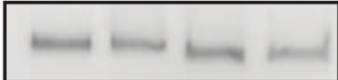


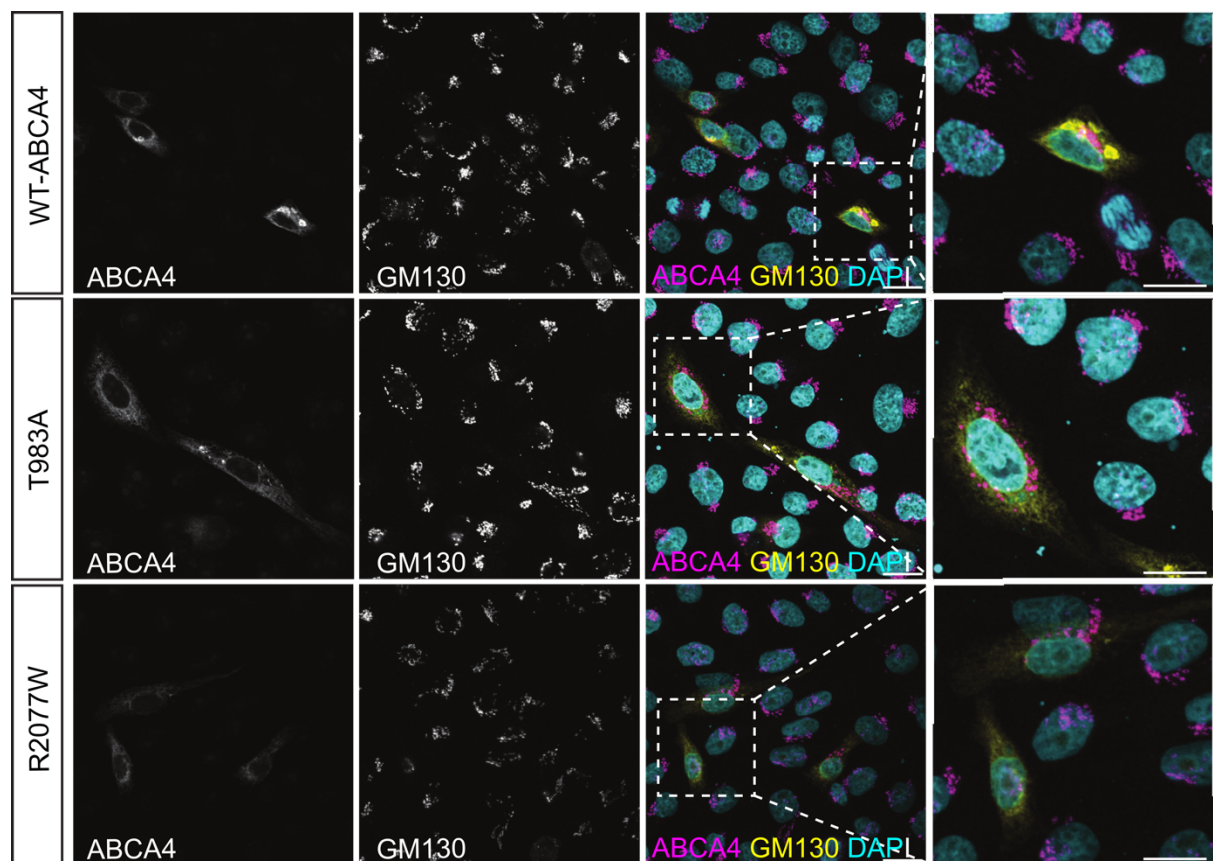
## Supplementary Material

### A proximity complementation assay to identify small molecules that enhance the traffic of ABCA4 misfolding variants.

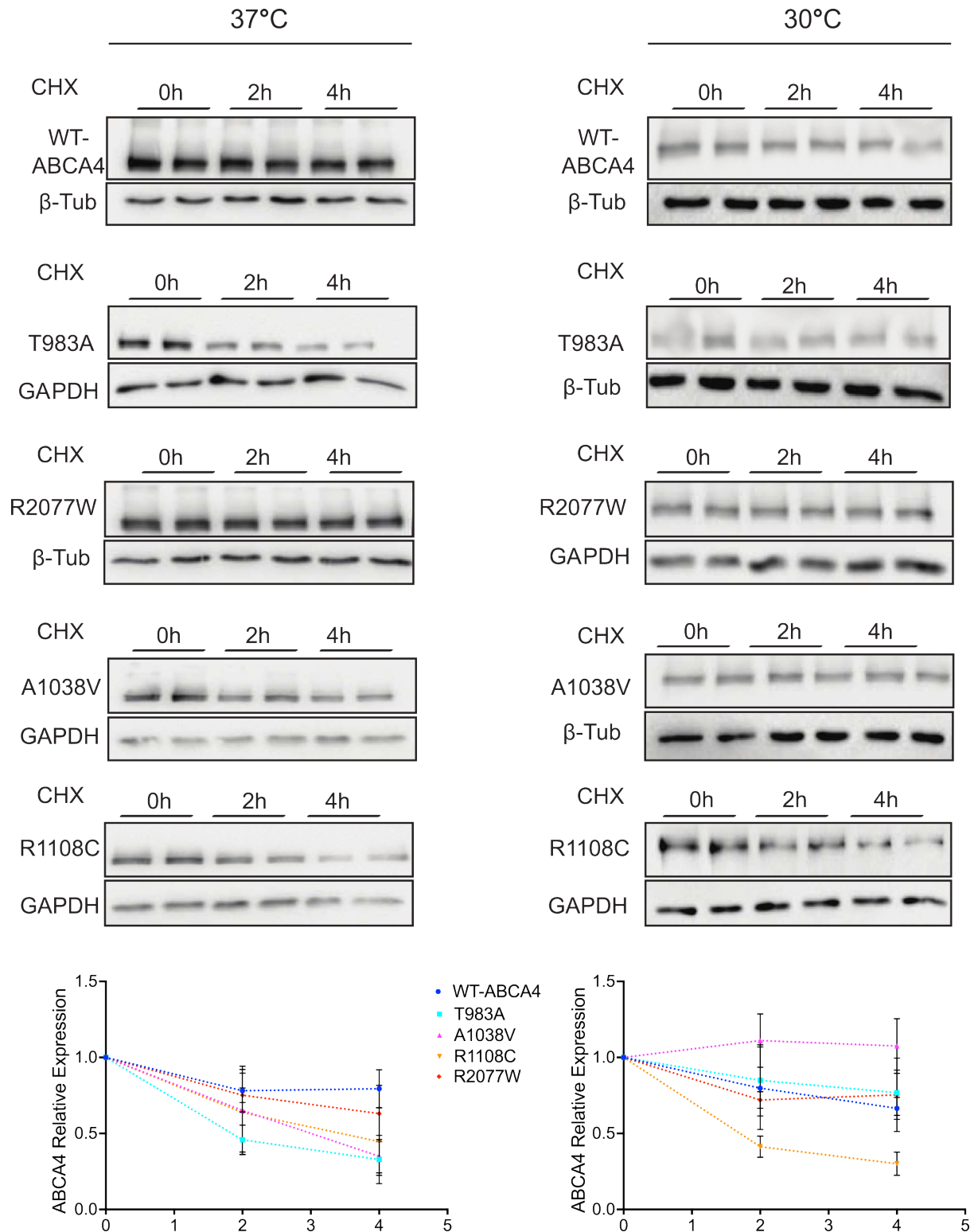
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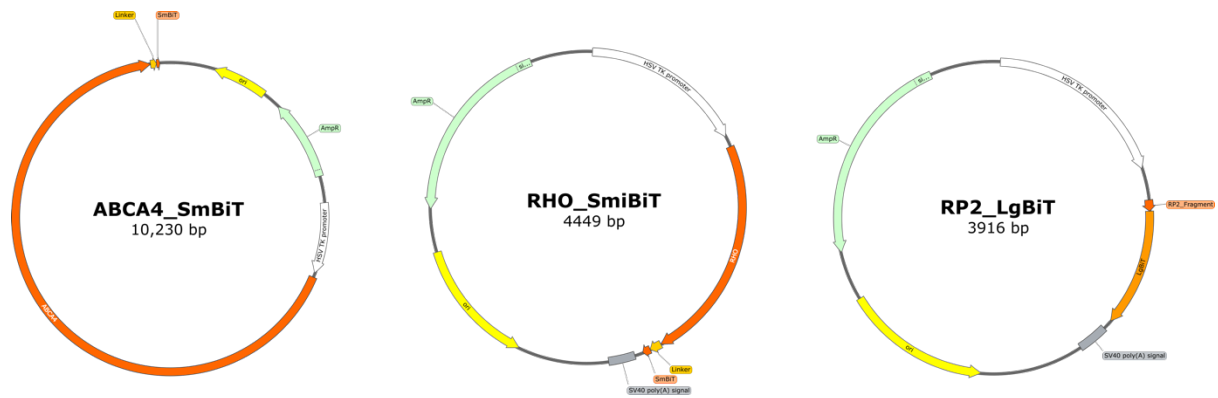
**Figure S1. Glycosylation status of ABCA4 in mouse retina.** 6 µg of protein lysate from mouse retina were treated with EndoH, PNGase-F, or buffer and temperature only protocol-control (T°). A slight increase in protein mobility was observed following both PNGase-F and EndoH. N= 2 mice retinas.



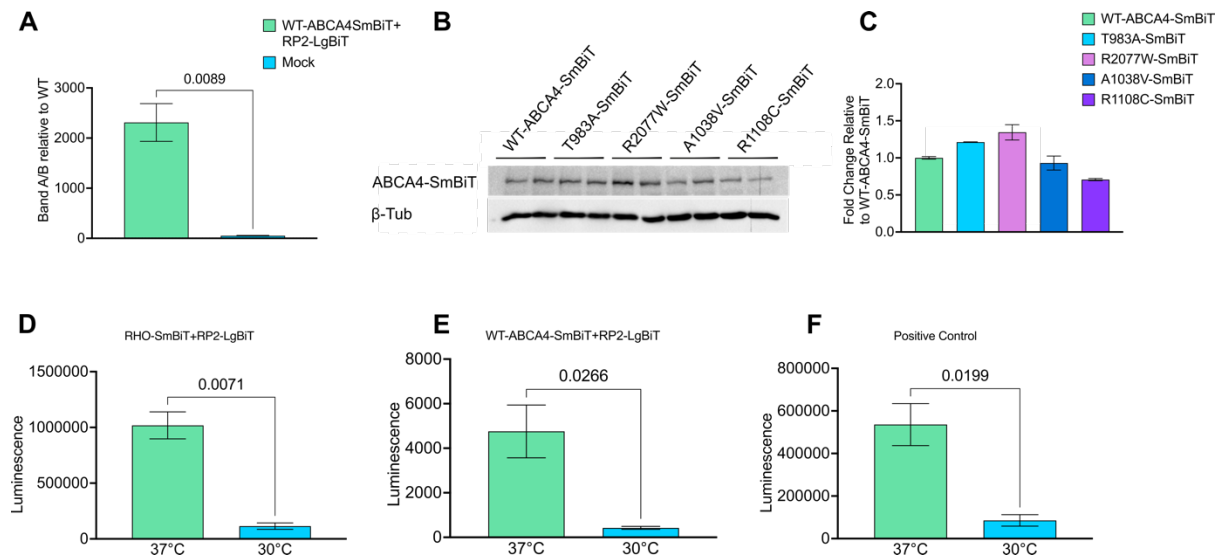
**Figure S2. ABCA4 and Golgi localization in cultured cells.** CHO cells were transfected with plasmid expressing WT ABCA4 protein and the indicated variants. 48 hours post-transfection cells were fixed in 4% PFA and permeabilised with Triton X-100 and double labelled with the ABCA4-Abbexa (yellow) and GM130 (magenta). ABCA4 was not detected overlapping with the Golgi. Scale bars = 10  $\mu$ m



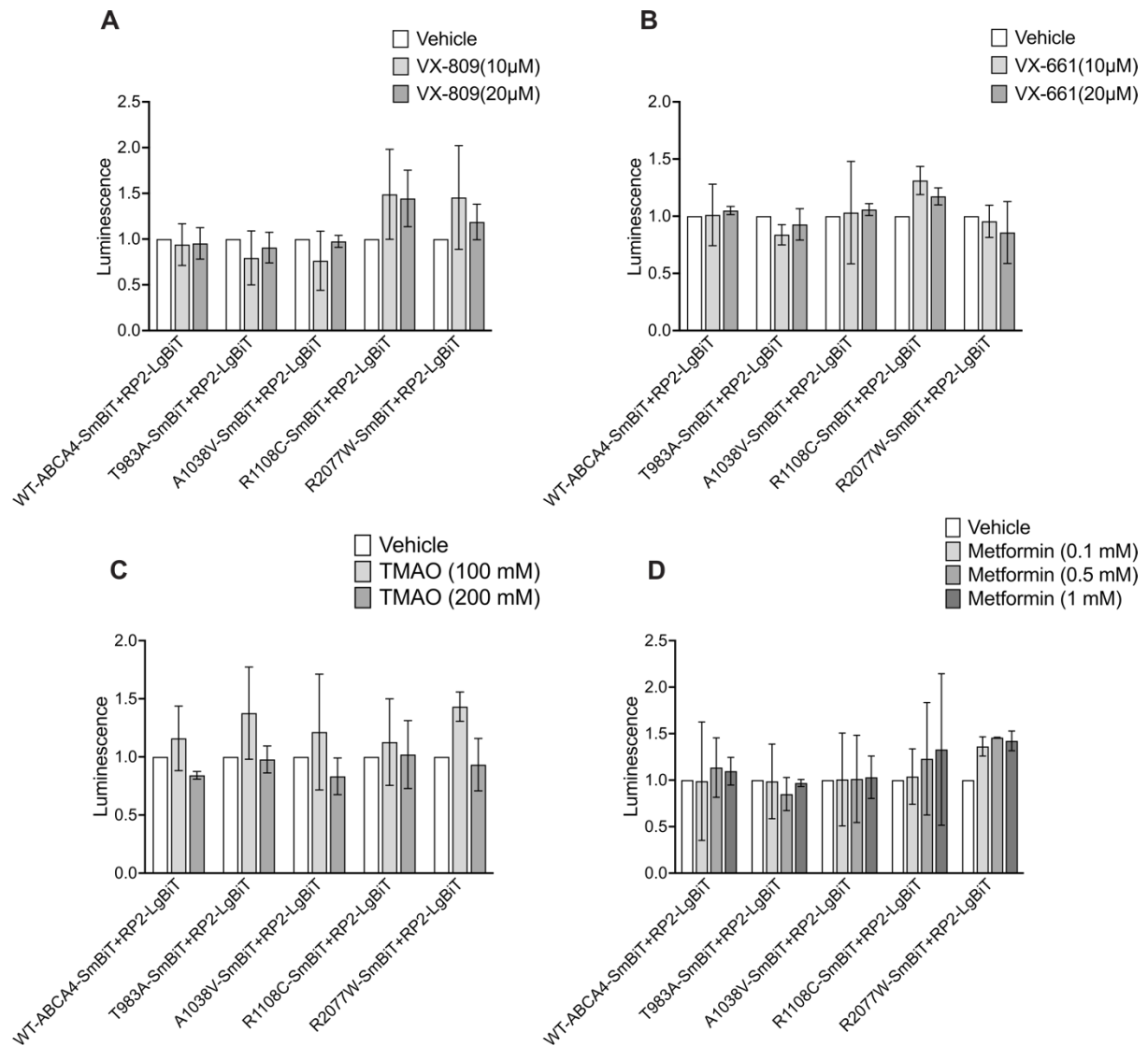
**Figure S3. The effect of the temperature on ABCA4 protein degradation.** HEK293T cells were transfected with plasmids expressing WT ABCA4 and variants and incubated at 37°C or 30°C. 48h post-transfection cells were treated with 50  $\mu$ M of (CHX) for 0, 2 and 4 h and western blotted (10  $\mu$ g of protein lysate). Graphs show quantification of protein levels by ImageJ. Data were normalised to GAPDH/ $\beta$ -Tubulin. Mean of fold change + SD. n = 3 independent experiments.



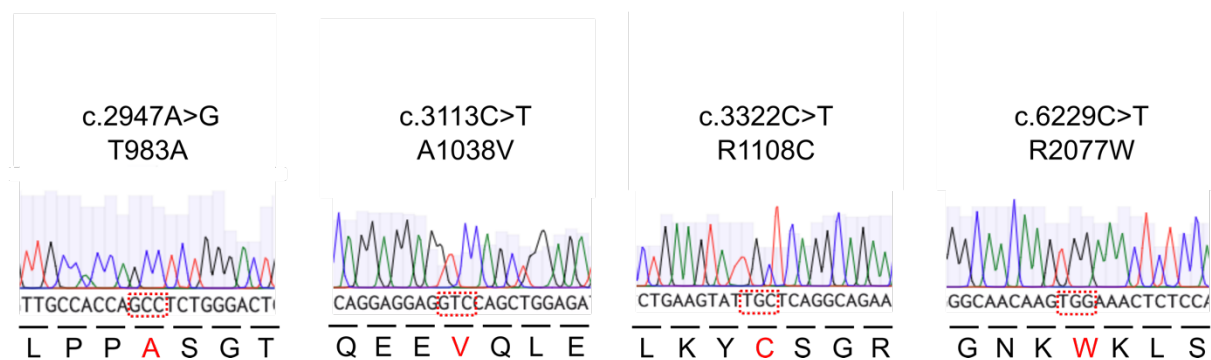
**Figure S4. Plasmid maps.** The RP2-LBiT, RHO-SmBiT and ABCA4-SmBiT plasmid maps. The P23H and the ABCA4 missense variants are not shown since they all are single nucleotide variants in the coding sequence and the vector backbones are the same.



**Figure S5. Validation of split NanoBit complementation assay** **A)** 48h post-transfection live HEK293T cells were analysed using a luminometer. WT-ABCA4-SmBiT + RP2-SmBiT shows a stronger luminescence with compared to the non-transfected cells (Mock). Error bars are SD.  $n = 3$ . Two-tailed Student's t-test. **B,C)** 48h post-transfection HEK293T cells were collected, and the protein lysate was analysed by western blot and quantification was obtained with ImageJ. No marked decrease in the steady state level of the ABCA4 proteins was detected.  $n = 2$ . **D-F)** Luminescence produced at 37°C was compared to the signal produced at 30°C using the RHO-SmBiT+RP2-LgBiT and the ABCA4-SmBiT+RP2-LgBiT plasmids in HEK293T. A significant drop in luminescence signal was observed at 30°C in HEK293T cells in both conditions. **F)** Luminescence signal at 37°C vs 30 °C was also studied using the positive control plasmids provided in the NanoLuc Binary Technology system by Promega. A significant drop in luminescence signal was observed at 30°C. Error bars are SD. Two-tailed Student's t-test.



**Figure S6. Small compounds are screened using the complementation assay. A and B)** Luminescence signal in HEK293T was analysed after 48h from transient transfection for the indicated NanoBiT fusion combinations. 24h post transfection cells were treated with 10  $\mu$ M or 20  $\mu$ M of VX-809 (**A**) and VX-661 (**B**) for a total of 24h treatment. Mean fold change in luminescence relative to the vehicle + SD. n=2. **C)** 48h post transfection cells were treated with different concentrations of TMAO (100 and 200 mM) for a total of 24h treatment. Mean fold change in luminescence relative to the vehicle + SD. n=3. **D)** Luminescence signal in HEK293T was analysed after 48h from transient transfection for the indicated NanoBiT fusion combinations. 24h post transfection cells were treated with different concentration of metformin (0.1, 0.5 and 1 mM) for a total of 24h treatment. Mean fold change in luminescence relative to the vehicle + SD. n=2



**Figure S7. ABCA4 variants sequences.** Sanger sequences of ABCA4-SmBiT plasmid variants to confirm the introduction of the specific point mutation in the correct position (red box).

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**Figure S8. WT-ABCA4-SmBiT and RP2-LgBiT plasmids sequences.** WT-ABCA4-SmBiT plasmid sequence is shown with WT-ABCA4 in yellow, linker in cyan and SmBiT in magenta. RP2-LgBiT plasmid sequence is displayed with RP2 in red and LgBiT in green.