



Supplementary Figure 1. Double immunohistochemical analysis of p38 α cellular localization in DLB and control brains. Vibratome sections from the frontal cortex were double immunofluorescence labeled with antibodies against p38 α (red) and neuronal and glial cell markers (green) and analyzed with Apotome II mounted in a Carl Zeiss AxioImager Z1 microscope. Far right (detail): enlarged image of the area contained in the dotted square. (A) p38 α (red) and the pre-synaptic marker synaptophysin (green); (B) image analysis showing low levels of colocalization of p38 α to synapses; (C) p38 α (red) and the neuronal marker NeuN (green); (D) image analysis showing modest localization of p38 α in neurons; (E) p38 α (red) and the astroglial cell marker GFAP (green); (F) image analysis showing increased localization of p38 α to astroglia in DLB cases; (G) p38 α (red) and α -synuclein (green); (H) image analysis showing minimal colocalization of p38 α to Lewy bodies in DLB cases. Scale bars are 10 µm in the standard panels and 5 µm in the zoomed panels (detail). Image analysis represents % colocalization between the two markers. n = 8 for control and n = 12 for DLB (**p < 0.05).



Supplementary Figure 2. Immunohistochemical analysis of the distribution of p38 γ in AD and 3RTau Tg mice. Vibratome sections from the frontal cortex were immunolabeled with antibodies against pTau (AT8) and p38 γ and developed with DAB. (A) Representative bright field microscopic images (630X) (scale bar = 20 µm) of human brains from healthy controls and AD patients immunostained with antibodies against pTau (top) and p38 γ (bottom). (B) Vibratome sections from the frontal cortex of human control and AD cases were double immunofluorescence labeled with antibodies against p38 γ (red) and pTau (AT8) markers (green) and analyzed with Apotome II mounted in a Carl Zeiss AxioImager Z1 microscope. Far right (detail): enlarged image of the area contained in the dotted square. (C) Representative bright field microscopic images (630X) (scale bar = 20 µm) of non-Tg and 3RTau Tg mice immunostained with antibodies against pTau (top) and p38 γ (bottom). (D) Vibratome sections from brains of non-Tg and 3RTau Tg mice were double immunofluorescence labeled with Apotome II mounted in a Carl Zeiss AxioImager Z1 microscope. Far right (AT8) markers (green) and analyzed with Apotome II mounted in the dotted square. (C) Representative bright field microscopic images (630X) (scale bar = 20 µm) of non-Tg and 3RTau Tg mice immunostained with antibodies against pTau (top) and p38 γ (bottom). (D) Vibratome sections from brains of non-Tg and 3RTau Tg mice were double immunofluorescence labeled with antibodies against p38 γ (red) and pTau (AT8) markers (green) and analyzed with Apotome II mounted in a Carl Zeiss AxioImager Z1 microscope. Far right (detail): enlarged image of the area contained in the dotted square.



Supplementary Figure 3. Immunohistochemical analysis of the distribution of p38 α in brains in non-Tg and α -syn Tg mouse brains. Sagittal vibratome sections from complete right hemibrains were immunolabeled an antibody against p38 α and developed with DAB. (A) Panels with a solid outline show representative low power bright field microscopic images (200x) (scale bar = 100 µm) of non-Tg (top) and α -syn Tg (bottom) mouse brains immunostained with p38 α ; panels with a dotted outline show enlarged images (630X) (scale bar = 20 µm) of the indicated region of interest. (B-G) Image analysis of % area occupied by p38 α -immunostained cells in the frontal cortex (B), caudal cortex (C), hippocampus (D), striatum (E), thalamus (F) and mid brain (G). n = 6 per group.



Supplementary Figure 4. Immunohistochemical analysis of the distribution of α -synuclein in non-Tg and α -syn Tg mouse brains. Sagittal vibratome sections from complete right hemibrains were immunolabeled with an antibody against total mouse and human α -syn (Syn-1 BD) and developed with DAB. (A) Panels with a solid outline show representative low power bright field microscopic images (200x) (scale bar = 100 µm) of non-Tg (top) and α -syn Tg (bottom) mouse brains immunostained with Syn-1; panels with a dotted outline show enlarged images (630X) (scale bar = 20 µm) of the indicated region of interest. (B-G) Image analysis of percent area occupied by α -synimmunostained cells in the frontal cortex (B), caudal cortex (C), hippocampus (D), striatum (E), thalamus (F) and mid brain (G). n = 6 per group (***p < 0.001).



Supplementary Figure 5. Double immunohistochemical analysis of p38 α cellular localization in non-Tg and α -syn Tg mouse brains. Vibratome sections of murine brains were double immunofluorescence labeled with antibodies against p38 α (red) and neuronal and glial cell markers (green) and analyzed with Apotome II mounted in a Carl Zeiss AxioImager Z1 microscope. Far right (detail): enlarged image of the area contained in the dotted square. (A) p38 α (red) and the pre-synaptic marker synaptophysin (green); (B) image analysis showing low levels of colocalization of p38 α to synapses; (C) p38 α (red) and the neuronal marker NeuN (green); (D) image analysis showing modest localization of p38 α to neurons; (E) p38 α (red) and the astroglial cell marker GFAP (green); (F) image analysis showing increased localization of p38 α to astroglia in α -syn Tg mice; (G) p38 α (red) and α -synuclein (green); (H) image analysis showing some colocalization of p38 α to α -syn aggregates in the cytoplasm in α syn Tg mice. Scale bars are 10 μ m in the standard panels and 5 μ m in the zoomed panels. Image analysis represent % colocalization between the two markers. n = 6 per group (**p < 0.01, ***p <0.001).