Supplementary Figures and Figure Legends

Pharmacological BACE1 and BACE2 inhibition induces hair depigmentation by inhibiting PMEL17 processing in mice

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Supplementary Figure 1. Intracellular ATP content of mouse (B16-F0) and human (MNT-1) melanocytes after 24 hours of treatment. Line graphs represent cellular ATP levels after treatment with increasing concentrations ($0.2\mu M - 100\mu M$) of the test compound compared to their untreated controls. Dotted line represents the non-cytotoxic threshold concentrations. Mean±SD.

Supplementary Figure 2. Evaluation of the specificity of the PMEL17 antibody in B16-F0 mouse melanocytes. Immunoblot detecting PMEL17 full length as well as the proteolytic cleavage products thereof, PMEL17 Mb and PMEL17 CTF (C-terminal fragment) as indicated. B16-F0 cells were treated with compound at different concentrations as indicated (in μ M). Loading control: b-actin. On the left, immunoblot performed with the PMEL17 antibody (2 μ g/ml) and competed with immunogenic peptide (200-fold molar excess). No unspecific bands were observed.

Supplementary Figure 3. Evaluation of the specificity of the PMEL17 antibody in MNT-1 human melanocytes. Immunoblot detecting PMEL17 full length as well as the proteolytic cleavage products thereof, PMEL17 Mb and PMEL17 CTF (C-terminal fragment) as indicated. MNT-1 cells were treated with compound at different concentrations as indicated (in μ M). Loading control: b-actin. On the left, immunoblot performed with the PMEL17 antibody (2 μ g/ml) and competed with immunogenic peptide (200-fold molar excess). One unspecific band could be observed (white arrow).

Supplementary Figure 4. 8-week NB-360 treatment effects on brain Abeta40 lowering and the tissue exposure of NB-360 in blood, skin and brain in male C57BL/6J mice. (**A**) Dose-dependent brain levels of NB-360 after 4 and 24 hours at the end of the 8-week chronic daily treatment at 20 and 100µmol/kg shown in Fig. 1A and their respective vehicle-normalized (in %) Abeta40 lowering effect in the mouse brain. (**B**) Dose-dependent blood and skin levels of NB-360 after 4

and 24 hours at the end of the 8-week chronic daily oral treatment at 20 and 100µmol/kg depicted in Fig. 1A.

Supplementary Figure 5. Body weight monitoring of male C57BL/6J mice treated for 8 weeks with NB-360 as depicted in Fig. 1A.

Supplementary Figure 6. 6-week NB-360 treated female wildtype C57BL/6 mice of the APP51 line with 100µmol/kg show no eye pathology compared to vehicle. Hematoxylin and Eosin (HE), LAMP2 for lysosomes, autofluorescence for lipofuscin accumulation and rhodopsin for the rod outer segment. Arrow: retinal pigmented epithelium (RPE). scale bars – 100µm.

Supplementary Figure 7. 6-week NB-360 treated female wildtype C57BL/6 mice of the APP51 line with 100 μ mol/kg showed no eye ultrastructural changes in the RPE and choroid compared to vehicle. White arrow: pigment granules; white arrowheads: phagolysosomes; black arrows: Bruch's membrane; nuc – nucleus; RC&L – rod and cones layer; scale bars – 20 μ m

Supplementary Figure 8. 6-month old *bace1*^{-/-} showed no ultrastructural changes in the RPE and choroid compared to wildtype. White arrow: pigment granules; white stars: phagolysosomes; black arrows: Bruch's membrane; nuc: nucleus; RC&L: rod and cones layer; scale bars – $20\mu m$