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## Substrate Recruitment of $\gamma$ -Secretase and Mechanism of Clinical Presenilin Mutations Revealed by Photoaffinity Mapping

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Thank you for submitting your manuscript to The EMBO Journal. Three referees have now seen your study and their comments are provided below.

As you can see, the referees find the work exciting and suitable for publication in the EMBO Journal. They also find the data of very high quality and raise only minor issues. I am therefore very happy to invite a revised version. The raised concerns should be straightforward to address, but let me know if we need to discuss any of them in further details.

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REFeree COMMENTS

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Benzoylphenylalanine is introduced in each position of the GS substrate C100 (derived from APP), and interactions with individual GS subunits are revealed by UV-induced crosslinking and western blotting. Recombinant purified components in detergent micelles were used throughout. Using elegant, logical and well controlled experiments, the authors conclude that GS substrates contact the enzyme at several successive exosites before interacting with the active site and undergoing scission. Furthermore, they analyse the effect of the early onset Alzheimer disease mutations in presenilin on substrate recognition and cleavage specificity, whose causes were hitherto unexplained. They find that in the two Alzheimer's mutants analysed, the binding of C100 to GS is shifted in a way that is consistent with a spectrum of cleavage products biased towards Abeta42 that GS-s with the Alzheimer mutations exhibit. Finally, the authors map the low resolution substrate interaction 'map' onto the recently derived 3D structure of GS (Fig.7). This model is less satisfying as it is consistent with multiple pathways of substrate access from the exosite(s) to the catalytic site. But this is probably the maximal level of detail this biochemical approach can provide, unless the authors would be able to map the cross-linking sites to specific TMDs of GS by mass-spectrometry. As a minor point, the abstract seems a bit clumsy in places. For example, "Despite structural information,..." made me pause. I guess the authors meant more explicitly "Despite the availability of structural information on intramembrane protease apoenzymes, ...". So a reformulation might be considered. Second, "pathomechanism" is an extreme neologism and "pathological mechanism" should be used instead. Third, "mechanistic model of how these subunits interact dynamically to mediate..." There is not much information about the dynamics in the manuscript, the word "dynamics" thus sounds as a biochemical cliché, and I suggest to remove it from the above sentence unless the authors can justify otherwise.

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Referee #3:

The authors have introduced a photocrosslinkable amino acid at 68 residues in the APP-C99 substrate and tested which ones can be cross linked to  $\gamma$ -secretase. They combine this approach with a series of clever experiments for instance showing that certain cross links can be competed or blocked by active site inhibitors, while other cross links are increased. The first type of binding sites are likely defining interactions between substrate and active site, while the other define potential exosites on Nicastrin, Pen2 and PSEN-NTF. They also perform a very clever substrate-binding chase, further confirming the identity of the exosites. They show that the cross linking interactions are affected by clinical mutations.

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Response: We thank the reviewer for his very positive overall assessment of our work.

*As a minor point, the abstract seems a bit clumsy in places. For example, "Despite structural information,..." made me pause. I guess the authors meant more explicitly "Despite the availability of structural information on intramembrane protease apoenzymes, ...". So a reformulation might be considered.*

Response: We reworded this sentence (see page 2).

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Response: We used this adverb to further emphasize that we found a stepwise transfer of substrate to the active site, which is consistent with a dynamic process. But we agree that it may not be needed here and thus removed “dynamically” to avoid the impression of using a cliché-like word as suggested (see page 2).

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Response: Since A $\beta$ 40 and A $\beta$ 42 are downstream in the processing cascade of C99 and products of the longer A $\beta$ 43 or A $\beta$ 45/46 we did not focus on the generation of these and only evaluated the generation of AICD, which is the direct cleavage product of our C99 substrate variants. However, as suggested by the reviewer, we have now additionally also measured A $\beta$ 42/40 ratios for the C99-Bpa substrates. This analysis, presented in the form of A $\beta$ 42/(A $\beta$ 40+A $\beta$ 42) ratios in Appendix Fig S1, showed that the large majority of the mutants do not cause increased A $\beta$  ratios showing that introduction of Bpa *per se* does not cause pathogenic APP processing. Only very few mutants caused ratio increases, mostly at positions known previously to cause relative increases in A $\beta$ 42 generation when mutated to the Bpa-related phenylalanine residue (Lichtenthaler et al., PNAS 1999).

In contrast to what the reviewer guessed, we could not see a correlation between reduced overall cleavage activity and increased A $\beta$ 42 generation. This is consistent with previous observations from several labs showing that endopeptidase ( $\epsilon$ -site cleavage) and trimming activity ( $\zeta$ - and  $\gamma$ -site cleavages) are not necessarily coupled (e.g. Moehlmann et al., PNAS 2002, Quintero-Monzon et al. Biochemistry 2011, Chavez-Guitierrez et al., EMBO J. 2012, Szaruga et al. J. Exp. Med., 2015).

We also discussed in the new paragraph "Limitations" that the introduction of Bpa, which naturally creates a mutant substrate, represents an unavoidable, intrinsic limitation of this approach (see page 14).

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Response: As suggested by the reviewer we have reworded this sentence to better highlight the loss of processivity of the PS FAD mutants (see page 13).

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Response: We split this sentence into two hoping that the content is now clearly understandable by this separation.

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Response: We have carefully checked all citations and included now more original citations for the key work in the field including those mentioned by the reviewer (see pages 3 and 4).

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Response: We are not aware of any evidence in the literature for a potential destabilisation of the  $\gamma$ -secretase complex by CHAPSO, whose use as one of the few known detergents preserving the activity of the complex is the gold standard in the field. We know that some laboratories have observed a trend for the generation of longer A $\beta$  peptides (typically A $\beta$ 42/43) by CHAPSO-solubilized  $\gamma$ -secretase. However, this is not seen by all laboratories and was also not observed by Li et al., PNAS 2000 who were the first to report this assay. The reasons underlying this phenomenon are currently unclear and might be of technical nature. To reflect these issues, we deleted the term “well-established experimental system” (see page 5).

With respect to substrate crosslinking using the CHAPSO system, we have shown in Fig 2B that the C99/ $\gamma$ -secretase crosslinks occurring in CHAPSO are not observed when the complex is dissociated with Triton detergent. Thus, artificial crosslinks are excluded. Although major impacts by detergent on the  $\gamma$ -secretase structure have so far not been observed, minor shifts of transmembrane domains were noted in the structure from digitonin compared to that from amphiphil (Sun et al., 205). It can thus not be excluded that the exposure of the crosslink sites identified here using active CHAPSO-solubilized  $\gamma$ -secretase might potentially change with such alternative complex-maintaining detergents or when  $\gamma$ -secretase would be reconstituted in model membranes. To provide a more critical presentation of our assay system used for crosslinking, we have added a few sentences in the Discussion dealing with these issues in the new paragraph “Limitations” (see page 15).

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Response: We have added a separate sentence in the Results section to more explicitly deal with this issue (see pages 5 and 6). The arguments, why we concluded that this subunit does not play a role in substrate binding are laid out in full in the Discussion section (see page 10).

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Response: We have reworded the sentence in question and modified the supplementary Fig 3 (Fig EV3) and the corresponding legend. We hope that clarity and understandability is now improved (see pages 7 and 30).

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Response: We agree with the reviewer that reduced substrate binding in the presence of inhibitor may not necessarily be the consequence of competition with substrate binding. After carefully reading the manuscript again, we realize that we indeed did not explicitly discuss this point. We have thus clearly stated the alternative possibilities of inhibitor-induced conformational changes in the Discussion now (see page 11).

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Response: After careful reading, we agree with the reviewer that this sentence may indeed not be fully clear. The reasoning why we speculated that exosite-bound substrates could be close to the active site has now been rewritten and moved further up in the Discussion (see page 10). In this new place, the increased substrate crosslinking at exosites that we observe is also discussed in the context of the recent eLife paper from the Scheres laboratory, which shows a high resolution  $\gamma$ -secretase structure in the presence of DAPT (Bai et al., 2015). We hope that our logic is now better understandable.



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Response: We have included the recent eLife paper from the Scheres laboratory (Bai et al., 2015) and discussed their findings in the context of our work (see pages 10, 11, 12).

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Response: We agree with this point of the reviewer and have extended the corresponding paragraph of the Discussion section and state that more PS FAD mutants need to be investigated in order to know whether these mutants display C99 substrate-binding shifts in a common way or whether each mutant will exert individual effects on substrate binding (see page 14). We also stated that besides altered substrate positioning, an altered active site conformation or reduced processivity or a combination of these effects can be mechanistically effective for the generation of longer A $\beta$  species by PS FAD mutants. We do not think, however, that altered substrate binding and reduced processivity are necessarily different mechanisms. In fact, altered substrate binding by PS FAD mutants could also underlie the reduced processivity that is observed for these mutants. FAD mutants may not only alter the interaction with the initial substrate C99 as shown here in our study, but also that of the subsequently generated intermediate A $\beta$  species. This view is supported by previous work from Okochi et al., Cell Reports 2013, who showed that binding of A $\beta$ 42 as a substrate for A $\beta$ 38 is weakened by PS FAD mutants. We have proposed this link of altered substrate binding with reduced processivity in the Discussion section (see page 14).

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