



Neuroinformatics at GSK and Application to Target Identification and Validation

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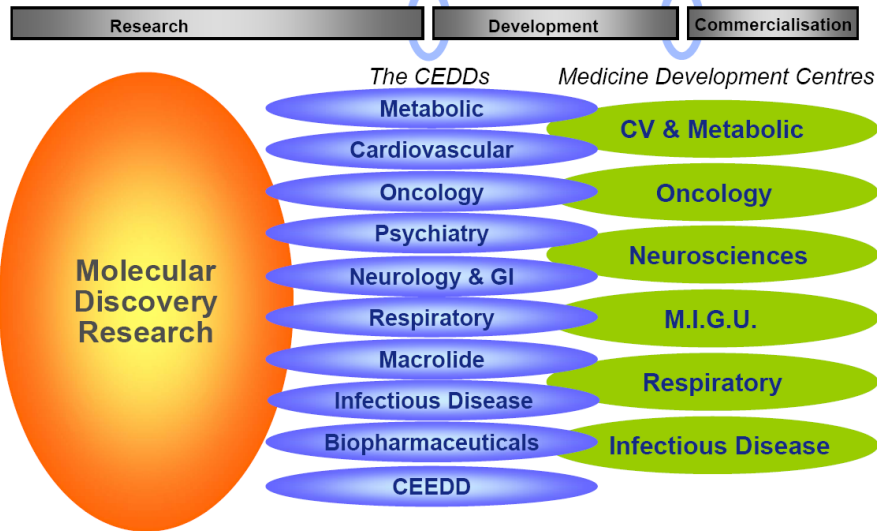


Presentation Summary

- QUICK overview of GSK R&D
- Integrating data
- Network / pathway analysis
- Neuroinformatics and issues pertinent to this field
- Informatics and Industry



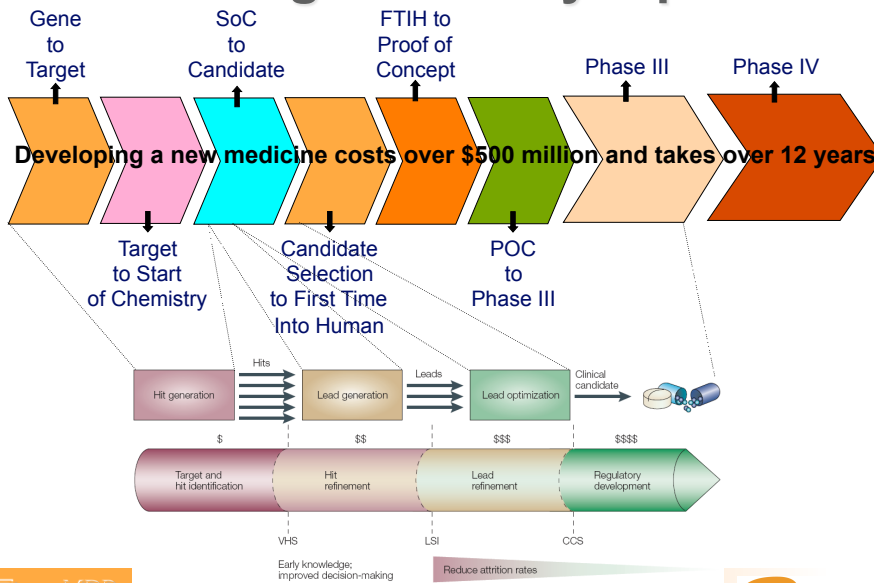
R&D's Structure for Innovation & Flexibility



Informatics

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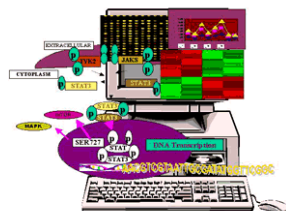
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MDR Informatics Areas

- Gene Identification, validation & classification
- HTS support, compound collections, (sub)structure searches, hard/soft filtering, HIT identification
- Data integration, application development
 - Unless integration is needed for a specific analysis project
- LIMS, data collection and pipelining
- Platform support (primer designs, SNP assay selection, etc.)
- Data analysis and interpretation
 - Sequence analysis
 - Platform data analysis
 - Network/Pathway analysis
 - Structural analysis
- New methods development, assessn

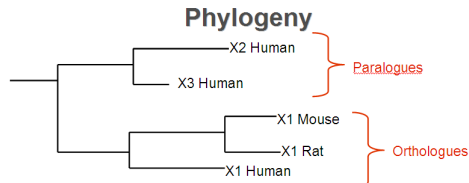


SYSTEMS BIOLOGY

- Progress in systems biology may be seen to rest on (*at least*) a three-way foundation:
 - **Pathways/Networks:** understanding the **interactions** that comprise biosystems
 - **Ontologies:** the effective **representation** of biological knowledge in all its richness
 - **Data Integration:** the ability to **combine** and analyse (*quality*) data from myriad sources

Data Integration: What data is there to integrate?

- Gene Relevant Annotation
 - Names & Aliases
 - Putative function
 - Representative sequence
 - Genetic context
 - Tracking variants



A sequence in another species that shares a direct common ancestor with the current sequence. Orthologues are typically the most similar genes between 2 species. For some time after a speciation event this relationship is easily inferred from homology, as the two genes will differ only a little. As evolutionary time passes, the orthology relationship becomes less obvious and eventually obscured by the occurrence of duplication and divergence.

Orthologues

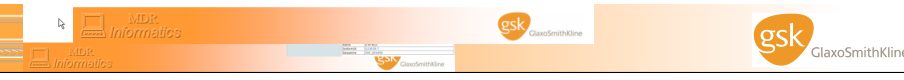
- Synteny
- Synteny between species means not only that orthologous genes are present in the same order on the genome, but also that they are present in the same order on the genome, thus indicating common ancestry
- 90.2% of the human genome and 93.3% of the mouse genome lie in conserved syntenic segments
- It is possible to dismiss homology as arising from similar function, but it is not possible to dismiss synteny this way



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Reference into Function

and CXCR2: chemokine receptors of synovial fluid neutrophils may have diverse roles in the course of inflammatory arthritis. CXCR2 is a G-protein-coupled receptor (GPCR) that binds to chemokines (C-X-C motif) receptor 1 (CXCR1) single nucleotide polymorphisms in patients with increased susceptibility to bronchiectasis. CXCR2-induced FAK phosphorylation was adhesion-independent. Overall, several of CXCR2-induced FAK phosphorylation and migration are regulated in a receptor-dependent manner. Abnormalities concerning CXCR2 and its receptor system may be present in a subset of women affected by adenomyosis. CXCR2 receptors may be involved in stress and/or pathophysiology of adenomyosis. CXCR2 receptors may be associated with the sensitivity of breast cancer patients to platinum-based chemotherapy.



Data Integration: What other data is there to integrate?

- Literature
 - key stimulant of interest
- Expression
 - is the gene expressed in tissues relevant to the disease?
 - Genome scale: Microarray technology
 - Focused follow up: TaqMan, ISH, IHC
- Phenotypic data:
 - Genetics
 - do people with *flaws* in this gene get sick more often?
 - Polymorphisms (SNPs) – genetic association, linkage analysis
 - Mouse KO/Transgenics
 - Identifying pathways from genetics
 - RNAi *in-vitro/in-vivo*
- Protein Structure analysis/modelling

Diseases associated with gene and/or query

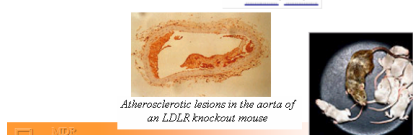
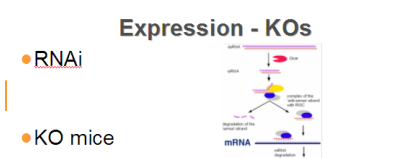
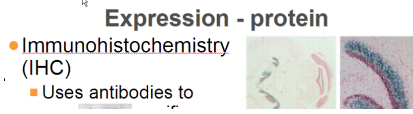
The following results are from Disease Medical Subject Headings terms associated with Human primarily SNPs in bold. Only terms with P-values above 0.05 are listed. If you find the list of SNPs too large, please limit the search with 'Specific' or 'Exon/Intron' fields. Alternatively, the P-value threshold can be increased. On the other hand, if you see SNPs in bold, please limit the search to a single specific field, from the P-value threshold, to expand the MDSH category. Please click the 'Title' in the table to retrieve the articles suggesting the association.

Get more results by including more subject headings per article into the analysis especially if you started with significance none

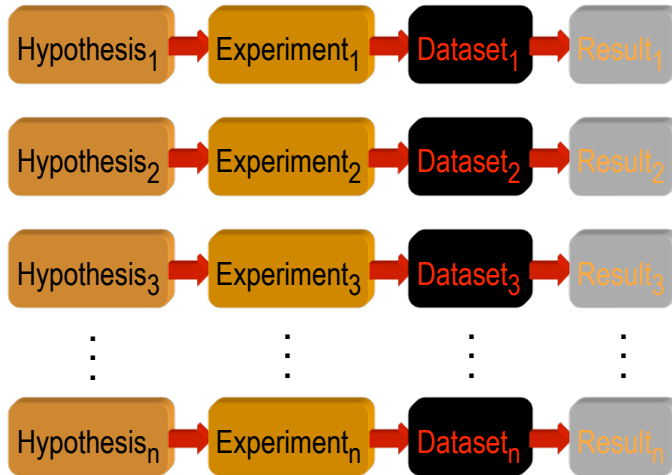
Google the gene and its aliases

Genes with many aliases have to be split up into multiple queries because Google places a limit of 10 words on every search. # of Published articles retrieved that contain gene. Start with all its aliases = 178

No.	MeSH	Local link	Sequence Description	Pubmed citation	Gene	Chemical Medline count	Essential Medline count	C. Value
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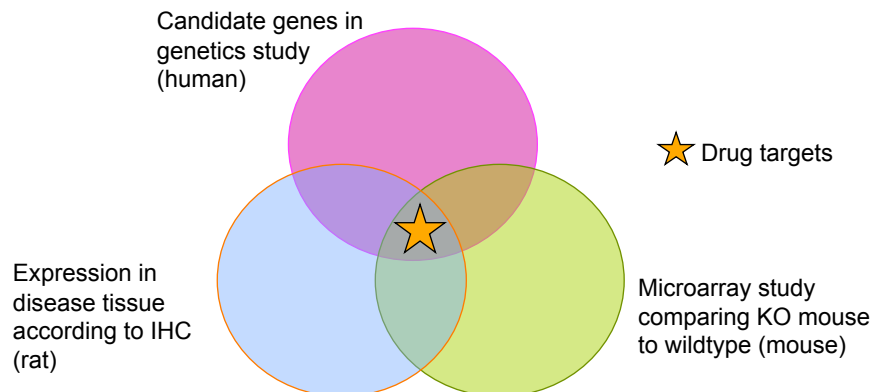
Hypothesis-Driven Research

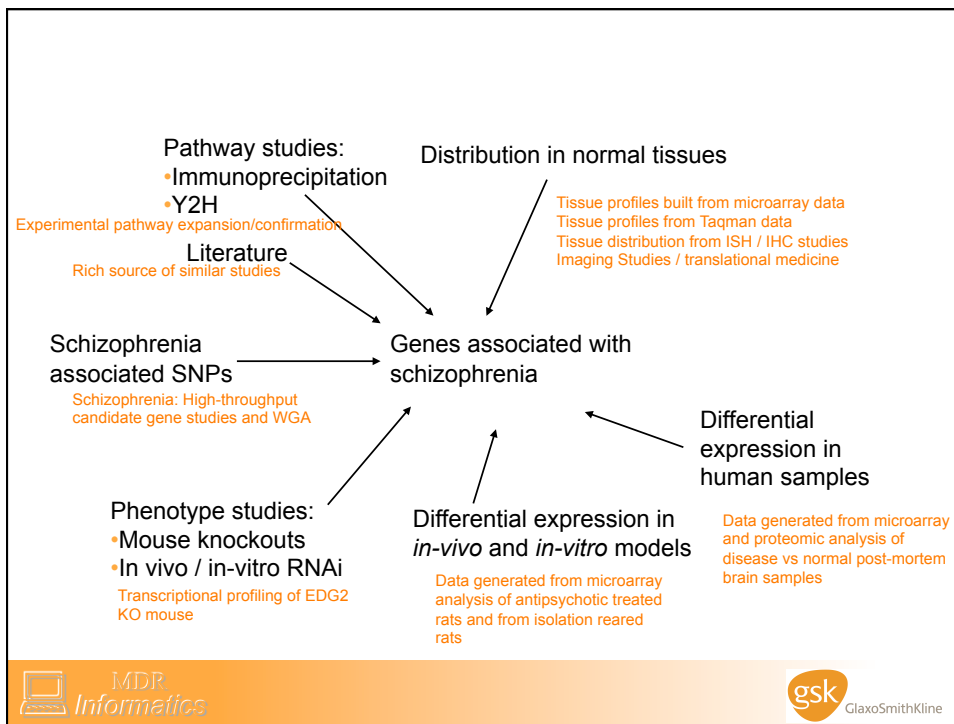


Data from different sources can be combined to be more powerful than one source alone (reduced risk of false positives)

Permits prioritisation of targets to progress based on genetic, genomic and tractability data

Represents a systematic and stringent approach





Disease view (PSTUD)

Different lines of evidence to find a drug target for a specific disease:

Gene	Candidate study	Associated loci	Linked to terms in literature	Mechanism	Comments	Expression uarray	Expression - IHC	Expression - IHC after they sy 21H	Expression - LaeZ staining	Expression - Veribio provided IHC	Diff expression - VP	Diff expression - IH	Diff expression - Lit	Mouse Transgenics	expression - RT-PCR	Proteomics
Gene X	Yes Human	Yes Human	Yes Lit	Yes Target	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes Human Brain	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
TIG1434	Yes Human	Yes Human	Yes Lit	Yes Target	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes Human Brain	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

This Approach permits merging of general information with disease-specific/relevant information at gene level

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What is required

- Standard sample management/handling
- Standard data generation methods
- Standard QC analysis methods
- Standard significance/reporting cut-offs
- Agreed common standard for cross-reference
 - Gene?
 - Protein?
 - Genomic position?
- Pragmatism!
 - Balance standardisation with the need for the bespoke, avoid needless digression from established protocols
 - ◆ Some detail is inevitably lost through standardisation, determine cost-benefit and tactical versus strategic
 - ◆ If reasonable, report results from non-standard analyses and annotate as such
- Where one size does not fit all...

Ontologies

- Build standard vocabularies to accommodate these different data
- Effective and standardised representation of biological knowledge to permit mining and effective cross-querying

the obo foundry

The Open Biomedical Ontologies (OBO) Foundry is a collaborative experiment: to produce well-structured vocabularies for shared use across different biological and medical domains. The OBO Foundry introduces a new paradigm for biomedical ontology development by the establishment of gold standard reference ontologies for individual domains of inquiry.

Those involved comprise a group of biological researchers and ontology developers who agree in advance to the adoption of a growing set of principles specifying best practices in ontology development. These principles are designed to foster interoperability of ontologies within the broader OBO framework, and also to ensure a gradual improvement of quality and format rigor in ontologies, in ways designed to meet the increasing needs of data and information integration in the biomedical domain.

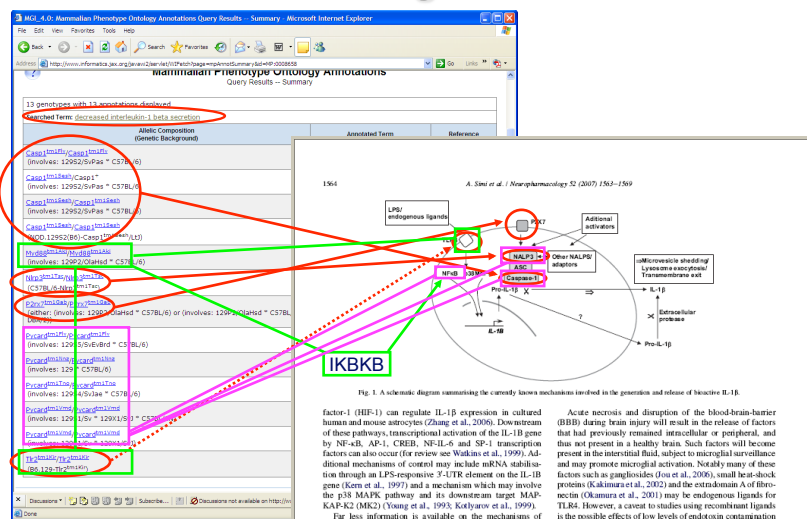
By joining the OBO Foundry, the authors of an ontology commit to its maintenance in light of scientific advance, and to soliciting community feedback for its improvement. They also give an assurance that they will work with other Foundry members to ensure that, for any particular domain, there is community convergence on a single reference ontology. Application ontologies developed for specific purposes can then be referred back to this common reference, which will be updated in light of scientific advance. In this way application ontologies, too, for example the application ontologies developed for purposes of managing clinical trial data, can take advantage of the Foundry methodology.

This site contains ontologies and points to some other efforts within the community. Ideally we see a range of ontologies being designed for biomedical domains. Some of these will be generic and apply across all organisms and others will be more restricted in scope, for example to specific taxonomic groups.

[View the OBO Foundry ontologies in table form](#)
[Browse the index of the OBO Foundry ontologies](#)

- **Utilise current data/knowledge more effectively**
- **Improve interpretation of data generated through new initiatives cited above**

Ontologies are powerful tools for connecting data



RED: Genes with an IL-1 β secretion KO phenotype that relate to the inflammasome

GREEN: Genes with an IL-1 β secretion KO phenotype that link directly to components of the inflammasome



Pathway/Network Biology and Drug Discovery

- Pathway identification, extension, inference, modelling *can* help for:
 - Novel targets and biomarkers identification
 - Disease understanding
 - Mechanisms of action (MOA) understanding
 - Potential safety concerns
 - Combination therapies
 - Alternative indications
- Permits collapse of pertinent data around a series of genes linked by a common biological context
- Permits identification of common, known pathways represented in multiple platform datasets
 - Pathways are often more stably represented than their constituent genes
- Permits identification of “novel” disease mechanisms from datasets
- Essential for data driven polypharmacological approaches



Pathway/Network Analysis

- Do we have sufficient data within Neurosciences to power pathway/network based analysis approaches?
 - Advent of platform based approaches to studying neuroscience has dramatically increased data space over recent years
 - ◆ Are these data of sufficient quality?
 - ▶ Reproducibility/variability
 - ◆ Can we gain sufficient access to it?
 - ▶ Data storage and structure
 - ▶ Data silos/ Data access
 - ▶ Data reporting, sharing and distribution
 - ◆ Data annotation: can we find it?
 - ▶ Semantics of data
 - We need to generate more data and improve reporting, description and storage of these data to maximise its benefit
 - Better industry, academic partnering
 - Support ontologies
 - Enforce journal and grant awarding body rules

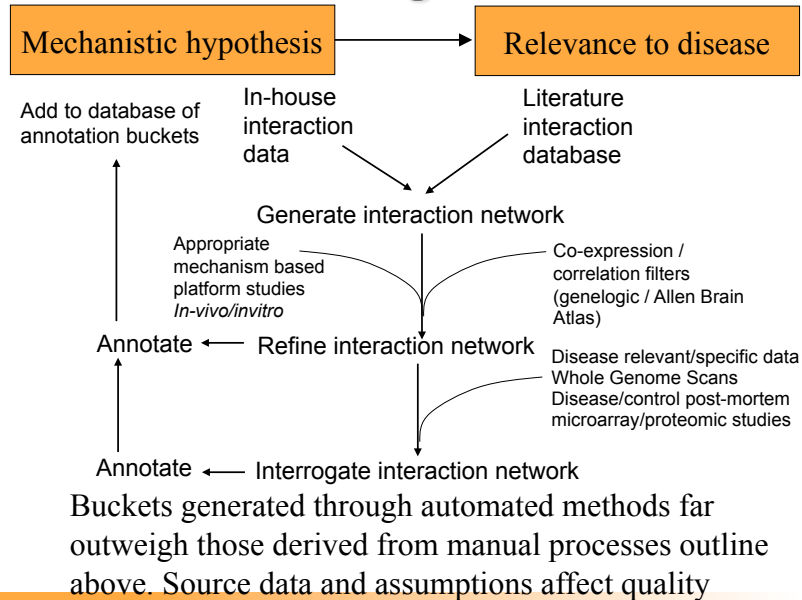
What data is particularly relevant to Neuroscience?

- **The 1990s: “Decade of the Brain”**
 - Recognition of social and economic burden of brain disease
 - Increasing confidence amongst research community that brain disease is now a tractable problem
- **Are we only now realising the benefits of this?**
 - Broad Institute
 - Allen Brain Atlas
 - Genetic studies
 - Genomic studies
 - (Jackson Lab KO ontologies)
 - Neuroimaging and other translational medicine approaches
 - Better integration between these data / sites

Pathway/Network Informatics

- Pathway Informatics (*and platform data*) require tools to analyze **gene sets** rather than individual genes, in the context of very large databases of **known relationships and interactions**:
 - **Relationship** data compiled into gene 'buckets' from multiple sources in multiple 'universes'
 - ♦ *involved in the same pathway, part of the same network, coexpressed, genetically linked, phylogenetically related, ...*
 - ♦ *In excess of 1m currently available*
 - **Interaction** data from different sources *binds, regulates, phosphorylates, degrades*
 - ♦ *Gene/protein/metabolite/compound*
- And determine if those observations are **significant**

Generating networks

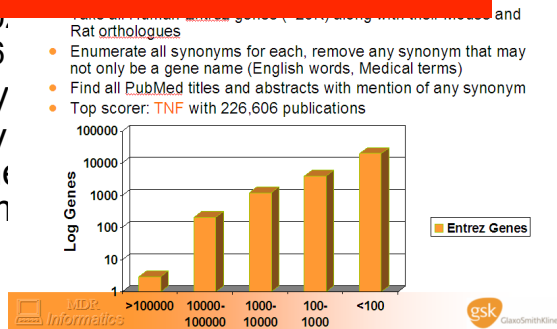


Literature

- Our molecular mechanistic understanding of CNS is improving
 - genes” returned (B4):

Using literature knowledge to identify CNS disease mechanisms will bias interpretation of your dataset

- ◆ 1967-1996: 90
- ◆ 1977-1986: 96
- Gene Ontology
- We can improve molecular mechanisms elucidated from
- BUT...



- Rat orthologues
- Enumerate all synonyms for each, remove any synonym that may not only be a gene name (English words, Medical terms)
- Find all PubMed titles and abstracts with mention of any synonym
- Top scorer: **TNF** with 226,606 publications

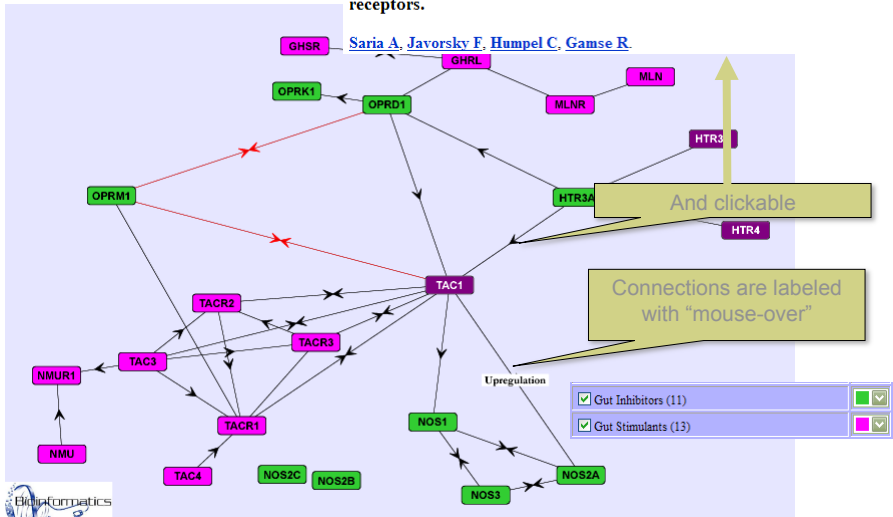
Building network from literature

Ann N Y Acad Sci. 1991;632:464-5.

Related Articles.

Endogenous 5-hydroxytryptamine modulates the release of tachykinins and calcitonin gene-related peptide from the rat spinal cord via 5-HT3 receptors.

Saria A, Javorsky F, Humpel C, Gamse R.

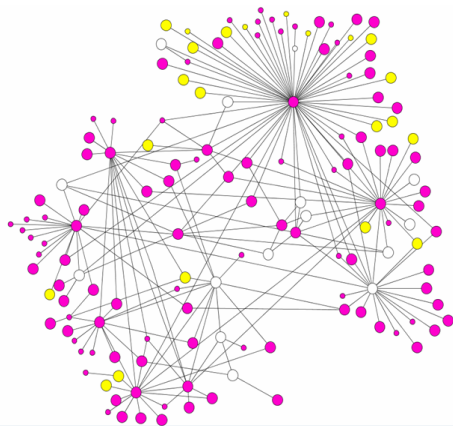


Identification of Pathways from Network

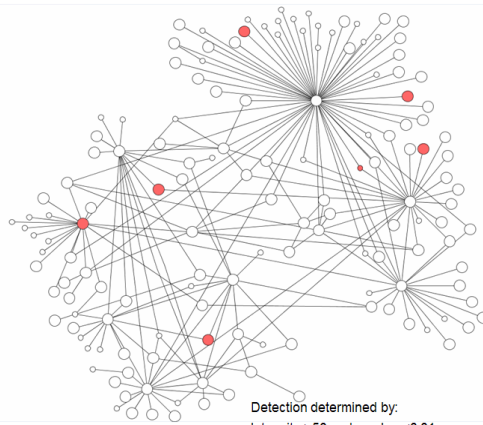
- Overlay specific cell type data to help with comparison of model systems/ cell lines

Monocyte derived Macrophages

Resting:



LPS:



■ Detected
 ■ Not Detected
 ■ Up-Regulated

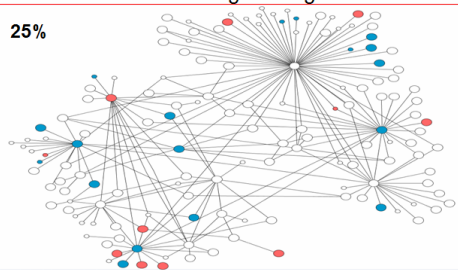
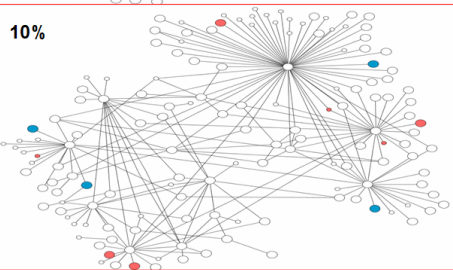
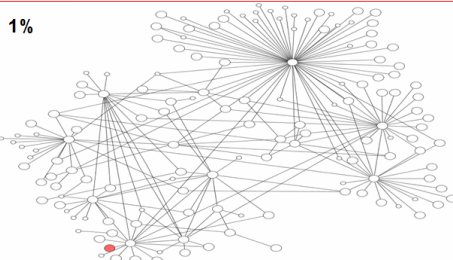
Detection determined by:
 Intensity >50 and p value <0.01
 Change in regulation determined by:
 Pvalue < 0.05, >1.5 Fold change



Dose Response Effect on Network

Monocyte derived Macrophages experiment

- 3 different % of cigarette stimulation
- Changes tracked from resting
 - Pvalue < 0.05, >1.5 Fold change

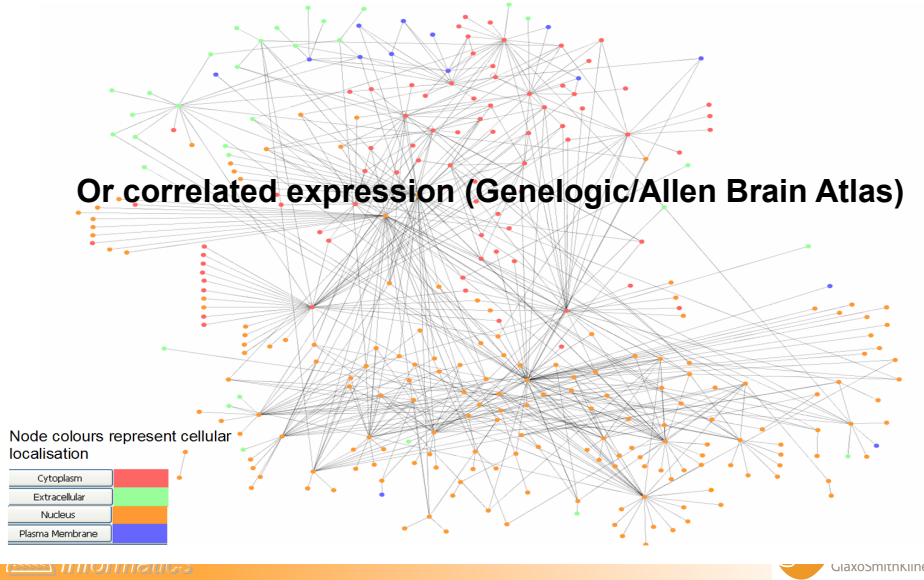


■ Up regulated genes
■ Down regulated genes

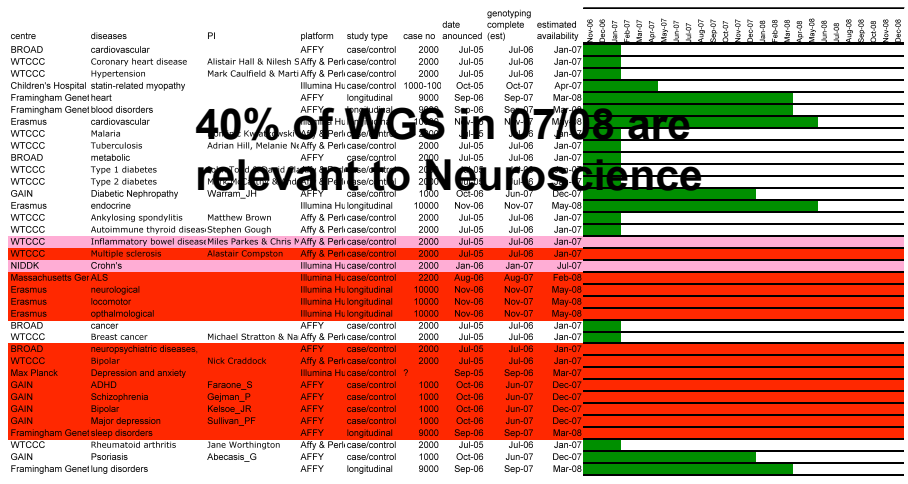


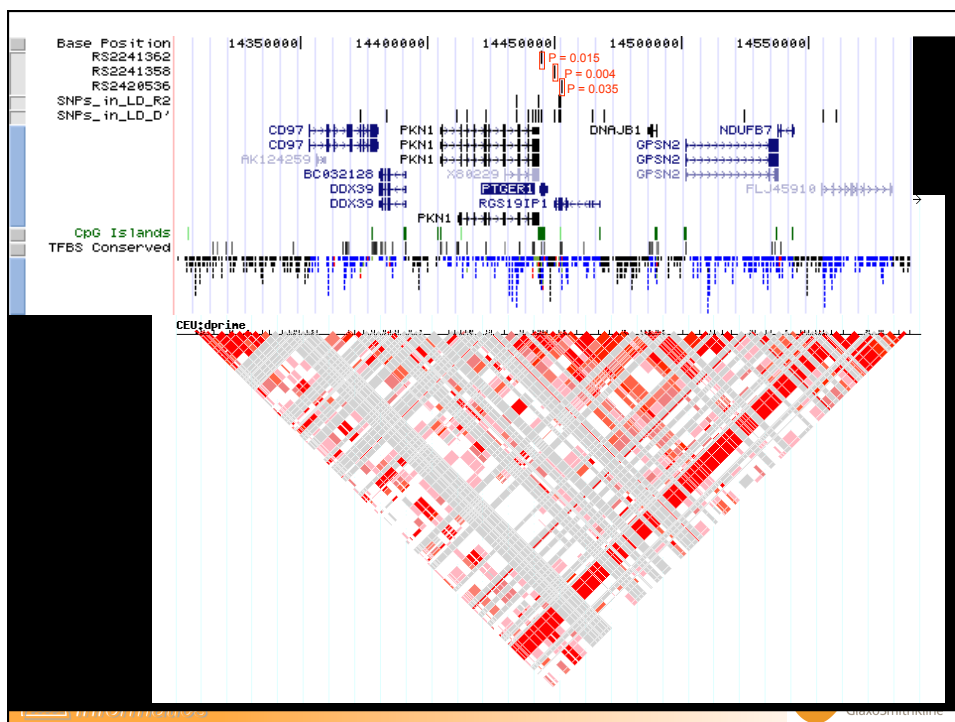
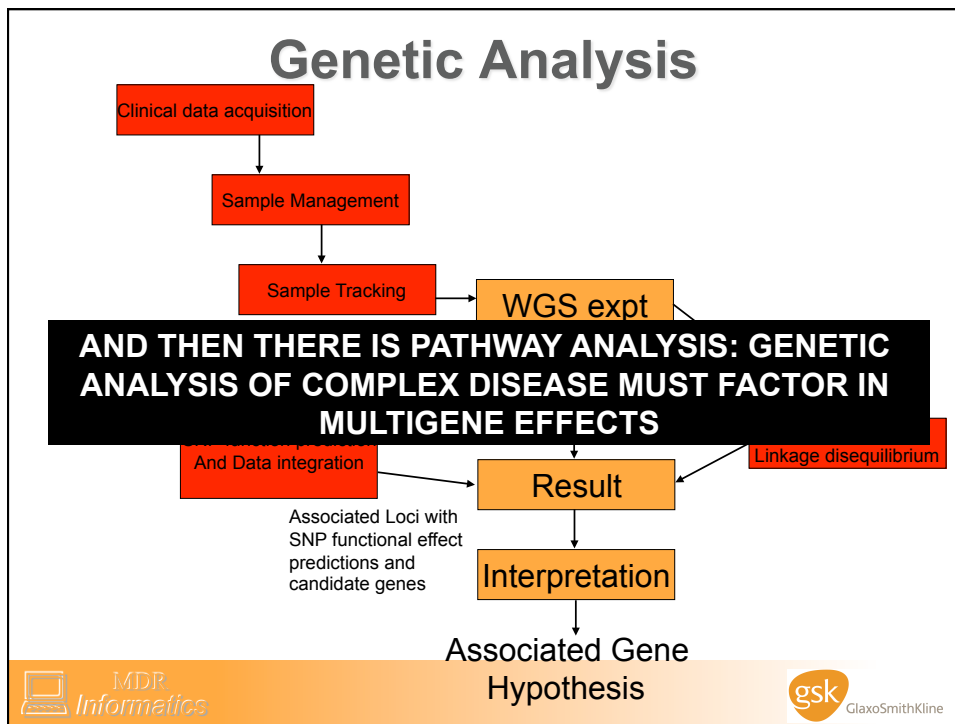
Compartmentalisation can help refine expanded Network

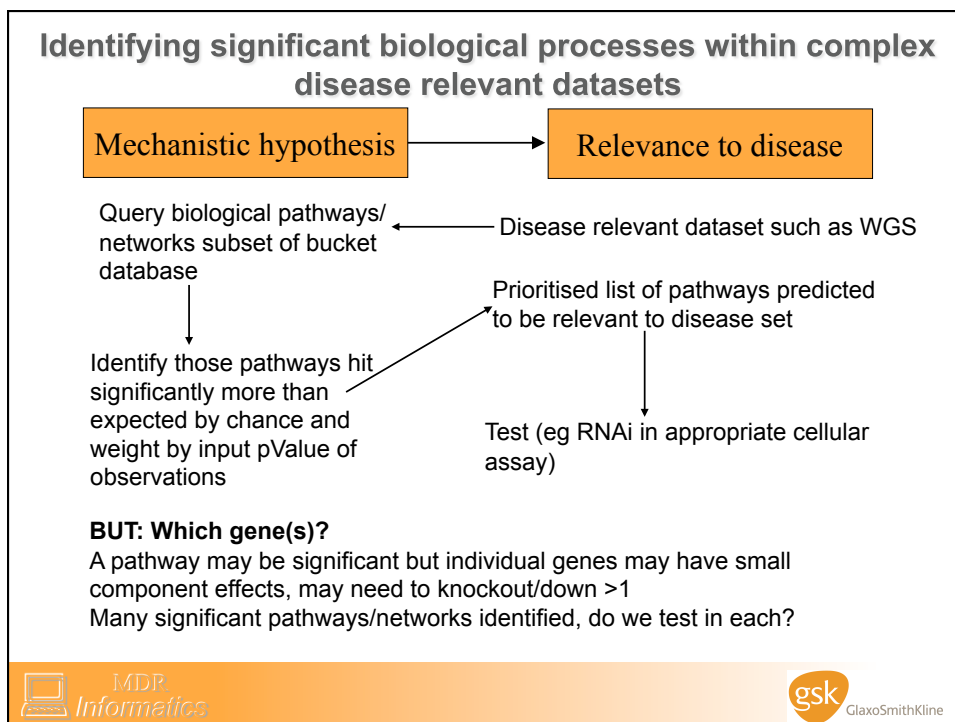
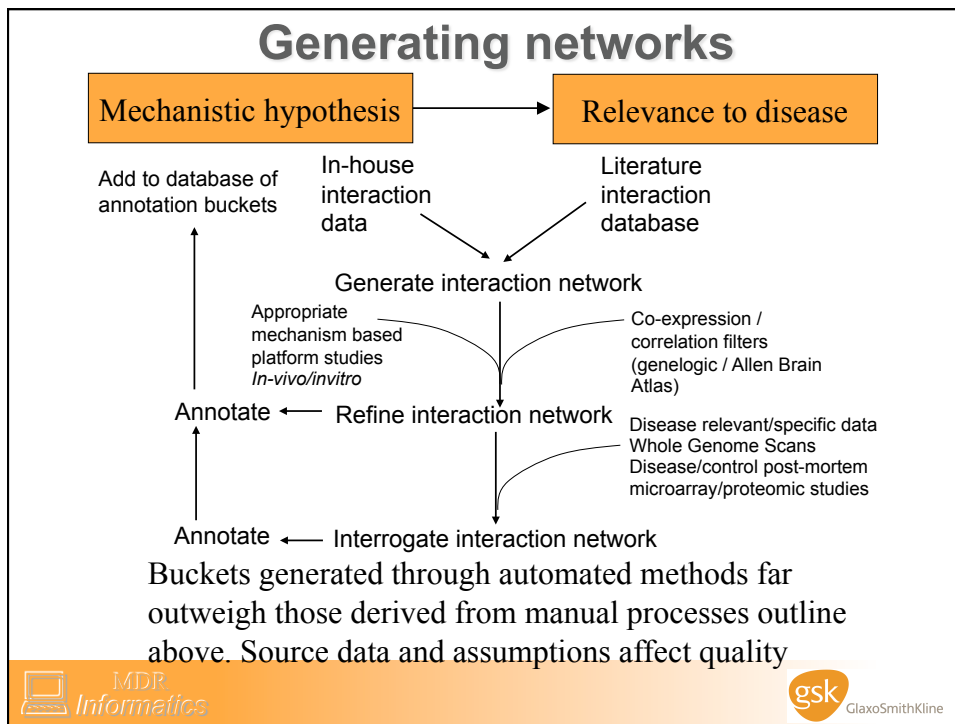
Or correlated expression (Genelogic/Allen Brain Atlas)

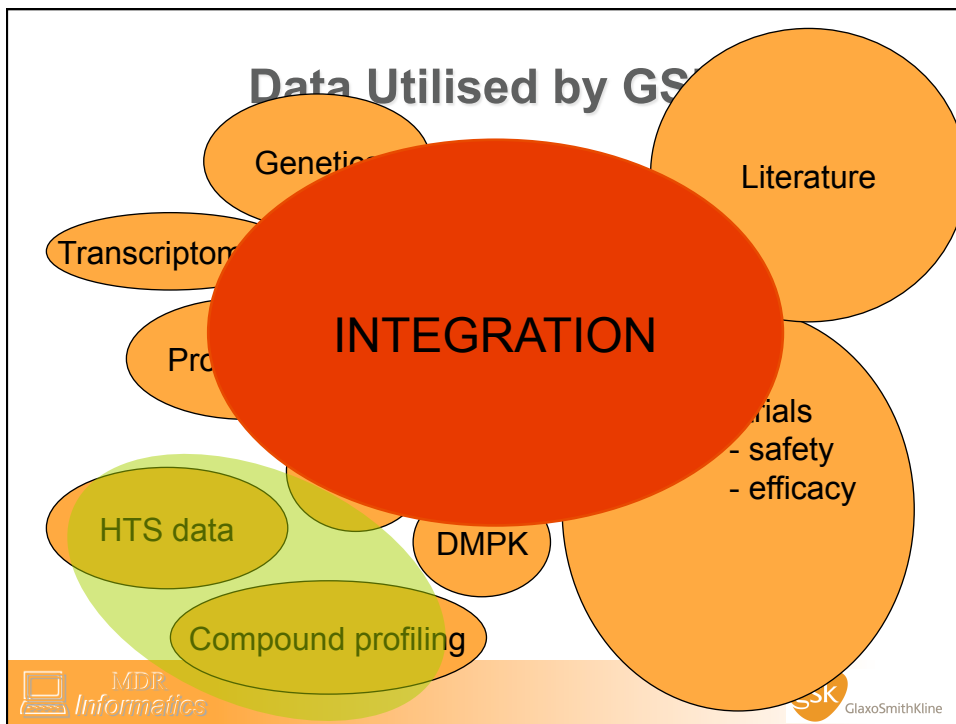


Whole Genome Scans









Compound view

MOLECULAR DISEASE UNDERSTANDING

Potency

CLINICAL TRIALS RESULTS

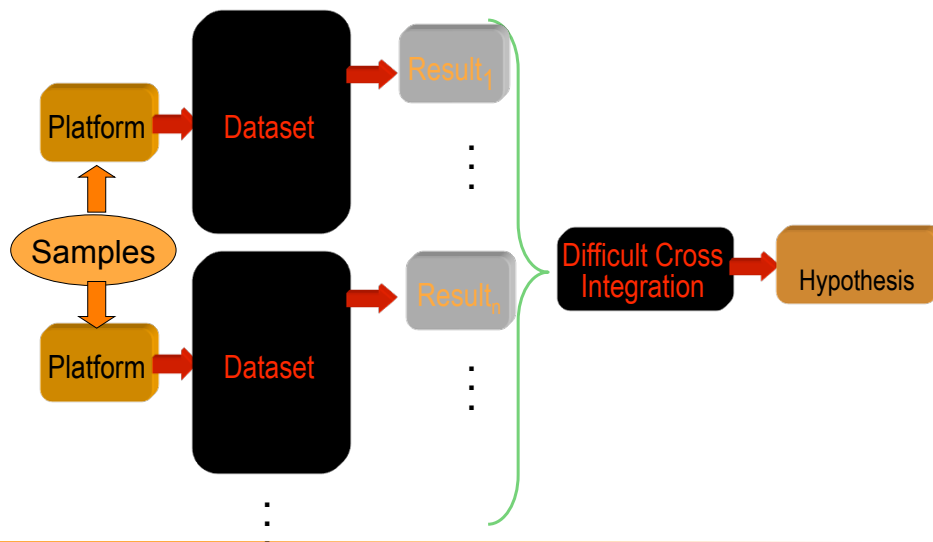
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Multiple Platforms

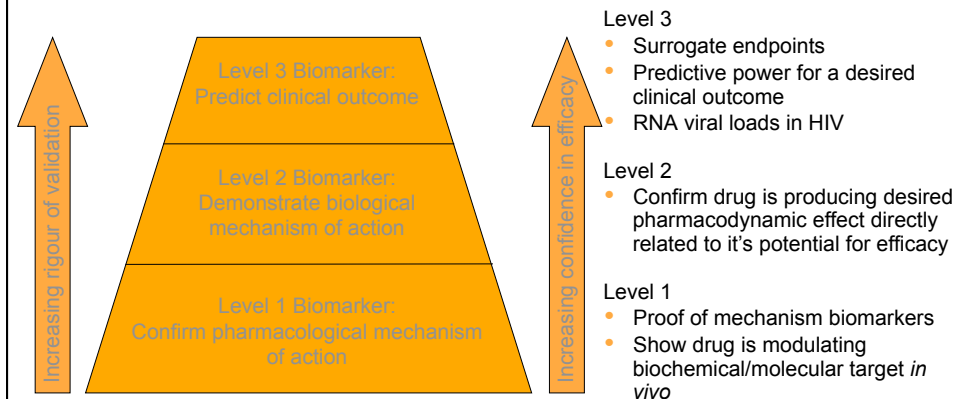


- **BIOMARKERS / MULTIPLATFORM APPROACHES**

Biomarkers

- “A characteristic that is objectively measured and evaluated as an indicator of normal biological processes, pathogenic processes or pharmacological responses to a therapeutic intervention”
 - » NIH Biomarkers Definitions Working Group
- Improve understanding of the therapeutic area and disease pathophysiology
- Increase understanding of MOA of compound(s) and target both pre-clinically and clinically
- Identify profiles characteristic of unwanted toxicity in early drug candidate screening
- Provide evidence of drug efficacy and safety in early trials
- Enhance experimental and clinical design
- Provide means to make better clinical trial decisions earlier through use of surrogates

Clinical biomarkers in drug discovery



Identifying biomarker panels

- Pilot studies:
 - Depression
 - Alzheimers
- Bloods from case/control populations
 - Clinical parameters
 - Genotype
 - Proteomics
 - Transcriptomics
- Machine Learning approaches and training sets
 - “minimum panel of 9 analytes capable of segregating case/control with 78% accuracy”