Figure Legends:

<u>Fig. S1:</u>

Preliminary gene structure of *Aplysia* H_v **channel genes.** CDS: coding region, exon borders are indicated.

517424..517617 524625..524790 528150..528258 528668..528904 530671..531415

AcH_v1 scaffold00253

| CDS | | 1951040 |
|------|---|---------|
| Exon | 1 | 1194 |
| Exon | 2 | 193356 |
| Exon | 3 | 356464 |
| Exon | 4 | 463700 |
| Exon | 5 | 6961440 |

AcH_v2 scaffold00057

| CDS | | 4491468 | |
|------|----|----------|--------------|
| Exon | 1 | 1272 | 702415702144 |
| Exon | 2 | 273633 | 697725697365 |
| Exon | 3 | 631755 | 632843632719 |
| Exon | 4 | 756897 | 625404625263 |
| Exon | 5 | 8951029 | 623446623312 |
| Exon | 6 | 10261084 | 622455622397 |
| Exon | 7 | 10801221 | 617783617642 |
| Exon | 8 | 12201336 | 613702613586 |
| Exon | 9 | 13351423 | 612130612042 |
| Exon | 10 | 14222591 | 610782609613 |

AcH_v3 scaffold00078

| | 33286270 | |
|----|---|---|
| 1 | 1120 | 439851439970 |
| 2 | 120473 | 458948459301 |
| 3 | 4743394 | 460584463504 |
| 4 | 33903517 | 522792522919 |
| 5 | 35184451 | 550319551252 |
| 6 | 44504505 | 582759582814 |
| 7 | 45024644 | 589380589522 |
| 8 | 46434759 | 592841592957 |
| 9 | 47594833 | 595045595120 |
| 10 | 483010253 | 598366603788 |
| | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 | 1 1120 2 120473 3 4743394 4 33903517 5 35184451 6 44504505 7 45024644 8 46434759 9 47594833 |

Fig. S2:

Aplysia EST expression analysis

| | juvenile CNS | Pedal-Pleural Ganglia | homologous channels in other molluscs |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| AcH _v 1 | SAMN00150086 | SAMN00150073 SAMN00150074 | hemocyte (<i>Crassostrea gigas</i>) larvae (<i>Lottia gigantea</i>) CNS (<i>Melibe leonina</i>) |
| AcH _v 2 | EB327294 EB299171 | EB210826 | hemocyte (<i>Crassostrea</i> gigas) larvae (<i>Lottia gigantea</i>) |
| AcH _v 3 | EB295811 EB313783 EB337456 | | CNS (<i>Tritonia diomedea</i>) larvae (<i>Lottia gigantea</i>) |

Fig. S3

Sequence alignments of the three *Aplysia californica* channels



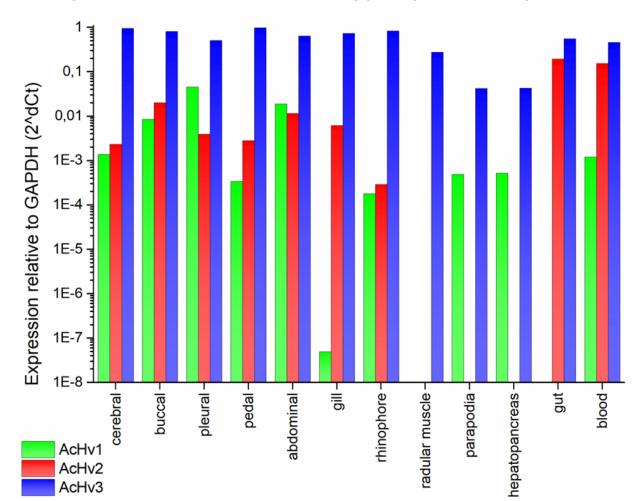
Direct alignment of the four transmembrane domains (S1-S4) including the cytosolic linkers. The extracellular S1-S2 loops show no significant homology. All three channels have an aspartate (selectivity filter) in the middle of S1.

<u>Fig S4:</u>

| Туре | total length | NTD | S1-S2 | S2-S3 | S3-S4 | CTD |
|--------------------|-----------------|-----|-------|-------|-------|-----|
| | | int | ext | int | ext | int |
| AcH_v1 | 281 | 53 | 14 | 17 | 8 | 114 |
| AcH _v 2 | 339 | 73 | 79 | 17 | 11 | 82 |
| AcH _v 3 | 980 | 35 | 299 | 3 | 8 | 534 |
| hHv1 | 273 | 100 | 12 | 17 | 8 | 55 |
| NpH _v 1 | 239 | 54 | 10 | 17 | 8 | 69 |
| KvH _v 1 | 248 | 39 | 41 | 17 | 8 | 65 |

Aplysia H_v channels: Loop and domain length

Number of amino acids in different regions of the AcH_v1-2 channels and H_vs of three additional species. NTD: N-terminal domain, CTD: C-terminal domain, loops between the four transmembrane regions are indicated. hH_v1: human; NpH_v1: *Nicoletia phytophila*; KvH_v1: *Karlodinium veneficum*.



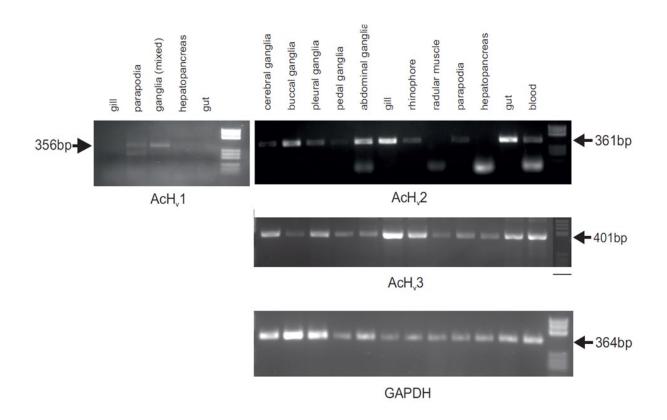
RT-PCR quantification of AcH_v1, AcH_v2, and AcH_v3, in *Aplyisa californica* tissue samples

AcH_v1, 2, 3 RT-PCR quantification relative to GAPDH in 12 different tissues of 4 animals with up to 5 individual measurements. Numbers are given in $2^{\Delta}Ct$, where 1 would be equal to the expression of GAPDH.

<u>Fig S5:</u>

<u>Fig S6:</u>

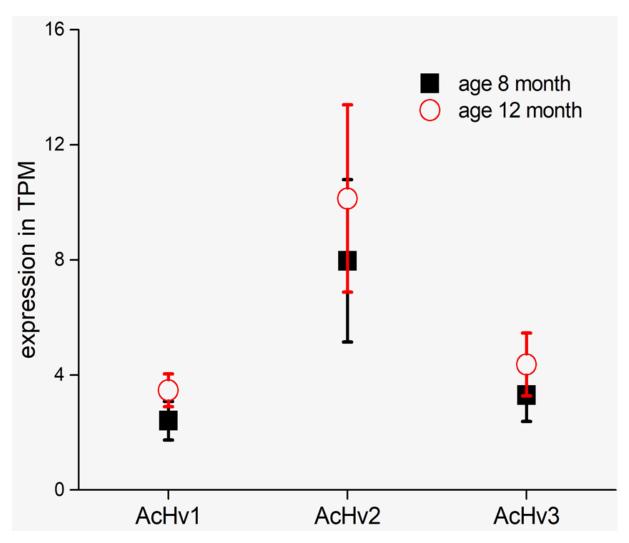
Expression of AcH $_v$ 1, AcH $_v$ 2, and AcH $_v$ 3 in comparison to GAPDH



Independent mRNA analysis of the expression of AcH_v1 , AcH_v2 , AcH_v3 , and GAPDH from 3 animals. Data is in good agreement with the RT-PCR data from **Fig. S5**.

Fig. S7:

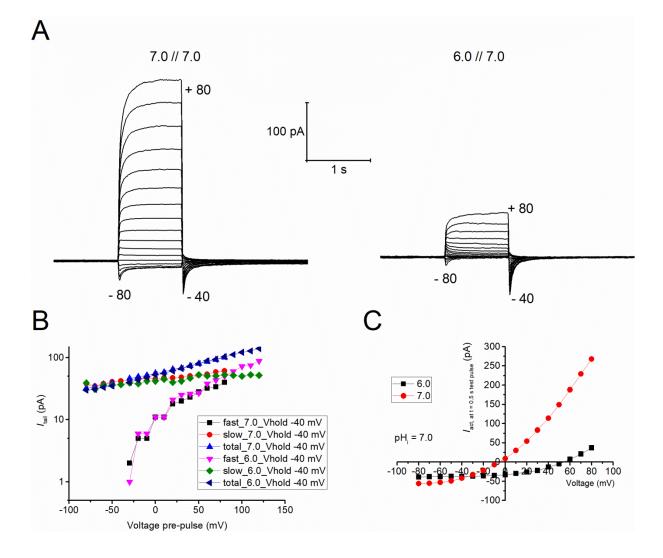




Expression in Transcripts Per Million (TPM) in pleural ganglion sensory neurons obtained from 6 sexually mature animals at age 8 months (black squares) and at age 12 months (red circles), data depicted in mean and S.E.M. AcH_v2 appears to be upregulated by age (p = 0.0618); AcH_v1 and AcH_v3 are not obviously affected by aging (AcH_v1 p = 0.2555, AcH_v3 p = 0.4710 students t-test)

Fig. S8:

Tail current amplitude analysis of $AcH_{\nu}3$

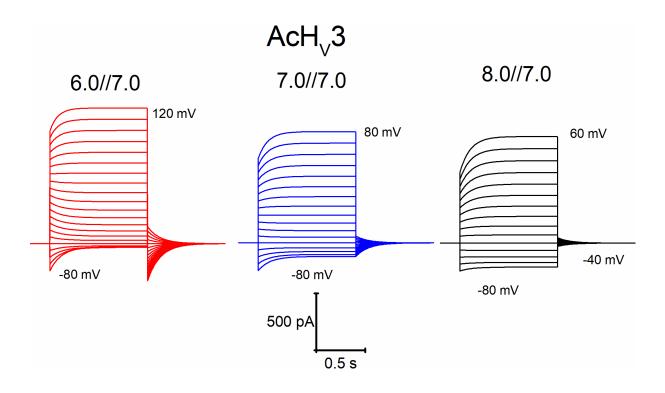


A) Two current families with pulses from -80 mV to + 80 mV in 10 mV increments and a holding potential of -40 mV at pH_0 7.0 or 6.0 and pH_i 7.0.

B) Tail current amplitude in pA at both pH_o 7.0 and 6.0. Tail currents showed a fast and a slow component. The slow component amplitude was calculated from the intersection of the extrapolated current to the starting time point of repolarisation to holding potential. The fast component was directly measured at the identical time point. Total current is the sum of slow and fast components. The currents are affected by pH_o . However, the reversal potential was -8 mV at pH_o 7.0 and +55 mV at pH_o 6.0. **C)** Current voltage plot, current 0.5 s after the pulse was plotted at each voltage. Reversal potential can be estimated from the individual curves.

Fig S9:

HH model of AcH $_{\rm V}$ 3 currents



Currents from the simple two states model. Note that there is no pH-dependence of gating or pH-dependence of conductance implemented. Overall the shape of the currents is presented in accordance with figure 4. Holding potential is -40 mV at all pH_o .

Fig. S10:

EST-coverage of predicted coding region:

AcHv1: 76.9 % (100 % exon-intron boundaries within coding sequence)

FC764689 3-219

AcHv2: 100% (100% exon-intron boundaries within coding sequence)

| EB327294 | 1-186 |
|----------|---------|
| EB299171 | 122-270 |
| FC764689 | 168-304 |
| EB210826 | 290-339 |

AcHv3: 62.0 % (100% exon-intron boundaries within coding sequence)

| EB337456 | 1-64 |
|----------|---------|
| EB295811 | 96-323 |
| HS121401 | 338-520 |
| EB313783 | 797-929 |

EST-coverage of the predicted coding region of the three *Aplyisa californica* paralogs. Of all three channels the whole exon-intron boundaries are covered by the EST sequences. Therefore, all exons are included. Not EST covered parts of the genomic DNA was verified by mollusk genome sequences other than *Aplysia californica*. A detailed analysis mollusk H_v channels will be presented in a upcoming publication.

Fig. S11:

Aplysia californica voltage-gated hydrogen channel 1-like (LOC101848758) AcH_v1 XM_005100609 TSA: GBBG01064906 GBDA01021710 GBCZ01104187

MKLDGLRKMQDDLVKVIERDDTSTVTSDSDETIARGPKTLRETLDDVIHS QKFMVFIIVLVVLDCLMVIAELLFDLEIVKLGEEHHYIPK<mark>IFHYGSLGIL SLFLIEIGL</mark>RIFVLRLDFFKHK<mark>LELFDAVVVIVSFILDIV</mark>FRDNEDAATG VGLLIILRLWRVTRIVNGIVLSVQKQAEKKIEREKHLREECEQELAKFRE YCMAQEAEIEVLQGLLHKHNIEFTTNKITRPESRVQVDVVAEVNSMTAVA ETDIPLSPSQPGEQEISLSSSGDNVTDAVVVV-

Aplysia californica uncharacterized LOC101850633_X1-X4 XM_005093050 AcH_v2 TSA: GBBE01033180

MRMSRSIEYPSEKNGEPSCIEAEQRSGETKMLKSEQSQDEAETSDWSENE DSHSGKLDANSCKGKLAAFLKTNLVQYSIIALVILDCLIIVMELLI DMNI IVFPEDDPHHPPGEGSSHHPVAFASRSSNLTGDNHTVYPAHHIHTHHDNS SNLTMYGNDSAHAAPVHHHTNKEKAEH<mark>VLHALSLTILSIFMVEVCV</mark>KIYV EGKHMLKQKAEVFDAIVVIVSFTLDITFSFV</mark>SVSKAASEAAGLMVILRLW RVTRIINGVIMSVKLDANKKMEVHKKARRKLERENKRLQAKIERLEREVA TLKQKMATSSTPQMSFEMQSGLSVERSPSGEMRENSAQV-

Aplysia californica uncharacterized LOC101855857 XM_005094218 AcH_v3 TSA: GBAV01052985

MGDAEPRAHPRPRGQASPFMPRLRKRGEKLLHSKY<mark>VVILVIILTVTDCAL</mark> VIAELILDLSSVKKTQGATEAMTLSFVEKIIKKYPDEVAPLHSLTDVFEE LNHADIVWNNTRNSRGHDLDPDLERNLHHHHHKNRDALHTSVTTPTSVPV VGGESVAEGWPLSSDTPLGVGNFSRALRTLWIQKRNYSSNSRFRRSNRND SLRDSSAVLSRLLERTRLEIEKVLSKLSRRRKRSSEETGGLTAEYEATDS GEAGDTSRNSQELEDEVLNSDFFENNYGKNNGKTYLSSLTGLIVKILTMQ SNETGPILGGPARYAEAPLTVESAGKGEGKGAKHVSDQDILHKYRLEFHH SEDMEIA<mark>HKLH</mark>YASVAVVSILLIEVTMKIICAGSHFLKRK<mark>IEVFDAVIVV</mark> ASVIVDLIFIKGLNQFPVDDSIFVLAFLL<mark>PWR</mark>VI<mark>R</mark>VVNSLVMAVIDHEHV KLRLLYSRKKKLDKTVETLRNEVDELKGMMQDIRQFCIKEGIEASRIDSL LGKFAPRRRKDSKFYTLVKLVMSTASINNNNDNDSVSSSSMENDLRDYA NRDSVLNEATSNENTVTSLKQYLSVPFFSGGNRSNTLDIESRGSGRSGGS PSIYITSPASDDEAPVFSFDIADEDDVDMSNDQDDAGSQDDETSIQAGSD AATIAVTSAEVNTVSPNVAFYVGSQSSLCSVHSQEDIRTVVDTNDNYERN FPMCGVPCASGGEDLAAAALDDVISNSPTVNSNSWGPSRHYSRFLTVPCC TLSLSAVTNTTSTATSYPSSSNNTNNNSNSNNNNNACAETHPLLGDPPP GQNMTRSVSDNCDVTATQYGARTCGGRYGSPVPMRRKPCLSEKRRSYARA RSESIENQEFIPLMSQGANKGRVRHHSDLEGRPSTRKDDLKRSRSHSPSP MVLLGVPGQTKKYSDPPPSYQAASRSMNDVSSAGKGQSGNPHANNLGKDG RILRRSCLSLTSEGRKRRGKSPQRVSFKVS-

Amino acid sequence Maximum Likelihood method (implemented in Bio-Edit), version 3.6a2.1

Jones-Taylor-Thornton model of amino acid change

Fig. S12:

List of *Aplysia californica* H_v channels. GenBank and TSA accession numbers are shown. Transmembrane regions (yellow), selectivity filter (magenta), and voltage-sensor motif (R blue, W red) are indicated.

Identity/Homology within the core region (S1-S4) (in %)

| | | | AcHv1 | AcHv2 | AcHv3 |
|----------------------|-----------|--------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Extatosoma tiaratum | Insecta | GAWG01024136 | 39/59 | 35/60 | 28/51 |
| Nicoletia phytophila | Insecta | KT780722 | 46/70 | 41/61 | 38/57 |
| Homo sapiens | Mammalia | NM_001040107 | 45/66 | 40/60 | 33/56 |
| Mus musculus | Mammalia | NM_001042489 | 43/59 | 42/59 | 33/52 |
| Karlodinium | Alveolata | JN255155 | 27/41 | 27/42 | 26/46 |
| veneficum | | | | | |
| Lingulodinium | Alveolata | KU752798 | 35/56 | 27/45 | 24/44 |
| polyedra | | | | | |
| Emiliania huxley | Haptista | XP_005762299 | 28/42 | 28/47 | 24/38 |

Preliminary cladogram of ten different Hv channels

