SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS

m⁶A-mRNA reader YTHDF2 identified as a potential risk gene in autism with disproportionate megalencephaly

Short running title: Megalencephaly autism risk genes

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SUPPLEMENTARY FIGURES

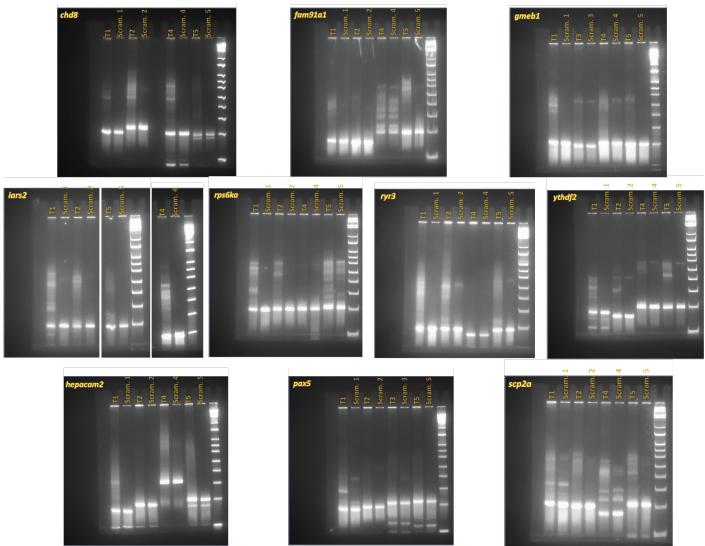


Figure S1. Mutational efficiencies of CRISPR targets in zebrafish embryos. Polyacrylamide gels showing qualitatively the efficiency of each of the four CRISPR gRNAs chosen for the ten genes tested in zebrafish. Targets (T1-5) for each gene refer to the primer pair used to test respective gRNAs listed in Table S1. Respectively, Scram 1-5 serve as controls and a 1kb+ ladder is used for size comparison. Efficiency of gRNAs in F₀ mosaic crispants is observed as a "smear" on the PAGE gel, which indicates formation of heteroduplexes, due to base pair insertions and deletions introduced via CRISPR mutagenesis, during the annealing step of PCR amplification. Further information regarding gRNA efficiency from CrisprVariants scoring methods can be found in Table S1 and Data S1.

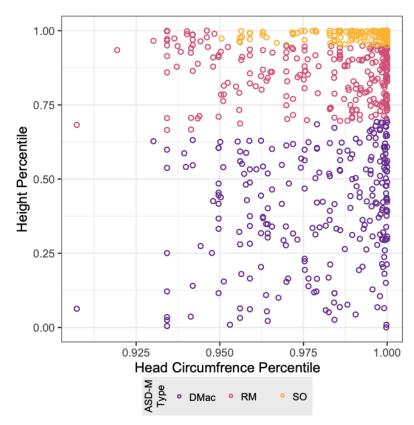


Figure S2. Head circumference v. height percentile of ASD-M SSC probands.

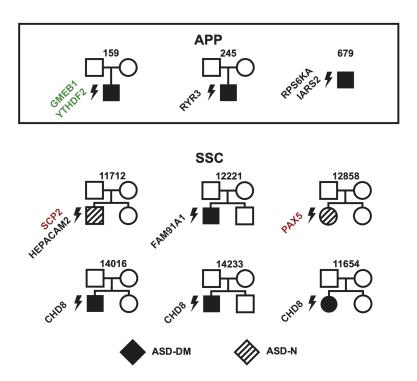


Figure S3. ASD-DM and ASD-M families with *de novo* **variants.** Families were from the Autism Phenome Project (APP) and the Simons Simplex Cohort (SSC) with impacted genes that were screened using zebrafish in this study. Green font signifies a duplication and red font signifies a deletion.

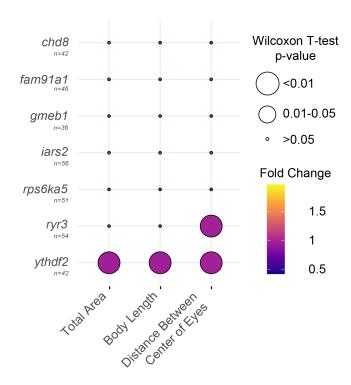


Figure S4. Zebrafish CRISPR knockdown embryos for the rapid validation of ASD-DM genes. Phenotyping knockdown zebrafish morphometric measurements using the VAST BioImaging System identified *ythdf2* as having most obvious morphometric differences compared to a negative scrambled control.

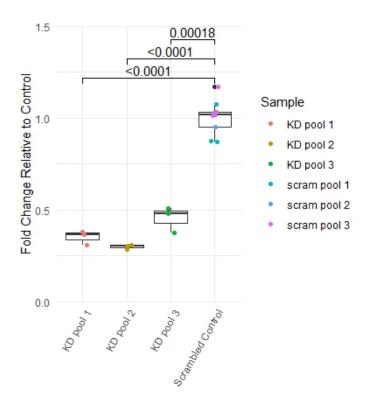


Figure S5. Gene expression analysis of *ythdf2* in crispant mutants. RT-qPCR results for across *ythdf2* knockdown (KD) and scrambled control biological replicates. All samples demonstrate consistent *act1b* expression, while the pooled *ythdf2* KD samples demonstrate lower *ythdf2* expression than the scrambled control. *p*-values were calculated using a Student's T-test.

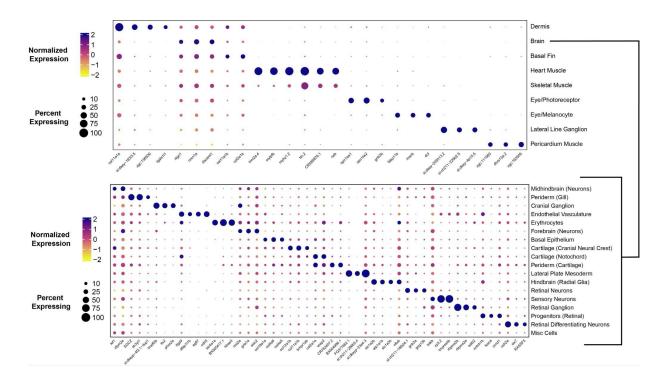


Figure S6. Single-cell transcriptomic markers. Top three gene markers by cell cluster utilizing *FindAllMarkers* and *Extract_Top_Markers* from *Seurat* and *scCustomize* expressed in at least 20 percent of marked cluster for all cells (top) and brain cells (bottom).

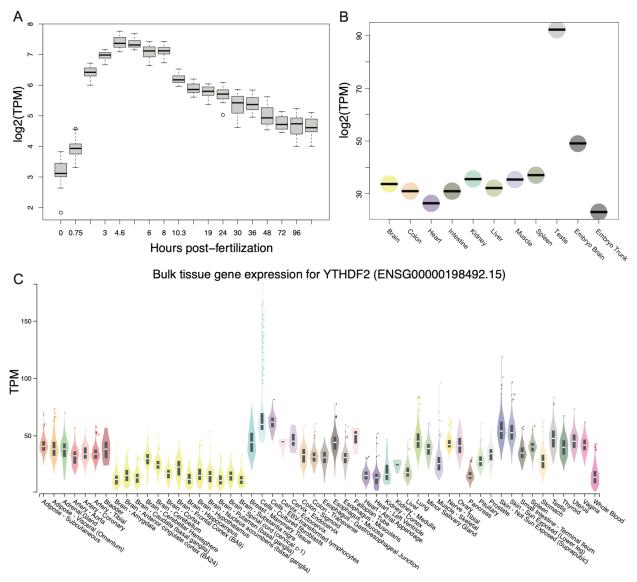


Figure S7. Expression of *YTHDF2* **in zebrafish and humans.** (**A**) Expression of *ythdf2* showing increased transcript per million (TPM) over early developmental time, peaking at ~5 hours post fertilization [1]. (**B**) Bulk tissue expression of *ythdf2* in zebrafish showing broad expression, highest in adult testis and embryo brain [2]. (**C**) Bulk tissue gene expression of *YTHDF2* from the Genotype-Tissue Expression project (GTEx) showing high broad expression in humans [3].

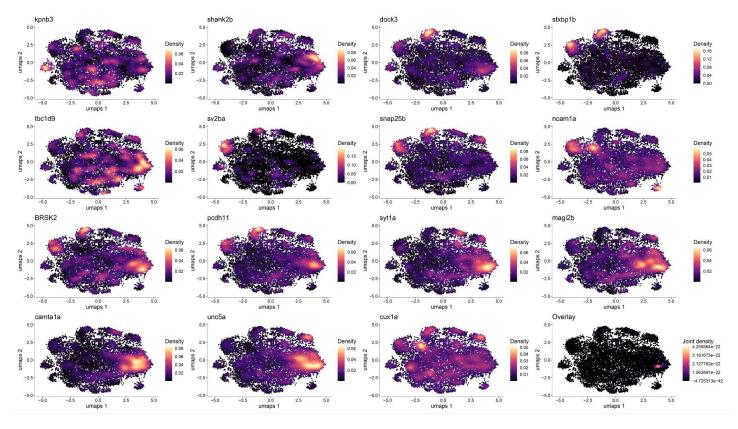


Figure S8. FMRP targets gene expression signals. Expression profiles across brain cell types of 15 significantly differentially expressed FMRP target genes, and the overlay of all genes (bottom right), utilizing weighted kernel density estimation. Plots were created using *plot density* from the *Nebulosa* package.

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