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Software and code

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Data collection	snRNA-seq data were generated/collected using Chromium Next GEM Single Cell 3' GEM, Library & Gel Bead Kit v3.1 and sequenced on an Illumina HiSeq 4000 sequencer. Demultiplexing, barcode processing, read alignment and gene expression quantification was carried out using Cell Ranger software (v3.1.0, 10x Genomics). Confocal images were collected using LAS X 3.3 Stage Experiment Tilescan software (Leica) and Nikon Spinning Disk Confocal microscope. EM (ultrastructural) images were taken at LEO912 Electron-Microscope (Zeiss). Lipidomic data were generated using a hybrid quadrupole-Orbitrap mass spectrometer (Q-Exactive, Thermo Fisher Scientific). qPCR was performed on QuantStudio™ 6 Flex (Applied Biosystems). MSD data were generated using a MS6000 machine (MSD).
Data analysis	Computational data was analyzed in R (v3.6.0) using Seurat (v3.1.2), Scrublet (v0.21), R package stats (v3.6.0), EdgeR (v3.28.1), topGO (v2.36.0), SCORPIUS (v1.0.7), mgcv (v1.8-28), CellPhoneDB (V2.1.1), biomaRt (v2.42.1), Sambamba (v0.6.8), bedtools (v2.27.1), bedGraphToBigWig (v4), GTFtools(v0.6.9). Images were analyzed using Image J (v1.52). Further data anlysis were done using GraphPad Prism (v9). Analysis of mass spectrometry data was performed using Compound Discoverer 3.3.2.31 (Thermo Fisher Scientific) and matched to metabolite databases LipidBlast V568 and Metlin Experimental Mass Spectral Database Vers 2017 (Scripps Center for Metabolomics). MetaboAnalyst 6.0 (https://metaboanalyst.ca) was used to plot lipidomics data.

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The raw sequencing and processed data is available in GEO under the accession GSE173242 and a shiny app was created, which allows to access single-nuclei data for any gene of interest interactively via the following URL: https://shiny.mdc-berlin.de/AD_Neuroinflammation/. Lipidomics data for re-analysis are available on Zenodo repository under the DOI: 105281/zenodo.14620944. Source data and immunohistological image files will be provided upon request.

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Life sciences study design

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Sample size	If data were gained to be used as an exploratory approach, n=3 per genotype was chosen in order to be able to perform basic statistical analyses (snRNA-seq, EM imaging). For biochemical and molecular analyses, n=5 or n=9 were chosen to account for known biological variability. For lipidomics, we used an n of 8 due to the same biological and technical reasons. For immunohistological stainings we used an n of 6 to 8 per genotype and n=3-12 slices depending on the experiment which we have applied from experience in other studies. For cell culture experiments, we have run five independent experiments each with three technical replicates per condition. We have not statistically calculated sample sizes prior to experimental design, but chosen these numbers with our best knowledge.
Data exclusions	For the identification of differentially regulated gene expression in snRNA-seq data, we removed the Ttr gene as its expression was highly dependent on the presence of a Choroid Plexus cluster in a given sample, suggesting a dissection bias at the stage of hippocampus isolation (indicated in the Methods Section). Performing the 6e10 MSD assay on protein extraction generated from brain tissue of APPPS1.NestinCre.II23Rfl/fl animals, a few readings generated the output "NaN" due to technical error. This individual data point as a non-available value was therefore excluded in the subsequent analysis. This is indicated by the fewer data points in Figure 1e.
Replication	Cell culture experiments were repeated with similar outcome in five independent experiments. Stainings and all molecular analyses have not been repeated due to the value of the tissue except for the MBP staining in Fig. 4f to compensate for variability in individual animals, but results are aligned between one another and when comparing young and old animals. We have made sure to approach the different aspects (such as myelination) in as many independent analyses as possible.
Randomization	Animals allocated to experimental groups were based on genotype. No method of randomization has been applied.
Blinding	Investigators were blinded for tissue collection and processing as well as subsequent data collection (e.g., microscopy) and analysis. Additionally, different investigators were involved in different analyses and the data was later combined, resulting in an objective that convinces us of the validity of our results.

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Methods

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Antibodies used

Olig2 (Rabbit, 1:750, AB9610, Millipore), Anti-APC clone CC-1 (Mouse, 1:200, OP80-100UG, Merck), MBP clone 12 (Rat, 1:200, MCA409S, Biorad), Parvalbumin clone PARV-19 (Rabbit, 1:200, MAB1572, Millipore), Clec7a clone R1-8g7 (Rat, 1:150, mapg-mdect, InvivoGen), Iba1 (Rabbit, 1:500, 019-19741, Wako), 4G8 residues 17-24 of Abeta (Mouse, 1:1000, SIG39320, Covance), Alexa568 goat anti rabbit (A11011; 1:300, Invitrogen), Alexa488 goat anti-mouse IgG (A11001; 1:300, Invitrogen), Alexa488 goat anti-mouse IgG2b (A21141, 1:300, Invitrogen), Alexa647 goat anti-rabbit (A21244, 1:300, Invitrogen), Cy3 donkey anti-rat IgG (712-165-153, 1:300, Jackson ImmunoResearch), and Alexa488 goat anti-rat (112-545-003, 1:300, Dianova)

Validation

Olig2: Evaluated by immunohistochemistry on glioblastoma by vendor. Immunohistochemistry (Paraffin): Representative lot data. Anti-Olig2 (AB9610) staining pattern morphology in glioblastoma. Tissue was pretreated with TE Buffer, pH 9.0. Polyclonal antibody was diluted to 1:500, using IHC-Select® Detection with HRP-DAB. Optimal Staining With TE Buffer Epitope Retrieval: Glioblastoma

Anti-APC Antibody, clone CC-1 detects levels of APC proteins & has been published & validated for use in IHC. Immunohistochemistry Analysis: A representative lot from an independent laboratory detected APC in human brain tissue containing multiple schlerosis lesions (Saikali, P. et al. (2007). J Neurosci. 27(5):1220-1228.). Immunohistochemistry Analysis: A representative lot from an independent laboratory detected APC in rat spinal cord injury tissue (McTigue, D. M., et al. (2001). J Neurosci. 21(10):3392-3400.). Immunohistochemistry Analysis: A 1:5 dilution from a representative lot detected APC in human colorectal cancer tissue, human smooth muscle tissue, and human colon tissue.

MBP clone 12: This product has been reported to work in the following applications: ELISA, immunofluorescence, radioimmunoassays, Western Blotting. This information is derived from testing within our laboratories, peer-reviewed publications or personal communications from the originators.

Relvas, J.B. et al. (2001) Expression of dominant-negative and chimeric subunits reveals an essential role for beta1 integrin during myelination. Curr Biol. 11: 1039-43.

Parvalbumin clone PARV-19 has been used in immunofluorescence:

A Ca(2+)-binding protein with numerous roles and uses: parvalbumin in molecular biology and physiology.

BioEssays : news and reviews in molecular, cellular and developmental biology (2009-03-11)

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4G8: co-localisation with pFTAA stained amyloid beta plaques (M. Jendrach, unpublished data); no signal in wild type microglia (T. Puga, unpublished data)

This antibody is reactive to amino acid residues 17-24 of β amyloid. The epitope lies within amino acids 18-22 of β amyloid (VFFAE). 4G8 β -amyloid antibody reacts to abnormally processed isoforms, as well as precursor forms.

This antibody clone has been reported for use on IHC of free-floating sections in PBS containing 1% Triton incubated with 0.1 M citrate buffer (4).

Poduslo JF, et al. 2004. Biochem. 43:6064. (IHC-F) PubMed

Forny-Germano L, et al. 2014. J Neurosci. 34:13629. (IHC-Other) PubMed

Vallino Costassa E, et al. 2016. J Alzheimers Dis. 51: 875:87. (IHC-P) PubMed

Chen X, et al. 2013. Neurobiol Aging. 34:2370. (ICC) PubMed

Hatami A, et al. 2016. J Alzheimers Dis. 50:517. (IHC-P) PubMed

Iba1: standard antibody to visualize microglia (4732 citations): "Fujifilm Wako's "Anti Iba1, Rabbit (for immunocytochemistry)" (Product Number 019-19741), which allows even microglia processes to be stained by immunohistochemical staining, is used by researchers all over the world as a microglia marker antibody standard."

Imai, Y., Ibata, I., Ito, D., Ohsawa, K. & Kohsaka, S.: Biochemical and biophysical research communications, 224(3), 855(1996).

A Novel Geneiba1 in the Major Histocompatibility Complex Class III Region Encoding an EF Hand Protein Expressed in a Monocytic Lineage

Mori, I., Imai, Y., Kohsaka, S. & Kimura, Y.: Microbiology and immunology, 44(8), 729(2000).

Upregulated expression of Iba1 molecules in the central nervous system of mice in response to neurovirulent influenza A virus infection

Sasaki, Y., Ohsawa, K., Kanazawa, H., Kohsaka, S. & Imai, Y.: Biochemical and biophysical research communications, 286(2), 292(2001).

Iba1 is an actin-cross-linking protein in macrophages/microglia.

Zhao, S. et al.: Cell, 180(4), 796(2020).

Cellular and Molecular Probing of Intact Human Organs

Ahn, J.H. et al.: Lab. Anim. Res., 28(3), 165 (2012).

Comparison of alpha-synuclein immunoreactivity in the spinal cord between the adult and aged beagle dog

Ide, T. et al.: J. Vet. Med. Sci., 72(1), 99 (2010).

Histiocytic Sarcoma in the Brain of a Cat

Gaige, S. et al.: Neurotoxicology, 34, 135(2013).

c-Fos immunoreactivity in the pig brain following deoxynivalenol intoxication: Focus on NUCB2/nesfatin-1 expressing neurons

Rodriguez-Callejas, J.D. et al.: Front. Aging Neurosci., 8, 315(2016).

Evidence of Tau Hyperphosphorylation and Dystrophic Microglia in the Common Marmoset

Fantin, A. et al.: Blood, 116(5), 829(2010).

Tissue macrophages act as cellular chaperones for vascular anastomosis downstream of VEGF-mediated endothelial tip cell induction

Clec7a: supplier: "binding of Anti-mDectin-1-IgG to mDectin-1 on cells has been validated using flow cytometry". Co-stainings with Iba1 in amyloid beta plaque-associated microglia (manuscript and EMBO Rep 2020 21(3):e48530), no signal in wild type microglia (M. Jendrach, unpublished data)

clone R1-8g7: This product has been validated for neutralization using cellular assays.

Binding of Anti-mDectin-1-IgG to mDectin-1 on cells has been validated using flow cytometry.

The absence of bacterial contamination (e.g. lipoproteins and endotoxins) has been confirmed using HEK-Blue™ TLR2 and HEK-Blue™ TLR4 cells.

1. Fischer M. et al., 2017. Isoform localization of Dectin-1 regulates the signaling quality of anti-fungal immunity. *Eur J Immunol.* 47(5):848-859.
2. Hou H. et al., 2017. C-type Lectin Receptor: Old Friend and New Player. *Med Chem.* 13(6):536-543.
3. Drummond RA. & Lionakis MS., 2016. Mechanistic Insights into the Role of C-Type Lectin Receptor/ CARD9 Signaling in Human Antifungal Immunity. *Front Cell Infect Microbiol.* 6:39.
4. Romero MM. et al., 2016. Reactive oxygen species production by human dendritic cells involves TLR2 and dectin-1 and is essential for efficient immune response against Mycobacteria. *Cell Microbiol.* 18(6):875-86.

beta-Actin: standard antibody to visualize Actin (4100 citations); no staining of mouse heart tissue (M. Jendrach, unpublished data)

Eukaryotic cell lines

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Cell line source(s)	The human oligodendrogloma cell line (SCC163, Sigma)
Authentication	Directly obtained from vendor (Sigma), therefore only tested within our experimental set-up (regular control experiments, see respective figure).
Mycoplasma contamination	The cell line was not tested for mycoplasma contamination.
Commonly misidentified lines (See ICLAC register)	No commonly misidentified cell lines were used in this study.

Animals and other organisms

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Laboratory animals	Mus musculus, C57BL/6. Mice for snRNA-seq study: male, 250-day-old. Mice for immunohistochemistry, EM imaging, biochemical and molecular analysis: 120 and 250-day-old, mixed sexes. APPPS1.NestinCre.II12Rb2fl/fl: 250 day old. Mice for Mesoscale analysis. Mixed sexes. APPPS1.NestinCre.II23Rfl/fl: 250-day-old. Mice for Mesoscale analysis. Mixed sexes. APPPS1.II12b: 120 and 250-day-old, mixed sexes, used for lipidomics, electronmicroscopy, immunohistochemistry. C57BL/6: E13, used for myelinating cell culture experiments. C57BL/6: P3 used for MACS-sorting of oligodendrocytes.
Wild animals	This study did not involve wild animals.
Field-collected samples	This study did not involve samples collected from the field.
Ethics oversight	All animal experiments were conducted in accordance with animal welfare acts and were approved by the regional office for health and social service in Berlin (LaGeSo; license O 298/17, T 0276/07 and T-CH0022/23)

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Human research participants

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Population characteristics	Postmortem tissue was collected from participants with neurological diseases as indicated, based on a written informed
Recruitment	Subjects recruited provided written informed consent prior to death.
Ethics oversight	Human tissue sampling, processing and subsequent analyses were done on the basis to the ethical approval Nr. EA1/144/13 granted by the Ethics Board of the Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin, Germany. Postmortem brain tissue from the University of Florida Human Brain and Tissue Bank (UF HBTB) was collected with approval from the University of Florida Institutional Review Board (IRB201600067). All the patients or their next-of-kin gave written informed consent for the brain donation and use of tissue specimens for research.

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