## **Supplementary materials for**

# Single AAV gene therapy with mini-Glycogen Debranching Enzyme for glycogen storage disease type III

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Figure S1. Selection of a short promoter able to efficiently express a reporter gene in muscle. (A) 6-week-old male C57BL/6 mice were injected in the tail vein with PBS or with 5 x  $10^{12}$  vg/kg of rAAV9 encoding

the mSEAP reporter gene under the control of various promoters including SpC512, miniCMV, eSyn, CK6, truncated muscle creatine kinase (tMCK) or Desmin (25, 26). (**B-C**) mSEAP activity quantification (**B**) and vector genome copy number (VGCN) (**C**) in triceps and quadriceps one month after vector injection. The dashed line represents the background level measured in PBS-injected mice. Statistical analyses were performed by one-way ANOVA (\*p<0.05, \*\*p<0.01 or \*\*\*p<0.001 vs. PBS-injected mice, n=5 mice per group). All data are shown as mean  $\pm$ SEM. *mSEAP = mouse secreted embryonic alkaline phosphatase* 



Figure S2. High skeletal muscle transduction and strong liver de-targeting when using the rAAV-MT capsid. (A) 6-week-old male C57BL/6 mice were injected in the tail vein with PBS or with 5 x  $10^{12}$  vg/kg of rAAV9, rAAV8 or rAAV-MT encoding the Luciferase reporter gene under the control of the CMV promoter. (B) Luciferase activity quantification in different organs one month after vector injection, expressed as relative luminescence unit (RLU) normalized by total protein concentration. The dashed line represents the background level measured in PBS-injected mice. Statistical analyses were performed by one-way ANOVA (\*p<0.05, \*\*p<0.01 or \*\*\*p<0.001 vs. rAAV8-injected mice; #p<0.05, ##p<0.01 or ###p<0.001 vs. rAAV9-injected mice, n=3 mice per group). All data are shown as mean ±SEM. *Dia = diaphragm; EDL = extensor digitorum longus; Quad = quadriceps.* 



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**Figure S3. Evaluation of the requirement for an intron in rAAV vectors encoding GDE.** (A) 4-month-old female  $Agt^{/-}$  mice were injected in the left tibialis anterior (TA) muscle with an rAAV-MT vector encoding the human full-length GDE with or without SV40 intron, at a dose of 3 x 10<sup>11</sup> vg/mouse. PBS-injected  $Agt^{/-}$  and  $Agt^{+/+}$  mice were used as controls. (B) Western Blot analysis of GDE and vinculin expression in TA muscle one month after vector injection. (C) Quantification of GDE expression on Western Blot in Figure S3B, expressed as the ratio of the signal of GDE and vinculin bands. (D) Vector genome copy number (VGCN) in the injected TA muscle. The dashed line represents the background level measured in PBS-injected mice. (E) Glycogen content in the injected TA muscle one month after vector injection. Statistical analyses were performed by one-way ANOVA (\*p<0.05, \*\*p<0.01 or \*\*\*p<0.001 vs. PBS-injected  $Agt^{/-}$  mice; #p<0.05, ##p<0.01 or ###p<0.001 vs. PBS-injected  $Agt^{+/-}$  mice #p<0.05, ##p<0.01 or ###p<0.001 vs. PBS-injected  $Agt^{+/-}$  mice #p<0.05, ##p<0.01 or ###p<0.001 vs. PBS-injected  $Agt^{+/-}$  mice #p<0.02 of ##



Figure S4. Expression of the full-length GDE in heart and muscle of  $Agt^{f-}$  mice using an optimized rAAV vector. (A) 4-month-old  $Agt^{f-}$  male mice were injected in the tail vein with an rAAV-MT vector encoding human full-length GDE with either the bGh or the pA58 poly-A signal, at a dose of 1 x 10<sup>14</sup> vg/kg. PBS-injected  $Agt^{f-}$  and  $Agt^{h+}$  mice were used as controls. (B) Western Blot analysis of GDE and Vinculin in the heart, triceps and quadriceps 3 months after vector injection. (C) Quantification of GDE expression on Western Blot in Figure S4B, expressed as the ratio of the signal of GDE and vinculin bands. (D) Vector genome copy number (VGCN) in heart, triceps and quadriceps of injected mice. The dashed line represents the background level measured in PBS-injected  $Agt^{f-}$  mice; #p<0.05, ##p<0.01 or ###p<0.001 vs. PBS-injected  $Agt^{h+}$  mice, n=3-4 mice per group). All data are shown as mean ±SEM.

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Figure S5. Partial correction of muscle glycogen accumulation in *Agl*<sup>*f*-</sup> mice treated with a rAAV vector encoding full-length GDE. (A) Glycogen content in heart, triceps, quadriceps, soleus and EDL muscles 3 months after vector injection. (B) Histological analysis in heart, triceps, quadriceps, soleus and EDL using HPS and PAS staining. Representative images are shown. Statistical analyses were performed by one-way ANOVA (\*p<0.05, \*\*p<0.01 or \*\*\*p<0.001 vs. PBS-injected *Agl*<sup>*f*-</sup> mice; #p<0.05, ##p<0.01 or ###p<0.001 vs. PBS-injected *Agl*<sup>*f*-</sup> mice; #p<0.05, #p<0.01 or ###p<0.01 or ###p<0.001 or ###p<0.01 or ###p<0.01 or ###p<

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Figure S6. Structural organization of the human GDE protein. (A) Human GDE model retrieved from the AlphaFold2 database and colored according to the protein domain (B) Mapping onto human GDE of the sugar ligands bound in *C. glabrata* GDE crystallographic structure (PDB id: 5D0F). G3: maltotriose, G4: maltotetraose and G5: maltopentaose. (C) Simplified representation of the sequence of full-length GDE colored according to its domains (D) Amino acid sequence and secondary structures of human GDE (wave:  $\alpha$ -helix; arrow:  $\beta$ -strand), with amino acids colored according to the domain they belong to (same color code as in panel A).

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**Figure S7. Generation of functional truncated GDE polypeptides in the C domain.** (**A**) Positions of the truncation sites in the C-domain of the human GDE for mutants  $\Delta$ C1 to  $\Delta$ C4. (**B**) Western blot analysis of GDE and actin in HEK 293T transiently transfected with plasmids encoding green fluorescent protein (GFP), full-length GDE or  $\Delta$ C1 to  $\Delta$ C4 GDE deletion mutants. (**C**) Western blot analysis of GDE and Vinculin in the quadriceps three months after vector injection. (**D**) Quantification of GDE expression on Western Blot showed in Figure 1C and S7C, expressed as the ratio of the signal of GDE and vinculin bands. (**E**) Vector genome copy number (VGCN) in heart, triceps and quadriceps of injected mice. The dashed line represents the background level measured in PBS-injected mice. (**F**) Glycogen content in quadriceps 3 months after vector injection. Statistical analyses were performed by one-way ANOVA (\*p<0.05, \*\*p<0.01 or \*\*\*p<0.001 vs. PBS-injected *Agt*<sup>+/-</sup> mice, n=4-5 mice per group). All data are shown as mean  $\pm$  SEM.

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Figure S8. Generation of functional truncated GDE polypeptides in the N-terminal domain. (A) Positions of the truncation sites in the N-terminal domain of the human GDE for mutants  $\Delta$ Nter1 to  $\Delta$ Nter6. (B) Western blot analysis of GDE and Actin in HEK 293T transiently transfected with plasmids encoding green fluorescent protein (GFP), full-length GDE, a  $\Delta$ Nter1 to  $\Delta$ Nter6 or  $\Delta$ C1 GDE mutants. NT= not transfected. (C) Vector genome copy number (VGCN) measured in tibialis anterior muscle of mice injected with rAAV encoding the fulllength or truncated GDE. The dashed line represents the background levels measured in PBS-injected mice. (D) RNA expression levels of full-length or  $\Delta$ Nter2-truncated GDE in the injected tibialis anterior muscle. The dashed line represents the background levels measured in PBS-injected mice. Statistical analyses were performed by one-way ANOVA (\*p<0.05, \*\*p<0.01 or \*\*\*p<0.001 vs. PBS-injected Agl<sup>-/-</sup> mice, n=3 mice per group). All data are shown as mean  $\pm$  SEM.

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Figure S9. Molecular dynamics of human GDE and  $\Delta$ Nter2-GDE showing conformational changes occurring along the simulation. (A) Root mean square deviation (RMSD) computed on C $\alpha$  atoms along the 250 ns of the simulation. In orange are shown the simulation replicates of full-length human GDE and in blue those of  $\Delta$ Nter2-GDE. (B) Root mean square fluctuations (RMSF) computed on amino acid residue C $\alpha$  atoms along the 250 ns simulations and averaged over the triplicates of full-length human GDE (in orange) and  $\Delta$ Nter2-GDE (in blue). (C) 3D-model representation of the full-length human GDE, with in transparency the M1 domain that has been truncated in  $\Delta$ Nter2-GDE. The simulation of the distances between the A and M2 domains and between the B and GC domains depicted by arrows, are shown in the top right graph and the bottom left graph, respectively. Average distances were calculated on simulation triplicates at each time point between centers of mass (COM) of corresponding domains for the full-length human GDE (in orange) and  $\Delta$ Nter2-GDE (in blue). The standard deviation is shown as a semi-transparent area.

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Figure S10. Improved productivity and quality of vectors bearing truncated  $\triangle$ Nter2-GDE. (A) Schematic representation of the four expression cassettes evaluated, with their respective size. (B) Small scale rAAV productions (50 mL culture) were performed in triplicate for each vector and viral titers, expressed as vector genome (vg) per liter of culture, were measured both before (bulk) and after purification (final product) for each triplicate. (C) rAAV vector DNA was extracted and loaded on a 1% Agarose gel to assess genome integrity.

Expected genome size range from 5.0 to 5.7 kb. (**D**) Analytical ultracentrifugation analysis of the proportion of full (right peak in the magenta curve) and empty (left peak in the magenta curve) particles. Statistical analyses were performed by one-way ANOVA (\*p<0.05, \*\*p<0.01 or \*\*\*p<0.001 vs. CMV GDE bGh, experiment performed in triplicate). All data are shown as mean  $\pm$  SEM.

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Figure S12. Improvement of muscle histology and plasma biomarker Myom3 after injection of an rAAV vector encoding for ANter2-GDE in the Agt<sup>/-</sup> mouse model (A) Histological analysis of quadriceps, soleus and EDL using HPS and PAS staining. Representative images are shown. (B) Quantification of the architectural distortion with vacuoles seen on HPS staining of Figure 3F and Figure S12A. Only 4-5 mice per group (one experiment) for soleus and EDL. No quantification could be performed for the heart due to the absence of a defined phenotype. (C) Quantification of PAS staining of Figure 3E, 3F and S12A. Only 4-5 mice per group (one-experiment) for soleus and EDL. (**D**) Western blot analysis of Myom3 fragments in plasma of mice before injection. Plasma from mdx mouse was used as positive control. (**E**) Quantification of Myom3 expression on Western Blot showed in Figure 3G and in Figure S12D (arbitrary units). Statistical analyses were performed by one-way ANOVA (\*p<0.05, \*\*p<0.01 or \*\*\*p<0.001 vs. PBS-injected *Agt*<sup>/-</sup> mice; #p<0.05, ##p<0.01 or ###p<0.001 vs. PBS-injected *Agt*<sup>/-</sup> mice; #p<0.05, ##p<0.01 or ###p<0.001 vs. PBS-injected *Agt*<sup>+/+</sup> mice, n=7-9 mice per group coming from two independent experiments). All data are shown as mean  $\pm$  SEM. *EDL*= extensor digitorum longus; HPS = hematoxylin phloxine saffron; Myom3 = myomesin 3; PAS = periodic acid Schiff.

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Figure S13. Muscle correction assessed using an extended set of behavioral tests in  $Agt^{I-}$  mice after injection of an rAAV vector encoding for  $\Delta$ Nter2-GDE. (A) 4-month-old male  $Agt^{I-}$  mice were injected in the tail vein with an rAAV-MT vector encoding  $\Delta$ Nter2-GDE, at the dose of 1 x 10<sup>14</sup> vg/kg. PBS-injected  $Agt^{I++}$  and  $Agt^{I-}$  mice were used as controls. (B) Grip strength test, expressed as the average of three independent measures (in Newton), assessed 5 months after vector injection. (C) Wire-hang test, expressed as the number of falls per minute, assessed 5 months after vector injection. (D) Time in seconds spend on the rotarod (best performance of 3 independent experiments), assessed 5 months after vector injection. Statistical analyses were

performed by one-way ANOVA (\*p<0.05, \*\*p<0.01 or \*\*\*p<0.001 vs. PBS-injected  $Agh^{-}$  mice; #p<0.05, ##p<0.01 or ###p<0.001 vs. PBS-injected  $Agh^{++}$  mice; n=7-8 mice per group). All data are shown as mean  $\pm$  SEM.

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Figure S14. Absence of correction of the hepatic phenotype following injection of an rAAV-MT vector encoding for  $\Delta$ Nter2-GDE in the *Agt*<sup>+</sup> mouse model (A) Vector genome copy number (VGCN) in liver three months after vector injection. The dashed line represents the background level measured in PBS-injected mice. (B) Western blot analysis of GDE and Vinculin in the liver three months after vector injection. (C) Liver to body weight ratio (reflecting hepatomegaly) 3 months after vector injection in mice injected with PBS or rAAV vector encoding for  $\Delta$ Nter2-GDE. Only 4-5 mice per group (one experiment). (D) Glycogen content in liver 3 months after vector injection. (E) Glycemia measured in the fed state under anesthesia, 3 months after vector injection. (F) Plasma levels of aspartate aminotransferase (AST) and alanine aminotransferase (ALT) 3 months after vector injection. (G) Histological analysis of liver using HPS, SR and PAS staining. Representative images are shown. (H) Quantification of fibrosis observed on RS staining in Figure S14G. Statistical analyses were performed by one-way ANOVA (\*p<0.05, \*\*p<0.01 or \*\*\*p<0.001 vs. PBS-injected *Agt*<sup>+/-</sup> mice; #p<0.05, ##p<0.01 or \*\*\*p<0.01 or \*\*\*p<0.02 or \*\*\*p<0.01 or

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Figure S15. Correction of the muscle and heart phenotype of the *AgH*<sup>-</sup> rat model using rAAV vector encoding for  $\Delta$ Nter2-GDE. (A) Western blot analysis of GDE and Vinculin expression in the quadriceps three months after vector injection. (B) Quantification of GDE expression on Western Blot showed in Figure 4B and in Figure S15A, expressed as the ratio of the signal of GDE and vinculin bands. (C) Vector genome copy number (VGCN) in heart, triceps, quadriceps, soleus, and EDL muscles of injected rats. The dashed line represents the background level measured in PBS-injected rats. (D-F) Glycogen content in quadriceps (D), soleus (E) and EDL (F) muscles 3 months after vector injection. (G-I) Histological analysis of quadriceps (G), soleus (H) and EDL (I) muscles using HPS and PAS staining. Representative images are shown. Statistical analyses were performed by one-way ANOVA (\*p<0.05, \*\*p<0.01 or \*\*\*p<0.001 vs. PBS-injected *AgH*<sup>-/-</sup> rats; #p<0.05, ##p<0.01 or ###p<0.001 vs. PBS-injected *AgH*<sup>-/+</sup> rats, n=5 rats per group). All data are shown as mean ± SEM. *EDL*= extensor digitorum longus; HPS = hematoxylin phloxine saffron; PAS = periodic acid Schiff.

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Figure S16. Improvement of muscle histology and absence of cardiac toxicity in *Agt<sup>/-</sup>* rats injected with an rAAV vector encoding for  $\triangle$ Nter2-GDE. (A) Quantification of the architectural distortion with vacuoles seen on HPS staining of Figure 4F and Figure S15G-I. No quantification could be performed for the heart due to the absence of a defined phenotype. (B) Quantification of PAS staining of Figure 4E-F and S15G-I. (C) Western blot analysis of Myom3 fragments in plasma of 6-week-old male *Agl<sup>+/+</sup>* and *Agl<sup>+/-</sup>* rats. Plasma from mdx mouse was used as positive control (D) Quantification of Myom3 expression on Western Blot showed in Panel C (arbitrary units). (E) Quantification of cardiac troponin I (cTnI), cardiac troponin T (cTnT) and NT-pro-BNP in plasma of *Agl<sup>+/-</sup>* or Agl<sup>+/+</sup> rats injected with PBS or an rAAV vector encoding for  $\triangle$ Nter2-GDE at 1 or 3 months after injection. The dash line represents the lower limit of detection (LLD). Statistical analyses were performed by one-way ANOVA in panels A-B-E (\*p<0.05, \*\*p<0.01 or \*\*\*p<0.001 vs. PBS-injected *Agl<sup>+/-</sup>* rats; #p<0.05, ##p<0.01 or ###p<0.001 vs. PBS-injected *Agl<sup>+/+</sup>* rats; n=4-5 rats per group) and by Welch T-test in panel D (#p<0.05, ##p<0.01 or ###p<0.001, n=3 Agl<sup>+/+</sup> rats and 6 Agl<sup>-/-</sup> rats). All data are shown as mean  $\pm$  SEM. *Myom3 = myomesin 3; HPS* = hematoxylin phloxine saffron; PAS = periodic acid Schiff;

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Figure S17. Myogenic differentiation markers and cell viability in human induced pluripotent stem cells (hiPSC)-derived muscle cells transduced with rAAV- $\Delta$ Nter2-GDE. (A) Expression of specific myogenic markers (desmin, myosin heavy chain (MHC) and titin) and green fluorescent protein (GFP) by immuno-fluorescence analysis, after rAAV transduction at a multiplicity of infection (MOI) of 75 000, in CTRL1 hiPSC-derived skMb. Representative images are shown (B) Cell viability assessed by evaluating ATP levels in GSDIII<sup>CRISPR</sup> hiPSC-derived skMt and isogenic controls (CTRL1) transduced as described in **Figure 5**. Statistical analyses were performed by one-way ANOVA (\*p<0.05, \*\*p<0.01 or \*\*\*p<0.001 vs. AAV-GFP-transduced CTRL1 cells). Experiments performed in triplicate. All data are shown as mean  $\pm$  SEM.

		Glycogen (mmol glucose/g proteins)				
Genotype	Treatment (n)	Heart	Triceps	Quadriceps	Soleus	EDL
Agl <sup>+/+</sup>	PBS (n=3)	0.04 ± 0.02**	0.15 ± 0.05***	0.06 ± 0.01***	0.38 ± 0.01***	0.33 ± 0.02***
Agl <sup>-/-</sup>	PBS (n=3)	0.45 ± 0.08 <sup>##</sup>	2.11 ± 0.14 <sup>###</sup>	3.49 ± 0.14 <sup>###</sup>	2.55 ± 0.16 <sup>###</sup>	2.27 ± 0.11 <sup>###</sup>
	AAV-GDE bGh (n=4)	0.24 ± 0.04* <sup>,#</sup>	0.99 ± 0.1*** <sup>,###</sup>	1.32 ± 0.19*** <sup>,###</sup>	1.12 ± 0.18*** <sup>,#</sup>	1.02 ± 0.13*** <sup>,##</sup>
	AAV-GDE pA58 (n=3)	0.25 ± 0.06	0.85 ± 0.08***,##	0.91 ± 0.04***,##	1.02 ± 0.1***,#	0.72 ± 0.09***

Table S1. Glycogen levels from Figure S5

Values are shown as Mean ± SEM. Statistical analyses were performed by one-way ANOVA (\*p<0.05, \*\*p<0.01 or \*\*\*p<0.001 vs. PBS-injected *Agt*<sup>/-</sup> mice; #p<0.05, ##p<0.01 or ###p<0.001 vs. PBS-injected *Agt*<sup>+/+</sup> mice, n=3-4 mice per group). *EDL= extensor digitorum longus*.

		Glycogen (mmol glucose/g proteins)				
Genotype	Treatment (n)	Heart	Triceps	Quadriceps		
Agl <sup>+/+</sup>	PBS (n=5)	0.002 ± 0.002***	0.12 ± 0.02***	0.11 ± 0.02***		
Agt <sup>-/-</sup>	PBS (n=4)	0.85 ± 0.14 <sup>###</sup>	2.71 ± 0.26###	2.57 ± 0.24 <sup>###</sup>		
	AAV-ΔC1 (n=5)	0.66 ± 0.04 <sup>###</sup>	0.71 ± 0.07***,#	1.33 ± 0.17***.###		
	AAV-ΔC2 (n=5)	0.75 ± 0.1 <sup>###</sup>	0.99 ± 0.11***.###	0.96 ± 0.07***,###		
	AAV-ΔC3 (n=5)	0.98 ± 0.14 <sup>###</sup>	1.52 ± 0.17***,###	1.12 ± 0.07***;###		
	AAV-ΔC4 (n=4)	0.76 ± 0.04 <sup>###</sup>	0.98 ± 0.05***,###	1.13 ± 0.07***,###		

Table S2. Glycogen levels from Figure 1 and Figure S7

Values are shown as Mean  $\pm$  SEM. Statistical analyses were performed by one-way ANOVA (\*p<0.05, \*\*p<0.01 or \*\*\*p<0.001 vs. PBS-injected *Agt*<sup>/-</sup> mice; #p<0.05, ##p<0.01 or ###p<0.001 vs. PBS-injected *Agt*<sup>+/+</sup> mice, n=4-5 mice per group).

		Glycogen (mmol glucose/g proteins)					
Genotype	Treatment (n)	Heart	Triceps	Quadriceps	Soleus <sup>#</sup>	EDL <sup>#</sup>	
Agl <sup>+/+</sup>	PBS (n=7)	0.07 ± 0.02***	0.09 ± 0.02***	0.09 ± 0.02***	0.89 ± 0.05***	0.71 ± 0.04***	
Agt <sup>./.</sup>	PBS (n=8)	1.06 ± 0.09 <sup>###</sup>	3.18 ± 0.06 <sup>###</sup>	3.35 ± 0.04 <sup>###</sup>	6.19 ± 0.28 <sup>###</sup>	3.97 ± 0.22 <sup>###</sup>	
	AAV-ΔNter2 (n=9)	0.25 ± 0.02***	0.52 ± 0.05***. <sup>###</sup>	0.48 ± 0.05*** <sup>,###</sup>	1.13 ± 0.07***	0.91 ± 0.04***	

Table S3. Glycogen levels from Figure 3 and Figure S11

Values are shown as Mean ± SEM. Statistical analyses were performed by one-way ANOVA (\*p<0.05, \*\*p<0.01 or \*\*\*p<0.001 vs. PBS-injected *Agt*<sup>/-</sup> mice; #p<0.05, ##p<0.01 or ###p<0.001 vs. PBS-injected *Agt*<sup>+/-</sup> mice; #p<0.05, ##p<0.001 vs. PBS-injected *Agt*<sup>+/-</sup> mice; #p<0.05, #p<0.05,

\*Only four to five mice per group (one experiment) had sampling of soleus and EDL.

		Glycogen (mmol glucose/g proteins)					
Genotype	Treatment (n)	Heart	Triceps	Quadriceps	Soleus	EDL	
Agl <sup>+/+</sup>	PBS (n=5)	0.15 ± 0.05***	0.1 ± 0.01***	0.1 ± 0.03***	0.46 ± 0.02***	0.2 ± 0.03***	
Agt <sup>-/-</sup>	PBS (n=5)	1.25 ± 0.21 <sup>###</sup>	1.99 ± 0.33 <sup>###</sup>	1.42 ± 0.18 <sup>###</sup>	4.87 ± 0.69 <sup>###</sup>	2.52 ± 0.27 <sup>###</sup>	
	AAV-ΔNter2 (n=5)	0.65 ± 0.07*,#	0.41 ± 0.01***	0.46 ± 0.01***	1.62 ± 0.19***	0.49 ± 0.04***	

Values are shown as Mean  $\pm$  SEM. Statistical analyses were performed by one-way ANOVA (\*p<0.05, \*\*p<0.01 or \*\*\*p<0.001 vs. PBS-injected *Agt*<sup>/-</sup> rats; #p<0.05, ##p<0.01 or ###p<0.001 vs. PBS-injected *Agt*<sup>+/-</sup> rats; #p<0.05, ##p<0.001 vs. PBS-injected *Agt*<sup>+/-</sup> rats; #p<0.05, ##p<0.05, #p<0.05, #