

# Imageries précliniques pour la maladie d'Alzheimer

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Recherche et utilisation de biomarqueurs pertinents

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Eq. Maladie d'Alzheimer : Modélisation, Biomarqueurs, Imageries Précliniques, Evaluations Thérapeutiques

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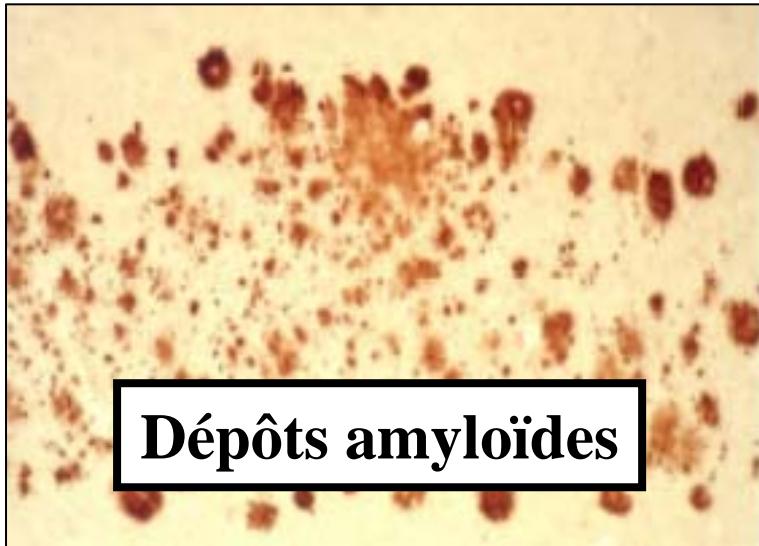
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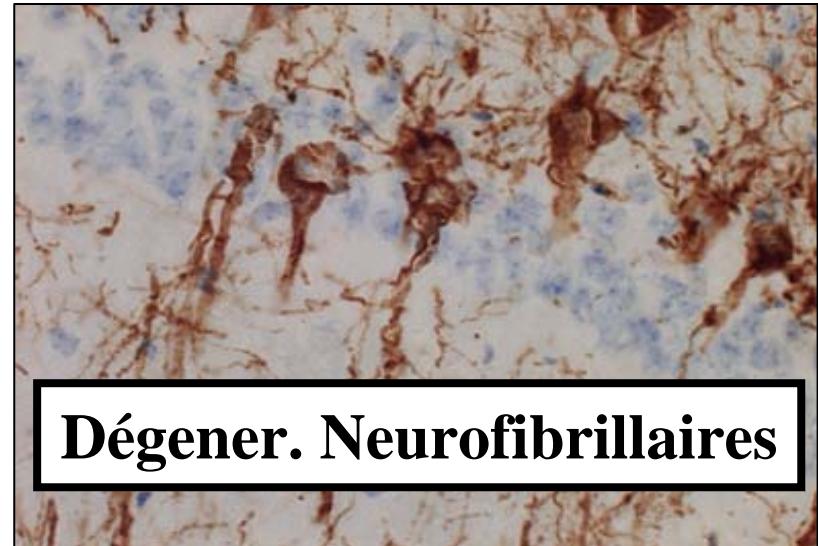
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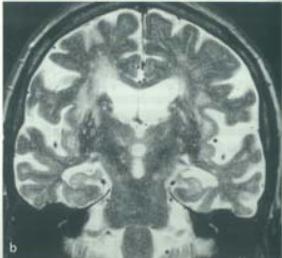
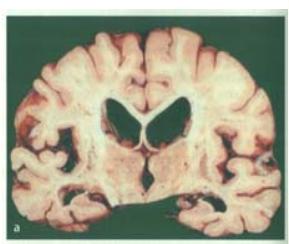
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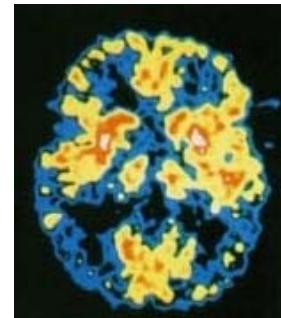
Dégener. Neurofibrillaires



Atrophie  
cérébrale



Altérations  
fonctionnelles



Altérations  
cognitives  
Démence



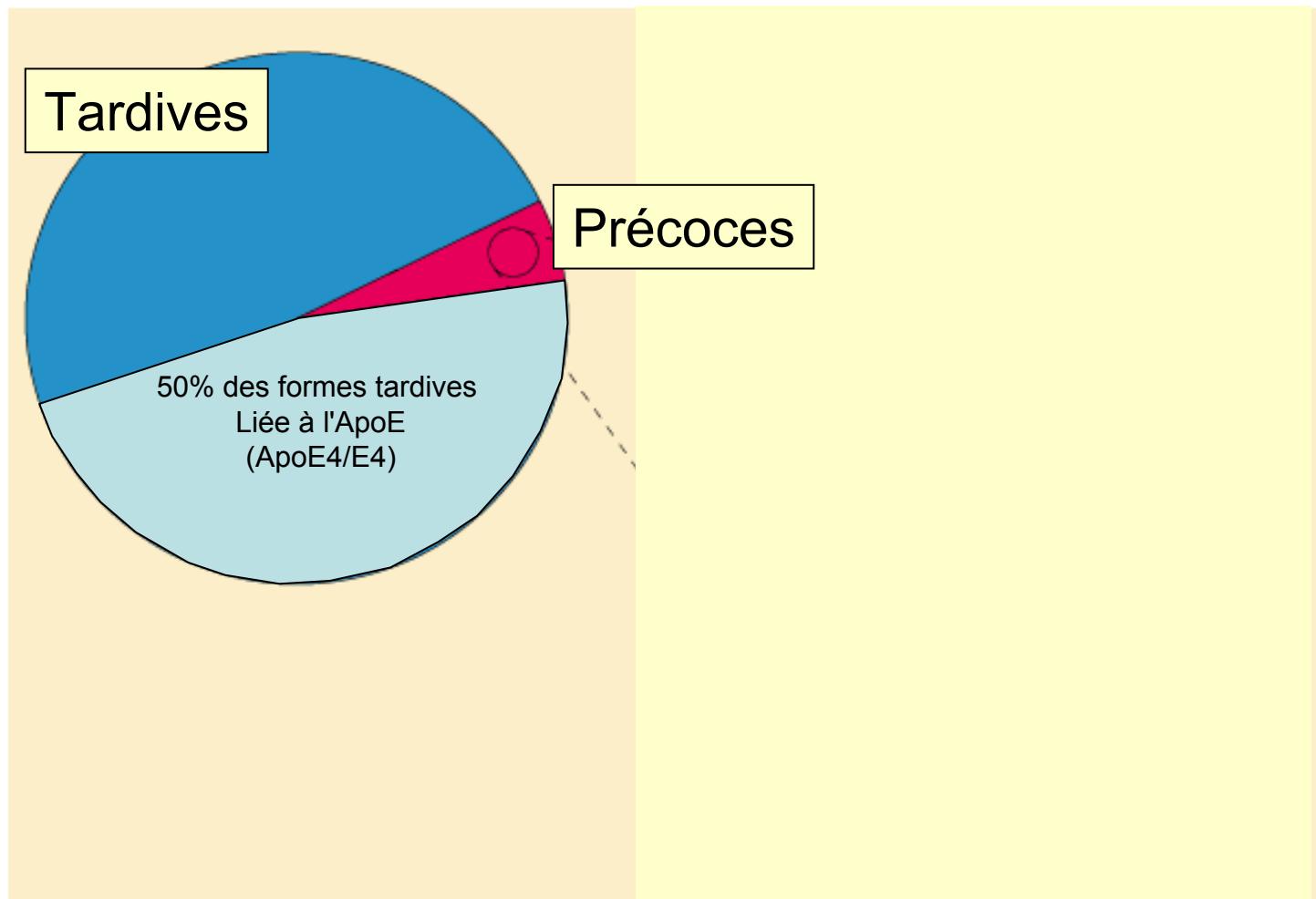


- Episodic memory impairments
- Supportive features
  - ❖ Medial temporal atrophy
  - ❖ Alteration of the CSF
  - ❖ Alterations of the PET
    - Reduced glucose metabolism in bilateral temporal-parietal regions
    - Amyloid detection by PET (PIB-FDDNP...)

Dubois, B. et al.-2007  
Lancet Neurol **6**(8): 734-46.

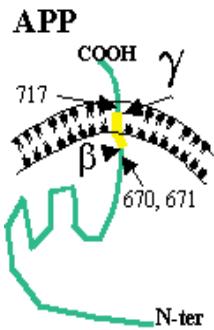
# Quelques rares causes génétiques

Relative frequency of early and late-onset Alzheimer's and the proportion of early-onset cases attributed to mutations in specific genes such as APP, PS1, PS2 or others



From, Piecing Together Alzheimer's by Peter H St George-Hyslop.  
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# Amyloid cascade hypothesis (simplified)



## Beta Amyloid

Mutations: APP + PS1

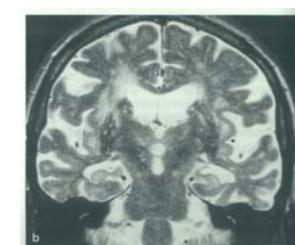


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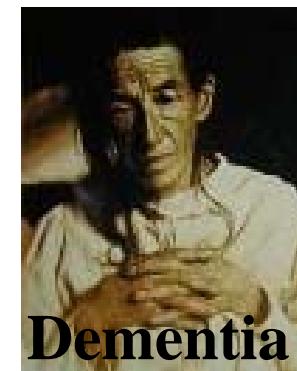
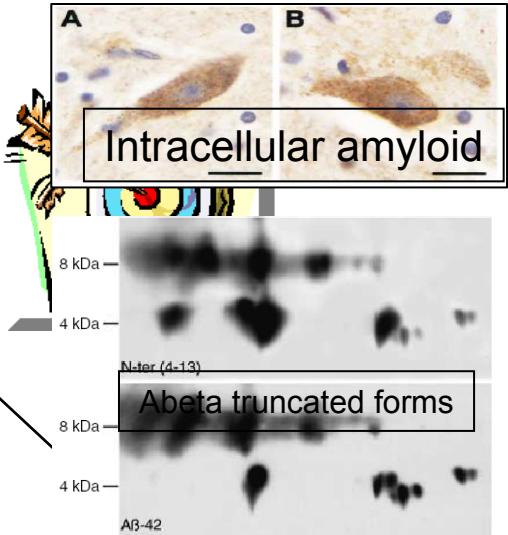


NFT

Functional  
alterations



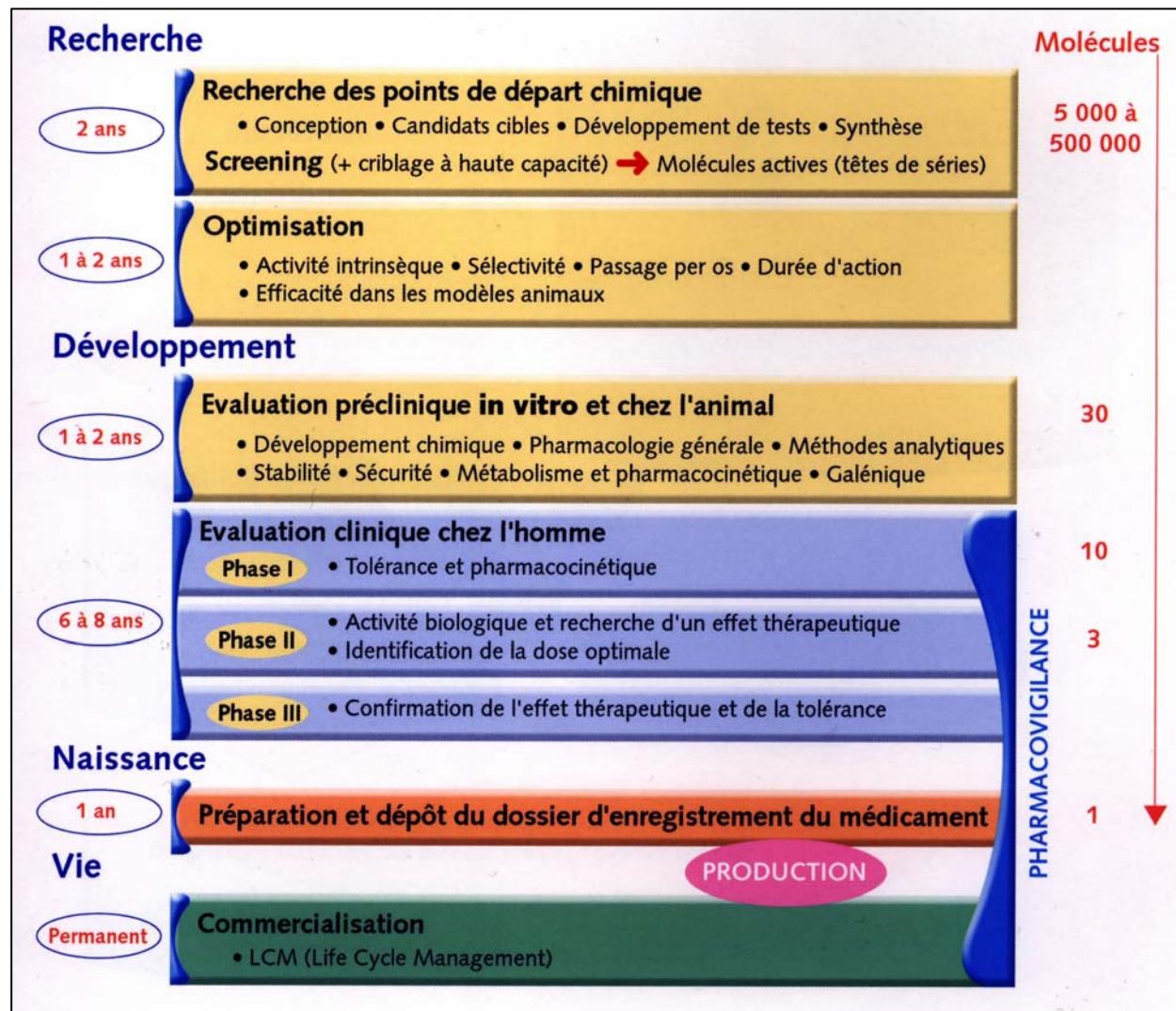
Atrophy  
Hippoc...



Dementia

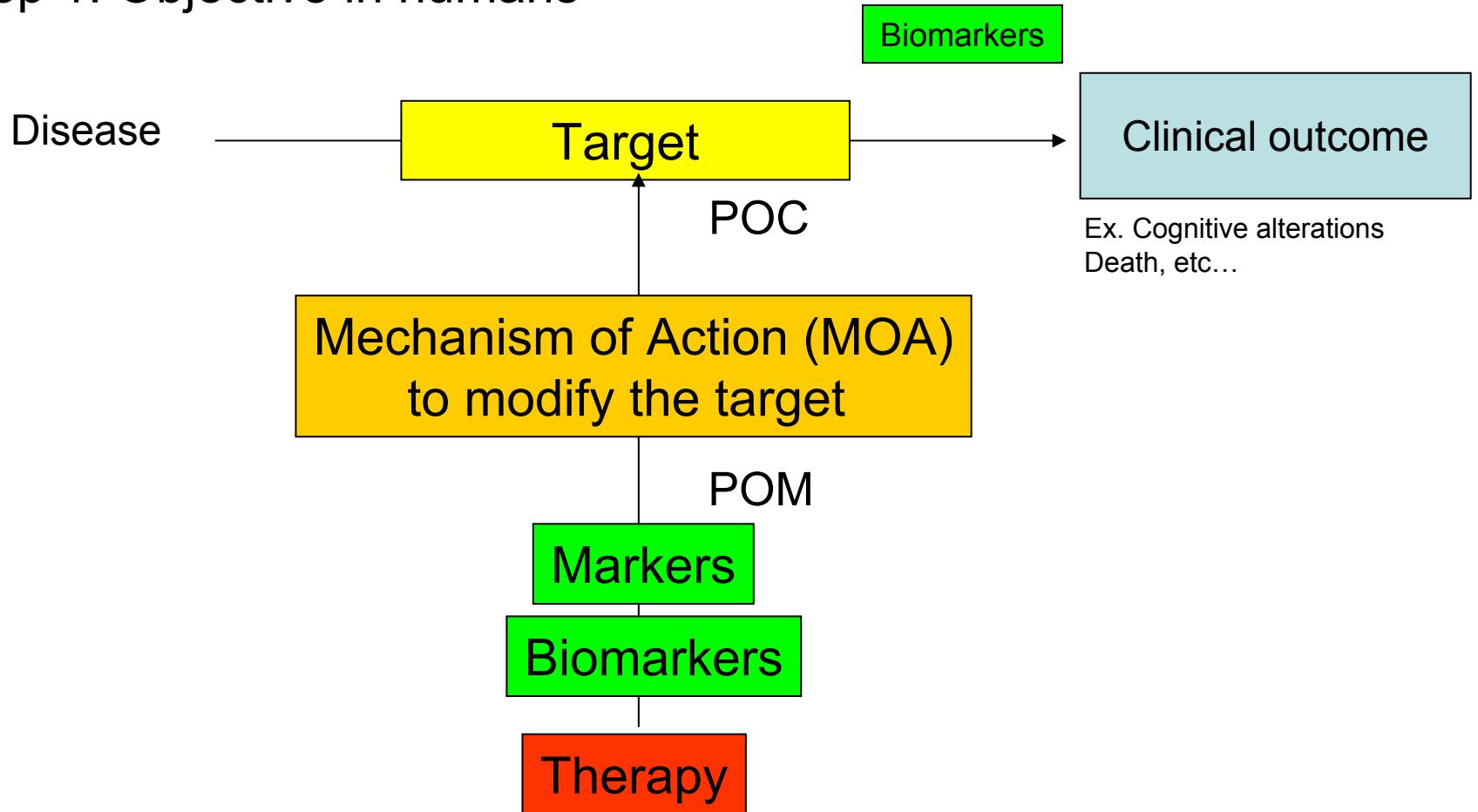
# Vers de nouvelles thérapeutiques

## Schéma de naissance d'un médicament



# Basis of translational medicine

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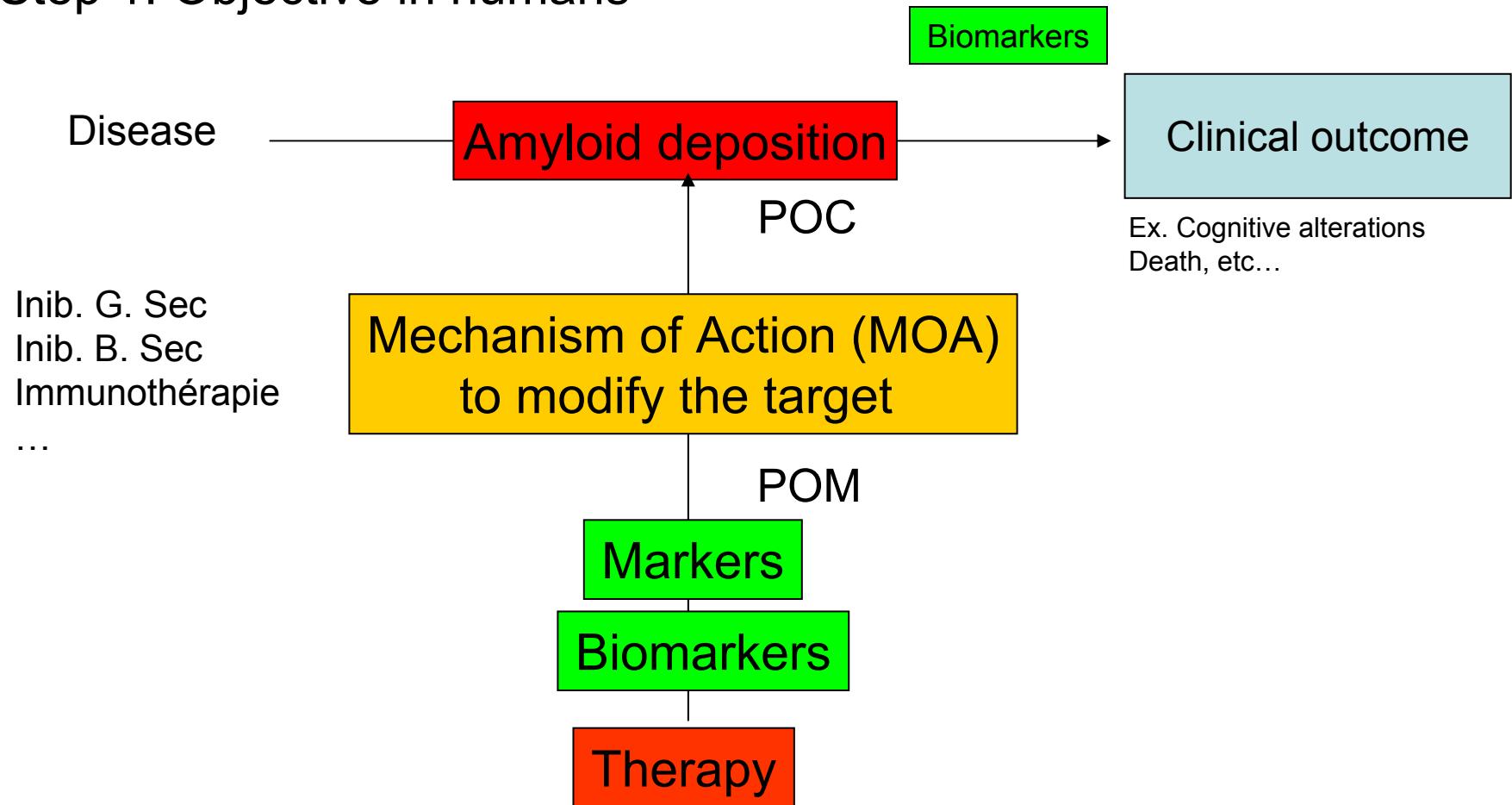


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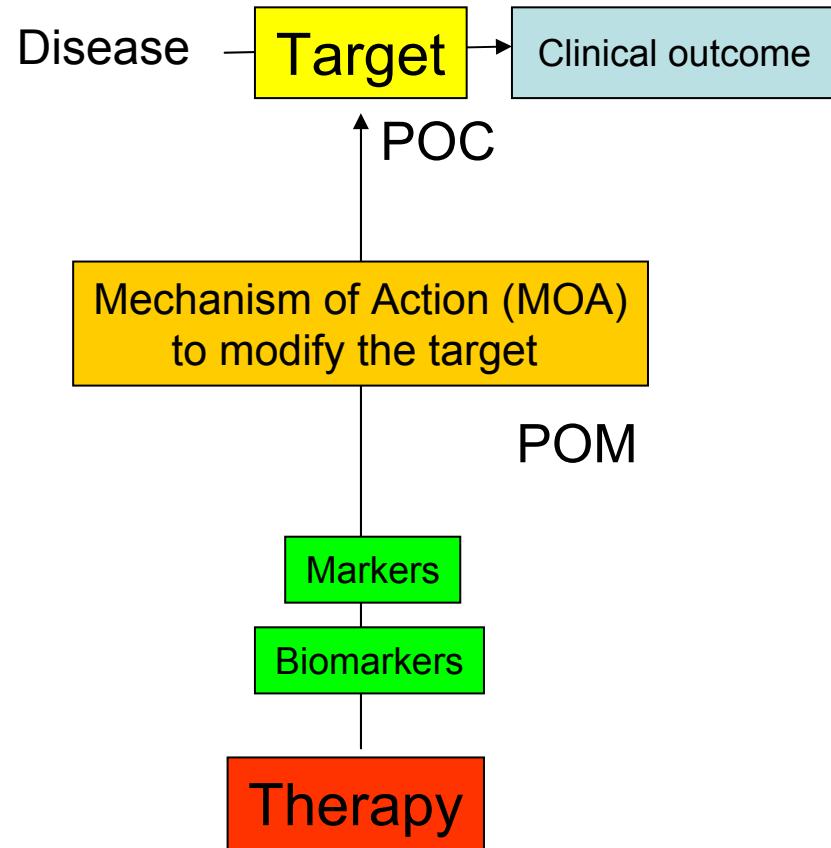
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## Step 2: Use of animals – Selection of a validated animal model

Choice of a good animal model ?

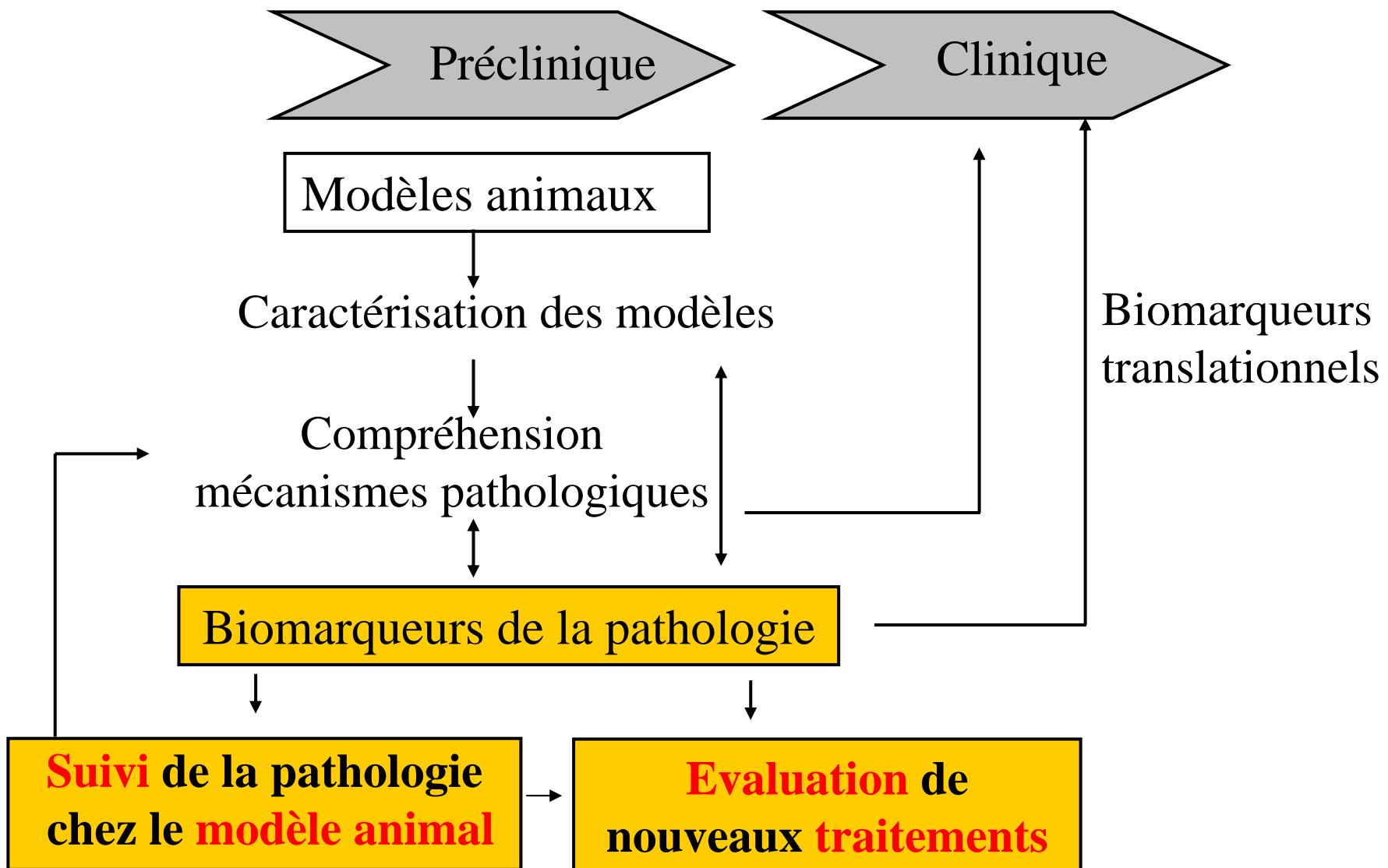
- ° Construct validity
- ° Face validity
- ° Prediction validity



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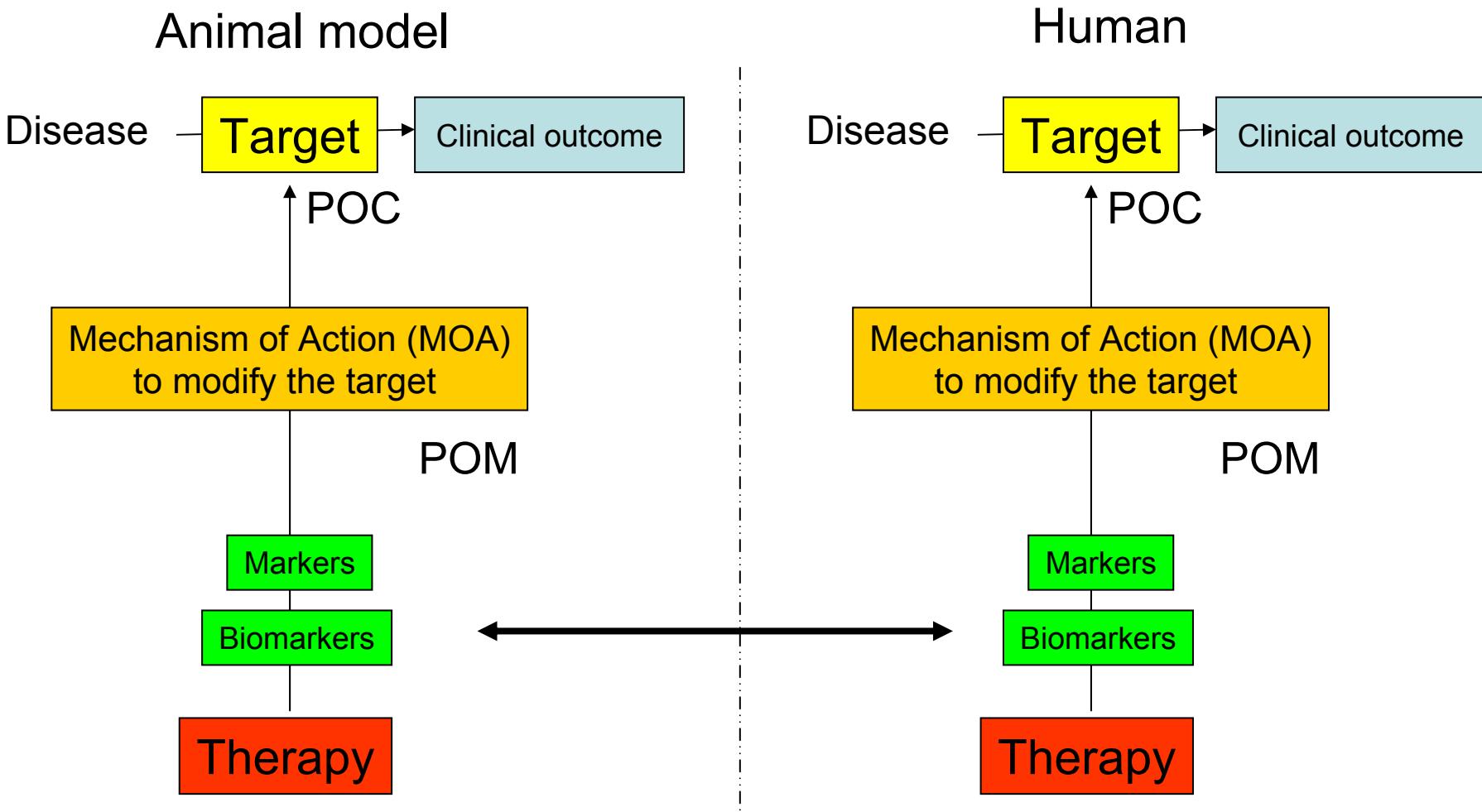
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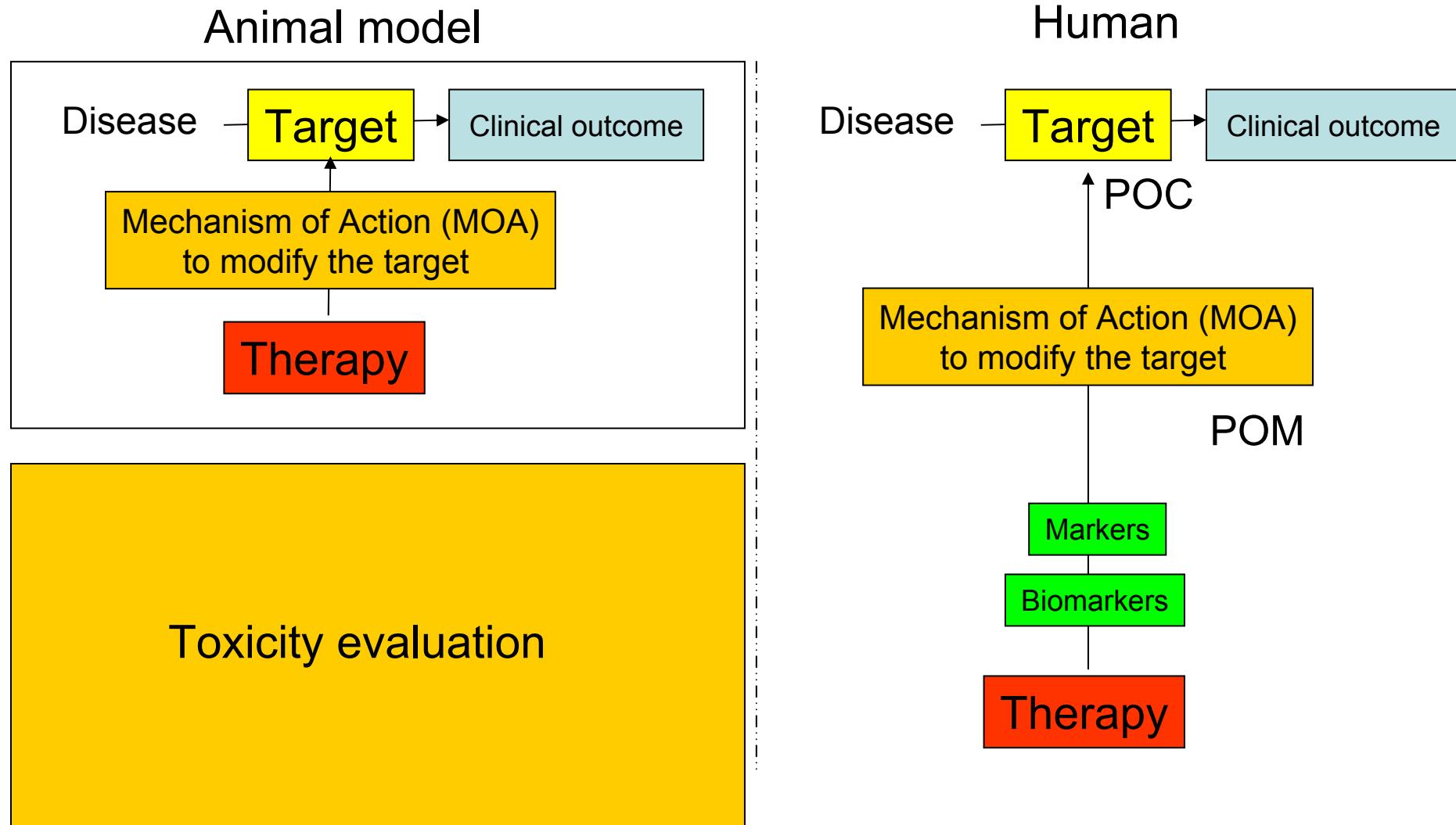


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## Step 3bis: Toxicity evaluation



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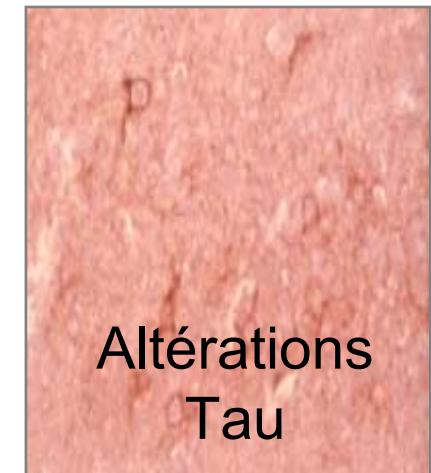
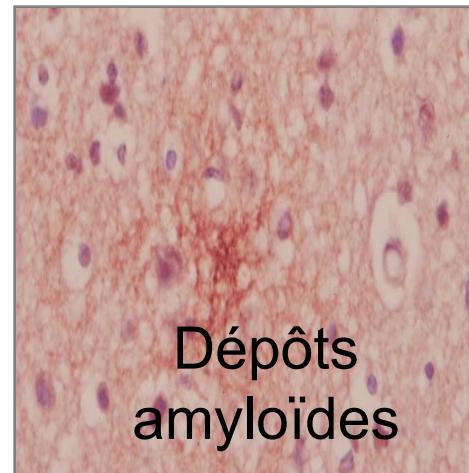
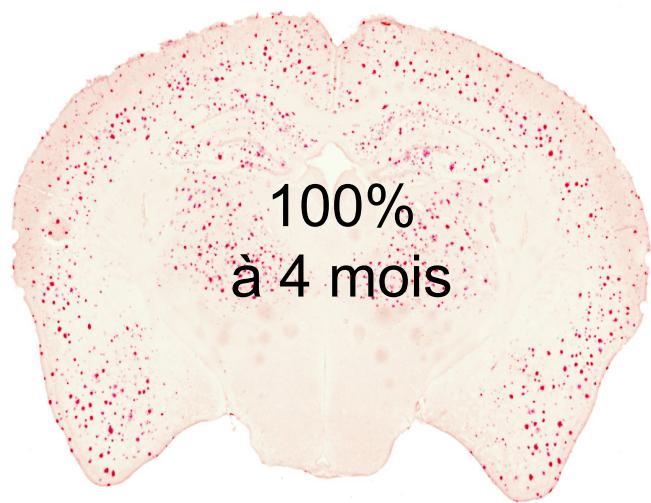
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# Maladie d'Alzheimer : Modèles animaux

## Souris Transgéniques



## Primate *Microcebus murinus*

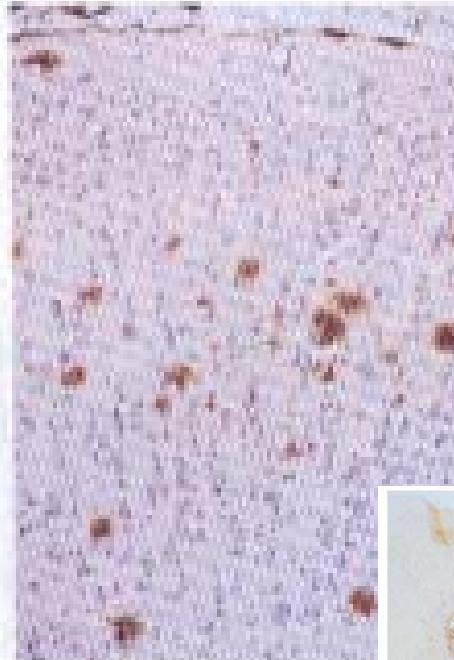


# Modèles Primates Simiens

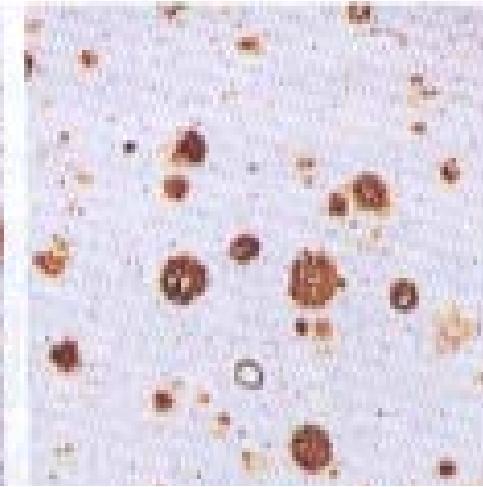
Chimpanzee



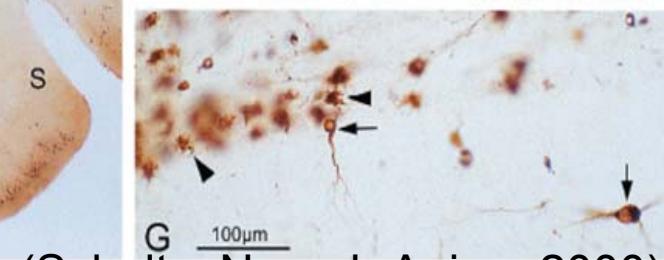
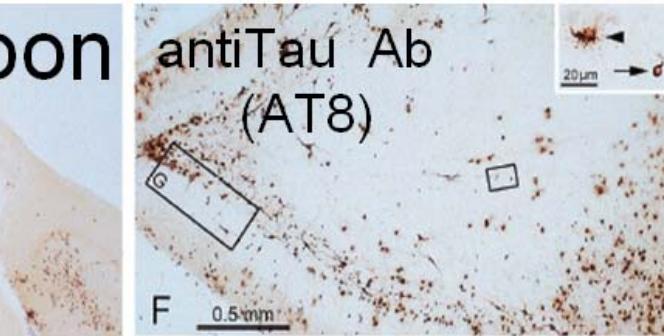
Rhesus



AD - Human



(Gearing et al, PNAS, 1994)



(Schultz, Neurob Aging, 2000)

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# Biomarqueurs: Un concept faussement "simple"

Biomarker Definition Working group (2001)

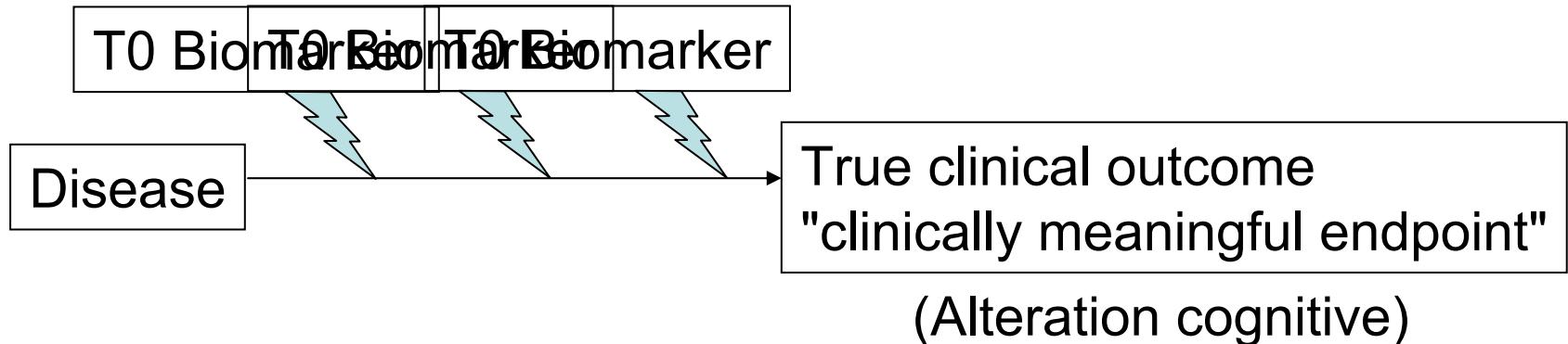
<http://ospp.od.nih.gov/biomarkers/>



- CLINICAL ENDPOINT (critère ou marqueur clinique, ~symptôme?)
    - ❖ A characteristic or variable that reflects how a patient feels or functions, or how long a patient survives.
  - BIOLOGICAL MARKER (BIOMARKER)
    - ❖ A characteristic that is objectively measured and evaluated as an indicator of normal biologic processes, pathogenic processes, or pharmacologic responses to a therapeutic intervention.
    - ❖ Replace a distal endpoint with a more proximal one, measured earlier
    - ❖ Can be measured more easily or frequently
    - ❖ Faster decision making
  - ❖ 3 types of Biomarkers (Biomarker Def Working Grp, 2001)
    - Type 0 : **Reflects natural history of a disease**
    - Type I : **Reflects mechanism of action of an intervention**
    - Type II : **Predicts clinical benefit of a treatment (or toxicity)**
- (SURROGATE ENDPOINT (critère ou marqueur de substitution))

# Type 0 Biomarker

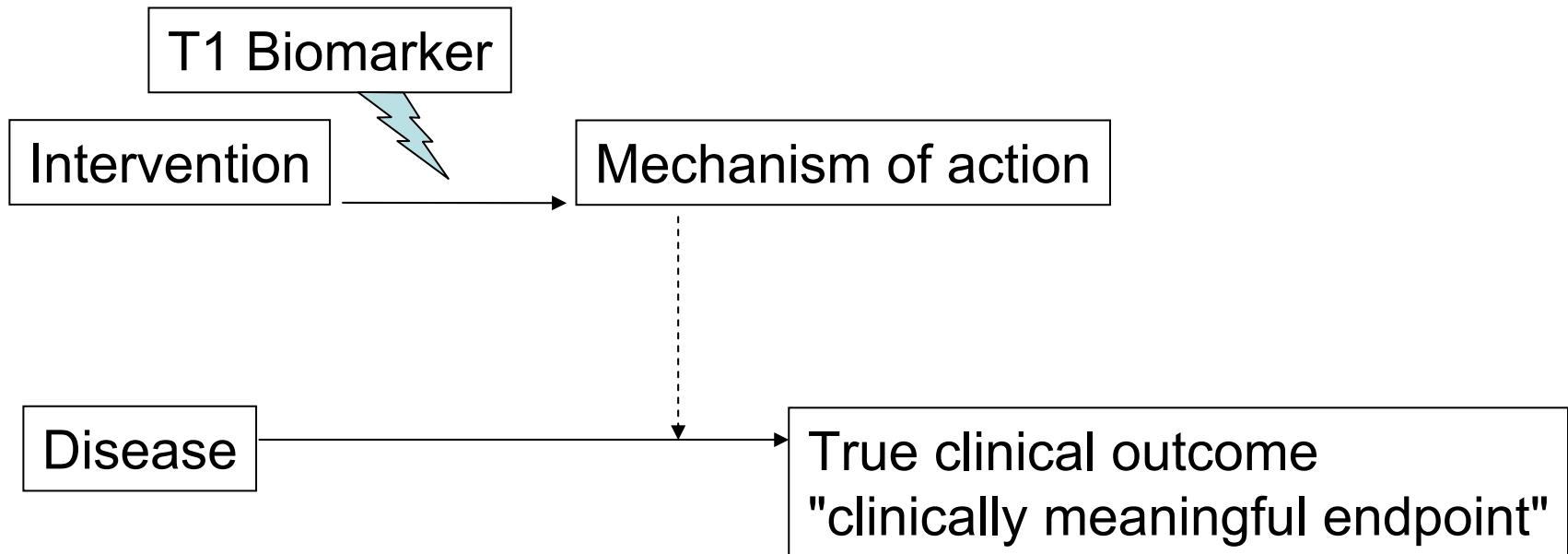
## Natural history of a disease



- Possible applications of T0 biomarkers
  - ❖ (Early) diagnosis
  - ❖ Clinical study enrichment

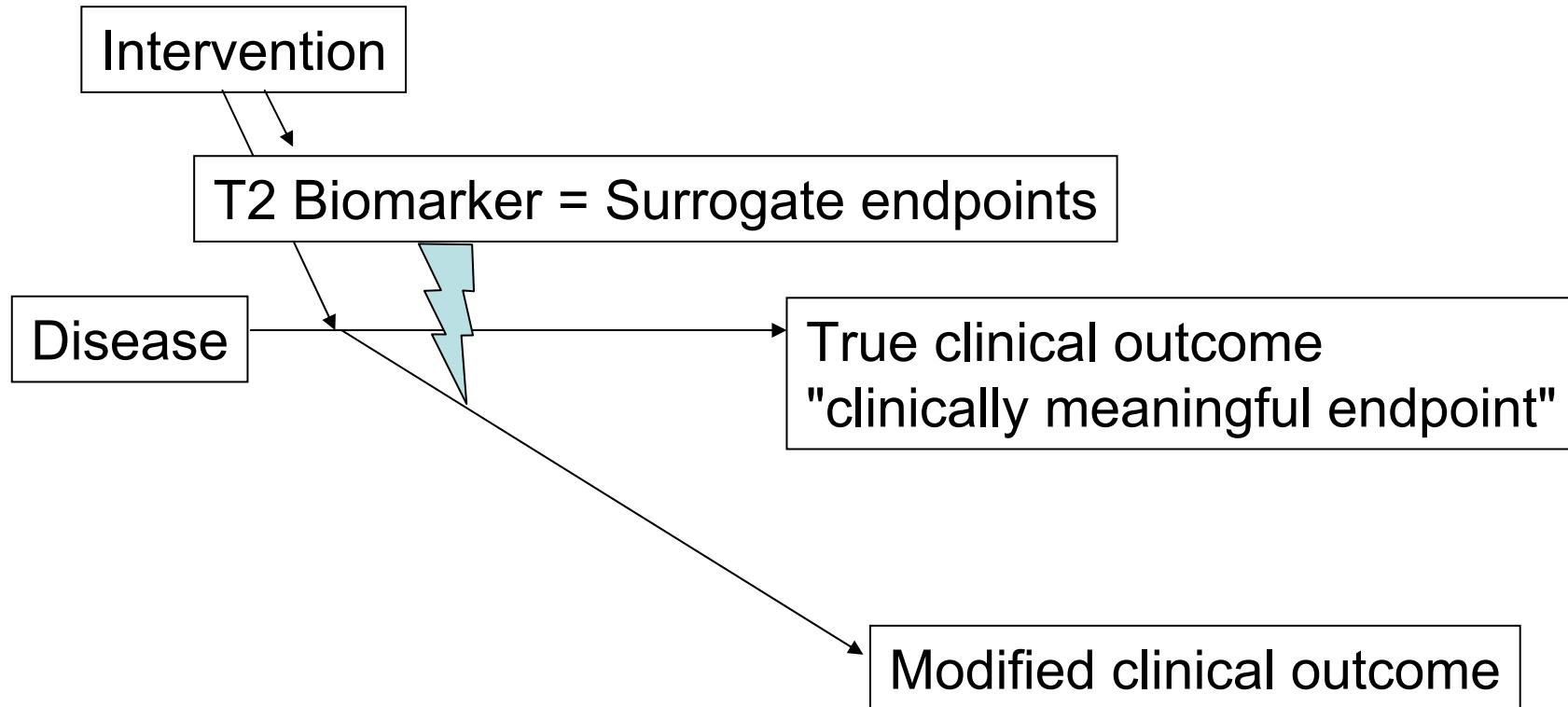
# Type 1 Biomarker

## Mechanism of action of an intervention



# Type 2 Biomarker (surrogate endpoints) (Critère ou marqueur de substitution)

## Clinical benefits of an intervention



# Many causes of surrogate biomarker failure

a



b



c



Frank R, Hargreaves R. Clinical biomarkers in drug discovery and development. Nat Rev Drug Discov. 2003 Jul;2(7):566-80.

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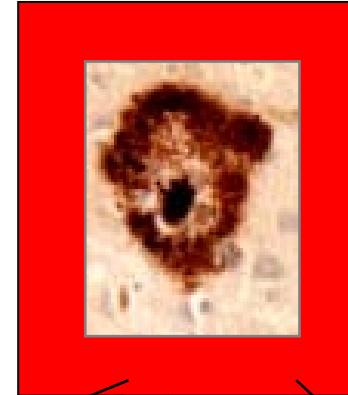


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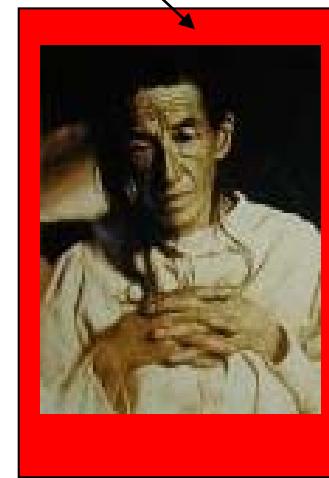
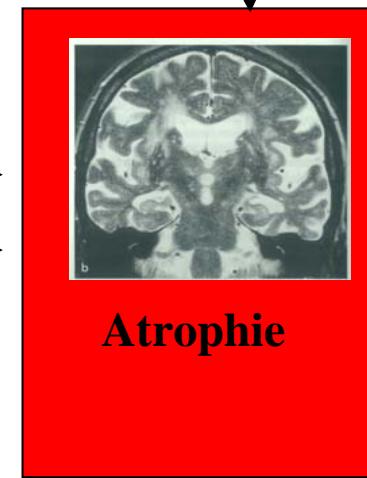
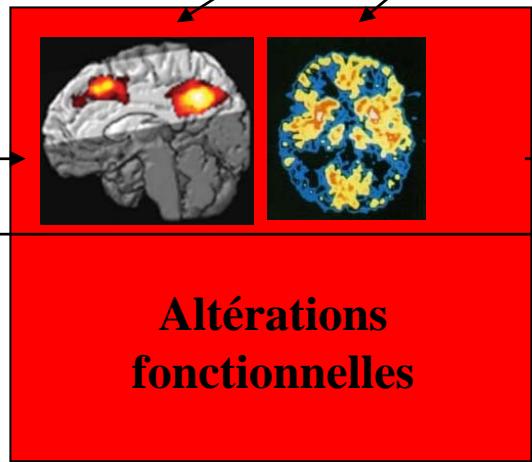
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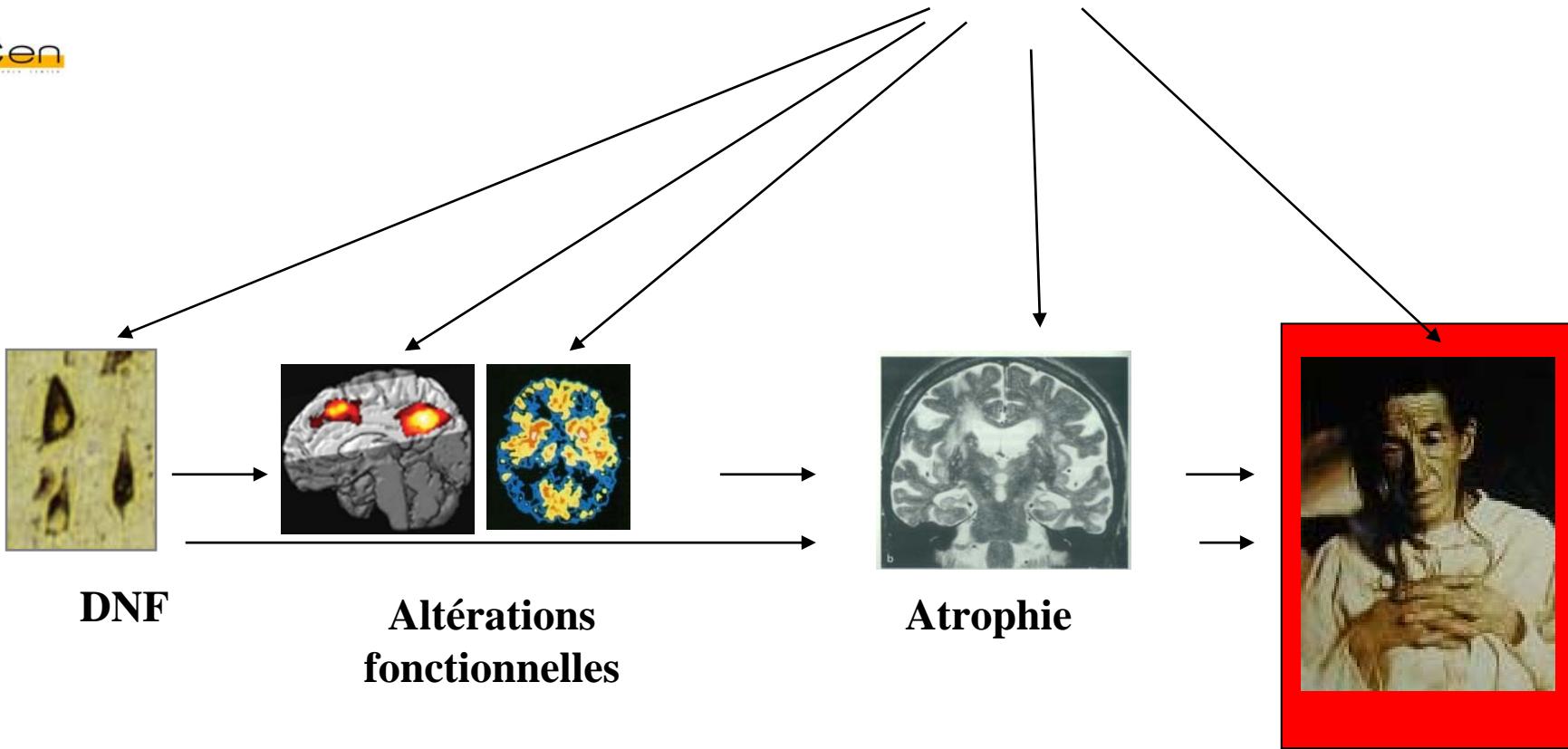
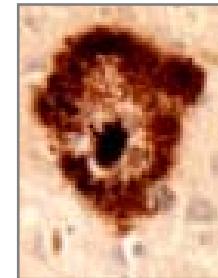
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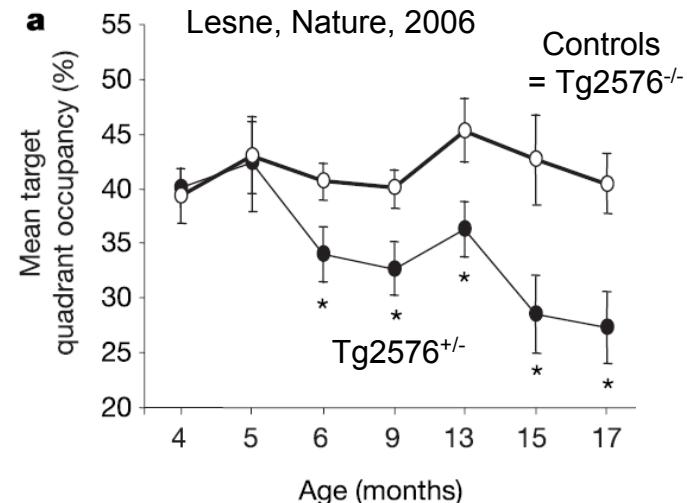
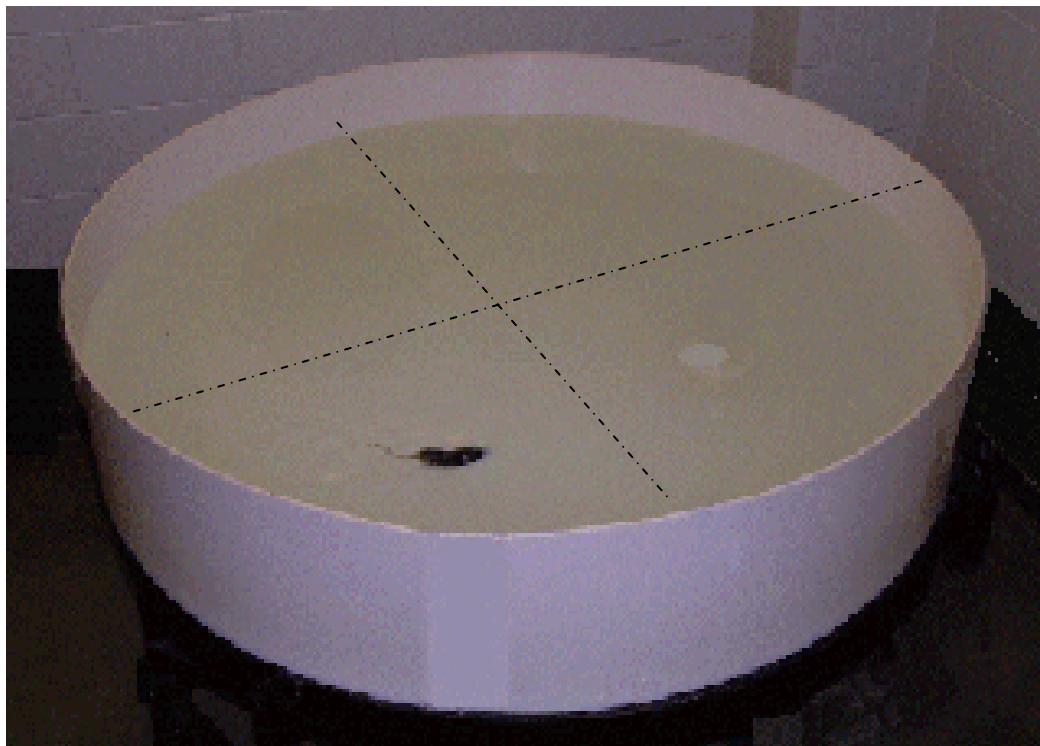
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# Altérations comportementales chez les rongeurs

## Ex. Piscine de Morris – Navigation Spatiale

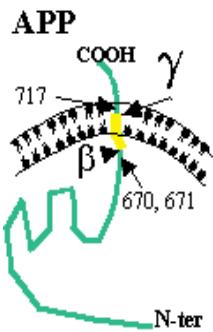
- Mémoire spatiale de référence
- Intégrité de l'hippocampe
- Couramment utilisée



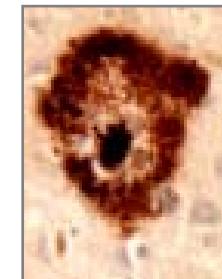
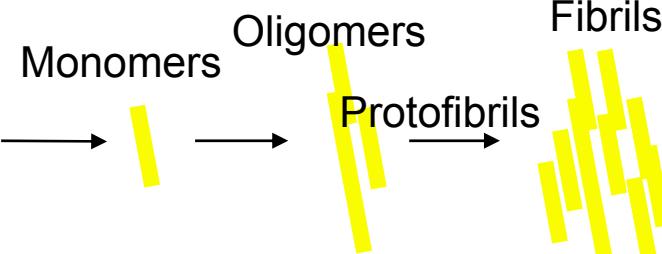
Altérations mnésiques  
mais pas de "démence"



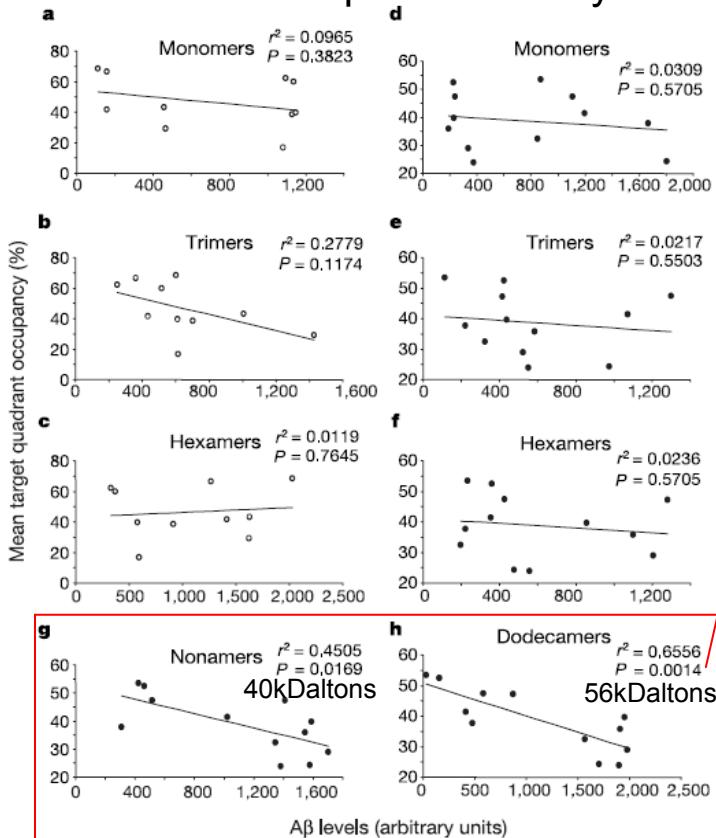
# Origin of behavioral alterations: Oligomers



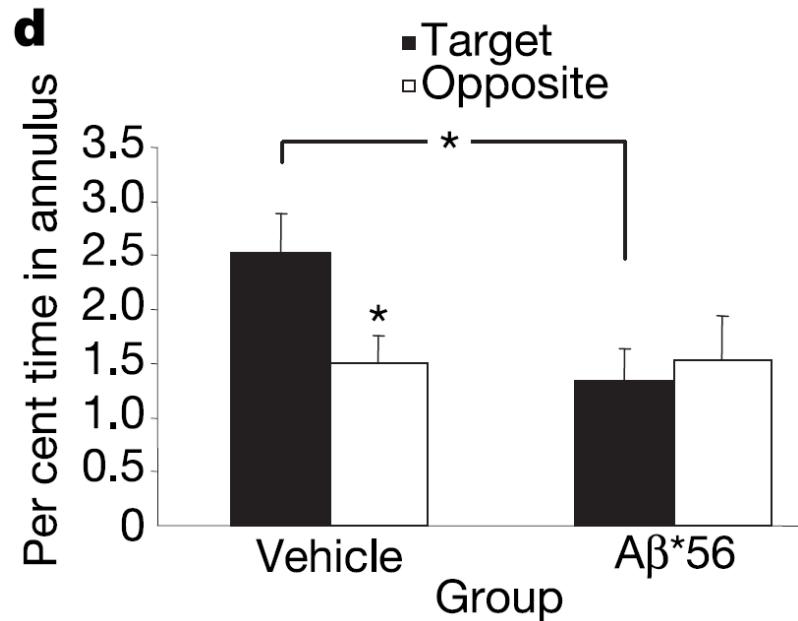
## Beta Amyloid



### Correlation with spatial memory task



### Injection of A $\beta^{*}56$ in young rats



Lesne, Nature, 2006

# Différence majeure cpt souris / Homme



Justification des études comportementales  
La maladie d'Alzheimer est une démence...



Biais de raisonnement  
Les troubles comportementaux  
des rongeurs n'ont pas la  
même origine que ceux de  
l'homme Alzheimer

Troubles  
comportementaux  
modérés

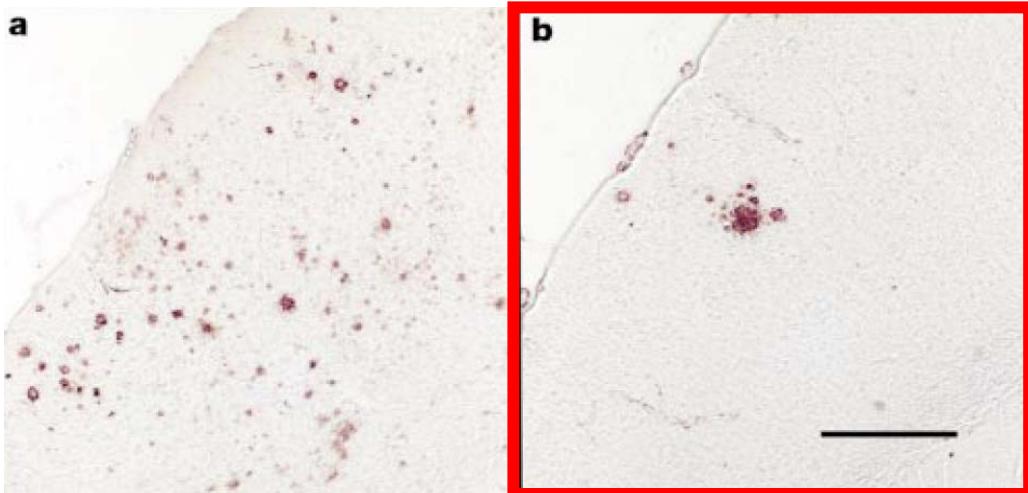


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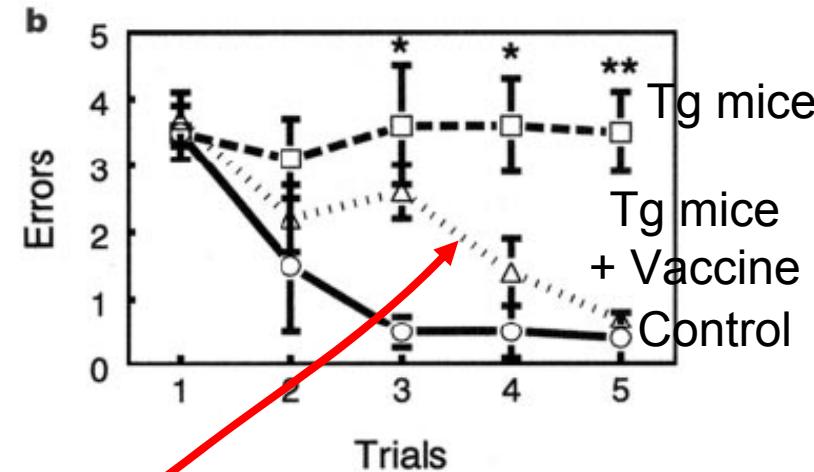
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# Predictivité des effets chez l'homme

## ■ AN1792



Radial arm water maze



Morgan et al. (2000). *Nature*, 408(6815), 982-5.

- In humans
  - ❖ Efficiency to reduce amyloid load
  - ❖ No effect on behavioral alterations

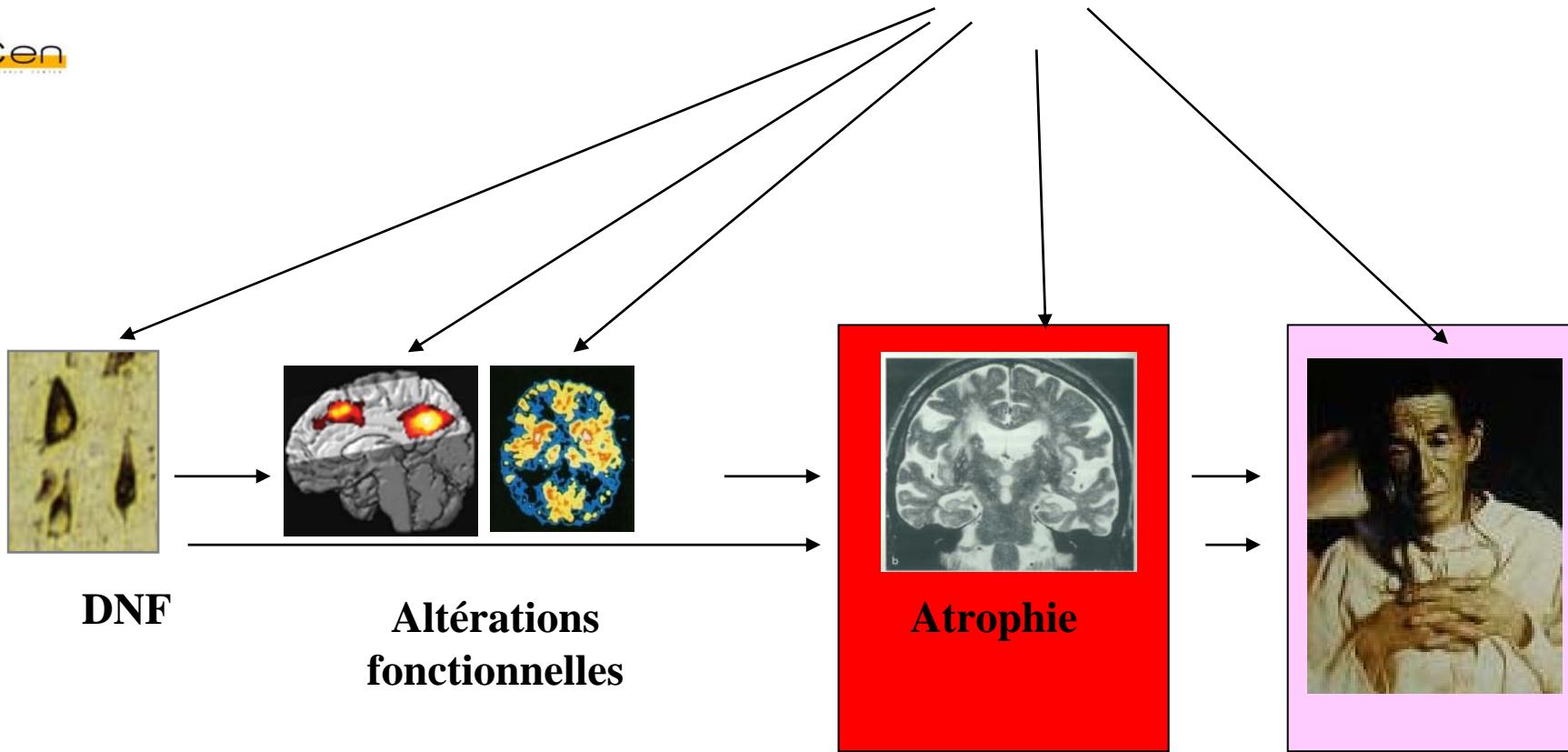
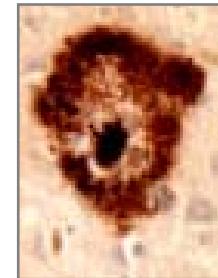
# Conclusion comportement

Biomarker	Use in animals		Use in humans	
	Detection of AD-like pathology	Preclinical evaluation of drugs	Clinical diagnostic	Clinical endpoint True benefits of a drug
Behavioral/cognitive evaluation	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

# Maladie d'Alzheimer : Quels biomarqueurs ?



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# Cerebral atrophy in humans with Alzheimer

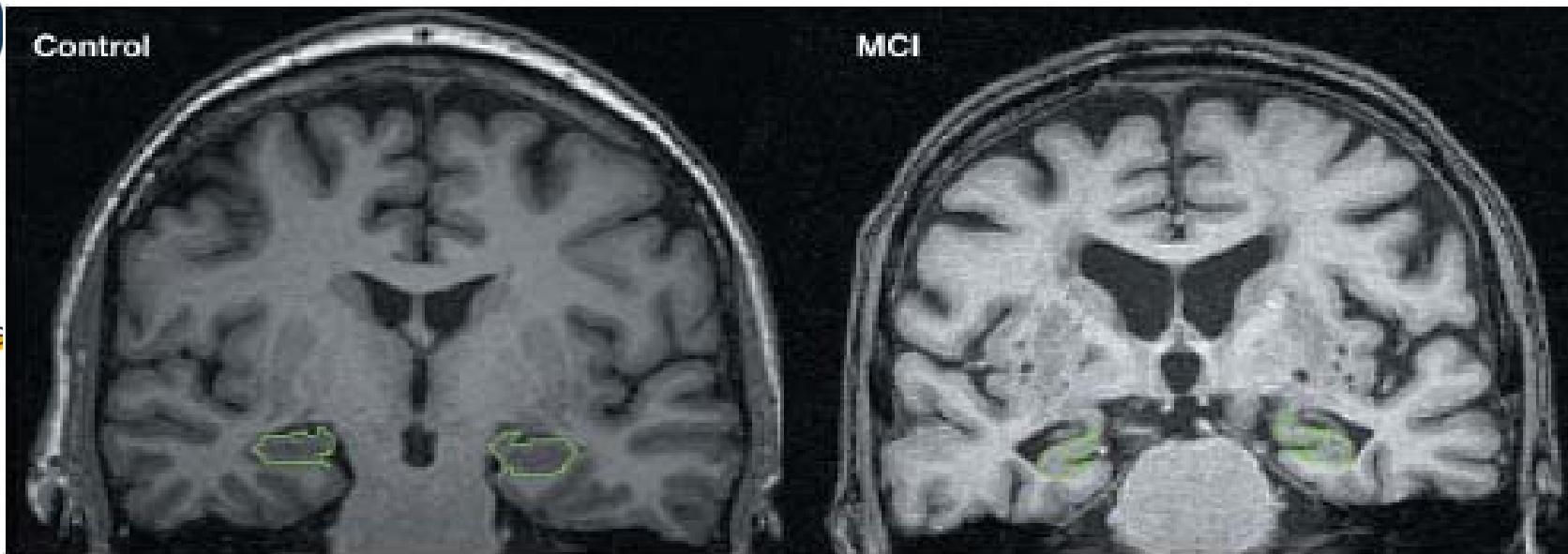
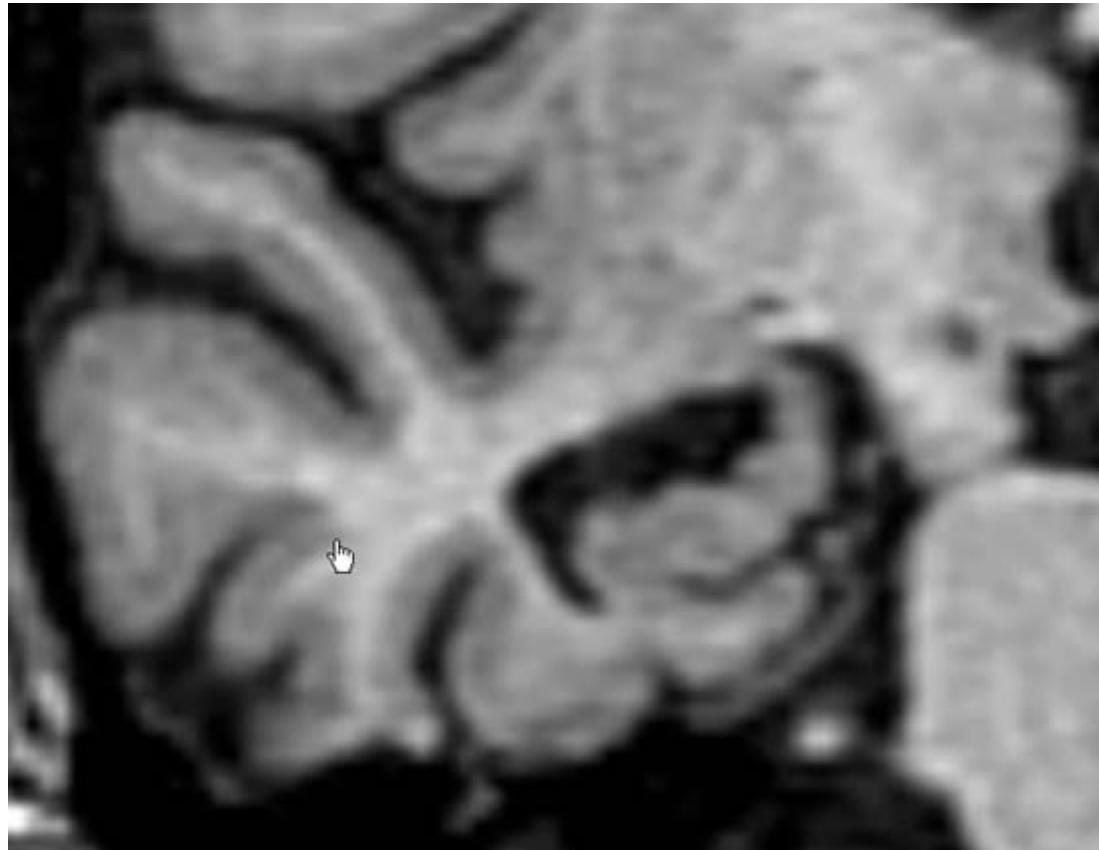


Figure 3 Comparable T1-weighted coronal MRI slices perpendicular to the long axis of the hippocampus showing a normal-sized hippocampus in a control person (total hippocampal volume uncorrected for head size  $3,480 \text{ mm}^3$  right and  $3,164 \text{ mm}^3$  left) and a smaller hippocampus in an MCI patient (total hippocampal volume uncorrected for head size  $2,050 \text{ mm}^3$  right and  $2,580 \text{ mm}^3$  left). Images courtesy of L. van der Pol, Alzheimer Center and Image Analysis Center, Vrije Universiteit Medical Center, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

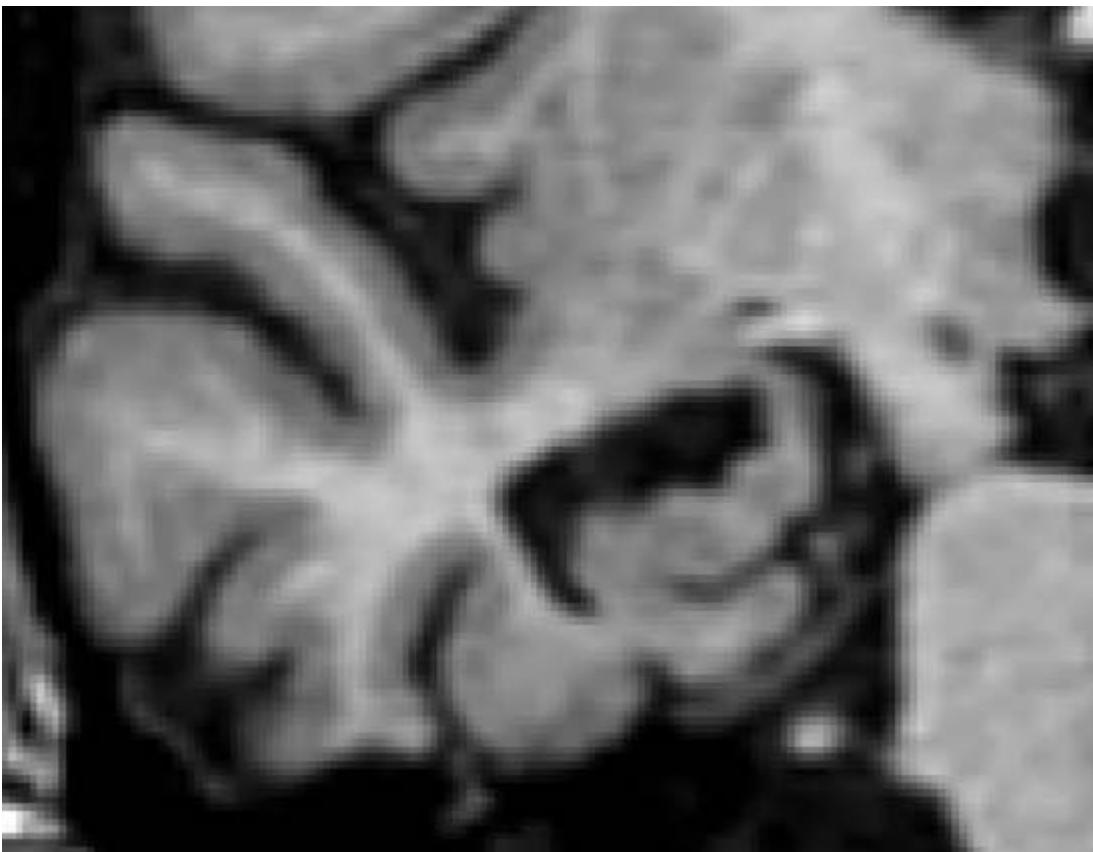
- Starts in the hippocampus then spread all over the brain

# Cerebral atrophy in humans with Alzheimer

Progression from MCI to AD (10 years)



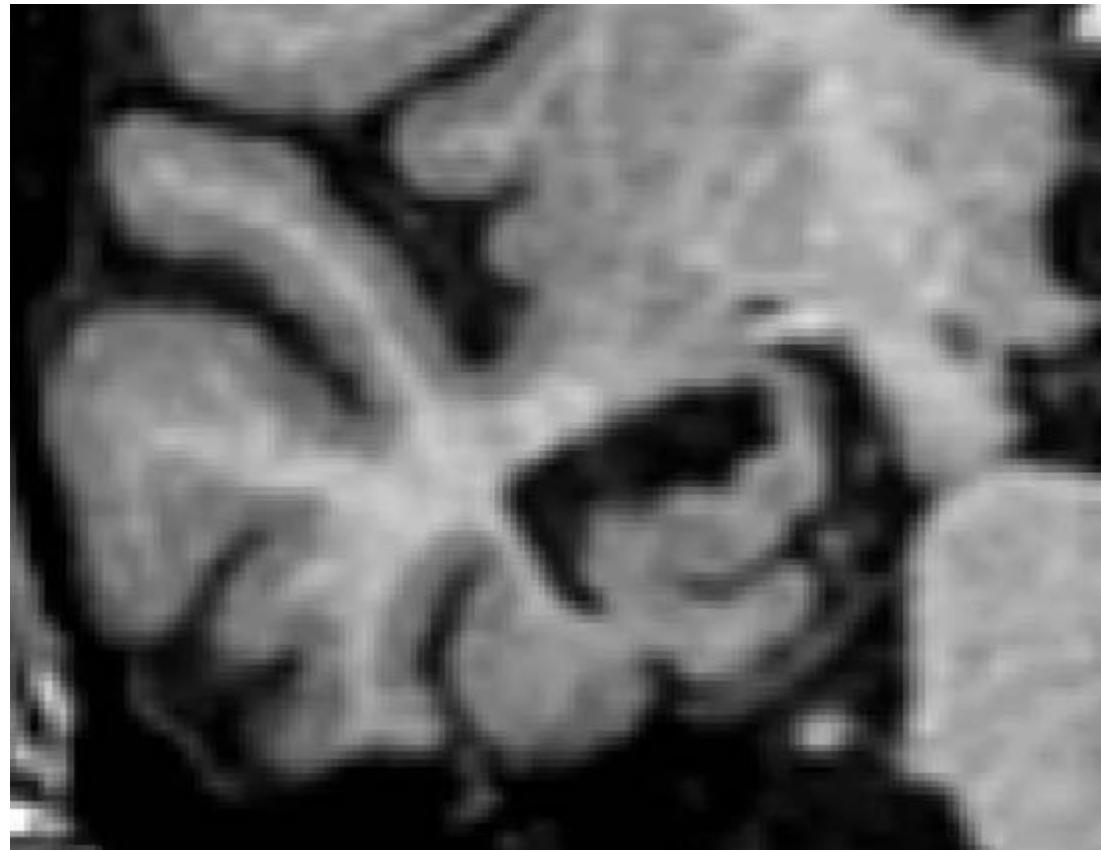
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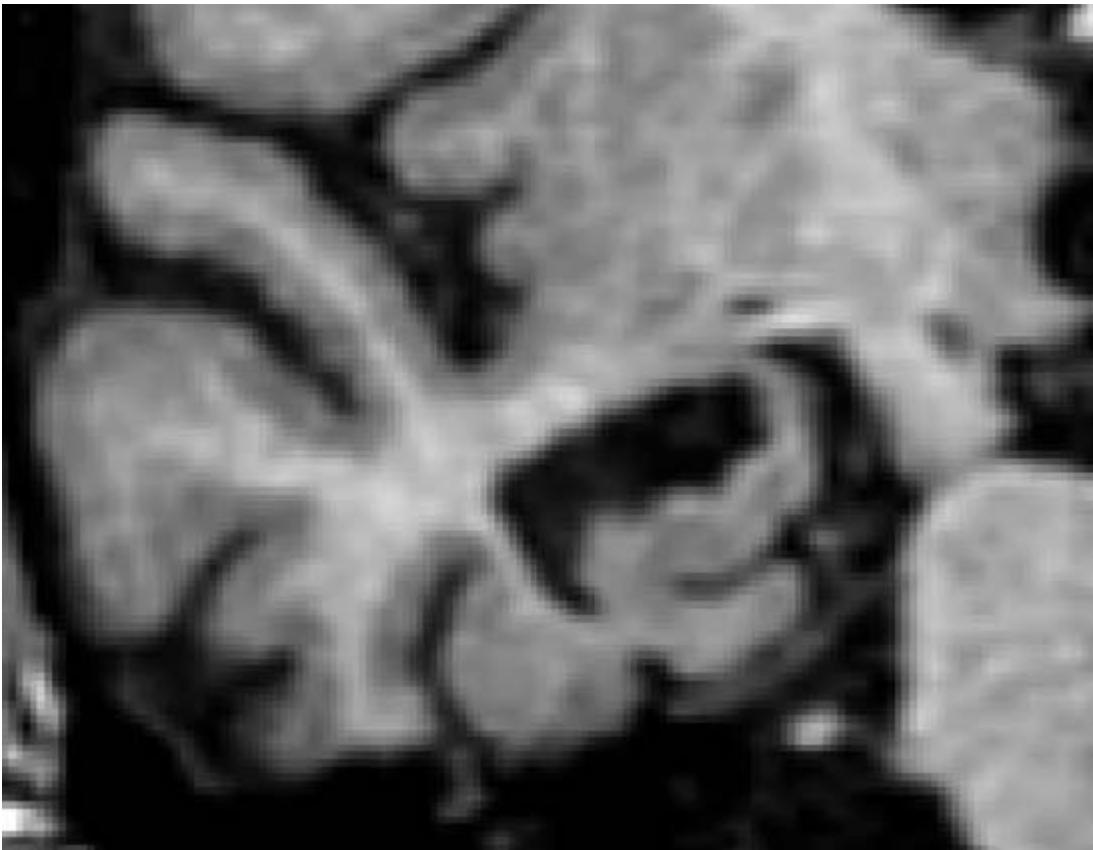
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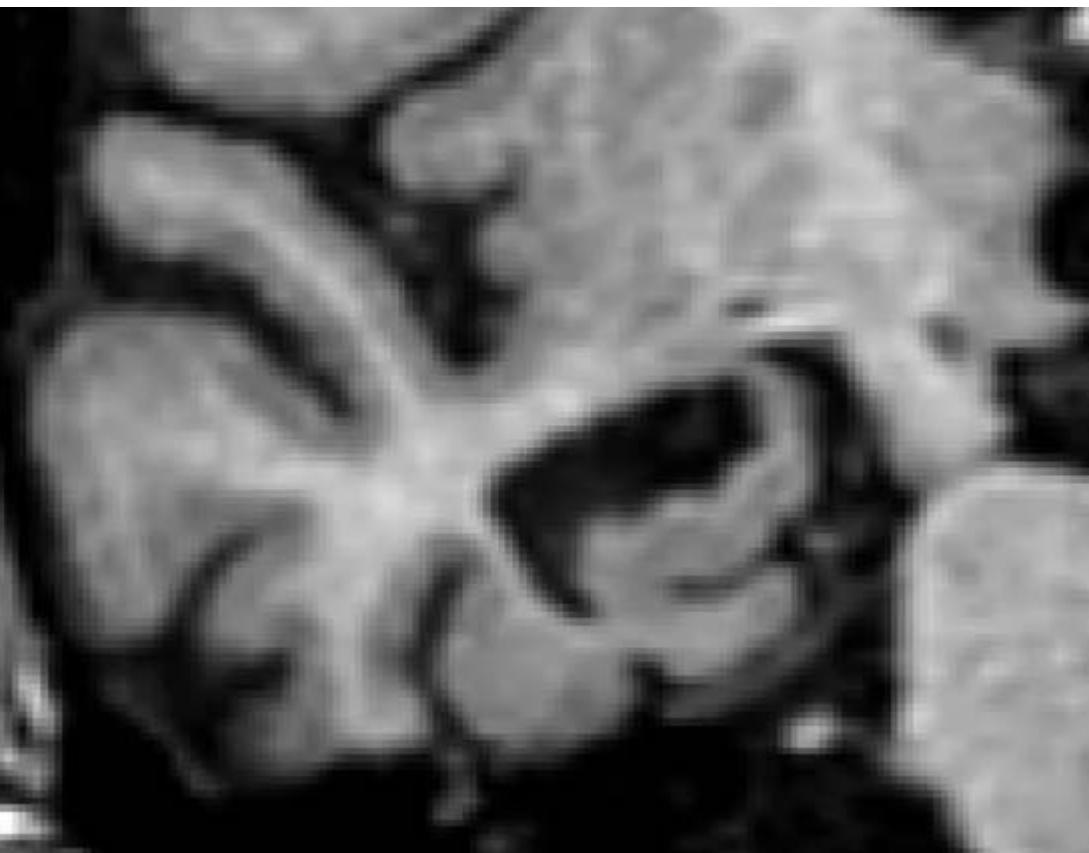


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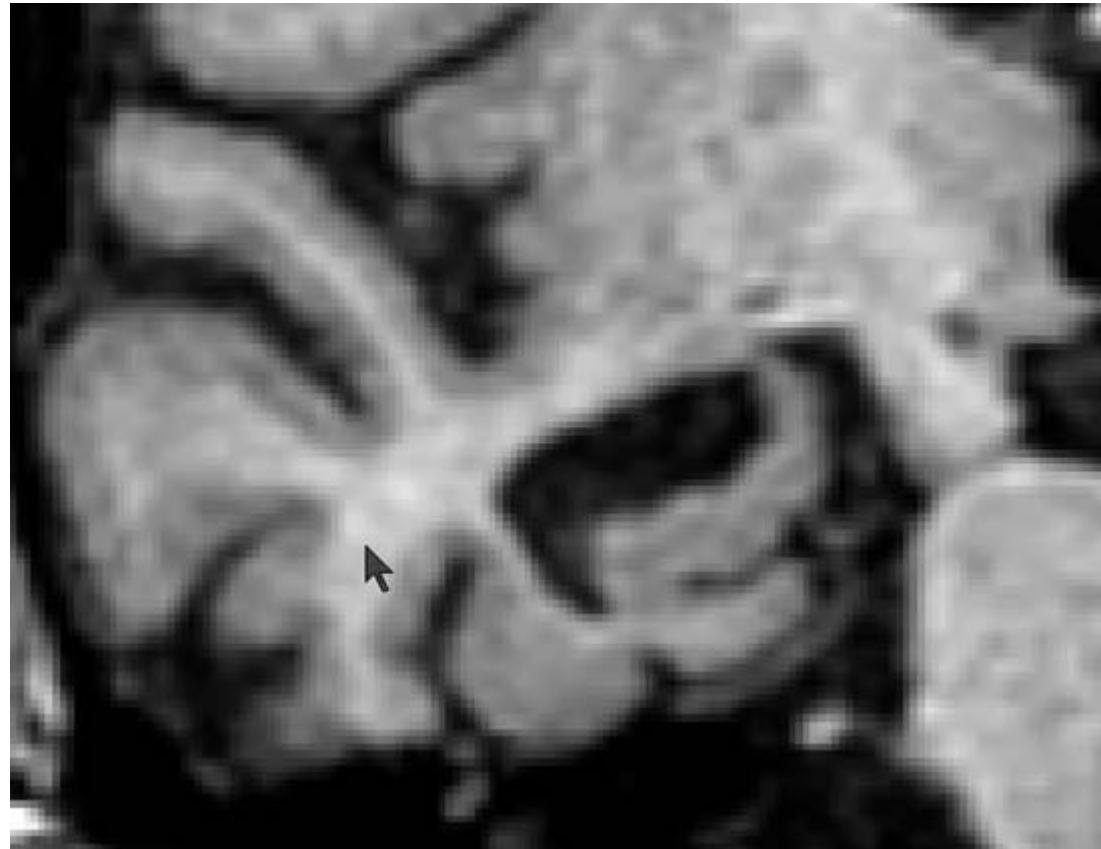
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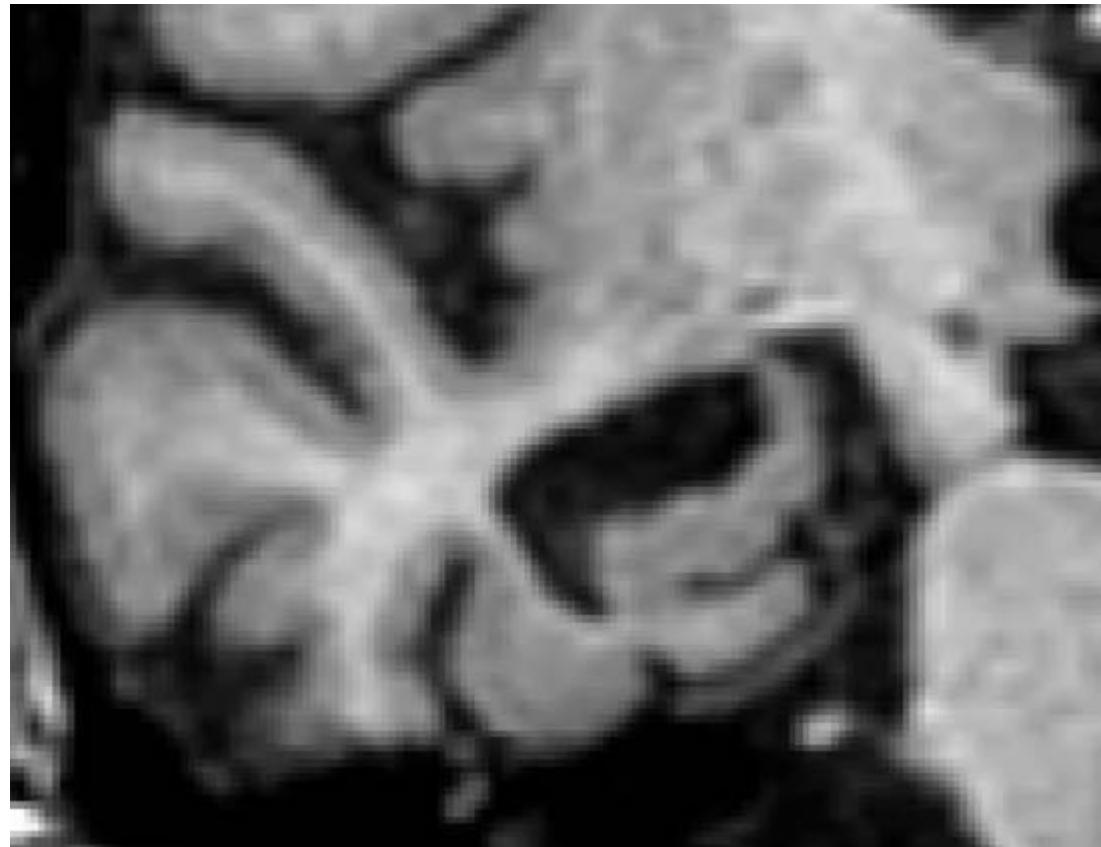
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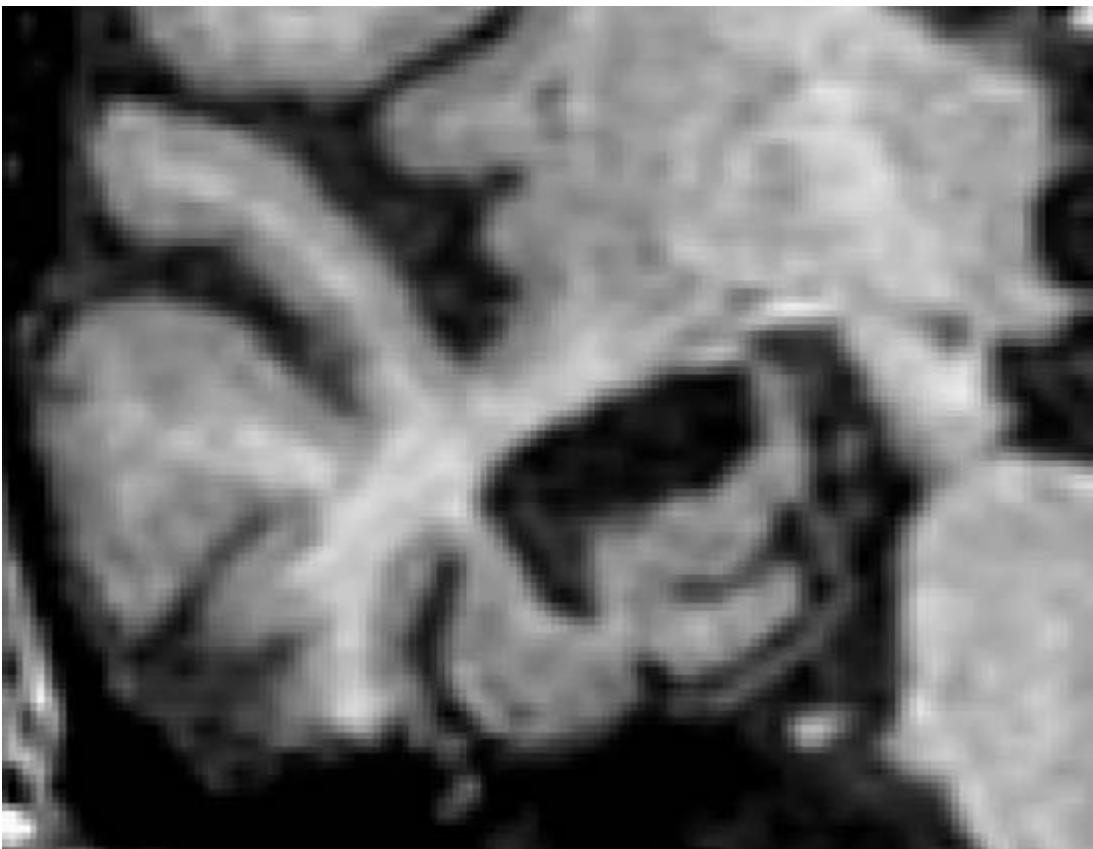


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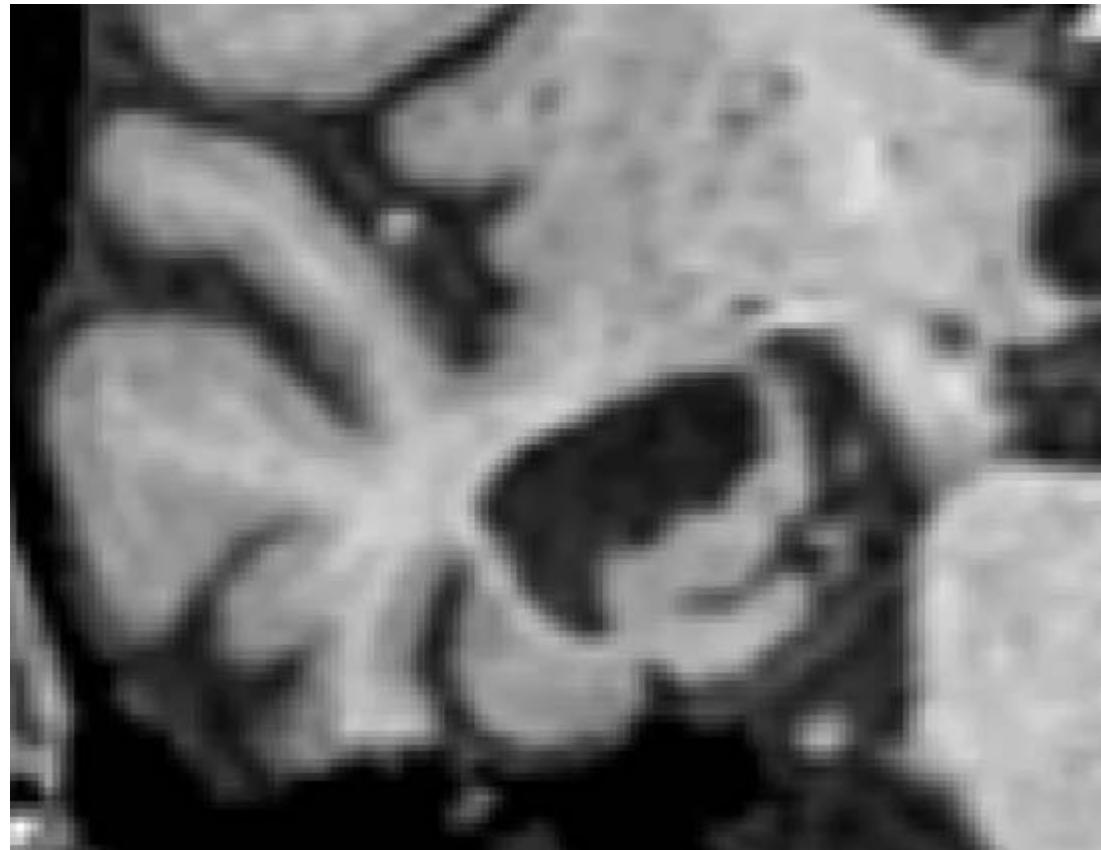


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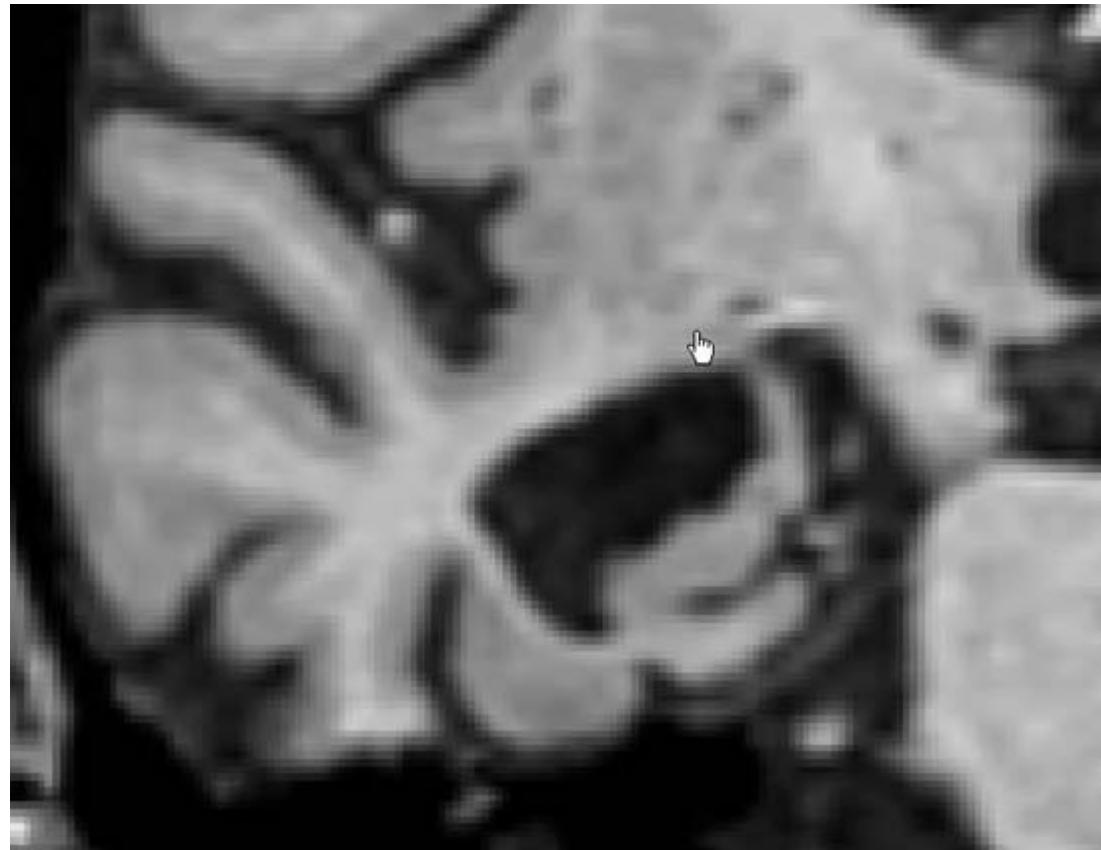
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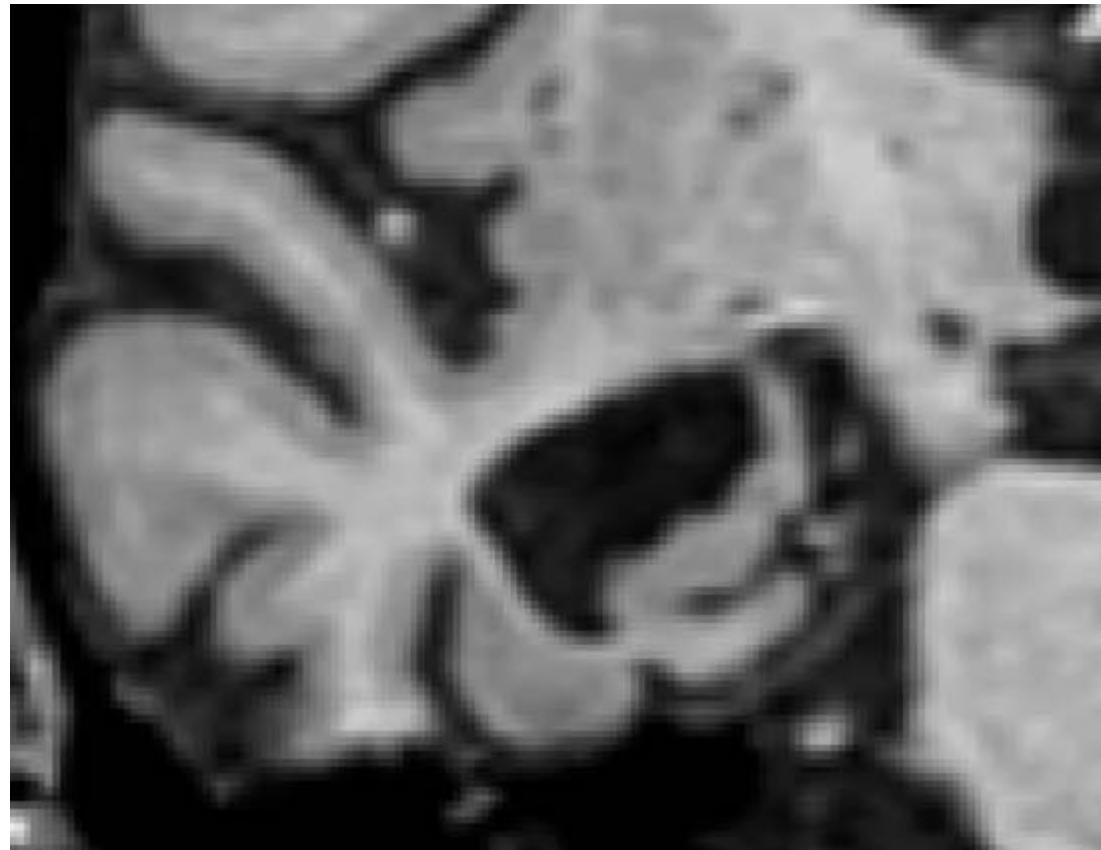
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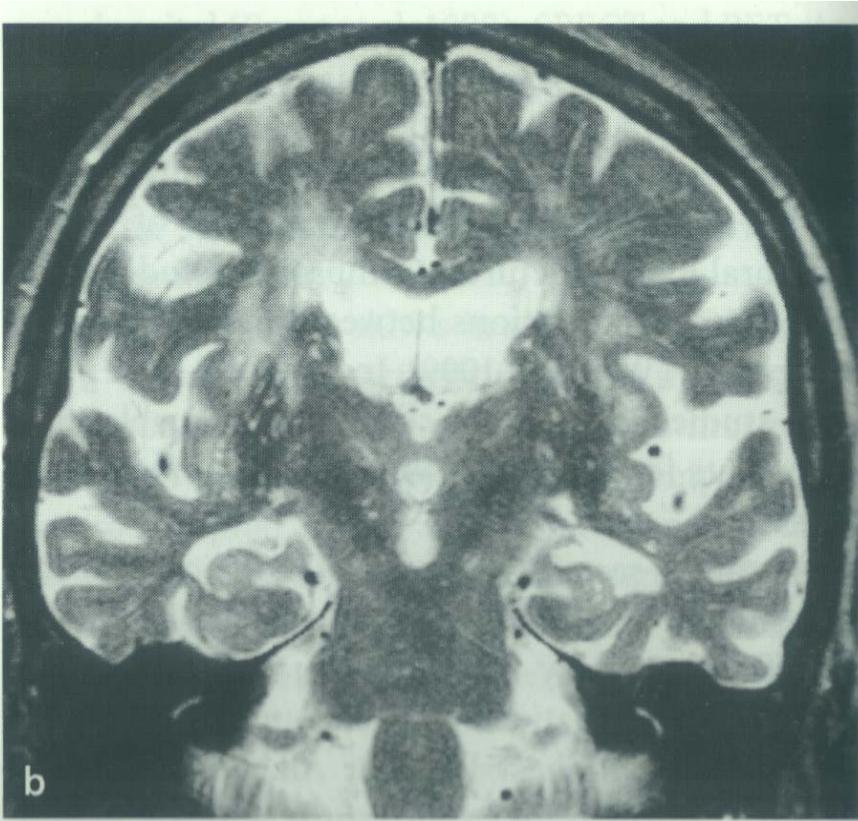
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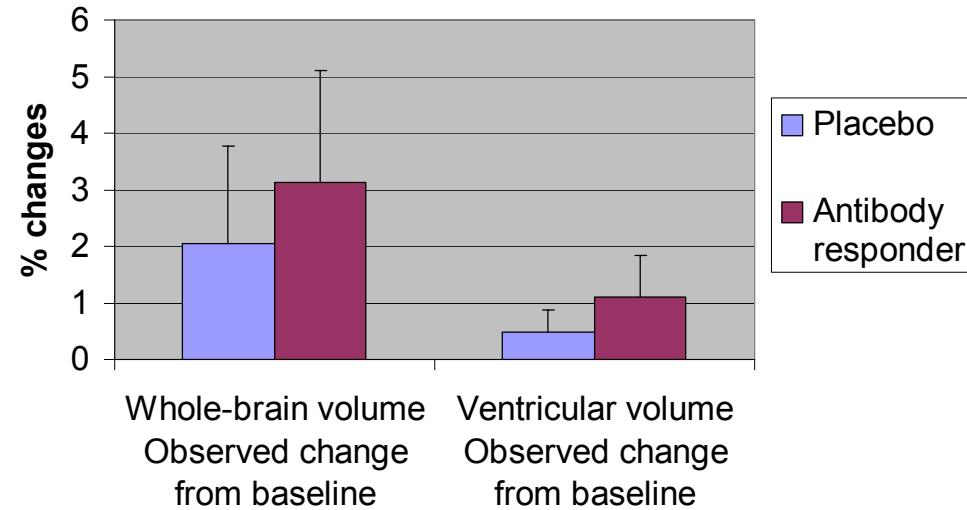


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# Cerebral (temporal) atrophy



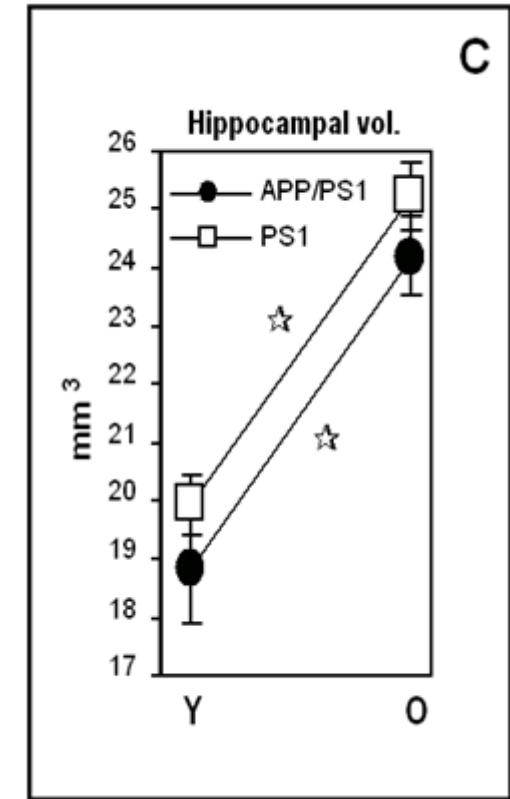
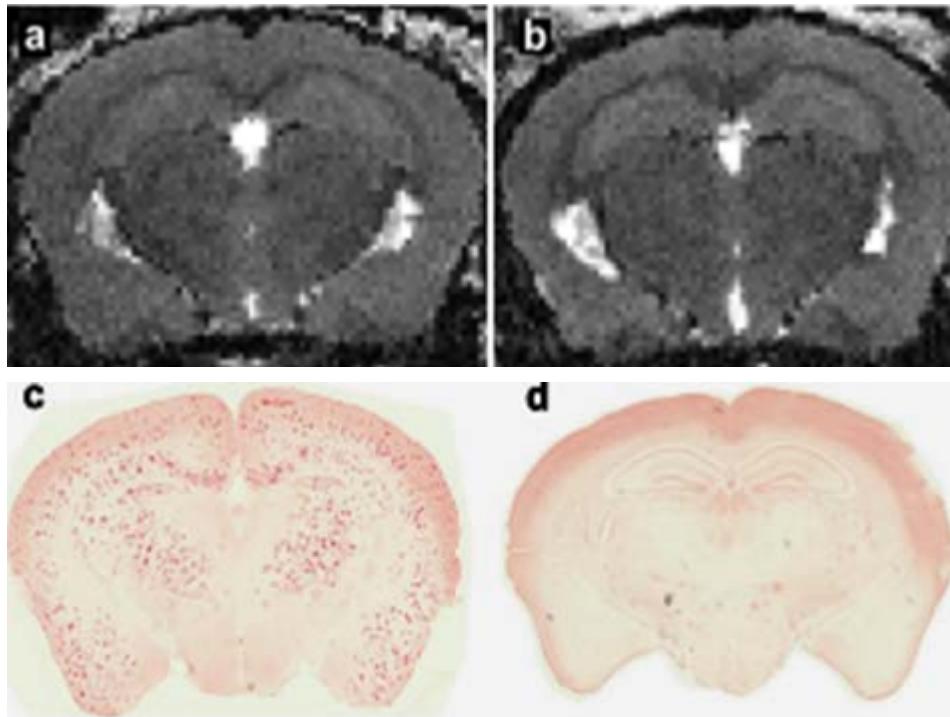
**Effect of AN1792/QS-21 or placebo on exploratory volumetric MRI measures in the efficacy-evaluable population**



A good marker for the diagnosis (T0 biomarker)  
can be questionable for therapeutic follow-up (T2 biomarker)



# CSF and brain volumes in mice



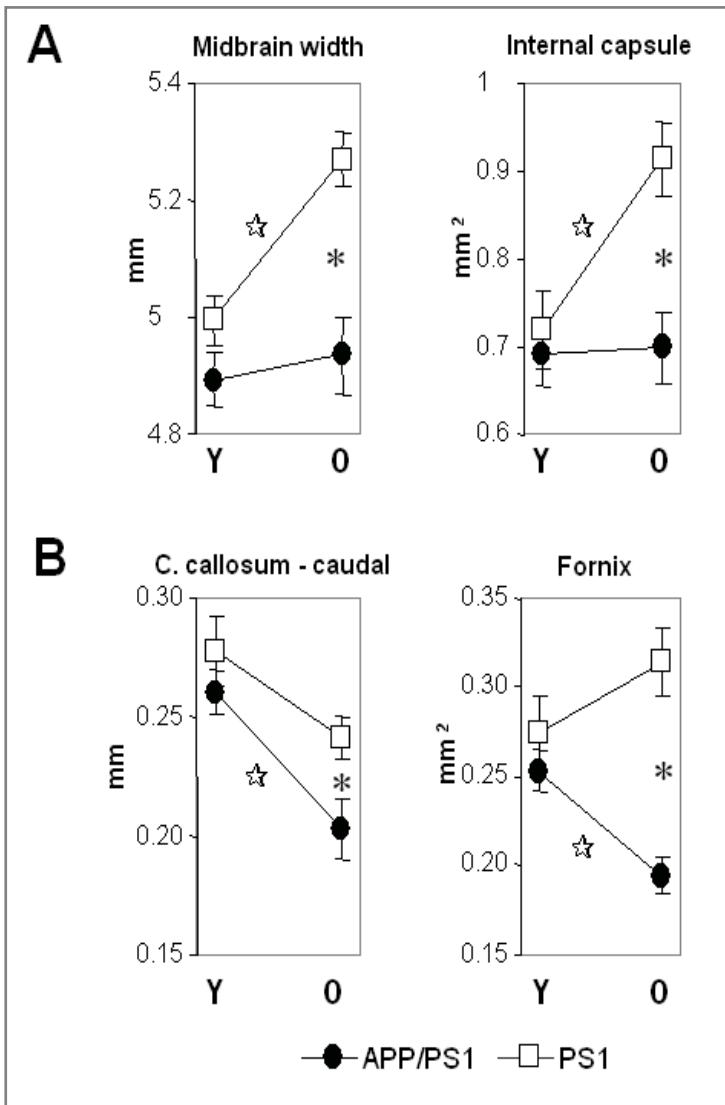
Brain and hippocampal growth  
even in the presence of amyloid deposits...

*Delatour et al. (2006). Neurobiol Aging, 27(6), 835-847.*

Marc DHENAIN, Master MIRCen 2011

# Atrophy of white matter

## White matter alterations



Delatour et al. (2006). *Neurobiol Aging*, 27(6), 835-847.

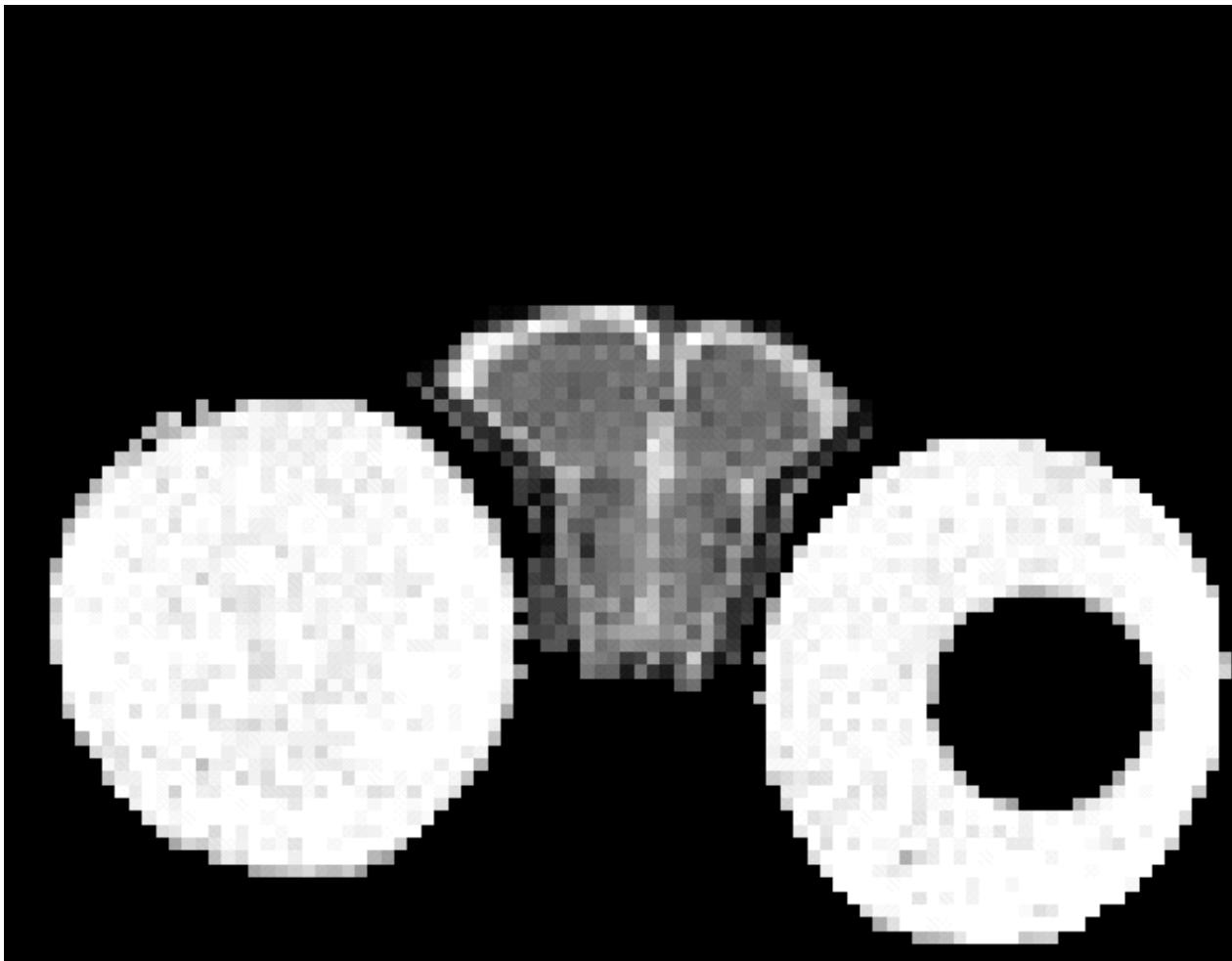
# Conclusion atrophie souris

Biomarker	Use in animals		Use in humans	
	Detection of AD-like pathology	Preclinical evaluation of drugs	Clinical diagnostic	Clinical endpoint True benefits of a drug
Cerebral atrophy	No	No	Yes	No

- Altération détectée : Atrophie substance blanche
- Biomarqueur de : ???
- Différence par rapport à la pathologie humaine
  - ❖ Mais voir : Villain, N., B. Desgranges, et al. (2008). "Relationships between hippocampal atrophy, white matter disruption, and gray matter hypometabolism in Alzheimer's disease." J Neurosci 28(24): 6174-81.

# MRI evaluation of atrophy in mouse lemurs

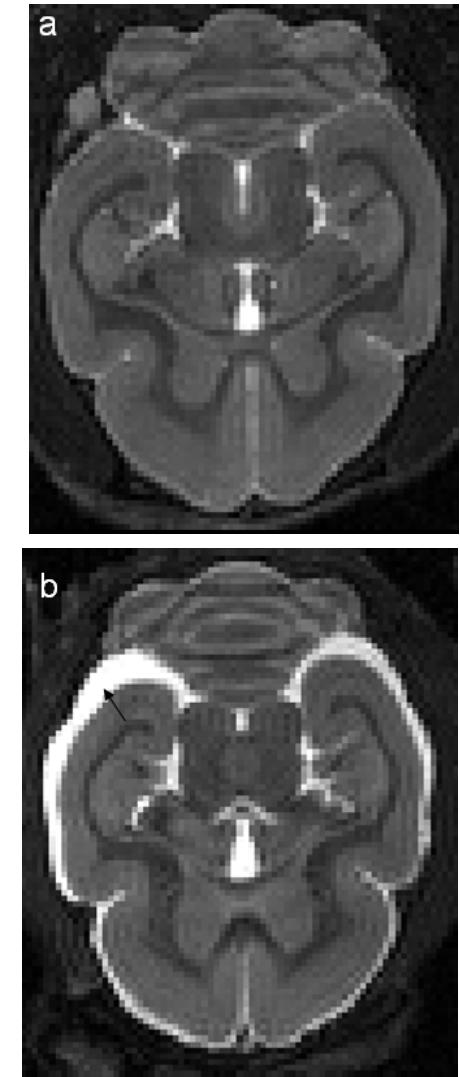
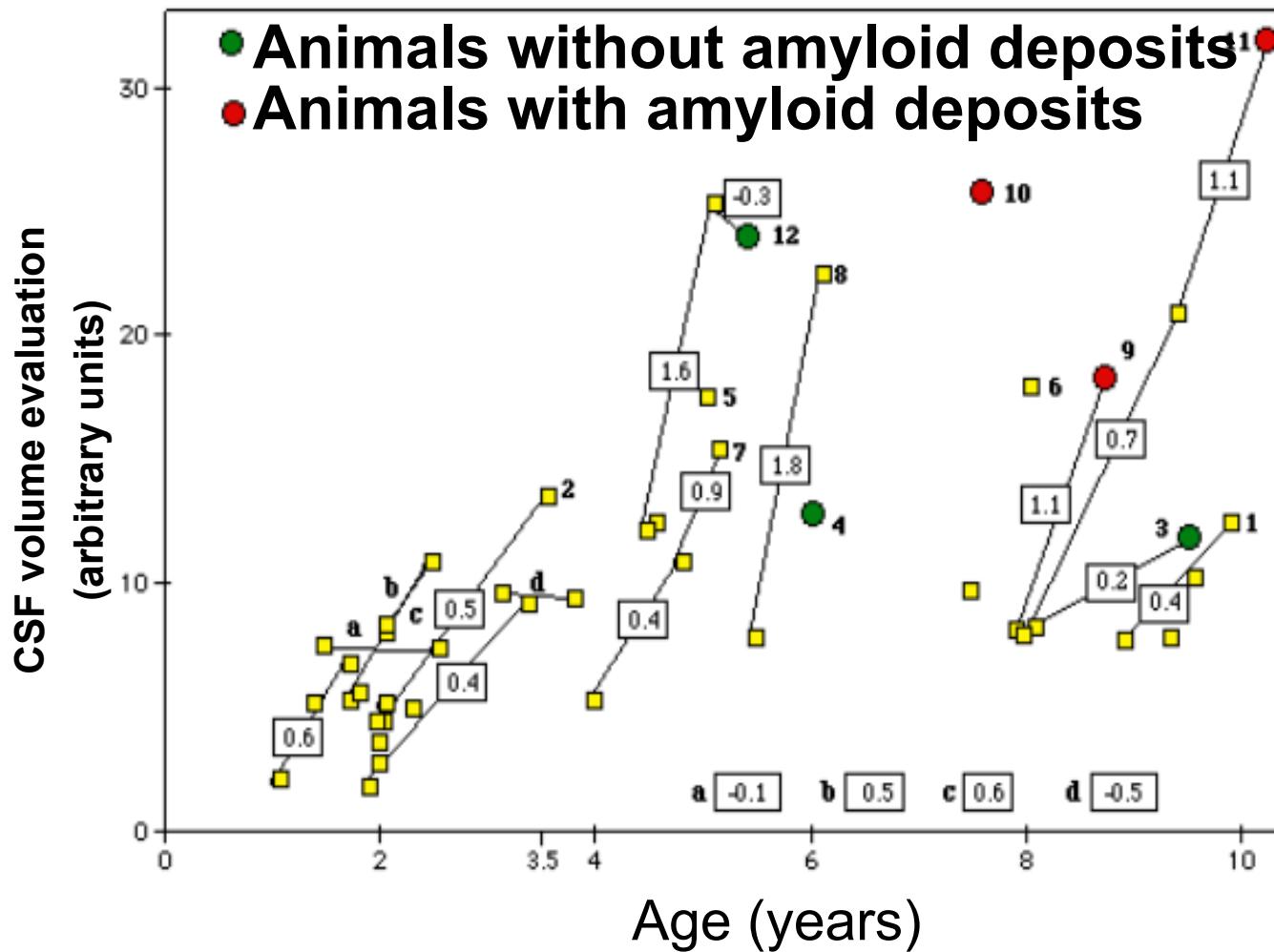
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**IR-RARE ; TR=2500 msec, TE=6 msec,  
TEw=45 msec, TI=200 msec, Résol isotrope 234 µm**

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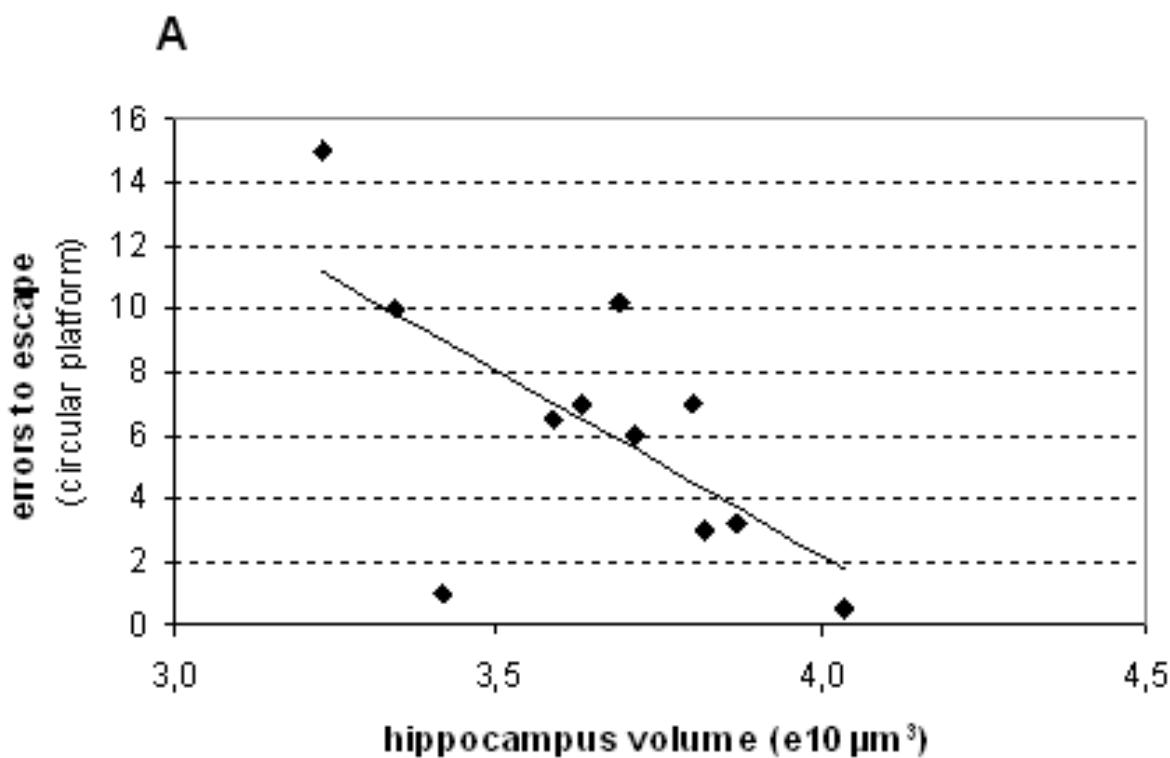
# Longitudinal follow-up of temporo-parietal atrophy



- Quick evolution once started

Dhenain et al. Neurobiol Aging. 2000;21(1):81-8.

# Lien entre altérations comportementales et atrophie chez les animaux âgés



→ Le microcèbe est le seul primate (non-humain) chez qui une corrélation entre atrophie cérébrale macroscopique et les altérations cognitives a été mise en évidence

# Conclusion atrophie Lemurs

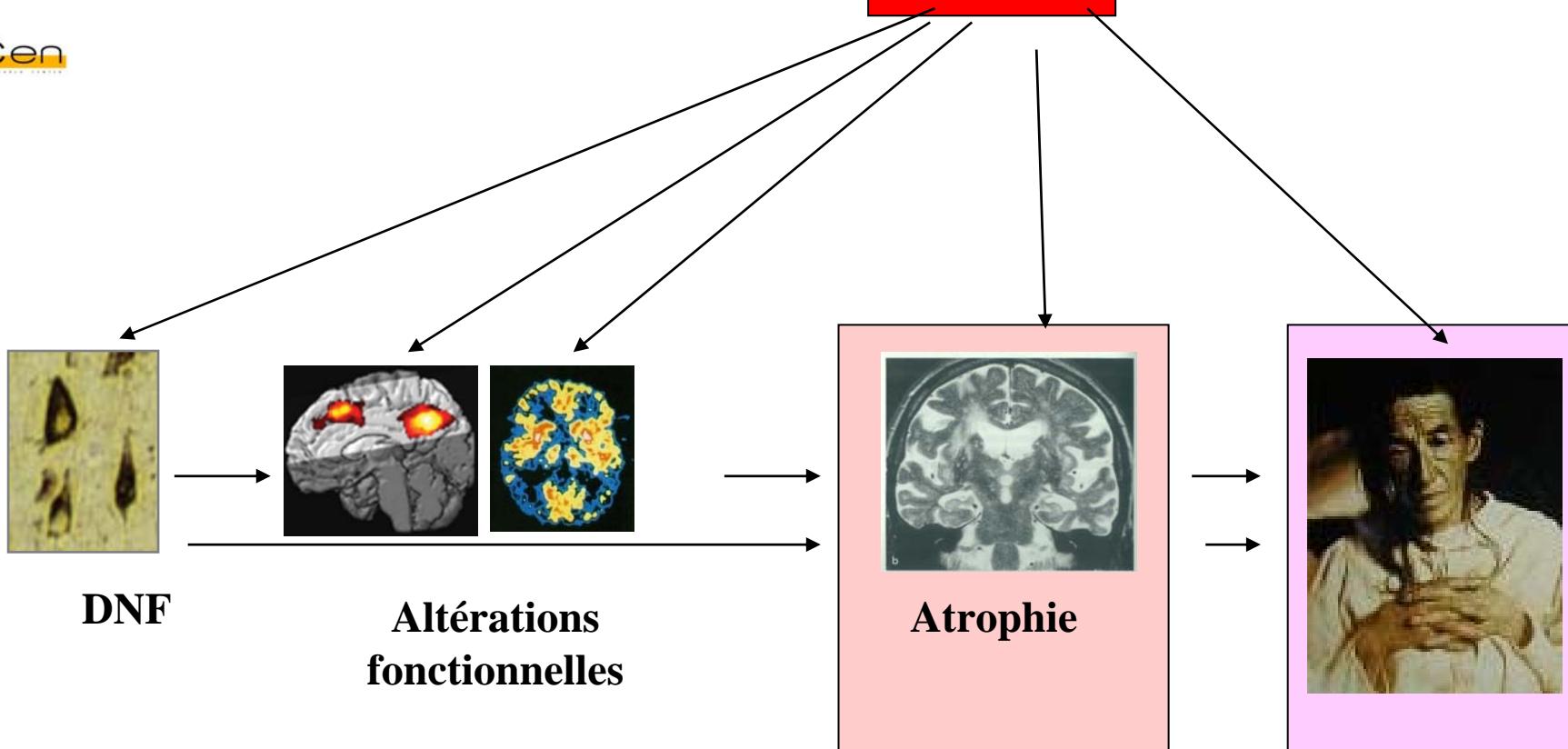
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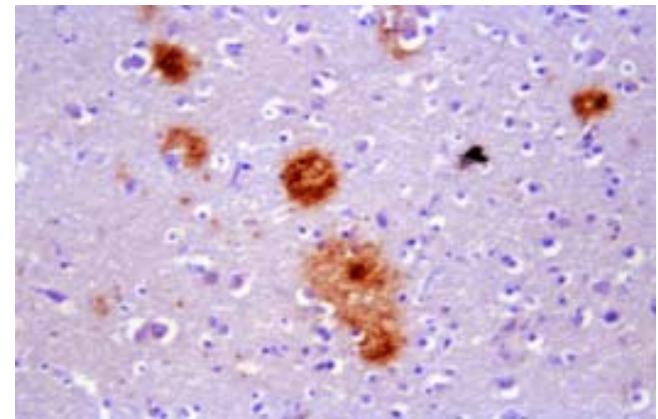
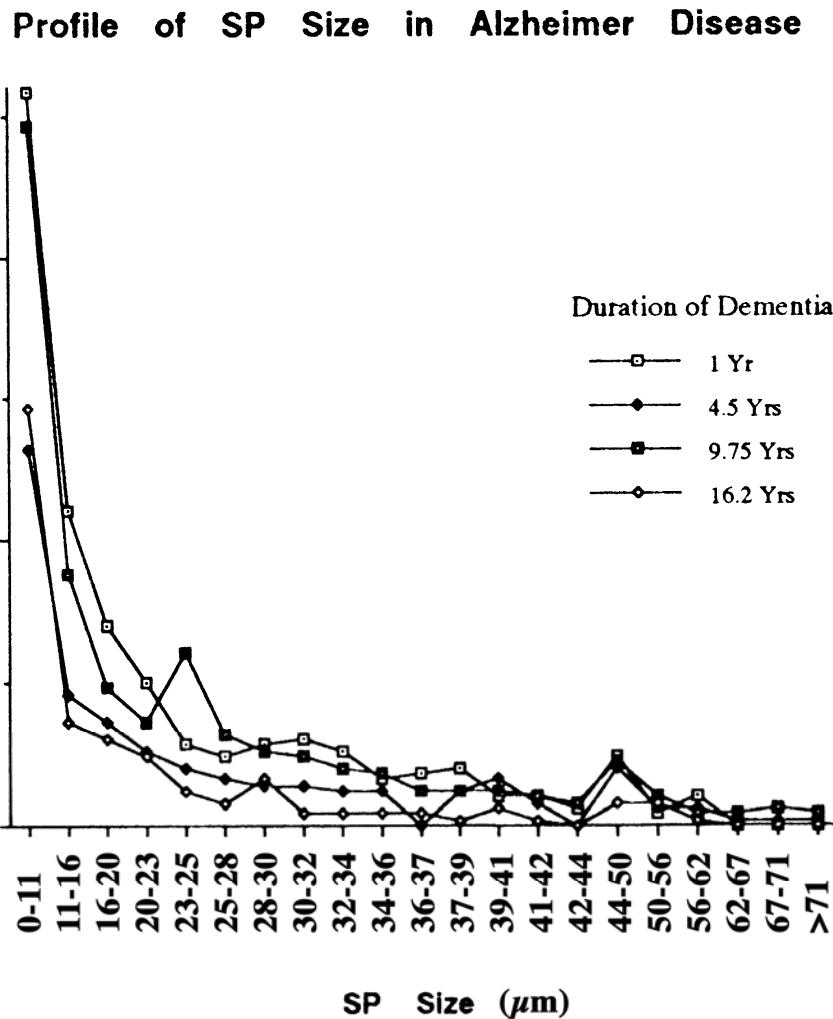
# Maladie d'Alzheimer : Quels biomarqueurs ?



## Dépôts Amyloïdes



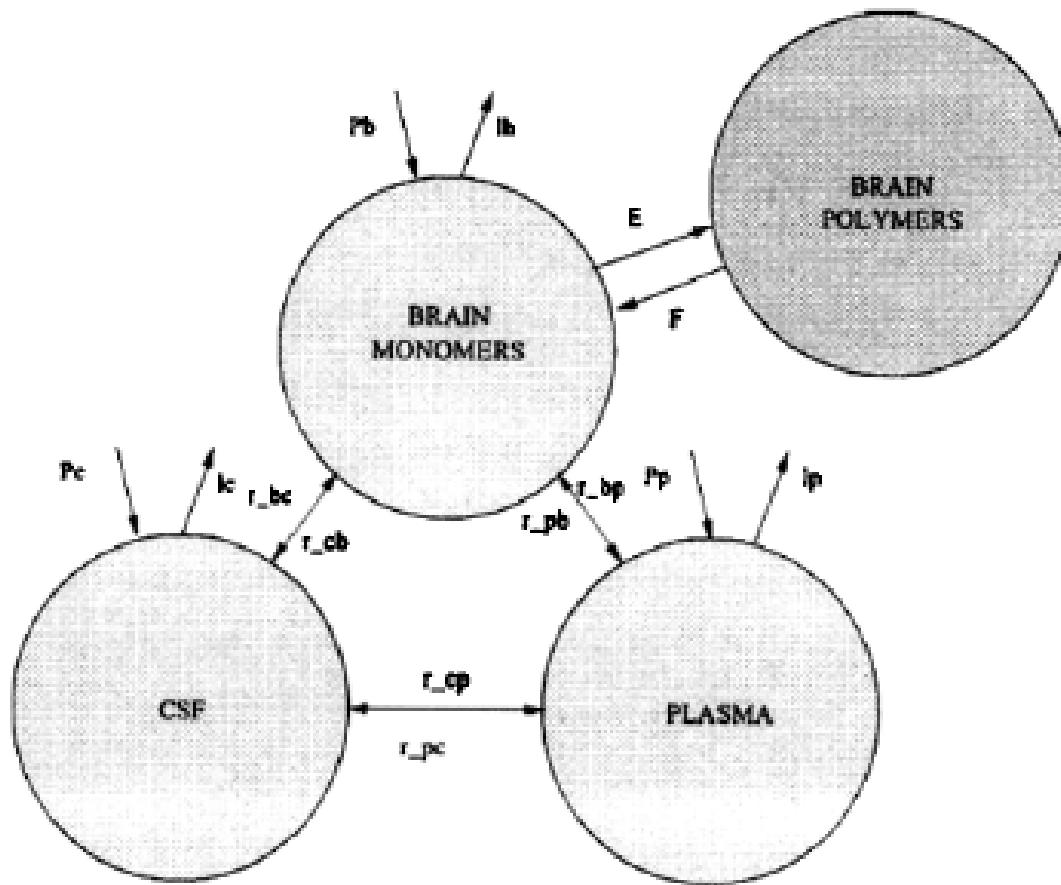
# Les plaques amyloïdes



Modifié de Hyman BT et al. Journal of Neuropathology and Experimental Neurology 1993;52(6):594-600.

# Autres formes d'amyloïde

*A Mathematical Model for A $\beta$  Accumulation*



Craft, D. L., Wein L. M., Selkoe, D. J.. (2002). Bull Math Biol **64**(5): 1011-31.

## ■ Liquides périphériques

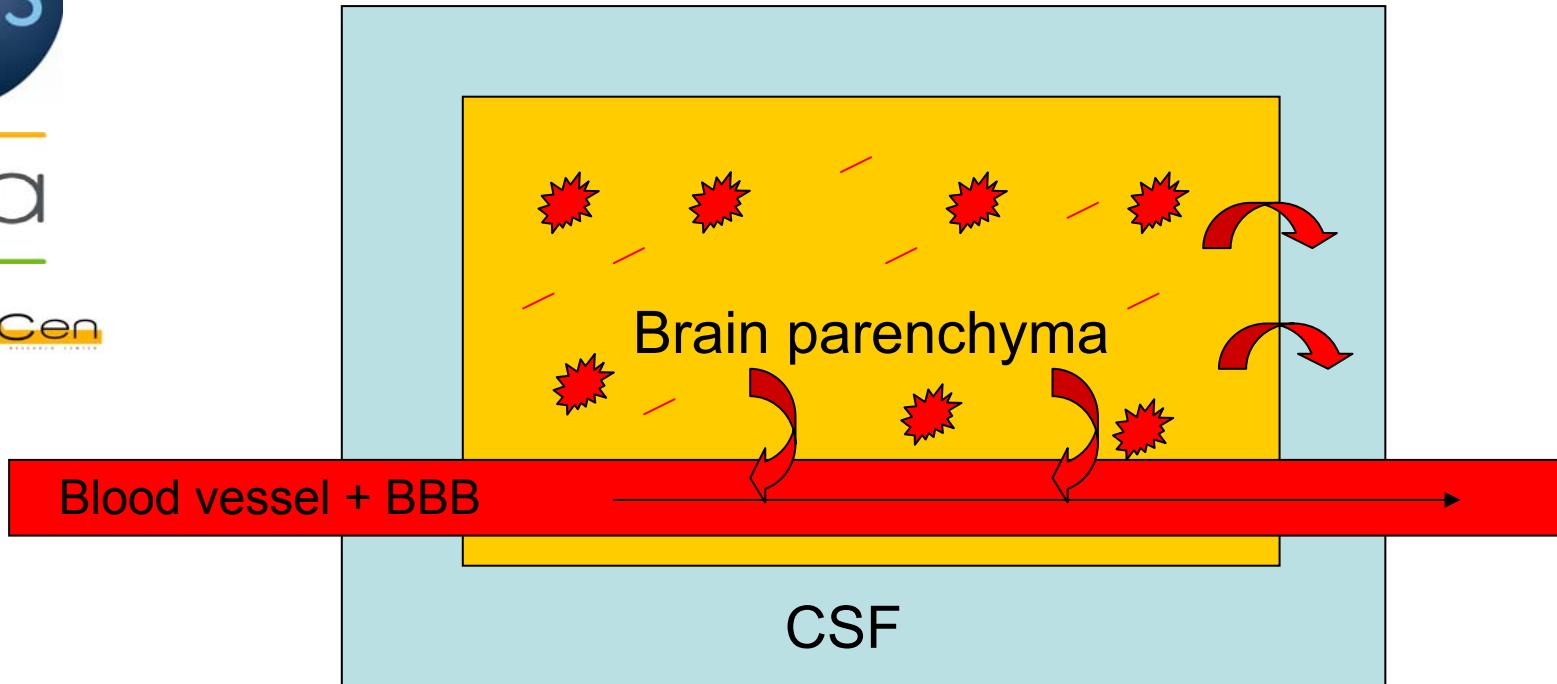
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## ■ Le cerveau

- ❖ PET
- ❖ Imagerie optique
- ❖ IRM

## ■ Les yeux

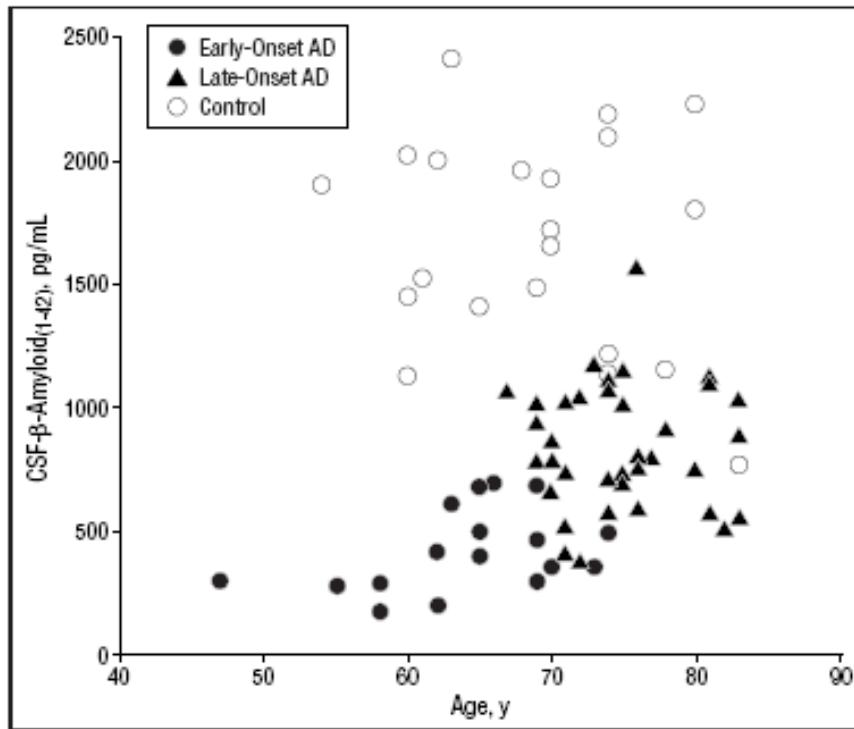
# Evaluation of amyloid in CSF and plasma in humans



In Humans

- Decreased Abeta42 level in AD patients
- No change ?

# Decreased amyloid42 level in Human CSF during AD



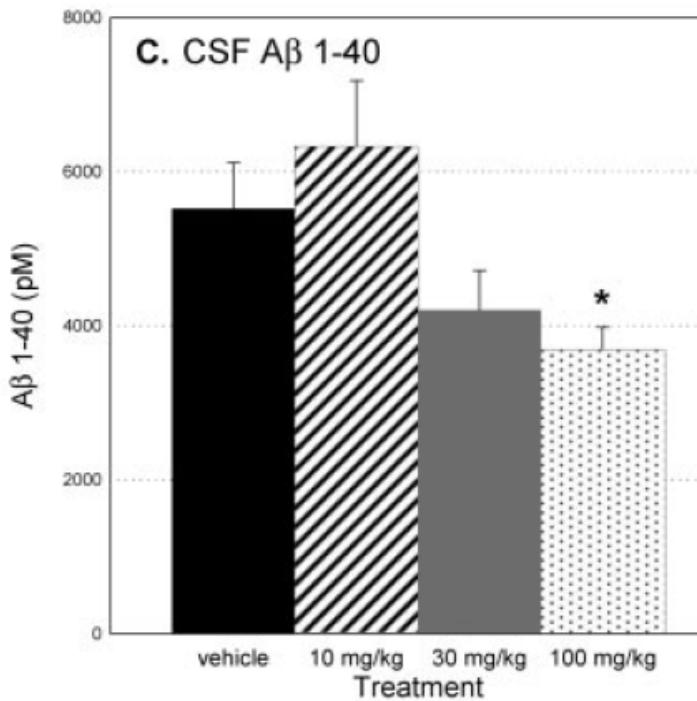
**Figure 4.** Relation between age and cerebrospinal fluid (CSF)  $\beta$ -amyloid<sub>1-42</sub> level in patients with Alzheimer disease (AD) and healthy controls. Spearman  $r = 0.46$  ( $P < .001$ ) in the AD group and  $r = -0.15$  ( $P = .30$ ) in the control group.

Andreasen, N., C. Hesse, et al. (1999). "Cerebrospinal fluid beta-amyloid(1-42) in Alzheimer disease: differences between early- and late-onset Alzheimer disease and stability during the course of disease." *Arch Neurol* **56**(6): 673-80.

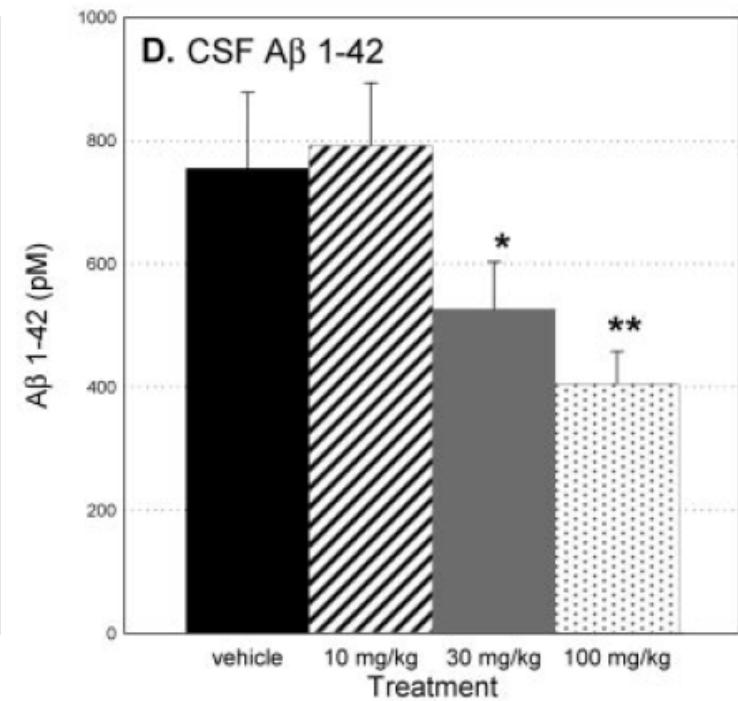
# Evaluation of amyloid in CSF: Therapeutic evolution



Tg2576 – 17 months



Marker of soluble amyloid

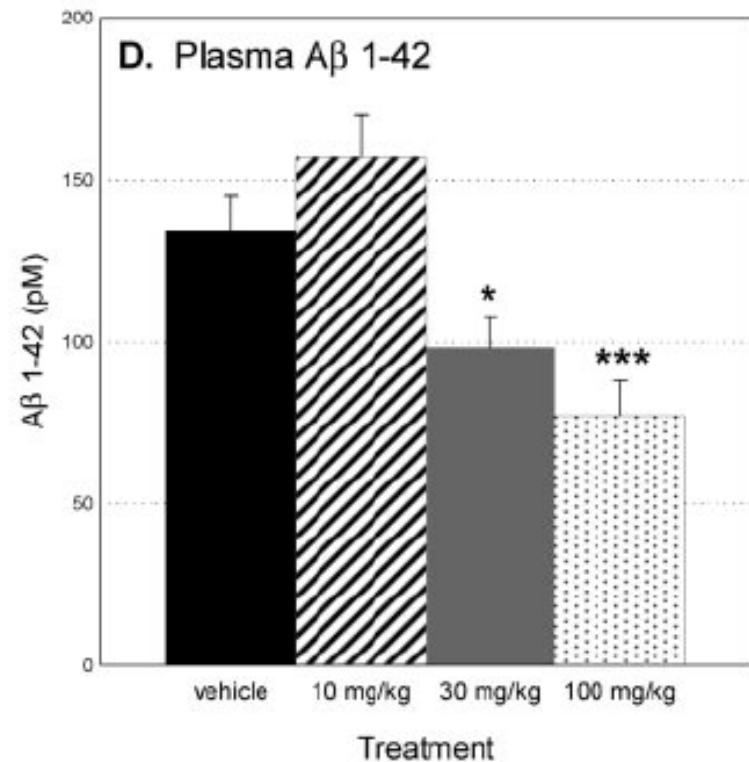
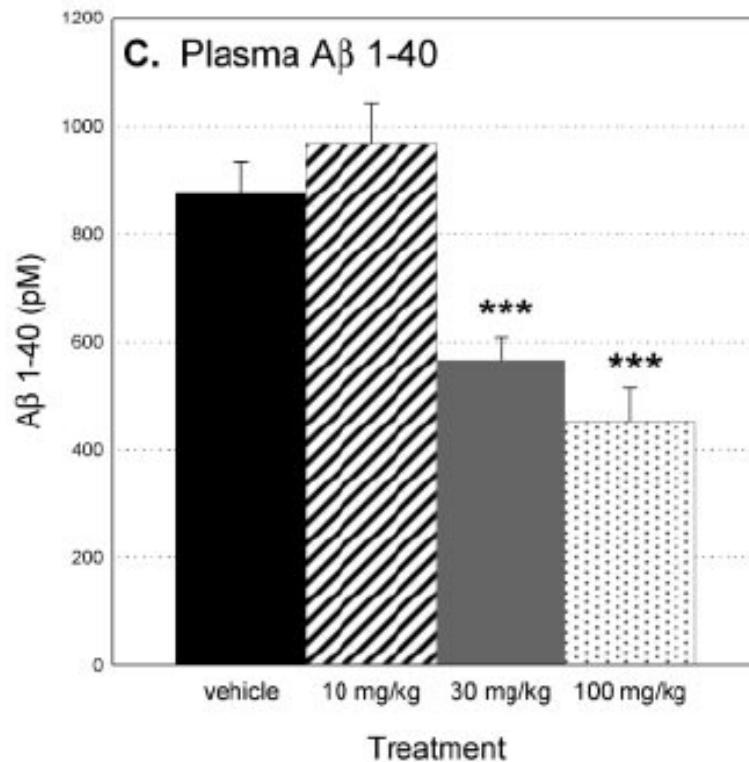


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Lanz, T. A, et al. (2003). J Pharmacol Exp Ther **305**(3): 864-71 (Pfizer).

# Evaluation of amyloid in Plasma: Therapeutic evaluation

Tg2576 – 6 months



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# Evaluation of amyloid in CSF

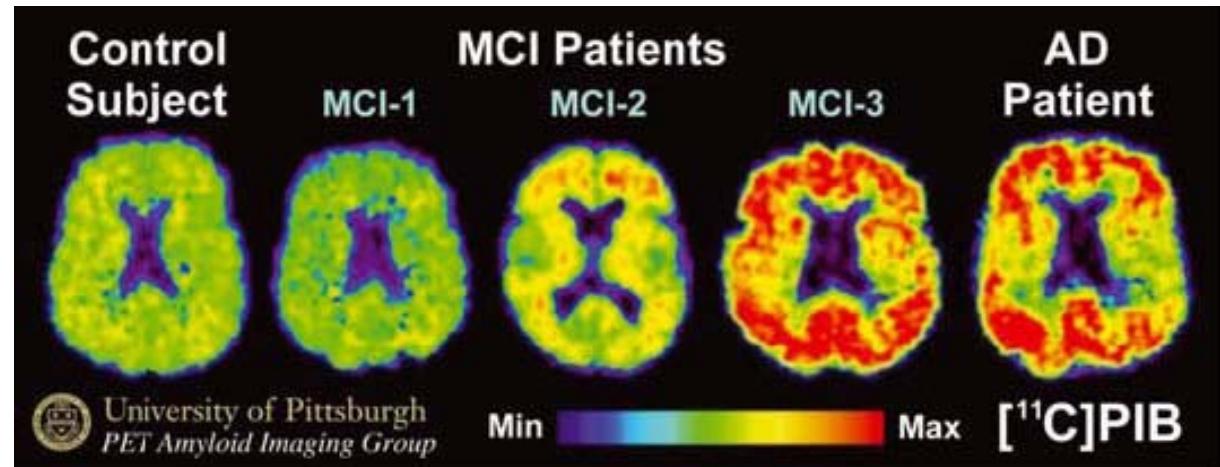
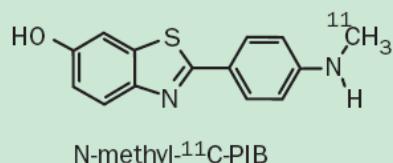
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	Detection of AD-like pathology	Preclinical evaluation of drugs	Clinical diagnostic	Clinical endpoint True benefits of a drug
Amyloid in CSF (comes from soluble amyloid)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Amyloid in Plasma (comes from soluble amyloid)	Yes	Yes	No	No

# Où chercher l'Amyloïde béta

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- Liquides périphériques
  - ❖ LCR
  - ❖ Sang
- Le cerveau
  - ❖ PET
  - ❖ Imagerie optique
  - ❖ IRM
- Les yeux

# Amyloid imaging in humans (by PET)



10598 • The Journal of Neuroscience, November 16, 2005 • 25(46):10598–10606

Cellular/Molecular

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## Molecular Imaging

PET imaging of brain with the  $\beta$ -amyloid probe, [<sup>11</sup>C]6-OH-BTA-1, in a transgenic mouse model of Alzheimer's disease

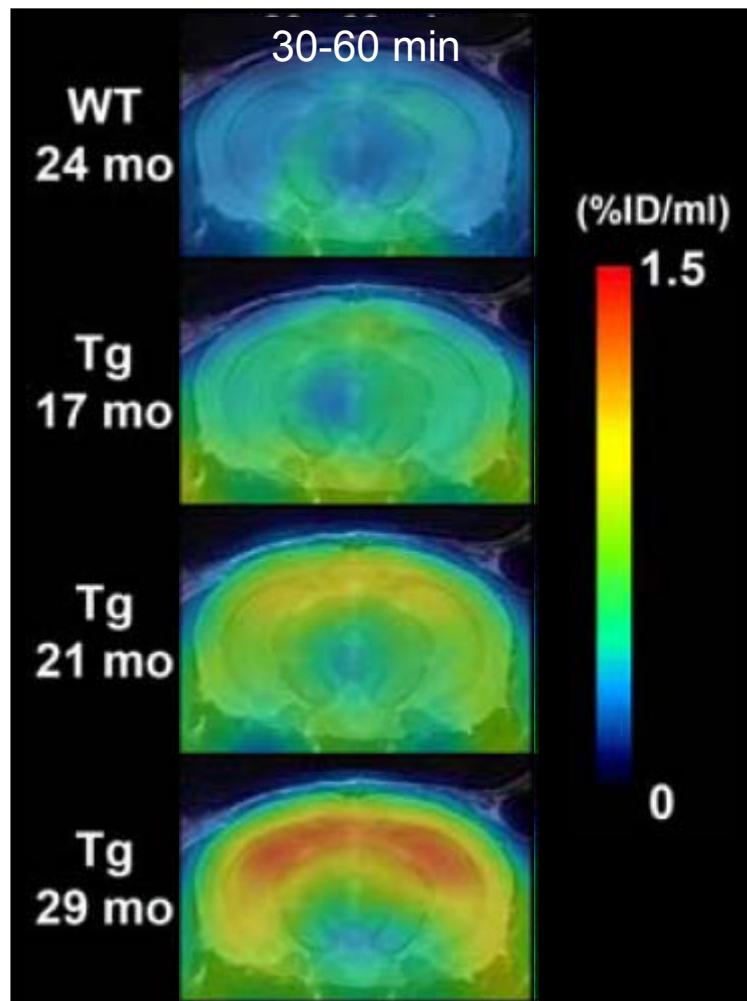
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- Episodic memory impairments
- Supportive features
  - ❖ Medial temporal atrophy
  - ❖ Alteration of the CSF
  - ❖ Alterations of the PET
    - Reduced glucose metabolism in bilateral temporal-parietal regions
    - **Amyloid detection by PET (PIB-FDDNP...)**

Dubois, B. et al.-2007  
Lancet Neurol **6**(8): 734-46.

# PIB Mice – Very late marker (if marker)



Maeda, J., B. Ji, et al. (2007).  
J Neurosci **27**(41): 10957-68.

APP 23 mice  
(Amyloid starts at 6 months)



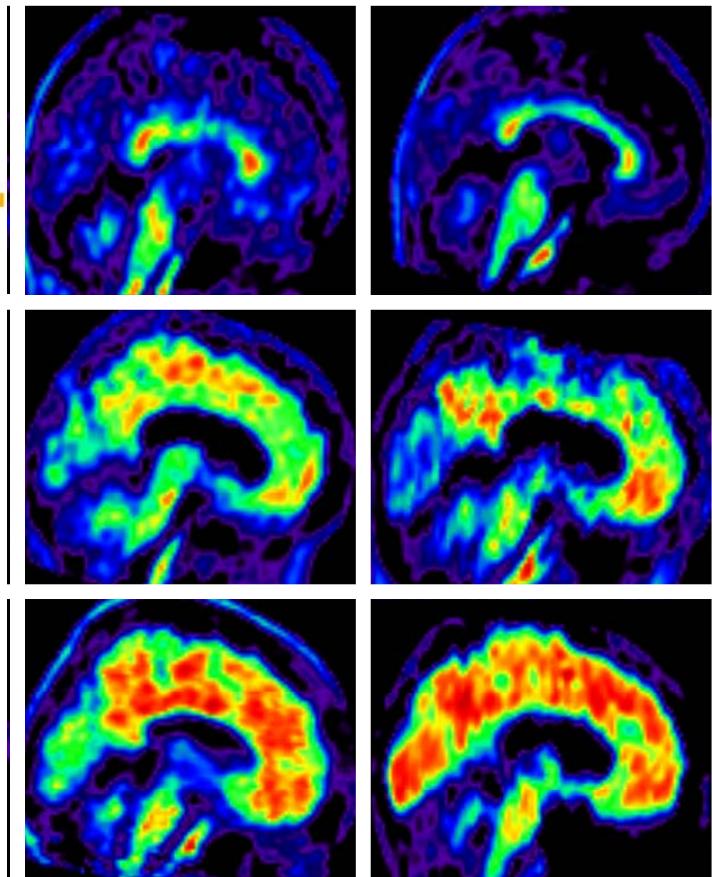
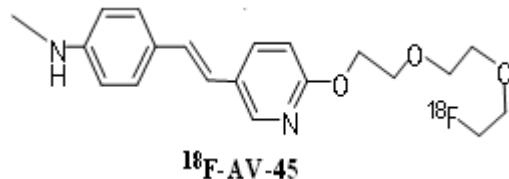
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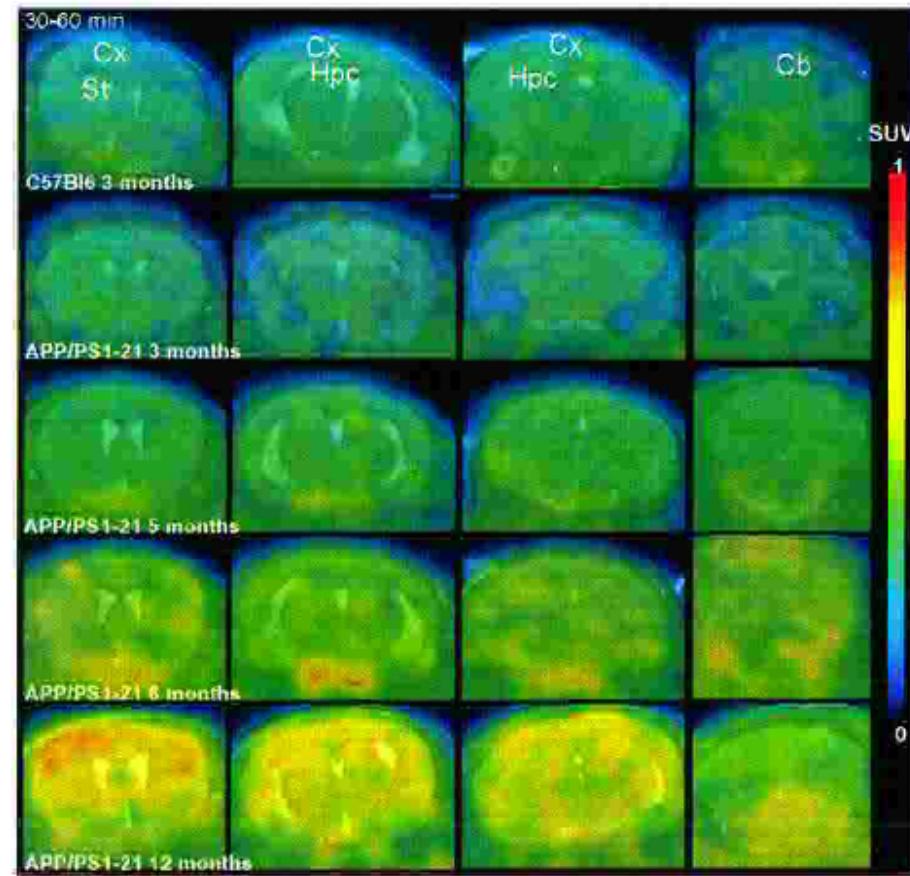
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# AV45 – a new marker for AD



Visualization of amyloid plaques in APP/PS1-21 mice by [<sup>18</sup>F]-AV-45 microPET



Poisnel & Barre, ICAD, 2011

# Conclusion: amyloid detection - PET

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Biomarker	Use in animals		Use in humans	
	Detection of AD-like pathology	Preclinical evaluation of drugs	Clinical diagnostic	Clinical endpoint True benefits of a drug
Amyloid (Aggregated - PET + PIB)	Yes	No	Yes	No
Futur contrast agents (AV45) ?	Yes	Yes ?	Yes	No

# Où chercher l'Amyloïde béta

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## ■ Liquides périphériques

- ❖ LCR
- ❖ Sang

## ■ Le cerveau

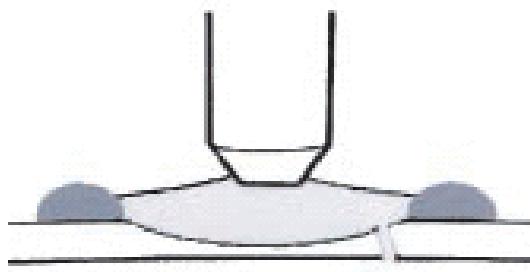
- ❖ PET
- ❖ Imagerie optique
  - Multiphoton microscopy
  - Near Infra red imaging
- ❖ IRM

## ■ Les yeux

# Multiphoton microscopy



- Fenêtre sur le cerveau



- Marquage par un fluorophore
  - ❖ Thioflavine S (par exemple)
- Résolution = 1  $\mu\text{m}$
- Profondeur = 150  $\mu\text{m}$

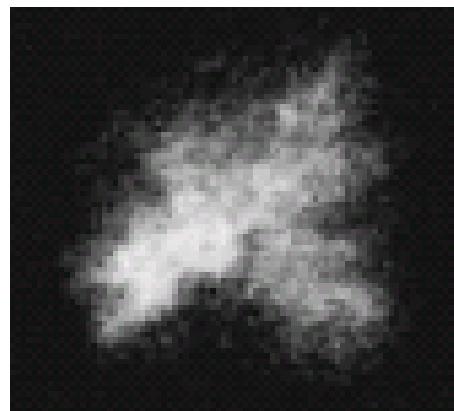
# Multiphoton microscopy

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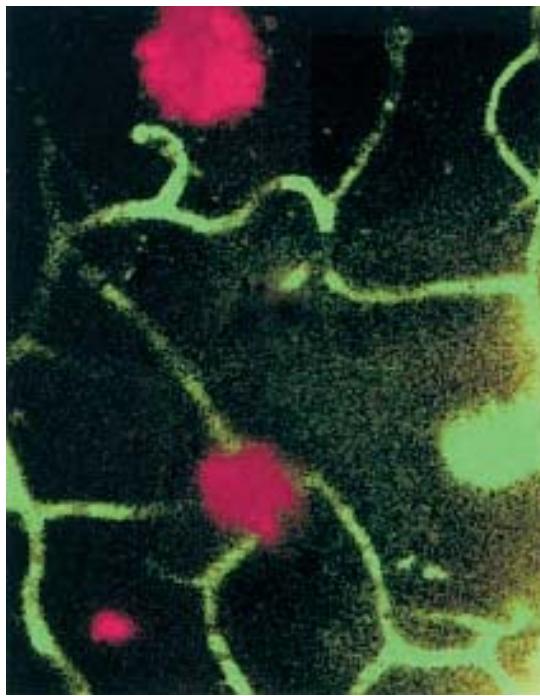
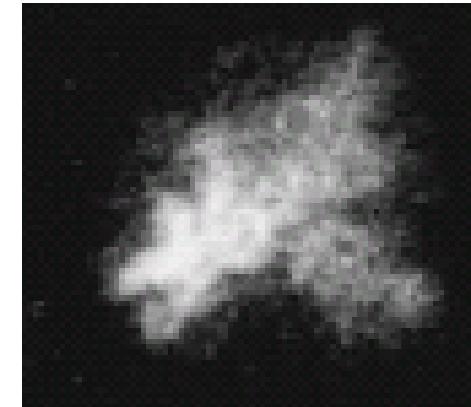


Angiopathie  
amyloïde

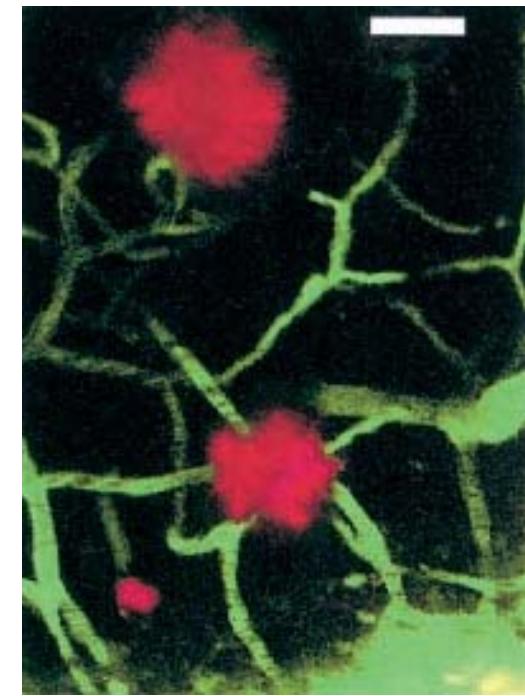
# Multiphoton microscopy: Longitudinal follow up of plaque turn over



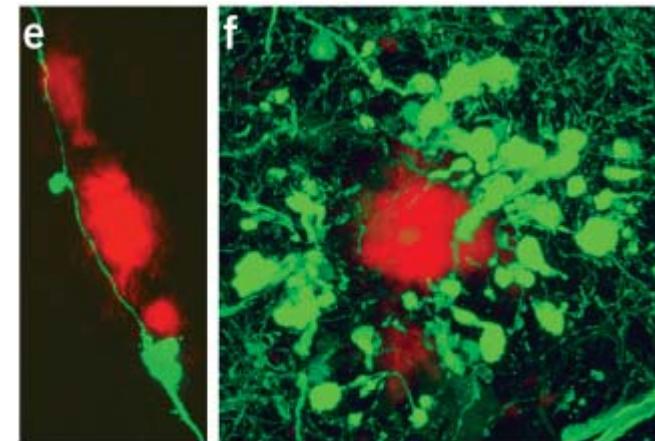
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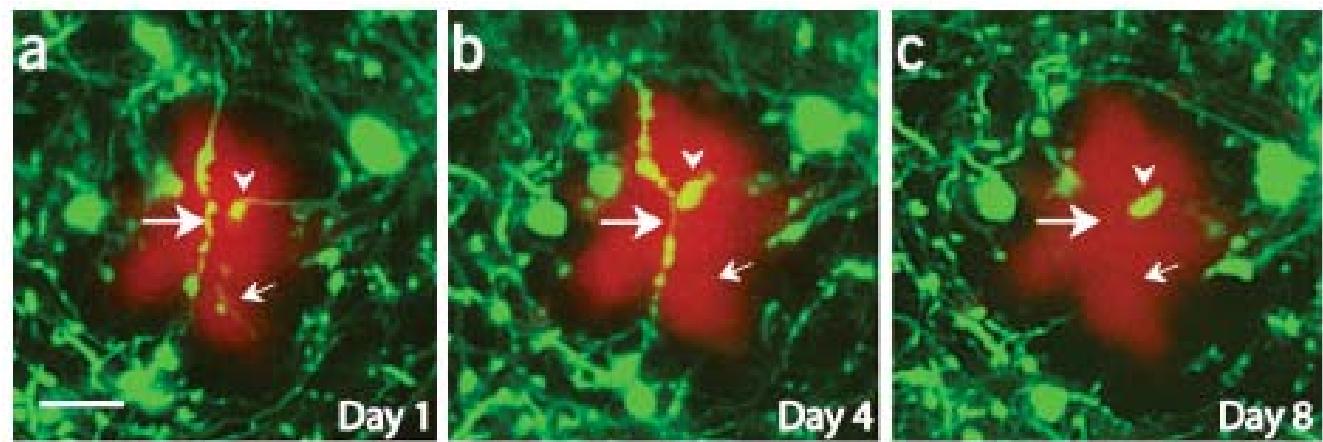
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- Neuronal varicosities associated to amyloid plaques

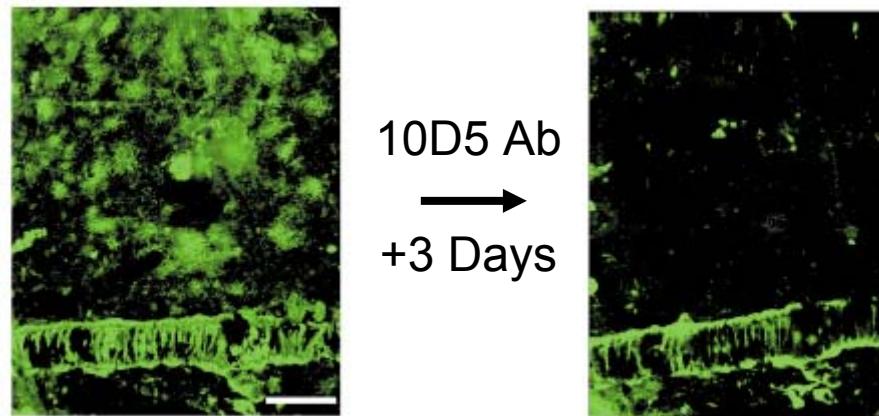


- Neurite breakage close to amyloid plaques



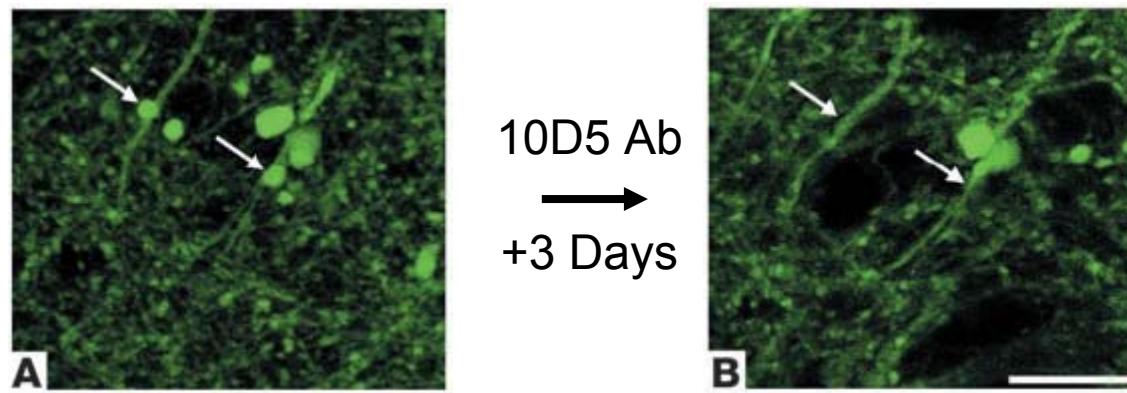
# Multiphoton microscopy: Use to evaluate experimental therapies

- Détection of amyloid clearance following immunotherapy



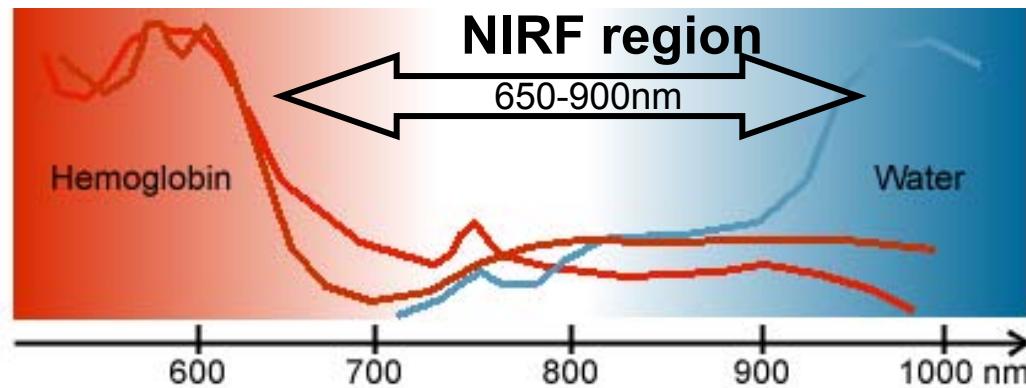
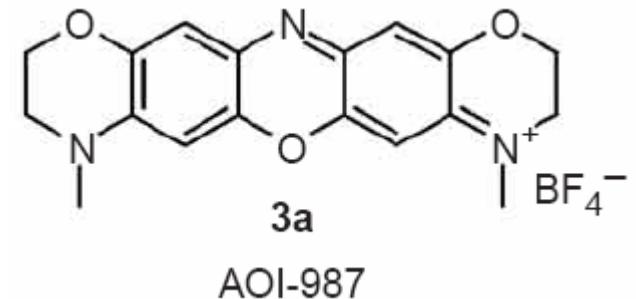
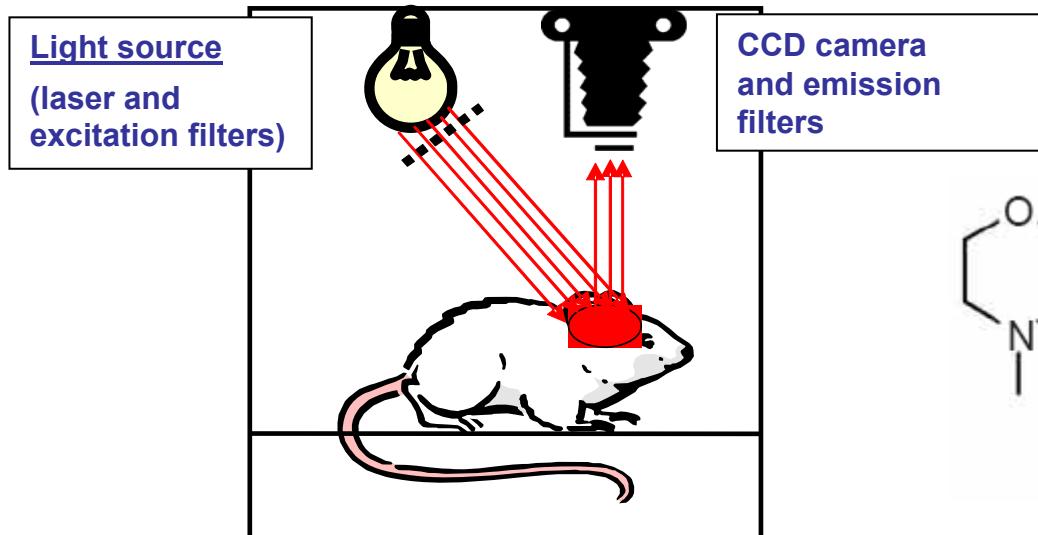
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- Détection of effects of treatments on amyloid-associated neuronal modifications



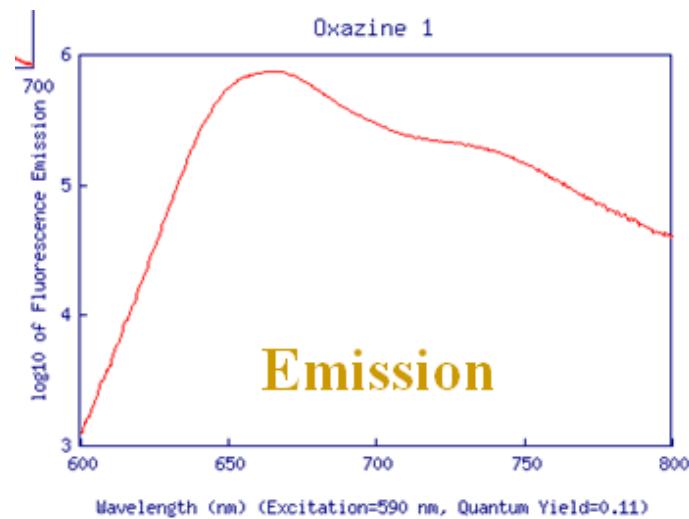
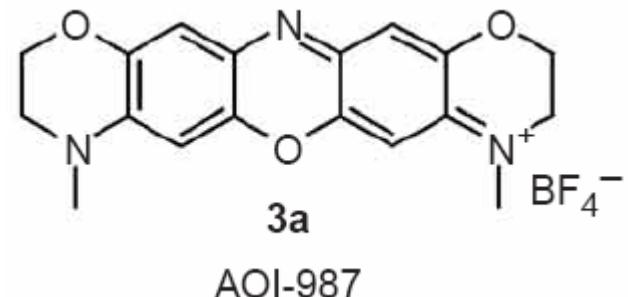
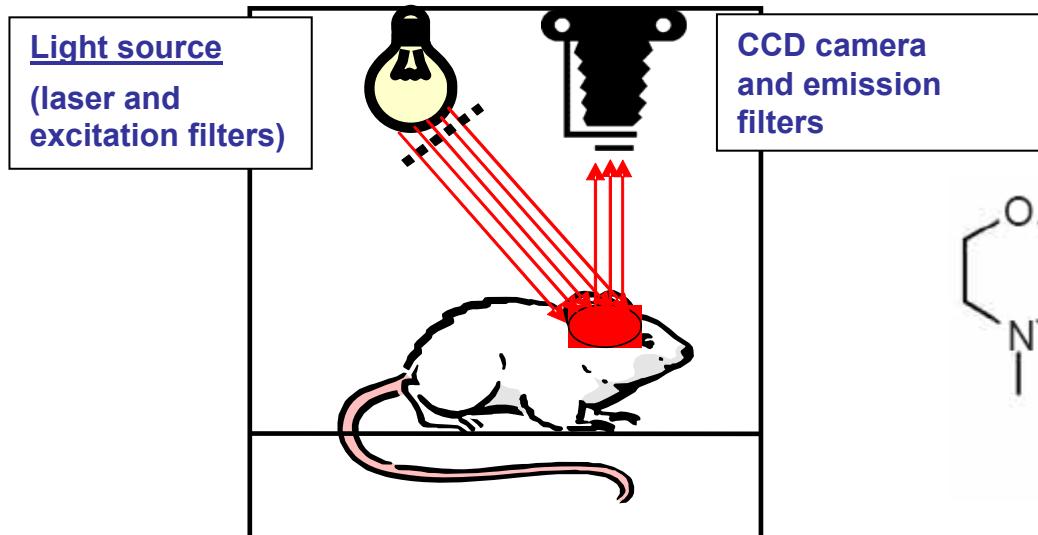
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# Near Infrared imaging : Longitudinal follow up of plaque toxicity



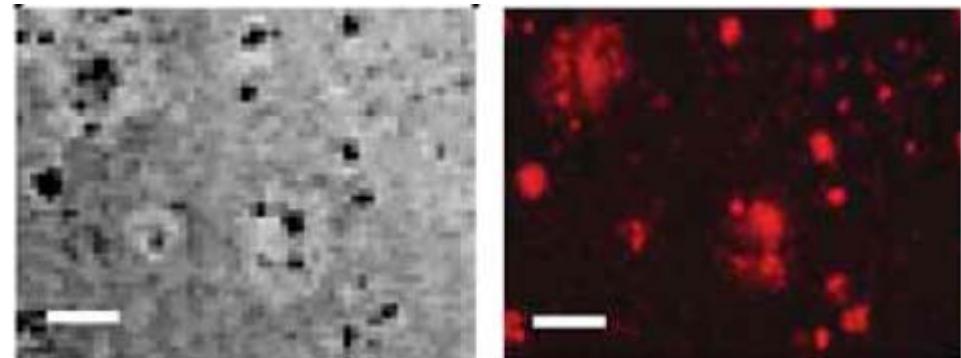
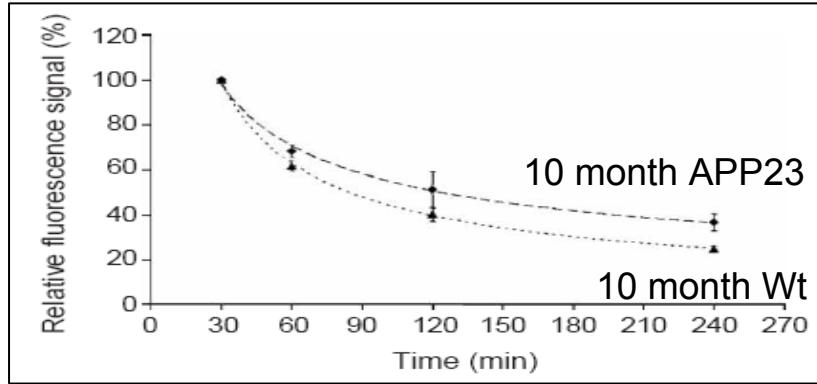
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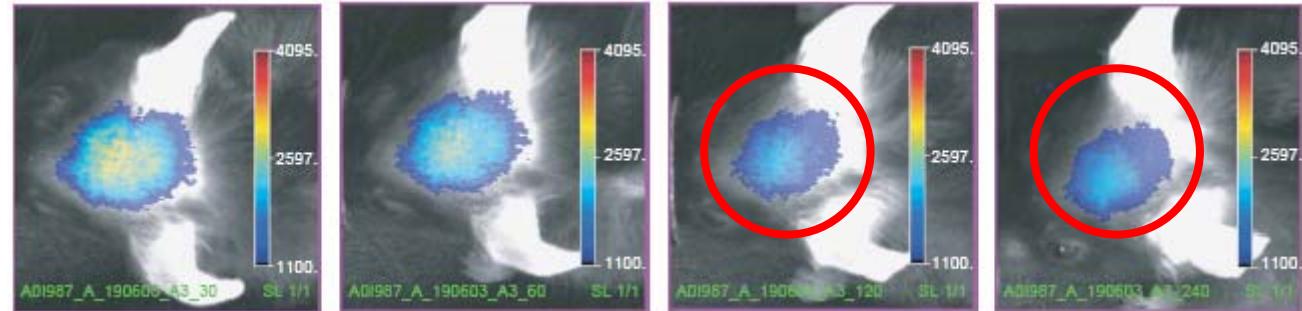


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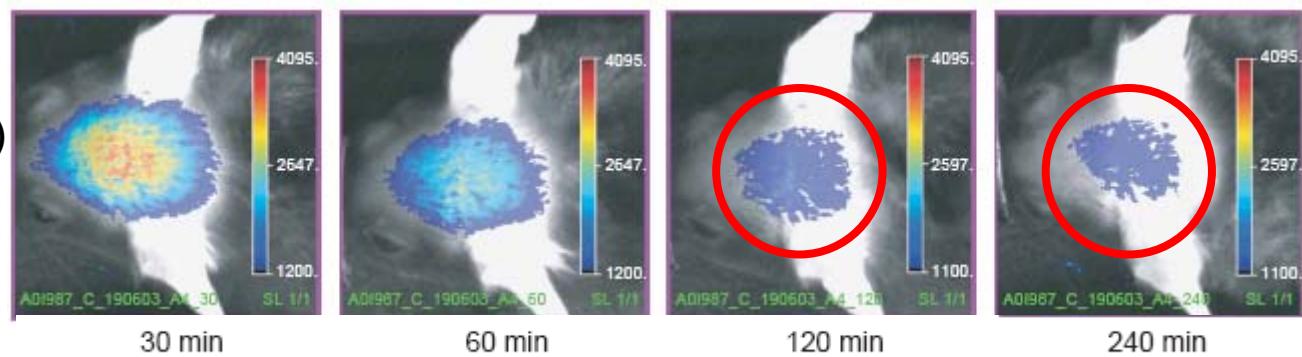
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APP23 (17 months)

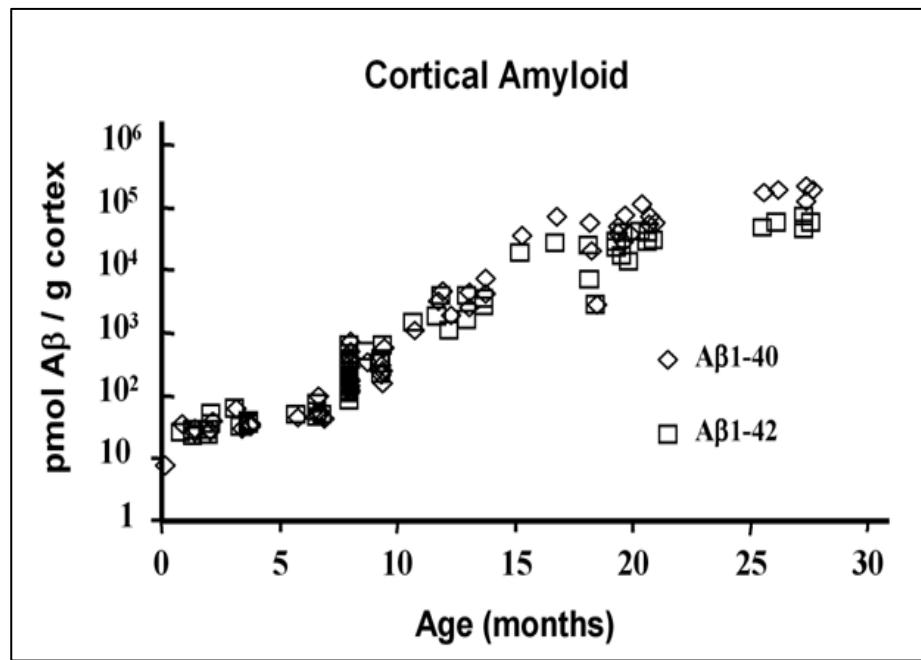
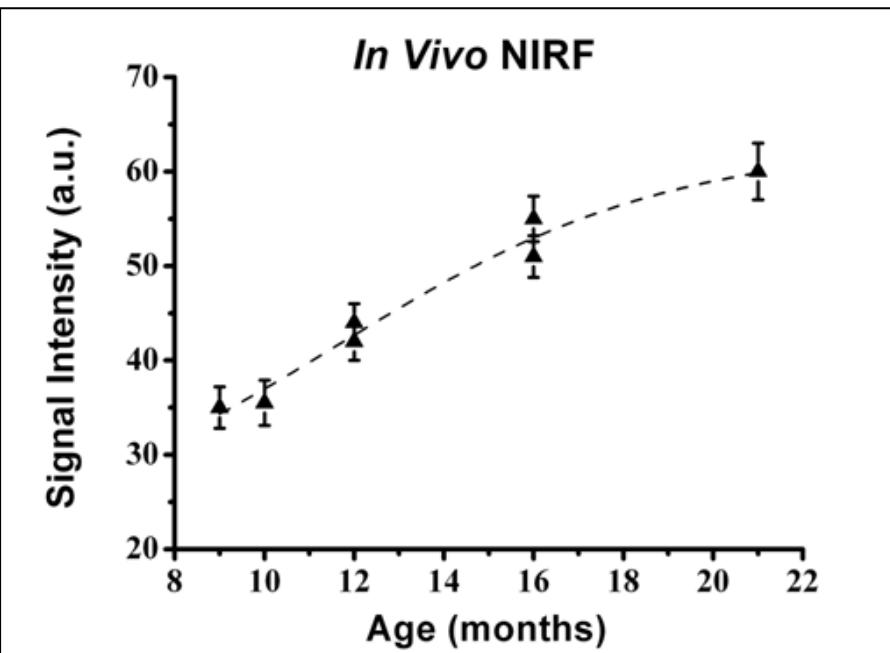
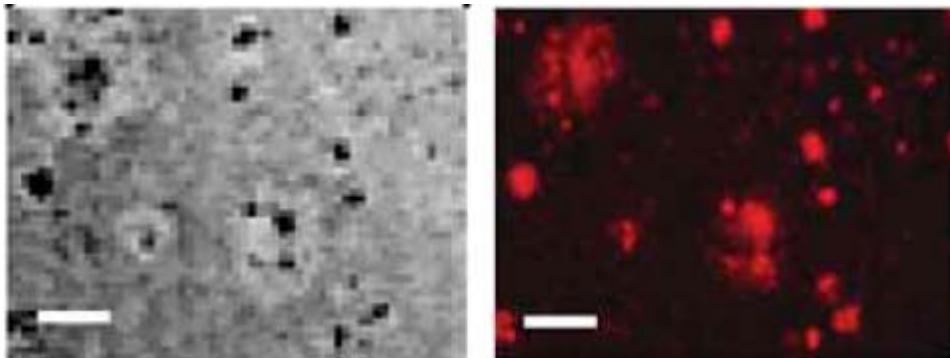
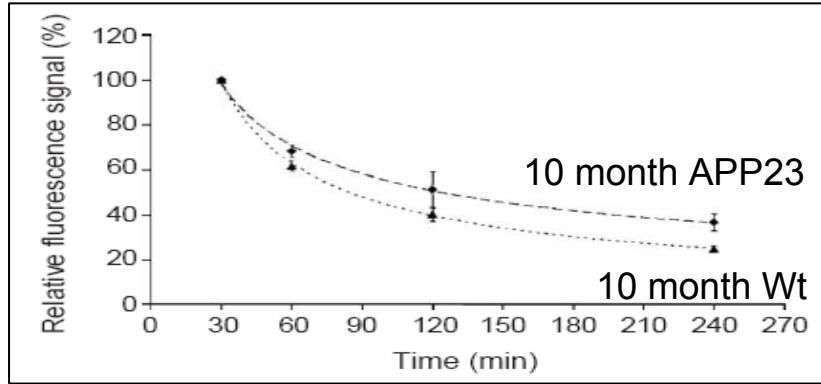


Wt=Control (17 months)



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# Conclusion: amyloid detection – Multiphoton and NIR

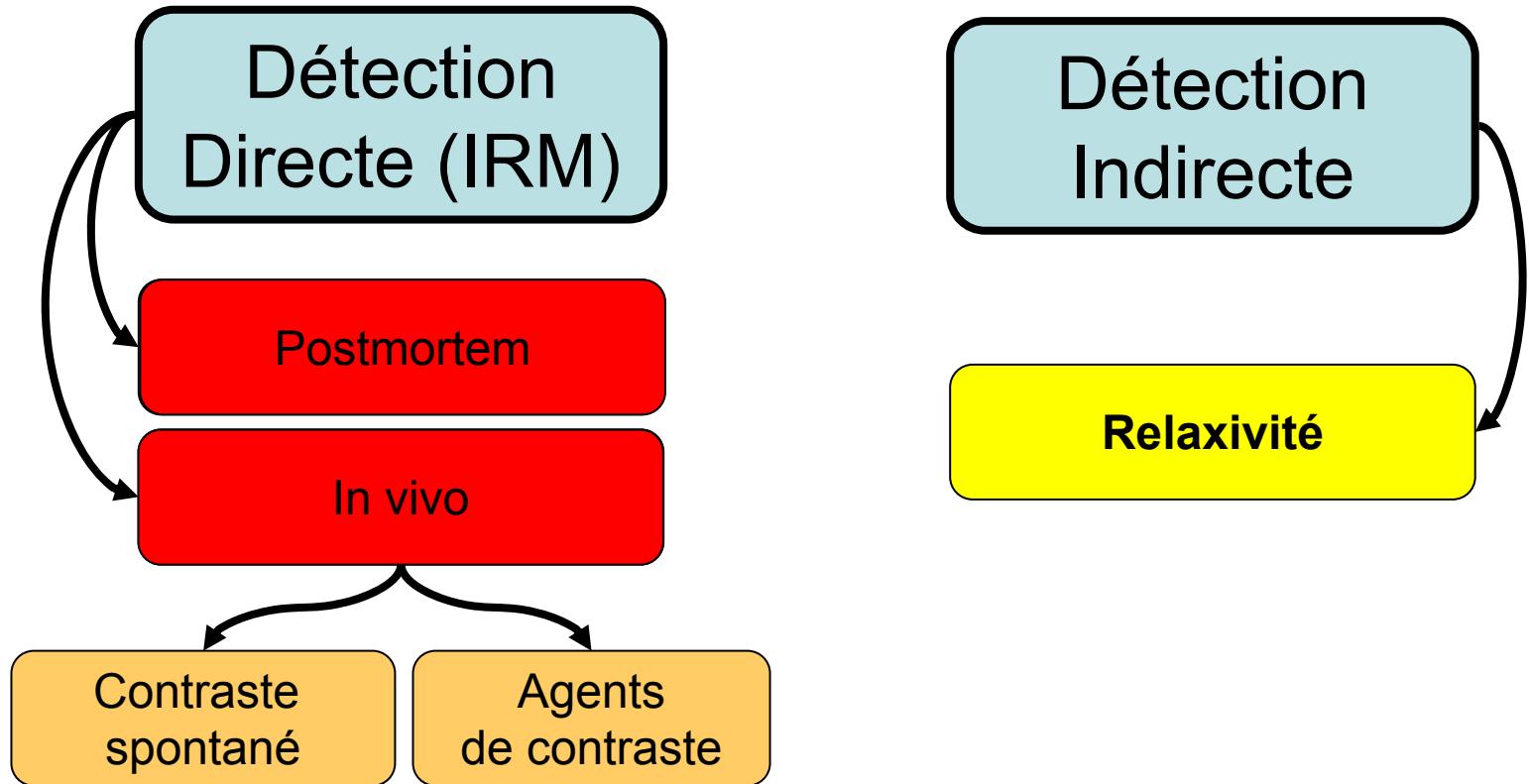
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Biomarker	Use in animals		Use in humans	
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Multiphoton	Yes	Yes	No	No
NIR	Yes	Yes	No	No

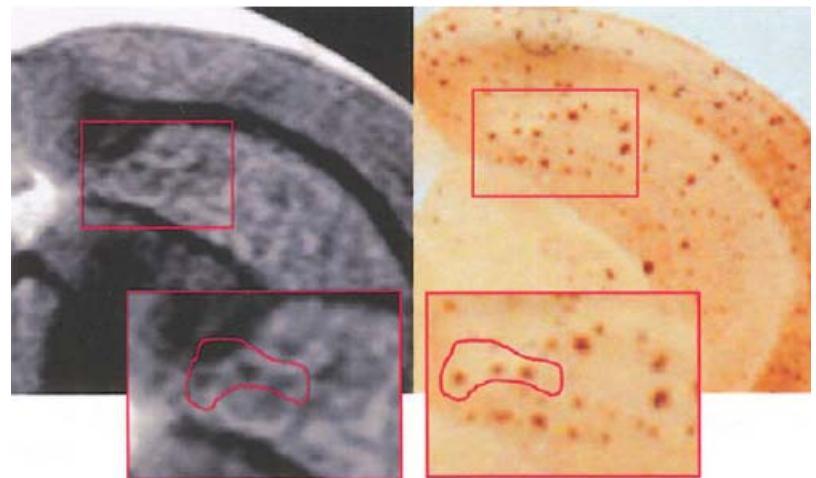
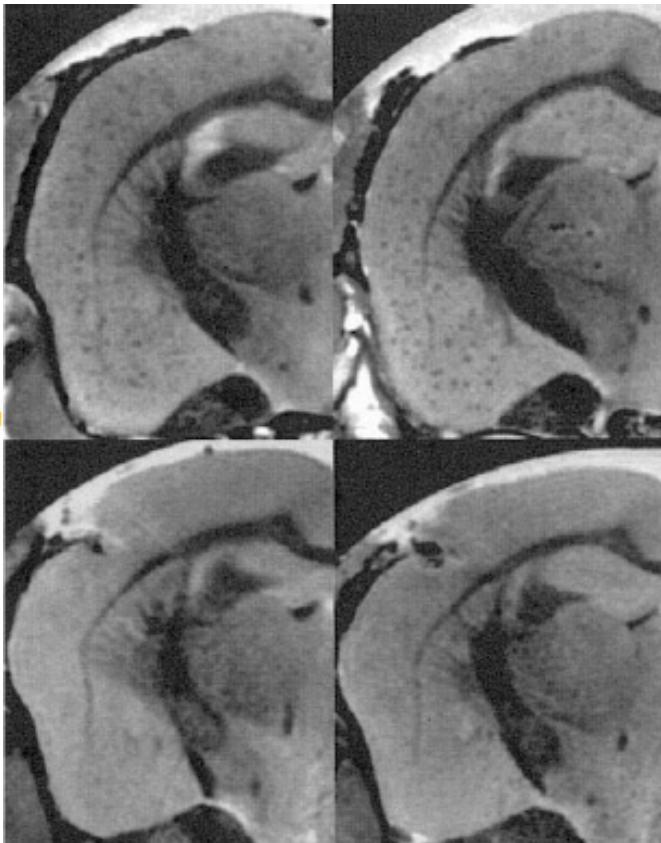
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# Imagerie des plaques en IRM



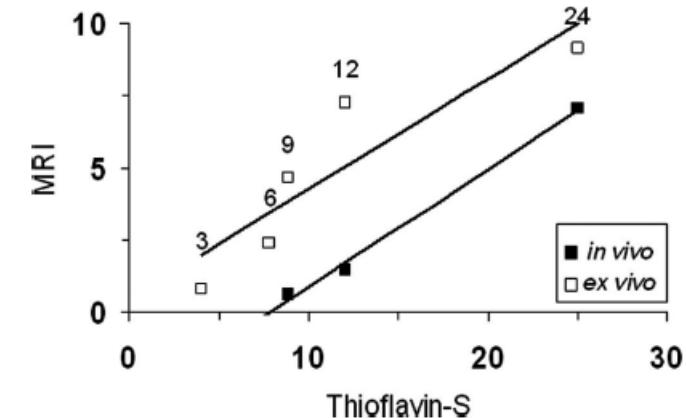
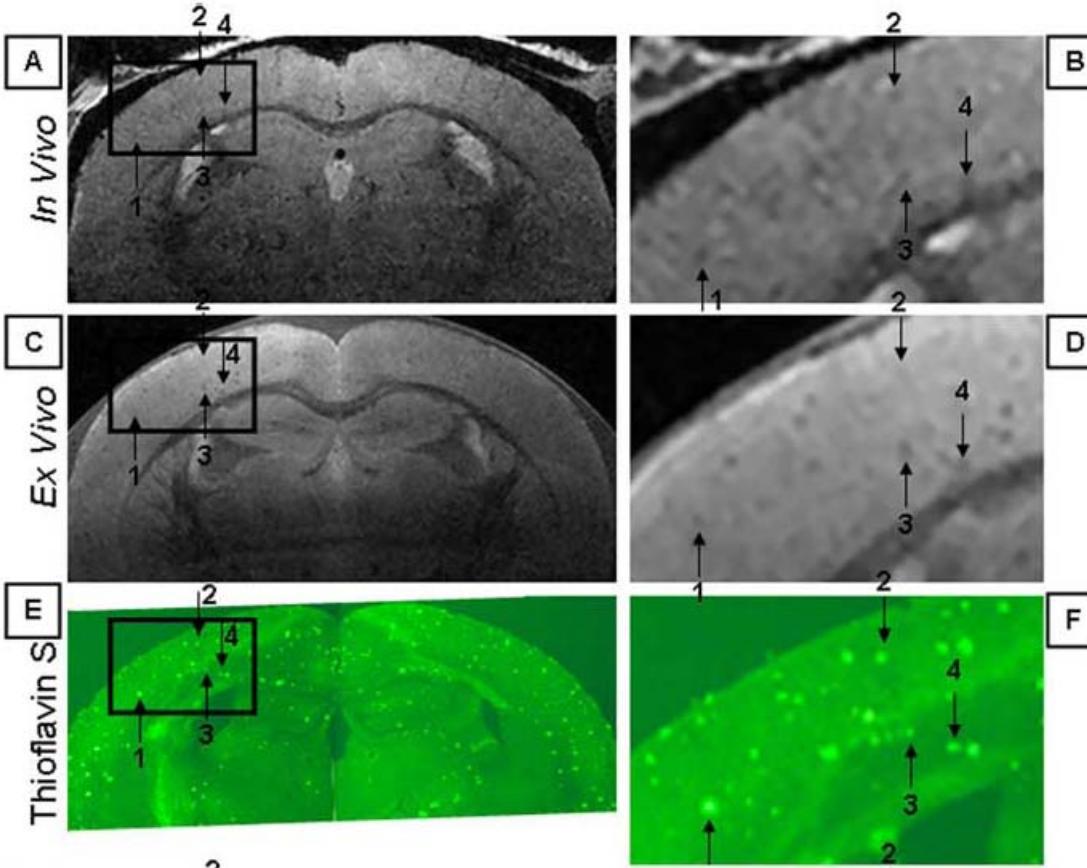
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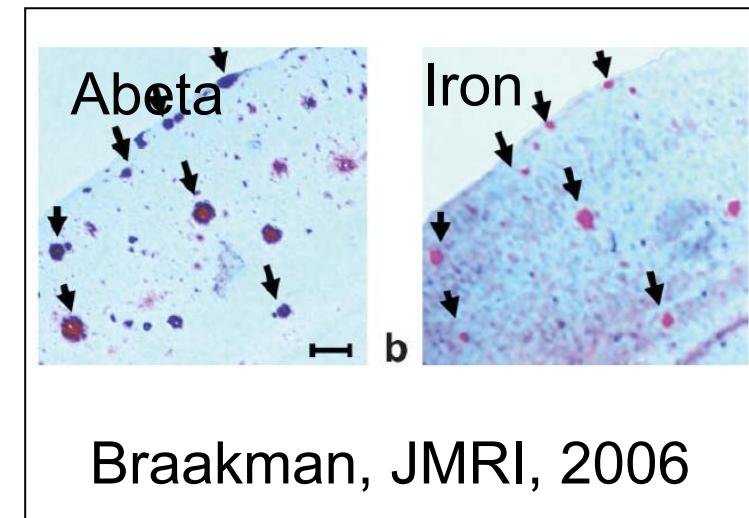
- Tg2576 (APP)/PS1
- 17-19 months
- T2-w images @ 7 Tesla
- 2 hours

Lee, S. P., M. F. Falangola, et al. (2004).  
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# In-vivo plaques imaging without contrast agent

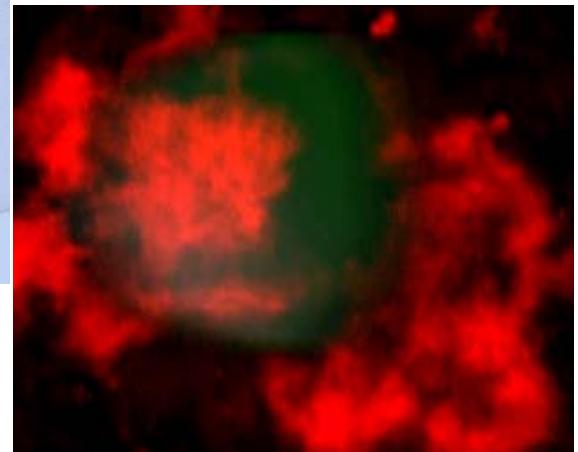
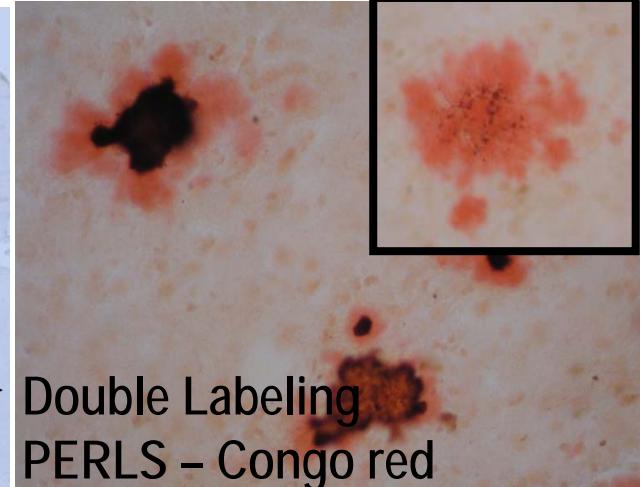
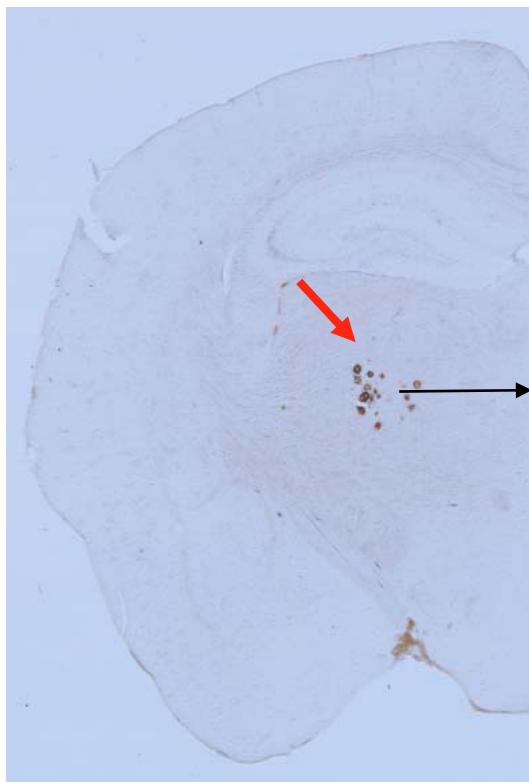
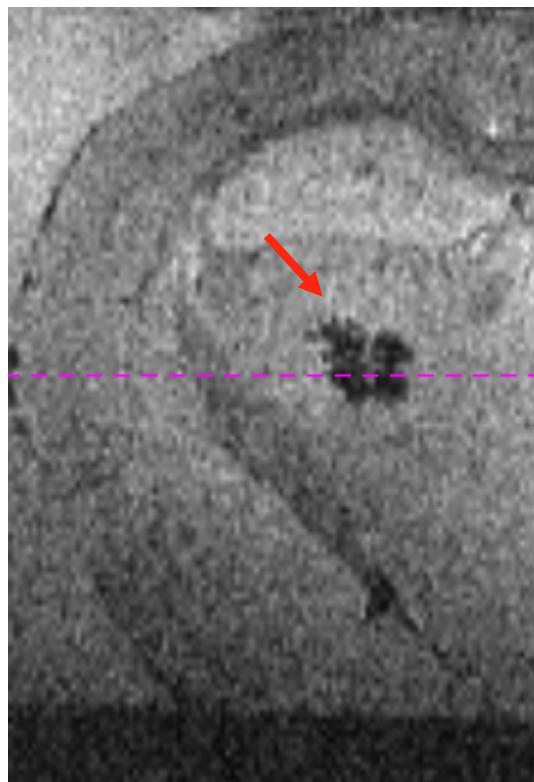


Jack, J Neurosc, 2005



Braakman, JMRI, 2006

# Detection of thalamic plaques by MRI



→ In APP/PS1 mice, thalamic spots are linked to the presence of iron/calcium aggregates in the senile plaques

*Dhenain et al. Neurobiol Aging. 2009 January.*

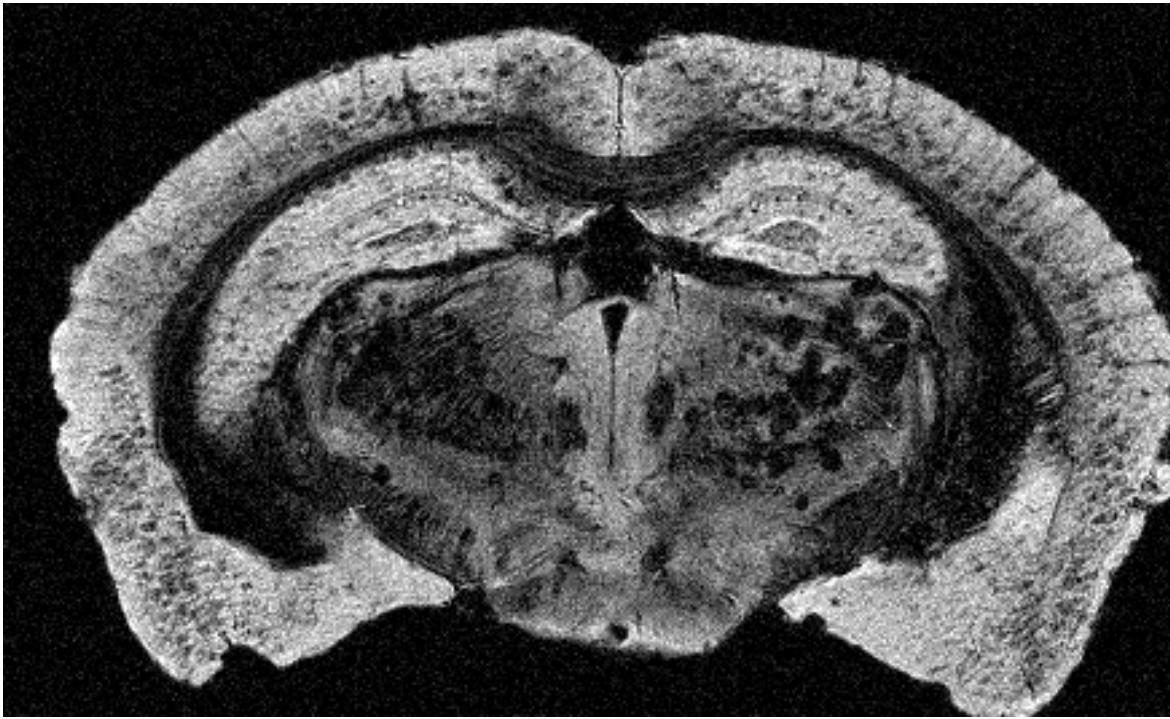
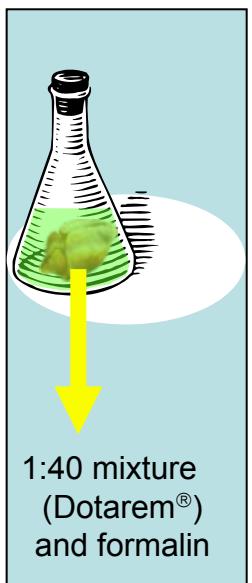
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# Optimisation of plaque imaging thanks to contrast agents



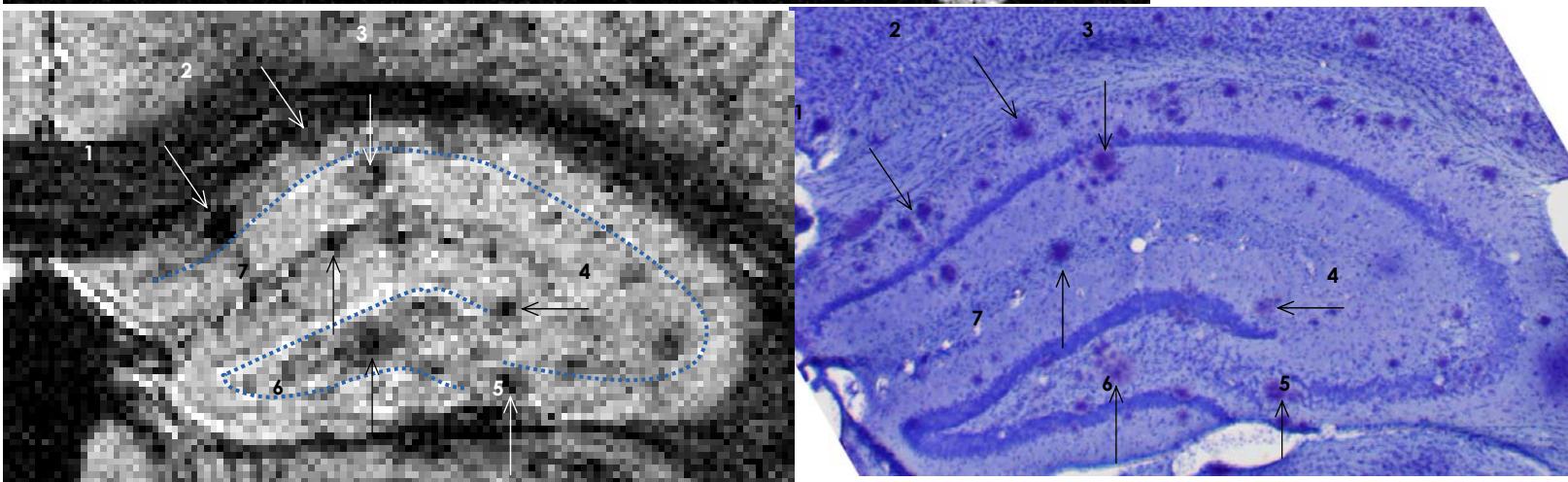
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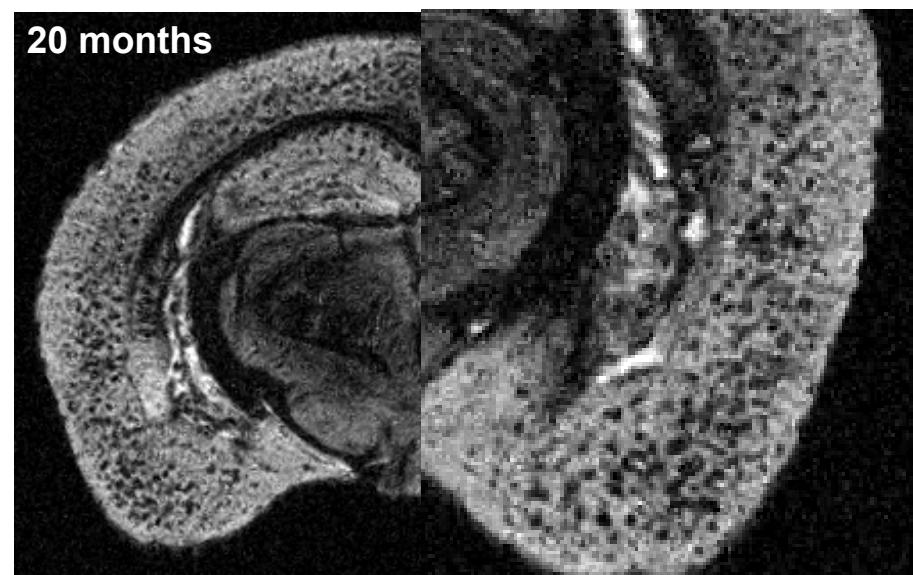
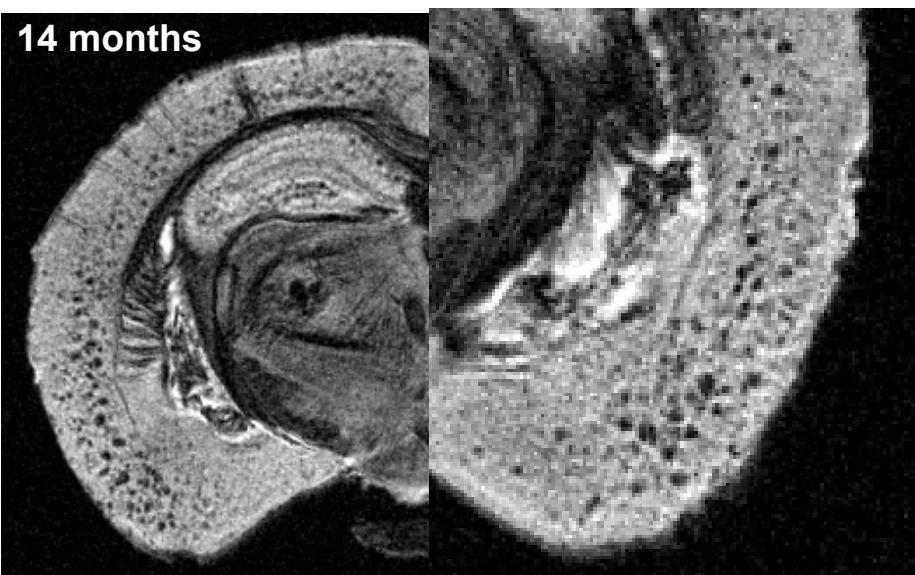
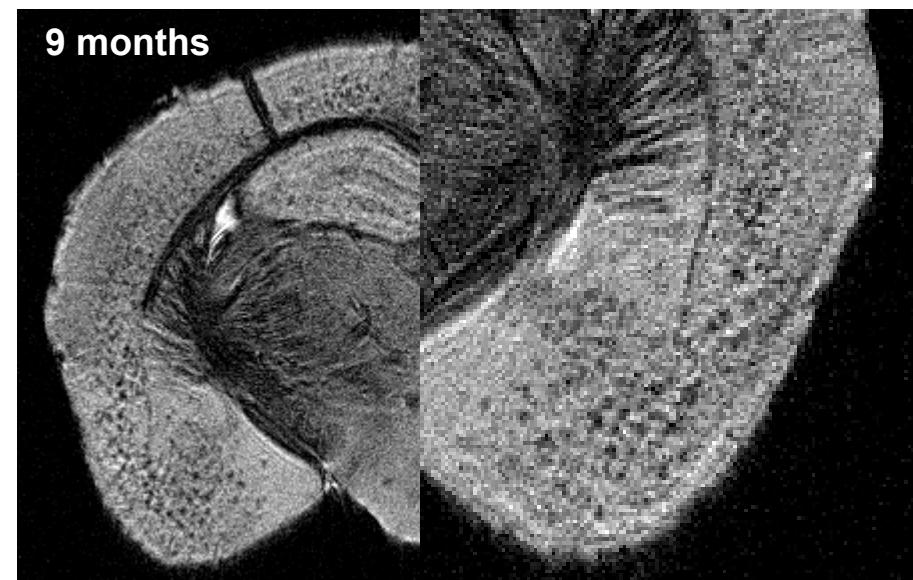


7T Clinical Scanner  
Siemens  
23.4 x 23.4 x 90  $\mu\text{m}^3$   
Tacq = 13 hours 50 min  
Sequence: GRE

Alexandra Petiet  
Anne Bertrand  
Chris Wiggins



# Gd-staining: Follow-up of amyloid plaques by MRI

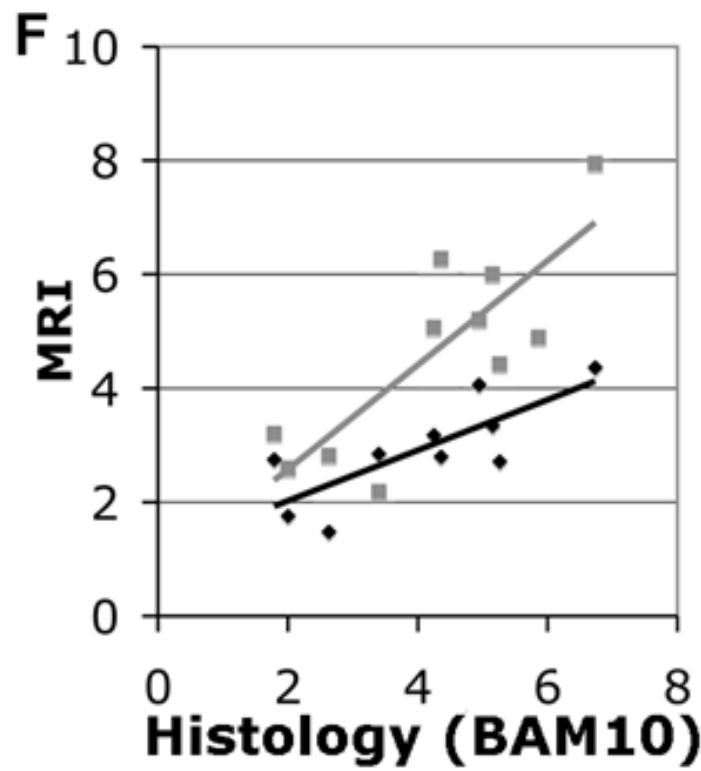
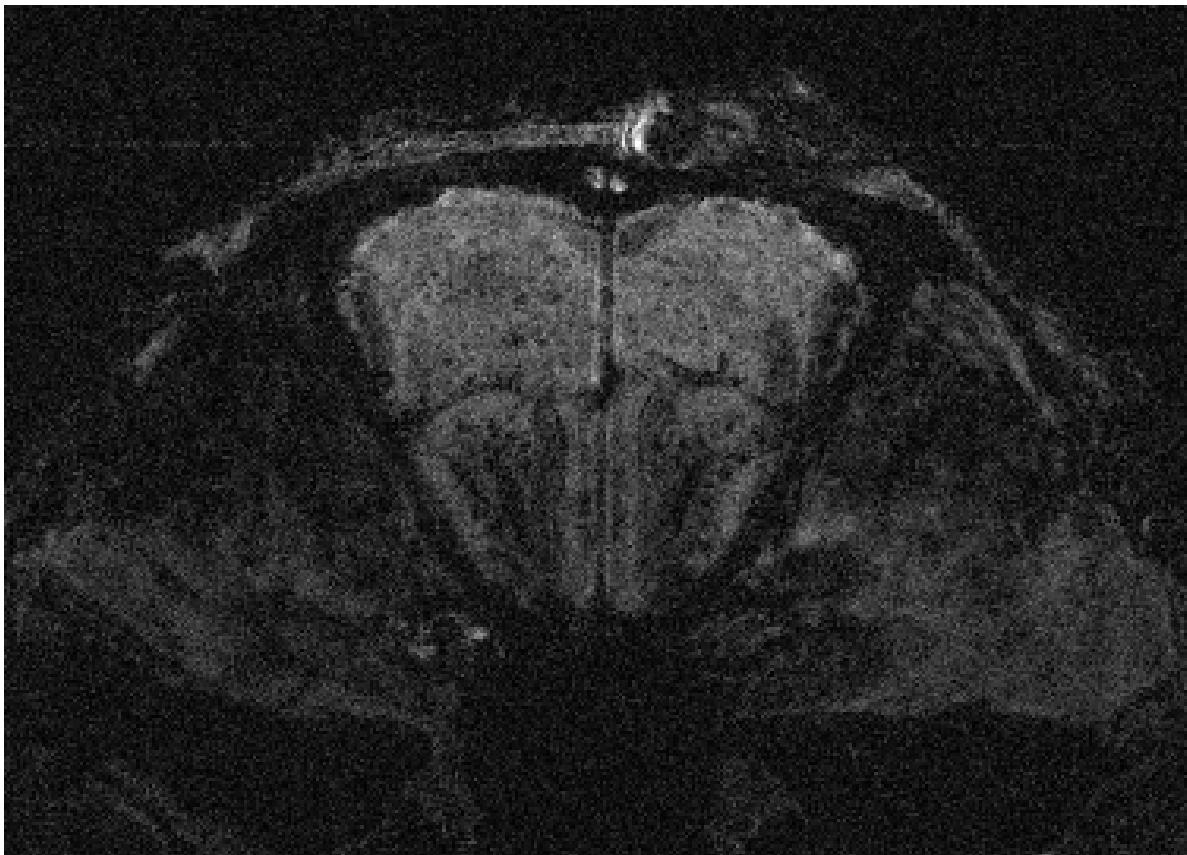


1. Imaging Method  
Resolution: 1.29 x 0.60 mm<sup>3</sup> Acquisition time: 13h49min

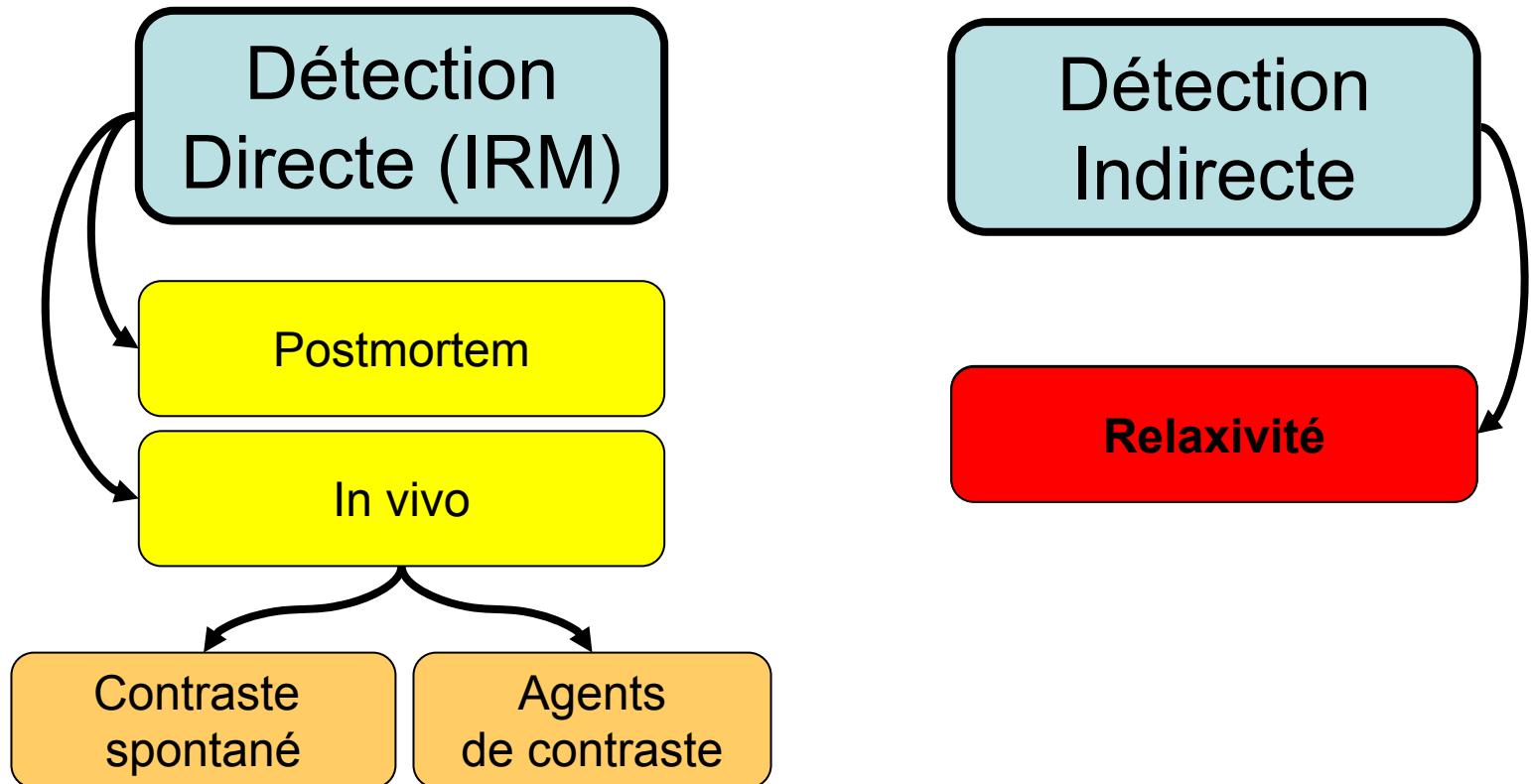
A. Petiet (Transal), C Wiggins

# Etat de l'art

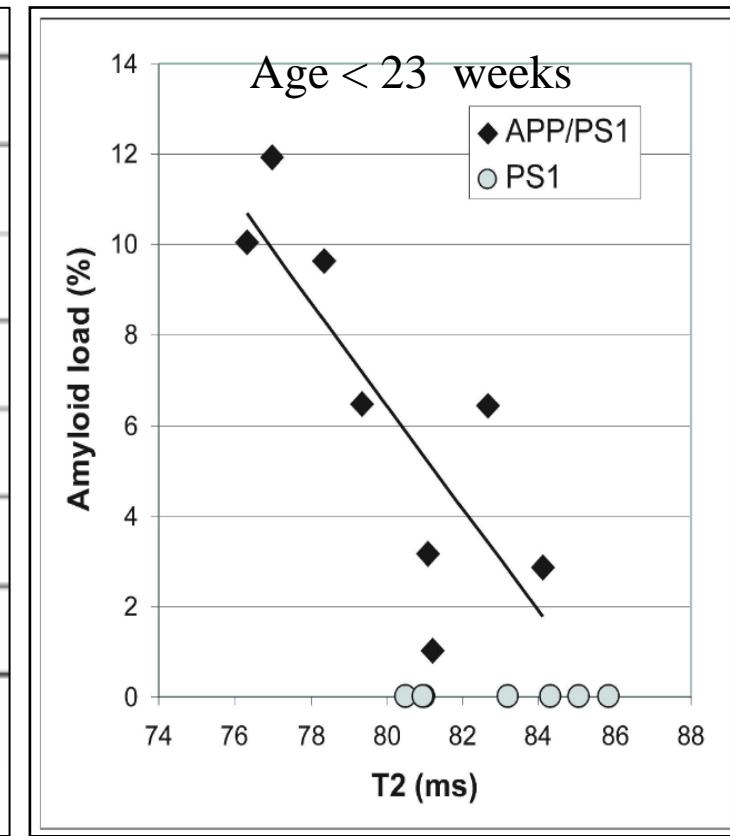
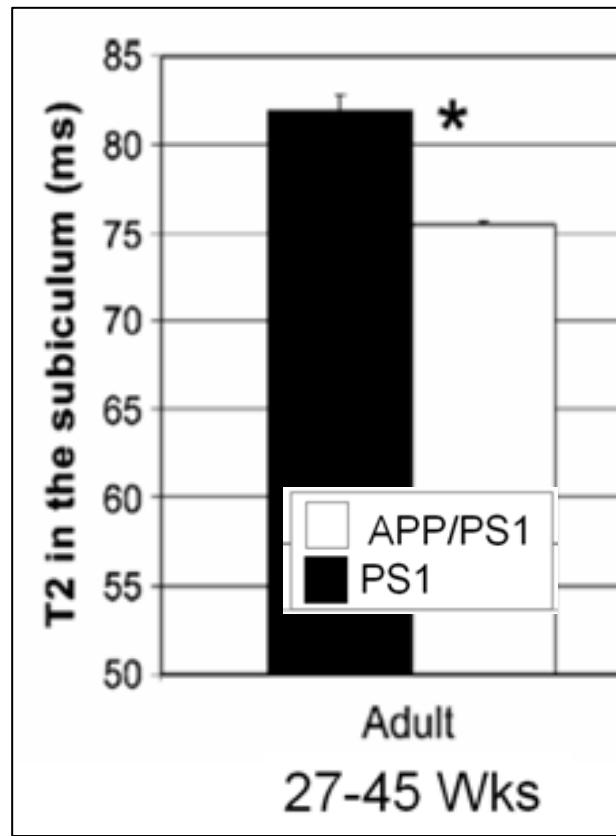
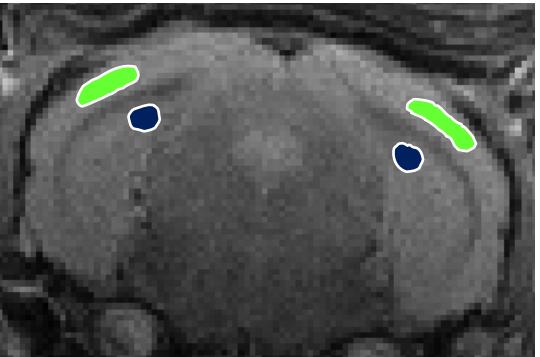
## Détection - In vivo / 3D (Gd-staining (GdSt))



# Imagerie des plaques en IRM



## T2 decrease in the subiculum



- Caused by iron accumulation within the plaques

*EI Tannir EI Tayara N. Neurobiol Dis. 2006 Apr;22(1):199-208.*

- Caused by amyloid plaques per se

*EI Tannir EI Tayara N. Magn Reson Med. 2007 Jul;58(1):179-84.*

# Conclusion: amyloid detection - MRI

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Biomarker	Use in animals		Use in humans	
	Detection of AD-like pathology	Preclinical evaluation of drugs	Clinical diagnostic	Clinical endpoint True benefits of a drug
Amyloid (PET + contrast agent)	Yes	No	Yes	No
Amyloid (MRI without contrast agent)	Yes	Yes	No	No
Amyloid (MRI + contrast agent)	Yes	No	No	No
Amyloid load ( MRI + Relaxometry)	Yes	No	No	No

## ■ Liquides périphériques

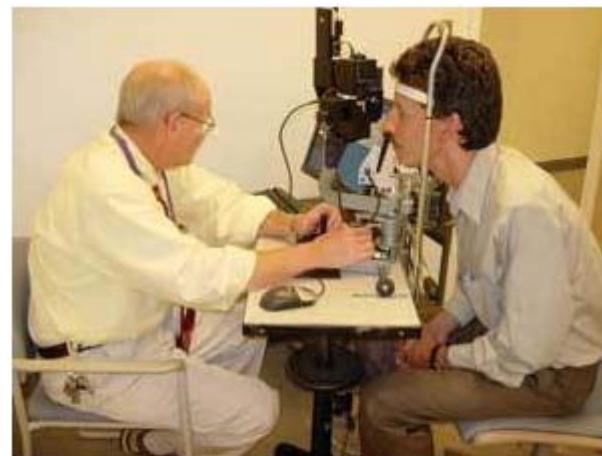
- ❖ LCR
- ❖ Sang

## ■ Le cerveau

- ❖ PET
- ❖ Imagerie optique
- ❖ IRM

## ■ Les yeux

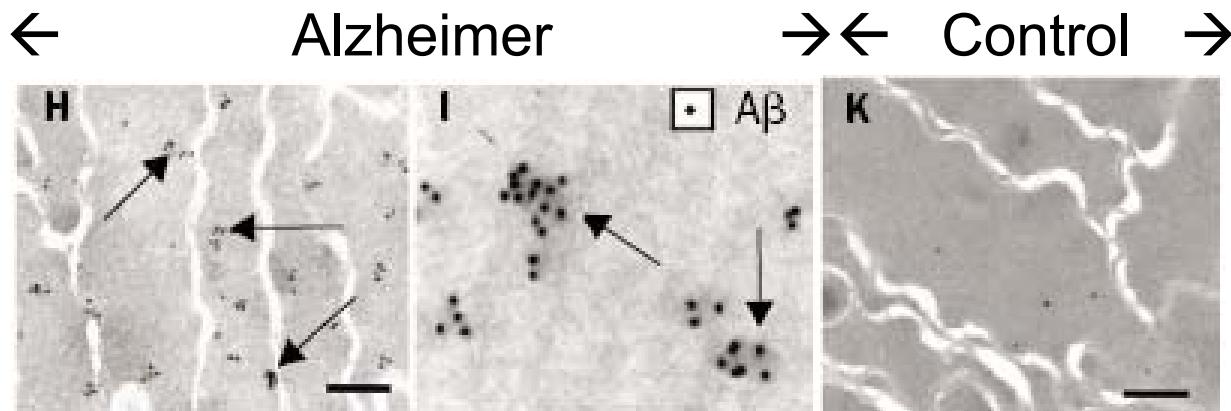
# Evaluation of amyloid in the eyes



*FIGURE 1. The screening system developed by Neuroptix combines quasi-elastic light scanning and fluorescent ligand scanning on a single platform.*

# Evaluation of amyloid in the eyes

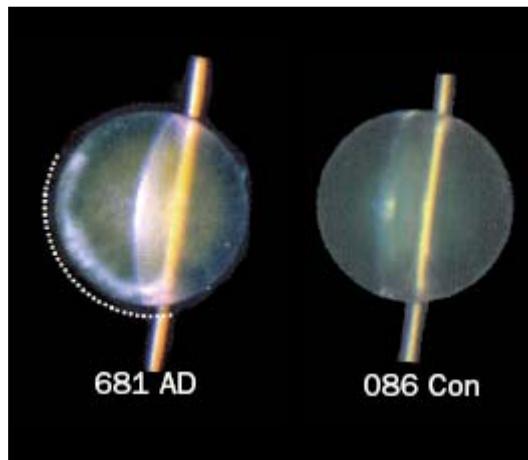
Anti-A $\beta$  immunogold electron photomicrograph of the lens



Goldstein, L. E., et al. (2003). "Lancet **361**(9365): 1258-65.

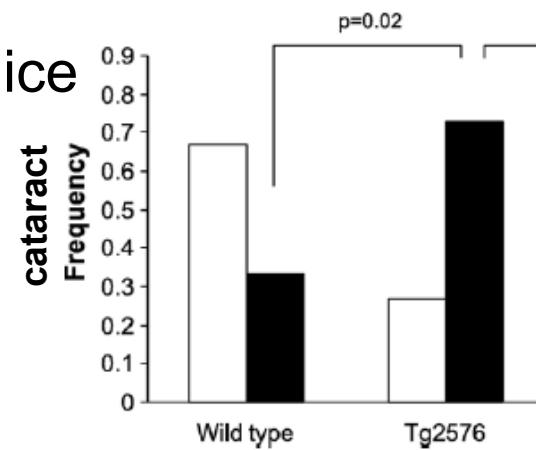
→ AD related cataract in humans and animals

Human



Goldstein, L. E

Tg mice



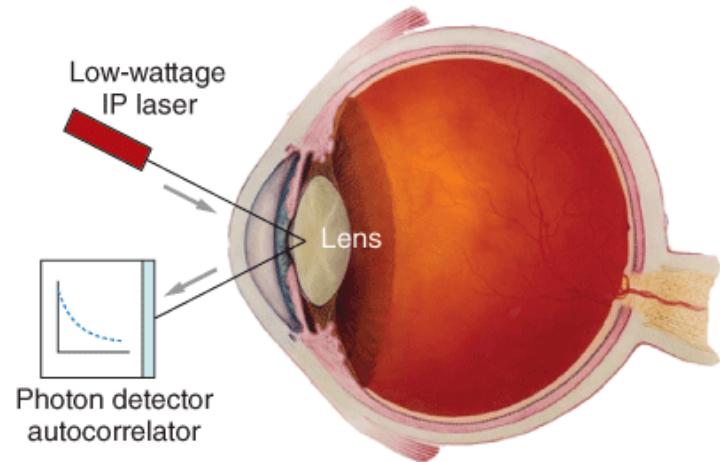
Melov, 2005

# Infrared quasi-elastic light scattering (QLS) technology + Fluorescent Ligand Scanning (FLS)

## QLS technology

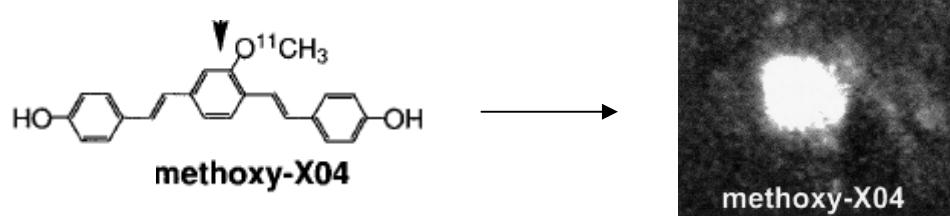
- Low-power infrared laser light into the eye
  - Measure of the backscattered light.
- Index of the amyloid pathology in transgenic animals

Moncaster, J. A., (2008). *Alzheimer's & Dementia - The journal of the Alzheimer's Association* -4(4-Suppl2): T330.



## FLS technology = Use of a specific contrast agent

- QLS technology can be associated to the use of fluorescent ligands (ex. Methoxy-X04) that improve its ability to detect the amyloid load (Moncaster et al 2008).



Neuroptix Corporation (European Patent 1 913 866 A1).  
\$1 million milestone payment in collaboration with merck & Co., inc., for early detection and monitoring of Alzheimer's disease process

# Conclusion amyloid plaque imaging

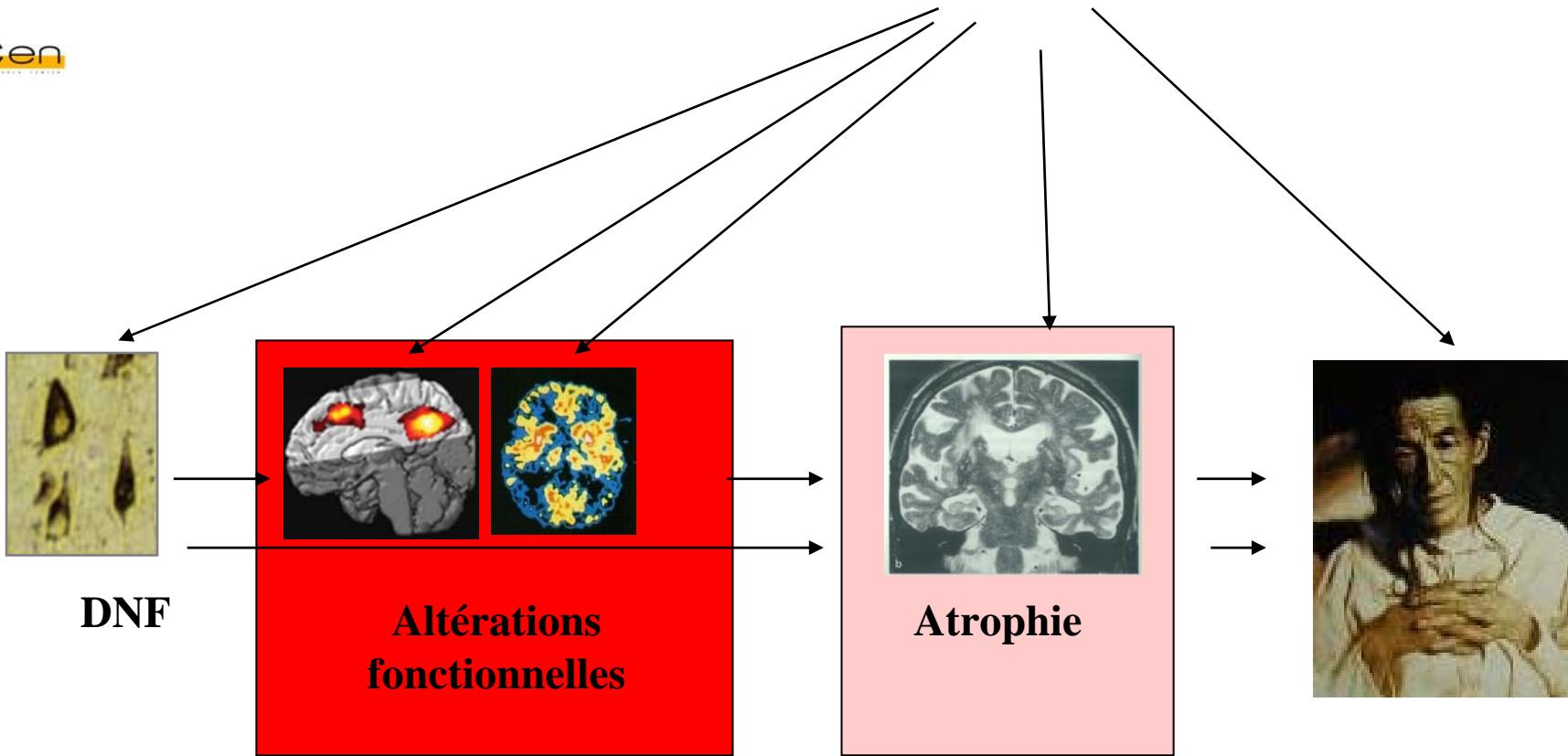
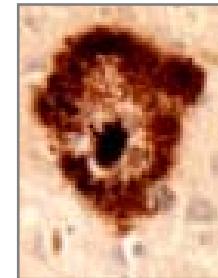
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QLS + FLS	Yes ?	Yes ?	Yes	No

# Maladie d'Alzheimer : Quels biomarqueurs ?



## Dépôts Amyloïdes



# Altérations fonctionnelles associées à la MA

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- Métabolisme cérébral
- Perfusion cérébrale
- Transport neuronal

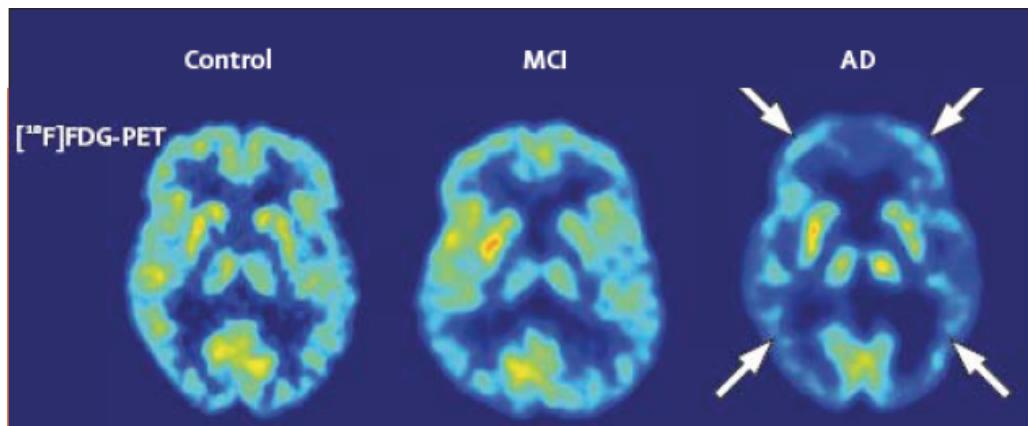
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# Imagerie du métabolisme cérébral



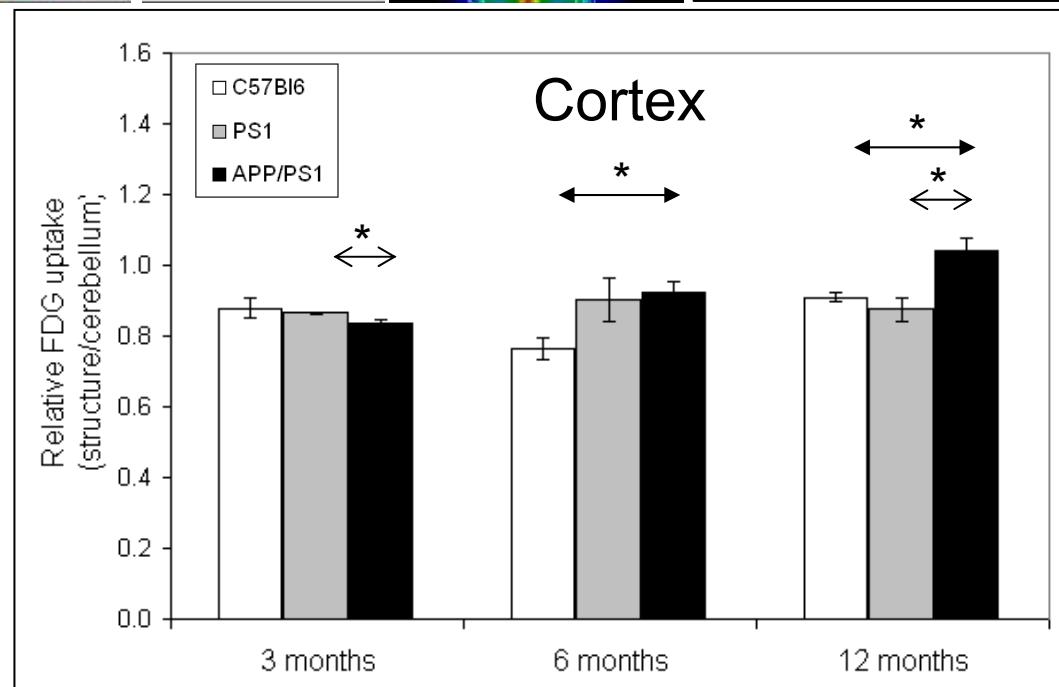
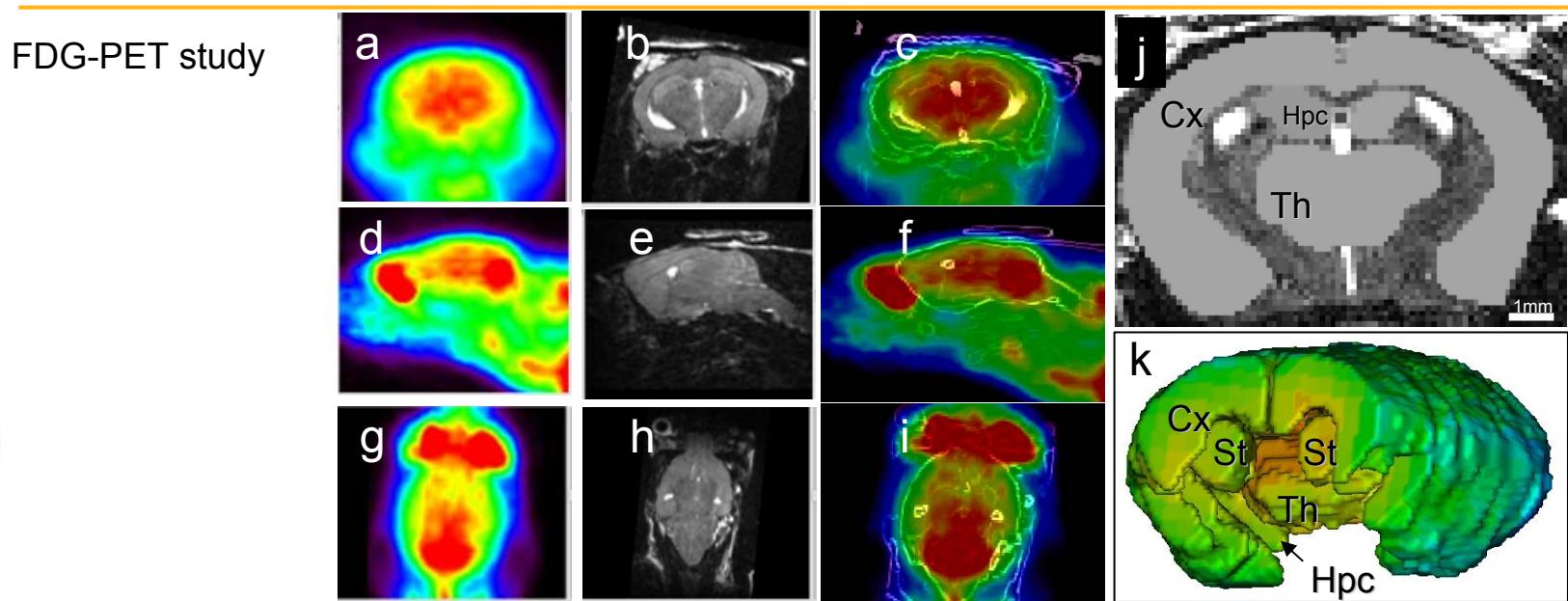
Images [<sup>18</sup>F]-FDG-TEP de cerveaux présentant des altérations cognitives.  
Kepe et al., 2006



**μPET Focus 220**



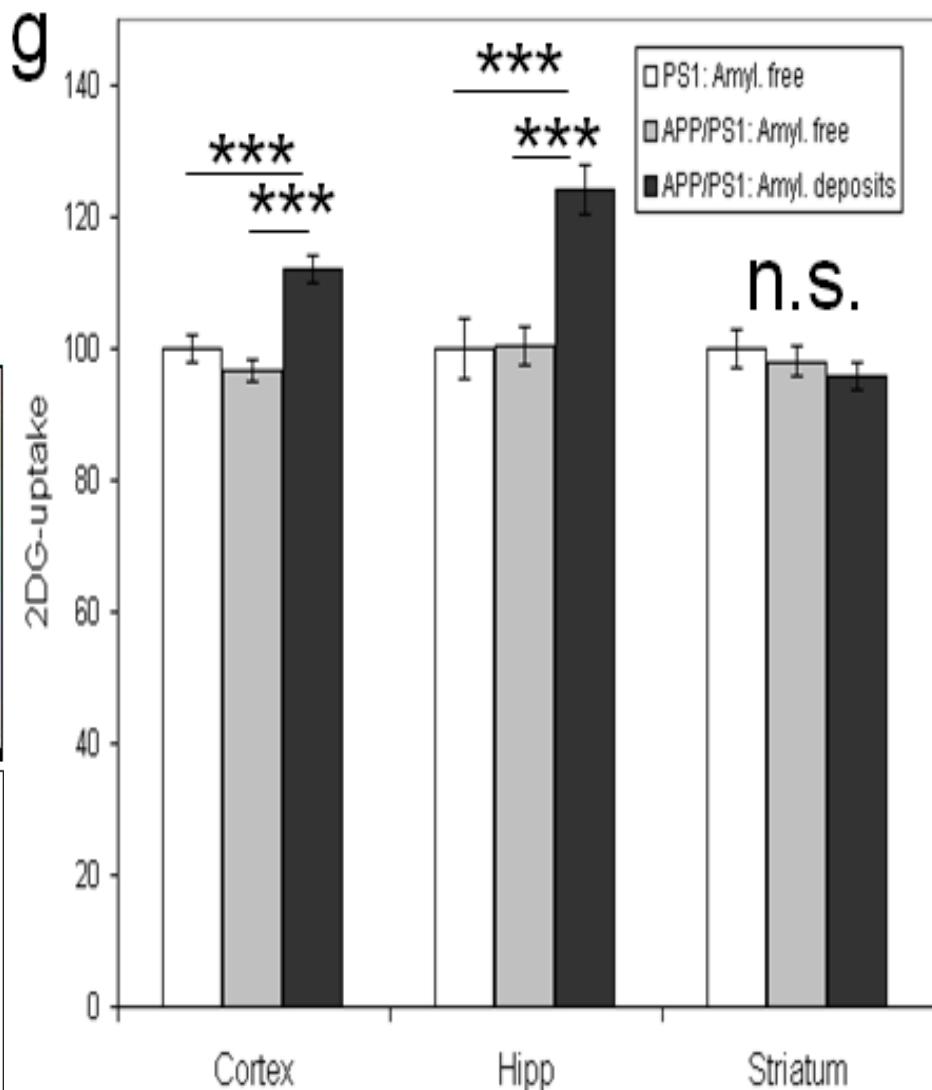
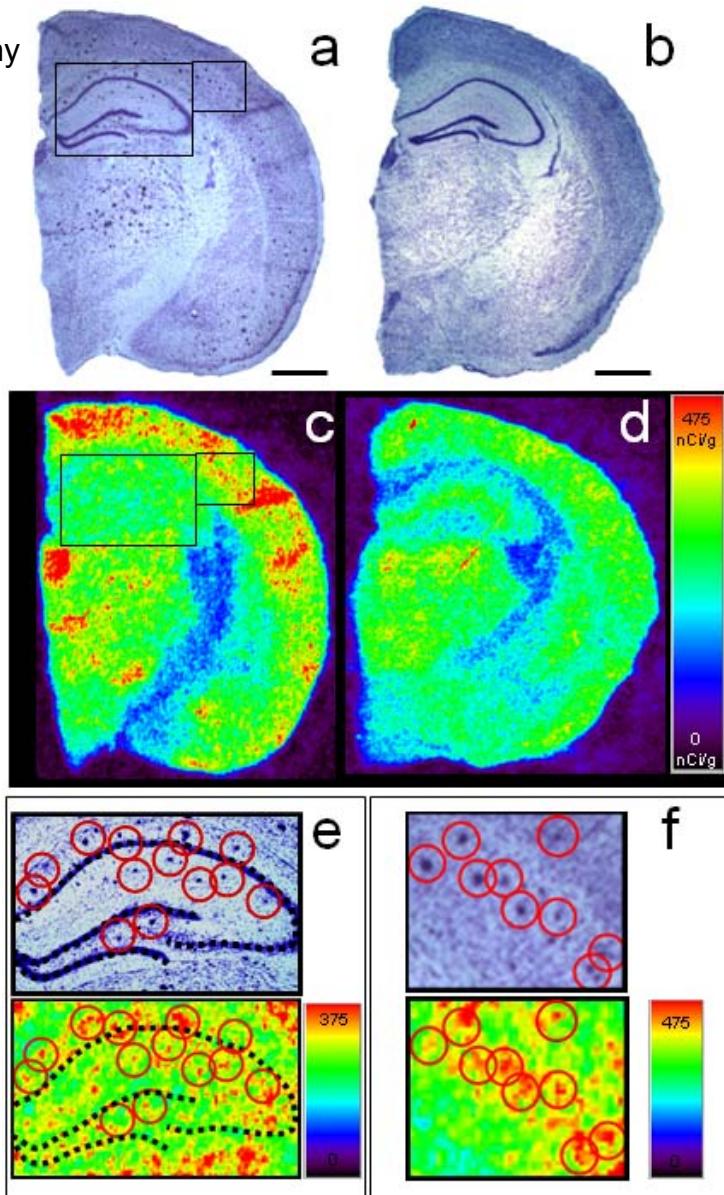
# Amyloid is associated to an increased glucose uptake in Tg mice



G. Poisnel et al,  
Neurobiology of Aging, In press

# Amyloid plaques are associated to an increased glucose uptake

2DG  
autoradiography

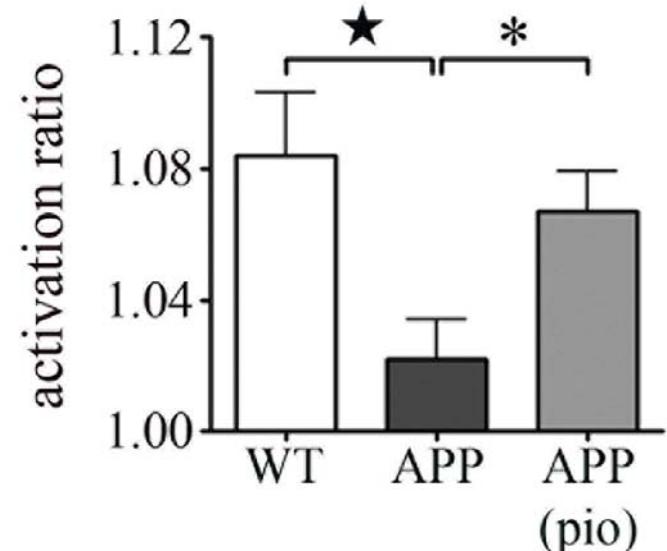
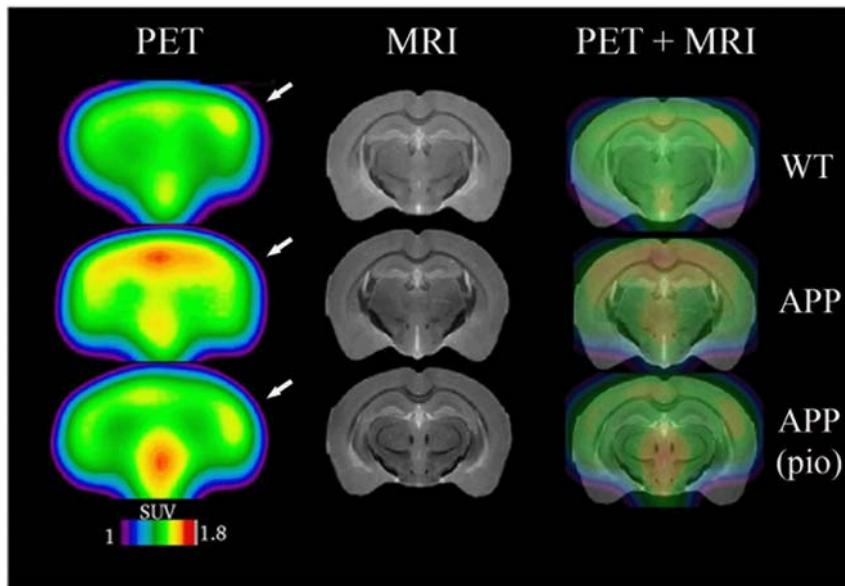


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# [<sup>18</sup>F]-FDG et $\mu$ TEP

## Hypométabolisme chez les Souris Alzheimer sous stimulation

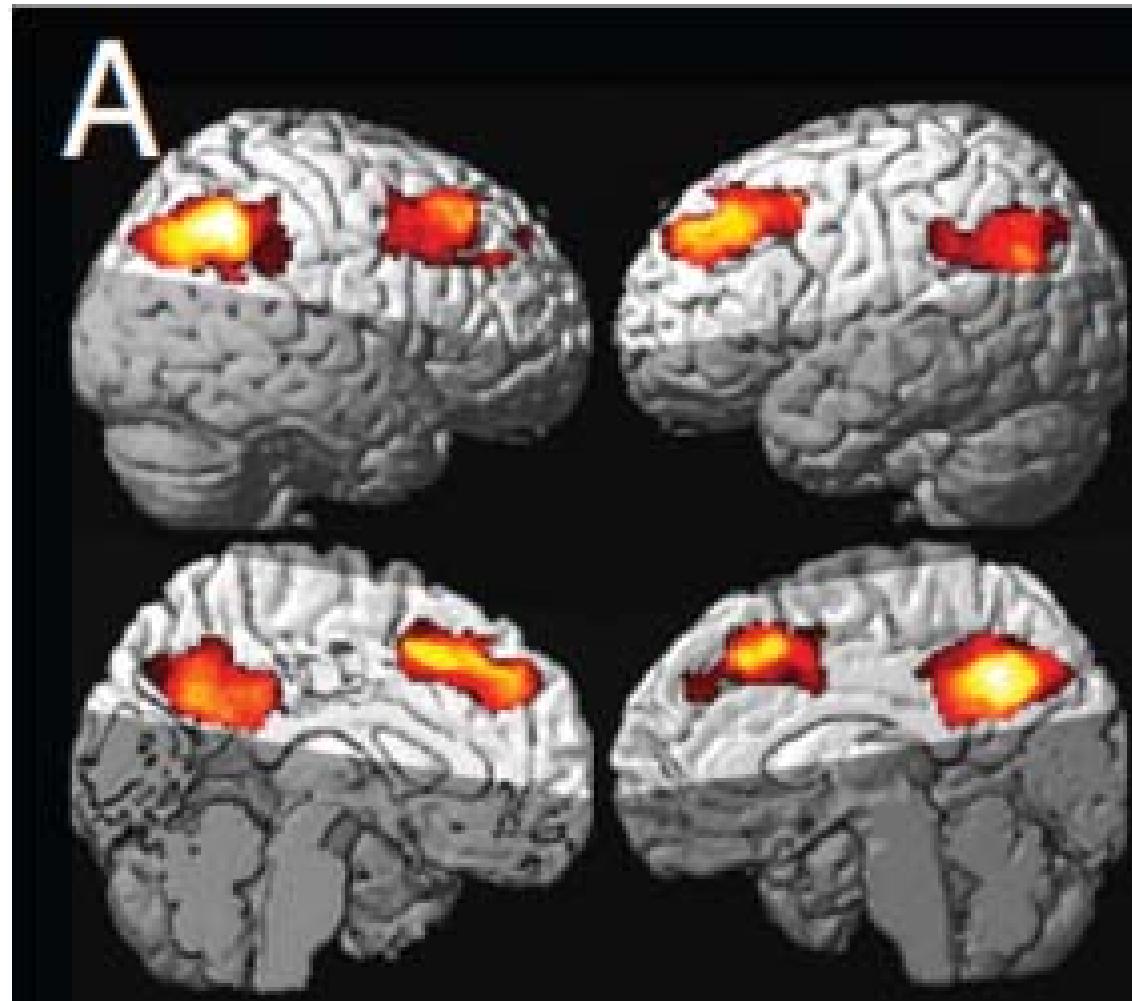


**[<sup>18</sup>F]-FDG -  $\mu$ TEP - souris APP de 16 mois**  
(Nicolakakis et al., 2008, J Neurosci 28(37): 9287-96.)

- Zones cérébrales non stimulées =  $\uparrow$  rétention de [<sup>18</sup>F]-FDG
- Stimulation des moustaches =  $\downarrow$  rétention du [<sup>18</sup>F]-FDG dans cortex sensorimoteur

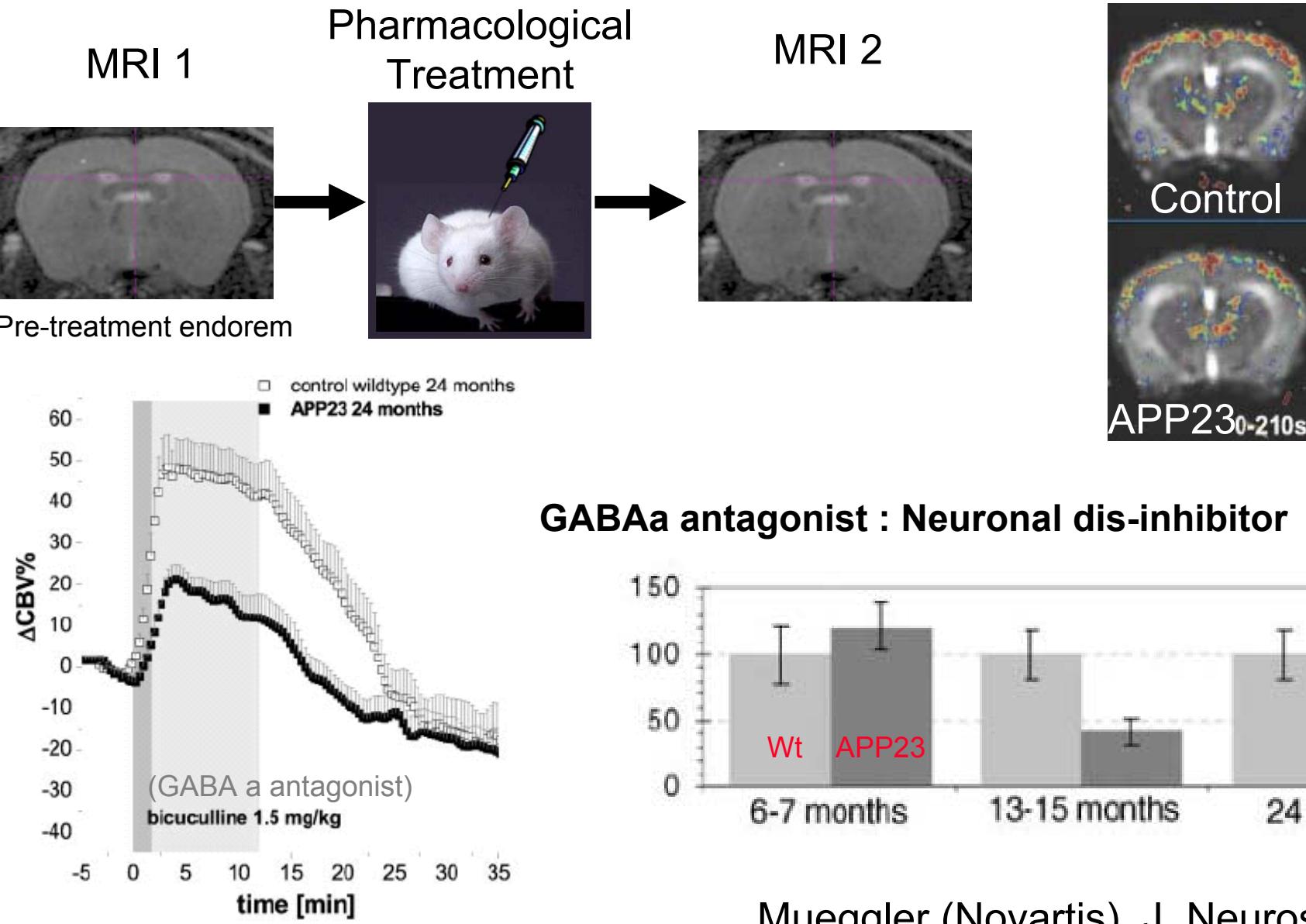
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- Transport neuronal

# Hypoperfusion in AD patients

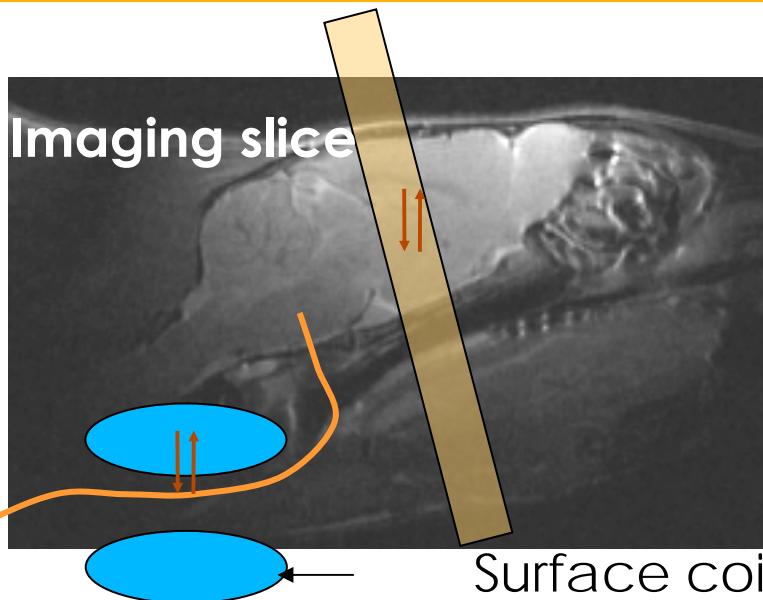
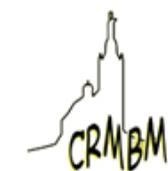


Johnson et al., Radiology, 2005

# Stimulation pharmacologique

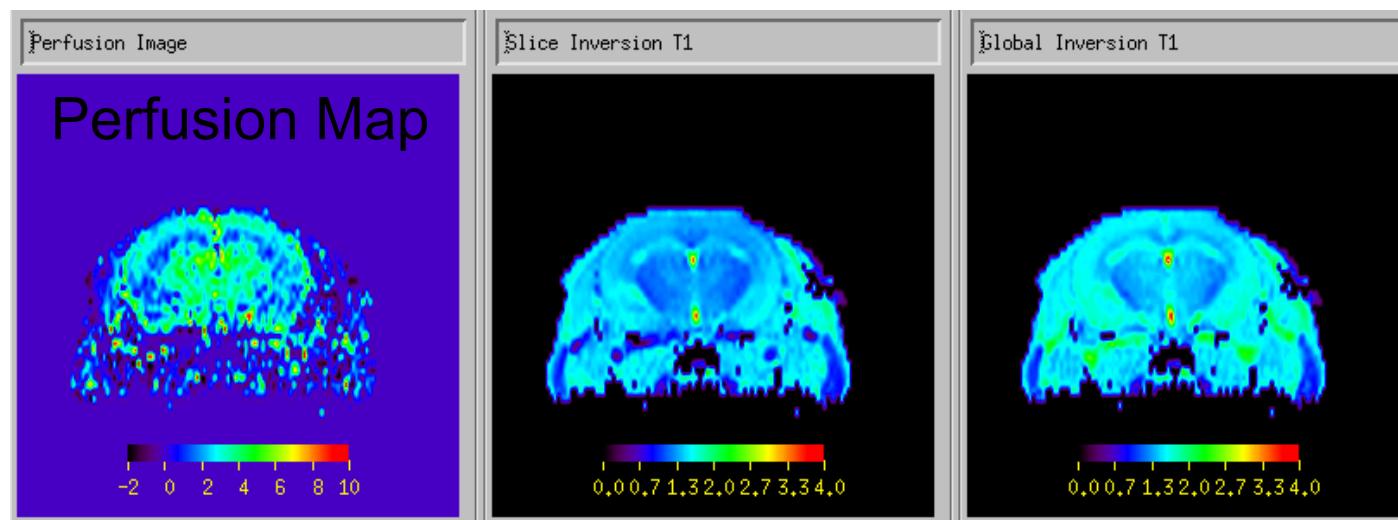


# Perfusion evaluation by MRI: Principle



Comparaison of the contrast between « spin tagging » and « control conditions »

Surface coil on the neck: Spin tagging



Frank Kober CRMBM

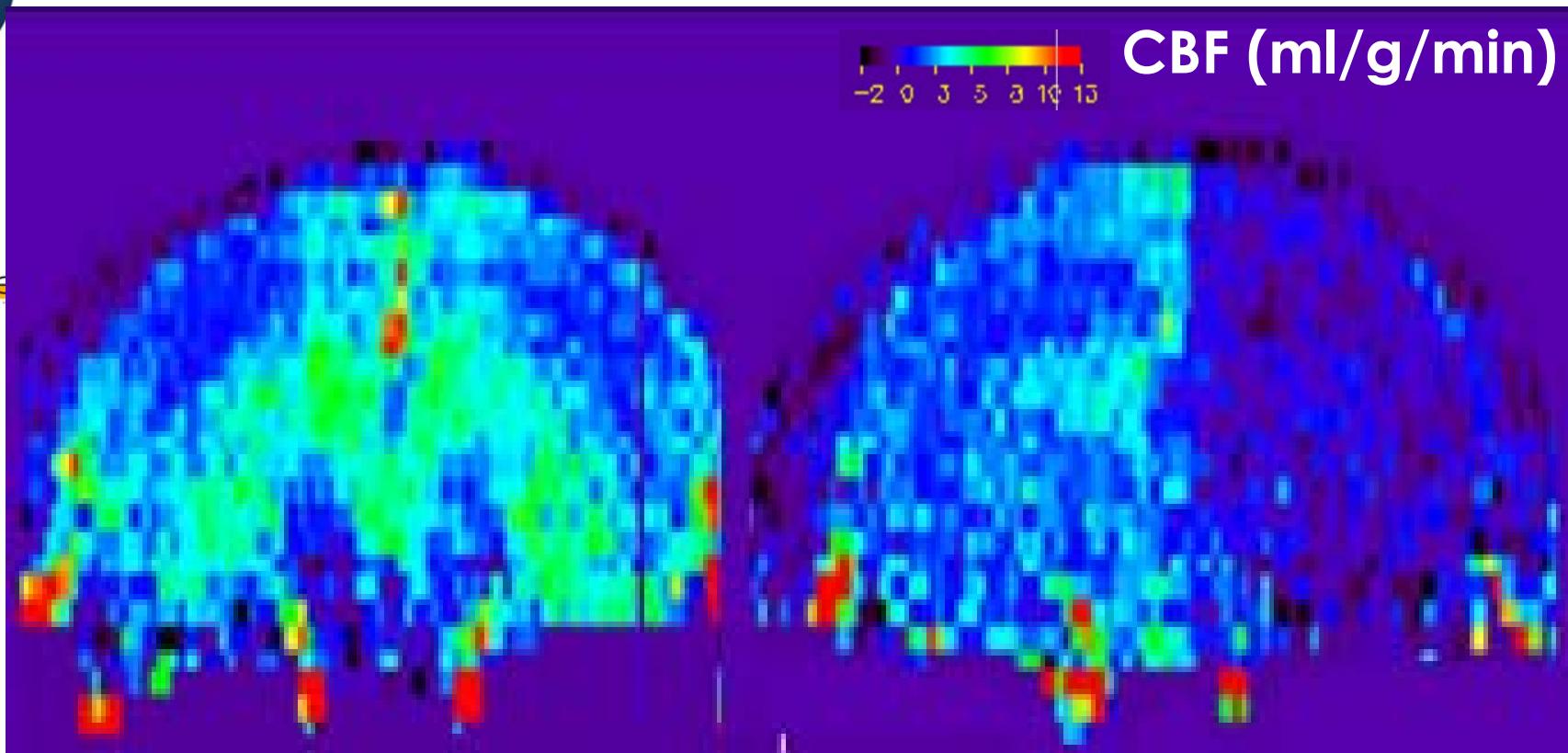
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# Cartes de perfusion dans un modèle d'ischémie cérébrale (MCAO)



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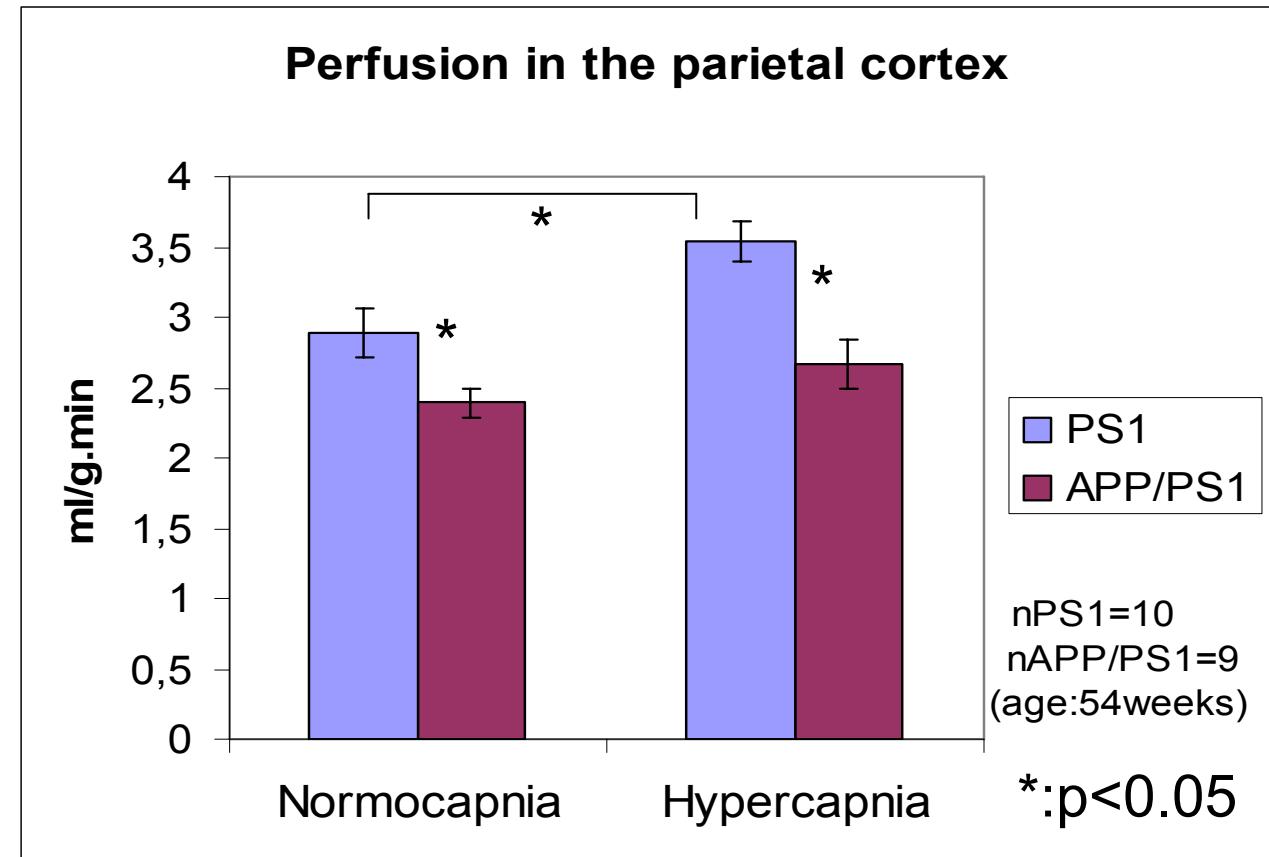
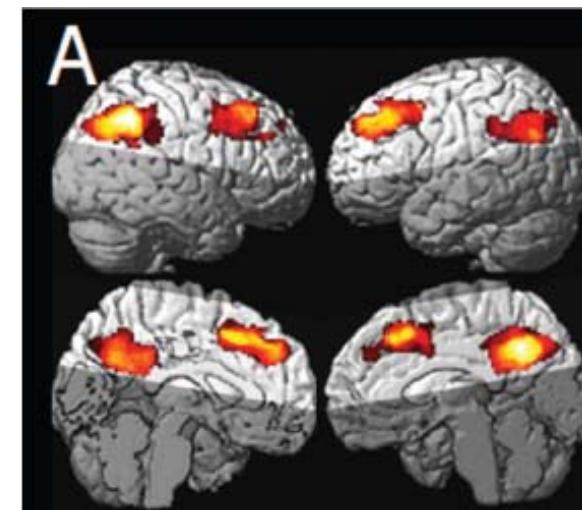
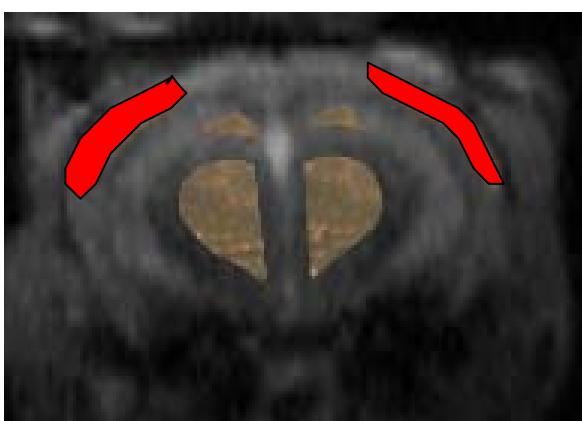
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C. Laigle, A. Viola, CRMBM



# Cortical hypoperfusion in Tg mice



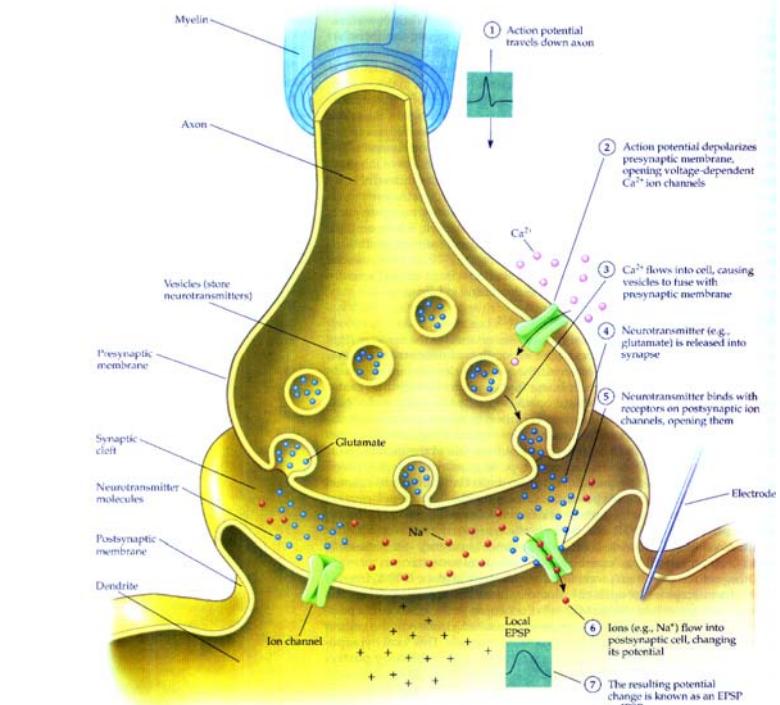
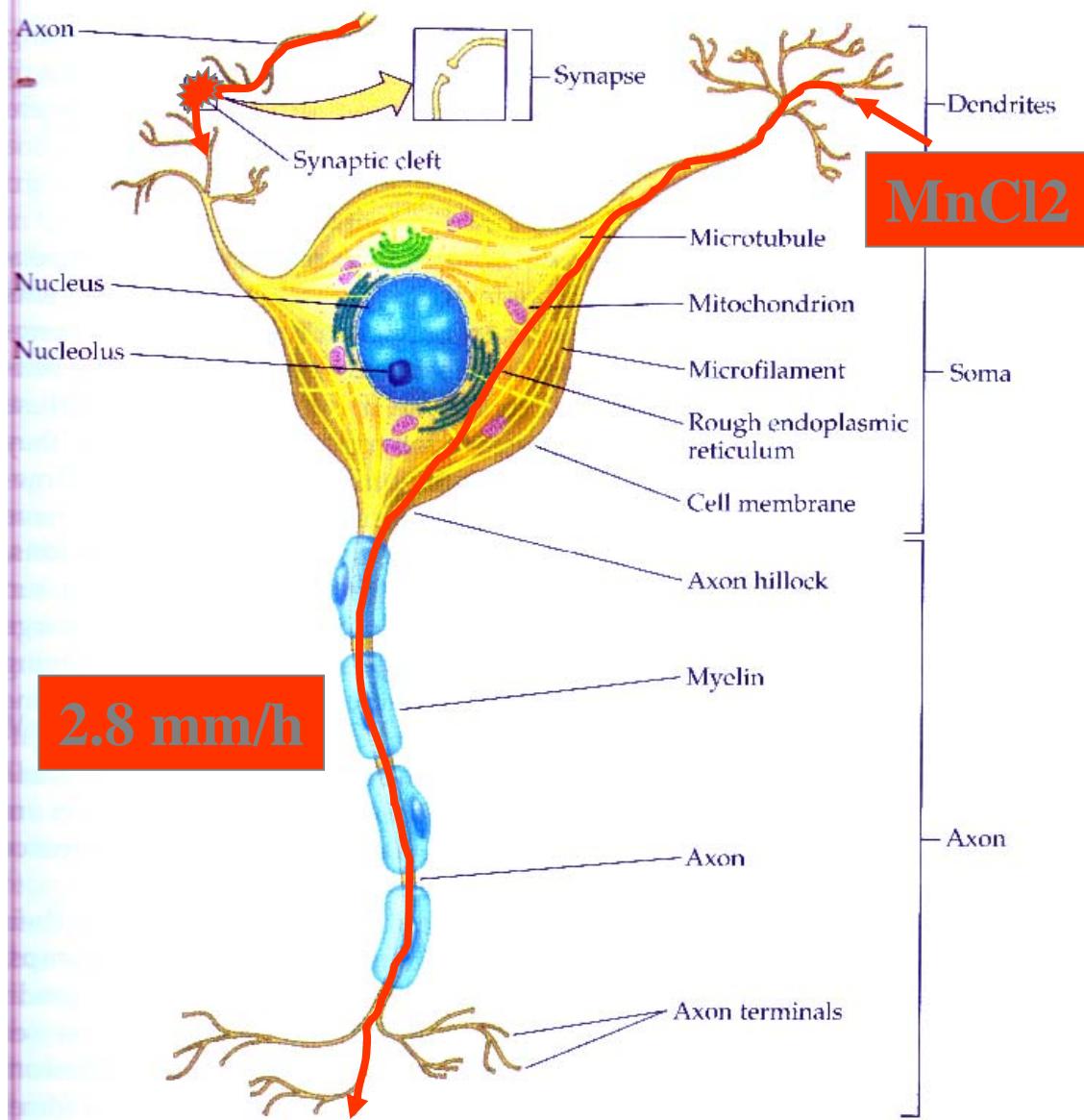
Perfusion alterations are also detected in AD patients

Nadine El Tannir El Tayara  
Faure et al, Neurobiology of aging, 2010  
Poisnel et al, Neurobiology of Aging, In press

\* Johnson et al., Radiology, 2005

- Métabolisme cérébral
- Perfusion cérébrale
- Transport neuronal : MEMRI  
(Manganese enhanced MRI)
  - ❖ Manganèse : Traçage axonal
  - ❖ Manganèse : Activité neuronale
  - ❖ Manganèse : Transport neuronal

# Evaluation of neuronal transportation by MEMRI



# Traçage des voies nerveuses (MnCl<sub>2</sub>)

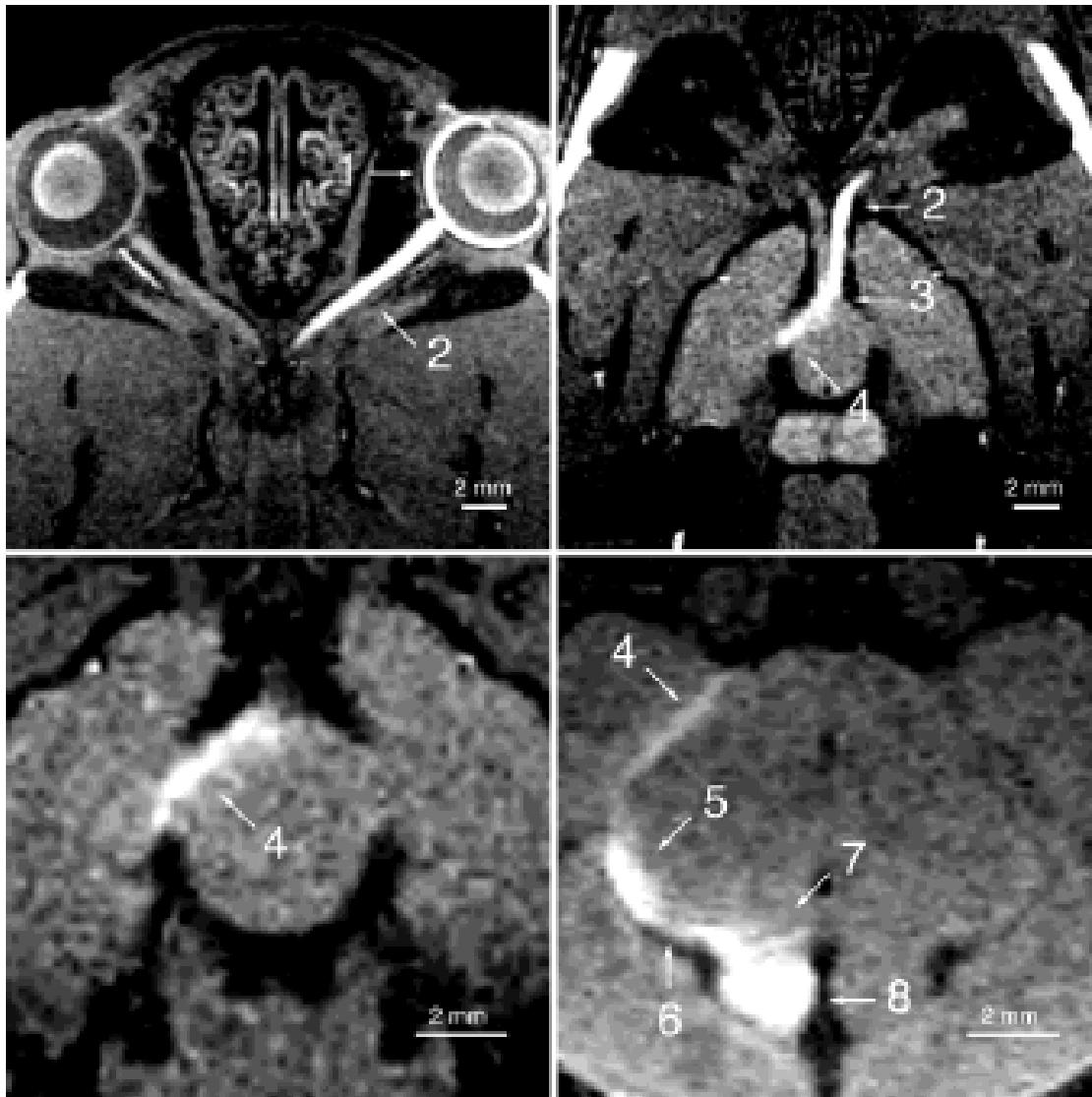
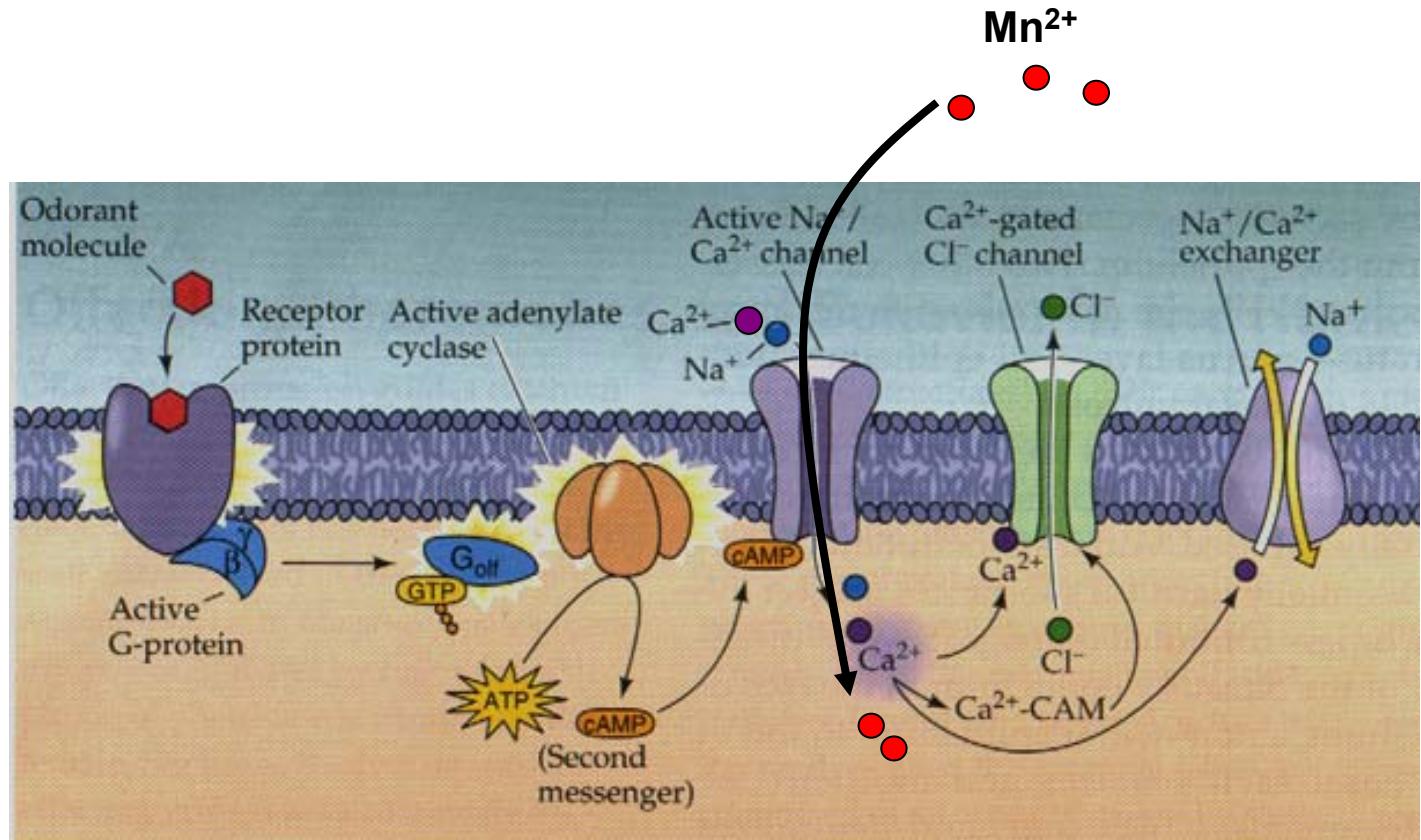


FIG. 2. Signal enhancement of the rat visual pathway (24 h after Mn<sup>2+</sup>-injection into the left eye) in oblique sections –35° (top-left), –10° (top-right), +5° (bottom-left), and +37.5° (bottom-right) relative to the transverse reference plane shown in Fig. 1 (sections indicated in Fig. 1). Enhanced structures are: (1) left retina, (2) left optic nerve, (3) optic chiasm, (4) right optic tract, (5) right lateral geniculate nucleus, (6) right brachium of the superior colliculus, (7) right pretectal region, and (8) right superior colliculus.

Watanabe, MRM, 2001

# Functional imaging (MEMRI)

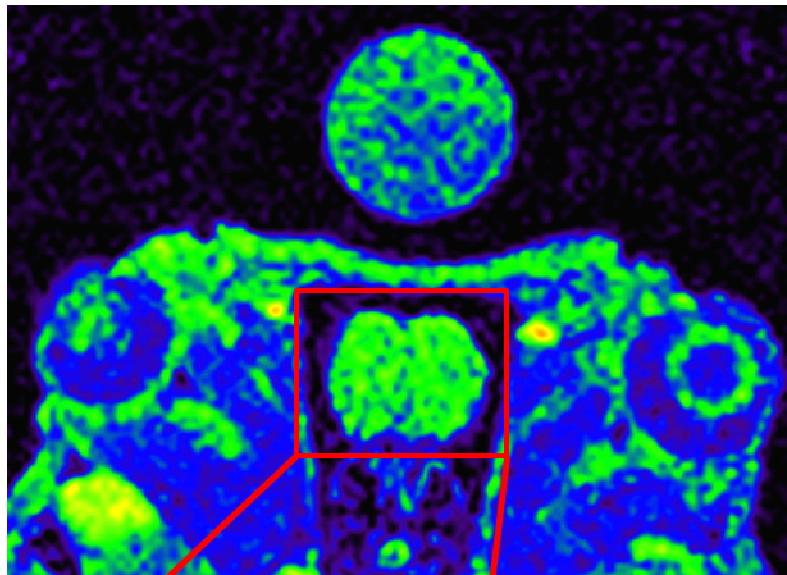


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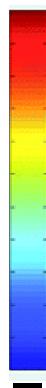


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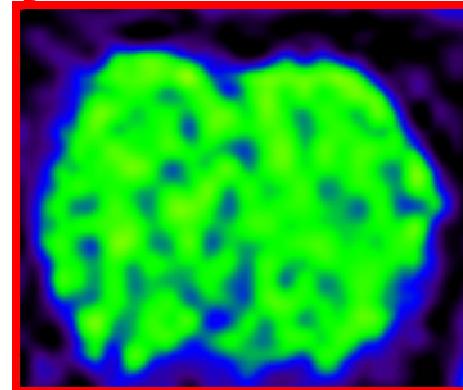
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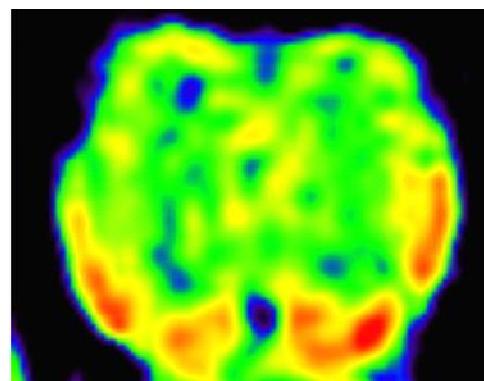
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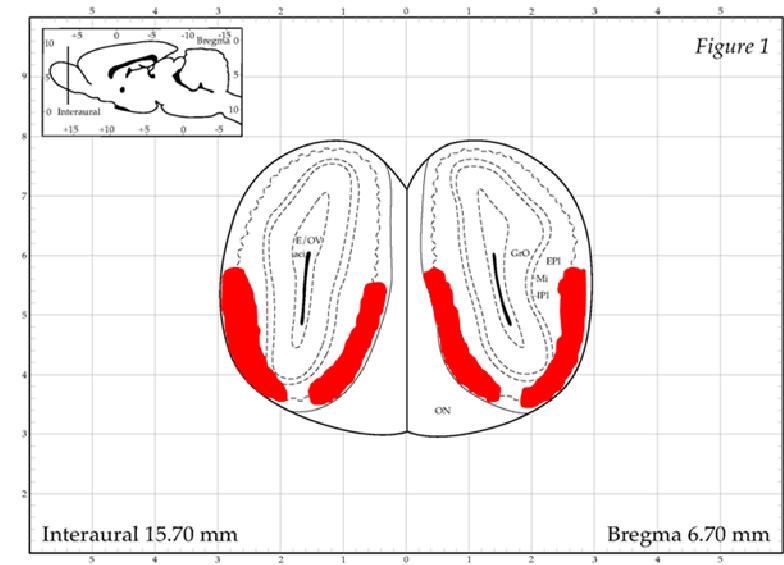


Odor-stimulated rat

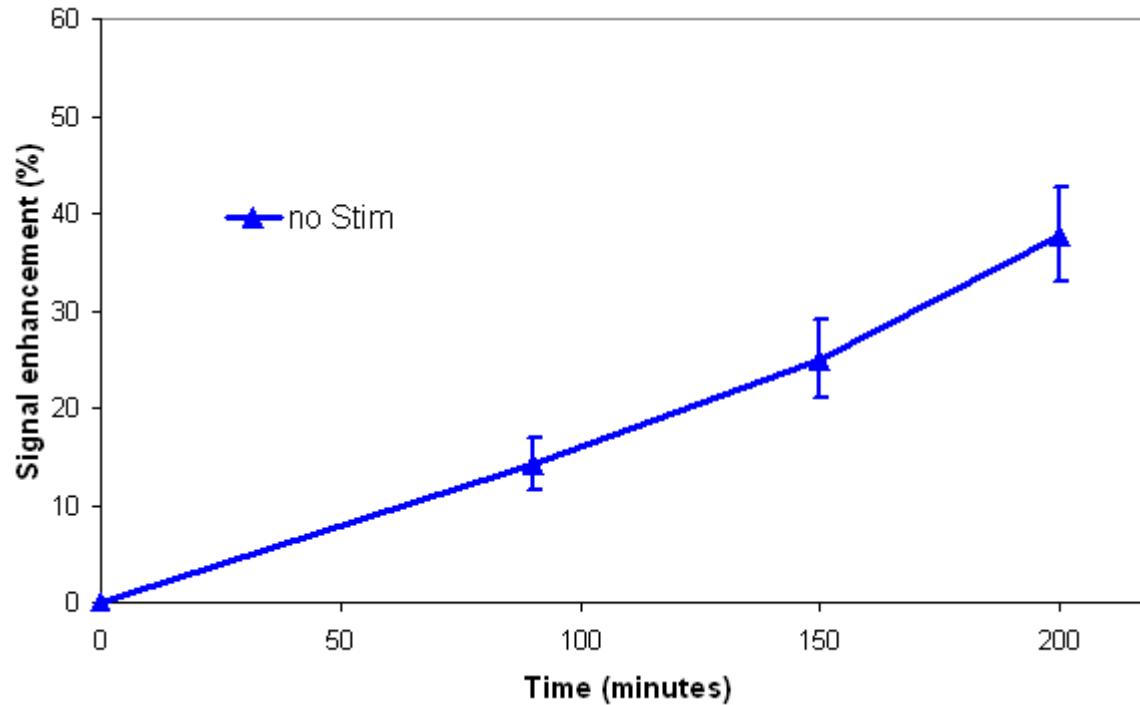


Quinolinic-injected rat

From Paxinos and Watson atlas

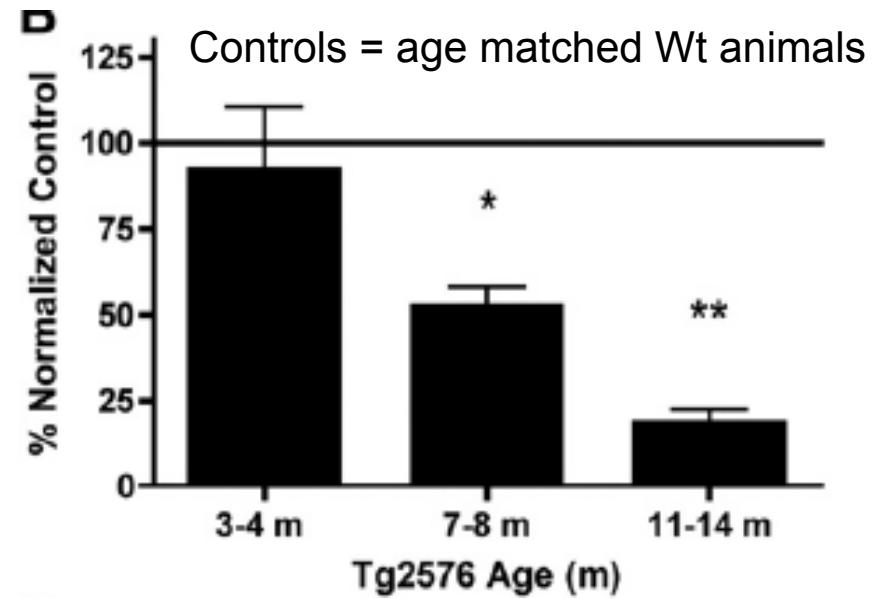
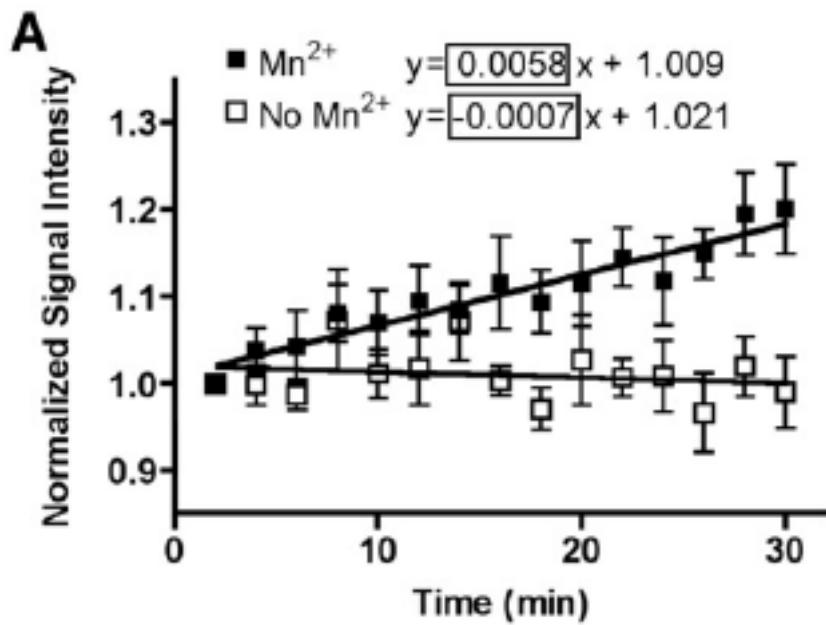
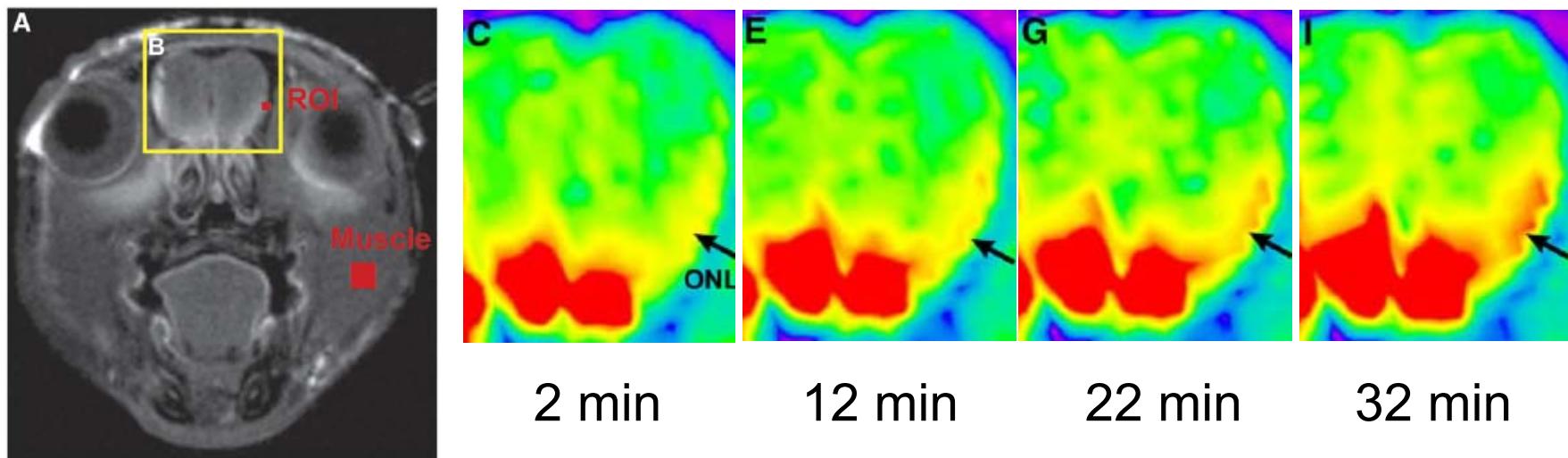


# Evolution du signal MEMRI

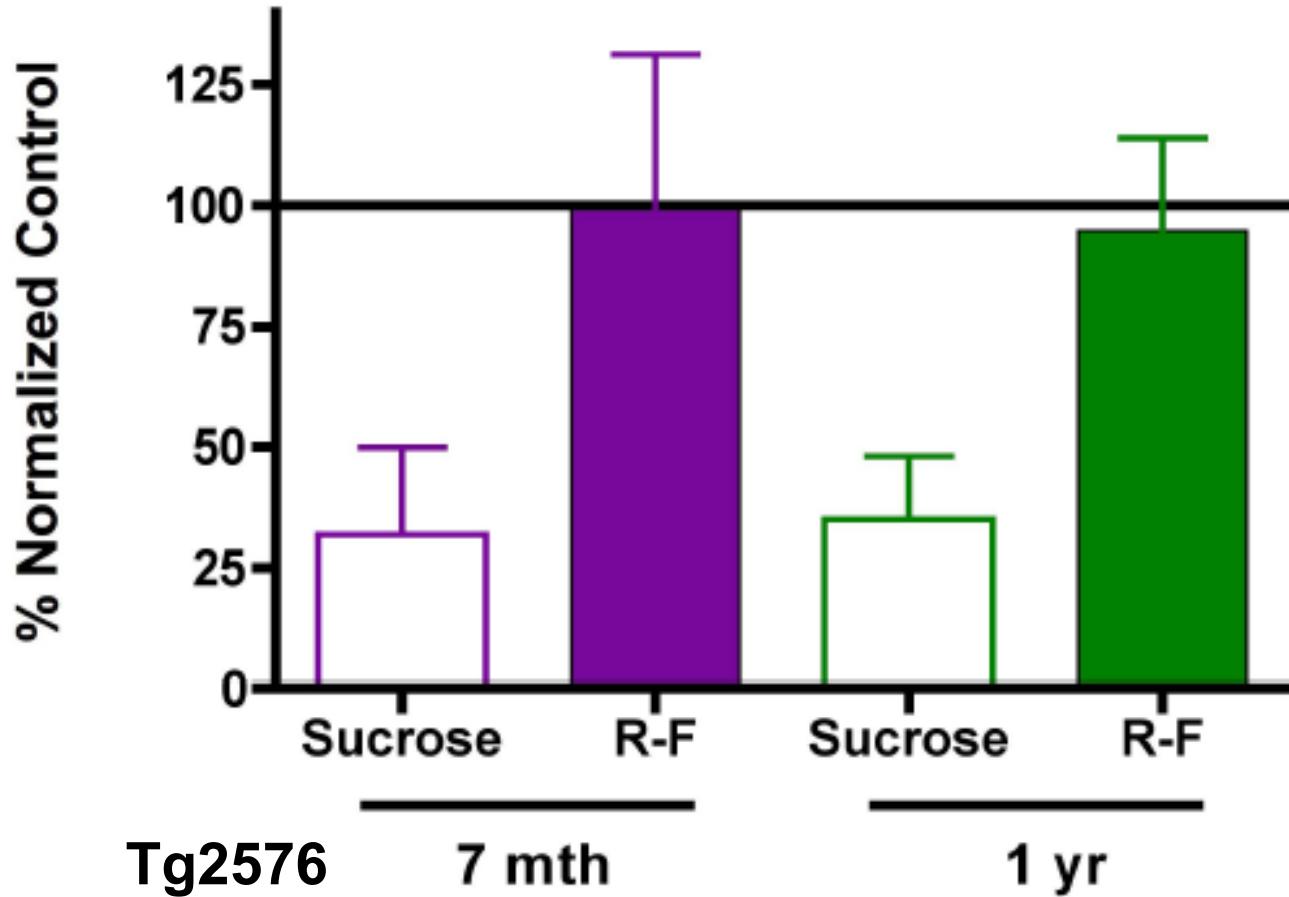


Gobbo O et al, Magnetic Resonance in Medicine, sous presse

# MEMRI – Neuronal conduction



# Effect of an A $\beta$ 1-42 lowering drug (R-Flurbiprofen) on neuronal conduction



Smith-Pautler-ISMRM-2008

# Conclusion: Functional biomarkers

Biomarker	Use in animals		Use in humans	
	Detection of AD-like pathology	Preclinical evaluation of drugs	Clinical diagnostic	Clinical endpoint True benefits of a drug
Cerebral Metabolism (PET + FDG)	Yes ?	No	Yes	No
Perfusion	Yes	No	Yes	No
Axonal transportation (MEMRI)	Yes	Yes	No	No

# Plan

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- Maladie d'Alzheimer
  - ❖ Généralités
  - ❖ Modèles animaux
  - ❖ Concepts de biomarqueurs
  - ❖ Quels biomarqueurs ?
    - Marqueurs cognitifs
    - Marqueurs de l'atrophie cérébrale
    - Marqueurs de l'amyloïdose
      - Liquide biologiques
      - Imagerie
    - Marqueurs fonctionnels
    - Autres marqueurs
      - Diffusion
      - Spectroscopie
    - Marqueurs toxicologiques
- Exemples d'autres biomarqueurs pour d'autres pathologies

# Mesure de la diffusion : Mouvement brownien de l'eau

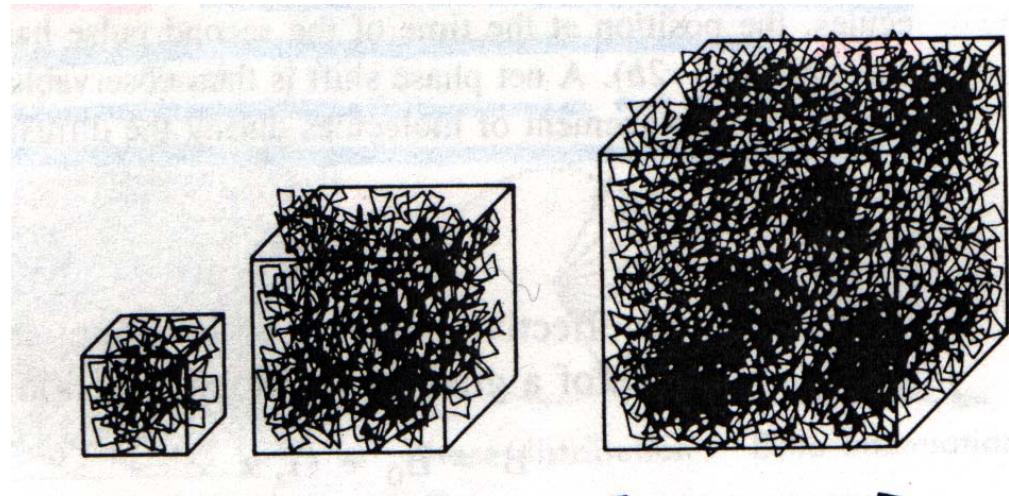
$$r^2 = 6 D t \text{ (Equation d'Einstein)}$$

$r$  = distance parcourue (en 3D)

$D$  = coefficient de diffusion

=  $2.2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mm}^2/\text{sec}$  pour H<sub>2</sub>O (à 25 °C)

$t$  = temps



Déplacement  
Temps

$d = 20 \mu\text{m}$   
 $t = 0.1 \text{ sec}$

$d = 45 \mu\text{m}$   
 $t = 0.5 \text{ sec}$

$d = 63 \mu\text{m}$   
 $t = 1 \text{ sec}$

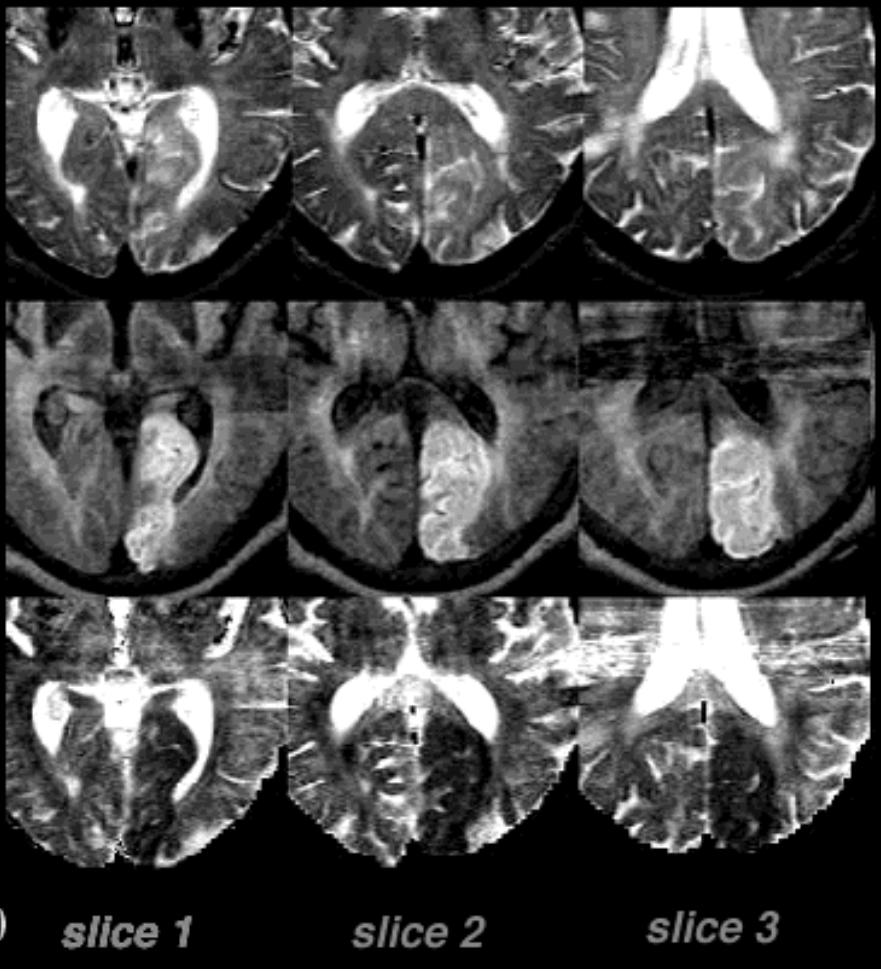
# Modification précoce lors d'ischémie aiguë

Stroke  
+ 6hours

T2-wt MRI

diffusion-  
wt MRI

ADC maps

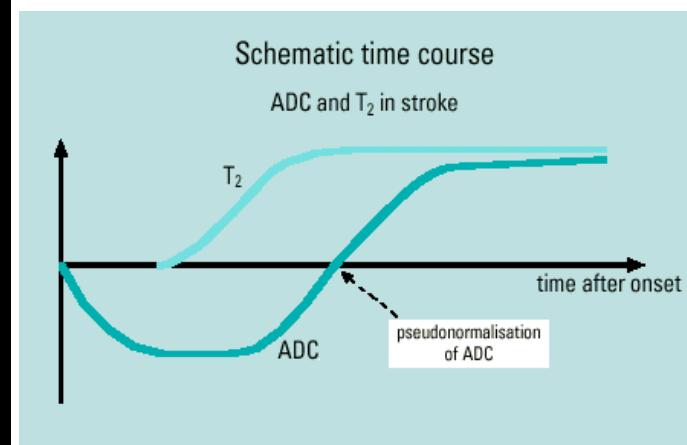


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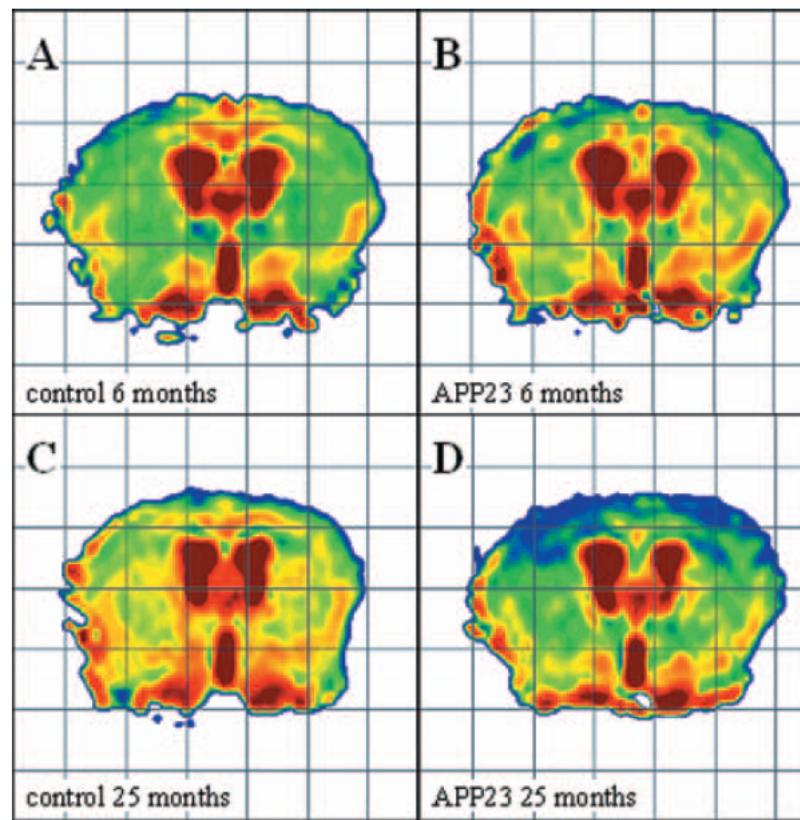
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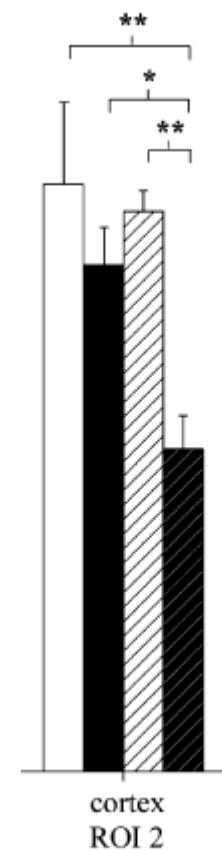


# Mesure de la diffusion chez des souris Alzheimer



Coefficient apparent de diffusion

1.5E-05  
8.6E-06  
2.2E-06



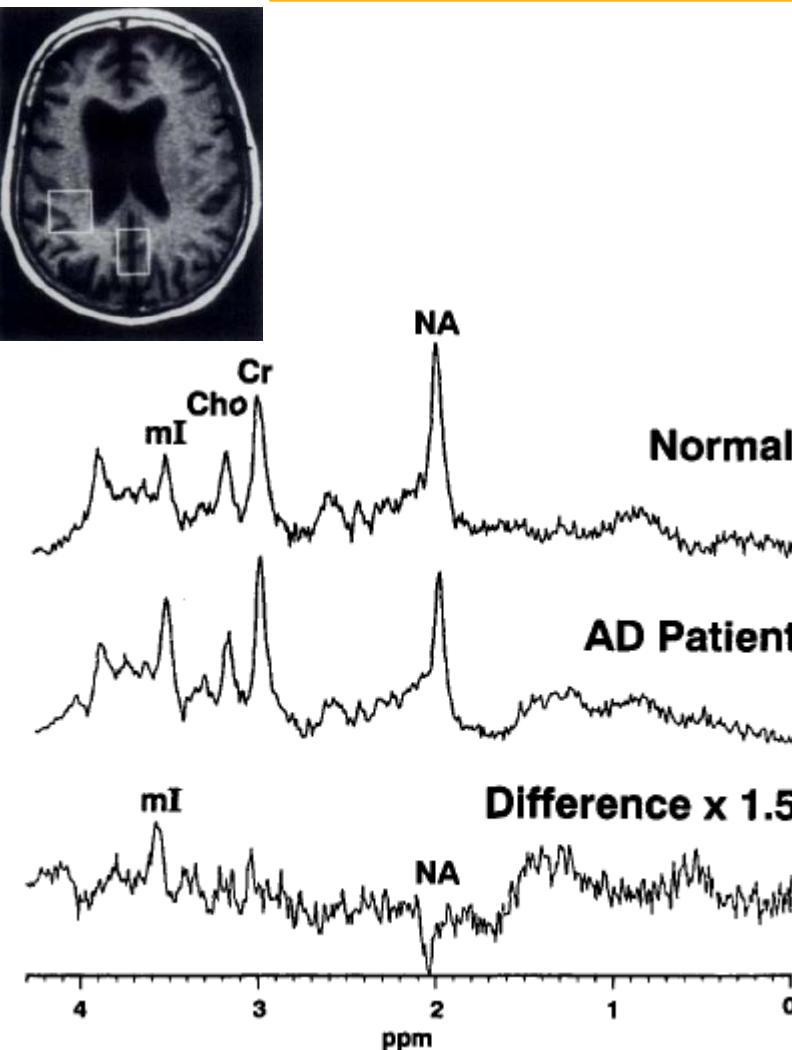
wild-type; 6M  
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Diminution chez  
veilles souris APP23

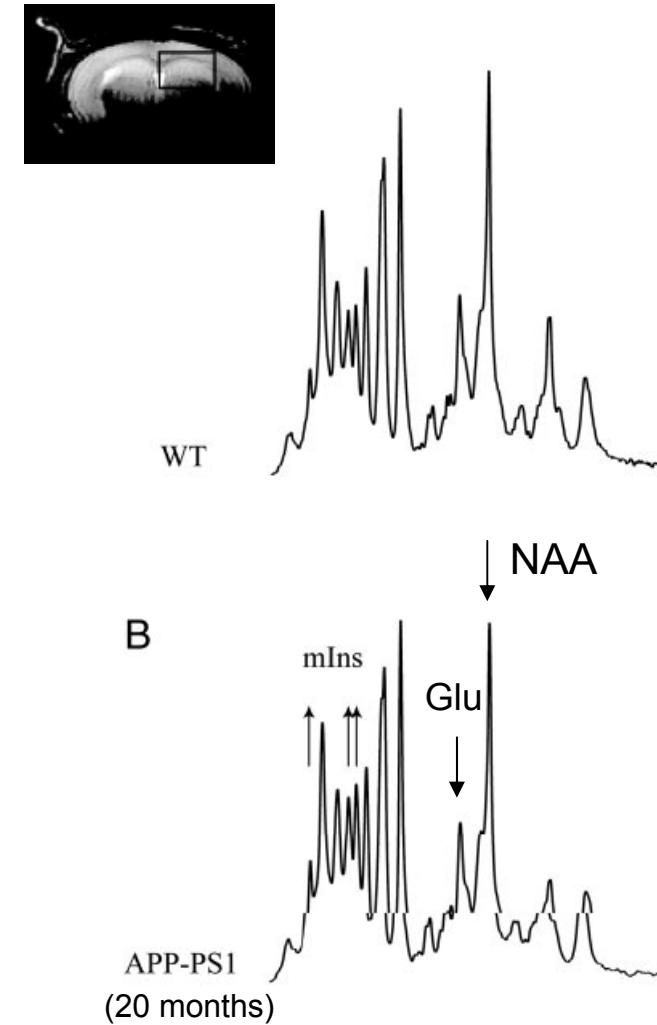
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- Marqueur tardif
- Pas reproduit par toutes les études

# MR spectroscopie



Moats, R. A., et al. (1994).  
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Marjanska, M., et al. (2005).  
Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A  
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# Conclusion: Autres biomarqueurs

Biomarker	Use in animals		Use in humans	
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Diffusion MRI	In developpment	No	No	No
Spectroscopy	In developpment	No	Yes	No

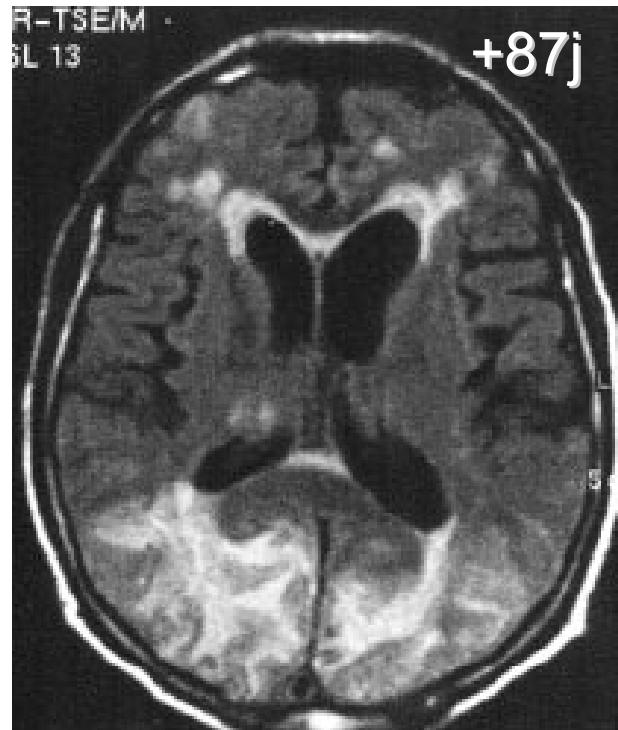
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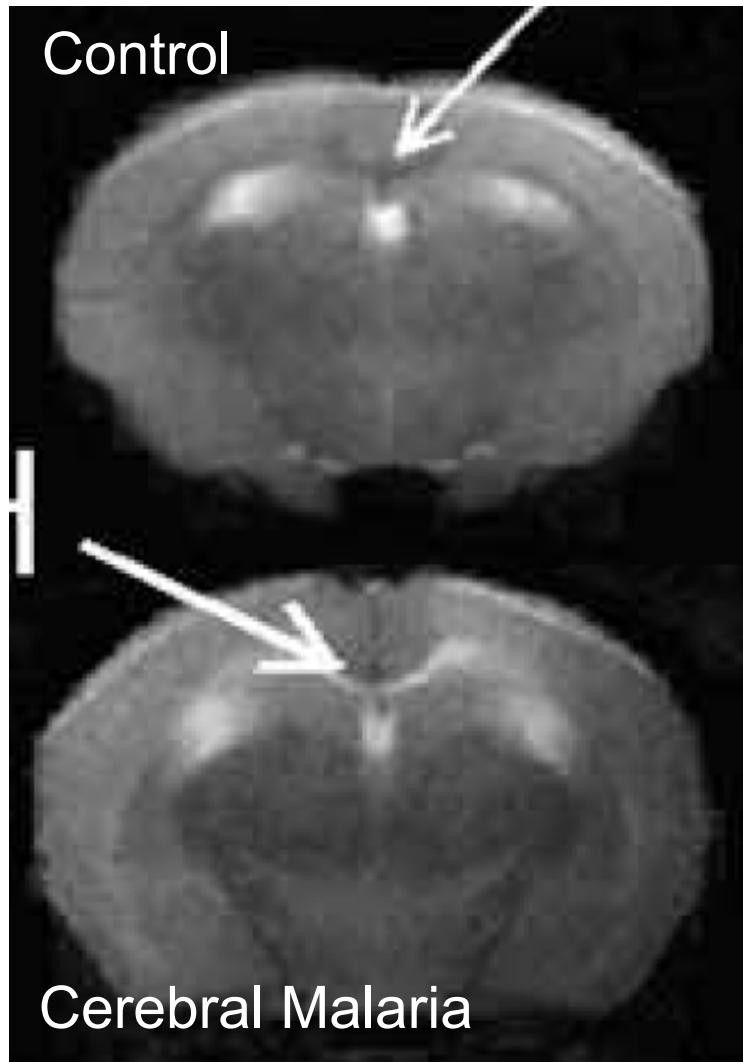
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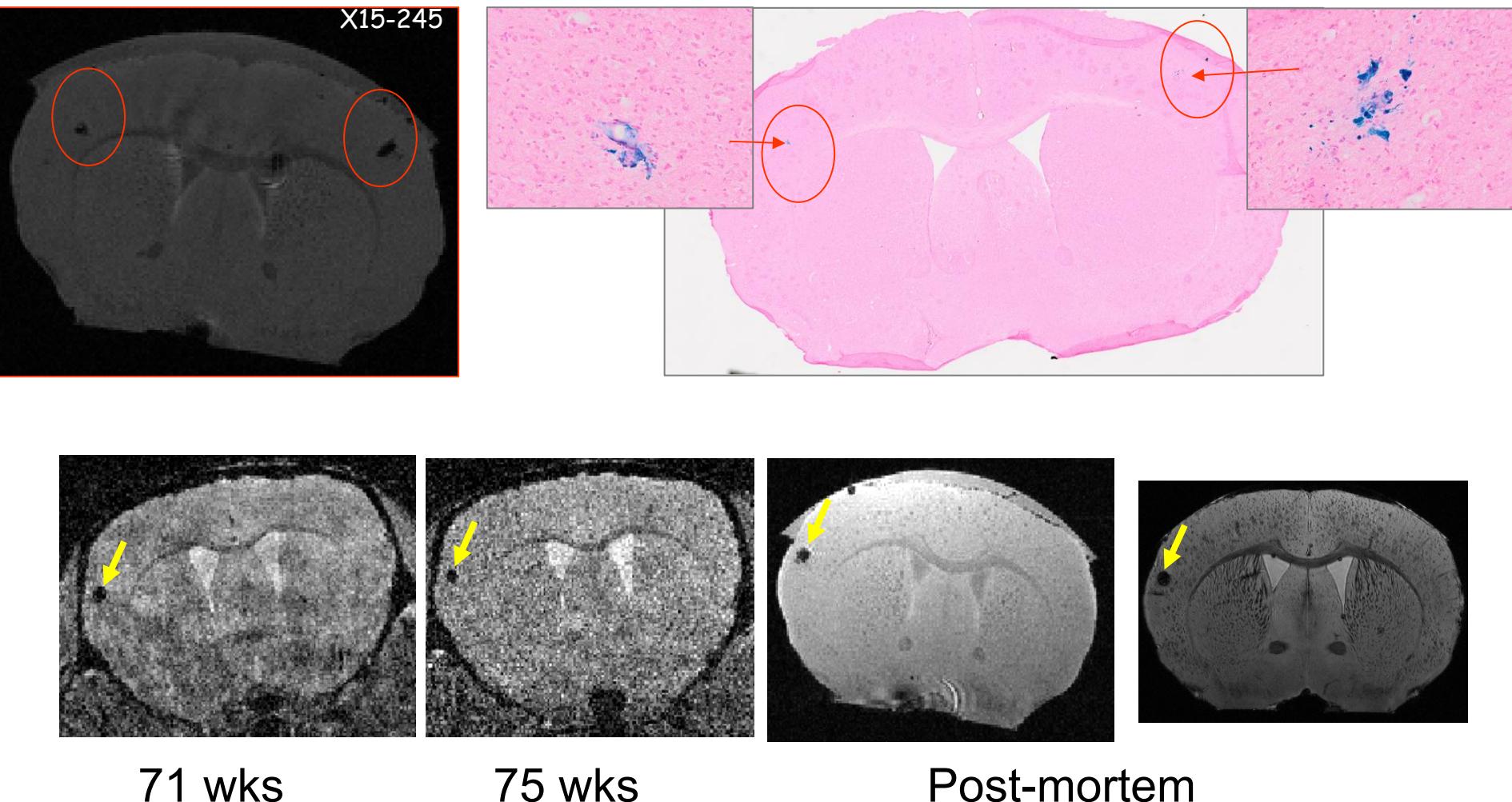
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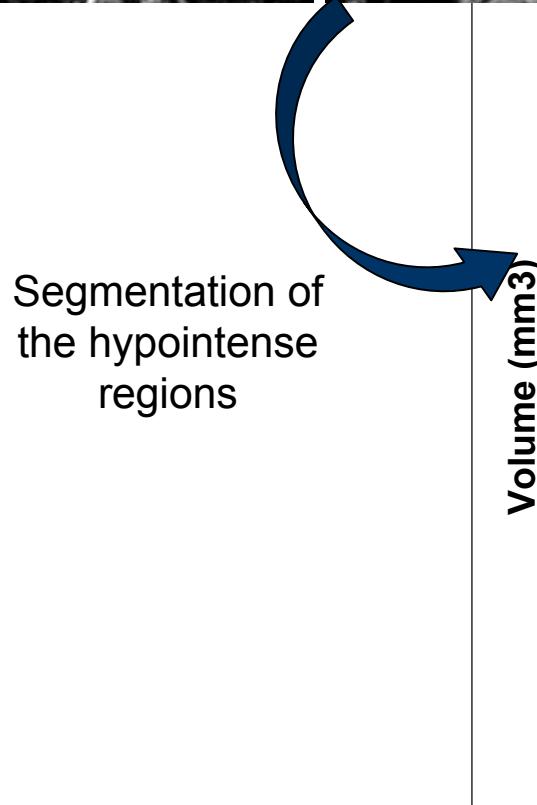
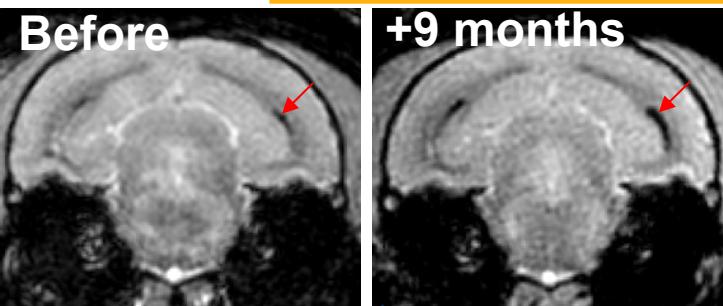
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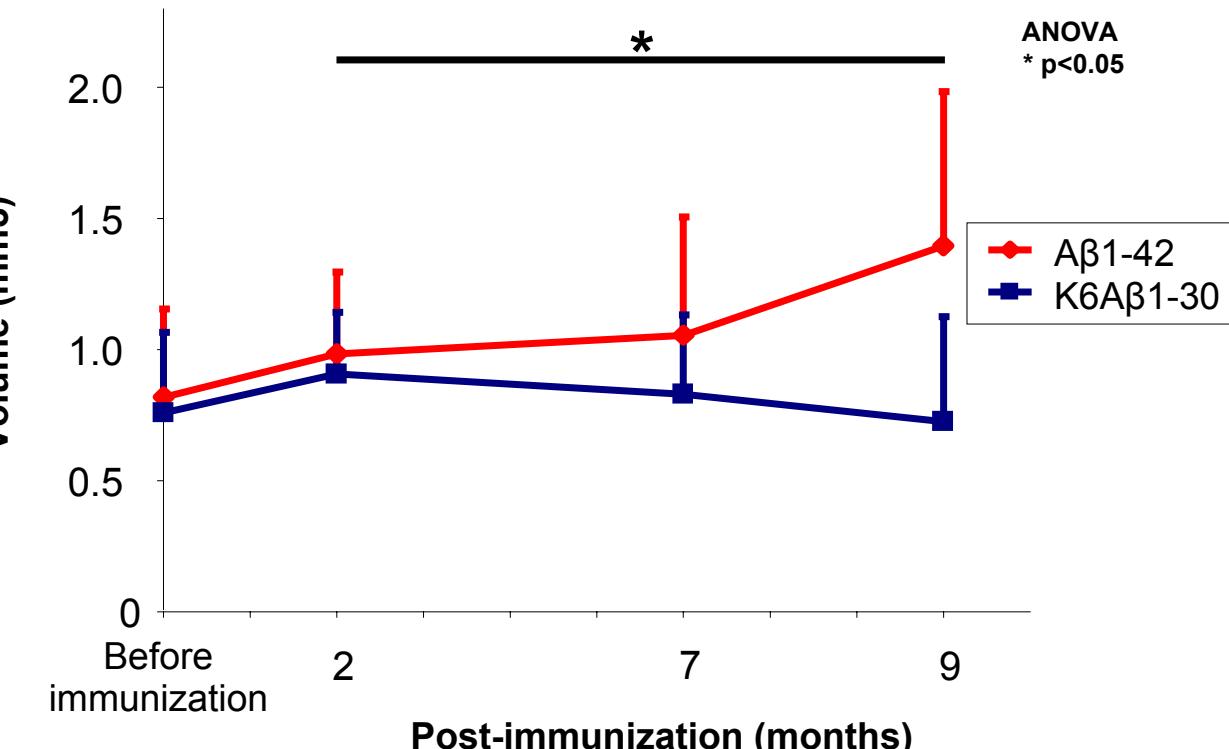
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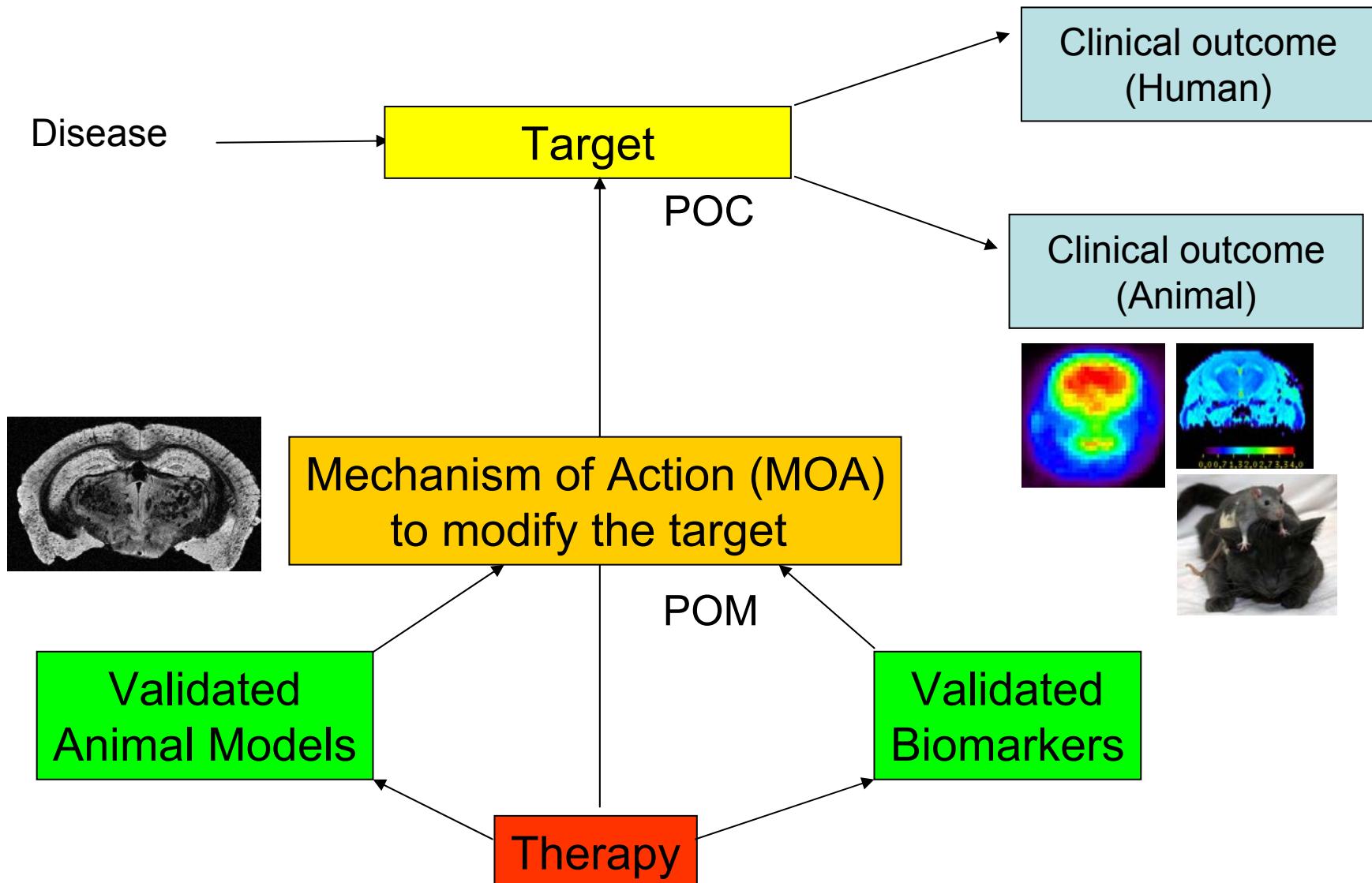


## Evolution of total hypointense regions



**A lower increase of iron accumulation in choroid plexus in animals treated with K6A $\beta$ 1-30**

# Exemple de l'immunothérapie anti-amyloïde



Proof of Concept (POC): If I modify the target, do I modify the disease ?

Proof of Mechanism (POM): Is my drug really active on the supposed mechanism ?

# Exemple de l'immunothérapie anti-amyoïde

## From bench to bed in AD (A $\beta$ antibody)

### Bench (TG mice)

- Safety
  - Brain Microhemorrhages: Histology, next MRI-FLAIR
- Efficacy
  - A $\beta$ : Biochem/Histology, next CSF and imaging
  - Neuroinflammation: RNA markers
  - Cognition: Cognitive tests
  - Neuroprotection: Histology

### Bed (AD patients)

- Safety
  - – Brain Microhemorrhages, MRI (Phase I, AD)
- Efficacy/POM
  - – A $\beta$ : PET scanning and CSF A $\beta$ , others? (Phase II)
  - – Neuroinflammation: PBR PET (Phase II)
- Clinical efficacy
  - – Clinical evaluation: ADAS-Cog and others (Phase III)
  - – Brain atrophy: MRI (Phase III)
  - – CSF Tau markers (PhasII/III)

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# Concl : Intérêt des approches multimodales

