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# Eisai and Wren Therapeutics collaborate for potential treatment of synucleinopathies

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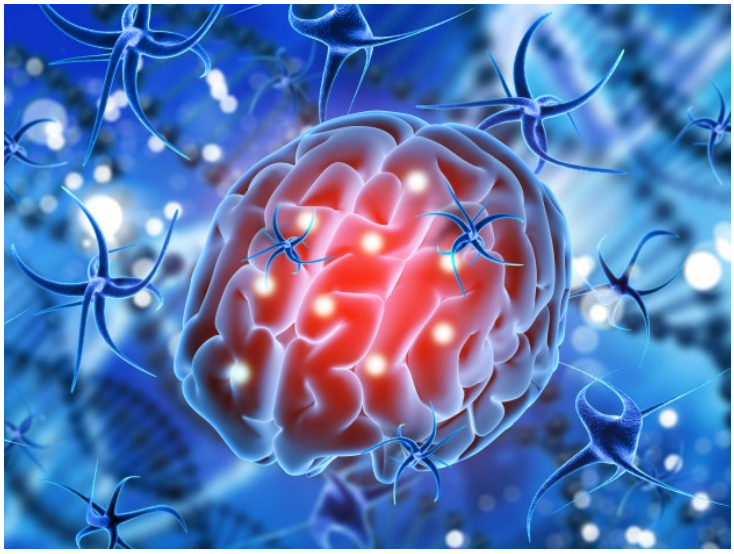
**This collaboration aims to develop a disease-modifying treatment for synucleinopathies based on network kinetics of alpha-synuclein misfolding and aggregation**



Japanese firm Eisai Co., Ltd. and US based Wren Therapeutics Ltd. have announced that the companies have entered into an exclusive research collaboration agreement aiming to advance the discovery of novel small molecules that target alpha-synuclein for the potential treatment of synucleinopathies including Parkinson's disease and dementia with Lewy bodies.

Wren possesses a novel network kinetics drug discovery platform that precisely quantifies the effects of small molecules on the protein misfolding and aggregation pathway that causes neurodegenerative diseases. Wren's approach to synucleinopathies is focused on identifying novel small molecules that selectively control the aggregation process of alpha-synuclein, which is associated with the onset and progression of these diseases. The collaboration will use Wren's network kinetics drug discovery platform, alongside Eisai's extensive experience in drug discovery for neurodegenerative disorders, to accelerate the development of clinical candidates.

Dr. Samuel Cohen, Chief Executive Officer of Wren, commented: "We are delighted to collaborate with Eisai, a company committed to providing innovative treatments for patients suffering from neurodegenerative diseases. We believe that by combining our unique, predictive and quantitatively driven platform with Eisai's deep expertise in neurology, we can together advance highly differentiated small molecules targeting alpha-synuclein for the treatment of debilitating protein misfolding disorders such as Parkinson's disease."

Dr. Teiji Kimura, Vice President, Chief Discovery Officer of the Eisai Neurology Business Group, commented: "Synucleinopathies such as dementia with Lewy bodies and Parkinson's disease represent a significant unmet medical need due to the lack of any effective disease-modifying treatments. The accumulation of alpha-synuclein oligomers with protein misfolding is an important hallmark of these diseases. The Wren team is pioneering a new and fundamentally different

approach to addressing protein misfolding diseases. By integrating capabilities across both companies we expect this exciting collaboration to be uniquely successful in identifying novel disease-modifying therapeutics for patients suffering from dementia with Lewy bodies, Parkinson's disease and related disorders."