## **Supplemental figure captions**

- **Fig S1A**. Representative current traces that were used to construct the normalized whole-cell conductance curves of Fig 1 for the zero Ca condition, illustrating recovery of wt-Kir1.1b channel activity following a 15min acidification in 1mM K, 0mM Ca, 0mM Mg +1mM EGTA.
- **Fig S1B**. Steady state current voltage relations for the zero Ca condition, derived from the current traces of Fig S1A, prior to, during, and after a 15 min internal acidification to pH 6.3. Whole-cell conductances, internal pH  $(pH_i)$  and times are indicated for each current-voltage relation.
- **Fig S2A**. Representative current traces that were used to construct the normalized whole-cell conductance curves of Fig 1 for the 2mM Ca condition, illustrating recovery of wt-Kir1.1b channel activity following a 15min acidification in 1mM K, 2mM Ca, 0 mM Mg.
- **Fig S2B**. Steady state current voltage relations for the 2mM Ca condition, derived from the current traces of Fig S2A, prior to, during, and after a 15 min internal acidification to pH 6.3. Whole-cell conductances, internal pH (pH<sub>i</sub>) and times are indicated for each current-voltage relation.
- **Fig S3.** Initial recovery rates of N105E-Kir1.1b compared to wt-Kir1.1b as a function of external K in zero Ca and Mg conditions.

Fig S1A:

## wt-Kir1.1b (1mM K, 0 mM Ca, 0 mM Mg)

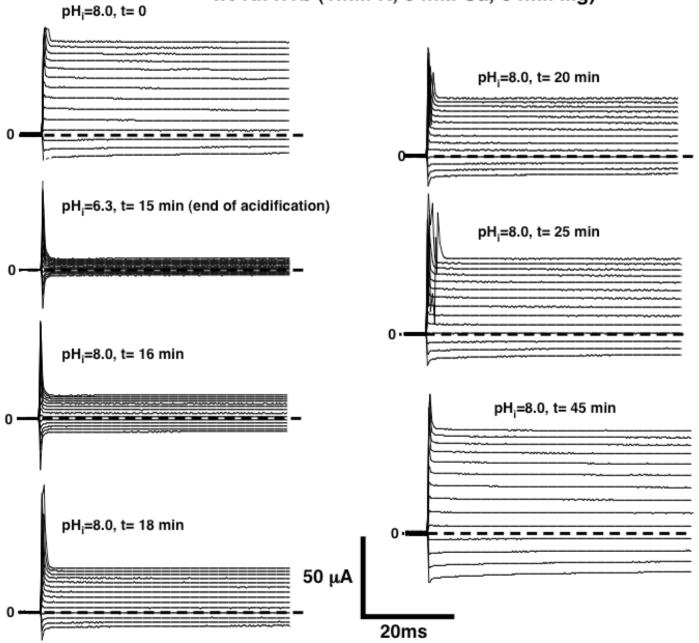


Fig S1B:

## wt-Kir1.1b (1mM K, 0 mM Ca, 0 mM Mg)

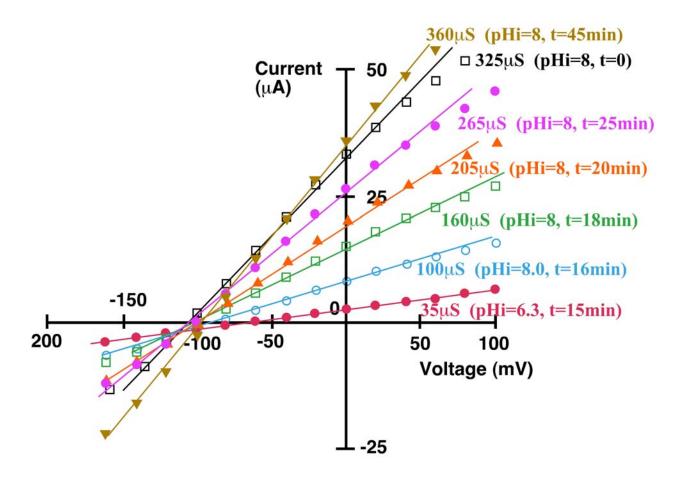


Fig S2A:

## wt-Kir1.1b (1mM K, 2mM Ca, 0Mg)

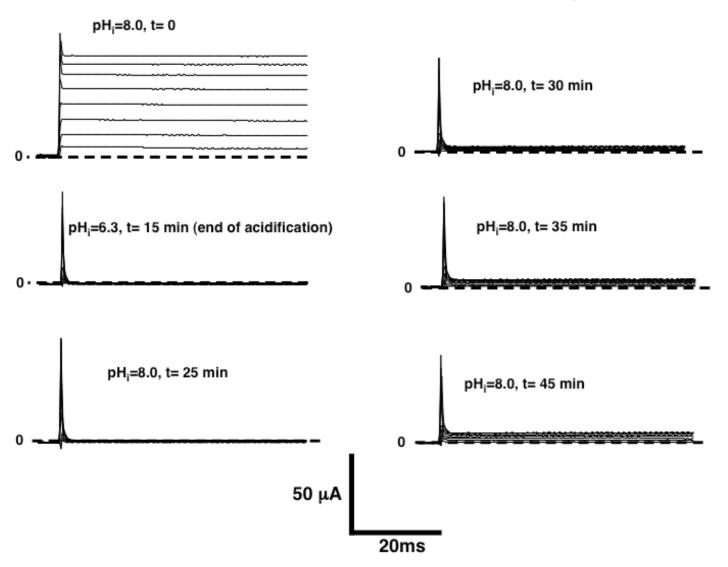


Fig S2B: wt-Kir1.1b (1mM K, 2 mM Ca, 0 Mg)

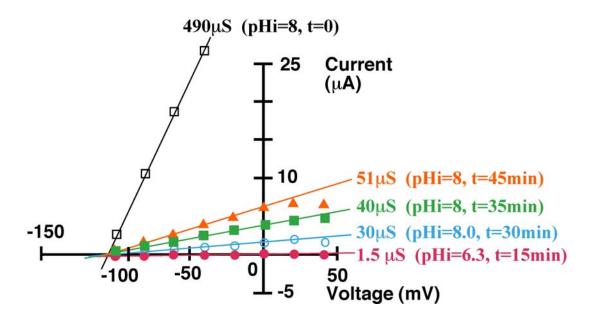


Fig S3: Initial Recovery rates in zero divalent media

