## **Supplementary information**

**Title:** High glucose-mediated PICALM and mTORC1 modulate processing of amyloid precursor protein via endosomal abnormalities

Running title: Effect of high glucose on APP-processing endosome

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Figure S1. The efficacy of siRNAs and toxic effects of drugs used in experiments. a The cells were treated with vehicle or drugs, Dynasore (25  $\mu$ M), Mithramycin A (25 nM), Leupeptin (100 nM), Rapamycin (200 nM), GM6001 (20  $\mu$ M), NAC (4 mM), M $\beta$ CD (1 mM), and Pitstop 2 (30  $\mu$ M), respectively for 24 h. Cell viability was measured by trypan blue exclusion cell viability assay. n = 5 from independent experiments. **b** The SK-N-MCs were transfected with NT siRNA or *RAB5* siRNA for 12 h and incubated in medium for 24 h. Rab5 were detected by western blot. n = 5 from independent experiments. **c** The cells were transfected with NT siRNA or *PICALM* siRNA for 12 h and incubated in medium for 24 h. PICALM were detected by western blot. n = 5 from independent experiments. \*p < 0.05 vs. NT siRNA transfection. Quantitative data are presented as a mean  $\pm$  S.E.M. All blots are representative.



Figure S2. High glucose has no significant alterations on the mRNA expression of Rab5 and its effector proteins. a The SK-N-MCs were treated with high glucose (25 mM) in a time dependent manner. The mRNA expression levels of *RAB5*, *EEA1*, *RABGEF1*, *RABEP1*, and *APPL1* were analyzed by quantitative real-time PCR. n = 5 from independent experiments with 2 technical replicates each. b The cells were treated with D-glucose (25 mM) or L-glucose (25 mM) for 24 h. Then, APP and  $\beta$ -actin were detected by western blot. n = 7 from independent experiments. \*p < 0.05 vs. control, #p < 0.05 vs. D-glucose. Quantitative data are presented as a mean  $\pm$  S.E.M. All blots are representative.



Figure S3. PICALM is located in lipid rafts under both normal- and high glucoseconditions. a High glucose (25 mM) were treated for 24 h in the cells. Sucrose gradientfractionized lysates were subjected to western blot. PICALM, CAV1, and FLOT1 were detected. Exploratory data.



Figure S4. High glucose impairs autophagy in a time dependent manner. a The SK-N-MCs were treated with high glucose (25 mM) in a time dependent manner. LC3, P62, and  $\beta$ -actin were subjected to western blot. n = 5 from independent experiments. b The cells were treated with D-glucose (25 mM) or L-glucose (25 mM) for 24 h. Then, LC3, P62, and  $\beta$ -actin were detected by western blot. n = 5 from independent experiments. \*p < 0.05 vs. control. Quantitative data are presented as a mean  $\pm$  S.E.M. All blots are representative.



Figure S5. PICALM induces autophagy under high glucose conditions. a, b The SK-N-MCs were treated with high glucose (25 mM) for 24 h. a Co-immunoprecipitation of PICALM with IgG and LC3 antibodies were shown in left panel. Total protein expressions in lysate were shown in right panel. n = 5 from independent experiments. \*p < 0.05 vs. Control. b The cells were immunostained with VAMP2 or VAMP8 or VAMP3-specific antibodies and counterstained with DAPI. Scale bars, 8 µm (magnification, ×1,000). n = 5 from independent experiments. Exploratory data. c The cells were transfected with NT siRNA or *PICALM* siRNA for 12 h prior to high glucose (25 mM) treatment for 24 h. LC3 and β-actin were detected by western blot. n = 5 from independent experiments. Logarithmic transformations were performed for homogeneity of the sample variance. \*p < 0.05 vs. NT siRNA transfection, #p < 0.05 vs. NT siRNA transfection + high glucose. Quantitative data are presented as a mean  $\pm$  S.E.M. All blots and immunofluorescence images are representative.



Figure S6. High glucose has no significant alterations on the protein expression of Beclin1. The SK-N-MCs were treated with high glucose (25 mM) in a time dependent manner. The Beclin1 were detected by western blot. n = 5 from independent experiments. Quantitative data are presented as a mean  $\pm$  S.E.M. All blots are representative.



Figure S7. High glucose has no significant alterations on the mRNA expression of endolysosomal fusion related proteins. a The SK-N-MCs were treated with high glucose (25 mM) in a time dependent manner. The mRNA expression levels of *ATG14*, *SNAP29*, *VTI1B*, *STX17*, and *VAMP7* were analyzed by quantitative real-time PCR. n = 5 from independent experiments with 2 technical replicates each. Quantitative data are presented as a mean  $\pm$  S.E.M.



Figure S8. The treatment of rapamycin attenuated STZ-induced phosphorylation of mTORC1. a Hippocampal sample was obtained from vehicle-, STZ-, STZ + rapamycin-, or rapamycin-treated mice. Then, p-mTOR (Ser 2448), t-mTOR, and  $\beta$ -actin were subjected to western blot. n = 5 in each animal. \*p < 0.05 vs. vehicle-treated mice,  ${}^{\#}p < 0.05$  vs. STZ-treated mice. Quantitative data are presented as a mean  $\pm$  S.E.M. All blots are representative.

Table S1. Body weight and blood glucose levels in ZLC and ZDF rats. Blood glucose and body weight were determined with a portable glucose monitor at 6 and 33 weeks of age. Data are presented as a mean  $\pm$  S.E.M.

|                                 | ZLC          | ZDF           |
|---------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Body weight (g), 6 weeks        | 119 ± 1.82   | 144.4 ± 5.22  |
| Body weight (g), 33 weeks       | 394.2 ± 9.05 | 355.2 ± 6.77  |
| Blood glucose (mg/dl), 6 weeks  | 102.8 ± 5.38 | 153.3 ± 15.85 |
| Blood glucose (mg/dl), 33 weeks | 124.5 ± 5.05 | 575.9 ± 25.53 |

Table S2. Body weight and blood glucose levels in experimental mice. Blood glucose and body weight were determined with a portable glucose monitor at 9 and 18 weeks of age. Data are presented as a mean  $\pm$  S.E.M.

|                   | Vehicle          | Dynasore         | STZ           | STZ           |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|
|                   |                  |                  |               | + Dynasore    |
| Body weight (g),  |                  |                  |               |               |
| 9 weeks           | 38.5 ± 0.42      | 37.17 ± 0.7      | 37.5 ± 1.58   | 39 ± 0.63     |
| Body weight (g),  |                  |                  |               |               |
| 18 weeks          | 42.33 ± 1.45     | 44.83 ± 0.87     | 34.83 ± 1.62  | 42.6 ± 1.20   |
| Blood glucose     |                  |                  |               |               |
| (mg/dl), 9 weeks  | $116.3 \pm 4.64$ | 137.7 ± 7.08     | 120.3 ± 15.02 | 135.7 ± 7.24  |
| Blood glucose     |                  |                  |               |               |
| (mg/dl), 18 weeks | 126.7 ± 6.29     | $131.8 \pm 4.64$ | 497.7 ± 20.49 | 439.6 ± 35.16 |

|                   | Vehicle      | Rapamycin    | STZ          | STZ           |
|-------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
|                   |              |              |              | + rapamycin   |
| Body weight (g),  |              |              |              |               |
| 9 weeks           | 37.33 ± 0.33 | 36.33 ± 1.08 | 37 ± 1.09    | 37.67 ± 0.55  |
| Body weight (g),  |              |              |              |               |
| 18 weeks          | 44.83 ± 1.24 | 43.5 ± 0.92  | 40.67 ± 1.47 | 46.67 ± 1.145 |
| Blood glucose     |              |              |              |               |
| (mg/dl), 9 weeks  | 126.7 ± 7.37 | 116.5 ± 7.85 | 118.2 ± 9.26 | 118.5 ± 5.38  |
| Blood glucose     |              |              |              |               |
| (mg/dl), 18 weeks | 127.3 ± 8.78 | 120.8 ± 6.39 | 484.7 ± 5.94 | 503.7 ± 10.56 |

| Gene symbol | Alias/Common name                              | Primer sequence (5'-3')               |
|-------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| PICALM      | Phosphatidylinositol Binding Clathrin Assembly | F-TTC CTG TTG CCA AAC TCC CA          |
|             | Protein  | R-TGG TTC CAT TTC CGA TGC CA          |
| AP2A1       | Adaptor Related Protein Complex 2 Subunit      | F-TCC TGC TTG GCC ATG ACA TT          |
|             | Alpha 1  | R-AGT TCG AGT TCA CCA GCA CA          |
| RAB5A       | RAB5A, Member RAS Oncogene Family              | F- CAT TGG GGC TGC TTT TCT AA         |
|             |  | R-GGA CTT GCT TGC CTC TGAAG           |
| EEA1        | Early Endosome Antigen 1                       | F-TGC ATC TGA AAC CTC ACT GC          |
|             |  | R- CTA GTT GGC GCT CTG TCT CC         |
| RABGEF1     | RAB Guanine Nucleotide Exchange Factor 1       | F-AAG CCT CCG AAT CAA CCG TT          |
|             |  | R-TGC AGT GGT GGA GGA AGT TT          |
| RABEP1      | Rabaptin, RAB GTPase Binding Effector Protein  | F-TCC AGA TGC CAA GTG GGT TT          |
|             | 1  | R-TGT TCT GGT GTC ATC GCC TT          |
| APPL1       | Adaptor Protein, Phosphotyrosine Interacting   | F-AGC GTT TTC CAT TGG GAG GT          |
|             | With PH Domain And Leucine Zipper 1            | R-AGC ACT GCA TGA CAA GAG CT          |
| ATG14       | Autophagy Related 14                           | F-ACA ACG GAG ACA CCA GCA TT          |
|             |  | R-ACC AGC TGA GTT GCA TAG CA          |
| SNAP29      | Synaptosome Associated Protein 29              | F-ACC CAA AGA ACC CAC ACC TT          |
|             |  | R-TGT CAG CCG GTC AAG AAT GT          |
| VTI1B       | Vesicle Transport Through Interaction With T-  | F-TTT CGA GAA GCT GCA CGA GA          |
|             | SNAREs 1B                                      | R-TGC CAG CGT TTC ATT TGC TT          |
| STX17       | Syntaxin 17                                    | F-AAA TGC TGC AGA ATC GTG GG          |
|             |  | R-AAG TCA GTG ACC AGT TGG CT          |
| VAMP7       | Vesicle Associated Membrane Protein 7          | F-TGAACG TTC CCG AGC CTT TA           |
|             |  | R-ATG GAA GTG CTG TCT GTG CT          |
| ACTB        | Actin Beta                                     | F-AAC CGC GAG AAG ATG ACC CAG ATC ATG |
|             |  | ттт                                   |
|             |  | R-AGC AGC CGT GGC CAT CTC TTG CTC GAA |
|             |  | бтс                                   |

Table S3. Human gene primers for real-time qPCR.