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34 **Abstract**

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36 Individuals who have Down syndrome (DS) frequently develop early onset
37 Alzheimer's disease (AD), a neurodegenerative condition caused by the build-up of
38 aggregated amyloid- β and tau proteins in the brain. Amyloid- β is produced by
39 amyloid precursor protein (*APP*), a gene located on chromosome 21. People who
40 have Down syndrome have three copies of chromosome 21 and thus also an
41 additional copy of *APP*; this genetic change drives the early development of
42 Alzheimer's disease in these individuals. Here we use a combination of next-
43 generation mouse models of Down syndrome (Tc1, Dp3Tyb, Dp(10)2Yey and
44 Dp(17)3Yey) and a knockin mouse model of amyloid- β accumulation (*App*^{NL-F}) to
45 determine how chromosome 21 genes, other than *APP*, modulate APP/amyloid- β in
46 the brain when in three copies. Using both male and female mice, we demonstrate
47 that three copies of other chromosome 21 genes are sufficient to partially ameliorate
48 amyloid- β accumulation in the brain. We go on to identify a subregion of
49 chromosome 21 that contains the gene/genes causing this decrease in amyloid- β
50 accumulation and investigate the role of two lead candidate genes *Dyrk1a* and
51 *Bace2*. Thus an additional copy of chromosome 21 genes, other than *APP*, can
52 modulate APP/amyloid- β in the brain under physiological conditions. This work
53 provides critical mechanistic insight into the development of disease and an
54 explanation for the typically later age of onset of dementia in people who have AD-
55 DS, compared to those who have familial AD caused by triplication of *APP*.

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57 **Key words**

58 Amyloid precursor protein (APP), amyloid- β , Down syndrome, DYRK1A, BACE2

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60 **Significance Statement**

61 Trisomy of chromosome 21 is a commonly occurring genetic risk factor for early-
62 onset Alzheimer's disease, which has been previously attributed to people with
63 Down syndrome having three copies of the *APP* gene, which is encoded on
64 chromosome 21. However, we have shown that an extra copy of other chromosome
65 21 genes modifies AD-like phenotypes *independently* of *APP* copy number
66 (Wiseman et al. 2018, Brain; Tosh et al. 2021 Scientific Reports). Here, we use a
67 mapping approach to narrow-down the genetic cause of the modulation of pathology;

68 demonstrating that gene(s) on chromosome 21 decrease amyloid- β accumulation in
69 the brain, independently of alterations to full-length APP or C-terminal fragment
70 abundance and that just 38 genes are sufficient to cause this.

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74 **Introduction**

75 DS is caused by trisomy of human chromosome 21 (Hsa21), and occurs in around
76 1/1000 live births in Europe (de Graaf, Buckley et al. 2021). Most individuals who
77 have DS develop the neuropathological features of AD; amyloid- β plaques and tau
78 neurofibrillary tangles by the age of 50 (Davidson, Robinson et al. 2018), and 80% of
79 individuals will have developed dementia by age 65 (McCarron, McCallion et al.
80 2017). The high prevalence of AD in DS is in part due to the gene encoding amyloid
81 precursor protein (*APP*) being located on Hsa21, thereby raising APP and amyloid- β
82 protein levels (Glennner and Wong 1984, Cheon, Dierssen et al. 2008, Doran, Keator
83 et al. 2017). Recent studies in preclinical systems have demonstrated that an extra
84 copy of other genes on Hsa21 can modulate APP biology (Garcia-Cerro, Rueda et
85 al. 2017, Wiseman, Pulford et al. 2018, Alic, Goh et al. 2020, Tosh, Rhymes et al.
86 2021) and thus may alter the earliest stages of AD in individuals who have DS.
87 These extra genes may act to *promote* or to *reduce* amyloid- β accumulation, the
88 mechanism that predominates is currently unclear. Notably, the age of clinical
89 dementia diagnosis occurs slightly later in individuals who have DS, compared with
90 those who have early-onset familial AD caused by duplication of *APP* (*i.e.*, with three
91 copies of wild-type *APP*) (Wiseman, Al-Janabi et al. 2015). However, a direct
92 comparison between these two causes of AD is confounded by the different
93 diagnostic criteria used (as necessitated by the underlying intellectual disability that
94 occurs in people who have DS) (Benejam, Videla et al. 2020). Understanding these
95 processes is crucial to the appropriate selection of treatments for AD-primary
96 prevention trials in people who have DS.

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98 Previous *in vivo* studies have either examined the processing of endogenous mouse
99 APP or used *APP* transgenic models to address this biology, but both of these
100 approaches have limitations (Garcia-Cerro, Rueda et al. 2017, Sasaguri, Nilsson et
101 al. 2017, Wiseman, Pulford et al. 2018, Tosh, Rhymes et al. 2021). Mouse APP
102 differs in sequence from the human protein. In the amyloid- β region these
103 differences reduce both cleavage of the protein by β -secretase and the tendency of
104 the amyloid- β generated to aggregate (Serneels, T'Syen et al. 2020), thus limiting
105 our ability to determine how changes to biology affect accumulation of amyloid- β – a
106 key early aspect of AD. The over- and mis-expression of *APP* in transgenic mouse
107 models may cause artefactual phenotypes, masking the modulatory effect of the

108 extra copy of Hsa21 genes and causing elevated mortality which may confound data
109 interpretation (Saito, Matsuba et al. 2014, Sasaguri, Nilsson et al. 2017).

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111 Here we take a combinatorial approach: assessing the effect of an additional copy of
112 Hsa21 genes (using a series of DS mouse models (O'Doherty, Ruf et al. 2005, Yu, Li
113 et al. 2010, Lana-Elola, Watson-Scales et al. 2016)) on the biology of endogenous
114 mouse APP and on APP generated from a partially humanised *App* knock-in allele
115 that also carries AD-causal Swedish (NL) and Iberian (F) point mutations, which
116 does not cause elevated mortality (*App*^{NL-F}) (Fig. 1) (Saito, Matsuba et al. 2014).
117 These data indicate that trisomy of genes on Hsa21 reduces amyloid- β accumulation
118 and that people who have DS are partly protected from their raised *APP* gene dose
119 by the additional copy of other genes on the chromosome. We go on to show that
120 one of the gene or genes that cause this change in biology is located on mouse
121 chromosome 16 between *Mir802* and *Zbtb21*. This region contains 38 genes and we
122 specifically test if mechanisms linked to two lead candidate genes in this region,
123 *Dyrk1a* and *Bace2*, occur in our novel *in vivo* AD-DS model system.

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126 **Methods**

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128 **Animal welfare and husbandry**

129 All experiments were undertaken in accordance with the Animals (Scientific
130 Procedures) Act 1986 (United Kingdom), after local institutional ethical review by the
131 Medical Research Council, University College London and in accordance with
132 ARRIVE2 guidelines (Percie du Sert, Hurst et al. 2020). Mice were housed in
133 individually ventilated cages (Techniplast) with grade 5, autoclaved dust-free wood
134 bedding, paper bedding and a translucent red "mouse house" at a specific pathogen
135 free facility. Free-access to food (Picolab Rodent Diet 20 Labdiet) and water was
136 provided. The animal facility was maintained at a constant temperature of 19-23°C
137 with 55 \pm 10% humidity in a 12 h light/dark cycle. Pups were weaned at 21 days and
138 moved to standardised same-sex group housing with a maximum of 5 mice per
139 cage.

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141 The following mouse strains were used in this paper, here we show abbreviated
142 name and then the official name and unique Mouse Genome Informatics (MGI)
143 identifier: App^{NL-F} ($App^{tm2.1Tcs}$, MGI:5637816), Tc1 (Tc(HSA21)1TybEmcf,
144 MGI:3814712), Dp3Tyb (Dp(16Mir802-Zbtb21)3TybEmcf, MGI:5703802),
145 Dp(10)2Yey (Dp(10Prmt2-Pdxk)2Yey, MGI:4461400) and Dp(17)3Yey (Dp(17Abcg1-
146 Rrp1b)3Yey, MGI:4461398).

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148 Tc1 mice were maintained by mating Tc1 females to F1 (129S8 × C57BL/6) males.
149 All other mouse strains were maintained by backcrossing males and females to
150 C57BL/6J mice (imported from the Jackson Laboratory). Experimental cohorts for
151 Tc1, Dp(10)2Yey and Dp(17)3Yey studies were produced by crossing mice carrying
152 the additional Hsa21 or Hsa21 orthologous duplications with $App^{NL-F/+}$ animals in a
153 two-generation cross to generate all required genotypes from the second generation
154 (wild-type, Tc1/Dpx, $App^{NL-F/NL-F}$, Tc1/Dpx; $App^{NL-F/NL-F}$, Fig. 1, Table 1). As both the
155 Dp3Tyb segmental duplication and the App^{NL-F} gene are located on mouse
156 chromosome 16 (Mmu16), for this cross we first generated a Dp3Tyb- App^{NL-F}
157 recombinant Mmu16, by crossing the two lines together and then back-crossing to
158 C57BL/6J mice to identify recombined Mmu16, carrying both genetic changes on the
159 same chromosome. Mice with the recombined Mmu16 were then crossed with
160 $App^{NL-F/+}$ animals to generate Dp3Tyb; $App^{NL-F/NL-F}$ progeny. For this cross $App^{NL-F/NL-F}$
161 controls were generated from $App^{NL-F/+}$ × $App^{NL-F/+}$ matings, in addition to rare re-
162 recombinations resulting in offspring without the Dp3Tyb segmental duplication but
163 two copies of the App knock-in allele. Dp3Tyb controls were generated from Dp3Tyb
164 × C57BL/6J matings generated at the same time as the Dp3Tyb; $App^{NL-F/NL-F}$ mice.
165 Wild-type (WT) controls were taken from all three matings.

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167 Animals were euthanized by exposure to rising carbon dioxide, followed by
168 confirmation of death by dislocation of the neck in accordance with the Animals
169 (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986 (United Kingdom).

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171 **Tissue preparation and western blotting**

172 For analysis of protein abundance in the hippocampus and cortex, tissues were
173 dissected under ice cold phosphate-buffered saline (PBS) before snap freezing.
174 Samples were then homogenised in RIPA Buffer (150 mM sodium chloride, 50 mM

175 Tris, 1% NP-40, 0.5% sodium deoxycholate, 0.1% sodium dodecyl sulfate) plus
176 complete protease inhibitors (Calbiochem) by mechanical disruption. Total protein
177 content was determined by Bradford assay or Pierce 660 nm assay (Thermo Fisher).
178 Samples from individual animals were analysed separately and were not pooled.

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180 Equal amounts of total brain proteins were then denatured in LDS denaturing buffer
181 (Invitrogen) and β -mercaptoethanol, prior to separation by SDS-PAGE gel
182 electrophoresis using precast 4-12% Bis-Tris gels (Invitrogen). Proteins were
183 transferred to nitrocellulose or PVDF membranes prior to blocking in 5% milk/PBST
184 (0.05% Tween 20) or 5-10% bovine serum albumin (BSA)/PBST. Primary antibodies
185 were diluted in 1% BSA/PBST, HRP-conjugated secondary anti-rabbit, anti-mouse
186 and anti-goat antibodies (Dako) were diluted 1:10,000 in 1% BSA/PBST. Linearity of
187 antibody binding was confirmed by a 2-fold dilution series of cortical protein samples.
188 Band density was analysed using Image J. Relative signal of the antibody of interest
189 compared to the internal loading control was then calculated, and the relative signal
190 was then normalized to the mean relative signal of control samples electrophoresed
191 on the same gel. Means of technical replicates were calculated and used for
192 ANOVA, such that biological replicates were used as the experimental unit.

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194 Primary antibodies against C-terminal APP (Sigma A8717, 1:10,000), β -actin (Sigma
195 A5441, 1:60,000), DYRK1A (7D10, Abnova, 1:500) and BACE2 (Abcam ab5670
196 1:1,000) were used.

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199 **Biochemical fractionation of mouse brain tissues for the analysis of human** 200 **amyloid- β**

201 Cortical proteins were fractionated as described in Shankar *et al.* (2009). A half
202 cortex was weighed on a microscale and homogenised in 4 volumes of ice-cold Tris-
203 buffered saline (TBS) (50mM Tris-HCl pH 8.0) containing a cocktail of protease and
204 phosphatase inhibitors (Calbiochem) using a handheld mechanical homogeniser and
205 disposable pestles (Anachem). Samples were then transferred to 1.5 ml microfuge
206 tubes (Beckman Coulter #357448), balanced by adding more TBS and centrifuged at
207 175,000 \times g with an RC-M120EX ultracentrifuge (Sorvall) fitted with rotor S100AT5
208 at 4 °C for 30 mins. Supernatant (the Tris- fraction) was removed and stored at -80

209 °C. The remaining pellet was homogenised in 5 volumes of ice-cold 1% Triton X-100
210 (Sigma-Aldrich) in TBS (50mM Tris-HCl pH 8.0), balanced and centrifuged at
211 175,000 × g for 30 mins at 4 °C. The resultant supernatant (the Triton-soluble
212 fraction) was removed and stored at -80 °C. The pellet was then re-suspended in 8
213 volumes (by original cortical weight) of TBS (50mM Tris-HCl pH 8.0), containing 5 M
214 guanidine HCl and left overnight at 4 °C on a rocker to ensure full re-suspension,
215 and subsequently stored at -80 °C. A Bradford assay or Pierce 660 nm protein assay
216 (Thermo Fisher) was performed to determine protein concentration.

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219 **Biochemical preparation of mouse brain tissues for the analysis of mouse** 220 **amyloid-β**

221 A half cortex was weighed on a microscale and homogenised in 3 volumes of ice-
222 cold TBS (50mM Tris-HCl pH 8.0) containing a cocktail of protease and phosphatase
223 inhibitors (Calbiochem) using a handheld mechanical homogeniser and disposable
224 pestles (Anachem) based on the method in reference (Holttä, Hansson et al. 2013).
225 Homogenates were centrifuged at 21130 × g at 4 °C for 1 hour and the resultant
226 supernatant was stored at -80 °C for onward analysis.

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231 **Quantification of Aβ abundance by Meso Scale Discovery Assay**

232 Amyloid-β₃₈, amyloid-β₄₀ and amyloid-β₄₂ levels were quantified on Multi-Spot 96
233 well plates pre-coated with anti-amyloid-β₃₈, amyloid-β₄₀ and amyloid-β₄₂ antibodies
234 using multiplex MSD technology, as described in (Wiseman, Pulford et al. 2018). A
235 6E10 detection antibody was used to quantify human amyloid-β and 4G8 detection
236 antibody for the quantification of mouse amyloid-β. Amounts of amyloid-β₃₈, amyloid-
237 β₄₀ and amyloid-β₄₂ were normalised to the original starting weight of cortical
238 material.

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241 **Immunohistochemistry**

242 Half brains were immersion fixed in 10% buffered formal saline (Pioneer Research
243 Chemicals) for a minimum of 48 hours prior to being processed to wax (Leica
244 ASP300S tissue processor). The blocks were trimmed laterally from the midline by
245 ~0.9-1.4 mm to give a sagittal section of the hippocampal formation. Two 4 μ m
246 sections at least 40 μ m apart were analysed. The sections were pre-treated with
247 98% formic acid for 8 mins, followed by washing. The slides were wet loaded onto a
248 Ventana XT for staining (Ventana Medical Systems, Tucson, AZ, USA). The
249 protocol included the following steps: heat induced epitope retrieval (mCC1) for 30
250 mins in Tris Boric acid EDTA buffer (pH 9.0), superblock (8 mins) and manual
251 application of 100 μ l directly biotinylated mouse monoclonal IgG1 antibody against
252 the N-terminus of A β (82E1, IBL, 0.2 μ g/ml) for 8 hours. Staining was visualised
253 using a ChromoMap DAB kit followed by counterstaining with haematoxylin. The
254 sections were dehydrated, cleared, and mounted in DPX prior to scanning (Leica
255 SCN400F slide scanner). All images were analysed using ImageJ and by manual
256 plaque counting by two independent researchers.

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259 **Biochemical preparation of mouse brain tissues for mass spectrometry of**
260 **amyloid- β**

261 A half cortex was weighed on a microscale and was homogenized in 5 volumes of
262 tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane (Tris)-buffered saline (TBS), pH 7.6, containing
263 cOmplete™ Protease Inhibitor Cocktail (Roche, cat: 04693116001). For the
264 homogenization, one 5 mm bead per sample was used in a TissueLyser (Qiagen) for
265 4 min at 30 Hz. After homogenization, additional TBS with protease inhibitor cocktail
266 was added up to 1 ml and transferred to a new tube to be centrifuged at 31,000 g for
267 1 h at 4 °C. The pellet was resuspended in 1 ml of 70% formic acid (FA) (v/v),
268 followed by further homogenization in the TissueLyser for 2 min at 30 Hz and
269 subsequent sonication for 30 s. The homogenate was centrifuged again at
270 31,000 g for 1 h at 4 °C and the supernatant (FA fraction) was dried down in a
271 vacuum centrifuge.

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273 Initially, 400 μ l of 70% FA (v/v) was added to the dried FA fractions, shaken for
274 30 min at 21°C and centrifuged at 31,000 g for 1 h at 4 °C. After the removal of the
275 supernatant, neutralization with 8 ml 0.5 M Tris was performed. Immunoprecipitation

276 (IP) was performed as previously described with some modifications (Gkanatsiou,
277 Portelius et al. 2019). Briefly, 50 μ l of sheep anti-mouse magnetic beads (Thermo
278 Fisher Scientific) that had previously been linked with 4 μ g each of mouse
279 monoclonal 6E10 and 4G8 antibodies (Biolegend) were added to the neutralized FA
280 fraction. This complex was incubated overnight at 4 °C in 0.2% Triton X-100 in PBS
281 (v/v). By using an automated magnetic-particle KingFisher ml system (Thermo Fisher
282 Scientific), the samples were then washed with PBS Triton X-100, PBS, and 50 mM
283 ammonium bicarbonate separately before elution in 100 μ l 0.5% FA. Eluates were
284 dried down in a vacuum centrifuge and stored at -80 °C pending mass spectrometry
285 (MS) analysis.

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288 **Mass spectrometry**

289 Liquid chromatography-mass spectrometry (LC-MS) was conducted in a similar
290 manner as described previously (Portelius, Tran et al. 2007). Briefly, a nanoflow
291 liquid chromatograph was coupled to an electrospray ionization (ESI) hybrid
292 quadrupole–orbitrap tandem MS (Dionex Ultimate 3000 system and Q Exactive, both
293 Thermo Fisher Scientific). Samples were reconstituted in 7 μ l 8% FA/8% acetonitrile
294 in water (v/v/v) and loaded onto an Acclaim PepMap 100 C18 trap column (length
295 20 mm; inner diameter 75 μ m; particle size 3 μ m; pore size 100 Å) for online
296 desalting, and thereafter separated on a reversed-phase Acclaim PepMap RSLC
297 column (length 150 mm, inner diameter 75 μ m; particle size 2 μ m; pore size 100 Å)
298 (both Thermo Fisher Scientific). Mobile phases were A: 0.1% FA in water (v/v), and
299 B: 0.1% FA/84% acetonitrile in water (v/v/v). The flow rate was 300 nl/min and a
300 linear gradient of 3-40% B for 50 min was applied. The temperature of the column
301 oven was 60 °C. Mass spectrometer settings were as follows: positive ion mode;
302 mass-to-charge (m/z) interval 350-1800 m/z units; data dependent acquisition with 1
303 precursor ion acquisition (MS) followed by up to 5 fragment ion acquisitions
304 (MS/MS); resolution setting 70,000 (for both MS and MS/MS); number of microscans
305 1 (MS and MS/MS); target values 10^6 (MS and MS/MS); maximum injection time
306 250 ms (MS and MS/MS); fragmentation type was higher-energy collisional
307 dissociation fragmentation (HCD); normalised collision energy (NCE) setting 25;
308 singly charged ions and ions with unassigned charge were excluded for MS/MS
309 selection. Database search (including isotope and charge deconvolution) and label

310 free quantification was performed with PEAKS Studio v8.5 (Bioinformatics Solutions
311 Inc.) against a custom-made APP database. All suggested fragment mass spectra
312 were evaluated manually. MS signal was normalised to starting weight of the cortex
313 prior to data analysis.

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316 **Statistical analysis and experimental design**

317 All experiments and analyses were undertaken blind to genotype and sex. A 6-digit
318 identification number was allocated to each animal prior to genotyping which was
319 used to blind samples. Experimental groups for all experiments were pseudo-
320 randomised using Mendelian inheritance. Mice not carrying the correct combination
321 of alleles (i.e. $App^{NL-F/+}$ heterozygous mice) were excluded from the analysis, no
322 other animals were excluded. Some samples were lost from the study because of
323 technical issues during tissue processing to wax or during fractionation. Data were
324 analysed as indicated in figure legends by univariate ANOVA with between-subject
325 factors being genetic status ($App^{+/+}/App^{NL-F/NL-F}$ and/or wild-type/Hsa21 or wild-
326 type/Dpx) and sex. Fractionation batch was included as a between-subject factor for
327 analysis of amyloid- β by MSD assays. The subject means of technical replicates
328 were calculated and used in the ANOVA for western blot and MSD assays, as the
329 number of replicates for which data was available varied between samples. Repeat
330 measures ANOVA was used for manual plaque counts (combining the data of two
331 independent researchers).

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335 **Results**

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338 **Trisomy of chromosome 21 decreases accumulation of amyloid- β in the cortex**
339 **of the *App*^{NL-F} mouse model**

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341 Following on from our previous studies, which indicated that an additional copy of
342 Hsa21 alters APP biology and the accumulation of amyloid- β *in vivo* in an *APP*
343 transgenic model (Wiseman, Pulford et al. 2018, Tosh, Rhymes et al. 2021), here we
344 determined if an additional copy of Hsa21 modulated APP/amyloid- β biology in the
345 *App*^{NL-F} knock-in mouse model. We undertook a two generation cross of the Tc1
346 mouse model of DS (O'Doherty, Ruf et al. 2005), which contains a freely segregating
347 copy of Hsa21 (but not a functional additional copy of *APP*) (Gribble, Wiseman et al.
348 2013), with the *App*^{NL-F} model to generate 4 genotypes of mice (wild-type, Tc1,
349 *App*^{NL-F/NL-F} and Tc1;*App*^{NL-F/NL-F}). We quantified the number of 82E1⁺ amyloid- β
350 deposits in the cortex of these 4 genotypes of mice at 8-months of age. 82E1⁺
351 deposits were not observed in wild-type or Tc1 mice consistent with our previous
352 study (Wiseman, Pulford et al. 2018). We found a significant decrease in the number
353 of deposits in Tc1;*App*^{NL-F/NL-F} compared with *App*^{NL-F/NL-F} controls (Fig. 2 A, G).

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355 We also determined if trisomy of Hsa21 modulated the biochemical aggregation of
356 amyloid- β ₄₀ and amyloid- β ₄₂ in the cortex at 8-months of age, using biochemical
357 protein fractionation by step-wise homogenisation and ultracentrifugation in
358 sequentially more disruptive solutions (Tris-HCl, Tris-HCl 1% Triton X-100 and finally
359 5 M guanidine hydrochloride). We then quantified human amyloid- β ₄₀ and amyloid-
360 β ₄₂ in each fraction normalised to starting brain weight (6E10 MSD triplex assay).
361 Samples from mice without a humanised *App* allele, that do not produce human
362 amyloid- β , were used as negative controls. Amyloid- β ₄₂ in the guanidine
363 hydrochloride fraction was not significantly reduced in the presence of the extra copy
364 of Hsa21 (Fig. 2B). A significant increase in Tris-soluble amyloid- β ₄₂ was seen in the
365 cortex of Tc1;*App*^{NL-F/NL-F} compared with *App*^{NL-F/NL-F} controls (Fig. 2D). However, we
366 note that this effect is being driven by one outlier and significance is lost if this animal
367 is excluded from the analysis moreover this analyte could not be detected in a
368 significant proportion of the samples analysed. Thus a replication study is required to

369 determine the validity of this result. No significant difference in Triton-soluble
370 amyloid- β_{42} abundance was observed (Fig. 2C). The amount of human amyloid- β_{40}
371 in the $App^{NL-F/NL-F}$ model is very low because of the Iberian mutation in the modified
372 App allele and this analyte was below the limit of detection in the Tris-soluble fraction
373 and did not significantly differ between genotypes in the Triton and 5 M guanidine
374 hydrochloride fractions (Fig. 2E, F). These data indicate that an additional copy of a
375 Hsa21 gene or genes is sufficient to reduce the deposition of amyloid- β in the cortex,
376 this may occur via an effect on amyloid- β formation, clearance or aggregation,

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378 **Decreased amyloid- β accumulation in the Tc1- $App^{NL-F/NL-F}$ model does not**
379 **occur because of a reduction of APP or CTF- β abundance.**

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381 The significant increase in Tris-soluble amyloid- β_{42} in the Tc1; $App^{NL-F/NL-F}$ cortex
382 suggests that the decrease in amyloid- β accumulation observed is likely to be
383 caused by a change in peptide aggregation. However, previous studies have
384 suggested that genes on Hsa21, other than APP , can increase APP protein level *in*
385 *vivo* and modulate the abundance of the amyloid- β precursor APP-C-terminal
386 fragment- β (CTF- β) (Garcia-Cerro, Rueda et al. 2017, Naert, Ferre et al. 2018,
387 Wiseman, Pulford et al. 2018). Thus, we used western blotting to determine if the
388 additional Hsa21 genes altered APP or CTF- β abundance in our new model system.
389 Here, we found no evidence of decreased mouse or human full-length APP (FL-
390 APP) in the cortex of the Tc1 and Tc1; $App^{NL-F/NL-F}$ compared with wild-type and
391 $App^{NL-F/NL-F}$ mice (Fig. 3A, D). We note that significantly less FL-APP is detected in
392 humanised models compared with controls (using antibody A8717), this may reflect
393 a reduction in antibody binding rather than a biological reduction in protein level.

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395 We found a significant increase in CTF- β and a significant decrease in CTF- α in the
396 cortex of $App^{NL-F/NL-F}$ mice consistent with the reported effects of the introduced
397 mutations on APP processing (Fig. 3B, C, D) (Saito, Matsuba et al. 2014). An
398 additional copy of Hsa21 did not significantly alter wild-type APP CTF- β or CTF- α
399 levels in the cortex of the Tc1 compared to wild-type-mice or in the Tc1; $App^{NL-F/NL-F}$
400 compared to $App^{NL-F/NL-F}$. This finding contrasted with the large increase in CTF- β in
401 male Tc1; APP transgenic model that we previously reported (Wiseman, Pulford et al.

402 2018). These data suggest that the reduction in deposition of amyloid- β in the
403 Tc1;*App*^{NL-F/NL-F} model is likely mediated by an enhancement of amyloid- β clearance
404 or an impairment of peptide aggregation rather than a decrease in APP or CTF- β
405 abundance.

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408 **Decreased accumulation of amyloid- β is caused by an additional copy of 38** 409 **Hsa21 orthologous genes**

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411 Many DS-associated phenotypes are multigenic, caused by the combined effect of
412 multiple Hsa21 genes acting together on one biological pathway. To understand the
413 mechanisms underlying the decrease in amyloid- β accumulation in the Tc1;*App*<sup>NL-
414 F/NL-F</sup> model further, we used a series of mouse models of DS that carry an extra-
415 copy of subregions of mouse chromosomes that are orthologous with Hsa21, to
416 identify the combination of regions/genes responsible for the changes (Fig. 1) (Yu, Li
417 et al. 2010, Lana-Elola, Watson-Scales et al. 2016). We used 3 mouse lines that
418 carry similar gene content to the Tc1 mouse model. However, because of the
419 limitations of available models we were unable to explore the Hsa21 genes closest to
420 *App* on Mmu16, which are in three copies in the Tc1 model, as using recombination
421 to generate the required combination of alleles in the available Dp9Tyb model was
422 not feasible.

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424 An extra copy of the genes between *Mir802* and *Zbtb21* (Dp3Tyb) was sufficient to
425 decrease the accumulation of amyloid- β in the cortex, as quantified by 82E1 plaque
426 counts (Fig. 4A). However, an extra copy of the genes between *Abcg1* and *Rrp1b*
427 (Dp(10)2Yey) and between *Prmt2* and *Pdxk* (Dp(17)3Yey) was not sufficient to
428 significantly alter the accumulation of amyloid- β in the cortex, as quantified by 82E1
429 plaque counts in 8-month old mice (Fig. 4B, C).

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431 The abundance of amyloid- β_{42} in the guanidine hydrochloride fraction was not
432 significantly altered in the Dp3Tyb;*App*^{NL-F/NL-F}, Dp(10)2Yey;*App*^{NL-F/NL-F} or
433 Dp(17)3Yey;*App*^{NL-F/NL-F} mice compared with *App*^{NL-F/NL-F} controls at 8-months of age
434 (Fig. 5A-C). No significant difference in the abundance of Tris- or Triton-soluble
435 amyloid- β_{42} was observed in Dp3Tyb;*App*^{NL-F/NL-F}, Dp(10)2Yey;*App*^{NL-F/NL-F} or

436 Dp(17)3Yey;*App*^{NL-F/NL-F} compared to controls (Fig. 5D-I). No difference in the
437 abundance of guanidine hydrochloride or Triton-soluble amyloid- β_{40} was observed
438 between Dp(10)2Yey;*App*^{NL-F/NL-F} or Dp(17)3Yey;*App*^{NL-F/NL-F} compared to controls
439 (Fig. 6A-D). These data indicate that a gene or genes in 3-copies in the Dp3Tyb
440 model is sufficient to decrease the deposition of amyloid- β in the brain.

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443 **Increased DYRK1A does not lead to increased APP or amyloid- β in the Dp3Tyb** 444 **model of DS**

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446 The Dp3Tyb model contains an additional copy of 38 genes, including *Dyrk1a*, a
447 kinase that phosphorylates APP (Ryoo, Cho et al. 2008), increasing the abundance
448 of the protein *in vivo*, contributing to raised soluble amyloid- β abundance in the
449 Ts65Dn mouse model of DS (Garcia-Cerro, Rueda et al. 2017). We wanted to
450 determine whether we could observe this previously reported biology in our new
451 model system. We found that an extra copy of the Dp3Tyb region raises the
452 abundance of DYRK1A in the cortex of 3-month-old animals, including in the context
453 of *App*^{NL-F} knock-in mutations (Fig. 7A-B). This is consistent with numerous previous
454 reports of dosage sensitivity of DYRK1A in the mouse throughout lifespan
455 (Sheppard, Plattner et al. 2012, Garcia-Cerro, Rueda et al. 2017, Yin, Jin et al.
456 2017). We also note that consistent with previous reports in other mouse model
457 systems, 3-copies of *Dyrk1a* in the Dp3Tyb;*App*^{NL-F/NL-F} model was associated with
458 an increase in cortical weight (Guedj, Pereira et al. 2012) (Fig. 10A).

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460 However, we found no evidence of changes to the abundance of humanised-APP or
461 mouse-APP in Dp3Tyb;*App*^{NL-F/NL-F} or Dp3Tyb models compared to *App*^{NL-F/NL-F}
462 controls in the cortex at 3-months of age (Fig. 7D-E). Similarly no change in human-
463 CTF- β or mouse-CTF β was observed in the Dp3Tyb model (Fig. 7F, G). We also
464 found no change in human/mouse APP or CTF- β abundance in the
465 Dp(10)2Yey;*App*^{NL-F/NL-F} mouse (Fig. 8). We found no evidence of changes to total
466 mouse amyloid- β_{40} or amyloid- β_{42} in young Dp3Tyb compared with wild-type controls
467 (3-months of age) or insoluble human amyloid- β_{40} or amyloid- β_{42} in young (3-months
468 of age) Dp3Tyb;*App*^{NL-F/NL-F} compared with *App*^{NL-F/NL-F} controls (Fig. 9, 11). These
469 data suggest that the decreased accumulation of human amyloid- β in the Dp3Tyb

470 model is not likely to be the result of changed abundance of APP, CTF- β or amyloid-
471 β in the young brain and a mechanism that decreases aggregation or enhances
472 clearance of amyloid- β may be causal, consistent with the data from the Tc1;*App*<sup>NL-
473 F/NL-F</sup> model.

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476 **In Dp3Tyb mice three-copies of *Bace2* do not raise BACE2 abundance or**
477 **decrease amyloid- β abundance in the young adult brain**

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479 The Dp3Tyb model carries an extra copy of *Bace2*, which encodes a secretase that
480 has been previously reported to cleave APP at the θ site, resulting in the production
481 of amyloid- β_{1-19} (Sun, He et al. 2006, Alic, Goh et al. 2020). BACE2 has also been
482 suggested to clear amyloid- β , leading to reduced accumulation and production of
483 amyloid- β_{1-20} and amyloid- β_{1-34} in an organoid model of DS (Sun, He et al. 2006, Alic,
484 Goh et al. 2020). Thus, we wanted to investigate BACE2 in our AD-DS model. Using
485 western blotting we found that an extra copy of the Dp3Tyb region did not cause
486 BACE2 abundance to be significantly higher in the Dp3Tyb;*App*^{NL-F/NL-F} compared
487 with *App*^{NL-F/NL-F} cortex (Fig 7A, C), likely because of the underlying high variability in
488 the abundance of this protein in the cortex. We went on to determine if the putative
489 BACE2 amyloid- β degradation products, human-amyloid- β_{1-20} and human-amyloid-
490 β_{1-34} or the APP- θ cleavage product human-amyloid- β_{1-19} were altered by the
491 Dp3Tyb region. No difference in these analytes and human-amyloid- β_{1-14} , human-
492 amyloid- β_{1-15} , human-amyloid- β_{1-16} or human-amyloid- β_{1-17} was observed between
493 Dp3Tyb;*App*^{NL-F/NL-F} and *App*^{NL-F/NL-F} cortex at 3-months of age (Fig. 10).

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495 As we had observed significant variability in the abundance of BACE2 in the cortex,
496 we investigated whether BACE2 protein levels within individual mice predicted the
497 abundance of amyloid- β_{1-19} , amyloid- β_{1-20} and amyloid- β_{1-34} in the same animals. No
498 relationships between the level of BACE2 protein and the analytes were observed
499 (amyloid- β_{1-19} $R^2 = 0.0001$, amyloid- β_{1-20} $R^2 = 0.0079$, amyloid- β_{1-34} $R^2 = 0.0004$).
500 These data suggest that differences in BACE2 protein abundance in the young adult
501 mouse brain are not sufficient to cause a detectable alteration in the clearance of
502 amyloid- β or enhanced θ -cleavage. One caveat is that at 3-months of age we cannot
503 yet detect an alteration of the aggregation of human amyloid- β in the Dp3Tyb;*App*^{NL-}

504 $F/NL-F$, as detected by MSD assay after biochemical isolation in formic acid (Fig. 11).
505 Thus, our data could be consistent with a BACE2 aging-dependent mechanism
506 leading to the observed decrease in amyloid- β in the Dp3Tyb;*App*^{NL-F/NL-F} model at 8-
507 months of age, but further analysis is required to support this.

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510 Discussion

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512 Here we use a series of mouse models of DS to identify which combination of Hsa21
513 genes (other than *APP*) are sufficient to modulate APP/amyloid- β . Our systematic
514 approach identified a region of Hsa21 that contains 38 genes, which is sufficient to
515 decrease the deposition of amyloid- β *in vivo* at an early time-point. This region
516 contains two lead candidate genes *Bace2* and *Dyrk1A*.

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518 DYRK1A is widely expressed in both the developing and adult mouse brain (Marti,
519 Altafaj et al. 2003, Hammerle, Elizalde et al. 2008) and is found in all major cell types
520 in both the human and mouse brain (Zhang, Chen et al. 2014, Zhang, Sloan et al.
521 2016). It is a primer kinase that can phosphorylate a large number of proteins,
522 including APP, which has been suggested to increase the protein's abundance
523 (Ryoo, Cho et al. 2008, Branca, Shaw et al. 2017). Inhibition of the kinase in a
524 transgenic mouse model of AD decreased amyloid- β accumulation (Branca, Shaw et
525 al. 2017, Velazquez, Meechoovet et al. 2019). Consistent with this, a decrease in
526 APP and amyloid- β abundance is observed in a mouse model of DS with a
527 normalised *Dyrk1a* gene dose (Garcia-Cerro, Rueda et al. 2017). In the Dp3Tyb
528 model, which contains an additional copy of *Dyrk1a*, we observe no increase in APP
529 abundance (endogenous mouse APP and partially humanised APP_{SW}) or evidence
530 of enhanced amyloid- β accumulation. This suggests that in our knock-in model
531 system, 3 copies of *Dyrk1a* are not sufficient to modulate APP protein abundance or
532 promote amyloid- β accumulation. Notably, inhibition of DYRK1A has been suggested
533 as both a possible therapeutic to enhance cognition in people who have DS and as a
534 possible AD therapeutic strategy (De la Torre, De Sola et al. 2014, Yin, Jin et al.
535 2017, Neumann, Gourdain et al. 2018, Nguyen, Duchon et al. 2018). Our data do not
536 support the use of DYRK1A inhibitors as a treatment strategy to decrease early
537 amyloid- β accumulation in people who have DS. However, inhibiting the kinase may

538 have other beneficial effects, such as to slow or prevent the formation of tau
539 neurofibrillary tangles or to alter the response of cells within the brain to
540 accumulating pathology. Further research is needed, in next generation AD-DS
541 mouse models, to address these key questions.

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543 *BACE2* has been reported to be expressed in a subset of astrocytes and neurons in
544 the human brain (Holler, Webb et al. 2012). In the mouse the gene is expressed in a
545 subset of neurons with the highest level in the CA3 and subiculum and some
546 expression is also reported in oligodendrocytes and astrocytes lining the lateral
547 ventricles (Voytyuk, Mueller et al. 2018). The protein may function as a θ -secretase
548 (decreasing CTF- β), a β -secretase (increasing CTF- β), and as an amyloid- β
549 degrading protease (decreasing amyloid- β) (Sun, He et al. 2006, Abdul-Hay, Sahara
550 et al. 2012); which mechanism predominates in the human brain is not well
551 understood. A previous study in which *BACE2* was overexpressed in a wild-type
552 APP over-expressing mouse model reported no evidence of altered amyloid- β_{40} or
553 amyloid- β_{42} abundance in the brain (Azkona, Levannon et al. 2010). Conversely,
554 knocking-down *Bace2* in the *App*^{NL-G-F} mouse model of amyloid- β accumulation has
555 been reported to decrease CTF- β and soluble amyloid- β (Wang, Xu et al. 2019). In
556 contrast, reducing *BACE2* copy number in human organoids produced from
557 individuals with DS or *APP*-duplication increased amyloid- β and triggered the
558 formation of deposits within the model system. The authors propose this occurs
559 because of the amyloid clearance function of *BACE2*, as evidenced by the raised
560 levels of amyloid- β degradation products in trisomic compared to isogenic disomic
561 control (Alic, Goh et al. 2020).

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563 In the Dp3Tyb model that contains an additional copy of *Bace2*, we observe no
564 significant change in CTF- β (endogenous mouse APP and partially humanised
565 APP_{SW}), soluble amyloid- β (endogenous mouse and partially humanised APP_{SW}) or
566 amyloid- β degradation products in the young adult brain. However, we observe a
567 significant decrease in amyloid- β deposition in older mice (8-months of age)
568 consistent with the role of *BACE2* as an amyloid- β degrading protease (Alic, Goh et
569 al. 2020). Further studies are required in aged mice to determine if enhanced
570 amyloid-clearance can be detected, or if *BACE2* gene-dose correction is sufficient to
571 reverse the reduction in amyloid accumulation caused by the Dp3Tyb model.

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573 Genes other than *Dyrk1a* or *Bace2* may be responsible for the decreased amyloid- β
574 accumulation observed in our model systems, perhaps via enhancing amyloid- β
575 clearance pathways. However, we previously studied the rate of extracellular
576 clearance of human amyloid- β in an alternative model system (cross of the Tc1 with
577 the J20 *APP* transgenic model) and found no evidence that the amyloid- β clearance
578 rate was modulated by the extra copy of Hsa21 genes (Wiseman, Pulford et al.
579 2018). In addition, in the same model system we found no evidence of increased
580 abundance of the key clearance enzymes neprilysin or insulin degrading enzyme in
581 the young adult brain. Changes to intracellular clearance/formation of amyloid- β may
582 contribute to the alterations in accumulation of the peptide reported here. Notably DS
583 is associated with significant alterations to endosomal biology (Botte and Potier
584 2020); neuronal endosomes have a key role in amyloid- β formation and astrocyte
585 and microglia endosomes in amyloid- β clearance. Further studies focussing on cell-
586 type specific effects of extra chromosome 21 genes are required to understand this
587 complex and important biology.

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589 DS is caused by the increase in the abundance of Hsa21 gene products; however,
590 not all genes on the chromosome are dosage-sensitive in all contexts. For example,
591 *APP* dosage sensitivity has been reported to vary over life-span (Choi, Berger et al.
592 2009) and *BACE2* has been reported to be both dosage-sensitive (Barbiero, Benussi
593 et al. 2003) and insensitive in the human brain (Cheon, Dierssen et al. 2008, Holler,
594 Webb et al. 2012). In contrast, the abundance of *DYRK1A* is highly sensitive to gene
595 dose in the vast majority of reported studies (Arbones, Thomazeau et al. 2019),
596 including previously in the adult brain of the Tc1 mouse model (Sheppard, Plattner et
597 al. 2012, Ahmed, Dhanasekaran et al. 2013, Naert, Ferre et al. 2018). Consistent
598 with this, here we report a significant increase in *DYRK1A* in the adult brain of the
599 new Dp3Tyb model. However we could not detect a significant increase in *BACE2*,
600 this lack of statistical significance is likely caused by the higher intra-animal variation
601 in abundance of this protein in the mouse brain. Similar overlapping levels of *Bace2*
602 gene expression have previously been reported at RNA level in the brain of an
603 alternative mouse model of DS compared with euploid controls (Sultan, Piccini et al.
604 2007).

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606 The relative abundance of proteins in AD-DS model systems is particularly
607 important, as Down syndrome is caused by an imbalance in the relative abundance
608 of gene products. Previous research using *APP* transgenic models, which over-
609 express APP protein, may mask the subtle but physiologically relevant effects of the
610 50% increase in the abundance of other Hsa21 gene products. This study addresses
611 this limitation, here we systematically investigate the effect of additional copies of
612 Hsa21 gene orthologues, other than *App*, on APP biology in a knock-in mouse model
613 system. However, because of technical limitations we were not able to study the
614 effect of an extra copy of genes located close to *App*, including the role of key genes
615 such as *Adamts1* (Kunkle, Grenier-Boley et al. 2019) and *Usp25* (Zheng, Li et al.
616 2021). We were also unable to determine if genes located far apart on the
617 chromosome act synergistically to cause a modulation of APP biology. Thus our data
618 does not preclude a multigenic role for the genes in the Dp(10)2Yey or Dp(17)3Yey
619 regions when combined with other Hsa21 genes. A further limitation is the use of
620 AD-associated mutations in APP to drive pathology as these mutations alter the
621 subcellular localisation and processing of APP (Sasaguri, Nilsson et al. 2017), which
622 may modulate the effect of trisomy of Hsa21 on these processes. We have partially
623 addressed this issue by undertaking a side-by-side comparison of mouse
624 APP/amyloid- β and partially humanised APP/amyloid- β .

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626 We studied two time-points in our model systems. Firstly, the young adult brain at 3-
627 months of age, prior to the accumulation of human amyloid- β in the *App*^{NL-F} in order
628 to understand the modulation of early upstream processes by the additional copies
629 of Hsa21 orthologues. Secondly the middle-aged adult brain at 8-months of age,
630 which in the *App*^{NL-F} mouse, models the initiation of amyloid- β accumulation (Saito,
631 Matsuba et al. 2014). Thus in this study we focus on how additional copies of Hsa21
632 gene orthologues modulate the earliest stages of AD pathology; the formation and
633 early accumulation of amyloid- β in the brain. We note that the effect of the additional
634 genes may differ later in disease, including during the maturation of amyloid- β
635 plaques, the formation of tau neurofibrillary tangles and the response of astrocytes,
636 microglia and neurons to AD pathology. We studied both male and female mice, to
637 ensure the generalisability of our findings, as sex is known to modulate APP/amyloid-
638 β in mouse models (Jankowsky and Zheng 2017). We did not find evidence that sex

639 modulated the effect of additional Hsa21 genes on amyloid accumulation in either
640 the Tc1 or Dp3 models.

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642 Our results indicate that an additional copy of genes on Hsa21 in people who have
643 DS can modulate key AD biology. The extent of this effect is likely to differ between
644 individuals both because of genetic variation on Hsa21 and differences in life-style
645 factors that modulate dementia risk. This may contribute to the variation in age of
646 onset of both pathology and dementia observed in people who have DS.

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649 **Conclusion**

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651 DS is a complex condition that alters multiple aspects of neurobiology and
652 physiology. Here we demonstrate using physiological mouse models that an
653 additional copy of Hsa21 genes reduces the accumulation of amyloid- β within the
654 brain; one of the earliest steps in the AD pathogenic process. Thus trisomy of Hsa21
655 may partially protect individuals who have DS from the accumulation of amyloid- β ,
656 resultant from their extra copy of *APP*. Moreover we predict that individuals who
657 have DS will accumulate amyloid- β more slowly than other groups who develop
658 other genetic forms of early-onset AD, including that caused by duplication of *APP*.
659 However, multiple studies of adults who have DS demonstrate that these individuals
660 do accumulate substantial amyloid- β within their brains by mid-life, thus the effect of
661 an additional copy of other genes on the chromosome is not sufficient to delay
662 pathology development and AD primary prevention therapies targeting amyloid- β are
663 likely to significantly benefit individuals who have DS (Fortea, Zaman et al. 2021).
664 Treatments for AD-DS and other medical conditions associated with DS must take
665 into account the differences in biology of individuals with the syndrome; to ensure
666 that interventions do not reverse the beneficial effect of the additional genes.

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669 **Abbreviations**

670 Alzheimer's disease (AD)

671 Alzheimer's disease in Down syndrome (AD-DS)

672 Amyloid precursor protein (APP)
673 Bovine serum albumin (BSA)
674 Down syndrome (DS)
675 Formic acid (FA)
676 Immunoprecipitation (IP)
677 Liquid chromatography-mass spectrometry (LC-MS)
678 Mass spectrometry (MS)
679 Meso Scale Discovery (MSD)
680 Phosphate-buffered saline (PBS)
681 Standard error of the mean (SEM)
682 Tris-buffered saline (TBS)

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1013 **Figures**

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1015 **Figure 1. A schematic of Hsa21 indicating the major karyotypic bands, and the**
 1016 **regions of Hsa21 or homologous regions of mouse chromosomes that are in**
 1017 **three-copies in the mouse models used.**

1018 **(A)** The additional Hsa21 gene content in Tc1 (yellow), in the Dp(10)2Yey (orange),
 1019 Dp(17)3Yey (light grey) and Dp3Tyb (red) segmental duplication models of DS as
 1020 shown. The number of additional human genes in the Tc1, and the additional
 1021 number of mouse genes in the Dp(10)2Yey, Dp(17)3Yey and Dp3Tyb as listed.
 1022 These lines were crossed with the *App*^{NL-F} mouse model of amyloid- β accumulation
 1023 (blue), to generate Tc1;*App*^{NL-F}(green), Dp(10)2Yey;*App*^{NL-F} (brown),
 1024 Dp(17)3Yey;*App*^{NL-F}(dark grey), and Dp3Tyb-*App*^{NL-F} (purple) offspring, homozygous
 1025 for the *App*^{NL-F} allele and carrying the additional gene content. The location of
 1026 *APP/APP* is indicated by the blue line, this locus is altered in the *App*^{NL-F} model such
 1027 that the amyloid- β sequence is humanised and the model carries the AD-causal
 1028 Swedish (NL) and Iberian (F) mutations. This colour scheme is used in subsequent
 1029 figures to code for each of the mouse models. **(B)** Schematic of the generation of
 1030 experimental cohorts for the duplication models (Dp(10)2Yey, Dp(17)3Yey and
 1031 Dp3Tyb) used in the studies, experimental cohorts were produced by crossing
 1032 Dpx;*App*^{NL-F/+} mice with *App*^{NL-F/+} mice.

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1035 **Figure 2: Trisomy of Hsa21 results in a decrease in amyloid- β deposition in the**
 1036 ***App*^{NL-F/NL-F} model.**

1037 **(A, G)** Amyloid- β deposition (82E1) in the cortex was quantified at 8-months of age
 1038 in male and female mice by manual plaque counting. **(A)** Representative image of
 1039 82E1 stained amyloid- β deposits (brown) in wild-type (WT), Tc1, *App*^{NL-F/NL-F},
 1040 Tc1;*App*^{NL-F/NL-F} mice. **(G)** Significantly fewer amyloid- β deposits in the cortex were
 1041 observed in Tc1;*App*^{NL-F/NL-F} compared with *App*^{NL-F/NL-F} controls ($F(1,23) = 24.997$, p
 1042 < 0.001). *App*^{NL-F/NL-F} female $n = 11$, male $n = 7$, Tc1; *App*^{NL-F/NL-F} female $n = 4$, male
 1043 $n = 6$. No amyloid- β deposits were observed in WT (female $n = 5$) or Tc1 (female $n =$
 1044 5 , male $n = 3$) age matched littermate controls (data not shown). **(B-F)** Total cortical
 1045 proteins were biochemically fractionated and amyloid abundance analysed by MSD
 1046 assay. **(B)** No statistically significant difference in the abundance of 5 M guanidine

1047 hydrochloride soluble amyloid- β_{42} was observed between Tc1;*App*^{NL-F/NL-F} compared
1048 with *App*^{NL-F/NL-F} controls ($F(1,13) = 2.262, p = 0.156$). *App*^{NL-F/NL-F} female $n = 15$,
1049 male $n = 8$; Tc1;*App*^{NL-F/NL-F} female $n = 8$, male $n = 10$. WT and Tc1 samples which
1050 do not produce human amyloid- β were included as negative controls. WT $n = 4$, of
1051 which 1 was below limit of detection ($\bar{x} = 0.543$ pg/mg, SEM = 0.433); Tc1 $n = 6$, of
1052 which 4 samples were below the limit of detection ($\bar{x} = 2.175$ pg/mg, SEM 1.437). **(C)**
1053 No difference in the abundance of 1% Triton X-100 soluble amyloid- β_{42} was
1054 observed between Tc1;*App*^{NL-F/NL-F} compared with *App*^{NL-F/NL-F} controls ($F(1,5) =$
1055 $0.015, p = 0.907$). *App*^{NL-F/NL-F} female $n = 7$, male $n = 2$ ($n = 8$ below limit of
1056 detection); Tc1;*App*^{NL-F/NL-F} female $n = 5$, male $n = 2$ ($n = 11$ below limit of detection).
1057 WT and Tc1 samples which do not produce human amyloid- β were included as
1058 negative controls. WT $n = 4$, of which 2 were below the limit of detection ($\bar{x} = 0.021$
1059 pg/mg, SEM = 0.007); Tc1 $n = 6$, of which all samples were below the limit of
1060 detection. **(D)** Significantly more Tris soluble amyloid- β_{42} was observed in Tc1;
1061 *App*^{NL-F/NL-F} compared with *App*^{NL-F/NL-F} controls ($F(1,5) = 10.697, p = 0.022$). *App*^{NL-}
1062 ^{F/NL-F} female $n = 7$, male $n = 2$ ($n = 8$ below limit of detection) Tc1;*App*^{NL-F/NL-F} female
1063 $n = 5$, male $n = 2$ ($n = 11$ below limit of detection). WT and Tc1 samples which do not
1064 produce human amyloid- β were included as negative controls. WT $n = 4$, of which all
1065 were below the limit of detection; Tc1 $n = 6$, of which all samples were below the limit
1066 of detection. **(E)** No difference in the abundance of 5 M guanidine hydrochloride-
1067 soluble amyloid- β_{40} was observed between Tc1;*App*^{NL-F/NL-F} compared with *App*^{NL-}
1068 ^{F/NL-F} controls ($F(1,13) = 0.005, p = 0.946$). *App*^{NL-F/NL-F} female $n = 11$, male $n = 8$, $n =$
1069 4 below the limit of detection; Tc1;*App*^{NL-F/NL-F} female $n = 7$, male $n = 5$, $n = 6$ below
1070 the limit of detection. WT and Tc1 samples which do not produce human amyloid- β
1071 were included as negative controls. WT $n = 4$, of which 3 were below the limit of
1072 detection (1.870 pg/mg); Tc1 $n = 6$, of which 5 samples were below the limit of
1073 detection (1.150 pg/mg). **(F)** No difference in the abundance of 1% Triton X-100-
1074 soluble amyloid- β_{40} was observed between Tc1;*App*^{NL-F/NL-F} compared with *App*^{NL-}
1075 ^{F/NL-F} control ($F(1,3) = 0.000, p = 0.991$). *App*^{NL-F/NL-F} female $n = 4$, male $n = 0$ ($n = 17$
1076 below the limit of detection); Tc1;*App*^{NL-F/NL-F} female $n = 4$, male $n = 2$ ($n = 14$ below
1077 the limit of detection). Tris-soluble amyloid- β_{40} was not detected in these samples.
1078 WT and Tc1 samples which do not produce human amyloid- β were included as
1079 negative controls. WT $n = 4$, of which 2 samples were below limit of detection ($\bar{x} =$

1080 0.090 pg/mg, SEM = 0.005); Tc1 n = 6, of which all samples were below the limit of
 1081 detection. Error bars show SEM, data points are independent mice.

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1084 **Figure 3: The abundance of FL-APP and CTF is not altered by trisomy of**
 1085 **Hsa21.**

1086 **(A-D)** The relative abundance of full-length APP (FL-APP), APP β -C-terminal
 1087 fragment (β -CTF) and APP α -C-terminal fragment (α -CTF) compared to β -actin was
 1088 measured by western blot using A8717 primary antibody in the cortex at 3-months of
 1089 age in female and male mice. **(A)** Significantly less FL-APP was observed in mice in
 1090 which *App* was humanised and mutated ($F(1,19) = 23.837$, $p < 0.001$). An additional
 1091 copy of Hsa21 did not alter FL-APP abundance ($F(1,19) = 0.599$, $p = 0.449$). **(B)**
 1092 Significantly less CTF- α was observed in mice in which *App* was humanised and
 1093 mutated ($F(1,19) = 5.950$, $p = 0.025$) but an additional copy of Hsa21 did not alter α -
 1094 CTF abundance ($F(1,19) = 3.012$, $p = 0.099$). **(C)** Significantly more β -CTF was
 1095 observed in mice in which *App* was humanised and mutated ($F(1,19) = 868.431$, $p <$
 1096 0.001). By ANOVA a significant effect of Hsa21 on CTF- β abundance was detected
 1097 ($F(1,19) = 23.462$, $p < 0.001$), however wild-type (WT) and Tc1 (Bonferroni pair-wise
 1098 comparison $p = 1.000$) and *App*^{NL-F/NL-F} and Tc1;*App*^{NL-F/NL-F} (Bonferroni pair-wise
 1099 comparison $p = 0.118$) were not statistically significant. WT female n = 4, male n =
 1100 4; Tc1 female n = 3, male n = 5; *App*^{NL-F/NL-F} female n = 2, male n = 2; Tc1;*App*^{NL-F/NL-F}
 1101 female n = 4, male n = 4. **(D)** Representative image of western blot in WT, Tc1,
 1102 *App*^{NL-F/NL-F}, Tc1;*App*^{NL-F/NL-F} mice. Error bars show SEM, data points are
 1103 independent mice.

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1106 **Figure 4: Duplication of the Dp3Tyb region of mouse chromosome 21**
 1107 **orthologous with Hsa21 is sufficient to decrease amyloid- β accumulation in**
 1108 **the *App*^{NL-F/NL-F} model.**

1109 **(A-C)** Amyloid- β deposition (82E1) in the cortex was quantified at 8-months of age in
 1110 male and female mice by manual plaque counting. **(A)** Significantly fewer amyloid- β
 1111 deposits were observed in the cortex of Dp3Tyb;*App*^{NL-F/NL-F} compared with *App*<sup>NL-
 1112 F/NL-F</sup> controls ($F(1,18) = 12.359$, $p = 0.002$). *App*^{NL-F/NL-F} female n = 2, male n = 7;
 1113 Dp3Tyb;*App*^{NL-F/NL-F} female n = 9, male n = 5. No amyloid deposits were observed in

1114 n = 4 WT controls. **(B)** A non-significant trend for reduced amyloid- β deposits in the
 1115 cortex was observed in Dp(10)2Yey;*App*^{NL-F/NL-F} compared with *App*^{NL-F/NL-F} controls
 1116 (F(1,11) = 12.359, p = 0.077). *App*^{NL-F/NL-F} female n = 4, male n = 3;
 1117 Dp(10)2Yey;*App*^{NL-F/NL-F} female n = 6, male n = 2. No amyloid- β deposits were
 1118 observed in WT n = 6 and Dp(10)2Yey n = 3 controls. **(C)** No difference in amyloid- β
 1119 deposits were observed in the cortex of Dp(17)3Yey;*App*^{NL-F/NL-F} compared with
 1120 *App*^{NL-F/NL-F} controls (F(1,18) = 0.021, p = 0.885). *App*^{NL-F/NL-F} female n = 6, male n =
 1121 4; Dp(17)3Yey *App*^{NL-F/NL-F} female n = 6, male n = 6. No amyloid- β deposits were
 1122 observed in WT n = 6 and Dp(17)3Yey n = 6 controls. Dp3Tyb abbreviated to Dp3,
 1123 Dp(10)2Yey abbreviated to Dp10, Dp(17)3Yey abbreviated to Dp17 for clarity. Error
 1124 bars show SEM, data points are independent mice

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1127 **Figure 5: Biochemical solubility of amyloid- β_{42} is not altered by an additional**
 1128 **copy of the Dp3Tyb, Dp(10)2Yey or Dp(17)3Yey Hsa21 orthologous regions.**

1129 Total cortical proteins were biochemically fractionated from 8-month of age mice and
 1130 amyloid- β abundance analysed by MSD assay (6E10). No difference in the
 1131 abundance of **(A)** 5 M guanidine hydrochloride soluble amyloid- β_{42} (F(1,12) = 0.128 ,
 1132 p = 0.726), **(D)** 1% Triton X-100 soluble amyloid- β_{42} (F(1,12) = 2.863, p = 0.116) or
 1133 **(G)** Tris-soluble amyloid- β_{42} (F(1,10) = 0.281, p = 0.608) was observed between
 1134 Dp3Tyb;*App*^{NL-F/NL-F} compared with *App*^{NL-F/NL-F} controls. *App*^{NL-F/NL-F} female n = 2,
 1135 male n = 6; Dp3Tyb;*App*^{NL-F/NL-F} female n = 7, male n = 3. No difference in the
 1136 abundance of **(B)** 5 M guanidine hydrochloride soluble (F(1,11) = 2.337, p = 0.115),
 1137 **(E)** 1% Triton X-100-soluble amyloid- β_{42} (F(1,11) = 0.145, p = 0.711) or **(H)** Tris-
 1138 soluble amyloid- β_{42} (F(1,11) = 0.001, p = 0.978) was observed between
 1139 Dp(10)2Yey;*App*^{NL-F/NL-F} compared with *App*^{NL-F/NL-F} controls. *App*^{NL-F/NL-F} female n =
 1140 4, male n = 5; Dp(10)2Yey;*App*^{NL-F/NL-F} female n = 6, male n = 3. No difference in the
 1141 abundance of **(C)** 5 M guanidine hydrochloride soluble (F(1,20) = 4.079, p = 0.057),
 1142 **(F)** 1% Triton X-100 soluble amyloid- β_{42} (F(1,20) = 0.124 , p = 0.728) or **(I)** Tris
 1143 soluble (F(1,20) = 0.521, p = 0.479) amyloid- β_{42} was observed between
 1144 Dp(17)3Yey;*App*^{NL-F/NL-F} compared with *App*^{NL-F/NL-F} controls. *App*^{NL-F/NL-F} female n =
 1145 7, male n = 5; Dp(17)3Yey;*App*^{NL-F/NL-F} female n = 7, male n = 7. Details of negative
 1146 controls, which do not carry an *App*^{NL-F} allele in Table 2. Dp3Tyb abbreviated to Dp3,

1147 Dp(10)2Yey abbreviated to Dp10, Dp(17)3Yey abbreviated to Dp17 for clarity. Error
 1148 bars show SEM, data points are independent mice.

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1151 **Figure 6: Biochemical solubility of amyloid- β_{40} is not altered by an additional**
 1152 **copy of the Dp(10)2Yey or Dp(17)3Yey Hsa21 orthologous regions.**

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1155 Total cortical proteins were biochemically fractionated from 8-month of age mice and
 1156 amyloid- β abundance analysed by MSD assay (6E10). **(A)** No difference in the
 1157 abundance of 5 M guanidine hydrochloride-soluble amyloid- β_{40} was observed
 1158 between Dp(10)2Yey;*App*^{NL-F/NL-F} compared with *App*^{NL-F/NL-F} controls (F(1,12) =
 1159 2.137, p = 0.169). *App*^{NL-F/NL-F} female n = 6, male n = 3; Dp(10)2Yey;*App*^{NL-F/NL-F}
 1160 female n = 4, male n = 5. **(B)** No difference in the abundance of 5 M guanidine
 1161 hydrochloride-soluble amyloid- β_{40} was observed between Dp(17)3Yey;*App*^{NL-F/NL-F}
 1162 compared with *App*^{NL-F/NL-F} controls (F(1,1) = 0.782, p = 0.539). *App*^{NL-F/NL-F} female n
 1163 = 1, male n = 2, n = 9 below limit of detection; Dp(17)3Yey;*App*^{NL-F/NL-F} female n = 2,
 1164 male n = 0, n = 12 below limit of detection. **(C)** No difference in the abundance of 1%
 1165 Triton X-100-soluble amyloid- β_{40} was observed between Dp(10)2Yey;*App*^{NL-F/NL-F}
 1166 compared with *App*^{NL-F/NL-F} controls (F(1,11) = 0.540, p = 0.478). *App*^{NL-F/NL-F} female
 1167 n = 6, male n = 3; Dp(10)2Yey;*App*^{NL-F/NL-F} female n = 4, male n = 4. **(D)** No
 1168 difference in the abundance of 1% Triton X-100-soluble amyloid- β_{40} was observed
 1169 between Dp(17)3Yey;*App*^{NL-F/NL-F} compared with *App*^{NL-F/NL-F} controls (F(1,19) =
 1170 0.007, p = 0.982). *App*^{NL-F/NL-F} female n = 7, male n = 5; Dp(17)3Yey;*App*^{NL-F/NL-F}
 1171 female n = 7, male n = 6, n = 1 below limit of detection. Details of negative controls,
 1172 which do not carry an *App*^{NL-F} allele in Table 2. Error bars show SEM, data points are
 1173 independent mice. Dp(10)2Yey abbreviated to Dp10 and Dp(17)3Yey abbreviated to
 1174 Dp17 for clarity.

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1177 **Figure 7: Duplication of the Dp3Tyb region is sufficient to raise the protein**
 1178 **abundance of DYRK1A in the cortex but does not significantly alter BACE2,**
 1179 **FL-APP or CTF abundance.**

1180 The abundance of **(A-B)** DYRK1A, **(A, C)** BACE2, **(D, E)** full-length, APP (FL-APP),
 1181 **(D, F)** C-terminal fragment- α (CTF- α) and **(D, G)** C-terminal fragment- β (CTF- β)
 1182 relative to β -actin loading control was measured by western blot in the cortex at 3-
 1183 months of age in male and female mice. ANOVA analysis indicated that an additional
 1184 copy of the Dp3Tyb region increased the abundance of **(B)** DYRK1A ($F(1,49) =$
 1185 16.511 , $p < 0.001$) and **(C)** BACE2 $F(1,49) = 4.444$, $p = 0.040$). Post-hoc pair-wise
 1186 comparison with Bonferroni correction for multiple comparison, demonstrated that
 1187 significantly higher levels of DYRK1A were observed in $Dp3Tyb;App^{NL-F/NL-F}$ compared
 1188 to $App^{NL-F/NL-F}$ cortex ($p = 0.002$) but that BACE2 levels did not differ between these
 1189 two genotypes of mice ($p = 0.359$). There was no effect of an extra copy of the
 1190 Dp3Tyb region on the abundance of **(E)** FL-APP level ($F(1,49) = 2.183$, $p = 0.126$),
 1191 **(F)** CTF- α ($F(1,40) = 0.040$, $p = 0.843$), or **(G)** CTF- β ($F(1,40) = 0.008$, $p = 0.929$).
 1192 As previously reported (Saito, Matsuba et al. 2014), mice homozygous for the App^{NL-F}
 1193 F allele had lower abundance of **(E)** FL-APP ($F(1,49) = 16.790$, $p < 0.001$), **(F)** CTF-
 1194 α ($F(1,40) = 15.739$, $p < 0.001$) and a higher abundance of **(G)** CTF- β ($F(1,40) =$
 1195 147.440 , $p < 0.001$). Wild-type (WT) (female $n = 6$, male $n = 11$), Dp3Tyb (female $n =$
 1196 5 , male $n = 7$), App^{NL-F} (female $n = 8$, male $n = 7$) and $Dp3Tyb;App^{NL-F/NL-F}$ (female n
 1197 $= 5$, male $n = 8$). CTF were below the limit of detection in Wild-type ($n = 3$) Dp3Tyb
 1198 ($n = 1$), App^{NL-F} ($n = 2$) and $Dp3Tyb;App^{NL-F/NL-F}$ ($n = 3$) samples. Error bars show
 1199 SEM, data points are independent mice. Dp3Tyb abbreviated to Dp3 for clarity.

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1202 **Figure 8 The abundance of FL-APP and CTF is not altered by duplication of the**
 1203 **Dp10Yey Hsa21 orthologous region**

1204 The abundance of **(A, D)** full-length, APP (FL-APP), **(B, D)** C-terminal fragment- α
 1205 (CTF- α) and **(C, D)** C-terminal fragment- β (CTF- β) relative to β -actin loading control
 1206 was measured by western blot in the cortex at 3-months of age in male and female
 1207 mice. There was no effect of an extra copy of the Dp(10)2Yey region on the
 1208 abundance of **(A)** FL-APP level ($F(1,22) = 0.828$, $p = 0.372$), **(B)** CTF- α ($F(1,22) =$
 1209 0.054 , $p = 0.819$) or **(C)** CTF- β abundance ($F(1,22) = 0.829$, $p = 0.372$). As
 1210 previously observed, mice homozygous for the App^{NL-F} allele had lower abundance
 1211 of **(A)** FL-APP ($F(1,22) = 8.168$, $p = 0.009$), **(B)** CTF- α ($F(1,22) = 72.150$, $p < 0.001$)
 1212 and a higher abundance of **(C)** CTF- β ($F(1,22) = 15.300$, $p < 0.001$). Wild-type (WT)
 1213 (female $n = 1$, male $n = 4$), Dp(10)2Yey (male $n = 8$), App^{NL-F} (male $n = 9$) and

1214 Dp(10)2Yey;*App*^{NL-F/NL-F} (female n = 2, male n = 4). Error bars show SEM, data
 1215 points are independent mice. Dp(10)2Yey abbreviated to Dp10 for clarity.

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1218 **Figure 9: An additional copy of the Dp3Tyb region does not alter the**
 1219 **abundance of mouse amyloid- β in the young cortex.**

1220 Total cortical proteins were homogenised in TBS buffer, from mice of 3-months of
 1221 age, and amyloid- β abundance was analysed by MSD assay (4G8). An additional
 1222 copy of the Dp3Tyb region did not alter the abundance of **(A)** amyloid- β ₄₀ (F1,14) =
 1223 0.693, p = 0.419) or **(B)** amyloid- β ₄₂ (F1,7) = 0.410, p = 0.718). Wild-type (WT)
 1224 (female n = 5, male n = 11), Dp3Tyb (female n = 7, male n = 12). For amyloid- β ₄₀
 1225 (WT n = 4 and Dp3Tyb = 5) and amyloid- β ₄₂ (WT = 8 and Dp3Tyb n = 8) were below
 1226 the limit of detection. Error bars show SEM, data points are independent mice.
 1227 Dp3Tyb abbreviated to Dp3 for clarity.

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1230 **Figure 10: BACE2 amyloid- β cleaved fragments do not have increased**
 1231 **abundance in the young cortex of the Dp3Tyb;*App*^{NL-F/NL-F} model.**

1232 LC-MS analysis of immunoprecipitated cortical amyloid- β from formic acid fraction
 1233 normalised to weight of cortical tissue, was used to determine if the Dp3Tyb region
 1234 was sufficient to alter the abundance of putative BACE2 cleavage products at 3-
 1235 months of age. **(A)** Dp3Tyb;*App*^{NL-F/NL-F} cortex weighs more than *App*^{NL-F/NL-F} cortex
 1236 at 3-months of age (F(1,22) = 7.772, p = 0.011). *App*^{NL-F/NL-F} (female n = 8, male n =
 1237 5), Dp3Tyb;*App*^{NL-F/NL-F} (female n = 4, male n = 9). No significant increase in the
 1238 abundance of **(B)** amyloid- β ₁₋₁₉, (F(1,20) = 0.166 p = 0.688), **(C)** amyloid- β ₁₋₂₀
 1239 (F(1,20) = 0.274 p = 0.607) or **(D)** amyloid- β ₁₋₃₄ (F(1,20) = 0.005 p = 0.942) was
 1240 observed. No difference in the abundance of **(E)** amyloid- β ₁₋₁₄, (F(1,15) = 1.622, p =
 1241 0.222), **(F)** amyloid- β ₁₋₁₅, (F(1,19) = 0.496, p = 0.490), **(G)** amyloid- β ₁₋₁₆, (F(1,19) =
 1242 2.274, p = 0.148) or **(H)** amyloid- β ₁₋₁₇, (F(1,19) = 0.079, p = 0.781) was detected in
 1243 the cortex of Dp3Tyb;*App*^{NL-F/NL-F} compared with *App*^{NL-F/NL-F} mice. *App*^{NL-F/NL-F}
 1244 (female n = 8, male n = 5), Dp3Tyb;*App*^{NL-F/NL-F} (female n = 4, male = 9). Dp3Tyb
 1245 abbreviated to Dp3 for clarity. Error bars show SEM, data points are independent
 1246 mice. For amyloid- β ₁₋₁₉ and Amyloid- β ₁₋₂₀ n = 1 sample was below the limit of
 1247 detection per genotype. Amyloid- β ₁₋₁₄ n = 3 samples were below the limit of

1248 detection per genotype, amyloid- $\beta_{1-15, 1-16, 1-17}$ n = 1 samples were below the limit of
1249 detection per genotype. These samples are shown on the graphs but were excluded
1250 from ANOVA.

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1254 **Figure 11 Duplication of the Dp3Tyb region of mouse chromosome 21**
1255 **orthologous with Hsa21 is not sufficient to decrease amyloid- β biochemical**
1256 **aggregation in the cortex of the $App^{NL-F/NL-F}$ model at 3-months of age.**

1257 Total cortical proteins of 3-month-old mice were prepared for mass-spectrometry
1258 analysis and amyloid- β abundance analysed in the formic acid soluble fraction by
1259 MSD assay (6E10). No difference in the abundance of formic acid soluble **(A)**
1260 amyloid- β_{38} ($F(1,21) = 1.001$, $p = 0.328$), **(B)** amyloid- β_{40} ($F(1,21) = 0.032$ $p = 0.860$)
1261 or **(C)** amyloid- β_{42} ($F(1,21) = 0.306$, $p = 0.443$) was detected. $App^{NL-F/NL-F}$ (female n =
1262 8, male n = 5), $Dp3Tyb;App^{NL-F/NL-F}$ (female n = 4, male n = 9). Dp3Tyb abbreviated
1263 to Dp3 for clarity. Error bars show SEM, data points are independent mice.

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1267 **Table 1 Summary of Mouse Cohorts**

1268 Summary of the cohorts of mice, the cross(es) used to generate them, the age at which the cohort was sacrificed, the outcome
 1269 measured and the figure in which the data are presented.

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Cohort	Crosses	Age	Outcomes	Figure	Female 'n'				Male 'n'			
					WT	Tc1/Dpx	$App^{NL-FINL-}$ App^F	Tc1/Dpx; $App^{NL-FINL-}$ App^F	WT	Tc1/Dpx	$App^{NL-FINL-}$ App^F	Tc1/Dpx; $App^{NL-FINL-}$ App^F
1	Tc1; $App^{NL-F/+}$ and $App^{NL-F/+}$	3-months	APP and APP-CTF abundance	Figure 3	4	3	2	4	4	5	2	4
2	Dp(10)2Yey; $App^{NL-F/+}$ and $App^{NL-F/+}$	3-months	APP and APP-CTF abundance	Figure 8	1	0	0	2	4	8	9	4
3	Dp3Tyb- $App^{NL-F/+}$ and $App^{NL-F/+}$ Dp3Tyb and C57BL/6J $App^{NL-F/+}$ and $App^{NL-F/+}$	3-months	APP, APP-CTF, DYRK1A and BACE2 abundance Human amyloid- β fragments (only App^{NL-F} carriers analysed)	Figure 7 Figure 10 & 11	6	5	8	5	11	7	7	8
4	Dp3Tyb and C57BL/6J	3-months	Mouse amyloid- β abundance	Figure 9	5	7	N/A	N/A	11	12	N/A	N/A
5	Tc1; $App^{NL-F/+}$ and $App^{NL-F/+}$	8-months	82E1 plaque counts Human amyloid- β abundance	Figure 2	5	5	15	8	0	3	8	10
6	Dp3Tyb- $App^{NL-F/+}$ and $App^{NL-F/+}$ $App^{NL-F/+}$ and $App^{NL-F/+}$	8-months	82E1 plaque counts Human amyloid- β abundance	Figure 4 Figure 5 & 6	2	Not available because of breed scheme		2	9	Not available because of breed scheme		7
7	Dp(10)2Yey; $App^{NL-F/+}$ and $App^{NL-F/+}$	8-months	82E1 plaque counts Human amyloid- β abundance	Figure 4 Figure 5 & 6	2	2	4	6	4	1	5	3
8	Dp(17)3Yey; $App^{NL-F/+}$ and $App^{NL-F/+}$	8-months	82E1 plaque counts Human amyloid- β abundance	Figure 4 Figure 5 & 6	3	3	7	7	3	3	5	7

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1272 **Table 2 Summary of negative control samples, which do not carry an *App*^{NL-F}**
 1273 **allele and do not produce human amyloid- β , used in MSD assays.**

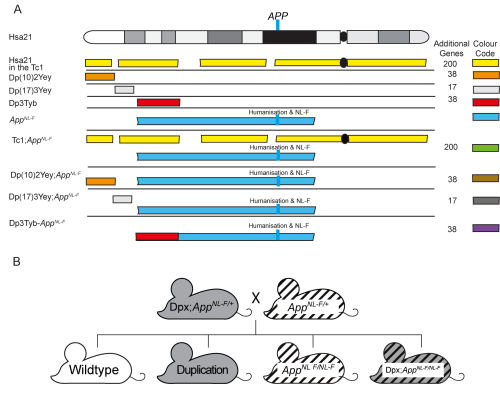
1274 Negative control samples from mice that do not carry the *App*^{NL-F} allele and do not
 1275 produce human amyloid- β were assayed by 6E10 MSD assay alongside samples
 1276 homozygous for the *App*^{NL-F} allele and which do produce human amyloid- β . The
 1277 epitope for 6E10 lies within the region of sequence difference between human and
 1278 mouse A β , the antibody is against the human sequence. In some cases as indicated
 1279 all samples without an *App*^{NL-F} allele were below the limit of detection for the assay
 1280 and thus mean and standard deviations are not available (N/A)

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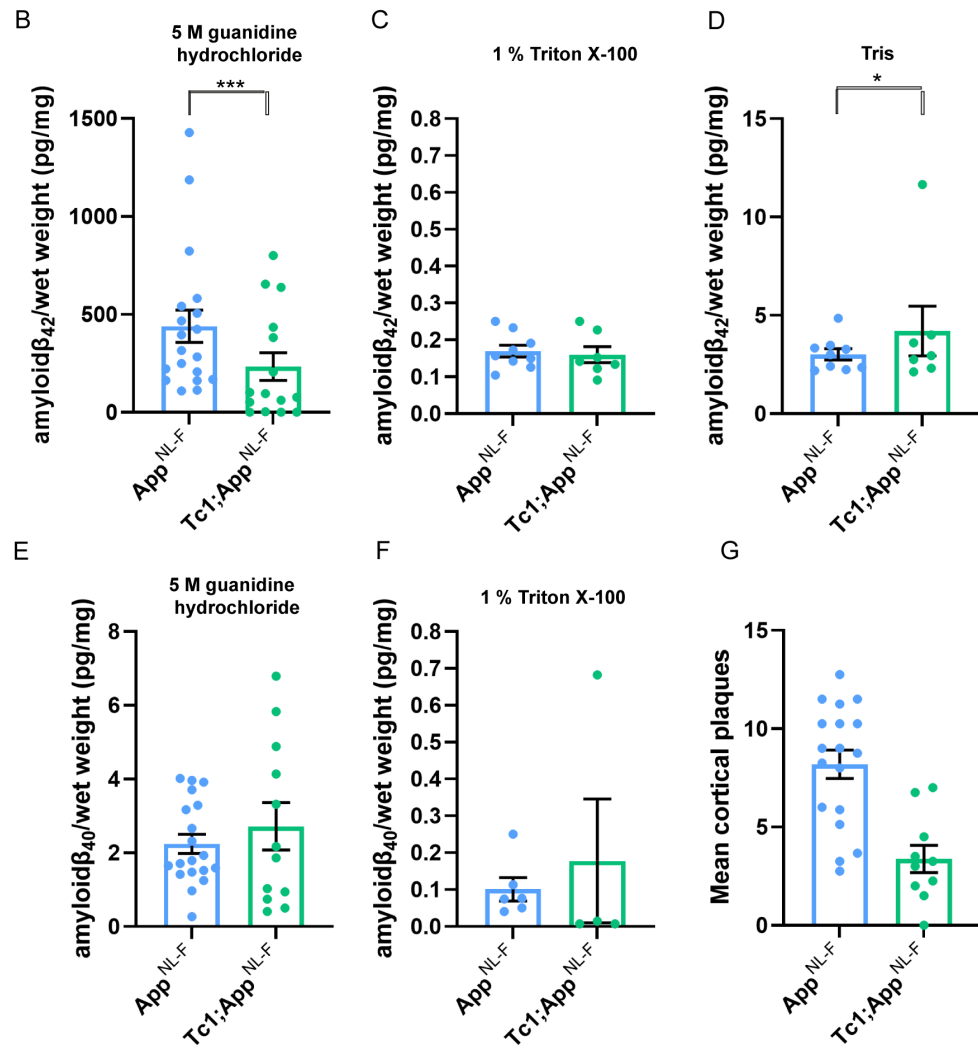
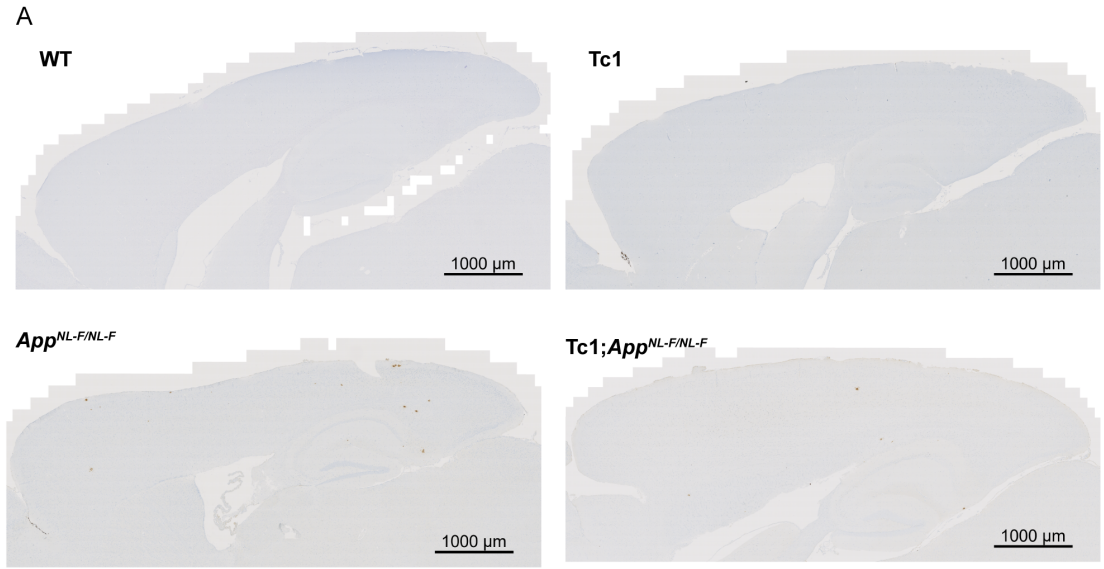
Figure	Measurement	Genotype	Total 'n'	Below the limit of detection	Above Limit of Detection		
					n	Mean (pg/mg)	Standard deviation
Figure 5A	Gnd HCl amyloid- β_{42} / total brain weight	WT	4	4	0	N/A	N/A
Figure 5A	Gnd HCl amyloid- β_{42} / total brain weight	Dp3Tyb	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Figure 5B	Gnd HCl amyloid- β_{42} /total brain weight	WT	6	0	6	0.505	0.444
Figure 5B	Gnd HCl amyloid- β_{42} / total brain weight	Dp(10)2Tyb	3	0	3	0.59	0.411
Figure 5C	Gnd HCl amyloid- β_{42} / total brain weight	WT	5	4	1	6.154	N/A
Figure 5C	Gnd HCl amyloid- β_{42} / total brain weight	Dp(17)3Tyb	5	5	0	N/A	N/A
Figure 5D	1% Triton amyloid β_{42} /total brain weight	WT	4	3	1	0.002	N/A
Figure 5D	1% Triton amyloid- β_{42} / total brain weight	Dp3Tyb	Not available	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Figure 5E	1% Triton amyloid- β_{42} / total brain weight	WT	6	5	1	0.009	N/A
Figure 5E	1% Triton amyloid- β_{42} / total brain weight	Dp(10)2Tyb	3	2	1	0.007	N/A
Figure 5F	1% Triton amyloid- β_{42} / total brain weight	WT	5	2	3	0.475	0.814
Figure 5F	1% Triton amyloid- β_{42} / total brain weight	Dp(17)3Tyb	5	3	2	0.074	N/A
Figure 5G	Tris amyloid- β_{42} / total brain weight	WT	4	3	1	0.015	N/A
Figure 5G	Tris amyloid- β_{42} / total brain weight	Dp3Tyb	Not available	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Figure 5H	Tris amyloid- β_{42} /total brain	WT	6	5	1	0.006	N/A

	weight						
Figure 5H	Tris amyloid- β_{42} /total brain weight	Dp(10)2Tyb	3	2	1	0.007	N/A
Figure 5I	Tris amyloid- β_{42} /total brain weight	WT	5	2	3	0.304	0.517
Figure 5I	Tris amyloid- β_{42} /total brain weight	Dp(17)3Tyb	5	2	3	0.011	0.009
Figure 6A	Gnd HCl amyloid β_{40} /total brain weight	WT	6	0	6	2.097	1.246
Figure 6A	Gnd HCl amyloid- β_{40} /total brain weight	Dp(10)2Tyb	3	0	3	2.255	1.796
Figure 6B	Gnd HCl amyloid- β_{40} /total brain weight	WT	5	5	0	N/A	N/A
Figure 6B	Gnd HCl amyloid- β_{40} /total brain weight	Dp(17)3Tyb	5	5	0	N/A	N/A
Figure 6C	1% Triton amyloid- β_{42} /total brain weight	WT	6	4	2	0.058	0.004
Figure 6C	1% Triton amyloid- β_{42} /total brain weight	Dp(10)2Tyb	3	1	2	0.035	0.023
Figure 6D	1% Triton amyloid- β_{42} /total brain weight	WT	5	4	1	3.241	N/A
Figure 6D	1% Triton amyloid- β_{42} /total brain weight	Dp(17)3Tyb	5	5	5	N/A	N/A

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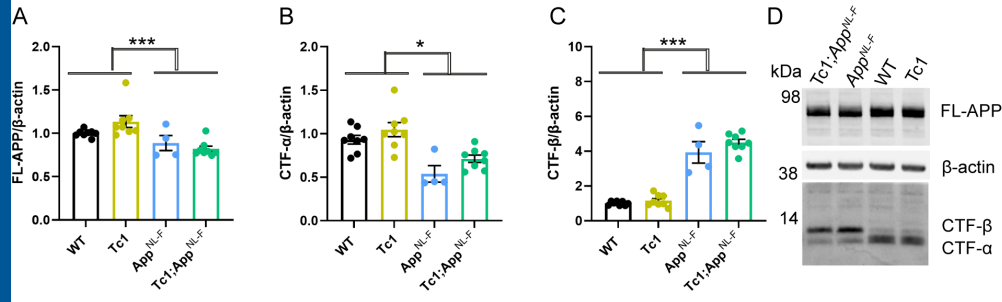


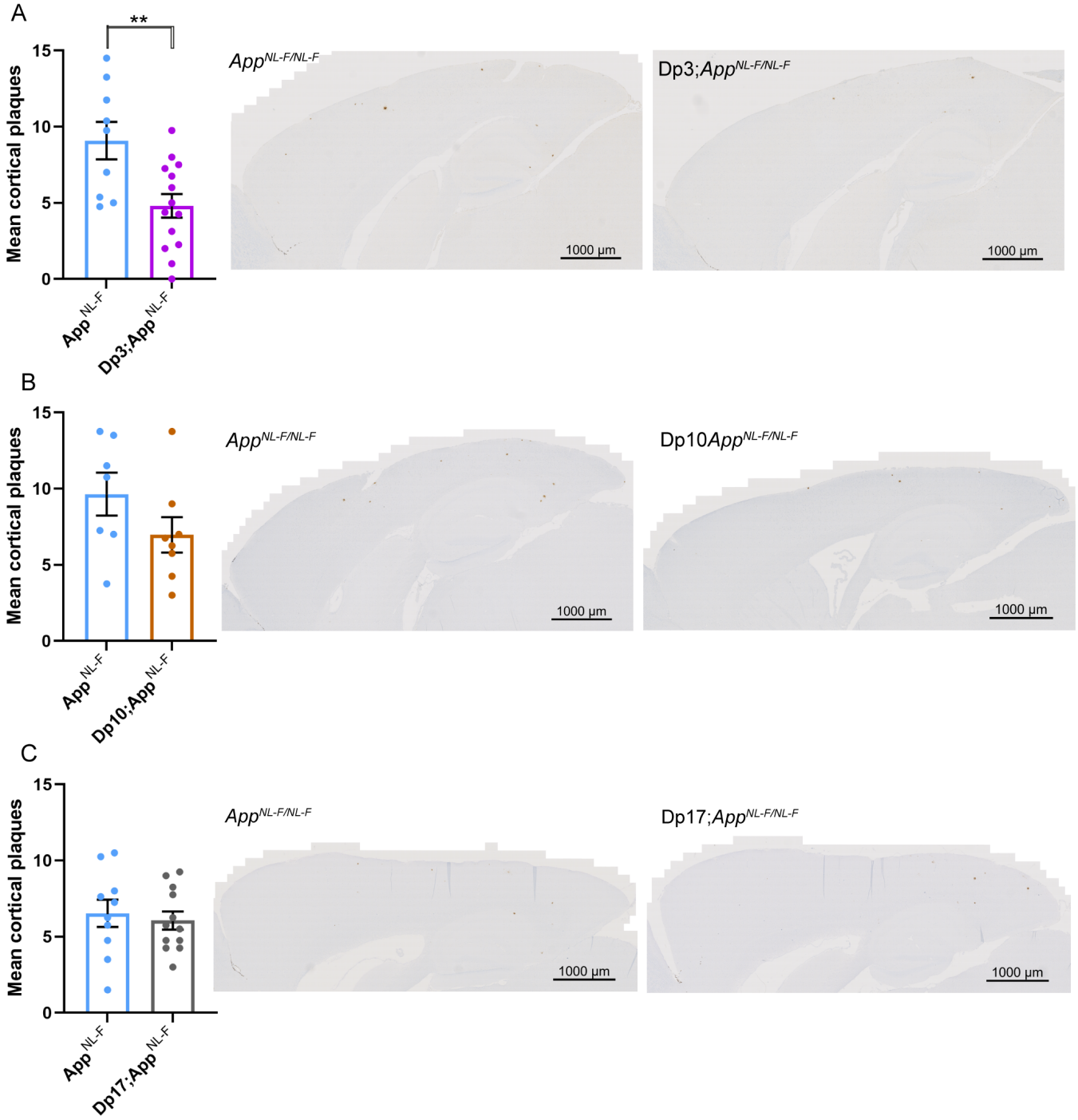
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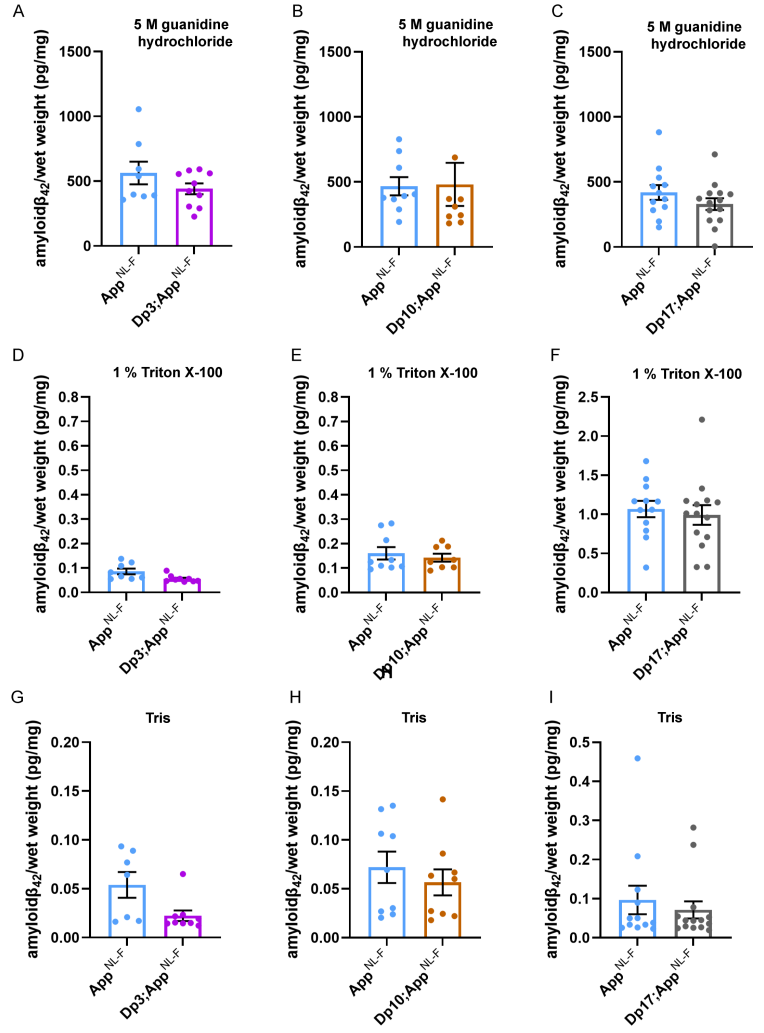


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