

im very excited to introduce the next  
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 the study of individualized drug therapy  
 his research focuses on the utilization  
 of genomic techniques that include  
 genomewide association studies next  
 generation whole gene genome dna  
 sequencing in patients with cancer and  
 depression

hes received numerous awards and honors  
 in the field of pharmacology including  
 aspets harry gold award for clinical  
 pharmacology and the oscar b hunter  
 award from ascpt for career scientific  
 accomplishments im confident you will

enjoy today's lecture

hello I'm Dick Winchelbaum professor of  
pharmacology and medicine at the Mayo

clinic in Mayo Medical School it's a

real pleasure to take part in this  
series because what we're seeing is an  
evolutionary process for the discipline

of clinical pharmacology

my topic today is

pharmacometabolomics and clinical  
pharmacology as someone who's devoted my

entire career to what was

pharmacogenetics and then evolved into

pharmacogenomics

it's really interesting to see the

further evolution of omic science as

applied to clinical pharmacology and I

think we can take pride in the fact that

clinical pharmacology has taken a

leadership role in terms of bringing

omic science to drug response phenotypes

this first slide the title slide

pharmacometabolomics and clinical

pharmacology really those little logos

at the bottom are there for a reason

at the left hand side

what you can see is that little thing  
that looks like a tooth fairy or  
something that is the logo for the  
center for individualized medicine at  
the at the mayo clinic and over on your  
right is the logo for the nih  
pharmacogenomics research network and  
those are there to make the point that  
really what were engaged in all of us  
is a partnership between the national  
institutes of health which is frankly  
one of the great social inventions that  
this country has produced which  
catalyzes change but its a partnership  
with all of our academic medical centers  
i just use the mayo clinic as one  
example  
in order to bring the latest science to  
the bedside to try and benefit patients  
everywhere  
in the middle you see that thing that  
looks like sort of an explosion thats  
the logo for the nih  
pharmacometabolomics network which i  
have been a part of since it began and  
that ims thing is the logo for the rican

center for genomics and and basically  
thats to make the point that what were  
engaged in here is an international  
collaborative and cooperative effort to  
move the science forward that said i  
teach medical students and graduate  
students and postdoctoral fellows all  
the time so i have an outline  
i promise you there will not be a  
posttest unless the nih comes up with  
one and im going to make a few  
introductory comments  
im going to very briefly talk about  
metabolomics a brief overview and then  
the focus here since after all this is a  
clinical pharmacology lecture series is  
pharmacology metabolomics informed  
pharmacogenomics has applied to drug  
response phenotypes and then a few  
concluding comments  
so pharmacogenomics and pharmaco  
metabolomics are critical components of  
what is today referred to as  
personalized individualized or since  
president obamas  
0 state of the union address

precision medicine

we all know what the clinical goals of

pharmacogenomics and

pharmacometabolomics are number one

to help us first of all avoid harm to

avoid adverse drug reactions

because the drugs we use today are not

placebos they're powerful agents many of

them are highly targeted but they also

can do great harm in addition to great

goods so our first responsibility is to

avoid adverse drug reactions number two

they work they're not placebos so we

want to maximize drug efficacy and

finally at the bottom select responsive

patients right at the very beginning so

we can avoid churning in the system and

going on a purely a hit or miss passion

from one drug to another

there's a science here though too

there are scientific goals to both of

these disciplines first of all

to link genomic and metabolomic

variation to phenotypic variation the

phenotypes being what I outlined on the

immediately preceding slide

second and ive highlighted this this is  
a science we are scientists engaged in  
trying to understand underlying  
mechanisms or to determine the  
mechanisms responsible for that link and  
ill give you a couple of examples  
before were done here and finally were  
physicians so we want to translate that  
link into enhanced diagnosis treatment  
and prevention of disease and that  
applies to pharmds it applies to phds  
who are engaged in clinical pharmacology  
and it applies to those of us who have  
md or md phd degrees

so

what is this broad topic that ill be  
speaking about for the remainder of this  
presentation it is as i said at the  
beginning the application of ohmic  
science in order to study variation drug  
response phenotypes and once we  
understand it to bring that  
understanding to the bedside  
heres my view of the evolution of  
pharmacogenetics into pharmacolomics  
which would include pharmacometabolomics

we began

with

what my medical students tell me are

those boring cytochrome p0 drug

metabolizing enzymes and why was that

because at the beginning these were

candidate genes and we knew that blood

drug levels were related to the outcomes

of drug therapy and so that was where

our focus was was on drug transporters

genes encoding drug transporters genes

encoding drug metabolizing enzymes

at the beginning of this century we

began to have the ability to move beyond

candidates that we knew on the basis of

biochemical studies to form what ive

called pharmacogenomics here that is

unbiased genomewide studies that

frankly when i began doing this no one

had cloned any gene i know thats hard

for many of you to believe but

thats actually where this field came

from

now we can scan an unbiased passion

across the genome and what we find is

all kinds of genes that we had never

thought of before with names we had  
never heard and ill show you examples  
of that before were done today that  
have an important  
effect on drug response phenotypes and  
finally what we have now learned is that  
genomics is not a dna sequence is not  
everything  
and we need to bring in metabolomics  
transcriptomics proteomics and multiple  
omics  
so with that background lets focus  
briefly on metabolomics just a brief  
overview  
so here is this little uh  
this little ladder that even the male  
medical students whom i abused terribly  
would know  
that is dna now that is the genome  
encodes messenger rna the transcriptome  
which encodes proteins thats proteomics  
and the proteins do things and thats  
metabolomics and the metabolites are  
right up against the clinical phenotypes  
that presents an opportunity but also  
significant challenges if were going to



bring all of these omics together and  
bring them to bear on drug response  
phenotypes

what do we do in metabolomics we use the  
assays that generally will go right back  
to liquid chromatography or high  
performance liquid chromatography or  
ultra high performance liquid  
chromatography it gives us the ability  
to simultaneously assay a large number  
of small molecules in biological samples  
of all sorts in plasma of course in  
cerebral spinal fluid and lysates of  
cells etc so first we've got to separate  
those small molecules and that's where  
gas chromatography liquid chromatography  
etc are used

we need to quantify them and we'll come  
back to that in a minute by the use of  
standards and then we need to identify  
them because at first they're just a  
peak coming off of an lc  
and we can do that with nmr and  
generally it's done with tandem mass  
spectrometry so  
a whole series of things that all of you

are familiar with already  
the ideal platform for metabolomics has  
great sensitivity  
its quantitative and it has broad  
specificity it enables you to look at a  
variety of different kinds of compounds  
there'll be endless debates about  
what platform to use and what I would  
suggest to most of you is that your  
academic medical center like mine will  
have a center for metabolomics that is a  
core and you need to go and get advice  
with regard to the particular problem  
that you're looking at I recently  
received a grant to begin to study drugs  
that are used in alcohol use disorder  
and we sat down and had exactly that  
discussion with our core metabolomic  
center with regard to the platforms that  
are available focusing on quantitative  
platforms with high sensitivity and it  
will be a different detection system  
depending on the on the nature of the  
small molecules that you want to  
identify  
I'm going to show you just a couple of

examples of the application of  
metabolomics to make some points that  
that may seem obvious but weren't so  
obvious to begin with  
here's a metabolomic study of  
metabolites in some fairly large  
populations of women and men  
and notice one of them was 100 men and  
100 women  
and  
this was a broad metabolomics but it was  
quantitative metabolites  
and by using principal components  
analysis you can sort out  
rather striking differences looking at  
the principal components analysis on  
your left and on your right there's a  
two populations one was the original  
large population then a replication  
population  
showing that the blue dots are different  
than the green dots and this is making  
the point that the metabolomics profiles  
in men and women differ now we've all  
been to medical school or graduate  
school so I think we know that there is

a difference between boys and girls but  
i think we need to bear this in mind  
hold this thought because im going to  
come back at the end and make a point  
that this became very important when we  
were trying to use metabolomics to study  
patients with major depressive disorder  
twothirds of whom are women  
this is talking about the next slide  
well just give you some idea of  
metabolic individuality  
and here were looking at some of the  
same populations and some different  
populations now were up to 0  
metabolites and over 0 metabolic  
pathways and what was done here was to  
do g was to identify genes associated  
with variation in the metabolite  
hold that thought because im going to  
come back to that at the end of this  
presentation when i use major depressive  
disorder as an example of the  
application of genomics put together  
with metabolomics to give us novel  
insights into the underlying  
pathophysiology of disease and response

to therapy and what you can see here  
ive just picked these examples because  
they happen to be among some of the  
boring stuff that i lecture on drug  
metabolism onto our medical students and  
graduate students if you use bilirubin  
as a metabolite that  
and look for the gene the variance in a  
gene the snips that were most highly  
associated with variation in plasma  
bilirubin guess what it was in the  
ugt1a gene uh and with a pvalue notice  
of  $10^{-10}$  to the minus 10th power  
for  
androsterone sulfate it was cytochrome  
p2d  
and for caffeine which i probably would  
guess that many of you have already had  
today as youve watched this lecture  
it was a snip  
near the ahr gene with a pvalue of  $10^{-10}$   
to the minus 10th so this is an example  
of taking the metabolite concentration  
as a phenotype  
and then doing genomewide association  
study to ask the question

are there genes that are associated with  
the variation in the metabolite and if  
the concentration of metabolite is  
associated with the uh disease phenotype  
or drug response phenotype youre  
interested in you can find  
what underlying genes and snips are  
related to that variation in the  
metabolite and i put this here as an  
introduction to what im going to show  
you later

now with that as background using  
variation and concentration of  
metabolites as a way to begin to  
understand variation in the patients  
were looking at and in our case  
variations in drug response phenotypes  
lets talk about how metabolomics can  
inform genomics now i think i said just  
a moment ago that my entire career has  
been devoted to dna sequence variation  
in its relationship to variation in drug  
response phenotypes

now what well talk about is how we can  
use other omics information to inform  
the genomic analysis and give us provide

us insights that we couldn't have

otherwise had

what are the challenges well there are a

lot of challenges but one of them is how

do you actually in real life terms merge

metabolomic information with genomics

and other omics transcriptomics

proteomics

number two

when we look at metabolomics we can

obviously extract

metabolites from cytosol in cells

we can look at plasma but most often it

will be plasma metabolites and that's

the end result of a variety inputs from

a variety of organs how do we relate

that to a specific organ and

the

since i told you that the example ill

use is for major depressive disorder how

do what does that have to do anyway with

what's going on in the brain and i can

tell you that psychiatrists are

concerned

that what is looked at in the periphery

in terms of metabolomics or

transcriptomics might have nothing  
whatsoever to do with whats going on in  
the brain so hold these thoughts there  
actually is

a method to the madness and were going  
to come back and put these challenges  
together and address them individually

so lets begin

with one study of major depressive  
disorder

this is the number one psychiatric  
disease worldwide lifetime risk in  
virtually every population of about  
percent and

clearly its a disease that we dont  
talk about as much as we do breast  
cancer or coronary artery disease  
because of the stigma thats associated  
with psychiatric disease heres a study  
this is so common that we could do this

study entirely in olmsted county  
minnesota where the mayo clinic in  
rochester is based 00 patients with  
major depressive disorder

how did the psychiatrist currently how  
do they determine



how severe the major depressive disorder

is do they have a blood test that they  
can do and you know that the answer is

no

they ask a patient questions about his  
or her mood

they ask about sleep patterns they ask  
about sex life and sex behavior and then  
assign a score and you do not want to  
get a high score on this test because  
the higher the number the more severely  
depressed the patients are this is the

quick inventory of depressive  
symptomatology or the hamilton d these  
are you ask questions in order to  
determine how ill your patient is what  
was done in this case was to have four  
psychiatrists it was always the same for  
see these patients and determine quids  
and hamdi at baseline at four weeks and  
eight weeks

and then we did genomewide genotyping

and first gc toft that is so gas  
chromatography time of flight mass  
spectrometry and then lc electrochemical  
array which is very sensitive for

neurotransmitters and neurotransmitter  
metabolites on 100 of these 100 patients

now remember its three time points  
and what that meant was that it was over  
a thousand samples and i can tell you it  
was an extremely expensive study to get

both the g was genotyping and the  
metabolomics on just these 100 out of  
the 100 patients and what was the

approach

we

looked for metabolomic signatures  
then we analyzed pathways and determined  
which metabolite was related to what the  
psychiatrists were measuring that is  
change in hamilton d or change in quids  
in the first studies before we had  
genomewide data we did tag snipped  
determination and then functional  
validation of any snips or genes that we  
saw later we could go across the whole  
genome using giwas so im going to show  
you the way our understanding of these  
patients evolved over time  
what we found was that glycine was the  
metabolite that appeared to be most

highly associated with  
with response to ssri therapy  
and im just showing you here response  
for most of these psychiatric studies  
means that your quids or hamdi  
decreases by 0 and remember a high  
score is bad so you want it to decrease

when you treat  
remission means that it goes for the  
quids to a value of less than five for  
the hamilton d a value of less than  
seven our chair of psychiatry at the  
time we did this study explained that a  
quids of less than five

is  
happier than any mayo clinic doctor is  
on monday morning now i dont know what  
he meant when he said that but i think i  
can guess so you can see that  
that were looking at what happens with  
baseline glycine levels and its  
relationship to these phenotypes  
response and remission and it appeared  
that change in glycine was associated  
with response and was nearly  
significantly associated with remission

just taking the extremes of response and

remission

we could then go back to the pathway

whereby glycine is synthesized and

metabolized into tag snips across all

these genes that i have listed here and

one of those genes

which we wont bother you with showed

that it had a series of snips that were

related to response to ssri therapy so

this is this is the the neolithic period

of five years ago when this study was

done and we published this study in

clinical pharmacology and therapeutics

as you can see on the bottom of the

slide in 0

and this just shows you that what we

this was a beginning to move toward

taking a genomewide approach

to take a genomewide approach we did

genomewide gwash genotyping snipped

genotyping out of about 00 000 snips

and imputed that to million so now

weve got seven million snips on each of

these patients and we used a different

metabolomics platform

getting

900 samples on 100 of these patients and

only using about 10 metabolites but with

high degree of sensitivity

for monoamine neurotransmitters like

serotonin and the catecholamines this

work was done by dr wayne matson in

bedford massachusetts so now were going

beyond

just a few snips that is tag snips

across a pathway and were going to look

across the whole genome

looking at variation in the metabolites

determining how that variation is

associated with variation in response to

ssris and then saying what are the genes

that are respond that are associated

with this variation in response to

in response to ssri therapy

and lo and behold what we found was and

and i just put this up here so you can

see ive got remission response percent

change in quids this happens to be with

the with the quids at baseline after

four weeks of ssri therapy after eight

weeks of ssri therapy and the plasma

metabolite that was most closely associated with response to among depressed patients to selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors was plasma serotonin and i said this is too good to be true but as a matter of fact it actually was true and these are all nominal pvalues because we were now going to go back and select serotonin to do a genomewide association study so what this slide shows is that variation in plasma serotonin appeared to be very closely associated with who was and who was not going to have the remission or response or percent change in remission response to ssri therapy and that was determined purely by asking the patients questions about their mood about their sleep pattern and about their sex life this slide shows you what happens to plasma serotonin after both four weeks and eight weeks of exposure to ssr ssris it drops precipitously that makes sense because plasma serotonin predominantly comes first from the gut but the

platelets take up the serotonin from  
enterochromaffin cells in the gut and  
store the serotonin and what we  
basically are doing is directly  
inhibiting that uptake process which is  
the target of the SSRIs so  
as you think about it it shouldn't have  
been surprising that plasma serotonin  
concentration might be highly associated  
with what serotonin reuptake inhibitors  
might do  
now looking in the periphery not in the  
brain and we'll come back to that in  
just a minute because clearly that's one  
of the worries that the psychiatrists  
have  
I just want to review with you a sort of  
slide that I would show to the Mayo  
medical students that is this is where  
does serotonin come from it is a  
metabolite of the amino acid tryptophan  
I tryptophan about five percent of the  
tryptophan goes down the pathway going  
to serotonin 9 to kind of urine in both of  
these pathways can affect in the central  
nervous system response neurotransmitter

system serotonin obviously can affect  
serotonin urging neural transmission and

kinetic uranine will interfere with  
glutamatergic neurotransmission and if  
you were male medical students rather  
than the very sophisticated audience  
whom I'm addressing I would say for the  
medical students serotonin good kind  
yearning bad now that's a gross  
oversimplification but it may help a bit  
in terms of thinking about where were

going next

so what did we do

on these 100 patients

we then

did a genomewide association study on  
baseline plasma serotonin serotonin  
at four weeks at eight weeks change in  
serotonin and what did our statisticians

tell us

they told us what the statisticians

always tell us

you are underpowered and you are doomed

this cannot possibly work you will not

find any genomewide significant hits

to their terrible disappointment we



actually found two hits one that was  
genomewide significant in this gene  
tspan five with a pvalue of about  
eight times ten to the minus ninth  
e ridge which was close to genomewide  
significant and 9 times 0 to the minus

nominal genomewide significance is  
times 0 to the minus

i would assume that nobody in this  
audience had ever heard of tspan or  
erich before you saw this slide i  
certainly i never had actually you rich  
at the time we did the study didnt  
even have a name it was just  
annotated as an open reading frame so  
what are these genes that none of us had

ever heard of

well first of all

why could we find this signal  
in only 00 subjects which of course  
horrified the statisticians

its because

it

the pvalue depends on the minor allele  
frequency and the effect size how big is

the effect size what im showing you on

this slide

is if you look at the erich three snips  
the genotypes for low and high serotonin  
and the t span five sniffs for plasma  
serotonin and put them together  
the difference between being homozygous  
for the low serotonin snips in both  
genes or the high serotonin snips in  
both genes is 0fold

we are not looking at an effect size of  
0 were looking at a 0fold effect  
size so clearly these genes have a very  
major role in terms of determining the  
variation in plasma serotonin well come  
back to why that might be in just a  
moment

what im showing you here are socalled  
locus zooms or regional plots and youre  
looking at your left at the  
plot of the snips that we had after  
imputation in the g wes across the rich  
three gene and on your right at the  
snips that were five prime that is just  
upstream of the t span five gene so for  
t span these snips were socalled

expression quantitative trait loci  
translated into english that means they  
are associated with variation in the  
expression of the gene that is the  
messenger rna that's made from this gene  
depending on your genotype  
this snips any rich three as it'll show  
you in a minute were nonsynonymous  
snips they were there were two of them  
that changed the encoded amino acid  
sequence and one of the common things  
that happens if you change encoded amino  
acid sequences the protein misfolds and  
is rapidly degraded and that's what  
happens in rich three so these steps  
basically for e rich three represent if  
you have two copies of the variant they  
represent a knockout of the eridge  
gene

now let's go to what bothers a  
psychiatrist  
they're going to say immediately  
what's in the plasma what does that have  
to do with the brain anyway  
well in today's world we now have  
something called gtex which is a

database where you can go and look at human tissues obtained soon after death rapid autopsy in patients who generally died in automobile accidents or motorcycle accidents in which the tissue they got informed consent was taken and rnaseq was done on these tissues and all you really need to know looking at this slide is yellow is different areas of the brain and this is showing you which tissues tspan is expressed in and its mainly expressed even though we found it in peripheral plasma its mainly expressed in multiple areas of the brain you can see the yellow little boxes are very very high expression of tspan so what we saw in the periphery told us about a gene thats mainly expressed in the central nervous system and erich is even more dramatic eridge is predominantly expressed once again in different regions these are just different regional areas of the brain in the human brain

so

what we saw in the periphery is telling  
us something about variation that may be  
occurring in the brain

i put this up just to take you back  
to with

sheer horror to those lectures on  
tryptophan pathway metabolism just to  
point out that to get serotonin you have  
to go through tryptophan hydroxylase one  
and two and dopa decarboxylase and  
eventually you get serotonin and then  
that can be metabolized by monoamine  
oxidase etc taking you back to very  
early pharmacology lectures either in  
graduate school or in medical school so

what we did was take a neuronally  
derived cell line the neuroblastoma and  
we knocked down an over express tspan  
and if you look over at the left you can  
see that tryptophan hydroxylase one and  
two and dopey decarboxylase if you knock  
down tspan five

these biosynthetic enzymes that make  
serotonin go down

if you overexpress tspan they go up  
so you dont just find a signal you want

to functionally

validate its not a replication but

functionally validate what this might

have to do with in our case serotonin

levels it looks like what happens here

is tsan is playing a role in the

biosynthesis and degradation of a

serotonin

for erich what youre seeing here are

western blots where we could take the

erich gene

and find an example a construct that had

the variant this I0

v

and just express it in a mammalian cell

and what you see is that the protein is

way down and in the bottom of your

at the lower right you can see that if

you then block

if you then

block the proteasome which degrades

misfolded protein its right in the

middle there

that you can prevent the degradation of

the protein so the erich threesnit is

a nonsynonymous nip changes the encoded

amino acid and that apparently leads to  
rapid degradation of erich iii  
and if you take those erich threesnips  
and look at other  
ssri studies and ispc is an  
international  
ssri consortium with about a thousand  
patients that we put together those  
snips were related to outcome  
to outcome in that study and in  
something called star d which was  
another study that had about 00  
patients who were caucasians and similar  
to our patients now remember  
that gwasps was done for plasma  
serotonin but the snips we found on the  
gwasps are associated with outcomes in  
these studies and i can tell you theyve  
been replicated in something called the  
mars study of munich study of depression  
too so we have replicated these at least  
the rich three snips in three other  
studies  
lets look at baseline severity  
of  
symptomatology because we had

metabolites at baseline and we could look at the hamilton d in the quiz and say which metabolite is just related to how severe the symptoms were how high the ham d or quid score was at baseline and right at the top of the list was kind uranine and i showed you that metabolism that came down from tryptophan to serotonin on the other side of the of the pathway was kine uranine and you can see that this was the number one metabolite variation and plasma kind urinary metabolism and plasma kinearine concentration appeared to be most closely related to the metabolites that we examined in this in this study with severity of depressive symptoms as determined by asking questions about mood questions about sleep questions about your sex life so we did a g was for baseline plasma kine uranine and the number one hit was not genomewide significant his pvalue



was about 0 to the minus seventh but it

was in a gene called death b

now i didnt know what that gene was

there may be somebody in the in the

audience looking at this who knows but

when you look at the plasma tying

urinary concentration there was another

signal in the ahr gene you can see that

this also is related the two genes are

related to plasma kine uranium

concentration but theres not a tenfold

difference if youre homozygous for low

kineorning versus high kind urine snaps

its only about a twofold difference

fb

what is this thing

its a beta defensin what is it what are

defensins these are small peptides that

are generally encoded by genes that are

found in the intestinal mucosa and

thats where death b is located and

what does it what does death b do

it interacts directly with bacteria and

bores holes in the bacterial cell wall

and it also inactivates lps and

everyone whos been to medical school or

graduate school knows that you don't  
want a lot of LPS floating around in  
your plasma that's associated with  
endoplasmic  
with shock and  
clearly this is a way for the body to  
protect itself so wait a minute I can  
see the psychiatry  
the psychiatrist in the audience saying  
what in the world does the gut have to  
do with the brain and in today's world  
of the microbiome  
we know that there is absolutely no  
doubt that there is a gut-brain axis  
and is diagrammed  
schematically here we were showing that  
basically what DFB does is inactivate  
certain bacteria in the gut and also  
inactivate LPS that probably has  
something to do directly with the  
tryptophan to kynurenine pathway and we  
know that it does we have experimental  
evidence that it does and so what the  
world is now showing us  
and what I think of all the omics the  
one that has surprised me the most

is the rapidity with which the  
microbiome has been shown to have  
profound effects throughout our bodies  
and that we need to be thinking along  
these lines irrespective of what the  
underlying pathophysiology is that were  
studying and this is just an experiment  
done in the lab to show you that  
that you can make the kineranine go down

if you can add

def b to lps and that the tryptophan  
goes up its just making the point that  
indeed functionally deaf b is playing a  
role in tryptophane and kine uranium  
metabolism

and

if we took those snips from def b which  
were related to the concentration of  
kineranine

guess what they were directly related to  
the hamilton d and quid scores  
statistically significantly when we went  
back and looked at the patients theres  
no reason why  
something that you find in a kineranine  
jiwas should be related to the change in

hamdi or the severity of hamdi or quid

scores

in the psychiatric patients

so what have we done here ive shown you

use of metabolomics

to inform genomics

for two metabolites that were highly

related to a clinical phenotype either

severity of depressive symptoms or

response to ssri therapy and we have

erich tspan def b ahr all right

now where are we going to go with this

and im going to carry you now into the

world of artificial intelligence machine

learning and what

people like to call now augmented human

intelligence because artificial

intelligence sounds like the robots are

going to take over the world and

augmented human intelligence

is a little less threatening

but lets go here first

i am not a psychiatrist i did my

research training with a man named

julius axelrod at the national institute

of mental health and i bought his

champagne the morning he won the nobel  
prize for discovering the neural  
membrane reuptake mechanism that the  
ssris block so i can tell you its its  
actually quite rewarding to come back  
decades later and be able to look at the  
basic mechanisms of how these ssri drugs  
work but this is from a real  
psychiatrist the head psychiatrist for  
the united states in one way a man named  
tom insult in 0  
when the  
dsm and the dsm as those of you who  
went to medical school know is the bible  
of psychiatry i think psychiatrists  
sleep with the dsm under their pillow  
and heres what heres what the head of  
the national institute of mental health  
said in 0  
said unlike  
heart disease or lipid disorders where  
you can measure lipoproteins in the  
blood or aids where you can directly  
measure the virus  
psychiatric diagnosis are based on a  
cluster of clinical symptoms without any

underlying biological he says objective

laboratory measure

and i think his last sentence deserves

to be highlighted patients with mental

illness deserve better so what youre

seeing here

is an attempt to bring metabolites and

genomics to bear

on in the same way in psychiatric

disease that we do for

cancer and we do for coronary artery

disease

so what did we do

with the information we had in these 00

patients well we collaborated with

computer science department at the

university of illinois urbanachampaign

those of you on the west coast are going

to be blissfully unaware of this but

netscape did not come from silicon

valley it came from the corn fields of

illinois and from the department of

computer science there

and using hierarchical clustering

then said can we begin

to cluster patients with major

depressive disorder into different  
groups and can we begin to predict who  
will and will not respond to uh ssri  
therapy in a way that could be used in  
the clinic so what this slide shows is  
that first of all  
it was abundantly obvious using these  
machine learning and artificial  
intelligence techniques that you had to  
deal with men and women separately that  
takes us back to what i showed you right  
at the beginning the difference in the  
metabolic profiles of men and women if  
you separated the men from the women you  
could reproducibly both in our study and  
in the  
other studies that i showed you the ispc  
and the star d study separate patients  
with major depressive disorder into  
three separate groups  
referred to here as a a a and even  
follow them through therapy  
now  
do i  
understand  
how the neural networks did this

not a clue but im sure theres some  
computer scientists sitting there  
snickering saying well its obvious how  
that might work  
and if you then apply this you can go if  
you use the clinical symptoms alone  
your accuracy in in predicting who will  
respond to ssris is about  
better than flipping a coin but only  
marginally better certainly nothing we  
could use clinically  
if you apply these predictive algorithms  
that come out of the machine learning  
world  
and the artificial intelligence world  
and separate men from women  
you can determine with an accuracy of  
about 0 to 90 percent in both men  
and women whos going to respond  
remember that in order to get ketamine  
which is used only in patients who fail  
on ssri therapy in our ketamine clinic  
you have to fail on three different  
ssris it takes two months to know  
whether the ssris worked that means in a  
potentially suicidal patient you might



wait six months before giving the

ketamine

if this algorithm which is replicated  
now in a series of studies by the way it  
replicates in the mars study in germany

also if it gives you a high degree of  
prediction accuracy this patient is not  
going to respond to

ssris i think what the day will come  
soon when you will move directly to  
ketamine which in patients who failed on

ssris about 0 of them will respond to  
ketamine infusion therapy that has  
immediate clinical implications

and heres a paper that was published

just this month august 0 which is  
when im making this tape in the ieee  
computational intelligence talking about  
the use of these machine learning  
techniques and their application to ssri

response now

ieee for those of you like me who had no

idea what that meant thats the

institute for electronic and electrical  
engineering and i have to say i probably  
embarrasses the electrical engineers

that im one of the coauthors of this  
paper i never thought i would be  
publishing in an iee journal so  
theres another point here  
in todays world we dont just need to  
move beyond genomics to include  
transcriptomics and proteomics and  
metabolomics we need to have the  
computational tools that will enable us  
to deal with these large data sets in  
ways that can give us provide novel  
insights so lets conclude  
pharmacogenomics and  
pharmacometabolomics  
are not just stuck with the boring  
cytochromes b0 and phase ii drug  
metabolizing enzymes and transporters  
that i teach about in my drug metabolism  
course  
we are going to move very rapidly beyond  
pharmacokinetics to pharmacodynamics and  
mechanistic studies that will take us  
through all of biology at the genomic  
level we clearly are going to move  
beyond the open reading frame and the  
vast majority of the snips that are

significant that we find on g was in our studies in other are not snips that change the encoded amino acid not these nonsynonymous snips that we have in erich three but theyre more like what we saw in tspan five they generally will alter transcription of the gene were going to have large and expensive multiple ohmic status sets that go beyond genomics which was horrendously expensive if you wanted to go genomewide and will include metabolomics transcriptomics proteomics and the microbiome and we need to reach out for complementary expertise especially computational expertise and that requires crossdisciplinary dialogue where we think we know what the other person is saying and where they really are saying something quite different so what are we talking about with these multiple omics the application of ohmic science to study variation in drug response phenotypes and this is an absolutely critical component of

precision medicine and clinical  
pharmacology i have no doubt will lead  
the way  
in terms of bringing this type of  
knowledge to bear on drug response in a  
variety in every possible clinical  
setting finally i want to show this this  
is last years slide showing my  
laboratory and my  
colleague dr leeway wong a stan off the  
two of us standing on either side of one  
of our t clinical pharmacology  
trainees who im happy to say is off in  
a pharmacy school teaching  
pharmacogenomics as we speak and  
if this slide does not look like your  
image of minnesota then i think that  
that says good were attracting the best  
and the brightest minds from all over  
the world to come to some place where  
the ground is covered with snow six  
months out of the year its been a real  
pleasure to participate in this series  
a pleasure and an honor  
and im looking forward to seeing the  
other lectures in this series thank you

very much