CJD Foundation Conference

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Research Findings

• Stefanie Czub, Hermann Schätzl, others: Transmission of chronic wasting disease prions to macaques – a study in progress

• Sabine Gilch: Drug that activates cholesterol exit from brain reduces prions in cells in culture
Research in progress

• Debbie McKenzie, David Wishart, others: Major ($11.5 M) study on various ways to manage

• Hermann Schätzl: Learning from yeast – stimulating the removal of prions
Research in progress

• Sabine Gilch, Katsumi Doh-Ura:
  Testing of new potential anti-aggregation compounds

• Valerie Sim, Stephanie Booth:
  CJD prions in consumers and non-consumers of venison
Management of diseases

• Workshops:
  
  o North American prairie ecosystem management of chronic wasting diseases – Calgary

  o Alberta experience and the European risk - Newcastle
Testing Development

• Amira Inc., Peter Stys, Shigeki Tsutsui:
  o A potential blood test for Alzheimer’s disease