

<u>Supplemental figure 1.</u> Transverse sections of lumbar spinal cord stained with CGRP antibody to label nociceptive afferents (A-B, wt; C-H, PTPRO<sup>-/-</sup>). Arrowheads point to location of projections in the ventral-medial region representing innervation from the hindlimb/paw. These projections are missing in the PTPRO<sup>-/-</sup> animals (C-H). Scale bar, 100  $\mu$ m.



**Supplemental figure 2.** Transverse sections of lumbar spinal cord stained with CGRP antibody to label nociceptive afferents. **(A-C,** wt; **D-I**, PTPRO<sup>-/-</sup>**). (A)** Large arrowheads pointing to the outer borders of laminae I (top) and the outer portion of laminae II (bottom). Although there is some variability, axons appear less organized and project strongly beyond the border of lamina IIo in the PTPRO<sup>-/-</sup> animals **(D-I)**. Scale bar, 100µm.



**Supplemental figure 3.** Transverse sections of lumbar spinal cord stained with CGRP antibody to label nociceptive afferents. (A-C, wt; D-I, PTPRO<sup>-/-</sup>). (A-I) Magnified view at the dorsal commissure area showing nociceptive axons crossing the midline (large arrowheads). Fewer axons cross the midline in the PTPRO<sup>-/-</sup> mice (D-I). Scale bar, 100  $\mu$ m.



**Supplemental figure 4.** (A-D) P0 spinal cord sections stained with parvalbumin antibody to label proprioceptive projections in (A-C, wt; D-H, PTPRO<sup>-/-</sup>). (D) Top arrowhead points to the area of disorganized and defasciculated axonal projections in PTPRO<sup>-/-</sup> mice. Bottom arrowhead points to the area of increased parvalbumin immunoreactivity at the intermediate zone in the PTPRO<sup>-/-</sup> mice.