

Gene Expression Profiles of Entorhinal Cortex in Alzheimer's Disease

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Abstract

The incidence of Alzheimer's disease (AD) has been increasing in the recent years but the underlying mechanisms remain uncertain. This study aimed to analyze the differentially expressed genes (DEGs) in entorhinal cortex with AD and identify featured genes related to AD. Gene expression profile GSE5281 was downloaded from Gene Expression Omnibus, including 10 AD and 13 control samples. Differentially expressed genes were identified by Student *t* test including 119 upregulated and 591 downregulated DEGs. Then, we obtained 14 enrichment Kyoto Encyclopedia of Genes and Genomes (KEGG) pathways among which 11 pathways were significantly enriched (adjusted *P* value < .05). The KEGG pathway network which was constructed by 14 KEGG pathways showed that 6-phosphofructokinase, muscle type, phosphoglucomutase 1, aldolase A, and adolase C had high degree. Glycometabolism pathways network which was constructed by 4 glycometabolism pathways showed that adenosine triphosphate (ATP) synthase, H⁺-transporting, mitochondrial F1 complex *ATP5B*, *ATP5C1*, *ATP5D*, and *ATP5G1* had high degree related to ATP metabolism. These findings suggested that these genes with high degree may be the underlying potential therapeutic targets for AD.

Keywords

Alzheimer's disease, entorhinal cortex, glycometabolism pathway, differentially expressed genes

Introduction

Alzheimer's disease (AD) is the most progressive neurodegenerative disorder¹ and a leading cause of dementia in the elderly patients.² It is estimated that 27 million people are affected worldwide.³ The typical clinical presentation of patients with AD is progressive loss of memory and cognitive function, ultimately leading to a loss of independence and causing a heavy personal toll on the patient.⁴ Although extensive investigations into this disease have taken place over the past few decades, the exact cause of this disease is yet to be elucidated.

To the best of our knowledge, the brain is a heavy user of metabolic energy requiring 25% of the body's glucose supplies. It mainly relies on glucose for energy. The major energy metabolism systems of brain includes glycolytic pathway, tricarboxylic acid cycle, and oxidative phosphorylation.⁵ Longitudinal studies show that metabolic insufficiency has been proposed to be involved in AD from the early stage of the disease,⁶ and treatment of targeting metabolic insufficiency can increase cognitive performance. On a molecular-level analysis, the expression of some genes involved in energy metabolism has been shown to be significantly downregulated in the AD hippocampus.⁵ Glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate dehydrogenase, downregulated in AD,^{5,7} plays a role in glycolysis and phosphorylation. Glutamic-oxaloacetic transaminase 1, containing a susceptibility locus for late-onset AD, has also been

shown to be downregulated in AD.⁸ In addition, a number of downregulated genes in hippocampus were related to metabolism, including triosephosphate isomerase, adenosine triphosphate (ATP) citrate lyase, and malate dehydrogenase 2. The entorhinal cortex (EC), a part of the temporal cortex, is divided into superficial (I-III) and deep layers (IV-VI) that show differential anatomical and functional organization.⁹ The superficial layers are the main recipient of intracortical information and the major output source to the hippocampus. Entorhinal dysfunction is involved in several brain diseases, including AD.¹⁰ The AD-related neuronal loss and atrophy of the EC are well documented in patients.¹¹⁻¹³ However, little is known about AD-associated gene expression changes related to metabolism in EC.

In order to further evaluate the role of energy metabolism in EC associated with AD, the present study analyzed differentially

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expressed genes (DEGs) between AD and controls (CTs). Then, we applied bioinformatics tools to identify featured DEGs involved in glycometabolism. We believed that molecular evaluation of the EC from metabolically affected brain could provide new information about the pathogenesis of AD and new therapeutic targets for AD.

Materials and Methods

Affymetrix Microarray Data

The microarray data were downloaded from Gene Expression Omnibus (GEO) database and the accession number was GSE5281^{14,15} including 10 AD and 13 CT samples. All the analytical tissue samples were from EC. The microarray expression platform was Affymetrix Human Genome U133 plus 2.0.

Data Preprocessing

The data in CEL files were converted into expression profile and background correction and quartile data normalization were performed by the robust multiarray average¹⁶ with affy package. For genes corresponding to multiple probe sets which have a plurality of expression values, the gene expression values of those probe sets were averaged. Eventually, expression profiles of 19 803 genes were obtained from 23 specimens.

Differentially Expressed Genes Analysis

Student *t* test was used to identify genes that were significantly differentially expressed between AD and CT samples. The *P* value less than .01 adjusted by Benjamin and Hochberg (BH) method¹⁷ and fold change (FC) value larger than 2 was set as the threshold criteria for screening DEGs.¹⁸

Gene Ontology Enrichment Analysis

Gene Ontology (GO) is a bioinformatics project developed by the GO Consortium that aims to introduce consistency in the description of functional information pertaining to gene products.¹⁹ The GO consists of 3 ontologies used to describe the biological processes, molecular functions, and cellular component of a gene product.²⁰ The Database for Annotation, Visualization and Integrated Discovery (DAVID) consists of an integrated biological knowledgebase and functional annotation chart or table. It provides a comprehensive set functional annotation tools for investigators to integrate remarkable genes of specific function.²¹ The EASE method²² was used to calculate a significant value for GO categories after all DEGs being input into DAVID. The *P* value adjusted by BH less than .05 and EASE score of 0.01 were chosen as cutoff criteria.

Table 1. Gene Ontology Terms (Top 10) With Adjusted *P* Value < .05.^a

Terms	Biological Process	<i>P</i> Value
GO:0009259	Ribonucleotide metabolic process	1.77E-06
GO:0009260	Ribonucleotide biosynthetic process	2.73E-06
GO:0009150	Purine ribonucleotide metabolic process	2.90E-06
GO:0009152	Purine ribonucleotide biosynthetic process	5.53E-06
GO:0009199	Ribonucleoside triphosphate metabolic process	6.19E-06
GO:0009201	Ribonucleoside triphosphate biosynthetic process	1.44E-05
GO:0009142	Nucleoside triphosphate biosynthetic process	2.03E-05
GO:0009141	Nucleoside triphosphate metabolic process	2.37E-05
GO:0009205	Purine ribonucleoside triphosphate metabolic process	2.38E-05
GO:0046034	ATP metabolic process	2.84E-05

Abbreviations: GO, Gene Ontology; ATP, adenosine triphosphate; BH, Benjamin and Hochberg.

^a Adjusted *P* value means *P* value adjusted by BH.

Kyoto Encyclopedia of Genes and Genomes Pathway Analysis

The Kyoto Encyclopedia of Genes and Genomes (KEGG) pathway database (<http://www.kegg.jp/>) consists of graphical diagrams of biochemical pathways including most of the known metabolic pathways and some known regulatory pathways.²³ We mapped these DEGs to this database and searched important pathways associated with AD. The *P* value adjusted by BH less than .05 and EASE score of 0.01 were chosen as cutoff criteria. Then, some featured pathways were screened to construct perturbing pathway network closely related to AD by Cytoscape.²⁴ To get a better understanding of selected DEGs in pathway network, the degree was calculated.

Results

Screening of DEGs

We obtained publicly available microarray data set GSE5281 from GEO database. Student *t* test was used to analyze DEGs between 10 AD and 13 CT samples. According to threshold criteria (adjusted *P* value < .01 and FC value > 2) for DEGs, in total, 710 DEGs were identified including 119 upregulated and 591 downregulated DEGs.

Gene Ontology Enrichment Analysis of DEGs

To investigate AD gene expression on a functional level, DEGs (adjusted *P* value < 0.01 and FC value > 2) between AD and CT samples were significantly enriched in 136 GO terms. The top 10 GO terms (*P* value < .01) are shown in Table 1, including ribonucleotide metabolic process and ATP metabolic process.

Table 2. Kyoto Encyclopedia of Genes and Genomes Pathways of Differentially Expressed Genes.^{a,b}

Terms	Description	Count	Adjusted P Value
hsa00190	Oxidative phosphorylation	19	1.59E-06
hsa05016	Huntington's disease	21	1.32E-05
hsa05010	Alzheimer's disease	17	0.0004
hsa05012	Parkinson's disease	14	0.0011
hsa04260	Cardiac muscle contraction	10	0.0027
hsa00010	Glycolysis/gluconeogenesis	8	0.0073
hsa04144	Endocytosis	15	0.0101
hsa00030	Pentose phosphate pathway	5	0.0139
hsa00970	Aminoacyl-tRNA biosynthesis	6	0.0189
hsa00051	Fructose and mannose metabolism	5	0.0390
hsa05120	Epithelial cell signaling in <i>Helicobacter pylori</i> infection	7	0.0440
hsa04540	Gap junction	8	1.115760112
hsa05110	<i>Vibrio cholerae</i> infection	6	0.836820084
hsa05130	Pathogenic <i>Escherichia coli</i> infection	6	0.836820084

Abbreviation: BH, Benjamin and Hochberg.

^aCount means the number of candidate genes with that annotation.

^bAdjusted P value means P value adjusted by BH.

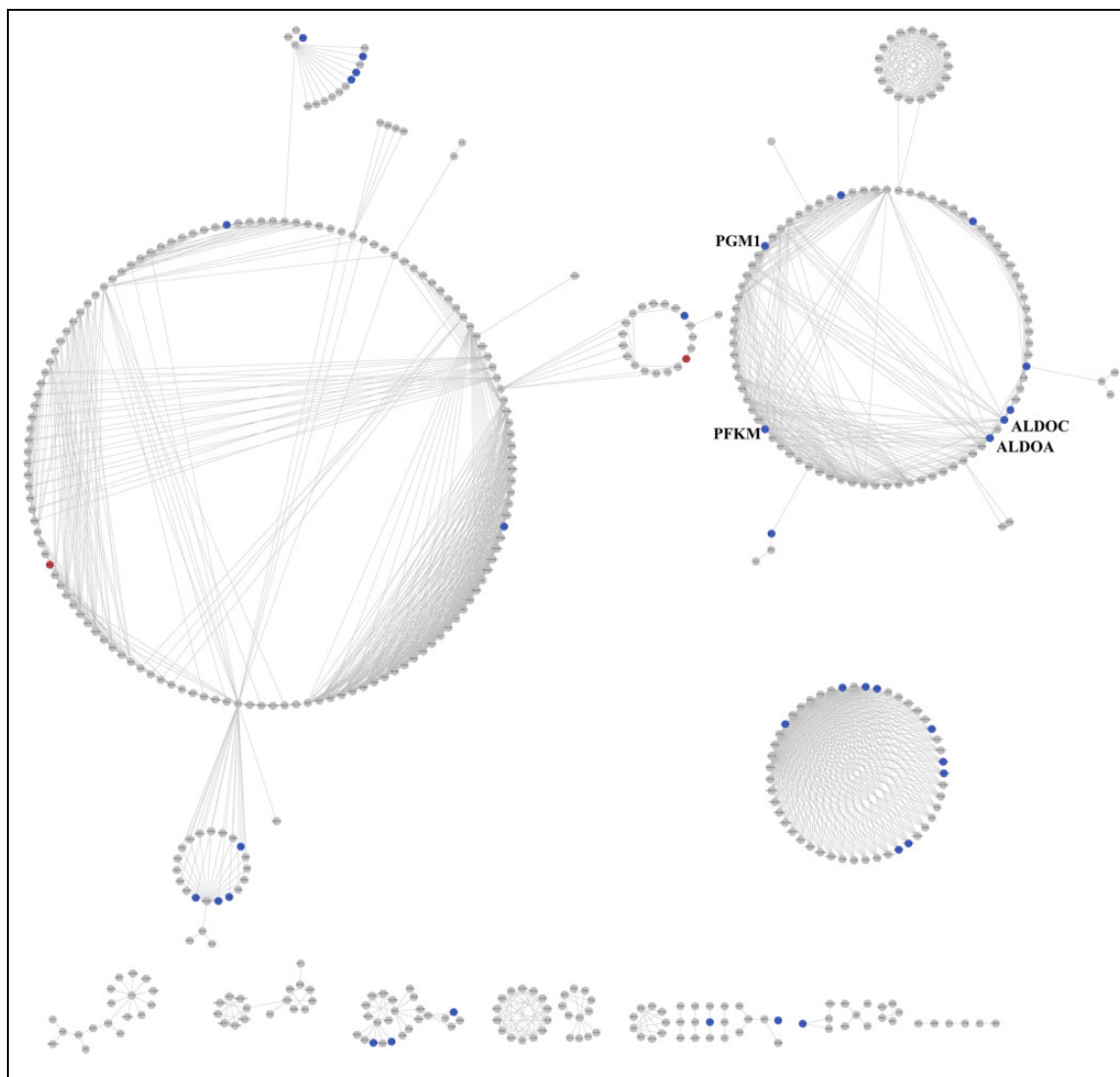


Figure 1. Network of 10 KEGG pathways. The red nodes indicated annotated upregulated differentially expressed genes (DEGs) and the blue nodes indicated annotated downregulated DEGs. KEGG indicates Kyoto Encyclopedia of Genes and Genomes.

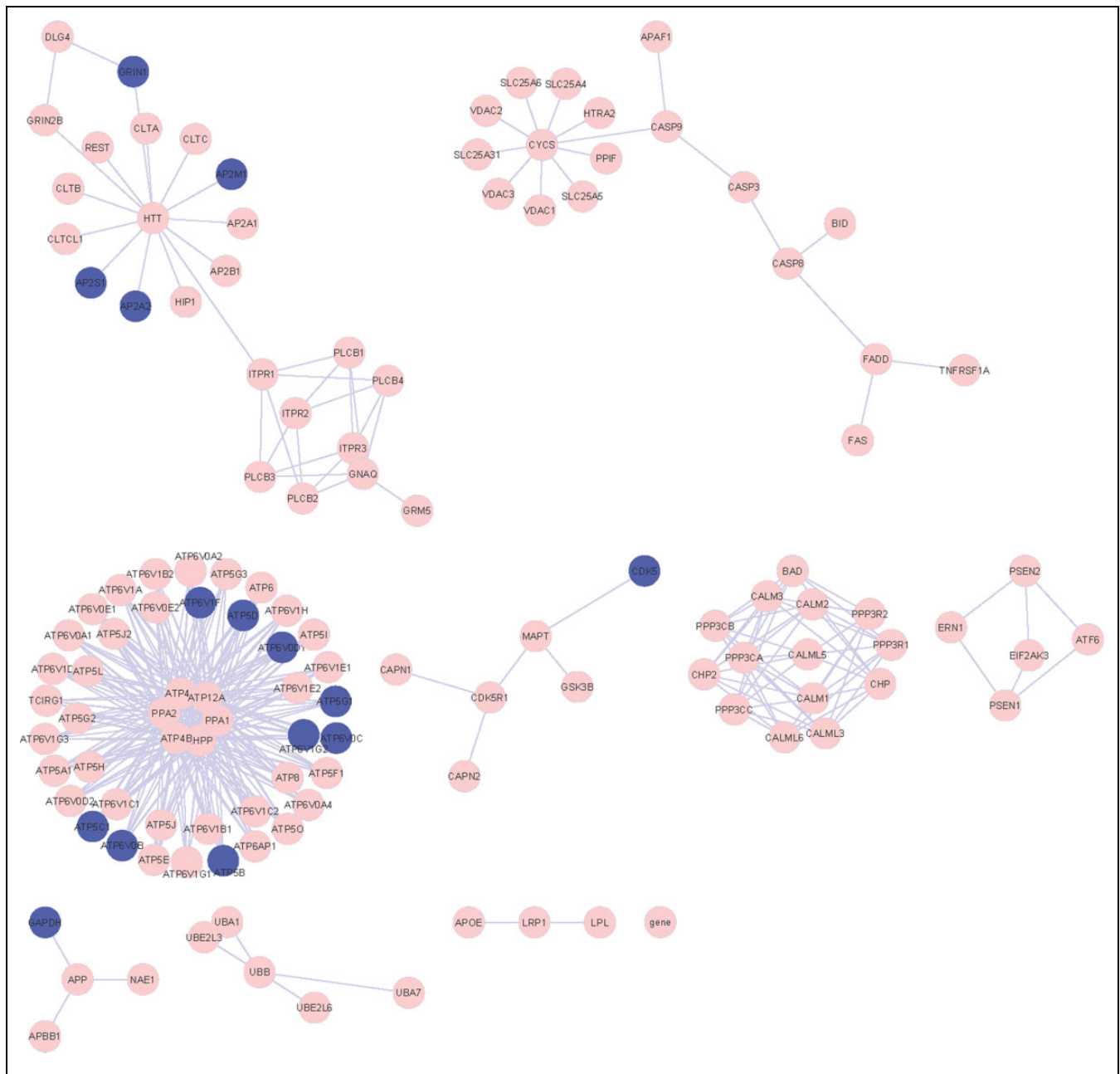


Figure 2. Network of 4 glycometabolism pathways. The blue nodes indicated annotated downregulated DEGs and the pink nodes indicated genes in network. DEGs indicate differentially expressed genes.

Kyoto Encyclopedia of Genes and Genomes Pathway Analysis and Network Construction

We mapped 710 DEGs into KEGG pathway database to screen enrichment pathways and obtained 14 significant pathways, among which 11 pathways were significantly enriched (adjusted P value $< .05$, Table 2). There were 4 glycometabolism pathways (adjusted P value $< .05$, Table 2) including oxidative phosphorylation, glycolysis/gluconeogenesis, pentose phosphate pathway, and fructose and mannose metabolism. By integrating these 14 pathways and 4 glycometabolism

pathways, respectively, 2 perturbing pathway networks were constructed using Cytoscape (Figures 1 and 2). Then, the degrees of DEGs in these 2 networks were calculated, respectively. Our results showed that 17 DEGs and 16 DEGs with the degree of no less than 5 were screened, respectively (Tables 3 and 4). Several featured DEGs with higher degree were identified including 6-phosphofructokinase, muscle type (*PFKM*), phosphoglucomutase 1 (*PGMI*), aldolase A (*ALDOA*), and aldolase C (*ALDOC*), which were all downregulated in AD samples compared with CT samples (the adjusted P value was $6.82E-05$, $9.85E-05$, $9.01E-05$, and $.0002$, respectively, and

Table 3. Differentially Expressed Genes With Degree Larger Than 5 in KEGG Pathways.

Gene	Degree	Gene	Degree
<i>PFKM</i>	20	<i>ATP6V0C</i>	6
<i>PGM1</i>	19	<i>ATP6V0B</i>	6
<i>SH3GL2</i>	15	<i>ATP6VIG2</i>	6
<i>ALDOA</i>	14	<i>ATP6VOD1</i>	6
<i>ALDOC</i>	14	<i>ATP6VIF</i>	6
<i>GAPDH</i>	8	<i>LDHA</i>	5
<i>ATP5B</i>	6	<i>TPI1</i>	5
<i>ATP5C1</i>	6	<i>ATP5G1</i>	6
<i>ATP5D</i>	6		

Abbreviations: ATP, adenosine triphosphate; *ALDOA*, aldolase A; *ALDOC*, aldolase C; *PFKM*, 6-phosphofructokinase, muscle type; *PGM1*, phosphoglucomutase 1; *GAPDH*, glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate dehydrogenase; *LDHA*, lactate dehydrogenase A; *TPI1*, triosephosphate isomerase.

Table 4. Differentially Expressed Genes With Degree Larger Than 5 in Glycometabolism Pathways.

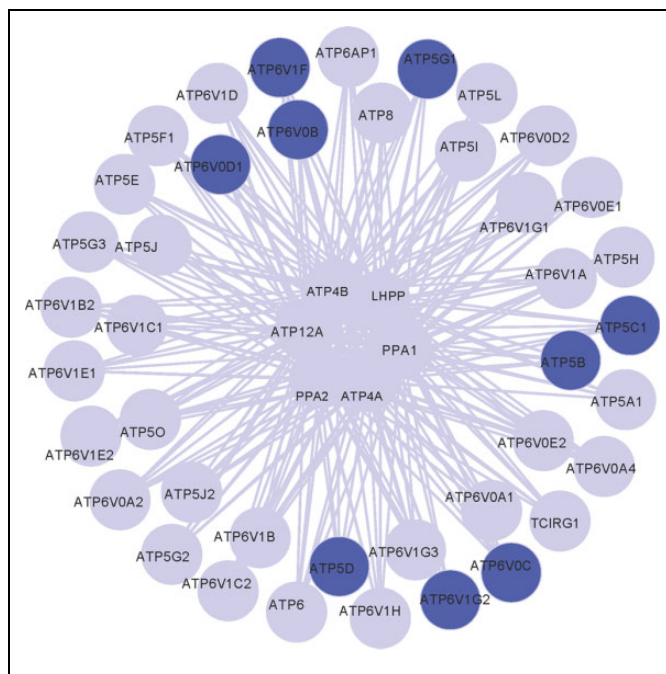
Gene	Degree	Gene	Degree
<i>PFKM</i>	20	<i>ATP5G1</i>	6
<i>PGM1</i>	19	<i>ATP6V0C</i>	6
<i>ALDOA</i>	14	<i>ATP6V0B</i>	6
<i>ALDOC</i>	14	<i>ATP6VIG2</i>	6
<i>GAPDH</i>	7	<i>ATP6VOD1</i>	6
<i>ATP5B</i>	6	<i>ATP6VIF</i>	6
<i>ATP5C1</i>	6	<i>LDHA</i>	5
<i>ATP5D</i>	6	<i>TPI1</i>	5

Abbreviations: ATP, adenosine triphosphate; *ALDOA*, aldolase A; *ALDOC*, aldolase C; *PFKM*, 6-phosphofructokinase, muscle type; *PGM1*, phosphoglucomutase 1; *GAPDH*, glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate dehydrogenase; *LDHA*, lactate dehydrogenase A; *TPI1*, triosephosphate isomerase.

FC was 0.2405, 0.3382, 0.2340, and 0.3013, respectively). In addition, we found a network module of glycometabolism network closely related to ATP metabolism (Figure 3). Moreover, these DEGs, such as ATP synthase, H⁺-transporting, mitochondrial F1 complex *ATP5B*, *ATP5C1*, *ATP5D*, and *ATP5G1*, related to ATP metabolism were downregulated (the adjusted *P* value was .0045, .0077, 2.37E-05, and 4.99E-05, respectively and FC was 0.3167, 0.3510, 0.2652, and 0.2932, respectively). They may play a crucial role in the occurrence of AD.

Discussion

The EC is fundamental for cognitive functions. Thus, damage to this area appears as a key element in the progression of AD resulting in memory deficits arising from neuronal and synaptic alterations as well as glial malfunction. In this study, a total of 710 DEGs between AD and CT were identified. After GO analysis, we found these DEGs were involved in ribonucleotide metabolic process and biosynthetic process. The KEGG pathway analysis revealed most of DEGs participated in glycometabolism-related pathways including oxidative phosphorylation, glycolysis/gluconeogenesis, pentose phosphate

**Figure 3.** Network module related to ATP metabolism. The blue nodes indicated annotated downregulated DEGs. ATP indicates adenosine triphosphate; DEGs, differentially expressed genes.

pathway, and fructose and mannose metabolism. By constructing perturbing glycometabolism pathway network, several featured downregulated biomarkers associated with glycometabolism were identified including *PFKM*, *PGM1*, *ALDOA*, and *ALDOC*. In addition, we found an ATP metabolism network module with many downregulated genes such as *ATP5B*, *ATP5C1*, *ATP5D*, and *ATP5G1*.

It has been demonstrated that there was a close relation between energy metabolism and brain function. There are now several evidences suggesting that glucose metabolism is disrupted in AD brains.^{25,26} Moreover, reduced regional cerebral glucose metabolism is correlated with the severity of dementia in AD.^{27,28} These facts are consistent with our results of 4 downregulated DEGs associated with glycometabolism involved in the occurrence of AD. Related study has shown that the combination of glycolytic genes, including *PFKM*, *ALDOA*, *ALDOC*, and *PGM1*, participates in the glycolytic process.²⁹ 6-Phosphofructokinase, muscle type is a regulatory protein coded by *PFKM*. It can transform fructose-6-phosphate into fructose-1,6-bisphosphate (F-1, 6-BP) in glycolysis, which is a key procedure in glycolysis.³⁰ Then F-1, 6-BP, as a substrate, can be broken down into glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate and dihydroxyacetone phosphate under catalysis of *ALDOA* or *ALDOC* enzymes. These 2 kinds of enzymes are coded by *ALDOA* and *ALDOC* genes.²⁹ Phosphoglucomutase 1 is also an enzyme involved in step 8 of glycolysis which can catalyze the conversion between 1,3-bisphosphoglycerate and 2,3-bisphosphoglycerate.³¹ In line with our finding, Brooks et al reported that the messenger RNAs expression levels of *ALDOA* and *ALDOC*, as well as *PFKM* gene expression level,

were decreased in AD.⁵ The downregulation of these genes may suggest an interference of glucose utilization in AD brains.³² Therefore, we conclude that the metabolism effect of these glycolytic genes plays a crucial role in the occurrence of AD.

To the best of our knowledge, many cellular functions rely on ATP consumption and a high rate of ATP is fundamental to maintain signaling pathways, such as synapse. Moreover, there was a close relation between glycolysis and generation of ATP. According to the point of Kounelakis et al, glycolysis, a sugar splitting process, involves a series of biochemical reactions in which glucose is broken down into pyruvate with the release of usable energy in the form of ATP molecules.²⁹ Phosphoglucose mutase 1, as an enzyme involved in ATP production, has been demonstrated to show a loss in enzymatic activity ultimately leading to decrease in ATP production.^{33,34} Then, impairment of energy metabolism can selectively contribute to neurodegenerative processes.³⁵ Consistent with this notion, the report of Lin et al suggests that a reduction in ATP generation may contribute significantly to the cognitive impairment associated with AD.³⁶ According to these evidences, we can infer DEGs, such as *ATP5B*, *ATP5C1*, *ATP5D*, and *ATP5G1*, are downregulated in ATP metabolism network associated with the occurrence of AD.

Based on our analysis of metabolism-related DEGs associated with AD, we concluded that signaling pathways and genes modulated by metabolism may be potential therapeutic targets for AD. However, further experiments are needed to confirm our results in this study.

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