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# Mechanism behind upper motor degeneration revealed


*Study unlocks door to potential treatments for ALS, other neurodegenerative diseases*

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CHICAGO --- Scientists from Northwestern Medicine and the University of Belgrade have pinpointed the electrophysiological mechanism behind upper motor neuron (UMN) disease, unlocking the door to potential treatments for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) and other neurodegenerative diseases, such as Hereditary Spastic Paraplegia and Primary Lateral Sclerosis.