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File Name: Supplementary Movie 6

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File Name: Supplementary Movie 7

Description: **Photoactivation of LOVTRAP RhoA/Rho-kinase induces minor neurite retraction**. A kinase dead (KD) mutant of LOVTRAP Rho-kinase was transfected into hippocampal neurons at 3 to 4 DIV. The cell body within a 20 - μ m square was irradiated every 5 sec. Frames were also obtained every 5 sec.

File Name: Supplementary Movie 8

Description: **Photoactivation of LOVTRAP RhoA/Rho-kinase induces minor neurite retraction**. LOVTRAP-Rho-kinase was transfected into hippocampal neurons at 3 to 4 DIV. The cell body within a 20-um square was irradiated every 5 sec. Frames were also obtained every 5 sec.

File Name: Supplementary Movie 9 Description: **Local application of Rho-kinase inhibitor to the minor neurite induces neurite outgrowth**. DMSO was locally applied to a minor neurite of a polarized neuron. Frames were also obtained every 5 min.

File Name: Supplementary Movie 10

Description: **Local application of Rho-kinase inhibitor to the minor neurite induces neurite outgrowth**. Rho-kinase inhibitor (Y-27632) was locally applied to a minor neurite of a polarized neuron. Frames were also obtained every 5 min.

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Supplementary Figure 1. NT-3 derived from cultured neurons is required for axon formation in stage 3 cultured hippocampal neurons Local inhibition of NT-3 suppressed axonal elongation. Time course of changes in the lengths of the axon from a single neuron locally exposing with anti-Cont (blue) or anti-NT-3 (red) (anti-Cont= 13, anti-NT-3= 13 neurons from 3 independent experiments). Error bars represent SEM. $*$ P < 0.01.

Supplementary Figure 2. Local elevation of Ca2+ signaling at the cell body regulates neuronal polarity (a) Local application of a Ca^{2+} ionophore to an axon induced minor neurite retraction. DMSO or a Ca^{2+} ionophore (ionomycin) was locally applied to the axon of a polarized hippocampal neuron. (**b-c**) Minor neurite outgrowth and axonal outgrowth were measured (DMSO= 67, ionomycin= 30 neurites from 3 independent experiments). (**d-e**) Local application of a Ca^{2+} ionophore or Ca^{2+} signaling inhibitors to the cell body regulated minor neurite outgrowth. DMSO, ionomycin, BAPTA or KN-93 was locally applied to the cell body of a polarized hippocampal neuron. Minor neurite outgrowth was measured (DMSO=59, ionomycin=33, BAPTA= 24, KN-93= 21 neurites from 3 independent experiments). Error bars represent SEM. ${}^{*}P < 0.05$ and ${}^{*}P < 0.01$.

Supplementary Figure 3. Spatio-temporal activation of RhoA by local application of NT-3 in neurons PBS (blue) or NT-3 (red) was locally applied to an axon terminal of a hippocampal neuron expressing Raichu-RhoA-CR. Time course of changes in FRET efficiency in the axon terminal (left) and the minor neurite (right). Error bars represent the SEM.

Supplementary Figure 4. Characterization of LOVTRAP-Rho-kinase (**a**) LOVTRAP-Rho-kinase induced stress-fiber formation. COS-7 cells expressing LOVTRAP-Rho-kinase were illuminated at 488 nm in the perinuclear region (dotted lines) for 30 min and then immunostained with Alexa-Phalloidin (green). Scale bars, 50 μ m. (b) Experimental design. HeLa cells expressing LOVTRAP-Rho-kinase were imaged for 30 min prior to photoactivation. Photoactivation of LOVTRAP-Rho-kinase was accomplished by irradiating intermittently (5 sec on/off cycle) for 30 min. Following photoactivation, the cells were imaged for an additional 30 min. hv, irradiation. (**c**) Irradiation of HeLa cells expressing LOVTRAP-Rho-kinase. High-magnification images of the area indicated by the dotted lines are presented. Scale bars, 40 μ m. (**d**) Kymographs of the membrane (line 1 or line 2) during observation. (**e-f**) Percentage of cells exhibiting contraction (e) or membrane blebbing (f).

Supplementary Figure 5. Reaction-diffusion (RD) simulation without the steady state approximation (**a, b, c**) Reaction-diffusion process of the Rho-kinase was simulated, without the steady state approximation, along a neurite of fixed length (100 μ m). (**a**) The heat map represents a spatiotemporal profile of the Rho-kinase concentration in response to the photoactivation. (**b**) RD simulation as in (a) and approximated simulation as in Fig. 4 were compared with various lengths of neurites. Red and blue lines indicate temporal changes in the Rho-kinase concentration at a neurite tip, which were calculated by the RD simulation as in (a) and by equation (1), respectively. (**c**) The time required for Rho-kinase concentration at a neurite tip (100 μ m) to reach half the stationary value from the onset of photoactivation was evaluated upon varying the inactivation/degradation rate, k, and the diffusion rate, D. (**d, e, f**) RD process of the Rho-kinase was simulated along a moving neurite. (**d**) Red and blue lines indicate the Rho-kinase concentration at a neurite tip simulated by the RD simulation and the approximated simulation, respectively. (**e**) Red and blue lines indicate the neurite lengths simulated by RD simulation and the approximated simulation, respectively. (**f**) Blue line indicates the relationship between initial neurite length and LOVTRAP-Rho-kinase-dependent neurite retraction, which is the same as Fig. 4f. The relationship was also calculated by the RD simulation (red dots).

Supplementary Figure 6. Spatial distribution of Rho-kinase in hippocampal neurons and Rho-kinase regulates the maintenance of future dendrite identity (a) PBS (left panels) or NT-3 (right panels) was applied locally to the growth cone of the axon at 3 DIV. Neurons were immunostained with an anti-Rho-kinase antibody. The amount of Rho-kinase was analyzed by 2.5D reconstruction. Scale bars, 10 μ m. (**b**) Hippocampal neurons were treated at 3 DIV with DMSO (top) or Y-27632 (bottom) for 48 h. The neurons were co-immunostained at 5 DIV with anti-Tau-1 (red) and anti-MAP2 (green) antibodies. Multiple axons (arrows) grew out from the distal tips of the minor neurites (future dendrites) of a polarized neuron. The white arrowheads indicate the original axon.

Supplementary Figure 7. GEF-H1 was identified as a novel substrate of CaMKI using the KISS method (**a**) Brain lysate was incubated with glutathione Sepharose beads coated with a GST-tagged CaMKI-cat to form a kinase-substrate complex. The bound proteins were incubated with or without ATP and Mg2+. The samples were subjected to LC/MS/MS analysis. (**b**) Motif logo of candidate phosphopeptides identified from the CaMKI screening using Logo Generators (http://www.phosphosite.org). (**c**) Spatial distribution of phosphorylated GEF-H1 at Thr103 in hippocampal neurons. PBS (left panels) or NT-3 (right panels) was applied locally to the growth cone of the axon at 3 DIV. Neurons were immunostained with an anti-pT103 antibody. The pseudocolor images represent the amounts of phospho-GEF-H1 in the cell body (top), axon (middle) and minor neurite (bottom). Scale bars, 10 μm. (**d-f**) The fluorescence intensities of phospho-GEF-H1 in the axon (d), the cell body (e) and minor neurites (f) (PBS= 10 , NT- $3= 12$ neurons from 3 independent experiments).

Supplementary Figure 8. The effect of GEF-H1 knockdown on neuronal polarization (**a**) Immunoblots showing knockdown of GEF-H1 with siRNA. Scramble siRNA (siControl), siRNA-GEF-H1#1 (siGEF-H1#1) or siRNA-GEF-H1#2 (siGEF-H1#2) was co-transfected with myc-GEF-H1 into Neuro2a cells. The cells were subjected to immunoblot analysis with an anti-myc antibody. Tubulin was used as a loading control. (**b**) Immunoblots revealing knockdown of GEF-H1 with shRNA. pSico-mCherry

(shControl), pSico-mCherry-shGEF-H1 #1, and -shGEF-H1 #2 were co-transfected with pEF-Cre and myc-GEF-H1 into Neuro2a cells. The cells were subjected to immunoblot analysis with an anti-myc antibody. Tubulin was used as a loading control. (**c**) Immunostaining showing knockdown of GEF-H1 in neurons. pSico-mCherry, pSico-mCherry-shGEF-H1#1 or pSico-mCherry-shGEF-H1#2 was co-transfected with $T\alpha$ -Cre into hippocampal neurons at 3 DIV. The cells were immunostained with anti-GEF-H1 (left) and anti-class III β tubulin (right) antibodies. Scale bar, 20 μ m. (**d**) pSico-mCherry, pSico-mCherry-shGEF-H1#1 or pSico-mCherry-shGEF-H1#2 was co-transfected with $T \alpha$ -Cre into hippocampal neurons at 3 DIV. Representative images of the neurons at 4 DIV are shown. Scale bar, 50 μ m. (**e**) myc-GEF-H1 WT or shRNA-resistant forms of GEF-H1 were co-transfected into Neuro2a cells with pSico-mCherry or pSico-mCherry-shGEF-H1 #2 and pEF-Cre. The cells were subjected to immunoblot analysis with an anti-myc antibody. Tubulin was used as a loading control. (**f**) Hippocampal neurons were co-transfected with pSico-mCherry, pSico-mCherry-shGEF-H1#1 or pSico-mCherry-shGEF-H1#2 and shRNA-resistant forms of GEF-H1 at 3 DIV. Representative images of the neurons at 4 DIV are shown. Scale bar, 50 μm. (**g**) Percentages of neurons with multiple Tau-1–positive axons. (**h-i**) The lengths of the longest neurite (h) and the total neurites (i) were determined (shCont= 90, shGEF-H1#1= 90, shGEF-H1#2= 90, GEF-H WT Res= 90, GEF-H1T103E Res= 90, GEF-H1T103A Res= 90 neurons from 3 independent experiments). Error bars represent the SEM. $P < 0.05$ and $*P < 0.01$.

Supplementary Figure 9. Long-range inhibitory signaling regulates axon/dendrite polarity A working model of long-range inhibitory signaling for neuronal polarization. Once the axon is determined, amplification of NT-3 generates long-range Ca^{2+} waves from the axon to the cell body in a CICR-dependent manner. The long-range Ca^{2+} waves activate CaMKI, which subsequently phosphorylates GEF-H1 in the cell body. Phosphorylation of GEF-H1 induces polarized activation of RhoA/Rho-kinase, thereby activating Rho-kinase to diffuse to all minor neurites, preventing the other minor neurites from forming an axon and maintaining a future dendrite identity.

Supplementary Figure 10. Images of full-length blots

Supplementary Table 1: primers for the GEF-H1 mutants

