

## Passive Immunotherapy Targeting A $\beta$ Oligomers in Alzheimer's Disease

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Several lines of evidence may indicate that memory loss represents a synaptic failure caused by soluble amyloid  $\beta$  (A $\beta$ ) oligomers. To specifically target toxic A $\beta$  oligomers *in vivo*, monoclonal antibody specific for toxic A $\beta$  oligomers was generated. We required candidate therapeutic antibody for Alzheimer's disease to satisfy 5 criteria: (1) anti-toxic activity; (2) anti-fibrillogenic activity; (3) specificity to A $\beta$  oligomer; (4) ability to capture A $\beta$  oligomers in AD brain; (5) ability to prevent Alzheimer-like phenotypes, including memory impairment, neuropathology, brain A $\beta$  levels in APP<sup>swe</sup>-transgenic mice (Tg2576). We herein reported that our monoclonal antibody satisfied all of the criteria, thus such monoclonal clone is a promising candidate for therapeutic antibody to prevent Alzheimer's disease.