

Fig. S1. Optimization of RGC transduction with TDP-WT-GFP. (A) Wholemout retina from mice injected with hTDP-WT-GFP at different concentrations, immunolabelled for RBPMs (red) GFP (green), and stained with DAPI (blue). (B) The percentage of co-localising GFP and RBPMs RGC bodies were quantified to provide an estimate of viral transduction efficiency for each concentration. Results are mean and SEM. Scale bar $20\mu\text{m}$.

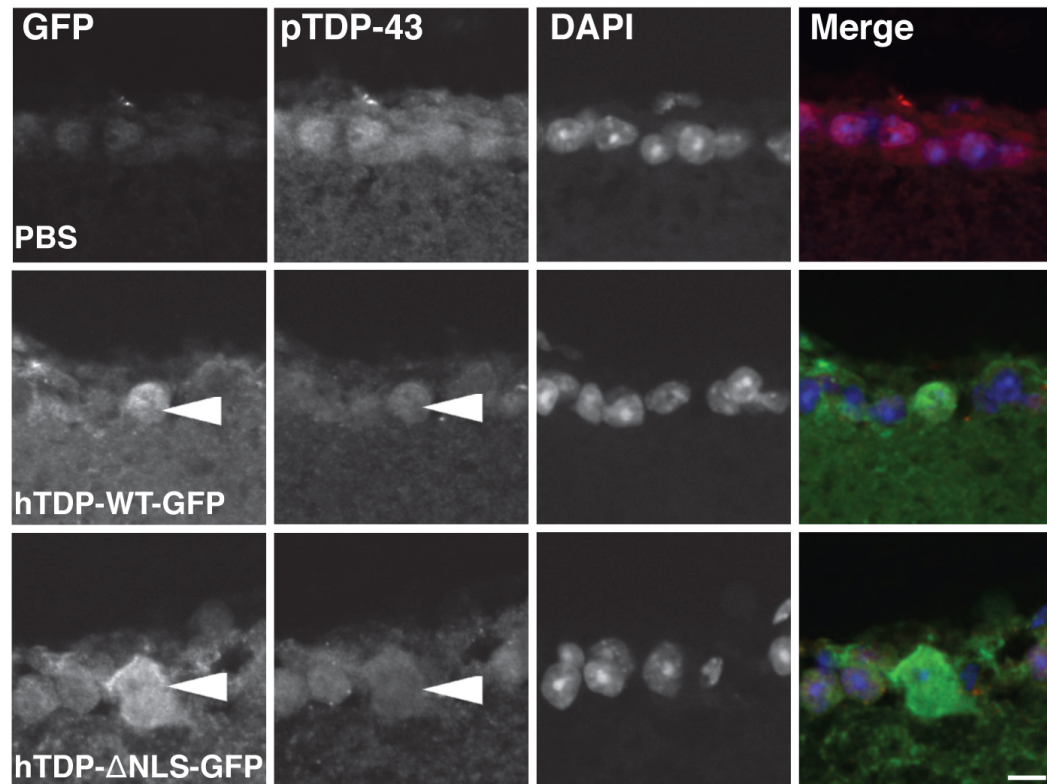


Fig. S2. Phosphorylated TDP-43 in cross-sectioned retina. Cross-sectioned retinas from mice injected with PBS vehicle, hTDP-WT-GFP, hTDP-ΔNLS-GFP immunolabelled for phosphorylated TDP-43 (at residues serine 409/410, red), GFP (green) and stained with DAPI (blue), showing minimal phosphorylated TDP-43 labelling GFP-positive cells (arrowheads) or in other cells in the RGC layer. Scale bar 20 μ m.

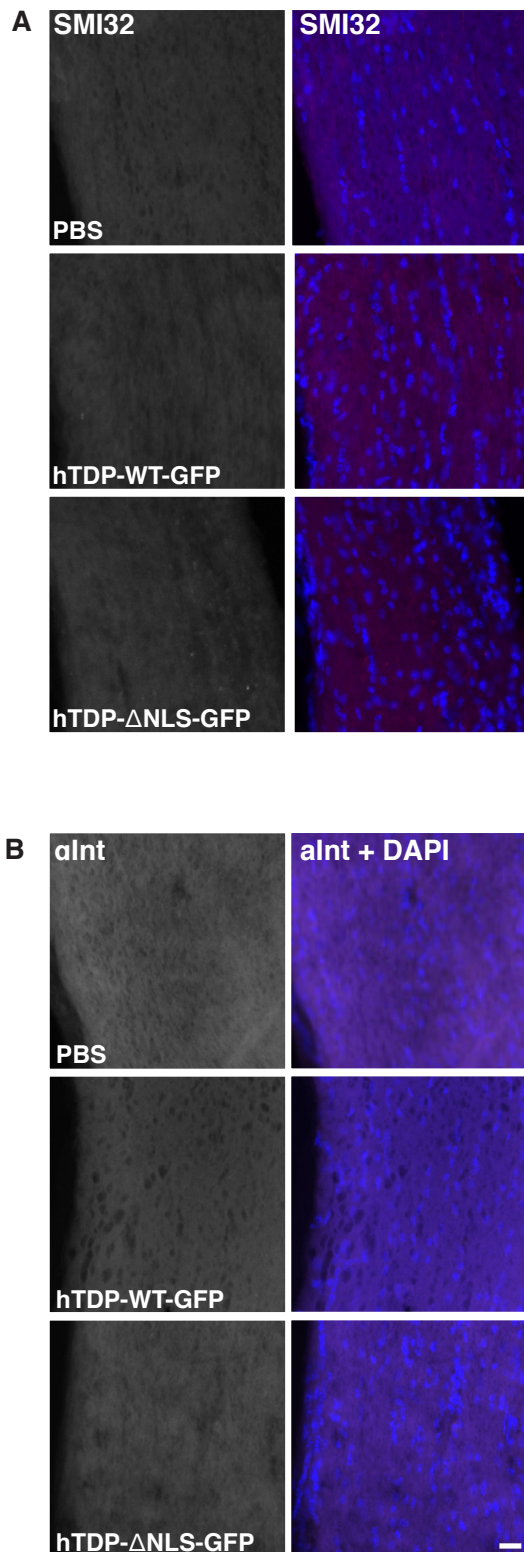


Fig. S3. SMI32 and alpha internexin immunolabelling in longitudinal optic nerve sections. Longitudinally sectioned optic nerves from mice injected with PBS vehicle, hTDP-WT-GFP, hTDP- Δ NLS-GFP. (A) Tissue immunolabelled for SMI32 (red) and stained with DAPI (blue), showing absence of SMI32-positive labelling, and similarly distributed NFH-labelling. (B) Tissue immunolabelled for alpha internexin (red) and stained with DAPI (blue), showing absence of alpha internexin-positive labelling. Scale bar 20 μ m.