

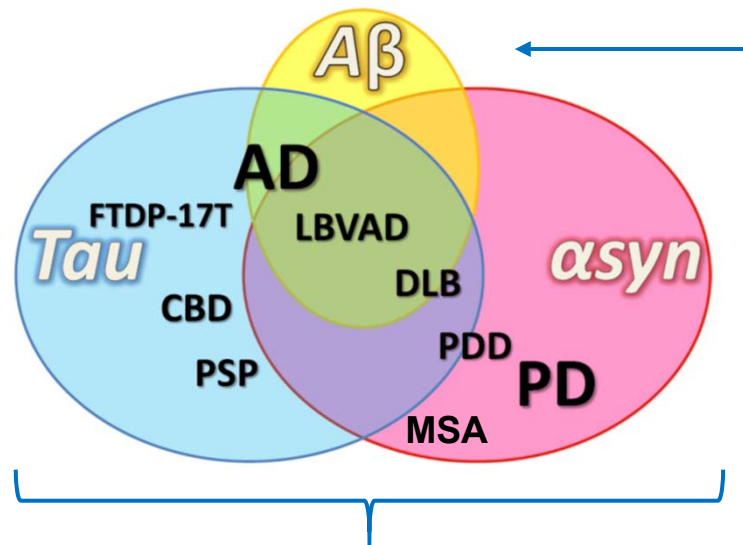
# Treatment of Neurological Disorders

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# Targeting Proteins in Neurodegeneration



## PBT2 (1<sup>st</sup> generation)

- Mechanism of action: Zn and Cu ionophore
- Originally developed for neurological indications by targeting extracellular protein
- Evaluating non-neurological indications for further development

## PBT434 (2<sup>nd</sup> generation)

- *Targets intracellular proteins with established function:  $\alpha$ -synuclein, tau*
- *Mechanism of action: Effluxes labile Fe*
- *Reduces  $\alpha$ -synuclein accumulation in transgenic animal models of PD and MSA*

## Current Focus

### Novel Drug Candidate PBT434

- Targets key proteins implicated in neurodegeneration of Parkinson's disease and atypical parkinsonism
- Distinct scaffold and biological profile compared to PBT2

### Strong Research and Development

- U.S. development team with proven track record
- Innovative discovery program
- Long standing collaborations with Harvard and Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health

### Multiple Indication Opportunity

- PBT434 active in models of Parkinson's disease and atypical parkinsonism including orphan diseases such as Multiple System Atrophy (MSA)



### Trading information:

ASX: PBT  
Nasdaq: PRAN  
Share price: US\$1.72  
Valuation: US\$19M  
Cash: ~A\$23M

Approximate cash on completion of initial securities purchase agreement with Life Biosciences



Life Biosciences LLC Leads Strategic Investment of up to a \$31.4 Million in Prana

January 2, 2019

## US-based development team with strong drug development experience and FDA approvals



**David Stamler, M.D.**  
*Chief Medical Officer & Senior VP,  
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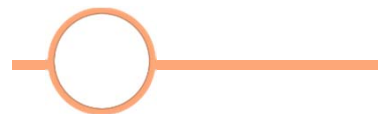
Former VP, Clinical Development and Therapeutic Head, Movement Disorders, Teva Pharmaceuticals and Chief Medical Officer, Auspex Pharmaceuticals.

Part of Teva's US\$3.5 billion acquisition of Auspex. Led development of AUSTEDO (deutetrabenazine) for treatment of Huntington disease (approved by FDA - April 2017) and tardive dyskinesia, also in 2017.



**James Kerr**  
*VP, Chemistry, Manufacturing  
and controls*

Previously CMC leadership at Auspex/Teva. Senior member of leadership team responsible for budget management and operational direction of CMC team. Prior to Auspex, was Senior Director, CovX Operations at Pfizer WRD.



**Margaret Bradbury, Ph.D.**  
*VP, Nonclinical Development*

Previously Non-Clinical leadership at Auspex/Teva. At Teva, led non-clinical development of several neuroscience programs. At Auspex Pharmaceuticals, led strategic planning and program management in Huntington Disease chorea from IND through NDA filing.



**Cynthia Wong, M.P.H.**  
*Senior Director, Clinical  
Operations*

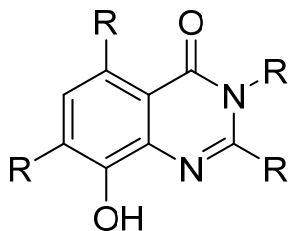
Previously Clinical Operations leadership at Auspex/Teva. At Auspex, led clinical trial activities for the registration study of AUSTEDO in Huntington Disease chorea. Prior to Auspex, led Phase 1-3 studies, including registration studies for marketing approval for Quillichew ER, Esbriet and Infergen.

## Investment Thesis

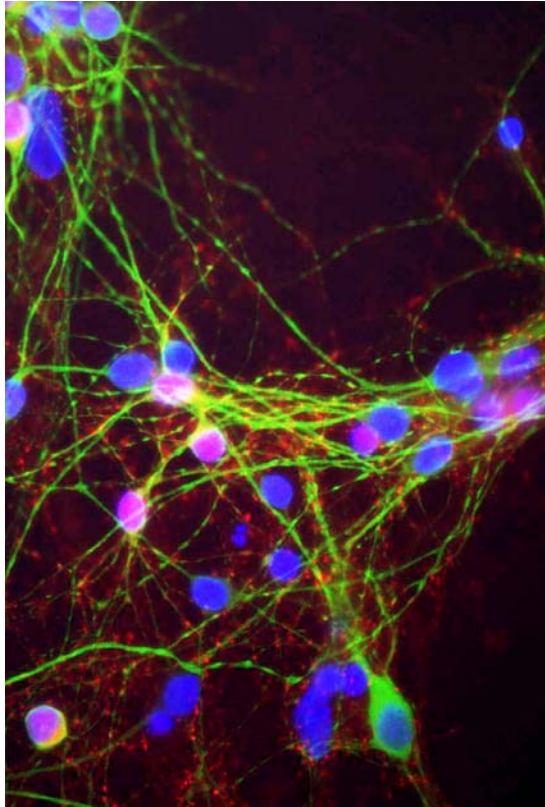
- Alpha ( $\alpha$ )-synuclein is an intracellular protein critical for neurotransmission
- $\alpha$ -synuclein accumulates and aggregates in many neurodegenerative diseases and is implicated in pathology
- PBT434 blocks  $\alpha$ -synuclein accumulation and aggregation, preserves neurons and improves function in animal models of synucleinopathy (Parkinson's disease, MSA)
  - PBT434 also prevents tau accumulation and improves function in animal models of tauopathy
- Link between increased brain iron and the synucleinopathies
- Phase 2 data with a related compound supports proof of concept
- Clear development path for symptomatic therapy in atypical parkinsonism
  - Current symptomatic therapy has limited benefit
- Potential path for disease modifying therapy

PBT434 is an excellent drug candidate for treating neurodegenerative diseases

## PBT434: Promising Drug Profile



- Good CNS penetration based on low molecular weight and lipophilicity
  - Brain concentrations 2 to 3 fold higher than plasma
- Straightforward synthetic process with demonstrated ability to make kg amounts of GMP material
- Benign safety profile in GLP toxicology studies
  - Non-toxic dose exceeds efficacious dose by >10-fold based on allometric scaling
- Phase 1 in Healthy volunteers ongoing



MAB to  $\alpha$ -synuclein stains red

## Importance of $\alpha$ -Synuclein

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- $\alpha$ -Synuclein is an intracellular protein, abundantly expressed in the brain
- Critical for normal function of neurons
- Soluble, in highest concentration at presynaptic nerve endings
- Key regulatory protein involved in neurotransmission
  - Enables neurotransmitter release by facilitating synaptic vesicle fusion to pre-synaptic membrane

# $\alpha$ -Synuclein is an Important Disease Target

*Strong genetic and pathological link to disease*



## ALPHA-SYNUCLEIN PRIORITY AREA

### OUR INVESTMENT IN ALPHA-SYNUCLEIN RESEARCH

The Michael J. Fox Foundation has made significant investments in research to understand alpha-synuclein and to translate it into therapeutic strategies for advancing a cure for Parkinson's disease. Our particular areas of focus to date include:

Supporting work to understand the normal function of alpha-synuclein and its role in Parkinson's disease pathogenesis;

Taking an aggressive approach in advancing alpha-synuclein therapeutics to the clinic and supporting strategies to reduce aggregation or lower protein levels of alpha-synuclein;



*AstraZeneca and Takeda establish collaboration to develop and commercialise MEDI1341 for Parkinson's disease* 29 August 2017

<https://www.michaeljfox.org/research/priority-area-detail.php?alpha-synuclein>



### VIEWPOINT

#### Targeting $\alpha$ -Synuclein as a Therapy for Parkinson's Disease: The Battle Begins

C. Warren Olanow, MD<sup>1,2\*</sup> and Jeffrey H. Kordower, PhD<sup>3,4</sup>

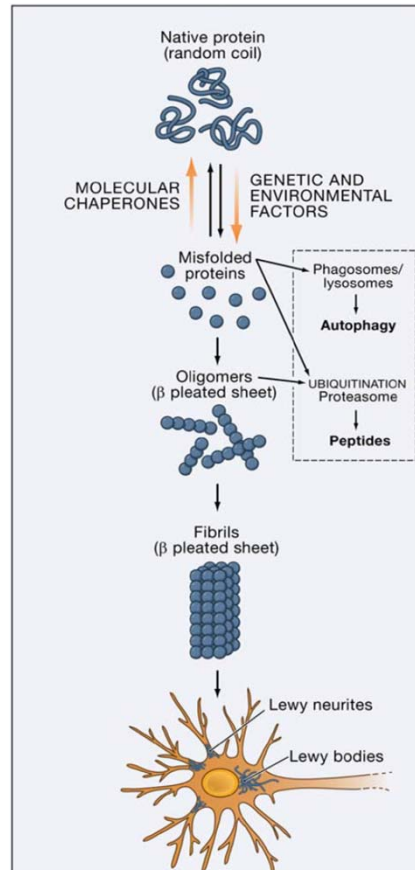
*"Collectively these data strongly suggest that alpha synuclein is a potentially important and novel target of candidate neuroprotective therapies. Several different therapeutic strategies designed to clear or prevent the formation of toxic forms of  $\alpha$ -synuclein are currently being investigated in the laboratory, and clinical trials have already begun."*

*Movement Disorders, Vol. 32, No. 2, 2017*



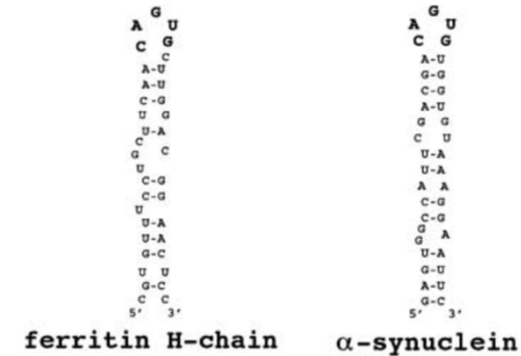


# α-Synuclein as Target for PBT434



Lee and Trojanowski, 2006

- α-synuclein fibrillizes readily
- Factors regulating its production and conformation are relevant to disease pathogenesis and treatment
- Homeostasis of iron is disrupted in PD and atypical parkinsonism
- α-synuclein is highly conserved in vertebrates **but only humans develop synucleinopathy**
- **Human α-synuclein mRNA contains an Iron responsive element**

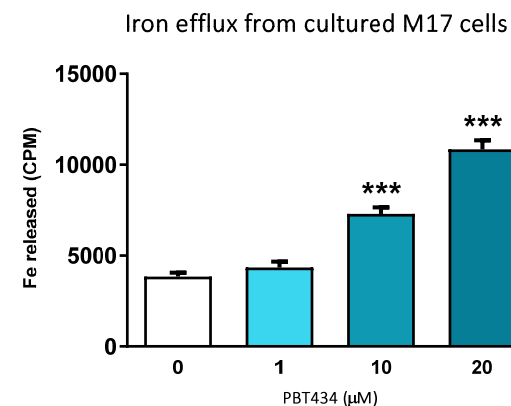
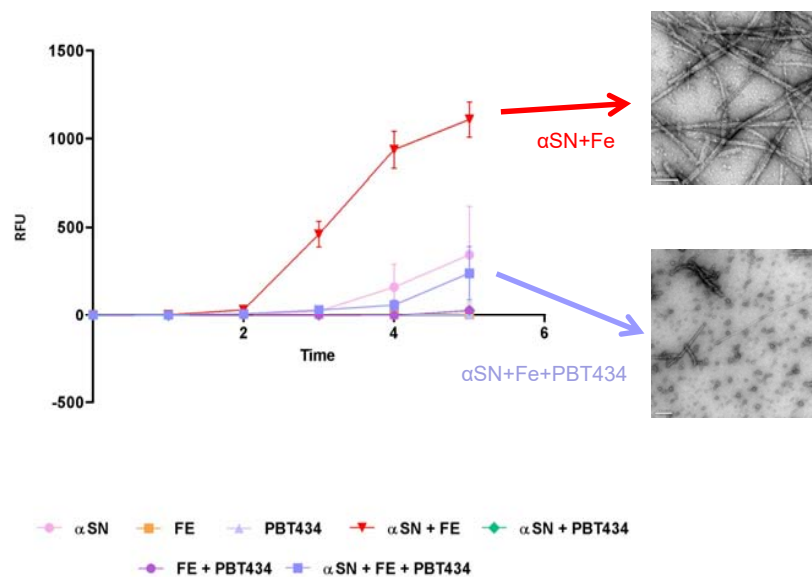


from Friedlich, Tanzi, et al. 2007

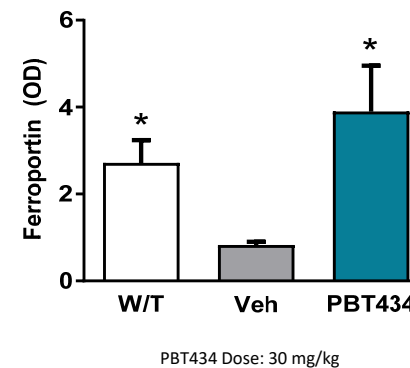
- The iron responsive element (IRE) of α-synuclein is a 5'-untranslated region of mRNA predicted to form a single RNA stem loop
- The stem loop shows striking similarity to the 5'-UTRs of mRNAs encoding ferritin and ferroportin

# PBT434 Inhibits $\alpha$ -Synuclein Aggregation by Restoring Intracellular Iron Balance

PBT434 blocks the aggregation of  $\alpha$ -synuclein in vitro

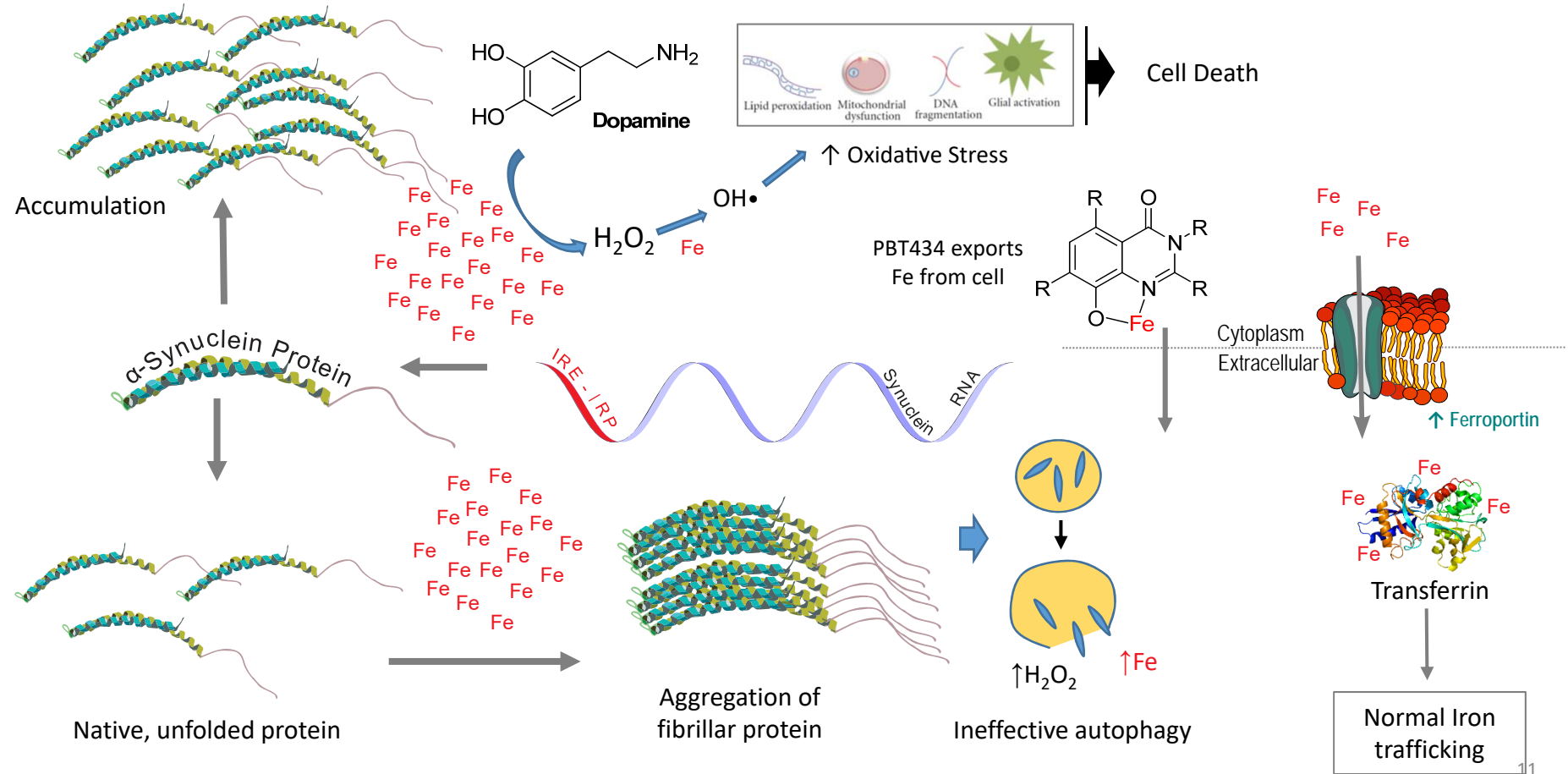


PBT434 treatment preserves ferroportin levels in vivo



# Alpha-synuclein Pathology and PBT434 Mechanism of Action

Iron Chaperone, reducing  $\alpha$ -synuclein accumulation, aggregation and preserving neurons

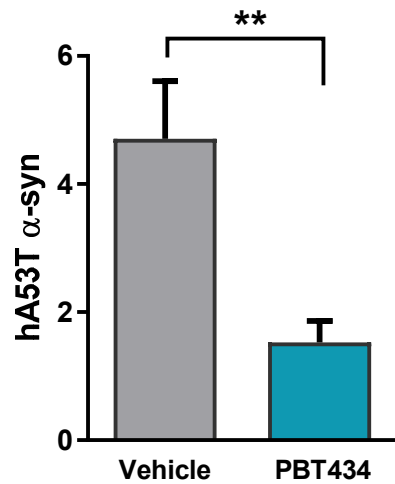


# PBT434 Lowers $\alpha$ -Synuclein, Prevents Neuronal Death and Improves Motor Function

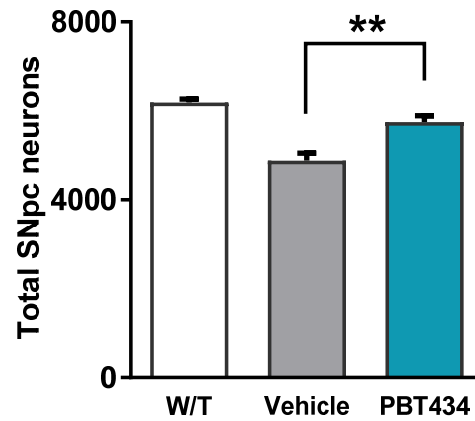
*Transgenic Animal Model (hA53T) of Parkinson's Disease*



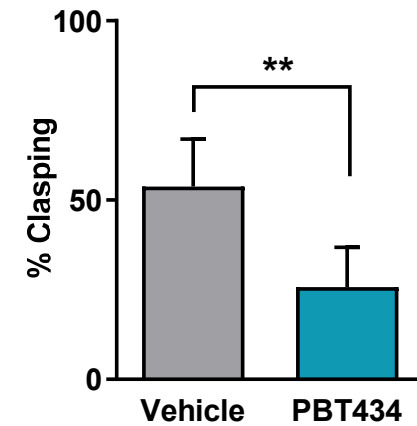
↓  $\alpha$ -Synuclein aggregation



Preserves neurons in S. nigra



Foot Claspings



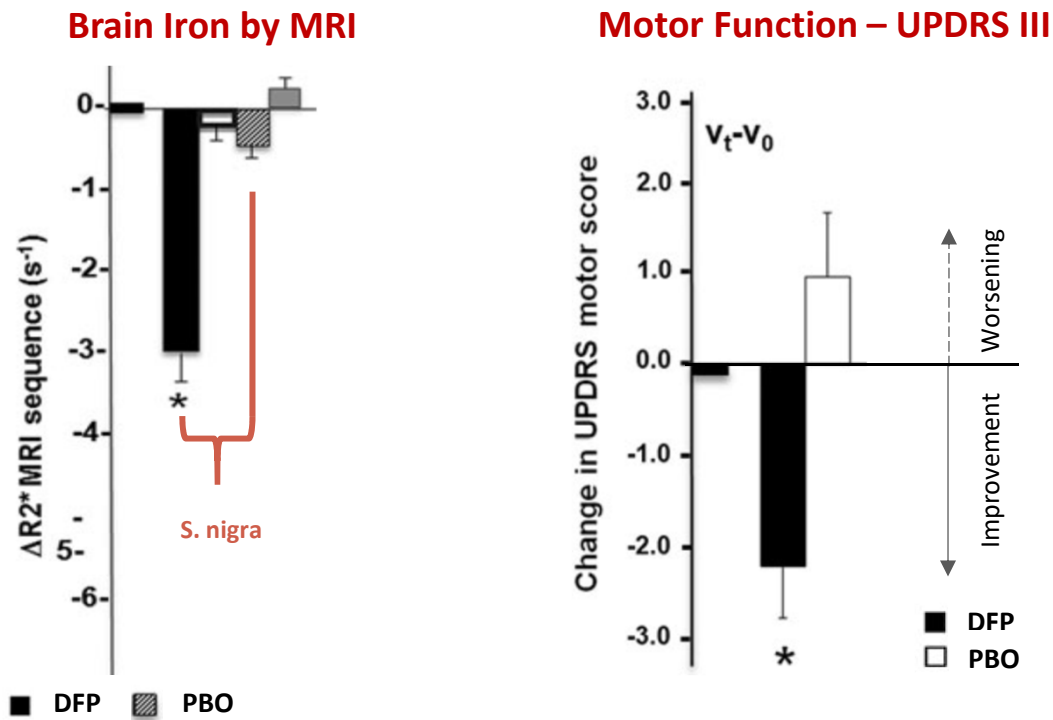
Treatment randomly allocated

- 4-8 months of age
- ~30 mg/kg/day (via feed)

Assessments done in blinded manner

# Strategy Supported by Proof of Concept with Deferiprone

6 month placebo controlled data in Parkinson's disease patients



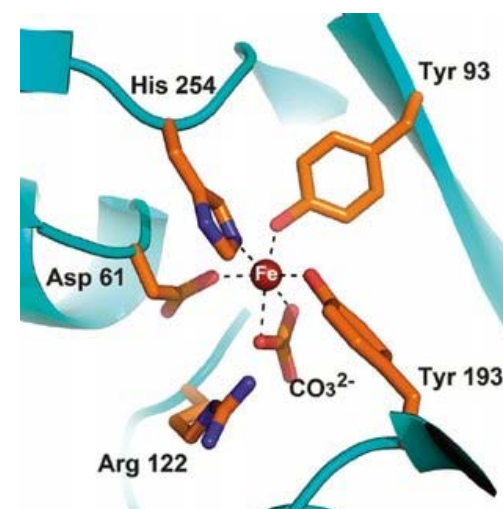
Reducing excess iron associated with improved motor function

- Deferiprone**
- Indicated for Treatment of Iron Overload
  - Black Box for neutropenia and agranulocytosis
  - Iron Binding Affinity  $K_d=10^{-36}$

## PBT434 has Optimal Iron Binding Affinity for Efficacy and Safety

<u>Agent/Protein</u>	<u>Kd for Fe<sup>3+</sup></u>
$\alpha$ -Synuclein	10 <sup>-5</sup>
PBT434	10 <sup>-10</sup>
Ferritin	10 <sup>-22</sup>
Transferrin	10 <sup>-23</sup>
Deferiprone	10 <sup>-36</sup>

Stronger binding  
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Davies et al. PLoS ONE. 2011; 6; 1; e15814. [doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0015814](https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0015814)  
Aisen P and Listowsky I. Ann Rev Biochem 1980 49: 357-393  
Aisen P, Leibman A, Zweier J. J Biol Chem. 1978; 253:1930-1937  
Kline MA and Orvig C. Clin Chem (1992); 38: 562-565

## Link Between Iron and Severity of PD

### The Relevance of Iron in the Pathogenesis of Parkinson's Disease

Gotz et al. *Ann N.Y. Acad Sci.* 2004

The nigral increase in iron levels identified biochemically in the postmortem brain from parkinsonian patients appears to be confirmed and is related to the severity of the disease in the living patient as assessed by magnetic resonance imaging (MRI).<sup>53-56</sup>

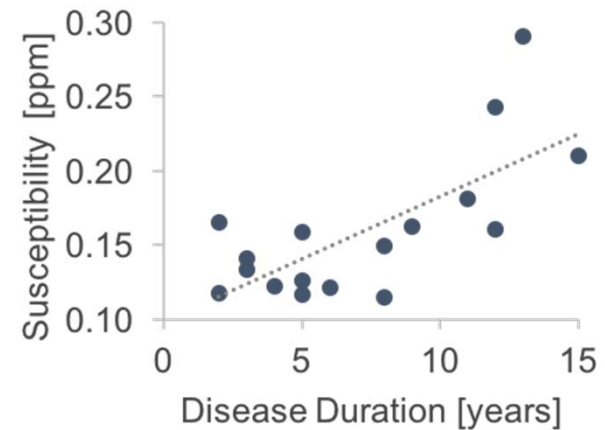
#### Midbrain iron content in early Parkinson disease

A potential biomarker of disease status

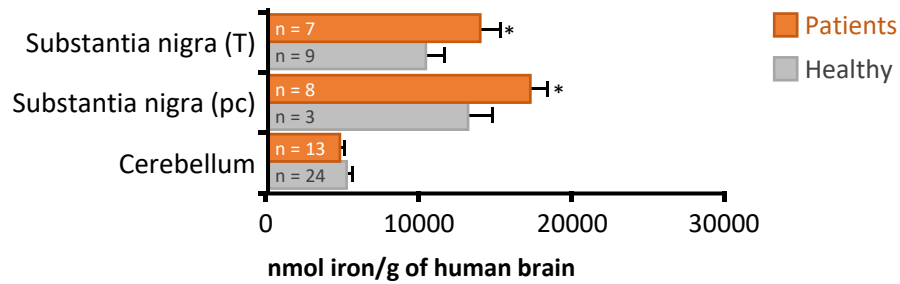
Martin, et al. *Neurology* 2008;70:1411-1417

However, biochemical studies have reported increased iron content in the nigra in PD,<sup>2-4</sup> with the changes most marked in severe disease (PD)<sup>5</sup>

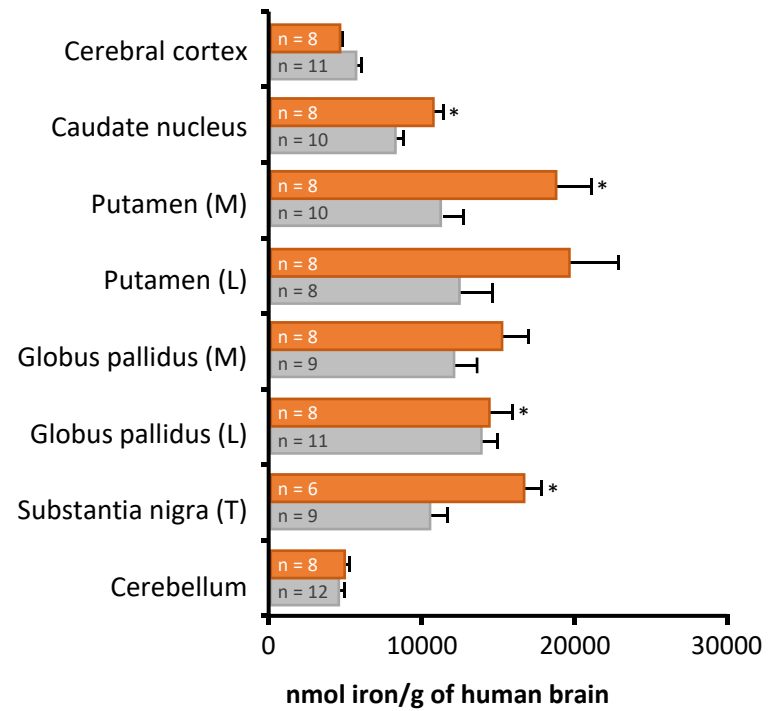
Iron concentrations increase with disease severity



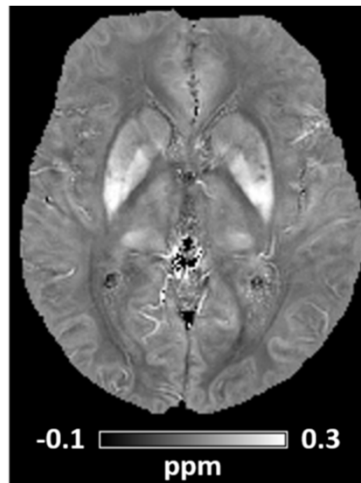
# Brain Iron Increased in Parkinson's Disease Patients



# And in Multiple System Atrophy Patients



Specialized MRI Technique (QSM) to Non-invasively Quantify Brain Iron (PD Patient)



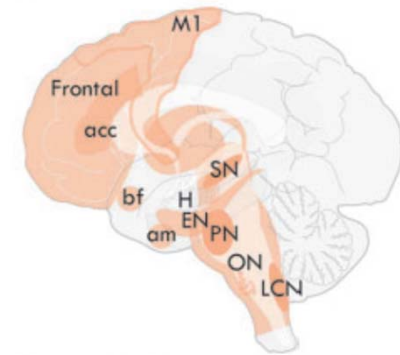
Dexter. Brain.1991;114  
Langkammer. PLoS ONE 11(9): e0162460. 2016



# Multiple System Atrophy

A form of Atypical Parkinsonism

- Rapidly progressive neurodegenerative disorder leading to severe disability and impairment in quality of life
- Sporadic, typically presents in 50s to 60s
- Orphan Indication: Prevalence ~5 per 100,000 in the U.S.
- Characterized by a variable combination of
  - Parkinsonism, which responds poorly to levodopa
  - Cerebellar impairments: impaired gait and speaking
  - Autonomic failure: Orthostatic hypotension, bladder dysfunction, erectile dysfunction, constipation
- MSA patients have neuron loss in multiple brain regions
- The hallmark of MSA is the accumulation of  $\alpha$ -synuclein within neurons and glial support cells

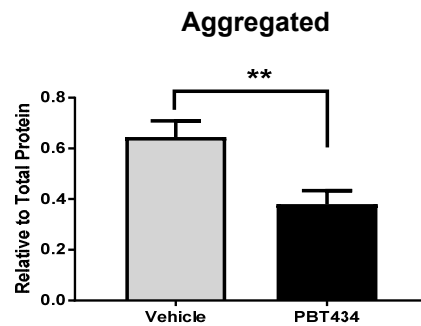
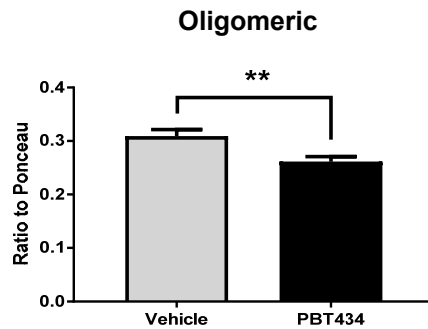


Halliday 2015, based on  
Brain 2015: 138; 2293–2309

# PBT434 reduces Alpha-synuclein and Lowers Glial Cell Inclusions

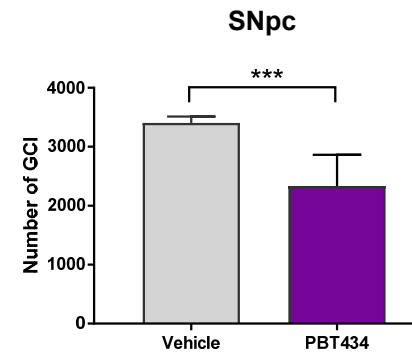
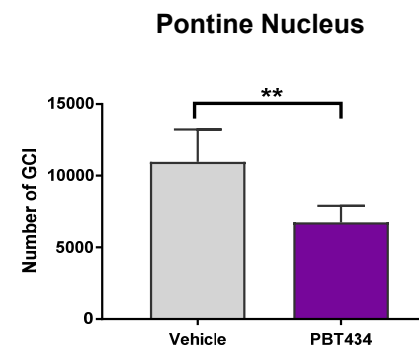
*Transgenic Mouse Model (PLP)- $\alpha$ -SYN of MSA*

↓  $\alpha$ -Synuclein



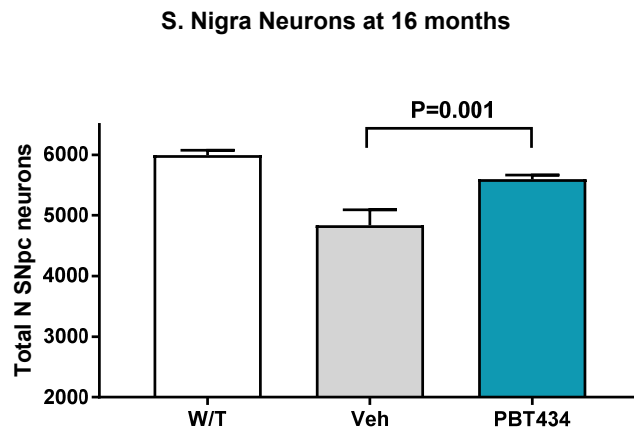
Treatment: Randomly allocated, 4 months, ~30 mg/kg/day or Vehicle (Veh)  
Data presented are for animals at 16 mo age

Glial Cell  
Inclusions



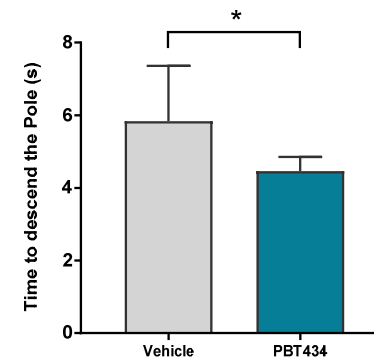
# PBT434 Preserves Neurons and Improves Motor Function

*Transgenic Mouse Model (PLP)- $\alpha$ -SYN of MSA*

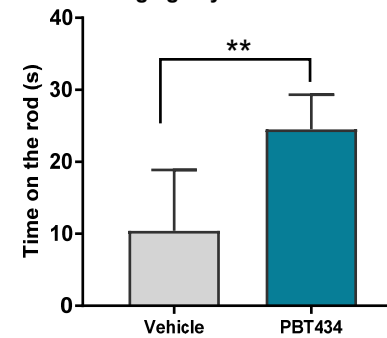


Treatment: Randomly allocated, 4 months, ~30 mg/kg/day or Vehicle

### Pole Test after 4 months treatment 30 mg/kg at 16 months



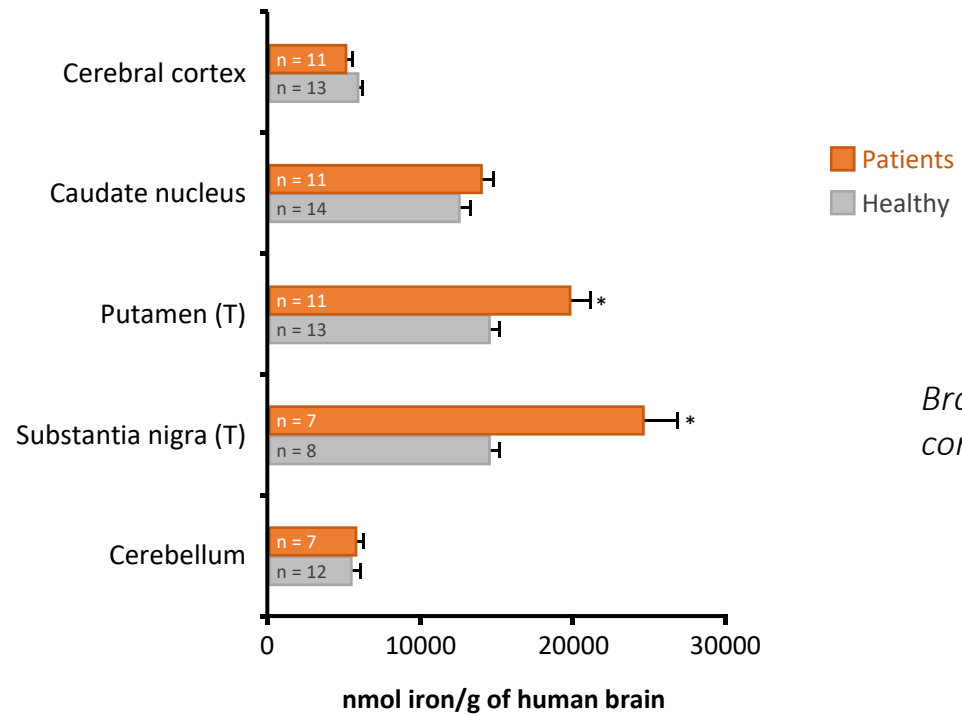
### Rotarod after 4 months treatment 30 mg/kg/day at 20 months



Brain Iron is also Increased in **Tauopathies**

# Progressive Supranuclear Palsy (PSP)

A form of Atypical Parkinsonism



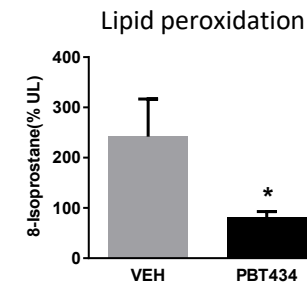
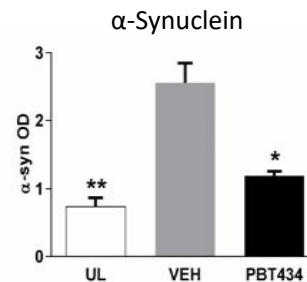
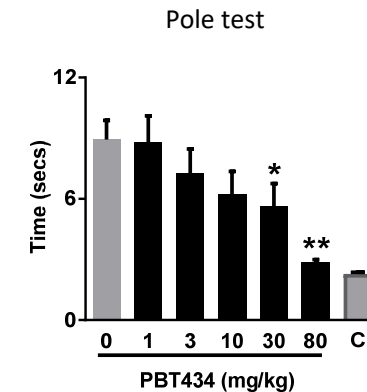
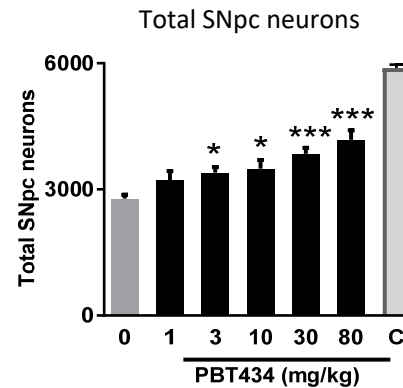
*Brain Iron increased compared to Healthy controls*

## PBT434 in an Animal Model of Acute Oxidative Stress

### MPTP mouse model

- MPTP is a potent inhibitor of complex 1 of the mitochondrial electron transport chain
- Significant neuron loss in SNpc and motor impairment
- Rapid and sustained elevation of iron in the SNpc
- Causes acute elevation in ROS and oxidative damage
- PBT434 or vehicle treatment<sup>†</sup> started 1 day after toxin administration

For  $\alpha$ -synuclein, lipid peroxidation: PBT434 dose 30 mg/kg/d  
<sup>†</sup>Treatment randomly allocated, assessors blinded  
 \*P<0.05, \*\*P<0.01, \*\*\*P<0.001

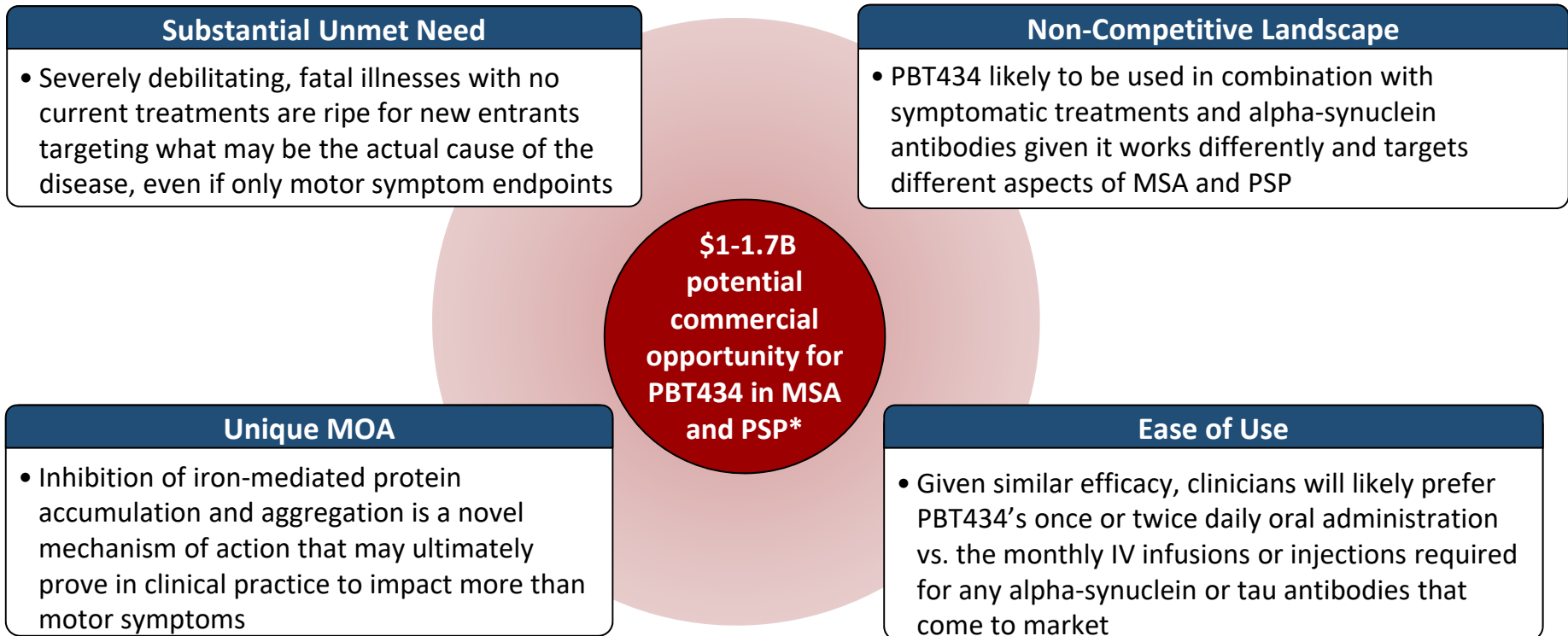


PBT434 preserves neurons, improves motor function and reduces  $\alpha$ -Synuclein accumulation and oxidative stress in the MPTP mouse

## Development Milestones

- Phase 1 Completion 1H '19
- Initiate LT toxicology 1H '19
- Initiate Phase 2 planning study 1H '19
- Initial Patient study start 2020

# Preliminary Market Assessment (U.S. only)



\*Additional market research required to validate preliminary opportunity assessment.



## Summary

- PBT434 is an excellent drug candidate to prevent alpha-synuclein aggregation and reduce oxidative stress by targeting intracellular reactive iron
- Brain iron pathologically increased in Parkinson's disease and atypical parkinsonism
- PBT434 has demonstrated efficacy in various animal models of neurodegeneration and has been shown to prevent acute oxidative damage *in vivo*
- Multiple indication opportunity, with potential for treating PD and atypical parkinsonism such as Multiple System Atrophy, an orphan disease
- Significant commercial opportunity given limited treatment options which target underlying cause of disease

