#### Gene-Gene Interaction Analysis for Bipolar Disorder

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#### Bipolar Disorder

- Bipolar disorder, also known as manic-depressive illness, is a brain disorder that causes unusual shifts in mood, energy, activity levels, and the ability to carry out day-to-day tasks.
- Prevalence of bipolar disorder: 4%
- Heritability of bipolar disorder: <u>82%</u>
- Although many clues show that bipolar disorder is caused by some genetic factors, <u>missing heritability</u> makes hard to explain genetic mechanism of bipolar disorder.

## Genetic relationship between schizophrenia and bipolar disorder

0 Mbp

p arm

–19.0 Mbp

q arm

└101.9 Mbp

p13

q11.1

q12

q14

q21.2

q22.1 q22.3 p12

p11.2 p11.1

q11.2

q13<sup>.</sup>

q15

q21.

q21.3

q22.2

q23 q24

q25

q26.2 q26.1 q26.3

- Chromosome locus 15q26 has been identified as a candidate region for both schizophrenia and bipolar disorder in a whole-genome linkage study of eastern Quebec families with combined schizophrenia and bipolar disorder.
  - ST8SIA2 (ST8 alpha-N-acetyl-neuraminide alpha-2, 8sicalyltransferase 2 gene) is one of the candidate genes for psychiatric illnesses mapping to this region.
  - Our previous study found that ST8SIA2 is related with bipolar disorder and schizophrenia in Korean population.

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#### ST8SIA2 study

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Association between *ST8SIA2* and the Risk of Schizophrenia and Bipolar I Disorder across Diagnostic Boundaries

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- A total of 582 patients with schizophrenia, 339 patients with bipolar disease, and 502 healthy controls were included.
- The associations were evaluated by logistic regression analysis using additive, dominant, and recessive genetic models.

#### ST8SIA2 study

Schizophrenia + BD-I (N = 762)

SNP	P <sup>a</sup>	OR	CI	Best-fit model <sup>b</sup>
rs3759915	0.102	1.236	0.959– 1.594	Dominant
rs4777969	0.014*	0.806	0.678- 0.957	Additive
rs8025225	0.131	0.782	0.569- 1.076	Recessive
rs4777973	0.004*	1.405	1.113– 1.774	Dominant
rs11637898	0.0006**	1.492	1.186- 1.878	Dominant
rs4777980	0.002*	1.440	1.143– 1.814	Dominant
rs3784737	0.249	1.144	0.910- 1.437	Dominant

- Thirty-four SNPs were analyzed.
- The inheritance model with the least Akaike Information Criterion was accepted as the best fitting model.
- We controlled the experiment-wise type I error using the Bonferroni correction.
- rs11637898 has the significant pvalue after Bonferroni correction.

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# Finding the additional genetic marker for the same population

- After ST8SIA2 study, we performed additional target gene (Gene A) study with the same population.
- Twenty-eight SNPs were analyzed.
- We controlled the experiment-wise type I error using the FDR q-value.
- Some SNPs in the target gene A have the q-value below 0.05.

	beta	sd(beta)	t-statistic	nominal p-value	q-value
Additive	0.350396	0.12076	2.90159	0.003713	0.041933
Dominant	0.377263	0.135652	2.781114	0.005417	0.059818
Recessive	0.644307	0.422914	1.523493	0.127635	0.404884

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### Gene x Gene interaction analysis between ST8SIA2 and GENE A

- If we find the gene-gene interaction effect between ST8SIA2 and gene A for bipolar disorder 1 and schizophrenia samples, we could contribute to reveal missing heritability.
- We checked the gene-gene interaction effects between the two SNPs which were selected by the lowest p-value in each gene.
- To analyze gene-gene interaction we considered two schemes.
  - Logistic regression based analysis.
  - Multifactor Dimensionality Reduction (MDR) based method.

### Previous Gene X Gene interaction analysis with logistic regression.

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Interaction Between Genetic Variants of DLGAP3 and SLC1A1 Affecting the Risk of Atypical Antipsychotics-Induced Obsessive—Compulsive Symptoms

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• In previous study, we found the gene x gene interaction between DLGAP3 and SLC1A1 for obsessive-compulsive symptoms based on logistic regression.

# Gene x Gene interaction analysis with Logistic regression scheme.

- $logit(\pi_i) = \beta_0 + \gamma_1 Age + \gamma_2 Sex + \beta_1 SNP_1 + \beta_2 SNP_2 + \beta_3 SNP_1 * SNP_2$
- *SNP*<sub>1</sub> and *SNP*<sub>2</sub> were used by the combination of additive, recessive, dominant models. Thus, there are nine models for two SNPs.
- To find the optimal model between nine models, we selected the model which has the smallest AIC values.

### Results of Gene x Gene interaction analysis with Logistic regression

- $logit(\pi_i) = \beta_0 + \gamma_1 Age + \gamma_2 Sex + \beta_1 SNP_1 + \beta_2 SNP_2 + \beta_3 SNP_1 * SNP_2$
- P-values are calculated for  $H_0: \beta_3 = 0$

AIC		ST8SIA2						
		add	dominant	recessive				
	add	1559.434	1563.286	1563.735				
GENE A	dominant	1562.083	1566.043	1564.966				
	recessive	1567.36	1567.845	1570.894				
p-value		ST8SIA2						
		add	dominant	recessive				
	add	0.000711	0.005083	0.008464				
GENE A	dominant	0.001389	0.010766	0.007572				
	recessive	0.035918	0.042192	0.437145				

#### Gene x Gene interaction analysis with Logistic regression between ST8SIA2 and GENE A

	Estimate	Std.Error	Z-value	Pr(> z )
(Intercept)	-0.10601	0.299892	-0.354	0.72371
age	0.030519	0.006954	4.389	1.14E-05***
sex	-0.29509	0.121772	-2.423	0.01538*
ST8SIA2	0.075639	0.094753	0.798	0.42471
GENE A	0.313048	0.259492	2 1.206	0.22767
ST8SIA2:GENE A	-0.81481	0.248624	-3.277	0.00105**

- Interaction term of ST8SIA2 and GENE A was significant when both genes were coded by additive.
- Age is highly significant factor for bipolar I disorder and schizophrenia.

### Gene x Gene interaction analysis with MDR

- Perform 10-fold cross validation (CV) with the selected combination.
- Model classification performance is evaluated by balanced accuracy.
- Training set classification accuracy : 52.83 (%)
- Test set classification accuracy : 51.95 (%)



### Results of Gene x Gene interaction analysis with Logistic regression

- $logit(\pi_i) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 SNP_1 + \beta_2 SNP_2 + \beta_3 SNP_1 * SNP_2$
- P-values are calculated for  $H_0: \beta_3 = 0$

With age, sex adjust

Without age, sex adjust

AIC		ST8SIA2					ST8SIA2			
		add	dominant	recessive		AIC		add	dominant	recessive
GENE A	add	1559.434	1563.286	1563.735		GENE A	add	1580.133	1584.499	1583.783
	dominant	1562.083	1566.043	1564.966			dominant	1582.48	1586.928	1584.839
	recessive	1567.36	1567.845	1570.894			recessive	1588.615	1589.087	1591.297
p-value		ST8SIA2					ST8SIA2			
		add	dominant	recessive		p-value		add	dominant	recessive
gene a	add	0.000711	0.005083	0.008464	,	GENE A	add	0.000689	0.006622	0.005741
	dominant	0.001389	0.010766	0.007572			dominant	0.001215	0.012482	0.004976
	recessive	0.035918	0.042192	0.437145			recessive	0.060642	0.071835	<sup>1</sup> 0.450518

#### Conclusion

- We found that gene A shows significant relationship with bipolar disorder I and schizophrenia samples.
- After finding the significant gene, we tried gene-gene interaction analysis with gene A and ST8SIA2 by two schemes: logistic regression and MDR.
- By logistic regression we could find significant interaction term between gene A and ST8SIA2.
- With or without covariate adjust, interaction terms in logistic regression are significant.
- In MDR analysis, however, the SNP pair did not significant with permutation p-value.

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