

1 **Beta-IV spectrin autoantibodies as a marker of paraneoplastic neuropathy: A case**  
2 **series [Supplemental Information]**

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22 **Supplemental Case Histories**

23 **Case 1**

24 A 77-year-old woman with a history of high-grade serous carcinoma of the uterus and fallopian  
25 tube developed gait instability and distal lower extremity numbness and paresthesias  
26 approximately 6 months after the cancer diagnosis (**eTable 1**). She underwent total abdominal  
27 hysterectomy and bilateral oophorectomy and was treated with carboplatin and paclitaxel. On  
28 examination she had reduced temperature and pain sensation distally involving her feet and  
29 fingers. Vibration and proprioception at the toes were also reduced. Confrontational strength  
30 testing revealed bilateral distal foot weakness. Bilateral Achilles deep tendon reflexes were  
31 reduced. She had an ataxic wide-based gait and required a walker to ambulate. Nerve  
32 conduction studies (NCS) revealed mildly reduced sensory amplitudes along with prolonged  
33 distal latencies. She was discharged without immunotherapy but was readmitted to the hospital  
34 3-4 months later due to the development of a subacute encephalopathy. MRI brain was found to  
35 be unremarkable. CSF analysis revealed lymphocytic pleocytosis (21 nucleated cells/dL) and  
36 elevated CSF protein (73 mg/dL). Electroencephalography revealed generalized delta activity.  
37 She was initiated on intravenous solumedrol (1g daily for 5 days) and had significant cognitive  
38 improvement. Six months later the patient was re-admitted to the hospital with pneumonia  
39 where she died.

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41 **Case 2**

42 An 87-year-old woman presented to an outpatient neurology clinic with new onset dizziness and  
43 diplopia. Ten years prior to the onset of her neurological symptoms she had been diagnosed  
44 with estrogen and progesterone receptor positive, HER2-negative breast adenocarcinoma

45 (stage I, pT1b, pN0) (**eTable 1**). She was sent to the emergency room out of concern for stroke.  
46 MRI of the brain and MRA head and neck with and without contrast was unremarkable, and she  
47 was sent home on meclizine. Because her dizziness was persistent, meclizine was increased to  
48 25mg three times a day. Over the next few days, she developed dysarthria, dysphagia requiring  
49 tube feeding, bilateral facial numbness, urinary retention, and generalized weakness relegating  
50 her to a wheelchair. She presented to the emergency room again. Serum RPR, vitamin B12,  
51 methylmalonic acid, CK, and CRP were within normal limits. Serum autoimmune testing for  
52 ANCA, ANA, RF, anti-AChR antibodies, anti-MUSK antibodies, and cryoglobulins was negative.  
53 CSF studies were not obtained at this time. After another unremarkable MRI of her brain with  
54 contrast, she was suspected to have Miller-Fisher variant of Guillian-Barré Syndrome and she  
55 was treated empirically with intravenous immunoglobulin (IVIg) (0.4g/kg daily for 5 days). By day  
56 3 of IVIg treatment, her diplopia, dysphagia, and dysarthria began to improve. She was  
57 discharged to a rehabilitation facility and eventually home where she was able to take a few  
58 steps and no longer required tube feeding. Over the next 4 months, her symptoms returned with  
59 bilateral ptosis, dysphagia, dysarthria, facial numbness, urinary retention, and lower extremity  
60 weakness again requiring a wheelchair. She again presented to the emergency room, and she  
61 received another round of IVIg (0.4g/kg daily x 5 days) which did not improve her symptoms.  
62 She was discharged to a rehabilitation center.

63 Two weeks later, she was readmitted to the hospital due to worsening dysarthria and leg  
64 weakness. Examination at that time, demonstrated bilateral ptosis, ophthalmoplegia (limited  
65 bilateral abduction and adduction), and sensory loss over maxillary (V2) and mandibular (V3)  
66 trigeminal dermatomes and dysarthria. Strength assessment revealed proximal weakness  
67 involving the bilateral lower extremities (bilateral hip-flexion 1/5 [medical research council,  
68 MRC<sup>1</sup>], bilateral knee extension and flexion 2/5 [MRC]). Distal lower extremity strength was  
69 normal. Sensory exam revealed decreased vibration sensation involving the upper and lower  
70 extremities, but other sensory modalities were intact. Deep tendon reflexes were absent in the  
71 lower extremities but preserved in the upper extremities.

72 During her second hospital admission, repeat MRIs of the brain, cervical and thoracic spine with  
73 and without contrast were unremarkable. CSF analysis showed mildly elevated protein at 59  
74 mg/dL (reference: 15 - 45 mg/dL) and 3 nucleated cells (reference: 0-5 per mm<sup>3</sup>). CSF glucose  
75 was 66 mg/dL (serum glucose 120 mg/dL), LDH <25 U/L, CSF cultures and gram stain were  
76 negative, and CSF paraneoplastic panel testing (PAC1) did not detect any informative  
77 autoantibodies. Immunofixation of protein in both serum and CSF along with repeat anti-AChR  
78 and anti-MuSK antibody testing was negative. MRI of bilateral femurs demonstrated  
79 asymmetric intramuscular edema within the adductor/obturator externus muscles (more  
80 pronounced on the right side). A NCS revealed absent sural responses (blink reflexes not  
81 tested). Needle electromyography demonstrated increased insertional activity (fibrillations) and  
82 myopathic motor units in the proximal upper (deltoid and biceps) and lower extremity (vastus  
83 lateralis) muscle. Biopsy of the left vastus lateralis revealed scattered angular and atrophic  
84 fibers without significant inflammatory infiltrates. An inflammatory myositis panel was negative.  
85 There was no evidence of breast cancer recurrence by mammogram or CT chest, abdomen,  
86 and pelvis.

87 She was again trialed on IVIg (0.4 g/kg daily x 5 days). After the initial IVIg infusions, she  
88 regained the ability to ambulate with assistance, and her dysphagia had improved. She was  
89 discharged from the hospital but neurologically declined shortly thereafter. Subsequent rounds

90 of IVIg were ineffective, and other immunotherapies were not tried. On follow-up examination  
91 approximately 5 months after symptom onset, she had significantly worse bilateral upper  
92 extremity weakness (MRC grade 3/5), persistent lower extremity weakness, and was diffusely  
93 areflexic. Her symptoms progressed, and she died a few days later.

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## 95 Supplemental Discussion

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97 Nearly half of cancer patients develop peripheral neuropathy that is typically attributed to a  
98 combination of chemotherapeutic toxicity, metabolic derangements, tumor infiltration of nerves,  
99 or cachexia<sup>2</sup>. In addition, paraneoplastic syndromes can cause neuropathy, though this is  
100 thought to occur in less than 1% of patients with cancer.<sup>3</sup> The diagnosis of paraneoplastic  
101 neuropathy can lead to earlier cancer detection, guide chemotherapeutic treatment decisions,  
102 prompt initiation of immunomodulatory therapy, and may be useful for longitudinal autoantibody  
103 monitoring as part of cancer surveillance. While anti-Hu and anti-CV2/CRMP5 antibodies are  
104 the most common diagnostic biomarkers for paraneoplastic neuropathy<sup>4</sup>, nearly three quarters  
105 of carcinoma-associated paraneoplastic neuropathies may be seronegative<sup>2,5</sup> — highlighting an  
106 unmet need for additional diagnostic biomarkers.

107 In this study, we used an anatomic assay to prioritize PhIP-Seq-enriched antigens and  
108 subsequently validated anti- $\beta$ IV spectrin antibodies in two individuals with suspected  
109 paraneoplastic neuropathy. Although there is a prior report of  $\beta$ IV spectrin paraneoplastic motor  
110 neuropathy<sup>6,7</sup>, the absence of subsequent cases has obscured the diagnostic utility of  $\beta$ IV  
111 spectrin autoantibodies. Here, we identified two additional cases with overlapping clinical  
112 presentations. We searched a large database of thousands of PhIP-Seq screens and did not  
113 identify further examples of  $\beta$ IV spectrin autoantibodies in the healthy population or in patients  
114 with other neuroinflammatory conditions. We failed to validate anti-ankyrin G antibodies in case  
115 1 using two direct binding assays despite enrichment by PhIP-Seq. This suggests that ankyrin G  
116 may have been indirectly enriched by nonspecific bead binding or peptide-peptide interactions<sup>8</sup>.  
117 Taken together, these data indicate that, while rare, anti- $\beta$ IV spectrin antibodies are specific  
118 biomarkers of paraneoplastic neuropathy<sup>9</sup>.

119 Notably, we detected  $\beta$ IV spectrin antibodies in the CSF of both patients. Case 1 later  
120 developed CSF pleocytosis and steroid responsive subacute encephalopathy with generalized  
121 slowing on EEG. Case 2 had evidence for a sensorimotor neuropathy and myopathy with bulbar  
122 muscle and nerve involvement. The previously reported single case was not tested for CSF  $\beta$ IV  
123 antibodies, however CSF-restricted oligoclonal bands and cervical T2 hyperintensities were  
124 reported. Therefore, in some cases  $\beta$ IV spectrin antibodies may also be associated with central  
125 nervous system (CNS) pathology and clinical syndromes.

126 Indeed, CNS pathology is observed in many individuals with congenital  $\beta$ IV spectrinopathy  
127 including choreoathetoid movements, intellectual disability, seizures, and nonconvulsive EEG  
128 abnormalities<sup>10,11</sup>. However, the core feature of congenital  $\beta$ IV spectrinopathy appears to be  
129 motor axonal neuropathy with attendant muscle atrophy and areflexia.<sup>10-12</sup> All three reported  $\beta$ IV  
130 spectrin paraneoplastic neuropathy cases presented with weakness and hyporeflexia, with  
131 fibrillations documented in the two patients who were evaluated by EMG. Our case 2 also had  
132 biopsy-proven muscle fiber atrophy without evidence of myositis or vasculitis. Surprisingly, NCS  
133 results in patients with symptomatic  $\beta$ IV spectrinopathy are variable, with some having  
134 completely normal findings.<sup>11</sup> Although NCS studies in paraneoplastic neuropathies are typically  
135 remarkable, NCS in our patients did not reflect the degree of clinical impairment—similar to  $\beta$ IV  
136 spectrinopathies.

137 Autoantibodies targeting the NoR are most commonly associated with chronic inflammatory  
138 demyelinating polyneuropathy (CIDP).<sup>13</sup> Of those autoantigens, only neurofascin 186 (NF186) is

139 expressed at both the AIS and NoR.<sup>14, 15</sup> Importantly, our two patients as well as the previously  
140 reported patient had peripheral neuropathy without clear-cut electrodiagnostic evidence of  
141 demyelination and therefore do not meet the clinical diagnosis of CIDP. Future studies should  
142 investigate whether there are special features of the AIS and NoR that make them particularly  
143 immunogenic.

144 The pathophysiology of anti- $\beta$ IV autoantibodies is unclear. CIDP-associated autoantibodies  
145 primarily target proteins with extracellular epitopes including neurofascins, contactin 1, and  
146 CASPR<sup>13</sup>. Like many paraneoplastic autoantigens,  $\beta$ IV spectrin is an intracellular protein —  
147 which is typically thought to reflect a T cell-mediated pathophysiology. However,  $\beta$ IV spectrin  $\Sigma$ 1  
148 and  $\Sigma$ 6 each harbor a phosphoinositide-binding pleckstrin homology domain that mediates their  
149 association with the cytoplasmic plasma membrane. Because autoantibodies that target the  
150 cytoplasmic membrane protein amphiphysin have been reported to be pathogenic<sup>16</sup>, we cannot  
151 exclude the possibility that  $\beta$ IV spectrin antibodies are also pathogenic. Unfortunately, there was  
152 insufficient CSF and sera to test patient  $\beta$ IV spectrin antibodies against live neurons.

153 Overall, these data further support the consideration of  $\beta$ IV spectrin antibodies in the diagnostic  
154 evaluation of cancer-associated peripheral neuropathy.

#### 155 **Limitations:**

156 This study is limited by the small number of cases. Although both patients presented here have  
157 overlapping clinical features, they are not identical. Additional clinical data for case 1 were  
158 unavailable (including timing of chemotherapeutic treatment initiation relative to the onset of  
159 neuropathy), thereby limiting the completeness of the clinical description. Nonetheless, our  
160 evaluation of hundreds of biospecimens by tissue-based assay and thousands of biospecimen  
161 by PhIP-Seq indicate that anti- $\beta$ IV spectrin antibodies are rare, and preferentially occur patients  
162 with peripheral neuropathy with or without additional neurologic symptoms. Separately,  
163 antibodies targeting neurofascin, which is expressed at both the AIS and NoR, are associated  
164 with CIDP. Although we did not directly test for anti- neurofascin antibodies by cell-based assay,  
165 in neither case was the NCS consistent with CIDP, and neurofascin was not enriched by PhIP-  
166 Seq. Finally, although these antibodies are unlikely to be directly pathogenic owing the  $\beta$ IV  
167 spectrin's intracellular localization, we were unable to test this directly due to insufficient CSF  
168 and serum.

Antigen	Beta IV Spectrin	
Case	Case 1	Case 2
Age/Sex	77F	87F
Cancer	High-grade serous carcinoma of the fallopian tube and uterus	ER <sup>+</sup> /PR <sup>+</sup> , HER2 <sup>-</sup> breast adenocarcinoma (stage 1, pT1b, pN0)
Clinical Features	<p>Ataxic wide based gait requiring a walker to ambulate.</p> <p>Distal foot weakness.</p> <p>Distal lower extremity numbness and paresthesias. Reduced temperature and pain sensation distally involving her feet and fingers. Reduced vibration and proprioception at the toes.</p> <p>Reduced Achilles deep tendon reflexes bilaterally.</p> <p>Subacute encephalopathy</p>	<p>Dizziness, diplopia, dysarthria, dysphagia.</p> <p>Generalized weakness (bilateral upper extremity weakness, bilateral lower extremities, bilateral hip-flexion, bilateral knee extension and flexion). Distal lower extremity strength was normal.</p> <p>Bilateral facial numbness. Decreased vibration sensation involving upper and lower extremities, other sensory modalities were intact.</p> <p>Deep tendon reflexes absent in the lower extremities, preserved in the upper extremities.</p> <p>Urinary retention.</p>
EEG	Generalized delta activity	N.D.
<b>Imaging</b>		
MRI w/wo contrast: Brain	Normal	Normal x 2
MRI w/wo contrast: Cervical and thoracic spine	N.D.	Normal
MRI: Bilateral femurs	N.D.	asymmetric intramuscular edema within the adductor/obturator externus muscles
CT: Chest, Abdomen, Pelvis	N.D.	No evidence of cancer recurrence
<b>Electrodiagnostics</b>		
NCS	Mildly reduced sensory amplitudes along with prolonged distal latencies	Absent sural response

EMG	N.D.	Increased insertional activity (fibrillations) and myopathic motor units in the proximal upper (deltoid and biceps) and lower extremity (vastus lateralis) muscle
<b>Muscle Biopsy</b>	N.D.	Left vastus lateralis: scattered angular and atrophic fibers without significant inflammatory infiltrates
<b>CSF</b>		
WBC Cell Count (cells/mm <sup>3</sup> )	21	3
Protein (mg/dL)	73	59
Glucose (CSF/serum ratio)	Unknown	0.55
CSF IgG	Unknown	N.D.
IgG index	Unknown	N.D.
OCBs	Unknown	N.D.
LDH	Unknown	<25 U/L
Gram Stain	Unknown	Negative
Bacterial Cultures	Unknown	No growth at 7 days
Fungal Cultures	Unknown	No growth at 28 days
Mycobacterium Tuberculosis Cultures (AFB)	Unknown	No growth at 59 days
<b>Negative Autoantibody Testing</b>	<p>CSF Autoimmune encephalopathy panel (ENC2): LGI1, CASPR2, NMDA-R, GABA-B, DPPX, Amphiphysin, AGNA1, ANNA1 (anti-Hu), ANNA2 (Nova 1/anti-Ri), ANNA3, CRMP-5, anti-Tr, PCA1 (anti-Yo), PCA2</p> <p>Serum paraneoplastic panel: Amphiphysin, AGNA1, ANNA1 (anti-Hu), ANNA2 (Nova 1/anti-Ri), ANNA3, CRMP-5, anti-Tr, PCA1 (anti-Yo), PCA2</p>	<p>CSF Paraneoplastic Panel (PAC1): Amphiphysin, AGNA1, ANNA1 (anti-Hu), ANNA2 (Nova 1/anti-Ri), ANNA3, CRMP-5, anti-Tr, PCA1 (anti-Yo), PCA2</p> <p>Serum ANCA, ANA, RF, and cryoglobulins</p> <p>Serum Anti-AChR and anti-MuSK (tested twice)</p> <p>Serum inflammatory Myositis Panel: anti-PM/Scl-100, Jo-1, ss-A, U1-RNP, EJ, Ku, MDA-5, MI-2, OJ, SRP, TIF 1 Gamma, and U2 snRNP antibodies</p>
<b>Treatment/Response</b>	1g daily for 5 days, significant cognitive improvement	<p>1<sup>st</sup>: 0.4g/kg daily for 5 days, improved</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup>: 0.4g/kg daily for 5 days, no improvement</p>

		3 <sup>rd</sup> : 0.4/kg daily for 5 days, no improvement
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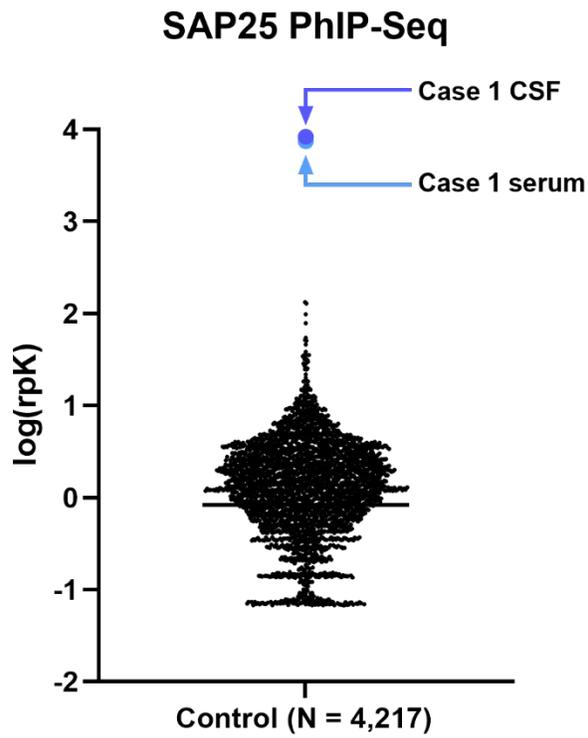
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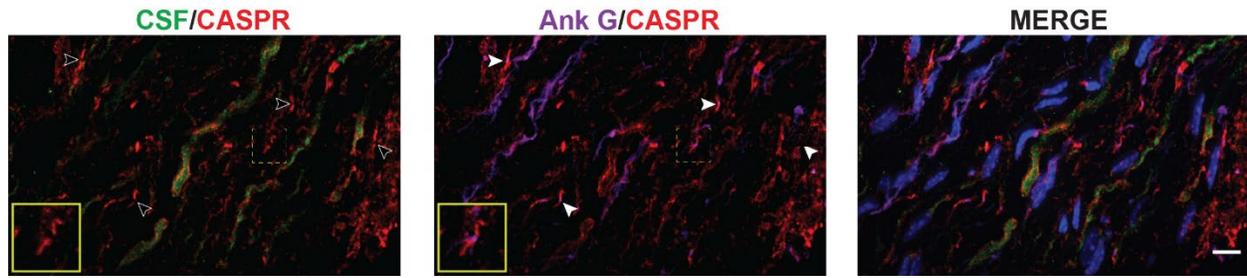


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194 **eFigure1. Case 1 CSF and sera enrich SAP25.** Logarithmic dot plot of total SAP25 enrichment  
195 by PhIP-Seq. For case 1, each point represents the mean of technical replicates. The z-score of  
196  $\log(\text{rpK}) = 7.3$  for case 1 CSF and 7.2 for case 1 serum.

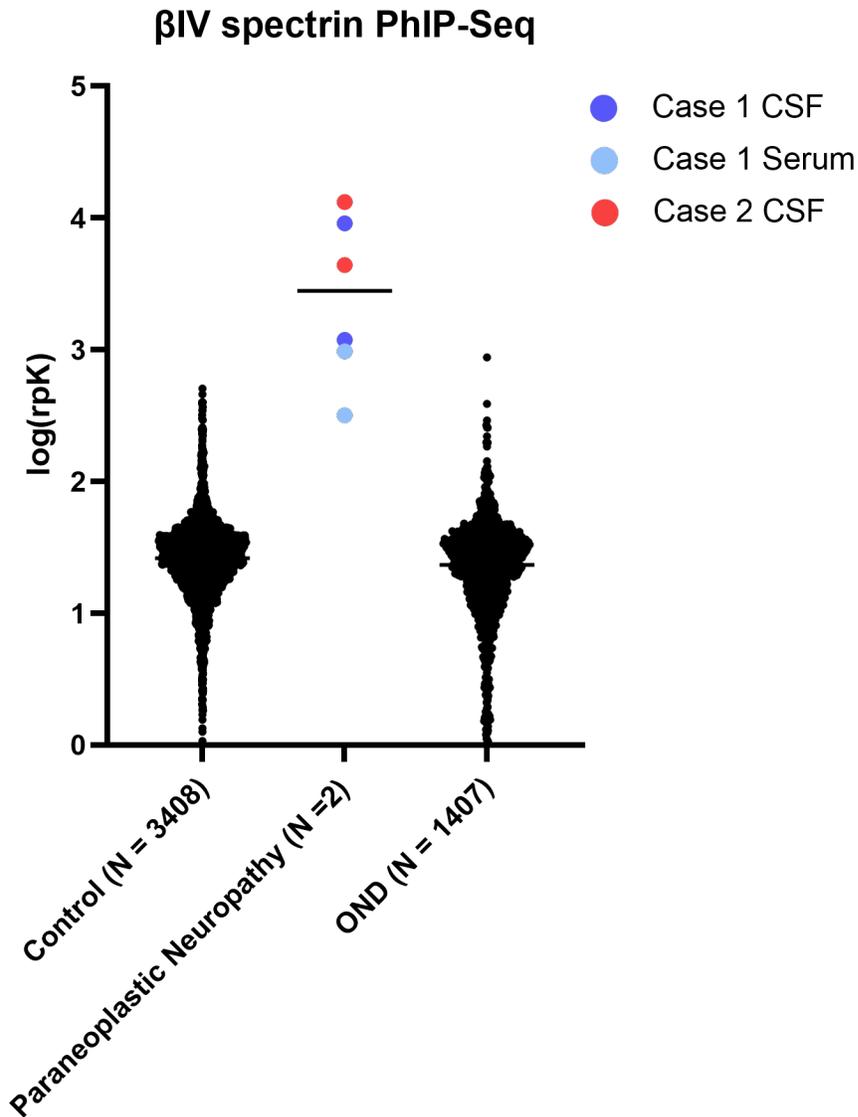
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## Case 1 serum immunostaining of DR- $\beta$ I/ $\beta$ IV<sup>-/-</sup>



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199 **eFigure 2. Case 1 serum IgG does not immunostain ankyrin G-expressing  $\beta$ I/ $\beta$ IV deficient**  
200 **NoR.** DR- $\beta$ I/ $\beta$ IV<sup>-/-</sup> tissue was immunostained with serum from case 1 at a 1:1000 dilution. Case  
201 1 serum IgG fails to immunostain  $\beta$ I/ $\beta$ IV-deficient NoR (left) that express ankyrin G (middle).  
202 The yellow insets correspond to the dotted square in the same panel. Empty arrowheads  
203 indicate the absence of nodal serum IgG staining while filled arrowheads indicate nodal ankyrin  
204 G staining. Scale bar = 10 $\mu$ m.



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206 **eFigure 3. Case 1 and 2 CSF enrich βIV spectrin by PhIP-Seq more so than all other**  
 207 **controls and neurologic and neuroinflammatory subjects.** For each PhIP-Seq screen, the  
 208 total rpK for βIV spectrin was calculated and plotted on a logarithmic dot plot. For case 1 and 2,  
 209 technical replicates are shown as individual points. For each group, the horizontal line  
 210 represents the median of the total rpK. Control samples are comprised of beads only and CSF,  
 211 serum, and plasma samples from health controls including technical replicates. OND represents  
 212 CSF, serum, and plasma from patients with other neurologic and neuroinflammatory disorders  
 213 including technical replicates. For technical replicates of patients samples, Z-scores of mean  
 214 log(rpK) relative to control and OND respectively were calculated as 4.5 and 2.8 for case 1  
 215 serum, 7.5 and 4.4 for case 1 CSF, and 8.2 and 4.8 for case 2 CSF.

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## 217 **Supplemental Materials and Methods**

### 218 Patients

219 This study was approved by Mayo Clinic Institutional Review Board (IRB) numbers 08-006647  
220 and 08-007846. As patients were deceased, informed consent waivers could not be obtained.  
221 The IRB's were approved under informed consent waiver criteria [45 CFR 46.116(d)]:

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- 223 *(1) The research involves no more than minimal risk to the subjects;*  
224 *(2) The waiver or alteration will not adversely affect the rights and welfare of the subjects;*  
225 *(3) The research could not practicably be carried out without the waiver or alteration; and*  
226 *(4) Whenever appropriate, the subjects will be provided with additional pertinent information*  
227 *after participation.*

228 The relevant IRBs were further approved in consideration of HIPAA waiver criteria [45 CFR Part  
229 164 - Security and Privacy Rule, Subpart E]:

230 (1) The use or disclosure of PHI involves no more than minimal risk to the privacy of  
231 individuals, based on the presence of at least the following elements:

- 232 ○ *An adequate plan to protect the identifiers from improper use and disclosure;*  
233 ○ *An adequate plan to destroy the identifiers at the earliest opportunity consistent with*  
234 *the conduct of the research, unless there is a health or research justification for*  
235 *retaining the identifiers or such retention is otherwise required by law; and*
- 236 ○ *Adequate written assurances that the PHI will not be reused or disclosed to any other*  
237 *person or entity, except as required by law, for authorized oversight of the research*  
238 *study, or for other research for which the use or disclosure of PHI would be permitted*  
239 *by HIPAA.*

240 (2) *The research could not practicably be conducted without the waiver or alteration.*

241 (3) *The research could not practicably be conducted without access to and use of the PHI.*

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243 For this study, 264 archived specimens (158 sera, 106 CSF) tested by mouse tissue indirect  
244 immunofluorescence assay (IFA) at the Mayo Neuroimmunology Laboratory between 2007 and  
245 2020 with a filamentous IgG staining pattern were retested to identify axonal initial segment  
246 (AIS) immunoreactivity. AIS staining was seen in 37 samples corresponding to 28 patients (9  
247 serum only, 11 CSF only, 8 both). Autoantigenic target for 33 samples with identical starting was  
248 confirmed to be TRIM46<sup>17</sup>. Two of the remaining three samples with identical staining pattern of  
249 the AIS in cerebellum, cerebral cortex and hippocampus on murine brain were shared with  
250 UCSF for putative autoantigen detection. CSF TIFA endpoint for cases 1 and 2 were 1:256 and  
251 1:4, respectively.

### 252 Mayo Clinic tissue immunofluorescence assay for AIS immunoreactivity

253 Patient CSF were tested on a cryosectioned (4 µm) composite of adult mouse tissues:  
254 cerebellum, midbrain, cerebral cortex, hippocampus, kidney and gut. Sections were fixed using  
255 4% paraformaldehyde for 1 minute, then permeabilized with 3-[(3-cholamidopropyl)  
256 dimethylammonio]-1-propanesulfonate (CHAPS), 0.5%, in phosphate buffered saline (PBS, for  
257 1 minute), and then blocked for 1 hour with normal goat serum (10% in PBS). After PBS-rinse,

258 patient specimen was applied (serum was pre-absorbed with bovine liver powder, 1:240 dilution,  
259 and CSF was non-absorbed, 1:2 dilution). After 40 minutes, and PBS wash, a species-specific  
260 secondary antibody conjugated with fluorescein isothiocyanate (FITC, 1:100) was applied  
261 (Southern Biotechnology Associates, Inc, Birmingham, AL, USA). Cover slips were mounted  
262 using ProLong Gold antifade medium (containing DAPI; Molecular Probes Thermo Fisher  
263 Scientific, USA). Fluorescence images were captured using Olympus BX51 polarizing  
264 microscope with Olympus DP73 high-performance Peltier-cooled, 17.28 megapixel camera.  
265 Patient specimens yielding positive results were titrated in doubling dilutions to determine the  
266 endpoint of autoantibody detection.  
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## 268 Animals

269 Post-natal day 40 – 60 mice from the F1 cross of FVB (Jackson Laboratory, Cat. No. #001800)  
270 x C57BL/6J (The Jackson Laboratory, Cat. No. #000664) mice were used for initial tissue-based  
271 assays. All procedures used in this study complied with federal guidelines and the institutional  
272 policies of the University of California San Francisco Institutional Animal Care and Use  
273 Committee.

274 Advillin<sup>Cre/+</sup> and Chat<sup>Cre/+</sup> *Ank3* tissue and Advillin<sup>Cre/+</sup> *Sptn/Sptbn4* tissues were a generous gift  
275 from Matthew Rasband of Baylor College of Medicine.

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## 277 UCSF Tissue-based assays

278 Mice were transcardially perfused with 4% paraformaldehyde (PFA) and brains post-fixed in 4%  
279 PFA overnight. After 30% sucrose equilibration, brains were blocked in OCT and sectioned at  
280 12 µm. Following rehydration in TBS-T (0.1% Tween-20), the sections were incubated in 70%  
281 ethanol containing TrueBlack® Lipofuscin Autofluorescence Quencher (Biotium, #23007) at  
282 1:20, then washed several times using TBS-T.

283 Sections were permeabilized and blocked in TBS-T containing 10% lamb serum and 0.1%  
284 Triton X-100. Sections were then incubated with patient CSF or sera at 4°C overnight. Sections  
285 were rinsed at least 5x with TBS-T and counterstained with anti-human IgG (Alexa Fluor 488)  
286 for one hour. Nuclei were stained with DAPI at 1:2000 and stained sections were coverslipped  
287 with ProLong Gold Antifade (ThermoFisher, Cat No. P36930) or Prolong Diamond Antifade  
288 (ThermoFisher, Cat No. P36961).

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## 290 Immunostaining of conditional knockout tissue

291 *Ank3* and *Sptbn/Sptbn4* conditional knockout tissues were stained using the same procedure  
292 described above for tissue-based assays. Tissues were stained using sera at 1:1000 and CSF  
293 at 1:4, anti-Caspr 1:1000, anti-Ankyrin-G 1:500, and anti-SPBTN4 1:500.

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## 295 Phage Display Immunoprecipitation Sequencing (PhIP-Seq)

296 PhIP-Seq screens and peptide alignments were performed as previously described<sup>18</sup>. For  
297 analysis, peptide counts were converted to reads per one hundred thousand (rpK) to account for

298 differences in sequencing depth. For each protein, peptide rpKs were summed and divided by  
 299 the total number peptides mapping to that protein (length normalization), thereby accounting for  
 300 larger proteins having a higher total rpK due to nonspecific phage:bead binding. For a given  
 301 protein, enrichments were represented as the mean of the length-normalized total rpK of  
 302 technical replicates.

303 For Figure 3A, European Molecular Biology Laboratory Bioinformatics Institute (EMBL-EBI)  
 304 definitions were used to define AIS ([GO:0033268](https://www.ebi.ac.uk/ontology/term/GO:0033268)) and NoR ([GO:0043194](https://www.ebi.ac.uk/ontology/term/GO:0043194)) proteins<sup>19, 20</sup>.  
 305 Because AIS and NoR staining was observed in both cases, only those proteins defined as both  
 306 AIS and NoR proteins were included in the analysis (i.e. proteins defined as only either an AIS  
 307 or a NoR protein were excluded).

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309 HEK293 Overexpression Assay

310 HEK293 cells were plated onto 10mm poly-d-lysine coated (50µg/mL) glass coverslips in  
 311 24-well plates. HEK293 cells were transfected overnight with ankG-mCherry (Addgene,  
 312 #42566), pCS-MT-Myc-SPTBN4-Σ1 or pCS-MT-Myc-SPTBN4-Σ6 plasmids using  
 313 Lipofectamine 3000 (ThermoFisher). The following day, after two rinses with ice cold 1X PBS,  
 314 transfected cells were fixed with 4% PFA for 10 minutes. The fixed cells were rinsed with PBS,  
 315 blocked with 5% lamb serum in PBS, and permeabilized for 30 minutes using with blocking  
 316 buffer containing 0.5% Triton. Fixed cells were incubated overnight at 4°C with CSF at 1:4 in 5%  
 317 blocking buffer, and a commercial anti-Myc-tag antibody, if necessary. The cells were rinsed  
 318 with PBS four times, and stained with Alexa Fluor secondaries at a 1:1000 dilution in 5%  
 319 blocking buffer. Nuclei were stained with DAPI at 1:2000 in PBS for 5 minutes. Stained slides  
 320 were then mounted onto microscope slides with Prolong Diamond Antifade (ThermoFisher, Cat  
 321 No. P36961)

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323 Expression plasmids

Vector	Additional Details
ankG-mCherry	<a href="#">Addgene, Plasmid #42566</a>
pCS-MT-Myc-SPTBN4-Σ1	Gift from Matthew Rasband, Baylor College of Medicine
pCS-MT-Myc-SPTBN4-Σ6	Gift from Matthew Rasband, Baylor College of Medicine

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325 Antibodies

<u>Primary Antibodies</u>			
Name	Host Species	Vendor (Catalog No.)	Assay (Concentration)

Anti-Myc-Tag mAb, 71D10	rabbit	Cell Signaling Technology (#2278)	ICC-IF (1:200)
Anti-Caspr pAb	rabbit	Abcam (ab34151)	ICC-IF (1:1000) IHC-F (1:1000)
Anti-SPTBN4 mAb, clone N393/76	mouse	NeuroMab (75-377)	ICC-IF (1:500) IHC-F (1:500)
Anti-Ankyrin-G mAb, clone 106/36	mouse	NeuroMab (75-146)	ICC-IF (1:500) IHC-F (1:500)
<b><u>Secondary Antibodies</u></b>			
<b>Fluorophore</b>	<b>Specifications</b>	<b>Vendor (Catalog No.)</b>	<b>Assay (Concentration)</b>
Alexa Fluor 488	AffiniPure Donkey Anti-Human IgG (H+L)	Jackson ImmunoResearch (709-545-149)	ICC-IF (1:1000) IHC-F (1:1000)
Alexa Fluor 594	AffiniPure Donkey Anti-Rabbit IgG (H+L)	Jackson ImmunoResearch (711-585-152)	ICC-IF (1:1000) IHC-F (1:1000)
Cy <sup>TM</sup> 5	AffiniPure Donkey Anti-Mouse IgG (H+L)	Jackson ImmunoResearch (715-175-151)	ICC-IF (1:1000) IHC-F (1:1000)

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327 Imaging and Microscopy

328 Panoramic images of tissue stains were acquired at 20X using a Zeiss Axio Scan Z.1 Slide  
 329 Scanner. Tissue and cell-based assays were imaged at 60X or 100X at the UCSF Nikon  
 330 Imaging Center with a Nikon CSU-W1 spinning disk confocal microscope, equipped with an  
 331 Andor Zyla sCMOS camera. Images were prepared using ImageJ (Version 2.1.0/1.53c).

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333 Data Availability

334 Data, including raw PhIP-Seq sequencing data, are available upon request.

335 Data Analyses, Software, and Figure

336 After peptide alignment, PhIP-Seq data analyses were performed in R and visualized using  
337 Graphpad Prism. Figures were drafted in Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator.

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