

# Investigation of the molecular mechanisms underlying alpha synuclein function at the presynapse

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**Research Abstract**

Parkinson's Disease (PD) is a common brain disease affecting 7 million people worldwide. It is caused by the death of brain cells.  $\alpha$ -synuclein is a protein in that brain that is likely to contribute to the cell death in PD, but the normal role of the protein remains unknown. This study will investigate the function of  $\alpha$ -synuclein in maintaining normal healthy brain activity. In addition, this work will help us understand how normal brain processes are affected in diseases such as PD.

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