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# SI Methods

Degenerate PCR Cloning. The two cytoplasmic domains comprising the catalytic domains of adenylyl cyclase (AC) are well-conserved across all species (1). The sequences corresponding to GDCYYC and WQ(Y/F) DVW from the first conserved cytoplasmic domain, C1a and KIKTIGS, and WG (N/K) TVN from the conserved cytoplasmic domain, C2a, were used to design degenerate primers. To minimize the degree of degeneracy in the primers, the neutral base inosine was used when codons for conserved amino acids were fully degenerate in the third codon position. (All primers are listed at the end of *[SI Methods](http://www.pnas.org/lookup/suppl/doi:10.1073/pnas.1004451107/-/DCSupplemental/pnas.201004451SI.pdf?targetid=nameddest=STXT)*.)

RACE. Primers for 5' and 3' RACE for AC-AplA, AC-AplB, and AC-AplC were designed based on clones isolated from degenerate PCR cloning. Initially, a small segment of the AC-AplD C2a domain was identified by BLAST analysis of the *Aplysia* EST database (2) [National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI)]; a portion of ESTs EB257189.1 and EB335326 are similar to the C2a domains of transmembrane ACs. RACE primers are listed at the end of [SI Methods](http://www.pnas.org/lookup/suppl/doi:10.1073/pnas.1004451107/-/DCSupplemental/pnas.201004451SI.pdf?targetid=nameddest=STXT). First-strand cDNA synthesis was completed using the BD Smart RACE cDNA Amplification Kit (Clontech). Following the manufacturer's directions, touchdown PCR was used to clone the remainder of the four Aplysia ACs (5 cycles: 94 °C for 30 s and 72 °C for 3 min; followed by 5 cycles:  $94 \text{ °C}$  for  $30 \text{ s}$ ,  $70 \text{ °C}$  for  $30 \text{ s}$ , and  $72 \text{ °C}$  for  $3$ min; followed by 27 cycles:  $94 \text{ °C}$  for 30 s,  $68 \text{ °C}$  for 30 s, and 72  $\text{ °C}$ for 3 min). The RACE PCR products were subcloned into the pCR 2.1 TOPO TA vector (Invitrogen). Constructs were sequenced by the Biopolymer/Genomics Core Facility, University of Maryland, Baltimore.

Domain Expression and Purification. Sequences for individual domains of each AC obtained by PCR were initially inserted into the pCR 2.1 vector (Invitrogen) and then inserted into expression vector pET32A (Novagen), which contains a  $His<sub>6</sub>$  tag. Constructs were transformed into Rosetta-gami cells (Novagen) for protein expression. Expression was induced with 1 mM IPTG. All buffers for domain purification contained 50 μg/mL PMSF, 1 mM benzamidine, and 3 mM TCEP [Tris(2-carboxyethyl) phosphine hydrochloride (for inhibition of proteases)]. Cell pellets were resuspended in buffer A (10 mM Na-Hepes, pH 7.6, 100 mM Na-phosphate) with addition of 5 mM imidazole, 100 mM NaCl, and 8 M urea. Pellets were sonicated three times for 10 s at power level 5 (550 Sonic Dismembrator; Fisher Scientific). The preparations were centrifuged at  $10,000 \times g$  for 5 min and the supernatants were applied to an Ni-NTA Superflow (Qiagen) column equilibrated with buffer A with 5 mM imidazole and 100 mM NaCl. To eliminate nonspecific binding, the column was washed with buffer A with 20 mM imidizaole and 300 mM NaCl. The protein was eluted with buffer A with 250 mM imidazole.

Site-Directed Mutagenesis. Site-directed mutagenesis was performed using the QuikChange XL Site-Directed Mutagenesis Kit (Stratagene). Sequences of the primers are as follows:

Mutant 1. 5′-ACAAACTGTCTTCCAAGGGCGTGACCAA-CTGCGACATCCGCCT-3′ Mutant 2. 5′-AACTGCGACATCCGCCTGATGCAGTCCG-ACAAGTTCAACGCG-3′ Mutant 3. 5′-ATCCGCCTGATGCAGTCCGACAAGTTCA-ACGCGG-3′.

Calmodulin Overlay Assays. For calmodulin (CaM) overlay experiments, purified  $His<sub>6</sub>$ -tagged cytoplasmic domains were separated by SDS/PAGE and transferred to nitrocellulose membranes (see [SI Methods](http://www.pnas.org/lookup/suppl/doi:10.1073/pnas.1004451107/-/DCSupplemental/pnas.201004451SI.pdf?targetid=nameddest=STXT) for details). Membranes were incubated overnight at 4 °C with binding buffer (50 mM Tris, pH 7.5, 200 mM NaCl, 1 mM CaCl<sub>2</sub>, 50 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, and 1% BSA), and then probed with 100 ng/mL biotinylated CaM (Calbiochem) for 2 h, following manufacturer's instructions. For controls, 10 mM EGTA was added to all solutions to block CaM binding. CaM binding was visualized using streptavidin-conjugated alkaline phosphatase and chromogenic substrate BCIP/NBT (KPL).

Expression of Recombinant Aplysia ACs Using Baculovirus. Full-length ACs were cloned by PCR from Aplysia cDNA and inserted into a transfer vector, either BacPAK vector (Clontech) or pFastbac (Invitrogen). For the Clontech kit, vector DNA containing an AC gene was transfected into Sf21 cells along with BacPAK6 viral DNA provided in the kit. For the Invitrogen kit, the pFastbac vector containing an AC gene was transformed into DH10Bac cells containing a baculovirus shuttle vector (bacmid) with a miniattTn7 target site and a helper plasmid. Recombinant viral clones were isolated twice to ensure purity. BTI-TN-5B1-4 insect cells (High Five cells; Invitrogen) were cultured in suspension at 27 °C in Ex-cell 405 medium (JRH Bioscience) supplemented with 50 μg/mL gentamicin and 0.1% pluronic F-68 (Invitrogen). High Five cells at a density of  $1 \times 10^6$ /mL were infected with baculovirus encoding an Aplysia AC gene or β-gal (as a control) at 1 plaqueforming unit per cell, and harvested after 48 h.

In the case of AC-AplB, despite several independent attempts at expression, we obtained variable and very modest increases in AC activity as compared with membranes from High Five cells infected with baculovirus encoding β-gal. This may reflect an important difference in processing of the AC-AplB protein between the High Five cells and *Aplysia* neurons, or possibly an error in the sequence that we identified (which was verified three times from independent groups of animals).

Membrane Preparation. High Five cells expressing recombinant Aplysia ACs were centrifuged at  $300 \times g$  for 5 min and resuspended at a density of  $4 \times 10^6$  cells/mL in lysis buffer (20 mM Na-Hepes, pH 7.6, 49 mM NaCl, 16 mM KCl, 7.6 mM MgCl, 1 mM EGTA, 1 mM EDTA, and 1 mM DTT) with protease inhibitor mixture  $(10 \,\mu\text{g/mL})$ leupeptin, 10 μg/mL aprotinin, 25 μM p-nitrophenyl-p′-guanidinobenzoate hydrochloride, and 1 mM benzamidine). Cells were disrupted by nitrogen cavitation, equilibrating them at 750 psi on ice with shaking for 10 min. The cell lysate was centrifuged at  $1,000 \times g$ for 2 min to remove nuclei and large membrane fragments. The supernatant was centrifuged at  $30,000 \times g$  for 20 min. The pellet was rehomogenized in membrane resuspend buffer (50 mM K-Hepes, pH 7.6, 75 mM KCl, 1 mM DTT, and protease inhibitor mixture) and recentrifuged. The final pellet was suspended in resuspend buffer at  $9 \times 10^6$  cells/mL. Membrane aliquots were stored in liquid nitrogen.

Immunoblotting. For immunoblots, desheathed pleural ganglia or sensory neuron (SN) clusters were homogenized in 8 M urea; in some experiments, ganglia were homogenized in buffer with protease inhibitor mixture. This protease inhibitor mixture inhibits proteolysis, whereas urea blocks it completely; therefore, the shorter form of AC-AplA observed in immunoblots (Fig. 3A) is unlikely to be an artifact of degradation during processing. Membranes from whole Aplysia CNS ganglia and High Five cells expressing either

AC-AplA, AC-AplB, or AC-AplC were prepared as described above. Equal amounts of protein were resolved on 8% (wt/vol) SDS/PAGE gel at 4 °C and transferred to a nitrocellulose membrane. To prevent nonspecific binding, nitrocellulose membranes were incubated with immunoblot buffer (0.1% Tween 20 in PBS, pH 7.6) with 5% milk powder overnight at 4 °C. The membranes were incubated with primary antibody against one of the three AC C2b domains (AC-AplA-C2, 1:2,000; AC-AplB-C2, 1:500; or AC-AplC-C2, 1:1,000) in immunoblot buffer at room temperature for 2 h. As a control, primary antibody was preincubated with the corresponding antigen peptide (4 μg/mL). The membranes were washed with immunoblot buffer six times and incubated in HRPcoupled goat anti-rabbit secondary antibody (KPL), diluted 1:10,000 in immunoblot buffer for 1 h, and washed with immunoblot buffer six times. Membranes were developed using Super-Signal West Femto Maximum Sensitivity Substrate (Pierce) and visualized using a Molecular Imager (Bio-Rad).

 $Ca<sup>2+</sup>/Mg<sup>2+</sup>$  Buffers.  $Ca<sup>2+</sup>$  buffers were designed with an iterative computer program using affinity constants from Blinks et al. (3), following the approach of Yovell and Abrams  $(4)$ .  $Ca<sup>2+</sup>$  buffers were prepared at three times their final concentration to produce a final total EGTA concentration in the AC assay solutions of 1 mM. Buffers were calibrated with a  $Ca^{2+}$  absorbance indicator, either 10 μM BAPTA (for low-Ca<sup>2+</sup> buffers) or 25 μM 5,5<sup>'</sup>dibromo-BAPTA (for high- $Ca^{2+}$  buffers), with absorbance measured at 254 or 264 nm, respectively. Free  $Ca^{2+}$  was calculated using an apparent  $K_d$  of 167 nM for Ca<sup>2+</sup>-BAPTA and 1.44  $\mu$ M for  $Ca^{2+}$ -dibromo-BAPTA at an ionic strength of 100 mM (5).

Assays of AC Activity. Assays of AC activity (6) in High Five cellmembrane preparations were carried out in 60  $\mu$ L. To reduce Ca<sup>2+</sup> contamination, the assays contained no ATP-regenerating system, and therefore assay times were shortened to 4 min. Assay temperature was 30 °C. Assays were conducted in  $Ca^{2+}/Mg^{2+}/EGTA$ buffers  $\pm$  1 μM CaM (6). AC assay solution included 10 μM [α<sup>32</sup>P] ATP (80 μCi/mL), 50 μM [<sup>3</sup>H]cAMP (~3 × 10<sup>5</sup> cpm/mL), 0.5 mM IBMX,  $3 \text{ mM } MgCl_2$ ,  $75 \text{ mM } KCl$ ,  $1 \text{ mM } EGTA$ ,  $50 \text{ mM } K$ -Hepes (pH 7.6), 1 mM DTT, and protease inhibitor mixture (described above). Assays were terminated by addition of unlabeled ATP and cAMP, plus sodium lauryl sulfate (7). cAMP was separated from precursor ATP as described by Salomon (7). The  $[3]$ H $]$ cAMP enabled normalization for recovery following chromatography.

Quantitative Real-Time PCR. For qRT-PCR, total RNA from SN clusters or CNS ganglia was purified using a NucleoSpin RNA XS Kit (Macherey Nagel) or RNAqueous columns (Ambion), respectively. Full-length Aplysia AC genes were cloned into PCR 2.1 vectors as templates for standard curves. The concentrations of full-length cDNAs were calculated based on UV absorbance. Serial dilutions of full-length AC templates (ranging from  $8 \times$  $10<sup>4</sup>$  to 5 copies per reaction) for each AC isoform were used for the standard curve. The thermocycler protocol was 95 °C for 10 min and 40 cycles of 95 °C for 1 min, 57 °C for 1 min, 72 °C for 30 s, and 1 cycle of 95 °C for 1 min, 55 °C for 30 s, and 95 °C for 30 s. Quantitative RT-PCR was performed using Brilliant SYBR Green QPCR Master Mix (Stratagene) on an MX3000P thermocycler (Stratagene). Melting-curve assays were then performed to detect the formation of primer-derived dimers.

Immunocytochemistry. Dissociated SNs from the ventro-caudal (VC) cluster in the pleural ganglion were cultured either alone or together with L7 motor neurons (MNs) (8). Cultures were fixed either 24 h or 3 d after plating for SNs cultured alone or for SN-MN cocultures, respectively. Cells were fixed with 4% paraformaldehyde in 30% sucrose in PBS (pH 7.6) for 1 h at room temperature (9). The preparations were washed twice with 30% sucrose and 0.4% Triton X-100 in PBS, and twice with 0.4%

Triton X-100 in PBS. Free aldehyde was quenched with 50 mM NH4Cl in 0.4% Triton X-100/PBS and the preparations were washed three times with 0.4% Triton X-100 in PBS. To block nonspecific binding sites, the preparations were treated with 10% goat serum in PBS at 4 °C overnight before incubating with primary antibody. The cultured SNs were incubated with primary antibodies (AC-AplA-C2, 1:100; AC-AplB-C2, 1:50; or AC-AplC-C2, 1:40) in 200 μL of 10% goat serum in PBS at 4 °C overnight. The preparations were washed six times with 0.4% Triton X-100 in PBS. For controls, the antibodies were preincubated with the antigen peptides for 30 min before the final dilution. The preparations were washed extensively with 0.4% Triton X-100 in PBS, and incubated with Alexa 568-conjugated goat anti-rabbit antibody (2 μg/mL) (Invitrogen) overnight at 4 °C. Immunofluorescence was visualized using a Zeiss 410 confocal laser scanning microscope.

Morpholino Selection. Morpholino oligonucleotides, 25 bp in length, targeted to the initial coding sequence of each AC, were designed for each AC based on the manufacturer's recommendation (Gene Tools). For AC-AplA, the morpholino sequence corresponded to −13 to 12 nucleotides. For AC-AplB, the morpholino sequence corresponded to −37 to −12 nucleotides. For AC-AplC, the morpholino sequence corresponded to −1 to 24 nucleotides. The sequences are as follows:

AC-AplA 5′-<sup>−13</sup>CTGCACCCGCATCAGGCCAACAGAT<sup>+12</sup>-3′ AC-AplB 5′- <sup>−</sup>37GCTACTGGTATTTTTATTTGCAGAC−12-3′ AC-AplC 5′-<sup>-1</sup>GTCTGAGTGGTGGTTGTTTTCCATT<sup>+24</sup>-3′.

dsRNA Synthesis. The hypervariable TM2 domains of individual ACs, 650–850 nucleotides in length, were used to generate dsRNA. The T7 promoter was added to both the 5′ and 3′ ends of the TM2 domain-coding sequence by PCR, and RNA was transcribed in vitro using T7 polymerase (Ambion) following the manufacturer's protocol, except that the RNA was eluted with water. The sense strand and its complementary strand were hybridized at 75 °C for 5 min to generate dsRNA.

dsRNA and Morpholino Oligo Injections and Electrophysiology. In pilot experiments in which we injected siRNA for AC-AplA into the hemocoel of intact animals and measured AC activity, we observed highly variable but significant knockdown of CaMstimulated AC activity after 4 d, but not after 2 d. Therefore, all electrophysiological studies involving knockdown of ACs were done 4 d after intracellular injection of dsRNA or morpholinos.

Aplysia californica (Aplysia Resource Facility), weighing 60–80 g, were anesthetized by injection of isotonic  $MgCl<sub>2</sub>$ , and their pleural-pedal ganglia were removed. Ganglia were secured with minuten pins in a chamber with a 1:1 mixture of  $MgCl<sub>2</sub>$  and artificial sea water. Pleural ganglia were desheathed to expose the ventro-caudal (VC) SN cluster; the clusters were separated and transferred to a new Petri dish with normal culture medium containing 460 mM NaCl, 10 mM KCl, 11 mM CaCl<sub>2</sub>, 55 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, and 10 mM Na-Hepes (pH 7.6) supplemented with nutrients [7 mM glucose, MEM essential and nonessential amino acids  $(0.2 \times$  normal concentration; Invitrogen), and MEM vitamin solution (0.7× normal concentration; Invitrogen)], which was used both for microinjection and recording. For pressure injection, SNs in VC clusters were penetrated with beveled glass microelectrodes (7–10 M $\Omega$ ) containing either morpholino oligos (600 μM) or dsRNA (500 ng/μL) in intracellular injection solution (400 mM KCl and 20 mM K-Hepes, pH 7.3). Alexa dextran 594 (10,000 MW, 7.5 mg/mL) was coinjected for detection of successfully injected cells. Some SNs were injected with Alexa dextran 594 alone or nonsense fluorescent morpholino as negative controls. After injection, SN clusters were transferred to L15 culture medium with 50% hemolymph and maintained in an incubator at

15 °C. Four days later, the cell clusters were brought out to room temperature for spike-broadening experiments conducted in normal culture medium with tetraethylammonium (TEA) and nifedipine. Neurons that were fluorescent were selected for recording with microelectrodes (12–20 MΩ) filled with 2 M KCl and 400 mM K-acetate. SN action potentials were elicited by injection of 2-ms depolarizing current pulses at a 15-s interval in the presence of 100 mM TEA and 20 μM nifedipine. TEA at this concentration blocks  $I_{Kv, \text{early}}$  and nifedipine blocks dihydropyridine-sensitive  $Ca^{2+}$  channels, both of which are modulated by PKC (10, 11); under these conditions, 5-HT-induced spike broadening is entirely mediated by cAMP (12). Spike duration, measured from the peak of the action potential to the time at

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which it had decayed to 33% of the maximum amplitude, was recorded before and after the application of 10 μM 5-HT. Data were acquired digitally with a Modular Instruments interface and analyzed using Spike software (Hilal Associates).

**Statistical Analysis.** Statistical analyses were performed using SPSS software. Analysis of effects of  $Ca^{2+}$  on AC activity or of effects of morpholinos or dsRNA was done with ANOVA. Posthoc pairwise comparisons of treatments were done using the Sidak adjustment for multiple comparisons. Data are expressed as means  $\pm$  SEM for means of multiple independent experiments. Data for individual representative experiments are expressed as means  $\pm$  SD of results of replicate trials.



#### 3′ Outer primer CGGGGCATCTTCGCCACCATCGTCAACTTCAACGAGTTCTATG 3′ Inner primer CATAGAACTCGTTGAAGTTGACGATGGTGGCGAAGATGCCCCG

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Fig. S1. Predicted transmembrane domain of four putative Aplysia ACs. Membrane-spanning α-helices were predicted using TMHMM ([http://www.cbs.dtu.dk/](http://www.cbs.dtu.dk/services/TMHMM) [services/TMHMM\)](http://www.cbs.dtu.dk/services/TMHMM). Note each AC isoform has two predicted transmembrane domains, each of which contains a series of membrane-spanning α-helices. Other algorithms gave qualitatively similar results, with the number of predicted α-helices within each transmembrane domain ranging between 5 and 7.

### A. C1a domains



#### **B. C2a domains**

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#### C. C1a domains diverse phyla



Fig. S2. Clustal analysis of highly conserved sequences within the ATP-binding regions of the C1 and C2 cytoplasmic domains of transmembrane ACs from Aplysia, Drosophila, humans, and diverse phyla. (A) Clustal analysis of a highly conserved sequence within the C1a domain of ACs from Aplysia, Drosophila, and humans. (B) Clustal analysis of two highly conserved sequences within the C2a domain of ACs from Aplysia, Drosophila, and humans; a gap between these two sequences is indicated by a dash. Yellow highlighting: identical amino acids conserved in 90% or more of the AC isoforms. Gray highlighting: conserved substitutions. In B, lysine and aspartate residues highlighted in green distinguish adenylyl cyclases from guanylyl cyclases (1). In the Drosophila rutabaga learning mutant, Gly1026, highlighted in purple, is altered to Arg, resulting in complete loss of rutabaga AC catalytic activity (2). (C) Clustal analysis of C1a domains from eight phyla, illustrating conservation of GDCYYC sequence (green highlighting). All sequences are from the NCBI, except for sequences from the Joint Genome Institute (JGI), which are indicated ([http://genome.jgi-psf.org\)](http://genome.jgi-psf.org). For C, the species, (common name), gene or protein ID, and phylum are as follows:

Mus musculus (mouse) AC2 (Chordata)

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Xenopus tropicalis (frog) AC7 (Chordata)

Danio rerio (zebrafish) AC2 (Chordata)

Branchiostoma floridae (lancelet) XM\_002586782.1 (Cephalochordata, Chordata)

Drosophila melanogaster (fruit fly) 76E (Arthropoda)

Lepeophtheirus salmonis (copepod, crustacean) ADND01120628.1 (Arthropoda)

Capitella teleta (polychaete), JGI Protein ID 155468 (Annelida) Strongylocentrotus purpuratus (sea urchin) AAGJ02145453.1 (Echinodermata)

Caenorhabditis japonica (nematode) ABLE02010385.1 (Nematoda) Schmidtea mediterranea (planaria) AAWT01029706.1 (Platyhelminthes) Nematostella vectensis (sea anemone) JGI Protein ID 234384 (Cnidaria) Trichoplax adhaerens JGI Protein ID 21914 (Placozoa).

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Fig. S3. Sequence similarity among ACs from Aplysia, Drosophila, and humans. The values are percent similarity of the C1a and C2a domains determined using Clustal W (<http://www.ebi.ac.uk/Tools/clustalw2/index.html>). Abbreviated AC names on top are in the same sequence as AC names on the right. Human AC isoforms with the highest similarity to each Aplysia or Drosophila isoforms are indicated in red (highlighted isoforms differed by 2% or less; equally similar Aplysia or Drosophila isoforms are also highlighted). Shaded values signify high similarity in both C1a and C2a domains.

A. C1a domain AC-APL D 84 HOM AC9 AC9 83 **DRO 35C** AC-APL C 95 HOM AC5 AC5/6 100 HOM AC6 78  $HOM ACI$ 44 86 47 DRO RUT AC1 AC-APL A 51 HOM AC8 DRO AC39E 100 AC<sub>3</sub> 97 HOM AC3 AC-APL B  $-10$ 100 DRO AC76E 81 AC2/4/7 - HOM AC4 100 HOM AC7 72 HOM AC2 B. C<sub>2a</sub> domain Hom AC9 94 AC9 Dro 35C IS 97 33 AC-AplD Hom AC3 32 46 AC<sub>3</sub> Dro AC39E Hom AC8 26 Dro RUT 80 53 AC-ApIA AC1 Hom AC1 29 Hom AC6 97 68 AC5/6 Hom AC5 AC-ApIC Dro AC76E 77 AC-Apl B 55 AC2/4/7 - Hom AC2 53  $-10$ 76 Hom AC4 - Hom AC7

Fig. S4. Results of a PHYLIP analysis of the C1a and C2a domains of AC from humans (HOM), Drosophila (DRO), and Aplysia (APL). Brackets indicate groups of ACs based on mammalian isoforms. The numbers represent the percentage of trees generated by the PHYLIP program Neighbor ([http://evolution.gs.](http://evolution.gs.washington.edu/phylip.html) [washington.edu/phylip.html](http://evolution.gs.washington.edu/phylip.html)) that contained the grouping shown here (of a total of 1,000 replicate trees generated); scale bars represent 10% of trees. C. elegans AC NP 508018 (NCBI) was used as the outgroup for the C1a analysis and Dictyostelium ACA served as the outgroup for the C2a analysis.



Fig. S5. CaM overlay assays identify CaM-binding domain in AC-Ap/A. Purified His-tagged cytoplasmic domains of Aplysia ACs were separated by SDS/PAGE and transferred to nitrocellulose membranes. Due to its large size, the C2 domain of AC-AplA was expressed as three overlapping fragments, C2-1, C2-2, and C2-3. (A) Nitrocellulose membranes were probed with an anti-His<sub>6</sub> antibody. Preparations of some domains yielded multiple bands after purification (presumably due to degradation); in these cases, the arrow indicates the band of interest. (B) CaM overlay assays in the presence of 1 mM Ca<sup>2+</sup>. Note that only the AC-Ap/A C1 domain binds CaM. As a positive control, the AC-Ap/A C1 domain was included in all overlay assays together with the domains of each of the other ACs.



Fig. S6. Immunoblots of AC-AplA, AC-AplB, and AC-AplC expressed in High Five insect cells. High Five cells were infected with baculovirus encoding each Aplysia AC isoform. (A) Membrane proteins from High Five cells expressing a single AC isoform were probed with an affinity-purified antibody against the corresponding AC C2b domain peptide. Control membranes were from cells infected with baculovirus encoding β-gal. As an additional control, antibodies were preincubated with the corresponding antigen peptide. (B) Test of antibody specificity. Antibodies raised against AC-Ap/A or AC-Ap/C peptides were tested with membranes from High Five cells expressing either AC-AplA, AC-AplB, or AC-AplC. Note that each antibody was specific for the corresponding AC isoform.

**Serial Dilution of CNS RT** 



Fig. S7. Quantitative real-time PCR using cDNA from Aplysia CNS. Standard curves were generated using serial dilutions of plasmid DNA containing genes for each AC isoform. Equations and corresponding lines are fit to the plasmid standard curves (individual data points for standard curves are not shown). To test the linearity of the qRT-PCR technique, serial dilutions of cDNA from CNS were used as templates in the qRT-PCR. The highest copy number of cDNA from Aplysia CNS (open squares) was calculated from the standard curve based on the Ct value for the sample (e.g., a Ct of 21.0 for AC-AplA corresponded to a gene copy number of 3.32 x 10<sup>4</sup>). The copy-number values for the lower concentrations of cDNA were obtained by dividing the copy number for the highest concentration by the dilution factor; these calculated copy numbers are plotted against empirically obtained Ct values (filled squares). (See [SI Methods](http://www.pnas.org/lookup/suppl/doi:10.1073/pnas.1004451107/-/DCSupplemental/pnas.201004451SI.pdf?targetid=nameddest=STXT) for detailed methods.)



Fig. S8. Immunocytochemistry of dissociated VC cluster SNs, cultured either alone or with an L7 MN. Immunostaining with antibody against AC-AplA (A and B) or AC-AplC (C–F). (A) Both pre- and postsynaptic neurons express AC-AplA in somata and processes, including regions of pre- and postsynaptic apposition, and also in growth cones (arrows). Staining within the outer circumference of somata may reflect the deep membrane invaginations (trophospongium) found in the cell bodies of these large neurons [similar patterns of staining have been observed for the receptors (1, 2)]. (B) Immunostaining of SN growth cone with anti-AC-AplA antibody. Note the high level of AC-AplA expression in growth cone. (C) Both pre- and postsynaptic neurons express AC-AplC. (MN soma is indicated by an arrowhead.) (D-F) SN cultured alone. In D, the image is a montage; the SN soma is at a higher plane than the process to facilitate comparison of regions of maximal AC-Ap/C expression. Note in C and D that AC-Ap/C immunofluorescence is less intense in processes than in somata. (E and F) AC-Ap/C is expressed at low levels in growth cone (F1) as compared with soma of the same neuron (E). (F2) Same field as F1 to show location of growth cone. [Scale bars, 50 μm (A, C, and D) and 10 μm (B, E, and F1).]

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Predicted lengths of entire ACs are also included. Note that AC-AplA and rutabaga AC both have unusually long C2 domains.