

The CHCHD6-APP axis connects amyloid and mitochondrial pathology in Alzheimer's disease

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Supplementary Figure Legends

Supplementary Figure 1. CHCHD6 selectively decreases in APP-related AD models. (a) BN-PAGE analysis of MICOS complex in stable APP Neuro2a cells was performed with anti-Mitofilin antibody. Histogram: relative density of Mitofilin-immunoreactive band around 720 kDa to ATPB. WT: n = 6; APP^{wt}- and APP^{swe}: n = 9. (b) Mitochondrial fractions were isolated from hippocampus of WT, APP^{NL-G-F} and APP^{NL-F} mice at the ages of 3, 6, and 9 months and subjected to BN-PAGE analysis. Histogram: relative density of Mitofilin-immunoreactive band around 720 kDa to ATPB. n = 3 mice/group. (c) RNA was extracted from the hippocampus of 6-month-old 5XFAD mice and age-matched WT mice. The expression of MICOS complex components were analyzed by qPCR. Heat map analysis shows the mean of the genes analyzed. *, p < 0.05 (WT mice vs. 5XFAD mice). Mitofilin, CHCHD3, CHCHD6: n = 5; APOO, MINOS1, QIL1, APOOL: n = 8. All data are shown as mean ± SEM. Data were compared using one-way ANOVA with Tukey's post hoc test in a, b, and unpaired Student's t-test in c.

Supplementary Figure 2. CHCHD6 mainly expresses in neurons and decreases in APP-related AD mice and AD patient postmortem brains. (a) Brain sections from 3, 6, and 9 months of WT and 5XFAD mice were stained with anti-CHCHD6 and anti-6E10 antibodies. The CHCHD6 and 6E10 immunodensities (n = 3 mice/group) were quantified and shown in b. (c) Brain sections from 6-month-old WT and APP^{NL-G-F} mice were stained with anti-CHCHD6 and anti-Iba1 antibodies (left). Brain sections from 6-month-old WT and 5XFAD mice were stained with anti-CHCHD6 and anti-GFAP antibodies (right). (d) Postmortem cortex sections from control subjects and AD patients were stained with anti-CHCHD6 and anti-NeuN antibodies (n = 5 individuals/group). The intensity of CHCHD6 in NeuN⁺ cells was quantified. DAPI was used to label nuclei. The data are presented as mean ± SEM. The data in panel b were compared by two-way ANOVA with Tukey's post-hoc test, and the data in panels d were compared by the unpaired Student's t-test.

Supplementary Figure 3. CHCHD6 is associated with APP and AD. Neuro2a cells were treated with oligomeric Aβ₁₋₄₂ peptides (5 μM) at the indicated times. (a) Total protein levels of MICOS components were subjected to WB analysis with the indicated antibodies. (b) The expression of CHCHD6, Mitofilin and CHCHD3 were analyzed by qPCR. (c) The integrated gene-pathway-phenotype network with labeled data resources was used to analyze the relationship between CHCHD6 and AD (see method). All the nodes are standardized using standard biomedical terminologies, with each node representing a unique biomedical entity. (d) Top 10 ranked genes that are highly associated with CHCHD6 within a total of 30,049 prioritized genes. (e) Top 10 ranked pathways and AD-related

human phenotypes that are associated with CHCHD6. (f) Stable CHCHD6 KO HT-22 cells was generated by CRISPR-cas9. CHCHD6 knockout efficiency was examined by WB. (g) Representative pictures of PLA assays of APP^{NL-G-F} mice. Enlarged pictures are shown in Fig 3d. (h) Brain sections from 6-month-old WT and 5XFAD mice (n = 4 mice/ group) were stained with anti-APP and anti-CHCHD6 antibodies, and subjected to PLA analysis. Histogram: the number of PLA-positive puncta (red) was quantified from at least four separate fields of each sample. Representative blots from at least 3 independent experiments are shown. The data in panels a-b were compared using one-way ANOVA with Tukey's post hoc test, and the data in panels h were compared by unpaired Student's t-test.

Supplementary Figure 4. CHCHD6 deficiency induces mitochondrial damage. (a) Mitochondrial fractionations were performed with control and CHCHD6 KO HT-22 cells and WB was carried out with the indicated antibodies. The intensities of C99 and APP on the MAM fractions were quantified and shown in histograms. n=3 independent experiments. (b) Representative pictures of PLA assays of APP^{NL-G-F} mice. Enlarged pictures are shown in Fig 3h. (c) Brain sections from 6-month-old WT and 5XFAD mice (n = 4 mice/ group) were stained with anti-APP and anti-FACL4 antibodies, and subjected to PLA analysis. Histogram: the number of PLA-positive puncta (red) was quantified from at least four separate fields of each sample. Representative blots from at least 3 independent experiments are shown. (d) Control and CHCHD6 KO HT-22 cells were stained with anti-LC3B antibody to assess autophagy. The size and number of LC3B puncta was quantitated and shown in the histogram. At least 50 cells/group were analyzed, and the data were from 3 independent experiments. Representative images are shown on the top. (e) Mitochondrial lysates were harvested from control and CHCHD6 KO HT-22 cells and WB was performed with the indicated antibodies. The data are presented as the mean $\pm$ SEM. The data were compared by the unpaired Student's t-test.

Supplementary Figure 5. CHCHD6 deficiency induces neuronal cholesterol accumulation in AD models. (a) Timeline of AAV injection in APP^{NL-F} mice. AAV-Scramble shRNA-mCherry and AAV-CHCHD6 shRNA-mCherry were injected into bilateral hippocampus of 6-month-old mice. (b) Brain sections from 12-month-old AAV-Scramble shRNA or AAV-CHCHD6 shRNA-injected WT or APP^{NL-F} mice were stained with anti-CHCHD6 and anti-NeuN antibodies. Histogram: the CHCHD6 immunodensity in NeuN⁺ cells (n = 3 mice/group) was quantified. Total brain lysates were harvested from the hippocampus of 12-month-old mice at the indicated groups. Levels of mitochondrial proteins, LonP, VDAC, Tim23 (c), and MICOS components, Mitofilin and CHCHD3 (d) were examined by WB. Histogram: the relative density of Mitofilin and CHCHD3 to actin. n = 8 independent experiments. (e) mRNAs were extracted from control and CHCHD6 KO HT-22 cells. Genes involved in cholesterol metabolism were analyzed by qPCR (n=3-7 independent experiments). Heat map: the mean of the genes analyzed. *, p < 0.05; **, p < 0.01; ***, p < 0.001; ****, p < 0.0001 (HT-22 EV control vs. CHCHD6 KO cells). Representative images and blots from at least three independent experiments are shown. The data are presented as mean $\pm$ SEM. The data in panel b, d were compared by one-way ANOVA with Tukey's post-hoc test, and the data in panel e were compared by the unpaired Student's t-test.

Supplementary Figure 6. Viral vector-mediated downregulation of CHCHD6 accelerates cognitive deficits and AD pathology in APP^{NL-F} KI mice. (a) The Y-maze test was performed with 12-month-old mice (WT/Scramble shRNA: n = 20 mice; n = 22 mice/group for the WT/CHCHD6 shRNA, and APP^{NL-F}/Scramble shRNA, and APP^{NL-F}/CHCHD6 shRNA groups). (b) Body weights of mice at the indicated groups were recorded. (WT/Scramble shRNA: n = 21 mice; n = 24 mice for the WT/CHCHD6 shRNA; n = 23 mice/group for APP^{NL-F}/Scramble shRNA, and APP^{NL-F}/CHCHD6 shRNA groups). (c) Brain sections from the indicated groups were stained with anti-APP and anti-FACL4 followed by PLA. The positive PLA puncta (green) was quantified from at least four separate fields of each sample. n=4 mice/group. (d) Total brain lysates were harvested from the hippocampus of 12-month-old AAV-Scramble shRNA or AAV-CHCHD6 shRNA-injected WT or APP^{NL-F} mice. The levels of PSD95 and synaptophysin were analyzed by WB. Histogram: the relative density of PSD95 or synaptophysin to actin (n=6 mice/group for synaptophysin; n=8 mice/group for PSD95). Representative blots from at least three independent experiments are shown. The data are presented as the mean $\pm$ SEM. The data in panel a, c and d were compared by one-way ANOVA with Tukey's post-hoc test.

Supplementary Figure 7. Compensation for the loss of CHCHD6 reduces neuropathology and cognitive deficits in APP^{NL-G-F} KI mice. (a) Timeline of AAV injection in APP^{NL-G-F} mice. AAV-CHCHD6-eGFP or AAV-EV-eGFP were injected into the bilateral hippocampus of 3-month-old mice. Total brain lysates were harvested from the hippocampus of 9-month-old AAV-CHCHD6 or AAV-EV-injected WT or APP^{NL-G-F} mice. The levels of indicated proteins were analyzed by WB. Histogram: the relative density of LonP, VDAC, Tim23 (b) (n=6 mice/group); MICOS components, Mitofilin and CHCHD3 (c) (n=6 mice/group) to actin. (d) The Y-maze test was performed with 9-month-old mice (WT/EV and APP^{NL-G-F}/CHCHD6 groups: n = 25 mice/group; n = 26 mice for WT/CHCHD6; and n = 24 mice for APP^{NL-G-F}/EV). (e) Body weights of mice of the indicated groups were recorded. (WT/EV and APP^{NL-G-F}/CHCHD6 groups: n = 25 mice/group; n = 27 mice for WT/CHCHD6; and n = 24 mice for APP^{NL-G-F}/EV). (f) Brain sections from the indicated groups were stained with anti-APP and anti-FACL4 followed by PLA. The positive PLA puncta (red) was quantified from at least four separate fields of each sample. n=3 for APP^{NL-G-F}/EV and n=4 mice/group for other groups. Representative blots from at least three independent experiments are shown. The data are presented as mean $\pm$ SEM. The data were compared by one-way ANOVA with Tukey's post-hoc test.

Supplementary Figure 8. Compensation for the loss of CHCHD6 increased the levels of synaptic proteins in APP^{NL-G-F} KI mice. Total brain lysates were harvested from the hippocampus of 9-month-old AAV-CHCHD6 or AAV-EV-injected WT or APP^{NL-G-F} mice. The levels of indicated proteins were analyzed by WB. Histogram: the relative density of PSD95 and synaptophysin (n=5 mice/group for synaptophysin and n=6 mice/group for PSD95). Representative blots from at least three independent experiments are shown. The data are presented as mean $\pm$ SEM. The data were compared by one-way ANOVA with Tukey's post-hoc test.

Supplementary Table 1: The information of antibodies used in the study

Antibody	Manufacture	Catalog #	Dilution
ATPB	ProteinTech (Rosemont, IL, USA)	17247-1-AP	1:2000
CHCHD6	ProteinTech (Rosemont, IL, USA)	20639-1-AP	1:2000
CHCHD3	ProteinTech (Rosemont, IL, USA)	25625-1-AP	1:1000
Tom20	ProteinTech (Rosemont, IL, USA)	11802-1-AP	1:4000
Lonp	ProteinTech (Rosemont, IL, USA)	15440-1-AP	1:1000
FACL4	Santa Cruz Biotechnology (Dallas, TX, USA)	sc-365230	1:1000
c-Myc	Santa Cruz Biotechnology (Dallas, TX, USA)	sc-40	1:1000
Tim23	Santa Cruz Biotechnology (Dallas, TX, USA)	sc-514463	1:1000
APP	Abcam (Cambridge, UK)	ab32136	1:5000
cytochrome C	Abcam (Cambridge, UK)	ab110325	1:10000
VDAC	Abcam (Cambridge, UK)	ab14734	1:2000
Mitofilin	Abcam (Cambridge, UK)	ab110329	1:500
synaptophysin	Abcam (Cambridge, UK)	ab32127	1:10000
Fe65	Abcam (Cambridge, UK)	ab5668	1:500
C-terminal of APP (C99, C83)	Sigma-Aldrich (St. Louis, MO, USA)	A8717	1:5000
NeuN (A60)	Sigma-Aldrich (St. Louis, MO, USA)	MAB377	1:1000
FLAG	Sigma-Aldrich (St. Louis, MO, USA)	F3165	1:2000
β -actin	Sigma-Aldrich (St. Louis, MO, USA)	A1978	1:10000
Iba1	Wako Chemicals (Japan)	019-19741	1:1000
GFAP	MilliporeSigma (Burlington, MA, USA)	MAB360	1:1000
PSD-95 antibody	Invitrogen (Waltham, MA, USA)	MA1-045	1:500
anti- β -amyloid 1-16 (clone 6E10)	BioLegend (San Diego, CA, USA)	803015	1:2000
Tip60	Cell Signaling (Danvers, MA, USA)	12058	1:200
LC3B	Cell Signaling (Danvers, MA, USA)	2775S	1:2000
NeuN	MilliporeSigma (Burlington, MA, USA)	ABN90	1:1000
AICD	BioLegend (San Diego, CA, USA)	811901	1:200
SigmaR1	ProteinTech (Rosemont, IL, USA)	15168-1-AP	1:1000
p62	ProteinTech (Rosemont, IL, USA)	18420-1-AP	1:1000

Supplementary Table 2: Primers used for qPCR

Gene name	Forwarded primer	Reverse primer
Hu D6 F	ACCAAGCACTCCAAGGCATC	GTGTCACGGCGTCTTAGCTC
Hu mitofilin	CGGGCCTGTCAGTTATCGG	CAATGGACGGAGGACAAACTT
Hu D3	GCAAGCCAAGAAAGAATCCGA	TTCCTCCTCGCTACATATCCTC
Hu APOOL	CCAAAAAGCAGCTAGTGAAACC	AGTTGCAGTGCGGATGGAA
Hu APOO	TCCTGAGGGTCAATCGAAGTAT	CTCGCAATAGTGTCGGAGC
Hu QIL1	TCAGCCAGTACGTGTGTCAG	GCCTGCATTCCAGGAGTCAC
Hu MINOS1	GATGCGGTCGTGAAGATAGGT	CCAGAACCGAAGGCTAATGG
Ms D6	TGTCTGAAAGTGTTGTGAACCG	GATGGCTGGTAGAGGGACAGT
Ms mitofilin	GGAGGGATTGGTGGCACTATC	TTTGAGCTGCCCCTGTAGATG
Ms D3	GCGGACGAGAACGAGAACAT	TCGCTGAGACTTAGAGCCAGA
Ms APOOL	ATGGCGGCCTTTAGGATGG	TCCGGTCTCACTAGCTGCT
Ms APOO	GGTTGTGGGGAGGATGAAGC	GCTGCATAGACTCTGAAGGTGA
Ms QIL1	GTGGTCGCTAATGAGGTTCTT	GCTGGCACACATATTGGCTG
Ms MINOS1	ACACGGTCGTGAAGCTAGGTA	CAGTTGGAGTAGGCCATTCCC
Ms CHCHD10	CAGCCGGGTCTTATGGCTC	CAGGCTCTGAATTTCCCCAC
Srebf2	ATGATCACCCCACGTTTCAG	GGTCGCTGCGTTCTGGTATATC
Hmgcr	TTGGTCCTTGTTACGCTCAT	TTCGTCCAGACCCAAGGAAAC
Hmgcs2	GGAAGCCTTGGGGACGTTA	ACACTCCAACCCCTTTCCCT
Ldlr	ACCTGCCGACCTGATGAATTC	GCAGTCATGTTACGGTCACA
Lxr-alpha	AGCGTCCATTACAGCAAGTG	CACTCGTGGACATCCCAGATCT
Lxr-beta	ACTCGGAGCAGGTCTTTGCAT	CCTACTCGTGCACATCCCAGAT
ApoE	GGCCCAGGAGAATCAATGAG	CCTGGCTGGATATGGATGTTG
Abca1	AGGCCGACCATATTTTGTC	GGCAATTCTGTCCCCAAGGAT
CYP46A1	TCCTCTCTGTTTCAGCACC	CAGCTTGGCCATGACAACT
Lrp1	ACTATGGATGCCCCATAAACTTG	GCAATCTCTTTCACCGTCACA
Apoa2	CTGACCTGACAAGGGGTGTC	ATGGCAAAGATTGGTGGAG
Lipe	CCTGTCTCGTTGCGTTTGTA	ACGCTACACAAAGGCTGCTT
Snx17	CAGGGGTCAAAGAGAACAGC	GTGAATGGAGTCCTGCACTG
Prkaa1	GTCAAAGCCGACCCAATGATA	CGTACACGCAAATAATAGGGGTT
Ubc-7	CTGGCAGAACTCAACAAAAATCC	AGATGAGCCTTAAAAACACCACC
Gp78	ACAAAGACCTATCTGAAACGTCC	AGGGAGCTTGTGGCTCAGTA
Ms GAPDH	GACTTCAACAGCAACTCCCAC	TCCACCACCCTGTTGCTGTA
Hu GAPDH	GCGAGATCCCTCCAAAATCAA	GTTACACCCATGACGAACAT

Supplementary Table 3: Human postmortem brain samples

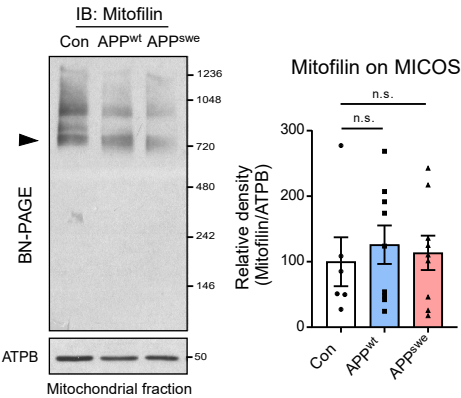
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HSB 4328	67	F	Hippocampus	Unaffected control	No	0	No indication	Negative	No
HSB 4431	68	F	Hippocampus	Unaffected control	No	0	No indication	Negative	Minimal atherosclerosis in the basilar cerebral vasculature
HSB 4494	67	M	Hippocampus	Unaffected control	No	0	No indication	Negative	No
S06428	63	F	Hippocampus	Unaffected control	No	I	Rare to sparse non-neuritic neocortical amyloid plaques	Negative	Atherosclerosis and arteriosclerosis.
S07396	55	M	Hippocampus	Unaffected control	No	0	No indication	Negative	Mild arteriosclerosis.
S08610	78	F	Hippocampus	Unaffected control	No	0	Non-neuritic amyloid plaques, cerebral cortex.	Negative	Atherosclerosis and arteriosclerosis.
HCT15HA U-19-01	65	M	Hippocampus Cortex	Unaffected control	No	0	No indication	Negative	No
HCT15HA M-19-01	54	M	Hippocampus Cortex	Unaffected control	No	0	No indication	Negative	No
HCT15HB Y-19-01	53	M	Hippocampus Cortex	Unaffected control	No	0	No indication	Negative	No
HCT16HC A-19-01	56	M	Hippocampus Cortex	Unaffected control	No	0	No indication	Negative	No
HCT17HE R-19-01	53	M	Hippocampus Cortex	Unaffected control	No	0	No indication	Negative	Not specified
HSB 4382	74	F	Hippocampus	AD	Yes	IV-V	Frequent numbers of neuritic plaques; More neurofibrillary tangles; neuronal loss; gliosis	Frequent	Foamy macrophages associated with cortical vascular structures
HSB 4666	60	F	Hippocampus	AD, early onset AD	Yes	V	Frequent numbers of neuritic plaques and neurofibrillary tangles; no Lewy bodies.	Frequent	Minimal atherosclerosis in the basilar cerebral vasculature
HSB 4788	65	M	Hippocampus	AD, early onset AD	Yes	V	Numerous well-formed neuritic plaques and more neurofibrillary tangles; no Lewy bodies.	Frequent	Minimal atherosclerosis in the basilar cerebral vasculature
S02528	74	F	Hippocampus	AD	Yes	V	Present neuritic plaques and neurofibrillary tangles, amyloid angiopathy	Frequent	Atherosclerosis and arteriosclerosis.
S04925	79	F	Hippocampus	AD	Yes	V	Present neuritic plaques and neurofibrillary tangles, amyloid angiopathy	Frequent	Small vessel cerebrovascular disease with atherosclerosis
S03740	86	F	Hippocampus	AD	Yes	V	Present neuritic plaques and neurofibrillary tangles, severe amyloid angiopathy	Frequent	Small vessel cerebrovascular disease with atherosclerosis
HBGT-19-01	68	F	Hippocampus and Cortex	AD	Yes	IV-V	High AD neuropathological changes (A3, B3, C3)	Frequent	Not specified
HBBD-19-01	70	M	Hippocampus and Cortex	AD	Yes	V-VI	NF tangles and neuropil threads, amyloid accumulation, cortical atrophy, amyloid angiopathy,	Frequent	Arteriolosclerosis, diffuse, mild
HBGS-19-01	78	F	Hippocampus and Cortex	AD	Yes	V-VI	High AD neuropathological changes (A3, B3, C3)	Frequent	Not specified
HBAX-19-01	86	F	Hippocampus and Cortex	AD	Yes	VI	High AD neuropathological change (B3, C3), plaque stage, frequent	Frequent	Arteriolosclerosis, diffuse, mild to focally moderate

HBGE-19-01	88	M	Hippocampus and Cortex	AD	Yes	V-VI	High AD neuropathological changes (A3, B3, C3)	Frequent	Moderate small vessel ischemic disease, remote lacunar infarcts in parietal cortex and thalamus
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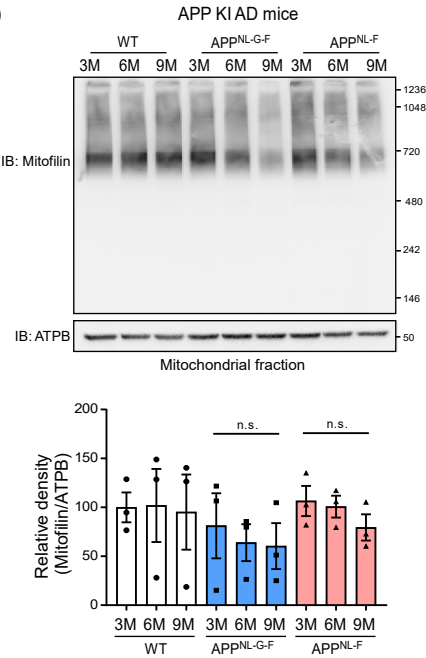
NFT: neurofibrillary tangle, AD: Alzheimer's disease, CERAD: Consortium to establish a registry for Alzheimer's disease

Supplementary Figure 1

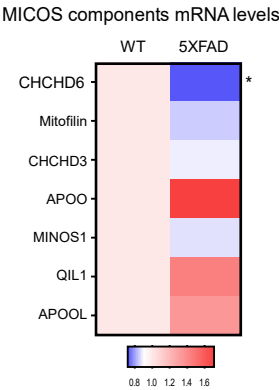
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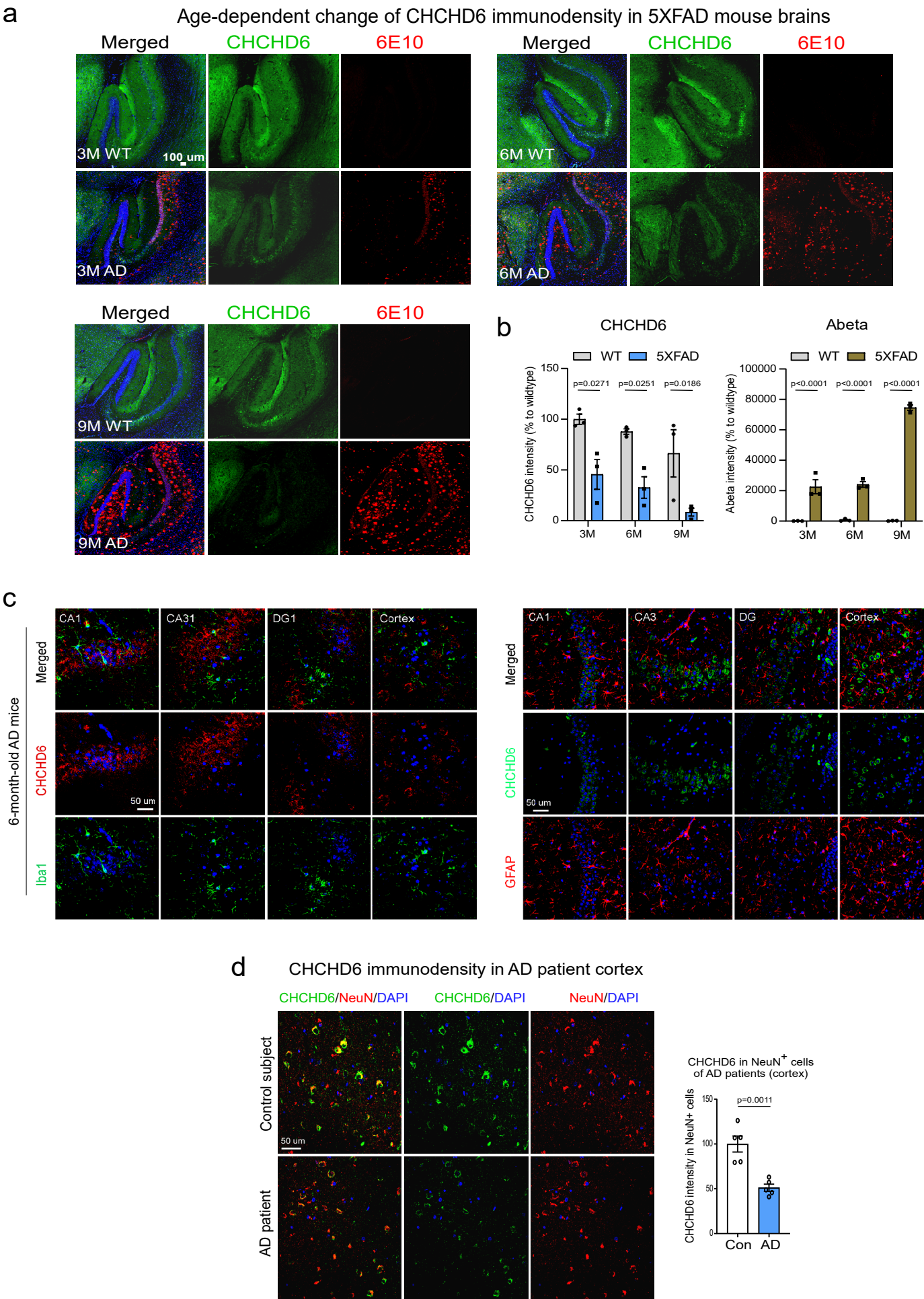
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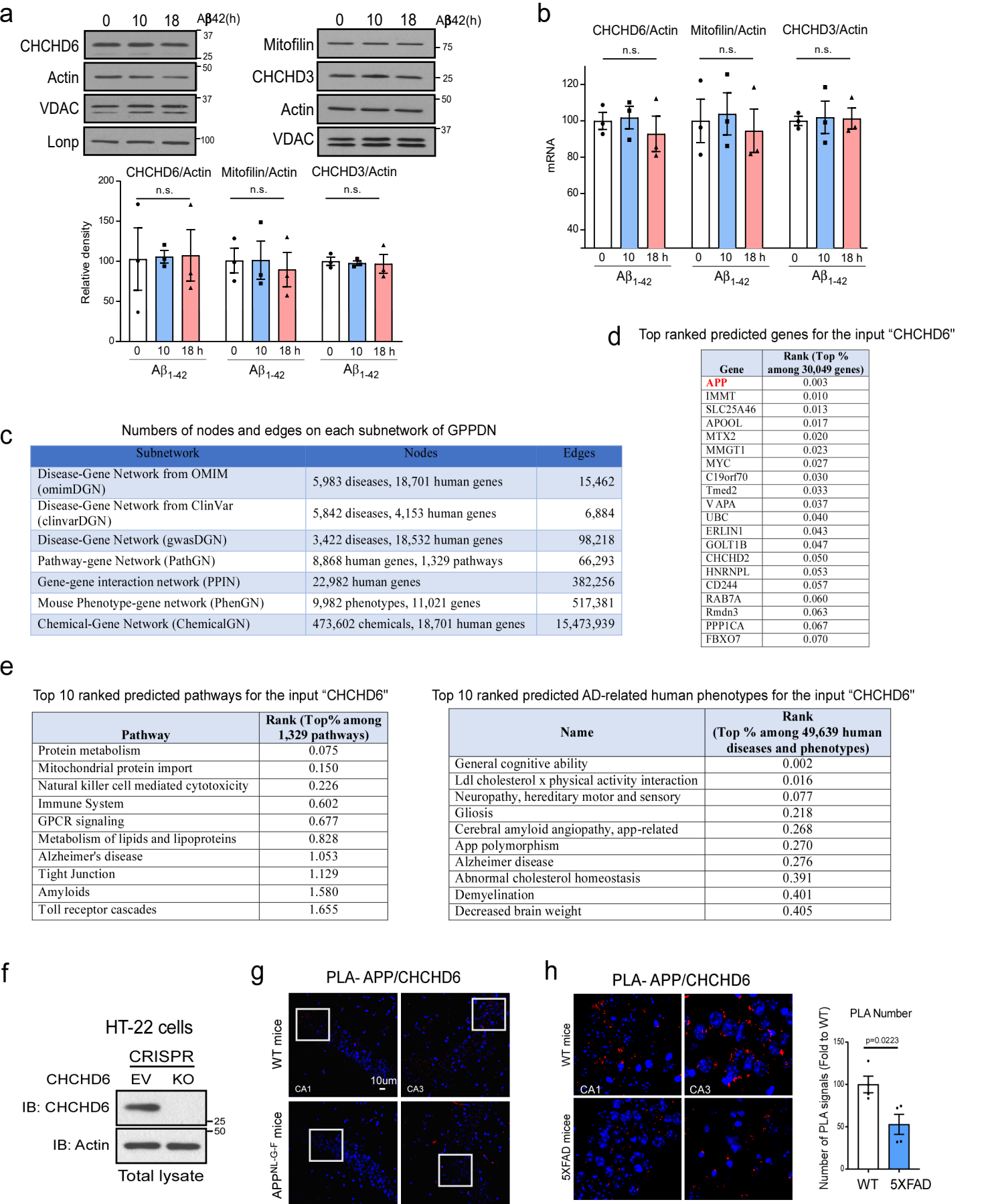
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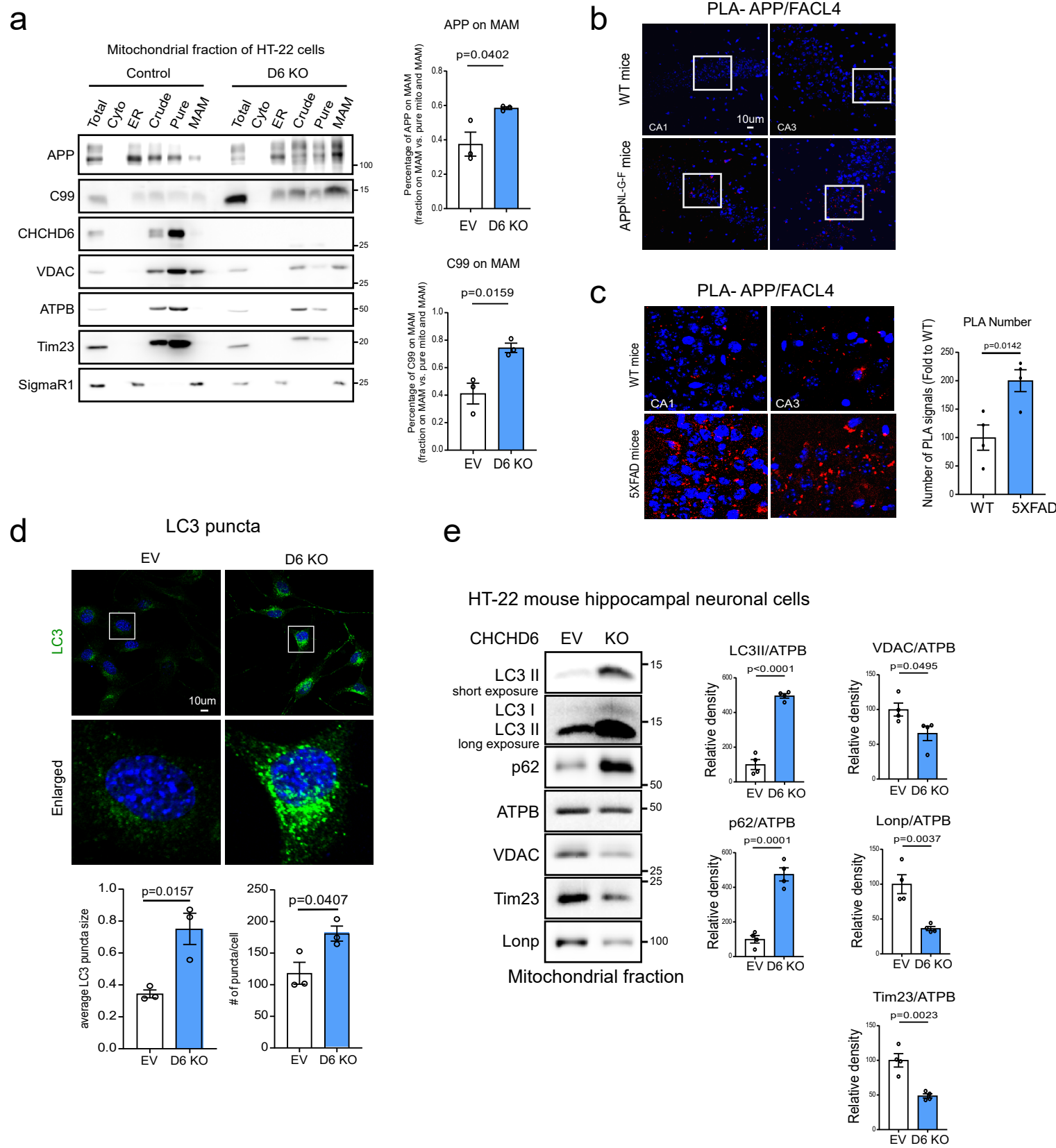
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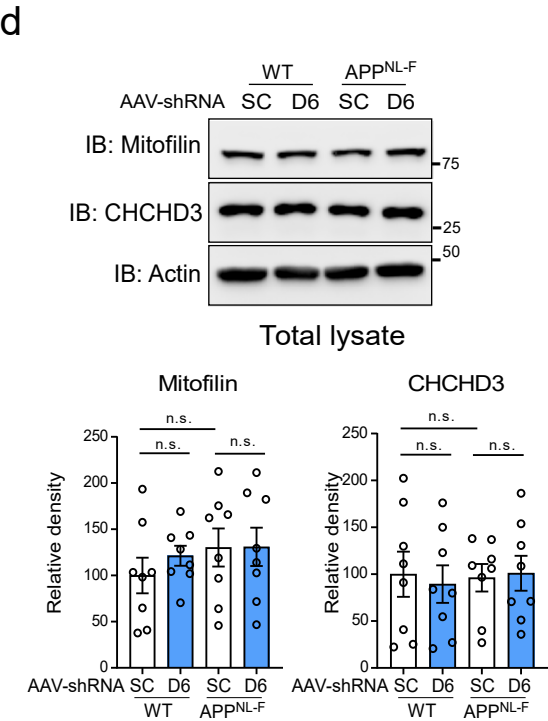
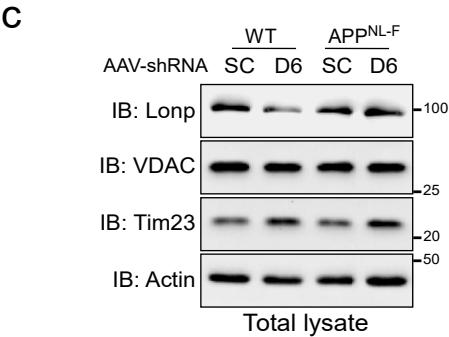
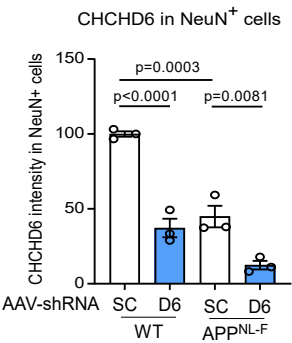
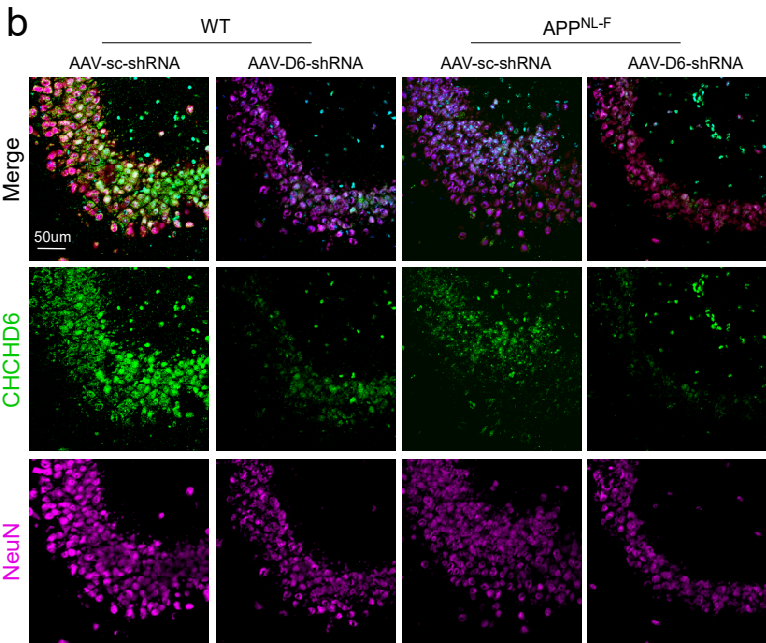
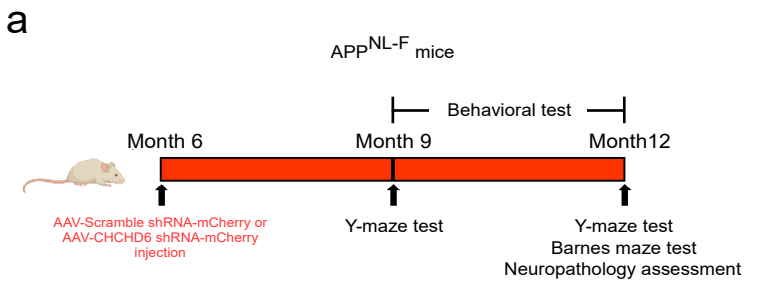
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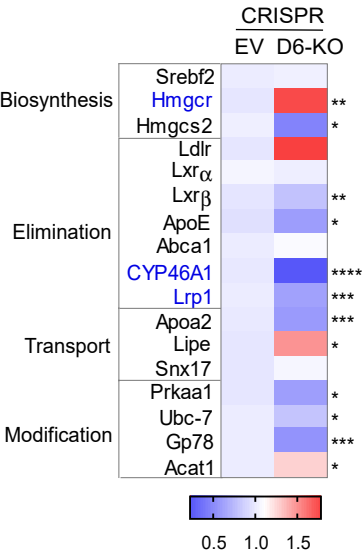
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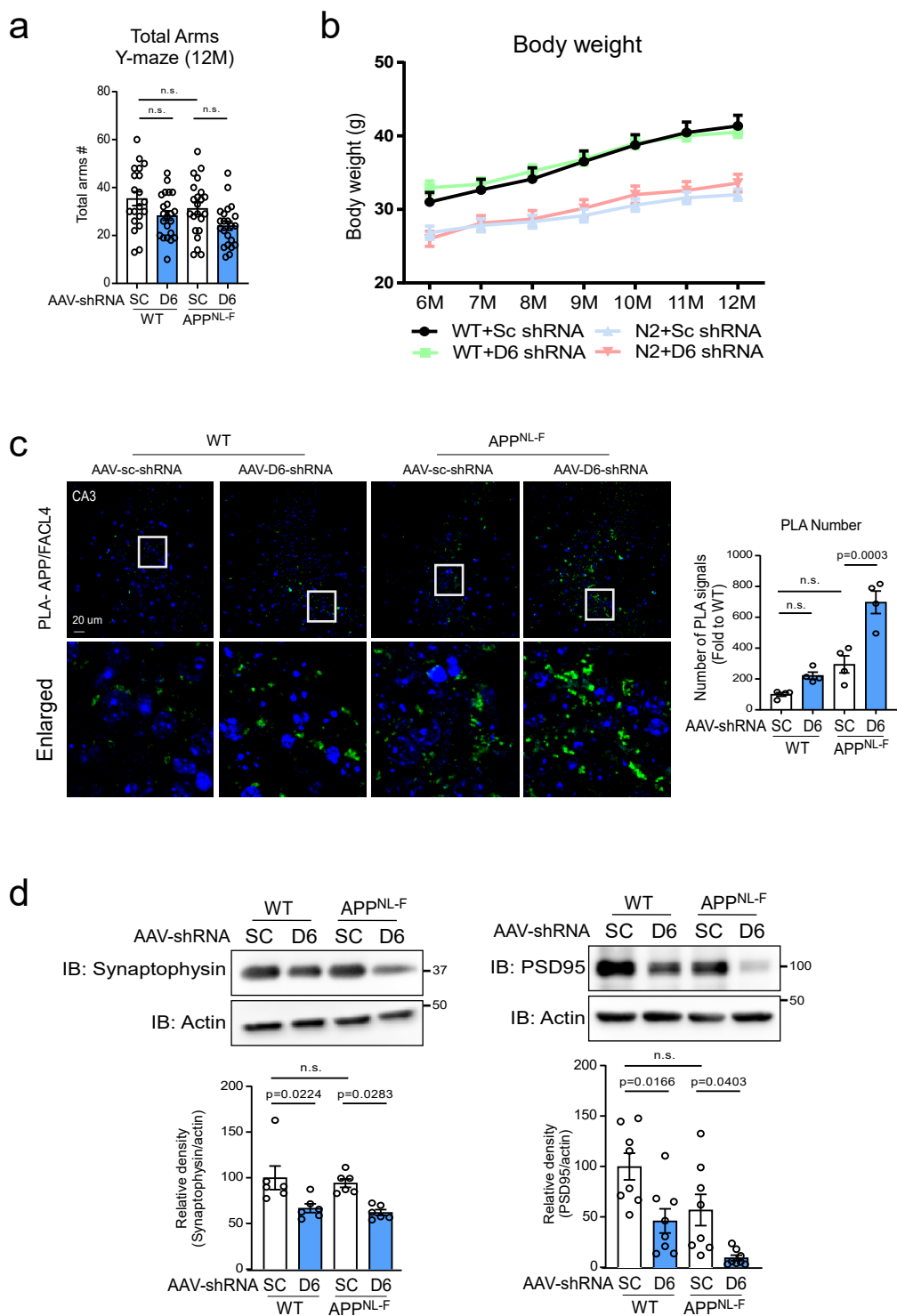
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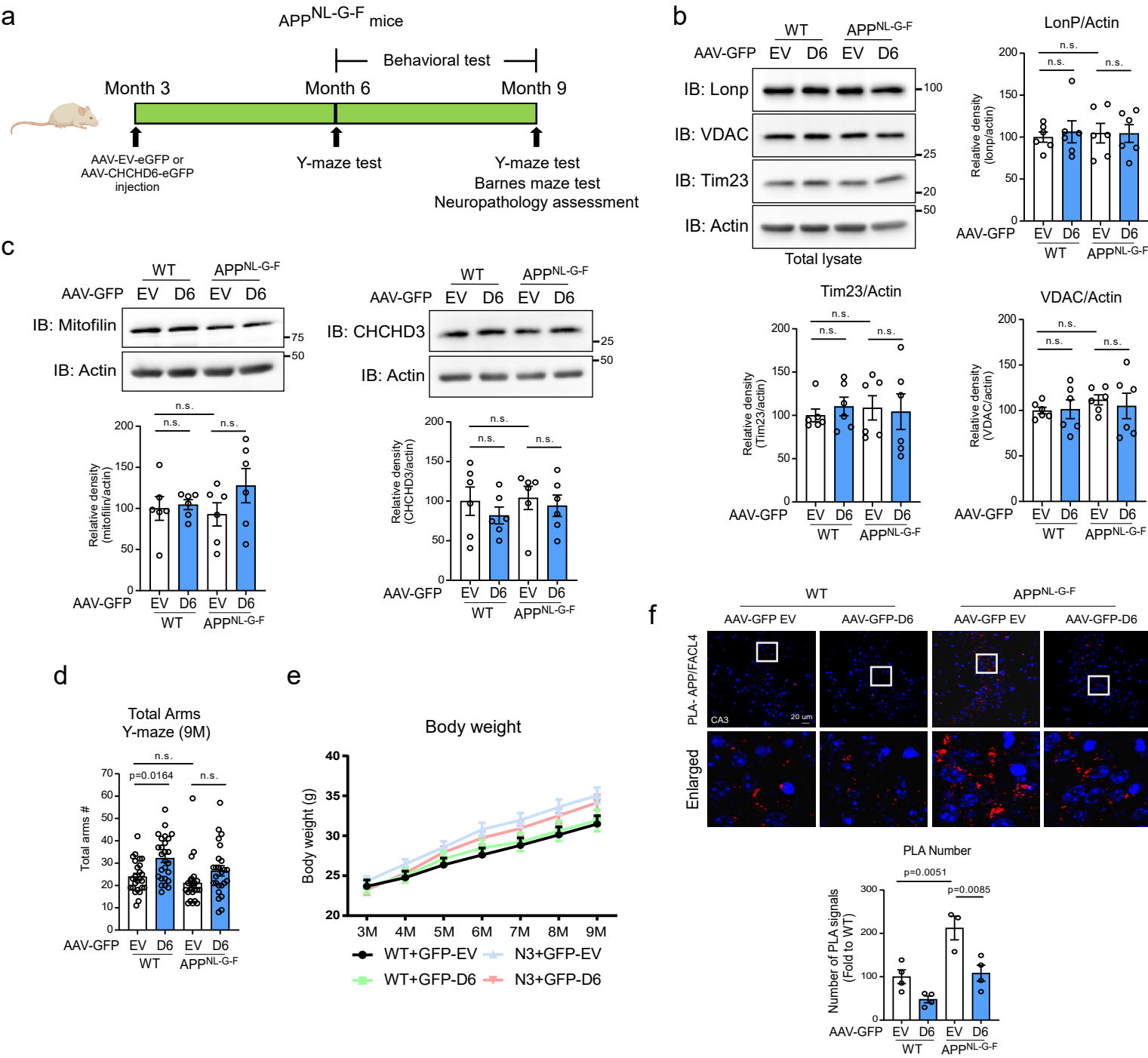
e Alterations of cholesterol metabolism-associated genes in CHCHD6 KO HT-22 cells



Supplementary Figure 6



Supplementary Fig. 7



Supplementary Fig. 8

