

Figure S1. **Analysis of synaptogenic collagen genes with EvoCor.** Top genes predicted by EvoCor analysis as being functionally related to mouse *col18a1*, *col4a3*, and *col4a6* based on evolutionary history and tissue-wide gene expression patterns. HD, Hamming distance; PCorr, Pearson correlation. Tissue distribution of the 40 genes listed are shown in pie charts below each gene list. Only ~12% of *col18a1*, ~16% of *col4a3*, and ~12% of *col4a6* related top genes predicted by EvoCor analysis are enriched in mouse cortex.

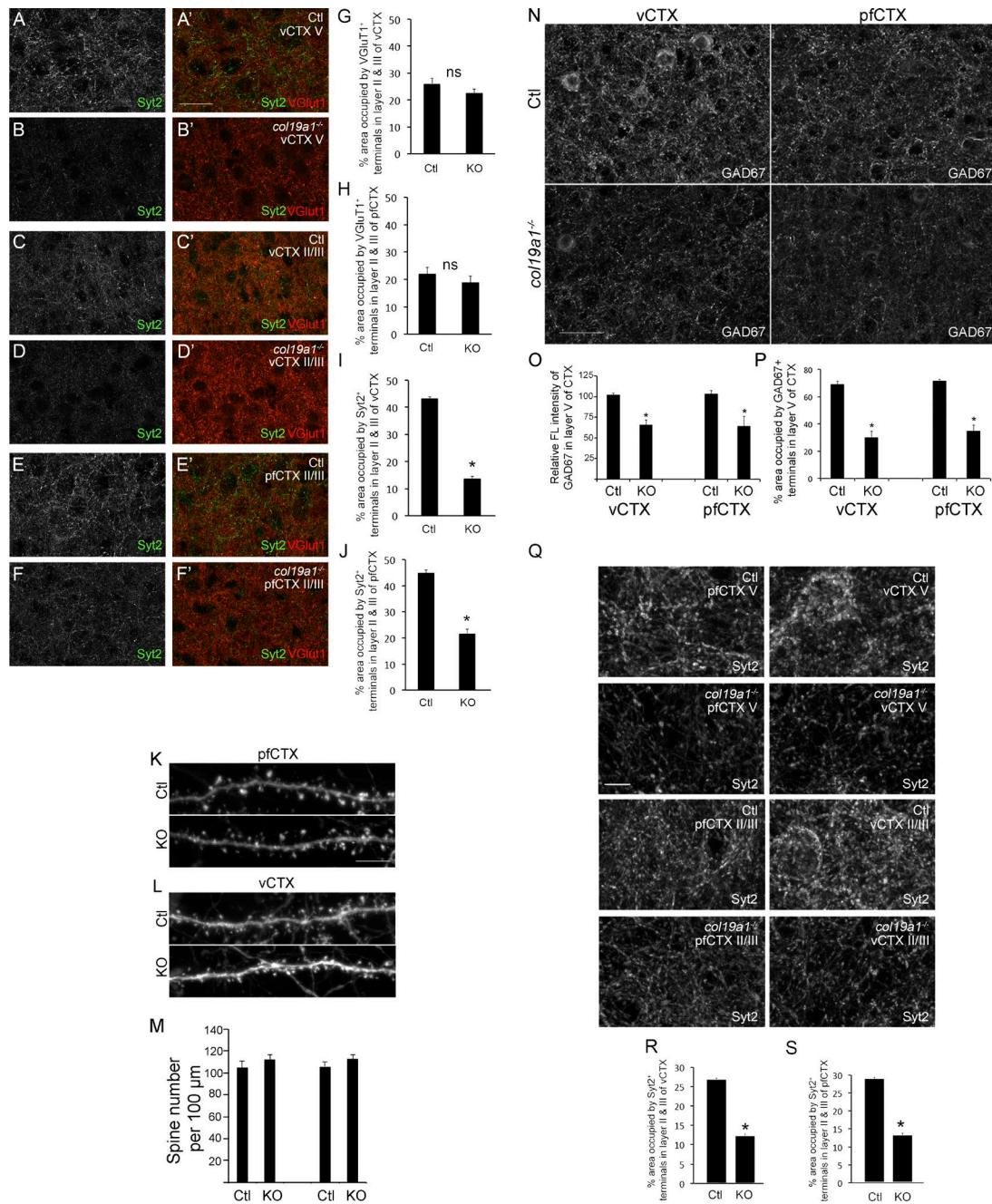


Figure S2. Loss of collagen XIX leads to impaired inhibitory synapse formation. (A–F) Immunostaining for Syt2 and VGLuT1 in layer II/III and V of vCTX and pfCTX in P11 WT controls (Ctl) and *col19a1*^{-/-} mutants. A–F depict Syt2 immunolabeling; A'–F' depict merged overlay of Syt2 and VGLuT1 immunolabeling. Bar, 25 μm. (G–J) Quantification of the area occupied by VGLuT1 and Syt2 immunoreactivity in layer II/III of vCTX (M and O) and pfCTX (N and P) in P11 WT controls (Ctl) and *col19a1*^{-/-} mutants. Data are mean ± SEM; n = 4. *, Differs from controls by P < 0.001 by Student's *t* test. ns, no statistical difference by Student's *t* test. (K and L) Dendritic spines were visualized in layer V pyramidal neurons in pfCTX and vCTX of *col19a1*^{+/+::thy1-yfp lineH} (Ctl) and *col19a1*^{-/-::thy1-yfp lineH} (KO) mice. Bar, 5 μm. (M) Numbers of dendritic spines per 100 μm were quantified in pfCTX and vCTX of *col19a1*^{+/+::thy1-yfp lineH} (Ctl) and *col19a1*^{-/-::thy1-yfp lineH} (KO) mice. Data are mean ± SEM; n = 3. ns, no statistical difference by Student's *t* test. (N) IHC for GAD67 in layer V of vCTX and pfCTX in P11 WT controls (Ctl) and *col19a1*^{-/-} mutants. Bar, 40 μm. (O) Quantification of the relative fluorescent intensity of GAD67 in layer V of vCTX and pfCTX in P23 control and KO. Data are mean ± SEM; n = 4. *, Differs from controls by P < 0.001 by Student's *t* test. (P) Quantification of the area occupied by GAD67 immunoreactivity in layer V of vCTX and pfCTX in P23 control and KO. Data are mean ± SEM; n = 4. *, Differs from controls by P < 0.001 by Student's *t* test. (Q) Immunostaining for Syt2 in layer II/III and V of pfCTX and vCTX in P56 WT controls (Ctl) and *col19a1*^{-/-} mutants. Bar, 5 μm. (R and S) Quantification of the area occupied by Syt2 immunoreactivity in layer II/III of vCTX (R) and pfCTX (S) in P56 WT controls (Ctl) and *col19a1*^{-/-} mutants. Data are mean ± SEM; n = 4. *, Differs from controls by P < 0.001 by Student's *t* test.

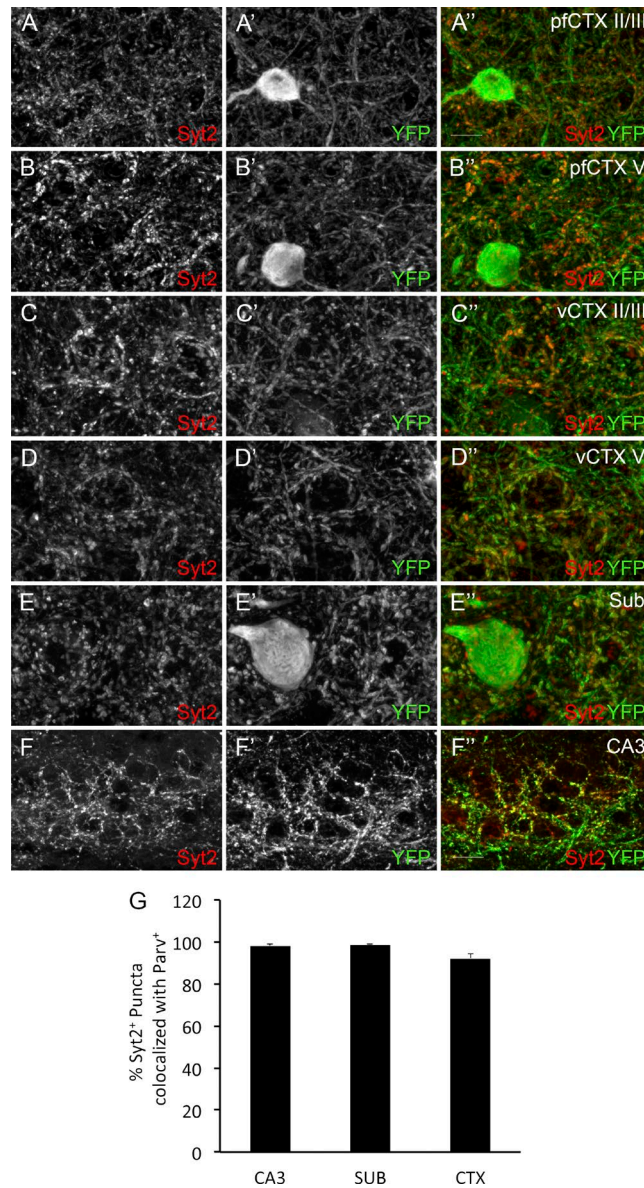


Figure S3. **Syt2⁺ terminals originated from Parv⁺ GABAergic interneurons in cortex and HP.** (A and B) Immunostaining for Syt2 in layer II/III (A) and layer V (B) of pfCTX in adult *parv-cre::thy1-stop-yfp* transgenic mice. A and B depict Syt2 immunolabeling; A' and B' depict YFP-*parv*; and A'' and B'' depict merged overlay of Syt2 immunolabeling and YFP-*parv*. Bar, 8 μ m. (C and D) Immunostaining for Syt2 in layer II/III (C) and layer V (D) of vCTX in adult *parv-cre::thy1-stop-yfp* transgenic mice. C and D depict Syt2 immunolabeling; C' and D' depict YFP-*parv*; and C'' and D'' depict merged overlay of Syt2 immunolabeling and YFP-*parv*. (E) Immunostaining for Syt2 in subiculum of adult *parv-cre::thy1-stop-yfp* transgenic mice. E depicts Syt2 immunolabeling; E' depicts YFP-*parv*; and E'' depicts merged overlay of Syt2 immunolabeling and YFP-*parv*. (F) Immunostaining for Syt2 in subiculum of adult *parv-cre::thy1-stop-yfp* transgenic mice. F depicts Syt2 immunolabeling; F' depicts YFP-*parv*; and F'' depicts merged overlay of Syt2 immunolabeling and YFP-*parv*. Bar, 20 μ m. (G) Quantification of the percentage of Syt2⁺ terminals in YFP-*parv* interneurons of CTX, subiculum, and CA3.

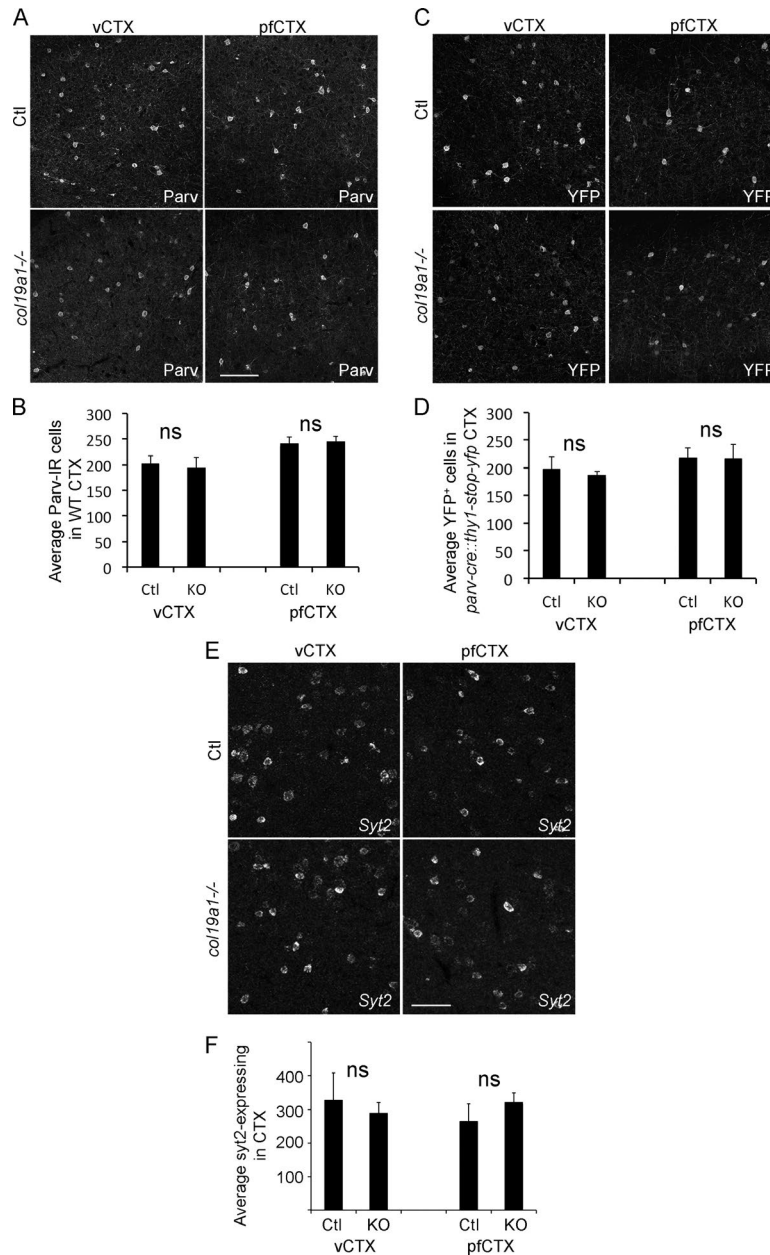


Figure S4. **Loss of collagen XIX does not alter the number or distribution of Parv⁺ or Syt2⁺ interneurons.** (A) Immunostaining for Parv in layer V of pfCTX and vCTX in P23 WT controls (Ctl) and *col19a1*^{-/-} mutants (KO). Bar, 150 μ m. (B) Quantification of the number of Parv⁺ cell bodies in pfCTX and vCTX of P23 control and KO. Data are mean \pm SEM; *n* = 3. ns, no statistical difference by Student's *t* test. (C) Immunostaining for YFP in layer V of pfCTX and vCTX in P27 *parv-cre::thy1-stop-yfp* controls (Ctl) and *col19a1*^{-/-}::*parv-cre::thy1-stop-yfp* mutants (KO). (D) Quantification of the number of YFP⁺ cell bodies in pfCTX and vCTX of P27 control and KO (see C). Data are mean \pm SEM; *n* = 3. ns, no statistical difference by Student's *t* test. Bar, 120 μ m. (E) In situ hybridization for *syt2* mRNA in layer V of pfCTX and vCTX in P56 controls (Ctl) and *col19a1*^{-/-} mutants (KO). Bar, 80 μ m. (F) Quantification of the number of *syt2*⁺ cell bodies in pfCTX and vCTX of P56 control and KO (see E). Data are mean \pm SEM; *n* = 3. ns, no statistical difference by Student's *t* test.

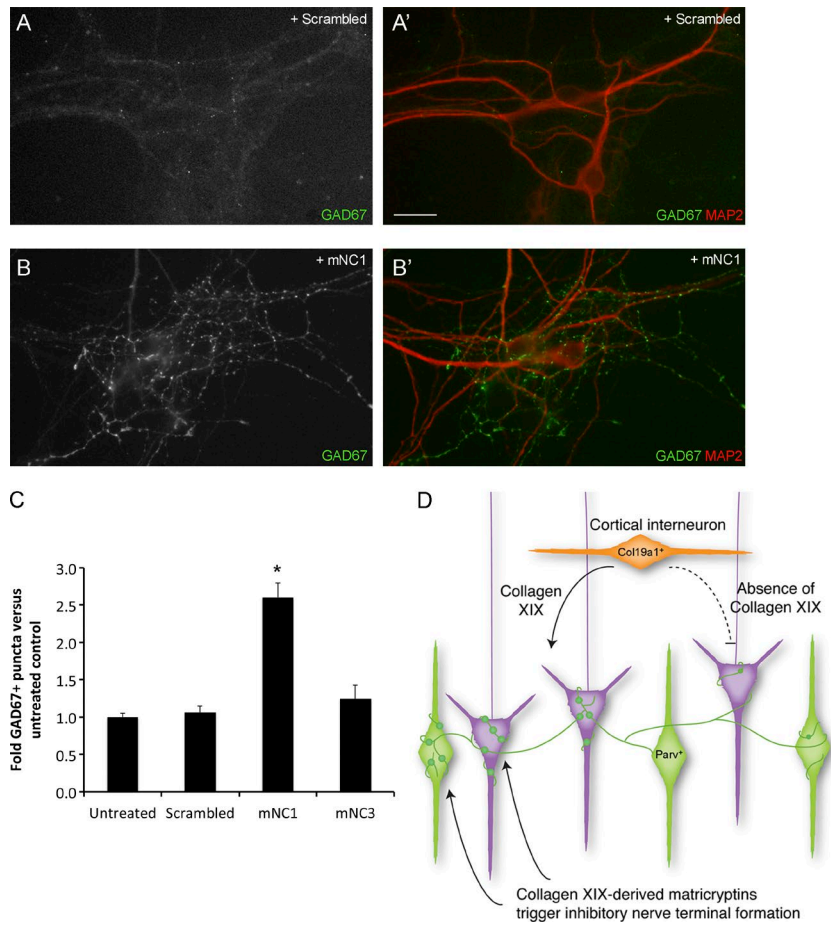


Figure S5. **In vitro application of mNC1 triggers an increase in GAD67+ puncta.** (A and B) Mouse NC1 (mNC1) triggers GAD67+ terminal formation. A and B depict GAD67 immunolabeling in HP cultures treated with Scrambled or mNC1 peptides; A' and B' depict merged overlays of GAD67- and MAP2-immunolabeling in these cultures. Bar, 20 μ m. (C) Quantitation of mNC1-triggered GAD67+ puncta formation in HP neurons. Data are mean \pm SEM; $n = 3$. *, Differs from controls, Scrambled, and mNC3 peptides by $P < 0.001$ by Tukey-Kramer test for difference between means. (D) Schematic depiction of the novel role for collagen XIX in Parv+ axosomatic synapse formation.