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# **Supplemental information**

## Suppression of abnormal $\alpha$ -synuclein expression

### by activation of BDNF transcription ameliorates

### Parkinson's disease-like pathology

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Supplement figure 1.  $\alpha$ -Syn-HDO exerted a more potent silencing effect on  $\alpha$ -Syn than  $\alpha$ -Syn-ASO. A: qPCR analysis of  $\alpha$ -Syn in SH-SY5Y cells treated with  $\alpha$ -Syn-ASO or  $\alpha$ -Syn-HDO. (Mean  $\pm$  SEM, n = 5 per group, Student's *t*-test, \*p < 0.05). B: Western blot assay for  $\alpha$ -Syn in SH-SY5Y cells after  $\alpha$ -Syn-ASO or  $\alpha$ -Syn-HDO administration. (Mean  $\pm$  SEM, n = 5 per group, one-way ANOVA, \*p < 0.05 and \*\*p < 0.01). C and D: The IC<sub>50</sub> for  $\alpha$ -Syn in SH-SY5Y cells treated with  $\alpha$ -Syn-ASO or  $\alpha$ -Syn-HDO. (Mean  $\pm$  SEM, n = 5 per group, one-way ANOVA, \*p < 0.05 and \*p < 0.01). C and D: The IC<sub>50</sub> for  $\alpha$ -Syn in SH-SY5Y cells treated with  $\alpha$ -Syn-ASO or  $\alpha$ -Syn-HDO. (Mean  $\pm$  SEM, n = 5 per group)



Supplement figure 2. The scrambled  $\alpha$ -Syn-HDO did not show any silencing effects for  $\alpha$ -Syn. A: qPCR analysis of  $\alpha$ -Syn in SH-SY5Y cells after  $\alpha$ -Syn-HDO or scrambled  $\alpha$ -Syn-HDO ( $\alpha$ -Syn-scrHDO) administration. (Mean  $\pm$  SEM, n = 5 per group, one-way ANOVA, \*p < 0.05 and \*\*p < 0.01). B: Western blot assay for  $\alpha$ -Syn in SH-SY5Y cells after  $\alpha$ -Syn-HDO or  $\alpha$ -Syn-scrHDO administration. (Mean  $\pm$  SEM, n = 5 per group, one-way ANOVA, \*p < 0.05 and \*\*p < 0.01). B: Western blot assay for  $\alpha$ -Syn in SH-SY5Y cells after  $\alpha$ -Syn-HDO or  $\alpha$ -Syn-scrHDO administration. (Mean  $\pm$  SEM, n = 5 per group, one-way ANOVA, \*p < 0.05 and \*\*p < 0.01)



Supplement figure 3. *a*-Syn-HDO silenced *a*-Syn expression in SNc of WT mice and promoted BDNF upregulation. A: Western blot assay for *a*-Syn in SNc of WT mice after *a*-Syn-HDO administration. (Mean  $\pm$  SEM, n = 7 per group, Student's *t*-test, \*\*p < 0.01). B: Western blot assay for *a*-Syn; the ratio of p-CREB/CREB; MeCP2 and BDNF in SNc of WT mice after *a*-Syn-HDO administration. (Mean  $\pm$  SEM, n = 5 per group, one-way ANOVA, \*p < 0.05, \*\*p < 0.01 and \*\*\*p < 0.001).



Supplement figure 4.  $\alpha$ -Syn-HDO attenuates GFAP and CD11b immunoreactivity in AAV9-hSyn-human SNCA-treated mice. The immunofluorescence staining for GFAP and CD11b in the SNc. Quantification analysis of GFAP and CD11b (Mean ± SEM, n = 5 per group, one-way ANOVA, \*\*p < 0.01 and \*\*\*p < 0.001). Scale bar = 50 µm.



Supplement figure 5  $\alpha$ -Syn-HDO attenuates GFAP and CD11b immunoreactivity in MPTP-treated  $\alpha$ -Syn-A53T mice. The immunofluorescence staining for GFAP and CD11b in the SNc. Quantification analysis of GFAP and CD11b (Mean  $\pm$  SEM, n = 5 per group, one-way ANOVA, \*\*\*p < 0.001). Scale bar = 50 µm.



Supplement figure 6. *a*-Syn-HDO prevents *a*-Syn-induced PD pathology *in vitro*. A and B: Representative images of  $\alpha$ -Syn aggregation in HEK293- $\alpha$ -Syn cells treated with PFFs in the presence or absence of  $\alpha$ -Syn-HDO (mean  $\pm$  SEM, n = 4 per group, Student's *t*-test, \*\*p < 0.01). Green fluorescence spots represent abnormally aggregated  $\alpha$ -Syn. Scale bar = 50 µm. C: HEK293- $\alpha$ -Syn cells were treated with or without PFFs in the presence of vehicle or  $\alpha$ -Syn-HDO. Western blotting was used to examine the expression of p- $\alpha$ -Syn (S129) after 24 hours of transfection (mean  $\pm$  SEM, n = 4 per group, one-way ANOVA, \*p < 0.05).



Supplement figure 7.  $\alpha$ -Syn-HDO attenuates GFAP and CD11b immunoreactivity in PFFs-treated  $\alpha$ -Syn-A53T mice. The immunofluorescence staining for GFAP and CD11b in the SNc. Quantification analysis of GFAP and CD11b (Mean  $\pm$  SEM, n = 4 per group, one-way ANOVA, \*p < 0.05 and \*\*p < 0.01). Scale bar = 50 µm.