

Alzheimer's Disease in Down Syndrome | Latest Updates

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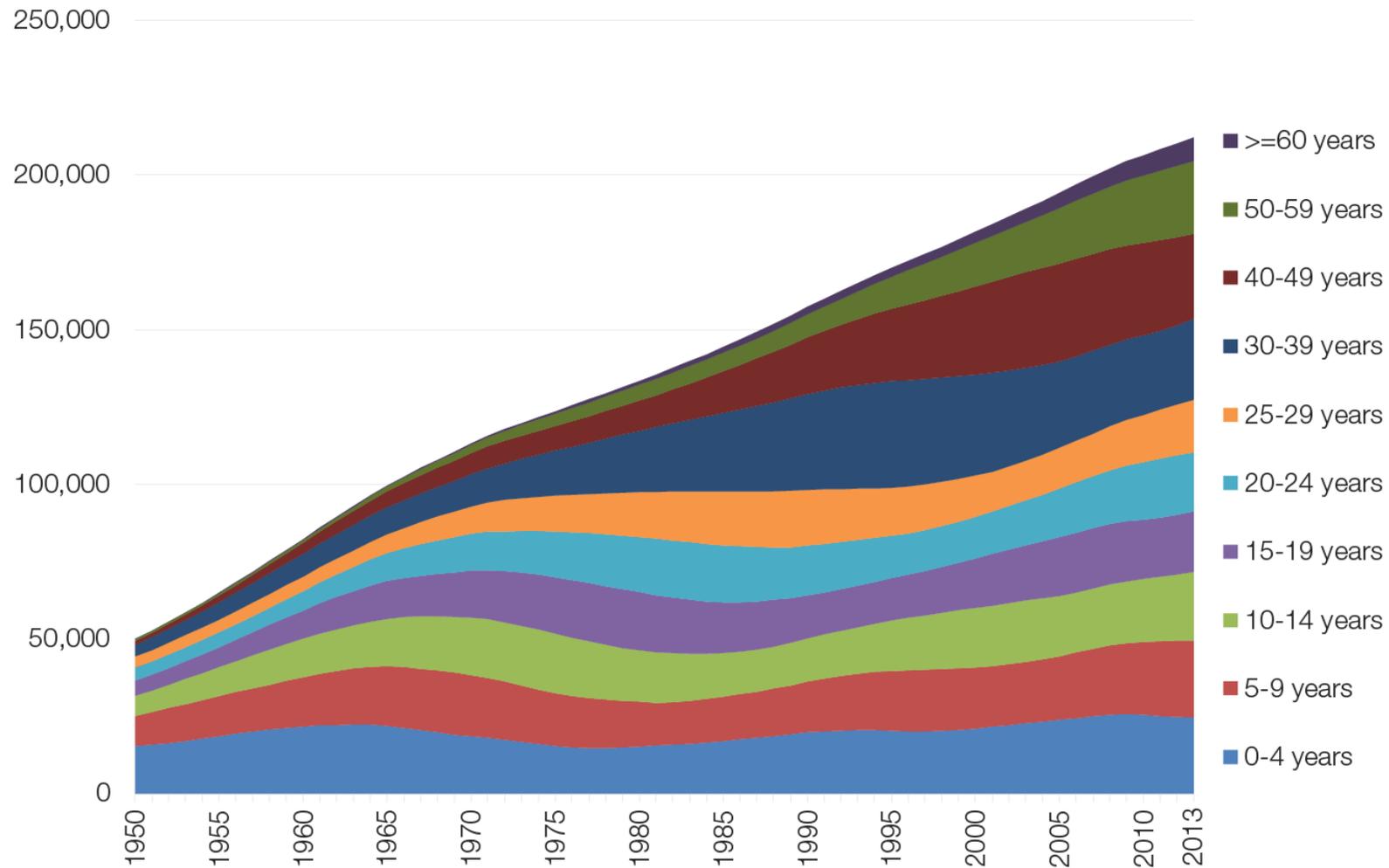
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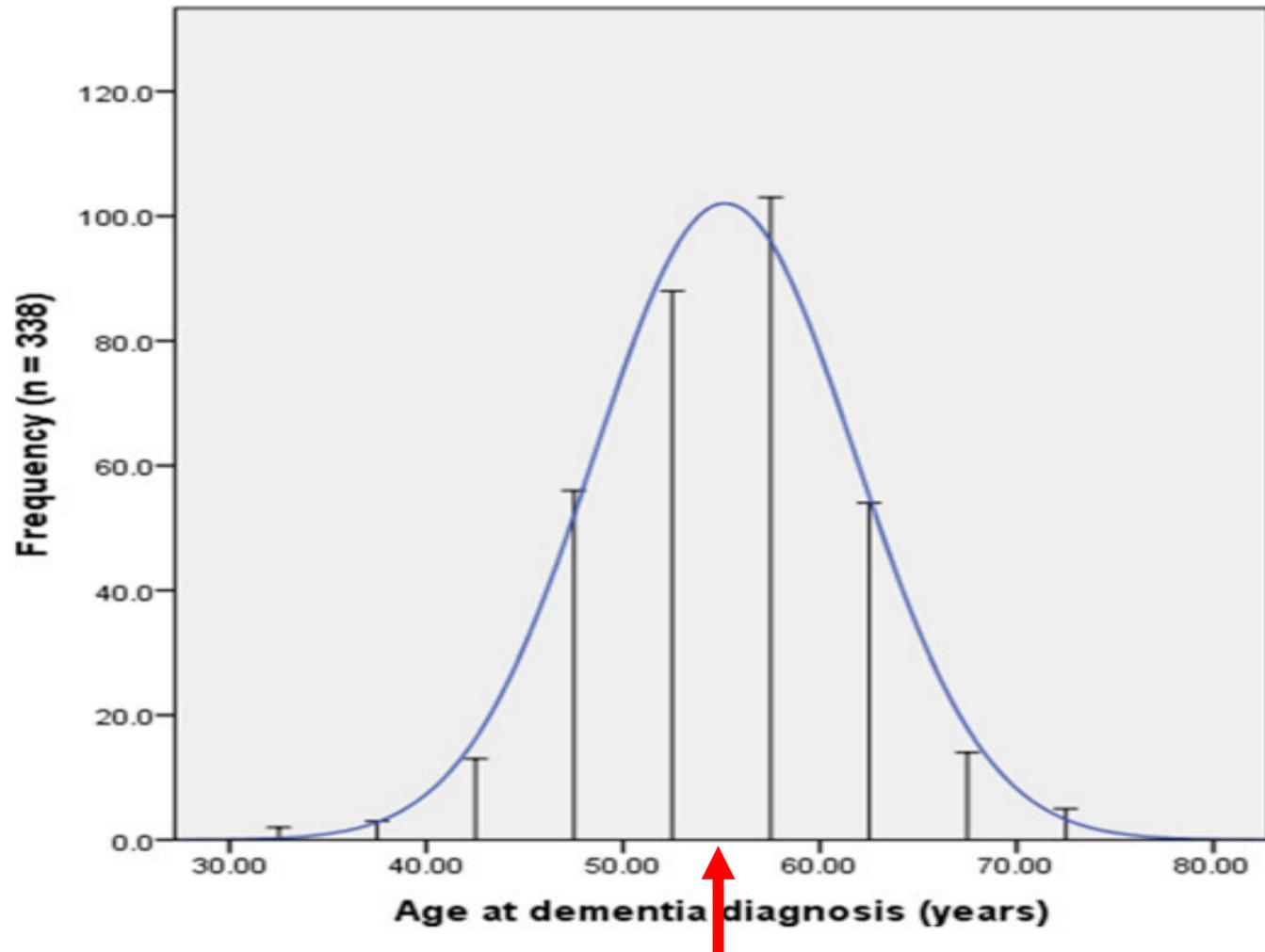
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Population of People with DS in the USA, 1950-2013

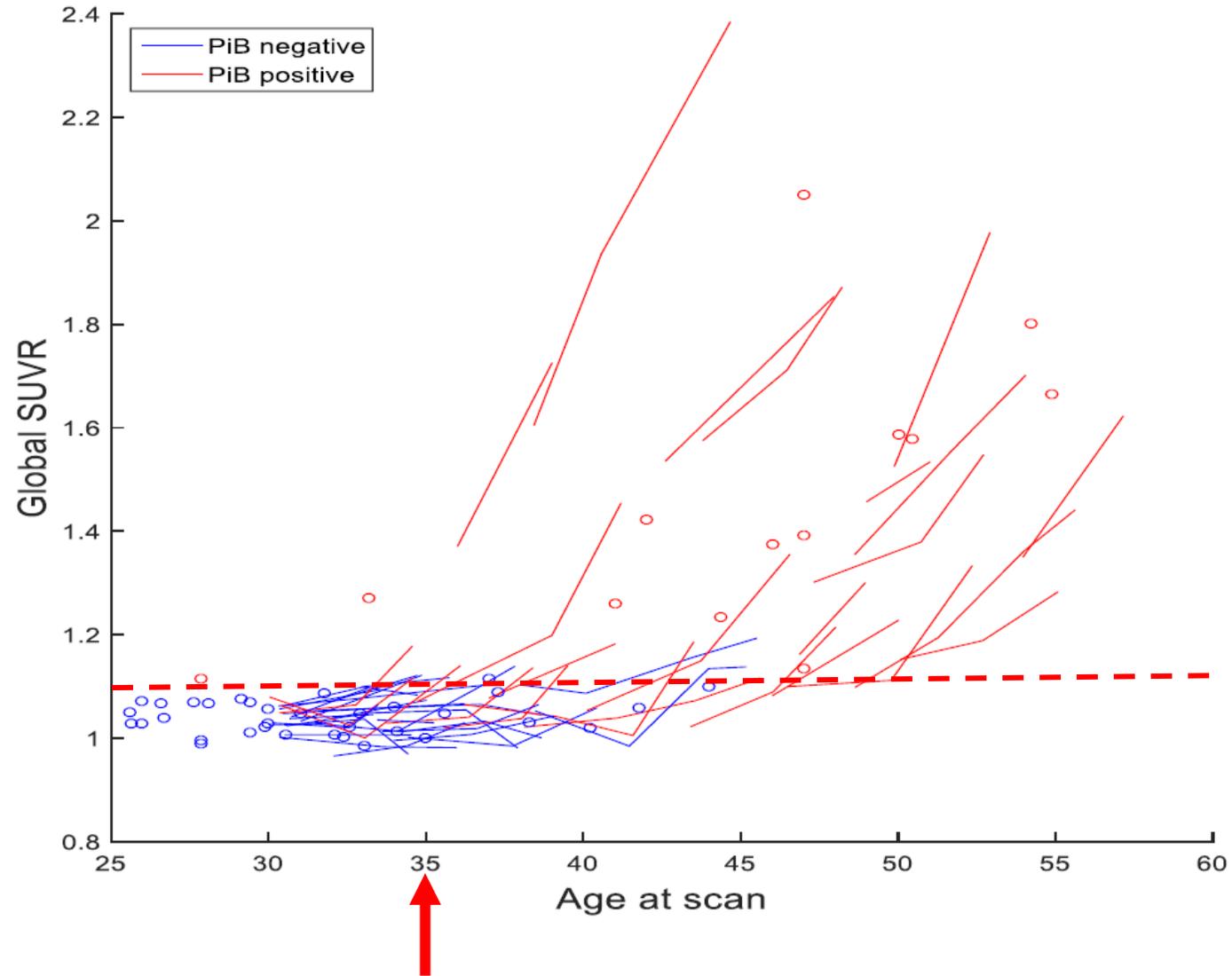


Mean age of dementia diagnosis in DS is 54 years



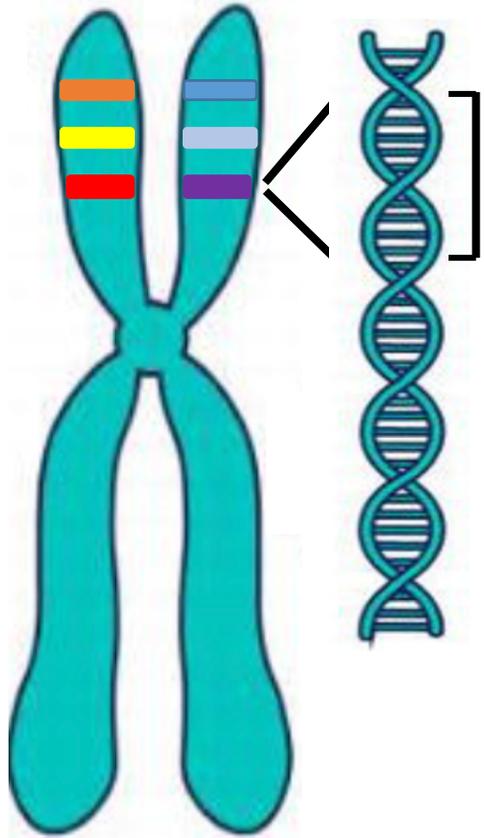
90% lifetime risk for developing AD dementia

But Amyloid PET positivity begins at age 35 years



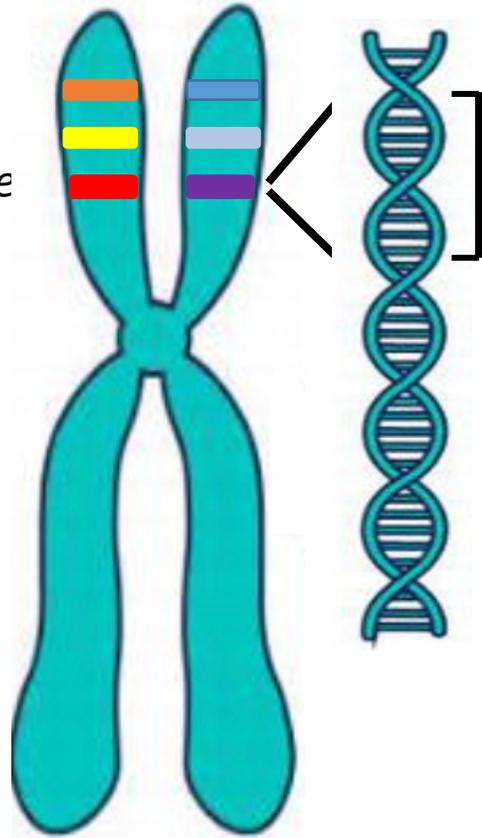
Lao et al, 2018

Trisomy 21 leads to excess APP gene and APP protein



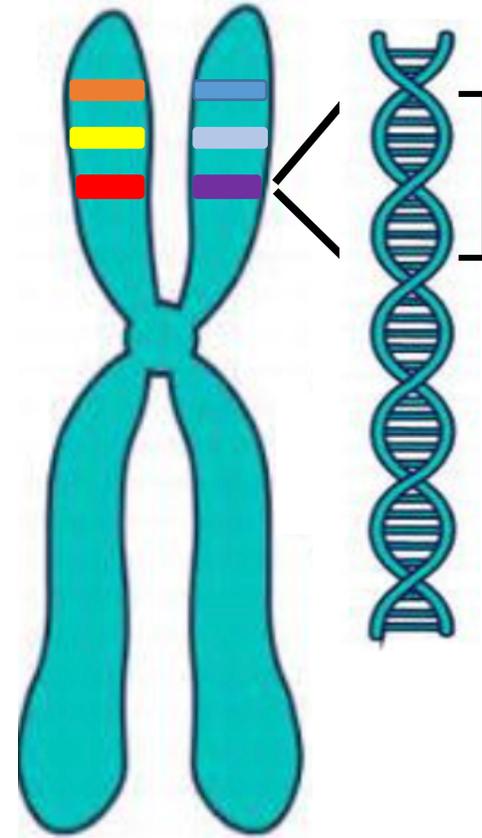
Chromosome 21

APP gene



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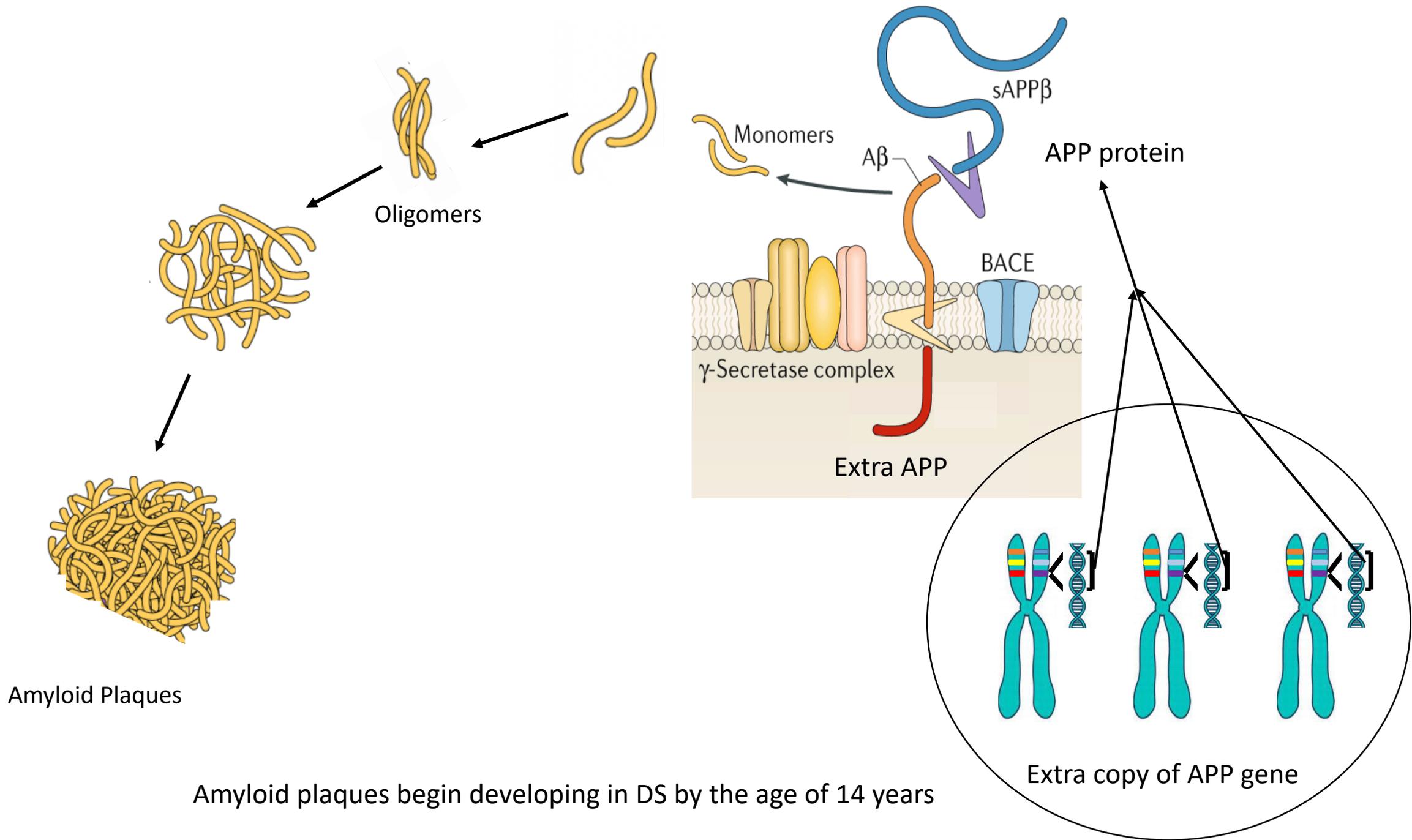
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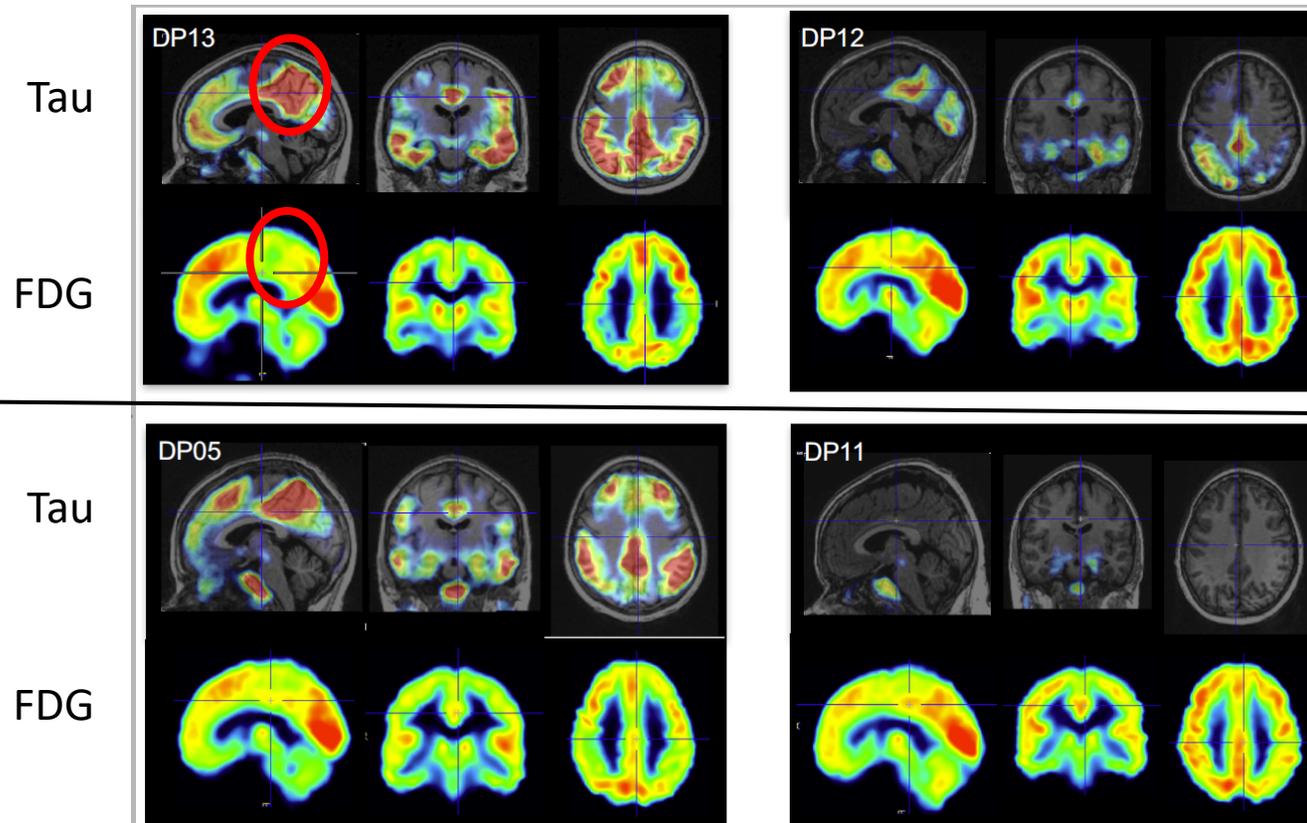
Extra Copy of Chromosome 21

APP gene

Individuals with mosaic DS without extra APP do not develop AD

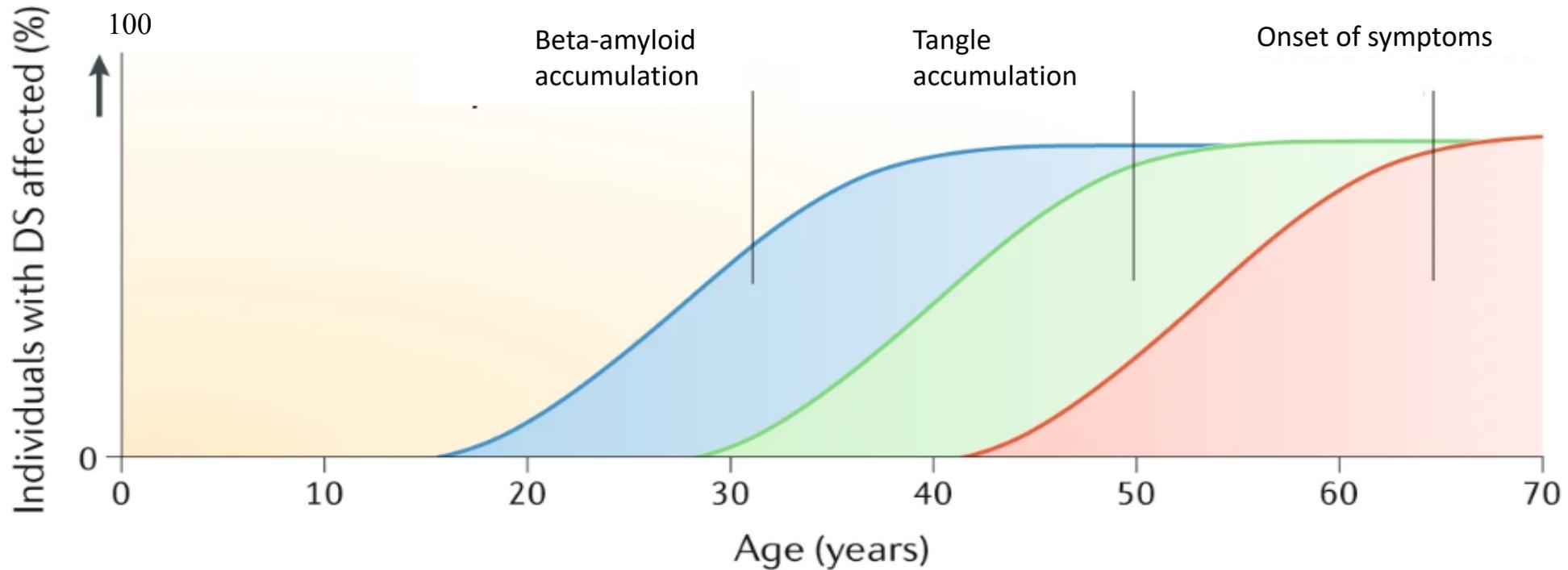


Tau Pathology in Areas of Amyloid Pathology and Abnormal Regional Glucose Metabolism



Areas with greater tau burden have less regional glucose metabolism

Targeting AD in DS



Adapted from Lott and Head, 2019

Changes related to Alzheimer's disease begin 15-20 years prior to the onset of symptoms

Important Questions for Clinical Trials

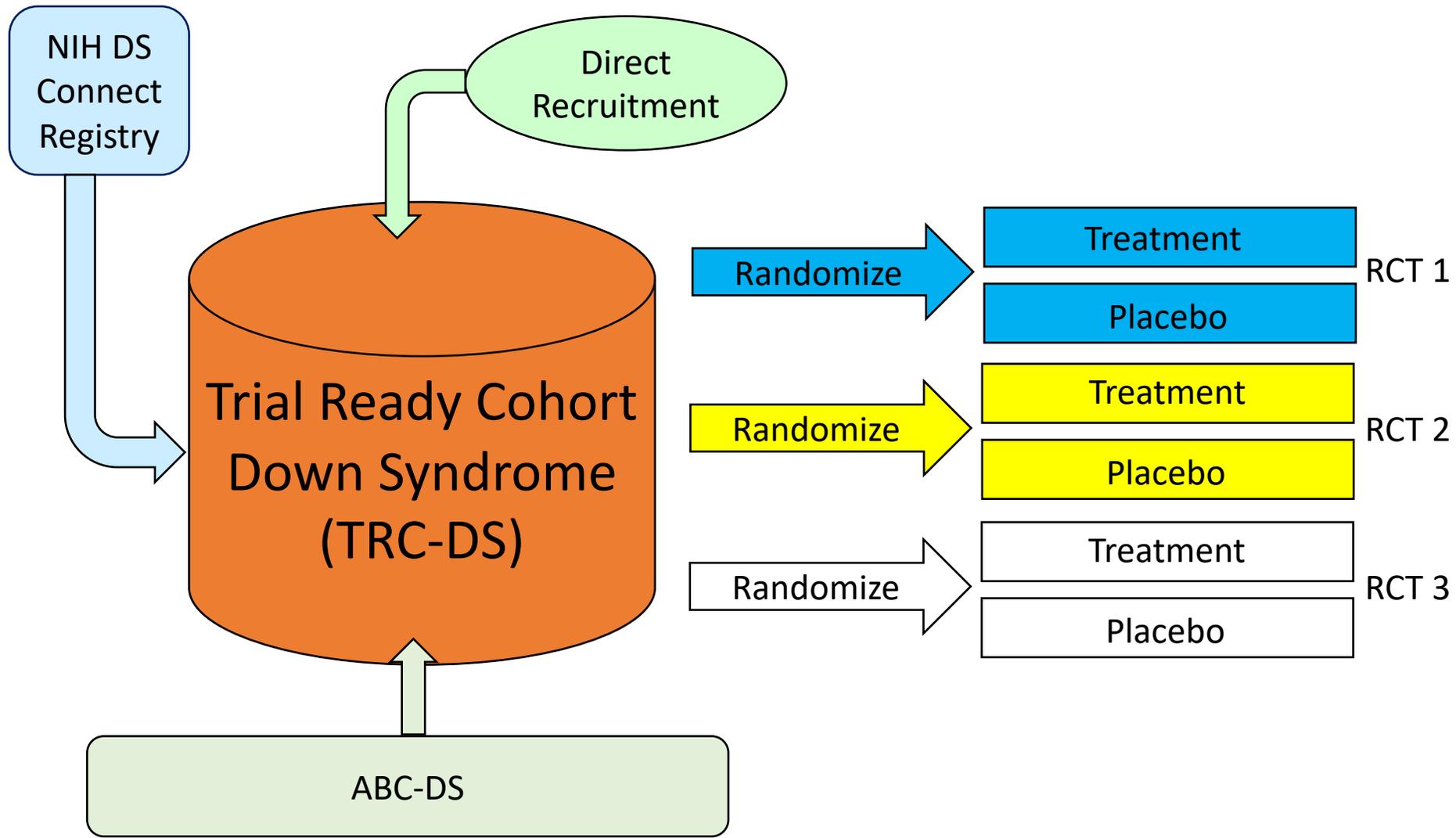
- How will removal of amyloid (and/or tau) impact cognitive and functional measures in addition to biomarkers?
- How does the manifestation of AD in DS impact the safety profile of various treatments, including immunotherapies?
- How early in the course of AD in DS does treatment need to begin and for how long should it continue in order to show efficacy?
- What will regulatory agencies consider appropriate outcomes for AD in DS within the new FDA framework on drug approval for 'Early AD'?

ACTC-DS: A CLINICAL TRIALS PLATFORM TO PREVENT AD IN DS

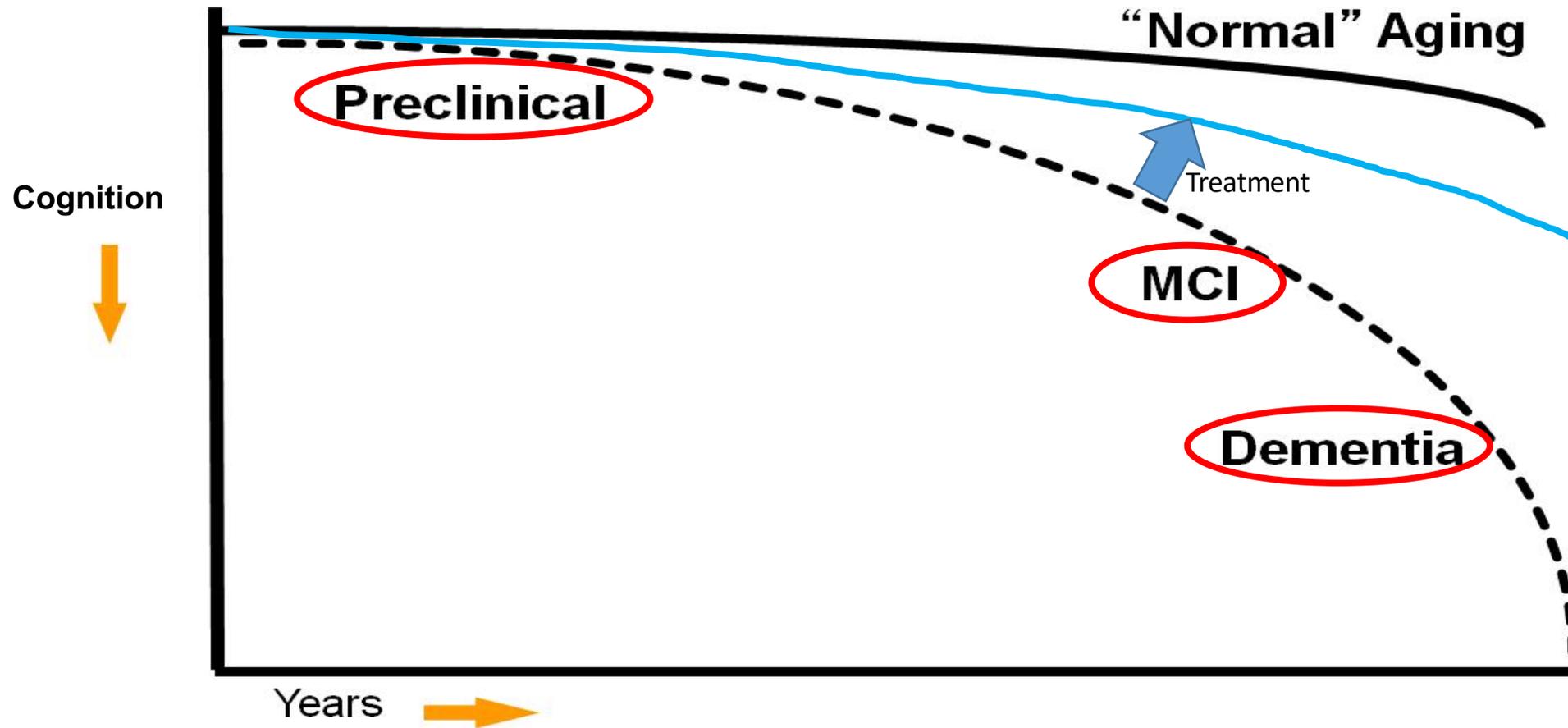


15 international performance sites with experience in AD and DS
clinical research. \$4.7 Million award from NIH INCLUDE

Trial Ready Cohort - Down Syndrome



Flattening the Curve of AD in DS



Conclusions

- New treatments for AD in DS are urgently needed and the NIH INCLUDE initiative is accelerating our ability to meet this need with ACTC-DS.
- Very exciting time in AD research- Aducanumab is being reviewed by FDA for possible approval.
- ACTC-DS sites provide unparalleled experience in conducting RCTs for AD in DS.
- TRC-DS will enable rapid-enrollment into trials for AD in DS

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Thank you!