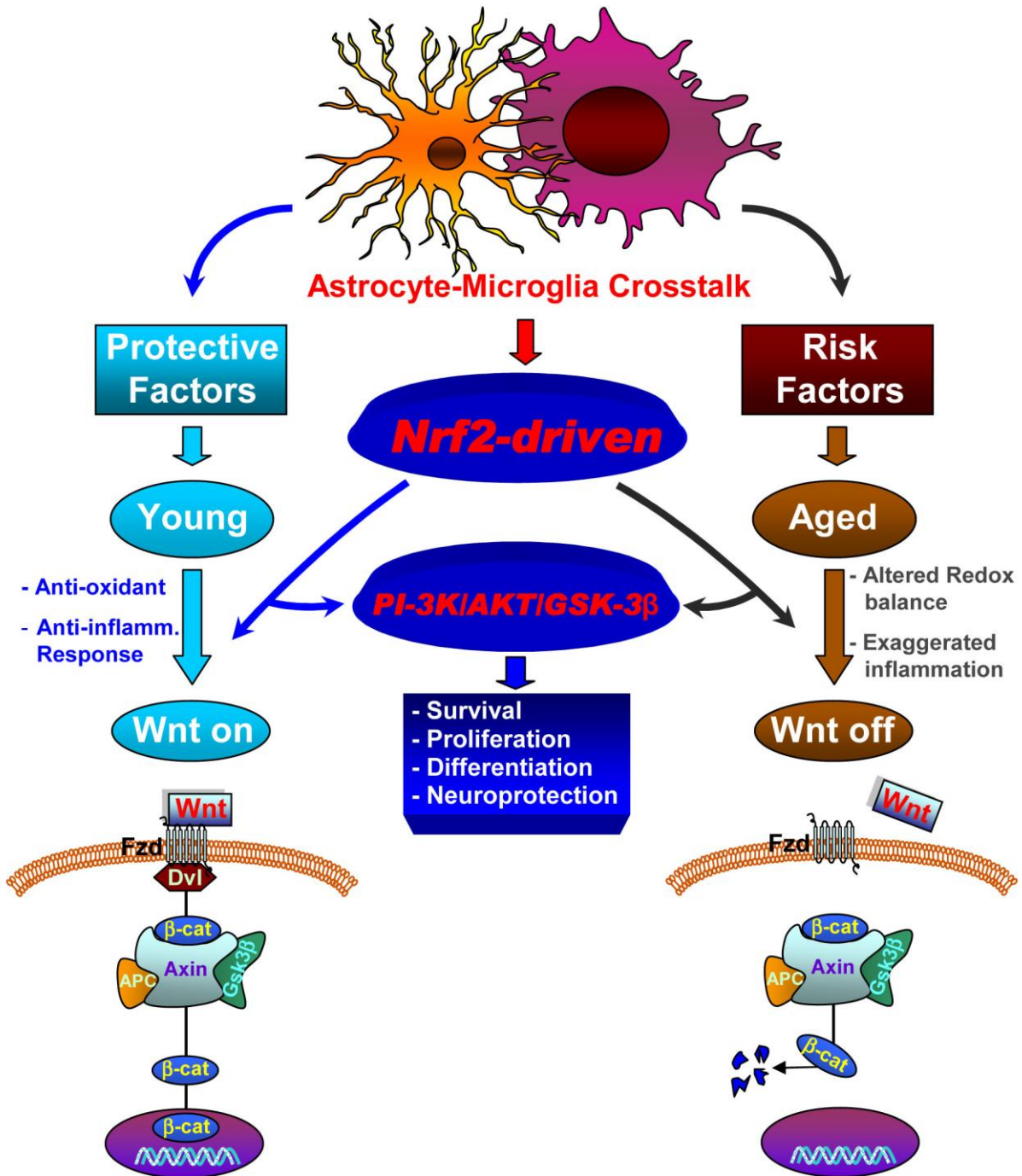


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Supplementary Figure S1 Aging-induced Nrf2-ARE pathway disruption in the subventricular zone (SVZ) drives neurogenic impairment in parkinsonian mice via PI3K-Wnt/ β -catenin dysregulation. In young mice a regulatory circuit linking microglial activation and pro-inflammatory cytokine to NF-E2-related factor 2 (Nrf2)-Anti-oxidant-responsive elements (ARE) protective pathway

in SVZ, provides an efficient self-adaptive mechanism against inflammatory/neurotoxin-induced oxidative stress. In addition to govern the redox balance within the SVZ niche, *Nrf2*-induced heme-oxygenase, *Hmox*, target gene may simultaneously protect astrocytes, thereby up-regulating the expression of vital Wnt signaling elements switching-on key components required for maintaining SVZ cells in a proliferative state, promote differentiation and/or for exerting neuroprotective effects. Crosstalk between two pivotal pathways, the phosphatidylinositol-3-kinase, PI3-K/Akt/GSK-3 β and Wnt/ β -catenin signaling cascades appear to cooperate to finely control the transcriptional activator, β -catenin, in turn representing a point of convergence to direct proliferation/differentiation/survival in SVZ stem niche. Importantly, SVZ “rejuvenation” may have beneficial consequences for DAergic neuroprotection, and viceversa (L’Episcopo et al., 2013). Astrocytes (blue), neuroblasts (red), transit-amplifying cells (yellow) and ependymal (purple) cells in SVZ niche are schematically illustrated (from L’Episcopo et al. 2013, with permission).

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