

**Supplementary Table S1.** Effects of *Doenjang* on food intake and feed efficiency ratio of mice

|                           | <b>LF</b>                 | <b>HF</b>                 | <b>SS</b>                 | <b>DJ</b>                 |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Food intake (g/day)       | 3.93± 0.09 <sup>a</sup>   | 2.60 ± 0.08 <sup>b</sup>  | 2.69 ± 0.20 <sup>b</sup>  | 2.47 ± 0.08 <sup>b</sup>  |
| Calorie intake (kcal/day) | 15.12 ± 0.35 <sup>a</sup> | 12.35 ± 0.37 <sup>b</sup> | 12.60 ± 0.98 <sup>b</sup> | 11.21 ± 0.33 <sup>b</sup> |
| Feed efficiency ratio (%) | 3.72 ± 0.32 <sup>c</sup>  | 8.08 ± 0.53 <sup>ab</sup> | 9.77 ± 0.85 <sup>a</sup>  | 6.64 ± 0.58 <sup>b</sup>  |

LF, a low-fat diet (n = 12/group); HF, a high-fat diet (n = 12/group); SS, an HF diet containing steamed soybean (n = 12/group); DJ, an HF diet containing *Doenjang* (n = 11/group). Values are mean ± SEM. Data in the same row with different alphabetical superscript are significantly different from one another (P < 0.05).

**Supplementary Table S2.** List of primer sequences for quantitative RT-PCR (qRT-PCR)

| Gene           | Forward (5'- 3')                 | Reverse (5'- 3')         |
|----------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| BACE1          | GCATGATCATTGGTGGTATC             | CCATCTTGAGATCTTGACCA     |
| BDNF           | GGCTGACACTTTGAGCACGTC            | CTCCAAAGGCACTTGACTGCTG   |
| Caspase-1      | GAATACAACCACTCGTACAC<br>GTCTTG   | AGATCCTCCAGCAGCAACTTCA   |
| GFAP           | AACCGCATCACCAATTCTT              | CGCATCTCCACAGTCTTACC     |
| HO-1           | CCTCACTGGCAGGAAATCATC            | CCTCGTGGAGACGCTTACATA    |
| IDE            | CTGTGCCCTTGTGATGC                | GTTCCCCGTAGCCTTCCA       |
| IL-6           | TTCCATCCAGTTGCCCTTCTT            | CAGAATTGCCATTGCACAAC     |
| MCP-1          | TGATCCCAATGAGTAGGCTGG            | ATGTCTGGACCCATTCTTCTT    |
| PS1            | TGCGGCCATCATGATCAGTGTG           | ATAAGCCAGGCGTGGATGAC     |
| TLR-4          | AGGAAGTTCTCTGGACTAACAG<br>TTTAGA | AAATTGTGAGCCACATTGAGTTTC |
| TNF $\alpha$   | GGCTACAGGCTTGRCACTCGA            | CACGCTTTCTGTCTACTGAA     |
| $\beta$ -Actin | GCTGAGAGGGAAATCGT                | CGTCAGGCAGCTCATAG        |

BACE1,  $\beta$ -secretase 1; BDNF, brain-derived neurotrophic factor; GFAP, glial fibrillary acidic protein; HO-1, heme oxygenase 1; IDE, insulin-degrading enzyme; IL-6, interleukin 6; MCP-1, monocyte chemoattractant protein-1; PS1, presenilin 1; TLR-4, Toll-like receptor 4; TNF $\alpha$ , tumor necrosis factor  $\alpha$