# Dementia in PD is Due to Diffuse Lewy Body Disease

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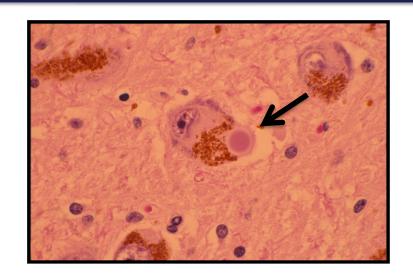


#### **Overview**

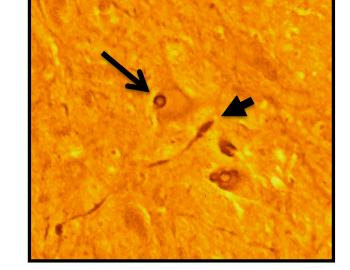
- What is "Diffuse Lewy Body Disease"?
  - define Lewy related pathology (LRP)
  - Braak staging of LRP
  - define "diffuse" Lewy body disease
- What is PDD?
- Is dementia due to coexistent AD?
- Is neocortical LRP associated with dementia in PDD?
  - Is it presence of diffuse LRP or severity?

### What is Lewy Related Pathology (LRP)?

Classic Lewy bodies



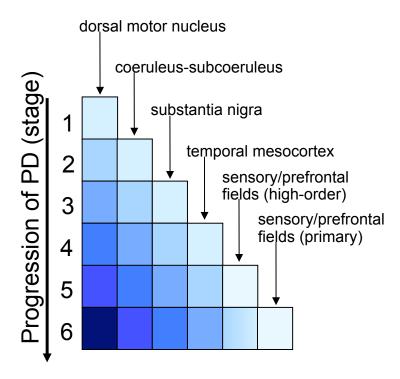
 Alpha-synuclein immunopositive inclusions and neurites





### **Braak Staging of LRP**

- Examination of "incidental" and PD cases with SNCA antibodies
- Proposed "stages" of LRP anatomic progression



(intensity of color represents degree of degeneration)



### What is "Diffuse Lewy Body Disease"?

- Involvement of LRP in all three major anatomic regions "+"
  - brainstem
  - limbic
  - neocortical
  - "more" diffuse

#### What is PDD?

### 2007 Clinical Diagnostic Criteria

- Diagnosis of PD
- Dementia syndrome within the context of established PD
  - impairment in more than one cognitive domain
  - decline from premorbid level
  - deficits severe enough to impair daily life



## What is PDD? Interpretation of Neurpathologic Studies

- Case selection
  - ◆ PD <u>precedes</u> dementia onset ("1 year rule")
- Neuropathology
  - SNCA immunohistochemistry
  - Up to date AD pathologic criteria
    - Braak stage IV or greater neurofibrillary tangles
    - CERAD neuritic plaque density ≥ moderate



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TOTAL	165	23 (14%)	84 (97%)



#### Two Community Sample Studies

- Honolulu-Asia Aging Study (HAAS)
  - ◆ 285 autopsies
  - logistic regression for AD/Vascular/Cortical LB/HS & dementia
  - odds ratio for cortical LB = 2.17
- Adult Changes in Thought (ACT)
  - ◆ 221 autopsies
  - Multivariate log-linear regression for AD/Vascular/Cortical LB/AA & dementia
  - ♦ odds ratio for cortical LB = 5.08

- Hurtig, Neurology 2000
  - ◆ 20 PD & 22 PDD
  - 41/42 with cortical LRP

	Cortical Lewy Body Score				
Dementia	0	1	2	3	
Yes, n (%)	0 (0)	2 (9)	13 (59)	7 (32)	
No, n (%)	1 (5)	17 (85)	2 (10)	0	



- Apaydin, Arch Neurol 2002
  - 12 PD & 8 PDD

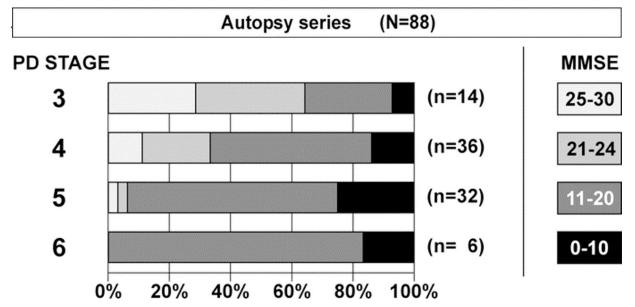
Region	PDD Mean (SD)	PD Mean (SD)	p value
Neocortex	2.3 (2.4)	0.2 (0.2)	.002
Limbic cortex	6.9 (4.5)	0.7 (0.7)	> .001
Amygdala	17.5 (18.2)	1.5 (1.9)	.006
Substantia nigra	5.7 (2.5)	3.3 (2.1)	.05



- Aarsland, Ann Neurol 2005
  - community-based study of PD
  - 4 PD & 18 PDD
  - LRP total score
    - Only LRP score significantly associated with rate of cognitive decline



- Braak, Neurology 2005
  - 9 PD & 79 PDD





### Conclusion

- Is dementia due to coexistent AD? No
- Is presence of <u>any</u> neocortical LRP associated with dementia in PDD? No
- Is it presence of "more" diffuse LRP associated with dementia? Yes!