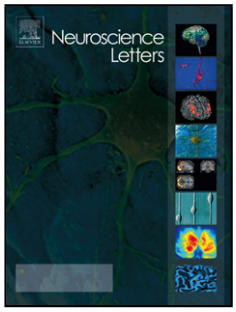

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Atp13a2 expression in the periaqueductal gray is decreased in the *Pink1 -/-* rat model of Parkinson disease

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Research Highlights:

- *Pink1* -/- rats do not show increased *alpha synuclein* gene expression.
- *Pink1* -/- rats do exhibit decreased *Atp13a2* expression in the periaqueductal gray.
- *Gad1* expression is reduced in the periaqueductal gray of *Pink1* -/- rats.

Abstract:

Vocal communication deficits are common in Parkinson disease (PD). Widespread alpha-synuclein pathology is a common link between familial and sporadic PD, and recent genetic rat models based on familial genetic links increase the opportunity to explore vocalization deficits and their associated neuropathologies. Specifically, the *Pink1* knockout (-/-) rat presents with early, progressive motor deficits, including