

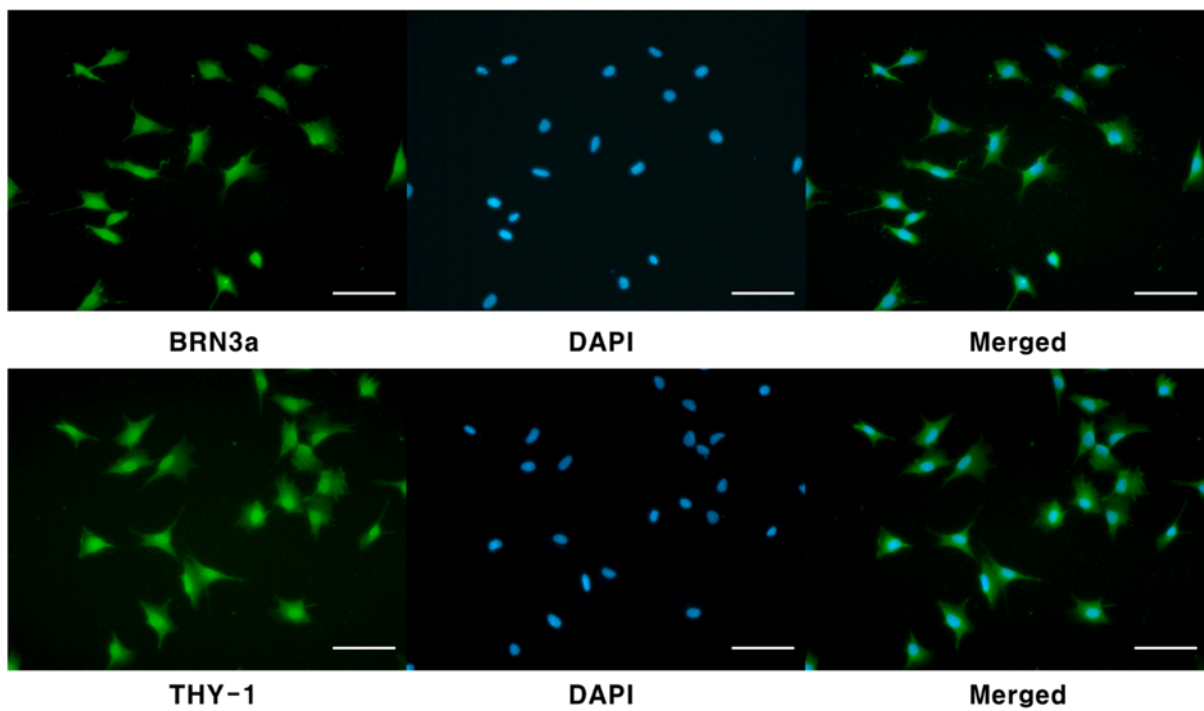
Supplementary Information

**Persimmon Leaves (*Diospyros kaki*) Extract Protects Optic Nerve
Crush-Induced Retinal Degeneration**

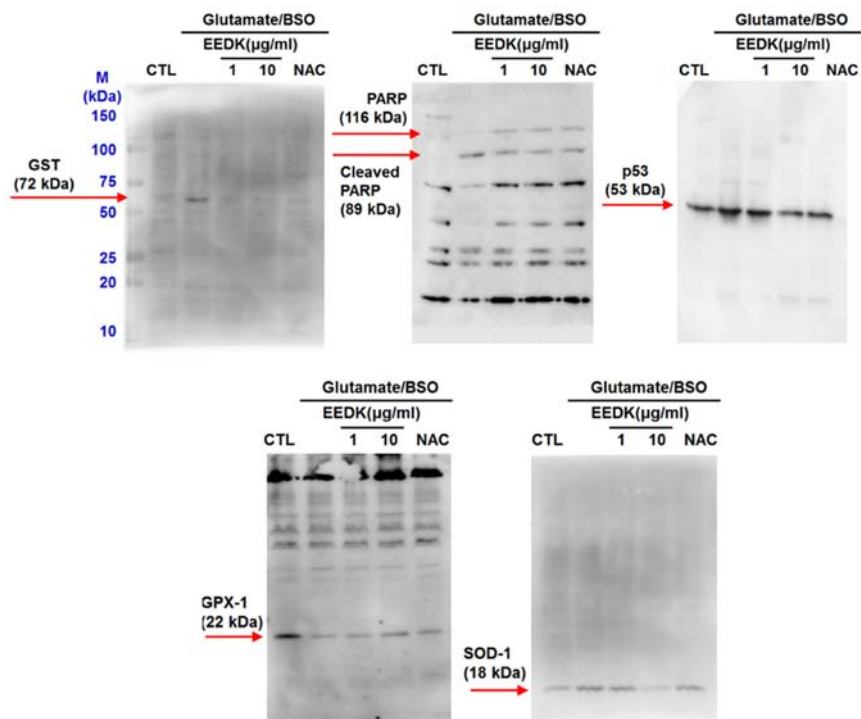
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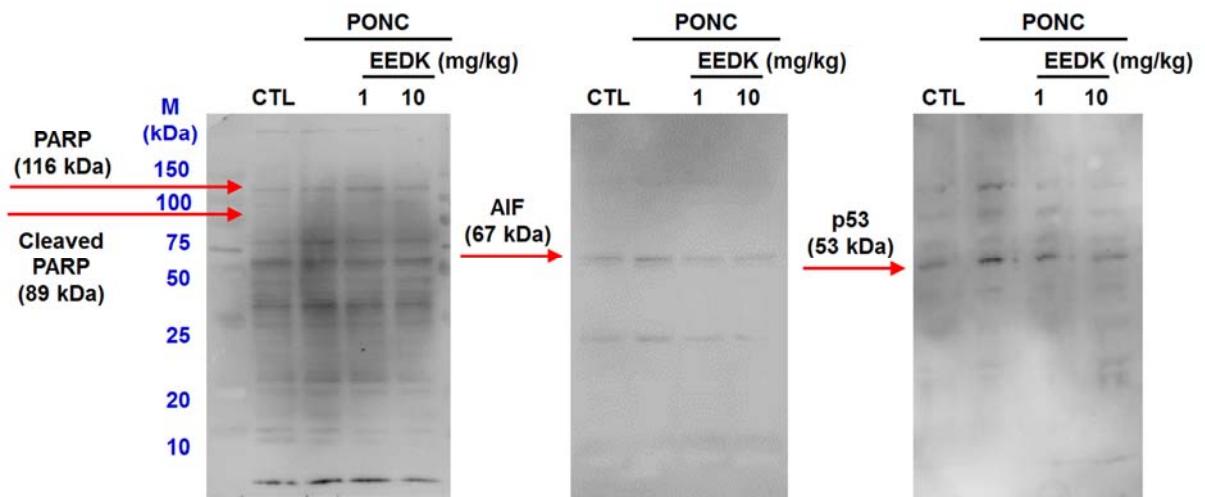
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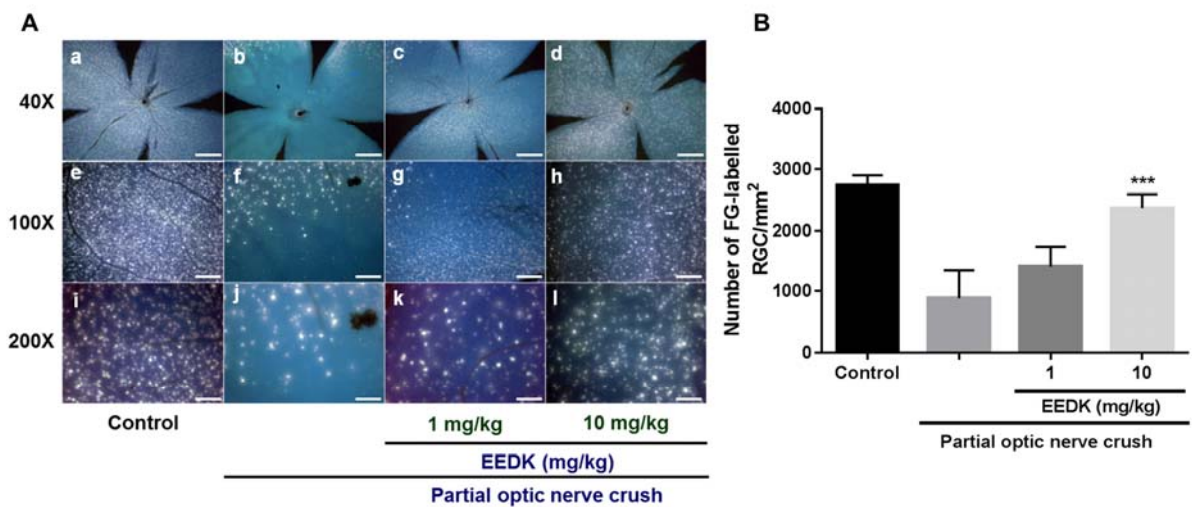
Supplementary Figure 1. Immunofluorescence of THY-1 and BRN3a proteins in RGC-5 cells. DAPI was used to visualize nuclei. Scale bar = 50 μm .



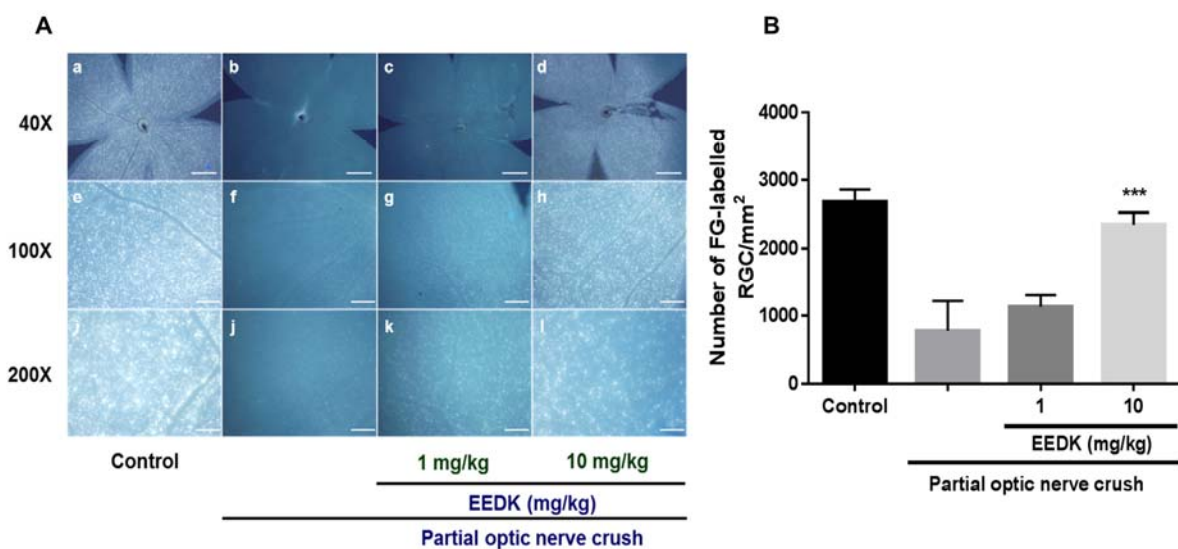
Supplementary Figure 2. Entire lanes from western blots showing the effect of EEDK on protein-expression levels in response to glutamate/BSO.



Supplementary Figure 3. Entire lanes from western blots showing the effect of EEDK on protein-expression levels in PONC-induced mice retinas.



Supplementary Figure 4. Effect of EEDK on RGC survival in retinas at 1 week after PONC. (A) Representative fluorescence images of retrograde-labelled RGCs in PONC-induced mice: (a) control, (b) vehicle, (c) 1 mg/kg EEDK-treated, and (d) 10 mg/kg EEDK-treated groups. Scale bar = 500 μ m. Low-magnification ($\times 100$) images of labelled RGCs in a–d are shown in e–h. Scale bars in d–f represent 200 μ m. High magnification ($\times 200$) images of a–d are shown in i–l. Scale bars in i–l represent 100 μ m. (B) The bar graph shows quantitative analysis of the RGC density (cells/mm²) ($^{***}p < 0.001$, mean \pm S.E.M. n = 8 from each group).



Supplementary Figure 5. Effect of EEDK on RGC survival in damaged retinas at 4 weeks after PONC. (A) Representative fluorescence images of retrograde-labelled RGCs in PONC-induced mice: (a) control, (b) vehicle, (c) 1 mg/kg EEDK-treated, and (d) 10 mg/kg EEDK-treated groups. Scale bar = 500 μm . Low-magnification ($\times 100$) images of labelled RGCs in a–d are shown in e–h. Scale bars in d–f represent 200 μm . High magnification ($\times 200$) images of a–d are shown in i–l. Scale bars in i–l represent 100 μm . (B) The bar graph shows quantitative analysis of the RGC density (cells/ mm^2) ($***p < 0.001$, mean \pm S.E.M. $n = 8$ from each group).