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News Release

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Statement from The PSP Association's Chief Executive

New Tau drug hope for people with Alzheimer's Disease

As I am sure many of you will have seen or heard, there has been exciting news in the past week relating to a new drug, *Rember*, which may slow the development of tangles of the protein 'Tau' in the brains of people suffering from Alzheimer's disease. However, newspaper reporting states that if results are good, licensing for use is unlikely to take place before 2012.

As 'Tau' decay is a key component of PSP, the news potentially brings fresh hope to the thousands suffering from Progressive Supranuclear Palsy.

At this stage I would not wish to give false hope that the Alzheimer's research into new drugs will necessarily give rise to the panacea for those with PSP. The PSP Association is, however, actively exploring whether or not it is possible to undertake similar research, and we will give updates on this website as and when more information is available.

However, it should be stated that, due to research protocols, this could take some considerable time.

A second drug, Galanthamine, has also been talked about as of possible benefit to those with PSP, but again, with regard to future research, the above information applies.

Jane Hardy, Chief Executive. August 4th 2008.

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