

Figure S1 No significant difference in sympathetic chain length between $Cd40^{-/-}$ and $Cd40^{+/+}$ embryos. Bar chart of the length of the part of the paravertebral sympathetic chain between the rostral tip of the SCG and the 6th thoracic DRG in the same E11 $Cd40^{-/-}$ and $Cd40^{+/+}$ embryos that were used to measure sensory nerve length. The data are normalised to 100% for $Cd40^{+/+}$ embryos.



Figure S2 CD40 immunofluorescence is eliminated in neurons cultured from $Cd40^{-/-}$ embryos. Representative photomicrographs of E12 DRG neuron cultures established from $Cd40^{+/+}$ (A) and $Cd40^{-/-}$ (B) embryos double labeled with anti-CD40 and anti-CD40L. Scale bar, 20 µm.



Figure S3. No significant differences in DRG Trk expression between $Cd40^{-/-}$ and $Cd40^{+/+}$ mice. (A, B) Bar charts of the levels of *TrkA* mRNA (A) and *TrkB* mRNA (B) E12 DRG of $Cd40^{-/-}$ and $Cd40^{+/+}$ embryos relative to the geometric mean of reference mRNAs for glyceraldehyde phosphate dehydrogenase, succinate dehydrogenase and hypoxanthine phosphoribosyltransferase-1. The data are normalized to 100% in DRG of $Cd40^{+/+}$ embryos. Mean ± s.e.m. of 3 independent measurements. (C, D) Representative photomicrographs of E12 DRG neuron cultures established from $Cd40^{-/-}$ and $Cd40^{+/+}$ embryos double labeled with anti-βIII tubulin and either anti-TrkA (C) or anti-TrkB (D). Scale bar, 20 µm.