

1 **Lewy body disease primate model with  $\alpha$ -synuclein propagation from the**  
2 **olfactory bulb**

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#### 41 **Abstract**

42 **Background:** Lewy body diseases (LBDs), which are pathologically defined as the presence  
43 of intraneuronal  $\alpha$ -synuclein inclusions called Lewy bodies, encompass Parkinson's disease,  
44 Parkinson's disease with dementia (PDD), and dementia with Lewy bodies (DLB). Autopsy  
45 studies have revealed that the olfactory bulb is one of the regions where Lewy pathology  
46 develops and initiates its spread in the brain.

47 **Objective:** This study aims to clarify how Lewy pathology spreads from the olfactory bulb and  
48 affects brain functions using non-human primates.

49 **Methods:** We inoculated  $\alpha$ -synuclein preformed fibrils (PFFs) into the unilateral olfactory  
50 bulbs of common marmosets (*Callithrix jacchus*) and performed pathological analyses,  
51 manganese-enhanced MRI (MEMRI), and  $^{18}\text{F}$ -fluoro-2-deoxy-D-glucose PET ( $^{18}\text{F}$ -FDG-PET)  
52 up to 6 months postinoculation.

53 **Results:** Severe  $\alpha$ -synuclein pathology was observed within the olfactory pathway and limbic  
54 system, while mild  $\alpha$ -synuclein pathology was seen in a wide range of brain regions, including  
55 the substantia nigra pars compacta, locus coeruleus, and even dorsal motor nucleus of the vagus

56 nerve. The brain imaging analyses revealed reduction in volume of the olfactory bulb and  
57 progressive glucose hypometabolism in widespread brain regions, including the occipital lobe,  
58 and extended beyond the pathologically affected regions.

59 **Conclusion:** We generated a novel non-human primate LBD model with  $\alpha$ -synuclein  
60 propagation from the olfactory bulb. This model suggests that  $\alpha$ -synuclein propagation from  
61 the olfactory bulb is related to olfactory bulb atrophy and cerebral glucose hypometabolism in  
62 LBDs.

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## 67 **Introduction**

68 Lewy body disease (LBD) is an umbrella term of neurodegenerative diseases which  
69 are pathologically characterized by the presence of intraneuronal  $\alpha$ -synuclein ( $\alpha$ -Syn)  
70 inclusions called Lewy bodies (LBs).<sup>1</sup> LBDs are comprised of incidental Lewy bodies (ILBs),  
71 Parkinson's disease (PD), PD with dementia (PDD), and dementia with Lewy bodies (DLB).<sup>1,2</sup>  
72 PD is the second most common neurodegenerative disorder after Alzheimer's disease.<sup>3</sup> Its  
73 pathological hallmarks include LBs and the loss of dopaminergic neurons in the substantia  
74 nigra pars compacta (SNc).<sup>4</sup> Clinically, PD has been characterized by classical motor  
75 symptoms and various non-motor symptoms.<sup>5</sup> It has been reported that 83% of patients with  
76 PD who survive 20 years after the onset develop dementia; this condition is called PDD.<sup>6</sup> In  
77 contrast, if the development of dementia precedes or occurs within one year of the onset of  
78 parkinsonism, the patients are diagnosed as DLB.<sup>1</sup>

79 Based on the systematic postmortem analyses of cases with ILBs and patients with  
80 PD, Braak et al.<sup>7,8</sup> established a staging system for PD and hypothesized that Lewy pathology  
81 initially develops in the olfactory bulb (OB) and the dorsal motor nucleus of the vagus nerve  
82 (dmX) and/or gastrointestinal tract, subsequently spreading in the brain in a stereotypic manner.  
83 Therefore, it is important to clarify how the initial OB pathology progresses and contributes to

84 neurological deficits in LBDs.

85         Recent accumulating evidence suggests that  $\alpha$ -Syn in LBDs can spread like prion in  
86 the brain.<sup>9-13</sup> It has been also shown that inoculation of  $\alpha$ -Syn preformed fibrils (PFFs) into the  
87 mouse OB induced propagation of  $\alpha$ -Syn pathology mainly along the olfactory pathway and  
88 the limbic system, eventually reaching the SNc and the locus coeruleus (LC).<sup>14-17</sup> Although  
89 these studies enhanced our understanding of progression of the Lewy pathology from the OB,  
90 it remains unclear how applicable these results are to human LBDs, because of the considerable  
91 differences in the brain structure and olfactory system between rodents and primates.<sup>18,19</sup>

92 A small new world primate, common marmoset (*Callithrix jacchus*) has been increasingly used  
93 as an experimental non-human primate (NHP).<sup>20</sup> Marmosets are easier to handle than macaque  
94 monkeys due to their small body size and relatively short maturation time.<sup>18</sup> In addition, their  
95 social cognitive abilities, highly developed brain structure, and suitability for transgenesis and  
96 imaging analyses make marmosets a useful animal model for neuroscience and  
97 neurological/psychiatric disease research.<sup>18,21</sup> Moreover, striatal inoculation with  $\alpha$ -Syn PFFs  
98 in marmosets was reported to induce the degeneration of dopaminergic neurons in the SNc,  
99 indicating their potential as an animal model for LBDs research.<sup>22</sup>

100         In this study, we hypothesized that  $\alpha$ -Syn pathology spreads from the OB through  
101 neuroanatomical routes within primate brains, affecting their neurological functions. To this  
102 end, we applied OB injections of  $\alpha$ -Syn PFFs to marmosets and analyzed them by pathological  
103 and imaging analyses. To the best of our knowledge, this is the first study describing the  
104 propagation of  $\alpha$ -Syn pathology via the olfactory system in NHPs, which provides several  
105 important implications regarding the initiation and progression of LBDs.

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## 107 **Materials and methods**

### 108 **Preparation of marmoset $\alpha$ -Syn expressing plasmid**

109         Details are provided in Supplementary Methods.

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### 111 **Preparation of recombinant $\alpha$ -Syn and PFFs**

112           Recombinant human  $\alpha$ -Syn (h- $\alpha$ -Syn) and mar- $\alpha$ -Syn monomer and PFFs were  
113 prepared and characterized as described previously.<sup>15,23</sup> Details are provided in the  
114 Supplementary Methods.

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#### 116 ***In vitro* $\alpha$ -Syn fibrillization assay**

117           Details are provided in the Supplementary Methods.

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#### 119 **Animals**

120           Four marmosets were used for  $\alpha$ -Syn PFFs inoculation into the unilateral OB. The  
121 experimental information was shown in Supplementary Table S1. Details are provided in the  
122 Supplementary Methods.

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#### 124 **Inoculation with $\alpha$ -Syn PFFs into the OB**

125           We inoculated 0.8  $\mu$ l of 4 mg/ml  $\alpha$ -Syn PFFs into the two sites of the unilateral OB in  
126 four marmosets. The same volume of PBS was also injected into the contralateral OB. Details  
127 are provided in the Supplementary Methods.

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#### 129 **Preparation of histological analysis for the marmosets**

130           Details are provided in Supplementary Methods.

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#### 132 **Human brain samples**

133           We compared  $\alpha$ -Syn pathology of the marmosets with that of patients with PD. The  
134 human brains of two patients with PD (Patient 1 and Patient 2) and one age- and sex-matched  
135 healthy control subject (Control 1) were obtained from the Brain Bank for Aging Research  
136 (BBAR), whose activity was approved by TMGHIG IRB. These brains were examined using  
137 the BBAR protocol.<sup>24</sup> Briefly, these brains were sliced into 8 mm slabs, which were fixed for  
138 48 hrs in 4% (w/v) PFA and subsequently embedded in paraffin. Immunostaining was  
139 performed with an automated immunostainer (Ventana XT DISCOVERY; Ventana, Tucson,

140 AZ, USA). Braak PD stage (Braak PD), BBAR LB stage (BBAR LB), Senile plaque, Braak  
141 neurofibrillary tangle (NFT) stage (silver staining and AT8) were determined as previously  
142 described.<sup>24</sup>

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#### 144 **Immunohistostaining and Thioflavin S staining**

145 Details are provided in Supplementary Methods.

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#### 147 **Heatmap and scoring of p- $\alpha$ -Syn pathology**

148 We assessed the p- $\alpha$ -Syn pathology density in various brain regions using quantitative  
149 methods modified to generate a heatmap from a previous report.<sup>17</sup> Also, we assessed the  
150 severity of p- $\alpha$ -Syn pathology in a semi-quantitative way, based on the previous reports,<sup>16,17</sup> in  
151 the same coronal sections as those shown by positron emission tomography (PET) images (FIG.  
152 5). Details are provided in Supplementary Methods.

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#### 154 **Manganese-Enhanced MRI (MEMRI)**

155 We performed Manganese-Enhanced MRI on four unilaterally PFFs-inoculated  
156 marmosets at 3 mpi (H81, H82, I5937, and I5924). Details are provided in the Supplementary  
157 Methods.

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#### 159 **PET imaging and data analysis**

160 We performed <sup>18</sup>F-FDG-PET on H81 at 3 mpi and I5937 at 6 mpi, and analyzed these  
161 PET data. To identify the changes in rCGU after the inoculation, original <sup>18</sup>F-FDG-PET images  
162 were flipped horizontally, and were subjected to a voxel-based subtraction from the flipped  
163 images comparing the affected and unaffected brain hemispheres. Details are provided in the  
164 Supplementary Methods.

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#### 166 **Statistical analysis**

167 An unpaired *t*-test or paired *t*-test was used. Statistical calculations were performed

168 with GraphPad Prism Software, Version 5.0.

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## 170 **Data availability**

171 The authors confirm that the data supporting the findings of this study are available  
172 within the article and its supplementary materials.

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## 174 **Results**

### 175 **Inoculation of marmoset $\alpha$ -Syn PFFs into the marmoset OB**

176 Marmosets possess the *SNCA* gene ([https://useast.ensembl.org/Callithrix\\_jacchus/](https://useast.ensembl.org/Callithrix_jacchus/Info/Index)  
177 [Info/Index](https://useast.ensembl.org/Callithrix_jacchus/Info/Index)), and four amino acid residues differ between the mar- $\alpha$ -Syn and h- $\alpha$ -Syn  
178 (Supplementary Figure S1A). Since it was reported that cross-seeding between mouse  $\alpha$ -Syn  
179 and h- $\alpha$ -Syn is less efficient than homologous seeding,<sup>25</sup> we examined which  $\alpha$ -Syn PFFs, mar-  
180  $\alpha$ -Syn or h- $\alpha$ -Syn PFFs, more efficiently induce fibrilization of mar- $\alpha$ -Syn monomer *in vitro*.  
181 We generated recombinant mar- $\alpha$ -Syn monomer and analyzed the kinetics of fibrilization of  
182 mar- $\alpha$ -Syn monomer seeded with mar- or h- $\alpha$ -Syn PFFs by *in vitro*  $\alpha$ -Syn fibrillization assay.  
183 First, we agitated mar- $\alpha$ -Syn monomer alone to generate mar- $\alpha$ -Syn PFFs. The smear band in  
184 CBB staining and the high signal intensity of ThT fluorescence indicated  $\alpha$ -Syn polymerization  
185 and the presence of  $\beta$ -sheet-rich structures, respectively (Supplementary Figure S1B and C).  
186 *In vitro*  $\alpha$ -Syn fibrillization assay revealed faster fibrilization of mar- $\alpha$ -Syn monomer in the  
187 presence of mar- $\alpha$ -Syn PFFs than in the presence of h- $\alpha$ -Syn PFFs (Supplementary Figure S1D).  
188 We therefore used mar- $\alpha$ -Syn PFFs for the inoculation experiments in marmosets, assuming  
189 that mar- $\alpha$ -Syn PFFs induce more severe  $\alpha$ -Syn pathology in marmosets than h- $\alpha$ -Syn PFFs.  
190 We examined the position of the OB in marmosets with CT/MRI fusion images  
191 (Supplementary Figure S1E), which confirmed the surgical accessibility of the OB before the  
192 operation in the first marmoset. The marmoset OB were located anterior to the frontal lobe,  
193 allowing us to reach them after the removal of the frontal skull (Supplementary Figure S1F).  
194  $\alpha$ -Syn PFFs were stereotactically inoculated into the OB with a glass capillary (Supplementary  
195 Figure S1G).

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197 **Propagation of  $\alpha$ -Syn pathology induced by  $\alpha$ -Syn PFFs inoculation into the unilateral**  
198 **OB.**

199 A previous study has shown that the inoculation of  $\alpha$ -Syn PFFs into the marmoset  
200 striatum induced the widespread propagation of  $\alpha$ -Syn pathology at 3 mpi.<sup>26</sup> Therefore, we  
201 sacrificed the unilaterally PFFs-inoculated marmosets at 3 and at 6 mpi for pathological  
202 analyses. Immunostaining to detect p- $\alpha$ -Syn, a marker of pathological  $\alpha$ -Syn in Lewy  
203 pathology, revealed abundant  $\alpha$ -Syn pathology in the ipsilateral OB at 3 mpi (FIG. 1A–E). P-  
204  $\alpha$ -Syn-positive LB-like inclusions were observed in mitral cells, periglomerular cells, and  
205 granular cells (FIG. 1C–E), while p- $\alpha$ -Syn-positive dot-like depositions were observed in the  
206 glomeruli (FIG. 1B). Sparse p- $\alpha$ -Syn-positive inclusions were observed on the contralateral  
207 side (FIG. 1F). P- $\alpha$ -Syn-positive inclusions were more abundant in the central area than in the  
208 peripheral area of the granular cell layer (FIG. 1A). A few p- $\alpha$ -Syn-positive inclusions were  
209 observed in the mitral cells and the periglomerular cells, but many p- $\alpha$ -Syn-positive inclusions  
210 were in the granular cells (FIG. 1A).

211 In the OB of patients with PD, p- $\alpha$ -Syn-positive cytoplasmic inclusions were  
212 frequently observed in granular cells, followed by mitral cells, tufted cells, and periglomerular  
213 cells (FIG. 1H, I, K–N). In addition, dot-like p- $\alpha$ -Syn-positive depositions were observed in  
214 the glomeruli (FIG. 1K). No p- $\alpha$ -Syn pathology was observed in the OB of the age-matched  
215 control subject (FIG. 1J). The detailed pathological stages and clinical information were shown  
216 in Supplementary Table S2. Overall, the pathological findings in the OB of the marmosets  
217 inoculated with  $\alpha$ -Syn PFFs resembled those seen in the subjects with PD.

218 Abundant  $\alpha$ -Syn pathology was also observed along the olfactory pathway on the  
219 ipsilateral side including the amygdala and piriform cortex (FIG. 2A), indicating that the  
220 pathology spreads to anatomically connected regions with the OB in NHPs. Of note, because  
221 no p- $\alpha$ -Syn pathology was seen in the superficial layers of the OB or other brain regions, even  
222 in the adjacent to OB, it is unlikely that  $\alpha$ -Syn PFFs diffused through the subarachnoid space  
223 and then were taken up by distant brain regions. LB-like and Lewy neurite-like p- $\alpha$ -Syn



224 depositions were observed in these regions showing abundant  $\alpha$ -Syn pathology (FIG. 2B).  
225 These structures were also detectable with other p- $\alpha$ -Syn antibodies (FIG. 2C and D) and ThS,  
226 and were immunopositive for p62 and ubiquitin, similarly to LBs in LBDs (FIG. 2E–M).  
227 Moreover, we treated these brain sections with proteinase K (ProK), as abnormally aggregated  
228  $\alpha$ -Syn in LBs is known to be ProK-resistant. Whereas ProK treatment diminished the  
229 background of p- $\alpha$ -Syn staining, ProK resistant p- $\alpha$ -Syn positive aggregates were still abundant  
230 (Supplementary Figure S2). In addition, they were exclusively observed in neurons, not in  
231 astrocytes, microglia, or oligodendrocytes (FIG. 2N–Q). There were no obvious changes in  
232 terms of glial activation in the piriform cortex between ipsilateral and contralateral sides  
233 (Supplementary Figure S3), which is consistent with a previous report.<sup>16</sup> Considerable  $\alpha$ -Syn  
234 pathology was also observed in the limbic system including the hippocampus, where  $\alpha$ -Syn  
235 inclusions were predominantly seen in the dentate gyrus and CA1 (FIG. 2R–V). No p- $\alpha$ -Syn  
236 pathology was observed in a normal control marmoset (FIG. 2W).

237  $\alpha$ -Syn pathology throughout the brains is shown by representative images (FIG. 3A,  
238 B) and a heatmap quantifying p- $\alpha$ -Syn-positive areas (FIG. 3C). At 3 mpi, we found abundant  
239  $\alpha$ -Syn pathology in the OB as well as in the olfactory cortices including the anterior olfactory  
240 nucleus (AON), olfactory tubercle, piriform cortex, amygdala, and entorhinal cortex on the  
241 ipsilateral side (FIG. 3A and C).  $\alpha$ -Syn pathology was also observed beyond the olfactory  
242 pathway.  $\alpha$ -Syn pathology spread to the hippocampus, nucleus accumbens (Acb), bed nucleus  
243 on the ipsilateral side at 3 mpi (FIG. 3A and C). Moreover,  $\alpha$ -Syn pathology was seen in the  
244 SNc, LC, and pedunculopontine nucleus (PPN) (FIG. 3A and C).

245 At 6 mpi, more abundant  $\alpha$ -Syn pathology was observed in the central amygdala  
246 nucleus, entorhinal cortex, CA1, and LC on the ipsilateral side (FIG. 3B and C). In contrast,  
247 the burden of  $\alpha$ -Syn pathology was mildly decreased in the OB, AON, and piriform cortex  
248 (FIG. 3B and C).  $\alpha$ -Syn pathology in the SNc was still mild at 6 mpi, and no obvious difference  
249 was observed between ipsilateral and contralateral sides (Supplementary Figure S4). In  
250 addition, we did not find apparent parkinsonism such as bradykinesia, tremor, or rigidity in this  
251 marmoset model.  $\alpha$ -Syn pathology extended to the putamen on both sides, and in the entorhinal

252 cortex on the contralateral side (FIG. 3B). Furthermore, at 6 mpi,  $\alpha$ -Syn pathology, albeit sparse,  
253 was observed even in the dmX (FIG. 3B and C). These results indicated that inoculation of the  
254 OB with  $\alpha$ -Syn PFFs induced progressive  $\alpha$ -Syn propagation along the olfactory pathway and  
255 limbic system, even extending to the brainstem nuclei. In addition, the heatmap shows similar  
256 distribution and amount of p- $\alpha$ -Syn pathology between the two marmosets at each time point,  
257 suggesting the reproducibility of  $\alpha$ -Syn PFF-induced pathology in the marmosets (FIG. 3C).

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### 259 **OB atrophy in the unilaterally PFFs-inoculated marmosets**

260 We assessed brain structures and activities using Manganese-Enhanced MRI  
261 (MEMRI). Since the manganese is known to be taken up by excitable neurons as a calcium  
262 ( $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ ) analog, images obtained by this modality show high signal intensity in the brain.<sup>27</sup> Four  
263 unilaterally PFFs-inoculated marmosets were subjected to MEMRI analysis at 3 mpi to  
264 compare the volume and intensity of each brain region on the ipsilateral (PFFs-inoculated) side  
265 with those on the contralateral (PBS-inoculated) side (FIG. 4A–C and Supplementary Table  
266 S1). The volume and intensity ratio of the ipsilateral side to contralateral side was calculated  
267 within each marmoset (See Methods). The volume ratio showed significant atrophy in the  
268 ipsilateral OB ( $0.831 \pm 0.010$ ,  $p < 0.01$ ) (FIG. 4D), but the intensity ratio did not differ  
269 significantly between the ipsilateral and contralateral sides (FIG. 4E). Moreover, ssDNA-  
270 positive cells were observed in the OB only on the ipsilateral side, indicating cell death  
271 (Supplementary FIG. S5).

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### 273 **Comparison of the p- $\alpha$ -Syn pathology and glucose hypometabolism in the unilaterally** 274 **PFFs-inoculated marmosets**

275 We performed  $^{18}\text{F}$ -FDG-PET analyses on H81 at 3 mpi and on I5937 at 6 mpi before  
276 the sacrifice, then compared the pathological change with brain functional imaging (FIG. 5 and  
277 Supplementary Table S1). The pathological distribution is shown as a diagram of coronal  
278 sections illustrating semi-quantitative p- $\alpha$ -Syn-positive pathology (FIG. 5B and D).  $^{18}\text{F}$ -FDG-  
279 PET images were flip-subtracted to reveal the difference between the ipsilateral and

280 contralateral sides (See Methods). <sup>18</sup>F-FDG-PET revealed hemispheric glucose  
281 hypometabolism on the ipsilateral side (FIG. 5A and C). The original data without flip-  
282 subtraction did not show apparent change on the ipsilateral side, while a decrease was seen on  
283 the contralateral side (Supplementary FIG. S6). Also, flip-subtracted images averaged across  
284 the 4 control marmosets showed only subtle differences between the hemispheres (0–0.1 SUV),  
285 which was performed for another project (data not shown).

286 At 3 mpi, glucose hypometabolism was seen in the Acb, AON, lateral geniculate  
287 nucleus (LGN) and the amygdala on the ipsilateral side (FIG. 5A). Moderate to severe p- $\alpha$ -Syn  
288 pathology was seen in the Acb, AON, central and basolateral amygdala nuclei, while no p- $\alpha$ -  
289 Syn pathology was observed in LGN (FIG. 5B). At 6 mpi, glucose hypometabolism was seen  
290 in the frontal lobe, extended amygdala, hypothalamus, thalamus, midbrain, optic radiation, and  
291 occipital lobe (primary visual area and visual area 4) on the ipsilateral side (FIG. 5C), while  
292 only mild or no pathology was seen in these brain regions (FIG. 5D). Because remarkable  
293 hypometabolism was seen in the visual pathway at 3 and 6 mpi, we looked for  $\alpha$ -Syn pathology  
294 in the optic nerve but none was observed there (FIG. 5B and D, second panel from the left).  
295 The glucose hypometabolism was seen in widespread brain regions, including the occipital  
296 lobe and LGN, and extended beyond the pathologically affected regions (FIG. 5). The  
297 discrepancy between glucose hypometabolism and pathological changes was more widespread  
298 at 6 mpi than that at 3 mpi. In addition, artifacts were observed near the edge of the brain on  
299 the contralateral side. We found that the artifacts could be caused by high uptake into the  
300 temporal muscles (Supplementary FIG. S6).

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### 303 **Discussion**

304 Although  $\alpha$ -Syn PFF injection is artificial, this methodology can trigger  $\alpha$ -Syn  
305 propagation from the injection site, providing unique opportunities to explore specific aspects  
306 of LBDs pathophysiology. Previous studies using NHPs have revealed that the inoculation of  
307 the striatum, SN, and gut with  $\alpha$ -Syn PFFs or patient-derived LBs induced  $\alpha$ -Syn pathology in

308 the brains.<sup>13,22,28-30</sup> However, no previous study has investigated  $\alpha$ -Syn propagation from the  
309 OB in NHPs. This is partly because the OB in macaque monkeys is located underneath the  
310 frontal lobe and is quite difficult to approach with a stereotactic technique. In contrast, the OB  
311 in marmosets is located anterior to the frontal lobe and is easier to approach (Supplementary  
312 Figure S1E). In this study, we successfully inoculated  $\alpha$ -Syn PFFs into the OB of marmosets  
313 and analyzed the progression of  $\alpha$ -Syn pathology and functional changes by <sup>18</sup>F-FDG-PET.

314 The pathological analyses showed that the marmosets inoculated with  $\alpha$ -Syn PFFs  
315 exhibited numerous cytosolic p- $\alpha$ -Syn inclusions in the OB, especially in the granular cell layer,  
316 and dot-like p- $\alpha$ -Syn depositions in the glomeruli. These distribution and morphological  
317 features were similar to those seen in the OB of patients with PD.<sup>31</sup> This marmoset model  
318 showed severe  $\alpha$ -Syn pathology in the ipsilateral OB, AON, and piriform cortex at 3 mpi, but  
319 it was rather diminished at 6 mpi. The same observation was reported in previous studies of  
320 mice with  $\alpha$ -Syn PFFs inoculation into the OB, which demonstrated that decrease in  $\alpha$ -Syn  
321 pathology in the AON came from neuronal cell loss.<sup>15,17</sup> Indeed, the present study revealed OB  
322 atrophy by MRI and ssDNA-positive cells in the ipsilateral OB, which indicates neuronal cell  
323 loss in the OB on the PFF-injected side.

324 In addition to the olfactory system, the marmosets presented severe  $\alpha$ -Syn pathology  
325 in the limbic system, such as the piriform cortex and amygdala. A previous report in mice  
326 showed that the central amygdala nucleus presented less  $\alpha$ -Syn pathology than other amygdala  
327 nuclei.<sup>16</sup> However, this marmoset model presented the most prominent  $\alpha$ -Syn pathology in  
328 central amygdala nucleus. Postmortem study of PD revealed that the  $\alpha$ -Syn pathology was  
329 severe in the central and cortical nuclei of amygdala.<sup>32</sup> In this sense, our marmoset model may  
330 more faithfully recapitulate the amygdala pathology of PD. The  $\alpha$ -Syn pathology spread further  
331 to the SNc and the lower brainstem nuclei at locations such as the PPN, LC and the dmX. The  
332 spread of  $\alpha$ -Syn pathology to these nuclei may be explained by propagation through known  
333 neural circuits.<sup>19,33,34</sup> The olfactory bulb (OB) and anterior olfactory nucleus (AON) do not  
334 have direct connections with the central amygdala nucleus, but have indirect connections via  
335 the piriform cortex and entorhinal cortex.<sup>35</sup> Recently, non-motor symptoms such as hyposmia,

336 rapid eye movement sleep behavior disorder (RBD), and constipation have gained much  
337 attention as prodromal symptoms for PD and DLB.<sup>36</sup> The  $\alpha$ -Syn pathology seen in the OB,  
338 olfactory cortex, and lower brainstem nuclei could be responsible for those symptoms in  
339 LBDs.<sup>36,37</sup> In this study, we analyzed young marmosets injected with  $\alpha$ -PFFs, but aged  
340 marmosets would potentially show more widespread, robust  $\alpha$ -Syn pathology based on a recent  
341 rodent report.<sup>38</sup>

342 We performed morphological and functional analyses of the marmoset brains after the  
343 inoculation with  $\alpha$ -Syn PFFs. A volumetric analysis of MRI revealed a significant reduction in  
344 the OB volume ratio of the ipsilateral to the contralateral side in the inoculated marmosets. In  
345 line with this, the atrophy of OB was reported in patients with PD,<sup>39</sup> and the OB volume was  
346 inversely correlated with olfactory dysfunction.<sup>39,40</sup>

347 It is particularly noteworthy that this marmoset model showed glucose  
348 hypometabolism in the widespread brain regions including visual cortex. Glucose  
349 hypometabolism in the occipital lobe has been proposed as a supportive biomarker for DLB  
350 diagnosis,<sup>41</sup> and several studies have reported that glucose hypometabolism in brain regions  
351 such as the occipital lobe, parietal lobe, and cingulate cortex is a predictive marker of cognitive  
352 dysfunction in patients with PD.<sup>42,43</sup> Moreover, two longitudinal studies have demonstrated that  
353 hyposmia is a predictive marker for conversion from PD to PDD.<sup>44,45</sup> PD patients with  
354 hyposmia had an 18.7-fold increase in the risk of dementia within the three-year observation  
355 period.<sup>44</sup> PD patients with hyposmia (42/91, 46%) at baseline developed dementia compared  
356 to normosmic patients (7/34, 21%) during the follow up period of ten years.<sup>45</sup> High prevalence  
357 of olfactory dysfunction has been also reported in DLB compared to AD.<sup>46</sup> All these findings  
358 suggest a close association between  $\alpha$ -Syn propagation from the OB and cognitive dysfunction  
359 in LBDs, which was supported by the present study.

360 In addition, the glucose hypometabolism of this marmoset model was widespread,  
361 extending beyond the pathologically affected regions. This discrepancy may be explained by  
362 neurotoxicity of smaller forms of  $\alpha$ -Syn fibrillization, i.e. oligomers, which are not detected by  
363 conventional immunohistochemistry<sup>47</sup>, or remote effects as perturbation of projections from

364 cardinal nuclei such as nucleus basalis of Meynert or LC. Note that we applied flip-subtraction  
365 to minimize the effects of individual differences due to difficulty in getting a large number of  
366 animals.  $\alpha$ -Syn pathology on the contralateral side possibly underestimated the detection of  
367 hypometabolism in the method, while the hypometabolism on the ipsilateral side was also seen  
368 in the original data without flip-subtraction (Supplementary FIG. S6).

369         There are several limitations in this study. First, the present study analyzed a small  
370 number of marmosets, including 2 marmosets receiving  $^{18}\text{F}$ -FDG-PET imaging, up to 6 mpi,  
371 relatively short incubation time. This limitation comes from the preliminary nature of this study.  
372 Second, this study lacks detailed behavior analysis regarding hyposmia, cognitive dysfunction,  
373 and motor symptoms. We are currently working on the establishment of those tests for a future  
374 study. Also, we have to consider longer incubation on a sufficient number of animals to  
375 examine the relationship between imaging abnormalities and behavioral changes in a future  
376 study. Lastly, we cannot completely rule out the effects of bacteria-derived contaminants in  $\alpha$ -  
377 Syn PFFs on this marmoset model. However, we did not see obvious microglial activation or  
378 reactive astrocytes on the PFF-injected side compared to the PBS-injected side, which could  
379 be caused by the contaminants like lipopolysaccharide (Supplementary FIG. S3). Therefore,  
380 we presume that the contaminants did not have obvious effects in this marmoset model.

381         In conclusion, this study revealed that the  $\alpha$ -Syn PFFs inoculation into the OB induces  
382 the  $\alpha$ -Syn propagation to anatomically connected brain regions, OB atrophy, and widespread  
383 cerebral glucose hypometabolism, and the pathological mechanisms underlying the association  
384 of olfactory dysfunction with development of cognitive dysfunction in PD.<sup>44,45</sup> These findings  
385 may lead to future development of biomarkers predicting cognitive dysfunction and new  
386 therapies preventing it in LBDs.

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## 529 **Figure legends**

530 **FIG. 1. Phosphorylated- $\alpha$ -Syn (p- $\alpha$ -Syn) pathology of the OB in the unilaterally PFFs-**  
531 **inoculated marmoset and patients with Parkinson's disease (PD).**

532 **(A–F) Immunohistochemical staining of p- $\alpha$ -Syn (EP1536Y) in the OB of unilaterally PFFs-**

533 inoculated marmoset at 3 months postinoculation (mpi). P- $\alpha$ -Syn inclusions were observed in  
534 the glomerular layer (GL), external plexiform layer (EPL), mitral cell layer (MCL), and  
535 granular cell layer (GCL) on the ipsilateral side (A). Sparse p- $\alpha$ -Syn inclusions were observed  
536 on the contralateral side (F). Red dashed-dotted lines indicate glomeruli. Scale bar: 100  $\mu$ m (A,  
537 F). Scale bar: 20  $\mu$ m (A–E). (G) A schematic illustration of the OB anatomy. Glomeruli (blue  
538 circle outline), periglomerular cells (magenta circle outline), tufted cells (green circle), mitral  
539 cells (green diamond), and granular cells (magenta small circle). (H–N) Immunohistochemical  
540 staining of p- $\alpha$ -Syn (EP1536Y) in the OB of two patients with PD (Patient 1 and Patient 2) and  
541 age matched control (Control 1). Scale bar: 50  $\mu$ m (H–J). Scale bar: 20  $\mu$ m (K–N).

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543 **FIG. 2. Immunostaining of p- $\alpha$ -Syn in the unilaterally PFFs-inoculated marmoset brain**  
544 **and the characterization of cell types harboring p- $\alpha$ -Syn inclusions.**

545 (A) Coronal section at the level of the bregma +10.0 mm. Scale bar: 3 mm. Amygdala (Amy),  
546 piriform cortex (Piri), putamen (Pu), and caudate (Cau). (B) Immunohistochemical staining of  
547 p- $\alpha$ -Syn (EP1536Y) in the amygdala at 3 mpi. P- $\alpha$ -Syn-positive inclusions were observed in  
548 cell bodies (arrowheads) and neurites (arrow). Scale bar: 200  $\mu$ m. Enlarged images are high-  
549 magnification image of a p- $\alpha$ -Syn-positive cytoplasmic inclusion and Lewy neurites-like  
550 deposition. Scale bar: 10  $\mu$ m. (C, D) Immunohistochemical staining of p- $\alpha$ -Syn (81A and #64)  
551 showed p- $\alpha$ -Syn-positive cytoplasmic inclusions in the amygdala. Scale bar: 10  $\mu$ m. (E–G)  
552 Double immunostaining of ubiquitin (Ub, green), p- $\alpha$ -Syn (#64, magenta) and DAPI (blue).  
553 Scale bar: 5  $\mu$ m. (H–J) Double immunostaining of p62 (green), p- $\alpha$ -Syn (#64, magenta) and  
554 DAPI (blue). Scale bar: 5  $\mu$ m. (K–M) Thioflavin S (ThS) staining (green) and immunostaining  
555 of p- $\alpha$ -Syn (81A, magenta), and DAPI (blue). Scale bar: 5  $\mu$ m. (N) Double immunostaining of  
556 p- $\alpha$ -Syn (#64, magenta), NeuN (green), and DAPI (blue). Scale bar: 5  $\mu$ m. (O) Double  
557 immunostaining of p- $\alpha$ -Syn (EP1536Y, magenta), GFAP (green), and DAPI (blue). Scale bar:  
558 5  $\mu$ m. (P) Double immunostaining of p- $\alpha$ -Syn (#64, magenta), Iba1 (green), and DAPI (blue).  
559 Scale bar 5:  $\mu$ m. (Q) Double immunostaining of p- $\alpha$ -Syn (EP1536Y, magenta), CNPase (green),  
560 and DAPI (blue). Scale bar: 5  $\mu$ m. (R–V) Immunohistochemical staining of p- $\alpha$ -Syn

561 (EP1536Y) in the hippocampus at 6 mpi. Scale bar: 1000  $\mu\text{m}$  (R). Scale bar: 100  $\mu\text{m}$  (S–V).  
562 Cornu ammonis 1 (CA1), cornu ammonis 2 (CA2), cornu ammonis 3 (CA3), Dentate gyrus  
563 (DG). (W) Immunohistochemical staining of p- $\alpha$ -Syn (EP1536Y) of control 8 year-old  
564 marmoset (I3777). Scale bar: 3 mm. Enlarged image is high-magnification image of  
565 hippocampus. Scale bar: 50  $\mu\text{m}$ .

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568 **FIG. 3. Immunohistochemical staining of p- $\alpha$ -Syn and heatmap in various brain regions**  
569 **of the unilaterally PFFs-inoculated marmosets at 3 mpi and 6 mpi.**

570 (A, B) The representative images of p- $\alpha$ -Syn pathology of the unilaterally PFFs-inoculated  
571 marmosets at 3 and 6 mpi (H81 and I5937, respectively). The p- $\alpha$ -Syn pathology was more  
572 severe on the ipsilateral side in comparison to the contralateral side. (C) The distribution and  
573 severity of p- $\alpha$ -Syn pathology of four unilaterally PFFs-inoculated marmosets (H81 and I5924  
574 at 3 mpi, I5937 and H82 at 6 mpi). The heatmap color scale presents the density of p- $\alpha$ -Syn  
575 pathology in each brain region of the unilaterally PFFs-inoculated marmosets. The density of  
576 p- $\alpha$ -Syn pathology from each marmoset was illustrated using a gradient color scale ranging  
577 from 0 to 10. Ipsilateral (Ip) and contralateral (Co). Scale bar: 100  $\mu\text{m}$ . Anterior commissure  
578 (ac), nucleus accumbens (Acb), basolateral amygdala nucleus (AmyBL), central amygdala  
579 nucleus (AmyCe), cortical amygdala (AmyCo), lateral amygdala nucleus (AmyL), bed nucleus  
580 (Bed), globus pallidus (GP), inferior temporal cortex, anterior area (ITA), lateral olfactory tract  
581 (lo), primary motor cortex (M1), nucleus basalis of Meynert (NBM), perirhinal cortex (PRh),  
582 pulvinar nucleus (Pul), red nucleus (RN), septal nucleus (sept), substantia nigra pars reticulata  
583 (SNr), supraoptic hypothalamic nucleus (SO), superior temporal cortex, lateral area (STL),  
584 thalamus (Tha), olfactory tubercle (Tu).

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587 **FIG. 4. Measurements of the brain volume of the unilaterally PFFs-inoculated marmosets**  
588 **using manganese-enhanced MRI (MEMRI).**

589 **(A, B)** Sagittal **(A)** and coronal **(B)** sections of a marmoset brain. The position of the coronal  
590 section **(B)** is indicated by the dashed line **(A)**. **(C)** An enlarged image of the OB. We analyzed  
591 five sections of each brain region in the unilaterally PFFs-inoculated marmosets at 3 mpi ( $n =$   
592 4). We measured the area and the intensity on the ipsilateral (PFFs-inoculated) and contralateral  
593 (PBS-inoculated) sides, as the OB is outlined **(C)**. **(D, E)** The volume or intensity ratios of  
594 ipsilateral (PFFs-inoculated) to contralateral (PBS-inoculated) side were shown in every brain  
595 region (\*\* $P < 0.01$ , paired t-test).

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597 **FIG. 5. The comparison of the p- $\alpha$ -Syn pathological change with cerebral glucose**  
598 **hypometabolism by  $^{18}\text{F}$ -FDG PET on the unilaterally PFFs-inoculated marmosets.**

599 **(A, C)** Flip-subtracted  $^{18}\text{F}$ -FDG-PET images of two unilaterally PFFs-inoculated marmosets at  
600 3 mpi (H81) and 6 mpi (I5937). The color scale bar indicates decreases of the standardized  
601 uptake value (SUV). See Methods section. **(B, D)** The severity of p- $\alpha$ -Syn pathology at 3 mpi  
602 (H81) and 6 mpi (I5937) is demonstrated using five different colors representing no pathology  
603 to very severe pathology, based on the semi-quantification scoring method described in  
604 Methods. Hippocampus (Hipp), primary visual cortex (V1), secondary visual area and visual  
605 area 4 (V4).

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608 **Supplementary FIG. S1. Inoculation of  $\alpha$ -synuclein ( $\alpha$ -Syn) preformed fibrils (PFFs) into**  
609 **the marmoset olfactory bulb (OB).**

610 **(A)** Comparison of amino acid sequences between human (*Homo sapiens*) and marmoset  
611 (*Callithrix jacchus*)  $\alpha$ -Syn (h- $\alpha$ -Syn and mar- $\alpha$ -Syn, respectively). Four amino acids differ  
612 between h- $\alpha$ -Syn and mar- $\alpha$ -Syn; these are highlighted in yellow. The epitopes of antibodies  
613 for  $\alpha$ -Syn (Syn1) and phosphorylated  $\alpha$ -Syn (pS129) used in this study are indicated in blue  
614 and red, respectively. **(B)** Coomassie brilliant blue (CBB) staining and Western blotting (WB)  
615 of mar- $\alpha$ -Syn monomer and fibrils. **(C)** The thioflavin T (ThT) assay. Fibrils show significantly  
616 high-intensity fluorescence at 535 nm (\*\*\*\* $P < 0.0001$ ,  $n = 3$ , two-tailed unpaired Student's  $t$ -

617 test). **(D)** *In vitro*  $\alpha$ -Syn fibrillization assay. A normalized ThT assay showed that the mixture  
618 of mar- $\alpha$ -Syn monomer and mar- $\alpha$ -Syn fibrils (Mar+MarF) induced fibrillization more rapidly  
619 than the mixture of mar- $\alpha$ -Syn monomer and h- $\alpha$ -Syn fibrils (Mar+HuF) ( $*P < 0.05$ ,  $**P <$   
620  $0.01$ ,  $n = 3$ , two-tailed unpaired Student's  $t$ -test). **(E)** A CT/MRI fusion image of the marmoset  
621 head. **(F, G)** Surgical images of inoculation of  $\alpha$ -Syn PFFs into the OB. Scale bar: 2 mm.

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623 **Supplementary FIG. S2. Proteinase K-resistance of p- $\alpha$ -Syn positive aggregates.**

624 Immunohistochemical staining of p- $\alpha$ -Syn with or without proteinase K (ProK) at 3 and 6 mpi.  
625 Scale bar: 100  $\mu$ m.

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627 **Supplementary FIG. S3. Immunohistochemical staining of Iba1 and GFAP.**

628 Immunohistochemical staining of p- $\alpha$ -Syn, Iba1, and GFAP in the piriform cortex on ipsilateral  
629 and contralateral sides. Scale bar: 100  $\mu$ m.

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631 **Supplementary FIG. S4. Immunohistochemical staining of tyrosine hydroxylase.**

632 Immunohistochemical staining of tyrosine hydroxylase in substantia nigra pars compact (SNc)  
633 on ipsilateral and contralateral sides. Substantia nigra pars reticulata (SNr) and ventral  
634 tegmental area (VTA). Scale bar: 500  $\mu$ m.

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636 **Supplementary FIG. S5. Immunohistochemical staining of single stranded DNA (ssDNA).**

637 Immunohistochemical staining of ssDNA. Scale bar: 50  $\mu$ m.

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639 **Supplementary FIG. S6. Original  $^{18}$ F-FDG-PET images without flip-subtraction and  
640 MRI of marmosets after the inoculation of  $\alpha$ -Syn PFFs.**

641 **(A, B)** Original  $^{18}$ F-FDG-PET images without flip-subtraction and MRI of two unilaterally  
642 PFFs-inoculated marmosets at 3 mpi (H81) and 6 mpi (I5937). The color scale bar indicates  
643 SUV. Frontal (Fro), temporal (Temp), parietal (Pari), and occipital lobi (Occi).

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646 **Supplementary Table S1. Experimental information of the marmosets.**

647 The experimental information of unilaterally and bilaterally PFFs-inoculated marmosets.

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649 **Supplementary Table S2. Pathological stages and clinical information of the patients with**  
650 **PD and a control subject.**

651 The pathological stages and clinical data of two patients, who were clinically diagnosed as PD,  
652 and control subjects. Braak NFT stage (silver staining and AT8) are described as (right/left  
653 side) in Supplementary Table S2.

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658 **Supplementary Methods**

659 **Preparation of marmoset  $\alpha$ -Syn expressing plasmid**

660 The marmoset  $\alpha$ -Syn (mar- $\alpha$ -Syn) messenger RNA (mRNA) was purified from a  
661 frozen marmoset brain sample, and mar- $\alpha$ -Syn complementary DNA (cDNA) was produced  
662 via reverse transcription. Primers 5'-ATGGATGTATTCATGAAAGGACTT-3' and 3'-  
663 CTGCTGACAGACGTTCCATCC-5' were used to amplify the mar- $\alpha$ -Syn cDNA with NdeI  
664 and HindIII restriction sites. Amplified DNA was cloned into the plasmid pRK172 between  
665 the NdeI and HindIII restriction sites and expressed in *Escherichia coli* BL21 (DE3)  
666 (BioDynamics Laboratory).

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668 **Preparation of recombinant  $\alpha$ -Syn and PFFs**

669 Purified  $\alpha$ -Syn (7 mg/ml) was incubated at 37 °C in a shaking incubator at 1,000 rpm  
670 in 30 mM Tris-HCl buffer, pH 7.5, containing 150 mM KCl, for 120 hrs.  $\alpha$ -Syn PFFs were  
671 pelleted by ultracentrifugation at 186,000  $\times$ g for 20 min, resuspended in phosphate-buffered  
672 saline (PBS) (4 mg/ml), and sonicated for 2.5 min (Cosmo Bio, Bioruptor) before use. The  
673 protein concentrations were determined by BCA Protein Assay kit (Thermo Fisher).

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675 ***In vitro*  $\alpha$ -Syn fibrillization assay**

676 The reaction buffer was composed of PBS, 5  $\mu$ M thioflavin T (ThT) (Sigma-Aldrich,  
677 #T3516), and 2 mg/ml recombinant mar- $\alpha$ -Syn monomer. Each well of a black 96-well plate  
678 (Costar) contained 100  $\mu$ l reaction buffer, which was seeded with 1% (w/v) mar- $\alpha$ -Syn or h- $\alpha$ -  
679 Syn PFFs. The plates were sealed with a plate sealer film (4titude, qPCR seal) and incubated  
680 in a multi-label plate reader (PerkinElmer, 2030 ARVO X) at 37°C for 14 hrs with continuous  
681 shaking at 900 rpm. ThT fluorescence measurements (450 nm excitation and 535 nm emission)  
682 were taken every 30 min. These data were normalized between 0 and 100.

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684 **Sodium dodecyl sulfate (SDS)-polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis (PAGE) and western**  
685 **blot analysis**

686 For SDS-PAGE, sample buffer (1% [w/v] SDS, 12.5% [w/v] glycerol, 0.005% [w/v]  
687 bromophenol blue, 2.5% [v/v] 2-mercaptoethanol, 25 mM Tris-HCl, pH 6.8) was added to mar-  
688  $\alpha$ -Syn monomer solution or the mar- $\alpha$ -Syn PFFs pellet, which was resuspended by vortex.  
689 Samples containing 10  $\mu$ g protein were run on SuperSep<sup>TM</sup> Ace 5%–20% (Wako) and stained  
690 with Coomassie Brilliant Blue (CBB), or electrophoretically transferred to polyvinylidene  
691 difluoride membranes. For immunoblotting, the membranes were incubated with 4% (w/v)  
692 paraformaldehyde (PFA) in PBS for 30 min at room temperature to prevent detachment of  $\alpha$ -  
693 Syn from the blotted membranes and then blocked with 5% (w/v) skim milk in PBS. The  
694 membranes were incubated with an anti- $\alpha$ -Syn primary antibody (Bioscience BD610787  
695 [Syn1], 1:1000) at 4°C overnight. The membranes were incubated for 1 hr at room temperature  
696 with a horseradish peroxidase secondary antibody (Santa Cruz #sc-2005, 1:5000), and the  
697 protein bands were visualized using Chemi-Lumi One Super (nacalai tesque).  
698 Chemiluminescent signal was detected using an Amersham Imager 600 imager (GE  
699 Healthcare).

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701 **Animals**



702 Four marmosets, two males at two years old (H81 and H82; born at the Bioresource  
703 Center, Gunma University Graduate School of Medicine) and two females at two years old  
704 (I5937 and I5924; born at CLEA Japan, Inc.) were used for  $\alpha$ -Syn PFFs inoculation into the  
705 unilateral OB. Additionally, one female at eight years old (I3777; born at CLEA Japan, Inc.)  
706 was used for the immunohistochemical control. All experimental procedures were performed  
707 in accordance with the National Institutes of Health Guidelines for the Care and Use of  
708 Laboratory Animals and Basic Policies for the Conduct of Animals Experiments in Research  
709 Institutions by MEXT, Japan. Approval was obtained from the Animal Research Committee  
710 of Kyoto University (MedKyo 16,651) and Hamamatsu Photonics K.K. (HPK-2018-06).

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### 712 **Inoculation with $\alpha$ -Syn PFFs into the OB**

713 We performed MRI before inoculation with mar- $\alpha$ -Syn PFFs (see Methods).  
714 Anesthesia was induced by intramuscular injections of ketamine hydrochloride (Ketalar,  
715 30 mg/kg, Daiichi Sankyo, Tokyo, Japan), and atropine sulfate (0.1 mg, i.m.) and isoflurane  
716 (1%–1.5%) was administered by inhalation to maintain anesthesia throughout surgery.  
717 Ampicillin (40 mg/kg) was injected as an antibiotic before surgery and ketoprofen (0.4 mg/kg)  
718 was administered to reduce postoperative pain and inflammation after surgery. Under  
719 anesthesia, the head of the marmoset was fixed to the stereotaxic apparatus and the operation  
720 was performed. Heart rate, O<sub>2</sub> saturation, and body temperature were continuously monitored.  
721 A glass capillary (tip diameter, 80–100  $\mu$ m) was filled with the  $\alpha$ -Syn PFFs solution, which  
722 was mixed with green dye, fast green FCF (final concentration 0.02%, nacalai), to visualize the  
723 leak. For the unilateral PFFs inoculation, 0.8  $\mu$ l of 4 mg/ml  $\alpha$ -Syn PFFs was stereotactically  
724 injected into the two sites of the unilateral OB (a total of 1.6  $\mu$ l) (AP, +1.00 mm; L, -0.90 mm;  
725 D, 1.50 mm and AP, +1.50mm; L, -0.90 mm; D, 1.0 mm relative to the border between OB-  
726 cerebrum and dural surface) at a constant rate of 0.1  $\mu$ l per minute controlled by a syringe pump  
727 (Legato 130, KD Scientific). The same volume of PBS was also injected into the contralateral  
728 OB. After inoculation, the glass capillary was left in place for 5 min to prevent leakage of the  
729 injected solution. No leakage was observed after the glass capillary was pulled out. The dura

730 was covered with dental resin and the skin was closed with suture. After the operation,  
731 ampicillin (40 mg/kg) and diclofenac (Voltaren, 10 mg) were administered intramuscularly.

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### 733 **Preparation of histological analysis for the marmosets**

734 At 3 or 6 months postinoculation (mpi), the unilaterally PFFs-inoculated marmosets  
735 were deeply anesthetized with an intramuscular injection of ketamine, and given an  
736 intraperitoneal injection of sodium pentobarbital (more than 35 mg/kg). They were then  
737 transcardially perfused with PBS followed by 4% (w/v) paraformaldehyde in PBS (pH 7.4).  
738 The brains were removed and immersed in 4% (w/v) PFA in PBS overnight. They were  
739 dehydrated and embedded in paraffin, and 8- $\mu$ m thick paraffin sections were prepared with a  
740 HM 325 rotary microtome (MICROM).

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### 742 **Immunohistostaining**

743 The following primary antibodies were used for immunohistostaining analysis: anti-  
744 phosphorylated- $\alpha$ -Syn (p- $\alpha$ -Syn) (Abcam, #ab51253 [EP1536Y], 1:5000), anti-p- $\alpha$ -Syn (Wako,  
745 #015-25191 [#64], 1:2000), anti-p- $\alpha$ -Syn (Abcam, #ab184674 [81A], 1:5000), anti-p62 (MBL,  
746 #PM045, 1:1000), anti-ubiquitin (DAKO, #Z0458, 1:500), anti-NeuN (Millipore, ABN78,  
747 1:400), anti-GFAP (Invitrogen, #130300, 1:200), anti-Iba1 (Wako, 019-19741, 1:200), single  
748 stranded DNA (ssDNA) (DAKO, #A4506, 1:2000), anti-TH (Millipore, #MAB318, 1:1000),  
749 and anti-CNPase (Millipore, MAB326, 1:500). The sections were incubated at 4 °C with  
750 primary antibodies overnight and then processed for visualization. As secondary antibodies,  
751 Histofine (Nichirei Bioscience) was used for diaminobenzidine (DAB) staining, and Alexa  
752 Fluor 488 or 594-conjugated antibodies (Molecular Probes) for immunofluorescence. Sections  
753 were examined using a BX43 microscope (Olympus), a BZ-X710 fluorescence microscope  
754 (KEYENCE), and an FV-1000 confocal laser scanning microscope (Olympus).

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### 756 **Thioflavin S staining**

757 For p- $\alpha$ -Syn and thioflavin S (ThS, SantaCruz, #sc-391005) double-labeling staining,

758 after immunolabeling with p- $\alpha$ -Syn antibody, sections were incubated with 0.05% ThS in 50%  
759 ethanol followed by differentiation with 80% ethanol. Sections were examined with an FV-  
760 1000 confocal laser scanning microscope (Olympus).

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### 763 **Proteinase K-resistance**

764 To assess proteinase K-resistant phosphorylated  $\alpha$ -Syn, the tissue was treated by 20  
765  $\mu$ g/ml proteinase K (nacalai tesque, Kyoto, Japan) in PBS for 30 min at room temperature after  
766 antigen retrieval.

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### 768 **Heatmap and scoring of p- $\alpha$ -Syn pathology**

769 We assessed the p- $\alpha$ -Syn pathology density in various brain regions using quantitative  
770 methods modified from a previous report.<sup>1</sup> We randomly took a total of three images from three  
771 sections for each brain region at 20 $\times$  magnification using a BZ-X710 fluorescence microscope  
772 (KEYENCE). To generate a heatmap, we separated the DAB channel from the hematoxylin  
773 channel using ImageJ, converted the processed images to 8-bit data, measured the density of  
774 these images for quantification of the p- $\alpha$ -Syn-positive area, and then averaged the density of  
775 three images for each brain region to minimize bias. We presented the data on a heatmap  
776 programmed using Excel 2007 software (Microsoft).

777 We also assessed the severity of p- $\alpha$ -Syn pathology in a semi-quantitative way, based on  
778 the previous reports,<sup>1,2</sup> in the same coronal sections as those shown by positron emission  
779 tomography (PET) images (FIG. 5). We determined the severity using a score system, from no  
780 pathology to very severe pathology at 20 $\times$  magnification (no pathology = no neuritic pathology  
781 and 0 inclusion, mild pathology = neuritic pathology or 0–2 inclusions, moderate pathology =  
782 3–9 inclusions, severe pathology = 10–20 inclusions, very severe pathology = more than 20  
783 inclusions per field).

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### 786 **Manganese-Enhanced MRI (MEMRI)**

787 To enhance the intensity of MR signals of neural activity in the marmoset brain, we  
788 performed MEMRI by administrating  $\text{MnCl}_2$  (25 mg/kg, i.p.) two times in 48 hrs intervals. 24  
789 hrs after the last  $\text{MnCl}_2$  injection MRI was performed using a 3T MRI scanner (Verio, Siemens,  
790 USA) under 1.5% isoflurane anesthesia. A custom-built 16-ch helmet-type radiofrequency coil  
791 with a 12 cm inner diameter was used for reception (Takashima seisakusho Co., Ltd, Japan).  
792 High resolution 3D T1-weighted imaging was performed with a 3D fast spin-echo with two  
793 echoes (TE = 11 ms, TR = 150 ms, FOV = 50×50×50 mm, Matrix = 192×192×192, Number  
794 of averages = 4). We assessed the volume and intensity of MEMRI on the OB, frontal lobe,  
795 temporal lobe, and occipital lobe. We outlined five sections per these regions, and measured  
796 the area and the intensity of these regions using ImageJ software. We then calculated the  
797 volume or intensity ratio of ipsilateral to contralateral side every region in unilaterally PFFs-  
798 inoculated marmosets. Volume ratio was calculated as  $\sum_{i=1}^5(V_i \times H_i) / \sum_{i=1}^5(V_i' \times H_i')$ . V  
799 and V' means area of the targeted brain regions on ipsilateral or contralateral side, respectively.  
800 H and H' means height of the targeted brain regions on ipsilateral or contralateral side,  
801 respectively. Intensity ratio was also calculated as  $\sum_{i=1}^5(I_i \times H_i) / \sum_{i=1}^5(I_i' \times H_i')$ . I and I'  
802 means intensity of the targeted brain regions on ipsilateral or contralateral side, respectively.  
803 Paired t-test was used for the statistical analysis.

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## 806 **PET imaging**

807 To measure regional cerebral glucose utilization (rCGU) as an index of neural activity,  
808 PET imaging using  $^{18}\text{F}$ -fluoro-2-deoxy-D-glucose ( $^{18}\text{F}$ -FDG) was performed using PET  
809 scanner (SHR-38000, Hamamatsu Photonics K.K., Japan).

810 To avoid the anesthetic effects on rCGU,  $^{18}\text{F}$ -FDG was injected via a cannulated tail vein  
811 while the marmosets were awake outside the PET scanner, followed by permitting them to  
812 freely move in the cage. 30 min after the injection, the animal was rapidly anesthetized by  
813 1.5 % isoflurane via face mask, placed on the PET scanner using a stereotactic head holder,  
814 and dynamic emission scan was performed for 120 min. Transmission data scan for attenuation  
815 correction were acquired for 30 min on a different day. Marmosets had a bolus injection of  $^{18}\text{F}$ -

816 FDG averaging 94.75 MBq/body.

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### 818 **PET data analysis**

819 Reconstruction was performed using an iterative 3-D dynamic raw-action maximum  
820 likelihood algorithm (3D-DRAMA) (Tanaka and Kudo, 2010) with a Gaussian filter of 1.0 mm  
821 in full width at half maximum (FWHM).

822 The summated  $^{18}\text{F}$ -FDG images were used for further quantitative analysis of rCGU. The  
823 index of  $^{18}\text{F}$ -FDG uptake is shown as a standardized uptake value (SUV),  $\text{SUV} = \text{radioactivity}$   
824  $\text{concentration (Bq/cm}^3\text{)}/\text{injected radioactivity (Bq)} \times \text{body weight (g)}$ , and values were  
825 converted to the global mean ratio by scaling whole-brain SUVs. The reconstructed PET  
826 images (pixel size  $0.65 \times 0.65 \times 1.0167$  mm) were realigned and co-registered with each  
827 subject's MRI using PMOD version 3.7 (PMOD Technologies, Zurich, Switzerland), and were  
828 spatially normalized to the Marmoset MRI Standard Brain  
829 ([https://brainatlas.brain.riken.jp/marmoset/modules/xoonips/listitem.php?index\\_id=71](https://brainatlas.brain.riken.jp/marmoset/modules/xoonips/listitem.php?index_id=71)) by  
830 applying the transformation matrix obtained by individual MRI. The index of  $^{18}\text{F}$ -FDG uptake  
831 ratio normalized in brain tissues is shown as standardized uptake value (SUV):  $\text{SUV} = \text{tissue}$   
832  $\text{radioactivity concentration (MBq/cc)}/\text{injected radioactivity (MBq)} \times \text{body weight (g)}$ .

833 To identify the changes in rCGU after the inoculation, original  $^{18}\text{F}$ -FDG-PET images were  
834 flipped horizontally, and were subjected to a voxel-based subtraction from the flipped images  
835 comparing the affected and unaffected brain hemispheres. All images were visualized with  
836 MRIcroGL software (<https://www.nitrc.org/projects/mricrogl>).

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851 **Supplementary Table S1**

852 **The experimental information of unilaterally and bilaterally PFFs-inoculated marmosets.**

Unilaterally PFFs-inoculated	MEMRI 3 mpi	<sup>18</sup> F-FDG-PET		Pathological analysis
		3 mpi	6 mpi	
H81	✓	✓	n.a.	3 mpi
I5924	✓	n.a.	n.a.	3 mpi
I5937	✓	n.a.	✓	6 mpi
H82	✓	n.a.	n.a.	6 mpi

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855 **Supplementary Table S2**

Subjects	Age	Sex	Hoehn &	Braak PD	BBAR	Senile	Braak Stage	Braak Stage	Post mortem
Patient 1	87	M	5	4	6	1	3/3	3/3	05:53:00
Patient 2	75	M	4	3	4	1	3/2	3/2	54:20:00
Control 1	83	M	0	0	0	0	1/2	1/2	03:55:00

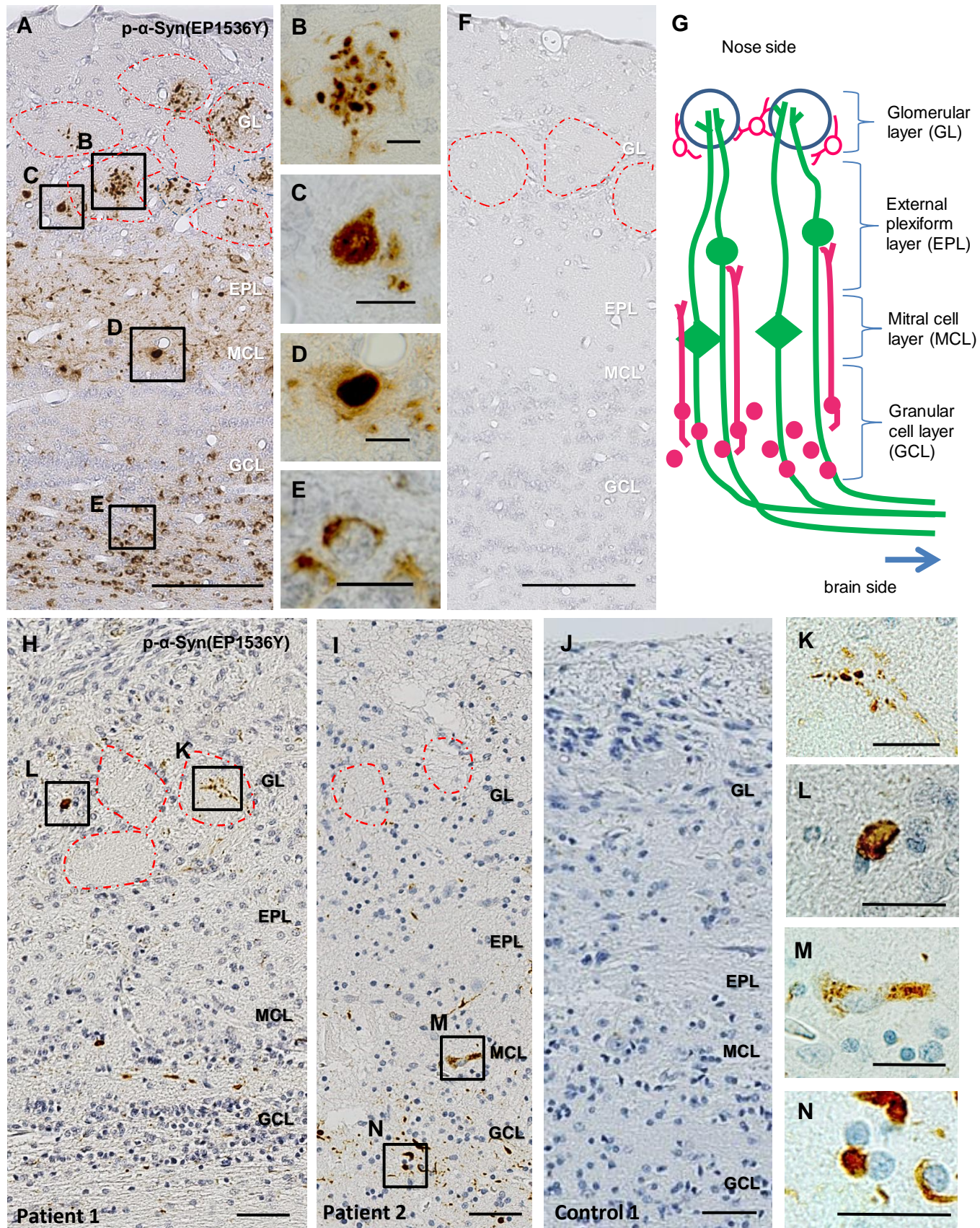
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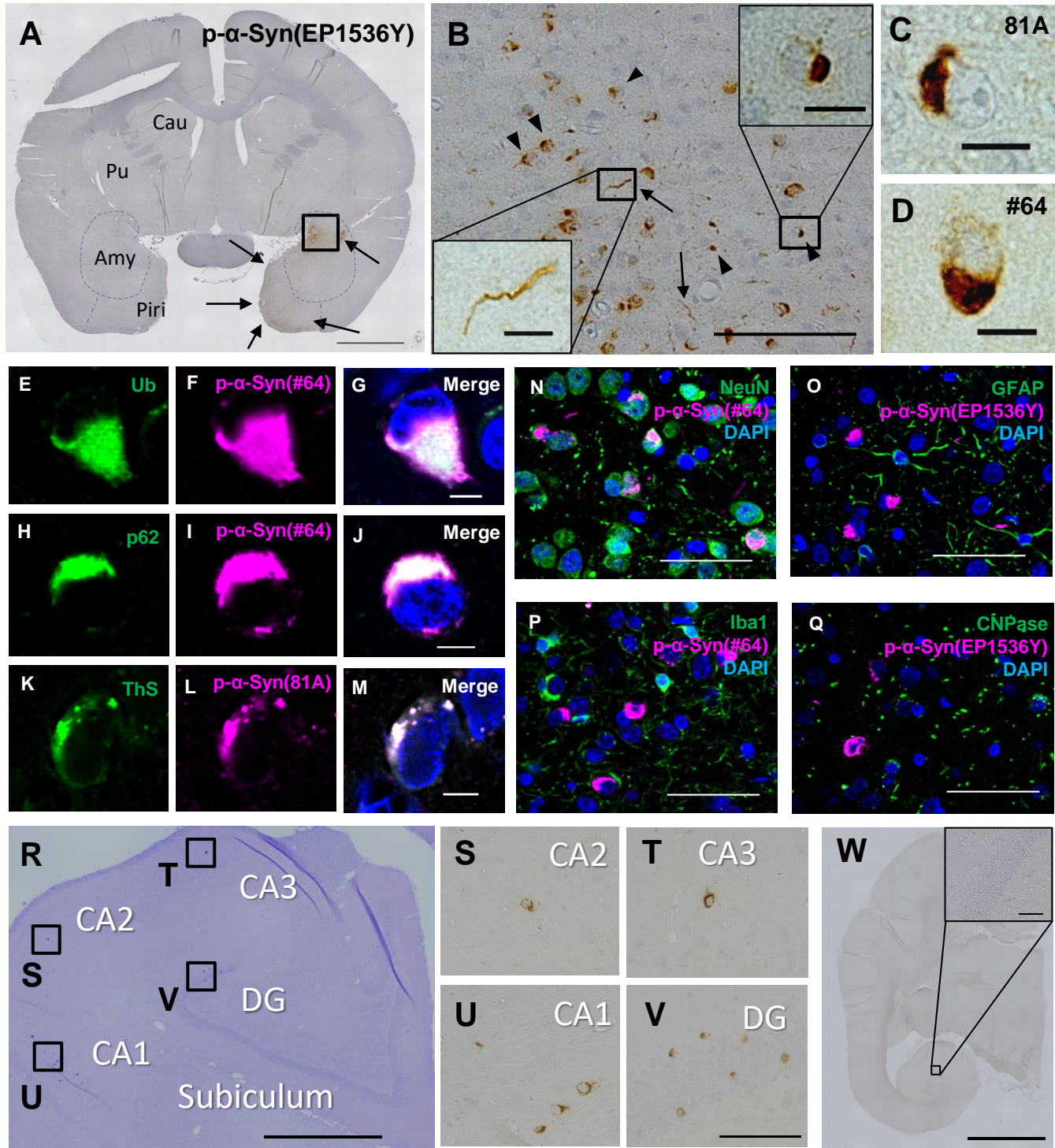
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**FIG. 1.**



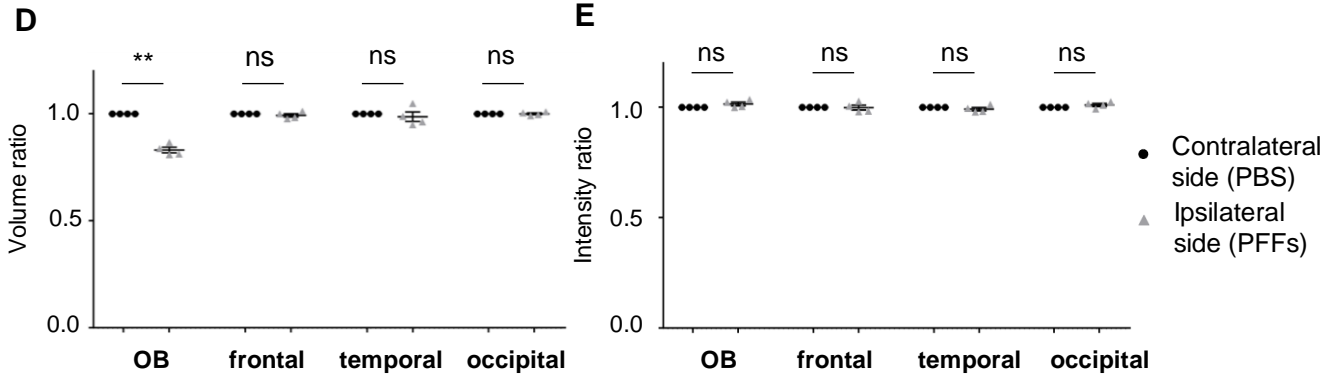
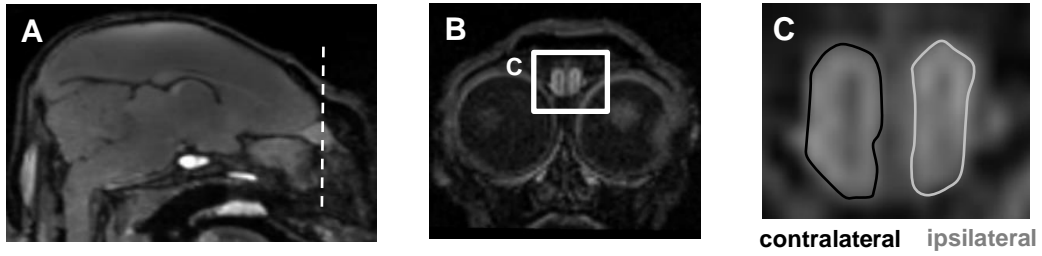
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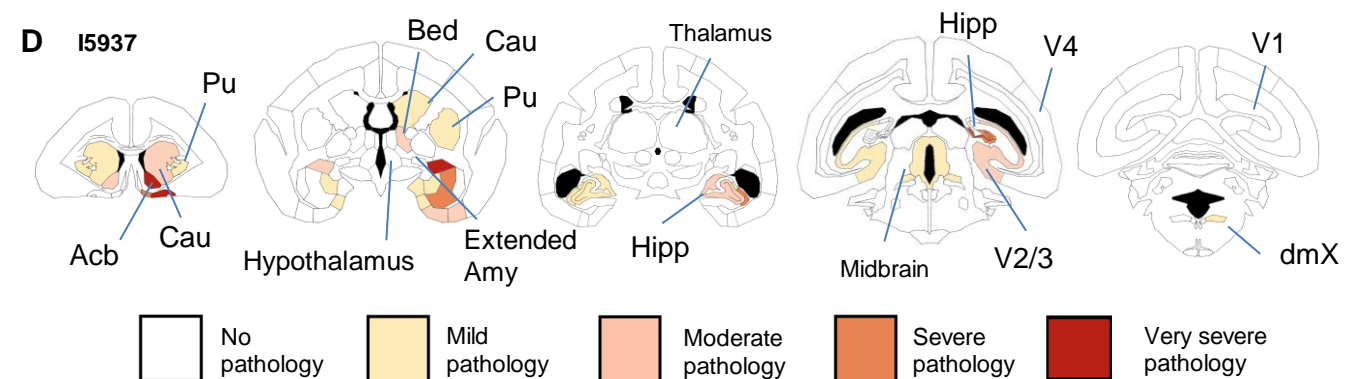
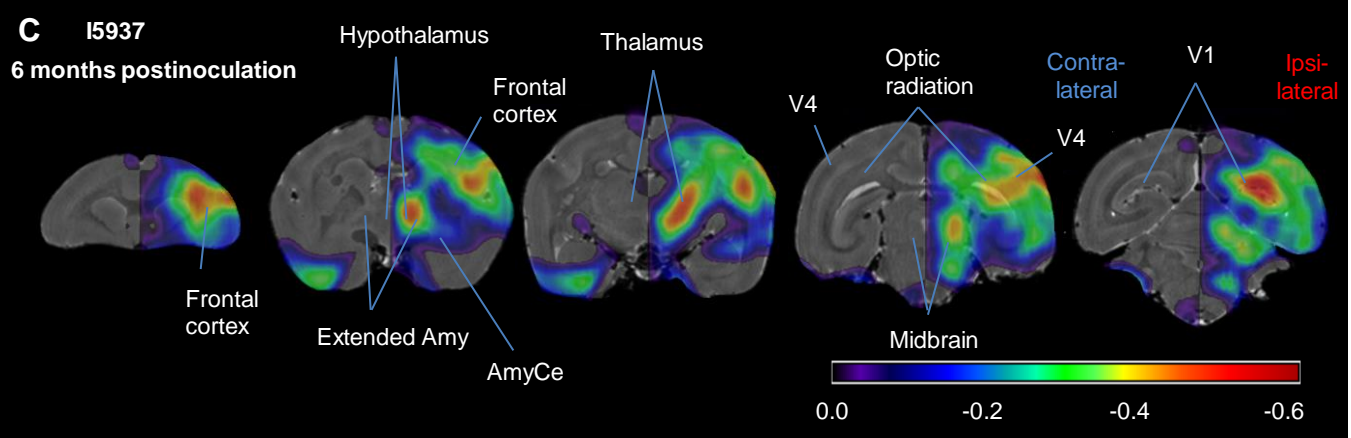
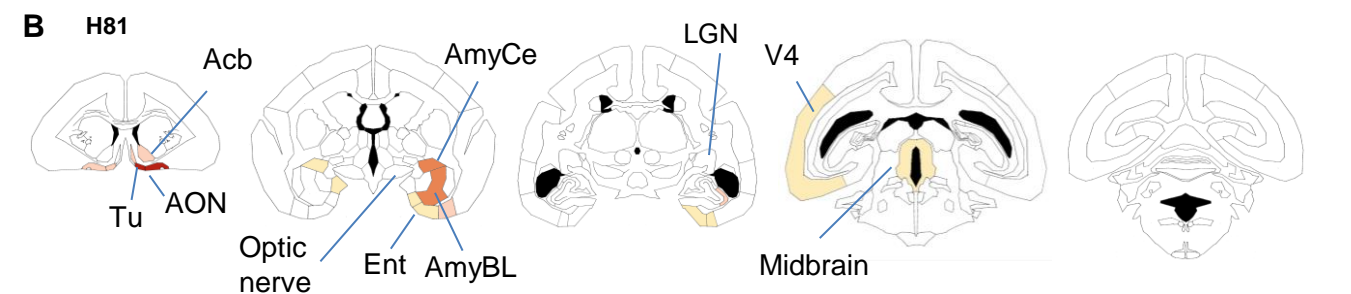
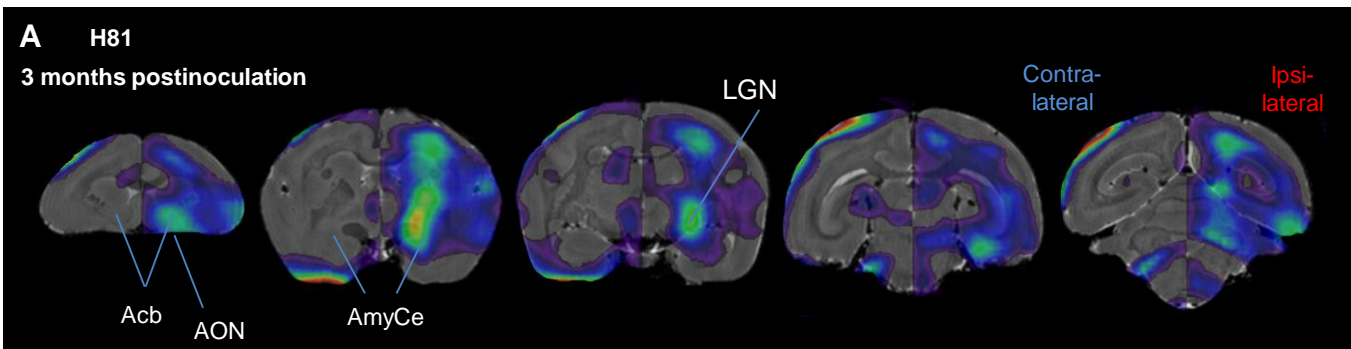




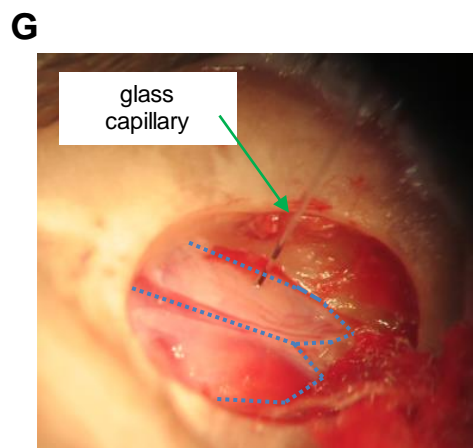
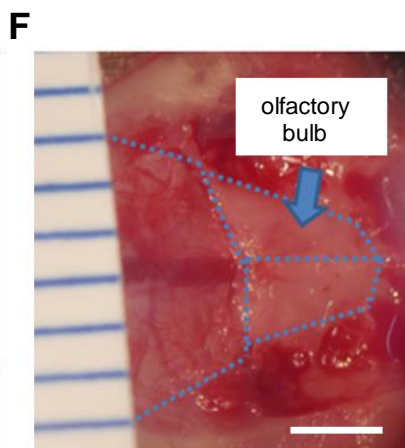
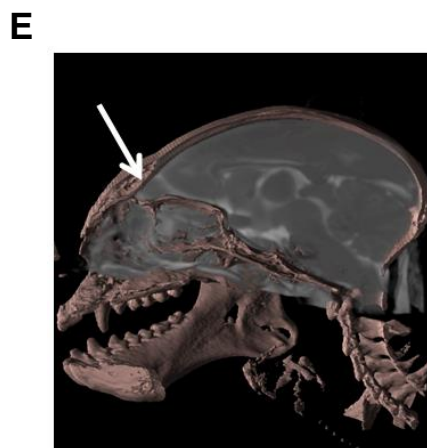
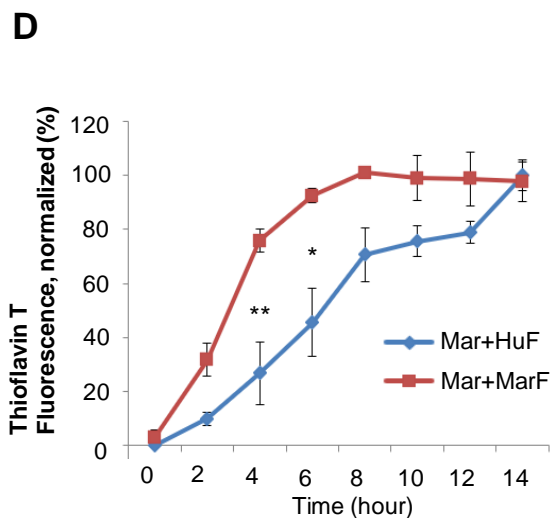
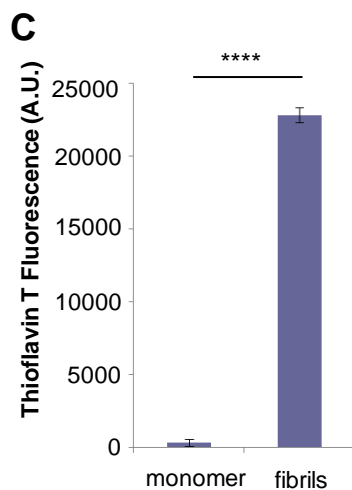
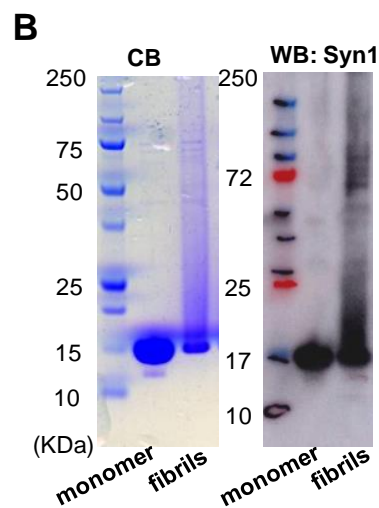
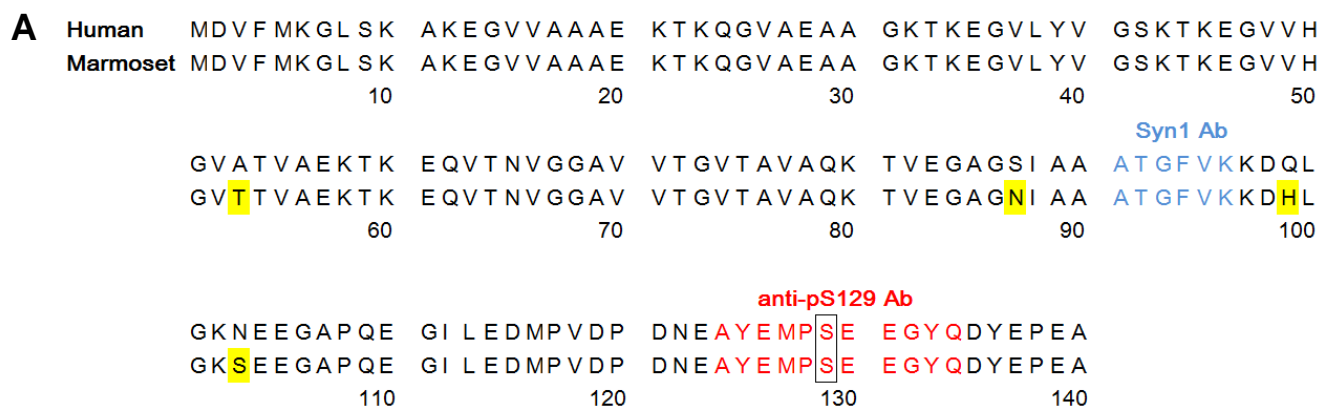


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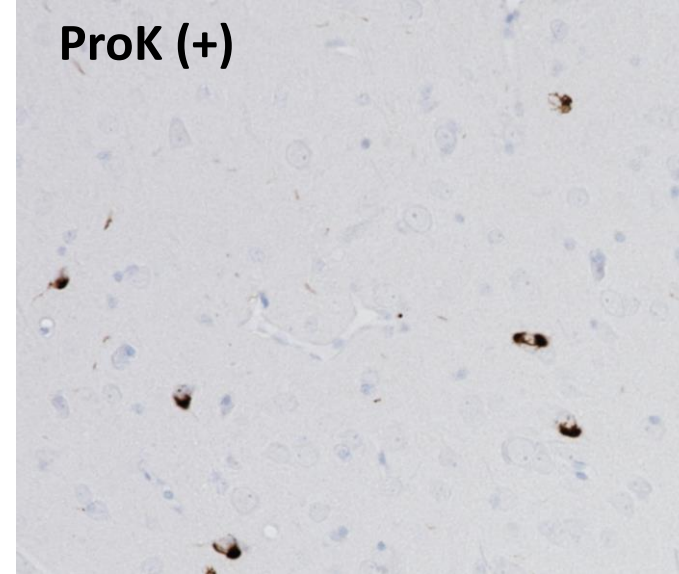
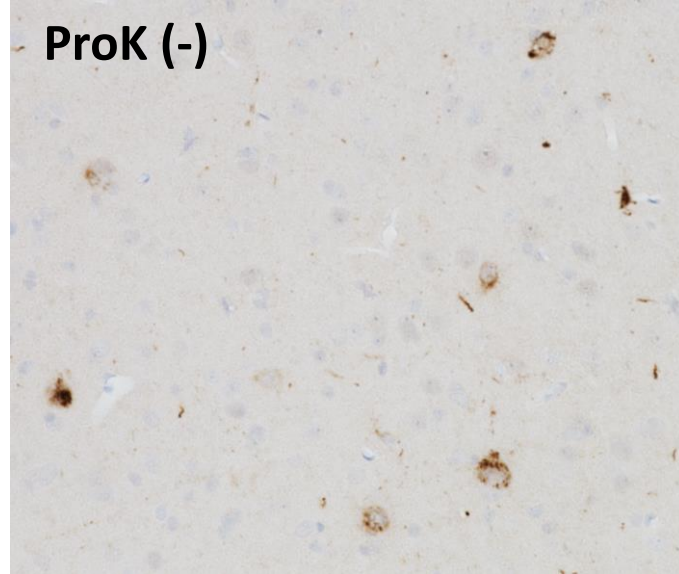
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# Supplementary FIG. S1.

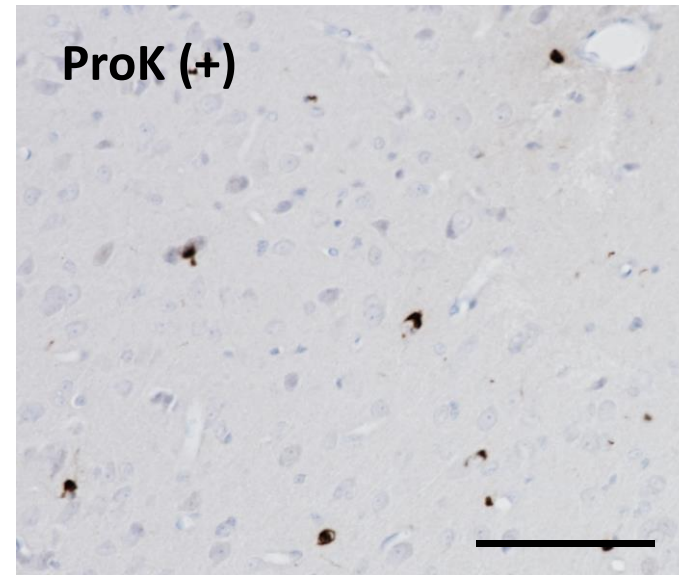
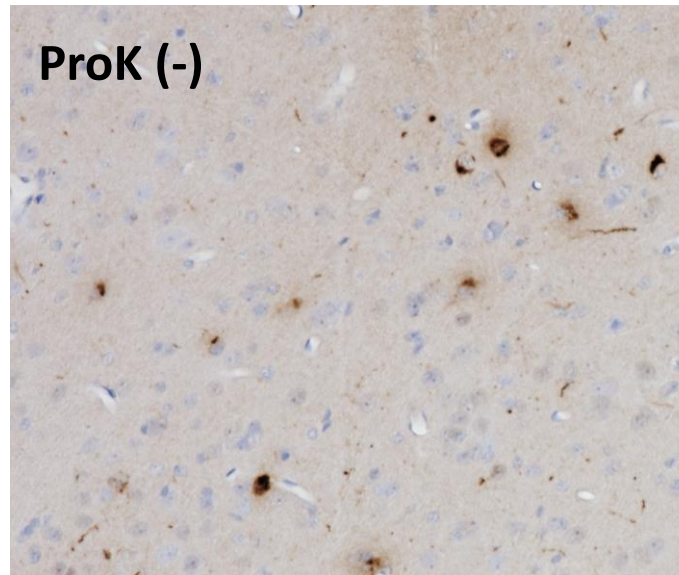


**Supplementary FIG. S2.**

**3 months post inoculation**

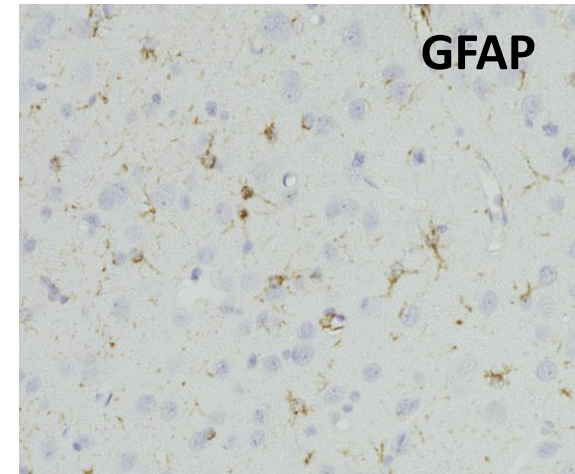
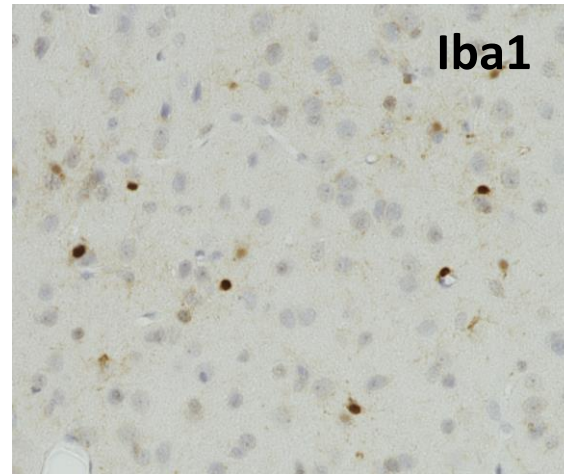
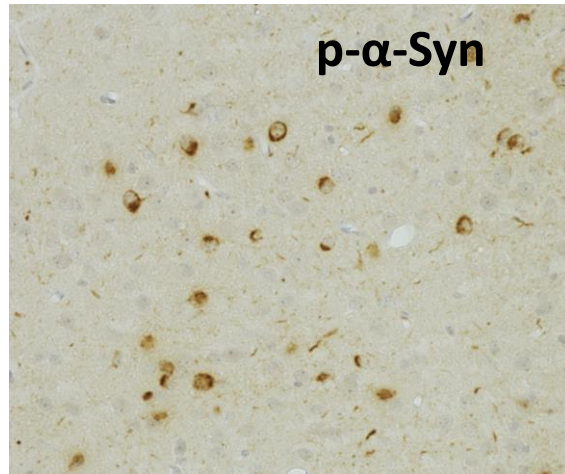


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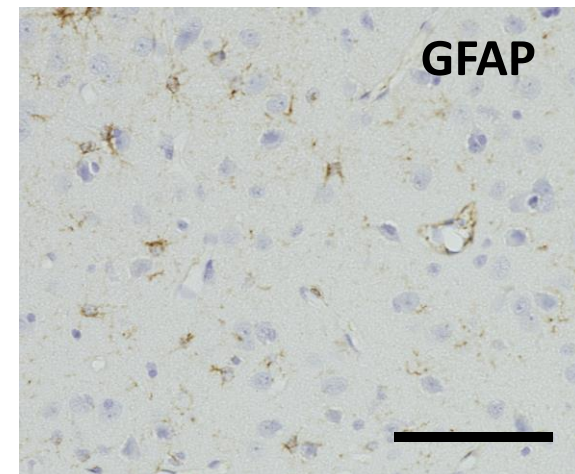
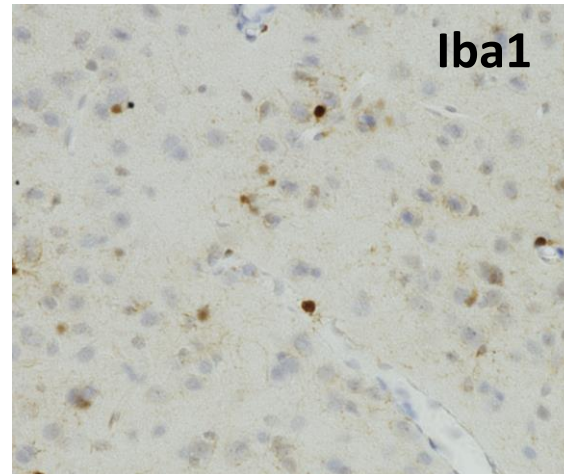
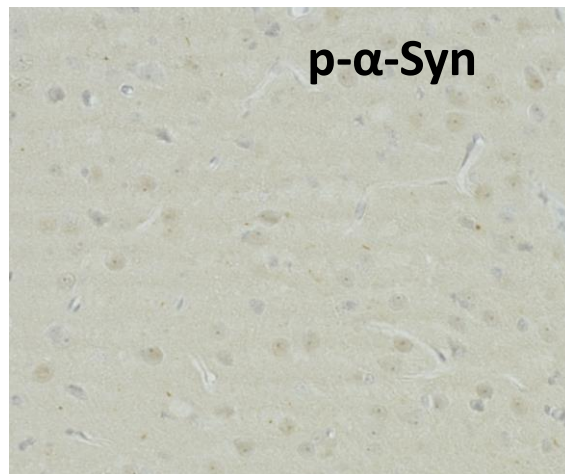


**Supplementary FIG. S3.**

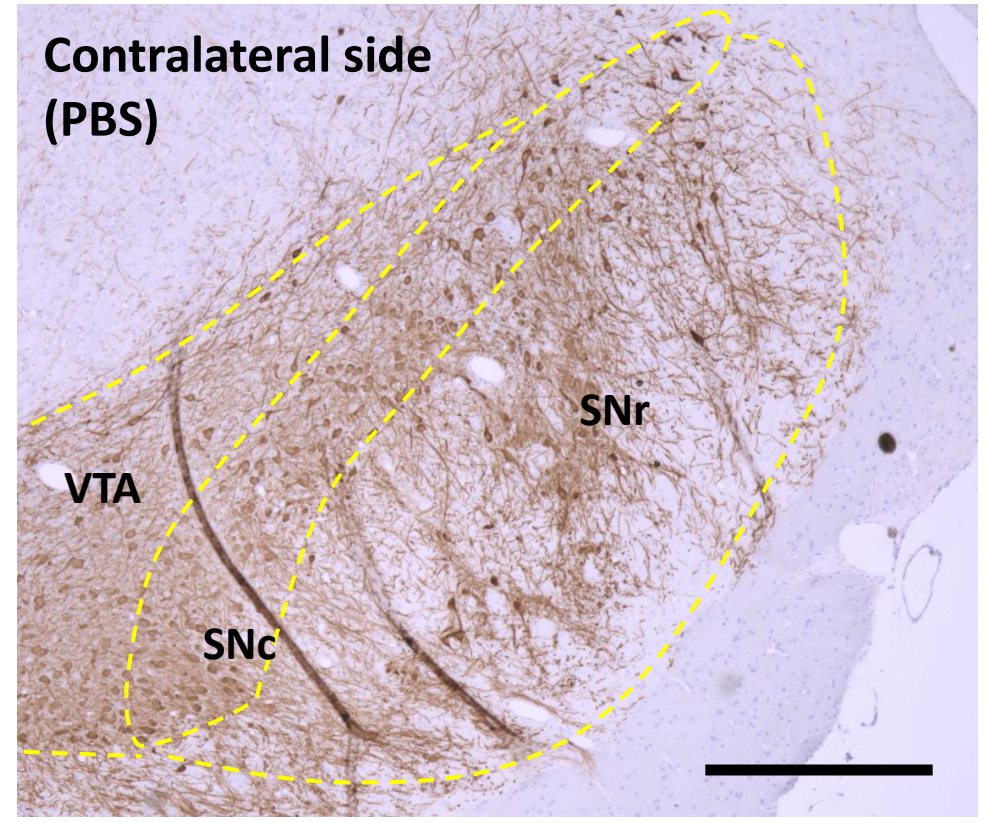
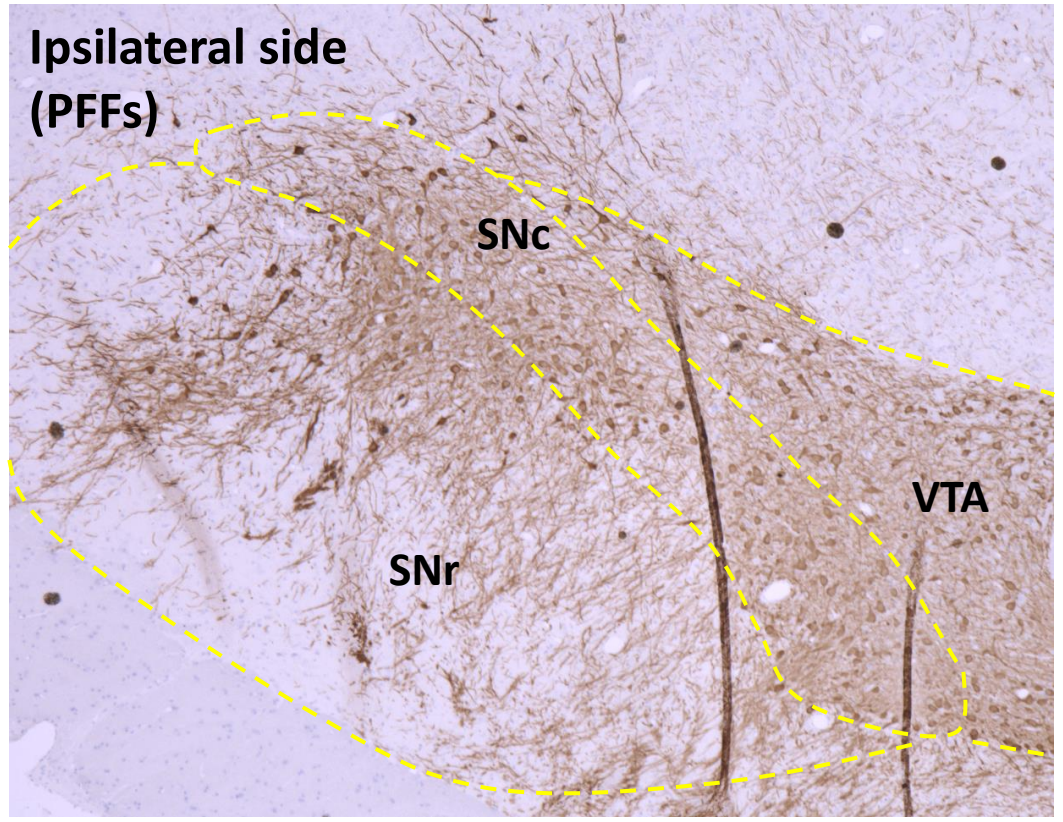
**Ipsilateral side (PFFs)**



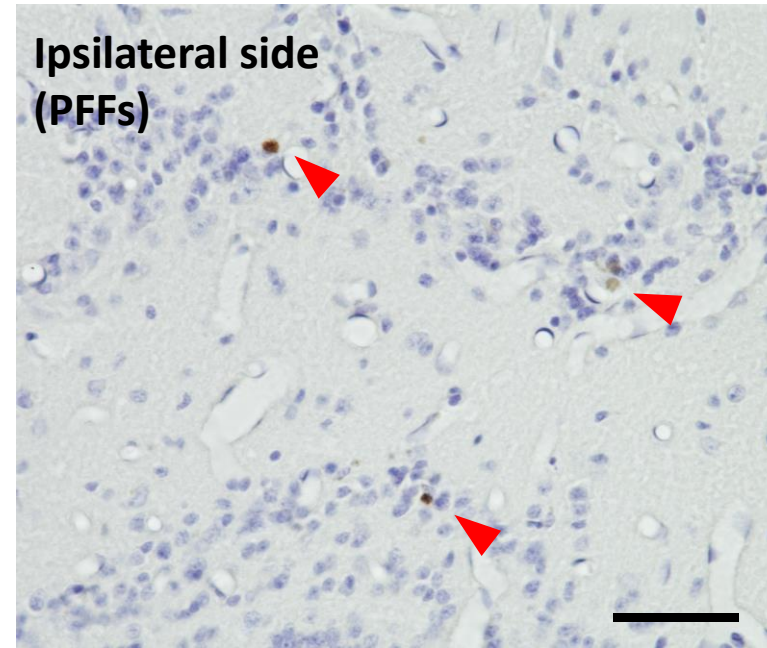
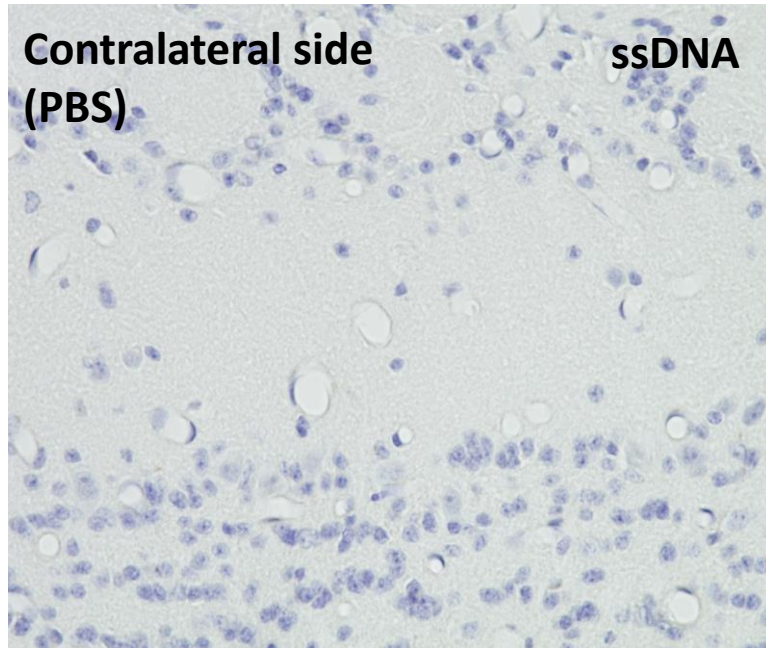
**Contralateral side (PBS)**



**Supplementary FIG. S4.**



**Supplementary FIG. S5.**





# Supplementary FIG. S6.

