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The Tau/A152T mutation a risk factor for frontotemporal spectrum disorders leads to NR2B-mediated excitotoxicity

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14 September 2015

Thank you for submitting your manuscript to The EMBO Journal. I am very sorry for the delay in getting back to you with a decision, but I have now received the comments back from the two referees who reviewed your manuscript. I am afraid that the overall opinion is not very positive.

The referees appreciate that the analysis is well done, but they are also not convinced that the advance and insight provided is sufficient to consider publication here. In particular referee #2 finds that we gain too limited novel mechanistic insight into how tau promotes neurodegeneration over other models and why the described variant is more toxic that wildtype tau. Given the referee comments and as we require strong support from referees for consideration here I can unfortunately not offer to consider publication here.

Given the interest in the topic I have taken the opportunity to discuss this manuscript and the backto-back submission from The Mucke lab with my colleague Esther Schnapp from EMBO Reports. EMBO Reports is interested in considering both manuscripts for publication in EMBO Reports and will work with the two referee reports on hand. They don't need any further mechanistic insight nor further comparison to other mouse models. They would like some clarification on the neuronal loss issue as raised by referee #2. If you are interested in transferring to EMBO Reports, I would suggest that you contact Esther Schnapp at esther.schnapp@embo.org to discuss this option further with her. For the EMBO Journal. I am sorry that I can't be more positive on this occasion, but I hope that you will consider the EMBO Reports option.

REFEREE REPORTS

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1st Editorial Decision	06 October 2015

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1st Revision - authors' response

15 December 2015

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We revised and toned down parts of our manuscript where claims about direct comparisons between the A152T Tau mutation and other FTDP-related mutations were made.

Discussion, §4, page 9: " It is notable that different Tau mutations may have opposite consequences on synaptic transmission in mice: Pro-aggregant mutations in Tau's repeat domain ($\Delta 280$) lead to reduced transmission in the mossy fiber tract (Van der Jeugd et al., 2012, Sydow et al., 2011, Decker et al., 2015) whereas the amino-terminal mutation A152T, described here, enhances transmission in the same pathway. By analogy, there can be opposite effects in terms of calcium levels, which are reduced in neurons expressing Tau^{RDAK280} (Messing et al., 2013, Decker et al., 2015) and increased when A152T Tau is expressed."

Point 2

"It would be nice to know the overexpression at the transcript level relative to the overexpression at the protein level."

The data on the transcript level had been available but were not included in the previous version. Now we included them into Fig. 1D and compare them with the protein level, as follows: "The $hTau^{AT}$ mRNA levels in transgenic heterozygous (1.00 ± 0.35 A.U.) and homozygous (2.19 ± 0.27 A.U.) mice (16 month) were in good agreement with the hTau/mTau protein expression ratios in hippocampi from transgenic animals (compare Fig 1C to Fig 1D)." (Results, §1, page 4)

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We agree that a transgenic line is per senot physiological and therefore exchanged the term as follows:

"This results in moderate overexpression levels in the hippocampus of heterozygous (+/-) and homozygous (+/+) hTau^{AT} mice at an age of 14 month (Fig 1B)." (Results, §1, page 4)

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The sentence has been changed as follows:

"Using two complementary techniques, Gallyas silver staining (Fig 2B) and sarcosyl-extraction (Fig 2C) we could identify aggregated Tau species in 14 months old mice. Interestingly, both human and mouse Tau was found in the sarcosyl-insoluble fraction indicating strong co-aggregation (Fig 2C)." (Results, §1, page 4)

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We do not see higher MW Tau bands than those shown in the figures 1 and 2.

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The reviewer correctly anticipated that there would be neuronal loss in aged hTau^{AT} mice. Quantitative real-time PCR analysis for the neuronal marker NeuN in hippocampi of aged hTau^{AT} mice reveal a reduction of neurons of ~30% (Fig EV2C) which is well comparable to NeuN-data in slice cultures (Fig 5C, D). We now complemented the slice culture data on neuronal loss by two new time points - an early one at DIV 10 and a late one at DIV 60. When comparing neuronal numbers at the three different time points between control and hTau^{AT} slices, we can demonstrate a progressive

neuronal loss due to hTau^{AT} transgene expression in the slice culture model. Wording was changed as follows:

"We further analyzed neurons in slices at an earlier (DIV 10; Fig EV2A) and a later time point (DIV 60; Fig EV2B). At DIV 10 no significant cell loss was detected in areas DG, CA1 and CA3. In contrast, at DIV 60 neuronal loss was even more pronounced when compared to values observed at DIV 30." Results §11 page 6.

To further strengthen the aspect by in vivo data we show a hippocampal section after immunohistochemistry for NeuN of control and aged hTau^{AT} mice in the new version of our manuscript (Fig. 5E). In agreement with the observations in slice cultures, neuronal cell loss was prominent in the pyramidal layer of area CA3 in 12 months old heterozygous hTau^{AT} mice (Fig 5E). To test if neuronal cell death occurs progressively in our Tau mice, we analyzed NeuN protein levels by western blot analysis in hippocampi of 12 and 18 months old animals (Fig 5F-G). NeuN expression was reduced by $\sim 10\%$ in 12 months old hTau^{AT} mice and neuronal loss became more prominent to ~35% in 18 months old hTau^{AT} mice when compared to controls (Fig 5F, G) indicating that cell loss occurs indeed progressively in our hTau^{AT} mice. Wording was changed as follows: "These findings in slice cultures were supported by the observation of neuronal cell loss in the hippocampus of aged hTau^{AT} mice. Similar to what we have seen in slice cultures, neuronal cell loss was prominent in the pyramidal layer of area CA3 in 12 old heterozygous hTau^{AT} mice (Fig 5E). Next we analyzed NeuN protein levels in hippocampi of 12 and 18 months old hTau^{AT} mice (Fig 5F-G). Here we found a progressive loss of NeuN expression which was reduced by ~10% already in 12 months old hTau^{AT} mice and neuronal loss increased to ~35% in 18 months old hTau40^{AT} mice when compared to control mice (Fig 5F, G)." Results §11 page 6.

Finally we described cellular and sub-cellular level degeneration in detail by electron microscopy in area CA3 of hTau^{AT} mice (Fig 2E-J).

2nd Editorial Decision

05 January 2016

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Referee #2:

The authors have adequately revised the manuscript. This is a very thorough study and a lot of data is presented. My only comment/suggestion is that readability would be increased by moving some data to the extended view versions, and reducing the amount of a data present within each figure. By keeping the main figures focused on the key points, the manuscript would be more readable.

2nd Revision - authors' response

We have now modified the manuscript according to the referees' comments. In particular we added data on the progression of pathology. With these changes (marked in red in the resubmitted main text) we hope the paper becomes acceptable for publication.

3rd Editorial Decision

28 January 2016

27 January 2016

I am very pleased to accept your manuscript for publication in the next available issue of EMBO reports. Thank you for your contribution to our journal.

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B- Statistics and general methods

1.a. How was the sample size chosen to ensure adequate power to detect a pre-specified effect size?	We have chosen sample sizes in our study based on previous publications.
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 Describe inclusion/exclusion criteria if samples or animals were excluded from the analysis. Were the criteria pre-established? 	For Calcium imaging we used as exclusion criteria a) a stable base line for 30 seconds without rundown of >5%, b) a significant response after stimulation, c) an intact hippocampal morphology and d) comparable dye loading. During slice culture preparations mechanically damaged slices were excluded from the analysis.
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For every figure, are statistical tests justified as appropriate?	We have used the D'Agostino-Pearson omnibus test to test for normal distribution. Comparison of two groups was done by standard-t-test, and of more than two groups by ANOVA.
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is there an estimate of variation within each group of data?	In all our data presentations we show the SEM to display the amount of variation of our datasets.
is the variance similar between the groups that are being statistically compared?	Yes, the variance is similar between the groups.

C- Reagents

	ß-actin actin (Sigma; A3853); anti-neuronal nuclei (NeuN) antibody (Chemicon International,
citation, catalog number and/or clone number, supplementary information or reference to an antibody	Temecula, CA, USA; Mab377), pan-Tau antibody K9JA (Dako, Hamburg, Germany, Nr. A0024,
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	specific TauY9 (Enzo Life Sciences, Germany; BML-TA3119-0100); PHF1 antibody for
	phosphorylated S396/404 Tau (gift from Dr. Peter Davies, Albert Einstein College, NY, USA); human
	Tau specific antibody HT7 (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA; MN1000), AT180 (Pierce,
	Rockford, USA; MN1040), AT8 (Thermo Scientific; MN1020), Alz-50 gift from Dr. P. Davies, Albert
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8. Report species, strain, gender, age of animals and genetic modification status where applicable. Please	To achieve ubiquitous transgene expression in the brain at moderate levels the transgene (human
detail housing and husbandry conditions and the source of animals.	full-length Tau carrying the mutation A152T) was inserted into the ROSA-locus of C57BL/6NTac embryo stem (C5) cells and injected C57BL/6NTac ES cells into BAB/c blastocysts (TACONIC, Germantown, NY). Injected blastocysts were transferred into the uterine horn of pseudopregnant NMR1 females. Chimerism was determined in chimeras by coat color contribution of ES cells to the BAJL/ host (black/white). Highly chimeric mice were herd to C57BL/6 females. Germine transmission was identified by the presence of black offspring. The transgene expression is controlled by the neuron specific Thyl.2 promoter and occurs in the entire brain and spinal cord. The mouse strain was conceived on an identical C57BL/6N background. The present study presents data from heterozygous and homorygous hTauAT mice. Non-transgenic littermates were used as negative controls. All animals were housed and tested according to standards of the German Animal Weffare Act.
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23. Could your study fall under dual use research restrictions? Please check biosecurity documents (see	NA
link list at top right) and list of select agents and toxins (APHIS/CDC) (see link list at top right). According to	
our biosecurity guidelines, provide a statement only if it could.	