Antisense oligonucleotide therapy rescues disturbed brain rhythms and sleep in juvenile and adult mouse models of Angelman syndrome

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Abstract (175 words)

UBE3A encodes ubiquitin protein ligase E3A, and in neurons its expression from the paternal

allele is repressed by the *UBE3A* antisense transcript (*UBE3A-ATS*). This leaves neurons

susceptible to loss-of-function of maternal *UBE3A*. Indeed, Angelman syndrome, a severe

neurodevelopmental disorder, is caused by maternal *UBE3A* deficiency. A promising therapeutic

approach to treating Angelman syndrome is to reactivate the intact paternal *UBE3A* by

suppressing *UBE3A-ATS*. Prior studies show that many neurological phenotypes of maternal

Ube3a knockout mice can only be rescued by reinstating *Ube3a* expression in early

development, indicating a restricted therapeutic window for Angelman syndrome. Here we

report that reducing *Ube3a-ATS* by antisense oligonucleotides in juvenile or adult maternal

Ube3a knockout mice rescues the abnormal electroencephalogram rhythms and sleep

disturbance, two prominent clinical features of Angelman syndrome. Importantly, the degree of

phenotypic improvement correlates with the increase of Ube3a protein levels. These results

indicate that the therapeutic window of genetic therapies for Angelman syndrome is broader than

previously thought, and electroencephalogram power spectrum and sleep architecture should be

used to evaluate the clinical efficacy of therapies.

Introduction

Angelman syndrome is a rare neurodevelopmental disorder characterized by severe intellectual

disability, developmental delay, speech impairment, motor dysfunction, behavioral uniqueness,

microcephaly, sleep disturbance, seizures, and abnormal electroencephalogram (EEG) (Williams

et al., 2006; Bird, 2014; Buiting et al., 2016). It is caused by loss-of-function of the maternally

derived *UBE3A* gene encoding ubiquitin protein ligase E3A (Kishino et al., 1997; Matsuura et

al., 1997). *UBE3A* is expressed from both maternal and paternal alleles in non-neuronal cells, but

is paternally imprinted in neurons (Albrecht et al., 1997; Rougeulle et al., 1997; Judson et al.,

2014). Imprinted expression of *UBE3A* or silence of the paternal allele in neurons is due to a

long non-coding RNA, *UBE3A* antisense transcript (*UBE3A-ATS*). *UBE3A-ATS* is expressed

from the paternally inherited chromosome and localized in the nucleus to repress *UBE3A in cis*

through a transcriptional collision mechanism (Meng et al., 2012; 2013). Thus, loss-of-function

of the maternal *UBE3A* leads to the absence of functional UBE3A proteins in neurons.

Studies in rodent models carrying maternal *Ube3a* loss-of-function mutations have provided

insights into Angelman syndrome mechanisms and identified therapeutic strategies. Many

disease relevant phenotypes were reported in these Angelman syndrome models (Margolis et al.,

2015; Rotaru et al., 2020; Yang, 2020), and some of them are robust and reproducible in

different models and laboratories, including motor impairments (e.g., poor performance in

rotarod and open-field tests), decreased innate marble burying and nest building behaviors,

cortical hyperexcitability (e.g, poly-spikes in EEG), altered EEG power spectrum and sleep

pattern, increased susceptibility to seizure induction, and reduced synaptic long-term potentiation

(Jiang et al., 1998; Miura et al., 2002; Weeber et al., 2003; Colas et al., 2005; Yashiro et al.,

2009; Huang et al., 2013; Meng et al., 2013; Ehlen et al., 2015; Silva-Santos et al., 2015; Judson

et al., 2016; Born et al., 2017; Sidorov et al., 2017; Gu et al., 2018; Sonzogni et al., 2018;

Copping and Silverman, 2021). Thus, these phenotypes are suitable for evaluating the effects of

potential disease-modifying therapies even though some of them may not be clinically relevant.

By genetically reinstating *Ube3a* expression from the maternal allele at different developmental

ages, rescue experiments in mice show that most of these neurological functions require *Ube3a*

during late embryonic and early postnatal development (Silva-Santos et al., 2015; Gu et al.,

2018; Rotaru et al., 2018; Sonzogni et al., 2020), suggesting that the therapeutic window for

Angelman syndrome may be limited to very young ages.

Two categories of therapeutic strategies are being actively pursued for Angelman syndrome. One

is to target the downstream substrates of UBE3A protein, and the other is to restore *UBE3A* gene

expression (Margolis et al., 2015; Yang, 2020; Copping et al., 2021; Elgersma and Sonzogni,

2021; Markati et al., 2021). Since the paternal *UBE3A* allele is intact in Angelman syndrome, an

attractive approach is to reactivate the silenced paternal *UBE3A* by suppressing *UBE3A-ATS*

expression (***Figure 1A***). Indeed, reducing *Ube3a-ATS* levels in mice through genetic

manipulations or topoisomerase inhibition results in unsilencing of the paternal *Ube3a* (Huang et

al., 2011; Meng et al., 2012; 2013). Antisense oligonucleotides (ASOs) or CRISPR/Cas9

targeting the mouse *Ube3a-ATS* can also up-regulate paternal *Ube3a* expression. Administering

ASO or adeno-associated virus (AAV) expressing CRISPR/Cas9 to newborn, but not older,

maternal *Ube3a* knockout mice rescues a subset of phenotypes (Meng et al., 2015; Wolter et al.,

2020; Milazzo et al., 2021; Schmid et al., 2021). Currently, three Phase 1 or Phase 1/2 clinical

trials with ASOs targeting *UBE3A-ATS* are underway. Another approach is to directly express an

exogenous copy of *UBE3A* by AAV, which also only rescues a subset of phenotypes of maternal

Ube3a knockout mice when administered postnatally (Daily et al., 2011; Judson et al., 2021).

The reversibility of neurological phenotypes at different ages is summarized in ***Supplementary***

File 1. These results imply that gene-targeted therapies may have to be administered to late

trimester fetuses or newborns to treat Angelman syndrome, as the first postnatal week in mice is

generally assumed to be equivalent to the third trimester of human gestation with regard to the

central nervous system development (Zeiss, 2021). This timing of intervention would be difficult

because currently Angelman syndrome is diagnosed after at least the first 6 months of life and

typically between 1 and 4 years of age (Williams et al., 2006).

However, the reversibility of three robust and clinically relevant phenotypes of Angelman mouse

models remains untested, namely cortical hyperexcitability, altered EEG power spectrum, and

sleep disturbance. Alterations in EEG power spectrum, particularly an increased in the power of

low frequency oscillations (i.e., 1–30 Hz), are well documented in both Angelman syndrome

patients and rodent models (Born et al., 2017; Sidorov et al., 2017; Frohlich et al., 2019; Born et

al., 2021; Copping and Silverman, 2021). This brain rhythm is a potential biomarker for

assessing clinical symptoms because the power in the delta range (2–4 Hz) correlates with

symptom severity in Angelman syndrome patients (Hipp et al., 2021; Ostrowski et al., 2021).

Similarly, sleep disturbance, another prominent feature of Angelman syndrome (Spruyt et al.,

2018), is also recapitulated in the mouse models (Colas et al., 2005; Ehlen et al., 2015; Copping

and Silverman, 2021). Hence, to support the ongoing and planned clinical trials, it is crucial to

determine to what extent the EEG and sleep deficits are reversible in juvenile and adult

Angelman syndrome mouse models because these developmental ages are more clinically

relevant than the neonatal period. To address this question, we generated a new mouse *Ube3a*

null allele and administered a single dose of ASOs targeting *Ube3a-ATS* to juvenile or adult

maternal *Ube3a* knockout mice. We first systematically determined the levels of *Ube3a-ATS* and

Ube3a transcripts and Ube3a proteins across different brain regions at different timepoints post

ASO administration and then evaluated the corresponding EEG and sleep phenotypes.

Results

Generation of a new *Ube3a* null allele in mice

Our goal was to assess the effect of *Ube3a-ATS*-targeted ASOs in a mouse model of Angelman

syndrome. The widely used mouse model is a *Ube3a* knockout allele (*Ube3a^{tm1Alb}*, referred to as

Ube3a$^{\Delta e5}$ here to be distinguished from the new allele) that deletes exon 5 (previously named as

exon 2), resulting in a premature stop codon in exon 6 (Jiang et al., 1998) (***Figure 1B***). We

performed reverse transcription droplet digital PCR (RT-ddPCR) analyses on this *Ube3a*

knockout allele with primer sets targeting different exons. Exons 4, 6, and other exons

downstream of the deleted exon 5 were still transcribed in the brains of adult heterozygous

maternal (*Ube3a$^{m\Delta e5/p+}$*) and homozygous (*Ube3a$^{m\Delta e5/p\Delta e5}$*) mutant mice at a level comparable to

wild type (WT) mice (***Figure 1C***), possibly due to an escape from nonsense-mediated mRNA

decay or an alternative start site. Similarly, *Ube3a* mRNA was only modestly reduced in the

livers of *Ube3a$^{m\Delta e5/p+}$* and *Ube3a$^{m\Delta e5/p\Delta e5}$* mice (***Figure 1C***). Although this knockout allele

produces very little full-length functional Ube3a proteins in the brain (Judson et al., 2014; Grier

et al., 2015), we sought to create a new *Ube3a* null allele with diminished *Ube3a* mRNA to

facilitate the evaluation of ASO efficacy at the transcript level. CRISPR/Cas9 was used to delete

the largest *Ube3a* coding exon, exon 6. The resulting allele (*Ube3a$^{\Delta e6}$*) carries a premature stop

codon in exon 7 (***Figure 1B***). RT-ddPCR analyses of adult heterozygous maternal mutant mice

(*Ube3a$^{m\Delta e6/p+}$*) showed that *Ube3a* mRNA was diminished in the brain and reduced in the liver

as compared to WT mice (***Figure 1D***). Western blots revealed that Ube3a protein levels in

different brain regions of *Ube3a$^{m\Delta e6/p+}$* mice were 2–17% of those in WT mice when they were at

6 weeks of age or older (see below). Thus, both *Ube3a* mRNA and proteins are diminished in the

$Ube3a^{m\Delta e6/p+}$ mouse brains. Furthermore, $Ube3a^{m\Delta e6/p+}$ mice showed similar rotarod and marble

burying phenotypes to previously reported deficits in $Ube3a^{m\Delta e5/p+}$ mice (Shi et al., 2022).

ASOs targeting *Ube3a-ATS* non-coding RNA up-regulate paternal *Ube3a-YFP* expression

To increase the paternal expression of *Ube3a* in mice, we used two mouse-specific antisense

oligonucleotides to downregulate the *Ube3a-ATS* levels. The first one (Ube3a-as) is

complementary to a region downstream of the *Snord115* small nuclear RNA cluster, and this

sequence was also targeted by the "ASO B" used in a previous study (Meng et al., 2015). The

second one (Snord115) is complementary to a sequence that repeats 110 times in the *Snord115*

RNAs. To test the effect and visualize the distribution of these two ASOs in the brain, we first

used paternal $Ube3a^{YFP}$ mice ($Ube3a^{m+/pYFP}$) carrying a *yellow fluorescent protein* (*YFP*)-tagged

Ube3a (Dindot et al., 2008), as downregulating *Ube3a-ATS* is expected to reactivate the paternal

Ube3a-YFP allele. A non-targeting control ASO, Ube3a-as ASO, or Snord115 ASO was

administered to the brains of 3-month-old $Ube3a^{m+/pYFP}$ mice by a single unilateral

intracerebroventricular (ICV) injection. We visualized Ube3a-YFP expression by

immunostaining of YFP 18 days post ASO injection. Maternal $Ube3a^{YFP}$ mice ($Ube3a^{mYFP/p+}$)

exhibited strong Ube3a-YFP in the brain, whereas $Ube3a^{m+/pYFP}$ mice receiving the control ASO

showed little expression (***Figure 2A,B***). Ube3a-as ASO and Snord115 ASO caused a robust

increase in Ube3a-YFP expression throughout the brains of $Ube3a^{m+/pYFP}$ mice (***Figure 2A,B***).

Although we did not specifically examine different cell types, YFP was observed in several types

of GABAergic neurons including cerebellar Purkinje cells, olfactory bulb granule cells, striatal

neurons, and interneurons in cortical layer 1, hippocampal stratum oriens, and cerebellar

molecular layer (***Figure 2B***). Thus, both Ube3a-as ASO and Snord115 ASO can broadly

reactivate the paternal *Ube3a-YFP* allele in neurons including GABAergic neurons throughout

the mouse brain *in vivo*.

Ube3a-as ASO and Snord115 ASO reactivate paternal *Ube3a* expression in *Ube3a$^{m\Delta e6/p+}$*

mice

We sought to assess the efficacy of Ube3a-as ASO and Snord115 ASO in our new mouse model

of Angelman syndrome across brain regions and over time by systematically determining the

Ube3a protein, *Ube3a* mRNA, and *Ube3a-ATS* levels. We first injected male and female

Ube3a$^{m\Delta e6/p+}$ mice with control, Ube3a-as ASO, or Snord115 ASO and their sex- and age-

matched WT littermates with control ASO in parallel at the juvenile age (postnatal days 22.1 ±

0.1 (mean ± s.e.m.), range 21–24, *n* = 56). Brain tissues were harvested from 8 different regions

of both hemispheres at 3, 6, or 10 weeks post ASO injections (***Figure 3A***). We used the

hemispheres ipsilateral to the ASO injection site for Western blot analyses and the corresponding

contralateral hemispheres for reverse transcription quantitative real-time PCR (RT-qPCR)

analyses. At 3 weeks post ASO injections, Ube3a-as ASO and Snord115 ASO increased Ube3a

protein levels in *Ube3a$^{m\Delta e6/p+}$* mice to about 28–71% of the WT levels in different brain regions

(***Figure 3B,D,E; Figure 3-supplement 1A; Figure 3-supplement 2***). Correlated with this result,

Ube3a-ATS levels were downregulated by 29–73% (***Figure 4A,B, Figure 4-supplement 1***) and

Ube3a mRNA levels were increased to about 22–57% of the WT levels (***Figure 4A,B, Figure 4-***

supplement 1). The effects of Ube3a-as ASO remained stable for at least 10 weeks. However,

the Ub3a protein and *Ub3a* mRNA levels in Snord115 ASO-treated *Ube3a$^{m\Delta e6/p+}$* mice markedly

decreased at 6 weeks post injections and reached to the levels of control ASO-treated

Ube3a$^{m\Delta e6/p+}$ mice in most brain regions by 10 weeks post injections (***Figure 3B,D,E; Figure 3-***

supplement 1A; Figure 3-supplement 2; Figure 4A,B; Figure 4-supplement 1).

Correspondingly, by 10 weeks post injections the *Ube3a-ATS* levels in the Snord115 ASO-

treated *Ube3a$^{m\Delta e6/p+}$* mice returned to those in control ASO-treated WT or *Ube3a$^{m\Delta e6/p+}$* mice

(*Figure 4A,B; Figure 4-supplement 1*).

We further tested the ASOs in adult mice (postnatal days 65.6 ± 0.6 (mean ± s.e.m.), range 56–

72, *n* = 55). At 3 weeks post ASO injections, Ube3a-as ASO and Snord115 ASO also

significantly reduced *Ube3a-ATS* levels and increased *Ube3a* mRNA and Ube3a protein levels in

Ube3a$^{m\Delta e6/p+}$ mice (*Figure 3C,D,F; Figure 3-supplement 1B; Figure 3-supplement 2; Figure

4A,B; Figure 4-supplement 1*). However, the up-regulation of Ube3a proteins appeared to be

slightly less effective in some brain regions (e.g., posterior cortex, thalamus and hypothalamus,

and midbrain and hindbrain) than injecting ASOs to juvenile mice (*Figure 3E,F*). Furthermore,

the effects of Ube3a-as ASO modestly decreased over the course of 10 weeks post injections,

and the reduction in efficacies over time was much more evident for Snord115 ASO (*Figure 3F;

Figure 4A,B; Figure 4-supplement 1*).

Finally, we examined the relationships among *Ube3a-ATS*, *Ube3a* mRNA, and Ube3a protein

levels across individual mice and timepoints. *Ube3a-ATS* levels negatively correlated with

Ube3a protein and *Ube3a* mRNA levels in *Ube3a$^{m\Delta e6/p+}$* mice (*Figure 4C; Figure 4-supplement

2A*), and Ube3a protein levels positively correlated with *Ube3a* mRNA levels (*Figure 4-

supplement 2B*). Since the protein and transcript levels were measured at the same post ASO

injection timepoints from the ipsilateral and contralateral hemispheres, respectively, these

correlations indicate a broad distribution of ASOs in the mouse brains and a spatiotemporally

comparable pattern between the changes in transcripts and proteins. Taken together, our results

demonstrate that a single unilateral ICV injection of ASO targeting *Ube3a-ATS* in *Ube3a$^{m\Delta e6/p+}$*

mice leads to a long-lasting down-regulation of this transcript and reactivation of the paternal

Ube3a allele throughout the brains, and the up-regulation of Ube3a proteins by Ube3a-as ASO

can last at least 10 weeks.

Reactivation of paternal *Ube3a* expression alleviates abnormal EEG rhythmic activity in

***Ube3a$^{m\Delta e6/p+}$* mice**

Maternal *Ube3a* deficiency in mice causes altered brain rhythms, sleep disturbance, and

epileptiform activity (e.g., cortical poly-spikes), all of which can be examined by chronic video-

EEG and electromyogram (EMG) recordings. Thus, to determine if up-regulation of paternal

Ube3a expression can reverse these phenotypes in *Ube3a$^{m\Delta e6/p+}$* mice, we injected male and

female *Ube3a$^{m\Delta e6/p+}$* mice with control, Ube3a-as, or Snord115 ASO and their sex- and age-

matched WT littermates with control ASO in parallel at the juvenile (postnatal days 21.5 ± 0.1

(mean $\pm$ s.e.m.), range 21–24, $n = 35$) or adult (postnatal days 62.5 ± 0.6 (mean $\pm$ s.e.m.), range

56–66, $n = 28$) age. Intracranial EEG from the frontal, somatosensory, and visual cortices and

EMG from the neck muscles of each mouse were recorded at 3, 6, and 10 weeks post ASO

injections (***Figure 3A, Figure 5A***). To avoid bias, we evenly sampled 6 out of 24 hours of the

EEG/EMG data for power spectrum and poly-spikes analyses and used 24 hours of data for sleep

scoring (see **Materials and Methods**).

We first removed artifacts and then computed the absolute power spectral densities (PSDs) of

EEG signals including all brain states (***Figure 5-supplement 1***). To control for the variations

caused by different impedances across electrodes and mice, we normalized PSDs by the total

power within 1–100 Hz to obtain the relative PSDs. The relative PSDs from the frontal cortex of

control ASO-treated $Ube3a^{m\Delta e6/p+}$ mice were higher at 4–25 Hz and lower at 40–80 Hz than

those of control ASO-treated WT mice (***Figure 5B,E***). Thus, we further computed the relative

power in the frequency bands of delta (δ, 1–4 Hz), theta (θ, 4–8 Hz), alpha (α, 8–13 Hz), low

beta (β1, 13–18 Hz), high beta (β2, 18–25 Hz), low gamma (γ1, 25–50 Hz), and high gamma (γ2,

50–100 Hz) (***Figure 5C,F***). To capture the concurrent changes in both low and high frequency

ranges, we calculated the ratio of the total power in the alpha, low beta, and high beta bands over

the power in high gamma band (i.e., (α+β1+β2)/γ2). This ratio represents the relative

distribution of power between the low and high frequency bands and importantly, is independent

from the use of PSD or relative PSD. We discovered that the power ratio (α+β1+β2)/γ2 was

higher in control ASO-treated $Ube3a^{m\Delta e6/p+}$ mice than control ASO-treated WT mice across all

time points (***Figure 5D,G***). Similar phenotypes were also observed in the somatosensory cortex

(***Figure 5-supplement 2***), but the EEG rhythmic activity in the visual cortex was not

significantly altered in control ASO-treated $Ube3a^{m\Delta e6/p+}$ mice (***Figure 5-supplement 3***). These

results indicate that maternal $Ube3a$ deficiency alters EEG rhythms in the frontal and

somatosensory cortices, and the power ratio (α+β1+β2)/γ2 can be a robust measure of the effects

of Ube3a-as and Snord115 ASOs.

Treating $Ube3a^{m\Delta e6/p+}$ mice with Ube3a-as ASO at the juvenile age caused a decrease of the

power in the alpha, low beta, and high beta bands and an increase of the power in the high

gamma band, particularly at 3 and 6 weeks post ASO injections (***Figure 5C***), which led to the

normalization of the ratio (α+β1+β2)/γ2 in the frontal and somatosensory cortices, as the ratios

in Ube3a-as ASO-treated $Ube3a^{m\Delta e6/p+}$ mice were indistinguishable from those in control ASO-

treated WT mice (***Figure 5D; Figure 5-supplement 2C***). In contrast, Snord115 ASO only

showed such effects in the frontal cortex at 3 weeks post ASO injections, and the effects waned

at later timepoints (***Figure 5C,D***). This difference between Ube3a-as ASO and Snord115 ASO

generally correlates with their difference in up-regulating Ube3a proteins (see below). When

$Ube3a^{m\Delta e6/p+}$ mice were treated with ASOs at the adult age, Ube3a-as ASO and Snord115 ASO

were also able to reduce the power in the low frequency bands and increased the power in the

high gamma band in the frontal cortex (***Figure 5E,F***), thereby reducing the ratio $(\alpha+\beta1+\beta2)/\gamma2$

(***Figure 5G***). These effects also waned over time, consistent with the change of Ube3a protein

levels (***Figure 3F***). Altogether, these results show that upon reactivation of the paternal *Ube3a*

by *Ube3a-ATS* targeted ASOs in juvenile or adult $Ube3a^{m\Delta e6/p+}$ mice, the abnormal EEG

rhythmic activity in $Ube3a^{m\Delta e6/p+}$ mice can be reversed in a Ube3a protein level-dependent

manner.

Reactivation of paternal *Ube3a* expression restores normal sleep pattern in $Ube3a^{m\Delta e6/p+}$

mice

To study the sleep architecture, we used the EEG and EMG signals and a convolutional neural

network-based algorithm SPINDLE (Miladinović et al., 2019) to classify the brain states into

rapid eye movement (REM) sleep, non-rapid eye movement (NREM) sleep, and wake

throughout 24 hours (***Figure 6-supplement 1A***). The difference in the EEG PSDs did not affect

the accuracy of SPINDLE (***Figure 6-supplement 1B,C***). Overall, mice spent more time in REM

and NREM sleep and less time in wake during the light phase than the dark phase (***Figure 6***).

The time in wake was similar between control ASO-treated WT and $Ube3a^{m\Delta e6/p+}$ mice across

ages (***Figure 6C,F***). Control ASO-treated *Ube3a*$^{m\Delta e6/p+}$ mice spent significantly less time in

REM sleep than control ASO-treated WT mice in the light phase, but this phenotype was more

variable in adult mice (***Figure 6A,D***). Correspondingly, control ASO-treated *Ube3a*$^{m\Delta e6/p+}$ mice

spent slightly more time in NREM sleep than control ASO-treated WT mice because REM sleep

is a small fraction of the total sleep (***Figure 6B,E***). Thus, the sleep disturbance in *Ube3a*$^{m\Delta e6/p+}$

mice manifests as a selective reduction in REM sleep, which recapitulates the observation in

Angelman patients (Miano et al., 2004; 2005).

Administering Ube3a-as ASO or Snord115 ASO to juvenile *Ube3a*$^{m\Delta e6/p+}$ mice increased their

time in REM sleep at 3 and 6 weeks post ASO injections, thereby normalizing their sleep pattern,

as their time in REM sleep was indistinguishable from that in control ASO-treated WT mice

(***Figure 6A***). This effect was reduced at 10 weeks post ASO injections (***Figure 6A***). When

Ube3a$^{m\Delta e6/p+}$ mice were treated with ASOs at the adult age, Ube3a-as ASO and Snord115 ASO

were less effective in restoring REM sleep (***Figure 6D***). Overall, these results indicate that the

sleep disturbance in *Ube3a*$^{m\Delta e6/p+}$ mice can be rescued by reactivation of the paternal *Ube3a* in

juvenile mice.

Partial restoration of Ube3a protein levels does not suppress cortical hyperexcitability in

***Ube3a*$^{m\Delta e6/p+}$ mice**

Most Angelman syndrome patients develop epileptic seizures within the first three year of age

(Williams et al., 2006; Bird, 2014). Although maternal *Ube3a* knockout mice or rats do not

develop spontaneous seizures, they exhibit cortical hyperexcitability and epileptiform activity,

manifesting as numerous poly-spikes (Mandel-Brehm et al., 2015; Born et al., 2017; 2021).

Indeed, control ASO-treated $Ube3a^{m\Delta e6/p+}$ mice showed significantly more poly-spikes in the

frontal and somatosensory cortices than control ASO-treated WT mice (***Figure 7A–C; Figure 7-***

supplement 1A,C). Interestingly, the visual cortices of control ASO-treated $Ube3a^{m\Delta e6/p+}$ mice

did not exhibit this epileptiform activity (***Figure 7-supplement 1B,D***). Ube3a-as ASO or

Snord115 ASO treatment of juvenile $Ube3a^{m\Delta e6/p+}$ mice did not significantly reduce poly-spikes

as compared to control ASO, although Snord115 ASO-treated $Ube3a^{m\Delta e6/p+}$ mice showed a 50%

reduction in the number of poly-spikes (***Figure 7B; Figure 7-supplement 1A***). Similarly,

treating adult $Ube3a^{m\Delta e6/p+}$ mice with Ube3a-as ASO or Snord115 ASO did not cause a

significant decrease of poly-spikes at any time point (***Figure 7C; Figure 7-supplement 1C***).

Thus, these results indicate that under our experimental conditions where Ube3a protein levels

are partially restored in juvenile or adult $Ube3a^{m\Delta e6/p+}$ mice, their cortical hyperexcitability

phenotype cannot be reversed.

Modulation of EEG rhythms and REM sleep by ASOs tracks the Ube3a protein levels in

$\boldsymbol{Ube3a^{m\Delta e6/p+}}$ **mice**

Our results above show that Ube3a-as ASO and Snord115 ASO up-regulate Ube3a proteins

(***Figure 3; Figure 3-supplement 2***) and modulate EEG rhythms (***Figure 5***) and REM sleep

(***Figure 6***) to different extents in $Ube3a^{m\Delta e6/p+}$ mice depending on the age of ASO injection and

post-injection time. To understand how well the modulation of EEG rhythms and REM sleep by

the ASOs reflects the Ube3a protein levels, we determined the relationships between Ube3a

protein levels and EEG relative power in different frequency bands, power ratio $(\alpha+\beta1+\beta2)/\gamma2$,

or time in REM sleep. We first averaged the Ube3a protein levels across different brain regions

to estimate the overall Ube3a protein levels in each mouse from the Western blot experiments

(*Figure 3; Figure 3-supplement 2*) and then obtained the mean Ube3a protein levels at each of

the 3-, 6-, and 10-week timepoints post ASO injections. Since the Ube3a protein levels in

Ube3a$^{m\Delta e6/p+}$ mice were expressed a fraction of the WT levels, for the corresponding EEG

relative power in different frequency bands, power ratio $(\alpha+\beta1+\beta2)/\gamma2$, and time in REM sleep,

we also normalized the data by the means of those in the corresponding control ASO-treated WT

mice. For both ASO injections into juvenile and adult mice, the relative power in the theta $(\theta, 4–$

8 Hz), alpha $(\alpha, 8–13$ Hz), low beta $(\beta1, 13–18$ Hz), and high beta $(\beta2, 18–25$ Hz) band

negatively correlated with the Ube3a protein levels, whereas the relative power in the low

gamma $(\gamma1, 25–50$ Hz) and high gamma $(\gamma2, 50–100$ Hz) band positively correlated with the

Ube3a protein levels. Therefore, the power ratio $(\alpha+\beta1+\beta2)/\gamma2$ also negatively correlated with

the Ube3a protein levels (*Figure 8A*). However, the relative power in the delta $(\delta, 1–4$ Hz) band

did not correlate with the Ube3a protein levels (*Figure 8A*). Finally, the time in REM sleep

during the light phase positively correlated with the Ube3a protein levels too (*Figure 8B*). In the

dark phase, the positive correlation between the time in REM sleep and the Ube3a protein levels

existed only for the ASO injection into the juvenile mice (*Figure 8B*). Hence, these results

indicate that the relative power of EEG rhythms and time in REM sleep dynamically follow the

Ube3a protein levels in *Ube3a*$^{m\Delta e6/p+}$ mice that are regulated by the ASOs.

Discussion

Genetic approaches to restoring *UBE3A* expression holds great promise for treating Angelman

syndrome because they tackle the disease root cause. Three active clinical trials of *UBE3A-ATS*-

targeted ASOs have generated a great deal of excitement and expectation in the community.

Meanwhile, an increasing number of studies in mouse models of Angelman syndrome

demonstrate that *Ube3a* must be reinstated in late embryonic and early postnatal development to

correct most neurological phenotypes. Among the previously tested phenotypes, only a small

subset (i.e., synaptic transmission, plasticity, and spatial memory) can be improved upon

increasing Ube3a at the age of 6 weeks or older, and slightly a few more (i.e., rotarod

performance and susceptibility to seizure induction) when increasing Ube3a at postnatal day 21

(**Supplementary File 1**). Despite limited prior successes in rescuing juvenile and adult maternal

Ube3a deficiency mice, we chose these two ages to examine the effects of ASO therapy on

cortical hyperexcitability, altered EEG power spectrum, and sleep disturbance because these ages

are more translationally relevant than the neonatal period. Our study reveals that a single ICV

injection of *Ube3a-ATS*-targeted ASOs to $Ube3a^{m\Delta e6/p+}$ mice, a new rodent model of Angelman

syndrome, restores the EEG power spectrum and sleep pattern for at least 6 weeks, particularly

upon treatment at the juvenile age. Therefore, our results significantly expand the range of

phenotypes that can be reversed by restoring *Ube3a* expression in juvenile and adult mice.

Interestingly, we were not able to reduce the frequency of poly-spikes in $Ube3a^{m\Delta e6/p+}$ mice at

either age (**Figure 7**). It is possible that suppression of poly-spikes requires up-regulation of

Ube3a starting at a younger age or reaching to a higher level than what we have achieved, both

of which should be tested in future studies. Nevertheless, this result indicates that poly-spikes are

independent from the EEG power spectrum and sleep pattern deficits, and probably involve a

different mechanism.

A critical finding of our study is that the improvement in the EEG power spectrum and sleep

pattern tracks the increase in Ube3a protein levels across different ASOs, injection ages, and

timepoints post injection (**Figure 8**). This suggests that following a bolus injection of ASOs,

both phenotypes are acutely modulated by the Ube3a levels that decrease over time due to ASO

clearance. Future studies should determine if repeated administration of ASOs can generate a

long-lasting improvement of the phenotypes beyond the period when Ube3a levels are

sufficiently up-regulated, as the outcome can help inform the ASO treatment schedule in clinical

trials. The ASO treatment in adult mice is less effective than juvenile mice, possibly due to two

reasons. First, the reversibility of these two phenotypes may decrease over age, just like other

neurological deficits (**Supplementary File 1**). Second, the ASO treatment in adult mice causes a

smaller increase of Ube3a protein than juvenile mice (**Figure 3**). Given the strong correlation

between Ube3a levels and phenotypic improvement, we speculate that the latter is more likely

the reason and a higher dose of ASO or an ASO with a higher efficacy in down-regulating

Ube3a-ATS should further increase Ube3a protein and improve these two phenotypes in adult

mice.

Previous EEG studies of $Ube3a^{m\Delta e5/p+}$ mice emphasized an increase of absolute power or PSD in

the delta frequency band as compared to WT mice, but the results varied among studies (Ehlen et

al., 2015; Born et al., 2017; Sidorov et al., 2017; Copping and Silverman, 2021). One study

recorded local field potential in layer 4 of the primary visual cortex from awake mice that were

head-fixed and viewing a static gray screen. The absolute delta (2–4 Hz) power of local field

potential was increased when $Ube3a^{m\Delta e5/p+}$ mice were on a 129 strain background, but not on a

C57BL/6 background. Interestingly, a reduction of the relative power in the gamma band (30–50

Hz) was observed in both strains (Sidorov et al., 2017). In contrast, two other studies reported an

increase in delta (0–4 or 0.5–4 Hz) power of chronic EEG recorded from the cortical surface of

freely moving $Ube3a^{m\Delta e5/p+}$ mice on a C57BL/6 background (Born et al., 2017; Copping and

Silverman, 2021), but not on a 129 strain background (Born et al., 2017). Finally, it was reported

that the relative delta power of cortical surface EEG was reduced in $Ube3a^{m\Delta e5/p+}$ mice on the

C57BL/6J background during NREM sleep in the night, but not in the day (Ehlen et al., 2015).

Our absolute PSD results from the new $Ube3a^{m\Delta e6/p+}$ mice are qualitatively similar to the

previous results (*Figure 5-supplement 1*), but relative PSD analysis reveals an increase of

relative power in the theta, alpha, or beta frequency bands and a decrease in the low or high

gamma frequency bands. These differences could be due to different mutations, genetic

backgrounds, mouse ages, experimental conditions, or different brain states included in the

analyses. Nevertheless, we observed a robust and consistent increase in the power ratio

$(\alpha+\beta1+\beta2)/\gamma2$ across timepoints (*Figure 5*). In fact, inspection of previous results suggests a

common pattern that EEG power is relatively higher in maternal *Ube3a* deficiency mice than

WT mice in the lower frequency bands (i.e., beta or lower) and relatively lower in the gamma

bands, although the results were not always statistically significant (Born et al., 2017; Sidorov et

al., 2017; Copping and Silverman, 2021). Similarly, the EEG power spectrum of Angelman

syndrome patients also shows such a pattern (Sidorov et al., 2017). Thus, we propose that a

power ratio between the low and high frequency bands would be a more robust measure of the

EEG power spectrum phenotype in Angelman syndrome and its mouse models.

The EEG power spectrum and sleep phenotypes of maternal *Ube3a* knockout mice directly

correlate with those in Angelman syndrome patients, but about 70% of Angelman syndrome

patients have a larger deletion on chromosome 15 at 15q11-q13 that encompasses *UBE3A* and

other genes (Bird, 2014; Buiting et al., 2016). Thus, future studies are necessary to determine the

contribution of other genes to the neurological phenotypes including disturbed EEG power

spectrum and sleep and to what extent reactivating paternal *Ube3a* can rescue these phenotypes

in a deletion mouse model. Nevertheless, our study has several translational implications for the

ASO and other clinical trials of Angelman syndrome. First, even though it is unclear how the

mouse developmental stages in which the neurological phenotypes can be reversed are related to

the treatment window for Angelman syndrome, our results suggest is that Angelman syndrome

patients at different ages may all benefit from the ASO treatment of these two core disease

symptoms. Second, the robust correlation between EEG power spectrum and Ube3a levels

supports the notion that EEG power spectrum can serve as a quantitative biomarker in clinical

trials (Sidorov et al., 2017; Frohlich et al., 2019; Hipp et al., 2021; Ostrowski et al., 2021). Third,

the EEG power of Angelman syndrome patients correlates with their symptom severity,

particularly the cognitive function (Hipp et al., 2021; Ostrowski et al., 2021). Since the synaptic

plasticity and spatial memory phenotypes of maternal *Ube3a* knockout mice are still reversible in

adulthood (Daily et al., 2011; Meng et al., 2015; Silva-Santos et al., 2015; Milazzo et al., 2021),

it is reasonable to speculate that ASO treatment may also improve the cognitive function of

Angelman syndrome patients. Finally, clinicians and caregivers consider sleep disturbance as

one of the most challenging symptoms and important focuses for new treatment (Willgoss et al.,

2021). Thus, if ASO therapy can reduce sleep disturbance, then it will improve quality of life for

both Angelman syndrome patients and caregivers.

Materials and Methods

Mice

The new *Ube3a* null allele was generated by CRISPR/Cas9-mediated deletion of exon 6. Wild

type *Cas9* mRNA (100 ng/µl) and two sgRNAs (10 ng/µl each) targeting the genomic sequences

of *Ube3a* intron 5 (5′-TTACATACCAGTACATGTCTTGG-3′) and intron 6 (5′-

TGCTTTCTACCAACTGAGACAGG-3′) were microinjected into C57BL/6J WT zygotes.

Founder mice carrying the exon 6 deletion (*Ube3a$^{\Delta e6}$*) were identified by PCR using a pair of

primers (5′-TTGAGAACAATGCAAAGGAAAATGA-3′ and 5′-

GAGCAAACTGCTGTAGACCC-3′) for the WT allele (747 bp) and a pair of primers (5′-

TTGAGAACAATGCAAAGGAAAATGA-3′ and 5′-TGAGGCTGGCTTTCAAGATTCA-3′)

for the *Δe6* (314 bp) allele. Founder mice were then backcrossed to C57BL/6J WT mice to

generate N1 mice. N1 mice carrying the *Δe6* allele were identified using the same PCR above.

Sequencing of the identified N1 mice confirmed that the sequence chr7:59,275,513–59,277,423

were deleted. *Ube3a$^{\Delta e6}$* mice were backcrossed to C57BL/6J WT mice for at least 5 generations

prior to experiments. Heterozygous female mice carrying the mutation on their paternal

chromosome (*Ube3a$^{m+/p\Delta e6}$*) were crossed with C57BL/6J WT mice to generate WT and maternal

knockout of *Ube3a* mice (*Ube3a$^{m\Delta e6/p+}$*).

Ube3a^{YFP} mice (JAX #017765) were described previously (Dindot et al., 2008) and carry a

Ube3a knockin allele with a yellow fluorescent protein (YFP) fused to the C terminus of Ube3a.

Heterozygous male or female mice carrying *Ube3a-YFP* on their paternal chromosome

(*Ube3a$^{m+/pYFP}$*) were crossed with wildtype (WT) C57BL/6J mice (JAX #000664) to obtain

heterozygous paternal or maternal *Ube3a^{YFP}* mice (*Ube3a$^{m+/pYFP}$* or *Ube3a$^{mYFP/p+}$*), respectively.

Both *Ube3a^{YFP}* and *Ube3a$^{\Delta e6}$* alleles were maintained on the C57BL/6J background. Mice were

housed in an Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care

International-certified animal facility on a 14-hour/10-hour light/dark cycle. All procedures to

maintain and use mice were approved by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee at

Baylor College of Medicine.

Reverse transcription droplet digital PCR (ddPCR)

Mice were anesthetized and decapitated. Brain and liver tissues were extracted and homogenized

with Trizol™ (ThermoFisher, catalog #15596026), followed by RNase-free DNase treatment

(Qiagen, catalog #79254). RNAs were purified with RNeasy Plus Mini Kit (Qiagen, catalog

#74136) and reverse transcribed to cDNA by High-Capacity cDNA Reverse Transcription Kit

(ThermoFisher, catalog #4368814). The cDNA concentration was determined by a Nanodrop

(ThermoFisher). Droplet digital PCR (ddPCR) was prepared by mixing the following reagents in

a total volume of 20 µl: 2x QX200 ddPCR EvaGreen supermix (Biorad, catalog #1864036, 10

µl), forward and reverse primers (10 µM, 0.4 µl each), cDNA template (10–100 ng, 1 µl), and

nuclease-free H_2O (8.2 µl). The droplets for ddPCR were generated by a Biorad Automated

Droplet Generator (Biorad, catalog #1864101), followed by PCR reaction using a Thermal

Cycler C1000 (Biorad). The plate containing the droplets was read by a QX200 Droplet reader

(Biorad, catalog #1864001). The primers for detecting different fragments of the *Ube3a*

transcripts are provided in **Supplementary File 2**. The expression levels of *Ube3a* transcripts

were normalized by the *Gapdh* levels.

Antisense oligonucleotides (ASOs)

Synthesis and purification of all chemically modified oligonucleotides were performed as

previously described (Swayze et al., 2007). The 2′-*O*-methoxyethylribose (MOE) gapmer ASOs

are 20 nucleotides in length, wherein the central gap segment comprising ten 2′-

deoxynucleotides is flanked on the 5′ and 3′ wings by five 2′-MOE modified nucleotides. All

internucleoside linkages are phosphorothioate linkages, except the ones shown as "o" in the

sequences which are phosphodiester. The sequences of the ASOs are as follows: control ASO,

5′-CCToAoToAoGGACTATCCAoGoGAA-3′; Ube3a-as ASO, 5′-

CCoAoGoCoCTTGTTGGATAoToCAT-3′; and Snord115 ASO, 5′-

TToGoToAoAGCATCAAAGToAoTGA-3′. Lyophilized ASOs were formulated in phosphate

buffered saline (PBS) without Ca^{2+} and Mg^{2+} (Gibco, catalog # 14190). ASOs were dissolved in

PBS to obtain 50 mg/ml concentrations.

Intracerebroventricular (ICV) injection of ASOs

Mice were anesthetized with isoflurane (1.5–2.5 %) in oxygen (1 l/min). The body temperature

was monitored and maintained at 37°C using a temperature controller (ATC-2000, World

Precision Instruments). An incision was made along the midline to expose the skull after the

head was fixed in a stereotaxic apparatus. Approximately 0.25 mm-diameter craniotomies were

performed with a round bur (0.25 mm diameter) and a high-speed rotary micromotor (EXL-M40,

Osada) at the injection site (see below). A bevelled 50 μm-diameter glass pipette was used to

inject ASOs into the right lateral ventricle according to one of the following sets of coordinates

that were normalized by the distance between Bregma and Lambda (DBL). 1) Anterior/posterior

(AP): 0.055 of DBL, medial/lateral (ML): 0.238 of DBL, dorsal/ventral (DV): -0.499 of DBL; 2)

AP: 0.055 of DBL, ML: 0.238 of DBL, DV: -0.594 of DBL; 3) AP: 0.071 of DBL, ML: 0.238 of

DBL, DV, -0.713 of DBL. The results were similar among these three sets of coordinates and

were grouped together. ASO solution was injected at a rate of 407 nl/s using an UltraMicroPump

III and a Micro4 controller (World Precision Instruments). A total of 10 μl ASO solution (50

mg/ml) was administered for a total dosage of 500 µg/mouse except 6 mice that were injected

with 5 µl ASO solution for a total dosage of 250 µg/mouse at the age of 3 weeks and used in the

Western blot experiments. The results from these 6 mice were similar to other mice (***Figure 3-***

supplement 3) and grouped together. After injection, the pipette was held in place for 10 min

before withdrawal. The skin was sutured, and mice were allowed to recover from anesthesia in a

cage placed on a heating pad. When the recovery takes longer than 1 hour, the duration on the

heating pad should not exceed 1 hour, as longer exposure of mice on the heating pad

significantly reduces post-surgery survival rates (less than 1 hour: 1 out of 102 injected mice

died, more than 1 hour: 31 out of 106 injected mice died, $P < 0.0001$).

Immunohistochemistry and fluorescent microscopy

Mice were anesthetized and transcardially perfused with PBS (pH 7.4) followed by 4%

paraformaldehyde in PBS (pH 7.4). Brains were then post-fixed for overnight in 4%

paraformaldehyde at 4℃ and sectioned into 40 µm sagittal slices using a vibratome (VT1000S,

Leica). Brain sections were incubated in blocking solution (0.2% Triton X-100 in PBS with 5%

normal goat serum) for 1 hr at 4°C and then with a primary antibody anti-GFP (Invitrogen,

catalog # G10362, lot # 1965886, 1:2000 dilution) that recognizes YFP for overnight at 4°C.

Sections were washed with 0.2% Triton X-100 in PBS and then incubated with a goat anti-rabbit

secondary antibody conjugated with Alexa Flour 647 (Invitrogen, catalog # A21245, lot #

1623067, 1:1000 dilution) in blocking solution for 3 hr at room temperature. After antibody

staining, sections were incubated with NeuroTrace 435/455 blue fluorescent Nissl stain

(Invitrogen, catalog #N21479, 1:200 dilution) in 0.2% Triton X-100 in PBS at room temperature

for 1 hr to label neurons. Sections were washed with 0.2% Triton X-100 in PBS and mounted in

ProLong Diamond Antifade Mountant (Invitrogen, catalog # P36961). High resolution

(1024×1024) single plane images of the brain sections were acquired on a TCS SP8X Confocal

Microscope (Leica) using a 20 × oil objective (HC PL APO CS2 20×, NA = 0.75). Mosaic

images were stitched together using LAS X software v3.3.0.16799 (Leica) and visualized and

exported by ImageJ 1.53c (NIH).

Western blot and reverse transcription quantitative real-time PCR (RT-qPCR)

Mice were anesthetized and decapitated. The brains were extracted, and different regions were

dissected from both hemispheres. The brain tissues from the right hemisphere were used for

Western blots and the left hemisphere for RT-qPCR. Tissues were frozen at -80°C until analysis.

For Western blots, the brain tissues were homogenized in RIPA buffer containing 50 mM Tris-

HCl (pH 8.0), 150 mM NaCl, 1% Triton X-100, 0.5% Na-deoxycholate, 0.1% SDS, 1 mM

EDTA, 5% glycerol, and 1 cOmplete^{TM} Protease Inhibitor tablet (Roche, # SKU 11836170001).

After homogenization, tissue debris was removed by centrifugation and protein concentrations

were determined by Pierce BCA Protein Assay Kit (ThermoFisher Scientific, catalog # 23225).

10 μg of proteins per sample were resolved by SDS-PAGE and transferred onto nitrocellulose

membranes. Ube3a was detected by a mouse anti-E6AP (Sigma, catalog # E8655, lot #

118M4792V, 1:1000 dilution) and a mouse anti-Gapdh (Proteintech, catalog # 60004-1-Ig, lot #

10004129, 1:10,000 dilution) antibodies. Primary antibodies were detected by a goat anti-mouse

antibody conjugated with IRDye 800CW (LI-COR Bioscience, catalog # 925-32210, lot #

C90130-03, 1:20,000 dilution). Proteins were visualized and quantified using an Odyssey CLx

Imager and Image Studio Lite version 5.2 (LI-COR Biosciences). Both long and short Ube3a

isoforms were included together in the quantification. Ube3a levels were first normalized by the

Gapdh levels and then by the average Ube3a levels of all WT mice from the same blot.

For RT-qPCR, the brain tissues were homogenized in RLT buffer (Qiagen, catalog # 79216)

containing 1% (v/v) β-mercaptoethanol. Homogenization was performed for 20 s at 6000 rpm

using a FastPrep Automated Homogenizer (MP Biomedicals). Total RNA was then purified

using the RNeasy 96 Kit (Qiagen, catalog # 74182) that included an in-column DNA digestion

with 50 U of DNase I (Invitrogen, catalog # 18047019). RT-qPCR was performed in triplicate

with the EXPRESSS One-Step SuperScript qRT-PCR kit (ThermoFisher Scientific, catalog #

11781200). Gene-specific primers and probes are provided in *Supplementary File 2*. The

expression levels of *Ube3a* or *Ube3a-ATS* were normalized by the *Gapdh* levels and then by the

average *Ube3a* or *Ube3a-ATS* levels of all WT mice from the same experiment, respectively.

Video-electroencephalogram(EEG) and electromyogram (EMG) recordings

Video-EEG/EMG recordings were performed as previously described (Chen et al., 2020).

Briefly, one week after ASO injection, mice were anesthetized with 2.5% isoflurane in oxygen,

and craniotomies were performed as described above for ICV injection. Perfluoroalkoxy polymer

(PFA)-coated silver wire electrodes (A-M Systems, catalog # 786000, 127 mm bare diameter,

177.8 mm coated diameter) were used for grounding at the right frontal cortex, referencing at the

cerebellum, and recording at the left frontal cortex (AP: 0.475 of DBL, ML: -0.071 of DBL, DV:

-1.5 mm), left somatosensory cortex (AP: -0.190 of DBL, ML: -0.428 of DBL, DV: -1.5 mm),

and right visual cortex (AP: -0.808 of DBL, ML: 0.594 of DBL, DV: -1.5 mm). An EMG

recording and an EMG reference electrode were inserted into the neck muscles. All electrodes

were soldered to an adaptor prior to the surgery. The electrodes and adaptor were secured on the

skull by dental acrylic. The skin was sutured and attached to the dried dental acrylic. Mice were

singly housed to recover for at least one week after the surgeries. Before recording, mice were

individually habituated in the recording chambers (10-inch diameter of Plexiglas cylinder) for 24

hours. EEG/EMG signals (5000-Hz sampling rate with a 0.5-Hz high-pass filter) and videos (30

frames per second) were recorded synchronously for more than 48 continuous hours using a 4-

channel EEG/EMG tethered system and Sirenia 1.8.2 software (Pinnacle Technology).

EEG poly-spikes and power spectrum analyses

Poly-spikes and power spectral density (PSD) were analyzed from the same 6 hours of each

recording (12 AM–1 AM, 4 AM–5 AM, 8 AM–9 AM, 12 PM–1 PM, 4 PM–5 PM, and 8 PM–9

PM on the second day). EEG/EMG traces were visualized in Sirenia Seizure 1.8.2 software

(Pinnacle Technology) to identify episodes of poly-spikes and artifacts. An episode of poly-

spikes is defined as a cluster of three or more spikes on any of the EEG channels. PSD analyses

of EEG data were performed using custom scripts in Python. Prior to PSD calculation, data were

detrended by subtracting the mean of the data. The data segments containing artifacts on any of

the EEG channels were first excluded, and then an 8th order Butterworth filter was applied to

each channel to bi-directionally notch filter around 60 Hz (± 2 Hz bandwidth) to remove power-

line noise. The PSDs were then estimated for each channel using a Welch's periodogram [1] with

a 2-s Hanning window (achieving a frequency resolution of 0.5 Hz) and 50% overlap between

windows. To account for the effect of notch filtering, the PSD was linearly interpolated between

58–62 Hz using the 10 points before and after the mentioned ranges. To analyze different

frequency bands, the PSD was segmented into 7 bands: delta (1–4 Hz), theta (4–8 Hz), alpha (8–

13 Hz), low beta (13–18 Hz), high beta (18–25 Hz), low gamma (25–50 Hz), and high gamma

(50–100 Hz). The power within a frequency band (the area under the PSD curve for a band) was

then computed for each band. The relative power in a frequency band is the ratio of the power

within the band over the total power within 1–100 Hz. The normalized PSD curves were

obtained by dividing the PSD curves with the total power within 1–100 Hz. The low-to-high

frequency band ratio was calculated as the ratio of the total power in the alpha and beta bands

(8–25 Hz) over the power in the high gamma band (50–100 Hz).

Sleep scoring

A convolutional neural network-based algorithm SPINDLE (https://sleeplearning.ethz.ch) was

used for automated sleep scoring (Miladinović et al., 2019). This method produces domain

invariant predictions and makes use of a hidden Markov model to limit state dynamics based on

known sleep physiology. Sleep was scored from the entire second day (24 hours) of each

recording. EEG signals from the frontal and somatosensory cortices and the EMG signals were

used to score each 4-s epoch as wake, NREM sleep, or REM sleep. To assess the performance of

this method on our dataset, two WT mice treated with control ASO, two $Ube3a^{m\Delta e6/p+}$ mice with

control ASO, and one $Ube3a^{m\Delta e6/p+}$ mouse with Ube3a-as ASO were randomly selected and one

hour of data from each mouse were scored by SPINDLE and manually by three experts. The

Precision, Recall, F1-score, and Accuracy were calculated for each pairwise comparison as the

following: $Precision = \frac{True\ positive}{True\ positive+False\ positive}; Recall =$

$\frac{True\ positive}{True\ positive+False\ negative}; F1\text{–}score = 2 \times \frac{Precision \times Recall}{Precision+Recall}; Accuracy =$

$$\frac{True\ positive + True\ negative}{True\ positive + True\ negative + False\ positive + False\ negative}$$. The accuracy of SPINDLE compared to

experts was similar to that of the experts compared among each other (***Figure 6-supplement 1***).

Statistics

All reported sample numbers (*n*) represent independent biological replicates that are the numbers

of tested mice. Statistical analyses were performed with Prism 9 (GraphPad Software). Student's

t-test or ANOVA with multiple comparison test for all pairs of groups were used to determine if

there is a statistically significant difference between two groups or among three or more groups,

respectively. One-way or two-way ANOVA was applied for one or two independent variables,

respectively. Anderson-Darling test, D'Agostino-Pearson, Shapiro-Wilk, and Kolmogorov-

Smirnov tests were used to determine if data were normally distributed. Non-parametric Kruskal-

Wallis one-way ANOVA with Dunn's multiple comparison test was used for low-to-high

frequency band ratio and poly-spike data. The details of all statistical tests, numbers of

replicates, and *P* values are reported in ***Supplementary File 3***.

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    Figures and Legends

Figure 1

Figure 1. *Ube3a* mRNA is diminished in the brain of a new maternal *Ube3a* knockout

mouse but remains in a previously generated Angelman syndrome mouse model.

(**A**) Schematics of *UBE3A* imprinting and Angelman syndrome. Left, in normal neurons,

UBE3A proteins are only produced from the maternal copy of *UBE3A* because the paternal copy

is silenced by *UBE3A-ATS*. Middle, deficiency of the maternal *UBE3A* (grey) leads to the loss of

UBE3A proteins in neurons and causes Angelman syndrome. Right, suppressing *UBE3A-ATS*

expression leads to the unsilencing of the paternal *UBE3A*. (**B**) Genomic structures of *Ube3a*

WT, *Δe5* (also known as *tm1Alb*), and *Δe6* alleles. The boxes indicate exons (e) 1–13. The white

and grey regions indicate the coding and non-coding exon sequences of the longest *Ube3a*

transcript, respectively. In the *Δe5* and *Δe6* alleles, exons 5 and 6 are deleted, resulting in a

premature stop codon in exons 6 and 7, respectively. (**C**) *Ube3a* transcript levels were measured

from the brains and livers of WT, *Ube3a$^{mΔe5/p+}$* and *Ube3a$^{mΔe5/pΔe5}$* mice using primer sets

targeting different exons or introns as indicated in the figure. *Ube3a* levels were normalized by

the *Gapdh* mRNA levels. Except the deleted exon 5, other exons in the brains of *Ube3a$^{mΔe5/p+}$*

and *Ube3a$^{mΔe5/pΔe5}$* mice remain at the similar levels as WT mice. (**D**) Similar to (C), but for WT

and *Ube3a$^{mΔe6/p+}$* mice. *Ube3a* transcript is greatly reduced in the *Ube3a$^{mΔe6/p+}$* mouse brains.

The numbers of tested mice are indicated in the figures. Each symbol represents one mouse. Bar

graphs are mean ± s.e.m. Two-way ANOVA with Tukey (C) or Šídák (D) multiple comparison

test for all pairs of groups, $*$ $P < 0.05$, $**$ $P < 0.01$, $***$ $P < 0.001$, $****$ $P < 0.0001$.

Figure 2

Figure 2. ASOs targeting *Ube3a-ATS* reactivate paternal *Ube3a-YFP* expression.

(**A**) Schematics of Ube3a-YFP expression (upper panels) and representative fluorescent images

of sagittal brain sections (lower panels) from maternal $Ube3a^{YFP}$ mice ($Ube3a^{mYFP/p+}$, $n = 2$) and

paternal $Ube3a^{YFP}$ mice ($Ube3a^{m+/pYFP}$) injected with control ($n = 2$), Ube3a-as ($n = 2$), or

Snord115 ($n = 2$) ASO. Sections were stained with fluorescent Nissl and an antibody recognizing

YFP. Ube3a-YFP proteins are produced from the maternal copy of $Ube3a$-YFP in $Ube3a^{mYFP/p+}$

mice, but not from the paternal copy in $Ube3a^{m+/pYFP}$ mice injected with control ASO because

the paternal copy is silenced by $Ube3a$-ATS. Both Ube3a-as and Sord115 ASOs can suppress

$Ube3a$-ATS expression in $Ube3a^{m+/pYFP}$ mice and broadly reactivate the paternal $Ube3a$-YFP

expression in the brains. (**B**) Similar to (A), but for images of eight different brain regions at high

magnification. Arrows indicate YFP positive GABAergic interneurons in cortical layer 1,

cerebellar molecular layer, and hippocampal stratum oriens. Arrow heads indicate YFP positive

cerebellar Purkinje cells.

Figure 3

Figure 3. ASOs targeting *Ube3a-ATS* up-regulate Ube3a protein in *Ube3a^{mΔe6/p+}* mice.

(**A**) Experimental designs and timelines. ASOs were injected into three cohorts of juvenile mice

around postnatal day 22 (P22). Protein and RNA were measured from two cohorts of mice at 3

and 6 weeks post ASO injection. EEG and EMG were measured from the third cohort of mice at

3, 6, and 10 weeks post ASO injection, and protein and RNA were measured after the last

EEG/EMG recording. The same experiments were performed for three cohorts of adult mice

injected with ASOs around P65. (**B,C**) ASOs were injected into juvenile (B) or adult (C) mice.

Representative Western blots at 3 and 10 weeks post ASO injection from the anterior cortex and

hippocampus of WT mice injected with control ASO and *Ube3a^{mΔe6/p+}* mice with control,

Ube3a-as, or Snord115 ASO. Gapdh, a housekeeping protein as loading control. (**D**) Summary

data of normalized Ube3a protein levels from the anterior cortex (upper panel) and hippocampus

(lower panel) at 3, 6, and 10 weeks post ASO injection indicated by p3wks, p6wks, and p10wks,

respectively. Ube3a levels were first normalized by the Gapdh levels and then by the average

Ube3a levels of all WT mice from the same blot. Ube3a levels are diminished in control ASO-

treated *Ube3a^{mΔe6/p+}* mice as compared to control ASO-treated WT mice. The up-regulation of

Ube3a protein by Ube3a-as ASO is evident up to 10 weeks post ASO injection, whereas the

effect of Snord115 ASO diminishes over time. The numbers of tested mice are indicated in the

figures. Each filled (male) or open (female) circle represents one mouse. Bar graphs are mean ±

s.e.m. One-way ANOVA with Tukey multiple comparison test for all pairs of groups, * $P < 0.05$,

** $P < 0.01$, *** $P < 0.001$, **** $P < 0.0001$. (**E,F**) Heat maps showing the normalized Ube3a

protein levels from different brain regions of Ube3a-as or Snord115 ASO-treated juvenile (E)

and adult (F) *Ube3a^{mΔe6/p+}* mice at 3, 6, and 10 weeks post ASO injection. In the color scales, 1

represents the Ube3a levels in control ASO-treated WT mice for each brain region (black

arrows), and the orange arrows indicate the range of Ube3a levels in control ASO-treated

Ube3a^{mΔe6/p+} mice.

Figure 3-supplement 1

Figure 3-supplement 1. ASOs targeting *Ube3a-ATS* up-regulate Ube3a protein in different

brain regions of *Ube3a^{mΔe6/p+}* mice (Part I)

(**A,B**) ASOs were injected into juvenile (A) or adult (B) WT and *Ube3a^{mΔe6/p+}* mice.

Representative Western blots at 3 and 10 weeks post ASO injection from different brain regions

as indicated in the figures.

Figure 3-supplement 2

Figure 3-supplement 2. ASOs targeting *Ube3a-ATS* up-regulate Ube3a protein in different

brain regions of *Ube3a^{mΔe6/p+}* mice (Part II)

Summary data of normalized Ube3a protein levels from different brain regions at 3, 6, and 10

weeks post ASO injection indicated by p3wks, p6wks, and p10wks, respectively. Ube3a levels

were first normalized by the Gapdh levels and then by the average Ube3a levels of all WT mice

from the same blot. Ube3a levels are diminished in all brain regions of control ASO-treated

Ube3a^{mΔe6/p+} mice as compared to control ASO-treated WT mice. The up-regulation of Ube3a

protein by Ube3a-as ASO is evident up to 10 weeks post ASO injection, whereas the effect of

Snord115 ASO diminishes over time. The numbers of tested mice are indicated in the figures.

Each filled (male) or open (female) circle represents one mouse. Bar graphs are mean ± s.e.m.

One-way ANOVA with Tukey multiple comparison test for all pairs of groups, * $P < 0.05$, ** P

< 0.01, *** $P < 0.001$, **** $P < 0.0001$.

Figure 3-supplement 3

Figure 3-supplement 3. Similar increase of Ube3a protein by two different doses of ASOs in

Ube3a^{mΔe6/p+} **mice.**

The same summary data presented in ***Figure 3D*** and ***Figure 3-supplement 2A*** for the

normalized Ube3a protein levels from 3 weeks post ASO injection into juvenile mice. The filled

(male) and open (female) squares represent 2 WT and 2 *Ube3a^{mΔe6/p+}* mice injected with 250 µg

control ASO and 2 *Ube3a^{mΔe6/p+}* mice with 250 µg Ube3a-as ASO. The filled (male) and open

(female) circle represent the rest of mice injected with 500 µg ASOs. Note the similar Ube3a

levels in *Ube3a^{mΔe6/p+}* mice injected with 250 or 500 µg Ube3a-as ASO.

Figure 4

Figure 4. ASOs targeting *Ube3a-ATS* reduce *Ube3a-ATS* and increase *Ube3a* transcripts in

***Ube3a^{mΔe6/p+}* mice.**

(**A,B**) Juvenile or adult WT mice were injected with control ASO and *Ube3a^{mΔe6/p+}* mice with

control, Ube3a-as, or Snord115 ASO. Summary data show the normalized *Ube3a-ATS* (upper

panels) and *Ube3a* (lower panels) transcript levels from the anterior cortex (A) and hippocampus

(B) at 3, 6, and 10 weeks post ASO injection indicated by p3wks, p6wks, and p10wks,

respectively. *Ube3a-ATS* and *Ube3a* levels were first normalized by the *Gapdh* levels and then

by the average *Ube3a-ATS* and *Ube3a* levels of all WT mice, respectively. The down-regulation

of *Ube3a-ATS* and up-regulation of *Ube3a* mRNA by Ube3a-as ASO is evident up to 10 weeks

post ASO injection, whereas the effect of Snord115 ASO diminishes over time. The numbers of

tested mice are indicated in the figures. Bar graphs are mean ± s.e.m. One-way ANOVA with

Tukey multiple comparison test for all pairs of groups, * $P < 0.05$, ** $P < 0.01$, *** $P < 0.001$,

**** $P < 0.0001$. (**C**) The negative correlations between *Ube3a-ATS* transcript levels and Ube3a

protein levels from different brain regions of *Ube3a$^{m\Delta e6/p+}$* mice injected with control, Ube3a-as,

or Snord115 ASO were fitted with a one phase exponential decay ($Y = ae^{-kX} + b$; X, *Ube3a-*

ATS transcript levels; Y, Ube3a protein levels; a, b, k, constants). Data from 3, 6, and 10 weeks

post ASO injection into juvenile and adult mice were all included. Each filled (male) or open

(female) circle represents one mouse. R^2 indicates the goodness of fit.

Figure 4-supplement 1

Figure 4-supplement 1. ASOs targeting *Ube3a-ATS* reduce *Ube3a-ATS* and increase *Ube3a* transcripts in different brain regions of *Ube3a*$^{m\Delta e6/p+}$ mice (Part I).

(**A–F**) Juvenile or adult WT mice were injected with control ASO and *Ube3a*$^{m\Delta e6/p+}$ mice with

control, Ube3a-as, or Snord115 ASO. Summary data from different brain regions show the

normalized *Ube3a-ATS* (upper panels) and *Ube3a* (lower panels) transcript levels at 3, 6, and 10

weeks post ASO injection indicated by p3wks, p6wks, and p10wks, respectively. *Ube3a-ATS*

and *Ube3a* levels were first normalized by the *Gapdh* levels and then by the average *Ube3a-ATS*

and *Ube3a* levels of all WT mice, respectively. The down-regulation of *Ube3a-ATS* and up-

regulation of *Ube3a* mRNA by Ube3a-as ASO is evident in different brain regions up to 10

weeks post ASO injection, whereas the effect of Snord115 ASO diminishes over time. The

numbers of tested mice are indicated in the figures. Each filled (male) or open (female) circle

represents one mouse. Bar graphs are mean ± s.e.m. One-way ANOVA with Tukey multiple

comparison test for all pairs of groups, * $P < 0.05$, ** $P < 0.01$, *** $P < 0.001$, **** $P < 0.0001$.

Figure 4-supplement 2

Figure 4-supplement 2. ASOs targeting *Ube3a-ATS* reduce *Ube3a-ATS* and increase *Ube3a*

transcripts in different brain regions of *Ube3a^{mΔe6/p+}* mice (Part II).

(**A**) The negative correlations between *Ube3a-ATS* transcript levels and *Ube3a* mRNA levels

from different brain regions of *Ube3a^{mΔe6/p+}* mice injected with control, Ube3a-as, or Snord115

ASO were fitted with a one phase exponential decay ($Y = ae^{-kX} + b$; *X*, *Ube3a-ATS* transcript

levels; *Y*, *Ube3a* mRNA levels; *a*, *b*, *k*, constants). (**B**) The positive correlations between *Ube3a*

mRNA levels and Ube3a protein levels from different brain regions of WT mice injected with

control ASO and *Ube3a^{mΔe6/p+}* mice with control, Ube3a-as, or Snord115 ASO were fitted with a

774   linear regression ($Y = aX + b$; X, *Ube3a* mRNA levels; Y, Ube3a protein levels; a, b, constants).

775   Data from 3, 6, and 10 weeks post ASO injection into juvenile and adult mice were all included.

776   Each filled (male) or open (female) circle represents one mouse. R^2 indicates the goodness of fit.

777    $P < 0.05$ indicates a significant deviation of slope from zero.

Figure 5

Figure 5. Reactivation of paternal *Ube3a* rescues abnormal EEG rhythms in *Ube3a^{mΔe6/p+}*

mice.

(**A**) Juvenile WT mice were injected with control ASO and $Ube3a^{m\Delta e6/p+}$ mice with control,

Ube3a-as, or Snord115 ASO. Representative raw EEG traces and their band-pass filtered traces

from the left frontal cortices at 6 weeks post ASO injection. (**B**) Relative EEG power spectral

density (PSD) curves from the left front cortices at 3, 6, and 10 weeks post ASO injection

indicated by p3wks, p6wks, and p10wks, respectively. The insets show the relative PSDs in 4–25

Hz. Lines and shades are mean and s.e.m., respectively. (**C**) Summary data show the relative

power in each of the frequency bands indicated in the figure. Control ASO-treated $Ube3a^{m\Delta e6/p+}$

mice show an increase of power in the 8–25 Hz range and a decrease of power in the 50–100 Hz

range as compared to control ASO-treated WT mice. Ube3a-as ASO reduces the power in 8–25

Hz and increases the power in 50–100 Hz in $Ube3a^{m\Delta e6/p+}$ mice. Snord115 ASO has a similar

effect in $Ube3a^{m\Delta e6/p+}$ mice at 3 weeks post ASO injection. (**D**) Summary data show the ratio of

power in 8–25 Hz over 50–100 Hz. Control ASO-treated $Ube3a^{m\Delta e6/p+}$ mice show a higher ratio

than control ASO-treated WT mice. Ube3a-as ASO reduces the ratio in $Ube3a^{m\Delta e6/p+}$ mice.

Snord115 ASO has a similar effect at 3 weeks post ASO injection. (**E**–**G**) Similar to (B–D), but

for ASO injection into adult mice. Note, Ube3a-as ASO reduces the ratio of power in 8–25 Hz

over 50–100 Hz in $Ube3a^{m\Delta e6/p+}$ mice. The numbers of tested mice are indicated in the figures.

Each filled (male) or open (female) circle represents one mouse. Bar graphs are mean ± s.e.m.

Two-way ANOVA with Tukey multiple comparison test (C,F) and Kruskal-Wallis test with

Dunn's multiple comparison test (D,G) for all pairs of groups, * $P < 0.05$, ** $P < 0.01$, *** $P <$

0.001, **** $P < 0.0001$.

Figure 5-supplement 1. Absolute power spectral densities of EEG signals from different

brain regions.

(**A–C**) EEG power spectral density (PSD) curves from the left front cortices (A), left

somatosensory cortices (B), and right visual cortices (C) at 3, 6, and 10 weeks post ASO

806   injection into juvenile mice. (**D**–**F**) Similar to (A–C), but for ASO injection into adult mice. The

807   numbers of tested mice are indicated in the figures. Lines and shades are mean and s.e.m.,

808   respectively.

Figure 5-supplement 2

Figure 5-supplement 2. Reactivation of paternal *Ube3a* rescues abnormal EEG rhythms in

the somatosensory cortex of *Ube3a^{mΔe6/p+}* mice.

(**A**) Relative EEG power spectral density (PSD) curves from the left somatosensory cortices at 3,

6, and 10 weeks post ASO injection into juvenile mice. The insets show the relative PSDs in 4–

25 Hz. Lines and shades are mean and s.e.m., respectively. (**B**) Summary data show the relative

power in each of the frequency bands indicated in the figure. (**C**) Summary data show the ratio of

power in 8–25 Hz over 50–100 Hz. Control ASO-treated $Ube3a^{m\Delta e6/p+}$ mice show a higher ratio

than control ASO-treated WT mice. Ube3a-as ASO, but not Snord115 ASO, reduces the ratio

when injected into juvenile $Ube3a^{m\Delta e6/p+}$ mice. (**D**–**F**) Similar to (A–C), but for ASO injection

into adult mice. The numbers of tested mice are indicated in the figures. Each filled (male) or

open (female) circle represents one mouse. Bar graphs are mean ± s.e.m. Two-way ANOVA

with Tukey multiple comparison test (B,E) and Kruskal-Wallis test with Dunn's multiple

comparison test (C,F) for all pairs of groups, * $P < 0.05$, ** $P < 0.01$.

Figure 5-supplement 3. Normal EEG rhythms in the visual cortex of *Ube3a^{mΔe6/p+}* mice.

(**A**) Relative EEG power spectral density (PSD) curves from the right visual cortices at 3, 6, and 10 weeks post ASO injection into juvenile mice. The insets show the relative PSDs in 4–25 Hz. Lines and shades are mean and s.e.m., respectively. (**B**) Summary data show the relative power in each of the frequency bands indicated in the figure. (**C**) Summary data show the ratio of power

829   in 8–25 Hz over 50–100 Hz. (**D**–**F**) Similar to (A–C), but for ASO injection into adult mice. The

830   numbers of tested mice are indicated in the figures. Each filled (male) or open (female) circle

831   represents one mouse. Bar graphs are mean ± s.e.m. Two-way ANOVA with Tukey multiple

832   comparison test (B,E) and Kruskal-Wallis test with Dunn's multiple comparison test (C,F) for all

833   pairs of groups, * $P < 0.05$.

Figure 6

Figure 6. Reactivation of paternal *Ube3a* rescues abnormal REM sleep in *Ube3a^{mΔe6/p+}*

mice.

(**A**) Summary data of the cumulative REM sleep time at 3, 6, and 10 weeks post ASO injection

into juvenile mice. Control ASO-treated *Ube3a^{mΔe6/p+}* mice spend less time in REM sleep than

control ASO-treated WT mice. Both Ube3a-as and Snord115 ASOs improve REM sleep in

Ube3a$^{m\Delta e6/p+}$ mice. (**B,C**) Similar to (A), but for NREM sleep (B) and wake (C). (**D–F**) Similar

to (A–C), but for ASO injection into adult mice. The rescue effect of Ube3a-as and Snord115

ASOs is reduced as compare to ASO injection into juvenile mice. The numbers of tested mice

are indicated in the figures. Each filled (male) or open (female) circle represents one mouse. Bar

graphs are mean ± s.e.m. Two-way ANOVA with Tukey multiple comparison test for all pairs of

groups, * $P < 0.05$, ** $P < 0.01$, *** $P < 0.001$.

Figure 6-supplement 1

Figure 6-supplment 1. Validation of sleep staging by SPINDLE program.

(**A**) Representative EEG traces from the left frontal cortices (L-FC) and left somatosensory

cortices (L-SC), and EMG traces from the neck muscles during wake (top panels), NREM sleep

(middle panels), and REM sleep (bottom panels) at 3 weeks post ASO injection into juvenile

mice. (**B**) The wake, NREM sleep, and REM sleep of five mice (two WT mice injected with

control ASO, two *Ube3a$^{m\Delta e6/p+}$* mice with control ASO, and one *Ube3a$^{m\Delta e6/p+}$* mouse with

Ube3a-as ASO, 1 hour of data from each mouse) were determined by SPINDLE program and

three human experts (HNK, WC, ESC). The matrices compare the epoch counts of wake, NREM

sleep, and REM sleep between SPINDLE and experts (upper panels) and between experts (low

panels). The colors indicate the F1-score. (**C**) The accuracy of sleep staging between SPINDLE

and experts is similar to that between experts. The symbol color represents a pair of comparisons

as indicated in the figure, and the symbol shape represents a mouse. Line graphs are mean ±

s.e.m. Unpaired t-test with Welch's correction (two-tailed), n.s., $P = 0.5$.

Figure 7

Figure 7. Reactivation of paternal *Ube3a* does not suppress poly-spikes in *Ube3a$^{m\Delta e6/p+}$*

mice.

(**A**) Representative EEG traces from the left frontal cortices (L-FC), left somatosensory cortices

(L-SC), and right visual cortices (R-VC) at 3 weeks post ASO injection into juvenile mice. (**B**)

Summary data showing the frequencies of poly-spikes from the left frontal cortices at 3, 6, and

10 weeks post ASO injection into juvenile mice. Control ASO-treated *Ube3a$^{m\Delta e6/p+}$* mice show

many more poly-spikes than control ASO-treated WT mice. Snord115 ASO modestly reduces

poly-spikes, whereas Ube3a-as ASO does not. (**C**) Similar to (B), but for ASO injection into

adult mice. Neither Ube3a-as or Snord115 reduces poly-spikes. The numbers of tested mice are

indicated in the figures. Each filled (male) or open (female) circle represents one mouse. Bar

graphs are mean ± s.e.m. Kruskal-Wallis test with Dunn's multiple comparison test for all pairs

of groups, * $P < 0.05$, ** $P < 0.01$, *** $P < 0.001$, **** $P < 0.0001$.

Figure 7-supplement 1

Figure 7-supplement 1. Poly-spikes in the somatosensory and visual cortices of $Ube3a^{m\Delta e6/p+}$

mice.

(**A**) Summary data showing the frequencies of poly-spikes from the left somatosensory cortices

at 3, 6, and 10 weeks post ASO injection into juvenile mice. Control ASO-treated $Ube3a^{m\Delta e6/p+}$

mice show more poly-spikes than control ASO-treated WT mice. Snord115 ASO modestly

reduces poly-spikes, whereas Ube3a-as ASO does not. (**B**) Similar to (A), but for the visual

cortices. The frequencies of poly-spikes are not significantly increased in control ASO-treated

$Ube3a^{m\Delta e6/p+}$ mice as compared to control ASO-treated WT mice. (**C,D**) Similar to (A,B), but for

ASO injection into adult mice. Neither Ube3a-as or Snord115 reduces poly-spikes in the

somatosensory cortices. The numbers of tested mice are indicated in the figures. Each filled

(male) or open (female) circle represents one mouse. Bar graphs are mean ± s.e.m. Kruskal-

Wallis test with Dunn's multiple comparison test for all pairs of groups, * $P < 0.05$, ** $P < 0.01$,

*** $P < 0.001$.

Figure 8

Figure 8. EEG rhythms and REM sleep correlate with Ube3a protein levels in *Ube3a*$^{m\Delta e6/p+}$

mice.

(**A**) The relationships between the Ube3a protein levels and EEG relative power from the frontal

cortices of *Ube3a*$^{m\Delta e6/p+}$ mice injected with control, Ube3a-as, or Snord115 ASO across 3, 6, and

10 weeks post ASO injection into juvenile and adult mice. The Ube3a protein levels from all

brain regions were averaged for each mouse. The relative EEG power within each frequency

band and the power ratio $(\alpha+\beta1+\beta2)/\gamma2$ were normalized by the means of those in WT mice

injected with control ASO. The relationships were fitted with a linear regression ($Y = aX + b$; X,

Ube3a protein levels; Y, normalized EEG relative power or power ratio $(\alpha+\beta1+\beta2)/\gamma2$; a, b,

constants). (**B**) Similar to (A), but for the relationships between the Ube3a protein levels and

REM sleep time in light and dark phases. Data are mean $\pm$ s.e.m. R^2 indicates the goodness of fit.

$P < 0.05$ indicates a significant deviation of slope from zero.

Supplementary File 1. Comparison of phenotypic rescue of maternal *Ube3a* knockout mice

by restoring *Ube3a* expression at different ages

The table summarizes the outcomes of restoring *Ube3a* expression in maternal *Ube3a* knockout

mice at different developmental ages from previous studies.

Supplementary File 2. Primers and probes for RT-ddPCR and RT-qPCR

The sequences of the primers and probes used in the RT-ddPCR or RT-qPCR experiments for

detecting *Ube3a*, *Ube3a-ATS*, and *Gapdh* are provided.

Supplementary File 3. Statistics of experimental results.

The details of all statistical tests, numbers of replicates, and *P* values are presented for each

experiment in the table.

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