



**September 20 - 23**  
**2016**

- Plenary Session: An update of brain circuits in Parkinson's and **Deep Brain Stimulation**

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- Best Outcome – Better quality of life with reduced motor fluctuations, tremor, rigidity, akinesia, gait and postural problems. **Non-motor symptoms are resistant to surgery (Sleep problems, depression etc)**

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- MRI guided Focused Ultrasound (trans-skull penetration – i.e. no surgery) showed promising results in for essential tremor (n=40) (NEJM, 375,8 2016).

# MRI guided Focused Ultrasound



Pretreatment



Post treatment

- Parallel Session: Disease modification - an update on clinical trials

**aSyn vaccines, passive immunization and  
novel small molecules (Eliezer Masliah)**



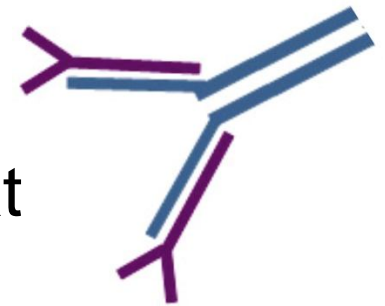
# aSyn vaccine - active immunization



- **PD01A AFFITOPE** (small aSyn peptide) – (Mandler, 2014)
  - tested in mouse models (Thy1.2-haSyn and pdgf-haSyn)
  - reduce cerebral aSyn
  - ameliorate neurodegeneration and dopaminergic loss in striatum
  - promote aSyn clearance by microglia
- Phase I trial in 12 PD patients showed vaccine to be safe
- 50% of patients developed aSyn antibodies in blood and CSF
- Phase IIA in PD and new trial in multiple system atrophy (MSA) patients.

# aSyn vaccine - passive immunization

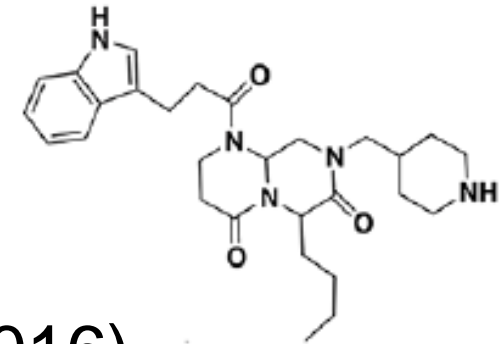
## Prothena/Roche



- **PRX002 vaccine** - humanized 9E4 antibody that recognises aSyn 118-126
  - Phase 1A = 30 patients; Safe and well tolerated
  - Reduced aSyn levels in plasma after 1 administration
  - Phase 1B ongoing - ascending dose in PD patients.
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- Many reports from other groups on anti-aSyn antibodies protecting against dopaminergic neurons loss






# Small molecules against aSyn

## Neuropore/UCB



- **NPT200-11 drug** – similar to NPT100-18A
- NPT100-18A experiments (Price et al, Brain, 2016)
  - reduce aSyn oligomer formation
  - reduce reduced aSyn toxicity,
  - ameliorate behaviour (mThy1-haSyn mouse model)
- Phase I complete = 8 patients; Safe and well tolerated
- Phase II in planning stages

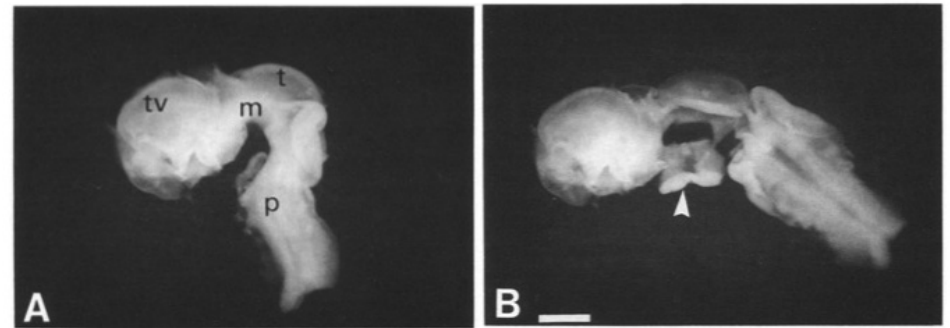
# Clinical Trials with therapeutics against aSyn

Company	Drug	Preclinical efficacy	Preclinical PK/PD/ADME	Phase I	Phase II
Prothena/Roch	PRX002 passive a-syn immunization				
AFFiRiS/MJFox	PD-01A Active a-syn vaccine				
Neuropore/UCB	NPT200-11 a-syn stabilizer				
Neurophage/MJF/others	Npt-088 Phage anti-fibrillation				?
Neuroimmune/Biogen	passive a-syn immunization				?

- Plenary Session Day 3 – Stem cells and iPS cells: where are we?

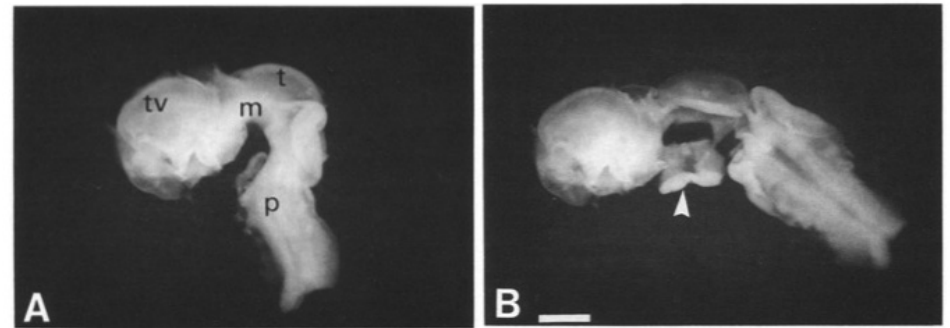
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(<sup>18</sup>F-DOPA PET)

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- PRESENT - TRANSEURO using fetal grafts
  - better selection of patients (<65, <10 years duration, minimal LIDs)
  - same dose of cells, same delivery method,
  - same immunosuppression, same 3 year end point (2020)





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– September 2016
- At least *15 cancellations due to insufficient tissue*

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- **GForce-PD** = global initiative in coordinating stem cell-based treatments for PD.
- - CiRA - iPSC in PD trial in 2017 (**Japan**)
- - NYSTEM trial hESC in PD in 2018 (**USA**)
- - NeuroStemCellRepair hESC in PD in 2018/2019 (**UK/Sweden**)



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