Supplementary Figure 1: Microglia synapse engulfment is increased and astrocyte process

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Figure S1. Microglial synapse engulfment is increased and astrocyte process density is reduced after whisker lesioning

Related to Figure 1

- (A) Top: representative fluorescent max intensity projection images of anti-VGluT2⁺ thalamocortical synaptic terminals (red), anti-CD68⁺ lysosomes (cyan), and *Cx3cr1^{EGFP+}* microglia immunolabeled with anti-GFP (green) in layer IV of the barrel cortex in the control and deprived hemispheres at 5 days post-lesioning. Scale bars 5 µm. Bottom left: diagram of experimental protocol used to assess microglial engulfment of thalamocortical synaptic terminals in *Cx3cr1^{EGFP/+}* mice at 5 days after unilateral whisker lesioning. Bottom right: Imaris surface reconstruction of anti-VGluT2⁺ synaptic material (red) contained within anti-CD68⁺ lysosomes (cyan) inside *Cx3cr1^{EGFP/+}* microglia immunolabeled with anti-GFP (green) from the white outlined region. Arrow indicates an example of VGluT2⁺ material contained within CD68⁺ microglial lysosomes. Scale bar 2 µm.
- (B) Quantification of anti-VGluT2⁺ synaptic material within microglial lysosomes at 5 days after whisker lesioning shows more engulfed anti-VGluT2⁺ material in the deprived hemisphere (hem) of the barrel cortex compared to the control hem (Ratio paired t test: n = 4 mice. * p < 0.05).
- (C) Diagram of experimental protocol used to assess astrocyte-synapse contacts by expansion microscopy in *Aldh1I1^{CreER}; Rosa26^{mTmG/+}* mice at 4 days after unilateral whisker lesioning.
- (D) Representative fluorescent images of endogenous mTomato signal in untreated brain sections from *Aldh1l1^{CreER}; Rosa26^{mTmG/+}* mice and after treatment with liberate antibody binding (LAB) solution. The endogenous mTomato signal is no longer detectable after 22 hours of incubation in LAB solution. Scale bars 20 µm.

- (E) Representative fluorescent images of layer IV barrel cortex brain sections from *Aldh1I1^{CreER/+}*; *Rosa26^{mTmG/+}* mice collected 4 days after unilateral whisker lesioning. Sections from the control and deprived hemispheres are labeled with anti-GFP to identify astrocyte processes and anti-VGluT2 to label thalamocortical synaptic terminals. Scale bars 20 μm.
- (F) Diagram of experimental protocol to perform expansion microscopy. First, pre-expansion images are taken of brain sections from *Aldh111^{CreER}; Rosa26^{mTmG/+}* mice immunolabeled with anti-GFP to detect astrocytes and anti-VGluT2 to detect thalamortical synaptic terminals in the barrel cortex. Sections are then incubated with the crosslinker Acryloyl-X SE (AcX), embedded in a gel, digested with proteinase K, cut down to the region of interest, and incubated in H₂O to isotopically expand the gel by ~3.8 4.2 times its original size. A post-expansion image is taken and measurements between specific landmarks are compared with the pre-expansion image to determine the gel expansion factor for each gel. Confocal z-stack images are taken for surface reconstructions using lmaris software.
- (G) Quantification of the gel expansion factor in the control and deprived hems of Aldh111^{CreER}; Rosa26^{mTmG/+} mice shows no differences between hems (Ratio paired t test: n = 5 mice).
- (H) Representative fluorescent images of expanded layer IV barrel cortex brain sections from *Aldh1I1^{CreER/+}*; *Rosa26^{mTmG/+}* mice collected 4 days after unilateral whisker lesioning. Sections from the control and deprived hem are labeled with anti-GFP to identify astrocyte processes. Scale bars 5 μm (corrected for expansion index).
- (I) Quantification of astrocyte process density in layer IV of the barrel cortex at 4 days after whisker lesioning shows reduced density in the deprived hem compared to the control hem (Ratio paired t test: n = 5 mice. * p < 0.05)

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- (J) Representative fluorescent images from brain sections containing layer IV of the barrel cortex from the deprived and control hem of *Aldh111^{CreER}; Rosa26^{mTmG/4}* mice at 4 days after whisker lesioning. Sections were immunolabeled with anti-SOX9 to label astrocyte nuclei and anti-VGluT2 to label thalamocortical synaptic terminals. Scale bars 50 μm.
- (K) Quantification of the density of astrocytes (anti-SOX9⁺ cells) in layer IV of the barrel cortex at 4 days after whisker lesioning does not show a difference between the control and deprived hems (Ratio paired t test: n = 4 mice).

Supplementary Figure 2: Enrichment of cell-type specific mRNA by TRAP-Seq



Figure S2. Enrichment of cell-type specific mRNA by TRAP-Seq

Related to Figure 3

- (A, C) Diagram of experimental protocol used for TRAP-Seq analysis of ribosome-bound RNA from (A) astrocytes and (C) microglia isolated from the control and deprived hemispheres (hem) of the primary somatosensory cortex at 24 hours after unilateral whisker lesioning.
- (B, D) Heatmaps showing expression levels of all genes detected in (B) astrocyte and (D) microglia TRAP-Seq experiments, sorted by enrichment in TRAP-enriched samples compared to unbound samples. Rows correspond to individual TRAP-enriched and unbound samples from control and deprived hems. Dashed black lines indicate the cutoffs used to determine input-enriched genes for downstream analyses for astrocytes (p-value < 0.05, |fold change| > 1.2, and mean expression > 5) and microglia (p-value < 0.05, |fold change| > 2, and mean expression > 5). Cell-type specific markers for astrocytes (*Aldh111, Gfap*), microglia (*Cx3cr1, P2ry12*), neurons (*Map2*), interneurons (*Gad2*), oligodendrocytes (*Mbp*), and OPCs (*Pdgfra*) are indicated. Only astrocyte cell-type markers are input-enriched in (B) and only microglia cell-type markers are input-enriched in (D), confirming that TRAP-isolations successfully enriched for the cell type of interest.

Supplementary Figure 3: Ablation of WIs in WLS cKO mice

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P2ry12 WIs DAPI





Figure S3. Ablation of *Wls* in WLS cKO mice.

Related to Figure 5

- (A) (Top) diagram of experimental protocol used to perform *in situ* hybridization of *Wls* in *Cx3cr1^{Cre}; Wls^{F/F}* (WLS cKO) and *Cx3cr1^{Cre}; Wls^{F/F}* (control) mice at postnatal day 5 (P5). (Bottom) representative fluorescent images of brain sections from WLS cKO and control mice with *in situ* hybridization of *Wls* (red) and the microglia marker *P2ry12* (green). Nuclei are labeled with DAPI (blue). White outlines indicate the *P2ry12*⁺ area. Scale bars 10 μm.
- (B) Quantification of the percentage of $P2ry12^+$ area that overlaps with *Wls* fluorescence in WLS cKO mice and control mice at P5 shows reduced *Wls*⁺ area in WLS conditional mice, confirming that *Wls* was successfully ablated (Student's t test: n = 3 WLS cKO mice, 3 control mice. ** p < 0.01).

Supplementary Figure 4: A pharmacological inhibitor of Wnt receptor signaling prevents

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Figure S4. A pharmacological inhibitor of Wnt receptor signaling prevents synapse loss after whisker lesioning

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- (A) Diagram of the effect of XAV939 on the canonical Wnt siganling pathway. XAV939 promotes the degradation of β-catenin, which prevents it from accumulating in the nucleus after binding of Wnt ligand to frizzled and LRP5/6 receptors.
- (B) Diagram of experimental protocol used to assess the density of VGIuT2⁺ synaptic terminals in layer IV of the barrel cortex at 6 days after whisker lesioning in wild-type mice injected with the Wnt signaling inhibitor XAV939.
- (C) Representative fluorescent images of anti-VGluT2⁺ thalamocortical synaptic terminals in layer IV of the barrel cortex in the control and deprived hemispheres (hem) at 6 days post-lesioning in wild-type mice injected with XAV939 or vehicle. Scale bars 10 μm.
- (D) Quantification of the density of anti-VGluT2⁺ thalamocortical synaptic terminals in layer IV of the barrel cortex at 6 days post-lesioning shows reduced density in the deprived hem compared to the control hem in vehicle treated mice, but not in mice treated with XAV939 (Repeated measures 2-way ANOVA with Sidak's post hoc test: n = 5 vehicle mice, 8 XAV939 mice. *** p < 0.001).

Supplementary Figure 5: Ablation of microglial Wnt release blocks reductions in

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Figure S5. Ablation of microglial Wnt release blocks reductions in astrocyte process density after whisker lesioning

Related to Figure 5

- (A) Diagram of experimental protocol used to label astrocytes with membrane-bound V5 protein at postnatal day 8 (P8) by intracerebroventricular (icv) injection of PHP.EB::GfaABC1D-lck-smV5-4^x6T adeno-associated virus (AAV).
- (B-C) Representative fluorescent images of brain sections from P8 mice injected with PHP.EB::GfaABC1D-lck-smV5-4^x6T AAV, immunolabeled with anti-VGluT2 (red) and anti-V5 (green). White box region in (B) is shown at higher magnification in (C). Scale bars (B) 500 µm and (C) 100 µm.
 - (D) Diagram of experimental protocol used to assess astrocyte-synapse interactions in *Cx3cr1^{Cre}; Wls^{F/F}* (WLS cKO) and *Cx3cr1^{Cre}; Wls^{F/F}* (control) mice at 4 days after unilateral whisker lesioning. Astrocytes were labeled with membrane-bound V5 protein by icv injection of PHP.EB::GfaABC1D-lck-smV5-4^x6T AAV at P1.
 - (E) Representative fluorescent images of expanded layer IV barrel cortex brain sections from WLS cKO and control mice collected 4 days after unilateral whisker lesioning. Sections from the control and deprived hemispheres are labeled with anti-V5 to identify astrocyte processes. Scale bars 5 µm (corrected for expansion index).
 - (F) Quantification of astrocyte process density in layer IV of the barrel cortex at 4 days after unilateral whisker lesioning shows reduced process density in the deprived hem of control mice compared to the control hem, but not in WLS cKO mice (Repeated measures 2-way ANOVA with Sidak's post-hoc test: n = 4 control mice, 4 WLS cKO mice. ** p < 0.01).