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There are to date no objective clinical laboratory blood tests for psychotic disease states. We provide proof of principle for a convergent functional genomics (CFG) approach to help identify and prioritize blood biomarkers for two key psychotic symptoms, one sensory (hallucinations) and one cognitive (delusions). We used gene expression profiling in whole blood samples from patients with schizophrenia and related disorders, with phenotypic information collected at the time of blood draw, then cross-matched the data with other human and animal model lines of evidence. Topping our list of candidate blood biomarkers for hallucinations, we have four genes decreased in expression in high hallucinations states (Fn1, Rhobtb3, Aldh111, Mpp3), and three genes increased in high hallucinations states (Arhgef9, PhIda1, S100a6). All of these genes have prior evidence of differential expression in schizophrenia patients. At the top of our list of candidate blood biomarkers for delusions. we have 15 genes decreased in expression in high delusions states (such as Drd2, Apoe, Scamp1, Fn1, Idh1, Aldh1I1), and 16 genes increased in high delusions states (such as Nrg1, Egr1, Pvalb, Dctn1, Nmt1, Tob2). Twenty-five of these genes have prior evidence of differential expression in schizophrenia patients. Predictive scores, based on panels of top candidate biomarkers, show good sensitivity and negative predictive value for detecting high psychosis states in the original cohort as well as in three additional cohorts. These results have implications for the development of objective laboratory tests to measure illness severity and response to treatment in devastating disorders such as schizophrenia.

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Introduction

Our group has developed a powerful combined approach for extracting signal from noise in genetic and gene expression studies, termed convergent functional genomics (CFG). CFG translationally integrates multiple independent lines of evidence-genetic and functional genomic data, from human studies and animal models, as a Bayesian strategy for identifying and prioritizing findings, reducing the false-positives and false-negatives inherent in each individual approach. The CFG methodology has

already been applied with some success to help identify and prioritize candidate genes, pathways and mechanisms for neuropsychiatric disorders such as bipolar disorder, 1,2 alcoholism and schizophrenia, 4 as well as blood biomarker discovery for mood disorders. We have now applied this approach (Figures 1 and 2) to blood biomarker discovery efforts for hallucinations and delusions, core symptoms of psychotic disorders. Objective blood biomarkers for illness state and treatment response would make a significant difference in our ability to assess and treat patients with psychotic disorders, eliminating subjectivity and reliance on patient's self-report of symptoms.

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Materials and methods

Human subjects

We present data from four cohorts (Table 1). One cohort consisted of 31 subjects with psychotic



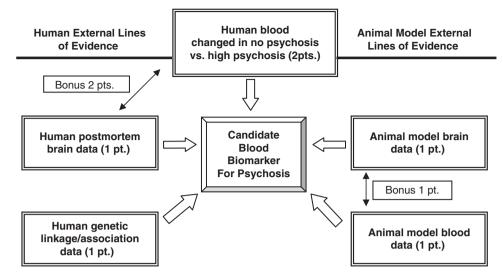


Figure 1 Convergent functional genomics approach for candidate biomarker prioritization. Scoring of independent lines of evidence (maximum score = 9 points).

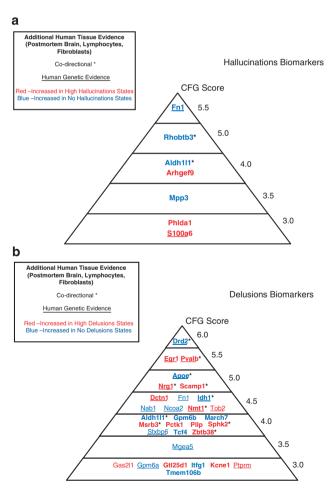


Figure 2 Top blood candidate biomarker genes for (a) hallucinations and (b) delusions. The CFG lines of evidence scoring are depicted on the right side of the pyramid.

disorders (schizophrenia, schizoaffective disorder and substance-induced psychosis), from which the primary biomarker data was derived, from testing done at their first visit (v1). A second cohort consisted of 17 subjects from the first cohort that had a change in psychotic symptom (hallucinations or delusions) Positive and Negative Symptom Scale (PANSS) scores at follow-up testing 3 months (v2) or 6 months (v3) later. A third cohort consisted of 10 new subjects with psychotic disorders, and the fourth cohort consisted of 9 subjects from the third cohort that had a change in symptom scores at follow-up testing 3 months (v2) later.

Subjects consisted primarily of men (and one woman) over 18 years of age. Subjects were recruited from the patient population at the Indianapolis VA Medical Center and the Indiana University School of Medicine. A demographic breakdown is shown in Table 1. We focused in our initial studies primarily on an age-matched male population, due to the demographics of our catchment area (primarily male in a VA Medical Center), and to minimize any potential gender-related state effects on gene expression, which would have decreased the discriminative power of our analysis given our relatively small sample size. The subjects were recruited largely through referrals from care providers, the use of brochures left in plain sight in public places and mental health clinics, and through word of mouth. Subjects were excluded if they had significant acute medical or neurological illnesses, or had evidence of active substance abuse or dependence. All subjects understood and signed informed consent forms detailing the research goals, procedure, caveats and safeguards. Subjects completed diagnostic assessments by an extensive structured clinical interview—Diagnostic Interview for Genetic Studies—at a baseline visit, followed by up to three testing visits, each three months apart. At each testing visit, they received a psychosis rating scale (PANSS), which includes items that score symptoms of hallucinations and delusions (see Table 2), and blood was drawn. Whole blood (10 ml)

Table 1 Demographics

Subject ID	Diagnosis	Age	Gender	Ethnicity	Hallucination scores	Delusion scores
					300103	300103
(A) Individual demog. Cohort 1: Primary p		_ 21)				
phchp003v1	SZ	= <i>51)</i> 50	Male	African American	3	1
phchp004v1	SZA	55	Male	African American	3 1	3
phchp005v1	SZA	45	Male	Caucasian	1	1
phchp006v1	SZA	52	Male	African American	1	3
phchp008v1	SZ	47	Male	African American	4	1
phchp009v1	SZ	55	Male	African American	3	4
phchp010v1	SZA	45	Male	Caucasian	2	2
phchp012v1	SZA	55	Male	Caucasian	3	3
phchp013v1	SZA	53	Male	African American	3	4
phchp014v1	SubPD	55	Male	African American	3	2
phchp015v1	SubPD	48	Male	African American	1	1
phchp016v1	SZ	54	Male	African American	5	5
phchp018v1	SZA	54	Female	Caucasian	4	6
phchp019v1	SubPD	50	Male	African-American	2	3
phchp021v1	SZA	48	Male	Hispanic	5	5
phchp022v1	SZ	48	Male	Caucasian	1	2
phchp024v1	SZA	49	Male	African American	4	2
phchp025v1	SZ	42	Male	Caucasian	5	5
phchp026v1	SZA	49	Male	African American	4	4
phchp033v1	SZA	48	Male	Caucasian	5	4
phchp038v1	SZA	58	Male	African American	1	1
phchp040v1	SZA	50	Male	Caucasian	1	6
phchp041v1	SZ	62	Male	African-American	5	5
phchp042v1	SZA	43	Male	Caucasian	2	4
phchp046v1	SZA	45	Male	Caucasian	1	1
phchp047v1	SZA	5 <i>7</i>	Male	African American	5	4
phchp048v1	SZA	56	Male	African American	1	1
phchp049v1	SZA	46	Male	Caucasian	1	1
phchp057v1	SZA	47	Male	Caucasian	1	1
phchp061v1	SZ	49	Male	Caucasian	1	4
phchp062v1	SZ	56	Male	Caucasian	4	3
Cohort 2: Primary p	sychosis cohort fol	low-up vis	it (n = 17)			
phchp003v2	SZ	50	Male	African American	3	4
phchp005v2	SZA	45	Male	Caucasian	2	2 1 1
phchp006v2	SZA	52	Male	African American	1	
phchp010v3	SZA	45	Male	Caucasian	1	
phchp012v2	SZA	55	Male	Caucasian	5	4
phchp013v3	SZA	54	Male	African American	5	4
phchp016v3	SZ	54	Male	African American	4	4
phchp021v3	SZA	49	Male	Hispanic	5	4
phchp022v2	SZ	48	Male	Caucasian	1	1
phchp026v3	SZA	49	Male	African American	1	1
phchp038v3	SZA	59	Male	African American	1	1
phchp040v2	SZA	50	Male	Caucasian	2	5
phchp042v2	SZA	43	Male	Caucasian	3	2
phchp046v2	SZA	45	Male	Caucasian	3	1
phchp047v2	SZA SZA	5 <i>7</i>	Male Male	African American African American	5	5
phchp048v2 phchp062v2	SZA SZ	5 <i>7</i> 56	Male Male	Caucasian	1 3	1 3
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Cohort 3: Second p			3.6.3			
phchp017v2	SZA	53	Male	African American	1	1
phchp058v1	SZ	56	Male	African American	1	1
phchp065v1	SZA	62	Male	Caucasian	2	5
phchp068v1	SZA	57	Male	African American	4	3
phchp069v1	SZ	47	Male	Caucasian	4	5
phchp072v1	SZA	60	Male	Caucasian	2	3
phchp073v1	SZA	50	Male	Caucasian	5	4



Table 1 Continued

Subject ID	Diagnosis	Age	Gender	Ethnicity	Hallucination scores	Delusion scores
phchp075v1	SZA	57	Male	Caucasian	4	3
phchp083v1	SZ	50	Male	African American	1	1
phchp085v1	SZA	57	Male	Caucasian	1	4
Cohort 4: Second psyc	chosis cohort fo	llow-up visit	(n = 9)			
phchp058v2	SZ	56	Male	African American	4	3
phchp065v2	SZA	62	Male	Caucasian	1	4
phchp068v2	SZA	57	Male	African American	3	2
phchp069v2	SZ	47	Male	Caucasian	5	6
phchp072v2	SZA	60	Male	Caucasian	2	2
phchp073v2	SZA	50	Male	Caucasian	4	5
phchp075v2	SZA	58	Male	Caucasian	5	3
phchp083v2	SZ	50	Male	African American	1	1
phchp085v2	SZA	57	Male	Caucasian	1	1
	Primary psy	chosis cohor	t (n = 31)	Primary psychosis c	ohort follow-up visi	t (n = 17)
	Schizo- affective	Schizo- phrenia	Substance- induced psychotic disorder	Schizoaffective	Schizophrenia	Substance- induced psychotic disorder
(B) Aggregate demograp	hic data					
Number of subjects	19	9	3	13	4	0
Gender (males: females)	18:1	9:0	3:0	13:0	4:0	NA
Age, mean years (s.d.) range	50.3 (4.6) 43–58	51.4 (5.9) 48–55	51 (3.6) 48–55	50.8 (5.3) 43–59	52 (3.6) 48–56	NA
Duration of illness mean years (s.d.)	27.7 (9.7) 5–42	30 (7.6) 42–62	25 (6.2) 20–32	28.7 (9.8) 5–42	27.5 (5.8) 21–35	NA

range Ethnicity	10/9	4/5	0/3	6/7	2/2	NA
(Caucasian/other)	Second psyc	hosis cohort (1	n=10)	Second psychosis col	hort follow-up visit	(n=9)
Number of subjects	7	3	0	6	3	0
Gender (males:	7:0	3:0	NA	6:0	3:0	NA
females)						
Age, mean years	56.6 (4.0)	51 (4.6)	NA	57.3 (4.1)	51 (4.6)	NA
(s.d.) range	53-62	47-56		50- 62	47-56	
Duration of illness	35.1 (6.2)	28 (8)	NA	35.3 (6.8)	28 (8)	NA
mean years (s.d.)	23-43	20-36		23-43	20-36	
range						
Ethnicity (Caucasian/	5/2	1/2	NA	5/1	1/2	NA
Other)						

Abbreviations: NA, not available; SubPD, substance-induced psychosis; SZ, schizophrenia; SZA, schizoaffective disorder. Diagnosis established by DIGS comprehensive structured clinical interview. PANSS hallucination and delusion scores at the time of blood draw, on a scale of 1 (no symptoms) to 7 (extremely severe symptoms).

was collected in two RNA-stabilizing PAXgene tubes, labeled with an anonymized ID number, and stored at $-80\,^{\circ}\text{C}$ in a locked freezer until the time of future processing. Whole blood (predominantly lymphocyte) RNA was extracted for microarray gene expression studies from the PAXgene tubes blood, as detailed below.

Human blood gene expression experiments and analysis

RNA extraction. 2.5–5 ml of whole blood was collected into each PAXgene tube by routine venipuncture. PAXgene tubes contain proprietary reagents for the stabilization of RNA. The cells from



Table 2 Hallucinations and Delusions scoring as part of administration of the Positive and Negative Symptom Scale (PANSS)

(A) Hallucinate	ory behavior	
Hallucinations	State	Definition
score		
1	Absent	Definition does not apply
2	Minimal	Questionable pathology; may be at the upper extreme of normal limits
3	Mild	One or two clearly formed but infrequent hallucinations, or else a number of vague abnormal perceptions which do not result in distortions of thinking or behavior
4	Moderate	Hallucinations occur frequently but not continuously, and the patient's thinking and behavior are affected only to a minor extent
5	Moderate severe	Hallucinations are frequent, may involve more than one sensory modality, and tend to distort thinking and/or disrupt behavior. Patient may have delusional interpretations of these experiences and respond to them emotionally and, on occasion, verbally as well
6	Severe	Hallucinations are present almost continuously, causing major disruption of thinking and behavior. Patient treats these as real perceptions, and functioning is impeded by frequent emotional and verbal responses to them
7	Extreme	Patient is almost totally preoccupied with hallucinations, which virtually dominate thinking and behavior. Hallucinations are provided a rigid delusional interpretation and provoke verbal and behavioral responses, including obedience to command hallucinations
(B) Delusions		
Delusions scor	e	
1	Absent	Definition does not apply
2	Minimal	Questionable pathology; may be at the upper extreme of normal limits
3	Mild	Presence of one or two delusions which are vague, uncrystallized, and not tenaciously held. Delusions do not interfere with thinking, social relations, or behavior
4	Moderate	Presence of either a kaleidoscopic array of poorly formed, unstable delusions or a few well-formed delusions that occasionally interfere with thinking, social relations, or behavior
5	Moderate severe	Presence of numerous well-formed delusions that are tenaciously held and occasionally interfere with thinking, social relations or behavior
6	Severe	Presence of a stable set of delusions which are crystallized, possibly systematized, tenaciously held, and clearly interfere with thinking, social relations and behavior
7	Extreme	Presence of a stable set of delusions which are highly systematized or very numerous, and which dominate major facets of the patient's life. This frequently results in inappropriate and irresponsible action, which may even jeopardize the safety of the patient or others

Hallucinatory behavior: Verbal report or behavior indicating perceptions which are not generated by external stimuli. These may occur in the auditory, visual, olfactory or somatic realms. Basis for rating: verbal report and physical manifestations during the course of interview.

Delusions: Beliefs which are unfounded, unrealistic, and idiosyncratic. Basis for rating: thought content expressed in the interview.

whole blood were concentrated by centrifugation, the pellet washed, resuspended and incubated in buffers containing Proteinase K for protein digestion. A second centrifugation step was done to remove residual cell debris. After the addition of ethanol for an optimal binding condition the lysate was applied to a silica-gel membrane/column. The RNA bound to the membrane as the column was centrifuged and contaminants were removed in three wash steps. The RNA was then eluted using diethylpyrocarbonate-treated water.

Globin reduction. To remove globin messenger RNA (mRNA), total RNA from whole blood was mixed with a biotinylated Capture Oligo Mix that is specific for human globin mRNA. The mixture was then incubated for 15 min to allow the biotinylated oligonucleotides to hybridize with the globin mRNA. Streptavidin magnetic beads were then added, and the mixture was incubated for 30 min. During this incubation, streptavidin binds the biotinylated oligo-

nucleotides, thereby capturing the globin mRNA on the magnetic beads. The streptavidin magnetic beads were then pulled to the side of the tube with a magnet, and the RNA, depleted of the globin mRNA, was transferred to a fresh tube. The treated RNA was further purified using a rapid magnetic beadbased purification method. This consists of adding an RNA binding bead suspension to the samples, and using magnetic capture to wash and elute the GLOBINclear RNA.

Sample labeling. Sample labeling was performed using the Ambion MessageAmp II-BiotinEnhanced amplified RNA (aRNA) amplification (Ambion Inc., Austin, TX, USA). The procedure is briefly outlined below and involves the following steps:

1. Reverse transcription to synthesize first strand complementary DNA (cDNA) is primed with the T7 Oligo(dT) Primer to synthesize cDNA containing a T7 promoter sequence.



Table 3 High- and low-threshold analyses in the primary psychosis cohort (n = 31)

Thresholds	Hallucination analyses (12 no hallucinations and 11 high hallucinations)	Delusion analyses (9 no delusions and 13 high delusions)
High-threshold candidate biomarker genes (changed in ≥ 75% subjects; that is, at least 3-fold enrichment)	9/12 no hallucinations vs 9/11 high hallucinations A/P and P/A analysis	7/9 no delusions vs 10/13 high delusions A/P and P/A analysis
Low-threshold candidate biomarker genes (changed in $\geq 60\%$ subjects; that is, at least 1.5-fold enrichment)	8/12 no hallucinations vs 7/11 high hallucinations A/P and P/A analysis	6/9 no delusions vs 8/13 high delusions A/P and P/A analysis

Genes are considered candidate biomarkers for high hallucinations or high delusions if they are called by the Affymetrix MAS5 software as absent (A) in the blood of no hallucination or, no delusion subjects, and detected as present (P) in the blood of high hallucination or high delusion subjects. Conversely, genes are considered candidate biomarkers for no hallucinations or no delusions if they are detected as present (P) in no hallucination or no delusion subjects and absent (A) in high hallucination or high delusion subjects.

- Second strand cDNA synthesis converts the single-stranded cDNA into a double-stranded DNA template for transcription. The reaction employs DNA Polymerase and RNase H to simultaneously degrade the RNA and synthesize second strand cDNA.
- 3. cDNA purification removes RNA, primers, enzymes and salts that would inhibit in vitro transcription.
- 4. In vitro transcription to synthesize aRNA with Biotin-NTP Mix generates multiple copies of biotin-modified aRNA from the double-stranded cDNA templates; this is the amplification step.
- 5. *aRNA purification* removes unincorporated NTPs, salts, enzymes and inorganic phosphate to improve the stability of the biotin-modified aRNA.

Microarrays. Biotin-labeled aRNAs were hybridized to Affymetrix HG-U133 Plus 2.0 GeneChips (Affymetrix, Santa Clara, CA, USA; with over 40 000 genes and expressed sequence tags (ESTs)), according to the manufacturer's protocols. http://www.affymetrix.com/support/technical/manual/expression_manual.affx. Arrays were stained using standard Affymetrix protocols for antibody signal amplification and scanned on an Affymetrix GeneArray 2500 scanner with a target intensity set at 250. Present/absent calls were determined using GCOS software with thresholds set at default values. Quality control measures including 3'/5' ratios for glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate dehydrogenase and β-actin, scale factors, background and Q values were within acceptable limits.

Analysis

We have used the subject's psychosis scores at time of blood collection, specifically the scores for hallucinations (from 1—no symptoms to 7—extreme symptoms) and the scores for delusions (1–7), obtained from a PANSS scale (Table 2). We looked only at all or nothing gene expression differences that are identified by Absent (A) vs Present (P) Calls in the Affymetrix MAS software. We classified

genes whose expression is detected as Absent in the asymptomatic subjects (no hallucinations or no delusions, scores of 1) and detected as Present in the highly symptomatic subjects (high hallucinations or high delusions, scores of 4 and above), as being candidate biomarker genes for high hallucinations or high delusions states, respectively. Conversely, genes whose expression are detected as Present in the asymptomatic subjects and Absent in the highly symptomatic subjects are being classified as candidate biomarker genes for no hallucinations or no delusions states, respectively.

We employed two thresholds for analysis of gene expression differences between no symptoms and high symptoms (Table 3). First we used a high threshold, with at least 75% of subjects in the cohort showing a change in expression from Absent to Present between no symptoms and high symptoms (reflecting an at least threefold psychosis state related enrichment of the genes thus filtered). We also used a low threshold, with at least 60% of subjects in the cohort showing a change in expression from Absent to Present between no symptoms and high symptoms (reflecting an at least 1.5-fold psychosis state related enrichment of the genes thus filtered).

The higher threshold would identify candidate biomarker genes that are more common for all subjects, with a lower risk of false positives, whereas the lower threshold will identify genes that are present in more restricted subgroups of subjects, with a lower risk of false negatives. The high threshold candidate biomarker genes have, as an advantage, a higher degree of reliability, as they are present in at least 75% of all subjects with a certain hallucinations state (high symptoms or no symptoms) tested. They may reflect common aspects related to psychosis across a diverse subject population, but may also be a reflection of the effects of common medications used in the population tested, such as antipsychotics. The low threshold genes may have lower reliability, being present in at least 60% of the subject population tested, but may capture more of the diversity of genes and biological mechanisms present in a genetically diverse human subject population.

Animal model gene expression studies

Our schizophrenia pharmacogenomic model consists of phencyclidine (PCP) and clozapine treatments in mice (see Le-Niculescu et al.4 for experimental details and analysis/categorization of brain gene expression data).

For the current work, we repeated that series of experiments, to obtain blood gene expression data. All experiments were performed with male C57/BL6 mice, 8-12 weeks of age, obtained from Jackson Laboratories (Bar Harbor, ME, USA), and acclimated for at least 2 weeks in our animal facility prior to any experimental manipulation.

Mice were treated by intraperitoneal injection with single-dose saline, PCP (7.5 mg kg^{-1}) , clozapine (2.5 mg kg⁻¹), or a combination of PCP and clozapine (7.5 and 2.5 mg kg⁻¹). Three independent de novo biological experiments were performed at different times. Each experiment consisted of three mice per treatment condition, for a total of nine mice per condition across the three experiments.

Mouse blood collection. Twenty-four hours after drug administration, following behavioral testing, the mice were decapitated to harvest blood. The headless mouse body was put over a glass funnel coated with heparin and approximately 1 ml of blood/mouse was collected into a PAXgene blood RNA collection tubes (Qiagen/BD Diagnostics, Valencia, CA, USA). Blood samples from three mice per treatment condition were pooled. The PAXgene blood vials were stored in -4 °C overnight, and then at −80 °C until future processing for RNA extraction.

RNA extraction and microarray work. For the whole mouse blood RNA extraction, PAXgene blood RNA extraction kit (PreAnalytiX, a Qiagen/BD Company) was used, followed by GLOBINclear-Mouse/Rat (Ambion Inc.) to remove the globin mRNA. All the methods and procedures were carried out as per manufacturer's instructions. The quality of the total RNA was confirmed using an Agilent 2100 Bioanalyzer (Agilent Technologies, Palo Alto, CA, USA). The quantity and quality of total RNA was also independently assessed by 260 nm ultraviolet absorption and by 260/280 ratios, respectively with a Nanodrop spectrophotometer (Thermo Scientific, Wilmington, DE, USA). Starting material of total RNA labeling reactions was kept consistent within each independent microarray experiment. Equal amounts of total RNA extracted from pooled blood samples was used for labeling and microarray assays. We used Mouse Genome 430 2.0 arrays (Affymetrix). The GeneChip Mouse Genome 430 2.0 Array contain over 45 000 probe sets that analyze the expression level of transcripts and variants from over 34 000 well-characterized mouse genes. Standard

Affymetrix protocols were used to reverse transcribe the mRNA and generate biotinlylate cRNA (http:// www.affvmetrix.com/support/downloads/manuals/ expression s2 manual.pdf). The amount of cRNA used to prepare the hybridization cocktail was kept constant intra-experiment. Samples were hybridized at 45 °C for 17 h under constant rotation. Arrays were washed and stained using the Affymetrix Fluidics Station 400 and scanned using the Affymetrix Model 3000 Scanner controlled by GCOS software. All sample labeling, hybridization, staining and scanning procedures were carried out as per manufacturer's recommendations. All arrays were scaled to a target intensity of 1000 using Affymetrix MASv 5.0 array analysis software. Quality control measures including 3'/5' ratios for glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate dehydrogenase and β-actin, scaling factors, background, and Q values were within acceptable limits.

Microarray data analysis. Data analysis was performed using Affymetrix Microarray Suite 5.0 software (MAS v5.0). Default settings were used to define transcripts as present (P), marginal (M) or absent (A). A comparison analysis was performed for each drug treatment, using its corresponding saline treatment as the baseline. 'Signal,' 'Detection,' 'Signal Log Ratio,' 'Change' and 'Change P-value' were obtained from this analysis. Only transcripts that were called Present in at least one of the two samples (saline or drug) intra-experiment, and that were reproducibly changed in the same direction in at least two out of three independent experiments, were analyzed further.

Cross-validation and integration: CFG

Gene identification. The identities of transcripts were established using NetAffx (Affymetrix), and confirmed by cross-checking the target mRNA sequences that had been used for probe design in the Mouse Genome 430 2.0 Array GeneChip or the Affymetrix Human Genome U133 Plus 2.0 GeneChip with the GenBank database. Where possible, identities of ESTs were established by BLAST searches of the nucleotide database. A National $_{
m for}$ Biotechnology Information (NCBI) Center (Bethesda, MD, USA) BLAST analysis of the accession number of each probe-set was done to identify each gene name. BLAST analysis identified the closest known gene existing in the database (the highest known gene at the top of the BLAST list of homologues) which then could be used to search the GeneCards database (Weizmann Institute, Rehovot, Israel). Probe sets that did not have a known gene were labeled 'EST' and their accession numbers kept as identifiers.

Human postmortem brain convergence. Information about our candidate genes was obtained using GeneCards, the Online Mendelian Inheritance of Man database (http://ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query. fcgi?db=OMIM), as well as database searches using



PubMed (http://ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/PubMed) and various combinations of keywords (gene name, psychosis, schizophrenia, schizoaffective, human, brain, postmortem). Postmortem convergence was deemed to occur for a gene if there were published reports of human postmortem data showing changes in expression of that gene in brains from patients with psychotic disorders (schizophrenia, schizoaffective d/o). In terms of concordance of direction of change in expression between published postmortem brain data and our human blood data, we made the assumption that schizophrenia postmortem brain data reflected a highly symptomatic phase of the illness. While this may arguably be the case, it is nevertheless an assumption, as no consistent objective data exists regarding the phase of the illness when the subjects deceased, which is one of the limitations of human postmortem brain data to date.

Human genetic data convergence. To designate convergence for a particular gene, the gene had to have published positive reports from candidate gene association studies, or map within 10 cM of a microsatellite marker for which at least one published study showed evidence for genetic linkage to psychotic disorders (schizophrenia or schizoaffective disorder). The University Southampton's sequence-based integrated map of the human genome (The Genetic Epidemiological Group, Human Genetics Division, University of Southampton: http://cedar.genetics.soton.ac.uk/public html/) was used to obtain cM locations for both genes and markers. The sex-averaged cM value was calculated and used to determine convergence to a particular marker. For markers that were not present in the Southampton database, the Marshfield database (Center for Medical Genetics, Marshfield, WI, USA: http://research.marshfieldclinic.org/genetics) was used with the NCBI Map Viewer web-site to evaluate linkage convergence.

CFG analysis scoring. Genes were given the maximum score of 2 points if changed in our human blood samples with high threshold analysis, and only 1 point if changed with low threshold (see Figure 1). They received 1 point for each external crossvalidating line of evidence: other human tissue data, human genetic data (1 point for assoc., 0.5 point for linkage), animal model brain data, and animal model blood data. Genes received additional bonus points if changed in other human tissue and our blood data, as follows: for brain-2 points if changed in the same direction, 1 point if changed in opposite direction; for lymphoblastoid cell lines and fibroblasts, 1 point if changed in same direction, 0.5 point if changed in opposite directions. Genes also received additional bonus points if changed in brain and blood of the animal model, as follows: 1 point if changed in the same direction in the brain and blood, and 0.5 points if changed in opposite direction. Thus the total maximum CFG score that a candidate biomarker gene can have is 9 (2+4+2+1). As we are interested in discovering blood biomarkers, and because of caveats discussed above, we weighted more heavily our own live subject human blood data (if it made the high threshold cut) than literaturederived human postmortem brain data, human genetic data, or our own animal model data. We also weighted more heavily the human blood-brain concordance than the animal model blood-brain concordance. Other ways of weighing the scores of line of evidence may give slightly different results in terms of prioritization, if not in terms of the list of genes per se. Nevertheless, we feel that this empirical scoring system provides a good separation of genes based on our focus on identifying human blood candidate biomarkers.

Pathway analysis. Ingenuity Pathway Analysis 7.0 (Ingenuity Systems, Redwood City, CA, USA) was used to analyze the biological roles (molecular and cellular functions) categories of the top candidate genes resulting from our CFG analysis.

Results

Hallucinations biomarkers

Using our approach, out of over 40000 genes and ESTs on the Affymetrix Human Genome U133 Plus 2.0 GeneChip, we have ended up with 50 candidate biomarker genes (Supplementary Table S1) which had a CFG score of 2 or above, meaning either maximal score from the A/P analysis or at least one other line of prior independent evidence for potential involvement in psychotic disorders. Of interest, one of our candidate biomarker genes (Phlda16) had been previously reported to be changed in expression in the same direction, in lymphoblastoid cell lines from schizophrenia subjects. Another one, Adrbk2 (adrenergic receptor kinase, beta 2), also known as Grk3, has been previously reported by us to be decreased at a protein level in lymphoblastoid cell lines from bipolar patients.1

Selecting the top CFG scoring candidate biomarkers for hallucinations (CFG score of 3 and above, meaning, for example, a maximal score from the A/P analysis and at least one other line of prior independent evidence for potential involvement in psychotic disorders), we generated a panel of seven biomarkers for hallucinations (Table 4). To test the predictive value of our panel (to be called the BioM-7 ĥallucinations panel), we have looked in the cohort of 31 psychotic disorders subjects, containing the 23 subjects (12 no hallucinations, 11 high hallucinations) from which the candidate biomarker data was derived, as well as 8 additional subjects with hallucinations symptoms in the intermediate range (PANSS hallucination scores of 2 or 3). We derived a prediction score for each subject, based on the presence or absence of the biomarkers of the panel in their blood GeneChip data. Each of the biomarkers gets a score of 1 if it is detected as Present (P) in the

Top candidate biomarker genes for hallucinations prioritized by CFG score for multiple independent lines of evidence Table 4

Affymetrix Probe Set ID/Entrez ID	Gene symbol/name	Human blood hallucin- ations	Human tissue evidence (post-mortem brain, lymphocytes and fibroblasts)	Human tissue Human concordance/ genetic co-directionality linkage/ associat	Human genetic linkage/ association	Pharmacogenomic mouse model brain ⁴⁴	Pharmaco- CFG genomic score mouse model blood	CFG $score$
1558199_at/2335 216048_s_at/22836	Fn1, fibronectin 1 Rhobtb3, Rho-related BTB	D (HT) D	D (SZ fibroblasts) ^{25,26} D (SZ suicide brain) ⁴⁶	Yes/yes Yes/yes	2q35 SZ ⁴⁵ 5q15	VT Cat-II (decreased) VT Cat-III (CLZ is		5.5
205208_at/10840	domain containing 3 Aldh111, aldehyde dehydrogenase 1 family,	D	D (SZ suicide brain)⁴ ⁶	Yes/yes	3q21.2	ıncreasedj		4.0
203264_s_at/23229	member L1 Arhgef9, Cdc42 guanine nucleotide exchange factor (GEF) 9	н	D (SZ brain) ⁴⁷	Yes/no	Xq11.2	PFC Cat-I (decreased) AMY Cat-III (CLZ is increased) NAC Cat-I	() I	4.0
206186_at/4356	Mpp3, membrane protein, palmitoylated 3 (MAGUK	D	I (SZ lymphocytes) 48	m Yes/no	17q12-q21	(decreased) VT Cat-III (decreased) HIP Cat- I (decreased)	£ £	3.5
225842_at/22822	p55 subfamily member 3) Phlda1, pleckstrin homology-like domain,	Ι	I (SZ leukocytes) ⁶	Yes/yes	12q21.2			3.0
228923_at/6277	family A, member 1 S100a6, S100 calcium binding protein A6 (calcyclin)	Ι	D (SZ lymphocytes)*9	Yes/no	$1q21.3~{ m SZ}^{50}$			3.0

Abbreviations for post-mortem brain data: AMY, amygdala; CLZ, clozapine; CP, caudate putamen; D, decreased; HIP, hippocampus; I, increased; NAC, nucleus accumbens; PCP, phencyclidine; PFC, prefrontal cortex; SZ, schizophrenia; SZA, schizoaffective; VT, ventral tegmentum. Roman numerals in the multiple brain region Abbreviations for human blood data: D, decreased in high hallucination states/increased in no hallucination states; HT, high threshold; I, increased in high

data column represent the category of the gene.
Top seven candidate biomarker genes for hallucinations, with a CFG score of 3 and above, out of 50 with a CFG score of 2 and above (see Supplementary Data, Table 3S).



blood from that subject, 0.5 if it is detected as Marginally Present (M), and 0 if it is called Absent (A). The ratio of the average of the high hallucinations biomarker scores divided by the average of the no hallucinations biomarker scores is multiplied by 100, and provides a prediction score. If the ratio of high hallucinations biomarkers to no hallucinations biomarkers is 1, that is, the two sets of genes are equally represented, the prediction score is $1 \times 100 = 100$. The higher this score, the higher the predicted likelihood that the subject will have high hallucinations. We then compared the predictive score with actual PANSS hallucination scores. A prediction score of above 100 had an 80% sensitivity and a 70% specificity for predicting high hallucinations (Table 6).

Additionally, we have also conducted human blood gene expression analysis in three other cohorts, subsequently collected. Cohort 2 consisted of 17 subjects from the first cohort that had a change in psychotic symptom (hallucinations and/or delusions) scores at follow-up testing 3 months (v2) or 6 months (v3) later. Cohort 3 consisted of 10 new subjects with psychotic disorders, and Cohort 4 consisted of 9 subjects from Cohort 3 that had a change in symptom scores at follow-up testing 3 months (v2) later.

These cohorts were used as replication cohorts, to verify the predictive power of the hallucinations state biomarker panel identified by analysis of data from the primary psychosis cohort. Overall, the BioM-7 panel had good sensitivity and negative predictive value for high hallucinations state across the different cohorts (Figure 3 and Table 6). Detecting and not missing patients who have high symptom levels is arguably the critical clinical issue, as well as a potential practical application. As such, the sensitivity of the tests for high symptoms (high hallucinations), as well as its negative predictive value, is the most important parameter in that regard.

Delusions biomarkers

Using our approach, we have identified 107 candidate biomarker genes (Supplementary Table S2) which had a CFG score of 2 or above, meaning either maximal score from the A/P analysis or at least one other line of prior independent evidence for potential involvement in psychotic disorders.

Selecting the top CFG scoring candidate biomarkers for delusions (CFG score of 3 and above), we generated a panel of 31 biomarkers (Table 5). To test the predictive value of our panel (to be called the BioM-31 delusions panel), we have looked in the cohort of 31 psychotic disorders subjects, containing the 23 subjects (9 no delusions, 13 high delusions) from which the candidate biomarker data was derived, as well as 9 additional subjects with delusions symptoms in the intermediate range (PANSS delusions scores of 2 or 3). We derived a prediction score for each subject, based on the presence or absence of the biomarkers of the panel in their blood GeneChip data. As for hallucinations,

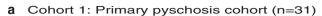
each of the biomarkers gets a score of 1 if it is detected as Present (P) in the blood form that subject, 0.5 if it is detected as Marginally Present (M), and 0 if it is called Absent (A). The ratio of the average of the high delusions biomarker scores divided by the average of the no delusions biomarker scores is multiplied by 100, and provides a prediction score. If the ratio of high delusions biomarkers to no delusions biomarkers is 1, that is, the two sets of genes are equally represented, the prediction score is $1 \times 100 = 100$. The higher this score, the higher the predicted likelihood that the subject will have high delusions. We then compared the predictive score with actual PANSS delusions scores. A prediction score of above 100 had a 92.3% sensitivity and a 61.1% specificity for predicting high delusions (Figure 4 and Table 6).

Additionally, we also tested our BioM-31 delusions panel in the three other cohorts subsequently collected, used as replication cohorts, to verify the predictive power of the delusions state biomarker panel identified by analysis of data from the primary psychosis cohort. Overall, the BioM-31 panel had good sensitivity and negative predictive value for high delusions state, with the exception of one of the cohorts—Cohort 2 (Table 6). It may be that delusions are more private, diverse and ambiguous to assess by PANSS than hallucinations. If not asked specifically about a particular delusion, a subject may not endorse it. As some of our PANSS testing was done by testers who were not familiar clinically with the subject (that is, different testers had performed the Diagnostic Interview for Genetic Studies in those subjects), that could potentially have contributed to false negatives on the PANSS scoring for delusions, and as a consequence resulted in the apparent lower sensitivity of our test in Cohort 2. Regardless if that was the case or not, the reluctance of patients to report psychiatric symptoms underscores the necessity of developing objective tests such as the blood biomarker ones described in this paper, and the need to validate them in multiple cohorts.

Discussion

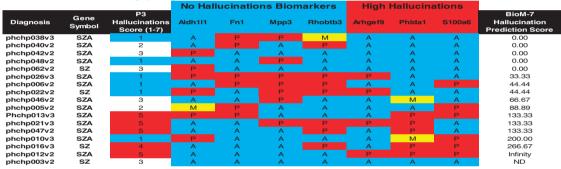
Strengths and limitations of our work

As a way of identifying biomarkers, we initially conducted gene expression profiling studies in peripheral whole blood from a primary cohort of 31 human subjects with psychotic disorders (30 males, 1 female) (see Table 1). We measured their psychological testing (PANSS) assessed hallucinations scores, respectively delusions scores (on a scale of 1 to 7) at the time of blood collection. We then looked at gene expression differences between the no symptoms of hallucinations, respectively delusions vs high symptoms of hallucinations, respectively delusions, groups. As in our previous work to identify mood biomarkers, we have used an all or nothing Absent (A) vs. Present (P) Calls in the Affymetrix MAS software.

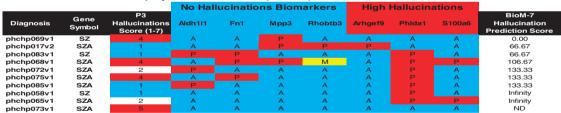








C Cohort 3: Second psychosis cohort (n= 10)



d Cohort 4: Second psychosis cohort follow-up visit (n=9)

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Diagnosis	Gene Symbol	P3 Hallucinations Score (1-7)	Aldh1l1	Fn1	Мрр3	Rhobtb3	Arhgef9	Phida1	S100a6	BioM-7 Hallucination Prediction Score
phchp068v2	SZA	3	Р	Α	Р	Α	Α	Α	Α	0.00
phchp072v2	SZA	2	Р	Α	Α	Р	Α	Α	P	66.67
phchp075v2	SZA	5	Α	Α	M	Р	Α	Α	P	88.89
phchp065v2	SZA	1	P	P	Α	Α	M	P	P	166.67
phchp058v2	sz	4	Α	Α	Α	Р	Α	P	P	266.67
phchp085v2	SZA	1	Р	Α	Α	Α	Р	Α	P	266.67
phchp069v2	sz	5	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	P	Infinity
phchp073v2	SZA	4	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Р	Α	Infinity
phchp083v2	sz	1	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	Α	ND

Figure 3 Comparison of BioM-7 hallucinations prediction scores and Positive and Negative Symptom Scale (PANSS) hallucinations scores. For hallucinations scores: blue—no hallucinations; red—high hallucinations; white—intermediate hallucinations. Hallucinations scores are based on PANSS scale administered at the time of blood draw. For biomarkers: A (blue)—called Absent by MAS5 analysis; P (red)—called Present by MAS5 analysis; M (yellow)—called Marginally Present by MAS5 analysis. A is scored as 0, M as 0.5 and P as 1. BioM Hallucinations Prediction Score is based on the ratio of the sum of the scores for high mood biomarkers and sum of scores for low mood biomarkers, multiplied by 100. We have used a cutoff score of above 100 for high hallucinations. Infinity—denominator is 0. ND—not determined.

Top candidate biomarker genes for delusions prioritized by CFG score for multiple independent lines of evidence Table 5

Affymetrix Probeset ID/ Entrez ID	Gene symbol/name	Human blood delusions	Human tissue evidence (post- mortem brain, lymphocytes and fibroblasts)	Human tissue concordance/ co-directionality	Human genetic linkage/ association	Pharmacogenomic mouse model brain⁴⁴	Pharmaco- genomic mouse model blood	Mouse brain and blood concordance/ co-directionality	CFG $score$
216938_x_at/1813	Drd2, dopamine receptor 2	D	D (SZ brain) $^{51-53}$ I (SZ lymphocytes) 54	Yes/yes	$11q23.2~SZ^{15,55,56}$ (Assoc.)	AMY Cat-III (PCP is increased) PFC Cat-II			0.9
201693_s_at/1958	Egr1, early growth	I (HT)	D (SZ brain) ⁵⁷ I (SZ lenkocytes) ⁶	Yes/no	5q31.2 S758,59	(uecreaseu) HIP Cat-II (increased)			5.5
205336_at/5816 212884_x_at/348	Pvalb, parvalbumin ApoE, apolipoprotein E	I D	I (SZ brain) ⁶⁰ D (SZ suicide brain) ⁴⁶	Yes/yes Yes/yes	$22q12.3 SZ^{61}$ $19q13.31 SZ^{55,56,62}$	AMY Cat-II (increased)			5.5
208241_at/3084	Nrg1, neuregulin 1	I	I (SZ brain) ⁶³ (SZ leucocytes) ⁶⁴ I (GZ leucocytes) ⁶⁴	Yes/yes	(Assoc.) 8p12 SZ ^{47,55,67–72} (Assoc.)				5.0
1570210_x_at/9522	Scamp1, secretory carrier membrane protein 1	О	I (SZ brain) ⁷³	Yes/yes	5q14.1	AMY Cat-III (PCP is increased) VT Cat-III			5.0
211780_x_at/1639	Dctn1, dynactin 1 (p150, glued homolog,	I (HT)	D (SZ brain) 47	Yes/no	$\rm 2p13.1~SZ^{59.74.75}$	(negrapad)			4.5
1558199_at/2335 242001_at/3417	Drosophina) Fn1, fibronectin 1 Idh1, isocitrate dehydrogenase 1	ОО	D (SZ fibroblasts) ^{25,26} D (SZ brain) ⁷⁶	Yes/yes Yes/yes	2 q35 SZ 45 2q34 SZ 45	VT Cat- II (decreased)			4.5
208047_s_at/4664	Nabr, NGFI-A binding protein 1 (EGR1 binding	D			2q32.2 SZ"	VT Cat-III (CLZ is increased)	Cat- III (CLZ- Increased)	Yes	4.5
205732_s_at/10499	protein 1) Ncoa2, Nuclear receptor	D			$8q13.3~{ m SZ}^{61}$	VT Cat-III (CLZ is	Cat- III	Yes	4.5
201159_s_at/4836	Nmt1, N-	I	I (SZ brain) 47	Yes/yes	17q21.31 S778	mercasea)	(1 CI - IIICIGASCU)		4.5
221496_s_at/10766	Tob2, transducer of ERBB2, 2	I (HT)	I (SZ leukocytes) ⁶	Yes/yes	22q13.2 SZ ⁶¹				4.5
205208_at/10840	Aldh111, aldehyde dehydrogenase 1 family,	D	D (SZ suicide Brain)46	Yes/yes	3q21.2				4.0
209168_at/2824	member 1.1 Gpm6b, Glycoprotein MeR	О	I (SZ brain) ⁷⁹ D (SZ lenkocytes) ⁶	Yes/no	Xp22.2	AMY Cat-III (CLZ is			4.0
1557704_a_at/64844	March7, membrane- associated ring finger	D	I (SZ brain) ⁸⁰	Yes/no	2q24.2	VT Cat IV (PCP is decreased)			4.0
225790_at/253827	Msrb3, methionine	П	I (SZ brain) 80	Yes/yes	12q14.3				4.0
208823_s_at/5127	Pctk1, PCTAIRE-motif	П	$\mathrm{D}(\mathrm{SZ\ brain})^{47}$	Yes/no	Xp11.3	VT Cat-III (CLZ is			4.0
204519_s_at/51090	Pilp, plasma membrane	I	$D({ m SZ~brain})^{81,82}$	Yes/no	16q13	AMY Cat-III (PCP is			4.0
40273_at/56848	proteonpia (piasmonpin) Sphk2, sphingosine kinase 2 I	2 I	I $(SZ \text{ brain})^{80}$	Yes/yes	19q13.33	ıncreasea)			4.0

Table 5 Continued

Mouse brain CFG and blood score concordance/ co-directionality	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.5	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
	No 1)										
Pharmaco- genomic mouse model blood	Cat-III (PCP- Increased)				Cat- I (Increased)						
Pharmacogenomic mouse model brain ⁴⁴	NAC Cat-III (PCP is decreased) VT Cat-III	NAC Cat III (PCP is increased)		VT Cat-III (CLZ is decreased)						VT Cat-III (CLZ is increased)	
Human genetic linkage/ association	14q12 SZ ⁷⁴	18q21.2	3q23	$10q24.32~{ m SZ}^{83}$	22q12.2	19p13.11	4q34.2 SZ ^{75,84}	16q12.1	21q22.12	18p11.23 SZ ⁸⁶ (Assoc.)	7p21.3
Human tissue concordance/ co-directionality		Yes/no	Yes/yes			Yes/no		Yes/no	Yes/no		Yes/no
Human tissue evidence (post- mortem brain, lymphocytes and fibroblasts)		I (SZ brain) 80	I (SZ brain) 80			D (SZ brain) 80		I (SZ brain) 80	D (SZ brain) 85		I (SZ brain) 47
Human blood delusions	D	D	I	D (HT)	I (HT)	I e	D (HT)	Q _	п	п	Q ,
Gene symbol/name	Stxbp6 syntaxin binding protein 6 (amisyn)	Tcf4, transcription factor 4	Zbtb38, zinc-finger and BTB domain containing 38	Mgea5, Meningioma expressed antigen 5 (hvaluronidase)	Gas211, growth arrest- snecific 2 like 1	Glt25d1, glycosyltransferase I 25 domain containing 1	Gpm6a, glycoprotein m6a	Itfg1, integrin alpha FG-GAP repeat containing 1	Kcne1, potassium voltage- gated channel, Isk-related family member 1	Ptprm, protein tyrosine phosphatase, receptor	type, M Tmem106b, transmembrane D protein 106B
Affymetrix Probeset Gene symbol/name ID/ Entrez ID	220995_at/29091	212385_at/6925	1558733_at/253461	235868_at/10724	209729_at/10634	222644_s_at/79709	209470_s_at/2823	239044_at/81533	236407_at/3753	203329_at/5797	233666_at/54664

Abbreviations for post-mortem brain data: AMY, amygdala; CLZ, clozapine; CP, caudate putamen; Down, decreased; HIP, hippocampus; NAC, nucleus accumbens; PCP, phencyclidine; PFC, prefrontal cortex; SZ, schizophrenia; SZA, schizoaffective; Up, increased; VT, ventral tegmentum; roman numerals in the multiple brain region data column represent the category of the gene.
Top 31 candidate biomarker genes for delusions, with a CFG score of 3 and above, out of 107 genes with a CFG score of 2 and above (see Supplementary Data, Table 3S). Abbreviations for human blood data: D, decreased in high delusion states/increased in no delusion states; HT, high threshold; I, increased in high delusion states.



Table 6 Psychosis biomarkers panels: sensitivity for predicting high hallucination and high delusion states

	Cohort 1, primary cohort (from which biomarkers were derived) N = 31	Cohort 2, primary cohort follow-up visit N = 17	Cohort 3, second cohort (independent) N = 10	Cohort 4, second cohort follow-up visit, N = 9
BioM-7 hallucinations				0/
Sensitivity	80.00%	100.00%	66.60%	75.00%
Specificity	70.00%	90.90%	33.30%	50.00%
Negative predictive value	87.50%	100.00%	66.67%	66.67%
Positive predictive value	57.14%	83.33%	33.33%	60.00%
BioM-31 delusions				
Sensitivity	92.30%	42.80 %	100.00%	100.00%
Specificity	61.10%	60.00%	16.67%	16.67%
Negative predictive value	91.70%	60.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Positive predictive value	63.15%	42.85%	44.44%	37.50%

BioM-7 hallucinations is a seven biomarker panel for predicting hallucinations. BioM-31 delusions is a 31 biomarker panel for predicting delusions. Detecting and not missing patients who have high symptom levels is arguably the critical clinical issue, as well as potential practical application. As such, we have bolded in the table the sensitivity of the tests for high symptoms (high hallucinations, high delusions), as well as the negative predictive value, the most important parameters in that regard.

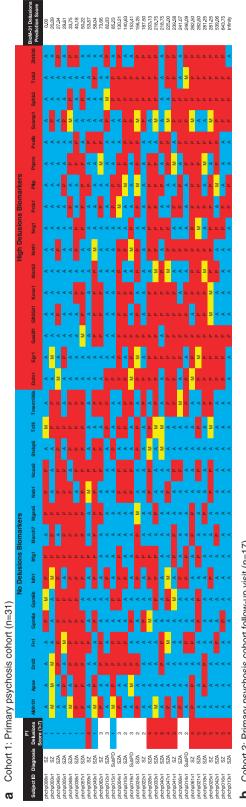
Given the genetic heterogeneity and variable environmental exposure, it is possible, indeed likely, that not all subjects will show changes in all the biomarker genes. Hence we have used two stringency thresholds: changes in 75% of subjects, and in 60% of subjects with no symptoms vs high symptoms. Moreover, our approach, as described above, is predicated on the existence of multiple cross-validators for each gene that is called a candidate biomarker (Figure 1): (1) is it changed in human blood, (2) is it changed in animal model brain, (3) is it changed in animal model blood, (4) is it changed in postmortem human brain, and (5) is there any human genetic data (linkage, association) implicating the gene in psychosis. All these lines of evidence are the result of independent experiments. The virtues of this networked Bayesian approach are that, if one or another of the nodes (lines of evidence) becomes questionable/non-functional upon further evidence in the field, the network is resilient and maintains functionality. The prioritization of candidates is similar conceptually to the Google PageRank algorithm7—the more links (lines of evidence) to a candidate, the higher it will come up on our priority list. As more evidence emerges in the field for some of these genes, they will move up in the prioritization scoring.8 Using such an approach, we were able to identify and focus on a small number of genes as likely candidate biomarkers, out of the over 40000 transcripts (about half of which are detected as Present in each subject) measured by the microarrays we used.

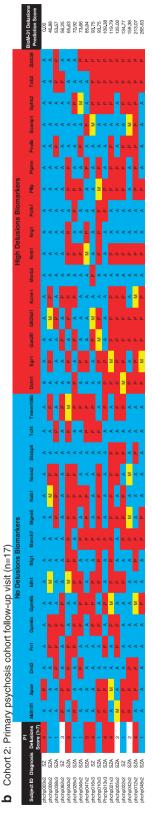
By cross-validating with other human datasets and with animal model data using CFG (Figure 1), we were able to extract a shorter list of genes for which there are external corroborating line of evidence (human genetic evidence, human postmortem brain data, animal model brain and blood data) linking

them to psychotic disorders, thus reducing the risk of false positives. This cross-validation identifies candidate biomarkers that are more likely directly related to the relevant disease neuropathology, as opposed to being potential artifactual effects related to a particular cohort or indirect effects of lifestyle and environment. The power of our CFG approach is exemplified in the fact that our biomarker panels had good predictive power in independent cohorts, a key litmus test in our view, and one that needs to be applied more systematically in this nascent field.

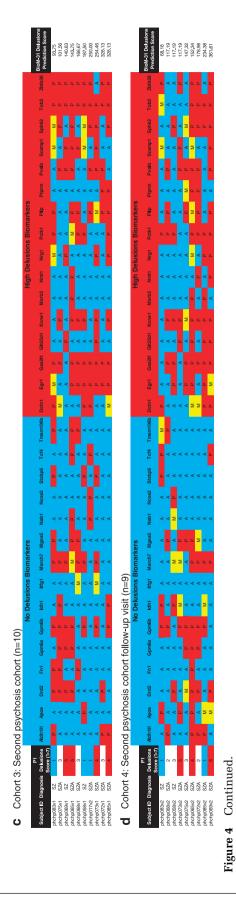
All subjects recruited were on prior prescribed medications. We cannot exclude, and in fact would anticipate that medications may have an effect on biomarker expression levels. However, of note, the patients were on a very diverse list of antipsychotics, mood stabilizers, and other psychotropic medications (Supplementary Table S4). While that makes pinpointing a particular medication effect not feasible with our current design (clinical trials with specific medications are a better setting for identifying such effects), it is reassuring that we are obtaining with our CFG approach consistent findings that show predictive power in independent cohorts, despite this diversity of medications and of a variety of other environmental effects.

Clozapine, modeled in the pharmacogenomic animal model work, is a broad-spectrum drug, one of the current gold standards, and encompasses many of the actions of some of the other antipsychotics currently used in schizophrenia. The premise of using it, along with PCP, in a pharmacogenomic animal model of schizophrenia, was that they may modulate the expression of genes involved in the pathogenesis of schizophrenia. The findings in that model, crossvalidated with other independent approaches and lines of evidence, support its validity. Comparisons





(blue)—called Absent by MAS5 analysis. P (red)—called Present by MAS5 analysis. M (yellow)—called Marginally Present by MAS5 analysis. A is scored as 0, M as no delusion; red—high delusion; white—intermediate delusion. Delusion scores are based on PANSS scale administered at the time of blood draw. For biomarkers: A 0.5 and P as 1. BioM delusions Prediction Score is based on the ratio of the sum of the scores for high mood biomarkers and sum of scores for low mood biomarkers, multiplied by 100. We have used a cutoff score of above 100 for high delusion. Infinity-denominator is 0. ND—not determined. Comparison of BioM-31 delusions prediction scores and actual Positive and Negative Symptom Scale (PANSS) delusions scores. For delusion scores: blue— Figure 4



with the non-medicated normal control group will in the future permit additional distinctions regarding medication effects, as will systematic large-scale within-subject comparisons of subjects whose medications remain constant but symptoms state and markers change from one visit to the next.

Moreover, psychosis state and blood gene expression changes may be influenced not only by the presence or absence of medications, but also of drugs of abuse. While we had access to the subject's medical records and clinical information as part of the informed consent for the study, medication noncompliance, on the one hand, and substance abuse, on the other hand, are not infrequent occurrences in psychiatric patients.

More extensive follow-up studies may benefit from the prospective inclusion of toxicology and medication levels testing. That medications and drugs of abuse may have effects on psychosis state and gene expression is in fact being partially modeled in the mouse pharmacogenomic model, with clozapine and PCP treatments respectively. In the end, it is the association of blood biomarkers with psychosis state that has been the primary goal of the work reported in this paper, regardless of the proximal causes, which could be diverse and will need to be the subject of subsequent hypothesis-driven studies beyond the scope of this initial work.

Our sample size for human subjects (n = 31 for the primary cohort; n = 17, n = 10, n = 9 for the other three cohorts) is relatively small, but comparable to the size of cohorts for human postmortem brain gene expression studies. 9,10,11 We have in essence studied live donor blood samples instead of postmortem donor brains, with the advantage of better phenotypic characterization, more quantitative state information, and less technical variability. Our approach also permits repeated intra-subject measures when the subject is in different psychosis states, which is an area of future interest and work. In fact, two of our psychosis cohorts are composed of a subset of subjects from the primary and secondary psychosis cohorts, that displayed a different psychosis state (no symptoms vs. intermediate vs. high symptoms) when they were re-tested at a later time point, 3 or 6 months later. Overall, our design was geared towards validating state biomarkers for psychosis while minimizing the noise of genetic and environmental background differences. For trait biomarkers, larger population studies and comparisons with normal controls may be needed. Of note, we have studied almost exclusively male subjects, which means our results might be male-specific. Future studies looking at potential gender differences are warranted.

Overall, our approach of: (1) using individual phenes¹² reflecting internal subjective experiences (hallucinations or delusions), which are the hallmark of psychosis (as opposed to more complex and disease specific state/trait clinical instruments or DSM categorical diagnosis); (2) looking at extremes of state; combined with (3) robust differential expression based on A/P calls, and (4) CFG prioritization,



(A) Top bio functions for hallucination biomarkers		
Diseases and disorders		
	<i>P</i> -value range	No. of molecules
Cancer	8.54E-05-4.98E-02	20
Hematological disease	2.94E-04-1.69E-02	5
Connective tissue disorders	3.46E-04-4.25E-02	6
Inflammatory response	2.35E-03-4.16E-02	3
Reproductive system disease	2.72E-03-4.71E-02	7
Molecular and cellular functions		
	<i>P</i> -value range	No. of molecules
Cellular assembly and organizations	1.34E-05-4.38E-02	16
Cell-to-cell signaling and interaction	1.38E-05– $4.44E$ -02	12
Cellular function and maintenance	2.63E-05-2.80E-02	9
Cell morphology	4.66E-05-4.71E-02	13
Cellular movement	7.39E-05–4.98E-02	8
Physiological system development and function		
	<i>P</i> -value range	No. of molecules
Skeletal and muscular system development and function	1.38E-05-4.98E-02	5
Tissue development	1.38E-05-4.98E-02	8
Cardiovascular system development and function	2.92E-04-4.71E-02	5
Connective tissue development and function	9.23E-04-4.71E-02	8
Reproductive system development and function	2.25E-03-3.89E-02	3
Top canonical pathways		
	<i>P</i> -value	Ratio
IL-8 signaling	1.31E-03	4/185 (0.022)
Chemokine signaling	1.32E-03	3/77 (0.039)
Thrombin signaling	2.05E-03	4/204 (0.02)
IL-15 production	2.43E-03	2/30 (0.067)
Semaphorin signaling in neurons	9.11E-03	2/52 (0.038)
(B) Top bio functions for delusions biomarkers		
Diseases and disorders		
	<i>P</i> -value range	No. of molecules
Cancer	3.73E-04-2.22E-02	25
Neurological disease	3.73E-04-1.84E-02	17
Reproductive system disease	5.77E-04-1.84E-02	17
Genetic disorder	1.32E-03-2.45E-02	19
Metabolic disease	1.32E-03–1.84E-02	6
Molecular and cellular functions		
	<i>P</i> -value range	No. of molecules
Cell morphology	3.78E-05-1.92E-02	14
Cell-to-cell signaling and interaction	1.42E-04-2.34E-02	19
Cellular movement	2.05E-04-2.30E-02	16
Lipid metabolism	2.25 <u>E</u> -04–2.45 <u>E</u> -02	9
Small molecule biochemistry	2.25E-04–2.45E-02	21
Physiological system development and function		
	<i>P</i> -value range	No. of molecules
Nervous system development and function	1.42E-04-1.84E-02	12
Reproductive system development and function	2.05E-04-1.84E-02	6
Skeletal and muscular system development and function	2.43E-04-2.30E-02	14
Cardiovascular system development and function	5.57E-04–1.84E-02	11
Tissue morphology	5.57E-04–1.84E-02	12
Top canonical pathways	_	
T 1	P-value	Ratio
IL-15 production	5.34E-04	3/30 (0.1)
LPS/IL-1-mediated inhibition of RXR function	3.06E-02	4/198(0.02)
Aryl hydrocarbon receptor signaling	5.87E-02	3/155 (0.019)
Agrin interactions at neuromuscular junction	7.31E-02	2/72 (0.0028)
LXR/RXR activation	7.49E-02	2/85 (0.024)

Abbreviations: IL, interleukin; LPS, lipopolysaccharide; LXR, liver X receptor; RXR, retinoid X receptor. Ingenuity pathway analysis (IPA) of biological functions categories among our blood candidate biomarkers for hallucinations (A) and delusions (B). Genes from Tables 3S (n = 50) and 4S (n = 107).



seems to be able to identify state biomarkers for psychosis that may be, at least in part, generalizable to independent cohorts.

In the work reported here, similar to our previously published mood biomarker work,⁵ we decided to focus on using CFG scoring as a cut-off to decide which biomarkers to include in panels, rather than find best panel sizes by fit-to-data and receiver operating characteristic curves. We reasoned that an objective CFG scoring cut-off would pick up signal relevant to illness and increase generalizability of our panels across independent cohorts, while a fit-to-data receiver operating characteristic approach, while it might achieve excellent results in the primary cohort, driven at least in part by the noise particular to that cohort, would

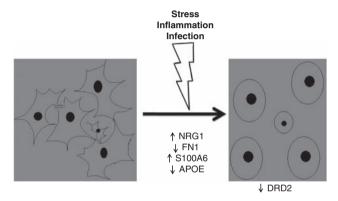


Figure 5 Psychosis: disconnection and de-differentiation.

have poorer results in independent cohorts. In fact, CFG prioritization has been shown to lead to generalizabilty across cohorts not only in our previous⁵ and current biomarker work, but also when we applied it to genome-wide association studies data, ¹³ where *P*-value criteria are the equivalent of fit-to-data analyses.

While it appears that panels of biomarkers chosen by CFG scoring criteria are the way to go due to population heterogeneity and impact of environmental factors on gene expression, it remains an open empirical question for future work as to how large the panels should be, and whether it may be possible to identify particular single biomarkers that have almost as good a predictive power as that of a larger panel. Ongoing studies are also examining the issue of using incremental differential expression comparisons as opposed to all or nothing A/P calls to identify biomarkers, and are expected to yield an expanded repertoire of biomarkers.

Finally, some of the top candidate biomarker genes identified by our human blood work reported here have no previous evidence for involvement in psychotic disorders other than our mapping them to schizophrenia genetic linkage loci (Supplementary Tables S1 and S2), and thus constitute novel candidate genes for schizophrenia and related disorders. They merit further exploration in genetic candidate gene association studies, as well as comparison with emerging results from whole-genome association studies of schizophrenia and related disorders. Moreover, as more evidence accumulates in

Table 8 Connectivity map interrogation of drugs that have similar gene expression signatures to that of (A) high hallucinations and (B) high delusions

Rank	Instance_id	Cmap name	Batch	Dose	Cell line	Score	Up	Down
(A) Conr	nectivity map de	etailed result for BioM-7 hallucina	tions pan	el genes				
1	5247	Cephaeline	726	6 μΜ	MCF7	1	0.714	-0.523
2	6817	Verteporfin	744	3 μΜ	MCF7	0.972	0.824	-0.378
3	5021	Suloctidil	707	12 μM	MCF7	0.949	0.91	-0.264
4	2801	Emetine	663	7 μΜ	MCF7	0.925	0.639	-0.506
5	3443	Monensin	670	6 μΜ	MCF7	0.913	0.807	-0.321
6096	7077	Trichostatin A	1073	1 μΜ	PC3	-0.937	-0.731	0.41
6097	1220	Vorinostat	603	10 μM	PC3	-0.957	-0.623	0.542
6098	7079	MG-262	1073	100 nM	PC3	-0.96	-0.835	0.335
6099	5106	Dropropizine	719	17 μΜ	PC3	-0.977	-0.621	0.569
6100	7068	MG-262	1069	100 nM	PC3	-1	-0.74	0.478
(B) Conn	nectivitv map de	tailed results for BioM-31 delusior	ns panel s	enes				
1	4631	Josamycin	712	, 5 μΜ	PC3	1	0.33	-0.278
2	4457	Rosiglitazone	727	10 μΜ	PC3	0.995	0.265	-0.341
3	3258	7-Aminocephalosporanic acid	654	15 μΜ	MCF7	0.881	0.215	-0.321
4	1328	Pepstatin	631	6 μΜ	HL60	0.844	0.271	-0.242
5	2520	Tetrandrine	648	6 μΜ	HL60	0.837	0.318	-0.191
6096	6619	Tracazolate	709	12 μΜ	PC3	-0.815	-0.207	0.306
6097	5964	Fulvestrant	1012	1 μΜ	MCF7	-0.825	-0.201	0.318
6098	4527	Rifabutin	703	5 μΜ	PC3	-0.878	-0.278	0.275
6099	4184	Trichostatin A	692	100 nM	PC3	-0.893	-0.223	0.339
6100	494	Fluphenazine	69	$10\mu\text{M}$	SKMEL5	-1	-0.251	0.379

A score of 1 indicates a maximal similarity with the gene expression effects of high hallucinations/delusions, and -1 indicates a maximal opposite effect. Bold indicates antipsychotic medication.

the field, all grist for the mill for our CFG approach, and as prospective studies are done, it is possible that the composition of top biomarker panels for hallucinations and for delusions will be refined or changed for different sub-populations. That being said, it is likely that a large number of the biomarkers that would be of use in different panels and permutations are already present in our lists of candidate biomarker genes (n=50 for hallucinations - Supplementary)Table S1; n = 107 for delusions—Supplementary Table S2).

Hallucinations and delusions: similarities and differences

There are more genes with high CFG scores for delusions than for hallucinations, reflecting the fact that more prior evidence exists for them in terms of involvement in schizophrenia and related disorders, and perhaps there is a higher degree of diversity in the genetic architecture of delusions, a more evolved cognitive phene, compared to that of hallucinations, a more primitive sensory phene. As a consequence, using the same CFG cut-off, the panel size for delusions was larger than that for hallucinations. Of note, there is co-directional overlap between the candidate biomarkers for delusions (Supplementary Table S2) and hallucinations (Supplementary Table S1) identified by us, which is reassuring in terms of the technical reliability of our assessments and findings, as these symptoms are often co-morbid clinically. More interestingly, there is some overlap between candidate biomarkers for hallucinations, delusions and mood state previously identified by us⁵ (Supplementary Figure S1), with the mood markers being generally contra-directional to the psychosis markers. Taken together with the heterogeneity of biomarker expression seen in patients that have a similar psychiatric diagnosis (Figures 3 and 4), our work is consistent with an emerging Lego-like model of complexity, heterogeneity, overlap and interdependence of major psychiatric disorders. 4,14 Practical implications and predictions of this view would be the relative lack of specificity of single genes and biomarkers for a particular disorder, and the need to use profiling with panels of markers to achieve some disease specificity.

From biomarkers to biology

Remarkably, among our candidate blood biomarker genes for delusions (Table 5) are key genes with extensive evidence in brain pathophysiology in psychotic disorders (dopamine receptor 2—Drd2, 15 neuroregulin 1—Nrg1^{16,17}) and neurodegenerative disorders (apolipoprotein E—ApoE). A polymorphism in Drd2 was reported to be associated specifically with delusions and disorganization symptomatology in major psychoses.¹⁸ Of interest, delusion symptoms were reported to be associated with ApoE epsilon4 allelic variant in late-onset Alzheimer's disease. 19 Moreover, plasma ApoE has been reported to be significantly decreased in treatment-free subjects with schizophrenia spectrum disorders and bipolar disorder, 20 consistent with our findings of ApoE being decreased in expression in high delusion states. Recently, variations in levels of expression of ApoE have also been tied by us to the risk and progression of Alzheimer's disease (AD) irrespective of £4 status.²¹ Overall, the ApoE connection warrants future empirical work as a possible molecular underpinning of the Kraepelinian view of schizophrenia as dementia praecox.

At the top of our list of candidate biomarker genes for hallucinations (Table 4), we have four genes decreased in expression in high hallucinations states (Rhobtb3, Aldh111, Mpp3, Fn1), and three genes increased in high hallucinations states (Arhgef9, Phlda1, S100a6). Although all of these genes have prior evidence of differential expression in schizophrenia patients, they are less well known than the candidate biomarker genes for delusions discussed above. A non-obvious top candidate biomarker for hallucinations, increased in high hallucinations state, is Arhgef9 (Cdc42 guanine nucleotide exchange factor 9, also known as collybistin). Arhgef9 can regulate actin cytoskeletal dynamics and may also modulate GABAergic neurotransmission through binding of a scaffolding protein, gephyrin, at the synapse.²² Interestingly, it has also been implicated in X-linked mental retardation with sensory hyperarousal.²³ Aldh1l1, another non-obvious candidate, is a folate metabolic enzyme with antiproliferative effects, expressed in astrocytes.24

Fn1 (Fibronectin 1), one of our top scoring candidate biomarkers for hallucinations and for delusions (Figure 2), is decreased in high hallucinations states and high delusions states, was also previously reported to be decreased in fibroblasts from schizophrenia patients.^{25,26} It has also been identified as a top candidate gene for alcoholism in previous work from our group.3 This raises interesting issues about the psychosis-modulating properties of alcohol, specifically hallucinations and delusions symptoms in alcoholism, as well as the more general issue of clinical co-morbidity between schizophrenia and alcoholism.

Overall, the top candidate biomarker genes results discussed above and the results of a biological functions analyses (Tables 6 and 7) suggest that genes involved in cancer, plasticity and connectivity (cell morphology, cell-to-cell signaling and interaction) are prominent players in psychotic disorders, and are reflected in the blood profile, consistent with previous work in the field implicating developmental and connectivity mechanisms in schizophrenia. 4,27,28 Unlike for our mood biomarker work,29 we did not find myelin genes prominently represented among our top psychosis biomarkers. Interestingly, the top canonical pathways for both hallucinations and delusions had to do with interleukin signaling, consistent with previous work in the field implicating immune and inflammatory mechanisms in schizophrenia pathophysiology.³⁰ For example, IL-8 signaling, which was identified as the top canonical pathway in hallucinations, has been previously implicated as a maternal risk factor for schizophrenia in the offsprings,³¹ and IL-8 levels have been reported to be elevated in neuroleptic-free schizophrenia patients compared to normal controls.³²

The model that is emergent is that of increased plasticity and decreased connectivity4 in high psychosis states compared to no psychosis states. This perspective is of speculative evolutionary interest and pragmatic clinical importance. Speculatively, nature may have selected primitive cellular mechanisms involved in the response to damage, insults and stressors for analogous higher organism level-functions (Figure 5). In this view, psychosis is the higher organismal/brain equivalent of cellular de-differentiation and disconnection such as occurs in early stages of inflammation³³, tissue re-modeling³⁴ and cancer metastasis.35 Specifically, the decrease in FN1 expression and increase in NRG1 expression in high delusions states, as well as decrease in fibronectin expression and increase in calcyclin (S100A6) in high hallucination states, are consistent with increased metastatic potential, though not necessarily increased tumorigenesis/cellular proliferation. Indeed, there seems to be a decrease incidence of respiratory cancers in schizophrenia patients, despite the high incidence of smoking in that population. Pragmatically, the psychotic episodes may be correlated with metastasis in cancers.³⁶ Typical antipsychotic medications may have protective effects against cancer,³⁷ consistent also with our connectivity map results identifying fluphenazine as having an opposite gene expression profile to that of high delusions (Table 8). Lastly, the involvement of interleukin signaling canonical pathways suggests that anti-inflammatory and immune-modulating medications should to be more systematically evaluated for prevention and early intervention in psychotic disorders, consistent with some emerging clinical data. 38,39 In particular, omega-3 fatty acids may have a favorable effects to side-effects ratio and multiple whole-body health benefits in this patient population.⁴⁰

Conclusions

We propose, and provide proof of principle for, a translational convergent approach to help identify and prioritize blood biomarkers for psychosis states, specifically for hallucinations and for delusions. A validation of our approach is the fact that our primary cohort-derived biomarker panels showed not only good sensitivity and specificity in the primary cohort, but also predictive ability in three other cohorts. Finally, a data-derived model for whole-body biological mechanisms associated with psychosis is proposed.

Biomarker-based tests may help with early detection, intervention and prevention efforts in schizophrenia^{41,42} and related disorders,⁴³ as well as monitoring response to various treatments. In conjunction with other clinical information, such tests may come to play an important part in personalizing treatment to increase precision, effectiveness and avoid adverse reactions. Last but not least, new drug

development efforts would particularly benefit from the use of such markers.

Conflict of interest

ABN and DRS are founders and hold an equity interest in Mindscape Diagnostics, Inc. MAG holds an equity interest in San Diego Instruments, Inc.

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Table S1. Top candidate biomarker genes for hallucinations (n=50) prioritized by CFG score for multiple independent lines of evidence. Top candidate biomarker genes for hallucinations. For human blood data: I –increased in high hallucinations state; D –decreased in high hallucinations state / increased in no hallucinations state; (HT) High threshold. For postmortem brain data: I-increased; D -decreased; PCP - Phencyclidine; CLZ -Clozapine; PFC - prefrontal cortex; AMY - amygdala; CP - caudate putamen; NAC - nucleus accumbens; VT - ventral tegmentum; HIP- hippocampus; SZ - schizophrenia; SZA- schizoaffective. Roman numerals in the multiple brain region data column represent the Category of the gene.

Affymetrix Probe Set ID/ Entrez ID	Gene Symbol/ Name	Human Blood Hallucinations	Other Human Tissue evidence (Postmortem Brain, Lymphocytes, Fibroblasts)	Human Tissue Concordance/ Co- Directionality	Human Genetic Linkage/ Association	Pharmacogenomic Mouse Model Brain(1)	Pharmacogenomic Mouse Model Blood	CFG Score
1558199_at/ 2335	Fn1 fibronectin 1	D (HT)	D (SZ Fibroblasts) (2) (3)	Yes/Yes	2q35 SZ ⁽⁴⁾	VT Cat-II (Decreased)		5.5
216048_s_at/ 22836	Rhobtb3 Rho-related BTB domain containing 3	D	D (SZ suicide Brain) ⁽⁵⁾	Yes/Yes	5q15	VT Cat-III (CLZ- Increased)		5.0
205208_at/ 10840	Aldh111 aldehyde dehydrogenase 1 family, member L1	D	D (SZ suicide Brain) ⁽⁵⁾	Yes/Yes	3q21.2			4.0
203264_s_at/ 23229	Arhgef9 Cdc42 guanine nucleotide exchange factor (GEF) 9	I	D (SZ Brain) ⁽⁶⁾	Yes/No	Xq11.2	PFC Cat-I (Decreased) AMY Cat-III (CLZ- Increased) NAC Cat- I (Decreased)		4.0
206186_at/ 4356	Mpp3 membrane protein, palmitoylated 3 (MAGUK p55 subfamily member 3)	D	(SZ Lymphocytes) ⁽⁷⁾	Yes/No	17q12-q21	VT Cat-III (Decreased) HIP Cat- I (Decreased)		3.5
225842_at/ 22822	Phlda1 pleckstrin homology- like domain, family A, member 1	I	(SZ Leukocytes)(8)	Yes/Yes	12q21.2			3.0
228923_at/ 6277	S100a6 S100 calcium binding protein A6 (calcyclin)	I	D (SZ Lymphocytes) ⁽⁹⁾	Yes/No	1q21.3 SZ ⁽¹⁰⁾			3.0
229357_at/ 11096	Adamts5 ADAM metallopeptidase with thrombospondin type 1 motif, 5 (aggrecanase-2)	I			21q21.3 SZ ⁽¹¹⁾	VT Cat-III (CLZ- Decreased)		2.5
206807_s_at/ 119	Add2 adducin 2 (beta)	D			2p13.3 SZ ^{(12), (13)}	CP Cat-IV (CLZ- Decreased)		2.5
1554309_at/ 8672	Eif4g3 eukaryotic translation initiation factor 4 gamma, 3	D			1p36.12 SZ ⁽¹⁴⁾	AMY Cat-II (Decreased)		2.5
219305_x_at/ 26232	Fbxo2 F-box only protein 2	ı			1p36.22 Psychosis	VT Cat III (CLZ- Decreased)		2.5
217624_at/ 11333	Pdap1 PDGFA associated protein 1	I			7q22.1 SZ ⁽¹⁶⁾	CP Cat-III (PCP- Decreased) NAC Cat-IV (CLZ- Increased) PFC Cat-III (PCP- Decreased)		2.5

Affymetrix Probe Set ID/ Entrez ID	Gene Symbol/ Name	Human Blood Hallucinations	Other Human Tissue evidence (Postmortem Brain, Lymphocytes, Fibroblasts)	Human Tissue Concordance/ Co- Directionality	Human Genetic Linkage/ Association	Pharmacogenomic Mouse Model Brain(1)	Pharmacogenomic Mouse Model Blood	CFG Score
219654_at/ 9200	Ptpla protein tyrosine phosphatase-like (proline instead of catalytic arginine), member A	D			10p12.33 SZ ^{(4), (14), (17),} (18), (19), (20), (21), (22), (23)		Cat- IV (Increased)	2.5
235131_at/ 57381	Rhoj ras homolog gene family, member J	D			14q23.2 SZ ⁽²⁰⁾		Cat- I (Increased)	2.5
209875_s_at/ 6696	Spp1 secreted phosphoprotein 1 (osteopontin, bone sialoprotein I, early T- lymphocyte activation 1)	D			4q22.1 SZ ^{(4), (24)}	CP Cat-II (Decreased) AMY Cat-III (PCP- Increased) HIP Cat-IV (PCP- Increased) PFC Cat-III (CLZ- Increased) VT Cat-III (CLZ- Decreased)		2.5
1555487_a_at/ 57180	Actr3b ARP3 actin-related protein 3 homolog B (yeast)	D			7q36.1	VT Cat III (CLZ- Increased)		2.0
207999_s_at/ 104	Adarb1 adenosine deaminase, RNA- specific, B1	I			21q22.3	NAC Cat III (PCP- Increased) VT Cat III (CLZ- Increased)		2.0
204183_s_at/ 157	Adrbk2 adrenergic receptor kinase, beta 2	I	Down BP LCLs(25)		22q11.23	VT Cat III (CLZ- Increased)		2.0
203563_at/ 60312	Afap1 actin filament associated protein 1	D			4p16.1	VT Cat III (CLZ- Increased)		2.0
209935_at/ 27032	Atp2c1 ATPase, Ca++- sequestering	I			3q21.3		Cat I (Increased)	2.0
241672_at/ 400120	C13orf36 /Loc400120 hypothetical LOC400120	I			13q13.3	CP Cat III (PCP- Decreased) AMY Cat III (PCP- Decreased)		2.0
219365_s_at/ 79012	Camkv CaM kinase-like vesicle-associated	I			3p21.31	VT Cat IV (PCP- Decreased)		2.0
219301_s_at/ 26047	Cntnap2 contactin associated protein-like 2	D			7q35	PFC Cat III (PCP- Increased)		2.0
226967_at/ 84922	Fiz1 FLT3-interacting zinc finger 1	I (HT)			19q13.42			2.0
227692_at/ 2770	Gnai1 guanine nucleotide binding protein, alpha inhibiting 1	I			7q21.11	VT Cat III (CLZ- Decreased)		2.0
218621_at/ 51409	Hemk1 HemK methyltransferase family member 1	D			3p21.31	Hip Cat III (PCP- Decreased)		2.0
221713_s_at/ 79929	Map6d1 MAP6 domain containing 1	I			3q27.1	Hip Cat III (PCP- Decreased)		2.0
217004_s_at/ 4168	Mcf2 mcf.2 transforming sequence	ı			Xq27.1	NAC Cat III (PCP- Decreased) VT Cat III (CLZ- Increased)		2.0
1568864_at/ 65996	MGC2752 Hypothetical protein MGC2752	I (HT)			19q13.43	,		2.0
239001_at/ 4257	Mgst1 microsomal glutathione S- transferase 1	I			12p12.3		Cat IV (CLZ- Decreased)	2.0

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33767_at/ 4744	Nefh neurofilament, heavy polypeptide 200kDa	I			22q12.2	NAC Cat III (PCP- Decreased)		2.0
204321_at/ 4756	Neo1 neogenin homolog 1 (chicken)	I			15q24.1	VT Cat III (CLZ- Increased)		2.0
220669_at/ 54726	Otud4 OTU domain containing 4	D			4q31.21	VT Cat III (CLZ- Increased)		2.0
1555824_a_at/ 23241	Pacs2 phosphofurin acidic cluster sorting protein 2	I			14q32.33	CP Cat III (CLZ- Decreased)		2.0
201215_at/ 5358	Pls3 plastin 3 (T isoform)	D (HT)			Xq23			2.0
212235_at/ 23129	Plxnd1 Plexin D1	ı			3q21.3	Amy III (CLZ- Decreased)		2.0
215923_s_at/ 23550	Psd4 pleckstrin and Sec7 domain containing 4	I (HT)			2q13			2.0
241453_at/ 5747	Ptk2 PTK2 protein tyrosine kinase 2	D			8q24.3 SZ ⁽²⁶⁾ (Assoc.)			2.0
212127_at/ 5905	Rangap1 Ran GTPase activating protein 1	I			22q13.2	VT Cat III (CLZ- Increased)		2.0
230720_at/ 221687	Rnf182 ring finger protein 182	D			6p23	VT Cat III (CLZ- Increased)		2.0
237058_x_at/ 6540	Sic6a13 solute carrier family 6 (neurotransmitter transporter, GABA), member 13	ı			12p13.33	VT Cat II (Decreased)		2.0
227634_at/ 282974	Stk32c serine/threonine kinase 32C	ı			10q26.3	VT Cat III (CLZ- Increased)		2.0
216180_s_at/ 8871	Synj2 synaptojanin 2	D			6q25.3	VT Cat III (CLZ- Increased)		2.0
224397_s_at/ 83857	Tmtc1 transmembrane and tetratricopeptide repeat containing 1	1			12p11.22 SZ ⁽²⁷⁾ (Assoc.)			2.0
213536_s_at/ 7329	Ube2i ubiquitin-conjugating enzyme E2I	I			16p13.3	PFC Cat III (PCP- Decreased) VT Cat III (CLZ- Decreased)		2.0
216775_at/ 54532	Usp53 ubiquitin specific peptidase 53	I			4q26	CP Cat III (CLZ- Increased)		2.0
223146_at/ 55339	Wdr33 WD repeat domain 33	I			2q14.3	VT Cat III (CLZ- Decreased)		2.0
209592_s_at/ 10238	Wdr68 WD repeat domain 68	D			17q23.3	NAC Cat III (CLZ Decreased) VT Cat III (CLZ Decreased)		2.0
228715_at/ 170261	Zcchc12 zinc finger, CCHC domain containing 12	D			Xq24	CP Cat IV (CLZ- Increased)		2.0
203248_at/ 7572	Znf24 zinc finger protein 24	ı			18q12.2	VT Cat I (Increased)		2.0

Table S2 . Top candidate biomarker genes for delusions (n=107) prioritized by CFG score for multiple independent lines of evidence. Top candidate biomarker genes for delusions. For human blood data: I – increased in high delusions state; D –decreased in high delusions state / increased in no delusions state; (HT) High threshold. For postmortem brain data: Up-increased; Down -decreased; PCP -Phencyclidine; CLZ - Clozapine; PFC - prefrontal cortex; AMY - amygdala; CP - caudate putamen; NAC - nucleus accumbens; VT - ventral tegmentum; HIP- hippocampus; SZ - schizophrenia; SZA- schizoaffective; Roman numerals in the multiple brain region data column represent the Category of the gene.

Affymetrix Probeset ID/ Entrez ID	Gene Symbol/ Name	Human Blood Delusions	Other Human Tissue evidence (Postmortem Brain, Lymphocytes, Fibroblasts	Human Tissue Concordance/ Co- Directionality	Human Genetic Linkage/ Association	Pharmacogenomic Mouse Model Brain(1)	Pharmacogenomic Mouse Model Blood	Mouse Brain and Blood Concordance/ Co- Directionality	CFG Score
216938_x_at/ 1813	Drd2 dopamine receptor 2	D	D (SZ Brain) (28), (29), (30) I (SZ Lymphocytes)(31)	Yes/ Yes	11q23.2 SZ ⁽³²⁻³⁴⁾ (Assoc.)	AMY Cat-III (PCP- Increased) PFC Cat-II (Decreased)			6.0
201693_s_at/ 1958	Egr1 early growth response 1	I (HT)	D (SZ Brain) ⁽³⁵⁾ I (SZ Leukocytes)(8)	Yes/ No	5q31.2 SZ ^{(36), (12)}	HIP Cat-II (Increased)			5.5
205336_at/ 5816	Pvalb parvalbumin	I	 (SZ Brain) (37)	Yes/ Yes	22q12.3 SZ ⁽²⁴⁾	AMY Cat-II (Increased)			5.5
212884_x_at/ 348	Apoe Apolipoprotein E	D	D (SZ suicide Brain) ⁽⁵⁾	Yes/ Yes	19q13.31 SZ ^(33, 34, 38) (Assoc.)				5.0
208241_at/ 3084	Nrg1 neuregulin 1	ı	(SZ Brain) (39)	Yes/ Yes	8p12 SZ ^{47, (43), (44),} (45), (46), (47), (33, 48) (Assoc.)				5.0
1570210_x_at/ 9522	Scamp1 secretory carrier membrane protein 1	D	D (SZ Brain) (49)	Yes/ Yes	5q14.1	AMY Cat-III (PCP- Increased) VT Cat-III (CLZ- Decreased)			5.0
211780_x_at/ 1639	Dctn1 dynactin 1 (p150, glued homolog, Drosophila)	I (HT)	D (SZ Brain) ⁽⁶⁾	Yes/ No	2p13.1 SZ ^{(12), (13), (14)}				4.5
1558199_at/ 2335	Fn1 fibronectin 1	D	D (SZ Fibroblasts) (2) (3)	Yes/Yes	2q35 SZ ⁽⁴⁾	VT Cat- II (Decreased)			4.5
242001_at/ 3417	Idh1 Isocitrate dehydrogenase 1 (NADP+), soluble	D	D (SZ Brain) ⁽⁵⁰⁾	Yes/ Yes	2q34 SZ ⁽⁴⁾				4.5
208047_s_at/ 4664	Nab1 NGFI-A binding protein 1 (EGR1 binding protein 1)	D			2q32.2 SZ ⁽²⁰⁾	VT Cat-III (CLZ- Increased)	Cat- III (CLZ- Increased)	Yes	4.5
205732_s_at/ 10499	Ncoa2 Nuclear receptor coactivator 2	D			8q13.3 SZ ⁽²⁴⁾	VT Cat-III (CLZ- Increased)	Cat- III (PCP- Increased)	Yes	4.5
201159_s_at/ 4836	Nmt1 N- myristoyltransferase 1	I	I (SZ Brain) ⁽⁶⁾	Yes/ Yes	17q21.31 SZ (51)				4.5
221496_s_at/ 10766	Tob2 transducer of ERBB2, 2	I (HT)	l (SZ Leukocytes)(8)	Yes/ Yes	22q13.2 SZ ⁽²⁴⁾				4.5
205208_at/ 10840	Aldh111 aldehyde dehydrogenase 1 family, member L1	D	D (SZ suicide Brain) ⁽⁵⁾	Yes/ Yes	3q21.2				4.0
209168_at/ 2824	Gpm6b Glycoprotein M6B	D	I (SZ Brain) ⁽⁵²⁾ D (SZ Leukocytes)(8)	Yes/ No	Xp22.2	AMY Cat-III (CLZ- Increased)			4.0

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1557704_a_at/ 64844	March7 membrane- associated ring finger (C3HC4) 7	D	I (SZ Brain) (53)	Yes/No	2q24.2	VT Cat IV (PCP- Decreased)			4.0
225790_at/ 253827	Msrb3 methionine sulfoxide reductase B3	I	I (SZ Brain) (53)	Yes/Yes	12q14.3				4.0
208823_s_at/ 5127	Pctk1 PCTAIRE-motif protein kinase 1	I	D(SZ Brain) (6)	Yes/ No	Xp11.3	VT Cat-III (CLZ- Increased)			4.0
204519_s_at/ 51090	Pllp plasma membrane proteolipid (plasmolipin)	I	D(SZ Brain) (54, 55)	Yes/ No	16q13	AMY Cat-III (PCP- Increased)			4.0
40273_at/ 56848	Sphk2 sphingosine kinase 2	I	I (SZ Brain) (53)	Yes/Yes	19q13.33				4.0
220995_at/ 29091	Stxbp6 syntaxin binding protein 6 (amisyn)	D			14q12 SZ ⁽¹³⁾	NAC Cat-III (PCP- Decreased) VT Cat-III (CLZ- Increased)	Cat-III (PCP- Increased)	No	4.0
212385_at/ 6925	Tcf4 transcription factor 4	D	I (SZ Brain) (53)	Yes/No	18q21.2	NAC Cat III (PCP- Increased)			4.0
1558733_at/ 253461	Zbtb38 zinc finger and BTB domain containing 38	I	I (SZ Brain) (53)	Yes/Yes	3q23	mcreased)			4.0
235868_at/ 10724	Mgea5 Meningioma expressed antigen 5 (hyaluronidase)	D (HT)			10q24.32 SZ ⁽¹¹⁾	VT Cat-III (CLZ- Decreased)			3.5
209729_at/ 10634	Gas2I1 growth arrest-specific 2 like 1	I (HT)			22q12.2		Cat- I (Increased)		3.0
222644_s_at/ 79709	Glt25d1 glycosyltransferase 25 domain containing 1	I	D (SZ Brain) (53)	Yes/No	19p13.11				3.0
209470_s_at/ 2823	Gpm6a glycoprotein m6a	D (HT)			4q34.2 SZ ^(14, 56) (Assoc.)				3.0
239044_at/ 81533	Itfg1 integrin alpha FG- GAP repeat containing 1	D	I (SZ Brain) ⁽⁵³⁾	Yes/No	16q12.1				3.0
236407_at/ 3753	Kcne1 potassium voltage- gated channel, lsk- related family, member 1	I	D (SZ Brain) (57)	Yes/No	21q22.12				3.0
203329_at/ 5797	Ptpm protein tyrosine phosphatase, receptor type, M	ı			18p11.23 SZ ⁽²⁶⁾ (Assoc.)	VT Cat-III (CLZ- Increased)			3.0
233666_at/ 54664	Tmem106b transmembrane protein 106B	D	I (SZ Brain) ⁽⁶⁾	Yes/ No	7p21.3				3.0
1570042_a_at/ 8754	Adam9 ADAM metallopeptidase domain 9 (meltrin gamma)	D	I (SZ Lymphocyte) ⁽⁵⁸⁾	Yes/ No	8p11.23				2.5
229357_at/ 11096	Adamts5 ADAM metallopeptidase with thrombospondin type 1 motif, 5 (aggrecanase-2)	ı			21q21.3 SZ ⁽¹¹⁾	VT Cat-III (CLZ- Decreased)			2.5
206807_s_at/ 119	Add2 adducin 2 (beta)	D			2p13.3 SZ ^{(12), (13)}	CP Cat-IV (CLZ- Decreased)			2.5
1557582_at/ 55909	Bin3 bridging integrator 3	I (HT)			8p21.3 SZ ^{(59), (10), (45),} (14), (47), (43), (44), (46), (47)				2.5
238596_at/ 118924	C10orf4 chromosome 10 open reading frame 4	D			10q23.33 SZ ^{(11),(24)}	VT Cat III (CLZ- Decreased)			2.5

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201192 s at C884 C894 C1084 molecule C1084 mole	Probeset ID/	Gene Symbol/ Name	Blood	(Postmortem Brain, Lymphocytes,	Tissue Concordance/ Co-	Genetic Linkage/	Mouse Model	Mouse Model	and Blood Concordance/ Co-	CFG Score
Cate			1			•				2.5
1935-95-96 2014 2	240757_at/ 23332	CLIP associating	D			2q14.2 SZ ^{(13), (23), (60),}				2.5
Hong-location Hong-locatio			I			•		`		2.5
158290_all bect domain and RLD D BZ PA PA PA PA PA PA PA P		HMG-box	I			7q22.3				2.5
Higher Hemochromatosis 1 (HT) 1		Herc3 hect domain and RLD	D			4q22.1				2.5
203129 s. at/ 3800 Richard School		Hfe	I (HT)			6p22.2				2.5
227368 x, at 4054		kinesin family	1			2q23.1	Increased) CP Cat-IV (CLZ- Decreased) VT Cat-III (CLZ-			2.5
29284_at ward		latent transforming growth factor beta	I			•				2.5
224286_at/83552 Mftp		methionine adenosyltransferase	D			•				2.5
219321_at/64398		Mfrp membrane frizzled-	I (HT)							2.5
236910_at/ 54148 Mitochondrial ribosomal protein L39 D (HT) ribosomal protein L39 D (HT) ribosomal protein L39 SZ (11)		membrane protein, palmitoylated 5 (MAGUK p55	D			·				2.5
Pap 2a phosphataidic acid phosphatase 2a Pap 2a phosphataidic acid phosphatase 2a Prickle1 Sz (47) Decreased)		Mrpl39 Mitochondrial	D (HT)							2.5
232811_x_at/ 144165		Ppap2a phosphatidic acid	I			5q11.2				2.5
Ran GTPase activating protein 1 SZ (24) Increased Increase		Prickle1 prickle like 1	D			12q12	Decreased) VT Cat-III (CLZ-			2.5
206499_s_at/ 1104 regulator of chromosome condensation 1 (HT) SZ (14) SZ (14) SZ (Ran GTPase	I							2.5
232691_at/ 23677 Sh3bp4 SH3-domain binding D Sic13a4 Sci 134 Sh3bp4 Sec 14 Sh3-domain binding D Sic13a4 Sh3bp4 Sec 15 Shabp4 Sec		regulator of chromosome	I (HT)			•				2.5
		Sh3bp4 SH3-domain binding	D			•	Decreased) VT Cat- III (CLZ-			2.5
26266 13 (sodium/sulfate D symporters), member SZ (24) Increased)		solute carrier family 13 (sodium/sulfate symporters), member	D			7q33 SZ ⁽²⁴⁾				2.5
Sparc Square Sq		Sparc secreted protein, acidic, cysteine-rich	I .			SZ ^{(12), (64)}	Increased) NAC Cat-II			2.5
214341_at/ 79178		Thtpa Thiamine	I (HT)							2.5
203421_at/ 9537		Tp53i11 tumor protein p53	I (HT)			11p11.2				2.5
214195_at/ Tpp1 11p15.4 1200 tripeptidyl peptidase I I (HT) SZ (65)	214195_at/ 1200	Tpp1	I (HT)			11p15.4				2.5

Affymetrix Probeset ID/ Entrez ID	Gene Symbol/ Name	Human Blood Delusions	Other Human Tissue evidence (Postmortem Brain, Lymphocytes, Fibroblasts	Human Tissue Concordance/ Co- Directionality	Human Genetic Linkage/ Association	Pharmacogenomic Mouse Model Brain(1)	Pharmacogenomic Mouse Model Blood	Mouse Brain and Blood Concordance/ Co- Directionality	CFG Score
229134_at/ 81839	Vangl1 vang-like 1 (van gogh, Drosophila)	I			1p13.1 SZ ⁽¹⁰⁾	VT Cat-III (CLZ- Increased)			2.5
206238_s_at/ 10138	Yaf2 YY1 associated factor 2	D			12q12 SZ ⁽²⁰⁾		Cat-III (CLZ- Increased)		2.5
1555487_a_at/ 57180	Actr3b ARP3 actin-related protein 3 homolog B (yeast)	D			7q36.1	VT Cat III (CLZ- Increased)			2.0
207999_s_at/ 104	Adarb1 adenosine deaminase, RNA- specific, B1	1			21q22.3	NAC Cat III (PCP- Increased) VT Cat III (CLZ- Increased)			2.0
217630_at/ 90806	Angel2 angel homolog 2 (Drosophila)	D			1q32.3	Amy Cat III (CLZ- Increased)			2.0
1566989_at/ 57492	Arid1b AT rich interactive domain 1B (SWI1- like)	D			6q25.3	VT Cat IV (CLZ- Increased)			2.0
209935_at/ 27032	Atp2c1 ATPase, Ca++- sequestering	I			3q21.3		Cat I (Increased)		2.0
210121_at/ 8707	B3galt2 UDP-Gal:betaGlcNAc beta 1,3- galactosyltransferase, polypeptide 2	D			1q31.2	HIP Cat III (CLZ- Decreased) NAC Cat III (PCP- Increased) PFC Cat III (CLZ- Decreased) VT Cat III (CLZ- Increased)			2.0
234711_s_at/ 63035	BCL6 co-repressor- like 1	D (HT)			Xq25				2.0
1559971_at/ 55108	Bsdc1 BSD domain containing 1	D			1p35.1		Cat II (Increased)		2.0
242640_at/ 148137	C19orf55 chromosome 19 open reading frame 55	I (HT)			19q13.12				2.0
1553697_at/ 126731	C1orf96 chromosome 1 open reading frame 96	D			1q42.13	VT Cat III (CLZ- Increased)			2.0
1566150_at/ 91860	Calml4 calmodulin-like 4	D			15q23	CP Cat I (Increased) Amy Cat II (Decreased) VT Cat III (CLZ- Increased)			2.0
219365_s_at/ 79012	Camkv CaM kinase-like vesicle-associated	I			3p21.31	VT Cat IV (PCP- Decreased)			2.0
212763_at/ 23271	Camsap1I1 calmodulin regulated spectrin-associated protein 1-like 1	D			1q32.1	VT Cat III (CLZ- Decreased)			2.0
204482_at/ 7122	Cldn5 claudin 5	ı			22q11.21 SZ International Schizophrenia Consortium 2008 (Assoc.)				2.0
232874_at/ 23348	Dock9 Dedicator of cytokinesis 9	I			13q32.3	HIP Cat III (CLZ- Decreased)			2.0
236214_at/ 84691	FAM137A family with sequence similarity 137, member A	D (HT)			7q32.1				2.0
219895_at/ 55026	Fam70a family with sequence similarity 70, member A	D			Xq24	VT Cat III (CLZ- Decreased) PFC Cat III (CLZ- Increased) NAC Cat III (PCP- Decreased)			2.0

Affymetrix Probeset ID/ Entrez ID	Gene Symbol/ Name	Human Blood Delusions	Other Human Tissue evidence (Postmortem Brain, Lymphocytes, Fibroblasts	Human Tissue Concordance/ Co- Directionality	Human Genetic Linkage/ Association	Pharmacogenomic Mouse Model Brain(1)	Pharmacogenomic Mouse Model Blood	Mouse Brain and Blood Concordance/ Co- Directionality	CFG Score
218881_s_at/ 2355	Fosl2 FOS-like antigen 2	I			2p23.2	NAC Cat II (Increased) PFC Cat IV (CLZ- Increased)			2.0
206883_x_at/ 2815	Gp9 glycoprotein 9 (platelet)	I			3q21.3		Cat II (Increased)		2.0
223767_at/ 53831	Gpr84 G protein-coupled receptor 84	I (HT)			12q13.2				2.0
205919_at/ 3046	Hbe1 hemoglobin, epsilon 1	D			11p15.4		Cat II (Increased)		2.0
207764_s_at/ 10114	Hipk3 homeodomain interacting protein kinase 3	I			11p13 SZ ⁽²⁶⁾ (Assoc.)				2.0
222250_s_at/ 25896	INTS7 integrator complex subunit 7	D			1p36.13- q42.3	VT Cat IV (CLZ- Decreased)			2.0
1569611_a_at/ 64799	IQCH IQ motif containing H KIR2DS2	D (HT)			15q23				2.0
211532_x_at/ 3807	killer cell immunoglobulin-like receptor, two domains, short cytoplasmic tail, 2	I (HT)			19q13.42				2.0
1555545_at/ 3817	KLK2 kallikrein-related peptidase 2	I (HT)			19q13.41				2.0
231300_at/ 90835	LOC90835 hypothetical protein LOC90835	I (HT)			16p11.2				2.0
235012_at/ 23143	Lrch1 leucine-rich repeats and calponin homology (CH) domain containing 1	D			13q14.13	VT Cat III (CLZ- Increased)			2.0
211081_s_at/ 11183	Map4k5 mitogen-activated protein kinase kinase kinase kinase 5	D			14q21.3		Cat III (CLZ- Increased)		2.0
1553708_at/ 84847	MGC16075 hypothetical protein MGC16075	D (HT)			7p12.3				2.0
239001_at/ 4257	MGST1 microsomal glutathione S- transferase 1	I			12p12.3		Cat IV (CLZ- Decreased)		2.0
218330_s_at/ 89797	NAV2 neuron navigator 2	D (HT)			11p15.1				2.0
1555824_a_at/ 23241	Pacs2 phosphofurin acidic cluster sorting protein 2	I			14q32.33	CP Cat III (CLZ- Decreased)			2.0
217953_at/ 23469	Phf3 PHD finger protein 3	D			6q12	VT Cat III (CLZ- Decreased)			2.0
201215_at/ 5358	PLS3 plastin 3 (T isoform)	D (HT)			Xq23				2.0
212235_at/ 23129	Plxnd1 Plexin D1	I			3q21.3	Amy Cat III (CLZ- Decreased)			2.0
241453_at/ 5747	Ptk2 PTK2 protein tyrosine kinase 2	D			8q24.3 SZ ⁽²⁶⁾ (Assoc.)	Doctors			2.0
1553961_s_at/ 90203	SNX21 sorting nexin family member 21	I			20q13.12	PFC Cat III (CLZ- Increased)			2.0
202308_at/ 6720	SREBF1 sterol regulatory element binding transcription factor 1	I			17p11.2 SZ (67),(68) (Assoc.)				2.0
227634_at/ 282974	Stk32c serine/threonine kinase 32C	I			10q26.3	VT Cat III (CLZ- Increased)			2.0
213338_at/ 25907	Tmem158 transmembrane protein 158	I			3p21.31		Cat III (CLZ- Increased)		2.0

Affymetrix		Human	Other Human Tissue evidence	Human Tissue	Human	Pharmacogenomic	Pharmacogenomic	Mouse Brain and Blood	, ,
Probeset ID/ Entrez ID	Gene Symbol/ Name	Blood Delusions	(Postmortem Brain, Lymphocytes, Fibroblasts	Concordance/ Co- Directionality	Genetic Linkage/ Association	Mouse Model Brain(1)	Mouse Model Blood	Concordance/ Co- Directionality	CFG Score
242338_at/ 169200	Tmem64 transmembrane protein 64	D			8q21.3	VT Cat III (CLZ- Decreased)			2.0
235775_at/ 160335	Tmtc2 transmembrane and tetratricopeptide repeat containing 2	ı			12q21.31	NAC Cat III (PCP- Decreased) VT Cat IV (CLZ- Increased)			2.0
235364_at/ 1831	Tsc22d3 TSC22 domain family, member 3	D			Xq22.3	Amy Cat III (PCP- Increased)			2.0
243033_at/ 5756	Twf1 twinfilin, actin-binding protein, homolog 1 (Drosophila)	D			12q12		Cat III (CLZ- Increased)		2.0
216775_at/ 54532	USP53 ubiquitin specific peptidase 53	ı			4q26	CP Cat III (CLZ- Increased)			2.0
228715_at/ 170261	Zcchc12 zinc finger, CCHC domain containing 12	D			Xq24	CP Cat IV (CLZ- Increased)			2.0

Table S3. Targets of existing drugs. Blood candidate biomarker genes for psychosis that are the direct target of existing drugs (Ingenuity analysis).

Hallucinations:

	Hallucinations:
Gene Symbol/ Gene Name	Drugs
SLC6A13 solute carrier family 6 (neurotransmitter transporter, GABA), member 13	tiagabine
	Delusions:
Gene Symbol/ Gene Name	Drugs
DRD2 dopamine receptor D2	paliperidone, risperidone, buspirone, bifeprunox, iloperidone, blonanserin, asenapine, SLV-308, ocaperidone, abaperidone, SLV-314, RGH-188, rotigotine, chloropromazine, metoclopramide, sulpiride, meloxicam, amantadine, trifluoperazine, fluphenazine, pimozide, clozapine, haloperidol, fluoxetine/olanzapine, fluphenazine decanoate, thiothixene, amitriptyline/perphenazine, haloperidol decanoate, molindone, trimethobenzamide, fluphenazine enanthate, loxapine, perphenazine, promazine, prochlorperazine, quetiapine, pramipexol, olanzapine, lisuride, cabergoline, ziprasidone, mesoridazine, thioridazine, aripiprazole, ropinirole, dihydroergocryptine, dihydroergotamine, bromocriptine, apomorphine, pergolide, dopamine, droperidol, thiethylperazine, droperidol/fentanyl
KCNE1 potassium voltage-gated channel, Isk-related family, member 1	nicorandil,amiodarone,azimilide

Table S4. Psychiatric medications of subjects in our primary and secondary cohorts and follow up visit cohorts. Diagnosis established by DIGS comprehensive structured clinical interview. SZ-schizophrenia, SZA-schizoaffective disorder. SubPD-substance induced psychosis. Psychosis score at time of blood draw, on a scale 1 (no symptoms) to 7 (severe symptoms). Underlined are medications that have changed in the same subject between the first visit testing and the second or third visit testing. Of note, the subjects were on a very diverse list of antipsychotics, mood stabilizers, and other psychotropic medications.

(a) Individual demographic data with selected medications

	<u>P</u> ı	rimary Psycho	sis Coho	ort (n=31)	
Subject ID	<u>Diagnosis</u>	<u>Age</u> <u>Gender(M/F)</u> Race/Ethnicity	Delusions Scores	Hallucinations Scores	Selected Medications
phchp003v1	SZ	50 Male African American	1	3	BENZTROPINE 1MG BID HALOPERIDOL 10MG QHS HALOPERIDOL DECANOATE 5ML IM INJ 150 MG Q3Wks OLANZAPINE 5MG QHS
phchp004v1	SZA	55 Male African American	3	1	BENZTROPINE 1MG ONE-HALF TAB QAM DIPHENHYDRAMINE HCL 25MG QHS PRN HALOPERIDOL DECANOATE 1ML IM INJ 50MG Q4Wks LITHIUM CARBONATE 450MG SA TWO TAB QHS OLANZAPINE 10MG QHS
phchp005v1	SZA	45 Male Caucasian	1	1	BENZTROPINE 1MG BID <u>LITHIUM CARBONATE 300MG</u> RISPERIDONE CONSTA 50MG/2ML IM INJ 50MG Q2Wks
phchp006v1	SZA	52 Male African American	3	1	AMANTADINE 100MG BID PRN OLANZAPINE 15MG QHS PRAZOSIN HCL 1MG QHS ZIPRASIDONE HCL 80MG TWO CAP QAM
phchp008v1	SZ	47 Male African American	1	4	BENZTROPINE 1MG QAM PRN CLOZAPINE 100MG THREE TAB QHS SERTRALINE HCL 100MG QD TOPIRAMATE 25MG TWO TAB QHS
phchp009v1	SZ	55 Male African American	4	3	BENZTROPINE 1MG BID DIPHENHYDRAMINE HCL 25MG QHS PRN DIVALPROEX 750MG 24HR (ER) SA QD RISPERIDONE CONSTA 25MG/2ML IM INJ 25MG Q2Wks
phchp010v1	SZA	45 Male Caucasian	2	2	LEVOTHYROXINE NA 0.075MG QAM MIRTAZAPINE 30MG TWO TAB QHS NORTRIPTYLINE HCL 10MG QHS QUETIAPINE FUMARATE 1000MG QHS
phchp012v1	SZA	55 Male Caucasian	3	3	BENZTROPINE 2MG TID CARBAMAZEPINE 200MG TID FLUPHENAZINE HCL 10MG ONE TAB QAM, TWO TAB QHS LITHIUM CARBONATE 300MG TWO CAP QAM, ONE CAP QHS
phchp013v1	SZA	53 Male African American	4	3	AMANTADINE 100MG TID PRN BENZTROPINE 1MG ONE-HALF TAB TID DIVALPROEX 500MG EC THREE TAB QHS HALOPERIDOL 5MG S.T. ONE-HALF TAB QAM, ONE TAB QHS QUETIAPINE FUMARATE 300MG TAB THREE TAB QHS TERAZOSIN HCL 2MG CAP QHS TRAZODONE HCL 50MG QHS PRN
phchp014v1	SubPD	55 Male African American	2	3	OLANZAPINE 15MG QHS
phchp015v1	SubPD	48 Male African American	1	1	AMANTADINE 100MG CAP BID CHLORPROMAZINE HCL 200MG QHS QUETIAPINE FUMARATE 300MG FOUR TAB QHS
phchp016v1	SZ	54 Male African American	5	5	CITALOPRAM HYDROBROMIDE 40MG ONE-HALF TAB QHS OLANZAPINE 20MG QHS
phchp018v1	SZA	54 Female Caucasian	6	4	FLUOXETINE 20MG QD ARIPIPRAXOLE 20MG QD ZIPRASIDONE 80MG BID GABAPENTIN 200MG BID TRAZODONE 300 MG QD
phchp019v1	SubPD	50 Male African-American	3	2	BENZTROPINE 1MG TAB TAKE BID CITALOPRAM HYDROBROMIDE 20MG ONE-HALF TAB QAM

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					RISPERIDONE 4MG QHS
					RISPERIDONE CONSTA 37.5MG/2ML IM INJ 37.5MG Q2Wks
		48			ARIPIPRAZOLE 30MG QAM
phchp021v1	SZA	Male	5	5	DIVALPROEX 500MG 24HR (ER) SA FIVE TAB QHS
		Hispanic			TRAZODONE HCL 100MG QHS
		48			HYDROXYZINE PAMOATE 25MG ONE CAPSULE Q6Hrs
phchp022v1	SZ	Male	2	1	RISPERIDONE 4MG QHS
		Caucasian			RISPERIDONE CONSTA 50MG/2ML IM INJ 50MG Q2Wks
		49			CHLORPROMAZINE HCL 200MG BID PRN
phchp024v1	SZA	Male	2	4	FLUOXETINE HCL 20MG QAM
prioripoz IVI	027	African American	-		RISPERIDONE 4MG TAB QHS
					BENZTROPINE 1MG ONE-HALF TAB BID PRN
		40			CLONAZEPAM 1MG TAB QHS
phchp025v1	SZ	42 Male	5	5	DIVALPROEX 500MG 24HR (ER) SA THREE TAB QHS
pricripozovi	32	Caucasian	3	3	, ,
		Caucasian			OLANZAPINE 2.5MG QAM, 20MG QHS
					PERPHENAZINE 4MG QHS
	074	49			QUETIAPINE FUMARATE 200MG QHS
phchp026v1	SZA	Male	4	4	RISPERIDONE 2MG DISSOLVE TWO TAB PO QHS
		African-American			RISPERIDONE CONSTA 25MG/2ML IM INJ 25MG Q2Wks
		48	_	_	RISPERIDONE 4MG QHS
phchp033v1	SZA	Male	4	5	LORAZEPAM 2MG PO AND/OR IM INJ Q4H PRN
		Caucasian		ļ	HALOPERIDOL 5MG PO AND/OR IM INJ Q6H PRN
				1	RISPERIDONE 2MG
		58			DIVALPROEX 500MG 24HR (ER) SA
phchp038v1	SZA	Male	1	1	BENZTROPINE 1MG
		African-American			OMEPRAZOLE 20MG EC CAP
					FELODIPINE 2.5MG SA
		50			DONEPEZIL 10MG QHS
phchp040v1	SZA	Male	6	1	THIOTHIXENE 1MG FOUR CAP QHS
		Caucasian			
		62	_	_	ARIPIPRAZOLE 15MG QD
phchp041v1	SZ	Male	5	5	LOXAPINE 30MG QHS
		African-American			
					CITALOPRAM 20MG DAILY
	074	43			RISPERIDONE 4MG QHS
phchp042v1	SZA	Male Caucasian	4	2	TRAZODONE 50MG QHS
		Caucasian			LORAZEPAM 1MG Q4H PRN
		45		1	ARIPIPRAZOLE 10MG QHS
phchp046v1	SZA	Male	1	1	CITALOPRAM HYDROBROMIDE 30MG QAM
•		Caucasian		1	DIVALPROEX 500MG 24HR (ER) SA THREE TAB QHS
					TOPIRAMATE 100MGONE-HALF QHS
nhohn047:4	074	57 Mala	4	_	Not Available
phchp047v1	SZA	Male African American	4	5	
		56		1	RISPERIDONE 4MG QHS
phchp048v1	SZA	Male	1	1	MSI EMPONE HING QUS
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					MIRTAZAPINE 45MG QHS
	074	46	_		RISPERIDONE 2MG QHS
phchp049v1	SZA	Male	1	1	CLONAZEPAM 2MG QHS
		Caucasian		1	CLONAZEPAM 0.5MG DAILY PRN
		47		1	BUPROPION 100MG BID
phchp057v1	SZA	Male	1	1	RISPERIDONE 2MG QHS
<u> </u>		Caucasian		<u> </u>	THE END ONE ENTO QUE
		49			BENZTROPINE 1MG QD
phchp061v1	SZ	Male	4	1	OLANZAPINE 30MG QD
		Caucasian			
nhohn0e0:d	SZ	56 Mala	3	A	RISPERIDONE 4MG QHS
phchp062v1	34	Male Caucasian	3	4	ZIPRASIDONE HCL 80MG BID
		Caucasian		I	

<u>P</u>	Primary Psychosis Cohort Follow-Up Visit (n=17)								
Subject ID	<u>Diagnosis</u>	<u>Age</u> <u>Gender(M/F)</u> <u>Race/Ethnicity</u>	<u>Delusions</u> <u>Scores</u>	Hallucinations Scores	Selected Medications				
phchp003v2	SZ	50 Male African American	4	3	BENZTROPINE 1MG BID HALOPERIDOL 10MG QHS HALOPERIDOL DECANOATE 5ML IM INJ 150 MG Q3Wks OLANZAPINE 5MG QHS				
phchp005v2	SZA	45	2	2	BENZTROPINE 1MG BID PRN				

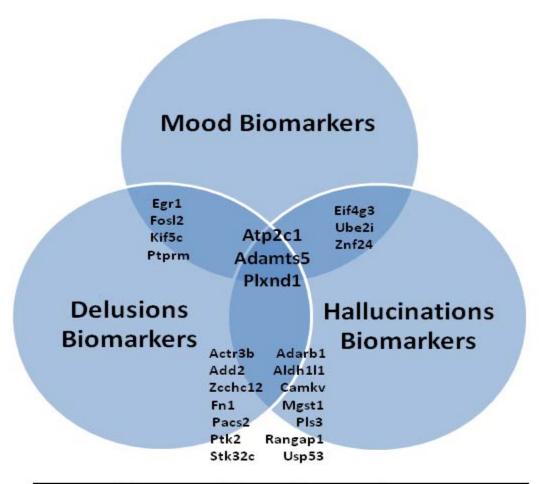
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		Male Caucasian			RISPERIDONE CONSTA 37.5MG/2ML IM INJ 37.5MG Q2Wks
phchp006v2	SZA	52 Male African American	1	1	AMANTADINE 100MG BID PRN OLANZAPINE 15MG QHS PRAZOSIN HCL 1MG QHS ZIPRASIDONE HCL 80MG TWO CAP QAM
phchp010v3	SZA	45 Male Caucasian	1	1	LEVOTHYROXINE NA 0.075MG TAB QAM MIRTAZAPINE 30MG TWO TAB QHS NORTRIPTYLINE HCL 10MG QHS QUETIAPINE FUMARATE 700MG QHS
phchp012v2	SZA	55 Male Caucasian	4	5	BENZTROPINE 2MG TID CARBAMAZEPINE 200MG TID FLUPHENAZINE HCL 10MG QAM, TWO TAB QHS LITHIUM CARBONATE 300MG TWO CAP QAM, ONE CAP QHS
phchp013v3	SZA	54 Male African American	4	5	AMANTADINE 100MG TID PRN DIVALPROEX 500MG EC TAKE THREE TAB QHS TRAZODONE HCL 50MG QHS PRN
phchp016v3	SZ	54 Male African American	4	4	CITALOPRAM HYDROBROMIDE 40MG ONE-HALF TAB QHS OLANZAPINE 20MG QHS
phchp021v3	SZA	49 Male Hispanic	4	5	ARIPIPRAZOLE 30MG QAM DIVALPROEX 500MG 24HR (ER) SA FIVE TAB QHS TRAZODONE HCL 100MG QHS
phchp022v2	SZ	48 Male Caucasian	1	1	BENZTROPINE 1MG ONE-HALF TAB BID CARBAMAZEPINE 200MG TWO TAB QAM and QHS RISPERIDONE 3MG QHS RISPERIDONE CONSTA 50MG/2ML IM INJ 50MG Q2Wks
phchp026v3	SZA	49 Male African American	1	1	MIRTAZAPINE 15MG QHS QUETIAPINE FUMARATE 200MG QHS RISPERIDONE 4MG QHS
phchp038v3	SZA	59 Male African American	1	1	BENZTROPINE 1MG QD DIVALPROEX 500MG 24HR (ER) SA THREE TAB QHS RISPERIDONE 2MG BID
phchp040v2	SZA	50 Male Caucasian	5	2	DONEPEZIL 5MG QHS THIOTHIXENE 1MG FOUR CAP QHS
phchp042v2	SZA	43 Male Caucasian	2	3	BENZTROPINE 1MG TID CITALOPRAM HYDROBROMIDE 20MG QD CLONAZEPAM 1MG BID RISPERIDONE 5MG QHS
phchp046v2	SZA	45 Male Caucasian	1	3	Not Available
phchp047v2	SZA	57 Male African American	5	5	LOXAPINE 30MG QHS
phchp048v2	SZA	57 Male African American	1	1	RISPERIDONE 2MG QHS
phchp062v2	SZ	56 Male Caucasian	3	3	RISPERIDONE 4MG QHS ZIPRASIDONE HCL 80MG BID

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Subject ID	<u>Diagnosis</u>	<u>Age</u> <u>Gender(M/F)</u> <u>Race/Ethnicity</u>	Delusions Scores	Hallucinations Scores	Selected Medications		
phchp017v2	SZA	53 Male African American	1	1	Not Available		
phchp058v1	SZ	56 Male African American	1	1	ARIPIPRAZOLE 30MG QD DIPHENHYDRAMINE HCL 50MG TID PRN FOR ABNORMAL MOVEMENTS GABAPENTIN 100MG QHS		
phchp065v1	SZA	62 Male Caucasian	5	2	RISPERIDONE 2MG QHS DIAZEPAM 5 MG BID		
phchp068v1	SZA	57 Male African American	3	4	CARBAMAZEPINE 200MG TID CITALOPRAM HYDROBROMIDE 40MG QHS TRAZODONE HCL 50MG QHS PRN INSOMNIA		
phchp069v1	SZ	47 Male Caucasian	5	4	BENZTROPINE 1MG BID PRN QUETIAPINE FUMARATE 300MG QHS PROLIXIN DECANOATE INJ 25MG/ML 5ML INJECT 50MG IM Q 2 WEEKS		

phchp072v1	SZA	60 Male Caucasian	3	2	BUSPIRONE 20MG TID OLANZAPINE 20MG QD SERTRALINE HCL 150MG QD TOPIRAMATE 50 MG QHS TRAZODONE HCL 100MG QHS
phchp073v1	SZA	50 Male Caucasian	4	5	BENZTROPINE 1MG BID PRN LORAZEPAM 0.5MG BID PRN PALIPERIDONE 3MG SA QD PAROXETINE HCL 30MG QD TRAZODONE HCL 50MG QHS
phchp075v1	SZA	57 Male Caucasian	3	4	ARIPIPRAZOLE 30MG QD BENZTROPINE 0.5 MG BID DIVALPROEX 500MG 24HR (ER) SA BID
phchp083v1	SZ	50 Male African American	1	1	ARIPIPRAZOLE 10MG QAM QUETIAPINE FUMARATE 400MG QHS
phchp085v1	SZA	57 Male Caucasian	4	1	LAMOTRIGINE 150MG BID LITHIUM CARBONATE 300MG QAM AND 600MG QHS QUETIAPINE FUMARATE 400MG QHS

Second Psychosis Cohort Follow-Up Visit (n=9)								
Subject ID	<u>Diagnosis</u>	Age Gender(M/F) Race/Ethnicity	Delusions Scores	Hallucinations Scores	Selected Medications			
phchp058v2	SZ	56 Male African American	3	4	ARIPIPRAZOLE 30MG QD DIPHENHYDRAMINE HCL 50MG TID PRN GABAPENTIN 100MG QHS			
phchp065v2	SZA	62 Male Caucasian	4	1	DIAZEPAM 5MG BID RISPERIDONE 2MG BID TRAZODONE HCL 50MG QHS			
phchp068v2	SZA	57 Male African American	2	3	CARBAMAZEPINE 200MG TID CITALOPRAM HYDROBROMIDE 40MG QHS TRAZODONE HCL 50MG QHS			
phchp069v2	SZ	47 Male Caucasian	6	5	BENZTROPINE 1MG BID FLUPHENAZINE HCL 1MG BID PRN QUETIAPINE FUMARATE 400MG QHS PROLIXIN DECANOATE 50MG IM Q2WEEKS			
phchp072v2	SZA	60 Male Caucasian	2	2	BUSPIRONE 20MG TID OLANZAPINE 20MG QD SERTRALINE HCL 150MG QD TOPIRAMATE 50MG BID TRAZODONE HCL 200MG QHS			
phchp073v2	SZA	50 Male Caucasian	5	4	BENZTROPINE 1MG BID PRN PALIPERIDONE 3MG SA QD PAROXETINE HCL 30MG QD TRAZODONE HCL 50MG QHS LORAZEPAM 0.5MG BID PRN			
phchp075v2	SZA	58 Male Caucasian	3	5	ARIPIPRAZOLE 20MG QD BENZTROPINE 0.5MG BID DIVALPROEX 500MG 24HR (ER) SA BID			
phchp083v2	SZ	50 Male African American	1	1	ARIPIPRAZOLE 10MG QAM QUETIAPINE FUMARATE 400MG QHS			
phchp085v2	SZA	57 Male Caucasian	1	1	LAMOTRIGINE 150MG BID LITHIUM CARBONATE 300MG QAM AND 600MG QHS QUETIAPINE FUMARATE 400MG QHS			

Figure S1. Overlap of mood(69), hallucinations and delusions biomarkers. I-increased in high psychosis or in high mood states; D- decreased in high psychosis or in high mood states.



Gene Symbol	Hallucinations CFG Score	Hallucinations Change	Delusions CFG Score	Delusions Change	Mood CFG Score	Mood Change
Adamts5		l l	2.5	en in ge	2	D
Atp2c1	2	î	2	i	2	D
PlxndL	2	ì	2	i	2	1
Actr3b	2	D	2	D		
Adarb1	2	1	2	1.		
Add2	2.5	D	2.5	D		
ALDH1L1	4	D	4	D		
Camky	2	1	2	1.		
Fn1	5.5	D (HT)	4.5	D		
MGST1	2	1	2	1		
Pacs2	2	1	2	1		
PLS3	2	D (HT)	2	D(HT)		
PTK2	2	D	2	D		
RANGAPI	. 2	1	2.5	1		
Stl32c	2	1	2	1		
USP53	2	1	2	1		
Zcchc12	2	D	2	D		
Eif4g3	2.5	D			2	D
Ube2i	2	1			2	1
Znf24	2	1			2	D
Egr1			5.5	I(HT)	2	D
Fosl2			2	1	2	D
KIF5 C			2.5	1	2	D
PTPRM			3	1	2	D

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