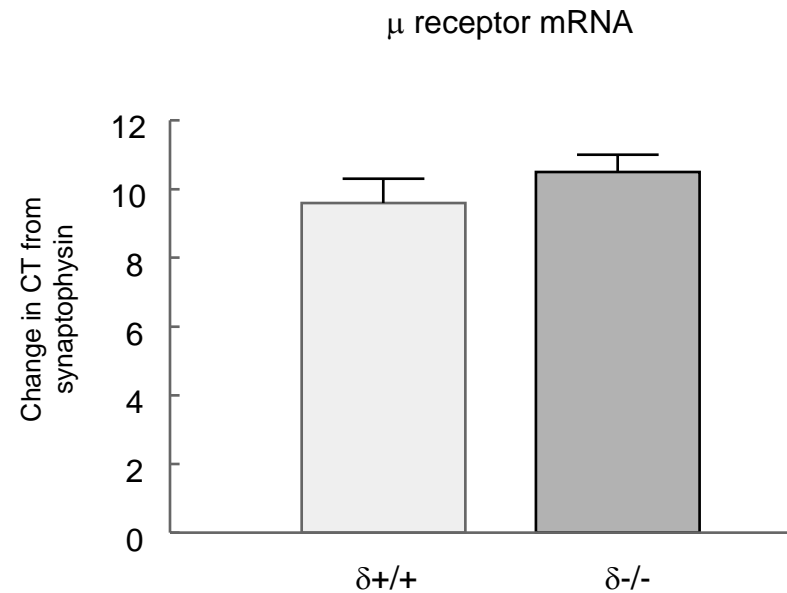


Supplementary 2



Quantitative PCR revealed no difference in the levels of mRNA transcripts for the mu receptor in cultured DRG neurons from $\delta^{+/+}$ and $\delta^{-/-}$ mice. mRNA was harvested from DRG cultures, characterized previously (Walwyn et al., 2004; 2005) after 2 days *in vitro*. mRNA was reverse transcribed, identified and quantified using gene specific primer-probe sets (Walwyn et al., 2007). The data were normalized to the expression of the control gene, synaptophysin (Chen et al 2001) and are presented as the mean \pm s.e.m. of three experiments.