

Supplementary Materials for

Molecular Mechanism for Age-Related Memory Loss: The Histone-Binding Protein RbAp48

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of the expression levels of calbindin1 (CALB1), a gene differentially expressed in the dentate gyrus (DG) *(50)*, and PCDH11, which is differentially expressed in the EC (Allen Brain Atlas). Data are expressed as mean+SEM (N=8 subjects; 1 microarray experiment for each subject and subregion). Both genes were found in our microarray dataset. PCDH11 levels were significantly higher in the EC compared to DG (paired t-test: t=4.6, p=0.002), while the expression of CALB1 was significantly higher in DG compared to EC (paired t-test; $t=2.73$, $p=0.03$) **Fig. S1 Specificity of the microdissections from human postmortem tissue.** Comparison

forebrain. Data from the elevated plus maze (a) and an open field test (b) of RbAp48-DN DT mice and their control littermates tested off dox (same mice as in figures 3 and 4). (a) Averaged ratio (+ SEM) of the time spent in open arms versus closed arms. (b) Percentage of time spent in the center of the open field and total path length $(+$ SEM). The anxiety of the mice was examined once and prior to the cognitive tasks. **Fig. S2 Anxiety in mice expressing the dominant-negative inhibitor of RbAp48 in their**

(A) Group of mice tested off dox in the 15-minute training novel object paradigm and the Morris water maze [same mice as in figures $3A(a)$ and $4A$; DT: N=11 and Controls: N=22 (tetO=6, tTA=8, wt=8)]. DT mice off dox (DT; RbAp48-DN expression) and control animals off dox (control) spent comparable time in the closed and open arms of the maze (a) (ANOVA; no genotype effect; p=0.815). (b) Both groups exhibited similar performance in the open field (ANOVA; no genotype effect; p>0.37).

(B) Group of mice tested off dox in the 10-minute training novel object paradigm [same mice as in figure 3A(b); DT: $N=12$ and Controls: $N=12$ (tetO=5, tTA=4, wt=3)]. DT off dox and control off dox showed similar open arms/closed arms ratio (a) (ANOVA; no genotype effect; p=0.2660). Similar performance was also observed in the open field (b) (ANOVA; no genotype effect; p>0.68).

(C) Mice tested on dox in the 15-minute training novel object paradigm and the Morris water maze [same mice as in figures $3B(a)$ and $4B$; DT on dox: N=10 and Controls: N=17 (tetO=5, tTA=5, wt=7)]. No differences were observed for DT mice on dox and controls on dox in the elevated plus maze (a) and the open field (b) (ANOVA; no genotype effect; $p > 0.46$). **(D)** Mice tested on dox in the 10-minute training novel object paradigm [same mice as in figure 3B(b); DT on dox: $N=12$ and Controls: $N=21(\text{tet}O=7, \text{tTA}=7, \text{wt}=7)$]. DT and control on dox showed similar performance in the elevated plus maze (a) and the open field (b) (ANOVA; no genotype effect; p>0.17). For detailed statistics see Table S3.

Fig. S3 Anxiety of wild-type mice tested in hippocampal-dependent memory tasks. Data from the elevated plus maze (a) and the open field (b) of wild-type mice (same groups as in Fig. 3,4 and 6). Averaged ratio (+ SEM) of the time spent in open arms (OA) versus closed arms (CA) (a), and percentage of time spent in the center of the open field and total path length $(+$ SEM) (b). The anxiety of the mice was examined once and prior to the cognitive tasks.

(A) Group of mice tested in the 10-minute training novel object paradigm (same mice as in figure 3D(b); N=10 mice/age) (ANOVA; no genotype effect; p>0.075).

(B) Similar performance between young and aged mice in the 15-minute training protocol (same mice as in figure 3D(a); $N=8$ mice/age). Aged and young mice exhibited similar performance (ANOVA; no genotype effect; p>0.54).

(C) Group of mice tested in the Morris water maze (same mice as in figure 4C; N=14/age). Aged and young mice performed similarly in the elevated plus maze (a) and the open field (b) (ANOVA; no genotype effect; $p>0.16$).

(D) Aged wild-type mice that were injected in their dentate gyrus with lentiviruses expressing either GFP (control) or RbAp48 (same mice as in figure 6; WT aged/RbAp48-HA injected in DG: N=12 and WT aged/GFP injected in DG: N=10). No significant differences were observed between groups (ANOVA; no genotype effect; p>0.42). For detailed analysis see Table S3.

Fig. S4 Data from the Morris water maze that complement Fig.4. (left) Mean

escape latencies (+ SEM) across days for mice to reach the platform in the visible (a), the hidden (a) and the transfer phases (b) of the task. (right) Percentage of time (mean + SEM) spent in quadrants during probe trials one day after the end of training (week2/day5). **(A)** Group of DT mice and control littermates kept off dox during the task [same mice as in figure 4A; DT: N=11 and controls: N=22 (tetO=6, tTA=8, wt=8); one experiment. DT and controls performed equally well in the visible platform (a) as well as in the acquisition (a) and the transfer (b) phases of the hidden platform version of the task (repeated-measures ANOVA; no genotype effect: $p>0.1$). (a) During the probe trial after the end of acquisition, DT and controls spent similar time in the training quadrant (TQ) (repeated-measures ANOVA; no significant genotype or genotype*quadrant effects: p=0.85 and p=0.2434, respectively). DT, however, formed a less accurate knowledge of the platform location (see figure $4A(a)$). (b) DT explored the training quadrant less than controls (repeated-measures ANOVA; genotype*quadrant interaction effect: p=0.0269; t-test for TQ: *p= 0.012). See also figure 4A(b) for significant effect for platform crossings.

(B) Group of DT and control mice kept on dox during the task [RbAp48-DN OFF in adulthood; same mice as in figure 4B; DT on dox: $N=10$ and controls: $N=17$ (tet $O=5$, tTA $=5$, wt=7); one experiment]. DT and control on dox displayed similar performance during the acquisition (a) and the transfer (b) phases of the hidden platform version of the task [repeatedmeasures ANOVA; no genotype $(p>0.14)$]. Both groups explored equally the training quadrant during the probe trials (repeated-measures ANOVA for hidden/acquisition and hidden/transfer; no significant genotype*quadrant effect: $p>0.76$).

(C) Young adult (3.5 months) and aged (15 months) wild-type mice (same mice as in figure 4C; N=14 mice/age; one experiment). Aged mice showed higher escape latencies than young mice (repeated-measures ANOVA for visible, hidden/acquisition and hidden/transfer; p<0.03). This effect is likely explained by the significantly lower swim speed of the aged mice (see Fig. S7). Both groups learned the visible platform (repeated-measures ANOVA; significant day effect; p<0.0002). The path lengths were similar between the two groups (see Fig. 4C). In the acquisition and the transfer phases of the water maze, the latencies of aged mice were reduced and reached plateau by the end of training, indicating that the mice learned the platform location equally well to young animals (repeated-measures ANOVA; significant day effect; p<0.0016). Consistent with equal learning skill between young and aged mice the path lengths

were similar between the two groups (see figure 4C). However, the aged mice did not form a good memory of the platform locations as evidenced by their significantly lower exploration time in the training quadrant in the probe trials [repeated-measures ANOVA; hidden-probe trial: significant age*quadrant effect (p=0.0001), t-test for TQ, p=0.003; transfer-probe trial: significant age*quadrant effect (p<0.0001), t-test for TQ, p=0.0037]. For platform crossings, see Fig.4C. *p<0.0037. See table S3 for detailed analysis.

platform/acquisition. **(D-F)** Transfer phase. Same mice as in figure 4A and figure S4A (DT: N=11 and controls: N=22 (tetO=6, tTA=8, wt=8); one experiment). Mean+SEM is shown. Repeated-measures ANOVA did not reveal significant genotype effect [Visible: p>0.24 (floating), $p=0.7991$ (speed) and $p=0.4366$ (thigmotaxis); Hidden/Acquisition: $p=0.0745$ (floating), $p=0.2567$ (speed) and $p=0.3855$ (thigmotaxis); Hidden/Transfer: $p=0.8263$ (floating), $p=0.4777$ (speed) and $p=0.0787$ (thigmotaxis)]. See table S3 for detailed analysis. **Fig. S5 Noncognitive parameters from the Morris water maze of DT mice and control littermates tested off doxycycline. (A-C)** Visible platform and hidden

platform/acquisition. **(D-F)** Transfer phase. Same mice as in figure 4B and figure S4B [DT on dox: N=10 and controls on dox: N=17 (tetO=5, tTA=5, wt=7); one experiment]. Mean+SEM is shown. Repeated-measures ANOVA did not reveal significant genotype effect [Visible: $p=0.4697$ (floating), $p=0.2394$ (speed) and $p=0.4621$ (thigmotaxis); Hidden/Acquisition: p=0.8825 (floating), p=0.5031 (speed) and p=0.3981 (thigmotaxis); Hidden/Transfer: p=0.5289 (floating), p=0.8811 (speed) and p=0.0593 (thigmotaxis)]. See table S3 for detailed statistics. **mice and control littermates tested on doxycycline. (A-C)** Visible platform and Hidden **Fig. S6 Noncognitive parameters from the Morris water maze of DT mice**

type mice. (A-C) Visible platform and Hidden platform/acquisition. **(D-F)** Transfer phase. Same mice as in figure 4C and figure S4C (WT young: N=14 and WT aged: N=14; one experiment). Mean+SEM is shown. Repeated-measures ANOVA did not reveal significant age effect for floating and thigmotaxis (Visible: p>0.34; Hidden/Acquisition: p>0.46; Hidden/Tranfer: p>0.095). The speed of aged mice was significantly lower than that of young animals (repeated-measures ANOVA; significant age affect; Visible: p=0.0061; Hidden-Acquisition: p<0.0001; Hidden-Transfer: p<0.0001). See table S3 for detailed analysis. **Fig. S7 Noncognitive parameters from the Morris water maze of young and aged wild-**

type mice on age-related loss of hippocampus-dependent memory. Data complement those in figure 6. Aged wild-type mice injected in their DG with either RbAp48-HA or GFP. **Fig. S8 Effect of lentivirus-mediated up-regulation of RbAp48 in the DG of aged wild-**

(A) Representative confocal images showing the distribution of the lentiviral expression of RbAp48-HA and GFP in the DG along the anterior-posterior axis.

(B and C) Data from the Morris water maze (same mice as in Fig.6B; WT aged/RbAp48-HA injected in DG: N=12 and WT aged/GFP injected in DG: N=10; one experiment). **(B)** Mean escape latencies $(+)$ EM) in the visible (a), the hidden (a) and the transfer (b) phases of the task. The percentage of time spent in quadrants during probe trials one day after the end of training (week2/day5) is also shown (mean + SEM). The latencies were similar between RbAp48-HA (RbAp48) and GFP-injected mice in all versions of the task (repeated-measures ANOVA; no genotype effect; Visible: p=0.3521; Acquisition/hidden: p=0.0577; Transfer: p=0.7587). During the probe trials, the RbAp48 mice spent significantly more time in the training quadrant (TQ) compared to the GFP age-matched control littermates (repeatedmeasures ANOVA; Hidden/aquisition: injection*quadrant interaction effect: p=0.0115 and ttest for TQ: p=0.0285; Hidden/transfer: injection*quadrant interaction effects: p=0.0271 and t-test for TQ: p=0.0119).

(C) Comparison of non-cognitive parameters of the Morris water maze task across days (mean+SEM). Repeated-measures ANOVA did not reveal differences (no injection effect; Visible: $p > 0.69$; Hidden/ Acquisition: $p > 0.42$; Hidden/Transfer: $p = 0.40$). (B and C) See Table S3 for detailed statistics.

Fig. S9 RbAp48 effect on the protein levels of CBP. Western blot analysis and averaged data (+ SEM) of the total levels of CBP from DG and CA3-CA1 lysates used for the CBPspecific IPs and HAT assays described in figure 7. The 1/40 of the CA3-CA1 lysates and the 1/25 of the DG lysates were analyzed. Anti-α-tubulin: control for loading and normalization. Each lane represents one mouse.

(A) DT1-3 and C1-3: three DT and three control littermates, respectively. Repeated-measures ANOVA did not reveal significant genotype and genotype*treatment effects (p>0.44; DT off dox: $N=3$, DT on dox: $N=3$, control off dox: $N=3$, control on dox: $N=3$; one experiment).

(B) Aged1-4 and Young1-4: four 15-month-old and four 3½-month-old wild-type mice, respectively. No differences were observed in the DG and CA3-CA1 (ANOVA; p>0.4; WT Aged: N=4 and WT Young: N=4; one experiment).

(C) RB1-3: three 15-month old wild-type mice virally expressing RbAp48-HA in the DG (DG-specific RbAp48 upregulation). GFP1-3: three 15-month old wild-type mice expressing GFP in their DG (control). ANOVA did not reveal any difference (p>0.53; WT aged/RbAp48-HA injected in DG: N=3 and WT aged/GFP injected in DG: N=3; one experiment). See Table S3 for detailed statistics.

Table S1. Comparative studies of histone acetylation.

Flag-RbAp48-DN 5'-GCCGATGAATGATCTTATCGTCGTCATC CTTGTAATCCAT-3 *RbAp48* oligo1: 5'- CCCGTTCTTCCACTGCGTCGTCAAAGGCCGCTTCC TTGTCAGCCA -3' oligo 2: 5'-CCCACTGAGATTTGGATTCCAAGAAAGCC CATAACCTTCCTTCTG-3' oligo 3: 5'- GGAGCAGATGCCAGGACACGTCCTCCACTACTGCTGTATGCCCCG-3' **Oligonucleotides used for cloning of the mouse Flag-RbAp48DN into pMM400 plasmid Forward primer** 5'- GAAGATCTTCCACCATGGATTACAAGGATGACGACGATAAGATCATTCATCGGCTTGTCCTGGG-3' *(Includes the Flag epitope coding sequence)* **Reverse primer** 5'- GAAGATCTGAGTCTAGGATCACAGGTGC-3' **Oligonucleotides used for RNA in situ hybridizations**

Table S2. Oligonucleotides used for RNA in situ hybridization and PCR cloning.

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