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# Liprin- $\alpha$ proteins are master regulators of human presynapse assembly

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**Supplementary Table 1 – Summary of statistical results**

FIGURE / PANEL	SAMPLE SIZE	STATISTICS	RESULTS
Figure 1d MAP2	Ctrl <sub>1</sub> 84 fields/3 batches Ctrl <sub>2</sub> 94 fields/3 batches qKO <sub>1</sub> 94 fields/3 batches qKO <sub>2</sub> 80 fields/3 batches	Unpaired two-tailed Student's t-tests	Ctrl <sub>1</sub> vs. qKO <sub>1</sub> p<0.0001 Ctrl <sub>2</sub> vs. qKO <sub>2</sub> p<0.0001
Figure 1e Tuj1	Ctrl <sub>1</sub> 27 fields/3 batches Ctrl <sub>2</sub> 17 fields/3 batches qKO <sub>1</sub> 20 fields/3 batches qKO <sub>2</sub> 21 fields/3 batches	Unpaired two-tailed Student's t-tests	Ctrl <sub>1</sub> vs. qKO <sub>1</sub> p= 0.2247, ns Ctrl <sub>2</sub> vs. qKO <sub>2</sub> p= 0.6406, ns
Figure 1f Protein levels	Ctrl <sub>1</sub> 3-7 batches qKO <sub>1</sub> 3-4 batches Ctrl <sub>2</sub> 3-7 batches qKO <sub>2</sub> 3-4 batches	Two-way ANOVA with Holm-Šidák test for multiple comparisons, comparing Ctrl <sub>1+2</sub> vs. qKO <sub>1+2</sub>	PTPRS: n=3+3 vs 3+3. adj. p = 0.9875 pan Nrnx: n=4+4 vs. 4+4. adj. p = 0.9001 CASK: n=5+3 vs. 5+3. adj. p = 0.8399 Nlgn1: n=5+3 vs. 5+3. adj. p = 0.9001 Homer: n=6+3 vs. 6+3. adj. p = 0.3618 PSD95: n=3+3 vs 3+3. adj. p = >0.9999 ERC 1/2: n=3+3 vs 3+3. adj. p = 0.934 RIM1: n=3+3 vs 3+3. adj. p = >0.9999 RIMBP2: n=4+4 vs. 4+4. adj. p = 0.1334 Munc13-1: n=5+5 vs. 5+5. adj. p = >0.9999 Mint1: n=6+3 vs. 6+3. adj. p = 0.4069 Veli 1: n=5+3 vs. 5+3. adj. p = 0.7908 Veli 2/3: n=5+3 vs. 5+3. adj. p = 0.9001 Synapsin2: n=7+4 vs. 7+4. adj. p = 0.3845 Syntaxin: n=4+3 vs. 4+3. adj. p = 0.8798 SNAP25: n=3+3 vs 3+3. adj. p = 0.967 Synaptotagmin1: n=6+3 vs. 6+3. adj. p = 0.0444 Rab3a: n=4+4 vs. 4+4. adj. p = 0.0179
Figure 1h	Ctrl <sub>1</sub> 24 fields/2 batches Ctrl <sub>2</sub> 22 fields/2 batches qKO <sub>1</sub> 30 fields/2 batches qKO <sub>2</sub> 28 fields/2 batches	Two-tailed Mann-Whitney test	Ctrl <sub>1</sub> vs. qKO <sub>1</sub> p < 0.0001 Ctrl <sub>2</sub> vs. qKO <sub>2</sub> p < 0.0001
Figure 1i	qKO <sub>1</sub> 58 cells/4 batches qKO <sub>1</sub> +L1 61 cells/4 batches qKO <sub>1</sub> +L2 66 cells/4 batches qKO <sub>1</sub> +L3 64 cells/4 batches qKO <sub>1</sub> +L4 32 cells/2 batches	Kruskal-Wallis test followed by Dunn's multiple comparisons test	qKO <sub>1</sub> vs. qKO <sub>1</sub> + L1, p < 0.001 qKO <sub>1</sub> vs. qKO <sub>1</sub> + L2, p < 0.001 qKO <sub>1</sub> vs. qKO <sub>1</sub> + L3, p < 0.001 qKO <sub>1</sub> vs. qKO <sub>1</sub> + L4, p < 0.001
Figure 1j	SV2: Ctrl <sub>1</sub> 28 fields/3 batches qKO <sub>1</sub> 29 fields/3 batches  Synaptophysin-1: Ctrl <sub>1</sub> 54 fields/2 batch qKO <sub>1</sub> 31 fields/2 batch  Piccolo: Ctrl <sub>1</sub> 67 fields/2 batches qKO <sub>1</sub> 54 fields/2 batches  RIM1: Ctrl <sub>1</sub> 30 fields/2 batches qKO <sub>1</sub> 24 fields/2 batches  RBP2: Ctrl <sub>1</sub> 32 fields/2 batches qKO <sub>1</sub> 20 fields/2 batches  CaV2.1: Ctrl <sub>1</sub> 31 fields/2 batches qKO <sub>1</sub> 26 fields/2 batches	Two-tailed Mann-Whitney tests	SV2 puncta: qKO <sub>1</sub> vs. Ctrl <sub>1</sub> , p < 0.0001  Synaptophysin-1 puncta: qKO <sub>1</sub> vs. Ctrl <sub>1</sub> , p < 0.0001  Piccolo puncta: qKO <sub>1</sub> vs. Ctrl <sub>1</sub> , p < 0.0001  RIM1 puncta: qKO <sub>1</sub> vs. Ctrl <sub>1</sub> , p < 0.0001  RBP2 puncta: qKO <sub>1</sub> vs. Ctrl <sub>1</sub> , p < 0.0001  CaV2.1 puncta: qKO <sub>1</sub> vs. Ctrl <sub>1</sub> , p = 0.0001
Figure 2b	Ctrl <sub>1</sub> 38 boutons (11 grids / 2 batches) qKO <sub>1</sub> 49 boutons (11 grids / 2 batches) qKO <sub>1</sub> +L3 37 boutons (11 grids /1 batch)	Kruskal-Wallis test followed by Dunn's multiple comparisons test	Vesicles per bouton: qKO <sub>1</sub> vs. Ctrl <sub>1</sub> adj. p < 0.0001 qKO <sub>1</sub> vs. qKO <sub>1</sub> +L3 adj. p = 0.0012
Figure 2c	Total number of vesicles analyzed: Ctrl <sub>1</sub> 3020 vesicles / 50 active zones qKO <sub>1</sub> 602 vesicles / 50 active zones qKO <sub>1</sub> +L 1338 vesicles / 41 active zones	(no statistical comparisons made)	

Figure 2f	Ctrl1 <sup>Nrxn-HA</sup> +Cre qKO1 <sup>Nrxn-HA</sup> +Cre Ctrl1 <sup>Nrxn-HA</sup> no cre virus qKO1 <sup>Nrxn-HA</sup> no cre virus	10 cover slips / 2 batches 9 cover slips / 2 batches 4 cover slips / 2 batches 2 cover slips / 2 batches	(no statistical comparisons made)	
Figure 2h-i	PSD length: Ctrl1 <sup>Nrxn-HA</sup> +Cre qKO1 <sup>Nrxn-HA</sup> +Cre  NRXN puncta size: Ctrl1 <sup>Nrxn-HA</sup> +Cre qKO1 <sup>Nrxn-HA</sup> +Cre  Nanoclusters per PSD Ctrl1 <sup>Nrxn-HA</sup> +Cre qKO1 <sup>Nrxn-HA</sup> +Cre	32 boutons /1 batch 25 boutons/1 batch  56 PSDs /1 batch 41 PSDs /1 batch  32 boutons /1 batch 25 boutons/1 batch	(no statistical comparisons made)	
Figure 3b mEPSCs	Ctrl1 qKO1 Ctrl2 qKO2	49 cells/3 batches 49 cells/3 batches 33 cells/3 batches 34 cells/3 batches	Two-tailed Mann-Whitney test	Ctrl1 vs. qKO1 p < 0.0001 Ctrl2 vs. qKO2 p < 0.0001
Figure 3d Evoked EPSCs	Ctrl1 qKO1 Ctrl1 qKO1	36 cells/2 batches 35 cells/2 batches 35 cells/2 batches 35 cells/2 batches	Two-tailed Mann-Whitney test	Ctrl1 vs. qKO1 p < 0.0001 Ctrl2 vs. qKO2 p < 0.0001
Figure 3f mIPSCs	Ctrl1 qKO1 Ctrl2 qKO2	41 cells/2 batches 41 cells/2 batches 59 cells/3 batches 61 cells/3 batches	Two-tailed Mann-Whitney test	Ctrl1 vs. qKO1 p < 0.0001 Ctrl2 vs. qKO2 p < 0.0001
Figure 3h mEPSC Rescues	qKO1 qKO1+L1 qKO1+L2 qKO1+L3 qKO1+L4	60 cells/3 batches 70 cells/5 batches 70 cells/5 batches 65 cells/5 batches 25 cells/2 batches	One-way ANOVA followed by a Bonferroni test for multiple comparisons	qKO1 vs. qKO1 + L1 p < 0.0001 qKO1 vs. qKO1 + L2 p < 0.0001 qKO1 vs. qKO1 + L3 p < 0.0001 qKO1 vs. qKO1 + L4 p < 0.0001
Figure 4a SV2 transport	Ctrl1 qKO1	14 fields/2 batches 13 fields/2 batches	Two-tailed Student's t-tests	Velocity: qKO1 vs. Ctrl1, p = 0.54 Movement events: qKO1 vs. Ctrl1, p = 0.03
Figure 4b ELKS transport	Ctrl1 qKO1	10 fields/3 batches 12 fields/3 batches	Two-tailed Student's t-tests	Velocity: qKO1 vs. Ctrl1, p = 0.55 Movement events: qKO1 vs. Ctrl1, p = 0.33
Figure 4c CASK recruitment	Ctrl1 qKO1	158 cells /4 batches 119 cells /4 batches	Two-tailed Mann-Whitney test	Ctrl1 vs. qKO1 p < 0.0001
Figure 4d ELKS recruitment	Ctrl1 qKO1	126 cells/3 batches 94 cells/3 batches	Two-tailed Mann-Whitney test	Ctrl1 vs. qKO1 p < 0.0001
Figure 4e RIM recruitment	Ctrl1 qKO1	123 cells/3 batches 96 cells/3 batches	Two-tailed Mann-Whitney test	Ctrl1 vs. qKO1 p < 0.0001
Figure 4f Piccolo recruitment	Ctrl1 qKO1	143 cells/3 batches 79 cells/3 batches	Two-tailed Mann-Whitney test	Ctrl1 vs. qKO1 p < 0.0001
Figure 4g CaV2.1 recruitment	Ctrl1 qKO1	98 cells/3 batches 86 cells/3 batches	Two-tailed Mann-Whitney test	Ctrl1 vs. qKO1 p < 0.0001
Figure 5b Recruitment ASF	qKO1+L3 qKO1+L3ΔACC qKO1+L3ΔRIMBD qKO1+L3ΔELKSBD qKO1+L3ΔSAM qKO1+L3ΔLoop qKO1+L3W921A qKO1+L3W856Q	75 HEK cells/1 batch 52 HEK cells /1 batch 127 HEK cells /1 batch 97 HEK cells /1 batch 50 HEK cells /1 batch 67 HEK cells /1 batch 64 HEK cells /1 batch 71 HEK cells /1 batch	(no statistical comparisons made)	
Figure 5c Synapsin Puncta	qKO1 + L3 qKO1 + L3 ΔCC qKO1 + L3 ΔRIMBD qKO1 + L3 ΔELKSBD qKO1 + L3 ΔSAM qKO1 + L3 ΔLoop qKO1 + L3 W971A ΔCASK qKO1 + L3 W856Q	35 cells/2 batches 22 cells/2 batches 25 cells/2 batches 29 cells/2 batches 24 cells/2 batches 26 cells/2 batches 26 cells/2 batches 30 cells/2 batches	Kruskal-Wallis test followed by Dunn's multiple comparisons test	L3 ΔCC vs. L3 ΔRIM-BD, p < 0.0001 L3 ΔCC vs. L3 ΔELKS-BD, p=0.1064  L3 ΔSAM vs. L3 ΔLoop, p= 0.0011 L3 ΔSAM vs. L3 W921A, p= 0.0189 L3 ΔSAM vs. L3 W856Q, p= 0.3314
Figure 5d mEPSC	qKO1 + L3 qKO1 + L3 ΔCC qKO1 + L3 ΔRIMBD	66 cells/3 batches 59 cells/3 batches 67 cells/3 batches	Kruskal-Wallis test followed by Dunn's	L3 ΔCC vs. L3 ΔRIM-BD, p < 0.0001 L3 ΔCC vs. L3 ΔELKS-BD, p=0.1375

	qKO <sub>1</sub> + L3 ΔELKSBD qKO <sub>1</sub> + L3 ΔSAM qKO <sub>1</sub> + L3 ΔLoop qKO <sub>1</sub> + L3 W931A ΔCASK qKO <sub>1</sub> + L3 W856Q	71 cells/3 batches 70 cells/3 batches 68 cells/3 batches 71 cells/3 batches 68 cells/3 batches	multiple comparisons test	L3 ΔSAM vs. L3 ΔLoop, p < 0.0001 L3 ΔSAM vs. L3 W921A, p < 0.0001 L3 ΔSAM vs. L3 W856Q, p < 0.0001
Figure 5e Sucrose	qKO <sub>1</sub> + L3 qKO <sub>1</sub> + L3 ΔCC qKO <sub>1</sub> + L3 ΔRIMBD qKO <sub>1</sub> + L3 ΔELKSBD qKO <sub>1</sub> + L3 ΔSAM123 qKO <sub>1</sub> + L3 ΔLoop qKO <sub>1</sub> + L3 W971A ΔCASK qKO <sub>1</sub> + L3 W856Q	33 cells/3 batches 27 cells/3 batches 33 cells/3 batches 48 cells/3 batches 30 cells/3 batches 32 cells/3 batches 32 cells/3 batches 41 cells/3 batches	Kruskal-Wallis test followed by Dunn's multiple comparisons test	L3 ΔCC vs. L3 ΔRIM-BD, p < 0.0001 L3 ΔCC vs. L3 ΔELKS-BD, p=0.3405  L3 ΔSAM vs. L3 ΔLoop, p < 0.0001 L3 ΔSAM vs. L3 W921A, p < 0.0001 L3 ΔSAM vs. L3 W856Q, p=0.0103
Figure 6b QA recruitment	Ctrl <sub>1</sub> + L3 Ctrl <sub>1</sub> + QA qKO <sub>1</sub> + L3 qKO <sub>1</sub> + QA	73 HEK cells/2 batches 188 HEK cells/3 batches 78 HEK cells/3 batches 156 HEK cells/3 batches	Two-tailed Mann-Whitney test	qKO <sub>1</sub> + L3 vs. qKO <sub>1</sub> + QA p < 0.0001
Figure 6c Synapsin puncta QA rescue	qKO <sub>1</sub> qKO <sub>1</sub> + L3 qKO <sub>1</sub> + L3W921A; W856Q	26 cells/2 batches 32 cells/2 batches 34 cells/2 batches	Kruskal-Wallis test followed by Dunn's multiple comparisons test	qKO <sub>1</sub> +L3 vs. qKO <sub>1</sub> +L3 QA, p < 0.0001 qKO <sub>1</sub> vs. qKO <sub>1</sub> +L3 QA, p = 0.8373
Figure 6d mEPSCs QA rescue	qKO <sub>1</sub> qKO <sub>1</sub> + L3 qKO <sub>1</sub> + L3 QA	67 cells/5 batches 49 cells/5 batches 83 Cells/5 batches	Kruskal-Wallis test followed by Dunn's multiple comparisons test	qKO <sub>1</sub> +L3 vs. qKO <sub>1</sub> +L3 QA, p < 0.0001 qKO <sub>1</sub> vs. qKO <sub>1</sub> +L3 QA, p = 0.107
Figure 6e Sucrose QA mutant	qKO <sub>1</sub> qKO <sub>1</sub> + L3 qKO <sub>1</sub> + L3 QA	35 cells/2 batches 40 cells/2 batches 33 cells/2 batches	Kruskal-Wallis test followed by Dunn's multiple comparisons test	qKO <sub>1</sub> +L3 vs. qKO <sub>1</sub> +L3 QA, p = 0.0002 qKO <sub>1</sub> vs. qKO <sub>1</sub> +L3 QA, p > 0.9999
Figure 6f Active zone markers	ELKS signal: qKO <sub>1</sub> qKO <sub>1</sub> + L3 qKO <sub>1</sub> + L3 QA  RIM1 signal: qKO <sub>1</sub> qKO <sub>1</sub> + L3 qKO <sub>1</sub> + L3 QA  Piccolo signal: qKO <sub>1</sub> qKO <sub>1</sub> + L3 qKO <sub>1</sub> + L3 QA	26 ROIs/2 batches 33 ROIs/2 batches 16 ROIs/2 batches  26 ROIs/2 batches 40 ROIs/2 batches 34 ROIs/2 batches  22 ROIs/2 batches 29 ROIs/2 batches 22 ROIs/2 batches	Kruskal-Wallis test followed by Dunn's multiple comparisons test	ELKS signal: qKO <sub>1</sub> vs. qKO <sub>1</sub> +L3 QA, p = 0.5314 qKO <sub>1</sub> +L3 vs. qKO <sub>1</sub> +L3 QA, p < 0.0001  RIM1 signal: qKO <sub>1</sub> vs. qKO <sub>1</sub> +L3 QA, p = 0.0432 qKO <sub>1</sub> +L3 vs. qKO <sub>1</sub> +L3 QA, p < 0.0001  Piccolo signal: qKO <sub>1</sub> vs. qKO <sub>1</sub> +L3 QA, p = 0.0896 qKO <sub>1</sub> +L3 vs. qKO <sub>1</sub> +L3 QA, p < 0.0001
Ext Data Figure 1d Conversion	Ctrl <sub>1</sub> Ctrl <sub>2</sub> qKO <sub>1</sub> qKO <sub>2</sub>	20 batches 10 batches 20 batches 11 batches	Two-tailed Mann-Whitney test	Ctrl <sub>1</sub> vs. qKO <sub>1</sub> p = 0.6157, ns Ctrl <sub>2</sub> vs. qKO <sub>2</sub> p = 0.6047, ns
Ext Data Figure 1e AP properties	Ctrl <sub>1</sub> qKO <sub>1</sub> Ctrl <sub>2</sub> qKO <sub>2</sub>	24 Cells/2 batches 23 Cells/2 batches 22 Cells/2 batches 23 Cells/2 batches	Two-tailed Mann-Whitney test	AP amplitude Ctrl <sub>1</sub> vs. qKO <sub>1</sub> p = 0.1835 Ctrl <sub>2</sub> vs. qKO <sub>2</sub> p = 0.1507 AP half-width Ctrl <sub>1</sub> vs. qKO <sub>1</sub> p = 0.8043 Ctrl <sub>2</sub> vs. qKO <sub>2</sub> p = 0.2016 AP max speed Ctrl <sub>1</sub> vs. qKO <sub>1</sub> p = 0.1632 Ctrl <sub>2</sub> vs. qKO <sub>2</sub> p = 0.7401
Ext Data Figure 1g Rheobase and Capacitance	Rheobase: Ctrl <sub>1</sub> qKO <sub>1</sub> Ctrl <sub>2</sub> qKO <sub>2</sub>  Capacitance: Ctrl <sub>1</sub> qKO <sub>1</sub> Ctrl <sub>2</sub> qKO <sub>2</sub>	40 cells/3 batches 37 cells/3 batches 31 cells/3 batches 40 cells/3 batches  45 cells/3 batches 40 cells/3 batches 30 cells/3 batches 31 cells/3 batches	Unpaired two-tailed Student's t-test with Welch's correction	Rheobase: Ctrl <sub>1</sub> vs. qKO <sub>1</sub> p < 0.0001 Ctrl <sub>2</sub> vs. qKO <sub>2</sub> p < 0.0028  Capacitance: Ctrl <sub>1</sub> vs. qKO <sub>1</sub> p < 0.0001 Ctrl <sub>2</sub> vs. qKO <sub>2</sub> p < 0.0001
Ext Data Figure 2b	Ctrl, qKO1 qKO,+L3	1035 vesicles / 50 active zones 202 vesicles / 50 active zones 505 vesicles / 43 active zones	(no statistical comparisons made)	

Ext Data Figure 2c	<p>Vesicle size:</p> <p>Ctrl<sub>1</sub> 3124 vesicles qKO<sub>1</sub> 732 vesicles qKO<sub>1</sub>+L3 1460 vesicles</p> <p>PSD length:</p> <p>Ctrl<sub>1</sub> 49 PSDs / 2 batches qKO<sub>1</sub> 53 PSDs / 2 batches qKO<sub>1</sub>+L3 41 PSDs / 1 batch</p>	Kruskal-Wallis test followed by Dunn's multiple comparisons test	<p>Vesicle size:</p> <p>qKO<sub>1</sub> vs. Ctrl<sub>1</sub> adj. p = 0.8129, ns qKO<sub>1</sub> vs. qKO<sub>1</sub>+L3 adj. p &gt; 0.9999, ns</p> <p>PSD length:</p> <p>qKO<sub>1</sub> vs. Ctrl<sub>1</sub> adj. p = 0.7933, ns qKO<sub>1</sub> vs. qKO<sub>1</sub>+L3 adj. p &gt; 0.9999, ns</p>
Ext Data Figure 2d Sucrose response	<p>Ctrl<sub>1</sub> 48 cells/3 batches qKO<sub>1</sub> 57 cells/3 batches</p>	Two-tailed Mann-Whitney test	qKO <sub>1</sub> vs. Ctrl <sub>1</sub> , p < 0.0001
Ext Data Figure 3a Artificial synapse formation	<p>GFP:</p> <p>Ctrl<sub>1</sub> 70 HEK cells/1 batch qKO<sub>1</sub> 59 HEK cells/1 batch</p> <p>NLGN1:</p> <p>Ctrl<sub>1</sub> 76 HEK cells/1 batch qKO<sub>1</sub> 77 HEK cells/1 batch</p> <p>LRRTM2:</p> <p>Ctrl<sub>1</sub> 86 HEK cells/1 batch qKO<sub>1</sub> 80 HEK cells/1 batch</p> <p>TrkC:</p> <p>Ctrl<sub>1</sub> 93 HEK cells/1 batch qKO<sub>1</sub> 69 HEK cells/1 batch</p> <p>ILRAPL1:</p> <p>Ctrl<sub>1</sub> 130 HEK cells/1 batch qKO<sub>1</sub> 122 HEK cells/1 batch</p> <p>NGL3:</p> <p>Ctrl<sub>1</sub> 84 HEK cells/1 batch qKO<sub>1</sub> 44 HEK cells/1 batch</p>	Kruskal-Wallis test followed by Dunn's multiple comparisons test	<p>GFP:</p> <p>qKO<sub>1</sub> vs. Ctrl<sub>1</sub> ns, adj. p &gt; 0.999</p> <p>NLGN1:</p> <p>qKO<sub>1</sub> vs. Ctrl<sub>1</sub>, adj. p &lt; 0.0001</p> <p>LRRTM2</p> <p>qKO<sub>1</sub> vs. Ctrl<sub>1</sub>, adj. p &lt; 0.0001</p> <p>TrkC</p> <p>qKO<sub>1</sub> vs. Ctrl<sub>1</sub>, adj. p &lt; 0.0001</p> <p>ILRAPL1</p> <p>qKO<sub>1</sub> vs. Ctrl<sub>1</sub>, adj. p &lt; 0.0001</p> <p>NGL3</p> <p>qKO<sub>1</sub> vs. Ctrl<sub>1</sub>, adj. p &lt; 0.0001</p>
Ext Data Figure 3b Nrxn1α-HA overexpressed	<p>Nrxn-HA Nlgn1:</p> <p>Ctrl<sub>1</sub> 164 HEK cells/4 batches qKO<sub>1</sub> 45 HEK cells/2 batches</p> <p>Nrxn-HA TrkC:</p> <p>Ctrl<sub>1</sub> 43 HEK cells /2 batches qKO<sub>1</sub> 23 HEK cells /2 batches</p>	Kruskal-Wallis test followed by Dunn's multiple comparisons test	qKO <sub>1</sub> + Nlgn <sub>1</sub> vs. qKO <sub>1</sub> +TrkC p < 0.0001
Ext Data Figure 3c PTPRα-HA overexpressed	<p>PTPRS-HA Nlgn1:</p> <p>Ctrl<sub>1</sub> 161 HEK cells /4 batches qKO<sub>1</sub> 85 HEK cells /4 batches</p> <p>PTPRS-HA TrkC:</p> <p>Ctrl<sub>1</sub> 80 HEK cells /3 batches qKO<sub>1</sub> 90 HEK cells /3 batches</p>	Kruskal-Wallis test followed by Dunn's multiple comparisons test	qKO <sub>1</sub> +TrkC vs. qKO <sub>1</sub> +Nlgn1 p < 0.0001
Ext Data Figure 3f	<p>Ctrl<sub>1</sub> Nrxn-HA +Cre 281 dendrites/2 batches qKO<sub>1</sub> Nrxn-HA +Cre 240 dendrites/2 batches Ctrl<sub>1</sub> Nrxn-HA -Cre 126 dendrites/2 batches qKO<sub>1</sub> Nrxn-HA -Cre 86 dendrites/2 batches</p>	(no statistical comparisons made)	
Ext Data Figure 3g NRXN1-HA endogenous	<p>Nlgn1:</p> <p>Ctrl<sub>1</sub> 239 HEK cells /3 batches qKO<sub>1</sub> 233 HEK cells /3 batches</p> <p>TrkC:</p> <p>Ctrl<sub>1</sub> 107 HEK cells /2 batches qKO<sub>1</sub> 90 HEK cells /2 batches</p>	Kruskal-Wallis test followed by Dunn's multiple comparisons test	qKO <sub>1</sub> NrxnHA+Nlgn1 vs. qKO <sub>1</sub> NrxnHA+TrkC adj. p < 0.0001
Ext Data Figure 4a mEPSCs (4 mM Ca)	<p>Ctrl<sub>1</sub> 51 cells/3 batches qKO<sub>1</sub> 55 cells/3 batches Ctrl<sub>2</sub> 40 cells/3 batches qKO<sub>2</sub> 37 cells/3 batches</p>	Two-tailed Mann-Whitney test	<p>Ctrl<sub>1</sub> vs. qKO<sub>1</sub> p &lt; 0.0001 Ctrl<sub>2</sub> vs. qKO<sub>2</sub> p &lt; 0.0001</p>
Ext Data Figure 4c iGABA Synapsin puncta	<p>Ctrl<sub>1</sub> 25 cells/1 batch qKO<sub>1</sub> 26 cells/1 batch Ctrl<sub>2</sub> 36 cells/2 batches qKO<sub>2</sub> 35 cells/2 batches</p>	Unpaired two-tailed Student's t-tests	<p>Ctrl<sub>1</sub> vs. qKO<sub>1</sub> p &lt; 0.0001 Ctrl<sub>2</sub> vs. qKO<sub>2</sub> p &lt; 0.0001</p>
Ext Data Figure 5a Munc13 recruitment	<p>Ctrl<sub>1</sub> 101 HEK cells/3 batches qKO<sub>1</sub> 80 HEK cells/3 batches</p>	Two-tailed Mann-Whitney test	Ctrl <sub>1</sub> vs. qKO <sub>1</sub> p < 0.0001
Ext Data Figure 5b RIMBP recruitment	<p>Ctrl<sub>1</sub> 78 HEK cells/3 batches qKO<sub>1</sub> 69 HEK cells/3 batches</p>	Two-tailed Mann-Whitney test	Ctrl <sub>1</sub> vs. qKO <sub>1</sub> p < 0.0001
Ext Data Figure 5c Bassoon recruitment	<p>Ctrl<sub>1</sub> 108 HEK cells/3 batches qKO<sub>1</sub> 99 HEK cells/3 batches</p>	Two-tailed Mann-Whitney test	Ctrl <sub>1</sub> vs. qKO <sub>1</sub> p < 0.0001

Ext Data Figure 6b Pearson co-localization	GFP-Liprin- $\alpha$ 3 + Scarlet-ELKS GFP- $\Delta$ ELKSBD + Scarlet-ELKS	56 cells/4 batches 46 cells/4 batches	Two-tailed Mann-Whitney test	L3 vs $\Delta$ ELKSBD, $p < 0.001$
Ext Data Figure 6c Active zone markers	ELKS signal: qKO <sub>1</sub> qKO <sub>1</sub> + L3 qKO <sub>1</sub> + L3 $\Delta$ ELKSBD  RIM1 signal: qKO <sub>1</sub> qKO <sub>1</sub> + L3 qKO <sub>1</sub> + L3 $\Delta$ ELKSBD  Piccolo signal: qKO <sub>1</sub> qKO <sub>1</sub> + L3 qKO <sub>1</sub> + L3 $\Delta$ ELKSBD	26 ROIs/2 batches 33 ROIs/2 batches 31 ROIs/2 batches  26 ROIs/2 batches 40 ROIs/2 batches 33 ROIs/2 batches  22 ROIs/2 batches 29 ROIs/2 batches 26 ROIs/2 batches	One-way ANOVA followed by a Tukey's multiple comparison test	ELKS signal: qKO <sub>1</sub> vs. qKO <sub>1</sub> +L3 $\Delta$ ELKSBD, $p = 0.2357$ qKO <sub>1</sub> +L3 vs. qKO <sub>1</sub> +L3 $\Delta$ ELKSBD, $p < 0.0001$  RIM1 signal: qKO <sub>1</sub> vs. qKO <sub>1</sub> +L3 $\Delta$ ELKSBD, $p = 0.0417$ qKO <sub>1</sub> +L3 vs. qKO <sub>1</sub> +L3 $\Delta$ ELKSBD, $p < 0.0001$  Piccolo signal: qKO <sub>1</sub> vs. qKO <sub>1</sub> +L3 $\Delta$ ELKSBD, $p = 0.3073$ qKO <sub>1</sub> +L3 vs. qKO <sub>1</sub> +L3 $\Delta$ ELKSBD, $p < 0.0001$
Ext Data Figure 7a	L3 + PTP $\sigma$ L3 W856Q + PTP $\sigma$	30 cells/3 batches 30 cells/3 batches	Unpaired two-tailed Student t-test	L3 vs. L3 Q856Q $p < 0.0001$
Ext Data Figure 7b	L3 + Nrnx1 $\alpha$ L3 + CASK + Nrnx1 $\alpha$ L3 W921A + CASK + Nrnx1 $\alpha$	30 cells/3 batches 30 cells/3 batches 30 cells/3 batches	One-way ANOVA with Holm-Šidák test for multiple comparisons	L3 + Nrnx1 $\alpha$ vs. L3 + CASK + Nrnx1 $\alpha$ $p = 0.0014$  L3 + CASK + Nrnx1 $\alpha$ vs. L3 W921A + CASK + Nrnx1 $\alpha$ $p = 0.0040$

## Supplementary Table 2 – Plasmids

PLASMID	SOURCE
pSpCas9(BB)-2A-GFP (PX458)	RRID: Addgene_48138
LentiCRISPR-v2	RRID: Addgene_52961
PX458-sgRNA-PPFIA1_exon17	This paper
PX458-sgRNA-PPFIA2_exon20	This paper
LentiCRISPR-v2-sgRNA-PPFIA3_exon11	This paper
LentiCRISPR-v2-sgRNA-PPFIA4_exon16	This paper
pFU-EGFP-Liprin- $\alpha$ 1	This paper
pFU-EGFP-Liprin- $\alpha$ 2	This paper
pFU-EGFP-Liprin- $\alpha$ 3	This paper
pFU-EGFP-Liprin- $\alpha$ 4	This paper
pFU-EGFP-PPFIA3 (W921A)	This paper
pFU-EGFP-Liprin- $\alpha$ 3 ( $\Delta$ Loop)	This paper
pFU-EGFP-Liprin- $\alpha$ 3 ( $\Delta$ SAM123)	This paper
pFU-EGFP-Liprin- $\alpha$ 3 (W856Q)	This paper
pFU-EGFP-Liprin- $\alpha$ 3 (W856Q/W921A) 'QA'	This paper
pFU-EGFP-Liprin- $\alpha$ 3 ( $\Delta$ RIMBD)	This paper
pFU-EGFP-Liprin- $\alpha$ 3 ( $\Delta$ ELKSBD)	This paper
pFU-EGFP-Liprin- $\alpha$ 3 ( $\Delta$ Coiled-coil)	This paper
pFS-Nrx1 $\alpha$ -HA (based on NM_001403321)	Ref <sup>2</sup>
pCMV-Nrx1 $\alpha$ -HA (based on NM_001403321)	Ref <sup>2</sup>
pFS-HA-PTPRS (based on NM_130853)	This paper
pCMV-FLAG-PTPRS (based on NM_130853)	This paper
pFU-EGFP-SV2	Ref <sup>3</sup>
pFU-Venus-ELKS1	This paper
pFU-mScarlet-ELKS1	This paper
pmCherry-N1	Clontech Laboratories # 632523
pCMV-Nlgn1[-A -B]-Cherry	This paper
pCMV-TrkC-Cherry	This paper
pEGFP-N1	Clontech Laboratories #6085-1
pCMV-Nlgn1[-A -B]-Venus	Ref <sup>4</sup>
pCMV-TrkC-YFP	Ref <sup>2</sup>
pCMV-LRRTM2-GFP	This paper
pCMV-IL1RAPL1-GFP	This paper
pCMV-NGL3-GFP	This paper
pFU-NLS-GFP-Cre	This paper

pAAV-NRXN1-cTr	Ref <sup>5</sup>
pRC-DJ for AAV	Ref <sup>6</sup>
pHelper for AAV	Ref <sup>6</sup>
pAAV-MCS	RRID: Addgene_46954
pMDLg/pRRE	RRID: Addgene_12251
pRSV-REV	RRID: Addgene_12253
pVSVG	RRID: Addgene_35616
pFU-M2rtTA	RRID: Addgene_20342
pTet-O-Ngn2-puromycin	RRID: Addgene_52047
pTet-O-AScl1-puromycin	RRID: Addgene_97329
pTet-O-Dlx2-hygromycin	RRID: Addgene_97330
pTet-O-Sox9-puromycin	RRID: Addgene_117269
pTet-O-Nfib-hygromycin	RRID: Addgene_117271
pFU-oChIEF-tdTomato	This paper
pFU-NLS-EGFP	This paper



### Supplementary Table 3 – Antibodies

ANTIBODY	SOURCE	IDENTIFIER / RRID	USE/DILUTION WB, western blot ICC, immunocytochemistry
Mouse anti-β-actin	Sigma	Cat #: A5441 RRID: AB_476744	WB: 1:1000
Rabbit anti-Bassoon	Sigma	Cat #: SAB5200101	ICC: 1:200
Mouse anti-CASK	NeuroMab	Cat #: 75-000 RRID: AB_2068730	WB: 1:1000 ICC: 1:200
Rabbit anti-Ca <sup>2+</sup> channel P/Q-type alpha-1A	Synaptic Systems	Cat #: 152 203 RRID: AB_2619841	ICC: 1:200
Rabbit anti-ERC1/2	Synaptic Systems	Cat #: 143003 RRID: AB_887715	WB: 1:1000 ICC: 1:200
Mouse anti-GFP	DSHB	Cat #: DSHB-GFP-4C9-b RRID: AB_2617422	ICC: 1:500
Rabbit anti-GFP	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat #: A11122 RRID: AB_221569	WB: 1:1000
Mouse anti-FLAG	Sigma	Cat #: F1804 RRID: AB_262044	ICC: 1:200
Mouse anti-HA (HA.11)	BioLegend	Cat #: 901513 RRID: AB_2565335	ICC: 1:200
Mouse anti-HA (HA.11) Alexa-488-conjugated	BioLegend	Cat #: 901509 RRID: AB_2565072	ICC: 1:200
Rabbit anti-HA (C29F4)	Cell Signalling	Cat #: 3724 RRID: AB_1549585	ICC: 1:200
Rabbit anti-Homer1	Synaptic Systems	Cat #: 160003 RRID: AB_887730	WB: 1:1000
Rabbit anti-Liprin-α1	Gift from S. Schoch <sup>1</sup>	A121	WB: 1:200
Rabbit anti-Liprin-α2	Gift from S. Schoch <sup>1</sup>	A13	WB: 1:200
Rabbit anti-Liprin-α3	Gift from S. Schoch <sup>1</sup>	A115	WB: 1:200
Rabbit anti-Liprin-α4	Gift from S. Schoch <sup>1</sup>	A2	WB: 1:200
Chicken anti-MAP2	Encor	Cat #: CPCA-MAP2 RRID: AB_2138173	ICC: 1:1000
Rabbit anti-Mint1	Synaptic Systems	Cat #: 144103 RRID: AB_10635158	WB: 1:1000 ICC: 1:200
Rabbit anti-Munc13-1	Synaptic Systems	Cat #: 126103 RRID: AB_887733	WB: 1:1000 ICC: 1:200
Rabbit anti-Neuroigin-1	NeuroMab	Cat #: 75-160 RRID: AB_2235964	WB: 1:500
Rabbit anti-panNeurexin-1	Millipore	Cat #: ABN161-I RRID: AB_10917110	WB: 1:1000
Rabbit anti-Piccolo	Synaptic Systems	Cat # 142 003 RRID: AB_2160182	ICC: 1:200
Mouse anti-PSD95	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat #: MA1-046 RRID: AB_2092361	WB: 1:500

Mouse anti-PSD95	NeuroMab	Cat #: 75-028(K28/43) RRID: AB_2877189	ICC: 1:100
Rabbit anti-PSD95	Addgene	Cat #: 196561(K28/43) RRID: AB_2928071	ICC: 1:100
Mouse anti-PTPRS	MediMabs	Cat #: MM-0020 RRID: AB_1808357	WB: 1:1000
Rabbit anti-RIM1	Synaptic Systems	Cat #: 140003 RRID: AB_887774	WB: 1:1000
Rabbit anti-RIM1/2	Synaptic Systems	Cat #: 140213 RRID: AB_2832237	ICC: 1:200
Rabbit anti-RIM-BP2	Synaptic Systems	Cat #: 316103 RRID: AB_2619739	WB: 1:1000 ICC: 1:200
Rabbit anti-Rab3a	Synaptic Systems	Cat #: 107 111 RRID: AB_887770	WB: 1:1000
Rabbit anti-SNAP25	Sigma	Cat #: S9684 RRID: AB_261576	WB: 1:2000
Rabbit anti-Synapsin	This paper	nc30-1 Custom-made by	WB: 1:1000 ICC: 1:1000
Rabbit anti-Synapsin	Gift from T. Südhof	E028 RRID: AB_2315400	ICC: 1:1000
Mouse anti-Synapsin 2	Sigma	Cat #: MABN1584	WB: 1:1000
Mouse anti-Synaptophysin1	Synaptic Systems	Cat #: 101 011 RRID: AB_887824	ICC: 1:200
Chicken anti-Synaptotagmin1	Aves Labs	Cat #: STG RRID: AB_2313562	WB: 1:1000
Mouse anti-Syntaxin1A	Synaptic Systems	Cat #: 110 111 RRID: AB_887848	WB: 1:1000
Mouse anti-SV2	DSHB	Cat #: SV2-c RRID: AB_2315387	ICC: 1:500
Mouse anti-Tuj1 ( $\alpha$ - $\beta$ III-Tubulin)	BioLegend	Cat #: 801201 RRID: AB_2313773	WB: 1:5000 ICC: 1:1000
Rabbit anti-Veli1/2/3	Synaptic Systems	Cat #: 184002 RRID: AB_2281173	WB: 1:1000
Goat anti-Mouse Alexa Fluor 488	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat #: A-11001 RRID: AB_2534069	ICC: 1:1000
Goat anti-Mouse Alexa Fluor 568	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat #: A-11004 RRID: AB_2534072	ICC: 1:1000
Goat anti-Mouse Alexa Fluor 633	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat #: A-21052 RRID: AB_2535719	ICC: 1:600
Goat anti-Rabbit Alexa Fluor 405	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat #: A-31556 RRID: AB_221605	ICC: 1:1000
Goat anti-Rabbit Alexa Fluor 488	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat #: A-32731 RRID: AB_2633280	ICC: 1:1000
Goat anti-Rabbit Alexa Fluor 568	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat #: A-11011 RRID: AB_143157	ICC: 1:1000
Goat anti-Mouse Alexa Fluor 594	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat #: A-11032 RRID: AB_2534091	ICC: 1:1000
Goat anti-Rabbit Alexa Fluor 633	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat #: A-21071 RRID: AB_2535732	ICC: 1:600

Goat anti-Rabbit Alexa Fluor 647	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat #: A-21245 RRID: AB_2535813	ICC: 1:600
Goat anti-Chicken-CF405M	Sigma	Cat #: SAB4600466	ICC: 1:1000
Goat anti-Chicken Alexa Fluor 633	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat #: A-21103 RRID: AB_2535756	ICC: 1:600
Goat anti-Mouse 680RD	LI-COR	Cat #: 925-68070 RRID: AB_2651128	WB: 1:10,000
Goat anti-Mouse 800CW	LI-COR	Cat #: 925-32210 RRID: AB_2687825	WB: 1:10,000
Goat anti-Rabbit 680RD	LI-COR	Cat #: 925-68071 RRID: AB_2721181	WB: 1:10,000
Goat anti-Rabbit 800CW	LI-COR	Cat #: 925-32211 RRID: AB_621843	WB: 1:10,000
Donkey anti-Chicken 680RD	LI-COR	Cat #: 926-68075 RRID: AB_10974977	WB: 1:10,000

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