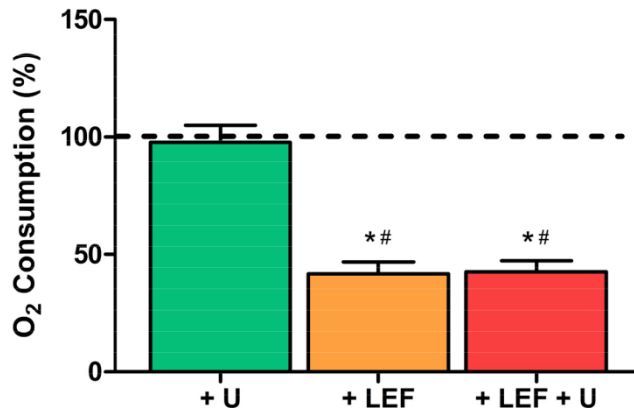
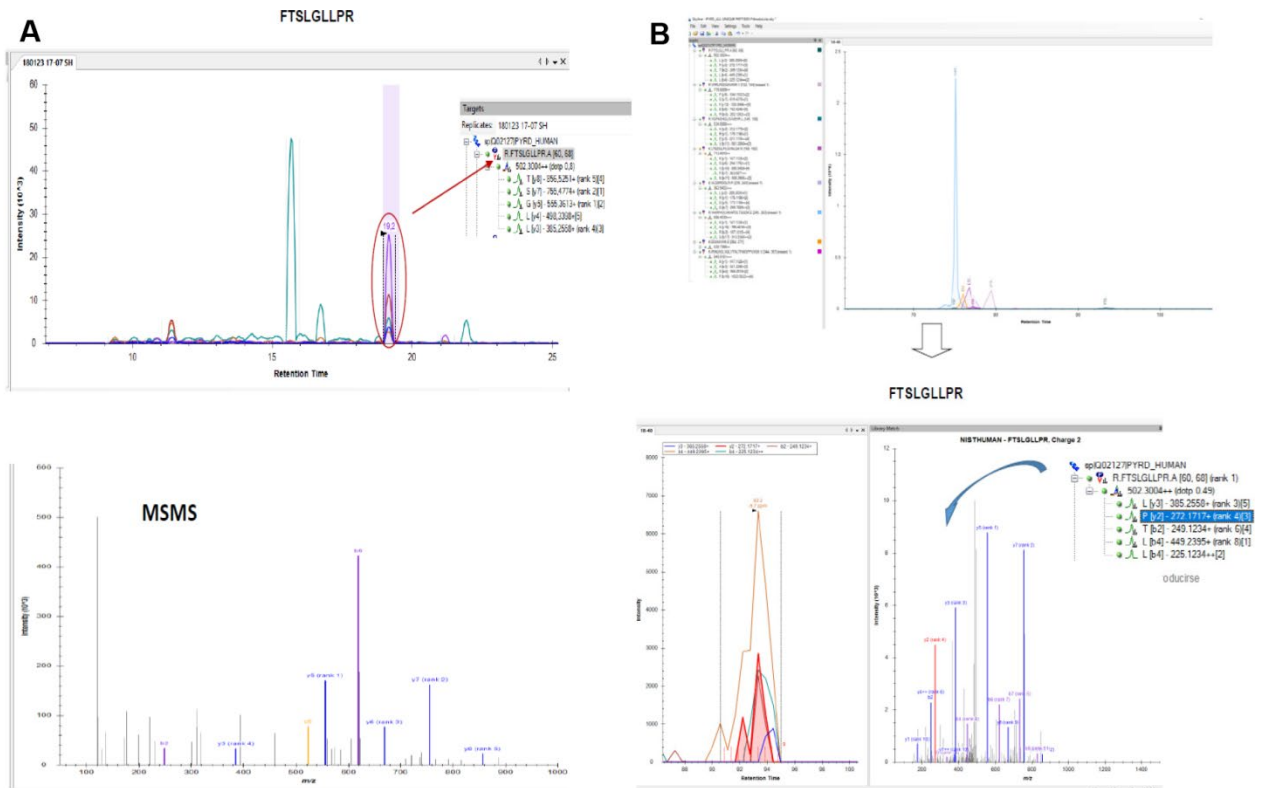


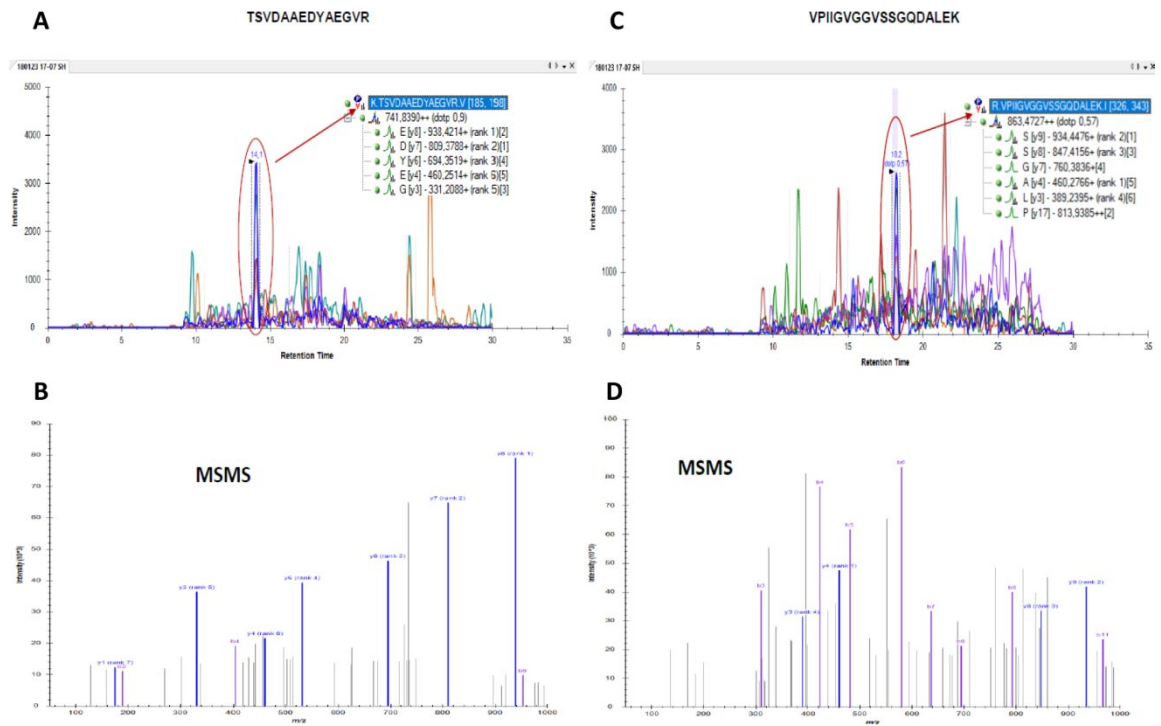
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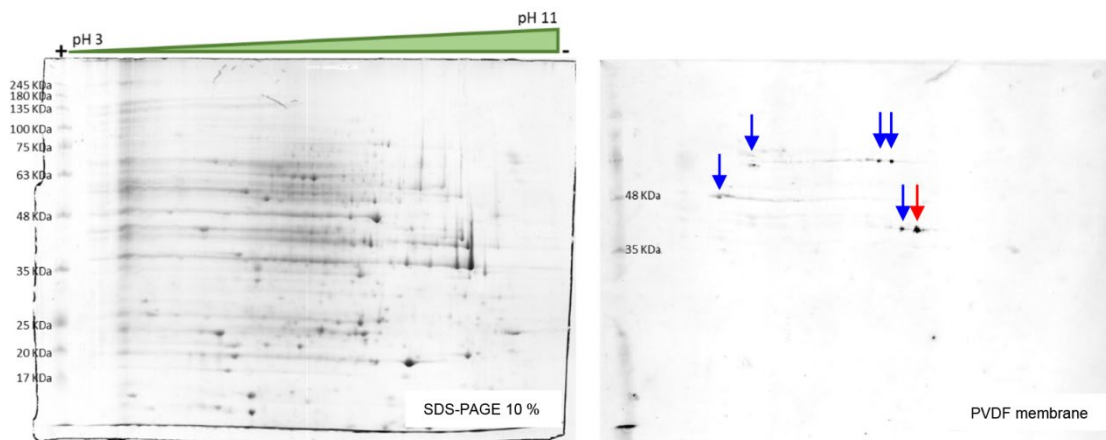
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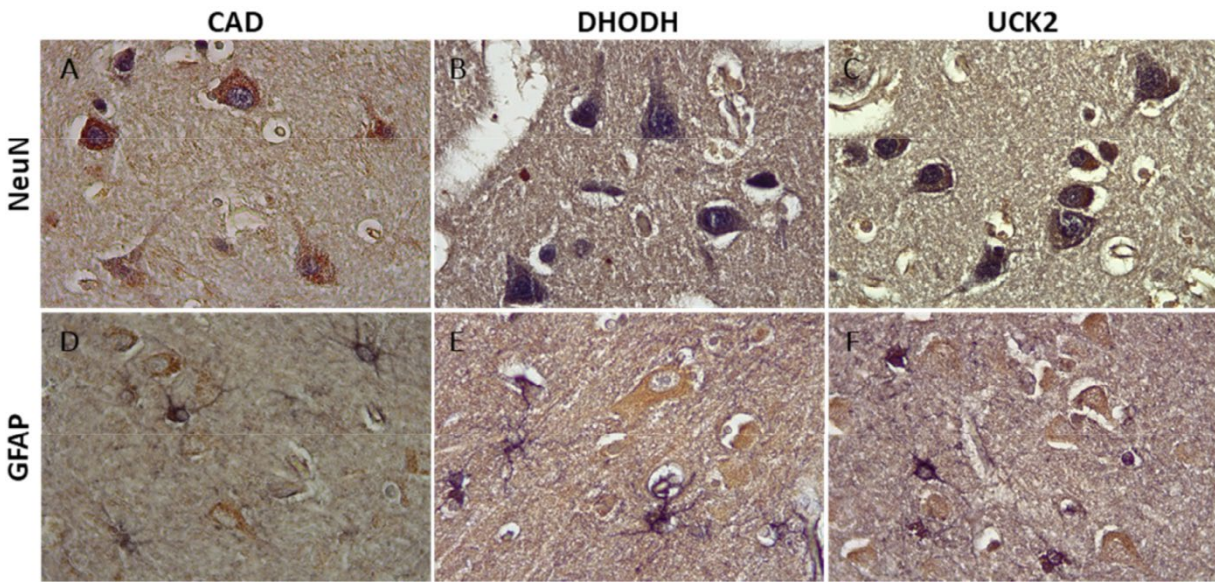
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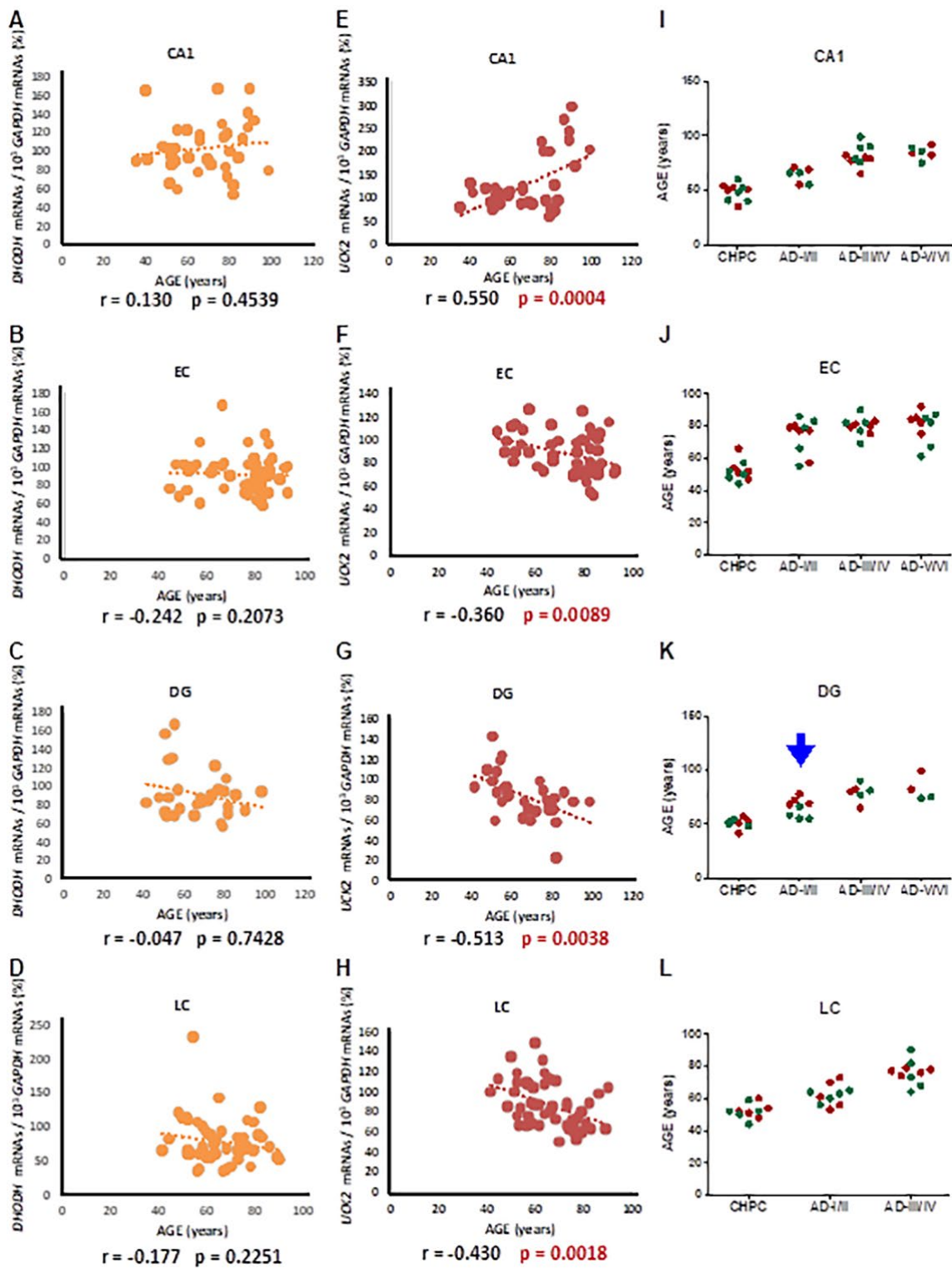
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Supplemental Figure 4. 2D-western blot analysis of the adult human brain. (A) SDS-PAGE 10 % results. (B) PVDF membrane showing the selected spots for peptide mass fingerprinting (blue and red arrows) and parallel reaction monitoring (PRM) (red arrow) proteomics analyses.



Supplementary Figure 5. Neuronal location of enzymes for *de novo* pyrimidine biosynthesis (CAD and DHODH) and salvage (UCK2) pathways. Representative immunohistochemical images of CAD (A, D), DHODH (B, E) and UCK2 (C, F) in frontal cortex of human brain, where neuronal cytoplasm is stained brown. The neuronal nucleus (NeuN, blue stain, A–C) and astrocyte cytosol (GFAP, blue stain, D–F) markers are also indicated. (63 x).



Supplementary Figure 6. mRNA expression by age and AD stages. Correlation between *DHODH* (A–D) or *UCK2* (E–H) mRNA levels with age. *GAPDH* mRNA levels have been used to normalize. Correlation coefficients and p values are shown in the graphs. (I–L) Age distribution, according to *UCK2* mRNA levels, in different AD stages. Green and red dots indicate higher and lower half *UCK2* mRNA levels, respectively. Blue arrow in panel K indicates separation by age between individuals with higher and lower *UCK2* mRNA levels. CA1: hippocampal cornus ammon 1; EC: entorhinal cortex; DG: dentate gyrus; LC: locus ceruleus.