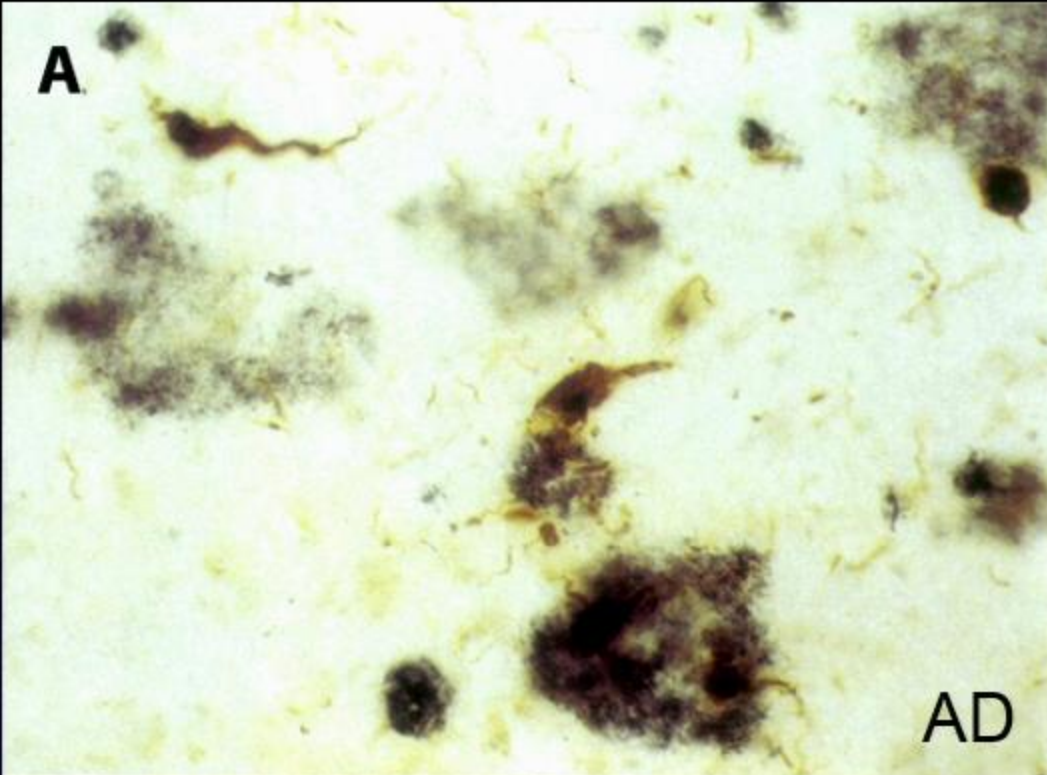
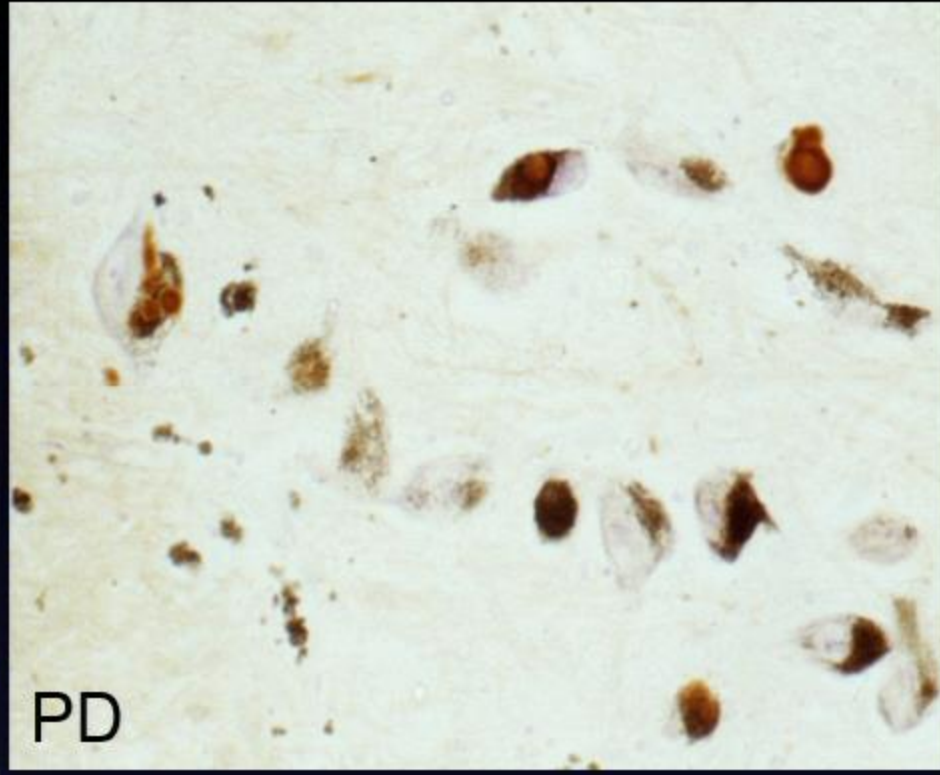
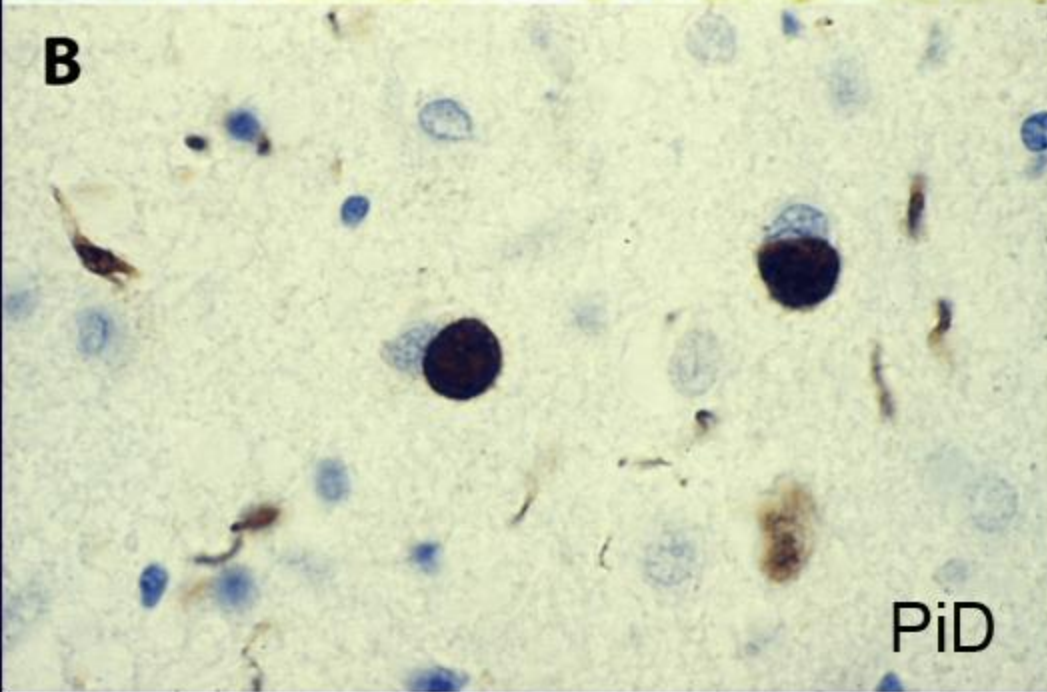
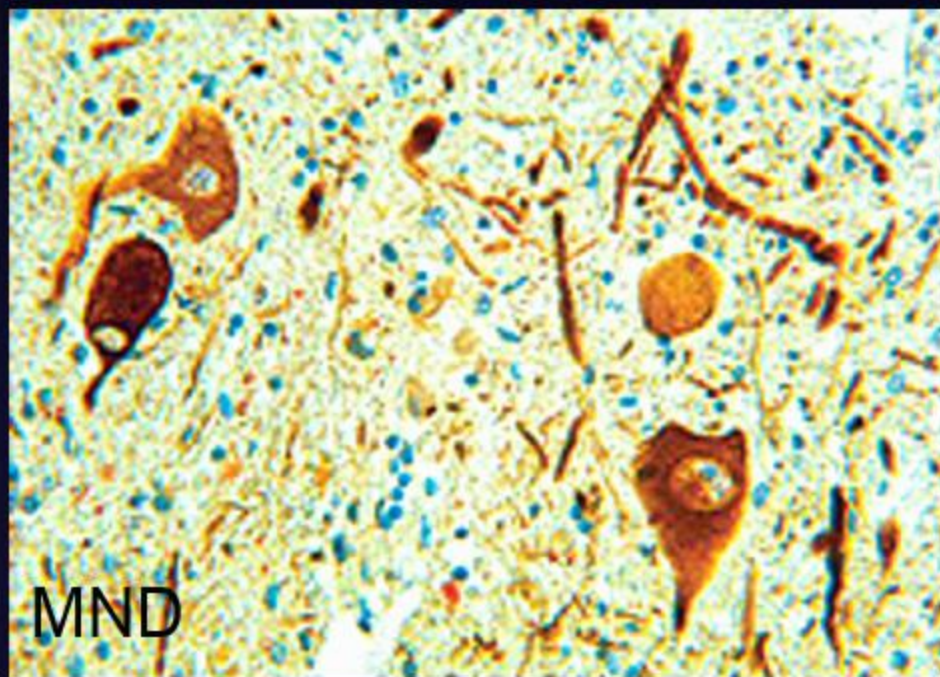


Le basi molecolari della neurodegenerazione

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Pytagora nel 6 secolo BC, Aristotele 4 secolo BC, scrivono che il declino della mente e' associato con l'eta' avanzata. Cicerone 1 secolo BC scrive che non tutti gli uomini con l'eta' perdono la memoriaMa forse piu' che l'attivita' fisica e' la decadenza delle capacita' mentali, che porta a dimenticare il nome degli schiavi, la faccia di un amico con cui hai cenato la sera prima o dei figli che hai generato e cresciuto..... *Dalla Xth Satire D.G.Juvenal (I – II Century A.D.)*

Frequenza di malattie neurodegenerative a varie eta'- 7-10% > 65y; 30% > 80y; 50% > 85y

Alzheimer's Laboratory

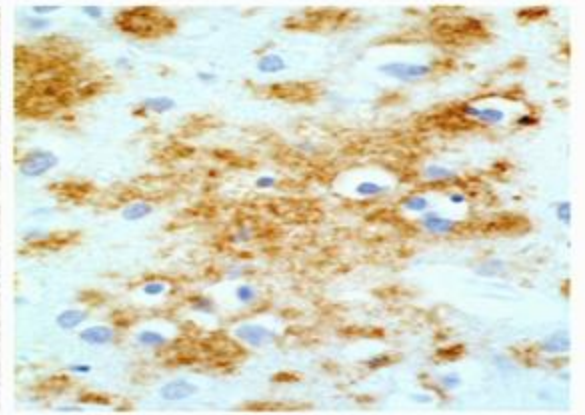
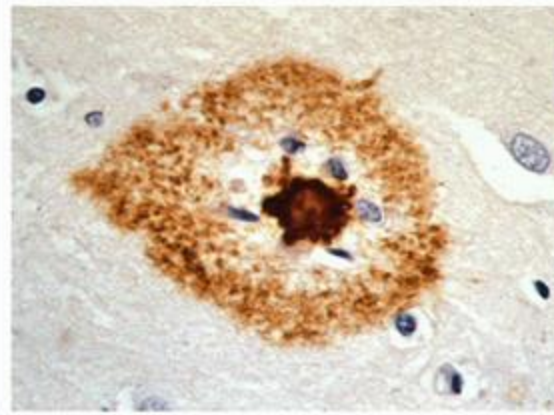


Nel mondo occidentale 40 milioni di persone sono affette da Alzheimer

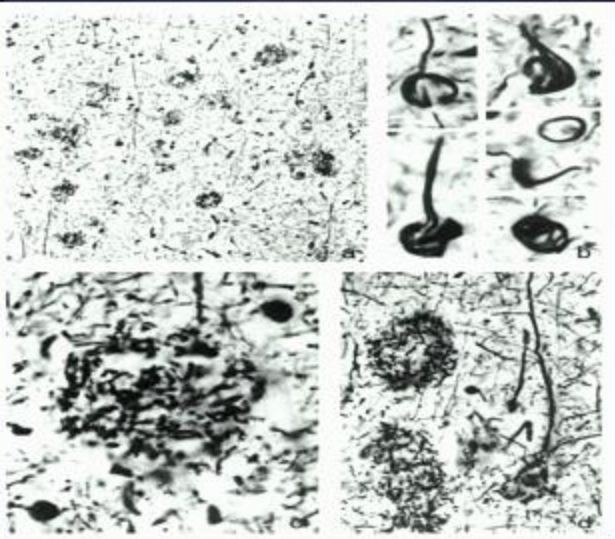
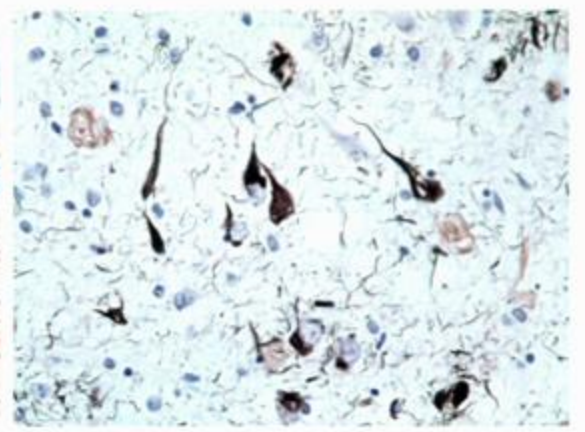
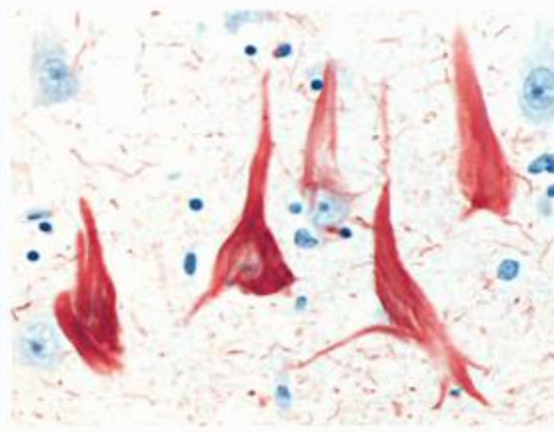
Patologia nel cervello di pazienti con Alzheimer



Extracellular deposition of β -amyloid

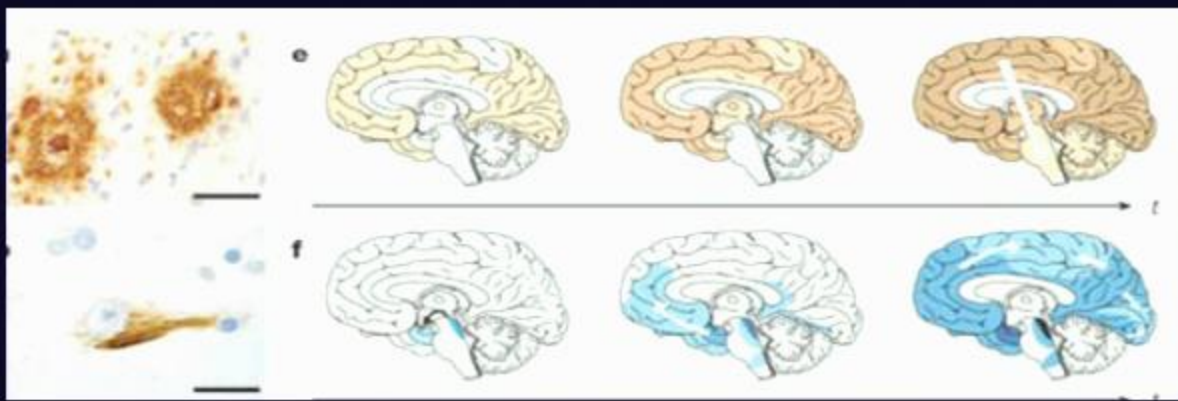


Intracellular assembly of tau protein

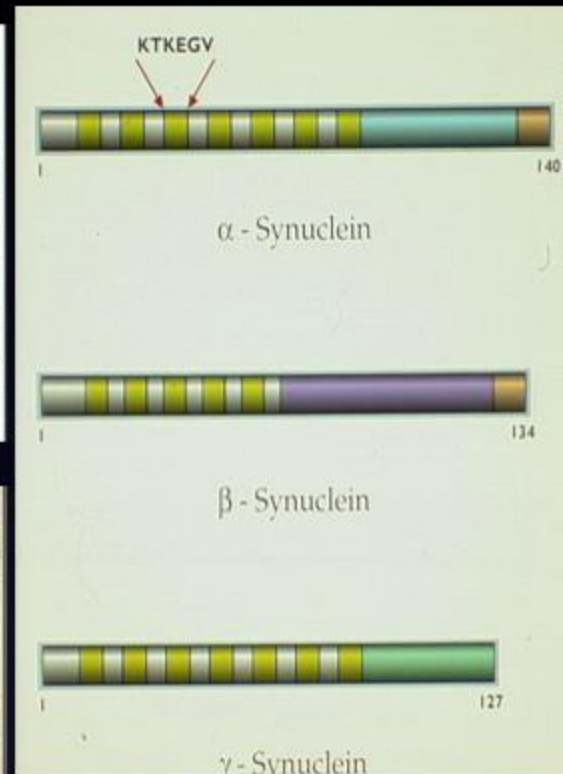
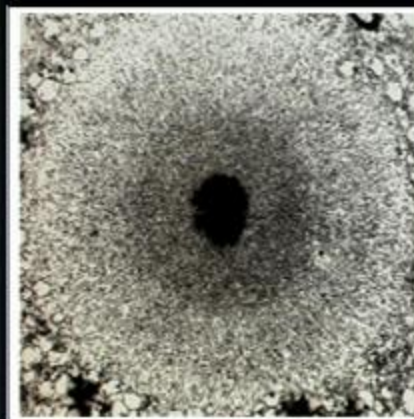


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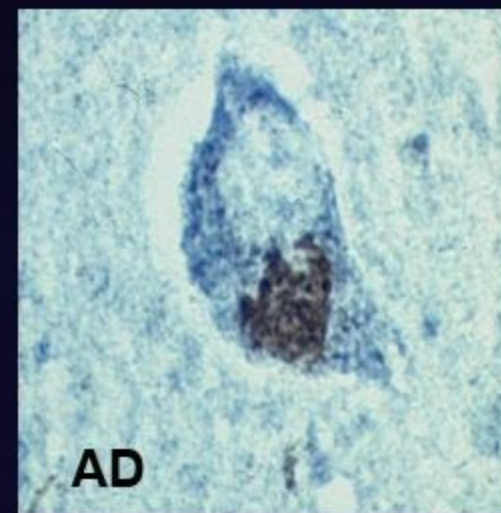
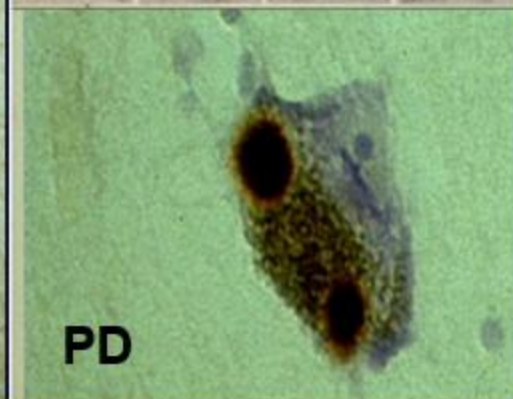
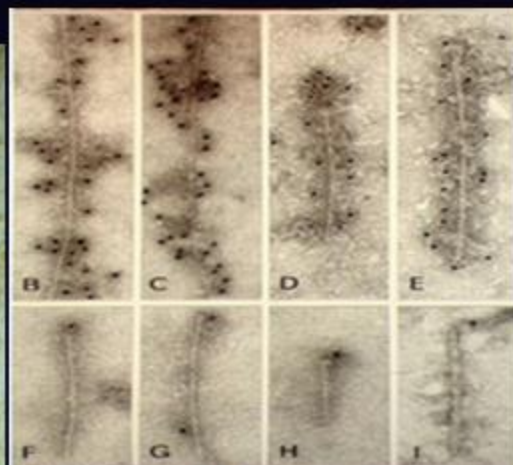
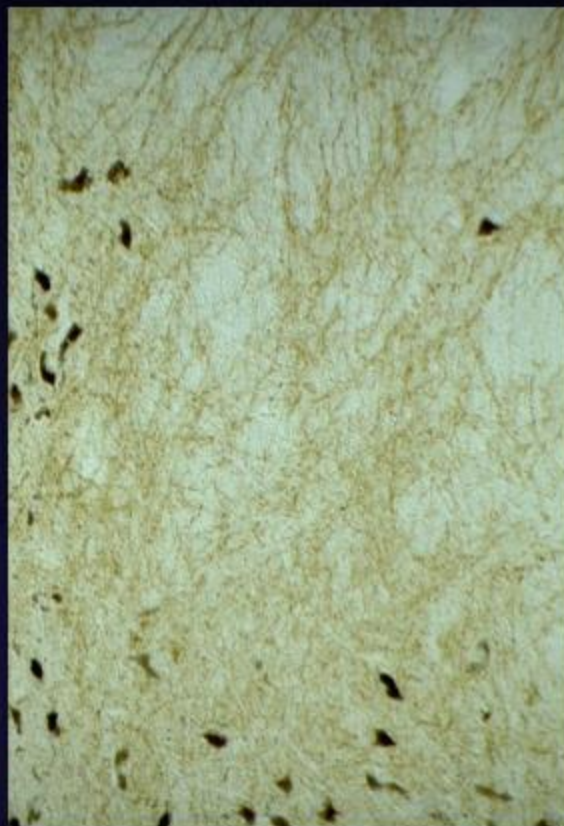
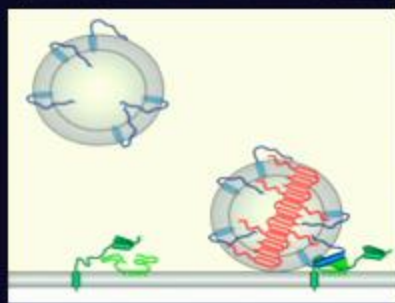
Tau



Lewy bodies e alpha-synuclein sono oltre che nel Parkinson anche in 50-60% di pazienti con Alzheimer



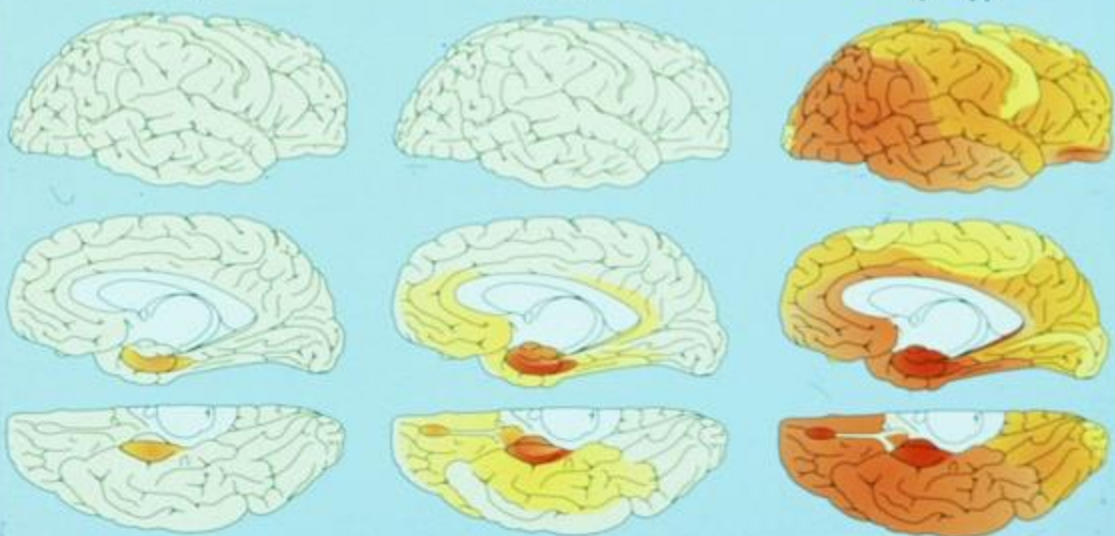
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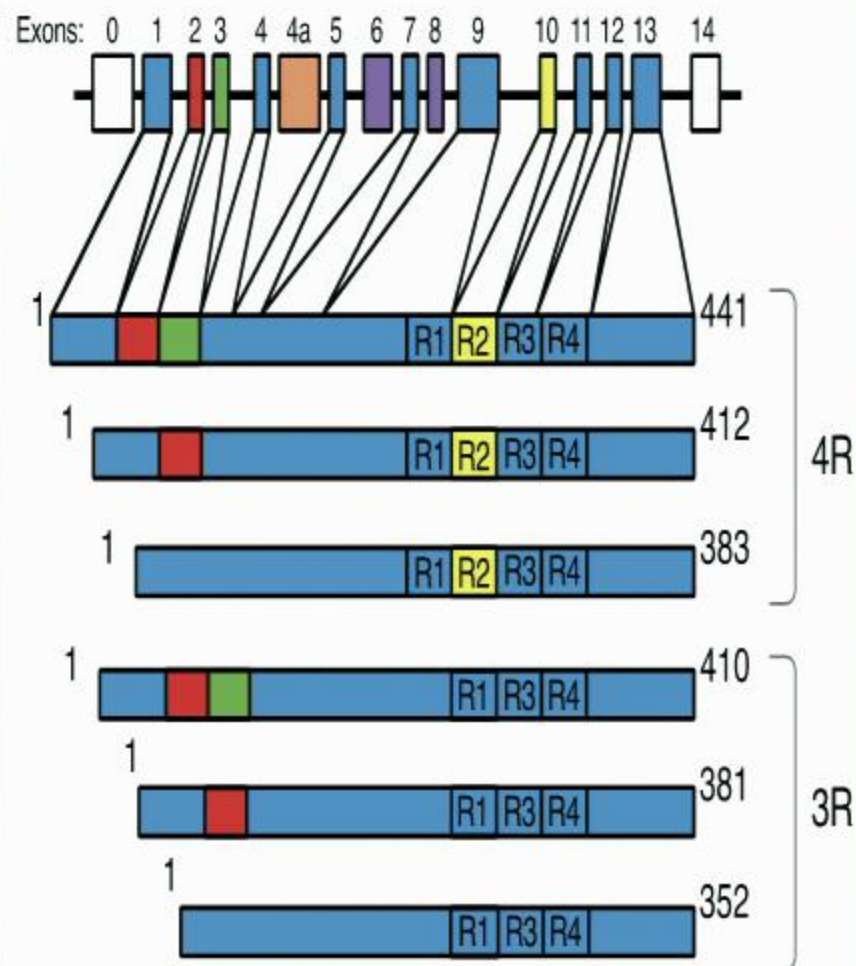
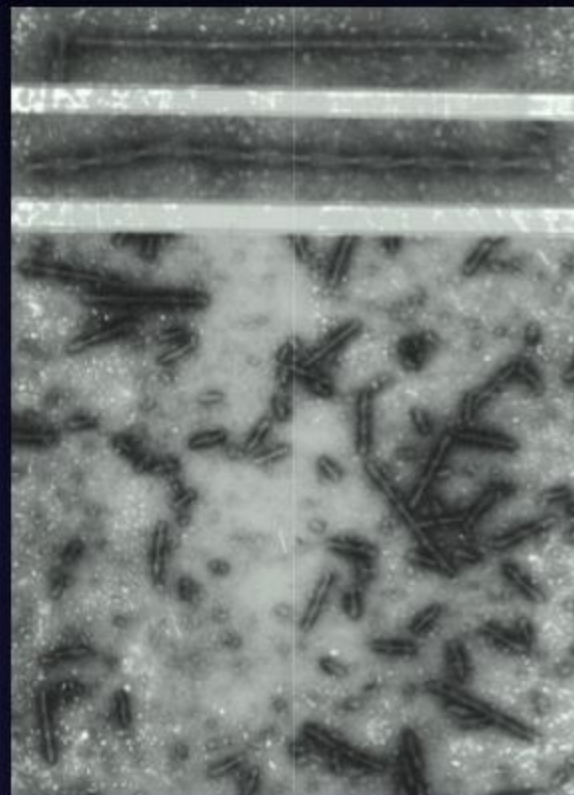
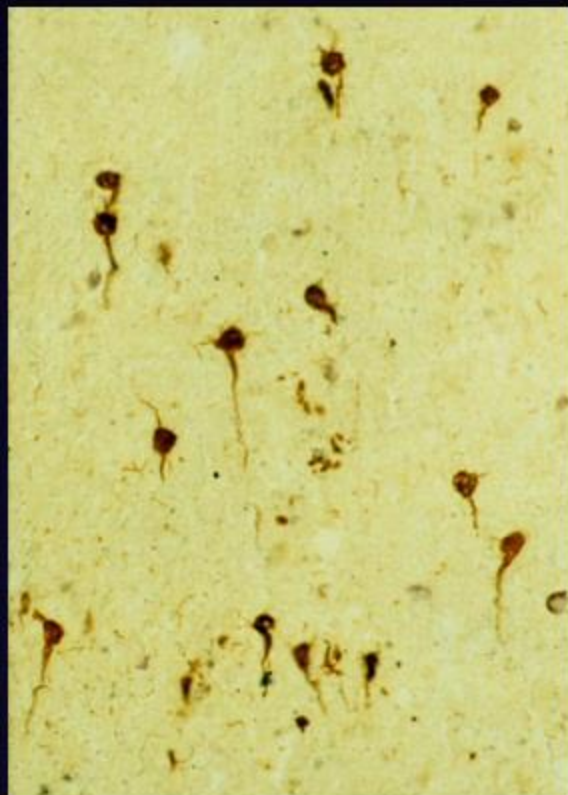
limbic
III - IV

isocortical
V - VI



Neurofibrillary changes

I filamenti negli aggregati Intracellulari (tangles) sono fatti di proteina tau (Goedert et al. 1988)



La tau si aggrega anche in altre malattie

Alzheimer's disease

Down's syndrome

Dementia Pugilistica

Pick's disease

FTDP-17

Only tangles dementia

Progressive Supranuclear Palsy

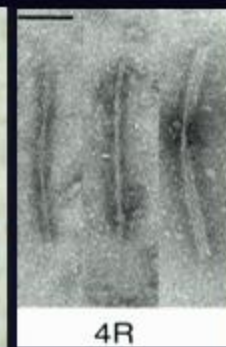
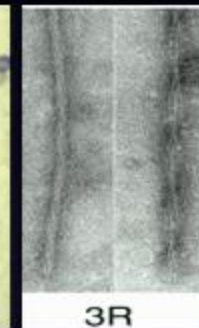
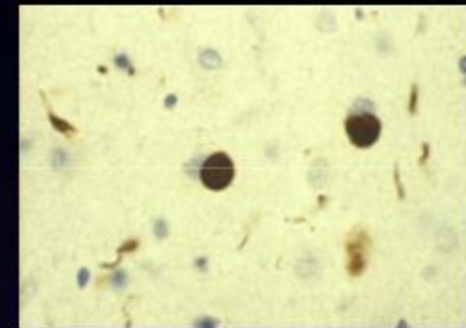
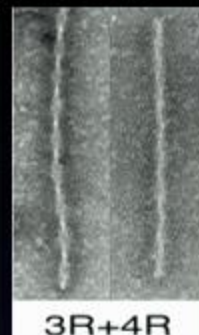
Corticobasal degeneration

Argyrophilic grain disease

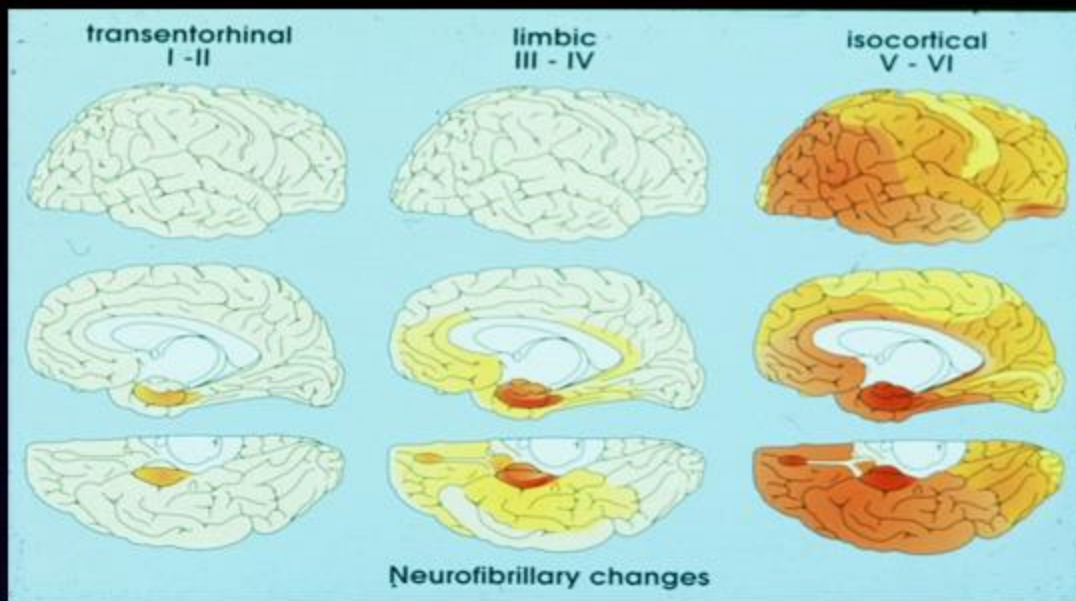
Parkinsonism and dementia complex of Guam

GSS with tangles

6 tau isoforms, 4R tau isoforms, 3R tau isoforms



Braak staging and spreading of tau pathology



Propagation of Tau Misfolding from the Outside to the Inside of a Cell*

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Transmission and spreading of tauopathy in transgenic mouse brain

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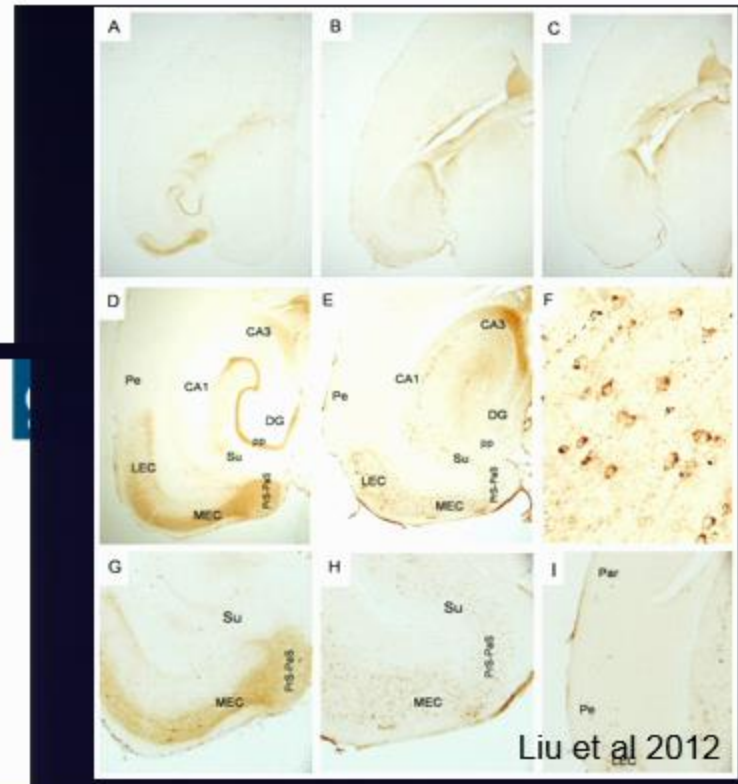
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Trans-Synaptic Spread of Tau Pathology *In Vivo*

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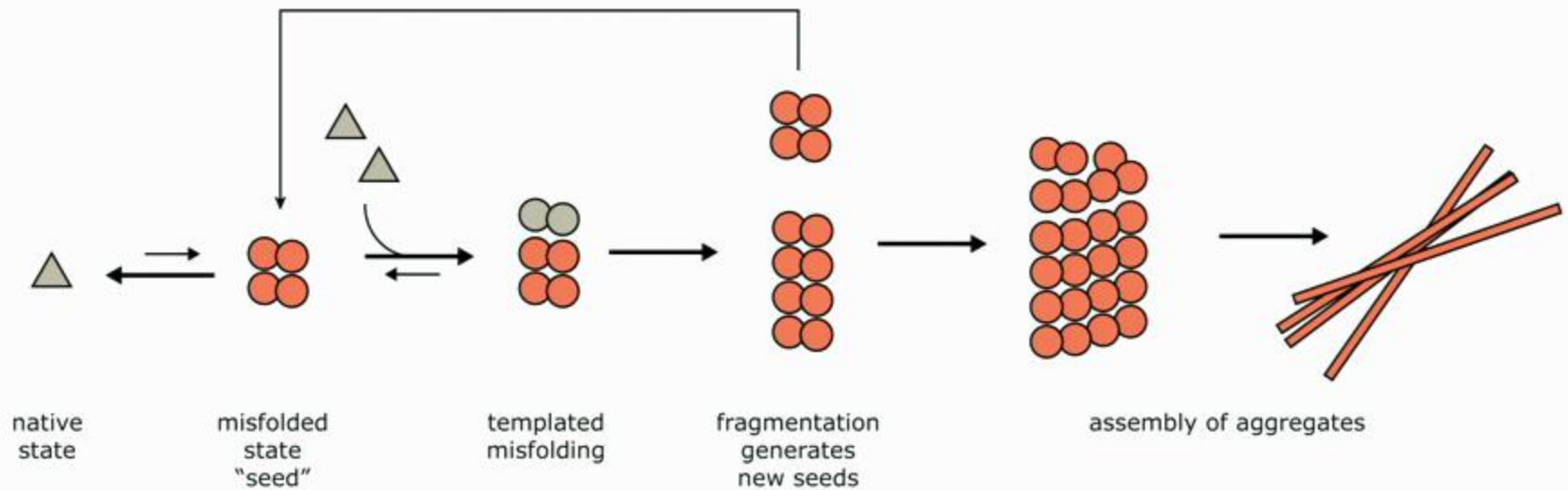
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Protein misfolding through nucleation-dependent seeding



Brain homogenates from human tauopathies induce tau inclusions in mouse brain

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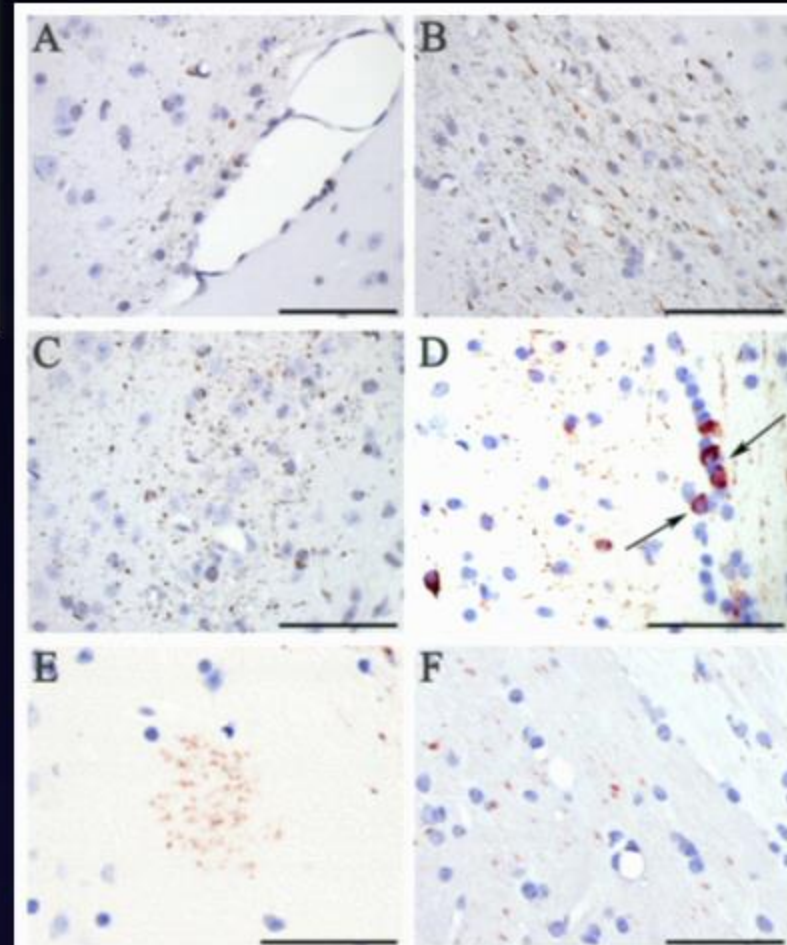
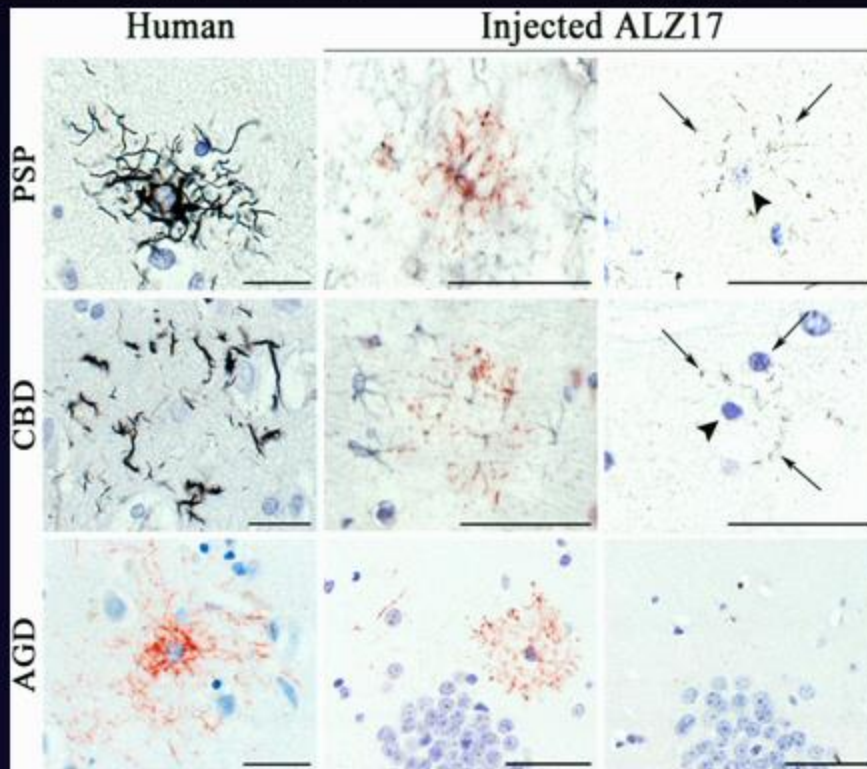
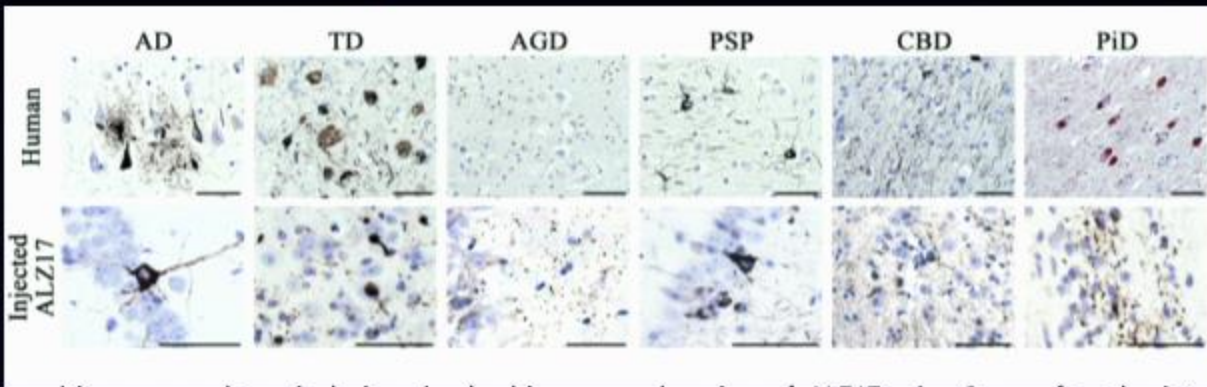


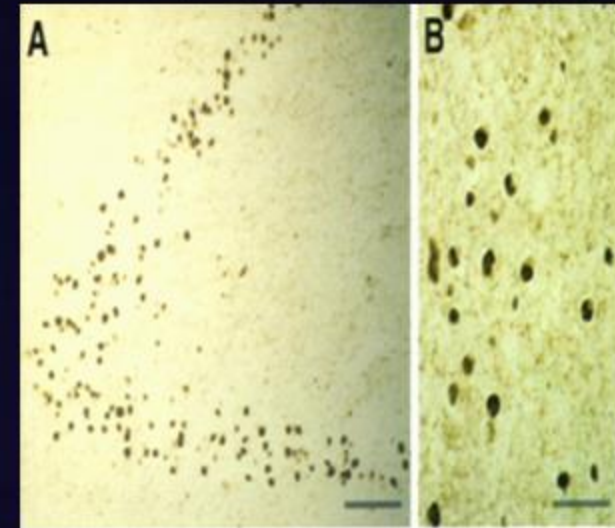
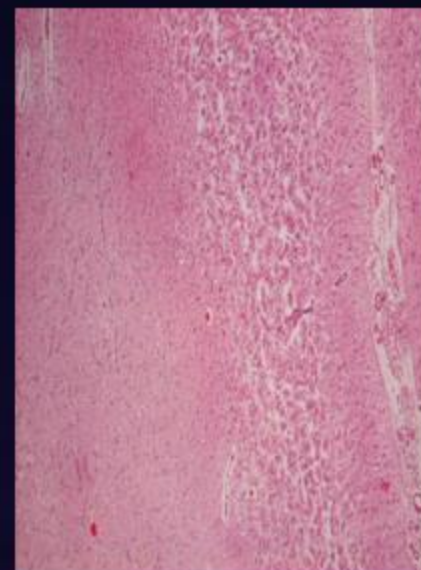
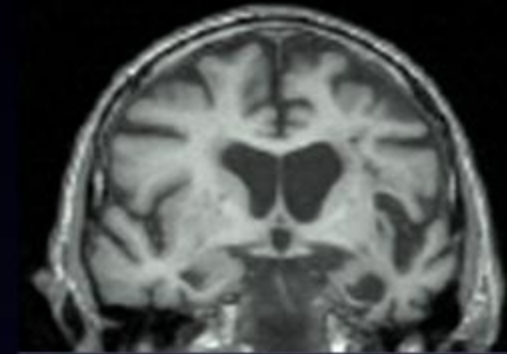
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Demenza frontotemporale

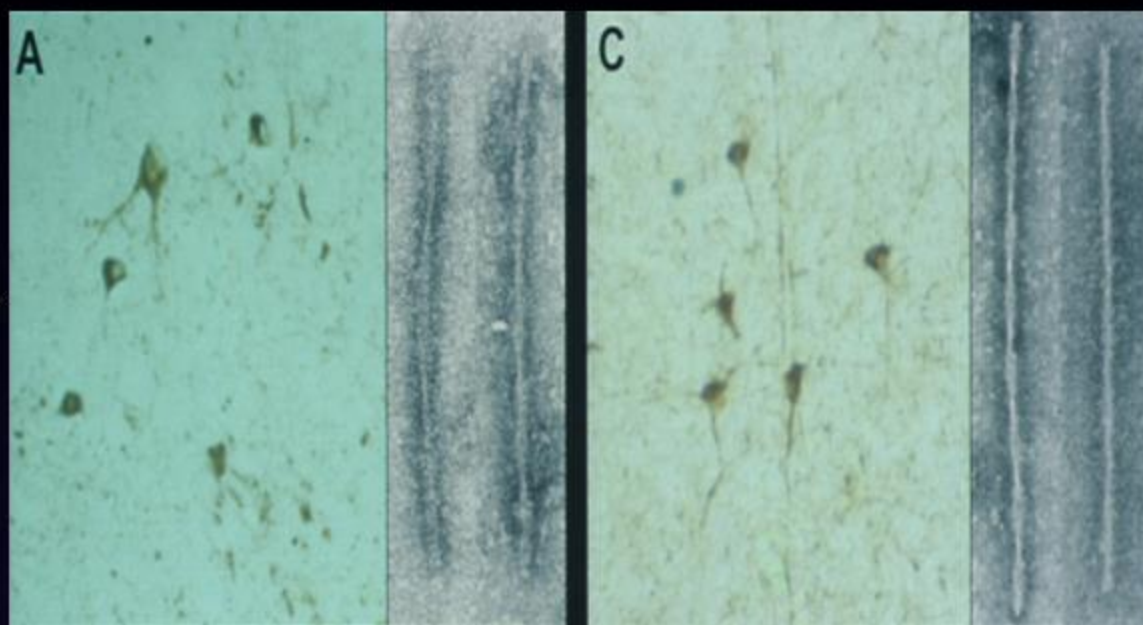
Alterazioni comportamentali e tardo declino cognitivo



Arnold Pick 1892



FTDP-17T tau pathology is similar to sporadic tauopathies

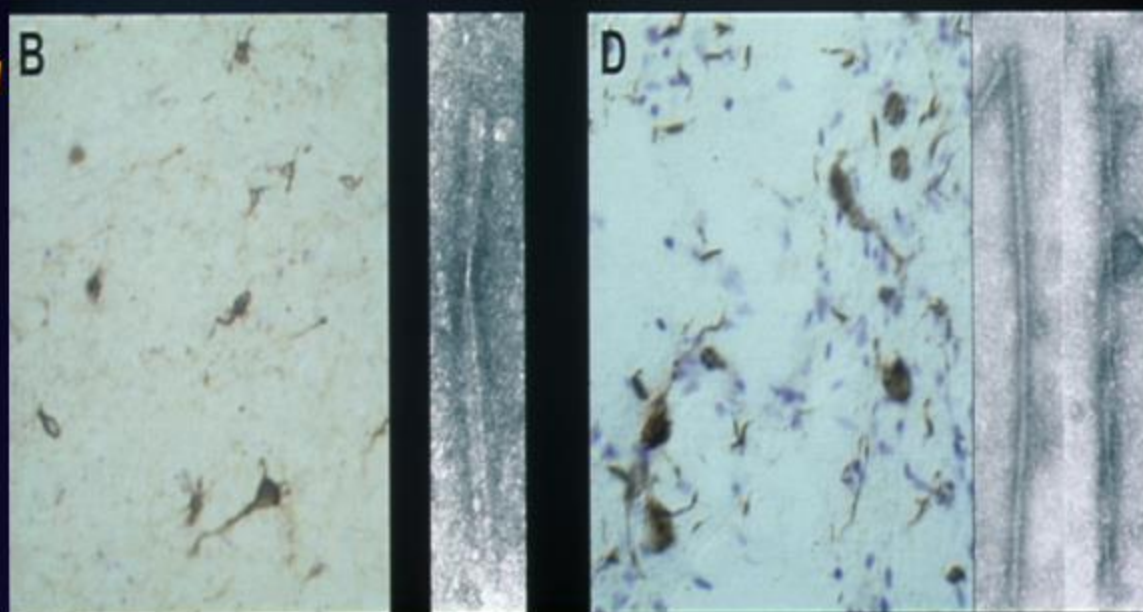


P301L

Tau pathology resembles that of PSP

V337M

Tau pathology resembles that of AD



Intron following exon 10.

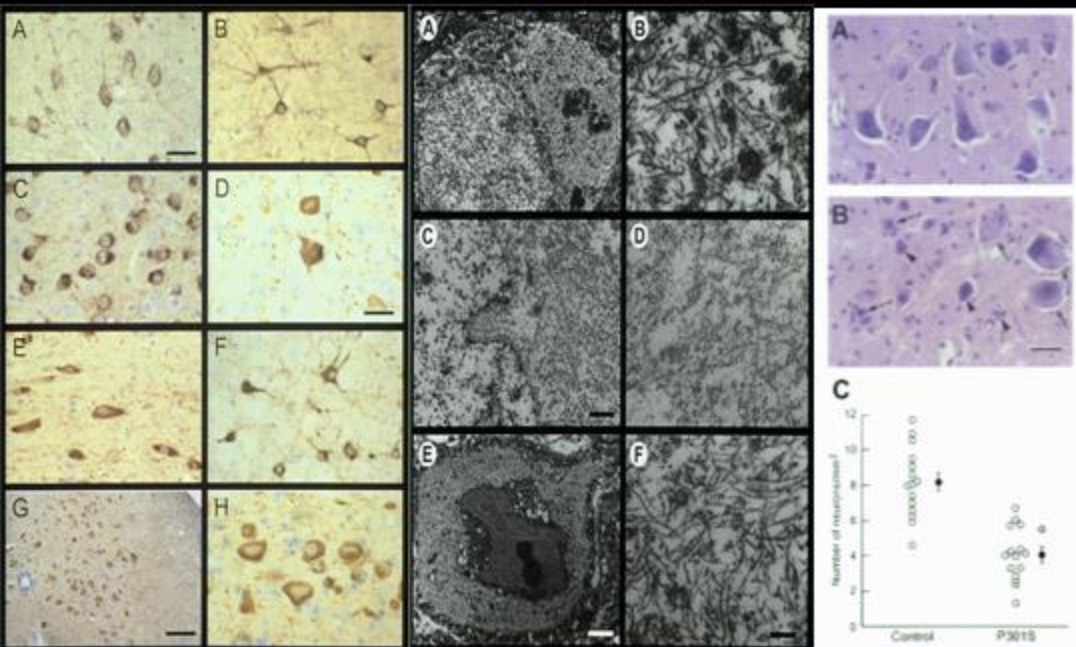
Tau pathology resembles that of CBD

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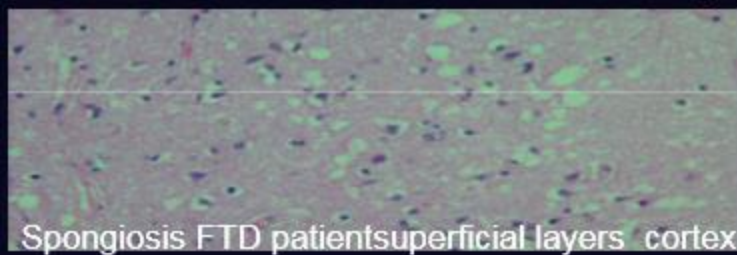
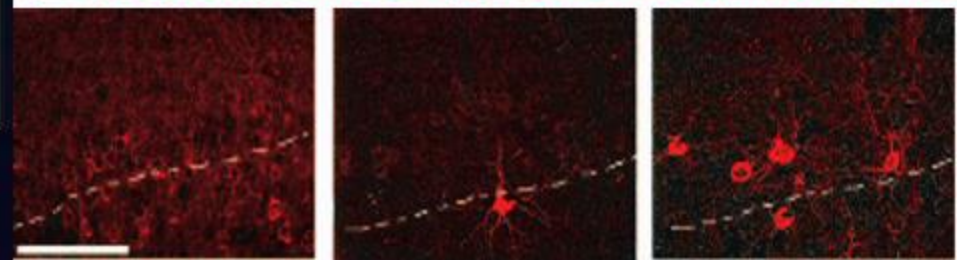
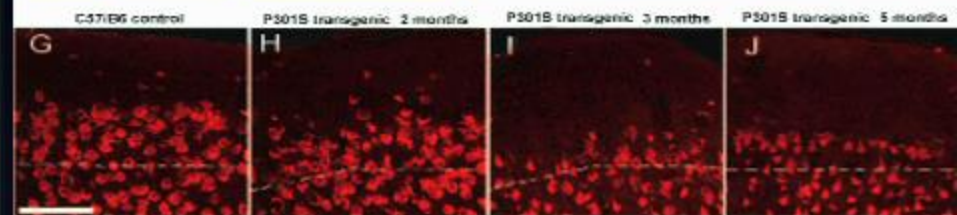
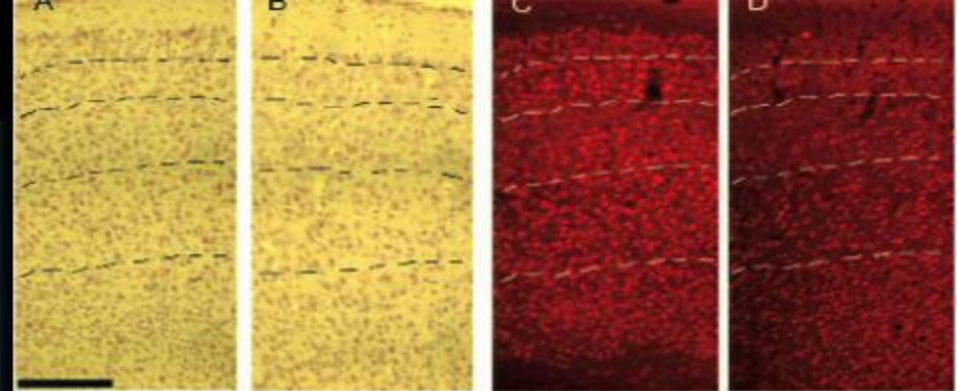
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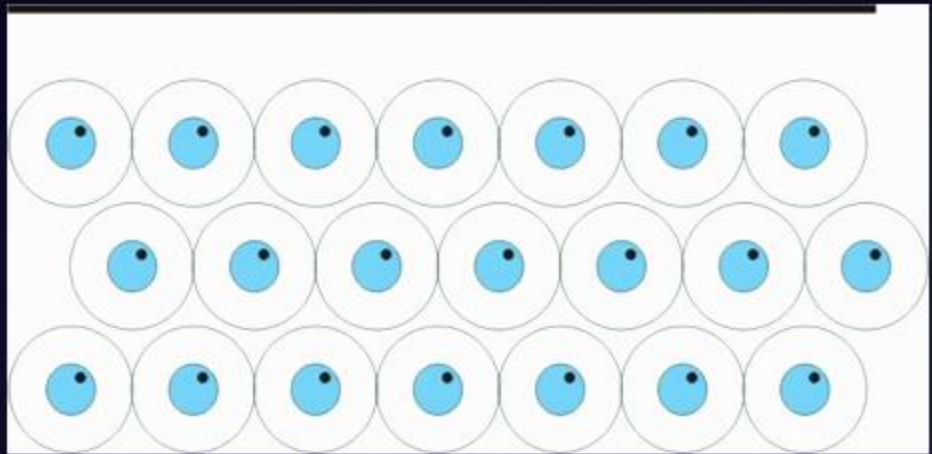
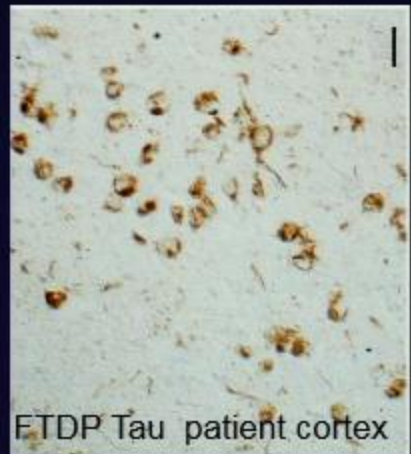
P301S tau cDNA



Allen et al. J Neurosci 2002; Hampton et al. J Neurosci 2010



In P301S tau transgenic mice tau deposits and filaments are present at 5 w and their amount increases up to 4-5 months causing a progressive motor phenotype for which the mice have to be culled at the age of 5-6 months.



Neurofibrillary tangles in human upper cervical ganglia

Morphological study with immunohistochemistry and electron microscopy

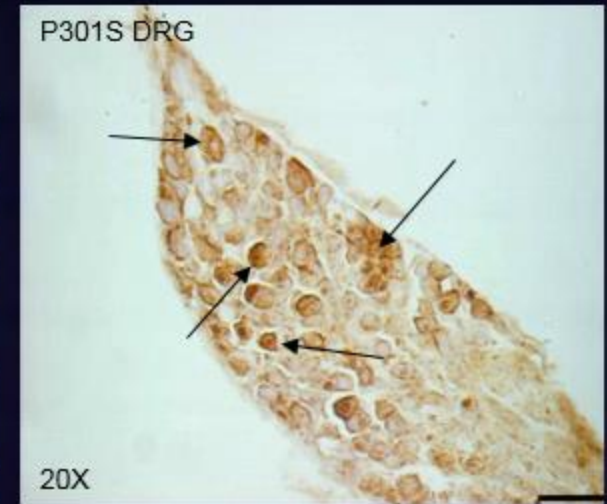
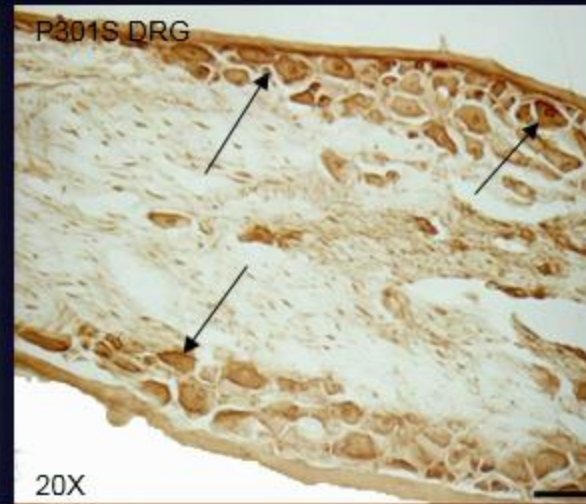
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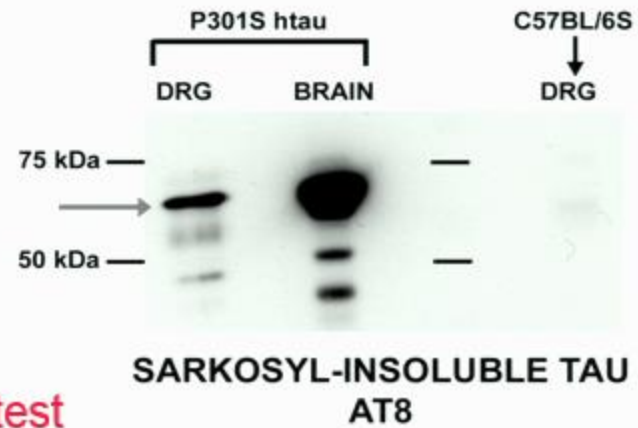
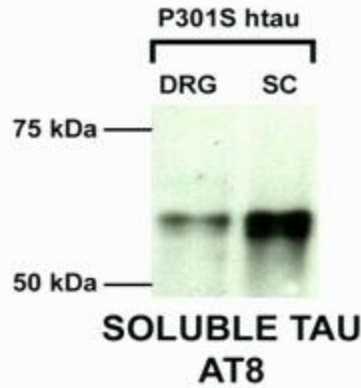
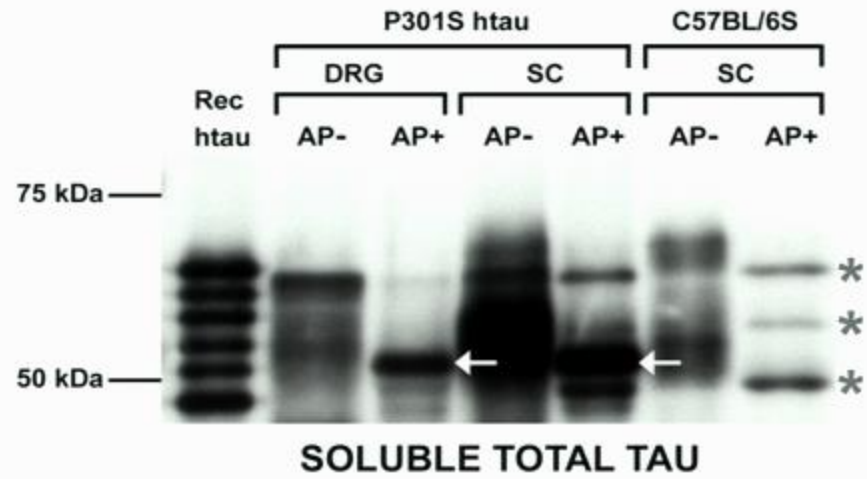
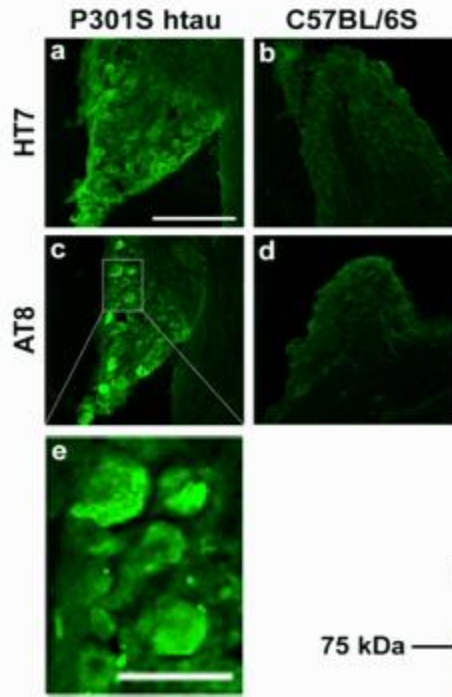
Neurofibrillary tangles in the neurons of spinal dorsal root ganglia of patients with progressive supranuclear palsy*

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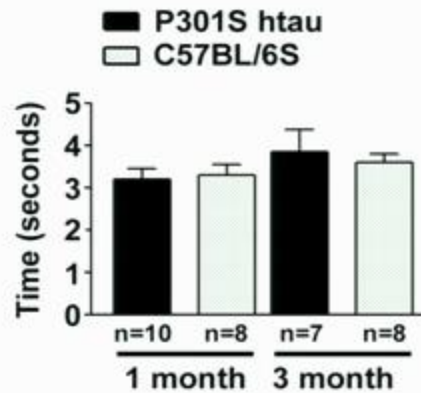
TRANSGENIC TAU HYPERPHOSPHORYLATION IN 5-MONTH-OLD DRG NEURONS OF P301S MICE



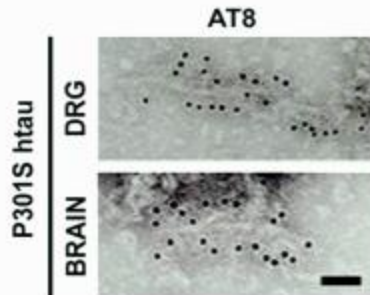
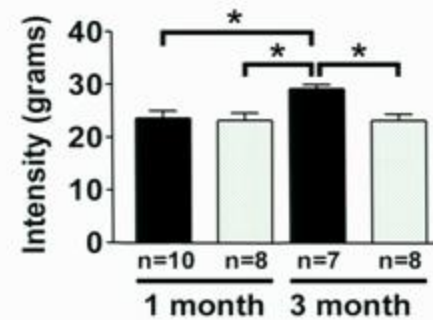
Characterization and effect of P301S tau in DRG



Hot plate test

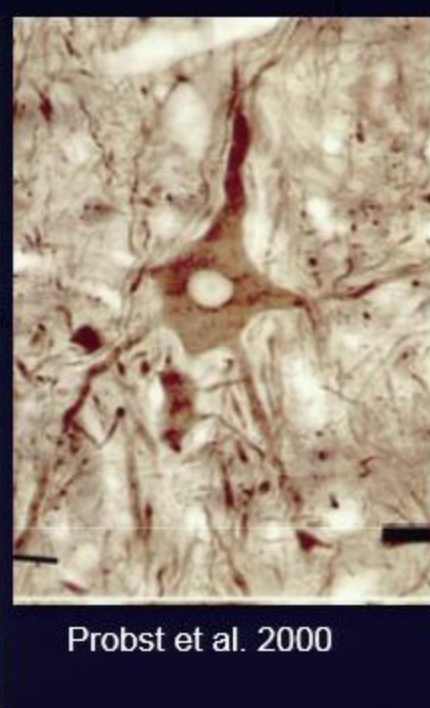
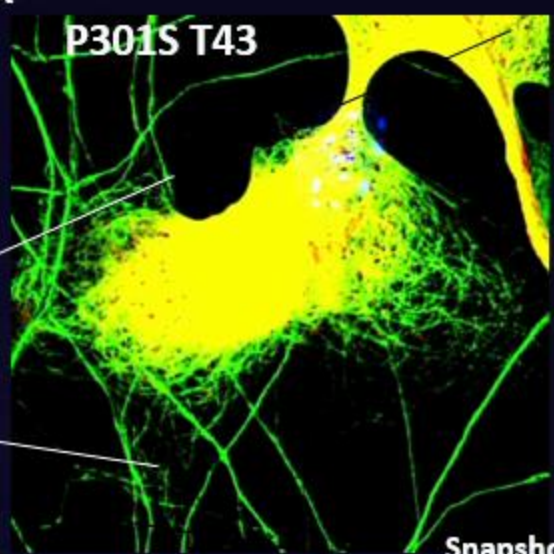
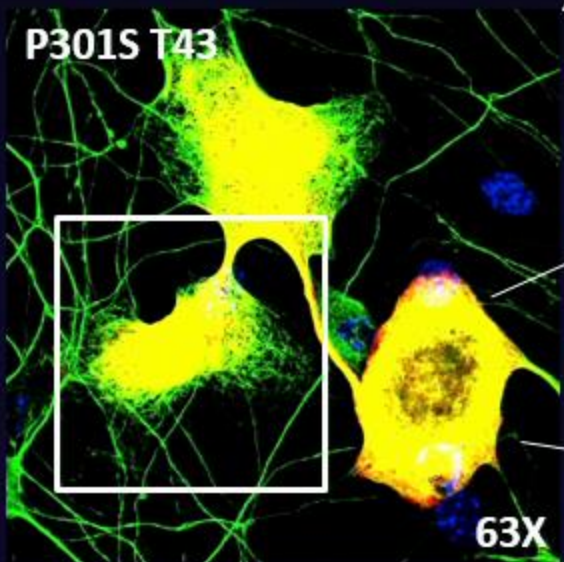
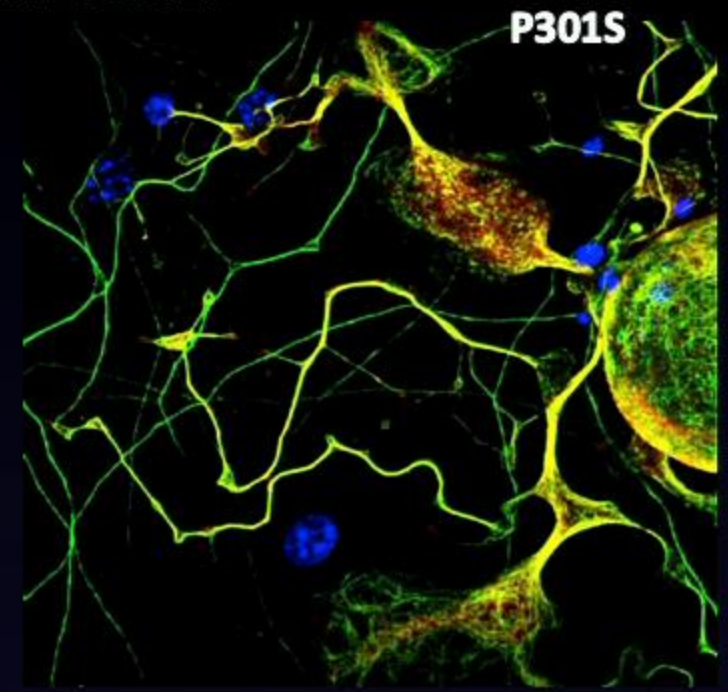
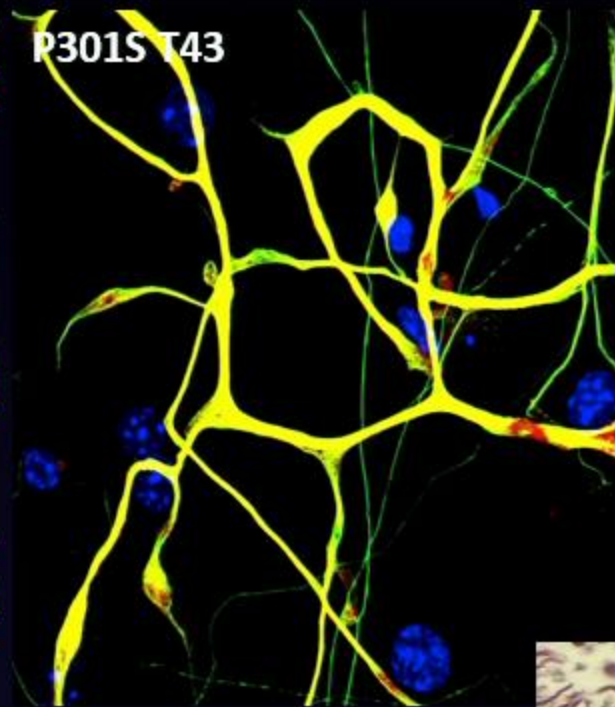
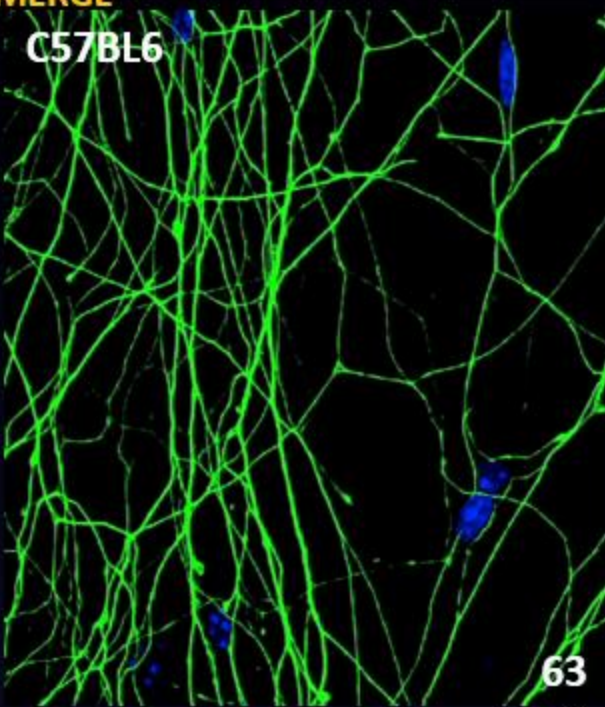


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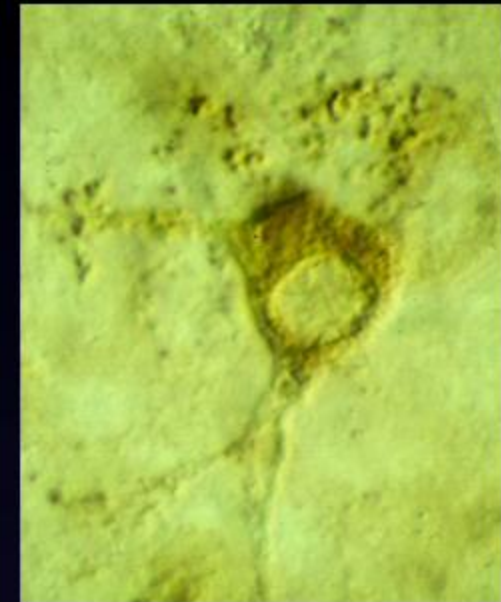
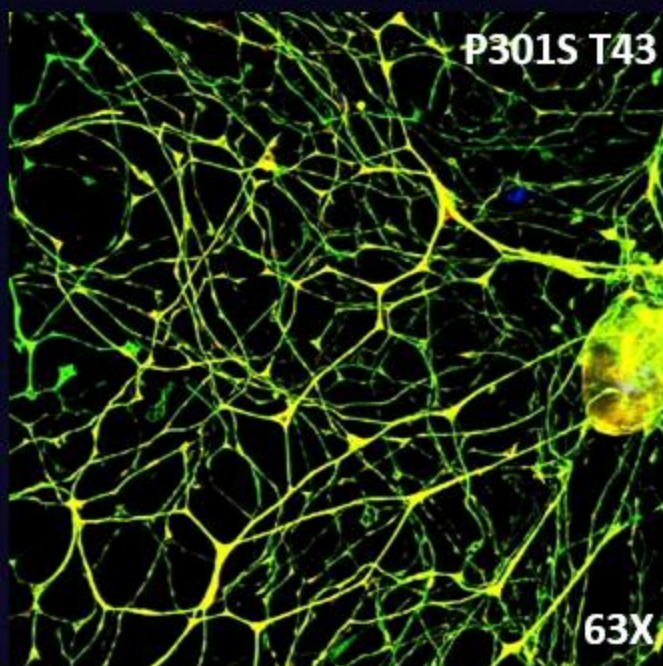
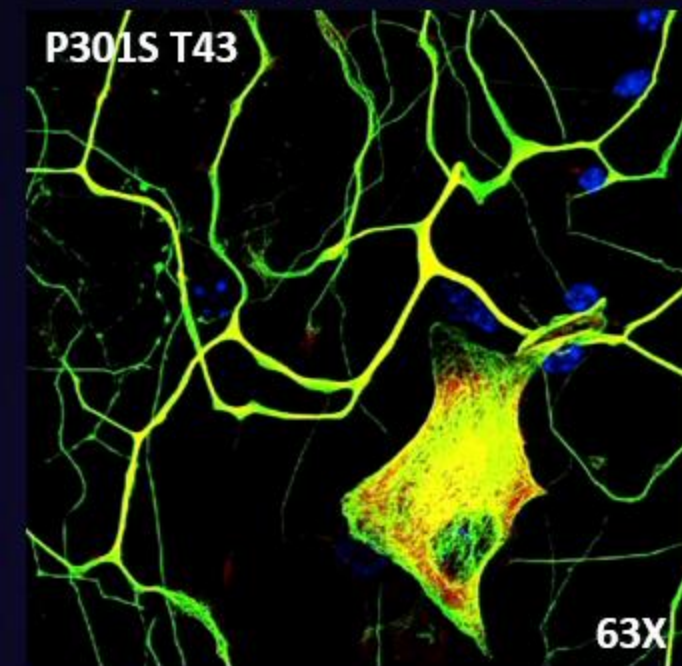
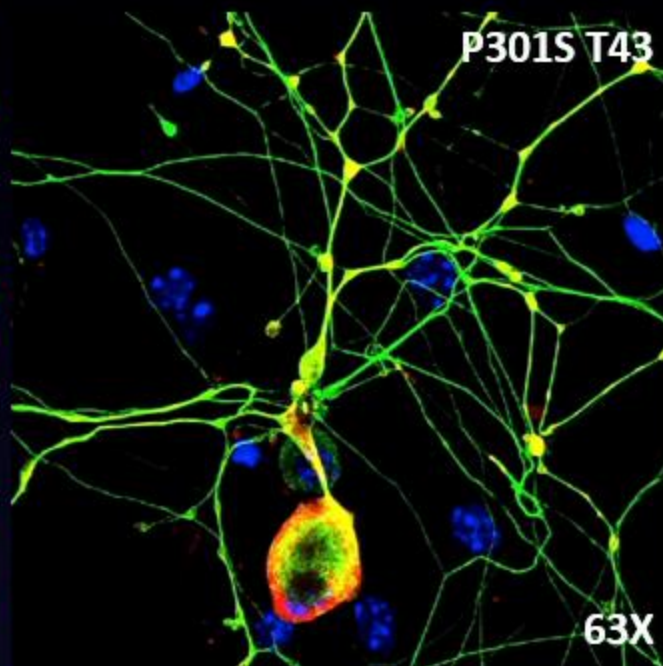
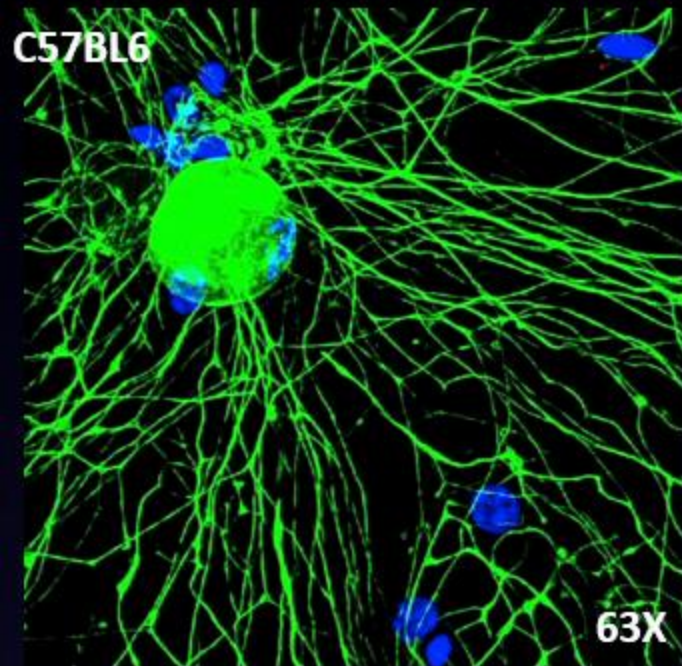


AXONAL PROCESSES AND GROWTH CONES

β tubIII
htau
Hoechst33258
MERGE



DRG cultures from 5-month-old animals

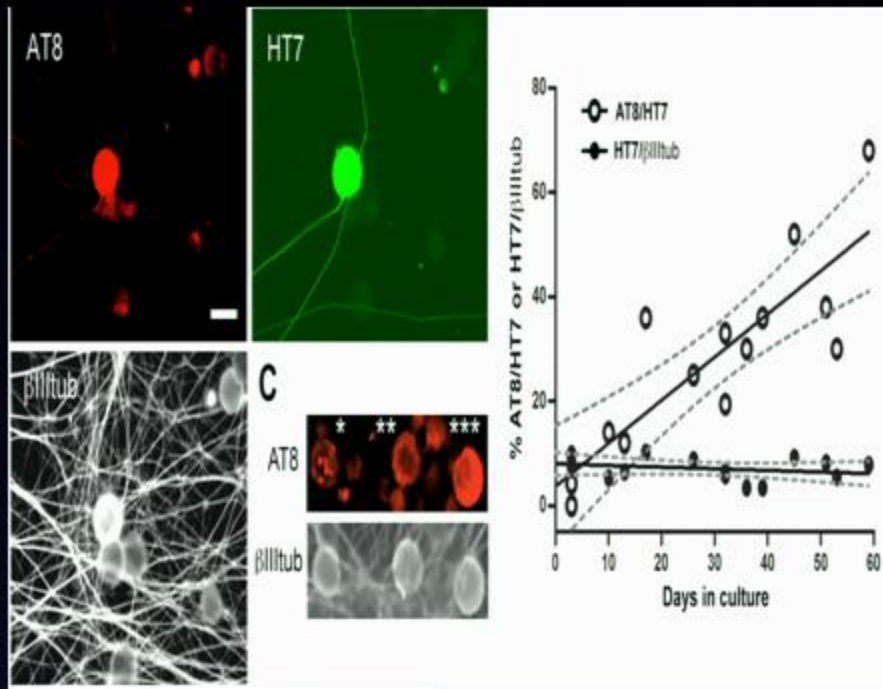


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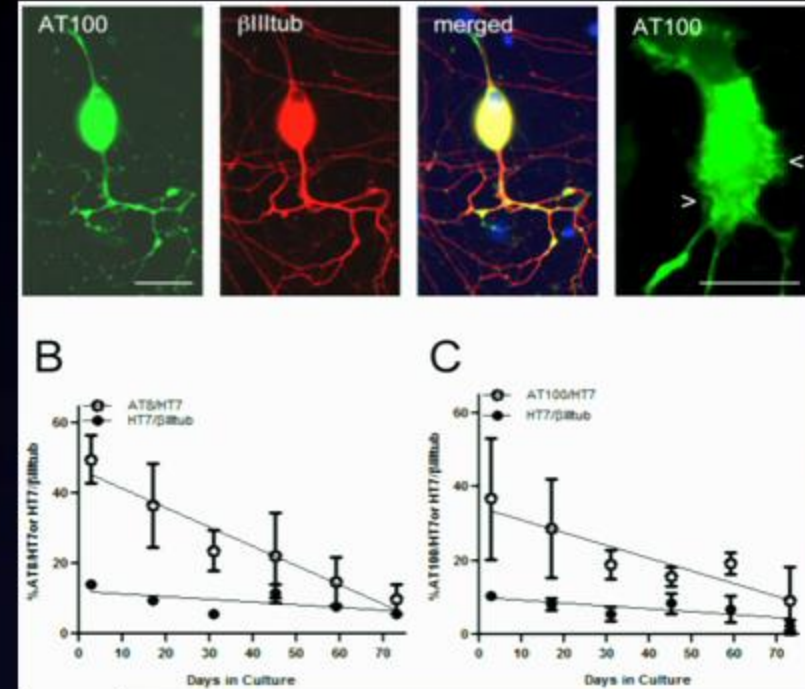


Long term DRG neuronal culture from P301S tau mice

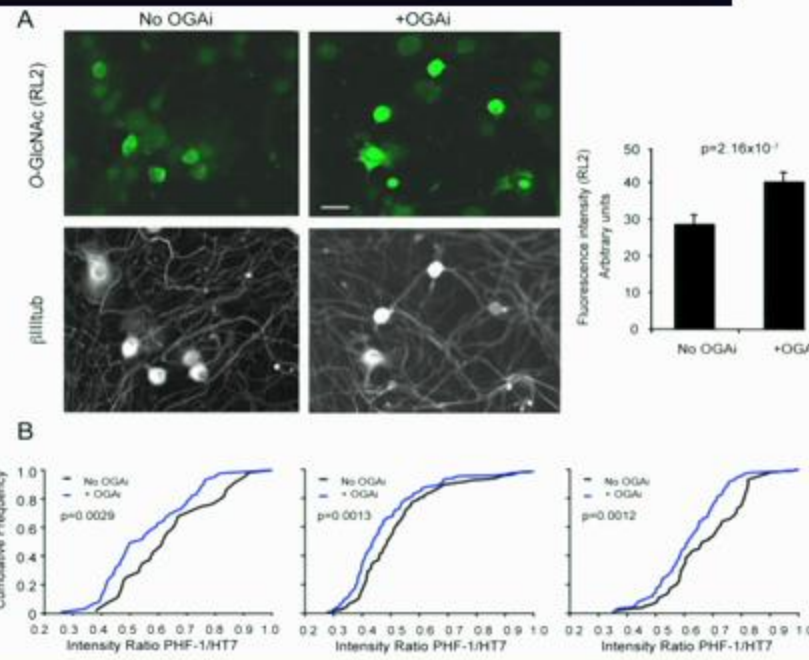
3 month-old



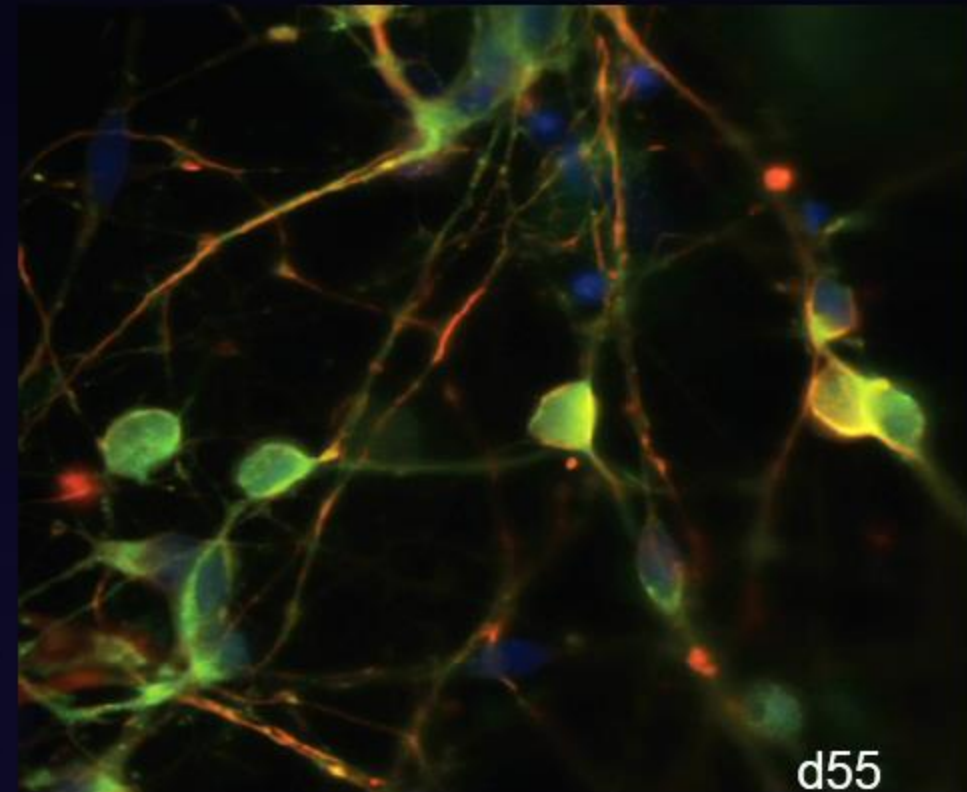
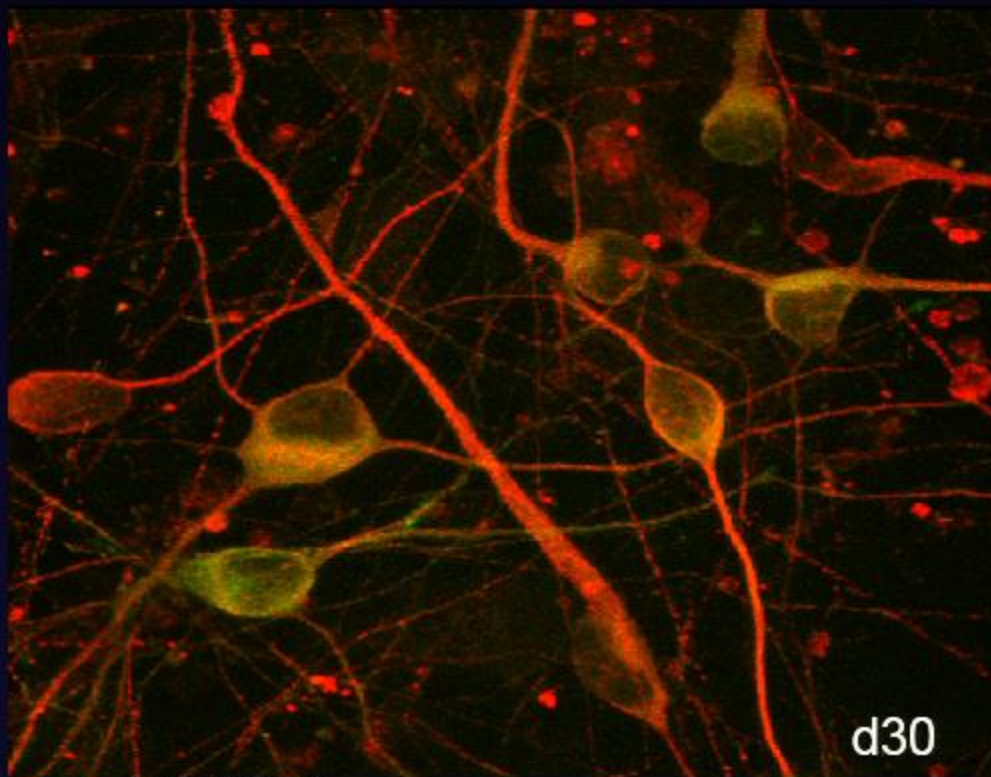
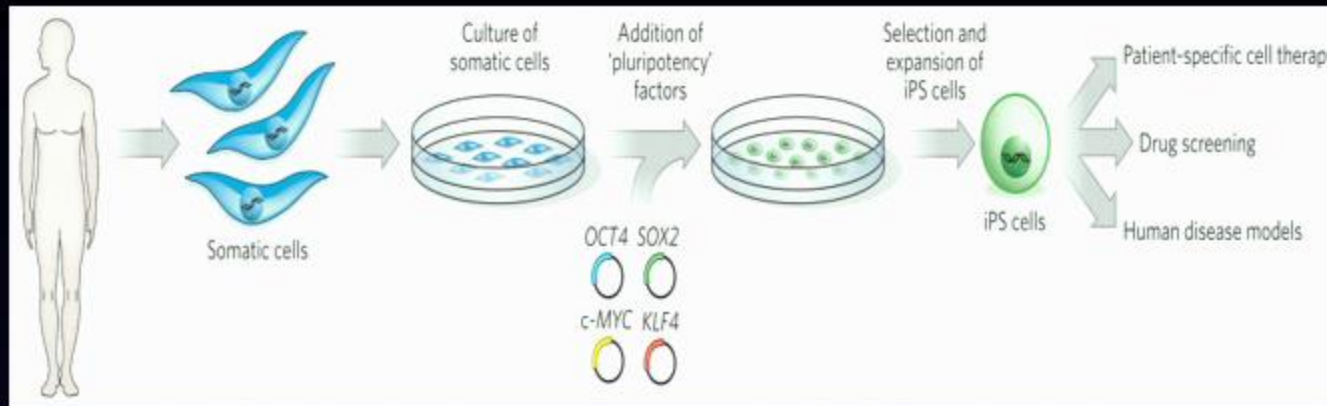
5 month-old



Inhibition of phosphorylation at S396 by O Glucosylation determined in long term DRG cultures →

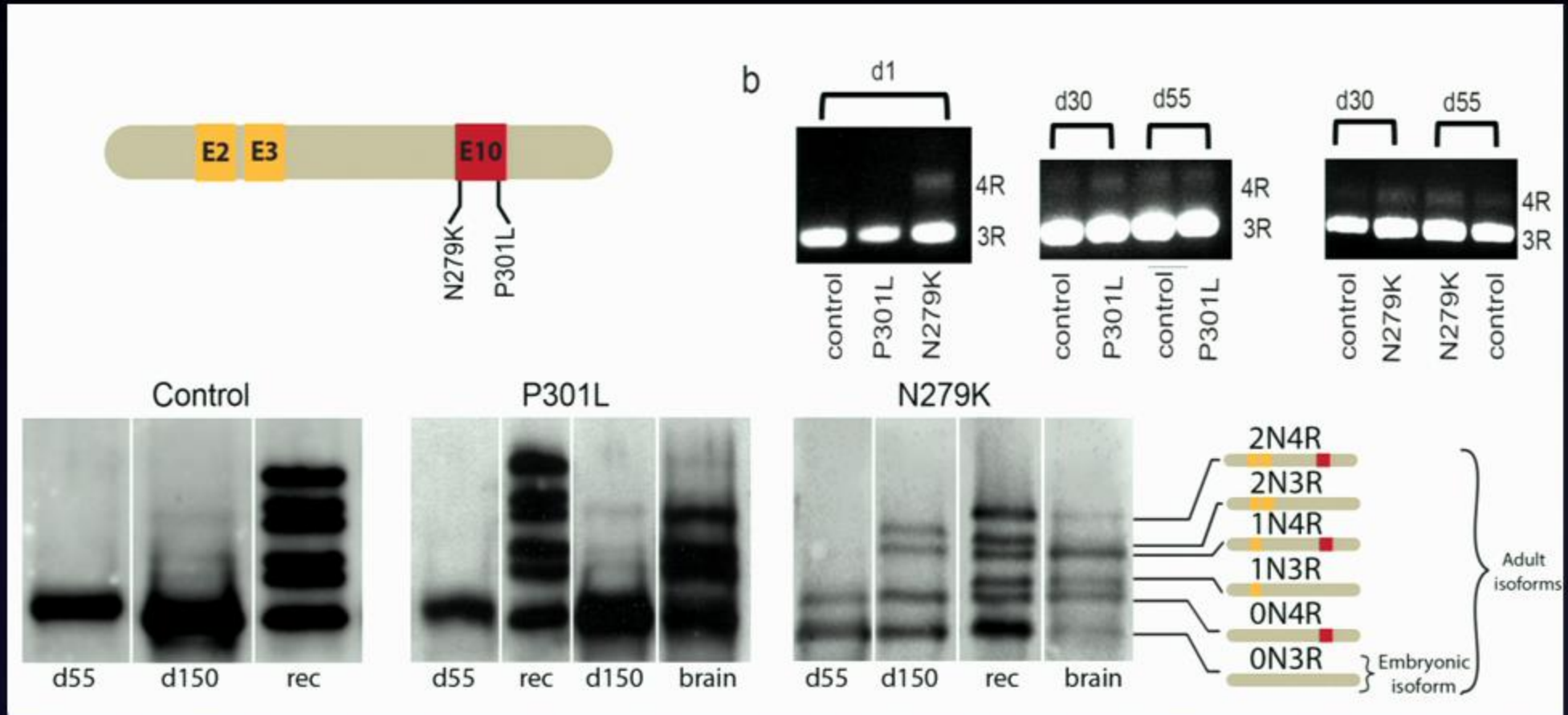


Neuroni da Fibroblasti di pazienti con mutazioni nel gene della Tau

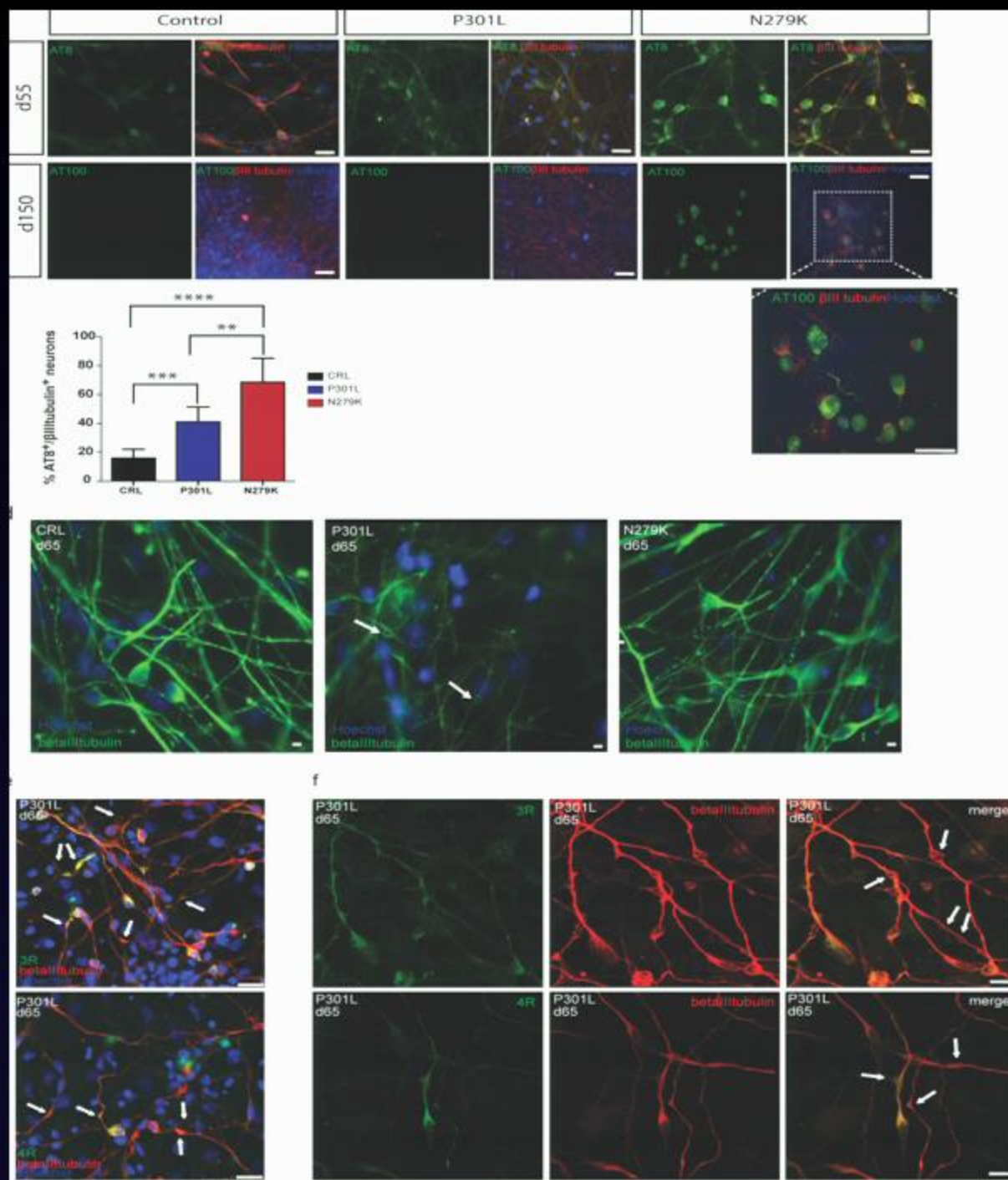


Red= β iii tubulin,
Green= Tau

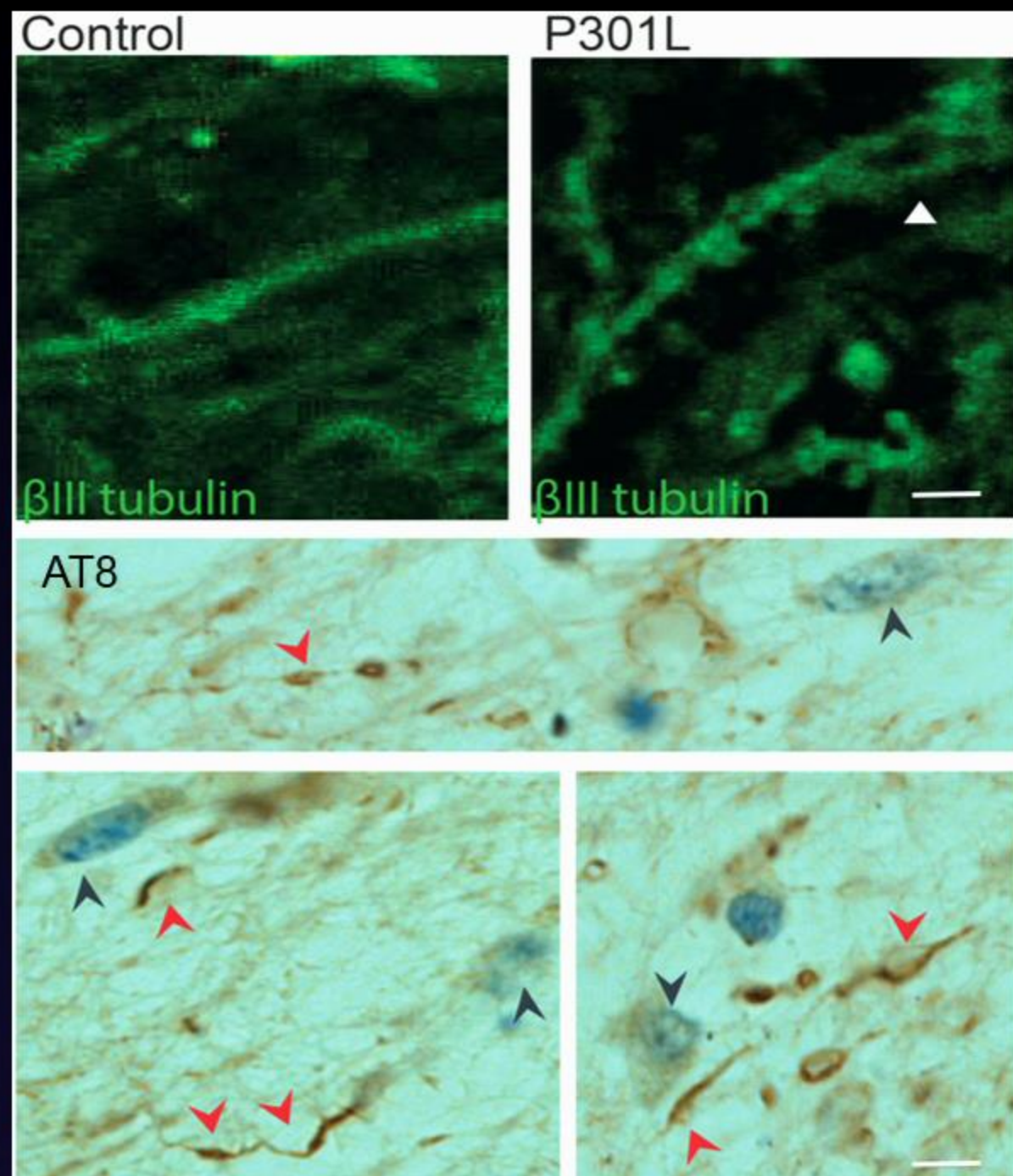
Time course of tau isoform expression in iPSC-derived neurones from control, P301L and N279K patients



Tau phosphorylation and morphology in iPSC-derived neurones



Varicosity-like structures in the brains of P301L tau patients



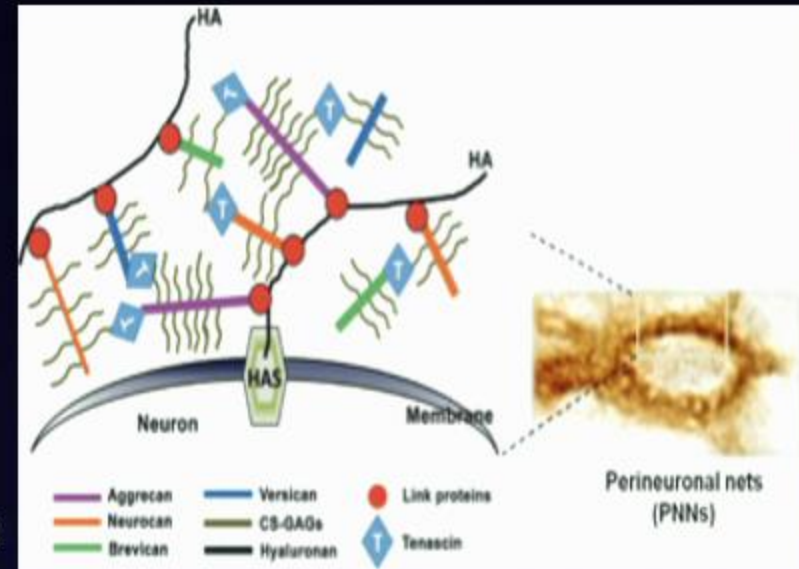
Puo' l'aumento di plasticita' migliorare I sintomi in malattie con aggregati di tau? Per sapere questo avevamo bisogno di:

- 1-identificare un'area specifica del cervello a cui potesse essere riferito un comportamento specifico
- 2- identificare un metodo per aumentare la plasticita';

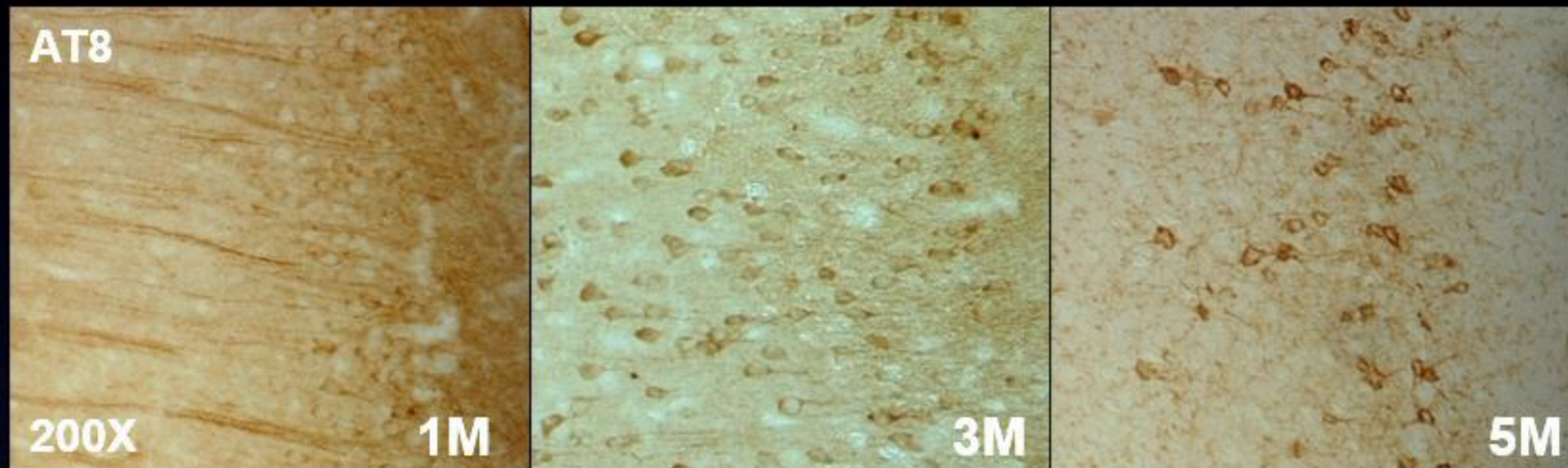
Perineuronal net (PNN) e' una struttura molto organizzata della matrice extracellulare che si sviluppa dopo la nascita e inibisce la rigenerazione e plasticita' nel SNC.

Per aumentare la plasticita' si puo' rimuovere il PNN con Chondroitinase ABC or link protein e questo ha dimostrato un aumento della memoria correlata con il riconoscimento di oggetti (OR) memory

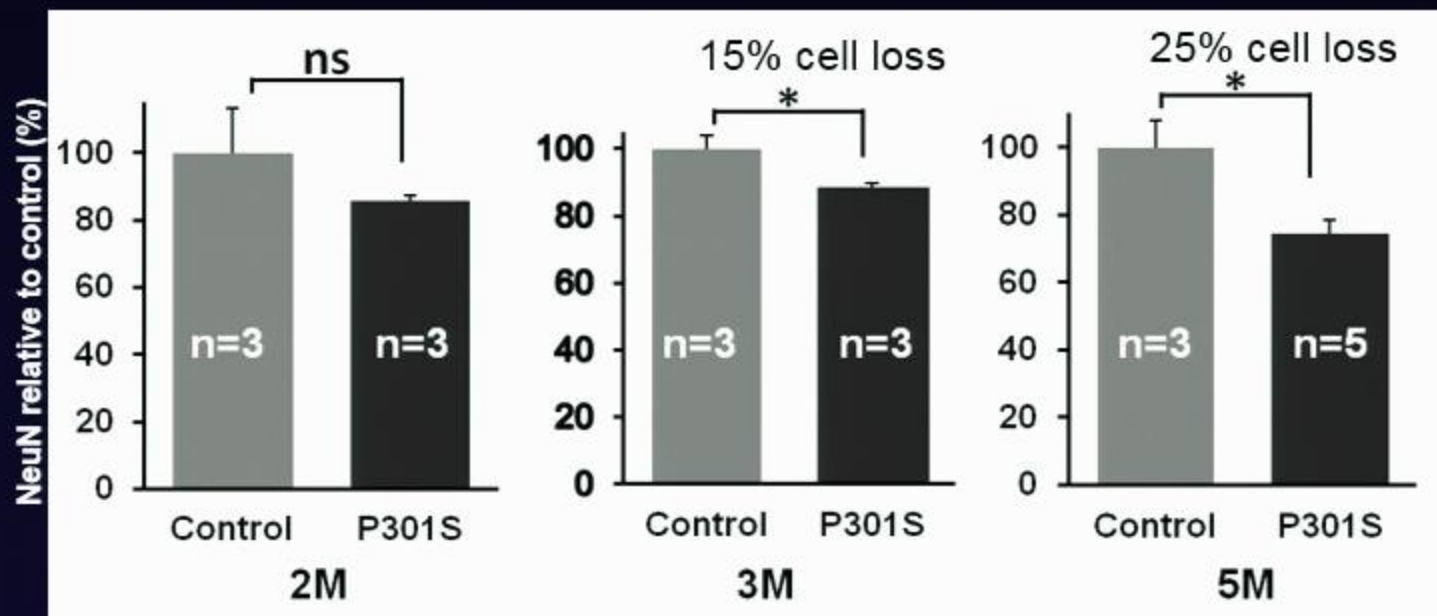
- 1-Perirhinal cortex e' coinvolta nella memoria correlata con il riconoscimento di oggetti;
- 2-La chondroitinase puo' essere utilizzata per rimuovere il PNN;



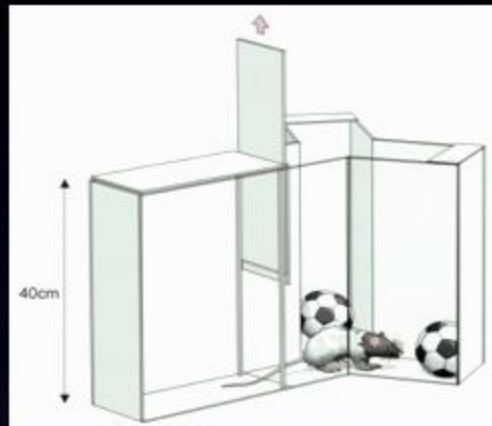
Progressive tau pathology in the Perirhinal cortex of P301S mice



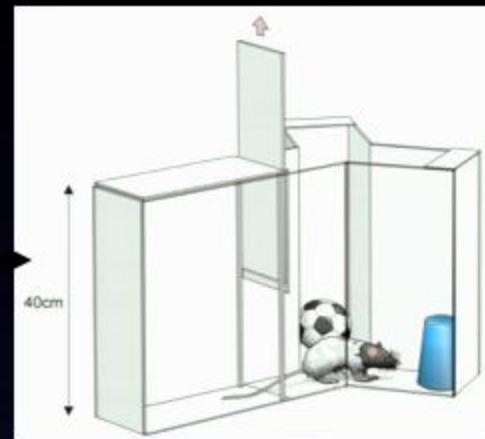
Progressive cell loss



Novel object recognition (NOR) test



Sample phase
(5 min)



Delay
(1 min or 3 hr)

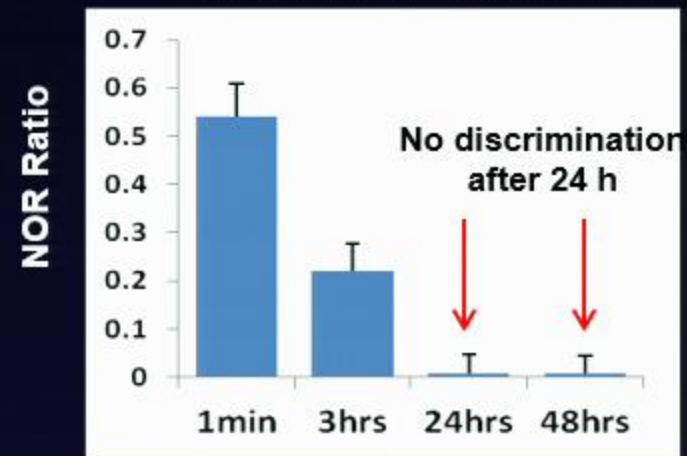
Choice phase
(5 min)



Object pairs for NOR test

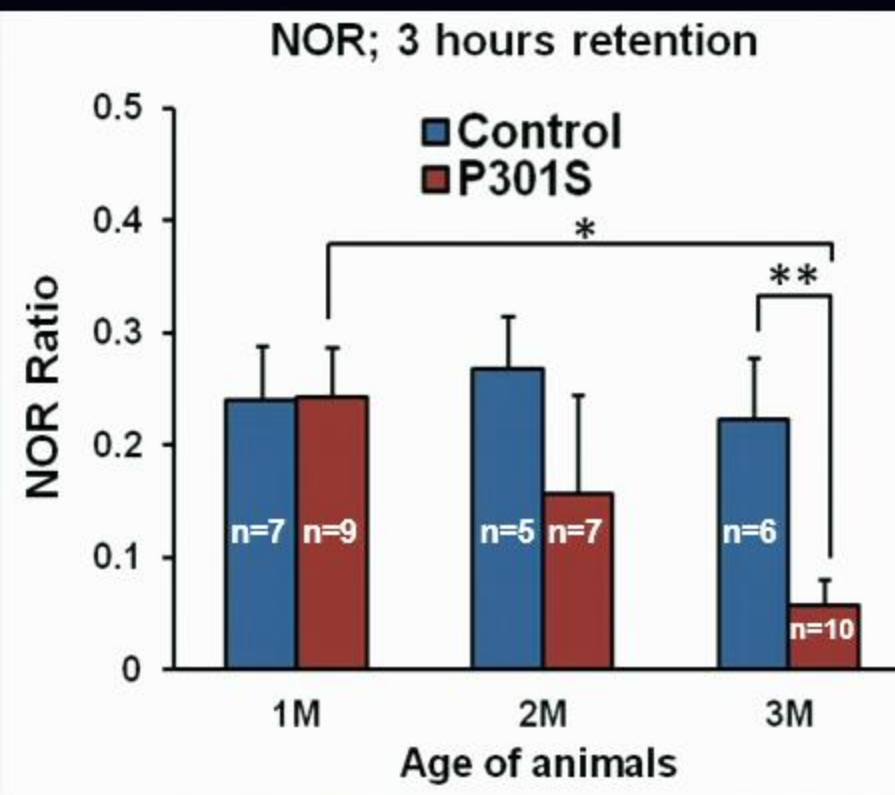
Analysis: NOR ratio = (novel - familiar object exploration) / total choice exploration

OR memory of WT mice

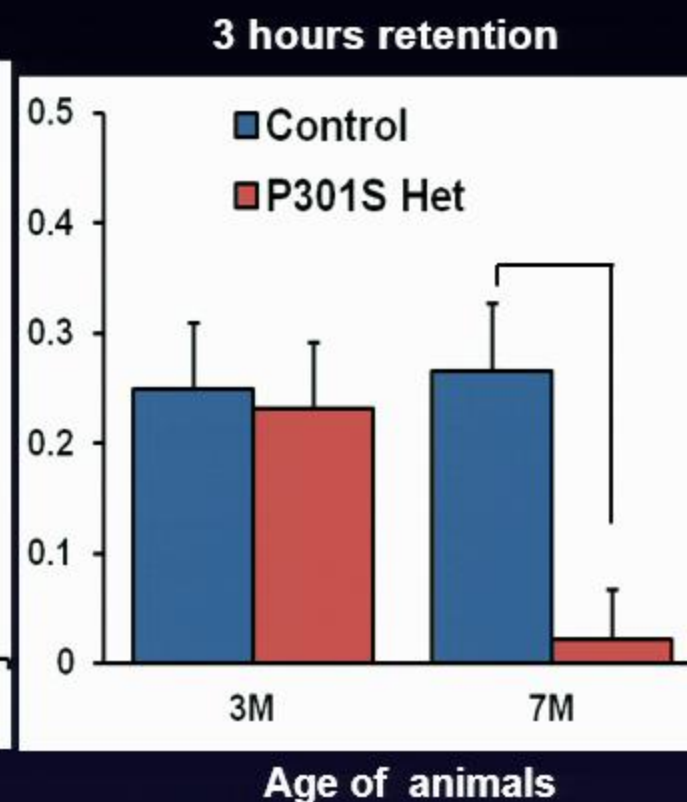
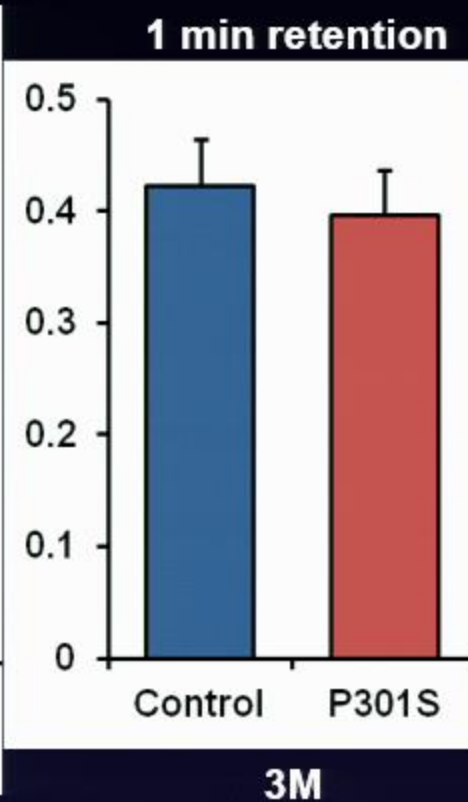


- NOR task using Y maze is the perirhinal (PRh) cortex dependent and lesion of the PRh cortex abolishes OR memory (Mumby DG *et.al*, 1994; Bartko SJ *et.al*, 2007; B.D. Winters *et.al*, 2010; Stephanie M. McTighe, *et al.* Science)

Temporal progression of OR memory deficit in Tg P301S mice



Homozygous mice



heterozygous mice

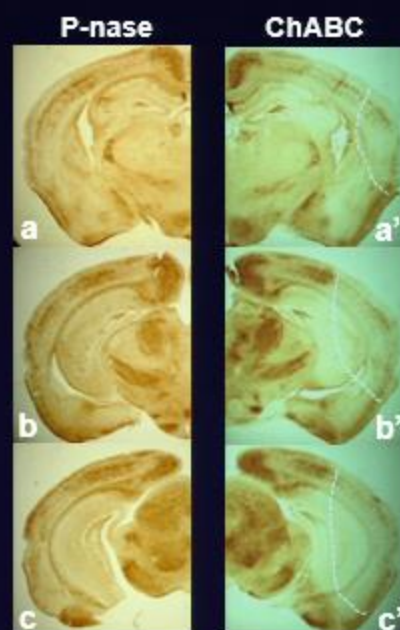
ChABC treatment enhanced OR memory in Tg P301S mice

A 0.5 μ l/injection/6 sites in total
50U/ml conc.



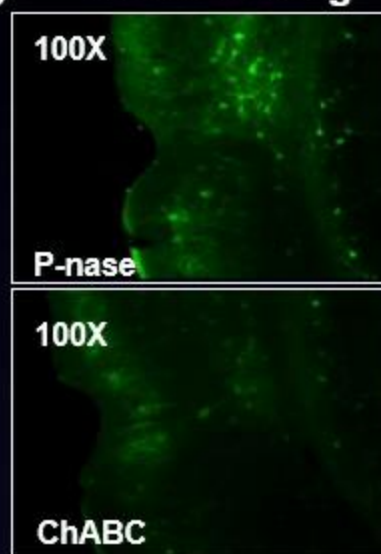
a: bregma -1.82mm
b: bregma -2.80mm
c: bregma -3.80mm

Modified from brain atlas

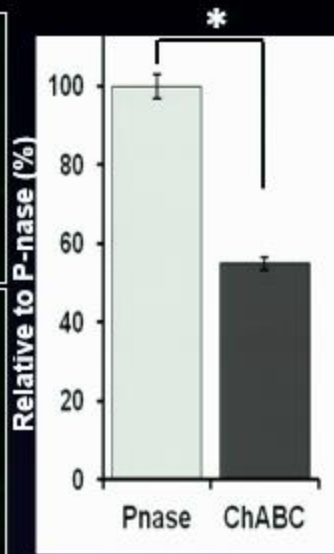


WFA staining

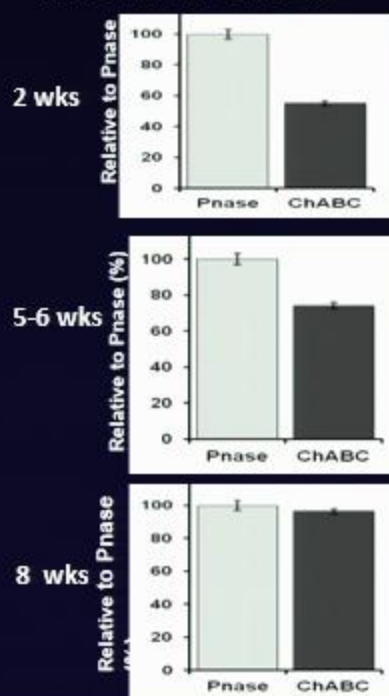
B WFA staining



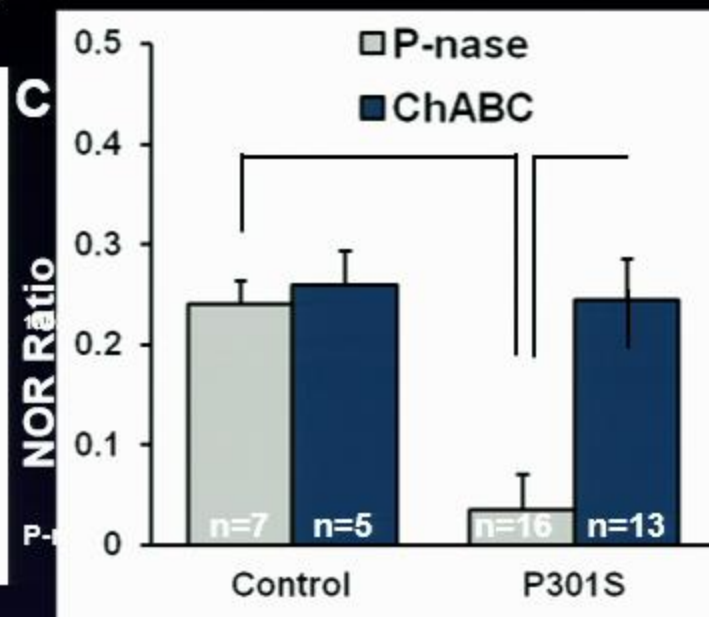
Reduction of PNNs



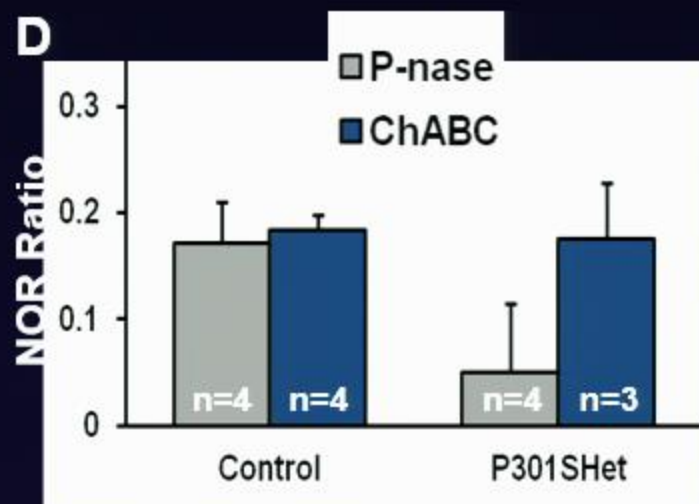
Time-dependent amount of PNNs after ChABC



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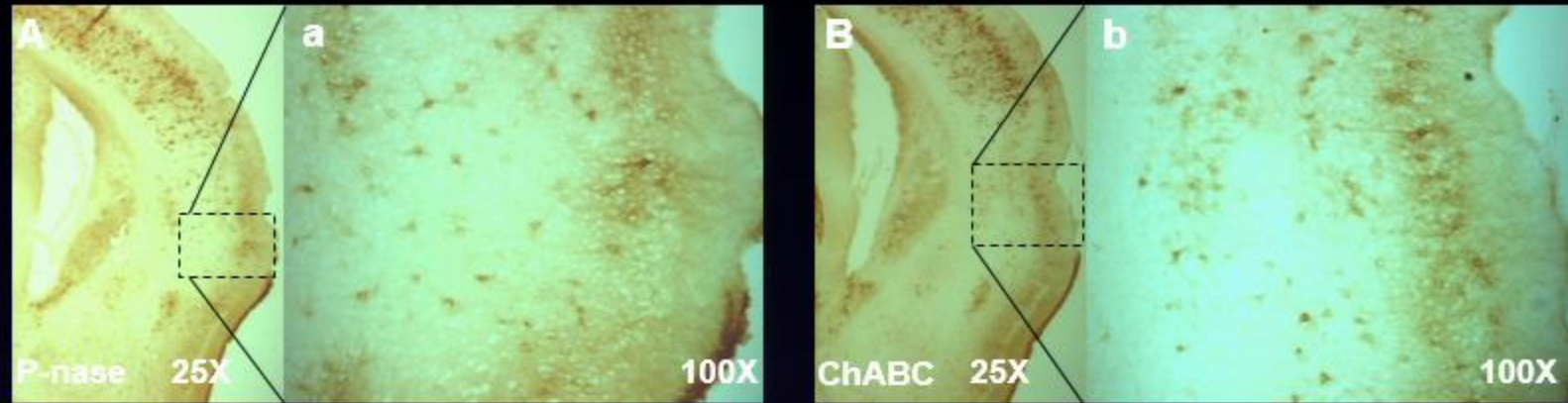


3 months homozygous mice

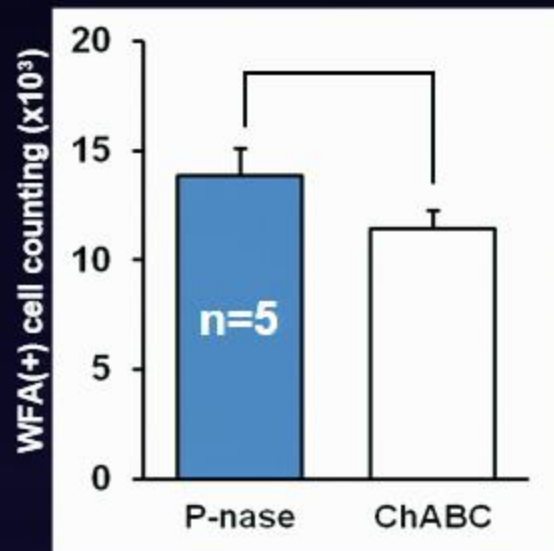


7 months heterozygous mice

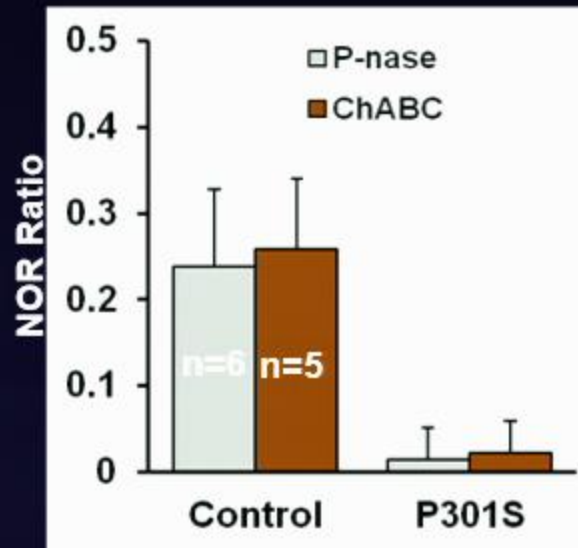
OR memory deficit returns 5 weeks after ChABC treatment in Tg P301S mice



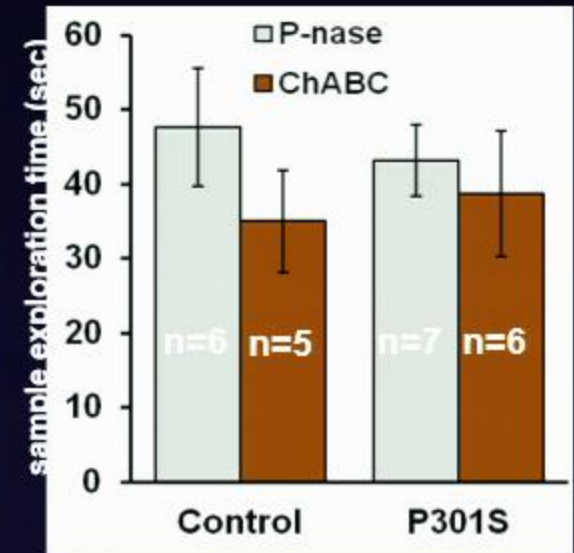
C Number of PNN (+) cells



D 3 hours retention



E Level of motivation



Conclusions

L'aumento di plasticita' puo' migliora la memoria, anche se in modo temporaneo, nei soggetti con patologia tau



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