

Supplementary Material

Presynaptic store-operated Ca²⁺ entry drives excitatory spontaneous neurotransmission and augments endoplasmic reticulum stress

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Figure S1

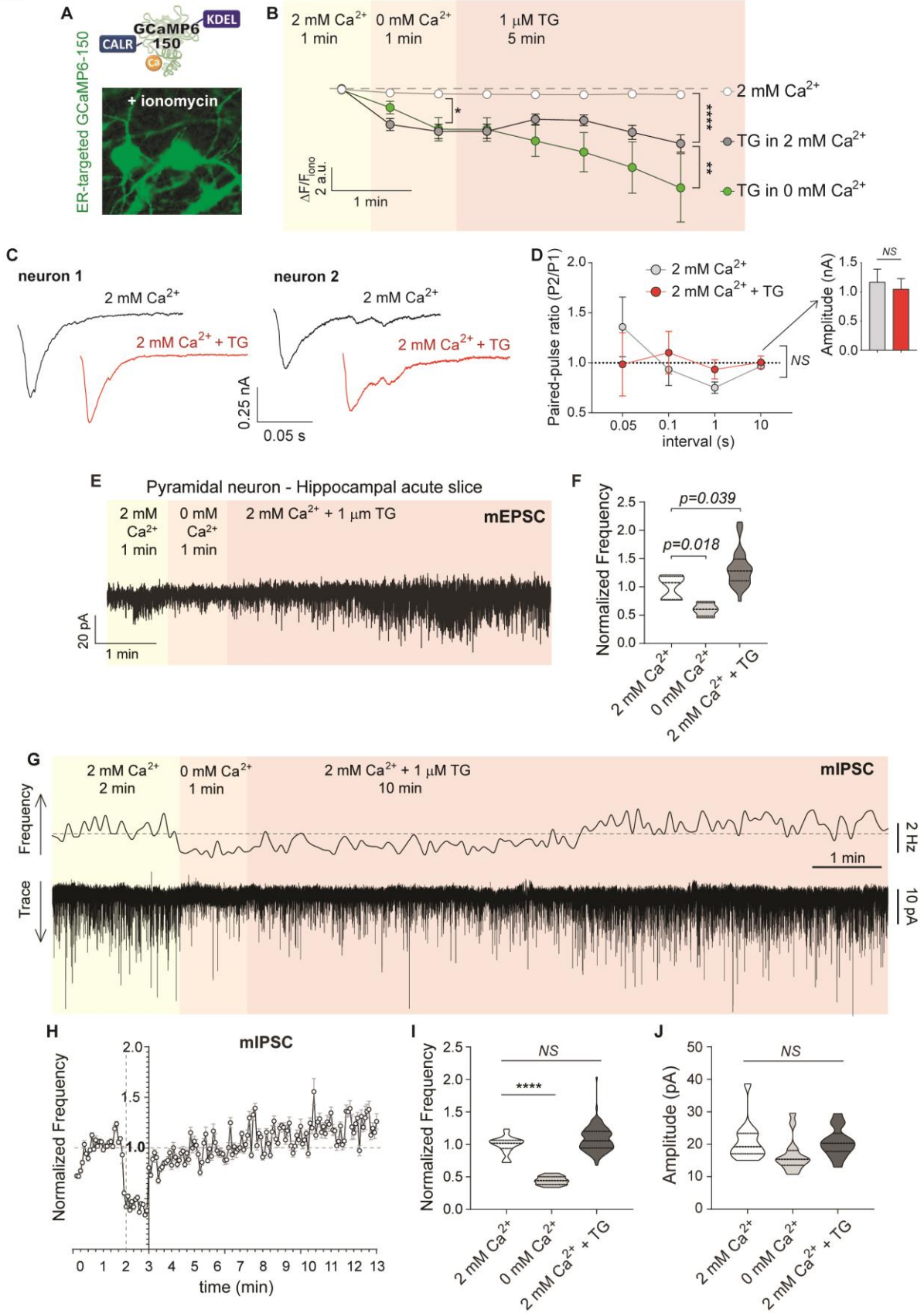


Figure S1 – Related to Figure 1.

TG perfusion in the presence of extracellular Ca^{2+} causes partial ER Ca^{2+} depletion.

A. Top: Schematic representation of the ER luminal Ca^{2+} sensing probe, ER-GCaMP6-150 (for details see de Juan-Sanz et al., 2017). Bottom: Representative image of maximal response of ER-GCaMP6-150 after perfusion of the Ca^{2+} ionophore ionomycin.

B. Average fluorescence traces of ER-GCaMP6-150 in hippocampal neuron soma and neurites. Similar experimental protocol as Figure 1 was used: baseline ER Ca^{2+} signal was measured for 1 min in extracellular solution containing 2 mM Ca^{2+} , then 0 mM Ca^{2+} was perfused for 1 min and finally, 1 μM TG in either 0 mM (green circles) or 2 mM (grey circles) Ca^{2+} was perfused for 5 min. A negative control where extracellular solution containing 2 mM Ca^{2+} and no TG is also shown (white circles).

Evoked excitatory neurotransmission is not affected by acute TG treatment.

C. Two example traces of evoked (35 mA, 0.1 ms stimulation) EPSC before (2 mM Ca^{2+} - black) and after (2 mM Ca^{2+} + TG - red) acute treatment with 1 μM TG.

D. Experimental design: Paired-pulse stimuli at different inter-event interval were given in extracellular solution containing 2 mM Ca^{2+} , then solution with 0 mM Ca^{2+} was perfused for 1 min and finally, paired-pulse stimuli were repeated after perfusion of 1 μM TG in 2 mM Ca^{2+} . Average paired-pulse ratio (amplitude of the second pulse respect to the first, i.e. P2/P1) as a function of inter-pulse interval is shown. Inset: Average evoked EPSC amplitude.

Inhibitory spontaneous neurotransmission is not affected by TG perfusion.

E. Example trace (bottom) and 5 s moving average of frequency (top) of mIPSC. The same neuron was continuously recorded while sequentially perfusing three different external solutions containing: 2 mM Ca^{2+} (2 min), 0 mM Ca^{2+} (1 min) and 2 mM Ca^{2+} with 1 μM TG (10 min). Dash line: average baseline mIPSC frequency.

F. Time course of normalized mIPSC frequency, expressed as average \pm SEM.

G-H. Violin plots of mIPSC frequency (normalized to baseline) and amplitude in each condition.

Figure S2

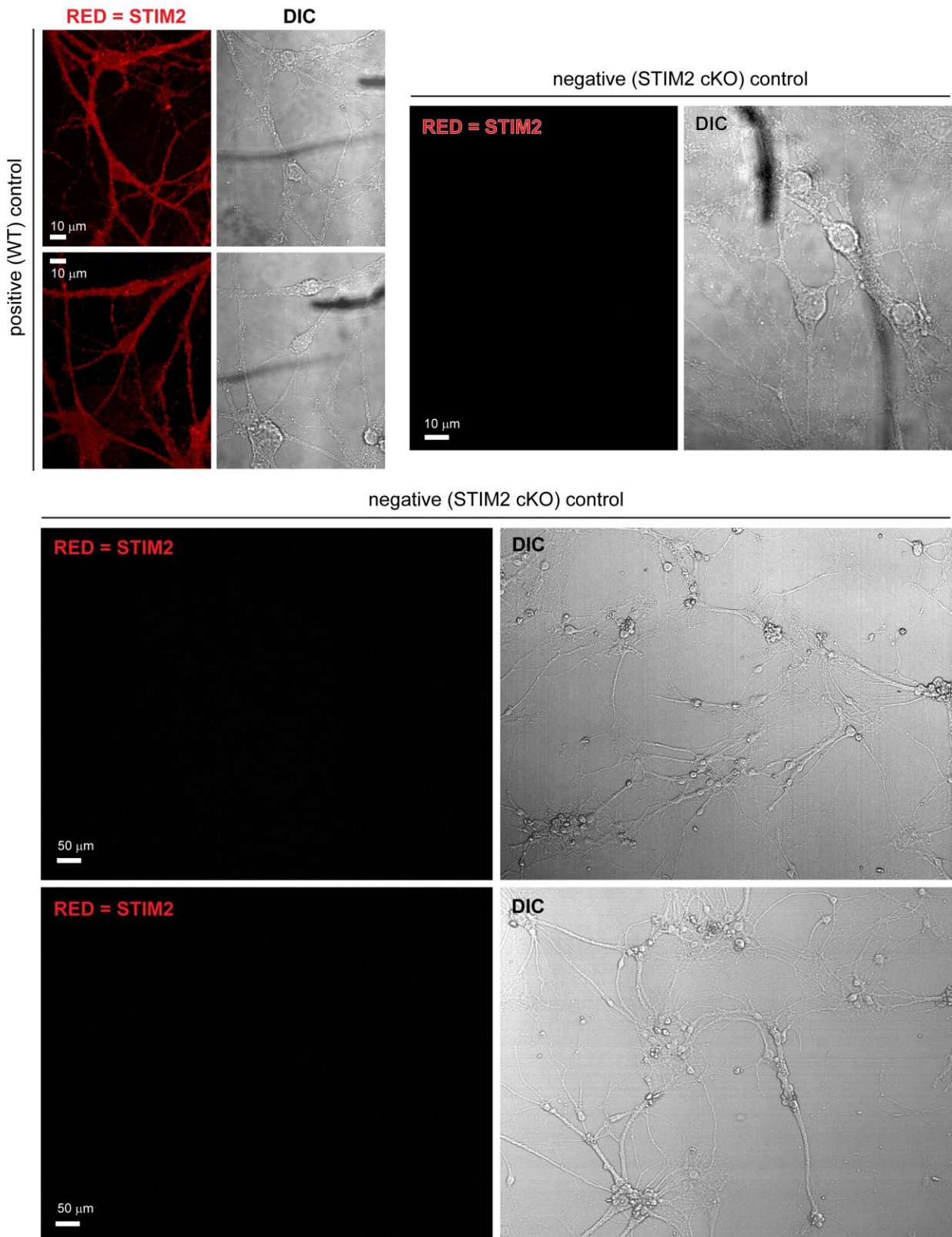


Figure S2 – Related to Figure 3.

STIM2 is not detectable in STIM2 cKO neurons.

Representative confocal fluorescence images of STIM2 antibody labeling (red) in mouse hippocampal dissociated neurons. Differential interference contrast (DIC) is shown to visualize cells. Top left: images obtained from empty vector (only expressing GFP) treated neurons. Rest: images from neurons treated with Cre + GFP lentivirus (STIM2 cKO).

Figure S3

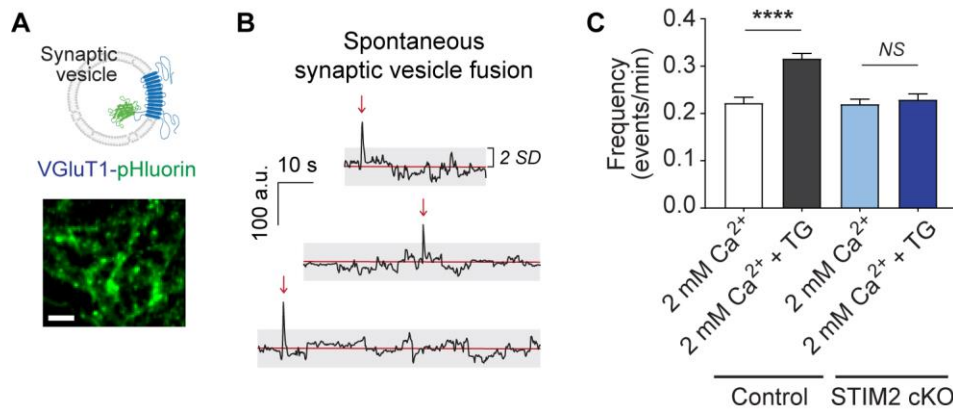


Figure S3 – Related to Figure 3.

Increased spontaneous fusion of synaptic vesicles underlies the increase in mEPSC frequency during SOCE activation.

A. Schematic representation of the synaptic vesicle pH probe VGlut1-pHluorin (right) and representative image of VGlut1-pHluorin fluorescence in hippocampal synapses after high frequency stimulation (left). White bar = 5 μ m.

B. Three example traces of VGlut1-pHluorin fluorescence showing single synaptic vesicle fusion events (red arrows). Peaks were defined as events with an amplitude higher than the baseline value (red line) plus two standard deviations (grey rectangles).

C. Average frequency of spontaneous synaptic vesicle fusion per bouton, for each experimental group.

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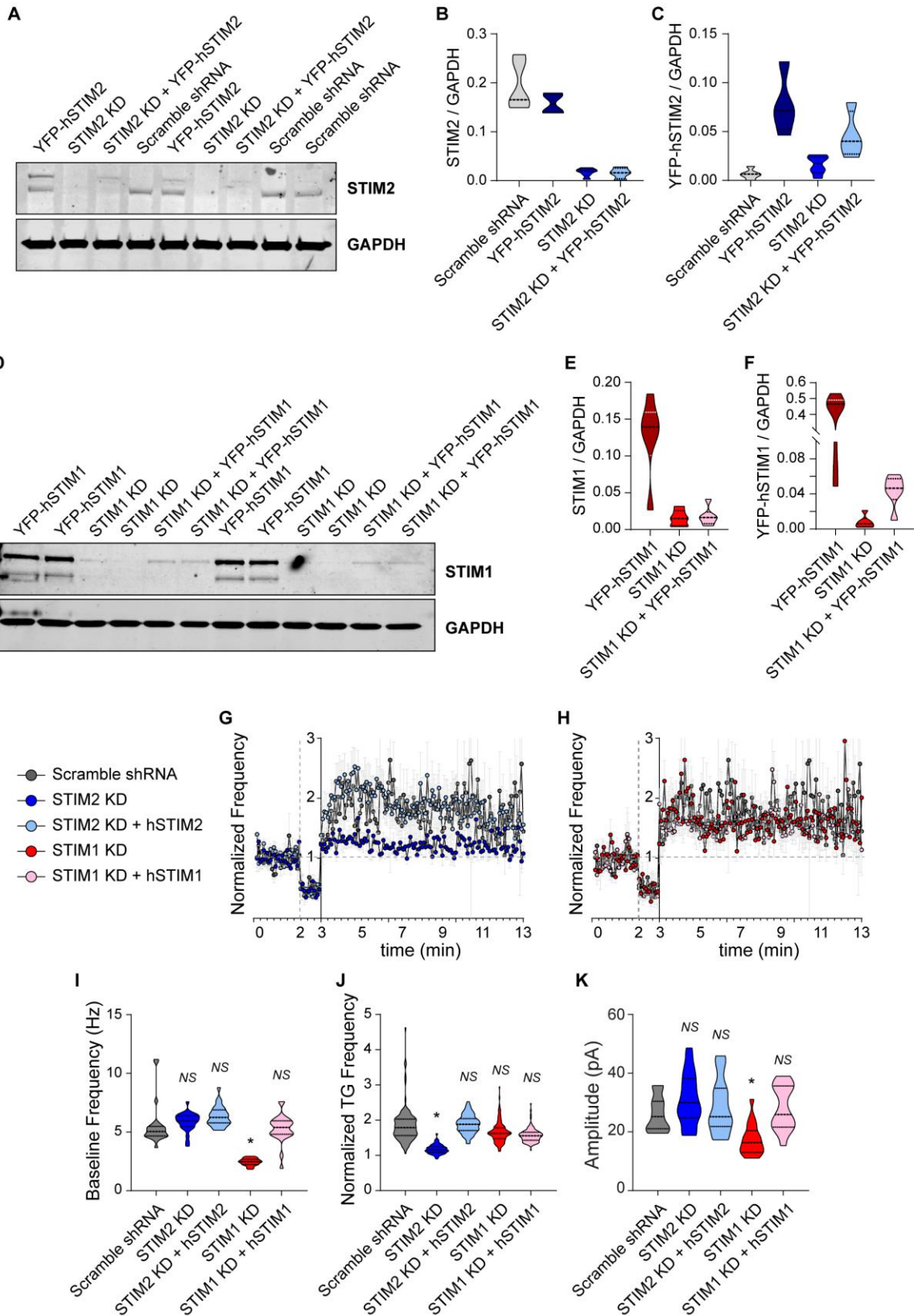


Figure S4 – Related to Figure 3.

SOCE-mediated increase in mEPSC frequency is dependent on STIM2 but not STIM1.

A and D. Western blot images from one representative experiment. Bottom band corresponds to endogenous (rat) STIM1 (85 KDa) or STIM2 (100 KDa), top band corresponds to human STIM1 or STIM2 fused to YFP. GAPDH was used as a loading control.

B-C. STIM2 band fluorescence intensity normalized to GAPDH for endogenous STIM2 and the rescue construct, YFP-hSTIM2. STIM2 KD efficiency is $(91.1 \pm 2.8)\%$ [mean \pm SEM].

E-F. STIM1 band fluorescence intensity normalized to GAPDH for endogenous STIM1 and the rescue construct, YFP-hSTIM1. STIM1 KD efficiency is $(87.6 \pm 5.6)\%$ [mean \pm SEM].

G-H. Time course of normalized mEPSC frequency in control (scramble shRNA), STIMs KDs and rescues (shRNAs were designed to specifically recognize rat STIMs, thus human orthologs are shRNA-resistant; see Methods).

I. Violin plot of baseline mEPSC frequency in all experimental groups.

J. Violin plot of normalized mEPSC frequency during TG perfusion in all experimental groups.

K. Violin plot of mEPSC amplitude for all experimental groups.

Figure S5

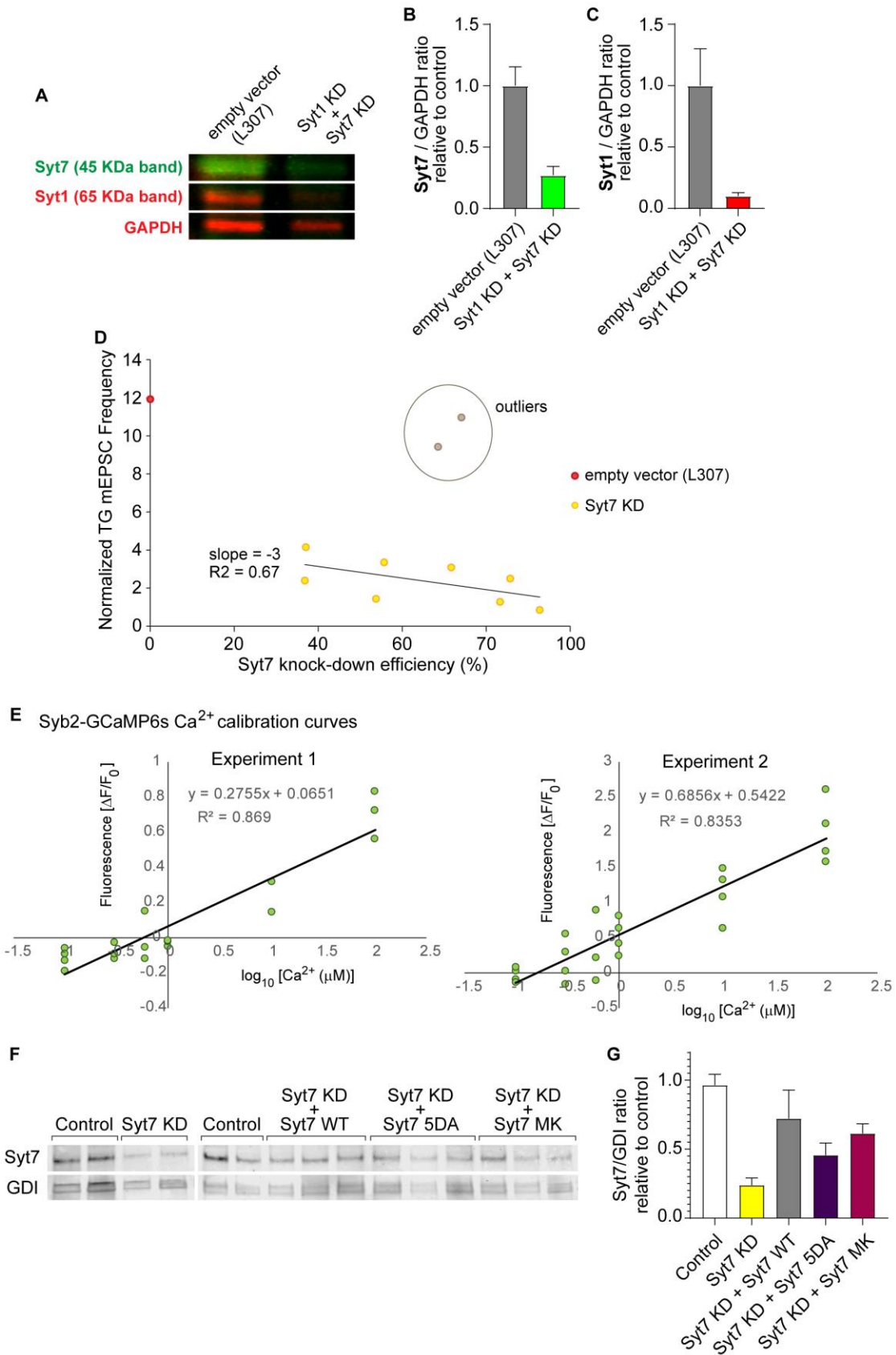


Figure S5 – Related to Figures 4 and 5.

A-C. Example Western blot experiment and quantification showing the efficiency of syt1 and syt7 shRNAs (GAPDH was used as loading control). Reduction in protein levels is $(73\pm 11)\%$ for syt7 and $(90\pm 6)\%$ for syt1 [mean \pm SEM].

SOCE-mediated increase in mEPSC frequency is negatively correlated to syt7 protein levels.

D. Normalized mEPSC frequency during TG perfusion plotted as a function of syt7 protein KD efficiency (measured by Western blot). Straight line: Linear regression (fit results presented in the graph). Red dot: empty vector control. Grey dots: outliers (i.e. syt7 levels are not related to mEPSC frequency in those samples).

Calibration of syb2-GCaMP6s at different extracellular Ca²⁺ concentrations.

E. Plots show the calibration curves for the two independent experiments (i.e. cultures) performed (4 coverslips per experiment; 400-500 boutons were analyzed and averaged per coverslip). Linear regression of fluorescence [$\Delta F/F_0$] versus the logarithm of Ca²⁺ concentration [μ M] was performed using Clampfit (fit results presented in the graph).

Syt7 protein levels after shRNA expression and rescue with different syt7 variants.

F. Representative Western blot image showing syt7 levels (top) and the loading control GDI (bottom).

G. Average syt7 protein levels relative to control (band intensity was normalized to GDI loading control). All the samples utilized for electrophysiology (Figures 4 and 5) were posteriorly recovered in Laemmli sample buffer and used for Western blot. Syt7 shRNA (syt7 KD) causes a $(76\pm 5)\%$ reduction in protein levels [mean \pm SEM]. Expression of wild-type syt7 rescues protein levels to $(72\pm 15)\%$ of control levels. Syt7 5DA rescues protein levels to $(54\pm 6)\%$ of control and syt7 MK restores syt7 to $(61\pm 7)\%$ of control.

Figure S6

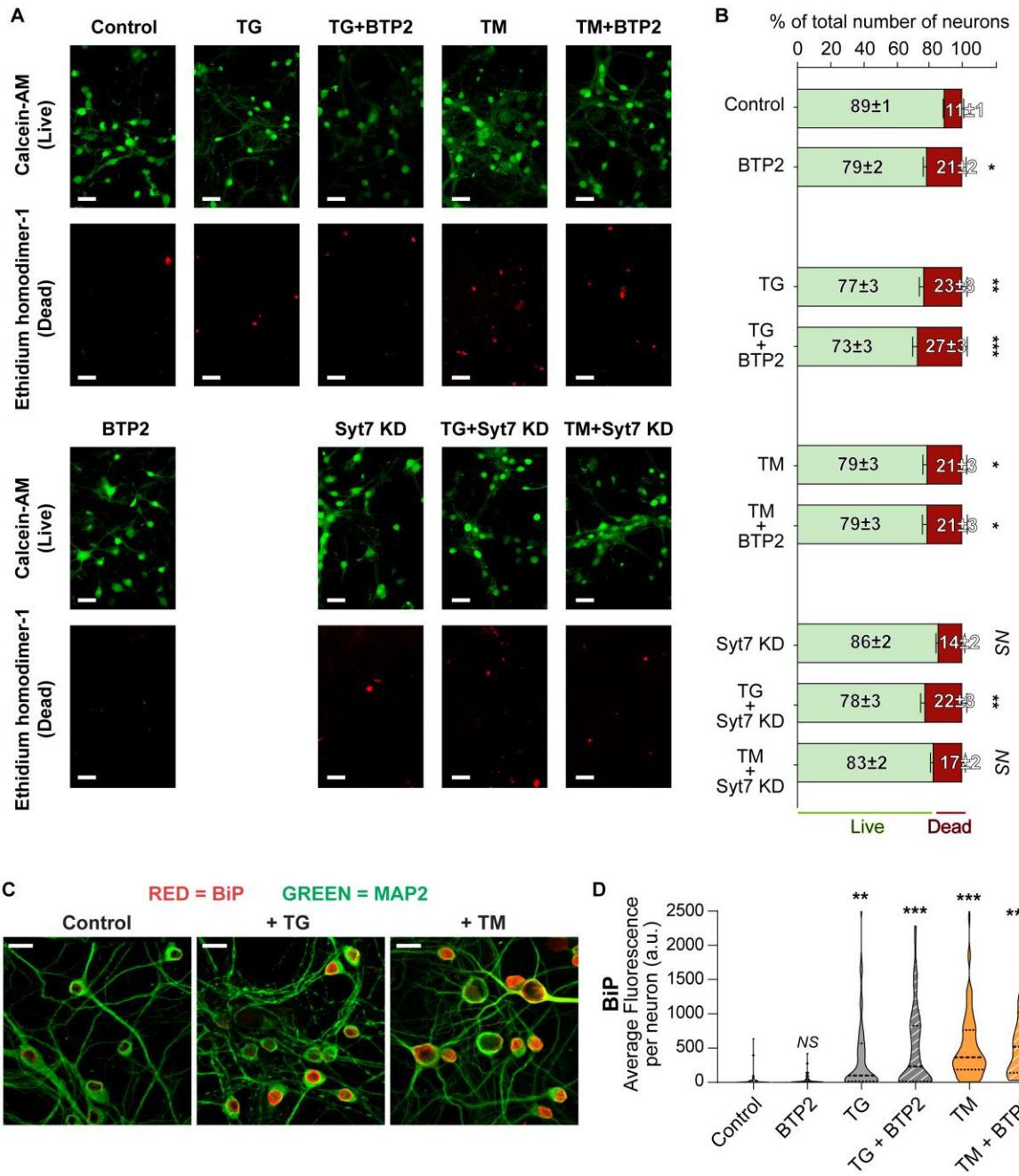


Figure S6 – Related to Figures 7 and 8.

Cell viability analysis after chronic ER stress induction.

A. Representative confocal images of Calcein-AM (live cells, green) and Ethidium homodimer-1 (dead cell, red nucleus) for each experimental group. White bars = 20 μm .

B. Quantification of the percentage of dead and live neurons respect to total number of neurons per field of view. Each color channel was binarized and segmented, and total number of objects per image in each channel was counted.

C. Representative confocal images of immunofluorescently labeled BiP (red) and MAP2 (green) in dissociated hippocampal neurons after 48 h incubation with TG or TM (with or without BTP2) to induce ER stress. White scale bars = 20 μm .

C. Average BiP fluorescence per neuron in each experimental group (analysis was performed in similar way as for PDI; see Figure 8 and Methods).