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# Analysis of topological properties and drug discovery for bipolar disorder and associated diseases: A bioinformatics approach

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Abstract: With the advancement and development of sophisticated bioinformatics tools, the area of computational bioinformatics and systems biology analysis is expanding day by day. The bipolar or manic-depressive disorder might be characterized as one of the most crippling mental problems that affect the people of early age and grown-ups. The objective of the present study was to investigate the association between genetic mutations in the four above listed diseases and to create a Protein-protein interaction (PPI) network or common pathways. Firstly, we need to find out the genetic relationship between them. Thus it will help us to understand the genetic association between them and help to develop the drug design for all the diseases. Genes responsible for these diseases are gathered, pre-processed, processed and mining using python scripts. This exploration is expected to carry out further measurements in the field of drug structure and also contributes to the biological and biomedical sectors.

*Key words:* Bioinformatics; Bipolar Disorders; Schizophrenia; Coronary Heart Diseases; Stroke; Genetic Association; PPI network; Clustering; Gene Regulatory network PDI network; PCI network.

#### Introduction

The World Health Organization (WHO) has reported that approximately 450 million people in total suffer from a psychological problem and one in four meets the criteria for mental illness at some point in their lifetime (1, 2). Among mental disorders, depression is a global burden disease affecting 350 million people across the world, compared to 4.4% of the total population (3). Depression is more common in women (5.1%) than in men (3.6%). Depression, at its worst, can lead to suicide. The World Health Organization (WHO) has indicated, suicide in the 15-19 age groups is the subsequent driving reason for death. Nearly 800 000 individuals pass on consistently due to suicide, which is one individual every 40 seconds. All around, the quantity of people with basic mental problems is rising, especially in lowpaying nations, such as Bangladesh, given the fact that the population is developing and more people are satisfying the age when depression and tension are common in general. Between 2005 and 2015, the approximate total number of people with depression rose to 18.4% (4). Poverty increases the risk of depression and has an impact on people of all ages and all walks of life. Depression is also caused by unemployment, physical illness and taking drugs.

Bipolar issue otherwise known as Manic Depressive Disease is a complex genetic condition that causes strange changes in mood, levels of action, vitality, and ability to perform daily tasks with neurotic mindset issues (influences) ranging from scandalous delight, or craziness, to severe dependency, usually accompanied by aggravations in intuition and behavior. Bipolar issue influences more than 1% of the overall population, independent of nationality, financial status, and is one of the main sources of impairment due to its impact on young people (5). Bipolar disorder is one of the ten most debilitating conditions in the world, taking away years of healthy functioning from people who have a disease (6). The lifetime prevalence of the bipolar disorder is between 1.3 and 1.5%. The mortality rate of bipolar disorder was a few times more than that of general death. In the end, the rate of death of bipolar disorder was a few times higher than that of general death.

Schizophrenia (SCH) and bipolar disorder (BD) are two related mental conditions that together make a remarkable commitment to the worldwide responsibility of disease (7). About 2% of the population is affected. The risk factor of schizophrenia is higher in the case of bipolar disorder among the chance of getting into it through family members influence. Schizophrenia affects more than 21 million people around the world. Two investigations have demonstrated that people conceived or raised in urban communities are at an increased risk of creating schizophrenia as opposed to those conceived or brought up in rural areas. This is predictable with studies of mental hospitalization for real psychological illness conducted somewhere between 1880 and 1962, which demonstrated higher hospitalization rates for states with progressively urbanized populations (8). There is generous evidence of incomplete coverage between hereditary effects in schizophrenia and bipolar issues, with family, reception and twin investigations demonstrating a genetic relationship of approximately 0.6 disorders (9). Recently, another study has shown that biologically closely related mental illnesses such as schizophrenia, major depression, and bipolar disorder.

Coronary artery disease (CAD), also known as coronary heart disease (CHD) or ischemic heart disease (IHD), is the major cause of death. As the World Health Organization (WHO) indicates, a total of 3.8 million males and 3.4 million females died of coronary heart disease each year. More than 600,000 Americans die of coronary illness every year. That is one in every four passing's in this country every year, it is responsible for over 73,000 deaths in the UK, 1 in 6 males and 1 in 10 females. Such modifiable risk factors for cardiovascular disease have emerged in both people with bipolar disorder and people with depression who used drugs. In the last few decades, stroke has been the main cause of death in East Asian countries. Globally stroke is the second-largest cause of death and the third-largest cause of disability (10). Stroke, the abrupt death of some brain cells because of the absence of oxygen when the bloodstream to the brain is lost because of blockage of the artery to the brain, it is additionally the main source of schizophrenia and despondency. Minimum one person dies every 40 seconds due to stroke and about 800,000 people in a year. WHO's 1990-2006 study on women's death from stroke is higher than men, and 60 percent of cases occur when the age is above 75. A load of stroke has expanded in younger people more than 65 years old in the course of the most recent couple of decades, among the adult aged 20 to 64, the stroke rate is being more than 25% and it is increasing day by day (11). Universally, low-and middle-income nations like Bangladesh are having 70% of strokes and 87% of both stroke-related passing's and disability (12). An examination attended in 8 diverse European nations found that the danger of stroke expanded by 9% every year in men and 10% in ladies (13). Around 3 to 4% of the all-out social insurance consumption in Western nations is as of now spent on stroke (14).

We are investigating a specific gene for four diseases bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, coronary heart diseases, and stroke using the R language in this research. After discovering some common genes, we built up Proteinprotein interaction, Topological properties, Gene Regulatory Network, Protein-drug interaction and Protein-chemical interaction.

#### Materials and Methods

Some individual advances are taken here from the information assortment to the achievement of the ideal goal. The approach of the proposed research is consequently separated into a few subsections. Figure 1 represents a graphical overview. In segments 2.1 to 2.7, each of these subsections with graphical representation is presented below.

#### Gene collection

In order to analyze diseases, the genes associated with the disease need to be collected. There are very few reliable databases for bioinformatics tools and services. The National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) is freely accessible and can be accessed from the Gene server website. In bioinformatics, it is an important resource for tools and services. They are stored in different databases based on the nature of the various data. For different purposes, we can use different types of databases such as PubMed, GENE Bank & OMIM. Genes for Bipolar Disorder, Schizophrenia, Coronary Heart Disease, and Stroke Diseases have been collected with the help of the NCBI Gene database.

#### Preprocessing

In NCBI, we pick the database of the genes and search the list of the genes by name of the disease. The genes are being downloaded by their weight in the increasing order. Last access in to the database: 15 October 2019. At first, the responsible genes for all associated with BD, Schizophrenia, CHD, Stroke are collected and the data collected are needed to modify that is called preprocessing here. After some filtering, only the genes responsible for humans are stored for further processing.

#### Gene mining

The data mining method is primarily used to generate appropriate data. All genes are collected and stored in a text file, and another text file contains other text or genes that are not relevant to this research. One of the most important parts of this research is gene mining because it is gene mining which will take us to our desired goal. Any kind of gene mining error can take us away from the perfect result. Using the data mining method, the candidate genes linked to BD, Schizophrenia, CHD and Stroke were mined.



Figure 1. Flowchart for proposed Methodology.

#### **Generic PPI**

To represent the direct and indirect interaction of genes and proteins between the interrelated genes, the Protein-Protein Interaction Network (PPI) is used. In the field of bioinformatics research, the PPI network plays an important role. Cytoscape is a free accessible software undertaking to organize bimolecular interaction systems with data on high-throughput articulation and other sub-atomic states into a simulated structure linked together. Presently it is a very popular, reliable bio-informatics tool that is user-friendly for bio-informatics studies and used to build PPI networks.

#### **Co-expression**

Generally, biological networks are structured based on the substances and the interactions involved. Molecular data resulting can be derived for these network gene expression networks is an example of it. In many cases, the gene co-expression network (GCN) involves the presence of a functional link between genes. GCN can be resolved by joint experiments in which various test conditions have been characterized. These networks rely on association-by-association heuristic guilt, which is widely used in genomics (15). In general, co-expression networks are seen to be straightforward in the case of construction. On the other hand, the resulting network of linked genes is so complex, that it goes far beyond its biological interpretation. Although GCN can be used for the identification of regulatory genes, it can be used for a variety of purposes, such as candidate disease gene prioritization. Genes are identified by this approach under different co-expression partners with conditions like the state of disease and types of tissue (16). These genes remain with phenotypic differences because they are likely to be regulatory.

#### Clustering

We have applied K-means and MCL clustering algorithms to classify the biologically relevant groupings of genes and to further assist in answering questions such as gene function, gene regulation and differentiation of gene expression under different conditions.

#### K-means clustering

Minimize clustering error one of the most widelyrecognized techniques is the k-means algorithm (17). The k-means algorithm is, in any case, a neighborhood search technique and it is interesting that it experiences the genuine drawback that its show depends heavily on the underlying starting conditions. This clustering method is point-based. In order to minimize clustering error, K-means algorithm work starts with cluster centers initially placed at arbitrary positions and proceeds to the last point. Furthermore, in order to obtain nearoptimal solutions using the k-means algorithm, in the initial locations of the cluster centers, many runs must be spaced separately. The center of each cluster is the mean value of the object.

#### MCL clustering

To identify functional modules in PPI network Markov clustering (MCL) is one of the most effective algorithms for clustering biological networks in recent times. In this section, MCL, the clustering algorithm that we used to split large components into smaller clusters, is briefly described. MCL consists of two stochastic matrix operations: 'Expand ' and ' Inflate '. The Expand operation is simply  $M = M \times M$ , and the Inflate operation raises each entry in the M matrix to the inflation parameter r (r>1, and typically set to 2), followed by the re-normalization of the sum of each column to 1 (18). After several iterations of this method, the fundamental cluster structure of the graph gradually becomes visible. High-flow diagram regions describing clusters are divided by no-flow limits.

#### Gene regulatory network

The gene regulatory network is the collection and interaction of molecular species, which together control the gene-product abundance and represent the causality of developmental processes. They clarify how the genomic grouping encodes the quality sets outflow guideline that creates formative examples bit by bit and plays out the development of numerous separation states. It governs the levels of these gene products.

#### **Protein-drug interaction**

Throughout drug research and development, finding novel inhibitors is a significant challenge. For this attempt, the structure-based design is a basic approach and is becoming an integral part of drug development. The accurate three-dimensional design of the protein has been demonstrated for a significant number of drug targets (19). The ligand binding of the cell generally follows the binding of a drug to a cell. The introduction of advanced computational tools in recent decades has provided a professional and detailed insight into various relevant aspects and the operational processes of drug binding to different functional, transport or depot proteins (20).

#### **Protein-chemical interaction**

Protein-chemical interactions are essential for any biological system; for example, they drive the metabolism of the cell or initiate many signaling cascades and most pharmaceutical interventions (21). In any case, protein-chemical interaction information is distributed across a wide range of databases and literature, making it difficult to get an overview of any chemicals of concern identified interactions.

#### **Results and Discussion**

#### Identification of the differentially expressed genes

Responsible genes were collected from the NCBI database for the targeted disease. Results show 714, 366, 2958 and 1357 reliable genes for BD, CHD, Schizophrenia and Stroke. There are 691 for BD, 350 for CHD, 1741 for Schizophrenia and 796 for Stoke since processing and sorting of the associated genes for Homo sapiens. Genes are sorted by their weight in ascending order. The numerical values of the identified responsible genes are shown in Table 1.

#### Gene mining, linkage and common gene finding

It identifies the linkages between BD and CHD, BD and SCH, BD and ST, CHD and SCH, CHD and ST,

Table 1. The number of liability gen	<b>1.</b> The number of liability genes collected from the NCBI database for selected diseases.				
Diseases name	Total no. of genes	Total no. of <i>Homo sapiens</i> genes			
Bipolar Disorder	714	691			
<b>Coronary Heart Disease</b>	366	350			
Schizophrenia	2958	1741			
Stroke	1357	796			

Table 2. The common genes are between/among four diseases.

Diseases name	Total no. of Homo sapiens gene	Common gene	
BD & CHD	1041	50	
BD & SCH	2432	414	
BD & ST	1487	92	
CHD & SCH	2091	118	
CHD & ST	1146	204	
SCH & ST	2537	236	
BD & CHD & SCH	2782	43	
BD & CHD & ST	1837	44	
BD & SCH & ST	3228	75	
CHD & SCH & ST	2887	86	
BD & CHD & SCH & ST	3578	38	

SCH and ST, BD & CHD & SCH, BD & CHD & ST, BD & SCH & ST, CHD & SCH & ST, BD & CHD & SCH & ST. Table 2 shows the number of common genes. 38 common responsible genes are detected between 4 selected diseases after gene linkage. Figure 2 displays the Venn analysis of the number of genes and a common gene ratio. The genes are extracted from the trusted database at the beginning of this investigation. After that, the data set was applied to the mining algorithm. In fact, there has been a rigorous analysis of the intersection of two, three and four diseases. The total number of genes for BD, CHD, SCH, and ST are 692, 350, 1741 and 796 respectively. During the intersection process, we get 1+5+38+6=50 no of common gene between BC & CHD; 5+38+37+334=414 no of common gene between BC & SCH; 38+37+11+6=92 no of common gene between BC & ST; 5+27+38+48=118 no of common gene between CHD & SCH; 38+48+112+6=204 no of common gene between CHD & ST; 113+48+38+37=236 no of common gene between SCH & ST; 5+38=43 no of common gene between BD & CHD & SCH; 38+6=44 no of common gene between BD & CHD & ST; 38+37=75 no of common gene between BD & SCH & ST; 38+48=86 no of common gene between CHD & SCH & ST; For BD & CHD & SCH & ST we get 38 no of common gene between them. Table 2 and Figure 2 reflect with each other after the investigation, so our study has been verified.

#### **Generic PPI**

NetworkAnalyst 3.0 as a strong web-based visual analytics platform for detailed gene expression data profiling, meta-analysis, and system-level interpretation (22). Simple Interaction Format (SIF) files are created for the network diagram using the NetworkAnalyst web-based tool. The PPI network is the connection between genes and hub protein, some of which are linked directly and some of which are linked indirectly. Figure 3 shows the PPI network.

#### **Topological properties**

Table 3 shows the average global topological properties of PPI networks. We estimate topological properties using the Cytoscape Network Analyzer application







Figure 3. A network of 38 common responsible genes for proteinprotein interaction (PPI). There are 1267 nodes and 1507 edges in the network. Nodes are proteins, and the edges were used to establish a relationship between proteins.

Protein Name	Degree	Betweenness Centrality	Closeness Centrality	Clustering Coefficient	Topological Coefficient
ESR1	799	0.86299906	0.62119725	1.6311E-4	0.00257298
TNF	92	0.09850888	0.44281217	0.00621118	0.01248085
SREBF2	71	0.07319726	0.34123989	0.0	0.04062839
APOE	62	0.07741995	0.43912591	0.01057641	0.0174778
NOS3	58	0.05355804	0.43988881	0.01875378	0.0190718
TCF7L2	36	0.03030075	0.3296875	0.0	0.06333333
IL1B	31	0.0302616	0.33098039	0.0	0.09396914
CRP	29	0.02635653	0.32697546	0.00985222	0.0513573

using the Simple Interaction Format (SIF) document in the Cytoscape tool. Table 4 shows the topological properties of the top 8 liability-exposed genes. Figure 4 represents an average clustering coefficient is a function of the degree of average clustering of nodes in a network. Figure 5 represents, Betweenness centrality is a measure of a vertex's effect on the information flow for each set of vertices, assuming that data flows mainly through the shortest pathways between them. Figure 6 represents, the degree of the protein in the PPI network. Figure 7 represents the number of connections between the proteins. Figure 8 represents the shortest path length distribution in the PPI network. Figure 9 represents closeness centrality is a way to detect objects that can very effectively transmit information through a network. A node's closeness centrality determines its average distance to all other nodes. Nodes with a high score of closeness have the shortest lengths to all the other nodes. Figure 10 represents, A quantitative measurement of the degree to which a node connects neighbors with other nodes is the topological coefficient. A topological coefficient of 0 is assigned to nodes that have one or no neighbors. Figures 4-10 are the topological graph for the PPI network.

#### Co-expression and physical interaction

An undirected graph, where nodes refer to genes and edges, refers to significant co-expression relationships, is known as a co-expression network. Co-expression is the first step of inference that defines the relationship between pairs of transcripts. Physical interactions between proteins can include two or more proteins, creating binary interactions and complex proteins (23). In particular, protein-protein interactions are established through the physical contact of ligands, which are often evolved in the domains of protein families (24). Some protein interactions occur with the other ligands, such as nucleic acids, lipids and some small molecules in signaling or metabolic pathways. Using topological properties, we select the top 8 genes that are responsible for building to define the genetic interactions and pathways between the 8 genes that are responsible. Figures 11 and 12 show the co-expression and physical interaction using the GeneMANIA tool.

#### Clustering

Cluster analysis provides insight into data by dividing objects into groups of objects, such that objects in clusters are more similar to each other than objects in clusters (25). In the area of bioinformatics, cluster analysis has long played a significant role. Usually, biological information or data is structured either as a sequence or as a network. In both key data patterns and rare sequences, clustering algorithms provide good insights.















**Figure 7.** Neighborhood connectivity for PPI network using Cytoscape tool.



**Figure 8.** Shortest path length distribution for PPI network using Cytoscape tool.



Figure 9. Closeness centrality for PPI network using Cytoscape tool.



Figure 10. Topological coefficients for PPI network using the Cy-toscape tool.

#### K-means clustering

K-means clustering, one of the most established and

most broadly utilized clustering algorithms (26). It is a prototype-based, simple partitioned clustering algorithm that tries to find K clusters that are not overlapping. Overall, K-means has been widely studied from both the optimization and data perspectives in a great deal of research. Figure 13 indicates the cluster of Kmeans.

#### **MCL clustering**

To date, the Markov Cluster (MCL) algorithm appears to be one of the most successful clustering procedures used to derive complexes from protein interaction networks (27). The goals of this algorithm are to simulate flow within a map, promote flow where the current is high, and demote flow where the current is weak. Figure 14 indicates the cluster of MCL.

#### Gene regulatory network

A gene regulatory network or genetic regulatory network (GRN) is a collection of DNA segments in a cell that interact indirectly with each other and other cell sub-stances, thereby regulating the rates at which



Figure 11. Co-expression between 38 responsible genes.







Figure 13. K-means clustering using Cytoscape.



**Figure 14.** MCL Clustering using Cytoscape. Here the PPI network (Figure 4) became clustered. We get a total of 1234 links between 1267 proteins after clustering with MCL.

genes are transcribed into mRNA in the network (28). We used web-based NetworkAnalyst tools to define the gene regulatory network. There are three types of gene regulatory networks: Gene-miRNA interaction, TF-gene interaction, TF-miRNA co-regulatory network. Gene-miRNA interactions, TF-gene interaction, TF-miRNA co-regulatory network respectively are shown in Figures 15 to 17 respectively (29).

#### **Protein-drug interaction**

Protein-drug interactions are an integral part of the processes of intermolecular recognition and/or mediation that take place in a living organism's cells or tissues, including membrane transport phenomena (30). The NetworkAnalyst tool generated the PDI network. By using NetworkAnalyst tools, we get 11 subnetworks for PDI for responsible 38 genes. After getting the subnetworks, we merged subnetwork (2-11) as Figure 18(b) by using Cytoscape. Also, here is developed the subnetwork1 as Figure 18(a) using Cytoscape. The complete set of drugs that can be used for the above-selected disease is shown in Figure 18 PDI. The NetworkAnalyst tool generated the PDI network.

#### **Protein-chemical interaction**

Biological networks are now conducting multiple

critical studies on human behavior and disease prevention (31). Throughout living organisms, interactions between proteins and small molecules are an integral part of biological processes. Figure 19 shows a proteinchemical interaction. The PCI is generated using the NetworkAnalyst tool.

From the above discussion, we can see that it can be directly or indirectly related to one another in bipolar disorder, stroke, coronary heart disease, and schizophrenia. They also have a genetic relationship with each other. Depending on the genetic relationship, they



**Figure 15.** Gene -miRNA Interaction for selected 38 genes. This gene-miRNA interaction generates interactions with a total of 645 links between 507 genes.



**Figure 16.** TF-gene Interaction for selected 38 genes. This TFgene Interaction creates relationships between 277 proteins with a total of 694 connections.



**Figure 17.** TF-miRNA co-regulatory network for selected 38 genes. This TF-miRNA co-regulatory network creates relationships between 2093 proteins with a total of 2698 connections.



**Figure 18.** Protein-drug interaction for responsible 38 genes. (a) Represent, subnetwork1 which creates relationships between 245 proteins with a total of 325 connections. (b) Represent, a merged network that creates a relationship between 62 proteins with a total of 52 connections.



This PCI creates relationships between 2574 proteins with a total of 6211 connections.

have common genes that are interrelated to each other. A gene regulatory network pathway will be maintained for common genes. This examination examines both the common genes and the common gene regulatory pathway between bipolar disorder and related diseases. The gradual advancements and the utilization of Bio-informatics tools increase the potential for output. Bipolar disorder is a set of disabilities that may even result in death. A lot of people are dying every day because of bipolar disorder. This research analyzes bipolar disorders, including BD, CHD, SCH and ST. Each of the four genetic disorders is investigated in the present examination. In order to develop a drug for more than one disease, it is important to realize that the influenced genes are connected with these diseases. To reach the destination, it is also important to know the connection between the genes and the related diseases. In the light of this examination, the Gene Regulatory Networks shall indicate the interrelated gene between the diseases. The present investigation carried out all the analyses with the assistance of bio-informatics apparatuses which make further measurements in the use of bioinformatics tools in the field of bioinformatics. The future work of the exploration is to build up a typical drug for the diseases of bipolar disorder.

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