

# Diving Deep into TREM2:

*Uncovering its Potential as a Therapeutic Target for Alzheimer's Disease*

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# Today's Agenda

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01	<b>Perspectives on Immuno-neurology and TREM2</b> <i>Arnon Rosenthal, Ph.D., Chief Executive Officer, Alector</i>	9:00-9:15 am
02	<b>TREM2: A Promising Target for Alzheimer's Disease</b> <i>Michael Heneka, M.D., Director of the Luxembourg Centre for Systems Biomedicine (LCSB), University of Luxembourg and Adjunct Professor, University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School</i>	9:15-9:35 am
03	<b>AL002 Overview and Clinical Development</b> <i>Gary Romano, M.D., Ph.D., Chief Medical Officer, Alector</i>	9:35-9:55 am
04	<b>Alzheimer's Disease Treatment Landscape: Beyond Anti-Amyloid Beta Therapies</b> <i>Reisa Sperling, M.D., Professor of Neurology, Harvard Medical School and Director of the Center for Alzheimer's Research and Treatment at Brigham and Women's Hospital and Massachusetts General Hospital</i>	9:55-10:15 am
05	<b>Closing Remarks and Q&amp;A</b> <i>Arnon Rosenthal, Ph.D., Chief Executive Officer, Alector</i>	10:15-10:30 am

*Perspectives on  
Immuno-neurology  
and TREM2*



**Arnon Rosenthal, Ph.D.**  
Chief Executive Officer  
Alector

# Alector: Pioneering the Potential of Immuno-neurology to Address Neurodegeneration



- Pioneering immuno-neurology as a novel therapeutic strategy
- Targeting immune dysfunction as a root cause of neurodegenerative disease
- Ongoing Phase 2 studies in AD (TREM2 & PGRN) and pivotal Phase 3 study in FTD (PGRN)

## RESTORING MICROGLIA, THE BRAIN'S IMMUNE SYSTEM



# Alois Alzheimer Described 3 Pathologies in the AD Brain

- First AD diagnosis: Auguste Deter, 51-years old, Nov. 1901
- 37th Meeting of South-West German Psychiatrists:
  - “minute miliary foci caused by deposition of a particular substance in the cortex”, **A $\beta$  plaques**
  - “quite striking changes of the neurofibrils”, **Tau tangles**
  - “The glia had abundant fibers, in addition, many glia showed large deposits... further, many glia include adipose inclusions”, **Dysfunctional glia**

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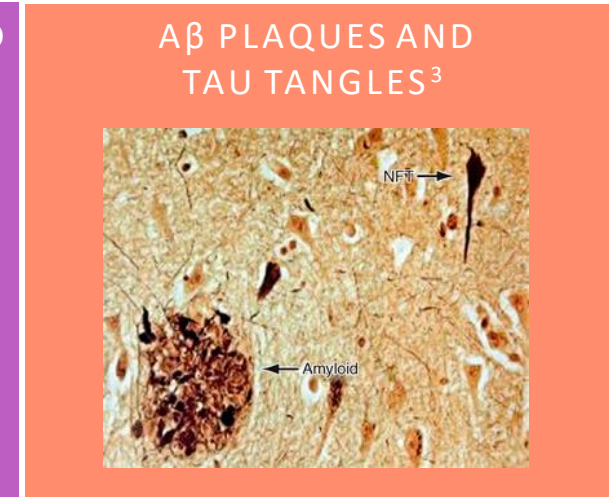
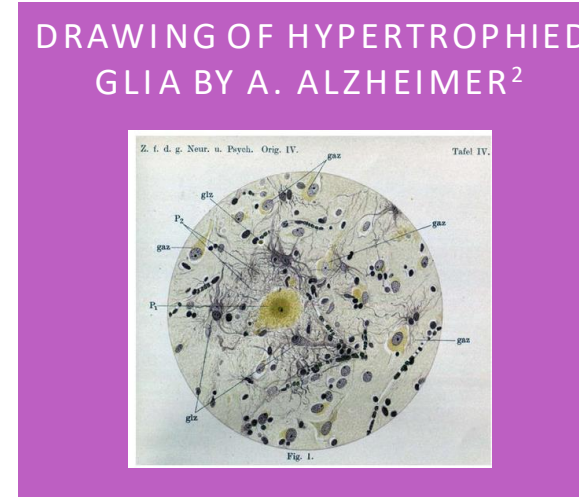
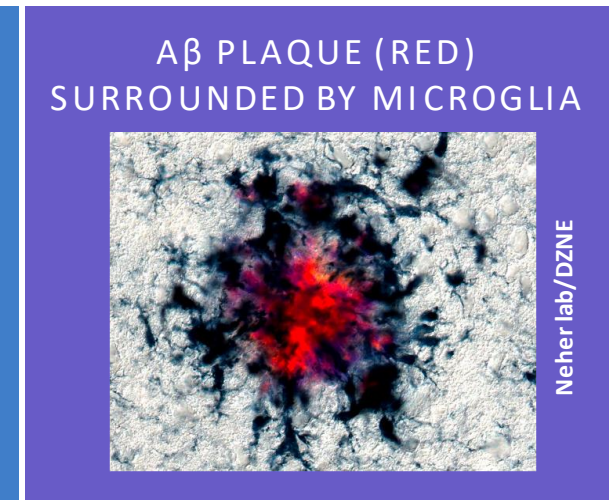
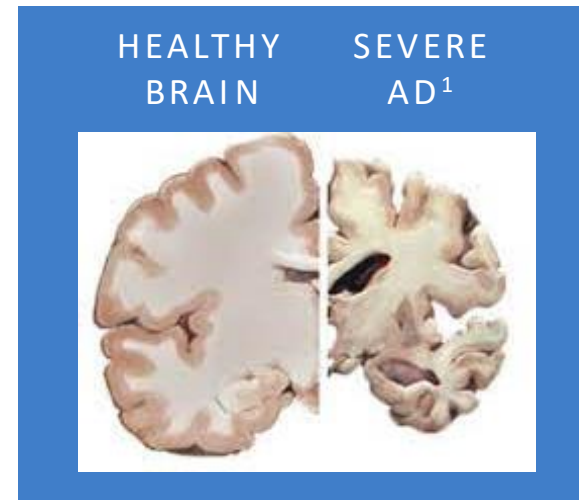
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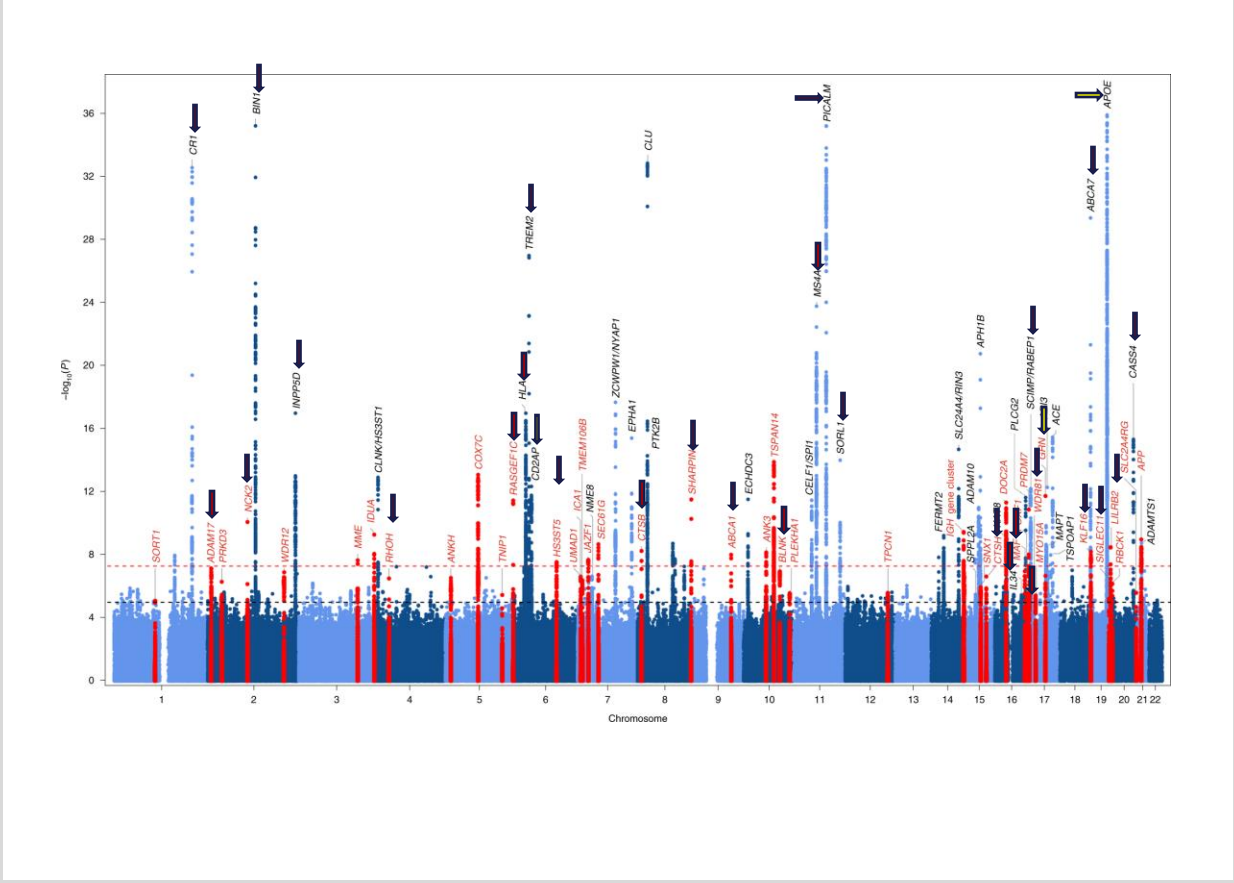
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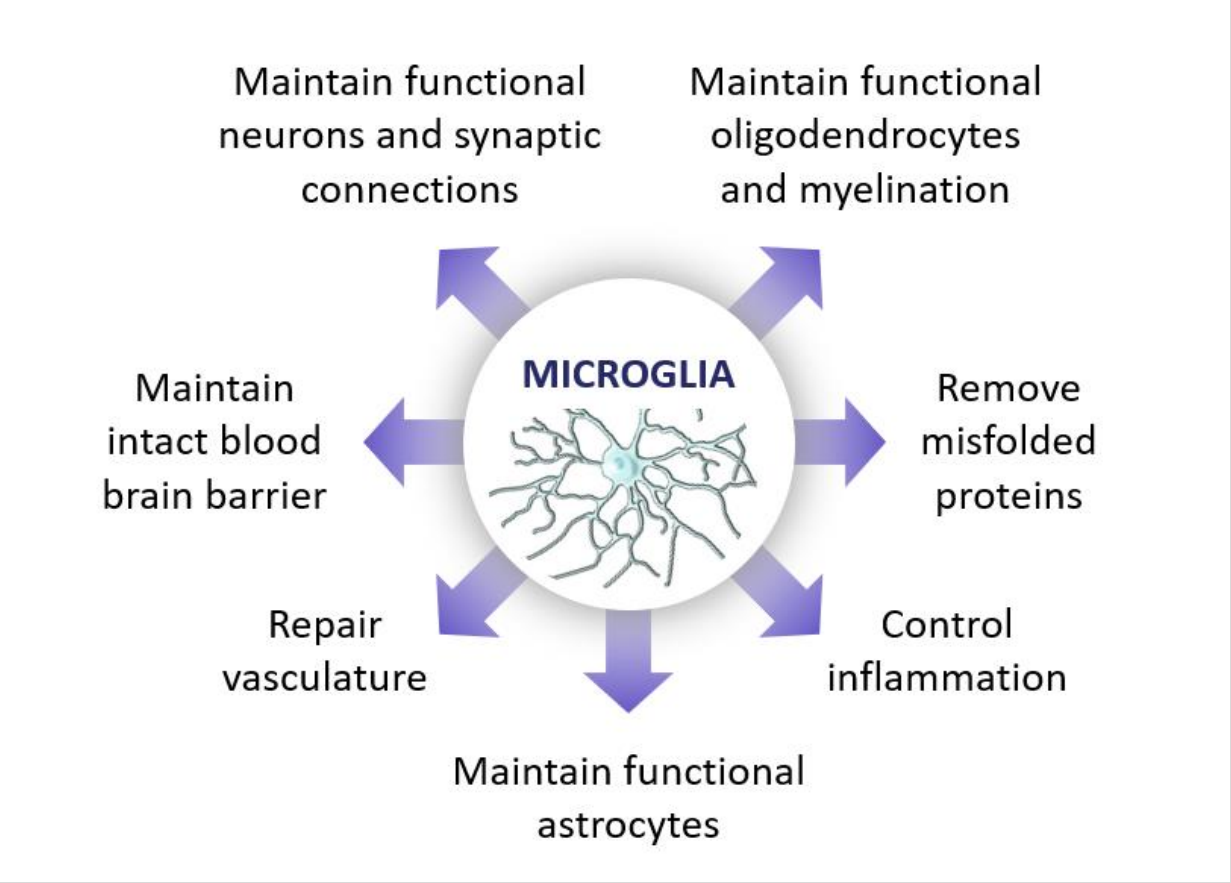


# Human Genetics and Biology Point to Healthy Microglia as Critical to Brain Health and AD

## MANY AD RISK GENES ARE REGULATORS OF MICROGLIA<sup>1</sup>



## MICROGLIA MAINTAIN BRAIN HEALTH THROUGHOUT LIFE<sup>2</sup>

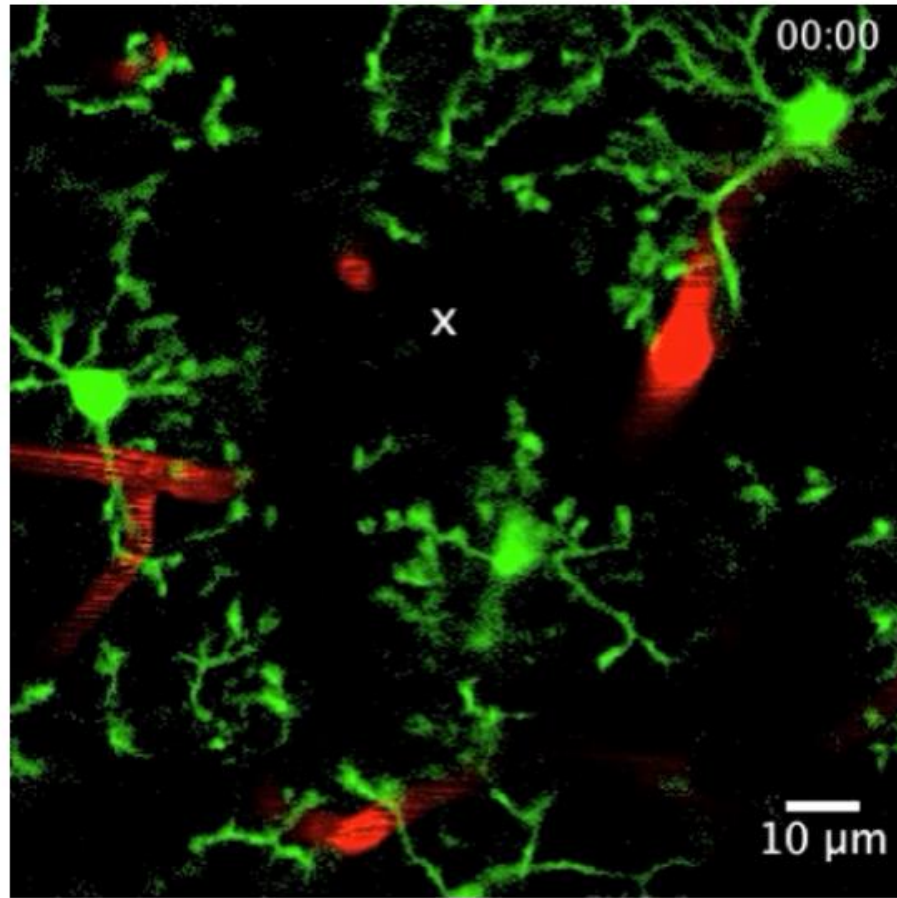


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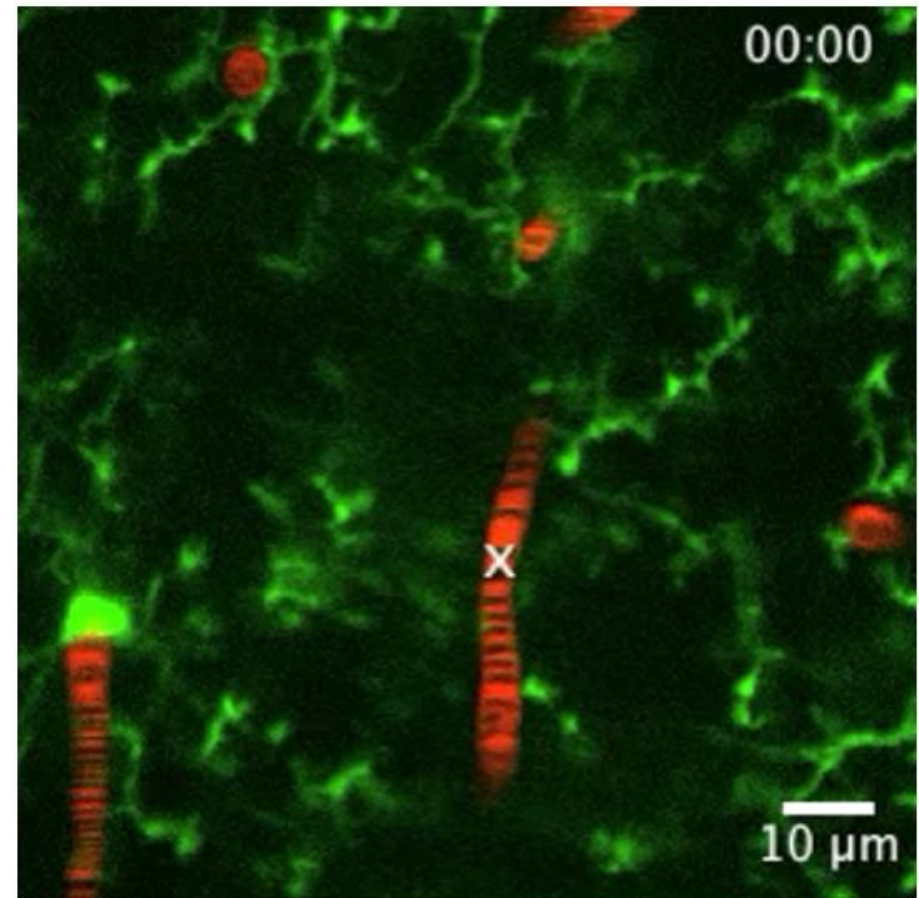
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# Microglia Respond to Injury in Brain Tissues and Blood Vessels

MICROGLIA (GREEN) RESPOND TO LOCAL BRAIN DAMAGE (X)



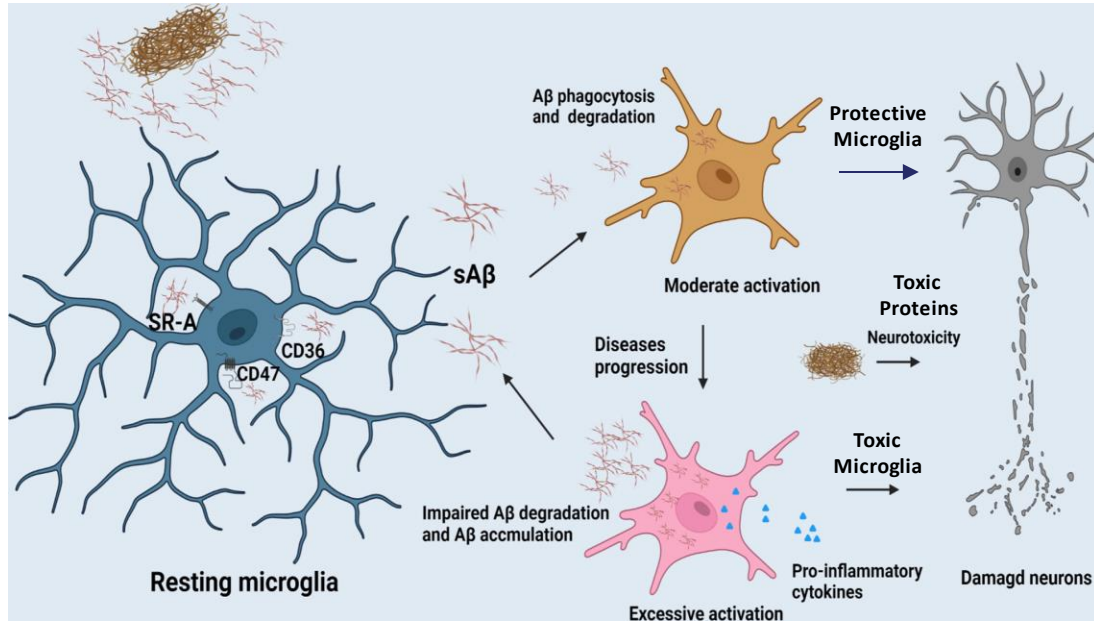
MICROGLIA (GREEN) SEAL DAMAGED BLOOD VESSELS (RED)





# Microglia May Become Dysfunctional With Age and AD and Require Restoration

AGING MICROGLIA MAY MALADAPT TO AD AND BECOME DYSFUNCTIONAL AND TOXIC




TREATMENT WITH IMMUNE CHECKPOINT-LIKE DRUGS MAY RESTORE MICROGLIA TO OPTIMAL STATE

- Microglia are initially beneficial but with age and disease may become dysfunctional
- Immune checkpoint like drugs are anticipated to "reverse microglia aging" and optimize their functionality
- Restoring -- instead of removing -- microglia is anticipated to be the better strategy

ALECTOR PIONEERED THE TREATMENT OF MICROGLIA AS A THERAPEUTIC STRATEGY, DESIGNATING IT AS IMMUNO-NEUROLOGY

# Portfolio: Advancing Novel First-in-Class Programs with Major Rights Retained

TARGET	CANDIDATE	RESEARCH	PRECLINICAL	PHASE 1	PHASE 2	PHASE 3	ALECTOR'S COMMERCIAL OWNERSHIP	PARTNERS
PGRN	Latozinemab	FTD-GRN					U.S. 50-50 profit share with co-promote and tiered double-digit royalties ex-U.S.	GSK
	AL101	AD						
TREM2	AL002	AD					Global 50-50 profit share with opt-in	abbvie
UD	ADP054-ABC	ALS, AD, PD					IP portfolio contains 50+ patent families, which include 73 issued patents and >500 pending patent applications directed to more than 20 targets and/or technologies	
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GCase	ADP050-ABC	PD, LBD						
GPNMB	ADP027-ABC	PD						
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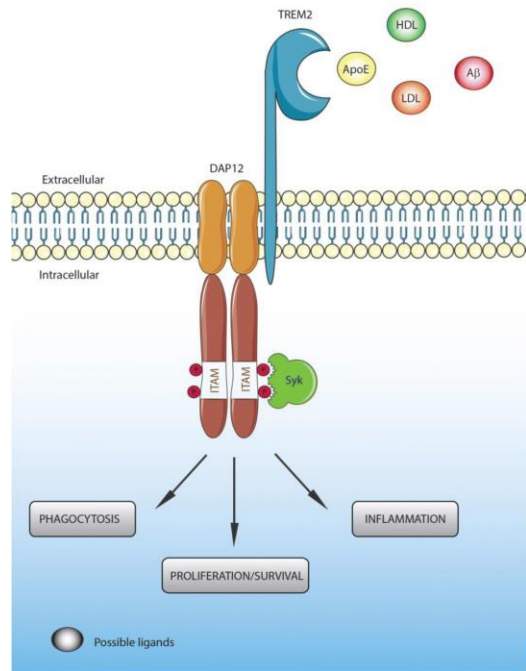
ABC = Alector Brain Carrier Technology

UD = undisclosed

# TREM2: A Key Microglia Activating Immune Checkpoint/Immuno-neurology Receptor

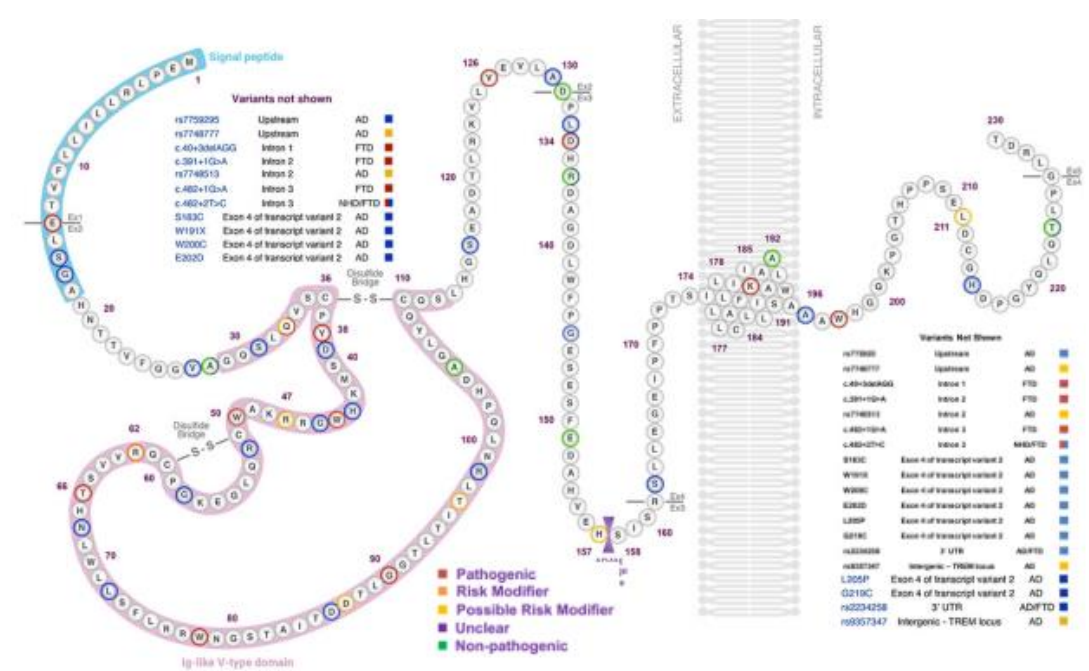
## TREM2 IS A KEY MICROGLIA SIGNALING RECEPTOR

- TREM2 is a damage-sensing receptor
- Sustains microglia response to brain injury
- Stimuli, including apoptotic cells, myelin damage, and A $\beta$
- Regulates microglia survival proliferation, migration, function



## TREM2 IS A KEY GENETIC RISK FOR AD

- Homozygous mutations cause dementia (NHD, FTD)
- Heterozygous mutations increase risk for AD by threefold
- 40 TREM2 mutations related to AD have been identified
- May modify the risk of developing PD and ALS



# Functional Microglia Insulate A $\beta$ Plaques From Nerve Cells and Prevent Neuronal Dystrophy

TREM2 DEFICIENT MICROGLIA DO NOT COMPACT AB PLAQUES, LEADING TO NEURONAL DYSTROPHY IN A MOUSE AD MODEL<sup>1</sup>

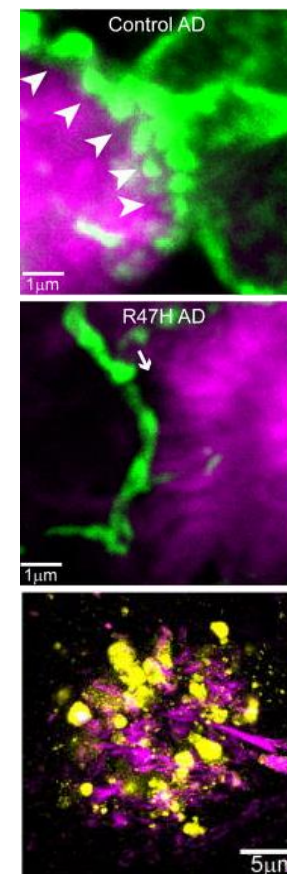
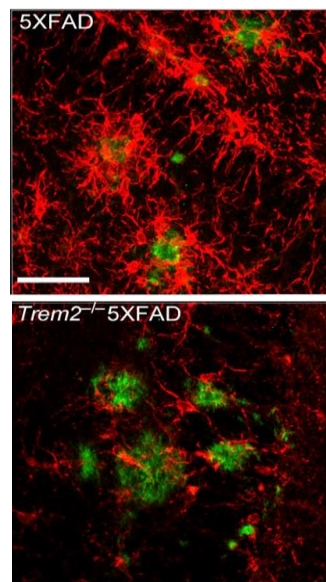
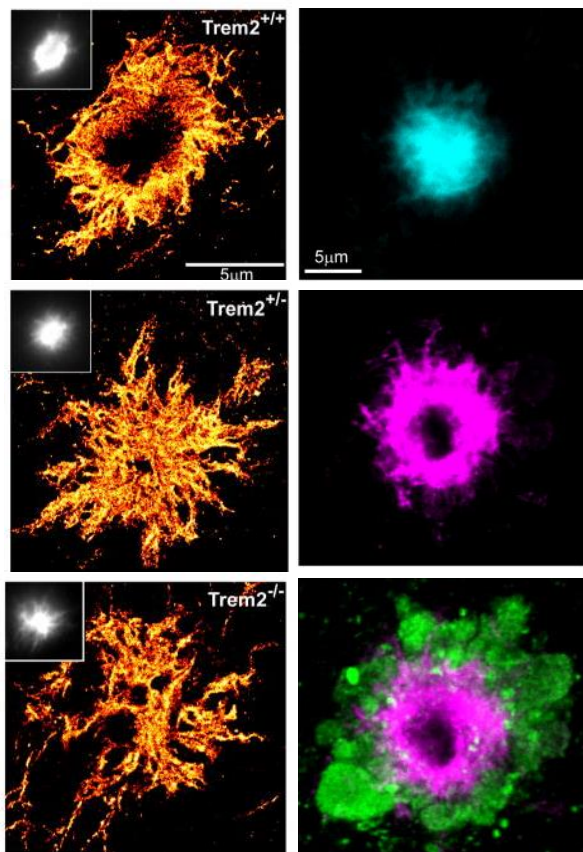
TREM2 DEFICIENT MICROGLIA DO NOT MIGRATE TO A BETA PLAQUES IN A MOUSE AD MODEL<sup>2</sup>

TREM2 R47H MUTANT MICROGLIA DO NOT COMPACT AB PLAQUES, LEADING TO NEURONAL DYSTROPHY IN HUMAN AD<sup>1</sup>

AB PLAQUES = BROWN, BLUE, PURPLE  
NEURONAL DYSTROPHY = GREEN

TREM2 DEFICIENT MICROGLIA = RED  
AB PLAQUES = GREEN

AB PLAQUES = PURPLE  
NEURONAL DYSTROPHY = YELLOW



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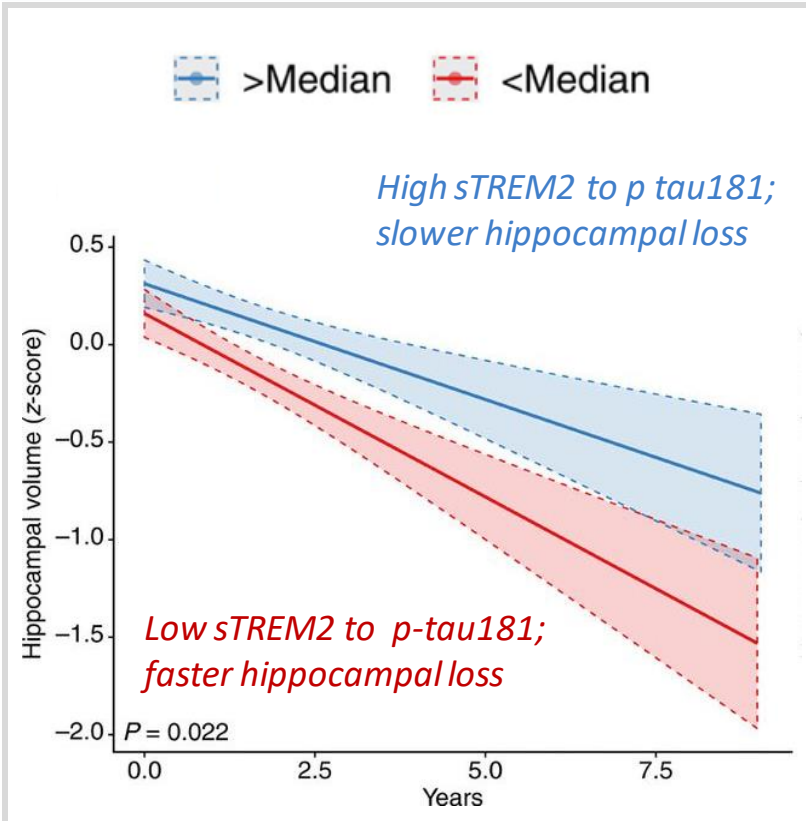
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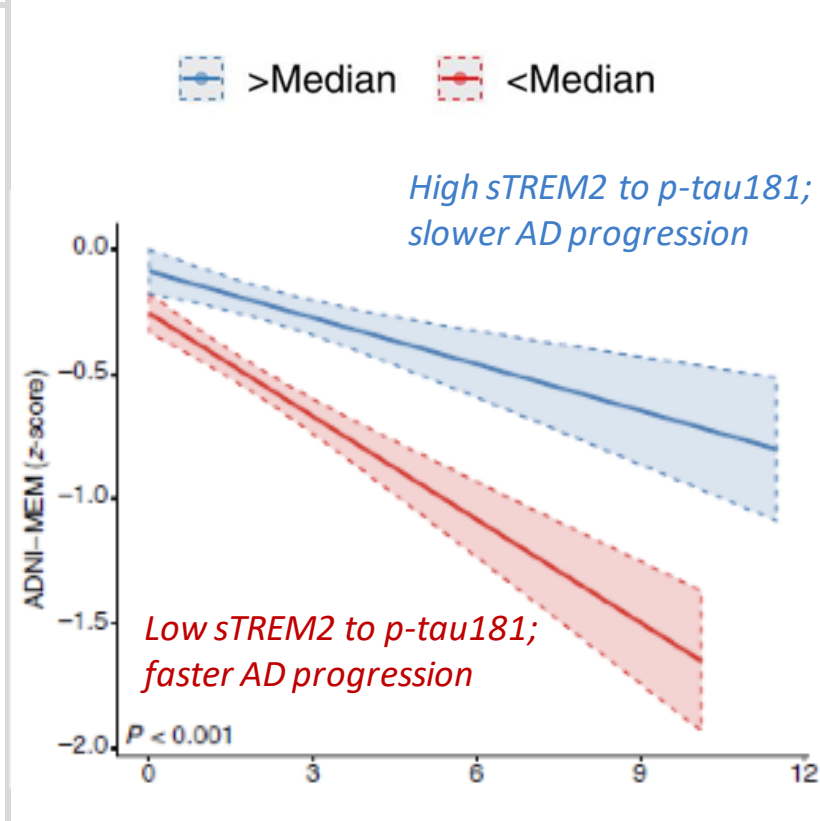
# High Levels of TREM2/sTREM2 Are Associated with Protection from AD

High levels of TREM2, as measured by sTREM2 in the CSF, were shown to slow down cognitive decline, brain tissue loss, and the accumulation of A $\beta$  and Tau, delay the conversion from mild cognitive inhibition to AD, and improve survival with AD

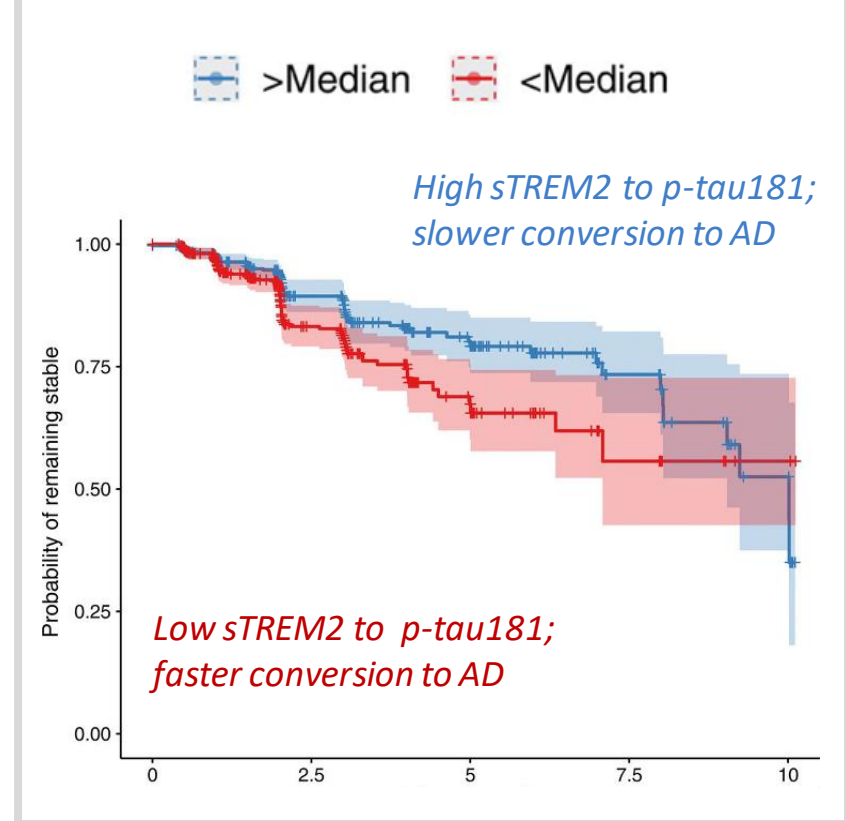
## HIGH TREM2/sTREM2 CORRELATES WITH PRESERVATION OF HIPPOCAMPAL VOLUME



## HIGH TREM2/sTREM2 CORRELATES WITH DELAYED COGNITIVE DECLINE



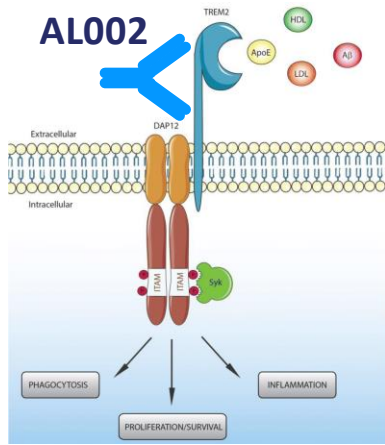
## HIGH TREM2/sTREM2 CORRELATES WITH SLOWER CONVERSION FROM MCI TO AD



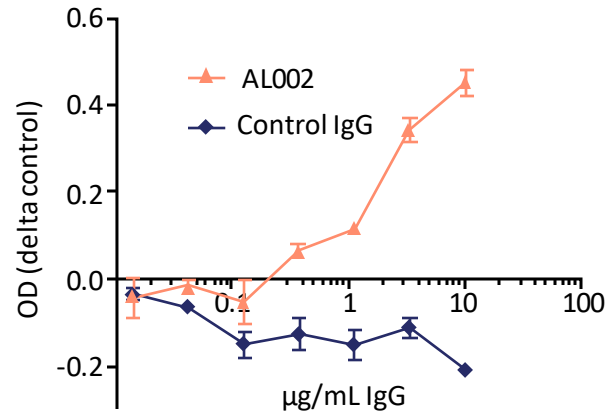


# AL002: A TREM2 Activating Antibody That Shows Multiple Downstream Effects

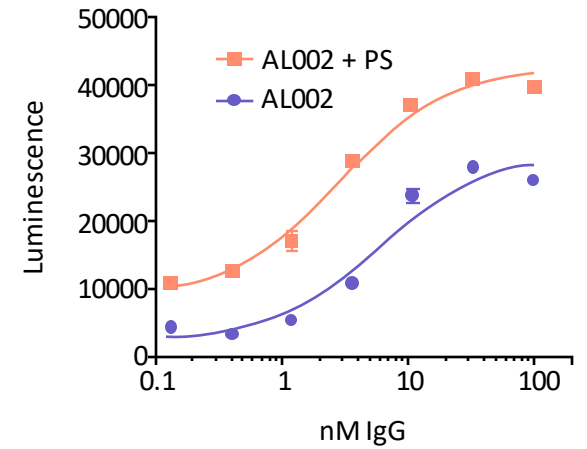
ENGINEERED AL002 BINDS THE STALK REGION<sup>1</sup>



ENHANCES BINDING TO APOE



ENHANCES BINDING TO PHOSPHOLIPIDS

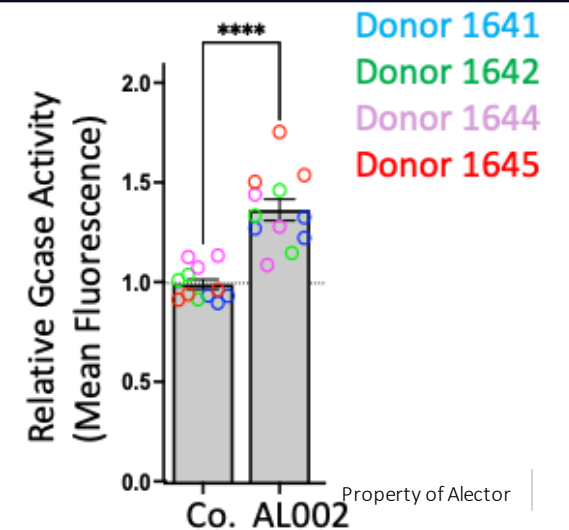
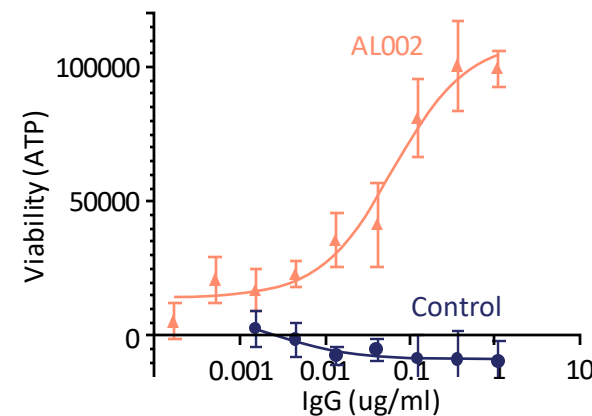
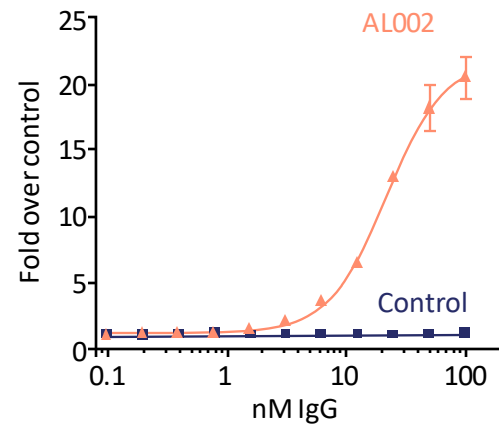
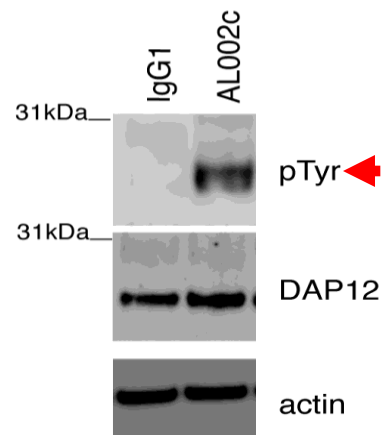


ACTIVATES TREM2 SIGNALING

PROMOTES GENE EXPRESSION

PROMOTES CELL VIABILITY

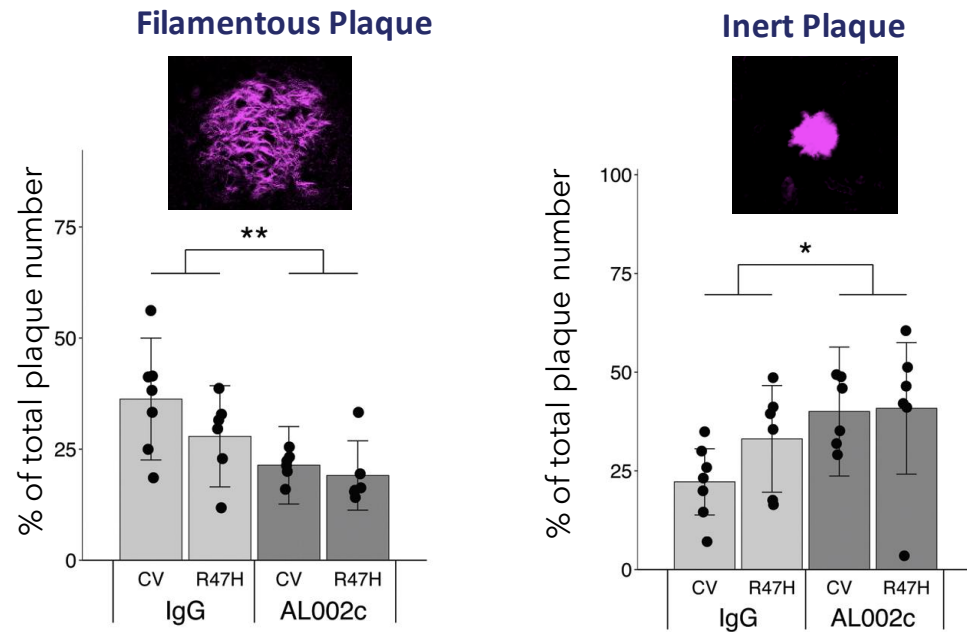
INDUCES LYSOSOMAL ENZYMES



# AL002c Reduces Toxic Plaques and Neuronal Damage in AD Mouse Model

## COMPACTION OF AMYLOID PLAQUE<sup>1</sup>

## REDUCTION OF NEURONAL DAMAGE<sup>2</sup>

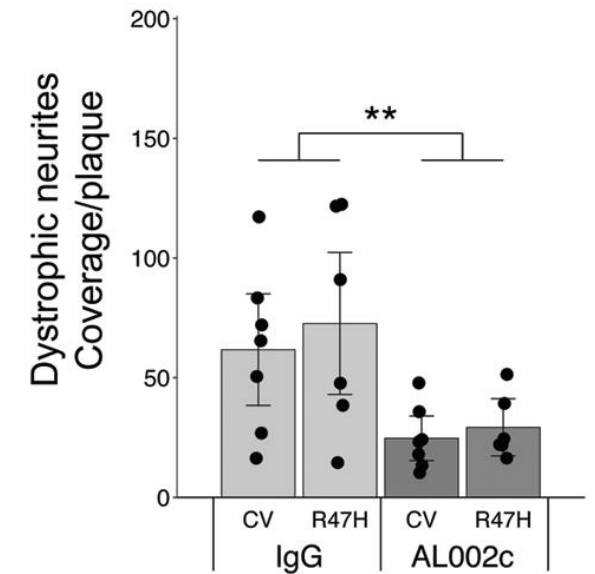
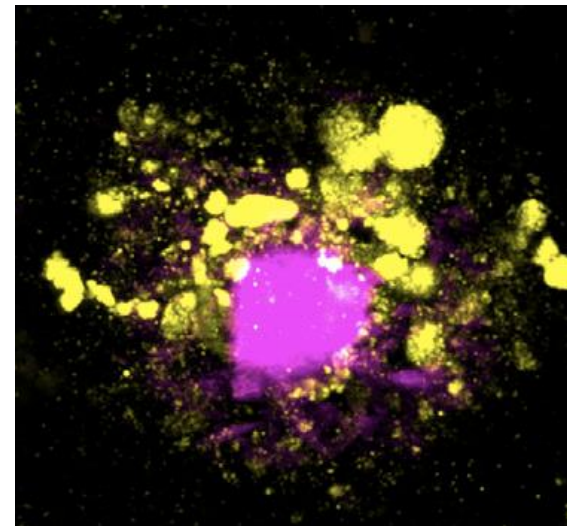


Filamentous plaque is considered detrimental

**CV**- mice expressing WT human TREM2

**R47H**- mice expressing R47H mutant TREM2

### Neurite dystrophy surrounding a plaque



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# AL002a Promotes Re-myelination in a Model of Myelin Damage

"Myelin impairment may play an important role in AD pathology." *Archives of Medical Science*<sup>1</sup>

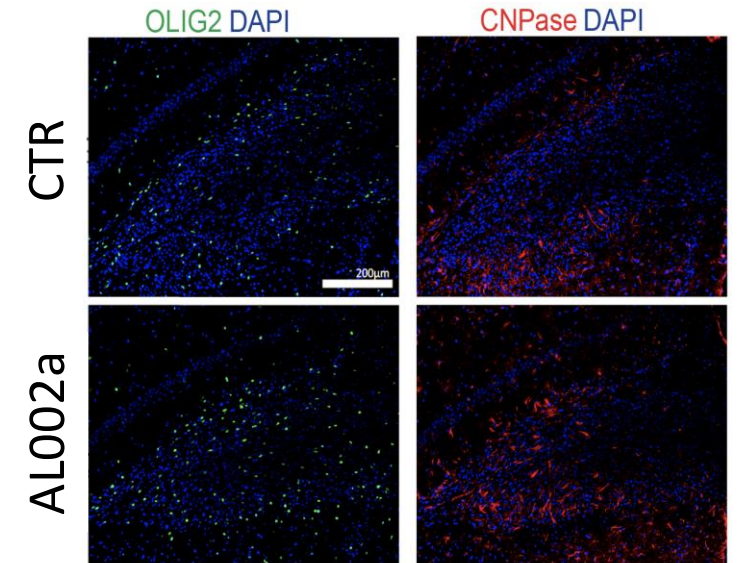
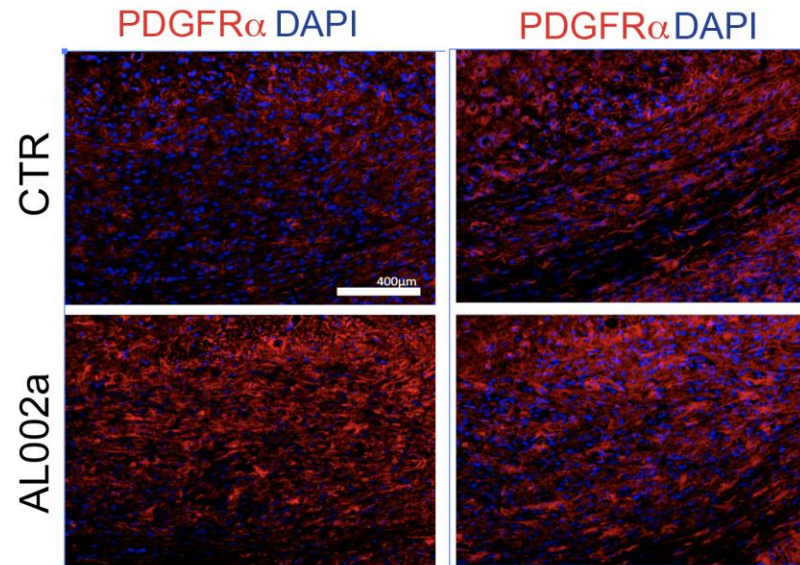
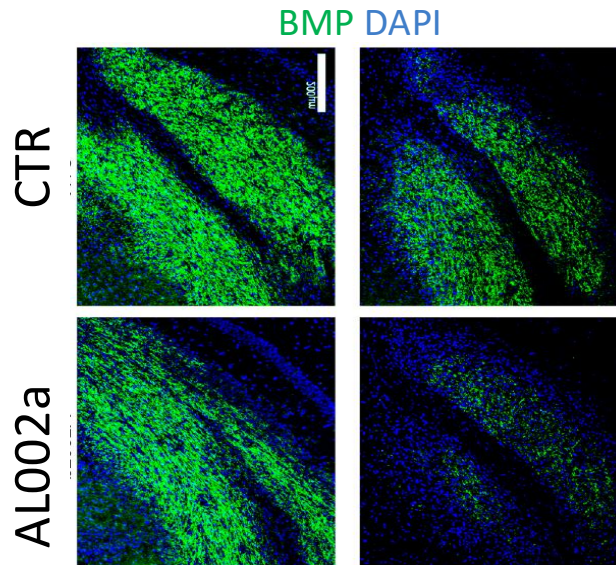
"We conclude that white matter abnormalities, and in particular myelin and oligodendrocytes, could be mechanistically important in AD pathology and could be potential treatment targets." *Acta Neuropathologica Communications*<sup>2</sup>

"There is also evidence that myelin pathology may even precede A $\beta$  and tau pathologies." *Archives of Medical Science*<sup>3</sup>

ACCELERATES THE CLEARANCE OF  
MYELIN DEBRIS<sup>4</sup>

PROMOTES THE RECRUITMENT OF  
OLIGODENDROCYTES PRECURSOR CELLS<sup>4</sup>

ACCELERATES OLIGODENDROCYTES  
MATURATION<sup>4</sup>





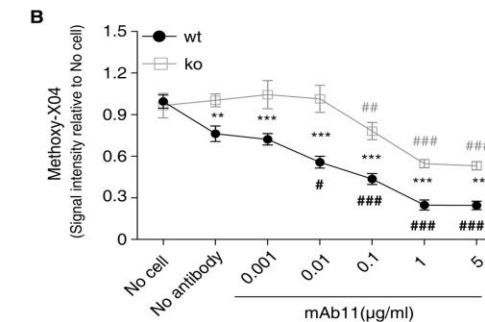
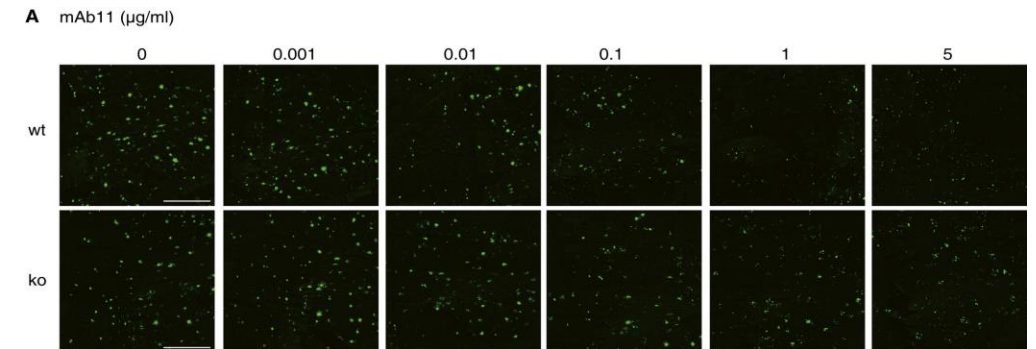
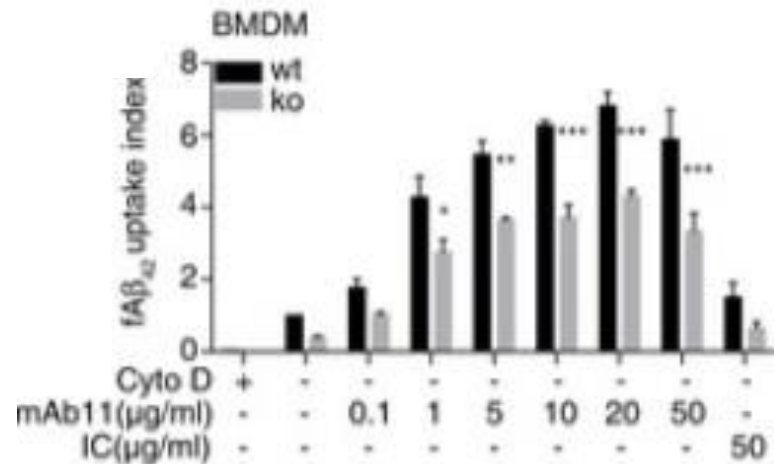
# Opportunity to Explore Combination with Anti-Amyloid Beta Antibodies

*“TREM2 deficiency reduces the efficacy of immunotherapeutic amyloid clearance”*

EMBO Molecular Medicine, 2016

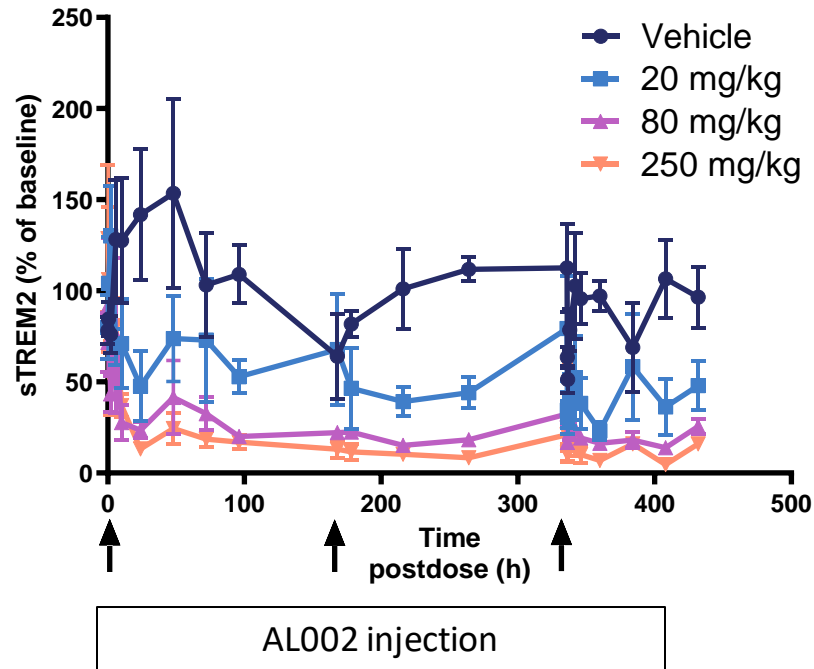
Phagocytosis of  $fA\beta_{42}$  by primary microglia from wt and *TREM2* KO animals in the presence or absence of mAb11, or an isotype control antibody (IC)

$A\beta$  plaques staining from APP/PS1 mice that were treated with different concentrations of anti-amyloid antibodies with or without functional TREM2

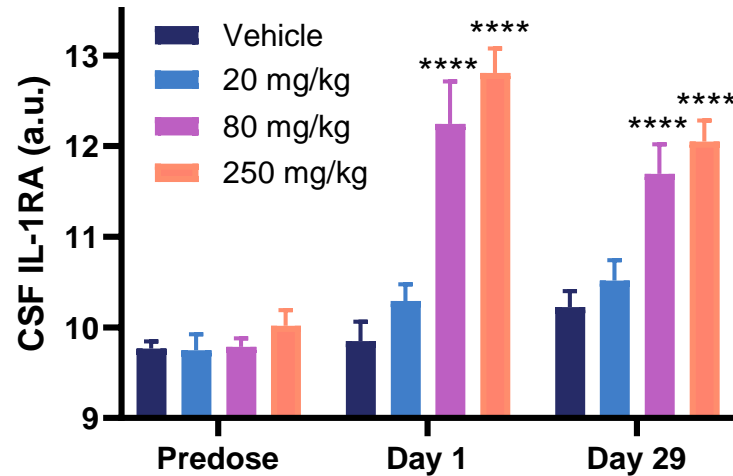


# AL002 Shows Evidence of Target Engagement and Microglia Signaling with Decreases in sTREM2 and Increases in IL-1RA and sCSF1R in the CSF of NHPs

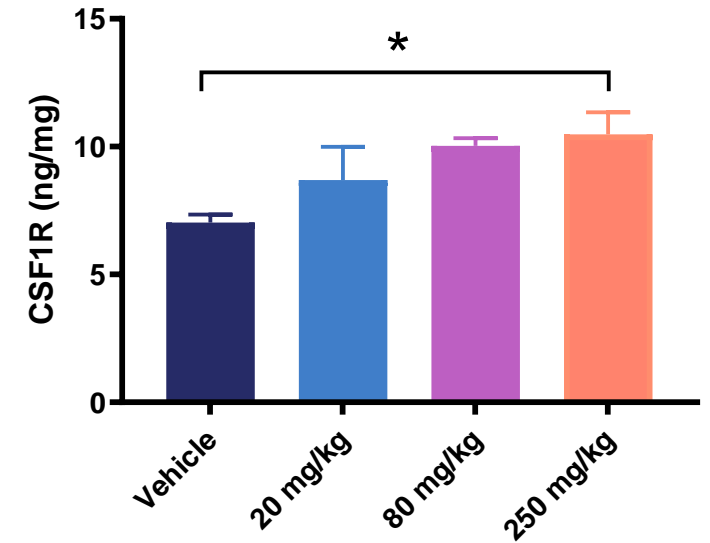
**AL002 DECREASES sTREM2 IN THE CSF OF NHPs IN A DOSE-DEPENDENT MANNER**



**AL002 INCREASES IL-1RA IN THE CSF OF NHPs IN A DOSE-DEPENDENT MANNER**



**AL002 INCREASES CSF1R PROTEIN IN THE FRONTAL CORTEX OF NHPs**





# AL002 is Currently Partnered in an Option Agreement with AbbVie



## AL002

\$205M upfront payment

\$20M equity investment

\$17.8M milestone payment received (2023)

Up to \$12.5M to support enrollment (2023)

\$250M opt-in payment (anticipated early 2025)

\$237.5M in potential additional milestones

Global 50-50 profit share

# TREM2 and the Immuno-neurology Hypothesis: Possible Upsides

## THE HYPOTHESIS

Microglia broadly and constantly counteract multiple AD pathologies, and AL002 may enhance these activities throughout the disease cascade

## POTENTIAL THERAPEUTIC BENEFITS

Superior efficacy as stand-alone based on the broad mechanism

Clinical benefit at multiple disease stages based on the broad mechanism and effect of high TREM2/sTREM2 on disease progression

Superior efficacy in combination with anti-A $\beta$  antibodies based on their dependence on functional microglia

Benefit independent of A $\beta$  removal based on the broad mechanism and microglia's ability to insolate A $\beta$  plaques

*TREM2:  
A Promising Target  
for Alzheimer's  
Disease*



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# Trem2 as promising target in Alzheimer's disease

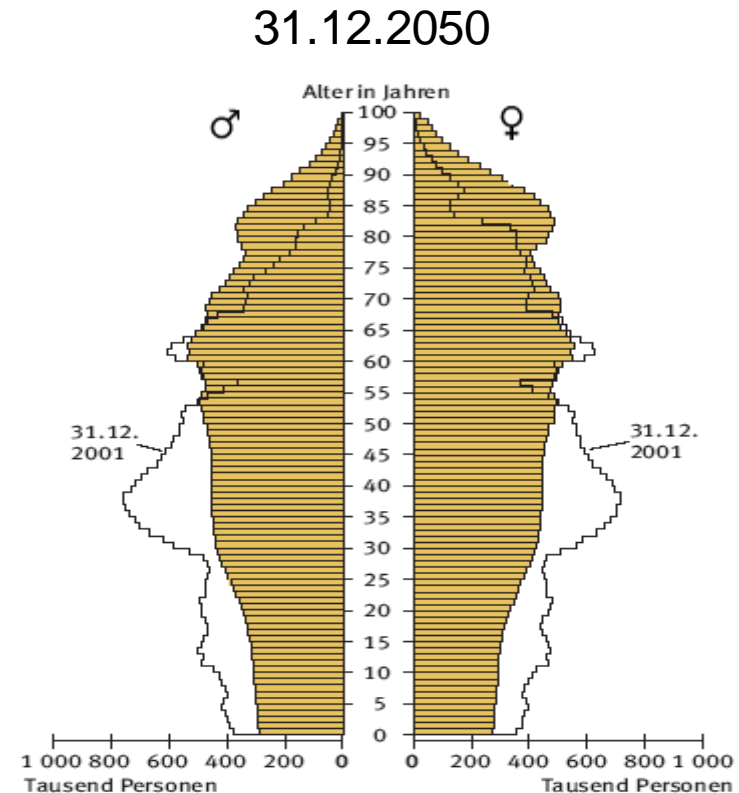
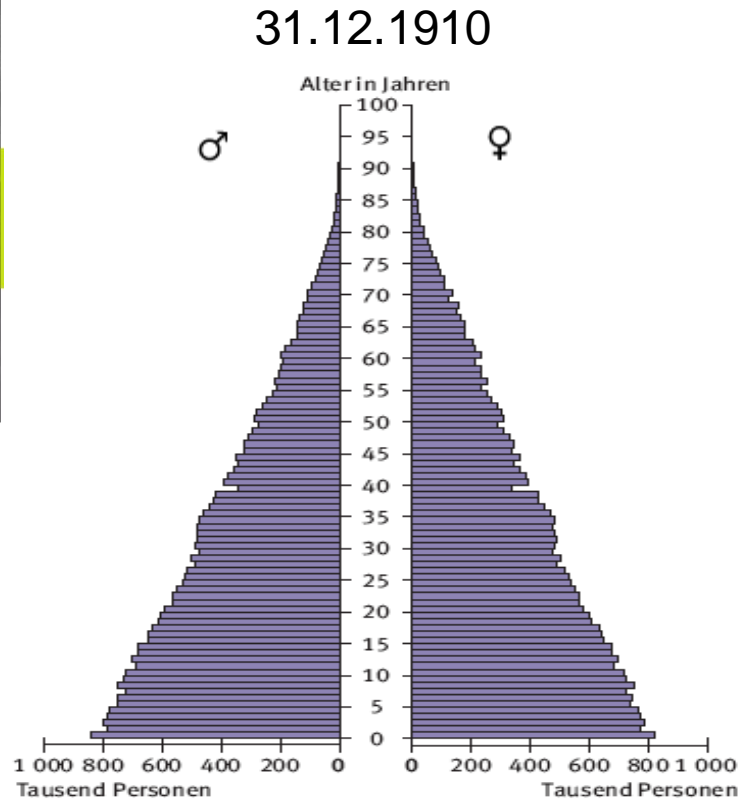
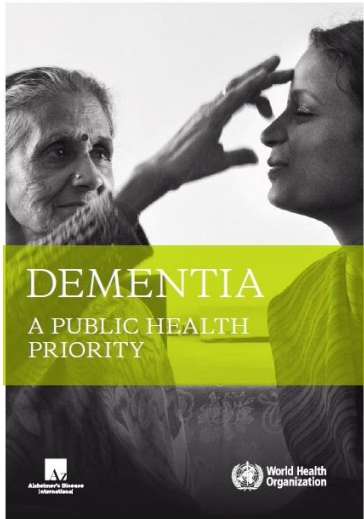
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# Increasing incidence of neurodegenerative disease



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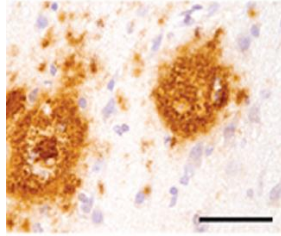
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# Pathological protein aggregation and spread

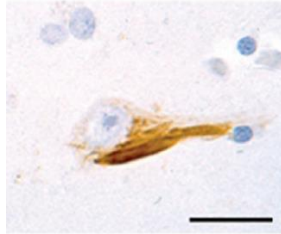
A $\beta$



*APP, PS1, PS2*

*AD*

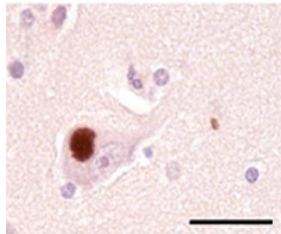
Tau



*MAPT*

*Tauopathies, AD*

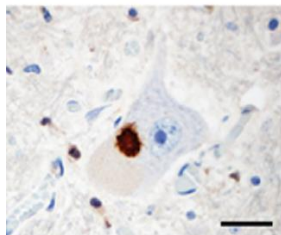
$\alpha$ -synuclein



*SNCA, PINK1, DJ-1, Parkin, ATP13A2, LRRK2, GBA*

*PD/LBD*

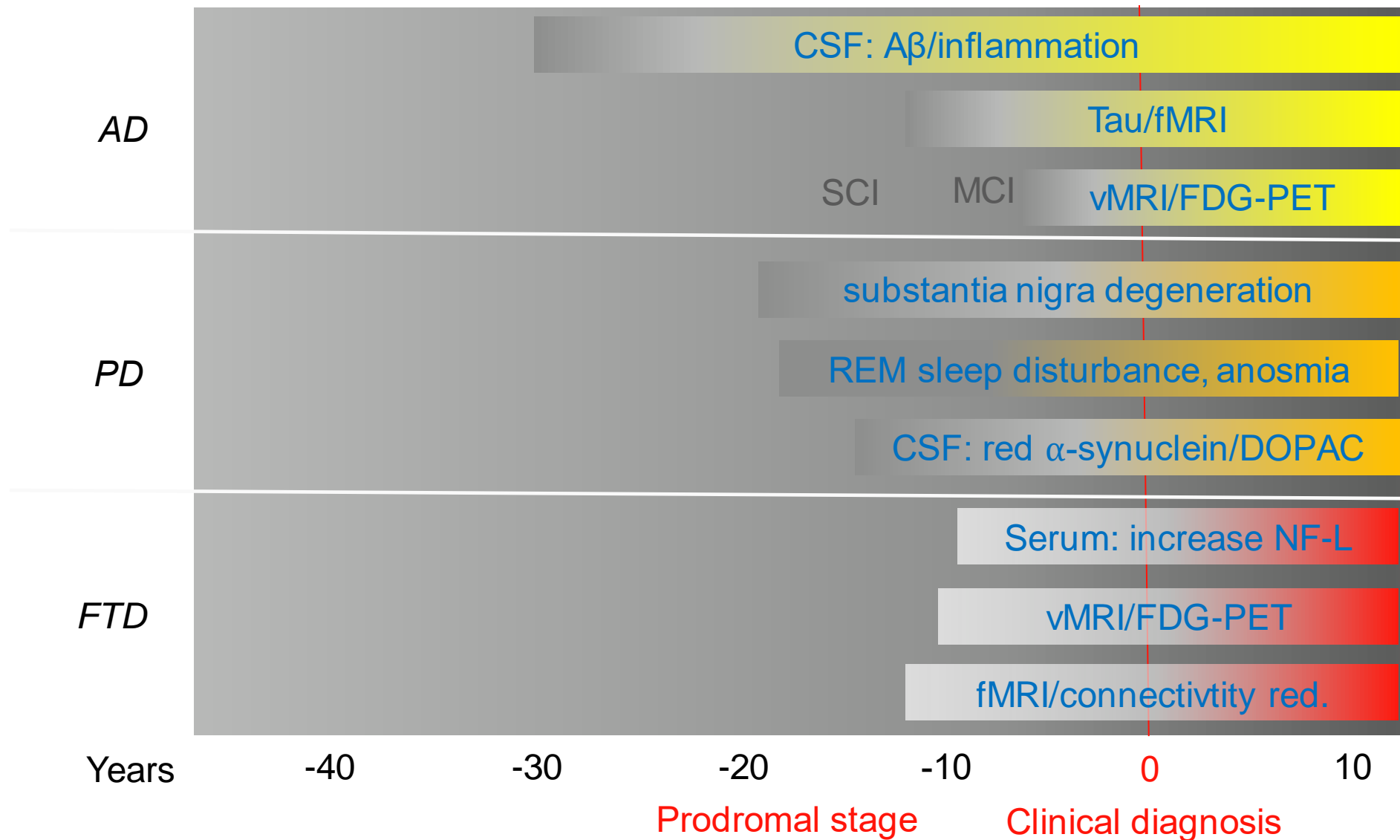
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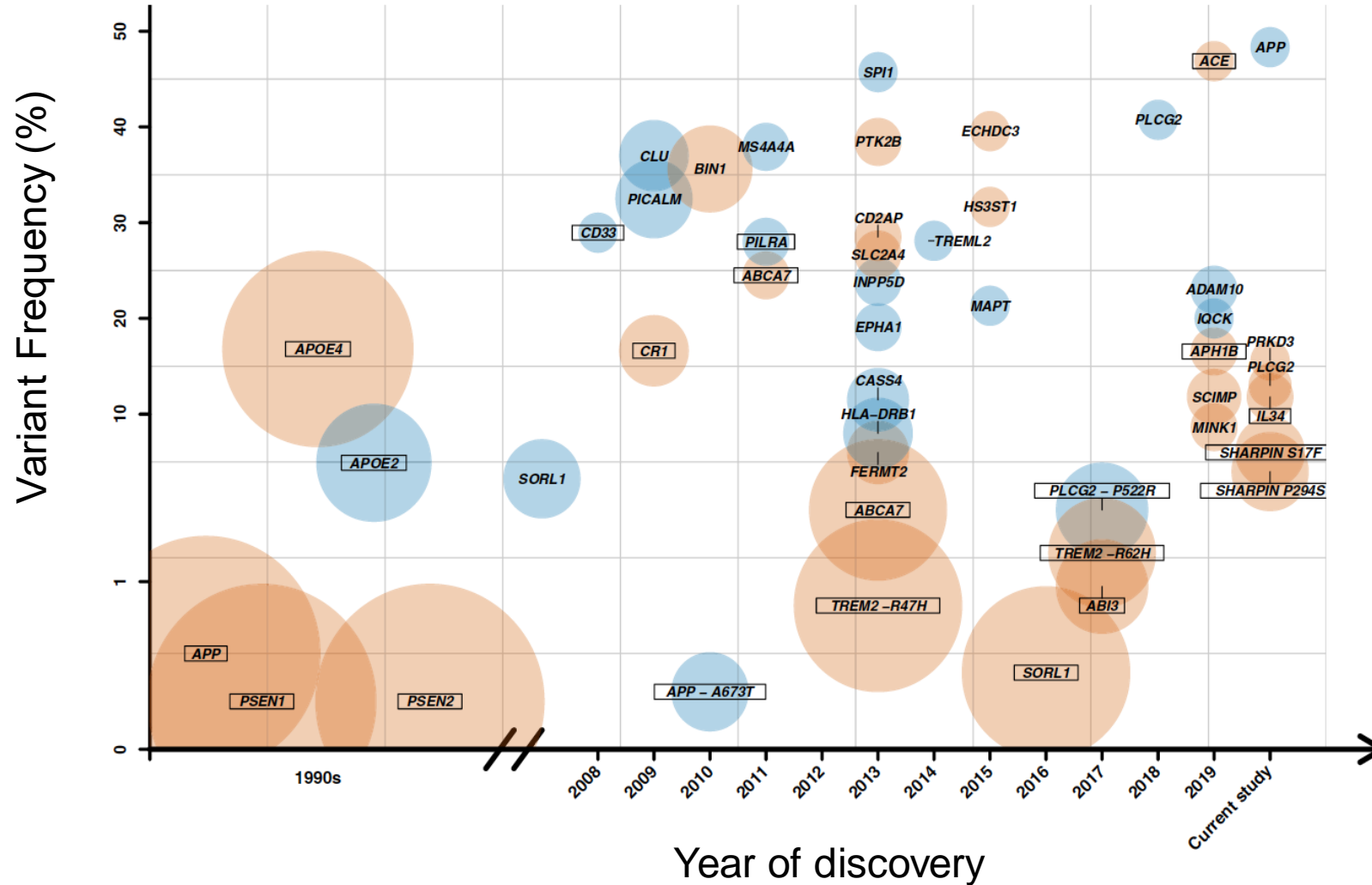
*TARDBP, C9orf72, VCP, TBK1  
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*ALS  
FTD*

# Pathobiology starts years and decades prior to clinical symptoms

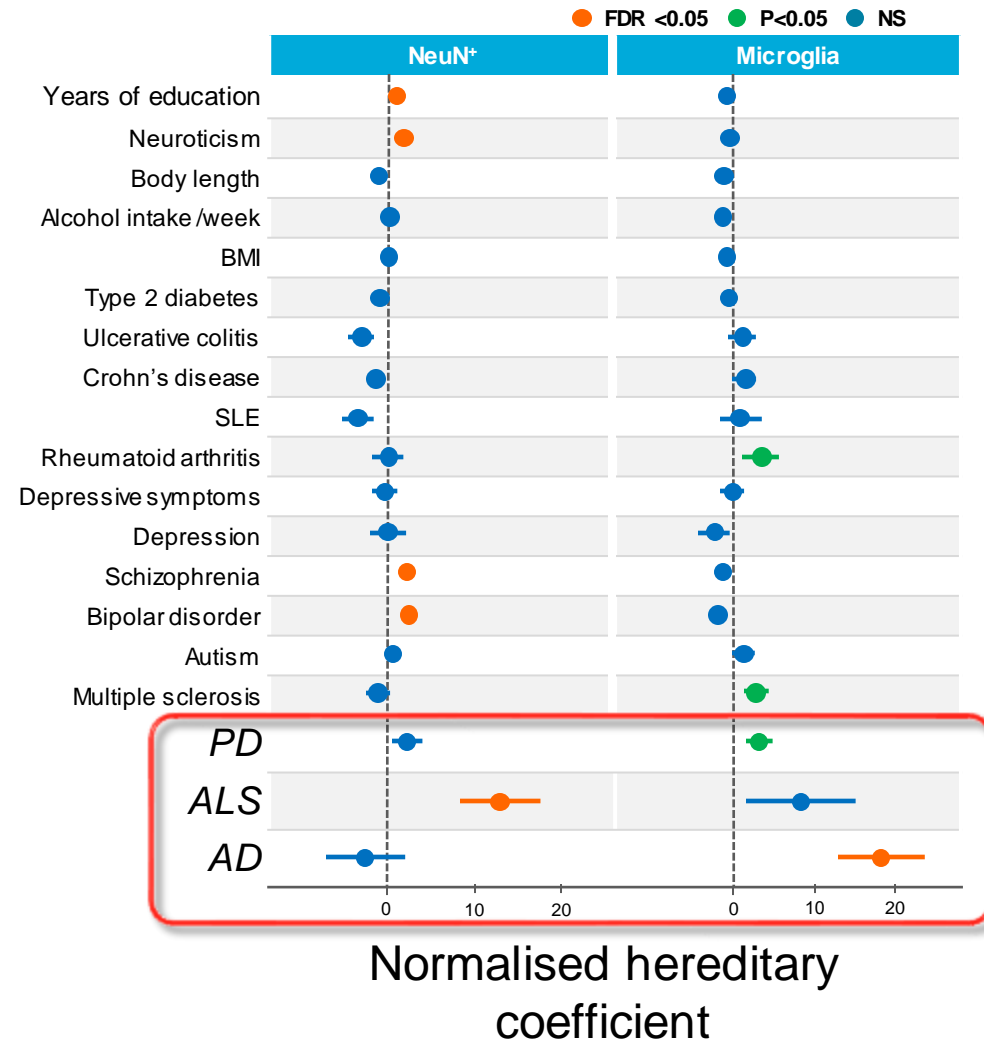
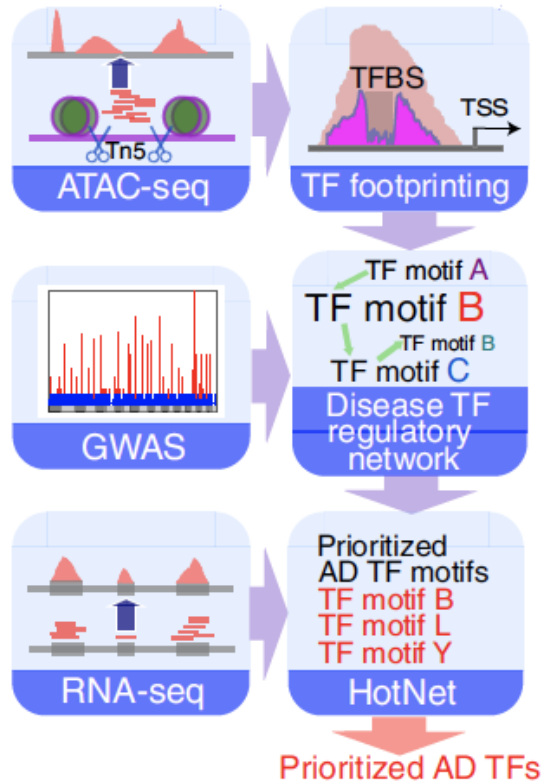


# GWAS analysis provides mechanistic hints



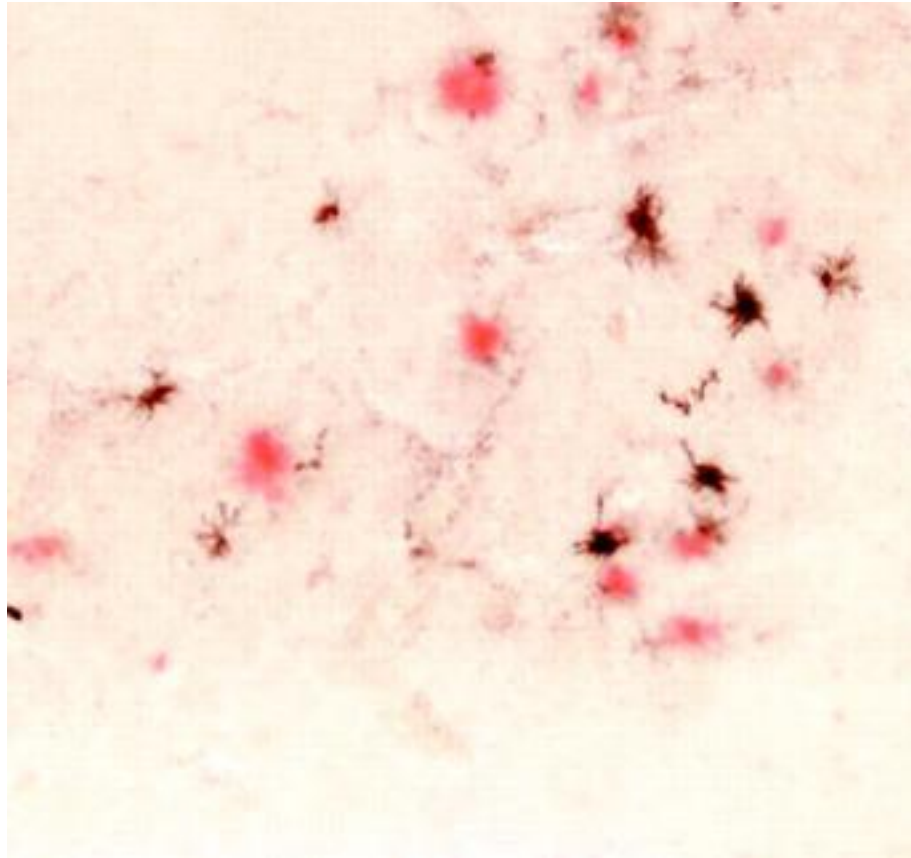
- Lipid metabolism
- Synapse: Structure and function
- Lysosomal function
- Immunological mechanisms (50%)

# Which cell plays a role in which disease ?

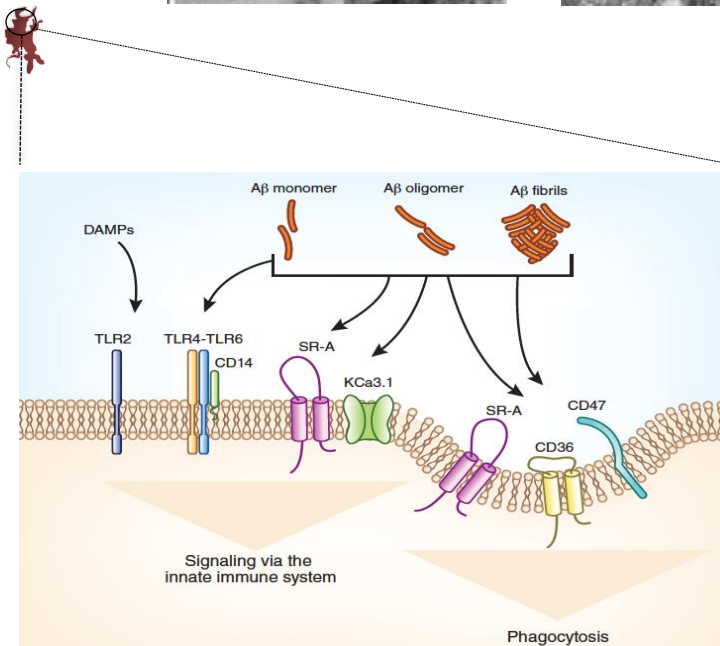
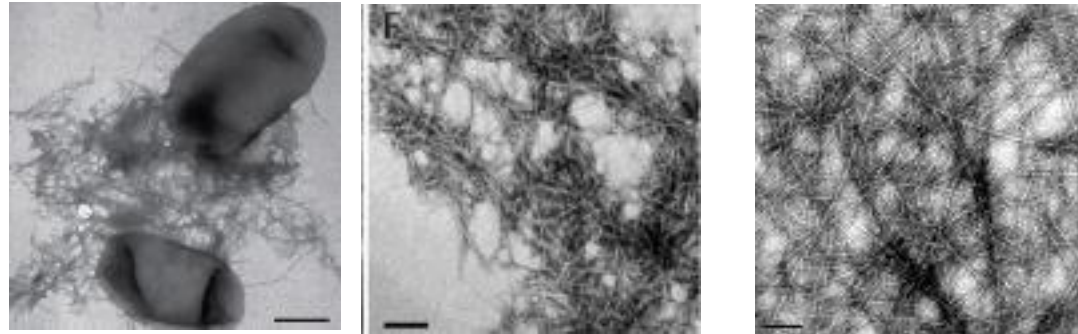




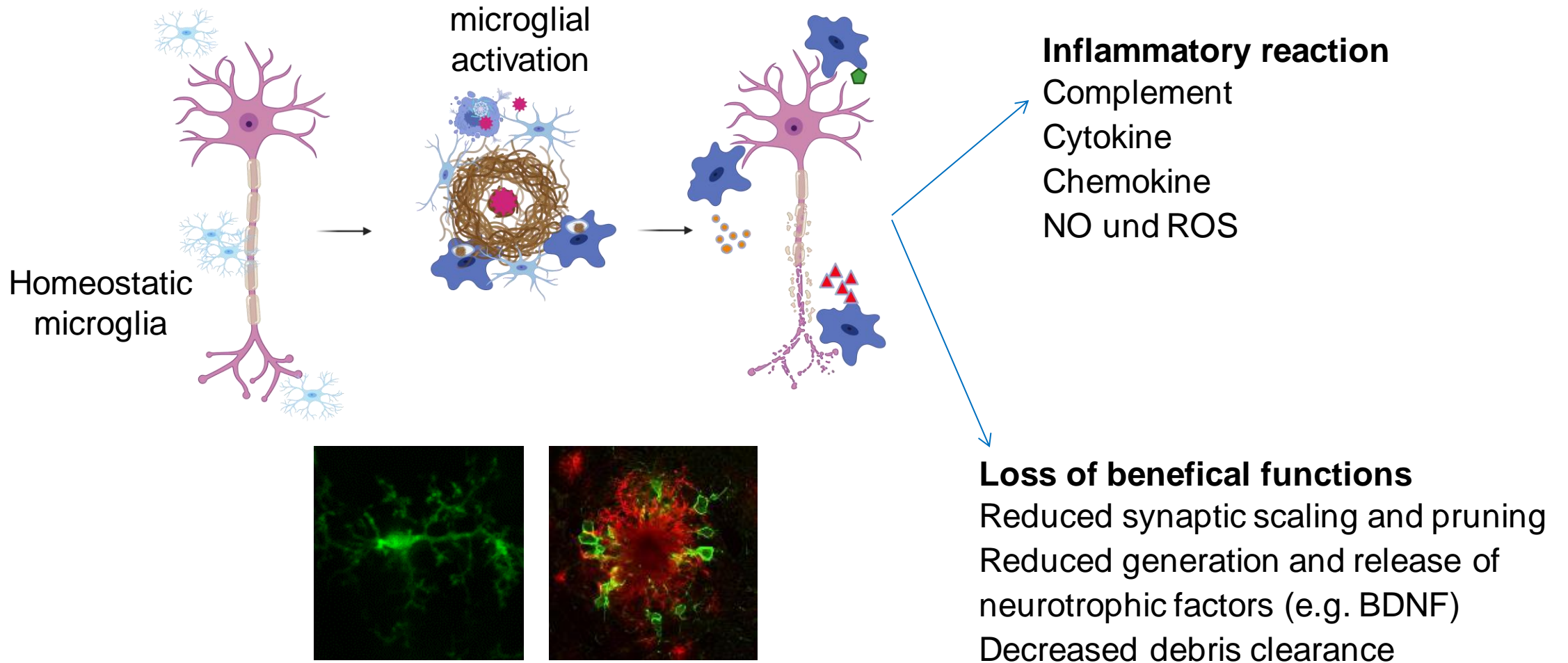
# Activation of immunological processes



Congo red: A $\beta$  / MHC-II: Microglia



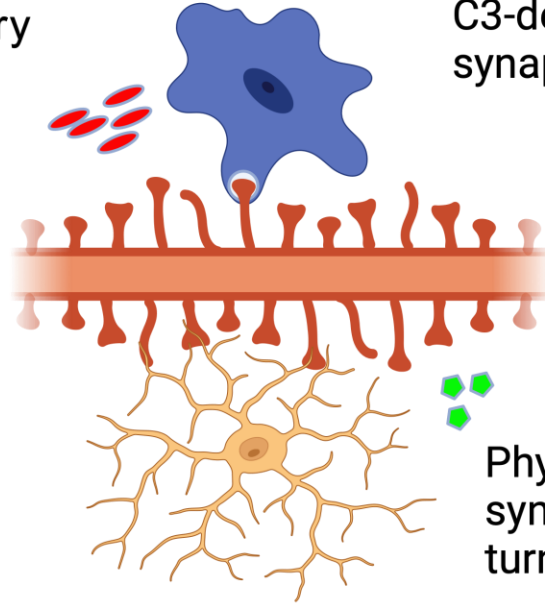
# Consequences of cerebral innate immune activation



# Immune activated microglia remove synapses through C3

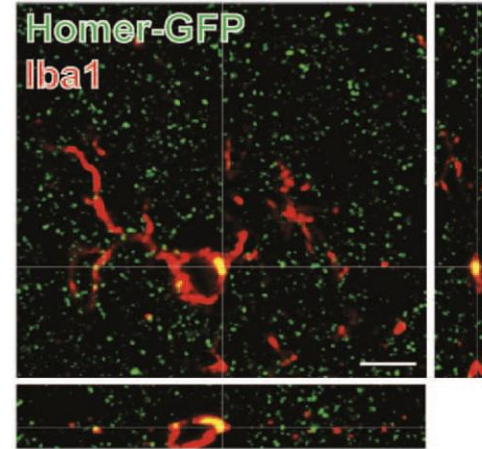
Immune activation by  $\text{oA}\beta$  causes excess uptake of synapses

NO, ROS and inflammatory mediators

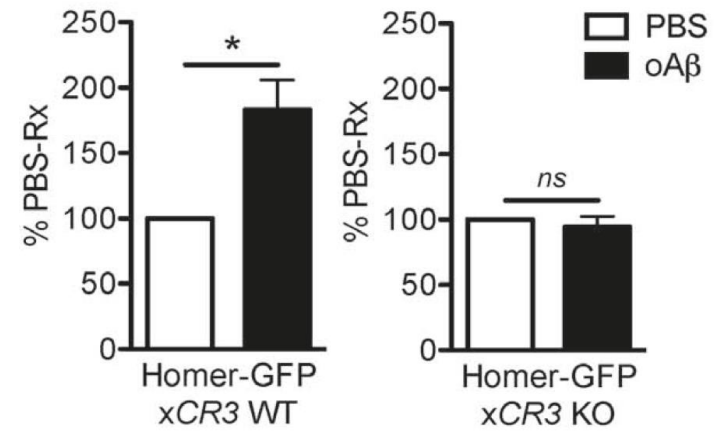


Excess uptake of C3-decorated synapses

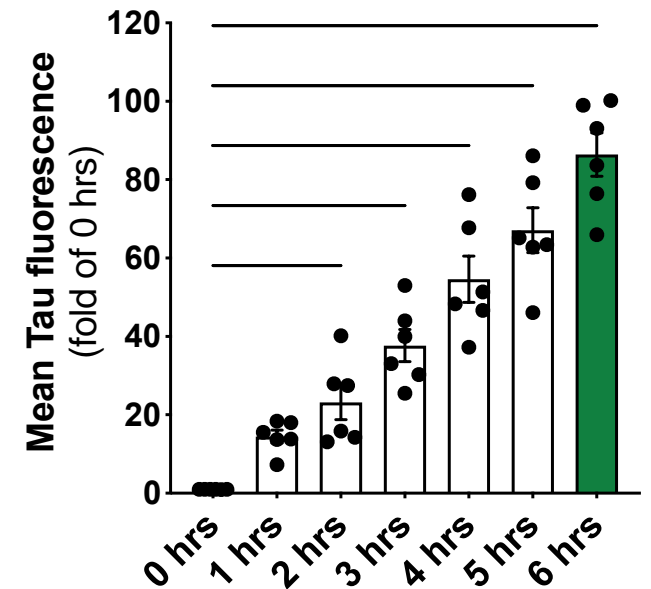
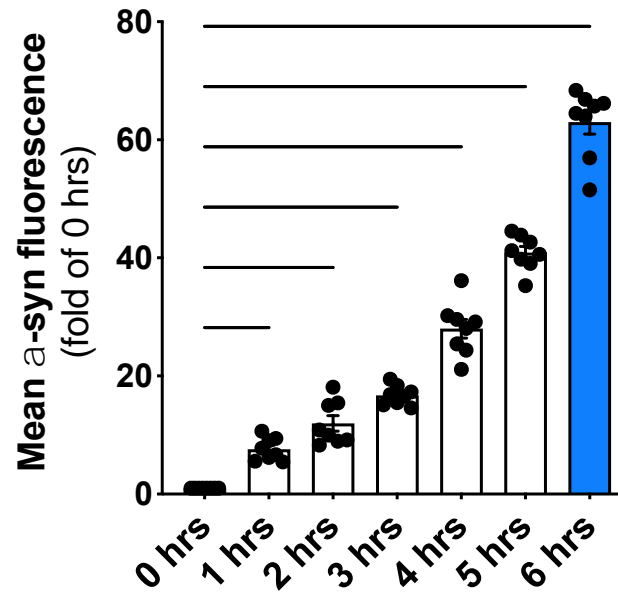
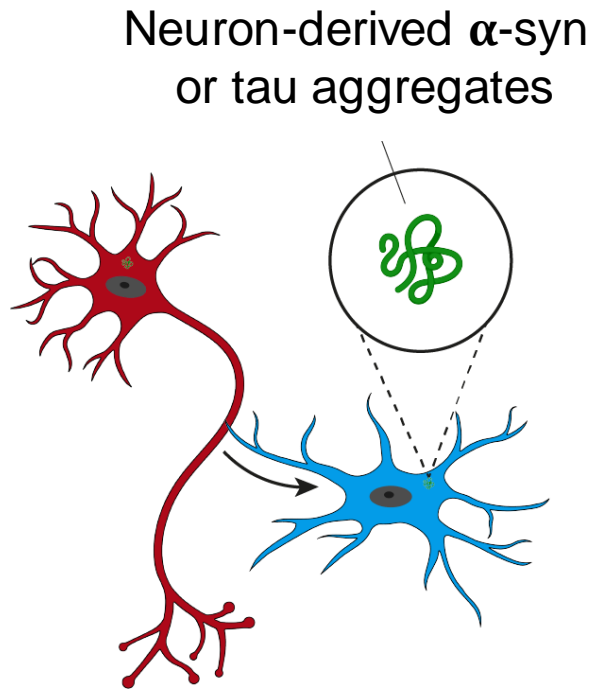
Physiological synaptic turnover



% Homer-GFP Engulfment by Microglia



# $\alpha$ -syn and tau aggregate transfer from neurons to microglia

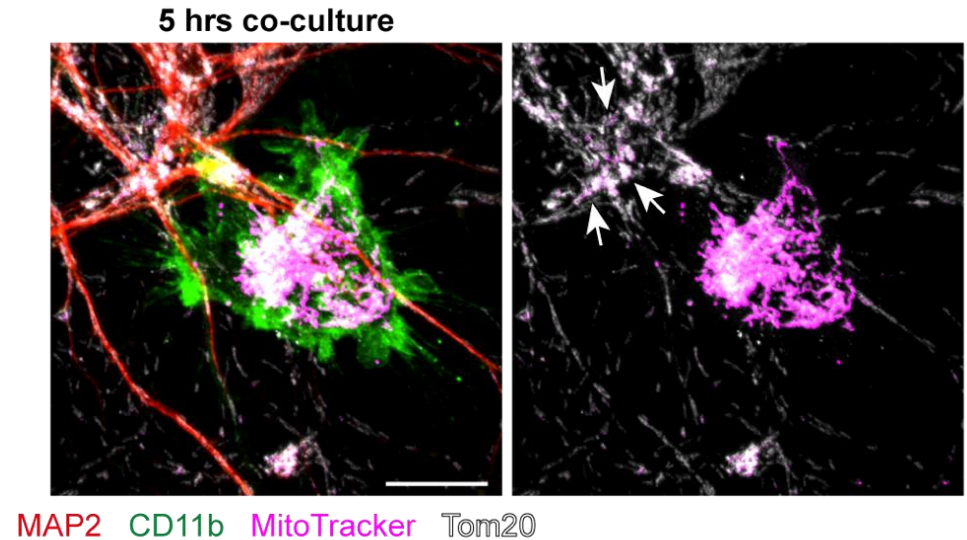
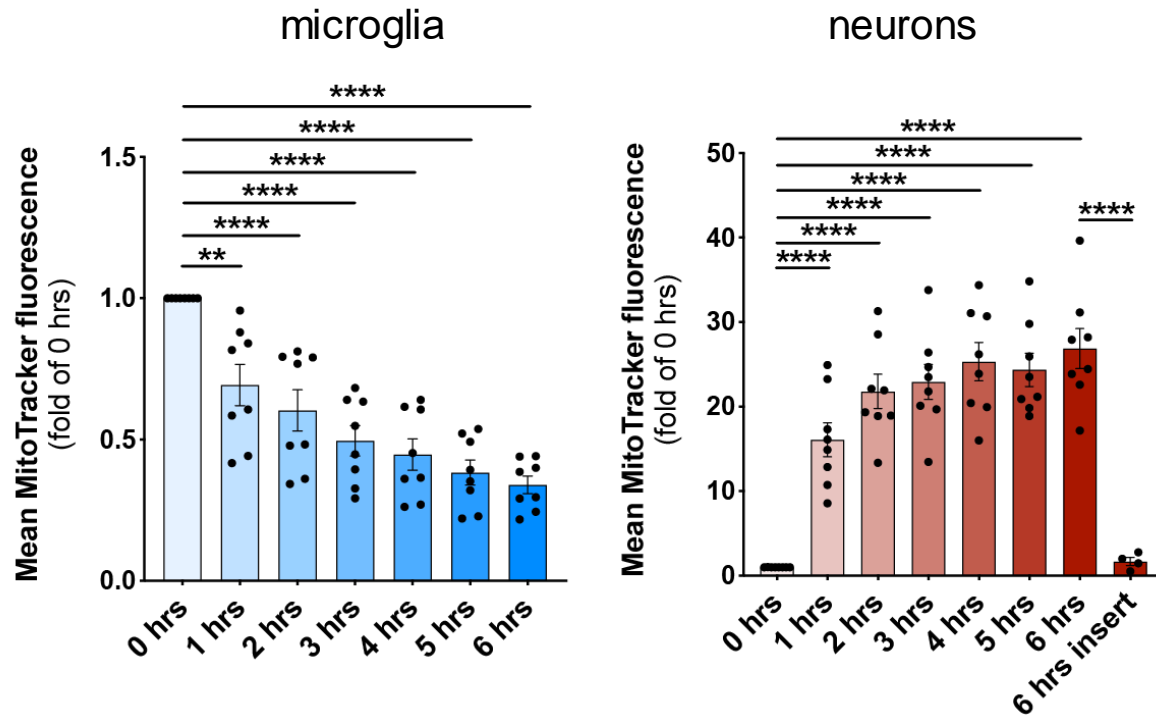




# Microglia rescue neurons through transfer of functionally intact mitochondria

Microglia donate functionally intact mitochondria to neurons

Microglia-derived mitochondria integrate into mitochondrial network of neurons

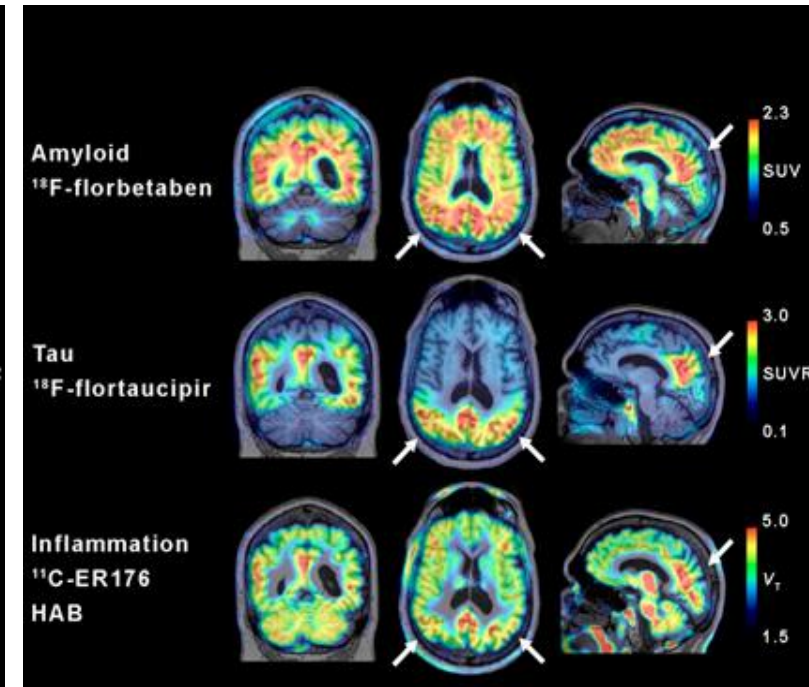
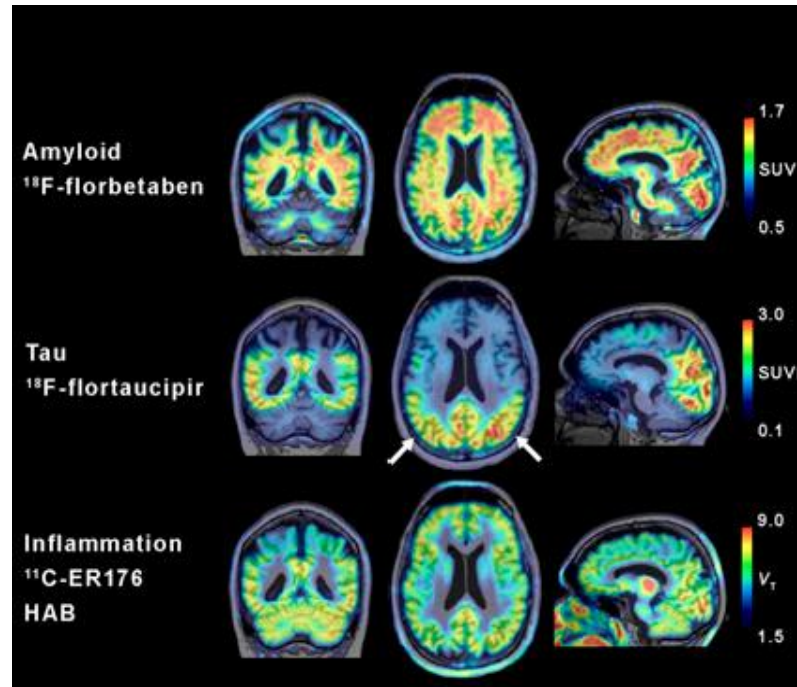
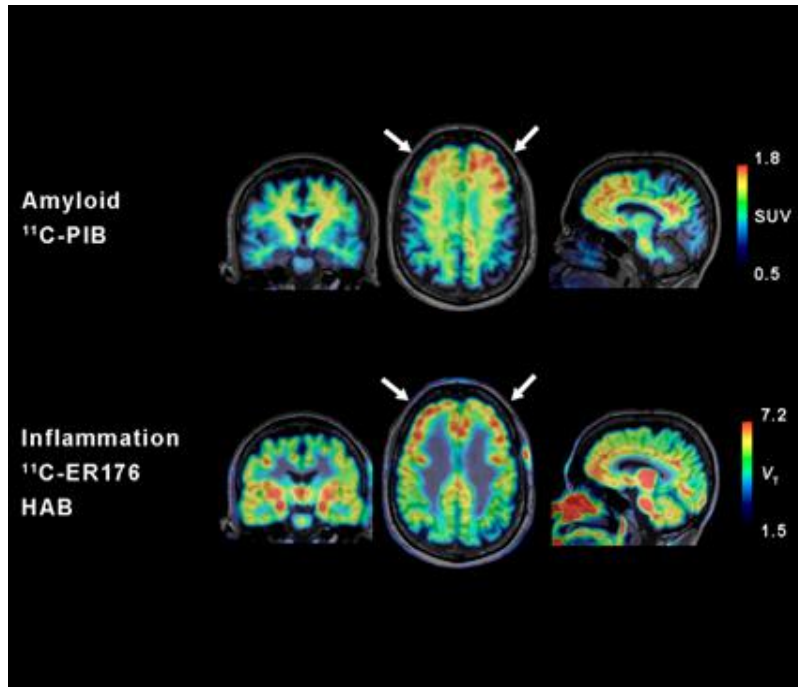


# TSPO-PET: Detecting chronic cerebral inflammation

Presymptomatic

MCI

AD

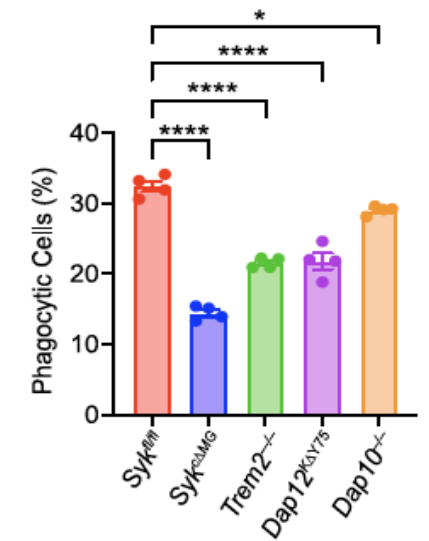
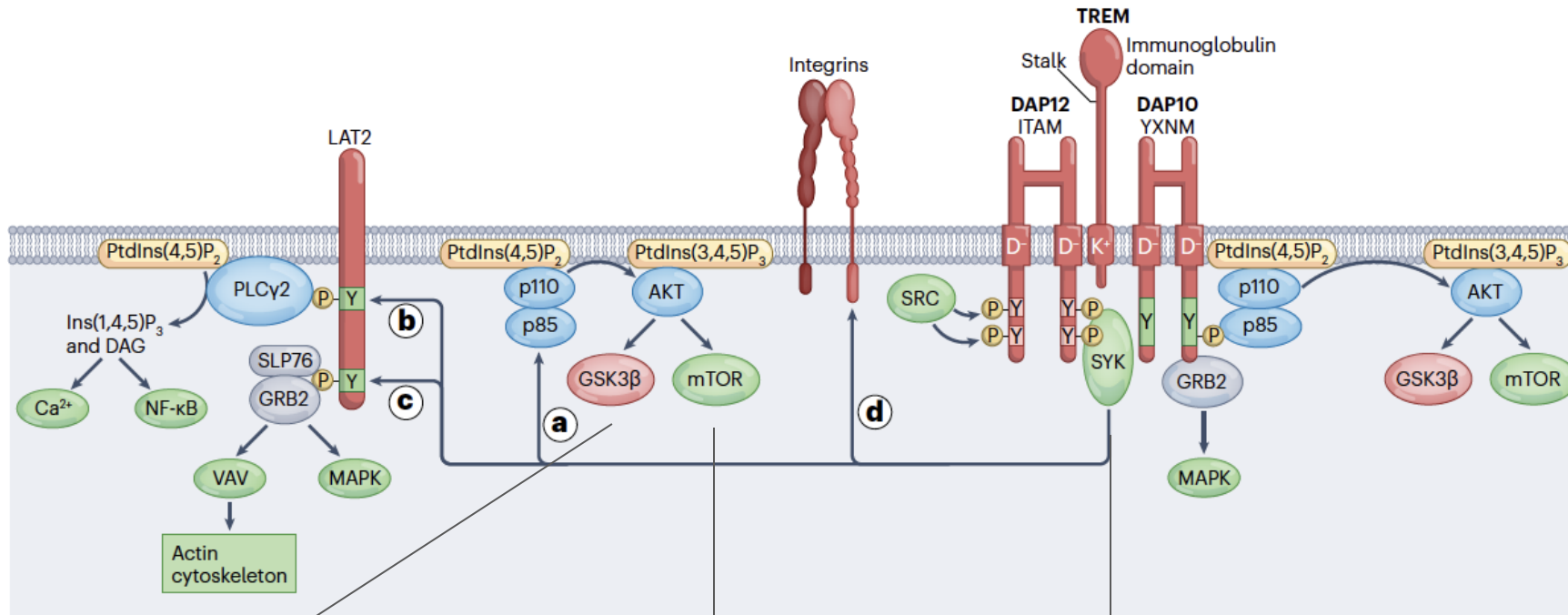


Progressing disease

Masdeu et al. 2022, *J Nucl Med* PMID: 35649654

Ising et al. *Nature*, 2019, PMID: 31748742

# Trem2 signaling pathways and function



Proliferation

Key to maintain microglia metabolic fitness

Microglia survival

DAP10/SYK required for microglial response to Aβ

Restriction of Aβ pathology

# Trem2 function

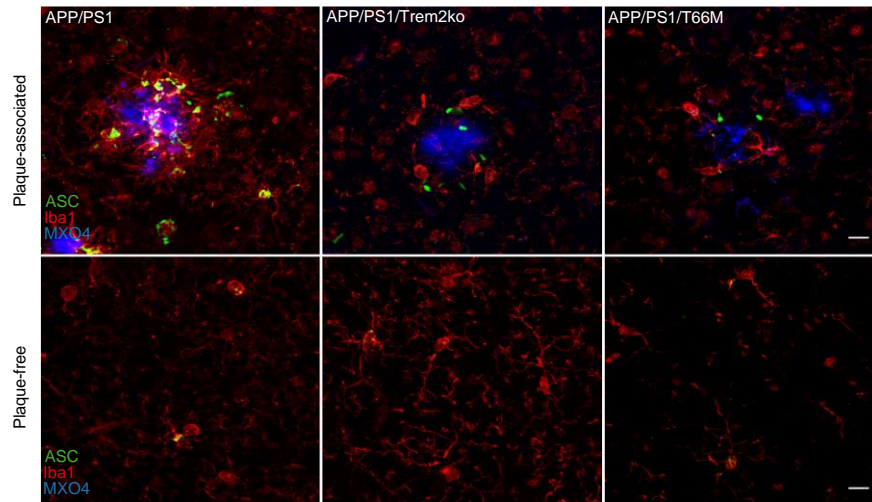
Trem2 overexpression

enhanced chemokine receptor expression, migration, phagocytosis

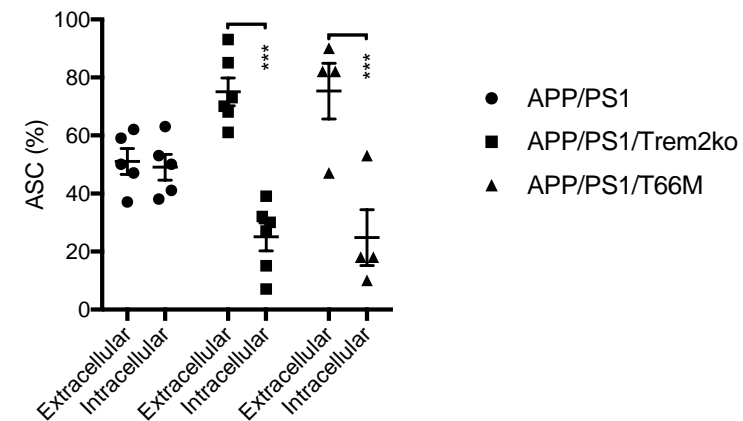
Attenuation of endogenous Trem2

reduced phagocytosis of apoptotic cells, increase in inflammatory gene transcription

reduced engulfment of A $\beta$  plaques, facilitation spreading and neurotoxicity of A $\beta$

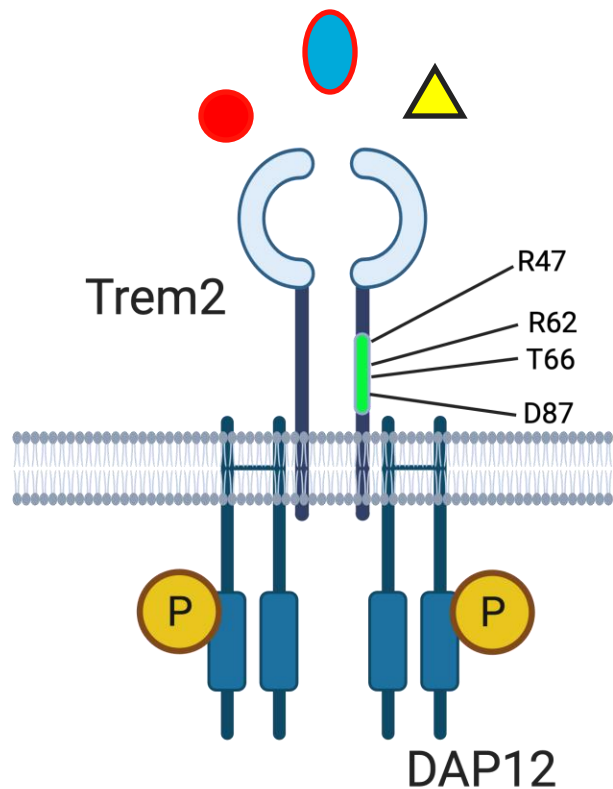


ASC speck formation/pyroptosis





# Endogenous Trem2 ligands



Potential ligands: ApoE –depending on its lipidation status

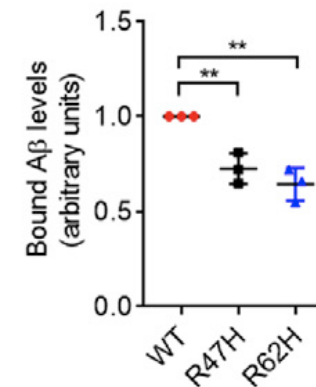
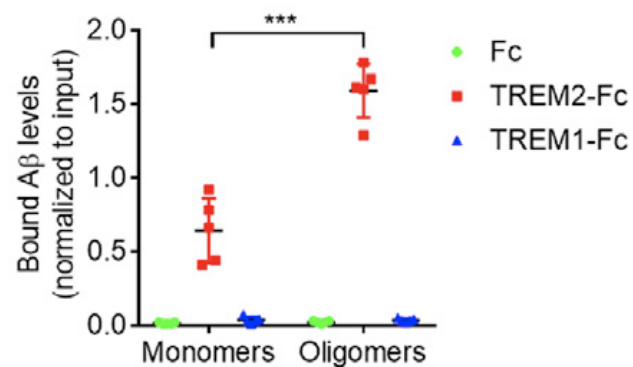
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Clu/ApoJ

Myelin

Apoptotic neurons

A $\beta$ :

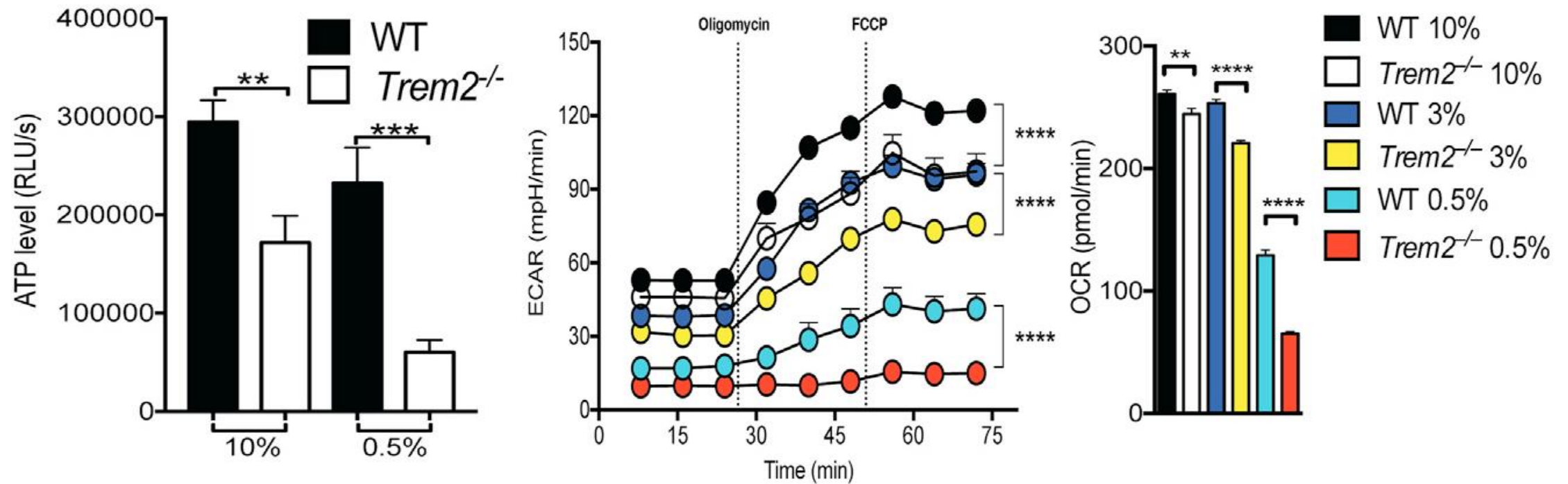


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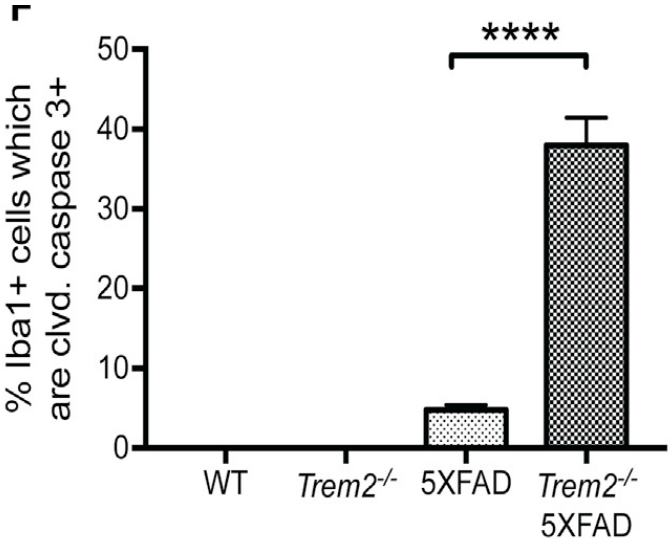
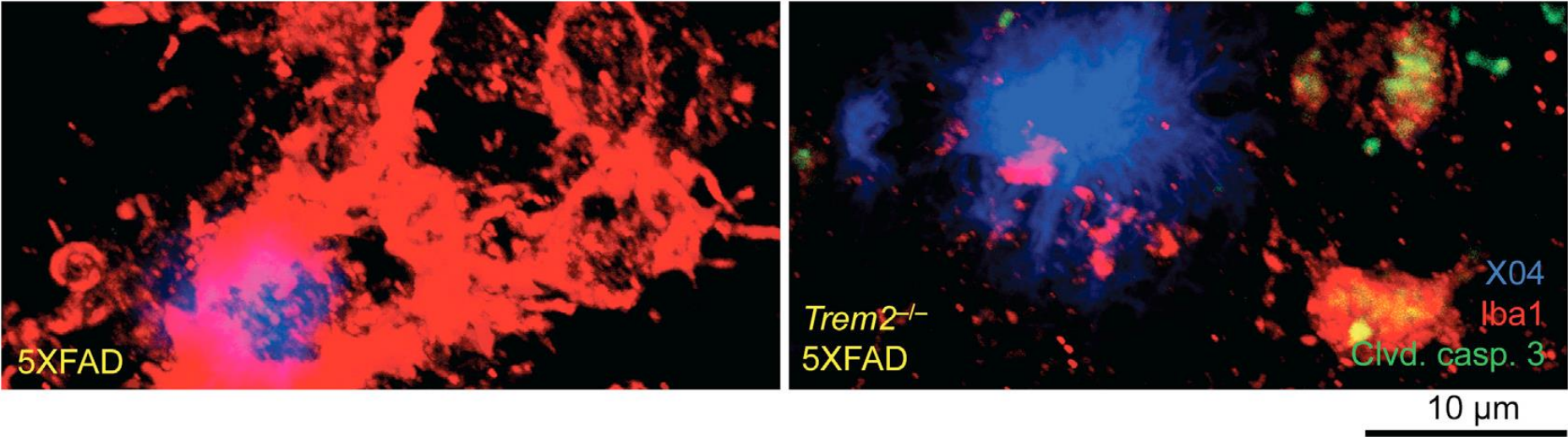


# Trem2 insufficiency (ko or loss of function variant) impairs microglial metabolic fitness



Reduction of anabolic and energetic metabolism in microglia

# Trem2 insufficiency causes microglial cell death

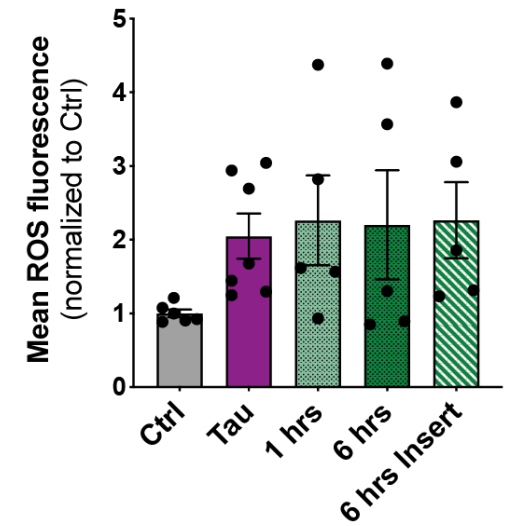
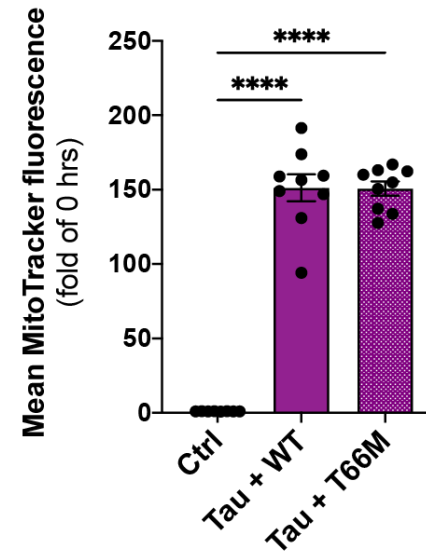
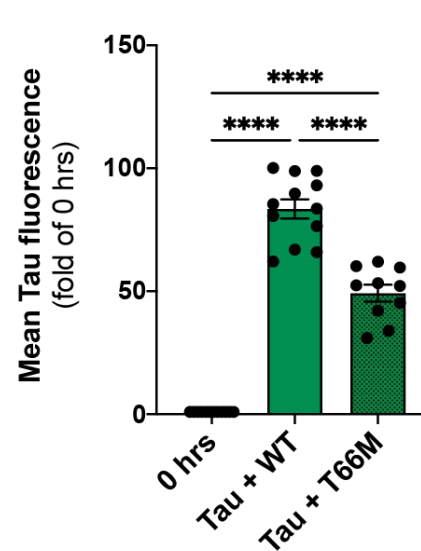
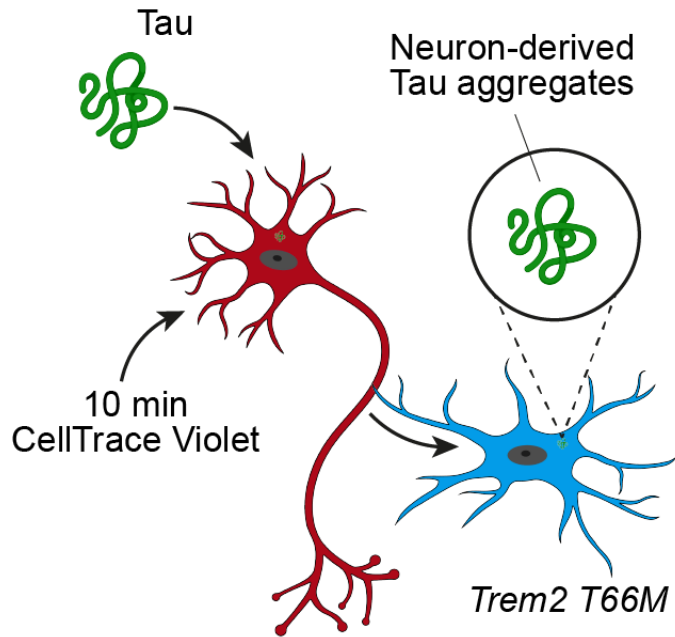


*Similar data with TUNEL+  
In Wang et al. 2015*

Ulland et al. 2017, *Cell* PMID: 28802038  
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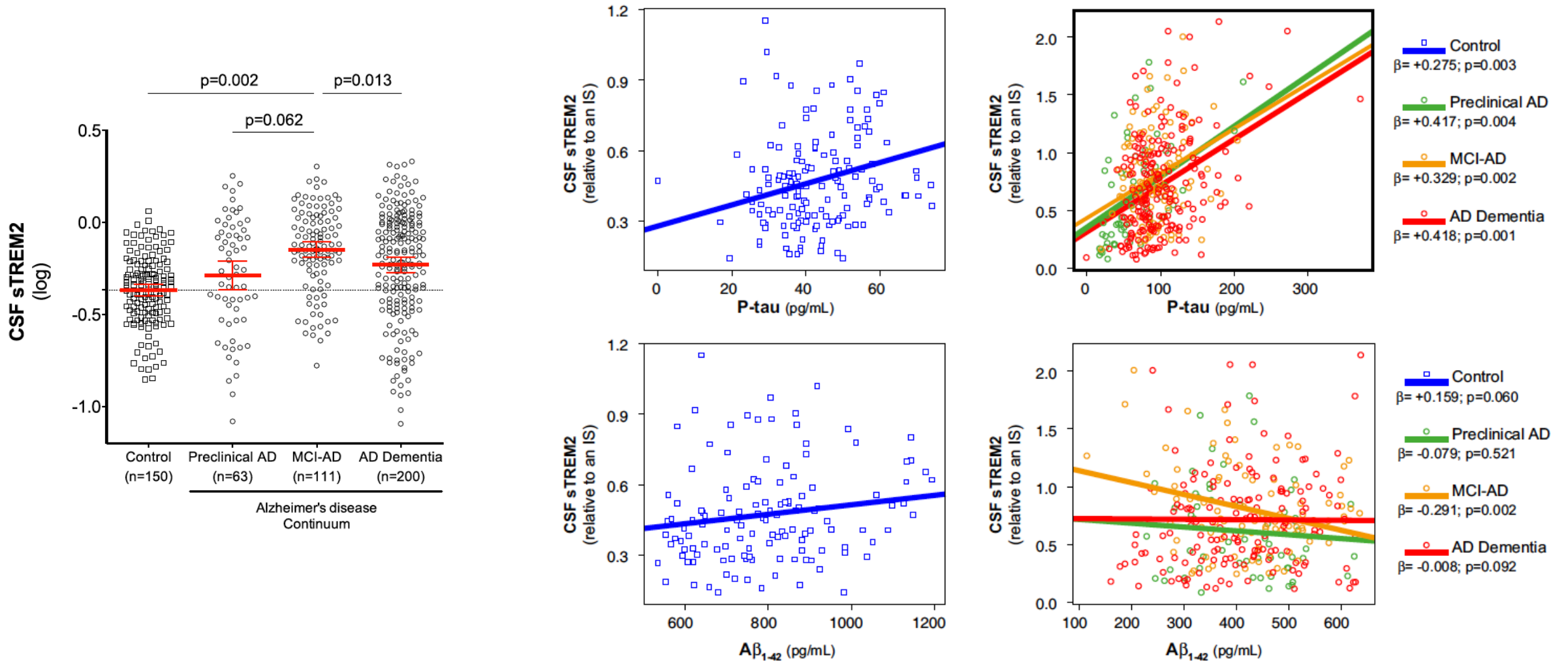
# Effect of Trem2 T66M variant microglia on neuronal rescue



## Loss-of-function mutation in the **Triggering Receptor Expressed on Myeloid Cells 2 (Trem2)**

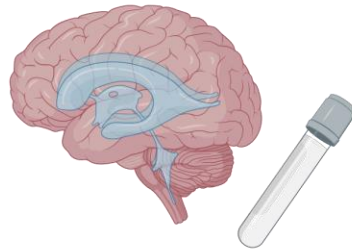
- impaired microglia function (phagocytosis, chemotaxis, proliferation)
- increased deposition of cytotoxic proteins

# sTrem2 as biomarker in AD-relation to pTau and A $\beta$



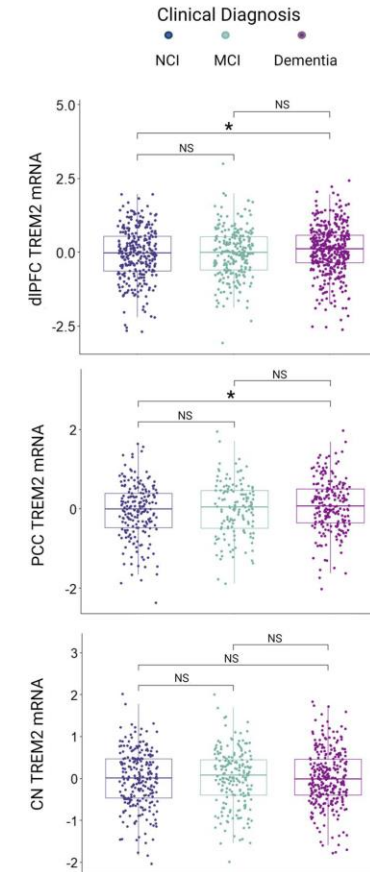
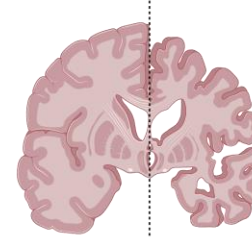
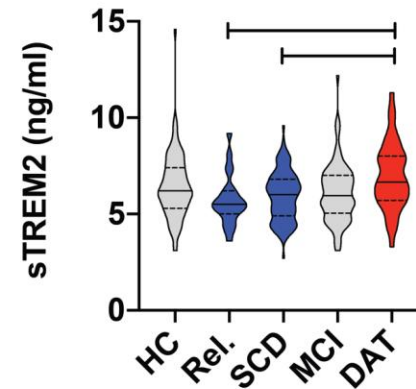
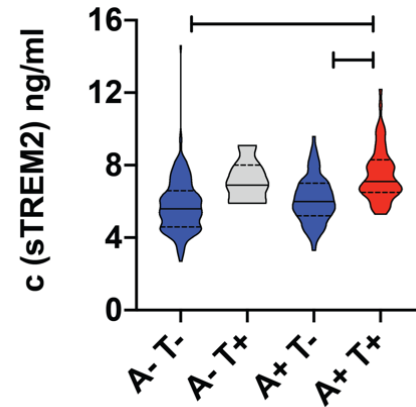
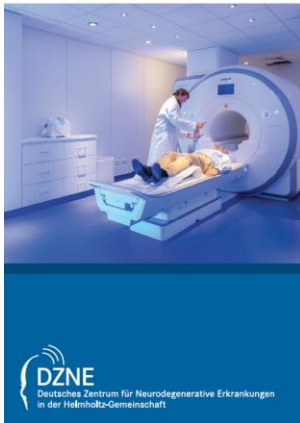


# When is Trem2 upregulated/activated?



**DELCODE**

DZNE - Longitudinale Studie zu Kognitiven Beeinträchtigungen und Demenz



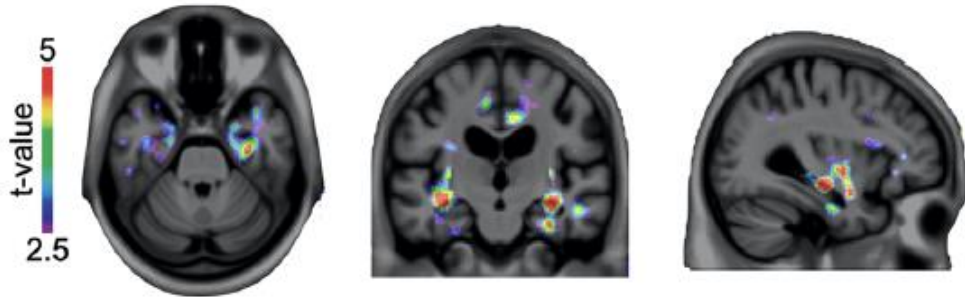
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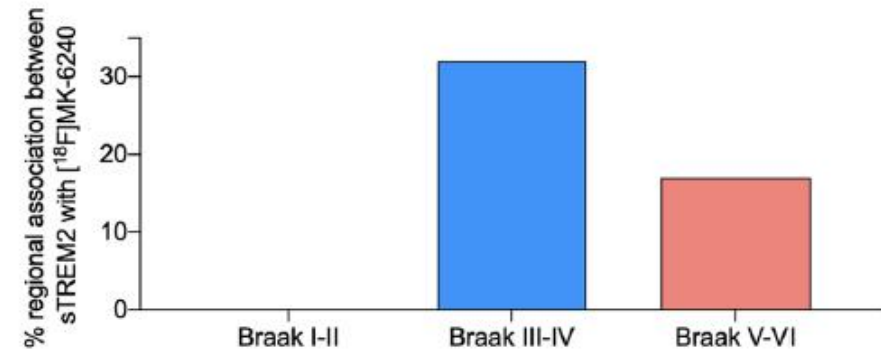
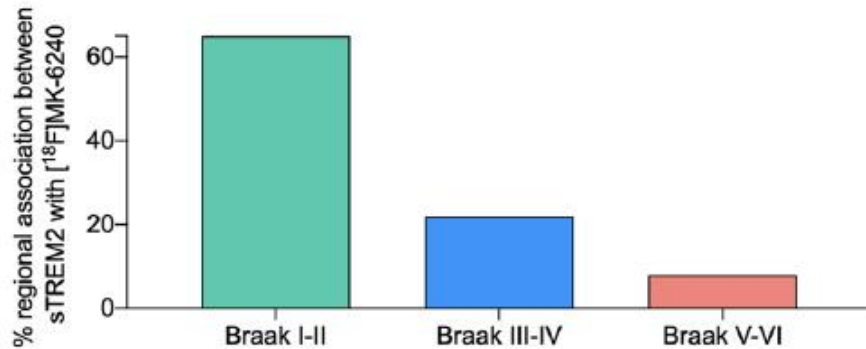
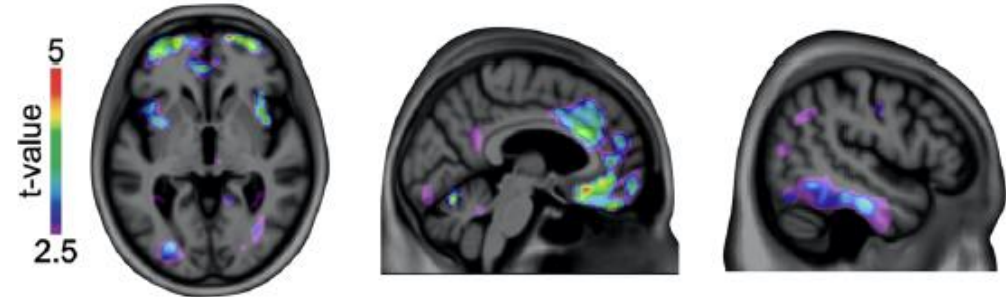


# sTrem2 correlates with tau in later Braak stages

CSF sTREM2 ~ tau [<sup>18</sup>F]MK-6240 in CU



CSF sTREM2 ~ tau [<sup>18</sup>F]MK-6240 in MCI



Microglia activation correlates with tau pathology → Suggesting an active role of Trem2 during this stage

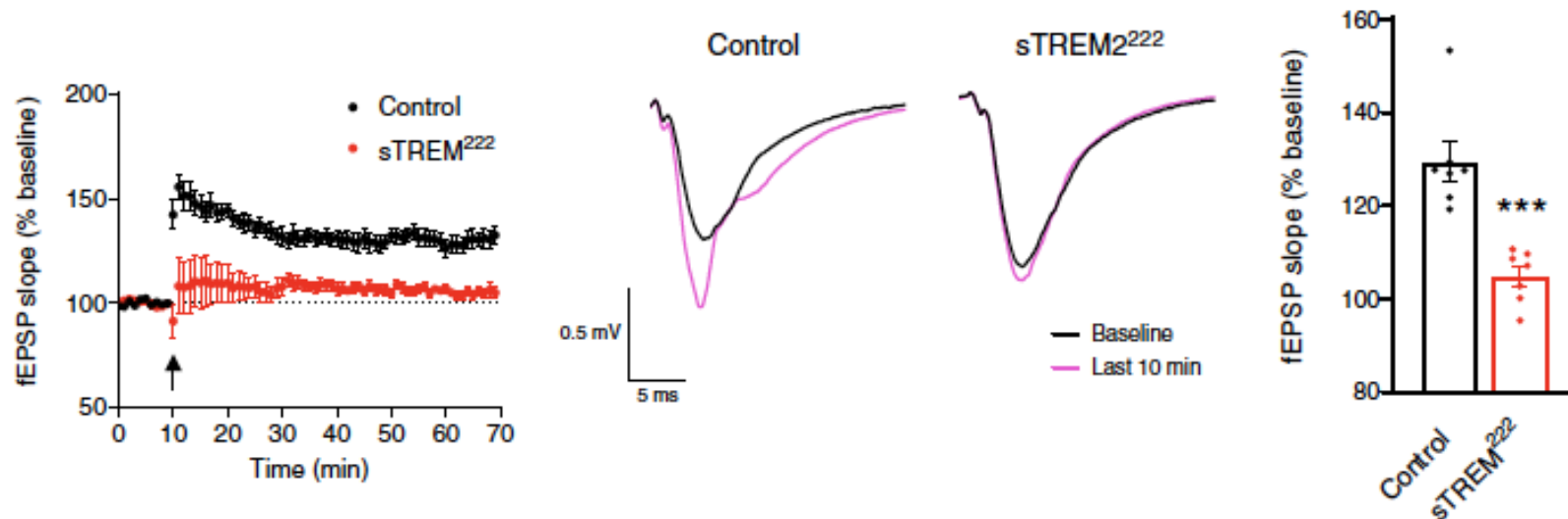
# Trem2 and sTrem2 at the synapse

As a potential beneficial effect, microglia removal of  $\text{oA}\beta$ -induced hyperactive synapses normalizes plaque-associated neuronal hyperactivity Rueda Carrasco et al. 2023, *Embo J* PMID: 37575021

Trem2 binds to C1q and thereby inhibits classical complement activation Zhong et al. 2023, *Immunity* PMID: 37442133

Overexpression of the R47H Trem2 variant in BV2 cells increased microglial synapse uptake and neuronal loss Popescu et al. 2022, *Glia* PMID: 36480007

Trem2 full length and splice variant derived sTrem2 suppresses hippocampal long-term potentiation



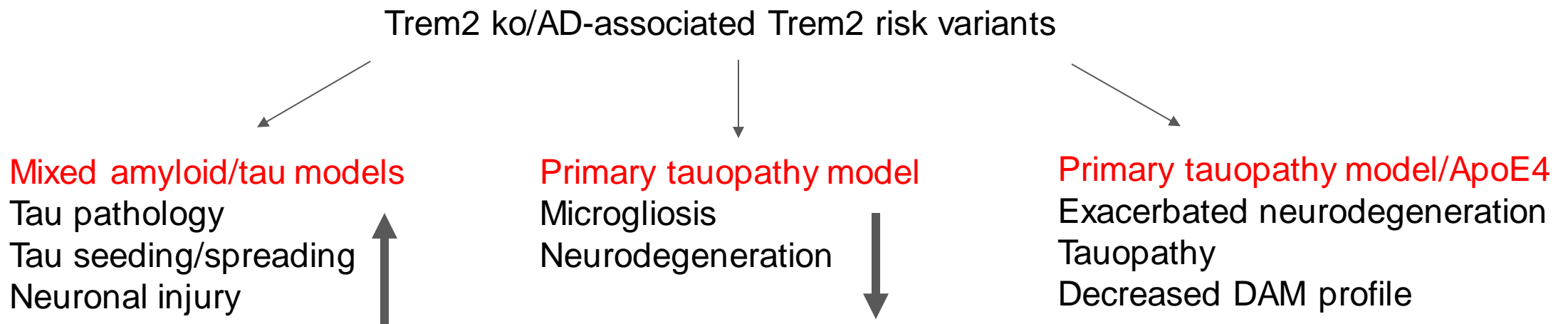
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# Trem2's tau games

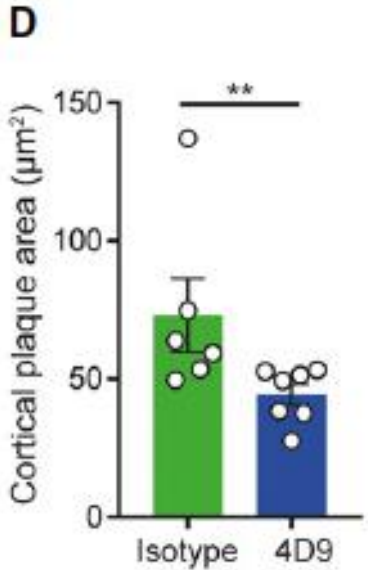
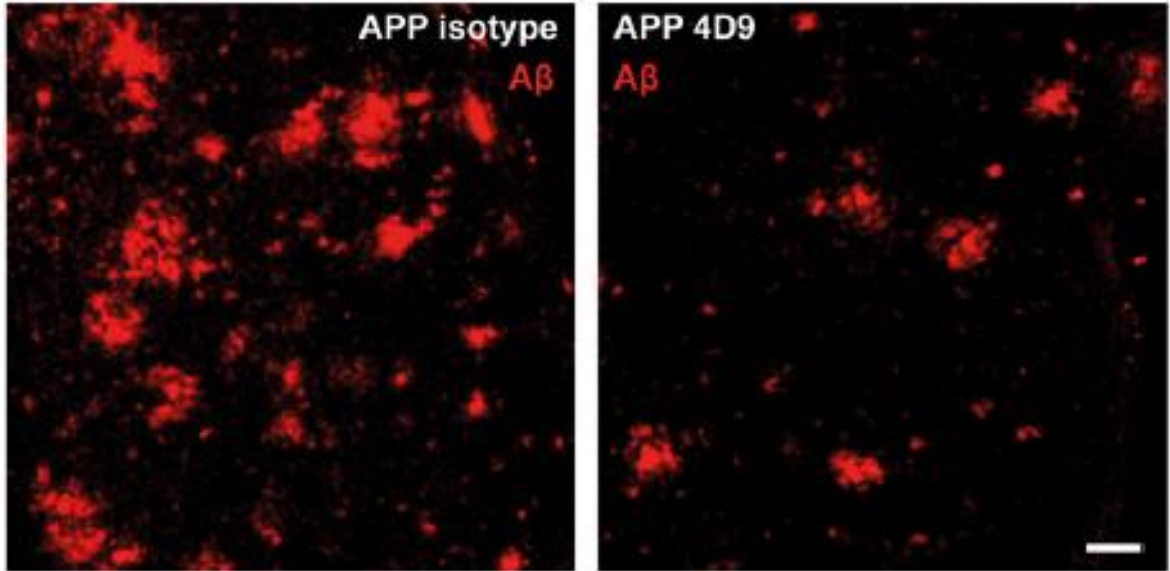
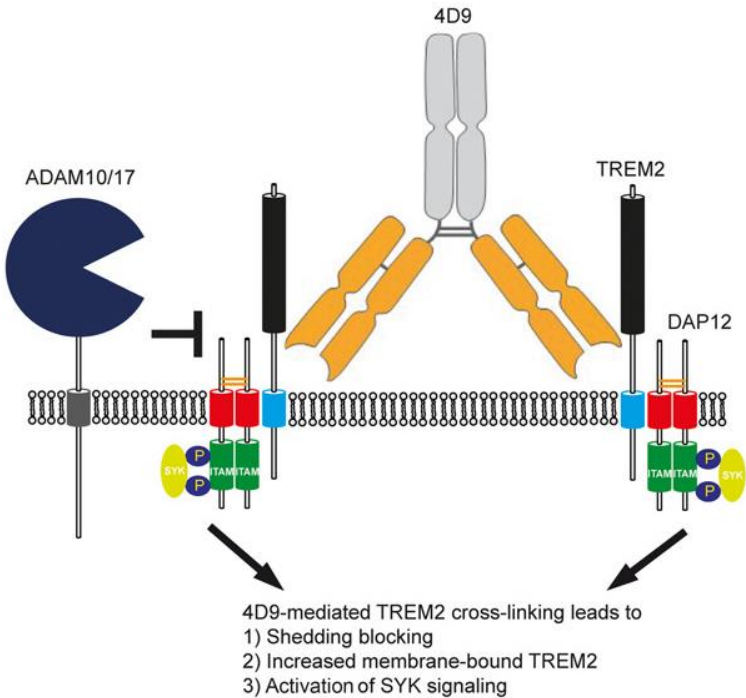
Lentiviral induced upregulation of Trem2 protein levels reduces tau hyperphosphorylation (Ser199, Ser396) in APP/PS1 transgenic mice

(Peng et al. 2023 *Mol Neurobiol* PMID: )

Trem2 R47H risk variant carrying mice show more neuritic plaque pathology upon AD-tau injection as wt  
(Leyns et al. 2019 *Nature Neurosci* PMID: )



# Trem2 antibody action on microglia and A $\beta$ clearance





# Summary

Genetic findings link Trem2 gene variants to an increased risk for neurodegeneration, most prominently Alzheimer's disease

Trem2 function includes removal of cellular debris, restriction of A $\beta$  deposits, synapse protection and maintenance of microglial homeostasis

Trem2 risk variants result in a loss of function, facilitated microglial death and consequently an increased disease risk.

sTrem2 detection in CSF and human brain pathology suggest an activation in MCI to early AD stages

Modulation of Trem2 has proven beneficial in preclinical models. Trem2 antibody ligation represents an efficient way to modulate the receptor

*AL002*  
*Clinical*  
*Development*

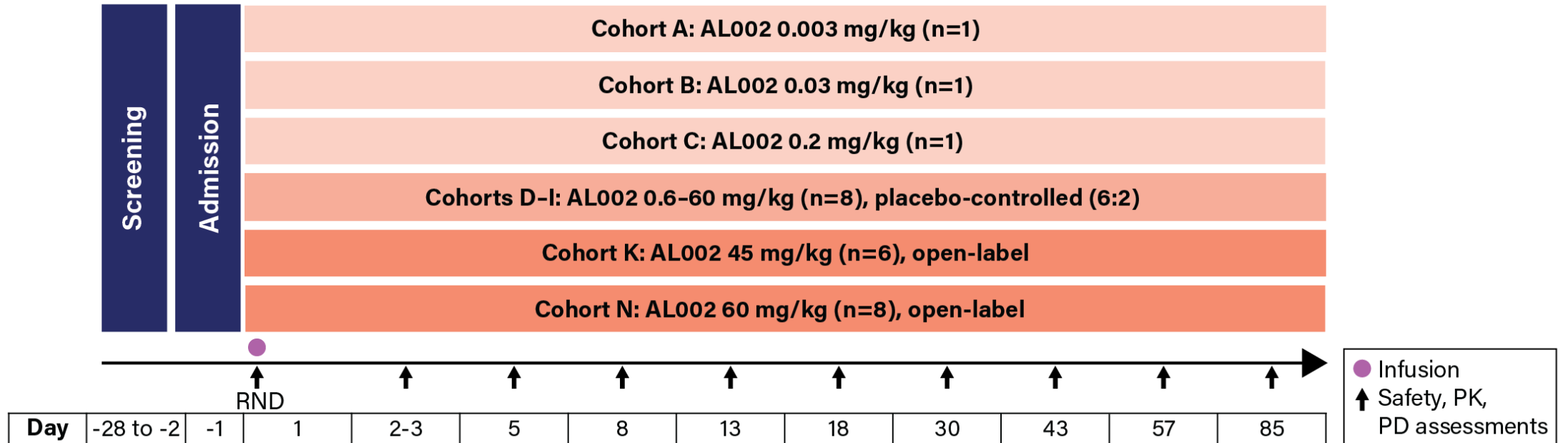


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# Phase 1 Study of AL002 in Healthy Volunteers

Figure 1. AL002-1 Study Design



# AL002 Phase 1: Single Ascending Dose Study

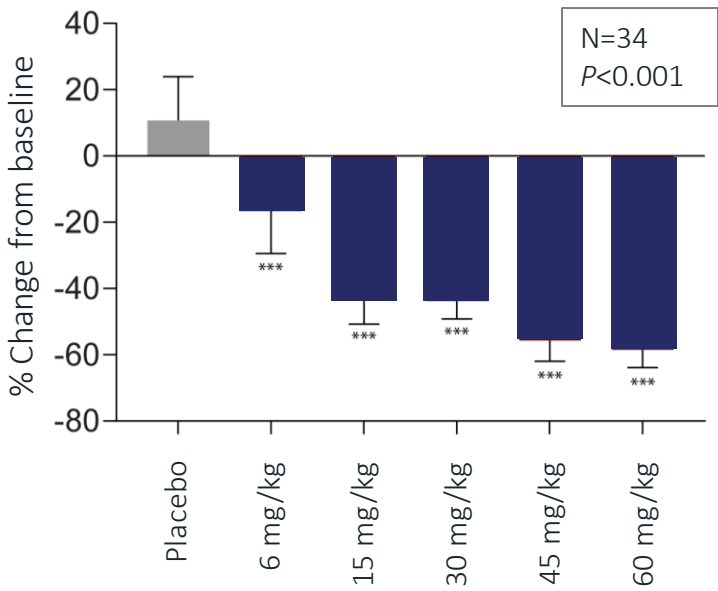
## Well Tolerated in Healthy Volunteers

System Organ Class Preferred Term	AL002 0.003-0.2 mg/kg (n=3) n (%)	AL002 0.6 mg/kg (n=6) n (%)	AL002 2 mg/kg (n=6) n (%)	AL002 6 mg/kg (n=6) n (%)	AL002 15 mg/kg (n=6) n (%)	AL002 30 mg/kg (n=6) n (%)	AL002 45 mg/kg (n=6) n (%)	AL002 60 mg/kg (n=14) n (%)	Pooled Placebo (n=11) n (%)
Participants with ≥1 TEAE	2 (66.7%)	3 (50.0%)	2 (33.3%)	5 (83.3%)	5 (83.3%)	4 (66.7%)	6 (100.0%)	10 (71.4%)	9 (81.8%)
Participants with ≥1 treatment-related TEAE <sup>b</sup>	2 (66.7%)	2 (33.3%)	2 (33.3%)	2 (33.3%)	2 (33.3%)	4 (66.7%)	5 (83.3%)	7 (50.0%)	6 (54.5%)
<b>Treatment-related TEAEs in ≥5% of participants in the total AL002 group</b>									
Headache	1 (33.3%)	1 (16.7%)	2 (33.3%)	2 (33.3%)	1 (16.7%)	4 (66.7%)	2 (33.3%)	2 (14.3%)	4 (36.4%)
Dizziness postural	1 (33.3%)	0	1 (16.7%)	0	0	1 (16.7%)	0	0	1 (9.1%)
Nausea	0	0	1 (16.7%)	1 (16.7%)	0	0	1 (16.7%)	6 (42.9%)	2 (18.2%)
Vomiting	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3 (21.4%)	2 (18.2%)
Any TEAE leading to study drug withdrawal	0	0	0	0	0	0	1 (16.7%)	1 (7.1%)	0

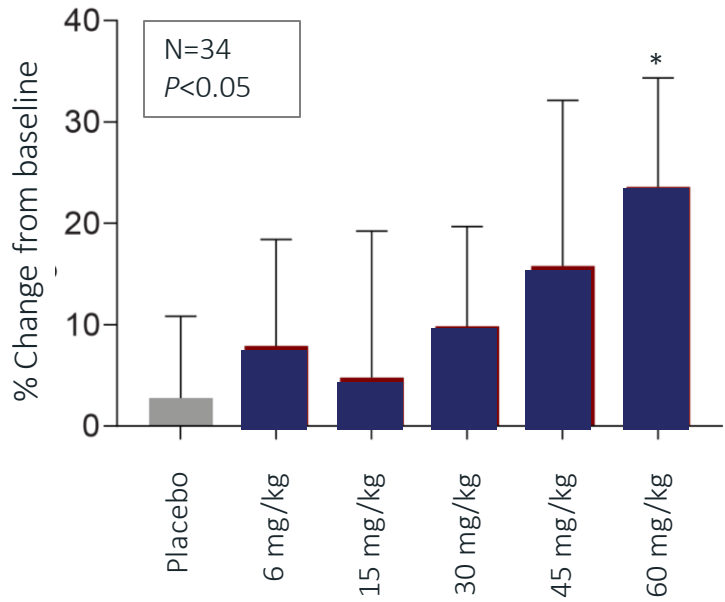
- No drug-induced or drug-related SAEs or DLAEs occurred during the study
- 1 participant in the pooled placebo group experienced an SAE that was not considered related to study drug
- 2 participants experienced AEs considered probably related to AL002 that led to withdrawal of study drug; one participant (AL002 45 mg/kg) experienced nausea (mild), and one participant (AL002 60 mg/kg) experienced paresthesia (moderate), nausea (mild), and retching (mild)

# AL002 Phase 1: Dose-Related Target Engagement and Increase in Microglial Signaling

**Dose-Dependent Reduction of Soluble TREM2 in the CSF (Mean +-SD)**



**Dose-Dependent Elevation of sCSF-1R in the CSF (Mean +-SD)**



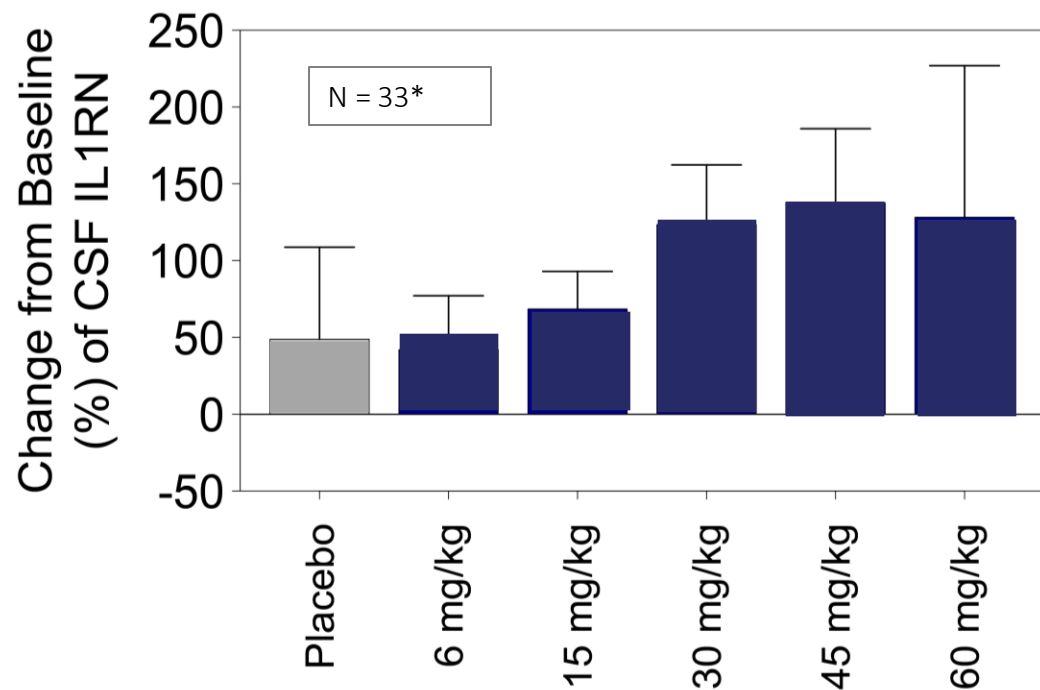
\* $P=0.026$  at 60 mg/kg vs pooled placebo. \*\*\* $P=0.0001$  for 6 mg/kg and  $P<0.0001$  for all other doses vs pooled placebo control.

AAIC 2021; NCT03635047. 2. Wang S, et al. *J Exp Med.* 2020;217(9):e20200785.  
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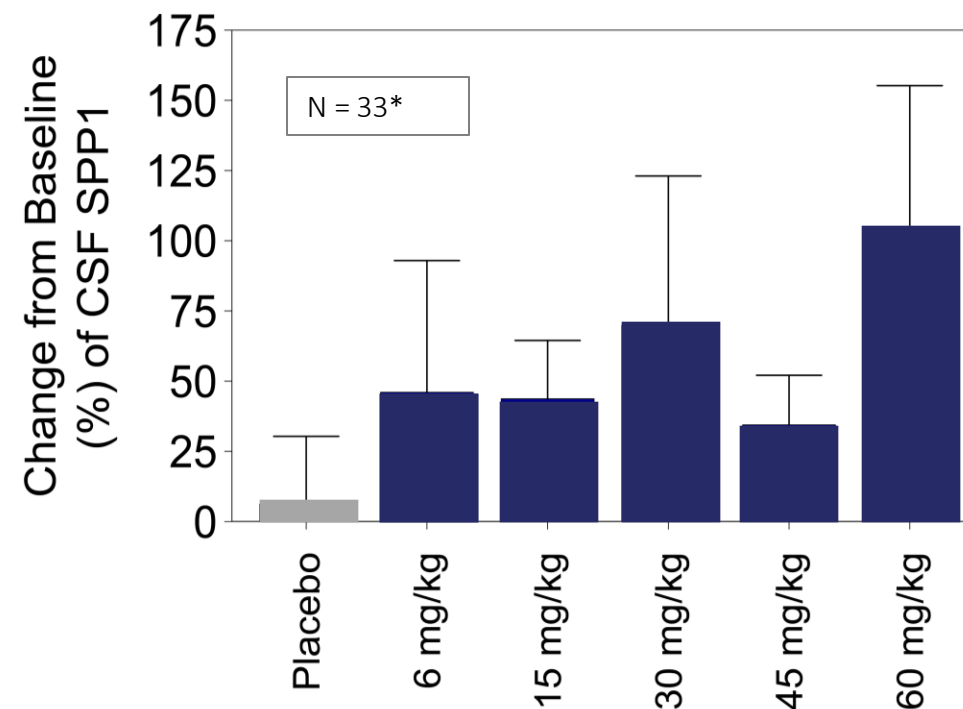


# AL002 Phase 1: Dose-Related Increase in Microglial Signaling

Dose-Dependent Elevation of IL1RN in CSF (Mean +-SD)



Dose Dependent Elevation of SPP1 in CSF (Mean +-SD)



At doses 6mg/kg – 45 mg/kg, N=6/cohort. N=14 in the 60 mg/kg cohort. Pooled placebo N=11.

\*Outlier value (1280.3% above baseline at Day 3 from 1 participant in the 30 mg/kg dose group) were omitted from the graph. Phase 1 data presented at AAIC 2021; NCT03635047.

IL1RN = interleukin 1 receptor antagonist  
SPP1 = secreted phosphoprotein 1  
CSF = cerebrospinal fluid

# INVOKE-2: AL002 Phase 2 Study in Participants with Early Alzheimer's Disease

**Phase II Design: Randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled 4-arm, common close study (48-96 weeks); randomized 381 participants (1:1:1:1) with early Alzheimer's disease**

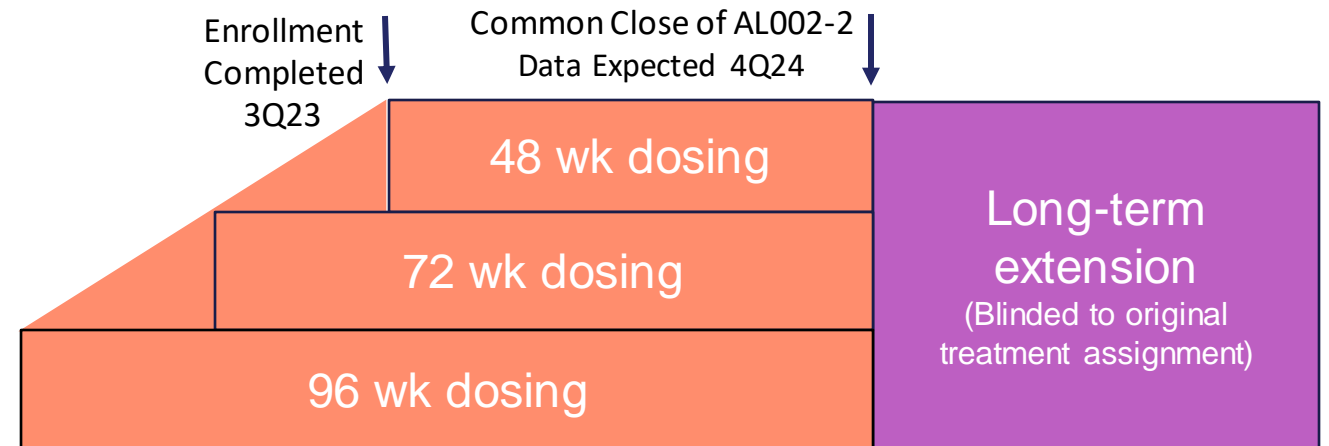
## Treatment Arms

AL002, 15mg/kg IV/q4w

AL002, 40mg/kg IV/q4w

AL002, 60mg/kg IV/q4w

Placebo



# INVOKE-2: Clinical and Functional Outcome Measures

- **Primary Outcome Measure:**
  - Clinical Dementia Rating Scale – Sum of Boxes
    - Primary endpoint of lecanemab Phase 3 trials
- **Secondary Clinical and Functional Outcome Measures**
  - RBANS
  - ADAS-Cog 13
  - ADCS-ADL-MCI
  - MMSE
- **Proportional analysis**
  - Enables using ALL of the data collected in this common close design trial

} Items extracted for the iADRS, the primary endpoint of the donanemab Phase 3 trial

Proportional constrained longitudinal data analysis models for clinical trials in sporadic Alzheimer's disease

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Alzheimer's Disease  
Translational Research  
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# INVOKE-2: Biomarkers of Target Engagement, Microglial Signaling and AD Pathophysiology

TARGET ENGAGEMENT AND MICROGLIAL SIGNALING	
CSF sTREM2	CSF markers of Microglial Signaling

Reflects levels of TREM2 on microglial membrane

Lower levels of sTREM2 correlate with AL002 binding and internalization of receptor

**CSF-1R:** Microglial proliferation

**SPP1:** Microglial phagocytosis

**IL1-RN:** Microglial immune regulation

Markers of Microglial Subtypes / Activity

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE PATHOPHYSIOLOGY		
Amyloid/Tau Pathology	Astrogliosis	Neuronal and Synaptic injury

**Amyloid PET**

**Tau PET**

**Plasma pTau<sup>217</sup>**

**CSF/Plasma MTBR-tau243**

**CSF/Plasma Aβ 42/40**

**Plasma GFAP**

**CSF YKL40**

**Nfl**

**Neurogranin**

**Total Tau**

**Volumetric MRI**

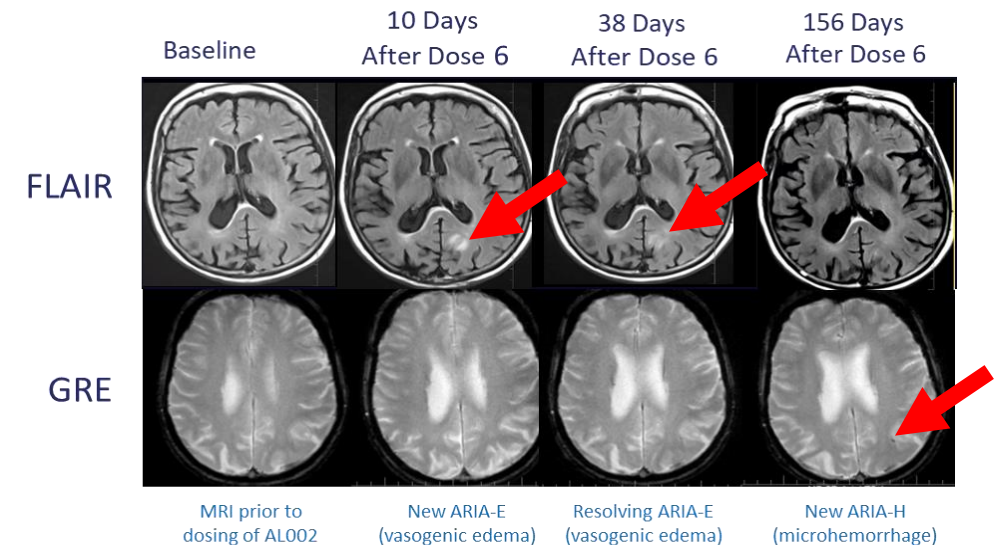
OPN = osteopontin protein  
 CSF1R = colony stimulating factor 1 receptor  
 IL1RN = interleukin-1 receptor antagonist  
 GFAP = glial fibrillary acidic protein  
 AD = Alzheimer's disease

YKL40= protein named YKL-40 based on its three N-terminal amino acids tyrosine (Y), lysine (K) and leucine (L), and its molecular mass of 40 kDa 14.  
 Nfl = neurofilament light chain  
 CDR-SB = Clinical Dementia Rating Sum Boxes

# Treatment-related MRI findings resembling Amyloid Related Imaging Abnormalities Occurred in a Subset of Participants in the INVOKE-2 Trial

- MRI findings resemble ARIA reported with anti-amyloid antibodies with regard to:
  - MRI features, incidence, timing of onset/resolution, relatedness to number of ApoE  $\epsilon$ 4 alleles
  - Frequency and spectrum of associated clinical manifestations
- Early in the trial the more severe radiographic and clinically serious cases occurred exclusively in Apo  $\epsilon$ 4/ $\epsilon$ 4
  - ➔ ApoE  $\epsilon$ 4/ $\epsilon$ 4 s were excluded from study participation
- An Independent Data Monitoring Committee reviews data regularly and has recommended to continue the trial

77 y/o (ApoE  $\epsilon$ 3/ $\epsilon$ 4) female participant with ARIA-E and ARIA-H





# ARIA Incidence and Radiographic Severity Were Reduced After Exclusion of ApoE $\epsilon 4/\epsilon 4$

ARIA-E	ApoE $\epsilon 4/\epsilon 4^{\dagger}$	Current Study Population (Non-ApoE $\epsilon 4/\epsilon 4$ )
ARIA-E incidence, n/N (%)	8/15 (71)*	49/337 (19)*
Radiographic severity (scale of 1-5), mean (SD)	2.5 (1.6)	2.2 (1.3)

ARIA-H	ApoE $\epsilon 4/\epsilon 4^{\dagger}$	Current Study Population (Non-ApoE $\epsilon 4/\epsilon 4$ )
ARIA-H incidence, n/N (%)	8/15 (71)*	57/337 (23)*
ARIA-H radiographic severity (%)		
Mild	1/8 (12.5)	25/57 (44)
Moderate	2/8 (25)	16/57 (28)
Severe	5/8 (62.5)	16/57 (28)

This study remains blinded to treatment assignment.

\*Placebo controlled; assumes all ARIA occurs in active treatment arms.

<sup>†</sup>Voluntarily discontinued APOE  $\epsilon 4$  homozygote trial participation.

# Most Participants with Radiographic ARIA in the Trial Population (Excludes ApoE $\epsilon 4/\epsilon 4$ ) Have Been Asymptomatic and Clinically Serious Cases Have Been Uncommon

Symptomatic ARIA in Current Trial Population <sup>†</sup>	
Total participants dosed (excluding ApoE $\epsilon 4/\epsilon 4$ ) <sup>†</sup>	337
Participants with ARIA-E (%)	49 (19)*
Asymptomatic (%)	43/49 (88)
Symptomatic (%)	6/49 (12)
Clinically serious ARIA (%)	2/337 (<1)

This study remains blinded to treatment assignment.

\*Placebo controlled; assumes all ARIA occurs in active treatment arms.

<sup>†</sup>Voluntarily discontinued APOE e4 homozygote trial participation.

# AL002: Summary

- **Phase 1:** Completed in healthy volunteers.
  - Favorable safety profile at all doses tested
  - Demonstrated dose-dependent target engagement
  - Demonstrated evidence of dose-dependent effects on microglia signaling
- **Phase 2:** Completed enrollment of placebo-controlled Phase 2 study in early AD in Q3 2023 , with data readout expected in Q4 2024
  - Randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled 4-arms, common close study; randomized 381 participants with early Alzheimer's disease
  - Favorable safety profile at all doses tested
  - MRI changes resembling ARIA in a subset of participants, which may indicate biological activity

# What to Expect From the INVOKE-2 Trial?

- Therapeutic restoration of microglial function may slow Alzheimer's disease progression by:
  - Enhancing the clearance of misfolded proteins, including amyloid
  - Enhancing other beneficial effects of microglia on brain health:
    - maintenance of synaptic connections, support of astrocyte and oligodendrocyte function, maintenance and repair of the BBB and vasculature, and preservation of immune tolerance
- Potential differences from anti-amyloid trials with regard to:
  - Biomarker responses
    - E.g., lowering cerebral amyloid PET signal to the 24 centiloid threshold may not be required for efficacy of AL002 because its MOA may go beyond amyloid clearance
  - Optimal disease stage(s) for intervention: microglia decrease vulnerability of brain to pathogens and disease throughout life. Thus, the window for effectiveness may not be as narrow as for anti-amyloid therapeutics.
  - Temporal dynamics of treatment effects
    - Some improved microglia functions may manifest early in treatment (e.g., amyloid clearance, maintenance of synaptic function), while others may become apparent later (e.g., support of astrocyte and oligodendrocyte function, repair of vasculature and BBB)

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# *Closing Remarks*

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# AL002 What To Look For: Will it be the **Keytruda** of Alzheimer's Disease?

THE HYPOTHESIS	POTENTIAL THERAPEUTIC BENEFITS	
<p>Microglia broadly and constantly counteract multiple AD pathologies, and AL002 may enhance these activities throughout the disease cascade</p>	<p>Superior efficacy as stand-alone based on the broad mechanism</p>	<p>Clinical benefit at multiple disease stages based on broad mechanism and effect of high TREM2 on disease progression</p>
	<p>Superior efficacy in combination with anti-A<math>\beta</math> antibodies based on their dependence on functional microglia</p>	<p>Benefit independent of A<math>\beta</math> removal based on the broad mechanism and microglia's ability to insolate A<math>\beta</math> plaques</p>

## AL002 STATUS

- ✓ Most advanced, well-tolerated, TREM2-activating candidate in clinical development worldwide.
- ✓ Completed enrollment in Phase 2 clinical trial.
- ✓ Data readout expected in Q4 2024.
- ✓ Multiple microglia-specific biomarkers and treatment-emergent MRI findings that resemble ARIA may suggest AL002 is biologically active.
- ✓ AbbVie opt-in decision in early 2025.