Appendix II (C) 2. Pathway IDs, Names and Descriptions Visualized in Mondrian Maps			

**Pathway** 

miR-targeted

genes in

muscle cell

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The transcriptional regulation of gene expression in eukaryotic cells is a complex process involving multiple components and mechanisms. The general principles of transcription

regulation. In muscle cells, specific miRs target and regulate the expression of genes involved in various cellular processes, including muscle development, differentiation, and function. These miR-targeted genes are essential for maintaining muscle homeostasis and

process that involves the binding of miRs to the 3' untranslated region (UTR) of target

of novel therapeutic targets for muscle-related disorders.

responding to physiological demands. The regulation of these genes by miRs is a complex

mRNAs, leading to mRNA degradation or translational repression. This pathway highlights the importance of miR-mediated regulation in muscle cells, and its dysregulation has been implicated in various muscle-related disorders, such as muscular dystrophy and muscle atrophy. Understanding the muscle cell pathway can provide insights into the molecular mechanisms underlying muscle development and disease, and may lead to the identification

**Pathway Description** 

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4	2173	Allograft Rejection	The allograft rejection pathway is a fundamental adaptive immune response that leads to the destruction of transplanted tissues. Antigen-presenting cells, either from the donor or recipient, activate naive T cells, resulting in the maturation of CD8+ and CD4+ T cells. CD8+ T cells induce apoptosis in donor cells, while CD4+ T cells differentiate into various subsets, including TH1, TH2, T17, and Treg cells. Activated TH1 cells produce pro-inflammatory cytokines, such as TNFA and NO, which damage donor graft cells through cytotoxicity. In contrast, TH2 cells activate B cells, leading to the production of IgG antibodies and the complement cascade, which contributes to acute and chronic antibody-mediated rejection. The complement cascade is a key therapeutic target, with inhibitors like Eculizumab and YCF preventing its activation. Additionally, other immune suppressants, such as corticosteroids, Belatacept, and CTLA4, inhibit T-cell activation and pro-inflammatory cytokines, contributing to immune suppression and preventing allograft rejection.
5	2186	Brain-derived neurotrophic factor (BDNF) signaling pathway	Brain-derived neurotrophic factor (BDNF) plays a crucial role in the growth, differentiation, plasticity, and survival of neurons, as well as in various physiological processes such as energy metabolism, behavior, mental health, learning, memory, stress, pain, and apoptosis. BDNF is implicated in various neuronal disorders, including Alzheimer's disease, Huntington's disease, depression, and bipolar disorder. BDNF binds to the tropomyosin-related kinase B (TrkB) receptor, triggering a signaling cascade that involves the activation of multiple downstream targets, including Shp2, Shc, and PLC-gamma. This leads to the activation of various signaling pathways, including PLC/PKC, PI3K/Akt, Ras/Erk, AMPK/ACC, and NFkB, which regulate processes such as synaptic plasticity, cell survival, and protein synthesis.  BDNF also interacts with the p75 neurotrophin receptor (p75NTR), which can lead to apoptosis through the activation of JNK. The PI3K/Akt pathway, activated by BDNF/TrkB interaction, inhibits cell apoptosis and promotes neuronal survival. BDNF signaling also regulates the surface expression of AMPA and NMDA receptors, and the expression of genes involved in processes such as dendrite differentiation and calcification of cementoblast-like cells. Overall, BDNF plays a critical role in maintaining neuronal health and function, and its dysregulation is implicated in various neurological disorders.
			Spinal cord injury is a complex process involving the regulation of gene expression and signaling in various cell types, including motor neurons, oligodendrocytes, microglia, and astrocytes. This leads to immediate immune responses that last several weeks, characterized by inflammation, excitotoxicity, cell death, and the formation of a glial scar, ultimately

Spinal cord injury is a complex process involving the regulation of gene expression and signaling in various cell types, including motor neurons, oligodendrocytes, microglia, and astrocytes. This leads to immediate immune responses that last several weeks, characterized by inflammation, excitotoxicity, cell death, and the formation of a glial scar, ultimately suppressing axonal regeneration. The injury triggers the release of chemoattractants and cytokines, which activate neutrophils and recruit immune cells, including B and T cells, and macrophages. This immune response results in the proliferation of astrocytes and microglia, leading to apoptosis and necrosis of oligodendrocytes and neurons. The expression of cell cycle genes is increased, contributing to the proliferation of these cells. An example therapy for spinal cord injury is the administration of immunosuppressants, such as FK506, which offers neuroprotection. The goal of such therapies is to mitigate the immune response and promote a conducive environment for axonal regeneration and tissue repair.

Nuclear receptors are a class of proteins found within cells that sense steroid and thyroid hormones, as well as certain other molecules, to regulate gene expression. These receptors work with other proteins to control the development, homeostasis, and metabolism of the organism by directly binding to DNA and regulating the expression of adjacent genes. This process, known as transcriptional regulation, is typically initiated by the binding of a ligand to the nuclear receptor, resulting in a conformational change that activates the receptor and leads to the up- or down-regulation of gene expression. As transcription factors, nuclear receptors play crucial roles in both embryonic development and adult homeostasis, making them essential for maintaining the balance of various physiological processes. Their unique ability to directly interact with and control genomic DNA sets them apart from other classes of receptors, underscoring their significance in cellular regulation.

Focal adhesions are complex structures formed at the contact points between cells and the extracellular matrix, playing crucial roles in various biological processes such as cell motility, proliferation, differentiation, gene expression regulation, and cell survival. These structures consist of bundles of actin filaments anchored to transmembrane integrin receptors through a multi-molecular complex of junctional plaque proteins. Focal adhesions contain both structural components, such as proteins linking membrane receptors to the actin cytoskeleton, and signaling molecules, including protein kinases, phosphatases, and adapter proteins. The non-receptor tyrosine kinase activities of FAK and src proteins, along with the adaptor protein functions of FAK, src, and Shc, initiate downstream signaling events that lead to the reorganization of the actin cytoskeleton, changes in cell shape and motility, and modulation of gene expression. This signaling pathway exhibits significant crosstalk with growth factor-mediated signaling, highlighting the importance of focal adhesions in regulating cellular behavior and function.

**5** 2190 Spinal cord injury

7 2380 Nuclear receptors meta-pathway

8 2393 Focal adhesion

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9	2483	Assembly of the primary cilium	The primary cilium is a non-motile sensory organelle present in a single copy at the apical surface of most quiescent cells, playing crucial roles in signaling and development. Cilium biogenesis involves the anchoring of the basal body near the plasma membrane and the subsequent polymerization of the microtubule-based axoneme and extension of the plasma membrane. The ciliary membrane is distinct from the bulk cytoplasm and plasma membrane, established and maintained during biogenesis by the formation of a ciliary transition zone. Ciliary components are targeted to the ciliary base and transported to the ciliary tip by intraflagellar transport (IFT), a motor-driven process requiring kinesin-2 and dynein-2 motors and the IFT complex. The primary cilium undergoes continuous turnover of tubulin at the tip, requiring the IFT machinery for maintenance as well as biogenesis. The importance of the primary cilium is highlighted by the wide range of defects and disorders, collectively known as ciliopathies, that arise from mutations in genes encoding components of the ciliary machinery.
10	2596	MAPK signaling pathway	The mitogen-activated protein kinase (MAPK) cascade is a highly conserved module that plays a crucial role in various cellular functions, including cell proliferation, differentiation, and migration. In mammals, there are four distinct groups of MAPKs: ERK-1/2, JNK1/2/3, p38 proteins, and ERK5, which are activated by specific MAPKKs. Each MAPKK can be activated by multiple MAPKKs, increasing the complexity and diversity of MAPK signaling. This allows cells to respond to various stimuli, such as growth factors and pro-inflammatory signals, through distinct MAPKKKs. The MAPK cascade is essential for regulating cellular processes, and its dysregulation has been implicated in various diseases, including cancer.
11	2628	VEGFA- VEGFR2 signaling pathway	The VEGFA-VEGFR2 signaling pathway plays a central role in angiogenesis, the formation of new blood vessels from pre-existing vasculature, which is crucial for various physiological conditions such as embryogenesis, wound healing, and is a hallmark of pathological conditions like tumorigenesis. Vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) is the primary angiogenic growth factor that modulates neovascularization. VEGF binds to VEGFR2 on the surface of endothelial cells, leading to dimerization and auto-phosphorylation of specific tyrosine residues, which activates multiple downstream signaling cascades. This activation promotes endothelial cell proliferation, migration, and tube formation, essential for angiogenesis. The PI3K-AKT-mTOR signaling pathway, regulated by VEGFR2, is involved in cell survival, proliferation, and anti-apoptotic functions, while PLCî³-mediated activation of PKC and downstream induction of ERK and other PKC-dependent pathways contribute to cell proliferation. Additionally, VEGFA/VEGFR2 signaling induces endothelial cell migration through activation of p38MAPK and FAK, which is crucial for directed migration. The VEGFA/VEGFR2 signaling network is a complex interplay of protein-protein interactions, enzyme-catalyzed events, and gene regulation, which modulates angiogenesis and is essential for various physiological and pathological processes.

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**TYROBP** 

in microglia

causal network

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Focal adhesions play a crucial role in various biological processes, including cell motility, proliferation, differentiation, gene expression regulation, and cell survival. These structures, formed at the cell-extracellular matrix contact points, consist of bundles of actin filaments anchored to trans-membrane receptors of the integrin family through a complex of multiple proteins. Focal adhesions not only provide a structural link between membrane receptors and the actin cytoskeleton but also contain signaling molecules that initiate downstream events. The non-receptor tyrosine kinase activities of FAK and src proteins, along with the adaptor protein functions of FAK, src, and Shc, are essential for initiating these signaling events. The resulting reorganization of the actin cytoskeleton is vital for changes in cell shape and motility, as well as gene expression. This pathway is significant in understanding the mechanisms underlying cell behavior and its implications in various diseases, including cancer.

The TYROBP causal network in microglia plays a crucial role in the regulation of immune responses in the brain. Microglia, the primary immune cells of the central nervous system, express TYROBP, also known as DAP12, which is an adaptor protein involved in signaling through various receptors. The TYROBP network is essential for the proper functioning of microglia, influencing their activation, proliferation, and survival. This pathway is also involved in the regulation of inflammatory responses, with TYROBP signaling contributing to the production of pro-inflammatory cytokines and the activation of immune cells. The TYROBP network has been implicated in various neurological disorders, including Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, and multiple sclerosis, where microglial dysfunction is thought to play a key role. Further research is needed to fully understand the complex interactions within the TYROBP network and its significance in maintaining immune homeostasis in the brain.

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14	2718	Neutrophil degranulation	Neutrophils, the most abundant leukocytes, play a crucial role in defending the body against invading microorganisms. In response to infection, they migrate towards the inflammatory focus, mobilizing granules that fuse with the cell membrane or phagosomal membrane, resulting in the exocytosis or exposure of membrane proteins. Neutrophil granules contain antimicrobial and proteolytic substances, as well as membrane proteins that change how the neutrophil responds to its environment. Primed neutrophils actively secrete cytokines and other inflammatory mediators, and can present antigens via MHC II, stimulating T-cells. Granules form during neutrophil differentiation, with subtypes distinguished by their content, but sharing similarities in structure and composition. The classical granule subsets include Azurophil, secondary, and gelatinase granules, as well as storage vesicles formed by endocytosis, which contain cell-surface markers and extracellular proteins. These granules are highly exocytosable, allowing neutrophils to rapidly respond to and eliminate pathogens.
15	2783	Cilium Assembly	Cilia are membrane-covered organelles extending from the surface of eukaryotic cells, distinguished by the structure of their microtubule-based axonemes. Four main types of cilia have been identified in humans, including motile and non-motile cilia with distinct axoneme structures. The primary cilium, a non-motile sensory organelle, is required for the transduction of external signals, including growth factors, hormones, and morphogens, and is essential for signaling pathways mediated by various receptors. Cilium biogenesis involves the anchoring of the basal body near the plasma membrane, polymerization of the axoneme, and extension of the plasma membrane. The ciliary membrane is distinct from the bulk cytoplasm and plasma membrane, established and maintained during biogenesis by the formation of a ciliary transition zone and intraflagellar transport (IFT). IFT is a motor-driven process that targets ciliary components from the secretory system to the ciliary tip, requiring kinesin-2 and dynein-2 motors and the IFT complex. The primary cilium undergoes continuous turnover of tubulin at the tip, requiring the IFT machinery for maintenance as well as biogenesis. Defects in ciliary components can lead to ciliopathies, a wide range of disorders resulting from mutations in genes encoding ciliary machinery components.

PI3K-Akt

signaling

pathway

Ebola virus

Ciliary

landscape

pathway in host

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The PI3K-Akt signaling pathway is a crucial cellular mechanism that regulates various fundamental processes, including apoptosis, protein synthesis, metabolism, and cell cycle progression. It is activated by diverse cellular stimuli and toxic insults, leading to the phosphorylation and activation of Akt by PI3K. Once active, Akt exerts its effects by phosphorylating a range of substrates, thereby controlling downstream cellular processes. This pathway plays a significant role in maintaining cellular homeostasis and is often dysregulated in various diseases, including cancer. The PI3K-Akt pathway is also involved in insulin signaling, glucose metabolism, and cell survival, highlighting its importance in maintaining proper cellular function.

The Ebola virus infection pathway in humans involves the attachment of the virus to the plasma membrane of host cells, primarily macrophages and dendritic cells, although it can infect a wide range of cells. The viral glycoprotein induces endocytosis, a process facilitated by membrane proteins, allowing the virus to penetrate the cell. Within the endosomal compartments, viral glycoproteins are cleaved and fused to the endosomal membrane, resulting in the uncoating of viral particles into the cytoplasm. Once inside the cell, the virus begins to replicate and suppresses the host's immune response. The newly created viruses are released from host cells through various mechanisms, including cell lysis, waiting for cell death, or budding off through the cell membrane. This complex process ultimately leads to the spread of the virus within the host, highlighting the need for a comprehensive understanding of the Ebola virus infection pathway to develop effective treatments and prevention strategies.

The ciliary landscape pathway is a complex network of proteins and interactions that play a crucial role in ciliary function. Cilia are essential cellular structures involved in sensing the environment, regulating cell signaling, and maintaining proper cellular function. The pathway is composed of 1319 proteins and 4905 interactions, with many proteins having multiple roles and connections. Dysfunction in ciliary function is a hallmark of ciliopathies, a group of diseases that affect various organs and tissues, including the kidneys, eyes, and brain. Ciliopathies include polycystic kidney disease, Usher syndrome, Bardet-Biedl syndrome, Meckel-Gruber syndrome, and Jeune syndrome, among others. These diseases are often characterized by impaired ciliary motility, structure, or signaling, leading to a range of symptoms and complications. Understanding the ciliary landscape pathway is essential for developing new therapeutic strategies to treat ciliopathies and other related disorders.

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19	2879	EGF/EGFR signaling pathway	The EGF/EGFR signaling pathway plays a crucial role in regulating cell growth, differentiation, migration, adhesion, and survival. Upon binding of epidermal growth factor (EGF) to the epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR), the receptor undergoes dimerization, activation of intrinsic kinase activity, and subsequent autophosphorylation. This triggers the recruitment of various cytoplasmic proteins, including adapter proteins, enzymes, and substrates, which transduce and regulate the EGFR function. The pathway activates multiple signaling modules, including the RAS, PLC, STAT, FAK, JNK, p38MAPK, and ERK5 modules, leading to the activation of transcriptional regulators and the induction of cell growth and proliferation. The pathway also regulates cell survival through the activation of AKT and the PI3K/AKT pathway. EGFR signaling is tightly regulated by various proteins, including CBL, CSK, PKC, and PTEN, which promote endocytosis or reduction in EGFR activity or its signaling mediators. Aberrant EGFR signaling has been implicated in oncogenesis, making it a promising target for cancer therapy.
20	2896	G alpha (i) signaling events	G alpha (i) signaling plays a crucial role in inhibiting the cAMP-dependent pathway by suppressing adenylate cyclase activity, thereby reducing cAMP production and subsequent activation of cAMP-dependent protein kinases. This inhibition has significant downstream effects on cellular processes. In addition to its role in cAMP regulation, G alpha (i) also activates the protein tyrosine kinase c-Src, which is involved in various cellular signaling pathways. The activity of G alpha (i) can be modulated by Regulator of G-protein Signalling (RGS) proteins, which regulate the G protein's activity and influence its downstream effects. The G alpha (i) signaling pathway is essential for maintaining cellular homeostasis and responding to various extracellular stimuli, and its dysregulation has been implicated in various diseases, including cancer and cardiovascular disorders.
21	2973	Fragile X syndrome	Fragile X syndrome is a genetic disorder caused by a mutation in the FMR1 gene, leading to the most common form of inherited intellectual disability and autism spectrum disorder. Characteristic physical features include macro-orchidism in males, a long and narrow face, large and protruding ears, and hyperextensible joints. Common comorbidities include neuropsychiatric disorders such as hyperactivity, depression, and anxiety. The mutation disrupts production of the fragile mental retardation protein (FMRP), which regulates de novo protein synthesis and synaptic plasticity by acting as a translational repressor for target mRNAs. FMRP, along with the mTOR and ERK pathways, influences the expression of target mRNAs through stimulation of Group I metabotropic glutamate receptors, ultimately affecting the internalization of α-amino-3-hydroxy-5-methyl-4-isoxazolepropionic acid receptors and long-term depression. The lack of FMRP leads to exaggerated long-term depression, a form of synaptic plasticity involved in learning and memory, which is a primary contributor to the pathogenesis of fragile X syndrome.
22	3031	IL-18 signaling pathway	Interleukin-18 (IL-18) is a cytokine that plays a significant role in the activation of various hematopoietic cell types, mediating both Th1 and Th2 responses. It is the primary inducer of interferon-y in these cells and is involved in the production and release of several cytokines, chemokines, and cellular adhesion molecules. IL-18's biological activity is mediated through its binding to the IL-18 receptor complex, leading to the activation of nuclear factor-kB (NF-kB) and the subsequent production of proinflammatory cytokines. Additionally, IL-18 activates mitogen-activated protein kinases (MAPKs) and PI3K/AKT signaling modules in certain cell types, contributing to its role in host defense, inflammation, and tissue regeneration. As a vital component of the immunomodulatory cytokine networks, IL-18 signaling plays a crucial part in the body's response to pathogens and injury, highlighting its importance in maintaining immune homeostasis.

PodNet:

protein-protein

interactions in

the podocyte

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The podocyte is a specialized cell type in the kidney that plays a crucial role in maintaining the integrity of the glomerular filtration barrier. The podocyte's function is supported by a complex network of protein-protein interactions, which are essential for its structure and function. These interactions involve various proteins that are localized to the podocyte's plasma membrane, cytoskeleton, and nucleus. The podocyte's protein-protein interaction network, also known as PodNet, is a critical component of its cellular architecture and is involved in regulating its morphology, adhesion, and signaling properties. Abnormalities in PodNet have been implicated in various kidney diseases, including focal segmental glomerulosclerosis and minimal change disease. Further research on PodNet is necessary to understand its mechanisms and to identify potential therapeutic targets for treating podocyte-related disorders.

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24	3063	AXL signaling pathway	The Axl signaling pathway is a critical biological process mediated by the Axl receptor, a member of the TAM family of receptor tyrosine kinases. Axl is a transmembrane protein with an extracellular domain containing immunoglobulin-like and fibronectin type-III domains, a single-pass transmembrane domain, and an intracellular protein tyrosine kinase domain. The receptor is activated by its ligand, growth arrest-specific protein 6 (Gas6), and can also be activated independently in response to oxidative stress and overexpression. Axl is extensively expressed in various tissues and plays a crucial role in regulating physiological processes such as cell proliferation, survival, motility, aggregation, and anti-inflammation. The aberrant expression and prolonged activation of Axl have been linked to various disease conditions, including cancer, chronic immune disorders, and cardiovascular diseases. Axl activation contributes to various downstream signaling pathways, including PI3K/AKT, MAPK/ERK, JAK/STAT, and PI3K/AKT/mTOR, which regulate cell proliferation, migration, and survival. The Axl signaling pathway has significant biomedical importance, and its dysregulation has been implicated in the development and progression of various diseases, including colorectal cancer.
25	3066	Endothelin pathway	The endothelin pathway is a complex network of signaling events mediated by the endothelin peptide, a potent vasoconstrictor. Endothelin plays a crucial role in regulating various physiological and pathophysiological processes in mammals, exhibiting both beneficial and detrimental effects. The pathway is involved in vasoconstriction, which can impact blood pressure and cardiovascular function. Endothelin also regulates gene expression, protein expression, and molecular associations, influencing cellular processes such as cell growth, differentiation, and survival. Additionally, endothelin is implicated in various disease states, including hypertension, cardiovascular disease, and cancer. The pathway's intricate mechanisms involve multiple activation and inhibition events, post-translational modifications, and protein interactions, highlighting its significance in maintaining cellular homeostasis and its potential as a therapeutic target for various diseases.
26	3196	Burn wound healing	Burn wound healing is a complex process involving multiple cellular and molecular mechanisms. The initial inflammatory response is triggered by the release of cytokines and chemokines, such as IL-1β, TNF-α, and IL-6, which recruit immune cells to the wound site. This is followed by the proliferation phase, where fibroblasts and keratinocytes migrate to the wound area, producing extracellular matrix and promoting tissue regeneration. Growth factors like PDGF, TGF-β, and VEGF play crucial roles in regulating cell proliferation, differentiation, and angiogenesis. The final remodeling phase involves the deposition of collagen and other matrix components, leading to the restoration of tissue strength and function. The healing process is also influenced by various signaling pathways, including the MAPK and PI3K/AKT

tissue integrity and function.

Malignant pleural mesothelioma is a rare and aggressive form of cancer that affects the pleura, the thin layer of tissue surrounding the lungs. It is primarily caused by exposure to asbestos, a group of naturally occurring minerals that were widely used in construction, insulation, and other industries until their health risks became well-known. The disease typically develops after a long latency period, often 20-50 years, following initial asbestos exposure. Asbestos fibers can cause genetic mutations in the cells lining the pleura, leading to uncontrolled cell growth and tumor formation. The most common symptoms of malignant pleural mesothelioma include shortness of breath, chest pain, and fatigue, although some patients may not experience any noticeable symptoms until the disease is advanced. Diagnosis is often made through imaging tests, such as CT scans or X-rays, and biopsy. Treatment options are limited and typically involve a combination of surgery, chemotherapy, and radiation therapy, although the prognosis for patients with malignant pleural mesothelioma remains poor. Research into the disease is ongoing, with a focus on developing more effective treatments and improving patient outcomes.

Malignant

mesothelioma

Network map

signaling

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of SARS-CoV-2

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pathways, which regulate cell survival, migration, and differentiation. Additionally, the wound microenvironment, including the presence of bacteria and other pathogens, can significantly impact the healing process. Overall, burn wound healing is a highly coordinated and dynamic process, involving the interplay of multiple cellular and molecular mechanisms to restore

The SARS-CoV-2 signaling pathway is a complex network of protein-protein interactions and downstream molecular events regulated by the virus. This pathway involves various molecular processes, including molecular association, catalysis, and gene regulation, which are crucial for the virus's replication and survival within the host cell. The pathway is characterized by a series of interactions between viral and host proteins, leading to the activation of various signaling cascades that ultimately result in the modulation of host cell functions. Post-translational modifications, such as phosphorylation and ubiquitination, play a significant role in regulating the activity of key proteins involved in this pathway. The SARS-CoV-2 signaling pathway is essential for the virus's ability to manipulate host cell processes, including immune evasion, cell cycle progression, and apoptosis, ultimately contributing to the development of severe respiratory disease. Understanding this pathway is critical for the development of effective therapeutic strategies to combat SARS-CoV-2 infection.

	ID	Pathway Name	Pathway Description
29	3247	Alzheimer's disease	Alzheimer's disease is a complex neurodegenerative disorder characterized by progressive cognitive decline and memory loss. The disease is primarily associated with the accumulation of amyloid-beta plaques and tau protein tangles in the brain, leading to neuronal damage and death. The amyloid precursor protein (APP) is cleaved by enzymes such as beta-secretase and gamma-secretase, resulting in the production of amyloid-beta peptides. These peptides then aggregate and form insoluble fibrils that deposit in the brain, contributing to the development of Alzheimer's disease. The tau protein, on the other hand, is a microtubule-associated protein that becomes hyperphosphorylated and forms neurofibrillary tangles, which are another hallmark of the disease. The exact mechanisms underlying Alzheimer's disease are not fully understood, but it is believed that a combination of genetic, environmental, and lifestyle factors contribute to its development. Research has identified several key pathways and molecules involved in the disease, including the insulin signaling pathway, the Wnt signaling pathway, and the immune response. Understanding these pathways and their interactions may provide insights into the development of effective therapeutic strategies for Alzheimer's disease.
		Sudden infant	Sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) is the sudden and unexpected death of an infant under one year of age, often occurring during deep sleep, with no identifiable cause of death. Research suggests that SIDS is influenced by both biological and behavioral factors, including sleeping position, environment, and stress during a critical phase of infant development. Genetic studies have identified several polymorphisms associated with SIDS, primarily in genes related to neuronal signaling, cardiac contraction, and inflammatory response. The autonomic nervous system, particularly the raphe nucleus of the brain stem, is

strongly implicated in SIDS, with ultrastructural, cellular, and molecular changes observed in

SLC6A4, and HTR1A, have been linked to SIDS, with decreased expression of SLC6A4 and

this region. Genes associated with serotonin synthesis and receptivity, such as TPH2,

mechanisms and develop effective prevention strategies.

HTR1A observed in SIDS cases. Other factors, including vasopressin signaling, nicotine

exposure, and cardiac arrhythmia, have also been implicated in SIDS. In addition, genetic mutations in genes associated with inflammatory response and thermoregulation have been identified, with infection and autoinflammation of autonomic centers in the brain potentially contributing to SIDS. Overall, SIDS is a complex condition influenced by multiple genetic and environmental factors, highlighting the need for further research to understand its underlying

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