

Supplementary Information

Low-dose anti-HIV drug efavirenz mitigates retinal vascular lesions in a mouse model of Alzheimer's disease

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Table S1. Differentially expressed genes ($P \leq 0.05$) in efavirenz-treated (Tx) retina vs control (Cntr) retina in 5XFAD mice as identified by RNAseq.

Gene	Ratio, Tx/Cntr	Gene	Ratio, Tx/Cntr	Gene	Ratio, Tx/Cntr
<i>5730507C01Rik</i>	1.24	<i>D130040H23Rik</i>	1.20	<i>Gm5415</i>	1.42
<i>Abca13</i>	1.17	<i>Ddost</i>	0.90	<i>Gng13</i>	0.90
<i>Ache</i>	1.09	<i>Dock5</i>	0.72	<i>Gng7</i>	1.10
<i>Adgrf4</i>	1.49	<i>Dpm3</i>	0.81	<i>Gpi1</i>	0.94
<i>Agr2</i>	0.70	<i>Drd4</i>	0.92	<i>Gpnmb</i>	1.45
<i>Akap6</i>	0.87	<i>Dscam</i>	0.90	<i>Gpr37l1</i>	1.56
<i>Akr1e1</i>	0.79	<i>Dusp1</i>	0.84	<i>Grem2</i>	1.29
<i>Alad</i>	0.86	<i>Dusp11</i>	1.07	<i>Gtf2a1</i>	1.11
<i>Aldoa</i>	0.92	<i>Dusp26</i>	1.09	<i>Guca1b</i>	1.10
<i>Alpl</i>	0.92	<i>Ech1</i>	1.28	<i>Gvin1</i>	1.59
<i>Ampd3</i>	0.84	<i>Edn2</i>	1.53	<i>H2-Ob</i>	1.76
<i>Armh4</i>	0.65	<i>Efnb2</i>	1.15	<i>Hmgb1</i>	0.91
<i>Bcas1</i>	1.77	<i>Egln1</i>	0.92	<i>Hsp90b1</i>	0.91
<i>Bfsp2</i>	0.64	<i>Egr2</i>	0.63	<i>Hspb2</i>	0.62
<i>Bmf</i>	0.80	<i>Emilin1</i>	1.42	<i>Igip</i>	1.19
<i>Bspsy</i>	0.71	<i>Eno1</i>	0.90	<i>Igsf9</i>	1.16
<i>Bst1</i>	1.18	<i>Enox1</i>	0.71	<i>Il4i1</i>	0.60
<i>Bub1b</i>	0.89	<i>Enpp2</i>	1.14	<i>Insig1</i>	0.90
<i>Calm2</i>	0.93	<i>Entpd4b</i>	0.84	<i>Irf9</i>	1.59
<i>Car12</i>	1.48	<i>Esrrb</i>	0.84	<i>Itih3</i>	1.52
<i>Cd47</i>	1.12	<i>Etnppl</i>	1.41	<i>Jmjd6</i>	0.91
<i>Cdc26</i>	1.16	<i>Fads2</i>	0.89	<i>Kcnh5</i>	0.83
<i>Cdin1</i>	0.80	<i>Fam89b</i>	1.70	<i>Kcnj13</i>	1.45
<i>Cldn23</i>	1.24	<i>Fgd1</i>	1.13	<i>Kcnv2</i>	1.07
<i>Clu</i>	0.91	<i>Fkbp2</i>	0.84	<i>Kdm1b</i>	1.16
<i>Cnrip1</i>	0.91	<i>Frmpd1</i>	0.92	<i>Klhl28</i>	1.19
Col1a2	1.37	<i>Gdf15</i>	0.61	<i>Lbh</i>	0.90
Col5a1	1.21	<i>Gfap</i>	1.29	<i>Lgals6</i>	1.69
Col8a2	1.40	<i>Glmn</i>	1.14	<i>Lmbrd2</i>	1.14
<i>Cox6b1</i>	0.90	<i>Gm1140</i>	1.61	<i>Lmtk3</i>	1.10
<i>Crybb1</i>	0.68	<i>Gm11837</i>	0.55	<i>Lpin2</i>	0.89
<i>Crybb3</i>	0.66	<i>Gm12657</i>	1.49	<i>Lrat</i>	1.49
<i>Cubn</i>	0.66	<i>Gm14692</i>	0.55	<i>Lrrc8e</i>	0.72
<i>Cyp4f16</i>	0.77	<i>Gm45929</i>	0.72	<i>Mbp</i>	1.15

<i>Mex3b</i>	0.79	<i>Pon1</i>	1.47	<i>Slco5a1</i>	1.20
<i>Mip</i>	0.68	<i>Ppp1r3e</i>	1.36	<i>Smco3</i>	0.63
<i>Mmp28</i>	1.47	<i>Prelid1</i>	0.92	<i>Smim24</i>	0.92
<i>Mobp</i>	1.65	<i>Prkaca</i>	1.08	<i>Snhg11</i>	1.10
<i>Mrps10</i>	1.17	<i>Prkdc</i>	1.13	<i>Srp54a</i>	1.42
<i>Mtrfr</i>	0.84	<i>Psd</i>	1.08	<i>Srp54b</i>	1.26
<i>Myl6</i>	0.91	<i>Ptov1</i>	1.11	<i>Srp54c</i>	1.21
<i>Myo15</i>	1.52	<i>Rab6a</i>	0.93	<i>Sssca1</i>	0.85
<i>Myo7a</i>	0.80	<i>Rag1</i>	0.61	<i>Ssu72</i>	0.89
<i>Nat1</i>	0.74	<i>Rbm4</i>	0.80	<i>Stard7</i>	1.07
<i>Ndufa13</i>	0.91	<i>Rdh16f2</i>	0.70	<i>Stra6</i>	1.26
<i>Nkd2</i>	1.52	<i>Ric8b</i>	1.08	<i>Styx</i>	1.09
<i>Nono</i>	0.93	<i>Rmdn3</i>	0.89	<i>Supt16</i>	1.09
<i>Nr4a3</i>	0.69	<i>Rnf144a</i>	0.83	<i>Svep1</i>	1.69
<i>Nudc</i>	0.91	<i>Rpe65</i>	1.44	<i>Tead3</i>	1.15
<i>Nudt3</i>	0.92	<i>Rpl21</i>	0.82	<i>Tfap4</i>	0.77
<i>Nup62</i>	0.84	<i>Rpl23a</i>	0.93	<i>Thbs1</i>	1.33
<i>Nutf2</i>	0.86	<i>Rpl26</i>	0.78	<i>Tmem170</i>	1.27
<i>Oasl2</i>	1.24	<i>Rpl28</i>	0.89	<i>Tmem237</i>	0.91
<i>Obscn</i>	1.39	<i>Rpl35</i>	0.91	<i>Tmem40</i>	0.55
<i>Odc1</i>	1.13	<i>Rpl41</i>	0.87	<i>Tnxb</i>	1.28
<i>Oog4</i>	0.67	<i>Rpl7a</i>	0.92	<i>Tom1</i>	0.88
<i>Opn3</i>	0.76	<i>Rplp0</i>	0.91	<i>Trappc1</i>	0.87
<i>Pabpc4</i>	0.90	<i>Rps10</i>	0.89	<i>Trerf1</i>	1.17
<i>Pcdha9</i>	0.78	<i>Rps15</i>	0.93	<i>Trib2</i>	1.13
<i>Pcdhga1</i>	0.85	<i>Rps28</i>	0.87	<i>Trove2</i>	1.10
<i>Pcsk1n</i>	0.93	<i>Sap18b</i>	0.89	<i>Tsply4</i>	0.93
<i>Pde6g</i>	0.91	<i>Sec61g</i>	0.84	<i>Tusc2</i>	0.91
<i>Pfkfb2</i>	1.07	<i>Sema3e</i>	0.87	<i>Tusc3</i>	1.12
<i>Pfkfb3</i>	0.88	<i>Sik1</i>	0.81	<i>Ubb</i>	0.91
<i>Pfkl</i>	0.90	<i>Sirt5</i>	0.81	<i>Ube2h</i>	1.09
<i>Pgm2</i>	0.92	<i>Six6os1</i>	1.16	<i>Ubl5</i>	0.92
<i>Pi15</i>	0.52	<i>Skp1a</i>	1.08	<i>Unc13c</i>	1.13
<i>Pkd1</i>	1.07	<i>Slc12a9</i>	1.14	<i>Wdr31</i>	0.88
<i>Pkm</i>	0.93	<i>Slc16a8</i>	1.40	<i>Wfs1</i>	0.92
<i>Pla2g12a</i>	1.36	<i>Slc29a1</i>	0.75	<i>Ythdf1</i>	1.13
<i>Pnma3</i>	0.79	<i>Slc30a3</i>	1.35	<i>Zan</i>	0.86
<i>Pnp2</i>	0.59	<i>Slc7a1</i>	0.81	<i>Zbtb20</i>	1.30

<i>Zbtb43</i>	1.13	<i>Zfp445</i>	1.07	<i>Zmat3</i>	1.18
<i>Zfp383</i>	1.15	<i>Zfp512b</i>	1.09		

Table S2. Differentially expressed proteins ($P \leq 0.05$) in efavirenz-treated (Tx) retina vs control (Cntr) retina in 5XFAD mice as identified by the label-free approach.

Protein name	# Unique peptides	Sequence Coverage (%)	Tx/Cntr ratio	Protein name	# Unique peptides	Sequence Coverage (%)	Tx/Cntr ratio
ATG7	2	6	0.33	MGN2	1	8	0.13
BZW1	1	7	0.14	MYPT1	2	3	0.67
CD59A	1	14	0.07	NCLN	3	7	0.43
CHKB	1	5	0.20	NDUB1	1	19	0.05
CNBP	3	22	0.14	NDUB7	4	36	0.11
COR2B	2	4	0.50	NFH	1	2	0.50
DCTN1	17	22	0.77	NMT1	5	25	0.20
DDAH2	9	59	0.15	NRCAM	10	13	0.77
DENR	2	12	0.17	NT5C	3	26	0.12
DHX30	1	1	1.00	NU214	1	1	1.00
DUS3	3	24	0.13	PAQR4	1	5	0.20
EIF3I	3	15	0.20	PDE6B	20	47	0.43
EIF3M	2	8	0.25	PDS5B	1	1	1.00
ELMD2	2	9	0.22	PGRC2	4	41	0.10
EMB	2	7	0.29	PLST	5	12	0.42
EMC8	2	13	0.15	PP2AB	1	43	0.02
EPHB2	7	10	0.70	PPIB	5	26	0.19
FCL	3	15	0.20	PTEN	1	4	0.25
GMEB1	1	5	0.20	RAB6A	1	12	0.08
GMPR1	1	4	0.25	RACK1	13	57	0.23
GRK1	21	49	0.43	RAE1L	2	8	0.25
GSHR	6	22	0.27	RD23B	2	7	0.29
GSTT2	1	5	0.20	RN170	1	5	0.20
HCN1	4	8	0.50	SAFB1	4	14	0.29
HMGCL	3	15	0.20	SC6A1	6	15	0.40
IF4G2	5	12	0.42	SCPDL	3	16	0.19
IVD	2	6	0.33	SEC13	5	23	0.22
KBL	3	13	0.23	SFXN5	6	29	0.21
LY6H	1	9	0.11	SNX3	3	25	0.12
LYAR	5	18	0.28	SP16H	4	6	0.67
MACF1	11	3	3.67	SPCS1	1	7	0.14
MARE2	7	39	0.18	SRSF5	1	9	0.11
MCTS1	3	28	0.11	TADBP	8	33	0.24

MGN	1	8	0.13	TGM2	1	2	0.50
THYN1	4	18	0.22	VAT1	4	15	0.27
TRIM2	3	6	0.50	WBP2	1	4	0.25
UBP14	5	20	0.25				

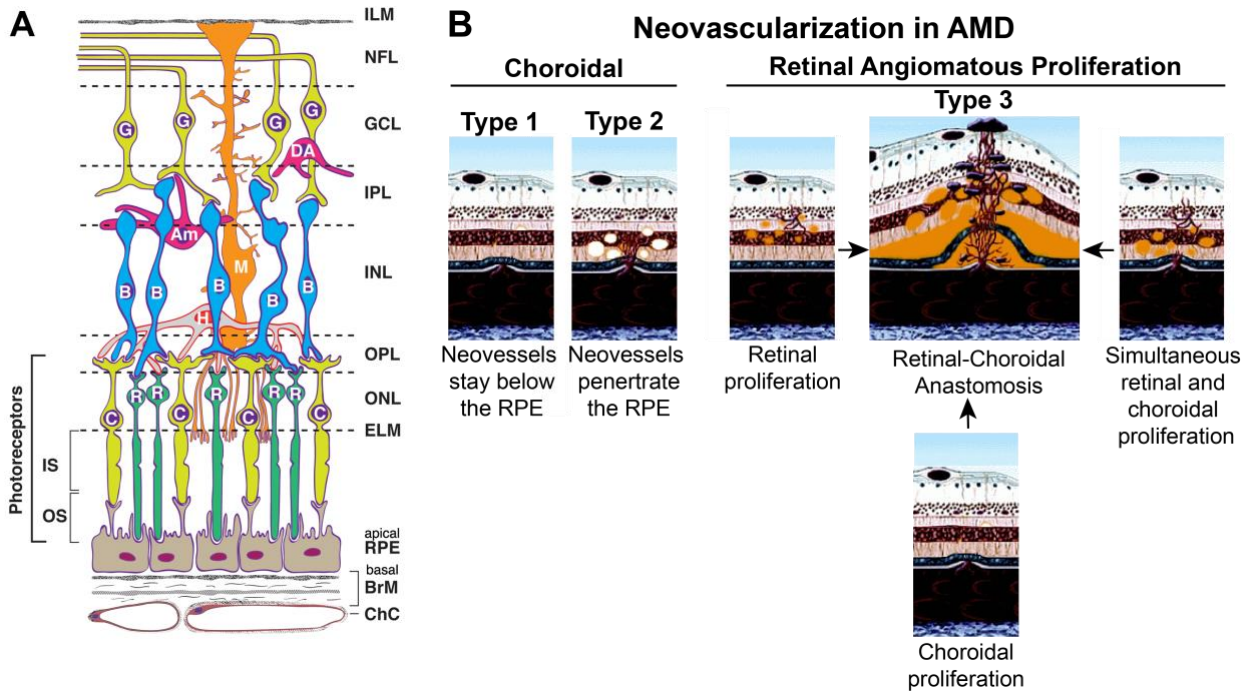


Figure S1. The retina and age-related macular degeneration. **A**, chorioretinal cells and layers. Taken from Zheng *et al.* 2012, PLoS One, and modified. Cells (from bottom to top): RPE, retinal pigment epithelium (nurse cells to the photoreceptors); C, cone photoreceptor; R, rod photoreceptor; H, horizontal cell (interneuron); B, bipolar cell (interneuron); M, Müller cell (radial glial cell); Am, amacrine cell (interneuron); DA, displaced amacrine cell (interneuron); G, ganglion cell (output neuron). Müller cells (M) extend almost the width of the retina; their apical processes form the ELM, and their foot processes partially form the ILM. Layers (from bottom to top): ChC, choriocapillaris (capillary bed for the RPE and photoreceptors); BrM, Bruch's membrane (vessel wall and RPE substratum); ELM, external limiting membrane (junctional complexes); ONL, outer nuclear layer; OPL, outer plexiform layer (synapses); INL, inner nuclear layer; IPL, inner plexiform layer; GCL, ganglion cell layer; NFL, nerve fiber layer (ganglion cell axons); ILM, inner limiting membrane. Non-photoreceptor layers of the retina are supplied by the retinal circulation (not shown). Graphics by D. Fisher; inspired by Figure 4-2 of Ryan SJ, editor. **B**, Schematic representation of neovascularization in age-related macular degeneration (AMD). Taken with permission from Yannuzzi *et al.* 2008, Retina, and modified. See main text for details.

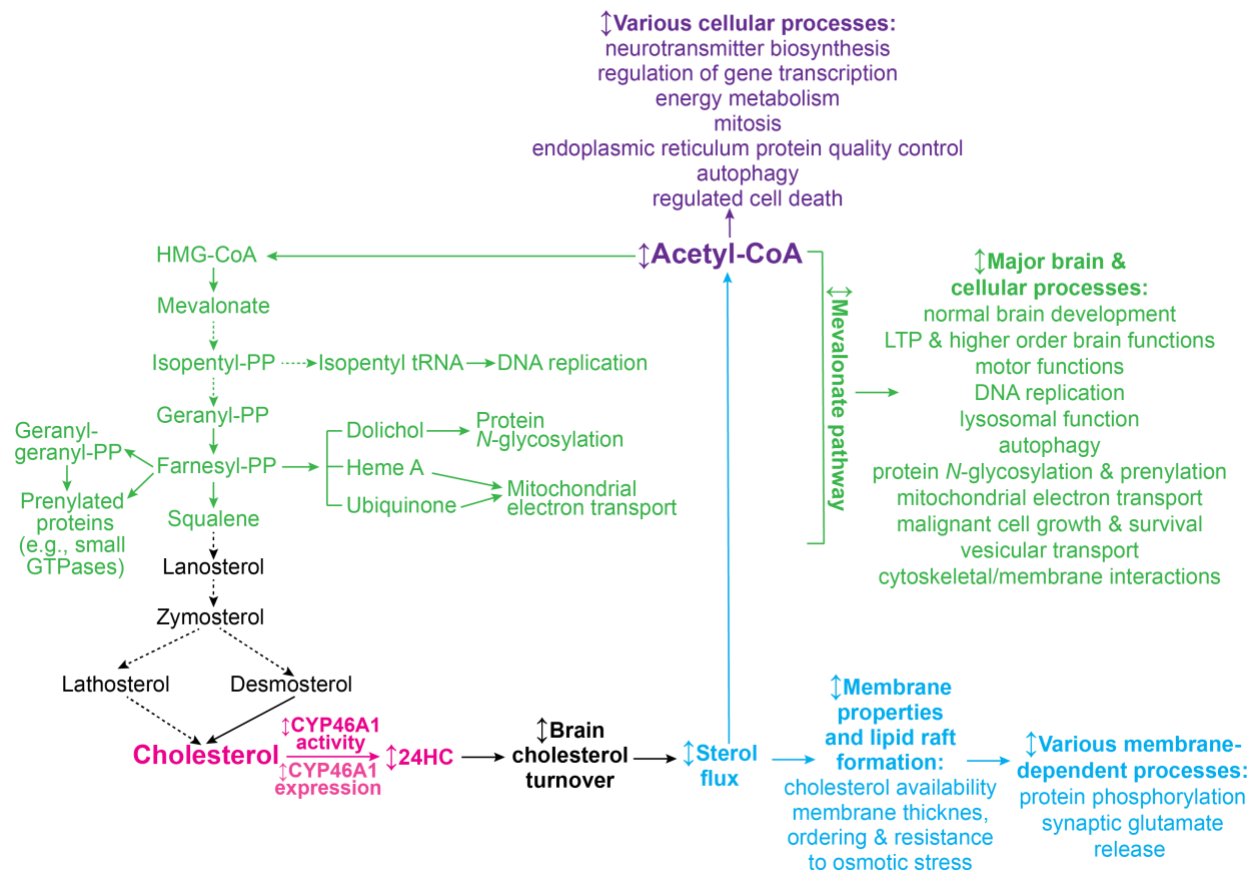


Figure S2. Schematic representation of the three primary processes (the unifying mechanisms) that can integrate a variety of CYP46A1 targeting effects. These are mevalonate pathway (green), sterol flux (blue), and acetyl-CoA production (violet). See main text for details. The initial event, CYP46A1-mediated cholesterol 24-hydroxylation, is colored in magenta. Dashed arrows indicate multiple steps; $\uparrow$: the up-down arrow indicates modulation (increase or decrease); HMG: 3-hydroxy-3-methylglutaryl; PP, pyrophosphate. Taken from Pikuleva, 2021, *Explor Neurol Ther*.