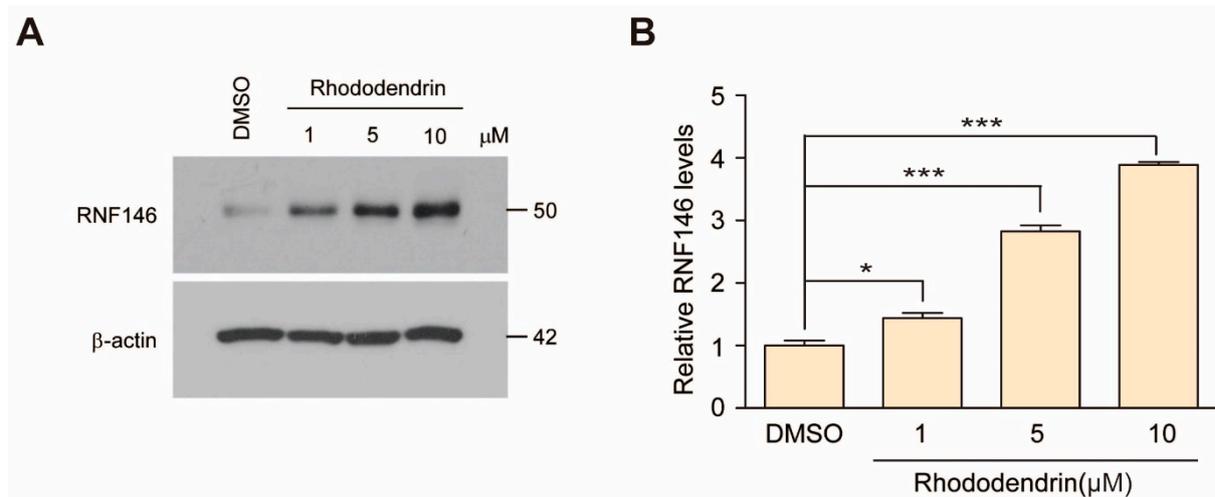




**Rhododendrin-induced RNF146 expression via estrogen receptor β activation is
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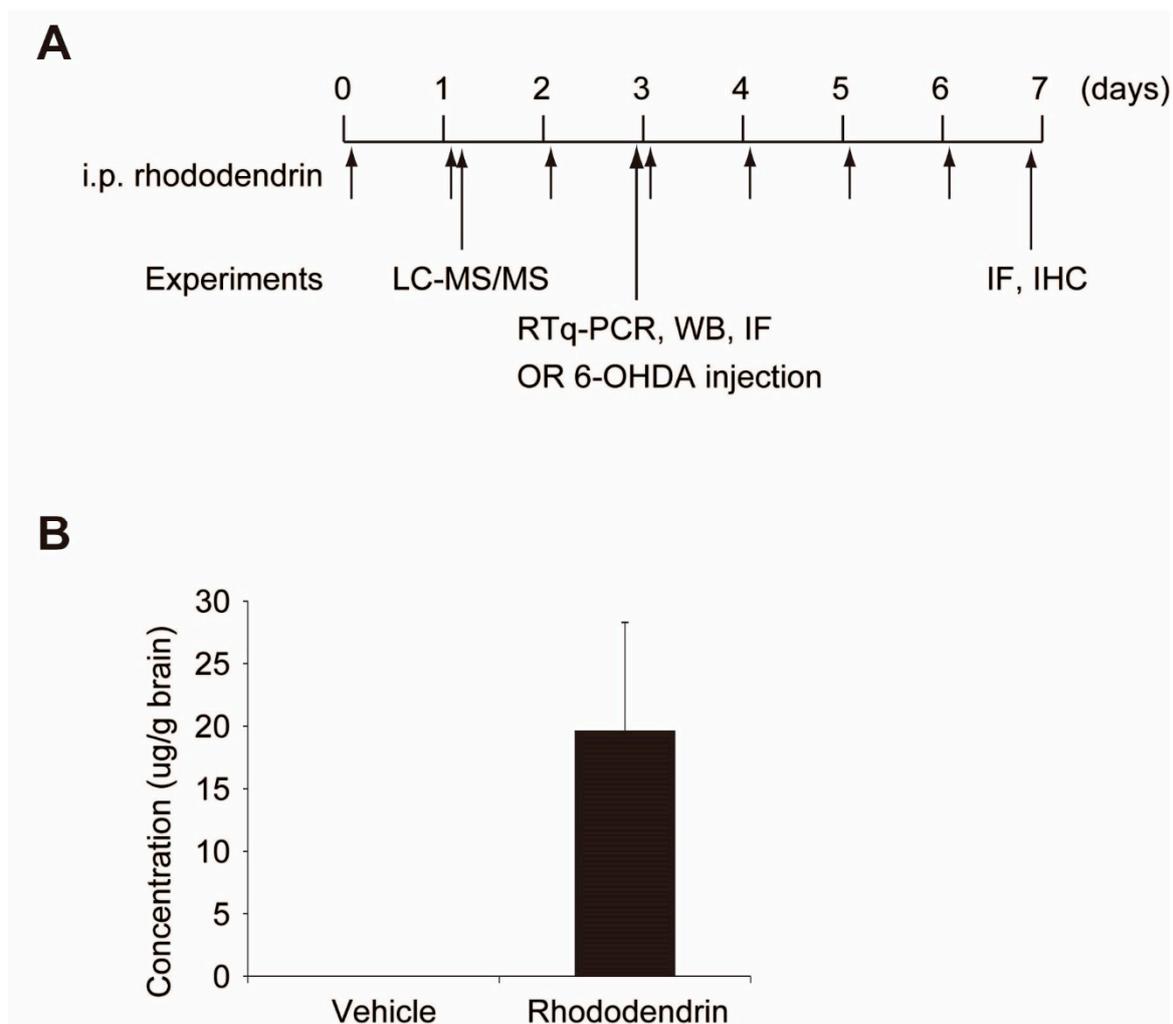


Supplementary Figure S1. Rhododendrin induced RNF146 expression in SH-SY5Y cells

(A) Representative Western blot showing RNF146 expression in SH-SY5Y cells treated for 60 h with the indicated concentrations of rhododendrin (1, 5, 10 μ M). β -actin served as a loading control.

(B) Quantification of relative RNF146 protein levels normalized to that of β -actin in SH-SY5Y cells treated for 60 h with 1, 5, and 10 μ M of the rhododendrin ($n = 3$ per group).

Data are expressed as mean \pm SEM. * $P < 0.05$ and *** $P < 0.001$, ANOVA test followed by Tukey's post-hoc analysis.

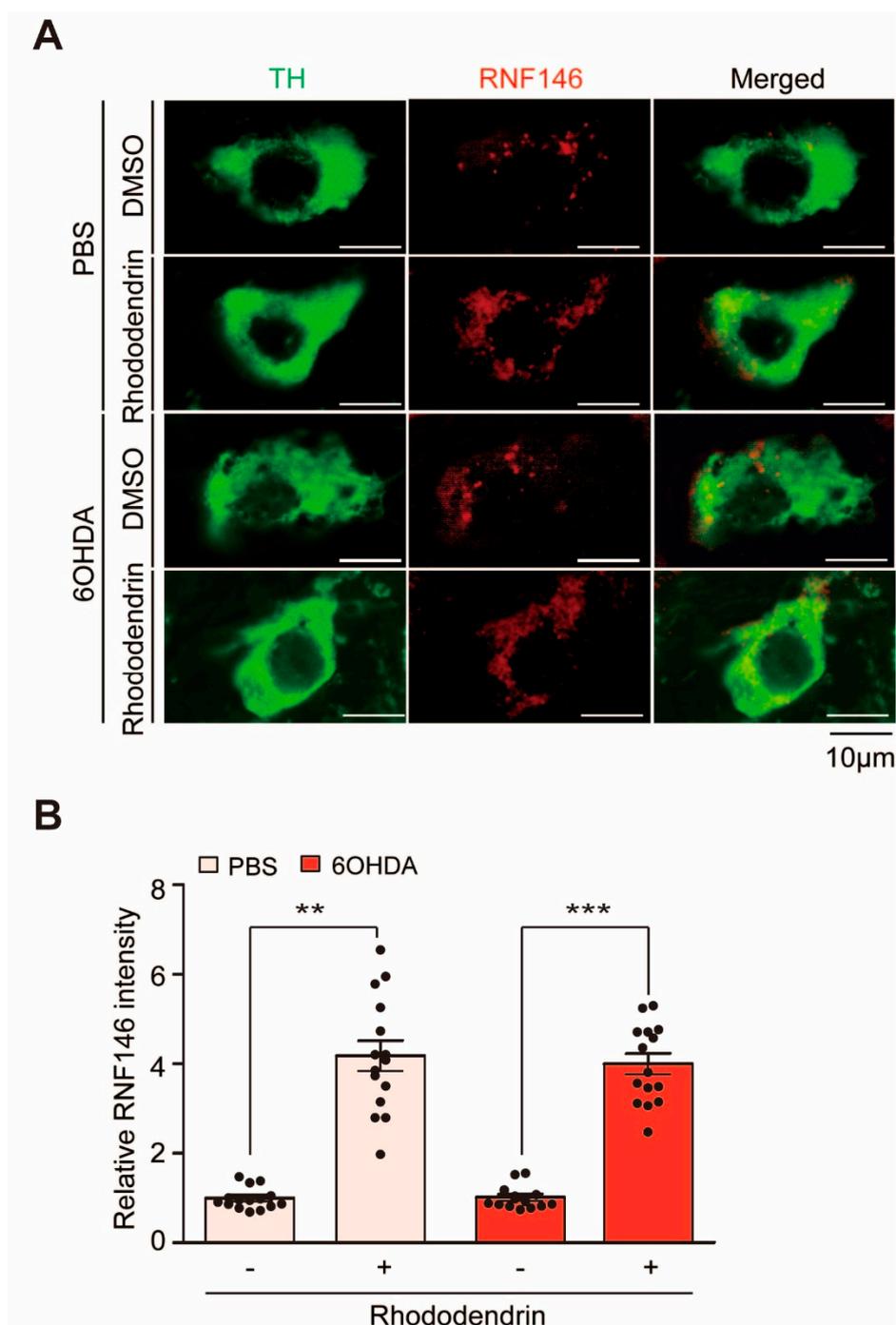


Supplementary Figure S2. *In vivo* experimental schedule and rhododendrin brain penetration.

(A) Schematic diagram depicting experimental schedule and rhododendrin i.p. administration for *in vivo* study. LC-MS/MS, high pressure liquid chromatography; WB, western blot; IF, immunofluorescence; IHC, immunohistochemistry.

(B) Quantification of brain concentration of rhododendrin in mice administered with 10 mg/kg rhododendrin i.p. ($n = 3$ per group) determined by LC-MS/MS. Mice were given i.p. injection of rhododendrin daily for two days, and brains were extracted 20 minutes following the second injection of rhododendrin.

Data are expressed as mean \pm SEM.



Supplementary Figure S3. RNF146 expression in dopaminergic neurons in response to rhododendrin treatment *in vivo*

(A) Representative confocal immunofluorescence images of TH (green) and RNF146 (red) expression using the indicated antibodies in ventral midbrain sections from 3-month-old mice treated with rhododendrin or DMSO for 7 days followed by intrastriatal 6-OHDA injection (8 ug, 4 days).

(B) Relative expression levels of RNF146 in TH-positive dopaminergic neurons in the indicated experimental groups as normalized to the DMSO control group ($n = 15$ cells per each group from three mice).

Data are expressed as mean \pm SEM. *** $P < 0.001$, ANOVA test followed by Tukey's post-hoc analysis.