

**Figure S1: Impact of R47H variant of TREM2 on tau pathology in 3-month-old PS19 mice.** Representative images of pTau staining (AT8, AT180 and PG5) in the piriform cortex (A, E, I) and hippocampus (B, F, J) from PS19-T2<sup>CV</sup> and PS19-T2<sup>R47H</sup> mice. (Scale bars: 1 mm). Quantification of the percent area covered by pTau staining (AT8, AT180 and PG5) in the piriform cortex (C, G, K) and hippocampus (D, H, L). Data are presented as mean ± SEM. Significance was determined using an unpaired, two-tailed Mann Whitney's test due to the nonparametric data set. Significance was defined as \**p*<0.05 (PS19-T2<sup>CV</sup>, n=16 and PS19-T2<sup>R47H</sup> n=14/15). ELISA results showing concentrations of pTau (p.Ser202-Thr205 and p.Thr181) and total tau and pTau/total tau ratio in the hippocampus were quantified using a human-tau (htau) specific sandwich ELISA to measure pTau (L), total tau (M) and pTau/total tau ratio (L). pTau and total tau (L and M) were normalized on total protein concentration. Data are presented as mean ± SEM. Significance was determined by an unpaired, two-tailed Student's t test (PS19-T2<sup>CV</sup>, n=15 and PS19-T2<sup>R47H</sup> n=12).



**Figure S2: Impact of R47H variant of TREM2 on brain volume in 3-month-old PS19 mice.** Representative images of PS19-T2<sup>CV</sup> and PS19-T2<sup>R47H</sup> brain sections stained with Sudan black at 3 months of age (A) (Scale bars, 1 mm). Quantification of the average volume of the hippocampus (B), ventricles (C), entorhinal and piriform cortex (D) and half brain minus ventricle (E). Data are presented as mean ± SEM. Significance was determined by an unpaired, two-tailed Student's t test (PS19-T2<sup>CV</sup>, n=16 and PS19-T2<sup>R47H</sup> n=15).



**Figure S3: Impact of R47H variant of TREM2 on microgliosis in 3-month-old PS19 mice.** Representative images of Iba1 staining in the piriform cortex (A) and hippocampus (B) from PS19-T2<sup>CV</sup> and PS19-T2<sup>R47H</sup> mice. (Scale bars: 0.5 mm). Quantification of the percent area covered by Iba1 staining in the piriform cortex (C) and hippocampus (D). Data is presented as mean ± SEM. Significance was determined using an unpaired, two-tailed Mann Whitney's test due to the nonparametric data set (PS19-T2<sup>CV</sup>, n=15 and PS19-T2<sup>R47H</sup> n=14).



**Figure S4: R47H variant of TREM2 decreases astrogliosis in 9-month-old PS19 mice.** Expression of cortical GFAP mRNA of 9-month-old PS19-T2<sup>CV</sup> and PS19-T2<sup>R47H</sup> mice (A) (PS19-T2<sup>CV</sup>, n=11 and PS19-T2<sup>R47H</sup> n=10). Quantification of the percent area covered by GFAP staining in the piriform cortex (B) and hippocampus (C) (PS19-T2<sup>CV</sup>, n=15 and PS19-T2<sup>R47H</sup> n=15). Representative images of GFAP staining in the piriform cortex (D) and hippocampus (E) from PS19-T2<sup>CV</sup> and PS19-T2<sup>R47H</sup> mice (Scale bars: 1 mm). Data are presented as mean ± SEM. Significance was determined by an unpaired, two-tailed Student's t test. Significance was defined as \**p*< 0.05 and \*\*\**p*< 0.001

TREM2 genotype	APOE genotype	Age	Sex	CDR	Braak
CV	23	91.081	М	3	V
CV	34	81.259	F	3	VI
CV	44	72.203	М	3	VI
CV	24	88.764	F	3	VI
CV	33	90.2642	F	2	VI
CV	33	80.975	М	3	VI
CV	33	95.734	F	3	VI
CV	34	84.471	F	1	111
CV	33	91.165	М	1	111
R47H	33	90.642	М	3	V
R47H	34	88.225	F	3	IV
R47H	33	85.637	М	3	V
R47H	33	93.985	F	3	NA
R47H	34	78.231	М	3	V
R62H	34	77.714	М	3	V
R62H	34	78.981	F	3	NA
R62H	33	84.375	F	3	VI
R62H	34	89.306	F	3	VI
R62H	44	89.369	F	3	NA

**Supplementary Table 1.** Demographic information for TREM2<sup>R47H</sup>, TREM2<sup>R62H</sup>, and TREM2<sup>CV</sup> AD cases used in figure 7. NA: Not Available.