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# **Network analysis to identify new targets and mechanism(s) of neurodegeneration**

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# Meta Gene Expression in Sporadic PD

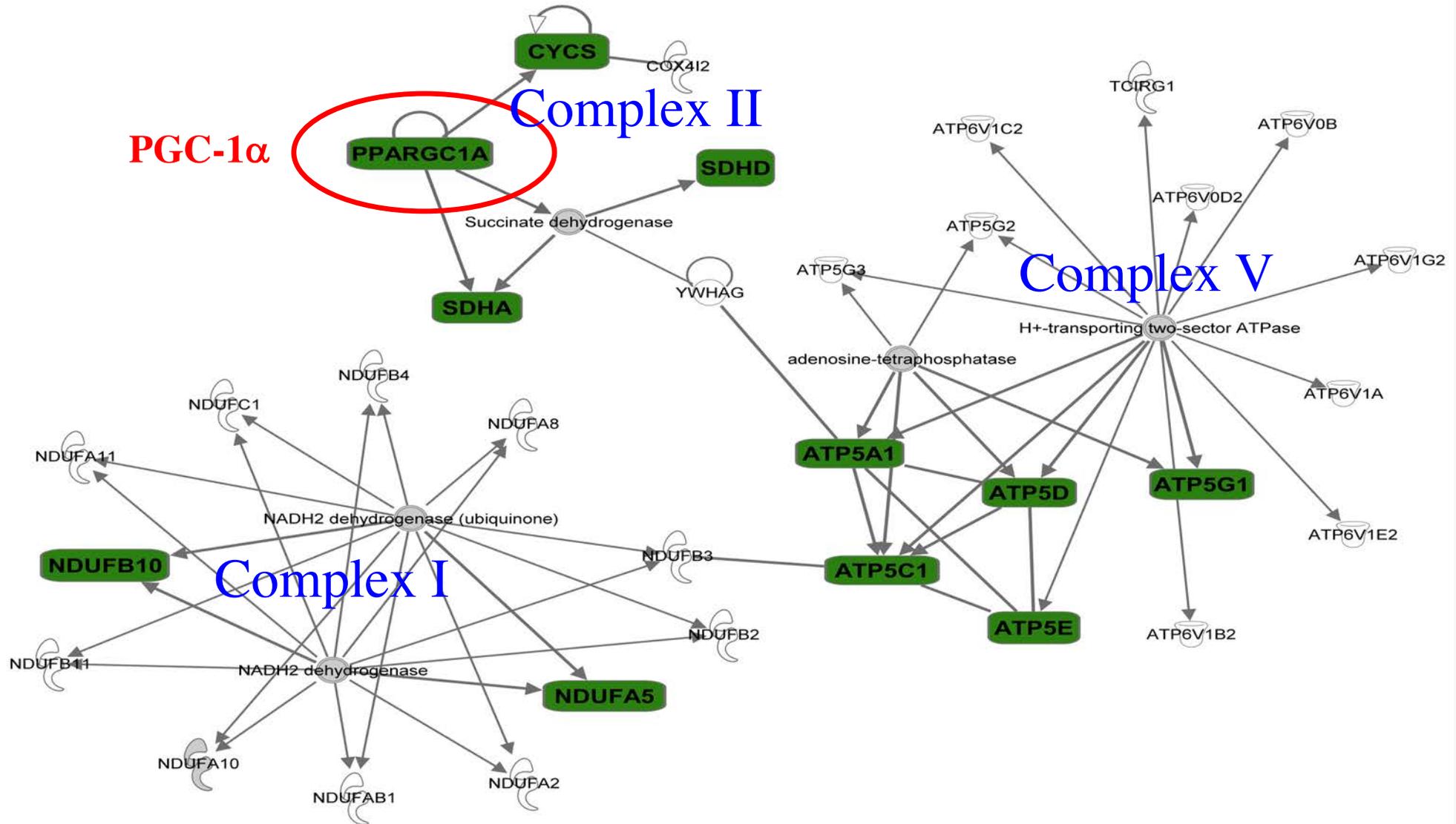
## GPEX Consortium

Gene set	N Genes	Annotation	Stage I (SN & DA)		Stage II (Braak PD stages 1-3)		Stage III (non-SN)		All data			All SN data		
			sNES	P value	sNES	P value	sNES	P value	N	sNES	P value	N	sNES	P value
Electron Transport Chain	95	Broad	-1.583	<1x10 <sup>-8</sup>	-1.496	1.46x10 <sup>-2</sup>	-1.420	1.0x10 <sup>-5</sup>	410	-1.519	<1x10 <sup>-8</sup>	218	-1.580	<1x10 <sup>-8</sup>
MAP00190 Oxidative phosphorylation	46	GenMAPP	-1.572	<1x10 <sup>-8</sup>	-1.716	4.70x10 <sup>-2</sup>	-1.132	2.26x10 <sup>-3</sup>	410	-1.388	<1x10 <sup>-8</sup>	218	-1.586	2.66x10 <sup>-7</sup>
MAP00620 Pyruvate metabolism	31	GenMAPP	-1.529	3.36x10 <sup>-8</sup>	-1.844	2.37x10 <sup>-2</sup>	-1.062	4.64x10 <sup>-3</sup>	410	-1.332	<1x10 <sup>-8</sup>	218	-1.541	5.32x10 <sup>-7</sup>
VOXPPOS	87	BioCarta	-1.527	1.34x10 <sup>-7</sup>	-1.451	2.28x10 <sup>-2</sup>	-1.389	1.0x10 <sup>-5</sup>	410	-1.471	<1x10 <sup>-8</sup>	218	-1.524	7.92x10 <sup>-8</sup>
Mitochondr	447	Broad	-1.464	6.76x10 <sup>-7</sup>	-1.761	1.43x10 <sup>-2</sup>	-1.247	4.50x10 <sup>-4</sup>	410	-1.376	3.11x10 <sup>-8</sup>	218	-1.479	5.54x10 <sup>-7</sup>
Krebs-TCA Cycle	29	BioCarta	-1.447	3.38x10 <sup>-7</sup>	-1.633	3.02x10 <sup>-2</sup>	-1.184	1.34x10 <sup>-3</sup>	410	-1.359	6.22x10 <sup>-8</sup>	218	-1.462	8.71x10 <sup>-7</sup>
Human mitoDB 6 2002	428	Broad	-1.427	3.38x10 <sup>-7</sup>	-1.750	1.23x10 <sup>-2</sup>	-1.271	4.51x10 <sup>-4</sup>	410	-1.373	<1x10 <sup>-8</sup>	218	-1.445	5.32x10 <sup>-7</sup>
GO 0005739	170	GO	-1.369	3.72x10 <sup>-6</sup>	-1.758	2.04x10 <sup>-2</sup>	-1.230	3.91x10 <sup>-4</sup>	410	-1.322	<1x10 <sup>-8</sup>	218	-1.391	3.19x10 <sup>-6</sup>
PGC	425	Broad	-1.366	6.75x10 <sup>-6</sup>	-1.576	4.96x10 <sup>-2</sup>	-0.884	1.46x10 <sup>-2</sup>	410	-1.165	1.27x10 <sup>-5</sup>	218	-1.379	2.93x10 <sup>-6</sup>
ChREBP Pathway	20	Broad	-1.280	3.34x10 <sup>-5</sup>	-2.100	1.19x10 <sup>-2</sup>	-0.799	2.93x10 <sup>-2</sup>	410	-1.127	1.58 x10 <sup>-5</sup>	218	-1.341	6.92x10 <sup>-6</sup>
Urea cycle Pathway	7	KEGG	-1.262	6.77x10 <sup>-5</sup>	-1.671	1.46x10 <sup>-2</sup>	-0.575	1.05x10 <sup>-1</sup>	410	-0.994	0.00002212	218	-1.294	7.94x10 <sup>-5</sup>
MAP00252 Alanine and aspartate metabolism	21	GenMAPP	-1.165	3.39x10 <sup>-5</sup>	-1.831	1.80x10 <sup>-2</sup>	-0.482	1.80x10 <sup>-1</sup>	410	-0.908	0.00015813	218	-1.213	0.00013384

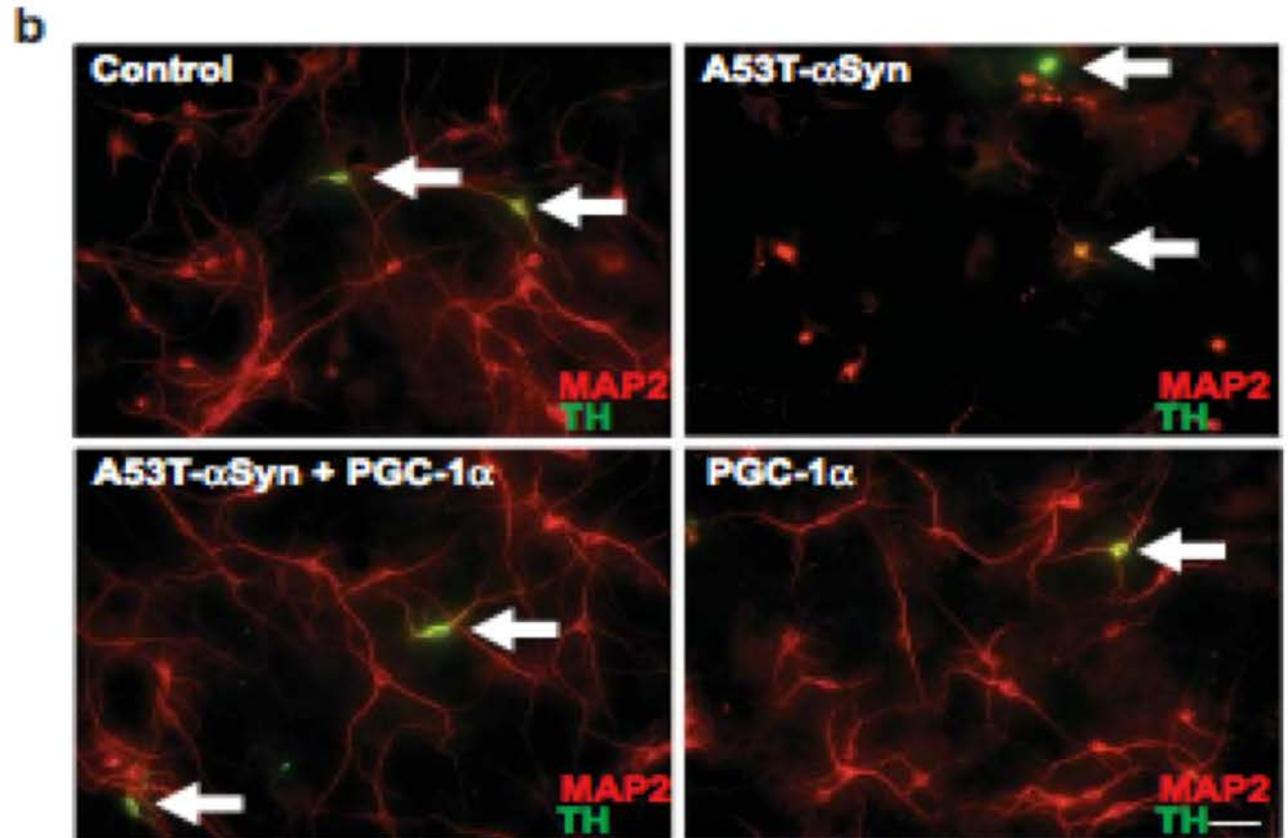
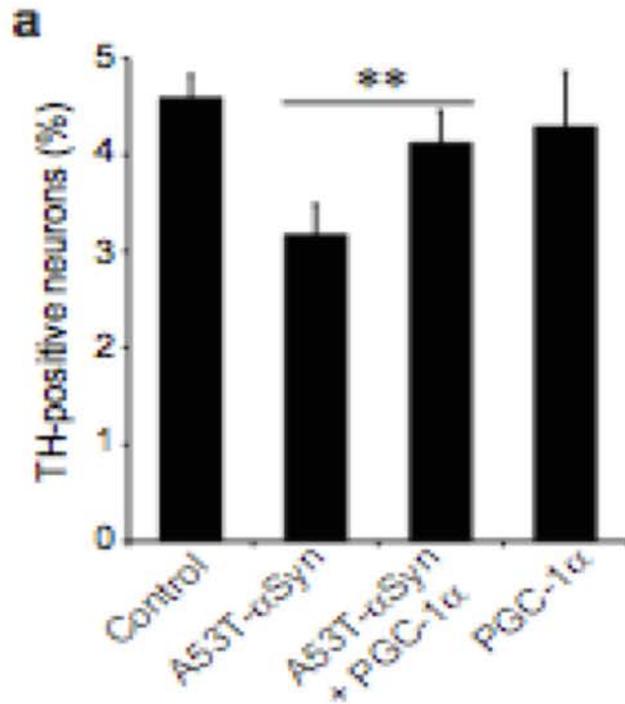
PGC-1 $\alpha$  and the electron transport chain were downregulated

# Meta Gene Expression Analysis Network

(From the data of Zheng, B., et al, *Science Translational Medicine*, 2010)



# PGC-1 $\alpha$ Blocks $\alpha$ -Synuclein Toxicity in Dopaminergic Neurons



# Screen of FDA Approved Drugs: Seeking PGC-1 $\alpha$ modulators

- » Screened several thousand FDA approved molecules in a retinal cell line
- » 14 identified
- » 14 corroborated as PGC-1 $\alpha$  modulators in MN9D cells
- » One selected for further study, compound PU-91

# PU-91 Induces PGC-1 $\alpha$ in Dopaminergic cells & Promotes Neuroprotection

PU-91

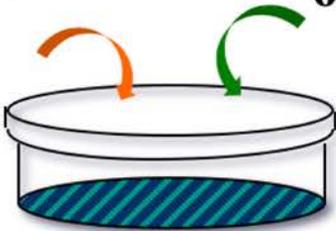


MN9D

Dopaminergic cell line

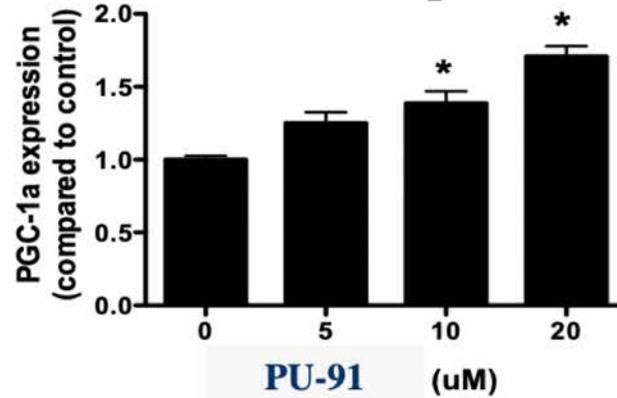
PU-91

6-OHDA

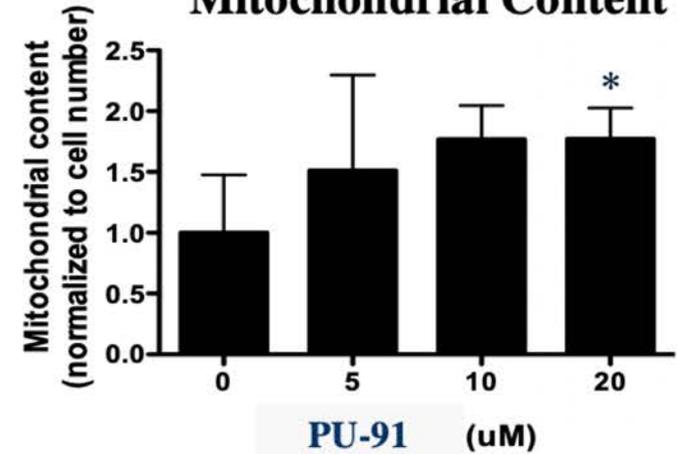


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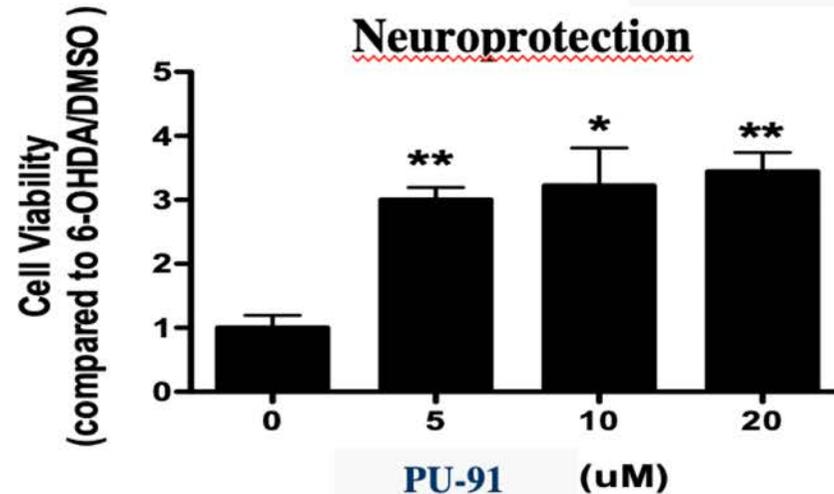
PGC-1 $\alpha$  Expression



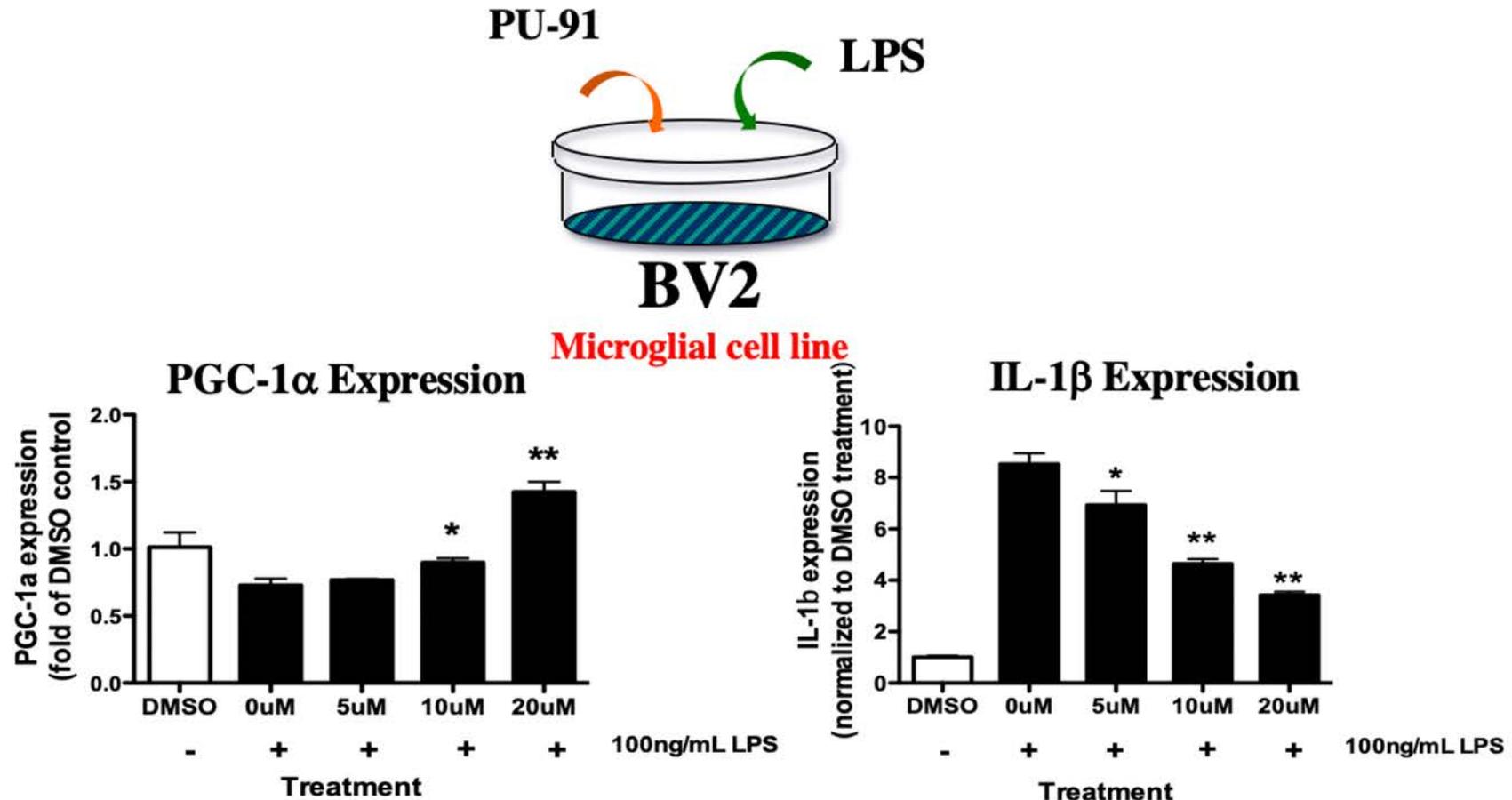
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Neuroprotection

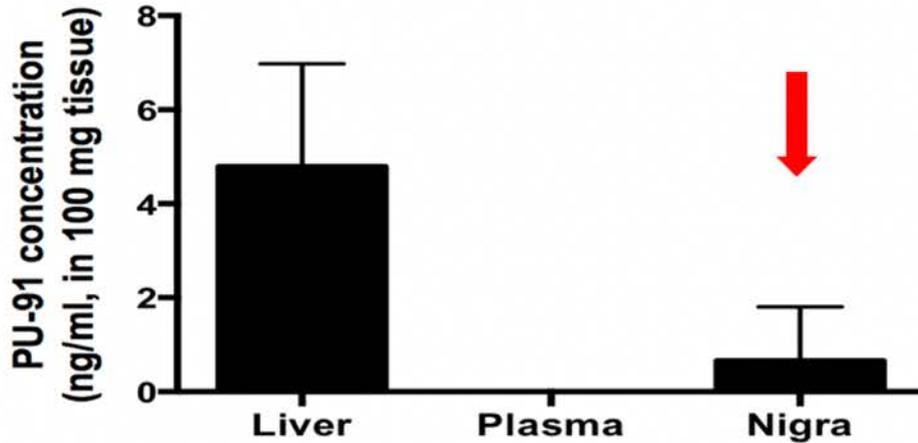


# PU-91 Induces PGC-1 $\alpha$ in Microglial Cells and Promotes an Anti-inflammatory Effect



# PU-91 is Metabolized after Oral Delivery

**PU-91**



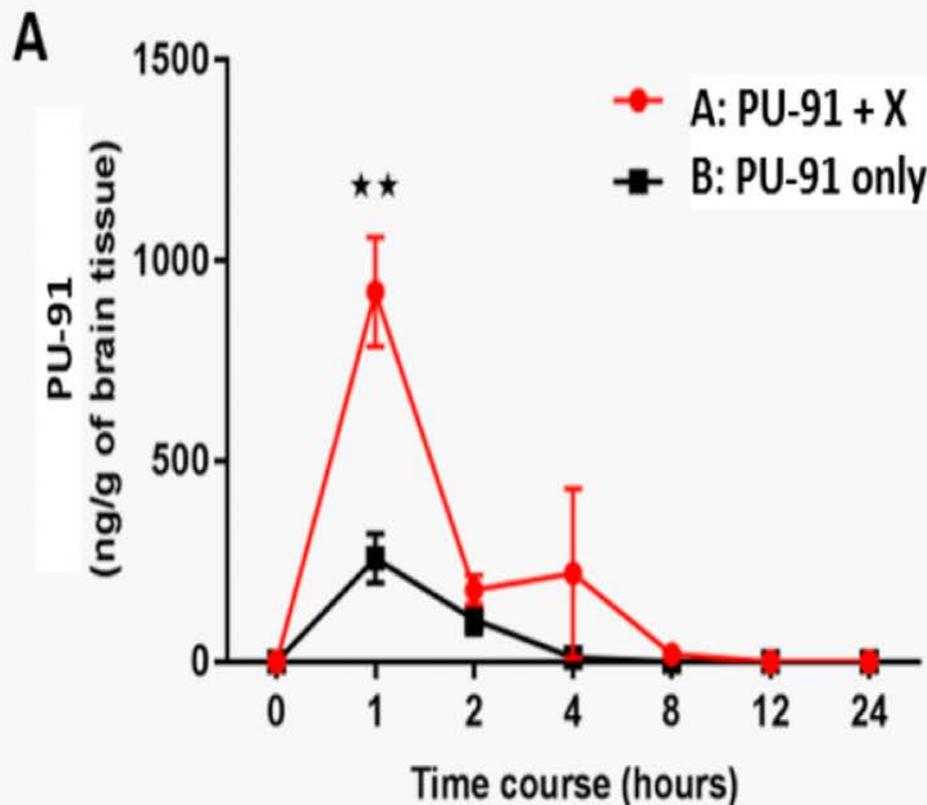
**PU91M**



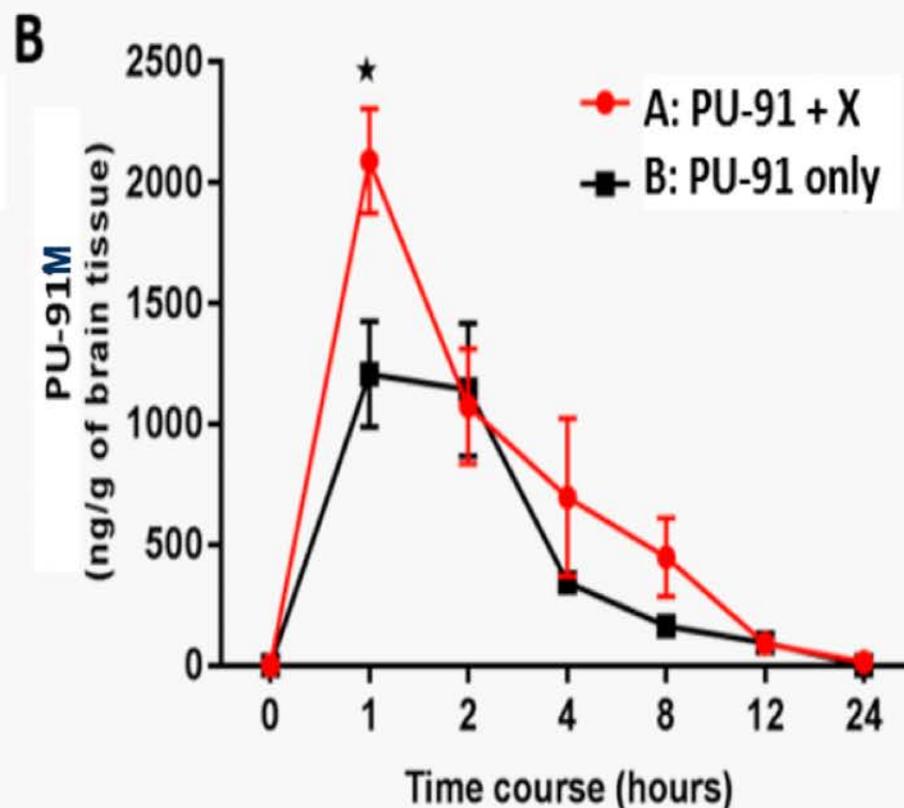
Mice administered PU-91 by gavage and sampled at 2 hours

# Co-Administration of PU-91 + X Improves Brain Levels

## PU-91

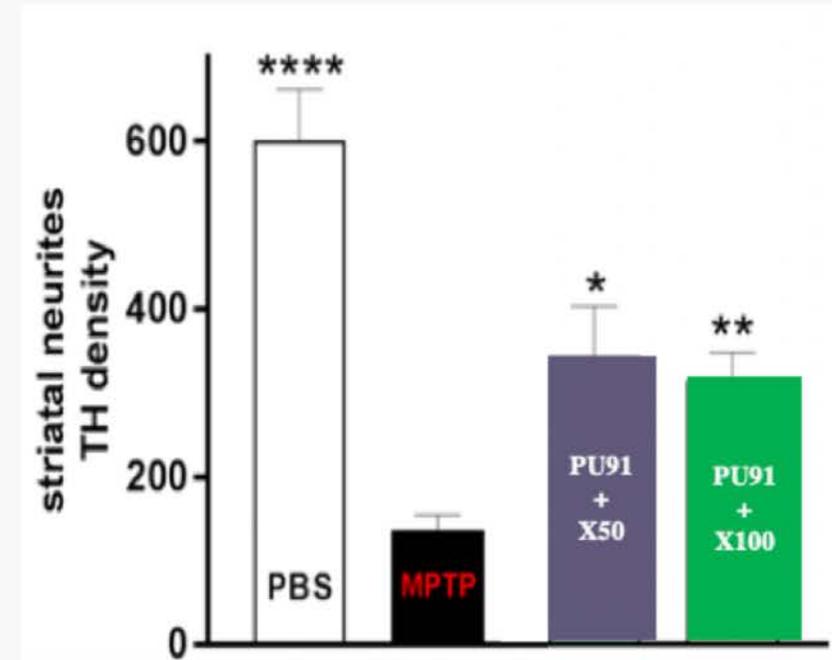
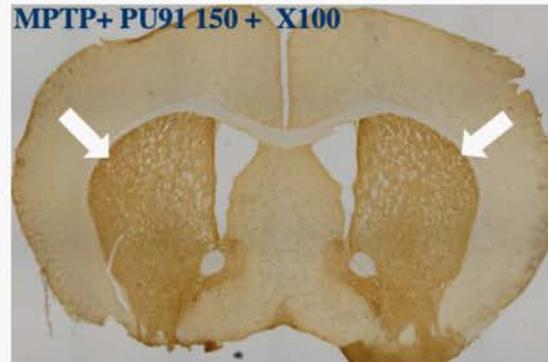
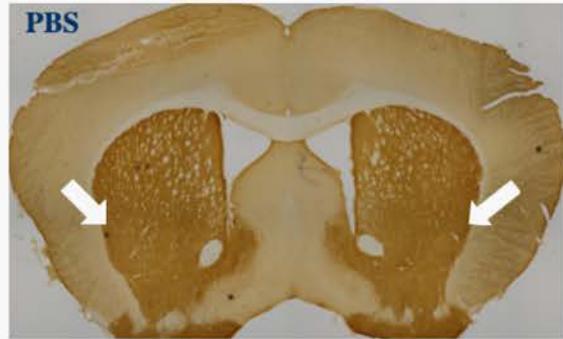


## PU-91M



**Is PU-91 +/- Comp X protective in PD models?**

# Co-administration PU-91 and Cmpd X Sustains TH Terminals in Striatum



# Co-administration PU-91 and Cmpd X Preserves TH Neurons Substantia Nigra

