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Identification of dysregulated genes in Parkinson's Disease based on Bioinformatics Analysis

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ABSTRACT

Parkinson's disease is increasing among elderly people around the world. This disorder has symptoms like akinesia, rigidity, and/or tremor. Parkinson's disease is characterized by dopaminergic neuron degeneration. The purpose of this study is to identify dysregulated pathways and genes included and affected in the human body by extracting the microarray expression dataset from dataset NCBI Gene Expression Omnibus (GEO) will be retrieved then data analysis, functional annotation, and protein interaction network will be done to develop blood-based biomarker by bioinformatics analysis. An entire of 180 Differentially Expressed Genes (DEGs) were detected in the gene expression profile of Parkinson's disease containing 5 control and 5 test samples were studied using t-test (the cut-off is taken $P < 0.05$) of accession number **GSE54536** which included whole transcriptome analysis, in which 23 genes consider as up-regulated and 157 genes considered as down-regulated. The outcome of this study provided deeper insights into mechanisms of Parkinson's disease on the molecular level, also cellular and biological levels by pathway enrichment analysis. Recently findings of this study have shown the involvement of DEGs in the Cancer pathway with a p-value of $4.50E-02$, which is selected as it is the most significantly enriched pathway having the highest gene count as compared to other principles pathways. The STRING tool was applied to create a protein-protein interaction network, which was then visualized in Cytoscape. A total of 13 hub proteins were identified with minimum of 6 and a maximum of 9 degrees. Finally, a Connectivity Map (CMap) analysis was carried out to identify 56 small compounds capable of altering the expression of genes in Parkinson's disease, which could be used as a prognostic biomarker to assist individuals be diagnosed earlier and undergoing more effective treatment.

KEYWORDS Parkinson's disease, DEGs, Cancer pathway, expression profile, bioinformatics analysis, whole transcriptome analysis.

INTRODUCTION

Parkinson's disorder (PD) is a progressive neurological disorder considered by way of means of a huge range of motor and non-motor functions which can affect one characteristic to a variable degree. This assessment describes the medical traits of PD with emphasis on the functions that differentiate the disorder from different parkinsonian disorders [1]. The precise categories of Parkinsonism are primary, secondary, and undetermined, which are

described together with a five-stage severity grading system. Two-thirds of all patients with primary Parkinsonism develop the disease between the ages of fifty and sixty-nine. [2]. The signs and symptoms of Parkinson's disease are thought to be caused by a decrease in dopamine levels inside the central nervous system. This discount in dopamine has been related to numerous anatomical and functional changes in the brain. Parkinsonism is a complicated network disorder that happens

abnormal activity with inside the basal ganglia impacts the excitability, sensory, and synchronization of the brain's activities' [3].

Parkinsonism's most common form(s), as well as secondary Parkinsonism. Parkinsonism is characterized by akinesia, rigidity, and/or tremor during rest, as well as an uneven onset. Akinesia is characterized by bradykinesia, hypokinesia, and a lack of spontaneous instinctive and voluntary movements (akinesia). It can also appear as a barely covered face (hypomimia), repeating low volume, occasionally scratchy speech, decreased movement of one arm while walking, bending to drag one leg, or a small-stepped gait. Axial akinesia is characterized by the aberrant movement of the spinal and posterior muscles. Patients report having difficulty turning or handing over the bed whether standing or walking, rising from either a low chair or sitting down afterward. [4].

There is currently no medication to stop the neurodegenerative system since the processes behind the development of Parkinson's disease require further inquiry [5]. The purpose of this study is to use gene expression bioinformatics methodologies to determine molecular biomarkers for Parkinson's disease initiation. The Gene Expression Omnibus was used to construct a PD gene expression profile, which found differentially co-expressed genes (DCGs) and dysfunctional pathways in PD patients versus controls. The goal of this study was to collect data that may be used to investigate possible diagnostic biomarkers in Parkinson's disease.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Data Collection of Microarray Expression Data

The keyword "PD" was used to search for the expression profile of "Parkinson's Disease" in the NCBI Gene Expression Omnibus (GEO) database, which has a vast set of microarray expression data. For this research, we use the gene expression profile GSE54536. All 10 PD samples available were divided into samples (5 control, 5 test) Healthy samples and PD disease samples. PD samples were then analyzed based on [GPL10558](#) [Illumina Human HT-12 V4.0 expression bead chip] [8].

Identification of Differentially Expressed Genes (DEGs)

The log₂ transformation was used to preprocess the raw expression datasets in R language. [9]. The "limma" linear model package was used to examine the microarray expression datasets. Differentially expressed genes were isolated from Parkinson's disease patients and healthy persons. For multiple testing modifications, the Benjamini and Hochberg approach (false Discover rate FDR) was used. The DEGs criterion was set at FDR less than 0.05 [10].

Gene Ontology (GO) Analysis of DEGs

DAVID was used to investigate DEG functions and classify genes based on cellular components, biological processes, and molecular functions [11].

Pathway Enrichment Analysis

The dysregulated biochemical pathways in Parkinson's disease were investigated to determine the functional alteration. DAVID inputs for Pathway enrichment analysis were metabolic and non-metabolic pathways from the Kyoto Encyclopedia of Genes and Genomes database [12].

Protein-Protein Network Interaction

The interaction between the up - regulatory and down-regulated DEGs can be studied using STRING TOOL, a database of known protein interactions, which was used to determine the PPI interaction among DEGs, and the PPI interaction network was visualized using Cytoscape tool [13,14].

Identification of Small Molecules

The Connectivity Map (CMap) is a database to assemble the entire transcriptome profile from cultured human cells and applies simple pattern- matching algorithms; both facilitate the detection of functional connections between genes, diseases, and drugs along with the transient feature of changes in common gene expression [15]. Using CMap, 204 DEGs were characterized into upregulated and down- regulated genes. Furthermore, the topmost ten up and down-regulated genes were chosen for enrichment analysis by GSEA (gene set enrichment analysis). The enrichment value lies between -1 to 1 (If the value near -1, the small molecule will mimic the normal status of cell and could be a good drug, whereas a value near to 1, small molecule will mimic the disease status) [16].

RESULTS

Differentiating DEGs into up-regulated gene and down-regulated genes

The microarray expression datasets were analyzed using the “limma” linear model package of “R-language”. Genes that were differentially expressed between Parkinson’s patients and healthy people were discovered. There were 180 DEGs in total, which were divided into Up-regulated and Down- regulated genes. 23 genes were extracted as up-regulated genes and 157 genes were extracted as down-regulated

genes. In Tables 1 & 2, the false discovery rate value (as reported by Hosch and Benjamini) below 0.05 i.e. Adj. P-value was set as the DEGs threshold. In the microarray expression datasets that were evaluated to distinguish between genes that are up and down- regulated, the log-FC value was considered. Positive values were selected to represent up-regulated genes, while negative values represent down-regulated genes.

Diagrammatic Representation of Differentially Expressed Genes:

In contrast to visualizing the expression of Up and Down-regulated genes using the R Language's UMAP library, three main graphical plots including the Volcano plot, the Mean-difference plot and Box-plot were generated.

Volcano Plot

In figure1, the level of significance of each represented by its $-\log_{10}$ (p-values), and the variation in each gene’s level of expression is shown by its \log_2 (fold change). In a volcano plot, the genes that were most up- regulated displayed on the right (shown by red) and and the most down-regulated genes were on the left (shown by blue). The genes that are most statistically significant were at the top and the remaining genes are non- significant because they are neither up- regulated nor down-regulated (shown with grey).

Mean-Difference Plot

In figure 2, the \log_2 fold-change depicts the mean expression level for each gene. Each of the dark grey dots, representing a different gene shows that there were no significant differences between the control and test groups. Points (dots) that were statistically significant with a false

discovery rate value less than 0.05 depict by blue and red dots, which indicate down and up-regulated genes, respectively.

In figure 3, the samples display comparative results between two groups that were “control vs test”. The assigned samples were distributed with different colors as green ones represent the control group whereas the blue ones represent test samples according to groups to know whether the chosen samples were appropriate for differential expression study. The median-centered values were representative of normalized and cross-comparable data for the “GSE54536” gene expression value distribution. In the following box plot, one patient sample was depicted by each box.

Gene ontology (GO) analysis OF DEGs in Parkinson’s disease

The DEGs were characterized according to biological processes, cellular component and molecular function. The gene expression profile of Parkinson’s disease containing 5 normal control and 5 diseased samples were studied using classical t-test in limma package (the cut-off is taken $P < 0.05$). A total of 180 differentially expressed genes were identified in Parkinson’s disease. There were 176 David IDs of input DEGs present in the record of the specie “Homo sapiens” out of 180.

DEGs Clustering Based on Biological Process

Table 03 of gene ontology analysis explains DEGs that were characterized according to biological processes. There is 176 David IDs in the record of the specie “Homo sapiens” out of 180 (84 genes from the list are not in the output). The threshold count is 02. The gene count was higher in 10 biological processes as compared to the

other processes. The biological processes in which more gene count were observed include: Positive Regulation of Transcription from RNA Polymerase II Promoter (23), [Regulation of Catalytic Activity](#) (10), Positive Regulation of Transcription, DNA-[Templated](#) (12), Vesicle-Mediated Transport (8), [Phosphorylation](#) (5), [Autophagy](#) (5), Peptidyl-Serine Phosphorylation (5), [Response to Hypoxia](#) (5), [Positive Regulation of I-Kappa b Kinase/Nf-Kappab Signaling](#) (5), [Wnt Signaling Pathway](#) (5).

DEGs Clustering Based on Cellular Component

Table 4 of gene ontology analysis explicates DEGs that are characterized according to cellular component. In the record for the Homo sapiens species, there were 176 DAVID IDs. The threshold was set to the count of 02. Ten of the cellular components had a significantly greater gene count than the other cellular components. The cellular component with the highest gene count include: Cytosol (75), [Nucleus](#) (73), [Cytoplasm](#) (62), [Nucleoplasm](#) (50), [Membrane](#) (38), [Mitochondrion](#)(18), [Endoplasmic Reticulum](#) (15), [Golgi Membrane](#)(12), [Microtubule](#)(10), [Trans- Golgi Network](#)(8).

DEGs Clustering Based on Molecular Function

Table 5 of gene ontology analysis explains DEGs that were characterized according to Molecular functions. There was 176 David IDs in the record of the specie Homo sapiens. The threshold was set on the count of 02. The gene count was much higher in

10 molecular functions as compared to remaining molecular functions. The molecular functions having highest gene count includes: [Protein Binding](#) (141), [Identical Protein Binding](#) (25), [ATP-Binding](#) (24), [RNA-Binding](#) (22), [Zinc-Ion Binding](#) (13), [Protein Kinase Binding](#)(10), [Transcription Factor Activity, Sequence-Specific DNA Binding](#)(10), [GTPase Activator Activity](#)(9), [RNA Polymerase II Sequence-Specific DNA Binding](#) [Transcription Factor Binding](#)(6), [Transcription Regulatory Region Sequence- Specific DNA Binding](#)(6).

Pathway enrichment analysis of DEGs in Parkinson's disease

A total of 13 pathways were found on the basis of selected criteria. In Table 5, based on the threshold P-value (< 0.05) and gene count was set on > 5 , the principle pathways among the included enriched pathways were chosen as demonstrated in Table 3. These principles pathways include: Salmonella infection with a p-value= $4.00E-03$), Endocytosis with a P- value= $1.50E-02$), Influenza A with a P-value= $3.10E-02$), and Pathways in cancer with a P-value= $4.50E-02$).

DEGs involved in Cancer pathway enrichment analysis (KEGG pathway analysis)

In table 6, the involvement of DEGs in **Cancer Pathways** with a P-value = $4.50E-02$ (Demonstrated in **Table 5** selected as it is the most significant enriched pathway having highest gene count i.e., 11) as compared to other principle pathways. There were 11 Cancer genes involved in pathway enrichment analysis namely [C-X-C Motif Chemokine Receptor 4\(CXCR4\)](#), [Fos Proto-Oncogene, AP-1 Transcription Factor Subunit\(FOS\)](#), [Ras association](#) , Domin family member 1(RASSF1),[Rho Guanine Nucleotide Exchange Factor](#)

[1\(ARHGEF1\),frizzled Class Receptor 2\(FZD2\)](#), [Interleukin 15\(IL15\)](#), [Junction Plakoglobin \(JUP\)](#), [Phosphatidylinositol-4,5-Bisphosphate 3- Kinase Catalytic Subunit Delta\(PIK3CD\)](#), [retinoid X Receptor Alpha\(RXRA\)](#), [Signal Transducer and Activator of Transcription 2\(STAT2\)](#) & [Transcription Factor 7 Like 2\(TCF7L2\)](#).

Protein-Protein Network Analysis of 180 DEGs:

To assess the relationship among DEGs from the obtained datasets, the PPI (Protein-Protein Interaction) network of the Differentially Expressed Genes in Parkinson's disease was constructed using the online interactive search engine STRING (Search Tool for the Retrieval of Interacting Genes Database). As every biological activity involves protein-protein interaction (PPI), which is crucial for understanding how cell behave in an organism. The PPI network built through combining genomic and proteomic data to enable identification of genes and proteins linked to various diseases (Tables 7 and 8).

In figures 4 and 5, the obtained protein-protein interaction (PPI) network of DEGs built via STRING (Search Tool for the Retrieval of Interacting Genes Database) which was then further visualized by Cytoscape. By adjusting definite parameters, the network was examined by Molecular Complex Detection (MCODE), a Cytoscape plug-in to detect the intersecting clusters from the resulting PPI network. The expression levels and prognostic values of hub genes were subsequently analyzed using different plug-ins including CytoNCA (Network Centrality Analysis) and Metscape (Visualization and Interpretation of Metabolomics Data).

Identification of Small Molecules

To identify the related small active molecules against Parkinson's disease, we carried out bioinformatics analysis of DEGs using the CMap database called Touchstone which would enable users to query these data for annotated compounds. The data were analyzed according to Pertubagen Class (PCL) which refers to CMap designated grouping of compounds and identified as first-group compounds sharing the same mechanism of action as per studies from different literature.

The query was 180 DEGs, which was entered as a gene set pair of Up-regulated and down-regulated mutually. The results showed that the Pertubagen compounds from the L-1000 dataset (consisting of about 1 million gene-expression profiles on the responses of about 50 human cell lines to one of approximately 20,000 compounds with various targets as well as the mechanism of action. The CMap connectivity score (Tau) which was a standard enrichment score, ranged between a positive score of +100 and a negative score of -100. The positive score indicates similarity between the query gene set and the Pertubagen class compound while the

negative score indicates the opposing effect between the query gene set and the Pertubagen class compounds.

Up and Down-regulated genes among 180 DEGs involved in Connectivity Map Analysis:

The present analysis identified various small molecules among which a total of 56 DEGs were found as Pharmacological class compounds (PCLs) out of 180 DEGs. The identified compounds were sorted from high to low ranked and enrichment scores having a different mechanism of action and various targets. There were 9 high ranked compounds having enrichment scores of 90 or greater including, Rosiglitazone (99.89), Doconexent (99.26), Ambroxol (99.01), SB-203580 (98.93), Staurosporine (98.77), GW-9508 (97.13), XL- 147 (96.03), Alitretinoin (91.42) and LY- 294002 (90.99) show the strongest connectivity to query genes as compared to other compounds. It was concluded that the Pertubagen class compounds having high enrichment scores will be a potential therapeutic target for Parkinson's disease

Table 1: Differentiating DEGs into Up- regulated genes.

| ID | Adj.P-Value | Gene symbol | Gene title | Gene ID |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|--|---------|
| ILMN_1719905 | 0.0285 | TLR10 | Toll-like receptor 10 | 81793 |
| ILMN_1669497 | 0.0285 | OSBPL10 | oxysterol binding protein like 10 | 114884 |
| ILMN_2401714 | 0.0349 | MS4A1 | membrane spanning 4-domains A1 | 931 |
| ILMN_1691071 | 0.0349 | FCRLA | Fc receptor like A | 84824 |
| ILMN_2409395 | 0.0349 | CCNC | cyclin C | 892 |
| ILMN_1658743 | 0.0349 | CCNDBP1 | cyclin D1 binding protein 1 | 23582 |
| ILMN_1786532 | 0.037 | CNIH1 | cornichon family AMPA receptor auxiliary protein 1 | 10175 |
| ILMN_2411076 | 0.0398 | MATR3 | matrin 3 | 9782 |
| ILMN_1661646 | 0.0398 | BANK1 | B-cell scaffold protein with ankyrin repeats 1 | 55024 |
| ILMN_2357770 | 0.0398 | TCEA1 | transcription elongation factor A1 | 6917 |
| ILMN_2060413 | 0.0406 | CD24 | CD24 molecule | 1E+08 |
| ILMN_2075189 | 0.0406 | SLC35F2 | solute carrier family 35 member F2 | 54733 |
| ILMN_2168217 | 0.0418 | GPR183 | G protein-coupled receptor 183 | 1880 |
| ILMN_1801584 | 0.0461 | CXCR4 | C-X-C motif chemokine receptor 4 | 7852 |
| ILMN_2325574 | 0.0461 | CASC4 | cancer susceptibility candidate 4 | 113201 |
| ILMN_2052598 | 0.0461 | ARMC10 | armadillo repeat containing 10 | 83787 |
| ILMN_2271894 | 0.0461 | ZNF654 | zinc finger protein 654 | 55279 |
| ILMN_1671905 | 0.0461 | SFR1 | SWI5 dependent homologous recombination repair protein 1 | 119392 |
| ILMN_1745075 | 0.0461 | RPLP0 | ribosomal protein lateral stalk subunit P0 | 6175 |
| ILMN_1684445 | 0.0461 | FCRL5 | Fc receptor like 5 | 83416 |
| ILMN_1776939 | 0.0468 | MS4A1 | membrane spanning 4-domains A1 | 931 |
| ILMN_1675117 | 0.0468 | HSD17B11 | hydroxysteroid 17-beta dehydrogenase 11 | 51170 |
| ILMN_2395974 | 0.0468 | PRDX3 | peroxiredoxin 3 | 10935 |

Table 2: Differentiating DEGs into Down- regulated genes

| ID | Adj.P-Value | Gene symbol | Gene title | Gene ID |
|--------------|-------------|---------------|--|---------|
| ILMN_1669523 | 0.0285 | FOS | Fos proto-oncogene, AP-1 transcription factor subunit | 2353 |
| ILMN_1745034 | 0.0285 | SLC11A2 | solute carrier family 11 member 2 | 4891 |
| ILMN_3245066 | 0.0285 | DENND4B | DENN domain containing 4B | 9909 |
| ILMN_1672356 | 0.0285 | ANKRD13D | ankyrin repeat domain 13D | 338692 |
| ILMN_2065606 | 0.0285 | TOMM40L | translocase of outer mitochondrial membrane 40 like | 84134 |
| ILMN_1721575 | 0.0285 | VPS18 | VPS18, CORVET/HOPS core subunit | 57617 |
| ILMN_1762899 | 0.0285 | EGR1 | early growth response 1 | 1958 |
| ILMN_1751607 | 0.0285 | FOSB | FosB proto-oncogene, AP-1 transcription factor subunit | 2354 |
| ILMN_1682792 | 0.0285 | BYSL | bystin like | 705 |
| ILMN_1655987 | 0.0285 | STAB1 | stabilin 1 | 23166 |
| ILMN_1654612 | 0.0285 | ZNF589 | zinc finger protein 589 | 51385 |
| ILMN_1718558 | 0.0317 | PARP12 | poly(ADP-ribose) polymerase family member 12 | 64761 |
| ILMN_2396020 | 0.0317 | DUSP6 | dual specificity phosphatase 6 | 1848 |
| ILMN_1690566 | 0.0317 | RASSF4 | Ras association domain family member 4 | 83937 |
| ILMN_1651776 | 0.0317 | FHOD1 | formin homology 2 domain containing 1 | 29109 |
| ILMN_1657771 | 0.0317 | CRTC2 | CREB regulated transcription coactivator 2 | 200186 |
| ILMN_1668639 | 0.0317 | TBC1D10B | TBC1 domain family member 10B | 26000 |
| ILMN_1779857 | 0.0317 | KLF4 | Kruppel like factor 4 | 9314 |
| ILMN_3239225 | 0.0317 | RNY3 | RNA, Ro-associated Y3 | 6085 |
| ILMN_1757106 | 0.0339 | 6-Mar | membrane associated ring-CH-type finger 6 | 10299 |
| ILMN_1693630 | 0.0349 | VPS9D1 | VPS9 domain containing 1 | 9605 |
| ILMN_1799467 | 0.0349 | SAMD9L | sterile alpha motif domain containing 9 like | 219285 |
| ILMN_3235096 | 0.0349 | SNORA28 | small nucleolar RNA, H/ACA box 28 | 677811 |
| ILMN_2216838 | 0.0349 | DKFZP586I1420 | uncharacterized protein DKFZp586I1420 | 222161 |
| ILMN_2090802 | 0.0349 | TMEM79 | transmembrane protein 79 | 84283 |
| ILMN_1733869 | 0.0349 | OGDH | oxoglutarate dehydrogenase | 4967 |
| ILMN_1775074 | 0.0349 | TUBGCP2 | tubulin gamma complex associated protein 2 | 10844 |
| ILMN_1795949 | 0.0349 | CORO7 | coronin 7 | 79585 |
| ILMN_1802380 | 0.0349 | RERE | arginine-glutamic acid dipeptide repeats | 473 |
| ILMN_1701621 | 0.0349 | SCO2 | SCO2 cytochrome c oxidase assembly protein | 9997 |
| ILMN_1669645 | 0.0349 | PKD1 | polycystin 1, transient receptor potential channel interacting | 5310 |
| ILMN_1733811 | 0.0349 | JUP | junction plakoglobin | 3728 |
| ILMN_1805979 | 0.0349 | GAB3 | GRB2 associated binding protein 3 | 139716 |
| ILMN_2410975 | 0.0349 | ATG9A | autophagy related 9A | 79065 |
| ILMN_1683462 | 0.0349 | GSS | glutathione synthetase | 2937 |
| ILMN_1778845 | 0.0349 | FAM111A | family with sequence similarity 111 member A | 63901 |
| ILMN_1723895 | 0.0349 | GTF3C5 | general transcription factor III C subunit 5 | 9328 |
| ILMN_1704253 | 0.0349 | C6orf106 | chromosome 6 open reading frame 106 | 64771 |
| ILMN_1753712 | 0.0349 | STX10 | syntaxin 10 | 8677 |
| ILMN_1664012 | 0.0349 | CANT1 | calcium activated nucleotidase 1 | 124583 |
| ILMN_1675709 | 0.0349 | ARFGAP1 | ADP ribosylation factor GTPase activating protein 1 | 55738 |
| ILMN_2052163 | 0.0349 | YIPF1 | Yip1 domain family member 1 | 54432 |
| ILMN_1793386 | 0.0349 | MED12 | mediator complex subunit 12 | 9968 |
| ILMN_1767253 | 0.0349 | RRP12 | ribosomal RNA processing 12 homolog | 23223 |

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|--------------|--------|-----------|---|----------|
| ILMN_1763828 | 0.0349 | MTF1 | metal regulatory transcription factor 1 | 4520 |
| ILMN_1780302 | 0.0366 | DYNC1H1 | dynein cytoplasmic 1 heavy chain 1 | 1778 |
| ILMN_1725700 | 0.037 | MOV10 | Mov10 RISC complex RNA helicase | 4343 |
| ILMN_1689968 | 0.0392 | PLEKHO2 | pleckstrin homology domain containing O2 | 80301 |
| ILMN_1669607 | 0.0398 | PHKG2 | phosphorylase kinase catalytic subunit gamma 2 | 5261 |
| ILMN_1690921 | 0.0398 | STAT2 | signal transducer and activator of transcription 2 | 6773 |
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| ILMN_1727709 | 0.0398 | GPBAR1 | G protein-coupled bile acid receptor 1 | 151306 |
| ILMN_1880280 | 0.0461 | FOXP1-IT1 | FOXP1 intronic transcript 1 | 1.01E+08 |
| ILMN_1702487 | 0.0461 | SGK1 | serum/glucocorticoid regulated kinase 1 | 6446 |
| ILMN_1715968 | 0.0461 | KMT2B | lysine methyltransferase 2B | 9757 |
| ILMN_1803560 | 0.0462 | LAT2 | linker for activation of T-cells family member 2 | 7462 |
| ILMN_1726636 | 0.0463 | HECTD2 | HECT domain E3 ubiquitin protein ligase 2 | 143279 |
| ILMN_1763036 | 0.0468 | CLCN6 | chloride voltage-gated channel 6 | 1185 |
| ILMN_1657495 | 0.0468 | MLEC | malectin | 9761 |
| ILMN_1753498 | 0.0468 | COASY | Coenzyme A synthase | 80347 |
| ILMN_2095840 | 0.0468 | KAT6A | lysine acetyltransferase 6A | 7994 |
| ILMN_2320964 | 0.0468 | ADAR | adenosine deaminase, RNA specific | 103 |
| ILMN_1775579 | 0.0468 | ACAD9 | acyl-CoA dehydrogenase family member 9 | 28976 |
| ILMN_1672486 | 0.0468 | TCF7L2 | transcription factor 7 like 2 | 6934 |
| ILMN_2350421 | 0.0468 | CACTIN | cactin, spliceosome C complex subunit | 58509 |
| ILMN_1697554 | 0.0468 | SASH3 | SAM and SH3 domain containing 3 | 54440 |
| ILMN_1656868 | 0.0468 | NPIP3 | nuclear pore complex interacting protein family member B3 | 23117 |
| ILMN_1703866 | 0.0468 | SUPT5H | SPT5 homolog, DSIF elongation factor subunit | 6829 |
| ILMN_1724181 | 0.0468 | IL15 | interleukin 15 | 3600 |
| ILMN_1752197 | 0.0468 | PDDC1 | Parkinson disease 7 domain containing 1 | 347862 |
| ILMN_1799381 | 0.0468 | SNORD14A | small nucleolar RNA, C/D box 14A | 26822 |
| ILMN_1710078 | 0.047 | TMEM181 | transmembrane protein 181 | 57583 |
| ILMN_1687315 | 0.047 | RXRA | retinoid X receptor alpha | 6256 |
| ILMN_1812557 | 0.047 | CDK5RAP3 | CDK5 regulatory subunit associated protein 3 | 80279 |
| ILMN_1665212 | 0.0477 | EDC4 | enhancer of mRNA decapping 4 | 23644 |
| ILMN_1811955 | 0.0477 | PRMT5 | protein arginine methyltransferase 5 | 10419 |
| ILMN_1675612 | 0.0479 | BLCAP | bladder cancer associated protein | 10904 |
| ILMN_1765649 | 0.0482 | IRF3 | interferon regulatory factor 3 | 3661 |
| ILMN_1815205 | 0.0488 | LYZ | lysozyme | 4069 |
| ILMN_1795918 | 0.0488 | AGAP3 | ArfGAP with GTPase domain, ankyrin repeat and PH domain 3 | 116988 |
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| ILMN_1772370 | 0.0488 | ARHGEF1 | Rho guanine nucleotide exchange factor 1 | 9138 |
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| ILMN_1651788 | 0.0488 | MAP3K11 | mitogen-activated protein kinase kinase kinase 11 | 4296 |
| ILMN_1673069 | 0.0488 | DPP9 | dipeptidyl peptidase 9 | 91039 |
| ILMN_1708946 | 0.0488 | VPS4A | vacuolar protein sorting 4 homolog A | 27183 |
| ILMN_1758963 | 0.049 | NADK | NAD kinase | 65220 |
| ILMN_2393573 | 0.0491 | CSRNP1 | cysteine and serine-rich nuclear protein 1 | 64651 |
| ILMN_1703123 | | | | |
| ILMN_1705602 | 0.0491 | KLHL17 | kelch like family member 17 | 339451 |
| ILMN_2317751 | 0.0492 | REC8 | REC8 meiotic recombination protein | 9985 |
| ILMN_1672662 | 0.0495 | SLC20A1 | solute carrier family 20-member 1 | 6574 |

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|--------------|--------|-----------|---|----------|
| ILMN_1692539 | 0.0443 | SH3BP1 | SH3 domain binding protein 1 | 23616 |
| ILMN_1758831 | 0.0449 | RNF31 | ring finger protein 31 | 55072 |
| ILMN_2126344 | 0.0449 | SEC16A | SEC16 homolog A, endoplasmic reticulum export factor | 9919 |
| ILMN_3238196 | 0.0456 | CYTH4 | cytohesin 4 | 27128 |
| ILMN_1811104 | 0.0461 | POGLUT1 | protein O-glucosyltransferase 1 | 56983 |
| ILMN_1746012 | 0.0461 | MBD6 | methyl-CpG binding domain protein 6 | 114785 |
| ILMN_1666122 | 0.0461 | HEG1 | heart development protein with EGF like domains 1 | 57493 |
| ILMN_1656676 | 0.0461 | ZYG11B | zyg-11 family member B, cell cycle regulator | 79699 |
| ILMN_1795400 | 0.0461 | TBCD | tubulin folding cofactor D | 6904 |
| ILMN_2196479 | 0.0461 | XRN2 | 5'-3' exoribonuclease 2 | 22803 |
| ILMN_2140700 | 0.0461 | CRIPAK | cysteine rich PAK1 inhibitor | 285464 |
| ILMN_2278729 | 0.0461 | EIF3B | eukaryotic translation initiation factor 3 subunit B | 8662 |
| ILMN_1743205 | 0.0461 | ABCA7 | ATP binding cassette subfamily A member 7 | 10347 |
| ILMN_1696021 | 0.0461 | KPNA6 | karyopherin subunit alpha 6 | 23633 |
| ILMN_1699603 | 0.0461 | MRPL12 | mitochondrial ribosomal protein L12 | 6182 |
| ILMN_1880280 | 0.0461 | FOXP1-IT1 | FOXP1 intronic transcript 1 | 1.01E+08 |
| ILMN_1702487 | 0.0461 | SGK1 | serum/glucocorticoid regulated kinase 1 | 6446 |
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| ILMN_1726636 | 0.0463 | HECTD2 | HECT domain E3 ubiquitin protein ligase 2 | 143279 |
| ILMN_1763036 | 0.0468 | CLCN6 | chloride voltage-gated channel 6 | 1185 |
| ILMN_1657495 | 0.0468 | MLEC | malectin | 9761 |
| ILMN_1753498 | 0.0468 | COASY | Coenzyme A synthase | 80347 |
| ILMN_2095840 | 0.0468 | KAT6A | lysine acetyltransferase 6A | 7994 |
| ILMN_2320964 | 0.0468 | ADAR | adenosine deaminase, RNA specific | 103 |
| ILMN_1775579 | 0.0468 | ACAD9 | acyl-CoA dehydrogenase family member 9 | 28976 |
| ILMN_1672486 | 0.0468 | TCF7L2 | transcription factor 7 like 2 | 6934 |
| ILMN_2350421 | 0.0468 | CACTIN | cactin, spliceosome C complex subunit | 58509 |
| ILMN_1697554 | 0.0468 | SASH3 | SAM and SH3 domain containing 3 | 54440 |
| ILMN_1656868 | 0.0468 | NPIP3 | nuclear pore complex interacting protein family member B3 | 23117 |
| ILMN_1703866 | 0.0468 | SUPT5H | SPT5 homolog, DSIF elongation factor subunit | 6829 |
| ILMN_1724181 | 0.0468 | IL15 | interleukin 15 | 3600 |
| ILMN_1752197 | 0.0468 | PDDC1 | Parkinson disease 7 domain containing 1 | 347862 |
| ILMN_1799381 | 0.0468 | SNORD14A | small nucleolar RNA, C/D box 14A | 26822 |
| ILMN_1710078 | 0.047 | TMEM181 | transmembrane protein 181 | 57583 |
| ILMN_1687315 | 0.047 | RXRA | retinoid X receptor alpha | 6256 |
| ILMN_1812557 | 0.047 | CDK5RAP3 | CDK5 regulatory subunit associated protein 3 | 80279 |
| ILMN_1665212 | 0.0477 | EDC4 | enhancer of mRNA decapping 4 | 23644 |
| ILMN_1811955 | 0.0477 | PRMT5 | protein arginine methyltransferase 5 | 10419 |
| ILMN_1675612 | 0.0479 | BLCAP | bladder cancer associated protein | 10904 |
| ILMN_1765649 | 0.0482 | IRF3 | interferon regulatory factor 3 | 3661 |
| ILMN_1815205 | 0.0488 | LYZ | lysozyme | 4069 |
| ILMN_1795918 | 0.0488 | AGAP3 | ArfGAP with GTPase domain, ankyrin repeat and PH domain 3 | 116988 |
| ILMN_1772370 | 0.0488 | ARHGEF1 | Rho guanine nucleotide exchange factor 1 | 9138 |
| ILMN_1651788 | 0.0488 | MAP3K11 | mitogen-activated protein kinase kinase kinase 11 | 4296 |
| ILMN_1673069 | 0.0488 | DPP9 | dipeptidyl peptidase 9 | 91039 |
| ILMN_1708946 | 0.0488 | VPS4A | vacuolar protein sorting 4 homolog A | 27183 |
| ILMN_1758963 | 0.049 | NADK | NAD kinase | 65220 |

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|--------------|--------|---------|--|--------|
| ILMN_1703123 | 0.0491 | CSRNP1 | cysteine and serine-rich nuclear protein 1 | 64651 |
| ILMN_1705602 | 0.0491 | KLHL17 | kelch like family member 17 | 339451 |
| ILMN_2317751 | 0.0492 | REC8 | REC8 meiotic recombination protein | 9985 |
| ILMN_1672662 | 0.0495 | SLC20A1 | solute carrier family 20-member 1 | 6574 |

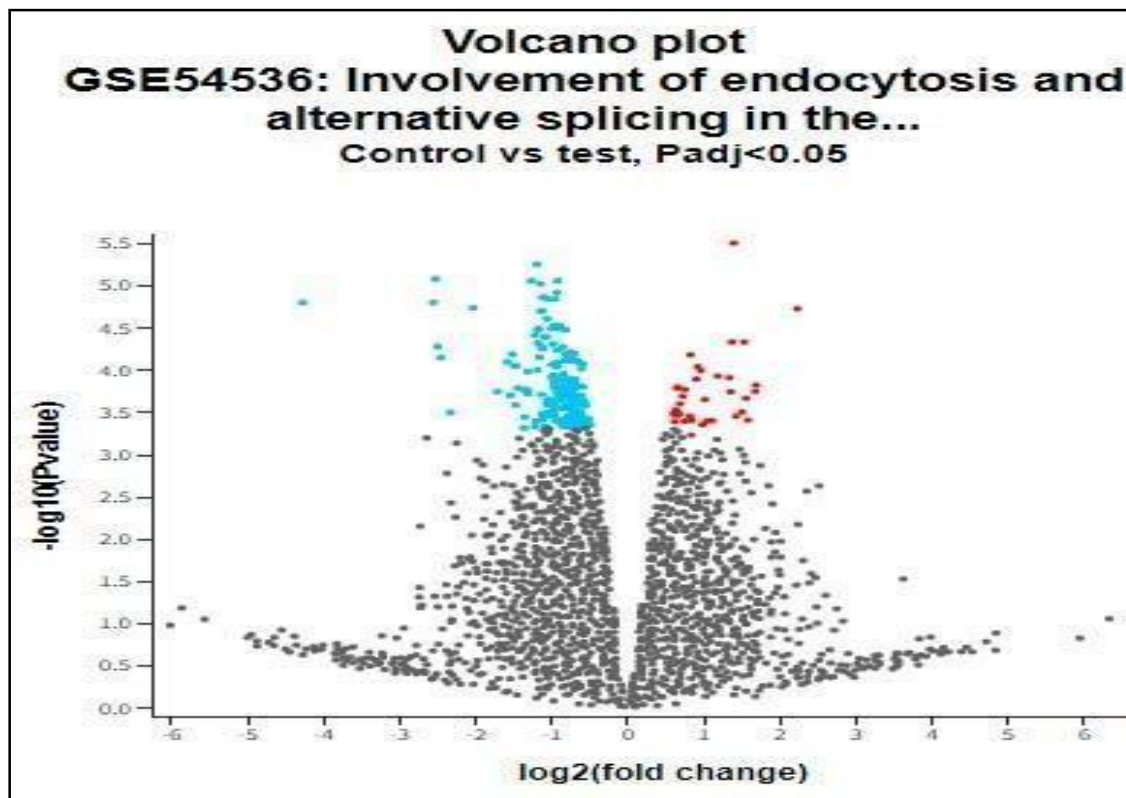


Figure 1: Volcano plot of DEGs

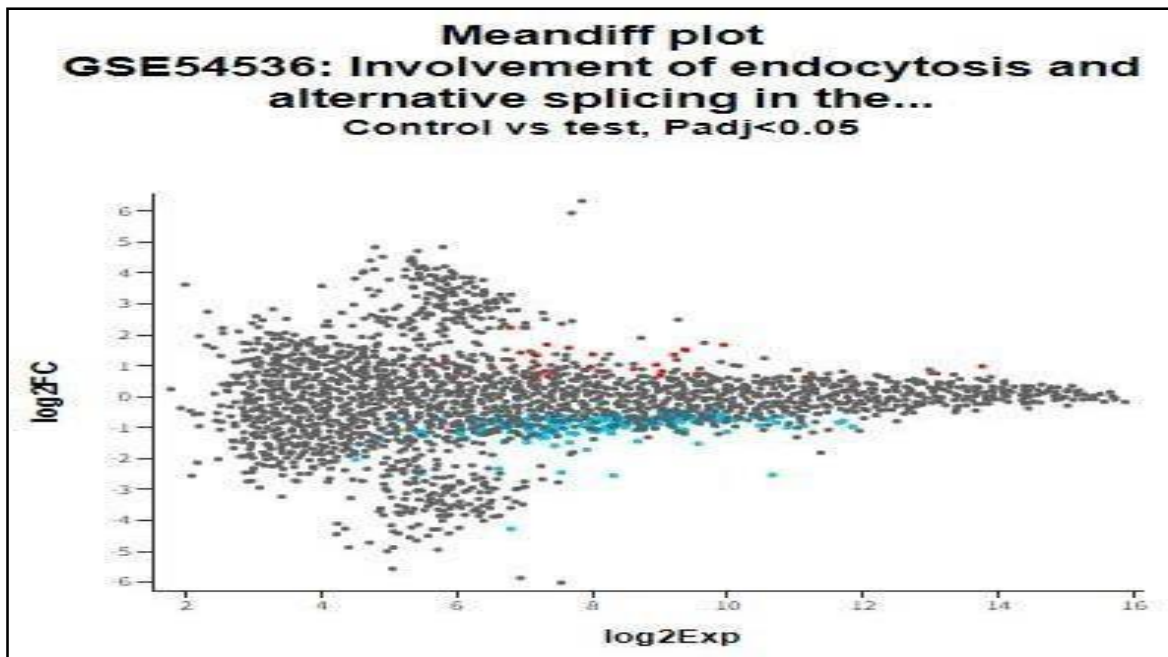


Figure 2: Mean-Difference Plot of DEGs

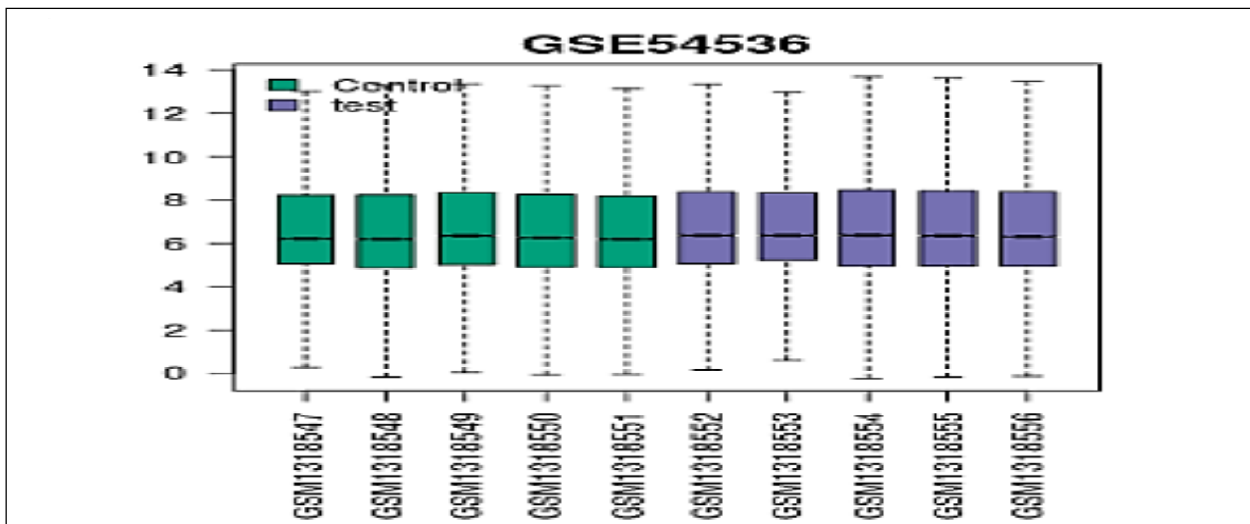


Figure 3: BOX-PLOT of DEGs

Table 3: Clustering of DEGs on the basis of Biological Process

| GO TERM | GENE COUNT | P-VALUE | BENJAMANI SCORE |
|--|------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Positive Regulation of Transcription from Rna Polymerase Ii Promoter | 23 | 5.90 E-04 | 3.50 E-01 |
| Vesicle-Mediated Transport | 8 | 2.60 E-03 | 9.90 E-01 |
| Regulation Of Catalytic Activity | 10 | 8.00 E-03 | 1.00 E+00 |
| Phosphorylation | 5 | 2.50 E-02 | 2.50 E-02 |
| Positive Regulation of Transcription,DnaTemplated | 12 | 2.90 E-02 | 1.00 E+00 |
| Autophagy | 5 | 3.90 E-02 | 1.00 E+00 |
| Peptidyl-Serine Phosphorylation | 5 | 6.40 E-02 | 1.00 E+00 |
| Response To Hypoxia | 5 | 7.20 E-02 | 1.00 E+00 |
| Positive Regulation Of I-KappabKinase/NfKappab Signaling | 5 | 8.50 E-02 | 1.00 E+00 |
| Wnt Signaling Pathway | 5 | 8.50 E-02 | 1.00 E+00 |

Table 4: Clustering of DEGs on the basis of Cellular Component.

| GO TERM | GENE COUNT | P-VALUE | BENJAMANI SCORE |
|------------------------|------------|----------|-----------------|
| Cytosol | 75 | 2.00E-06 | 5.50E-04 |
| Nucleus | 73 | 1.60E-04 | 2.20E-02 |
| Membrane | 38 | 5.40E-04 | 4.80E-02 |
| Trans-Golgi Network | 8 | 1.10E-03 | 7.70E-02 |
| Nucleoplasm | 50 | 1.60E-03 | 8.30E-02 |
| Microtubule | 10 | 1.80E-03 | 8.30E-02 |
| Cytoplasm | 62 | 5.80E-03 | 2.20E-01 |
| Late Endosome | 6 | 7.70E-03 | 2.60E-01 |
| Early Endosome | 8 | 1.10E-02 | 3.30E-01 |
| Golgi Membrane | 12 | 1.80E-02 | 4.80E-01 |
| Spindle Pole | 5 | 2.30E-02 | 5.30E-01 |
| Late Endosome Membrane | 5 | 2.70E-02 | 5.60E-01 |
| Lysosome | 7 | 4.40E-02 | 7.80E-01 |
| Endosome | 7 | 5.00E-02 | 8.40E-01 |
| Cytoplasmic Vesicle | 7 | 5.60E-02 | 8.70E-01 |
| Nuclear Speck | 8 | 6.70E-02 | 9.50E-01 |
| Lysosomal Membrane | 7 | 8.90E-02 | 9.80E-01 |
| Centrosome | 9 | 9.00E-02 | 9.80E-01 |
| Mitochondrion | 18 | 9.00E-02 | 9.80E-01 |
| Endoplasmic Reticulum | 15 | 9.10E-02 | 9.80E-01 |

Table 5: Clustering of DEGs on the basis of Molecular Function.

| GO TERM | GENE COUNT | P-VALUE | BENJAMANI SCORE |
|---|------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Protein Binding | 141 | 1.90 E-08 | 7.30 E-06 |
| GTPase Activator Activity | 9 | 3.40 E-03 | 6.70 E-01 |
| ATP Binding | 24 | 7.40 E-03 | 8.90 E-01 |
| Ubiquitin Binding | 5 | 9.50 E-03 | 8.90 E-01 |
| Identical Protein Binding | 25 | 1.10 E-02 | 8.90 E-01 |
| RNA Binding | 22 | 1.50 E-02 | 9.40 E-01 |
| RNA Polymerase II Sequence-Specific DNA Binding Transcription Factor Binding | 6 | 2.40 E-02 | 1.00 E+00 |
| Protein Kinase Binding | 10 | 3.00 E-02 | 1.00 E+00 |
| Transcription Factor Activity, Sequence Specific DNA Binding | 10 | 5.20 E-02 | 1.00 E+00 |
| Transcription Regulatory Region Sequence Specific DNA Binding | 6 | 5.50 E-02 | 1.00 E+00 |
| Zinc Ion Binding | 13 | 7.40 E-02 | 1.00 E+00 |

Table 6: DEGs involved in cancer Pathway, the most enriched pathway

| ENTERZ_GENE_ID | Gene Name | Species |
|----------------|---|---------------------|
| 7852 | C-X-C Motif Chemokine Receptor 4(CXCR4) | Homo Sapiens |
| 2353 | Fos Proto-Oncogene, AP-1 Transcription Factor Subunit(FOS) | Homo Sapiens |
| 11186 | Ras Association Domain Family Member 1(RASSF1) | Homo Sapiens |
| 9138 | Rho Guanine Nucleotide Exchange Factor 1(ARHGEF1) | Homo Sapiens |
| 2535 | Frizzled Class Receptor 2(FZD2) | Homo Sapiens |
| 3600 | Interleukin 15(IL15) | Homo Sapiens |
| 3728 | Junction Plakoglobin(JUP) | Homo Sapiens |
| 5293 | <u>Phosphatidylinositol-4,5-Bisphosphate 3-Kinase Catalytic Subunit Delta(Pik3cd)</u> | <u>Homo Sapiens</u> |
| 6256 | <u>Retinoid X Receptor Alpha(RXRA)</u> | <u>Homo Sapiens</u> |
| 6773 | <u>Signal Transducer and Activator of Transcription 2(STAT2)</u> | <u>Homo Sapiens</u> |
| 6934 | <u>Transcription Factor 7 Like 2(TCF7L2)</u> | <u>Homo Sapiens</u> |

Table 7: Network statistics of 180 DEGs using STRING tool. There were 157 nodes and 143 edges with PPI enrichment value i.e. P-value was (0.0000389), typically ≤ 0.05

| NETWORK STATISTIC | |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Number of nodes | 157 |
| Number of edges | 143 |
| Average node degree | 1.82 |
| Expected number of edges | 101 |
| PPI enrichment value | 3.89 e -05 |

Table 8: Proteins having High node degrees. The threshold set to < 5. Out of 171 genes 13 genes were identified as hub proteins.

| PROTEIN NAME | NODE DEGREES |
|--------------|--------------|
| EGR1 | 9.0 |
| STAT2 | 9.0 |
| FOS | 8.0 |
| FARSA | 7.0 |
| IRF3 | 7.0 |
| PRMT5 | 7.0 |
| RPLP0 | 7.0 |
| UBE2L6 | 7.0 |
| XRN2 | 7.0 |
| ADAR | 6.0 |
| CXCR4 | 6.0 |
| MOV10 | 6.0 |
| SUPT5H | 6.0 |

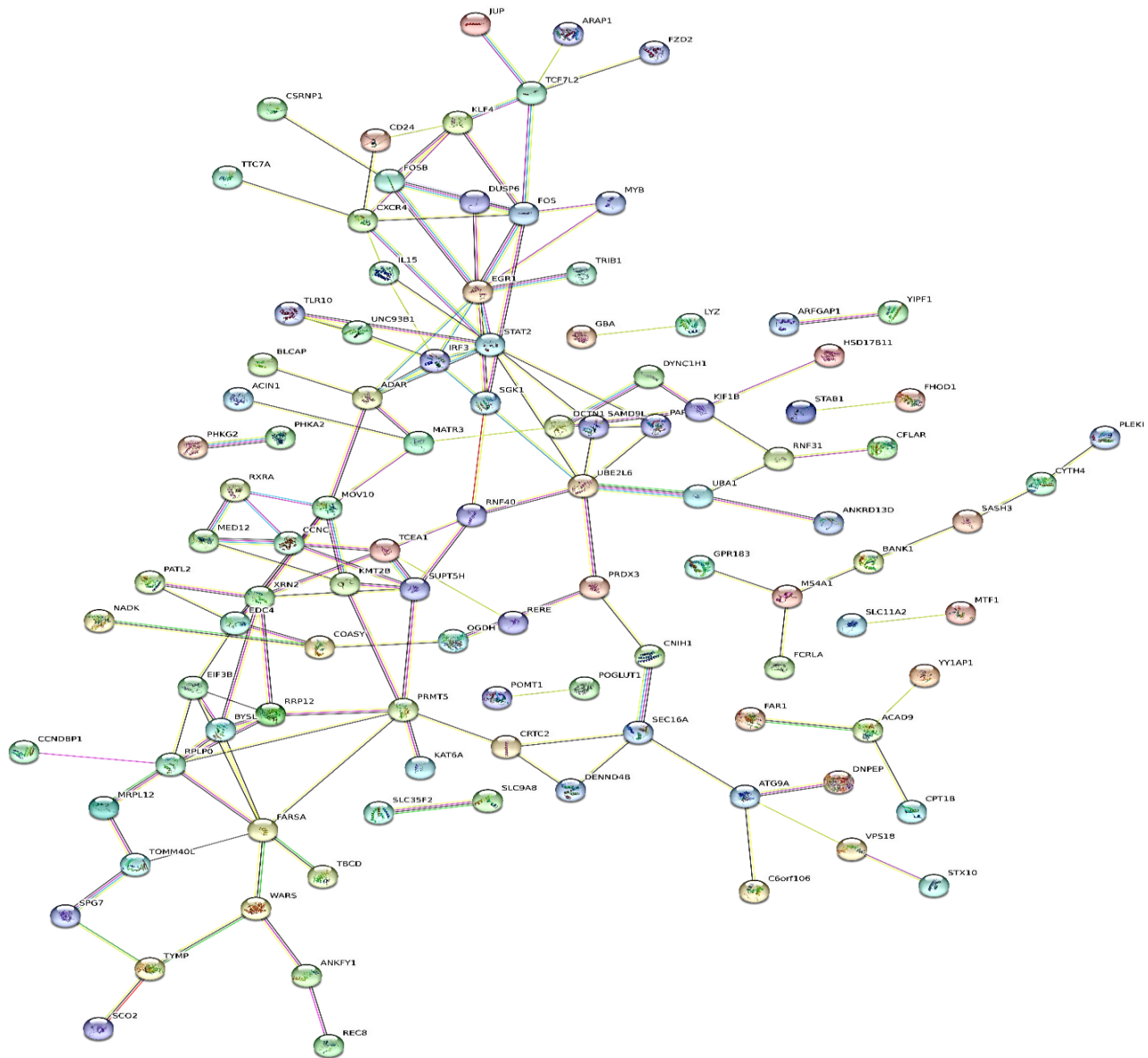


Figure 4: PPI association network of DEGs from GSE54536 datasets. The nodes and edges were retrieved using STRING Tool which represents the interactions between them. There were 157 out of 180 DEGs identified by STRING tool.

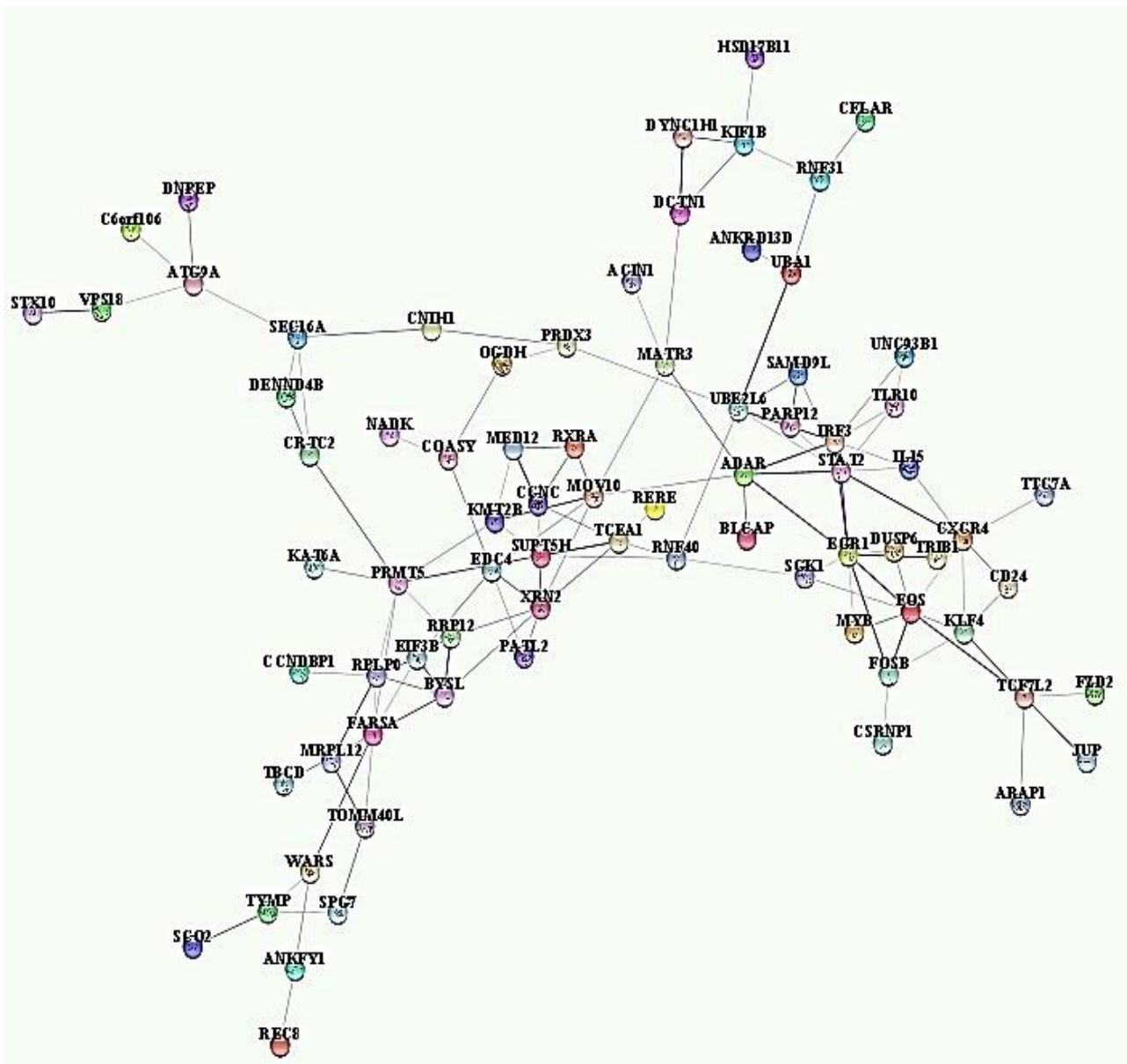


Figure 5: illustrates the PPI interaction network for 180 DEGs imported from theSTRING database visualized by Cytoscape.

DISCUSSION

Parkinson's disease (PD) is a degenerative neurological condition in which dopaminergic neurons of the substantia nigra degenerate, which is the main cause of Parkinson's disease. None of the current cures for Parkinson's disease prevent or delay loss of dopaminergic neurons. Limited research and understanding of the important molecular processes that causes neurodegeneration is the greatest barrier to the development of neuro-protective medicines [18]. In current study, bioinformatics approach was applied to investigate molecular mechanism of Parkinson's disease through identification of total 180 DEGs. These DEGs are significant to develop blood-based biomarkers for Parkinson's disease.

The results of GEO were used to verify normal distribution of gene expression values and contain each of the 10 accessible PD samples was examined as a user-defined sample (5 control, 5 test), healthy sample, and sample with PD disease were studied using classical t-test in limma package (the cut-off is taken $P < 0.05$) of accession number **GSE54536** includes whole transcriptome analysis. The GPL10558 [Illumine Human HT-12 V4.0 expression bead chip] is then used to examine PD samples. Analysis of these datasets on PD gene expression yielded 180 differentially expressed genes in which 23 genes are extracted as up-regulated and 157 genes are extracted as down-regulated, these genes pass cut-off criteria for P-value (> 0.05 or 5%) that are found across study. In contrast to previous studies, 147 DEGs are present in one of the previous studies taking three gene expression profile datasets (GSE6613, GSE54563 and GSE72267) of Parkinson's disease were used and 94 test and 45 normal controls were analyzed [17]. While in other study, 204 DEGs were present taking one gene expression profile of dataset (GSE48280) were used and 19 Idiopathic inflammatory myopathy samples were analyzed [16],

demonstrating how useful this study can be and highlighted the significance by using the gene expression profile. RbcL and Matk markers have the potential for the identification and authentication of flowering plants. In our study we extracted DNA of wild grasses collected across different regions of Quetta (Figure 2), the amplified products of conserved regions of both primers were required to qualify as barcodes for the species discrimination. Results obtained by DAVID 180 genes analyzed for gene ontology analysis. Bunches of gene were obtained when these significant enrichments of DEGs were characterized according to biological processes, molecular function, and cellular component. There is 176 David IDs in the record of the specie "Homo sapiens" out of 180 (84 genes from the list are not in the output). The gene count was higher in 10 biological processes, 25 cellular components, and 18 molecular functions. In contrast to, one of the previous studies, the gene count was higher in 8 biological processes, and 5 cellular components and the change in genes expression affects mainly 3 molecular functions, the cut-off criteria of P-value (< 0.001) were also considered. [16]

The KEGG analysis translates gene-level information into pathway-level information, which may then be applied to differentiate between healthy and diseased samples. [19]. The DEGs in Parkinson's disease were expressively enriched in 4 KEGG pathways and the cancer pathway was observed to be the most significantly enriched pathway in the occurrence of Parkinson's disease.

Eleven genes were involved in the cancer pathway, namely CX- C motif chemokine receptor 4(CXCR4), Fos proto-oncogene, AP-1 transcription factor subunit(FOS), Ras association domain family member 1(RASSF1), Rho guanine nucleotide exchange factor 1(ARHGEF1), frizzled class receptor 2(FZD2), interleukin 15(IL15), junction Plakoglobin (JUP),

phosphatidylinositol-4,5-bisphosphate 3-kinase catalytic subunit delta(PIK3CD), retinoid X receptor alpha(RXRA), signal transducer and activator of transcription 2(STAT2) and transcription factor 7 like 2(TCF7L2).

STRING employed 125 overlapping DEGs between GSE54536 and GSE100054 to create a protein-protein (PPI) network with 125 nodes and 93 edges. They then used Cytoscape to evaluate the STRING results, and 20 genes in the PPI network were determined as hub genes in Parkinson's disease. [20]. We extract 13 hub proteins that were identified in PD patients namely ADAR(double-stranded RNA-specific adenosine deaminase isoform a [Homo sapiens], CXCR4(C-X-C chemokine receptor type 4 isoform a [Homo sapiens], EGR1(early growth response protein 1 [Homo sapiens], FARSA(phenylalanine--tRNA ligase alpha subunit [Homo sapiens], FOS(protein c-Fos [Homo sapiens], IRF3(interferon regulatory factor 3 isoform 2 [Homo sapiens], MOV10(helicase MOV-10 isoform 1 [Homo sapiens], PRMT5(protein arginine N-methyltransferase 5 isoform X1 [Macaca fascicularis], STAT2(signal transducer and activator of transcription 2 isoform 1 [Homo sapiens]), RPLP0(acidic ribosomal protein P0 [Homo sapiens], SUPT5H(transcription elongation factor SPT5 isoform X1 [Gorilla gorilla], UBE2L6 (ubiquitinISG15-conjugating enzyme E2 L6 isoform 1 [Homo sapiens], XRN2(exoribonuclease 2 [Marmota monax].The hub proteins have highest node degree i.e. 9.0 as compared to others including EGR1 (early growth response 1) and STAT2 (signal transducer and activator of transcription). The others were having node degrees ranging from 8.0 to 6.0 including: FOS, FARSA, IRF3, PRMT5, RPLP0, UBE2L6, XRN2, ADAR, CXCR4, MOV10 and SUPT5H, respectively. Our study revealed that the protein-protein relationships among dysregulated DEGs.

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