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演題： Modelling Genetic Modifiers of Neurodevelopment
and Neurodegeneration

日時： 平成26年12月9日(火) 19時00分～21時00分

場所： M&Dタワー 21階 大学院講義室1

抄録：

Genome-wide association studies (GWAS) have identified a number of at-risk genes for several neurodegenerative disorders including Alzheimer and Parkinson disease. These gene candidates are associated with cellular pathways involving protein trafficking, endocytosis, cholesterol management and immune responses. Their impact on disease pathogenesis has been investigated in transgenic and knockout mouse models to determine how they contribute to protein misfolding and aggregation. Alzheimer disease (AD) is caused by a number of different factors and one of the principal pathological endpoints is the deposition of amyloid- β ($A\beta$) as senile plaques. We have generated new models to investigate further the AD-related GWAS risk factors and their impact on amyloid formation and clearance. These studies reveal a complex relationship that affects both the uptake of amyloid aggregates as well as changes in $A\beta$ processing and production. Examination of this next generation of animal models will provide a more complete understanding of AD and provide valuable tools for the development and validation of new therapeutic approaches.

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