1 Supplementary Figure Legends



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Retrobeads/RBPMS Double⁺/RBPMS⁺

Figure S1. Testing retrograde tracing dyes for RGC labeling, Related to Figure 1. (A) Intraorbital 2 optic nerve injection of retrograde tracer dyes in naïve mouse; and retinal wholemounts showing the 3 labeled RGCs. (B) Quantification of RGC labeling efficiency by optic nerve retrograde tracing with 4 dextran. Data are presented as means \pm s.e.m. (C) Optic nerve wholemounts showing injection site of 5 dextran at 1 or 1.5mm distal to crush site in Pten KO mice; the SLO retinal fundus images and retinal 6 wholemounts showing labeled regenerating RGCs. (D) SC injection of retrograde tracer dyes in naïve 7 mouse; and retinal wholemounts showing RGCs labeled with retrograde dyes 4 weeks after SC 8 injection. (E) Quantification of RGC labeling efficiency by SC retrograde tracing with retrobeads. 9 10 Data are presented as means \pm s.e.m.



13 Figure S2. DEGs and GO biological pathways enriched in each cluster, Related to Figure 2. (A)

Heatmap showing top 10 genes selectively expressed in each cluster in all the RGCs. **(B)** Top 15 enriched GO-pathways analyzed with DEGs of each cluster. The size of each circle represents the numbers of genes enriched in each pathway, and the color represents the adjusted *p* value.



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Figure S3. RGC subtype-marker genes detected in regRGCs, Related to Figure 2. (A) Dotplot showing expression of RGC subtype-marker genes defined in a previous study (Tran, et al, 2019). The

size of each circle represents the percentage of RGCs expressing the gene, and the color represents the expression level. **(B)** Immunostaining of RGC subtype-marker genes (Spp1: α RGC, Cart: Carpt-RGC, Foxp2: F-RGC, Opn4: ipRGC and Kv4.2: W3-RGC) in regRGCs. White arrows show the colocalization of subtype-marker genes with dextran labeled RBPMS+ regRGCs. Scale bar, 50µm. **(C)** Quantification of regRGCs with RGC subtype markers detected by immunostaining. Data are presented as means \pm s.e.m. n = 3 of each group.

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Figure S4. The expression of selective regeneration-associated DEGs, Related to Figure 3. (A)

- 32 Violin plots of the expression of selective regeneration-associated DEGs in regRGCs and surRGCs.
- 33 (B) UMAP visualization of the selectively upregulated regeneration-associated DEGs in different
- clusters of RGCs. (C) The expression of selective regeneration-associated DEGs in α-RGC and another
- 5 RGC subtypes of naïve adult mouse according to online database.
- 36 https://singlecell.broadinstitute.org/single_cell/study/SCP509/mouse-retinal-ganglion-cell-adult-
- 37 atlas-and-optic-nerve-crush-time-series?cluster=Ctrl_RGCs_ONC_Dataset&spatialGroups=--
- 38 &annotation=Cluster--group--cluster&subsample=all#study-visualize

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A Pten KO + Dextran-regRGC

% of Anxa2⁺/Spp1+ α-regRGC



42	Figure S5. Validation of expression of some regeneration-associated genes' in regRGCs, and the
43	AAV-mediated their expressions, Related to Figure 3 and Figure 4. (A) Quantification of Anxa2
44	expression in Spp1+ α -regRGCs. White arrows showing the co-labeling of Anxa2, Spp1 (α -RGC
45	marker), and dextran (regRGCs). Data are presented as means \pm s.e.m. Scale bar, 50µm. (B) White
46	arrows show co-labeling of Mpp1 or Anxa2 with dextran+/RBPMS+ regRGCs. Blue arrows show co-
47	labeling of Mpp1 or Anxa2 with dextran negative/RBPMS+ surRGCs. Scale bar, 50µm. (C) Timeline
48	of AAV intravitreal injection, ONC, CTB anterograde tracing and animal sacrificing and tissue
49	collection. The AAV vector containing mSncg promoter and HA-tagged transgenes. (D) AAV-
50	mediated transgene expression in RGCs labeled by HA antibodies 2 weeks after intravitreal injection.
51	Scale bar, 50 µm. (E) Confocal images of retinal wholemounts showing RBPMS+ RGCs at 14dpc.
52	Scale bar, 50 µm. (F) Quantification of surviving RGC somata in peripheral retina at 14dpc,
53	represented as percentage of crushed eyes compared to the sham CL eyes. Data are presented as means
54	\pm s.e.m, n = 5-7 in each group. *: p<0.05, one-way ANOVA with Tukey's multiple comparisons test.



Figure S6. The SOHU glaucoma model and ILK in RGC survival after ONC, Related to Figure 58 and Figure 7. (A) The timeline of AAV intravitreal injection and SO intracameral injection to 59 generate the SOHU glaucoma model. (B) Photos of mouse eyeballs with or without SO intracameral 59 injection and correlated cartoon illustration and anterior segment OCT live images. (C) IOP of naïve

- and SOHU eyes at 3wpi. Data are presented as means \pm s.e.m, n = 13-16 in each group. ****: p<0.0001, one-way ANOVA with Tukey's multiple comparisons test. (**D**) Confocal images of retinal wholemounts showing RBPMS+ RGCs at 14dpc. Scale bar, 50 µm. (**E**) Quantification of surviving RGC somata in peripheral retina at 14dpc, represented as percentage of crushed eyes compared to the sham CL eyes. Data are presented as means \pm s.e.m, n = 5-9.
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Figure S7. tPA potentiated Anxa2 effect in axon regeneration and RGC survival after ONC, 69 Related to Figure 6. (A) iDISCO clearance of whole brain with attached optic nerves. (B) Light-sheet 70 fluorescent images of lengthy regenerating axons in optic nerve, optic chiasm, and optic tract in Pten 71 KO mice trated with tPA+Anxa2 at 8wpc. Scale bar, 500µm. (C) Confocal images of optic nerve 72 wholemounts after optical clearance showing maximum intensity projection of regenerating fibers 73 labeled with CTB-Alexa 555 at 14dpc. Scale bar, 100 µm. *: crush site. And representative confocal 74 images of the whole flat-mounted retinas showing surviving RBPMS-positive (red) RGCs at 14dpc, 75 Scale bar, 50 µm. The timeline of delayed treatment: AAV-Anxa2 was injected the same day of ONC 76 and tPA was injected twice a week thereafter. Data are presented as means \pm s.e.m, n = 6. *: p<0.05, 77 Student t-test. 78