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Figure S1. **DSCR1 is present in axonal growth cone.** (A) DIV 3 neuron was immunostained with antibodies against actin, DSCR1, and tau-1, as indicated. Note that DSCR1 is enriched in the axonal growth cone. Bar, 10 µm. (B) Wild-type, $DSCR1^{-/-}$, and DSCR1 transgenic neurons at DIV 3 were immunostained with an antibody against DSCR1. Bar, 10 µm. (C) Axonal growth cones of wild-type, $DSCR1^{-/-}$, and DSCR1 transgenic neurons at DIV 3 were immunostained with an antibody against DSCR1. Bar, 2 µm. (D) The level of DSCR1 expression is significantly increased in cell body of DSCR1 transgenic neurons. *, P < 0.0001, n = 45 for wild type, n = 26 for $DSCR1^{-/-}$, and n = 45 for DSCR1 transgenic neurons. (E) DSCR1 expression level is significantly increased in axonal growth cone of DSCR1 transgenic neurons. *, P < 0.001, n = 10 for $DSCR1^{-/-}$, and n = 21 for DSCR1 transgenic neurons. Values shown are mean \pm SEM and are tested for statistical significance by test. (F and G) Development and growth of axons from wild-type and DSCR1 mutant neurons were monitored by time-lapse microscopy by taking images every 2 h for 12 h. n = 8 neurons for each strain. *, P < 0.002; **, P < 0.04. Bar, 10 µm. Experiments were performed at DIV 2. Values shown are mean \pm SEM and are tested for statistical significance by t test.



Figure S2. Effect of CsA on the level of cofilin and phospho-cofilin in wild-type and DSCR1 transgenic growth cones, as well as on F-actin/G-actin ratio of wild-type and DSCR1 transgenic growth cone filopodia. Axonal growth cones of wild type (A) and DSCR1 (C) transgenic with and without treatment with CsA showed the expression of cofilin and phospho-cofilin. Bars, 2 μ m. (B and D) Quantification of staining intensity of cofilin and phospho-cofilin level in axonal growth cones of the indicated genotypes. *, P < 0.01. n = 24 for wild type, n = 29 for wild type treated with CsA, n = 23 for DSCR1 transgenic neurons, and n = 28 for DSCR1 transgenic neurons treated with CsA. Values shown are mean \pm SEM and are tested for statistical significance by t test. (E and H) Monomeric G-actin and actin filaments (F-actin) were labeled using antibodies against vitamin D-binding protein and fluorescent phalloidin, respectively. Bars, 2 μ m. (F and I) The ratio of F-actin/G-actin in filopodia of wild type and wild type treated with CsA, and DSCR1 transgenic neurons treated with CsA. n = 20 (37) for wild-type growth cone treated with CsA, n = 18 (35) for DSCR1 transgenic growth cone, and n = 18 (36) DSCR1 transgenic growth cone treated with CsA. Parentheses indicate the number of filopodia. (G and I) CsA treatment increased axon length of wild-type neurons, but showed no effect on DSCR1 transgenic neurons. *, P < 0.02. Values shown are mean \pm SEM and are tested for statistical significance by t test.



Figure S3. Effect of BDNF on the level of phospho-cofilin and cofilin in axonal growth cones of wild-type and DSCR1-/- neurons, and effect of wild-type cofilin and cofilin S3E overexpression on the level of cofilin/phospho-cofilin in wild-type neurons. Images and expression levels of phospho-cofilin and cofilin in axonal growth cones of wild-type (A and B) and $DSCR1^{-/-}$ (C and D) neurons with and without treatment with BDNF treatment. Bars, 2 µm. n = 28 for wild type and n = 22 for $DSCR1^{-/-}$ neurons in each condition. (E) Wild-type axonal growth cones were transfected with wild-type cofilin or cofilin S3E overexpression plasmid and then placed in Dunn chamber with or without BDNF. Trajectory plots show growth cone turning response of individual neurons of wild-type overexpressing EGFP, wild-type cofilin S3E. (F) Overexpression of wild-type neurons overexpressing wild-type neurons overexpressing wild-type cofilin S3E. n = 23 for wild-type overexpressing EGFP and n = 24 for wild-type cofilin or cofilin S3E. *, P < 0.0001. Values shown are mean \pm SEM and are tested for statistical significance by test.



Figure S4. **Axonal growth cone turning in wild-type and DSCR1 transgenic neurons transfected with fmr1 siRNA.** Controls for local protein synthesis assay (A and B). (A) Puromycin treatment blocked local protein synthesis at the axonal growth cone. BDNF failed to increase FRET signals after photobleaching of Cy3-tRNA in wild-type axonal growth cones in the presence of a translation inhibitor, puromycin. The histogram is combined with the data shown in Fig. 6 B. n = 19 axons treated with BDNF and puromycin. *, P < 0.005. (B) Dendra-2 does not diffuse from the cell body or axon projections. Green dendra-2 protein was photoconverted from green to red fluorescence in the cell body (black arrow indicates UV illumination). Note that photoconversion is incomplete, and weak green dendra-2 could be detected. To rule out the possibility that the increase in green signal at the growth cone is caused by diffusion of the remaining green dendra-2 protein from the cell body or the axon track, green fluorescence in the cell body (white arrow) or axon track in both the green and the red channels, suggesting that the increased dendra-2 signals detected in the axonal growth cone is caused by local protein synthesis. Bar, 20 μ m. (C) Wild-type neurons were transfected with *fmr1* siRNA or control siRNA, which were immunostained with antibody against FMRP. The white arrows indicate neurons transfected with siRNA. Bar, 10 μ m. (D) FMRP expression level was significantly lower in neurons containing *fmr1* siRNA. *, P < 0.001. n = 31 for each condition. FMRP and phospho-FMRP were antibodies show clear preference toward nonphosphorylated FMRP and phospho-FMRP, respectively. (E) No axonal growth cone turning toward BDNF was detected in wild-type or *DSCR1* transgenic neurons with *fmr1* siRNA. Lines drawn below the axons show the paths of growth cones. Bar, 10 μ m.



Figure S5. Effect of BDNF on the level of phospho-FMRP and FMRP in axonal growth cones of wild-type, $DSCR1^{-/-}$, and DSCR1 transgenic neurons. Axonal growth cones of wild type (A), $DSCR1^{-/-}$ (C), and DSCR1 transgenic (E) neurons with and without treatment with BDNF were immunostained with antibody against phospho-FMRP and FMRP. Bars, 2 µm. (B, D, and F) Relative levels of phospho-FMRP and FMRP in axonal growth cones of the indicated genotypes are shown. n = 29 for wild-type neurons, n = 29 for $DSCR1^{-/-}$ neurons, and n = 24 for DSCR1 transgenic neurons. *, P = 0.006; **, P < 0.001. Values shown are mean ± SEM and are tested for statistical significance by t test. (G) Immunoprecipitation (IP) with phospho-FMRP antibody was followed by blotting (IB) with phospho-FMRP and FMRP antibodies. (H) Immunoprecipitation (IP) with FMRP antibody was followed by blotting (IB) with FMRP and phospho-FMRP antibodies.