TITLE: Sleep is bi-directionally modified by amyloid beta oligomers

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HIGHLIGHTS:

• **Amyloid beta oligomers can drive either sleep or wakefulness, depending on their**

size

• **Wakefulness driven by short amyloid beta oligomers requires binding partners**

Adrenergic Beta Receptor 2 and Pgrmc1

• **Long amyloid beta oligomers drive sleep through interaction with Prion Protein**

• **The in vivo sleep effects of amyloid beta can be pharmacologically blocked by**

targeting several steps of the Amyloid beta-Prion Protein signalling cascade.

SUMMARY:

Disrupted sleep is a major feature of Alzheimer's Disease (AD), often arising years before

symptoms of cognitive decline. Prolonged wakefulness exacerbates the production of amyloid-

beta (Aβ) species, a major driver of AD progression, suggesting that sleep loss further

accelerates AD through a vicious cycle. However, the mechanisms by which Aβ affects sleep are

unknown. We demonstrate in zebrafish that Aβ acutely and reversibly enhances or suppresses

sleep as a function of oligomer length. Genetic disruptions revealed that short Aβ oligomers

induce acute wakefulness through Adrenergic receptor b2 (Adrb2) and Progesterone membrane

receptor component 1 (Pgrmc1), while longer Aβ forms induce sleep through a

pharmacologically tractable Prion Protein (PrP) signalling cascade. Our data indicate that Aβ

participates in a bi-directional sleep/wake switch. Alterations to the brain's Aβ oligomeric

milieu, such as during the progression of AD, may therefore disrupt sleep via changes in acute

signalling events.

INTRODUCTION:

Accumulation of amyloid-beta (Aβ) in plaques, along with tau tangles, is one of the two

pathological hallmarks of Alzheimer's Disease (AD). Change in Aβ levels in the brain is one of

the earliest known pathological events in AD and is detectable years before the development of

Aβ plaques and decades before the clinical onset of AD (Bateman et al., 2007; Jack et al., 2013).

Because of its importance in AD progression, Aβ has been mostly characterized as a

functionless, pathological, intrinsically neurotoxic peptide (Moir and Tanzi, 2019). However, Aβ

is an ancient neuropeptide conserved across vertebrates through at least 400 million years of

evolution (Moir and Tanzi, 2019). Aβ's cleavage from Amyloid Precursor Protein (APP) is

tightly regulated by multiple enzymatic reactions (O'Brien and Wong, 2011), and its release from

neurons is carefully controlled (Kamenetz et al., 2003). Aβ interacts with numerous surface

receptors and can activate intrinsic cellular signalling cascades to alter neuronal and synaptic

function (Jarosz-Griffiths et al., 2016). More recently, Aβ has been suggested to act as

an antimicrobial peptide (Soscia et al., 2010), and the deposition of Aβ may be induced as an

innate immune defence mechanism against microbial pathogens (Kumar et al., 2016). However,

the potential endogenous functions of Aβ – and how these processes may become dysregulated

during the progression of AD to contribute to disease symptoms – remain obscure.

One of the earliest symptoms of AD is the disruption of sleep, and AD patients have sleep-wake

abnormalities, including insomnia at night and increased napping during the day (Allen et al.,

1987; Loewenstein et al., 1982; Moran et al., 2005; Prinz et al., 1982). Multiple transgenic AD

mouse models that overproduce Aβ also show disrupted sleep phenotypes (Roh et al., 2012;

Sterniczuk et al., 2010; Wang et al., 2002), often in the absence of neuronal loss and preceding

impairments of learning and memory (Irizarry et al., 1997). In non-pathological conditions, Aβ

levels in the cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) are modulated by the sleep-wake cycle (Kang et al., 2009;

Xie et al., 2013). Aβ generation and release is controlled by electrical and synaptic activity

(Cirrito et al., 2005; Kamenetz et al., 2003), leading to increased extracellular Aβ levels during

wakefulness and decreased levels during sleep (Kang et al., 2009; Xie et al., 2013), coordinate

with. These observations have led to the proposal that sleep and Aβ dynamics create a vicious

feed-forward cycle, wherein increases in wakefulness result in increased extracellular Aβ and

aggregation, which then dysregulates sleep, further exacerbating pathogenic Aβ production (Roh

et al., 2012). How increased Aβ burden leads to disruptions in sleep remains unknown, although

AD-related cell death of critical sleep/wake regulatory neurons has been suggested as a possible

mechanism (Fronczek et al., 2012; Lim et al., 2014; Manaye et al., 2013).

Given the relationship between Aβ and sleep, we hypothesized that one physiological function of

Aβ may be to directly regulate sleep independently of neuronal cell death. To test this, we took

advantage of the ability to directly deliver small molecules and Aβ peptides to the brain of larval

zebrafish, which have conserved APP processing machinery and Aβ peptides (Newman et al.,

2014) and share genetic, pharmacological, and neuronal sleep-regulatory mechanisms with

mammals (Barlow and Rihel, 2017). We found that Aβ size-dependently and reversibly

modulates behaviour through two distinct genetic, pharmacologically tractable pathways that

regulate sleep in opposing directions.

RESULTS:

Aβ dose-dependently modifies zebrafish sleep and wake behaviour

Uncovering specific biological functions of Aβ has been experimentally difficult. One challenge

is that Aβ is processed from a series of complex cleavage steps of a longer transmembrane

protein, Amyloid Precursor Protein (APP), which also produces other protein products with a

variety of functions (O'Brien and Wong, 2011). This restricts the utility of genetic manipulations

to tease out Aβ-specific roles from the other APP components. Another challenge is that Aβ

forms, *in vitro* and *in vivo*, a variety of oligomeric species (e.g. dimers, longer oligomers, or

large fibrils) with diverse structures, binding affinities, and signalling properties (Benilova et al.,

2012; Jarosz-Griffiths et al., 2016).

To overcome these barriers, we developed an injection assay in which the amount and type of the

Aβ oligomers can be controlled and then tested the acute signaling effects of Aβ on sleep and

wake behavior. Our minimally invasive intra-cardiac injection assay in 5 days post fertilization

(5dpf) larval zebrafish avoids direct damage to brain tissue (Figure 1A and 1B). This technique

rapidly (<1hr, peaking within 2-3hrs) and reversibly delivers Aβ to the larval brain, as assessed

by injection of fluorescently tagged Aβ42 and subsequent confocal brain imaging (Figures 1B,

S1A,B). To generate different Aβ oligomeric species, we modified previously established *in*

vitro monomeric Aβ incubation protocols (see Extended Methods) that enrich for Aβ with

different oligomeric sizes and opposing effects on rat neuronal excitability (Kusumoto et al.,

1998; Orban et al., 2010; Whitcomb et al., 2015). By incubating Aβ42 overnight at increasing

temperatures, we generated Aβ oligomeric pools with significantly different lengths, as measured

by Transmission Electron Microscopy (TEM) (Figures 1C and S1C). Aβ42 incubated overnight

at 4ºC consisted of fewer and shorter oligomers (Aβ^{short}, mean 45±11 nm, median=39nm) than

when incubated at 25ºC (Aβ^{long}, mean 75±10 nm, median=61nm) or at 37ºC (Aβ^{v-long}, mean

121±10 nm, median=88nm) (Figure 1C).

We then assessed how each Aβ preparation affected sleep and wake behaviour in zebrafish

relative to an Aβ42-1 "reverse" peptide control (Aβ^{rev}) using automated video-monitoring

(Prober et al., 2006; Rihel et al., 2010). In initial experiments, we determined the appropriate Aβ

injection dose by injecting 1nL of a 1-1000 nM dose series for both Aβ^{short} and Aβ^{long} and

assessing subsequent waking activity and sleep, which is defined in zebrafish larvae as a period

of inactivity lasting longer than one minute, which are associated with an increased arousal

threshold and other features of behavioral sleep (Prober et al., 2006). Unexpectedly, these

oligomeric species had opposing behavioral effects (Figures S1D-S1G). $A\beta^{short}$ increased waking

activity and decreased sleep relative to $A\beta$ reverse peptide, while $A\beta^{long}$ decreased waking and

increased sleep (prep waking effect, $p<0.001$; prep sleep effect $p<0.05$, two-way ANOVA).

These effects were generally consistent across doses, although some dose-responses elicited

stronger differential effects than others (Figures S1D and S1E), with the maximal difference

between the $A\beta^{short}$ and $A\beta^{long}$ preparations at 10 nM ($p\leq0.01$ doseXprep interaction, two-way

ANOVA). We estimate this dose yields a final concentration that falls within the lower range of

physiological concentrations reported for $A\beta42$ in human CSF of 100 pM-5nM (Bateman et al.,

2007). For example, assuming that all injected $A\beta$ goes into the brain, the highest possible

concentration would be 1500 pg/ml or 300 pM (45 ng/ml x 1 nl in 30.4 nl brain= 1.5 ng/ml=1500

pg/ml). At the lower end, assuming equal distribution of $A\beta$ over the whole body yields a final

concentration estimate of 150 pg/ml or 30 pM (45 ng/ml x1 nl in 300 nl of body= 150 pg/ml).

We therefore continued with 10 nM injections for all subsequent experiments, as it combines the

maximal differentially observed behavioral effects between $A\beta^{short}$ and $A\beta^{long}$ with

physiologically reasonable concentrations.

$A\beta$ affects sleep and wake in opposing directions as a function of oligomer size

independently of neural death

To explore the effect of $A\beta$ oligomeric size on sleep behaviour, we then systematically tested the

behavioural effects of each $A\beta$ species relative to a $A\beta^{rev}$ control for n=3-5 independent

experiments each. As in the dose response experiments, $A\beta$ affected sleep and wake in opposing

directions depending on its oligomeric state (Figures 1D-1I'). In the day following injection,

$A\beta^{short}$ significantly increased waking activity by +12.8% and reduced total sleep relative to $A\beta^{rev}$

by 15.5% (Figures 1D-E'). The significance of the sleep effect is likely partially masked by a

flooring effect of generally reduced sleep during the day; we therefore favour reporting effect

sizes and confidence intervals as recommended (Amrhein et al., 2019; Ho et al., 2019). Indeed, if

we were to combine all the additional control $A\beta^{short}$ experiments subsequently reported in this

manuscript [n=160 $A\beta^{rev}$ n=164 $A\beta^{short}$, see Figures 3G and 3H), the effect size remains robust at

-15.9% and the result is statistically significant (p<0.05, one way ANOVA). These effects were

reversible, as there were no significant differences in sleep (Figure 1E, black bar) or waking

activity (Figure 1D, black bar) between $A\beta^{short}$ and reverse peptide in the night following

injection, and the behaviour of $A\beta^{short}$-injected larvae returned to baseline levels in the

subsequent day (Figures S1J and S1K).

In contrast, while injection of longer $A\beta$ fibers ($A\beta^{v\_long}$) had no effect on behaviour, (Figures

1H-I'), injection of the intermediate $A\beta^{long}$ oligomers significantly increased sleep during the

post-injection day by +47.2% and reduced waking activity by 11.3% (Figures 1F-1G'). The

increased sleep induced by $A\beta^{long}$ was due to a significant increase in the average number of

sleep bouts but not an increase in sleep bout length (Figure 1J), indicating higher sleep initiation

is responsible for the change in sleep rather than an increased sleep consolidation. This increased

sleep effect by $A\beta^{long}$ was not observed in the night following injection (Figures 1F and 1G,

black bar), and behaviour returned to baseline by the following morning (Figure S1L and S1M).

This data is consistent with $A\beta^{short}$ increasing wakefulness and $A\beta^{long}$ decreasing wakefulness

and increasing sleep. However, because the handling of larvae in this experiment had some

initial effect on behaviour (due only to handling, not injection or exposure to anaesthesia, data

not shown), we recalculated the behavioral analysis only for the evening period before lights off,

when vehicle-injected larvae were statistically indistinguishable from larvae that had been

acclimated for 24 hours (Figure S1H). Except for an even more severe flooring effect in the

$A\beta^{short}$ injection experiments, the results from evening-only analysis were indistinguishable from

calculations across the whole day (Figure S1I). We therefore used full day analysis for all

subsequent experiments.

We next considered if the dual-effects of Aβ on sleep and wake are due to long-term toxic effects

from neuronal damage or death. First, injected animals returned to baseline sleep and activity

levels within 24 hours (Figures S1J-S1M). Second, injection with either long or short forms of

Aβ had no effect on apoptosis, as detected by staining for activation of Caspase-3 (Figures S2A-

S2C). Finally, Aβ injected animals raised to adulthood showed no major differences in their

general health or in their survival rates (Figure S2D). We conclude that the changes in behaviour

after Aβ exposure are due to acute signalling events, and therefore sought to identify the

neuronal and molecular substrates through which Aβ signals to modulate sleep/wake behaviour.

$A\beta^{short}$ and $A\beta^{long}$ induce opposing changes in neuronal activity

If Aβ oligomers alter behavior through acute signalling in the brain, the differential effects of

$A\beta^{short}$ and $A\beta^{long}$ should be reflected at the level of neuronal activity. In situ hybridization (ISH)

for expression of the immediate early gene, *c-fos*, identified several areas of the larval brain that

are upregulated after injection of $A\beta^{short}$ relative to $A\beta^{rev}$, including the posterior hypothalamus

and the dorsal and ventral telencephalon (Figure 2A), which are also upregulated in hyperactive

zebrafish mutants (Ashlin et al., 2018). In contrast, *c-fos* expression following $A\beta^{long}$ injections

was globally dampened relative to $A\beta^{rev}$ (Figure 2B). However, immediate early gene expression

is an imperfect readout of changes in neuronal activity, as baseline *c-fos* is expressed in low

amounts in zebrafish and has a relatively slow time course of 15-30 minutes for activation of

mRNA (Baraban et al., 2005). Thus, we also quantified changes in the more rapid (<5 minutes)

neuronal activity marker, phosphorylated ERK (p-ERK), using the larval zebrafish MAP-

Mapping technique (Randlett et al., 2015). This method identifies the relative quantitative

changes in brain region-specific levels of p-ERK relative to total ERK between Aβ injections and

reverse peptide control conditions. Consistent with *c-fos* induction, Aβ^{short} upregulated P-ERK in

the ventral telencephalon and posterior hypothalamus (Figures 2C and 2C', Supplementary Data

1), while Aβ^{long} resulted in a widespread reduction in p-ERK levels throughout most of the brain

(Figures 2D and 2D', Supplementary Data 2). These brain activity states are consistent with the

induction of wakefulness by Aβ^{short} and sleep by Aβ^{long}.

Aβ binding targets are required for behavioral responses to Aβ

Many candidate Aβ binding partners have been implicated in mediating the signalling effects of

Aβ on synapses, with some targets showing preferences for Aβ dimers, such as Adrenergic

Receptor β2 (ADRB2) (Wang et al., 2010), or low molecular weight (50-75 kDa) species, such

as the Progesterone Membrane Receptor Component 1 (PGRMC1) (Izzo et al., 2014b), while

other targets preferentially bind to longer oligomers/protofibrils, such as the Prion Protein (PrP)

(Lauren et al., 2009; Nicoll et al., 2013). We therefore used Crispr/Cas9 to make genetic lesions

in several zebrafish candidate Aβ receptors, choosing examples with reported affinities for

various sized Aβ oligomers (Figures S3 and S5). We isolated a *pgrmc1* allele with a 16 bp

deletion that leads to a frameshift and early stop codon that truncates the protein before a

conserved Cytochrome b5-like Heme/Steroid binding domain (Figures S3A-S3D). We also

isolated an *adrb2a* allele with an 8bp deletion that leads to a severely truncated protein lacking

all transmembrane domains (Figures S3E-S3G). We also obtained a *prp1$^{-/-}$;prp2$^{-/-}$* double mutant

(Fleisch et al., 2013; Leighton et al., 2018) that lacks both zebrafish Prp proteins with conserved

Aβ binding sites (Figure S5). The third zebrafish *prion* gene product, Prp3, does not have the

conserved Aβ binding domains present in Prp1 and Prp2 (Figure S5). Except for a mild increase

in daytime sleep in *adrb2a$^{-/-}$* mutants (Figures S4D'-S4F'), none of these mutants exhibited

changes in baseline sleep and wake on a 14hr:10hr light:dark cycle as compared to wild type and

heterozygous siblings (Figures S4A-S4F'; Figures S6A-S6F'). Under baseline conditions, we

also detected no significant differences in day or night sleep and waking activity in *prp* double

mutants compared to *prp$^{+/+}$* siblings generated from either *prp1$^{+/-}$; prp2$^{+/-}$* or *prp1$^{+/-}$;prp2$^{-/-}$* in-

crosses (Figures S6A-S6F'). The mild baseline phenotypes allowed us to test the effect of Aβ

oligomers in these mutants without complex behavioural confounds.

We first tested the effects of Aβ^{short} injection on mutant behaviour. Unlike the wild type controls,

neither the *adrb2a$^{-/-}$* nor the *pgrmc1$^{-/-}$* mutants increased waking activity (Figures 3A-3C and 3E)

or suppressed sleep as observed in wild type controls (Figures 3A-3C' and 3G). Injection of

Aβ^{short} into *adrb2a$^{-/-}$* animals even significantly increased sleep (+83.7%) instead of reducing it

as in wild type larvae (Figures 3B' and 3G). In contrast, Aβ^{short} injected into mutants that lack

both zebrafish Prp orthologs (*prp1$^{-/-}$; prp2$^{-/-}$*) elicited slightly stronger increases in waking

activity and significantly large (-45%) reductions in sleep (Figures 3D, D', F and H). Thus, the

wake-promoting activity of Aβ^{short} requires intact Adrb2a and Pgrmc1 but not functional Prp1

and Prp2.

Because the size of oligomeric species in our $A\beta^{long}$ preparation (20-400 nm) falls into the size

range that exhibits high-affinity binding to mammalian Prion Protein (PrP) (20-200 nm) and

thereby acts to modulate synapses (Gimbel et al., 2010; Lauren et al., 2009; Nicoll et al., 2013;

Um et al., 2012), we tested whether PrP is instead required for $A\beta^{long}$-induced sleep. After

injection of $A\beta^{long}$, $prp1^{-/-};prp2^{-/-}$ null mutants failed to increase sleep compared to wild type

controls (Figures 4A and 4D). The modest reduction of wakefulness induced by $A\beta^{long}$ was even

reversed in $prp1^{-/-};prp2^{-/-}$ mutants, with $A\beta^{long}$ instead significantly increasing wakefulness

(Figure 4C). Thus, while PrPs are not required for the wake-inducing effects of $A\beta^{short}$,

functional Prp1 and Prp2 are essential for sleep induced by $A\beta^{long}$. Moreover, since *prp* double

mutants have exacerbated wakefulness in response to $A\beta^{short}$ injections, the sleep-inducing Prp

pathway is likely co-activated along with the wake-promoting pathway by $A\beta$ to partially

dampen the behavioral response of wild type larvae (Figure 3D and 3H).

Mutants lacking $A\beta$ targets have altered brain activity in response to $A\beta$ consistent with

behavioral effects

If $A\beta^{short}$ interacts with Adrb2a and Pgrmc1 to drive changes in wakefulness, the increased

neuronal activity we observed in wild type larvae after $A\beta^{short}$ injections (Figure 2A) should also

be abolished in the $adrb2a^{-/-}$ and $pgrmc1^{-/-}$ mutant backgrounds. Consistently, lack of either

Adrb2a or Pgrmc1 abolished the neuronal activity-inducing effect of $A\beta^{short}$ (Figure 5A), as

detected by in situ hybridization for *c-fos*. In particular, the neuronal activity observed in the

posterior hypothalamus and the dorsal and ventral telencephalon after $A\beta^{short}$ into WT controls

was not detected after injection into either $adrb2a^{-/-}$ or $pgrmc1^{-/-}$ mutants (Figure 5A). This result

is consistent with $A\beta^{short}$ failing to induce wakefulness in these mutants. Similarly, although

Aβ^{long} dampens neuronal activity when injected into wild type larvae, Aβ^{long} injections into the

prp1$^{-/-}$; prp2$^{-/-}$ double mutants elicited no reduction in *c-fos* expression (Figure 5B). Instead, *c-*

fos expression in the telencephalon and hypothalamus was upregulated relative to reverse

injected controls (Figure 5B), consistent with the increased behavioral wakefulness observed in

the *prp* mutants (Figure 4C). Together, these data are consistent with Aβ^{short} acutely upregulating

neuronal activity and behavioral wakefulness through interactions with Adrb2a and Pgrmc1,

while Aβ^{long} interactions with Prp drive increased sleep and a global reduction in neuronal

activity.

Pharmacological blockade of the Prp-mGluR5-Fyn kinase signalling cascade prevents sleep

induction by Aβ^{long}

One of the advantages of using the zebrafish model system is the ability to perturb Aβ signalling

cascades with small molecule inhibitors added directly to the water (Kokel et al., 2010; Rihel et

al., 2010). To further dissect the Aβ^{long}-PrP sleep-inducing pathway, we focused on disrupting

the putative signalling cascade downstream of Aβ-Prp interactions that lead to synaptic changes

in neuronal culture (Um et al., 2012) (Figure 6A). Consistent with a role for direct Aβ^{long}-Prp

interactions in sleep, soaking the larvae in Chicago Sky Blue 6B, a small molecule reported to

disrupt Aβ-PrP interactions (Risse et al., 2015), significantly abolished the sleep-inducing effect

of Aβ^{long} (Figures 6B, 6C, S7A and S7B). Similarly, pharmacological inhibition of either of the

putative Aβ-Prp downstream signalling components Metabotrobic Glutamate Receptor 5

(mGluR5) or Fyn kinase (Um et al., 2013; Um et al., 2012) significantly blocked the sleep-

inducing properties of Aβ^{long} (Figures 6D, 6E, S7C, and S7D). Both the mGluR5 inhibitor MPEP

and the Src-kinase inhibitor saracatinib even resulted in significant sleep reductions after

exposure to Aβ^{long}. Overall, these results are consistent with the effect of genetic ablation of

prp1 and *prp2*. Thus, both genetic and pharmacological interference with several steps of the Aβ-

Prp-mGluR5-Fyn kinase signalling cascade prevents the ability of Aβ^{long} to increase sleep

behavior.

DISCUSSION

Previous studies have suggested that changes in sleep during AD may further accelerate Aβ

accumulation and neuronal damage, creating a vicious cycle that leads to further neuronal

dysregulation and increased sleep-wake cycle abnormalities (Roh et al., 2012). Our results show

that Aβ can acutely increase or decrease sleep and wake behavior and brain state depending on

its oligomeric form, independently of neuronal cell death. Not only does our data identify

behaviourally relevant targets of Aβ, but the bi-directional Aβ modulation of sleep and

wakefulness (Figure 6F) predicts that alterations to the relative concentrations of different Aβ

oligomeric forms during healthy aging and AD disease progression may have opposing

consequences on sleep and wake behavior.

Distinct molecular pathways for Aβ sleep-wake regulation

We found that Aβ^{short}-triggered wakefulness required intact Adrb2a and Pgrmc1, while Aβ^{long}-

induced sleep required functional Prp signalling. These data are consistent with a model in which

Aβ directly binds to these targets to modulate downstream signalling cascades that ultimately

affect neuronal circuits that regulate behavioral state. Our results match well with previous

reports demonstrating binding preferences of Aβ dimers, trimers, and 56kDa oligomers for

different targets *in vitro*. For example, Aβ dimers, which have been detected in the brains of AD

patients (Vazquez de la Torre et al., 2018), have been shown to directly bind human ADRB2

with high-affinity, causing increased calcium influx and neuronal hyper-activation in rat

prefrontal cortical slices (Wang et al., 2010). PGRMC1 can be activated by AD brain extracts

(Izzo et al., 2014b) and also has shown preferential binding for 50-75 kDa Aβ species *in vitro*

(Izzo et al., 2014a). Both types of shorter Aβ species that bind to ADRB2 and PGRMC1 fall

within the size ranges that induce Adrb2a- and Pgrmc1-dependent wakefulness in zebrafish

larvae. Our results are also consistent with studies that have identified PrP as a direct binding

partner (Lauren et al., 2009) for longer Aβ-oligomers of 20-200 nm in length (Nicoll et al.,

2013), the size range of our sleep-inducing Aβ^{long} preparation. In neuronal culture and slice

preparations, longer Aβ-oligomers trigger reduction of synaptic strength (Lauren et al., 2009) via

a Prp signalling cascade through mGluR5 and Fyn kinase activation (Um et al., 2012). Similarly,

we found that pharmacological blockade of either the direct Aβ-Prp interaction (with Chicago

Sky Blue), mGluR5 signalling (with MPEP), Fyn kinase activity (with saracatinib), or by

mutation of the Prp receptors prevented the widespread reduction of neuronal activity and

increase in sleep that was induced by longer Aβ-oligomers.

Although triggering neuronal and behavioral changes through distinct molecular pathways,

several aspects of Aβ's effects on sleep-wake regulation remain to be elucidated. For example,

the elimination of either Adrb2a or Pgrmc1 is sufficient to fully prevent Aβ^{short}-induced

wakefulness. This suggests that Adrb2a and Pgrmc1 function in the same molecular pathway,

and signalling by Aβ on either alone is insufficient to modulate behaviour. Not much is known

about how these two receptors interact with one another, but at least one study (Roy et al., 2013)

has suggested they can directly physically interact. Whether Aβ^{short} binds both receptors to affect

behaviour or whether one receptor is an obligate component of the other's ability to transmit Aβ

signals is currently unclear. It also remains unknown if the Aβ^{short}-Adrb2a/Pgrmc1wake pathway

and the Aβ^{long}-Prp sleep pathway occur in the same or different sets of neurons to modulate

behaviour, as these receptors have widespread expression in zebrafish (Cotto et al., 2005;

Malaga-Trillo et al., 2009; Steele et al., 2011; Thisse, 2004; Wang et al., 2009). Numerous wake-

and sleep-promoting neuronal populations that could serve as neuronal targets for these

signalling cascades to drive changes in behavioral state have been uncovered in zebrafish

(Barlow and Rihel, 2017). Future experiments will be needed to tease out the neuronal

components involved, for example by replacing functional receptors into candidate neurons in

otherwise mutant animals and rescuing the responses to Aβ, or by mutating receptors selectively

in cell types with conditional genetics.

Altered Aβ oligomeric ratio—implications for sleep in health and AD

Our results predict that alterations to the ratio of Aβ oligomeric forms present in the brain will

have differential effects on sleep-wake regulation, as the balance between sleep- and wake-

promoting Aβ signals is tilted to favour one pathway over the other (Figure 6F). Given the

natural daily increase in Aβ secretion during wakefulness and increased levels of Aβ clearance

during sleep (Xie et al., 2013), changes in extracellular Aβ levels could sculpt behaviour over the

normal 24-hr circadian cycle. As Aβ burden is also acutely increased by sleep deprivation

(Shokri-Kojori et al., 2018), perturbations to the normal sleep-wake cycle may feedback on

behavior through altered Aβ signalling. Other phenomena have been reported to alter Aβ

generation and fibrilization over short time-scales. For example, temperature changes in the

physiological range (35-42°C) have been reported to significantly affect Aβ oligomerization

(Ghavami et al., 2013), suggesting that either the natural daily fluctuation in body temperature

(in humans, up to 2°C) or the induction of a fever can promote changes in amyloidogenic Aβ

generation (Szaruga et al., 2017) In addition, Aβ can act as an antimicrobial peptide (Kumar et

al., 2016; Soscia et al., 2010), and microbial infection can trigger Aβ fibrilization (Eimer et al.,

2018). Considering that infection and fever are also potent drivers of sleep (Imeri and Opp,

2009), the sleep-inducing Aβ-Prp signalling pathway we identified here could mediate recovery

sleep during illness-- a hypothesis for future investigation.

On longer timescales, the amount and type of Aβ oligomeric species (including dimers, cross-

linked dimers, trimers, and 56 kDa oligomers) found in healthy brains change across the human

life cycle (Lesne et al., 2013) and are heterogeneous and elevated in AD patients (Izzo et al.,

2014a; Kostylev et al., 2015). Although the precise makeup of Aβ species present in healthy and

AD brains has remained difficult to quantify (Benilova et al., 2012), some studies have indicated

that short (dimers, trimers) Aβ oligomers are more enriched in the early, mild cognitive

impairment (MCI) stages of AD, while longer oligomers predominate in the CSF at later clinical

stages of AD (De et al., 2019). Similarly, AD progression is associated with increasingly large

disruptions in sleep patterns, with patients exhibiting high levels of sleep fragmentation, a lack of

circadian rhythm, night-time insomnia and irregular daytime napping throughout the day

(Videnovic et al., 2014). One possibility consistent with our data is that sleep symptoms of both

normal aging and AD may reflect changes in Aβ burden that lead to an altered balance in sleep-

and wake-promoting signalling cascades. These signalling molecules might therefore be

potential therapeutic targets for treating disrupted sleep early in AD progression, which may in

turn slow disease progression.

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Materials and Methods

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Figure Legends

Figure 1. **Aβ oligomers bi-directionally affect sleep and wake in zebrafish larvae.**

A) Experimental schematic. Aβ was injected into the heart of 5 dpf larvae in the morning (ZT2=

zeitgeber time 2, i.e. 2hr after lights on). Behavior was then monitored in a square-welled 96-

well plate for 24-48 hrs on a 14hr:10hr light:dark cycle.

B) Heart-injected HiLyteTM Fluor 647-labeled Aβ42 (fAβ) penetrated the whole larval brain as

visualized by confocal microscopy (optical sections, dorsal view) taken 2 hr after injection.

Anterior is to the top.

C) Aβ prepared under increasing temperatures adopted longer oligomeric lengths, as measured

by transmission electron microscopy. Each dot is a single oligomer (N=number measured), and

the bars show the median. Data was taken from five randomly selected micrographs from two

independent experiments. **p≤0.01, ****p≤1×10^{-7} Kruskal-Wallis, Tukey-Kramer post-hoc

test.

D, E) Exemplar 24-hr traces post-injection comparing the effect of Aβ^{short} (blue) on

average waking activity (D) and sleep (E) versus Aβ^{rev} controls (grey). Ribbons represent ± the

standard error of the mean (SEM). Light and dark bars indicate the lights ON and lights

OFF periods, respectively. N= the number of larvae in each condition.

D', E') The effect of Aβ^{short} relative to Aβ^{rev} on waking (D') and sleep (E') during the first day is

shown, pooled from n=5 independent experiments. Each dot represents a single larva normalized

to the mean of the Aβ^{rev} control, and error bars indicate ± SEM. The mean difference effect size

and 95% confidence interval is plotted to the right. *$p<0.05$, $^{T}p<0.1$, one-way ANOVA.

F, G) Exemplar 24-hr traces post-injection comparing the effect of Aβ^{long} (green) on

average waking activity (F) and sleep (G) versus Aβ^{rev} controls (grey).

F', G') The effect of Aβ^{long} relative to Aβ^{rev} on waking (F') and sleep (G') during the first day is

shown, pooled from n=4 independent experiments. *$p<0.05$, **$p<0.01$, one-way ANOVA.

H, I) Exemplar 24-hr traces post-injection comparing the effect of Aβ$^{v\_long}$ (magenta) on

average waking activity (H) and sleep (I) versus Aβ reverse peptide controls (grey).

H', I') The effect of Aβ$^{v\_long}$ relative to Aβ^{rev} on waking (H') and sleep (I') during the first day is

shown, pooled from n=3 independent experiments.

J) The effect of different Aβ preparations on the number of sleep bouts relative to Aβ^{rev} controls.

The difference effect size and 95% confidence interval is plotted below. The asterisks indicate

statistically significant different effects among the preps (***$p<0.001$, one-way ANOVA).

Figure 2. Aβ oligomers differentially alter neuronal activity in the larval zebrafish brain.

A) As detected by ISH, the immediate early gene *c-fos* is upregulated in many larval brain areas

following Aβ^{short} injection, including the dorsal and ventral telencephalon (Tel) and the

posterior hypothalamus (black arrowheads), relative to Aβ reverse control injections. Hyp-

Hypothalamus; Hb- Hindbrain. D=dorsal, P=Posterior, R=Right. n=blind counts of brains with

the shown expression pattern/ total brains. 24/43 stringently counts only brains with all three

areas upregulated.

B) Compared to Aβ^{rev} injections, Aβ^{long} oligomers induce less *c-fos* expression. The Aβ^{rev} and

Aβ^{long} treated brains were stained longer than in panel A) to ensure detection of weaker *c-fos*

expression. n =blind counts of number of brains with the shown expression /total brains.

C-C') Brain expression of the neuronal activity correlate pERK/tERK comparing Aβ^{short} (n =6)

to Aβ^{rev} (n = 5) injected larvae identified areas upregulated (green) and downregulated (magenta)

by Aβ^{short}. Data are shown as a thresholded maximum projection overlaid on the Z-Brain Atlas

tERK reference (gray). White arrowheads indicate regions in the ventral telencephalon and

posterior hypothalamus that are upregulated similar to *c-fos* in A). Dorsal view in C), lateral

view in C').

D-D') pERK/tERK expression after Aβ^{long} injections (n=7) shows widespread downregulation of

neuronal activity (magenta) compared to Aβ^{rev} controls (n=7), consistent with *c-fos* data in B.

Dorsal view in D), lateral view in D').

Figure 3. Wake induction by Aβ^{short} requires Adrb2a and Pgrmc1, but not the Prion

Protein.

A-D') Exemplar 24-hr traces comparing the effects of Aβ^{short} oligomers on average waking

activity (A-D) and sleep (A'-D') versus Aβ^{rev} injected into wild type (A,A'), *adrb2a$^{-/-}$* (B,B'),

pgrmc1$^{-/-}$ (C,C'), and *prp1$^{-/-}$;prp2$^{-/-}$* mutants (D,D').

E-H) The effect of Aβ^{short} relative to Aβ^{rev} on normalized waking activity (E and F) and sleep (G

and H) during the first day is shown. Each dot represents a single larva normalized to the mean

of the Aβ^{rev} control, and error bars indicate ± SEM. The mean difference effect size and 95%

confidence interval are plotted below. N= the number of larvae. The wake inducing and sleep

suppressing effects of Aβ^{short} is absent in (E,G) *adrb2a$^{-/-}$* and *pgrmc1$^{-/-}$* but enhanced in *prp1$^{-/-}$*

;*prp2$^{-/-}$* mutants (F,H). ^{ns}p>0.05, *p≤0.05, **p≤0.01, ***p≤0.0001, ****p≤10^{-5} one-way

ANOVA. Data is pooled from n=2 independent experiments for *adrb2a$^{-/-}$* and *pgrmc1$^{-/-}$* and

n=3 for *prp1$^{-/-}$*;*prp2$^{-/-}$*.

Figure 4. Sleep induction by Aβ^{long} requires signalling through Prion Protein

A-B') Exemplar 24-hr traces comparing the effects of Aβ^{long} oligomers on average waking

activity (A,B) and sleep (A'-B') versus Aβ^{rev} on wild type (A,A'), and *prp1$^{-/-}$*;*prp2$^{-/-}$* mutant

(B,B') backgrounds.

C-D) The effect of Aβ^{long} relative to Aβ^{rev} on normalized waking (C) and sleep (D) on wild type

and *prp1$^{-/-}$*;*prp2$^{-/-}$* mutant backgrounds (mixed *prp3* background) during the first day is shown.

The activity reducing (C) and sleep promoting (D) effect of Aβ^{long} is blocked in *prp1$^{-/-}$*;*prp2$^{-/-}$*

mutants. **p≤0.01, ****p≤10^{-5} one-way ANOVA. Data is pooled from n=3 independent

experiments.

Figure 5. Neuronal activity after exposure to Aβ preparations is altered in mutants of Aβ

binding targets

A) After Aβ^{short} injection into WT larvae (top right), *c-fos* is detected in many larval brain areas,

including the dorsal and ventral telencephalon and posterior hypothalamus (black arrowheads),

but not after injection of Aβ reverse controls (left). In contrast, Aβ^{short} injections into either

adrb2a$^{-/-}$ (middle right) or *pgrmc1*$^{-/-}$ mutants do not induce *c-fos* expression. The brains in the

middle and lower panels were stained longer than the WT (+/+) brains to ensure detection of

weaker expression. D=dorsal, P=Posterior. n =blinded counts of brains with expression pattern/

total brains.

B) Compared to Aβ^{rev} injections, Aβ^{long} oligomers induce less *c-fos* expression in WT larvae (top

panels). In contrast, Aβ^{long} induced relatively increased *c-fos* expression in the telencephalon and

posterior hypothalamus (black arrows) in the *prp1*$^{-/-}$, *prp* $^{-/-}$ double mutants. These Aβ^{rev} and

Aβ^{long} treated brains were stained longer to ensure detection of weaker *c-fos* expression.

D=dorsal, P=Posterior.

Figure 6. Pharmacological blockade of the Aβ^{long}-Prp-MgluR5-Fyn Kinase signalling

cascade prevents increases in sleep.

A) Schematic showing how Aβ–Prp interactions signal through mGluR5 to activate Fyn kinase,

leading to synaptic changes (Nygaard et al., 2014). Small molecules that block each step in the

pathway are indicated.

B) Representative traces of sleep behavior after Aβ^{long} versus Aβ^{rev} injections in the absence

(left) or presence (right) of the Aβ-Prion binding disruptor, Chicago Sky Blue (3nM).

C) The effect of $A\beta^{long}$ relative to $A\beta^{rev}$ on normalized sleep during the first day in the in the

absence or presence of 3nM Chicago Sky Blue. The data is pooled from n= 2 independent

experiments **p≤0.01, one-way ANOVA.

D) Representative traces of sleep behavior after $A\beta^{long}$ versus $A\beta^{rev}$ injections in the presence of

mGluR5 inhibitor MPEP (5uM, left) and Fyn Kinase inhibitor saracatinib (300 nM, right).

Ribbons represent ± SEM.

E) The effect of $A\beta^{long}$ relative to $A\beta^{rev}$ on normalized sleep during the first day in the in the

absence or presence of 5 uM MPEP (left) and 300 nM saracatinib (right). Each dot represents a

single larva normalized to the mean $A\beta^{rev}$. Data is pooled from 2 independent experiments.

**p≤0.01, ****p≤10^{-5} one-way ANOVA.

F) A bi-directional model for sleep/wake regulation by Aβ. In wild type animals

(centre), injection of $A\beta^{short}$ species signal through Adrb2a/Pgrmc1 to drive wakefulness while

$A\beta^{long}$ oligomers signal via Prp to induce sleep. In mutants that lack Prp (left), only $A\beta^{short}$

species (as shown by the overlapping distributions) remain to inhibit sleep with no residual

$A\beta^{long}$ oligomers to stimulate the sleep-inducing pathway to counteract wake-inducing signals.

Thus *prp1$^{-/-}$; prp2$^{-/-}$* mutants have enhanced wakefulness in response to Aβ. Conversely, mutants

that lack Adrb2a/Pgrmc1 (right), retain only the sleep-promoting Aβ pathway and fail to increase

wakefulness in response to $A\beta^{short}$.

STAR Methods

Zebrafish strains and husbandry

Zebrafish (Danio rerio) were raised under standard conditions at 28°C in a 14:10 light:dark

cycle and all zebrafish experiments and husbandry followed standard protocols of the UCL

Zebrafish Facility. AB, TL and ABxTup wild-type strains were used in this study. *prp1*

(ua5003/ua5003), *prp2* (ua5001/5001), *adrb2a (*u511/u511) and *pgrmc1 (*u512/u512*)* mutants

were outcrossed multiple times and *pgrmc1* F2 and *adrb2a* F2 generations were used for

behaviour. Ethical approval for zebrafish experiments was obtained from the Home Office

UK under the Animal Scientific Procedures Act 1986 with Project licence numbers 70/7612

and PA8D4D0E5 to JR.

Aβ preparations

HFIP treated Aβ42 peptide (JPT Peptide Technologies) and Aβ42-1 reversed peptide (Sigma)

were dissolved in DMSO, vortexed occasionally for 12 min at room temperature and sonicated

for 5 min to obtain 100 μM solution. The stock solutions were aliquoted as 5 μl in individual

tubes and are kept are -80°C. 1 μl of the 100 μM stock was diluted in (Phosphate buffered saline)

PBS to yield 10 μM solutions which were incubated at 4°C, 25°C or 37°C for 24 hours

(Kusumoto et al., 1998; Orban et al., 2010; Whitcomb et al., 2015). 1 hour before injecting, this

stock was diluted to 10 nM using 1:10 serial dilutions in PBS and kept at the respective

temperature (4°C, 25°C, 37°C) until injecting.

Transmission Electron Microscopy (TEM)

1 μl of (4°C, 25°C or 37°C incubated) 10 μM Aβ solution was loaded onto formvar/carbon

coated 300 mesh grids from Agar Scientific. The grid was washed twice in 20 mM phosphate

buffer for 10 seconds and negatively stained in 2% aqueous uranyl acetate for 30 seconds. After

drying for 2-3 days, samples were imaged using a Phillips TEM. At least 5 micrographs were

used for each condition to blindly measure the length of the Aβ42 oligomeric structures using at

least 30 measurements/condition. Using FIJI, 30-50 measurements were taken for each condition

by drawing a free-hand line on the fibril, which was then scaled using the scale bar.

Heart injections

Injections were carried out blindly with a Pneumatic PicoPump (WPI) and glass capillary

needles (Science Products Gmbh) prepared with a Micropipette Puller (Shutter Instruments). 5

dpf larvae were anesthetized using 4%Tricaine (42 mg/L, Sigma) 30 min before injections.

Larvae were immobilized in 1.8 % low melting point agarose (ThermoFischer) in fish water on

their sides on a slide. 1 nL of Aβ (10 nM starting concentration) was injected into the heart

chamber of the fish along with a high molecular weight fluorescent dye (2000 kDa dextran-

conjugated FITC (3 mg/ml, Sigma). We estimate that 1 nl of a 10 nM Aβ injection into a ~3.01

(±0.16) x10^8 µm^3 (285-317 nL) 5dpf larva[43] yields a final monomeric brain/CSF concentration of

~28-32 pM. The success of the injection was checked under a standard fluorescent scope by the

presence of fluorescence in the heart of the animal. Larvae were transferred to fresh fish water

for 20 min to recover from Tricaine and transferred to sleep/wake behaviour box. For drug

blocking experiments, zebrafish larvae were soaked into 3 nM Chicago Sky Blue 6B (Sigma), 5

µM MPEP (Cambridge Biosciences), 300 nM Saracatinib (Generon) 1 day before the injections

(from 4-5 dpf). Fluorescently tagged HiLyte™ Fluor 647-labeled Aβ42 (Eurogentech LTD) was

injected at 10 µM.

 Behavioural experiments

Larval zebrafish behavioural experiments were performed and analysed as described (Rihel et

al., 2010). Briefly, 5 dpf larvae were transferred to 96 square-well plates and continuously

illuminated with IR and white lights from 9 am to 11 pm in a Zebrabox (Viewpoint life sciences)

for 24-48 hours. The movement of each larva was measured and duration of movement was

recorded with an integration time of 10 sec. Data were processed using custom PERL and

MATLAB (The Mathworks, R2015a) scripts, and statistical tests were performed using

MATLAB. Mutant larval zebrafish experiments were performed on siblings from

heterozygous in-crosses, differing only in the mutation of the specific gene and genotyped at

the end of the experiment.

In situ hybridization

RNA in situ hybridization (ISH) to detect *c-fos* was performed as described (Thisse and Thisse,

2008). Zebrafish larvae were fixed in 4% paraformaldehyde in PBS at 4°C overnight. A

template for *in vitro* transcription was generated by PCR using a reverse primer that contains

a T7 promoter sequence 5'-TAATACGACTCACTATAGGG-3' from cDNA. A digoxygenin

(DIG)-labelled antisense RNA probe was synthesized using the DIG labelling kit (Roche) and

T7 RNA polymerase according to the manufacturer's recommendations. The probe was

detected with anti-DIG-AP antibody (1:2,000, Roche) and nitro-blue tetrazolium chloride

(NBT)/5-bromo-4-chloro-3′-indolyphosphate (BCIP) substrate (Roche) according to published

protocols. To detect the differences in expression between the mutant backgrounds and WTs

after $A\beta^{short}$ and $A\beta^{long}$ injection, lavae were incubated and washed in the same tubes

throughout the ISH procedure to avoid staining artefacts. To do this, larvae from different

genotypes were marked by cutting the tail to allow identification after ISH. The brains were

exposed by dissection, keeping the brain and spinal cord intact. Embryos were stored in 60%

glycerol/PBS for imaging.

KASP genotyping

For rapid genotyping of mutant zebrafish harbouring the *adrb2aΔ8* and *pgrmc1Δ16* alleles, a

mutant allele-specific forward primer, a wild-type allele-specific forward primer and a

common reverse primer were used (LGC Genomics). The primer sequences were targeted

against the following;

adrb2a

5'TTTTACTACTTACTGTTTGCACAAACCTATGTTAACTGTGTTAACGTGTTTTCTTCT

GCTTTTCTTTCTTGATCTCTGTCAGGTCATGGGAAACATAAGGTCCTCAATACC**[CGA**

AGATC/-]TTATCTGTCCAAACAATACTAATGCCTCCACCAAAAGCGAACTACAGATG

ACAGTGCTGGGCACACTCATGTCCATTCTTGTCTTGATCATCGTCTTTGGCAATGTGA

TGGTGATTACAGCCA-3'

pgrmc1:

5'ATGGCTGAAGAAGCAGTCGAGCAAACTTCTGGAATCCTTCAGGAAATTTTCACGT

CGCCACTGAACATCAGTTTGCTATGTCTTTGTTTGTTCCTACTTTACAAAATCATCCG

CGGAGACAAGCC**[TGCAGACTATGGCCCG/-]**GYTGAGGAGCCGCTGCCCAAACT

CAAGAAAAGAGATTTYACTTTAGCAGATCTGCAAGAGTACGATGGACTGAAAAACC

CAAGAATCCTGATGGCTGTCAACGGG-3'

where [x/-] indicates the indel difference in [WT/mutant]. PCR amplification was performed

using KASP Master mix (LGC Genomics) according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Fluorescence was read on a CFX96 Touch Real-Time PCR Detection System (Bio-Rad) and

the allelic discrimination plot generated using Bio-Rad CFX Manager Software.

Time lapse confocal microscopy

Three Casper larvae at 5 dpf were mounted dorsally on a slide in 1.5% agarose. 10 nl of Aβ42-

Hi488 was intra-cardiac injected to embryos, control fish were untreated. Fish were imaged for 6

min taking 2 μm thick stacks through the whole brain using a confocal microscope (Leica SP8).

Each fish was imaged every 20 mins for 8 hours.

pERK/tERK staining and activity Mapping

Larvae were fixed overnight at 4°C in 4% paraformaldehyde (PFA) and 4% sucrose in PBS;

permeabilized 45 min in 0.05% trypsin-EDTA on ice; blocked 6 hr at room temperature (RT) in

phosphate buffered saline plus 0.05% Triton (PBT) plus 2% normal goat serum, 1% BSA, and

1% DMSO; and then incubated over sequential nights at 4°C in primary antibodies (Cell

Signaling Technology 4370 and 4696; 1:500) and secondary antibodies conjugated with Alexa

fluorophores (Life Technologies; 1:200) in PBT plus 1% BSA and 1% DMSO.

Larvae were mounted in 1.5% low melt agarose and imaged with a custom two-photon

microscope (Bruker; Prairie View software) with a 203 water immersion objective (Olympus).

Images were noise filtered using a custom MATLAB (The MathWorks) scripts and registered

into Z-Brain using the Computational Morphometry Toolkit

(http://www.nitrc.org/projects/cmtk/) with the command string: -a -w -r 0102 -l af -X 52 -C 8 -G

80 -R 3 -A "–accuracy 0.4 –auto-multi-levels 4" -W "–accuracy 1.6" -T 4. Registered images

were prepared using a custom MATLAB/MIJ (http://bigwww.epfl.ch/sage/soft/mij/) script to

downsize, blur, and adjust the maximum brightness of each stack to the top 0.1% of pixel

intensities to preserve dynamic range. Activity maps were generated using MATLAB

scripts(Randlett et al., 2015).

Crispr/Cas9 mutant generation

The CRISPR design tool CHOPCHOP (http://chopchop.cbu.uib.no) was used to identify a target

region in zebrafish *adrb2a* and *pgrmc1*(Labun et al., 2019).The gene specific oligomers were

ordered from Thermofisher including the 5' and 3' tags:

For *adrb2a*:

5'ATTTAGGTGACACTATA<u>GTTTGGACAGATAAGATCTT</u>GTTTTAGAGCTAGAAATAG

CAAG-3'

For *pgrmc1*:

5'ATTTAGGTGACACTATA<u>TGCAGACTATGGCCCGGTTG</u>GTTTTAGAGCTAGAAATAG

CAAG-3'

Constant oligomer:

5'AAAAGCACCGACTCGGTGCCACTTTTTCAAGTTGATAACGGACTAGCCTTATTTTA

ACTTGCTATTTCT AGCTCTAAAAC-3'

The constant oligomer and the gene specific oligomer were annealed on a PCR machine and

filled in using T4 DNA polymerase (NEB) (Gagnon et al., 2014). The template was cleaned up

using a PCR clean-up column (Qiaquick) and the product was verified on a 2% agarose gel. The

sgRNA was transcribed from this DNA template using Ambion MEGAscript SP6 kit (Gagnon et

al., 2014). Cas9 mRNA and the purified sgRNA were co-injected into one-cell stage embryos at

a concentration of 200□ng and 100□ng per embryo, respectively.

Caspase-3 staining

5dpf larvae that were injected with Aβ oligomers or soaked in Camptothecin (1μM; Sigma

Aldrich) were fixed 5 hours after injection/drug treatment in 4% PFA and kept overnight at 4□.

Brains were dissected and dehydrated next day and were washed 3 times in PDT buffer

(0.3 Triton-X in PBST with 1% DMSO) and incubated with Caspase-3 antibody (1:500; BD

Biosciences) at 4□. The brains were incubated with Alexa Fluor 568 goat anti-rabbit antibody

(1:200; Invitrogen) next day at 4□ overnight and imaged using a confocal microscope.

Statistical Analyses
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For data analyses we used a Gardner-Altman estimation plot, which visualizes the effect size and

displays an experimental dataset's complete statistical information (Ho et al., 2019). The

bootstrapped 95% confidence interval (CI) is calculated from 10,000 bootstrapped resamples (Ho

et al., 2019).

Details of statistics used in each panel are also described in the figure legend. For multiple

comparisons, data was first tested for normality by the Kogloromov-Smirnov (KS) statistic and

extreme outliers were discarded by Grubb's test ($p \leq 0.01$). Those that violated normality were

analysed with the non-parametric Kruskal-Wallis test, with either Tukey-Kramer or Bonferonni

post hoc testing; otherwise, data was analysed with one-way ANOVA followed by Tukey's post-

hoc testing. For dose response curves, a two-way ANOVA was performed to test the interaction

effects between preparation type and dose. For return to baseline statistics, paired t-tests were

performed. Survival curves were analysed with Kaplan-Meier log rank test. All statistical tests

and graphs were generated in MATLAB (R2015a) loaded with the Statistical Toolbox. Injection

and tracking experiments were performed blinded.

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Supplemental Information

Figure S1. **Aβ oligomers exert dose-dependent, short-term effects on zebrafish sleep**

A) Same images from Figure 1B, highlighting the region of interest in the telencephalon for

fluorescence intensity measurements in B. Anterior is to the top, dorsal view.

B) Heart-injected fluorescently-tagged Aβ (black) penetrates the brain within 1 hr and peaks in

concentration 2-3 hr post-injection. Cyan shows background fluorescence of a negative control.

The shaded area shows ± standard deviation from 3 independent injections.

C) Electron micrographs of Aβ oligomers formed after 24 hr incubation at $4^{o}C$, $25^{o}C$, $37^{o}C$, and

$Aβ^{arctic}$ incubated at $25^{o}C$ for 2 hr (as a positive control). The color code is used throughout the

main and supplementary figures. Scale bar = 100 nm

D) The $Aβ^{short}$ (blue) and $Aβ^{long}$ (green) have opposing, dose-dependent effects on average

waking activity, normalized to $Aβ^{rev}$ injections. The error bars represent ± the SEM. doseXprep

interaction *$p≤0.05$, ****$p≤0.0001$ two-way ANOVA, Fisher's least significant difference post

hoc test. $p≤0.001$, prep effect (plotted in F).

E) $Aβ^{short}$ (blue) and $Aβ^{long}$ (green) have opposing, dose-dependent effects on sleep. doseXprep

interaction, two-way ANOVA, *$p≤0.05$, Fisher's least significant difference post hoc test.

$p≤0.05$, prep effect (plotted in G). Based on the data in D-E, 10nM was chosen as the

concentration for all subsequent Aβ injection experiments.

F) The waking activity for each larva in D, normalized to $Aβ^{rev}$ injections and plotted to

emphasize the significant effect of the preparation irrespective of dose ($p<0.001$, two-way

ANOVA).

G) Sleep for each larva in D, $Aβ^{rev}$ injections and plotted to emphasize the significant effect of

the preparation ($p<0.001$, two-way ANOVA).

H) Sleep plot after vehicle injection (PBS, magenta trace) and immediate tracking compared to

larvae that had acclimated to the apparatus for 24 hrs (black trace). The ribbons represent ± the

SEM. Gold stars flag significantly different timepoints ($p<0.05$, repeated measures ANOVA) and

were used to determine the window for calculating the evening-only effects of Aβ injections.

I) Calculating Aβ injection effects across the whole day or only in the evening window (data

from Figure 1) has minimal effect on the analysis of Aβ^{short} or Aβ^{long}. The only exception is for

the reduction in sleep by Aβ^{short}, due to a flooring effect.

J-M) The effects of Aβ^{short} (J,K) and Aβ^{long} (L,M) on waking activity (top) and sleep (bottom)

return to baseline after 24hr. Shown in J and L are traces for 48 hours post-injection on a

14hr:10hr light:dark cycle (indicated by the white and black bars). The ribbons represent ± the

SEM. Plotted in K and M are the percent change induced by Aβ relative to Aβ^{rev} for day 1 versus

day 2, demonstrating that these parameters return to baseline (*$p≤0.01$, paired t-test). Each line

represents a single larva, the thicker line represents the mean ± SEM.

Figure S2. Aβ exposure does not increase neuronal cell death and does not alter survival

into adulthood.

A) Dorsal and ventral views of representative 5 dpf larval brains stained for Caspase-3 activation

(purple) to map apoptosis. Exposure to the topoisomerase inhibitor camptothecin (CPT, 1µM),

which induces apoptosis, serves as a positive control. DAPI stains nuclei in white for reference.

Anterior is to the left.

B,C) Quantification of the number of Caspase-3 positive cells after exposure to 1µM CPT or Aβ

oligomer injections (n=5 brains for each condition, B-dorsal, C-ventral). Only CPT significantly

increased apoptosis relative to Aβ^{rev}. ns, $p>0.05$, one-way ANOVA, Tukey's post-hoc test.

D) Survival curves to adulthood after 5dpf injection of Aβ oligomers. There are no significant

differences among survival curves, p>0.05, Kaplan-Meier log rank test.

Figure S3. Crispr/Cas9 targeting of zebrafish *adrb2a* and *pgrmc1*

A) Human PGRMC1and zebrafish Pgrmc1 contain a conserved Transmembrane (TM) domain

(yellow) and a Cytochrome b5-like Heme/Steroid binding domain (blue).

B) Protein alignment of zebrafish Pgrmc1 to human PGRMC1. Identical residues are marked in

black, similar residues in grey.

C) Crispr-Cas9 targeting of *pgrmc1* generated an allele with a 16bp deletion. The PAM sequence

is indicated in red.

D) The predicted translation of *pgrmc1* Δ16 leads to a premature stop codon.

E) Protein alignment of zebrafish Adrb2a and Adrb2b to human ADRB2. Identical residues are

marked in black, similar residues in grey. The N-terminal region (pink) is the putative Aβ

binding region. The C-terminal region is in green.

F) Crispr-Cas9 targeting of *adrb2a* generated an allele with an 8bp deletion. The PAM sequence

is indicated in red.

G) The predicted translation of *adrb2a*Δ8 leads to a premature stop codon lacking all functional

domains.

Figure S4. *adrb2a* and *pgrmc1* mutations have small effects on baseline sleep:wake

parameters.

A-C') Sleep and waking activity plots for larvae from *pgrmc1*$^{+/-}$ in-crosses. A,A') show

representative 48hr traces for the indicated genotypes. The ribbon represents ± SEM. B-C')

Sleep and waking activity for each larva for all genotypes are plotted. The error bars represent

the mean ± SEM. There is a trend to decreased waking activity in *pgrmc1*[-/-] mutants compared to

wild type siblings. p=0.07, Kruskal-Wallis, Tukey-Kramer post-hoc.

D-F') Sleep and waking activity plots for larvae from *adrb2a*[+/-] in-crosses. D,D') show 48 hr

traces for all three genotypes. The ribbon represents ± SEM. E-F') Sleep and waking activity for

the day and night are plotted for each larva. The error bars represent the mean ± SEM. Compared

to both wild type and heterozygous siblings, *adrb2a*[-/-] mutants have increased sleep during the

day. *p≤0.05, Kruskal-Wallis, Tukey-Kramer post-hoc.

Figure S5. Relationship among zebrafish *prp* genes with Aβ binding sites

A) Schematic comparing zebrafish Prp1-3 proteins to human Prp. SP, signal peptide (dark grey);

R, repetitive region (blue); HD, hydrophobic domain (yellow); N, glycosylation sites (black

lines); GPI anchor residue (triangle); hydrophobic tail (coral). Aβ oligomer binding regions are

shown in red. Breakpoints at repetitive regions indicate length variation. Adapted from (Cotto et

al., 2005).

B) Protein alignments of zebrafish Prp1, Prp2, and Prp3 proteins to human and mouse Prp

proteins. Identical residues are marked in black, similar residues in grey. Aβ oligomer binding

sites are indicated in red. The site of truncation mutations in *prp1* and *prp2* mutants are indicated

with a triangle.

Figure S6. *prp* double mutants do not affect baseline sleep or wake across the day:night

cycle.

A-C') Sleep and waking activity plots for larvae from *prp1*[+/-]; *prp2*[+/-] in-crosses. A,A') show

representative 48hr traces for the indicated genotypes. The ribbon represents ± SEM. B-C')

Sleep and waking activity for each larva for all genotypes are plotted. The error bars represent

the mean ± SEM.

D-F') Sleep and waking activity plots for larvae from *prp1*$^{+/-}$*;prp2*$^{-/-}$ in-crosses. D, D') show 48

hr traces for all three genotypes. The ribbon represents ± SEM. E-F') Sleep and waking activity

for the day and night are plotted for each larva. The error bars represent the mean ± SEM.

Figure S7. Pharmacological blockade of the AB^{long}-Prp-MgluR5-Fyn Kinase signalling

cascade prevents reductions in waking activity

A) Representative traces of waking activity after Aβ^{long} versus Aβ^{rev} injections in wild type

larvae in the absence (left) or presence (right) of the Aβ-Prp binding disruptor, Chicago Sky Blue

(3nM). The data are from the same injections as in Figures 6B. Ribbons represent ± SEM. Light

and dark bars indicate the lights ON and lights OFF periods, respectively.

B) The change in normalized waking activity induced by Aβ^{long} versus Aβ^{rev} control injections in

the absence or presence of 3nM Chicago Sky Blue. Each dot represents a single larva and error

bars indicate ± SEM. The mean difference effect size and 95% confidence interval is plotted at

the bottom. N= the number of larvae in each group. **p≤0.01, Kruskal-Wallis, Tukey-Kramer

post hoc.

C) Representative traces of sleep behaviour after Aβ^{long} versus Aβ^{rev} injections (left) in the

presence of the mGluR5 inhibitor, MPEP (5 μM) and (right) Src-kinase inhibitor, saracatinib

(300nM). Ribbons represent ± SEM. The data are from the same injections as in Fig. 6D.

D) The change in sleep induced by $A\beta^{long}$ relative to $A\beta^{rev}$ control injections in the presence of

MPEP (5 µM) and (300nM) saracatinib. $*p \leq 0.05$, $**p \leq 0.01$, Kruskal-Wallis, Tukey-Kramer post

hoc.

Supplementary Data 1. MAP-Mapping of brain areas that are significantly up- and down-

regulated in P-ERK levels in response to Aβ^{short}

Supplementary Data 2. MAP-Mapping of brain areas that are significantly up- and down-

regulated in P-ERK levels in response to Aβ^{short}

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Figure 6

A +fAβ

-control

B

C 4°C 25°C 37°C Arctic

D Waking Activity

Aβ^short
Aβ^long

E Sleep

F Waking Activity p<0.001

G Sleep p<0.05

H PBS injected
Day Before

I

Short			Effect Size	Lower	Upper	p-value
Wake	full day		0.1279	0.0086	0.2446	0.037
	evening		0.1132	0.02102	0.20294	0.008
Sleep	full day		-0.1549	-0.3868	0.0813	p>0.05
	evening		0.047	-0.1777	0.271	p>0.05
Long						
Wake	full day		-0.1126	-0.21088	-0.01689	0.025
	evening		-0.1698	-0.24438	-0.09838	1.32E-05
Sleep	full day		0.4715	0.2053	0.7552	0.001
	evening		1.038	0.4592	1.6421	0.002

J Aβ^rev N=10
Aβ^short N=12

K Aβ^short/Aβ^rev p<0.01

L Aβ^rev N=10
Aβ^long N=20

M Aβ^long/Aβ^rev p<0.01

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