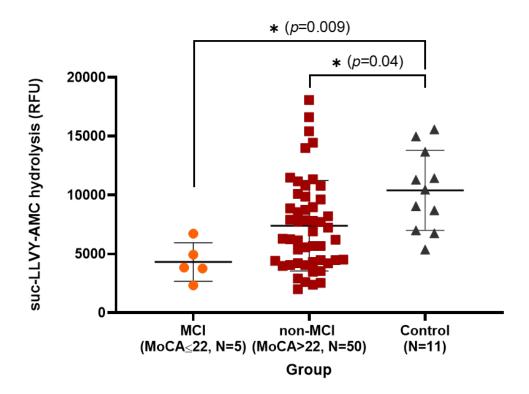
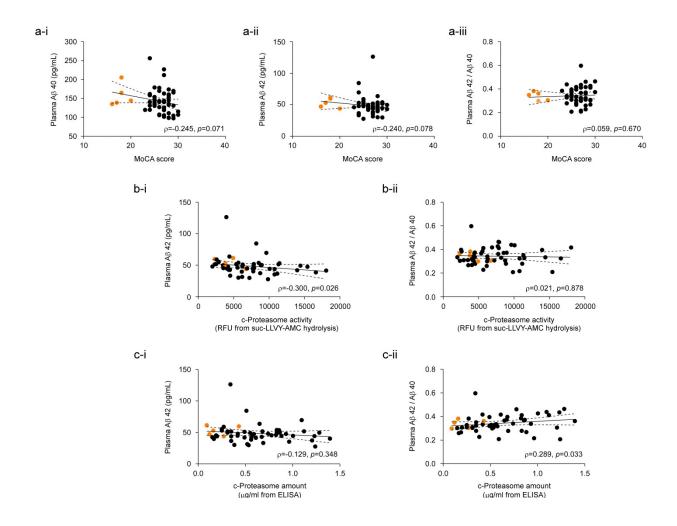
## **Supplementary Material**

Proteasome Activity in the Plasma as a Novel Biomarker in Mild Cognitive Impairment with Chronic Tinnitus



**Supplementary Figure 1. Comparison of c-proteasome between groups.** Extracellular circulating proteasome (c-proteasome) activity of health subjects (Control group) was compared with that of mild cognitive impairment (MCI) and non-MCI groups. \*p < 0.05 (by one-way ANOVA and post-hoc Tukey's test)



Supplementary Figure 2. Spearman's correlation analysis among A $\beta$  levels, MoCA score, c-proteasome concentrations, and c-proteasome activity. a) Correlation between Montreal cognitive assessment (MoCA) scores from patients with chronic tinnitus and A $\beta$ 40 (i), A $\beta$ 42 (ii), or A $\beta$ 42/40 ratio (iii). b) Correlation between c-proteasome activity and A $\beta$ 42 (i) or A $\beta$ 42/40 ratio (ii). c) As in (b), except that c-proteasome levels were compared with that of A $\beta$ , instead of c-proteasome activity. Solid and dashed lines represent the regression line and 95% confidence intervals, respectively. These data complement Figure 4.