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## Introduction

Parkinson's disease (PD) is a progressive neurodegenerative disorder primarily characterized by the degeneration of dopaminergic neurons in the substantia nigra, a region of the brain essential for motor control. is loss of dopamine leads to hallmark symptoms such as tremors, rigidity, bradykinesia, and postural instability. However, the impact of neurodegeneration in PD extends far beyond motor symptoms, as non-motor symptoms including cognitive decline, mood disorders, and autonomic dysfunction play an equally important role in the disease's progression. Despite decades of research, the precise mechanisms underlying neurodegeneration in PD remain elusive, though both genetic and environmental factors have been implicated. is commentary discusses the mechanisms driving neurodegeneration in PD and explores therapeutic strategies aimed at slowing or halting this devastating process [1].

## Mechanisms of neurodegeneration in parkinson's disease

e pathophysiology of Parkinson's disease is complex and multifactorial. At its core, PD is marked by the selective loss of dopaminergic neurons in the substantia nigra and the accumulation of alpha-synuclein, a protein that aggregates into Lewy bodies, a key pathological hallmark of the disease. e misfolding of alpha-synuclein and its subsequent aggregation are thought to trigger a cascade of events leading to neuronal dysfunction and death. One of the primary mechanisms of neurodegeneration in PD is oxidative stress. Dopaminergic neurons are particularly vulnerable to oxidative damage due to dopamine metabolism, which produces reactive oxygen species (ROS). Excessive ROS can lead to mitochondrial dysfunction, further exacerbating cellular damage and contributing to neuronal death.

Another critical factor in PD neurodegeneration is neuroin ammation. Activated microglia in the brain release pro-in ammatory cytokines, which can further drive neuronal damage. Chronic neuroin ammation not only promotes the death of dopaminergic neurons but also disrupts neural circuits, worsening both motor and non-motor symptoms. Additionally, genetic mutations in genes such as LRRK2, PINK1, Parkin, and SNCA (the gene encoding alpha-synuclein) have been associated with familial forms of PD [2]. ese genetic mutations can a ect mitochondrial function, protein degradation pathways, and the regulation of alpha-synuclein, contributing to the neurodegenerative process. Even in sporadic cases of PD, genetic predispositions interact with environmental factors, such as pesticide exposure and head trauma, to increase the risk of neuronal degeneration.

## Emerging therapies targeting neurodegeneration

While current treatments for Parkinson's disease, such as levodopa and dopamine agonists, primarily target symptom management, they do not address the underlying neurodegeneration. Emerging therapies aimed at halting or reversing the neurodegenerative process are showing promise in preclinical and early clinical studies.

## Alpha-synuclein targeting therapies

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## Conclusion

e neurodegenerative process in Parkinson's disease is a multifaceted and dynamic phenomenon driven by a combination of genetic, environmental, and molecular factors. Despite the complexity, signi cant advances are being made in understanding the mechanisms of neurodegeneration, leading to the development of innovative therapeutic strategies. From targeting alpha-synuclein aggregation to addressing mitochondrial dysfunction and neuroin ammation, emerging therapies hold great potential to not only manage the symptoms of PD but also to alter its course by protecting neurons from further degeneration. Continued research into the underlying mechanisms and clinical trials testing these novel approaches will be crucial for transforming the treatment landscape of Parkinson's disease in the years to come.

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