



## Protein Aggregations and Parkinson's Disease Pathogenesis, Progression and Treatments

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The number of patients living with Parkinson's disease (PD) has been estimated at over 6 million. Protein aggregates are detected in both familial and sporadic forms of PD and include oligomers and fibrils of  $\alpha$ -synuclein within Lewy bodies. Protein oligomers and aggregates can be neurotoxic and trigger neuronal death and loss of function; hence, therapies directed towards limiting aberrant protein aggregation are emerging as potential disease treatments. In this Special Issue, we want to bring together research articles and reviews that are focused on the proteins that form aggregates in PD, papers that cover the molecular triggers for aggregation such as protein post-translational modifications, the potential consequences of protein aggregation and how that contributes to disease pathogenesis and/or progression, and finally, studies that consider reducing the propensity of proteins to aggregate as a strategy to combat disease.





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