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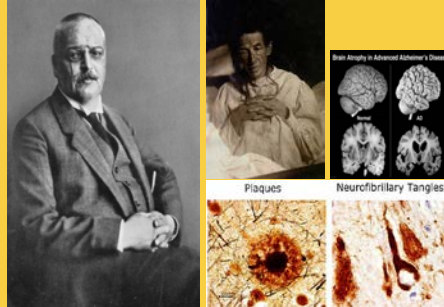
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# The SAMP8 Mouse Model: Linking neurodegeneration in aging with epigenetics

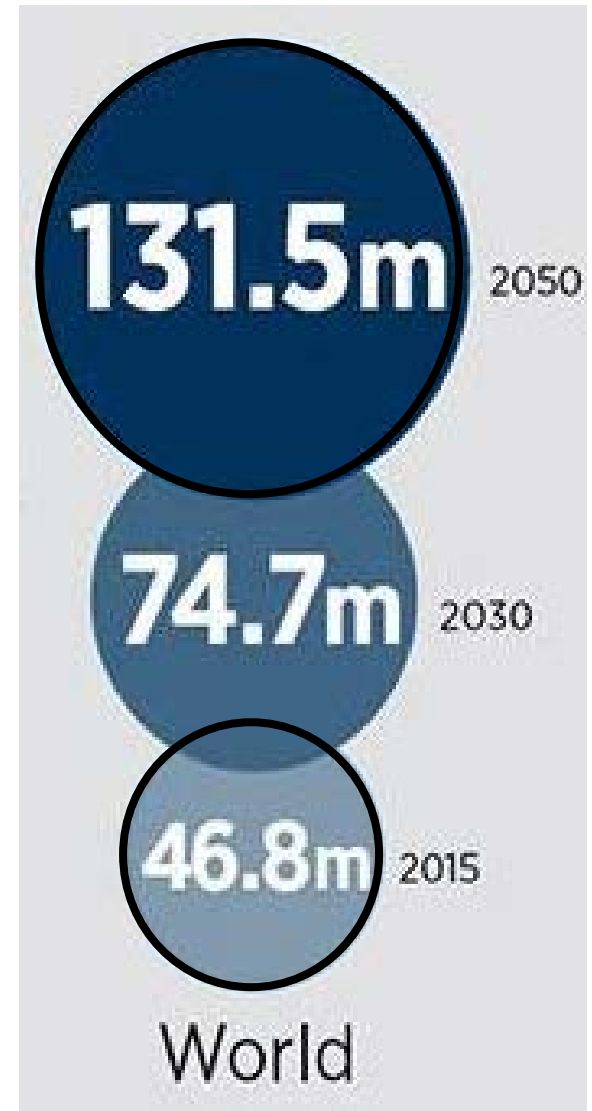
# Age Related Diseases

## Alzheimer's Disease

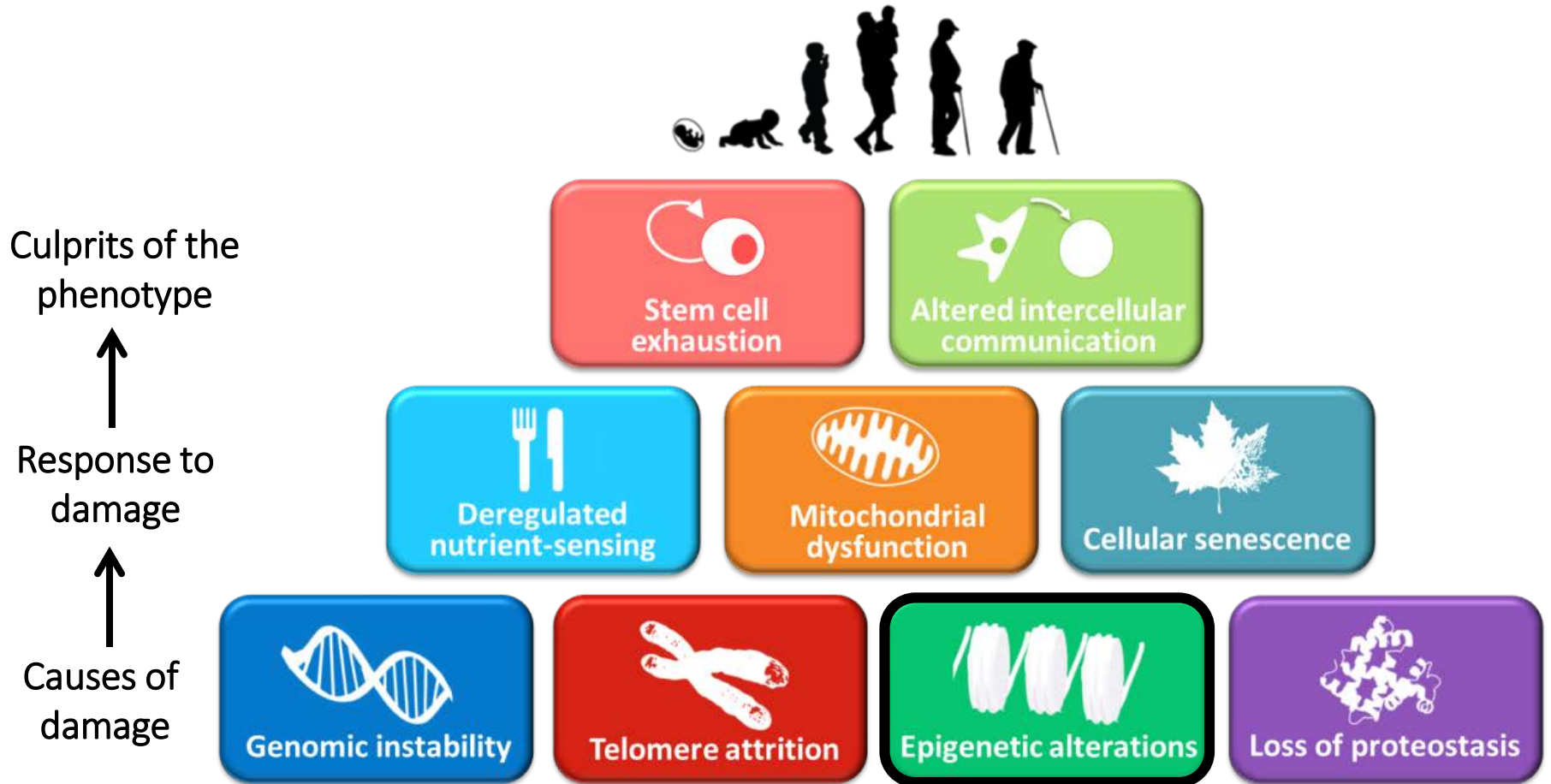
- The most common cause of dementia
- Neurodegenerative disease
- Progressive and Irreversible
- Cognitive Impairment and behavioural abnormalities
- Neuropathological alterations:  $\beta$ -amyloid, Tau hyperphosphorylation and cell death.
- Sporadic Alzheimer's disease 99% of cases



The greatest risk factor for AD is advanced age

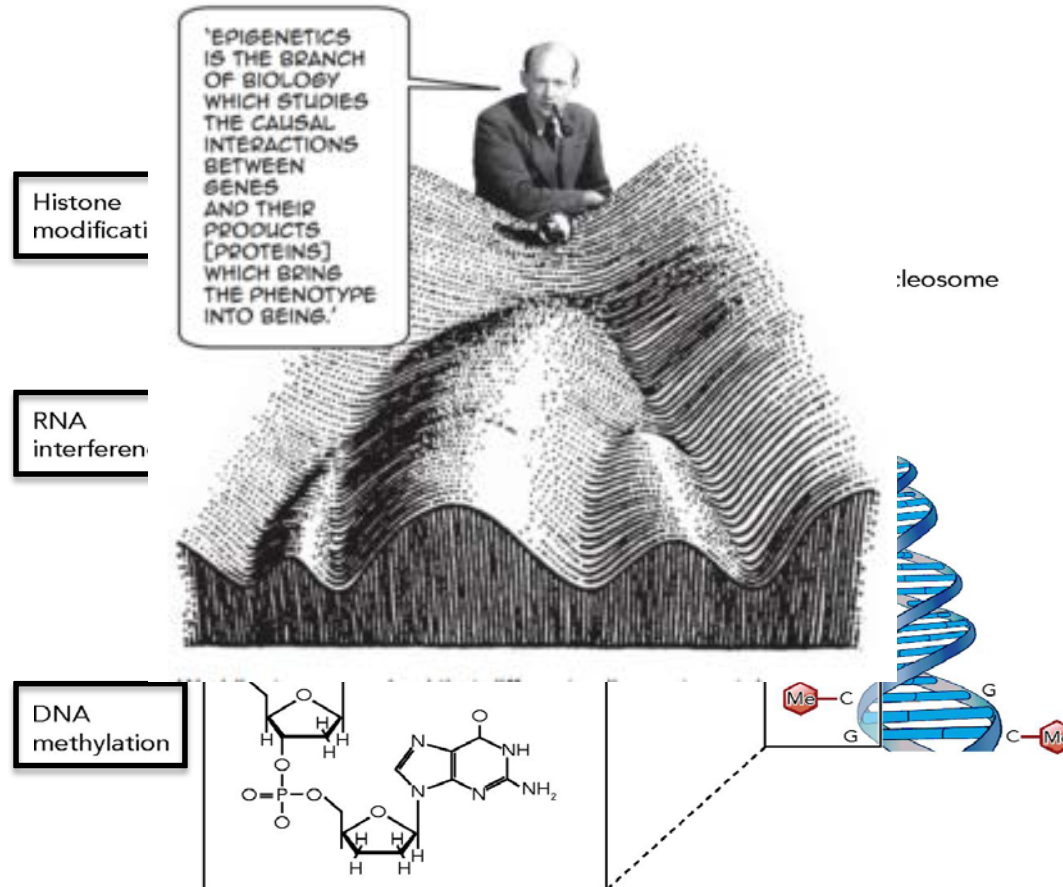


# The hallmarks of aging



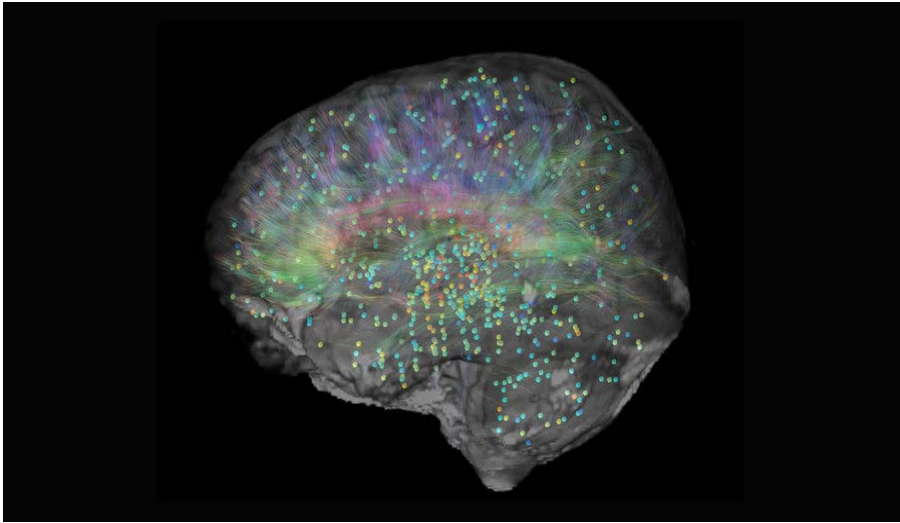
# Epigenetic mechanisms

A consensus definition of the concept of *epigenetic trait* as "stably heritable phenotype resulting from changes in a chromosome without alterations in the DNA sequence" was formulated at a [Cold Spring Harbor meeting in 2008](#).

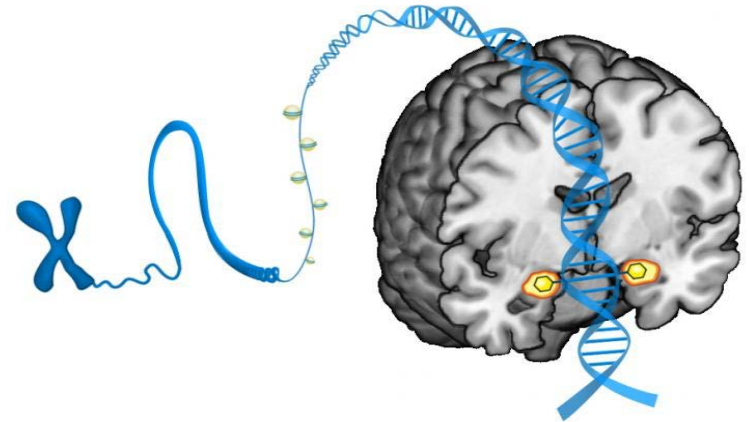




# Epigenetics and Brain

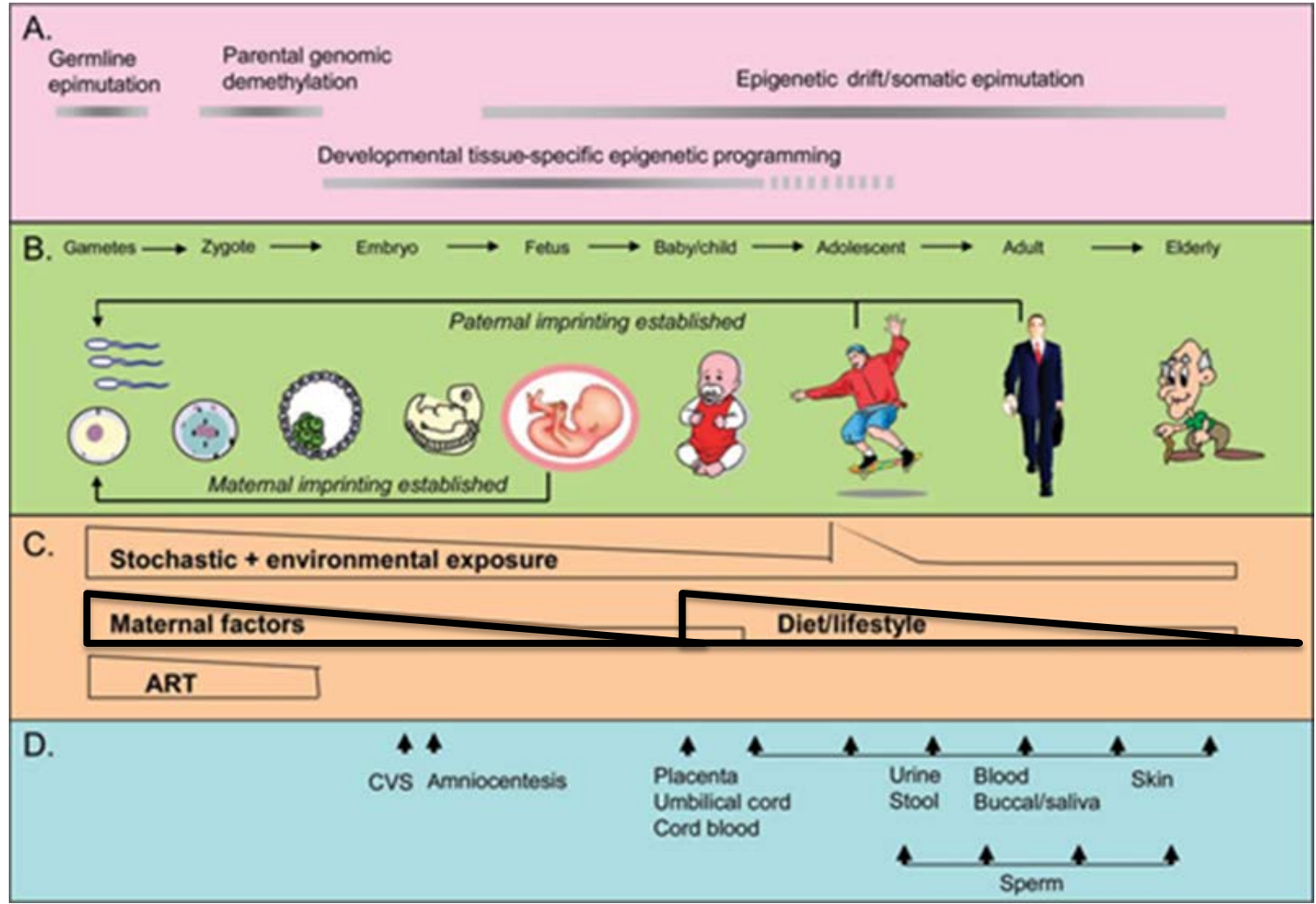


The human brain expresses numerous genes; approximately 80–95% of protein-coding genes are expressed in at least one brain region during at least one period of development or adulthood.



One of the most important findings that supports the importance of epigenetics in the functioning of the brain has been the discovery that neuronal activity *per se* modifies DNA methylation and histone modification patterns, and further, that learning and memory depend on these epigenetic changes.

# Epigenetics and life



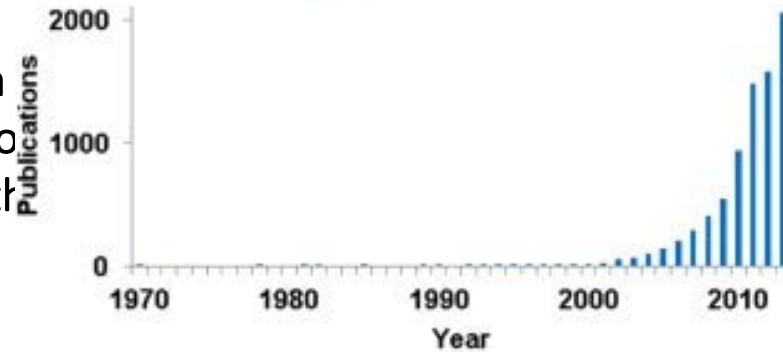
# What causes AD?

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## Epigenetics

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Review

Epigenetic mechanisms in Alzheimer's disease: Implications for pathogenesis and therapy



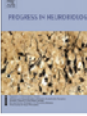
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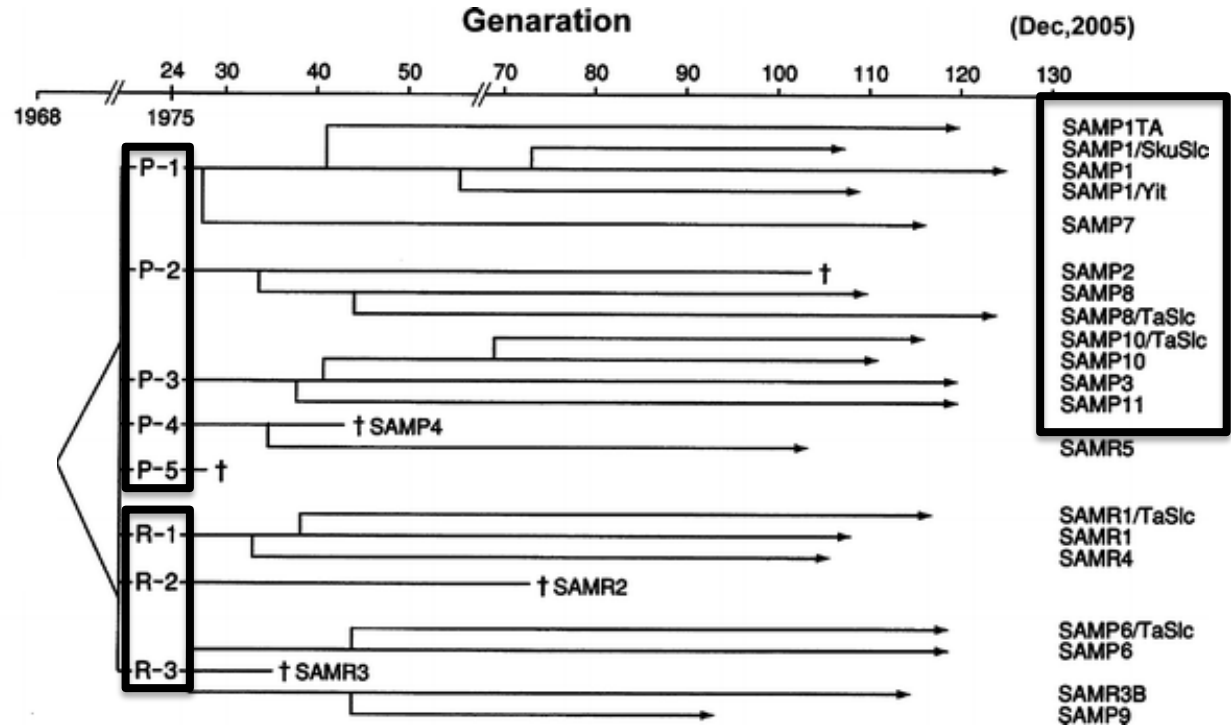
Epigenetic regulation in the pathophysiology of Alzheimer's disease

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# The SAMP8 Mouse Model

Dr. Takeda 1968

AKR/J strain



SAM resistant (SAMR) mice

SAM prone (SAMP) mice

Median survival 16.3 months

Median survival 9.7 months





# The SAMP8 Mouse Model

## CHARACTERISTICS OF AGE-RELATED BEHAVIORAL CHANGES IN SENESCENCE-ACCELERATED MOUSE SAMP8 AND SAMP10

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### Exome sequencing of senescence-accelerated mice (SAM) reveals deleterious mutations in degenerative disease-causing genes

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Mini review

The senescence-accelerated prone mouse (SAMP8): A model of age-related cognitive decline with relevance to alterations of the gene expression and protein abnormalities in Alzheimer's disease

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## Senescence-Accelerated Mice P8: A Tool to Study Brain Aging and Alzheimer's Disease in a Mouse Model

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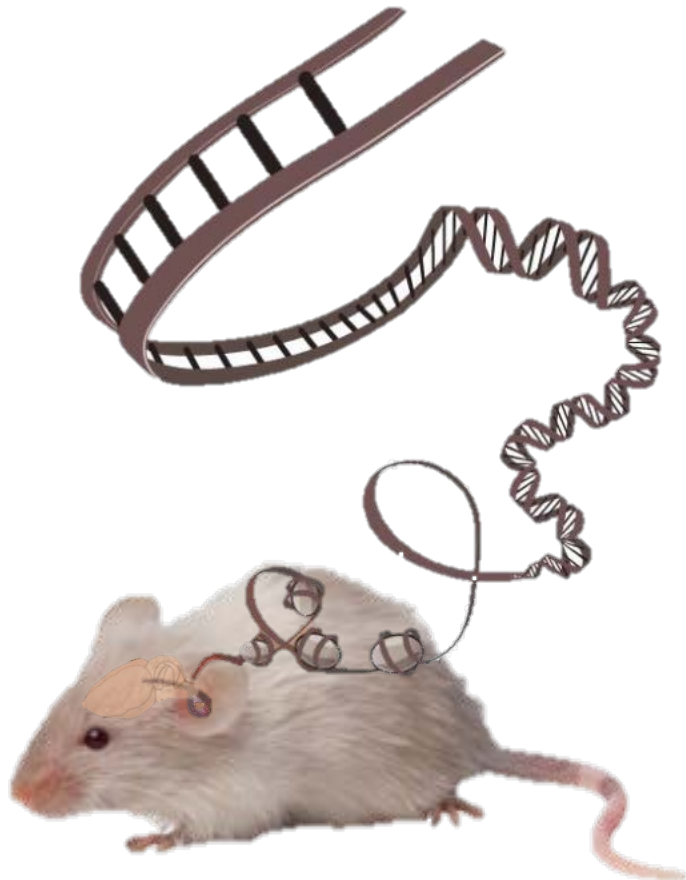
### SAMP8 mice as a neuropathological model of accelerated brain aging and dementia: Toshio Takeda's legacy and future directions

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# The SAMP8 Mouse Model



Epigenetics can explain in part the senescent phenotype that characterizes SAMP8



## Epigenetic alterations in hippocampus of SAMP8 senescent mice and modulation by voluntary physical exercise

Table 1. Epigenetic alterations presented by SAMP8 in comparison with SAMR1.

Related Aberrant Epigenetic Mark and Regulators	Epigenetic Alteration	References
DNA methylation	Global levels of 5-mC ↑ and 5-hmC ↓	[233]
Histone modifications	H3K24, H3K27, H3K36, H3K79, H3R128, H4K20 and H2AR89 ↓ Global acetylation levels of H3 and H4 ↑	[242]
miRNAs	miR-16, miR-9 and miR-139 ↓	[246, 247, 249]
DNTMs and HDACs	Dnmt3b ↑ Sirt1, Hdac5 and Hdac6 ↓	[233, 25]

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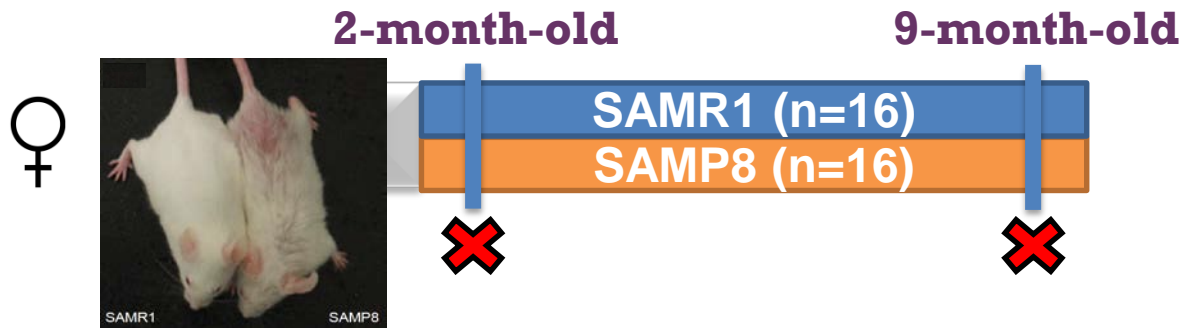
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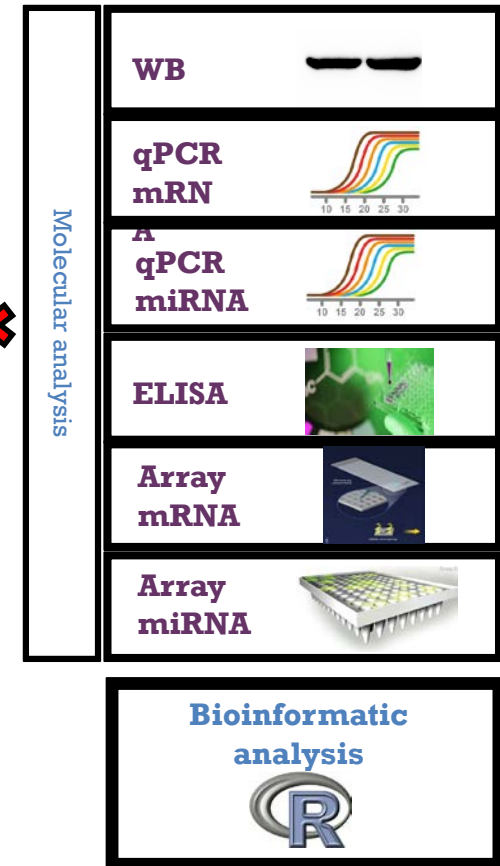
# Epigenetic study in SAMP8

Analysis of early and late-onset epigenetic alterations in female SAMP8 a model of age-related cognitive decline

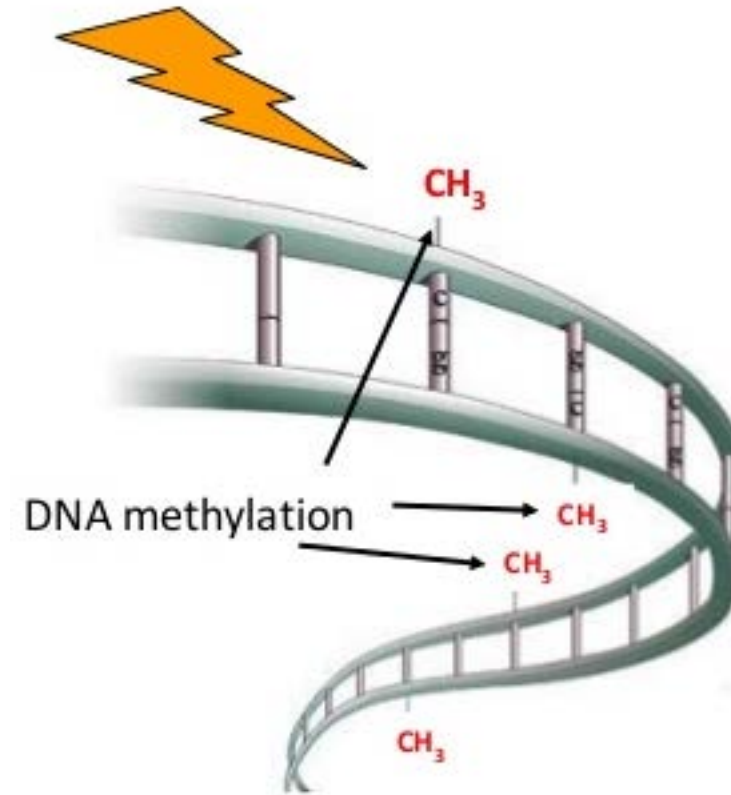
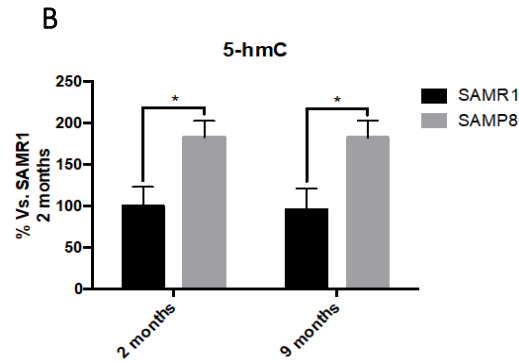
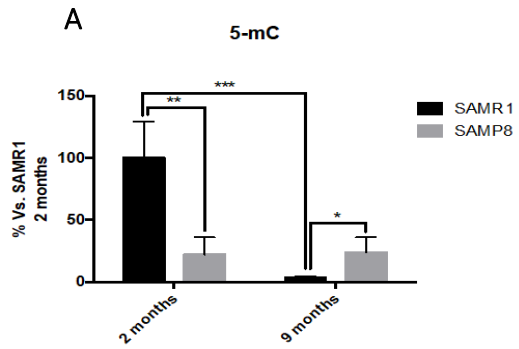
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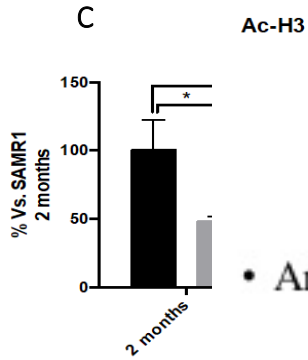
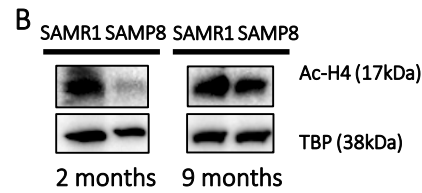
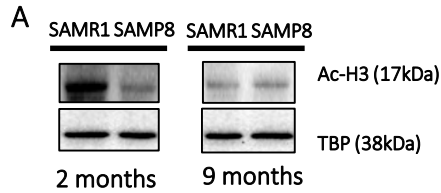
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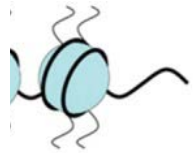
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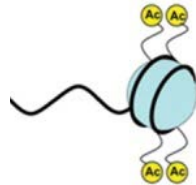
## Epigenetics in Alzheimers Disease

- Animal post-mortem studies show:

Pathology	Effect
Decreased global levels of 5'-mC in brain	Increased Tau phosphorylation
Decreased level of H3 acetylation in Temporal lobe	Decreased synaptic plasticity leading to decreased learning and memory

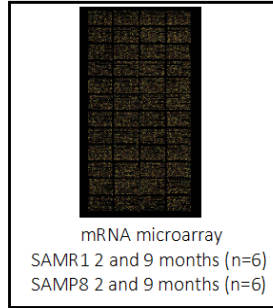


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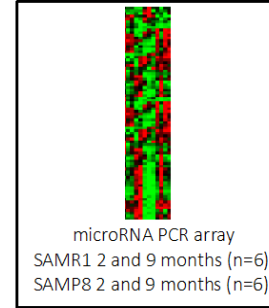




# mRNA-miRNA expression

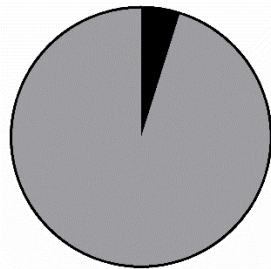


1,062 mRNAs differentially expressed in SAMP8 vs. SAMR1 at 2 months  
1,033 mRNAs differentially expressed in SAMP8 vs. SAMR1 at 9 months  
92 mRNAs differentially expressed in both 2 and 9 months  
(Figure 1 and Suppl. Material 3)



28 miRNAs differentially expressed in SAMP8 vs. SAMR1 at 2 months  
17 miRNAs differentially expressed in SAMP8 vs. SAMR1 at 9 months  
6 miRNAs differentially expressed in both 2 and 9 months  
(Figure 4 and Suppl. Material 4)

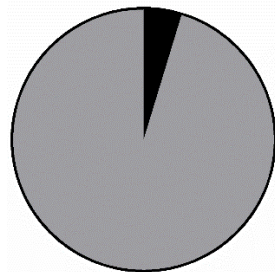
# mRNA-miRNA expression



Genes altered in 2-month-old SAMP8

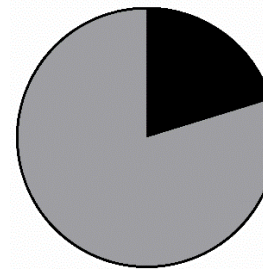
- Altered (1062 genes; 4.8%)  
Up-regulated: 571  
Down-regulated: 491
- Non-altered (20938 genes)

5%



Genes altered in 9-month-old SAMP8

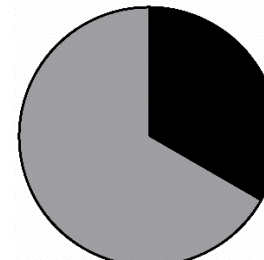
- Altered (1033 genes; 4.7%)  
Up-regulated: 346  
Down-regulated: 687
- Non-altered (20967 genes)



MiRNAs altered in 9-month-old SAMP8

- Altered (17 miRNAs; 20.2%)  
Up-regulated: 13  
Down-regulated: 4
- Non-altered (67 miRNAs)

25%



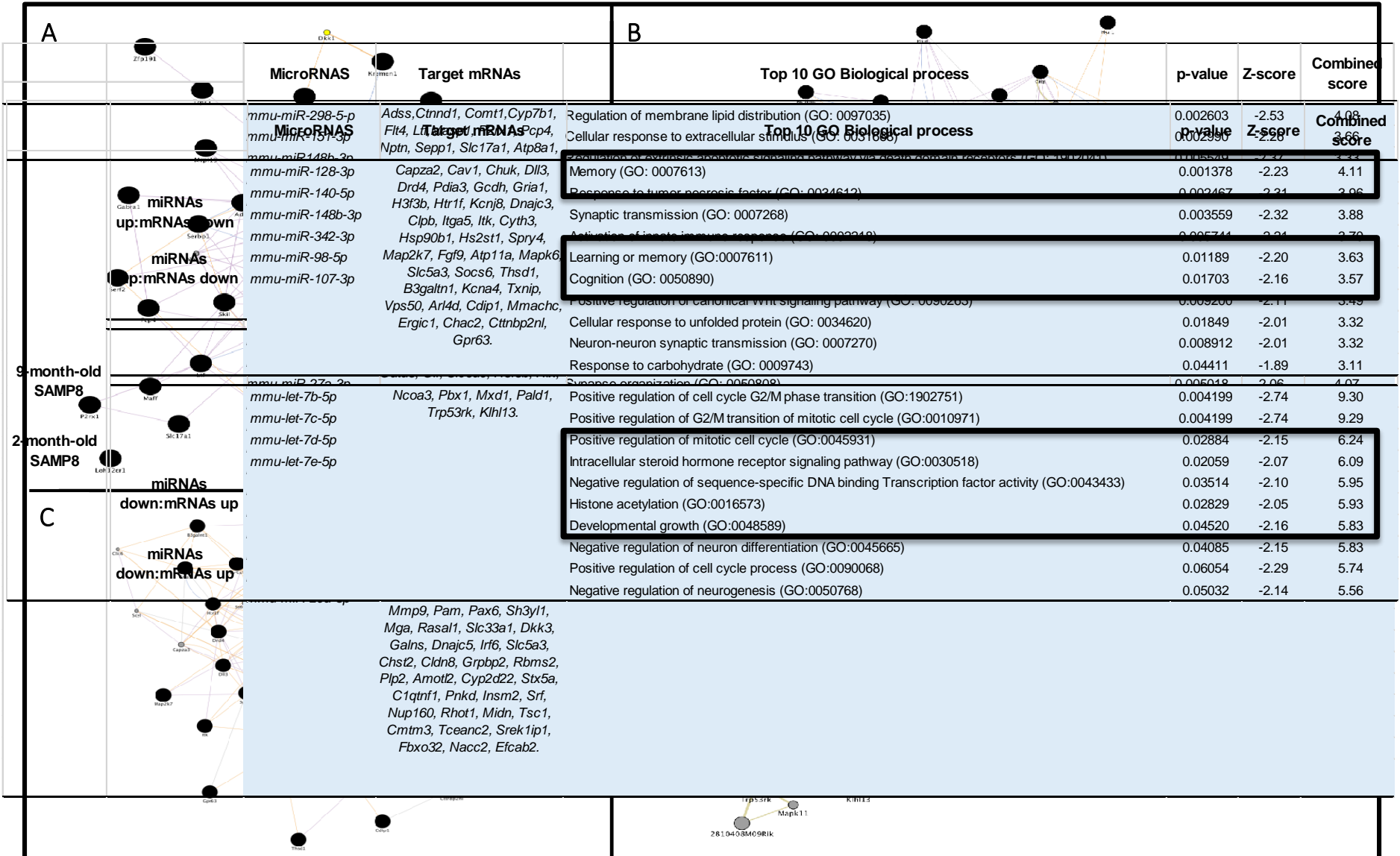
MiRNAs altered in 2-month-old SAMP8

- Altered (28 miRNAs; 33.3%)  
Up-regulated: 6  
Down-regulated: 22
- Non-altered (56 miRNAs)

We found 174 mRNA targets altered in SAMP8

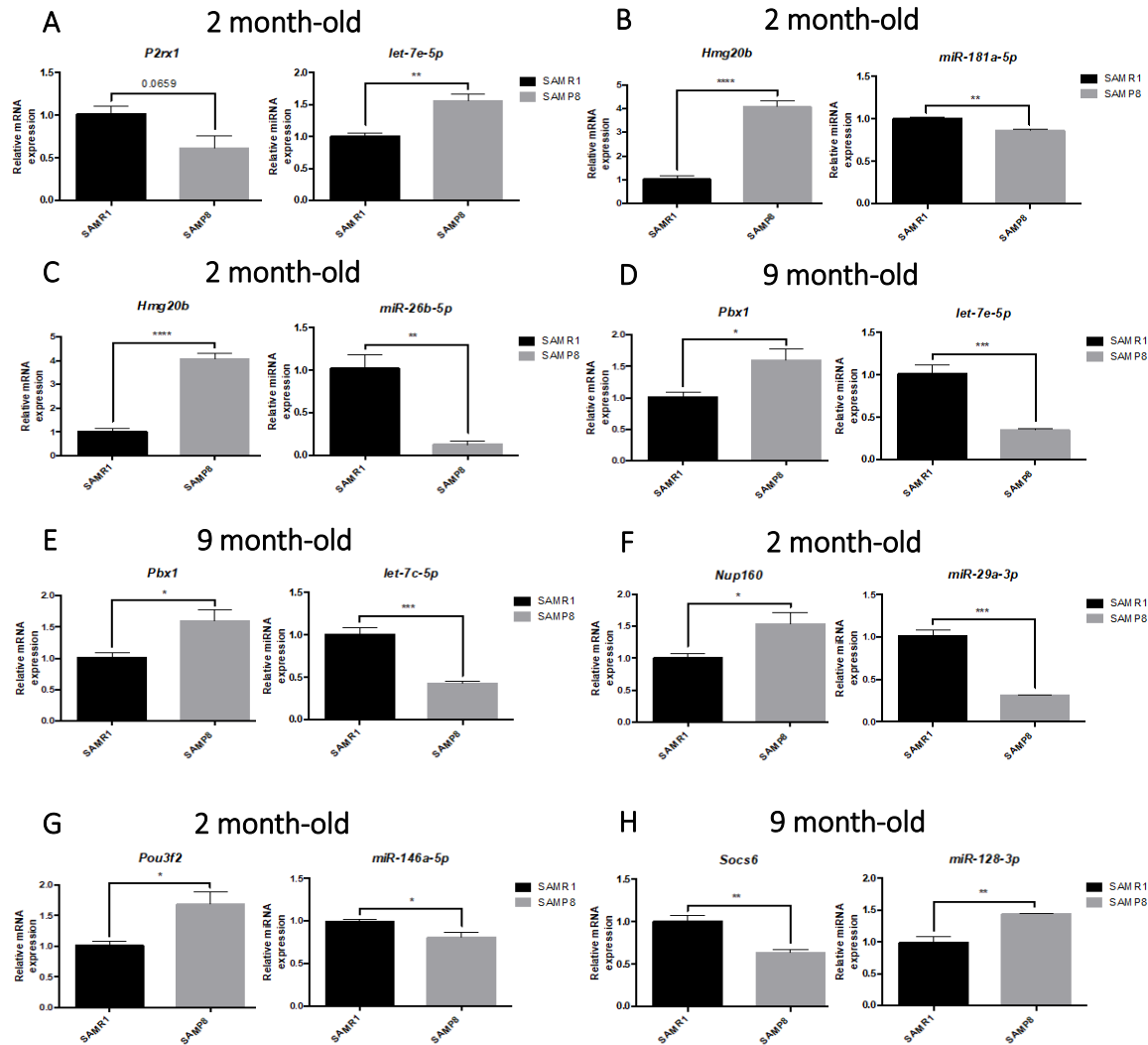
We found 37 miRNAs altered in SAMP8

# Regulatory networks

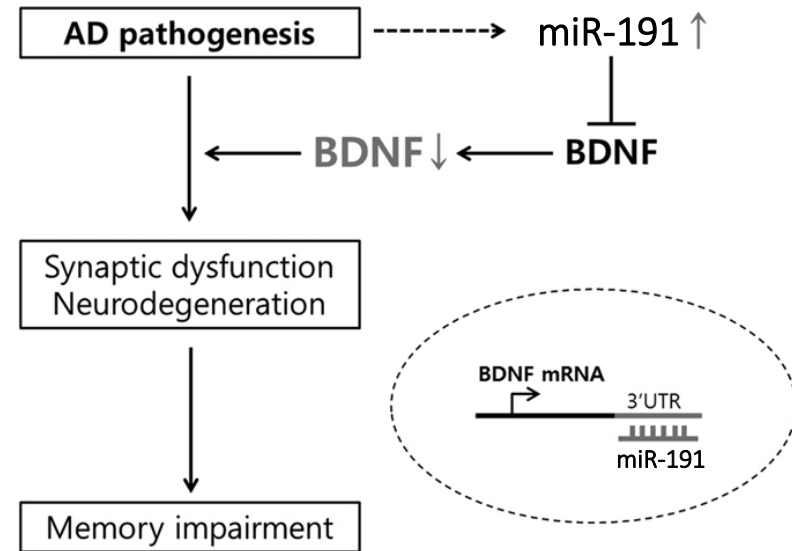
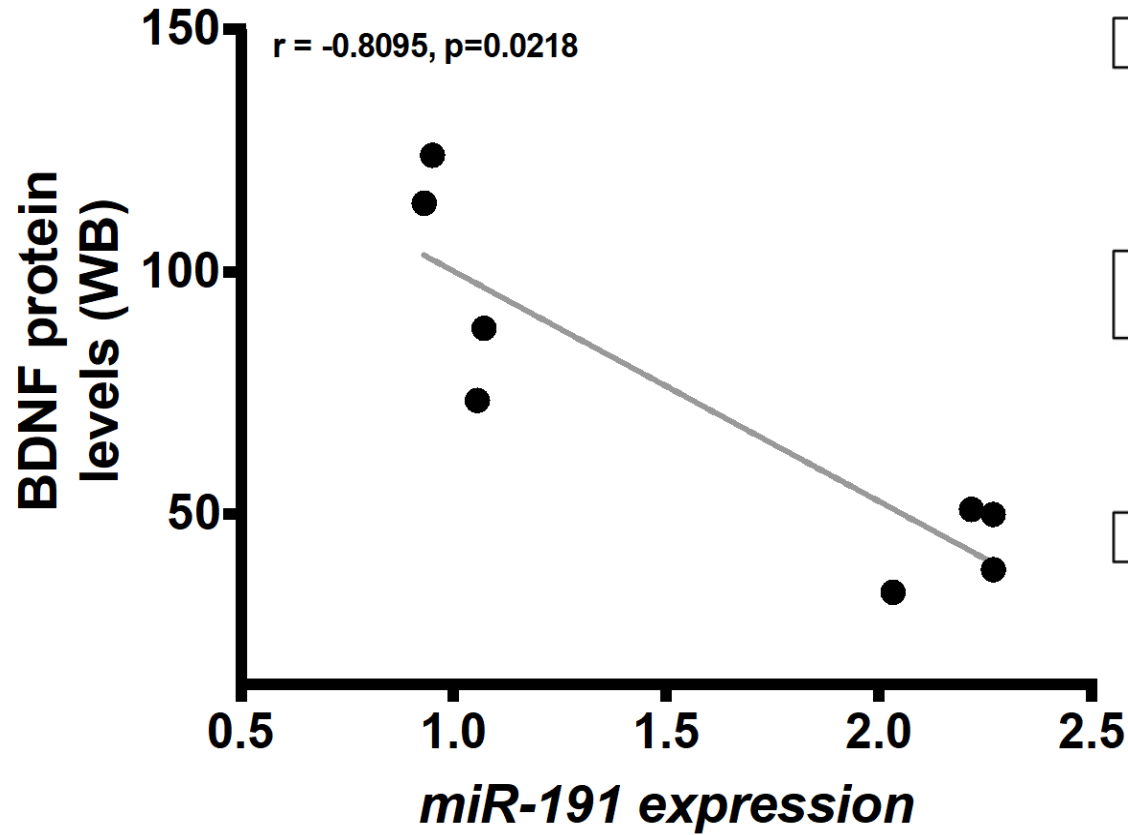


# Validation of mRNA:miRNA

The selected mRNA:miRNA pairs are involved in brain aging and neurodegeneration.



# Validation of mRNA:miRNA





# Conclusions

Our data indicate the reciprocal interaction between non-genetic factors and epigenetic mechanisms that can explain the senescence process in the SAMP8, and specifically the main role of miRNA in gene regulation, supported their use as biomarkers for aging and their importance for developing novel therapeutic interventions for AD, based on epigenetics.

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