#### Recent and Near Future Advances in Parkinson's Disease

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#### Ways to Treat PD

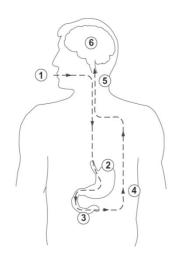
- Symptomatic Motor Treatment
  - Early therapy (UPDRS Part 2 and 3)
  - Add on therapy (On/Off diaries)
- Neuroprotection / Disease modifying
- Treatment for Specific Genetic PD
  - GBA, LRRK2
- Specific non-motor symptoms
  - psychosis, dementia, constipation, etc

#### **Outline**

- New L-dopa Preparations
- Opicapone (COMT inhibitor)\*
- New Apomorphine Preparations
- Tavapadon (D1 agonist)
- Istradefylline adenosine A2a antagonist\*
- PD devices
- Genetic PD
- Disease modifying
- Specific symptoms

## Oral LD Therapy: Hurdles (T<sup>1/2</sup>: 90 minutes)

- (1) Swallowing oral therapy Impaired swallowing (dysphagia) in advanced disease
- 2 Stomach Variable absorption of levodopa due to irregular gastric emptying
- 3 Jejunum Competition with dietary amino acids for active transport across the intestinal wall
- Peripheral tissues
   Reduced levodopa bioavailability due to
   enzymatic breakdown by AADC and COMT
- (5) Blood-brain barrier Competition for transport across the blood-brain barrier with large neutral amino acids limits the amount of levodopa reaching the striatum
- 6 Striatum
  Conversion of levodopa to dopamine

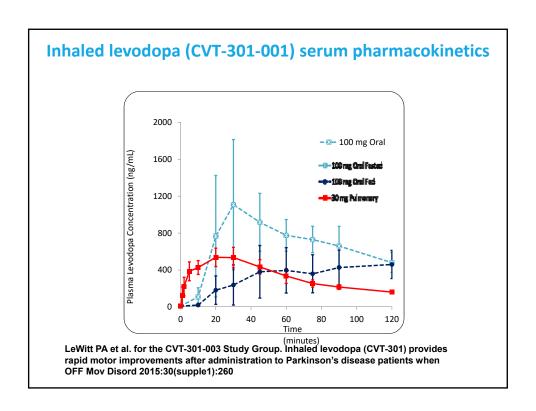


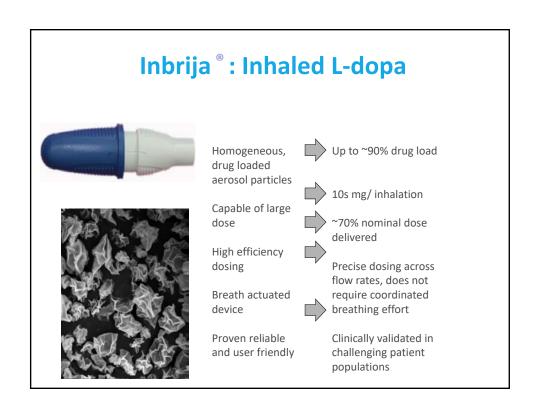
#### **Novel L-dopa Preparations**

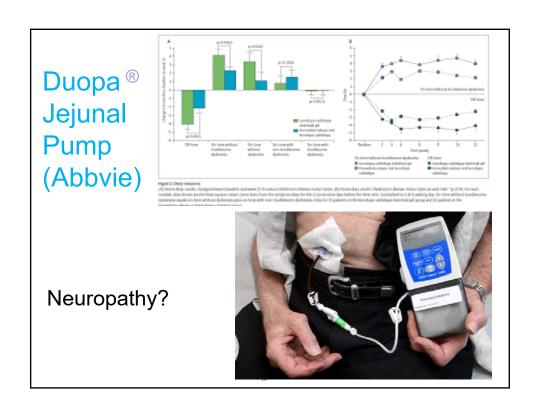
- \*Inbrija ® , inhaled L-dopa (Acorda)
- \*Duopa ® , Continuous infusion gel (Abbvie)
- \*Rytary ® , IPX0666 (Amneal)
- IPX203 (Amneal)
- NDO612, L-dopa Pump patch (Neuroderm)
- L-dopa subcutaneous pump (Abbvie)
- Intec Accordion Pill
- SD-1077, deuterated L-dopa (TEVA)

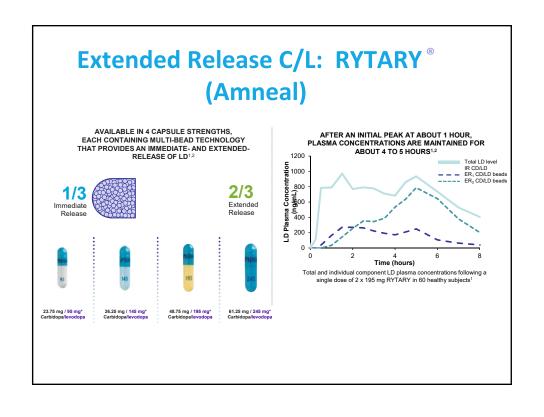
## Inbrija®: Inhaled L-dopa (Acorda)

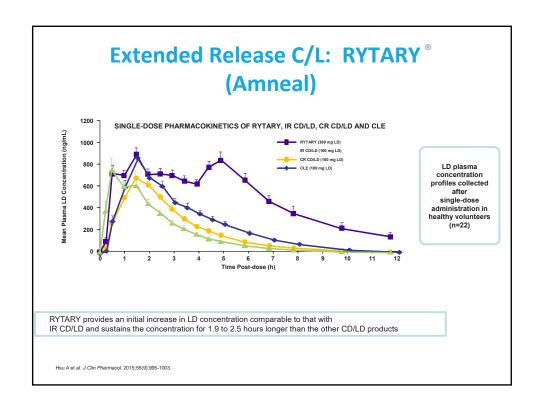
- Inhaled L-dopa dry powder FDA approved for rescue therapy
- Tmax by 15 minutes in all, usually 10 min.
- At 10 minutes, 10x absorption compared to oral
- To date no evidence of cumulative pulmonary side effects

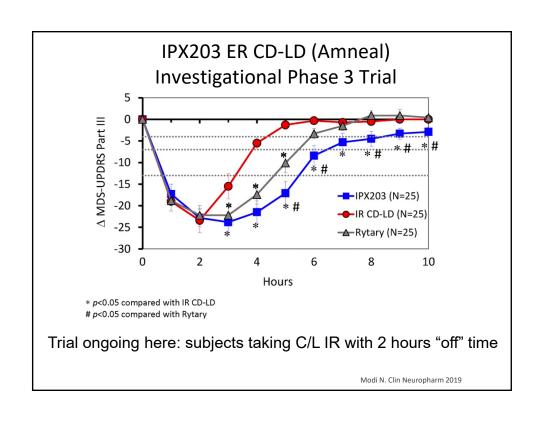






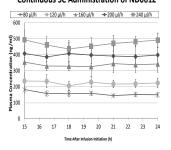


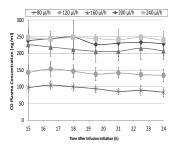




#### ND0612 - Subcutaneous L-dopa Infusion (Neuroderm / Mitsubishi)

#### **Constant LD Plasma Concentrations Following** Continuous SC Administration of ND0612





Plasma levodopa concentration carbidopa concentration

**Plasma** 

Caraco J, Oren S, LeWitt P. Near-constant therapeutic levodopa plasma concentrations maintained by continuous subcutaneous administration of ND0612, a novel formulation of levodopa/carbidopa.

#### Continuous Subcutaneous L-dopa Infusion (Neuroderm / Mitsubishi)



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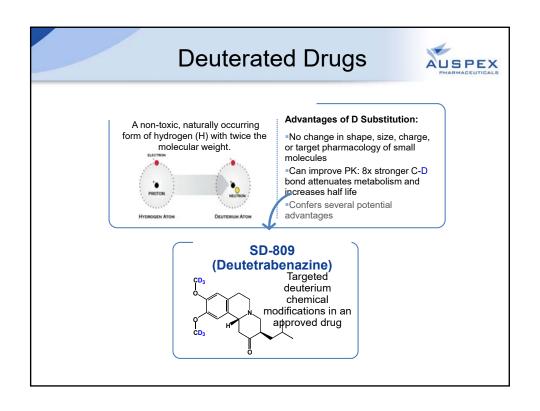
#### Pump-Patch status

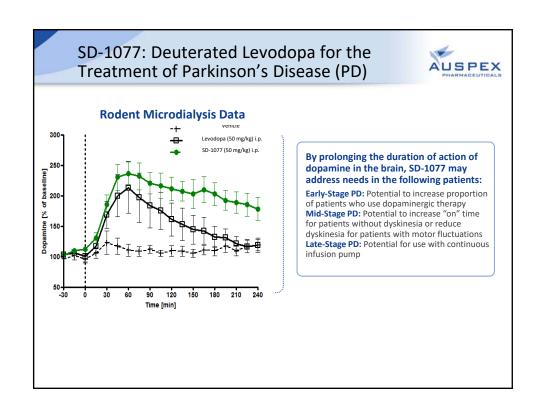
- Small Phase II trials have shown improved plasma concentrations 12/14
- ND0612H, achieved maximum daytime concentrations of 1,333ng/ml and 1,436ng/ml
- ND0612L achieved maximum daytime concentrations of 528ng/ml and 477ng/ml
- Crystal development has been a problem

## ABBV-951: Subcutaneous Infusion (Abbvie)



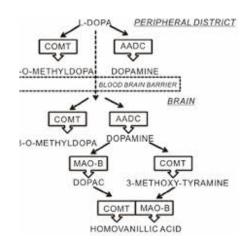
Phase 2/3 Trial ongoing





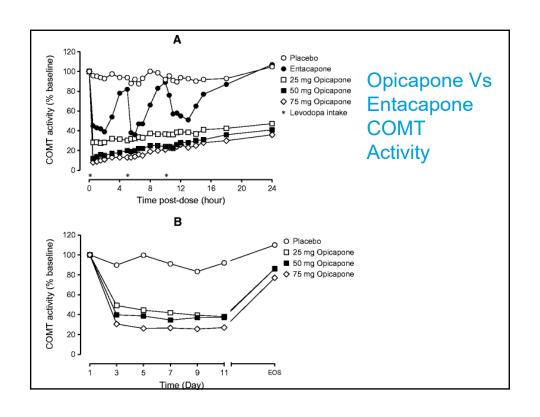
## Catechol-O-methyltransferase (COMT inhibitors)

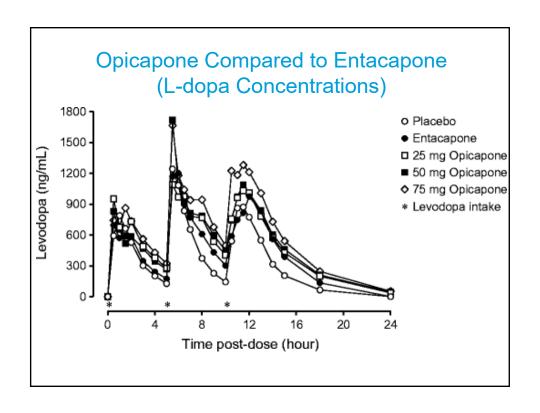
- Entacapone
  - Comtan ®
     Stalevo ®
- Tolcapone
  - Tasmar<sup>®</sup>
- Opicapone
  - Ongentys<sup>®</sup>



## Opicapone / Ongentys® (Neurocrine / Bial)

- BIAL Pharma, Portugal
  - Neurocrine
- "Third generation" COMT inhibitor
- T1/2: 1-2 hours
- T ½ on COMT inhibition > 100 hours
- Higher % COMT inhibition compared to entacapone





## Opicapone -Ongentys® Neurocrine

- Phase III trials
  - About 1 hour less off time over placebo
  - Main AE: Dyskinesia 20% vs 6%
- FDA approved dose 50 mg qD
  - 25 with moderate hepatic failure

Studies not published yet

#### **Apomorphine**

- Chemically created in 1860s
- Potent, high affinity D1/D2 agonist
  - No affinity to opioid receptors
- Lipophilic quickly crosses the BBB
- Animal models show 10x higher levels in CNS
- Very strong anti-oxidant and probably inhibits apoptosis
- Poorly absorbed orally
- Very short T<sub>1/2</sub>
- AE: Nausea and hypotension

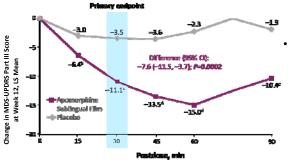
#### **Apomorphine Preparations**

- \*Subcutaneous Injection (Apokyn®, Supernus
- \*Sub-lingual (Kynmobi<sup>®</sup>, Sunovion)
- Subcutaneous Infusions (Supernus)
- Inhaled apomorphine

# Sublingual Apomorphine Kynmobi ® (Sunovion) Recently FDA approved for "off" periods in fluctuating PD Up to 5x/day Buffering system to offset acidity

#### Apomorphine Sublingual Film

CTH-300: Pivotal, Phase 3, randomized, placebo-controlled study in 109 patients with idiopathic PD and "OFF" episodes<sup>1,2</sup>



Efficacy: LS mean change in MDS-UPDRS Part III motor examination score at 30 minutes at week 12a was -11.1 for apomorphine sublingual film and -3.5 for placebo (P=0.0002) $^{1}$ 

- \*mITT population. \$P<0.05. \$P<0.001. \$P<0.0001. Cl. confidence interval; EJ, least squares; MDS-UPDRS, Movement Disorders Society Unified Parkinson's Disease Rating Scale; mITT, modified intention-to-treat TEAE, treatment-emergent adverse event.

  1. Factor S, et al. Mov Disord. 2018;33(suppl 2):247; 2. Pahwa R, et al. Mov Disord. 2018;33(suppl 2):372.

#### **Pooled Safety Analysis** <sup>a</sup>

• Among 408 and 285 unique patients exposed to ≥1 dose of apomorphine sublingual film during titration and maintenance treatment phases, 60% and 75%, respectively, reported ≥1 TEAE

	Titration Phase		
Preferred Term	Patients, % (N=408)	Events	
Any TEAE	60	844	
Nausea	21	115	
Dizziness	11	53	
Somnolence	11	74	
Yawning	11	75	
Headache	8	41	

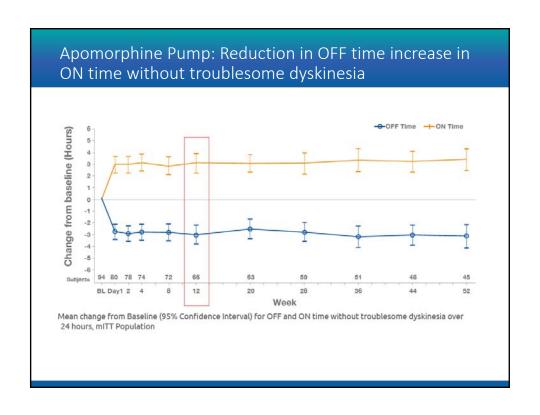
	Maintenance Treatment Phase			
Preferred Term	Patients, % (n=285)	Events		
Any TEAE	75	802		
Nausea	17	59		
Somnolence	7	25		
Dizziness	6	19		
Fall	5	15		
Fatigue	5	17		
Lip swelling	5	17		
Oral mucosal erythema	5	16		
Vomiting	5	15		
Yawning	5	16		

 ${\it Clinical studies contributing patients to this analysis included CTH-105, CTH-201, CTH-300, and CTH-301.}$ 

## Subcutaneous Apomorphine Infusion (completed Phase 3 Trials)

- Used in Europe for decades (Britania)
- Supernus
- FDA NDA recently filed



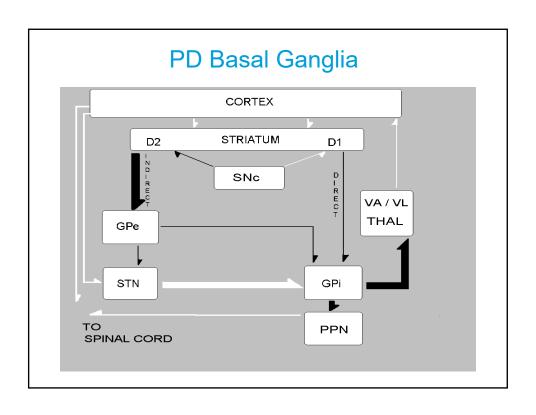


#### Apomorphine Pump Adverse Events : Related

	Titration Period (N=99)	Maintenance Period through Week 52 (N=85)	Overalla (N=99)
Infusion site nodule	61 (61.6)	37 (43.5)	77 (77.8)
Dyskinesia	28 (28.3)	15 (17.7)	38 (38.4)
Infusion site erythema	20 (20.2)	11 (12.9)	27 (27.3)
Nausea	23 (23.2)	8 (9.4)	29 (29.3)
Somnolence	16 (16.2)	10 (11.8)	25 (25.3)
Dizziness	15 (15.2)	7 (8.2)	20 (20.2)
Headache	9 (9.1)	5 (5.9)	14 (14.1)
Infusion site pruritis	8 (8.1)	6 (7.1)	13 (13.1)
Fatigue	5 (5.1)	7 (8.2)	12 (12.1)
Infusion site bruising	8 (8.1)	4 (4.7)	12 (12.1)
Infusion site pain	6 (6.1)	4 (4.7)	10 (10.1)
Fall	4 (4.0)	7 (8.2)	10 (10.1)

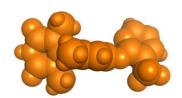
#### **Dopamine Agonists**

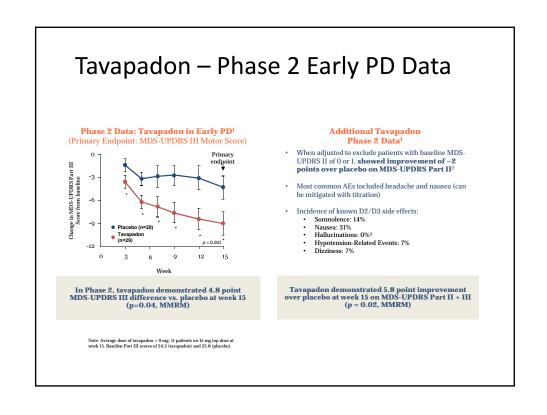
- Pramipexole Mirapex<sup>®</sup>
- Ropinirole Requip®
- Rotigotine transdermal Neupro®
- Apomorphine
- Bromocriptine
- Pergolide Permax®
- Tavapadon (D1 specific agonist)

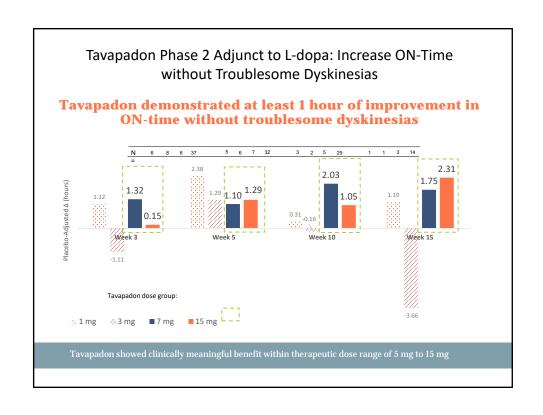


Tavapadon – D1 specific agonist (Cereval)

Less dyskinesia? Less sedation? Less impulse control disorder?







#### **Adenosine A2a Antagonists**

- Istradefylline (Nourianz®, Kyowa)
- Tozadenant, (Biotie)
- Preladenant, (Merck)
  - Discontinued after Phase III trials
- Vipadenant (Biogen/Vernalis)
  - Discontinued
- ST-1535
  - Animal studies
- Caffeine

http://clinicaltrials.gov/

#### **A2a Receptors Striatum** A2a receptor is a G-protein coupled receptor Highly expressed in the striatum with low levels in the cortex Interact functionally with D2 receptors in the striatopallidal (indirect) pathway A2a –D2, A2A-D3 and A2AmGlu5 heteromers have been found - This pathway is thought to be overactive in PD The interaction with D2 receptors provides the basis for the utilization of A2A antagonists to treat PD Schwarzschild MA et al., TRENDS in Neurosciences, 2006;29(11):647-54.

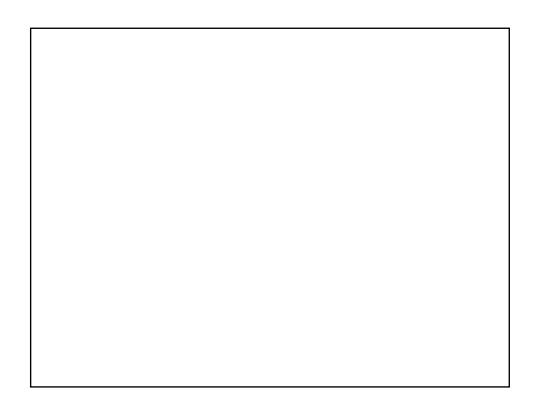
A2a Receptor PET	Receptor	CNS	Affinity of
imaging <sup>1</sup>	Subtypes	Distribution	Istradefylline for Receptors Ki
JI // // // // // // // // // // // // //	A1	Widely distributed	>1000
	A2a	Striatum, globus pallidus (external), nuc accumbens, olfactory tubercle	12
PD O	A2b	Widely distributed (low density)	150
	A3	Widely distributed (low density)	>10,000

#### **Istradefylline, Nourianz**®

- Kyowa Kirin
- In 2008, FDA issued a nonapprovable letter and expressed concerns as to whether the efficacy results sufficiently supported its clinical utility
- H<sub>3</sub>C CH<sub>3</sub> CH<sub>3</sub> CH<sub>3</sub>
- In 2013, approved in Japan
- In 2019, FDA approved
- 20mg-40mg qD

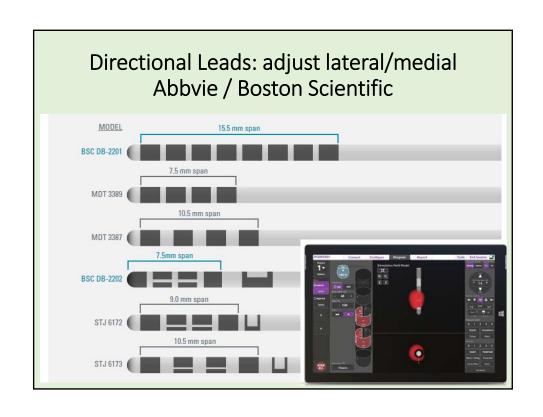
Istradefylline					
Author	Phase	Dose (mg) once daily	Reduction in OFF (hrs) vs. placebo	<i>P</i> -value	
Hauser 2003	exploratory	20 or 40	1.7	0.004	
LeWitt 2008	2	40	1.2	0.005	
Stacy 2008	2	20	0.64	0.026	
Stacy 2008	2	60	0.77	0.024	
Hauser 2008	3	20	0.70	0.03	
Guttman 2006	3	10, 20, 40	_	NS	
Mizuno 2013	3/4	20, 40	.76 /.73	0.003	

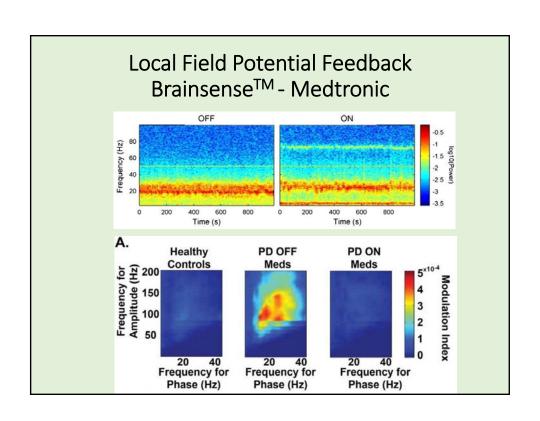
Adverse Reactions  Nervous system disorders	Placebo (n=426)(%)	Istradefylline	Istradefylline
Nervous system disorders		20 mg/day (n=356)(%)	40 mg/day (n=378)(%)
Dyskinesia	8	15	17
Dizziness	4	3	6
Gastrointestinal disorders			
Constipation	3	5	6
Nausea	5	4	6
Diarrhea	1	1	2
Psychiatric disorders			2
Hallucinationa	3	2	6
Insomnia	3 4	1	6
Metabolism and nutrition disorders Decreased appetite	1	1	3
Investigations Blood alkaline phosphatase increased	'	'	3
Blood glucose Increased Blood urea increased	1	1	2
Blood urea increased	0	1	2
	0	1	2
Respiratory disorders			
Jpper respiratory tract inflammation	0	1	2
Skin and subcutaneous tissue			
disorders Rash	1	1	2



#### **PD Devices**

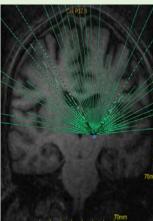
- Deep Brain Stimulation
  - Medtronic Activa, Percept
  - Abbvie St. Jude
  - Boston Scientific Vercise
- Focused Ultrasound
- Vestibular Thermal Stimulation
- Phototherapy





## Transcranial MR-guided Focused Ultrasound







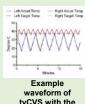
## Focused Ultrasound (Exablate - Insightec)

- •Class 1 data (FDA approved) for VIM ET
- •Class 1 data (FDA approved) for PD VIM
- Ongoing studies for PD Gpi
- •Little data for PD STN

#### Brainstem Modulation Via ThermoNeuroModulation (TNM™) Scion Neurostim

- Caloric vestibular stimulation (CVS)
  - · Safely used diagnostically for over a century
  - The central role for the vestibular system in health and well-being and its pervasive connectivity suggest wide range of therapeutic applications for CVS
  - Exploration into its therapeutic utility of CVS has been limited by feasibility for repeated and/or controlled stimulation using irrigation approaches.
- The TNM™ solid-state time-varying caloric vestibular stimulation (tvCVS) device
  - Enables longitudinal home use
  - Provides tightly-controlled time-varying waveforms
    - Prevent adaptation to the stimulus
    - Mitigate side-effects by controlling the timerate of change
  - Approved for market entry in the US (ages 12 and up) and Europe (adults) for the prevention of episodic migraine. It is otherwise limited by U.S. Federal law to investigational use.
  - Designated by the FDA as non-significant risk for studies in PD and a Breakthrough Device for the treatment of symptoms in PD



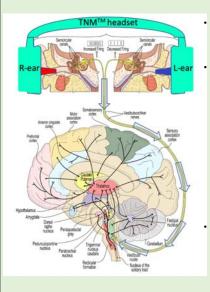


TNM device

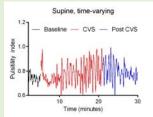


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#### Neuromodulation via tvCVS

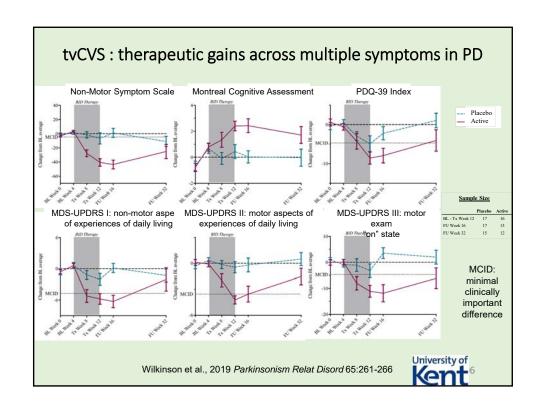


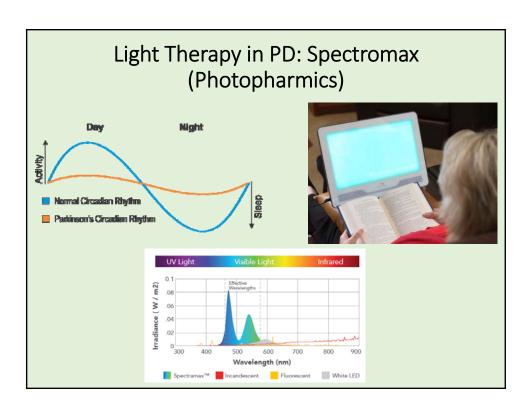
- The tvCVS stimulus directly and specifically targets the vestibular system and uses endogenous sensory pathways to convey applied stimulus.
- The high connectivity of the vestibular system enables vestibular stimulation to act on multiple brain targets in parallel making it an ideal conduit for neuromodulation.

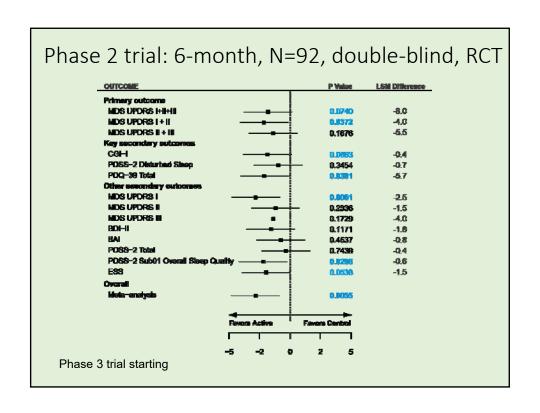


tvCVS produces robust oscillations and entrainment of cerebrovascular dynamics. The entrainment and frequency of this effect suggests engagement of a pontine pacing center. The cerebrovascular effects are hypothesized to engage several mechanism that promote brain health.

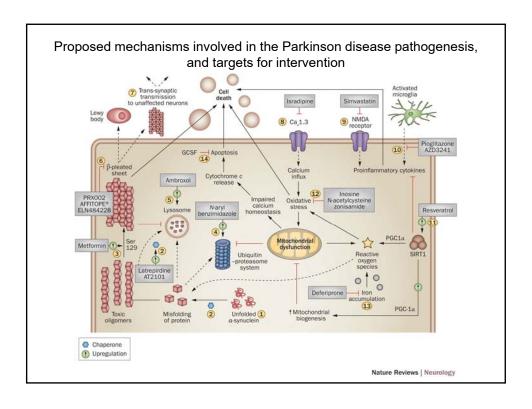
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## Disease Modifying Therapies



#### Neuroprotective R.I.P.

- Pioglitazone, PPAR agon
- GPI-1485, Neuroimmunophilin
- Riluzole, Glut agonist
- Propargylamine
- CEP-1347, anti apoptotic
- GDNF, neurotrophic
- CoQ10, mitochondrial
- Vitamin E, antioxidant
- Glutathione, antioxidant
- CERE-120
- Mitoquinone, mitochondria

- Pramipexole, DA agonist
- Cogane, GDNF mod
- Creatine, mitochondria
- Isradipine, Ca antagonist
- Inosine, antioxidant Nrf2



#### **Disease Modifying Therapies**

- Iron Chelator
- GLP-1 agonists
- Cell Transplant Therapies
- Abl Tyrosine Kinase Inhibitors
- Alpha-Synuclein reducers
  - -(Immunotherapy)
- Gene Therapies

#### **Deferiprone (Apotex)**

- Oral small molecule iron chelator
- Small Phase 2 trial reduced SN iron content
- 140 subject Phase 2b study completed
- 372 subject Phase 2/3 study ongoing
- Also studied in Alzheimer's, PANK2, ALS

Martin-Bastida et al., 2017 Devos et al., 2014

## "Glucogon-like peptide (GLP-1) analogues

- Promote insulin release
- Reduce CNS cell death in multiple models
  - Increase mitochondrial function, inhibits protein aggregation

#### Compounds:

- Liraglutide (Victoza, NovoNordisk)
- Exendin-4
- Exenatide (Byetta, Bydureon)
- Semaglutide (Ozempic, Novo Nordisk)

Transplant site / dose	Immunosu ppressed	N (# female)	PD duration (years)	Outcomes	Safety/tolerability
nesencophalic tissue Variable – caudate +/- putamen, unilateral vs bilateral 1-7 donor embryos 1 study used adjunct - tirilazad mesylate	Y	multiple	5-22	Improvement in some but not all clinically  Included improved ADLs, H&Y, decreased medication, improved 18FDOPA uptake at graft sites	Generally well tolerated and most studies had no SAEs Variability in post-transplant dyskinesia
Bilateral putamen or caudate/putamen	N	13 (6)	11 ± 4 years	15 ± 21.5% improvement (p=0.034) at 1 year (range 5-74%) No significant change in <sup>18</sup> F-DOPA PET	hemorrhage/seizure
Unilateral putamen	N	6 (NR)	10.2	48% improvement in UPDRS motor "off" score and decreased "off" time	No SAEs deemed to be treatment- related No GID
Unilateral or bilateral caudate (1 thalamic)	N	>90	3->14	Initial reports dramatic and positive but later trials demonstrated modest improvement	No SAEs reported in initial studies Later studies with significant morbidity and mortality
Mesencephalic tissue Unilateral caudate and putamen	Υ	12 (3) 60.8 ± 6.5	14.0 ± 5.9 years	Total UPDRS "off" improved but UPDRS part 3 scores "off" medication did not improve No significant change in <sup>18</sup> FDOPA PET	1 death, unrelated No GID noted
netically derived neural s	tom calls (N	SCe)			
Bilateral caudate, putamen, SN 30, 50, or 70 million cells	N	12 planned		Preliminary results report improvement at 6 months in Hauser Motor Diary; PD Quality of Life Score-39; Clinical Global Impression	No related SAEs
NCT 03119636 Ongoing		50 planned			
ripotent stem cells (hiPS					
Staged transplantation to bilateral putamen 2.4 million cells per side - Allogeneic	Y	Ongoing: 5- 10 planned		None yet reported	No SAEs reported from first surgery
Staged transplantation to bilateral putamen 4 million cells per hemisphere - Autologous	N	1 (0) 69yo	10	PD symptoms stabilized or improved at 18-24 months	Safety/tolerability No SAEs

Ongoing Cell Transplant Trials for PD							
Trial (NCT number)	Transplanta tions initiated	Donor cells (cryopreserved product)	Number of transplant recipient (age)	Disease duration	Disease severity	Primary endpoint	
	Completed	Human fetal VM tissue (no)	11 (30-68 years)	2-13 years	Early to moderate	Efficacy	
	No	hESC-derived mesDA progenitors	8 (<70 years)	5-15 years	Moderate	Tolerability and feasibility	
	No	hESC-derived mesDA progenitors	10 (45–72 years)	5–15 years	Severe	Safety, tolerability and feasibility	
	Yes	hiPSC-derived mesDA progenitors	5–10 (50–69 years)	>5 years	Severe	Safety and tolerability	
	Yes	Stem cell-derived neural precursors	50 (50–80 years)	>5 years	Severe	Safety	
Bundang CHA Hospital, Korea (01860794)	No	Human fetal VM neural precursors	15 (18–70 years)	NA	Severe	Safety and tolerability	

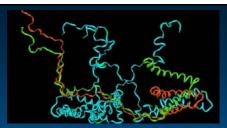
## Abl Tyrosine Kinase Inhibitors (Used for CML, ALL) • Abl activity Inc in PD - Oxidative stress - Protein aggregation • Compounds: - K0706\* - Nilotinib\* (Tasigna®) - Bafetinib (INNO-406) - Imatinib (Gleevac®) - Radotinib\*

#### K0706 Sun Pharma

- May cross BBB better than other drugs
- PROSEEK Trial
  - -500 Subject Phase 2 trial for early PD
  - Can only have 2 years symptoms and can only be on rasagaline

Recruitment ongoing

#### Alpha-Synuclein in PD



- 144 AA protein in multiple configurations
- Abundant on nerve synapses
- Mutation/Gain of Function is rare cause of PD (PARK1)
- Major constituent of Lewy bodies
- Aggregated protein can spread "causing" normal protein to aggregate
- Aggregated protein also seen in MSA
- Multiple functions including dopamine release

Treatments Targeting α-synuclein							
Drug	Company	Status	Comment				
BIIB054	Biogen	Phase 2 SPARK trial enrolled	Ongoing				
PRX0002/ Ro7046015	Prothena/Roche	Phase 2 PASADENA trial ongoing	Ongoing				
MEDI1341	Astrazeneca/ Takeda	Phase 1 study complete					
PD01 AFFITOPE®	AFFiRiS	Phase 1 complete MSA Phase 1 started	Mono-epitopic vaccine (active)				
NPT200- 11/UCB0599	Neuropore/UCB	Phase 1 planned	Binds to α-syn to prevent aggregation				
NPT088	Proclara	Alzheimer Phase 1 started	Binds to α-syn, B- amyloid, tau				

#### **Gene Therapies in PD**

- Nerve Growth Factors
  - Glial derived neurotrophic factor GDNF (various vectors)\*
  - Neurturin -AAV2\*
  - Brain derived neurotrophic factor (BDNF)
- Enzymatic Genes
  - Aromatic acid decarboxylase (AADC)
  - Combination: AADC, tyrosine hydroxylase, GTP cyclohydroxylase, (VMAT-2)
  - Glutamic acid decarboxylase (GAD)

<sup>\*</sup> Negative human trials

Enzyme Gene Therapies							
Product	Company		Comment				
AADC-AAV2 VY-AADC02	Voyager / Neurocrine	Small i/ii trial showed clinical benefit	Single implant into bilat. putamen				
AADC, TH, CH-1 lentivirus Prosavin (OXB-101)	Oxford BioMedica / Axovant	Small i/ii trial showed mild clinical benefit and good long term f/u	Bilat Putamen, Gene order changed and new i/ii trials starting				
GAD-AAV	MeiraGTx	Small Phase 2 controlled study positive	Increases GABA- injected into bilat STN				
Christine 2009, Palfi	2014, Kaplitt 2007						

#### **Treatment Targeted PD Genes**

- Glucocerebrosidase (GBA1)
- Leucine-rich repeat kinase 2 (LRRK2)
- Alpha-synuclein (SNCA)

#### Glucocerebrosidase (GBA1)

- Venglustat (GZ/SAR402671, Sanofi/Genzyme)
  - Allosteric inhibitor of of glucosylceramide to reduce accumulation of glucosylceramide
  - Phase 2 studies finishing
- LTI-291 (Lysosomal Therapeutics)
  - small-molecule activator of glucocerebrosidase
  - Phase 1b studies completed
  - FDG-PET study improvement vs placebo
- PR001 (Prevail Therapeutics)
  - AAV9 vector GBA1 gene therapy

## Leucine-rich repeat kinase 2 (LRRK2) (Dardarin)

- DNL201/DNL151 (Denali)
  - Oral LRRK2 inhibitor
  - Phase 1 safety in normals and small 1b in PD completed

#### **Conclusions**

- 24 FDA approved treatments for PD
- Symptomatic Pipeline robust
  - -Mostly new delivery systems
  - -Several new meds in known classes
  - -Fewer novel mechanisms of action
- Disease modifying treatments?

Thank You