Anatomical substrates of cognitive fatigue in aging and in Parkinson's disease
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OBJECTIVES/SPECIFIC AIMS: Identify objective neurological substrates of cognitive fatigue in Parkinson’s disease and in aging. METHODS/STUDY POPULATION: Structural and diffusion MRI. Behavioral assessments for aged adults and Parkinson’s disease. RESULTS/ANTICIPATED RESULTS: Gray and white matter deficits that correlate with deficits in the basal ganglia for fatigue Parkinson’s disease patients. Versus anterior cingulate cortex in healthy aged adults with fatigue. DISCUSSION/SIGNIFICANCE OF IMPACT: Over 50% of patients with Parkinson’s disease and 38% of healthy older adults suffer from cognitive fatigue. However, diagnostics are limited to subjective surveys and there are no treatments for either population. Therefore, objective measures are greatly needed for better diagnosis and development of treatment targets.

Investigating the correlation between rheumatoid arthritis and Prevotella copri
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OBJECTIVES/SPECIFIC AIMS: Rheumatoid arthritis (RA) is one of the most prevalent systemic autoimmune diseases. It is caused by a combination of genetic and environmental factors. In humans, the intestinal microbe Prevotella copri strongly correlates with RA in previously untreated new-onset rheumatoid arthritis (NORA) patients. Metagenomic assembly of P. copri from NORA patients and healthy controls suggests genetic differences between P. copri from each group. In order to test the hypothesis that genetic differences in P. copri from arthritis patients promote arthritis, I am performing genomic comparison of primary P. copri isolates from NORA patients and healthy controls, and analysis of the immune response to P. copri in mice. Mice colonized with P. copri have increased susceptibility to DSS-induced weight loss and death compared to mice with untreated controls. Future experiments will assess the local and systemic immune response in P. copri-colonized, DSS-treated mice. If this work is successful, then it may be possible to exploit genetic variation in P. copri. This could lead to new biomarkers for human disease or even insight into drug metabolism.

METHODS/STUDY POPULATION: To validate a strategy to screen for the presence of P. copri in feces, qPCR primers were designed to amplify 8 regions across the 3.5 Mb P. copri reference genome using NCBI PrimerBlast. Primers were validated with DNA from feces for which P. copri abundance was previously determined by 16s rDNA sequencing. P. copri genome-specific primers were used to screen bacterial isolates from NORA patients and healthy controls. The 16s V3-V4 region was sequenced and compared with the P. copri reference 16s sequence to confirm >97% similarity. Genomes of 2 NORA patient isolates were sequenced on Illumina Miseq, and sequences were compared with the reference genome. A strategy was developed to colonize mice with P. copri. 3-week-old C57BL/6 mice were treated with antibiotics in drinking water for 2 weeks, then switched to water for 2 days before oral gavage with P. copri; 6-7 days after inoculation, P. copri colonization was assessed by plating feces from inoculated mice, and by qPCR of fecal DNA with P. copri-specific primers. A systemic immune response to P. copri was assessed by microbe-specific ELISA for IgG and IgA in the sera of colonized mice. RESULTS/ANTICIPATED RESULTS: P. copri was detected in the stool of 20% of healthy individuals and 50% of NORA patients. P. copri was isolated from 4 healthy individuals and 6 NORA patients. Whole genomes of 96 primary isolates from NORA patients and healthy controls will be sequenced on the Illumina Hiseq platform, and their genomes will be assembled and compared using Spades software. For 2 P. copri isolates for a NORA patient, 89% of 250 bp reads aligned >95% to the P. copri reference genome. Mice can be colonized with P. copri gavaged at >106 CFU. P. copri-specific IgG and IgA were detected in the sera of colonized mice. DISCUSSION/SIGNIFICANCE OF IMPACT: Several primary isolates of P. copri have been collected from healthy controls and NORA patients, which will enable whole genome comparison of these isolates. For the 2 P. copri isolates sequenced, 89% of 250 bp reads aligned >95% to the P. copri reference genome, indicating variability between NORA patient P. copri strains and the P. copri reference genome. The establishment of colonization of mice with P. copri will allow further characterization of the immune response to P. copri at steady state and under pro-inflammatory conditions. Further, the systemic immune response to P. copri indicates that this microbe may have potential to play a role in systemic disease.

Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, stem cells and TALENted technology
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OBJECTIVES/SPECIFIC AIMS: The current treatment for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) includes systemic delivery of neurotrophic factors (NTFs). Although this approach may seem theoretically sound, NTF efficacy within the central nervous system (CNS) is largely limited by the blood-brain barrier. Thus, a cell-based approach, which allows for targeted delivery of molecular therapies locally from the CNS, could lead to a paradigm shift in the field. METHODS/STUDY POPULATION: The Windebank and Staff group at Mayo Clinic completed a Phase I dose-escalation safety trial of autologous, adipo-derived mesenchymal stem cells (adMSCs) in an effort to move toward personalized medical treatment of ALS. The adMSCs were injected into the intrathecal space by lumbar puncture in 27 patients and the results showed an excellent safety profile across a range of doses. The team is moving forward with this idea by using gene-editing technology to develop clinical-grade, genetically modified autologous MSCs. The patient-derived adMSCs are modified at defined “safe-harbor” regions of the human genome through transcription activator-like effector nuclease (TALEN) technology. RESULTS/ANTICIPATED RESULTS: Our results show that electroporating adMSCs with plasmid DNA leads to efficient GFP or TALEN transgene expression, but yields low cell survival and a low rate of genetic modification. DISCUSSION/SIGNIFICANCE OF IMPACT: It can be concluded that: (1) TALEN technology may be used to target safe harbor loci for gene integration to produce therapeutic adMSC for ALS. (2) Primary barriers to adMSC modification are inefficient TALEN and donor template uptake, low cutting efficiency, and poor cell survival after electroporation. Future directions include optimizing the protocol to obtain 48 base pairs in the homology arms and increasing transfection efficiency.

Gene expression signatures of acute respiratory syncytial virus infection in pediatric patients reveals insight into clinical pathogenesis
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OBJECTIVES/SPECIFIC AIMS: Respiratory viruses cause enormous medical burden, yet many of the specific virus and host genetic factors that impact pathogenesis are still largely unknown or poorly understood. To better understand the drivers of both acute clinical pathogenesis and long-term impacts, such as the development of asthma, we investigated the host response to respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) infections in pediatric patients. METHODS/STUDY POPULATION: We collected nasopharyngeal swabs from 32 pediatric patients with acute RSV infection. The swabs represented a mixed cell population including epithelial and immune cells at the active site of infection. Unbiased RNA sequencing with ribosomal RNA depletion allowed the simultaneous detection of host gene expression and RSV infection. We sequenced samples 2 x 75 bp on an Illumina NextSeq 500. Sequences were mapped to the human genome using the TopHat 2 aligner and FPKM estimation of reference genes and transcripts and assembly of novel transcripts were conducted with Cufflinks 2. RESULTS/ANTICIPATED RESULTS: During acute RSV infection we identified 7343 genes that were significantly expressed. Pathway analysis using KEGG revealed significant upregulation of pathways involved in innate immune response infection, ribosome function, oxidative phosphorylation, spliceosome and autoimmune disorders. We found upregulation of innate immune response genes including CXCL8, IFITM1, IFITM2, IFITM2, IL1RN, and ISG15. In comparing RSV subtype A to RSV B we found significant differential expression of multiple noncoding RNAs. DISCUSSION/SIGNIFICANCE OF IMPACT: Examination of the host gene response during acute RSV infections, yielded important insight into the mechanisms that cause clinical pathogenesis and may provide understanding of the mechanisms that lead to known long-term impacts, such as the development of asthma. Together, this data may be used to guide clinical treatment and management decisions for children with severe RSV infections.