





#### PFC-SERT+ neurons

SERT+/-**SERT-KO** 



**Modulation of Synaptic Transmission Regulation of Signaling Regulation of Cell Communication Cell Projection Part Kinase Activity Regulation of Growth Metal Ion Binding Axon Development Response to Nutrient Levels Cell-Cell Signaling Response to Extracellular Stimulus Single-Organism Biosynthetic Process** Phosphorylation Synapse **Lipid Metabolic Process Intracellular Transport** 

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**Supplementary Figure 1. 5-HT reuptake by PFC-SERT+ neurons**. After *in vivo* blockade of 5-HT degradation with the monoamine oxidase A inhibitor, clorgyline **(b)**, accumulation of 5-HT is visible in the cell bodies of cortical pyramidal neurons (arrows) in clorgyline **c**) but not in saline treated mice **(a)**. **(d-e)** *In vivo* clorgyline treatment in SERT-TdTomato mice revealed the selective accumulation of 5-HT in PFC SERT-Tdtomato neurons (arrows in **e**). This is only evident when 5-HT degradation is blocked by clorgyline **(e)** but not in the saline-treated mice **(d)** or after clorgyline + fluoxetine (FLX) treatment **(f)**. Arrowheads indicate typical 5-HT raphe axons in the PFC, that are unaffected by the treatments.

**Supplementary Figure 2. Validation of monoamine-related genes and DARPP-32 in SERT-GFP mice**. Immunohistochemistry of the vesicular monoamine transporter type 2 (Vmat2, upper panels) and the enzyme monoamine oxidase B (MAO-B, upper panels), and DARPP-32 (middle panel) in PFC-SERT<sup>Cre/+</sup> neurons expressing GFP (SERTCre/+::RCE-EGFP). Fluorescent *in situ* hybridization of SERT and SERT-DsRed (lower panel) in the SERT<sup>Cre/+</sup>::TdTomato mouse. Arrows indicate instances of double labeling. Antibodies used: rabbit antiserum anti-Vmat2 (1/1000, H-V004, Phoenix Pharmaceuticals Inc., Burlingame, USA), rabbit antiserum anti-MAO-B (1/1000, from Vitalis et al., 2003 [doi.org/10.1002/cne.10804]), and a rabbit monoclonal antibody anti-DARPP-32 (1/1000, #2306S, Cell Signaling Technologies, France).

**Supplementary Figure 3. SERT invalidation alters developmental gene networks in PFC-SERT+ neurons**. **(a)** EGFP-expressing neurons in the PFC were isolated from Sert<sup>+/-</sup> and Sert<sup>-/-</sup> mice (SERT<sup>Cre/+</sup>::RCE-EGFP and SERT<sup>Cre/Cre</sup>::RCE-EGFP,

respectively). The RNAs obtained from these cells were used for transcriptome profiling after deep sequencing. **(b)** Heatmaps of control gene expression levels and fold changes in differential gene expression when SERT is invalidated. The upper map shows the normalized read counts (from low to high) in control PFC neurons ( $SERT^{Cref+}$ ::RCE-EGFP) of genes significantly changed in the subsequent differential expression analysis. The heatmap below shows fold-changes of differentially-expressed genes (down-regulated or upregulated) in PFC neurons in SERT  $\pm$  mice (SERTCre/Cre::RCE-EGFP). **(c)** Top altered gene networks obtained with gene ontology analysis of differentially-expressed genes in SERT  $^{\text{-} \prime}$  mice. Enrichment threshold was set at 1.5 with p<0.05 (indicated by dashed line).

**Supplementary Figure 4. Neuroanatomical targets of PFC-SERT+ neurons**. Main brain regions targeted by PFC-SERT+ neuron axons as revealed by conditional anterograde viral tracing. After injection of AAV2/1-CAG-LSL-EGFP-bGH in the PFC of SERT<sup>Cre/+</sup> mice at P4-P5 (n = 15), a heat map was made using a subjective quantitative color-coded score for axon density within different brain regions. Analyzed regions were selected based on previous tract-tracing studies describing the main neuroanatomical targets of PFC projection-neurons.

### **Supplementary Figure 5. Maturation of cortical axon projections to their**

**subcortical targets**. **(a)** Postnatal ontogeny of cortical descending axon-projections in the DRN using the  $EMX1b^{Cre/+}$ ::Tdtomato mouse. We quantified mean values of red fluorescence at the targets (delineated by blue lines) at different ages (4 mice/age).  $F_{4,15}$ = 70.79, p<10<sup>-8</sup>; P4 vs. P7, and P7 vs. P14, \*p<0.001; P2 vs. P4, p=0.99, and P14 vs.

P21, p=0.07. Tukey's test after one-way ANOVA. **(b)** Ontogenetic analysis of VGLUT1 expression levels in the DRN during postnatal development assessed by western blot. Upper panel: representative western blots of VGLUT1 and GAPDH expression in the DRN. Lower panel: quantitative analysis of VGLUT1 expression levels normalized by GAPDH expression (Welch's statistic = 9.85, \*p<0.01; P7 vs. P14, \*p<0.05; P14 vs. P21, p=0.73, and P21 vs. P28, p=0.82. Games-Howell post-hoc test. Error bars represent S.E.M.

**Supplementary Figure 6. Array tomography quantitative analysis of glutamate and GABAergic synaptic afferents to the DRN, and their associations to 5-HT neurons**. **(a-b)** Lack of SERT increases the density of cortical synaptic boutons (VGLUT1+) associated with 5-HT cells (a) (4 mice/genotype;  $F_{1,6} = 6.63$ ,  $p < 0.05$ ), without changing the number of VGLUT2+ or GAD2+ axon boutons associated with 5-HT cells (b)  $(F_{1,6} =$ 1.13,  $p=0.33$  and  $F_{1,6} = 0.91$ ,  $p=0.38$ , respectively). (c-e) Pharmacological SERT blockade by fluoxetine increases the density of cortical synaptic boutons (VGLUT1+) associated with 5-HT cells (c) (5 mice/genotype;  $F_{1,8} = 13.25$ ,  $p < 0.01$ ), without changing the number of VGLUT2+ or GAD2+ axon boutons (d)  $(F_{1,8} = 0.67, p=0.44$  and  $F_{1,8} = 1.04$ , p=0.34, respectively) or their associations with 5-HT cells (e) ( $F_{1,8} = 0.08$ , p=0.79 and F1,8 = 2.38, p=0.16, respectively). **(f**-**h)** Conditional deletion of cortical SERT (SERT-KOCTX) increases the density of cortical synaptic boutons (VGLUT1+) associated with 5-HT cells (f) (5 mice/genotype;  $F_{1,8} = 8.69$ ,  $p < 0.02$ ), without changing either the number of VGLUT2+ or GAD2+ axon boutons (g)  $(F_{1,8} = 0.44, p=0.53$  and  $F_{1,8} = 0.06,$ p=0.81, respectively) or their associations with 5-HT cells (h)  $(F_{1,8} = 0.39, p=0.55, and$ F1,8 = 0.22, p=0.65, respectively). **(i-k)** Conditional deletion of SERT from raphe neurons

(SERT-KO<sup>Raphe</sup>) does not modify the density of cortical synaptic boutons (VGLUT1+) associated with 5-HT cells (i) (3-4 mice/genotype;  $F_{1.5} = 0.06$ ,  $p=0.81$ ), or the number of VGLUT2+ and GAD2+ axon boutons (j)  $(F_{1,5} = 0.07, p=0.80 \text{ and } F_{1,5} = 0.29, p=0.61,$ respectively) nor their association with 5-HT cells (k)  $(F_{1,5} = 0.02, p=0.91$  and  $F_{1,5} =$ 1.27, p=0.31, respectively). **(l)** Lack of SERT does not change the density of VGLUT1+ synaptic boutons in the basolateral nucleus of the amygdala (BLA) (3-4 mice/genotype; T5 = 0.1042, p=0.92). Data analyzed by one-way ANOVA **(a-k)** and t-test **(l)**. Error bars represent S.E.M.

**Supplementary Figure 7. Post-hoc identification of the two types of neurons recorded from the dorsal raphe in the** *ex-vivo* **electrophysiological experiments**. After electroporation with Alexa 488 using the patch pipette, 5-HT **(a-a")** and non-5-HT **(b-b")** neurons were identified by immunolabeling against TPH. Arrows indicate 5-HT positive neurons, while arrowheads points at recorded cells containing Alexa 488.

**Supplementary Figure 8. Pharmacogenetic manipulation of PFC glutamateprojection neuron's activity**. AAV5-CaMKIIa-hM4D(Gi)-mCherry or AAV8-CaMKIIahM3D(Gq)-mCherry was efficiently transduced in pyramidal neurons of the prelimbic, infralimbic and orbital regions **(a-b** and **d-e)**. In hM4D mice, PFC activation elicited by acute swim stress was robustly decreased by about 80% by the acute pre-treatment with CNO (1mg/kg) administered 30 min before the swim (b,c) (5-4 mice/treatment;  $T_7$  = 12.03,  $p<10^{-5}$ ). Conversely, in hM3D mice, CNO treatment elicits a large increase in the activation of PFC glutamate neurons, evidenced by an increase in c-Fos expression levels (e-f) (3 mice/treatment;  $T_4 = 8.892$ , p<0.001). Immunohistochemistry for c-Fos in

mCherry-expressing neurons was used as readout of neuronal activity. The chicken antibody anti-mCherry (1:1000, AB205402, Abcam, France) and rabbit anti-c-Fos antiserum (1:1000, AB190289, Abcam, France) were used. Data were analyzed by ttest. Error bars represent S.E.M.

**Supplementary Figure 9. Fetal and adult SERT expression in humans.** Transcriptional data obtained from Brainspan Atlas of the Developing Human Brain [\(http://www.brainspan.org\)](http://www.brainspan.org/). **(a)** In the fetal human brain SERT expression is present in both fronto-cortical regions and brainstem structures. **(b)** In the adult brain, SERT is mostly expressed in brainstem regions.

**Supplementary Table 1. Genes differentially expressed after SERT invalidation in PFC-SERT+ neurons at P7**. All genes with p<0.05.

**Supplementary Table 2. Top genes down-regulated by SERT invalidation in PFC-SERT+ neurons at P7**. A threshold of 100 reads for normalized expression levels was set with a p<0.05. Differential expression is shown as Log2(fold change). The reported roles of differentially-expressed genes in different aspects of neuronal development are indicated together with their supporting references.

**Supplementary Table 3. Top genes up-regulated by SERT invalidation in PFC-SERT+ neurons at P7**. A threshold of 100 reads for normalized expression levels was set with a p<0.05. Differential expression is shown as Log2(fold change). The reported

roles of differentially-expressed genes in different aspects of neuronal development are indicated together with their supporting references.

**Supplementary Table 4. Gene ontology of differentially-expressed genes after SERT invalidation in PFC-SERT+ neurons at P7 using DAVID Bioinformatics Resources, NIAID/NIH**.