiScan System
	11.3 min	6.5 min

Data Performance	Value <sup>b</sup>	Product Specification
Call Rate	99.87%	> 99% avg.
Reproducibility	99.99%	> 99.9%
Log R Deviation	0.10	< 0.30

Spacing	Mean	Median	90 <sup>th</sup> % <sup>c</sup>
Spacing (kb)	1.68	0.78	4.22

a. Estimated sample throughput based on use of 1 HiScan System, 1 AutoLoader 2.x, 1 Tecan robot, and a 5-day work week.

b. Values are derived from genotyping 708 HapMap reference samples.

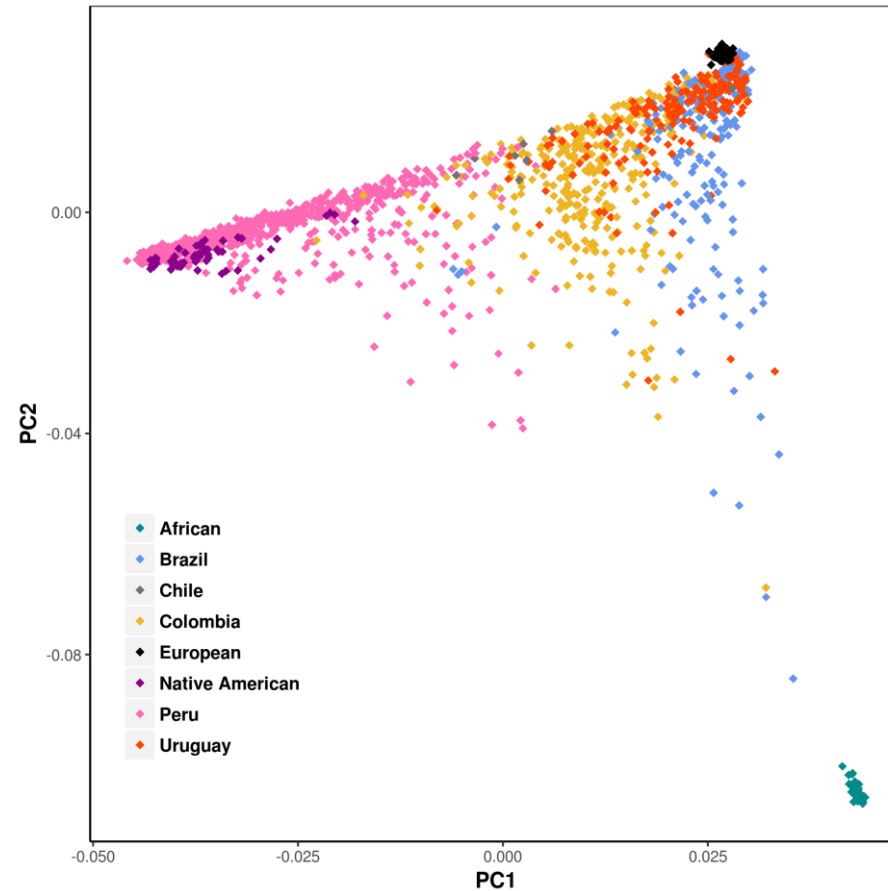
c. Values are expected for typical projects using standard Illumina protocols. Tumor samples and samples prepared by methods other than standard Illumina protocols are excluded.

Table 2: Imputation Accuracy for 5 Populations from 1kGP at Different MAF Thresholds

Population <sup>a</sup>	Minor Allele Frequency (MAF) Threshold		
	0.5–1%	1–5%	≥ 5%
AFR	78.1%	89.5%	95.8%
AMR	82.7%	90.2%	96.9%
EAS	57.4%	82.4%	96.1%
EUR	70.3%	87.9%	97.2%
SAS	61.6%	84.8%	96.4%

a. AFR: African; AMR: Ad-mixed American; EAS: East Asian; EUR: European; SAS: South Asian.<sup>1</sup>

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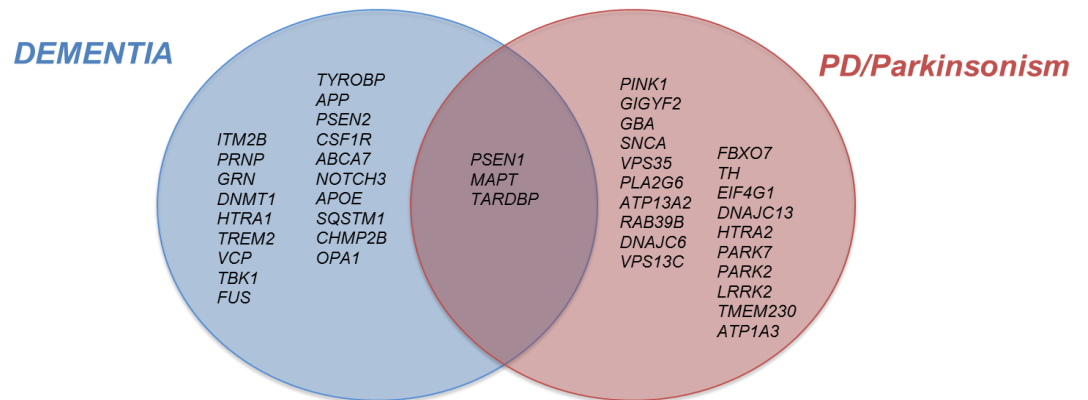
# NEXT-GENERATION SEQUENCING OF PARKINSON'S GENES IN UNDERSTUDIED LATIN AMERICAN POPULATIONS

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**Figure.** Genes included in the NGS panel



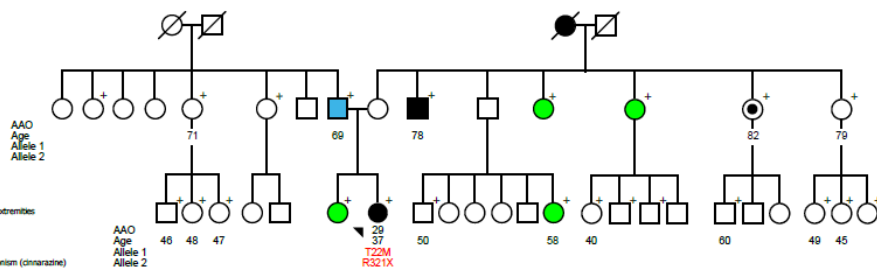
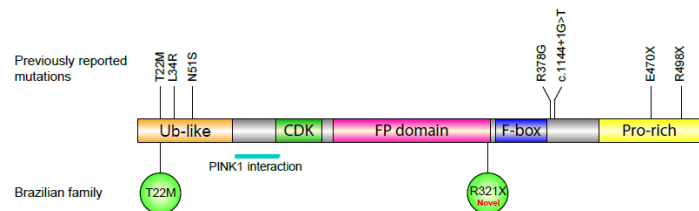
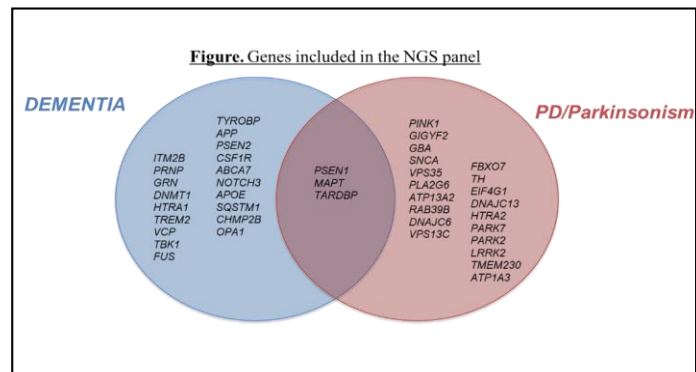
Goal: 300 individuals with family history

To date: We have done 164 PD patients with family history  
(~25% have mutations in known PD genes)



# NEXT-GENERATION SEQUENCING OF PARKINSON'S GENES IN UNDERSTUDIED LATIN AMERICAN POPULATIONS

Family proband	SEX	AAO	AGE	# PD samples	PD genes sequencing panel
<b>Lima</b>					
PPP0132	F	44	46	2	None
PPP0148	F	61	64	NA	None
PPP0156	M	40	48	2	None
PPP0704	F	29	49	3	<b>PARK2 p.Q165E heterozygote (novel)*</b>
PPP0709	F	24	36	3	<b>PINK1 p.L532delinsLQ homozygote</b>
PPP0714	F	62	73	2	<b>PARK7 p.A56T heterozygote. African MAF = 0.01506</b> <b>VPS35 p.K382R heterozygote. African MAF = 0.01641</b>
PPP0715	M	37	40	2	None
PPP0732	M	19	29	4	None
PPP0757	F	51	71	2	None
<b>Ribeirão Preto</b>					
RPP0870	M	66	71	4	None
RPP2761 <sup>§</sup>	M	22	29	4	None
RPP3275	M	30	36	3	<b>LRRK2 p.T1410M heterozygote. African MAF = 0.02085</b>
RPP3728	M	30	42	3	<b>PARK7 c.252+2insA heterozygote*</b>
RPP4534	M	54	62	5	None
RPP5573 <sup>§</sup>	F	32	41	3	None
RPP9213	F	29	34	3	<b>FBX07 p.T22M + p.R321X (novel)</b>
<b>Buenos Aires</b>					
ARP0115	F	68	75	5	<b>ATP13A2 p.V89I homozygote</b>
ARP0159 <sup>§</sup>	F	50	67	4	None
ARP0100 <sup>§</sup>	F	78	82	3	<b>LRRK2 p.R1514Q heterozygote (not pathogenic)</b>
ARP0143	M	61	63	4	None



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# INCIDENCE OF PD IN LATINAMERICA



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## Incidence of Parkinson's Disease: Variation by Age, Gender, and Race/Ethnicity

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TABLE 3. Age-specific and age-adjusted annual incidence rate\* of Parkinson's disease by gender and race/ethnicity, Kaiser Permanente, 1994-1995

Race/ethnicity and age (years)	Female					Male					Total			
	Cases (no.)	Person-years	Age-specific rate	Age-adjusted rate†	95% CI‡	Cases (no.)	Person-years	Age-specific rate	Age-adjusted rate†	95% CI	Male:female ratio	Age-specific rate	Age- and gender-adjusted rate§	95% CI
<b>Non-Hispanic White</b>														
30-39	2	248,177	0.81			0	246,535	0.00				0.40		
40-49	4	274,203	1.46			8	266,945	3.00			2.1	2.22		
50-59	15	210,674	7.12			21	194,732	10.78			1.5	8.88		
60-69	46	154,803	29.72			75	141,661	52.94			1.8	40.81		
70-79	88	108,293	81.26			131	91,473	143.21			1.8	109.63		
≥80	28	42,647	65.66			56	27,940	200.43			3.1	119.00		
Total	183	1,038,797		9.9	7.4, 12.3	291	969,286		19.5	16.5, 22.5	2.0		13.6	11.5, 15.7
<b>Black</b>														
30-39	0	38,861	0.00			0	28,271	0.00				0.00		
40-49	0	39,778	0.00			1	28,720	3.48				1.46		
50-59	2	23,321	8.58			3	22,707	13.21			1.5	10.86		
60-69	3	13,845	21.67			3	14,406	20.82			1.0	21.24		
70-79	5	8,217	60.85			5	6,366	78.54			1.3	68.57		
≥80	2	2,747	72.81			4	1,830	218.58			3.0	131.09		
Total	12	126,789		8.1	3.9, 12.3	16	102,300		14.0	8.7, 19.2	1.7		10.2	6.4, 14.0
<b>Asian</b>														
30-39	0	55,424	0.00			0	45,404	0.00				0.00		
40-49	1	59,291	1.69			3	45,534	6.59			3.9	3.82		
50-59	6	31,381	19.12			1	29,091	3.44			0.2	11.58		
60-69	3	22,199	13.51			4	17,434	22.94			1.7	17.66		
70-79	5	7,381	67.74			9	8,162	110.27			1.6	90.07		
≥80	2	1,322	151.29			1	1,852	54.00			0.4	94.52		
Total	17	176,998		11.1	6.2, 16.0	18	147,477		10.8	6.3, 15.4	1.0		11.3	7.2, 15.3
<b>Hispanic/Latino</b>														
30-39	0	64,808	0.00			1	57,539	1.74				0.82		
40-49	2	47,257	4.23			1	40,365	2.48			0.6	3.42		
50-59	2	23,482	8.52			5	21,837	22.90			2.7	15.45		
60-69	8	15,665	51.07			12	15,287	78.50			1.5	64.62		
70-79	4	5,772	69.30			10	5,297	188.79			2.7	126.48		
≥80	1	1,147	87.18			1	897	111.48			1.3	97.85		
Total	17	158,131		11.9	6.8, 17.1	30	141,212		23.0	16.8, 29.2	1.9		16.6	12.0, 21.3

# INCIDENCE OF PD IN LATIN AMERICA



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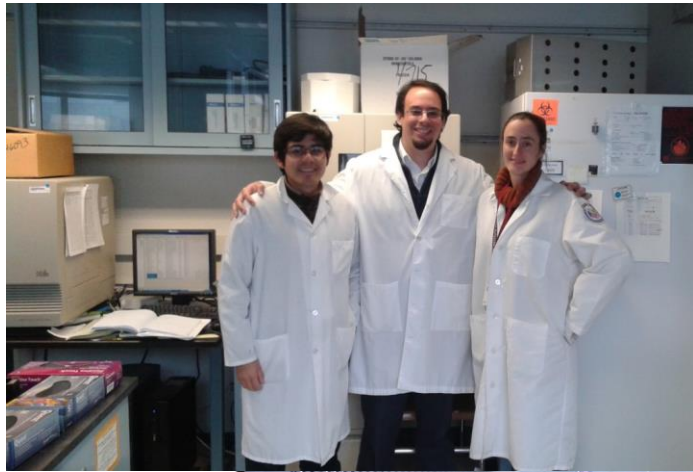
## RESEARCH PROJECT

### Environmental and genetic factors of Parkinson's disease in a rural village in Peru: a population based study

Parkinson's disease (PD) is a neurodegenerative disorder characterized by bradykinesia, rigidity or tremor together with a variety of non-motor symptoms.(1) Etiology of PD is multifactorial, and the majority of PD cases comprise susceptibility genetic variants that are influenced by environmental factors that determine its clinical heterogeneity. (2) Mutations in eight causal genes; SNCA, PARK2, PINK1, DJ-1, LRRK2, VPS35, DNAJC13 and RAB39B; and over 30 susceptibility genes and loci are widely associated with the etiology of PD. The exposure to toxic environmental agents such as pesticides, solvents and heavy metals, have been traditionally associated with PD. However, there is limited evidence in systematic studies, due probably to the heterogeneity of the studies. (3) There are very few studies about the association between



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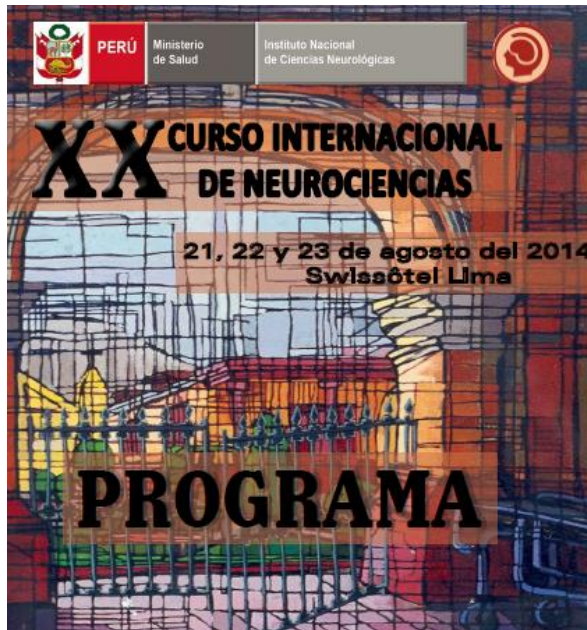


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Genetic epidemiology in neurodegenerative disorders  
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## A Novel Gene Containing a Trinucleotide Repeat That Is Expanded and Unstable on Huntington's Disease Chromosomes

The Huntington's Disease Collaborative Research Group\*

### Introduction

Huntington's disease (HD) is a progressive neurodegener-



1/10 (vs 1/10,000)

### Left by the lakeside

Two decades ago, researchers flocked to a small fishing community on the shores of Venezuela's Lake Maracaibo to study the villagers' susceptibility to early-onset Huntington's disease. The scientists are now gone but, says Mike Ceaser, the residents of Lake Maracaibo are no better off.

## Huntington's disease: the new gene therapy that sufferers cannot afford

Efforts to treat Huntington's disease involve costly drugs way beyond the reach of the poor communities in South America who take part in research studies



▲ Ferdinand, 42, lost his job last year. His father having died early, neither Ferdinand or his wife knew the disease was in the family. Photograph: Nick Garcia for the Observer

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