

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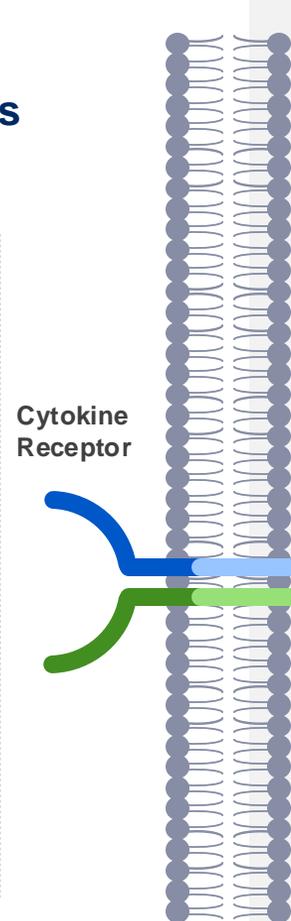
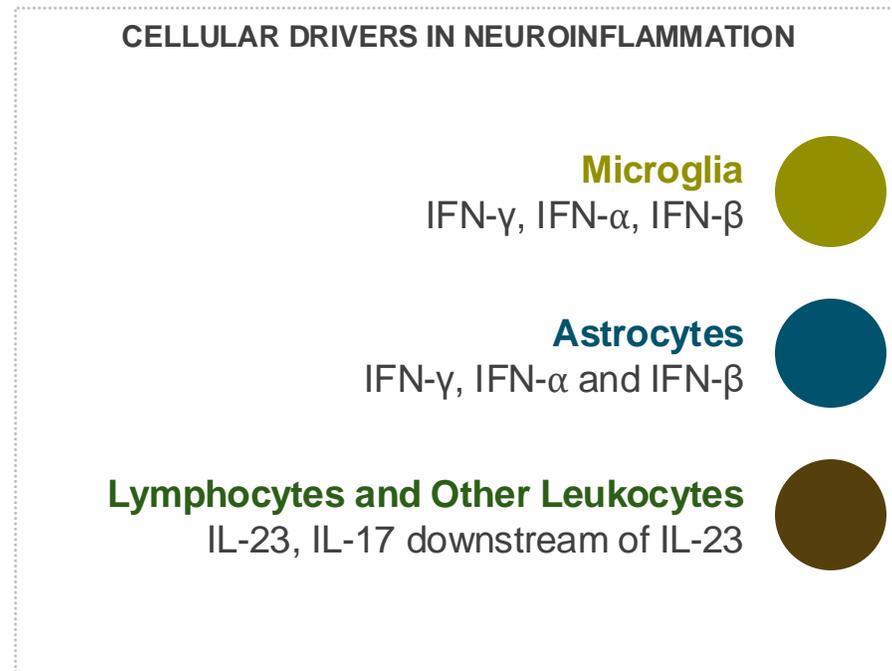
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BHV-8000: Compelling Rationale for Brain-Penetrant TYK2/JAK1 Inhibitor to Treat Neuroinflammatory and Neurodegenerative Disorders

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



Parkinson's Disease



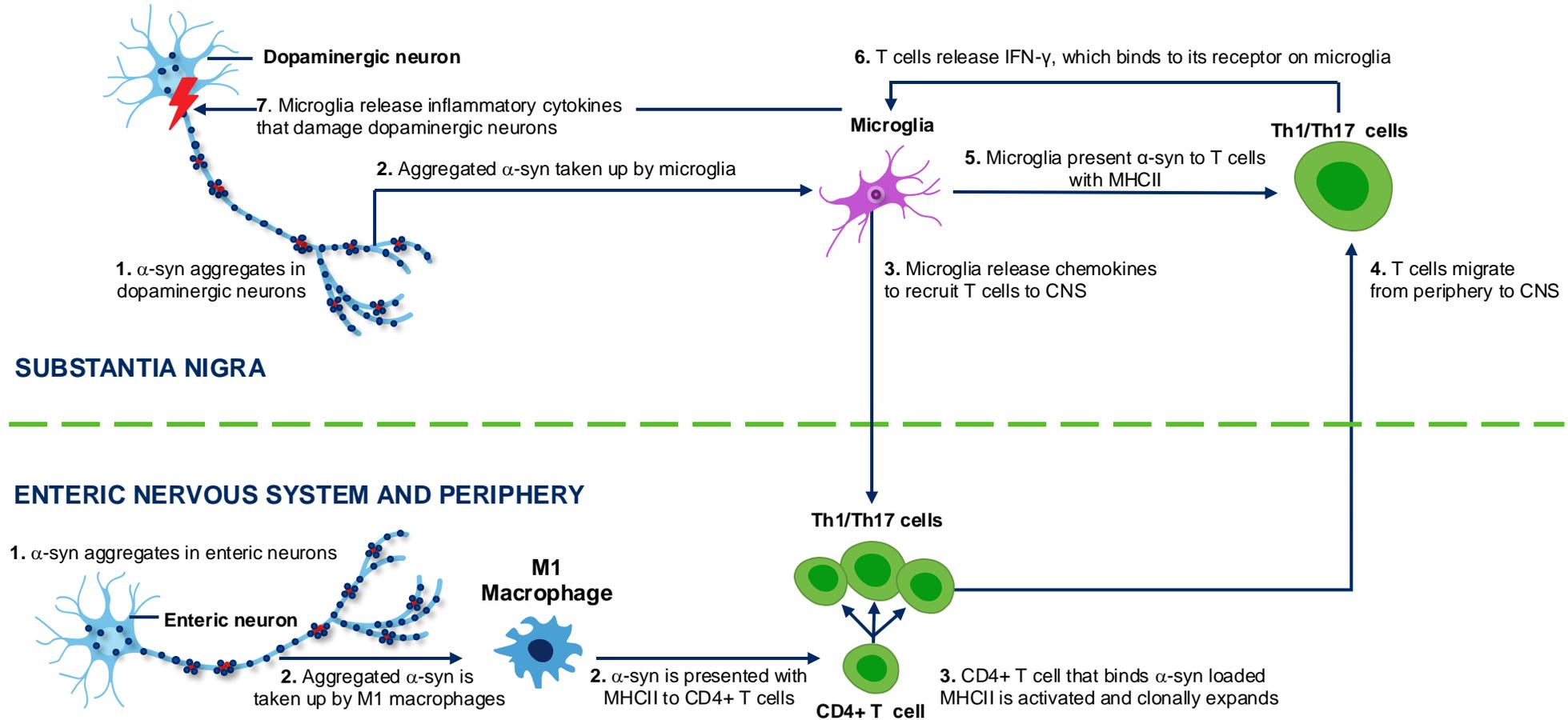
BHV-8000 Dual, brain-penetrant inhibitor of TYK2 and JAK1 that effectively blocks Th17 cell generation, Type I IFN signaling, and inflammation



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- γ signaling triggered by pathogenic α -synuclein aggregates^{1,2}



α -syn, alpha-synuclein; CD4, cluster of differentiation 4; CNS, central nervous system; IFN- γ , interferon-gamma; IL, interleukin; JAK, Janus kinase; M1, classically activated; MHC, major histocompatibility complex; Th, T helper cell; TYK, tyrosine kinase
 1. Allen Reish, Standaert. *J Parkinsons Dis.* 2015;5(1):1-19. 2. Fu et al. *J Neuroinflammation.* 2022;19(1):98.

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

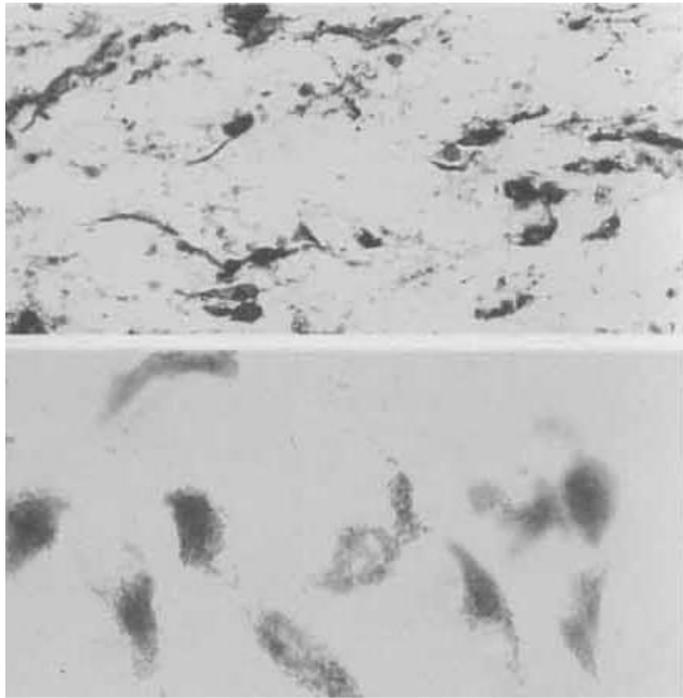
Treatment	PD Events	Person-years	Rate (per 100 person-years)	Adjusted IRR (95% CI)	P-value
Anti-TNF or Anti-IL-17 exposure	2,957	393,114	0.66	0.77 (0.74 – 0.80)	<0.0001
No Treatment	50,562	5,328,307	0.95		
Anti-TNF exposure	2,471	371,867	0.66	0.64 (0.52 – 0.80)	<0.0001
No Treatment	50,562	5,328,307	0.95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

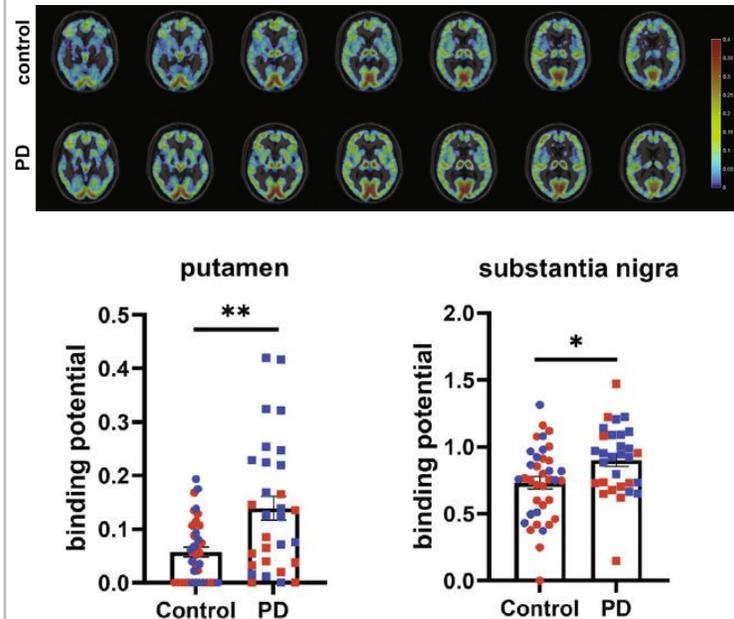
Post-Mortem Data¹

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



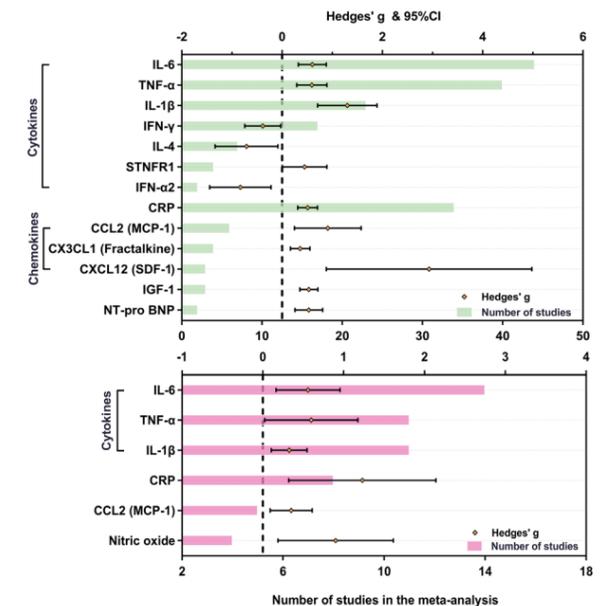
In Vivo Imaging²

¹⁸F-DPA-714 TSPO imaging increased in early PD relative to healthy controls



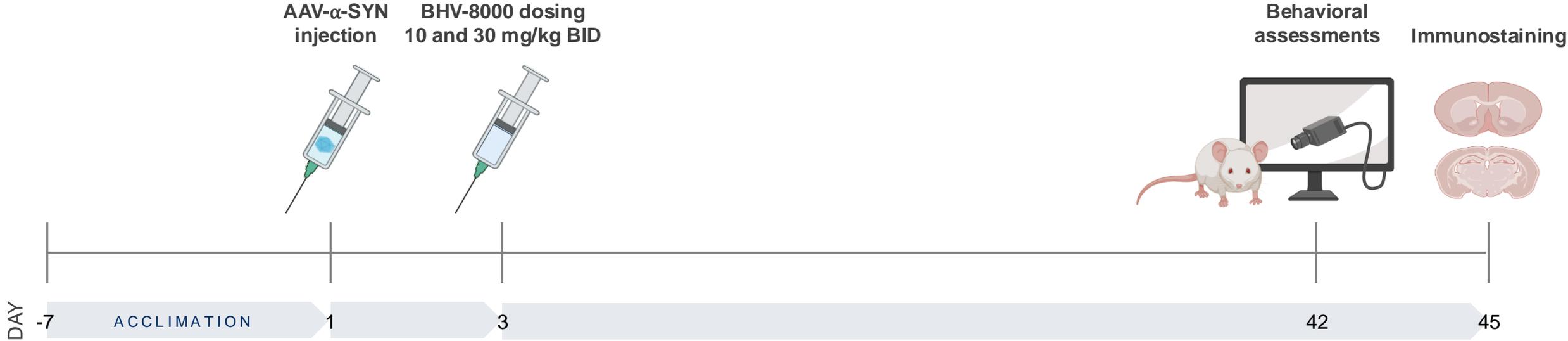
In Vivo Cytokine Levels³

Elevated levels of pro-inflammatory cytokines (e.g., IL-1 β , IL-6, TNF- α , IFN- γ) found in the CSF and blood of PD patients



1. McGeer PL, et al. *Neurology*. 1988 Aug;38(8):1285-91. 2. Yacoubian TA, et al. *Mov Disord*. 2023 May;38(5):743-754. 3. Qu Y, et al. *NPJ Parkinson's Dis*. 2023 Feb 4;9(1):18.

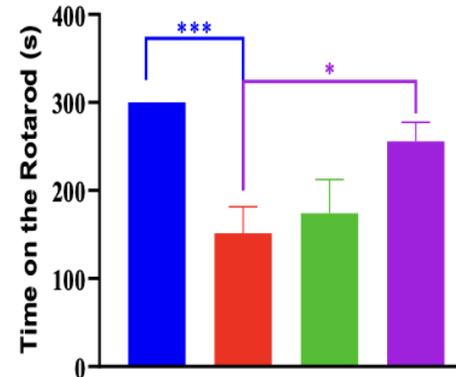
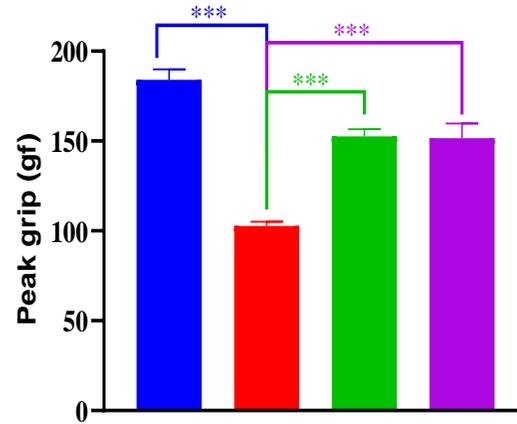
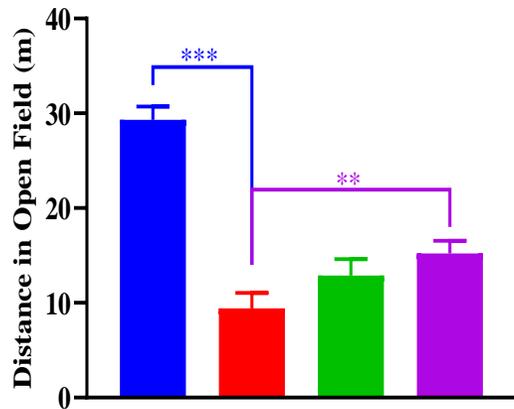
BHV-8000: AAV- α -synuclein Mouse Model of Parkinson's Disease



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

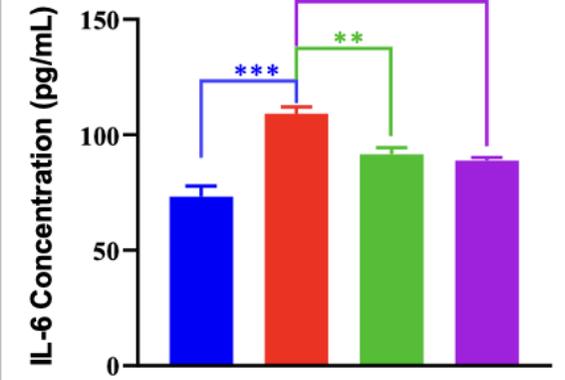
Improved Behavioral Assessments

	Increased Movement Distance in an Open Field by:	Increased Grip Strength by:	Increased Time on Rotarod by:
10 mg/kg	36.8%	48.5%	14.8%
30 mg/kg	61.4%	47.5%	64.4%



Alleviated Inflammatory Response

Significantly Decreased
IL-6 Level in Str and
SN Tissues of Mice



Note: IL-6 levels are elevated in PD patients

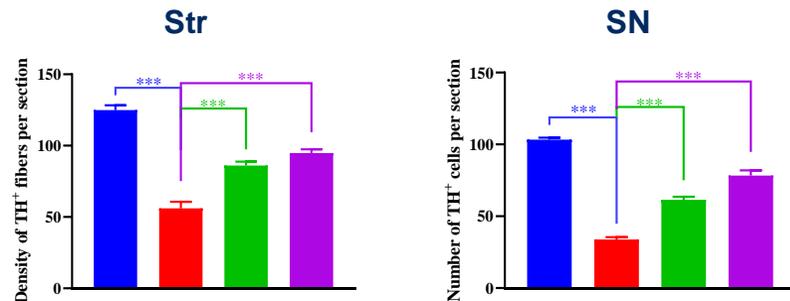
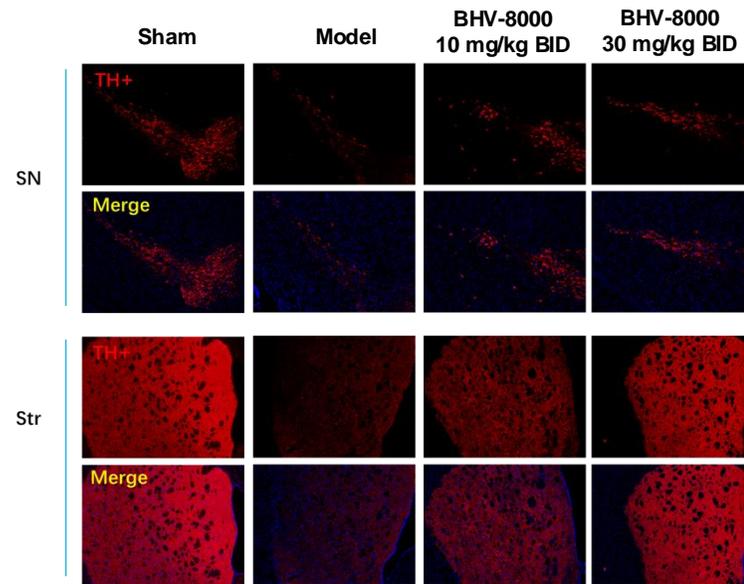
■ Sham
 ■ Model
 ■ BHV-8000 (10 mg/kg)
 ■ BHV-8000 (30 mg/kg)
 * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$, Note: Mean \pm SEM

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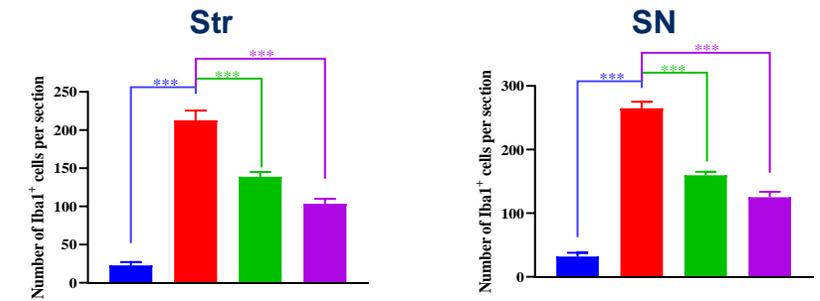
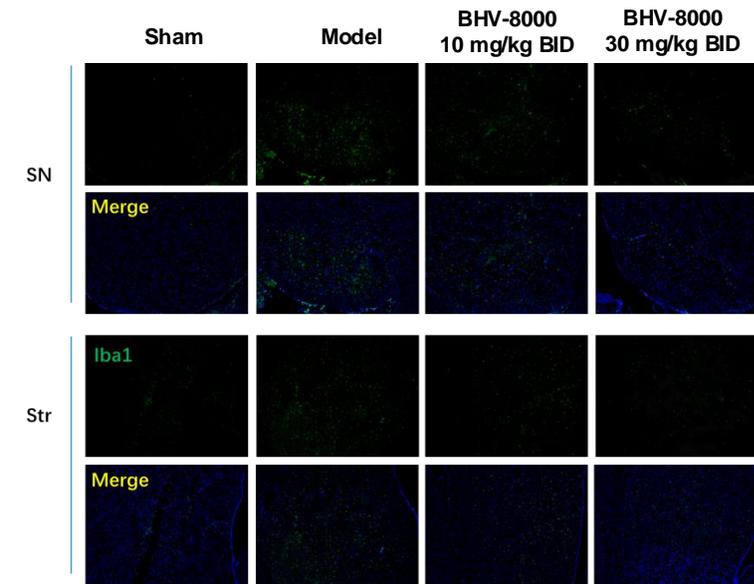
BHV-8000 improved PD-related motor behavior and alleviated inflammatory response in the brain in the α -syn overexpressing mouse model

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

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



Mitigated Microglia Activation Represented by Reduced Numbers of Iba1+ Microglia



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

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

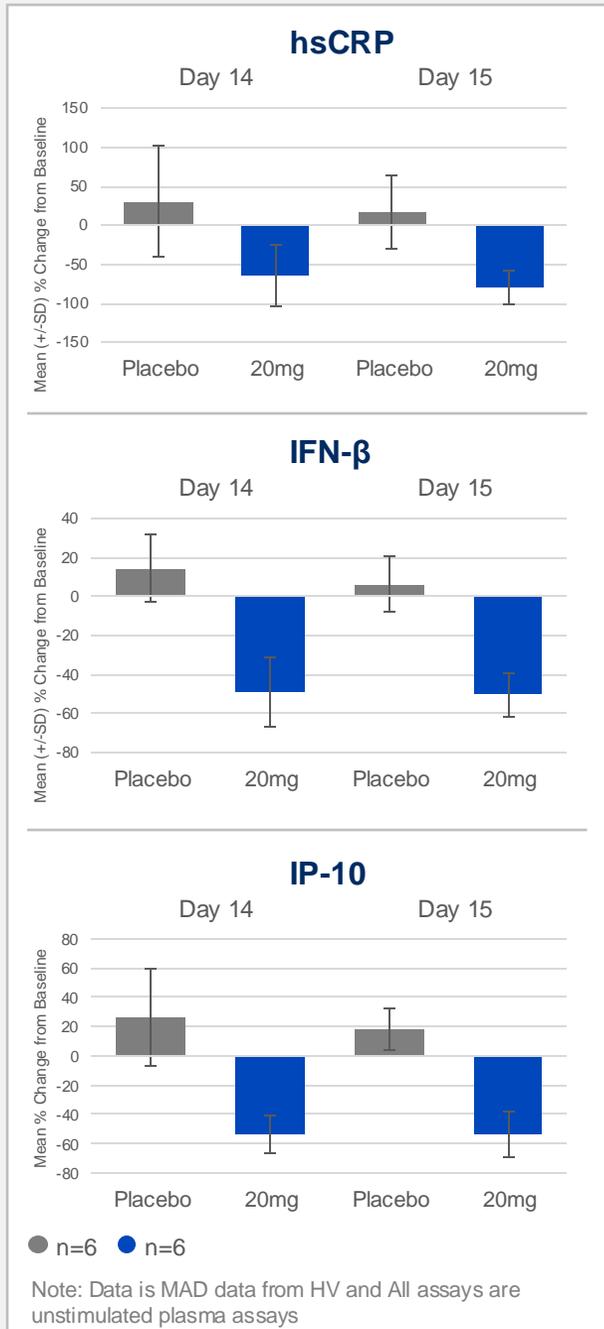
Hs-CRP, IFN- β and IP-10 showed drug-related changes in plasma

Robust brain penetration

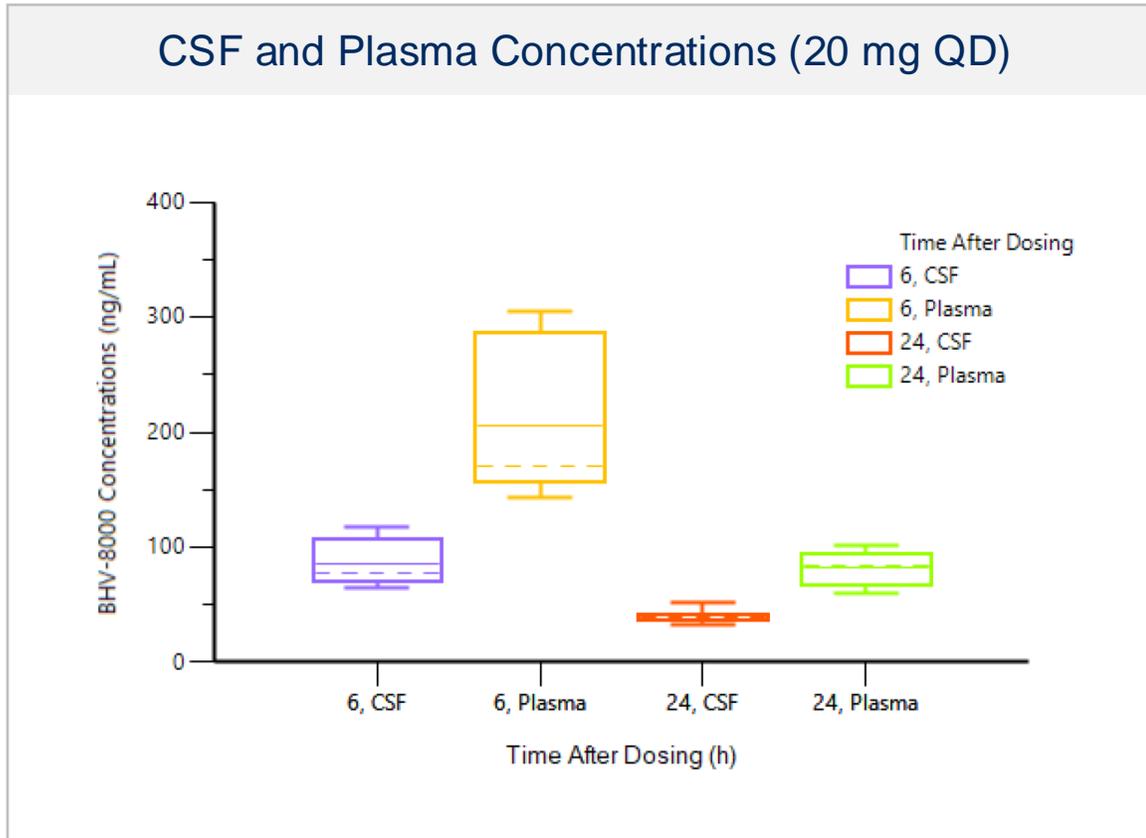
Approximately 50% CNS penetration in humans

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Pharmacodynamic data shows target engagement in healthy subjects

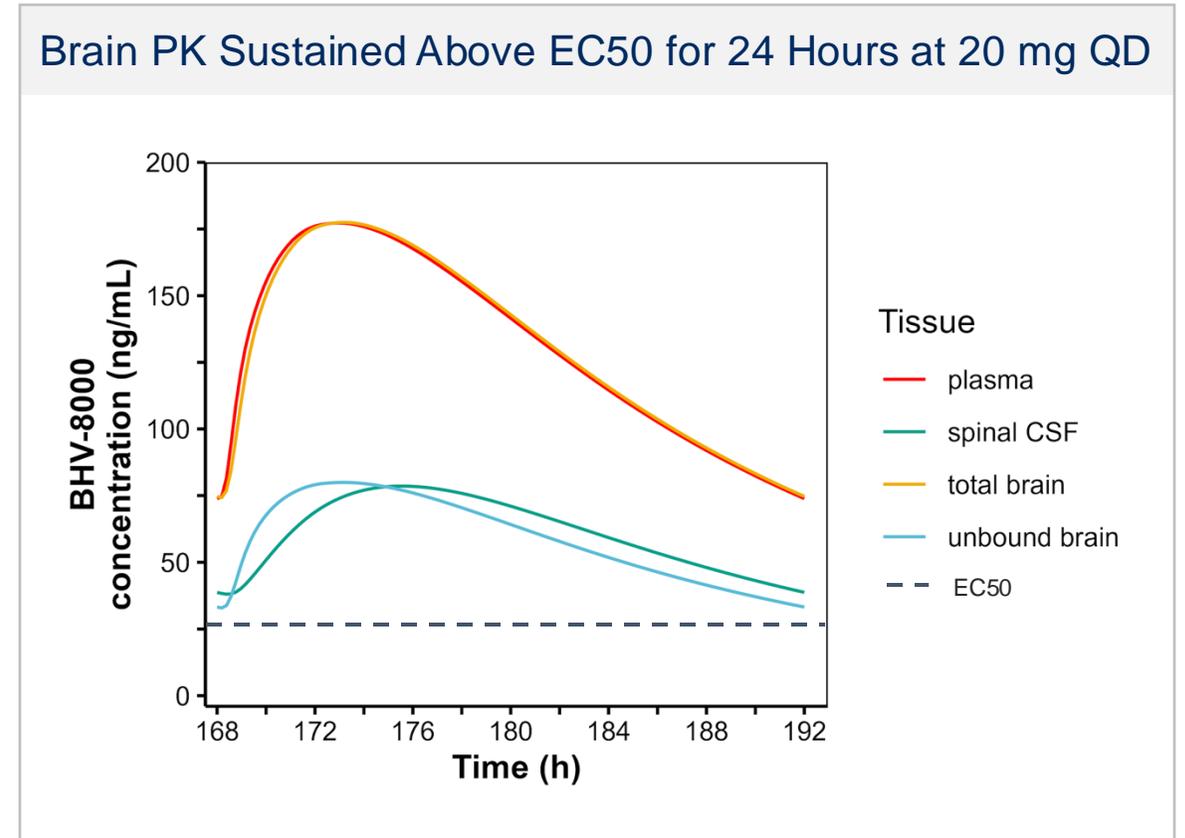


BHV-8000: Demonstrates Robust CNS Penetration in Phase 1



Healthy subjects

CSF, Cerebro Spinal Fluid



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 (≥ 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

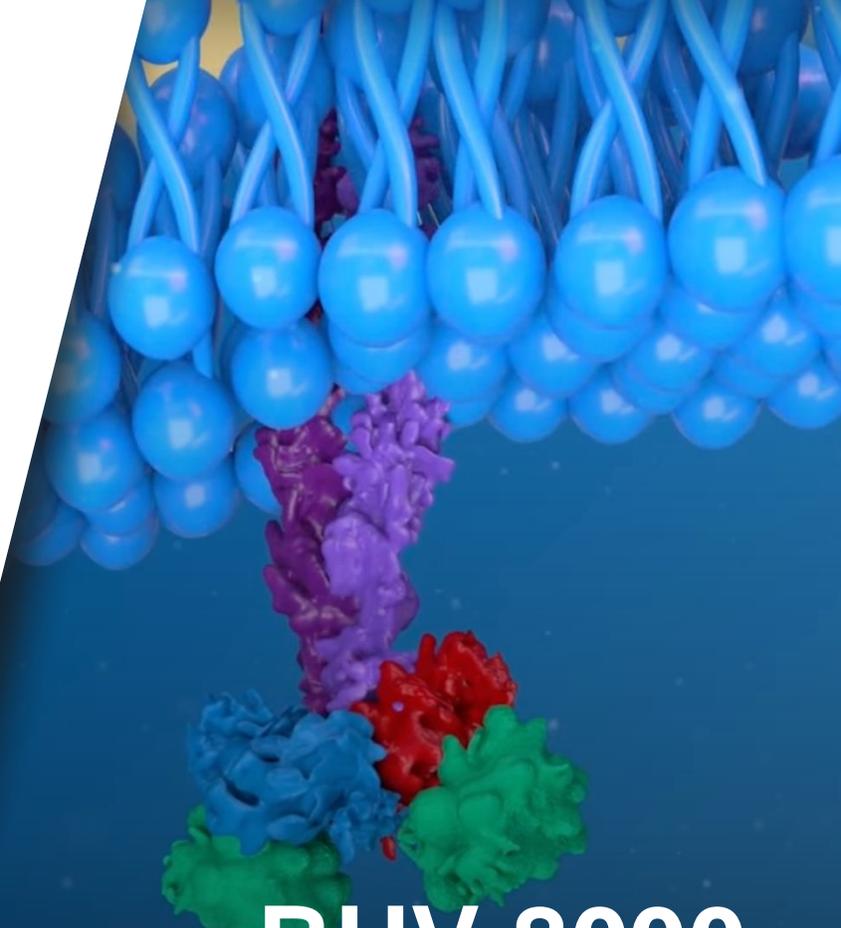
Efficacious α -Syn overexpressing PD mouse model

- 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