

Supplementary figure 1

24 **Supplementary Fig. 1 a**, Representative immunoblots of astroglia secreted proteins and
25 exosome markers in A-Exo. isolated from ACM (20 mL/sample) by ultracentrifugation (UC).
26 **b**, Representative immunoEM images of CD63 labeling in SEC eluted fractions #10-12;
27 yellow arrows: CD63⁻ small vesicles; scale bar: 100 nm. **c**, Representative size distribution
28 analysis of WT A-Exo measured by the qNano particle analyzer.

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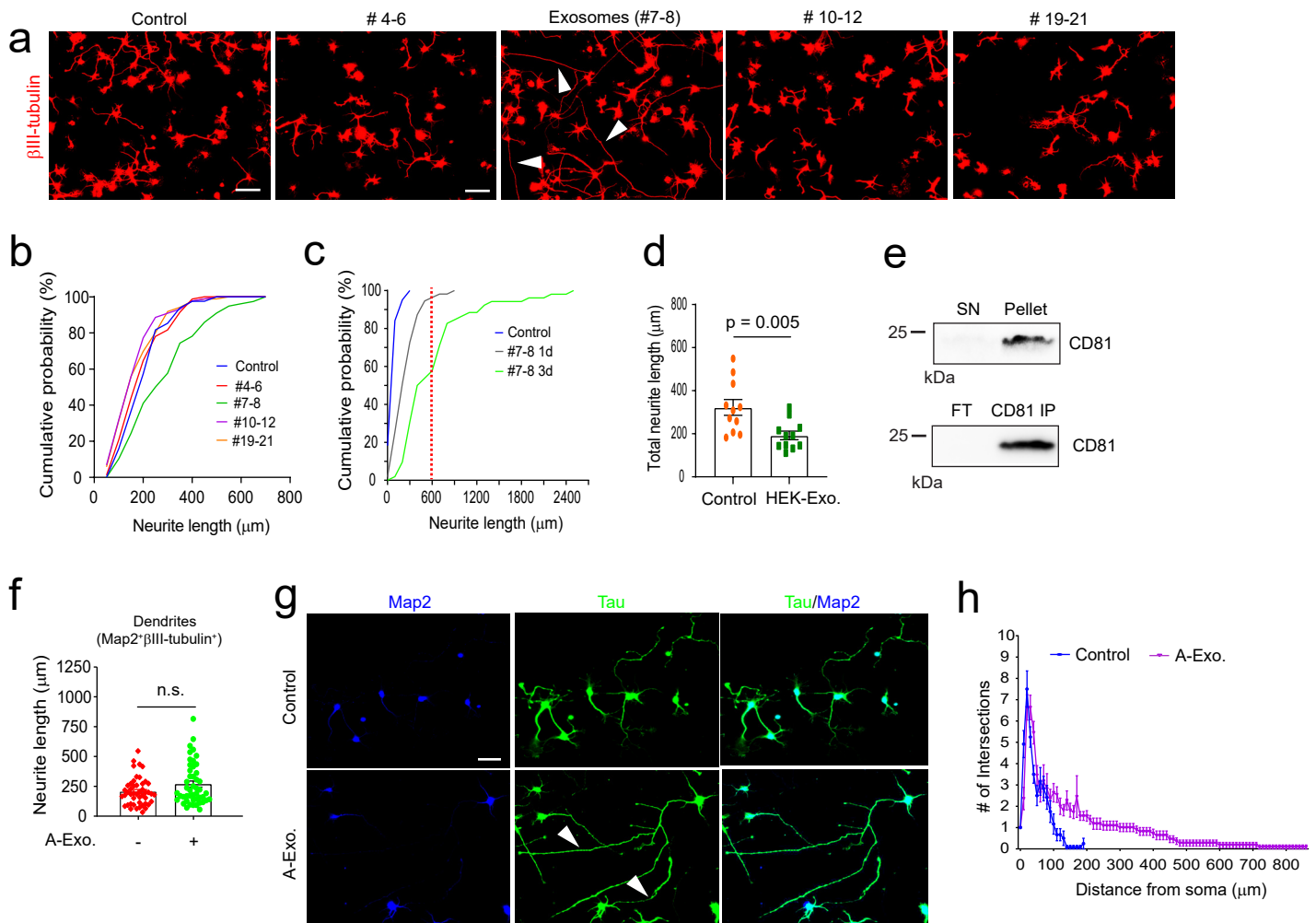
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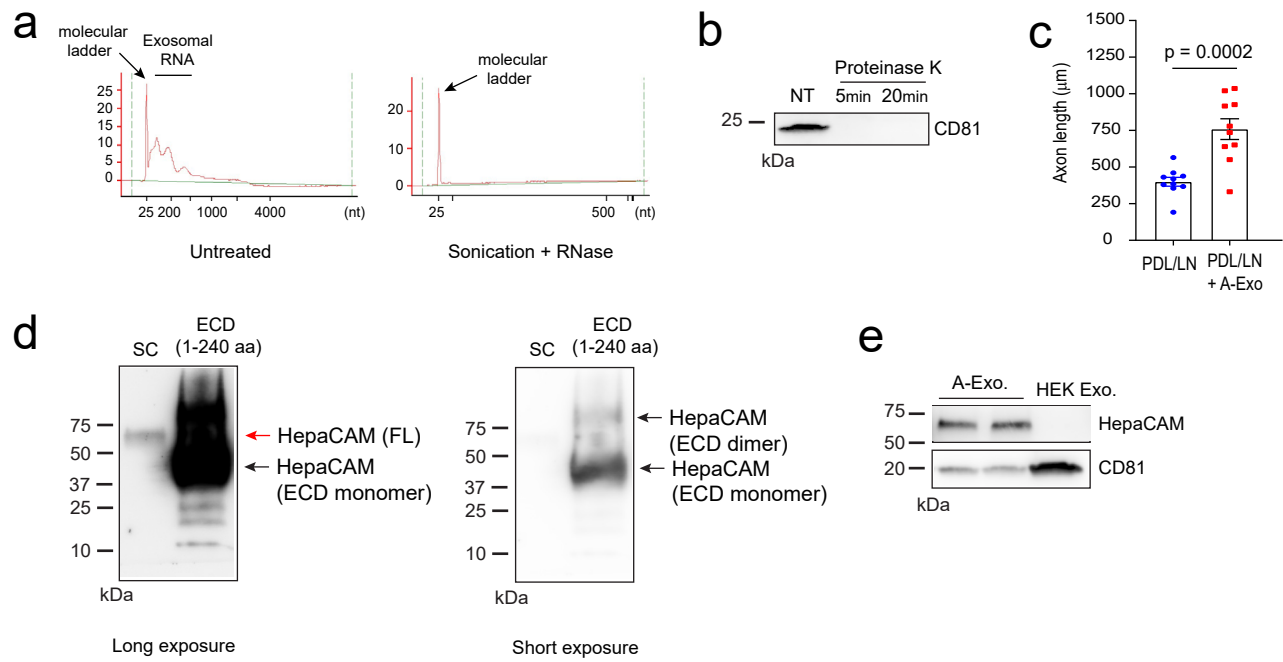
Supplementary figure 2

46 **Supplementary Fig. 2 a**, Representative images of β III-tubulin⁺ cortical neurons following
47 treatment with eluted fractions (pooled as indicated) #4-6, #7-8, #10-12, or #19-21 from
48 the SEC. Scale bar: 100 μ m; **b**, Quantification of total neurite length of cortical neurons
49 following treatment with eluted fractions (pooled as indicated, 100 μ l). #4-6 (no protein
50 detected), #10-12, and #19-21 (1 μ g/ μ l) from the SEC of ACM (initial 100 mL). 1 μ g exosomes
51 (#7-8) were used in treatment, n = 78-88 neurons (> 3 biological replicates)/group; **c**,
52 Quantification of total neurite length of cortical neurons following treatment with fractions
53 #7-8 (5 μ l, 0.2 μ g/ μ l) for 1 or 3 d. n = 52-82 neurons (> 3 biological replicates)/group; **d**,
54 Quantification of total neurite length of cortical neurons following treatment with HEK
55 exosomes isolated by SEC. n = 11-13 neurons (2 biological replicates)/group; **e**,
56 Representative immunoblot of CD81 in the supernatant (SN) or pellet of SEC fractions #7-8
57 (1 mL, from initial 10 mL ACM) following an additional 24 h ultracentrifugation (UC, 100,000
58 x g), or in the flowthrough (FT) or CD81 immunoprecipitation (IP) pellet of SEC fractions #7-
59 8 after CD81 pull-down. **f**, Quantification of dendrite (Map2⁺ β III-tubulin⁺) length of cortical
60 neurons following A-Exo. treatment. n = 51-55 neurons (> 3 biological replicates)/group; **g**,
61 Representative images of Map2 and Tau staining on cortical neurons following A-Exo
62 treatment. Scale bar: 50 μ m; **h**, Sholl analysis of cortical neurons following A-Exo treatment.
63 n = 10 neurons (2 biological replicates)/group; 1 μ g exosome was used in **b-c**, **f**, and **h**. p
64 values in **d** and **f** determined from two-tailed t test.

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Supplementary figure 3

68 **Supplementary Fig. 3 a**, Representative bioanalyzer tracer of exosomal RNA with and
69 without RNase treatment (5 minutes) following sonication. Sufficient small RNA was
70 observed in untreated A-Exo. **b**, Representative immunoblot of CD81 following proteinase K
71 treatment. 0.5 μ g A-Exo. was treated with proteinase K for either 5 or 20 minutes. NT: not
72 treated A-Exo; CD81 immunoreactivity disappeared from the immunoblot as a result of the
73 proteinase K digestion; **c**, Quantification of axon length of cortical neurons plated on either
74 PDL/laminin (LN) coated or PDL/LN/A-Exo. coated coverslips. n = 10 neurons (2 biological
75 replicates)/group; 1 μ g A-Exo. was used in each treatment. p value in **c** determined from two-
76 tailed t test; **d**, Representative HepaCAM immunoblot with spinal cord (sc) lysate (20 μ g) and
77 recombinant human HepaCAM extracellular domain (ECD) protein (1-240 aa, 1 μ g). HepaCAM
78 antibody (Proteintech) is able to detect mouse HepaCAM full-length (sc lane) and human
79 ECD (monomer and dimer). **e**, Representative HepaCAM immunoblot in A-Exo. and HEK
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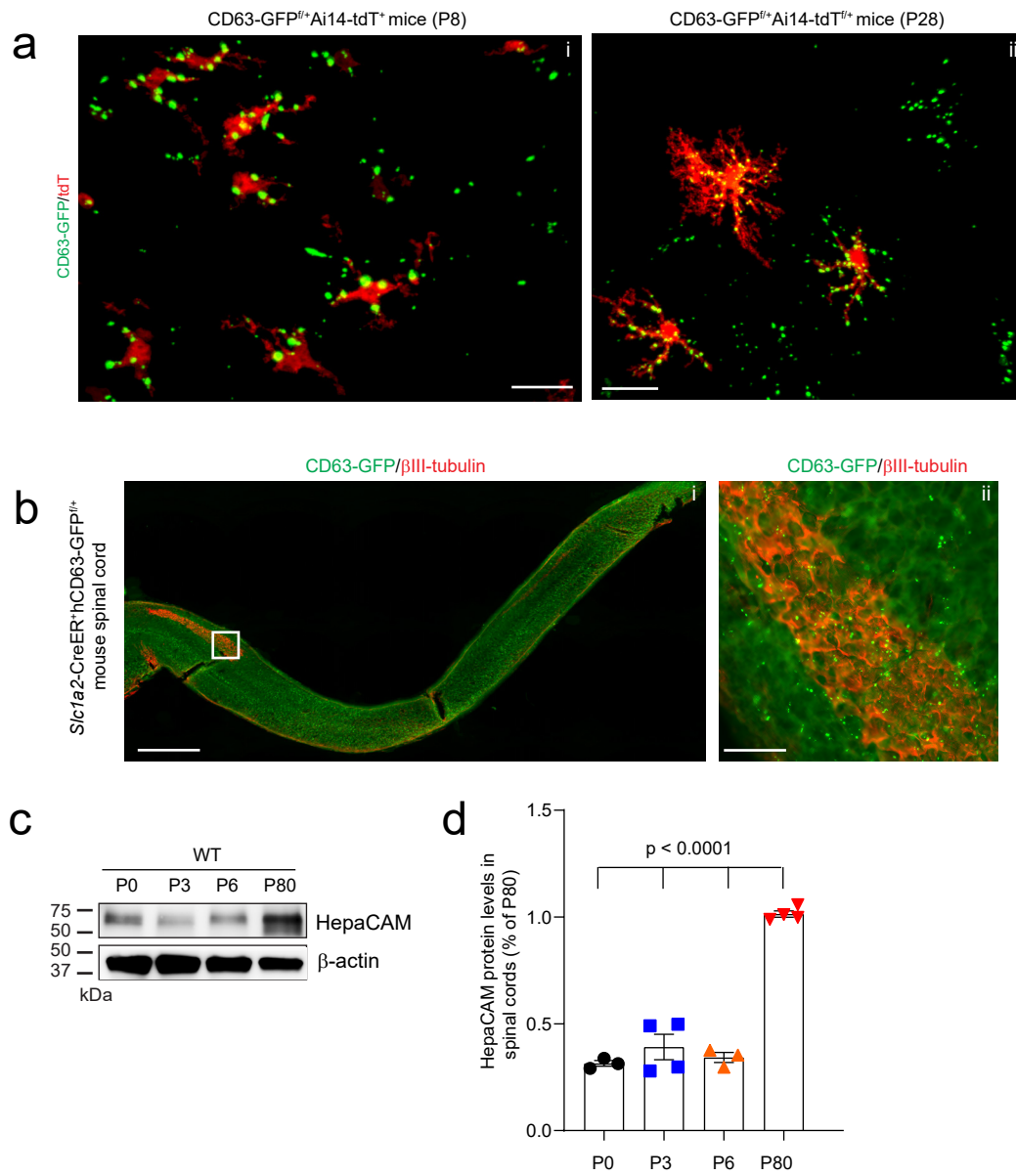
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Supplementary figure 4

91 **Supplementary Fig. 4 a**, Representative images of tdT⁺ astroglia and astroglia-derived
92 CD63-GFP⁺ puncta from the motor cortex of AAV5-mCherry-*Gfap*-Cre-injected CD63-
93 GFP^{f/+}Ai14-tdT^{f/+} mice at P8 (i) and P28 (ii). Scale bar: 20 μ m; **b**, Representative longitudinal
94 image of β III-tubulin staining and astroglia-derived CD63-GFP⁺ puncta along the spinal cord
95 from 4-OHT-injected *Slc1a3*-CreER⁺ mice at P8. Subpanel i: the longitudinal image of the
96 spinal cord; Subpanel ii: a magnified view of the box in the subpanel i; Scale bar: 1mm
97 (subpanel i); 100 μ m (subpanel ii); Representative HepaCAM immunoblot (**c**) and
98 quantification (**d**) of HepaCAM expression in spinal cords during postnatal development. n =
99 3-4 mice/time point; p values determined by one-way ANOVA followed by post-hoc Tukey's
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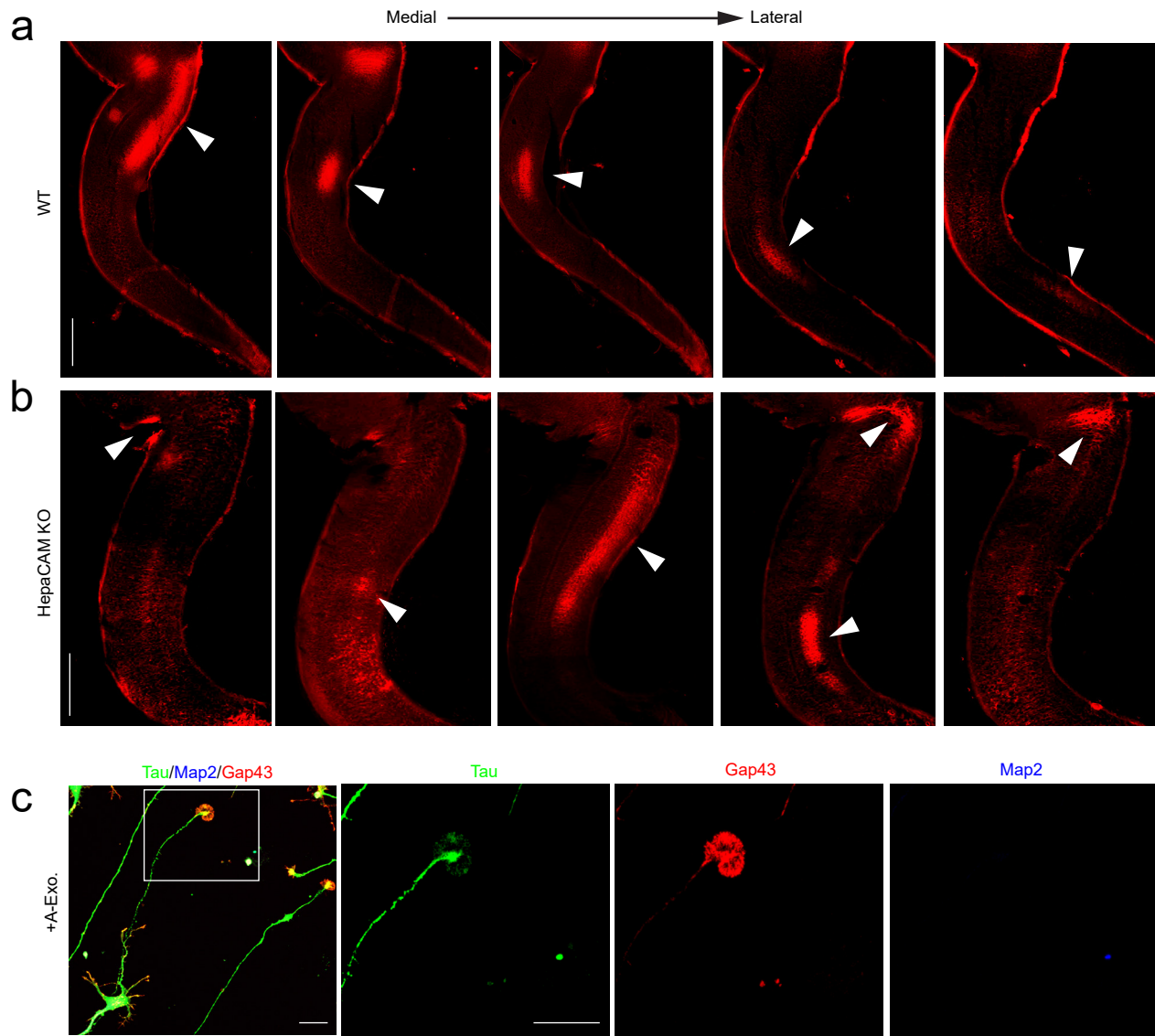
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Supplementary figure 5

114 **Supplementary Fig. 5** Representative original set of longitudinal images from CM-DiI-
115 injected WT **(a)** and HepaCAM KO **(b)** mouse spinal cords that were superimposed into the
116 continuous CST axon growth image shown in Fig. 5C. Images of longitudinal spinal cord
117 sections were taken from lateral to medial orientation at P3. White arrows: CM-DiI labeling;
118 Scale bar: 1mm; **c**, Representative image of Tau, Map2, and Gap43 immunostaining of A-Exo-
119 treated cultured cortical neurons to illustrate axonal growth cones and axons; Scale bar: 20
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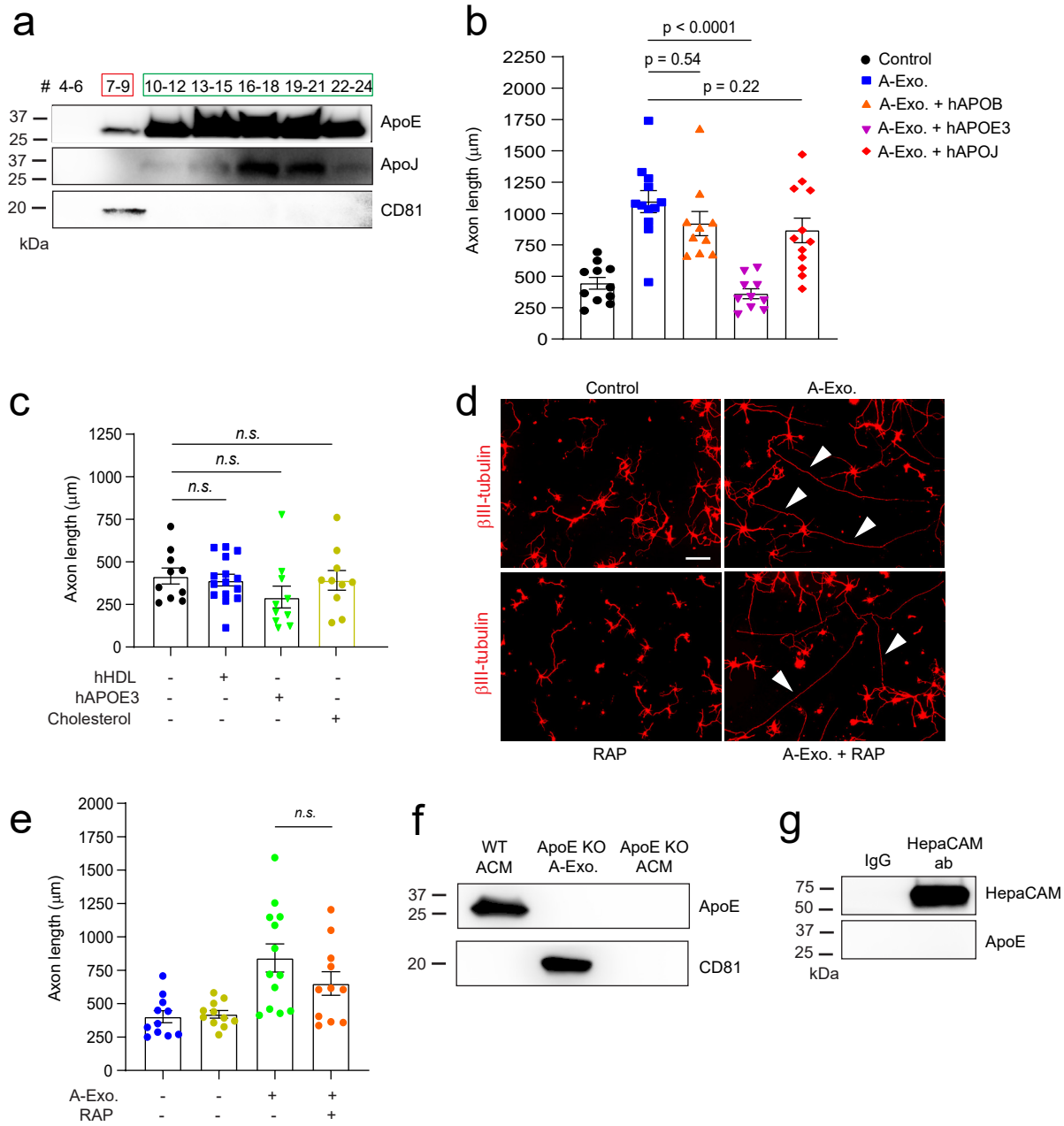
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Supplementary figure 6

137 **Supplementary Fig. 6 a**, Representative immunoblot of ApoE and ApoJ in all eluted fractions
138 (500 μ l/fraction, pooled as indicated) of ACM (100 mL) from SEC with oversaturated
139 exposure. 15 μ l unconcentrated elution was run on immunoblot. **b**, Quantification of β III-
140 tubulin⁺ neuronal axon length following co-treatment of A-Exo. with hAPOEB, hAPOEJ, or
141 hAPOE3, respectively. 1 μ g A-Exo. was used in treatment. hAPOEB, hAPOEJ, or hAPOE3 each
142 was at 10 μ g/mL dose. n = 11-12 neurons (2 biological replicates)/group; **c**, Quantification
143 of β III-tubulin⁺ neuronal axon length following treatment of hHDL (10 μ g/mL), hApoE3 (20
144 μ g/mL), and cholesterol (1 μ g/mL), respectively. n = 10-15 neurons (2 biological
145 replicates)/group; Representative images (**d**) and quantification (**e**) of β III-tubulin⁺
146 neuronal axon (white arrows) length following co-treatment of A-Exo. and ApoE competitive
147 receptor associated protein (RAP, 50 μ g/mL). Scale bar: 100 μ m; **f**, Representative ApoE
148 immunoblot from WT or ApoE ACM (50 μ g proteins), and ApoE A-Exo (2 μ g proteins). **g**,
149 Detection of HepaCAM but not Apoe following HepaCAM immunoprecipitation from
150 astrocyte lysates (50 μ g proteins). 1 μ g A-Exo. was used in **b**, **d**, **e**, and **f**. p values in **b**, **c**, and
151 **e** determined from one-way ANOVA followed by a Tukey post-hoc test.

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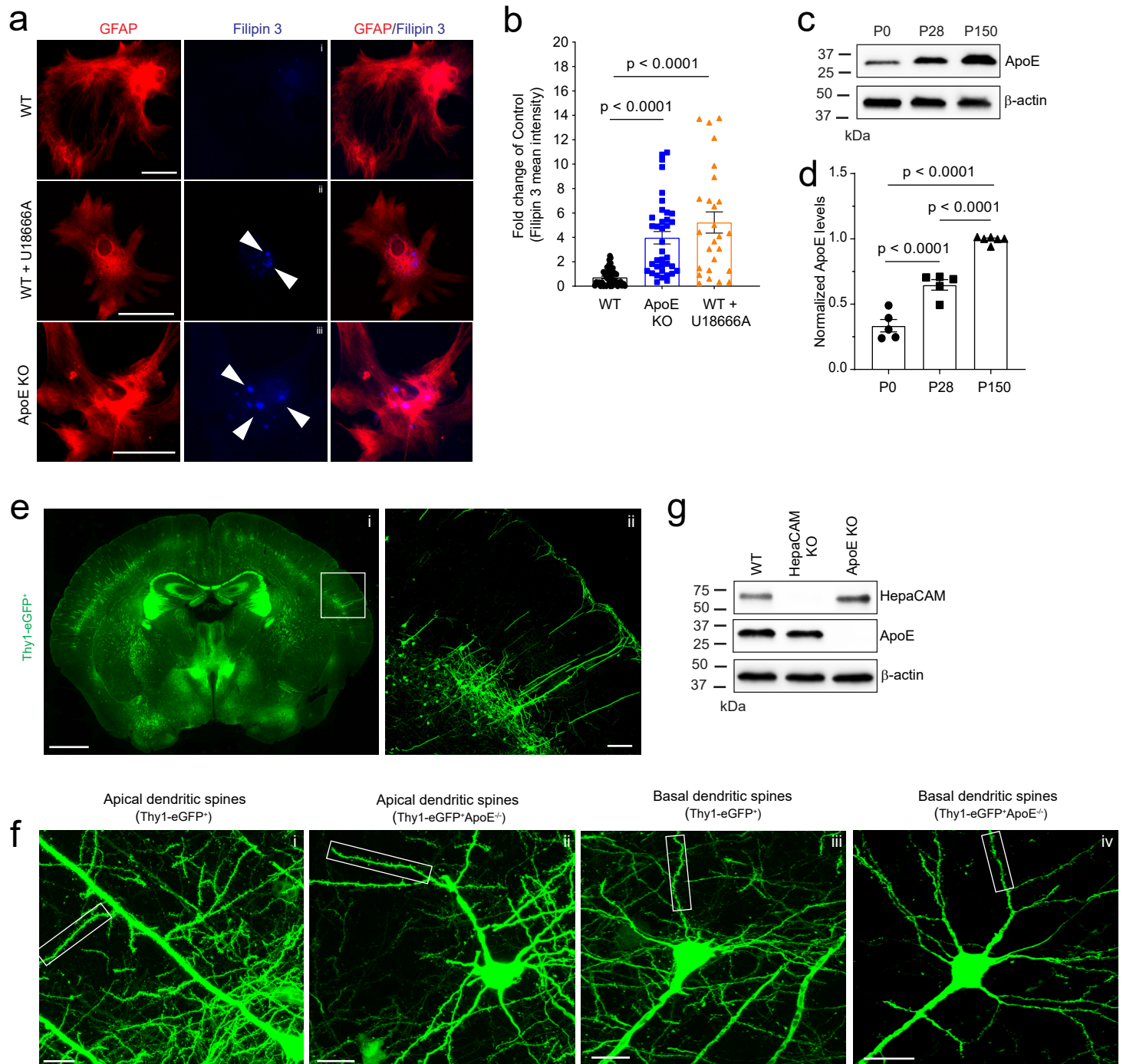
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Supplementary figure 7

160 **Supplementary Fig. 7** Representative images **(a)** of cultured astrocytes and cholesterol
161 labeling and quantification **(b)** of cholesterol in astrocytes based on Filipin 3 fluorescent
162 intensity. Scale bar: 50 μm ; White arrows: Filipin 3⁺ cholesterol labeling; n = 26-35
163 astrocytes (3 biological replicates)/group; Representative images **(c)** of ApoE immunoblot
164 and quantification **(d)** of ApoE expression in the cortex during postnatal development; n =
165 5-6 mice/group; **e**, eGFP labeling of neurons and neurites in Thy1-eGFP⁺ mice. Subpanel i:
166 Representative image of coronal section of the Thy1-eGFP⁺ mouse brain (scale bar: 1mm);
167 ii: a magnified view of the motor cortex (white box) in the subpanel i (scale bar: 100 μm); **f**,
168 Representative images of eGFP⁺ neurons and their dendritic spines. Subpanel i: apical
169 dendritic spines from Thy1-eGFP⁺ mice; ii: apical dendritic spines from Thy1-eGFP⁺ApoE^{-/-}
170 mice; iii: basal dendritic spines from Thy1-eGFP⁺ mice; iv: basal dendritic spines from Thy1-
171 eGFP⁺ApoE^{-/-} mice; Scale bars: 20 μm ; a magnified view of the highlighted box is shown in
172 Fig. 7d-e; **g**, Representative HepaCAM and ApoE immunoblots from cortex of ApoE KO and
173 HepaCAM KO mice at P30.

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183 **Supplementary Table 1.** Transmembrane proteins identified from A-Exo. by LC/MS/MS.

184 Each identified protein has at least 3 peptide hits with 95% confidence threshold; The mean

185 iBAQ value is greater than 1×10^5 .

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187 **Supplementary Movies** Live imaging of control and A-Exo (1 μ g). -induced axon growth in

188 primary cortical neuronal cultures.