

**launching a new era in  
Alzheimer's prevention research**

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biomarker strategy for the evaluation of preclinical AD treatments (pending)

## **our rallying cry**

Now is the time  
to launch the era of  
Alzheimer's prevention research!



## why now?

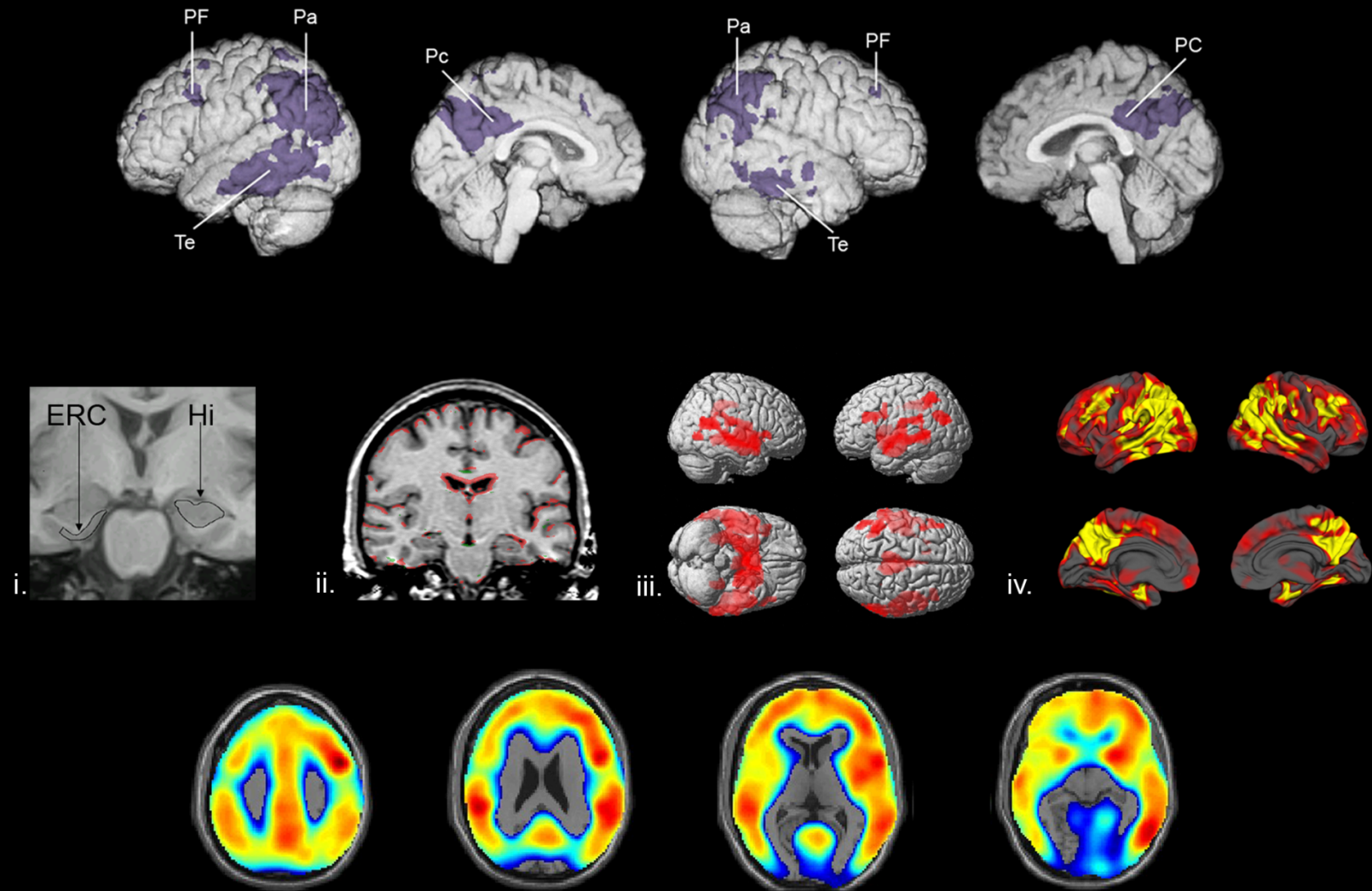
1. the urgent need
2. suggested but unproven “healthy lifestyle” interventions
3. investigational AD-modifying treatments
4. too little too late?
5. AD biomarkers



## **what's been holding us back?**

1. too many research participants, too much time & too much money
2. insufficient evidence to qualify AD biomarkers for use as surrogate endpoints
3. investigational AD-modifying treatment safety & tolerability data

# the best established brain imaging measurements in the detection & tracking of AD



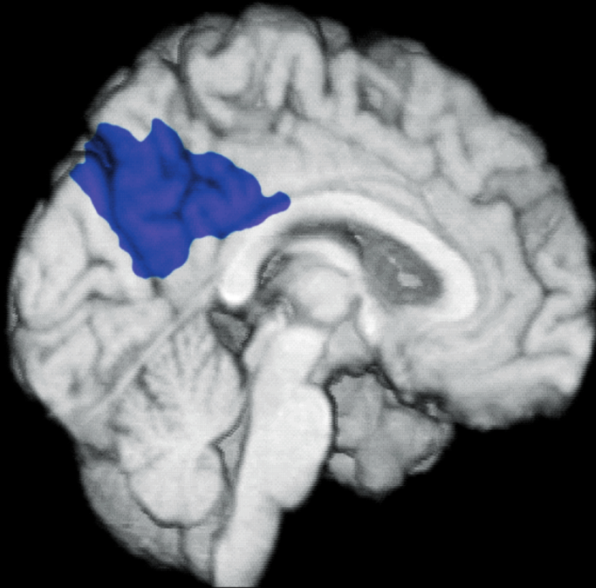
From Reiman & Langbaum, in *Imaging in the Aging Brain*, 2009

<b><i>APOE</i> ε4 Copies</b>	<b>prevalence</b>	<b>% with AD</b>	<b>onset age</b>
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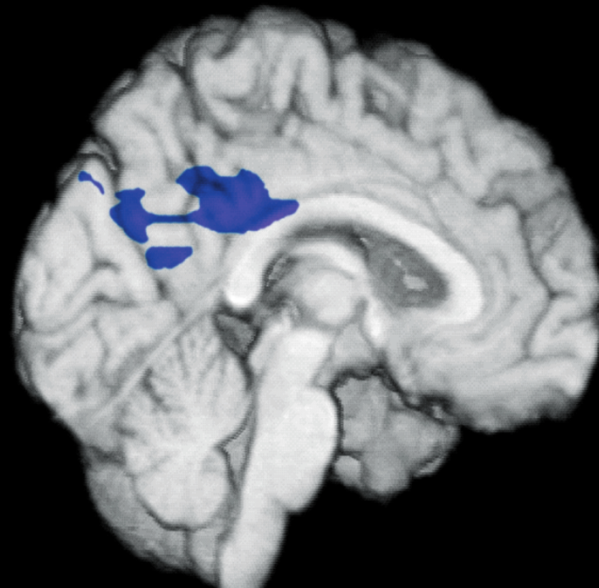
0	73%	20%	84
1	24%	47%	75
2	3%	91%	68

## detecting & tracking Alzheimer's disease biomarkers years before the onset of symptoms

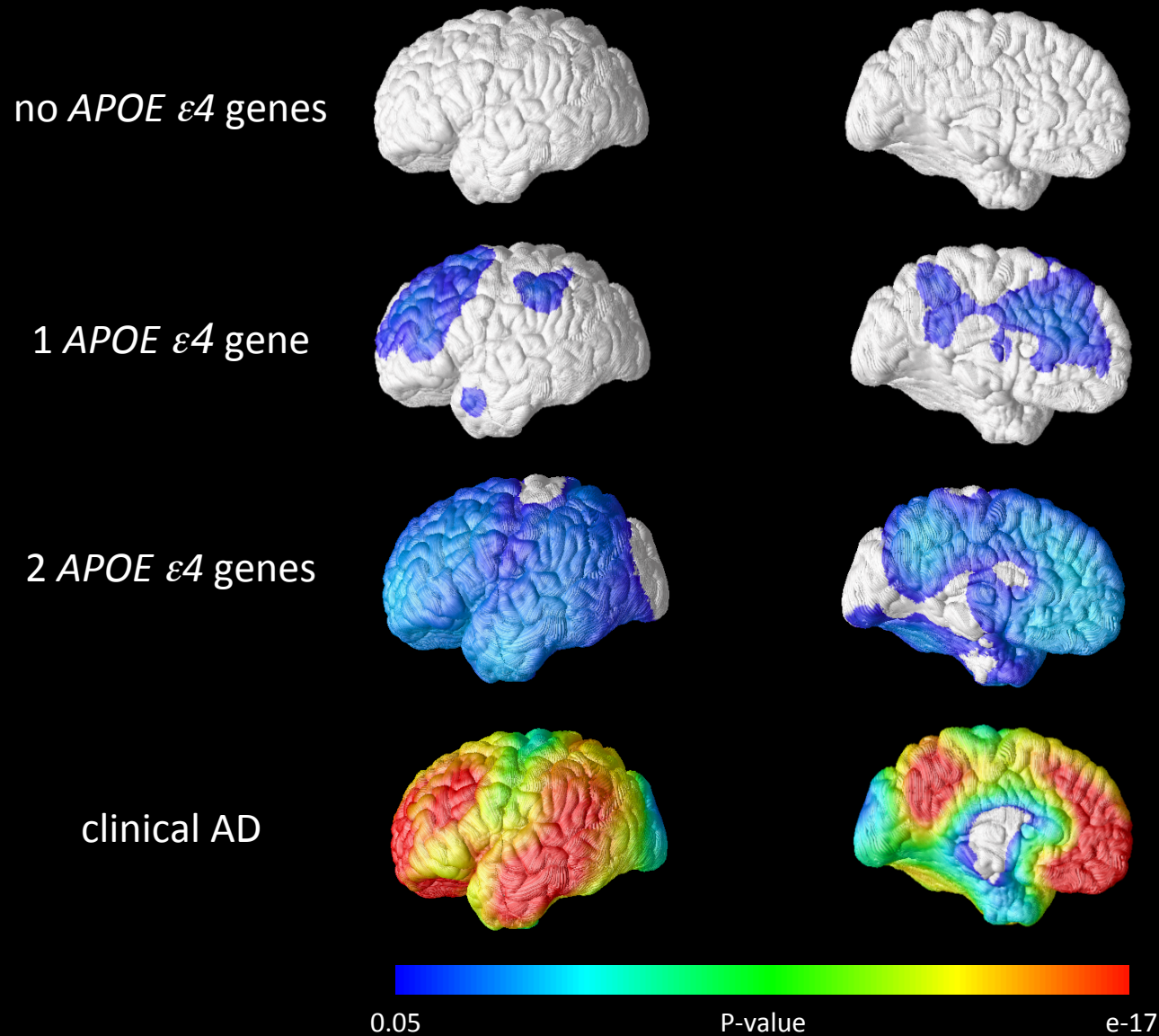
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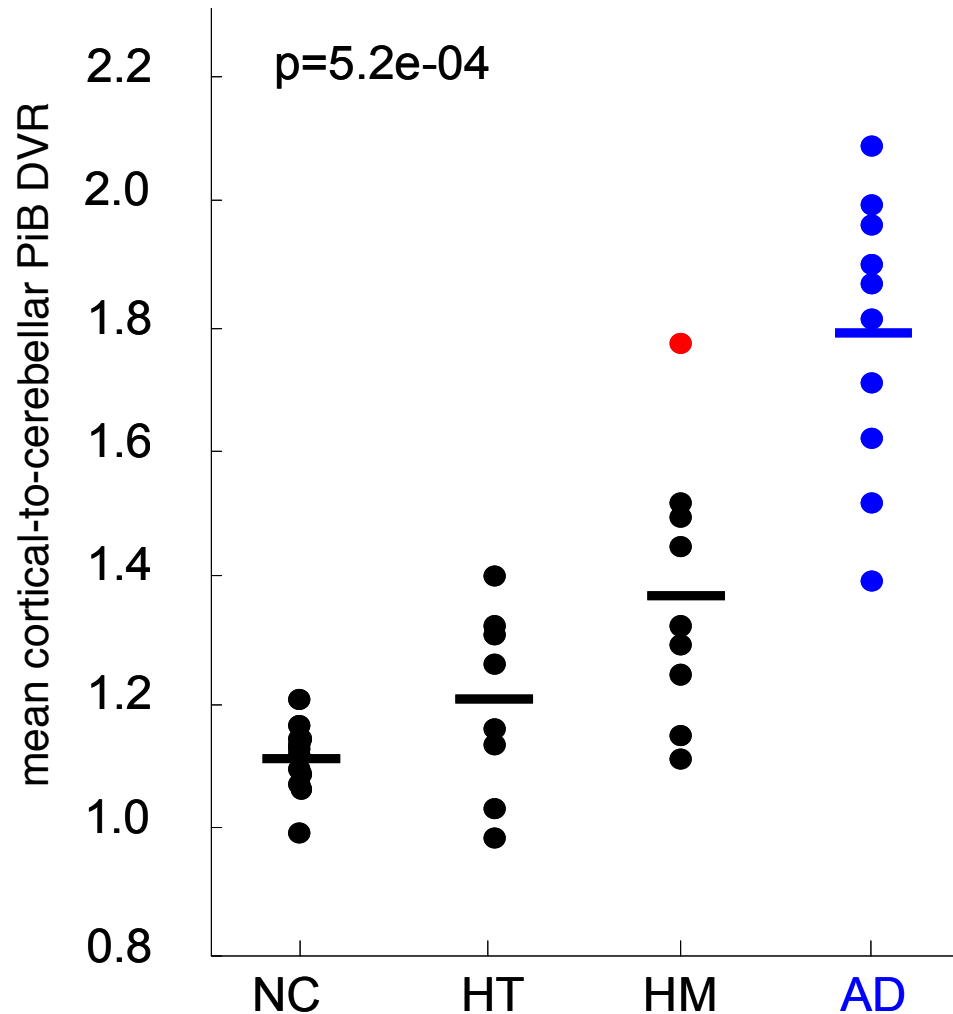
*at-risk*



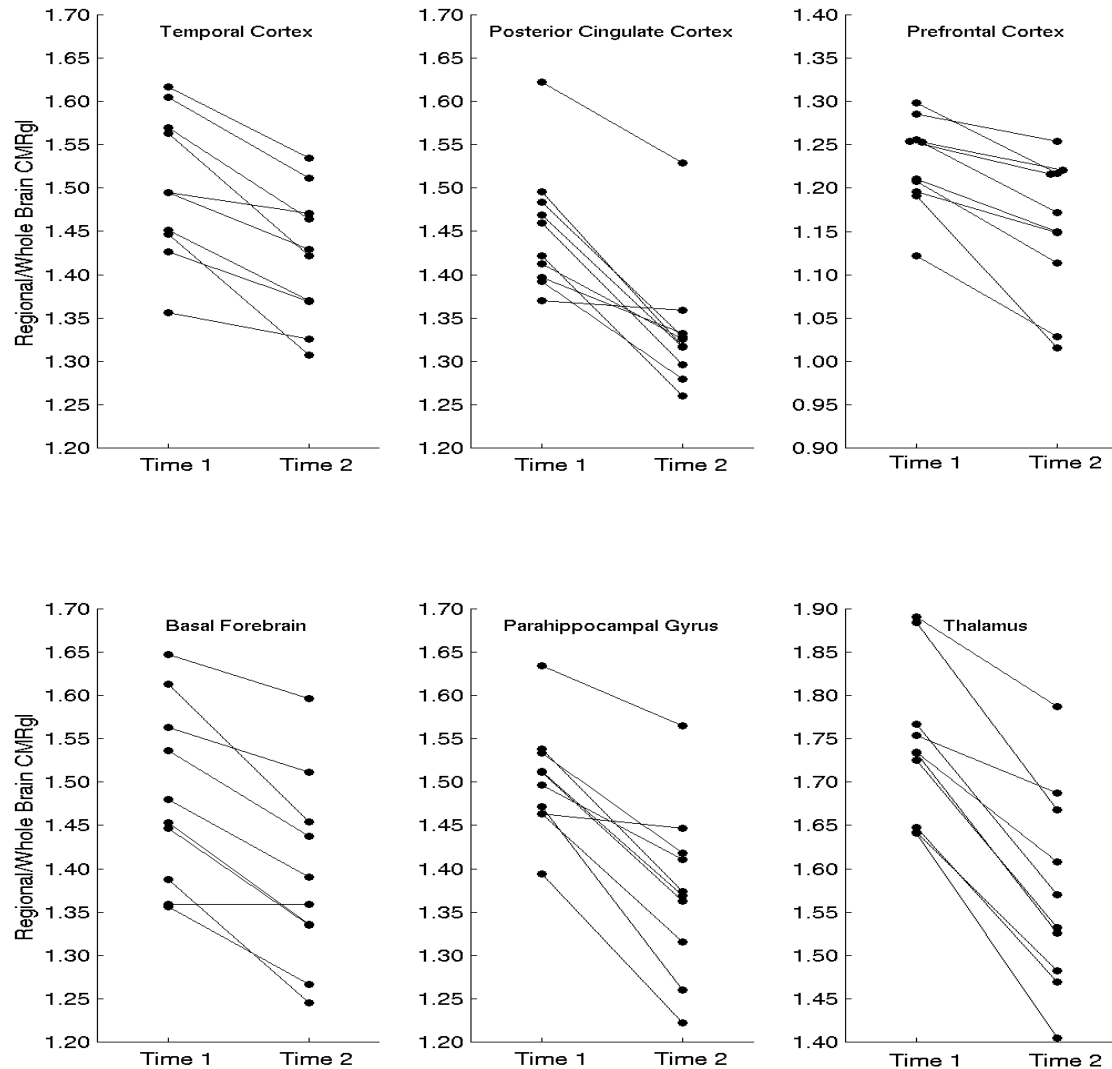
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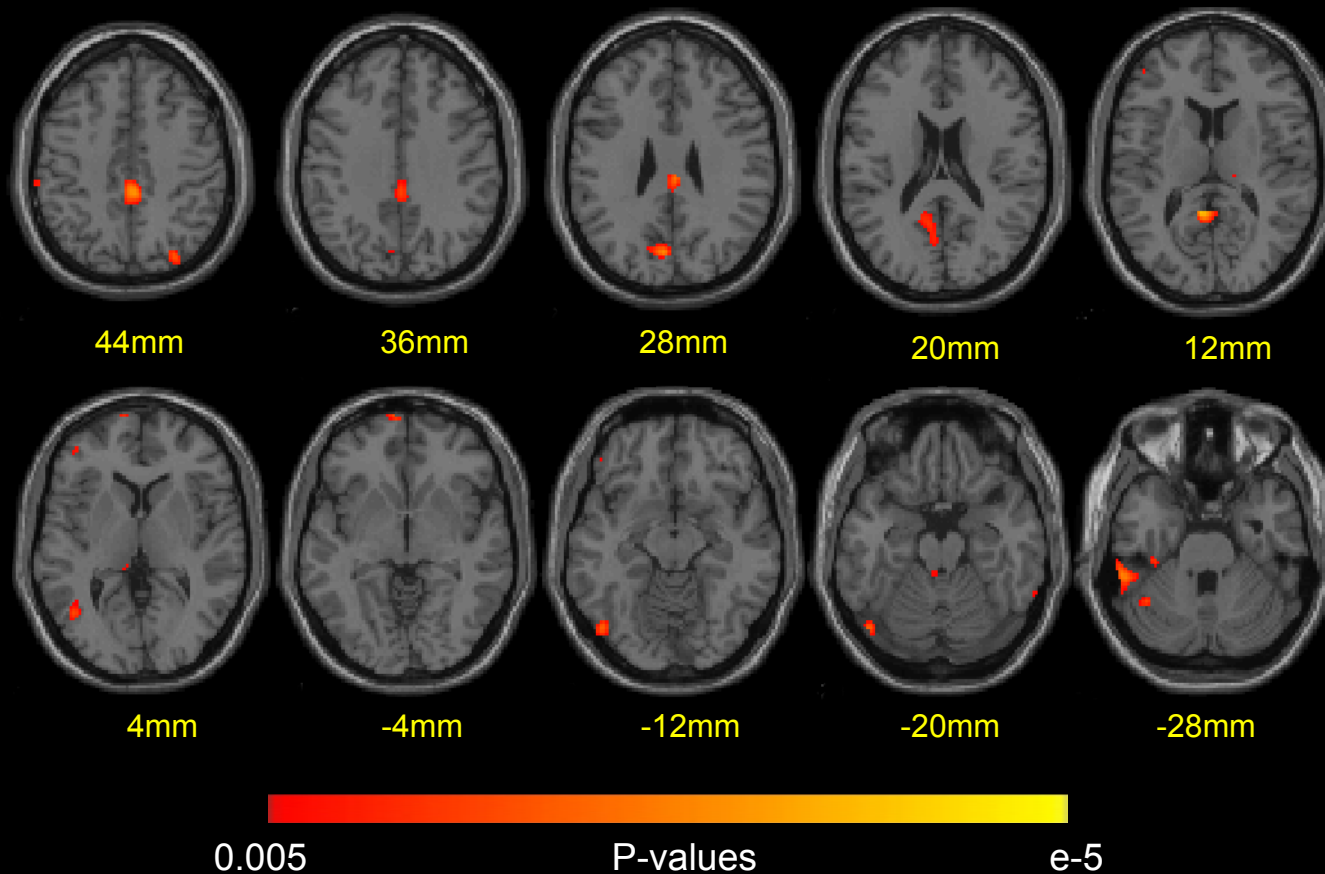
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# two-year CMRgl declines in cognitively normal late middle-aged *APOE* $\epsilon 4$ heterozygotes



## statistical ROI for the assessment of two-year CMRgl declines in cognitively normal APOE $\epsilon 4$ homozygotes

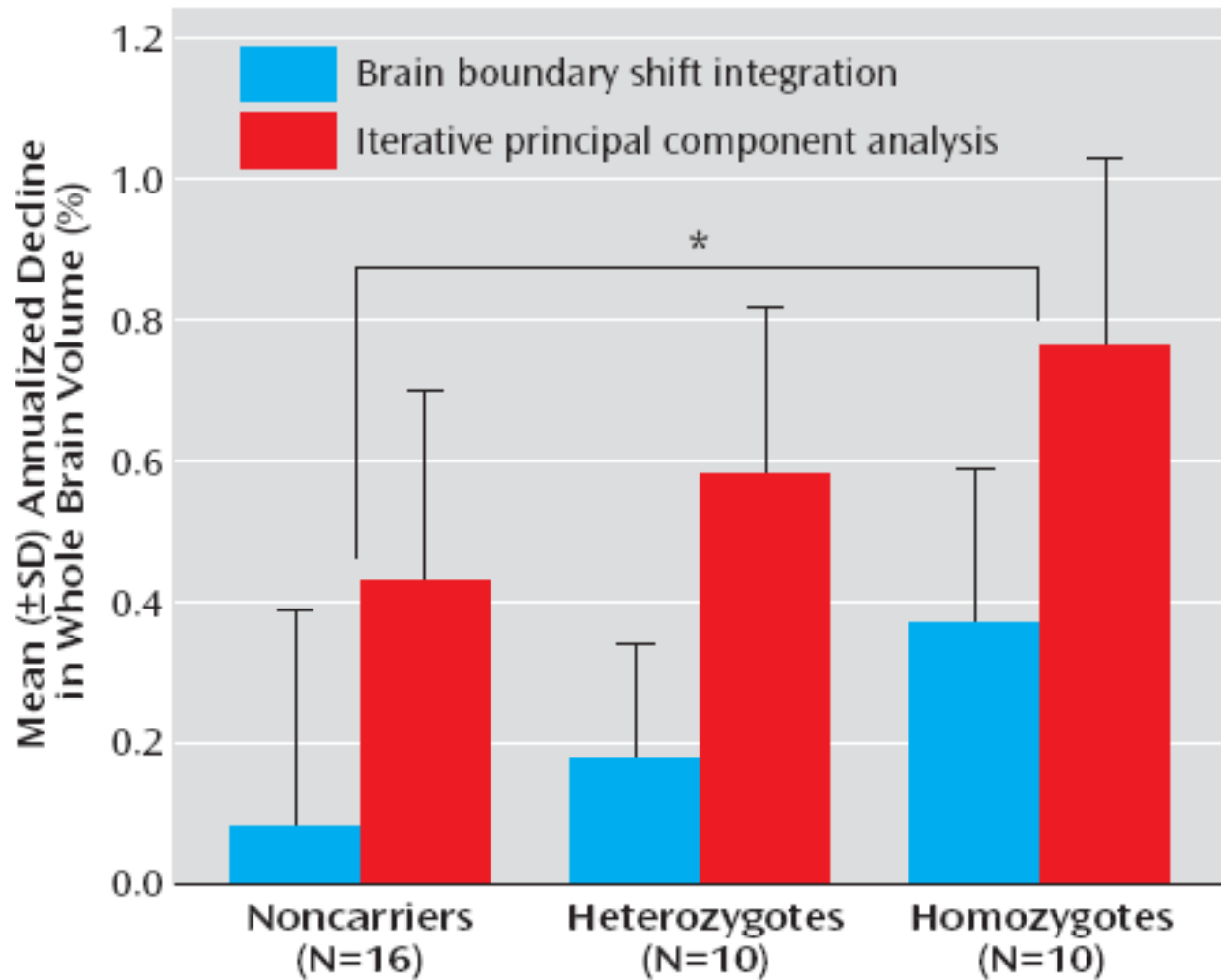


Number of homozygotes per group needed to detect a 25% treatment effect  
with 80% power (two-tailed  $P=0.05$ ) in a 24-month prevention trial:

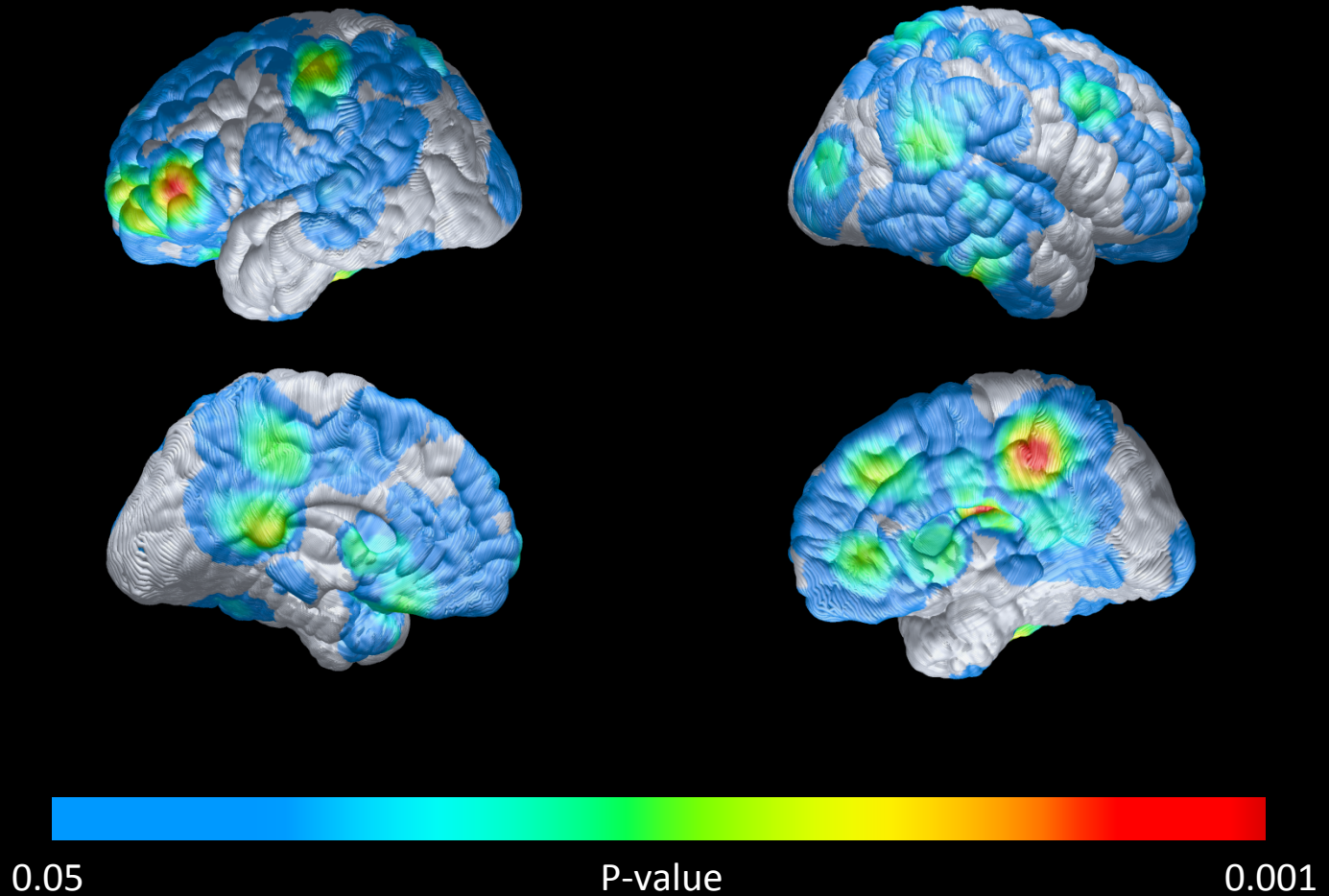
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**whole brain shrinkage in cognitively normal  
*APOE*  $\epsilon 4$  homozygotes, heterozygotes & noncarriers**



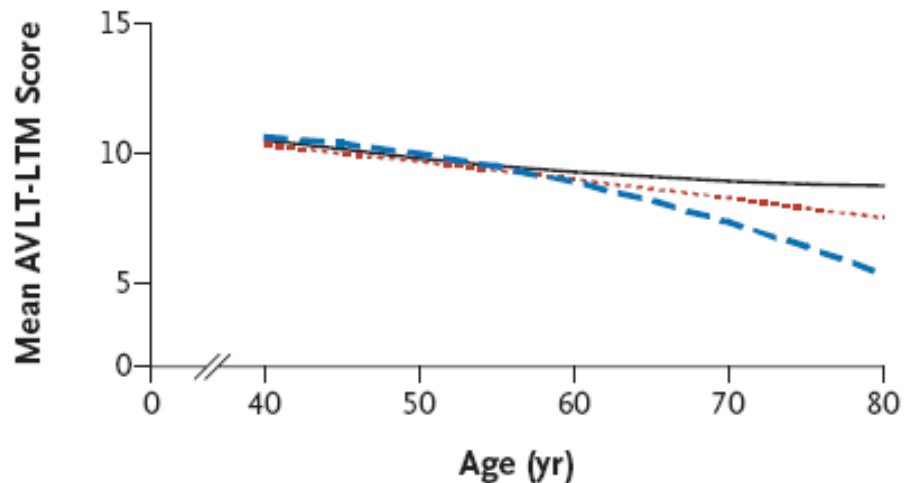
# associations between two-year fibrillar A $\beta$ increases & *APOE* $\epsilon 4$ gene dose in cognitively normal older adults



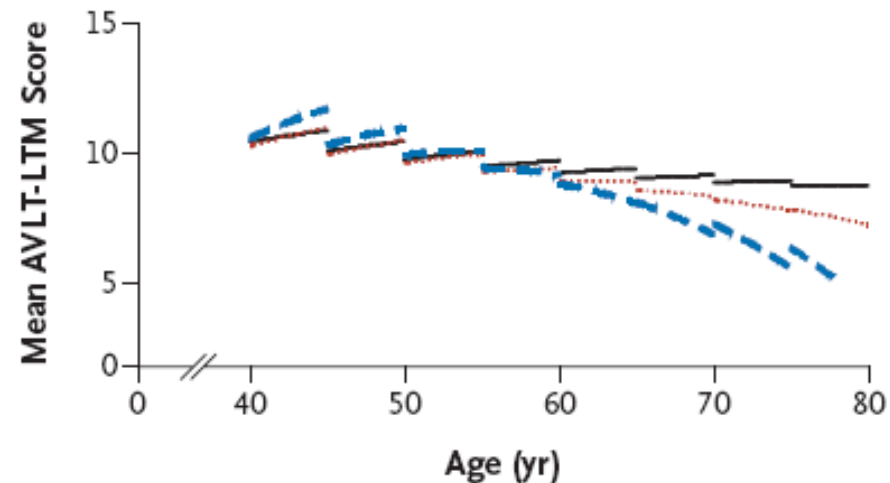
Reiman et al, unpublished data

age-related memory decline in 815 cognitively normal subjects,  
including **79 homozygotes**, **238 heterozygotes** & 498 **APOE  $\epsilon$ 4 non-carriers**,  
21 to 97 years of age

**A** Cross-Sectional Analysis



**B** 5-Yr Longitudinal Analysis



**but...**

- **AD biomarkers need to be further characterized & compared in RCTs**
  - to determine the extent to which they can be budged by effective treatments
  - to identify confounding treatment effects unrelated to AD modification
  - to determine the extent to which a treatment's effects on biomarkers, alone or in combination, are "reasonably likely" to predict a clinical benefit\*

**"catch-22?"**

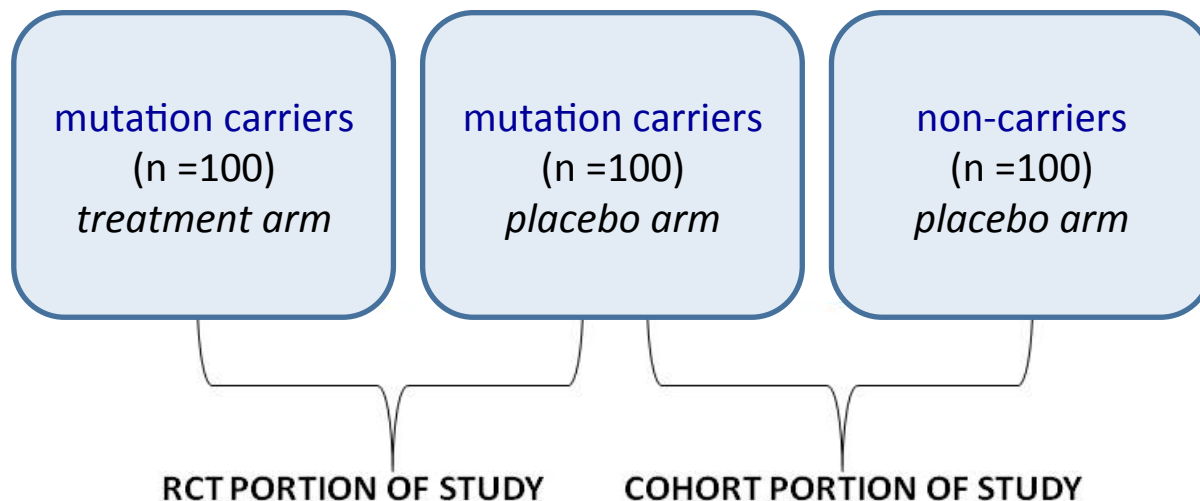
## **“preclinical AD treatments:” a proposed definition**

interventions started in the absence of MCI or dementia  
& intended to postpone the onset, reduce the risk of,  
or completely prevent the clinical stages of AD

## **API: a program to accelerate the evaluation of preclinical AD treatments**

1. preclinical AD treatment/biomarker development trials in people who, based on their age & genetic background, are at the highest imminent risk of AD symptoms
  - autosomal dominant AD mutation carriers close to their estimated age at clinical onset
  - *APOE ε4* carriers close to their estimated age at clinical onset
2. prevention registries to support these & other trials
  - our goal: ~3,300 *E280A PSEN1* mutation kindred members in Antioquia, Colombia
  - our goal: ~250,000 persons in North America

## preclinical EOAD treatment/biomarker development trial



double-blind, placebo-controlled trial for up to 60 months  
crenezumab 300 mg SC every 2 weeks

primary endpoint: change in the API composite cognitive score

24-month interim analysis using florbetapir & FDG PET, MRI, CSF & several cognitive/clinical endpoints

300 *PSEN1 E280A* kindred participants from Colombia

a small number of other autosomal dominant EOAD kindred participants from the USA

anticipated start date: 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2013

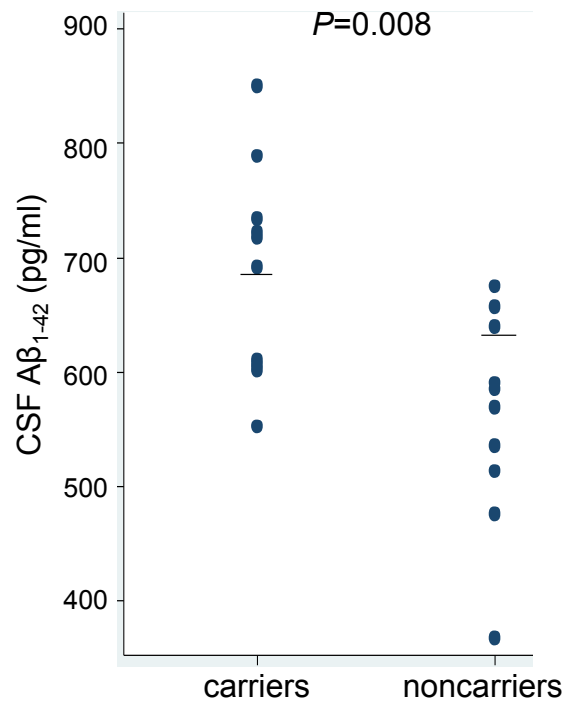
## API trial goals

1. to evaluate an anti-amyloid therapy in the preclinical treatment of autosomal dominant AD
2. to provide a better test of the amyloid hypothesis
3. to help qualify biomarkers for use as reasonably likely surrogate endpoints in preclinical AD trials
4. to provide a foundation for other preclinical AD trials
5. to complement, support & benefit from other initiatives (including the planned DIAN & A4 trials)
6. to provide a resource of data & samples to the scientific community after the trial is over
7. to give persons at highest imminent risk for AD access to investigational treatments
8. ...and more trials to come



**functional & structural MRI abnormalities  
before measurable CSF evidence of fibrillar A $\beta$  in  
young adult *PS1 E280A* mutation carriers**

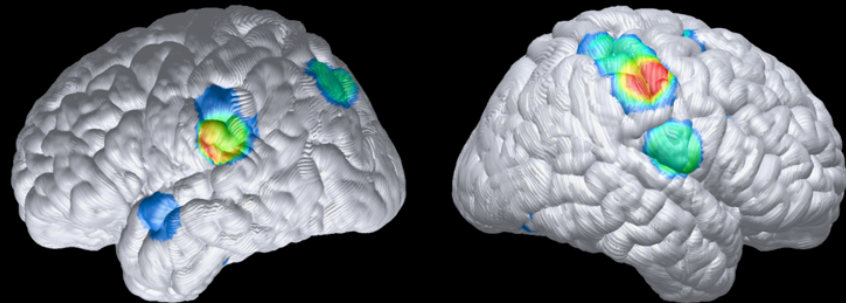
**higher (not lower) CSF A $\beta_{1-42}$  levels**



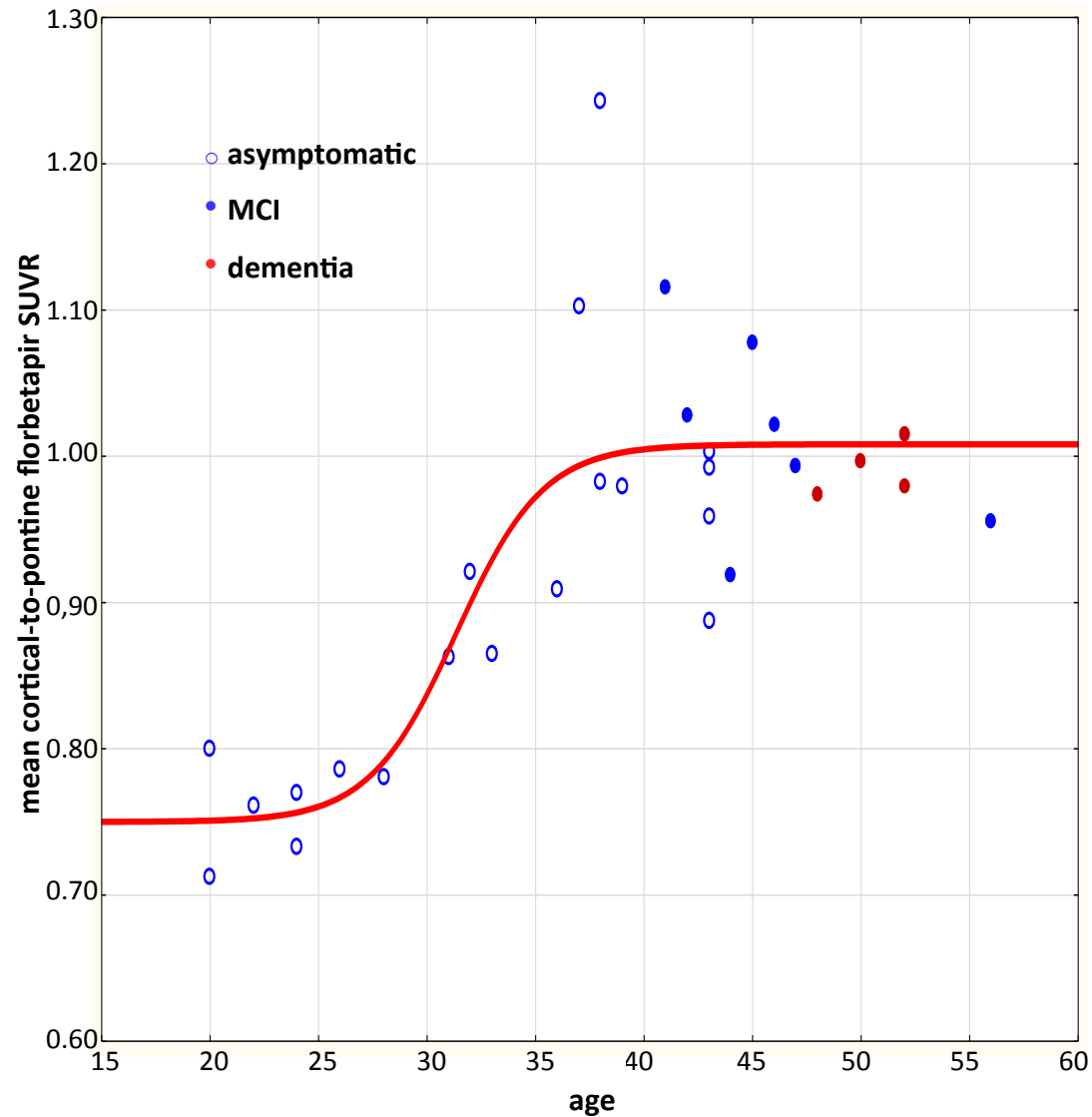
**greater hippocampal activation & less precuneus deactivation during an associative memory encoding task**



**less parietal (& parahippocampal) gray matter**



**ages associated with fibrillar A $\beta$  accumulation in mutation carriers  
from the world's largest autosomal dominant early-onset AD kindred**



## **“API Composite Cognitive Test Score”**

### **optimal cognitive test combination**

#### **Rush ADC Cohorts**

1. CERAD Word List Delayed Recall
2. Logical Memory Delayed Recall
3. MMSE Orientation to Place
4. MMSE Orientation to Time
5. Raven's Progressive Matrices

#### ***PSEN1 E280A* Antioquia Cohort**

1. CERAD Word List Delayed Recall
2. Constructional Praxis
3. Boston Naming
4. MMSE Orientation to Time
5. Raven's Progressive Matrices

**cognitive & biomarker treatment effects that may be detected in 75 cognitively normal *PSEN1 E280A* mutation carriers per group,  $\geq$  age 30, completing a 24-mo RCT\***

endpoint	treatment effect
API composite cognitive test score	44% <sup>1</sup>
sROI CMRgl decline	23% <sup>2</sup>
whole brain shrinkage	18% <sup>2</sup>
cerebral A $\beta$ accumulation	27% <sup>2</sup>

\*assumes 80% power & two-tailed  $p=0.05$

<sup>1</sup>estimated in *PSEN1 E280A* carriers; 29% treatment effect in a 60-mo RCT

<sup>2</sup>estimated in *APOE  $\epsilon 4$*  homozygotes

## **upcoming preclinical AD trials**

API

DIAN

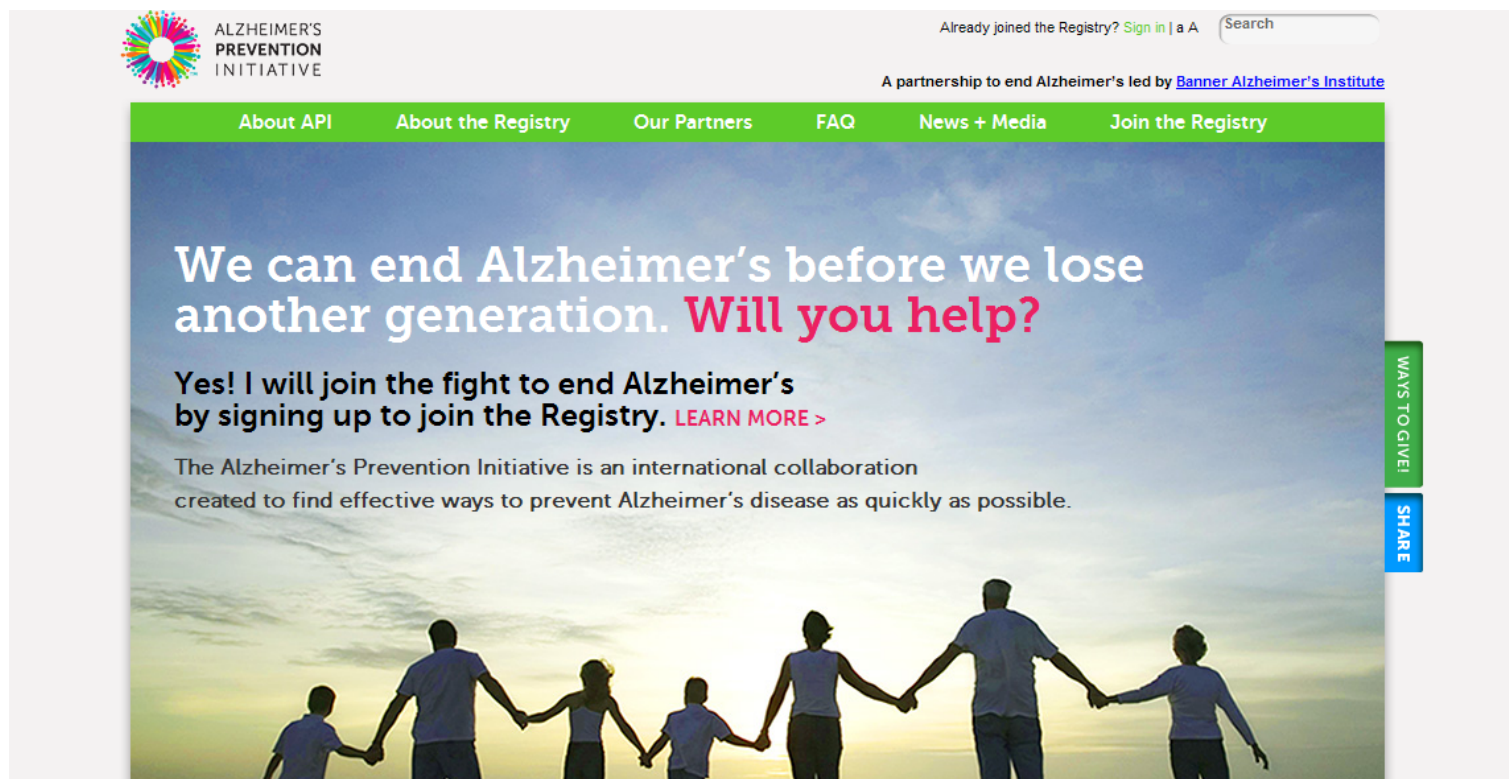
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Opal

others

# Alzheimer's Prevention Registry

[www.endAlZnow.org](http://www.endAlZnow.org)



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Alzheimer's Prevention Registry. At the top left is the Alzheimer's Prevention Initiative logo. To its right is the text "ALZHEIMER'S PREVENTION INITIATIVE". Further right is a link "Already joined the Registry? [Sign in](#) | [a A](#)" and a search bar. Below this is a green navigation bar with links: "About API", "About the Registry", "Our Partners", "FAQ", "News + Media", and "Join the Registry". The main content area features a large blue sky background with silhouettes of a family holding hands at sunset. The text reads: "We can end Alzheimer's before we lose another generation. **Will you help?**" followed by "Yes! I will join the fight to end Alzheimer's by signing up to join the Registry. [LEARN MORE >](#)". Below this is a paragraph: "The Alzheimer's Prevention Initiative is an international collaboration created to find effective ways to prevent Alzheimer's disease as quickly as possible." On the right side of the main content area, there are two vertical buttons: "WAYS TO GIVE!" and "SHARE".

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Gloria cares for her sister Maria, age 61, who developed AD symptoms in her 40s



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