

Dr. Siddique Announces Multiple New Research Presentations

Dr. Teepu Siddique wrote an invited editorial for the January issue of "Lancet Neurology" on the implications of chromosome 9-linked C9ORF72 mutations in ALS and frontotemporal dementia and his commentary article on the importance of UBQLN2 and p62 cellular recycling pathway in ALS and frontotemporal lobe dementia appeared in the February issue of the journal "Muscle and Nerve."

Recently Dr. Siddique has given several invited lectures, including Bringing neurodegeneration to heel: lessons from Lou Gehrig disease, a public seminar sponsored by the Neuroscience Program of Lake Forest College. Upcoming lectures include New Drug Targets for ALS at Benedictine University Feb 28 and Proteins in conflict and neurodegeneration, for the annual Genetics and Genomics Cluster Symposium March 30 at Northwestern. Additionally, Dr. Siddique will be the Latran Keynote Speaker at the European Network for a Cure for ALS (ENCALS) symposium in May, speaking on Cause to mechanism: the molecular funnel of neurodegeneration.

Dr. Teepu Siddique's Les Turner ALS Research Laboratory team has had two abstracts accepted for platform presentation and two for poster presentation at the upcoming American Academy of Neurology Annual Meeting to be held in New Orleans from April 21-28. One of those abstracts will be featured in a special "Integrated Neuroscience" session, while another received special notation by the Science Committee for being a significant advance based on animal research.

Dr. Siddique's proposal to the Society for Neuroscience for a symposium on neurodegeneration has been accepted for their November meeting. This is the second time in three years a proposal of his has been selected. More details will follow.

Additionally, Dr. Siddique has been awarded a 5 year RO1 grant from the NIH for his project Disease mechanisms in human ubiquilinopathies. Except for an 8 month gap, Dr. Siddique's work has been continuously funded by the NIH since 1985.