

# Brain Bank for Aging Research (BBAR)

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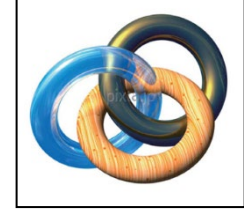
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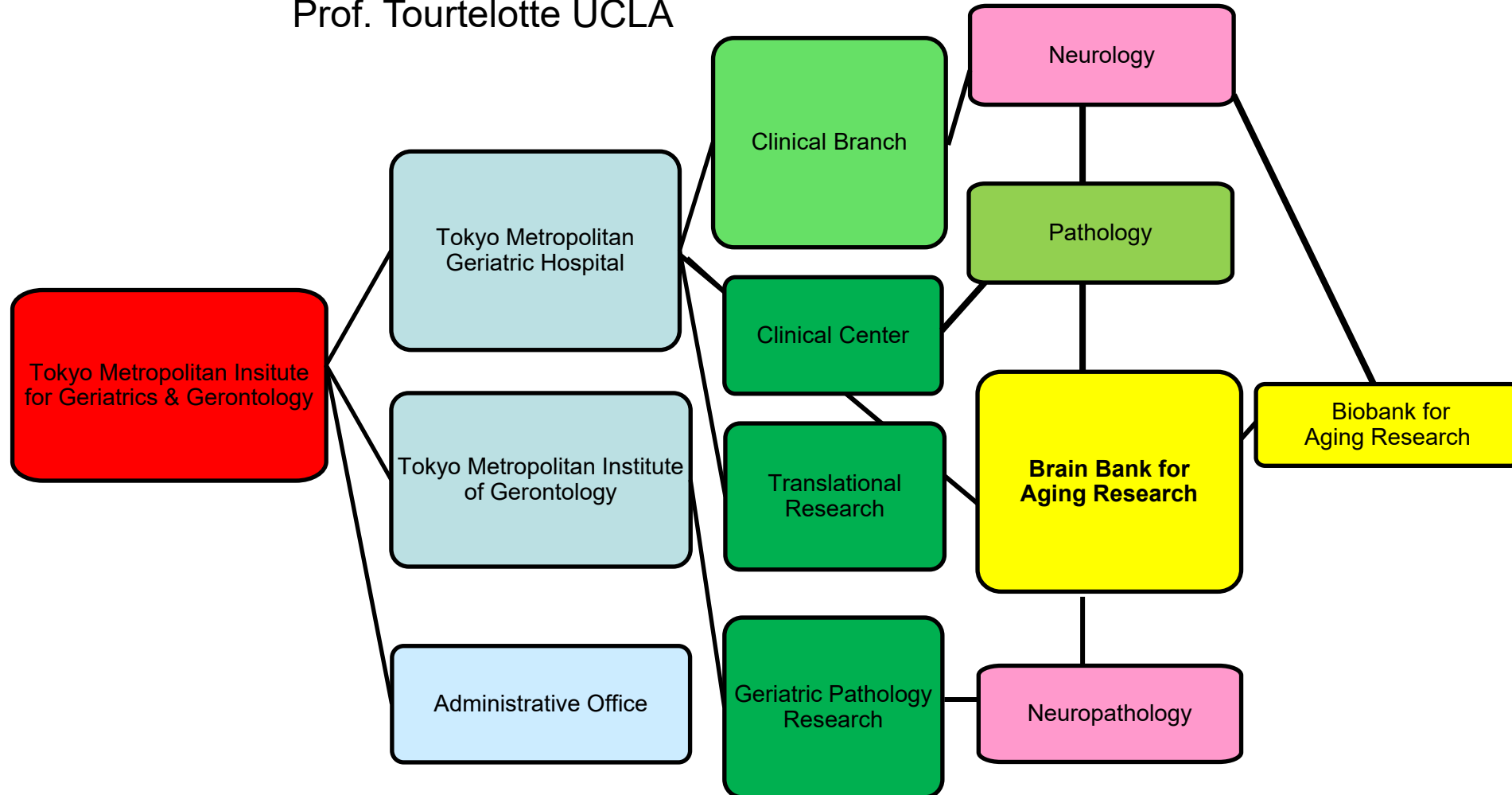


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Brain Bank is a movement conducted by patients, doctors and researchers, to conquer intractable neuro- psychiatric disorders.  
Prof. Tourtelotte UCLA



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TMIGG

Resources consisting of consecutive autopsy cases from a general geriatric hospital & all Japan depository of rare neurological and developmental disorders  
(<http://www.mci.gr.jp/BrainBank>)

## In House Cohort Resource

1. Paraffin blocks and glass slides (1972.5-)  
for Clinical, Radiological and Pathological Research 7418
- >2. Frozen neocortex and body tissues (1995.1-)  
for Molecular Research: 2,415
- >3. Frozen half brains (2001.7- )  
for Neuroscience Research: 1,102

## All Japan Depository of Neurological and Psychiatric Disorders

Brain Bank for Neurodevelopmental, Neurological and Psychiatric Disorders, Osaka University



# Basic Concept of BBAR

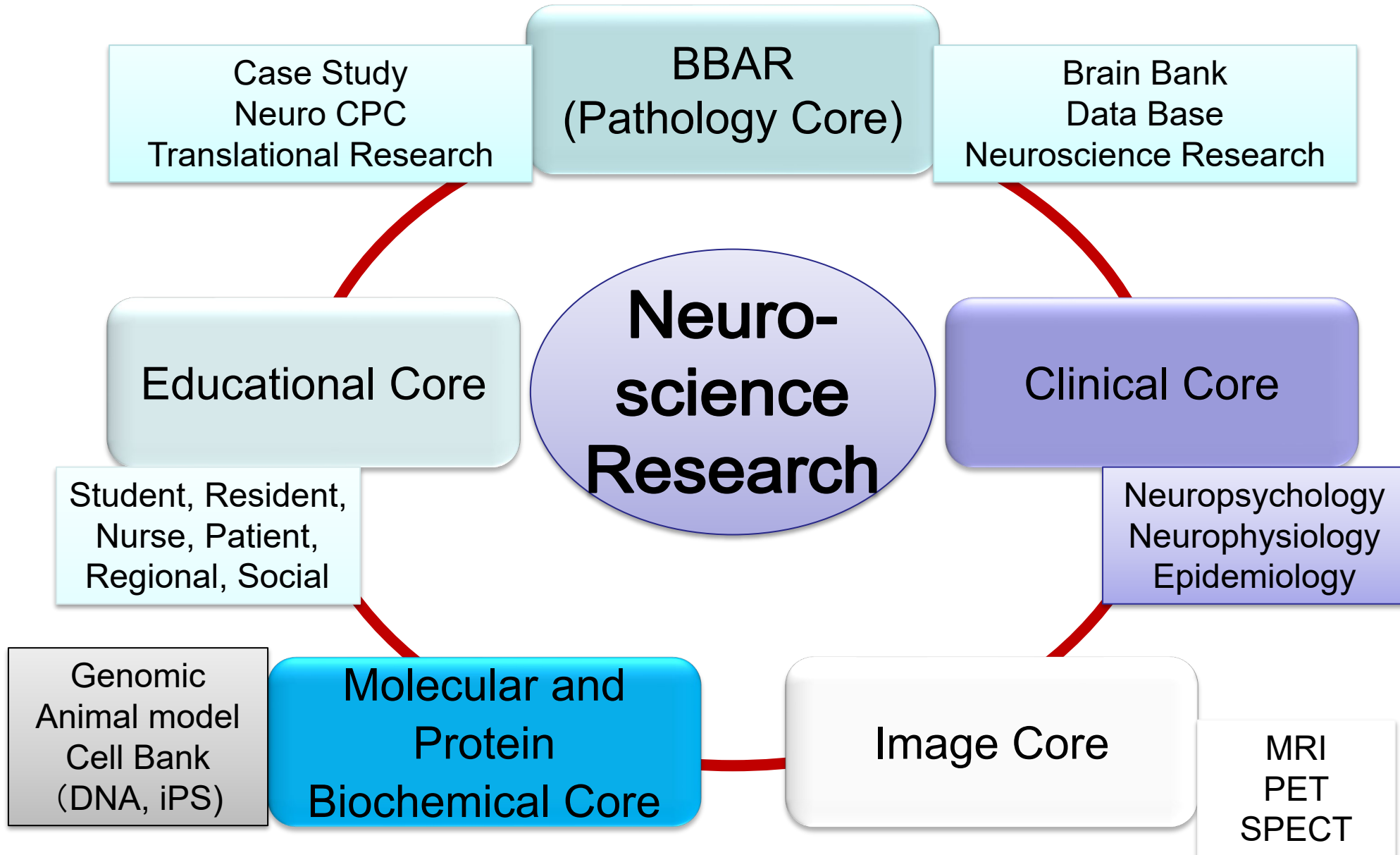
1. Seamless cooperative management of the hospital and the research institute.
2. The longstanding mutual reliable relationship with the supporting cohort.
3. Establishment of the NIH- type PET Center.
4. Establishment of the Department of Neuropathology.  
(Late Prof. Kazutomo Imahori, reg. to BBAR in 2016)
5. Diagnosis of dementia and/ or parkinsonism with CSR surrogate biomarkers > 3,600 cases (Dr. Iwata A).
6. Clinical, radiological and pathological data base of the consecutive autopsy cases.

Late Emeritus Prof.  
Kazutomo Imahori  
The Univ. Tokyo  
Registered to BBAR  
2016

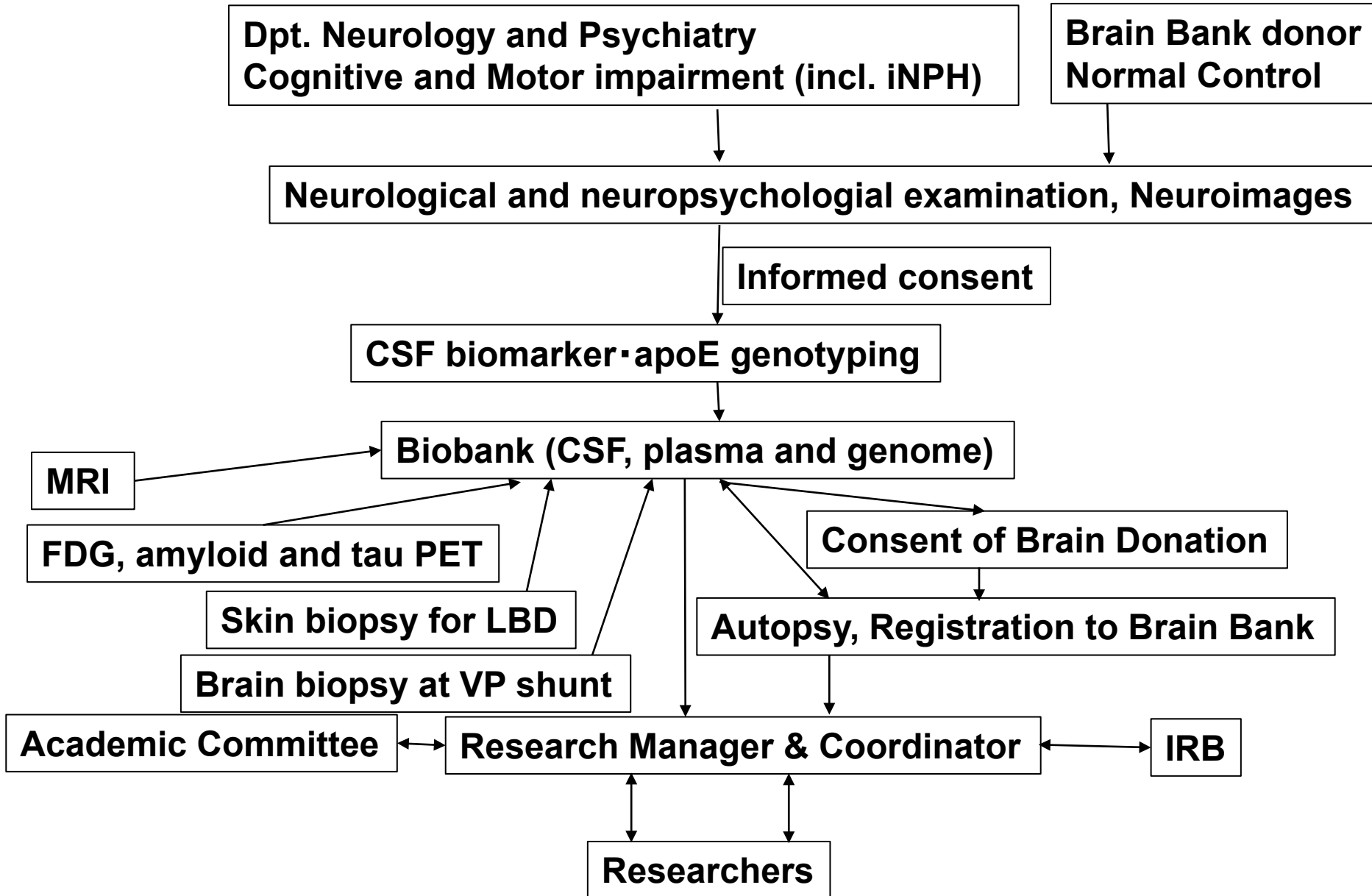




# Basic Scheme of BBAR



# BBAR Resource Built





# BBAR Clinical Project

Prospective longitudinal clinical studies of dementia and parkinsonism, confirmed by final neuropathological findings

- Neuropsychiatric & neuropsychological examinations
- Voxel based morphometry with MRI
- CSF and blood biomarker (tau, ptau, Abeta 1-42, HVA, 5HIAA)
- SPECT: Brain Tc- ECD, Heart MIBG and DAT
- PET: FDG, PIB, Tau, Dopamine (P2I, Raclopride), THK5351

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Japanese Agency for Medical Research and Development



# BBAR Research Project

## Cross- sectional Pathological Studies

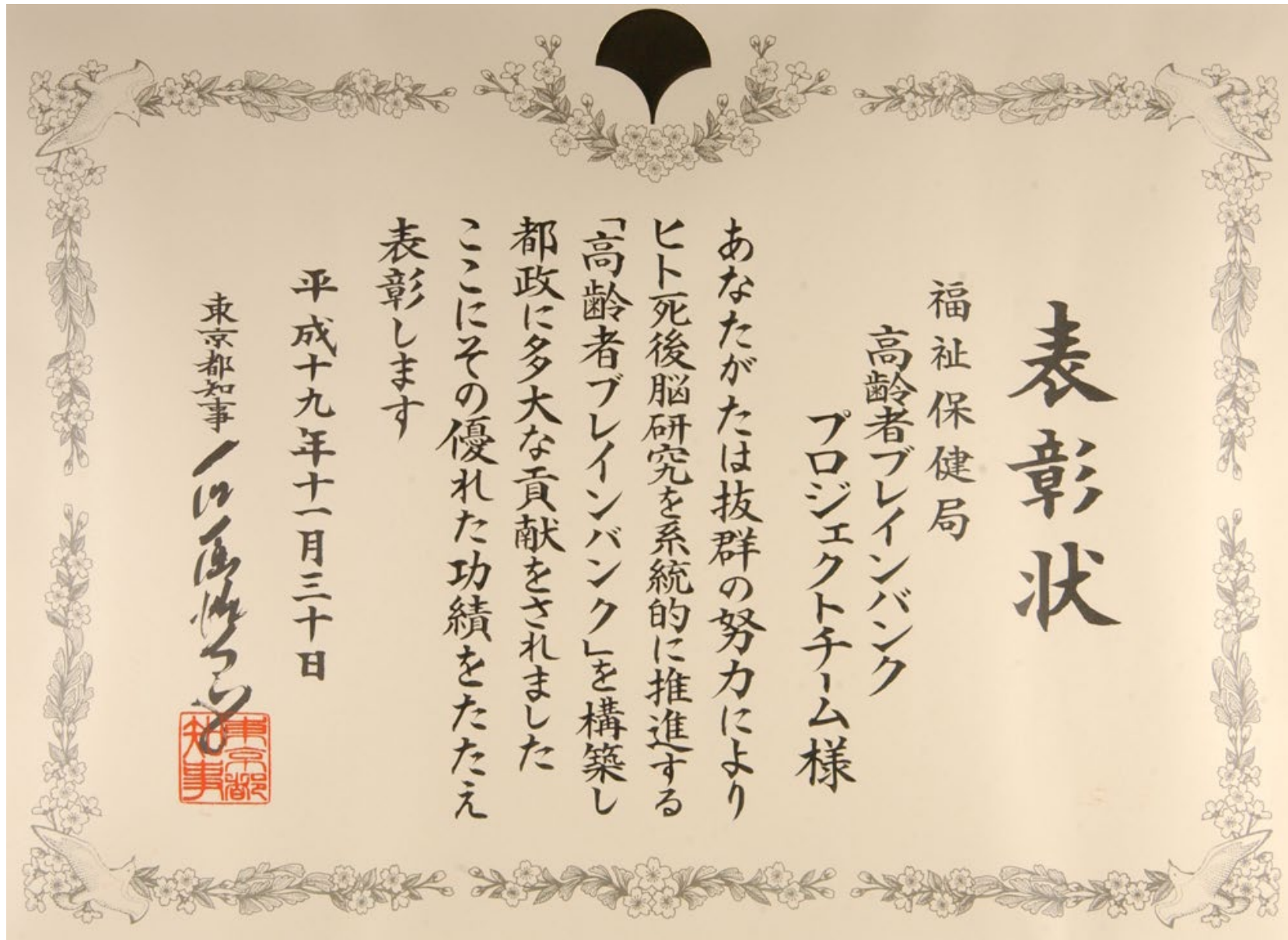
- Dynamic Neuropathology  
= to elucidate the correlation between the longitudinally acquired in vivo clinical and radiological findings and postmortem pathological findings
- Molecular Neuropathology  
= to clarify the molecular basis of each pathological process
- Epidemiological Neuropathology  
= to study a large number of unbiased samples, actively correlated with the former two methods

# BBAR Resource Center

- A fulltime brain bank coordinator.
- All BBAR records stored in hospital digital clinical chart system with Brain Bank ID.
- BBAR Resource Center:
  - 24 deep freezers, including one for a national prion back- up bank
- >7000 cases- paraffin blocks
- BBAR Data Center: a virtual slide system for educational output.
- BBAR Network Conference Room:
  - internet conference with Osaka U and Toneyama



Tokyo Metropolitan Mayor's Award 2007  
The Brain Bank for Aging Research Project

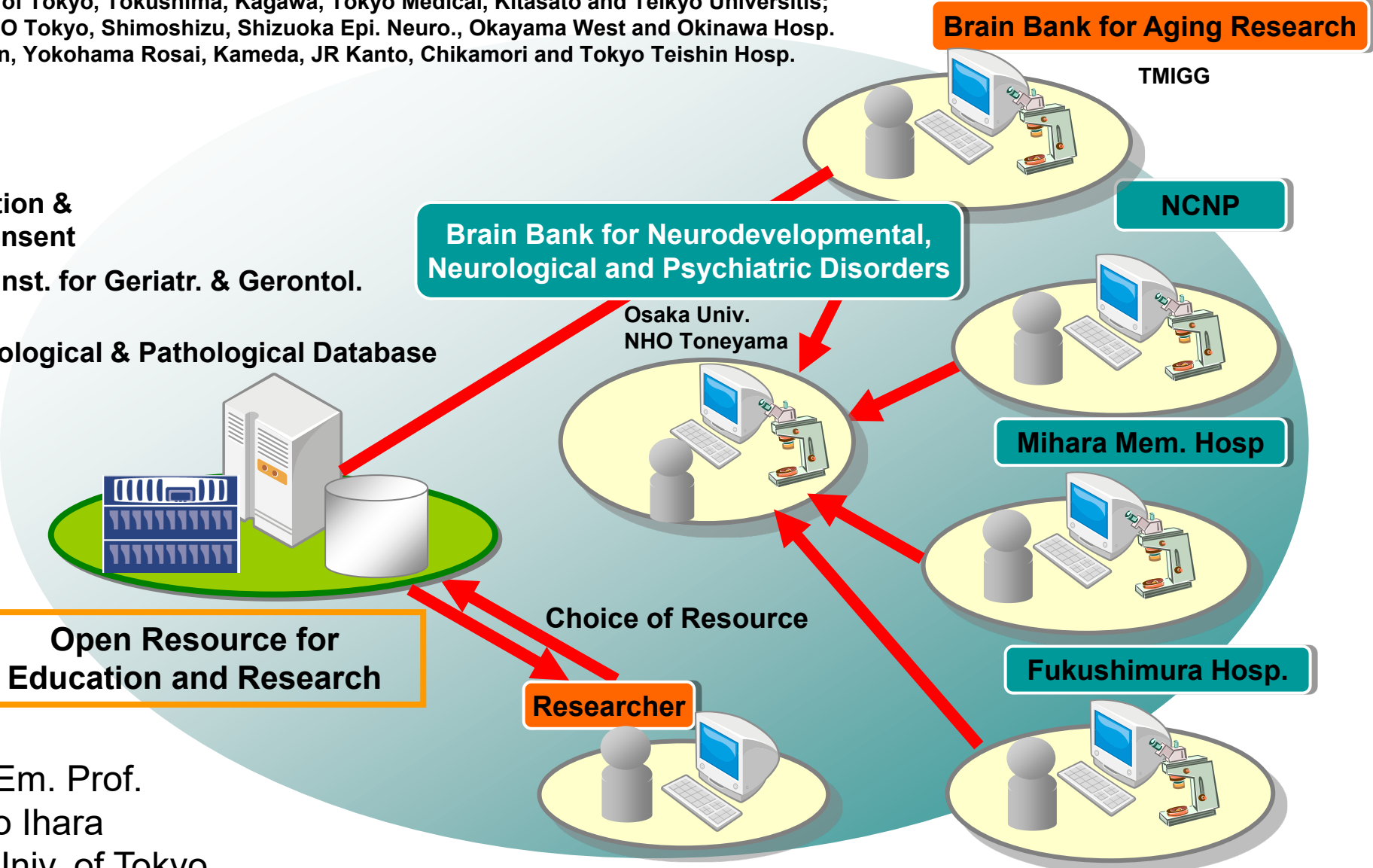




# Japanese Brain Bank Network for Neuroscience Research

University of Tokyo, Tokushima, Kagawa, Tokyo Medical, Kitasato and Teikyo Universitis;  
NCGM, NHO Tokyo, Shimoshizu, Shizuoka Epi. Neuro., Okayama West and Okinawa Hosp.  
Toranomon, Yokohama Rosai, Kameda, JR Kanto, Chikamori and Tokyo Teishin Hosp.

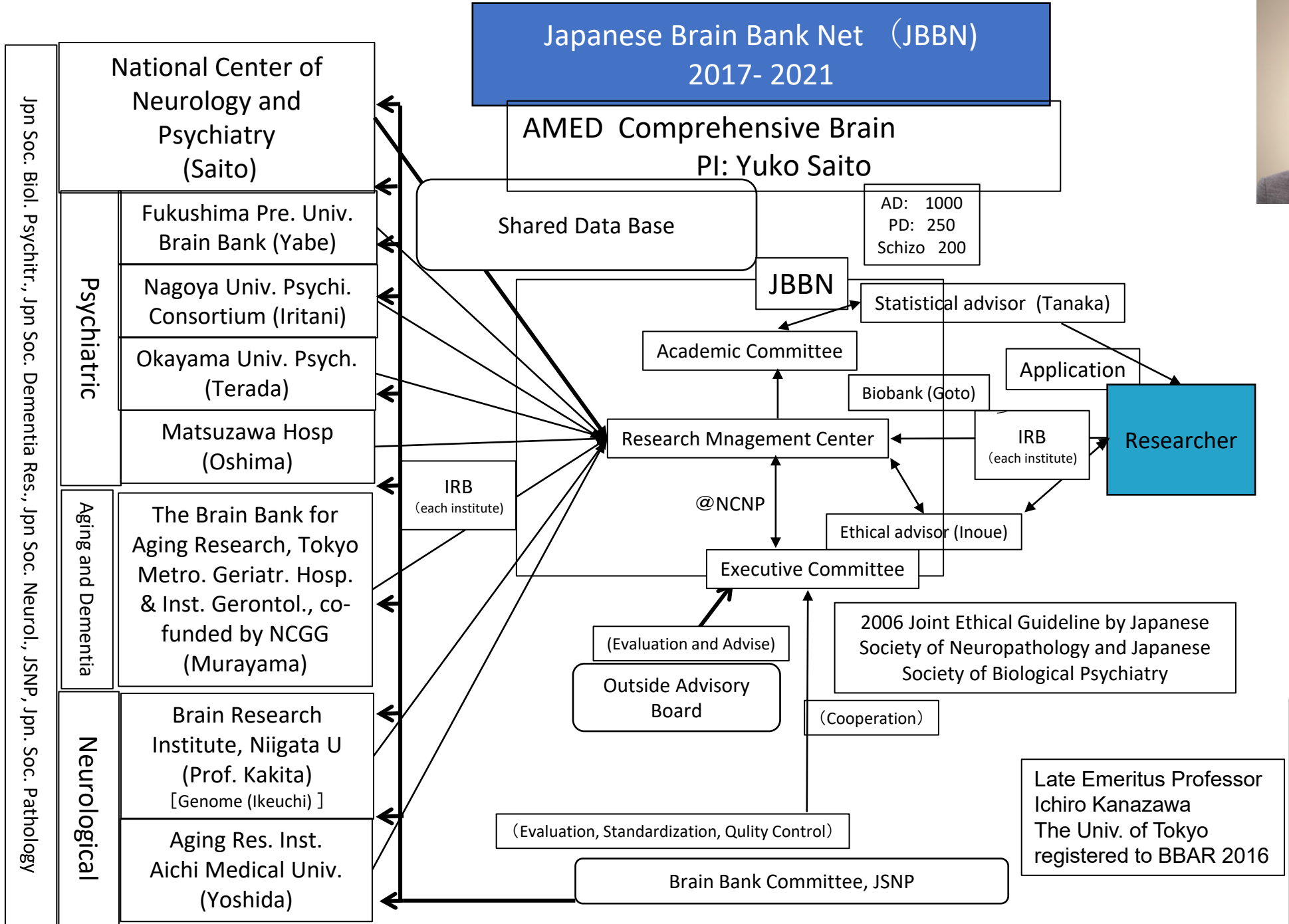
**Brain Donation &  
Autopsy Consent**  
Tokyo Metr. Inst. for Geriatr. & Gerontol.  
**Registration**  
Clinical, Radiological & Pathological Database



Late Em. Prof.  
Yasuo Ihara  
The Univ. of Tokyo  
registered to BBAR 2023

Brain Bank Committee, Jap. Soc. Neuropath.

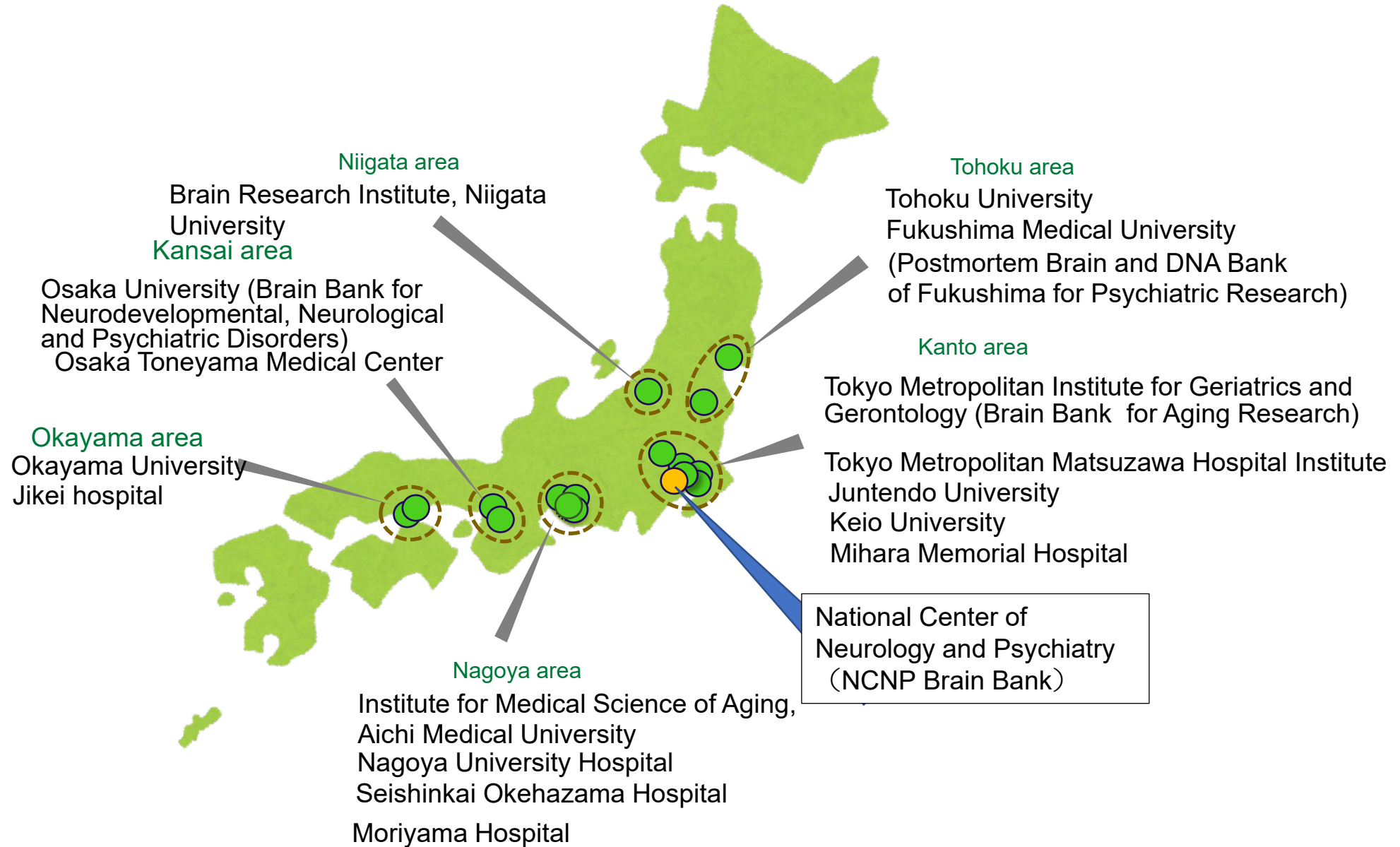




Late Emeritus Professor  
Ichiro Kanazawa  
The Univ. of Tokyo  
registered to BBAR 2016

# Japan Brain Bank Net, Second

## AMED 2022- 2026 Psychiatric brains





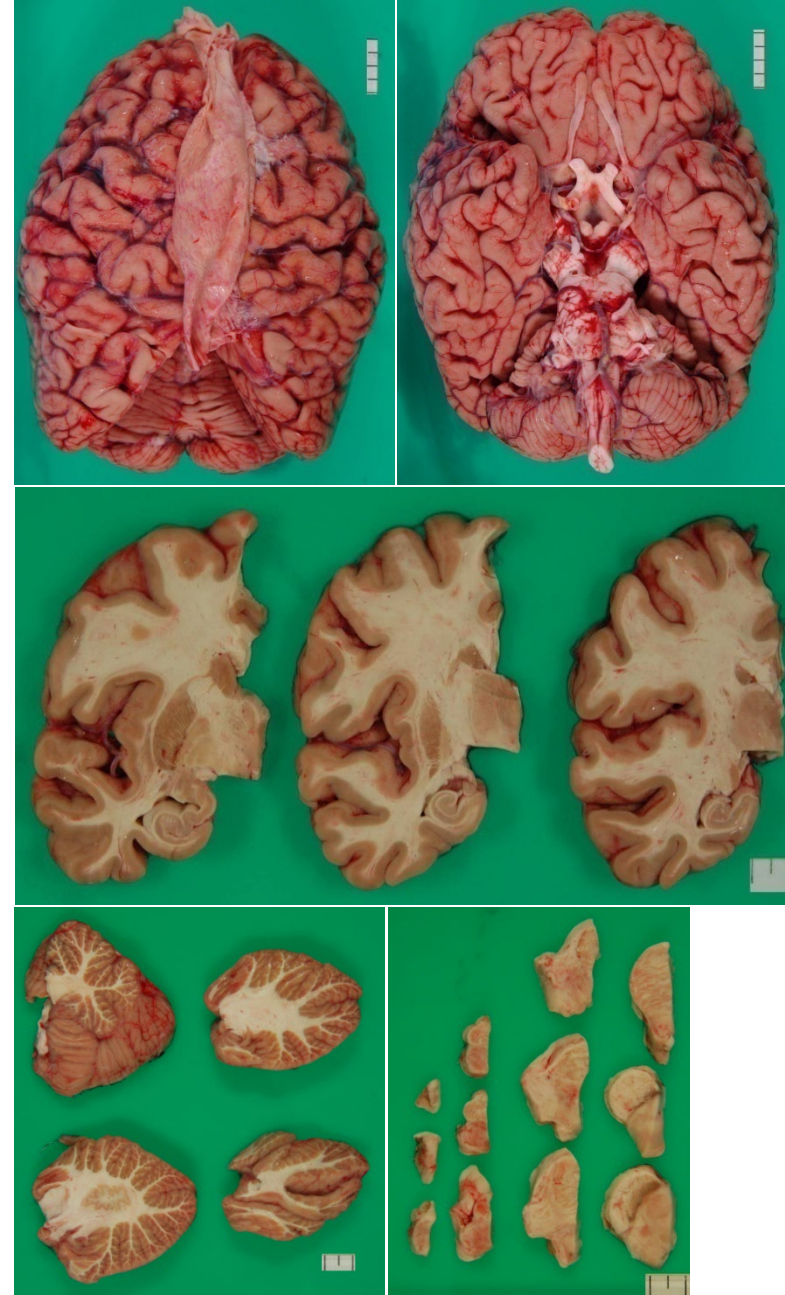
# JSNP Brain Bank Committee (1986- )

Chair: Murayama S (Osaka U)

- Adachi T (NP, Tottori U)
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- Furuta T (Pat
- Hasegawa M (Bio Ch TMIMR)
- Inoue, K. (Neu NHO Toneyama)
- Ikeuchi, K. (Genome Niigata U)
- Inoue Y (Ethis IMSUT)
- Iritani S (Psy Nagoya U)
- Ito K (NP Kyoto Pr U)
- Izumi Y (Neu Tokushima U)
- Kaneda D (Neu Fukushima)
- Kawakami I (Psy Juntendo)
- Komori T (NP TMNH)
- Kowa H (Neu Kobe U)
- Kunii Y (Psy Tohoku U)
- Tanigawa K (Pat Hokkaido U)
- Matsumoto T (Forensic Osaka U)
- Nishida N (Forensic Toyama U)
- Nishimura H (Pat Kawasaki U)
- Oshima K (Psy Matsuzawa H.)
- Saito Y (NP TMIGG)
- Shimizu H (NP Niigata U)
- Suzuki H. (Pat NPO Sendai)
- Takao M (Lab NCNP)
- Taniguchi M (Neu Juntendo U)
- Tokumaru A (Rad TMIGG)
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- Yoshida M (NP Aichi M U)

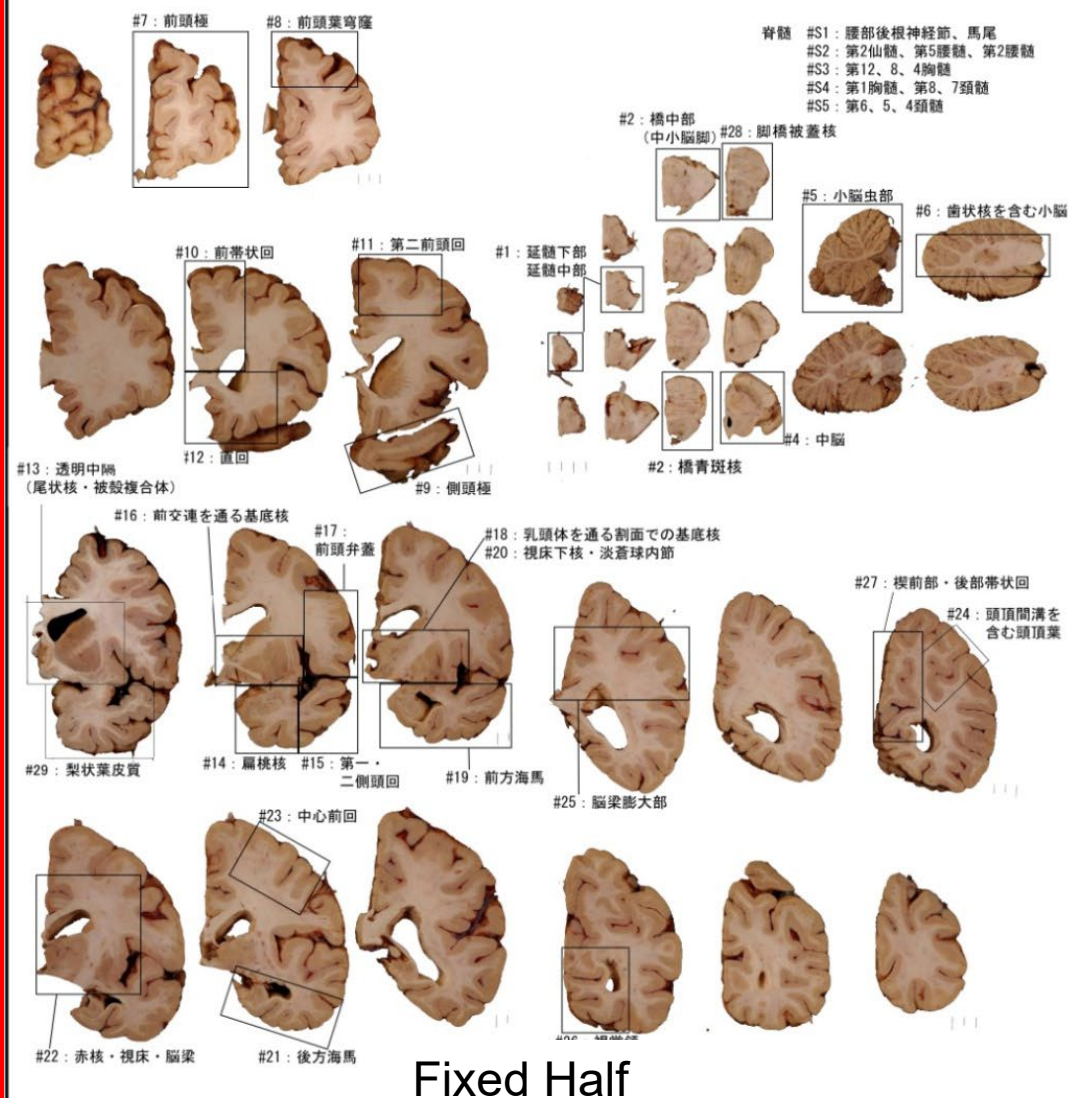
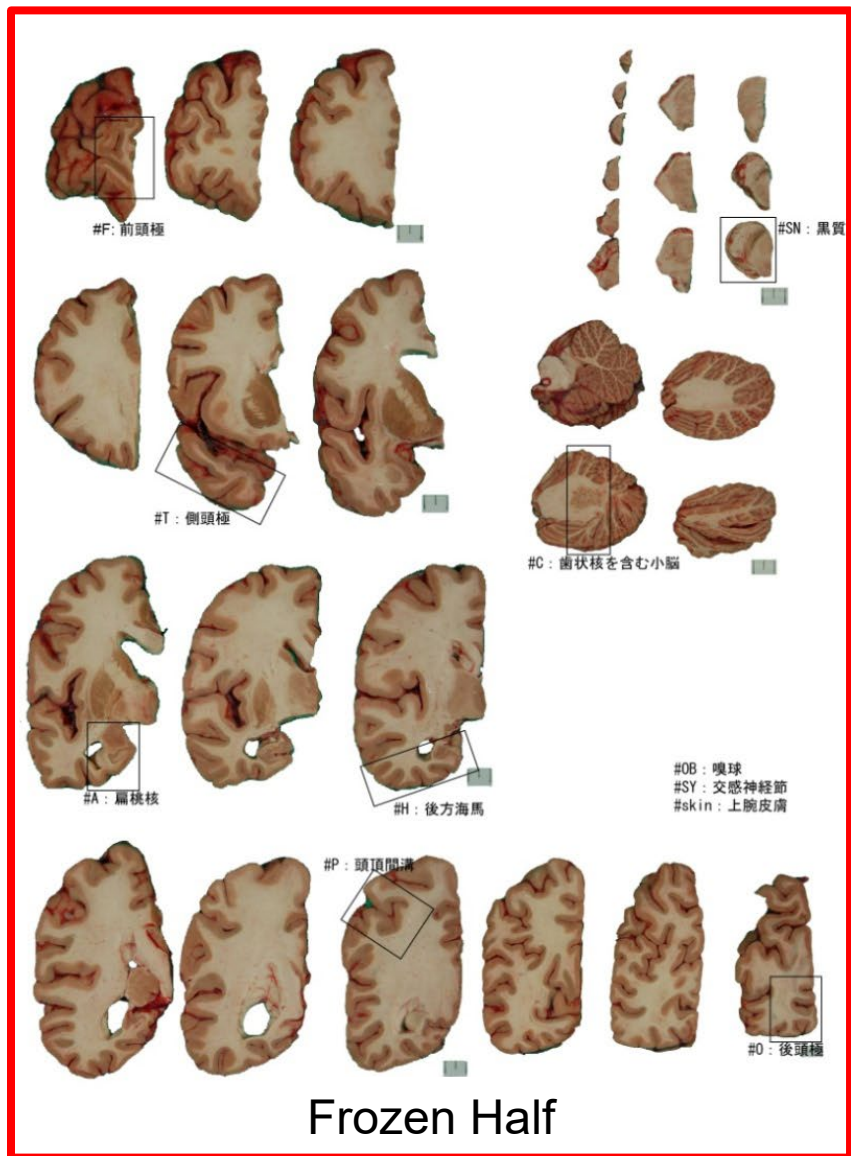
# Autopsy of Brains

- Each case is handled by an attending brain bank doctor (neuropathologist) and a technician (specially trained), in collaboration with an attending general pathologist and two pathology technicians.
- The attending brain bank doctor determines the frozen side.
- The doctor forms 8mm-thick serial coronal slices of the brain, 5mm- thick serial sagittal slices of the cerebellum and 5mm- thick axial slices of the brain stem.
- The technician takes photos and freezes tissues immediately.





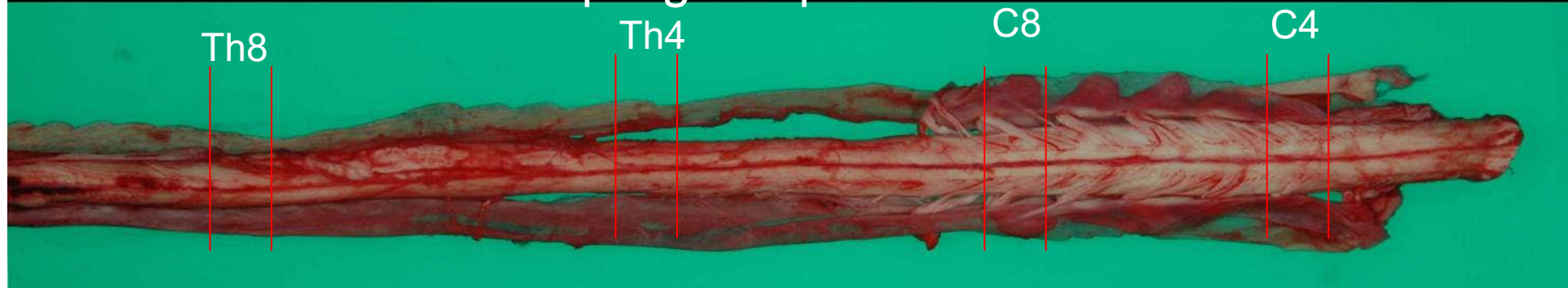
# BBAR Protocol ([www.mci.gr.jp](http://www.mci.gr.jp))



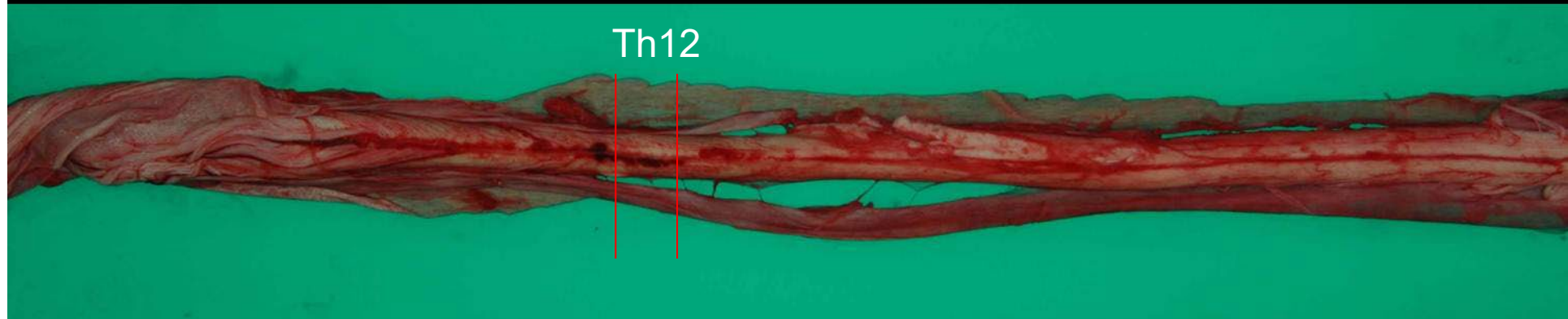
8 areas: 4% paraformaldehyde over 2 nights  
(McGeer's method @ British Columbia)



# Sampling of Spinal Cord

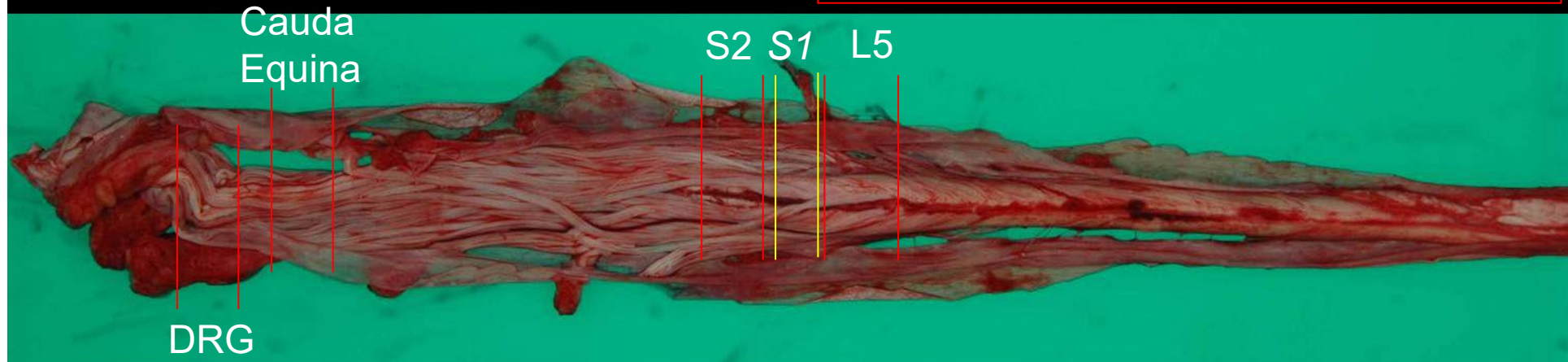


Biceps Phrenic Nerve, Diaphragm



Sural Nerve, Short Peroneal

4% PFA 2 overnight, 2.5% GA overnight







a copper plate chilled in refrigerator on sliced dry ice







# BBAR Resource (Frozen)

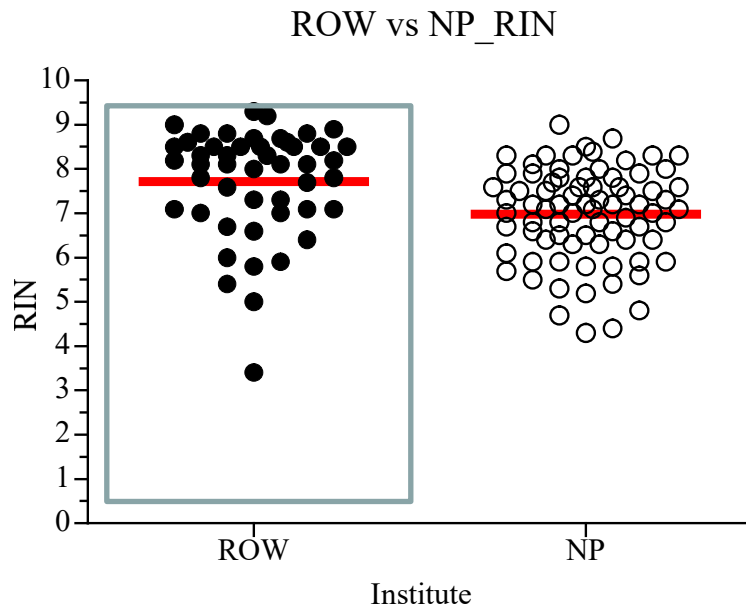
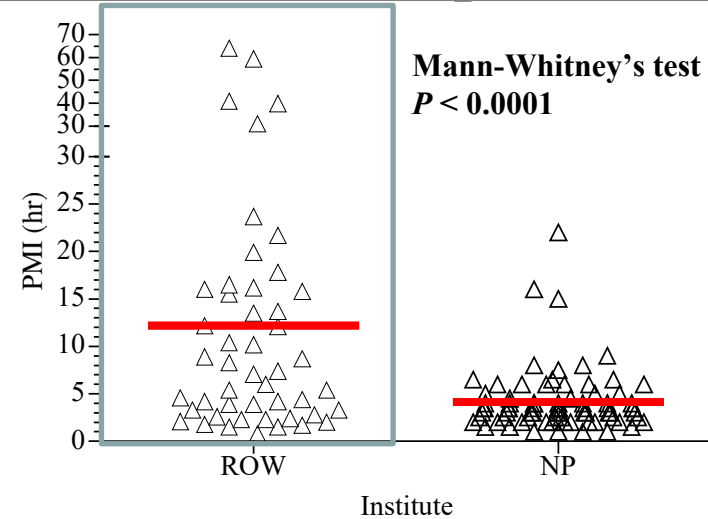
- Half brain after sampling small pieces of tissues for weak fixation.
- Entire spinal cord, after sampling the segments for pathological evaluation.
- Peripheral autonomic nervous system: sympathetic ganglia, esophago- columnar junction, heart, skin and olfactory plate.
- Skeletal muscle: biceps brachii (for the study of sarcopenia)
- General organs: small pieces of liver, kidney, lung, esophagus
- Serum (stored in the hospital laboratory).

# Total RNA Quality Check (Dpt. Mol. Biol. Niigata Univ. BRI)

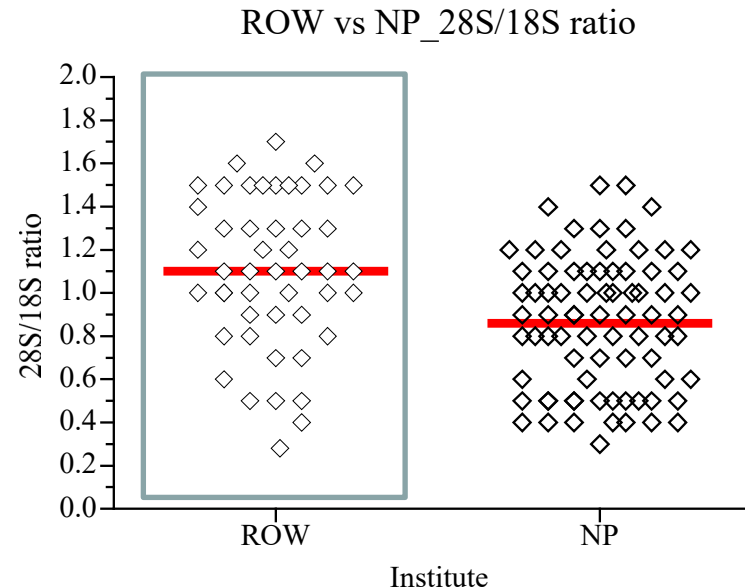
## DNA & RNA Back Up

**BBAR (N=48: ROW) vs Control (N=78: NP)**

RNA Quality of BBAR is better than rapid autopsy control, probably due to a very short cooling interval (interval between death and transfer to a refrigerator).



**Mann-Whitney's test,  $P < 0.0001$**



**Mann-Whitney's test,  $P = 0.0002$**



# BBAR Resource (Fixed)

- 4% paraformaldehyde over two nights, one half for paraffin embedding and another half preserved in 20% sucrose PBS+0.1% NaN<sub>3</sub>
- Brain: frontal, temporal and occipital poles, intraparietal sulcus, anterior amygdala, posterior hippocampus, midbrain, dentate nucleus, olfactory bulb
- Spinal Cord: C4/8, T4/8/12, L5, S2
- Peripheral ANS: sympathetic ganglia, esophago- columnar junction, anterior wall of the left ventricle of the heart, skin, olfactory plate, biceps brachii
- 20% buffered formalin for 7-13 days
- Half brain, body organs

# Brain Cutting (1972.5.1-)



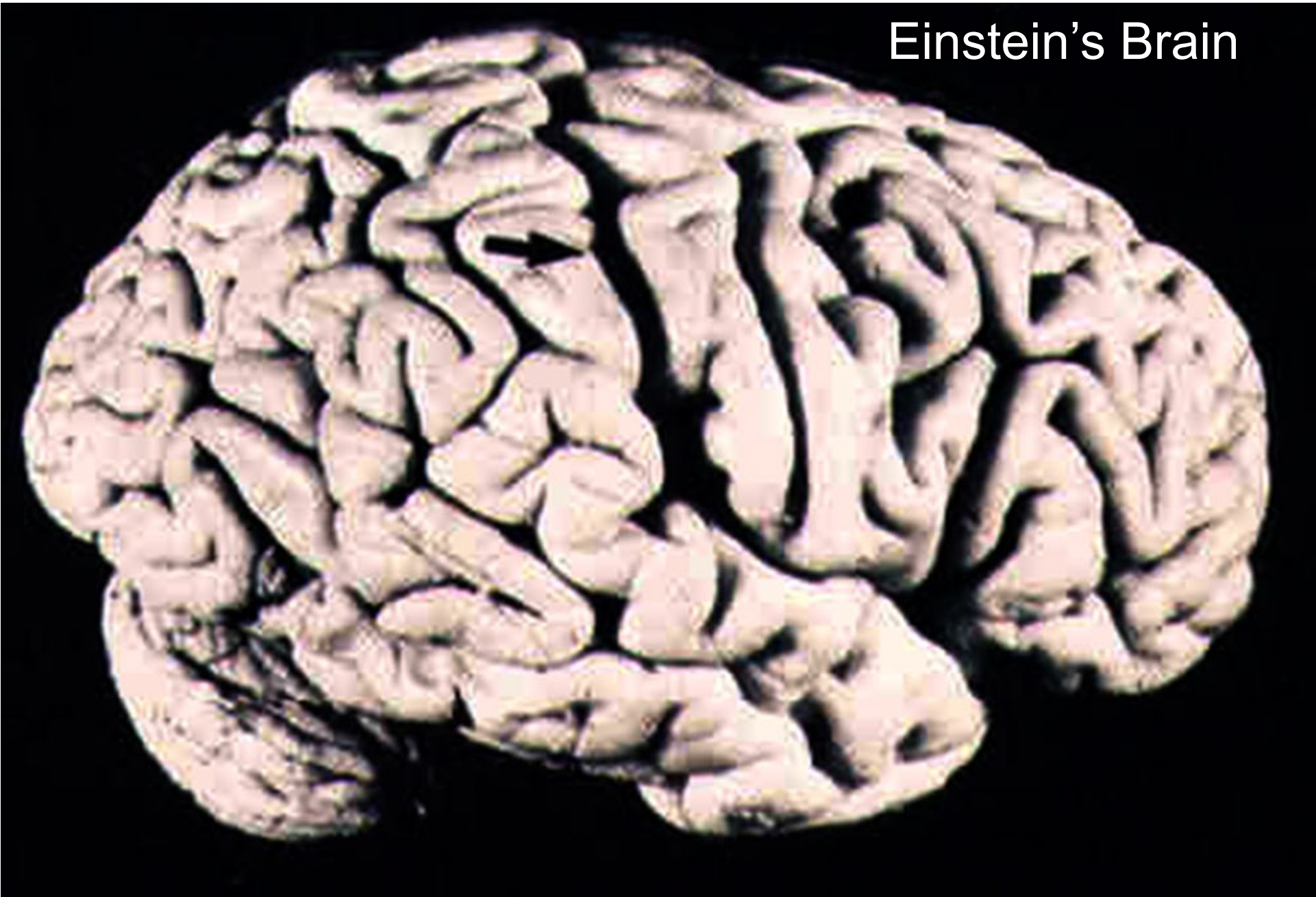
Neurology, Neuropathology, Psychiatry, Pathology, Rehabilitation,  
connected to Osaka U and Toneyama via internet







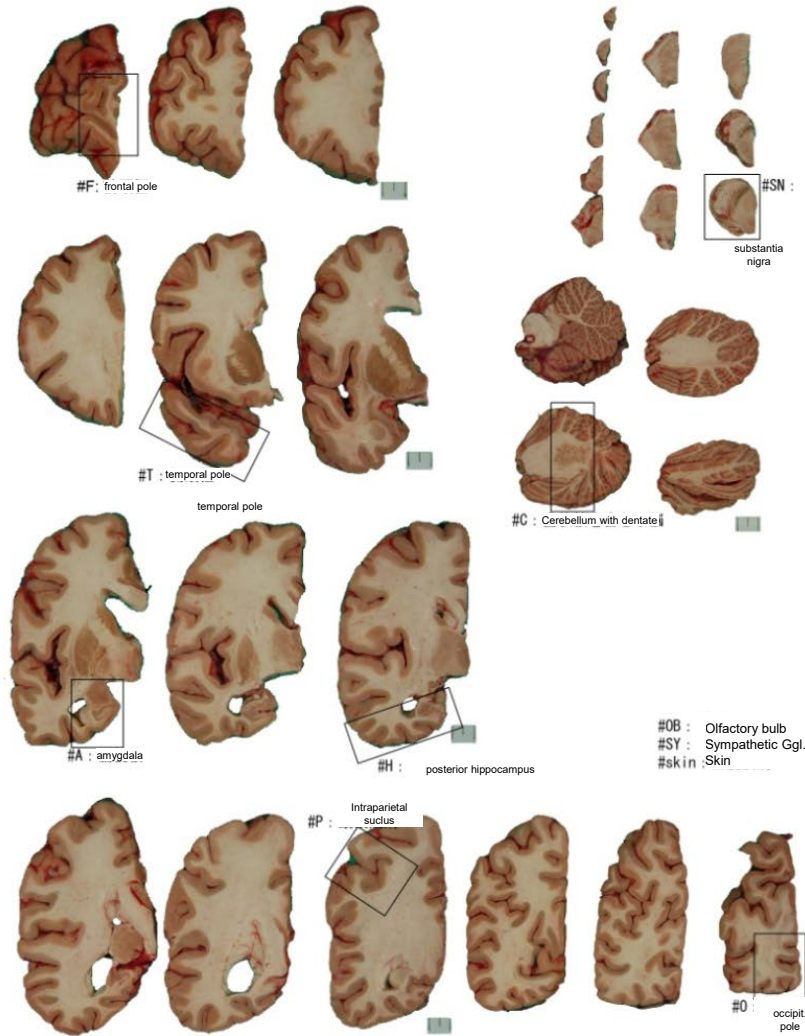
# Einstein's Brain





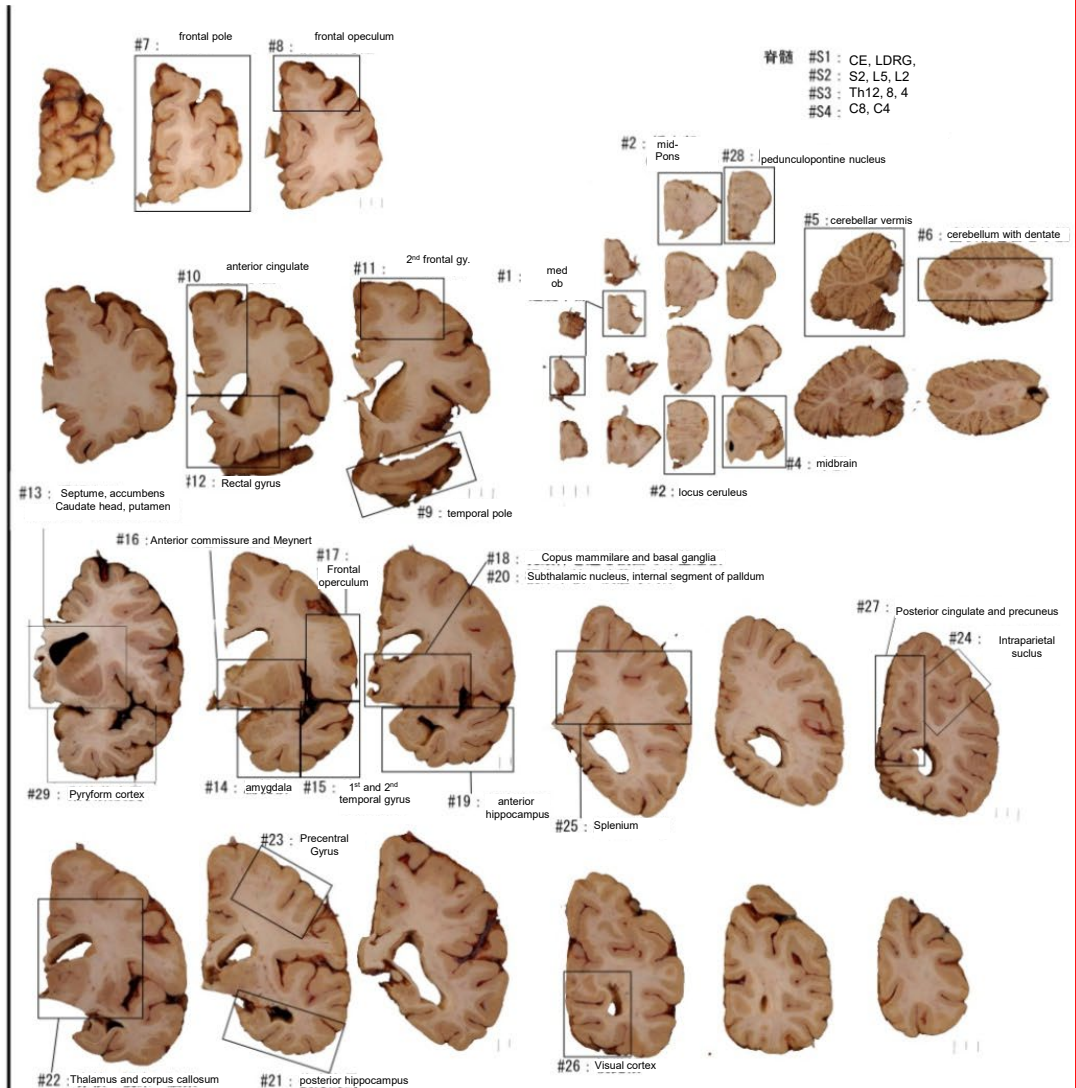


# BBAR Protocol: Fixed Side



Frozen Half

Brain: 29 areas; Spinal Cord: 9 segments



Fixed Half



# Staining

Routine: H.E., K.B.

Special: Gallyas-Braak, methenamine silver,  
Elastica Masson, Congo red, thioflavin S

Immunohistochemistry with automatic stainer (Ventana)

Epitope	Antibody	Clone
A $\beta$ 11-28aa	12B2 (IBL)	monoclonal
phosphorylated tau	AT8 (Innogene)	monoclonal
3R/ 4R tau	RD3/ RD4	monoclonal
phosphorylated $\alpha$ - synuclein	psyn64 (Wako)	monoclonal
Ubiquitin	Sigma	polyclonal
Phosphorylated TDP43	PSer409/410	monoclonal
FUS/ TLS	Sigma	polyclonal

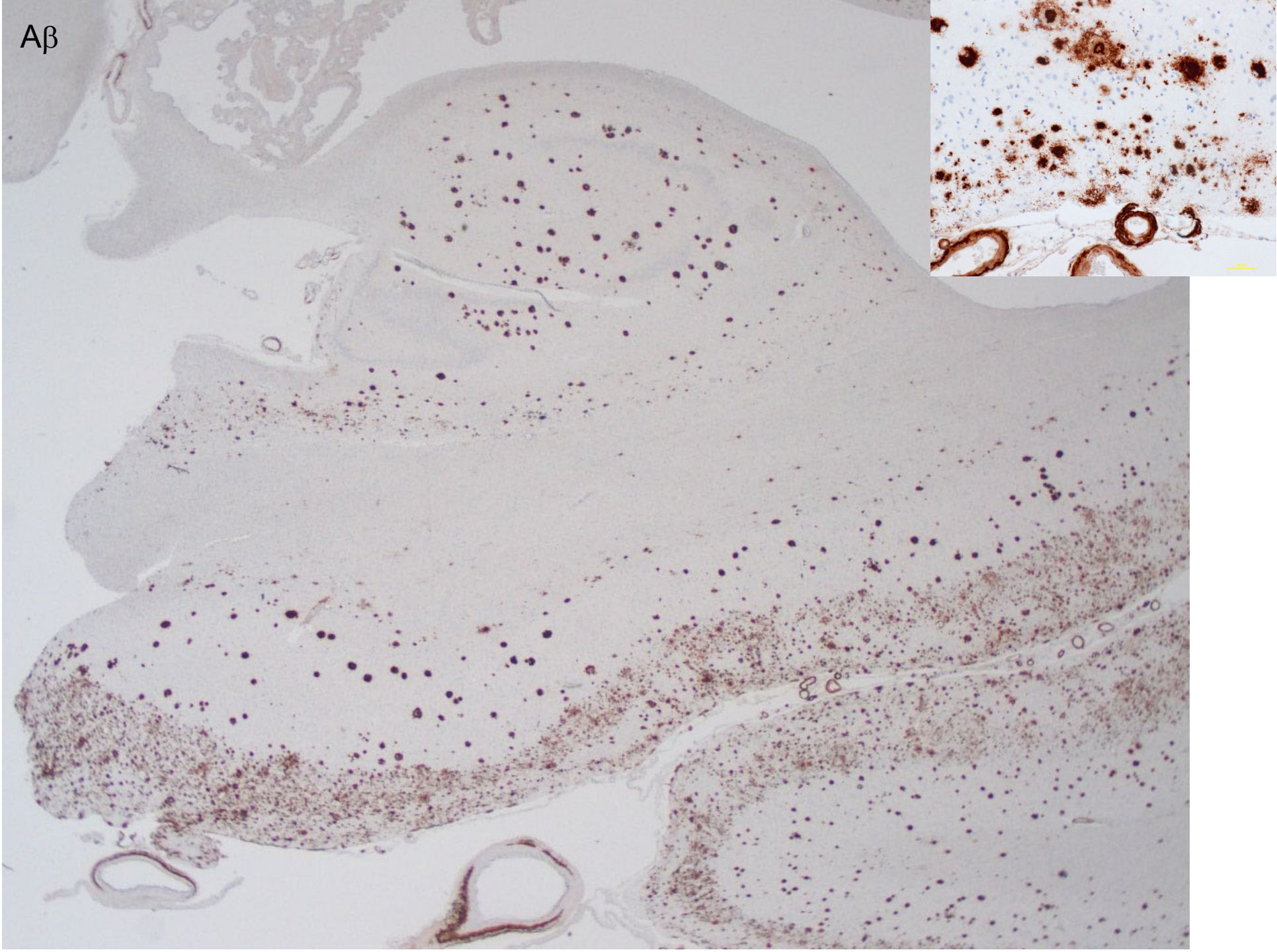


Ventana NX20 autoimmunostainer: BBAR, NCNP, MMH and Osaka Area





A $\beta$







# BBAR Degenerative Pathology Database

BBAR	Y96XX									
A/G	CDR	PMI	NFT	AT8	SP	CERAD	Thal	LB	LB score	DLB 3rd
93M	3	11:22	4/3	3/3	2	2	5	4	4	Limbic (amygdala predominant)
Grain	AA	AT	UD	TDP	ApoE	RIN				NPD
0.5/ 0.5	1C	1	3	T1M1S0	3/3	8.1				AD, LBD, CVDE

A/G age/ gender

CDR (clinical dementia rating): 0-3

PMI: postmortem interval

NFT (tangle: Braak Stage): 0-6

AT8 (tangle: AT8 Stage) 0-6

SP (senile plaque: Braak Stage): 0-3

CERAD 0-3 (0- C)

Thal (amyloid Thal Stage) 0-5

Lewy (Lewy body, BBAR Stage): 0-5

DLB score (DLB 1<sup>st</sup> Consensus Guideline)

DLB 3<sup>rd</sup> (DLB 3<sup>rd</sup> Consensus Guideline)

Grain (argyrophilic grain, Saito Stage): 0-3

AA (amyloid angiopathy, BBAR Stage): 0-3

AT (astrocytic tangle): 0-3

UD (ubiquitinated dots): 0-3

TDP (TDP-43 proteinopathy, temporal, medulla and spinal) 0-3

ApoE (apoE genotyping)

RIN (RNA integrity number)

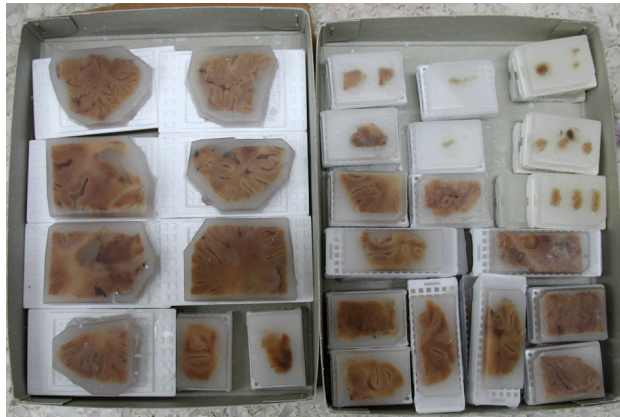
NPD: neuropathologic diagnosis (AD: Alzheimer disease; LBD: Lewy body disease; CVDE: embolic infarct)



# BBAR Protocol: Histological Examination.



Internationally Standardized  
Neuropathological Diagnostic Method



Paraffin block of >7,000 cases  
easily accessible



Library







# Brain Donors (2022/ 8) : (pre registrants: 231)

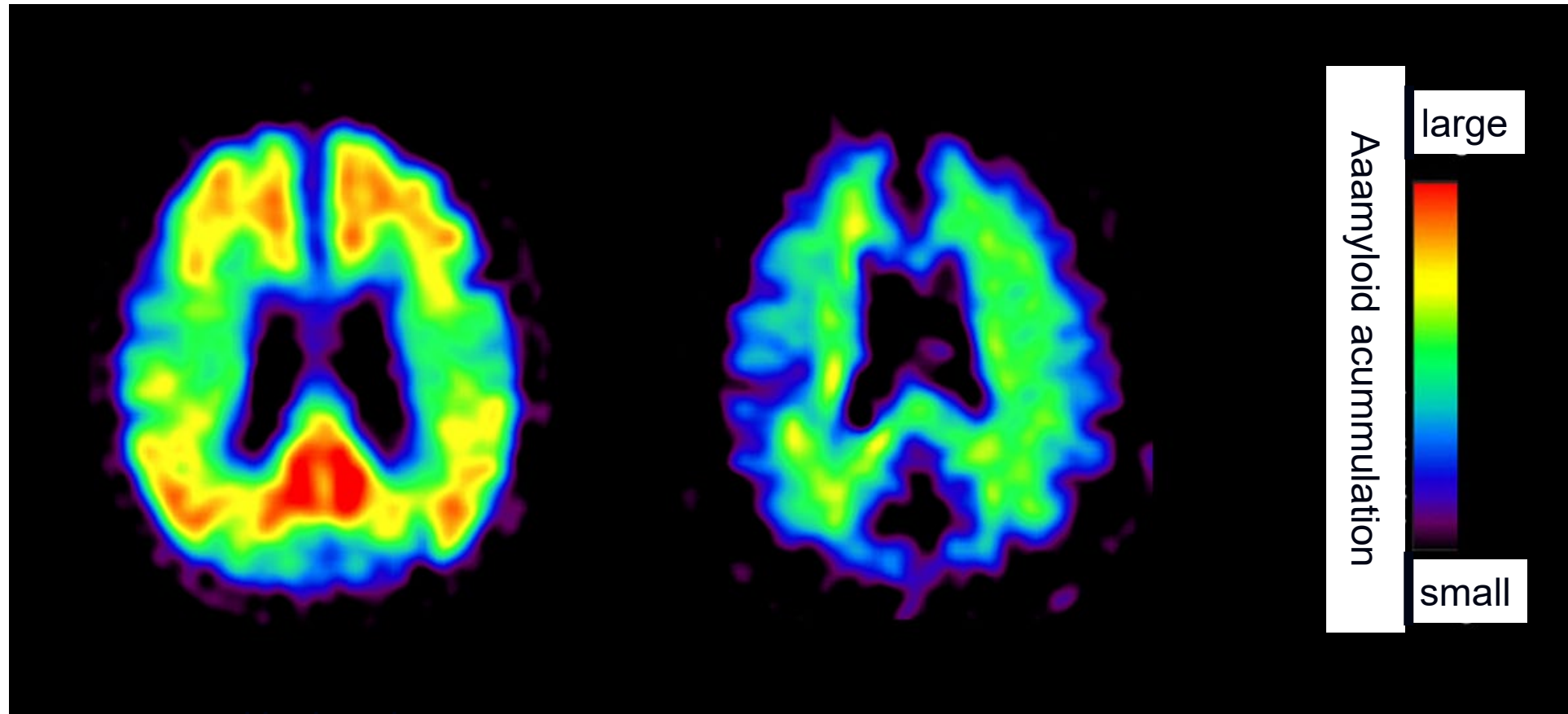
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1	80	M	(heart disease)	Self	TMIGG	28	83	W	PSP	F	Outside H/ TMIGG	55	44	M	SPG11	F	Outside H/ TMIGG	82	86	M	AGD	F	Care C/TMIGG	
2	83	M	FAD	F	Outside H/ TMIGG	29	90	W	AD	S	Outside H/ TMIGG	56	75	W	MSA	F	Care C/ TMIGG	83	65	W	CJD	F	Outside H/ TMIGG	
3	79	W	FAD	F	Outside H	30	87	W	AD	S	Outside H/ TMIGG	57	85	M	CJD MV1	S	Outside H/ TMIGG	84	72	M	TDP43 proteinopathy	S	Outside H/ TMIGG	
4	69	W	CBD-PNFA/ TDP-43 type A	F	Outside H/ TMIGG	31	95	M	AGD	S	Care C/ TMIGG	58	85	M	Renal Ca	S	Outside H/ TMIGG	85	75	M	CBD	F	TMIGG	
5	86	M	AD	F	Outside H	32	85	M	AGD	F	Outside H/ TMIGG	59	83	W	AD	F	Home/ TMIGG	86	74	W	ALS	F	TMIGG	
6	91	M	AD/CAA/DG/ HS-TDP-43	S	Outside H/ TMIGG	33	80	W	ALS	F	Outside H/ TMIGG	60	61	M	ALS	S	Outside H/ TMIGG	87	73	M	Cereb Inf	S	TMIGG	
7	84	W	PSP	S	Outside H/ TMIGG	34	80	M	SMA	F	Outside H/ TMIGG	61	86	M	Lung Ca	F	Outside H/ TMIGG	88	78	M	CJD	F	Outside H/ TMIGG	
8	89	W	(colon Ca)	S	TMIGG	35	70	W	PSP	F	Outside H/ TMIGG	62	82	W	Cereb Inf	F	TMIGG	89	74	M	PSP	F	Outside H/ TMIGG	
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14	73	M	Lung Ca	F	Outside H/ TMIGG	41	87	W	Early AD	S	Care C/ TMIGG	68	49	W	NMO	F	Outside H/ TMIGG	95	50	M	ALD	F	Outside H/ TMIGG	
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21	83	M	Mal Lymph	F	Outside H/ TMIGG	48	102	W	(influenza)	F	Outside H/ TMIGG	75	91	W	AD	F	TMIGG							
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# Amyloid ( $^{11}\text{C}$ - PIB) PET

Alzheimer's disease

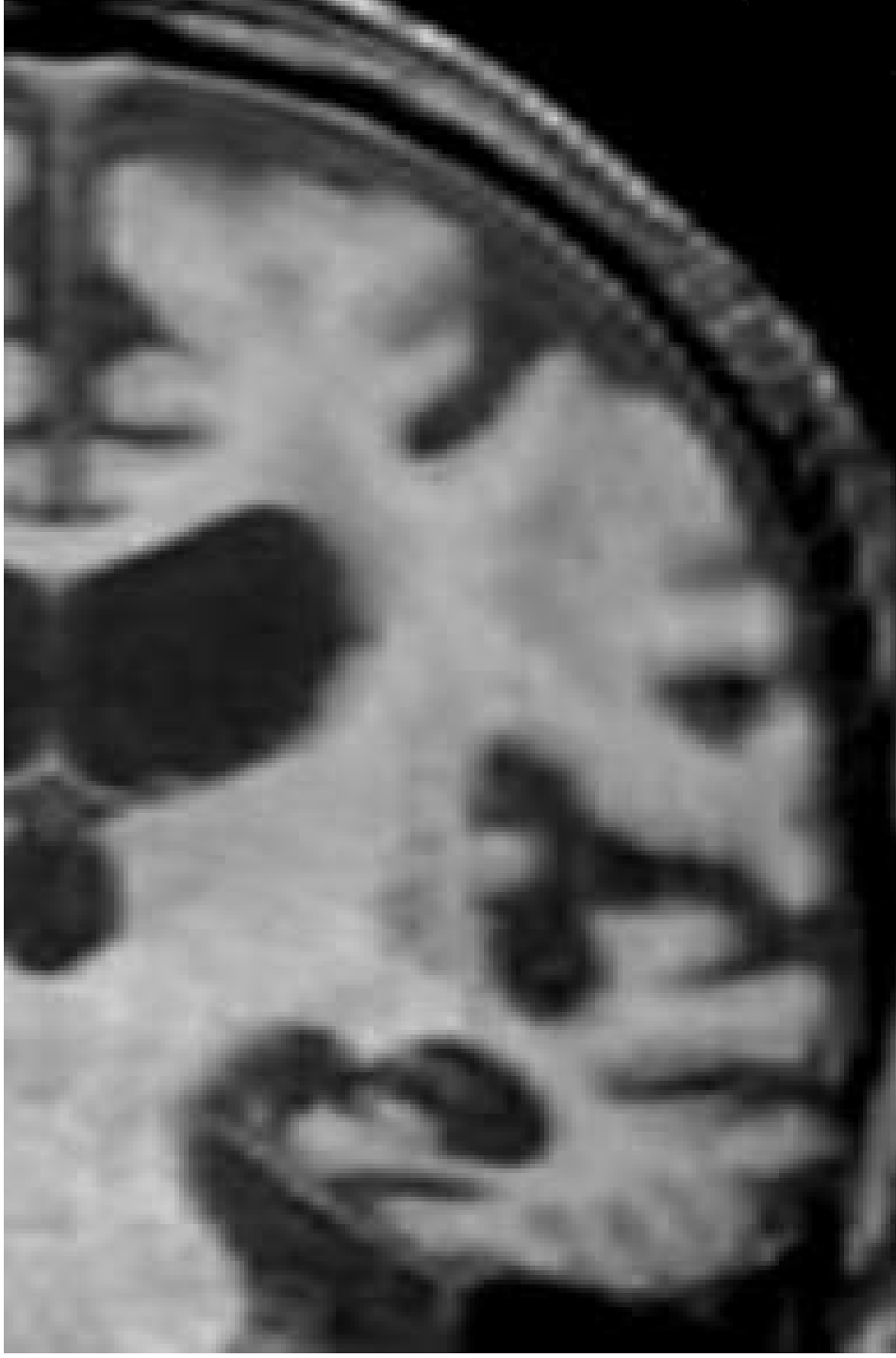
Normal Control



Husband

Wife

the Brain Bank for Aging Research Brain Donation Program

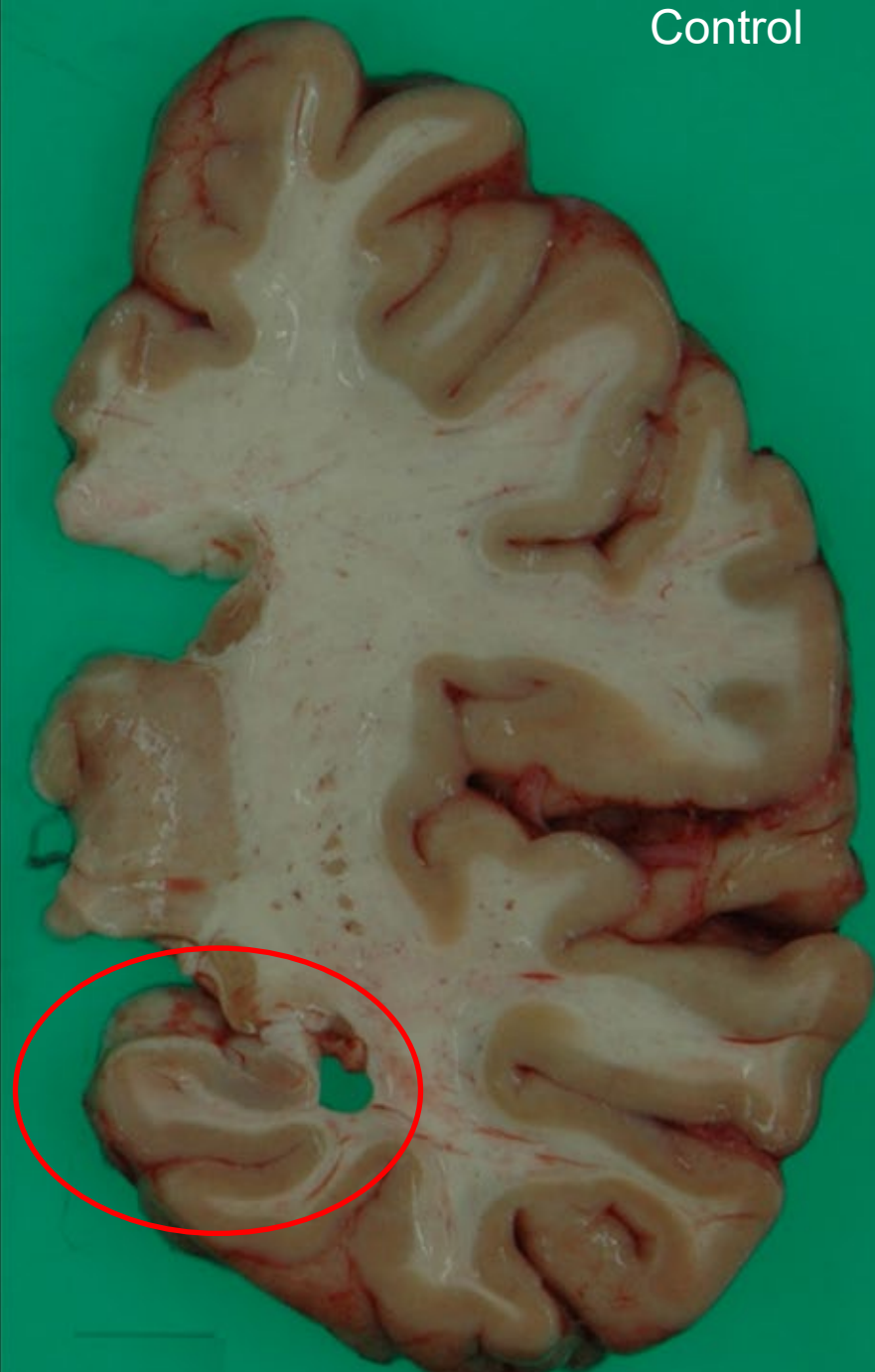




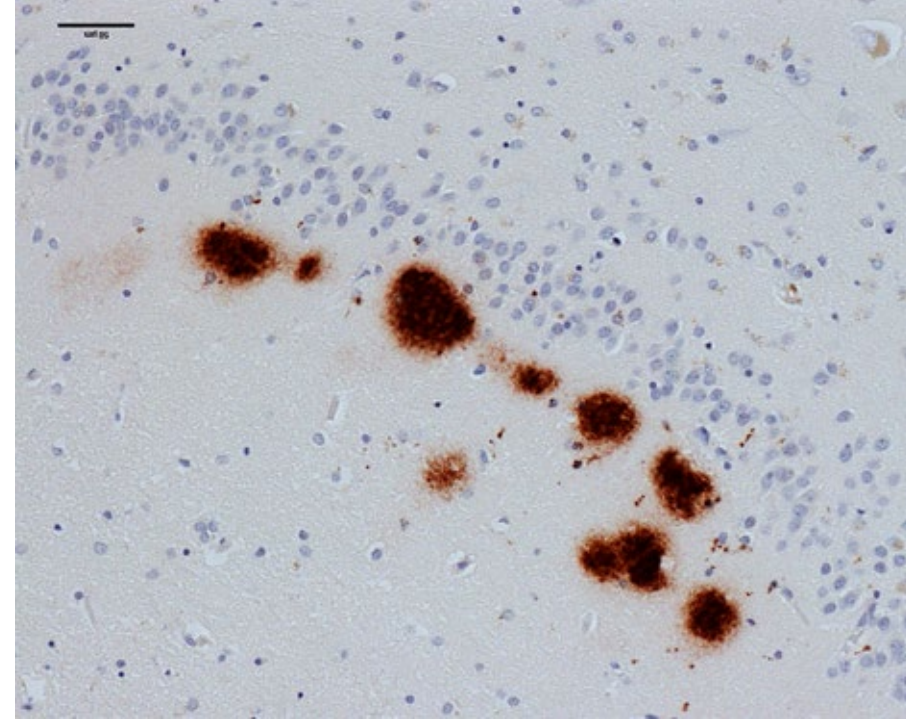
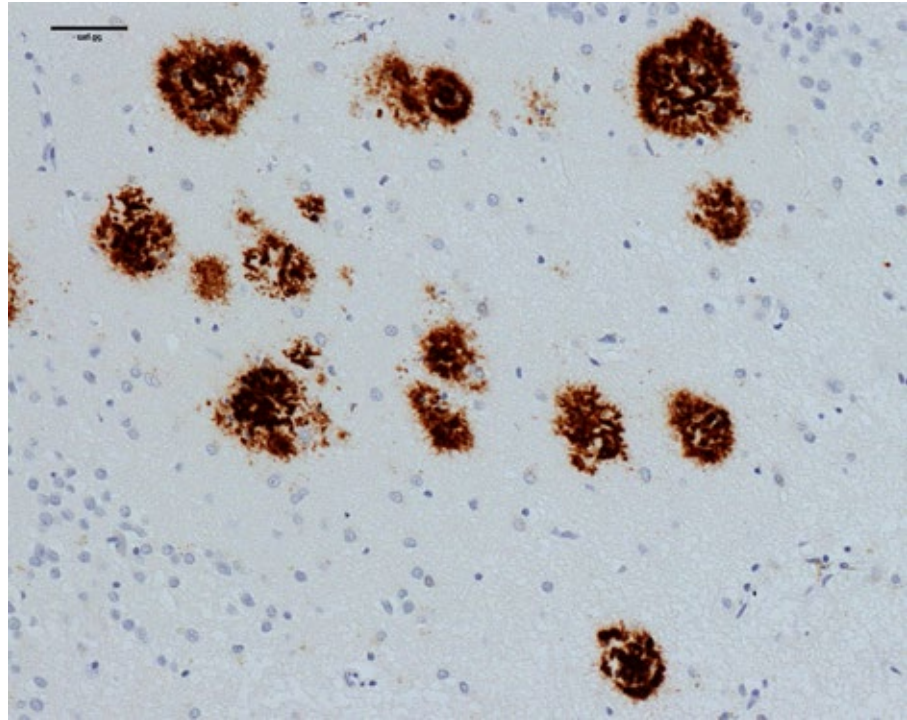
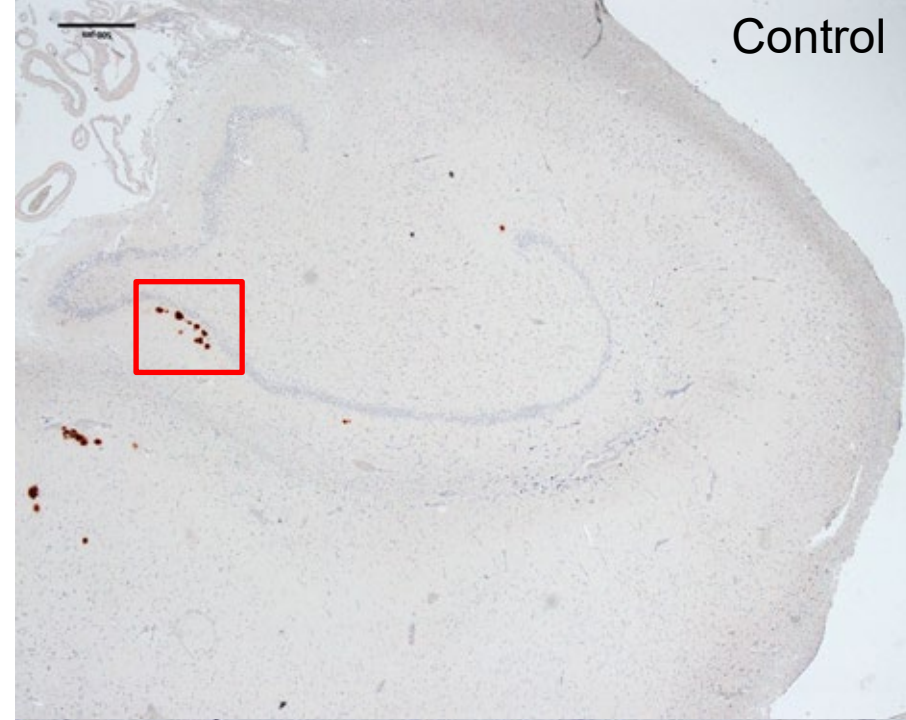
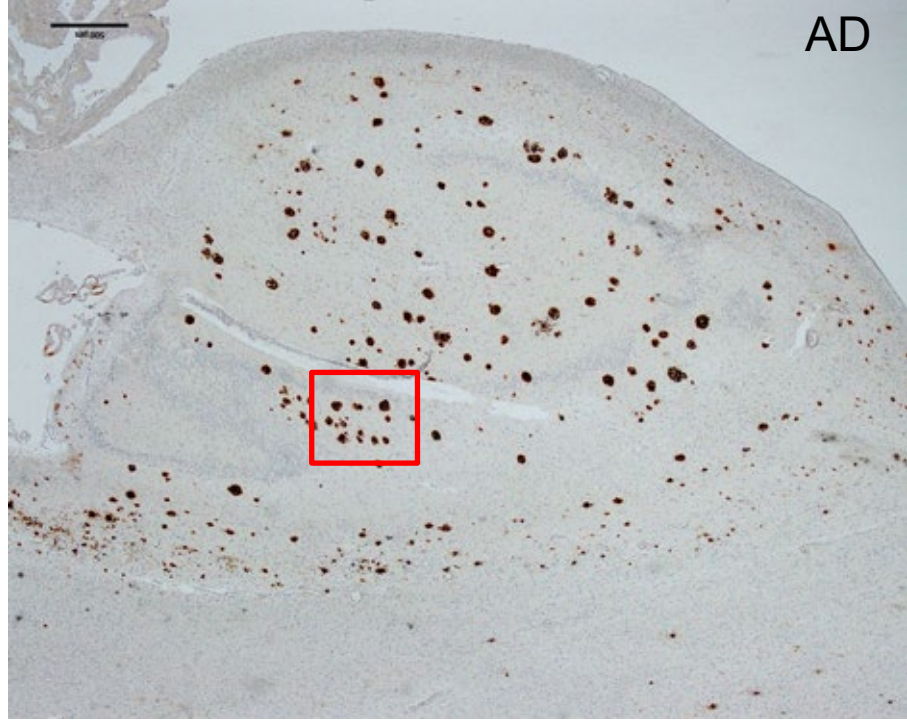
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Control









# Registration of Outside Cases

Informed consents from three parties:

The attending physician

The first kin of relatives

The attending autopsy pathologist

2011

Kashima Rosai Hosp.

CARASIL

Tohoku Univ.

AD (JADNI case)

2012

National Defense Hosp.

NMO, familial

2015

Himeji Central Hospital

AD tx A $\beta$  mb

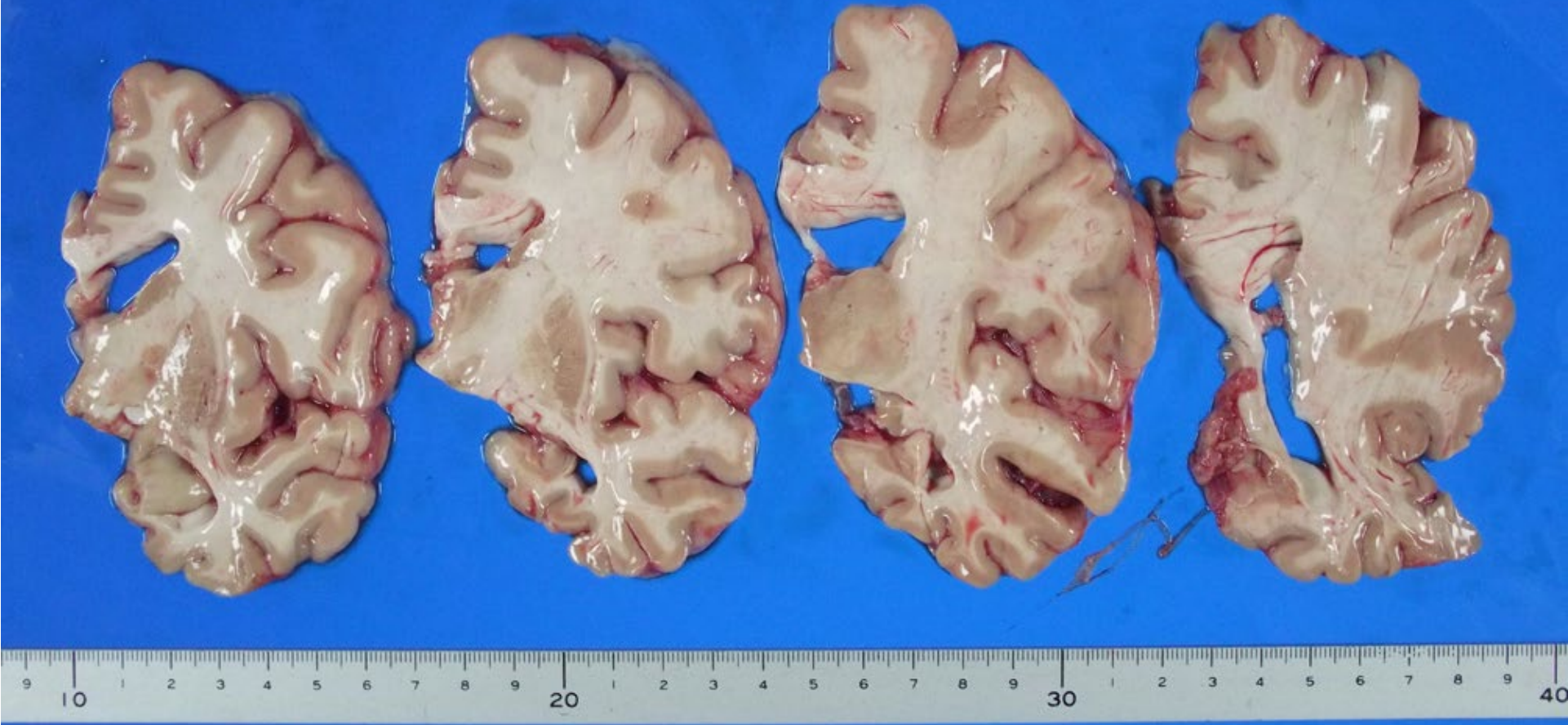
2016

Tokushima University

HDLS (CSF1 mut.)



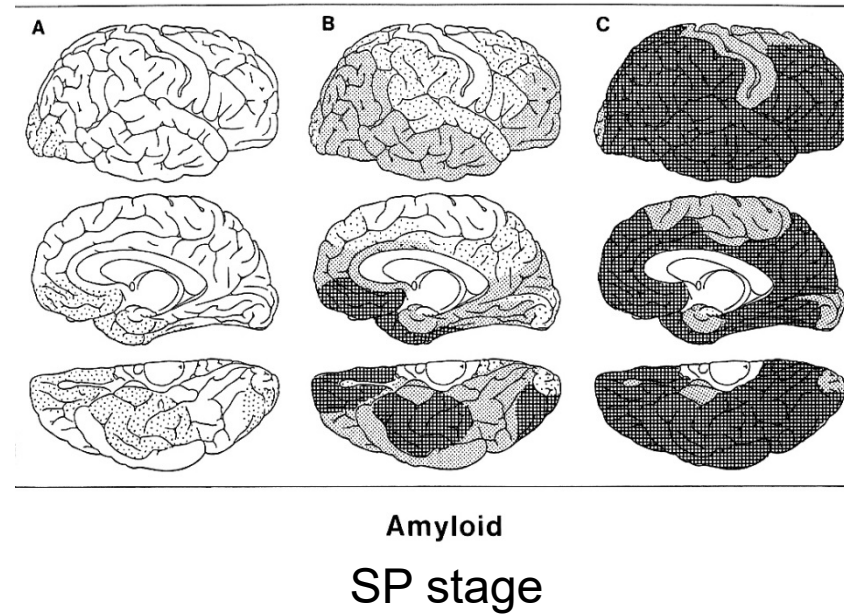
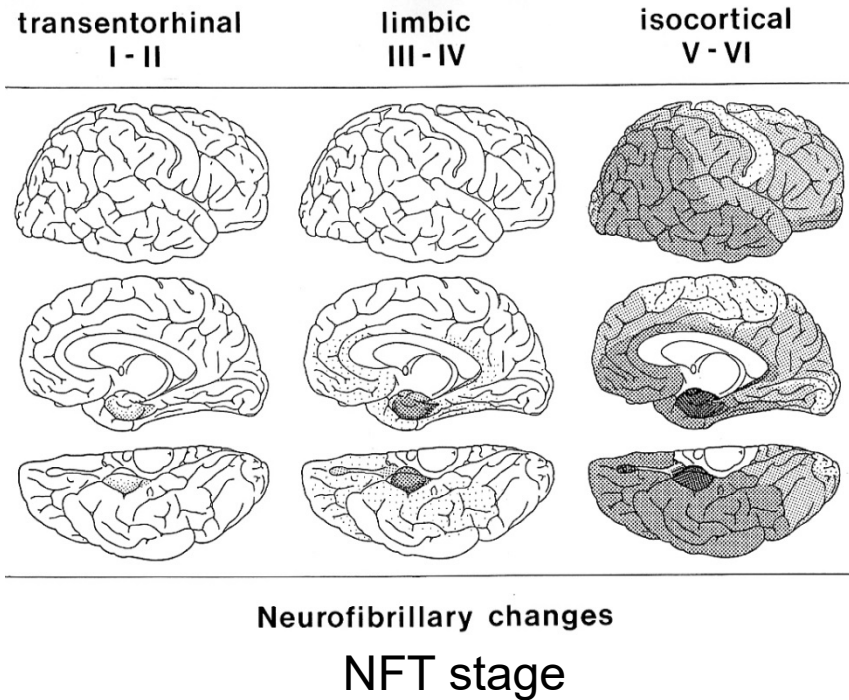
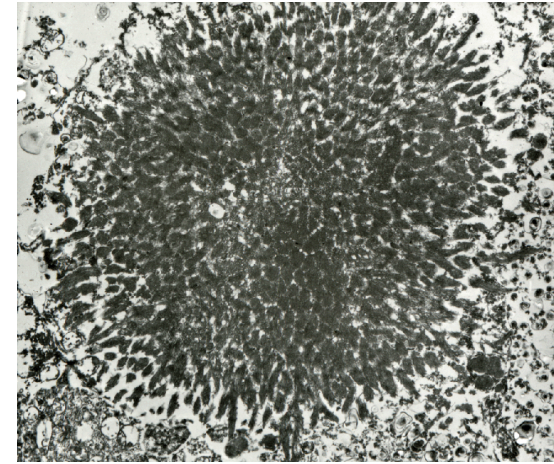
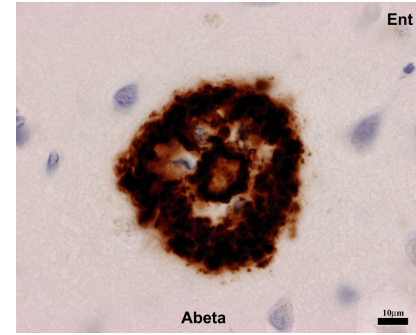
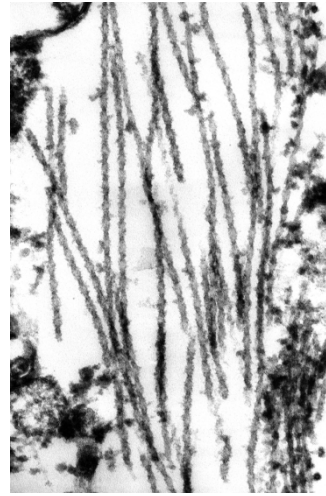
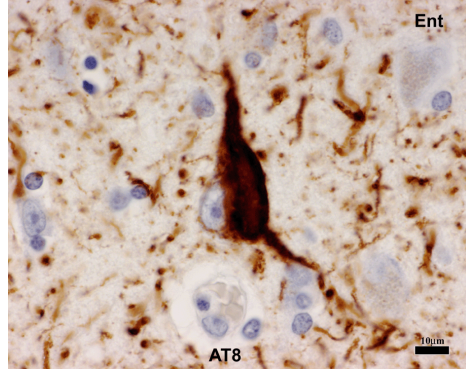
The first JADNI participant of Tohoku Univ.  
registered to BBAR just after the earthquake





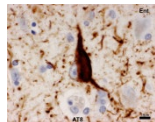
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Neuroscience	BBAR	Iwata A/ Saito Y	39	39	45	64	52	39	36	36	34(3)	40
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# BBAR adopts Braak's Staging of Alzheimer Pathology

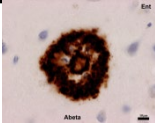




Braak  
NFT/ SP



# DNA Resource (1,890 cases)

	0	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	計
0	34 66.3	314 75.8	102 81.8	46 85.6	12 85.4	1 81.0	0 -	509 77.5
A	16 75.5	350 78.0	149 83.6	74 86.2	23 88.6	1 99.0	0 -	613 80.6
B	8 76.1	169 79.9	91 82.8	70 85.6	23 91.2	2 82.0	1 94.0	364 82.4
C	3 76.0	50 79.4	51 83.0	80 84.5	80 86.6	100 86.4	40 83.9	404 84.4
計	61 70.5	883 77.7	393 82.9	270 85.4	138 87.6	104 86.4	41 84.1	1890 80.9

Case #  
Average Age

Alzheimer Disease: 220/ 1890 = 11.6%



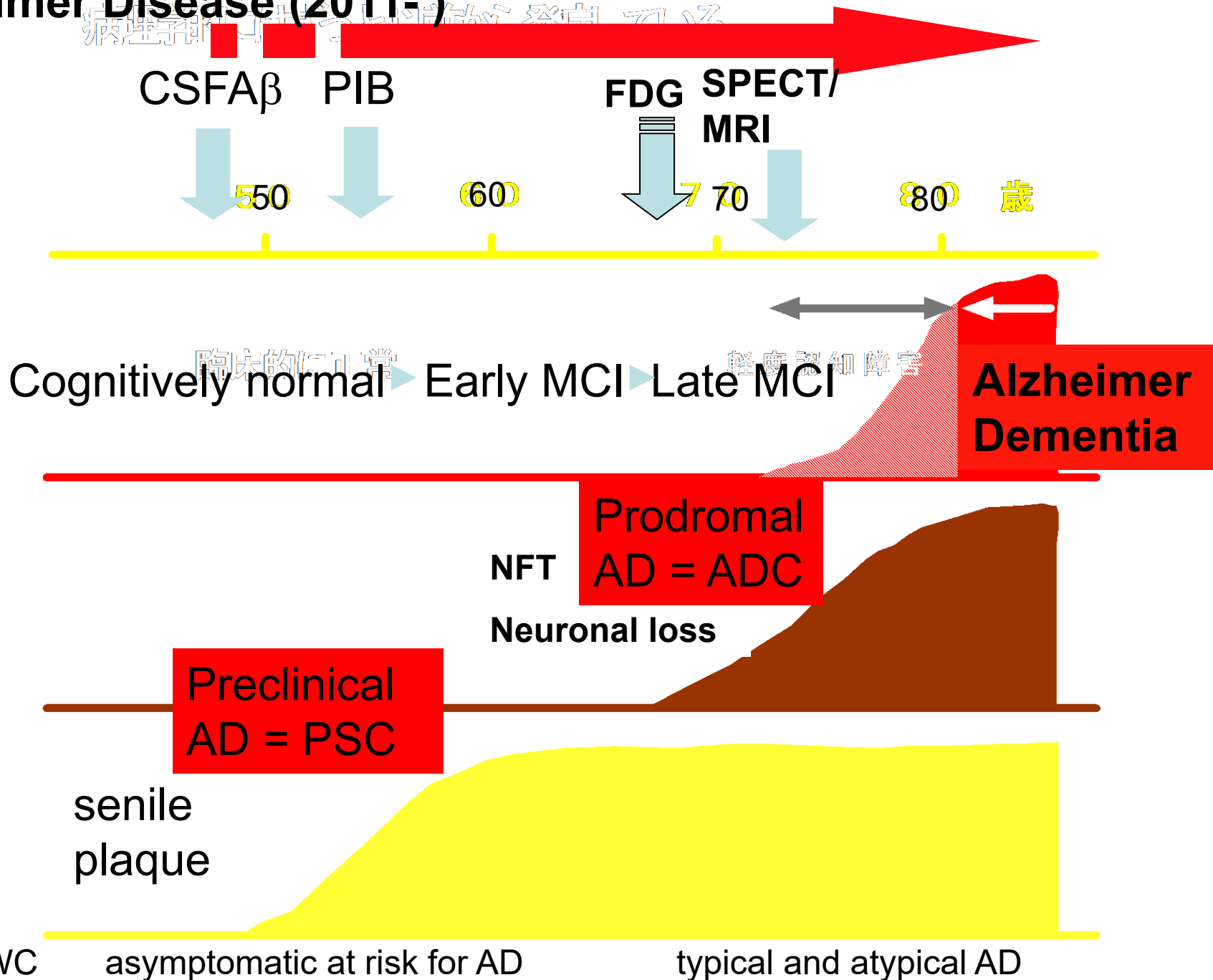
# Categorization based on Braak's Staging

		NFT STAGE							
		0	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	
S P	0	MSC (49.9%)			NFTC (8.0%)				
	A								
	B	PSC (21.9%)			ADC (20.1%)				
	C								

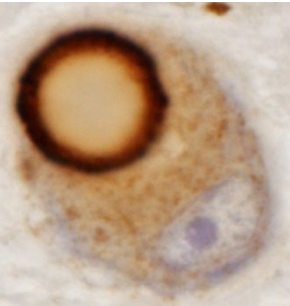
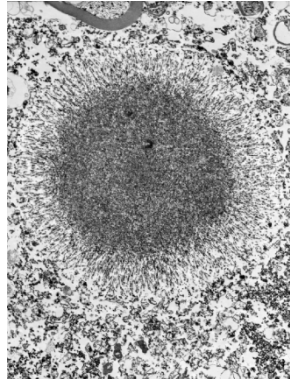
MSC: minimal senile change; NFTC: NFT dominant change  
PSC: plaque- dominant change; ADC: Alzheimer disease change



# Alzheimer Disease (2011-)



# BBAR Lewy Body Stage

Stage	SN		LB		LB Score	Dement	PA	
	Loss of pigment	ANS (preG)	SN/ Stri	Limb./ NeoCx.				
0	-	-	-	-	0			
0.5	-	+/-	+/-	+/-	0			
I	-	+/-	+/-	+/-	0-10			<b>preclinical</b>
II	+	+/-	+	+/-	0-10	-	-	<b>prodromal</b>
III	+	+	+	+	0-2(10)	-	+	<b>PD w/o D</b>
IV	+	+	+	+	3-6	+	+/-	<b>PDD/DLBL</b>
V	+	+	+	+	7-10	+	+/-	<b>PDD/DLBN</b>

**Saito Y et al: J Neuropath Exp Neurol (2004)**



# High quality of the resource from the Japanese Brain Banks

- Japanese brain banks are based on general autopsy and recover body organs as well as brains. Brain banks in US and Europe only recover brains.
- The Brain Bank Committee, Japanese Society of Neuropathology guides brain banks to keep quality control of neuropathological diagnosis. In US and Europe, neuropathological reports of brain banks are for research use only and usually handled by Ph.D. or its candidates.
- The recovery of brain bank resource was done by neuropathologists in Japan. In US and Europe, technicians are responsible for brain banking.
- Neuropathological examination of neurodegenerative disorders follow CJD surveillance protocols: clinical and radiological findings, CSF biomarkers, mutation analysis of *prion* gene, Western blotting and immunohistochemistry with anti-prion antibody of autopsy brains.





# CJD Surveillance Committee Pathology Core (I)

- To promote autopsies of prion disease.
- To receive autopsies of outside cases.
- To report to the surveillance committee autopsy- proven prion cases (pathology route)
- To establish a national prion back- up bank.
- To study natural course of prion disease.

Grants in Aid from Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare, Japan



# CJD Surveillance Committee Pathology Core (II)

- Clinical and radiological findings, CSF biomarkers, analysis of prion gene, immunocytochemistry and Western blots of postmortem brains form a neuropathological diagnostic base of neurodegenerative disorders in Japan.
- BBAR guides neuropathological diagnostic protocol in close collaboration with the Brain Bank Committee and the Prion Autopsy Promotion Committee, the Japanese Society of Neuropathology.

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# BBAR Lewy Pathology Report

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*JNEN*

Senile Brain

Sakashita, 2021  
*Neuropathology*

Submandibular Grand  
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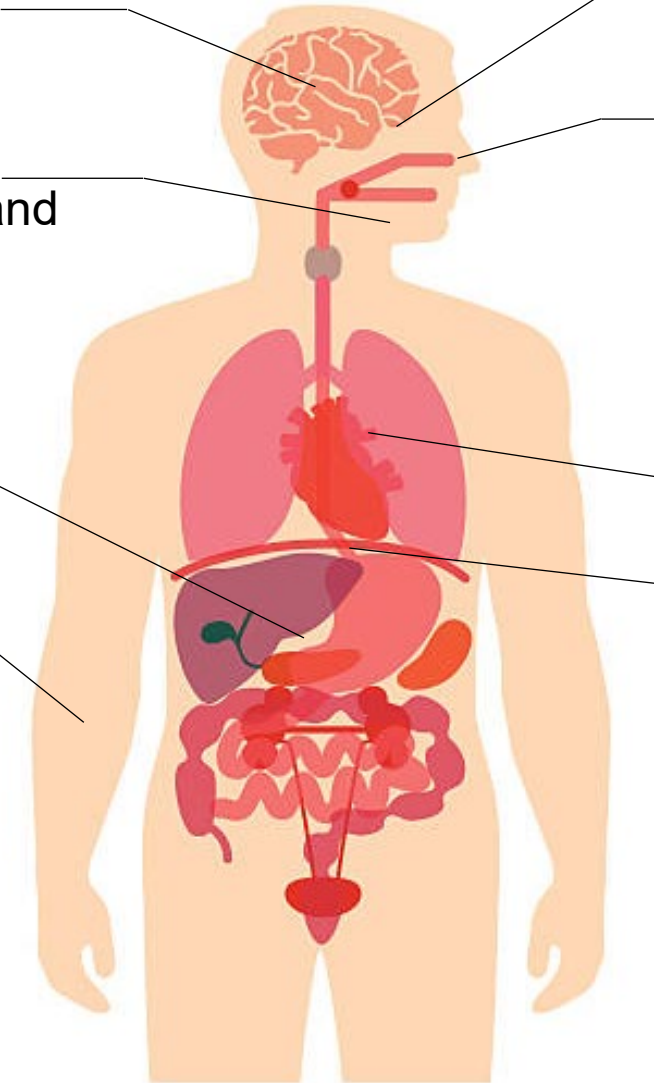
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GI tract

Ikemura, 2008  
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Skin

Sumikura, 2015  
*Acta Neuropath Com*  
DRG, Spinal cord



Sengoku, 2008

*JNEN (Cover)*

*(Moore Award)*

Olfactory bulb

Funabe, 2013

*Neuropathology*

*(Jsnp Award)*

Saito 2016

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Olfactory Epithelium

Mitsui, 2006

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Heart

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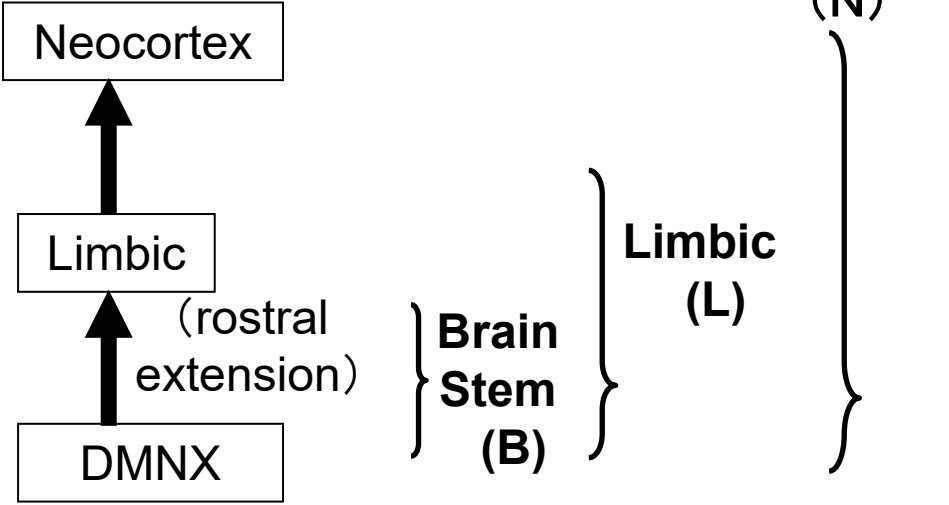
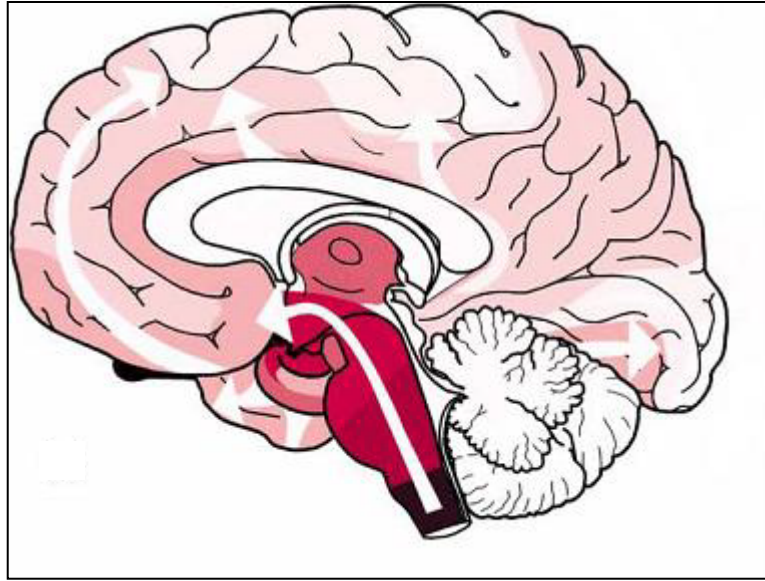






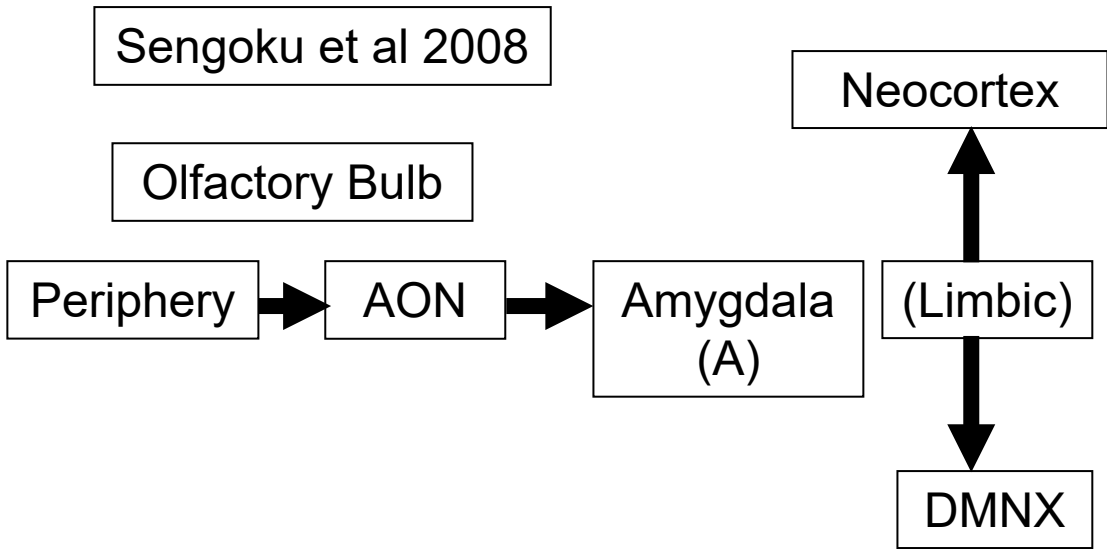
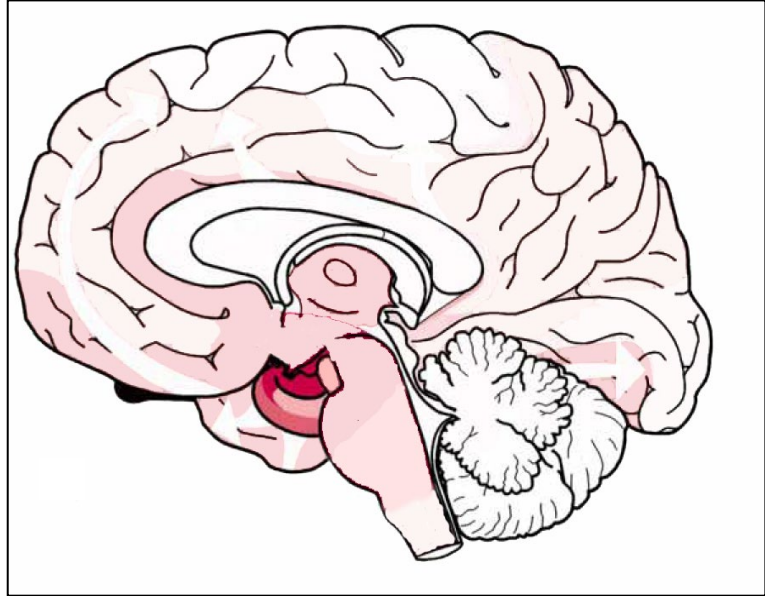
# Braak's Rostral Extension Pradigm of Lewy body pathology

Body First



# Olfactory- Amygdala Extension of Lewy body pathology

Brain First





# ***American Association of Neuropathologists***

## **Moore Award**

*Presented to*

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*For the Best Paper on Clinico-Pathological Correlation*

Incidence and Extent of Lewy Body-Related  $\alpha$ -synucleinopathy in  
Human Aging Olfactory Bulb


San Diego, California

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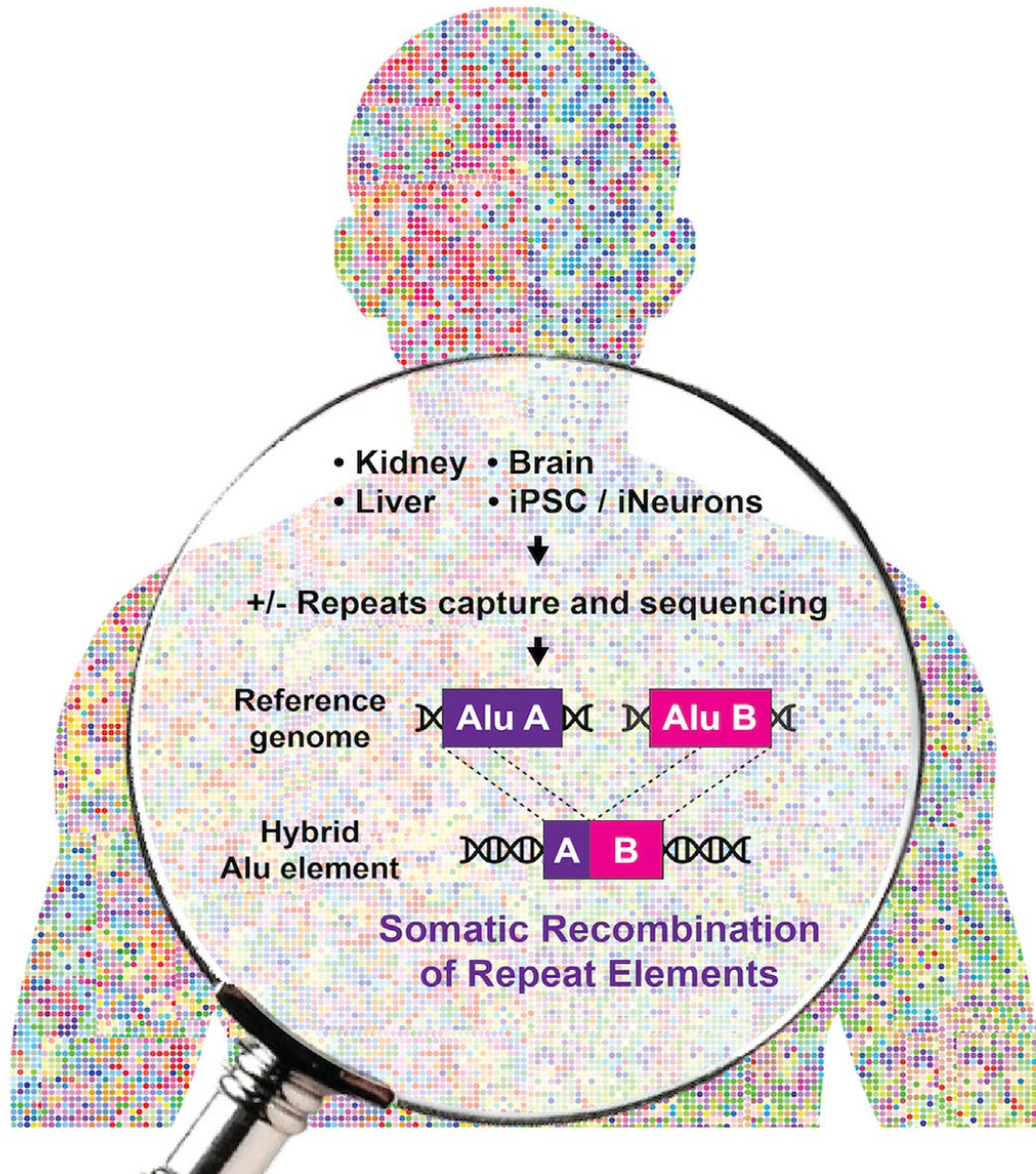
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Secretary-Treasurer



# Recombination of repeat elements generates somatic complexity in human genomes

Cell 185, 3025–3040, August 4, 2022



1. Somatic recombination of Alu and L1 elements is widespread in the human genome.
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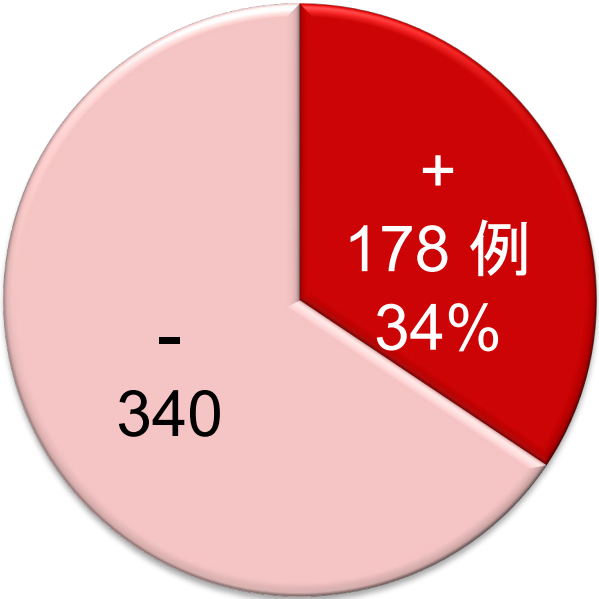
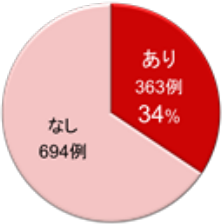
All post-mortem human samples were obtained from the Brain Bank for Ageing Research



# Lewy body disease body resource

One third of geriatric cohort contained Lewy pathology in the body.

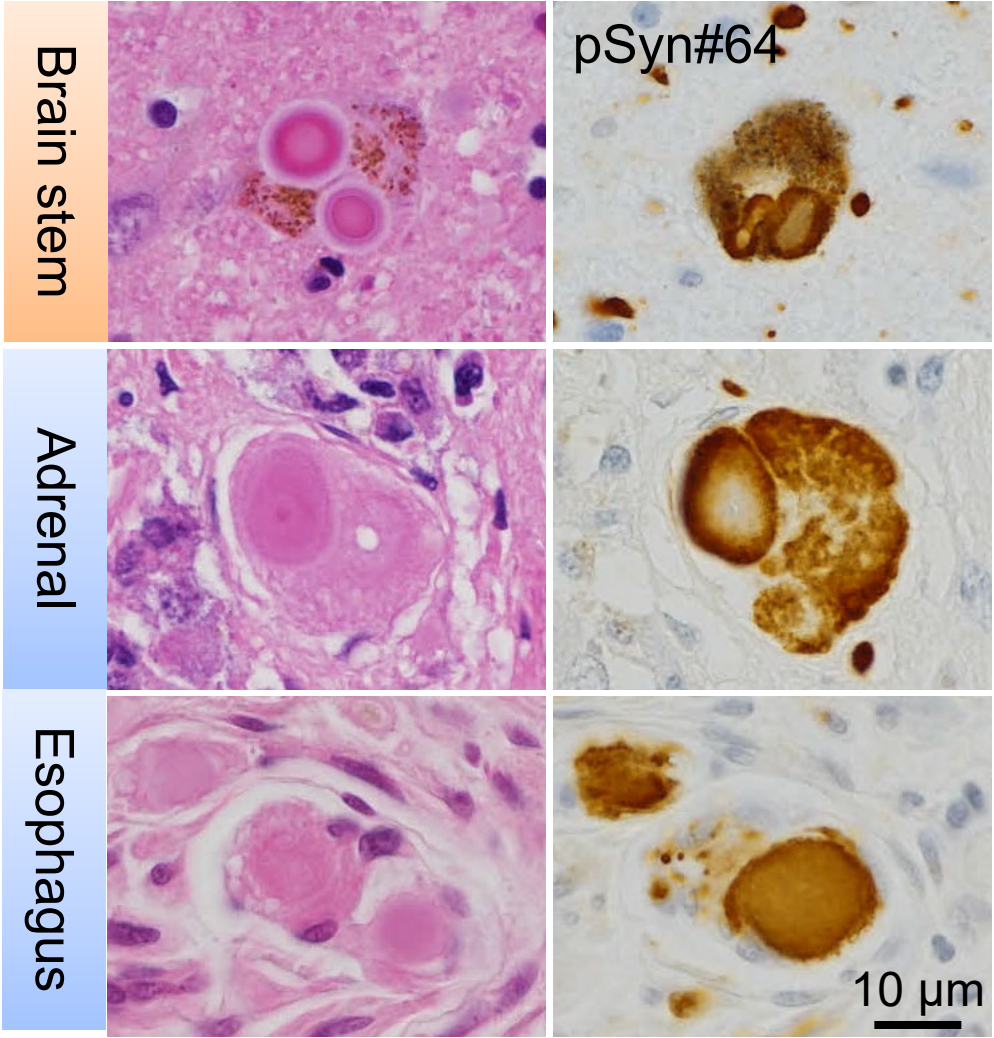
TMIGG consecutive autopsy cases 1,057 (2003~2018)



518 (2008- 2018)

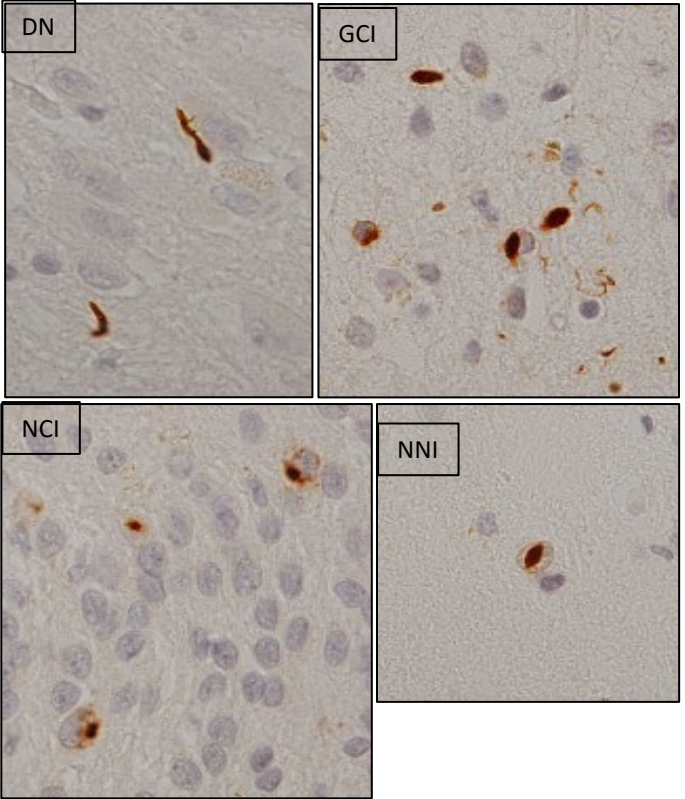
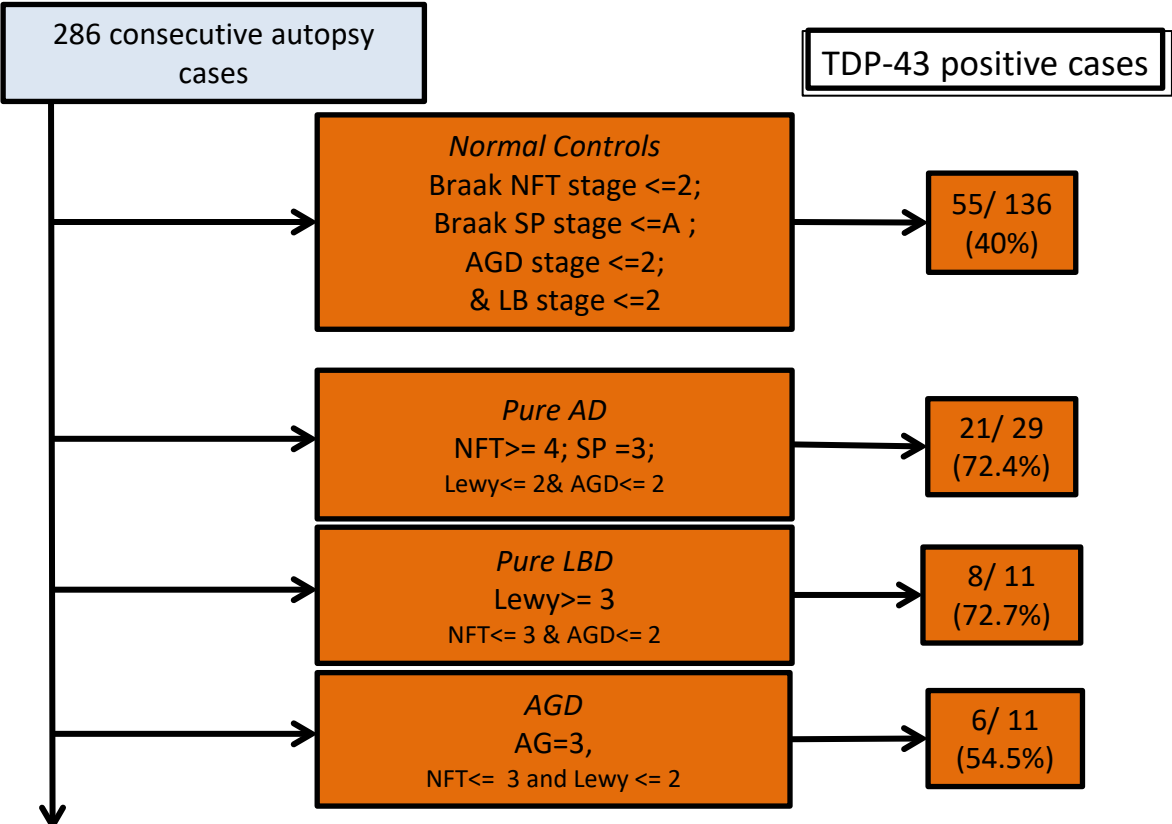
To examine GI tracts carefully

Acta Neuropathologica Tanei et al 2021





# Incidence of TDP-43 proteinopathy in aging human brain



**Mixed Pathology**  
AD+ LBD (5/ 6), AD+ AGD (3/ 3), AD+ PSP (1/ 1), AD+ HS (1/ 1),  
LBD+ AGD (1/ 1), LBD+ PSP (0/ 1), AGD+ HS (1/ 1)

**Other Degenerative and Specific Pathology**  
HS (2/ 2), NFTD (3/ 6), CJD (0/ 4), MSA (2/ 3), SCA6 (2/ 2), PSP (2/ 2), DRPLA (0/ 1),  
CBD (1/ 1), SCA3 (0/ 1), MELAS (0/ 1), ALS- TDP (4/ 4), FTLD-TDP (1/ 1)

**Intermediate Pathology not fulfilling above diagnostic criteria**  
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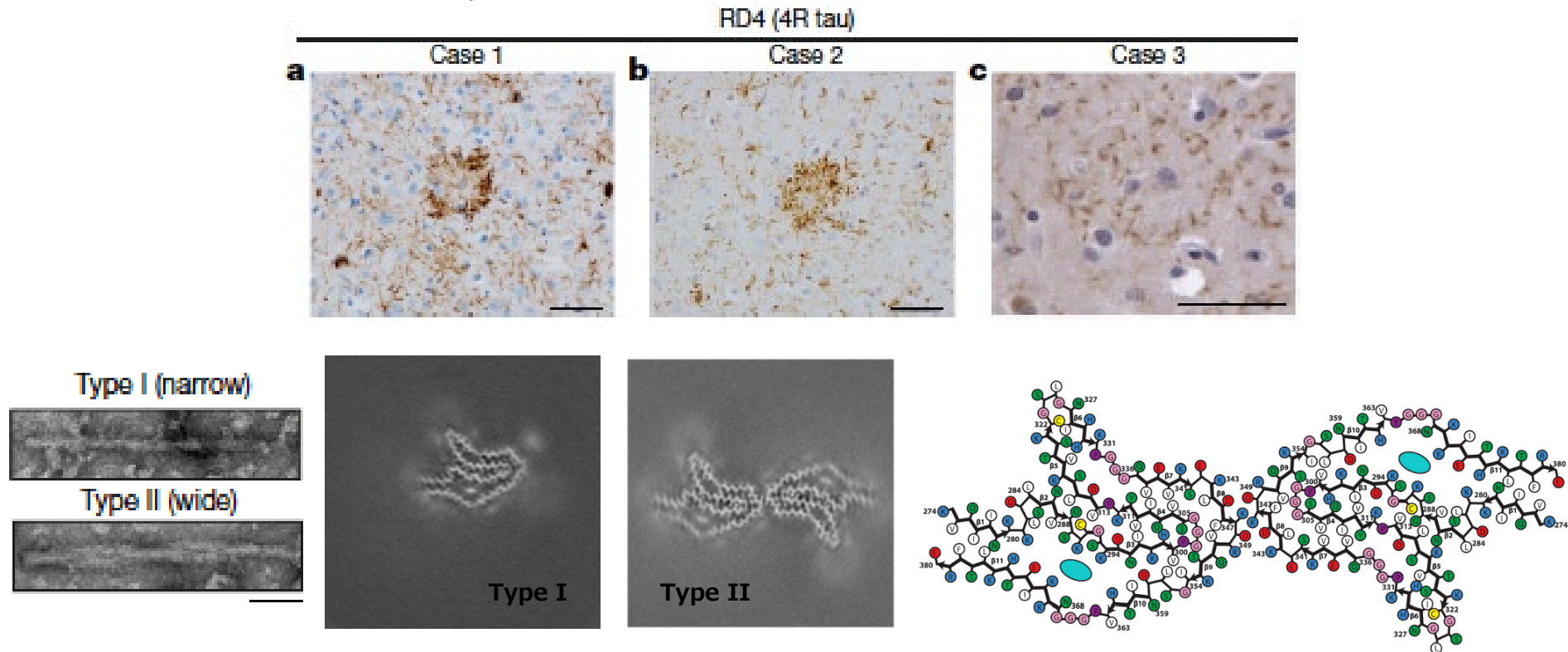
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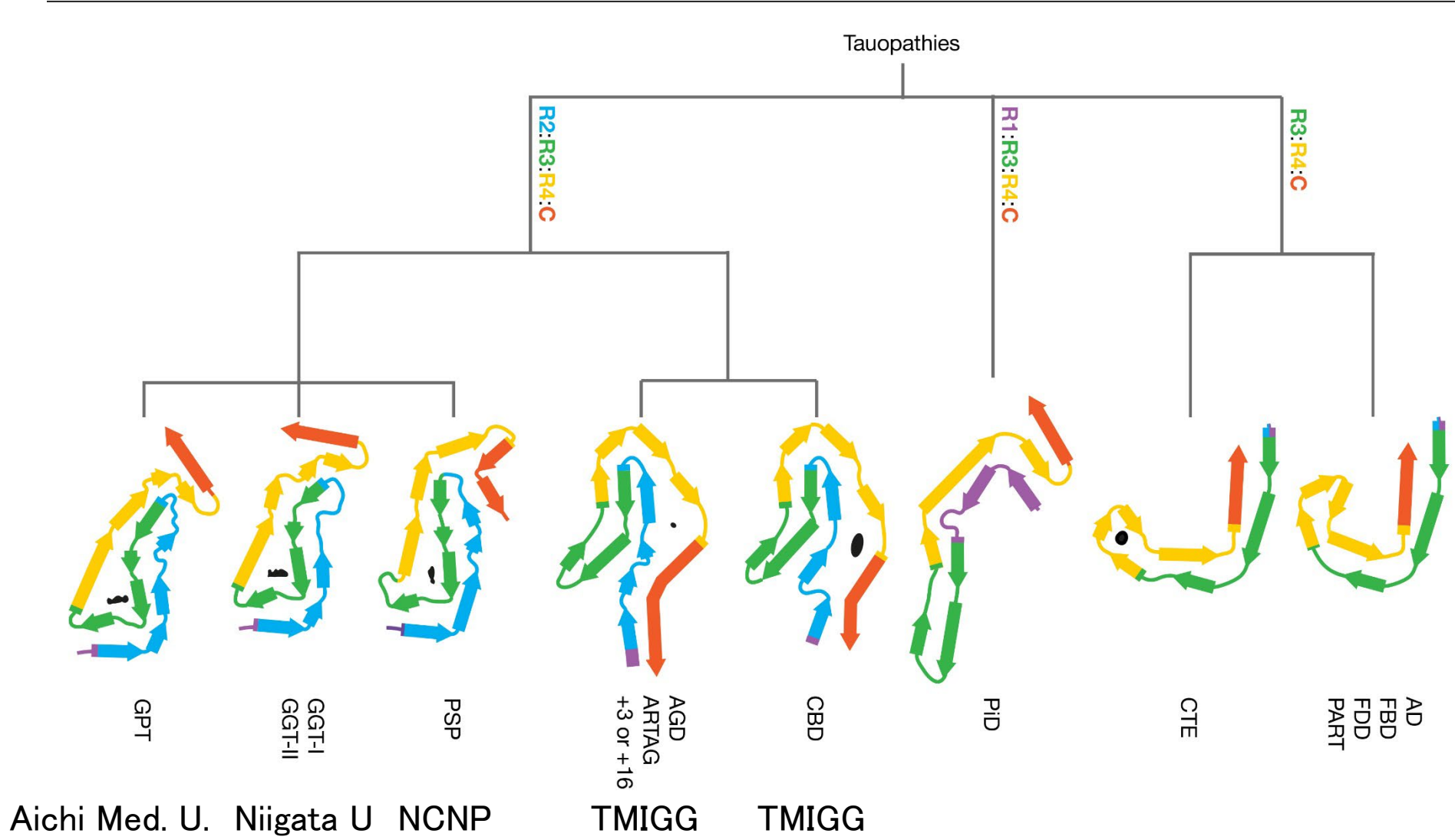






# Structure- based classifications of tauopathies

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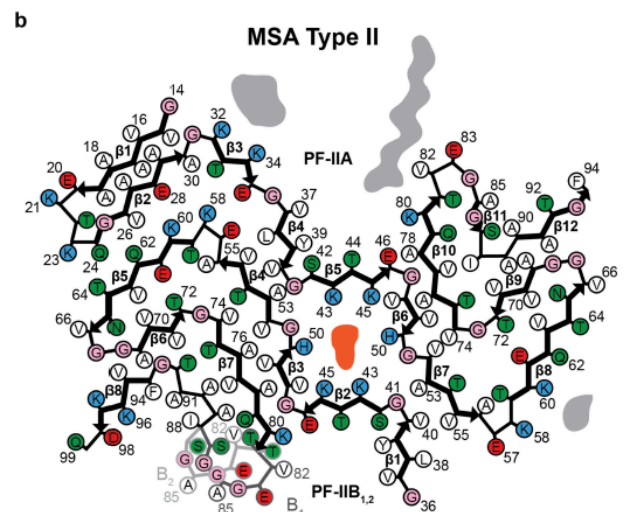
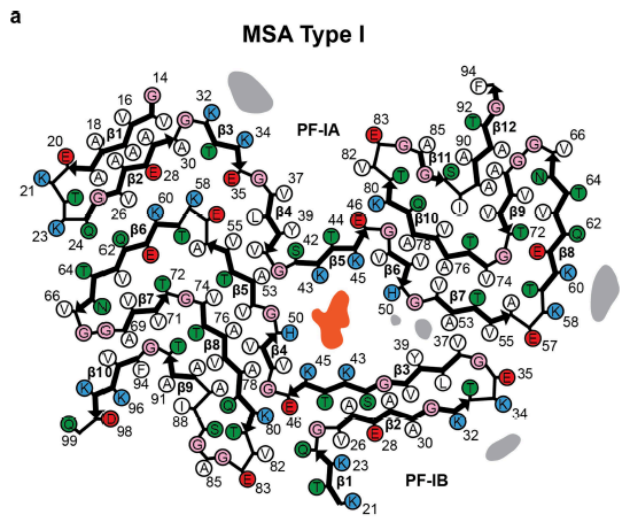
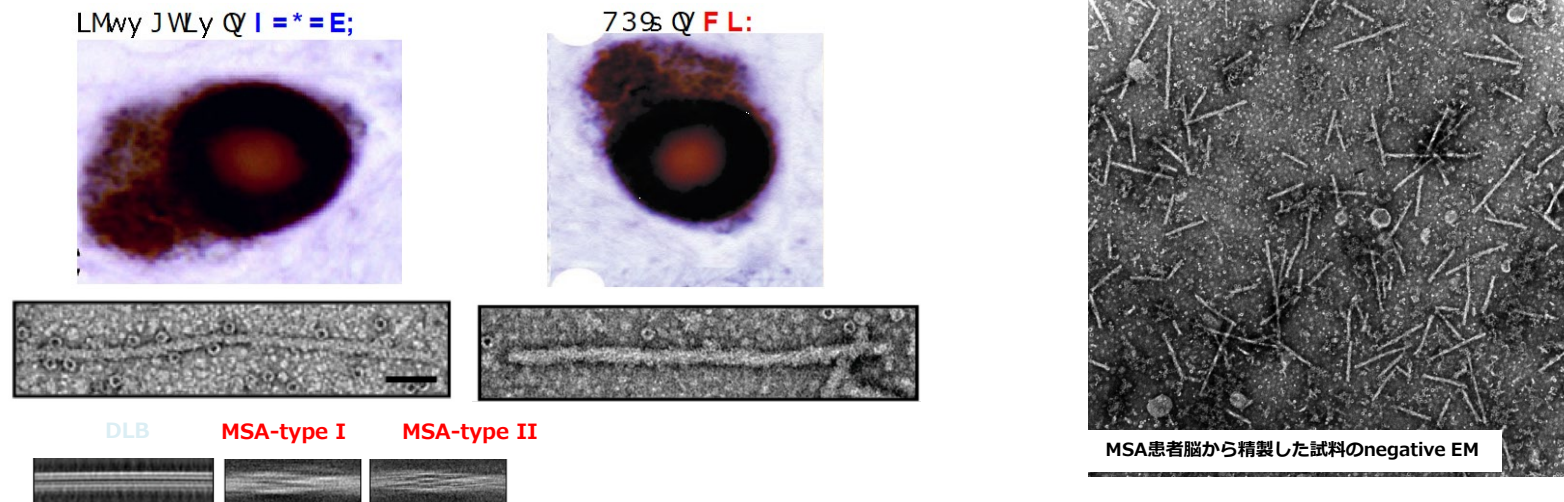
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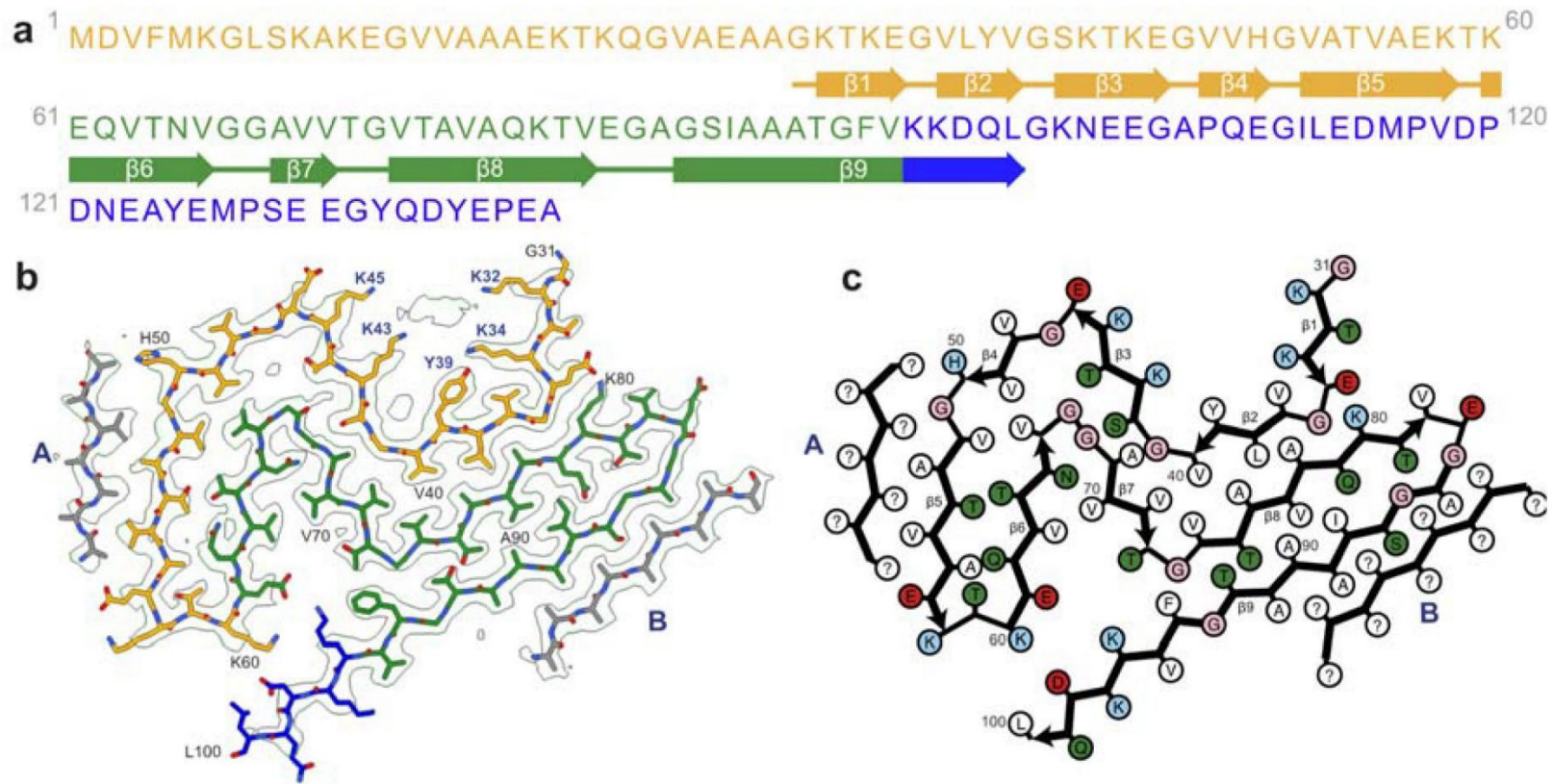
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**Figure 2. Cryo-EM structure of  $\alpha$ -synuclein filaments from Parkinson's disease, Parkinson's disease dementia and dementia with Lewy bodies (Lewy fold). (a).** Amino acid sequence of human  $\alpha$ -synuclein. N-terminal region (residues 1-60) in orange, NAC region (residues 61-95) in green and C-terminal region (residues 96-140) in blue. Thick connecting lines with arrowheads indicate  $\beta$ -strands. **(b).** Cryo-EM density map and atomic model of the Lewy fold. The filament core extends from G31-L100. Islands A and B are indicated in grey. **(c).** Schematic of the Lewy filament fold of  $\alpha$ -synuclein. Negatively charged residues are in red, positively charged residues in blue, polar residues in green, apolar residues in white, sulfur-containing residues in yellow and glycines in pink. Thick connecting lines with arrowheads indicate  $\beta$ -strands. Unknown residues are indicated by question marks.



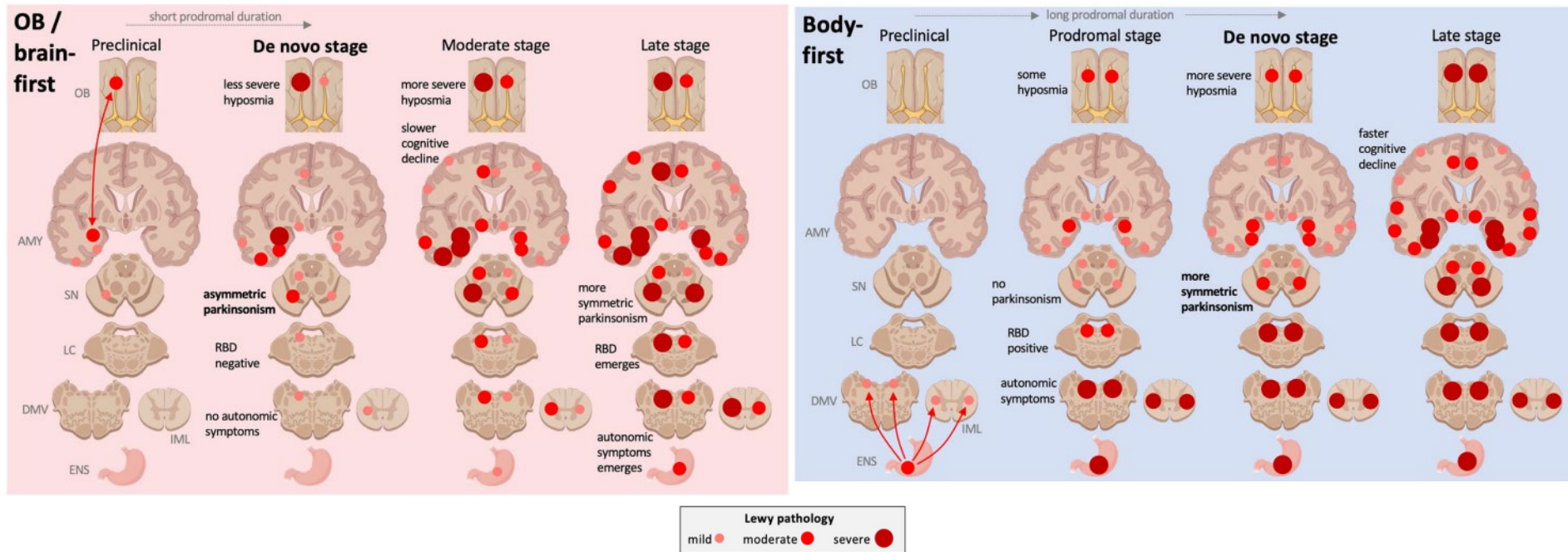


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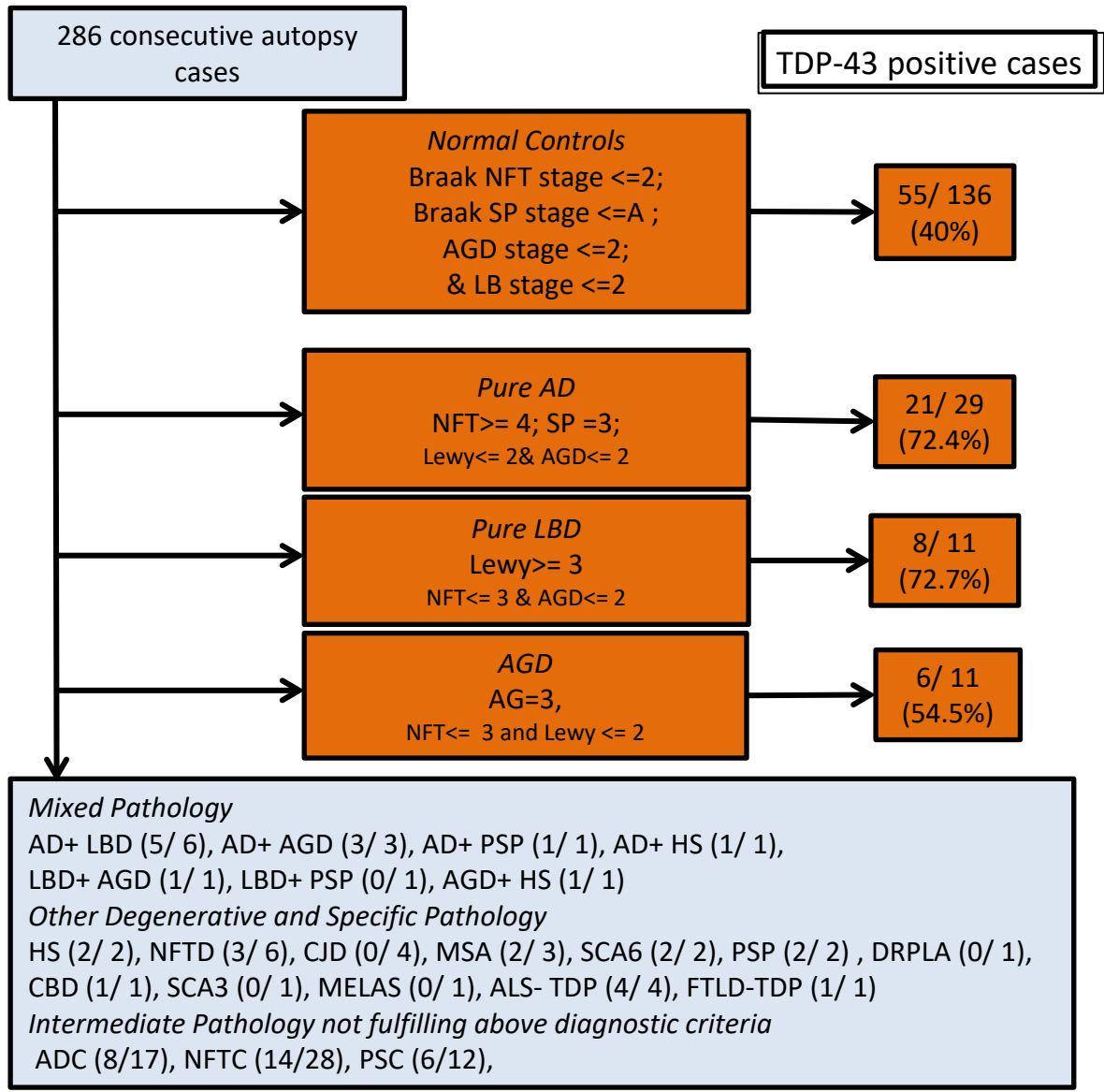
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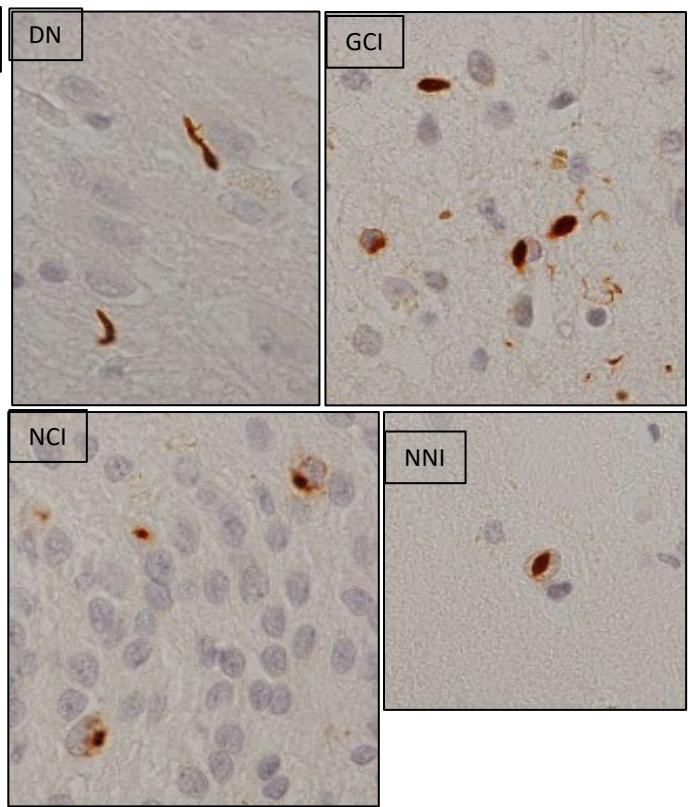




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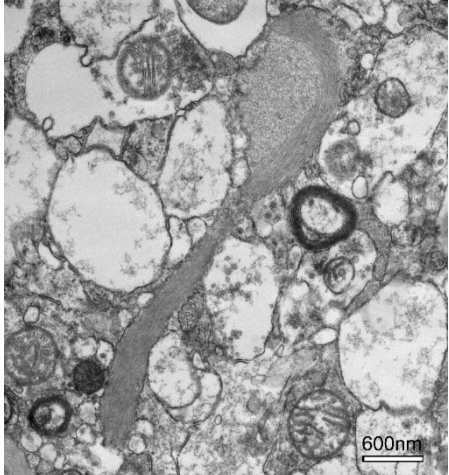
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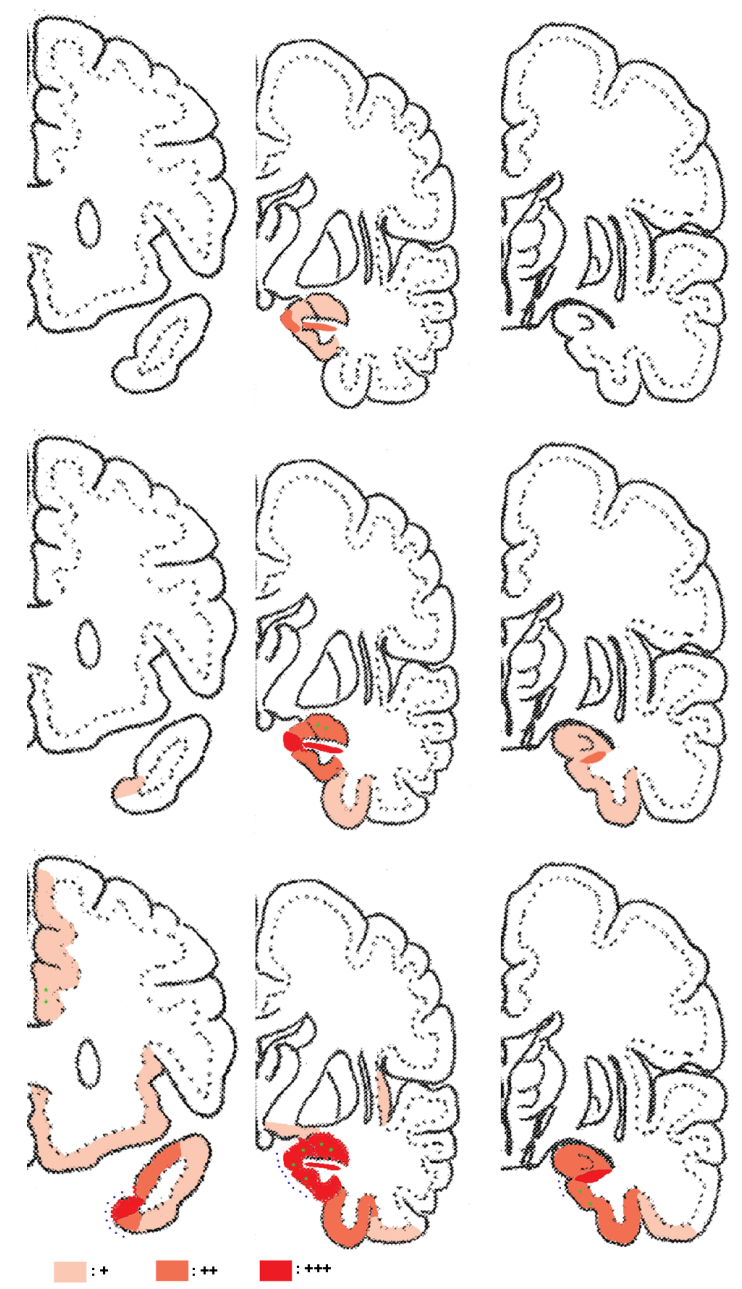
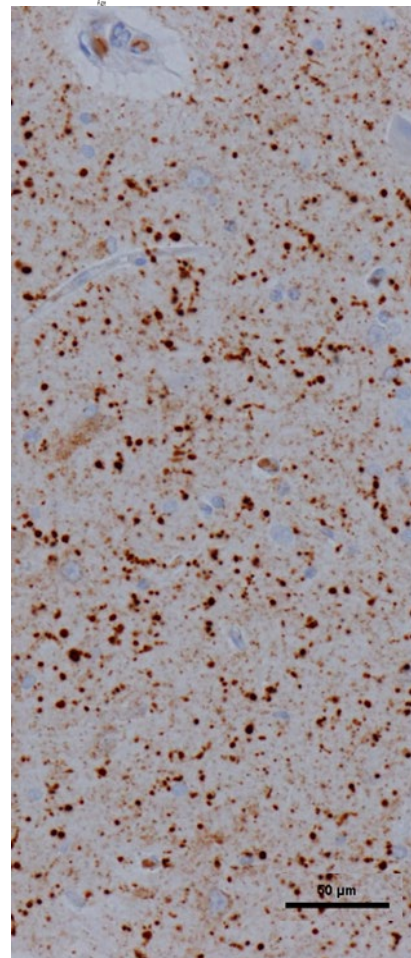
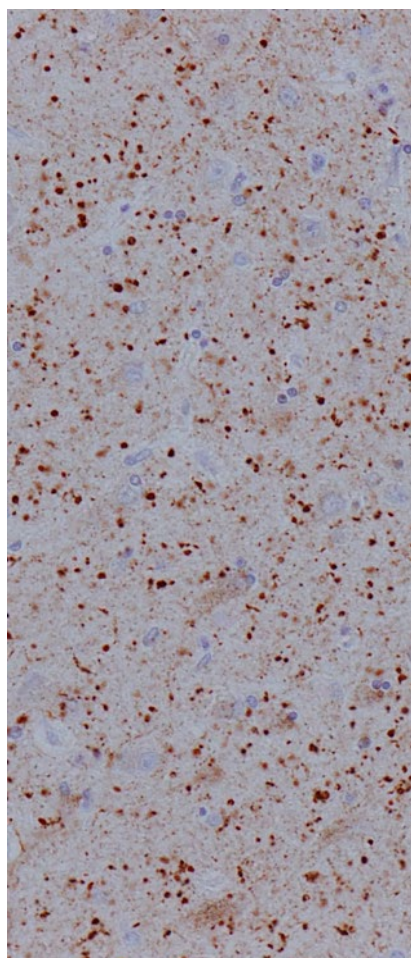
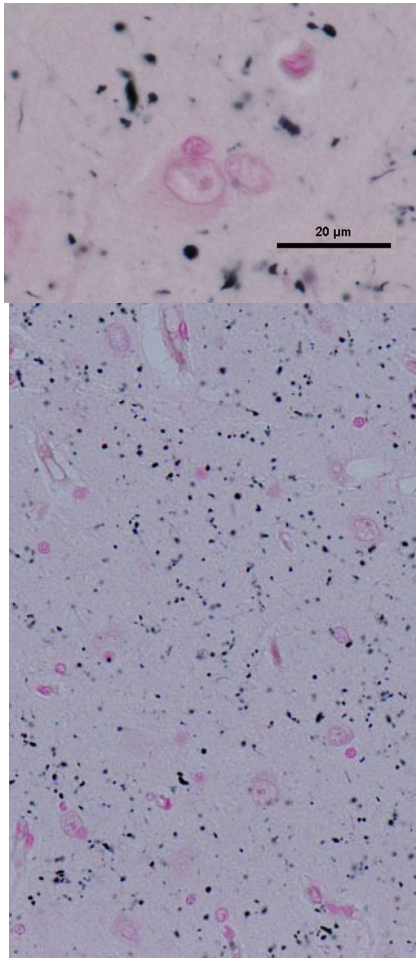
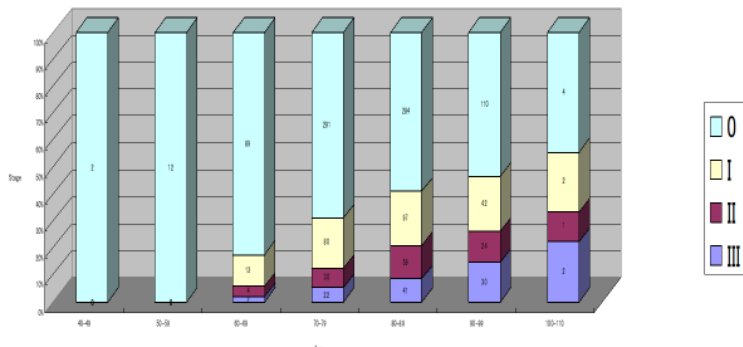
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# Argyrophilic Grains



I:  
Ambient  
Stage

II:  
Temporal  
Stage

III:  
Frontal  
Stage

Saito Stage (Saito et al JNEN 2004)





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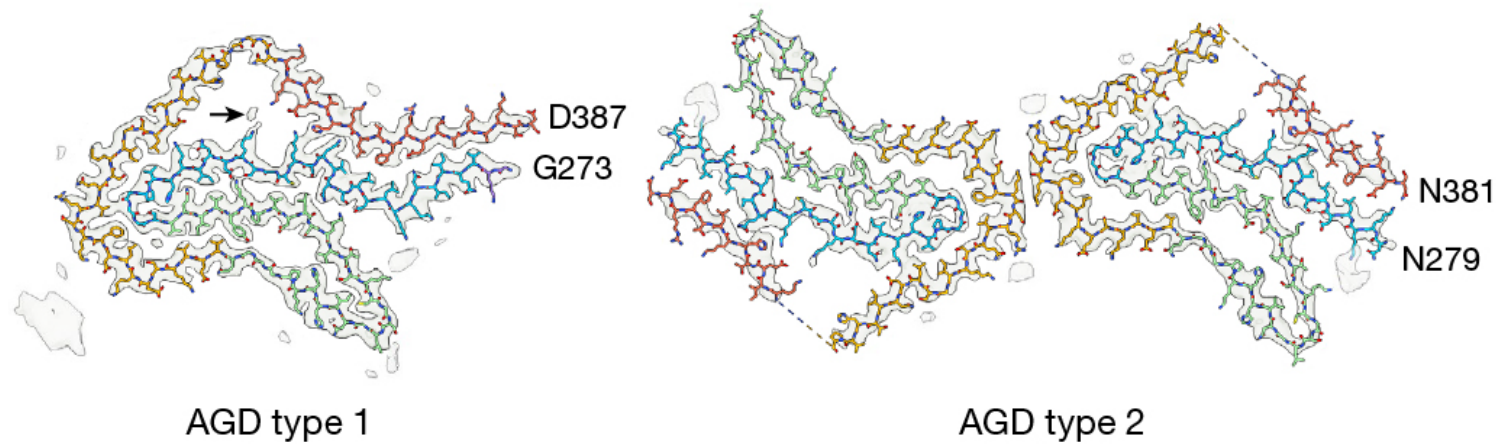
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Argyrophilic  
Grain Fold



BBAR succeeded in confirming argyrophilic grains as an independent tauopathy.



# Availability of Resource

- An application form is downloadable from BBAR Home Page ([www.mci.gr.jp/BrainBank/](http://www.mci.gr.jp/BrainBank/))
- Each application is peer- reviewed by BBAR members of the academic committee.
- The applicant's IRB as well as our IRB should approve the research scheme.
- The applicants should present the research scheme to our team via Skype, so that we may appoint them as a visiting scholar of TMGHIG.
- The resource is sent to the researchers as coworkers, who should file annual reports until they send back the resource.



# International Standardization

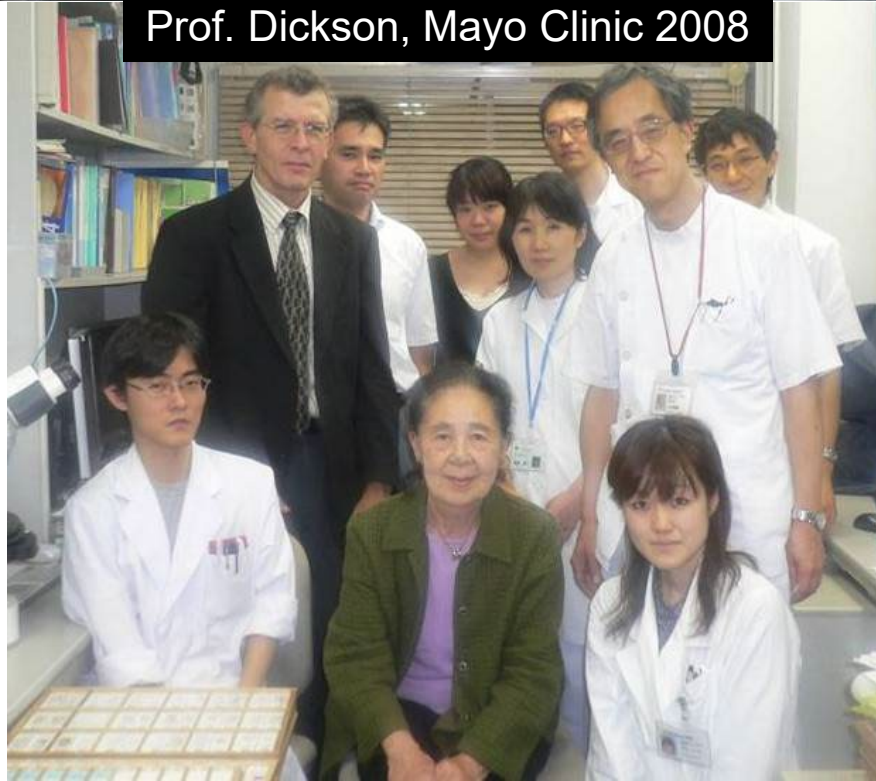
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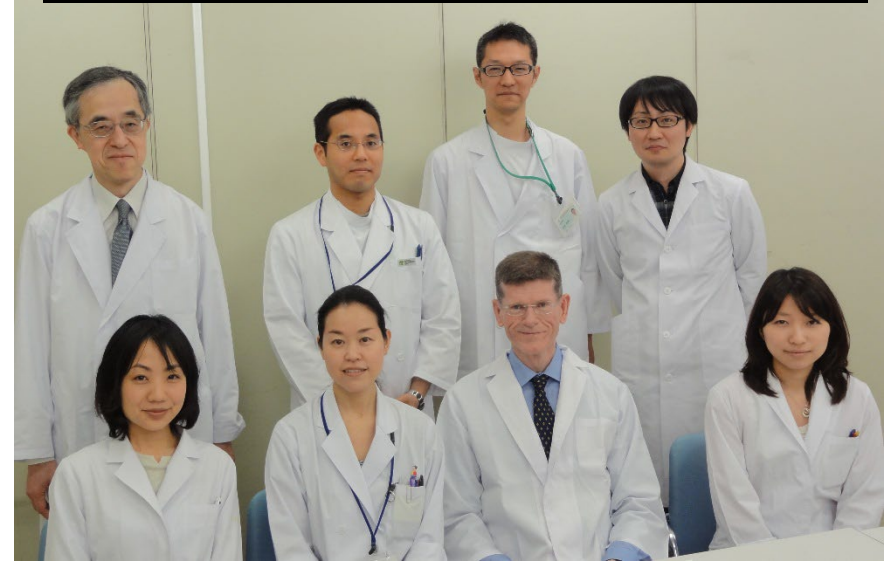
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# The International Post-ICN2018 conference Brain Bank Symposium

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Institute of Gerontology (Japan)

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