

# BHV-8000, a Selective Brain-Penetrant TYK2/JAK1 Inhibitor in Development for Neuroinflammatory and Neurodegenerative Diseases, Demonstrates Efficacy in an Alpha-Synuclein Overexpressing Parkinson's Disease Mouse Model

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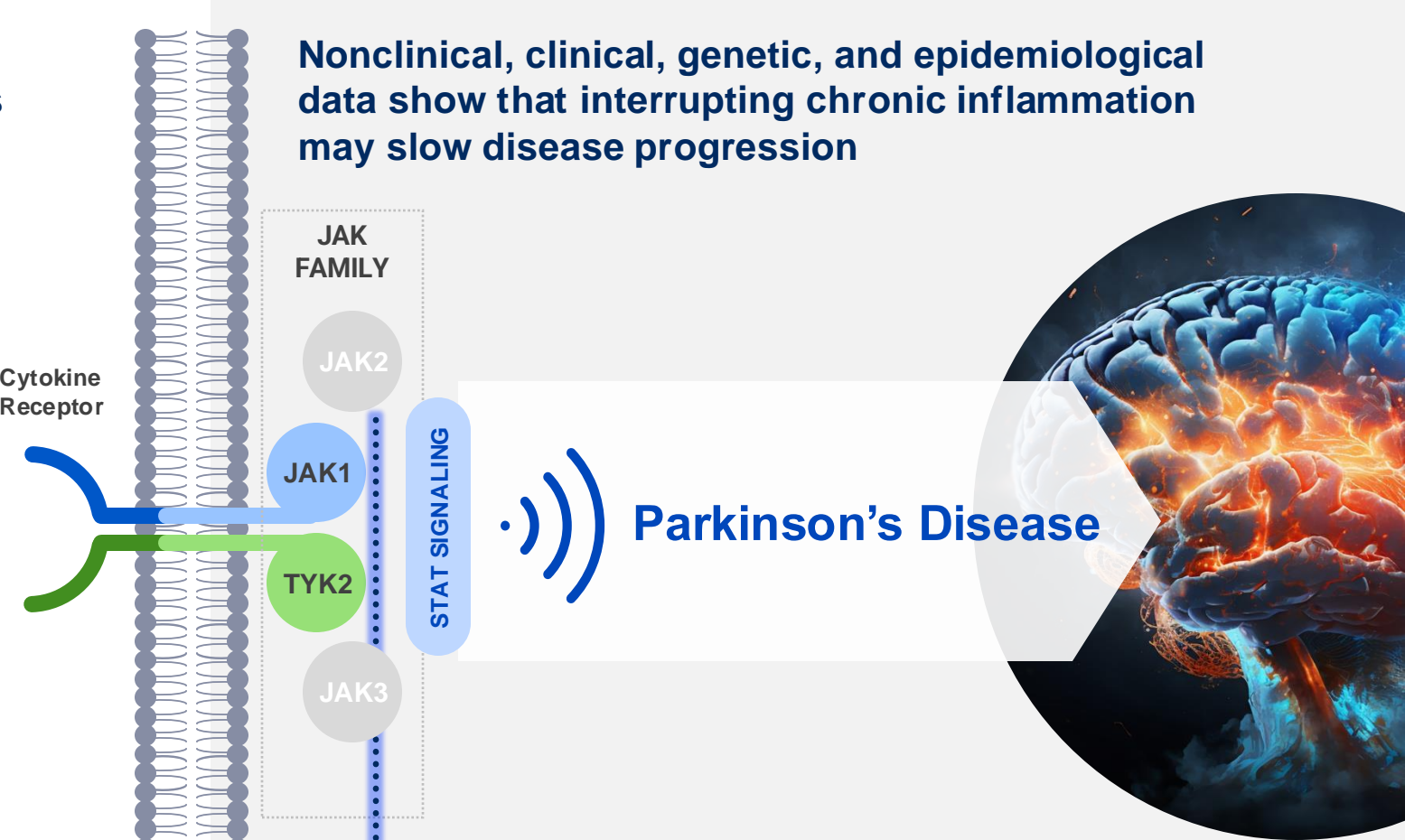
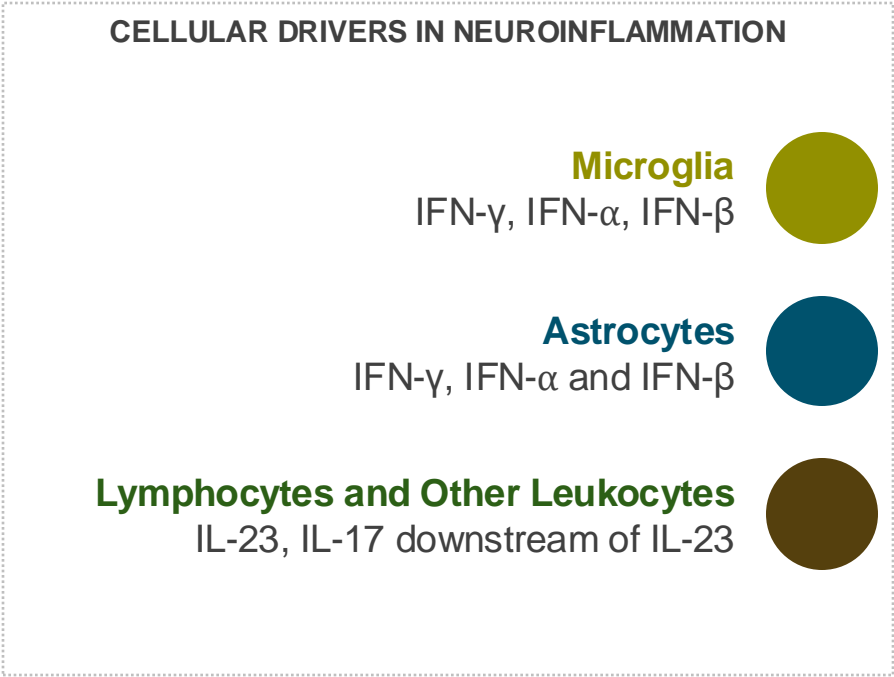
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# BHV-8000: Compelling Rationale for Brain-Penetrant TYK2/JAK1 Inhibitor to Treat Neuroinflammatory and Neurodegenerative Disorders

Inflammation plays a key role in the pathogenesis of neurodegenerative diseases

Nonclinical, clinical, genetic, and epidemiological data show that interrupting chronic inflammation may slow disease progression



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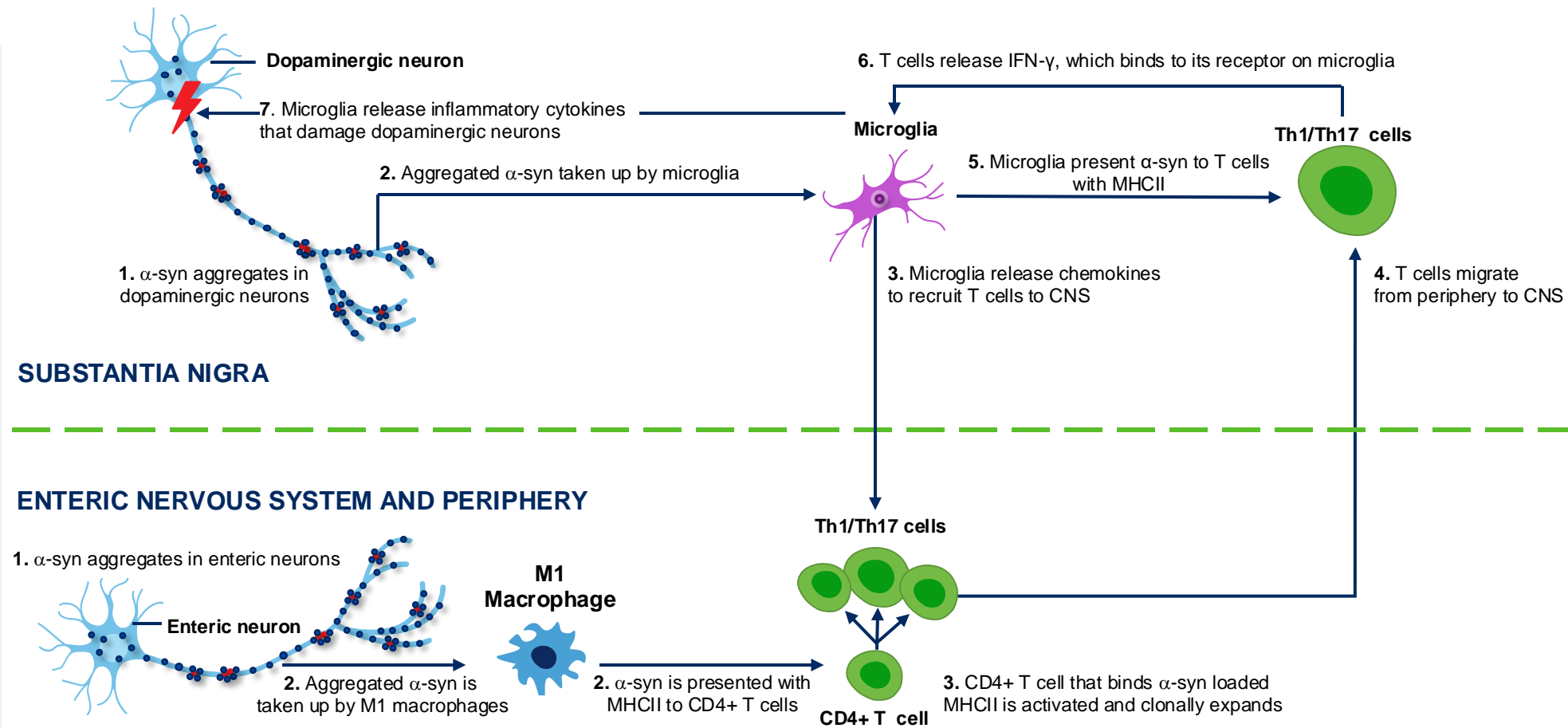
Dual, brain-penetrant inhibitor of TYK2 and JAK1 that effectively blocks Th17 cell generation, Type I IFN signaling, and inflammation

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# BHV-8000: Targets Both Axes of Neuroinflammation in Parkinson's Disease

## TYK2/JAK1 INHIBITION OF PARKINSON'S NEUROINFLAMMATORY CASCADE

TYK2/JAK1 inhibitors reduce Th17 cell activation and expansion by inhibiting IL-23 signaling and reduce microglial activation by inhibiting IFN- $\gamma$  signaling triggered by pathogenic  $\alpha$ -synuclein aggregates<sup>1,2</sup>



$\alpha$ -syn, alpha-synuclein; **CD4**, cluster of differentiation 4; **CNS**, central nervous system; **IFN- $\gamma$** , interferon-gamma; **IL**, interleukin; **JAK**, Janus kinase; **M1**, classically activated; **MHC**, major histocompatibility complex; **Th**, T helper cell; **TYK**, tyrosine kinase  
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# Real-World Analytics of Large Healthcare Database Show Parkinson's Disease Risk Reduction With TNF/IL-17 Targeting Therapies



- Biohaven conducted analysis using Komodo Health database (over 320 million patients since 2012) examining treatment with anti-TNF or anti-IL17 and incidence of PD
- Millions of patients over 8+ years of dosing captured key epidemiologic confirmation of the neuroinflammatory hypothesis
- Results support rationale for the effectiveness of BHV-8000 in treating PD

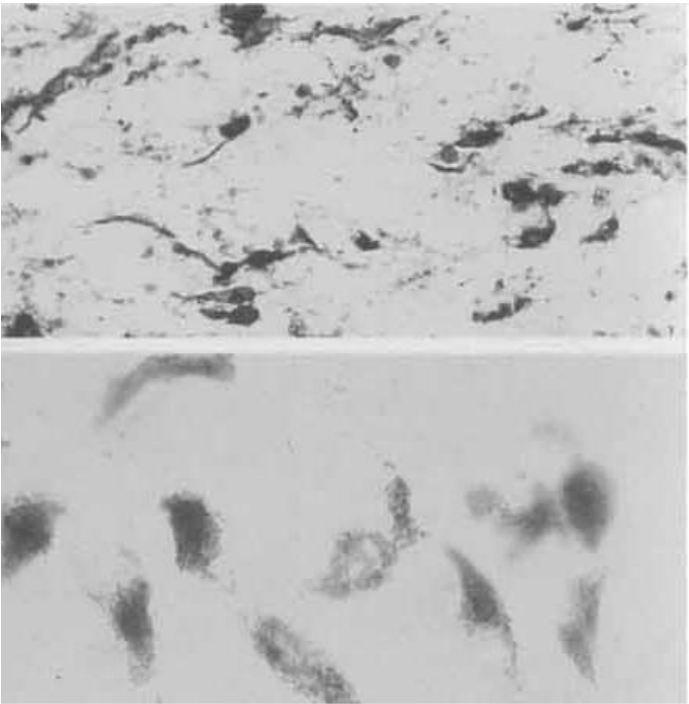
Treatment	PD Events	Person-years	Rate (per 100 person-years)	Adjusted IRR (95% CI)	P-value
Anti-TNF or Anti-IL-17 exposure	2,957	393,114	<b>0.66</b>	0.77 (0.74 – 0.80)	<0.0001
No Treatment	50,562	5,328,307	0.95		
Anti-TNF exposure	2,471	371,867	<b>0.66</b>	0.64 (0.52 – 0.80)	<0.0001
No Treatment	50,562	5,328,307	0.95		
Anti-IL-17 exposure	81	15,598	<b>0.52</b>	0.77 (0.78 – 0.81)	<0.0001
No Treatment	50,562	5,328,307	0.95		

IRR, incidence rate ratio; TNF, tumor necrosis factor.

# BHV-8000: Clinical Data Supports Targeting Neuroinflammation in Parkinson's Disease

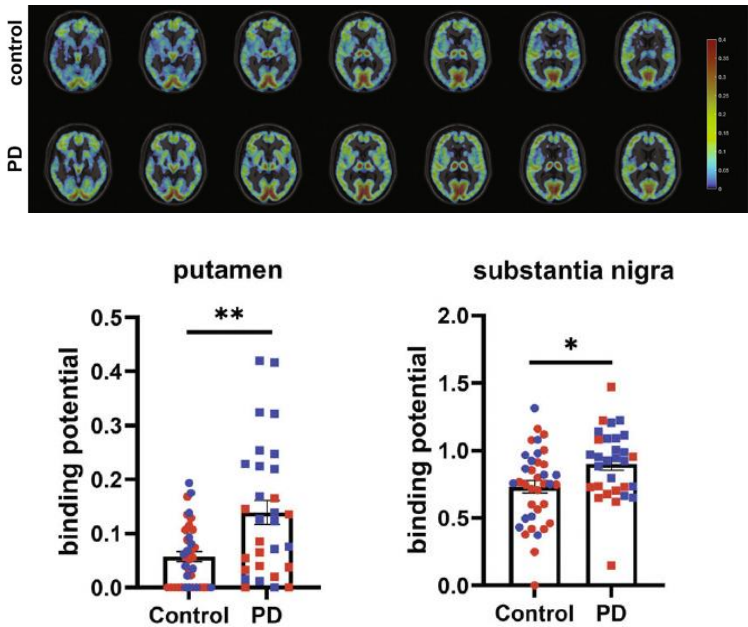
## Post-Mortem Data<sup>1</sup>

PD patient brains express high levels of HLA-DR+ reactive microglia



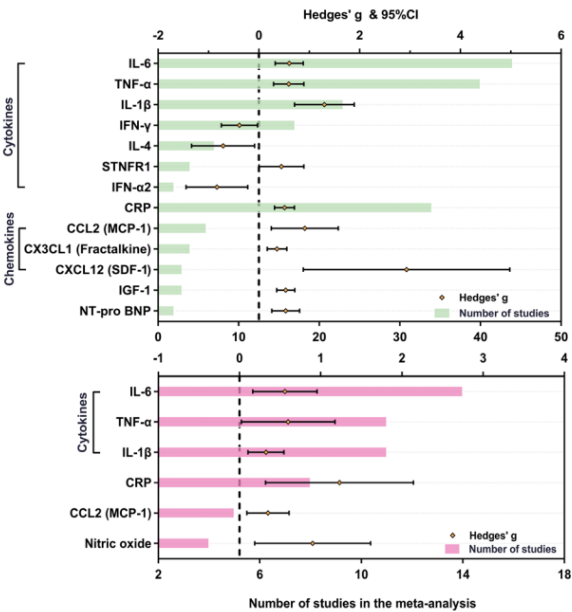
## In Vivo Imaging<sup>2</sup>

<sup>18</sup>F-DPA-714 TSPO imaging increased in early PD relative to healthy controls



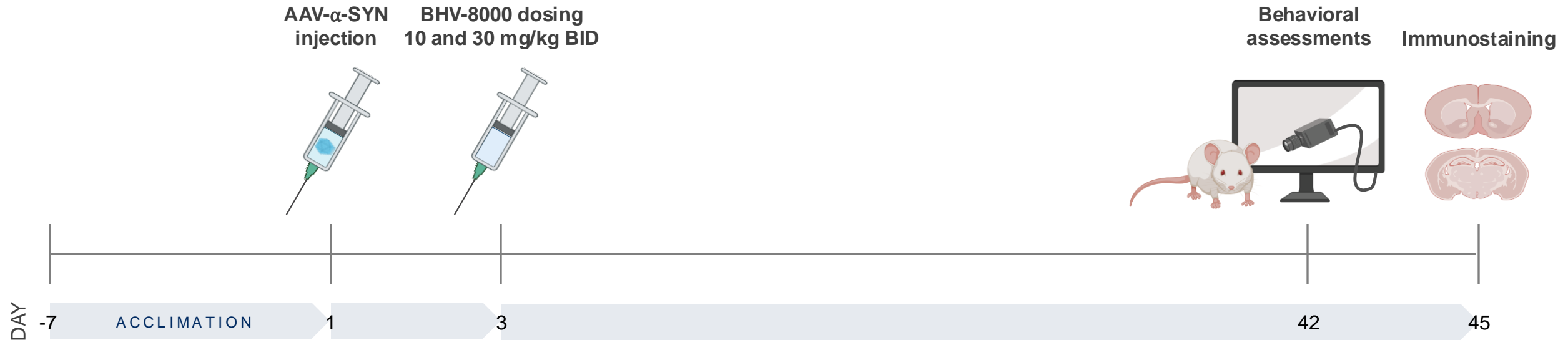
## In Vivo Cytokine Levels<sup>3</sup>

Elevated levels of pro-inflammatory cytokines (e.g., IL-1 $\beta$ , IL-6, TNF- $\alpha$ , IFN- $\gamma$ ) found in the CSF and blood of PD patients



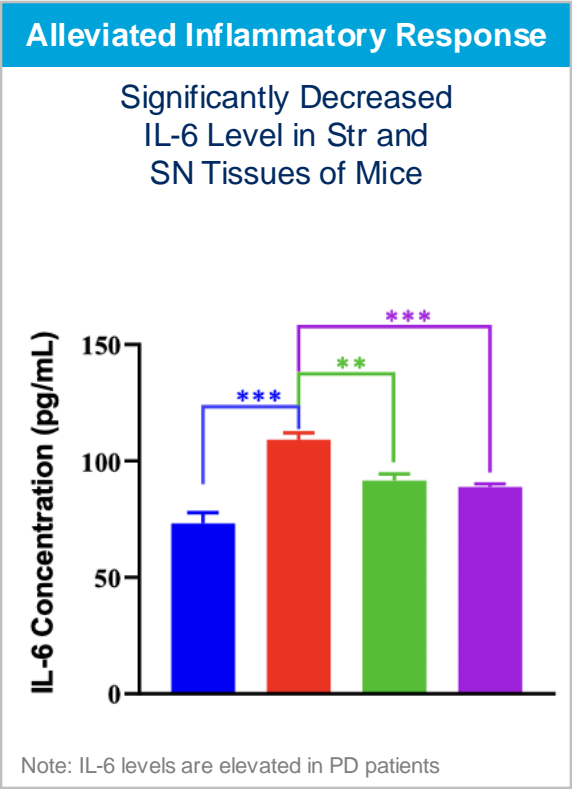
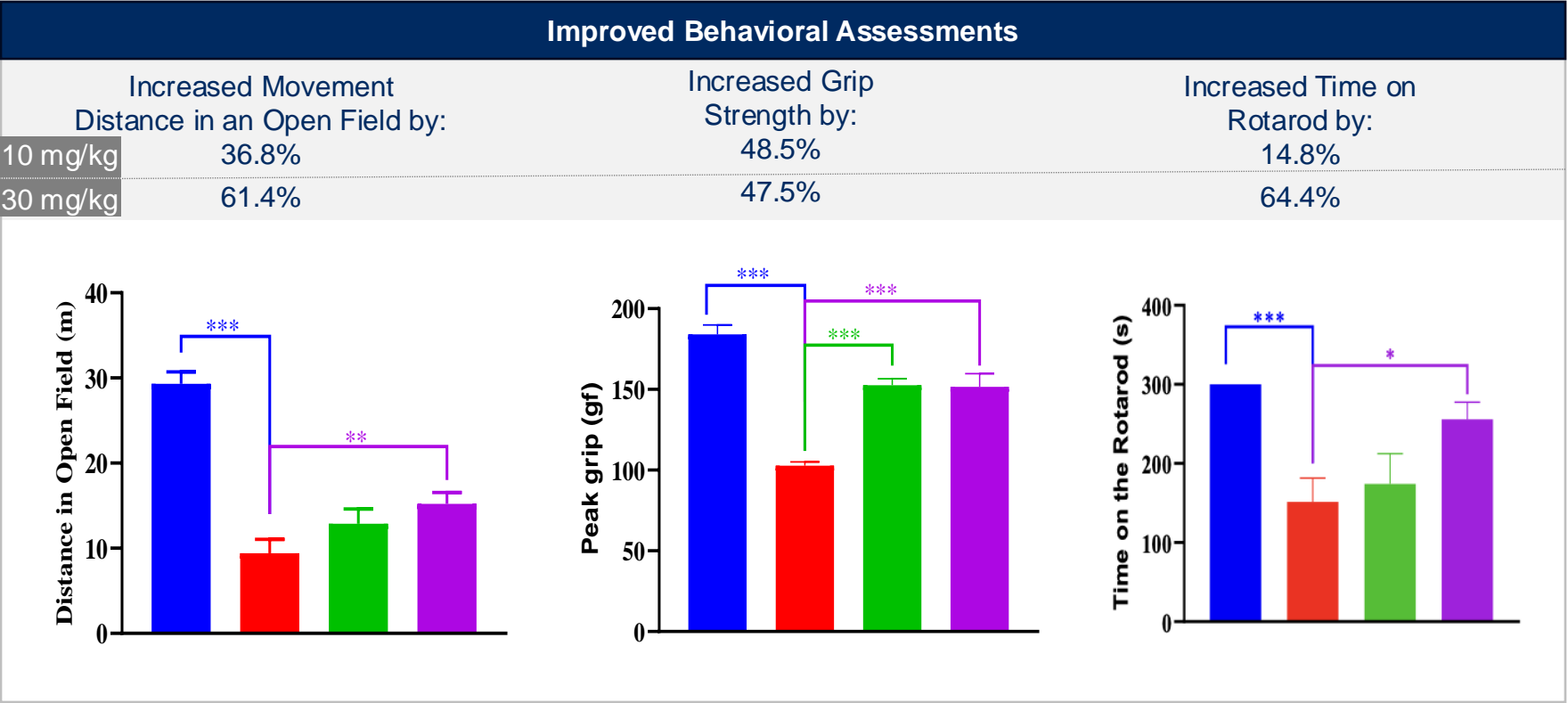
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# BHV-8000: AAV- $\alpha$ -synuclein Mouse Model of Parkinson's Disease





# BHV-8000: Efficacious in AAV-α-synuclein Mouse Model of Parkinson’s Disease



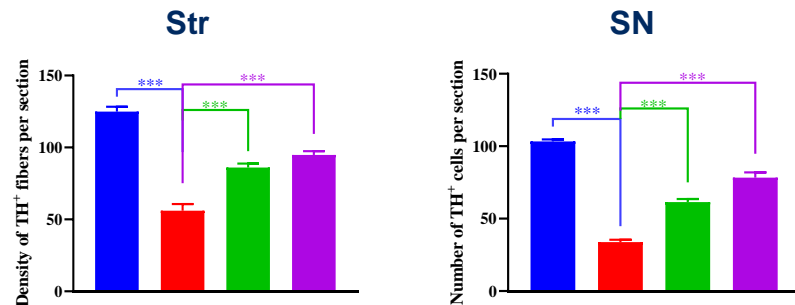
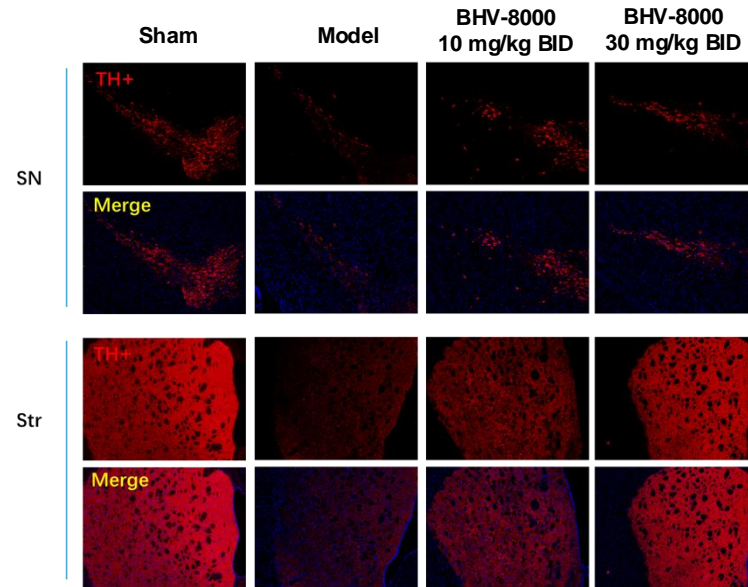
■ Sham    ■ Model    ■ BHV-8000 (10 mg/kg)    ■ BHV-8000 (30 mg/kg)    \* $p < 0.05$ , \*\* $p < 0.01$ , \*\*\* $p < 0.001$ , Note: Mean  $\pm$  SEM

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BHV-8000 improved PD-related motor behavior and alleviated inflammatory response in the brain in the α-syn overexpressing mouse model

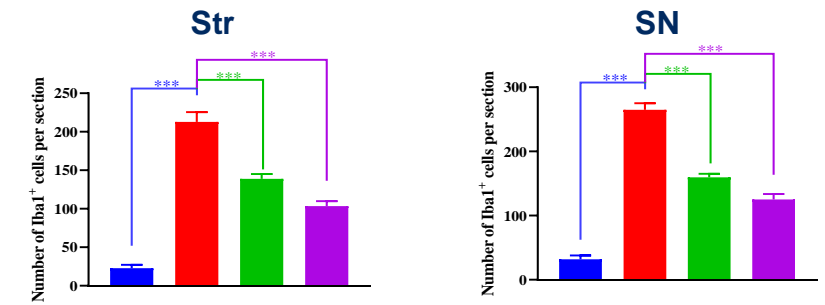
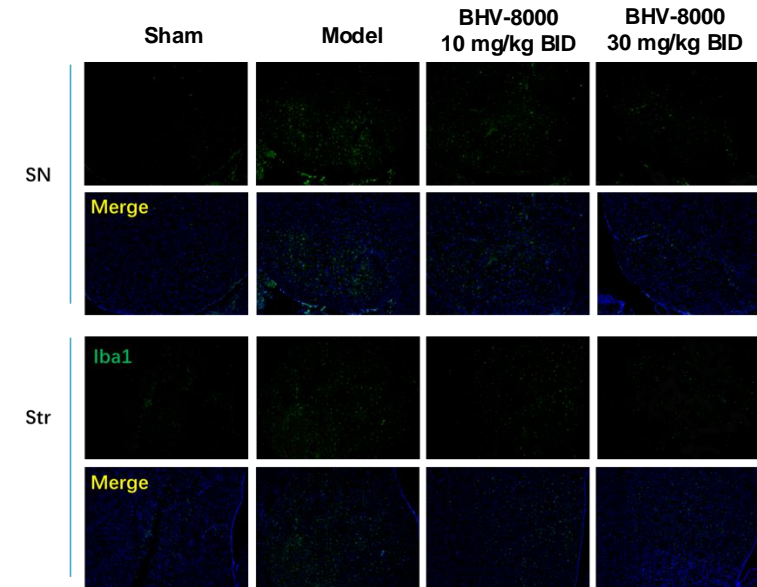
# BHV-8000: Mitigated Microglia Activation and Rescued Neuronal Death in AAV- $\alpha$ -synuclein Mouse Model of Parkinson's Disease

Reversed Neuron Death Indicated by Increased Counts of TH+ Neurons in SN



Sham  
Model  
BHV-8000 10 mg/kg BID  
BHV-8000 30 mg/kg BID  
\*\*\*p < 0.001

Mitigated Microglia Activation Represented by Reduced Numbers of Iba1+ Microglia





# BHV-8000: Brain-Penetrant TYK2/JAK1 Inhibitor Demonstrates Promising Phase 1 Profile

## Study Completed: 3 SAD cohorts and 3 MAD cohorts

- SAD dose cohorts (10, 20 and 30 mg); MAD dose cohorts (6, 10 and 20 mg)
- 8 healthy participants per cohort (6 active: 2 placebo)

## Safe and well-tolerated

- No SAEs or severe AEs; only mild AEs observed that resolved spontaneously
- No adverse laboratory trends related to study drug

## Evidence of target engagement

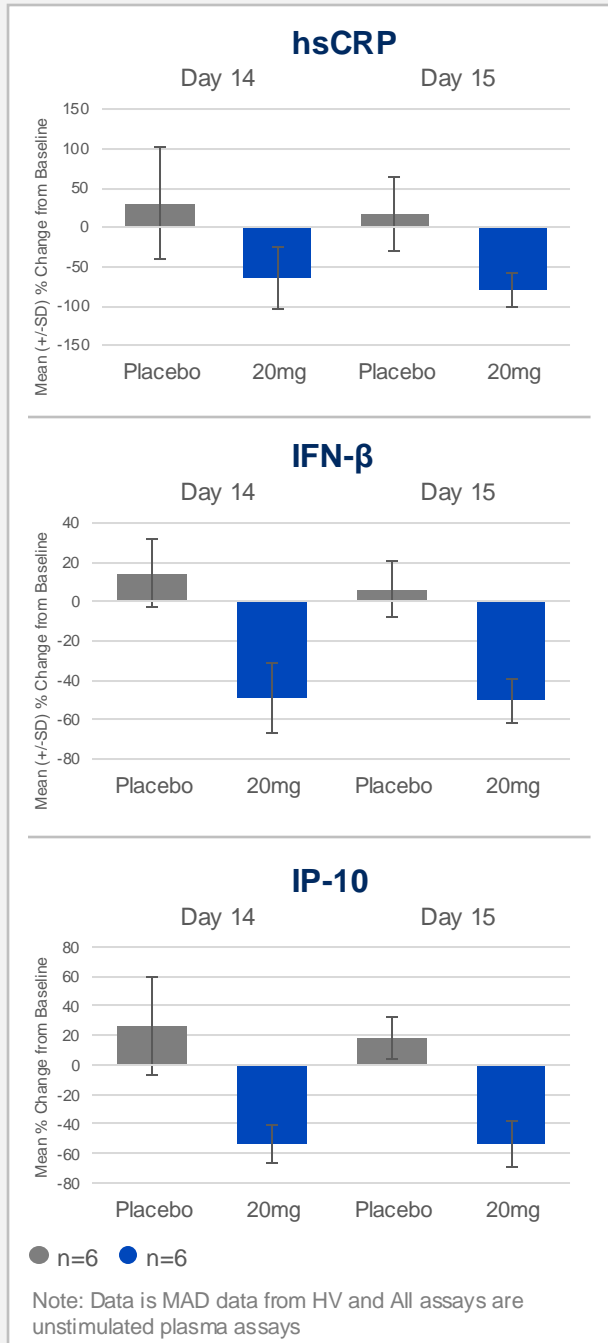
Hs-CRP, IFN- $\beta$  and IP-10 showed drug-related changes in plasma

## Robust brain penetration

Approximately 50% CNS penetration in humans

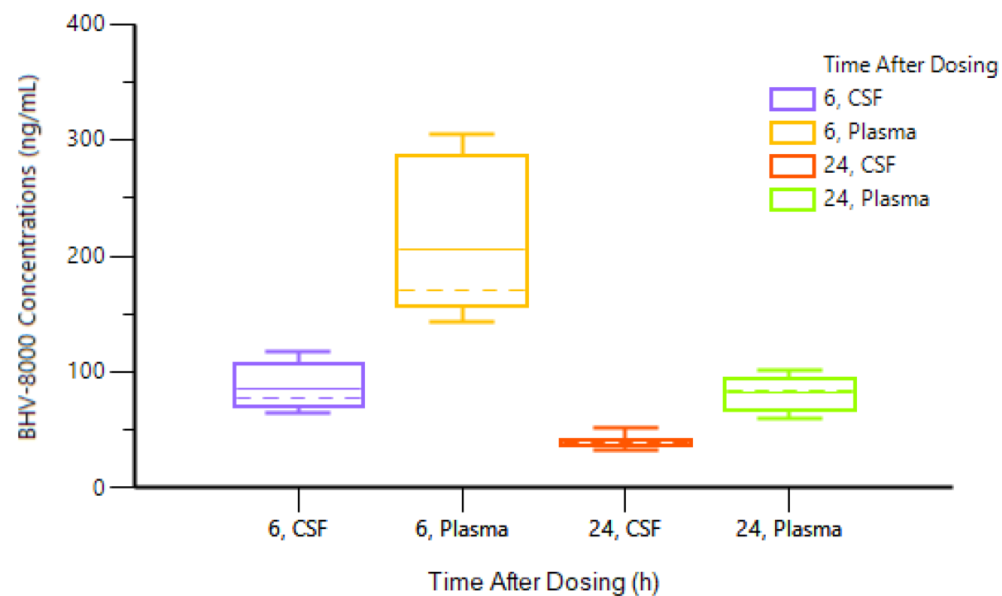
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Pharmacodynamic data shows target engagement in healthy subjects



# BHV-8000: Demonstrates Robust CNS Penetration in Phase 1

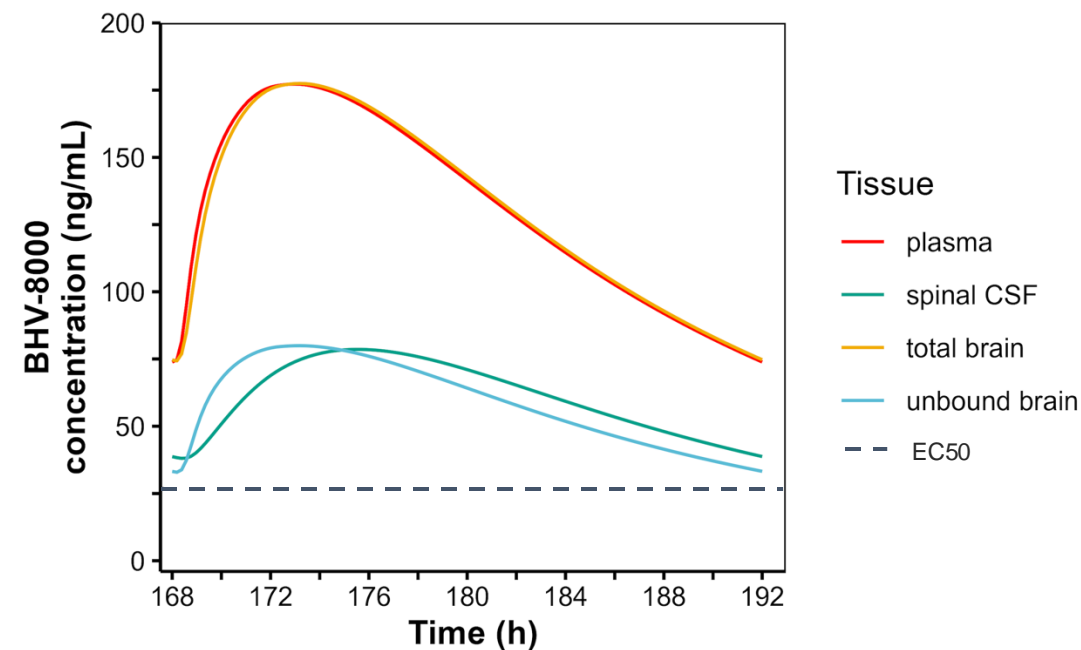
## CSF and Plasma Concentrations (20 mg QD)



Healthy subjects

CSF, Cerebro Spinal Fluid

## Brain PK Sustained Above EC50 for 24 Hours at 20 mg QD



Modelling data

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Expected to have sustained brain exposures above EC50 (target engagement)

# BHV-8000: Phase 2/3 Study in Early Parkinson's Disease

## Novel Primary Efficacy Endpoint

### Time-to-event ( $\geq 2$ -point worsening on MDS-UPDRS-Part II)

- Addresses FDA requirement for a functional endpoint in PD trials
  - MDS-UPDRS-Part II recommended, but declines very slowly in early PD
- 300 fewer patients per trial versus a mean change on MDS-UPDRS-Part II
- Based on comprehensive analyses of PPMI and placebo-arm clinical trial data (C-Path)

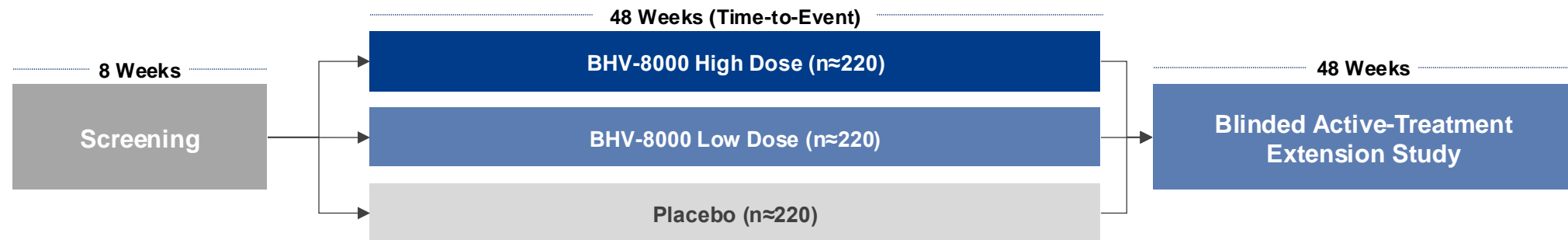
**Provides a meaningful efficacy endpoint with a smaller sample size**

## Novel Composite Endpoint

### Parkinson's Disease Composite Score (PARCOMS)

- Based on established methodology (i.e., Alzheimer's Disease Composite Score [ADCOMS])
- Leverages PPMI and placebo-arm clinical trial data (C-Path)
- Comprises the most responsive items from common endpoints in early PD trials

**Provides a highly-sensitive supportive secondary efficacy endpoint**



Preliminary clinical trial design; **PPMI**, Parkinson's Progression Markers Initiative; **MDS-UPDRS**, Movement Disorder Society – Unified Parkinson's Disease Rating Scale.

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Positive FDA feedback on novel time-to-event primary efficacy endpoint allows for a more efficient registrational study

## First-in-Clinic, Oral, Selective, Brain-Penetrant TYK2/JAK1 Inhibitor

- Selectivity profile avoids class risks associated with JAK2/3 inhibition

## Potential to Treat Multiple Neuroinflammatory & Neurodegenerative Disorders

- Supported by a broad range of clinical, translational, and epidemiological evidence
- Indications include early Parkinson's disease, anti-amyloid therapy-induced ARIA, early Alzheimer's disease, and multiple sclerosis

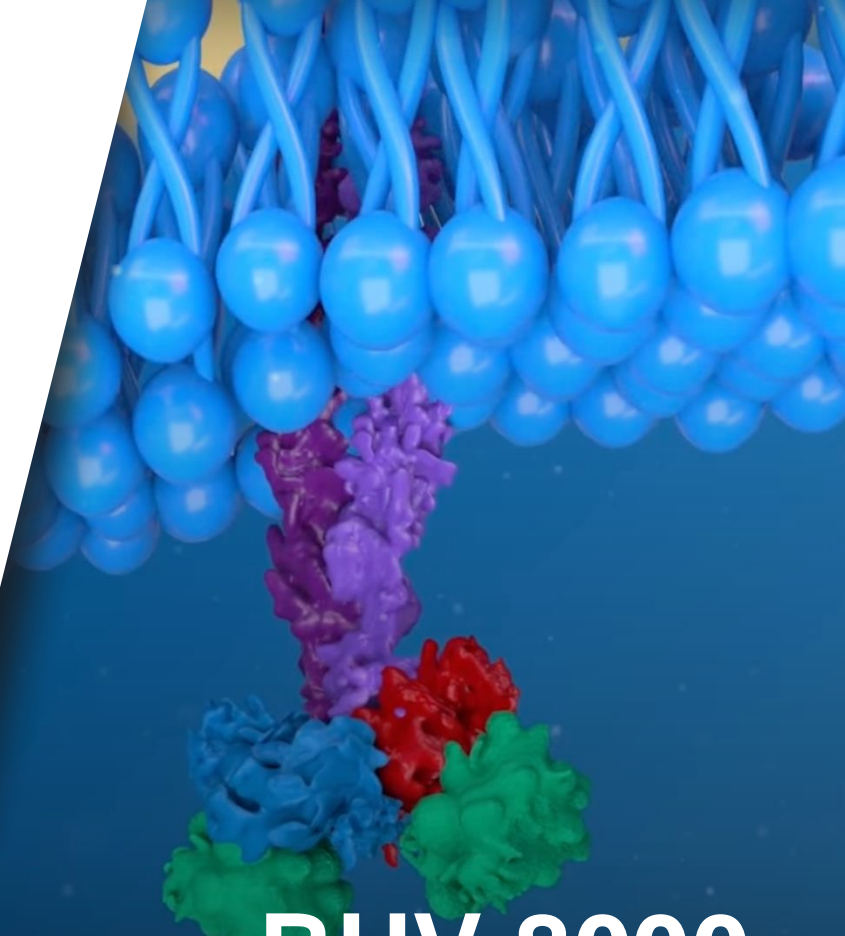
## Efficacious $\alpha$ -Syn overexpressing PD mouse model

- Reduced PD-related motor behavior
- Decreased neuroinflammation
- Reversed neuron cell death

## Phase 1 Trials are Completed

- Safe and well-tolerated
- Evidence of target engagement
- Robust brain penetration

PD, Parkinson's disease; ARIA, Amyloid-related imaging abnormalities; TYK, tyrosine kinase; JAK, Janus kinase.



**BHV-8000**  
TYK2/JAK1 INHIBITOR  
(brain-penetrant)

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Pivotal study in early Parkinson's disease planned to initiate in 1H 2025