Genetic variation and sex differences are missed opportunities for addiction biology.

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1 Abstract

Though risk for cocaine use disorder is subject to considerable inter-individual variation, the sources of that individual variation – including genetics and sex – are too often ignored in non-human animal studies of this phenomenon. Here, we studied both males and females of eight different inbred mouse strains with reproducible genomes capturing 90% of the genetic diversity mice. In these genetically diverse laboratory mice, individual differences explain a substantial proportion – often the majority – of variance in important cocaine-related behavioral, physiological, and striatum transcriptional responses traits. Individual mouse genomes thus represent a missed opportunity for discovery and translation of addiction mechanisms.

Background

Addictions are highly prevalent, leading to a public health crisis associated with substantial morbidity and mortality. Illicit substance use disorders afflict 1 in 14 young adults in the United States [1] and drug overdoses are now the leading cause of accidental death among American adults under 55 [2]. Genetic variation and sex differences are both known to influence addiction vulnerability; cocaine use disorder is highly heritable (H^2 = 0.71) [3] and substance use behaviors show sex differences in both humans and other animals [4,5]. Consequently, the neurobiology underlying addiction cannot be understood completely without consideration of genetic background and sex.

Behavioral and genomic studies of addiction-related phenotypes often utilize only males of a single inbred mouse strain [6] or outbred rat populations confounded by vendor [7]. While these experimental methodologies certainly produce valuable biological insights, ignoring sex differences and genetic variation limits their generalizability and does not reduce experimental noise [8,9]. Inclusion of genetic variability and both males and females in rodent studies has the power to identify addiction-relevant targets, delineate variants' effects on co-regulation and co-expression networks, and define druggable network nodes. Rodent genetic variation does not capture precise human variants, but it can be exploited to determine underlying mechanisms in addiction-relevant processes. As a further benefit, genotypic and phenotypic precision allows genetics studies in rodents to be performed at orders of magnitude lower cost than human GWAS.

To assess genetics, sex, and their interaction on cocaine-related phenotypes in mice, we undertook a large-scale comprehensive evaluation of behavioral, physiological, and brain transcriptomic measures in both male and female mice from the eight inbred founder strains of the Diversity Outbred (DO) mouse heterogenous stock [10]. The genomes represented by these strains capture approximately 90% of the genetic diversity in *Mus musculus* [11].

Results and Discussion

In the eight founder strains for the DO, we surveyed behavioral and physiological correlates of future cocaine use – including multiple novelty response behaviors, circadian rhythm

phenotypes observed in cells, and reversal learning as a measure of reward learning and

impulsivity. We directly measured cocaine-related behaviors such as initial locomotor

sensitivity to cocaine and intravenous self-administration (IVSA) of cocaine. Finally, we

measured the striatum transcriptome response to cocaine in all eight founder strains with

RNAseq. Our work represents the first time that many of these behavioral, physiological, and

molecular traits have been studied using methods powered to detect sex and genotype effects

and the extent to which these interact by moderating one another.

Response to novelty predicts psychostimulant addiction-related phenotypes in both humans

[12] and mice [13]. We first assessed differences in behavioral traits related to exploration and

Figure 1: Heritable differences in cocaine-related behavioral and physiological traits. All plots show the mean ± the standard error in both sexes with females on the left. **A)** Hole board total entries, **B)** Novel place preference (% time in novel zone), **C)** Open field (% time in center of open field), **D)** Transitions between light and dark in the light-dark box, **E)** Circadian rhythm fibroblast *Bmal1-dLuc* luminescence amplitude, **F)** Reversal learning premature responses to the hole rewarded during acquisition, **G)** Initial locomotor sensitivity to cocaine (cm moved on Day 3 – Day 2), **H)** Cocaine intravenous self-administration number of infusions at 1.0 mg/kg FR1, and **I)** Sessions to acquisition of cocaine intravenous self-administration.

response to novelty. These behavioral risk measures were moderately to strongly heritable

among these strains (H^2 = 0.16-0.55, **Figure 1A-D**, **Supplementary Table S1**). Further, for the

phenotype of total nose pokes in the hole board, there was a significant sex difference ($F_{1,597}$ =

10.69, p = 0.0014). We detected strain-by-sex interactions in the total number of hole board

nose pokes ($F_{7,597}$ = 2.74, p = 0.0083) and in the proportion of distance traveled in the center of

the open field ($F_{7,684}$ = 2.09, p = 0.043), indicating that sex differences in these novelty response

traits are moderated by genetic background. Total nose pokes in the hole board (**Figure 1A**) and

novel place preference (**Figure 1B**) showed the largest differences in wild-derived strains,

demonstrating the importance of their expanded phenotypic range [14]. Transitions between

the sides of the light-dark box also showed extreme phenotypes in wild-derived mouse strains

(**Figure 1D**).

Circadian rhythm and reward-related behavioral phenotypes are co-inherited and rhythm

disruptions are linked to development and progression of substance use disorders [15]. The

molecular clock system directly influences expression of dopamine receptors in the striatum

[16]. A cell-based assay on fibroblasts derived from each of the founder strains in which a

Bmal1-dLuc reporter was utilized for circadian measurement of luciferase bioluminescence to

assess differences in circadian rhythmicity [17,18]. We found very high heritability of the

amplitude of these rhythmic patterns (H^2 = 0.59, **Figure 1E**), but no significant sex differences or

strain x sex interactions. These results suggest that genetic differences in the molecular clock

are one potential mechanism for individual differences in addiction-related phenotypes.

Reversal learning tasks evaluate impulsive and compulsive behaviors that predict addiction

liability [19]. Within reversal learning paradigms, one measure of impulsivity is the number of

premature responses produced during the reversal phase of the task. Premature reversal

responses in these showed moderate heritability across this panel of mice (H^2 = 0.29, **Figure**

1F), but no significant sex differences or strain x sex interactions. We observed the lowest rate

of premature responding in the wild-derived PWK/PhJ strain.

We next sought to assess individual differences in initial locomotor response to cocaine, a

behavioral phenotype that predicts subsequent drug use in humans [20]. In these diverse

mouse strains, initial cocaine sensitivity showed strong heritability (H^2 = 0.48 for initial

sensitivity, **Figure 1G**). Wild-derived strains, particularly WSB/EiJ and PWK/PhJ, exhibited the

highest initial sensitivity to cocaine.

Operant drug self-administration procedures directly quantify reinforced responding for drug

[13]. Heritability of cocaine IVSA traits in the founders of the DO was very strong (H^2 = 0.47 for

sessions to acquisition of IVSA; H^2 = 0.60 for total infusions at FR-1 1.0 mg/kg, **Figure 1H-I**). The

high heritability of infusions earned is quite similar to the observed heritability of human

cocaine use disorder [3]. Of note, 129S1/SvImJ mice do not acquire IVSA and do not take any

cocaine during the acquisition phase. The largest phenotypic range manifests in wild-derived

mice; PWK/PhJ mice acquire IVSA behavior very quickly and self-administer the most cocaine –

about four times as much as C57BL/6J – while WSB/EiJ mice self-administer the least amount of

cocaine relative to the other strains that do acquire IVSA behavior. The broad phenotypic range

of volitional cocaine-taking behaviors in these genetically diverse mouse strains represents a

clear opportunity to study mechanisms underlying variation in the physiology of addiction.

Because addiction-related phenotypes are highly heritable and sometimes exhibit sex

differences in a manner dependent on genetics, we next sought to assess heritable differences

in the molecular response to cocaine. Male and female mice of the eight DO founder strains

were given multiple injections of cocaine or saline over 19 days. Samples for bulk RNAseq were

collected from striatum at least 24 hours after the final injection of repeated administration of

either cocaine or vehicle (sham). First, we documented that in the absence of cocaine, most

transcripts show moderate to high baseline heritability across the founder strains (median H^2 =

0.29) and that subspecies of origin explains the greatest amount of variation in expression

(**Figure 2A**). Using a linear modeling approach [21,22], we found few expression differences

attributable solely to the effect of cocaine treatment. Instead, significant effects of cocaine

arose in interaction with individual differences such as genetic background. The greatest

quantity of differentially expressed transcripts was observed in the strain-by-sex-by-drug

treatment three-way interaction (1,282 genes at q < 0.01, **Figure 2B, Supplementary Table S2**).

Some strains responded more strongly than others; 129S1/SvImJ and PWK/PhJ had many

expressed genes influenced by cocaine and sex-by-cocaine interactions (PWK/PhJ: 89 genes at q

< 0.01, **Figure 2C**) while the commonly used C57BL/6J strain had very few (4 genes at q < 0.01,

Figure 2C). Because statistical power

was approximately equal for all strains

involved in this study, these differences

likely reflect real individual differences

in the brain's sex-specific responses to

cocaine.

Many significant effects of cocaine on

gene expression would have been

missed in had only single strain been

analyzed. For instance, we identified

differential expression of the serotonin

receptor 1D gene *Htr1d* in the strain-

by-sex-by-cocaine interaction factor.

This gene is upregulated in males of

two strains but downregulated in males

of another (**Figure 2D**).

Some of these heritable transcriptome

differences we observed recapitulate

previous work showing heritable

differences in pharmacokinetics of

cocaine [23] – for example, mice

closely related to the high cocaine

taking PWK/PhJ strain are known to

have some of the highest brain

concentrations of cocaine shortly after

injection. These pharmacokinetic

Figure 2: Individual differences in striatum cocaine response transcriptomes. **A)** High heritability of baseline transcriptome partitions the subspecies in a multidimensional scaling plot, **B)** In a three-way analysis of strain, sex, and cocaine, many genes showed significant expression changes in response to cocaine in interaction factors; the strain x sex x cocaine interaction factor identified 1,282 DEGs. In contrast, there were very few significant DEGs in the main effect of cocaine. **C)** Two-way models show the magnitude of transcriptional responses to cocaine differs by strain. B6 has few differentially expressed genes while 129 and PWK have many. The y-axis is $\log_{10}$. **D)** The serotonin 1D receptor gene *Htr1d* is differentially expressed in males of 129S1/SvImJ, PWK/PhJ, and CAST/EiJ strains. CAST/EiJ males show the opposite directionality of differential expression to PWK/PhJ and 129S1/SvImJ males.

differences do not account for the strong differences between strains such as 129S1/SvImJ and

A/J, whose brain cocaine pharmacokinetic profiles are very similar [23]. Further research on

highly diverse mice may resolve the mechanisms driving individual differences between strains

with closely matched pharmacokinetic profiles.

Conclusions

Genetic variation is a valuable resource for the discovery of biological mechanisms of addiction

[24,25]. Similar to humans, individual differences among mice greatly influence behavioral,

physiological, and transcriptomic cocaine-related traits. For many of these traits, individual

differences explain a substantial proportion of the variation. Individual variation in addiction

related traits is a largely untapped resource that would have otherwise remained unknown had

we only examined a single inbred strain. Because the vast majority of the biomedical literature

is built on limited genetic diversity, such individual differences represent a missed opportunity

to find new, clinically relevant genes and mechanisms of addiction.

Online Methods

Standard Operating Procedures

All methodologies used in this work are documented in depth in the Center for Systems

Neurogenetics of Addiction's Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)

(https://www.jax.org/research-and-faculty/research-centers/systems-neurogenetics/data-

resources). The brief methods appearing below summarize these SOPs and reference specific

SOPs.

Animals

Mice from the following strains were surveyed in these experiments: A/J (JAX stock #000646),

C57BL/6J (JAX stock #000664), 129S1/SvImJ (JAX stock #002448), NOD/ShiLtJ (JAX stock

#001976), NZO/HlLtJ (JAX stock #002105), CAST/EiJ (JAX stock #000928), PWK/PhJ (JAX stock

#003715), and WSB/EiJ (JAX stock #001145). These strains are the founders of the DO

heterogeneous stock and Collaborative Cross recombinant inbred strains. Surveys of these eight

strains can demonstrate statistical heritability patterns that justify further dissection using the

derived resources [10]. The mice used in the Research Animal Facility at The Jackson Laboratory

came from breeding colonies maintained in the Research Animal Facility. These colonies were

derived from production colonies at The Jackson Laboratory and breeders were replaced with

animals from The Jackson Laboratory's production colony at least every five generations. The

mice used in the Jentsch Lab at Binghamton University were shipped to the Jentsch Lab from

either the Chesler Lab colonies or from production colonies in The Jackson Laboratory. The

studies described utilized a total of 1,085 mice (**Supplementary Table S3**).

Mouse Husbandry and Housing

167 All procedures were approved by the Jackson Laboratory of Mammalian Genetics institutional

168 animal care and use committee. Mice were housed according to the CSNA animal housing SOP

169 (https://www.jax.org/-/media/jaxweb/files/research-and-faculty/tools-and-resources/system-

170 [neurogenetics/csna-animal-housing.pdf](https://www.jax.org/-/media/jaxweb/files/research-and-faculty/tools-and-resources/system-neurogenetics/csna-animal-housing.pdf)).

Cocaine

172 Cocaine hydrochloride was provided by the National Institute on Drug Abuse Drug Supply

173 Program Division of Therapeutics and Medical Consequences (catalog number: 9041-001).

174 Cocaine was stored in powder form until it was formulated into 0.9% Saline (100 mg/mL clear

175 solution) in various concentrations specific to each experiment according to their individual

176 SOPs.

Novelty Response Behavioral Phenotypes

Open field, light-dark box, hole board, and novel place preference behavioral paradigms were

conducted in order with one test per day on consecutive days during the light phase of the

light:dark cycle. Open field data were collected for 60 minutes according to the SOP

(https://www.jax.org/-/media/jaxweb/files/research-and-faculty/tools-and-resources/system-

[neurogenetics/open-field-](https://www.jax.org/-/media/jaxweb/files/research-and-faculty/tools-and-resources/system-neurogenetics/open-field-)

[assay.pdf?la=en&hash=32DDAFF2B17B2D4961C136C5616C4982AC23EC3B](https://www.jax.org/-/media/jaxweb/files/research-and-faculty/tools-and-resources/system-neurogenetics/open-field-assay.pdf?la=en&hash=32DDAFF2B17B2D4961C136C5616C4982AC23EC3B)). Light-dark data

were collected for 20 minutes with the mouse starting in the light side of the chamber facing

the dark side according to the SOP (https://www.jax.org/-/media/jaxweb/files/research-and-

[faculty/tools-and-resources/system-neurogenetics/light-dark-](https://www.jax.org/-/media/jaxweb/files/research-and-faculty/tools-and-resources/system-neurogenetics/light-dark-)

[assay.pdf?la=en&hash=A63CF8D22EB7936CF6C69A3178373981F4016675](https://www.jax.org/-/media/jaxweb/files/research-and-faculty/tools-and-resources/system-neurogenetics/light-dark-assay.pdf?la=en&hash=A63CF8D22EB7936CF6C69A3178373981F4016675)). Hole board data

were collected for 20 minutes according to the SOP (https://www.jax.org/-

/media/jaxweb/files/research-and-faculty/tools-and-resources/system-neurogenetics/hole-

board-assay.pdf?la=en&hash=EC343A797D37209CF64D34E6031608A511D8E15D). Novel place

preference included a five minute acclimation period to a center chamber, a 10 minute

exposure period to a randomized exposure side, a five minute acclimation period, then testing

for 20 minutes for preference for novel or exposure side of the novel place preference

apparatus according to the SOP (https://www.jax.org/-/media/jaxweb/files/research-and-

faculty/tools-and-resources/system-neurogenetics/novelty-place-preference-

assay.pdf?la=en&hash=B5D2D0FC9028B408E84729C0C8832C580AB8E039). All mice from the

Center for Systems Neurogenetics of Addiction were tested through this novelty pipeline prior

to any other test and were then randomized and assigned into either reversal learning, cocaine

locomotor sensitization, or cocaine intravenous self-administration. The novelty study

produced observations from a total of 783 mice.

Bmal1-dLuc Circadian Rhythm Data

Data for circadian rhythm were measured in primary fibroblast cultures generated from skin

biopsies in the founders. To isolate fibroblasts, ear biopsies (1 mm in diameter) were digested

in Dulbecco's Modified Eagle's Medium (DMEM, HyClone) containing 2.5 mg/ml collagenase D

(Gibco) and 1.25 mg/ml pronase (Millipore) for 90 mins and then plated in DMEM growth

media containing 10% Fetal Bovine Serum (FBS, HyClone), 292 μg/ml L-glutamine (HyClone),

100 units/ml penicillin (Hyclone) and 100 μg/ml streptomycine (HyClone). *Bmal1-dLuc* reporter

was delivered to fibroblasts by lentiviral-mediated gene delivery (VectorBuilder). Following

synchronization of rhythms by 15 μM forskolin (Sigma) for 2 hrs, the temporal patterns of

Bmal1-dLuc bioluminescence was recorded for ~70 secs at intervals of 10 mins over 6-7 days

from fibroblast cultures in DMEM recording media containing 15 μM forskolin, 25 mM HEPES

(Gibco), 292 μg/ml L-glutamine, 100 units/ml penicillin, 100 μg/ml streptomycine, and 10μM

luciferin (Promega) by an automated 32-channel luminometer (Lumicycle, ActiMetrics) in a

standard tissue culture incubator at 32°C. The amplitude of bioluminescence rhythms was

determined from baseline-subtracted data using the damped sine fit and Levenberg-Marquardt

algorithm [26]. The circadian study produced observations from a total of 56 mice.

Reversal Learning

Data for reversal learning were collected using the SOP (https://www.jax.org/-/media/jaxweb/files/research-and-faculty/tools-and-resources/system-neurogenetics/reversal-learning-assay.pdf?la=en&hash=8484E47B170462960E11C1FAEEE6FF3CE6FDFC08). The reversal learning data produced observations from a total of 202 mice.

Initial Locomotor Sensitivity to Cocaine

Data for initial locomotor sensitivity were collected as described previously [27] using data from days 1-3 in the SOP for locomotor behavioral sensitization to cocaine (https://www.jax.org/-/media/jaxweb/files/research-and-faculty/tools-and-resources/system-neurogenetics/cocaine-locomotor-sensitization-assay.pdf?la=en&hash=9E5D4C248C3BCCAD947C164AE81663C13A77EB0D). Briefly, mice were placed into the open field arena for 30 minutes, removed, and injected i.p. with either saline (days 1-2) or 10 mg/kg cocaine (day 3) and returned to the open field arena for 60 minutes. Distance moved after injection on day 3 minus day 2 was uses as a measure of initial locomotor sensitivity to cocaine. The sensitization study produced observations from a total of 230 mice.

Cocaine Intravenous Self-Administration

Prior to cocaine intravenous self-administration, mice were implanted with a jugular catheter and allowed 10 days for post-operative recovery. In an operant conditioning paradigm, mice were allowed to acquire cocaine self-administration at 1.0 mg/kg, then evaluated for dose-response effects at eight different doses. After a final stabilizing dose at 1.8 mg/kg, responses during seven days of withdrawal were recorded. Finally, cued reinstatement was recorded for two days. Self-administration in these eight mouse strains was performed according to v1.0 of the CSNA's SOP (https://www.jax.org/-/media/jaxweb/files/research-and-faculty/tools-and-resources/system-neurogenetics/intravenous-self-administration-ivsa-paradigm.pdf?la=en&hash=FA64135F219C7DF65937A1CF9270301B0E771836). The intravenous self-administration study produced observations from a total of 217 mice.

Data Deposit

Data for each phenotype will be deposited in the Mouse Phenome Database (MPD) [28] upon
publication.

Heritability Calculations

For each trait, heritability was calculated from linear models using the isogenic strain as the
independent categorical variable using the following equation:

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$$h^2 = \frac{MS_{strain}}{MS_{strain} + (n_{mean} - 1) * MS_{resid}}$$

where MS_{strain} is the mean square of the strain effect, n_{mean} is the mean number of samples
within each strain, and MS_{resid} is the mean square of the residuals. For the reversal learning
data, an additional additive covariate of site was included in the model to account for inter-lab
variation. This term was not utilized in the heritability calculation.

For some traits such as number of infusions at FR-1 1.0 mg/kg cocaine self-administration, a
single strain such as 129S1/SvImJ showed little to no variation, which may upwardly bias
heritability calculations. For these traits, heritability was calculated both with and without the
low variance strain. The data reported in the paper rely upon the inclusive calculation, but
results of both methods of calculation are reported for completeness (see **Supplementary**
Table S1).

RNAseq

Striatum tissue was collected during the light stage of the light:dark cycle between 24 and 48
hours after the final injection in the cocaine behavioral sensitization protocol according to the
SOP (https://www.jax.org/-/media/jaxweb/files/research-and-faculty/tools-and-
resources/system-neurogenetics/post-sensitization-tissue-
collection.pdf?la=en&hash=9E6CD8DEB39606B791A5D25F6CD0611EF14D96A7). Tissue was
collected for both sexes of each founder strain exposed to either sham (saline) or 10 mg/kg IP
cocaine.

RNA was isolated from striatum tissue using the MagMAX mirVana Total RNA Isolation Kit (ThermoFisher) and the KingFisher Flex purification system (ThermoFisher). Tissues were lysed and homogenized in TRIzol Reagent (ThermoFisher). After the addition of chloroform, the RNA-containing aqueous layer was removed for RNA isolation according to the manufacturer's protocol, beginning with the RNA bead binding step.

RNA concentration and quality were assessed using the Nanodrop 2000 spectrophotometer (Thermo Scientific) and the RNA Total RNA Nano assay (Agilent Technologies). 2μl of diluted 1:1000 diluted ERCC Spike-in Control Mix 1 (Ambion by Life Technologies) was added to 100ng of each RNA sample prior to library construction. Libraries were prepared by the Genome Technologies core service at The Jackson Laboratory using the KAPA RNA Hyper Prep Kit with RiboErase (HMR) (KAPA Biosystems), according to the manufacturer's instructions. Briefly, the protocol entails depletion of ribosomal RNA (rRNA), RNA fragmentation, first and second strand cDNA synthesis, ligation of Illumina-specific adapters containing a unique barcode sequence for each library, magnetic bead size selection, and PCR amplification. Libraries were checked for quality and concentration using the D5000 ScreenTape assay (Agilent Technologies) and quantitative PCR (KAPA Biosystems), according to the manufacturers' instructions.

RNAseq libraries were pooled and sequenced by Novogene in 150 bp paired-end format on an Illumina NovaSeq 6000 sequencer targeting 90 million read pairs per sample. Sequencing achieved a median read depth of 132 million reads. The resultant reads were determined to be of consistently high quality using fastqc v0.11.3 and MultiQC v1.2.

Reads were generated from raw data and demultiplexed using BCL2Fastq v2.18.0.12, concatenated by sample, and aligned with the STAR aligner v2.6.1 [29] to the GRCm38 mouse reference genome with v94 of the Ensembl transcriptome. Transcript-level quantification was estimated using RSEM v1.3.0 [30] on a transcriptome BAM file produced as an output of this alignment. The data were imported into R v3.5.1 and summarized to the gene level using tximport v1.10.1 [31], TMM-normalized using edgeR v3.24.3 [21], and imported into limma v3.38.3 [32] using the $\log_2$-transformation function voom. We compared multivariate approaches modeling with interaction factors between edgeR and voom+limma approaches and found that voom+limma performs better than edgeR for controlling false negatives. Upon

initial examination of the findings, we identified intermittent contamination with choroid

plexus, which potentially derives from the ventricular aspect of the dorsal striatum. Correcting

for this contamination necessited an additive covariate for choroid plexus consisting of log-

mean CPM values of *Kl* and *Ttr* expression, unambiguous markers for choroid plexus [33]. These

values were $\log_2$ transformed for work in limma. For An overall model for all strains included

this choroid plexus factor as a nuisance variable plus the main effects of strain, sex, and cocaine

injection and all of their interactions. Individual models included the choroid plexus nuisance

variable plus sex, cocaine injection, and sex:cocaine injection interaction. Correction for local

false discovery rates utilized the qvalue package in R v2.14.1 [34]. Because brain transcriptional

changes are subtle [35], all results reported are at $q < 0.01$ with no fold-change cutoff

(**Supplementary Table S2**).

Raw data and transcript-level expression estimates will be deposited in the Gene Expression

Omnibus [36] upon publication (accession number: GSEXXXXX).

Supplemental Material

Supplementary Table S1: Statistical test results for heritability and genotype-by-sex

interactions.

Supplementary Table S2: Differential expression results for all tests discussed.

Supplementary Table S3: Sample sizes for all strain and sex combinations for studies reported.

Raw behavioral data will be deposited in the Mouse Phenome Database upon publication.

Gene expression data will be deposited in the Gene Expression Omnibus upon publication.

All scripts, code, and metadata used for analysis are deposited in GitHub (repository:

github.com/msaul/csna_founders_survey_2020)

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