

**Synergetic Action of Domain II and IV Underlies Persistent Current Generation in Na<sub>v</sub>1.3 as revealed by a tarantula toxin**

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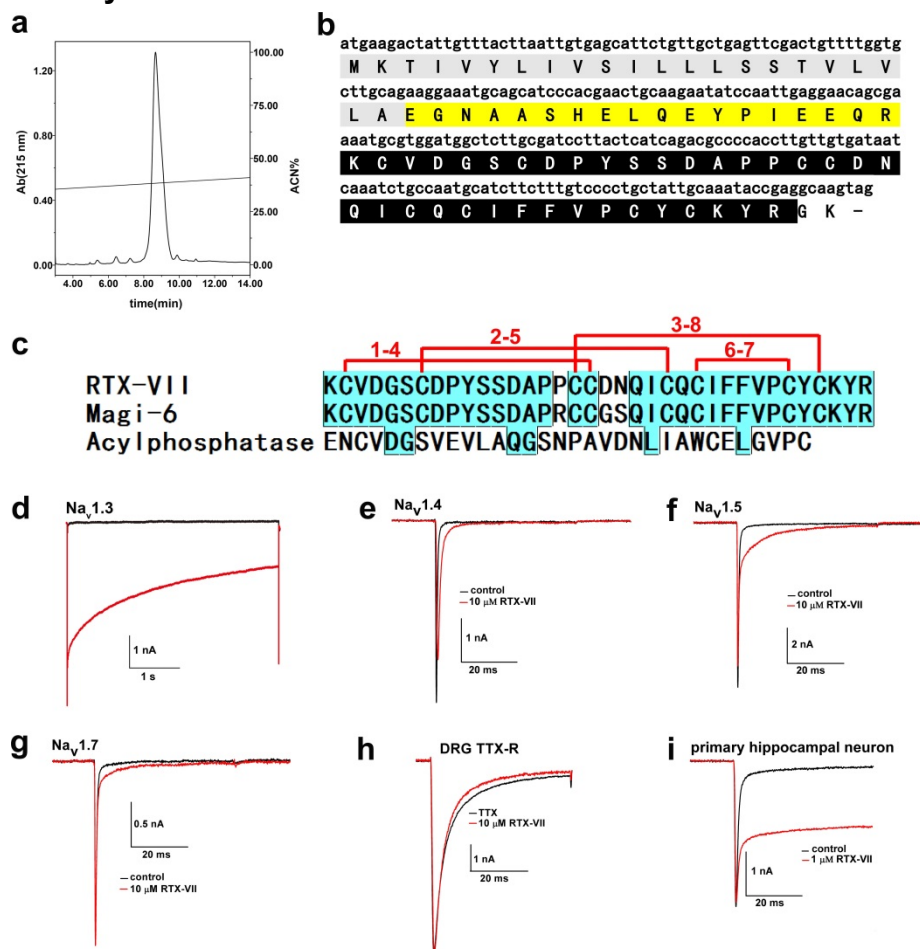
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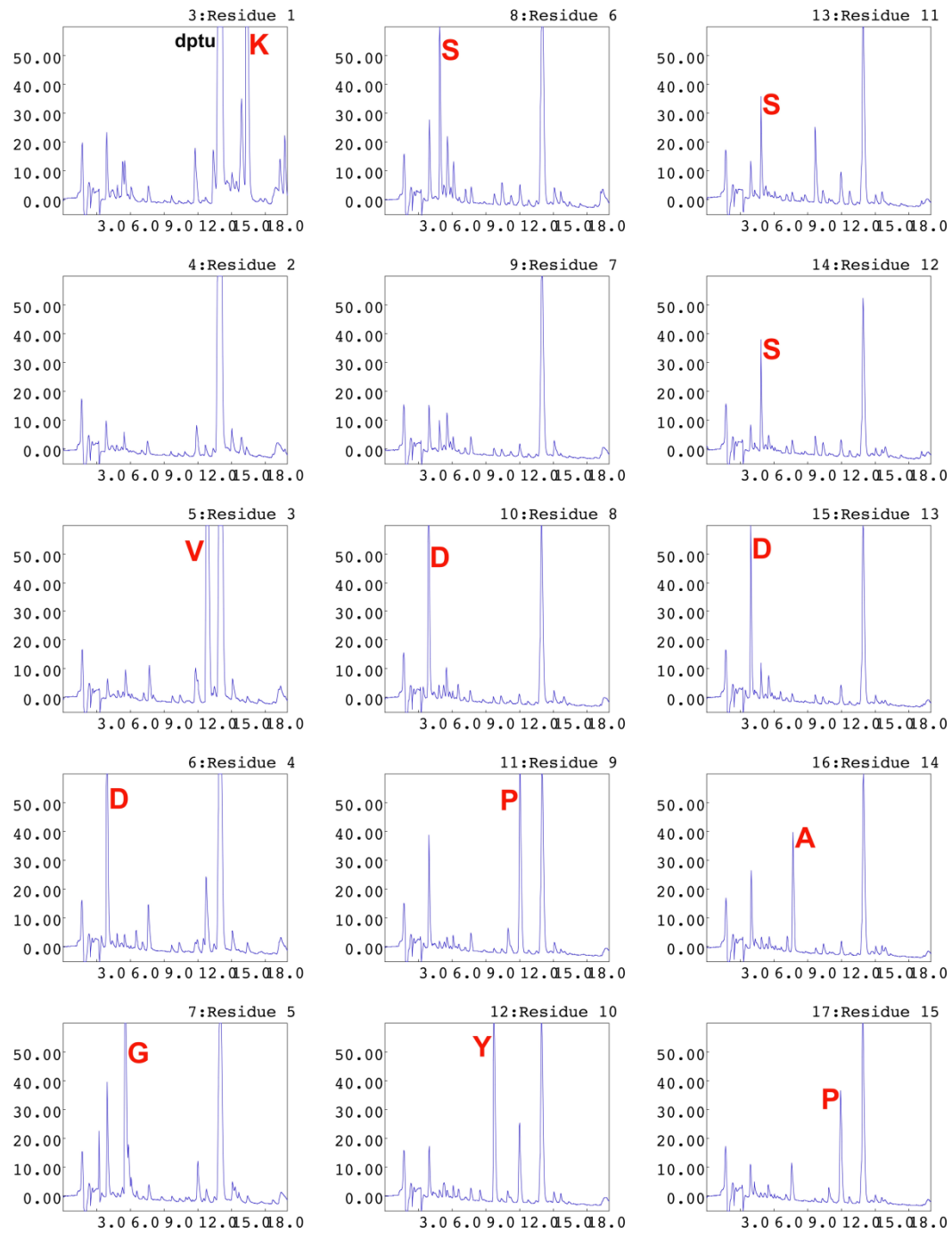
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## Supplementary results:

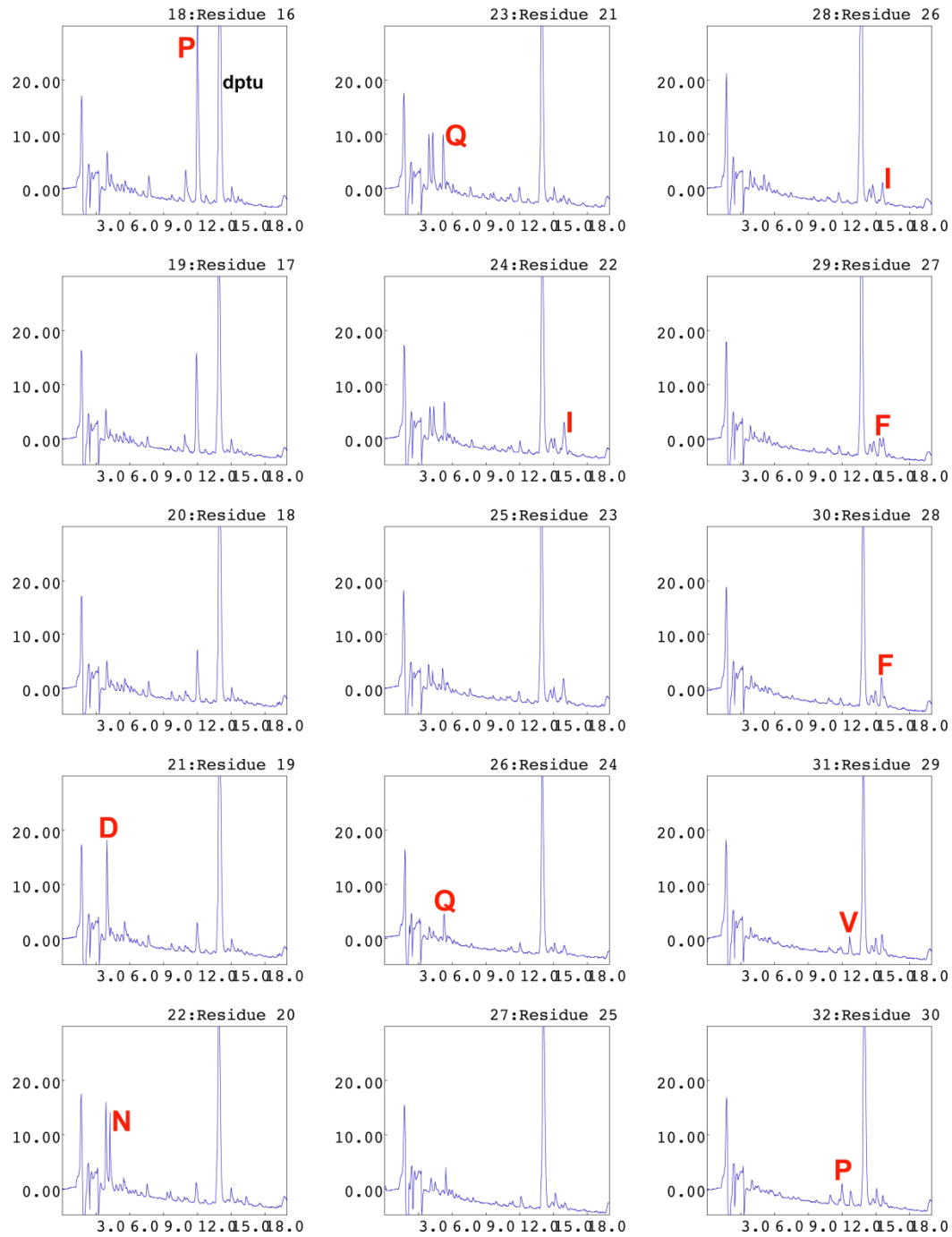


Supplementary Fig S1: (a) RTX-VII was further purified by analytical  $C_{18}$  RP-HPLC using a narrower acetonitrile gradient. (b) The cDNA sequence of RTX-VII. The signal peptide is shown in gray, the pro-peptide is shown in yellow and the mature peptide is shown with white text on a black ground. Note partial sequence of the mature peptide was also determined by Edman degradation as shown in supplementary Fig S1j. (c) RTX-VII shows high sequence similarity to the known toxin Magi-6; the possible disulfide mode was also shown. (d) RTX-VII induced large  $I_{NaP}$  in  $Na_v1.3$  even lasting for several seconds ( $n = 4$ ). (e, f, g, h) Representative traces showing that  $Na_v1.4$ ,  $Na_v1.5$ ,  $Na_v1.7$  as well as DRG TTX-R  $Na_v$ s ( $Na_v1.8$  and  $Na_v1.9$ ) were resistant to RTX-VII even at the toxin concentration of  $10 \mu M$  ( $n = 4 - 6$ ). (i) Representative trace showing  $Na_v$ s in neonatal rat hippocampal neurons were highly sensitive to RTX-VII, with  $1 \mu M$  toxin dramatically inhibiting the inactivation and inducing a large  $I_{NaP}$  ( $n = 6$ ).

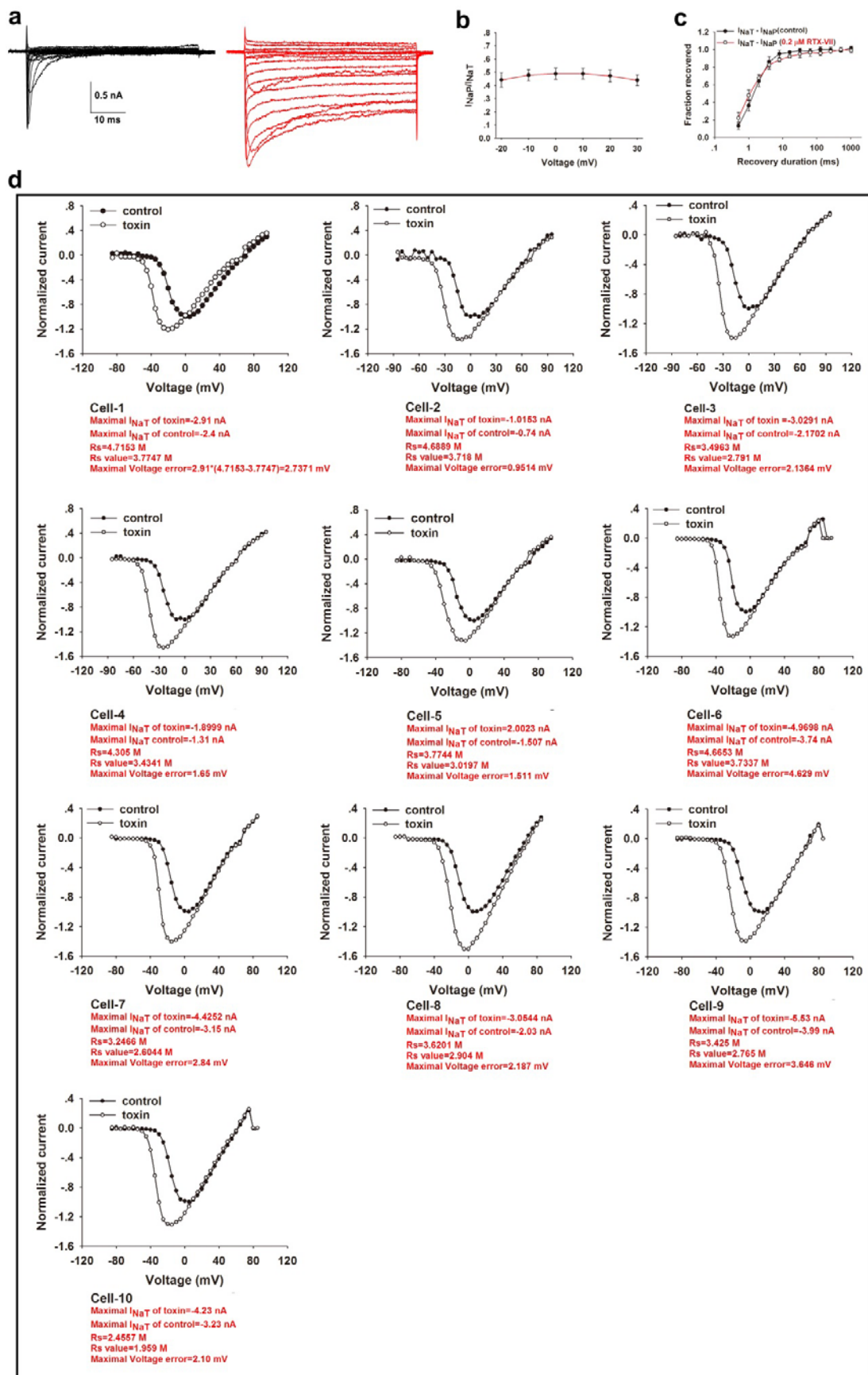
### Supplementary Fig S1j:



**Supplementary Fig S1j(continued):**

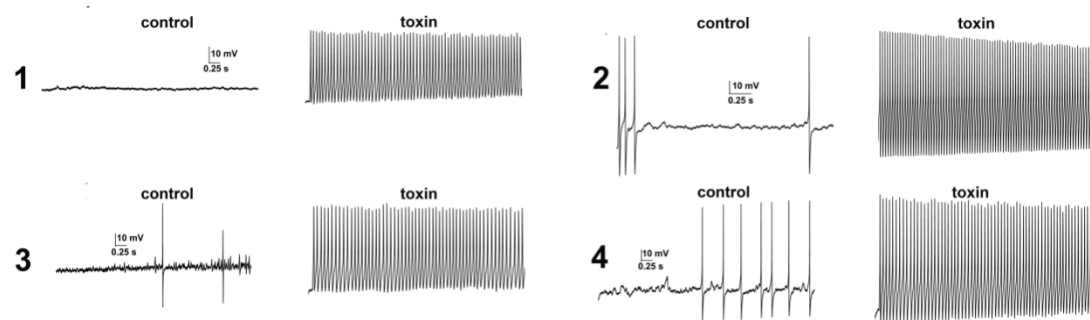


Supplementary Fig S1j: Edman degradation of RTX-VII. Peaks representing the first 30 N-terminal residues could be recognized in the RP-HPLC chromatograms, while the first 22 residues were well characterized. In each cycle, the peak representing the corresponding residue was labeled, and the unlabeled cycle indicated a cysteine residue.



Supplementary Fig S2: (a) A cluster of current traces of  $Na_v1.3$  elicited by an I-V protocol

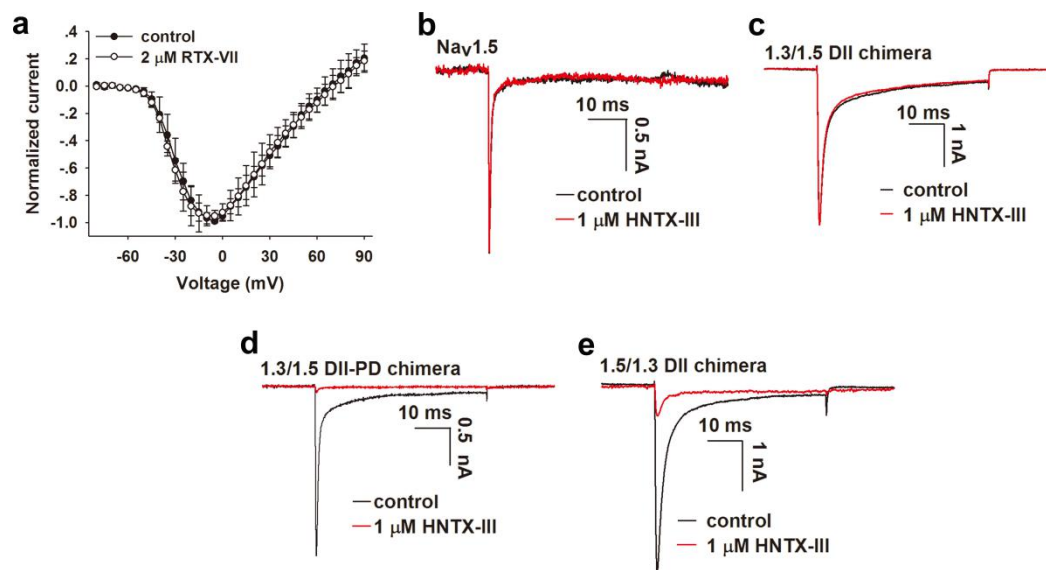
shows 0.2  $\mu\text{M}$  RTX-VII enhanced the inward  $I_{\text{NaT}}$  but not the outward  $I_{\text{NaT}}$  and induced large  $I_{\text{NaP}}$  (*right, red traces*) compared to control (*left, black traces*) ( $n = 11$ ). (b) 0.2  $\mu\text{M}$  RTX-VII enhanced the  $I_{\text{NaP}}$  of  $\text{Na}_v1.3$  in a voltage-independent manner at depolarizing voltages ranging from -20 mV to 30 mV ( $n = 6$ ). (c) If  $I_{\text{NaP}}$  was subtracted from  $I_{\text{NaT}}$  in both control and toxin-treated  $\text{Na}_v1.3$ , the residual transient-inward currents in both groups shared rather similar repriming kinetics ( $n = 5$ ). (d) Representative I-V traces of ten separate cells expressing  $\text{Na}_v1.3$  before and after the application of RTX-VII, the current amplitude, the amplitude of uncompensated series resistance, and the maximum uncompensated  $R_s$  caused voltage error of each cell were shown.



Supplementary Fig S3: Representative traces show RTX-VII triggering spontaneous high frequency AP firing in neonatal rat hippocampal neurons. The data of four cells were shown.



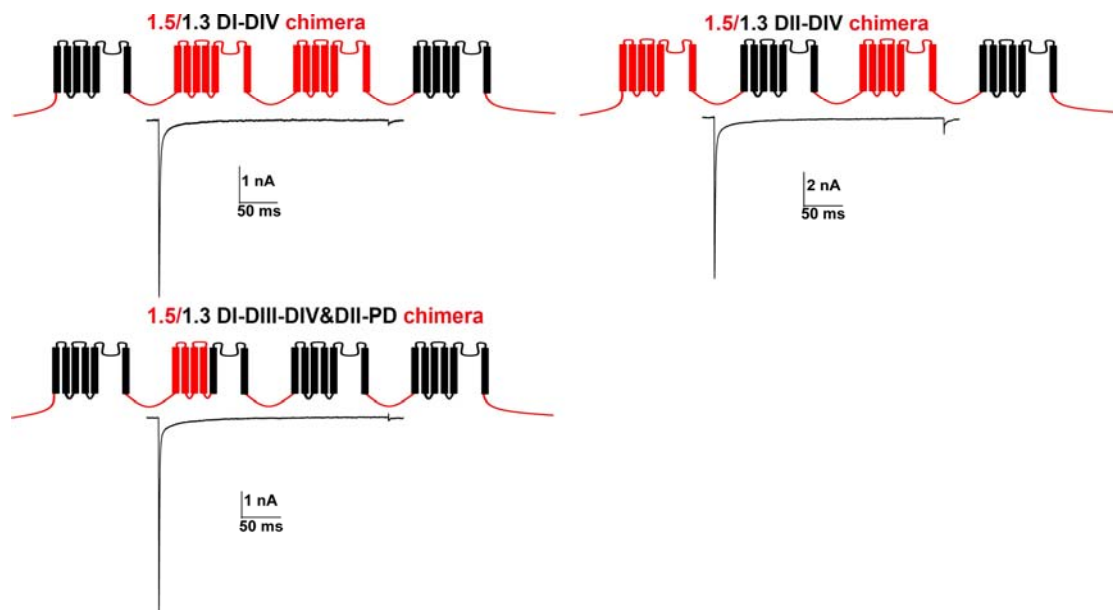
Supplementary Fig S4: Diagrams show the strategy for the construction of Na<sub>v</sub>1.3 derived chimeric channels. Na<sub>v</sub>1.3 and Na<sub>v</sub>1.5 are shown in black and red, respectively. The specific VSD (S1-S4) or PD (S5-S6) in Na<sub>v</sub>1.3 was substituted with the corresponding one of Na<sub>v</sub>1.5. Except Na<sub>v</sub>1.3/1.5 DII-VSD chimera, all the other hybrid channels expressed in HEK293T cells produce large currents in response to a 10 mV depolarization from the holding potential of -100 mV (n = 7-11).



Supplementary Fig S5: (a) RTX-VII did not alter the I-V relationship of  $\text{Na}_v1.5$ . (b, c, d)  $\text{Na}_v1.5$  and 1.3/1.5 DII chimera were resistant to HNTX-III, but the substitution of DII-PD with that of  $\text{Na}_v1.5$  (1.3/1.5 DII-PD chimera) did not affect the inhibitory effect of HNTX-III on  $\text{Nav}1.3$ . (e) The reconstruction of the DII of  $\text{Na}_v1.3$  to  $\text{Na}_v1.5$  restored the inhibitory activity of HNTX-III.







Supplementary Fig S6: Diagrams show the strategy for the construction of  $\text{Na}_v1.5$  derived chimeric channels.  $\text{Na}_v1.3$  and  $\text{Na}_v1.5$  are shown in black and red, respectively. One or several domains of  $\text{Na}_v1.5$  were substituted with the corresponding ones of  $\text{Na}_v1.3$ . All the  $\text{Na}_v1.5$  derived hybrid channels expressed in HEK293T cells produce large currents in response to a 10 mV depolarization from the holding potential of -100 mV ( $n = 6 - 9$ ).

Supplementary Table S1: Site mutations in Nav1.3 differently affect channel's steady-state activation and inactivation

	Steady state Activation		Steady state inactivation	
	Va(mV)	Ka(mV)	Vh(mV)	Kh(mV)
WT Nav1.3	-12.71±4.92	6.84±0.98	-44.58±2.73	-6.98±1.44
K1503P	-12.04±3.88	7.62±1.63	-40.38±8.76	-6.51±1.36
Y1504E	-12.43±1.51	7.21±0.79	-43.19±1.09	-6.69±1.50
M1505K	-15.02±3.21	4.66±1.35 <sup>c</sup>	-37.36±7.77 <sup>a</sup>	-6.01±0.88
T1506I	-10.96±3.45	6.22±0.47	-42.38±7.11	-5.47±0.48
L1507N	-5.30±3.65 <sup>b</sup>	6.02±0.80	-37.21±3.93 <sup>b</sup>	-5.62±0.43
E1562R	-11.38±0.56	7.85±1.22	-53.31±2.39 <sup>b</sup>	-7.36±1.05
E1562Q	-3.36±1.60 <sup>c</sup>	7.67±0.88	-45.84±2.93	-6.21±0.92

a, p<0.05

b, p<0.01

c, p<0.001

Supplementary Table S2: Primers used to construct the Na<sub>v</sub>1.3 derived chimeric channels in supplementary Fig S4.

Primer ID	Sequence 5'-3'
1.3/1.5DI-VSD VL-for	CTTAATGGCAATTTTCCTAACAGGGT
1.3/1.5DI-VSD VL-rev	AAGACCATCGTGGGGGCCCTGATCC
1.5DI-VSD S-for	AAAATTGCCATTAAGATTCTGGTTCACTCGCTCTTCAACAT
1.5DI-VSD S-rev	CCCCACGATGGTCTTCAGCCCTGAAATGACTGATATAGTT
1.3/1.5 DI-PD VL-rev	GTCGGACAGCTTCTTCACGGACTGG
1.3/1.5 DI-PD VL-for	TATGAGGAGCAGAACCAGGCCACAC
1.5 DI-PD S-for	AAGAAGCTGTCCGACGTGATGGTCCTCACAGTCTTCTGCC
1.5 DI-PD S-rev	GTTCTGCTCCTCATAGGCCATTGCGACCACGGCCAGGATC
1.3/1.5 DII-VSD VL-rev	ATTCACAAGATGCTTCACTTTTAACCA
1.3/1.5 DII-VSD VL-for	ATGCTCATTAAAGATCATCGGCAACTCG
1.5 DII-VSD S-for	AAGCATCTTGTGAATTTGGTGGTCATGGACCCGTTTACTG
1.5 DII-VSD S-rev	GATCTTAATGAGCATCAGGGTGGGCCATGATTTGGCCAG
1.3/1.5 DII-PD VL-rev	GTTGCCAGTGCGCCACCGAGT
1.3/1.5 DII-PD VL-for	AGTTCCTTTAGTTCAGATAACCTTGC
1.5 DII-PD S-for	GGCGCACTGGGCAACCTGACACTGGTGCTAGCCATCATCG
1.5 DII-PD S-rev	TGAACTAAAGGAACTGAGCAGCAAGGCCAGGAAGAGATTCA
1.3/1.5 DIII-VSDVL-rev	GCTGTAGCATGTCTTCTAAGATTC
1.3/1.5 DIII-VSD VL-for	GAAGGCATGAGGGTGGTTGTAAATGCTC
1.5 DIII-VSD S-for	AGACATGCTACAGCATCGTGGAGCACAGCTGGTTTCGAGA
1.5 DIII-VSD S-rev	CACCCTCATGCCTTCAAATCGTGACAGAGCTCTCAGAG
1.3/1.5 DIII-PD VL-rev	ATTCATGATGGAGGGAATTGCACCAA
1.3/1.5 DIII-PD VL-for	GACAACTTCAACCAGCAGAAGAAGA
1.5 DIII-PD S-for	CCCTCCATCATGAATGTCCTCCTCGTCTGCCTCATCTTCT
1.5 DIII-PD S-rev	CTGGTTGAAGTTGTCAATGATGACACCAATAAAGAGGTTTCAG
1.3/1.5 DIV-VSD VL-for	TGAGCCGAGCTTCTTCATTGCATTGT
1.3/1.5 DIV-VSDVL-rev	ACTCTGCTCTTTGCTTTGATGATGT
1.5 DIV-VSD S-for	AAGAAGCTCGGCTCAAAGAAGCCCCAGAAGCCCAT
1.5 DIV-VSD S-rev	AGCAAAGAGCAGAGTGCGGATCCCCTTGCCCCCT
1.3/1.5 DII VL-for	ATTCACAAGATGCTTCACTTTTAACCA
1.3/1.5 DII VL-rev	AGTTCCTTTAGTTCAGATAACCTTGC
1.5 DII S-for	AAGCATCTTGTGAATTTGGTGGTCATGGACCCGTTTACTG
1.5 DII S-rev	TGAACTAAAGGAACTGAGCAGCAAGGCCAGGAAGAGATTCA
1.3/1.5 DIV-PD VL-rev	GTTGAACAGCGCAGGAAGGGACA
1.3/1.5 DIV-PD VL-for	GAGAACTTCAAGCTCGCCACCGAA
1.5 DIV-PD S-for	CCTGCGCTGTTCAACATCGGGCTGCTGCTCTTCTCTCG
1.5 DIV-PD S-rev	GACGCTGAAGTTCTCAGGATGATGGCAATGTACATGT

Note: both primers used to linearize the Na<sub>v</sub>1.3-cloned plasmid and primers used to amplify the specific regions of Na<sub>v</sub>1.5 are shown. The red labeled regions show the joint sequence.

Supplementary Table S3: Primers used to construct the Na<sub>v</sub>1.5 derived chimeric channels in supplementary Fig S6

Primer ID	Sequence 5'-3'
1.5/1.3 DI VL-rev	CTTCACAGCCGCTCTCCGGATGGGGT
1.5/1.3 DI VL-for	TATGAGGAGCAAAACCAAGCCACCATC
1.3 DI S-for	AGAGCGGCTGTGAAGATTTTGGTACACTCTTTGTTGAGCA
1.3 DI S-rev	GTTTTGCTCCTCATAGGCCATGGCCACCACA
1.5/1.3 DII VL-rev	CTTCACTCCCTGCTTGATGGACATCCAC
1.5/1.3 DII VL-for	AGCTCCTTCAGTGACAGACAACCTCA
1.3 DII S-for	AAGCAGGGAGTGAAGTTAATTGTGATGGATCCATTTGTTGA
1.3 DII S-rev	TGCACTGAAGGAGCTCAACAATAAGGCCAGAAAGAGGTTCA
1.5/1.3 DIII VL-rev	GTGGTAGCAGGTCTTGCGCAACCGCC
1.5/1.3 DIII VL-for	GACAACCTCAACCAACAGAAGAAAAAG
1.3 DIII S-for	AAGACCTGCTACCACATTGTGGAGCACAACCTGGTTTGAGA
1.3 DIII S-rev	TTGGTTGAAGTTGCTATGATGACACCGATGAATAGATTT
1.5/1.3 DIV VL-rev	GGAGCCCAGCTTCTTCATGGCATT
1.5/1.3 DIV VL-for	GAGAACTTCAGCGTGGCCACGGAGG
1.3 DIV S-for	AAGAAGCTGGGCTCC AAGAAACCTCAGAAGCCCAT
1.3 DIV S-rev	CACGCTGAAGTTCTCAGGATGACAGCGATGTACATGTTCC
1.5/1.3 DII-PD VL-rev	GTTCCCCAGTGCCCCCACTGAGTTC
1.5/1.3 DII-PD VL-for	AGCTCCTTCAGTGACAGACAACCTCA
1.3 DII-PD S-for	GGGGCACTGGGGAACCTGACCCTGGTGCTGGCCATCATCGT
1.3 DII-PD S-rev	TGCACTGAAGGAGCTCAACAATAAGGCCAGAAAGAGGTTCA

*Note:* both primers used to linearize the Na<sub>v</sub>1.5-cloned plasmid and primers used to amplify the specific regions of Na<sub>v</sub>1.3 are shown. The red labeled regions show the joint sequence.

Supplementary Table S4: Protein sequence location of each voltage sensor (VSD)/pore domain (PD) of all four domains of Na<sub>v</sub>1.3 or Na<sub>v</sub>1.5.

Na <sub>v</sub> 1.3 domains	Location in Na <sub>v</sub> 1.3	Na <sub>v</sub> 1.5 domains	Location in Na <sub>v</sub> 1.5
Na <sub>v</sub> 1.3 DI-VSD	AA124-AA233	Na <sub>v</sub> 1.5 DI-VSD	AA127-AA236
Na <sub>v</sub> 1.3 DI-PD	AA249-AA426	Na <sub>v</sub> 1.5 DI-PD	AA253-AA415
Na <sub>v</sub> 1.3 DII-VSD	AA706-AA820	Na <sub>v</sub> 1.5 DII-VSD	AA712-AA825
Na <sub>v</sub> 1.3 DII-PD	AA836-AA935	Na <sub>v</sub> 1.5 DII-PD	AA842-AA939
Na <sub>v</sub> 1.3 DIII-VSD	AA1153-AA1269	Na <sub>v</sub> 1.5 DIII-VSD	AA1201-AA1317
Na <sub>v</sub> 1.3 DIII-PD	AA1289-AA1419	Na <sub>v</sub> 1.5 DIII-PD	AA1337-AA1470
Na <sub>v</sub> 1.3 DIV-VSD	AA1473-AA1593	Na <sub>v</sub> 1.5 DIV-VSD	AA1524-AA1644
Na <sub>v</sub> 1.3 DIV-PD	AA1609-AA1722	Na <sub>v</sub> 1.5 DIV-PD	AA1660-AA1772

## Supplementary material and methods:

### The competitive binding assay:

In Figure 5c and 5d to test the potency of HNTX-III on RTX-VII pretreated Na<sub>v</sub>1.3 channels, HNTX-III was dissolved in bath solution containing 0.5 μM RTX-VII. Cells transfected with Na<sub>v</sub>1.3 were incubated with 0.5 μM RTX-VII (total volume: 300 μl) in the recording chamber before treating with HNTX-III of various dose (eg. 100 nM HNTX-III). 30 μl of the bath solution in the recording chamber was pipetted out, 30 μl of 1 μM HNTX-III (10 folds concentrated, dissolved in bath solution containing 0.5 μM RTX-VII) was added into the recording chamber far from the recording pipet (the cell) and quickly mixed by repeatedly pipetting to get the final concentration of 100 nM HNTX-III (with a microsyringe connected to the chamber by a thin pipe). To obtain 500 nM final concentration of HNTX-III in the recording chamber on the basis of 100 nM HNTX-III, 30 μl of the bath solution (total volume of 300 μl, already containing 100 nM HNTX-III and 0.5 μM RTX-VII) was pipetted out, and 30 μl of the 4 μM HNTX-III (also dissolved in bath solution containing 0.5 μM RTX-VII) was diluted into the chamber far from the recording pipet and quickly mixed by repeatedly pipetting to reach the final concentration of 500 nM HNTX-III. Hence, during the whole time course testing the potency of HNTX-III on Na<sub>v</sub>1.3, cells were always bathed in 0.5 μM RTX-VII. Note the cover glasses where transfected cells were seeded on were cut into small pieces and were one-use only (if toxin was added, only one cell in one piece of glass was recorded).