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Prophylaxis and treatment of Alzheimer's disease by delivery of an adeno associated virus encoding a monoclonal antibody targeting the amyloid beta protein

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We previously reported on a monoclonal antibody (mAb) that targeted amyloid beta (A β) protein. Repeated injection of that mAb reduced the accumulation of A β protein in the brain of human A β transgenic mice (Tg2576). In the present study, we isolated the cDNA encoding the heavy and light chains of this mAb and the cDNA were sub-cloned into an adeno associated virus type 1 (AAV) vector with a 2A/furin adapter. A single intramuscular injection of 3.0×10^{10} viral genome of these AAV vectors into C57BL/6 mice generated serum anti A β Ab levels up to 0.3 mg/ml. Anti A β Ab levels in excess of 0.1 mg/ml were maintained for up to 64 weeks. The effect of AAV administration on A β levels in vivo was examined. A significant decrease in A β levels in the brain of Tg2576 mice treated at 5 months (prophylactic) or 10 months (therapeutic) of age was observed. Furthermore, this treatment greatly improved memory of Tg2576 model mice assessed by Morris Water Maze. These results support the use of AAV vector encoding anti-A β Ab for the prevention and treatment of Alzheimer's disease.

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