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Ddhd1 knockout mouse as a model of locomotive and physiological abnormality in familial spastic paraplegia

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We have previously reported a novel homozygous 4-bp deletion in *DDHD1* as the responsible variant for spastic paraplegia type 28 (SPG28; OMIM#609340). The variant causes a frameshift, resulting in a functionally null allele in the patient. *DDHD1* encodes phospholipase A_1 (PL A_1) catalyzing phosphatidylinositol to lysophosphatidylinositol (LPI). To clarify the pathogenic mechanism of SPG28, we established *Ddhd1* knockout mice (*Ddhd1*[-/-]) carrying a 5-bp deletion in *Ddhd1*, resulting in a premature termination of translation at a position similar to that of the patient. We observed a significant decrease in foot–base angle (FBA) in aged Ddhd1(-/-) (24 months of age) and a significant decrease in LPI 20:4 (sn-2) in Ddhd1(-/-) cerebra (26 months of age). These changes in FBA were not observed in 14 months of age. We also observed significant changes of expression levels of 22 genes in the Ddhd1(-/-) cerebra (26 months of age). Gene Ontology (GO) terms relating to the nervous system and cell–cell communications were significantly enriched. We conclude that the reduced signaling of LPI 20:4 (sn-2) by PL A_1 dysfunction is responsible for the locomotive abnormality in SPG28, further suggesting that the reduction of downstream signaling such as GPR55 which is agonized by LPI is involved in the pathogenesis of SPG28.

Introduction

Spastic paraplegias (SPGs) are neurological disorders characterized by spasticity and gait disturbance. Abnormalities of the pyramidal tract are known to be a hallmark of this disorder. More than 60 types of SPGs have been reported to be genetically distinct [1]. SPG type 28 (SPG28) is an autosomal recessive SPG caused by mutations in the gene encoding DDHD domain-containing protein 1 (*DDHD1*) also known as phospholipase A₁ (PLA₁) [1–5]. We have previously identified a novel homozygous 4-bp deletion (c.914_917delGTAA, p.Ser³⁰⁵Ilefs*2) in exon 2 of the *DDHD1* gene as the variant responsible for SPG28 (OMIM#609324) [6]. Phospholipase A is known to catalyze phosphatidylinositol (PI) and phosphatidic acid (PA) to lysophosphatidylinositol (LPI) and lysophosphatidic acid (LPA), respectively. There are two kinds of phospholipase A; PLA₁ such as DDHD1, hydrolyzes the *sn*-1 ester bond of PI, and phospholipase A₂ (PLA₂) hydrolyzes the *sn*-2 ester bond of PI [7]. The intracellular PLA₁ protein family is characterized by the presence of a short lipase active-site sequence and a C-terminal DDHD domain. *DDHD1* is known to be highly expressed in the brain and testes and its dysfunction causes neurodegeneration with brain iron accumulation (NBIA) as well as SPG phenotypes [8–9].

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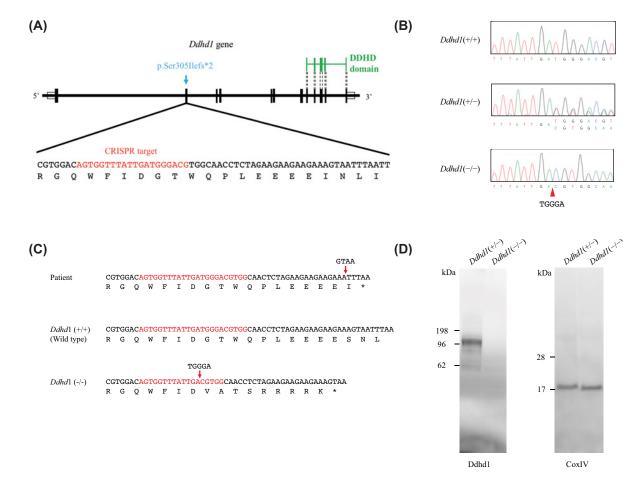


Figure 1. Ddhd1 knockout mouse carrying a 5-bp deletion

(A) Gene structure of *Ddhd1*. Vertical ticks and white boxes represent coding and noncoding regions, respectively. Green lines indicate the DDHD domain. DNA sequences in the part of exon 2 are shown below. CRISPR target sequences are indicated by red letters. The variant we identified is shown as blue. (B) Sequencing electrogram of the wild type, *Ddhd1*(+/-), and *Ddhd1*(-/-). The arrowhead indicates 5-bp deletion. (C) Mice harboring 5-bp deletion causing a frameshift in *Ddhd1* and the premature termination at the position of slight upstream compared with the variant in the patient. CRISPR target regions are shown in red. (D) Western blotting of cerebral tissues detected by an anti-DDHD1 antibody and an anti-COXIV antibody. An anti-COXIV antibody was used as a loading control.

Animal models are useful in clarification the pathogenic mechanism and potential therapy. There are two previous studies of Ddhd1 knockout (KO) mice [8,10]. One has reported impaired movement of sperm and abnormal mitochondrial morphology with no description of abnormal mobility [8]. The other study has reported a significant increase in PI 18:1/20:4 and a significant decrease in LPI 20:4 in cerebra of their Ddhd1 KO mice. The authors, however have not described any abnormal mobility in 6-month-old Ddhd1 KO mice [10]. SPG onset in humans varies at ages from 0 to 70 years and deteriorates in aged patients, suggesting that the mice examined in these previous studies might have been too young for the authors to examine SPG phenotypes [2]. To clarify the pathogenic mechanism of SPG28, we established Ddhd1(-/-) and perform behavioral analyses (14 and 24 months of age). We also performed RNA sequencing and lipidome analysis on sufficiently aged mice (26 months of age).

Results

Establishment of Ddhd1 KO mice

We generated *Ddhd1* KO mice using the CRISPR/Cas9 system according to Yang et al. (2014) [11] (Figure 1A). We identified four kinds of small indels that are expected to cause frameshift and premature termination at *Ddhd1*. We selected a mouse harboring 5-bp deletion in exon 2 since the resulting amino acid sequence is the closest to the



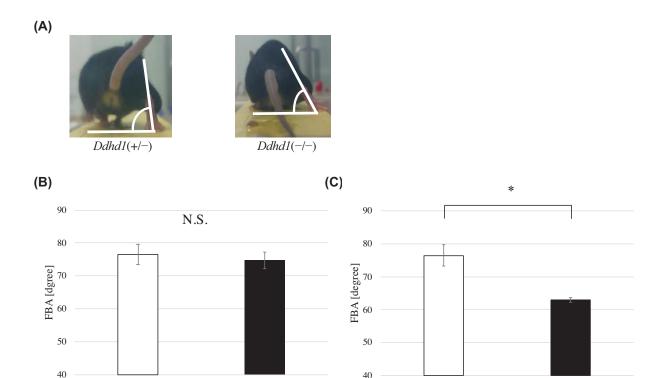


Figure 2. Foot-base angle (FBA) analysis

Ddhd1(+/-)

(A) Single video frames of a Ddhd1(+/-) and Ddhd1(-/-) mice walking on the bridge are shown as examples. FBA at toe-off position is indicated by white lines. (B) The FBA of mice at the 14 months of age. There were no significant differences between genotypes (n=3). (C) The FBA of mice at 24 months of age. Ddhd1(-/-) (n=3) showed a significant decrease in FBA compared with Ddhd1(+/-) (n=2). Same animals at different ages were used except one mouse of Ddhd1(+/-) which died after the examination at 14 months of age. Error bars represent the mean \pm SD. For Ddhd1(+/-) versus Ddhd1(-/-), \pm : $P=5.0 \times 10^{-3}$ N.S., not significant. All data were analyzed using a two-tailed Student's t test.

Ddhd1(+/-)

Ddhd1(-/-)

Ddhd1(-/-)

variant found in SPG28 patients among some kinds of indels created by CRISPR/Cas9 (Figure 1B,C) [6]. To remove off-target sites from the mice harboring 5-bp deletion, we performed one-generation backcross with C57BL/6J. By crossing the F_1 mice heterozygous for the 5-bp deletion, we established the Ddhd1(-/-) strain as the Ddhd1 KO mice carrying the premature termination at a very similar position with the variant we identified in the original patient. We also confirmed the absence of DDHD1 protein signal in Ddhd1(-/-) mice by Western blotting (Figure 1D). Full-length blots are presented in Supplementary Figure S1. In the following analyses, we use heterozygous KO mice (Ddhd1[+/-]) as a control for homozygous KO mice (Ddhd1[-/-]).

Foot-base angle analysis

We examined the behavioral mobility of 14- and 24-month-old Ddhd1(+/-) and Ddhd1(-/-) by measuring foot-base angle (FBA), which is an established method to evaluate the weakness of hindlimbs in mice (Figure 2A) [12,13]. At 14 months of age, FBA did not show significant difference between Ddhd1(+/-) and Ddhd1(-/-) (P=0.48) and there were also no significant differences between any of the individuals (n=3) (Figure 2B, Supplementary Table S1A and Figure S2A). At 24 months of age, Ddhd1(-/-) (n=3) showed significant decrease in FBA compared with Ddhd1(+/-) (n=2) (P=5.0 × 10⁻³) (Figure 2C). In individual comparison by Tukey's test, we consistently observed significant decrease in FBA in all combinations of Ddhd1(+/-) and Ddhd1(-/-) (P<1.1 × 10⁻²) (Supplementary Figure S2B and Table S1B). The absence of the FBA phenotype in 14-month-old Ddhd1(-/-) mice suggested that it takes at least more than 14 months to manifest the FBA phenotypes in Ddhd1(-/-) mice.



Lipidome analysis

We measured two kinds of metabolites of DDHD1, PIs and LPIs in cerebra from Ddhd1(+/-) and Ddhd1(-/-) mice (n=2 for each) using supercritical fluid chromatography triple–quadrupole mass spectrometry (SFC/QqQMS) [14]. We identified 49 kinds of PIs and 6 kinds of LPIs in mouse cerebra (Supplementary Table S2). In spite of the dysfunction of Ddhd1, the Ddhd1(-/-) mice did not show a significant difference in total quantities of PI (Figure 3A) and LPI (Figure 3B). We also observed that the majority of PIs contain arachidonic acid (20:4), which accounted for approximately 79% of the total amount of PIs in mouse cerebra (Figure 3C). Of the 49 kinds of PIs, we identified 14 containing arachidonic acid. By comparing quantities of PI containing arachidonic acid in Ddhd1(+/-) with those in Ddhd1(-/-), we observed a significant increase in PI 20:4/20:4 in Ddhd1(-/-) (Supplementary Figure S3). Although LPI 20:4 (sn-1), the metabolite of PLA2, did not show a difference between Ddhd1(+/-) and Ddhd1(-/-) (Figure 3D), LPI 20:4 (sn-2), the metabolite excised from PIs containing arachidonic acid by PLA1, was significantly decreased in Ddhd1(-/-) (Figure 3E). This significant decrease in LPI (sn-2) was not observed in the cerebella of Ddhd1(-/-) (Supplementary Figure S4). Retention times of LPI 20:4 (sn-1) and LPI 20:4 (sn-2) were 19.55 and 19.70 min, respectively (Supplementary Table S2 and Figure S5). In contrast, neither PAs nor LPAs were significantly changed in cerebra of Ddhd1(-/-) (Supplementary Table S3).

RNA sequencing and gene ontology enrichment analysis

We sequenced total RNA extracted from the cerebra of two Ddhd1(+/-) and two Ddhd1(-/-). We obtained an average of 30609158 reads per mouse used in the present study. By comparing gene expression levels of Ddhd1(+/-) with that of Ddhd1(-/-), we identified 22 differentially expressed genes (DEGs), including three up-regulated genes and 19 down-regulated genes in Ddhd1(-/-) (Figure 4 and Supplementary Table S4). Using gene ontology enrichment analysis (GEA), we identified two annotation clusters which include significant gene ontology (GO) terms (Benjamini probabilities < 0.05) as shown in Table 1. We identified significantly enriched terms related to the nervous system as GO:0007268 (synaptic transmission), GO:0051966 (regulation of synaptic transmission, glutamatergic), GO:0019226 (transmission of nerve impulse), and GO:0007270 (nerve-nerve synaptic transmission). GO terms related to cell-cell communication, such as GO:0007267 (cell-cell signaling), were also enriched as some of significant GO terms (Table 1). We have previously reported that the decrease in DDHD1 mRNA expression level in the peripheral blood of SPG28 patients compared with unrelated control due to the nonsense-mediated decay [6]. Although *Ddhd1* was not selected as a significant DEG in the current RNA-seq analysis, we confirmed the decrease in the *Ddhd1* transcription level by approximately 55% in the Ddhd1(-/-) mice cerebra (Supplementary Table S5). Among the DEGs, we examined the expression of Rtn4r by real-time quantitative PCR (RT-qPCR) analysis. We observed significant increase in Rtn4r and Adra2a expression in Ddhd1(-/-) at the 12 months of age consistent with the result of RNA sequencing (Supplementary Figure S6).

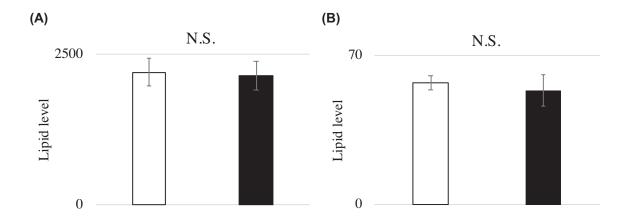
Immunohistochemistry

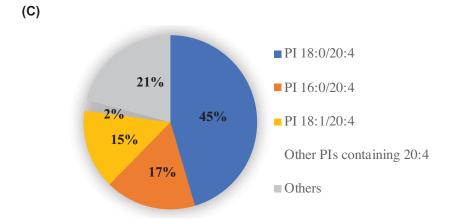
We examined neurofilament (NF) protein expression as an axonal marker in spinal of mice at the 6 months of age. While there was no apparent morphological difference between Ddhd1(-/-) and Ddhd1(+/-), we observed remarkable decrease in staining of NF in the pyramidal tract of Ddhd1(-/-) compared with Ddhd1(+/-) (Figure 5A-C). This result indicates axonal decrease in the pyramidal tract in Ddhd1(-/-) at 6 months of age.

Discussion

In the present study, we observed that gait disturbance in SPG patients was partially replicated in our Ddhd1 KO mice, Ddhd1(-/-) at 24 months of age. Although there are two previous reports of Ddhd1 KO mice [8,10], neither has reported locomotive abnormality. This discrepancy can be attributed to the difference in ages of mice examined. In one of the previous studies, locomotive phenotypes of Ddhd1 KO mice were examined up to 6 months of age [10], while we examined FBA in 24 months of age, which are the oldest Ddhd1 KO mice ever examined for their locomotion. Consistently we failed to observe the FBA phenotype in younger mice at the 14 months of age. This suggests that SPG phenotypes takes long time to manifest such as at least more than 14 months for the FBA phenotypes in Ddhd1 KO mice. Fourteen months of age in mice is equivalent to forties in humans [15]. It is consistent with the observation that the age of SPG onset in human is known to be variable and sometimes to be seventies [2]. Therefore, even longer observation (>24 months) can be helpful to detect the SPG phenotypes in milder SPG mice. It is quite possible that abnormal locomotion could have been observed in other Ddhd1 KO mice previously reported through the long-term observation. In addition, examination of the expression levels of genes involved in the LPI metabolism







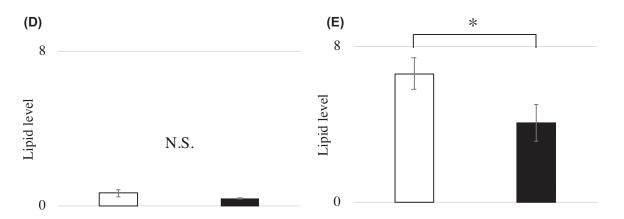


Figure 3. Lipidome analysis

(**A**,**B**) Total quantity of (A) PI and (B) LPI in mouse cerebra. (**C**) Pie charts of the PIs identified in mouse cerebra. (**D**,**E**) The quantity of LPI 20:4 specified by the digested positions. (D) LPI 20:4 (sn-1) catalyzed by PLA₂ and (E) LPI 20:4 (sn-2) catalyzed by PLA₁. Ddhd1(+/-) and Ddhd1(-/-) are shown in opened and filled columns, respectively. The unit of the vertical axis is pmol/mg. Error bars represent the mean \pm SD. For Ddhd1(+/-) (n=2) versus Ddhd1(-/-) (n=2), *: P<0.05. N.S., not significant. All data were analyzed using a two-tailed Student's t test.



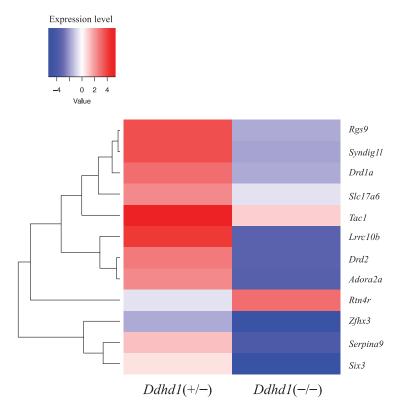


Figure 4. DEGs in Ddhd1(-/-)

Heatmaps of DEGs identified by RNA sequencing of Ddhd1(+/-) (n=2) and Ddhd1(-/-) (n=2) at 26 months of age. The left lane shows Ddhd1(+/-); the right lane shows Ddhd1(-/-). Gene names are shown in vertical lines based on hierarchical clustering. The colored scale bar on the top left side indicates relative expression value where -4 and 4 represent the down- and up-regulation of each gene, respectively. Expression levels were calculated as \log_{10} (FPKM) – average FPKM. Genes that showed that FPKM was zero in either Ddhd1(+/-) or Ddhd1(-/-) were excluded from the heatmap. Abbreviation: FPKM, fragments per kilobase of exon per million fragments mapped.

pathway in different ages may be helpful to clarify the mechanism of the deterioration of the phenotype along with aging.

The FBA test was originally established as an approach to assess muscle function in mice that had experienced femoral nerve damage [16]. Even though FBA is one of the simplest methods to quantitate locomotive activity without requiring special devices, it has not been applied to the examination of *Ddhd1* KO mice. Two strains of SPG model mice (subtypes SPG15 and SPG31) have also been reported to show significant decreases in their FBA [12,13], suggesting that FBA is an easy and reliable method in quantitative phenotyping of locomotion. From these studies, SPG15 and SPG31 model mice have observed symptoms by measuring FBA at 12 and 4 months, respectively. In contrast, we showed SPG28 takes much longer time to manifest the symptoms. As ages of SPG onset is known to be variable in humans, it is reasonable that ages of onset in SPG model mice are also variable among the types of SPGs.

Although gait disturbance is the common symptom in spinocerebellar ataxia (SCA) as well as in SPGs [23], their signs can be clearly distinguished by neurological examination. DDHD1 proteins are highly expressed in the cerebella as well as in the cerebra (Supplementary Figure S7). However, our previous neurological examination has confirmed no signs of cerebellar ataxia in the SPG28 patient in the original pedigree [6], indicating there is no involvement of cerebellum in the gait disturbance we observed in Ddhd1 KO mice. Interestingly, the amount of LPI 20:4 (sn-2) decreased in the cerebra, but did not significantly change in the cerebella (P=0.09) (Supplementary Figure S4). While hindpaws of SCA model mice have been reported to be slipped off of the beam [24], we did not observe such slip-off in our Ddhd1 KO mice during beam-walk test (data not shown). These data suggest that symptoms of gait disturbance is caused by a decrease in LPI in the cerebra, not in the cerebella.

In the present study we observed significant differences were observed in multiple PIs such as PI 16:0/20:4, PI 16:1/20:4, PI 18:1/20:4 and PI 20:4/20:4 in *Ddhd1* KO mice, while a previous study has reported only the increase in



Table 1 GO terms enriched in Ddhd1 KO mice

Annotation Cluster 1	Enrichment score: 2.53			
GO	Term	Benfamini probability	Number of genes	Genes
0007267*	Cell-cell signaling	8.3 × 10 ⁻³	6	Adora2a, Drd1a, Drd2, Six3, Slc17a6, Tac1
0010648*	Negative regulation of cell communication	2.2×10^{-2}	4	Drd1a, Drd2, Rgs9, Six3
Annotation Cluster 2	Enrichment score: 2.22			
GO	Term	Benfamini probability	Number of genes	Genes
0007276*	Cell-cell signaling	8.3×10^{-3}	6	Adora2a, Drd1a, Drd2, Six3, Slc17a6, Tac1
0007268*	Synaptic transmission	1.2×10^{-2}	5	Adora2a, Drd1a, Drd2, Slc17a6, Tac1
0007626	D7626 Locomotory behavior		5	Adora2a, Ccl21a, Ccl21b, Drd1a, Drd2
0051966*	Regulation of synaptic transmission, glutamatergic	1.5×10^{-2}	3	Adora2a, Drd1a, Drd2
0001975	Response to amphetamine	1.5×10^{-2}	3	Adora2a, Drd1a, Drd2
0019226*	Transmission of nerve impulse	1.6×10^{-2}	5	Adora2a, Drd1a, Drd2, Slc17a6, Tac1
0014075	Regulation of locomotion	1.8×10^{-2}	4	Adora2a, Ccl21a, Drd1a, Drd2
0010243	Response to organic nitrogen	1.9×10^{-2}	3	Adora2a, Drd1a, Drd2
0040012	Response to amine stimulus	1.9×10^{-2}	3	Adora2a, Drd1a, Drd2
0007270*	Nerve-nerve synaptic transmission	2.9×10^{-2}	3	Adora2a, Drd1a, Drd2
0043279	Response to alkaloid	3.0×10^{-2}	3	Adora2a, Drd1a, Drd2
0051294	Positive regulation of multicellular organismal process	4.1×10^{-2}	4	Adora2a, Drd1a, Drd2, Gh
0014070	Response to organic cyclic substance	4.4×10^{-2}	3	Adora2a, Drd1a, Drd2
0009719	Response to endogenenous stimulus	4.5×10^{-2}	4	Adora2a, Drd1a, Drd2, Gh
0007610	Behavior	4.7×10^{-2}	5	Adora2a, Ccl21a, Ccl21b, Drd1a, Drd2
0048167*	Regulation of synaptic plasticity	4.7×10^{-2}	3	Adora2a, Drd1a, Drd2

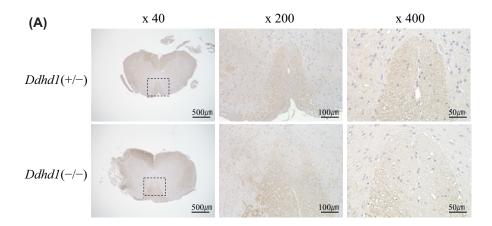
Some GO terms significantly enriched in DEGs in Ddhd1(-/-) mouse. Two annotation clusters included significant GO terms (Benjamini probability < 0.05). GO terms related to nervous system or cell-cell communications are marked with asterisks (*).

PI 18:1/20:4 [10]. This discrepancy can also be explained by the difference of examined mice (26 months in our study and 1.5–3 months in [10]). Although the previous study has reported the decrease in LPI 20:4 in Ddhd1 KO mice [10], the researchers examined only total amount of LPIs without distinguishing their components, such as LPI 20:4 (sn-1) or LPI 20:4 (sn-2). In the current study, we observed the specific decrease in LPI 20:4 (sn-2) rather than that of LPI 20:4 (sn-1) in Ddhd1(-/-) by distinguishing isoforms of LPIs using SFC. Our result suggests that the decrease in total LPI 20:4 observed in previous study is due to a decrease in LPI 20:4 (sn-2), not LPI 20:4 (sn-1). LPIs are known to be endogenous agonists of GPR55, which might be involved in the regulation of axon growth and synaptic formation [17–22]. This observation suggests that the reduction in LPI 20:4 (sn-2) suppresses the signaling of the GPR55 and triggers abnormal axonal extension and incomplete neural circuits, eventually resulting in abnormal locomotion. To further examine the pathogenic mechanism, it is necessary to perform proteome analyses and functional analyses of neural cell formation in Ddhd1(-/-).

PA consumption and LPA production by the PA-PLA₁ activity have been suggested to play an important role for mitochondrial fission [10]. However, our lipidome analyses observed no significant changes of PAs nor LPAs amount in Ddhd1(-/-) (Supplementary Table S3), suggesting that mitochondrial phenotypes may be associated with specific types of PIs and LPIs rather than PAs and LPAs.

In our current analysis, only three genes show significantly increased expression in cerebral tissues of Ddhd1(-/-), although we did not directly examine their protein expression levels. One of these, Rtn4r, is notable since it is known to mediate axonal growth inhibition and is involved in the regulation and plasticity of the adult central nervous system [25]. Since Rtn4r is known to activate RhoA, which is a downstream molecule of the GPR55





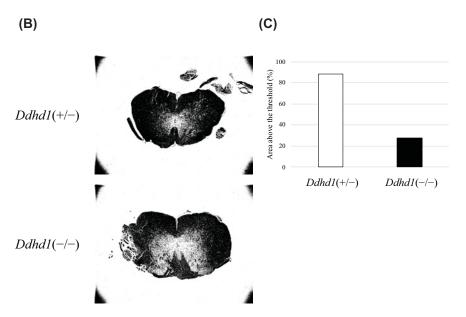


Figure 5. Immunohistochemistry of mouse spinal cords

(A) We stained spinal cords obtained from 6-month-old Ddhd1(+/-) and Ddhd1(-/-) with anti-NF antibody. The top shows the ventral side and the bottom shows the dorsal side. The pyramidal tracts were photographed at $\times 40$, $\times 200$ and $\times 400$ magnification. The black dashed lines in the $\times 40$ images show the field of $\times 200$ images. (B) Areas stained darker than the threshold are shown in black. Images photographed with the $\times 40$ magnification were analyzed using the matched threshold value. (C) Percentage of areas in the pyramidal tract that are stained above the threshold.

signaling, the increased expression of Rtn4r is possibly a compensatory feedback to recover the abnormal deactivation of GPR55 caused by Ddhd1 dysfunction [26].

Interestingly, three genes encoding G protein-coupled receptors (GPCRs) were listed in DEGs, *Adra2a*, *Drd1a* and *Drd2* (Table 1 and Supplementary Table S4). Although these GPCRs do not interact with LPIs, the decrease in GPR55 signaling may disturb intracellular GTP metabolism, resulting in decreased expression of these GPCR genes.

We observed axonal degradation in the pyramidal tract in Ddhd1(-/-) at 6 months of age, which is much younger than the age we observed the weakness in hindlimbs by FBA analysis (24 months) (Figure 5). Therefore, axonal degradation in the pyramidal tract is likely to be one of the preclinical neurological changes preceding the onset of SPG phenotype. These results suggest that our Ddhd1 KO mice at the age of 6 months are preclinical stage of SPG28 only showing a decrease in the number of axons.



DDHD2, another gene encoding PLA₁, is also known to be responsible for SPG54 [27,28]. In addition, two other genes involved in the LPI metabolism pathway, *NTE* and *CYP2U1*, are also known to be responsible for SPG39 and SPG56, respectively [1,3]. Therefore, the disruption of the normal metabolism of LPIs is likely to be the common pathogenic mechanism shared by multiple SPGs, such as SPG28, SPG39, SPG54, and SPG56, suggesting the potential common drug for multiple SPGs.

SPG model mice reported here provide two major potential applications. One is the fine phenotyping of the disease progression. Physiological changes observed in the model mice provide seeds of biomarkers at the subclinical stages of SPG. The second is the platform for the development of therapeutic drugs. Candidate molecules can be deduced from the molecules connected to the DEGs identified in Ddhd1(-/-). Model mice can be examined at arbitrary ages so that the disease progression, the drug effects and the kinetics of candidate biomarkers can be analyzed through chronological snapshots.

Materials and methods Animals

B6C3F1 and ICR mice were obtained from Kyudo company (Saga, Japan), and C57BL/6J mice were obtained from Charles River Laboratories Japan (Yokohama, Japan). They were fed a standard pellet diet (CLEA Japan, Inc., Tokyo, Japan) and filtered water. The animals were kept under condition of a 12:12-h light:dark cycle. All animal experiments were performed in Medical Institute of Bioregulation, Kyushu University.

CRISPR construct generation

px330-U6-Chimeric_BB-CBh-hSpCas9 plasmid vectors harboring the cDNA sequence encoding *Streptococcus pyogenes* Cas9 (hSp-Cas9) and AmpR was purchased from Addgene (catalog 42230) [29]. Guide sequence oligonucleotides Mouse_CRISPR_target_AS are shown in Supplementary Table S6. Oligonucleotides were annealed (95°C for 10 min followed by cooling down at room temperature for 30 min) and cloned in the px330 vector, which was digested with *BbsI*. Constructs were introduced into competent DH5 α cells. The colonies harboring relevant constructs were inoculated into 5 ml Luria–Bertani medium and cultured overnight. Plasmid DNA was extracted from the culture using a Plasmid Maxi kit (#12165, Qiagen, Hilden, Germany).

Microinjection

Pregnant mare serum gonadotropin and human chorionic gonadotropin were injected into B6C3H female mice at 48-h intervals. Injected females were then housed with C57BL/6 male mice. Fertilized one-celled stage embryos were collected from oviducts. We performed zygote injection according to Yang et al. (2014) [12]. We held a zygote using a holding pipette, inserted the injection pipette into the zygote without breaking the oolemma, and advanced the pipette until it almost reached the opposite side of the zygote's cortex. Approximately 5 pg of px330 was injected into each zygote. Injected zygotes were cultured in KSOM medium (#MR-121-D, MERCK, Darmstadt, Germany) at 37°C in a 5% CO₂ incubator until the two-celled stage and were then transferred into pseudo-pregnant ICR mice to obtain the initial generation of genome-edited mice, F₀. The protocols were approved by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee of Kyushu University.

Surveyor nuclease assay

F₀ mice were screened by surveyor nuclease assay using a Surveyor Mutation Detection Kit (#706020, Integrated DNA Technologies, Coralville, IA, U.S.A.) according to the manufacturer's instructions. The products were assayed by agarose gel electrophoresis for 25 min at 135 V.

Establishment of the mouse strain

The F_0 generation mice determined to be positive by the surveyor nuclease assay were bred with wildtype C57BL/6J to produce the F_1 mice, which were identified by PCR and sequencing. Male infertility has been suggested in Ddhd1(-/-) mice; because of impaired sperm mobility, we maintained the strain by crossing heterozygotes (Ddhd1[+/-]) with wildtypes. We generated homozygous KO mice (Ddhd1[-/-]) by crossing heterozygous (Ddhd1[+/-]) male and female siblings.

DNA preparation

We collected tails from 2 weeks of age mice for genotyping. The tails were immersed in 50 μ M NaOH at 95°C for 10 min and centrifuged at 12000 rpm for 15 min. We performed PCR using the supernatant fluid as a PCR template.



Sanger sequencing

Exon 2 of *Ddhd1* was sequenced by direct sequencing using the primers Mouse_Ddhd1_forward and Mouse_Ddhd1_reverse (Supplementary Table S7). The PCR conditions consisted of 35 cycles at 94°C for 30 s, 58°C for 30 s and 72°C for 30 s. Template DNA for the sequencing reaction was prepared by the enzymatic reaction with 0.1 U of thermosensitive alkaline phosphatase (#10699730, Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, U.S.A.) and 1.2 U of exonuclease I (#M0293S, New England Biolabs, Ipswich, MA, U.S.A.) at 37°C for 30 min, followed by heat inactivation at 80°C for 15 min. The PCR products were then sequenced using the ABI PRISM Big Dye Terminator Cycle Sequencing Kit (v 3.1) (Applied Biosystems, Waltham, MA, U.S.A.) and the ABI PRISM 3130-Avant Genetic Analyzer (#4337456, Applied Biosystems, Waltham, MA, U.S.A.) according to the manufacturer's protocol.

FBA analysis

We allowed mice to walk on an elevated horizontal plastic beam $(50' \times 5 \text{ cm})$ with 20 cm of the length and shot their videos from behind by iPhone (Apple, Cupertino, CA, U.S.A.). Once the mouse walked to the middle of plastic beam, it was brought back to the front with its tail until more than 20 steps were recorded. Angles at the toe-off positions of hind paws of was measured as FBA for the first 20 steps using single video frames at 14 months of age (n=3) and 24 months of age (n=2) awere examined. The data between Ddhd1(+/-) and Ddhd1(-/-) were analyzed using a two-tailed Student's t test and the data between individuals were analyzed using a Tukey–Kramer test. Tukey–Kramer test was performed in R Studio (version 3.5.3).

Animals used in tissue sampling

At 26 months of age, Ddhd1(+/-) and Ddhd1(-/-) (n=2 per group) were killed with cervical spine fracture dislocation without anesthesia. Cerebra were extracted from each mouse and immediately snap-frozen in liquid nitrogen for subsequent lipid and protein isolation. The cerebra samples for RNA-seq were immediately immersed in RNA*later* Solutions (#AM7021, Invitrogen, Carlsbad, CA, U.S.A.). We utilized all available animals (two mice each for Ddhd1(+/-) and Ddhd1(-/-)) after the long-term rearing of 26 months. Details of the mice used in FBA tests, lipidome analyses and RNA sequencing were described in Supplementary Table S8.

Western blotting

Since the cerebrum has been reported to show the highest Ddhd1 expression [8], we extracted total protein from cerebral tissues of 12-month-old Ddhd1(+/-) and Ddhd1(-/-) mice using T-PER Tissue Protein Extraction Reagent (#78510, Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, U.S.A.) according to the standard protocol. Rabbit anti-DDHD1, anti-COXIV and anti-rabbit IgG were obtained from Atlas antibodies (#HPA049870, Bromma, Sweden), Cell Signaling Technology (#4844, Danvers, MA, U.S.A.) and Southern Biotechnology Associates (#4055-05, Birmingham, AL, U.S.A.) respectively. Protein was transferred to nitrocellulose membrane using iBlot 2 DRY Blotting System (Invitrogen, Waltham, MA, U.S.A.). Antibody reaction was performed using iBind Western Systems (Invitrogen, Waltham, MA, U.S.A.) according to the manufacturer's protocol. We detected chemiluminescence using SuperSignal West Dura Extended Duration Substrate (#34075, Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, U.S.A.) and LAS4000mini (GE Healthcare Life Science, Buckinghamshire, England). SeeBlue Plus2 Pre-Stained Standard (#LC5925, Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, U.S.A.) was used as a molecular weight marker.

Lipid extraction

We performed lipid extraction from cerebra and cerebella (\sim 5 mg each) extracted from 26-month-old Ddhd1(+/-) and Ddhd1(-/-) (n=2 per group) using an acidic methanol extraction. In brief, frozen cerebra and cerebella tissues were individually ground with a ball mill at 20 Hz for 3 min (Model MM301, Retsch, Haan, Germany) and extracted with 1 ml of 20 mM acetic acid in methanol containing the internal standards: PI 15:018:1 (d_7), 240 pmol; LPI 17:1, 3400 pmol; PA 15:018:1 (d_7), 200 pmol; LPA 17:0, 1100 pmol. Samples were mixed vigorously by vortexing for 1 min followed by 5 min of sonication. The supernatant (700 μ l) after centrifugation by $16000 \times g$ for 5 min at 4° C was transferred to clean tubes. The extracted supernatants were dried under nitrogen and stored at -80° C until analysis. Prior to analysis, the dried sample was reconstituted in 200 μ l of methanol/chloroform (1:1, vol/vol).

Chemicals and reagents used in lipidome analysis

Ammonium acetate was obtained from Sigma–Aldrich (#73594, St. Louis, MO, U.S.A.). LC/MS-grade methanol and distilled water were purchased from Kanto Chemical Co. (#11307-2B, Tokyo, Japan). HPLC-grade chloroform was obtained from Kishida Chemical (#140-16013, Osaka, Japan). All synthetic lipid standards were purchased from Avanti



Polar Lipids Inc. (Alabaster, AL, U.S.A.). Carbon dioxide (99.9% grade; Yoshida Sanso Co., Fukuoka, Japan) was used as the SFC mobile phase.

SFC/MS/MS

The levels of PI, LPI, PA and LPA were quantified using SFC/QqQMS in multiple reaction mode, as described previously [14]. The SFC/MS/MS system is composed of a Shimadzu Nexera UC and a Shimadzu LCMS-8060 triple–quadrupole mass spectrometer equipped with an electrospray ionization ion source (Shimadzu Co., Kyoto, Japan). The SFC conditions were as follows: 2 μl injection volume; mobile phase (A), supercritical carbon dioxide; mobile phase (B) (modifier) and make-up pump solvent; methanol/water (95/5, v/v) with 0.1% (w/v) ammonium acetate; 1.0 ml.min⁻¹ flow rate of mobile phase; 0.1 ml.min⁻¹ flow rate of make-up pump; modifier gradient; 1% (B) (1 min), 175% (B) (23 min), 75% (B) (2 min), 751% (B) (0.1 min), 1% (B) (3.9 min); column, ACQUITY UPC2™ Torus diethylamine (DEA) (3.0 × 100 mm, 1.7 μm, Waters Co., Milford, MA, U.S.A.); 50°C column temperature; 10 MPa back pressure regulator; and 30 min analytical time. The QqQMS conditions were as follows: positive and negative polarity (polarity switching mode), 4.0 kV electrospray voltage for positive and −3.5 kV for negative, 3 l.min⁻¹ nebulizing gas flow rate, 10 l.min⁻¹ heating gas flow rate, 10 l.min⁻¹ dry gas flow rate, 250°C desolvation temperature, 400°C heat block temperature, and 2.3 kV detector voltage. The MRM parameters were as follows: 2 ms dwell time, 2 ms pause time, and 15 ms polarity switching time. Other optimized MRM parameters for each lipid are shown in Supplementary Tables S2 and S3. All data were analyzed using a two-tailed Student's *t* test.

RNA sequencing

Total RNAs were extracted from the cerebra of both 26-month-old Ddhd1(+/-) and Ddhd1(-/-) mice (n=2) per group) using the RNeasy Mini Kit (Qiagen) according to the manufacturer's protocol. cDNA libraries were constructed from the purified RNA using the SMARTer Universal Low Input RNA Kit for Sequencing (#634938, Clontech, Mountain View, CA) and a Low Input Library Prep Kit (v 2) (#634947, Clontech, Mountain View, CA). Single-read 50-bp sequencing was performed on the Illumina HiSeq 2500. To generate a heatmap, we used the 'heatmap.2' function of the gplots package in R software. This analysis was performed in R Studio (version 3.5.3).

Detection of DEGs and GEA

Raw reads obtained from NGS were mapped to the reference genome (Mouse GRCm38/mm19) using TopHat. DEGs were identified using Cuffdiff to test the significance of the differential expression of genes based on fragments per kilobase of exon per million fragments mapped (FPKM). Finally, The DEGs were submitted to the Database for Annotation, Visualization and Integrated Discovery (DAVID, version 6.7, https://david.ncifcrf.gov/home.jsp) to analyze the enrichment of GO terms. GO terms showing the Benjamini probabilities < 0.05 were considered as significant difference.

Real-time quantity PCR

The purified RNA extracted from the cerebra of both 12-month-old Ddhd1(+/-) and Ddhd1(-/-) mice (n=2 per group) was converted in each instance into cDNA using ReverTra Ace qPCR RT Master Mix with gDNA Remover (TOYOBO, Osaka, Japan). RT-qPCR were then performed with Power SYBR Green Master Mix (#4367659, Applied Biosystems, Waltham, MA) on the Applied Biosystems 7500 Real-Time PCR System (Applied Biosystems, Waltham, MA). Expression of Gapdh was also examined as an internal standard of mRNA expression. Primers are shown in Supplementary Table S7.

Perfusion fixation and immunohistochemistry

We performed immunohistochemistry using spinal cords perfusion-fixed with 4% paraformaldehyde phosphate buffer solution (#163-20145, FUJIFILM, Tokyo, Japan) of Ddhd1(+/-) and Ddhd1(-/-) at 6 months of age. For ultrathin sectioning, Ddhd1(+/-) and Ddhd1(-/-) at 6 months of age were perfused with 4% paraformaldehyde phosphate buffer solution. The mice were anesthetized by intraperitoneal infection of mixed anesthesia (10 ml/kg) and killed by dissection of the right atrium. Mixed anesthesia was composed of medetomidine hydrochloride (0.3 mg/kg) (Kyoritsu Seiyaku, Tokyo, Japan), midazolam (4 mg/kg) (Teva Takeda Pharma Ltd., Nagoya, Japan) and butorphanol tartrate (5 mg/kg) (Meiji Seika Pharma Co, Ltd., Tokyo, Japan). Spinal cords from each mouse were embedded in paraffin and sliced using a cryostat to obtain tissue sections. Immunohistochemistry was performed using primary antibodies against NF. Anti-NF was obtained from Dako (#M0762, Santa Clara, CA, U.S.A.). Sections were incubated



with primary antibodies overnight at 4°C. After rinsing, immunoreaction products were detected by the polymer immunocomplex method using an Histfine Simple Stain MAX PO(M) (#414321, Nichirei Biosciences, Tokyo, Japan). Immunoreactivity was visualized using 3,3′-diaminobenzidine (DAB) (#D006, Dojindo, Kumamoto, Japan) and specimens were lightly counterstained with Hematoxylin. Microscopic images were acquired by All-In-One Fluorescence Microscope BZ-X700 (KEYENCE, Osaka, Japan). The acquired images were analyzed using ImageJ software.

Data Availability

NGS data can be accessed from NCBI and DDBJ. RNA-seq data can be accessed in DRA009135 (SAMD00191356-00191359). The datasets generated during the current study are available from the corresponding author on reasonable request.

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Ethics Approval

Mouse husbandry and all the mouse experiments were carried out under the ethical guidelines of Kyushu University.

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Abbreviations

DEG, differentially expressed gene; FBA, foot–base angle; GEA, GO enrichment analysis; GO, gene ontology; GPCR, G protein-coupled receptor; GPR55, G-protein coupled receptor 55; ICR, Institute of Cancer Research; indel, insertion and/or deletion; KO, knockout; LPA, lysophosphatidic acid; LPI, lysophosphatidylinositol; NF, neurofilament; NGS, next generation sequencing; OMIM, Online Mendelian Inheritance in Man; PA, phosphatidic acid; PI, phosphatidylinositol; PLA₁, phospholipase A₁; PLA₂, phospholipase A₂; RT-qPCR, real-time quantitative PCR; SCA, spinocerebellar ataxia; SFC/QqQMS, supercritical fluid chromatography triple–quadrupole mass spectrometry; SPG, spastic paraplegia; SPG28, spastic paraplegia type 28.

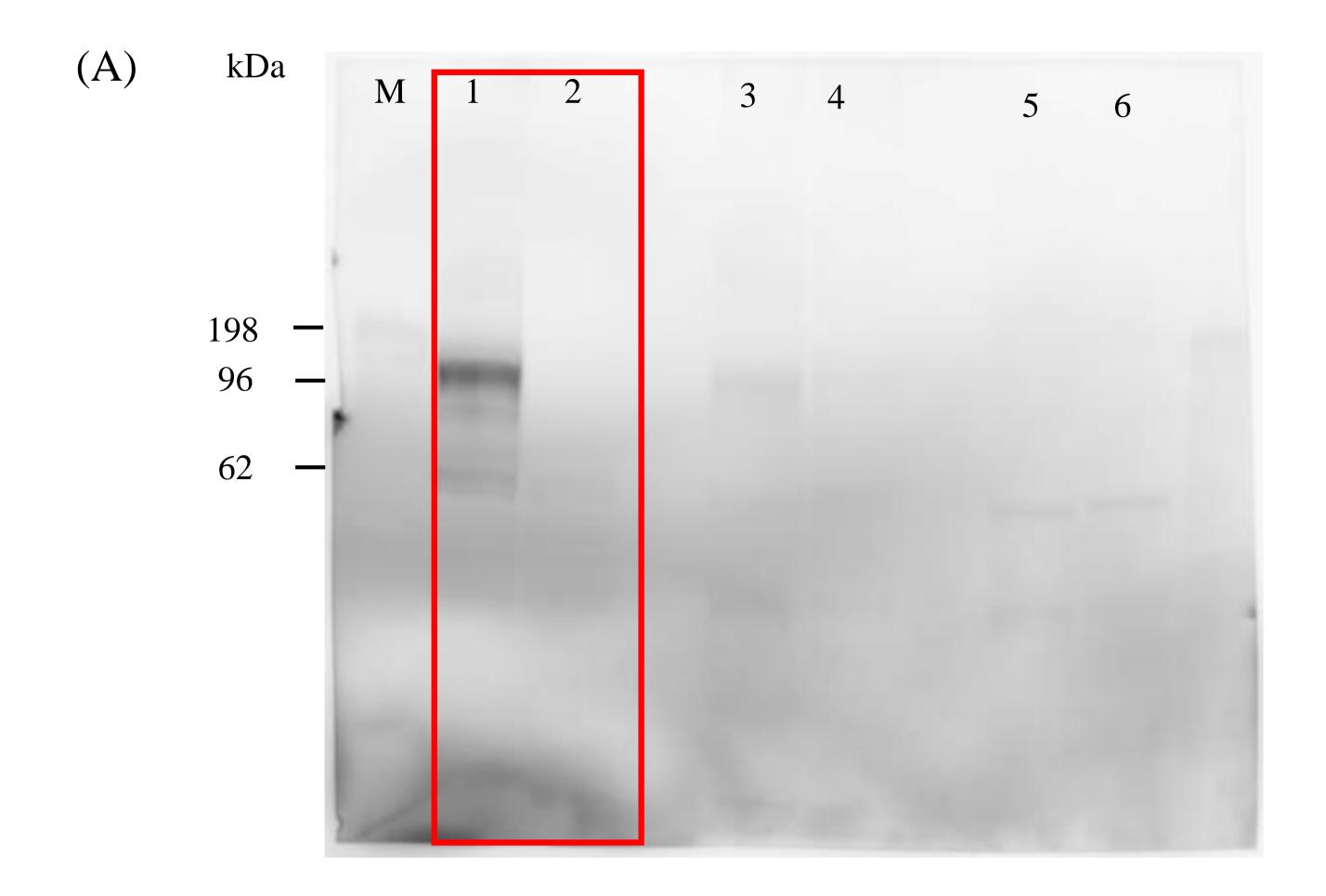
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Supplementary Figure S1



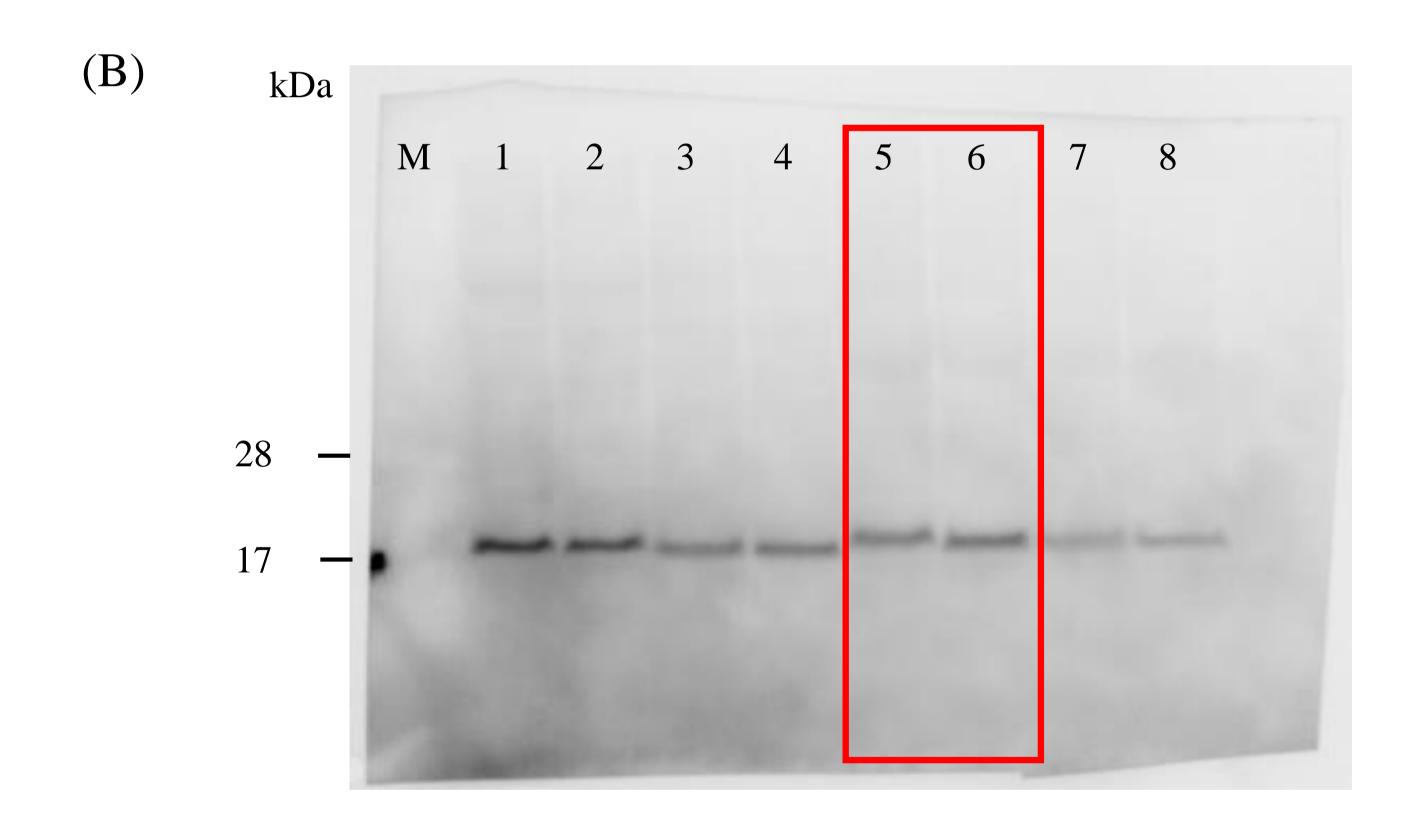


Figure S1.

(A) Western blotting with an antibody against Ddhd1. SeeBlue Plus2 Pre-Stained Protein Standard (Life Technologies) was used as a protein molecular weight marker. Lane M: Marker, Lane 1: Ddhd1(+/-) cerebrum, Lane 2: Ddhd1(-/-) cerebrum, Lane 3: Ddhd1(+/-) cerebrum diluted by 2 times from lane 2, Lane 5: Ddhd1(+/-) cerebrum diluted by 4 times from lane 1, Ddhd1(-/-) cerebrum diluted by 4 times from lane 1. (B) Western blotting with an antibody against COXIV as a loading control. Lane M: Marker, Lane 1 Ddhd1(+/-) testis, Lane 2: Ddhd1(-/-) testis, Lane 3: Ddhd1(+/-) testis diluted by 2 times from lane 1, Lane 4: Ddhd1(-/-) testis diluted 2 times from Lane 2, Lane 5: Ddhd1(+/-) cerebrum, Lane 6: Ddhd1(-/-) cerebrum, Lane 7: Ddhd1(+/-) cerebrum diluted 2 times from lane 5. Lane 8: Ddhd1(-/-) cerebrum diluted 2 times from lane 6. Both images were obtained in 4sec exposure time. The regions surrounded by red frames were used for Figure 1d.

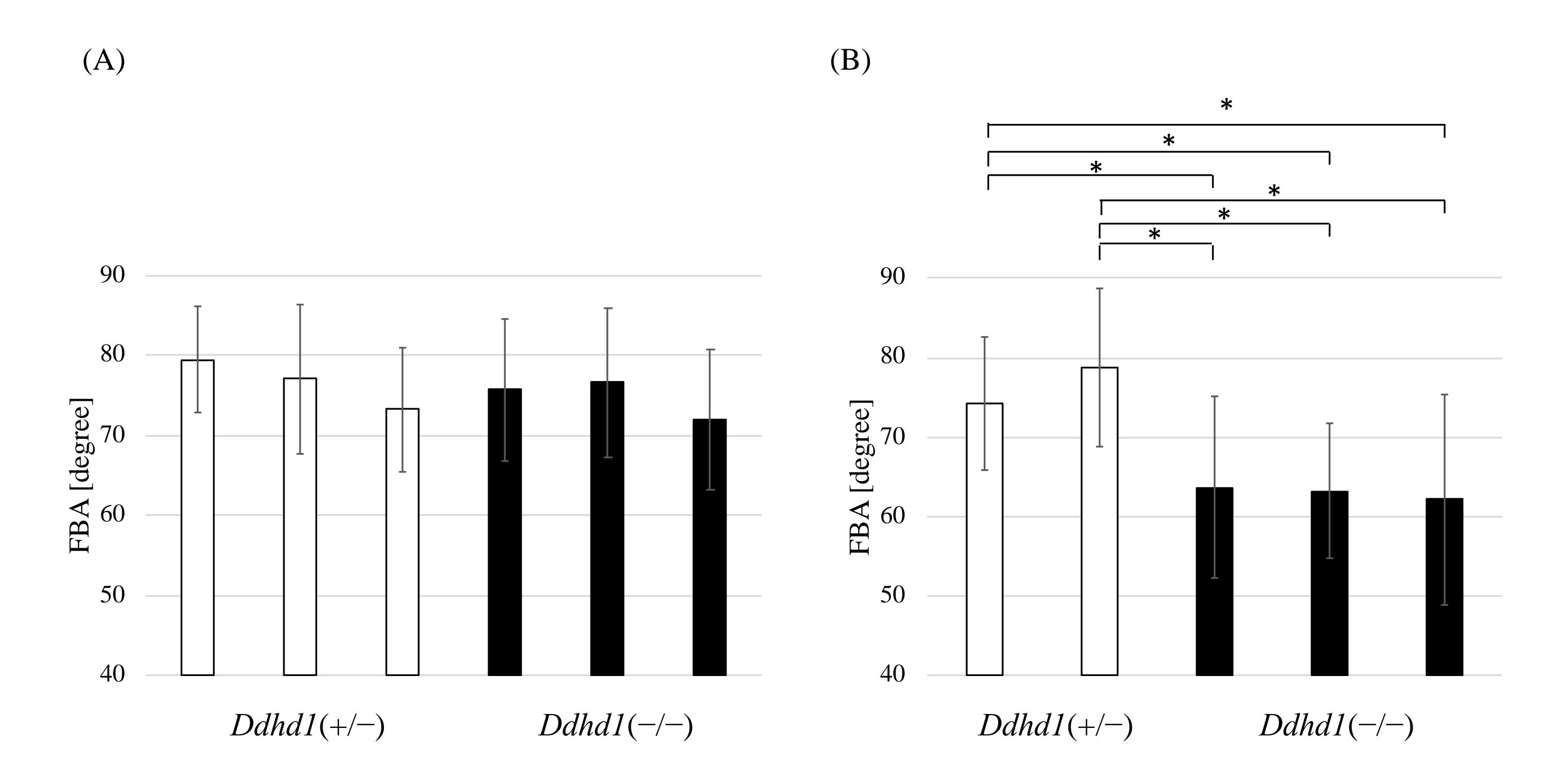
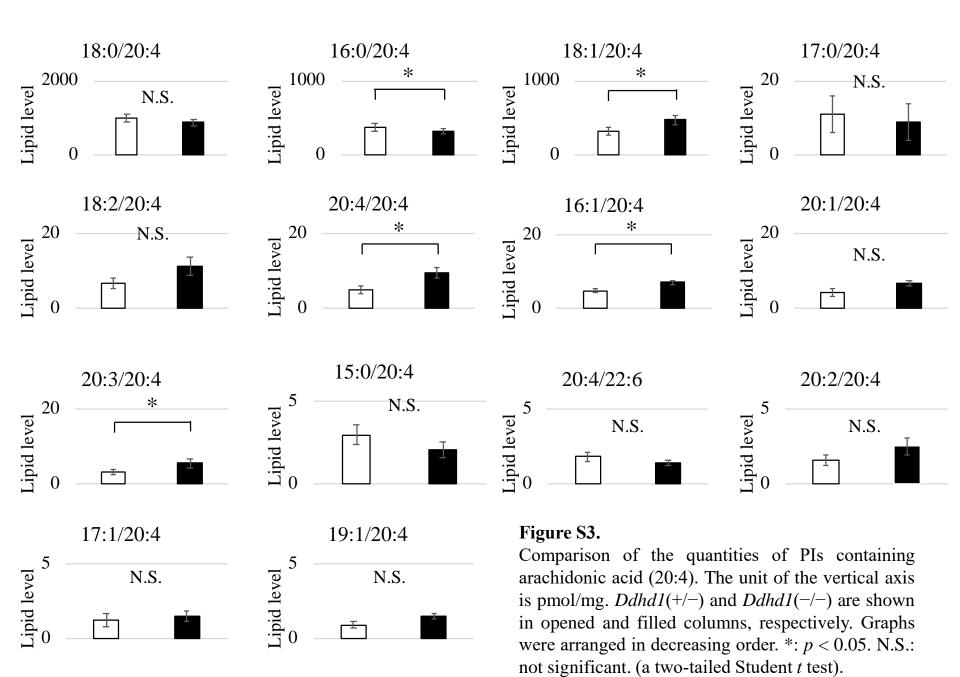


Figure S2. Foot—base angle between individuals. (A) The FBA of mice at the 14 months of age. There were no significant differences between any of the individuals (n = 3). (B) The FBA of mice at 24 months of age. We observed consistent decrease of FBA in Ddhd1(-/-) mice (n = 3) compared with that of Ddhd1(+/-) mice (n = 2), which is statistically significant (*p < 0.05). Error bars represent the mean \pm SD. All data were analyzed using a Tukey-Kramer test.

Supplementary Figure S3



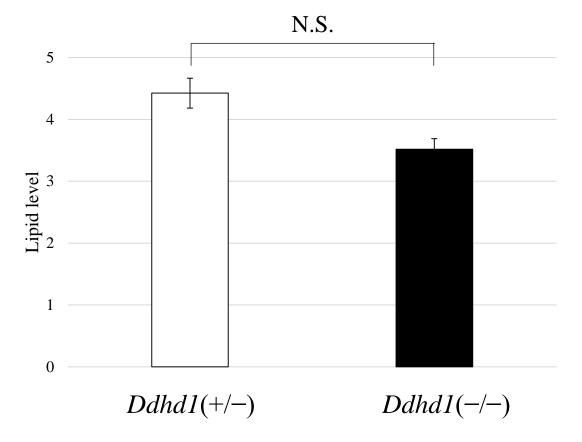


Figure S4. The amount of LPI 20:4 (sn-2) in mouse cerebella.

The unit of the vertical axis is pmol/mg. Error bars represent the mean \pm SD. For 26-months of age $Ddhd1(\pm/-)$ (n=2) versus Ddhd1(-/-) (n=2), N.S.: not significant. All data were analyzed using a two-tailed Student's t test.

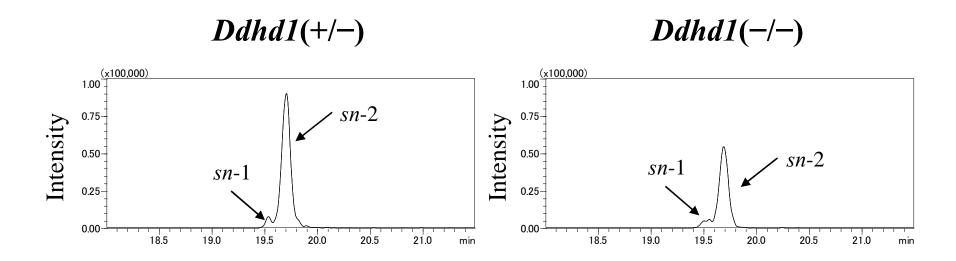


Figure S5. SFC/MS/MS chromatograms of detected LPI 20:4 in mouse cerebra extracts. Retention times of LPI 20:4 (*sn*-1) and LPI 20:4 (*sn*-2) were 19.55 and 19.70 minutes, respectively.

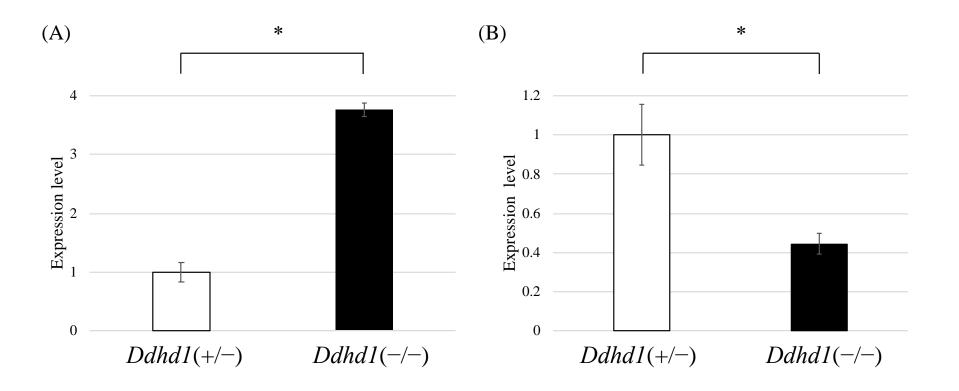


Figure S6. Quantitative determination of Rtn4r (A) and Adra2a (B) mRNA expression levels. The Rtn4r and Adra2a mRNA expression levels were quantified by real-time qPCR. Values represent mean \pm SD normalized by Gapdh mRNA levels. *:p < 0.05

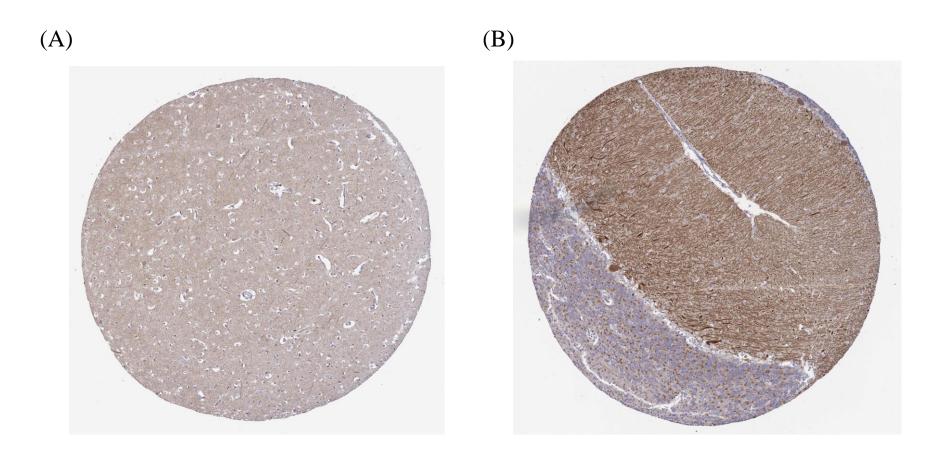


Figure S7. DDHD1 protein expression in human brain from The Human Protein Atlas database.

Highly DDHD1 protein expression is observed in human cerebrum (A) and cerebellum (B). Data courtesy of Protein Atlas.org.

Supplementary Table S1. Individual differences in FBA.

(A) 14 months of age

	Ddhd1 (+/-)_Individual 1				
Ddhd1 (+/-)_Individual 2	0.94	Ddhd1 (+/-)_Individual 2			
Ddhd1 (+/-)_Individual 3	0.20	0.72	Ddhd1 (+/-)_Individual 3		
Ddhd1 (-/-)_Individual 1	0.90	>0.99	0.94	Ddhd1 (-/-)_Individual 1	
Ddhd1 (-/-)_Individual 2	0.81	>0.99	0.81	>0.99	Ddhd1 (-/-)_Individual 2
Ddhd1 (-/-)_Individual 3	0.06	0.41	>0.99	0.72	0.51

(B) 24 months of age

	Ddhd1 (+/-)_Individual 1			
Ddhd1 (+/-)_Individual 2	0.64	Ddhd1 (+/-)_Individual 2		
Ddhd1 (-/-)_Individual 1	1.8 × 10 ⁻² *	5.0 × 10 ⁻⁵ *	Ddhd1 (-/-)_Individual 1	
Ddhd1 (-/-)_Individual 2	1.1 × 10 ⁻² *	8.5 × 10 ⁻⁵ *	>0.99	Ddhd1 (-/-)_Individual 2
Ddhd1 (-/-)_Individual 3	4.3 × 10 ⁻³ *	2.6 × 10 ⁻⁵ *	>0.99	>0.99

Individual difference of FBA in mice at 14 months of age (A) and at 24 months of age (B). FBA was examined by Tukey-Kramer test with 20 strides per animal. *p < 0.05

Supplementary Table S2. PIs and LPIs detected in mouse cerebera.

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ı	PI 15:0/20:1 PI 15:0/20:4	C44H83O13F1				843.5>241.2, 843.5>303.25	16.56	2.74		2.48		2.99	1.60	2.09	2.70	1.80	2.05	0.112
ı								11.0					11.1					0.557
i	PI 16:0/18:0		838.5571	[M - H]-		837.55>283.25, 837.55>255.25	17.42 16.83	33.7		21.0	16.2 46.2	15.7 47.3	35.6	12.6 47.0	17.9 54.9	12.0 40.2	13.4 44.4	0.784
	PI 16:0/18:1 PI 16:0/18:2					835.55>281.25, 835.55>255.25	16.93	2.09		66.1 3.83		2.83	1.75	1.62	3.17	2.10	2.16	0.784
i				. ,		833.5>279.25, 833.5>255.25		1.70					2.42					
	PI 16:0/20:1					863.55>309.3, 863.55>255.25	16.72			3.92		2.60		2.35	3.00	2.04	2.45	0.850
						861.55>255.25, 861.55>307.25	16.77	0.702		1.97		1.18	1.10	1.05	1.42	0.983	1.14	0.882
	PI 16:0/20:3		860.5415	[M - H]-		859.55>255.25, 859.55>305.25	16.98	19.5		26.6		25.4	20.4	24.8	25.4	20.5	22.8	0.0495
	PI 16:0/20:4					857.5>255.25, 857.5>303.25	16.97	318		361		372	290	357	363	291	325	0.00843
	PI 16:0/20:5		856.5102	[M - H]-		855.5>255.25, 855.5>301.2	17.07	4.88		6.85	7.18	6.37	4.80	6.01	5.09	5.59	5.37	0.260
							16.88	3.31		4.66		4.16	3.97	4.28	3.35	3.24	3.71	0.514
						883.55>255.25, 883.55>329.25	17.08	5.77		8.00		6.78	4.87	6.13	6.84	4.09	5.48	0.0972
	PI 16:0/22:6		882.5258			881.5>255.25, 881.5>327.25	17.06	53.0		87.7	64.6	69.2	52.5	67.9	75.4	47.2	60.7	0.353
	PI 16:0/16:1	C41H77O13P1	808.5102	[M - H]-	[Acyl FA - H]-	807.5>255.25, 807.5>253.2	17.61	2.15		4.00		2.56	1.39	1.32	1.82	2.10	1.66	0.354
	PI 16:1/18:1	C43H79O13P1	834.5258	[M - H]-	[Acyl FA - H]-	833.5>281.25, 833.5>253.2	17.60	1.73	2.21	4.35	2.94	2.81	2.83	3.51	4.29	3.68	3.58	0.495
	PI 16:1/20:4	C45H77O13P1	856.5102	[M - H]-	[Acyl FA - H]-	855.5>253.2, 855.5>303.25	17.09	4.42	4.83	4.21	5.72	4.80	6.57	7.63	7.48	6.68	7.09	0.00546
	PI 17:0/18:1	C44H83O13P1	850.5571	[M - H]-	[Acyl FA - H]-	849.55>281.25, 849.55>269.25	16.77	0.232	0.330	0.547	0.540	0.413	0.320	0.449	0.597	0.339	0.428	0.924
	PI 17:0/20:4	C46H81O13P1	872.5415	[M - H]-	[Acyl FA - H]-	871.55>269.25, 871.55>303.25	16.91	7.45	10.2	14.1	12.2	11.0	8.65	8.78	9.93	8.53	8.97	0.451
	PI 17:0/22:6	C48H81O13P1	896.5415	[M - H]-	[Acyl FA - H]-	895.55>269.25, 895.55>327.25	17.03	0.652	0.684	1.47	0.640	0.860	0.627	1.07	0.914	0.510	0.780	0.737
	PI 17:1/20:4	C46H79O13P1	870.5258	[M - H]-	[Acyl FA - H]-	869.5>303.25, 869.5>267.25	17.03	0.906	0.832	1.75	1.50	1.25	1.20	2.05	1.51	1.45	1.55	0.511
	PI 18:0/18:0	C45H87O13P1	866.5884	[M - H]-	[Acyl FA - H]-	865.6>283.25	16.63	3.25	3.59	4.82	3.07	3.68	1.96	2.79	3.30	2.90	2.74	0.169
	PI 18:0/20:0	C47H91O13P1	894.6197	[M - H]-	[Acyl FA - H]-	893.6>283.25, 893.6>311.3	16.52	1.14	1.50	2.27	1.42	1.58	1.27	1.69	1.94	1.49	1.60	0.963
n.	PI 18:0/20:1	C47H89O13P1	892.6041	[M - H]-	[Acyl FA - H]-	891.6>309.3, 891.6>283.25	16.64	4.55	6.11	8.74	7.55	6.74	4.82	4.45	7.35	5.08	5.43	0.502
PIs	PI 18:0/20:3	C47H85O13P1	888.5728	[M - H]-	[Acyl FA - H]-	887.55>283.25, 887.55>305.25	16.85	58.2	78.0	63.9	66.6	66.7	51.3	64.4	60.6	51.2	56.9	0.0293
	PI 18:0/20:4	C47H83O13P1				885.55>283.25, 885.55>303.25	16.85	904	1112	935	1043	999	823	1018	883	824	887	0.0842
						883.55>283.25, 883.55>301.2	16.97	6.28		8.73		8.04	4.83	5.10	5.78	5.99	5.43	0.119
	PI 18:0/22:1	C49H93O13P1	920.6354			919.65>337.3, 919.65>283.25	16.55	1.60	1.51	2.40	1.37	1.72	1.06	1.93	1.83	1.47	1.57	0.503
	PI 18:0/22:4	C49H87O13P1	914.5884			913.6>283.25, 913.6>331.25	16.75	5.20	6.19	6.10	5.36	5.71	3.97	4.95	4.70	4.23	4.46	0.000200
	PI 18:0/22:5		912.5728	. ,		911.55>283.25, 911.55>329.25	16.96	4.17		7.03		5.10	2.57	3.12	3.61	2.82	3.03	0.191
	PI 18:0/22:6	C49H83O13P1		[M - H]-		909.55>283.25, 909.55>327.25	16.94	37.7		76.7	47.9	53.0	33.8	37.8	44.2	29.3	36.3	0.213
	PI 18:0/18:1						16.69	44.7		74.5		59.0	28.0	35.8	44.3	36.3	36.1	0.142
	PI 18:1/18:1	C45H83O13P1			[Acyl FA - H]-		16.82	7.46	9.68	18.0		11.9	14.6	19.9	19.6	17.6	17.9	0.215
						889.6>281.25, 889.6>309.3	16.75	1.28		3.00		2.01	2.62	3.23	4.14	2.96	3.24	0.190
	PI 18:1/20:3			. ,		885.55>281.25, 885.55>305.25	16.97	18.8		20.6		21.1	30.9	37.4	34.3	29.7	33.1	0.00923
	PI 18:1/20:4			. ,		883.55>281.25, 883.55>303.25	16.97	278		294	346	324	436	551	485	425	474	0.00923
	PI 18:1/20:4 PI 18:1/22:1		918.6197			917.6>281.25, 917.6>337.3	16.65	0.447		1.02	0.672	0.600	1.04	0.801	0.889	0.789	0.880	0.376
				[M - H]-				0.447		2.37								0.0759
	PI 18:1/22:4 PI 18:1/22:6	C49H85O13P1					16.88	7.41		13.7	1.34	1.50	2.62 12.8	3.01	4.20	2.70	3.13	0.0739
						907.55>281.25, 907.55>327.25						10.8		15.0	16.7	10.7	13.8	
	PI 18:0/18:2	C45H83O13P1				861.55>283.25, 861.55>279.25	16.80	2.42		5.41		3.97	2.62	2.87	4.52	2.51	3.13	0.598
						859.55>281.25, 859.55>279.25	16.92	1.29		2.94		2.14	2.81	3.05	3.45	2.56	2.97	0.309
	PI 18:2/20:4		882.5258	. ,		881.5>279.25, 881.5>303.25	17.09	4.84		6.28	8.40	6.74	8.48	10.5	14.3	11.9	11.3	0.138
	PI 19:1/20:4						16.92	0.695		1.19	1.09	0.948	1.24	1.56	1.66	1.52	1.50	0.125
	PI 20:1/20:4		912.5728	[M - H]-		911.55>309.3, 911.55>303.25	16.86	2.71		5.07	4.55	4.11	6.13	6.69	7.78	6.10	6.68	0.0753
	PI 20:2/20:4	C49H83O13P1				909.55>307.25, 909.55>303.25	16.93	1.71		1.10	1.98	1.63	2.30	2.25	3.44	2.23	2.56	0.0880
			908.5415				17.07	3.17		2.14		3.27	4.99	7.16	5.89	4.50	5.64	0.0404
	PI 20:4/20:4	C49H79O13P1	906.5258	[M - H]-	[Acyl FA - H]-	905.5>303.25	17.13	4.62		3.75		4.94	8.62	10.8	10.6	8.03	9.51	0.00373
	PI 20:4/22:6	C51H79O13P1	930.5258	[M - H]-	[Acyl FA - H]-	929.5>303.25, 929.5>327.25	17.22	1.47		1.84		1.85	1.28	1.43	1.72	1.28	1.43	0.135
	Total							1886		2209		2198	1951	2420	2270	1951	2148	0.457
_	LPI 16:0 (sn -1)	C25H49O12P1	572.2962	[M - H]-	[Acyl FA - H]-	571.3>255.25	19.34	8.74	9.04	9.14	8.32	8.81	7.56	7.45	8.24	6.31	7.39	0.00959
	LPI 18:0 (sn -1)	C27H53O12P1	600.3275	[M - H]-	[Acyl FA - H]-	599.3>283.25	19.14	34.0	37.3	32.0	34.7	34.5	30.76	40.33	32.05	27.01	32.5	0.607
	LPI 18:1 (sn -1)	C27H51O12P1	598.3118	[M - H]-	[Acyl FA - H]-	597.3 > 281.25	19.30	5.65	7.14	5.91	6.81	6.38	7.20	9.03	9.42	7.85	8.38	0.0166
LPIs	LPI 18:1 (sn -2)	C27H51O12P1	598.3118	[M - H]-	[Acyl FA - H]-	597.3 > 281.25	19.44	0.432	0.215	0.744	0.399	0.448	0.22	0.60	0.94	0.38	0.535	0.667
	LPI 20:4 (sn -1)	C29H49O12P1	620.2962	[M - H]-	[Acyl FA - H]-	619.3 > 303.25	19.55	0.751	0.707	0.768	0.408	0.660	0.39	0.42	0.35	0.40	0.390	0.0637
	LPI 20:4 (sn -2)	C29H49O12P1	620.2962		[Acyl FA - H]-		19.70	6.11	7.66	5.86	6.74	6.59	3.47	5.51	3.77	3.60	4.09	0.0373
								55.6							54.77	45.55	53.5	0.393

Two strains were examined in two mice each with two technical replicates.

Supplementary Table S3. PAs and LPAs detected in mouse cerebera.

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		Formula	Exact Mass	Precursor-ion	Product-ion	MRM transition	Retention time (min)	Individu	ual 1	Individua	al 2	Average	Individu	ıal l	Individu	al 2 Averag	e	
								Exp 1 (pmol/mg) E		Exp 1 (pmol/mg) Ex	p 2 (pmol/mg)	(pmol/mg)	Exp 1 (pmol/mg) Ex	xp 2 (pmol/mg) Ex		p 2 (pmol/mg) (pmol	mg) I	p -value
	PA 16:0/16:0	C35H69O8P1	648.4730058		[Acyl FA - H]-	647.45>255.25	16.67	20.7	23.1	35.0	26.9	26.4	26.7	30.7	19.7	19.1	24.0	0.7
	PA 16:0/18:0	C37H73O8P1	676.5043059		[Acyl FA - H]-	675.5>283.25, 675.5>255.25	16.51	24.9	27.2	48.6	30.3	32.8	39.8	49.4	24.2	27.1	35.1	0.8
	PA 16:0/18:1	C37H71O8P1	674.4886559		[Acyl FA - H]-	673.5>255.25, 673.5>281.25	16.60	277	282	565	326	363	470	556	276	281	396	0.8
	PA 16:0/20:0	C39H77O8P1	704.5356061		[Acyl FA - H]-	703.55>311.3, 703.55>255.25	16.38	3.27	3.56	8.61	3.45	4.72	5.94	7.80	2.26	4.05	5.01	0.9
	PA 16:0/20:1	C39H75O8P1	702.519956		[Acyl FA - H]-	701.5>255.25, 701.5>309.3	16.46	18.8	20.2	49.1	24.0		38.4	48.2	22.5	25.6	33.7	0.70
	PA 16:0/20:3	C39H71O8P1	698.4886559		[Acyl FA - H]-	697.5>255.25, 697.5>305.25	16.80	3.69	3.91	7.08	3.48	4.54	6.19	8.64	3.94	4.37	5.79	0.55
	PA 16:0/20:4	C39H69O8P1	696.4730058		[Acyl FA - H]-	695.45>255.25, 695.45>303.25	16.85	30.2	36.7	57.9	36.2	40.2	45.7	61.8	30.1	31.8	42.4	0.88
	PA 16:0/22:1	C41H79O8P1	730.5512561		[Acyl FA - H]-	729.55>337.3, 729.55>255.25	16.39	1.38	0.88	2.62	1.76	1.66	1.84	2.48	1.07	1.68	1.77	0.8
	PA 16:0/22:4	C41H73O8P1	724.5043059		[Acyl FA - H]-	723.5>331.25, 723.5>255.25	16.66	6.16	5.05	8.20	4.97	6.09	7.11	8.77	5.74	6.00	6.90	0.5
	PA 16:0/22:6	C41H69O8P1	720.4730058		[Acyl FA - H]-	719.45>255.25, 719.45>327.25	16.99	8.71	8.68	15.1	10.2	10.7	8.93	11.8	9.72	7.42	9.48	0.6
	PA 16:0/24:0	C43H85O8P1	760.5982063		[Acyl FA - H]-	759.6>255.25, 759.6>367.35	16.04	0.97	1.11	2.07	0.79		2.45	3.61	0.41	1.08	1.88	0.6
	PA 16:0/24:1	C43H83O8P1	758.5825562		[Acyl FA - H]-	757.6>365.35, 757.6>255.25	16.27	1.60	1.03	2.79	1.65	1.77	2.60	1.91	0.63	1.21	1.59	0.8
	PA 16:1/16:0	C35H67O8P1	646.4573557		[Acyl FA - H]-	645.45>255.25, 645.45>253.2	16.77	8.63	11.0	19.8	12.9	13.1	11.7	17.6	7.20	7.12	10.9	0.7
	PA 16:1/18:0	C37H71O8P1	674.4886559		[Acyl FA - H]-	673.5>283.25, 673.5>253.2	16.56	6.69	7.81	16.0	9.74	10.1	7.14	10.5	6.24	6.01	7.48	0.4
	PA 16:1/18:1	C37H69O8P1	672.4730058		[Acyl FA - H]-	671.45>281.25, 671.45>253.2	16.80	3.95	4.75	11.6	6.85	6.79	8.44	10.6	4.65	4.70	7.10	0.9
	PA 17:0/18:1	C38H73O8P1	688.5043059		[Acyl FA - H]-	687.5>269.25, 687.5>281.25	16.55	3.53	3.37	7.89	4.84	4.91	6.14	8.85	4.56	3.57	5.78	0.7
	PA 18:0/18:0	C39H77O8P1	704.5356061		[Acyl FA - H]-	703.55>283.25	16.39	12.4	13.6	20.1	10.9	14.3	19.3	24.8	12.7	12.9	17.4	0.5
	PA 18:0/20:0	C41H81O8P1	732.5669062		[Acyl FA - H]-	731.55>311.3, 731.55>283.25	16.32	3.06	2.31	4.28	3.06	3.18	4.91	4.97	2.92	2.92	3.93	0.5
	PA 18:0/20:1	C41H79O8P1	730.5512561		[Acyl FA - H]-	729.55>283.25, 729.55>309.3	16.32	20.1	21.4	43.4	20.0		39.4	51.7	29.7	33.2	38.5	0.3
	PA 18:0/20:3	C41H75O8P1	726.519956		[Acyl FA - H]-	725.5>283.25, 725.5>305.25	16.55	9.94	11.4	14.3	9.26	11.2	11.5	16.9	10.9	10.8	12.5	0.5
PAs	PA 18:0/20:4	C41H73O8P1	724.5043059		[Acyl FA - H]-	723.5>283.25, 723.5>303.25	16.65	81.5	84.2	111.5	75.4	88.2	104.4	126.9	76.3	78.0	96.4	0.7
	PA 18:0/22:1	C43H83O8P1	758.5825562		[Acyl FA - H]-	757.6>283.25, 757.6>337.3	16.20	0.753	0.784	1.77	1.08	1.10	1.25	1.67	1.26	0.731	1.23	0.7
	PA 18:0/22:4	C43H77O8P1	752.5356061		[Acyl FA - H]-	751.55>283.25, 751.55>331.25	16.50	19.1	21.2	24.3	15.4	20.0	21.4	26.8	20.7	18.9	21.9	0.4
	PA 18:0/22:6	C43H73O8P1	748.5043059		[Acyl FA - H]-	747.5>283.25, 747.5>327.25	17.44	25.1	34.3	31.7	30.6	30.4	32.4	33.8	32.7	26.5	31.3	0.6
	PA 18:0/24:0	C45H89O8P1	788.6295064		[Acyl FA - H]-	787.6>283.25, 787.6>367.35	17.28	0.364	0.533	0.503	0.194	0.398	1.74	0.640	0.186	0.359	0.732	0.5
	PA 18:0/24:1	C45H87O8P1	786.6138564		[Acyl FA - H]-	785.6>283.25, 785.6>365.35	16.18	1.12	1.23	1.71	0.880	1.23	2.56	1.95	0.597	0.987	1.52	0.7
	PA 18:1/18:0	C39H75O8P1	702.519956		[Acyl FA - H]-	701.5>283.25, 701.5>281.25	16.42	300	315	513	279	352	452	580	304	325	415	0.6
	PA 18:1/18:1	C39H73O8P1	700.5043059		[Acyl FA - H]-	699.5>281.25	16.57	76.2	75.7	178	96.4	107	190	226	110	114	160	0.4
	PA 18:1/20:0	C41H79O8P1	730.5512561		[Acyl FA - H]-	729.55>311.3, 729.55>281.25	16.29	8.92	10.0	14.2	8.40	10.4	13.1	18.1	8.89	10.0	12.5	0.5
	PA 18:1/20:1	C41H77O8P1	728.5356061		[Acyl FA - H]-	727.55>309.3, 727.55>281.25	16.47	20.9	23.7	54.6	28.0	31.8	47.0	62.8	32.3	34.0	44.0	0.4
	PA 18:1/20:4	C41H71O8P1	722.4886559		[Acyl FA - H]-	721.5>281.25, 721.5>303.25	16.81	14.1	15.5	32.1	18.1	19.9	32.9	45.3	21.6	23.7	30.9	0.3
	PA 18:1/21:0	C42H81O8P1	744.5669062		[Acyl FA - H]-	743.55>325.3, 743.55>281.25	16.39	1.36	1.89	3.11	1.45	1.95	1.79	2.93	1.19	1.71	1.91	0.9
	PA 18:1/22:0	C43H83O8P1	758.5825562		[Acyl FA - H]-	757.6>339.35, 757.6>281.25	16.17	9.67	10.2	14.0	7.79	10.4	12.2	15.5	10.0	10.3	12.0	0.4
	PA 18:1/22:1	C43H81O8P1	756.5669062		[Acyl FA - H]-	755.55>337.3, 755.55>281.25	16.33	8.00	7.61	14.9	8.84	9.83	12.1	12.6	8.84	9.49	10.8	0.7
	PA 18:1/23:0	C44H85O8P1	772.5982063		[Acyl FA - H]-	771.6>353.35, 771.6>281.25	16.01	4.52	4.00	6.94	3.06	4.63	5.97	7.39	4.87	4.84	5.77	0.3
	PA 18:1/24:0	C45H87O8P1	786.6138564		[Acyl FA - H]-	785.6>367.35, 785.6>281.25	15.96	7.81	8.42	11.8	5.74	8.44	13.8	14.6	6.92	9.20	11.1	0.4
	PA 18:1/24:1	C45H85O8P1	784.5982063		[Acyl FA - H]-	783.6>281.25, 783.6>365.35	16.18	9.11	8.85	15.1	8.15	10.3	12.8	17.5	9.83	9.41	12.4	0.5
	PA 18:2/18:0	C39H73O8P1	700.5043059		[Acyl FA - H]-	699.5>283.25, 699.5>279.25	16.57	8.20	9.63	17.0	11.4	11.6	12.2	15.5	9.83	10.3	12.0	0.9
	PA 18:2/18:1	C39H71O8P1	698.4886559		[Acyl FA - H]-	697.5>281.25, 697.5>279.25	16.74	1.95	2.10	6.11	4.55	3.68	5.64	7.81	2.89	3.72	5.02	0.6
	PA 20:1/20:1	C43H81O8P1	756.5669062		[Acyl FA - H]-	755.55>309.3	16.36	0.865	0.586	2.70	1.67	1.45	1.95	2.80	1.98	1.77	2.12	0.4
	PA 20:4/20:1	C43H75O8P1	750.519956	[M - H]-	[Acyl FA - H]-	749.5>303.25, 749.5>309.3	16.69	1.86	1.97	4.75	2.52	2.77	4.54	6.96	2.76	4.43	4.67	0.3
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	LPA 14:1 LPA 16:0	C17H33O7P1 C19H39O7P1	380.19639		[C3H6O5P]- [C3H6O5P]-	379.2>153 409.25>153	20.83 21.78	0.073 0.079	0.108	0.066 0.226	0.065 0.123	0.078	0.148 0.157	0.133 0.172	0.085	0.053	0.105	0.5
			410.2433402						0.135						0.110	0.107	0.137	
	LPA 17:1	C20H39O7P1	422.2433402		[C3H6O5P]-	421.25>153	21.45	0.787	0.862	0.436	0.622	0.677	0.619	0.679	0.802	0.699	0.700	0.8
	LPA 18:0	C21H43O7P1	438.2746403		[C3H6O5P]-	437.25>153	21.45	0.618	0.802	0.796	0.701	0.729	0.733	0.787	0.603	0.581	0.676	0.6
	LPA 18:1	C21H41O7P1	436.2589903		[C3H6O5P]-	435.25>153	21.83	0.154	0.135	0.348	0.186	0.206	0.204	0.275	0.151	0.193	0.206	1.
	LPA 19:0	C22H45O7P1	452.2902904		[C3H6O5P]-	451.3>153	21.33	0.297	0.266	0.319	0.324	0.302	0.289	0.329	0.234	0.273	0.281	0.6
LPAs	LPA 20:1 LPA 20:2	C23H45O7P1	464.2902904		[C3H6O5P]-	463.3>153	21.41 21.51	0.030 0.088	0.042 0.079	0.090 0.077	0.045 0.061	0.052 0.076	0.051 0.080	0.064 0.070	0.029 0.087	0.052 0.053	0.049	
LPAS		C23H43O7P1	462.2746403		[C3H6O5P]-	461.25>153										0.053		0.6
	LPA 22:2	C25H47O7P1	490.3059405		[C3H6O5P]-	489.3>153	21.52	0.177	0.166	0.162	0.174		0.186	0.187	0.140		0.164	0.8
	LPA 22:3	C25H45O7P1	488.2902904		[C3H6O5P]-	487.3>153	21.58	0.131	0.132	0.122	0.142	0.132	0.097	0.147	0.122	0.137	0.125	0.2
	LPA 22:5	C25H41O7P1	484.2589903		[C3H6O5P]-	483.25>153	21.60	0.436	0.451	0.429	0.502	0.454	0.448	0.468	0.409	0.416	0.435	0.5
	LPA 22:6	C25H39O7P1	482.2433402		[C3H6O5P]-	481.25>153	21.47	0.330	0.396	0.374	0.339	0.360	0.403	0.334	0.314	0.307	0.339	0.5
	LPA 23:0	C26H53O7P1	508.3528907		[C3H6O5P]-	507.35>153	21.65	0.137	0.125	0.157	0.136	0.139	0.156	0.132	0.122	0.117	0.132	0.6
	LPA 24:0	C27H55O7P1	522.3685407	M - H -	[C3H6O5P]-	521.35>153	21.53	3.84	4.52	5.08	6.02	4.86	3.89	4.39	6.21	5.34	4.96	0.9
	Total	1						7.17	8.21	8.68	9.44	8.38	7.46	8.16	9.42	8.47	8.38	0.99

Two strains were examined in two mice each with two technical replicates.

Supplementary Table S4. DEGs identified in *Ddhd1* KO mice.

TT 1	C	FF	Г-14-1	
Up or down	Gene	<i>Ddhd1</i> (+/–)	Ddhd1 (-/-)	Fold change
Down	Lrrc10b	124	0.677	0.00548
	Drd2	44.2	0.627	0.0142
	Adora2a	36.9	0.578	0.0157
	Six3	10.0	0.175	0.0175
	Syndig11	85.8	1.86	0.0216
	Rgs9	84.0	2.07	0.0246
	Serpina9	16.8	0.422	0.0252
	Drd1a	53.9	2.02	0.0375
	Tac1	220	12.9	0.0587
	Zfhx3	2.02	0.224	0.111
	Slc17a6	34.5	4.79	0.139
	Gpx6	5.18	0.00	-
	Gh	38.5	0.00	-
	Pax8	1.03	0.00	-
	Hoxb5	3.84	0.00	-
	Tfap2d	7.30	0.00	-
	Gm5868	1.26	0.00	-
	Hoxa5	1.36	0.00	-
	Rnf151	1.31	0.00	-
Up	Rtn4r	4.61	52.8	11.4
	Ccl21a,Gm1987	0.00	5.75	-
	Ccl21b,Gm10591	0.00	6.79	

Expression levels were represented as FPKM. Fold change was calculated as ${\rm FPKM}_{Ddhdl~(-/-)}$ / ${\rm FPKM}_{Ddhdl~(+/-)}$.

Supplementary Table S5. Expression level of *Ddhd1* .

Cana	FPI	KM	Eald ahansa		
Gene	<i>Ddhd1</i> (+/–)	Ddhd1 (-/-)	Fold change		
Ddhd1	1.84	0.823	0.448		

Fold change was calculated as $FPKM_{Ddhd1}(-/-)/FPKM_{Ddhd1}(+/-)$.

Suplementary Table 6. Oligonucleotides used in gene-targeting by the CRISPR/Cas9 system.

Primer name	Sequence
Mouse_CRISPR_target_S	caccAGTGGTTTATTGATGGGACG*
Mouse_CRISPR_target_AS	aaacCGTCCCATCAATAAACCACT*

^{*}Overhangs for ligation into the *Bbs* I sites in px330 are shown is lower case.

Supplementary Table 8. Details of animals used in FBA tests, lipidome analyses, RNA sequencing and RT-qPCR.

Genotype	Individuals	sex	Age at death	Cause of death	Body weight when euthanized	Experiment
Ddhd1 (+/-)	Individual1	F	26 months	Euthanized	32.5 g	FBA test (14 months and 24 months), lipidome analysis, RNA sequencing
	Individual2	M	26 months	Euthanized	35.7 g	FBA test (14 months and 24 months), lipidome analysis, RNA sequencing
	Individual3	F	23 months	Unclear	_	FBA test (14 months)
<i>Ddhd1</i> (-/-)	Individual1	F	26 months	Euthanized	30.6 g	FBA test (14 months and 24 months), lipidome analysis, RNA sequencing
	Individual2	M	26 months	Euthanized	36.7 g	FBA test (14 months and 24 months), lipidome analysis, RNA sequencing
	Individual3	M	24months	Unclear	_	FBA test (14 months and 24 months)

Six mice (n = 3 per group) were used for FBA test at 14 months of age. Five mice (Ddhd1(+/-): n = 2 and Ddhd1(-/-): n = 3) were used for FBA test at 24 months of age and four mice (n = 2 per group) were used for lipidome analysis and RNA sequencing at 26 months of age. F and M show female and male, respectively. Ddhd1(+/-) individual3 and Ddhd1(-/-) individual3 died in the cage before they turned 26 months of age.