



Supporting Information for

Activation of autophagy rescues synaptic and cognitive deficits in Fragile X mice

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Fig. S1. Validation of Raptor and Atg7 shRNA viruses in mouse brain.

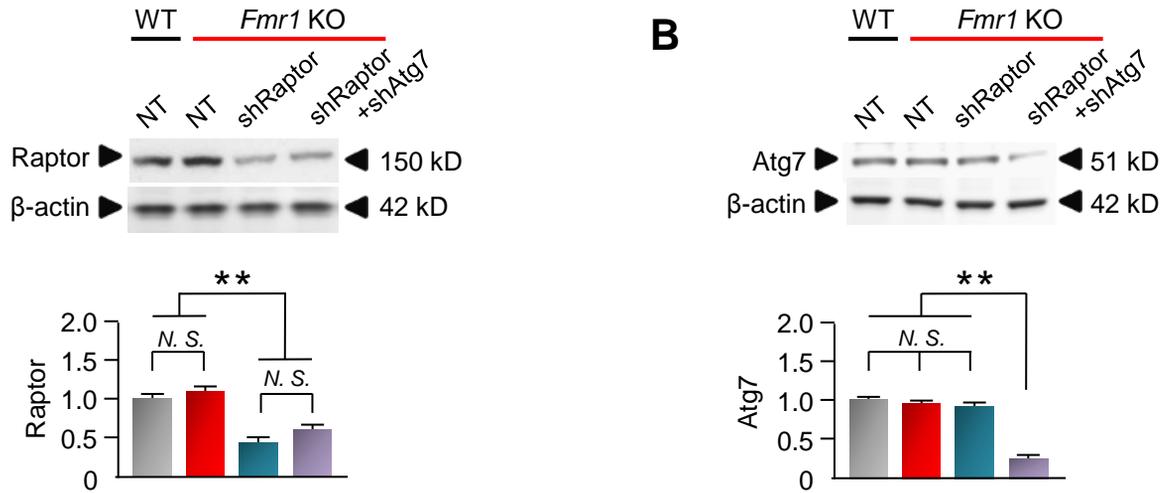


Fig. S1. Validation of Raptor and Atg7 shRNA viruses in WT and *Fmr1* KO mouse brain. *Fmr1* KO mice (male, 5-week-old) were bilaterally injected in the hippocampal CA1 with lentiviruses expressing GFP with **NT** shRNA, **shRaptor** alone, or shRaptor together with shRNA to Atg7 (**shRaptor + shAtg7**). Age-matched WT male mice expressing **NT** shRNA were used as control. One week after injection, we assessed the ability of shRaptor and shAtg7 to suppress Raptor and Atg7 abundance in whole-cell lysates of CA1 by Western blot analysis. Upper, representative Western blot. Lower, summary data show Raptor (**A**) and ATG7 (**B**) abundance in CA1 of mouse brains (normalized to the value for WT mice expressing NT shRNA). ** $p < 0.01$. Statistics were calculated by two-way ANOVA with Tukey's test. $n = 4$ WT mice in each group.

Fig. S2. Autophagic degradation of PSD-95 in neurons of WT and FXS mice.

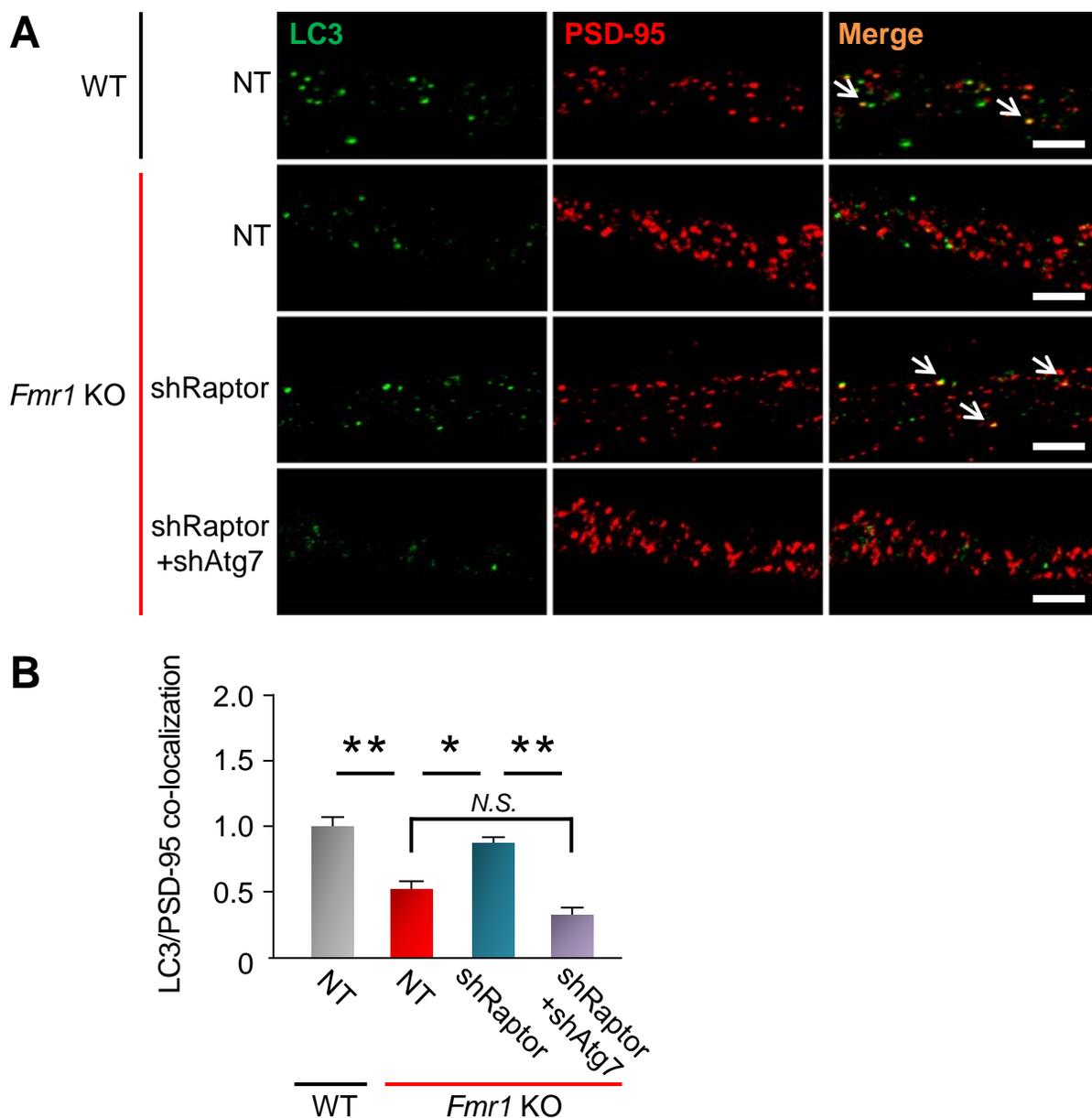


Fig. S2. Autophagy promotes degradation of PSD-95 in neurons of Fragile X mice. Primary cultures of hippocampal neurons from *Fmr1* KO mice were transfected with lentivirus expressing NT shRNA (negative control), shRaptor, or shRaptor + shAtg7. Values for KO neurons were normalized to the corresponding values for WT neurons expressing NT shRNA. 72 h after transfection, localization of PSD-95 to LC3(+) autophagosomes was determined by immunolabeling. (**A**) Representative images of PSD-95 and LC3 immunolabeling. Scale bar, 5 μ m; (**B**) Summary data showing co-localization of PSD-95 puncta with LC3(+) puncta.). * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, N.S.: no significant difference. Statistics were calculated by two-way ANOVA with Tukey's test; $n = 4$ independent experiments with separate batches of neurons cultured from different litters and a minimum of 50 cells per group were analyzed. Values reflect mean \pm s.e.m.

Fig. S3. Autophagic degradation of Arc in WT and KO neurons.

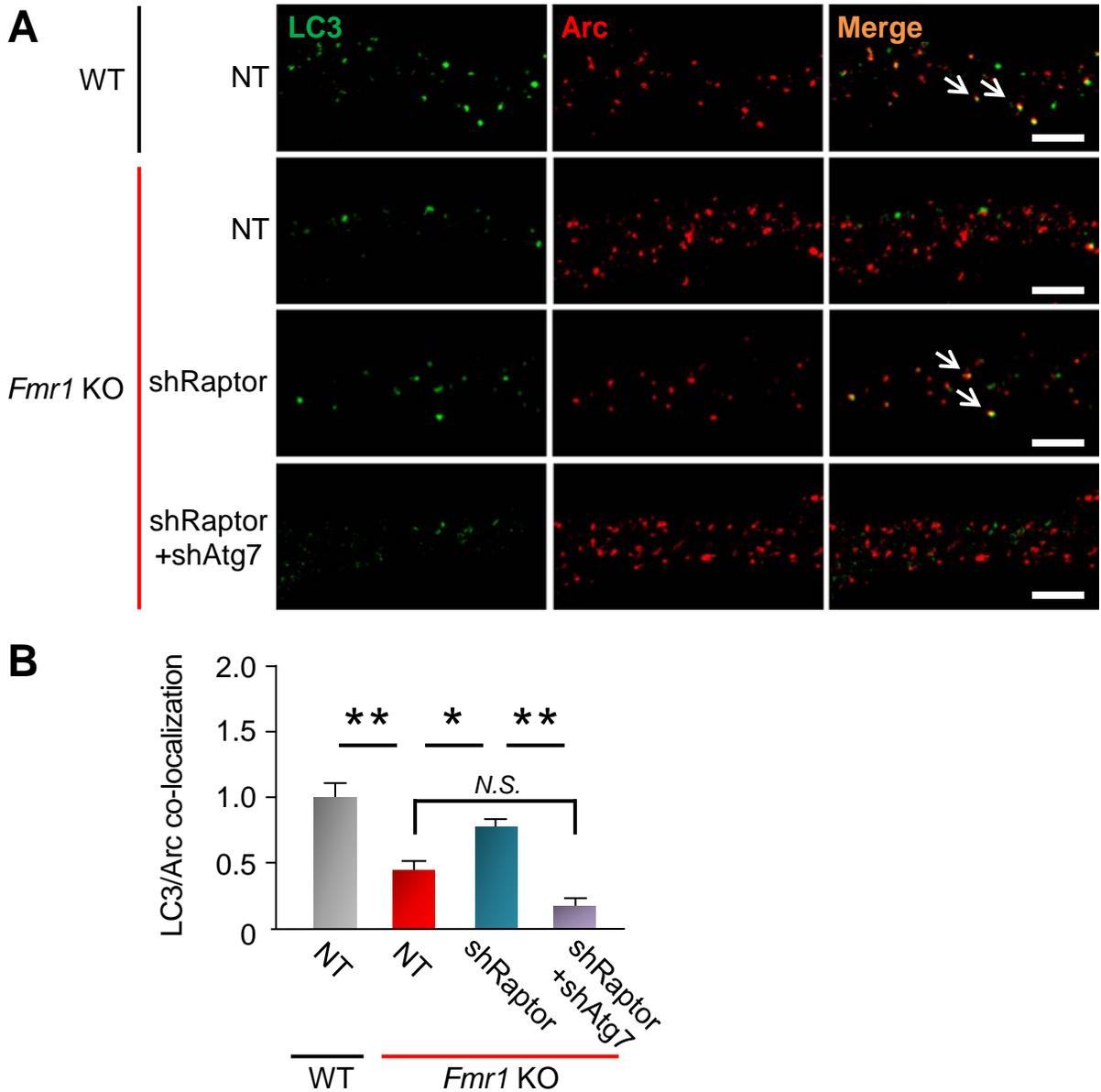


Fig. S3. Autophagy promotes degradation of Arc in neurons of Fragile X mice. Primary cultures of hippocampal neurons from *Fmr1* KO mice were transfected with lentivirus expressing NT shRNA (negative control), shRaptor, or shRaptor + shAtg7. 72 h after transfection, localization of Arc to LC3(+)-autophagosomes was examined by immunolabeling. **(A)** Representative images of Arc and LC3 immunolabeling. Scale bar, 5 μ m; **(B)** Summary data showing co-localization of Arc puncta with LC3(+) puncta. Values for KO neurons were normalized to the corresponding values for WT neurons expressing NT shRNA. * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, N.S.: no significant difference. Statistics were calculated by two-way ANOVA with Tukey's test; $n = 4$ independent experiments with separate batches of neurons cultured from different litters and a minimum of 50 cells per group were analyzed. Values reflect mean \pm s.e.m.

Supplemental Table 1. Summary of statistics for **Figure 2**

Figure	N	Mean ± SEM	p value	Statistical Test
B	WT = 5 cultures	1.00 ± 0.08	<i>p</i> =0.24214	Two-tailed unpaired <i>t</i> test for WT vs KO
	KO = 5 cultures	1.18 ± 0.12		
C	WT = 5 cultures	1.00 ± 0.08	**, 0.004	
	KO = 5 cultures	0.43 ± 0.12		
D	WT = 5 cultures	1.00 ± 0.08	**, 0.00145	
	KO = 5 cultures	0.36 ± 0.05		
F	WT = 5 cultures (54 neurons)	1.00 ± 0.09	**, 0.007	
	KO = 5 cultures (60 neurons)	0.46 ± 0.10		
H	WT = 5 cultures (53 neurons)	1.00 ± 0.13	*, 0.03409	
	KO = 5 cultures (50neurons)	1.51 ± 0.15		
J	WT = 4 mice	1.00 ± 0.17	**, 0.00578	
	KO =4 mice	2.65 ± 0.35		

Supplemental Table 2. Summary of statistics for **Figure 3**

Figure	N	Mean ± SEM	p value	Statistical Test
A (p-mTOR)	WT = 4 cultures KO = 4 cultures	1.00 ± 0.17 2.46 ± 0.15	** , 0.0007	Two-tailed unpaired <i>t</i> test for WT vs KO
A (Total mTOR)	WT = 4 cultures KO = 4 cultures	1.00 ± 0.05 1.09 ± 0.05	N.S. 0.25281	
B (p-ULK-1)	WT = 4 cultures KO = 4 cultures	1.00 ± 0.14 2.16 ± 0.18	** , 0.0026	
B (Total ULK-1)	WT = 4 cultures KO = 4 cultures	1.00 ± 0.09 1.10 ± 0.06	N.S. 0.43538	
C (p-ULK-1)	WT = 4 cultures KO = 4 cultures	1.00 ± 0.11 0.51 ± 0.09	* , 0.01491	
C (Total ULK-1)	WT = 4 cultures KO = 4 cultures	1.00 ± 0.05 1.18 ± 0.06	N.S. 0.0765	
D (p-Beclin-1)	WT = 4 cultures KO = 4 cultures	1.00 ± 0.10 0.39 ± 0.11	* , 0.02987	
D (Total Beclin-1)	WT = 4 cultures KO = 4 cultures	1.00 ± 0.05 1.07 ± 0.07	N.S. 0.44426	
E (Total)	WT = 5 mice KO = 5 mice	1.00 ± 0.08 0.96 ± 0.06	N. S.,0.71384	
E (Lysosomal)	WT = 5 mice KO = 5 mice	1.00 ± 0.16 2.37 ± 0.33	** , 0.00612	
F (Lysosomal)	WT = 4 cultures (32 neurons) KO = 4 cultures (30 neurons)	1.00 ± 0.14 2.10 ± 0.32	* , 0.02122	
F(Total)	WT = 4 cultures KO = 4 cultures	1.00 ± 0.07 0.97 ± 0.11	N. S.,0.81132	

Supplemental Table 3. Summary of statistics for **Figure 4**

Figure	N	Mean ± SEM	p value	Statistical Test
A	NT shRNA = 4 WT mice shRaptor = 5 WT mice	1.00 ± 0.08 0.43 ± 0.05	** , 0.0004	Two-way ANOVA with Tukey's post-test
B	WT + NT shRNA = 4 cultures	1.00 ± 0.07	WT + NT vs. KO + NT ** , 0.00372 KO + NT vs. KO + shRaptor * , 0.01355 WT + NT vs. KO + shRaptor <i>N. S.</i> , 0.66532	
	KO + NT shRNA = 4 cultures	1.78 ± 0.16		
	KO + shRaptor = 4 cultures	1.15 ± 0.12		
C	WT + NT shRNA = 4 cultures	1.00 ± 0.08	WT + NT vs. KO + NT ** , 0.0006 KO + NT vs. KO + shRaptor * , 0.01366 WT + NT vs. KO + shRaptor <i>N. S.</i> , 0.12451	
	KO + NT shRNA = 4 cultures	1.95 ± 0.18		
	KO + shRaptor = 4 cultures	1.36 ± 0.09		
D (LC3-II)	WT + NT shRNA = 4 cultures	1.00 ± 0.05	WT + NT vs. KO + NT ** , 0.0008 KO + NT vs. KO + shRaptor ** , 0.0055 WT + NT vs. KO + shRaptor <i>N. S.</i> , 0.37854	
	KO + NT shRNA = 4 cultures	0.52 ± 0.06		
	KO + shRaptor = 4 cultures	0.88 ± 0.06		
D (LC3-II/I ratio)	WT + NT shRNA = 4 cultures	1.00 ± 0.08	WT + NT vs. KO + NT ** , 0.00417 KO + NT vs. KO + shRaptor ** , 0.00499 WT + NT vs. KO + shRaptor <i>N. S.</i> , 0.99142	
	KO + NT shRNA = 4 cultures	0.52 ± 0.05		
	KO + shRaptor = 4 cultures	0.99 ± 0.10		
F	KO + NT shRNA = 4 cultures (60 neurons) KO + shRaptor = 4 cultures (50 neurons)	1.00 ± 0.16 2.14 ± 0.27	* , 0.01113	

Supplemental Table 4. Summary of statistics for **Figure 5**

Figure	N	Mean ± SEM	p value	Statistical Test
B (Spine density)	WT + NT shRNA = 6 mice (30 neurons)	9.50 ± 0.61	WT + NT vs. KO + NT **, $p < 0.0001$	Two-way ANOVA with Tukey's post-test
	KO + NT shRNA = 6 mice (30 neurons)	14.90 ± 0.33		
	KO + shRaptor = 6 mice (30 neurons)	10.57 ± 0.73	KO + shRaptor vs. KO + shRaptor + shAtg7 **, 0.00191	
	KO+ shRaptor +shAtg7 = 6 mice (30 neurons)	13.77 ± 0.31		
C (%Stubby/Mushroom)	WT + NT shRNA = 6 mice (30 neurons)	33.91 ± 3.76	WT + NT vs. KO + NT **, 0.00723	
	KO + NT shRNA = 6 mice (30 neurons)	19.50 ± 2.06	KO + NT vs. KO + shRaptor **, 0.00257	
	KO + shRaptor = 6 mice (30 neurons)	34.52 ± 3.15		
	KO+ shRaptor +shAtg7 = 6 mice (30 neurons)	21.75 ± 2.49		
C (%Thin/Filopodia)	WT + NT shRNA = 6 mice (30 neurons)	8.67 ± 0.91	WT + NT vs. KO + NT **, 0.0039	
	KO + NT shRNA = 6 mice (30 neurons)	18.54 ± 2.48	KO + NT vs. KO + shRaptor: *, 0.01661	
	KO + shRaptor = 6 mice (30 neurons)	10.84 ± 1.01		
	KO+ shRaptor +shAtg7 = 6 mice (30 neurons)	16.14 ± 1.80		
D (head width, μm)	WT + NT shRNA = 6 mice (27 neurons)	0.51 ± 0.04	WT + NT vs. KO + NT: **, 0.00022	
	KO + NT shRNA = 6 mice (32 neurons)	0.32 ± 0.03	KO + NT vs. KO + shRaptor **, 0.00655	
	KO + shRaptor = 6 mice (27 neurons)	0.45 ± 0.04		
	KO+ shRaptor +shAtg7 = 6 mice (28 neurons)	0.33 ± 0.03		

Supplemental Table 5. Summary of statistics for **Figure 6**

Figure	N	Mean ± SEM	p value	Statistical Test
B (%, fESP in last 10 min)	WT + NT shRNA = 6 mice	87.19 ± 3.34	WT + NT vs. KO + NT *, 0.0401	Two-way ANOVA with Tukey's post-test
	KO + NT shRNA = 6 mice	75.05 ± 3.24		
	KO + shRaptor = 6 mice	93.17 ± 3.04	KO + NT vs. KO + shRaptor **, 0.00286	
	KO+ shRaptor +shAtg7 = 6 mice (2-3 slices for each mouse)	83.05 ± 2.53	KO + shRaptor vs. KO + shRaptor + shAtg7 **, 0.00681	
C (Interaction time with novel)	WT + NT shRNA = 10 mice	73.50 ± 3.21	WT + NT novel vs. WT + NT familiar **, 0.0005	
	KO + NT shRNA = 9 mice	76.11 ± 3.34		
	KO + shRaptor = 8 mice	85.63 ± 4.13	KO + shRaptor novel vs. KO + shRaptor familiar *, 0.04339	
	KO+ shRaptor +shAtg7 = 8 mice	72.50 ± 5.59		
C (Interaction time with familiar)	WT + NT shRNA = 10 mice	47.93± 4.31	WT + NT novel vs. WT + NT familiar **, 0.0005	
	KO + NT shRNA = 9 mice	77.78 ± 2.48		
	KO + shRaptor = 8 mice	66.00 ± 5.59	KO + shRaptor novel vs. KO + shRaptor familiar *, 0.04339	
	KO+ shRaptor +shAtg7 = 8 mice	74.52 ± 5.61		
D (Preference to Novel)	WT + NT shRNA = 10 mice	0.621 ± 0.019	WT + NT vs. KO + NT: **, $p < 0.0001$	
	KO + NT shRNA = 9 mice	0.495 ± 0.006		
	KO + shRaptor = 8 mice	0.568 ± 0.015	KO + NT vs. KO + shRaptor *, 0.02261	
	KO+ shRaptor +shAtg7 = 8 mice	0.493 ± 0.014	KO + shRaptor vs. KO + shRaptor + shAtg7 *, 0.02808	

Supplemental Table 6. Summary of statistics for **Figure 7**

Figure	N	Mean ± SEM	p value	Statistical Test
B (Ubiquitinated)	WT = 4 cultures (50 neurons) KO = 4 cultures (50 neurons)	1.00 ± 0.15 1.92 ± 0.22	*, 0.01429	Two-tailed unpaired <i>t</i> test for WT vs KO
C (Co-localized with p62)	WT = 4 cultures (53 neurons) KO = 4 cultures (57 neurons)	1.00 ± 0.17 3.52 ± 0.33	**, 0.0005	
D (PSD-95, Input)	WT = 4 cultures KO = 4 cultures	1.00 ± 0.04 2.75 ± 0.12	**, <i>p</i> <0.0001	
D (PSD-95, Co-lp)	WT = 4 cultures KO = 4 cultures	1.00 ± 0.08 2.02 ± 0.12	**, 0.0004	
E (Arc, Input)	WT = 4 cultures KO = 4 cultures	1.00 ± 0.06 2.03 ± 0.11	**, 0.0005	
E (Arc, Co-lp)	WT = 4 cultures KO = 4 cultures	1.00 ± 0.07 2.34 ± 0.08	**, 0.0001	

Supplemental Table 7. Summary of statistics for Figure 8

Figure	N	Mean ± SEM	p value	Statistical Test
A (PSD-95, Input)	WT + Veh = 4 cultures WT + Lac= 4 cultures WT + 3-MA= 4 cultures WT + lyso inhibitor = 4 cultures	1.00 ± 0.05 2.26 ± 0.19 1.74 ± 0.11 2.45 ± 0.16	Veh vs. Lac: **, 0.0001 Veh vs. 3-MA: **, 0.00942 Veh vs. lyso inhibitor: **, 0.00003	Two-way ANOVA with Tukey's post-test
A (PSD-95, Co-lp)	WT + Veh = 4 cultures WT + Lac= 4 cultures WT + 3-MA= 4 cultures WT + lyso inhibitor = 4 cultures	1.00 ± 0.08 2.69 ± 0.14 1.71 ± 0.07 2.16 ± 0.09	Veh vs. Lac: **, 0.0003 Veh vs. 3-MA: **, 0.00142 Veh vs. lyso inhibitor: **, 0.00002	
B (Arc, Input)	WT + Veh = 4 cultures WT + Lac= 4 cultures WT + 3-MA= 4 cultures WT + lyso inhibitor = 4 cultures	1.00 ± 0.07 2.06 ± 0.11 1.94 ± 0.08 2.73 ± 0.12	Veh vs. Lac: **, $p < 0.0001$ Veh vs. 3-MA: **, 0.0001 Veh vs. lyso inhibitor: **, $p < 0.00001$	
B (Arc, Co-lp)	WT + Veh = 4 cultures WT + Lac= 4 cultures WT + 3-MA= 4 cultures WT + lyso inhibitor = 4 cultures	1.00 ± 0.06 1.52 ± 0.08 1.72 ± 0.10 1.61 ± 0.08	Veh vs. Lac: **, 0.00383 Veh vs. 3-MA: **, 0.0003 Veh vs. lyso inhibitor: **, 0.0011	
C	WT + NT shRNA = 4 cultures KO + NT shRNA = 4 cultures KO + shRaptor = 4 cultures KO + shRaptor + shAtg7 = 4 cultures	1.00 ± 0.12 3.27 ± 0.22 1.57 ± 0.14 2.92 ± 0.16	WT + NT vs. KO + NT **, $p < 0.00001$ KO + NT vs. KO + shRaptor **, 0.00004 KO + shRaptor vs. KO + shRaptor + shAtg7 **, 0.0004 WT + NT vs. KO + shRaptor N. S. , 0.15983	
D	WT + NT shRNA = 4 cultures KO + NT shRNA = 4 cultures KO + shRaptor = 4 cultures KO + shRaptor + shAtg7 = 4 cultures	1.00 ± 0.06 1.96 ± 0.20 0.85 ± 0.08 1.43 ± 0.09	WT + NT vs. KO + NT **, 0.0006 KO + NT vs. KO + shRaptor **, 0.0002 KO + shRaptor vs. KO + shRaptor + shAtg7 *, 0.02925 WT + NT vs. KO + shRaptor N. S. , 0.84261	

Supplemental Table 8. Summary of statistics for **Fig. S1**.

Figure	N	Mean ± SEM	p value	Statistical Test
A (Raptor)	WT + NT shRNA = 4 cultures	1.00 ± 0.06	WT + NT vs. KO + NT N. S., 0.70715	Two-way ANOVA with Tukey's post-test
	KO + NT shRNA =4 cultures	1.10 ± 0.06	KO + NT vs. KO + shRaptor **, 0.00004	
	KO + shRaptor = 4 cultures	0.42 ± 0.08	KO + shRaptor vs. KO + shRaptor + shAtg7 N. S., 0.80533	
	KO+ shRaptor +shAtg7 =4 cultures	0.50 ± 0.06	WT + NT vs. KO + shRaptor **, 0.0002 WT + NT vs. KO + shRaptor + shAtg7 **, 0.00008	
B (Atg7)	WT + NT shRNA = 4 cultures	1.00 ± 0.04	WT + NT vs. KO + NT N. S., 0.90262	
	KO + NT shRNA = 4 cultures	0.95 ± 0.05	KO + NT vs. KO + shRaptor N. S., 0.9699	
	KO + shRaptor = 4 cultures	0.92 ± 0.05	KO + shRaptor vs. KO + shRaptor + shAtg7 **, $p < 0.00001$	
	KO+ shRaptor +shAtg7 = 4 cultures	0.24 ± 0.05	WT + NT vs. KO + shRaptor N. S., 0.9699 WT + NT vs. KO + shRaptor + shAtg7 **, $p < 0.00001$	

Supplemental Table 9. Summary of statistics for **Fig. S2.**

Figure	N	Mean ± SEM	p value	Statistical Test
B	WT + NT shRNA = 4 cultures (63 neurons)	1.00 ± 0.08	WT + NT vs. KO + NT **, 0.00281	Two-way ANOVA with Tukey's post-test
	KO + NT shRNA = 4 cultures (52 neurons)	0.52 ± 0.08	KO + NT vs. KO + shRaptor *, 0.02874	
	KO + shRaptor = 4 cultures (54 neurons)	0.86 ± 0.05	KO + shRaptor vs. KO + shRaptor + shAtg7 **, 0.00109	
	KO+ shRaptor +shAtg7 = 4 cultures (50 neurons)	0.32 ± 0.07	KO + NT vs. KO + shRaptor + shAtg7 N. S., 0.27085	

Supplemental Table 10. Summary of statistics for **Fig. S3.**

Figure	N	Mean ± SEM	p value	Statistical Test
B	WT + NT shRNA = 4 cultures (54 neurons)	1.00 ± 0.12	WT + NT vs. KO + NT **, 0.00162	Two-way ANOVA with Tukey's post-test
	KO + NT shRNA = 4 cultures (50 neurons)	0.44 ± 0.08	KO + NT vs. KO + shRaptor *, 0.04791	
	KO + shRaptor = 4 cultures (50 neurons)	0.78 ± 0.05	KO + shRaptor vs. KO + shRaptor + shAtg7 **, 0.0009	
	KO+ shRaptor +shAtg7 = 4 cultures (52 neurons)	0.18 ± 0.05	KO + NT vs. KO + shRaptor + shAtg7 N. S., 0.16783	