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: A major worldwide breakthrough in gene therapy was signalled last night after injections into the brain were used for the first time to successfully treat a degenerative brain disease. In a pioneering study, researchers used the treatment to bring about significant improvements in the mobility of Parkinsons sufferers. They said it could also herald a breakthrough in the treatment of other neurological disorders, such as Alzheimers or epilepsy. The 12 patients involved in the study - a world-first human gene therapy trial for a brain disease - all reported a substantial reduction in their symptoms after having a human gene injected. Within months, their ability to move had improved on average by 30 per cent. Some reported a 65 per cent improvement in their mobility. Nathan Klein, 59, the first to undergo the pioneering treatment told The Daily Telegraph last night that before the gene therapy, he had been "in a state that nobody could survive". He said: "The treatment saved my life." 100Test 下载频道开通，各类考试题目直接下载。详细请访问 [www.100test.com](http://www.100test.com)