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# X chromosome escapee genes are involved in ischemic sexual dimorphism through epigenetic modification of inflammatory signals

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#### Supplementary Figure 1:



Volcano plot of the RNA-seq showing *kdm5c/6a* gene expression in aged male vs. female microglia. RNA-seq was performed in flow-sorted microglia from aged male and female mice brain tissue. The vertical axis (y-axis) corresponds to the mean expression value of -log10 (P value), and the horizontal axis (x-axis) displays the log2 fold change value. The red dots indicate the RNAs with up-regulated expression (male vs. female), the blue dots indicate the RNAs with down-regulated expression, and the black dots indicate the RNAs with no significant differences between groups. The expression fold change (male/female) >1.5 and with FDR adjusted P < 0.05 are considered statistically significant. Supplementary Figure 2:



**KDM6A/KDM5C are not expressed on astrocytes**. (A-B) Peri-infarct area of the WT aged mice brains were stained with KDM5C/KDM6A (red), GFAP (green) and DAPI (blue). Scale bar =  $20\mu m$  (63x).

#### Supplementary Figure 3:



No sex difference in KDM6A/5C expression in neurons. (A and C) Peri-infarct area of the WT aged mice brains were stained with KDM5C/KDM6A (red), NeuN (green) and DAPI (blue). (B and D) Semi-quantification of the ratios of KDM5C<sup>+</sup>/KDM6A<sup>+</sup>& NeuN<sup>+</sup> cells over total NeuN<sup>+</sup> cells. n=5 animals/group. Scale bar =  $20\mu m$  (63x).



**Irf4/5 gene levels with H3K4me1/3 and H3K27me1/3 modification in normoxia and OGD treated aged microglia culture**. (A and D) The schematic diagram indicates the structure of *irf4* and *irf5* genes, including the TSS, exons, introns and primer sites. Scale bar = 100 bases. (B-C & E-F) The percentage of IRF4 (B&C) and IRF5 (E&F) DNA levels in the input precipitated by Histone H3K4me1/3 and H3K27me1/3 antibodies, measured by ChIP-RT-PCR at ORF region of *irf4/5* genes in normoxia and OGD treated condition. Microglia were flow-sorted from aged male and female mice. IgG antibody served as a negative control for histone methylation antibodies. Data were averaged from 3-4 independent experiments. n=5-6 mice/group.

#### Supplementary Figure 5:



**KDM6A/5C mRNA levels in lentivirus and siRNA treated microglia**. (A-H) *Kdm5c* and *Kdm6a* gene mRNA levels were measured by RT-PCR in neonatal microglia after KDM5C/KDM6A siRNA or lenti-KDM5C/KDM6A treatment. Data were averaged from 3-4 independent experiments. n=5-6 pups/group; \*p < 0.05; \*\*p < 0.01 vs. control groups.

### Supplementary Figure 6:



Anti-inflammatory cytokines levels after *Kdm6a* siRNA and lentivirus treatment. (A-L) Anti-inflammation cytokines IL-4, CD206 and Arg1 gene mRNA levels were measured by RT-PCR in neonatal microglia. Data were averaged from 3-4 independent experiments. n=5-6 pups/group, \*p < 0.05; \*\*p < 0.01 vs. control groups.

#### Supplementary Figure 7:



Pro-inflammatory cytokines levels after *Kdm5c* siRNA and lentivirus treatment. (A-L) Pro-inflammation cytokines TNF $\alpha$ , iNOS and MHCII gene mRNA levels were measured by RT-PCR in neonatal microglia. Data were averaged from 3-4 independent experiments. n=5-6 pups/group, \*\*\*p < 0.001 vs. control groups.