

## **OPEN PEER REVIEW REPORT 1**

**Reviewer 1:** Vasily Vorobyov, Russian Academy of Sciences, Institute of Cell Biophysics, Russia. **Comments to the authors:** 

" Glutamate receptors delocalization and impairment of hippocampal long-term potentiation precedes local extracellular  $A\beta$  deposition in asymptomatic 5XFAD mouse model".

This relatively compact study demonstrates a lack of associations between time-courses of amyloid beta accumulation, LTP-modification, and memory impairment in 5xFAD mice as a model of Alzheimer disease. More generally, it raises the question whether the hippocampal LTP is a critical mechanism underpinning learning and/or memory processes. The manuscript is clearly written and the main idea is sufficiently supported.

There are several remarks associated with the data presentation in the Results.

- a) Extremely excessive citations in attempt to explain why corresponding experiments were performed in the study. These aspects should be preliminarily described in the Introduction.
- b) Numerical values in the text, duplicating those presented on figures, should be omitted because of formal principles of manuscript preparation, oriented on a convenience for a reader.
- c) The legends should be slightly modified to avoid duplication (for example):
- Fig. 1, "n" is the number of mice;
- Figs 2 4, "n" are the numbers of slices/mice;
- Fig. 5, abscissa should be clearly marked: "stimulation intensity (µA)";

Several technical errors: lacking spaces (see, e.g., page 3, lines 20 and 23) and incorrect punctuation (especially in the Abstract), should be fixed.