



# Alzheimer's Disease – A Major Medical & Societal Burden

CURRENT TREATMENT OPTIONS DO NOT REVERSE EFFECTS

## What is Alzheimer's Disease?

Alzheimer's is a subset of dementia that impacts the part of the brain that controls thought, memory and language and leads to increased morbidity and mortality.

The two most recognized hallmarks of Alzheimer's disease are the build-up of amyloid-beta plaques and neurofibrillary tangles caused by tau proteins. Emerging research indicates that neuroinflammation is also a factor. Lifestyle and genetics are likely contributors to disease development.

# **Impact**

- Alzheimer's accounts for 60-80% of dementia cases
- 1 in 5 women, 1 in 10 men
- 6M+ Americans affected
- 5<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death for 65+
- U.S. annual financial impact \$345B (Alzheimer's and other dementia)

Source: Alzheimer's Association (U.S.)

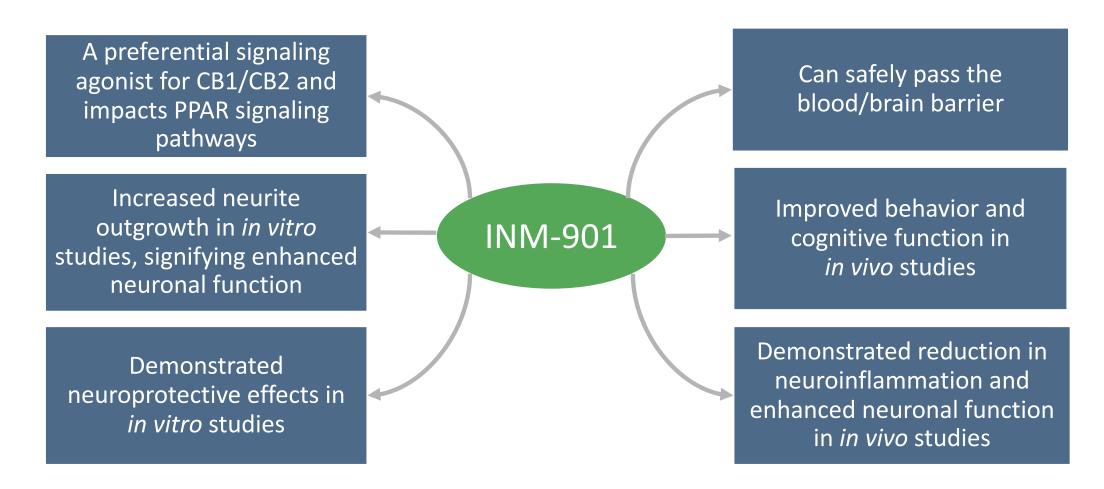






# INM-901: A Multi-factorial Approach

POTENTIALLY DISEASE-MODIFYING SMALL MOCECULE DRUG CANDIDATE







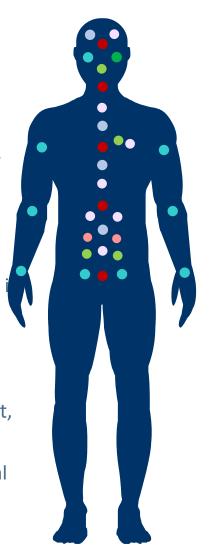


### INM-901 Interacts with Specific Receptors in the Brain

#### Examples of receptors expressed in the body

CB1	Receptors concentrated in the brain and central
	nervous system but are also present in some nerves
	and organs

- CB2 Receptors are mostly in peripheral organs, especially cells associated with the immune system
- PPAR Receptors expressed in tissues in the brain, heart, kidney and skin
- GPR6 Receptors mainly expressed in the brain, particularly the striatum.
- GPR55 Receptors found in the bones, the brain (particularly the cerebellum), and the jejunum and ileum
- TRPV4 Receptors mainly expressed in the kidney, lung, heart, brain, skin, spine
- TRPM8 Receptors found primarily in the spine and trigeminal ganglion



## INM-901:

Preferential signaling agonist of CB1 and CB2 receptors and impacts impacts the PPAR signaling pathway.

Activation of CB1 & CB2 has been shown to have neuroprotective effects.







**INM-901** 

Neuroinflammation

Neuroprotection

Neurite outgrowth

Neuronal function

**1** Locomotion

Memory

Cognition

Cytotoxicity

# INM-901: Potential Multiple Mechanisms of Action

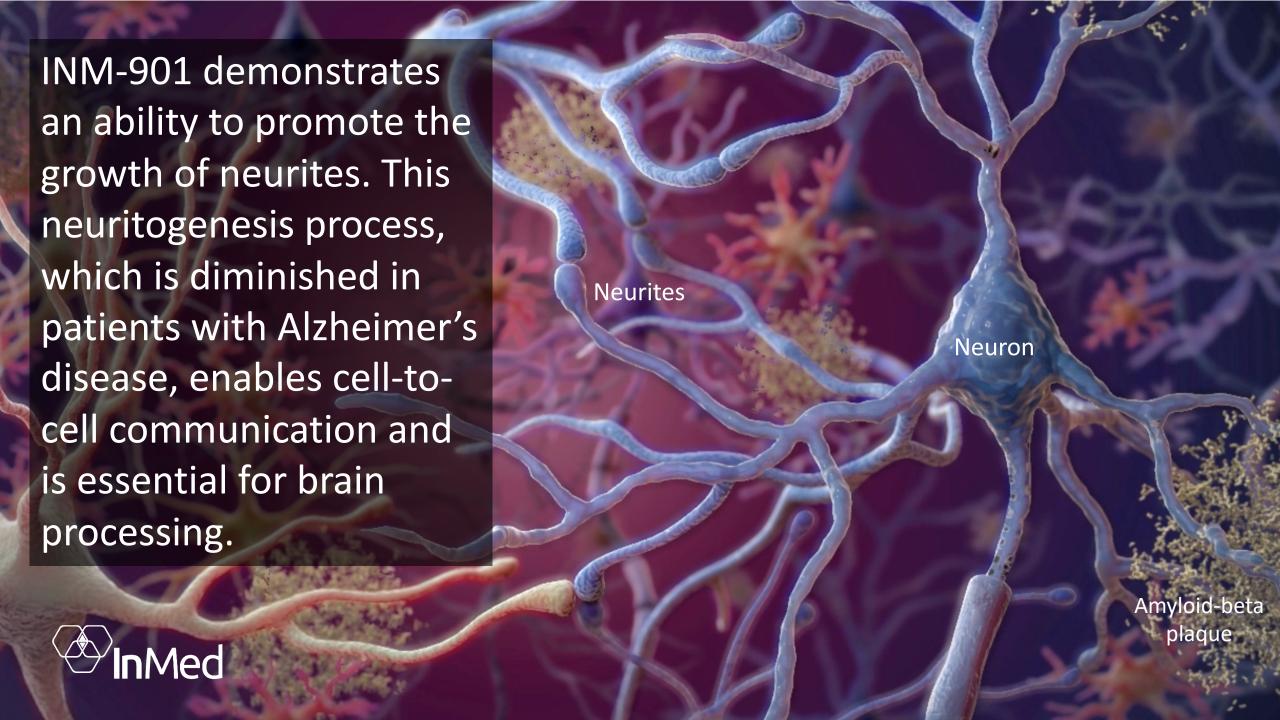
## Neuroprotection Neuroinflammation iNOS FAAH Astrocyte Neuron Aβ plaques Macrophage Neurogenesis & Aß Load Neuritogenesis Amplifying Mature Immature Neural neurons neuron CB2 COX-2 stem cell

#### **INM-901**

- Proprietary small molecule compound can cross BBB
- May be formulated orally
- NOT expected to have intoxicating effects
- Preferential signaling agonist for CB1/CB2
- Impacts PPAR signaling pathways



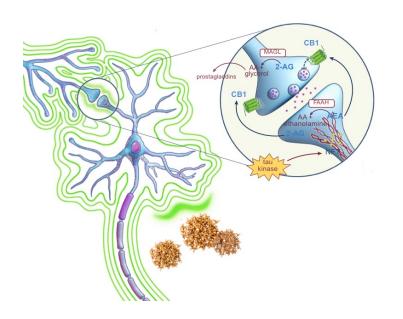


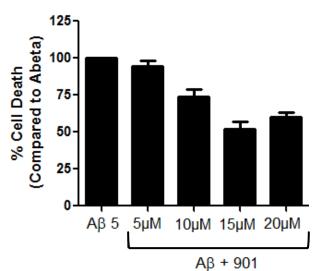




# **INM-901** Demonstrates Neuroprotective Effects

INM-901 PROMOTES CELL SURVIVAL AND PROLIFERATION





# **Neuroprotection studies**

- Amyloid-β-induced toxicity model
- Blocking of cytotoxicity and apoptosis
- Neuroinflammation decreased

#### Result

901 treated groups demonstrated dosedependent cell survival and proliferation

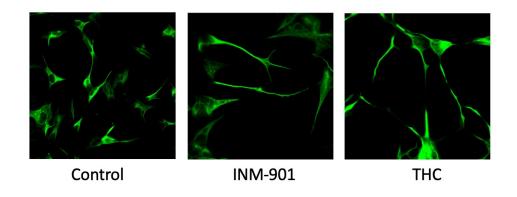


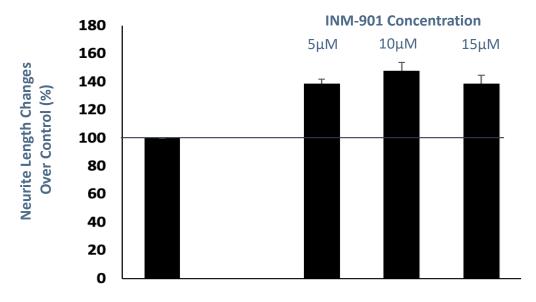




## **INM-901** Demonstrates Increased Neurite Formation

NEURITE OUTGROWTH INDICATES ENHANCED NEURONAL FUNCTION, WHICH IS DIMINISHED IN ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE.





## **Neuritogenesis Studies**

- Measured neurite length compared to control and THC
- INM-901 promotes the regeneration of neurites in a dose-dependent manner

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## INM-901 Demonstrates a Trend in Improvement in Behavior

PRECLINICAL STUDIES IN VALIDATED ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE PROOF-OF-CONCEPT MODELS



#### **Open Field-Single Enclosure (basal and locomotor activity)**

Treated groups have similar behavior as normal



#### **Elevated Plus Maze Test (anxiety-related behavior)**

Treated groups have similar behavior as normal



#### **Novel Object Recognition (cognitive function and memory)**

Treated have similar behavior as normal



#### **Acoustic startle (sound awareness)**

Treated groups have improvement in pre-pulse inhibition

#### **ALZ Behavioral Studies**

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- Anxiety-related behavior
- Cognitive function and memory
- Sound awareness

#### Result:

INM-901 treatment led to improvement in behaviors and cognitive functions







# INM-901 mRNA Data Supports Observations from Behavioral Studies

## RNA sequencing of the brain mRNA indicates:

- Pro-inflammatory genes are elevated and neuronal function genes are reduced for the TG (AD-diseased) group when compared to the Control (Normal WT).
- INM-901 treated group: pro-inflammatory genes are reduced and neuronal function genes are elevated for the treatment group when compared to the TG group.







# Summary: Demonstrates Multiple Pharmacological Effects

POTENTIAL TO TARGET SEVERAL BIOLOGICAL PATHWAYS ASSOCIATED WITH ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

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- Small molecule, systemic delivery across the BBB
  - Possibly deliverable via oral ingestion
- In vitro: Demonstrates 2 distinct features
  - Neuroprotection and neuritogenesis
- In vivo: 5xFAD model
  - Behavioral improvements: locomotion, cognition, memory
  - Reduced neuroinflammation
  - Increased neuronal function

## Next steps

#### **Research & Development**

- Long-term 6-month in 5xFAD with increasing sample size (on-going)
- Planning study in PS19 Tau model
- On-going activities on CMC for drug substance and oral drug product
- On-going studies of receptor interactions (MoA) and DMPK
- GLP studies to follow

#### **Business Development**

- Identify co-development partners
- Identify strategic investors





