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Supplementary Methods

iBBB culture. iBBB cultures were created and maintained as in Blanchard et al 2020¹. The iBBB consisted of a co-culture of human astrocytes, endothelial cells, and pericytes. co-encapsulated in hydrogel and cultured for two weeks prior to analysis. These iBBB cultures were maintained in astrocyte medium supplemented with 50ng/mL VegF-A for two weeks prior to VIP agonist treatment. Following iBBB differentiation and culture, a VIP agonist was added and 24 hour later, cultures were fixed using 4% PFA and imaged using immunohistochemistry (described in Immunohistochemistry). Antibodies used: Human CD31/PECAM-1 (sheep, R&D systems, AF806); Aquaporin-4 (rabbit, ThermoFisher, PA5-53234). All human ESCs and human iPSCs were maintained in feeder-free conditions in mTeSR1 medium (Stem Cell Technologies) on Matrigel-coated plates (BD Biosciences). The iPSC lines were generated by the Picower Institute for Learning and Memory iPSC Facility iPSCs were passaged at 60-80% confluence using 0.5 mM EDTA solution for 5 min and reseeding 1:6 onto Matrigel-coated plates. For brain endothelial cell differentiation, human ESCs/iPSCs were disassociated to single cells via Accutase and reseeded at 20 x 10³ cm⁻² onto Matrigel-coated plates in mTeSR1 supplemented with 10 µM Y27632 (Stem Cell Technologies). The next day, medium was changed to DeSR1 medium (DMEM/F12 with GlutaMAX (Life Technologies) supplemented with 0.1 mM β-mercaptoethanol, 1× MEM-NEAA, 1× penicillin-streptomycin) supplemented with 6 µM CHIR99021 (R&D Systems), and 10ng/ml BMP4 (R&D systems). On day 3, the medium was changed to DeSR2 (DMEM/F12 with GlutaMAX (Life Technologies) supplemented with 0.1 mM βmercaptoethanol, 1× MEM-NEAA, 1× penicillin-streptomycin and B-27 (Invitrogen)). On day 5, the medium was changed to hECSR1 (Human Endothelial SFM (Thermo Fisher Scientific), B-27, and 1x penicillin-streptomycin) supplemented with 10ng/mL VegF-A (peprotech) and 2uM forskolin (R&D systems). On day 8, cells were split 1:5 using accutase and reseeded with hECSR1 supplemented with 10 µM Y27632 and 10ng/mL VegF-A on Matrigel coated plates. BECs were then cultured in hECSR1 medium supplemented with VegF-A and used within 1 week for experiments. For pericyte differentiation, iPSCs were disassociated to single cells via Accutase, reseeded onto Matrigel-coated plates at 40,000 cells cm² in mTeSR1 medium supplemented with 10 µM Y27632. On day 1, medium was changed to N2B27 medium (1:1 DMEM/F12 with GlutaMAX and Neurobasal Medium (Life Technologies) supplemented with B-27, N-2 and penicillinstreptomycin) with 25 ng ml⁻¹ BMP4 (Thermo Fisher Scientific, PHC9531) and 8 µM CHIR99021. On days 4 and 5, medium was changed to N2B27, supplemented with 10 ng ml⁻¹ PDGF-BB (Peprotech, 100-14B) and 2 ng ml⁻¹ Activin A (R&D Systems, 338-AC-010). Pericytes were then maintained in N2B27 medium until they were co-cultured. NPCs were differentiated using dual SMAD inhibition and bFGF supplementation. For astrocytes, NPCs were cultured with Neurobasal NPC medium (DMEM/F12 + GlutaMAX, Neurobasal Medium, N-2 Supplement, B-27 Supplement, 5 ml of GlutaMAX, 10 ml of NEAA and 10 ml of penicillin-streptomycin) supplemented with bFGF (20 ng ml⁻¹). Astrocyte differentiation was induced using astrocyte medium (Sciencell, 1801). Astrocyte medium was changed every other day and cells were passaged at a 1:3 split at 90% confluence. Following cell type differentiation, BECs, pericytes, and astrocytes were co-encapsulated in hydrogel (TrueGel3D, Millipore Sigma) supplemented with a cell-degradable crosslinker (Millipore Sigma) at a ratio of 5:1:1 and seeded at a volume of 20ul per well of an 8-chambered cell culture slide (Mattek).





Fig S1. Effect of VIP interneuron chemogenetic inhibition on AQP4 polarization.

- A. Example confocal images of AQP4 polarization
- B. Example quantification of AQP4 polarization analysis. Line represents the mean and shaded areas represent standard error of the mean.



Fig S2. Effect of VIP in an in vitro blood brain barrier cell culture model.

- a. Schematic and example images. VIP was added to the iBBB, which included pericytes, endothelial cells, and astrocytes.
- b. Quantification of AQP4 signal intensity (N= 4 iBBB cultures per condition; student's t-test; data is presented as the mean ± s.e.m.; unpaired two-tailed student's t-test was used for statistical analysis).



Fig S3. Schematic of glymphatic recruitment by noninvasive sensory gamma stimulation. First, noninvasive audio-visual gamma stimulation promotes 40 Hz rhythms in the brain. Next, neuropeptide release increases following 40 Hz stimulation. Several cellular signaling cascades respond to peptide signaling, including enhanced arterial pulsatility, aquaporin polarization, and meningeal lymphatic response. Collectively, changes in arterial pulsations facilitate CSF influx, and amyloid drainage.

Supplementary References

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 Blanchard, J. W. *et al.* Reconstruction of the human blood-brain barrier in vitro reveals a pathogenic mechanism of APOE4 in pericytes. *Nat. Med.* 26, 952–963 (2020).

Supplementary Table 1. Antibodies used for immunohistochemistry

| Reagent | Source | Catalog |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|
| Anti-Aquaporin4 | Thermo Fisher Scientific | PA5-53234 |
| Anti-CD31 | Abcam | ab24590 |
| Anti-Connexin 43 | Thermo Fisher Scientific | 710700 |
| Anti-Cre Recombinase | Millipore Sigma | MAB3120 |
| Anti-eNOS | Abcam | ab76198 |
| Anti-GFAP (2.2B10) | Thermo Fisher Scientific | 13-0300 |
| Anti-Ly-6A/E Clone E13-161.7 | BD Bioscience | 553333 |
| Anti-LYVE1 | Abcam | ab14917 |
| Anti-Mlc1 | Thermo Scientific | PA5-64327 |
| anti-mouse LYVE-1 | Angiobio | 11-034 |
| Anti-PECAM-1 | Sigma-Aldrich | MAB1398Z |
| Anti-Syntrophin | Abcam | ab11425 |
| Anti-VIP | ImmunoStar | 20077 |
| Anti-VIP Antibody (H-6) | Santa Cruz Biotechnology | sc-25347 |
| Anti-VPAC1 (extracellular) | Alomone Labs | AVR-001 |
| Anti-β-Amyloid (D54D2) XP® | Cell Signaling Technolo | 8243S |
| Lectin - 488 | Vector Laboratories | DL-1174 |

Supplementary Table 2. Primers used for qPCR

| Gene name | Sequence (5' -> 3') |
|-----------|-------------------------|
| Ptgds_F | GAAGGCGGCCTCAATCTCAC |
| Ptgds_R | CGTACTCGTCATAGTTGGCCTC |
| Rps8_F | GCATCTCTCGGGACAACTGG |
| Rps8_R | CGAGGGCCAATCTTCGTGT |
| Cst3_F | TGAGCGAGTACAACAAGGGC |
| Cst3_R | GGCTGGTCATGGAAAGGACAG |
| Hspa5_F | ACTTGGGGACCACCTATTCCT |
| Hspa5_R | GTTGCCCTGATCGTTGGCTA |
| Atp6v0b_F | GCATGGTCGTTGTGGGAATCT |
| Atp6v0b_R | GGGAAGTTTCCGTCAGGAACC |
| Rtn1_F | CCGGACCCTCGTTACCAGA |
| Rtn1_R | TCAGCTAGGATCTTGTTCACCT |
| Atp6v0c_F | TCGTTTTTCGGTGTCATGGG |
| Atp6v0c_R | CACTCTTGGCTGTGCCATAGG |
| Gapdh_F | TGACCTCAACTACATGGTCTACA |
| Gapdh_R | CTTCCCATTCTCGGCCTTG |

Supplementary Table 3: DEGs from snRNA-seq.

This Excel file describes the differentially expressed genes from mouse 5XFAD cortex following sensory stimulation or control. For DEG analysis, the cutoff used in the function FindMarkers in Seurat was: min.pct: 0.25, only test genes that are detected in a minimum fraction of min.pct cells in either of the two populations; logfc.threshold: 0.25.

Supplementary Table 4: Oligonucleotide sequences used to target AQP4

Supplementary Videos

Supplementary Video 1: 2P microscopy z-stacks in 6-month-old 5XFAD mouse prefrontal cortex following no stimulation or 1 hour of noninvasive multisensory gamma stimulation revealing CSF tracer (FITC-Dextran-3kD). CSF tracer (cyan) infused via i.c.m. is labeled in the frontal cortex, and blood vessels (magenta) were labeled with dextran. Volume rendering was performed in Imaris.

Supplementary Video 2: Arterial pulsatility in 6-month-old 5XFAD mouse prefrontal cortex imaged through a cranial window using 2P microscopy and labeled using Texas Red Dextran 70kD. The video depicts change in diameter over time for each vascular segment. Y axis depicts percent change in diameter over baseline diameter; X axis depicts time (minutes); red dot depicts segment of diameter quantification according to the time frame showed in the image.

Supplementary Video 3: Lymphatic vessel volumes in 6-month-old 5XFAD mouse dural meninges imaged using super resolution AiryScan confocal microscopy and visualized in 3D renderings using Imaris. Lymphatic vessels are visualized using Lyve1. Volume renderings were achieved using the Imaris Surfaces feature.

Supplementary Video 4: RNA *in situ* hybridization in 6-month-old 5XFAD mouse prefrontal cortex for *Kcnk1* in *Aldoc*+ cells imaged using confocal microscopy and quantified using 3D renderings and automated spot detection in Imaris. Aldoc is visualized in yellow, Kcnk1 is visualized in cyan, and DAPI is visualized in blue. Volume renderings were achieved using the Imaris Surfaces feature, and spots were achieved using Imaris Spots detection.

Supplementary Video 5: AQP4 immunohistochemistry (magenta) and polarization analysis in 6-month-old 5XFAD mouse prefrontal cortex and visualized in 3D renderings using Imaris. Example images show AQP4 (magenta) and DAPI (blue) visualized in frontal cortex. High resolution imaging reveals AQP4 (magenta) around vascular segment labeled with CD31 (cyan) and eNOS (yellow). Volume renderings were achieved in Imaris Surface detection.

Supplementary Video 6: VIP sensor expressed in mouse culture and visualized before and after administration of VIP receptor agonists. VIP sensor activation signal (green) is quantified over time following bath application of VIP receptor antagonist.