

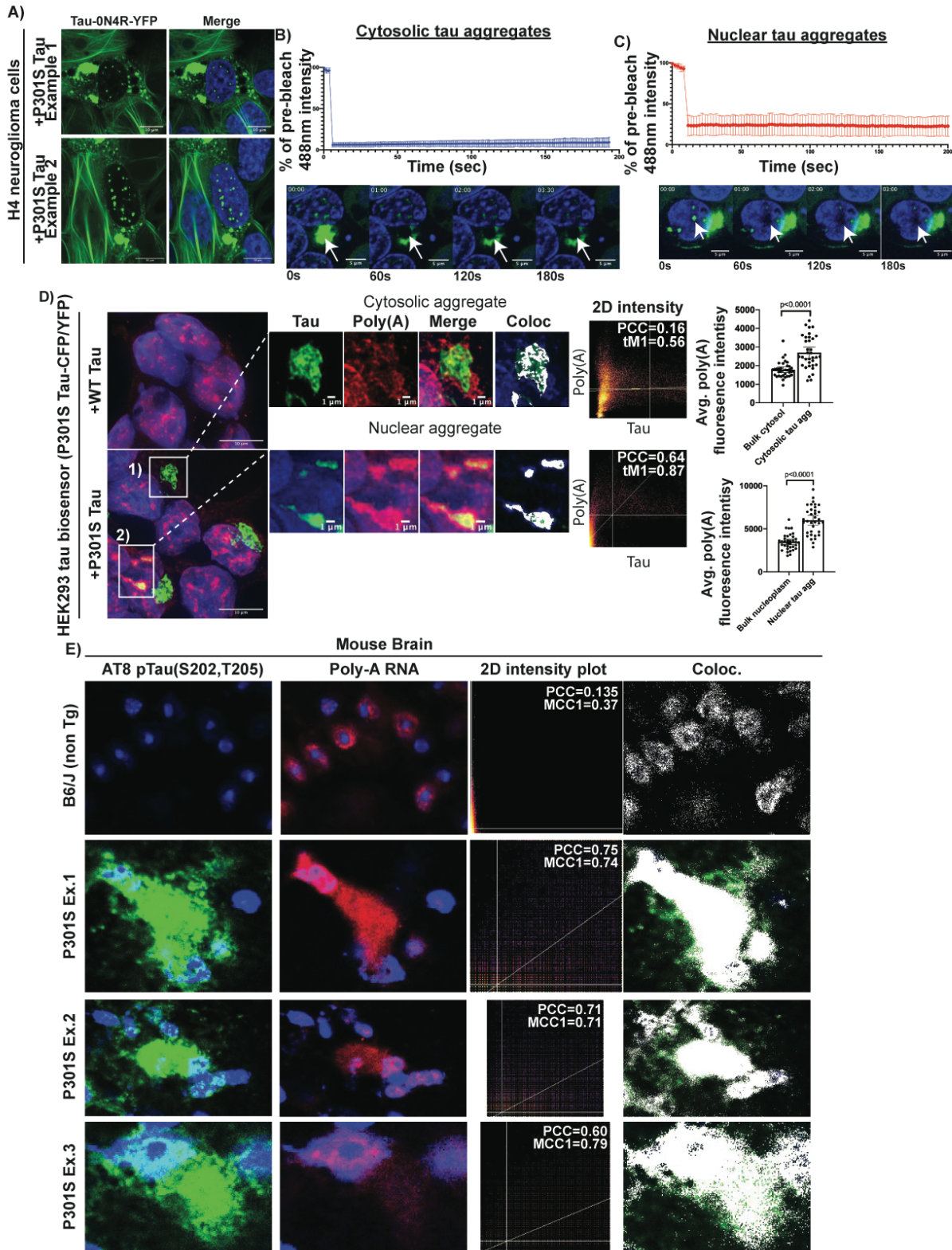
## **SUPPLEMENTAL FIGURES**

**For**

**Tau aggregates are RNA-protein assemblies that mislocalize multiple nuclear speckle components.**

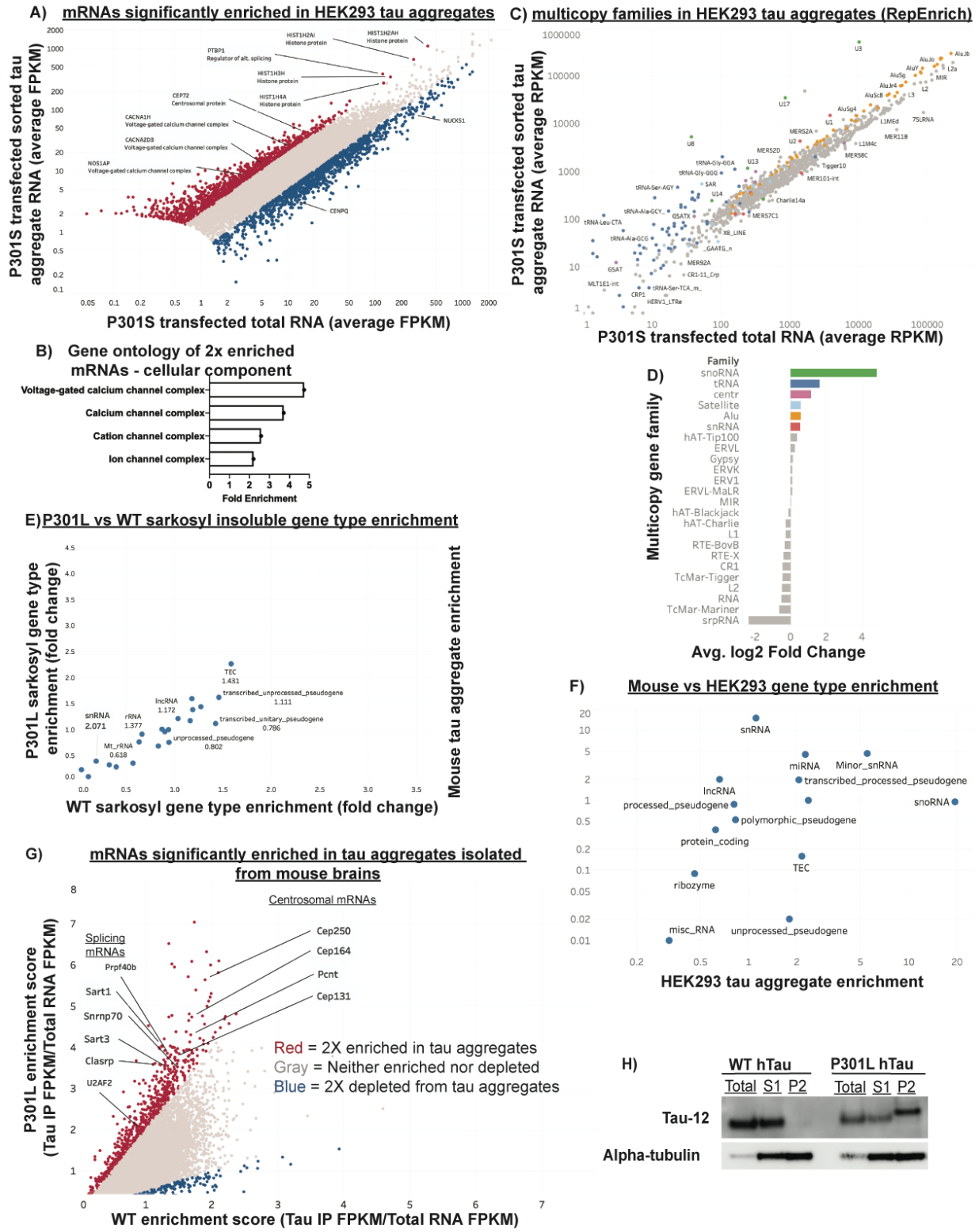
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Figure S1



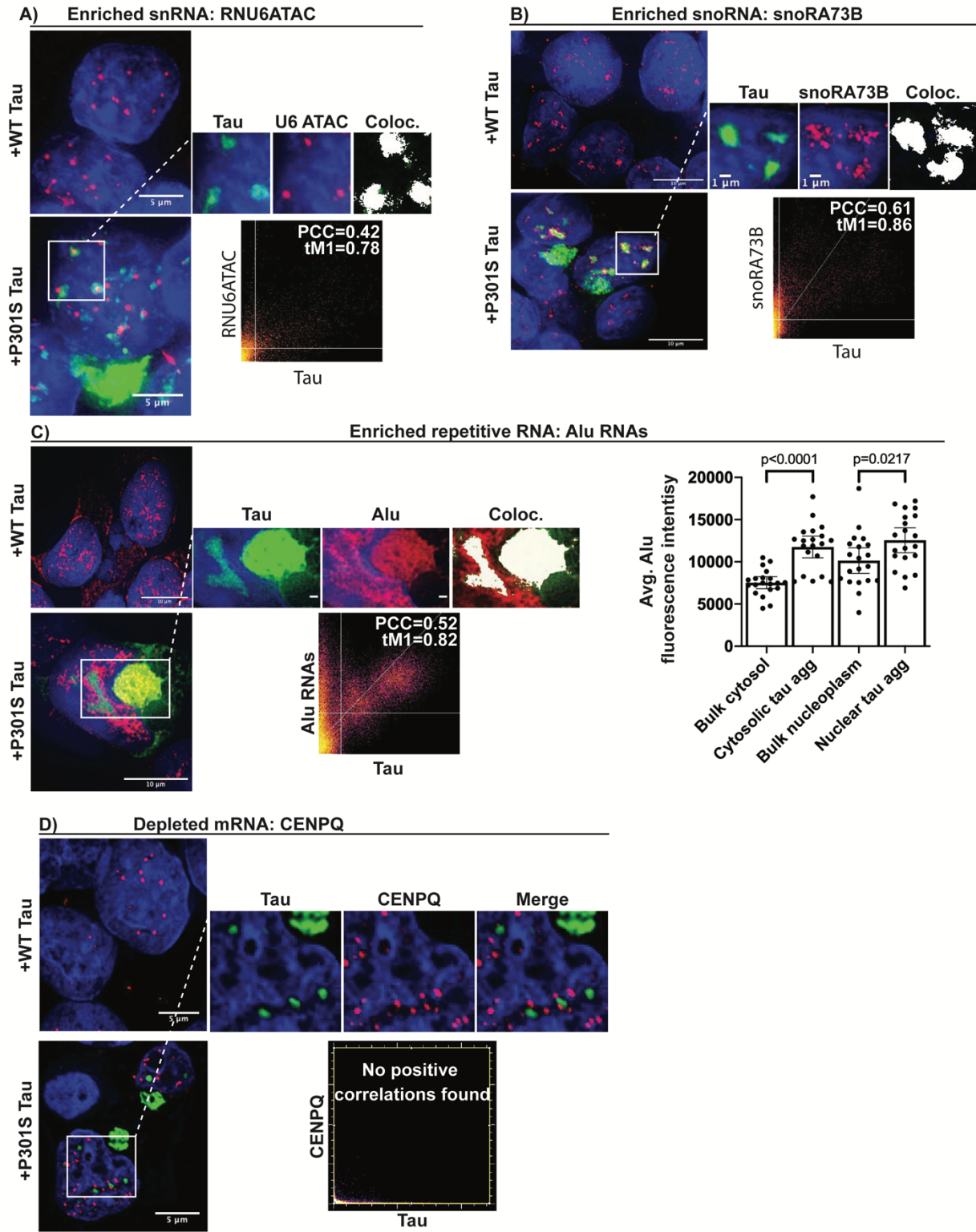
**Supplemental figure 1: FRAP of tau aggregates in HEK293 tau biosensor cells and additional examples of tau aggregates containing poly(A) RNA, related to figure 1. (A)** H4 neuroglioma cells expressing 0N4R tau-YFP that contain nuclear tau aggregates. **(B, C)** FRAP of nuclear and cytosolic tau aggregates in HEK293 cells. 405 nm laser was used to photobleach and fluorescence intensity was measured in the 488nm channel (n=5). Arrow in example images shows bleached area. **(D)** FISH for poly(A) RNA in HEK293 cell nuclear and cytosolic tau aggregates. Bar graphs show quantification of poly(A) RNA fluorescence intensity within nuclear and cytosolic tau aggregates in relation to bulk cytosol and nucleoplasm. White pixels in Coloc image show pixels above the Costes determined thresholds in 2D intensity plots (PCC = Pearson correlation coefficient and tM1= thresholded manders colocalization (% of tau pixels above threshold that colocalize with poly(A) pixels above threshold)). Data are represented as mean  $\pm$  95% confidence intervals and significance was determined using an unpaired two-tailed t-test (N = 35 aggregates). **(E)** Additional examples from B6 non transgenic and P301S mice (Tg2541) showing cytosolic tau aggregates (Ex. 1) and nuclear tau aggregates (Ex. 2, 3) contain RNA.

Figure S2



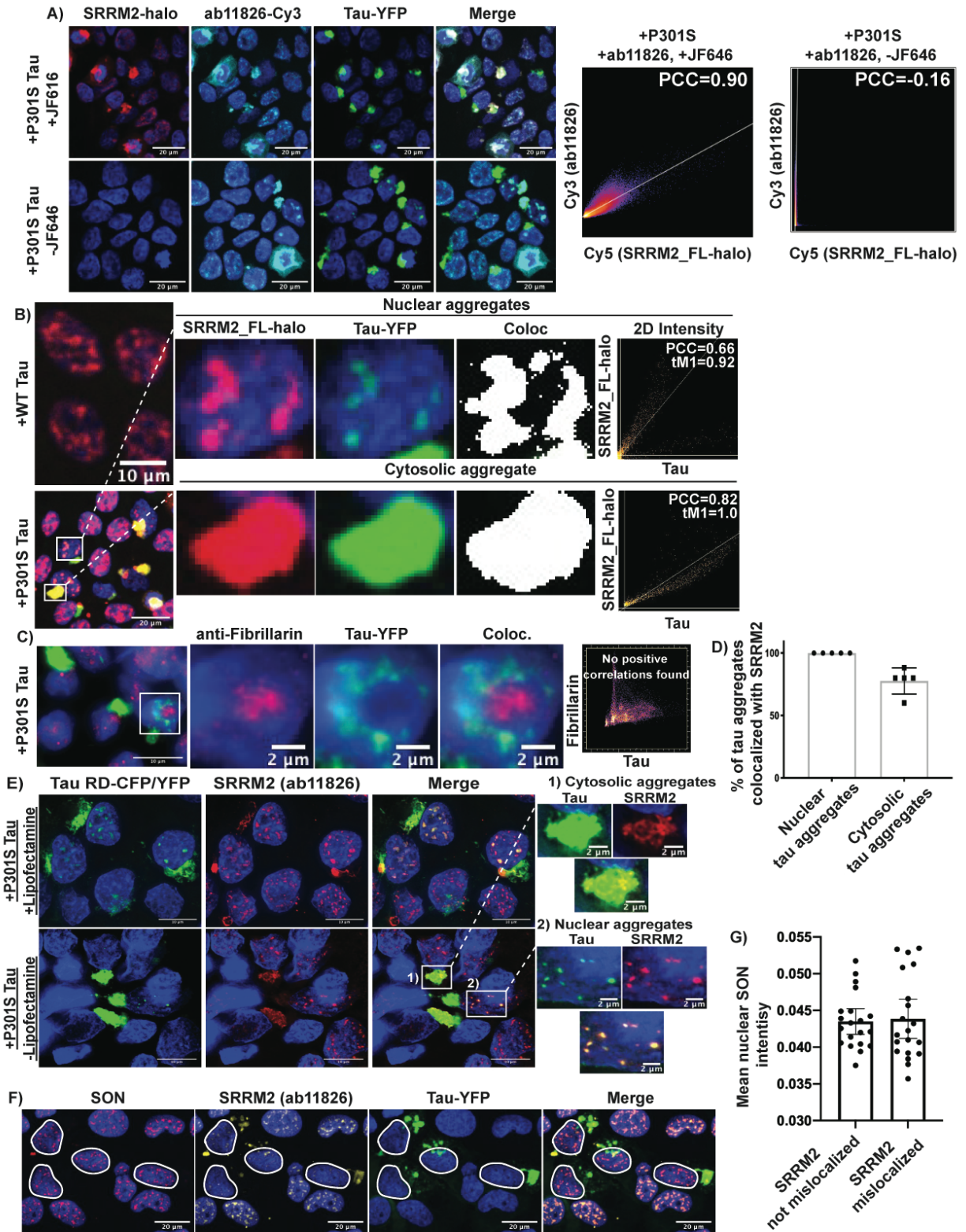
**Supplemental figure 2: Additional data on HEK293 and mouse brain tau aggregate isolation, related to figure 2.** (A) Analysis of mRNAs two-fold enriched in tau aggregates from HEK293 cells (n = 2 replicates). Genes with fewer than 5 FPKM were removed from analysis due to low coverage. Genes from the following groups were highlighted: Voltage-gated calcium channel proteins, histone proteins, centrosomal proteins, and splicing related proteins. (B) Cellular component gene ontology of the mRNAs that are two-fold enriched in tau aggregates. (C, D) Analysis of multicopy gene families using RepEnrich showing enrichment of specific snoRNA repeats (U8, U17, and U3), snRNA repeats (U1 and U2), tRNA species, and Alu elements. The gene family color scheme is shared between C and D. (E) Gene type enrichment in the P301L and WT sarkosyl insoluble samples. Fold change for each gene type was calculated by dividing the percentage of total FPKM made up by each gene type in the sarkosyl insoluble fraction (P2) by the percentage of total FPKM made up by each gene type in the total RNA. The numbers below the gene type names indicate the P301L/WT enrichment. Note the absence of snRNA enrichment in the sarkosyl insoluble fraction (n=2 biologic replicates). (F) Mouse vs HEK293 gene type enrichment. (G) Scatter plot of mRNA enrichment in mouse brain tau aggregates in P301L and WT mice. Enrichment scores were calculated by dividing the insoluble tau IP FPKM by the total RNA FPKM for each replicate. mRNAs in red are two-fold enriched and mRNAs in blue are two-fold depleted from the P301L sarkosyl insoluble tau IP. Genes with fewer than 5 FPKM were removed from analysis due to low coverage. Two groups of mRNAs were highlighted: centrosomal proteins and splicing related mRNAs. (H) Western blot of fractions from tau aggregate isolation showing P2 fraction (sarkosyl insoluble fraction) enriches for insoluble tau that is present in the P301L mice and not the WT mice.

Figure S3



**Supplemental figure 3: Additional FISH for RNAs in HEK293 tau biosensor cells, related to figure 3.** (A, B) FISH of the enriched RNU6ATAC and snoRA73B shows overlapping fluorescence intensity in nuclear tau aggregates. (C) FISH for enriched multicopy Alu RNAs. Quantification shows enrichment in to nuclear and cytosolic tau aggregates, with greater enrichment into cytosolic tau aggregates relative to nuclear aggregates. Bar graphs show quantification of FISH fluorescence intensity within nuclear and cytosolic tau aggregates in relation to bulk cytosol and nucleoplasm. Data are represented as mean  $\pm$  95% confidence intervals and significance was determined using an unpaired two-tailed t-test (N=20 aggregates). White pixels in Coloc images show pixels above the Costes determined thresholds in 2D intensity plots (PCC = Pearson correlation coefficient and tM1= thresholded manders colocalization (% of tau pixels above threshold that colocalize with Alu FISH pixels above threshold)). (D) FISH for the depleted mRNA, CENPQ, reveals lack of enrichment in nuclear and cytosolic tau aggregates.

Figure S4





**Supplemental figure 4: Additional HEK293 tau biosensor cell data, related to figure 4.**

**(A)** Colocalization analysis of SRRM2\_FL-halo and ab11826 in HEK293 cells showing Pearson correlation coefficient of 0.90. To control for channel bleed, the same analysis was performed without the JF646 halo ligand showing loss of colocalization and a decrease in the PCC to -0.16.

**(B)** Images of HEK293 biosensor cells expressing SRRM2\_FL-halo showing colocalization between nuclear and cytosolic tau aggregates. White pixels in Coloc. images show pixels above the Costes determined thresholds in 2D intensity plots (PCC = Pearson correlation coefficient and tM1 = thresholded Manders colocalization (% of tau pixels above threshold that colocalize with SRRM2\_FL-halo pixels above threshold)).

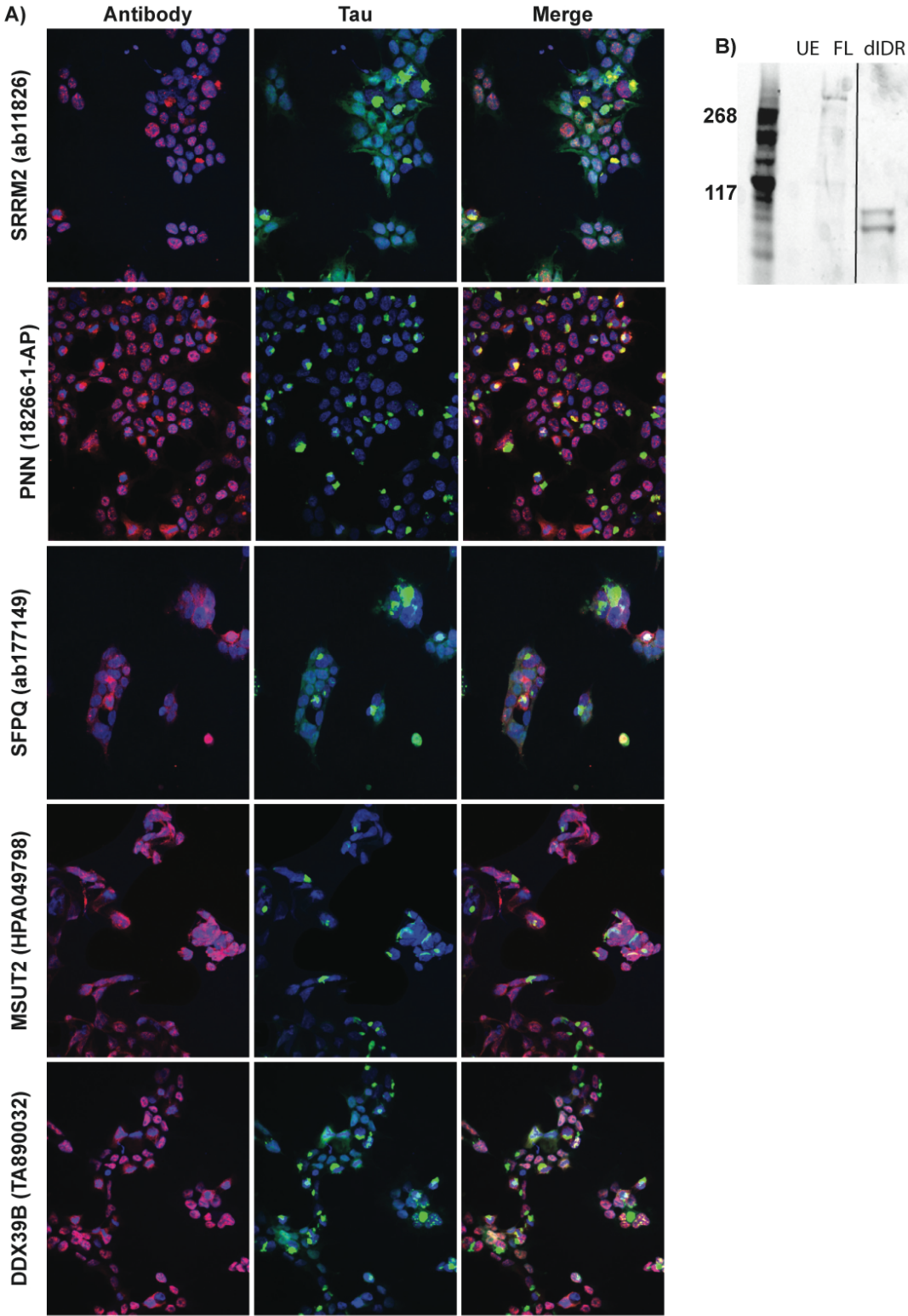
**(C)** IF for the nucleolar protein Fibrillarin showing lack of colocalization between tau aggregates and the nucleolus. Costes method was unable to identify a positive correlation to determine thresholds.

**(D)** Analysis of the % of cytosolic tau aggregates that colocalize with SRRM2 in HEK293 tau biosensor cells. (n = 5 images, approximately 33 cells per image).

**(E)** Tau aggregates form in both the nucleus and the cytosol with and without lipofectamine 2000 as a transfection reagent showing that SRRM2 mislocalization to cytosolic tau aggregates and nuclear tau aggregate formation are not dependent on lipofectamine.

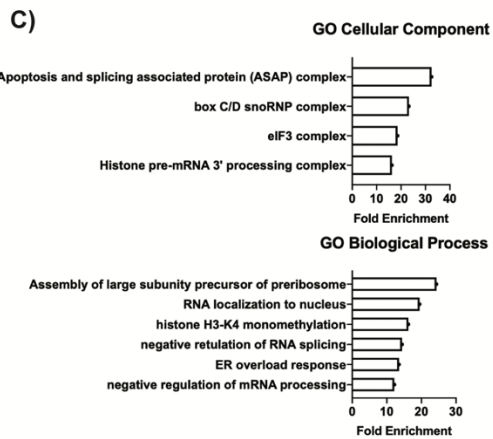
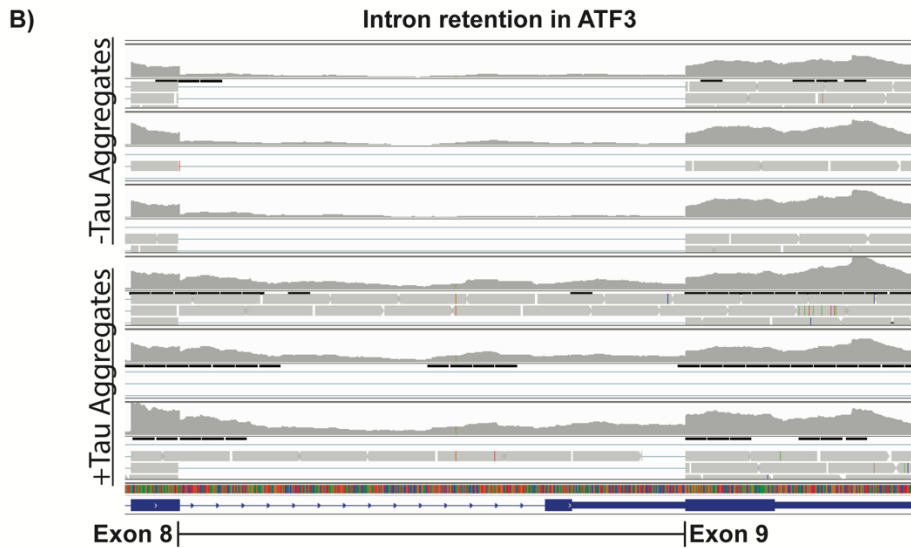
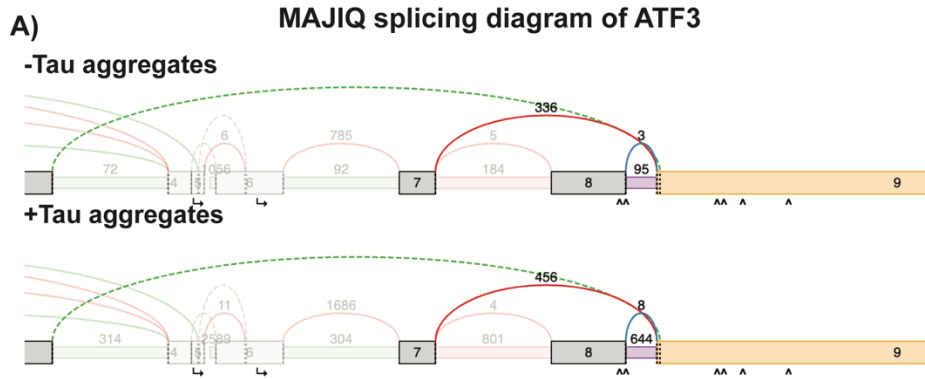
**(F, G)** Analysis of whether SRRM2 mislocalization disrupts the formation of SON positive splicing speckles. Cells outlined in white are cells that have SRRM2 mislocalized to the cytosol and by visual inspection and quantification of the average SON intensity, have no change in splicing speckles due to the mislocalization of SRRM2. Data are represented as mean  $\pm$  95% confidence intervals and significance was determined using an unpaired two-tailed t-test (n=20 measurements).

Figure S5



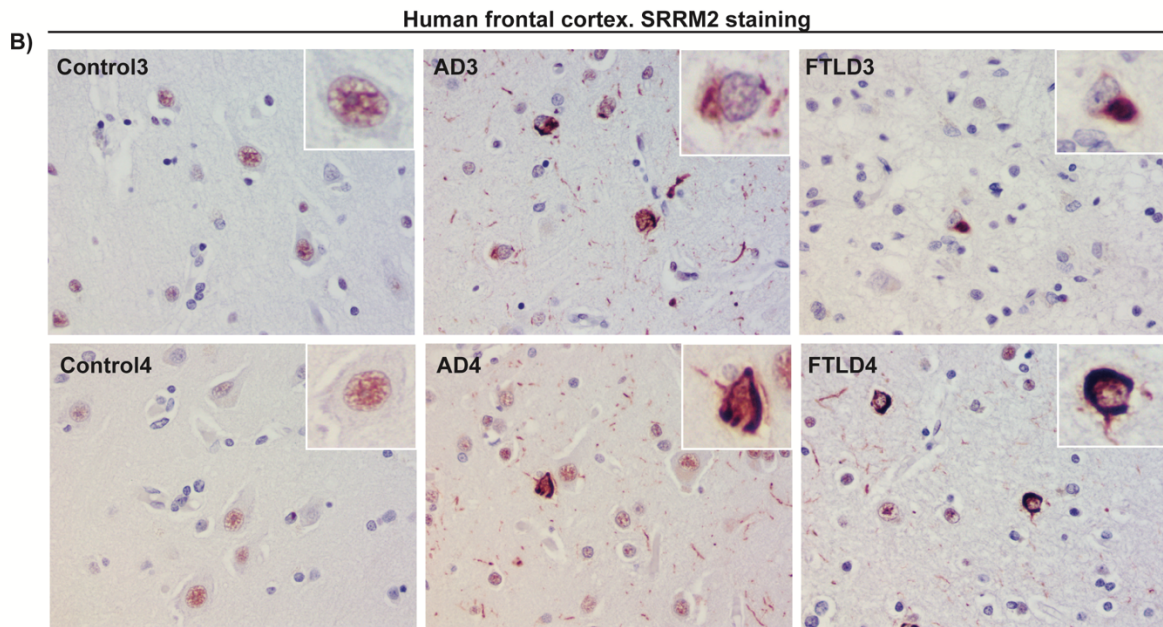
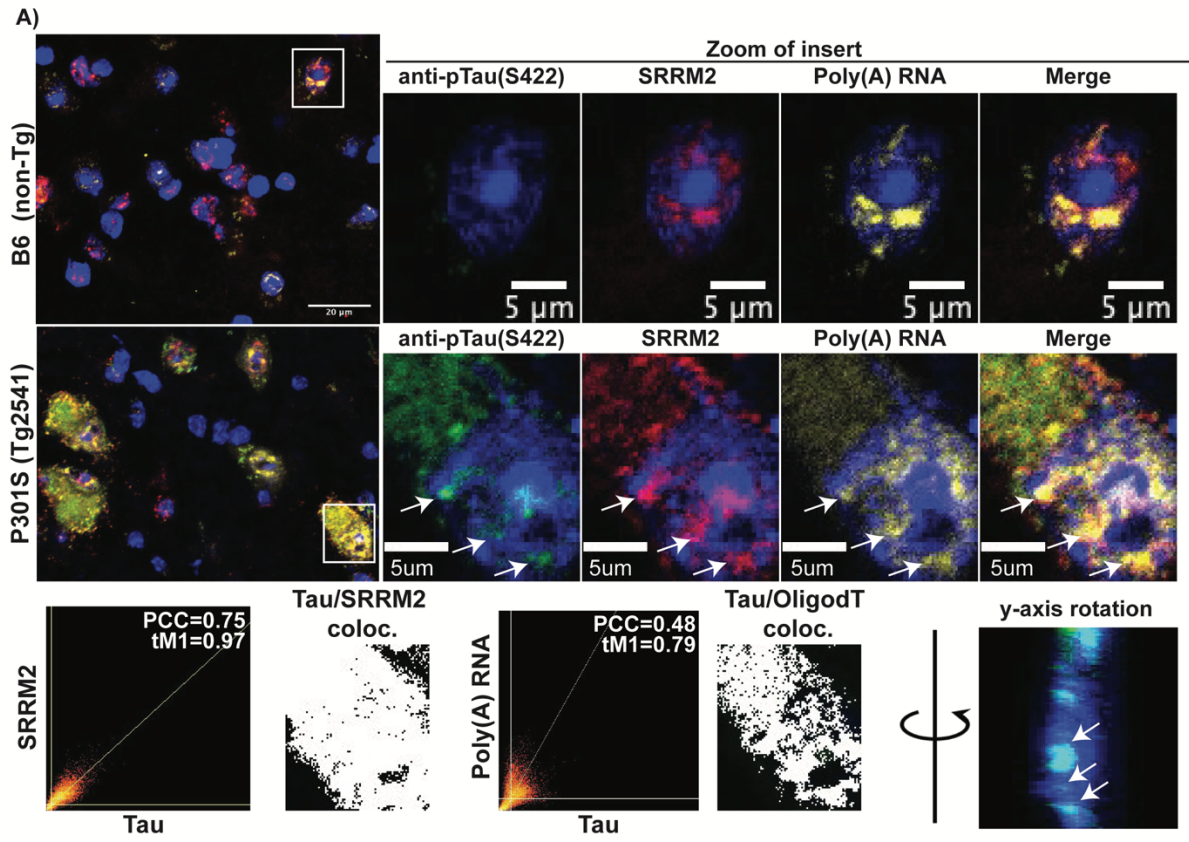
**Supplemental Figure 5: Images of antibodies tested for enrichment in tau aggregates and truncation of SRRM2, related to figure 5. (A)** Images of some of the proteins examined for their association with tau aggregates in Figs. 5 A, B. **(B)** Schematic of the halo tagged SRRM2 fusion proteins made using CRISPaint and gel showing JF647 conjugated to halo fusion constructs running at the appropriate sizes. All samples were run on the same gel, however the dIDR lane was not originally next to the FL lane and was placed next to it for clarity. The cut is indicated with a black line.

Figure S6



**Supplemental Figure 6: Additional splicing analysis data from cells with and without tau aggregates, related to figure 6. (A)** Example of intron retention between exon 8 and 9 in ATF3 identified by MAJIQ at  $\Delta$ PSI threshold of 0.1 and confidence threshold of 0.95. The numbers above the splice sites are normalized read counts and show the increase in reads mapping to the intronic region between exons 8 and 9 (644 vs 95) in cells with tau aggregates. **(B)** Integrated genome viewer image showing raw read counts for each sequencing replicate. Intron retention can be seen between exon 8 and 9. **(C)** Gene ontology of the genes containing significantly retained introns in cells with tau aggregates (FDR < 0.05).

Figure S7



**Supplemental figure 7: Additional *in vivo* data from mouse and human tauopathies, related to figure 7. (A)** IF and FISH showing p-tau (S422, ab79415) positive tau aggregates colocalized with SRRM2 (ab11826) and poly(A) RNA in the nucleus of Tg2541 mouse hindbrain. White pixels in Coloc images show pixels above the Costes determined thresholds in 2D intensity plots (PCC = Pearson correlation coefficient and tM1= thresholded manders colocalization (% of tau pixels above threshold that colocalize with red pixels above threshold)). Y-axis rotation shows that the pTau(S422) foci being interrogated in the zoomed images are within the nucleus rather than above or below the nucleus. **(B)** IHC in human brain showing cytosolic inclusions of SRRM2 (ab11826) in AD and FTLD patient brains, but not in control brains. (Patient demographics for this figure and Figure 6B can be viewed in Supplemental Table 3).