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**Supplemental Information** 

## Bidirectional Plasticity Gated by Hyperpolarization Controls the Gain of Postsynaptic Firing Responses

## at Central Vestibular Nerve Synapses

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**Figure S1:** Enhancement of NMDA-Rs interferes with the induction of LTP in YFP-16 neurons. Application of the 100 Hz stim plus hyperpolarization protocol to YFP-16 neurons bathed in low-magnesium (0.3 mM) Ringer's solution failed to induce LTP. Data are as shown  $\pm$  SEM.



**Figure S2:** Elevation of postsynaptic firing rate following hyperpolarization is not sufficient to induce LTP in non-rebounding neurons. In YFP-16 neurons lacking intrinsic post-hyperpolarization rebound firing, a modified 100 Hz stim plus hyperpolarization

protocol was applied in which a 300-msec depolarizing current step was injected immediately following the hyperpolarizing step to mimic rebound (left). This protocol elevated the post-hyperpolarization firing rate by  $35.2 \pm 6.1$  Hz but failed to induce LTP (right). Data are as shown  $\pm$  SEM.

	100 Hz Stim Protocol			100 Hz Stim plus Hyperpolarization Protocol		
	Pre	Post	P value	Pre	Post	P value
AP width (ms)	$0.67 \pm 0.05$	$0.67 \pm 0.04$	0.83	0.61 ± 0.03	0.61 ± 0.03	0.99
Threshold (mV)	$-51.9 \pm 1.3$	$-53.1 \pm 1.2$	0.08	$-50.6 \pm 1.0$	$-52.0 \pm 1.2$	0.09
Input res. (MΩ)	71.1 ± 15.6	$71.5 \pm 15.8$	0.93	$71.9 \pm 12.5$	$74.2 \pm 13.8$	0.15
Gain (Hz/nA)	$219 \pm 32$	$212 \pm 30$	0.31	238 ± 24	$238 \pm 26$	0.71

**Table S1:** Intrinsic characteristics of YFP-16 MVN neurons before and after synaptic plasticity induction protocols. Values indicate mean  $\pm$  SEM.