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Supplemental Information

Anandamide Metabolites Protect against Seizures through the TRP Channel Water Witch in *Drosophila melanogaster* Jack A. Jacobs and Amita Sehgal





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Supplemental Figure S1. Metabolites mediate the anticonvulsant effect of AEA. Related to Figure 2. a) CG8839 KOs were generated by replacing the CG8839 coding region with a DsRed marker. b) PCR of genomic DNA confirms that DsRed was incorporated into deleted region of CG8839 by HDR in CG8839^{KO} flies but not in controls. See materials and methods for primer sequences. c) 50 and 500 µg/mL DTA feeding protects against seizures in eas flies. n=12 vials/group. ANOVA with Tukey's post-hoc analysis. ****P≤0.0001 d) Co-feeding 50 µg/mL URB597 with 20 μ g/mL AEA reduces the protective effect of AEA in *tko*^{25t} flies after 2 days but not after 4 days of feeding. n=11-12 vials/group. ANOVA with Tukey's post-hoc analysis. Means with different letters are significantly different (*P≤0.05). e) Co-feeding 50 µg/mL URB597 with 200 µg/mL AEA does not reduce the protective effect of AEA in bss¹ flies after 4 days of feeding. n=11-12 vials/group. ANOVA with Tukey's post-hoc analysis. Means with different letters are significantly different (* $P \le 0.05$). f) Representative data from FAAH experiments analyzed in Fig. 2e. g) Representative data from FAAH experiments analyzed in Fig. 2f. h) 1 µM URB597 inhibits FAAH activity in both control and CG8839KO flies. % FAAH activity normalized to vehicle treated homogenates for each sample. n=4 samples/genotype, 2 technical replicates/sample. Unpaired ttest. i) FAAH activity is not changed 15 minutes after seizure induction. % FAAH activity normalized to no vortex control FAAH activity for each experiment. n=8 samples/group, 3 technical replicates/sample. Unpaired t-test. Bar graph data are presented as mean \pm s.e.m.



Figure S2. Anandamide increases baseline calcium and protects against stimulus-induced calcium elevations. Related to Figure 3. **a**) 20 µg/mL AEA feeding increases mean GFP signal in iso³¹ fly brains. Brains from vehicle-fed *eas* flies have higher GFP than brains from vehicle-fed iso³¹ flies. n=15-18 brains/group. ANOVA with Sidak's multiple comparison. *P ≤ 0.05 ****P ≤ 0.0001 . **b**) 20 µg/mL AEA feeding increases MB-specific GFP in iso³¹ fly brains. Brains from vehicle-fed *eas* flies have higher MB-specific GFP than brains from vehicle-fed iso³¹ flies. n=15-18 brains/group. ANOVA with Sidak's multiple comparison. *P ≤ 0.05 ***P ≤ 0.001 . **c**) 10-second vortex induces an increase in GFP in brains from vehicle-fed *eas* flies but not in brains from AEA-fed *eas* flies. n=12-13 brains/group. ANOVA with Sidak's multiple comparison. *P ≤ 0.05 **P ≤ 0.01 . **d**) MBspecific GFP is similar in all *eas* groups. n=12-13 brains/group. ANOVA with Sidak's multiple comparison. **e**) Representative images of fly brains from Fig. S2a-b. White dotted line outlines MB. White scale bar indicates 100 µm.



Figure S3. Flies consume AEA during acute exposure. Related to Figure 4. **a**) A similar proportion of flies consume vehicle and 2 μ g/mL AEA food during an acute, 1-hour exposure after 16 hours of starvation. n=10 vials/group. Unpaired t-test. **b**) 2 μ g/mL AEA does not affect total amount consumed. n=10 vials/group. Unpaired t-test. Bar graph data are presented as mean \pm s.e.m.



Figure S4. Hypothesized model of seizure protection by AEA metabolites. Related to Figures 1-4. **1**) AA is produced by catabolism of AEA by CG8839. **2**) AA activates WTRW causing Ca²⁺ influx. **3**) Chronic activation desensitizes WTRW. **4**) Desensitization of WTRW blocks seizure initiation.