

Supporting Information for

Microglia-derived nanovesicles synchronize macroautophagy and chaperone-mediated autophagy for alzheimer's therapy

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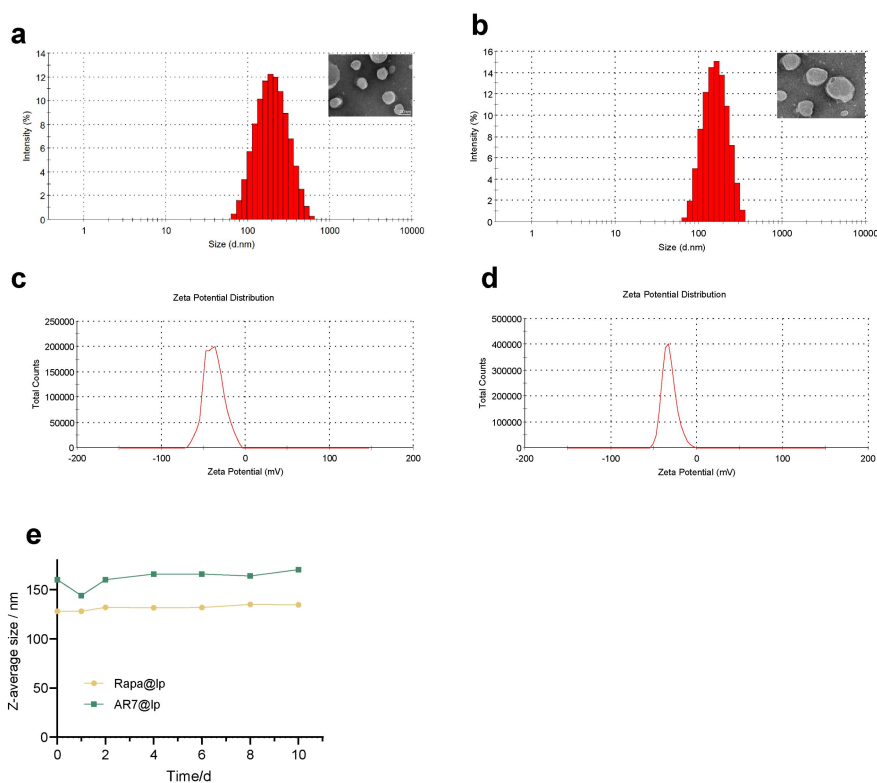
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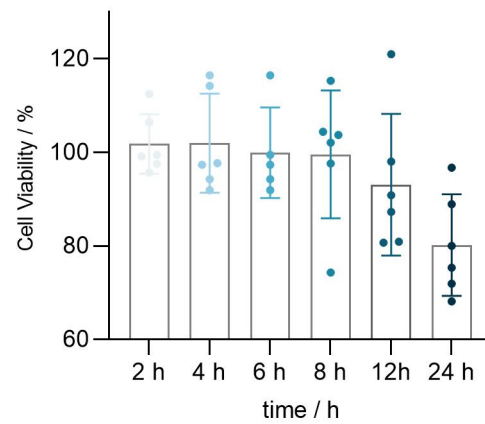
10 **Supplementary Figure 1**



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12 **Figure. S1.** Preparation and characterization of AR7@LP and Rapa@LP. **(a-b)**
 13 Particle size distribution images, TEM images of AR7@LP (a) and Rapa@LP
 14 (b). **(c-d)** Zeta potential analysis of AR7@LP (c), Rapa@LP (d). **(e)** The
 15 stability profiles for AR7@LP and Rapa@LP.

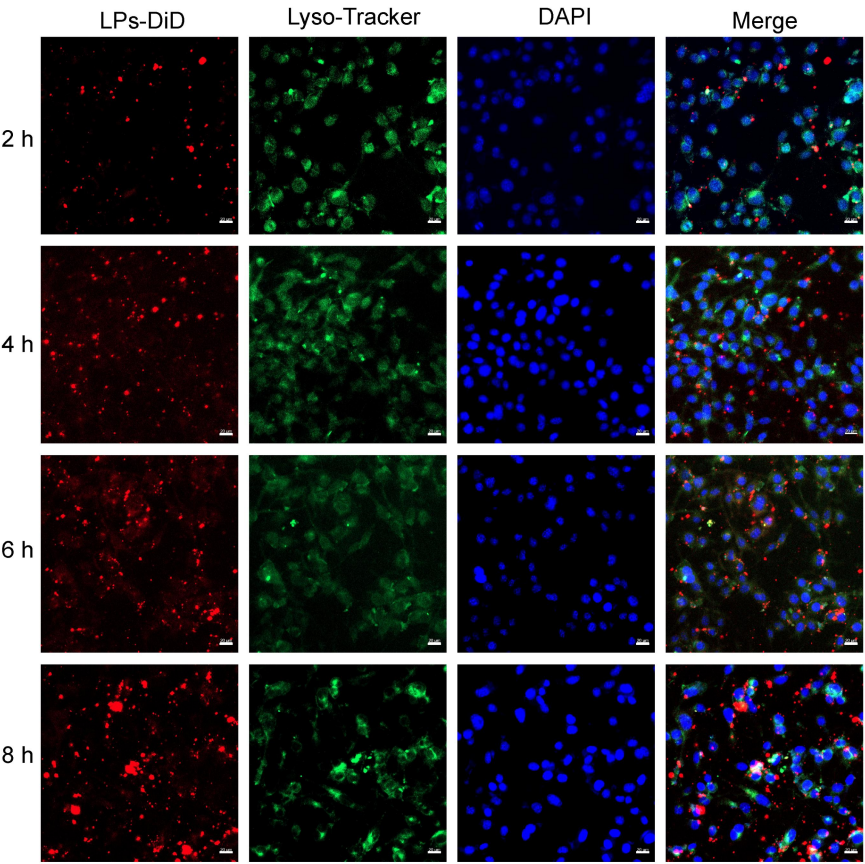
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18 **Figure. S2.** Microglial viability at different internalization time points. Data are
19 presented as mean $\pm$ SD, n=5.

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22 **Figure. S3.** Representative co-localization images of liposomes and
23 lysosomes in microglia at different time points. Scale bars = 20 μ m.

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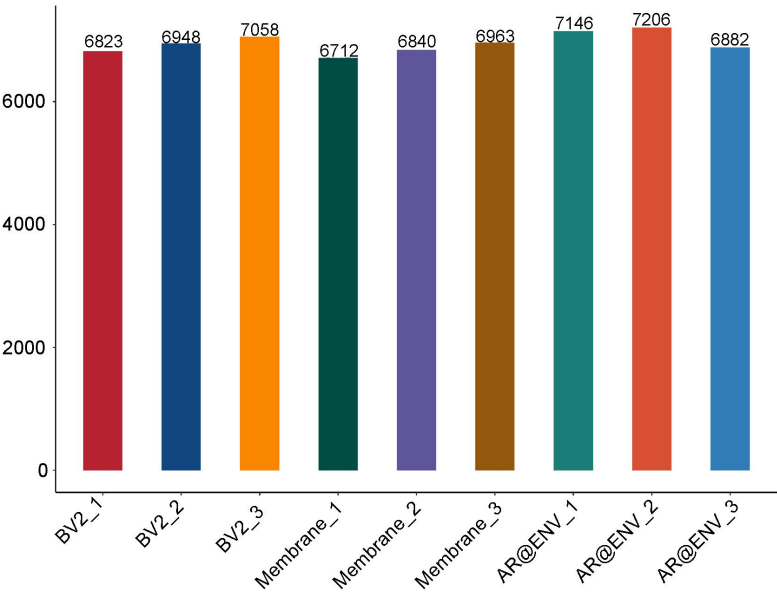
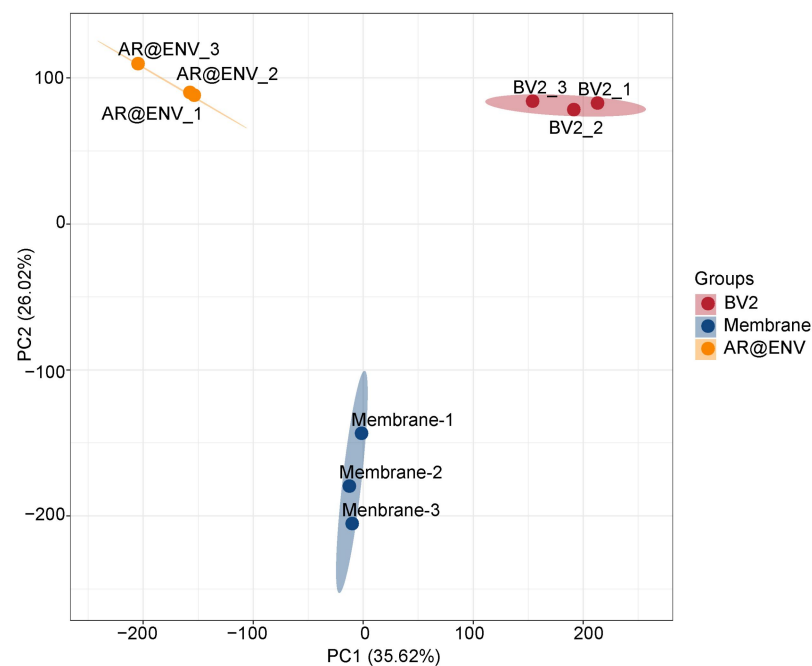


Figure. S4. Overview of Protein Identification in Samples.

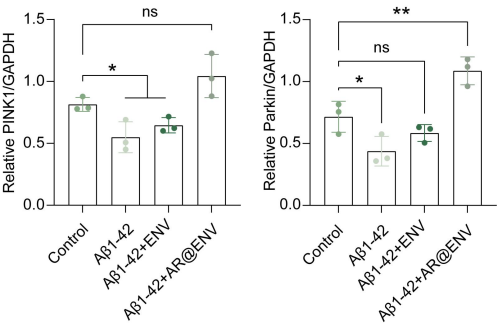
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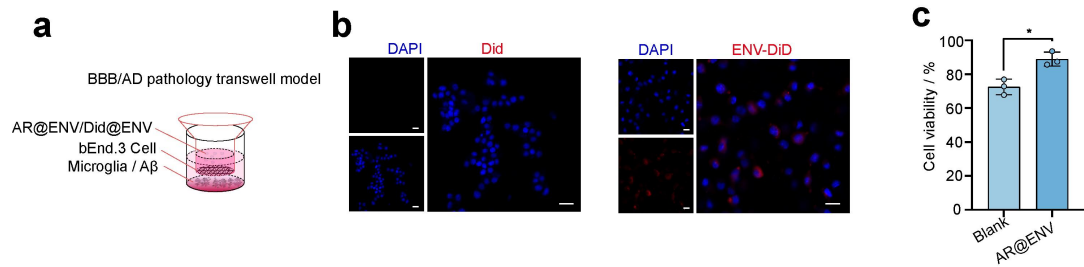
29 **Figure. S5.** Principal component analysis (PCA) of samples.

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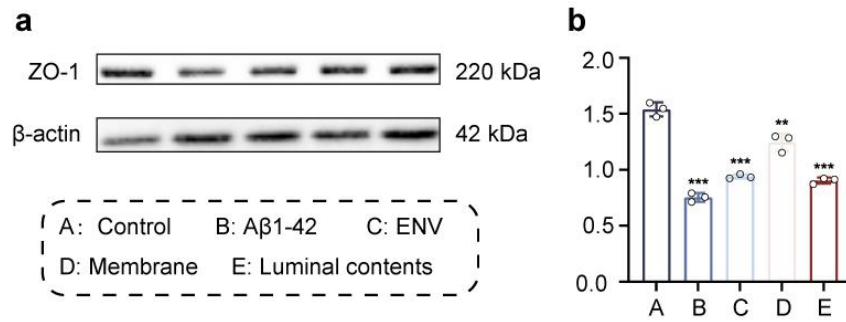
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36 **Figure. S7. (a)** Schematic diagram of in vitro BBB/AD model Transwell
 37 experiment. **(b)** Representative confocal images of ENV uptake by BV2 cells in
 38 the lower chamber after crossing the BBB; Scale bar = 20 μ m. **(c)** Protective
 39 effect of AR@ENV against A β 1-42 oligomer-induced cytotoxicity in BV2 cells in
 40 the lower chamber after crossing the BBB model, presented as mean $\pm$ SD, n
 41 = 3.

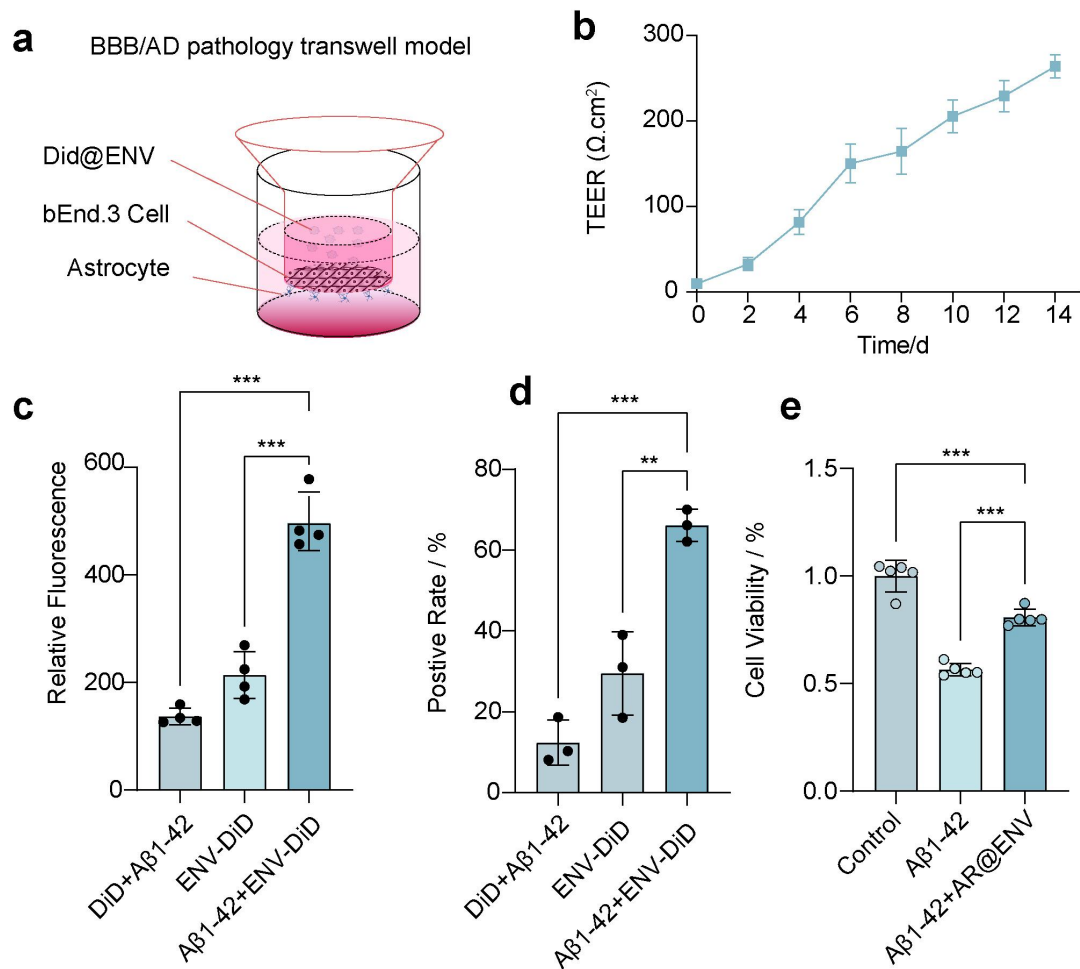
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44 **Figure. S8.** Western blot analysis of ZO-1 expression. **(a)** Representative
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 46 with ENV group, n = 3.

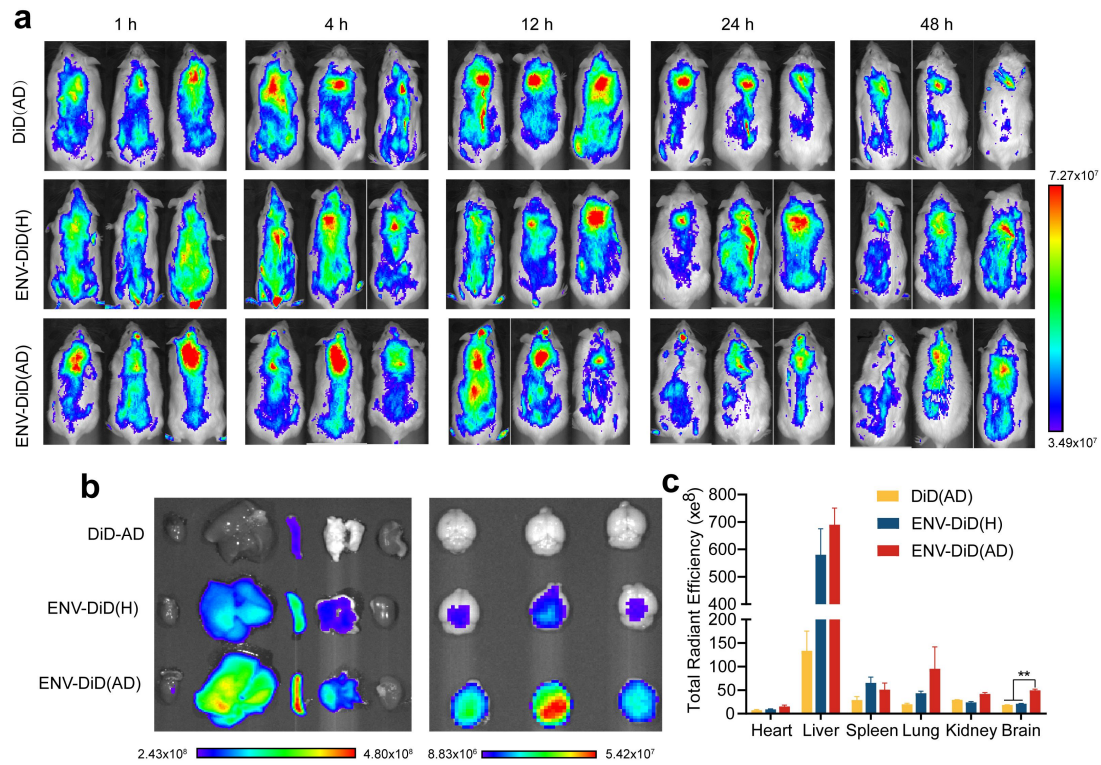
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49 **Figure. S9.** *In vitro* simulation of AR@ENV crossing the blood-brain barrier
50 (BBB) behavior. **(a)** Scheme of the *in vitro* BBB or A β 1-42 induced AD BBB
51 model using a transwell assay. **(b)** Transwell model TEER value change curve.
52 Data are presented as mean $\pm$ SD (n=3). **(c)** Fluorescence intensity measured
53 in the lower chamber of transwell model after different treatments. **(d)** Flow
54 cytometry analysis of ENV uptake in neuronal cells. Data are presented as
55 mean $\pm$ SD, n=3. **(e)** Cytoprotective effect of AR@ENV against A β 1-42
56 oligomer-induced toxicity in neuronal cells following transwell traversal.

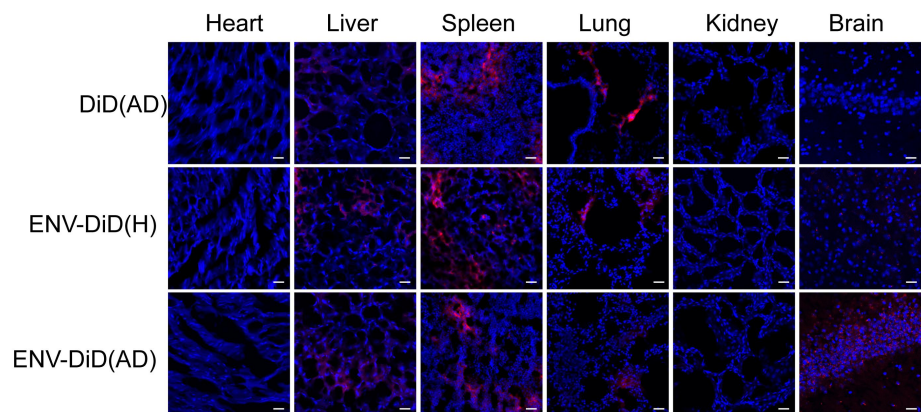
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59 **Figure. S10.** In vivo distribution of ENV in A β 1-42 injected AD mice. **(a)** In vivo
60 imaging of AD mice and healthy Kunming mice following intravenous injection
61 of DiD or ENV-DiD at 1, 2, 4, 12, and 24 hours. **(b)** Ex vivo imaging of major
62 organs (left) and brain (right) from AD mice or healthy Kunming mice at 48
63 hours post-injection, **(c)** Semi-quantitative analysis of total fluorescence
64 intensity in major organs, presented as mean $\pm$ SD, n=3.

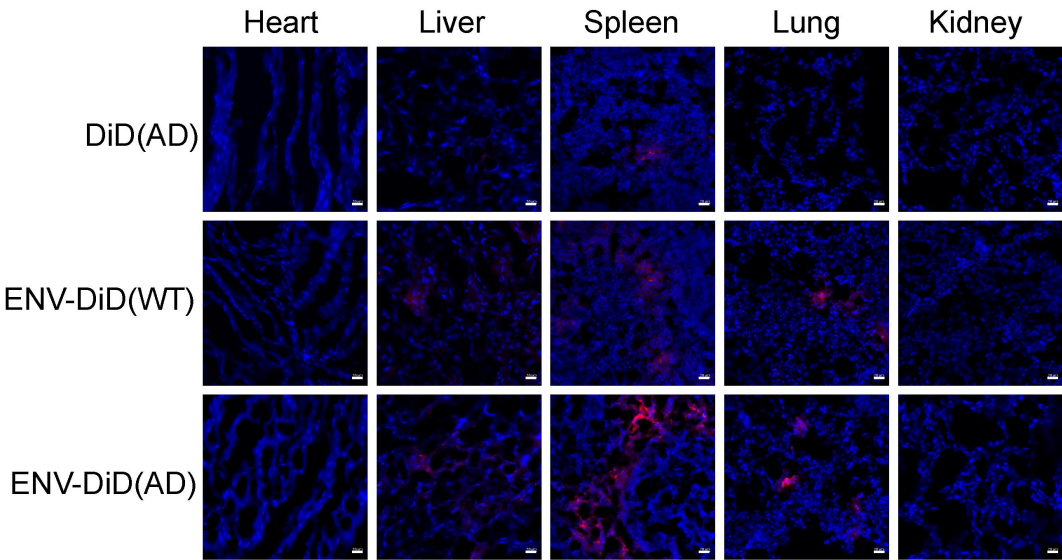
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67 **Figure. S11.** Frozen tissue section images illustrating the distribution of
68 ENV-DiD in major organs of APP/PS1 mice. Red indicates DiD-labeled ENV,
69 with cell nuclei stained using DAPI. Scale bar: 20 μm.

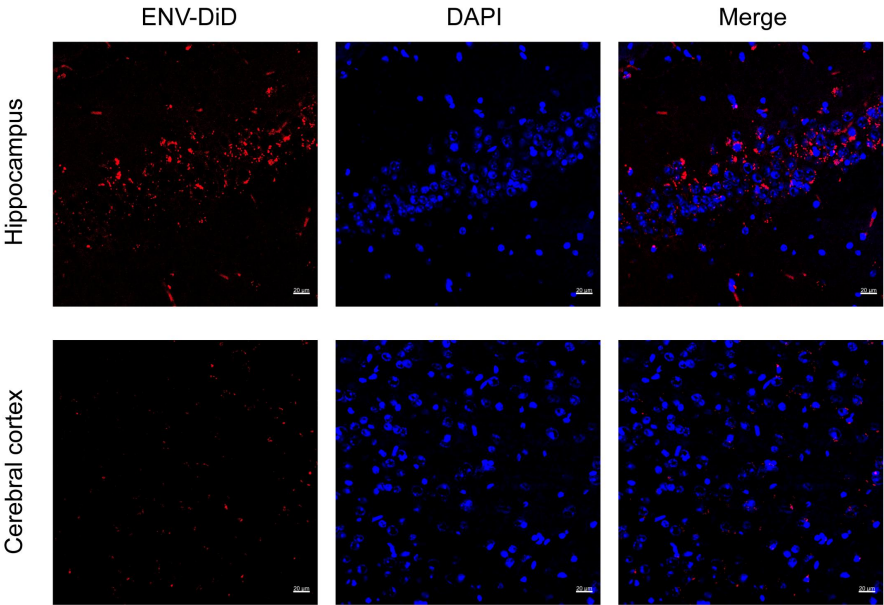
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72 **Figure. S12.** Frozen tissue section images illustrating the distribution of
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 74 ENV, with cell nuclei stained using DAPI. Scale bar: 20 μ m.

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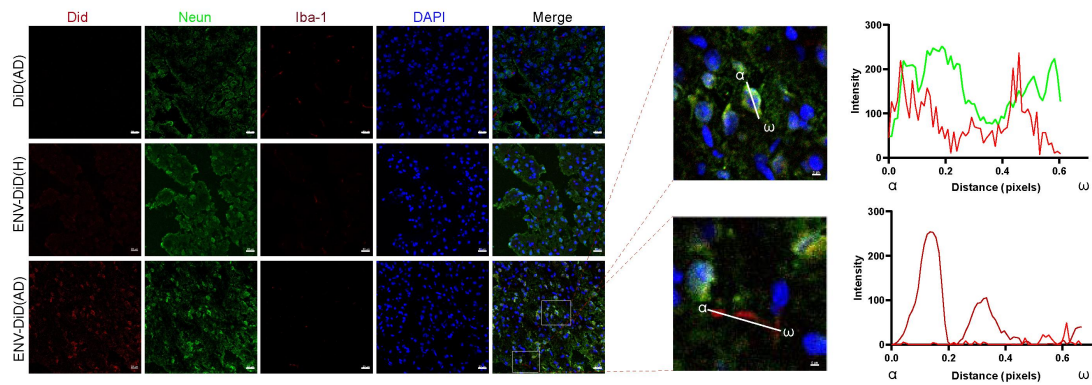


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77 **Figure. S13.** Representative confocal images of ENV distribution in the
78 hippocampal region and cerebral cortex. Scale bar: 20 µm.

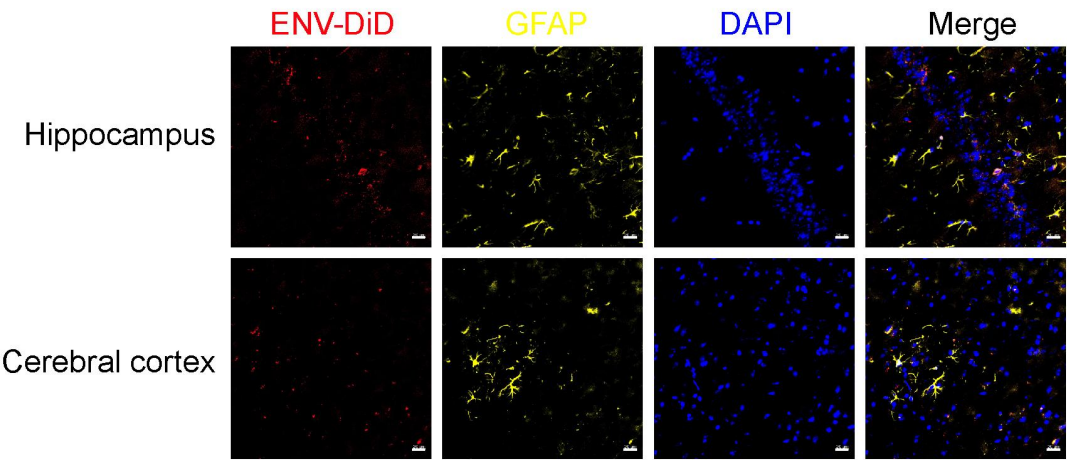
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81 **Figure. S14.** Immunofluorescence images demonstrating the co-localization of
 82 ENV-DiD with neurons and microglia in the brains of A β -injected AD mice. Red
 83 indicates DiD-labeled ENV, green denotes neuronal cells, and purple
 84 represents microglia, with cell nuclei stained using DAPI. Representative
 85 quantitative fluorescence images of ENV-DiD co-localization with neuronal
 86 marker NeuN (top) or microglial marker Iba-1 (bottom). Scale bar: 20 μ m.

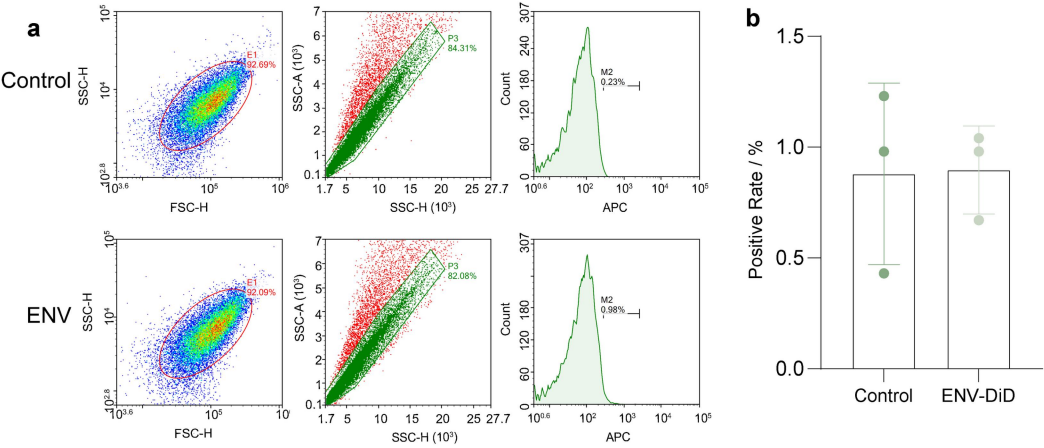
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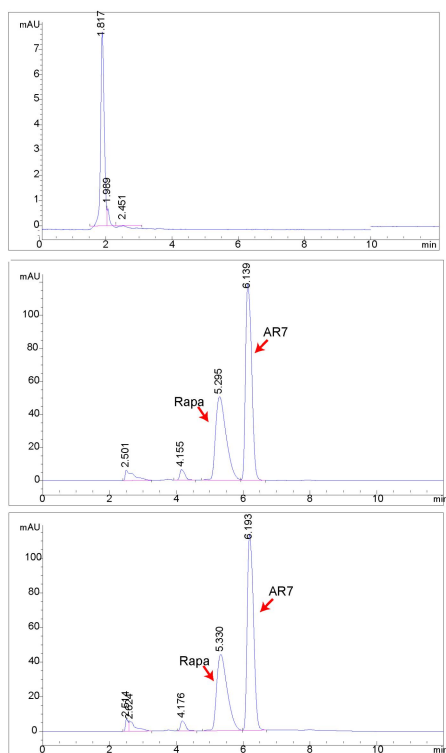
89 **Figure. S15.** Immunofluorescence images showing colocalization of ENV-DiD
90 (red) with astrocytes (GFAP: yellow) in brain sections of APP/PS1 mice. Scale
91 bar: 20 μ m.

92 **Supplementary Figure 16**



93 **Figure. S16. (a)** Representative flow cytometry images. **(b)** Semi-quantitative
94 analysis of (a). Data are presented as mean $\pm$ SD, n=5.
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98 **Figure. S17.** Representative HPLC chromatograms of drug degradation in AR@ENV
99 under *in vitro* simulated conditions.

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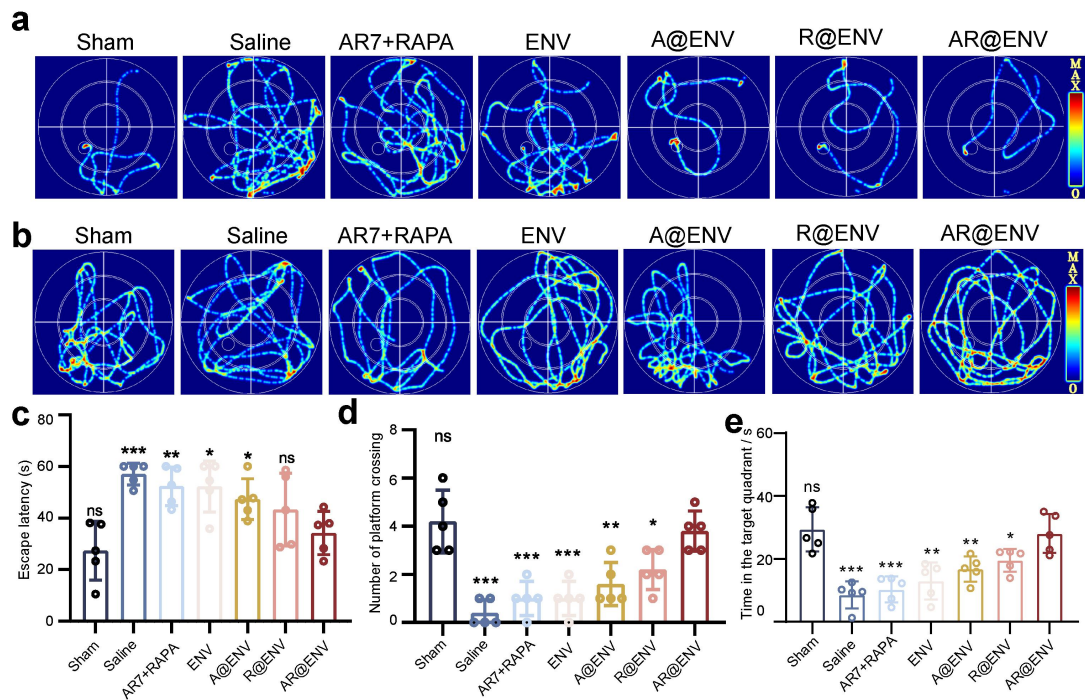


Figure. S18. Morris water maze experiment in Aβ-injected AD mice. **(a)** Representative heatmap of the spatial navigation test for mice in different treatment groups. **(b)** Representative heatmap of the spatial exploration test in Morris water maze. **(c)** Latency to enter the target platform. **(d)** Number of entries into the target platform. **(e)** Time spent in the target quadrant. All data are expressed as mean ± SD, compared with AR@ENV group, n = 5.

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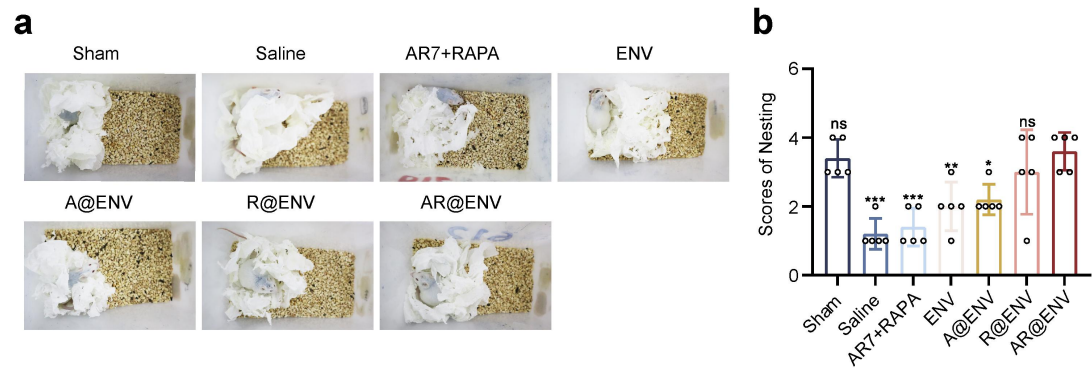
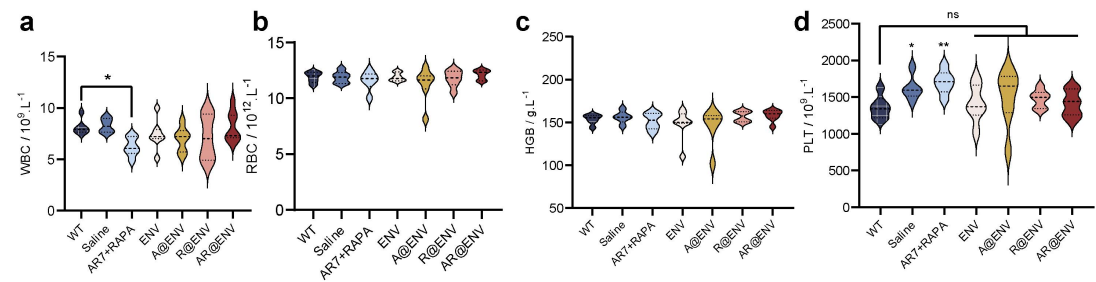


Figure. S19. Nesting-building experiment in A β -injected AD mice. **(a)** Representative images from the nest-building test. **(b)** Nest-building score. Data are reported as mean $\pm$ SD, compared with AR@ENV group, n = 6.

Supplementary Figure 20



Supplementary Fig. 20. Hematological parameters of APP/PS1 mice following treatment. (a) WBC, (b) RBC, (c) PLT, and (d) HGB. Data are presented as mean $\pm$ SD, compared with AR@ENV group, n = 5.

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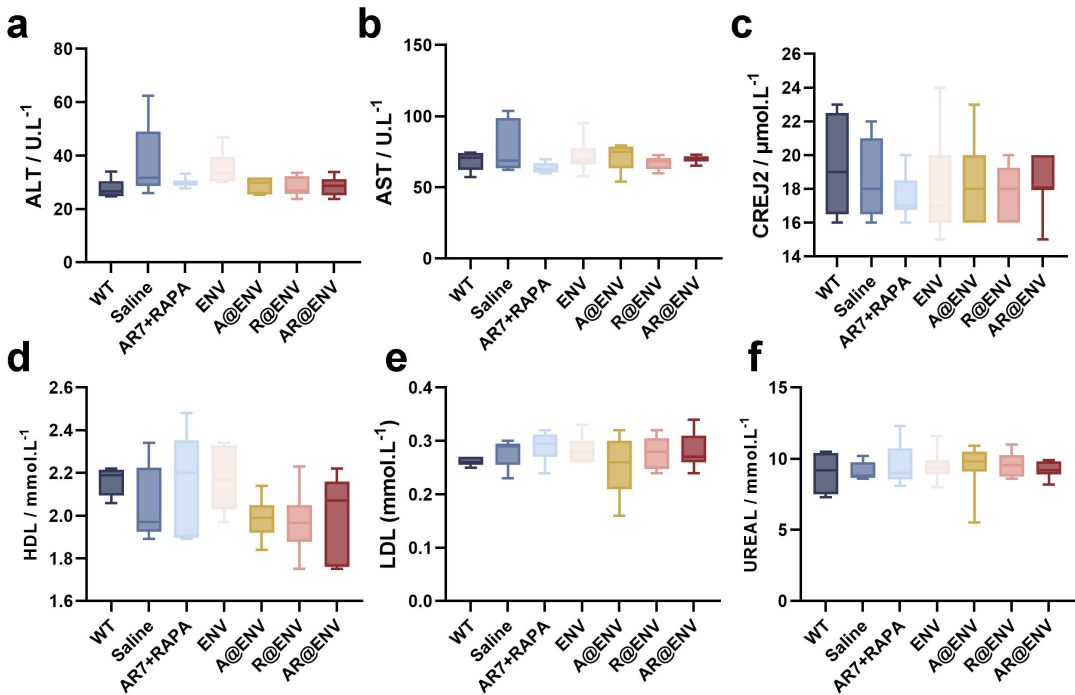


Figure. S21. Biochemical parameters across different treatment groups: (a) ALT, (b) AST, (c) CREJ, (d) HDL, (e) LDL and (f) UREAL. Data are presented as mean $\pm$ SD, compared with AR@ENV group. n = 5.

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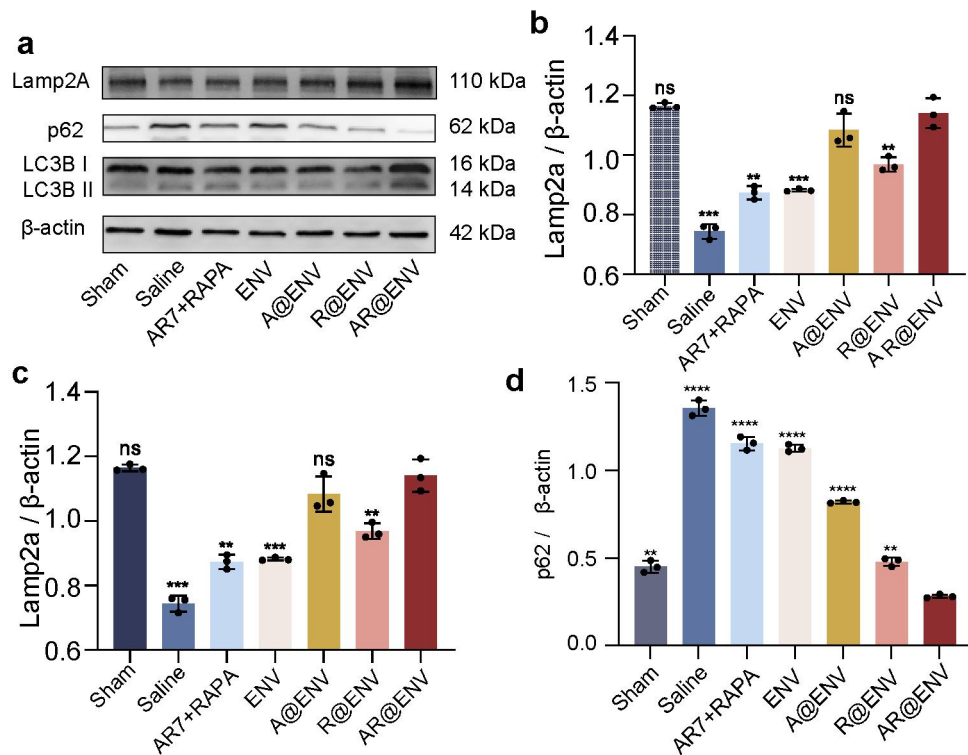


Figure. S22. Assessment of autophagy levels in brains of A β -injected AD mice. **(a)** Representative western blot images showing the expression of chaperone-mediated autophagy (CMA) and macroautophagy-related proteins following various treatments. **(b-d)** Semi-quantitative analysis of the CMA-related protein Lamp2A (b), macroautophagy marker p62 (c) and LC3BII/LC3BI ratio (d). Data are presented as mean $\pm$ SD, compared with AR@ENV group, n = 3.

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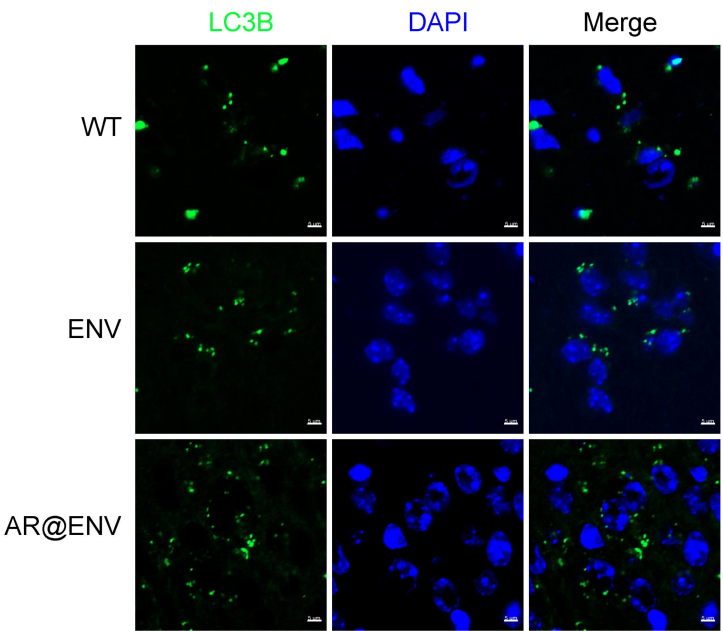


Figure. S23. Representative immunofluorescence images of autophagosomes in the hippocampal region of APP/PS1 mouse brain tissue across different treatment groups. Scale bars = 5 µm.

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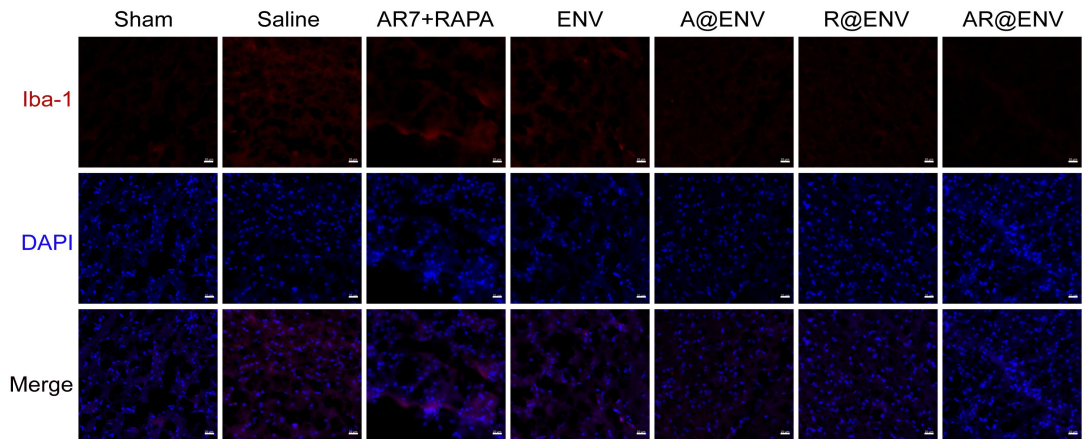


Figure. S24. Representative immunofluorescence images showed the levels of inflammatory microglia in A β -injected model mice after different treatments. Iba-1 protein was represented in red, and DAPI stained nuclei. Scale bar: 20 μ m.

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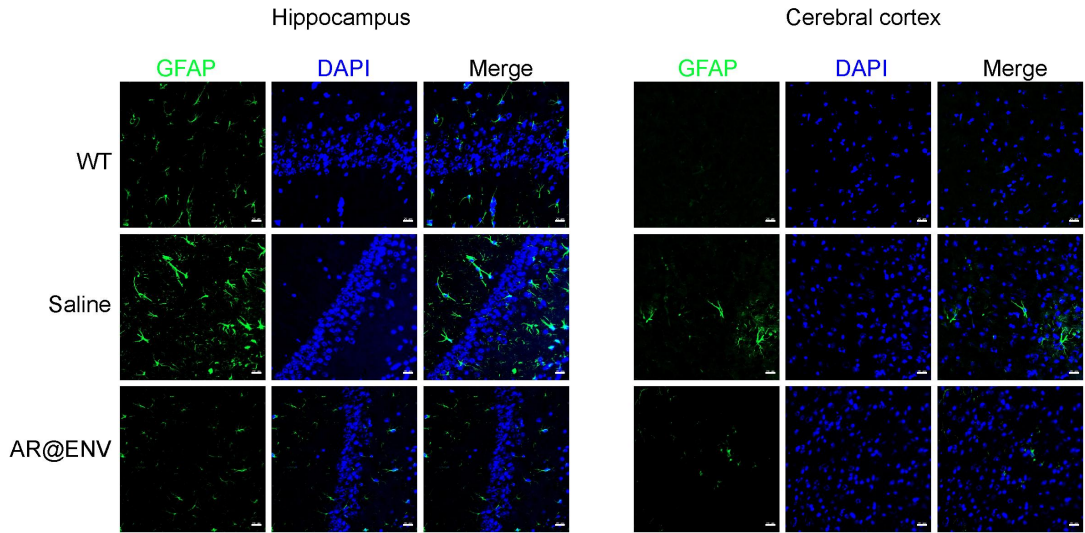


Figure. S25. Representative images of astrocyte proliferation in hippocampal and cerebral cortex across treatment groups. Scale bar: 20 μm.

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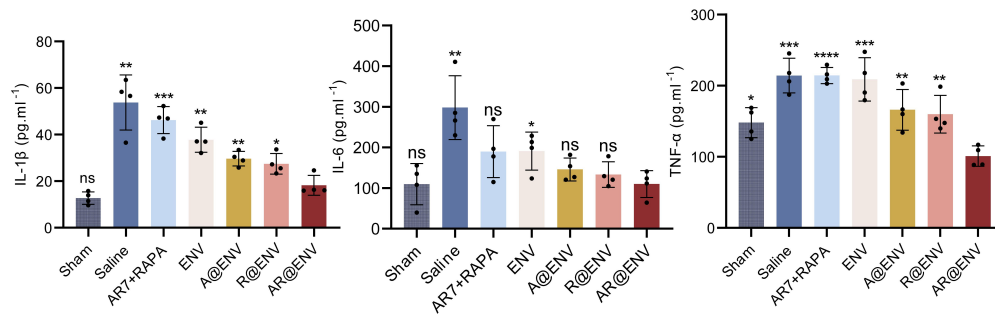


Figure. S26. Levels of inflammatory factors in brains of A β -injected AD mice across each treatment group were assessed using ELISA. Data were presented as mean $\pm$ SD, compared with AR@ENV group, n = 4.

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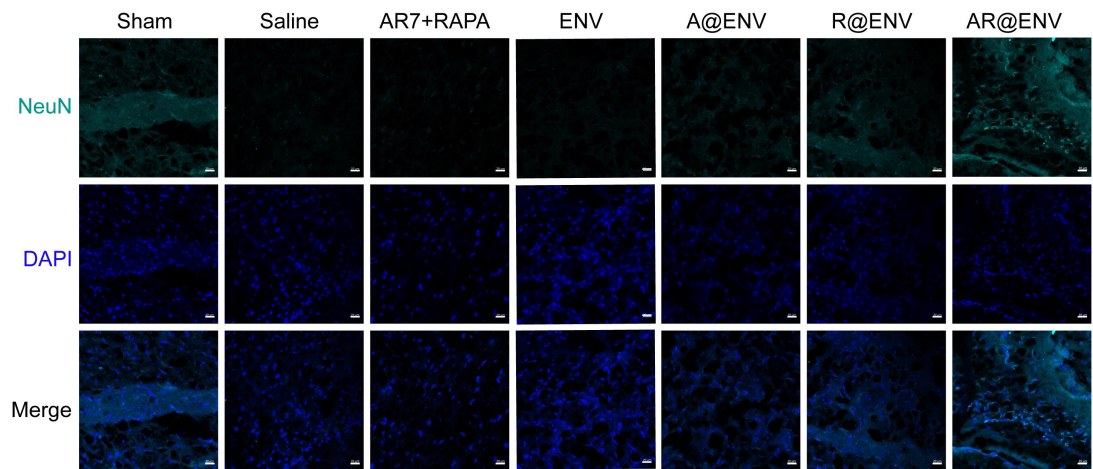


Figure. S27. Representative immunofluorescence images showed neuroprotective effects in brains of A β -injected AD mice from different treatment groups. NeuN was represented in blue, and DAPI stained the nuclei. Scale bar: 20 μ m.

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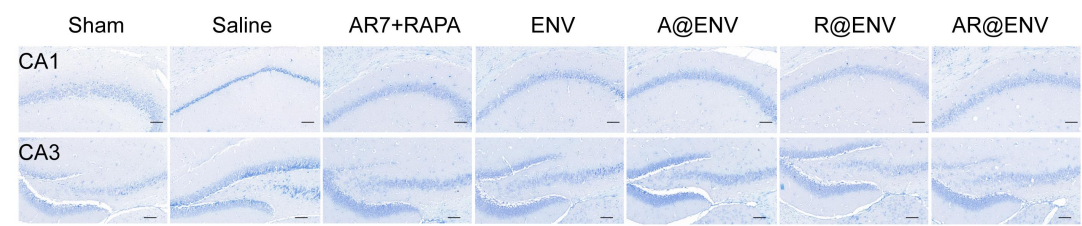


Figure. S28. Comprehensive overview of Nissl-stained of brains from A β -injected AD mice from different treatment groups, along with images of the hippocampal CA1 and CA3 regions. Scale bars: 50 μ m.

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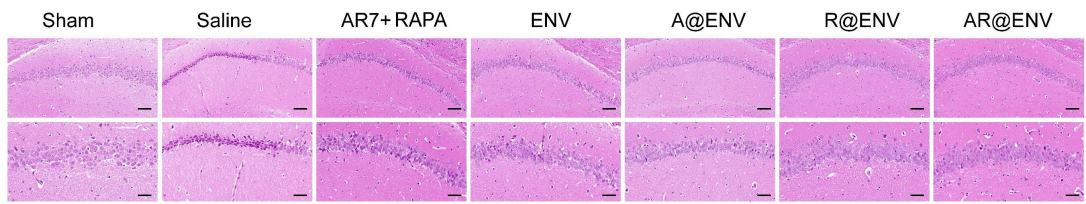


Figure. S29. Representative H&E staining images of brains from A β -injected AD mice across different treatment groups. Scale bar: 50 μ m.

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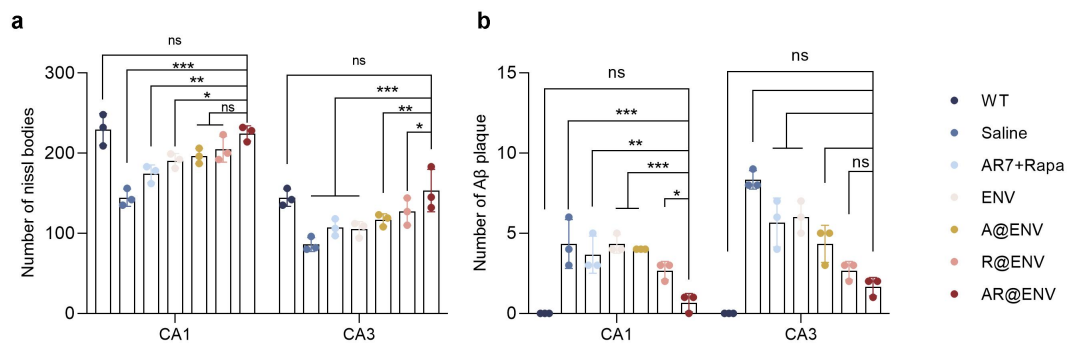


Figure. S30. Semi-quantification of Figure 7h and 7j. **(a)** Figure 7h; **(b)** Figure 7j. Data are presented as mean $\pm$ SD, n=3.

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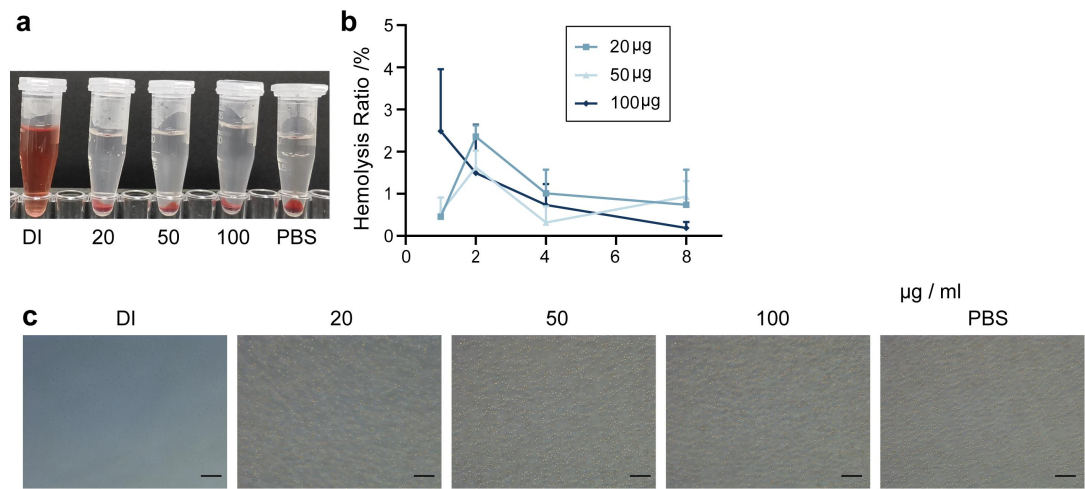
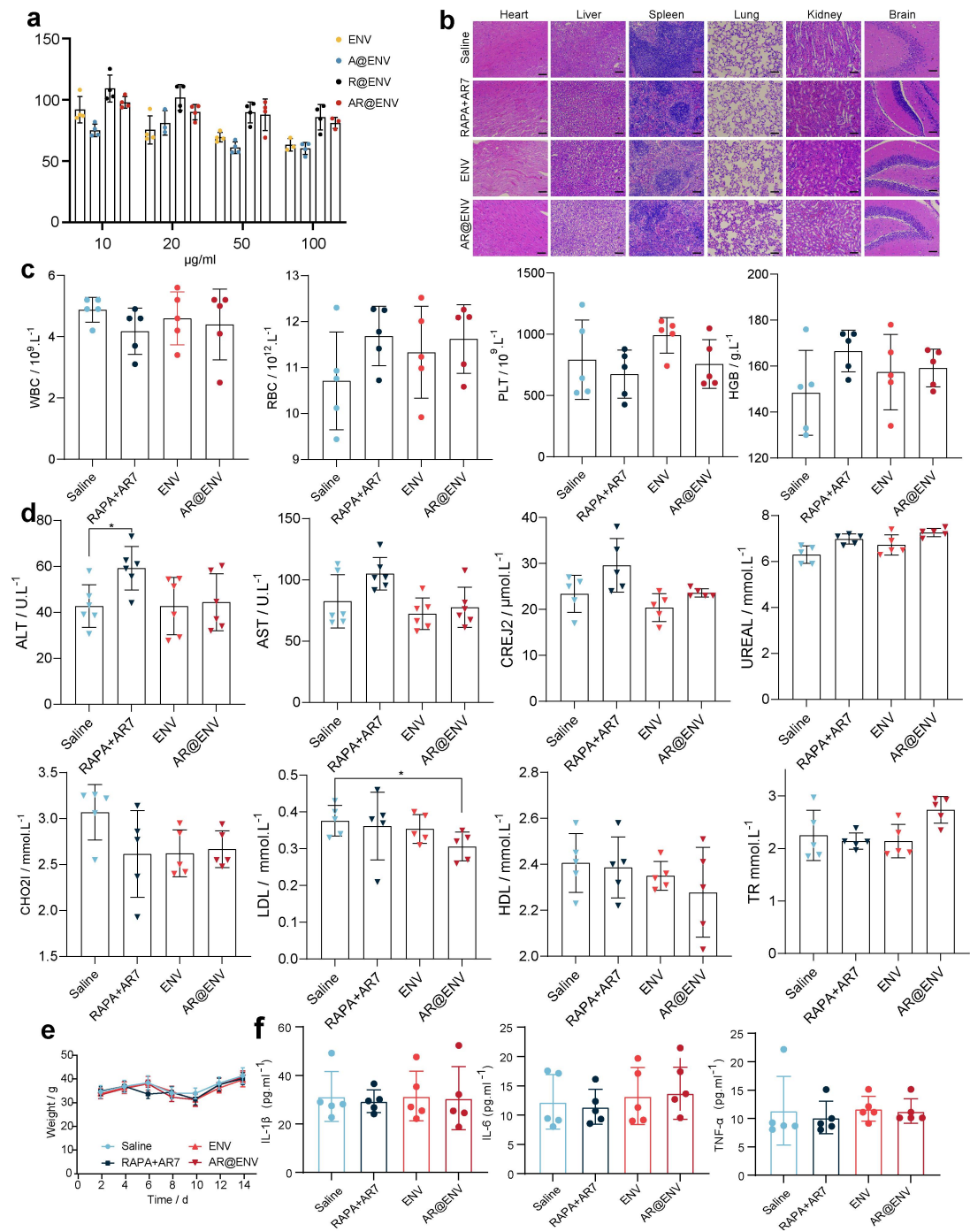


Figure. S31. Evaluation of the biocompatibility of AR@ENV. **(a)** Hemolytic rate of AR@ENV, presented as mean $\pm$ SD, $n = 3$. **(b)** Hemolysis ratio. **(c)** Representative images of red blood cells from different groups after 8 hours of hemolysis experiments. Scale bar = 50 μm .



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Figure. S32. Preliminary evaluation of *in vivo* safety of AR@ENV. **(a)** Cell viability assay of HT22 cells treated with different concentrations of ENV, A@ENV, R@ENV, and AR@ENV (n=4). **(b)** Representative H&E staining images of major organs from each treatment group, assessing potential histopathological alterations. Scale bar = 50 μm. **(c)** Hematological analysis of mice following long-term administration of different treatments. Data are presented as mean ± SD, n = 5. **(d)** Biochemical parameter evaluation across

187 different treatment groups to assess systemic toxicity. Data are presented as
188 mean $\pm$ SD, n = 6. **(e)** Body weight fluctuations over the treatment period. Data
189 are presented as mean $\pm$ SD, n = 5. **(f)** Serum inflammatory cytokine levels
190 among different treatment groups. Data are presented as mean $\pm$ SD,
191 compared with AR@ENV group, n = 5.

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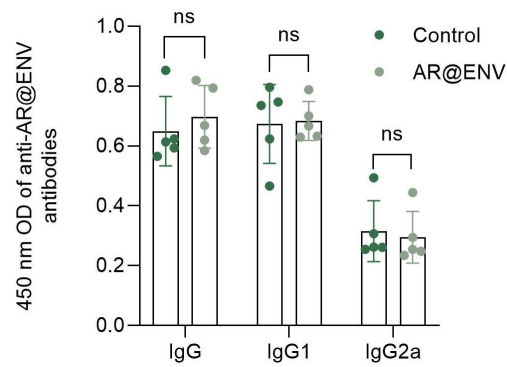


Figure. S33. Serum levels of IgG, IgG1, and IgG2a specific antibodies. Data are presented as mean $\pm$ SD, n = 5.

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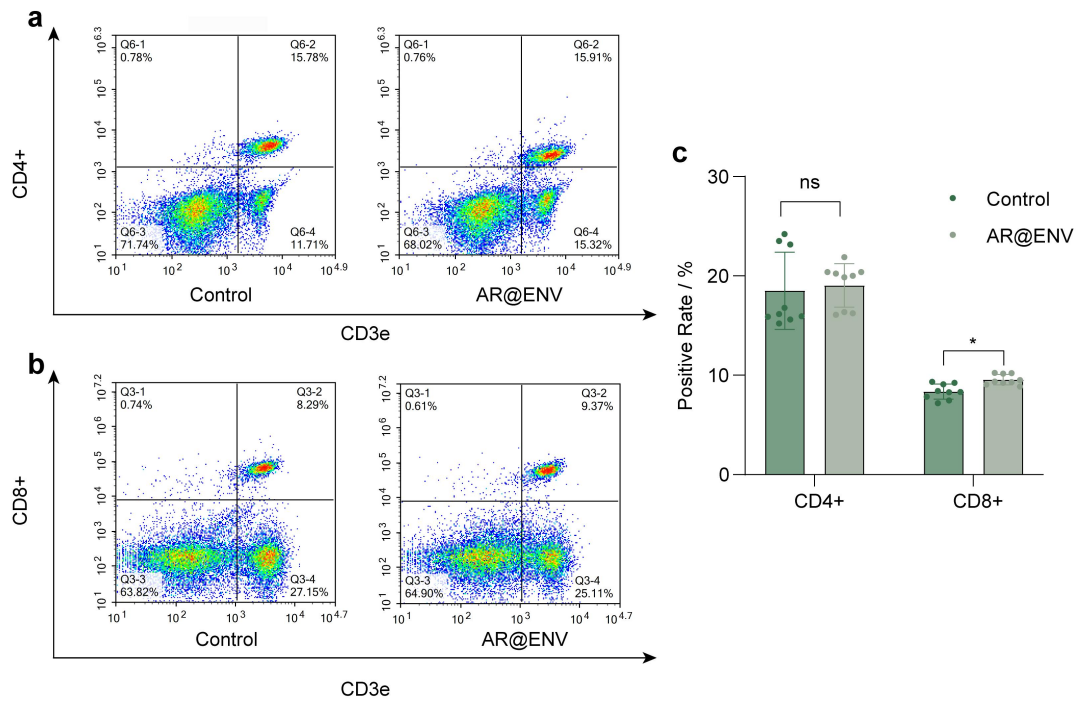


Figure. S34. Levels of CD4⁺ T cells and CD8⁺ T cells in the spleen. **(a–b)** Representative flow cytometry plots: (a) CD4⁺ T cells; (b) CD8⁺ T cells. **(c)** Quantitative analysis of panels a–b. Data are presented as mean $\pm$ SD, n = 9.

Table. S1. Size, PDI, Zeta-potential, Encapsulation Efficiency (EE)/%, and Loading efficiency (LE)/% of AR7@LP and Rapa @LP.

	Size /nm	PDI	Zeta-potential	Encapsulation Efficiency (EE)/%	Loading efficiency (LE)/%
AR7@LP	160.3 ±3.4	0.210	-37.9 ± 4.6	92.9 ± 1.3	1.3 ± 0.012
Rapa@LP	127.3 ± 2.6	0.212	-30.8 ± 1.5	84.5 ± 1.5	3.91 ± 0.058

204 **Table. S2.** Drug loading capacity of AR@ENV at different internalization time points.

Time	AR7 loading efficiency / μg	Rapa loading efficiency / μg
2 h	3.7 ± 0.25	1.1 ± 0.15
4 h	8.71 ± 0.46	2.6 ± 0.12
6 h	12.7 ± 0.21	4.12 ± 0.06
8 h	19.4 ± 0.37	6.75 ± 0.05
12 h	20.2 ± 1.2	7.31 ± 0.09

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Table. S3. Protein concentration, particle concentration, and drug loading capacity of three batches of AR@ENV.

	Protein concentration (mg.ml ⁻¹)	Particle concentration/ (particles.ml ⁻¹)	AR7 loading efficiency /μg	Rapa loading efficiency /μg
1	0.95±0.0017	4.8*e ¹¹	19.4 ± 0.37	6.75 ± 0.05
2	0.98±0.0097	4.9*e ¹¹	18.7 ± 0.07	6.24 ± 0.12
3	1.08±0.032	5.1*e ¹¹	19.9 ± 0.22	7.02 ± 0.34

209 **Table. S4.** Overview of DIA-Based Protein Identification.

Name	Peptide	Identified protein
ALL	94062	7771

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211 **Table. S5.** Differential Protein Screening.

Compared samples	Num. of Total Quant.	Regulated type	fold change > 1.2	fold change > 1.3	fold change > 1.5	fold change > 2.0
AR@ENV.vs.BV2	6931	Up-regulated	1792	1773	1696	1396
		Down-regulated	2074	2064	1967	1925
AR@ENV.vs.Membrane	6836	Up-regulated	1469	1444	1343	1018
		Down-regulated	1820	1802	1681	1187

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213 **Table. S6.** Quantification of rapamycin and AR7 degradation in AR@ENV by HPLC.

		Peak Area (mAU *s)					degradation percentage/%
		0 h			8 h		
Rapa	1107.1	1114.9	1108	965.9	974.1	963	12.8 ±2.4
AR7	1519.8	1525.0	1516.3	1460.3	1465.7	1459.5	3.8±0.9

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215 **Table. S7.** Antibodies used for immunofluorescence staining and western blotting

Antibody	Supplier name	Catalogue number	Dilution ratio
Lamp2A	Abcam	ab240018	1: 2000
TSG101	Huabio	ET1701-59	1: 2000
CD9	Huabio	HA721533	1: 2000
P62	Abways	CY9081	1: 5000
LC3B	Abways	CY5992	1: 2000
Iba-1	Abcam	ab178846	1: 500
Neun	Abcam	Ab177487	1: 500
GAPDH	Abways	AB0037	1:10000
β -actin	Affinity	T0022	1:10000
ZO-1	Abcam	ab307799	1:500
PINK1	Huabio	ER1706-27	1:1000
Parkin	Huabio	ET1702-60	1:1000
CX3CR1	Abcam	ab308613	1:1000
IgG	Abclonal	AB0102	1:10000
IgG1	Abclonal	AS066	1:2000
IgG2a	Abclonal	AS065	1:2000

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217 **Table. S8.** Primers used for qRT-PCR

Gene	Primer	Sequence
Mtor	F	TGGCATAACAGATCCTGACCC (21)
Mtor	R	CAGGGATGCCAAGACACAGT (20)
AKT1	F	CCGCCTGATCAAGTTCTCCTA (21)
AKT1	R	CAGCGCATCCGACAAACAAA (20)
GAPDH	F	CATGAGAAGTATGACAACAG (20)
GAPDH	R	ATGAGTCCTTCCACGATA (18)
Pten	F	CAAGAGGATGGATTGCGACTTAGAC (24)
Pten	R	AAAGGATACTGTGCAACTCTGC (22)

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