## **Supporting Information**

## Extending the Calpain-Cathepsin Hypothesis to the Neurovasculature: Protection of Brain Endothelial Cells and Mice from Neurotrauma

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**Table S1.** Enzyme inhibition by compounds **1-5** at  $1\mu M$  and  $10\mu M$  against calpain-1 (CAPN1), cathepsin B (CTSB), cathepsin K (CTSK) and papain. Data represents Mean  $\pm$  SD of at least n=6 replicates.

Enzyme Activity (%)				
	100 - 75 74.9-50 49.9-25 24.9-0			

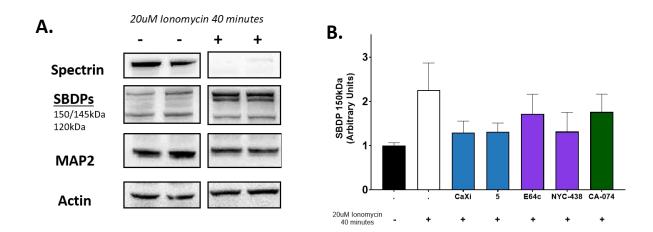
	1	2	3	4	5
CAPN1	9.8 ± 5.62%	15.73 ± 3.35	-7.1 ± 3.09%	14.8 ± 3.07%	3.3 ± 3.02%
стѕв	87.6 ± 1.89%	105.6 ± 9.73%	88.6 ± 12.26%	98.2 ± 5.38%	74.0 ± 9.54%
стѕк	92.6 ± 2.77%	94.4 ± 12.52%	86.5 ± 4.31%	91.7 ± 6.05%	89.6 ± 7.49%
Papain	97.1 ± 9.58%	100.2 ± 6.68%	84.8 ± 5.45%	97.27 ± 14.6%	91.7 ± 7.30%
CAPN1	0.78 ± 3.99%	5.8 ± 6.68%	11.2 ± 4.65%	-4.5 ± 2.1%	-5.1 ± 2.93%
СТЅВ	41.4 ± 2.30%	44.9 ± 4.8%	34.4 ± 3.14%	62.8 ± 6.05%	34.3 ± 4.18%
стѕк	48.2 ± 4.68%	71.6 ± 2.80%	45.34 ± 1.19%	76.6 ± 7.03%	50.4 ± 3.03%
Papain	67.7 ± 5.13%	84.4 ± 15.79%	90.83 ± 16.6%	99.6 ± 7.12%	72.8 ± 3.8%

1uM

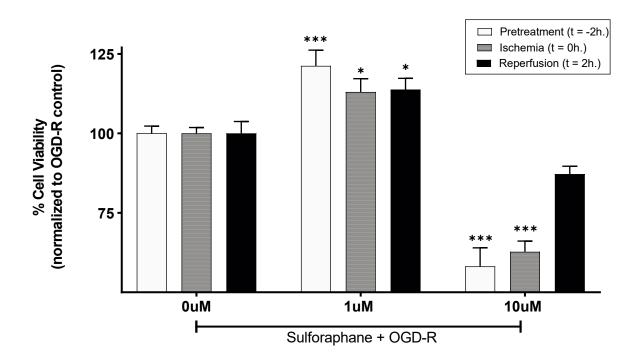
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**Table S2.** Primers used in all rt-qPCR experiments

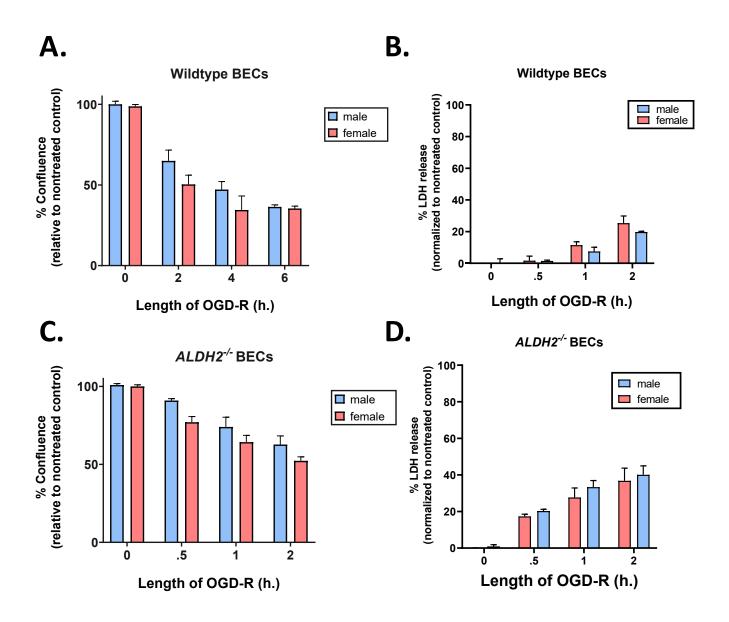
Gene Symbol	Gene Name	UniGene ID	Product Number	Probe
АСТВ	Actin, beta	Mm.328431	Mm01205647_g1	VIC
Cldn5	Claudin 5	Mm.22768	Mm00727012_s1	FAM
HPRT	Hypoxanthine guanine phosphoribosyl transferase	Mm.299381	Mm03024075_m 1	VIC
Nos3	Nitric oxide synthase 3, endothelial cell	Mm.258415	Mm00435217_m 1	FAM
Ocln	Occludin	Mm.4807	Mm00500912_m 1	FAM
Tjp1	Tight Junction Protein 1 (ZO-1)	Mm.4342	Mm01320638_m 1	FAM



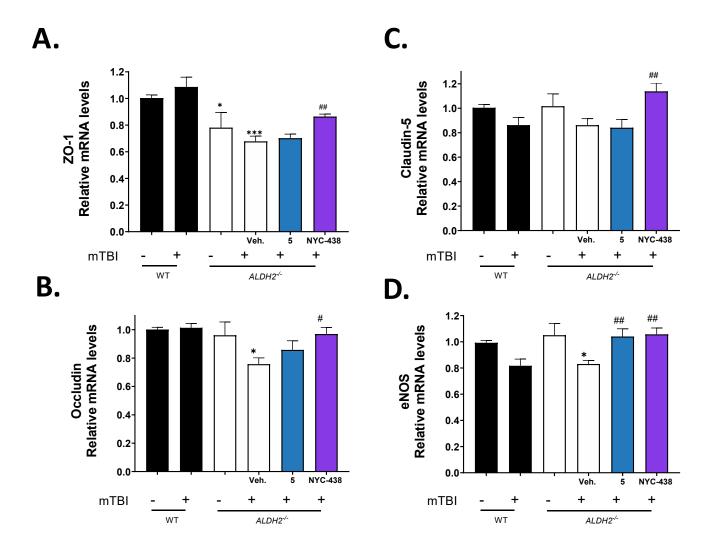
**Figure S1.** Inhibitory efficacy of compounds on proteolysis *in vitro*. **(A)** Representative immunoblot of HT22 cells treated for 40 minutes with 20 $\mu$ M ionomycin or vehicle control probed with Spectrin, MAP2 and Actin Abs. **(B)** Quantitative analysis of SBDP150kDa from western blots of HT22 cells treated with OGD-R and 10 $\mu$ M calpain/cathepsin inhibitors or vehicle control, compared to nontreated cells. Data represents mean  $\pm$  SEM of at least n=3 duplicates of cell passages. All protein was normalized to the housekeeping protein, actin. Equal protein amounts were loaded in all lanes of immunoblots.



**Figure S2.** Sulforaphane is a positive and negative control in the OGD-R assay. OGD-R of SH-SY5Y cells treated with 1 or  $10\mu M$  at pre-treatment (t=-2h.), ischemia (t=0h.) or reperfusion (t=-2) treatment paradigms. Data represents mean  $\pm$  SEM of at least n=6 replicates analyzed by one-way ANOVA with Dunnett's or Tukey's multi-comparison analysis



**Figure S3.** BECs from male and female mice show no significant sex difference in WT or *ALDH2*<sup>-/-</sup> BECs. **(A** and **B)** MTS and LDH, respectively of WT BECs isolated from female or male mice. **(C** and **D)** MTS and LDH, respectively, of *ALDH2*<sup>-/-</sup> BECs isolated from female or male mice. **(E** and **F)** Quantitative analysis of immunoblots probed with ZO-1 **(E)** or occludin **(F)** of WT or *ALDH2*<sup>-/-</sup> BECs isolated from female or male mice. Data represents mean ± SEM of at least n=3 replicates in duplicates of cell passages. All protein was normalized to the housekeeping protein, actin. Equal protein amounts were loaded in all lanes.



**Figure S4.** Minimal Transcriptional Changes of tight junction proteins. Levels of mRNA in ipsilateral hemispheres of WT and  $ALDH2^{-/-}$  24 hours post-mTBI or control animals with 10mg/kg i.p of **5** or **NYC-438**: mRNA levels of ZO-1 (**A**) Occludin (**B**), Claudin-5 (**C**), and eNOS (**D**) quantified by rt-qPCR. Data represents mean  $\pm$  SEM of n=7-10 animals analyzed by One-Way ANOVA with Tukey's multi-comparison analysis