Dietary capsaicin preserves CGRP peptidergic DRG neurons in experimental diabetic peripheral

neuropathy

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**Table S1** Fluorescence intensity of TRPV1 and CGRP in DRG and spinal cord [n = 6; Mean (SD)]

	TRPV1				CGRP			
	Ctrl	Ctrl+Cap	Db	Db+Cap	Ctrl	Ctrl+Cap	Db	Db+Cap
DRG	4180.65	5075.67*	2609.31*	3944.33*&	3603.38	4763.67*	2190.00*	3258.00*&
	(155.13)	(176.02)	(133.87)	(59.91)	(95.69)	(175.57)	(205.51)	(137.70)
SC	5735.30	7198.00*	3598.36*	5032.00*&	5051.33	6855.00*	2938.38*	4708.65*&
	(102.84)	(171.19)	(264.48)	(163.45)	(149.23)	(127.49)	(56.24)	(138.59)

Ctrl = control; Ctrl+Cap = non-diabetic animals treated with capsaicin; Db = diabetic; Db+Cap = diabetic animals treated with capsaicin; DRG = dorsal root ganglia; SC = spinal cord; \* = p < 0.05, compared with control; & = p < 0.05, compared with diabetic

**Table S2** Proportion of small neurons of TRPV1<sup>+</sup>/TRPV1<sup>-</sup> in the DRG [n = 6; Mean (SD)]

TRPV1 <sup>+</sup> /TOSN				TRPV1 <sup>-</sup> /TOSN				
Ctrl	Ctrl+Cap	Db	Db+Cap	Ctrl	Ctrl+Cap	Db	Db+Cap	
15.6(2.6)	19.2(2.6)*	11.0(2.1)*	15.7(1.6)&#</td><td>84.4(2.6)</td><td>80.8(2.6)*</td><td>89.0(2.1)*</td><td>84.3(1.6)&#</td></tr></tbody></table>					

TRPV1<sup>+</sup> = small neurons immunoreactive for TRPV1; TRPV1<sup>-</sup> = small neurons not immunoreactive for TRPV1; TOSM = total small neurons observed; Ctrl = control; Ctrl+Cap = non-diabetic animals treated with capsaicin; Db = diabetic animals; Db+Cap = diabetic animals treated with capsaicin; DRG = dorsal root ganglia; \* = p < 0.05, compared with diabetic; # = p < 0.05, compared with Ctrl+Cap

**Table S3** Proportion of small neurons of CGRP<sup>+</sup>/CGRP<sup>-</sup> in the DRG [n = 6; Mean (SD)]

CGRP <sup>+</sup> /TON				CGRP <sup>-</sup> /TON			
Ctrl	Ctrl+Cap	Db	Db+Cap	Ctrl	Ctrl+Cap	Db	Db+Cap
21(4.2)	22.7(2.6)	16.2(0.6)*	18.6(2.4)&#</td><td>79.0(4.2)</td><td>77.3(2.6)</td><td>83.8(0.6)*</td><td>81.4(2.4)&#</td></tr></tbody></table>				

 $CGRP^{+}$  = small neurons immunoreactive for CGRP; CGRP $^{-}$  = small neurons not immunoreactive for CGRP; TOSM = total small neurons observed; Ctrl = control; Ctrl+Cap = non-diabetic animals treated with capsaicin; Db = diabetic animals; Db+Cap = diabetic animals treated with capsaicin; DRG = dorsal root ganglia; \* = p < 0.05, compared with diabetic; # = p < 0.05, compared with Ctrl+Cap