



# The Unraveling Story of Tyrosine Kinase Inhibitors in Parkinson's Disease and Dementia with Lewy Bodies

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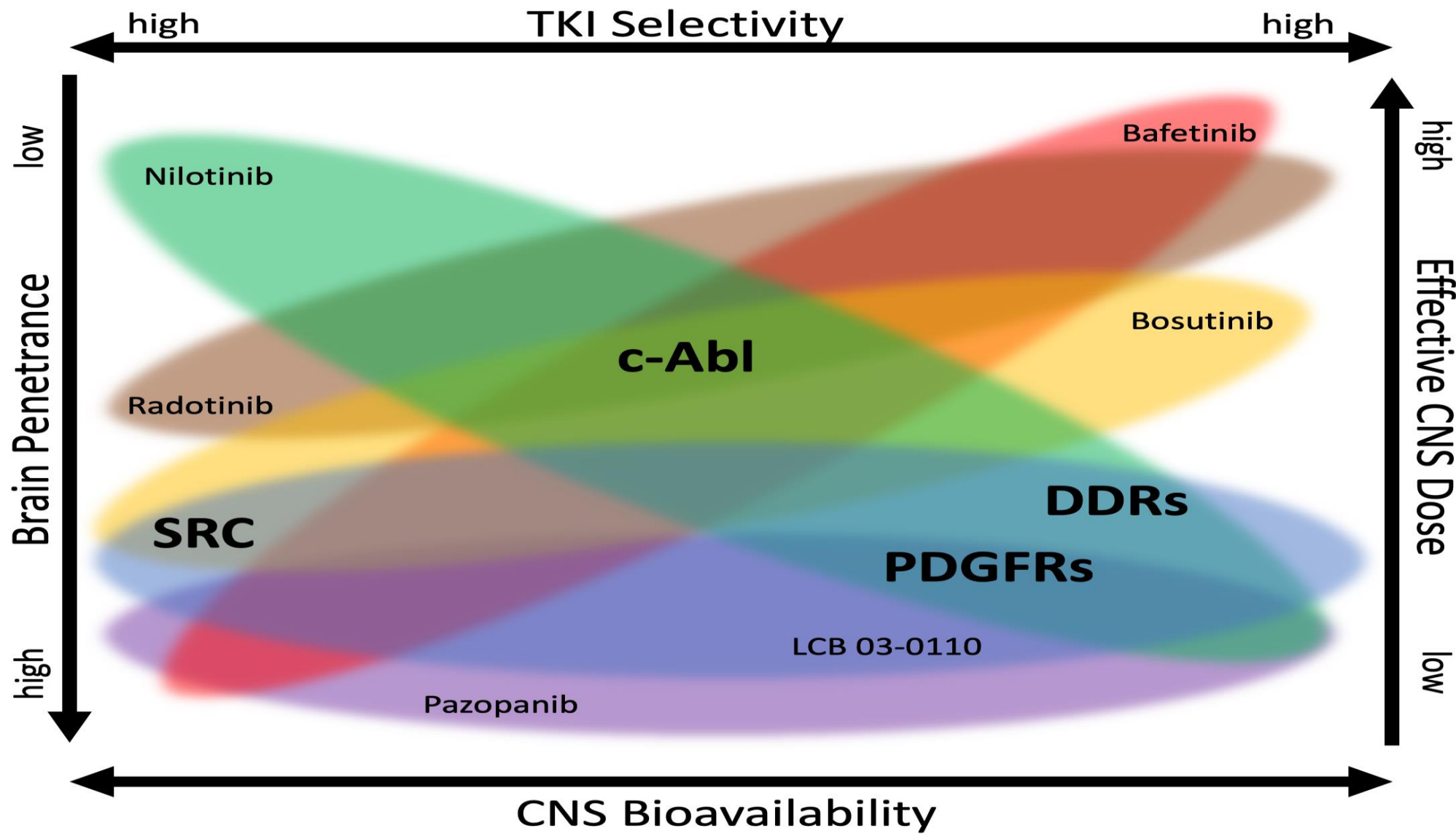
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# Discoidin Domain Receptors (DDRs) Are Optimal Targets

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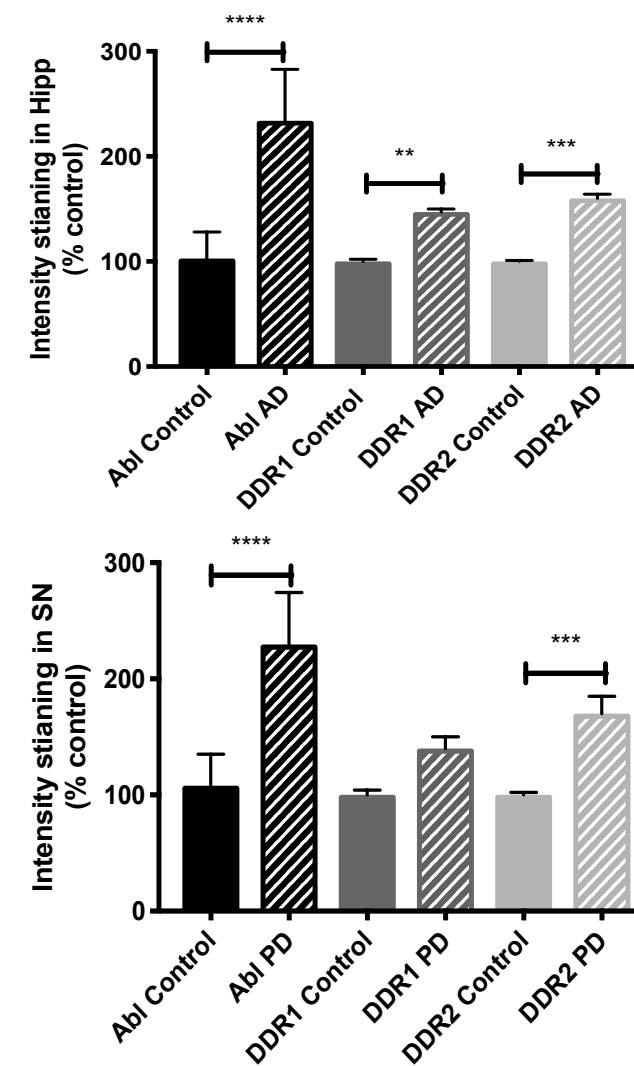
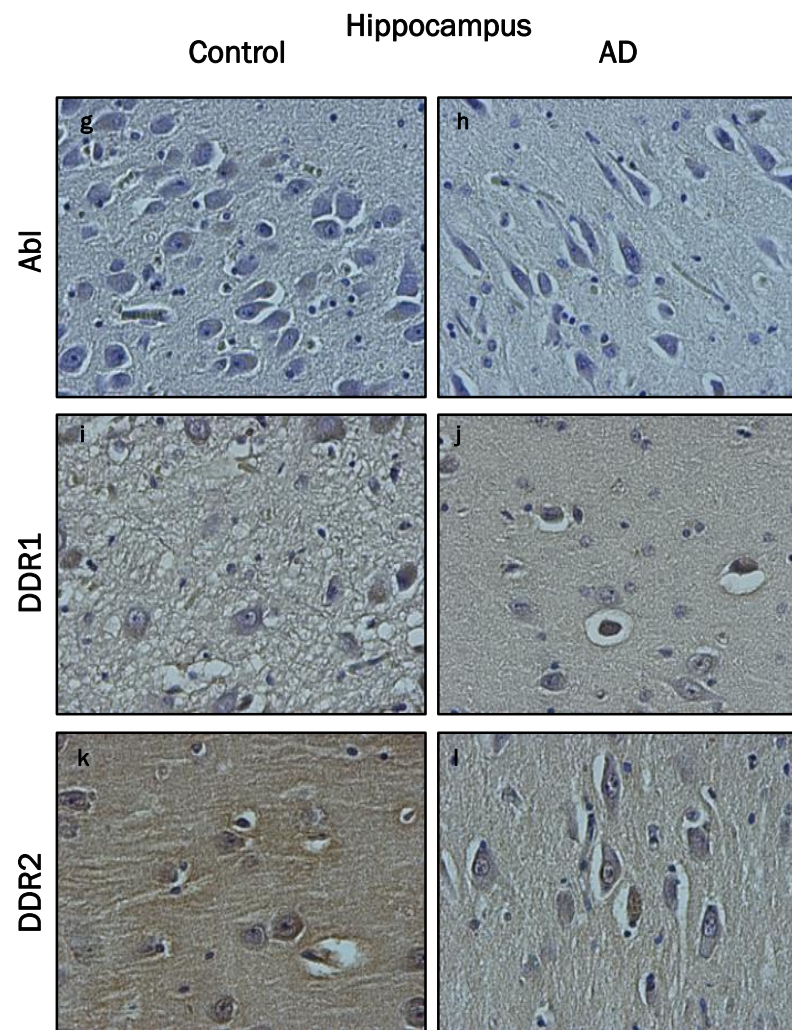
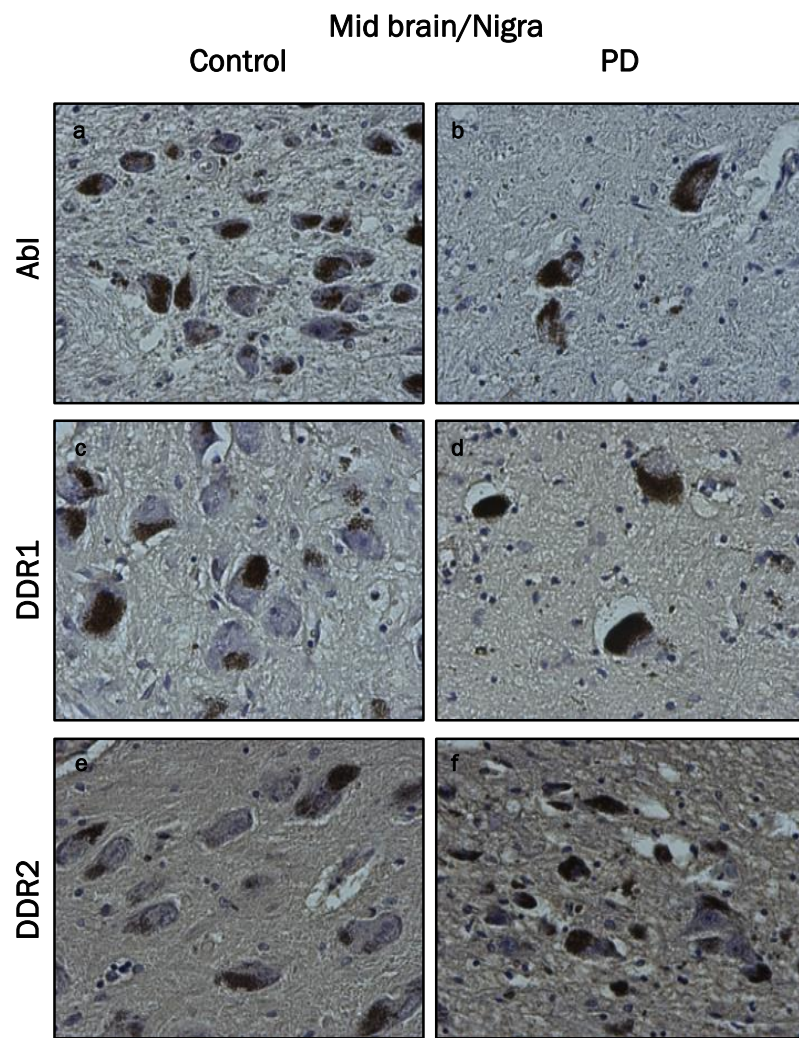


# Discoidin Domain Receptors Are Upregulated in PD and AD

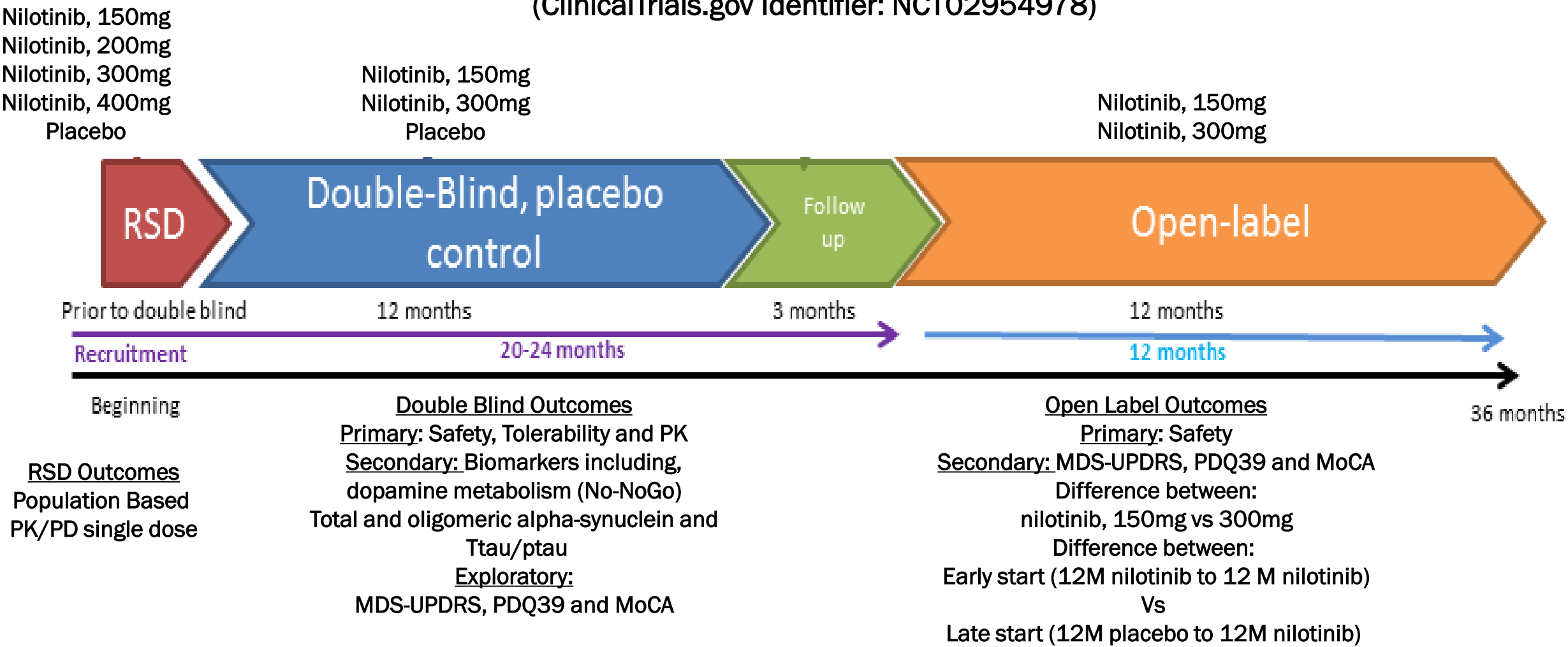
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**Post-Mortem Studies Show that DDRs Expression is Significantly Increased (~30%) in AD and PD Brains Compared with Age-Matched Controls (Hebron et al, J Neuroimmunol. 2017 Oct 15;311:1-9.)**



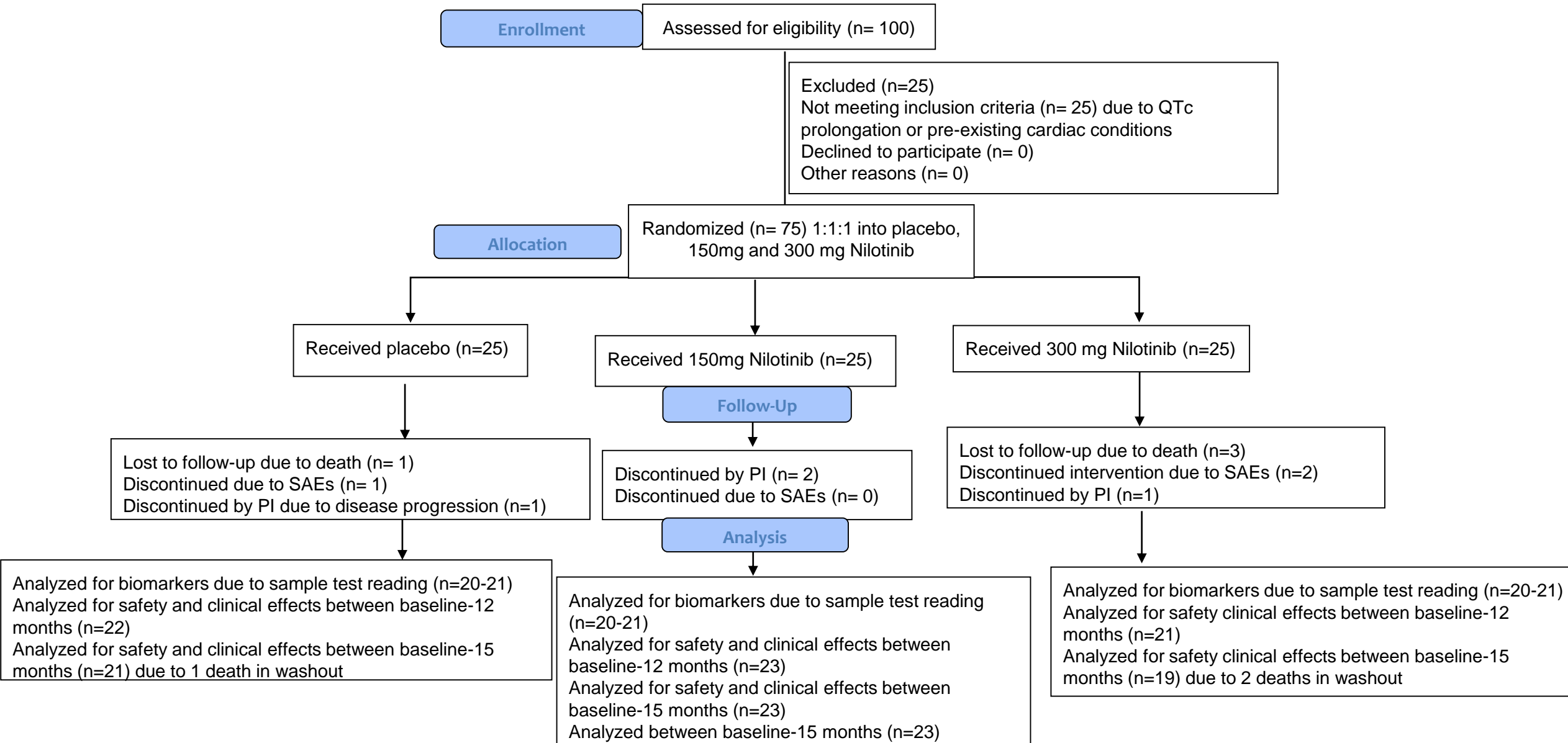
## Phase II, Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Study and Open Label Extension To Evaluate Nilotinib Effects on Safety and Biomarkers in Parkinson's Disease (ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT02954978)



# Nilotinib in Parkinson's Disease (One Year Treatment)

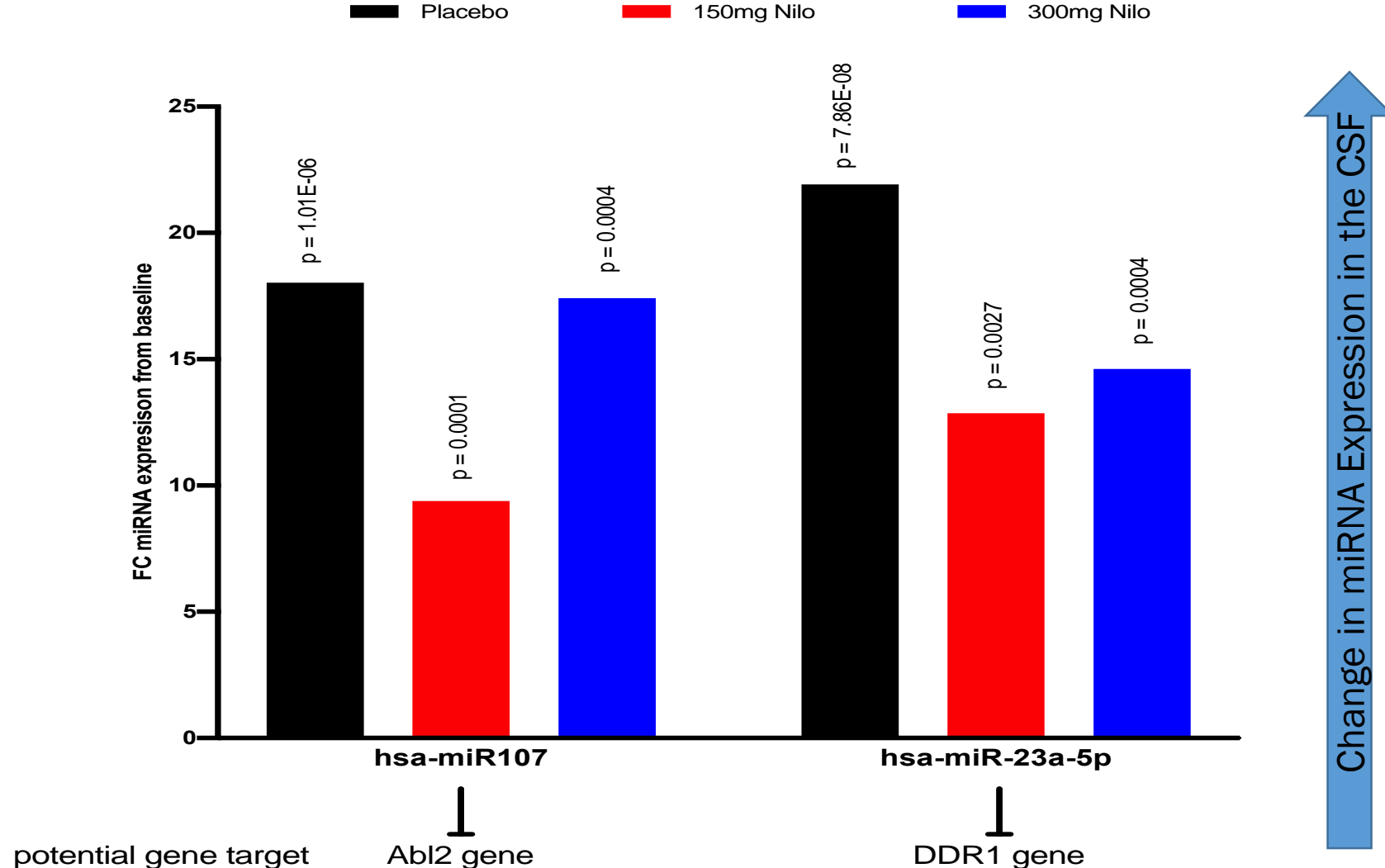
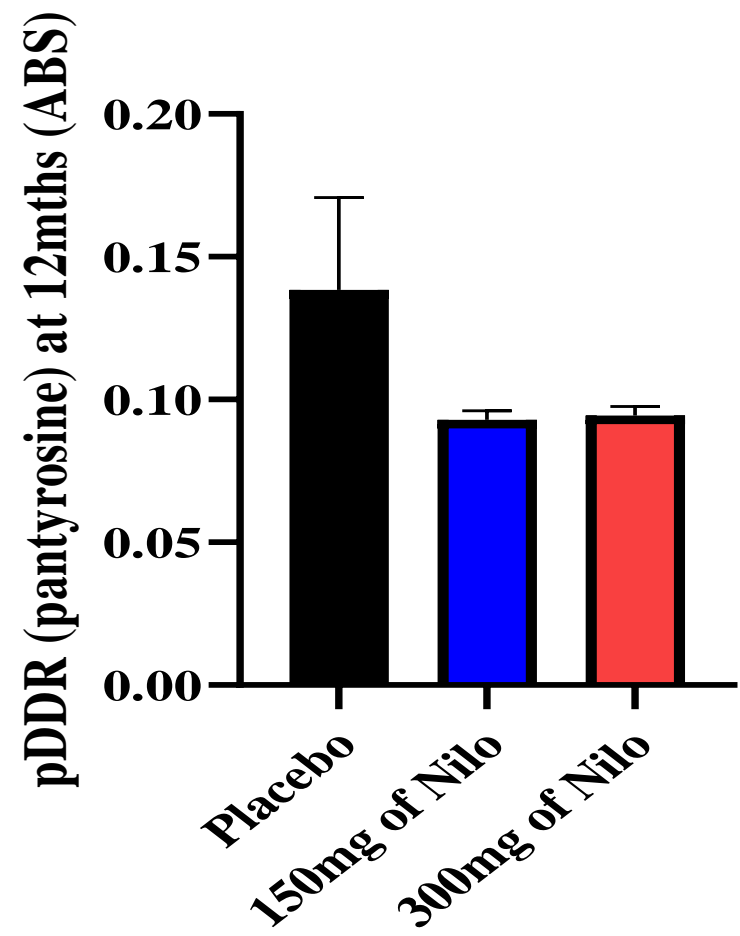
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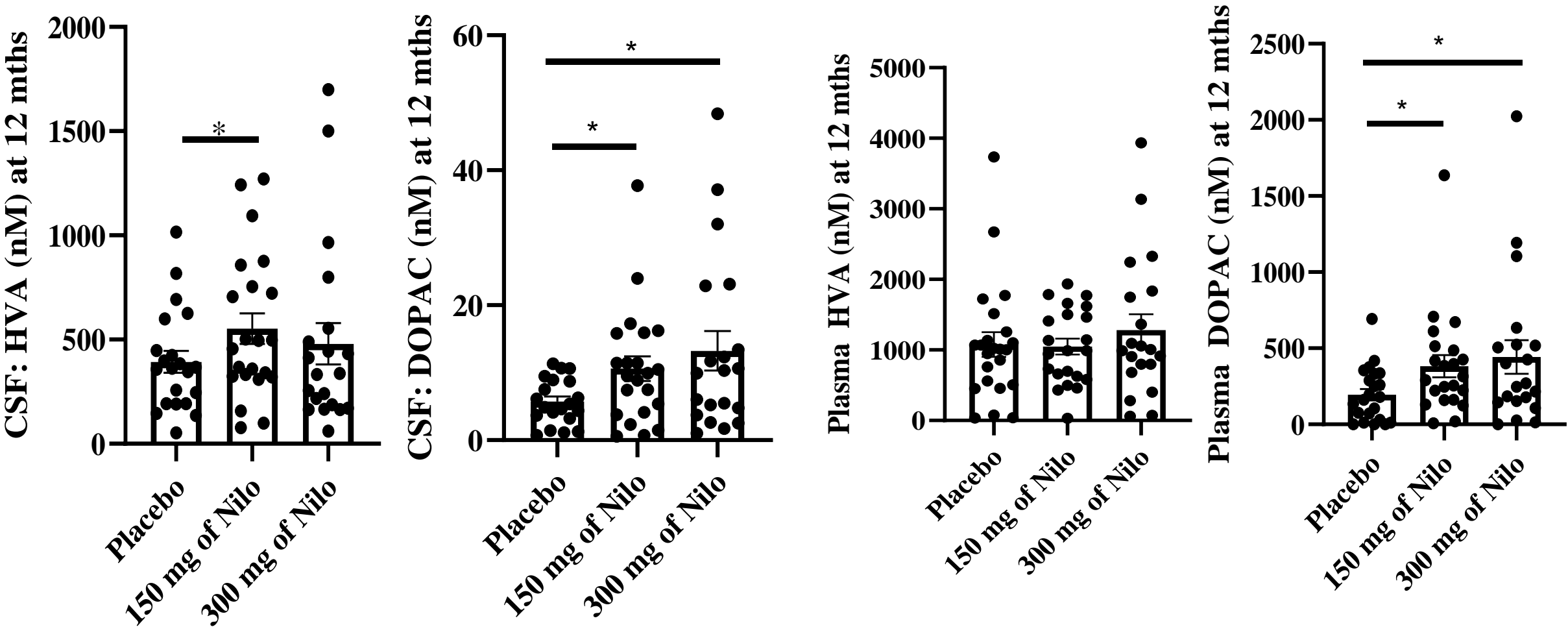


Nilotinib CSF Concentration (2-5nM) is 2-4 times Higher than the IC<sub>50</sub> Required to Inhibit Discoidin Domain Receptor (DDR)-1 (IC<sub>50</sub> to inhibit DDR1=1 nM)- ELISA and Whole Genome CSF miRNA Sequencing Support DDR1 inhibition.



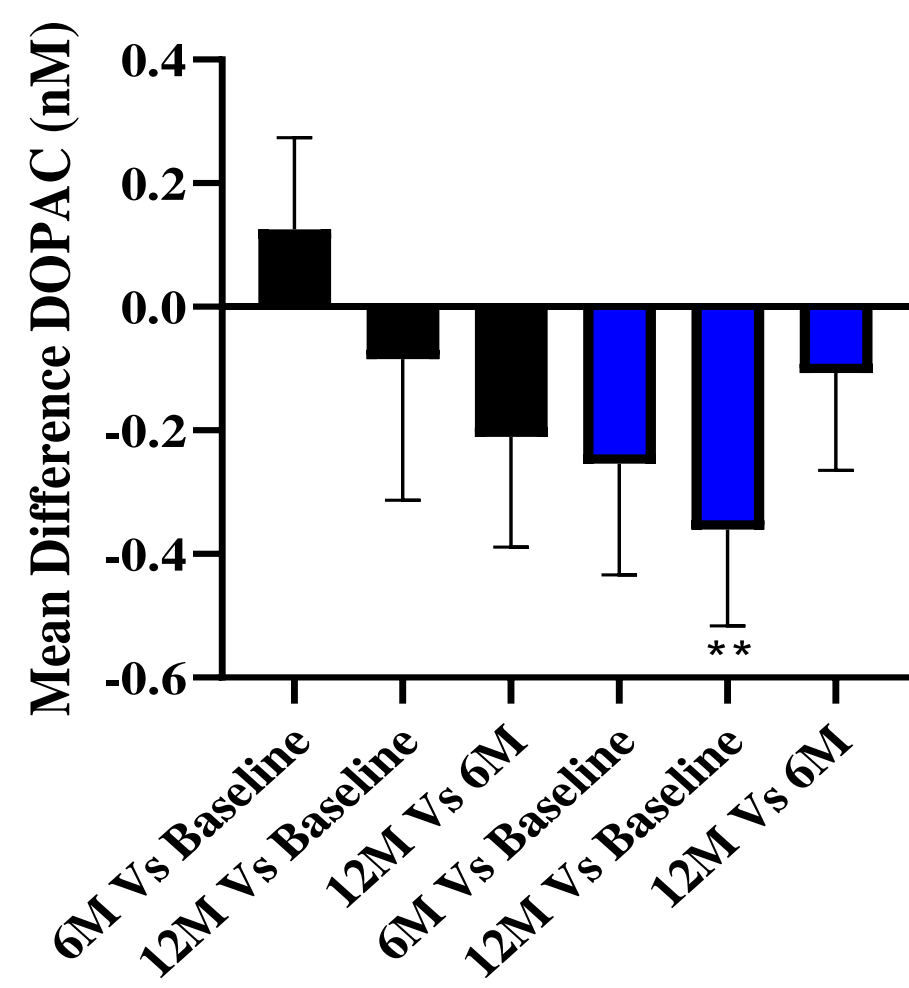
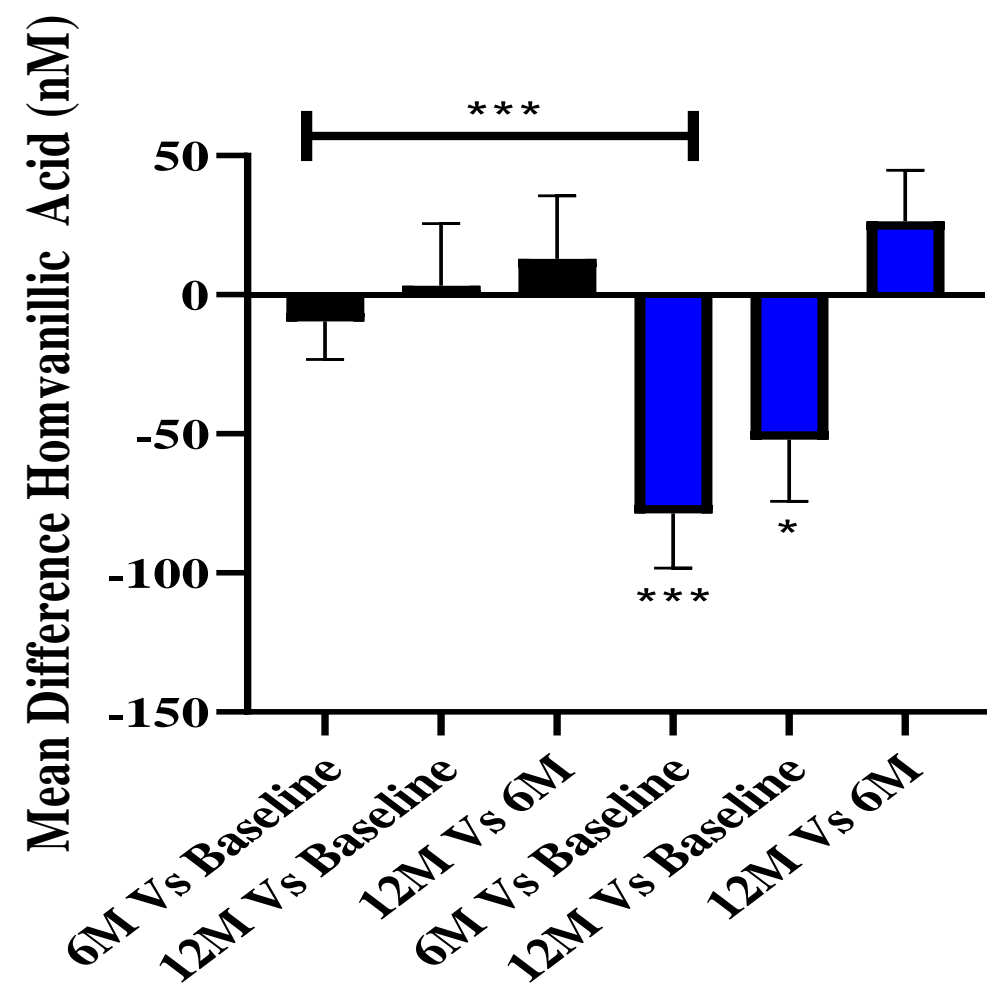
# Nilotinib Increases Dopamine Levels in PD (One Year Treatment) Pagan et al, JAMA Neurology, 2019, Dec 16.

Nilotinib Doubles Endogenous Dopamine Levels in Moderately Advanced PD Patients – Receiving Levodopa but no MAOB-inhibitors



# Nilotinib Increases Dopamine Levels in AD (One Year Treatment)

Nilotinib Reduces Dopamine Catabolism in the CSF of Levodopa (and other PD-medications) Naïve Alzheimer's Patients



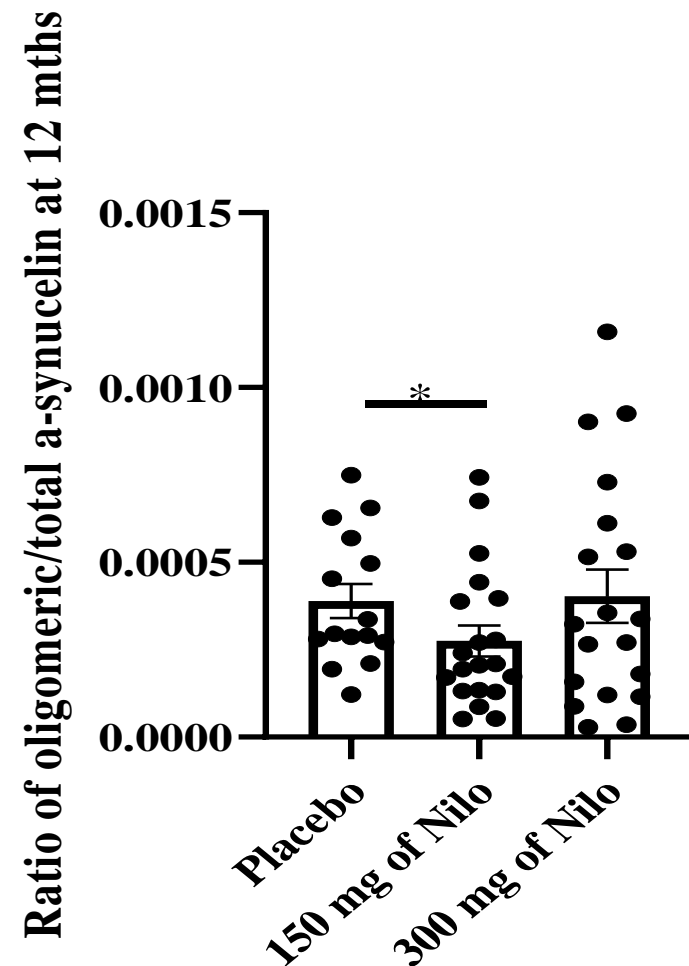
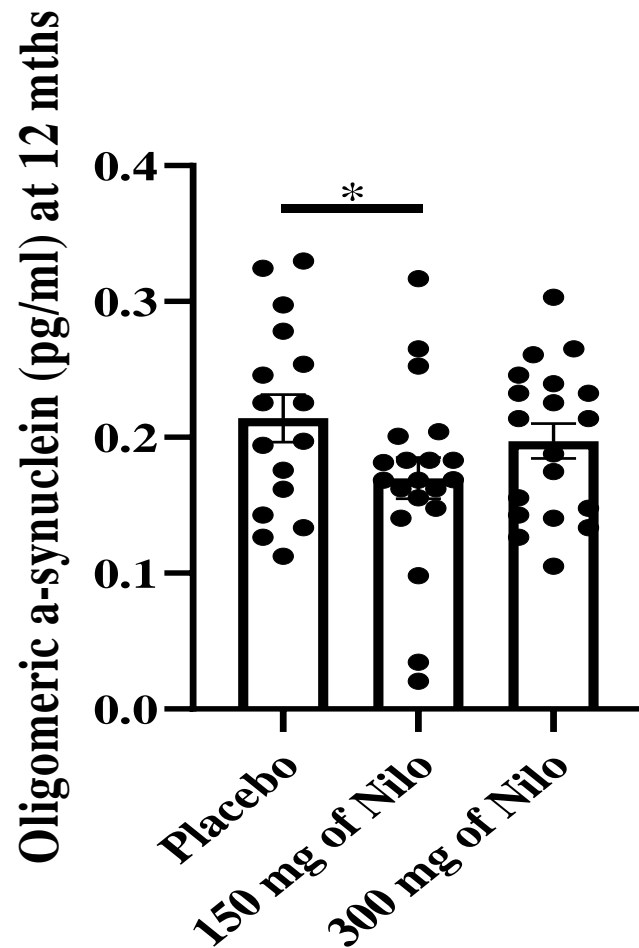
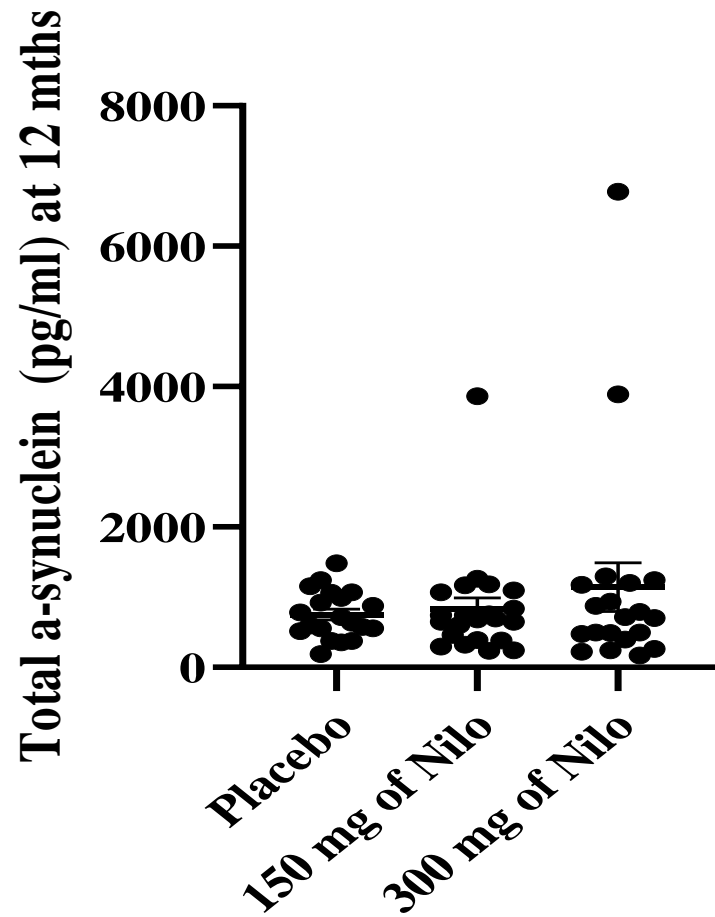
# Nilotinib Reduces Oligomeric alpha-Synuclein in PD

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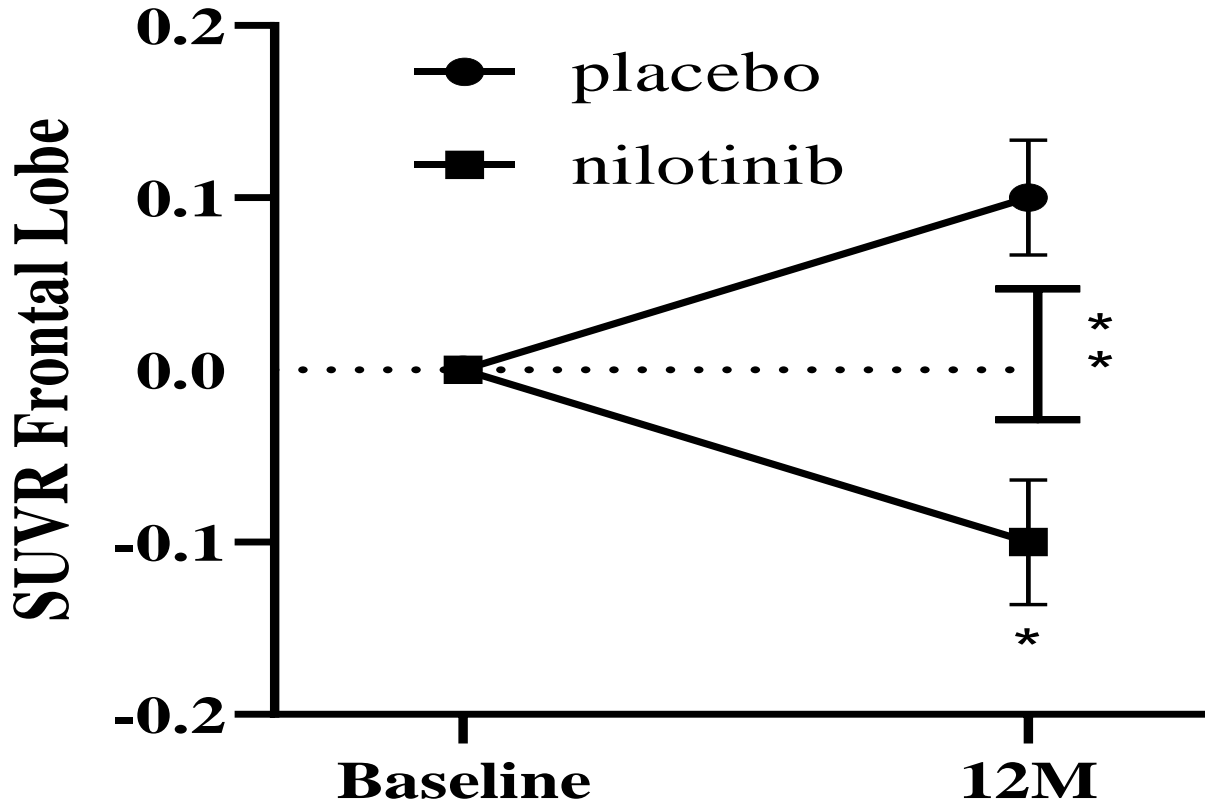
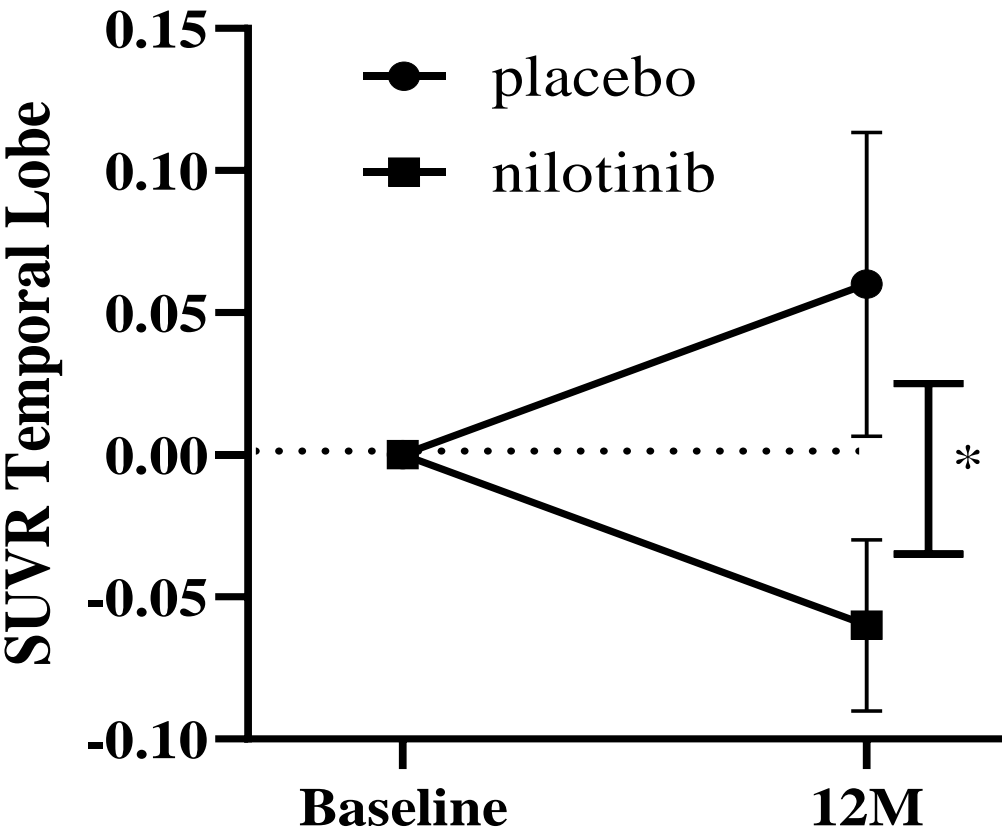


Nilotinib (150mg) Reduces CSF Toxic alpha-Synuclein Oligomers in Moderately Advanced PD Patients



# Nilotinib Reduces Amyloid Burden in AD (One Year Treatment)

Nilotinib Reduces Amyloid Burden via A $\beta$  Positron Emission Tomography  
(PET-Florbetaben F18)



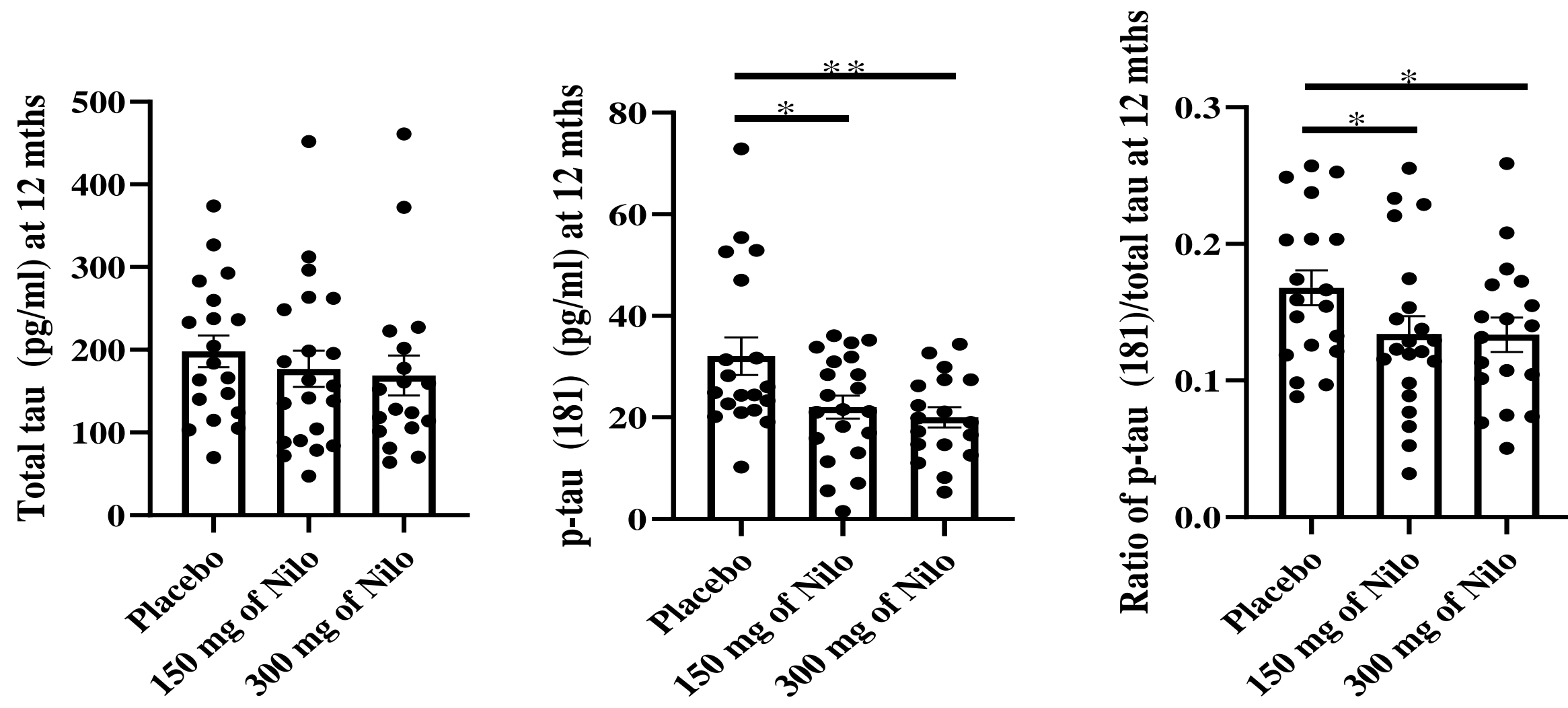
# Nilotinib Reduces Phospho-tau 181 in PD

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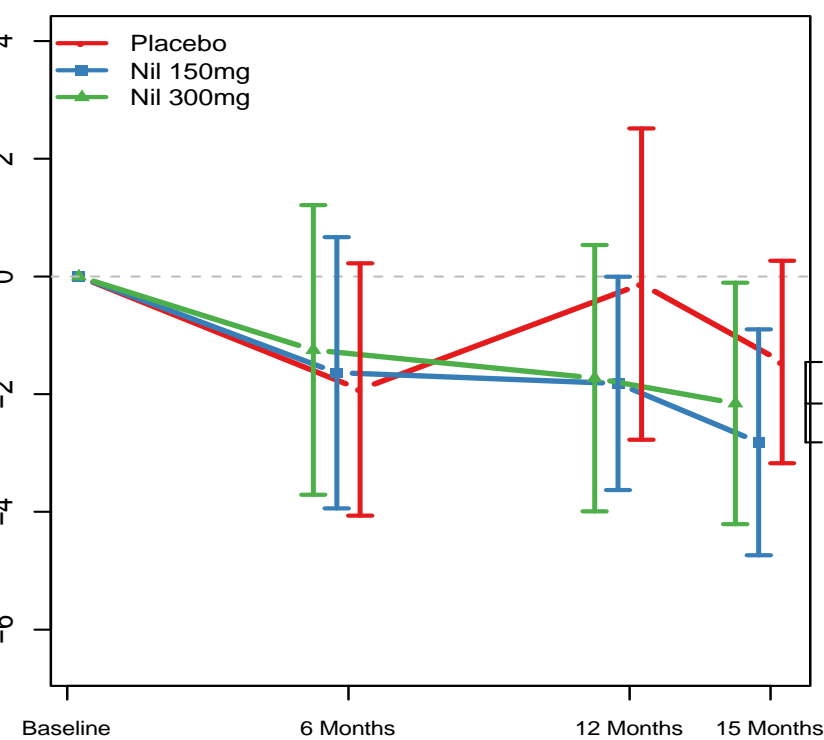


# Clinical Effects of Nilotinib - 12 months

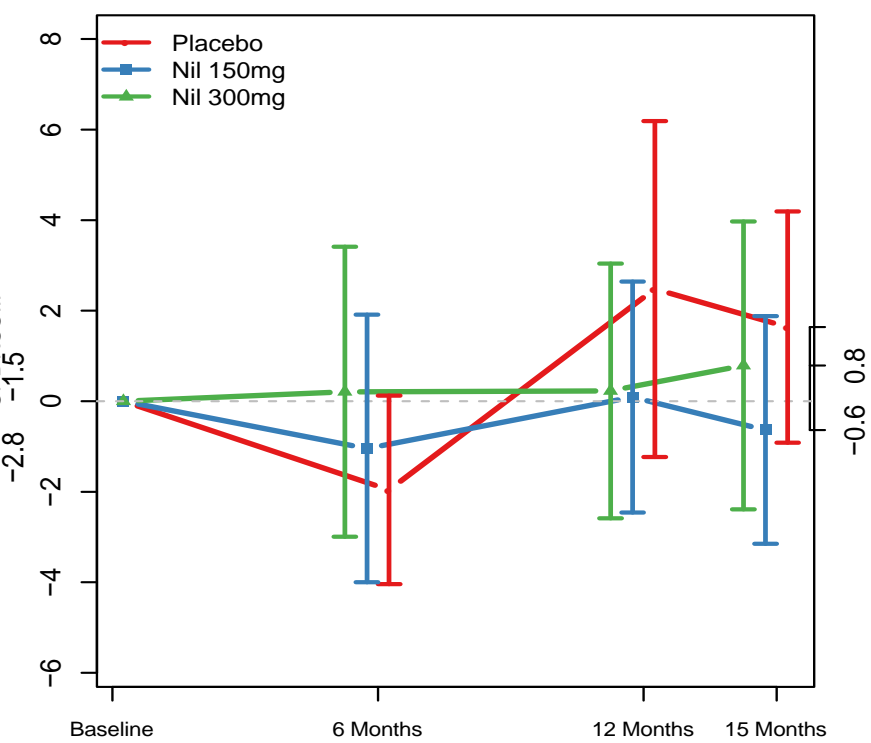
## The Placebo Effects!

One Year Treatment Nilotinib Shows Weak Effects on Motor and Non-Motor Symptoms in PD patients on optimal SOC (ON-testing)- Maybe Due to Placebo Effects

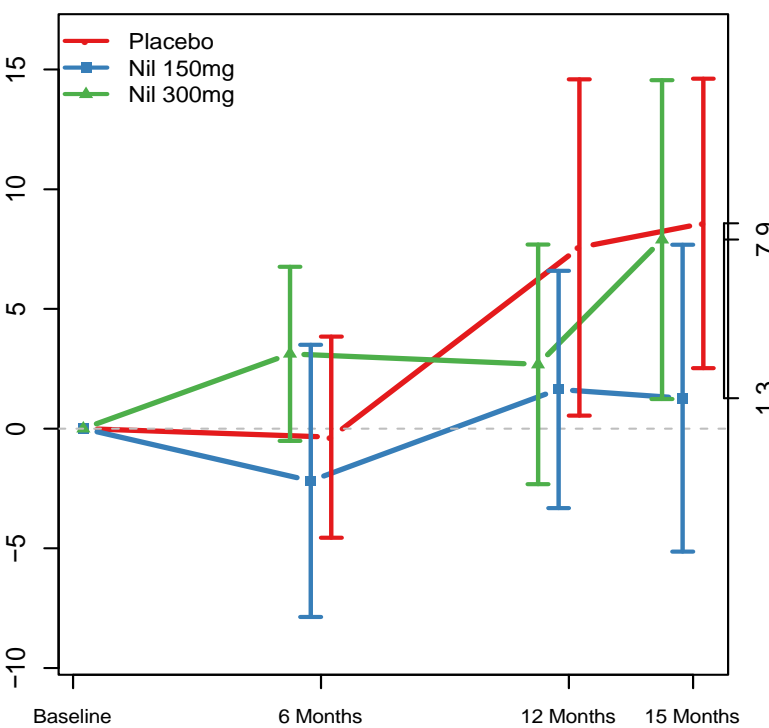
UPDRS III



Total UPDRS I-III

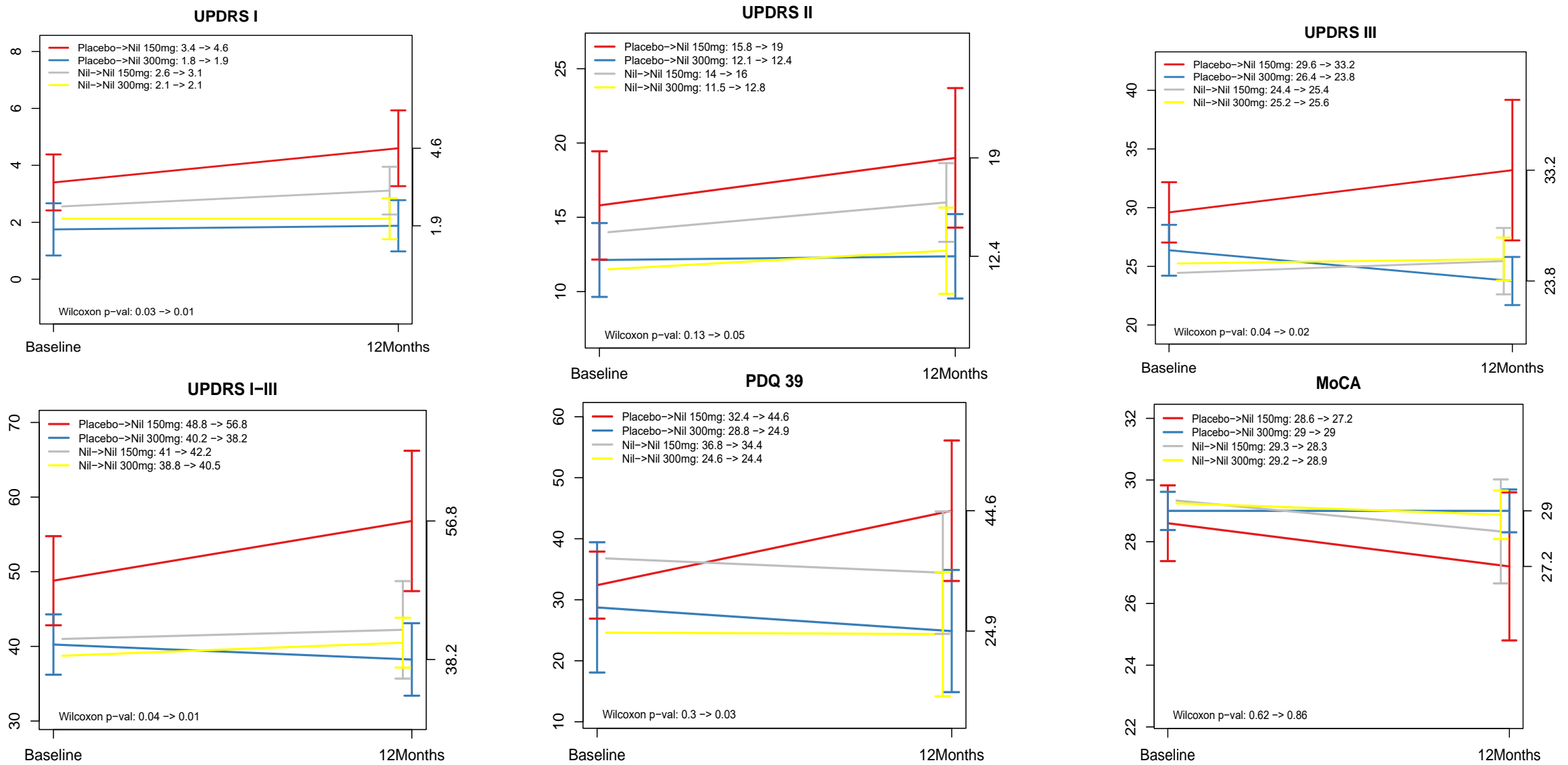


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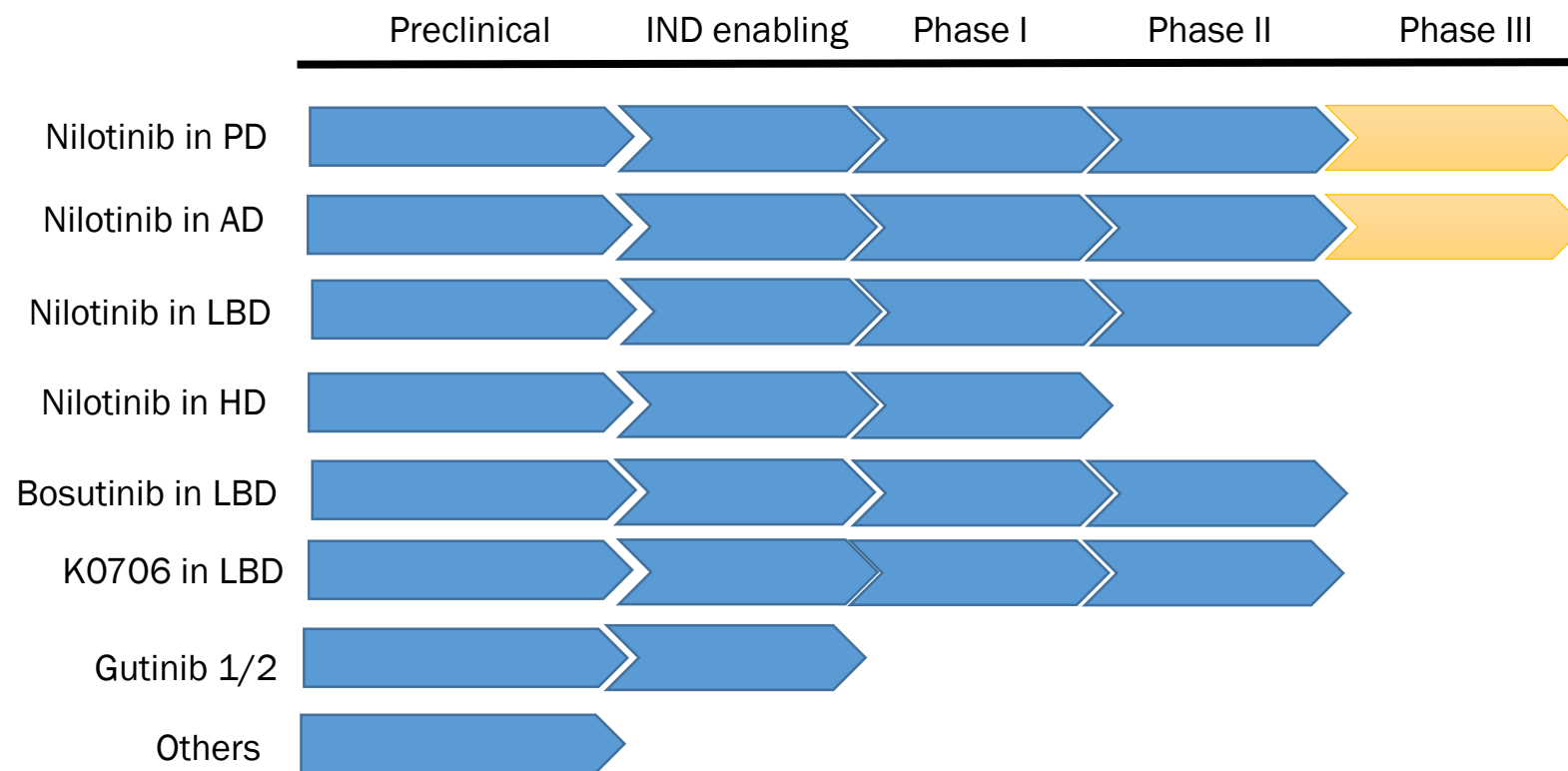


# Clinical Effects of Nilotinib > 12 months (Two-Year Treatment)

Early Start Nilotinib Stops PD Progression in 150 and 300 mg Groups, But 300 mg Nilotinib Significantly Improves Motor, Non-Motor and Cognitive Symptoms Compared with 150mg Nilotinib in the Late Start Nilotinib Group that Received Placebo in Year 1 in PD patients on optimal SOC (ON-testing)



# SUMMARY



Discoindin Domain Receptors (DDR) are upregulated in AD and PD and are potential therapeutic targets

Nilotinib achieves pharmacologically sufficient CSF concentrations to inhibit DDRs

Nilotinib increases brain dopamine levels in patients receiving Levodopa (PD) and Levodopa-naïve patients (AD)

Nilotinib reduces CSF levels of oligomeric alpha-Synuclein and phospho-tau

Nilotinib reduces amyloid burden via PET Imaging in AD

Nilotinib appears to have an effect on motor, non-motor and cognitive functions > 12 months

Nilotinib should be investigated in adequately powered phase III studies to better understand its safety and efficacy in neurodegeneration