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function. In healthy neurons, tau stabilizes microtubules, which are crucial for intracellular transport and cell stability. By promoting microtubule assembly and stabilization, tau facilitates normal cellular processes. However, disruptions in tau's functionality due to pathological changes can have significant consequences for neuronal integrity [3].

### C. E

In CTE, tau protein becomes hyperphosphorylated, leading to its detachment from microtubules and subsequent aggregation into neurofibrillary tangles. These tangles disrupt normal neuronal function, impairing intracellular transport and contributing to synaptic loss. The accumulation of tau tangles is a hallmark of CTE and is associated with neurodegeneration and cognitive deficits. Unlike other tauopathies, such as Alzheimer's disease, CTE exhibits a unique pattern of tau deposition, often beginning in the frontal and temporal lobes before spreading to other brain regions.

### M

The progression of tau-related neurodegeneration in CTE involves several interconnected mechanisms. Hyperphosphorylation of tau leads to its misfolding and aggregation, which in turn triggers a cascade of pathological events including tau-mediated neuronal toxicity, synaptic dysfunction, and neuroinflammation. These processes contribute to the characteristic clinical manifestations of CTE and reflect the broader impact of tau pathology on brain function [4].

### I

Understanding the role of tau protein in CTE provides valuable insights into the mechanisms of neurodegeneration and highlights potential targets for therapeutic intervention. By elucidating the pathways involved in tau hyperphosphorylation and aggregation, researchers can develop strategies to prevent or mitigate tau-related damage. This knowledge is crucial for advancing diagnostic methods, improving treatment options, and ultimately enhancing the quality of life for individuals affected by CTE.

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### C. E

Our review of recent studies reveals a consistent pattern of tau accumulation in CTE. Hyperphosphorylated tau protein forms neurofibrillary tangles that are predominantly observed in the frontal and temporal lobes of the brain. This distribution is distinct from other tauopathies, such as Alzheimer's disease, where tau tangles are more widespread. Studies using immunohistochemistry and advanced imaging techniques confirm that tau aggregation in CTE correlates with the severity of clinical symptoms and disease progression [5].

### M

Several molecular pathways contribute to tau hyperphosphorylation in CTE. Key kinases, such as glycogen synthase kinase 3 (GSK-3) and cyclin-dependent kinase 5 (CDK5), are found to be overactive in response to repeated brain injury. This overactivity leads to excessive tau phosphorylation, disrupting its normal function. Additionally, abnormalities in tau phosphatases, such as protein phosphatase 2A (PP2A), have been identified, further exacerbating tau hyperphosphorylation [6].

### N

The accumulation of tau tangles results in significant

neurodegenerative consequences. Synaptic loss and neuronal cell death are prominent features in CTE-affected brains. These changes are associated with cognitive decline, behavioral disturbances, and motor dysfunction observed in CTE patients. Neuroinflammation, driven by the presence of tau tangles, further contributes to neuronal damage and disease progression.

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### C. E

Comparative analysis highlights that while tau aggregation is a common feature of tauopathies, the pattern and impact differ between CTE and other conditions like Alzheimer's disease. CTE shows a unique pattern of tau deposition that starts in specific brain regions and progresses differently compared to other tauopathies. This differential pathology may influence both the clinical manifestations and the progression of the disease [7].

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### C. E

These findings underscore the critical role of tau hyperphosphorylation in the pathogenesis of CTE. Hyperphosphorylated tau forms neurofibrillary tangles that disrupt neuronal function and contribute to neurodegeneration. Understanding these mechanisms is essential for identifying potential therapeutic targets and developing strategies to counteract tau-related damage [8].

### I

The distinct pattern of tau accumulation in CTE suggests the need for specialized diagnostic criteria and imaging techniques tailored to detect early tau pathology. Moreover, therapeutic strategies targeting tau hyperphosphorylation, such as inhibitors of tau kinases or enhancers of tau phosphatases, may hold promise in mitigating tau-related neurodegeneration. Ongoing research should focus on refining these approaches and exploring their efficacy in clinical settings [9].

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### C. E

Future research should aim to elucidate the precise molecular pathways involved in tau hyperphosphorylation and aggregation. Additionally, longitudinal studies tracking tau pathology over time will be valuable in understanding the progression of CTE and its relationship with clinical symptoms. Collaborative efforts involving clinicians, researchers, and patients are crucial for advancing knowledge and improving outcomes for individuals affected by CTE.

### C

This comparative analysis of tau pathology in CTE versus other tauopathies provides insights into the unique aspects of CTE. This understanding may guide the development of targeted therapies and inform strategies for differential diagnosis. Investigating the underlying differences in tau aggregation patterns and their implications for disease progression will enhance our ability to address CTE and related disorders effectively [10].

### C

Tau protein plays a pivotal role in the pathogenesis of Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE) through its hyperphosphorylation and subsequent aggregation into neurofibrillary tangles. These pathological changes lead to neuronal dysfunction, synaptic loss, and progressive neurodegeneration, manifesting in cognitive, behavioral, and motor impairments. The distinct pattern of tau deposition in CTE,

