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# Objectives of Today's Webinar



- Review new data from bioMUSE natural history study
- Discuss relevance of bioMUSE for ATH434-202 study
- Expert perspective on Multiple System Atrophy (MSA)
- Review timing of Phase 2 data

# Promising Portfolio in Neurodegenerative Diseases

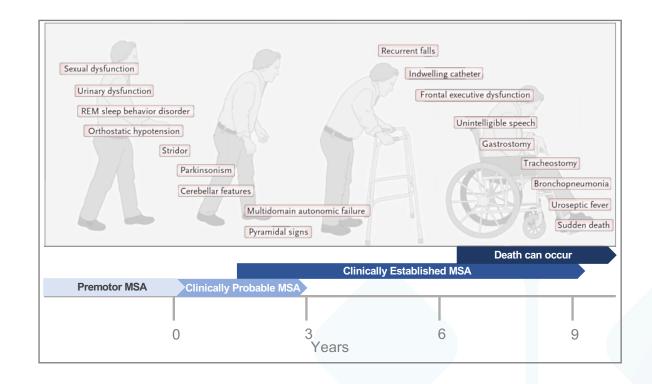


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PROGRAM	INDICATION	DISCOVERY	PRE- CLINICAL	NATURAL HISTORY	PHASE 1	PHASE 2	PARTNER / COLLABORATOR
ATH434-201	Multiple System Atrophy Early Stage				Enrollment Co	omplete	
ATH434-202	Multiple System Atrophy Advanced				Enrollment Co	omplete	
ATH434	Parkinson's Disease						THE MICHAEL J. FOX FOUNDATION FOR PARKINSON'S RESEARCH
bioMUSE	Multiple System Atrophy Natural History Study						VANDERBILT WUNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER
Drug Discovery	Neurodegenerative Diseases						

### Multiple System Atrophy (MSA): Rare, Highly Debilitating and Rapidly Progressive Neurodegenerative Disease



- Parkinsonian disorder with no approved treatment
- Orphan disease
- Disease characteristics
  - Motor: Parkinsonism, uncoordinated movements, balance problems/falls
  - Autonomic dysfunction: blood pressure maintenance, bladder control, bowel function
  - Brain atrophy in multiple regions
- Median survival 7.5 years after symptom onset



# Iron is Critical in Disease Pathogenesis



# Iron and α-Synuclein are important contributors to MSA pathology

- Adverse impact of excess labile iron
  - Leads to α-synuclein aggregation → neuronal dysfunction
  - Oxidative stress with intracellular damage
  - Cell death
- Hallmark of MSA pathology
  - α-synuclein aggregates in neurons and glial (support) cells
  - Neuron and glial cells loss
  - Atrophy in multiple brain regions

# Oxidative Stress Aggregated **Oligomers** Stored iron α-synuclein α-synuclein activated microgli **Neuroinflammation** Iron Imbalance Labile iron Needed for cellular metabolism Generates damaging free radicals

# Accumulated Evidence of ATH434 Efficacy



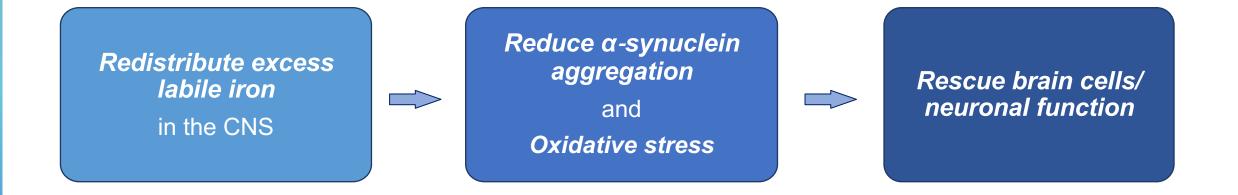
Target Disease	Model	Midbrain* Iron	α-Synuclein	Preserve Neurons/ Function	Clinical Observations
Parkinson's disease	Mouse MPTP	<b>V</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>↑</b>	Improved motor performance
Parkinson's disease	Mouse A53T	<b>V</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>↑</b>	Improved motor performance
Parkinson's disease	Mouse tau knockout	<b>V</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>↑</b>	Improved motor performance
MSA	PLP-α-syn	<b>V</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>↑</b>	Improved motor performance
MSA	PLP-α-syn	<b>V</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>↑</b>	Improved motor performance
Parkinson's disease	Monkey MPTP	<b>V</b>	n/a	<b>↑</b>	Improved motor performance

<sup>\*</sup> includes s. nigra

ATH434 consistently improved motor performance across diverse animal models of disease by redistributing iron and preserving neurons

# Approach: Address Underlying Pathology of Disease





Potential Disease Modifying Therapy for MSA



# Multiple System Atrophy Clinical Development Program

# Clinical Studies in MSA



Study	bioMUSE – Natural History	ATH434-201 – Phase 2	ATH434-202 – Phase 2
Design	Observational	Randomized, double-blind	Single arm, open-label
Objectives	Characterize early-stage MSA	Efficacy and safety of ATH434	Efficacy and safety of ATH434
Population	Early-stage MSA	Early-stage MSA	Advanced MSA
Sample Size	N = 21	N = 77	N = 10
Observation/Treatment	12 months	12 months treatment	12 months treatment
Brain MRI Biomarkers	Iron, volume, glial pathology	Same as bioMUSE	Same as bioMUSE
Fluid Biomarkers	NFL, Aggregated α-synuclein	Same as bioMUSE	Same as bioMUSE
Other Biomarkers	Wearable movement sensors	Same as bioMUSE	_
Clinical Measures	Motor exam, autonomic function, activities of daily living, global measures	Same as bioMUSE	Same as bioMUSE

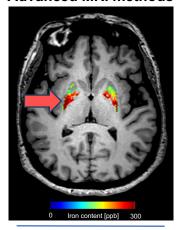
## BioMUSE Natural History Study Learnings to Date



Optimize Patient Selection

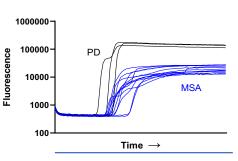


**Advanced MRI methods** 



Identify "iron signature" of early MSA

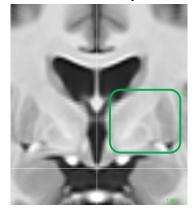
#### α-synuclein in CSF



Differentiate MSA from PD

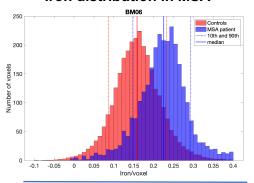
Revised selection criteria in ATH434-201 and ATH434-202 protocols to exclude PD patients

#### **New MRI Template**



Improve precision of structural MRI

#### Iron distribution in MSA



Novel strategies for measuring brain iron in individual regions

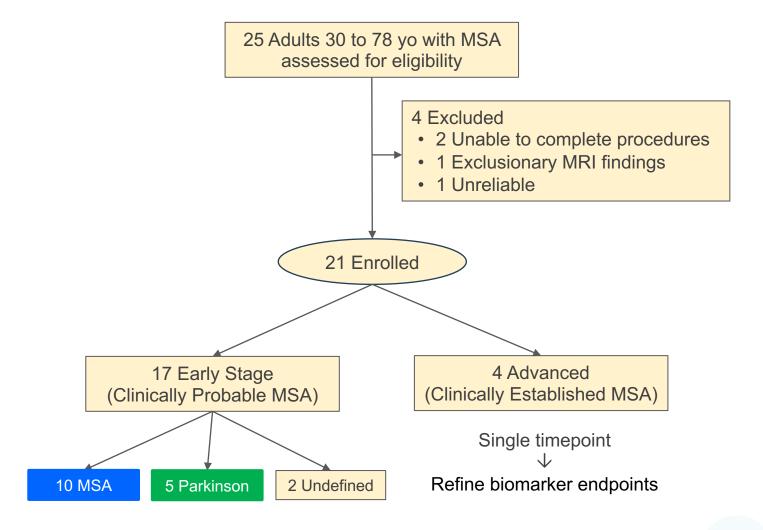
State of the art methods enabled precise measurements of iron and brain volume with MRI

**Precision Endpoint** 

Assessment

# Participant Flow in bioMUSE





Followed for 12 months

Source 13

# BioMUSE Brain Imaging Biomarkers Assessed in MSA Regions



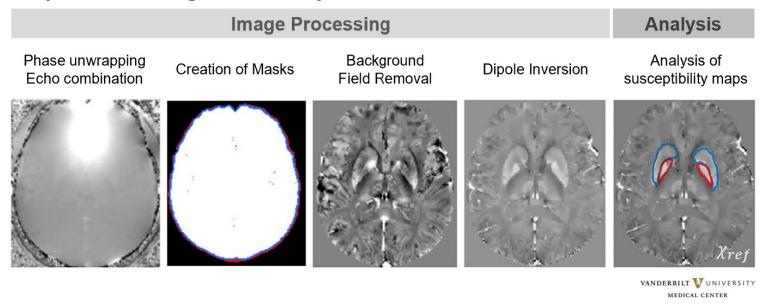
Biomarker	How Assessed	Status
Iron content	MRI/QSM	12 mo data reported today
Volumes	MRI/T1w	12 mo data reported today
N-acetylaspartate/ myoinositol	MR spectroscopy	Preliminary data reported in 2023
Neuromelanin	MRI	In process

### MRI Methods to Measure Brain Iron



- Based on routine (e.g., structure/volume) and specialized MRI techniques
- Bioengineer evaluated MRI processing algorithms to optimize measurement<sup>1,2</sup>
- Method selected which is reproducible and minimizes artifacts between MRIs

#### Steps in Measuring Brain Iron by MRI



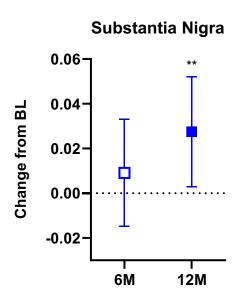
We have established standardized methods to analyze brain iron in bioMUSE and will apply same methods in the Phase 2 studies

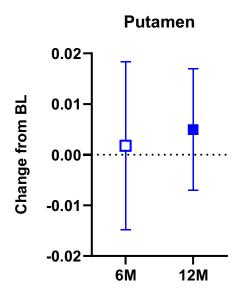
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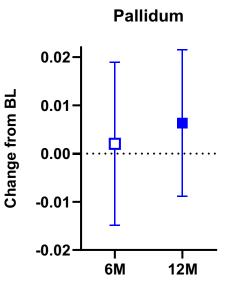
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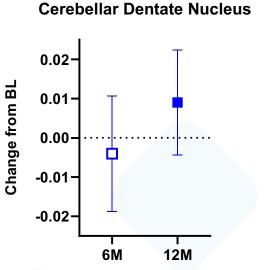
### BioMUSE: Change in Iron Content by MRI Brain Regions affected in MSA











Statistically significant increase in iron over 12 months in the substantia nigra

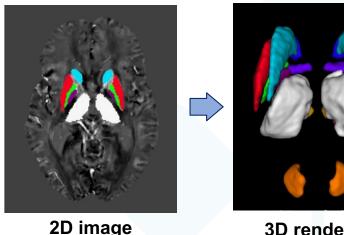
# Optimizing MRI Methods to Measure Brain Volumes



- Multiple System Atrophy = atrophy (shrinking) of brain structures
- Routine MRI are analyzed in 2 dimensions (2D)
- We are interested in measuring brain volume (in 3D)
- Needed a new method to measure volumes in MSA affected areas

### **Method Development**

- Neuroradiologist manually traced 2D images for each bioMUSE subject
  - 2D MRI → 3D rendering → measure volume
  - Human time: 10 hours per MRI
- Bioengineer employed Machine Learning/Al to teach computer to do the same
  - Computer time: 5 minutes per MRI



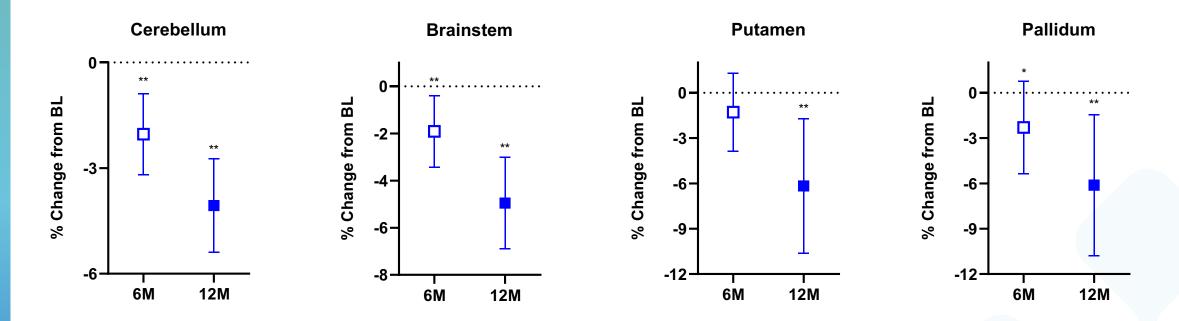


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Allows measurement of brain volumes with precision in all Phase 2 participants

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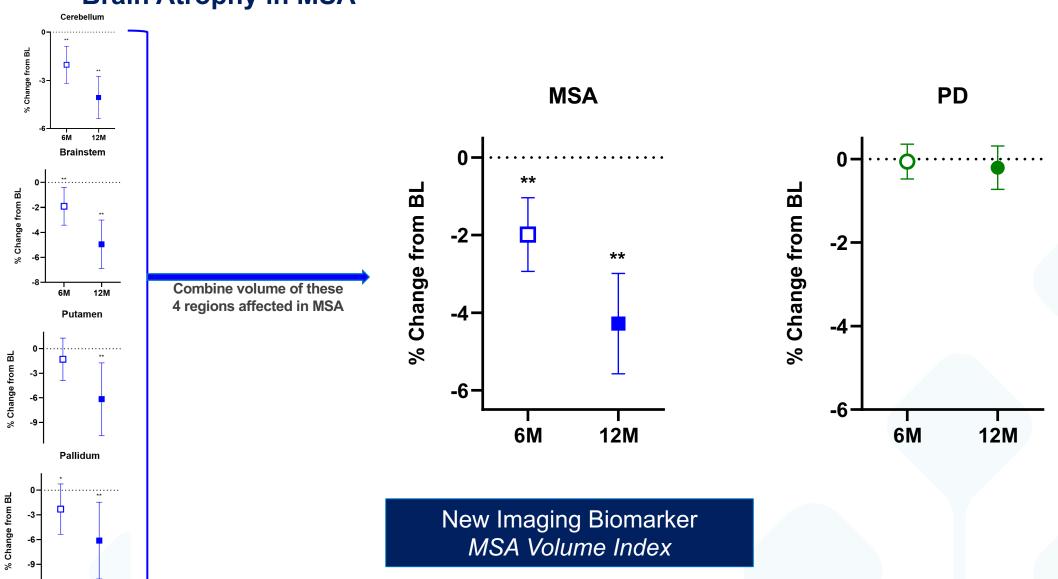


Statistically significant decreases in brain volume observed in all regions at 12 months and in 3 of 4 regions at 6 months

p < 0.05 p < 0.01

# BioMUSE: Change in Brain Volume by MRI Brain Atrophy in MSA





# BioMUSE Summary



- Observational Study in MSA
- Goals: improve patient selection and choose endpoints for Phase 2
- Iron content: Significant increase in iron observed at 12 months in one brain region (s. nigra)
- Brain volume: Significant decrease in volume observed over 12 months in all four MSA regions
  - ❖ Novel Imaging Biomarker: MSA Volume Index



# Implications of bioMUSE Data on ATH434-202 Study

# Endpoint Selection in Treatment Trials



# Biomarker Endpoint Selection

Relevant to underlying disease

Tracks with disease progression

Preclinical indication of drug effect

We target endpoints with the largest change over the planned study period to more readily demonstrate a drug effect

# ATH434-202 Key Study Endpoints



**Primary Endpoint** 

# Change in *MSA Volume Index* by MRI at 12 months

 Based on the significant decrease in volume in relevant brain regions in MSA

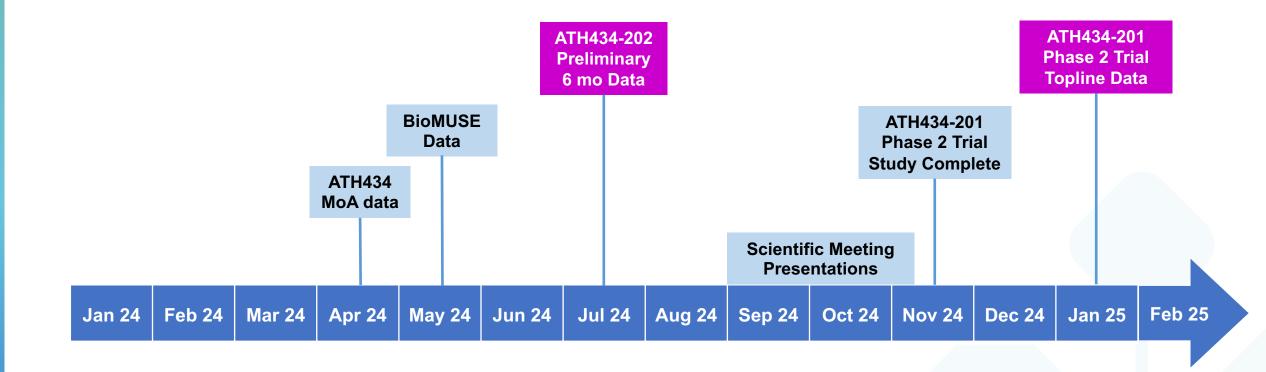
Secondary Endpoint

# Change in *Iron content* in the substantia nigra by MRI at 12 months

 Based on the significant increase in iron in relevant brain region in MSA

# Key Milestones





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