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# MS repair advance brings fresh hope

A TEAM of Scots scientists have made a breakthrough that may lead to a treatment for multiple sclerosis.

No drugs are currently available to repair myelin, the protective sheath which covers the nerves and becomes damaged with MS.

But the team at Edinburgh University have discovered a molecule in the brain which is fundamental to repairing this damage.

The research, co-funded

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by the MS Society and the Medical Research Council, was carried out by Dr Veronique Miron's team and builds on a discovery of a protein involved in repairing myelin called activin-A.

Dr Miron said: "We can now focus our efforts on developing drugs that target the receptor. If we can do that, we can encourage cells to make new myelin."



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