

Supporting Information

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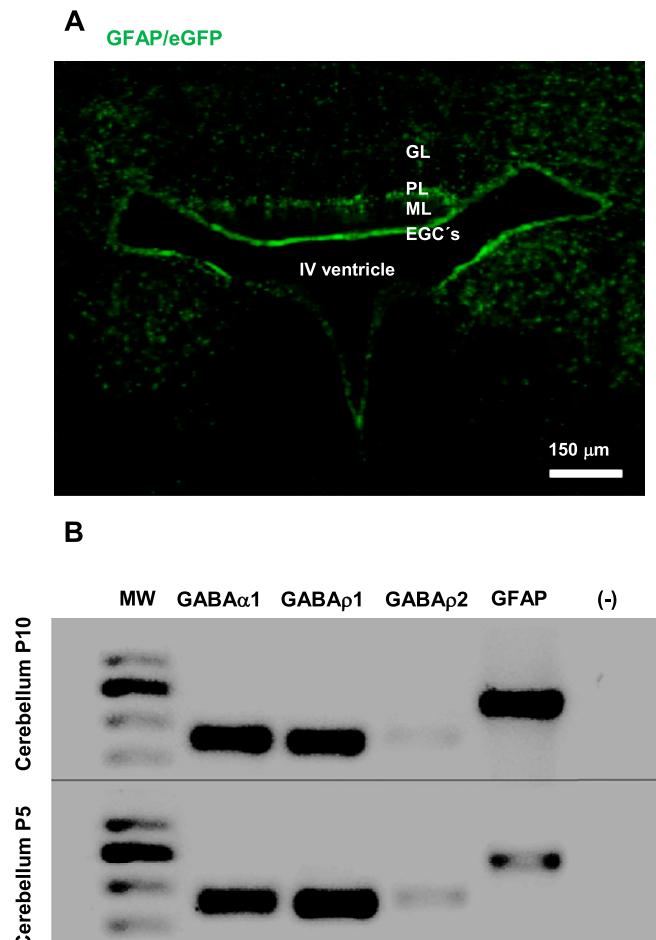


Fig. S1. (A) Coronal slice (40 μ m thick) of cerebellum showing the location of EGCs that face the fourth ventricle and the distribution of cerebellar GFAP $^+$ cells in this area. PL, Purkinje layer; ML, molecular layer; 4V, fourth ventricle. (B) mRNA expression of GABA α 1, GABA γ 2, GABA β 1, GABA β 2, and GFAP in cerebellum from P5 and P10 mice.

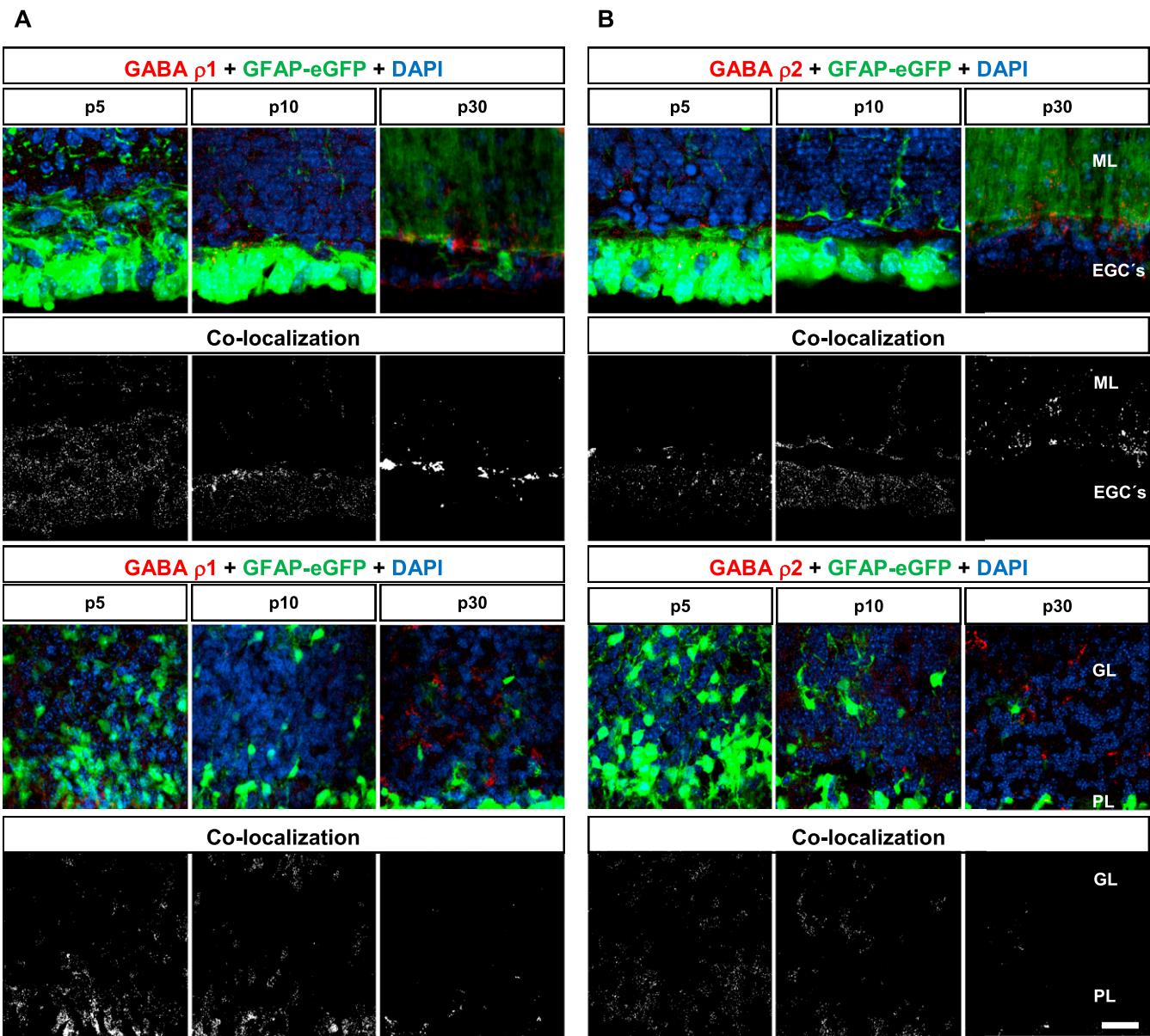


Fig. S2. (A) Localization of GABA_{p1} (red) in GFAP⁺ cells (green) in P5, P10, and P30 mice. White dots indicate the colocalization pattern over time in EGCs and in GFAP cells of the GL. (B) Colocalization of GABA_{p2} (red) and GFAP⁺ cells (green) in P5, P10, and P30 mice is higher at P5 than at P10 or P30. ML, molecular layer; PL, Purkinje layer. (Scale bar: 50 μ m.)

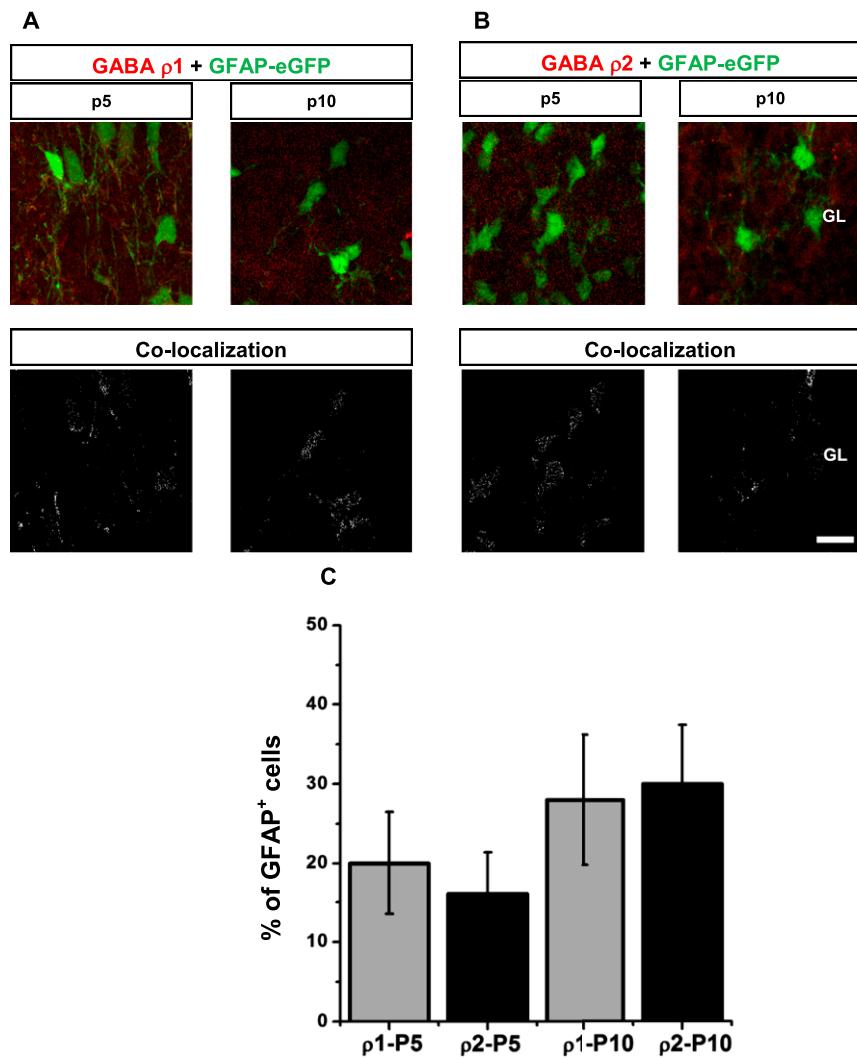


Fig. S3. (A and B) Colabeling of GABA ρ 1 or GABA ρ 2 with GFAP $^+$ cells from the GL of cerebellum at P5 and P10. (C) Percentage of GFAP $^+$ cells from the GL that express GABA ρ 1 and GABA ρ 2 at P5 and P10. $n = 3$. (Scale bar: 20 μ m.)

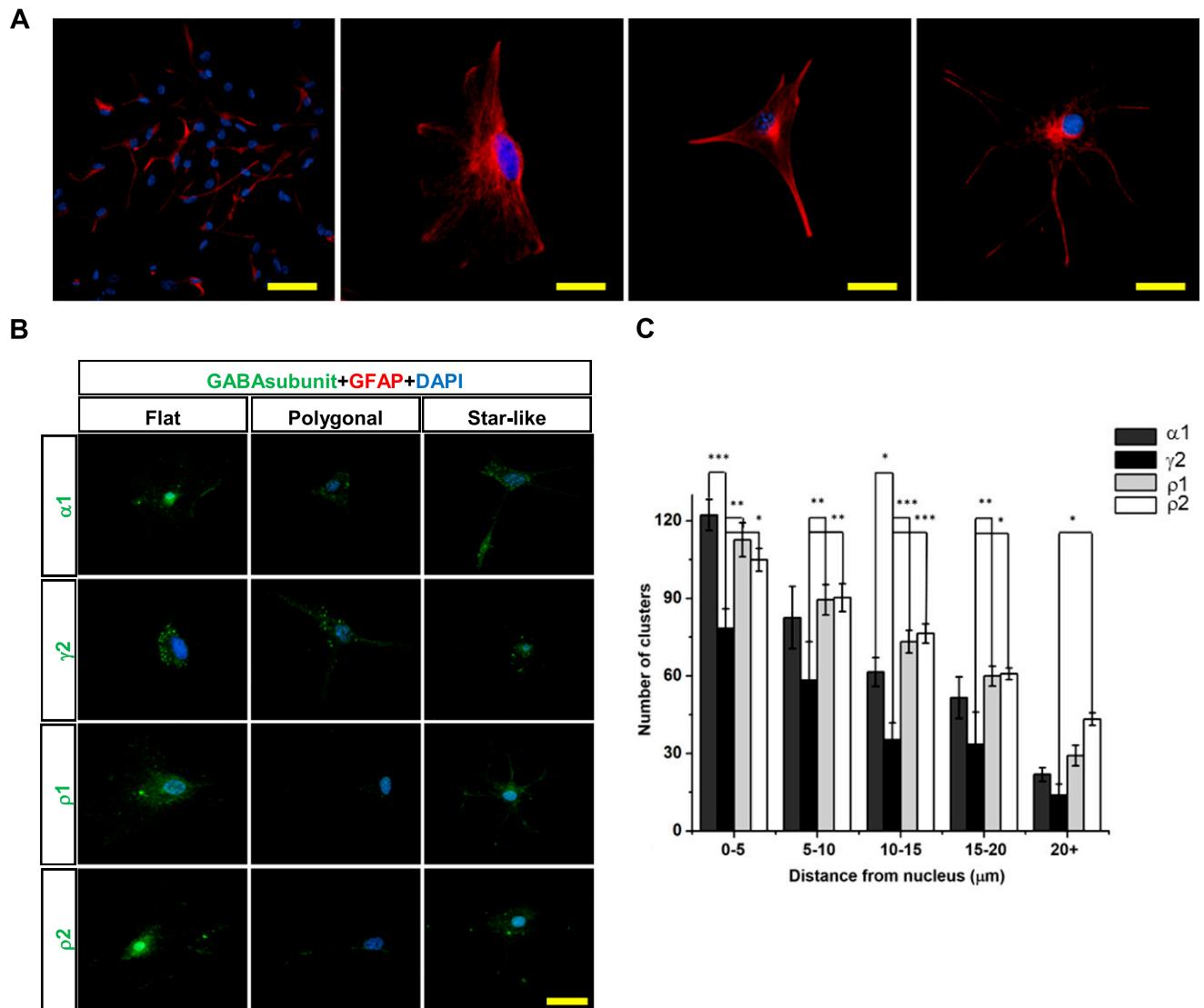


Fig. S4. (A) Morphologies of GFAP⁺ cells in primary culture. From left to right, panoramic view of cerebellar cells in culture and examples of flat, polygonal, and star-like cells. (B) Distribution of GABA α 1, GABA γ 2, GABA ρ 1, and GABA ρ 2 in GFAP⁺ cells in culture. Nuclei were stained with DAPI (blue). (Scale bars: 50 and 20 μ m.) (C) Distribution of GABA subunit fluorescent clusters. GABA γ 2 was significantly different from that of the other subunits. $n = 18$ cells. *** $P < 0.001$; ** $P < 0.01$; * $P < 0.05$.

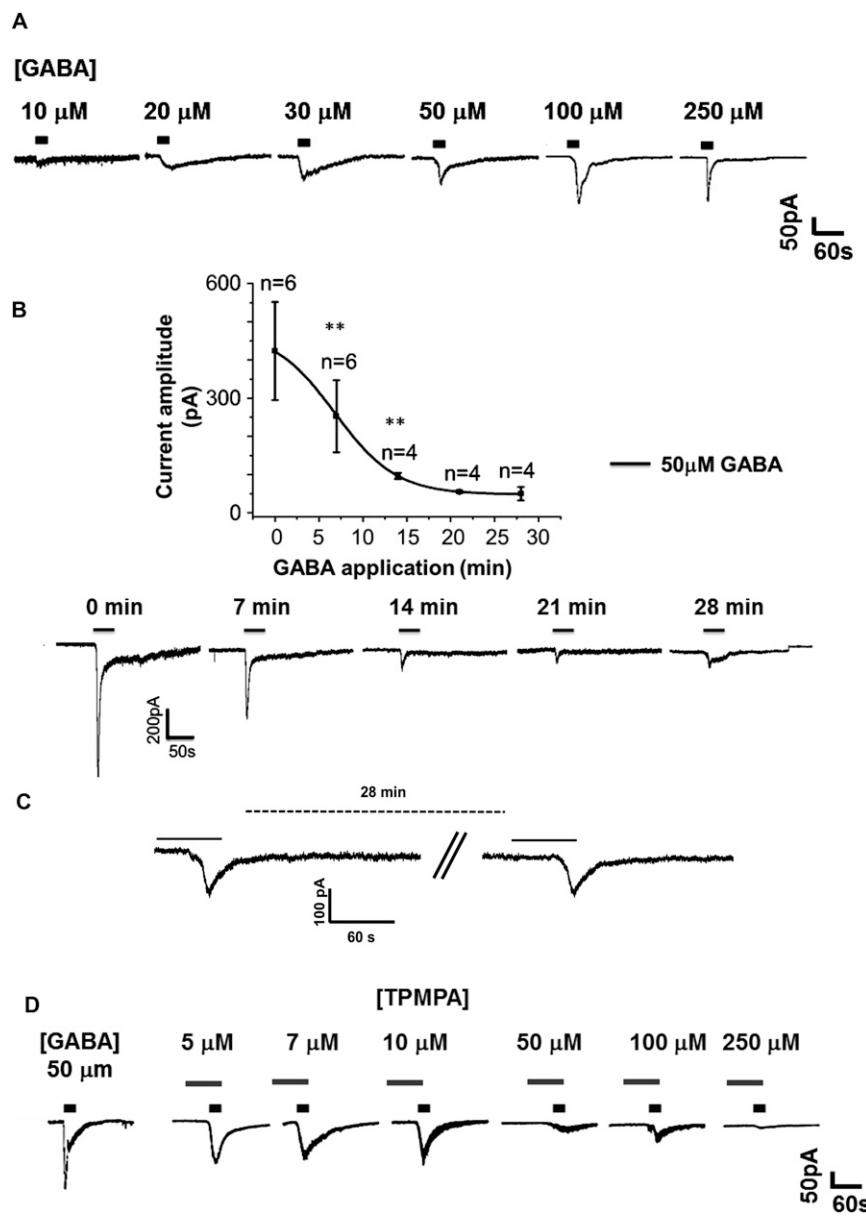


Fig. 55. (A) Sample recordings of GABA responses from astrocytes in culture. (B) GABA-desensitization curve after repeated applications of 50 μM GABA. Note the nondesensitizing component remaining after 28 min. (C) GABA responses after two applications of GABA 50 μM and 28 min of washing perfusion. (D) Sample recordings of GABA responses blocked by increasing concentrations of TPMPA. $n = 6$ cells for application.

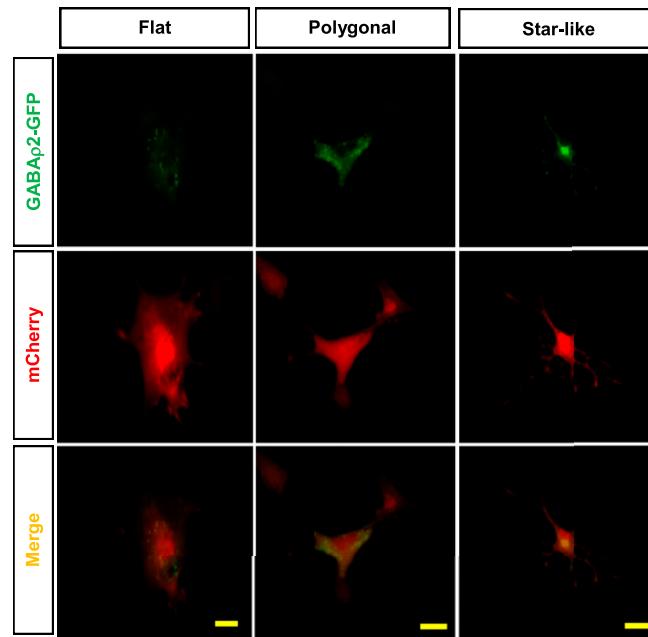


Fig. S6. Fluorescence emitted by GABA α 2-GFP (green) and soluble mCherry (red) in flat, polygonal, and star-like cells in culture. (Scale bar: 25 μ m.)

Table S1. Antibodies for immunofluorescence, immunogold, and Western blot analyses

Antibody	Company	Catalog no.	Use
Primary antibodies			
Rabbit IgG anti-GABA α 1	Millipore	06-868	WB, IF
Rabbit IgG anti-GABA α 1-6	Santa Cruz Biotechnology	sc-14005	WB, IF
Rabbit IgG anti-GABA ρ 1	Santa Cruz Biotechnology	sc-25707	WB, IF, IG
Goat IgG anti-GABA ρ 1	Santa Cruz Biotechnology	sc-21338	WB, IF
Goat IgG anti-GABA ρ 2	Santa Cruz Biotechnology	sc-30254	WB, IF
Goat IgG anti-GFAP	Santa Cruz Biotechnology	sc-6171	WB, IF
Guinea pig anti-GABA γ 2	Synaptic Systems	224004	IF
Secondary antibodies			
Goat anti-rabbit IgG EM-grade 25 nm	Electron Microscopy Sciences	25116	IG
Rabbit anti-goat IgG-AP	Santa Cruz Biotechnology	sc-2771	WB
Goat anti-rabbit IgG-AP	Santa Cruz Biotechnology	sc-2034	WB
Alexa Fluor 594-conjugated donkey anti-goat	Molecular Probes	A-11058	IF
Alexa Fluor 594-conjugated donkey anti-rabbit	Molecular Probes	R37119	IF
Alexa Fluor 488-conjugated donkey anti-rabbit	Molecular Probes	R37118	IF

IF, immunofluorescence; IG, immunogold; WB, Western blot.

Table S2. Primers for RT-PCR GABA-A subunits and GFAP detection

Gene	Primer		
	Forward	Reverse	Product, pb
GABA α 1	5'-tatggacagccctccaagatgaac-3'	5'-catatcgtggctgaaactggtcg-3'	177
GABA γ 2	5'-tgcccaaacctggatgacagacg-3'	5'-taactggagaactccaggggcagg-3'	289
GABA ρ 1	5'-cgaggaggcacacgacatgcc-3'	5'-ctgcacatccacgccccacagg-3'	197
GABA ρ 2	5'-cctgatggctcgtagag-3'	5'-ccaaaggctggcctatggtg-3'	197
GFAP	5'-agccagcaggcaggcagg-3'	5'-tctctgacgcgtcgccc-3'	239