#### **SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL**

### **Supplementary Table 1: morphometric parameters of mouse and human PC used for modelling.**



*Table 1. Morphometric parameters obtained from NEURON (columns 1-6) and Tree toolbox (columns 7-10) in each one of the reconstructed neuronal morphologies used for modelling.* 

Dist dend: Number of spiny terminal dendrites Prox dend: Number of aspiny proximal dendrites Sodium dend: Number of aspiny proximal dendrites endowed with sodium channels Tot dend: Total number of dendritic sections Tot dend len: Total dendritic length in µm Average len: Average length of dendritic sections Branch points: Total number of branch points Sect/branch: Number of sections for each branch point Branch order: Order of the branches obtained using the tree toolbox Branch angle: Average angle (in degrees) of the section departing from a branch point



## **Supplementary Table 2: optimisation results of mouse and human PC models.**

*Table 2. The table illustrates the optimization and validation process.* 

Individuals: total number of individuals in the last generation of optimization

Valid I/O: number of individuals with a correct Input Output relationship

% I/O: percentage of individuals valid for the Input Output relationship

Valid AIS: number of individuals valid for the absence of intrinsic activity if the sodium channels are missing from the Axon Initial Segment.

% AIS: percentage of individuals valid for the absence of intrinsic activity if the sodium channels are missing from the Axon Initial Segment.

Valid Synaptic activity: Number of individuals validated for the synaptic activity.

% Syn: Percentage of individuals validated for synaptic activity.



## **Supplementary Table 3: ionic channels and maximum conductances ranges.**

- Ionic channel type: ionic channel type based on an international classification <sup>1</sup>

- Location: the location along the morphology were the ionic channels were placed.

- Conductance ranges (mA/cm<sup>2</sup>): The parameter ranges were used as priors for the optimization process and were the same both in mouse and human PC models.



## **Supplementary Table 4: ionic channels maximum conductance following optimization.**

- Ionic channel type: ionic channel type based on an international classification <sup>1</sup>
- Location: the location along the morphology where the ionic channels were placed.
- Max conductance  $(mA/cm<sup>2</sup>)$ : Conductances ranges obtained after optimization in mouse  $(n=3)$ and human (n=3) PC models.



**Supplementary Figure 1: intracellular injection and reconstruction of human PCs**

A and B show a dorsal view of the human cerebellum (AB6 case) and a tissue block (B top) obtained from the vermis region of the anterior and posterior lobes. C shows an example of the vibratome sections that were used to intracellularly inject PCs with Lucifer yellow. D, low power conventional fluorescence photomicrograph through a cerebellar folia showing examples of PCs (arrows) intracellularly injected with Lucifer yellow. E show an intracellularly injected PC (arrow), corresponding to the squared zone in D, that was subsequently scanned by confocal microscopy (shown in F as a z-projection image) and reconstructed with Neurolucida software (G). Scale bar, shown in G, indicates 16 mm in A and B, 4 mm in C, 490 μm in D, 145 μm in E, and 65 μm in F and G.

**Supplementary Figure 2: counting primary dendrites on human Purkinje cells.** 





Top: representative examples of human cerebellar cortex tissue sections with stained PCs. Primary dendrites can generally be clearly seen when the sectioning angle matches the translobular plane. Bottom: histogram summarizing results from 4 different tissue samples; three additional tissue samples were excluded because PC morphologies were too far degraded before tissue fixation and staining did not show primary dendrites clearly. The figure shows sections of 30  $\mu$ m, 40  $\mu$ m and 50  $\mu$ m respectively with 1:5000 primary antibody concentration. Human post mortem male brain of age 61 fixed with 4% PFA.

METHODS: Fixed human brain tissue specimens were obtained through the NIH NeuroBioBank following a request for a preliminary study on this topic. Specimens were prepared at various times post mortem and using either paraformaldehyde or formalin as fixative. Following visual inspection to determine the best possible translobular sectioning plane, a small piece was cut from each specimen and washed in PBS. A randomly chosen subset of these tissues was placed in 30% sucrose in PBS, embedded in O.C.T. compound (brand) and cooled to -80**°**C before being sectioned to 20 - 50 um thickness using a cryostat, while the remaining tissues were sectioned to 50 - 100 um thickness using a vibratome. Tissues were collected and stored free-floating in PBS until staining, which was performed using a primary antibody targeting the calbindin-D28K protein (locally specific to Purkinje neurons; Swant) and a matching far-red secondary antibody (donkey-anti-rabbit-AlexaFluor-647). The general procedure was as follows: first, the tissues were rinsed 4 times in PBS for 4 minutes, and then incubated in a blocking buffer containing Normal Donkey Serum, PBS and 0.3% Triton x-100.

400ul of blocking buffer for 60 minutes at room temperature. Slices were then incubated with the primary antibody (diluted 1:2000 or 1:5000 in the blocking buffer) overnight at 4C**°**. On the next day the sections were rinsed 4 times 4 minutes with PBS, and then incubated in blocking solution with the secondary antibody (donkey-anti-rabbit-AlexaFluor-647) added at a concentration of 1:1000 for 90 minutes at 4C**°** in the dark and finally rinsed in PBS 4 times for 4 minutes and stored in PBS Azide (no more than 36 hours) until mounting.

Slices were mounted on glass microscopy slides using fine brushes, taking care that folia would be lying down flat and not get twisted. Once dried thoroughly, a few drops of mounting medium (ProLong™ Diamond Antifade Mountant or ThermoScientific PermaFluor Aqueous Mounting Medium) were placed on each slide and the slides were covered using coverslips and allowed to cure according to the mounting medium's manufacturers' recommendations (30min - 48hrs). After the curing period, the slices were imaged using an Olympus Bright Field Microscope. Areas of interest were identified under 4x magnification, and subsequently captured using a 40x magnification objective. Images were viewed and post-processed to adjust brightness and contrast using ImageJ<sup>2</sup>, and 8 images with particularly clear single PN layers in the right orientation were selected for further analysis; only sections in which primary dendrites could be counted for >80% of PNs were used. Altogether, 350 PNs were examined across 4 different tissue samples, and 569 primary dendrites were counted on 297 PNs. The resulting counts were logged per image-section and from these counts, the percentage of PNs with multiple primary dendrites was calculated.



The figure illustrates the entire dataset of morphologies used in the construction and validation of the PCs models.

# **Supplementary Figure 3: mouse and human morphologies.**



## **Supplementary Figure 4: ionic channel types and distribution**

The figure illustrates the distribution of ionic channels and Ca buffer in the PC models. The ionic channels mechanism were taken from a previous model  $3,4$  and updated to reflect new experimental data. The KCa2.2 channel was distributed over the entire dendritic tree, whereas Kv1.1 was restricted to proximal dendrites and Kv1.5 to proximal dendrites and soma. Specific ionic channels were inserted in spines according to literature.

## **Supplementary Figure 5: optimization process**



The panel shows the progress of optimization through subsequent generations. The fitness values for the 25 PC models tend toward zero in just 7 generations, showing improved matching between experimental data and modelling results.

### **Supplementary Figure 6: ramp current injection**



(A) The box plot shows statistics of spontaneous firing frequency for all the mouse and human PC models. The square at the center of each box define the mean, the line in the box define the median and the x define the Outliers

(B) I-F relationships for all PC models covered in this study. The I-F relationships shows similar shape in human and mice PCs.

(C) A ramp current injection, from 0 to 1.6 nA in mouse and from 0 to 4.8 nA in human PC models, reproduced a typical PC voltage response<sup>5</sup>. A marked frequency reduction appears in the falling branch of the ramp, causing an asymmetric instantaneous frequency profile.

#### **Supplementary Figure 7: spines Cm**



The consensus value for specific membrane capacitance,  $C_m = 1 \mu F/cm^2$ , reflects the assumption that the composition of the neuronal membrane is identical throughout the neuron and across species. However, the precise  $C_m$  value may be influenced by several factors, including the density of ionic channels distributed on dendrites and spines heads or interneuron differences (e.g., PCs vs. pyramidal neurons). Given the limited availability of PC experimental data, a series of simulations was performed to evaluate the impact of different  $C_m$  values in the spine neck and head on PC electroresponsiveness. Different C<sub>m</sub> combinations in spine neck and head were tested to evaluate the impact on synaptic inputs (50 synapses in mouse PCs and 191 synapses in human PCs chosen randomly in a ROI). Moving from low to high  $C_m$  values, the spikes generated by synaptic stimulation changed from 5 to 7 in mouse and from 4 to 5 in human PCs. At the same time, the spontaneous firing frequency changed from 32 to 26 Hz in mouse PCs and from 38 to 35 Hz in human PCs. These results showed a limited impact on the PC firing activity. The  $C_m$  combination that generated the sharpest burst-pause response, in line with available experimental data <sup>6</sup>, was  $3\mu$ F/cm<sup>2</sup> in the spine neck and  $2\mu$ F/cm<sup>2</sup> in the head, both in mouse and human models.

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