mGluR5 Modulator For Treatment of Alzheimer’s Disease

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Description:

- **Background:** mGluR5 has been identified as part of a cell-surface complex that binds to Ab oligomers, which leads to synaptic loss and neuronal death.
- A small molecule silent allosteric modulator (SAM) has been identified that blocks Ab binding, but does not interfere with normal glutamate signaling.
- Treatment of AD mice with SAM improves memory and learning (Fig.1), and ameliorates synaptic loss (Fig.2).
- **Mechanism of Action:** SAM-Induced conformational changes in mGluR5 strongly reduce its interaction with cellular prion protein (PrPC), a cell-surface anchor for Alzheimer’s Aβo, without affecting glutamate signaling.
- **IP status:** Extensive patent portfolio covers novel composition of matter and is available for licensing.
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