Biomarkers For Psychosis

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BACKGROUND

The diagnosis of psychiatric disorders, such as bipolar disorder, is currently dependent on the presentation of clinical or psychological symptoms over an extended period of time. Given that several psychiatric disorders are heritable, the identification of biomarkers for them would provide a major advance in early diagnosis. While some researchers have pursued gene-based biomarkers, such as mRNA expression levels, other investigators are discovering novel biomarkers using microarray analysis, such as the correlation between the increased expression of a specific protein in the blood and brain of patients with schizophrenia.

TECHNOLOGY DESCRIPTION

Researchers at UC San Diego have elucidated novel methods to diagnose psychosis and bipolar disorder by measuring the relative amount of key protein biomarkers in psychotic and non-psychotic individuals. This technology includes a method to diagnose psychotic and non-psychotic bipolar disorder by measuring the relative expression of growth-associated protein 43 (GAP-43) or its mRNA in blood.

The inventors successfully demonstrated this technology in a study of 35 patients with schizophrenia, 35 with bipolar disorder, and 35 matched non-psychiatric controls (the Stanley Array Collection maintained by the Stanley Medical Research Foundation). They found that the pre-synaptic protein GAP-43 was increased by 22 percent in psychotic bipolar and 18 percent in non-psychotic bipolar subjects compared to controls (Tian SY et al. 2007).

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY INFO

Intellectual Property Information: This invention is available for licensing in the United States. US patent to issue imminently.

RELATED MATERIALS

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