# **Expanded View Figures**

#### A (Ser)n <u>SSSKARFSNMKDPG</u> SQGIGNRASAN<u>RVNLSVEA</u> <u>GSQKRQSE</u>CKDK\*

B Flag-SerCT



50 µm

20 µm

50 µm



#### Figure EV1. Validation of rabbit polyclonal $\alpha$ -SerCT and $\alpha$ -SerCT2 antibodies.

- A Amino acid sequence of predicted polySer RAN protein with the unique C terminus. Peptide sequences used to generate rabbit polyclonal antibodies are underlined.
- B Schematic diagram of FLAG-SerCT construct expressing an ATG-initiated N-terminal FLAG-tagged polySer expansion protein followed by its endogenous C-terminal sequence. Co-localization of immunofluorescence (IF) staining using α-FLAG (red) and α-SerCT and α-SerCT2 (green) in HEK293T cells transfected with FLAG-SerCT but not preimmune serum.
- C Immunoblots showing detection of recombinant polySer protein using α-FLAG (left) and α-SerCT (right) in the lysates of HEK293T cells transfected with FLAG-SerCT (second lanes) but not pcDNA3.1 (first lanes).
- D Immunochemistry of SCA8 mouse brain using  $\alpha$ -SerCT and  $\alpha$ -SerCT2 (left panels) antibodies shows similar punctate aggregates. Aggregates are not detected with respective preimmune sera (right panels).
- E Immunochemistry using both  $\alpha$ -SerCT and  $\alpha$ -SerCT2 detect similar aggregates in SCA8 human autopsy tissue but not control cerebellum.

Source data are available online for this figure.



Figure EV2. PolySer aggregates show perinuclear localization in CNPase positive regions.

Immunofluorescence of CNPase, polySer (SerCT), and DAPI in non-transgenic (top) and SCA8 BAC cortex (middle), along with SCA8 BAC brainstem (bottom).



# Figure EV3. No polySer aggregates in unaffected white matter regions of SCA8 BAC mouse cerebellum and SCA8 human autopsy brains.

- A White matter integrity visualized by luxol fast blue (LFB) staining (right) and polySer aggregates detected by  $\alpha\text{-SerCT}$  antibody (left).
- B White matter integrity visualized by luxol fast blue (LFB) staining (right) and polySer aggregates detected by  $\alpha$ -SerCT2 antibody (left) in control (top) and SCA8 (bottom and enlarged panel) human autopsy tissue.



#### Figure EV4. eIF3F knockdown does not affect minigene RNA expression levels.

- A Bar graph showing relative minigene expression measured by qRT–PCR in cells transfected with the codon replacement constructs expressing polyGln (dark blue) or polySer (light blue; n = 5, n.s. no significance; mean  $\pm$  SEM; unpaired *t*-test).
- B Bar graph showing relative minigene expression measured by qRT–PCR in cells co-transfected with the various repeat expansion and control (dark blue) or eIF3F (light blue) targeting siRNA (n = 5; n.s. no significance; mean  $\pm$  SEM; unpaired *t*-test).



# Figure EV5. MBP is enriched in white matter regions and ATXN8 shows no regional specific expression in SCA8 BAC mouse brain.

- A qRT–PCR of MBP in cerebellar white and gray matter regions shows increased expression of MBP in cerebellar white matter compared to cerebellar gray matter (n = 3; \*\*\*P < 0.001; mean  $\pm$  SEM; unpaired t-test).
- B qRT–PCR of AXTN8 in cortical and cerebellar white and gray matter shows no difference in ATXN8 RNA expression levels (n = 3; n.s. no significance; mean ± SEM; unpaired t-test).