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Based on the findings, the researchers identified several ways to stabilize microtubules, which could lead to new therapies for Parkinson's disease.

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