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ABSTRACT

Alzheimer's disease (AD) is a progressive brain illness that represents the several instances of dementia. AD is characterized by the gathering of dense plaques of β -amyloid peptide (A β) and neurofibrillary tangles (NFTs) of hyperphosphorylated tau that cause hindrance in memory, insight, and day by day exercises. MicroRNAs is a short ncRNA molecules which have role in RNA interference and transcriptional control of gene expression. MicroRNAs are engaged in numerous biological processes and illnesses, especially multifactorial maladies, furnishing a magnificent tool with which to explore the mechanisms of these diseases. AD is a multifactorial issue, and aggregating proof shows that microRNAs assume a basic job in the pathogenesis of AD. In this work, we will feature the microRNAs in AD. Also we could identify some of the genes that may play role in AD and also their interactions with miRNAs could provide regulatory insights for the management of AD.

INTRODUCTION

AD results in continuous loss of various function usually, the disease progresses for several years until a patient is diagnosed. In this manner, early recognition is significant for clinical design. About 15% of the inhabitants more than 65 years of age are influenced by AD [1]. AD research is continue since long period, but readily there is no everlasting treatment that inhibits the development of the malady which eventually worsens the condition, and thereafter leads in the decease of patients[2]. Current information for AD show predominance of 44 million and with an expansion in future, it is anticipated to fourfold by 2050 [3]. AD is one of the at last deadly neurodegenerative illnesses affecting in excess of 35 million people around the world. In 2020, it is anticipated that the number of individuals influenced by the malady will increment overall [4]. In AD, neuronal functions and organization is degenerated which results in the death of neurons [5].

AD is the most well known type of dementia (a steady decrease in thinking, behaviour, and social skills that disturb an individual's ability. In AD, abnormal proteins construct around neurons in the neocortex and hippocampus, part of brain liable for regulation of memory. When neurons die, individual loses their ability to recollect and its capacity to perform ordinary assignments. Physical harm to the cerebrum and different portions of the CNS can also destroy neurons. People generally live for a considerable length of time with Alzheimer's indications. After some time, side effects will in general increment and begin meddling with people capacity to perform ordinary exercises. The typical healthy human brain comprises of a great many neurons that process and transmit information and send messages between different portions of the cerebrum, and from the brain to the muscles and organs of the body. At the point when ailment creates, neurons in different portions of the brain are harmed. There are around 100 billion neurons in a healthy grown-up brain. These expansions empower person neurons to shape associations with different neurons, called synapses. There are around 100 trillion synapse in the brain. They permit the brain to travel quickly through neuronal circuits, shaping the cell premise of recollections, considerations, sensations, sentiments, developments, and abilities. The gathering of the protein fragment Aß plaques and the aggregation of protein tau NFT are characteristics of brain alterations related with AD. Aβ plaques can leads to cell passing by meddling with neuron-to-neuron message at neurotransmitters, while insoluble twisted fibres obstruct the transport of supplements and other fundamental molecules within neurons. Brain typically shrinks somewhat in healthy aging but, doesn't lose a enormous number of neurons. However, damage in AD is prevalent,

as numerous neurons quit working, misplace associations among different neurons and die. AD obstruct many activities crucial for neurons AD subsequently influences areas in the cerebral cortex accountable for speech, thoughts, and behaviour. In the end, various diverse areas of the brain endure harm. With the passage of time, an individual with AD gradually loses their capability to live and work more freely. Eventually, the ailment is lethal.

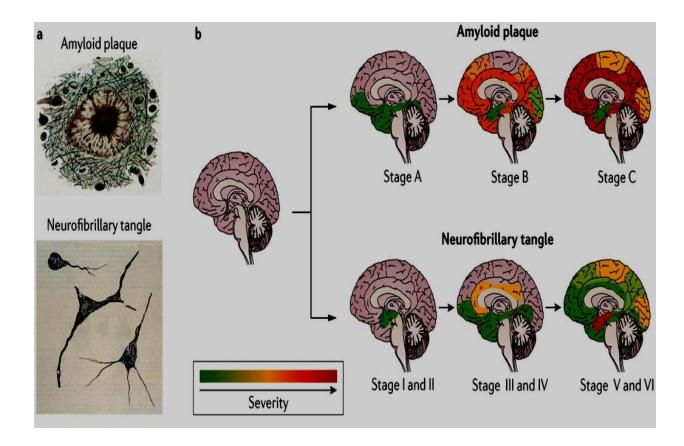


Figure 1 Development of Alzheimer's disease(Colin et al., 2015).

Aß plaques and NFT spread through the brain as the malady advances.

BASICS OF MIRNA'S

miRNAs are small ncRNAs that control gene expression. The distinction of expression of miRNAs is identified with a few sickness forms including progressive atrophy as well as loss of function of neurons. In the quest for an effectively biomarker for AD determination, miRNAs are the most encouraging competitors. Many of these miRs have been reliably recognized as AD-explicit miRNAs and their objectives additionally seem, by all accounts, to be involved in the pathophysiological forms underlying AD [5].

Indeed, the portrayal of regulatory RNA is one of the most significant discoveries with regards to molecular biology[6]. In outline, miRNAs may incompletely bind complementarily to mRNA sequences, mainly in the 3'UTR. It has been demonstrated that miRNAs partake in and associate with neural events just as about 70% of all miRs expressions in the brain and they can go about as biological controllers in neurons, e.g., neuronal separation, formation of new neurons and synaptic plasticity [6],[7]. In this manner, it appears that miRNAs have a possible job in degeneration of the nervous system,[6] and particularly in AD.

miRNAs are occupied with almost all biological processes, such as expansion, improvement, cell death, aggravation and expression is profoundly managed, mainly by proteins or by various other mechanism, for example DNA methylation. Specifically, small RNAs have exhibited being steady in cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) and blood, most likely gratitude to the way that they can be shipped by liposomes which keep them from being degraded[8].

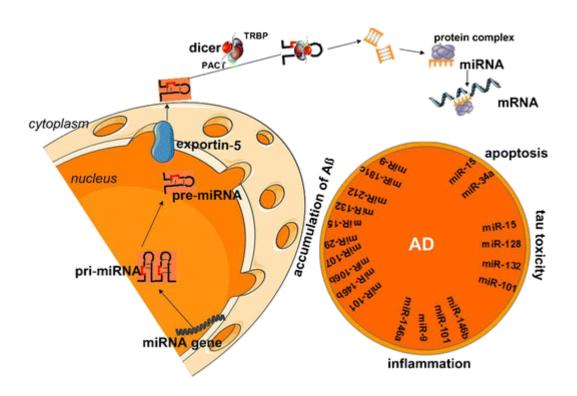


Figure 2 miRNA formation and its connection with AD. (Tan, L. et al)

The miRNAs are determined by their own genes. Within the core, nuclease Drosha sliced primRNA to produce a 60–80 nucleotide stem-loop called pre-miRNA. At that point, exportin-5 transport changes over pre-miRNA into the cytoplasm and thereafter handled by the dicer the ribonuclease into the RNA duplex. The dicer moves with dsRNA, cutting it into smaller sections. One strand of dsRNA is debased, and the other strand gets together with the protein complex. Here, merged with different proteins i.e. TRBP and PACT create the structure which form the RNA-induced silencing complex (RISC), which concludes the develop miRNA. A few explicit miRNAs are inactivated in AD, and they have been embroiled in the controlling of four fundamental components, gathering of $A\beta$, tau toxicity, irritation, and cell demise. (*Figure 2*).

INCORPORATION OF MICRORNA IN ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

miRNAs are broadly present inside the sensory system, where they act to control many functions for example, neurite flare-ups, neuronal separation, and synaptic plasticity [9]. It is necessary to consider significant molecules of miRNAs for concentrate in AD, and these days, senescence of miRNAs in AD is progressively perceived [10].

Numerous miRNAs were found has been recognized as crucial components for regulating various psychological functions and memory forms lost during the regulation of development interceded protein synthesis at the synaptic level [11]. From AD patients, primary cultures of human brain and in brain specimens being observed, and demonstrated that few miRNAs are changed and might have impacts on A β deposition [12],[13] or be thusly deregulated by proinflammatory TFs [14].

A few different miRNAs have also been recently distinguished, and their numbers are consistently expanding for their role in AD. Many of them are related with modified regulation of key genes that are also concerned with AD. Few of them have been redesigned whereas others have been restrained[15]. In like manner, a catalytic job for many miRNAs related with AD has been hypothesized [16].

A miRNA can focus on numerous genes and a solitary gene can be directed by different miRNAs, making microRNAs a potential tool for studying multifunctional sickness for example, AD. In an AD mouse model (Tg2576 mice), it was discovered that miR-124 is altogether expanded in the limbic system and is straightforwardly identified with a

diminishing in synaptic plasticity [17-19]. These sort of information imply that recall misfortune in AD might be expected to miRNA changes. There are a few such investigations where job of miRNAs were recognized for the regulation of synaptic exercises. Various studies on AD [20-25], provided the information useful for the analysis of biomarkers data and to finally generate meaningful information.

WORKFLOW OF THE PRESENT STUDY

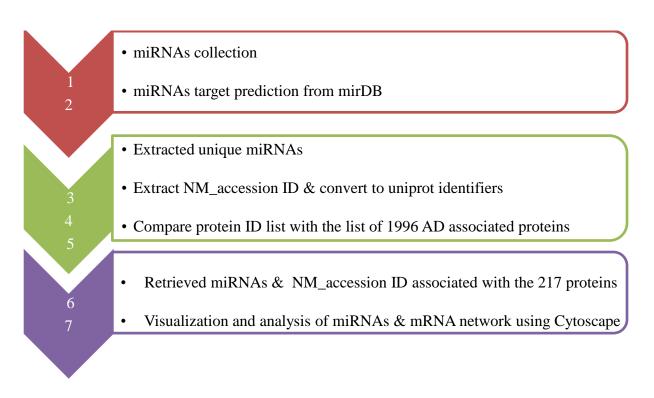


Figure 3 Network constructed through Cytoscape

1. Interaction data fished from STRING database for 217 proteins

2. Network Constructed and done analysis based on various topological parameters

Figure 4 Interaction Network Reconstructed through STRING

Alternative approach to the analysis, using STRING database

MATERIAL AND METHODS

Distinguishing miRNAs related with AD

To collect the information of miRNA's associated with AD, important exploration articles present in PubMed (https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/) were chosen and manually investigated. Likewise we gathered the miRNA's from Human microRNA Disease Database (http://www.cuilab.cn/hmdd).

miRNA target prediction

We utilized an online database for miRNA target prediction. We downloaded the target file from miRDB (http://mirdb.org/download.html). miRDB is a database for miRNA target forecast and function analysis. All objectives in miRDB were anticipated by Mirtarget, which was created by analyzing huge number of miRNA-target collaborations from high-throughput sequencing tests. As an ongoing update, miRDB presents expression profiles of many cell lines and the client may confine their quest for miRNA targets that are expressed in the cell line of intrigue. To encourage the prediction of miRNA work, miRDB presents web interface for target forecast and coordinated examination of GO data.

Identification of unique miRNA's

We compared two files and identified 69 miRNA's. The detailed information of the identified miRNA's including their Gene symbol, Gene description, NCBI Gene ID were collected which were associated with AD.

Extraction of NM_Accession ID Entries & Convert to UniProt identifiers

We could identify NM_Accession ID searched with score of equal to or greater than 95. We found more than 3000 entries which scored 95 or more. Conversion to Uniprot identifier were done using Retrieve/ID mapping tool where we uploaded a list of identifiers i.e. NM_Accession ID and then download the protein identifier list.

Compared proteins identifier list with the list of proteins of AD

We got 2659 proteins after mapping and also we had 1996 list of proteins that are associated with AD. We compared both the files and find that 217 proteins are matched between these two datasets. These 217 were taken for further analyses.

Retrieved miRNA's and NM_Accession ID associated with 217 proteins

We identified the miRNA's and NM_Accession ID for the 217 proteins.List of miRNAs, NM_AccessionID were used for analyzing the network.

Network analysis

The association information of protein targets was fished from STRING database, with search restricted to "*Homo sapiens*". Cytoscape (version 3.7.2) is a platform for building and investigating the system and used for characterize network properties, identify hub genes and analyzing degree of connectivity. Network reconstruction and investigation were performed for the miRNA – mRNA network.

AD targets (AD-gene pool)

Data for AD related genes of 217 proteins were collected from four databases: (1) Alzgene (http://www.alzgene.org/), an assortment of Alzheimer's hereditary-association studies distributed with AlzGene random-impacts meta investigations for polymorphisms with genotype information in at least three case-control tests.; (2) the OMIM database (http://omim.org/), a frequently refreshed list of human genes, hereditary phenotypes, and attributes to build up a connection among phenotype and genotype and (3) Uniprot (https://www.uniprot.org/) resource for protein sequence and annotation data. The detailed information including the Protein name, Gene Name, Biological Process, sequence domain, structure domain, pdb entry, and cellular location were collected for the same.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Identification of miRNA's

We identified more than 300 miRNA's associated with AD by means of a broad survey of the PubMed research articles and from the HMDD database.

List of unique miRNA's

hsa-miR-107	hsa-miR-142- 5p	hsa-miR-300	hsa-miR-338- 3p	hsa-miR-423- 3p	hsa-miR-603	hsa-miR-557
hsa-miR-124- 3p	hsa-miR-146b- 3p	hsa-miR-302e	hsa-miR-338- 5p	hsa-miR-423- 5p	hsa-miR-613	hsa-miR-574- 3p
hsa-miR-125a- 5p ·	hsa-miR-146b- 5p	hsa-miR-30a- 5p	hsa-miR-339- 5p	hsa-miR-4467	hsa-miR-9-5p	hsa-miR-574- 5p
hsa-miR-127- 3p	hsa-miR-17-5p	hsa-miR-320b	hsa-miR-342- 3p	hsa-miR-485- 3p	hsa-miR-922	hsa-miR-576- 3p
hsa-miR-127- 5p	hsa-miR-184	hsa-miR-320c	hsa-miR-342- 5p	hsa-miR-485- 5p	hsa-miR-98-5p	hsa-miR-576- 5p
hsa-miR-129- 5p	hsa-miR-188- 5p	hsa-miR-320d	hsa-miR-34c- 5p	hsa-miR-490- 3p	hsa-miR-516a- 5p	hsa-miR-582- 5p
hsa-miR-139- 5p	hsa-miR-193a- 3p	hsa-miR-326	hsa-miR-361- 3p	hsa-miR-491- 3p	hsa-miR-518a- 5p	hsa-miR-583
hsa-miR-140- 3p	hsa-miR-198	hsa-miR-330- 3p	hsa-miR-361- 5p	hsa-miR-491- 5p	hsa-miR-520d- 5p	hsa-miR-590- 3p
hsa-miR-140- 5p	hsa-miR-206	hsa-miR-330- 5p	hsa-miR-384	hsa-miR-509- 5p	hsa-miR-525- 5p	hsa-miR-298
hsa-miR-142- 3p	hsa-miR-299- 5p	hsa-miR-331- 3p	hsa-miR-422a	hsa-miR-513a- 5p	hsa-miR-527	

Table 1:List of unique miR's

miRNA's-mRNA network using cytoscape

To comprehend the miRNA – mRNA interactions specific to AD we reconstructed miRNA-mRNA network. In this network, four miRNA's acquire the target degree centrality value (Cd) greater than 100 *viz.* 217, 130, 107 and 100 respectively. This shows that these miRNA's may assume a key role in directing the AD targets via managing multiple genes concurrently as well as independently.

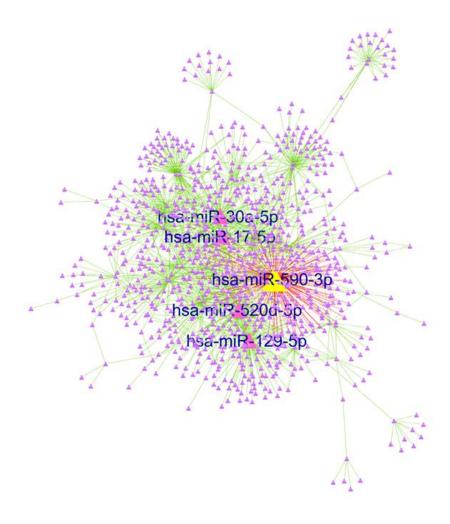


Figure 5 A miRNA - mRNA interaction network specific to Alzheimer's disease.

Size of the nodes depends on their relating degree value in the system. Among miRNA, hsa-miR-590-3p holds the maximum degree value. miRNA having maximum degree value are represented by yellow coloured node whereas remaining four miRNA's are represented by pink coloured nodes.

Topological parameters of network analysis

Degree centrality helped us to recognize the most significant nodes in the network in terms of number of connections. This is divided into two parts: in-degree is the amount of in-coming associations, out-degree is the amount of out-going associations.

Betweenness centrality is equivalent to the number of most brief ways from all vertices to all others that go through that node.

Closeness centrality is how proximate a node is to different nodes in the network. This parameter scores every node dependent on their 'closeness' to every other nodes in the network.

Name	Betweenness Centrality	Closeness Centrality	Degree	Function
hsa-	0.337451	0.371482	217	Role in the pathogenesis of the illness
miR-				through the regulation of Amyloid
590-3p				Precursor Protein [18]
hsa-	0.20812	0.342205	130	Associated wth Alzheimer's disease [19]
miR-				
520d-5p				
hsa-	0.152238	0.345309	107	miRNA enhanced in layer III pyramidal
miR-				neurons, leads in
30a-5p				down-regulation of BDNF protein [20]
hsa-	0.117203	0.310442	100	Strongly associated with the correlated
miR-				amyloid and Tau pathology measures [21]
129-5p				
hsa-	0.10378	0.330993	85	Manage Amyloid Precursor Protein
miR-17-				expression through the binding of APP 3'
5p				untranslated region [17]

Table 2: Topological parameters of network analysis

Interaction Network reconstructed using STRING

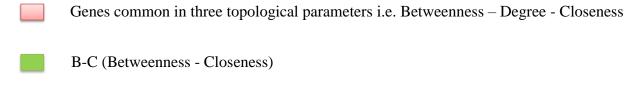
We were construct the network using the interaction data which were fished from STRING database for the 217 proteins with search limited to "*Homo Sapiens*". We were analyzed the results and based on the topological parameters *viz.* degree, closeness centrality, betweeness centrality we sort 35 genes. After that we retrieved the genes which were common in three topological parameters, as well as in any of the two topological parameters. In the network, Five genes BDNF, CREB1, MAPK1, EP300, JUN acquire the degree centrality value (Cd) greater than 40 viz. 47, 46, 46, 43 and 43 respectively. BDNF; During development, advances

the endurance and differentiation of particular neuronal populations of the peripheral and CNS.

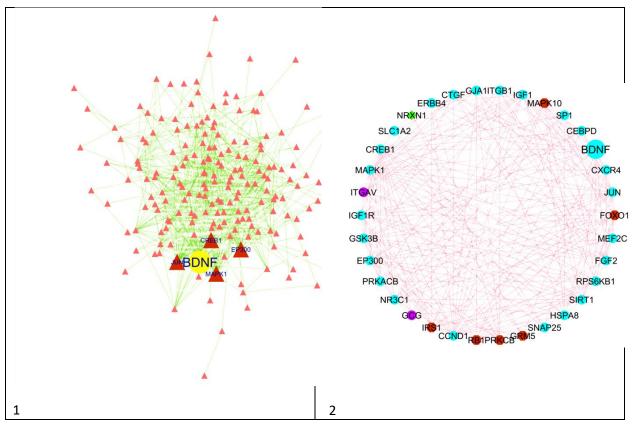
Important genes based on various topological parameters

CREB1	SNAP25	GJA1	NRXN1
BDNF	CXCR4	SP1	GCG
EP300	FGF2	NR3C1	ITGAV
MAPK1	RPS6KB1	SIRT1	FOXO1
IGF1	PRKACB	MEF2C	PRKCB
JUN	GSK3B	CTGF	IRS1
CCND1	CEBPD	IGF1R	MAPK10
HSPA8	SLC1A2		GRM5
ITGB1	ERBB4		RB1

Table 3: List of gene based on topological parameters



- B-D (Betweenness Degree)
- D-C (Degree Closeness)



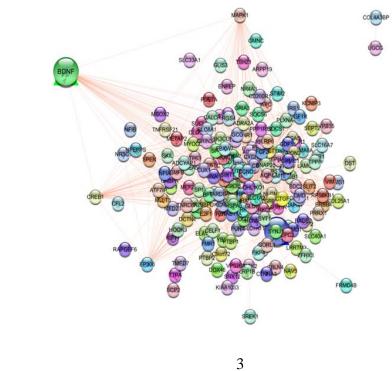


Figure 6 Network interaction constructed through Cytoscape and STRING

(1) Interaction network constructed through Cytoscape: Intereaction network is reconstructed through Cytoscape. In this network, five genes which have higher degree

value is mentioned in the interaction network .Based upon their functional level, these genes are associated with AD. (2) Interaction network reconstructed using STRING: For specifically examining the important genes interactions, a interaction network of common genes based on topological parameters is constructed. Size of the node depends on their relating degree value in the network. Among all these genes BDNF holds the maximum degree value. Genes common in three topological parameters are represented by cyan coloured node whereas Gene common in any of the two topological parameters are represented as purple, green, red coloured node. (3) Interaction network reconstructed using STRING for 217 proteins interaction data

WORKLOW OF THE SECOND STUDY

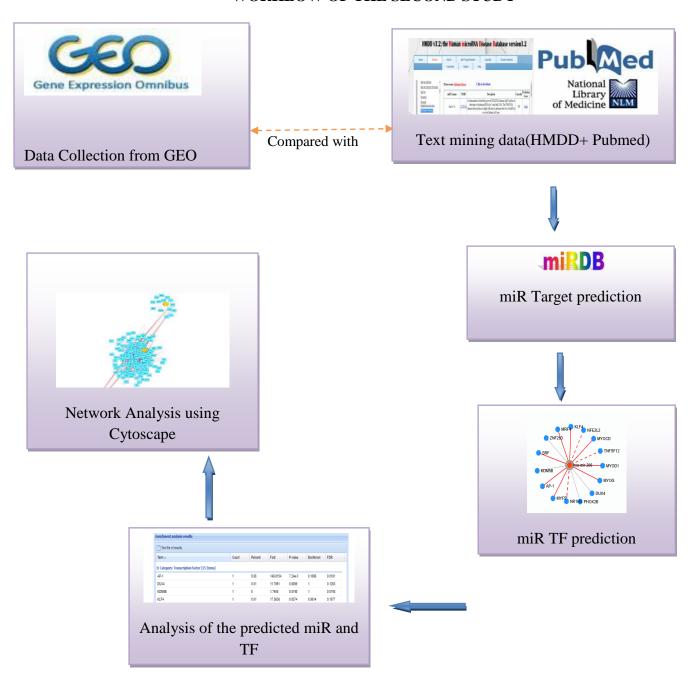


Figure 7 workflow of the study.

METHODOLOGY-II

Collection of data

Microarray expression information was gathered from GEO. Also AD-related miRs were gathered from literature present in PubMed (http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed) as well as Human MicroRNA Disease Database. Expression data of GSE16759 comprises of two platform namely GPL8757 & GPL570. In this approach GPL8757 data were taken from GEO (http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/).

Gathering Information about AD-related miRs

We perused HMDD and gathered the information of approved miRs which are recorded as liable for AD development. Likewise discovered 217 miRs from the database. Also we explore PubMed and gathered reports around 34 miRs which are related with AD. In order to search for miRs we utilized terms for instance 'miRNAs-AD', 'miRNA and AD', 'miRNAs in AD', and so forth. Along these ways, we acquired a list of 251 miR's that have relationship with AD. After this we filtered out the common miR's from HMDD and Pubmed and found 140 unique miR's which is consider for further analysis.

Target Prediction

We utilized an online database for miRNA target expectation. We download the target file from mirDB (http://mirdb.org/download.html). We filtered out the miR's whose score => 95.We obtained 96997 hits after cutoff criteria.

Comparison of 72 miR's with 96997 target miR's list

We compared miR's and found 179 miR's. After this we get three unique miR's.

Gene prediction for 3 miR's using miRDIP

miRDIP discover miRNAs that focus on a gene, or genes focused by a microRNA, in Humans. mirDIP v4.1 is uninhibitedly accessible at (http://ophid.utoronto.ca/mirDIP/).

Transcription Factor(TF) Prediction

So as to examine the transcriptional control on miR expression, TF data for the entirely of the 3 miRNAs were gathered from TransmiR Platform (http://www.cuilab.cn/transmir). TransmiR is a database for TF-miRNA regulations, through which one can discover regulatory relations among TFs and miRNAs. It contains tentatively approved TF data designed for various species alongside the potential function of specific TF on every miR expression.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Identification of miRNA's

We could identify more than 400 miRNA's associated with AD from the GEO database.

List of unique miRNA's after comparison

GEO miR's and the text mining miR's(HMDD + pubmed) were compared and we found list of 72 unique miR's after comparison. These miRNA's may have role in the pathogenesis of AD.

hsa-let-	hsa-miR-	hsa-miR-	hsa-miR-	hsa-miR-	hsa-	hsa-	hsa-	hsa-
7a	106b	139	15a	193ъ	miR-219	miR-29c	miR-34c	miR-590
hsa-let-	hsa-miR-	hsa-miR-	hsa-miR-	hsa-miR-	hsa-	hsa-	hsa-	hsa-
7ь	107	143	15b	195	miR-222	miR-31	miR-375	miR-613
hsa-let-	hsa-miR-	hsa-miR-	hsa-miR-	hsa-miR-	hsa-	hsa-	hsa-	hsa-
7 d	10a	144	16	200a	miR-26a	miR-323	miR-455	miR-663
hsa-let-	hsa-miR-	hsa-miR-	hsa-miR-	hsa-miR-	hsa-	hsa-	hsa-	hsa-
7 f	125b	146a	181c	200c	miR-26b	miR-33	miR-483	miR-7
hsa-let-	hsa-miR-	hsa-miR-	hsa-miR-	hsa-miR-	hsa-	hsa-	hsa-	hsa-
7g	132	148a	186	206	miR-27a	miR-330	miR-505	miR-766
hsa-	hsa-miR-	hsa-miR-	hsa-miR-	hsa-miR-	hsa-	hsa-	hsa-	hsa-
miR-100	136	148b	188	20a	miR-296	miR-339	miR-511	miR-9
hsa-	hsa-miR-	hsa-miR-	hsa-miR-	hsa-miR-	hsa-	hsa-	hsa-	hsa-
miR-101	137	153	18a	21	miR-29a	miR-342	miR-532	miR-93
hsa-	hsa-miR-	hsa-miR-	hsa-miR-	hsa-miR-	hsa-	hsa-	hsa-	hsa-
miR-103	138	155	191	212	miR-29b	miR-34a	miR-545	miR-98

Table 4: List of Unique miRNA's after comparing the GEO dataset with text mining miRNA's

list of three miR's after comparison

miR's Name	Role in AD
hsa-miR-107	Related with raised cofilin protein levels[22]
hsa-miR-613	Responsible for the AD pathology via suppression the neuroprotector-BDNF[26]
hsa-miR-206	Responsible for the AD pathology via suppression the neuroprotector-BDNF[26]

Table 5: List of 3 miRNA's along with their potential role in AD

Corresponding Genes related to 3 miR's

In this we found three miR's which may have potential role in AD. Using mirDIP we found 5255 genes related to these miR's. After this we filtered out the genes which have integrated score is equal to greater than 0.9. We found 157 genes that are associated with these miR's.

Top 20 genes description

List of top 20 genes which may have potential role in the pathogenesis of AD.

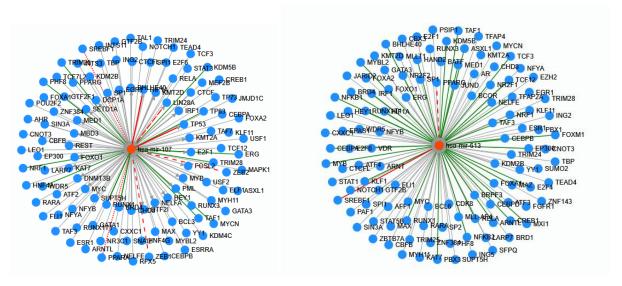
Gene Symbol	Uniprot	Integrated Score
HNRNPU	Q00839	0.966394
PPP6C	O00743	0.965989
MMD	Q15546	0.965827
TLE4	Q04727	0.965137
TNKS2	Q9H2K2	0.964462
HACD3	Q9P035	0.96315
BDNF	P23560	0.962876

CLTC	Q00610	0.961554
KIF2A	O00139	0.961353
ZNRF2	Q8NHG8	0.959764
AGO4	Q9HCK5	0.957609
CLCN3	P51790	0.957408
OGT	O15294	0.954354
DLL1	O00548	0.951586
MATR3	P43243	0.951512
EIF4E	P06730	0.951136
AXIN2	Q9Y2T1	0.95099
ARMC1	Q9NVT9	0.950503
UST	Q9Y2C2	0.950132
GJA1	P17302	0.949856

Table 6: List of 20 genes

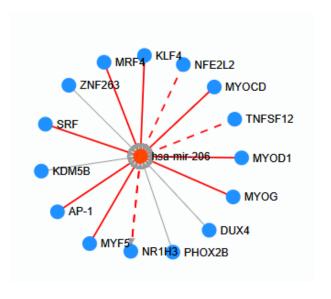
TF-miR's Prediction

We found 1172 TF associated with three miR's. For miR's hsa-mir-107,206, and 613 we discovered 755, 23, 394 TF.



TF of hsa-mir-107

TF for hsa-mir-613



TF for hsa-mir-206

Figure 8 Transcriptional factor representation of three miR's

TF-miR's Network analysis

To distinguish the regulatory connection among the TFs & miRs, a network was built using Cytoscape. From this analysis we found that KDM5B Transcription Factor(TF) is present in all of the 3 miR's.

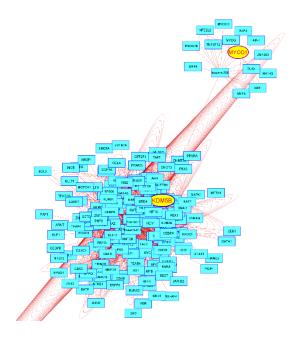


Figure 9 TF-miR's network constructed through Cytoscape

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, miRNAs may assume a key job in managing the AD targets by means of controlling Multiple genes. Further examinations are estimated to more readily know their job in different conditions, also to approve their utilization as biomarkers. In this work, we summed up about miRNAs and some significant genes dependent on different topological boundaries which have role in AD.

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