



SUPPLEMENTARY FIG. S3. Co-localization of the NMDAR NR1 subunit with σ1R and the MOR, and of σ1R with the MOR in mouse PAG neurons. (A) *Left panel*, Original Cajal drawing showing a view of the ventro-lateral region of PAG, Golgi method. A: cerebral aqueduct; B and C axons in Darkschewitsch nucleus; E, fiber-rich region of the central gray matter. *Right panel*, Mouse PAG (yellow dotted circle) and Coronal drawing of mouse brain showing the PAG region analyzed in this triple co-localization of σ1R , NMDAR NR1 subunit, and MOR. (B) Confocal laser-scanning microphotographs taken from coronal sections of the mouse midbrain PAG. The individual labeling and triple co-localization of NMDAR NR1 subunit (red), σ1R (green) and MOR (blue) was studied in the dorsolateral region (red square in the PAG diagram). Nuclei are in gray (DAPI) and the MOR, NR1, and σ1R were observed with Alexa Fluor 647, 555 and 488, respectively. In this ventro-lateral PAG region, triple co-localization of the MOR, σ1R , and NR1 subunits is mostly observed in fibers, probably corresponding to synapses. Note that high-power magnification *panel* (nuclei were removed) shows triple co-localization as white regions (red arrows). Coincidence between NR1 and σ1R is shown in yellow color. The MOR co-localizes with σ1R (purple color) and NR1 (light green color). For details, see Materials and Methods section and Figure 4. A positive control sample labeled with conventional secondary detection methods was included in the pilot studies to confirm the specificity of the staining observed with Zenon labeling. A negative control was processed with the same protocol but with the omission of the primary antibody to assess nonspecific labeling. (C) Immunodetection of the MOR or of σ1R in the PAG of wild-type and knock-out mice (both antibodies in red and the nuclei in blue). Note the negative staining for either MOR or σ1R in the respective KO mice. MOR, mu-opioid receptor; PAG, periaqueductal gray matter.