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# Joint webinar series



**'Progressive Supranuclear Palsy - Update on Diagnostics,  
Biomarkers, Therapies '  
by Günter Höglinder  
Medical University Hannover, Germany**



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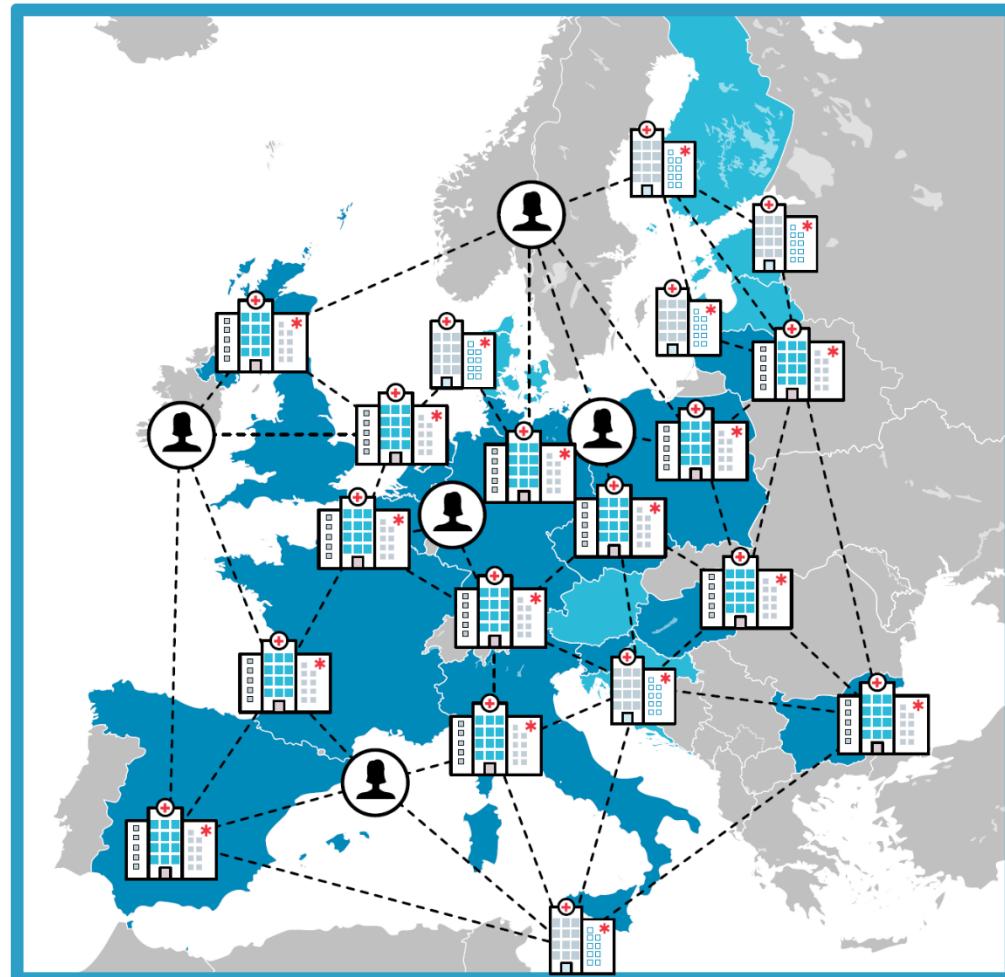
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# General information about the webinars

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- Focus on : RARE neurological, neuromuscular and movement disorders & neurorehabilitation
- Alternating adult and paediatric topics
- 40-45min presentation
- 15min Q&A session at the end (please write your questions in the Q&A)
- ***NEW*** - upcoming webinars for 2021: <http://www.ern-rnd.eu/education-training/webinars/>
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- **Research focus:**
  - Translational research into tauopathies and synucleinopathies
    - Diagnosis and therapy of Parkinson's disease
    - Molecular biology of Parkinson's disease
    - Atypical Parkinson Syndromes (MSA, PSP, CBD)



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# Webinar outline

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1. PSP: high level overview
2. Tauopathies: key facts & classifications
3. PSP diagnostic criteria: challenges and solutions
4. PSP: video illustrations
5. Molecular diagnostics
6. Molecular disease mechanisms
7. Therapeutic trials



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# Learning objectives

By the end of this webinar you will be able to:

- reliably diagnose PSP
- know the current status on diagnostic modalities
  - MR imaging
  - TAU PET
  - Fluid biomarkers
- understand the molecular pathogenesis
- know about ongoing / upcoming clinical trials

# **Progressive Supranuclear Palsy (PSP): Update on Diagnostics, Biomarkers and Therapies'**

**ERN-RND, EAN lecture**

**January 26, 2021**

**Univ.-Prof. Dr. med. Günter Höglinger  
Hannover / München**

# Progressive Supranuclear Palsy

*A Heterogeneous Degeneration  
Involving the Brain Stem,  
Basal Ganglia and Cerebellum  
With Vertical Gaze and  
Pseudobulbar Palsy, Nuchal  
Dystonia and Dementia*

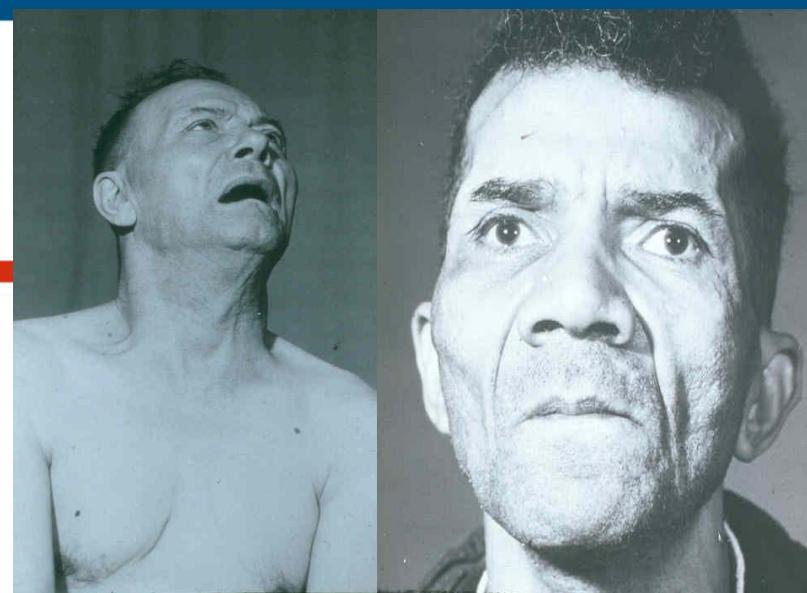
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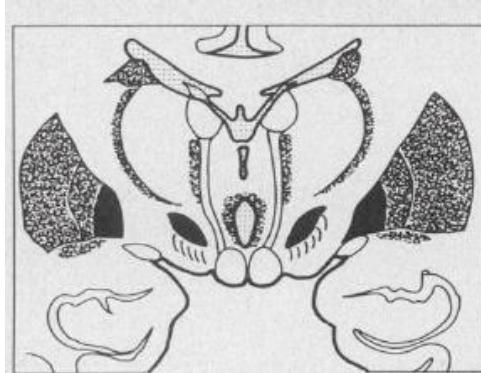


## Introduction

In this report we are describing a progressive brain disease featured by supranuclear ophthalmoplegia affecting chiefly vertical gaze, pseudobulbar palsy, dysarthria, dystonic rigidity of the neck and upper trunk, and other less constant cerebellar and pyramidal symptoms. Dementia has usually remained mild. This disease would appear to be predominantly a nerve cell degeneration centered chiefly in the brain stem.

## Distribution of lesions in PSP

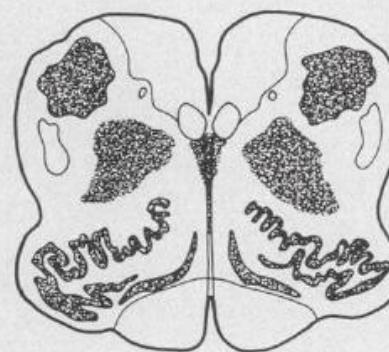
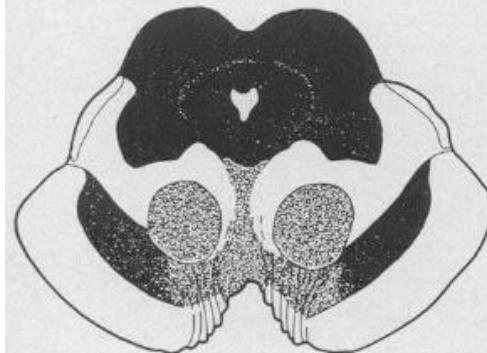
Caudate  
Putamen  
Pallidum  
STN



Tectum

SNC

Periaqueductal  
Grey



Pontine  
Nuclei

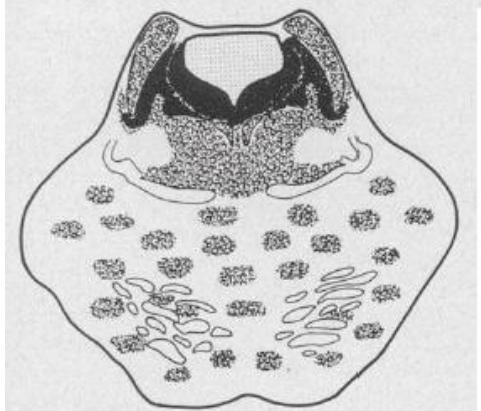
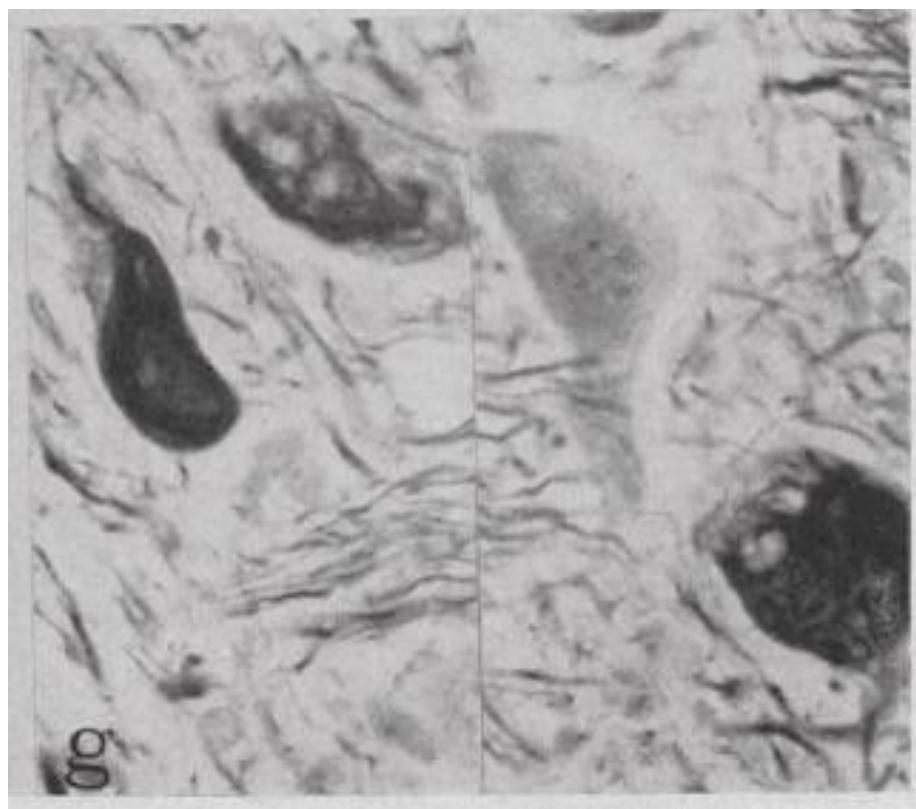


Fig 18.—Diagrammatic representation of the distribution of lesions present in our cases. The intensity of shading corresponds to the severity of involvement.

Steele, Richardson, Olszewski.  
Archives of Neurology, 1964;10:333-359

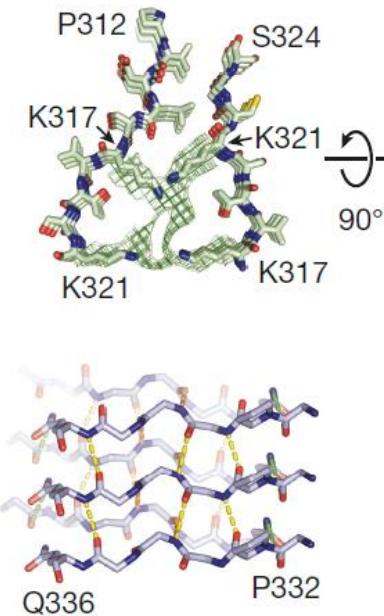
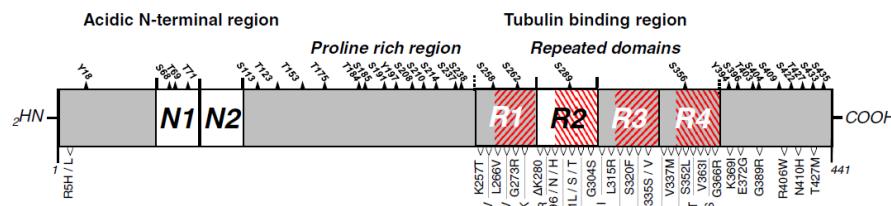
## Microscopic lesions in PSP



Bielschowsky pos. NFTs

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## Tau



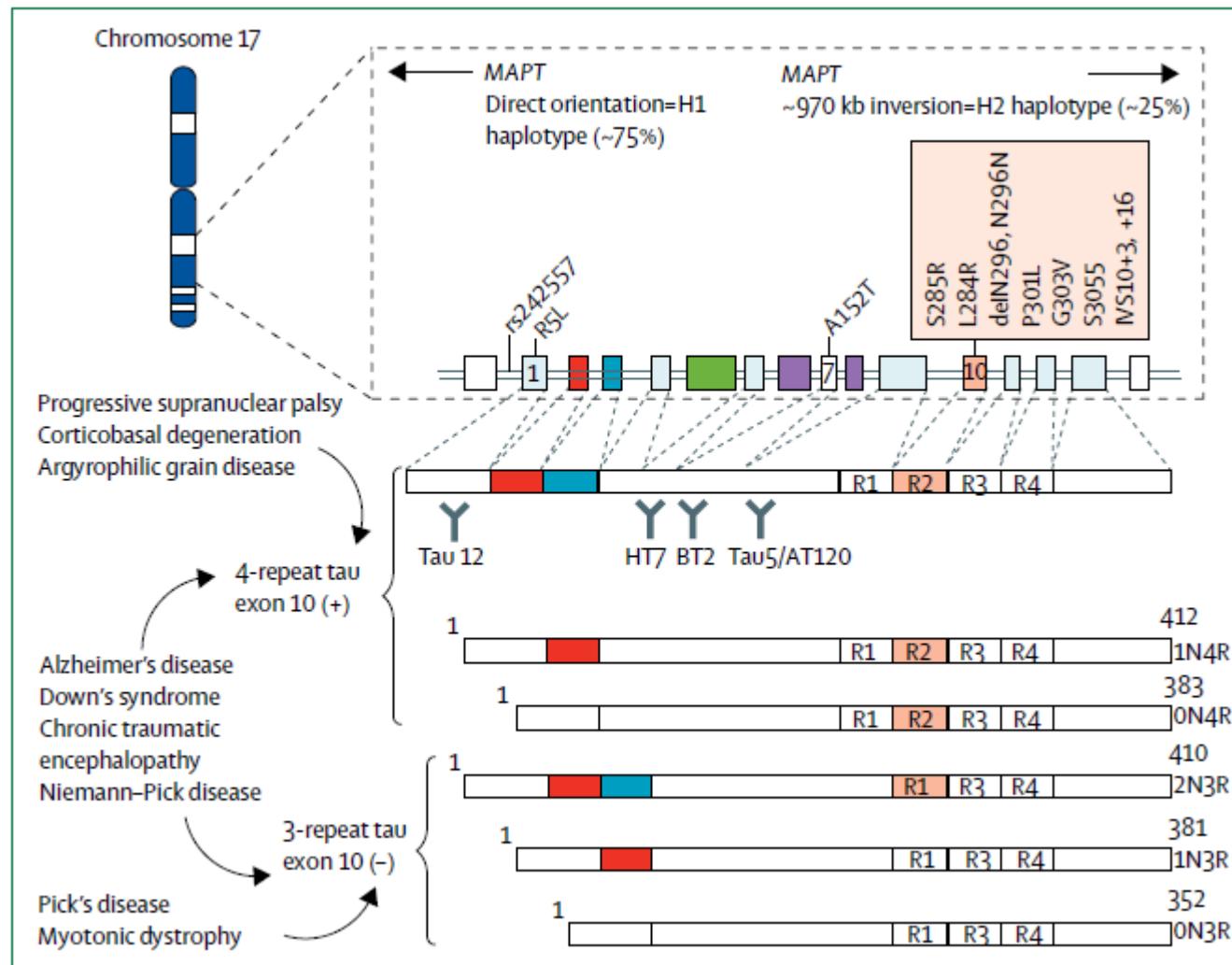
Moussaud et al. **Molecular Neurodegeneration** 2014

Fitzpatrick et al., **Nature** 2017

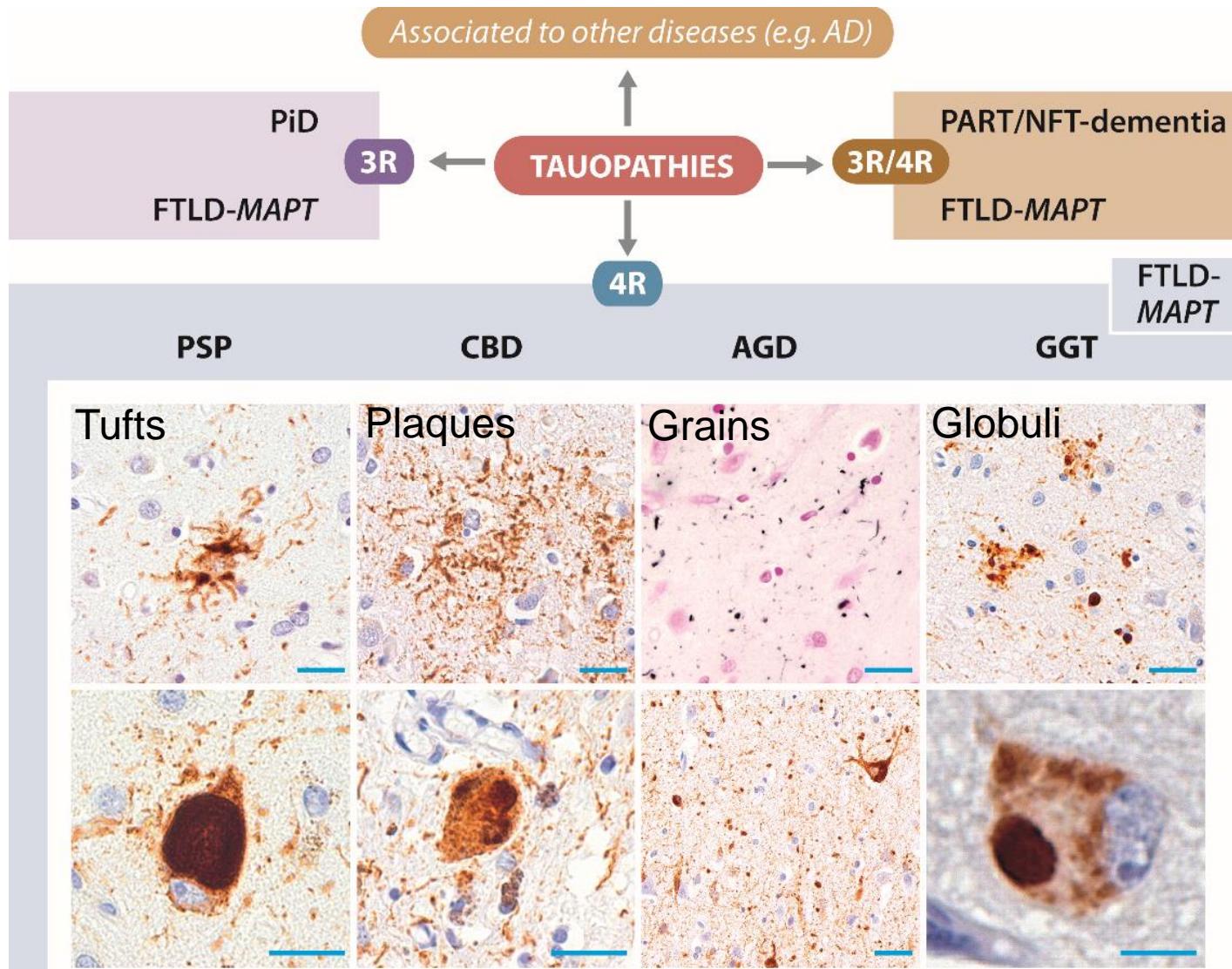
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# Tau Pathology

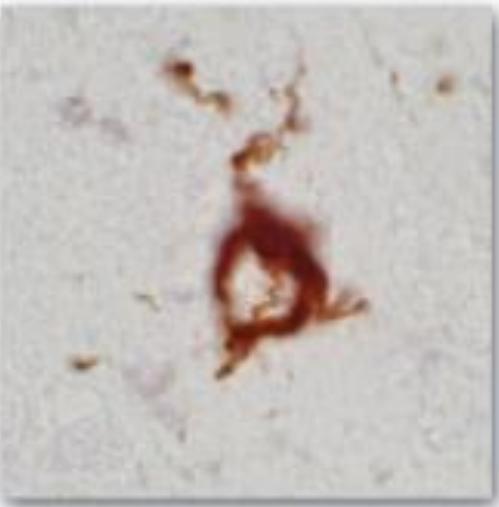


# Progressive Supranuclear Palsy (PSP)

AT8 (phospho-Tau)<sup>+</sup> glial and neuronal inclusions

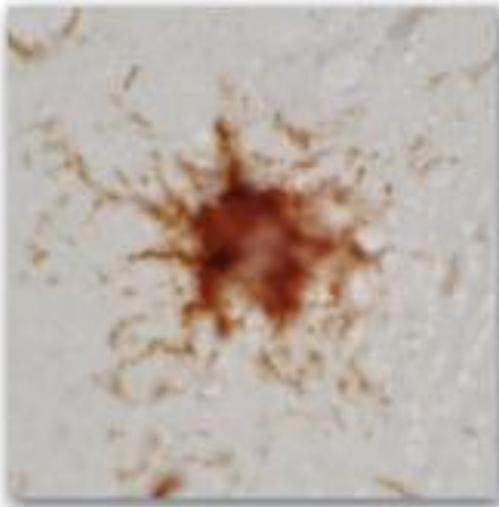
**A**

Oligo (Coiled body)



**B**

Astro (Tuff)



**C**

Neuron (Thread)



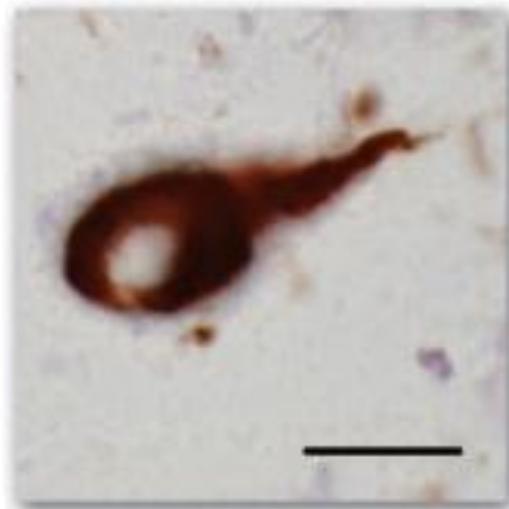
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Neuron (Pre-Tangle)



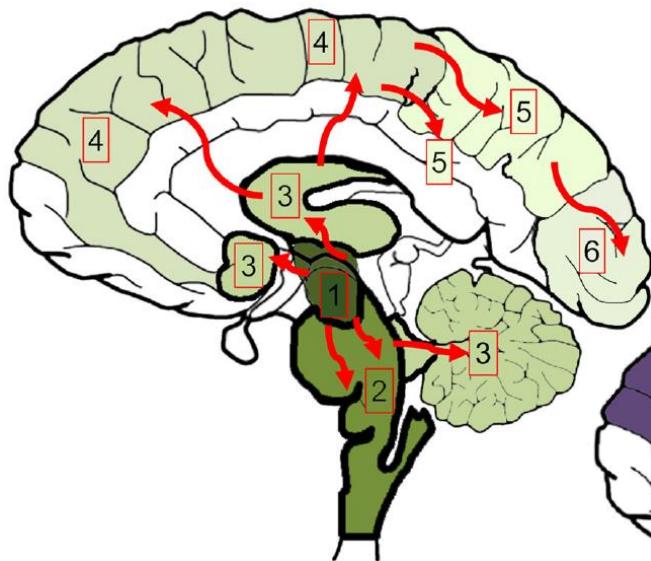
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Neuron (Tangle)

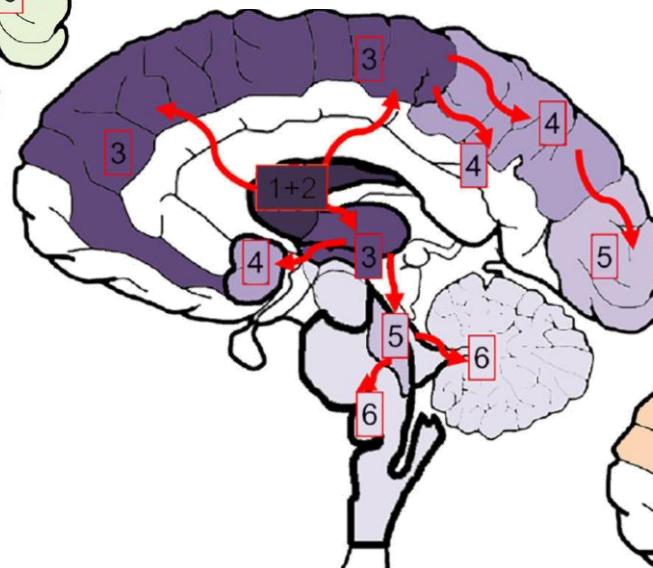


# Tau Spreading bei PSP

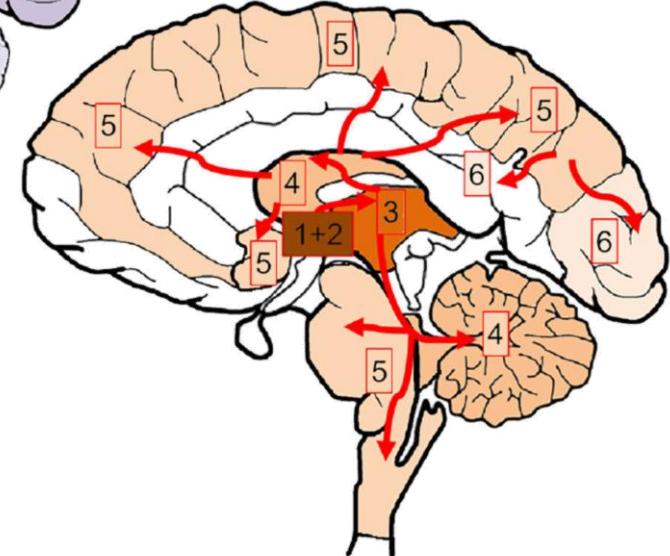
Neuronal



Astroglial



Oligodendroglial



## **Q1: *MAPT* encodes**

- One 3R isoform of the tau protein
- Three 3R isoforms of the tau protein
- One 4R isoform of the tau protein
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- One 3R and 4R isoform of tau each
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- **Three 3R and 4R isoforms of tau each (CORRECT)**

## **Q2: PSP and CBD are**

- Secondary mixed 3R / 4R tauopathies
- Secondary pure 3R tauopathies
- Secondary pure 4R tauopathies
- Primary mixed 3R / 4R tauopathies
- Primary pure 3R tauopathies
- Primary pure 4R tauopathies

## Q2: PSP and CBD are

- Secondary mixed 3R / 4R tauopathies
- Secondary pure 3R tauopathies
- Secondary pure 4R tauopathies
- Primary mixed 3R / 4R tauopathies
- Primary pure 3R tauopathies
- Primary pure 4R tauopathies (CORRECT)**

# **CLINICAL SPECTRUM: PSP PREDOMINANCE TYPES**

# Richardson's Syndrome

## PSP clinical presentations

### A Ocular motor dysfunction

- Vertical supranuclear gaze palsy
- Slow velocity of vertical saccades
- Frequent macro square wave jerks



### B Postural instability

- Repeated unprovoked falls
- Tendency to fall on the pull-test
- > 2 steps backward on the pull-test



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wUz1GaAS\\_-I](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wUz1GaAS_-I)

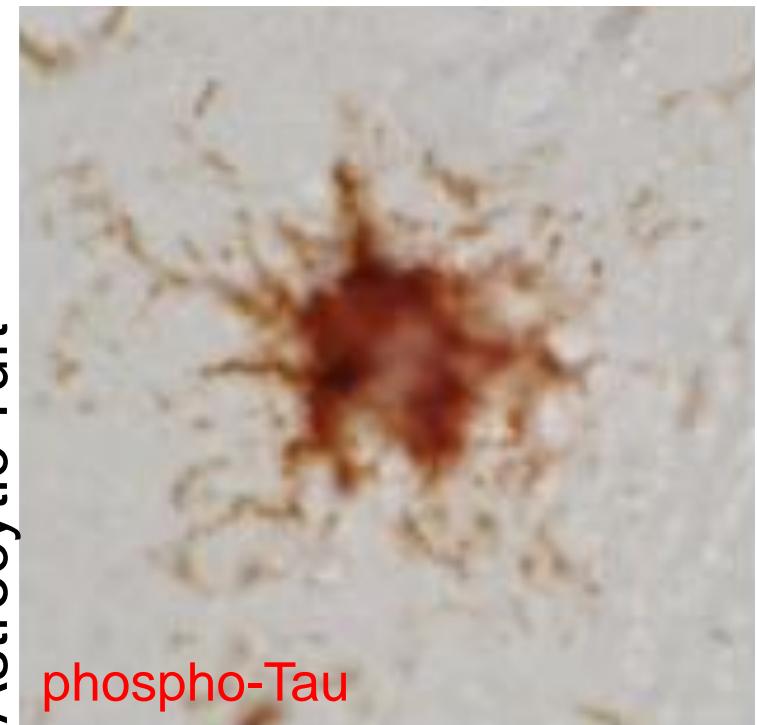
**Astrocytic Tuft:**  
The defining lesion in PSP  
*Stamelou et al., Brain. 2010;133:1578-90*

Supranuclear gaze palsy

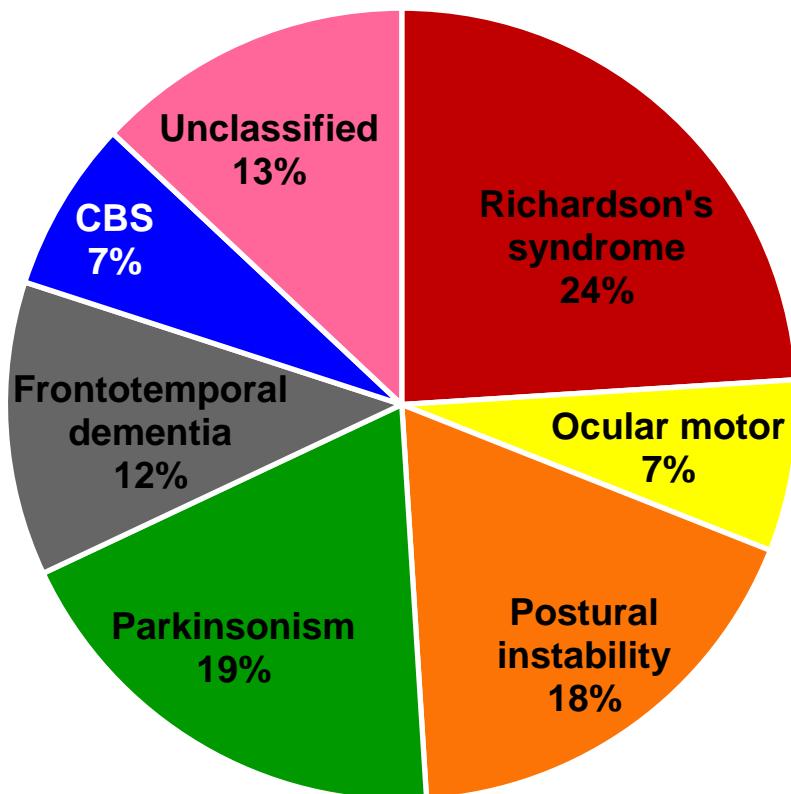


**Richardson's syndrome**  
(RS, clinical diagnosis)

**Definite PSP**  
(PSP, neuropathological diagnosis)

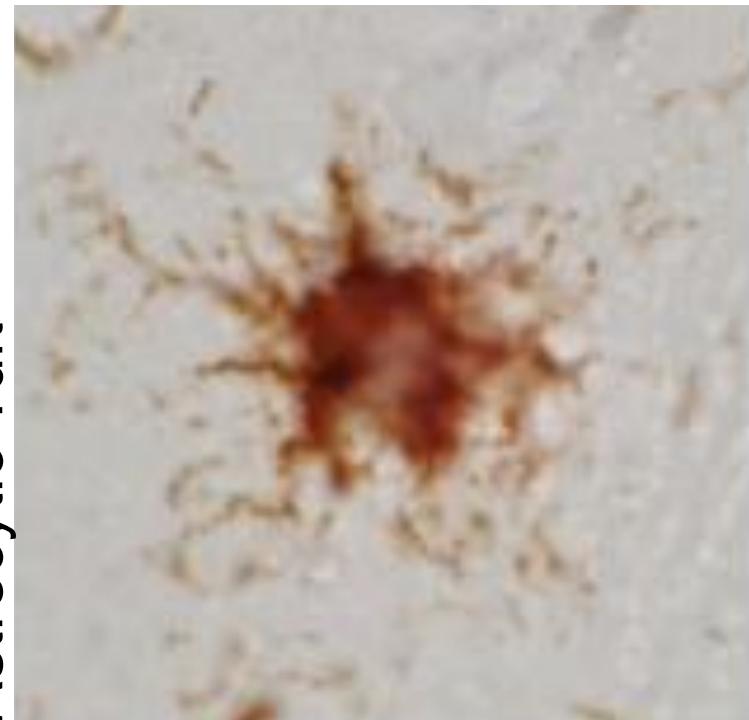


## Full Clinical Spectrum



Respondek, ... Höglinger, **Mov Dis.** 2014

## Definite PSP

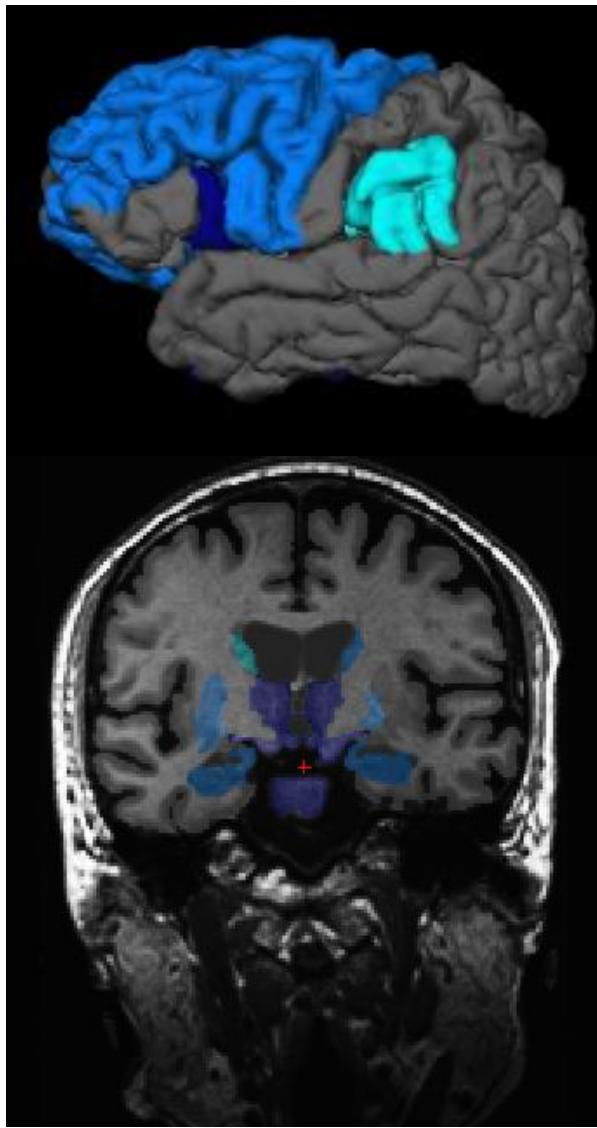


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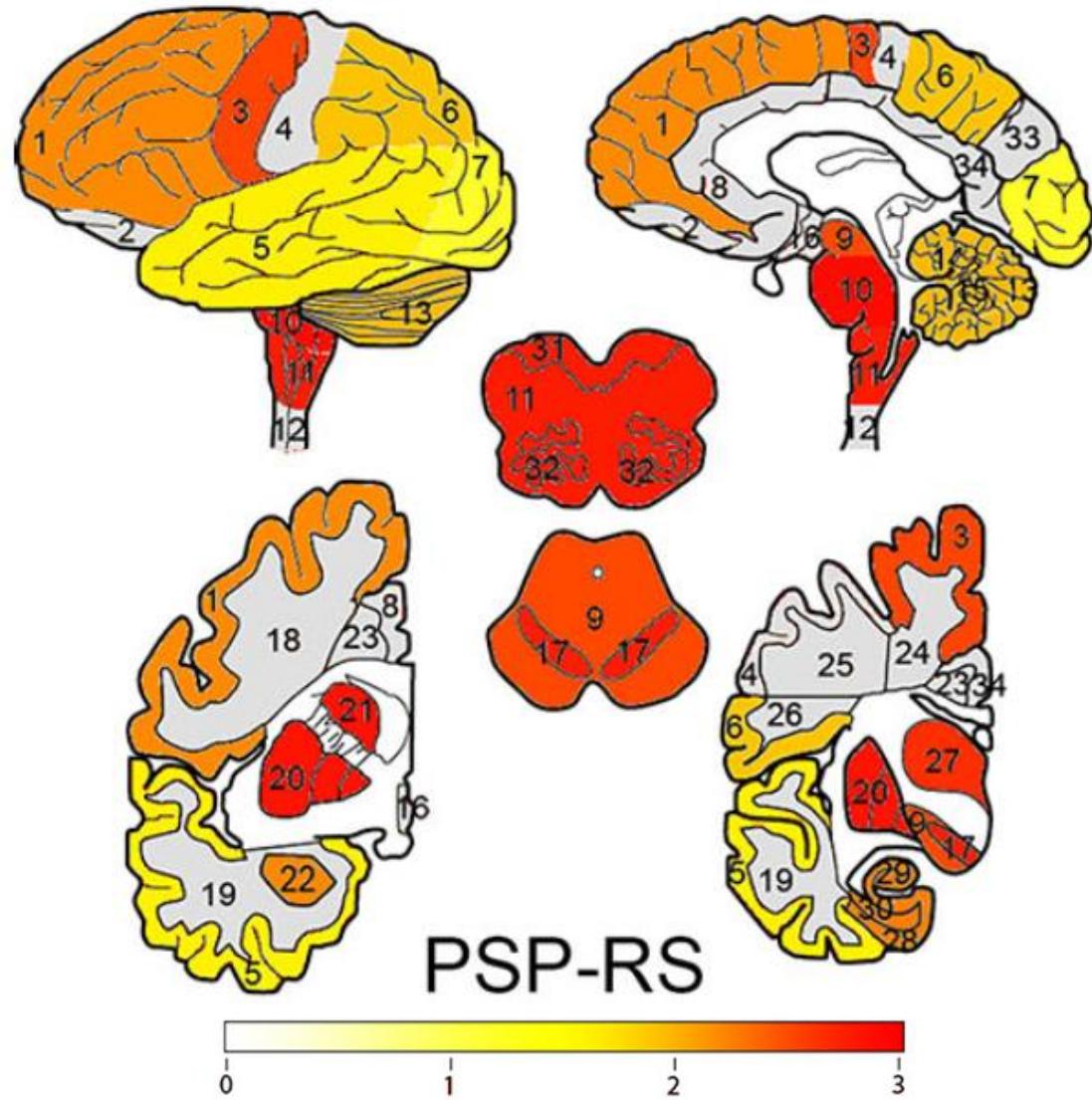
<b>Classic</b>	• <b>PSP-RS</b>	<b>Richardson Syndrome</b>
	• <b>PSP-PI</b>	<b>Postural Instability</b>
<b>Motor</b>	• <b>PSP-OM</b>	<b>Oculomotor Dysfunction</b>
	• <b>PSP-P</b>	<b>Parkinsonism</b>
<b>Cognitive</b>	• <b>PSP-PGF</b>	<b>Progressive Gait Freezing</b>
	• <b>PSP-CBS</b>	<b>Corticobasal Syndrome</b>
<b>Other</b>	• <b>PSP-FTD</b>	<b>Frontotemporal Dementia</b>
	• <b>PSP-PNFA</b>	<b>Progressive Non-Fluent Aphasia</b>
<b>Cognitive</b>	• <b>PSP-AOS</b>	<b>Apraxia of Speech</b>
	• <b>PSP-PLS</b>	<b>Primary Lateral Sclerosis</b>
<b>Other</b>	• <b>PSP-C</b>	<b>Cerebellar Ataxia</b>

# PSP-RS

## MRI Atrophy



## Tau Pathology



Höglinger, unpublished

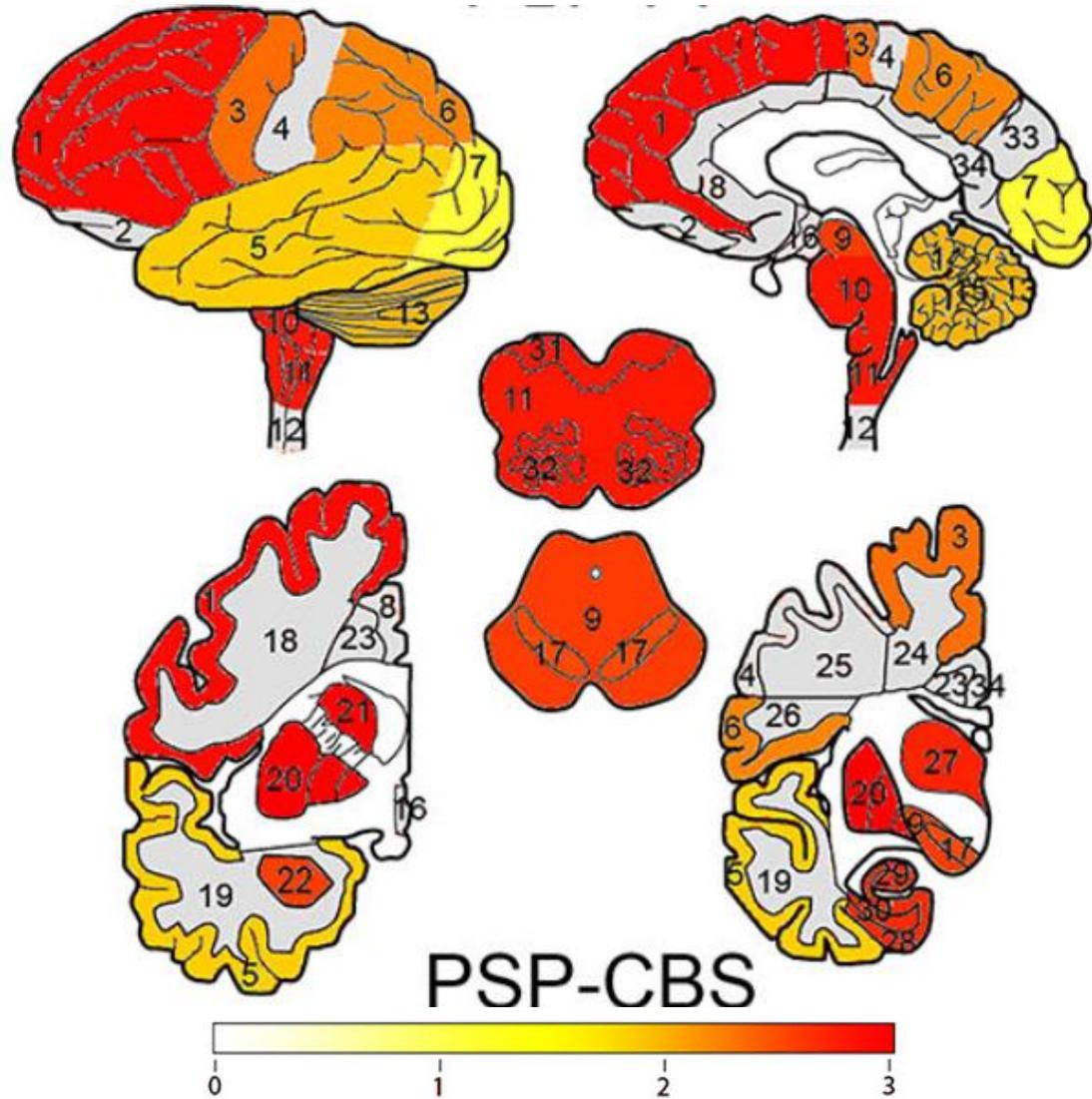
Kovacs, ... Trojanowski, Höglinger, 2020

# PSP-CBS

## MRI Atrophy



## Tau Pathology



Höglinger, 2011

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### **Q3: Which of the following is NOT a typical clinical phenotype of PSP**

- Posterior cortical atrophy
- Richardson's syndrome
- Corticobasal syndrome
- Progressive gait freezing
- PSP with predominant Parkinsonism

### **Q3: Which of the following is NOT a typical clinical phenotype of PSP**

- Posterior cortical atrophy (FALSE)**
- Richardson's syndrome
- Corticobasal syndrome
- Progressive gait freezing
- PSP with predominant Parkinsonism

## **Q5: The clinical phenotype of tauopathies is primarily driven by**

- Genetic variants at *MAPT*
- The histopathological hallmarks
- The topography of cerebral tau aggregation (**CORRECT**)
- The age at onset

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# CLINICAL DIAGNOSIS

# NINDS-SPSP Kriterien (*Litvan et al., 1996*)

NINDS-SPSP

Probable

All of the following:

- Age at disease onset  $\geq 40$  years;
- Gradually progressive disorder

A. Vertical supranuclear palsy

*And*

B. Postural instability with falls within 1 year of disease onset

Possible

A. Vertical supranuclear palsy

*Or*

B. 1. Slowing of vertical saccades

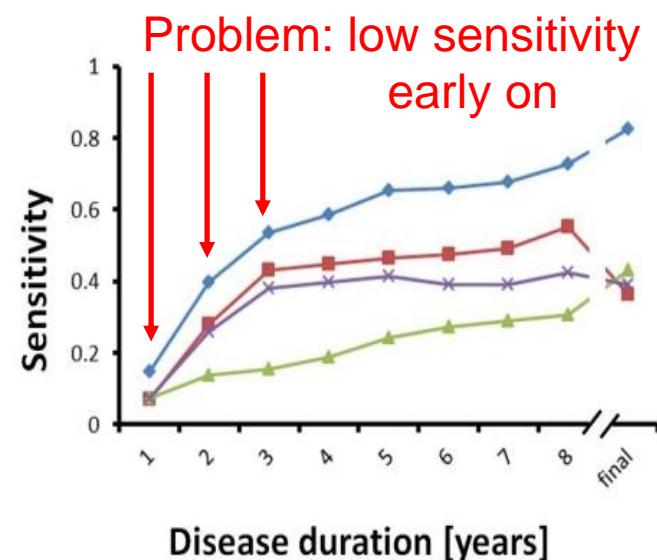
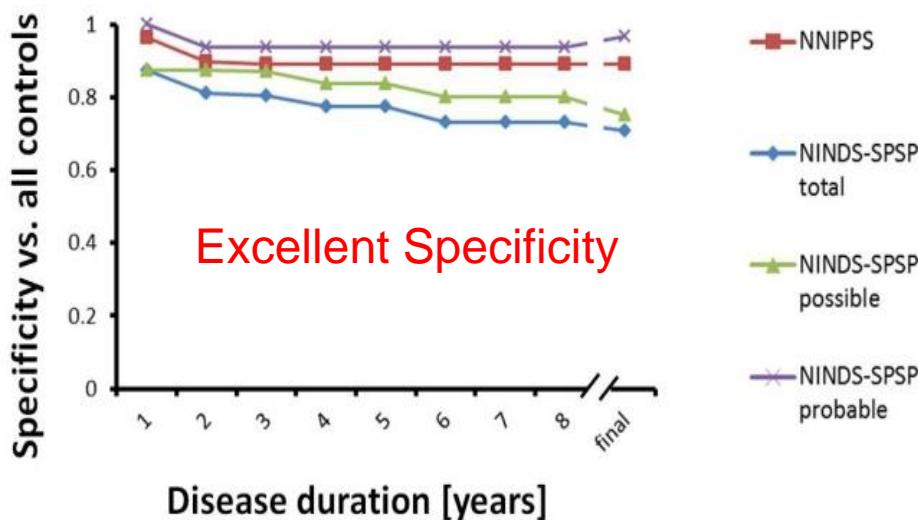
*And*

2. Postural instability with falls within 1 year of disease onset

## Accuracy of the National Institute for Neurological Disorders and Stroke/Society for Progressive Supranuclear Palsy and Neuroprotection and Natural History in Parkinson Plus Syndromes Criteria for the Diagnosis of Progressive Supranuclear Palsy

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### Clinicopathological study of 100 PSP-patients and 50 controls



# The Need to Revise Diagnostic Criteria for PSP

Problem: low sensitivity for variant PSP

	All	PSP-RS	PSP-PI	PSP-OM	PSP-P	PSP-CBS	PSP-FTD	Unclassified
Diagnosis of PSP in first clinical record	26.2	66.7##	16.7	66.7#	5.3**	0.0*	10.0*	38.5
Diagnosis of PSP in last clinical record	70.0	100.0###	77.8#	100.0#	31.6***	57.1	33.3	84.6#
NNIPPS	28.0	62.5###	50.0##	14.3	0.0***	0.0*	0.0**	23.1
NINDS-SPSP possible	25.5	25.0	5.6	71.4	26.3	0.0	33.3	46.2
NINDS-SPSP probable	35.0	75.0###	77.8###	0.0	0.0***	0.0	0.0	7.7
<b>NINDS-SPSP total</b>	<b>60.0</b>	<b>95.8###</b>	<b>77.8#</b>	<b>71.4</b>	<b>26.3***</b>	<b>0.0***</b>	<b>33.3***</b>	<b>53.3*</b>

Frequency (%) of correct clinical diagnosis of all analyzed definitive PSP patients and of the patients subgrouped according to clinical predominance types: RS, Richardson's syndrome; PI, postural instability; OM, oculomotor; P, parkinsonism; CBS, corticobasal syndrome; FTD, frontotemporal dysfunction; Unclassified, patients not fitting any of these predominance types. Fulfillment of the NNIPPS, NINDS-SPSP possible, NINDS-SPSP probable, or NINDS-SPSP total (= possible or probable) criteria was verified by retrospective chart review.

Chi-squared test and Bonferroni adjustment: \* $P < 0.05$ , \*\* $P < 0.01$ , \*\*\* $P < 0.001$ , vs. RS; # $P < 0.05$ , ## $P < 0.01$ , ### $P < 0.001$ , vs. PSP-P.

Respondek et al., Mov Disord. 2013;28:504-9

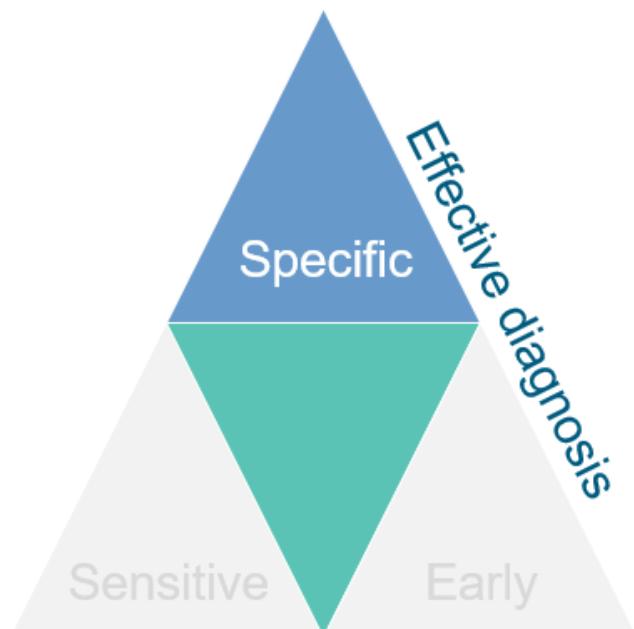
## The 1996 NINDS-SPSP Criteria Are Highly Specific for Typical PSP Presentation<sup>1</sup>

### Advantages

- Highly **specific** for typical PSP disease presentation<sup>1</sup>
- Provided guidelines to better understand the natural history of PSP

### Disadvantages

- Sensitivity is low during early years<sup>1</sup>
  - A person needs to be relatively advanced in their course to be diagnosed<sup>2</sup>
- Sensitivity for variant manifestations is low<sup>1</sup>
  - Guidelines fail to identify all phenotypes of PSP<sup>2</sup>



NINDS-SPSP, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke/Society for PSP; PSP, progressive supranuclear palsy.

1. Movement Disorders. [https://www.movementdisorders.org/MDS-Files1/Education/PDFs/NINDS-SPSPCriteria\\_Whydoweneedtoupdatethem\\_.pdf](https://www.movementdisorders.org/MDS-Files1/Education/PDFs/NINDS-SPSPCriteria_Whydoweneedtoupdatethem_.pdf). Accessed September 11, 2018.

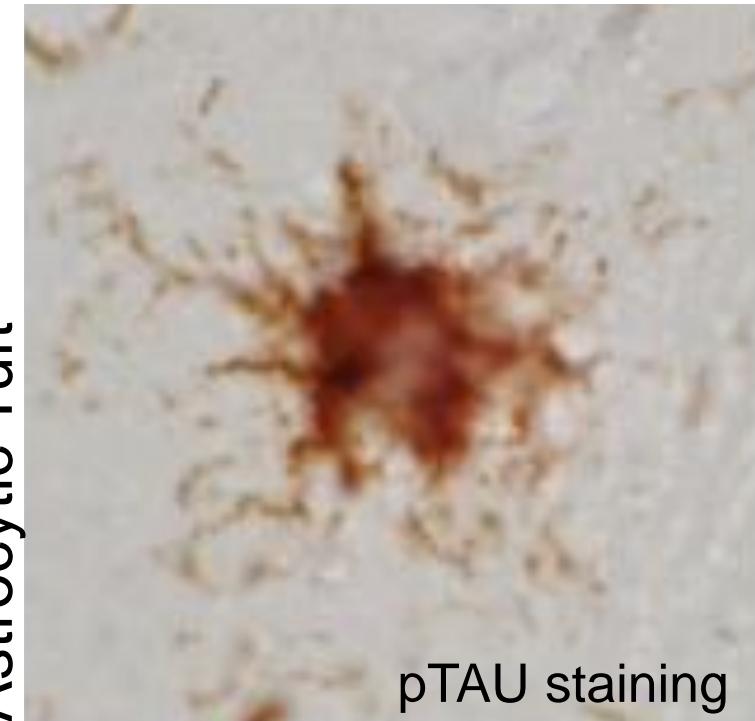
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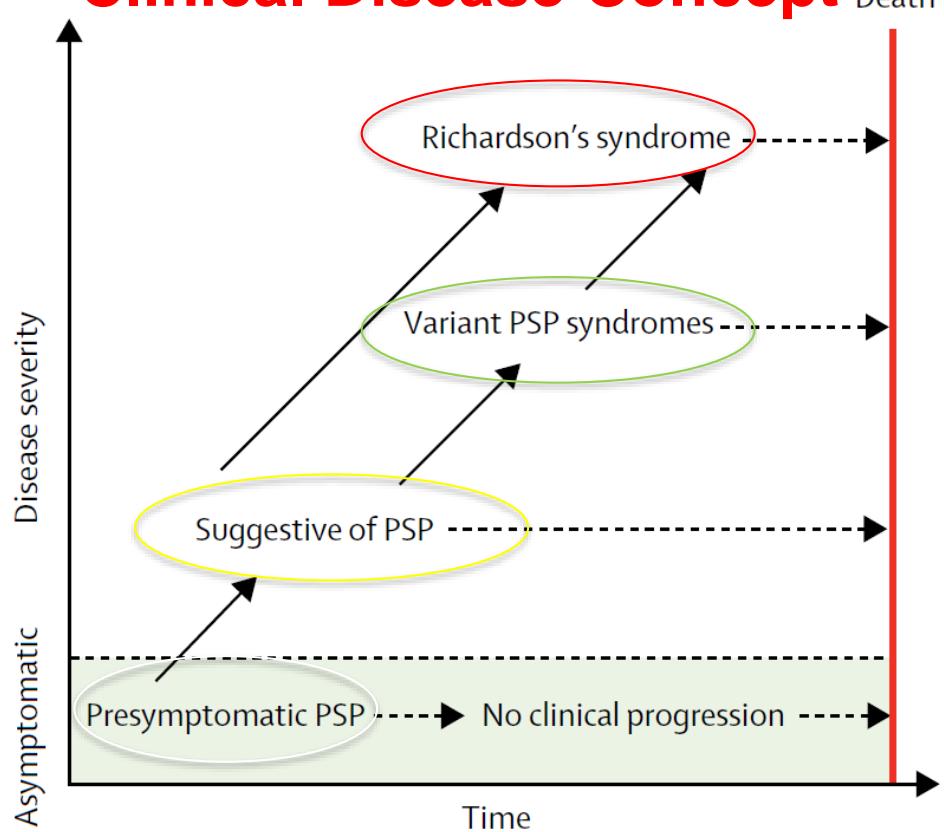
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## Definite PSP



Astrocytic Tuft

## Clinical Disease Concept



Boxer, ... Höglinder, *Lancet Neurol*. 2017



## RESEARCH ARTICLE

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Movement Disorders, Vol. 00, No. 00, 2017

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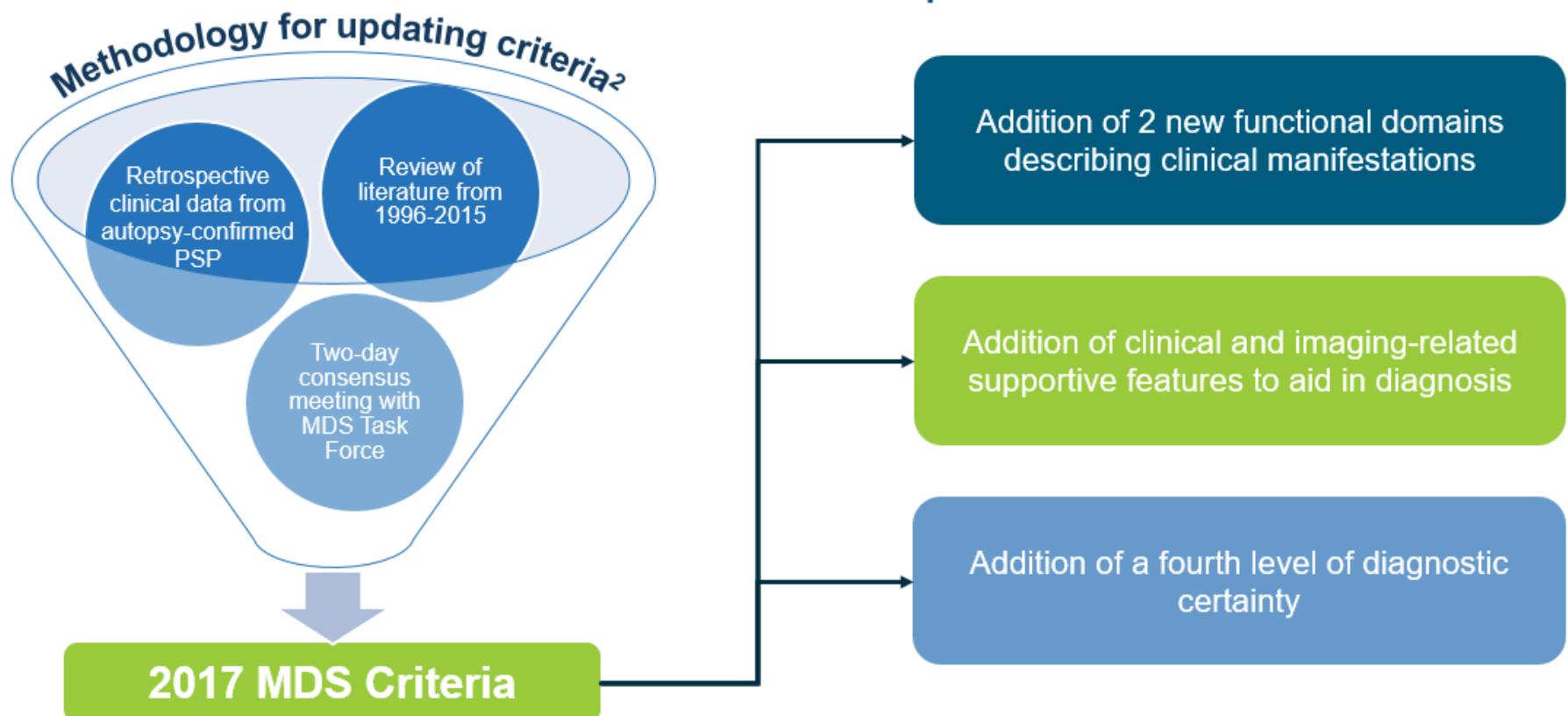
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## The 2017 MDS Criteria Were Developed to Identify a Broader Patient Population<sup>1</sup>



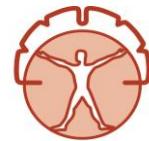
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## Basic features

<b>B1: Basic features</b>	<i>Sporadic occurrence,</i> <i>Age 40 or older at onset,</i> <i>Gradual progression of PSP-related symptoms</i>
<b>B2: Mandatory exclusion criteria</b>	<i>Clinical or imaging findings</i> occurring before or within the first year following the onset of PSP-related symptoms <i>suggestive of other conditions, which may mimic aspects of PSP clinically</i>
<b>B3: Context dependent exclusion criteria</b>	<i>Imaging, laboratory, or genetic findings</i> suggestive of other conditions, which may mimic aspects of PSP clinically; <i>they are mandatory only if suggestive clinical findings are present</i>

## Exclusion criteria



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### B2: Mandatory exclusion criteria

#### Clinical findings

1. Predominant, otherwise unexplained impairment of episodic memory, suggestive of **Alzheimer's disease**
2. Predominant, otherwise unexplained autonomic failure, e.g. orthostatic hypotension (orthostatic reduction in blood pressure after 3 minutes standing  $\geq 30$  mmHg systolic or  $\geq 15$  mmHg diastolic), suggestive of multiple system atrophy or **Lewy body disease**
3. Predominant, otherwise unexplained visual hallucinations or fluctuations in alertness, suggestive of **dementia with Lewy bodies**
4. Predominant, otherwise unexplained multisegmental upper and lower motor neuron signs, suggestive of **motor neuron disease** (pure upper motor neuron signs are not an exclusion criterion)
5. Sudden onset or stepwise or rapid progression of symptoms, in conjunction with corresponding imaging or laboratory findings, suggestive of **vascular etiology, autoimmune encephalitis, metabolic encephalopathies or prion disease**
6. History of **encephalitis**
7. Prominent **appendicular ataxia**
8. **Identifiable cause of postural instability**, e.g. primary sensory deficit, vestibular dysfunction, severe spasticity or lower motor neuron syndrome

#### Imaging findings

1. Severe **leukoencephalopathy**, evidenced by cerebral imaging
2. Relevant **structural abnormality**, e.g. normal pressure or obstructive hydrocephalus; basal ganglia, diencephalic, mesencephalic, pontine or medullary infarctions, hemorrhages, hypoxic-ischemic lesions, tumors or malformations

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B3: Context dependent exclusion criteria<sup>a, ##</sup>

## Imaging findings

1. In syndromes with sudden onset or stepwise progression, exclude stroke, Cerebral Autosomal Dominant Arteriopathy with Subcortical Infarcts and Leukoencephalopathy (CADASIL) or severe cerebral amyloid angiopathy, evidenced by DWI , FLAIR or T2\*-MRI
2. In cases with very rapid progression, exclude cortical and subcortical hyperintensities on DWI-MRI suggestive of prion disease

## Laboratory findings

1. In patients with PSP-CBS, exclude primary Alzheimer's disease pathology (typical CSF constellation [i.e. both elevated total tau / phospho-tau protein and reduced β-amyloid 42] or pathological β-amyloid PET imaging)
2. In patients < 45 years of age, exclude
  - a. Wilson's disease (e.g. reduced serum ceruloplasmin, reduced total serum copper, increased copper in 24 hour urine, Kayser-Fleischer corneal ring)
  - b. Niemann-Pick disease, type C (e.g. plasma cholestan-3β,5α,6β-triol level, filipin test on skin fibroblasts)
  - c. Hypoparathyroidism
  - d. Neuroacanthocytosis (e.g. Bassen-Kornzweig, Levine Critchley, McLeod disease)
  - e. Neurosyphilis
1. In rapidly progressive patients, exclude
  - a. Prion disease (e.g. elevated 14-3-3 , NSE, very high total tau protein [>1200 pg/ml], or pos. RT-QuIC in CSF)
  - b. Paraneoplastic encephalitis (e.g. anti-Ma1, Ma2 antibodies)
1. In patients with suggestive features (i.e. gastrointestinal symptoms, arthralgias, fever, younger age, atypical neurological features such as myorhythmia), exclude Whipple's disease (e.g. T. Whipple DNA PCR in CSF)

## Genetic findings <sup>§</sup>

1. MAPT rare variants (mutations) are no exclusion criterion, but their presence defines inherited, as opposed to sporadic PSP.
2. MAPT H2 haplotype homozygosity is not an exclusion criterion, but renders the diagnosis unlikely
3. LRRK2 and Parkin rare variants have been observed in patients with autopsy confirmed PSP, but their causal relationship is unclear so far
4. Known rare variants in other genes are exclusion criteria, since they may mimic aspects of PSP clinically, but differ neuropathologically; these include
  - a. Non-MAPT associated frontotemporal dementia (e.g. C9orf72, GRN, FUS, TARDBP, VCP, CHMP2B)
  - b. Parkinson's disease (e.g. SYNJ1 ,GBA)
  - c. Alzheimer's disease (APP, PSEN1, PSEN2)
  - d. Niemann Pick disease, type C (NPC1, NPC2)
  - e. Kufor Rakeb syndrome (ATP13A2)
  - f. Perry syndrome (DCTN1)
  - g. Mitochondrial diseases (POLG, mitochondrial rare variants)
  - h. Dentatorubral pallidoluysian atrophy (ATN1)
  - i. Prion-related diseases (PRNP)
  - j. Huntington's disease (HTT)
  - k. Spinocerebellar ataxia (ATXN1, 2, 3, 7, 17)

## 1996 NINDS-SPSP Criteria Include Evaluation of Ocular Motor Dysfunction and Postural Instability

NINDS-SPSP Criteria, 1996

Level of certainty <sup>1</sup>	Ocular motor dysfunction <sup>1,2</sup>	Postural instability <sup>1,2</sup>
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## Addition of 2 Functional Domains Allows Diagnosis to Encompass Broader Range of PSP Phenotypes

NINDS-SPSP Criteria, 1996

MDS Updates to NINDS-SPSP Criteria, 2017

Level of certainty <sup>1</sup>	Ocular motor dysfunction <sup>1,2</sup>	Postural instability <sup>1,2</sup>	Akinesia <sup>1</sup>	Cognitive dysfunction <sup>1</sup>
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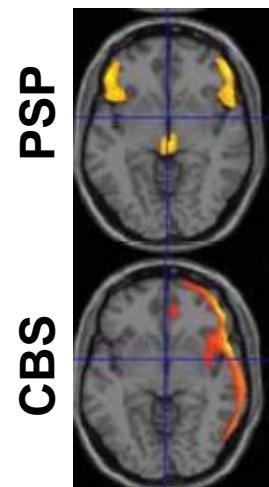
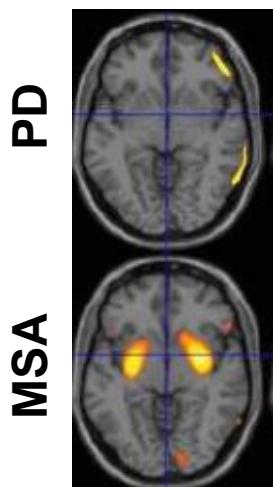
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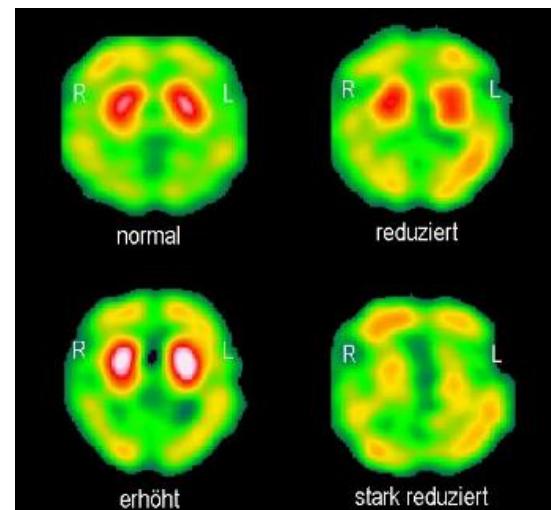
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## Supportive Features:

	Feature	
<b>Imaging findings</b>		
IF1	Predominant midbrain atrophy or hypometabolism	Atrophy or hypometabolism predominant in midbrain relative to pons, as demonstrated e.g. by MRI or [18F]DG-PET
IF2	Postsynaptic striatal dopaminergic degeneration	Postsynaptic striatal dopaminergic degeneration, as demonstrated e.g. by [123I]IBZM-SPECT or [18F]-DMFP-PET

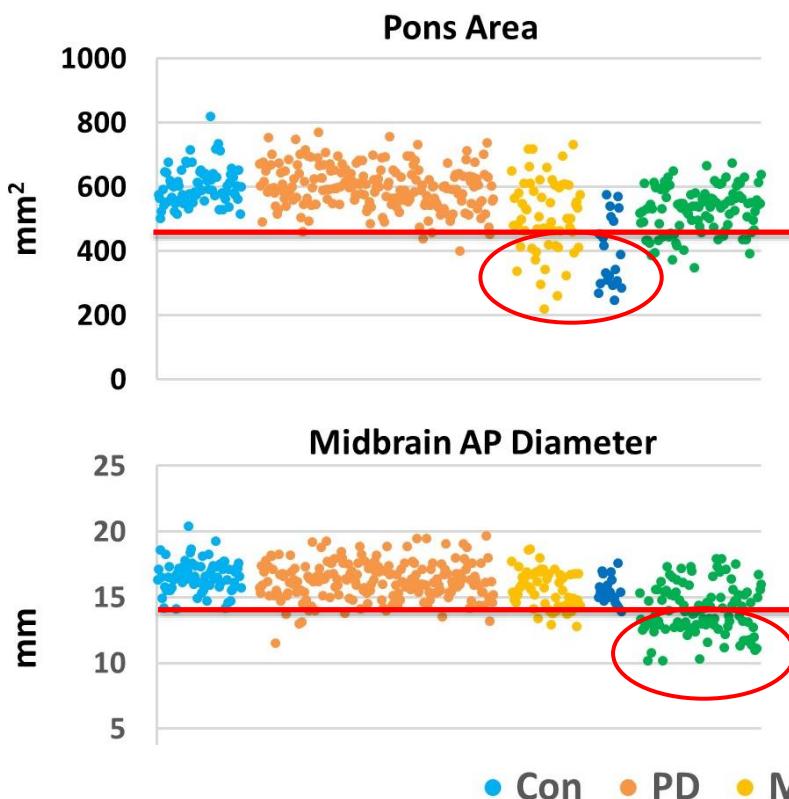
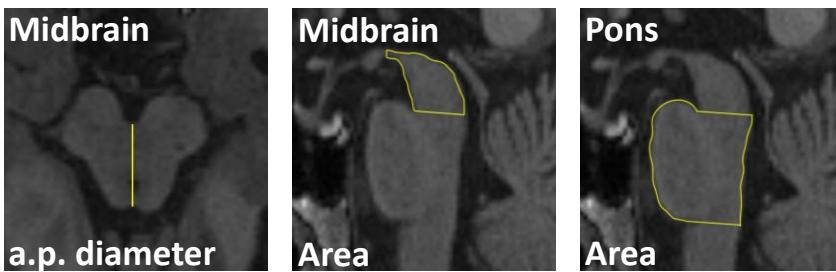


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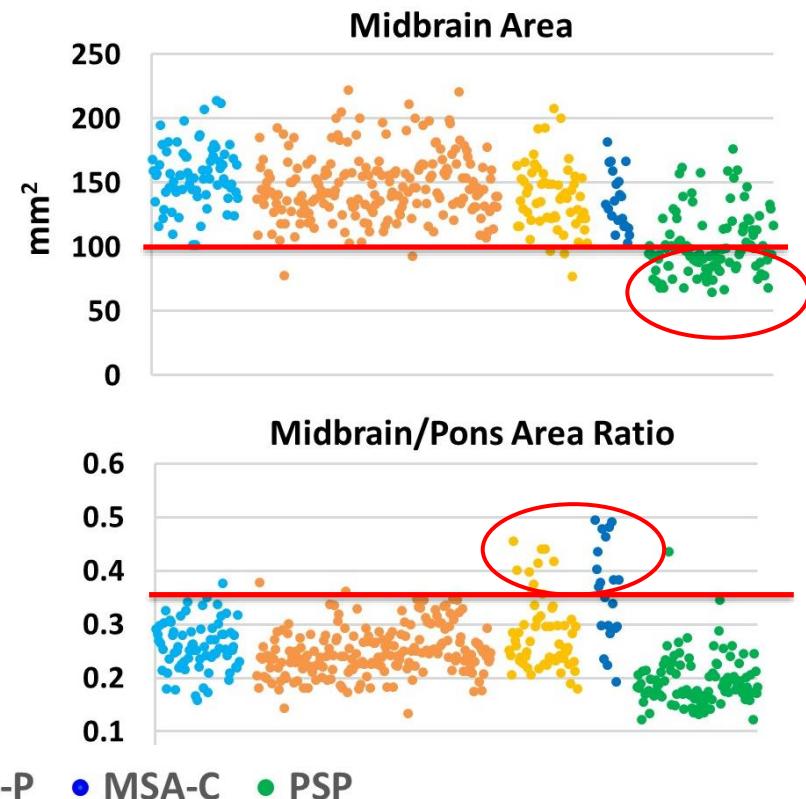


# Manual MRI Morphometry in Parkinsonian Syndromes

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## MDS Criteria Added a Fourth Level of Diagnostic Certainty<sup>1</sup>

These updates help identify patients with subtle clinical symptoms in a milder disease state<sup>2,3</sup>



Suggestive of PSP



Possible PSP



Probable PSP



Definite PSP

Appropriate for longitudinal observational studies that map disease progression

Appropriate for epidemiologic studies and clinical care

Well suited for therapeutic studies

Can only be diagnosed by postmortem neuropathological examination

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## MDS-PSP Kriterien (Höglinger et al., Mov. Disord. 2017)



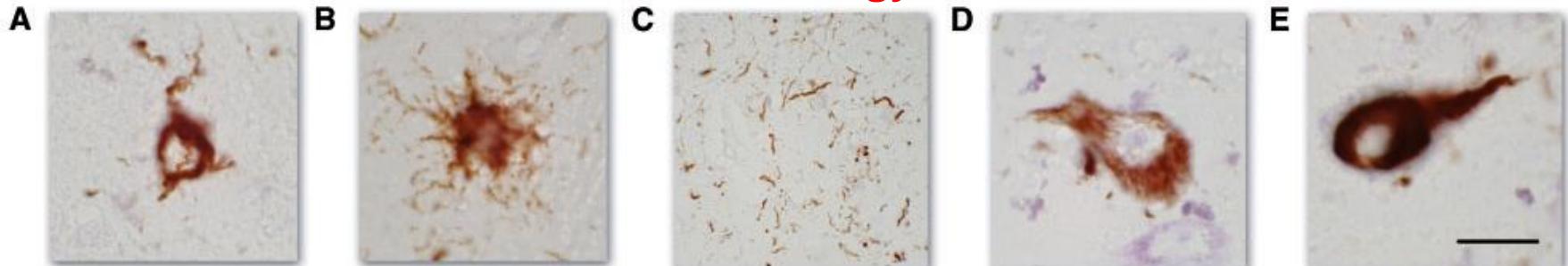
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Combinations	Diagnostic Certainty
(O1 or O2) + (P1 or P2)	Probable PSP
(O1 or O2) + A1	
(O1 or O2) + (A2 or A3)	
(O1 or O2) + C2	
O1	Possible PSP
O2 + P3	
A1	
(O1 or O2) + C1	
(O1 or O2) + C3	
O2 or O3	Suggestive of PSP
P1 or P2	
O3 + (P2 or P3)	
(A2 or A3) + (O3, P1, P2, C1, C2) <sup>a</sup>	
C1	
C2 + (O3 or P3)	
C3	

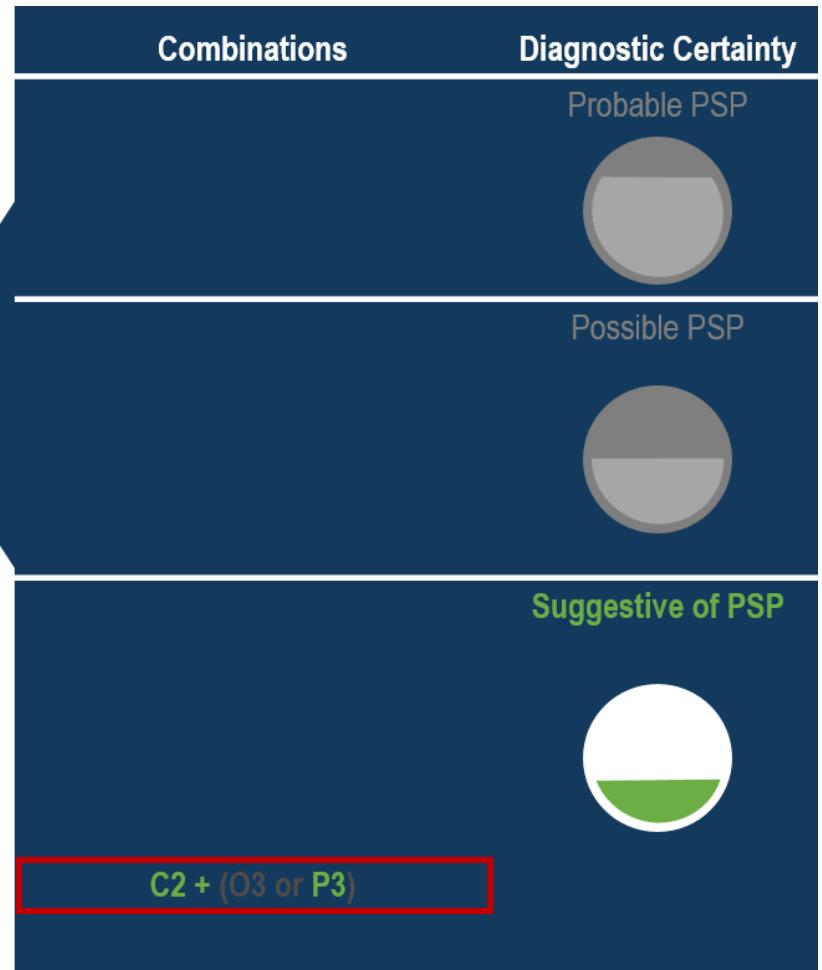
### Aim: Clinical Prediction of 4R-Tau Pathology



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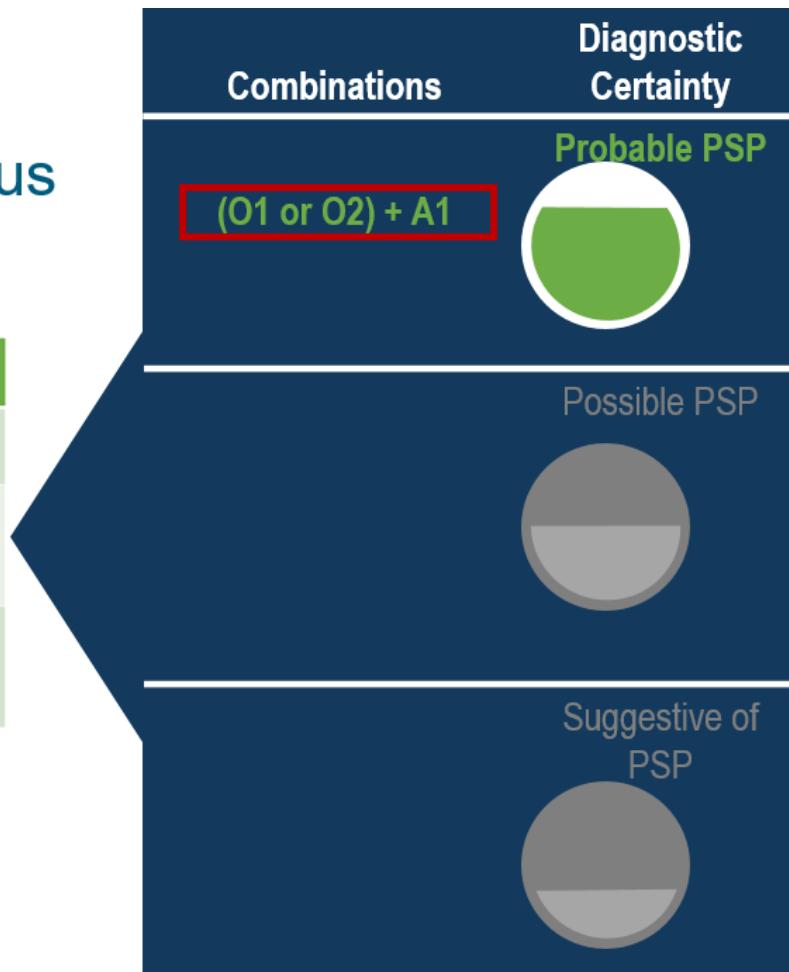
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# Combinations of these features define **diagnostic criteria**, stratified by **diagnostic certainty**

Diagnostic certainty	Definition	Combinations	Predominance type	Abbreviation
Definite PSP	Gold standard defining the disease entity	neuropathological diagnosis	Any clinical presentation	def. PSP
Probable PSP	<b>Highly specific</b> , but not very sensitive for PSP  Suitable for therapeutic and biologic studies	(O1 or O2) + (P1 or P2)	PSP-Richardson Syndrome	prob. PSP-RS
		(O1 or O2) + A1	PSP with Progressive Gait Freezing	prob. PSP-PGF
		(O1 or O2) + (A2 or A3)	PSP with Predominant Parkinsonism	prob. PSP-P
		(O1 or O2) + C2	PSP with Predominant Frontal Presentation	prob. PSP-F
Possible PSP	<b>Substantially more sensitive</b> , but less specific for PSP  Suitable for descriptive epidemiologic studies and clinical care	O1	PSP with Predominant Ocular Motor Dysfunction	poss. PSP-OM
		O2 + P3	PSP with Richardson Syndrome	poss. PSP-RS
		A1	PSP with Progressive Gait Freezing	poss. PSP-PGF
		(O1 or O2) + C1	PSP with Predominant Speech/Language Disorder *	poss. PSP-SL
		(O1 or O2) + C3	PSP with Predominant Corticobasal Syndrome *	poss. PSP-CBS
Suggestive of PSP	Suggestive of PSP, but <b>not passing the threshold for possible or probable PSP</b>  Suitable for early identification	O2 or O3	PSP with Predominant Ocular Motor Dysfunction	s.o. PSP-OM
		P1 or P2	PSP with Predominant Postural Instability	s.o. PSP-PI
		O3 + (P2 or P3)	PSP with Richardson Syndrome	s.o. PSP-RS
		(A2 or A3) + (O3, P1, P2, C1, C2, CC1, CC2, CC3, or CC4)	PSP with Predominant Parkinsonism	s.o. PSP-P
		C1	PSP with Predominant Speech/Language Disorder	s.o. PSP-SL
		C2 + (O3 or P3)	PSP with Predominant Frontal Presentation	s.o. PSP-F
		C3	PSP with Predominant Corticobasal Syndrome	s.o. PSP-CBS



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# Video-tutorial for the Movement Disorder Society criteria for progressive supranuclear palsy

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### 1. Core clinical features

#### Domain: Ocular motor dysfunction

O1	Vertical supranuclear gaze palsy
O2	Slow velocity of vertical saccades
O3	Subtle ocular motor dysfunction, <i>i.e.</i> frequent macro square wave jerks, <i>or</i> “eyelid opening apraxia”
O3-1	
O3-2	

#### Domain: Postural instability

P1	Repeated unprovoked falls within 3 years
P2	Tendency to fall on the pull-test within 3 years
P3	More than 2 steps backward on the pull-test within 3 year

#### Domain: Akinesia

A1	Progressive gait freezing within 3 years
A2	Parkinsonism, akinetic-rigid, predominantly axial and levodopa-resistant
A3	Parkinsonism, with tremor and/or asymmetric and/or levodopa-responsive

#### Domain: Cognitive dysfunction

C1	Speech/language disorder, <i>i.e.</i> at least 1 of the following features:
C1-1	Nonfluent agrammatic variant of primary progressive aphasia (nfaPPA), <i>or</i> progressive apraxia of speech (AOS)
C1-2	

C2	Frontal cognitive/behavioral presentation, <i>i.e.</i> at least 3 of the following features: Apathy Bradyphrenia Dysexecutive syndrome ( <i>e.g.</i> , pathological Luria sequence) Reduced phonemic verbal fluency ( <i>e.g.</i> , reduced “D, F, A or S” words per minute) Impulsivity, disinhibition, or perseveration ( <i>e.g.</i> , socially inappropriate behaviors, overstuffing the mouth when eating, motor recklessness, applause sign, palilalia, echolalia)
C2-1	
C2-2	
C2-3	
C2-4	
C2-5	
C3	Corticobasal syndrome, <i>i.e.</i> at least 1 sign each from the following 2 groups Cortical signs Orobuluccal or limb apraxia Cortical sensory deficit Alien limb phenomena (more than simple levitation) Movement disorders signs Limb rigidity Limb akinesia Limb myoclonus Limb dystonia
C3-1	
C3-1a	
C3-1b	
C3-1c	
C2-2	
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2. Clinical clues	
CC1	Levodopa-resistance
CC2	Hypokinetic, spastic dysarthria
CC3	Dysphagia
CC4	Photophobia

## **Validation of the MDS-PSP criteria on neuropathologically-confirmed PSP and other forms of frontotemporal lobar degeneration.**

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	PSP cohort		
	Cambridge (N=65)	Barcelona (N=21)	ENGENE-PSP (N=22)
<b>Sex, female, %</b>	43.1	61.9	45.5
<b>Age at onset, yrs</b>	67.0±7.2	69.8±6.5	63.6±6.2
<b>Age at first visit, yrs</b>	69.8±7.1	74.7±4.5	67.3±6.4
	FTLD cohort		
	bvFTD (N=38)	nfvPPA (N=14)	CBD (N=29)
<b>Sex, female, %</b>	23.7	28.6	41.4
<b>Age at onset, yrs</b>	58.3±9.1	61.1±8.6	64.3±6.9
<b>Age at first visit, yrs</b>	61.7±9.3	63.6±7.8	66.9±6.8
<b>Age at death, yrs</b>	67.5±10.1	70.1±8.3	71.6±7.1
<b>Disease duration, yrs</b>	9.2±4.6	9.0±3.5	7.3±3.9

	NINDS-SPSP			MDS-PSP	
	Sensitivity	Specificity		Sensitivity	Specificity
Probable PSP	48.1	100		72.2	95.1
Possible PSP	61.1	97.5		81.5	88.9
Suggestive of PSP				100	53.1

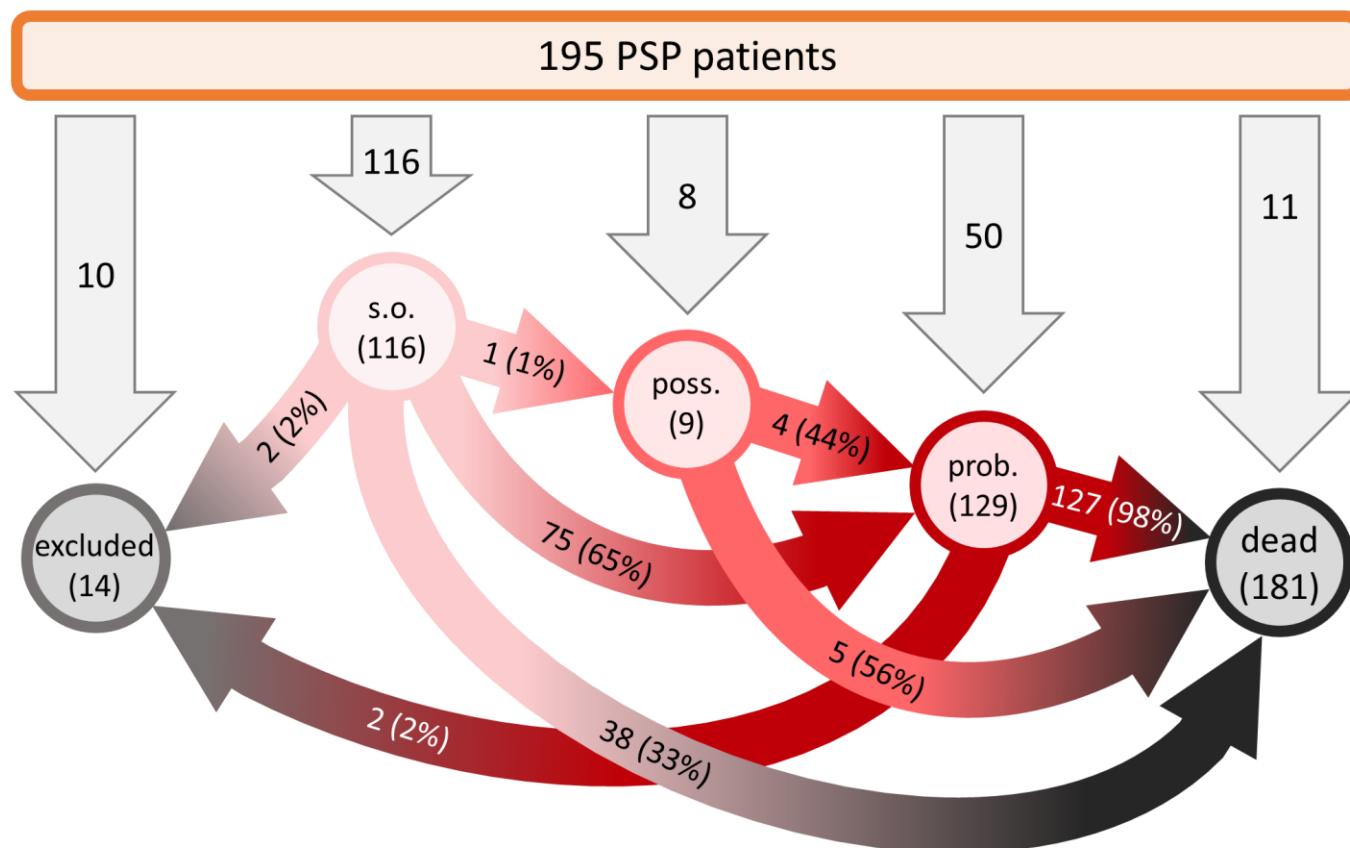
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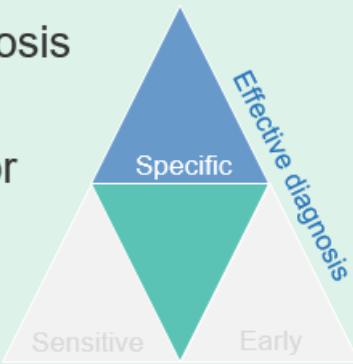
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## MDS Updates to NINDS-SPSP Criteria Increase Diagnostic Sensitivity While Maintaining Specificity<sup>1</sup>

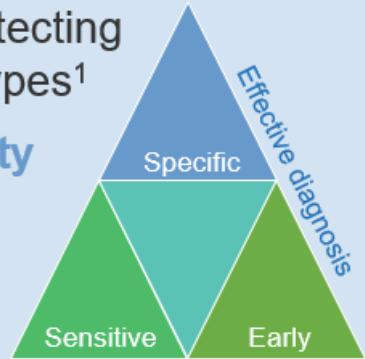
### 1996 NINDS-SPSP Criteria

- 2 functional domains<sup>1</sup>
- 3 levels of diagnostic certainty<sup>2</sup>
- Highly **specific** for diagnosis of typical PSP<sup>3</sup>
- Low sensitivity for early or variant PSP<sup>3</sup>



### 2017 MDS Criteria

- 4 functional domains<sup>1</sup>
- 4 levels of diagnostic certainty<sup>1</sup>
- Better **sensitivity** for detecting **early** PSP and variant types<sup>1</sup>
- Maintains high **specificity** to differentiate from other diagnoses<sup>1</sup>



Clinical validation of the updated criteria is ongoing

MDS, International Parkinson and Movement Disorder Society; NINDS-SPSP, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke/Society for PSP; PSP, progressive supranuclear palsy.

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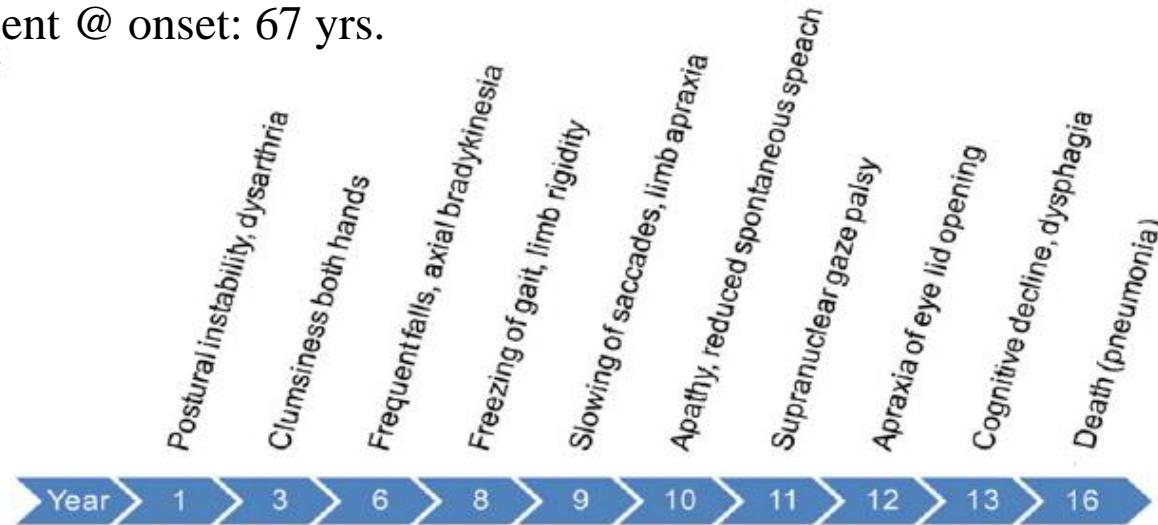
# **EXAMPLE CASE: HOW TO APPLY THE MDS-PSP DIAGNOSTIC CRITERIA.**



Kurz ... Höglinder, Acta Neuropath Comm 2016; <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/27842578/>

Age of the patient @ onset: 67 yrs.

**a**



**b**



**c**





## MDS PSP Diagnostic Criteria

Level of certainty	Ocular motor dysfunction	Postural instability	Akinesia	Cognitive dysfunction
Diagnostic certainty ↑	<b>O1:</b> Vertical supranuclear gaze palsy	<b>P1:</b> Repeated unprovoked falls within 3 years	<b>A1:</b> Progressive gait freezing within 3 years	<b>C1:</b> Speech/Language disorder <sup>a</sup>
	<b>O2:</b> Slow velocity of vertical saccades	<b>P2:</b> Tendency to fall on the pull-test within 3 years	<b>A2:</b> Parkinsonism, akinetic-rigid, predominantly axial, and levodopa resistant	<b>C2:</b> Frontal cognitive/behavioral presentation
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PSP, progressive supranuclear palsy.

Figure adapted from Höglner et al. *Mov Disord*. 2017;32:853-864.

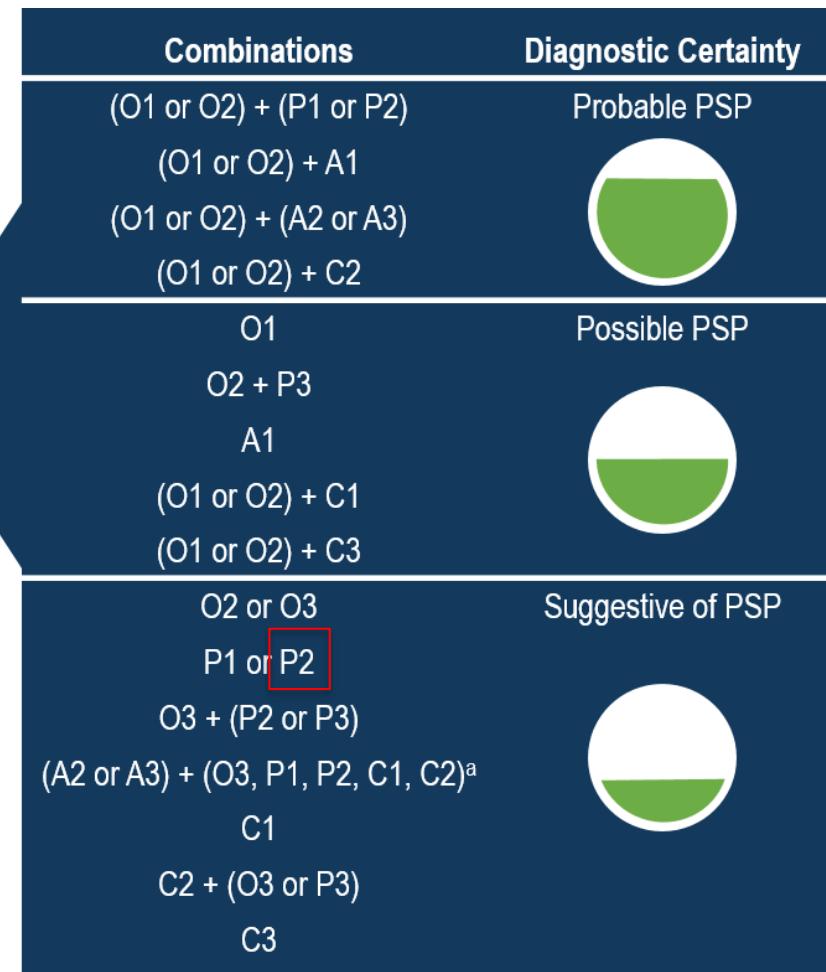
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## Combinations of Symptoms Can Be Used to Diagnose Patients With Various Diagnostic Certainty

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**Year 1:**  
**s.o. PSP-PI**

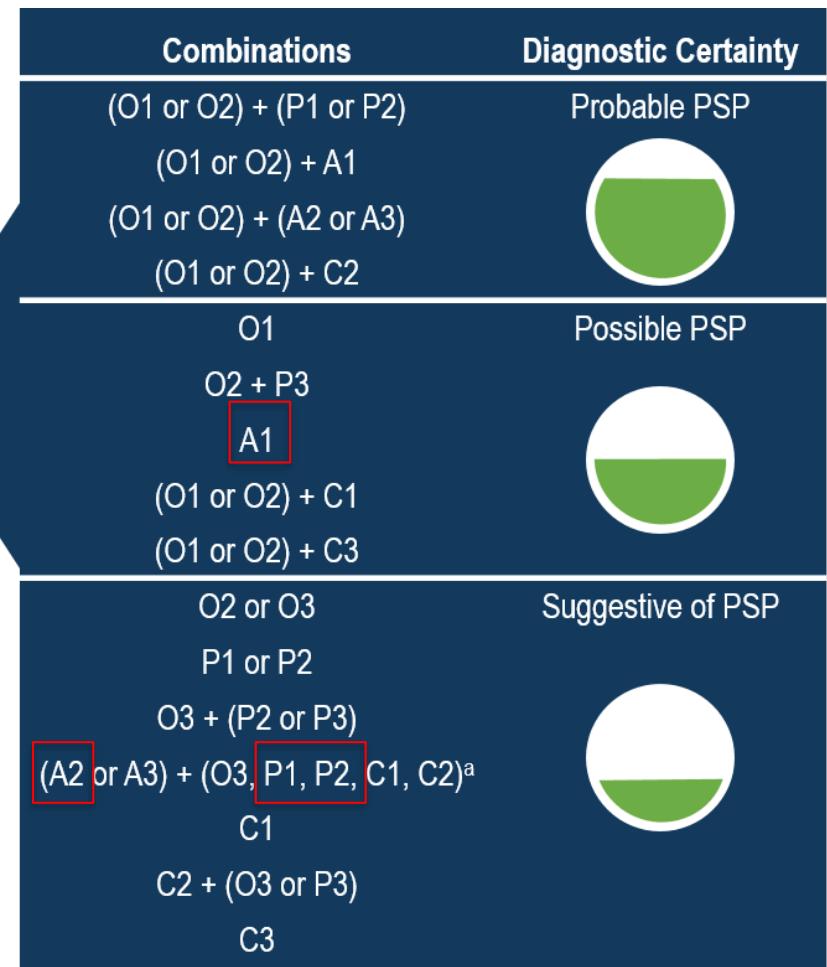


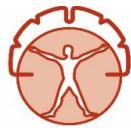


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**Year 6:**  
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(poss. PSP-PGF)

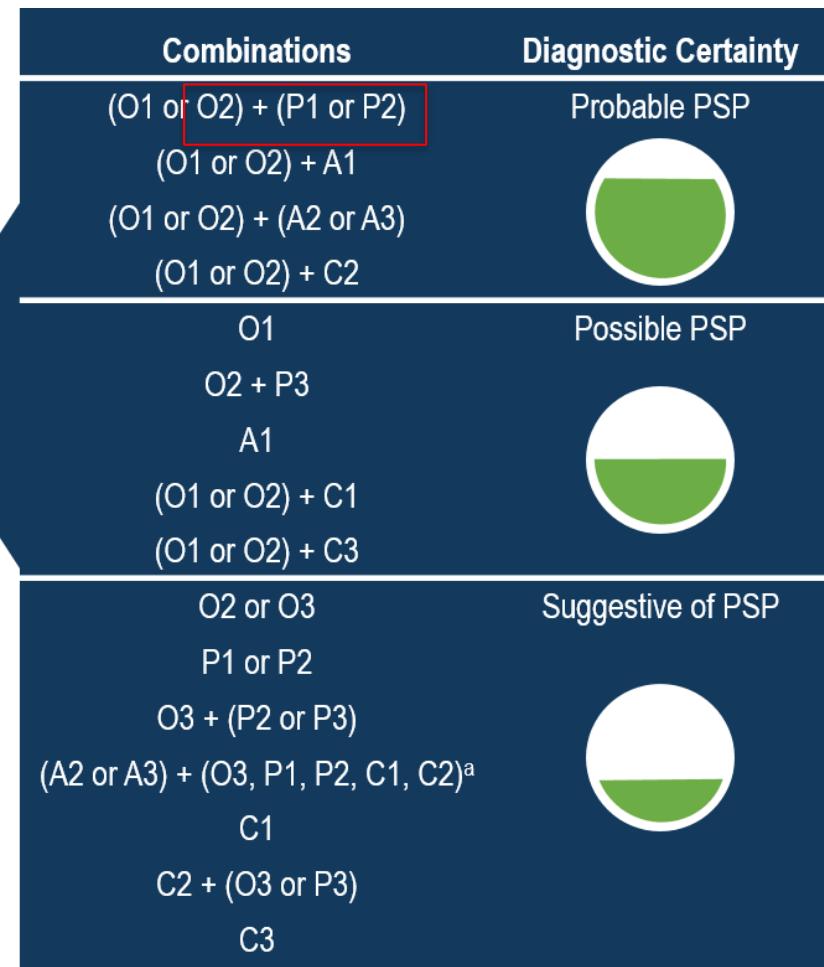




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Year 9:  
prob. PSP-RS



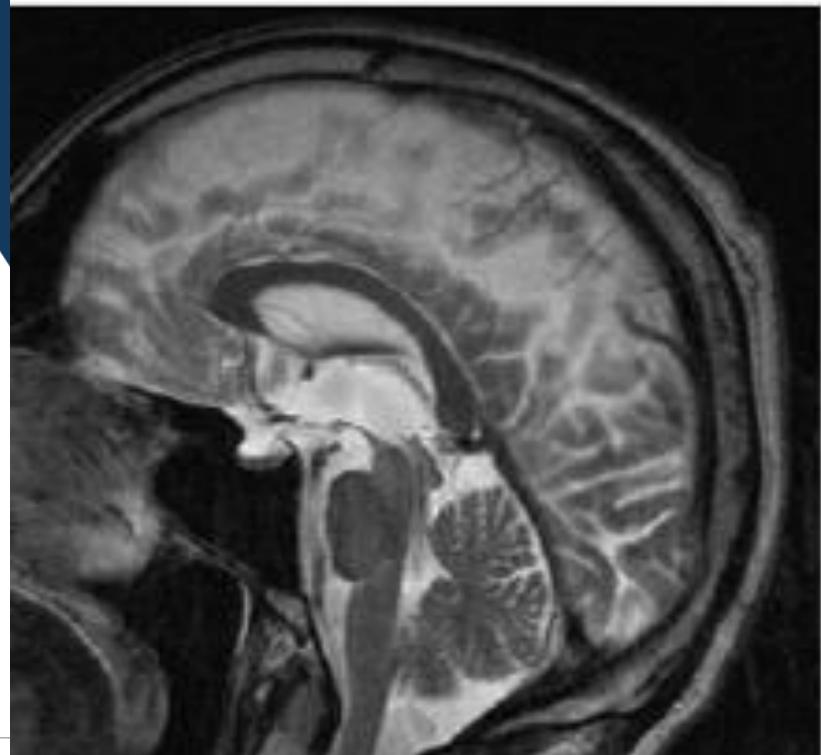


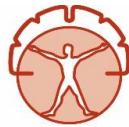
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Year 9:  
prob. PSP-RS

Combinations	Diagnostic Certainty
(O1 or O2) + (P1 or P2)	Probable PSP
(O1 or O2) + A1	
(O1 or O2) + (A2 or A3)	
(O1 or O2) + C2	

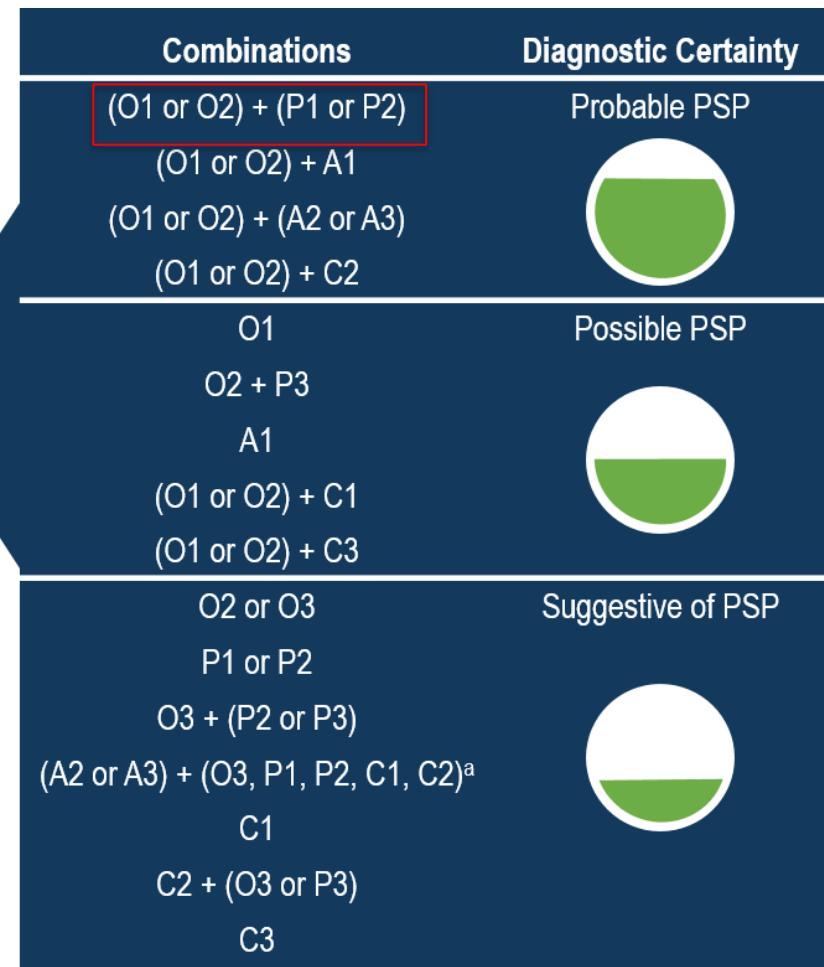


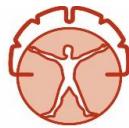


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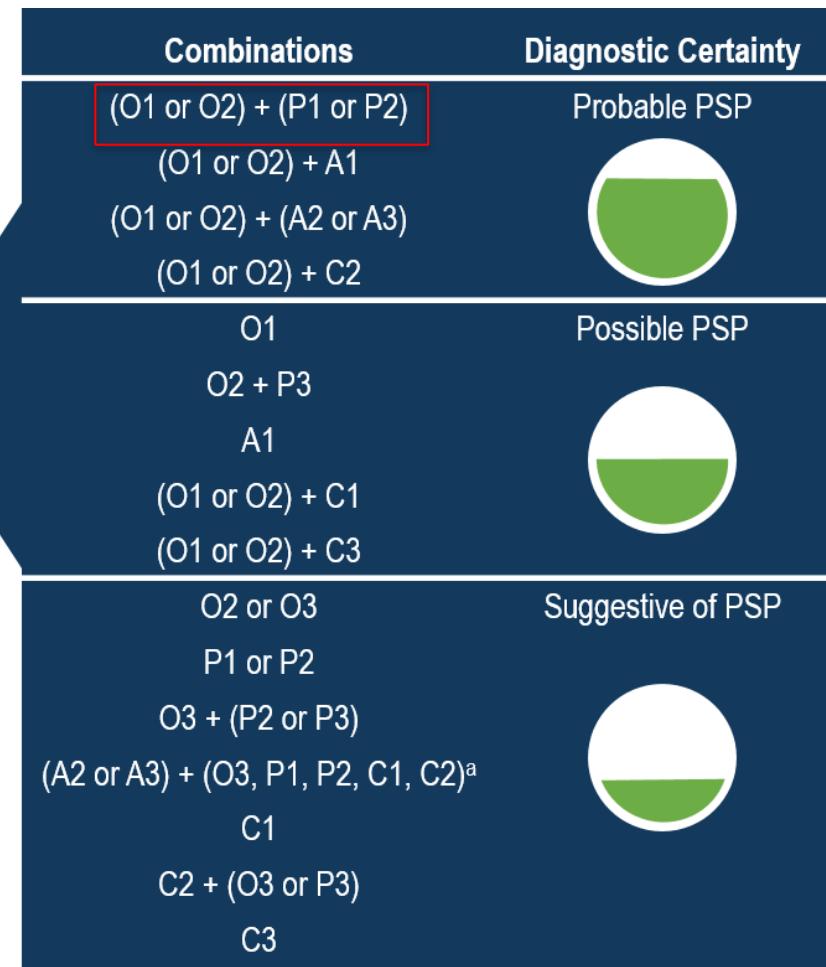




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Year 12:  
prob. PSP-RS

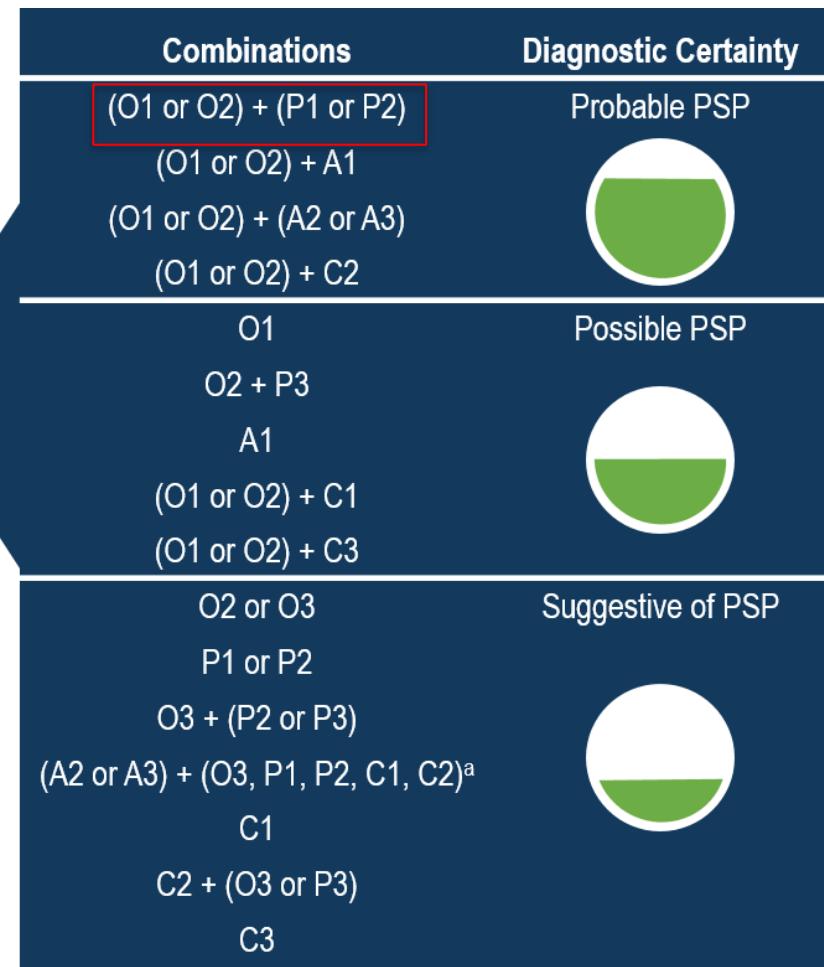




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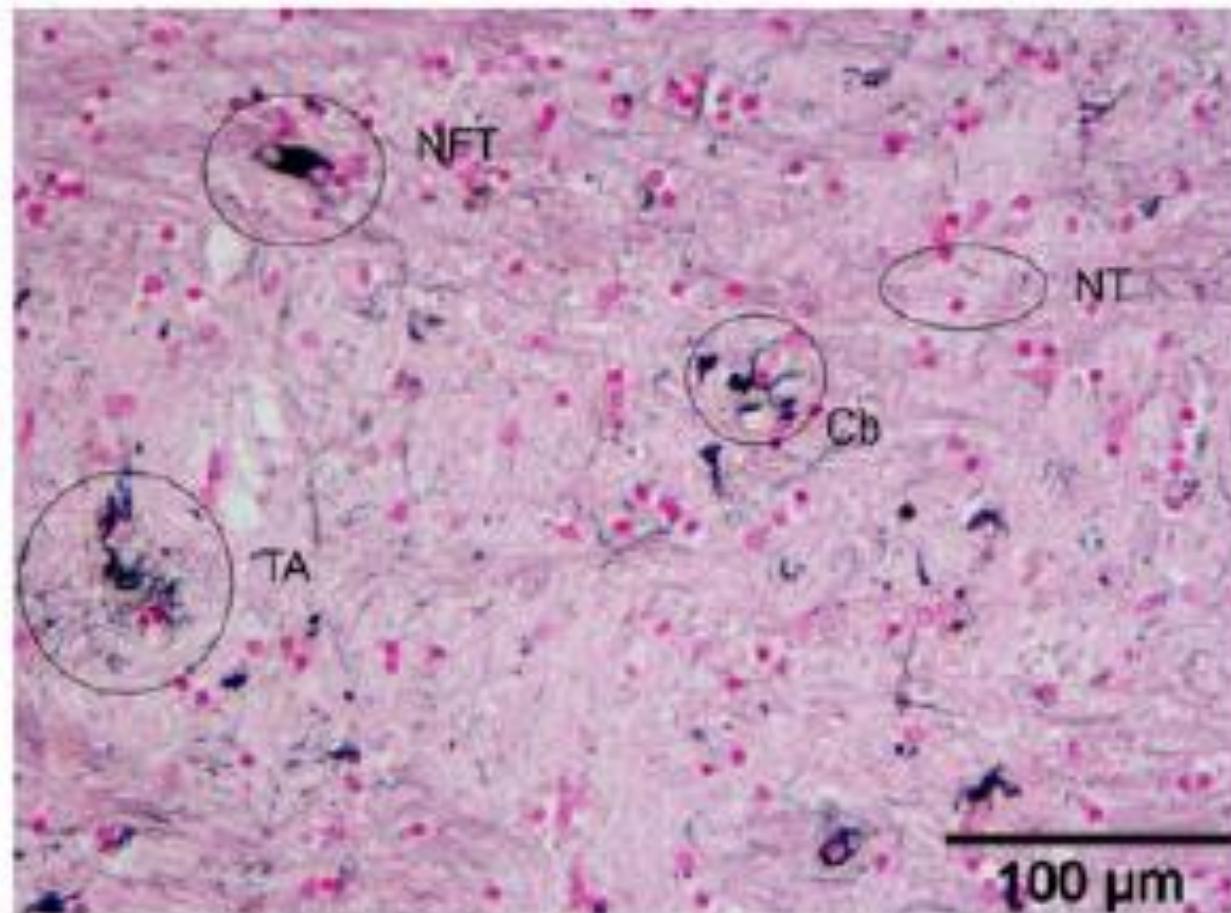
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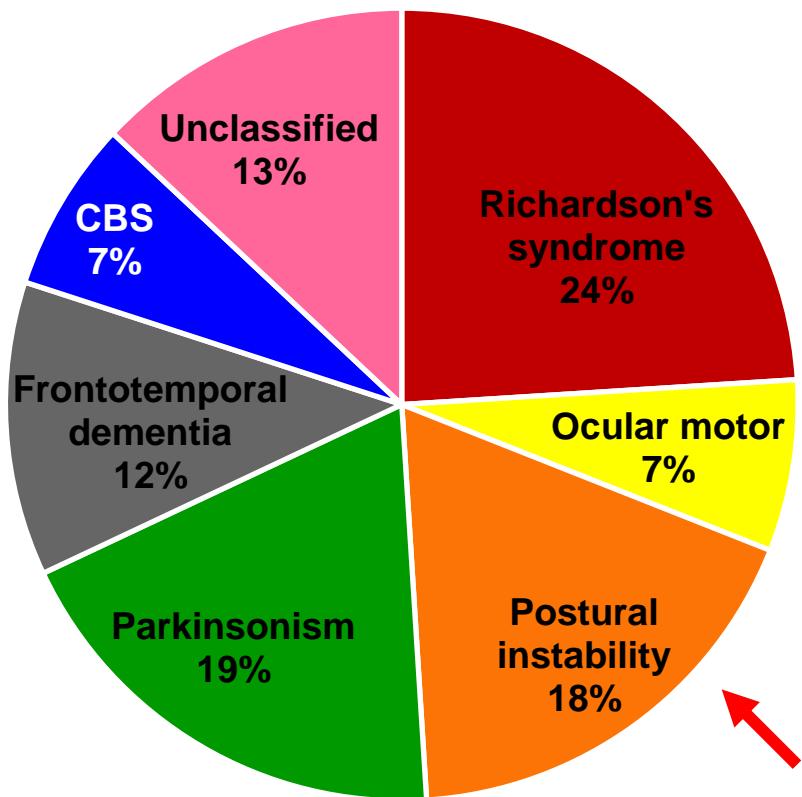


Year 16:  
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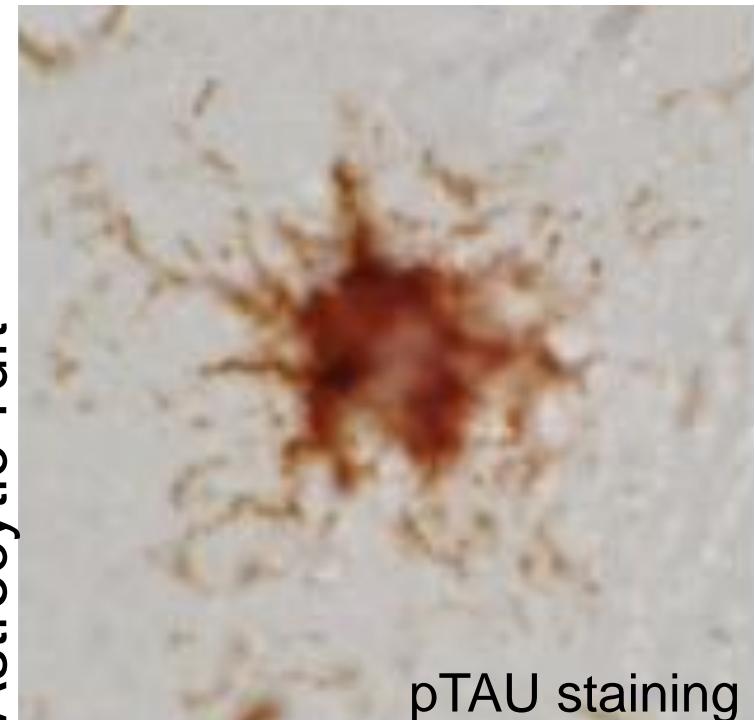
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### Full Clinical Spectrum



Respondek, ... Höglinder, **Mov Dis.** 2014

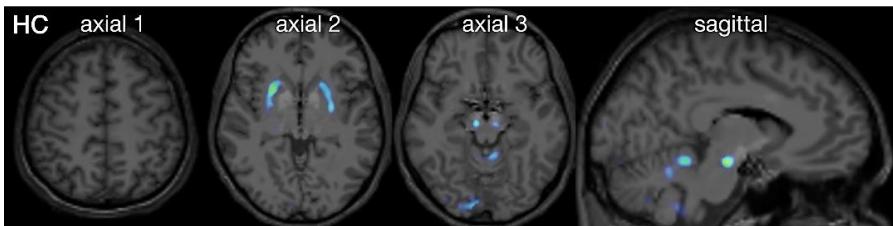
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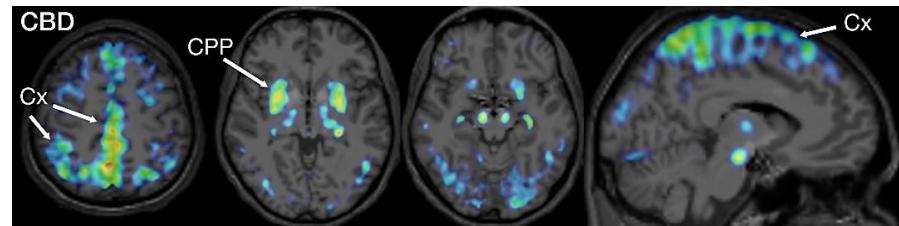
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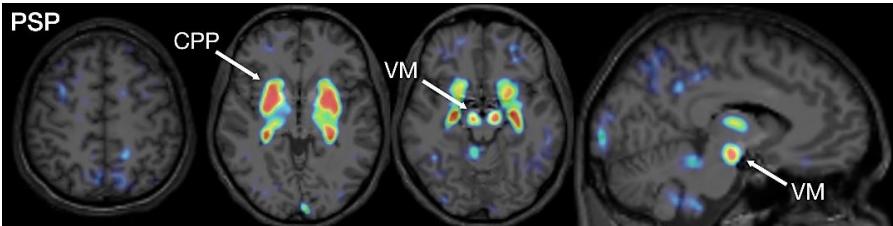
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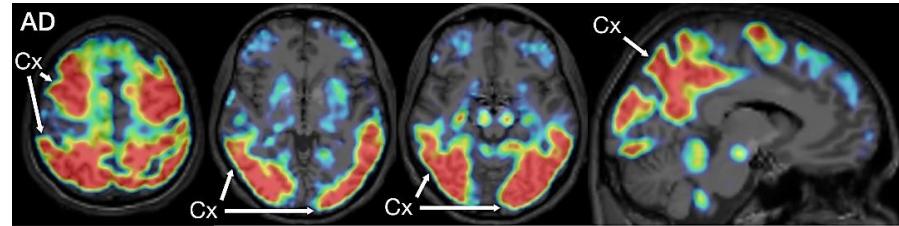
**Corticobasal degeneration**



**Progressive supranuclear palsy**



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DVR<sub>CBL</sub> (MRTM2)



CPP, caudate nucleus, globus pallidus, and putamen; Cx, cortex; VM, ventral midbrain.

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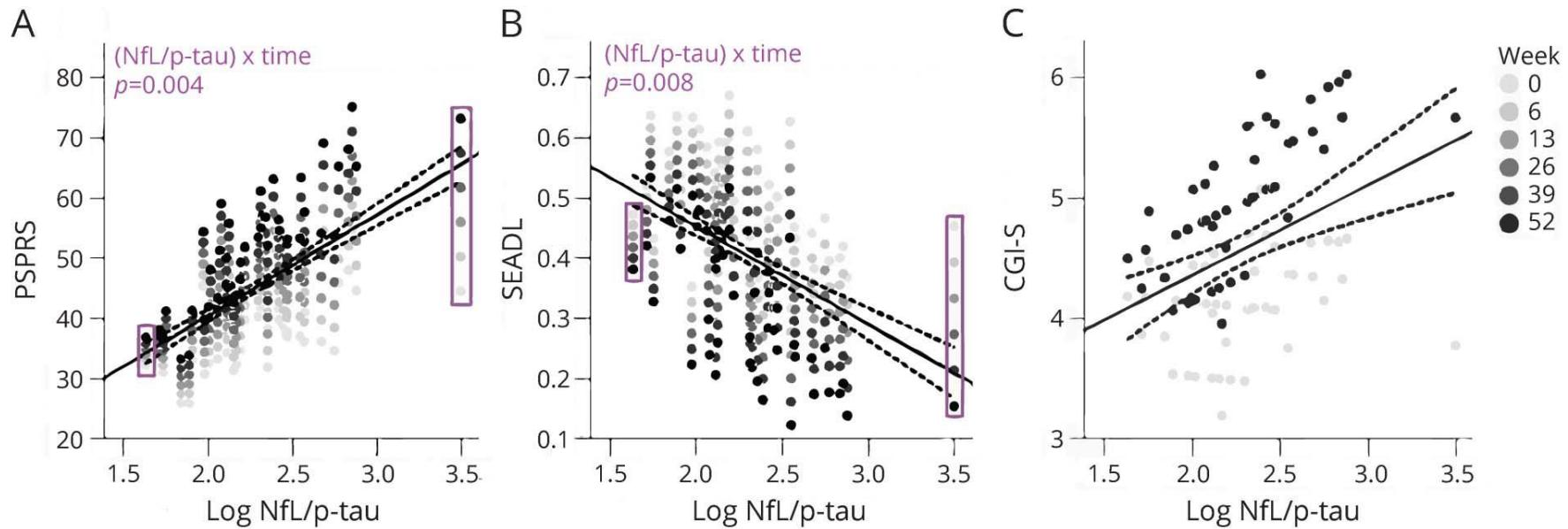
# CSF neurofilament light chain and phosphorylated tau 181 predict disease progression in PSP

Julio C. Rojas, MD, PhD, Jee Bang, MD, Iryna V. Lobach, PhD, Richard M. Tsai, MD, Gil D. Rabinovici, MD, Bruce L. Miller, MD, and Adam L. Boxer, MD, PhD On behalf of AL-108-231 Investigators

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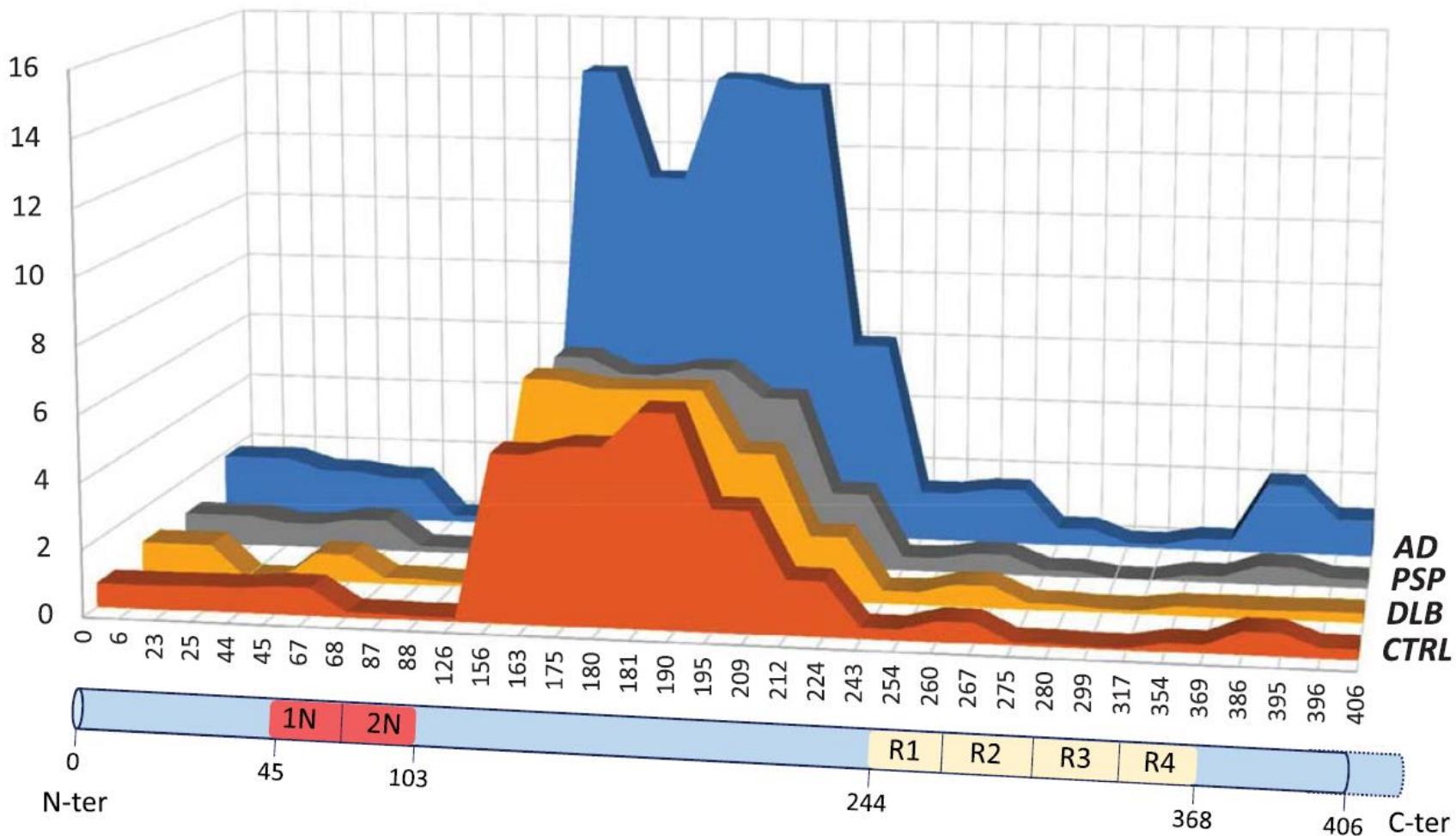


**Figure 4** CSF neurofilament light chain (NfL)/phosphorylated tau 181 (p-tau) predicts clinical decline and stratifies patients by disease severity

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Nicolas R. Barthélemy

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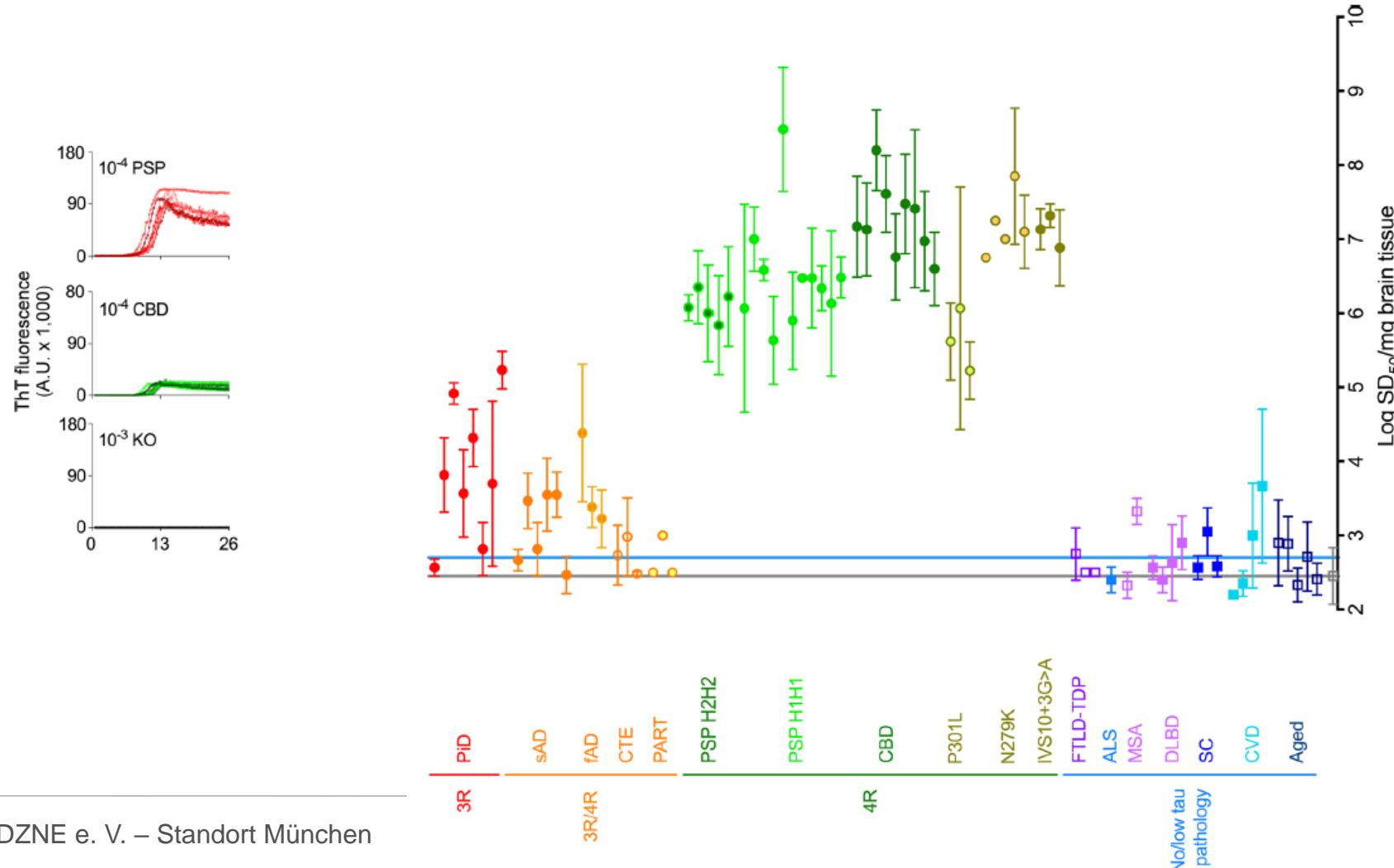


# 4-Repeat tau seeds and templating subtypes as brain and CSF biomarkers of frontotemporal lobar degeneration

Acta Neuropathologica

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# CURRENT THERAPY

# A Review of Treatment Options for Progressive Supranuclear Palsy

Maria Stamelou<sup>1,2,3</sup> • Günter Höglinger<sup>1,4,5</sup>

CNS Drugs 24 May 2016

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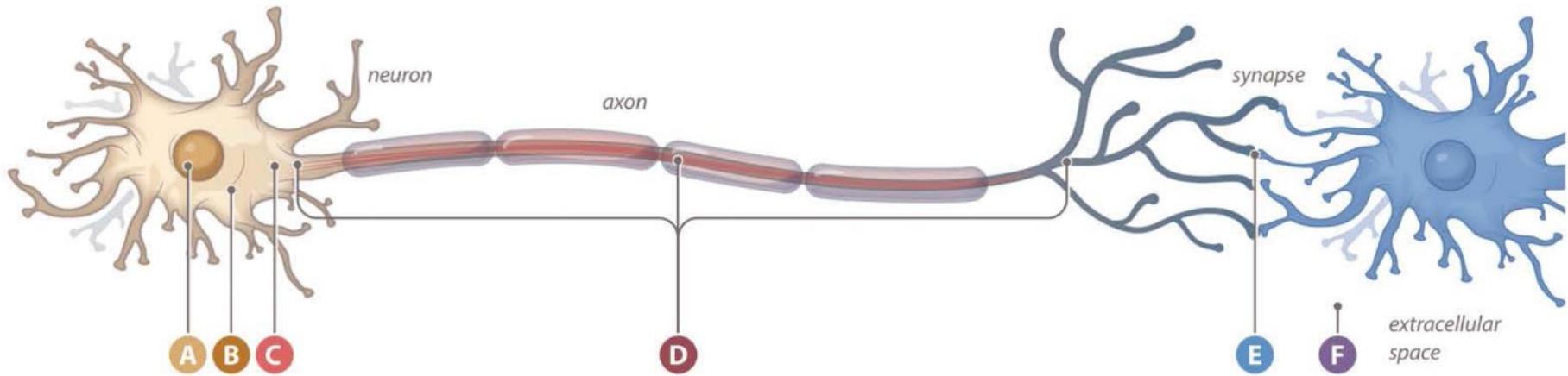
**Table 1** Evidence levels and degrees of recommendation<sup>a</sup> for off-label pharmacological use in progressive supranuclear palsy

Treatment	Regimen	Target symptom	Effect size	Evidence level	Degree of recommendation
Levodopa	Up to 4 × 300 mg (in clinical practice, rarely >1000 mg/day)	Akinesia–rigidity, postural instability	Mild to moderate	2–	D
Amantadine	3 × 100–200 mg (in clinical practice, rarely >400–450 mg/day)	Akinesia–rigidity, postural instability	Mild to moderate	3	D
Amitriptyline	1 × 75–150 mg	Oculomotor dysfunction, depression	Mild to moderate	2–, 3	D
Zolpidem	1 × 5–10 mg	Insomnia	Moderate	4	–
		Motor and oculomotor dysfunction	Mild	1–	–
CoQ10	5 mg/kg body weight/day, nanoparticle emulsion	Motor and cognitive dysfunction	Mild	1+	B
Botulinum toxin A		Focal dystonia, including eyelid apraxia, blepharospasm	Good	3	D

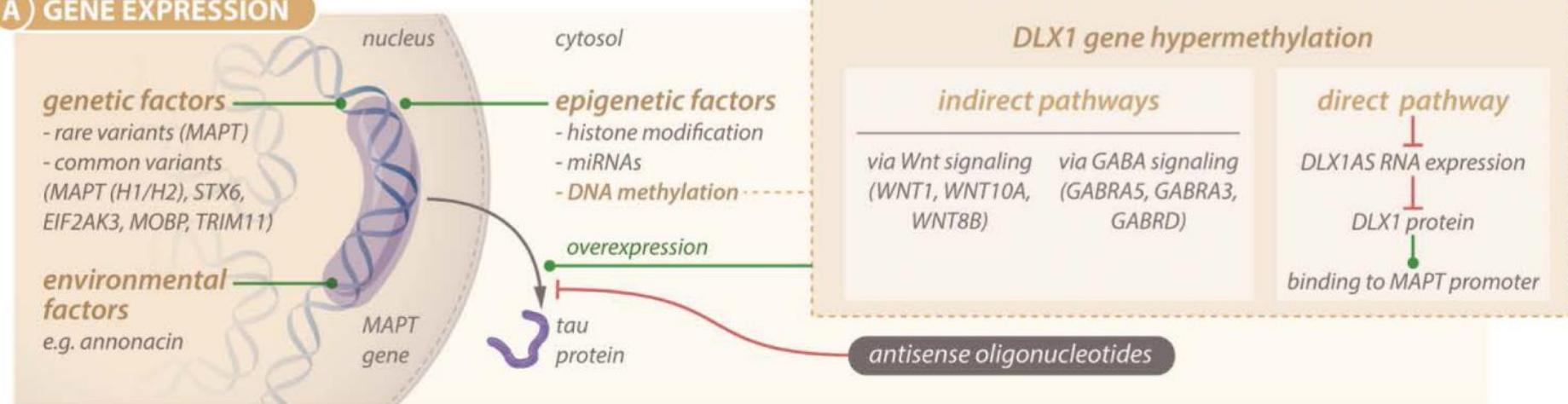
*CoQ10* coenzyme Q10

# MOLECULAR MECHANISMS ⇒ DISEASE-MODIFYING THERAPIES

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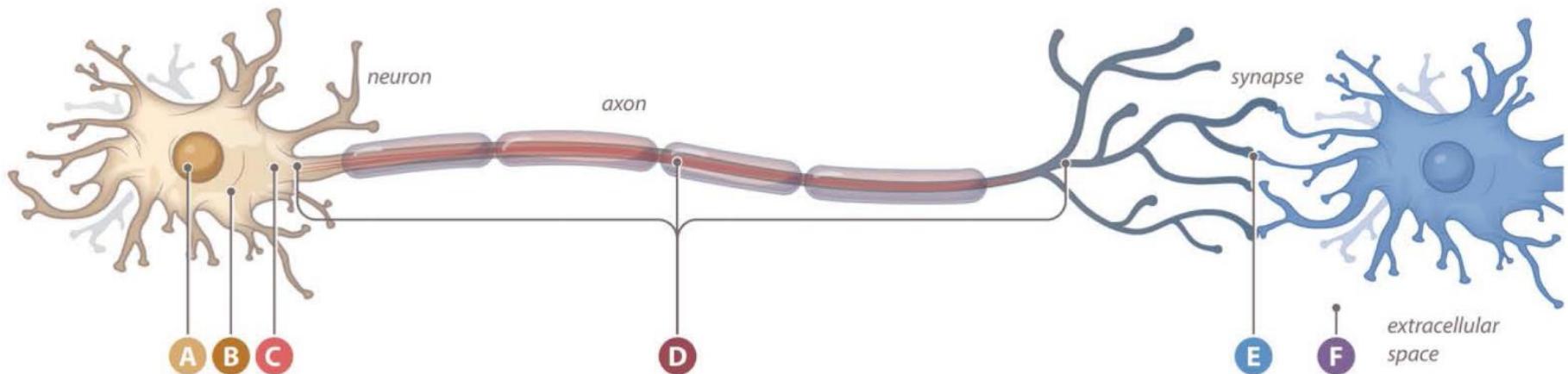


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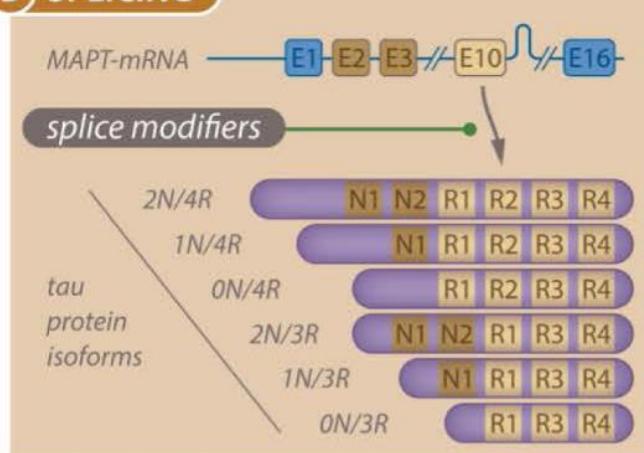


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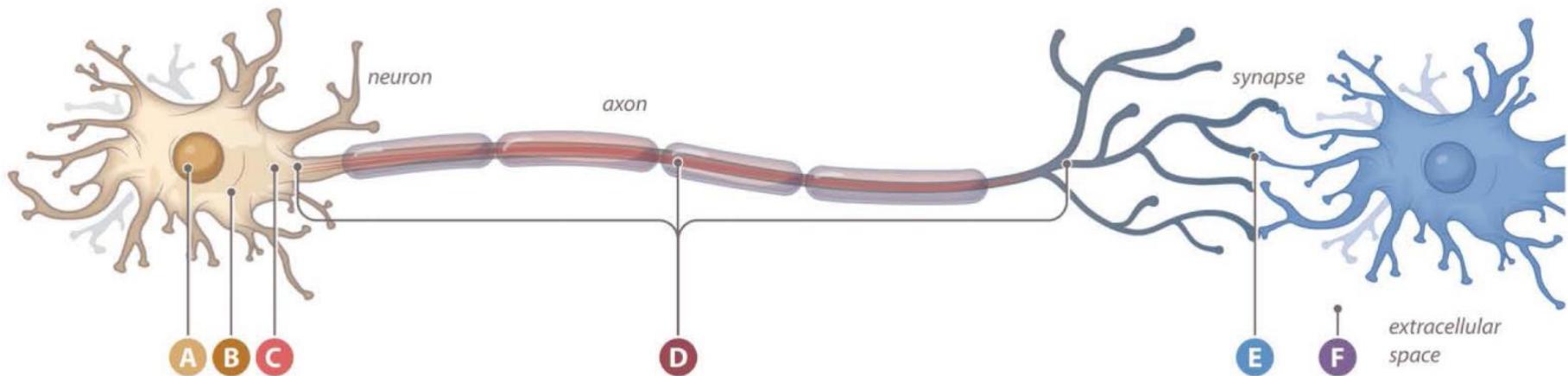


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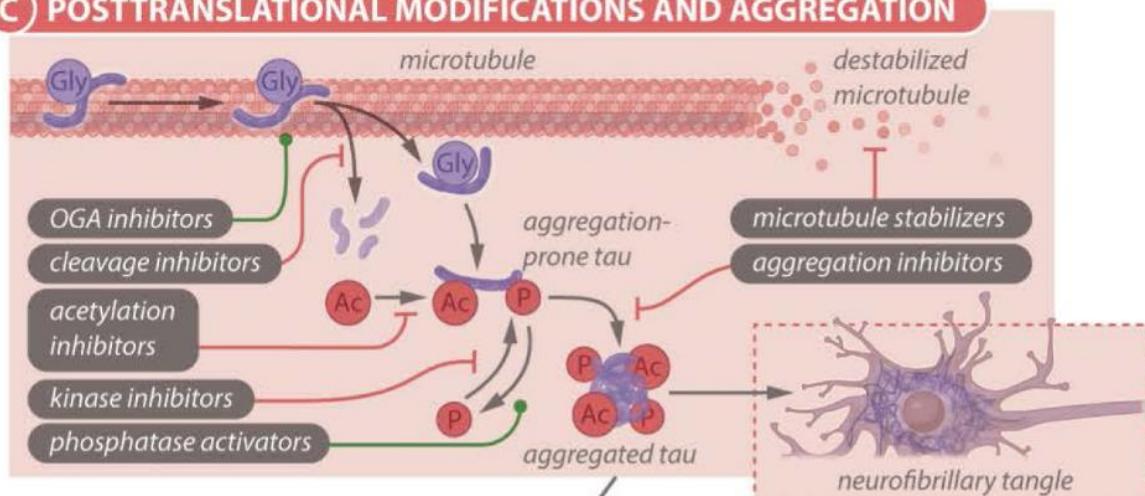


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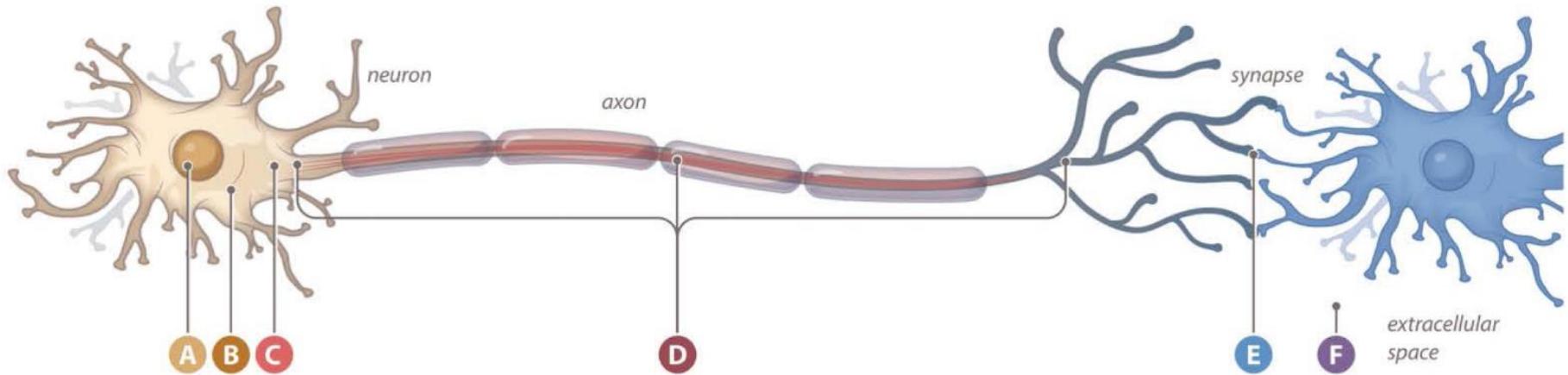


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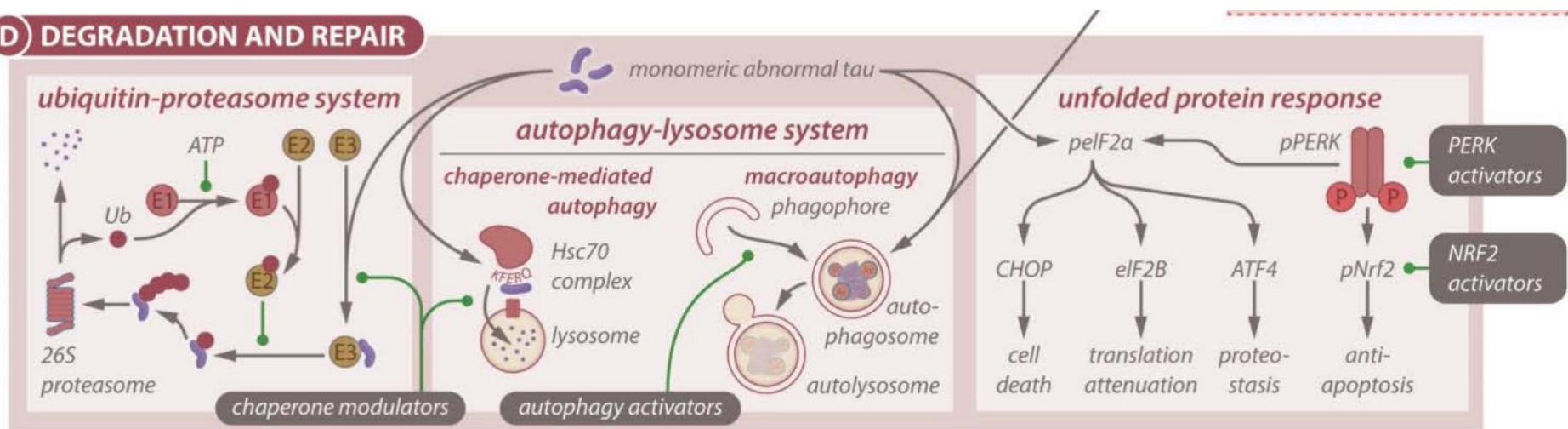


## Tau PTMs

# Disease Mechanisms & Targets

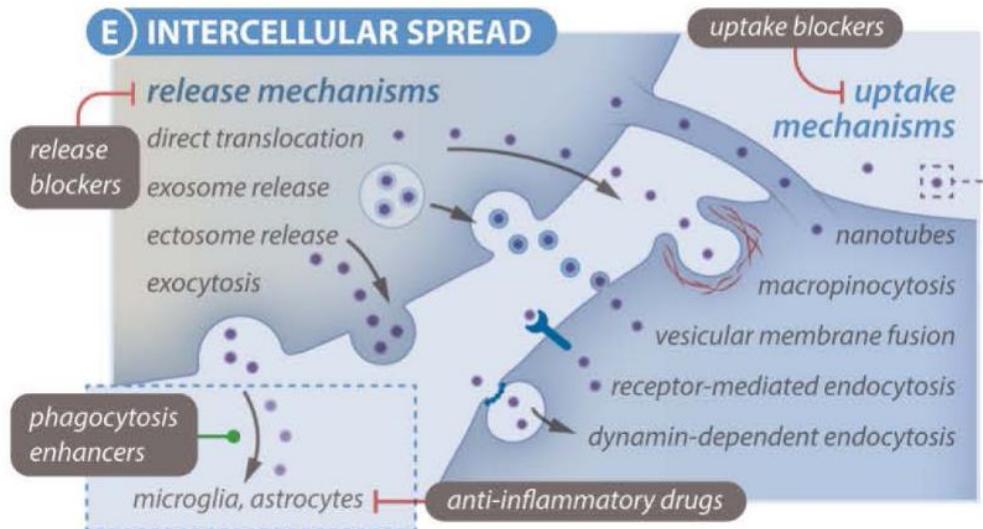
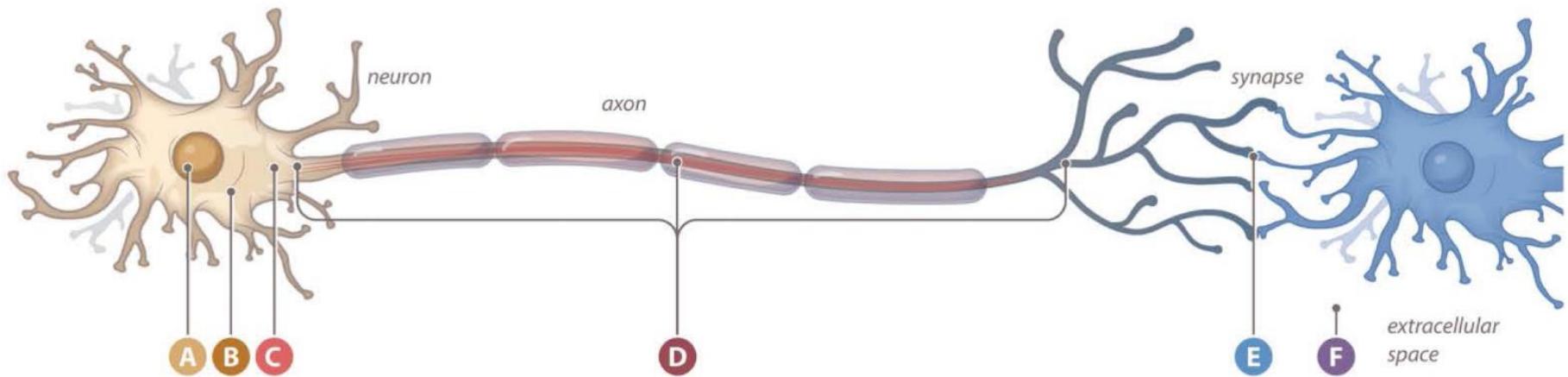


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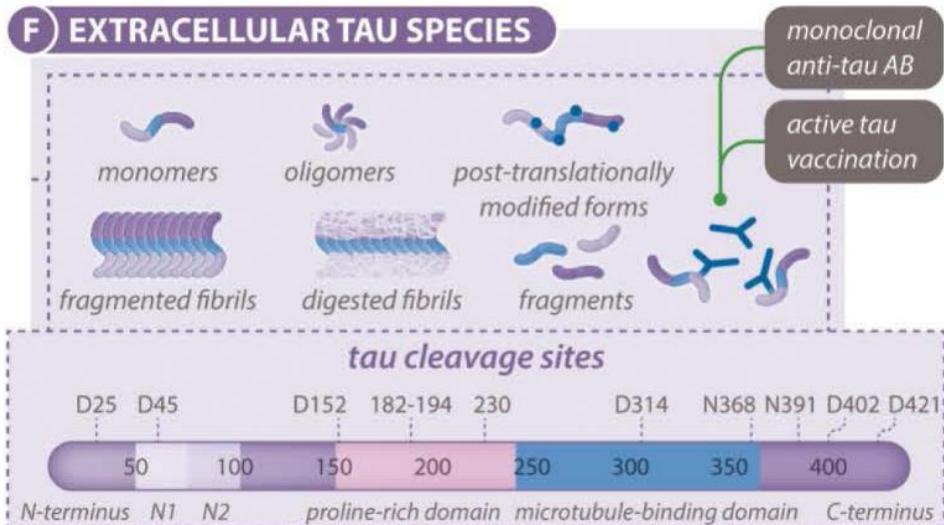
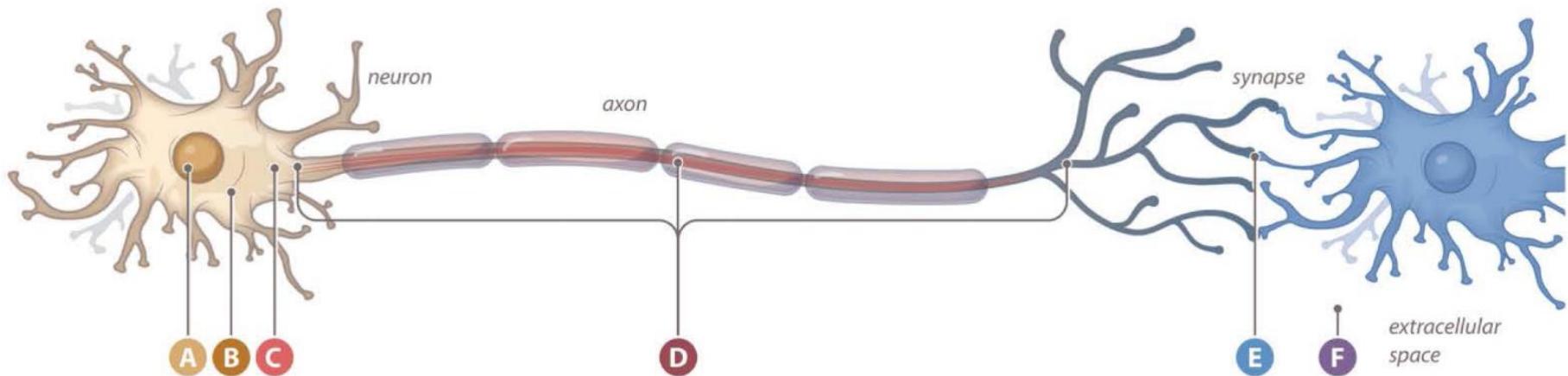
## Tau Degradation

# Disease Mechanisms & Targets



**Tau Spreading**

# Disease Mechanisms & Targets



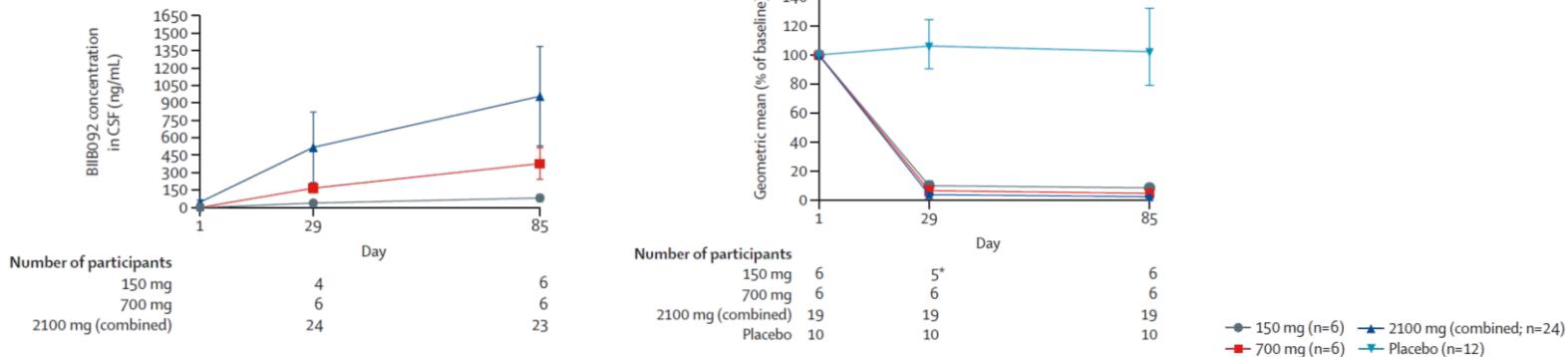
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## BIIB092 (Gosuranemab) Phase I Study in PSP

### Safety of the tau-directed monoclonal antibody BIIB092 in progressive supranuclear palsy: a randomised, placebo-controlled, multiple ascending dose phase 1b trial

Adam L Boxer, Irfan Qureshi, Michael Ahljanian, Michael Grundman, Lawrence I Golbe, Irene Litvan, Lawrence S Honig, Paul Tuite, Nikolaus R McFarland, Padraig O'Suilleabhain, Tao Xie, Giridhar S Tirucherai, Clifford Bechtold, Yvette Bordelon, David S Geldmacher, Murray Grossman, Stuart Isaacson, Theresa Zesiewicz, Tina Olsson, Kumar Kandadi Muralidharan, Danielle L Graham, John O'Gorman, Samantha Budd Haeberlein, Tien Dam

*Lancet Neurol* 2019; 18: 549-58



## **ABBV-8E12 (Tilavonemab)**

### **A monoclonal antibody that binds to the N-terminal of human tau.**

**Evaluation of tilavonemab (ABBV-8E12) in progressive supranuclear palsy:  
results from a phase 2, randomised, placebo-controlled, multicentre study**

Günter Höglinder, Irene Litvan, Nuno Mendonca\*, Deli Wang\*, Hui Zheng\*,  
Beatrice Rendenbach-Mueller\*, Hoi Kei Lon\*, Ziyi Jin, Nahome Fisseha\*, Kumar  
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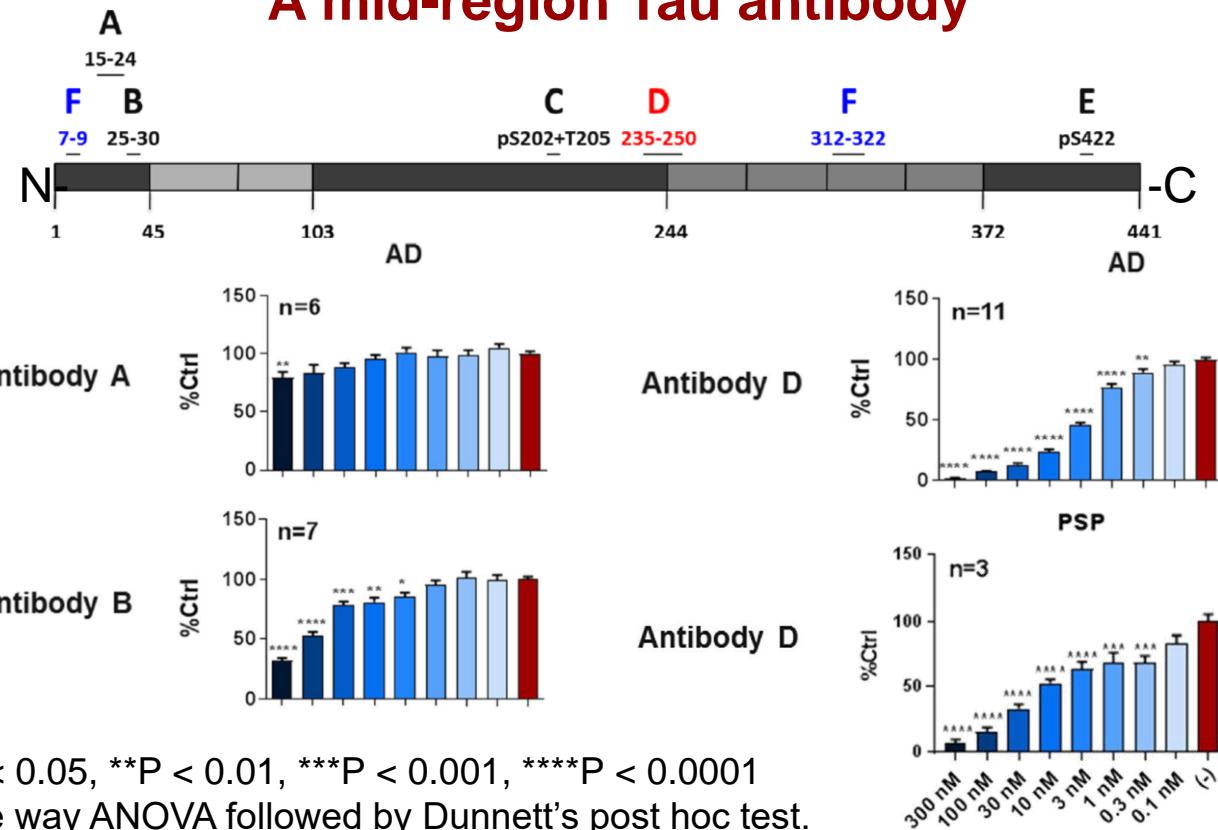
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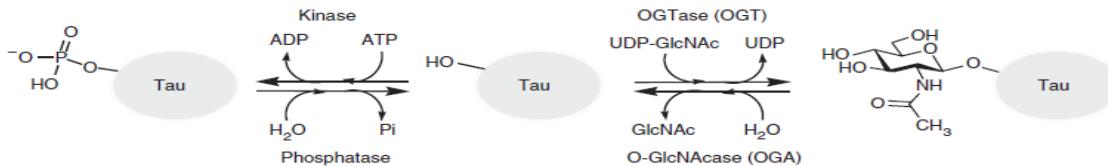
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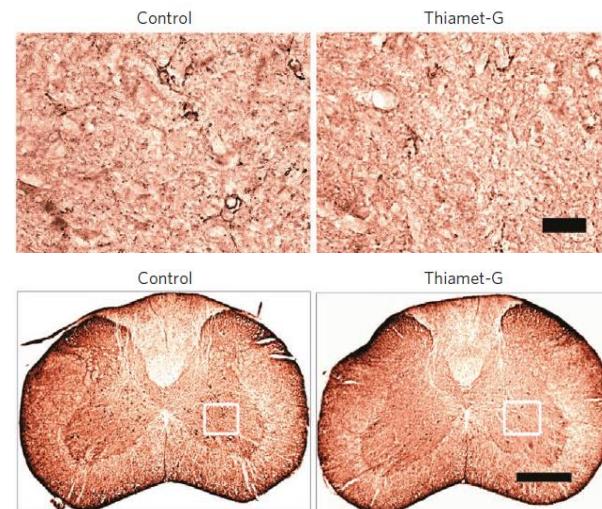
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**Figure 1** The relationship between phosphorylation and O-GlcNAcylation on tau is a dynamic equilibrium. The existence of serine or threonine residues that are known to be both phosphorylated and O-GlcNAc-modified dictates that such residues can exist in one of three different states: phosphorylated, glycosylated or free hydroxyl. The formation of these states is regulated by the appropriate enzymes.



# Tau expression (Antisense Oligonucleotides, ASO)

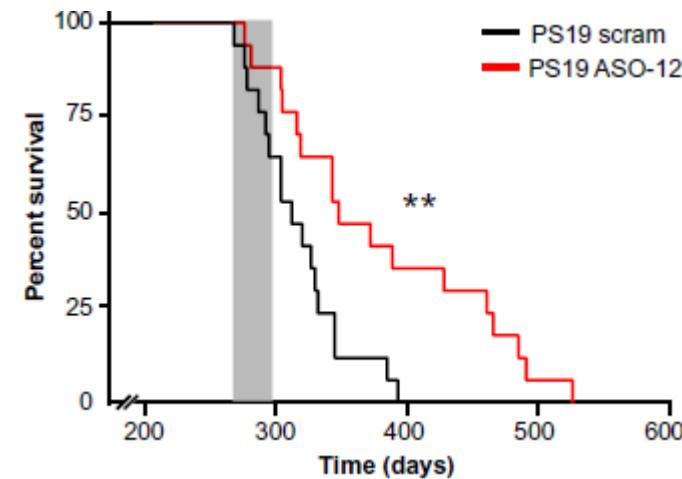
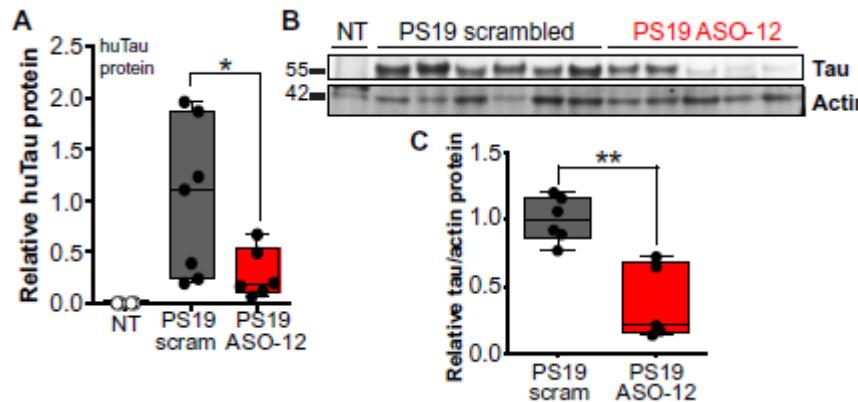
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