



AMYLGEN : Your partner for the discovery of new drug candidates for the treatment of CNS diseases



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#### <u>Activity</u>

As a preclinical CRO, Amylgen proposes rodent models of neurodegenerative and psychiatric diseases allowing the rapid testing of new drugs with validated predictive value.

Furthermore, Amylgen evaluates nutraceutical products aiming the field of "brain health" or "healthy brain ageing".





### Amylgen

- Amylgen was created in 2009 as a spin off of the University of Montpellier
- In 2014, Amylgen moved to its own A1 certified housing animal facility
- Facilities include an extensive platform of behavioral analyses and fully equipped biochemistry and IHC laboratory for *in vitro* and *ex vivo* experiments





## **Amylgen' preclinical offer**

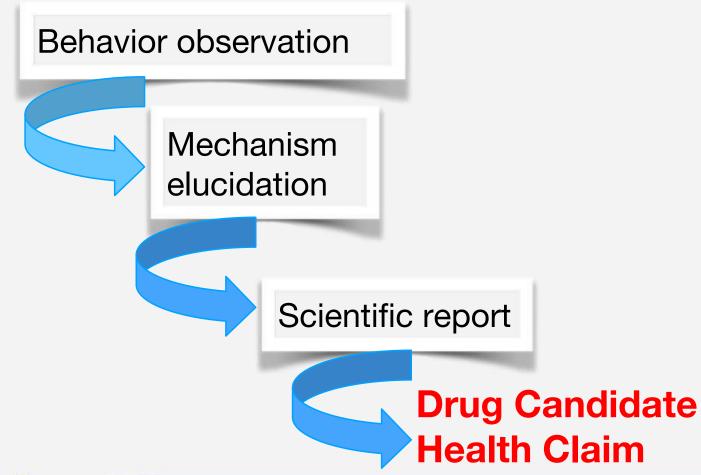
Amylgen is at your service to provide quick POC

of the efficacy of your product in improving **brain health** 









**Amylgen's preclinical offer** 





- Brain ageing preservation
- Memory enhancement
- Brain development
- Antidepressant/antianxiety effect
- Protection against neurodegenerative diseases





### **Animal models**

#### Neurodegenerative diseases

#### Alzheimer's disease:

Central injection of  $A\beta_{25-35}$  peptide Sporadic pathology (SAM)

#### Parkinson's disease:

6-hydroxydopamine (6-OHDA) α-synuclein overexpression

Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis: SOD1\*G93A mouse model

Huntington's Disease: R6/2 mouse model

#### Mood and psychiatric disorders

Depression, Anxiety

Chronic restraint stress

#### Schizophrenia:

MK801-induced hyperactivity D-amphetamine-induced hyperactivity Phencyclidine-induced hyperactivity

#### Sleep deprivation

#### **Cognitive & Memory deficit**

MK-801-induced cognitive deficit Scopolamine-induced amnesia Phencyclidine-induced amnesia

#### Attention deficit Hyperactivity disorders

Scopolamine-induced attention deficit

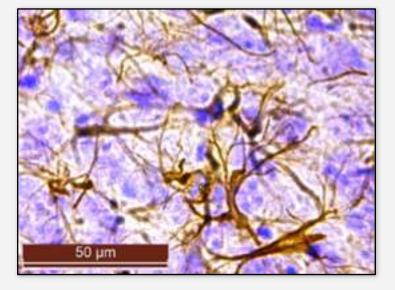
#### Brain development or ageing

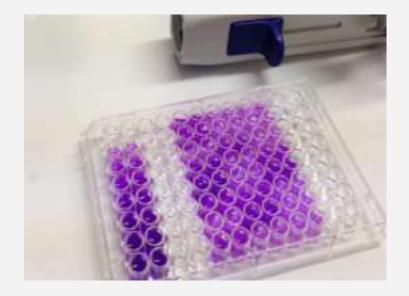
Senescence Accelerated Mice (SAM) D-galactose (D-Gal) intoxication model Normal young or Aged animals



### **Fully integrated services**







Behavorial analyses

Histology & Immunohistochemistry analyses

#### Molecular & Biochemical analyses



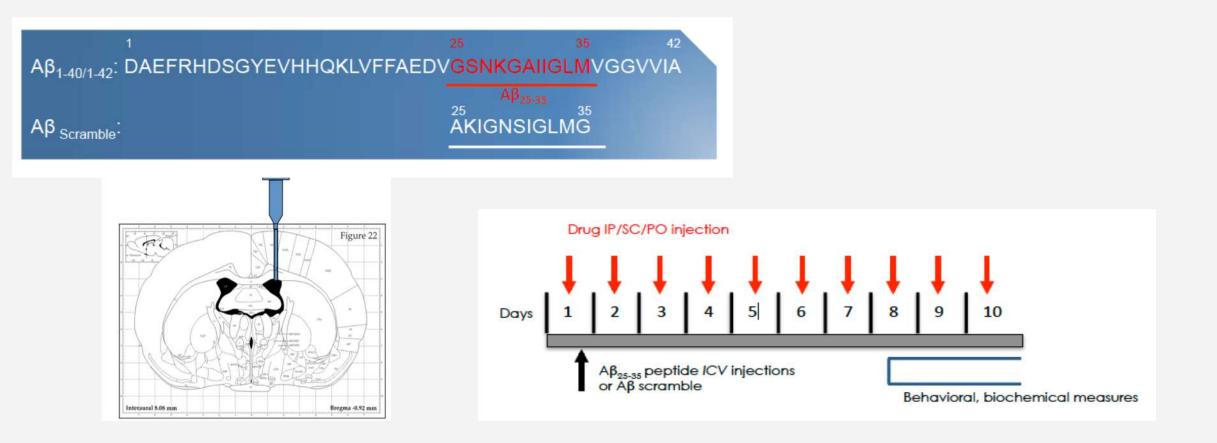


### Multiple tests matched to type of memory

Working memory Short term memory Long term memory Spatial and contextual processes Positively or negatively reinforced Recognition memory Episodic memory Spontaneous alternation
Passive avoidance
Place learning in the water-maze
Three panel runway task
Novel object recognition
Water-maze active avoidance
Fear conditioning





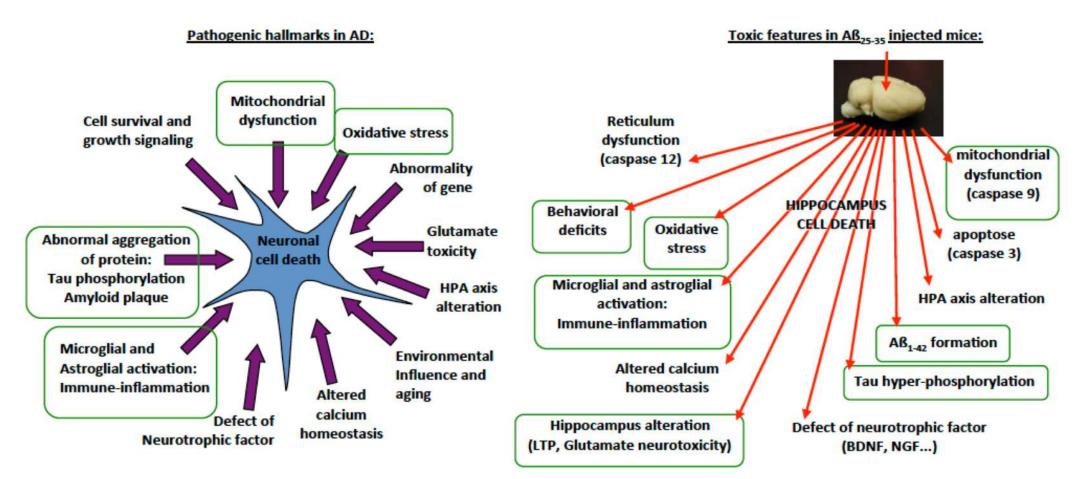




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### **Alzheimer's disease model**







### Senescence Accelerated Mice (SAM) model



SAMP/8 show cognitive and physiological hallmarks of ageing at 12 months of age whereas SAMR/1 control line age normally (24-30 months).

Maurice, Roman et al., Brain Res., 1996





### SAM develop a sporadic form of Alzheimer's disease

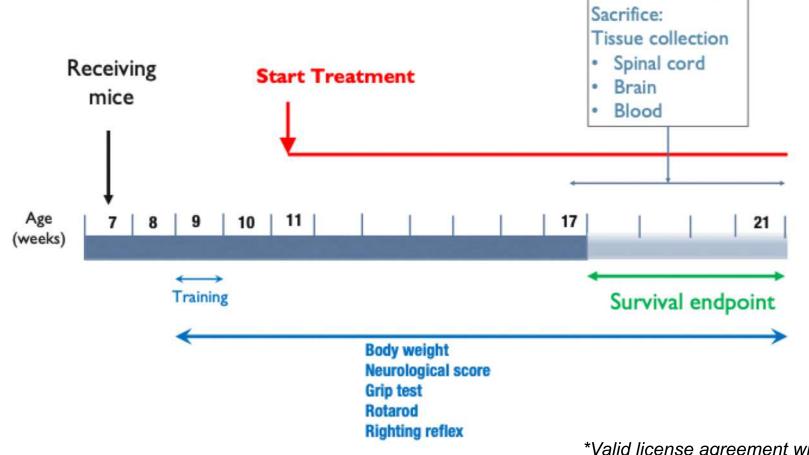
Besides important deficits in memory, at 8 months of age, SAM display:

- > Anxiety
- Increase of various markers of
  - Oxidative stress (LPO)
  - Vascular inflammation (VCAM1)
  - Apoptosis (caspase 3, caspase 12)
  - AD markers:  $A\beta_{1-42}$  and hyperphosphorylated Tau protein





### **Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis: SOD1\*G93A mice**

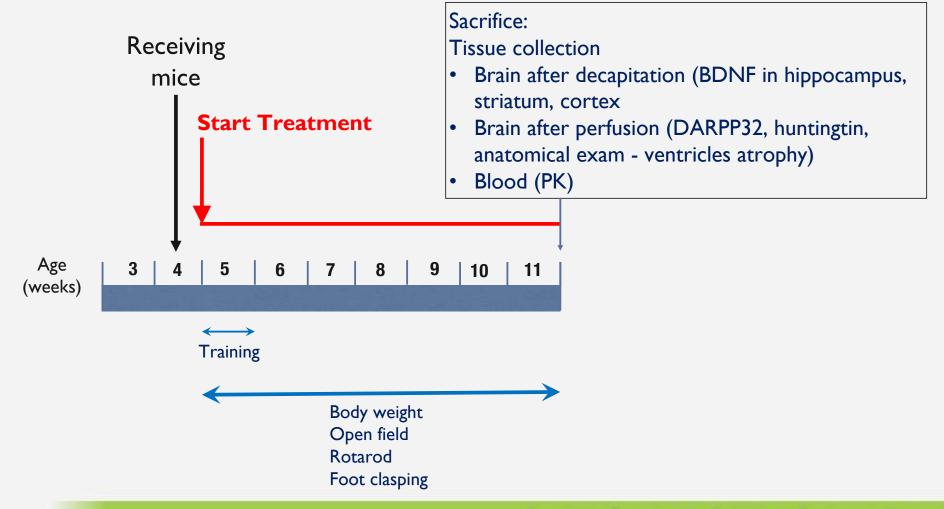




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### Huntington's Disease: R6/2 mice

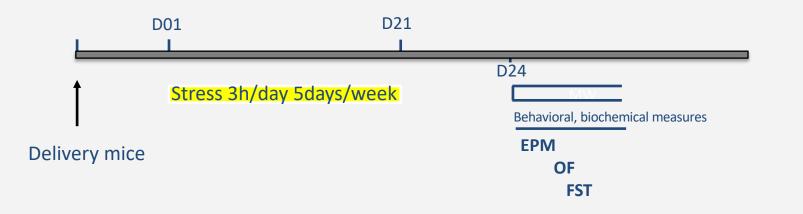






### **Chronic restraint stress-induced depression**

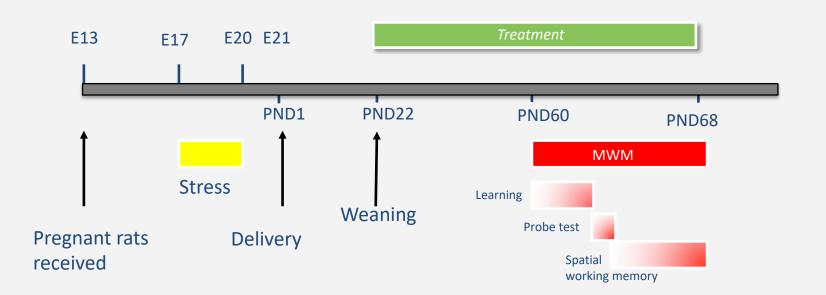
(Espallergues et al., Psychoneuroendocri 2009)







### **Prenatal stress (PS):** learning deficits in young rats



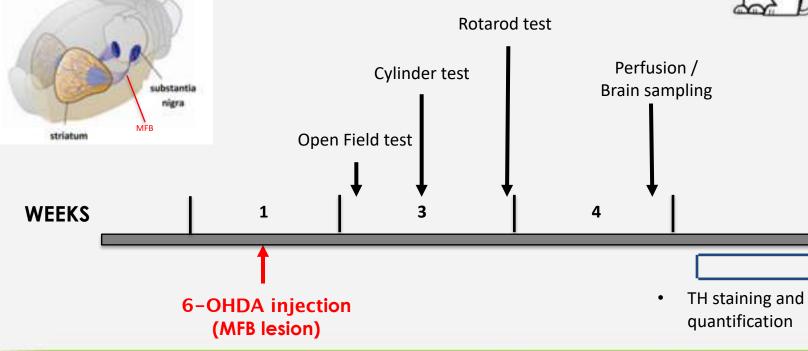




### Parkinson's Disease: 6-hydroxydopamine (6-OHDA)

✓ Unilateral 6-hydroxydopamine (6-OHDA) injections into the medial forebrain bundle (MFB) containing the ascending nigrostriatal fibers





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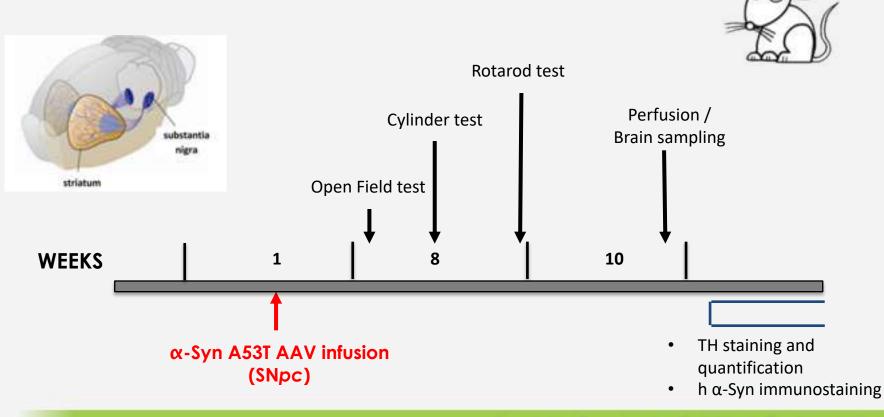
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### Parkinson's Disease: α-synuclein overexpression

 ✓ Unilateral AAV infusion into the substantia nigra pars compacta (SNpc) containing the dopaminergic cells







### **Amylgen's strengths**

**Competence:** *our strong knowledge in CNS diseases and Drug Discovery comes from University and Industrial background* 

**Flexibility:** we better adapt the experimental designs for your specific needs

- **Rapidity:** our challenge is to enable you to move on quickly to the next stage
- **Reliability:** our models have enabled both Anavex Life Science and Pharnext to reach quickly the First-in-Man clinical stage

**Network:** we know how to find the experts for each step of your product development



