

Crossing therapeutic boundaries:

An immunotherapeutic simultaneously targeting amyloid- β , Tau, and α -synuclein amyloid aggregates

Aditya Iyer, Ph.D.
Senior Scientist
Amyl Therapeutics, Belgium

amyl





	No, Nothing to disclose
X	Yes, please specify

Company / Name	Honoraria / Expense	Consulting / Advisory Board	Funded Research	Royalties / Patent	Stock Options	Ownership / Equity Position	Employee	Other (Please specify)
Amyl Therapeutics, Belgium			Walloon region government				X	

Acknowledgements

With support from
Wallonia

 ExcellGene

Kimialys ▶

ETAP-Lab
■■■ etap-lab.com



C.RIS Pharma
Your non-clinical CRO

scantox
amyl



Check out our website (www.amyltx.com) for more details
Aditya Iyer: a.iyer@amyltx.com
Damien Toulorge: d.toulorge@amyltx.com

 UNIVERSITÉ
LIBRE
DE BRUXELLES



 UNIVERSITY OF
CAMBRIDGE

UNIVERSITY
OF TWENTE.



Clinical phenotype

Motor deficit

CI/Dementia

Systemic dysregulation



Neurodegeneration

Molecular pathology

Altered metal homeostasis

Dysregulated nutrient sensing

Cellular senescence

Genomic instability & epigenetic alterations

Lysosomal impairment

Neuroinflammation

Proteostasis collapse

Protein aggregation

Mitochondrial dysfunction

Biological aging environment

The therapeutic ceiling for passive immunotherapeutics?

Recent approvals validate amyloid clearance in passive immunotherapies but highlight the limitations of single-target strategies for age-associated neurodegenerative diseases (AANDs)



(mono-therapies)

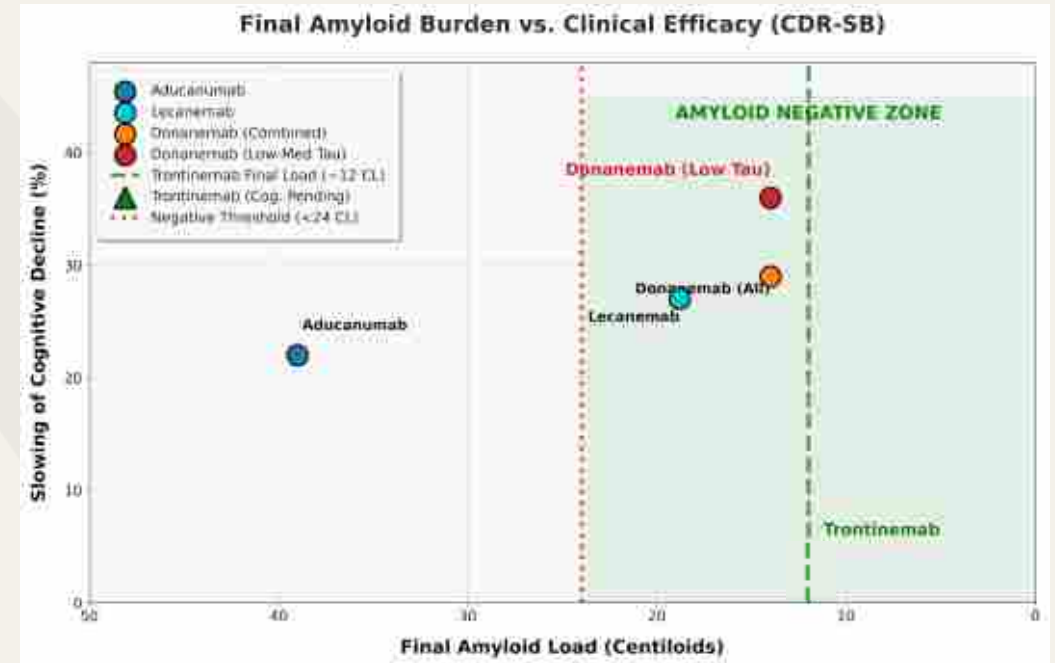
A β : Lecanemab, Donanemab

Tau: Etalnetug (E-2814)*

α -syn: Prasinezumab*

(mono-therapies)

A β : Trontinemab*



What's next ?

Passive immunotherapy



ARIA risks
Low brain permeation



Improved brain
permeation
Reduced ARIA



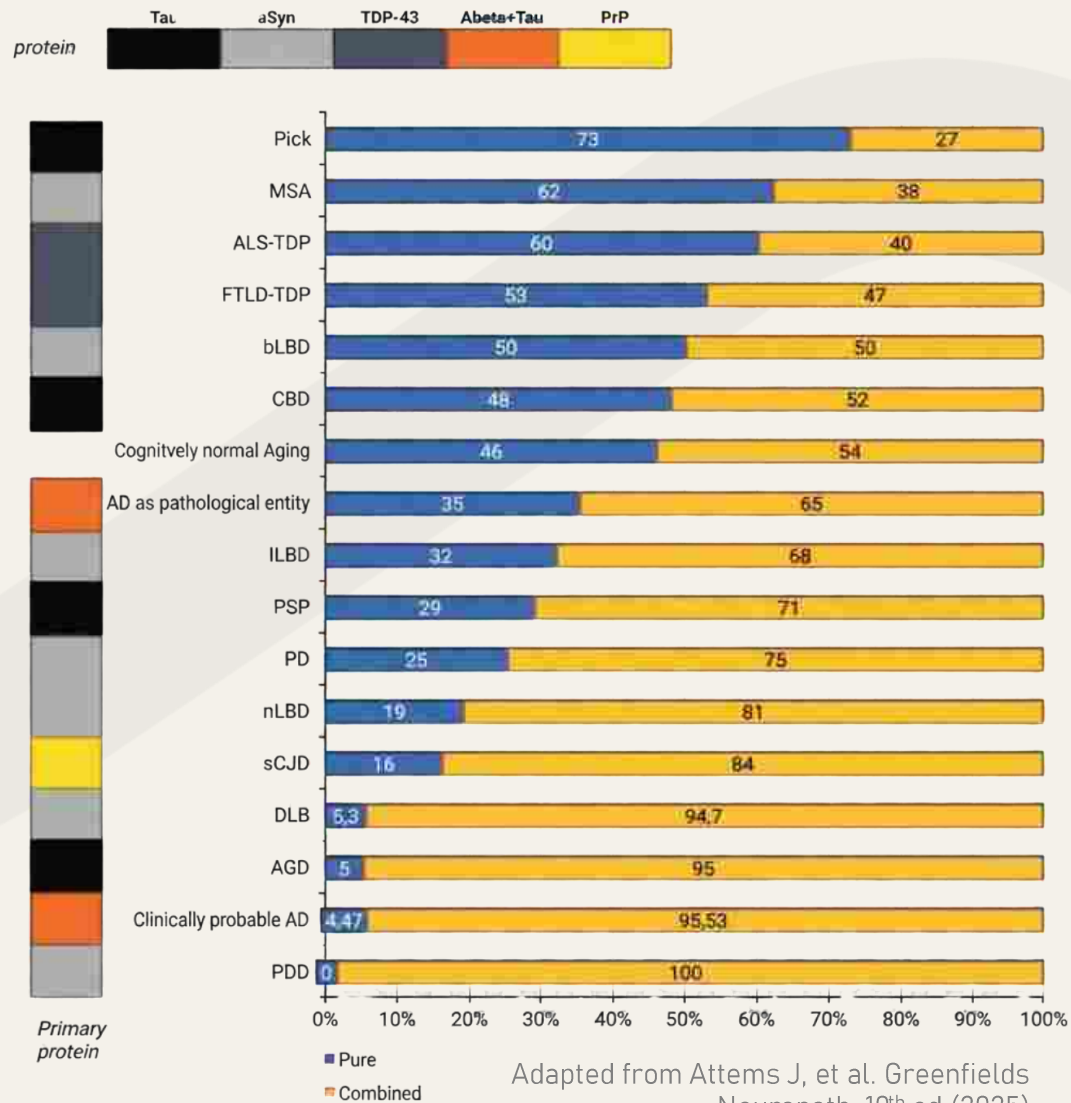
Combo-therapies*
Lecanemab +
Etalnetug



amyl

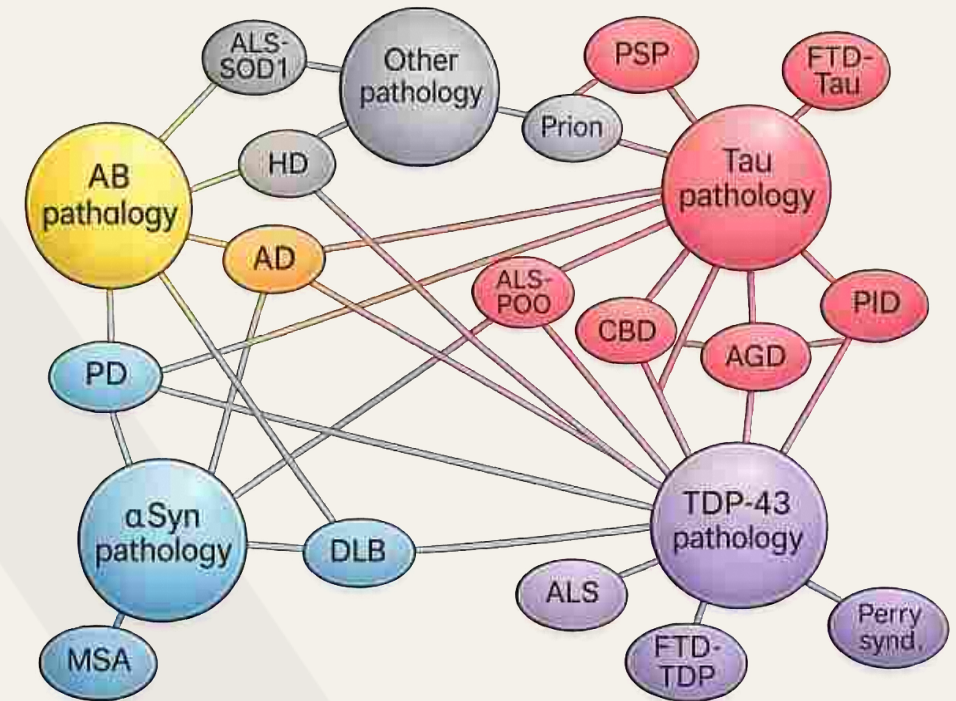
* Ongoing trials. Aducanumab (ENGAGE), Lecanemab (Clarity AD), Donanemab (TRAILBLAZER-ALZ 2) and Trontinemab (Roche press)

Pure amyloid pathology is an exception, not the rule



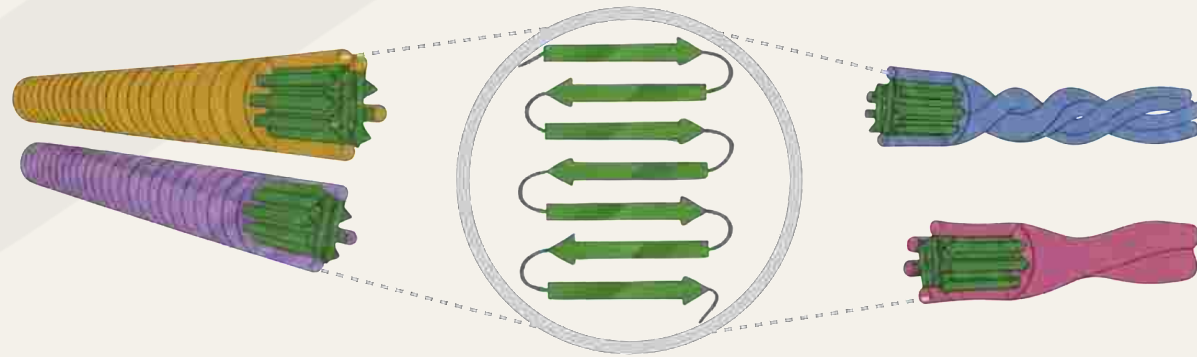
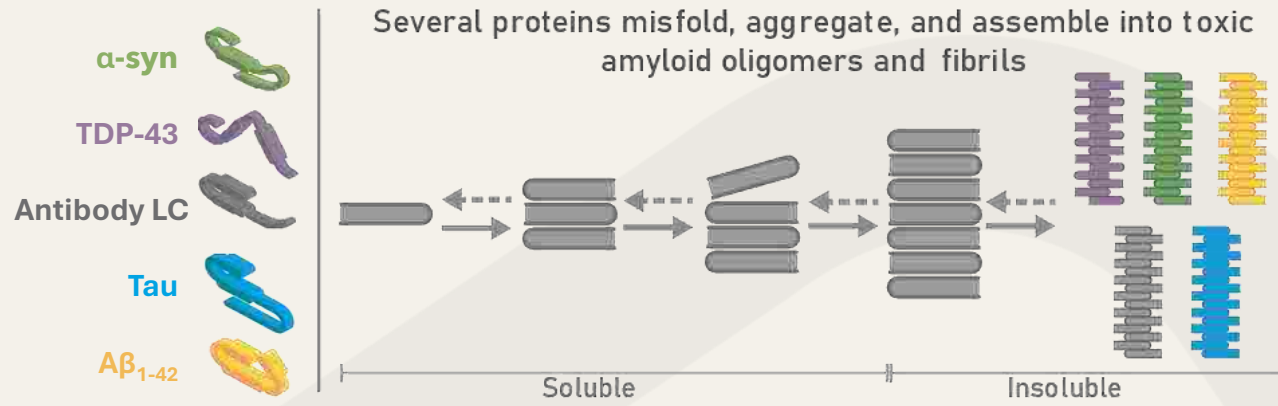
Adapted from Attems J, et al. Greenfields Neuropath, 10th ed (2025) pp 1216-25

Mixed pathology is the norm in several age-associated neurodegenerative diseases

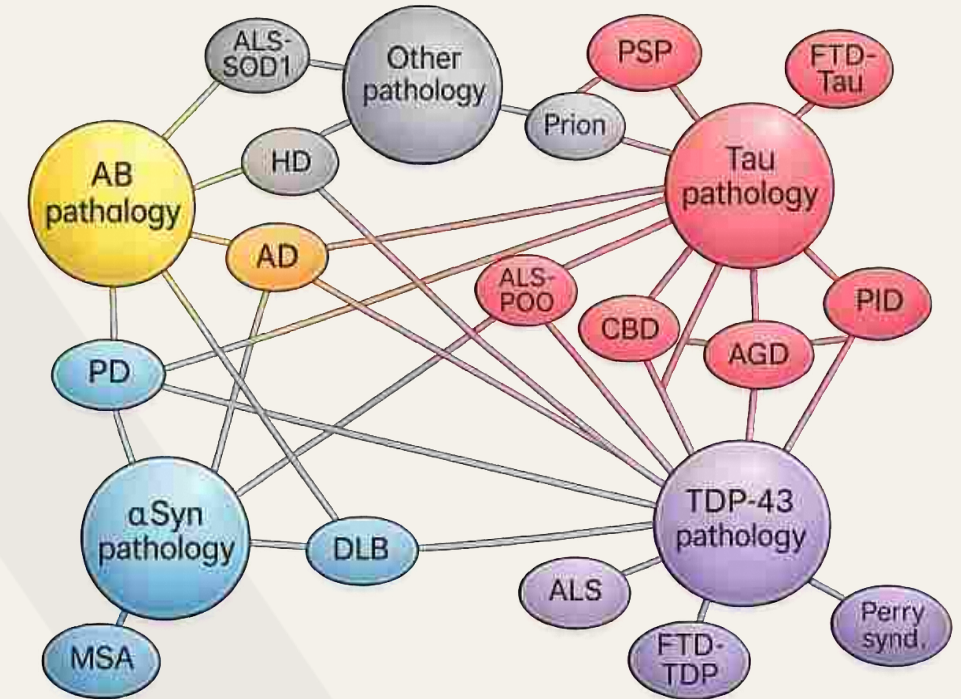


Adapted from Golde. et. al. 2013

Mixed pathologies are united by a common structural architecture



Mixed pathology is the norm in several age-associated neurodegenerative diseases

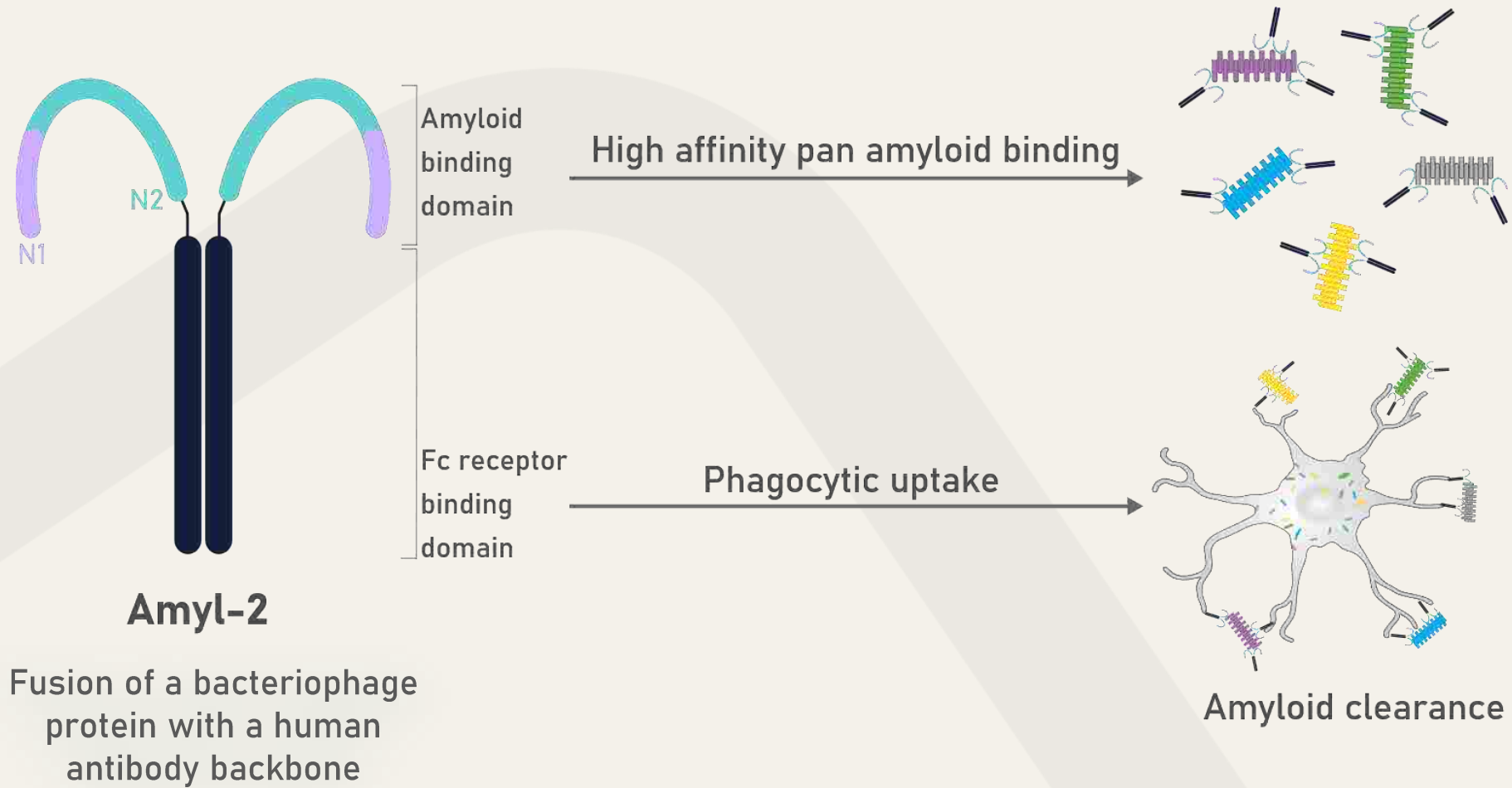


Adapted from Golde, et. al. 2013

**A mixed-amyloid disease perhaps requires a therapeutic
acting on multiple amyloids simultaneously**

“a pan-amyloid therapeutic”

At Amyl Therapeutics, we are building such a therapeutic



Targeting the universal cross- β sheet allows Amyl-2 to bind amyloid aggregates and facilitate phagocytic uptake.

As a bonus it inhibits aggregation too!

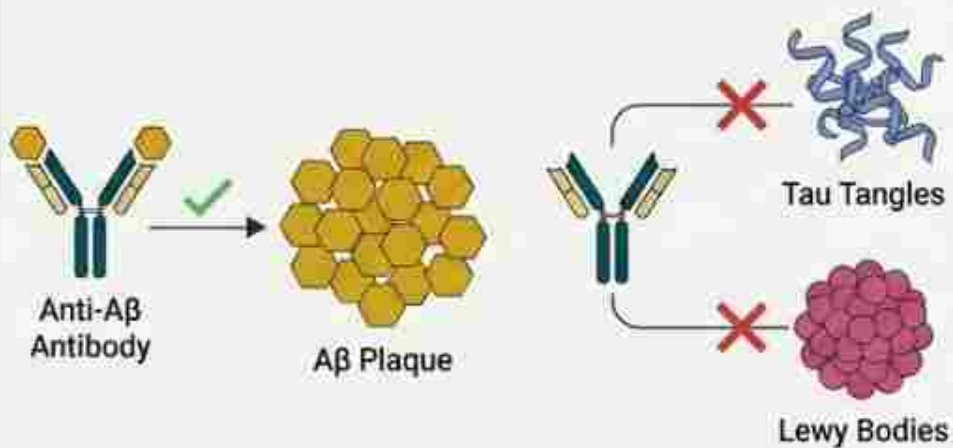
From sequence-specific to conformation-specific targeting

Protein specific (Monotherapy)

Target: Amino acid sequence (linear epitope) e.g. A β .

Mechanism: Recognition of a specific protein followed by phagocytic clearance of the protein. Narrow spectrum

Limitation: Ineffective against other co-existing pathological proteins (Tau, α -syn), clearance of functional monomer(?) etc.

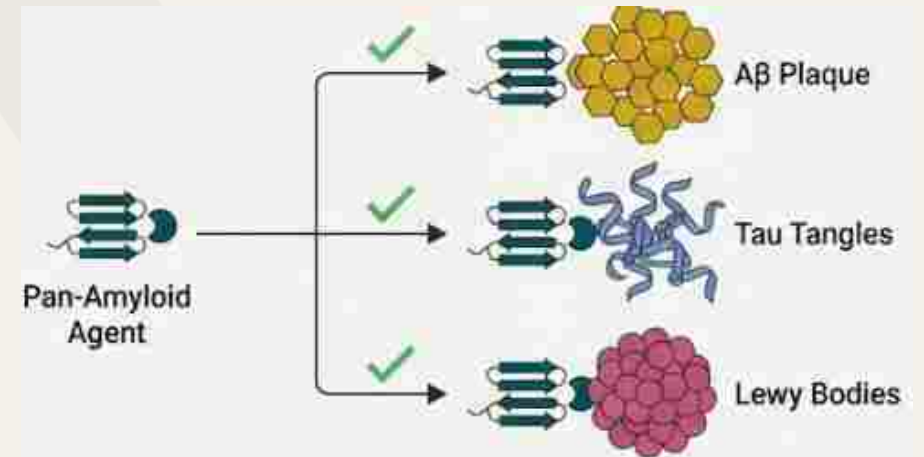


Conformation-specific (Pan-Amyloid therapy)

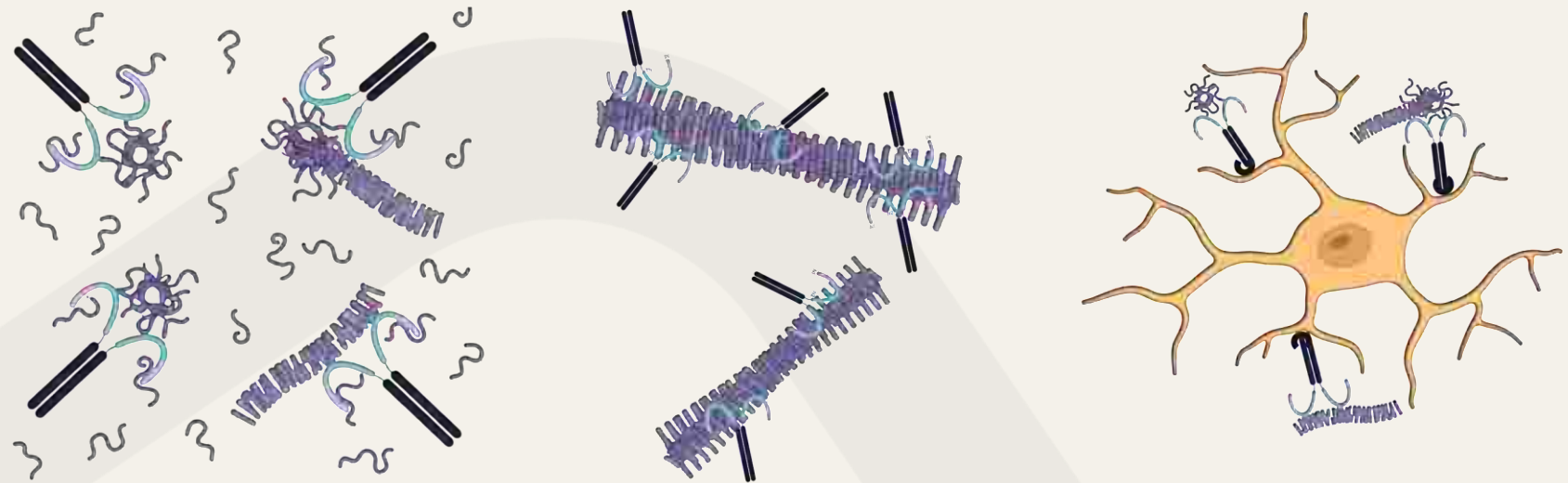
Target: Generic cross- β sheet structure.

Mechanism: Recognition of cross- β sheets followed by specific phagocytic clearance of amyloid aggregates. Broad spectrum

Limitation: Possible off-target binding to functional amyloids



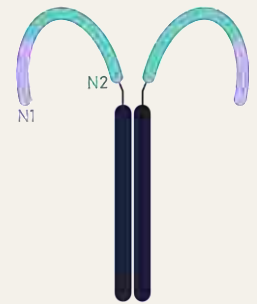
The central mechanism of Amyl-2



Inhibit

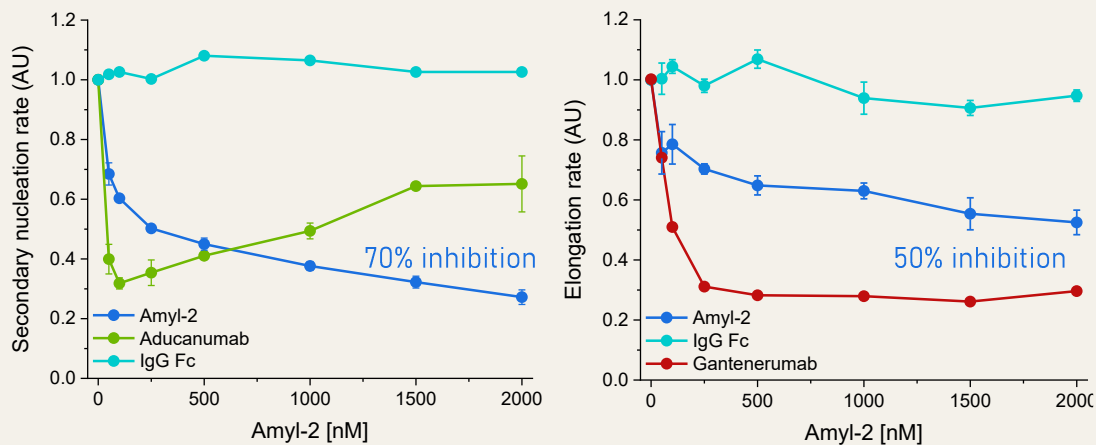
Bind

Clear



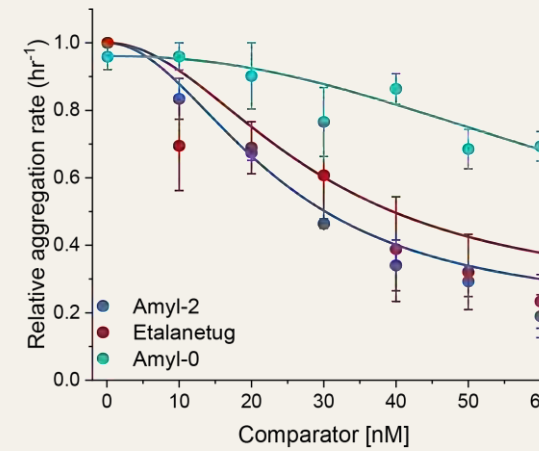
Amyl-2 inhibits aggregation of multiple amyloid proteins in vitro

$A\beta_{1-42}$



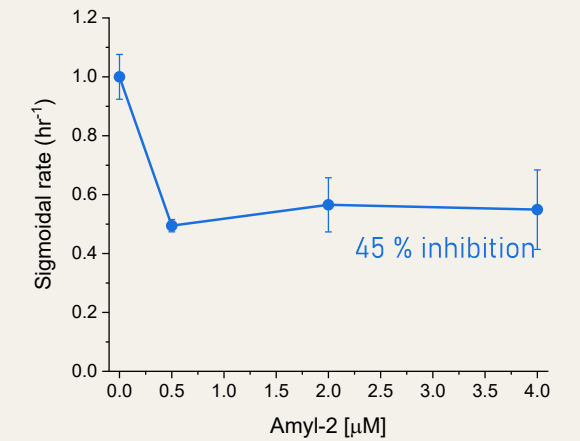
3.2 μM $A\beta_{1-42}$ aggregated in PBS buffer at pH 7.4 without shaking at 37 °C. Data shown are mean values from at least 5 independent measurements. Error bars represent s.e.m. (n=6)

dGAE Tau

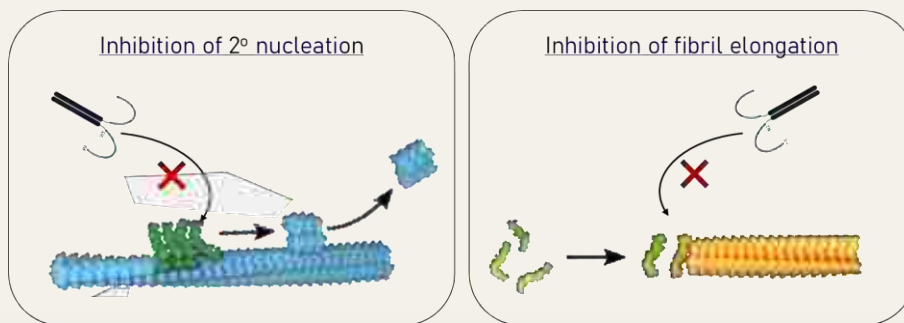


40 μM dGAE Tau aggregated in PBS buffer at pH 7.4, shaking at 600 rpm with 1 glass bead at 37 °C. Data shown are mean values from a single experiment. Error bars represent s.e.m. (n=6)

1-124 α -syn



30 μM 1-124 α -syn aggregated in PBS buffer at pH 7.4, shaking at 200 rpm at 37 °C. Data shown are mean values from a single experiment. Error bars represent s.e.m.(n=3)

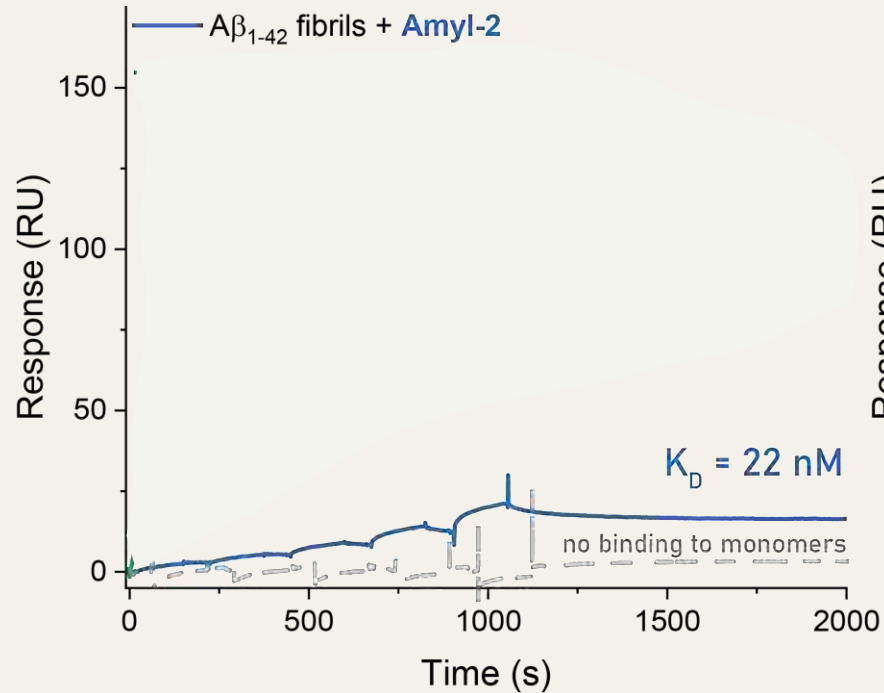


Amyl-2 inhibits the secondary nucleation and elongation step of $A\beta_{1-42}$ aggregation

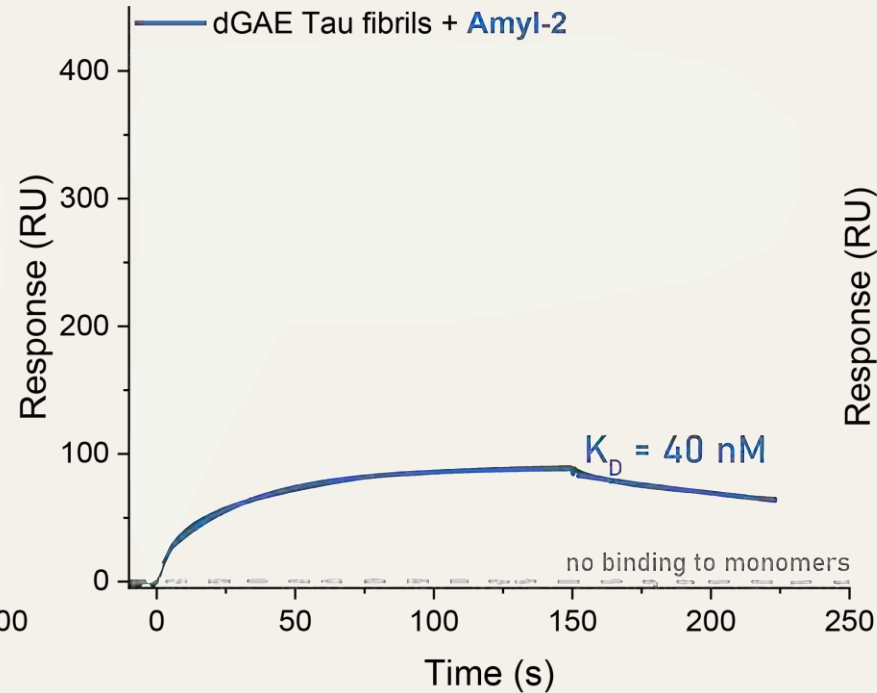
Preliminary data showing inhibitory effect of Amyl-2 on dGAE Tau and 1-124 α -syn aggregation

Amyl-2 binds multiple amyloid fibrils in vitro: SPR

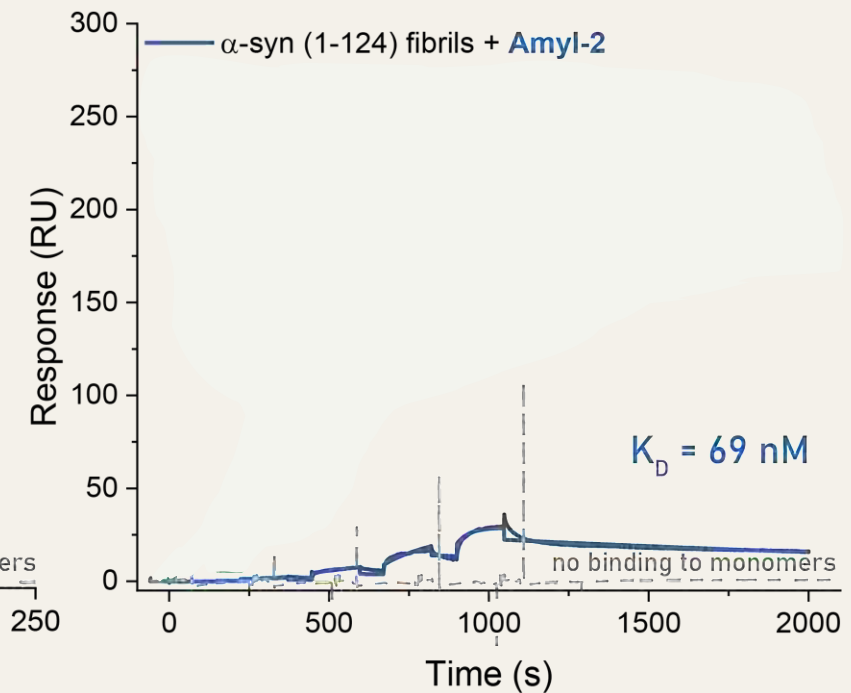
$A\beta_{1-42}$ fibrils



dGAE Tau fibrils

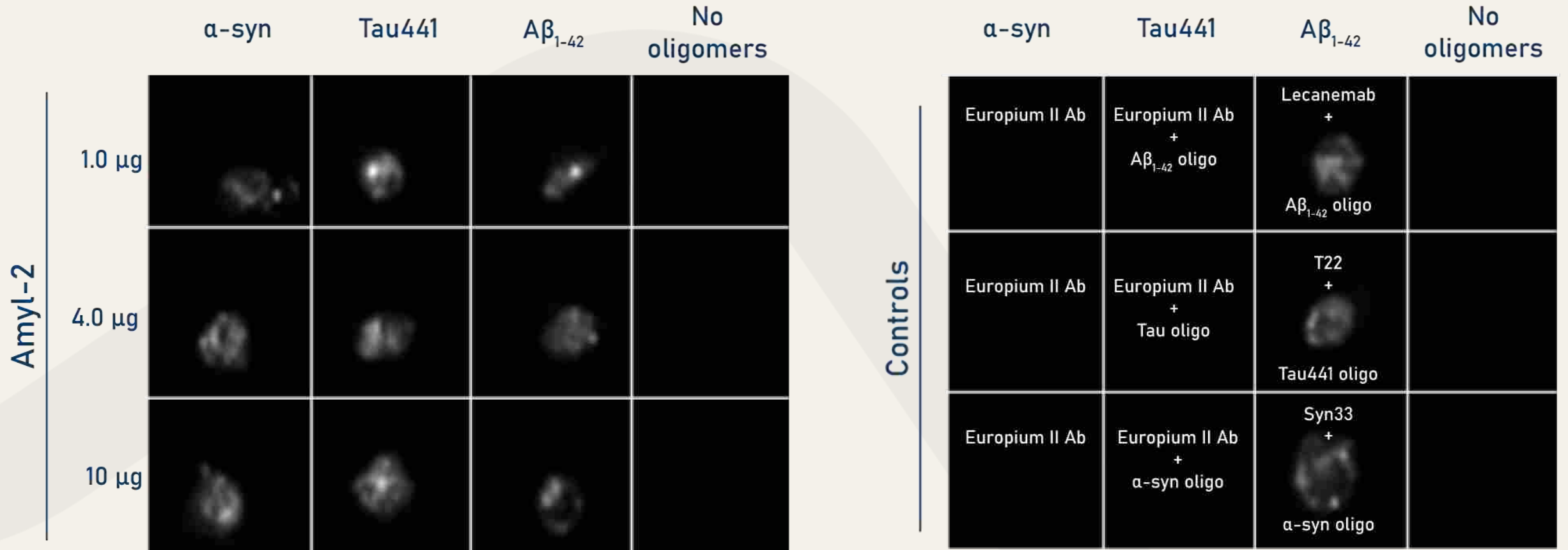


α -syn fibrils

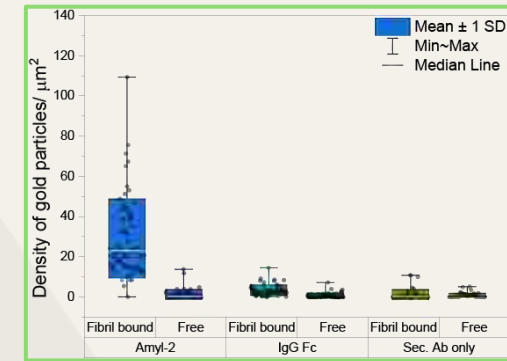
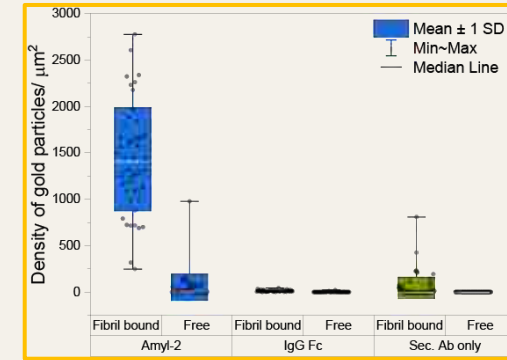
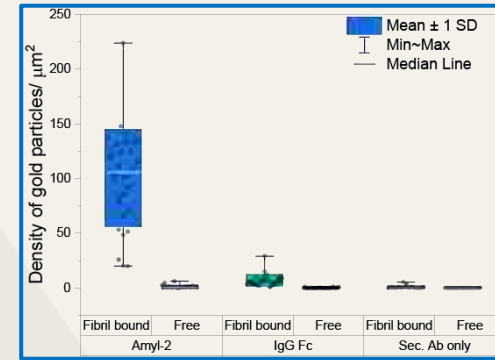
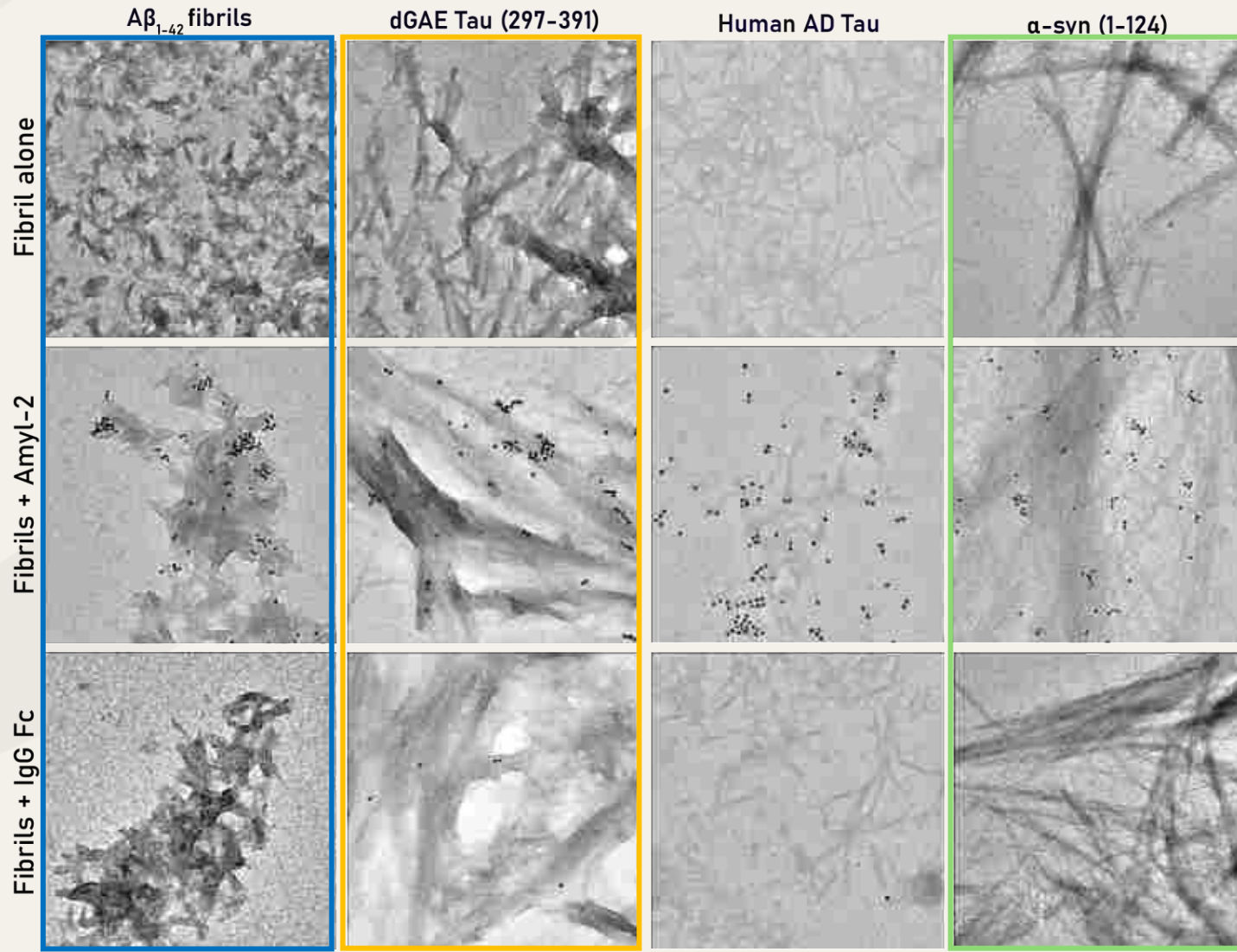


Next-generation candidates already developed with $K_D \sim 0.5\text{--}5 \text{ nM}$

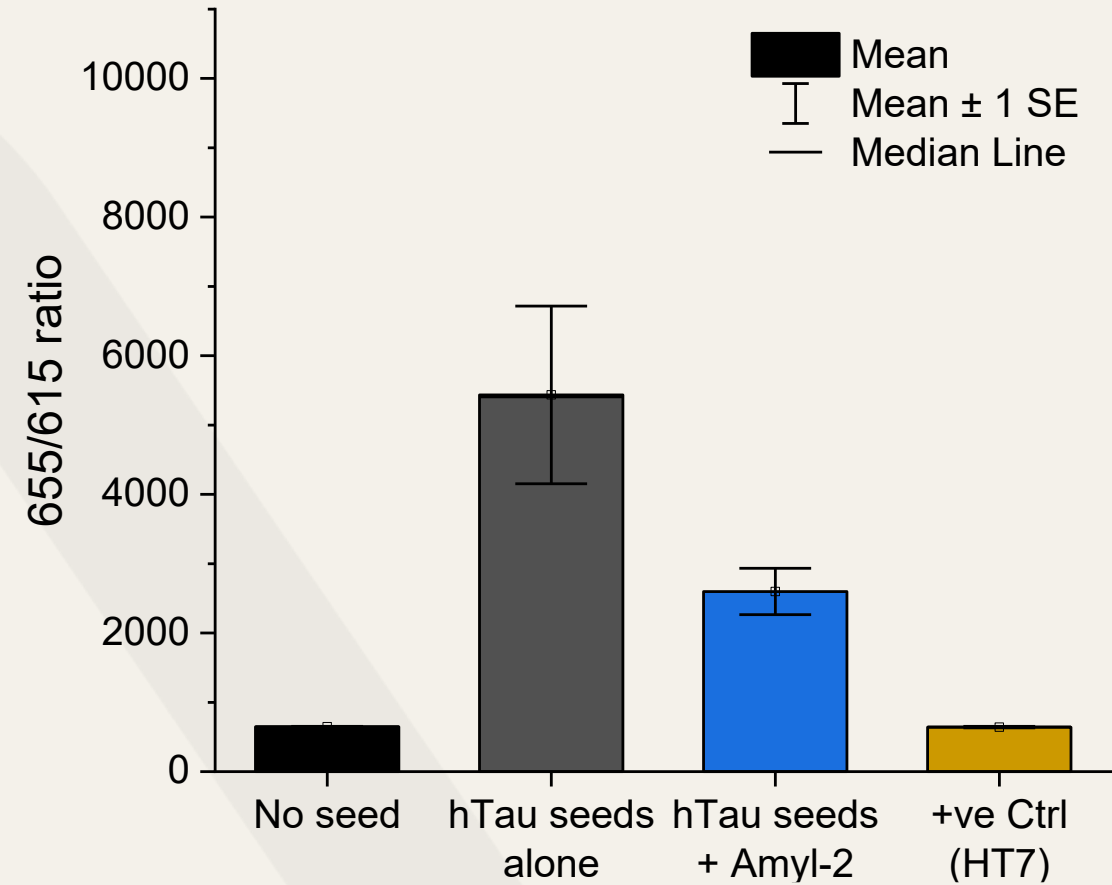
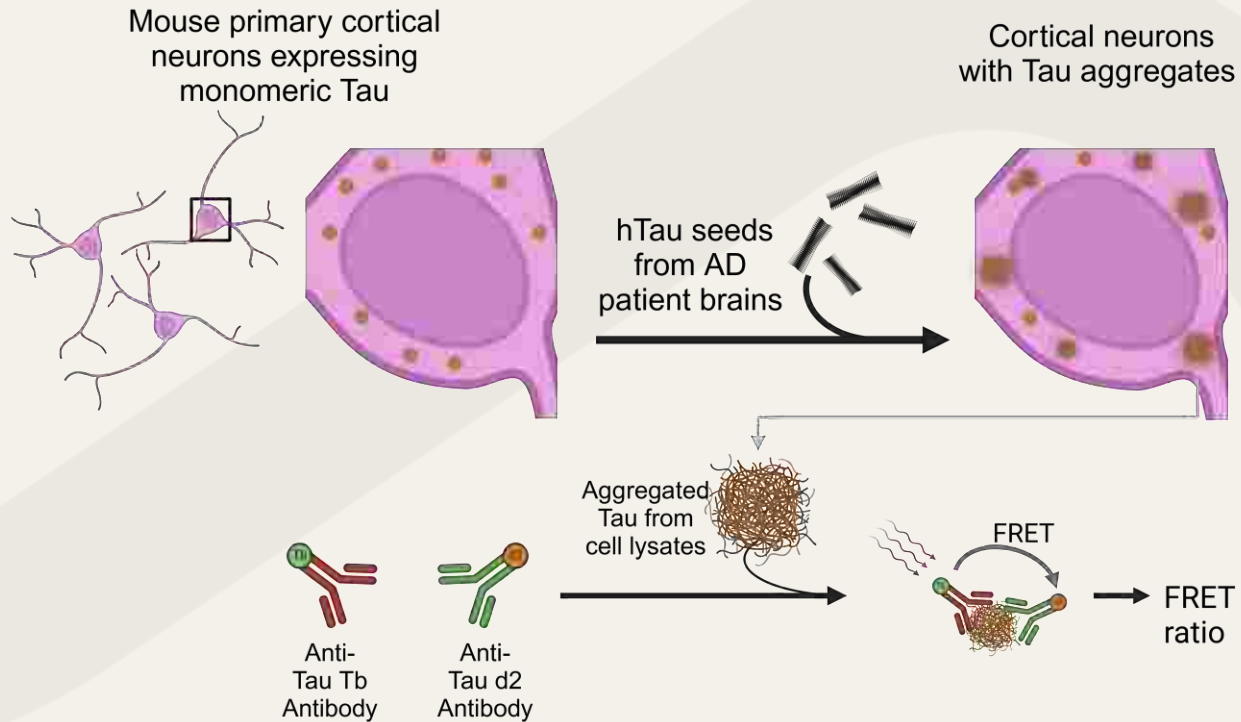
Amyl-2 binds multiple amyloid oligomers in vitro: Dot-blot assays



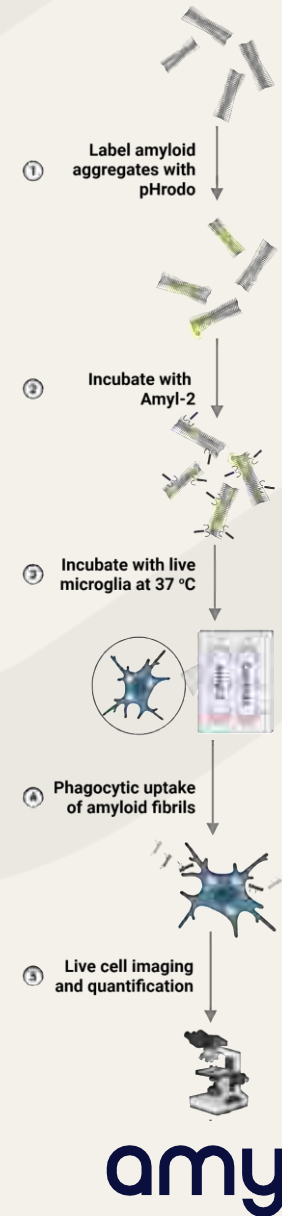
Amyl-2 binds multiple amyloid species in vitro: TEM gold



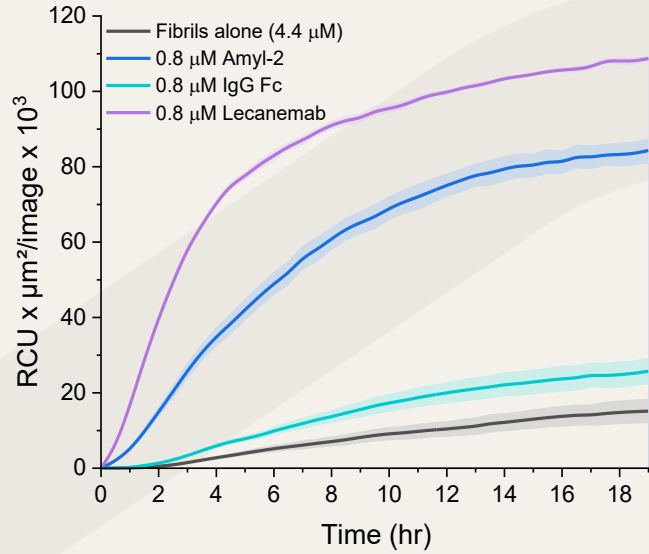
Amyl-2 inhibits seeding of Tau in mouse primary cortical neurons



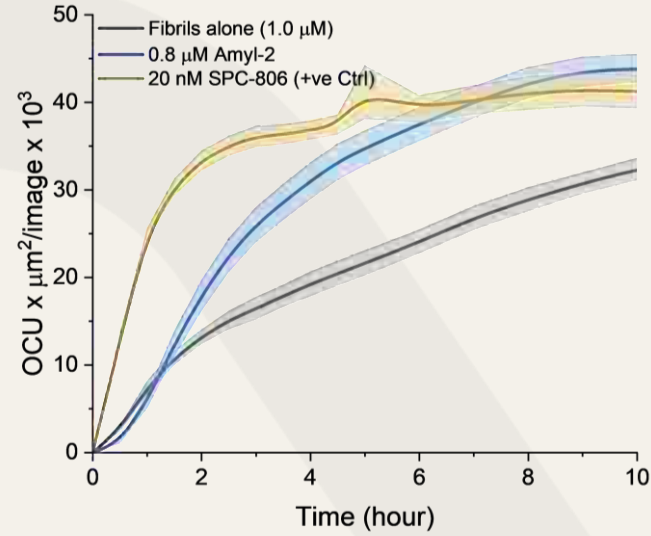
Amyl-2 enhances clearance of multiple amyloid species



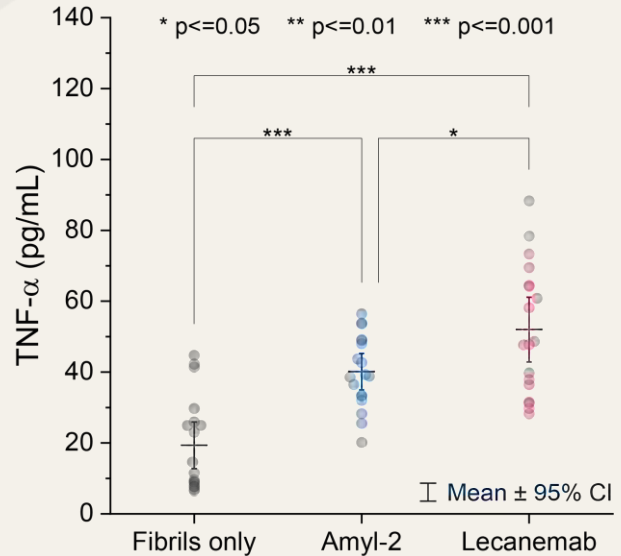
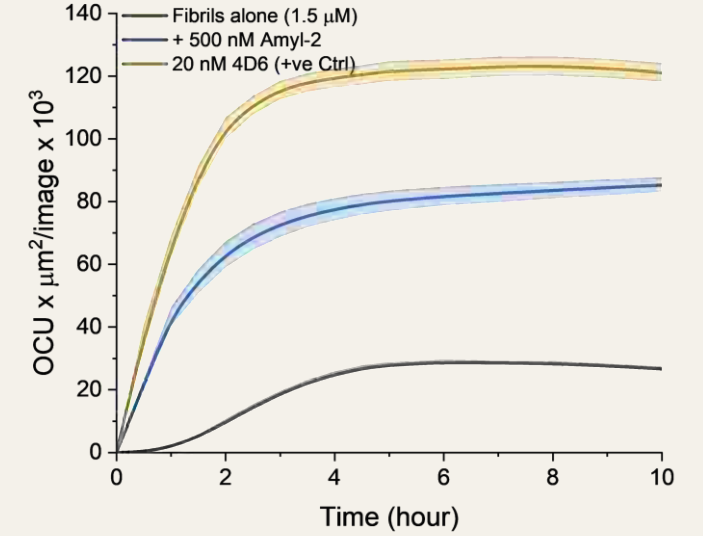
Aβ₁₋₄₂ fibrils



dGAE Tau fibrils



α -syn fibrils



Amyl-2 binds A β aggregates in AD mice models ex vivo

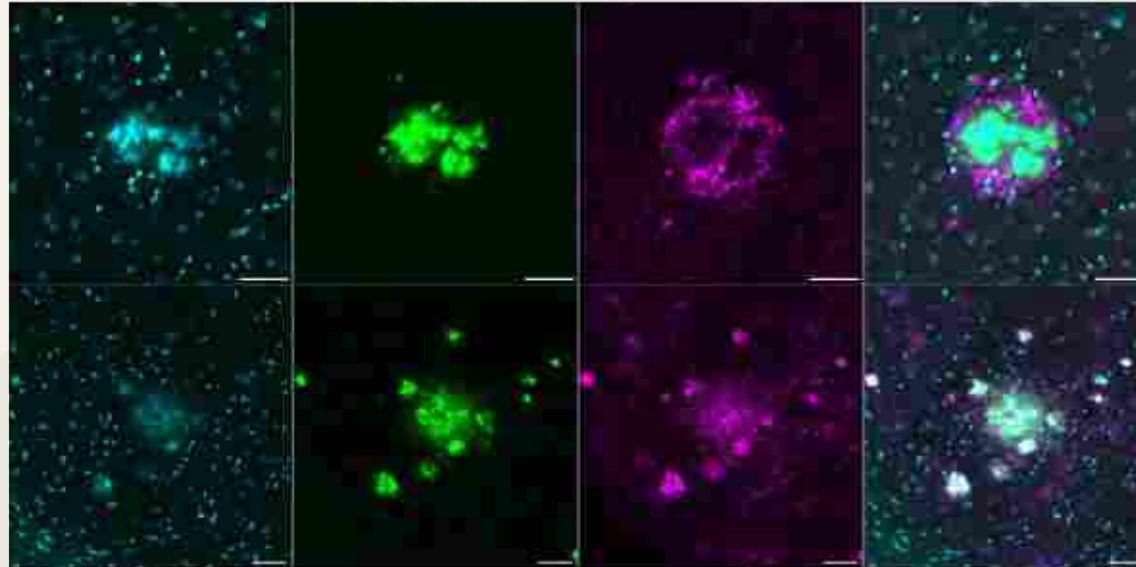


Tg2576 (APP_Swe)



5XFAD

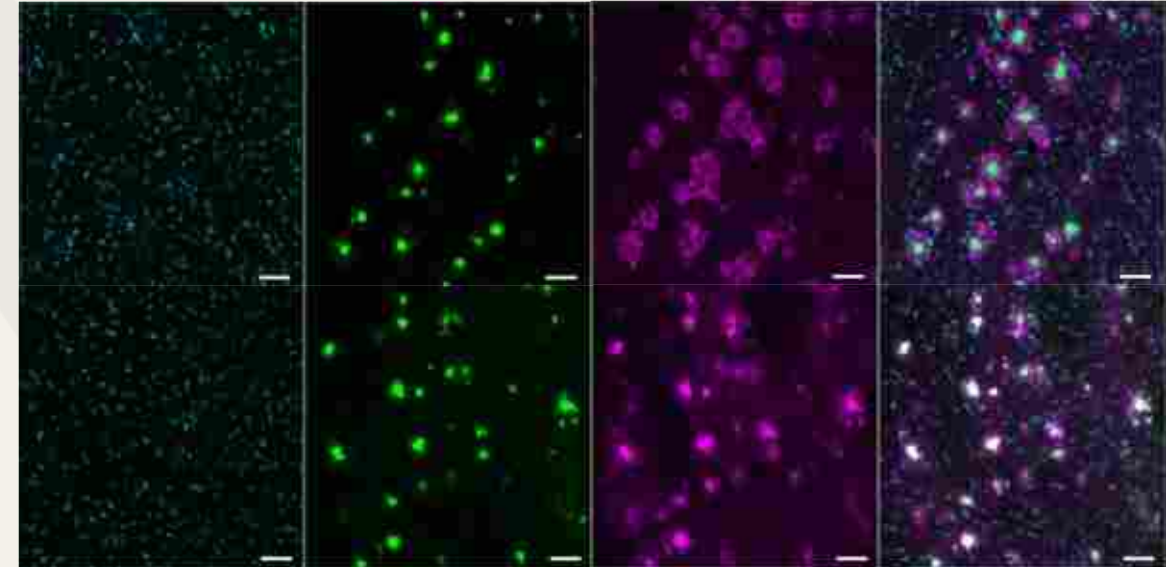
Nuclei A β_{1-42} plaques Amyl-2/Comparator Overlay



DAPI Thioflavin S Anti-Fc-Alexa647 Overlay

The mice overexpress a mutant form of APP (isoform 695) with the Swedish mutation (KM670/671NL)

Nuclei A β_{1-42} plaque Amyl-2/Comparator Overlay

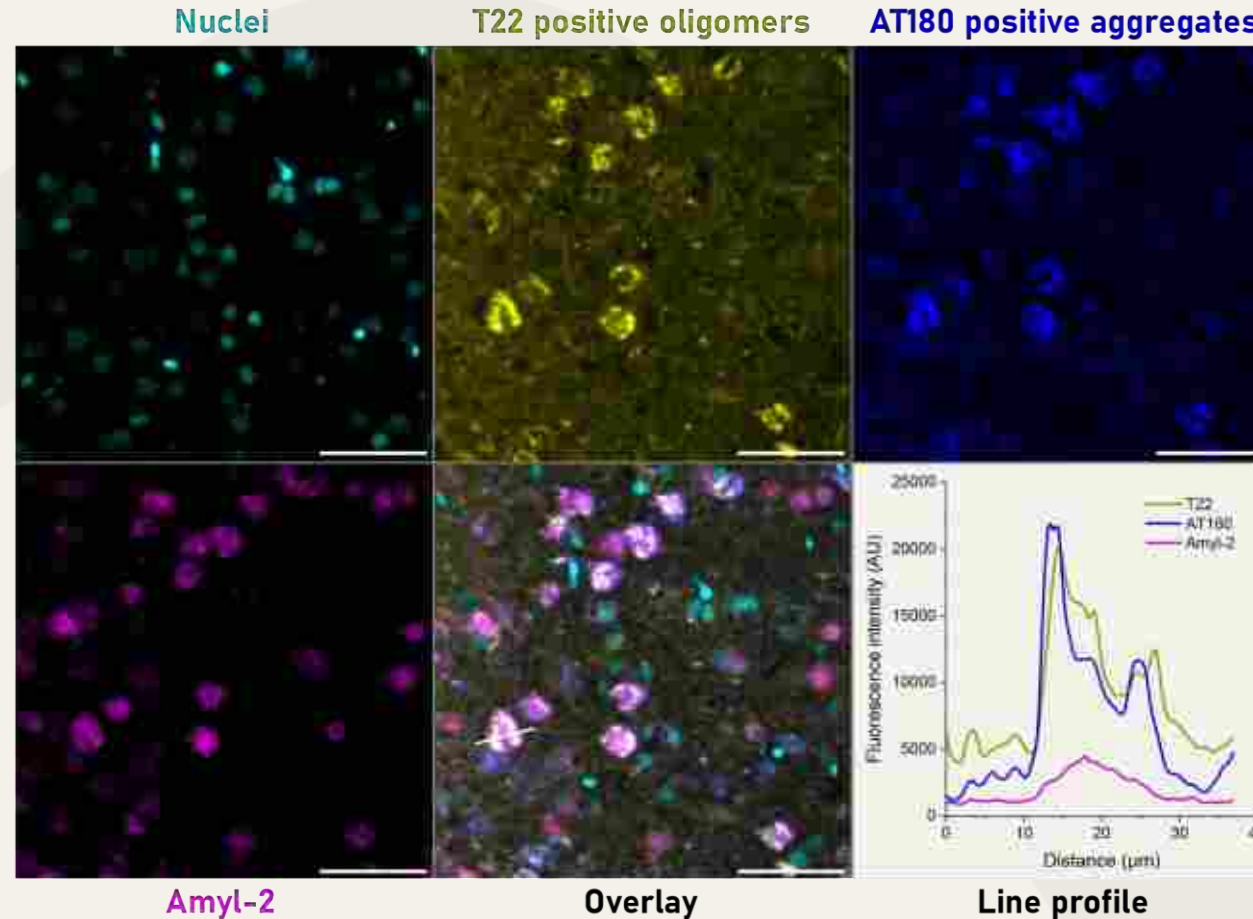


DAPI Thioflavin S Anti-Fc-Alexa647 Overlay

The mice express human APP and PSEN1 transgenes with a total of five AD-linked mutations: the Swedish (K670N/M671L), Florida (I716V), and London (V717I) mutations in APP, and the M146L and L286V mutations in PSEN1.

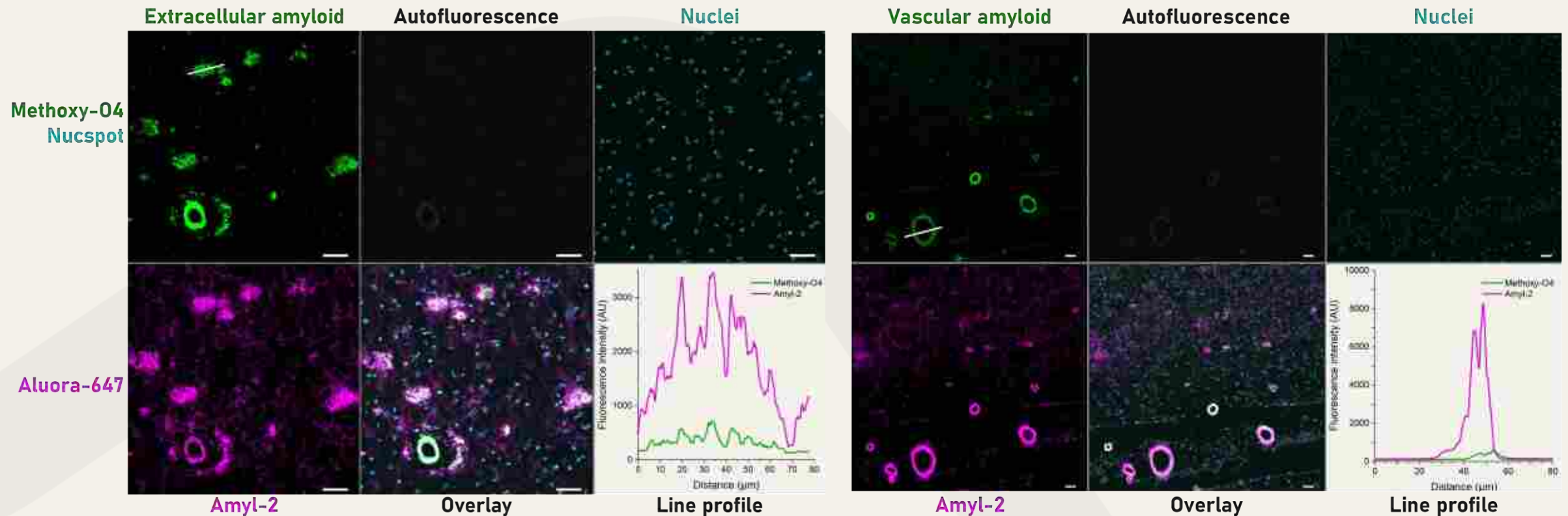
Amyl-2 exhibits a preference for amyloid plaque periphery

Amyl-2 binds Tau aggregates in AD mouse model ex vivo



The mice overexpress a repressible form of human tau containing the P301L mutation

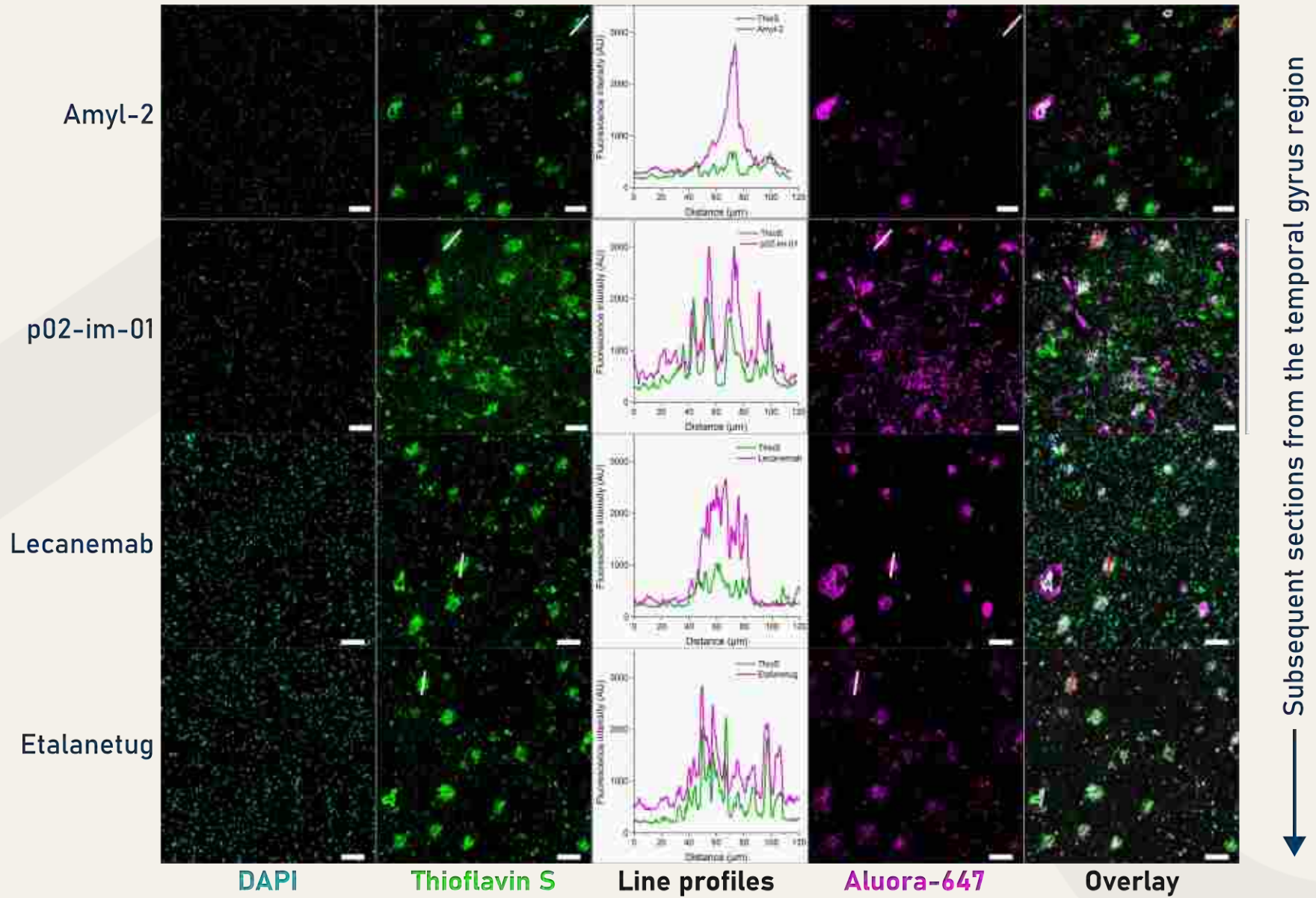
Amyl-2 binds amyloid aggregates in human AD brain tissues



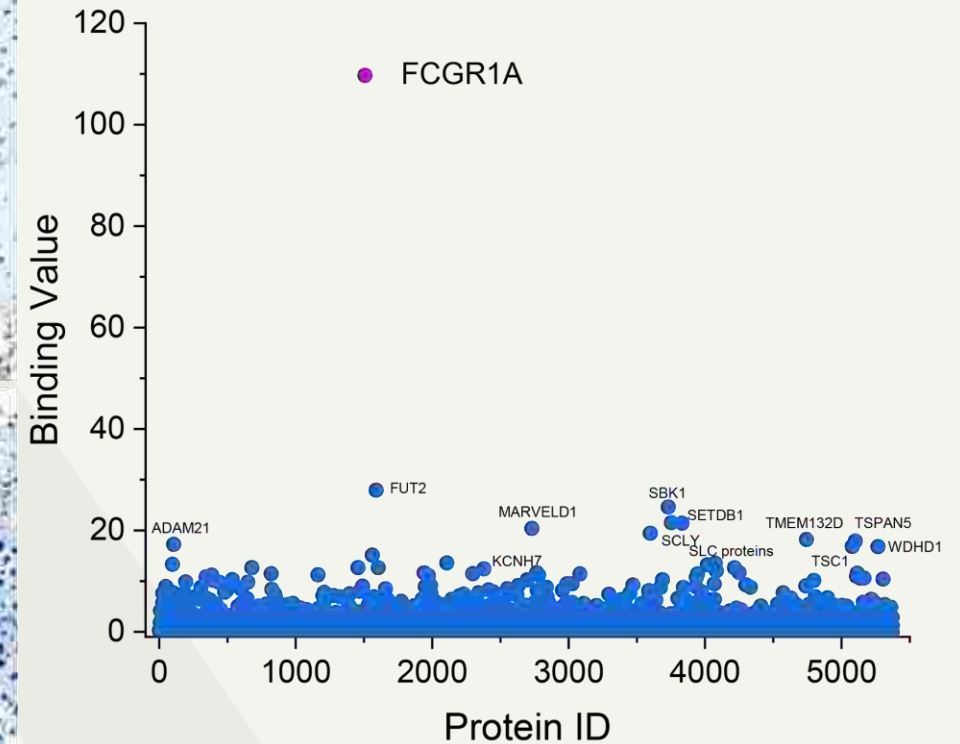
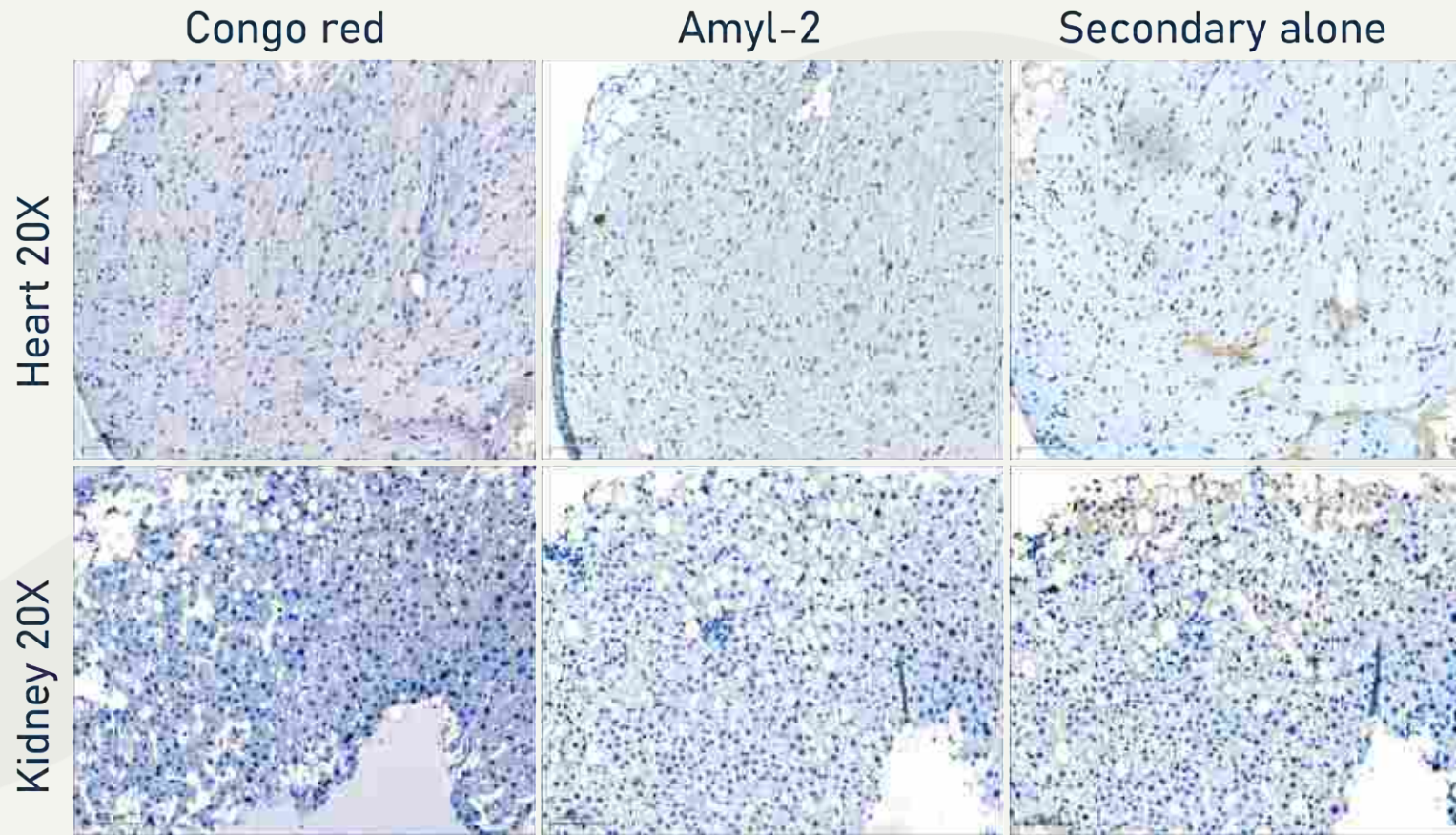
AD patient samples from the temporal gyrus region. No binding observed in age-matched controls from the same region

Amyl-2 exhibits a uniform binding behavior and non-discriminant between parenchymal or vascular amyloid aggregates.

Amyl-2 binds amyloid aggregates in human AD brain tissues

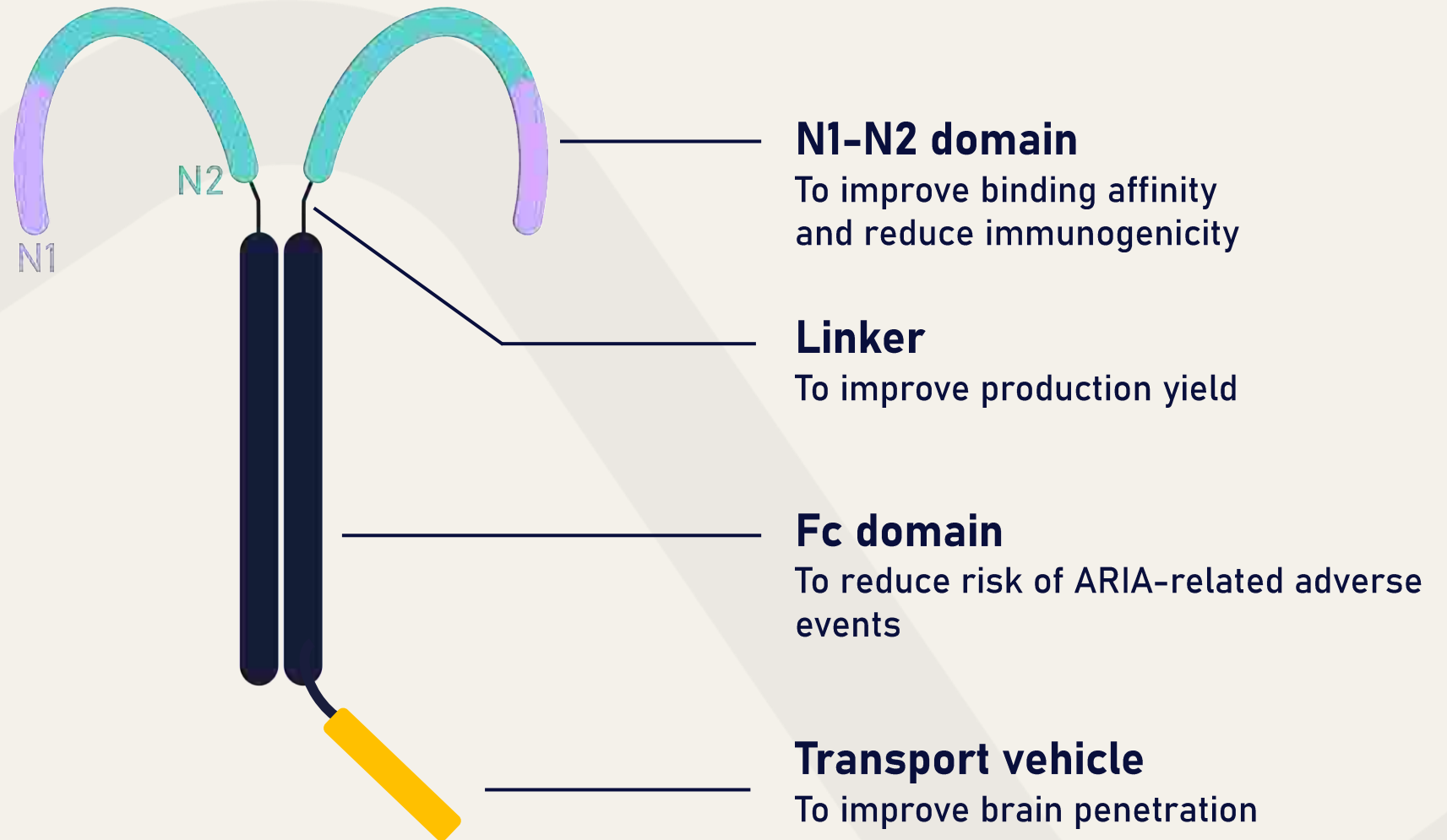


Amyl-2 has no off-target binding



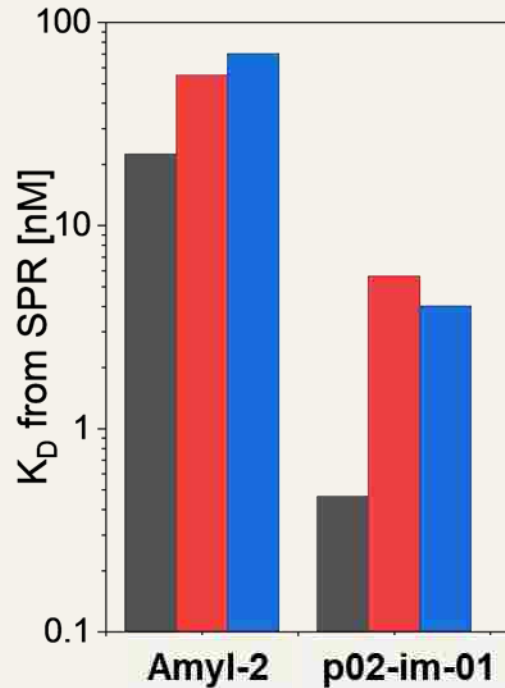
No binding to healthy human tissues and >6000 membrane proteins

Lead optimization to improve Amyl-2 is complete



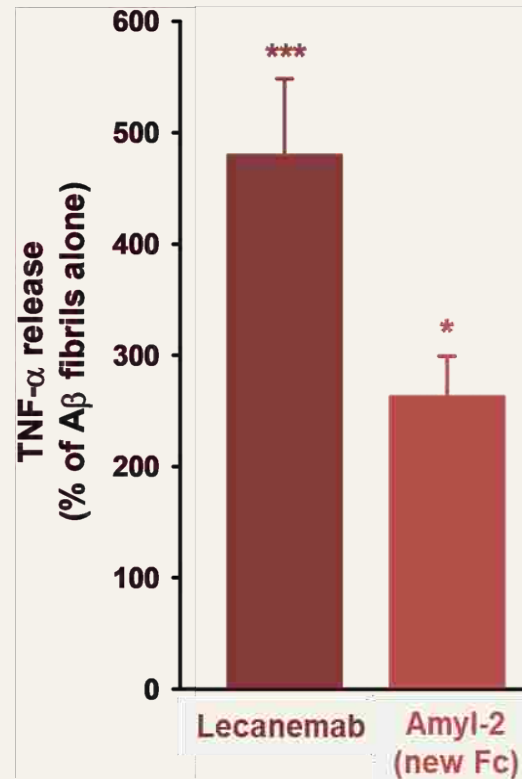
Lead optimization to improve Amyl-2 is complete

Binding affinity



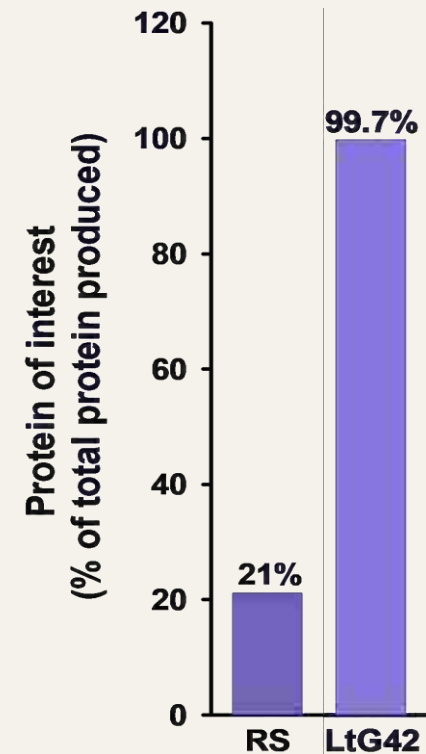
Aβ, Tau, and α-syn fibril binding like commercial mAbs
K_D < 10 nM
IC₅₀ < 10 nM

Inflammation



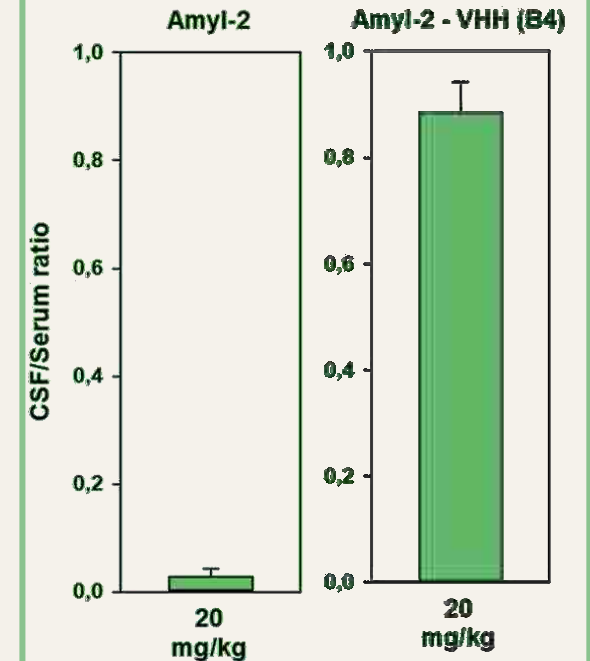
TNF-α release: - 50% compared to Lecanemab

Productivity



From 21% to 99,7% of production of protein of interest

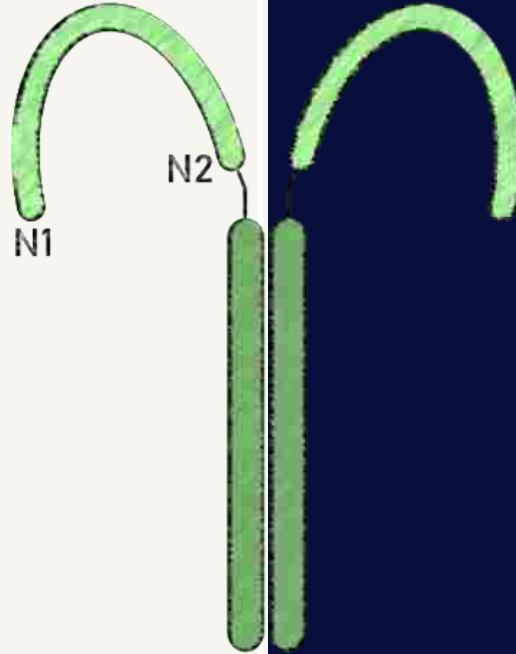
Brain penetration



30-fold CSF/serum ratio improvement

We are not there yet..

- Target engagement shown in vitro and ex vivo studies. In vivo mouse studies ongoing
- Benchmarking studies for BBB passage ongoing
- ARIA-E/H events remain a concern
- The impact on functional amyloids remains to be ascertained.



Amyl Tx is developing THE treatment needed by AD patients

With high binding potency for $A\beta_{1-42}$, Tau, and α -synuclein aggregates but NOT monomers.

With reduced neuroinflammatory potential without impacting microglial clearance

With improved passage through the blood-brain barrier

4 Lead candidates selected