



## **Alterity Therapeutics Presents ATH434-201 Phase 2 Clinical Trial Results at European MSA Symposium**

**MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA AND SAN FRANCISCO, USA – 28 April 2025:** Alterity Therapeutics (ASX: ATH, NASDAQ: ATHE) (“Alterity” or “the Company”), a biotechnology company dedicated to developing disease modifying treatments for neurodegenerative diseases, today announced that David Stamler, M.D., Chief Executive Officer presented the ATH434-201 Phase 2 clinical trial results at the annual MSA Research Symposium hosted by University College London, Institute of Neurology in partnership with the MSA Trust of the U.K.

“We were honoured to be selected to present the recent data from our double-blind Phase 2 trial,” said, Dr. Stamler. “The Symposium brought together prominent clinicians and researchers from both Europe and the US along with industry scientists, all of whom are focused on increasing their understanding of MSA and advancing new therapies for this aggressive disorder. The strong clinical efficacy data and novel mechanism of ATH434 was well received by this esteemed group of clinicians and academics, as we collectively seek solutions to improve the lives of individuals living with MSA.”

### **Presentation: A Randomized, Double Blind, Placebo Controlled Study of ATH434 in MSA**

The oral presentation included data from Alterity’s ATH434-201 Phase 2 clinical trial. The clinical analysis included 71 patients who had at least one post-baseline assessment of the key clinical endpoint, the modified UMSARS<sup>1</sup> I activities of daily living scale. On this endpoint, ATH434 demonstrated a clinically significant reduction in disease severity versus placebo, with a 48% relative treatment effect at the 50 mg dose ( $p=0.02$ )<sup>^</sup> and a 30% relative treatment effect at the 75 mg dose ( $p=0.16$ ) at 52 weeks. Additional efficacy assessments showed improvement consistent with the UMSARS I findings: the Clinical Global Impression of Severity Scale<sup>2</sup> demonstrated improvement compared to placebo at both dose levels, with difference at 50 mg achieving nominal statistical significance ( $p=0.0088$ ). On the Orthostatic Hypotension Symptom Assessment (a patient reported outcome), on average placebo patients worsened by approximately 6 points over 52 weeks whereas both ATH434 treatment groups improved over the same period ( $p=0.08$  at 50 mg,  $p=0.14$  at 75 mg). Increased activity in the outpatient setting was observed at both dose levels as compared to placebo with wearable sensors, with clinically meaningful improvements in step count, bouts of walking, total walking time, and total standing time. ATH434 was well tolerated with similar adverse event rates compared to placebo and no serious adverse events attributed to ATH434. Regarding neuroimaging, ATH434 demonstrated target engagement by stabilizing or reducing iron at both dose levels compared to placebo in MSA affected brain regions. In addition, ATH434 demonstrated trends in reducing brain atrophy

at both dose levels compared to placebo. Overall, the study results support continued advancement of ATH434 for the treatment of MSA.

### **About ATH434**

Alterity's lead candidate, ATH434, is an oral agent designed to inhibit the aggregation of pathological proteins implicated in neurodegeneration. ATH434 has been shown preclinically to reduce  $\alpha$ -synuclein pathology and preserve neuronal function by restoring normal iron balance in the brain. As an iron chaperone, it has excellent potential to treat Parkinson's disease as well as various Parkinsonian disorders such as Multiple System Atrophy (MSA). ATH434 successfully completed Phase 1 studies demonstrating the agent is well tolerated and achieved brain levels comparable to efficacious levels in animal models of MSA. ATH434 recently announced positive results from the randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled Phase 2 clinical trial in patients with early-stage MSA. A second Phase 2 open-label 2 Biomarker trial in patients with more advanced MSA is ongoing. ATH434 has been granted Orphan Drug Designation for the treatment of MSA by the U.S. FDA and the European Commission.

### **About ATH434-201 Phase 2 Clinical Trial**

The ATH434-201 Phase 2 clinical trial is a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled investigation of 12 months treatment with ATH434 in patients with MSA. The study evaluated the efficacy, safety and pharmacokinetics of ATH434 as well as the effect of ATH434 on neuroimaging and protein biomarkers. Wearable sensors were employed to evaluate motor activities outside of the clinic. The study enrolled 77 adults who were randomly assigned to receive ATH434 50 mg or 75 mg twice daily or matching placebo. The topline data showed that ATH434 produced clinically and statistically significant improvement on the modified UMSARS Part I, a functional rating scale that assesses disability on activities of daily living affected in MSA. In addition to the robust efficacy demonstrated on the UMSARS Part I, trends in improved motor performance were observed on the Parkinson's Plus rating scale and overall benefit was shown on the Clinical Global Impression of Severity at the 50 mg dose. Wearable sensor data indicated that both dose levels of ATH434 led to increased activity in an outpatient setting as compared to placebo. Biomarkers were used to evaluate potential drug effect and target engagement. Both dose levels reduced iron accumulation in MSA affected brain regions and trends in preservation of brain volume were observed relative to placebo. Additional information on the Phase 2 trial can be found by [ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT05109091](https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/study/NCT05109091).

### **About Multiple System Atrophy**

Multiple System Atrophy (MSA) is a rare, neurodegenerative disease characterized by failure of the autonomic nervous system and impaired movement. The symptoms reflect the progressive loss of function and death of different types of nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord. It is a rapidly progressive disease and causes profound disability. MSA is a Parkinsonian disorder

characterized by a variable combination of slowed movement and/or rigidity, autonomic instability that affects involuntary functions such as blood pressure maintenance and bladder control, and impaired balance and/or coordination that predisposes to falls. A pathological hallmark of MSA is the accumulation of the protein  $\alpha$ -synuclein within glia, the support cells of the central nervous system, and neuron loss in multiple brain regions. MSA affects at least 15,000 individuals in the U.S., and while some of the symptoms of MSA can be treated with medications, currently there are no drugs that are able to slow disease progression and there is no cure.<sup>3</sup>

## **About Alterity Therapeutics Limited**

Alterity Therapeutics is a clinical stage biotechnology company dedicated to creating an alternate future for people living with neurodegenerative diseases. The Company is initially focused on developing disease modifying therapies in Parkinson's disease and related disorders. Alterity recently reported positive data for its lead asset, ATH434, in a Phase 2 clinical trial in participants with Multiple System Atrophy (MSA), a rare and rapidly progressive Parkinsonian disorder. ATH434 is also being evaluated in a Phase 2 clinical trial in advanced MSA. In addition, Alterity has a broad drug discovery platform generating patentable chemical compounds to treat the underlying pathology of neurological diseases. The Company is based in Melbourne, Australia, and San Francisco, California, USA. For further information please visit the Company's website at [www.alteritytherapeutics.com](http://www.alteritytherapeutics.com).

References:

<sup>1</sup> UMSARS: Unified Multiple System Atrophy Rating Scale

<sup>^</sup> All p-values are uncorrected

<sup>2</sup> Clinical Global Impression of Severity: a clinician assessment of the total picture of the subject including the impact of the illness on function and level of distress

<sup>3</sup> [Multiple System Atrophy | National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke \(nih.gov\)](http://www.ninds.nih.gov/Disorders/PDF/MSA.pdf)

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# A Randomized, Double Blind, Placebo Controlled Phase 2 Study of ATH434 in Multiple System Atrophy

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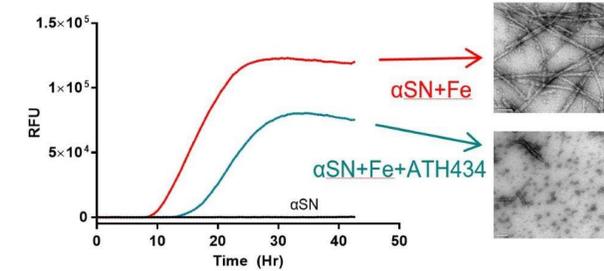


# Study Rationale

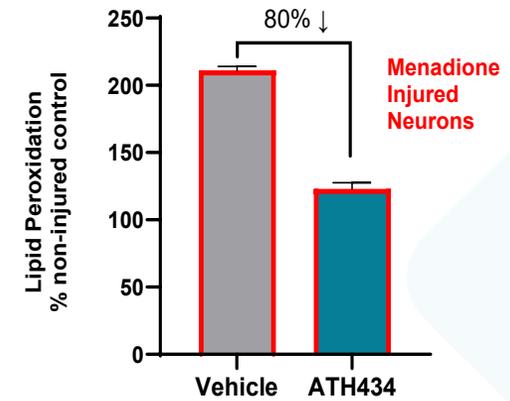
- Labile iron essential for key cellular functions
- Iron accumulation occurs in MSA affected brain areas (putamen, pallidum, s. nigra)
  - Indicative of impaired iron trafficking
- Excess labile iron promotes
  - Alpha-synuclein aggregation
  - Oxidative injury
- ATH434: Iron chaperone that redistributes excess labile iron in CNS
  - Oral agent (twice-daily)
  - Reduces  $\alpha$ -synuclein aggregation in vitro/in vivo
  - Reduces oxidative injury by ~80%
  - Efficacy in MSA and PD animal models



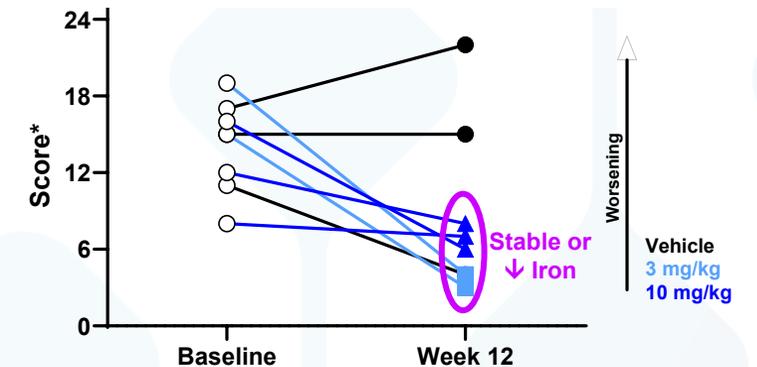
## ATH434 Reduces $\alpha$ -syn Aggregation



## ATH434 Reduces Oxidative Injury



## ATH434 Efficacy in Primate PD model



\* Parkinson Behavior Rating Scale Subgroup 1 (0–32)

# The Relevance of Iron in the Pathogenesis of Multiple System Atrophy: A Viewpoint

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- Histopathology data
- MRI data

## The Irony of Iron: The Element with Diverse Influence on Neurodegenerative Diseases

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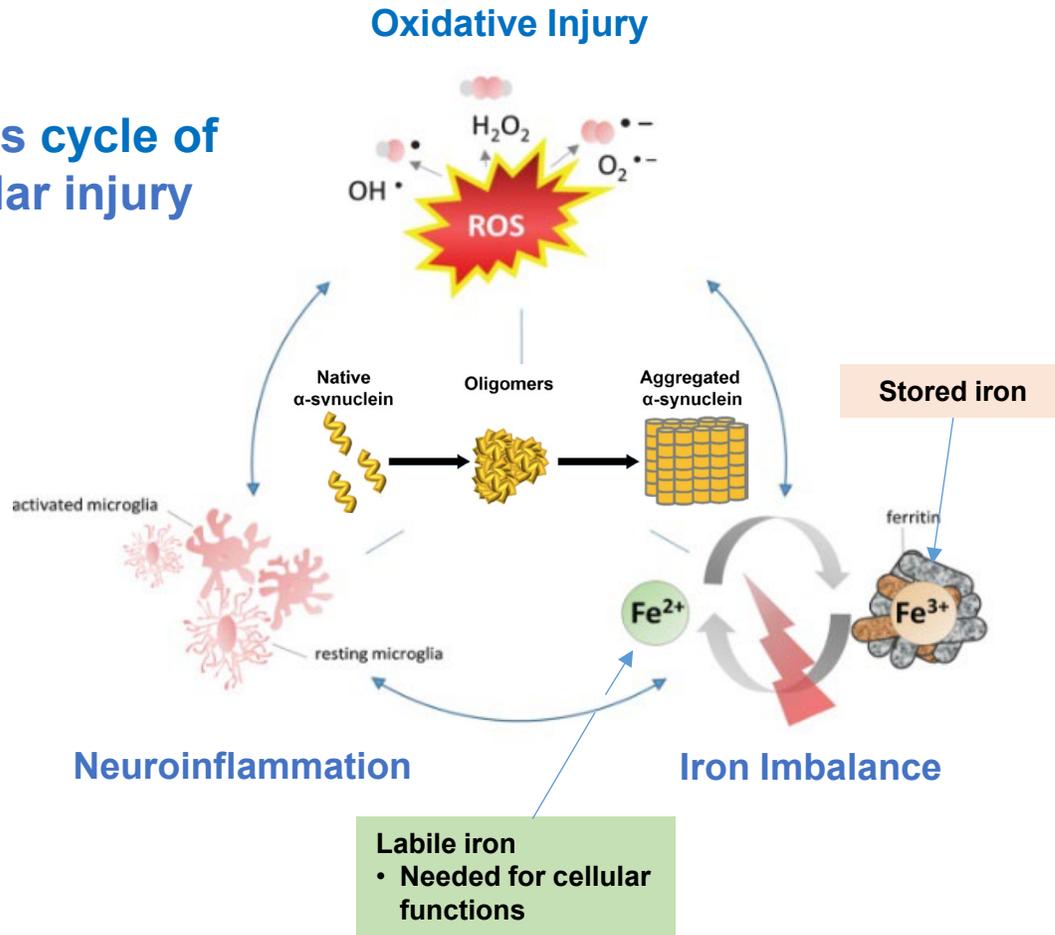
*The close association of iron accumulation with distinct  $\alpha$ -synuclein-pathology-related anatomical regions of the two disease subtypes supports the critical involvement of pathological iron in disease progression...*

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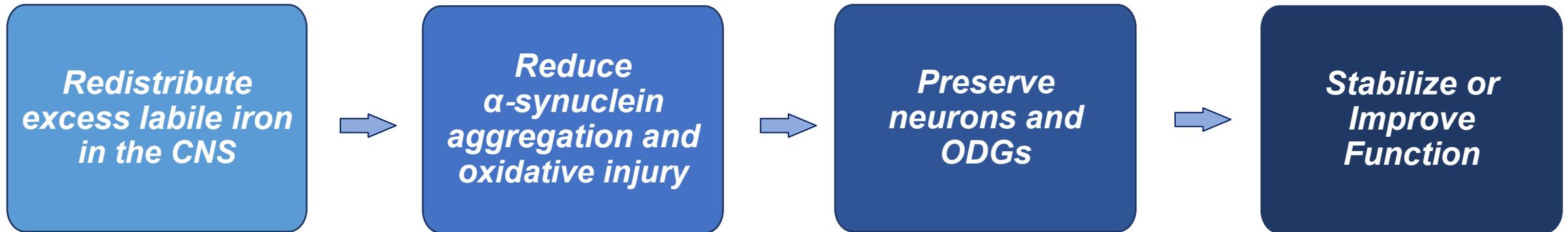
# Excess Labile Iron and Misfolding $\alpha$ -Synuclein are Important Drivers of MSA Pathology

Vicious cycle of cellular injury



Pathology Driver	Effect
Excess labile iron	Alpha-synuclein aggregation
	Free radical production
	DNA, lipid, mitochondria damage
	Cell death
Aggregating $\alpha$ -synuclein	Neuron dysfunction
	Glial cell impairment / $\downarrow$ trophic support
	Additional free radical production
	Neuron and glial cell death

# Development Approach: Address Underlying Pathology

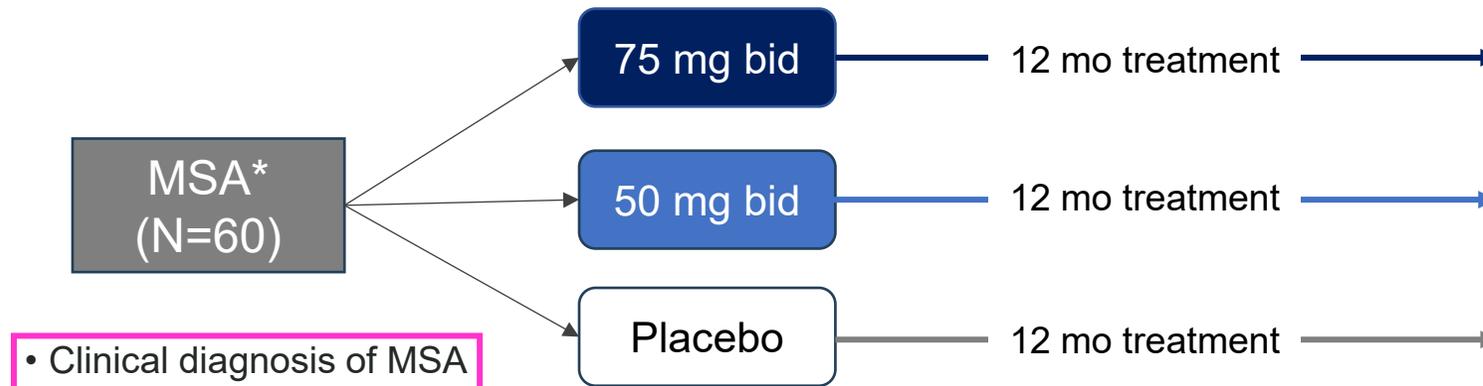


# Study Objectives

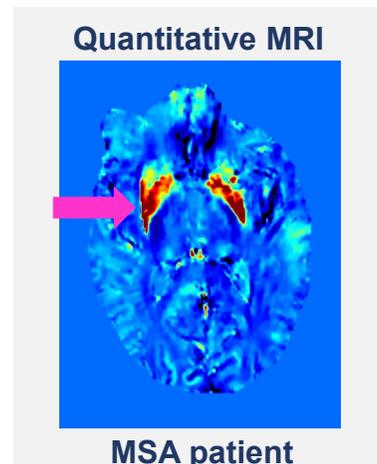
- Evaluate the efficacy, biomarker response, and safety of ATH434 treatment in MSA patients



# ATH434-201 Study Design



- Clinical diagnosis of MSA
- Elevated plasma NfL
- MRI evidence of ↑ Iron
- Motor symptoms ≤4 years
- No severe impairment



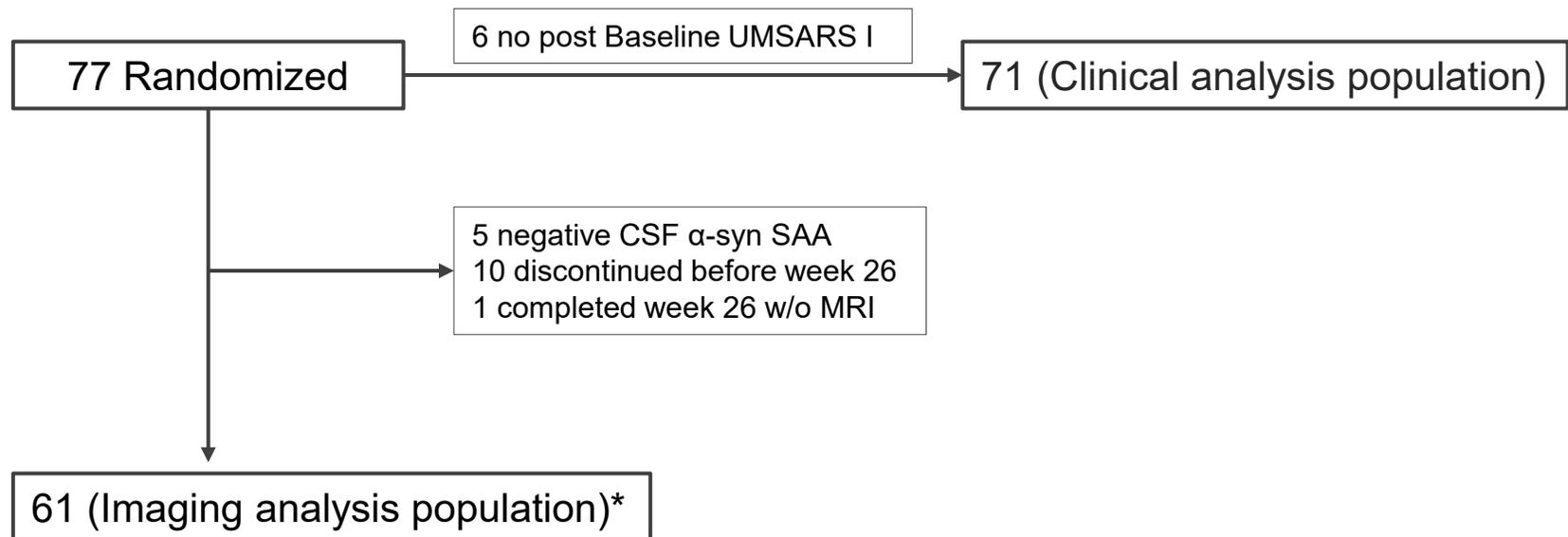
## Target engagement/efficacy assessments

- MRI: Screening, Weeks 26 and 52
- UMSARS I: Weeks 13, 26, 39 and 52
- CGI-S, OHSA, Wearables: Weeks 13, 26, 39 and 52

## Safety assessments

- Weeks 2, 6, 13, 21, 26, 39, 47, and 52

# Populations and Key Endpoints



Protocol Endpoint	Change BL to Week 52	Population	Criteria <sup>^</sup>
Primary (Biomarker)	Iron content in s. nigra by MRI	Imaging	≥ 1 post-baseline MRI (26 weeks) (+) aggregating α-synuclein SAA
Key Secondary (Clinical)	Modified UMSARS Part I	Clinical	≥ 1 post-baseline UMSARS I (13 weeks)

\* Modified ITT population in protocol

<sup>^</sup> All patients were randomized and rec'd ≥1 dose study drug

# Baseline Characteristics (mITT)

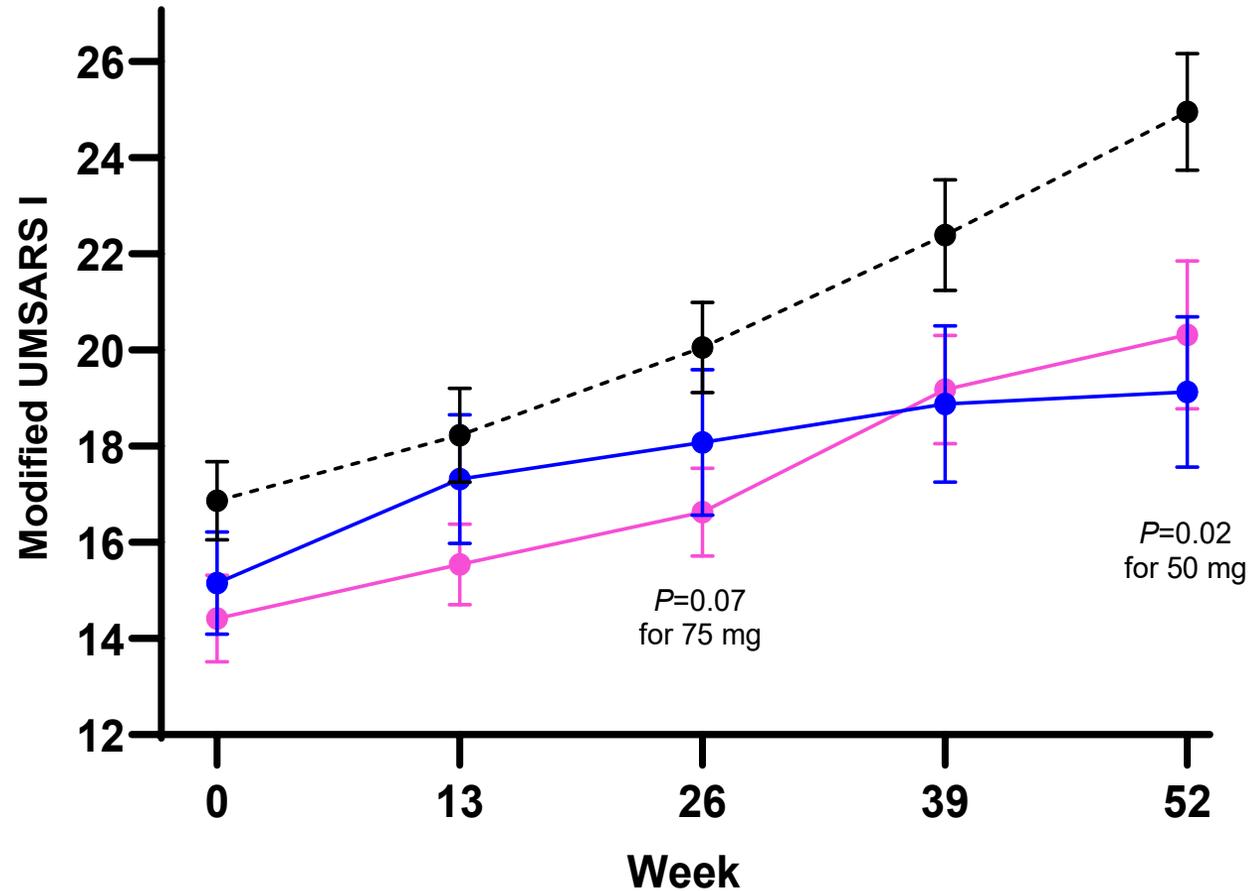
Parameter	Placebo (n = 19)	50mg BID (n = 21)	75mg BID (n = 21)
Age (yr)	61.5 (7.0)	62.9 (6.3)	64.0 (6.3)
Gender (% male)	63.2%	57.1%	57.1%
Modified UMSARS I <sup>1</sup>	16.8 (4.2)	15.4 (4.6)	14.4 (4.7)
Motor score of NNIPPS <sup>2</sup>	57.9 (15.2)	48.6 (16.0)	49.1 (17.7)
NfL (plasma), pg/mL	35.4 (12.0)	31.7 (8.9)	32.4 (9.6)
OH Symptom Assessment	13.5 (9.8)	13.8 (13.2)	15.0 (12.2)
Duration of motor symptoms (yr)	2.6 (0.9)	2.6 (0.9)	2.4 (0.9)
Radiographic phenotype (% SND)	68.4%	52.4%	66.7%
<b>Severe OH at Baseline</b>	<b>5.3%</b>	<b>4.8%</b>	<b>33%</b>

Mean (SD)

<sup>1</sup> Exclusion of sexual function item

<sup>2</sup> Payan et al. Validation of the Natural History and Neuroprotection in Parkinson Plus Syndromes Scale. PlosOne 2011

# Modified UMSARS Part I



- Placebo (n=22)
- ATH434 50 mg BID (n=25)
- ATH434 75 mg BID (n=24)

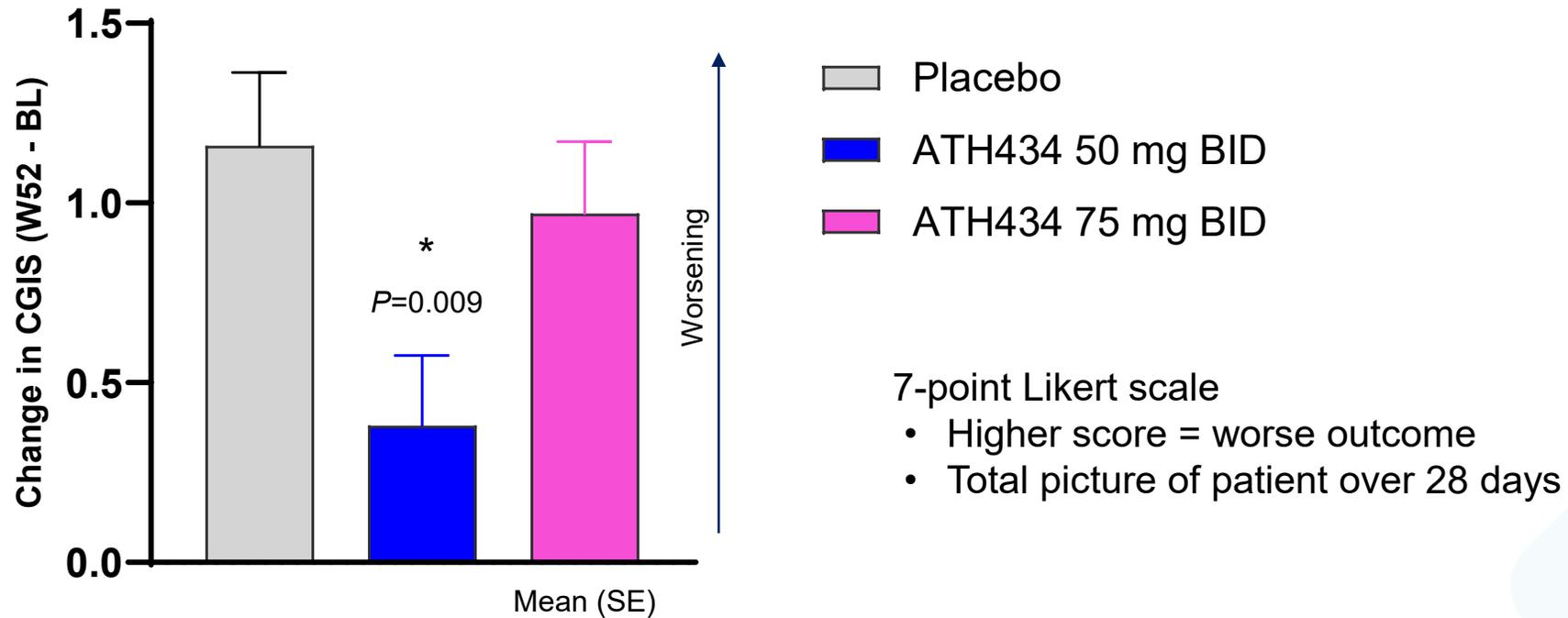
Dose	Mean difference vs. placebo	Relative treatment effect*
50 mg	- 3.8	48%
75 mg	- 2.4	30%

$$* \frac{\text{Change}_{\text{ATH434}} - \text{Change}_{\text{Placebo}}}{\text{Change}_{\text{Placebo}}}$$

Clinical Analysis Population

# Clinical Global Impression of Severity

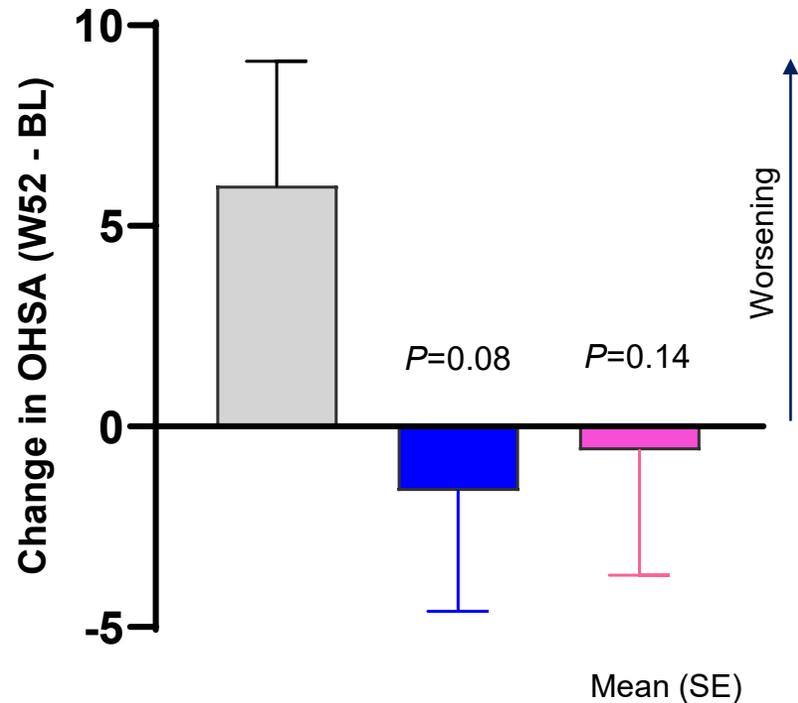
Change from Baseline to Week 52



Clinical Analysis Population

# Orthostatic Hypotension Symptom Assessment

Change from Baseline to Week 52



- Placebo
- ATH434 50 mg BID
- ATH434 75 mg BID

Patient reported outcome

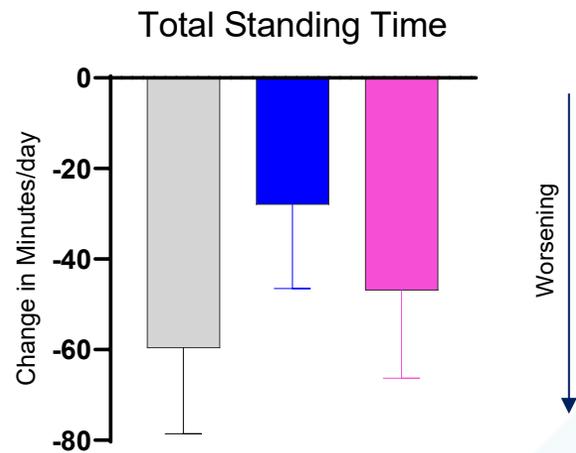
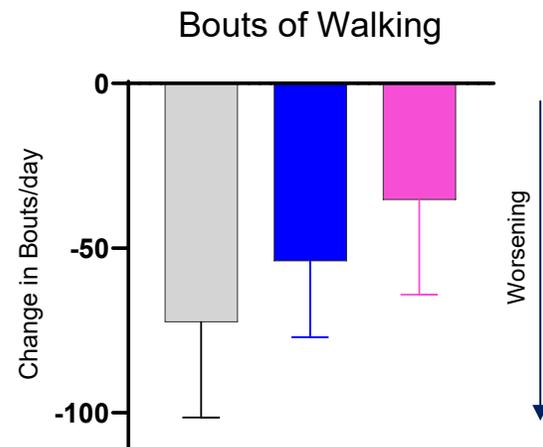
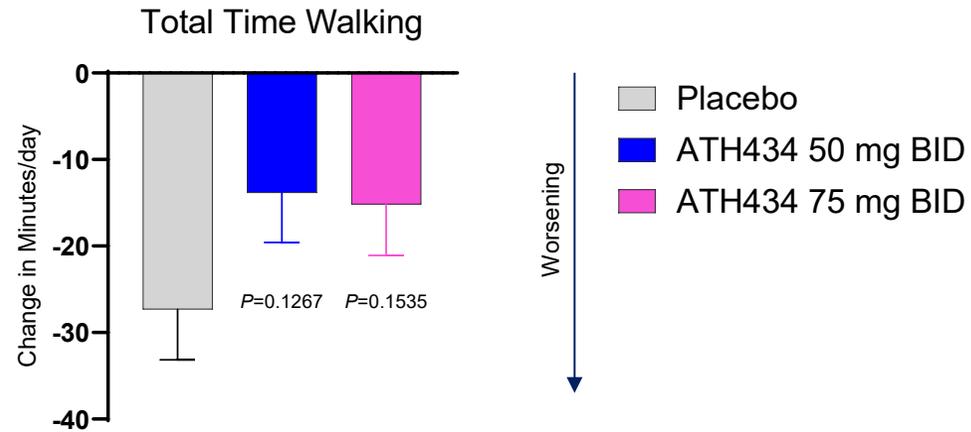
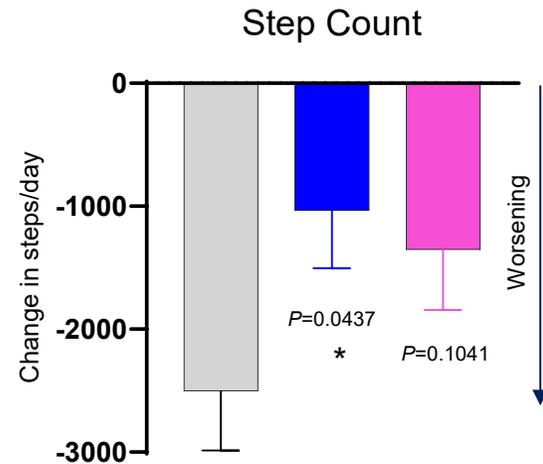
Assesses severity of 6 items

- Dizziness/lightheadedness/feeling faint/like blacking out
- Problems with vision (blurry, seeing spots, tunnel vision)
- Weakness
- Fatigue
- Concentration
- Head and neck discomfort

Clinical Analysis Population

# Wearable Sensors: Activity in Outpatient Setting

## Change from Baseline to Week 52



Mean (SE)

Clinical Analysis Population

# Summary of Adverse Events

Number (%) of Subjects	Placebo BID (n=26)	50mg BID (n=25)	75mg BID (n=26)
Any Adverse Event (AE) <sup>1</sup>	24 (92.3%)	21 (84.0%)	25 (96.2%)
UTI	14 (53.8%)	10 (40.0%)	7 (26.9%)
Fall	8 (30.8%)	7 (28.0%)	8 (30.8%)
Covid-19	1 (3.8%)	6 (24.0%)	4 (15.4%)
Fatigue	2 (7.7%)	1 (4.0%)	5 (19.2%)
Back pain	1 (3.8%)	3 (12.0%)	2 (7.7%)
AE by Severity <sup>1</sup>			
Mild	10 (38.5%)	10 (40.0%)	8 (30.8%)
Moderate	6 (23.1%)	8 (32.0%)	11 (42.3%)
Severe	8 (30.8%)	3 (12.0%)	6 (23.1%)
Serious AEs <sup>1, 2</sup>	10 (38.5%)	5 (20.0%)	7 (26.9%)

<sup>1</sup> Reporting one or more event

<sup>2</sup> None related to Study Drug

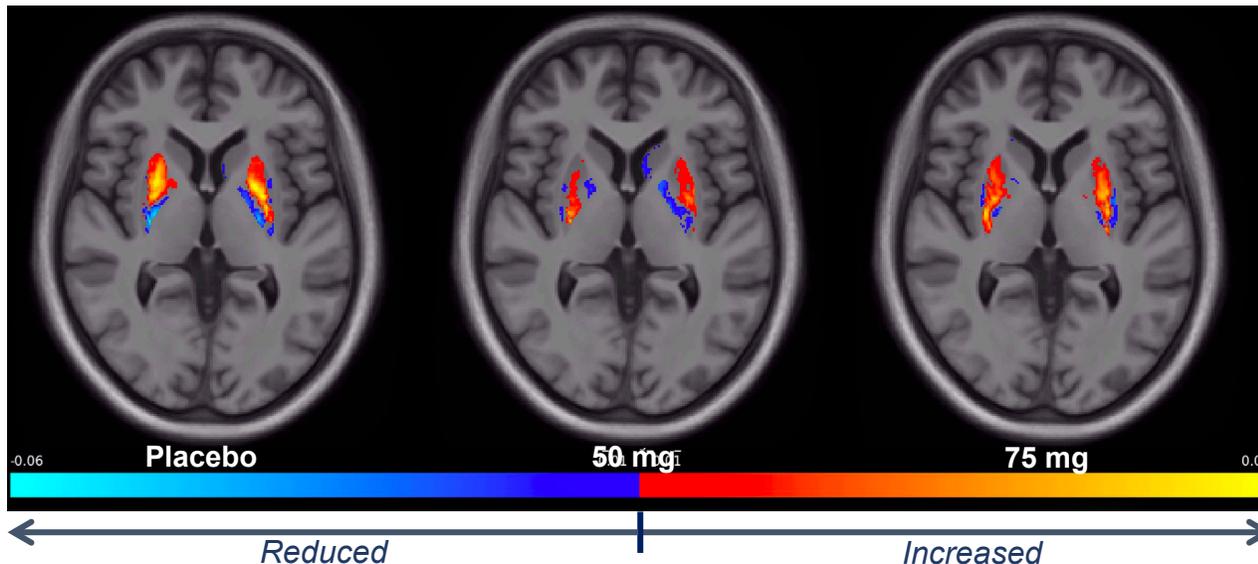
# Change in Iron Content by MRI (QSM)

## By-subject analysis of iron content

Region	50 mg BID		75 mg BID	
	Week 26	Week 52	Week 26	Week 52
S. nigra	↔	↓	↔	↔
Putamen	↓ <sup>^</sup>	↓	↔	↔
Pallidum	↓	↓ <sup>*</sup>	↓	↓

Compared to placebo: ↓ Iron content, ↔ No observable difference, <sup>^</sup>  $P = 0.025$ , <sup>\*</sup>  $P = 0.08$

## Group change in iron content (week 52 – baseline)



Imaging Analysis Population

## By-subject analysis

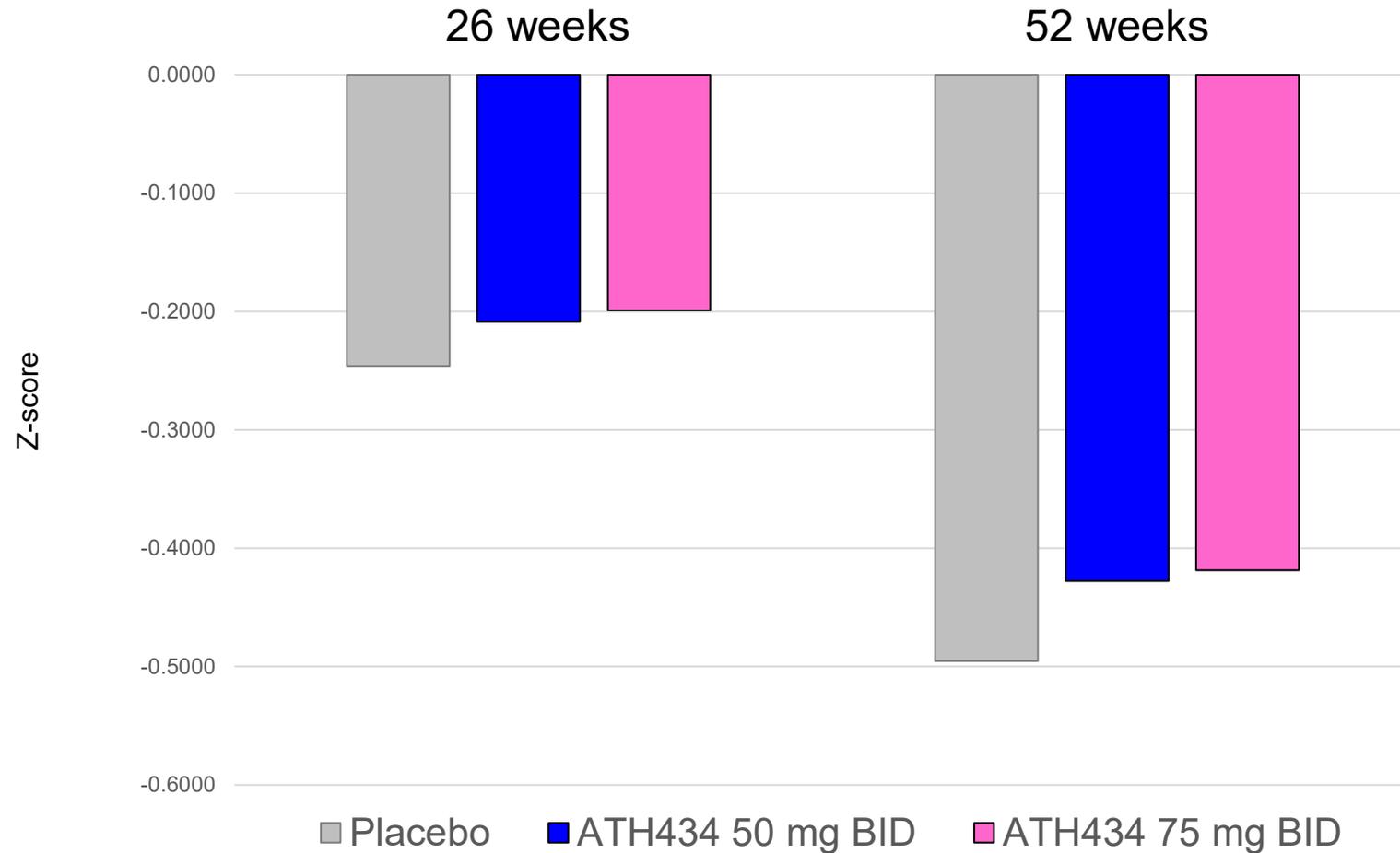
- Evidence for reduced/stabilized iron content in Pallidum > Putamen
- Reductions in iron in s. nigra at 50 mg dose but not 75 mg (primary endpoint)

## Group-wise analysis

- Iron increases in key regions over time in placebo > ATH434
- Evidence for ↓ iron accumulation in globus pallidus

# ATH434 Demonstrated Trends in Reduced Brain Atrophy

Change from Baseline in Brain Volume – MSA Atrophy Index<sup>^</sup>



<sup>^</sup> Composite z-score of the putamen, globus pallidus, cerebellum and brainstem vs. healthy age-matched population

# Summary and Conclusions

- ATH434 showed clinically significant efficacy in modifying disease progression
  - UMSARS I plus important secondary clinical outcomes
- Baseline differences in disease severity and pathology likely explain different response in 50 mg and 75 mg treatment groups
- ATH434 demonstrated target engagement by reducing iron accumulation in MSA affected brain regions
- ATH434 well tolerated with similar AE rates as placebo and no serious AEs attributed to study drug
- Alpha-synuclein SAA requires continued refinement in MSA
- Results support further exploration of the role of excess labile iron in neurodegeneration

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