

1 **Supplementary Information**

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5 **Modulatory mechanisms of TARP γ 8-selective AMPA receptor therapeutics**

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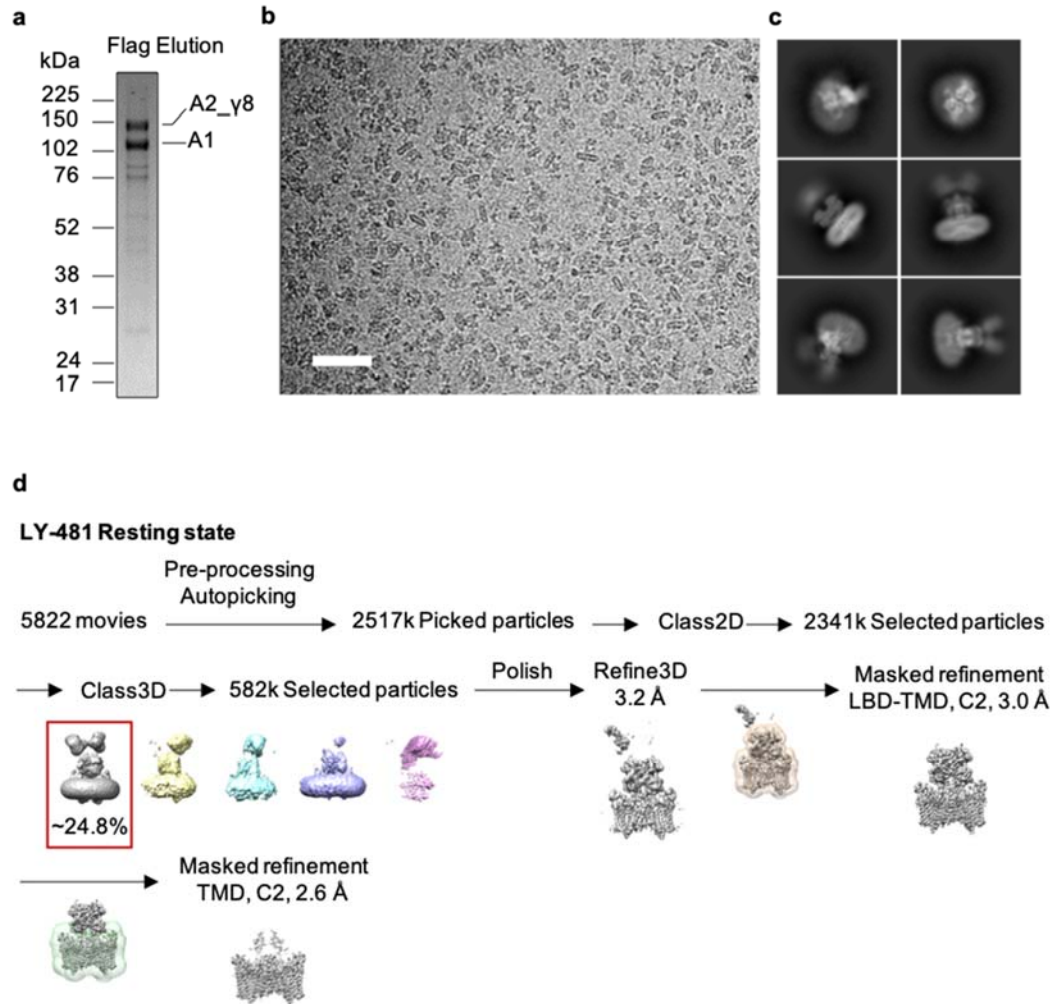
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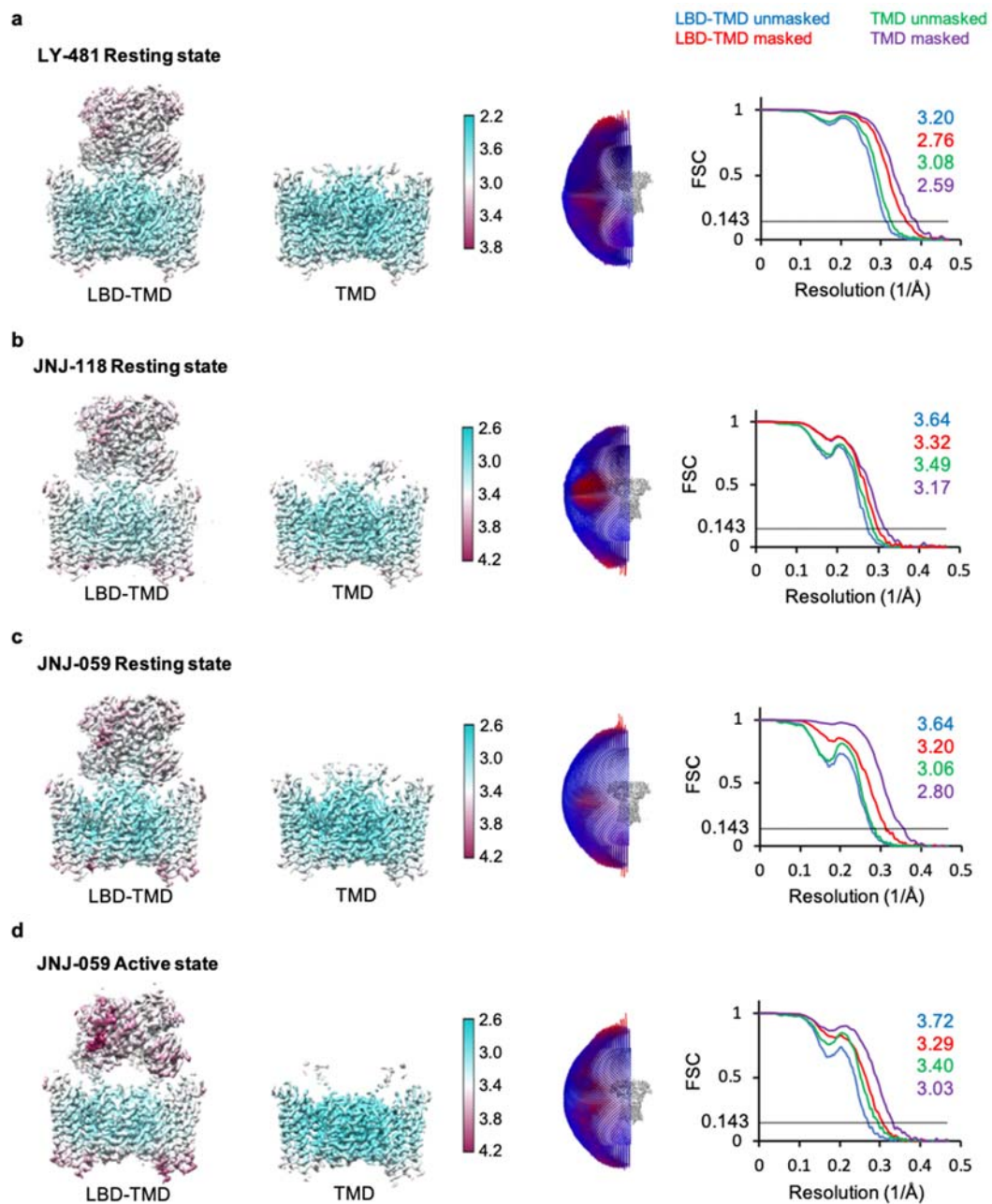
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17 **Supplementary Fig. 1. Purification of recombinant AMPAR complex and representative**
 18 **cryo-EM data processing workflow of GluA1/A2_γ8 in complex with γ8 NAMs.**

19 **a**, Representative 4-12% Bis-Tris SDS-PAGE gel stained with Coomassie blue, indicating
 20 elution of the GluA1/2_γ8 complex from FLAG beads. Purification was performed
 21 reproducibly (more than 3 times); uncropped gel provided at the end of Supplementary
 22 Information. **b**, Representative, motion-corrected micrograph of resting-state GluA1/2_γ8 in
 23 complex with LY-481 among collected data (scale bar, 50 nm). **c**, Representative 2D class
 24 averages of the resting state GluA1/2_γ8 in complex with LY-481. **d**, Cryo-EM data processing
 25 workflow of the resting state GluA1/2_γ8 in complex with LY-481. Raw movies were first

26 processed, then more than 2 million raw particles were picked from motion-corrected
27 micrographs. Then 2D and 3D classification was performed to remove bad particles, and finally
28 582k particles were selected and polished for refinement. Next, focused refinement on LBD-
29 TMD gating core was performed with C2 symmetry. To further improve the resolution at the
30 ligand-binding pocket, the TMD sector alone was refined with C2 symmetry applied. This
31 workflow was also implemented for the other structures (JNJ-118, JNJ-059).

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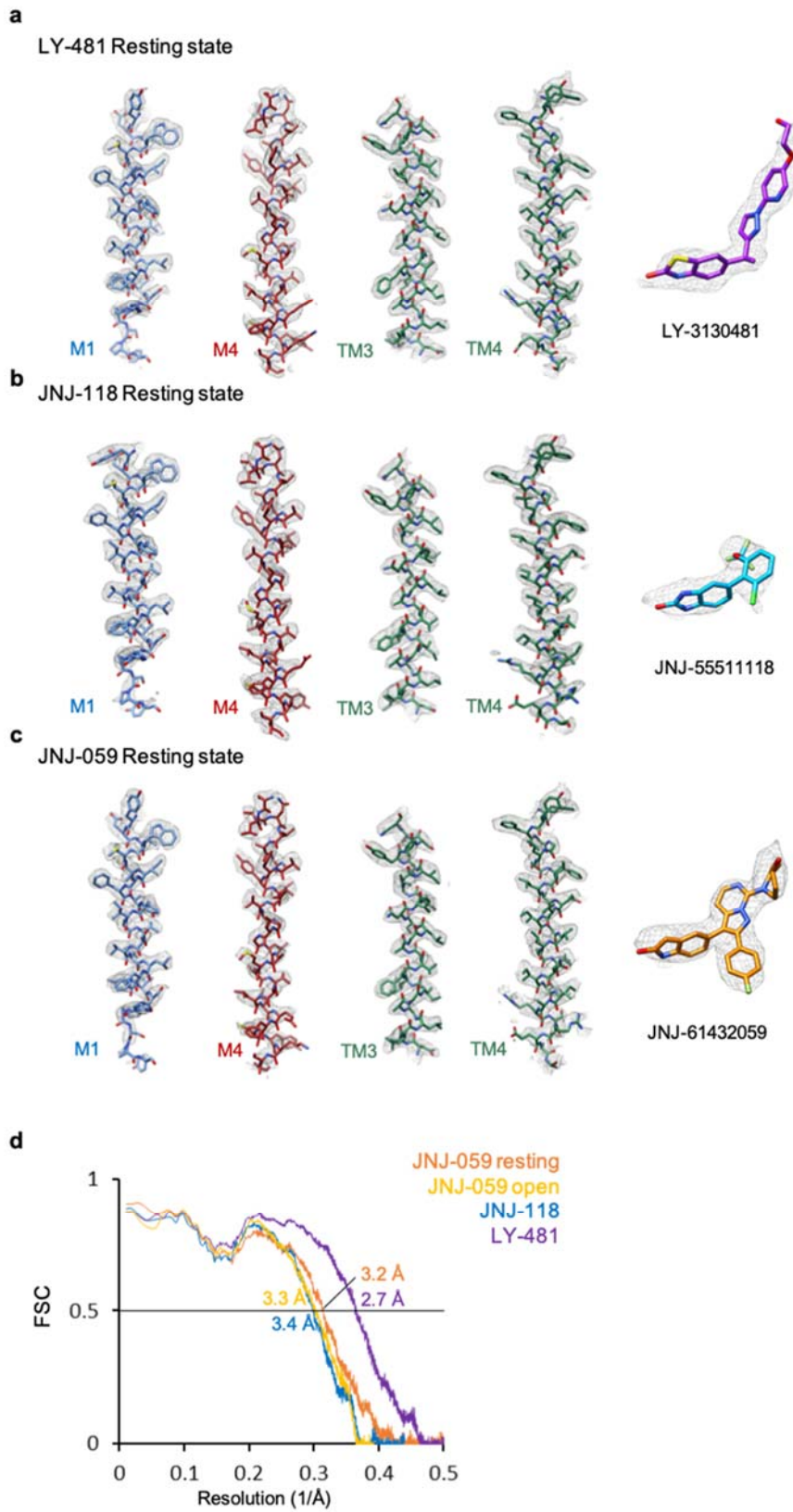
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36 **Supplementary Fig. 2. Cryo-EM analysis of GluA1/A2_γ8 in complex with γ8 NAMs.**

37 **a, Left:** Local resolution maps at LBD-TMD and TMD of resting state GluA1/A2_γ8 in
 38 complex with LY481. 3D maps are coloured based on local resolution estimate. **Middle:**
 39 Euler angle distribution of particles used for the cryo-EM reconstruction. **Right:** Masked (red, LBD-

40 TMD and purple, TMD) or unmasked (blue, LBD-TMD and green, TMD) Fourier shell
41 correlation (FSC) of corresponding maps where FSC=0.143 (black line). **b**, Local resolution
42 maps, particle Euler angle distribution and FSC curves of resting state GluA1/A2_γ8 in
43 complex with JNJ-118. Figures are coloured as in A. **c**, Local resolution maps, particle Euler
44 angle distribution and FSC curves of resting state GluA1/A2_γ8 in complex with JNJ-059.
45 Figures are coloured as in A. **d**, Local resolution maps, particle Euler angle distribution and
46 FSC curves of open state GluA1/A2_γ8 in complex with JNJ-059. Figures are coloured as in
47 panel A.
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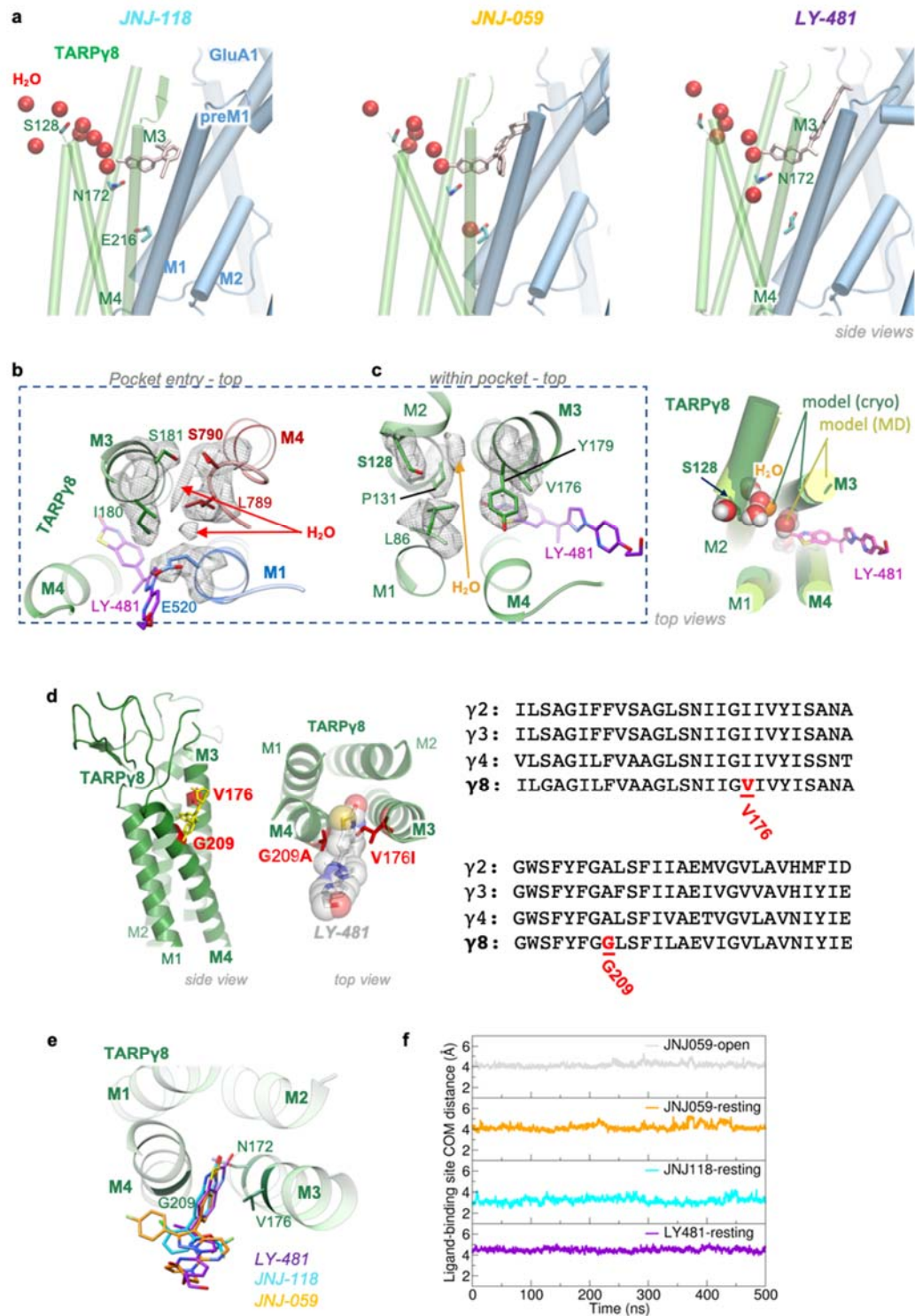


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52 **Supplementary Fig. 3. Densities and their fit against models of GluA1/A2_γ8**
53 **transmembrane helices.**

54 **a**, Densities of LY-481 and surrounding transmembrane helices M1(GluA1), M4(GluA2),
55 M3(γ8), M4(γ8) and their fit against the model. **b**, Densities of JNJ-118 and surrounding
56 transmembrane helices M1(GluA1), M4(GluA2), M3(γ8), M4(γ8) and their fit against the
57 model. **c**, Densities of JNJ-059 and surrounding transmembrane helices M1(GluA1),
58 M4(GluA2), M3(γ8), M4(γ8) and their fit against the model. **d**, Model-to-map FSCs of ligand-
59 bound GluA1/2_γ8 LBD-TMD models in resting and active states.

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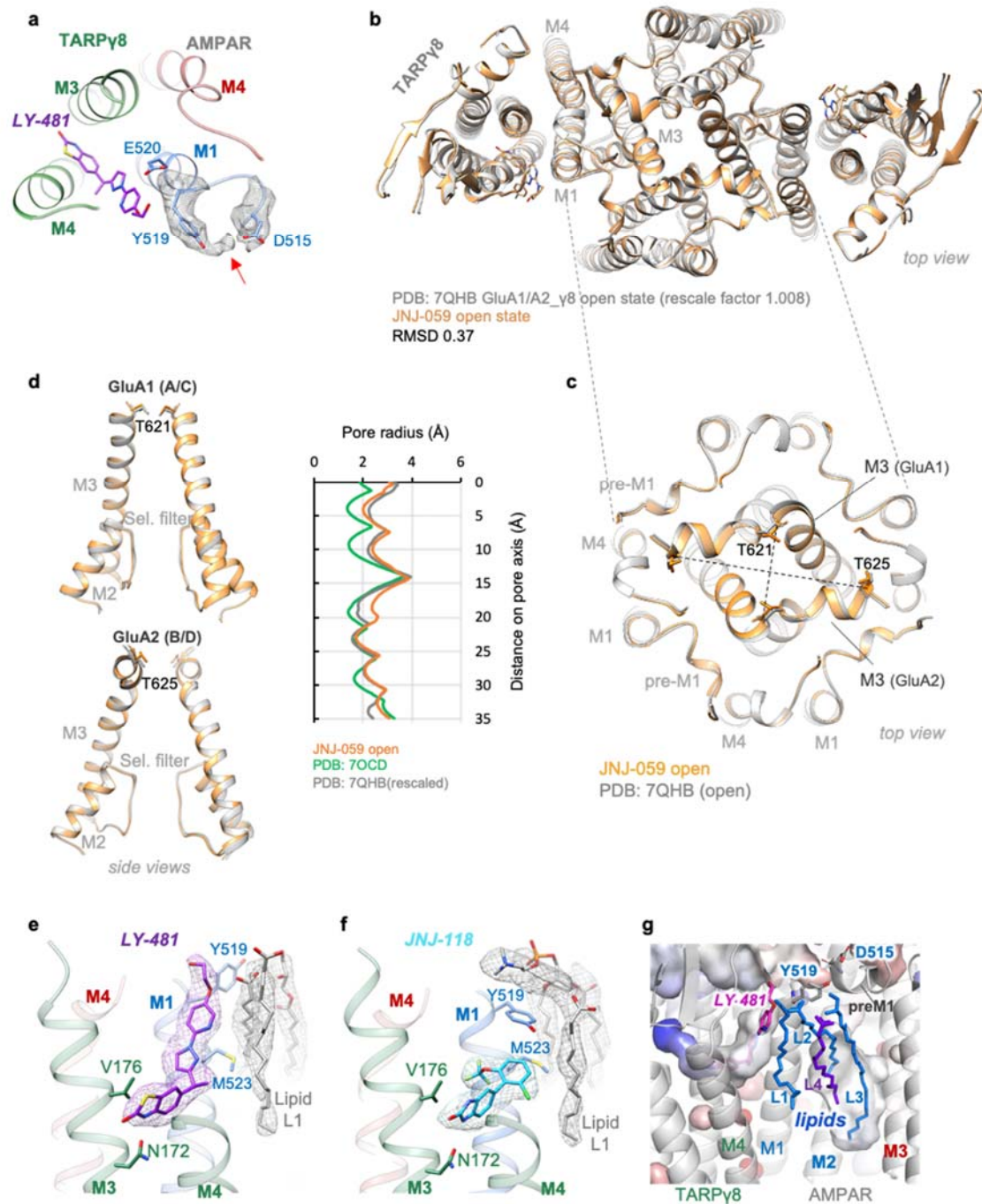
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63 **Supplementary Fig. 4. Features of the NAM binding sites from cryo-EM and MD**

64 **simulation analysis.**

65 **a**, Snapshots from MD simulations (left: JNJ-118, centre, JNJ-059, right: LY-481) showing
66 water molecules from the extracellular side penetrating into TARP in the direction of S128 to
67 N172 at the ligand binding site. **b**, Density of putative waters (indicated by the red arrow) and
68 surrounding residues in the LY-481 cryo-EM map around GluA2 S790. Model is coloured as
69 in Fig2. **c**, Left: Density of putative waters (indicated by the red arrows) and surrounding
70 residues in the LY-481 cryo-EM map around γ 8 S128. Model is coloured as in Fig2. Right:
71 Top view of MD simulation snapshot showing water penetration into TARP in the LY-481
72 complex, in the S128 to N172 region. **d**, Sequence alignment of Type 1 TARPs, γ 8-specific
73 V176 and G209 are highlighted. The model demonstrates how these residues accommodate the
74 ligands, in contrast with the bulkier residues of the other TARPs, shown in the top view in red.
75 **e**, Overlay of resting state LY-481, JNJ-118 and JNJ-059 models. Models are coloured as in
76 Fig2. **f**, Ligand stability in the binding site, measured as the centre of mass (COM) distance of
77 ligand heavy atoms from COM of C α of binding site residues, V176, G209, M523 and C524.
78 Representative variations from one binding site in one simulation set for each system are
79 shown. Low variation indicates the ligands remain bound in the site during simulations.
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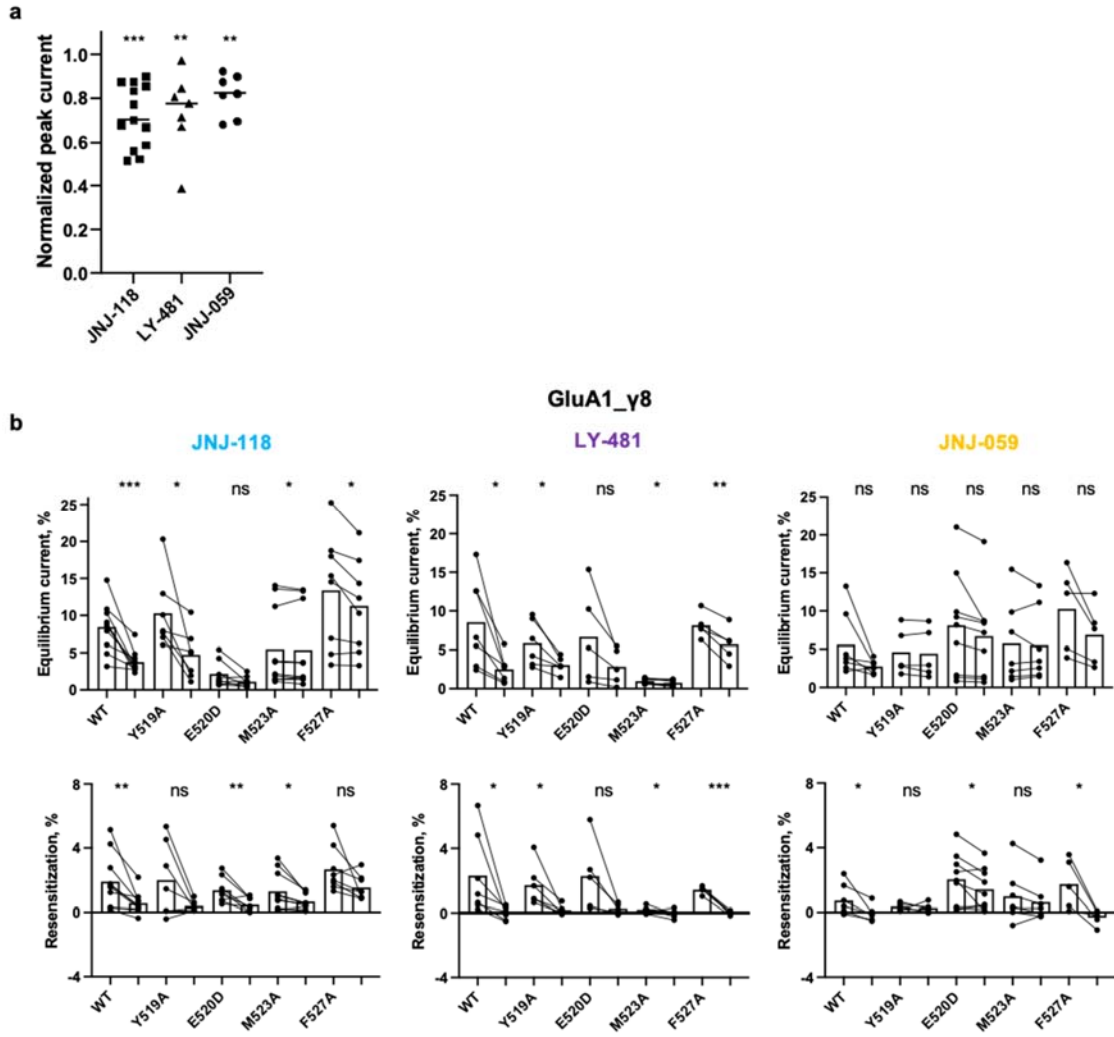
83 **Supplementary Fig. 5. JNJ-059 open state and annular lipids.**

84 **a**, Density of putative water that bridges Y519 and D515 in the LY-481 cryo-EM map. Model

85 is coloured as in Fig2. **b**, Superposition of open state GluA1/A2_γ8 in complex with JNJ-059

86 (orange) and the open state GluA1/A2_γ8 without ligand binding (PDB 7QHB; the model was

87 rescaled by a factor of 1.008 to eliminate systematic errors caused by pixel size calibration
88 yielding better comparability). **c**, Zoomed-in view of the superposed models shows subtle
89 changes at the receptor gate with JNJ-059 bound. **d**, Pore dimensions of resting state
90 GluA1/A2_γ8 (green, PDB 7OCD) open state GluA1/A2_γ8 (grey, rescaled 7QHB as in panel
91 B), and open state GluA1/A2_γ8 in complex with JNJ-059 (orange) depicted by space-filling
92 representation. Side views of superposed M3 helices (top: GluA1, bottom: GluA2) from open
93 state models are shown. **e**, Density of LY-481 and the lipid molecules surround ligand-binding
94 pocket. Model is coloured as in Figure2. **f**, Density of JNJ-118 and lipid molecules surround
95 the ligand binding pocket. Model is coloured as in Fig2. **g**, Cavities of the NAM (LY-481
96 serves as example) and annular lipids lining the conduction path helices (M2 and M3).
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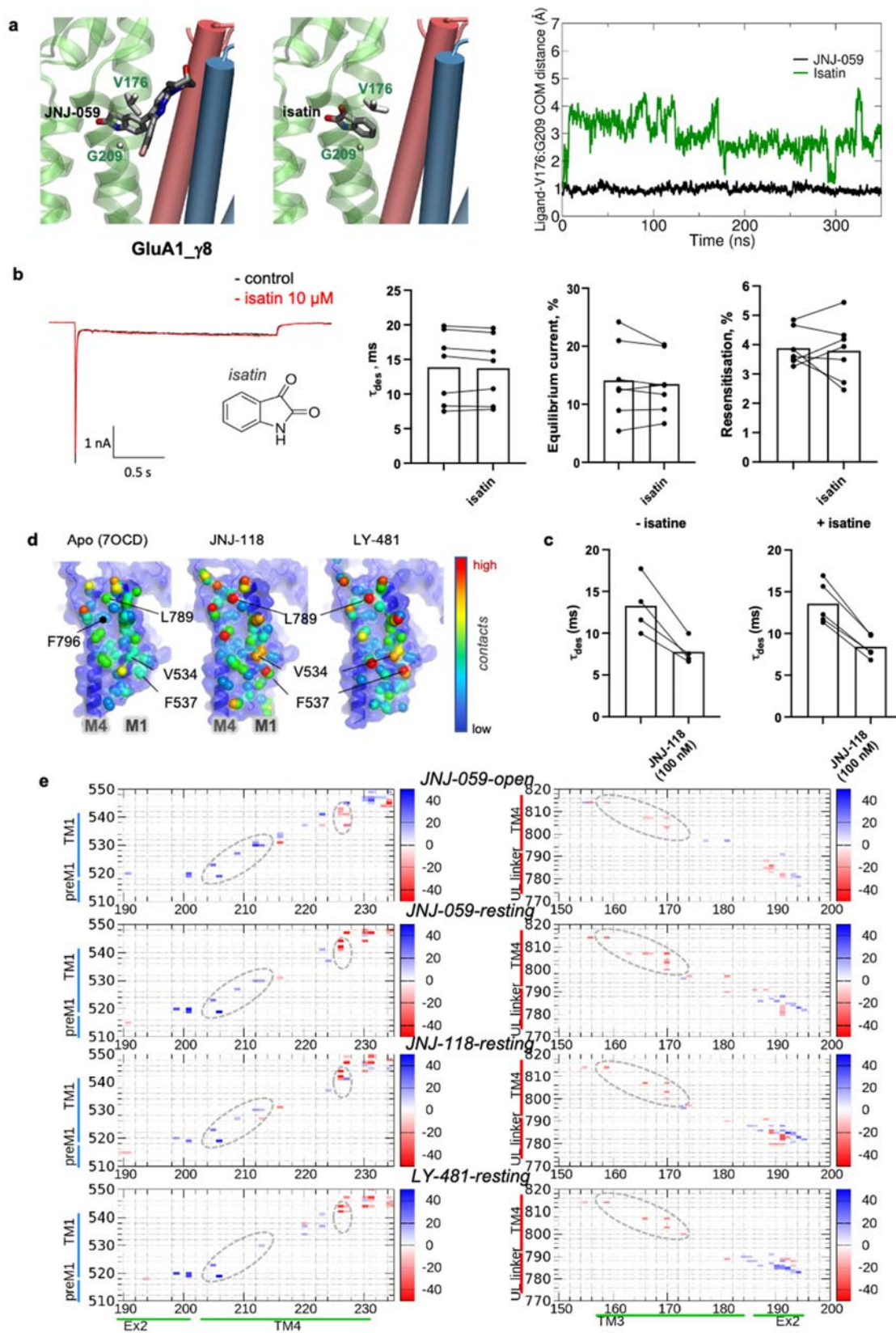
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100 **Supplementary Fig. 6. Electrophysiological characterisation of GluA1 wt and mutants in**
 101 **response to the three NAMs.**

102 **a**, Pooled scatter plot of GluA1_iγ8 current peak inhibition by three modulators. Each point is
 103 current peak in the presence of modulator normalized to the control peak. Horizontal lines
 104 indicate the mean values. Asterisks summarize two-tailed one-sample t-test (difference from
 105 100%) results: ** $p \leq 0.01$, *** $p \leq 0.001$. Number of cells: $n=13, 7,$ and 7 for JNJ-118, LY-
 106 481, and JNJ-059, respectively. **b**, Paired bar plots showing effect of $10 \mu\text{M}$ JNJ-118, LY-481
 107 or JNJ-059 on equilibrium current and resensitization for wild-type or mutant GluA1_iγ8. Each
 108 point is a measure of parameter in absence or presence of modulator. Bar height represents the

109 mean value. Asterisks indicate summary of two-tailed paired t-test values: * $p \leq 0.05$, ** p
110 ≤ 0.01 , *** $p \leq 0.001$ and 'ns' for $p > 0.05$. Number of cells: JNJ-118: n=10, 7, 8, 10, and 8;
111 LY-481: n=7, 6, 5, 8, and 5; JNJ-059: n=7, 5, 9, 7, and 5 for wt, Y519A, E520D, M523A, and
112 F527A, respectively. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.
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117 **Supplementary Fig. 7. Role of natural oxindoles and contact map analyses.**

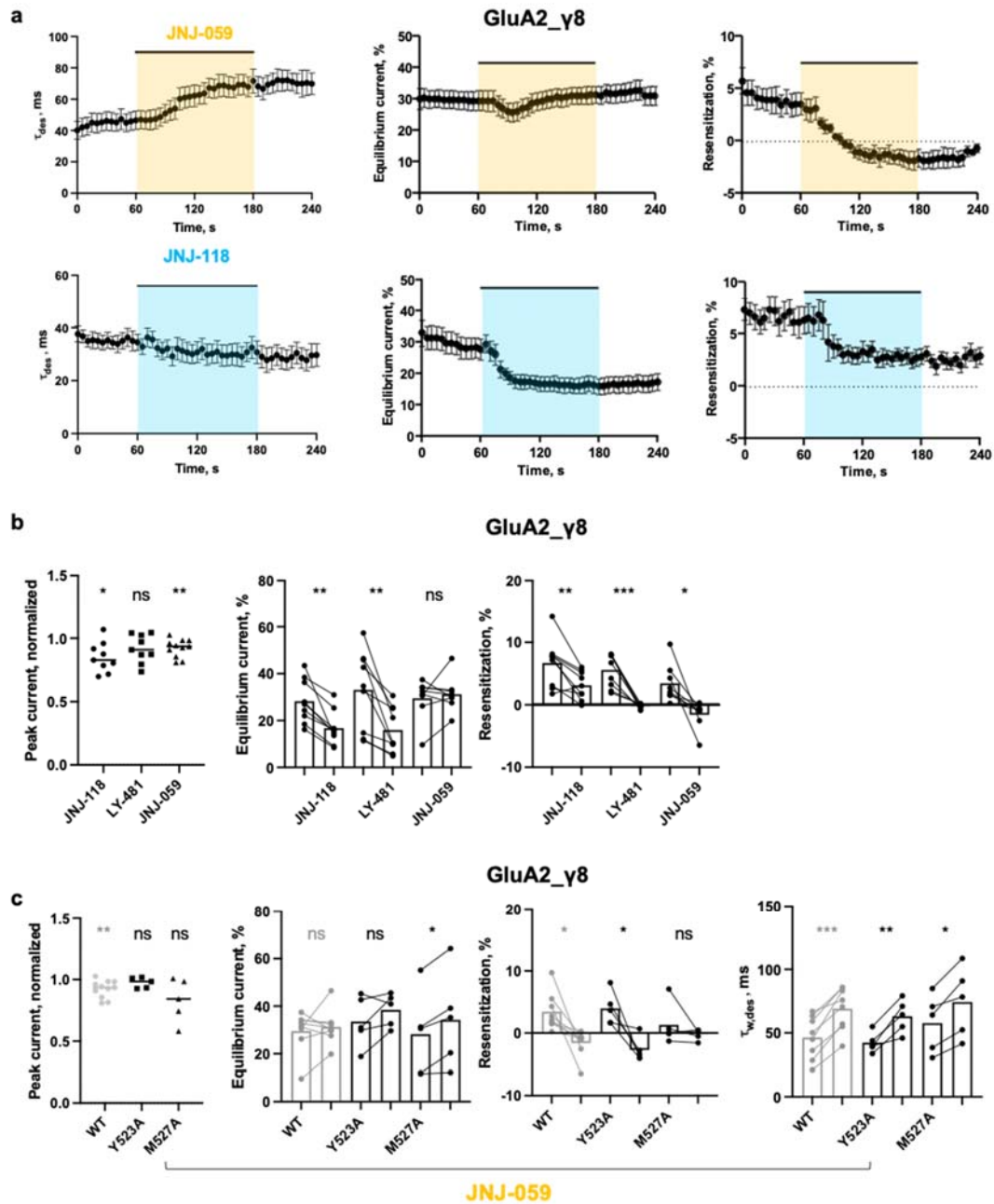
118 **a**, MD snapshots after initial equilibration runs (before production runs) showing the
119 positioning of JNJ-059 (left) and isatin (centre) in the TARP binding site, with the
120 oxindole/isatin sandwiched between V176 and G209. Oxindole/isatin stability in the binding
121 site, measured as the centre of mass (COM) distance of oxindole group heavy atoms, from
122 COM of C α of V176 and G209. **b, Left:** Representative whole-cell responses to 10 mM
123 glutamate (2 seconds, -60 mV) from HEK293T cells transfected with GluA1i_ γ 8 tandem in
124 control condition (black) and in presence of isatin 10 μ M (red). **Right:** Paired bar plots showing
125 effect of 10 μ M isatin on desensitization τ , equilibrium current and resensitization for
126 GluA1i_ γ 8. Each point is a measure of parameter in absence or presence of isatin. Bar height
127 represents the mean value (n = 7). Two-tailed paired t-test *p* values for all parameters were
128 *p*>0.05. **c**, Paired bar plots showing effect of 100 nM JNJ-118 on GluA1i_ γ 8 desensitization τ
129 in absence or presence of 1 mM isatin. Bar height represents the mean value (n = 4 and 5,
130 respectively). **d**, TARP γ 8 contact points along its binding site, the M4_{GluA2} and M1_{GluA1}
131 helices. Contacted residues are coloured depending on the number of atoms contributing to the
132 interaction (red: high; blue: low). Contacts were computed using 'findNeighbors' in ProDy'
133 with a 4.5 Å cutoff between heavy atoms (Bakan et al., 2011). **e**, Contact-difference maps (see
134 Methods) for GluA1-TARP (left panel) and GluA2-TARP (right panel) from simulations.
135 Positive values (blue) indicate contacts that are longer lived in apo vs. ligand-bound states,
136 negative values (red) show contacts that are more persistent in ligand-bound systems compared
137 to apo. Dotted ovals highlight the main changes in interfacial contacts from apo to ligand-
138 bound states: ligand binding reduced TARP contact with GluA1 M1 in the top half (blue
139 contacts in oval), but increased contact near the helix base (red contacts in oval). For GluA2

140 M4, ligand binding induces an overall increase in contact with TARP (red contacts in oval).

141 Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

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151 way ANOVA test with Dunnett correction was used for multiple comparisons to wild type
152 receptor (* $p \leq 0.05$, ** $p \leq 0.01$, *** $p \leq 0.001$ and 'ns' for $p > 0.05$; n values same as in
153 Fig. 5d). **b**, Paired bar plots showing effect of 10 μM JNJ-118, LY-481 or JNJ-059 on
154 desensitization τ , equilibrium current and resensitization for wild type or mutated (R541A or
155 F542A) GluA1i $_{\gamma 8}$. Each point is a measure of parameter in absence or presence of modulator.
156 Bar height represents the mean value. Asterisks indicate summary of two-tailed paired t-test
157 values: * $p \leq 0.05$, ** $p \leq 0.01$, *** $p \leq 0.001$ and 'ns' for $p > 0.05$; number of cells: JNJ-
158 118: 8, 6, 5 (for WT, R541A, and F542A, respectively); LY-481: 7, 11, 9; JNJ-059: 7, 7, 7.
159 Greyed out data sets have been presented elsewhere in this paper (Fig. 4b, Fig. S6b). Source
160 data are provided as a Source Data file.
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164 **Supplementary Fig. 9. Electrophysiological analysis of GluA2 mutants in response to the**
 165 **three NAMs.**

166 **a**, Scatter plot of average desensitization τ (left), equilibrium current (middle) and

167 resensitization (right) in time indicating the time-course of JNJ-059 (n=8; top) or JNJ-118 (n=9;

168 bottom) effect on wild-type GluA2 γ 8 receptor currents. Black circles and whiskers indicate

169 mean values and standard error. **b, Left:** Pooled scatter plot of GluA2iQ_γ8 current peak
170 inhibition by three modulators. Each point is current peak in the presence of modulator
171 normalized to the control peak. Horizontal lines indicate the mean values (n = 9, 9, and 11 for
172 JNJ-118, LY-481, and JNJ-059, respectively). Asterisks summarize two-tailed one-sample t-
173 test (difference from 100%) results: * $p \leq 0.05$, ** $p \leq 0.01$. **Right:** Paired plots showing
174 effect of 10 μM JNJ-118, LY-481 or JNJ-059 on equilibrium current and resensitization for
175 GluA2iQ_γ8. Bar height represents the mean value (n = 9, 9, and 8 for JNJ-118, LY-481, and
176 JNJ-059, respectively). **c, Left:** Pooled scatter plot of wild type or mutant GluA2iQ_γ8 current
177 peak inhibition by JNJ-059. Each point is current peak in the presence of JNJ-059 normalized
178 to the control peak. Horizontal lines indicate the mean values (n = 11, 5, and 5 for WT, Y523A,
179 and M527A, respectively). Asterisks summarize two-tailed one-sample t-test (difference from
180 100%) results: ** $p \leq 0.01$ **Right:** Paired plots showing effect of JNJ-059 on equilibrium
181 current, resensitization, and desensitization τ for GluA2iQ_γ8. Bar height represents the mean
182 value (n = 8, 5, and 5 for WT, Y523A, and M527A, respectively). Asterisks indicate summary
183 of one-sample t-test (difference from 1; normalized peak) or two-tailed paired t-test values
184 (paired plots): * $p \leq 0.05$, ** $p \leq 0.01$, *** $p \leq 0.001$ and 'ns' for $p > 0.05$. Greyed out data
185 sets are repeated from **b** and Fig. 6b. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.
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188 **Supplementary Table 1.**

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190 **Cryo-EM data collection, refinement and validation statistics.**

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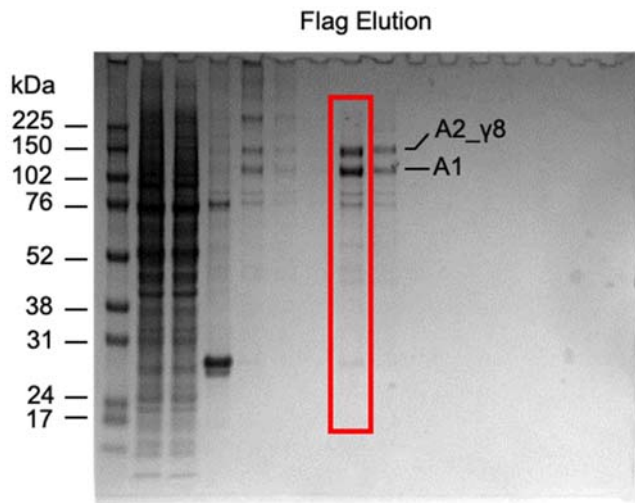
	A1/2_γ8 + LY-481	A1/2_γ8 + JNJ-118	A1/2_γ8 + JNJ-059	A1/2_γ8 + JNJ-059
	Resting state	Resting state	Resting state	Open state
	LBD-TMD	LBD-TMD	LBD-TMD	LBD-TMD
	(EMDB-15717)	(EMDB-15716)	(EMDB-15714)	(EMDB-15718)
	(PDB 8AYN)	(PDB 8AYM)	(PDB 8AYL)	(PDB 8AYO)
Data collection and processing				
Microscope	FEI Titan Krios	FEI Titan Krios	FEI Titan Krios	FEI Titan Krios
Detector	K3 + GIF	K3 + GIF	K3 + GIF	K3 + GIF
Magnification	81000X	81000X	81000X	81000X
Voltage (kV)	300	300	300	300
Electron exposure (e-/Å ²)	50	50	50	50
Defocus range (μm)	-1.2 to -2.8	-1.2 to -2.8	-1.2 to -2.8	-1.2 to -2.8
Pixel size (Å/pixel)	1.07	1.07	1.07	1.07
Symmetry imposed	C2	C2	C2	C2
Micrographs	5822	4019	3781	13612
Map resolution (Å)	2.8	3.3	3.2	3.3
FSC threshold	0.143	0.143	0.143	0.143
Refinement				
Initial model used (PDB)	7OCD	7OCD	7OCD	7OCD
Model resolution (Å)	2.8	3.3	3.2	3.3

FSC threshold	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Map sharpening B factor (\AA^2)	-90	-104	-88	-106
Model composition				
Non-hydrogen atoms	15748	15962	15702	14512
Protein residues	1998	2008	1998	1962
Ligands	LY-481: 2, ZK: 4	JNJ-118: 2, ZK: 4	JNJ-059: 2, ZK: 4	JNJ-059: 2, CTZ: 4
Lipids	22	22	18	16
B factors (\AA^2)				
Protein	45.86	34.91	52.15	50.23
Ligand	23.32	17.75	33.71	36.84
R.m.s. deviations				
Bond lengths (\AA)	0.008	0.006	0.007	0.007
Bond angles	0.646	0.796	0.608	0.583
Validation				
Molprobity score	1.56	1.01	1.61	1.40
Clashscore	5.41	1.59	5.82	6.56
Poor rotamers (%)	0	0.13	0	0
Ramachandran plot				
Favoured (%)	96.08	97.47	95.83	97.81
Allowed (%)	3.92	2.53	4.17	2.19
Disallowed (%)	0	0	0	0

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194 **Uncropped version of the gel presented in Supplementary Fig. 1:**



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