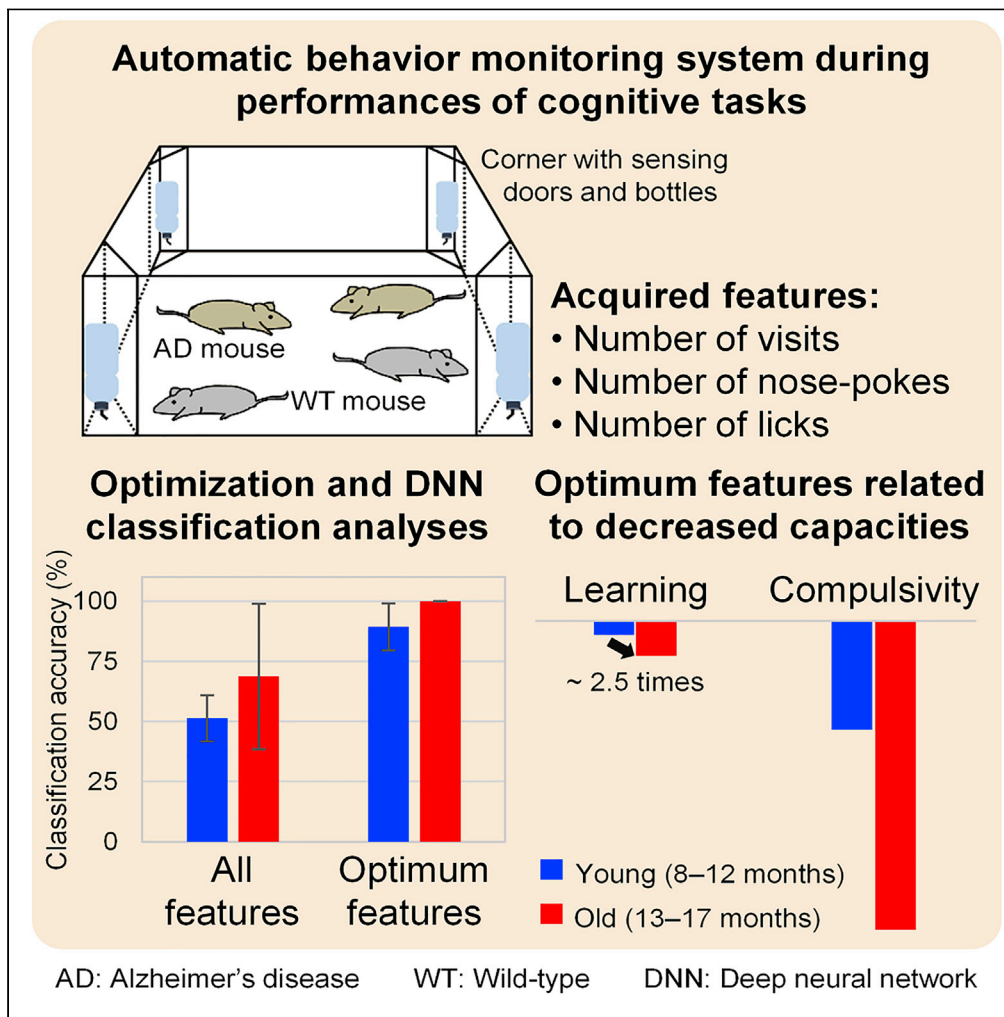


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**HIGHLIGHTS**

Cognitive-related behaviors were monitored to identify Alzheimer’s disease (AD) mice

Those behaviors were used as inputs of the deep neural network algorithm

Best-performing inputs were related to age-specific mild decreases of cognitions

Despite underdeveloped symptoms, AD mice could be distinguished from the early age



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## SUMMARY

**Alzheimer's disease (AD) is a worldwide burden. Diagnosis is complicated by the fact that AD is asymptomatic at an early stage. Studies using AD-modeled animals offer important and useful insights. Here, we classified mice with a high risk of AD at a preclinical stage by using only their behaviors. Wild-type and knock-in AD-modeled (*App*<sup>NL-G-F/NL-G-F</sup>) mice were raised, and their cognitive behaviors were assessed in an automated monitoring system. The classification utilized a machine learning method, i.e., a deep neural network, together with optimized stepwise feature selection and cross-validation. The AD risk could be identified on the basis of compulsive and learning behaviors (89.3% ± 9.8% accuracy) shown by AD-modeled mice in the early age (i.e., 8–12 months old) when the AD symptomatic cognitions were relatively underdeveloped. This finding reveals the advantage of machine learning in unveiling the importance of compulsive and learning behaviors for early AD diagnosis in mice.**

## INTRODUCTION

Dementia has been a worldwide concern. The prevalence of dementia is predicted to increase by more than twice by 2030 and even thrice by 2050 with greater prevalence in low- and middle-income countries (World Health Organization and Alzheimer's Disease, 2012; Prince et al., 2016). Alzheimer's disease (AD) is the most common type of dementia, accounting for 60%–70% of dementia cases (World Health Organization and Alzheimer's Disease, 2012). The onset of AD varies, starting from 65 years old (late-onset AD), but the age range with the highest probability of onset is 85 years and older (Qiu et al., 2009). Core symptoms involve memory decline (e.g., in spatial, semantic, implicit, episodic memory), impaired speech and linguistic abilities, and problems with executive functions, whereas other behavioral and psychological symptoms of dementia such as depression, personality changes (e.g., irritation, aggression), presence of hallucinations, and delusional thinking also frequently occur in patients with AD. These symptomatic behaviors seriously disrupt daily activities and lower the quality of life. Between 2000 and 2010, the mortality rate of AD increased by up to 38.7% in the United States (Tejada-Vera, 2013), and it is currently the sixth leading cause of death (Xu et al., 2016). The global economic cost, including direct medical, direct social, and informal care costs, was estimated at US\$ 604 billion in 2010 (Wimo et al., 2013) and is expected to increase in the near future (Prince et al., 2016). In Europe, the economic cost was estimated at €105.2 billion in 2011 (Smith, 2011). This cost burden is comparable to the gross domestic product of large countries (e.g., Turkey and Indonesia) (Wortmann, 2012).

The late stage of AD characterized by neuronal death is irreversible. Currently, two types of antidementia drug, acetylcholinesterase inhibitors and an N-methyl-D-aspartate (NMDA) receptor antagonist, are available in clinical practice. In addition, drugs targeting amyloid- $\beta$  peptide (A $\beta$ ), such as anti-A $\beta$  antibodies and  $\beta$ -secretase 1 inhibitors, are under clinical trials. Although there is still a debate as to whether these antidementia drugs are able to decelerate disease progression (Rountree et al., 2009) or only relieve symptoms (Rountree et al., 2012; Szeto and Lewis, 2016), early detection of those at high risk of AD is essential (Cummins et al., 2007; Petersen, 2009). Longitudinal data (e.g., neuroimaging, biochemical, and genetic data) have started to be collected in projects aimed at the prevention and treatment of AD, such as the Alzheimer's disease neuroimaging initiative (ADNI); the Australian imaging, biomarkers & lifestyle flagship study of aging (AIBL); Japanese ADNI; and European ADNI (Hendrix et al., 2015). The deposition of A $\beta$  in the brains

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of patients with subclinical cognitive impairment has been proposed as a predictor of AD risk (Morris et al., 2009; Berti et al., 2010; Landau et al., 2012). However, A $\beta$  deposition may also be detected in the brains of cognitively normal elderly people (Driscoll and Troncoso, 2011). Thirty to fifty percent of deceased elderly people who had undergone postmortem examination and showed the presence of A $\beta$  deposition were reported to be clinically normal individuals (O'Brien et al., 2009; Price et al., 2009). Therefore, the AD pathophysiological hypothesis related to A $\beta$  deposition is still confounding.

The progression from A $\beta$  deposition to visible clinical symptoms may take more than a decade to confirm (Jack et al., 2009, 2010). This time lag is influenced by high interindividual variability caused by differences in genetic backgrounds (Kunkle et al., 2019) and in brain and cognitive reserve and pathological comorbidity (Jack et al., 2010; Sperling et al., 2011). Prolonged and varying time lag complicates the studies of AD diagnosis, screening biomarkers, disease mechanisms, and therapeutic development. Here, animal research has been a common approach to accelerating these studies. A hypothesis of AD pathophysiology is neuroinflammation mediated by microglia and astrocytes causing cerebral A $\beta$  plaque and behavior-cognitive impairments. A mouse model was created by using a knock-in (KI) strategy to mimic A $\beta$  overproduction (Saito et al., 2014; Sasaguri et al., 2017). Another common method is AD-modeled mice based on the amyloid precursor protein (APP)-overexpressing approach. Both methods produce AD-like phenotypes with different A $\beta$  deposition rates and severity symptoms. Some artifacts of the APP-overexpressing model, such as non-specific overproduction of APP fragment proteins (Hsiao et al., 1996; Mucke et al., 2000), abnormal gene expressions (Goodwin et al., 2019), and destroyed exons of fibroblast growth factor 14 (Gamache et al., 2019), have been found. Despite these artifacts, APP-overexpressing mice are able to project moderate to severe behavioral phenotypes. Meanwhile, App KI mice show only preclinical AD-relevant phenotypes without any associations with APP-overexpressing mice. Therefore, the use of specific AD-modeled mice should be engineered according to the purposes of the study (Sasaguri et al., 2017).

Even though A $\beta$  deposition may bring important insights, a quantitative measure of it using positron emission tomography (PET) is relatively expensive and invasive due to the binding-tracer injection. Without routine measurement, the onset of A $\beta$  deposition is sometimes overlooked. Cognitive declines and behavioral changes hence become significant but delayed symptoms. By studying AD-modeled mice, we hope to classify those at high risk of AD on the basis of only their behaviors at an early age (i.e., preclinical AD stage). For early AD screening, the implementation of the App KI model with preclinical AD phenotypes is suitable. A KI mouse model, namely, App<sup>NL-G-F/NL-G-F</sup>, has been reported to reveal an increase in A $\beta$  deposition, broad neuroinflammation, and cognitive deficits (Masuda et al., 2016). App<sup>NL-G-F/NL-G-F</sup> mice exhibit three mutations: Swedish (NL), Beyreuther/Iberian (F), and Arctic (G). In this study, the classification was supported by a machine learning algorithm, namely, a deep neural network (DNN). The usefulness of machine learning has been evidenced in predicting AD progression from mild cognitive impairment (MCI) using six data types: (1) PET patterns (Katoko et al., 2018; Ding et al., 2019), (2) structural magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) patterns (Plant et al., 2010; Moradi et al., 2015; Long et al., 2017), (3) functional MRI (Hojjati et al., 2017), (4) socio-demographic information and clinical and neuropsychological scores (Clark et al., 2014, 2016; Johnson et al., 2014; Grassi et al., 2018), (5) blood plasma proteins (Agarwal et al., 2015), and (6) blood-based markers of cerebrospinal fluid A $\beta$  (Goudey et al., 2019). Machine learning has been applied to numerous AD studies; the current study features easy-to-collect behavioral data of AD mouse models using an automated monitoring system. It addresses two major points: classification between genotypes of mice using only behaviors and identification of influential behaviors for classifying high-risk mice (i.e., App<sup>NL-G-F/NL-G-F</sup>).

## RESULTS

### Automatic quantification of behavioral parameters

There is an extensive debate about the animal-human comparative psychology (Morgan, 1903; Zentall, 1999; Fitzpatrick, 2008; Meketa, 2014; Mercado, 2016; Starzak, 2017); interdisciplinary fields strive for the understanding of animal cognition. The comparison of animal-human cognitions show both similarities (e.g., conceptual understanding, spatial learning, memory, social mental, and imitation) (Kuhlmeier and Boysen, 2006) and discrepancies (e.g., teaching, memory capacity, causal reasoning, planning, deception, transitive inference, and theory of mind) (Premack, 2007). These discrepancies might be justifiable due to macroscopic and microscopic gaps (e.g., anatomy, size, neural structure, neural wiring and connectivity, etc.) between human and animal brains. Meanwhile, these cognitive similarities should consider species-dependent capacities.

During the test tasks (Figure S1), five tasks (Figure S2) were designed to evaluate cognitive behaviors, such as learning, impulsivity, attention, and compulsivity, in wild-type (WT) and  $App^{NL-G-F/NL-G-F}$  mice. To minimize the risks of over- and under-attribution biases, the cognitive interpretation from the currently performed tasks had been investigated and reported in the previous studies (D'Hooge and De Deyn, 2001; Ryan et al., 2013; Kiryk et al., 2020). The term of cognitive behavior is defined as specific responses from animals during task performances that likely represent cognitive functions. When the mice were performing the test tasks, their activities (numbers of visits to corner chambers, numbers of nose-pokes at doorways, and numbers of licking at drinking bottles) were automatically recorded (see Figure S3 for exemplary time series data). These activities were then defined as behavioral parameters. Some of these parameters represented behavioral performances in each cognitive task. For example, in the place preference learning test, mice were allowed to access water bottles only in a correct corner out of four corners, which was individually assigned to avoid learning imitation between mice. The number of correct visits suggests the spatial learning ability of recognizing the correct corner chambers. As some factors (e.g., motor functions, anxiety traits) other than corresponding cognitions possibly affect the behavioral parameters, we carefully checked that there was no impaired baseline activity (e.g., general visits and nose-pokes) in  $App^{NL-G-F/NL-G-F}$  mice before the performance of cognitive tasks (Masuda et al., 2016). The number of correct corner visits in the place preference reversal (PPR) learning test, where the correct corner shifted diagonally to the original position, quantified the ability to learn in changing circumstances (learning flexibility). In the serial reaction time test (SRTT), after a nose-poke, the mice had to wait (1.0, 2.0, or 4.0 s) for the doorway to open for a certain period (0.3, 0.5, or 1 s) with the cue being the light-emitting diode (LED) switching on. A large number of nose-pokes during the waiting period (i.e., premature visit/trial) indicated poor impulsivity control. The number of drinks (i.e., correct visits/trials) quantified the control of attention, i.e., how quickly the mice reacted after the LED was switched on and the doorway opened. Furthermore, in the place avoidance learning test, a nose-poke at the supposed-to-be-avoided corner chamber would trigger a puff of air (i.e., learning process). After the learning process, the avoidance condition was eliminated (i.e., no puff of air), and the number of nose-pokes at the previously avoided corner chamber quantified the retention (i.e., 24 h after the elimination of avoidance) and extinction (i.e., 5 days after the elimination of avoidance) learning. In the delay-discounting test, to access a 0.5% saccharin solution, the mice had to wait (1–8 s after a nose-poke) for the doorway to open. Instead of waiting a long time to drink the saccharin solution, the mice could choose to drink water from the adjacent bottle without waiting for the doorway to open (0 s after a nose-poke). Large numbers of nose-pokes and licks at the doorway of the saccharin solution represented compulsive/persistent behaviors. All test parameters, categorized in 11 parameter groups, are tabulated in Table 1.

### $App^{NL-G-F/NL-G-F}$ mice reveals impaired functions of compulsivity control, learning, and attention

Figure 1 shows the behavioral parameters in phases 1 (age 8–12 months; Figure 1A) and 2 (age 13–17 months; Figure 1B) for each genotype. The starter features (black-lined squares in Figure 1) were found in parameter-groups 11 (6 s delay) and 2 (day 1) for phases 1 and 2, respectively. There are two points of highlight. First, the behavioral parameters of the delay-discounting test were significant between-genotype differences in phase 1 (two-sample t test;  $t_{(25)} = 2.14\text{--}3.38$ ;  $p < 0.05$ ). The  $App^{NL-G-F/NL-G-F}$  mice developed a more severe compulsion toward the saccharin solution than the WT mice did. Instead of waiting (>2 s) to access the saccharin solution, the WT mice chose to drink from water bottles. Therefore, their nose-poke and lick rates were significantly decreased compared with those of the  $App^{NL-G-F/NL-G-F}$  mice. These between-genotype differences were consistent with those in phase 2 (two-sample t test;  $t_{(27)} = 2.38\text{--}3.33$ ;  $p < 0.05$ ). Second, between-genotype differences were more frequently found in phase 2. For example, during the PPR learning test, the  $App^{NL-G-F/NL-G-F}$  mice made significantly more mistakes than the WT mice (two-sample t test;  $t_{(27)} = 2.17\text{--}4.15$ ;  $p < 0.05$ ), as indicated by the low visit rate to the correct corner chamber (parameter-group 2) in phase 2 (Figure 1B) compared with in phase 1 (Figure 1A; two-sample t test;  $t_{(25)} = 0.29\text{--}1.74$ ;  $p > 0.05$ ). Furthermore, the WT mice performed well with a higher correct rate (parameter-groups 7 and 8) when responding to the opened doorways (0.5 s) during the SRTT than that of the  $App^{NL-G-F/NL-G-F}$  mice (two-sample t test;  $t_{(27)} = 2.84\text{--}2.93$ ;  $p < 0.05$ ). There were significant between-genotype differences in phase 1 but not in phase 2; however, there was no significant inter-phase (i.e., phases 1 versus 2; parameter-group 1 for days 1 and 2) difference in either genotype (one-sample t test;  $t_{(17)} = 0.35\text{--}1.19$  for WT;  $t_{(13)} = 0.41\text{--}0.96$  for  $App^{NL-G-F/NL-G-F}$ ;  $p > 0.05$ ). Genotype-dependent aging might suggest a reason for this difference in significance (inter-phase parameter-group 3 of day 1; one-sample t test;  $t_{(17)} = 3.97$  for WT;  $t_{(13)} = 0.27$  for  $App^{NL-G-F/NL-G-F}$ ; only significant for the WT mice). In summary, the cognitive

**Table 1. Summary of test parameters**

Test	Class	Parameter and its description	Number of parameters
Place preference learning	1	Daily visit rate to the correct corner chamber (7 days)	7
Place preference reversal learning	2	Daily visit rate to the correct corner chamber (7 days)	7
Serial reaction time, impulsivity	3	Daily premature trial (i.e., did nose-poke(s) during the delay period) rate (10 days including training)*	8
Serial reaction time, attention (days 5–7)	4	Premature trial rate at stimulus durations of 0.3, 0.5, and 1 s	3
Serial reaction time, attention (days 5–7)	5	Omission error (i.e., missed to drink at the open door) rate at stimulus durations of 0.3, 0.5, and 1 s	3
Serial reaction time, attention (days 5–7)	6	Omission trial (i.e., missed to initiate the test) rate at stimulus durations of 0.3, 0.5, and 1 s	3
Serial reaction time, attention (days 5–7)	7	Correct rate from total trial (i.e., visit) at stimulus durations of 0.3, 0.5, and 1 s	3
Serial reaction time, attention (days 5–7)	8	Correct rate from total non-premature trial (i.e., visit) at stimulus durations of 0.3, 0.5, and 1 s	3
Place avoidance learning	9	Nose-poke error rate at avoided doorways during baseline, learning, retention, and extinction periods	4
Delay-discounting	10	Nose-poke rate at doorways to access the saccharin solution with delays of 0, 0.1, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 s*	9
Delay-discounting	11	Lick rate at saccharin bottles with delays of 0, 0.1, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 s	10

The test parameters (60 in total) were categorized into 11 parameter groups according to test type and parameter descriptions. Impulsivity and delay discounting tests (\*) had a reduced number of parameters because data were unavailable for more than half of the sample number. See also [Figure S3](#), [Table S1](#), and [Table S2](#).

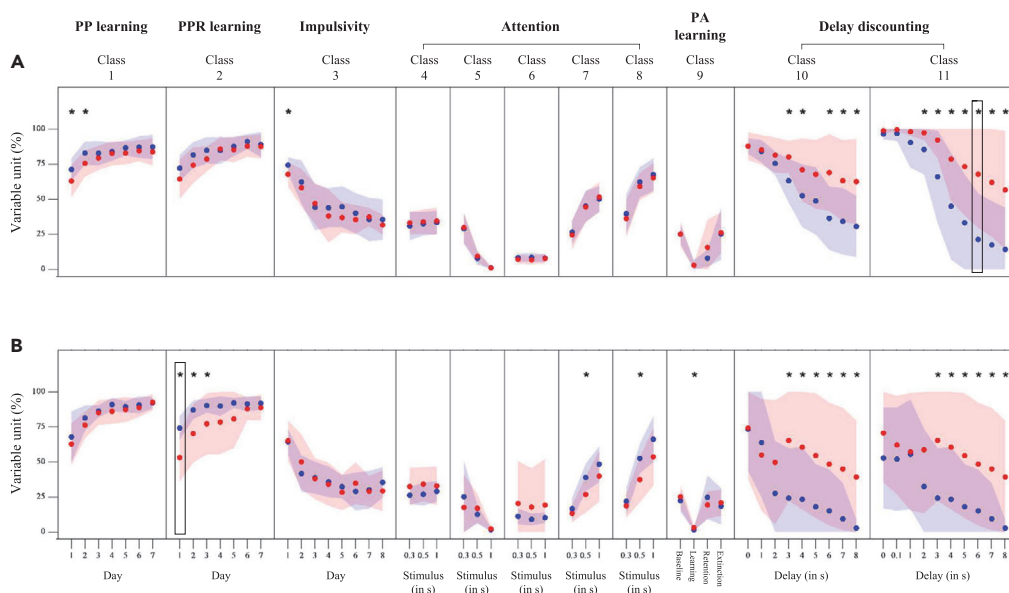
impairments were reflected early in the lack of control of compulsive behaviors and were followed by declining learning flexibility and attention.

### Stepwise approach optimizes feature selection for high classification performance

All behavioral parameters were potentially used as classifying features in the DNN algorithm. The effects of the feature-selecting methods and phases were compared in terms of classification performance, as shown in [Figure 2](#). The numbers of significant between-genotype features were 15 (phase 1), 18 (phase 2), and 20 (both phases). Accordingly, it was difficult to distinguish the benefits of the significant between-genotype method from those of the all parameters method. Using all parameters of phase 1 was worse than using significant between-genotype parameters ([Figure 2A](#)). Meanwhile, classification performances were relatively unchanged by using either significant between-genotype or all parameters of phase 2 and both phases ([Figures 2B and 2C](#)). The use of gender as an input node (black arrows in [Figure 2](#)) may not improve performance. Among the feature-selecting methods, the stepwise method ([Figure S4](#)) gave the highest classification performance. Even from the behavioral parameters of the earliest phase (i.e., phase 1), the WT and  $App^{NL-G-F/NL-G-F}$  mice could be distinguished with  $89.3\% \pm 9.8\%$  accuracy. It has been reported that  $App^{NL-G-F/NL-G-F}$  mice aged 8–9 months showed only a few of the behavioral dysfunctions (i.e., preclinical behaviors) ([Hamaguchi et al., 2019](#)); yet, deposition of pathological A $\beta$  and gliosis have also been reported ([Masuda et al., 2016](#)). The high classification accuracy suggests the prospect of early detection for AD risk by using only behavioral information. Therefore, behavioral parameters of the later phase (i.e., phase 2) with more developed symptoms resulted in perfect classification (100%).

### Benefits of DNN algorithm

Before the implementation of machine learning algorithms, the classification computation was performed by following the conventional threshold approach in which the classifying features were evaluated on the basis of the thresholds (e.g., features > thresholds for  $App^{NL-G-F/NL-G-F}$ , and vice versa). The conventional threshold analysis was carried out as a control analysis for the DNN analysis. [Figure 3](#) shows the classification performance of the



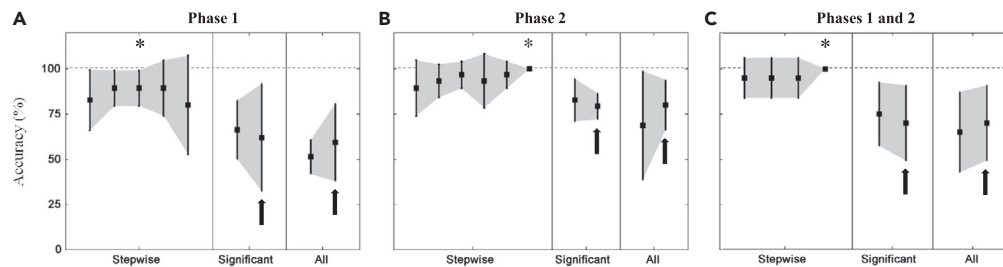
**Figure 1. Behavioral parameters**

(A and B) This figure shows behavioral parameters in phases 1 (A) and 2 (B) for WT (blue plots) and  $App^{NL-G-F/NL-G-F}$  (red plots) mice. Scattered bullets represent averages of behavioral parameters, and patches around bullets indicate standard deviations of behavioral parameters. Asterisks (\*) denote parameters significantly showing different averages between WT and  $App^{NL-G-F/NL-G-F}$  mice (two-sample t test;  $p < 0.05$ ). Black rectangles show starter features. See also [Figures S1 and S2](#), [Tables S1 and S2](#), and [Data S1](#).

control analysis. There are three points highlighted. First, the averages of the cross-validated accuracies obtained from the optimum features of the stepwise methods (i.e., asterisks in [Figure 3](#)) were higher than those of the significant between-genotype and all features. Similar to the DNN analysis, the stepwise feature-selecting method brought the highest classification performance for the control analysis. Second, more features were selected for the optimum classification performances in the control analysis ([Figures 2A versus 3A and 2B versus 3B](#)). Third, the variabilities of the optimum classification performances were higher in the control analysis (17.9% versus 9.8% for phase 1, 13.7% versus 0% for phases 1 and 2; [Figures 2A versus 3A and 2C versus 3C](#), respectively). By considering only the averaged accuracies, the optimum performances of DNN and control analyses were relatively comparable (89.3%–100% versus 88.0%–100%). However, the DNN analysis offered steadier performances (i.e., lower variabilities). The DNN analysis also used fewer classifying features, enabling a simplified measurement.

### Compulsivity and learning behaviors influence classification at an early age

[Table 2](#) lists selected features selected by the stepwise method to obtain the optimum classification performance. Parameters from the delay-discounting test of phase 1 dominated the selected features (three out of four features). Meanwhile, three of seven of the selected features of phase 2 came from the PPR learning test. Even though features were optimized from both phases, the features of phase 2 and PPR learning test were still selected. These features suggested the most influence on classification. Furthermore, some of the selected features showed significant between-genotype differences (those marked with asterisks in [Table 2](#)). These results support the two between-genotype behavioral differences mentioned above. The early classification (phase 1) made use of the behavioral parameters of the delay-discounting test that revealed early impairment in the  $App^{NL-G-F/NL-G-F}$  mice. In contrast, the later dysfunction of  $App^{NL-G-F/NL-G-F}$  mice in learning flexibility (PPR learning test) characterized the genotype classification in phase 2. The behavioral parameters of the delay-discounting test also showed significant between-genotype differences in phase 2, whereas the behavioral parameters of the PPR learning test exhibited even greater between-genotype differences (two-sample t test;  $t_{(27)} = 2.17$ – $4.15$  for PPR learning test;  $t_{(27)} = 2.38$ – $3.33$  for DD test). Therefore, the selected features were well-grounded with regard to phase-dependent cognitive impairments. The gender was not selected in any classification phases. Thus, similar to the above-stated finding, gender was less able to account for between-genotype differences and classifying genotypes. [Table 3](#) summarizes the selected features obtained from the control



**Figure 2. Classification performances of the DNN analysis**

(A–C) This figure shows classification performances (i.e., accuracy) of the DNN analysis using behavioral data of test tasks during phases 1 (A), 2 (B), and both (C) with different feature-selecting methods (stepwise feature, significant between-genotype parameters, and all parameters). Asterisks (\*) denote the optimum cross-validated accuracy for the stepwise selection method. Black arrows represent classification results with gender also included as an input node. Error bars represent standard deviations of cross-validated accuracies. See also [Figure S4](#).

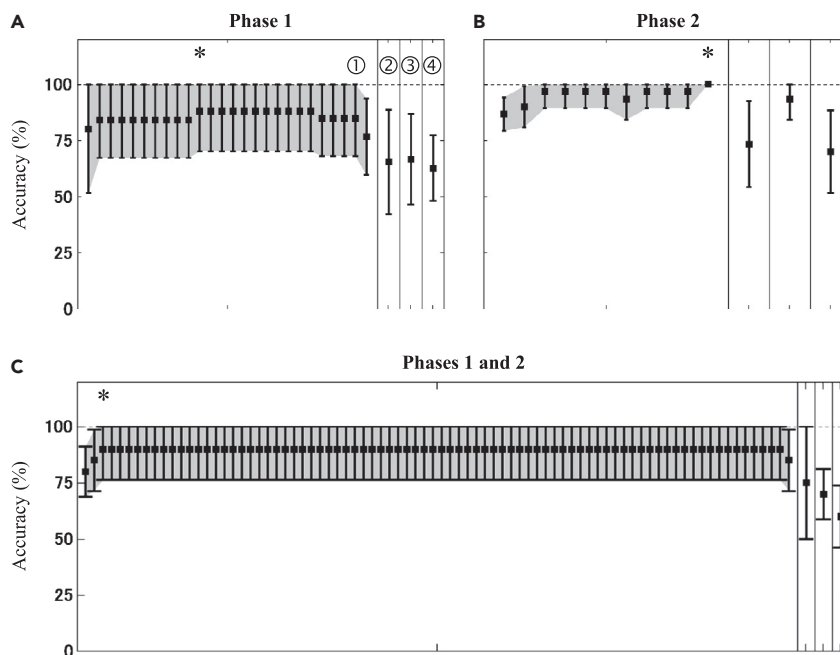
analysis. Parameters from the delay-discounting and learning tests were re-selected. Attention-related parameters also dominated the selected features; however, these parameters showed limited between-genotypes differences compared with the parameters of the delay-discounting and learning tests. The optimum feature combination from phase 1 was characterized by high magnitudes for the  $App^{NL-G-F/NL-G-F}$  mice (i.e.,  $App^{NL-G-F/NL-G-F} > WT$ ), whereas high averaged features of the WT mice determined the classification using features from phase 2 and both phases (i.e.,  $WT > App^{NL-G-F/NL-G-F}$ ). In an optimum feature combination for the control analysis, the selected features presented either  $App^{NL-G-F/NL-G-F} > WT$  or  $WT > App^{NL-G-F/NL-G-F}$  characteristics. Meanwhile, both characteristics (i.e.,  $App^{NL-G-F/NL-G-F} > WT$  and  $WT > App^{NL-G-F/NL-G-F}$ ) could be optimized in the DNN analysis by manipulating the network weights. Features describing the most distinct between-genotype differences were primarily selected and used in the DNN analysis; the number of optimum features for the DNN analysis was thus fewer than that for the control analysis.

## DISCUSSION

The applications of machine learning algorithms (including deep learning algorithms) have been previously reported in the studies of wild-type mice, flies, rodents, and birds ([Kabra et al., 2013](#); [Valleta et al., 2017](#); [Wang, 2019](#); [Mathis and Mathis, 2020](#); [van Dam et al., 2020](#)). However, to the best of our knowledge, this study is the first application of machine learning to automatic behavioral observations in a study of a diseased mouse model. The application of machine learning brought high classification accuracy between the two mouse genotypes even at the preclinical AD stage. The current findings show the potential of machine learning in support of not only animal models but also prognostic mechanisms and preventive care.

### Insights into applications of machine learning on behavioral data

Several studies have reported applications of machine learning to behavioral performance (e.g., clinical, neuropsychological scores) that attempt to predict AD progression within 3–4 years. [Clark et al. \(2014, 2016\)](#) explored novel ways to extract cognitive parameters based on the verbal fluency test and found that the extracted parameters showed benefits over parameters determined with the random forest algorithm. Additional structural brain parameters did not improve predictions ([Clark et al., 2016](#)). Furthermore, the application of support vector machine (SVM) together with the feature-selecting method of recursive feature elimination (RFE) demonstrated high prediction accuracy ([Grassi et al., 2018](#)). The RFE method mainly selected performance parameters for memory functions, whereas socio-demographic and physiological (e.g., cardiovascular risk) information were less important predictors. The current study consistently showed the potential of machine learning for determining behavioral parameters equivalent to cognitive functions in a KI mouse model to classify the AD-modeled mice (i.e., a high risk of AD) from the WT mice (i.e., with low risk of AD). The benefits of machine learning approaches over conventional analyses were also confirmed by providing more stable classification performances and more efficient feature inputs. The behavioral parameters were computed in relatively simple ways, such as by the correct and incorrect rates, without any advanced extraction methods. The DNN performed slightly better than the random forest, SVM, and linear regression algorithms (89.3% versus 79.4%–87.4% averaged accuracy) at early classification (phase 1) under consideration of different sample types (mouse model versus human), numbers (<30 versus



**Figure 3. Classification performances of the control analysis**

(A–C) This figure shows classification performances (i.e., accuracy) of the control analysis using behavioral data of test tasks during phases 1 (A), 2 (B), and both (C) with different feature-selecting methods (stepwise feature [①], significant between-genotype parameters [② and ③ for  $App^{NL-G-F/NL-G-F} > WT$  and  $App^{NL-G-F/NL-G-F} < WT$ , respectively], and all parameters [④]). Asterisks (\*) denote the optimum cross-validated accuracy for the stepwise selection method. Error bars represent standard deviations of cross-validated accuracies.

60–107), and features (Clark et al., 2014, 2016; Johnson et al., 2014; Grassi et al., 2018). The DNN's later classification (phase 2; 100%) was superior to those of the other machine learning algorithms.

Moreover, the current findings confirmed the importance of feature selection. Using all available or apparently significant parameters (Figure 2) did not improve the classification performance. A similar phenomenon was previously observed (Sutoko et al., 2019). Johnson et al. (2014) considered the stepwise feature-selecting method to be ineffective at explaining non-independent features. The genetic algorithm (GA) was implemented to replace the stepwise feature selection, and features selected by the GA method yielded higher prediction accuracy than features selected by the stepwise method. To date, we could not determine which of stepwise, GA, or other feature-selecting methods is the most suitable method for selecting the behavioral parameters of AD-modeled mice. This issue should be addressed in a future study.

### Dysfunctional compulsivity control and learning capability in the preclinical AD stage

Decline in the memory domain is a prominent characteristic of the clinical AD stage (Scheltens et al., 2016; Winblad et al., 2016). Parameters of memory functions have also been reported as useful predictors for the prodromal AD stage (Tatsuoka et al., 2013; Johnson et al., 2014; Grassi et al., 2018). Furthermore, impaired memory function is sometimes associated with A $\beta$  deposition in patients with MCI (Pike et al., 2007; Doraiswamy et al., 2012; Harrington et al., 2013). In this study, the memory function is interpreted from one of the performed tasks, namely, place avoidance.  $App^{NL-G-F/NL-G-F}$  mice relatively showed similar memory functions to WT mice (parameter-group 3; Figure 1) in both phases. Therefore, from the viewpoint of AD-symptomatic cognition, the  $App^{NL-G-F/NL-G-F}$  mice are in the preclinical stage. However, memory cognition is a complex domain that intertwines attention functions and influences the learning process (Brem et al., 2013). In phase 2 (13–17 month old),  $App^{NL-G-F/NL-G-F}$  mice showed lower learning capability (low correct visit rate; parameter-group 1), attention (low correct rate; parameter-groups 7 and 8), and aversive memory (high nose-poke error rate; parameter-group 9) than WT mice did. Despite the between-genotype differences of attention and learning functions, the impairments of its functions in the  $App^{NL-G-F/NL-G-F}$  mice were relatively insubstantial compared with the abnormalities of compulsive/persistent behaviors.



**Table 2. Optimum classification results in the DNN analysis**

Test Phase	Accuracy	Description
Phase 1 ( $N_{WT} = 13$ , $N_{App^{NL-G-F/NL-G-F}} = 14$ )	$89.3\% \pm 9.8\%$	1 [Delay-discounting] Lick rate at saccharin bottles during 6-s delay*
		2 [PP learning] Visit rate to the correct corner chamber on day 1*
		3 [Delay-discounting] Nose-poke rate at doorways to access the saccharin solution during 1-s delay
		4 [Delay-discounting] Nose-poke rate at doorways to access the saccharin solution during 5-s delay*
Phase 2 ( $N_{WT} = 14$ , $N_{App^{NL-G-F/NL-G-F}} = 15$ )	$100\% \pm 0.0\%$	1 [PPR learning] Visit rate to the correct corner chamber on day 1*
		2 [Impulsivity] Premature trial rate on day 8
		3 [Attention] Correct rate from total non-premature trial at stimulus duration of 0.5 s*
		4 [PPR learning] Visit rate to the correct corner chamber on day 2*
		5 [PA learning] Nose-poke error rate during extinction
		6 [PP learning] Visit rate to the correct corner chamber on day 4
		7 [PPR learning] Visit rate to the correct corner chamber on day 5
Phases 1 and 2 ( $N_{WT} = 10$ , $N_{App^{NL-G-F/NL-G-F}} = 10$ )	$100\% \pm 0.0\%$	1 [PPR learning of phase 2] Visit rate to the correct corner chamber on day 2*
		2 [Attention of phase 2] Omission error rate at stimulus duration of 0.5 s
		3 [PPR learning of phase 2] Visit rate to the correct corner chamber on day 3*
		4 [PPR learning of phase 1] Visit rate to the correct corner chamber on day 3
		5 [PP learning of phase 2] Visit rate to the correct corner chamber on day 4

This table shows optimum classification results (i.e., accuracy) in the DNN analysis and selected features for genotype classification using behavioral data of test tasks during phases 1, 2, and both phases. Asterisks (\*) denote features showing significantly different averages between WT and  $App^{NL-G-F/NL-G-F}$  mice (two-sample t test;  $p < 0.05$ ).

PP, place preference; PPR, place preference reversal; PA, place avoidance.

Although learning flexibility was slightly dysfunctional in phase 1 (8–12 months old), compulsive/persistent behaviors (parameter-groups 10 and 11) were significantly exhibited by  $App^{NL-G-F/NL-G-F}$  mice during the delay-discounting test. Delay-discounting decision-making was previously reported to be controlled by hippocampal NMDA receptors (Masuda et al., 2020). Six-month-old  $App^{NL-G-F/NL-G-F}$  mice showed around 5%–10% amyloidosis area in the hippocampus at phase 1 (Masuda et al., 2016). However, the association between abnormal compulsivity and hippocampal A $\beta$  deposition is still unclear. Even though increased compulsivity was observed in the early age, this characteristic is unlikely to be observed in patients with AD (Mendez et al., 1997; Nyatsanza et al., 2003). We argue two points here. First, the standard clinical and cognitive assessments, such as Clinical Dementia Rating (CDR) (Hughes et al., 1982), Mini-Mental State Examination (MMSE) (Folstein et al., 1975; Vos et al., 2013), and AD Cooperative Study-Preclinical Alzheimer's Cognitive Composite (ADCS-PACC) (Donohue et al., 2014; Sperling et al., 2014), do not comprehensively evaluate the compulsivity domain. Second, persistent behaviors may indicate poor behavioral flexibility underlying the complex domain of reversal learning (Izquierdo and Jentsch, 2012). Therefore, the nature of compulsivity in AD is not well understood and remains equivocal.

The habenular complex dysfunction is a hypothetical pathophysiology of impulsive and compulsive behaviors. A large number of nose-pokes during the delay-discounting test were observed in the transgenic mice with dysfunction (Kobayashi et al., 2013). Compulsive behavior has been frequently linked to psychological issues, such as anxiety. The anxiety domain impairs executive functions, including cognitive flexibility and decision-making (Shields et al., 2016; Park and Moghaddam, 2017). Sakakibara et al. evaluated the anxiety domain in AD-modeled mice (e.g.,  $App^{NL/NL}$ ,  $App^{NL-G-F/NL-G-F}$ ) using the elevated plus maze (Sakakibara et al., 2018).  $App^{NL-G-F/NL-G-F}$  particularly suppressed anxiety and showed anxiolytic behaviors. In this study, emotional stimulations and burdens (e.g., habitual effects) were minimized and controlled for all genotypes; no medial

**Table 3. Optimum classification results in the control analysis**

Test Phase	Accuracy	Description
Phase 1 (N <sub>WT</sub> = 13, N <sub>App<sup>NL-G-F/NL-G-F</sup></sub> = 14)	88.0 ± 17.9%	1 [Delay-discounting] Lick rate at saccharin bottles during 7-s delay*
		2 [Delay-discounting] Nose-poke rate at doorways to access the saccharin solution during 3-s delay*
		3 [Attention] Omission trial rate at stimulus duration of 0.3 s
		4 [Attention] Omission error rate at stimulus duration of 1 s
		5 [PA learning] Nose-poke error rate during learning
		6 [Delay-discounting] Lick rate at saccharin bottles during 2-s delay*
		7 [PP learning] Visit rate to the correct corner chamber on day 5
		8 [PPR learning] Visit rate to the correct corner chamber on day 4
		9 [Impulsivity] Premature trial rate on day 1*
		10 [Impulsivity] Premature trial rate on day 7
		11 [PA learning] Nose-poke error rate during retention
Phase 2 (N <sub>WT</sub> = 14, N <sub>App<sup>NL-G-F/NL-G-F</sup></sub> = 15)	100% ± 0.0%	1 [PPR learning] Visit rate to the correct corner chamber on day 1*
		2 [Attention] Correct rate from total trial at stimulus duration of 0.5 s*
		3 [Attention] Premature trial rate at stimulus duration of 1 s
		4 [PA learning] Nose-poke error rate during baseline
		5 [PP learning] Visit rate to the correct corner chamber on day 6
		6 [Attention] Omission error rate at stimulus duration of 1 s
		7 [Attention] Correct rate from total non-premature trial at stimulus duration of 1 s
		8 [Impulsivity] Premature trial rate on day 8
		9 [PPR learning] Visit rate to the correct corner chamber on day 3*
		10 [PP learning] Visit rate to the correct corner chamber on day 3
		11 [Attention] Correct rate from total trial at stimulus duration of 0.3 s
Phases 1 and 2 (N <sub>WT</sub> = 10, N <sub>App<sup>NL-G-F/NL-G-F</sup></sub> = 10)	90.0% ± 13.7%	1 [PP learning of phase 1] Visit rate to the correct corner chamber on day 1*
		2 [PP learning of phase 1] Visit rate to the correct corner chamber on day 2*
		3 [PP learning of phase 2] Visit rate to the correct corner chamber on day 3

This table shows optimum classification results (i.e., accuracy) in the control analysis and selected features for genotype classification using behavioral data of test tasks during phases 1, 2, and both phases. Asterisks (\*) denote features showing significantly different averages between WT and App<sup>NL-G-F/NL-G-F</sup> mice (two-sample t test; p < 0.05).

PP, place preference; PPR, place preference reversal; PA, place avoidance.

habenula cells were ablated from any of the mice. Therefore, the compulsive behaviors in the App<sup>NL-G-F/NL-G-F</sup> mice were likely triggered by compounding AD-related attributes rather than psychological domains.

Even though the App<sup>NL-G-F/NL-G-F</sup> mice significantly showed differences in compulsive/persistent behaviors compared with WT mice in phases 1 and 2, none of the AD clinical characteristics (e.g., tau pathology, severe neuronal loss, and memory-symptomatic cognition) was observed in App<sup>NL-G-F/NL-G-F</sup> or other App KI mice (Saito et al., 2014; Sasaguri et al., 2017). Therefore, the App KI mice were preclinical AD-equivalent models (Sakakibara et al., 2018), and the behavioral differences were hypothetically modest (i.e., subclinical) abnormalities. The current findings emphasize the benefit of identification from an early preclinical stage.

### Future perspectives

Here, we demonstrated the benefits of DNN algorithm and stepwise feature selection to classify AD-modeled mice based on preclinical symptoms. These findings confirm the potential of behaviors as

biomarkers for early screening. The advantages of early screening based on only behaviors, without complicated measurements, will significantly improve translatability to and practicability of human studies. Applications of DNN algorithm can be highly versatile. The DNN algorithm can be used for different purposes, such as for monitoring prognostic mechanisms and thriving preventive care. There are still opportunities for further improvements in the computation analysis. In the future, advanced analyses and computational implementations aimed at clinical purposes should be undertaken in both animal and human studies.

### Limitations of the study

There are three limitations that should be addressed in future work. First, the current sample number was small. Different from high inter-individual variability in humans, the characteristics of the App KI mice were relatively stable. The current findings should be validated on a large dataset to provide insights into important cognitive domains for identification and machine learning advantages. Furthermore, the translational strategy to human studies should be carefully managed due to the high variability and complex cognitive domains. Second, the stepwise feature selection method is irreversible. Therefore, the effect of a suboptimal selection cascades into the subsequent steps. Even though the current results have been cross-validated and optimized to select influential features, the risk of missed selections could not be avoided. Various feature-selecting methods are available; the efficacy and suitability of those methods on behavioral parameters should be examined. Third, network configurations (e.g., number of hidden layers and nodes) may influence the classification performance. In the current study, the network configurations were not optimized. Therefore, the effect of the network configuration on performance should be addressed in the future.

### Resource availability

#### Lead contact

Further information and requests for resources should be directed to and will be fulfilled by the lead contact, Tsukasa Funane ([tsukasa.funane.sb@hitachi.com](mailto:tsukasa.funane.sb@hitachi.com)).

#### Materials availability

This study did not generate new unique reagents.

#### Data and code availability

The readily tested code and data had been prepared in the [Supplemental information \(Data S1\)](#).

## METHODS

All methods can be found in the accompanying [Transparent methods supplemental file](#).

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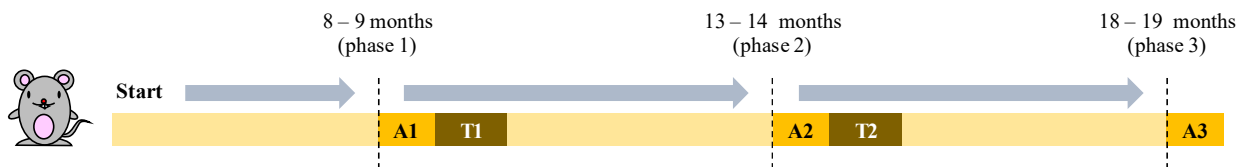
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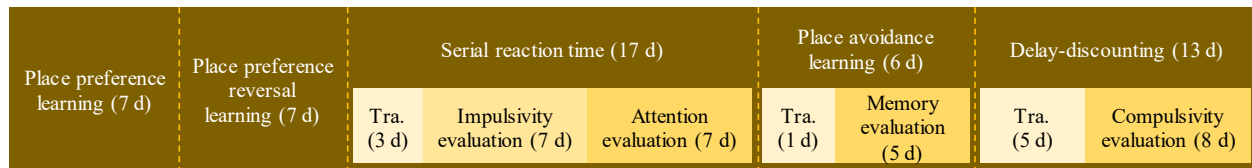
### **Early Identification of Alzheimer's Disease in Mouse Models: Application of Deep Neural Network Algorithm to Cognitive Behavioral Parameters**

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**Figure S1. Experimental timeline, Related to Figure 1**

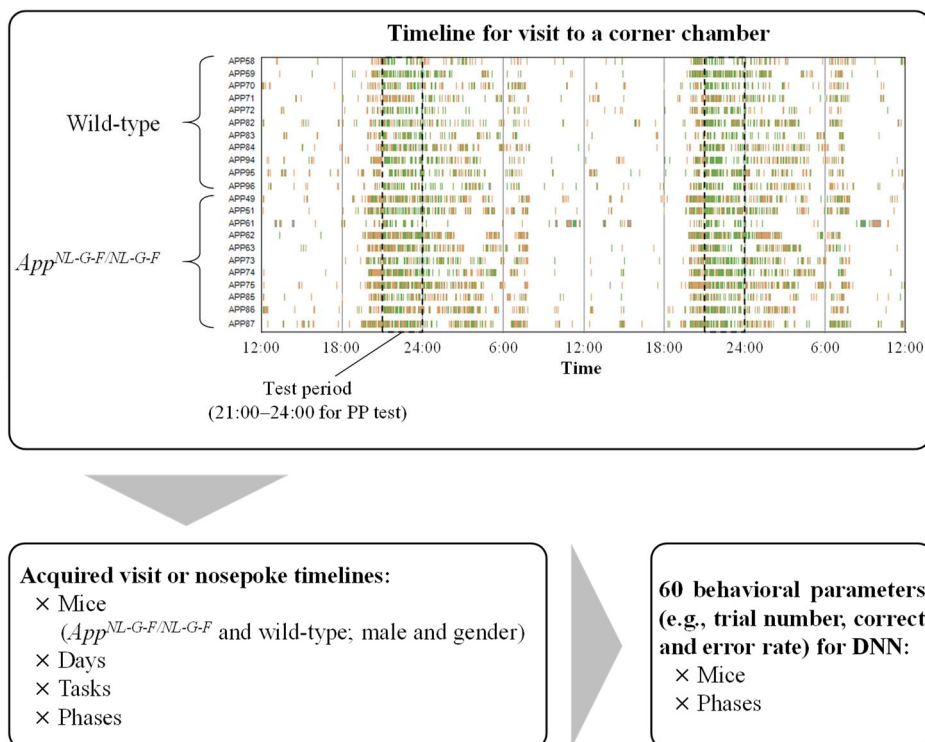
Behavioral data were collected during three adaptation phases (A1, A2, and A3) and data on the test (T1 and T2) tasks were collected two times (phases 1 and 2).



Tra. : training

**Figure S2. The sequence of test tasks, Related to Figure 1**

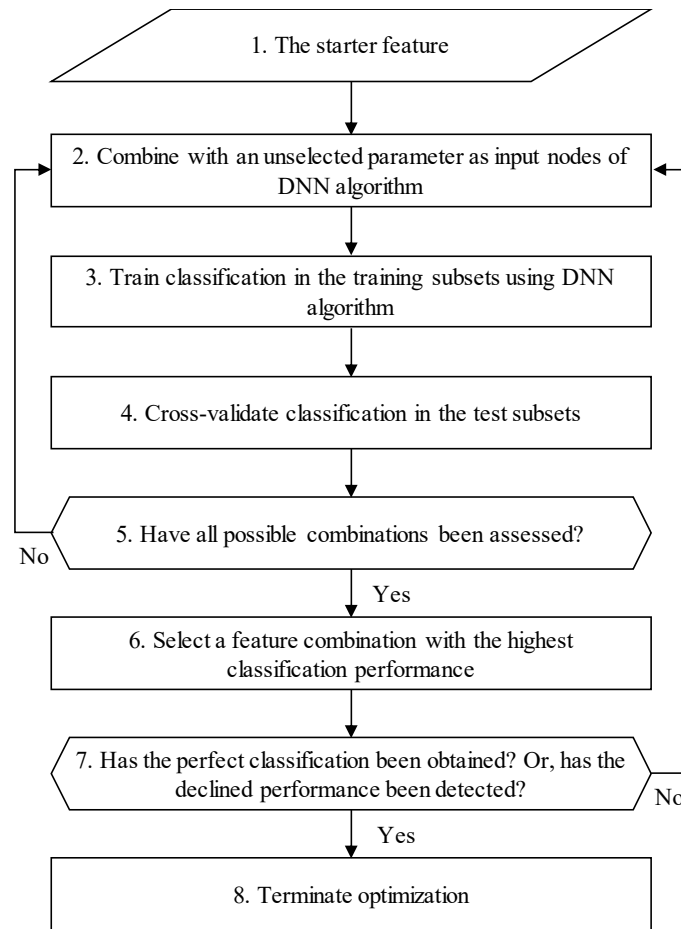
The test tasks includes place preference learning, place preference reversal learning, serial reaction time, place avoidance learning, and delay-discounting. The test tasks were performed over the course of 50 days (d) in total after the adaptation tasks.



**Figure S3. Analytical flow of calculating behavioral parameters from the behavior track, Related to Table 1**

An example of visiting data recorded from female mice in the IntelliCage system during the test of place preference (data from only first and second days) are shown. Test period (also analysis target) was 21:00–24:00. Visiting to correct and incorrect corner chambers are displayed by green- and orange-colored horizontal bars.





**Figure S4. Optimization process for classification analysis, Related to Figure 2**

The starter feature (step 1) was defined as the behavioral parameter with the strongest between-genotype difference (the highest  $t$ -value from a two-sample  $t$ -test). The starter feature was combined with a feature chosen from among the unselected parameters for the DNN input nodes (step 2). The input nodes were then trained in the training subsets (step 3), and the obtained weights in the hidden layers were cross-validated (5-fold) in the test subsets (step 4). All possible combinations of two features involving the starter feature were assessed (step 5). Among all combinations, the two-feature combination giving the highest classification performance (i.e., highest average test accuracy) was selected (step 6). If the classification performance was found to be 100% accurate or found to decrease dramatically ( $> 5\%$ ) (step 7), the optimization process was terminated (step 8). Otherwise, the optimization process continued to find the best-performing combinations of three, four features, and so on.



**Table S1. Continued**

Genotype	Mice ID	Sex	Class 4			Class 5			Class 6			Class 7			Class 8			Class 9				
			0.3 s	0.5 s	1 s	0.3 s	0.5 s	1 s	0.3 s	0.5 s	1 s	0.3 s	0.5 s	1 s	0.3 s	0.5 s	1 s	Baseline	Learning	Retention	Extinction	
Wild-type	APP10	M	29.25	30.10	32.52	19.73	6.69	2.80	7.82	7.02	4.55	31.29	39.80	37.41	44.23	56.94	55.44	28.78	1.65	5.31	43.73	
	APP11	M	39.27	45.61	41.31	16.83	3.86	0.28	4.62	4.56	4.56	23.43	29.12	31.91	38.59	53.55	54.37	23.93	2.71	3.03	15.64	
	APP12	M	20.51	20.07	21.40	23.08	4.28	1.75	11.36	9.21	11.58	38.83	61.51	60.70	48.85	76.95	77.23	25.60	1.69	15.00	37.50	
	APP22	M	25.49	24.55	24.73	48.63	10.11	0.73	10.20	8.66	10.91	10.20	46.57	56.73	56.73	13.68	61.72	75.36	18.89	1.78	8.16	17.42
	APP23	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	APP24	M	27.12	32.08	30.77	40.52	19.25	1.75	7.52	8.30	6.29	15.03	32.83	45.10	20.63	48.33	65.15	24.49	0.81	1.48	21.08	
	APP34	M	24.10	29.80	29.03	31.92	4.97	0.65	7.82	8.28	8.39	26.06	49.67	52.26	34.33	70.75	73.64	24.75	1.75	5.26	43.12	
	APP35	M	30.16	31.87	35.62	31.35	9.96	1.37	5.56	7.17	8.68	25.40	39.84	48.40	36.36	58.48	75.18	19.91	0.94	2.35	8.94	
	APP36	M	23.83	27.18	27.16	45.08	15.90	1.23	6.22	5.64	6.79	18.65	50.26	59.26	24.49	69.01	81.36	28.74	2.58	15.97	3.51	
	APP46	M	33.43	35.53	32.17	29.11	11.01	0.87	7.49	8.49	7.25	24.78	40.88	50.14	37.23	63.41	73.93	29.53	0.29	6.80	11.76	
	APP48	M	34.89	43.75	40.10	22.13	8.85	1.04	6.81	2.60	3.65	35.74	36.98	46.88	54.90	65.74	78.26	18.26	0.58	15.98	53.51	
	APP59	F	15.79	25.00	26.76	30.26	2.38	1.41	14.47	14.29	9.86	39.47	58.33	61.97	71.43	70.00	69.84	38.96	1.74	10.29	53.42	
	APP82	F	39.72	30.71	34.31	21.28	3.15	1.46	12.06	12.60	10.95	26.95	53.54	53.28	40.43	63.55	60.83	25.97	3.04	15.09	22.37	
	APP83	F	32.14	33.13	36.42	17.86	3.75	1.99	14.29	13.13	12.58	35.71	50.00	49.01	52.63	60.15	57.36	30.41	2.40	0.00	2.28	
	APP84	F	24.24	36.46	28.41	13.13	10.42	3.41	7.07	8.33	6.82	55.56	44.79	61.36	69.62	55.13	68.35	-	-	-	-	
	APP94	F	55.26	47.68	52.53	15.35	16.88	1.56	6.58	11.81	6.23	22.81	23.63	39.69	29.21	33.14	43.04	30.95	3.21	0.00	10.64	
	APP96	F	29.87	30.00	37.11	41.56	5.38	0.00	7.14	10.77	10.69	21.43	53.85	52.20	41.77	64.22	58.45	11.11	15.79	0.00	5.84	
	App <sup>NL-G-F/NL-G-F</sup>	APP01	M	21.14	16.56	17.43	45.99	21.02	1.04	10.37	11.68	11.83	16.05	41.19	61.00	20.35	49.36	73.87	14.98	1.46	3.70	4.00
		APP02	M	39.66	32.20	33.61	29.54	13.61	0.84	6.33	8.62	10.23	14.77	36.51	49.06	24.48	53.85	73.90	19.85	0.65	3.28	14.10
APP03		M	17.97	22.90	22.15	52.88	3.44	1.01	8.47	12.60	10.40	11.86	56.11	61.07	14.46	72.77	78.45	36.47	5.32	14.38	33.80	
APP13		M	37.86	44.17	45.93	20.16	2.50	0.00	8.23	8.75	8.54	23.87	37.92	39.84	38.41	67.91	73.68	40.19	0.90	0.00	5.30	
APP14		M	24.91	27.40	25.95	33.45	11.03	1.04	7.51	6.76	6.57	26.28	45.55	54.33	35.00	62.75	73.36	-	-	-	-	
APP15		M	33.67	37.99	34.99	26.17	7.86	1.15	3.04	2.18	4.59	20.08	36.68	44.17	30.28	59.15	67.94	20.56	0.62	20.30	31.13	
APP25		M	41.76	41.28	42.98	32.67	12.21	0.00	4.83	6.69	8.19	12.78	31.98	41.52	21.95	54.46	72.82	27.27	2.82	23.89	31.57	
APP37		M	28.34	35.39	28.43	27.88	7.60	0.72	8.53	7.13	7.71	18.89	29.22	38.55	26.37	45.22	53.87	27.77	0.61	3.27	48.12	
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APP51		F	34.97	38.93	35.24	14.69	2.01	0.00	15.38	14.09	13.33	34.97	44.97	51.43	50.00	53.60	59.34	25.43	2.20	0.00	9.79	
APP61		F	28.57	23.08	27.22	19.52	4.52	0.63	1.90	3.62	1.27	50.00	68.78	70.89	63.64	74.88	72.26	36.71	0.55	80.00	60.22	
APP63		F	16.16	24.78	19.15	34.34	7.96	2.13	17.17	21.24	18.09	32.32	46.02	60.64	66.67	65.00	76.00	10.96	2.09	0.00	8.16	
APP73		F	40.16	44.19	51.13	23.77	11.63	0.00	8.20	3.10	8.27	27.87	41.09	40.60	40.96	48.18	44.26	26.00	2.87	12.50	23.21	
APP74		F	52.11	49.12	50.29	4.58	3.82	3.18	40.85	43.82	43.64	2.46	3.24	2.89	4.52	6.18	5.43	24.03	10.24	10.42	32.39	
APP75		F	33.98	27.08	37.25	20.39	13.54	0.98	7.77	11.46	3.92	37.86	47.92	57.84	52.70	63.89	60.82	20.73	5.04	14.68	22.63	
APP85		F	39.20	39.53	38.97	25.60	8.53	4.41	2.40	5.43	4.41	32.80	46.51	52.21	45.56	54.05	57.26	14.44	4.43	13.33	21.30	
APP86		F	27.59	23.89	24.22	41.38	15.93	2.34	8.62	3.54	10.16	22.41	56.64	63.28	44.83	70.33	72.32	25.81	2.79	12.63	9.20	
APP87		F	41.38	42.18	43.05	14.94	6.80	0.00	14.37	6.80	15.23	29.31	44.22	41.72	41.46	51.18	49.22	13.92	5.02	9.34	21.39	

**Table S1. Continued**

Genotype	Mice ID	Sex	Class 10										Class 11								
			0 s	1 s	2 s	3 s	4 s	5 s	6 s	7 s	8 s	0 s	0.1 s	1 s	2 s	3 s	4 s	5 s	6 s	7 s	8 s
Wild-type	APP10	M	92.54	73.78	77.84	38.27	17.78	18.94	12.33	15.45	14.16	98.63	98.45	75.98	80.62	10.64	2.57	1.11	0.32	0.35	0.40
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	APP12	M	80.15	77.10	65.42	33.04	18.52	16.83	18.18	10.68	12.50	93.09	89.76	97.40	75.65	23.07	2.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	APP22	M	85.93	87.57	83.44	49.68	34.07	30.82	25.69	23.08	15.83	89.37	96.54	95.06	86.53	36.67	12.47	8.38	1.60	3.23	0.00
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	APP24	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	APP34	M	86.36	89.30	85.88	81.77	80.65	81.29	76.25	77.55	67.72	99.00	99.80	99.10	95.04	90.72	88.01	82.95	72.95	65.29	52.88
	APP35	M	94.39	91.01	73.56	50.42	32.08	30.05	31.52	25.17	32.67	94.34	95.36	94.41	75.50	41.85	17.10	5.72	2.76	3.73	3.17
	APP36	M	91.53	91.30	78.87	77.84	84.38	79.43	66.67	66.43	62.91	99.10	100.00	99.61	96.07	91.07	93.24	61.11	53.10	35.23	20.25
	APP46	M	91.22	89.35	85.90	76.97	70.55	44.08	14.72	17.92	15.79	96.92	100.00	100.00	99.91	100.00	46.70	11.36	0.69	0.00	0.00
	APP48	M	76.74	63.69	58.60	59.59	43.85	36.07	25.56	23.53	22.02	87.97	82.12	37.20	41.44	32.51	17.60	10.66	4.47	4.50	4.93
	APP59	F	85.56	83.15	74.00	72.11	69.94	78.89	29.31	8.63	5.52	99.92	100.00	100.00	98.46	91.98	87.57	68.96	18.58	0.00	0.00
	APP82	F	96.64	88.89	76.64	70.30	46.00	34.12	34.57	30.54	31.41	98.26	100.00	100.00	100.00	93.25	5.26	3.15	0.00	0.00	0.00
	APP83	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	APP84	F	88.97	77.68	63.73	67.06	45.87	13.89	16.35	12.15	6.67	92.45	100.00	99.38	77.85	84.15	25.78	0.00	2.89	0.00	0.00
	APP94	F	85.90	83.33	63.91	66.67	55.73	72.97	52.59	47.83	38.52	97.25	96.00	76.36	63.49	56.56	41.65	44.82	14.71	7.96	1.64
	APP96	F	85.06	85.82	77.61	72.49	71.11	68.75	71.36	71.90	64.86	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
	App <sup>NL-G-F/NL-G-F</sup>	APP01	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		APP02	M	87.63	83.79	87.06	85.33	75.13	72.45	67.63	56.07	56.22	99.58	99.81	96.12	95.01	91.02	79.46	72.96	51.98	51.30
APP03		M	93.63	85.80	88.16	88.08	88.89	94.62	84.52	88.68	88.06	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	99.93	100.00
APP13		M	89.09	88.80	87.39	84.80	84.48	82.54	73.95	64.15	65.18	99.53	99.25	97.04	100.00	95.19	80.41	87.19	69.32	50.47	60.23
APP14		M	97.93	92.76	87.60	87.59	92.62	87.50	90.91	89.26	94.00	98.51	99.60	95.97	99.13	94.45	86.73	78.33	74.98	47.62	42.08
APP15		M	92.98	93.07	76.33	56.10	19.85	14.18	8.33	19.42	14.39	93.65	96.64	93.76	80.88	57.13	10.02	6.67	0.77	8.25	2.17
APP25		M	95.08	91.98	88.64	86.33	89.39	81.51	81.89	72.44	65.09	98.83	100.00	97.99	99.45	93.13	92.61	79.15	76.76	72.05	52.78
APP37		M	97.91	95.42	96.88	88.28	91.09	91.80	92.00	95.74	95.68	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	99.15	98.88	100.00	100.00	100.00	98.68
APP38		M	97.17	92.54	89.39	74.70	42.05	41.55	53.76	32.31	30.23	99.16	97.39	89.76	95.40	67.68	24.42	14.49	24.18	7.38	6.55
APP49		F	93.72	92.65	87.77	88.10	89.51	86.27	89.44	96.27	97.74	100.00	100.00	99.67	100.00	99.77	98.85	99.56	100.00	99.93	100.00
APP51		F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
APP61		F	100.00	99.55	100.00	100.00	99.33	99.42	99.32	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
APP63		F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
APP73		F	77.05	82.84	66.42	71.74	66.47	57.14	84.35	62.75	51.28	98.73	99.93	99.90	96.53	99.10	98.58	98.44	99.63	53.69	25.77
APP74		F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
APP75		F	80.40	72.82	65.56	67.11	57.23	50.99	33.83	22.96	18.32	93.24	99.76	98.98	94.66	93.01	62.93	63.26	24.72	17.60	8.15
APP85		F	81.36	77.46	76.60	85.21	75.00	72.55	85.38	78.99	83.49	100.00	99.96	99.69	99.91	98.84	96.28	84.44	92.90	97.22	98.90
APP86		F	68.34	62.98	57.78	66.67	62.20	62.50	81.25	72.27	83.21	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	99.90	99.92	100.00	100.00	100.00
APP87		F	73.76	71.63	70.68	78.31	51.74	40.00	29.45	21.48	25.68	99.21	99.44	99.14	99.06	95.13	56.72	17.77	8.47	9.19	4.41

Table S2. Behavioral parameters of phase 2 from parameter-groups 1–11, Related to Figure 1 and Table 1

Genotype	Mice ID	Sex	Class 1											Class 2											Class 3										
			D-1	D-2	D-3	D-4	D-5	D-6	D-7	D-1	D-2	D-3	D-4	D-5	D-6	D-7	D-1	D-2	D-3	D-4	D-5	D-6	D-7	D-1	D-2	D-3	D-4	D-5	D-6	D-7					
			73.21	73.53	77.78	80.00	85.56	87.80	88.73	80.95	85.71	84.71	93.42	82.00	66.32	89.47	91.21	87.23	83.33	88.54	93.67	89.01	74.63	31.58	54.29	42.86	26.32	35.71	39.13	44.44					
	APP10	M	69.70	77.88	80.00	88.73	80.95	85.71	84.71	93.42	90.00	66.32	89.47	91.21	87.23	83.33	88.54	93.67	89.01	74.63	31.58	54.29	42.86	26.32	35.71	39.13	44.44								
	APP11	M	74.78	81.06	90.00	92.79	85.85	91.80	91.59	91.59	91.59	71.20	86.76	88.99	89.47	93.64	93.40	91.67	89.01	74.63	31.58	54.29	42.86	26.32	35.71	39.13	44.44								
	APP12	M	85.94	86.82	92.55	98.02	95.19	96.91	99.11	99.11	99.11	78.90	88.89	89.47	100.00	95.74	93.48	93.98	89.01	74.63	31.58	54.29	42.86	26.32	35.71	39.13	44.44								
	APP22	M	80.17	92.00	91.18	92.45	93.55	90.10	91.58	91.58	91.58	71.72	76.00	85.71	91.36	92.86	90.54	98.53	89.01	74.63	31.58	54.29	42.86	26.32	35.71	39.13	44.44								
	APP24	M	63.77	71.59	77.08	91.76	93.75	90.11	92.63	92.63	92.63	80.65	81.58	90.91	96.40	94.23	93.07	89.89	73.17	38.18	46.67	33.33	35.48	21.05	21.62	14.29	14.29								
	APP34	M	76.58	90.20	89.74	93.68	93.16	94.44	97.25	97.25	97.25	88.24	95.97	90.32	92.24	92.37	92.92	92.03	73.08	56.82	50.00	45.16	25.00	45.71	37.50	42.11	42.11								
	APP35	M	61.79	83.70	82.11	92.31	89.69	86.41	91.40	91.40	91.40	67.33	75.86	77.11	87.65	86.42	76.88	88.42	66.28	33.33	33.33	30.00	26.67	28.57	54.84	52.17	47.37								
	APP36	M	72.00	80.67	87.76	83.33	89.42	92.81	93.27	93.27	93.27	69.36	89.84	91.41	92.97	92.24	96.33	94.78	65.22	26.92	37.50	60.00	34.78	36.00	40.00	23.81	23.81								
	APP46	M	58.23	72.73	84.62	89.36	89.00	92.31	90.00	90.00	90.00	89.19	96.84	98.70	94.74	98.86	94.62	98.97	76.00	50.00	14.29	35.29	52.00	22.73	26.32	21.43	21.43								
	APP48	M	81.52	89.13	82.91	96.12	87.61	95.05	94.00	94.00	94.00	67.19	85.33	95.06	85.58	93.48	92.41	93.94	52.88	27.94	25.00	27.12	26.09	14.81	30.00	30.30	30.30								
	APP49	F	68.24	85.89	86.72	91.41	88.54	89.22	90.24	90.24	90.24	77.40	83.10	90.68	86.00	88.04	89.80	87.36	72.31	52.21	52.98	34.17	39.73	41.25	39.20	41.13	41.13								
	APP59	F	12.73	82.83	91.33	97.12	95.00	93.70	98.06	98.06	98.06	69.93	91.57	93.97	96.35	97.12	100.00	95.27	55.07	50.00	44.33	39.66	33.33	26.19	30.16	45.78	45.78								
	APP82	F	58.42	78.41	82.05	93.24	85.37	95.45	84.42	84.42	84.42	60.00	83.95	89.04	72.97	89.39	85.00	84.15	72.22	53.91	35.21	17.07	35.29	23.19	17.50	50.00	50.00								
	APP84	F	69.64	57.95	80.30	84.15	86.05	74.74	87.50	87.50	87.50	78.57	91.75	93.33	93.83	93.83	91.95	96.55	58.82	54.90	37.80	37.80	37.80	37.21	28.57	31.15	44.44								
	APP94	F	82.14	87.69	90.68	85.22	91.60	91.89	90.44	90.44	90.44	73.91	80.77	89.62	84.07	89.69	91.15	85.11	53.13	23.68	31.15	42.37	22.64	25.00	28.57	16.67	16.67								
	APP96	F	78.90	95.00	96.81	98.73	97.80	98.80	96.59	96.59	96.59	4.41	1.62	3.14	4.17	11.27	93.86	91.23	71.30	68.66	34.69	20.00	3.70	9.30	13.89	25.00	25.00								
	APP01	M	53.41	67.37	76.12	81.82	89.23	80.28	96.43	96.43	96.43	70.42	72.73	91.38	98.00	90.20	89.36	94.34	68.04	47.73	32.14	30.77	31.25	31.03	33.33	5.88	5.88								
	APP03	M	61.70	75.86	88.46	94.52	90.41	86.30	98.53	98.53	98.53	58.93	84.44	82.50	97.01	92.50	92.65	98.65	80.42	72.09	59.57	62.96	36.36	48.15	42.11	61.36	61.36								
	APP13	M	74.38	77.60	92.55	91.67	96.49	93.75	96.04	96.04	96.04	75.86	87.61	89.52	91.26	97.96	98.99	98.90	74.29	55.77	30.23	32.14	19.51	28.13	6.67	21.05	21.05								
	APP14	M	77.65	83.91	91.04	96.00	94.52	91.30	97.87	97.87	97.87	64.10	81.01	93.06	84.91	88.89	90.20	98.80	72.00	53.33	48.57	50.00	40.91	64.71	31.58	31.82	31.82								
	APP15	M	71.52	87.59	94.41	93.02	96.00	95.16	95.83	95.83	95.83	68.15	83.96	86.76	96.63	99.37	96.98	98.66	60.98	22.22	30.91	24.00	19.61	18.75	16.95	11.11	11.11								
	APP25	M	66.67	82.69	88.17	82.56	88.31	84.44	90.83	90.83	90.83	62.39	74.07	76.77	88.76	77.53	83.15	83.56	40.51	23.60	16.46	16.67	13.11	24.42	23.21	22.86	22.86								
	APP37	M	79.74	88.95	96.32	97.60	97.58	100.00	96.04	96.04	96.04	45.30	78.57	88.07	84.47	89.62	93.69	96.88	77.32	69.96	56.62	50.65	49.54	44.74	40.48	45.89	45.89								
	APP38	M	56.12	69.62	78.26	80.00	87.30	91.07	96.55	96.55	96.55	50.00	75.36	81.25	72.22	74.31	70.65	89.04	35.11	22.22	26.32	20.45	28.85	26.09	30.77	14.29	14.29								
	APP49	F	60.78	64.15	83.33	81.16	77.14	88.06	83.33	83.33	83.33	47.69	62.63	69.90	69.86	88.73	90.36	73.40	66.42	46.88	29.52	32.22	41.98	45.10	24.10	47.37	47.37								
	APP51	F	37.50	73.33	74.53	73.21	68.87	78.72	82.05	82.05	82.05	40.56	55.00	71.58	69.39	71.29	71.91	73.63	69.11	62.74	41.20	38.21	30.43	30.89	35.79	33.21	33.21								
	APP55	F	42.86	66.00	75.86	87.50	84.42	88.89	88.61	88.61	88.61	41.73	73.40	71.88	74.65	80.00	92.67	90.41	45.19	27.16	28.36	20.59	38.46	21.31	24.71	23.73	23.73								
	APP57	F	60.64	67.95	85.94	70.15	84.48	88.89	95.56	95.56	95.56	54.02	75.00	82.61	87.30	86.44	82.54	83.12	78.32	74.31	70.23	58.90	37.04	55.10	46.34	33.33	33.33								
	APP86	F	38.66	68.75	68.18	78.46	72.46	78.46	83.05	83.05	83.05	62.20	77.94	91.07	83.33	86.44	88.89	83.08	79.92	68.91	38.96	37.78	20.00	31.11	33.33	35.71	35.71								
	APP87	F	80.95	75.68	87.18	85.00	85.59	87.18	90.79	90.79	90.79	51.79	71.60	78.87	75.34	77.14	83.08	78.26	59.14	35.62	28.33	17.07	16.22	43.59	34.09	27.91	27.91								

Table S2. Continued

Genotype	Mice ID	Sex	Class 4			Class 5			Class 6			Class 7			Class 8			Class 9			
			0.3 s	0.5 s	1 s	0.3 s	0.5 s	1 s	0.3 s	0.5 s	1 s	0.3 s	0.5 s	1 s	0.3 s	0.5 s	1 s	Baseline	Learning	Retention	Extinction
Wild-type	APP10	M	26.62	28.22	34.76	35.71	17.79	2.67	3.25	7.36	5.88	20.78	30.67	42.78	25.12	37.10	52.55	18.23	1.84	11.48	8.84
	APP11	M	33.82	37.13	37.21	18.14	4.19	3.49	6.86	5.99	7.56	23.04	28.74	38.95	27.62	36.96	49.71	9.65	2.87	32.71	26.96
	APP12	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	APP22	M	33.33	30.50	38.51	38.02	16.50	1.15	7.29	12.00	9.77	8.85	29.00	41.95	10.71	34.22	53.88	14.07	3.40	14.29	8.80
	APP23	M	16.41	14.91	16.79	51.56	21.93	2.92	14.06	10.53	13.14	14.84	42.98	58.39	17.03	49.45	66.55	31.83	2.54	9.56	32.73
	APP24	M	22.00	25.81	25.00	62.00	24.19	3.13	4.00	9.68	10.94	0.00	40.32	65.63	0.00	69.07	107.69	30.74	2.56	20.73	15.10
	APP34	M	20.38	32.39	23.72	41.40	8.52	1.92	6.37	11.36	11.54	21.02	40.34	54.49	24.15	49.44	64.26	16.44	1.21	12.70	6.72
	APP35	M	27.93	21.62	22.22	33.33	9.01	3.33	10.81	7.21	5.56	18.92	42.34	47.78	25.28	52.59	63.44	13.93	1.05	30.74	24.92
	APP36	M	18.42	19.44	18.68	60.53	22.22	1.10	14.47	4.17	8.79	10.53	47.22	67.03	13.89	64.69	84.35	21.95	2.06	23.71	16.72
	APP46	M	19.73	13.51	19.73	60.54	8.11	0.00	7.48	5.41	6.12	10.20	61.49	69.39	11.79	67.66	80.14	33.58	2.06	21.84	15.85
	APP48	M	21.26	22.31	31.67	30.71	13.22	0.83	7.87	3.31	9.17	34.65	52.07	51.67	41.61	63.84	70.19	12.56	2.39	67.44	12.68
	APP59	F	37.27	36.99	39.01	0.63	10.06	3.66	13.84	7.69	12.80	12.42	27.40	34.04	19.80	43.48	55.81	21.29	0.78	36.36	5.92
	APP82	F	36.04	36.04	36.99	0.63	4.73	0.61	21.38	19.53	18.29	17.26	31.98	30.64	26.98	50.00	48.62	32.90	1.76	18.97	21.67
	APP83	F	27.69	33.64	35.88	0.00	14.20	0.61	11.32	14.79	13.41	14.87	27.27	33.53	20.57	41.10	52.29	26.78	1.14	14.74	52.63
	APP84	F	28.26	23.47	28.57	0.00	8.88	1.83	8.18	8.88	8.54	21.74	38.78	45.92	30.30	50.67	64.29	19.75	1.22	36.96	13.69
	APP94	F	26.62	30.43	28.15	0.00	11.24	0.61	22.01	11.84	15.85	18.83	39.13	51.11	25.66	56.25	71.13	25.83	0.51	14.77	10.40
	APP96	F	27.23	34.03	32.65	0.00	7.69	0.61	11.95	11.83	8.54	16.23	35.08	40.82	22.30	53.17	60.61	14.98	1.42	7.32	1.55
	App <sup>NL-G-FNL-G-F</sup>	APP01	M	14.63	13.79	11.72	56.10	18.10	0.69	12.20	9.48	7.59	17.07	52.59	73.79	19.38	59.68	80.28	38.29	2.52	16.55
APP02		M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
APP03		M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
APP13		M	22.37	36.46	25.00	32.89	14.58	3.00	5.26	11.46	4.00	21.05	34.38	51.00	29.83	55.42	68.00	24.57	2.82	3.00	40.99
APP14		M	47.01	47.06	52.19	23.11	13.73	1.09	7.57	5.88	6.20	9.56	17.65	22.26	11.77	21.64	27.50	31.55	1.72	26.82	12.49
APP15		M	26.07	22.22	26.46	44.08	30.99	6.35	6.64	2.34	5.82	13.27	28.65	41.80	15.14	32.94	48.60	14.58	1.52	23.22	15.54
APP25		M	16.39	23.56	20.88	61.20	40.38	1.65	11.48	15.38	12.09	6.01	19.71	57.69	6.60	22.23	65.17	43.88	2.68	25.53	23.67
APP37		M	20.39	26.18	18.62	44.31	30.90	3.64	10.98	14.16	12.15	16.86	27.47	55.47	18.33	30.94	59.99	24.82	1.99	8.60	23.88
APP38		M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
APP49		F	27.46	33.33	31.50	0.00	11.83	0.61	16.98	17.16	12.80	13.38	29.71	43.31	18.45	44.57	63.22	22.90	4.59	10.91	16.02
APP51		F	56.13	55.62	51.27	0.00	17.16	6.10	23.90	18.34	19.51	9.69	10.95	14.93	22.08	24.67	30.64	24.50	3.85	19.30	19.78
APP61		F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
APP63		F	27.87	30.66	24.59	0.00	11.83	0.61	15.09	8.28	7.93	17.21	40.88	50.82	23.86	58.95	67.39	26.82	1.85	24.32	9.18
APP73		F	28.47	25.58	27.14	1.89	10.65	4.27	16.35	15.98	13.41	21.17	31.01	40.71	29.59	41.67	55.88	21.96	1.78	32.20	25.61
APP74		F	54.24	52.22	55.27	0.63	0.59	2.44	128.30	116.57	137.20	0.00	0.85	0.18	0.00	1.77	0.41	30.36	6.60	28.45	24.67
APP75		F	27.01	24.81	24.22	0.00	7.69	1.83	17.61	12.43	17.07	21.90	41.86	39.13	30.00	55.67	51.64	30.04	7.69	30.95	26.79
APP85		F	47.69	46.34	50.28	0.00	12.43	0.61	5.03	6.51	7.32	8.21	21.95	27.93	15.69	40.91	56.18	11.39	1.36	15.38	17.76
APP86		F	33.33	34.55	41.34	0.00	21.30	1.83	13.21	4.73	10.98	14.55	24.24	42.46	21.82	37.04	72.38	15.24	2.01	2.63	25.70
APP87	F	38.82	40.49	34.66	0.00	13.61	0.61	15.72	10.06	15.24	11.18	20.25	37.50	18.27	34.02	57.39	17.38	3.83	23.39	30.25	

Table S2. Continued

Genotype	Mice ID	Sex	Class 10								Class 11															
			0 s	1 s	2 s	3 s	4 s	5 s	6 s	7 s	8 s	0 s	0.1 s	1 s	2 s	3 s	4 s	5 s	6 s	7 s	8 s					
Wild-type	APP10	M	88.55	99.73	49.56	25.96	14.58	14.05	0.00	0.00	38.83	55.31	91.68	30.58	25.96	14.58	14.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	APP11	M	82.70	94.19	46.90	36.14	30.51	30.97	22.95	3.50	41.69	64.53	33.95	55.47	36.14	30.51	30.97	22.95	3.50	1.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.91	
	APP12	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	APP22	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	APP23	M	61.65	44.59	15.58	16.23	8.48	3.16	7.03	4.61	41.09	69.78	63.05	52.06	16.23	8.48	3.16	7.03	4.61	1.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.42	
	APP24	M	72.94	91.03	0.79	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	51.21	99.84	98.63	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	APP34	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	APP35	M	63.35	74.02	1.03	0.18	0.33	0.51	0.00	0.00	11.30	1.94	67.44	0.99	0.18	0.33	0.51	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	APP36	M	55.64	57.21	3.72	0.16	0.36	0.00	0.00	1.44	14.31	24.56	19.49	2.97	0.16	0.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.44	0.00	
	APP46	M	27.38	33.36	6.94	0.00	0.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	24.71	14.90	73.18	0.13	0.00	0.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	APP48	M	84.26	97.03	64.48	0.25	0.00	0.38	0.00	0.00	36.62	39.17	26.25	14.86	0.25	0.00	0.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	APP59	F	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	94.66	19.87	99.51	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	94.66	19.87	
	APP82	F	98.56	8.15	0.00	47.36	67.81	55.76	57.17	25.33	14.47	98.29	32.51	8.15	0.00	47.36	67.81	55.76	57.17	25.33	14.47	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	14.47
	APP83	F	100.00	100.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	92.29	100.00	100.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	APP84	F	93.45	1.60	0.00	13.91	5.34	0.00	1.28	2.00	3.06	91.23	30.01	1.60	0.00	13.91	5.34	0.00	1.28	2.00	3.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.06	
	APP94	F	99.92	93.18	98.44	99.95	99.83	48.62	24.57	1.25	0.00	97.64	95.87	93.18	98.44	99.95	99.83	48.62	24.57	1.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.25	
	APP96	F	0.08	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.37	0.41	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
<i>App</i> <sup>NT-G/ENL-G-F</sup>	APP01	M	100.00	100.00	100.00	98.86	99.15	98.46	99.44	97.58	82.26	100.00	100.00	99.64	98.86	99.15	98.46	99.44	97.58	80.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	80.67	
	APP02	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	APP03	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	APP13	M	51.66	35.32	3.83	2.23	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	46.83	50.97	22.03	33.25	2.23	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	APP14	M	14.15	32.53	8.82	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7.97	0.00	0.58	0.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	APP15	M	73.18	79.50	54.19	48.32	26.83	10.15	4.42	0.00	41.99	99.06	90.94	98.43	48.32	26.83	10.15	4.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	APP25	M	62.77	25.38	21.52	66.58	33.38	16.61	0.00	0.00	29.38	97.86	76.50	92.90	66.58	33.38	16.61	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.24	
	APP37	M	16.98	15.67	4.43	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.55	0.33	40.45	29.40	32.42	3.27	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.55	0.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	APP38	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	APP49	F	0.00	2.98	1.82	0.00	0.75	1.09	0.55	1.12	0.87	18.69	9.91	2.98	1.82	0.00	0.75	1.09	0.55	1.12	0.87	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.87	
	APP51	F	99.43	99.67	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	96.90	91.90	99.68	98.16	99.67	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	96.90	91.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	APP61	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	APP63	F	99.99	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	97.43	84.60	99.89	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	97.43	84.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	APP73	F	98.40	14.35	17.81	96.60	96.82	97.38	99.61	98.48	17.75	98.82	34.37	14.35	17.81	96.60	96.82	97.38	99.61	98.48	17.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	APP74	F	99.86	19.95	22.90	99.82	97.38	99.61	98.48	97.52	87.36	99.88	44.67	19.95	22.90	99.82	97.38	99.61	98.48	97.52	87.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	APP75	F	99.12	13.02	10.93	74.45	66.96	53.68	50.44	34.33	29.62	98.31	49.39	13.02	10.93	74.45	66.96	53.68	50.44	34.33	29.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	APP85	F	99.12	89.83	100.00	95.42	87.94	66.87	54.36	41.98	33.79	98.13	51.47	89.83	100.00	95.42	87.94	66.87	54.36	41.98	33.79	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
APP86	F	98.52	97.32	99.95	99.62	99.14	98.16	63.66	67.49	62.80	98.84	68.43	97.32	99.95	99.62	99.14	98.16	63.66	67.49	62.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
APP87	F	99.76	100.00	100.00	98.84	100.00	99.91	98.93	99.63	100.00	99.67	98.11	100.00	100.00	98.84	100.00	99.91	98.93	99.63	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		

## TRANSPARENT METHODS

### Experimental design

Behavioral performance findings of these experiments have been previously reported (Masuda et al., 2016). The experimental data were collected from mice of four genotypes: *App*<sup>NL/NL</sup>, *App*<sup>NL-F/NL-F</sup>, *App*<sup>NL-G-F/NL-G-F</sup>, and wild-type (WT) with C57BL/6J background. The first three genotypes express mutated amyloid precursor protein (APP) comparable to the endogenous APP and were generated by using a KI strategy (Saito et al., 2014). These KI genotypes were prepared at the animal facility of the RIKEN Center for Brain Science (CBS); all experiments were conducted at the same facility. Twelve mice (all males/females) of mixed genotypes were co-housed in a cage (26 × 37 × 19 cm) starting from an early age (i.e., 1–2 months). In total, ninety-six mice (12 males and 12 females for each genotype; 8 cages in total) took part in the study. The mice were allowed to freely access water and food. The daytime was set to be 8:00–20:00 with lights on; lights were off during the nighttime (20:00–8:00). The housing conditions are described in detail elsewhere (Masuda et al., 2016). All animal experiments were approved by the institutional animal care and use committee and carried out according to the RIKEN CBS's guidelines for animal experiments.

### Data acquisition

Behavioral data were collected in three phases (ages 8–12, 13–17, and 18–19 months) as the mice performed the adaptation and test tasks described later in “Test paradigms”. During data acquisition, the mice were moved from the standard cages to the IntelliCage system (NewBehavior AG, TSE Systems, Switzerland; [www.newbehavior.com](http://www.newbehavior.com)) (Krackow et al., 2010; Voikar et al., 2010; Kobayashi et al., 2013; Lee et al., 2015). The IntelliCage system consisted of a cage (39 × 58 × 21 cm) and four corner chambers. Two water bottles could be accessed in each corner chamber through two doorways which were equipped with ring antennas. The conditions under how and which doorways were opened were controlled by computer (IntelliCagePlus Controller; TSE Systems, Switzerland). In order to track the mice, a radio-frequency identification transponder (Standard Microchip T-VA, DataMars, Switzerland & Troven, USA) was implanted into each mouse. The implantation procedure is described elsewhere (Masuda et al., 2016). Ad libitum feeding and the above-described light timing were maintained as the conditions of the standard cage. The adaptation tasks were always conducted prior to the test tasks in order to minimize or even rule out the effects of the new environment (i.e., the IntelliCage system) on habitual consequences. After completing all the test tasks, the mice were returned to the standard cages.

### Test paradigms

The adaptation tasks were carried out three times (i.e., ages 8–12, 13–17, and 18–19 months), and the test tasks were conducted in the first two phases (i.e., ages 8–12 and 13–17 months), as shown in Figure S1. The test procedures are described in detail elsewhere (Masuda et al., 2016). The characteristics of *App*<sup>NL-G-F/NL-G-F</sup> mice have been reported to be close to those of human AD with rapid A $\beta$  deposition (Saito et al., 2014). Furthermore, the adaptation tasks are likely associated with the manner of habituation (i.e., standard cage vs. IntelliCage) rather than cognitive functions. Therefore, the behavioral test data of the WT (i.e., control) and



*App*<sup>NL-G-F/NL-G-F</sup> genotypes were solely used in this study to understand the specific behavior related to the AD cognitive characteristics of the mouse model. Five test tasks were carried out in the following sequence (Figure S2): (1) place preference (PP) learning test for seven days, (2) place preference reversal (PPR) learning test for seven days, (3) serial reaction time test (SRTT) for 17 days including 3-day training, 7-day impulsivity evaluation, and 7-day attention evaluation in order, (4) place avoidance (PA) learning test for six days including 1-day training in prior, and (5) delay-discounting test for 13 days including 5-day training in prior. The behavioral parameters extracted from PP, PPR, serial reaction time tests were daily quantified within a specific time window (21:00–24:00); PA and delay-discounting tests assessed the behavioral parameters within the 24-h time window. The PP and PPR learning tests allowed us to evaluate the learning of spatial information and learning flexibility in mice. The performances of PP and PPR in the IntelliCage system have been reported to be relatively equivalent to the performance of Morris water maze (Ryan et al., 2013; Lee et al., 2015). The Morris water maze (Morris, 1981), a standard test, has been used to evaluate the index of spatial learning (D'Hooge et al., 2001) linked to damage to the hippocampus (Kraemer et al., 1996). Furthermore, the SRTT assessed two cognitive functions, i.e., impulsivity and attention. Lesions in the regions related to attentional and inhibitory-control functions [e.g., dorsal-ventral medial prefrontal cortex (Maddux et al., 2011), pedunculopontine tegmental nucleus (Inglis et al., 2001), subthalamic nucleus (Baunez et al., 1997), and medial habenular-interpeduncular nucleus (Kobayashi et al., 2013)] were associated with impaired performance of SRTT. The PA learning test evaluated the ability of the mice in aversive spatial memory and extinction learning situations. Hippocampal (Codita et al., 2010; Voikar et al., 2010; Voikar et al., 2018) and amygdala (Knapska et al., 2006) dysfunctions were observed together with the abnormalities of spatial learning and memory. Meanwhile, the delay-discounting test has been used to examine the serotonin and dopamine systems (Winstanley et al., 2005; Kato et al., 2018) in regard to compulsivity/persistence control (Rachlin et al., 1972). All tasks have been frequently performed in the IntelliCage system for monitoring the mice's behaviors [see (Kiryk et al., 2020) for reviews].

Figure S3 shows the analytical flow of calculating the behavioral parameters from the behavior track (e.g., visit data) recorded by the IntelliCage system. The behavior track was visualized by the horizontal bars of either the visit or the nosepoke interval to a corner chamber with the timepiece information. Numbers of visits and nosepokes on the correct and incorrect corner chambers were displayed by green- and orange-colored bars. From this track, the visit/nosepoke interval data (in s; correct-incorrect), frequency (per hour or per day; correct-incorrect), and correct rate (per hour or per day) were computed to obtain the behavioral parameters listed in Table 1 and used by the DNN. Behavioral parameters acquired during all tasks from all mice are provided in Tables S1 and S2 below.

### **Machine learning algorithm**

A DNN (Hochreiter et al., 1997) was used for classifying two genotypes (WT and *App*<sup>NL-G-F/NL-G-F</sup>). A DNN includes an input layer, two or more hidden layers, and an output layer. In our case, the input layer consisted of nodes representing the feature (Table 1) used for genotype classification; the output layer consisted of nodes of class (i.e., two genotypes). There were two hidden layers (100 and 40 nodes) between the input and output layers. The DNN algorithm was inspired by the architecture of interconnected neurons (nodes) to transfer

information. A DNN principally connects all nodes from the previous layer to other nodes in the next layers by mathematically manipulating weights for each connection ( $60 \times 100 + 100 \times 40 + 40 \times 2 = 1080$  connections in maximum) and bias values for each node in the hidden and output layers ( $100 + 40 + 2 = 142$  total nodes). The transformation of all connection operations (i.e., nodes $\times$ weights) in the previous layers and bias values into output nodes in the next layers is controlled by activations functions. Here, three activation functions were used: hyperbolic tangent (tanh; input layer to 1<sup>st</sup> hidden layer), rectified linear unit (ReLU; 1<sup>st</sup> hidden layer to 2<sup>nd</sup> hidden layer), and normalized exponential (SoftMax; 2<sup>nd</sup> hidden layer to output layer). The SoftMax activation function yielded the probabilities of two genotypes. Data were classified according to which of the two genotypes had the higher probability. Python 3.6, a programming language, was used to create the DNN algorithm together with open-source libraries of TensorFlow (Google Brain; [www.tensorflow.org](http://www.tensorflow.org)) and Keras ([keras.io](http://keras.io)). The DNN algorithm ran on a computer equipped with a Linux OS (Ubuntu 16.04 LTS) and two GPUs (11 Gbps; NVIDIA GeForce® GTX 1080Ti).

Behavioral parameters were used as the input nodes of the features. The number of input nodes could be varied from a minimum of two parameters to a maximum of total number of parameters (60 parameters for each phase; Table 1). Because the behavioral parameters were recorded twice, the input nodes could be parameters from phase 1, phase 2, or both. Gender information (binary quantification; 1 for male and 2 for female) might also be able to be used as an input node. Besides using all the parameters as input nodes, two feature-selecting methods were tried, one that used parameters which significantly suggested between-genotype differences (two-sample *t*-test;  $p < 0.05$ ; degree of freedom = 18–27), and another that optimized selections in regard to best-performing classification results (e.g., accuracy). Sex and interaction (genotype  $\times$  sex variables) effects had been taken into account in the previous report (Masuda et al., 2016). However, this study's aim was to classify the *App*<sup>NL-G-F/NL-G-F</sup> mice from the WT mice regardless the sex variable. Therefore, the feature significance was only evaluated on the basis of the genotype variable. Selecting features may avoid the curse of dimensionality (i.e., data sparsity leads to weakened statistical power). Furthermore, a *k*-fold (5-fold) cross-validation was used to minimize overfitting. The feature selection was optimized by following the stepwise-forward approach (Hocking, 1976; Sutoko et al., 2019). This approach added features to be used as input nodes one-by-one on the condition that the added features provided better classification performance (Figure S4). Classification performance was defined as the average accuracy (i.e., true WT and *App*<sup>NL-G-F/NL-G-F</sup> mice) of the test subsets. Because the DNN algorithm requires two input nodes at the minimum, the availability of a starter feature is necessary before the selection process. The parameter with the strongest statistical power in evaluating between-genotype differences was chosen as the starter feature (step 1 in Figure S4). The starter feature was combined with an unselected feature (step 2 in Figure S4), and the classification using that combination as the input nodes was trained (step 3 in Figure S4) and validated (step 4 in Figure S4) in the training and test subsets, respectively. All possible combinations of two features involving the starter feature were assessed (step 5 in Figure S4). Among these combinations, the two-feature combination giving the highest classification performance was selected (step 6 in Figure S4). Before reaching perfect classification performance (i.e. 100% accuracy) or detecting a dramatic performance decline ( $> 5\%$ ) (step 7 in Figure S4), the stepwise selection was continuously performed to optimize the best-performing combinations of three, four,

and five or more features. Otherwise, the optimization process was terminated (step 8 in Figure S4). Classification performances obtained from the optimized features, significant between-genotype parameters, and all parameters were compared. The 5-fold cross-validation and stepwise feature-selecting methods were created and run in the Python 3.6 environment. The details of both stepwise selection and DNN algorithm are written in the section of code availability below. The readily tested code and data had been prepared in the supplemental materials.

Besides mouse deaths, inappropriate transponder position, improper data transfer/record, and dramatic changes in the condition of the mice (e.g., atypically inactive) during the test tasks resulted in missing parameters. The DNN algorithm does not allow any analysis of individual data with missing parameters. Therefore, mice data with missing parameters were omitted from the current study, which reduced the sample number.

### **Control analysis**

In order to confirm the usefulness of the DNN method, a control analysis was also conducted. The analysis was performed on the basis of the conventional threshold approach (i.e., mice having behavioral parameters greater than thresholds were classified as  $App^{NL-G-F/NL-G-F}$ , and *vice versa*). Feature selection (i.e., stepwise-forward and significant between-genotype) and a 5-fold cross-validation analysis were also carried out. The use of multiple features was feasible; those features would be averaged. In the selection of between-genotype features (two-sample *t*-test;  $p < 0.05$ ; degree of freedom = 18–27), two feature characteristics (i.e., significant  $App^{NL-G-F/NL-G-F} > WT$  and  $App^{NL-G-F/NL-G-F} < WT$ ) were extracted. Furthermore, all features were averaged and used as the input of the control analysis in order to evaluate the benefit of feature-selecting methods. The classification performances were compared between the DNN and control analyses.

### **CODE AVAILABILITY**

```
# import required functions
```

```
import numpy as np
```

```
import math
```

```
import csv
```

```
import statistics as st
```

```
import scipy.stats as stats
```

```
from sklearn.model_selection import StratifiedKFold
```

```
from keras.models import Sequential
```

```
from keras.layers.core import Dense, Activation
```

```
from keras.layers.normalization import BatchNormalization
```

```
from keras.optimizers import SGD
```

```
# import data
```

```
# import behavioral parameters from phases 1, 2, or both
```

```

with open('BehavioralData_phase1.txt') as f:
    reader = csv.reader(f,delimiter='¥t')
    X = np.array(list(reader))

# import genotype indices
with open('GenotypicLabels.txt') as f:
    reader = csv.reader(f,delimiter='¥t')
    z = np.array(list(reader))

# Specify indices with missing values
c_=[]
for c in range(0,X.shape[1]):
    dum = np.zeros((X.shape[0],))
    r_=[]
    for r in range(0,X.shape[0]):
        r_.append(math.isnan(float(X[r,c]))) # true for missing values
    res = [i for i, val in enumerate(r_) if val]
    dum[res]=1 # 1: true and 0: false
    c_.append(dum)

# Select sample data without any missing values
X=X[sum(c_)==0,:]
z=z[sum(c_)==0,:]

# characterize the genotypes
y = z[:,1]
y = y.astype(int)
target_names = ['WT','NL-G-F']

# evaluate the effect of behavioral parameters on genotypes
RES_stat=[]
for ii in range(0,len(X[0])):
    F, p = stats.f_oneway(X[y==0,ii], X[y==1,ii])
    RES_stat.append(F)

# Common settings
seed = 1234
fold_num = 5 # Cross-validation

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```
# Classification analysis
```

```
# Randomize sample orders
```

```
indices = np.random.permutation(range(len(X)))
```

```
# Create training and test subsets
```

```
kfold = StratifiedKFold(n_splits=fold_num, shuffle=True, random_state=seed)
```

```
# Create the output (0: WT and 1: AppNL-G-F/NL-G-F)
```

```
YY=z[:,1]
```

```
# Initial setting
```

```
ACC=0 # accuracy at the current step (i.e., step 0)
```

```
ACC_ref=0 # the highest obtained accuracy
```

```
ACC_list=[] # list of averages of resulted accuracies for all steps
```

```
ACC_std=[] # list of standard deviations of accuracies across cross-validation for all steps
```

```
# DNN setting
```

```
n_hidden1 = 100 # number of nodes for the first hidden layer
```

```
n_hidden2 = 40 # number of nodes for the second hidden layer
```

```
alpha = 0.01 # learning rate for optimizing the network weights
```

```
epochs = 200 # iteration number of training
```

```
batch_size = 10 # split number of training subsets
```

```
# Indices of behavioral parameters (i.e., parameters 1–60)
```

```
nfeat=np.array(range(0,len(X[0])))
```

```
# DNN has to have more than one input
```

```
# Initial input from the most significant parameter
```

```
featREF=np.argmax(RES_stat)
```

```
# Stepwise forward selection
```

```
while ACC > (ACC_ref-0.05) or ACC == 1:
```

```
    """"
```

```
        Termination criteria
```

*Either declined accuracy about 5% from the highest obtained accuracy or perfect accuracy (100%)*

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*# Find indices of the unselected parameters*

```
bool_array=np.in1d(nfeat,featREF)
```

```
bool_array=nfeat[bool_array==0]
```

*stpscore=[] # list of averages of resulted accuracies for each combination of parameters*

*stpstdscore=[] # list of standard deviations of accuracies across cross-validation for each combination*

*# Iteration to combine the selected parameters with the unselected parameters*

```
for IDfeat in range(0,len(bool_array)):
```

*# Specify the inputs*

```
XX=X[:,np.append(featREF,bool_array[IDfeat])]
```

*cvscores = [] # list of resulted accuracies across cross-validation*

*# Deep Neural Network (DNN) with cross-validation*

```
for train, test in kfold.split(XX[indices], YY[indices]):
```

```
    n_in = len(XX[0]) # number of inputs
```

```
    n_out = len(z[0]) # number of outputs
```

*# Create the network*

```
model = Sequential()
```

*# The input layer to the first hidden layer*

```
model.add(Dense(n_hidden1, input_dim=n_in))
```

```
model.add(BatchNormalization())
```

```
model.add(Activation('tanh'))
```

*# The first hidden layer to the second hidden layer*

```
model.add(Dense(n_hidden2))
```

```
model.add(BatchNormalization())
```

```
model.add(Activation('relu'))
```

*# The second hidden layer to the output layer*

```
model.add(Dense(n_out))
```

```
model.add(Activation('softmax'))
```

```
# Compile the network model  
model.compile(loss='categorical_crossentropy', optimizer=SGD(lr=alpha), metrics=['accuracy'])
```

```
# Train the network model with training subsets  
model.fit(XX[train], z[train], epochs=epochs, batch_size=batch_size, verbose=0)
```

```
# Evaluate the network model with test subsets  
loss_and_metrics = model.evaluate(XX[test], z[test])
```

```
cvscores.append(loss_and_metrics[1])
```

```
# averages and standard deviations of resulted accuracies across cross-validation  
stpscore.append(np.mean(cvscores))  
stpstdscore.append(st.stdev(cvscores))
```

```
# Select the combination of parameters giving the highest averaged accuracy  
featREF=np.append(featREF,bool_array[np.argmax(stpscore)])
```

```
# Update the current accuracy  
ACC=stpscore[np.argmax(stpscore)]
```

```
# Update the lists of averages and standard deviations of accuracies step-by-step  
ACC_list.append(ACC)  
ACC_std.append(stpstdscore[np.argmax(stpscore)])
```

```
# Update the highest obtained accuracy from the list of averaged accuracies  
ACC_ref=ACC_list[np.argmax(ACC_list)]
```

```
# Monitor the classification results for each step  
print("Selected parameters:", featREF)  
print("The list of averaged accuracies:", ACC_list)  
print("The list of standard deviation of resulted accuracies:", ACC_std)
```

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