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## Summary

Neurodevelopmental disorders are highly heterogeneous conditions resulting from abnormalities of brain architecture and/or function. *FBXW7* (F-box and WD-repeat-domain-containing 7), a recognized developmental regulator and tumor suppressor, has been shown to regulate cell-cycle progression and cell growth and survival by targeting substrates including *CYCLIN E1/2* and *NOTCH* for degradation via the ubiquitin proteasome system. We used a genotype-first approach and global data-sharing platforms to identify 35 individuals harboring *de novo* and inherited *FBXW7* germline monoallelic chromosomal deletions and nonsense, frameshift, splice-site, and missense variants associated with a neurodevelopmental syndrome. The *FBXW7* neurodevelopmental syndrome is distinguished by global developmental delay, borderline to severe intellectual disability, hypotonia, and gastrointestinal issues. Brain imaging detailed variable underlying structural abnormalities affecting the cerebellum, corpus callosum, and white matter. A crystal-structure model of *FBXW7* predicted that missense variants were clustered at the substrate-binding surface of the WD40 domain and that these might reduce *FBXW7* substrate binding affinity. Expression of recombinant *FBXW7* missense variants in cultured cells demonstrated impaired *CYCLIN E1* and *CYCLIN E2* turnover. Pan-neuronal knock-down of the *Drosophila* ortholog, *archipelago*, impaired learning and neuronal function. Collectively, the data presented herein provide compelling evidence of an F-Box protein-related, phenotypically variable neurodevelopmental disorder associated with monoallelic variants in *FBXW7*.

## Introduction

Neurodevelopment is a complex spatiotemporal process requiring the coordinated action of genetic and environ-

mental cues to regulate a multitude of developmental processes, including cellular proliferation, differentiation, migration, and formation of neural circuits. Neurodevelopmental disorders affect ~2%–5% of children and result in

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variable neurocognitive symptoms.<sup>1–3</sup> They are genetically and phenotypically heterogeneous and often require untargeted genomic analysis and a genotype-first approach for the discovery of novel phenotypes.<sup>4</sup> Several neurodeve-

lopmental disorders have been attributed to genes that regulate cell division, underscoring the importance of this process in the development of the central nervous system.<sup>5,6</sup> F-box (FBX) proteins are essential for regulating the

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ubiquitination of proteins involved in the cell cycle. There are 69 human FBX proteins, which are classified into three subcategories on the basis of the structural class of their substrate-binding domains: FBXW proteins contain a tryptophan-aspartic acid 40 (WD40) repeat domain; FBXL proteins contain a leucine-rich repeat; and FBXO proteins contain other protein-interaction domains (reviewed in Nguyen et al.<sup>7</sup> and Zhang et al.<sup>8</sup>). FBX proteins are incorporated as one subunit of a tetrameric SCF (SKP1-CUL1-FBX) ubiquitin ligase complex. First, the FBX protein aggregates the phosphorylated target protein independently of the other complex subunits, then it attaches to the adaptor protein S-phase kinase-associated protein 1 (SKP1), which links it to the major structural scaffold protein cullin 1 (CUL1). CUL1 links SKP1 to the ring-box 1 (RBX1) protein, which facilitates the transfer of a ubiquitin molecule to the protein target, now marked for degradation via the ubiquitin proteasome system (UPS).<sup>8</sup>

To date, germline variants in five genes encoding FBX proteins have been found to underlie neurodevelopmental disorders. *De novo* missense variants in *FBXW11* (MIM: 605651) located in the encoded WD40 domain repeats have been associated with mild to severe neurodevelopmental disability, often accompanied by behavioral abnormalities and mandibular, ocular, and digital features.<sup>9</sup> *De novo* frameshift, nonsense, splicing, and missense variants in *FBXO11* (MIM: 607871) result in mild to severe intellectual disability with dysmorphic facies and behavioral abnormalities.<sup>10,11</sup> *De novo* variants in *FBXO28* (MIM: 609100) have been identified in individuals with severe to profound intellectual disability (ID) and epilepsy with various seizure types,<sup>12,13</sup> confirming the initial suggestions that the gene was the primary phenotypic determinant in chromosome 1q41q42 microdeletion syndrome.<sup>14,15</sup> Autosomal-recessive inheritance has also been observed in FBX-related phenotypes; biallelic variants in *FBXL4* (MIM: 605654) cause mitochondrial DNA depletion syndrome with encephalomyopathy,<sup>16,17</sup> and in *FBXL3* they cause intellectual disability with dysmorphic features and short stature.<sup>18</sup> Additionally, *KDM2B* (MIM: 609078), also known as *FBXL10*, is a candidate neurodevelopmental-disease-associated gene with a homozygous variant identified in two siblings with developmental delay, hypotonia, and infantile spasms;<sup>19</sup> additionally, monoallelic single-nucleotide variants and chromosomal microdeletions involving this gene have also been identified in individuals with syndromic intellectual disability.<sup>20,21</sup>

F-box- and WD-repeat-domain-containing 7 (*FBXW7*; GenBank: NG\_029466.2; MIM: 606278) has been extensively studied as a tumor suppressor (reviewed in Yeh et al.<sup>22</sup> and Sailo et al.<sup>23</sup>). However, it has also been implicated in a variety of diverse biological processes, including the immune response,<sup>24,25</sup> liver lipid metabolism,<sup>26</sup> angiogenesis,<sup>27,28</sup> cardiac hypertrophy,<sup>29</sup> haemopoiesis,<sup>30</sup> neurodevelopment<sup>31–36</sup> and excitotoxicity.<sup>37,38</sup> Herein we provide a detailed characterization of 35 individuals from 32

families identified through global matchmaking databases and found to have 28 germline *de novo* and inherited monoallelic *FBXW7* variants associated with neurodevelopmental disability and variable features. Evidence from *in silico* protein modeling, cell-based functional studies, and *Drosophila* neuronal knockdown converge to support the discovery that pathogenic variants in *FBXW7* cause an FBX-related neurodevelopmental syndrome.

## Subjects and methods

### Subjects and *FBXW7* variant analysis

All procedures were approved by institutional human research ethics committees, and informed consent was obtained for all individuals. Individuals were clinically evaluated in separate centers, and DNA samples were analyzed by chromosomal microarray or genomic sequencing (exome or genome, with singleton or trio analysis) on a clinical or research basis. Contact between researchers was facilitated with web-based tools Matchmaker Exchange<sup>39</sup> and GeneMatcher.<sup>40</sup> High-confidence candidate variants, categorized as either predicted LoF or damaging candidates, absent from gnomAD and classified as pathogenic according to the American College of Medical Genetics (ACMG) guidelines<sup>41</sup> are reported. The functional outcome of splice-site variants was predicted with BDGP NNSPLICE 0.9,<sup>42</sup> NetGene2<sup>43,44</sup> and Splice AI.<sup>45</sup>

### *In silico* modeling of the impact of *FBXW7* variant interaction with CYCLIN E1

The structure of CYCLIN E1 (amino acids [aa] 89–395) was built under the default parameters of the i-TASSER website.<sup>46</sup> The complex between *FBXW7* and CYCLIN E1 was then modeled with Schrodinger (2020-3). The highest-resolution experimental X-ray structures of *FBXW7* (aa 263–706, PDB: 2OVR)<sup>47</sup> and the modeled CYCLIN E1 from i-TASSER were used for building the complex. A restraint docking approach was applied in Schrodinger. There were four restraints (between 4 and 6 Å) that were applied to the residues between *FBXW7* and CYCLIN E1, namely Ser384(CYCLIN E1)-Arg479(*FBXW7*), Thr380(CYCLIN E1)-Arg505(*FBXW7*), Thr380(CYCLIN E1)-Arg465(*FBXW7*), and Thr380(CYCLIN E1)-Arg479(*FBXW7*).<sup>47</sup> We then screened the top solutions to evaluate them by their ability to satisfy the experimental data.

*FBXW7* missense variants were first annotated for predicted consequences via the Variant Effect Predictor (release 101) including dbNSFP (4.1a) output.<sup>48,49</sup> MTR scores were included from the MTR-Viewer. We selected a number of these scores to capture conservation, physicochemical properties, and genic intolerance. We examined structural properties by using the mCSM suite to manually map the missense variants to the homology-modeled complex of *FBXW7* with CYCLIN E1 bound. We used mCSM to predict changes to thermodynamic stability ( $\Delta\Delta G$ ) and mCSM-PPI2 to predict changes to binding affinity.<sup>50,51</sup> Additionally, changes to charge, volume, and residue nature were reported for each substitution.

### Functional analysis of *FBXW7* variants

The open reading frame of *FBXW7* variants (GenBank: NM\_001349798.2; c.1267G>A [p.Gly423Arg]; c.1439A>G [p.Asp480Gly]; c.1631T>G [p.Val544Gly]; c.1920C>A [p.Ser640Arg]; c.2020C>T [p.Arg674Trp]; c.2021G>C [p.Arg674Pro]; and c.2066G>A [p.Arg689Gln]); and known substrates E1 CYCLIN

(GenBank: NM\_001238.4) and E2 CYCLIN (GenBank: NM\_057749.3) were synthesized, their sequences were verified, and they were cloned inframe into C-terminal- epitope-tagged vectors pcDNA3.1/Myc-His (ThermoFisher, V80020) and pcDNA3.1/V5-His (ThermoFisher, V81020), respectively (Integrated DNA Technologies).

HEK293T cells (American Type Culture Collection CRL-3216) were transiently transfected with an *FBXW7* variant alone or in combination with either a known substrate or empty vector through the use of Fugene HD (Promega, E2311) and harvested at 60–72 h after transfection. Where indicated, cells were treated with 5  $\mu$ M MG-132 (Merck, 1474790) or DMSO (Sigma, D2650) at 48 h after transfection and harvested after 16 h. Protein lysates were obtained by resuspension and sonication (Digital Sonifier Cell Disruptor 250, Branson) in 2% SDS, 10 mM TRIS (pH 7.5) with 1 $\times$  Complete Protease Inhibitor Cocktail (Roche, 11697498001) followed by protein estimation (ThermoFisher, 23225).

Immunoblots were performed on 50  $\mu$ g of total protein via the Criterion TGX system (BioRad) and probed sequentially with antibodies to anti-c-Myc (9E10, Abcam, AB32, 1:5000); anti-V5 (ThermoFisher, R960, 1:5000), and GAPDH (1D4, Novus Biologicals, NB300-221, 1:5000). Primary antibodies were detected with goat anti-mouse IgG (H+L, Jackson ImmunoResearch, 115-005-003, 1:10000), and bands were visualized with the Clarity Western ECL Substrate (BioRad, 1705061) and the Amersham Imager 680 (GE Health, 29270772).

Densitometry of detected bands was recorded for semiquantitative analysis between samples. Lanes and bands were identified automatically and then manually modified where appropriate; the rolling-ball method was used for background correction. Individual sample values were first determined by normalization of the intensity of the protein of interest to the housekeeping control protein for each individual sample. To control for individual blot variation, we then normalized each sample to the intensity of the signal of the *FBXW7* WT sample before combining samples for statistical significance testing by a two-sample, two-tailed Student's t test;  $p < 0.05$  was considered significant.

### ***Drosophila ago* knockdown models**

Two *Drosophila* UAS-RNAi lines (RNAi-1, BL34802; and RNAi-2, BL31501), both previously validated<sup>52,53</sup> and carrying inducible RNAi constructs against the *FBXW7* homolog *archipelago* (*ago*; CG15010; FBgn0041171), and the matching genetic background control (BL36303) were obtained from the Bloomington *Drosophila* Stock Center. *Drosophila* stocks were maintained at room temperature on standard *Drosophila* diet (sugar, commel, agar, and yeast).

The efficiency and relative strength of *ago* RNAi-1 and *ago* RNAi-2 constructs were determined by quantitative real-time-PCR (qPCR) analysis. The *ago* RNAi-1 and *ago* RNAi-2 lines and their genetic background controls were crossed to the ubiquitous Act-Gal4/TM3 Sb Tb driver, and mRNA was extracted from wandering L3 larva of the appropriate genotype with QIAGEN's Rneasy Lipid Tissue Mini Kit. DNase treatment was performed with QIAGEN's RNase-Free DNase Set, and cDNA was synthesized with the Bio-Rad iScript cDNA synthesis kit according to the manufacturer's protocols. PCRs were performed with primers targeting *ago* (5'-GGCCACGACGATCATGTG-3' and 5'-GACITTTGAGC GTGCGATCC-3') and  $\beta$ '*COP* (5'-AACTACAACACCCTGGAGAA GG-3' and 5'-ACATCTTCTCCCAATCCAAAG-3') with the GoTaq qPCR Master Mix (Promega) on an Applied Biosystem

Fast 7500 Real-Time machine. The initial denaturation was performed for 10 min at 95°C, followed by 15 s at 95°C and 30 s at 60°C for 40 cycles (qPCR data collection). The products were then denatured at 95°C for 1 min and cooled to 65°C for 1 min (melt curve data collection). For each condition, three biological and three technical replicates were analyzed. Differential gene expression was calculated via the  $2^{\Delta\Delta Ct}$  method.<sup>54</sup> The average Ct value for each sample was calculated and subtracted from the Ct value of the reference gene so that the  $\Delta Ct$  value could be calculated.<sup>55</sup> A two-sample t test (equal variance) comparing the  $2^{\Delta\Delta Ct}$  values of the RNAi line and genetic background control was performed in Microsoft Excel for calculation of p values.

For inducing neuronal knockdown, the UAS-RNAi lines were crossed to either of two panneuronal promoter lines: (1) *elav<sup>III</sup>*-Gal4 with genotype "w1118; 2xGMR-wIR; *elav*-Gal4, UAS-Dicer-2" and to (2) *elav<sup>I</sup>* - Gal4 with genotype "c155-Gal4, GMR-wIR; +; +". The latter is a strong Gal4 insertion into the endogenous *elav* locus. Crosses were maintained at 25°C, 70% humidity in a 12 h:12 h light:dark cycle. Habituation learning and basal motor function were tested in the light-off jump-reflex habituation and fatigue assays, as previously described.<sup>56</sup> In brief, three- to four-day-old males were individually placed in semi-transparent vials enclosed by two microphones. The filled vials were inserted into two independent 16-unit light-off jump-habituation systems (Aktogen) and left to acclimatize for 5 min before the start of the habituation paradigm assay, in which 32 flies were simultaneously exposed to 100 light-off pulses of 15 ms with a 1 s inter-trial-interval. The noise amplitude produced by wing vibrations was recorded for 500 ms after each light-off pulse. The measured sound amplitudes were filtered with a threshold to remove background noise, leading to the annotation of a jump at amplitude above 0.8. The jumps were collected and analyzed by a custom-made Labview Software (National Instruments). A high initial jump response to the light-off pulse decreased with the increase of the number of repeated pulses. A fly was considered to have habituated when it failed to jump for five consecutive light-off pulses (no jump criterion). The last jump was then stated as the number of trials needed to reach the no-jump criterion (trials to criterion, TTC). If the fraction of flies jumping to at least one of the first five light-off pulses (initial jump response) was <50%, genotypes were classified as non-performers on the basis of reduced motor performance of the tested population. Habituation per genotype was quantified as the mean trials to criterion (mTTC) of all flies of the same genotype.

The fatigue assay was performed after the habituation assay, which was equivalent to the habituation assay but involved two adaptations; (1) increased inter-trial-interval from 1 to 5 s and (2) shortened trial length from 100 to 50 light-off pulses. The increased inter-trial-interval prevented the flies from habituating and thereby elicited a jump response at each light-off trial. As for the habituation assay, the no-jump criterion was five consecutive pulses without a jump. Failing to jump for five consecutive light-off pulses in this assay was identified as a basal failure to execute jumping and was deemed to be due to increased fatigue. The last jump was scored as the number of trials it took to reach the no-jump criterion (TTC). The TTCs of the simultaneously measured flies of the same genotype were averaged (mean TTC (mTTC)).

### **Statistics**

Protein density and qPCR: statistical significance was assessed by a two-sample, two-tailed Student's t test, and  $p < 0.05$  was considered significant.

*Drosophila* behavior: the effect of the genotype on habituation and fatigue was scored by comparison of log-transformed TTC values of the mutant versus the control flies after correction for the experimental day and system via a linear-model regression analysis with R statistical software (v.3.0.0).<sup>56</sup>

## Results

### Monoallelic *FBXW7* variants are associated with neurodevelopmental disability, brain anomalies, hypotonia, and gastrointestinal issues

Using clinical or research-based chromosomal microarrays, genomic sequencing (trio genome or exome), and the global matchmaking platforms Matchmaker Exchange<sup>39</sup> and GeneMatcher,<sup>40</sup> we have identified 35 individuals (26 male, 74.3%) from 32 families with 28 distinct variants in *FBXW7*. The variants arose *de novo* in 30 individuals, including two individuals displaying mosaicism and two showing familial transmission from an affected parent (Table S1). The clinical phenotype is characterized by neurodevelopmental disability (34/35; 97.1%), including global developmental delay and intellectual disability ranging from borderline to severe, language disorder, and hypotonia (22/35; 62.9%); individual 21 was severely affected and had episodes of developmental regression and progressive spasticity. Seizures of varying types were reported in 8/35 (22.9%) individuals. Feeding difficulties and constipation were each reported in 16/35 (45.7%) individuals. Growth was generally within normal limits, but macrocephaly was noted in 10/35 (28.6%) and microcephaly in 2/35 (5.7%) individuals. Congenital anomalies were diverse and included palatal, uvular, or laryngeal anomalies (11/35, 31.4%); cardiac anomalies (11/35, 31.4%); and cryptorchidism (5/26 males, 19.2%) (Figure 1, Table 1 and Table S2).

There was no recognizable facial gestalt; however, we noted deeply set eyes with upper eyelid fullness in 9/35 (25.7%) individuals. Other craniofacial features in some individuals included cleft (overt and submucous) or high palate (10/35, 28.6%), midface retrusion with class III malocclusion (1/35, 2.9%), and a tall or broad forehead (4/35, 11.4%). In individual 19 with somatic mosaicism of the *FBXW7* variant, we observed cutaneous Blaschkoid dyspigmentation.

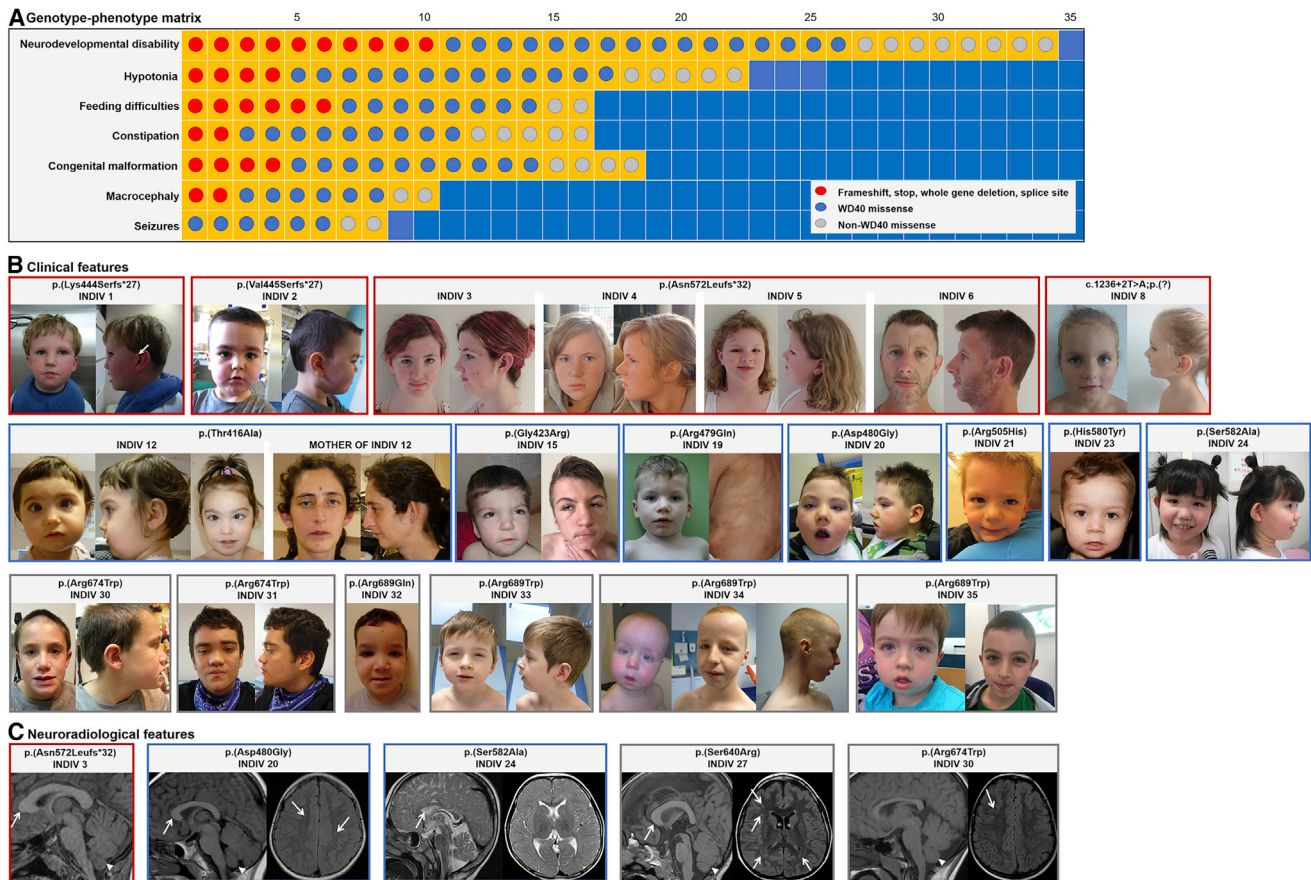
Neuroimaging was undertaken in 17 individuals (15 by MRI, one by CT, and one by both modalities); brain anomalies were identified in 13/17 (76.5%) individuals and included an absent, hypoplastic, or dysplastic corpus callosum (7/17; 41.2%); an abnormal cerebellum (5/17; 29.4%); delayed myelination (2/17; 11.7%); a thick brainstem (2/17; 11.7%); and polymicrogyria (2/17; 11.7%) (Table 1 and Table S2). Scattered small subcortical calcifications were noted on a computed tomography brain scan of individual 22. Ten brain MRI scans of seven individuals (3, 18, 19, 21, 25, 28, and 31) were available for systematic review by a pediatric neuroradiologist (S.M.). The most common anomalies were related to the posterior fossa,

where the cerebellum was enlarged or at the upper limit of the normal range, except in individual 19, who had severe cerebellar atrophy with large folia and a thick dysmorphic corpus callosum and brainstem. Notably, this individual, previously reported as patient IV.1,<sup>57</sup> also has a familial *CACNA1A* pathogenic variant of variable expressivity, c.835C>T (p.Arg279Cys) (GenBank: NM\_023035.2). Although *FBXW7* is a known tumor suppressor, none of the individuals in our cohort has so far developed cancer; the oldest individual is 44 years old. Notably, 13 of the 28 variants observed in this cohort are also reported in somatic form in the COSMIC database, which has collated 1,481 (440 unique) known somatic variants that span the entire coding region of *FBXW7* in various cancer types (Figure S1 and Table S1).

### Germline *FBXW7* missense variants identified in this cohort cluster within the substrate-binding surface of the WD40 domain

We identified 28 germline *FBXW7* variants in 35 individuals (Figure 2 and Table S1). Two individuals had large chromosomal deletions encompassing *FBXW7*. One individual had a canonical splice-site variant, c.1236+2T>A, which is predicted to result in donor-site loss. Seven individuals (three *de novo* and four familial) had frameshift variants affecting the longest transcript (GenBank: NM\_001349798.2). Two variants, c.1331\_1332del (p.Lys444Serfs\*27) and c.1332dup (p.Val445Serfs\*27), are predicted to undergo nonsense-mediated decay (NMD) with presumed loss of function (LoF). In contrast, c.1331\_1332del (p.Asn572Leufs\*32) and c.1939A>T (p.Lys647\*) are within the 54 bp upstream of the final intron/exon junction and are predicted to escape NMD.<sup>58</sup> These truncated proteins might be targeted for degradation via the UPS. The remaining 25 individuals had 21 unique missense variants clustering at the carboxy-terminal half of the protein, and 16/21 (76.2%) of these variants occurred within the WD40 domain. Three variants, c.1267G>A (p.Gly423Arg); c.2020C>T (p.Arg674Trp); and c.2065C>T (p.Arg689Trp), were recurrent in unrelated individuals.

The crystal structure of the *FBXW7* and SKP1 complex has been determined with the substrates CYCLIN E1 and DISC1.<sup>47,59</sup> The F-box domain located in the N-terminal half of *FBXW7* mediates interaction with SKP1, whereas the WD40 domain forms a canonical eight-bladed  $\beta$ -propeller structure. Thirteen residues positioned at the top surface of the propeller directly interact with CYCLIN E1 (seven of these also interact with DISC1). The position of the variants identified in this study aligns with the residues required for this interaction: Arg441, Ser462, Arg465, Arg479, Arg505, and Ala599. A further four variants, c.1267G>A ((p.Gly423Arg)); c.1744T>G (p.Ser582Ala); c.2021G>C (p.Arg674Pro); and c.2020C>T (p.Arg674Trp), impact residues adjacent to critical residues Trp425, Leu583, Trp673, respectively.



**Figure 1. Characteristics of *FBXW7* neurodevelopmental syndrome**

(A) Genotype-phenotype matrix of clinical features of key phenotypes associated with *FBXW7* neurodevelopmental variants. Each square represents an individual overlaid with variant class, and each row represents a clinical feature (affected—yellow; unaffected—blue). Variant types are depicted by dots: red (frameshift, stop, whole-gene deletion), blue (missense affecting WD40 domain), and gray (missense not in a WD40 domain).

(B) Clinical features of affected individuals depicting phenotype by variant type: individual 1, aged 3 years, frontal and lateral, with arrow marking preauricular pit; individual 2, aged 3 years 2 months, frontal and lateral; individual 3, aged 14 years 9 months, from family 1, frontal and lateral; individual 4, aged 11 years 9 months, from family 1, frontal and lateral; individual 5, aged 6 years 3 months, from family 1, frontal and lateral; individual 6, aged 44 years, father of individuals 3–5 from family 1, frontal and lateral (note midface retrusion with class III malocclusion); individual 8, aged 5 years, frontal; individual 12 at 12 months, frontal, lateral, and at 26 months, frontal; mother of individual 12, aged 34 years, frontal and lateral; individual 15 at 3 years and 15 years; individual 19 at 6 years, frontal, and with cutaneous Blaschkoid dyspigmentation suggestive of somatic mosaicism; individual 20 at 5 years, frontal and lateral; individual 21 at 3 years; individual 23 at 3 years; individual 24 at 5 years, frontal and lateral; individual 30 aged 15 years, frontal and lateral; individual 31 aged 15 years, frontal and lateral; individual 32 aged 2 years; individual 33 aged 10 years; individual 34 aged 1 year, frontal, and 12 years, frontal and lateral; individual 35 aged 3 years and 7 years, frontal. Deeply set eyes with upper eyelid fullness are evident in individuals 1, 2, 3, 5, 15, 21, 24, 32 (also in individual 21, not pictured).

(C) Neuroradiological features of selected individuals; sagittal images of T1-weighted brain MRI scans of individuals 3, 20, 27, and 30 and T2-weighted brain scan of individual 24, displaying large cerebellar vermis with tonsillar ectopia (white arrowheads) and thick callosal genu (arrows)—note the generally thinned corpus callosum in individuals 24 and 30; axial T1-weighted brain MRI scans of individuals 20, 27, and 30 and T2-weighted brain scan of individual 24 displaying scattered subcortical white-matter hyperintensities and severely delayed myelination, equivalent to 7–10 months.

To investigate the potential functional impact of the variants observed in this cohort, we mapped the amino acid position to the tertiary structure previously resolved for *FBXW7* by crystallography (amino acids 263–706).<sup>47</sup> This demonstrated that the amino acids implicated in disease cluster at the surface of the substrate-binding interface (Figure 2 and Figure S2). Using the mutation Cutoff Scanning Matrix (mCSM) suite, we tested the predicted impact of each missense variant on the stability of *FBXW7*. Our tests demonstrated that 16/21 (76.2%) vari-

ants are predicted to decrease *FBXW7* stability (average  $-0.735 \pm 1.05 \Delta\Delta G$ ; Table S3). Next, we assessed the distance to the interface and the binding affinity to determine the potential of the variants to impact the interaction with CYCLIN E1. This demonstrated that *FBXW7* missense variants identified in this cohort are positioned very close to the interaction interface (average  $7.80 \pm 5.24 \text{ \AA}$ ) and that 13 (65%) are predicted to decrease the binding affinity of *FBXW7* to CYCLIN E1 (average  $-0.39 \pm 0.74 \Delta\Delta G$ ).

**Table 1. Demographic and clinical features of affected individuals**

<b>Demographic features</b>	
Sex	26 male/9 female
Age range	23 months–44 years, 6 months
<b>Medical history</b>	
Prenatal history	Normal; only one premature birth
<b>Neurologic or CNS features</b>	
Hypotonia (HP: 0001252)	22/35 (62.9%)
Seizures (HP: 0001250)	8/35 (22.9%)
Ataxia (HP: 0001251)	2/35 (5.7%)
Developmental regression (HP: 0002376)	1/35 (2.9%)
Abnormality of brain morphology (HP: 0012443)	13/17 (76.5%)
Macrocephaly (HP: 0000256)	10/35 (28.6%)
Microcephaly (HP: 0000252)	2/35 (5.7%)
<b>Development, cognition, and psychiatric features</b>	
Neurodevelopmental abnormality (HP: 0012759)	34/35 (97.1%)
Mild-moderate developmental delay or intellectual disability (HP: 0011342, HP: 0011343, HP: 0001256, and HP: 0002342)	27/35 (77.1%)
Severe global developmental delay or intellectual disability (HP: 0011344, HP: 0010864)	3/35 (8.6%)
Delayed speech and language development only (HP: 0000750)	1/35 (2.9%)
Specific learning disability (HP: 0001328)	2/35 (5.7%)
No neurodevelopmental abnormality	1/35 (2.9%)
<b>Ophthalmologic features</b>	
Strabismus (HP: 0000486)	5/35 (14.3%)
Abnormality of refraction (HP: 0000539)	6/35 (17.1%)
Astigmatism (HP: 0000483)	1/35 (2.9%)
Cerebral visual impairment (HP: 0100704)	1/35 (2.9%)
<b>Audiology and hearing</b>	
Mixed hearing impairment (HP: 0000410)	2/35 (5.7%)
<b>Oral, dentition, and other ENT features</b>	
Abnormal palate or uvula morphology (HP: 0000174), (HP: 0000172)	10/35 (28.6%)
Laryngeal cleft (HP: 0008751)	1/35 (2.9%)
<b>Cardiac features</b>	
Abnormal heart morphology (HP: 0001627)	11/35 (31.4%)

**Respiratory features**

Recurrent pneumonia (HP: 0006532)	3/35 (8.6%)
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**Gastrointestinal and feeding features**

Feeding difficulties, including difficulties with nasogastric tube feeding (HP: 0011968, HP: 0040288)	16/35 (45.7%); 5/16 (31.3%)
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Constipation (HP: 0002019)	16/35 (45.7%)
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Gastresophageal reflux (HP: 0002020)	7/35 (20.0%)
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**Renal and genitourinary features**

Cryptorchidism (HP: 0000028)	5/26 (19.2%)
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**Hematologic features**

Neutropenia (HP: 0001875)	2/35 (5.7%)
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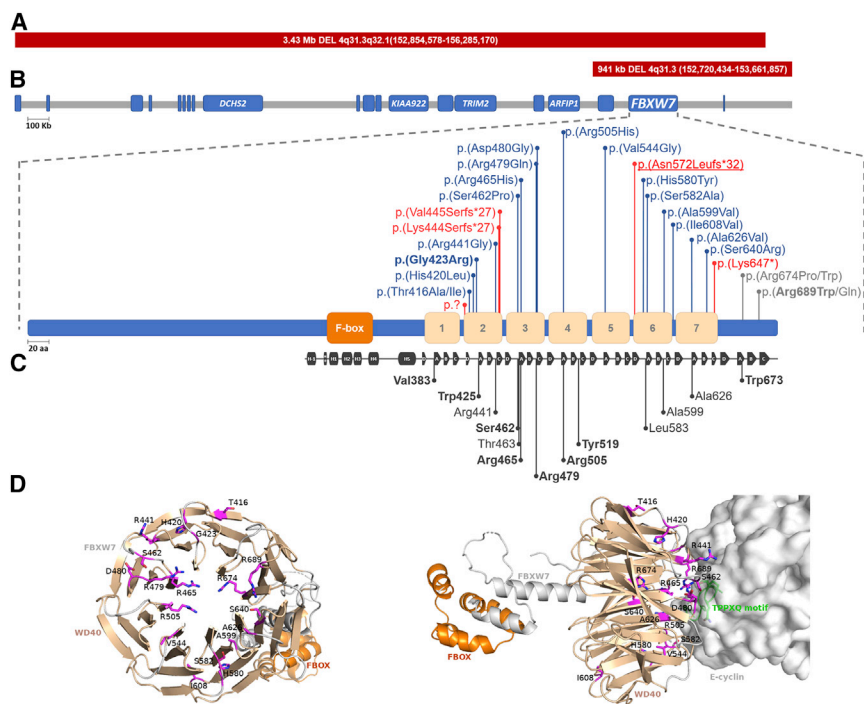
n = 35; the frequency of clinical features is expressed as a fraction (and percentage) of the number assessed for that feature.

None of the variants detected in this cohort were observed in the population database, gnomAD v2.1 (140k exomes and genomes); however, for each of three variants—c.1394G>A (p.Arg465His), c.1436G>A (p.Arg479Gln), and c.1796C>T (p.Ala599Val)—an ultra-rare (allele frequency < 0.000005) alternative amino acid substitution, c.1393C>T (p.Arg465Cys), c.1435C>G (p.Arg479Gly), and c.1796C>G (p.Ala599Gly), respectively, has been observed. Nevertheless, these gnomAD substitutions were detected with allele balance rates of ≤ 45% where mosaicism could not be excluded (Table S1). To further assess how the variants observed in our cohort differed from variants reported in gnomAD, we investigated the impact of the 78 gnomAD missense variants on the resolved FBXW7 crystal structure. Although the majority of gnomAD variants (69; 89%) are predicted to have a destabilizing effect on the protein (average  $-0.723 \pm 0.616 \Delta\Delta G$ ), these variants are dispersed throughout the structure and positioned much farther from the interface with CYCLIN E1 (average  $29.24 \pm 17.24 \text{ \AA}$ ) than the variants identified in this study (Figure S1 and Table S4). Furthermore, the gnomAD variants are predicted to have a very small effect on the binding affinity to CYCLIN E1 (average  $-0.064 \pm 0.25 \Delta\Delta G$ ).

**Disease-associated variants impair the ability of FBXW7 to degrade substrates CYCLIN E1 and CYCLIN E2**

To experimentally determine the functional consequences of FBXW7 variants observed in this cohort, we cloned a subset into a mammalian expression vector with a C-terminal Myc tag and exogenously expressed in HEK293T cells. We selected variants within the WD40 domain (p.Gly423Arg, p.Asp480Gly, p.Val544Gly, and p.Ser640Arg) and outside the WD40 domain (p.Arg674Trp, p.Arg674Pro, and p.Arg689Gln) for cloning. The steady-state amount of FBXW7 protein was assessed by immunoblot, and all mutant proteins were detected (Figure 3A). Relative to FBXW7<sup>wild</sup> type, FBXW7<sup>Arg674Trp</sup> and FBXW7<sup>Arg689Gln</sup> demonstrated a decrease in steady-state





**Figure 2. *FBXW7* variants detected in this cohort cluster within the substrate-binding surface of the WD40 domain**

(A) The gene structure surrounding *FBXW7* on chromosome 4 (GRCh37: 4q31–3q32.1) demonstrates the genomic position of two large genomic deletions identified in individuals 8 and 9 (thick red bars above chromosome).

(B) Missense *FBXW7* variants identified in this study cluster within the WD40-repeat domain. Frameshift, stop-gain, or splice-site (red) and missense (blue—within the WD40 domain; and gray—outside the WD40 domain) variants are shown above the protein. Recurrent non-familial (bold); recurrent familial (underlined); F-box domain (orange); and a WD40-repeat domain (beige) derived from DECIPHER.

(C) Representation of the resolved structure of *FBXW7* when in complex with a CYCLIN E1 degron (residues 360–390) demonstrating that the residues of *FBXW7* that directly interact with CYCLIN E1 span similar residues as disease variants identified in this cohort. The positions of *FBXW7* residues that directly interact with CYCLIN E1 are shown below

the schematic depiction. F-box helices (rectangles H-1, H0, and H1–H3), linker  $\alpha$ -helical domain (rectangles H4–H5), and the canonical eight-bladed  $\beta$ -propeller structure of the WD40 domain with each blade consisting of four antiparallel  $\beta$  strands (arrows [A–D]) are shown.<sup>47</sup> Amino acids in bold have also been shown to directly interact with DISC1.<sup>59</sup>

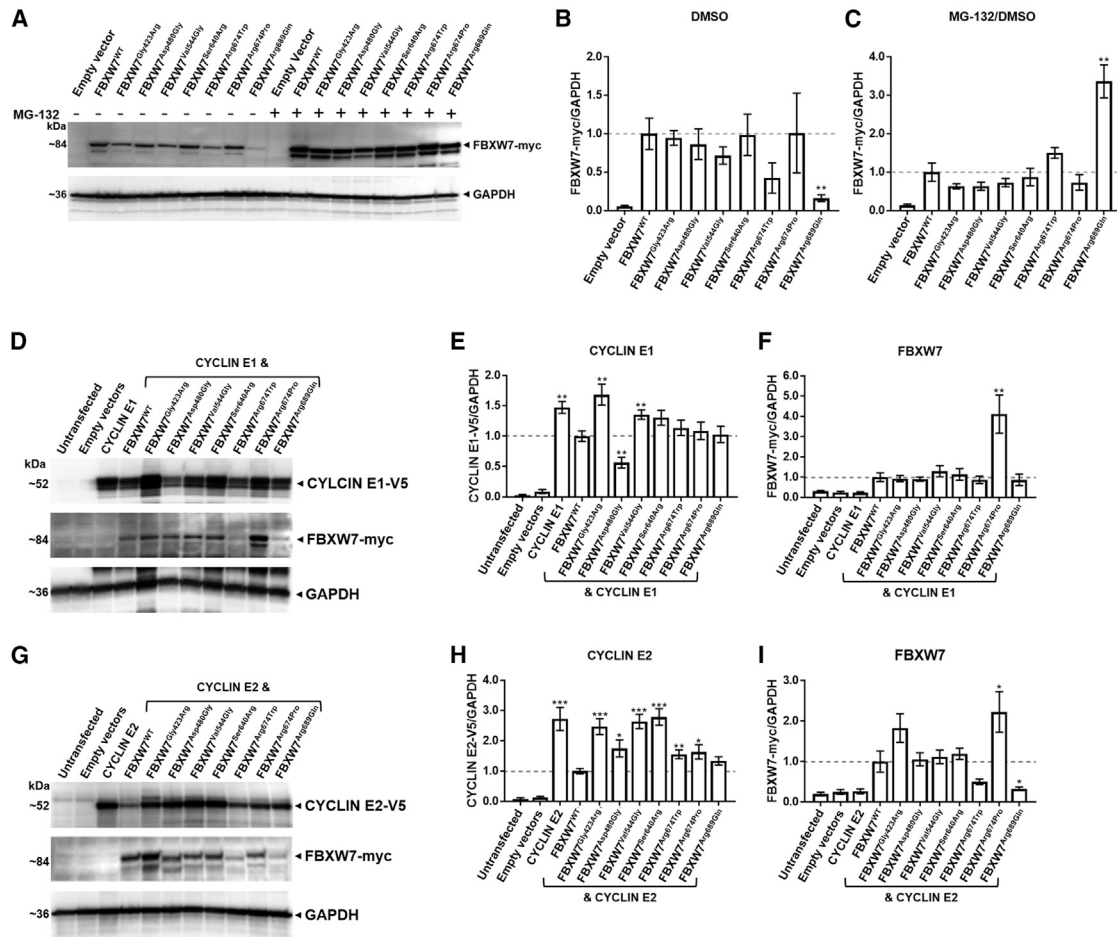
(D) *FBXW7* variants associated with neurodevelopmental disorder are predominantly located at the substrate-binding surface of the WD40 repeat domain. The location of residues (in sticks with carbon atoms in purple, nitrogen atoms in blue, and oxygen atoms in red) impacted by mutations is shown on the tertiary structure of *FBXW7* (cartoon) in configuration with CYCLIN E1 (surface in gray). The docking location of the conserved *FBXW7* substrate-binding TPPXQ motif (cartoon in green) of CYCLIN E1 is demonstrated in close proximity to many of the impacted residues. Figure S1 provides an overlay of the variant residue with the wild-type residue for each individual variant, allowing identification of the change predicted in interaction for each missense variant.

protein amount, 0.42-fold and 0.16-fold, respectively, but only *FBXW7*<sup>Arg689Gln</sup> reached statistical significance ( $p = 0.007$ ) (Figure 3B). After treatment with UPS inhibitor MG-132, only *FBXW7*<sup>Arg689Gln</sup> was found to have a steady-state protein amount that was increased relative to those of *FBXW7*<sup>wild type</sup> (3.4-fold,  $p = 0.003$ ; Figure 3C). This suggests that most missense variants tested (six of seven) are unlikely to cause protein instability or consequent degradation by the UPS *in vivo*.

Next, we assessed the functional impact of these missense variants by co-expressing them with C-terminal V5-tagged substrates CYCLIN E1 and CYCLIN E2 in HEK293T cells. As expected, steady-state protein amounts of CYCLIN E1 and CYCLIN E2 were reduced when co-expressed with *FBXW7*<sup>wild type</sup> ( $p = 0.002$  and  $p = 0.0003$ , respectively). This confirmed that exogenously expressed wild-type *FBXW7* retains its ability to ubiquitinate and degrade CYCLIN E1 and CYCLIN E2 *in vitro* and provides a suitable way to assess variant effects. Collectively, variants within the WD40 domain appear to have a greater impact on the ability of *FBXW7* to degrade CYCLIN E1 and CYCLIN E2 than the variants outside the WD40 domain (Figures 3D and 3E and Figures 3G and 3H, respectively). *FBXW7*<sup>Gly423Arg</sup>, *FBXW7*<sup>Val544Gly</sup>, and *FBXW7*<sup>Ser640Arg</sup> were less efficient at degrading substrate;

CYCLIN E1 steady-state protein amounts were elevated by 1.7-fold ( $p = 0.002$ ), 1.4-fold ( $p = 0.007$ ), and 1.3-fold ( $p = 0.06$ ), respectively, in comparison to amounts seen with *FBXW7*<sup>wildtype</sup> (Figure 3E). Similarly, CYCLIN E2 steady-state protein amounts were elevated by 2.5-fold ( $p = 5 \times 10^{-5}$ ), 2.6-fold ( $p = 4.6 \times 10^{-6}$ ), and 2.8-fold ( $p = 7.5 \times 10^{-6}$ ), respectively. By contrast, *FBXW7*<sup>Asp480Gly</sup> did not have a consistent effect on steady-state protein amounts of the two substrates. Although it was more efficient at degrading CYCLIN E1 than *FBXW7*<sup>wildtype</sup> (0.6-fold,  $p = 0.002$ ) it was less efficient at degrading CYCLIN E2 (1.8-fold,  $p = 0.02$ ).

The variants outside the WD domain have a more subtle impact on CYCLIN E1 and CYCLIN E2 steady-state protein amounts. Although CYCLIN E1 steady-state protein amounts were slightly increased when co-expressed with *FBXW7*<sup>Arg674Trp</sup> and *FBXW7*<sup>Arg674Pro</sup>, this did not achieve statistical significance. However, the steady-state protein amounts of CYCLIN E2 was found to be elevated 1.6-fold ( $p = 0.005$ ) and 1.6-fold ( $p = 0.02$ ), respectively compared to *FBXW7*<sup>wildtype</sup>. Notably, *FBXW7*<sup>Arg689Gln</sup>, which was found to be turned over by the UPS, had CYCLIN E1 and CYCLIN E2 steady-state protein amounts comparable to *FBXW7*<sup>wildtype</sup>, suggesting that the variant protein is able to efficiently degrade CYCLIN E1 and CYCLIN E2.



**Figure 3. Disease-associated variants impair the ability of FBXW7 to degrade substrates CYCLIN E1 and CYCLIN E2**

(A) The majority of disease-associated FBXW7 variants do not impact steady-state protein amounts. Representative immunoblots of wild-type or mutant FBXW7 with and without inhibition of the ubiquitin proteasome system are shown. HEK293T cells exogenously expressing wild-type FBXW7 or mutant FBXW7 with a C-terminal Myc tag for 32 h were treated with 5  $\mu$ M MG-132 for 16 h (four independent replicates).

(B) Quantification of FBXW7:GAPDH from DMSO-treated samples of mutant FBXW7 protein in (A) relative to FBXW7<sup>wild type</sup>; statistical support for altered steady-state amounts of the mutant FBXW7 protein was only evident for FBXW7<sup>Arg689Gln</sup> ( $p = 0.007$ ).

(C) Quantification of FBXW7:GAPDH in MG-132-treated cells and versus their DMSO-treated counterpart in (A), demonstrating the change in steady-state mutant FBXW7 protein relative to FBXW7<sup>wild type</sup> protein after UPS inhibition; statistical support for altered steady-state protein amount was only evident for FBXW7<sup>Arg689Gln</sup> ( $p = 0.003$ ).

(D) Certain FBXW7 mutant proteins demonstrate impaired CYCLIN E1 substrate degradation. Representative immunoblots of wild-type or mutant FBXW7 co-expressed with the substrate CYCLIN E1 are shown. Whole-cell lysates extracted from HEK293T cells that exogenously expressed wild-type FBXW7 or mutant FBXW7 with a C-terminal Myc tag and CYCLIN E1 with a C-terminal V5 tag for 48 h are shown (nine independent replicates).

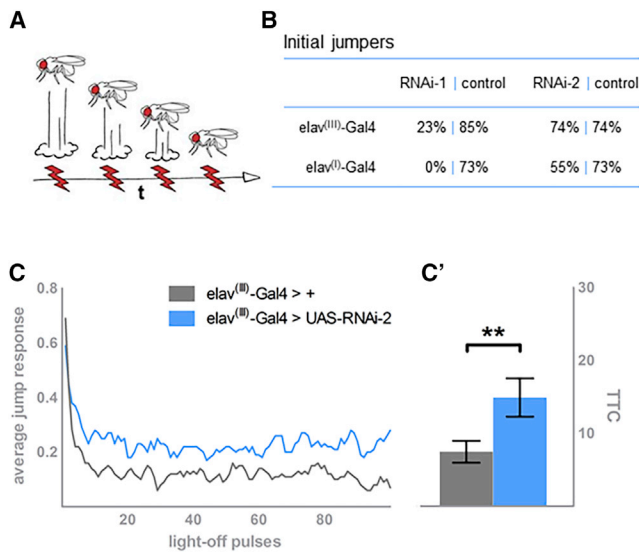
(E) Quantification of CYCLIN E1:GAPDH in (D) for samples expressing mutant FBXW7 versus FBXW7<sup>wild type</sup> protein; statistical support for altered steady-state protein amount of CYCLIN E1 was evident for FBXW7<sup>Gly423Arg</sup> ( $p = 0.002$ ), FBXW7<sup>Asp480Gly</sup> ( $p = 0.002$ ), and FBXW7<sup>Val544Gly</sup> ( $p = 0.007$ ).

(F) Quantification of FBXW7:GAPDH in (D) for FBXW7 mutant proteins versus FBXW7<sup>wild type</sup> protein when cells were co-transfected with CYCLIN E1. Statistical support for altered steady-state protein amount was evident only for FBXW7<sup>Arg674Pro</sup> ( $p = 0.005$ ).

(G) The majority of FBXW7 mutant proteins demonstrate impaired CYCLIN E2 substrate degradation. Representative immunoblots of wild-type or mutant FBXW7 co-expressed with the substrate CYCLIN E2 are shown. Whole-cell lysates extracted from HEK293T cells that exogenously expressed wild-type FBXW7 or mutant FBXW7 with a C-terminal Myc tag and CYCLIN E2 with a C-terminal V5 tag for 48 h are shown (ten independent replicates).

(H) Quantification of CYCLIN E2:GAPDH in (G) for samples expressing FBXW7 mutant protein versus FBXW7<sup>wild type</sup> protein; statistical support for altered steady-state protein amount of CYCLIN E2 was evident for FBXW7<sup>Gly423Arg</sup> ( $p = 0.00005$ ), FBXW7<sup>Asp480Gly</sup> ( $p = 0.02$ ), FBXW7<sup>Val544Gly</sup> ( $p = 0.000005$ ), FBXW7<sup>Ser640Arg</sup> ( $p = 0.000007$ ), FBXW7<sup>Arg674Trp</sup> ( $p = 0.005$ ), and FBXW7<sup>Arg674Pro</sup> ( $p = 0.02$ ).

(I) Quantification of FBXW7:GAPDH in (G) for FBXW7 mutant proteins versus FBXW7<sup>wild type</sup> protein when cells were co-transfected with CYCLIN E2; statistical support for altered steady-state protein amount was evident for FBXW7<sup>Arg674Pro</sup> ( $p = 0.04$ ) and FBXW7<sup>Arg674Pro</sup> ( $p = 0.02$ ). All graphs present mean  $\pm$  SEM. Student's t test: \* $p < 0.05$ ; \*\* $p < 0.01$ ; and \*\*\* $p < 0.001$ .



**Figure 4. Knockdown of the *FBXW7* *Drosophila* ortholog *ago*, specifically in neurons, can lead to deficits in habituation learning deficits and more severe neuronal dysfunction**

(A) Simplified scheme of the habituation assay, used for assessing the stimulus-induced escape response of individual flies upon repeated exposure. In controls, as depicted, the initial high jump response gradually wanes. Of note, in reality, the amplitude of jumps does not wane, but the frequency decreases in the tested population.

(B) Knockdown of *ago* with RNAi-1 and either elav<sup>(II)</sup>-Gal4 or elav<sup>(III)</sup>-Gal4 severely impairs jumping. Knockdown of *ago* with RNAi-2 driven by either driver is less detrimental, allowing assessment of habituation learning.

(C) Neuronal knockdown of *ago* by elav<sup>(III)</sup>-Gal4 and RNAi-2 reduces the ability of flies to habituate to the stimulus (in blue); in contrast to their genetic-background controls (in gray), they keep jumping with increased frequency throughout the course of the experiment.

(D) Quantification of habituation according to mean trials to no-jump criterion (mTTC). Precise genotypes tested in (C) and (D): w/Y; 2xGMR-wIR/+; elav-Gal4<sup>(III)</sup>, UAS-Dicer-2/ UAS-RNAi-2 (in blue; n = 71, mTTC = 14.91, p = 0.0015). Genetic background control w/Y; 2xGMR-wIR/+; elav-Gal4<sup>(III)</sup>, UAS-Dicer-2/+ (in gray; n = 71, mTTC = 7.46). Statistical significance was assessed by a linear-model regression analysis on the log-transformed mTTC values; \*p = 0.05, \*\*p = 0.01, and \*\*\*p < 0.001.

FBXW7 mutant protein steady state protein amounts when co-expression with CYCLIN E1 or CYCLIN E2 were also assessed and it was found that FBXW7<sup>Arg674Pro</sup> steady-state protein amounts were increased by 4.1-fold (p = 0.2) and 2.2-fold (p = 0.02) relative to FBXW7<sup>wildtype</sup>, respectively (Figure 3F and 3I). These studies provide evidence in an *in vivo* cell culture model that FBXW7 missense variants identified in this cohort may destabilize the mutant protein and impact the ability of FBXW7 to degrade target substrates.

### Neuronal knockdown of the *FBXW7* *Drosophila* ortholog *archipelago* causes cognitive and severe neurological deficits

To address the consequences of partial loss of *FBXW7* function (as seen for most of the investigated variants) *in vivo*,

we turned to *Drosophila melanogaster* as a model. The *Drosophila* genome encodes a one-to-one *FBXW7* ortholog termed *archipelago* (*ago*). The two proteins share 61% amino acid similarity, and the F-box domain and the seven WD40 repeats are highly conserved (Figure S3).<sup>60</sup> The E3 ubiquitin ligase function of *FBXW7*, its role in cell-cycle progression and growth, and its substrate cyclin e (ortholog of CYCLIN E1/2) have been confirmed in flies.<sup>60,61</sup> Partial loss of *ago* function was attempted with the UAS-Gal4 system,<sup>62</sup> and two previously validated lines carrying *ago*-specific UAS-RNA interference constructs (RNAi-1 and RNAi-2).<sup>52,53</sup> We first determined efficiency and relative strength of *ago* RNAi-1 and *ago* RNAi-2 constructs by quantitative RT-PCR upon ubiquitous knockdown by using the Act-GAL4 driver. The driver crossed to the genetic background of both RNAi lines served as a control in all experiments. Both lines led to lower levels of *ago*, albeit to different degrees. The expression level of *ago* relative to control levels was 19% in *ago* RNAi-1 (p = 0.005) and 67% (p = 0.11) in *ago* RNAi-2 (Figure S5). Because the latter was also previously shown to be effective in downregulating *ago*,<sup>52</sup> we crossed both lines and the control to the pan-neuronal promoter line elav-Gal4<sup>(III)</sup> to generate neuron-specific *ago* knockdown and control animals. Progeny of the appropriate genotypes were selected and subjected to characterization of basal motor function and habituation, a simple form of learning frequently defective in *Drosophila* models of intellectual disability,<sup>56,63</sup> in the light-off jump reflex habituation paradigm (Figure 4A). In this assay, individual flies are exposed to 100 light-off pulses (trials) with a 1 s inter-trial interval. Wild-type flies will initially startle in response the light-off stimulus, but they learn to suppress their escape response upon repeated, non-harmful stimuli.

Elav-Gal4<sup>(III)</sup>-mediated neuronal knockdown of *ago* with the strong RNAi-1 line severely affected the flies' ability to jump and participate in the assay (23% of initial jumpers, Figure 4B), revealing moderate neurological defects, which precluded an assessment of habituation learning. Knockdown of *ago* with the mild RNAi-2 line was less detrimental and did not impair the jump response (74% of initial jumpers, Figure 4B), yet caused a deficit in habituation learning (Figure 4C): *ago* knockdown flies (in blue) adapted incompletely and more slowly to the light-off stimuli in comparison to their genetic background controls (gray). Quantification of habituation via the mean trials to no-jump criterion (mTTC, see "subjects and methods") demonstrated this defect to be significant; *ago* knockdown flies need on average twice as many trials as their controls to succeed in suppressing their jump response (n = 71, p = 0.002, Figure 4D). These results are in agreement with the qPCR results. Using an independent, stronger pan-neuronal promoter line (elav c155<sup>(I)</sup>-GAL4)<sup>64</sup> further confirmed this finding. Elav c155<sup>(I)</sup>-GAL4-induced RNAi-1 knockdown completely abolished jumping (0%, Figure 4B), whereas the combination with RNAi-2 affected initial jumping (55%, Figure 4B) but still resulted in

sufficient performance for habituation testing. This combination resulted in a faster decline of the jump response with decreased mTTC in comparison to the control ( $p = 1.6 \times 10^{-3}$ ; Figure S4). Further experiments using a fatigue regime (see “subjects and methods”) revealed that this premature decay in the jump response was due to impaired neuronal function, not to faster adaptation ( $p = 1.4 \times 10^{-5}$ ; Figure S4). Together, our results showed that loss of the *FBXW7* fly ortholog *ago* affected learning or compromised neuronal function more severely the higher its level of knockdown.

## Discussion

### ***FBXW7* variants are associated with a variable neurodevelopmental syndrome**

Here we provide detailed clinical and functional characterization of the neurodevelopmental syndrome associated with germline monoallelic variants in *FBXW7*. In support of our finding, *FBXW7* was recently identified as one of 28 developmental-disorder-associated genes in a large multicenter cohort by bioinformatic analysis for gene-specific enrichment of *de novo* mutations, but without deep phenotyping.<sup>65</sup> The neurodevelopmental phenotype involves mild to severe global developmental delay and intellectual disability. At the mildest end of the spectrum, isolated speech delay ( $n = 1$ ) and learning difficulties or borderline intellect ( $n = 2$ ) were observed; only one individual was reported to have no neurodevelopmental issues (but had hypotonia). In contrast, the majority of the cohort had mild to moderate intellectual disability ( $n = 27$ ), and severe neurodevelopmental disability was observed in three individuals, including one with an additional diagnosis of familial *CACNA1A*-related disorder<sup>57</sup> and another with episodic developmental regression. However, in the latter proband, no other candidate genomic variants were identified as an alternative cause, and the reason for the regressive episodes remains unclear in this individual. After neurodevelopmental disability, the next most frequently observed neurologic feature was hypotonia, common also to the other F-box-related neurodevelopmental syndromes associated with germline pathogenic variants in *FBXL4*, *FBXO11*, *FBXW11*, and *FBXO28*,<sup>9–11,13,16,17</sup> but not in *FBXL3*.<sup>18</sup>

The neurodevelopmental phenotype associated with *FBXW7* has substantial clinical overlap with that of *FBXW11*; areas of overlap include mild to severe neurodevelopmental disability, speech and language delay, micro- or macrocephaly, and brain anomalies, including corpus callosum hypoplasia, dilated ventricles, and white matter atrophy. However, in contrast to individuals with *FBXW11* variants,<sup>9</sup> those in the *FBXW7* cohort did not commonly display autistic and/or stereotypical behaviors, psychiatric features, or ocular abnormalities.

It is notable that the *FBXO11*-related neurodevelopmental phenotype is just as variable; its severity ranges from normal cognition to profound disability.<sup>10,11,66</sup> Individ-

uals with *FBXO11* variants were also found to have variability in head size, a similar observation made of the *FBXW7* cohort, although we found that macrocephaly was more common than microcephaly. Macrocephaly has been observed in an individual with focal segmental glomerulosclerosis, Wilms tumor, invasive ductal breast carcinoma, and a 157 kb partial chromosomal deletion of *FBXW7*, but her neurodevelopmental phenotype was not reported.<sup>67</sup> The DECIPHER database lists five individuals with copy-number losses that are various sizes and involve *FBXW7*. Three of these individuals have neurodevelopmental disability, and one experiences constipation. Another individual was reported with a 120.84 kb deletion including *FBXW7*, as well as two deletions in homozygous form on chromosomes 9 and 14, but the only listed phenotype was T cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia.

*FBXW7* is a critical tumor suppressor and one of the most commonly mutated genes in human cancer (it is identified in 3.5% of all cancers).<sup>68</sup> More recently, truncating variants in *FBXW7* have been suggested to predispose the carrier to Wilms tumor in four individuals, and a missense variant was identified in an individual with a rhabdoid tumor; however, the individual's neurodevelopmental phenotype was not well described.<sup>69</sup> The oldest individual in this cohort is 44 years old, and although no cancer has so far been observed, longer-term follow-up will be necessary if we are to determine whether there is any cancer predisposition risk.

When we compared the frequency of key clinical features between variant types, no genotype-phenotype correlation was apparent, similar to findings for the comparison undertaken in a *FBXO11* cohort.<sup>10</sup> We observed three variants (p.Gly423Arg, p.Arg674Trp, and p.Arg689Trp) recurring in unrelated individuals. The degree of neurodevelopmental disability and hypotonia appeared to be consistent between individuals with the same variant. However, there was some variability in head size, and macrocephaly was inconsistently observed in each genotype. The familial cases demonstrated intra-familial variability. For instance, the family carrying the p.Asn572Leufs\*32 variant (individuals 3–6) were ascertained from a speech-and-language-disorders cohort. The proband (individual 3) had cleft palate and neurodevelopmental disability, but her sisters were less severely affected. Their father (individual 6) only had borderline-low verbal IQ. Neuroimaging was only undertaken in the proband, but it would be interesting to investigate whether her sisters and father also had similar brain anomalies. Furthermore, the p.Asn572Leufs\*32 variant is likely to escape NMD, as is the p.Lys647\* variant identified in individual 7, whose phenotype is relatively mild compared to those of the individuals with missense variants. This observation suggests that a truncated *FBXW7* might lead to a milder phenotype. We did not identify any individuals with variants affecting *FBXW7*'s N-terminal region, including the F-box. It is possible that the phenotypic consequences of variants in this region are either lethal or sub-clinical, although the latter appears to be more

likely given the lack of regional missense constraint relative to the WD40 domain in gnomAD. Addressing this possibility, along with the possibility that milder phenotypes might emerge over time, will require the study of additional affected individuals.

Another explanation for variable expressivity among individuals carrying pathogenic variants in the same gene is the possibility of multiple diagnoses.<sup>70</sup> This is well illustrated in individuals 19 and 31. Individual 19, in addition to carrying the mosaic *FBXW7* variant, is heterozygous for a maternally inherited *CACNA1A* pathogenic variant.<sup>57</sup> This combination is responsible for his more severe phenotype compared to that of his relatives carrying the *CACNA1A* variant alone and that of the other individuals in the *FBXW7* cohort, and is likely to also explain the difference in his cerebellar abnormalities. Individual 31 also has a *de novo* likely pathogenic variant in *KMT2D*, and this is reflected in his facial features, including long palpebral features characteristic of Kabuki syndrome and the deeply set eyes and upper eyelid fullness observed in other individuals in the *FBXW7* cohort. We also considered whether mosaicism for the *FBXW7* variant might account for phenotypic attenuation or variable expressivity. We found that individuals 19 and 25 had clinical and genomic features suggestive of mosaicism, yet their phenotype was typical and no less severe than the rest of the cohort, which probably reflects the variable consequences of mosaicism. The emerging phenotype associated with variants in FBX genes appears to be characterized by neurodevelopmental disability with variable involvement of other systems. We speculate that these FBX proteins might function in convergent molecular and/or developmental pathways and that other FBX-related genes might subsequently be identified as playing a role in neurodevelopmental disorders.

#### ***FBXW7* missense variants identified in this cohort impair substrate turnover**

Individuals harboring germline *FBXW7* variants in this study demonstrate considerable phenotypic heterogeneity. *FBXW7* encodes three isoforms; *FBXW7* $\alpha$ , *FBXW7* $\beta$ , and *FBXW7* $\gamma$ . All three contain the F-box and WD40 domain, but they differ at the N-terminal sequences that dictate their subcellular location; nucleus, cytoplasm, and nucleolus, respectively.<sup>71</sup> Studies in mice indicate that the isoforms also demonstrate different tissue specificity.<sup>72</sup> All variants identified in this study, whole-gene deletions as well as LoF, truncating, and missense variants, are predicted to affect the function of all three *FBXW7* isoforms. In addition, *FBXW7* has been shown to undergo multiple post-translational modifications, including auto-ubiquitination, de-ubiquitination, and dimerization (reviewed in<sup>8</sup>). There are numerous reported *FBXW7* substrates, including CYCLIN E1/E2,<sup>61,73,74</sup> PSEN1,<sup>75</sup> NOTCH1/2/4,<sup>76,77</sup> MYC,<sup>78</sup> JUN,<sup>79,80</sup> REV-ERB $\alpha$ ,<sup>81,82</sup> KLF5,<sup>79</sup> DISC1,<sup>59</sup> MCL-1,<sup>81</sup> CCDC6,<sup>83</sup> and mTOR.<sup>84</sup> *FBXW7* recognizes substrates upon phosphorylation at a conserved Cdc4 phosphodegron, a short linear motif that is inert until

phosphorylated.<sup>8</sup> Substrate binding occurs when the degron phosphorylations interact with two *FBXW7*  $\beta$ -propeller pockets and upstream phosphodegron residues fit into a hydrophobic groove.<sup>85</sup> Our *in silico* protein modeling suggests the amino acids implicated in this neurodevelopmental syndrome mainly cluster at the surface of the substrate-binding interface and are likely to impair substrate binding (Figure 2). We have demonstrated that some *FBXW7* missense variants can affect steady-state *FBXW7* protein amounts, suggesting that in some cases protein instability might lead to degradation of the mutant protein via the UPS. However, the majority of mutant proteins investigated were not turned over by the UPS more than the wild-type protein but demonstrated reduced capacity to turn over known substrates CYCLIN E1 and CYCLIN E2 (Figure 3). Fascinatingly, one mutant, *FBXW7*<sup>Asp480Gly</sup>, demonstrated divergent effects: it was less efficient at degrading CYCLIN E2 but more efficient at degrading CYCLIN E1 in comparison to *FBXW7*<sup>wild type</sup> and thus acted in a substrate-dependent manner. Collectively, our data suggest that the neurodevelopmental-disability-associated variants observed in this cohort are likely to alter binding affinity to substrates, and we hypothesize that other known substrates are likely to also be impacted.

Within a cell of an individual harboring a neurodevelopmental-disease-associated *FBXW7* missense variant, *FBXW7* can exist as a monomer (wild type or mutant) or as dimers (either as wild type only and mutant only or as both wild type and mutant) that can function at the cytosol, nucleus, or nucleolus. The impact on protein stability, binding affinity, and ubiquitin-ligase activity is likely to be variant specific, and although we propose that the phenotype is largely reflective of haploinsufficiency or loss of function (evident in those individuals with whole-gene deletions and NMD-predicted variants), we cannot rule out the possibility that some variants might have alternative mechanisms. Interrogation of gnomAD demonstrates that *FBXW7* is intolerant of loss-of-function variation (pLI = 1.00), further supporting the notion that haploinsufficiency or loss of function is the predominant mechanism of disease. Some of the phenotypic variability of *FBXW7* neurodevelopmental disability might, at least in part, be reflective of the functional consequence of the genotype or other, yet-unidentified modifiers. Identification of additional individuals with a broader spectrum of *FBXW7* variants (including predicted LoF variants) associated with neurodevelopmental disability and further molecular characterization will most likely lead to a deeper understanding of genotype-phenotype correlation.

#### **Animal models support a role for *FBXW7* in development broadly and specifically in the nervous system**

*FBXW7* is a critical tumor suppressor and one of the most commonly deregulated ubiquitin-proteasome-system proteins in human cancer. However, this clinical cohort clearly demonstrates that *FBXW7* also functions in human neurological development. Animal *Fbxw7* models—knockout,

haploinsufficient, and knock-in—also support a fundamental role for *FBXW7* in development broadly, and in the brain specifically. *Fbxw7*-knockout mice die *in utero* at embryonic day 10.5, and they manifest hematopoietic abnormalities as well as abnormalities of vascular development and heart-chamber maturation.<sup>86,87</sup> Heterozygous knock-in *FBXW7* human-cancer mutations p.Arg465Cys and p.Arg482Gln (in mice, affecting residues Arg468 and Arg482) lead to perinatal lethality as a result of abnormal lung development, open eyes at birth (43%), and/or cleft palate (30%).<sup>87</sup> Notably, heterozygous null animals show no lung abnormality, demonstrating that these missense variants are distinct from null alleles.<sup>88</sup> Furthermore, heterozygous conditional gut-specific deletion of *Fbxw7* (*villin-Cre*) result in an impaired differentiation of intestinal goblet cells,<sup>88</sup> providing support for a role for *FBXW7* in the development and function of the gut, which is significant because nearly half of individuals in our cohort manifested constipation (16/35, 45.7%).

*Fbxw7*<sup>nestin-Cre</sup>-knockout mice that lack expression exclusively in the central and peripheral nervous system (including in precursors of neuronal and glial cells) die in the perinatal period as a result of defective suckling and present with several morphological brain abnormalities, including third-ventricle dilation and distortion, hypoplastic pons, an abnormal cerebellum, and markedly reduced cellularity of the cortex. Notch, a key regulator of glial and neuronal cell fate in the brain, accumulates in cells and skews radial glia differentiation toward the astrocytic lineage by increasing apoptosis of neuronal precursors.<sup>33,36</sup> *Fbxw7* haploinsufficiency in the mouse nervous system has also been investigated with a nestin-Cre system and has been shown to be associated with impaired differentiation of neural stem cells; such an impairment has also been shown to occur via a Notch-dependent mechanism. During development, it is proposed that *Fbxw7* haploinsufficiency leads to alterations of Notch-mediated lateral inhibition, an interaction between adjacent cells that drives them toward different final states.<sup>88</sup> Collectively, these studies provide evidence that *Fbxw7* is a key regulator of neural-stem-cell differentiation and maintenance in the brain, and we speculate that dysregulation of Notch lateral inhibition during brain development might underpin the broad spectrum of brain abnormalities identified in *FBXW7* neurodevelopmental syndrome.

Several studies have also investigated the role of *FBXW7* orthologs in myelination. *Fbxw7*<sup>Cre-dhh</sup>-knockout mice that lack expression in Schwann cells of the peripheral nervous system demonstrated enhanced myelination—these mice made thicker myelin sheaths and in some cases, unexpectedly, myelinated multiple axons in a manner similar to the way in which oligodendrocytes of the central nervous system myelinate axons. In addition, *Fbxw7*<sup>Cre-dhh</sup> knockout led to an early increase in Schwann cells, smaller Remak bundles, and hypermyelination. These effects could be ameliorated by knockout of the substrate mTOR, but had no effect on the myelination of multiple axons.<sup>32</sup> In the zebrafish cen-

tral nervous system, *fbxw7*<sup>vu56</sup> homozygous-mutant larvae and morpholino knockdown of *fbxw7* demonstrate excessive oligodendrocyte cells and hypermyelination as a result of elevated Notch and mTOR signaling.<sup>31,34</sup>

In this study, in light of the fact that neurodevelopmental disability was the major hallmark of this cohort, we specifically aimed to support the notion of the role of *FBXW7* in an intellectual-disability- and cognition-relevant assay. Specifically, we asked whether *FBXW7*, in addition to its functions in neural stem cells and glia, could also be required more directly, in postmitotic neurons, for basal neuronal and cognitive function. To address this, and also because, as in mice, *ago* null animals are embryonic lethal,<sup>60,89</sup> we targeted the gene in a tissue-specific manner. We used two pan-neuronal promotor lines and two independent RNAi lines to generate an allelic series. Our results revealed that the *FBXW7* ortholog *ago* is indispensable in postmitotic neurons; animals with the stronger promotor and UAS-RNAi line were severely impaired, whereas less-stringent conditions kept locomotor function intact and revealed deficits in habituation learning. The gene therefore joins a steeply increasing number of intellectual-disability- and autism-spectrum-disorder-associated genes<sup>56,63,90</sup> that are implicated in this fundamental form of learning that is crucial for information processing, sensory filtering, and cognition. These also include mTOR-pathway genes such as *PTEN* & *TSC1*,<sup>56</sup> to which *FBXW7* has already been connected.<sup>31</sup> Further studies should aim to dissect *FBXW7* targets that are mediating the defects in cognitive functioning and study their reversibility; the established *Drosophila* model is suitable for this purpose. Collectively, the multiple lines of evidence presented herein converge to support the identification of *FBXW7* variants as causal for a human neurodevelopmental disorder.

#### Data and code availability

The datasets supporting the current study have not been deposited in a public repository because of restrictions related to patient consent, but they are available from the corresponding author on request.

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## Supplemental information

### Germline variants in tumor suppressor *FBXW7*

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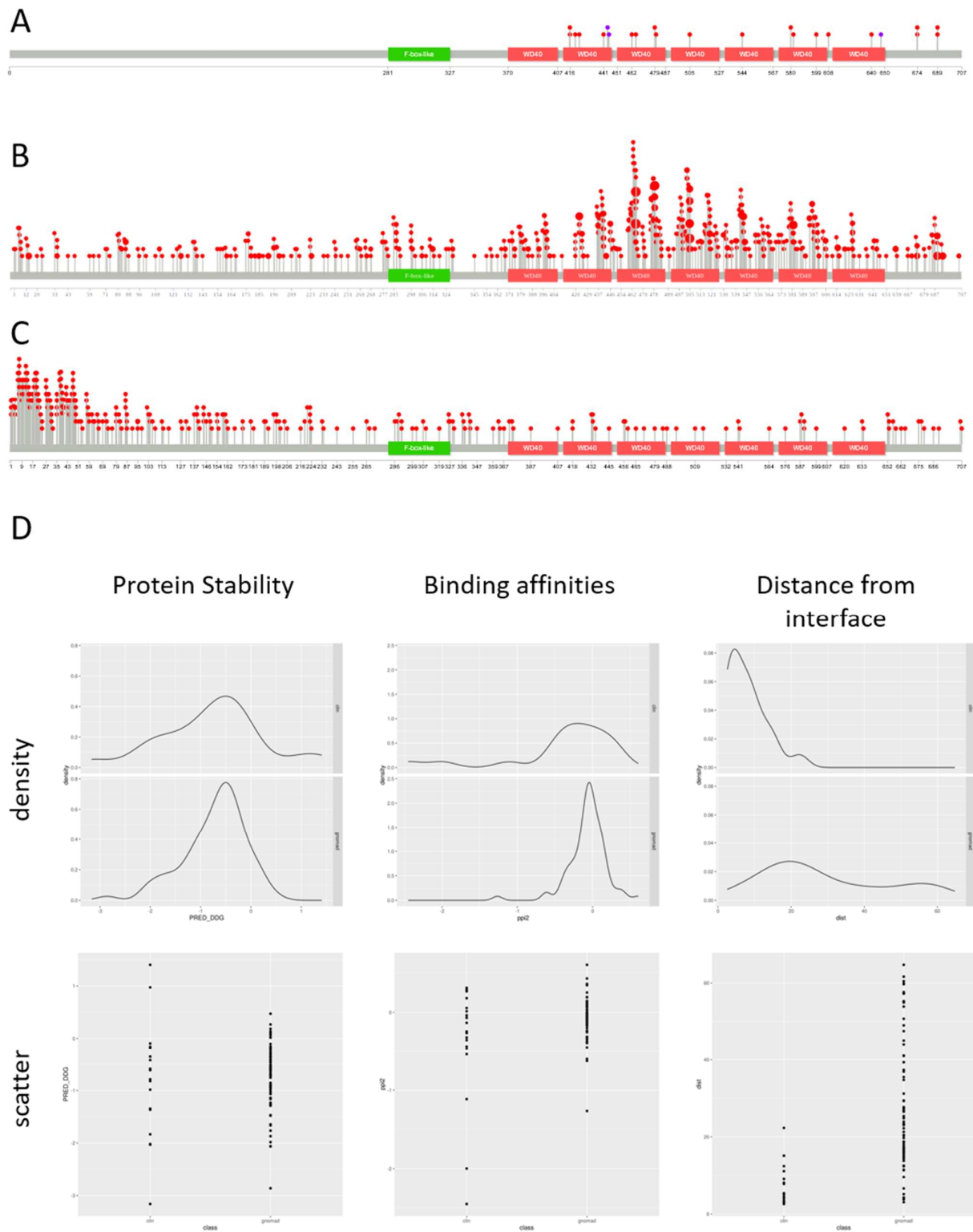
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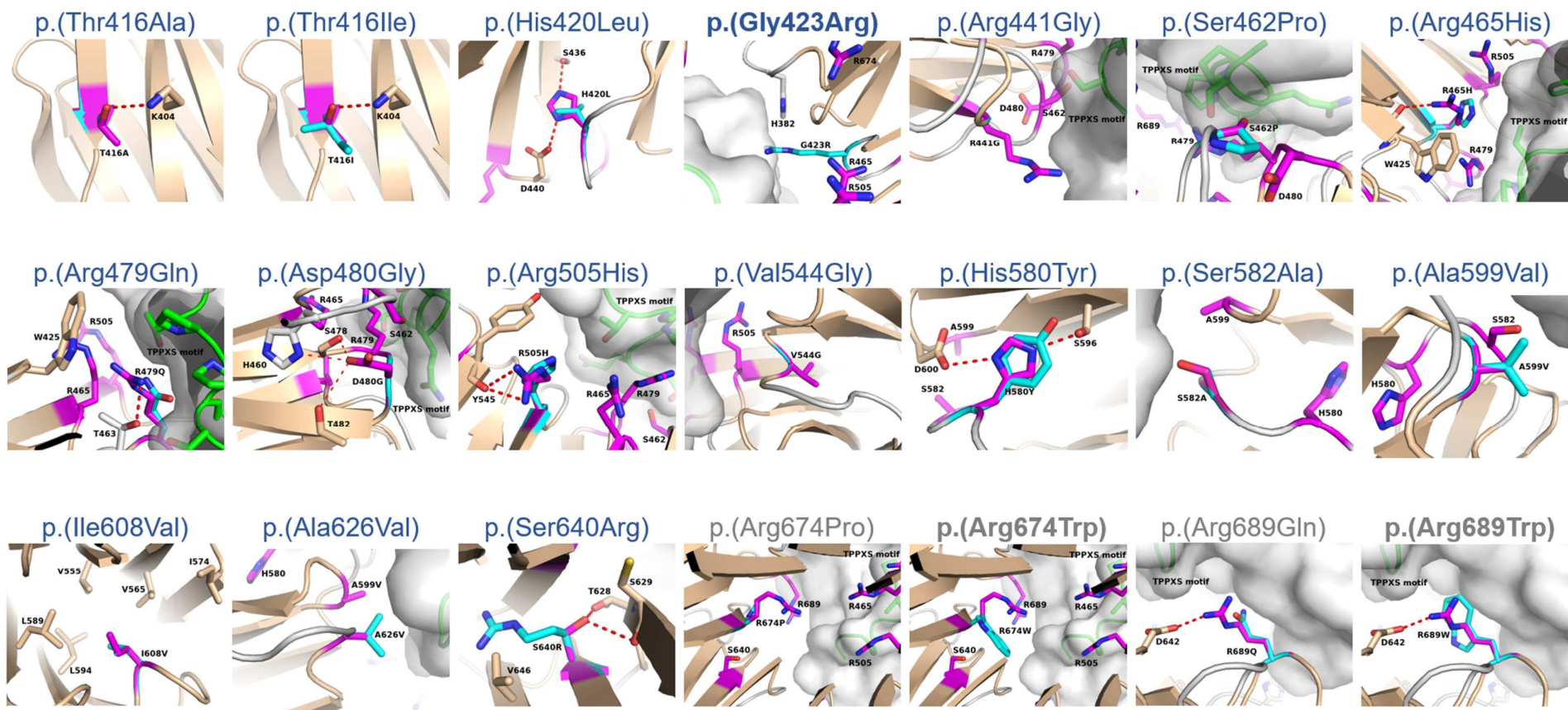
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**Figure S1: Distribution of neurodevelopment variants within FBXW7 relative to known COSMIC and gnomAD variants.** (A) Location of patient-ascertained missense variants (red) and stop-gained and frameshift variants (purple). (B) Distribution of 1481 (440 unique) Catalogue Of Somatic Mutations In Cancer (COSMIC) somatic mutations (red) in FBXW7, where bubble size corresponds to the number of observations.

(C) Distribution of 280 missense variants (277 unique) in FBXW7 gnomAD v2.1 (140k exomes and genomes) variants with bubble size corresponding to the number of observations. (D) Comparison of structural predictors of neurodevelopmental disease variants to gnomAD variants. The gnomAD dataset was filtered to only those within the FBXW7 experimental structure, which includes residues 263 - 706, giving 78 variants only. Of these, the majority are very rare in the population (Allele Count: No. observations – 1:55, 2:14, 3:5, 6:2, 7:1, 12:1). Protein stability, determined using mutation Cutoff Scanning Matrix (mCSM), predicted the majority of gnomAD variants to also have a destabilizing effect, and to be similarly distributed to the patient cohort variants. Binding affinity, determined using mCSM-Protein–protein interactions (PPI) 1&2 ( $\Delta\Delta G$ ), suggests that gnomAD variants have a much smaller effect on binding affinity compared to the patient variants. Additionally, the gnomAD variants are dispersed throughout the structure and are, on average, further from the predicted interface with CYCLIN E1. See Table S3 for individual variant data.



**Figure S2: Change in interaction with CYCLIN E1 predicted by each variant**

Zoom-in of the interaction of wild-type/variant residues of FBXW7 and its surrounding residues. The variant residues are overlaid on wild-type residues to identify the changes in interaction when variant occurs. FBXW7 is shown in brown ribbon, while CYCLIN E1 is shown in a light gray surface. All wild-type, and variant residues are shown in magenta and cyan sticks, respectively, while surrounding residues of FBXW7 and TPPXS motif of CYCLIN E1 are shown in brown and green sticks. The Oxygen and Nitrogen atoms are in red, and blue, respectively. Hydrogen bond interactions are shown in the red dash lines. Variants that reoccur are indicated by the bold title.



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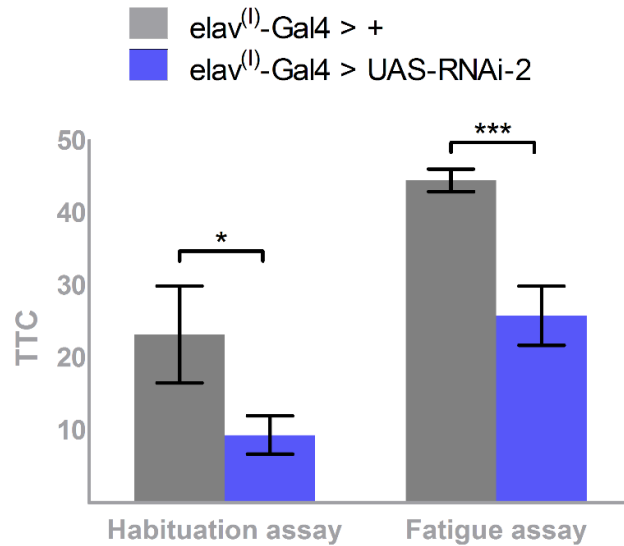
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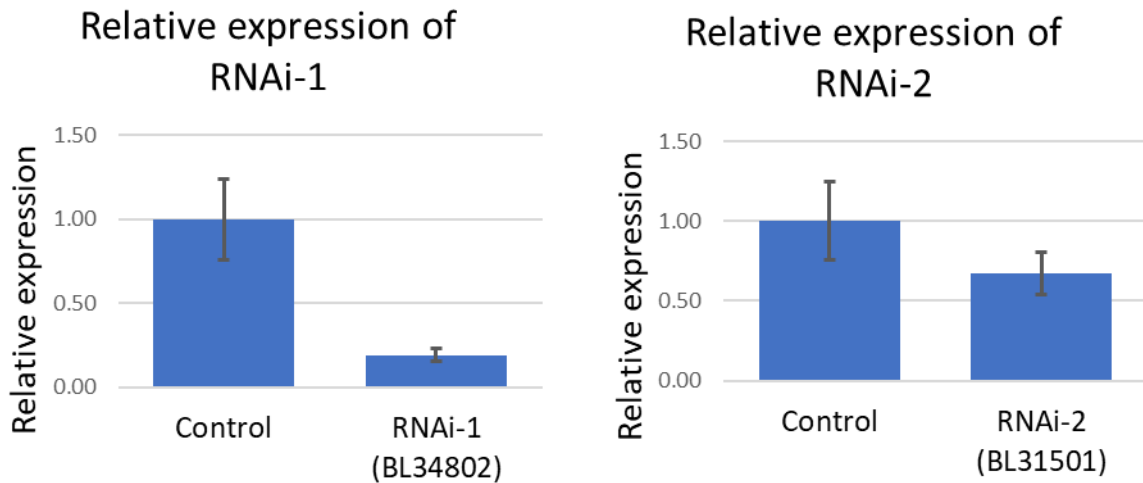
**Figure S3: Amino acid alignment of human FBXW7 and Drosophila Ago sequences**

Uniprot ([www.uniprot.org](http://www.uniprot.org)) sequence alignment of Homo sapiens (ENSP00000474725/1-707) and Drosophila melanogaster (FBpp0073101/1-1326) FBXW7 (ago) proteins. Highlighted in yellow the F-Box, in gray the seven D40 repeats of the WD40 domain.



**Figure S4: Knockdown of ago in Drosophila neurons induced by the elav<sup>(l)</sup>-Gal4 driver causes faster decline of jump response due to fatigue**

The knockdown of ago leads to a lower mTTC compared to the controls. Increasing the inter-trial interval in the fatigue assay, preventing habituation from being formed, demonstrates that this lower TTC is not due to improved habituation but due to motor fatigue. Precise genotypes tested in the fatigue assay: elav<sup>(l)</sup> C155-Gal4, GMR-w1R /Y; +/+; +/+ of genetic background control in gray and elav<sup>(l)</sup> C155-Gal4, GMR-w1R /Y; +/+; UAS-RNAi-2/+ of RNAi-2 knockdown in blue.  $N_{\text{control}} = 42$ ,  $N_{\text{RNAi-2}} = 48$ ,  $mTTC_{\text{control}} = 44.53$ ,  $mTTC_{\text{RNAi-2}} = 25.85$ ,  $p = 1.35E-5$ . Statistical significance was assessed by a linear model regression analysis on the log transformed mTTC values, \*  $P < 0.05$ , \*\*  $P < 0.01$ , \*\*\*  $P < 0.001$ .



**Figure S5: Relative expression of ago in Drosophila knockdown lines**

Quantitative RT-PCR was performed on wandering L3 larva from RNAi-1 and RNAi-2 lines crossed to the ubiquitous Act-Gal4/TM3 Sb Tb driver to determine the level of *ago* expression using exon spanning primers to *ago* and  $\beta'$ COP. Error bars represent standard deviation.

Table S1: Analysis of FBXW7 neurodevelopmental syndrome variants

Individual	Inheritance	gDNA (Chr4; GRCh37)	Exon	cDNA	Protein	Occurs within WD40 domain	gnomAD - germline variants		COSMIC - somatic variants		CADD		FATHMM		GERP++ RS		MPC		MTR		MutationAssessor			PROVEAN			Polyphen2			SIFT			VEST4			
							Same variant	Alternative change at same amino acid residue	Same variant	Alternative change at same amino acid residue	score	rank score	score	rank score	predicted consequence	score	rank score	score	rank score	score	rank score	score	rank score	score	rank score	score	rank score	score	rank score	score	rank score	score	rank score	score	rank score	
1	de novo	g.153249446_153249447del	11	c.1331_1332del	p.(Lys444Serfs*27)	NMD predicted	Absent	3 LoF variants upstream	Absent	p.(Lys444Glyfs*55), p.(Lys444Argfs*32), p.(Lys444Ilefs*2), more than 10 NMD predicted variants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
2	de novo	g.153249446dup	11	c.1332dup	p.(Val445Serfs*27)	NMD predicted	Absent	3 LoF variants upstream	Absent	p.(Val445Cysfs*53), p.(Val445Aspfs*27), more than 10 NMD predicted variants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
3	familial	g.153245477_153245478del	13	c.1713_1714del	p.(Asn572Leufs*32)	Truncation predicted	Absent	3 LoF variants upstream	Absent	More than 10 NMD predicted variants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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7	de novo	g.153244218T>A	14	c.1939A>T	p.(Lys647*)	Truncation predicted	Absent	3 LoF variants upstream	Absent	p.(Lys647Asnfs*5) in stomach carcinoma, more than 10 NMD predicted variants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
8	de novo	g.153250822A>T	intron 10	c.1236+2T>A	p.?	N/A	Absent	Alternative change at same nucleotide: Absent	Present (stomach carcinoma)	Alternative change at same nucleotide: c.1236+2T>C (large intestine adenocarcinoma)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
9	de novo	arr[GRCh37]4q31.3(152720434_153661857)x1 dn	N/A	N/A	Entire gene deleted	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
10	de novo	arr[GRCh37]4q31.3q32.1(152854578_156285170)x1 dn,4q32.1q34.1(161464002_175617314)x3 dn,4q34.1q34.3(175858796_179802170)x3 dn	N/A	N/A	Entire gene deleted	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
11	de novo	g.153249531G>A	11	c.1247C>T	p.(Thr416Ile)	Yes	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	4.22	0.86	0.13	0.61	T	5.90	0.95	2.78	0.99	0.56	0.97	1.37	0.34	L	-5.66	0.87	D	1.00	0.92	D	0.05	0.56	D	0.78	0.80	
12	familial	g.153249532T>C	11	c.1246A>G	p.(Thr416Ala)	Yes	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	4.08	0.81	0.04	0.62	T	5.90	0.95	2.40	0.97	0.56	0.97	1.71	0.44	L	-4.80	0.81	D	0.98	0.81	D	0.02	0.59	D	0.80	0.81	
13	de novo	g.153249519T>A	11	c.1259A>A	p.(His420Leu)	Yes	Absent	Absent	Absent	Multiple	4.13	0.83	-1.50	0.81	D	5.90	0.95	3.08	0.99	0.87	0.59	4.72	1.00	H	-10.92	0.99	D	1.00	0.97	D	0.00	0.91	D	0.94	0.95	
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16	de novo	g.153249457G>C	11	c.1321C>G	p.(Arg441Gly)	Yes	Absent	Absent	Present (lung carcinoma, rhabdomyosarcoma)	Multiple	3.72	0.70	2.02	0.21	T	4.08	0.47	3.14	0.99	0.55	0.97	0.42	0.13	N	-6.83	0.93	D	0.99	0.80	D	0.03	0.91	D	0.84	0.86	
17	de novo	g.153249394A>G	11	c.1384T>C	p.(Ser462Pro)	Yes	Absent	Absent	Absent	p.(Ser462Tyr), p.(Ser462Phe)	4.33	0.89	0.86	0.74	T	6.05	0.98	2.78	0.99	0.54	0.97	2.65	0.77	M	-4.96	0.82	D	0.93	0.92	D	0.00	0.78	D	0.87	0.89	
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20	de novo	g.153247363T>C	12	c.1439A>G	p.(Asp480Gly)	Yes	Absent	Absent	Present (colon adenocarcinoma)	Multiple	4.46	0.91	-2.49	0.89	D	5.72	0.89	3.19	0.99	0.86	0.60	3.93	0.96	H	-6.95	0.93	D	1.00	0.97	D	0.00	0.91	D	0.99	0.99	
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22	de novo	g.153247171A>C	12	c.1631T>G	p.(Val544Gly)	Yes	Absent	Absent	Present (large intestine adenocarcinoma)	p.(Val544Asp) (mouth squamous cell carcinoma)	4.29	0.88	-0.79	0.74	T	5.72	0.89	3.18	0.99	0.55	0.97	4.32	0.98	H	-6.95	0.93	D	1.00	0.92	D	0.00	0.91	D	0.64	0.66	
23	de novo	g.153245453G>A	13	c.1738C>T	p.(His580Tyr)	Yes	Absent	Absent	Present (large intestine adenocarcinoma)	Multiple	4.09	0.82	-1.49	0.81	T	5.70	0.89	2.95	0.99	0.75	0.84	4.04	0.97	H	-5.96	0.89	D	1.00	0.97	D	0.01	0.56	D	0.89	0.89	
24	de novo	g.153245447A>C	13	c.1744T>G	p.(Ser582Ala)	Yes	Absent	Absent	Absent	Multiple	4.02	0.79	1.00	0.41	T	5.70	0.89	0.97	0.97	0.76	0.83	1.46	0.37	L	-2.70	0.61	D	0.98	0.75	D	0.10	0.59	T	0.66	0.67	
25	de novo (mosaic 23%)	g.153245395G>A	13	c.1796C>T	p.(Ala599Val)	Yes	Absent	p.(Ala599Gly) (allele balance 35-40%)	Absent	Absent	4.29	0.88	0.94	0.44	T	5.45	0.80	2.69	0.99	0.86	0.62	0.86	0.21	L	-3.96	0.74	D	1.00	0.84	D	0.02	0.78	D	0.63	0.64	
26	de novo	g.153244280G>A	14	c.1877C>T	p.(Ala626Val)	Yes	Absent	Absent	Present (large intestine adenocarcinoma)	p.(Ala626Thr), p.(Ala626Pro), p.(Ala626Asp)	4.13	0.83	0.96	0.43	T	5.67	0.88	2.73	0.99	0.63	0.94	1.71	0.44	L	-3.91	0.74	D	1.00	0.91	D	0.00	0.78	D	0.74	0.76	
27	de novo	g.153244237G>T	14	c.1920C>A	p.(Ser640Arg)	Yes	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	3.40	0.62	0.97	0.43	T	3.03	0.34	2.87	0.99	0.81	0.72	2.58	0.75	M	-4.91	0.82	D	1.00	0.92	D	0.06	0.60	T	0.87	0.92	
28	de novo	g.153245369T>C	13	c.1822A>G	p.(Ile608Val)	No	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	2.43	0.40	0.90	0.45	T	5.45	0.80	1.39	0.85	0.37	0.99	0.18	0.09	N	-0.86	0.23	N	0.05	0.30	B	0.22	0.19	T	0.36	0.41	
29	de novo	g.153244136C>G	14	c.2021G>C	p.(Arg674Pro)	No	Absent	Absent	Absent	p.(Arg674Trp), p.(Arg674Gln)	4.13	0.83	2.21	0.18	T	4.82	0.62	3.35	1.00	0.52	0.98	2.67	0.78	M	-6.83	0.93	D	1.00	0.89	D	0.00	0.78	D	0.81	0.85	
30	de novo	g.153244137G>A	14	c.2020C>T	p.(Arg674Trp)	No	Absent	Absent	Present (glioma, cervix squamous cell carcinoma, atypical meningioma, prostate adenocarcinoma)	p.(Arg674Gln) (colon adenocarcinoma, stomach adenocarcinoma)	3.77	0.71	2.20	0.19	T	1.62	0.23	2.77	0.99	0.52	0.98	2.67	0.78	M	-7.80	0.96	D	1.00	0.92	D	0.00	0.91	D	0.80	0.88	
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32	de novo	g.153244091C>T	14	c.2066G>A	p.(Arg689Gln)	No	Absent	Absent	Present (more than 5 tissue types)	p.(Arg689Glu), p.(Arg689Trp)	4.14	0.83	2.25	0.18	T	4.82	0.62	2.62	0.98	0.40	0.99	2.70	0.79	M	-3.92	0.73	D	1.00	0.89	D	0.03	0.68	D	0.82	0.87	
33	de novo	g.153244092G>A	14	c.2065C>T	p.(Arg689Trp)	No	Absent	Absent	Present (more than 5 tissue types)	p.(Arg689Glu), p.(Arg689Gln)	4.22	0.86	2.20	0.19	T	5.67	0.88	2.77	0.99	0.40	0.99	2.70	0.79	M	-7.88	0.96	D	1.00	0.97	D	0.03	0.91	D	0.86	0.91	
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Tolerated (T); Deleterious (D); Low (L); Medium (M); High (H); Combined Annotation Dependent Depletion (CADD); Functional Analysis through Hidden Markov Models (FATHMM); Genomic Evolutionary Rate Profiling (GERP) ++ rejected substitutions\* (RS) score; missense badness, PolyPhen-2, and constraint (MPC); Missense Tolerance Ratio (MTR); Protein Variation Effect Analyzer (PROVEAN); Polymorphism Phenotyping v2 (PolyPhen-2); Sorting Intolerant From Tolerant (SIFT); Variant Effect Scoring Tool (VEST).



**Table S3: HPO terms associated with FBXW7 Neurodevelopmental syndrome**

Prenatal history	Thickened nuchal skin fold HP:0000474 Jaundice HP:0000952 Breech presentation HP:0001623 Neonatal hypoglycemia HP:0001998 Hyperechogenic kidneys HP:0004719 Neonatal respiratory distress HP:0002643	Global developmental delay HP:0001263 Intellectual disability, borderline HP:0006889 Anxiety HP:0000739 Poor suck HP:0002033 Motor delay HP:0001270 Specific learning disability HP:0001328 Delayed speech and language development HP:0000750 Speech articulation difficulties HP:0009088 Sleep disturbance HP:0002360 Impulsivity HP:01007710 Short attention span HP:0000736 Autistic behavior HP:0000729 Speech apraxia HP:0011098 Developmental regression HP:0002376 Hair-pulling HP:0012167 Depression HP:0000716	Cardiac problems	Bicuspid aortic valve HP:0001647 Patent ductus arteriosus HP:0001643 Atrial septal defect HP:0001631 Ventricular septal defect HP:0001629 Interrupted aortic arch HP:0011611 Subvalvular aortic stenosis HP:0001682 Abnormal left ventricular function HP:0005162 Secundum atrial septal defect HP:0001684 Persistent left superior vena cava HP:0005301 Patent foramen ovale HP:0001655 Mesocardia HP:0011599	Hematologic problems	Neutropenia HP:0001875 Thrombocytopenia HP:0001873 Normocytic anemia HP:0001897 Iron deficiency anemia HP:0001891 Anemia HP:0001903	Growth	Short stature HP:0004322 Tall stature HP:0000098 Obesity HP:0001513 Macrocephaly HP:0000256 Microcephaly HP:0000252	Hands/feet	Tapered finger HP:0001182 Single transverse palmar crease HP:0000954 Short foot HP:0001773 Pes planus HP:0001763 Overlapping toe HP:0001845 Clinodactyly HP:0030084 Metatarsus adductus HP:0001840 2-3 toe syndactyly HP:0004691 Prominent fingertip pads HP:0001212 Finger swelling HP:0025131 Short 5th finger HP:0009237 Interphalangeal joint contracture of finger HP:0001220 Prominent calcaneus HP:0012428 Abnormality of the 2nd toe HP:0010319
Neurological problems	Hypotonia HP:0001252 Seizure HP:0001250 Progressive spasticity HP:0002191 Unsteady gait HP:0002317 Broad-based gait HP:0002136 Paroxysmal tonic upgaze HP:0033980 Early onset absence seizures HP:0011152 Achilles tendon contracture HP:0001771 Abnormality of coordination HP:0011443 Migraine HP:0002076 Photophobia HP:0000613 Ataxia HP:0001251 Dyskinesia HP:0100660 Stereotypy HP:0000733 Drooling HP:0002307 Atonic seizure HP:0010819	Ophthalmologic problems	Respiratory problems	Obstructive sleep apnea HP:0002870 Snoring HP:0025267 Asthma HP:0002099 Recurrent pneumonia HP:0006532 Recurrent sinusitis HP:0011108 Abnormality of the maxillary sinus HP:0430023 Recurrent upper respiratory tract infections HP:0002788 Bronchitis HP:0012387	Musculoskeletal problems	Sprengel anomaly HP:0000912 Webbed neck HP:0000465 Joint laxity HP:0001388 Short finger HP:0009381 Broad thumb HP:0011304 Increased muscle fatigability HP:0003750 Pectus excavatum HP:0000767 Pectus carinatum HP:0000768 Hemihypertrophy HP:0001528 Scoliosis HP:0002650 Hip dislocation HP:0002827 Hypertonia HP:0001276 Kyphosis HP:0002808 Calcaneovalgus deformity HP:0001848 Genu valgum HP:0002857	Facial features	Broad forehead HP:0000337 Abnormal nasal bridge morphology HP:0000422 Periorbital fullness HP:0000629 Malar flattening HP:0000272 Deeply set eye HP:0000490 Thin vermilion border HP:0000233 Underdeveloped superior crus of antihelix HP:0011246 Preauricular pit HP:0004467 Epicanthus HP:0000286 Thick eyebrow HP:0000574 Synophrys HP:0000664 Large earlobe HP:0009748 Downturned corners of mouth HP:0002714 Prominent forehead HP:0011220 Hypertelorism HP:0000316 Telecanthus HP:0000506 Almond-shaped palpebral fissure HP:0007874 Low-set, posteriorly rotated ears HP:0000368 Prominent metopic ridge HP:0005487 Dolichocephaly HP:0000268 Flat occiput HP:0005469 Wide nasal bridge HP:0000431 Eversion of lateral third of lower eyelids HP:0007655 Thickened helices HP:0000391 Microtia HP:0008551 Micrognathia HP:0000347 Smooth philtrum HP:0000319 Highly arched eyebrow HP:0002553 Myopathic facies HP:0002058 Hypotelorism HP:0000601 Prominent eyelashes HP:0011231 Long palpebral fissure HP:0000637 Downslanted palpebral fissures HP:0000494 Anteverted nares HP:0000463 Overfolded helix HP:0000396 Prominent inferior crus of antihelix HP:0011238 Narrow mouth HP:0000160 Short nose HP:0003196 Prominent nasal tip HP:0005274 Tented upper lip vermilion HP:0010804 Deep philtrum HP:0002002 Scaphocephaly HP:0030799 Prominent occiput HP:0000269 Anteverted ears HP:0040080 Depressed nasal bridge HP:0005280 Low anterior hairline HP:0000294 Thick vermilion border HP:0012471 Incisor macrodontia HP:0011081	Other	Supernumerary nipple HP:0002558 Narrow chest HP:0000774 Umbilical hernia HP:0001537
Brain Imaging	Enlarged cerebellum HP:0012081 Arnold-Chiari type I malformation HP:0007099 Thin corpus callosum HP:0033725 Agenesis of corpus callosum HP:0001274 Abnormal corpus callosum morphology HP:0001273 Punctate periventricular T2 hyperintense foci HP:0030081 Aplasia/Hypoplasia of the cerebellum HP:0007360 Enlarged cisterna magna HP:0002280 Abnormal brainstem morphology HP:0002363 Brain atrophy HP:0012444 Subcortical white matter calcifications HP:0007346 Delayed myelination HP:0012448 Extra-axial cerebrospinal fluid accumulation HP:0012510 Polymicrogyria HP:0002126 Ventriculomegaly HP:0002119 Dilation of Virchow-Robin spaces HP:0012520	Audiology / hearing	Gastrointestinal problems/ feeding difficulties	Feeding difficulties HP:0011968 Nasogastric tube feeding in infancy HP:0011470 Chronic constipation HP:0012450 Polyphagia HP:0002591 Gastroesophageal reflux HP:0002020 Velopharyngeal insufficiency HP:0000220 Constipation HP:0002019 Failure to thrive HP:0001508 Diarrhea HP:0002014	Immunological problems	Decreased circulating antibody level HP:0004313 Recurrent fever HP:0001954				
	Oral / dentition / other ENT problems	Otitis media with effusion HP:0031353 Submucous cleft of soft and hard palate HP:0410031 High palate HP:0000218 Widely spaced teeth HP:0000687 Cleft soft palate HP:0000185 Dental malocclusion HP:0000689 Midface retrusion HP:0011800 Ankyloglossia HP:0010296 Poor suck HP:0002033 Impaired oropharyngeal swallow response HP:0031162 Episodic upper airway obstruction HP:0012271 Short uvula HP:0010812 Anterior open-bite malocclusion HP:0009102 Carious teeth HP:0000670 Laryngeal cleft HP:0008751 Delayed eruption of teeth HP:0000684 Laryngomalacia HP:0001601 Narrow palate HP:0000189 Abnormal ear morphology HP:0031703 Bifid uvula HP:0000193 Nasal speech HP:0001611 Deviated nasal septum HP:0004411	Renal / genitourinary problems	Bilateral cryptorchidism HP:0008689 Multicystic kidney dysplasia HP:0000003 Enlarged kidney HP:0000105 Nocturia HP:0000017 Inguinal hernia HP:0000023 Urinary incontinence HP:0000020 Micropenis HP:0000054 Decreased testicular size HP:0008734 Ventral shortening of foreskin HP:0012435 Abnormal renal corticomedullary differentiation HP:0005932	Skin problems	Acne HP:0001061 Telangiectasia HP:0001009 Blue nevus HP:0100814 Hypertrichosis HP:0000998 Melanocytic nevus HP:0000995 Poliosis HP:0002290 Hypopigmentation of the skin HP:0001010 Distributed along Blaschko lines HP:0025293 Cafe-au-lait spot HP:0000957 Hyperpigmentation of the skin HP:0000953 Nevus flammeus HP:0001052 Capillary hemangioma HP:0005306				

Table S4: Impact of neurodevelopmental syndrome variants on protein stability and interaction with CYCLIN E1.

	mCSM-Stability ( $\Delta\Delta G$ ) - previous structure	mCSM-Stability ( $\Delta\Delta G$ )	Change in protein stability	Distance to interface (Å)	mCSM-PPI 1&2 ( $\Delta\Delta G$ )	Change in PPI binding affinity	$\Delta$ Charge	$\Delta$ Volume	$\Delta$ Residue nature
p.(Thr416Ile)	-0.134	-0.179	Decrease	15.1	-0.07	Decrease	0	50.6	Polar -> Hydrophobic
p.(Thr416Ala)		-0.788	Decrease	15.1	-0.134	Decrease	0	-27.5	Polar -> Hydrophobic
p.(His420Leu)		-0.823	Decrease	12.4	-0.469	Decrease	Partial	13.5	Partial charge -> Neutral
p.(Gly423Arg)	-1.031	-0.985	Decrease	7.8	-0.264	Decrease	1	113.3	Neutral -> Basic
p.(Arg441Gly)	-1.258	-1.367	Decrease	2.8	0.179	Increase	-1	-113.3	Basic -> Neutral
p.(Ser462Pro)		0.973	Increase	2.6	-2.449	Decrease	0	23.7	Polar -> Hydrophobic
p.(Arg465His)		-1.834	Decrease	5.1	0.286	Increase	Partial	-20.2	Basic -> Partial charge
p.(Arg479Gln)	-0.625	-1.346	Decrease	3.1	0.054	Increase	-1	-29.6	Basic -> Unchanged
p.(Asp480Gly)	0.327	1.401	Increase	4.5	-1.998	Decrease	1	-51	Acidic -> Neutral
p.(Arg505His)	-2.019	-2.032	Decrease	5.4	-0.038	Neutral	Partial	-20.2	Basic -> Partial charge
p.(Val544Gly)	-3.203	-3.16	Decrease	9.1	-1.114	Decrease	0	-79.9	Hydrophobic -> Hydrophobic
p.(His580Tyr)	-0.414	-0.422	Decrease	9.1	0.311	Increase	Partial	40.4	Partial charge -> Aromatic
p.(Ser582Ala)		0.033	Increase	3.54	-0.422	Decrease	0	-0.4	Polar -> Hydrophobic
p.(Ala599Val)	-0.451	-0.093	Neutral	4	0.265	Increase	0	51.4	Hydrophobic -> Hydrophobic
p.(Ala626Val)		-0.106	Decrease	4.4	0.291	Increase	0	51.4	Hydrophobic -> Hydrophobic
p.(Ser640Arg)	-0.639	-0.586	Decrease	11.1	-0.355	Decrease	1	84.4	Polar -> Basic
p.(Ile608Val)		-2.019	Decrease	22.3	-0.244	Decrease	0	-33.4	Hydrophobic -> Hydrophobic
p.(Arg674Pro)	-0.648	-0.614	Decrease	8.1	-0.321	Decrease	-1	-60.7	Basic -> Neutral
p.(Arg674Trp)	-0.283	-0.157	Decrease	8.1	0.013	Neutral	-1	54.4	Basic -> Aromatic
p.(Arg689Gln)	-0.079	-0.353	Decrease	3.4	-0.54	Decrease	-1	-29.6	Basic -> Neutral
p.(Arg689Trp)		-0.357	Decrease	3.4	-0.437	Decrease	-1	54.4	Basic -> Aromatic

mutation Cutoff Scanning Matrix (mCSM); Protein-protein interactions (PPI)

Table S5: Comparison of the impact of neurodevelopmental syndrome variants and gnomAD variants on protein stability and substrate binding

Variant	Amino acid reference	Amino acid position	amino acid change	mCSM-Stability (ΔAG)	Distance to interface (Å)	mCSM-PPI 1&2 (ΔΔG)	Allele Count	Class	Chromosome	Position	rsID	Reference	Alternate	Source	Protein Consequence	Transcript Consequence
T416A	T	416	A	-0.788	15.1	-0.134	1	clin	4	153247315	-	G	A	This study	p.(Thr416Ile)	c.1247C>T
T416I	T	416	I	-0.179	15.1	-0.07	1	clin	4	153249532	-	T	C	This study	p.(Thr416Ala)	c.1246A>G
H420L	H	420	L	-0.823	12.4	-0.469	1	clin	4	153249519	-	T	A	This study	p.(His420Leu)	c.1259 A>T
G423R	G	423	R	-0.985	7.8	-0.264	2	clin	4	153249511	-	C	T	This study	p.(Gly423Arg)	c.1267G>A
R441G	R	441	G	-1.367	2.8	0.179	1	clin	4	153249457	-	G	C	This study	p.(Arg441Gly)	c.1321C>G
S462P	S	462	P	0.973	2.6	-2.449	1	clin	4	153249394	-	A	G	This study	p.(Ser462Pro)	c.1384T>C
R465H	R	465*	H	-1.834	5.1	0.286	1	clin	4	153249384	-	C	T	This study	p.(Arg465His)	c.1394G>A
R479Q	R	479*	Q	-1.346	3.1	0.054	1	clin	4	153247366	-	C	T	This study	p.(Arg479Gln)	c.1436G>A
D480G	D	480	G	1.401	4.5	-1.998	1	clin	4	153247363	-	T	C	This study	p.(Asp480Gly)	c.1439A>G
R505H	R	505	H	-2.032	5.4	-0.038	1	clin	4	153247288	-	C	T	This study	p.(Arg505His)	c.1514G>A
V544G	V	544	G	-3.16	9.1	-1.114	1	clin	4	153247171	-	A	C	This study	p.(Val544Gly)	c.1631T>G
H580Y	H	580	Y	-0.422	9.1	0.311	1	clin	4	153245453	-	G	A	This study	p.(His580Tyr)	c.1738C>T
A599V	A	599*	V	-0.093	4	0.265	1	clin	4	153245395	-	G	A	This study	p.(Ala599Val)	c.1796C>T
I608V	I	608	V	-2.019	22.3	-0.244	1	clin	4	153245369	-	T	C	This study	p.(Ile608Val)	c.1822A>G
S640R	S	640	R	-0.586	11.1	-0.355	1	clin	4	153244237	-	G	T	This study	p.(Ser640Arg)	c.1920C>A
R674P	R	674	P	-0.614	8.1	-0.321	1	clin	4	153244136	-	C	G	This study	p.(Arg674Pro)	c.2021G>C
R674W	R	674	W	-0.157	8.1	0.013	1	clin	4	153244137	-	G	A	This study	p.(Arg674Trp)	c.2020C>T
R689Q	R	689	Q	-0.353	3.4	-0.54	1	clin	4	153244091	-	C	T	This study	p.(Arg689Gln)	c.2066G>A
R689W	R	689	W	-0.357	3.4	-0.437	2	clin	4	153244092	-	G	A	This study	p.(Arg689Trp)	c.2065C>T
V265I	V	265	I	-1.029	57.368	0.119	1	gnomad	4	153259022	rs1393933844	C	T	gnomAD Genomes	p.Val265Ile	c.793G>A
H267R	H	267	R	-0.581	61.633	-0.111	1	gnomad	4	153259015	rs1172754641	T	C	gnomAD Exomes	p.His267Arg	c.800A>G
V271M	V	271	M	-0.254	64.686	-0.311	1	gnomad	4	153259004	rs764074483	C	T	gnomAD Exomes	p.Val271Met	c.811G>A
K286E	K	286	E	-0.462	60.444	-0.046	1	gnomad	4	153258959	rs1490325931	T	C	gnomAD Exomes	p.Lys286Glu	c.856A>G
L288F	L	288	F	-0.908	59.843	0.132	6	gnomad	4	153258869	-	C	A	gnomAD Exomes	p.Leu288Phe	c.864G>T
A289S	A	289	S	-1.765	57.647	0.121	6	gnomad	4	153258868	rs1444335835	C	A	gnomAD Exomes	p.Ala289Ser	c.865G>T
Y291C	Y	291	C	-0.467	55.112	-0.254	2	gnomad	4	153258861	rs948405432	T	C	gnomAD Exomes	p.Tyr291Cys	c.872A>G
Y291N	Y	291	N	-0.601	55.112	-0.017	2	gnomad	4	153258862	rs369187069	A	T	gnomAD Exomes	p.Tyr291Asn	c.871T>A
K299E	K	299	E	0.02	40.936	0.004	1	gnomad	4	153258838	rs750051282	T	C	gnomAD Exomes	p.Lys299Glu	c.895A>G
L302I	L	302	I	-0.922	44.101	-0.084	1	gnomad	4	153258829	rs150506693	G	T	gnomAD Exomes	p.Leu302Ile	c.904C>A
T307I	T	307	I	-0.413	54.949	-0.006	1	gnomad	4	153258813	rs764174613	G	A	gnomAD Exomes	p.Thr307Ile	c.920C>T
R309H	R	309	H	-0.992	59.667	0.003	1	gnomad	4	153258807	rs760675122	C	T	gnomAD Exomes	p.Arg309His	c.926G>A
L319I	L	319	I	-0.533	49.037	-0.066	1	gnomad	4	153258778	rs1369661240	G	T	gnomAD Genomes	p.Leu319Ile	c.955C>A
K326R	K	326	R	-0.425	39.317	0.12	1	gnomad	4	153258756	rs773325030	T	C	gnomAD Exomes	p.Lys326Arg	c.977A>G
K326T	K	326	T	-0.52	39.317	-0.056	1	gnomad	4	153258756	rs773325030	T	G	gnomAD Exomes	p.Lys326Thr	c.977A>C
E327D	E	327	D	-0.513	37.333	0.1	1	gnomad	4	153258752	rs148769501	T	G	gnomAD Exomes	p.Glu327Asp	c.981A>C
G329E	G	329	E	-1.067	34.737	0.145	1	gnomad	4	153258700	rs1358178925	C	T	gnomAD Genomes	p.Gly329Glu	c.986G>A
I330V	I	330	V	-1.265	36.875	-0.056	1	gnomad	4	153258701	rs767438108	T	C	gnomAD Exomes	p.Ile330Val	c.988A>G
I336M	I	336	M	-0.569	45.102	0.19	1	gnomad	4	153251998	rs1046708929	G	C	gnomAD Exomes	p.Ile336Met	c.1008C>G
K337Q	K	337	Q	-0.295	47.538	0.194	1	gnomad	4	153251997	rs750480880	T	G	gnomAD Exomes	p.Lys337Gln	c.1009A>C
R338K	R	338	K	-0.216	50.737	0.251	3	gnomad	4	153251993	rs1185005670	C	T	gnomAD Exomes	p.Arg338Lys	c.1013G>A
V341A	V	341	A	-0.617	55.273	-0.144	1	gnomad	4	153251984	rs1485389861	A	G	gnomAD Exomes	p.Val341Ala	c.1022T>C
I342T	I	342	T	-0.67	57.24	-0.602	2	gnomad	4	153251981	rs765495879	A	G	gnomAD Exomes	p.Ile342Thr	c.1025T>G
I342V	I	342	V	-0.424	57.24	0.344	1	gnomad	4	153251982	rs1247097813	T	C	gnomAD Exomes	p.Ile342Val	c.1024A>G
I347V	I	347	V	-0.956	53.902	-0.016	1	gnomad	4	153251967	rs762013076	T	C	gnomAD Exomes	p.Ile347Val	c.1039A>G
H359R	H	359	R	-0.889	35.47	0.035	1	gnomad	4	153251930	rs1014611334	T	C	gnomAD Genomes	p.His359Arg	c.1076A>G
T363N	T	363	N	-1.29	31.186	-0.004	3	gnomad	4	153251918	rs1381320045	G	T	gnomAD Exomes	p.Thr363Asn	c.1088C>A
N364S	N	364	S	-1.14	29.412	-0.243	2	gnomad	4	153251915	rs775885576	T	C	gnomAD Exomes	p.Asn364Ser	c.1091A>G
R367Q	R	367	Q	-0.102	29.26	-0.019	7	gnomad	4	153251906	rs745418631	C	T	gnomAD Exomes,gnomAD Genomes	p.Arg367Gln	c.1100G>A
K371R	K	371	R	-0.371	27.686	0.115	1	gnomad	4	153251894	rs761747465	T	C	gnomAD Exomes	p.Lys371Arg	c.1112A>G
P373R	P	373	R	-0.297	23.003	-0.033	1	gnomad	4	153251888	rs748952220	G	C	gnomAD Exomes	p.Pro373Arg	c.1118C>G
K374E	K	374	E	0.473	21.263	-0.168	1	gnomad	4	153251886	rs937391131	T	C	gnomAD Exomes	p.Lys374Glu	c.1120A>G
L387V	L	387	V	-1.645	13.766	0.063	1	gnomad	4	153250901	rs1338105130	A	C	gnomAD Exomes	p.Leu387Val	c.1159T>G
S407L	S	407	L	-0.153	23.243	-0.1	1	gnomad	4	153250840	-	G	A	gnomAD Genomes	p.Ser407Leu	c.1220C>T
V418L	V	418	L	-0.209	15.903	-0.155	2	gnomad	4	153249526	rs755422880	C	A	gnomAD Exomes	p.Val418Leu	c.1252G>T
V418M	V	418	M	-0.517	15.903	-0.098	2	gnomad	4	153249526	rs755422880	C	T	gnomAD Exomes	p.Val418Met	c.1252G>A
N432I	N	432	I	0.078	26.504	-0.075	2	gnomad	4	153249483	rs772668762	T	A	gnomAD Exomes	p.Asn432Ile	c.1295A>T
I433F	I	433	F	-1.662	23.411	0.361	3	gnomad	4	153249481	rs761173677	T	A	gnomAD Exomes	p.Ile433Phe	c.1297A>T
I433V	I	433	V	-1.665	23.411	-0.172	2	gnomad	4	153249481	rs761173677	T	C	gnomAD Exomes	p.Ile433Val	c.1297A>G
I435V	I	435	V	-1.87	16.772	-0.377	1	gnomad	4	153249475	rs1190126709	T	C	gnomAD Exomes	p.Ile435Val	c.1303A>G
V445L	V	445	L	-0.729	18.426	-0.093	1	gnomad	4	153249445	rs776371212	C	A	gnomAD Exomes	p.Val445Leu	c.1333G>T
T456N	T	456	N	-0.895	14.647	-0.131	1	gnomad	4	153249411	rs775244232	G	T	gnomAD Exomes	p.Thr456Asn	c.1367C>A
L457F	L	457	F	-1.16	12.355	0.603	1	gnomad	4	153249407	rs1433184454	T	A	gnomAD Exomes	p.Leu457Phe	c.1371A>T
G459V	G	459	V	-0.347	9.584	-0.311	1	gnomad	4	153249402	rs772056210	C	A	gnomAD Exomes	p.Gly459Val	c.1376G>A
R465C	R	465*	C	-1.48	5.148	0.035	1	gnomad	4	153249385	rs867384286	G	A	gnomAD Exomes	p.Arg465Cys	c.1393C>T
E471G	E	471	G	-0.856	25.356	-0.243	12	gnomad	4	153249366	rs756238684	T	C	gnomAD Exomes	p.Glu471Gly	c.1412A>G
R479G	R	479*	G	-0.614	3.072	-1.265	1	gnomad	4	153247367	rs747241612	G	C	gnomAD Exomes	p.Arg479Gly	c.1435C>G
V485I	V	485	I	-1.163	17.029	-0.053	2	gnomad	4	153247349	rs1325363774	C	T	gnomAD Exomes	p.Val485Ile	c.1453G>A
I488T	I	488	T	-2.861	20.45	-0.025	1	gnomad	4	153247339	rs1222797439	A	G	gnomAD Exomes	p.Ile488Thr	c.1463T>C
H495R	H	495	R	-1.47	17.376	0.073	3	gnomad	4	153247318	rs750717620	T	C	gnomAD Exomes	p.His495Arg	c.1484A>G
Y509C	Y	509	C	-2.06	19.683	-0.627	2	gnomad	4	153247276	rs1334352027	T	C	gnomAD Exomes	p.Tyr509Cys	c.1526A>G
V515I	V	515	I	-0.697	16.152	-0.323	1	gnomad	4	153247259	rs757683191	C	T	gnomAD Exomes	p.Val515Ile	c.1543G>A
T532I	T	532	I	-0.371	20.341	-0.005	1	gnomad	4	153247207	rs1179476070	G	A	gnomAD Exomes	p.Thr532Ile	c.1595C>T
T541S	T	541	S	-0.708	6.634	0.083	1	gnomad	4	153247181	rs1184403966	T	A	gnomAD Exomes	p.Thr541Ser	c.1621A>T
N542S	N	542	S	-1.271	3.775	-0.02	1	gnomad	4	153247177	rs1462861861	T	C	gnomAD Exomes	p.Asn542Ser	c.1625A>G
R564C	R	564	C	-1.983	15.026	-0.448	1	gnomad	4	153245501	rs1024060344	G	A	gnomAD Genomes	p.Arg564Cys	c.1690C>T
T576M	T	576	M	0.072	16.356	-0.047	2	gnomad	4	153245464	rs1429385222	G	A	gnomAD Exomes	p.Thr576Met	c.1727C>T
M587I	M	587	I	-0.303	12.55	-0.345	1	gnomad	4	153245430	rs1269436440	C	T	gnomAD Exomes	p.Met587Ile	c.1761G>A
E588D	E	588	D	-1.234	15.447	0.029	2	gnomad	4	153245427	rs751435265	T	A	gnomAD Exomes	p.Glu588Asp	c.1764A>T
K590E	K	590	E	0.269	22.181	-0.234	1	gnomad	4	153245423	-	T	C	gnomAD Exomes	p.Lys590Glu	c.1768A>G
K590R	K	590	R	-0.309	22.181	-0.109	1	gnomad	4	153245422	rs1290448722	T	C	gnomAD Exomes		