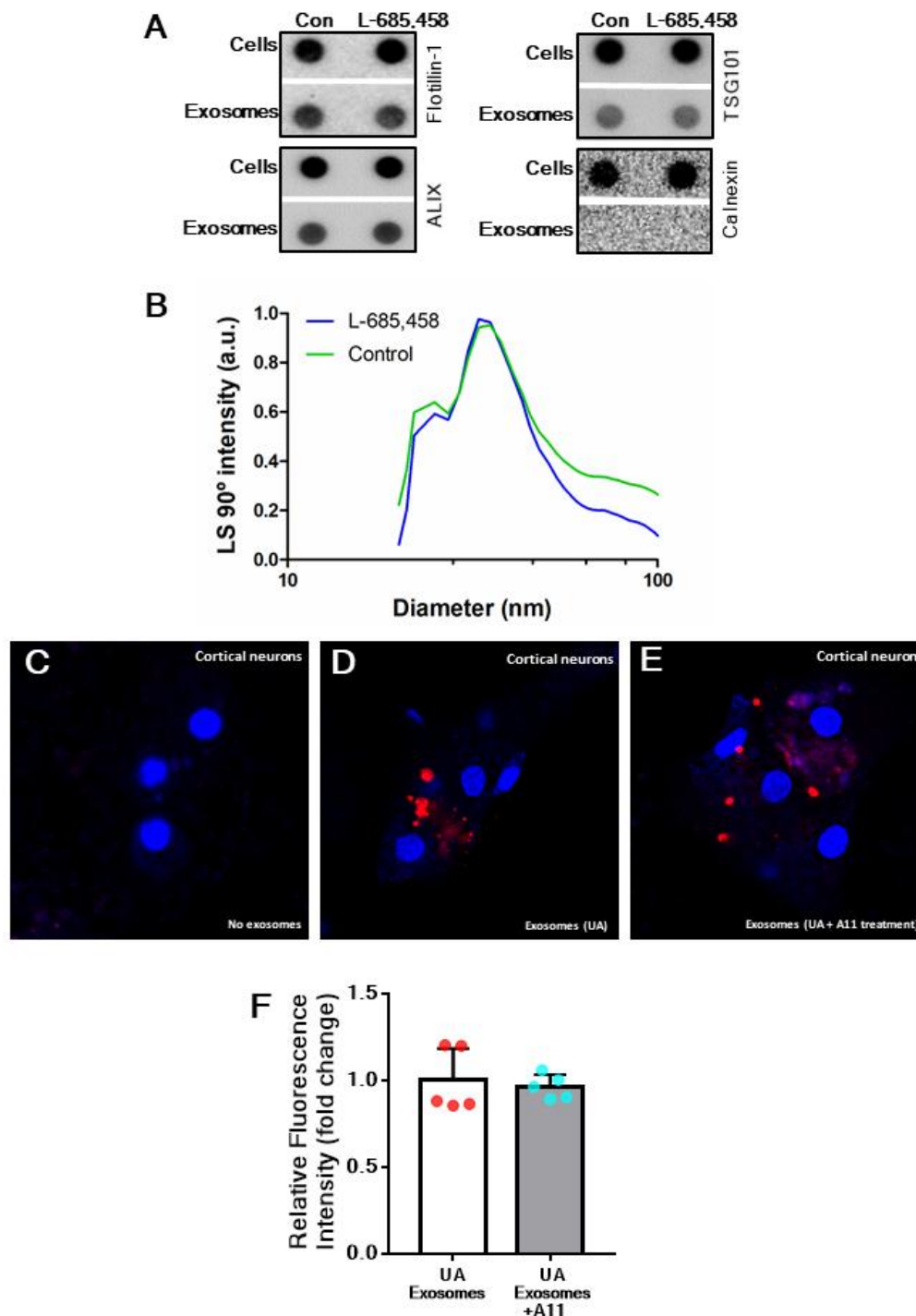


**Fig. S1. Effects Lavostatin and 10%FBS on exosome secretion from astrocytes.** **A;** Histogram showing the cellular cholesterol levels following treatment 5µg/mL U18666A, 5µM lavostatin and 10% FBS for 24hrs compared to control astrocytes as measured by gas chromatography. Note that cholesterol level was not altered in U18666A-treated cultured astrocytes but increased following exposure to 10% FBS and decreased after treatment with lavostatin. **B;** Histogram showing the cellular cholesterol levels following treatment 5µg/mL U18666A, 0.5µg/mL Cholesterol, 5µM MBCD or 5µM Wortmannin for 24hrs compared to control astrocytes. Note that cholesterol level was not altered in U18666A-treated cultured astrocytes but increased following exposure to extracellular cholesterol and decreased after treatment with MBCD and Wortmannin. **C;** Histogram showing the viability of cultured astrocytes was not altered following exposure to 5µg/mL U18666A, 5µM lavostatin and 10% FBS for 24hrs as revealed by MTT assay. **D;** Dot-blots showing the labelling of cell lysates and exosomes with Flotillin-1, ALIX and TSG101 following treatment 5µg/mL U18666A, 5µM lavostatin and 10% FBS for 24hrs compared to control astrocytes. **E;** Dynamic light scattering showing the relative size and number of secreted exosomes following treatment U18666A, lavostatin and 10% FBS compared to control astrocytes. Note that number of exosomes secreted decreased from U18666A- and 10% FBS-treated astrocytes but increased from lavostatin-treated astrocytes compared to control astrocytes. All results are presented as means  $\pm$  SEM and obtained from three separate experiments. \* $p < 0.05$ , \*\* $p < 0.01$  and \*\*\* $p < 0.001$ . Con, control; UA, U18666A.

## Supplementary Figure 2



**Fig. S2. Characterization of exosomes secreted following treatment with  $\gamma$ -secretase inhibitor and the neuronal uptake of exosomes after exposure to A11 antibody.**

**A;** Dot-blots showing the labelling of cell lysates and secreted exosomes derived from  $\gamma$ -secretase inhibitor-treated cultured astrocytes in the presence or absence of U18666A with Flotillin-1, ALIX and TSG101. **B;** Dynamic light scattering showing the relative size

of secreted exosomes derived from  $\gamma$ -secretase inhibitor-treated astrocytes in the presence or absence of U18666A. **C-E**; Photomicrographs of primary cortical neurons without exposure to exosomes (C) and following cellular uptake of exosomes from Dil-labelled U18666A (D) and U18666A + A11-treated (E) cultured astrocytes. **F**; Histograms showing quantification of relative fluorescence intensity representing no alteration in the uptake of Dil-labelled exosomes by primary cortical neurons in the presence of A11 antibody.

**Table S1. Details of the primary antibodies used in this study**

Antibody type	Type	WB/DB dilution	Source
A11	Polyclonal	1:1000	Thermo Fisher Scientific
A $\beta$ oligomers	Polyclonal	1:1000	Abcam Inc.
ADAM10	Polyclonal	1:2000	EMD Millipore Co.
APP (clone Y188)	Monoclonal	1:5000	Abcam Inc.
APP-KPI	Polyclonal	1:1000	EMD Millipore Co.
BACE1	Polyclonal	1:2000	Abcam Inc.
CD63	Monoclonal	1:1000	Abcam Inc.
CD81	Monoclonal	1:1000	Abcam Inc.
Presenilin1	Polyclonal	1:2000	EMD Millipore Co.
Nicastrin	Polyclonal	1:800	Santa Cruz Biotechnology
Soluble APP $\alpha$ (2B3)	Monoclonal	1:100	IBL Co., Ltd
Soluble APP $\beta$ (WT)	Monoclonal	1:100	IBL Co., Ltd
LAMP1	Polyclonal	1:1000	Abcam Inc.
LC3	Polyclonal	1:1000	MBL International Co.
$\beta$ -actin	Monoclonal	1:5000	Sigma-Aldrich, Inc.
ALIX	Monoclonal	1:500	Santa Cruz Biotechnology
Flotillin-1	Polyclonal	1:1000	Thermo Fisher Scientific
TSG101	Monoclonal	1:1000	Abcam Inc.
Calnexin	Monoclonal	1:500	Santa Cruz Biotechnology

WB: Western blot; DB: dot-blot.