

## Supplementary Materials for

### **Bidirectional radial Ca<sup>2+</sup> activity regulates neurogenesis and migration during early cortical column formation**

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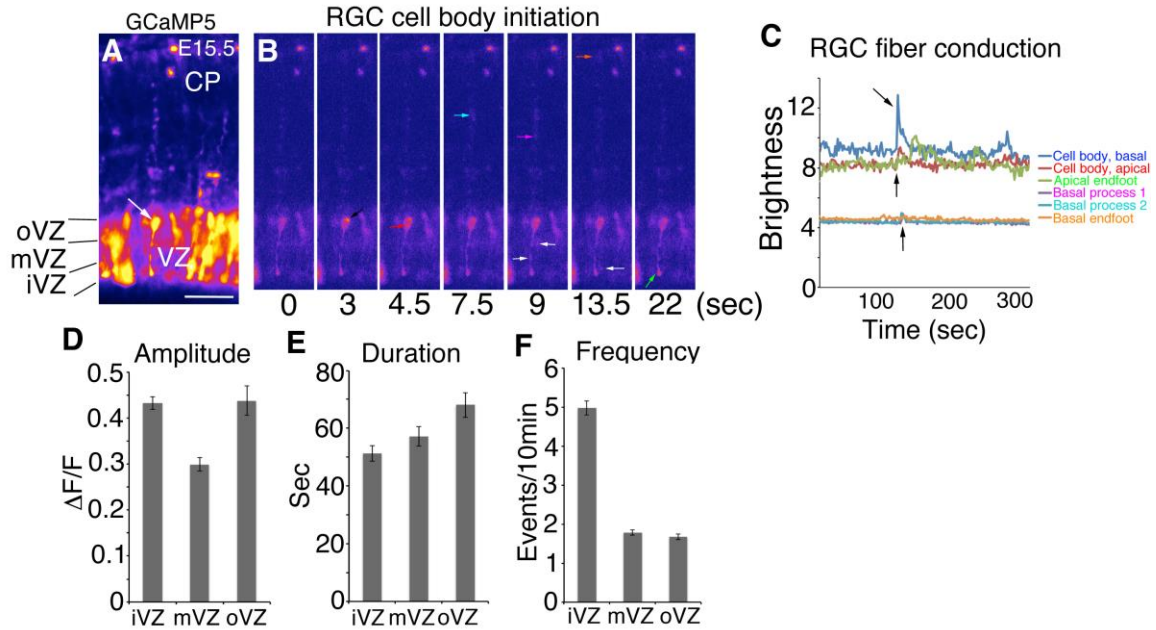
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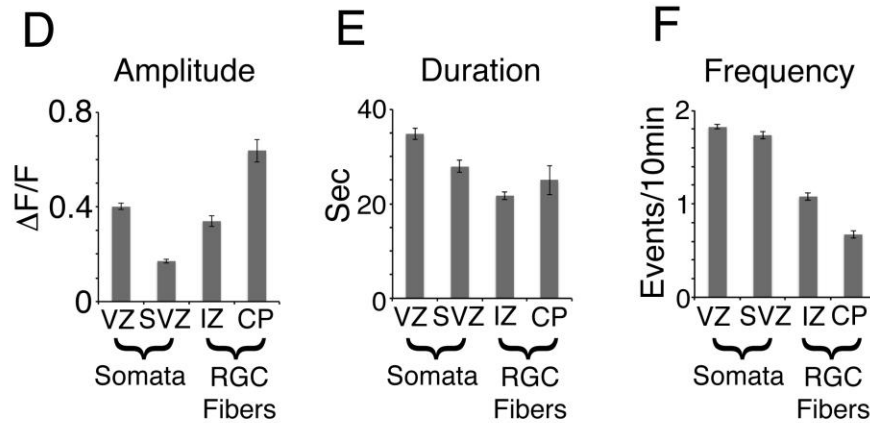
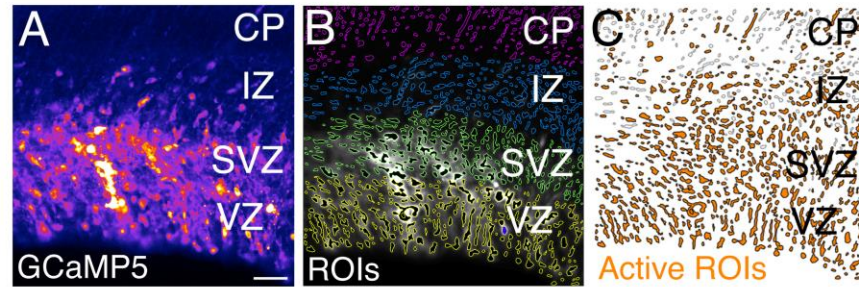
Video S18 (.avi format). Baseline  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  activity before FGF2 application.

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**Supplementary Fig. 1: Conduction of a RGC cell body-initiated calcium transient to apical and pial endfeet.** (A) An isolated RGC with visible apical and basal fibers and endfeet (arrow). (B) Time-lapse series showing initiation of the  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  transient in the RGC cell body followed by responses along the RGC fiber. (C) Calcium activity traces at each point. A short interval of approximately 10 sec separated the cell body event from distant fiber events. (D to F) The VZ was divided into three zones (Inner, iVZ; Middle, mVZ; and Outer, oVZ) and  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  event properties from each zone were extracted in Matlab and summarized. The iVZ contains some mitotic RGC cell bodies as well as apical endfeet, and was the most active zone in the cortical wall. \* $p < 0.05$ ; \*\* $p < 0.001$ . Error bars, mean  $\pm$  s.e.m. Scale bar: 50  $\mu\text{m}$ .



**Supplementary Fig. 2. An inverse amplitude/frequency relationship in RGC fibers.**

(A) GCaMP5 fluorescence in a cortical slice at E16.5 after E14.5 IUE. (B)

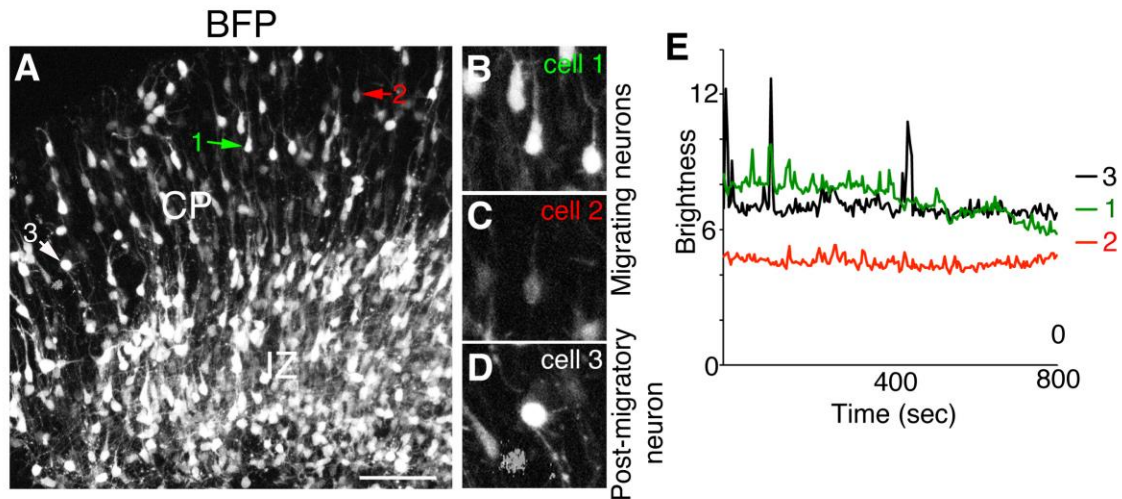
Corresponding Matlab ROIs. (C) Active ROIs (D to F) Population-level comparison

showing amplitude, duration, and frequency Ca<sup>2+</sup> event properties as a function of

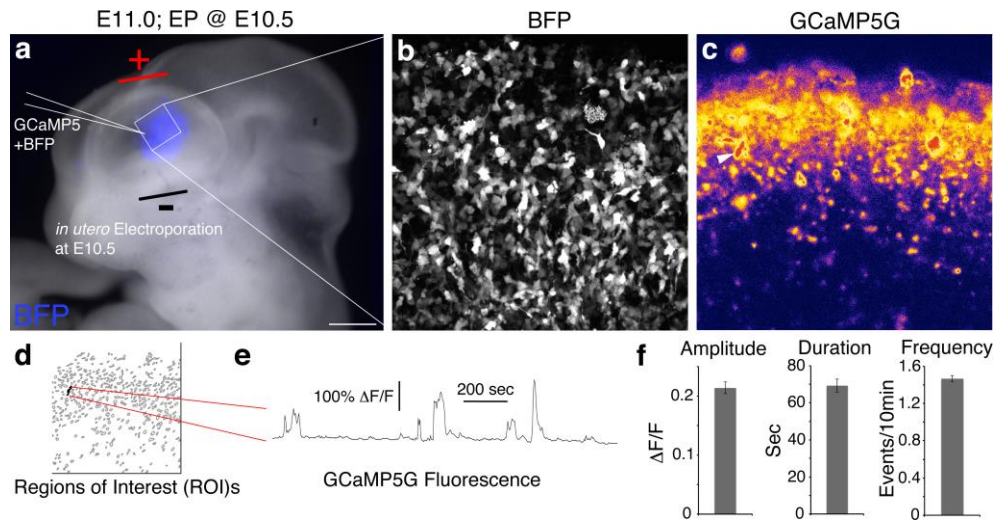
VZ/SVZ somata or IZ or CP fiber ROIs. Note that amplitude increases towards the pial

surface while frequency decreases. n=1254 events (VZ); n=573 (SVZ); n=265 (IZ);

n=161 (CP). Error bars, mean ± s.e.m. Scale bar: 20 μm.

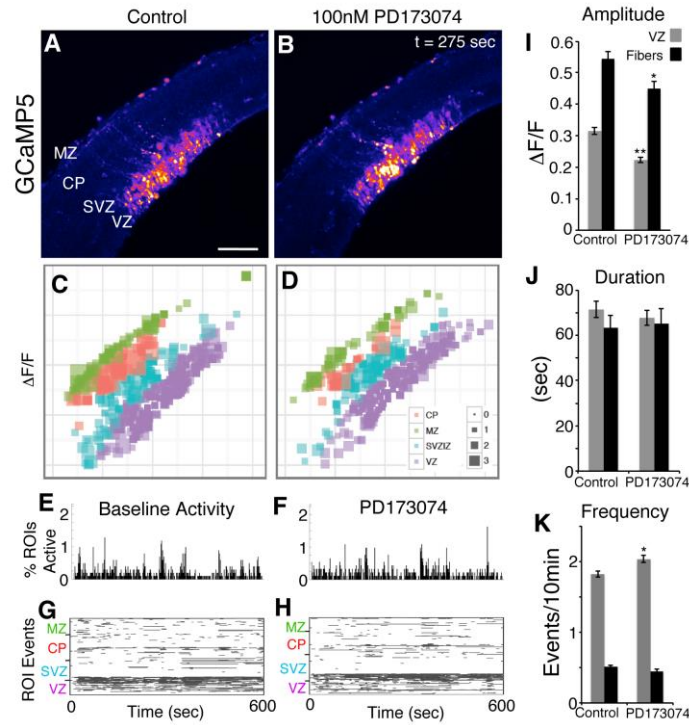


**Supplementary Fig. 3. Neurons exhibit decreased calcium transient activity at later stages of migration.** (A) BFP Z-stack of an E17.5 cortical slice electroporated with BFP/GCaMP5 at E14.5 showing a sample of migrating neurons at E17.5. Many migrating neurons did not exhibit detectable  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  transients during the recording period at this age. (B to D) High magnification images of two migrating neurons (B and C) and one putative post-migratory neuron (D). (E) Representative traces from these cells indicated that migratory neurons (red and green traces) in the cortical plate do not show frequent, high amplitude  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  transients. In contrast, post-migratory neurons were more active (black trace). Scale bar: 100 $\mu\text{m}$ .



**Supplementary Fig. 4. Calcium transients in cortical progenitors at E11.0 ex vivo.**

(A) An intact E11.0 embryo co-electroporated with pCAG-BFP (blue color) and pCMV-GCaMP5G at E10.5 was removed from its mother, placed in 37°C ACSF and imaged by confocal videomicroscopy. (B) BFP Z-stack of boxed region in (A). (C) GCaMP5G image of a single focal plane. Only cortical progenitor cells were labeled by electroporation from the telencephalic ventricles. Presence of a heartbeat confirmed survival of the embryo during the imaging period. Confocal GCaMP5G movies (see **Supplementary Video S1**) were obtained by imaging through the overlying ectoderm and mesenchyme and showed changes in GCaMP5G fluorescence intensity. (D) Regions of interest (ROI)s drawn automatically in Matlab showing individual cell outlines of the image in (C). (E) Example of a  $\Delta F/F$  fluorescence trace automatically extracted using Matlab for the cortical progenitor in (C) (arrowhead). The population average amplitude, duration and frequency of  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  events are plotted in (F) from 719 calcium events in 405 ROIs during a 26 min recording. Scale bar: 300  $\mu\text{m}$  (A); 50  $\mu\text{m}$  (B and C).



**Supplementary Fig. 5. Calcium activity reduced by the FGFR antagonist, PD173074.** (A and B) GCaMP5 signal in control and PD173074 conditions. (C and D)  $\Delta F/F$  amplitude of active ROIs plotted spatially; square size represents relative amplitude. (F to H). (E and F) Percent ROIs active. (G and H) Rasterplots of all  $Ca^{2+}$  events detected, binned according to embryonic zone (VZ, SVZ, CP, MZ). (I, J and K) Calcium event properties of VZ ROIs compared with fiber ROIs, including  $\Delta F/F$  amplitude, duration and frequency. \* $p < 0.05$ ; \*\* $p < 0.001$ , t-test. Error bars, mean  $\pm$  s.e.m. Scale bar: 100  $\mu m$ .