### **Supplementary Information**

Structural Basis for Cannabinoid-induced Potentiation of alpha1-Glycine Receptors in Lipid

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**Supplementary Figure 1.** (a) A continuous TEVC recording of WT GlyR currents activated by 0 .1 mM glycine in the absence and presence of 3.2 μM THC. Membrane potential was held at -60 mV. (b) A representative trace from WT GlyR current recording with 1 mM glycine in the absence and presence of 3.2 μM THC. (c) A representative trace from WT GlyR current recording with 0.1 mM glycine in the absence and presence of 32 μM THC. (d) Percent potentiation is plotted as (peak of THC-glycine current / peak glycine current) x 100 for WT GlyR. Data are shown as mean  $\pm$  s.e for (n) independent experiments. 0.1 mM Gly/3.2  $\mu$ M THC (n = 10) 0.1 mM Gly/32  $\mu$ M THC ( $n = 7$ ) 1 mM Gly/3.2 µM THC ( $n = 7$ ). Electrophysiology experiments were performed on independent oocytes, from multiple different surgeries. Unpaired t-test with Welch's correction \*\*\*  $P = 0.0024$ . N.S = 0.3918. Source data are available as a Source Data file.



**Supplementary Figure 2. Cryo-EM analysis of GlyR-THC**. (a) Representative micrograph and selected 2D classes showing various particle orientations. (b) Angular distribution of particle projections for the final reconstruction used for model building. The map of the GlyR-THC complex is shown in gray. Nanodisc belts have been removed for clarity. Length of each cylinder corresponds to the number of particles at a specific Euler angle. (c) A side view of the 3D reconstruction color-coded by the local resolution determined using ResMap program algorithm<sup>1</sup> v1.1.5. (d) Gold standard Fourier shell correlation (FSC) curves from RELION 3.1 *(left)*. The dashed line represents an FSC of 0.143. For cross validation of model refinement, FSC curves of the refined model versus summed map (full dataset), refined model versus half map 1 (used during refinement), and refined model versus half map 2 (not used during refinement) *(right)*. (e) Map correlation of the GlyR-THC structure. Validation of various regions within each of the domains of the model (shown as cartoon with stick representation for the residues) and corresponding density map (volume) are shown here.



**Supplementary Figure 3. Cryo-EM analysis of GlyR-0.1gly**. (a) Select 2D classes. (b) Angular distribution of particle projections for the final reconstruction used for model building. (c) 3D reconstructions color-coded by the local resolution determined using ResMap program (d) Gold standard Fourier shell correlation (FSC) curves from RELION 3.1 *(left)*. The dashed line represents an FSC of 0.143. For cross validation of model refinement, FSC curves of the refined model versus summed map (full dataset), refined model versus half map 1 *(used during refinement), and refined model versus half map 2 (not used during refinement)* (right). (e) Map correlation of GlyR-0.1gly. Validation of various regions within each of the domains of the model (shown as cartoon with stick representation for the residues) and corresponding density map (volume) are shown here.



**Supplementary Figure 4. Cryo-EM analysis of GlyR-0.1gly-THC**. (a) Select 2D classes. (b) Angular distribution of particle projections for the final reconstruction used for model building. (c) 3D reconstructions color-coded by the local resolution determined using ResMap program. *Inset* shows a zoomed in region of the THC-binding pocket (d) Gold standard Fourier shell correlation (FSC) curves from RELION 3.1 *(left)*. The dashed line represents an FSC of 0.143. For cross validation of model refinement, FSC curves of the refined model versus summed map (full dataset), refined model versus half map 1 *(used during refinement), and refined model versus half map 2 (not used during refinement)* (right). (e) Map correlation of GlyR-0.1gly-THC. Validation of various regions within each of the domains of the model (shown as cartoon with stick representation for the residues) and corresponding density map (volume) are shown here.



**Supplementary Figure 5. Cryo-EM analysis of GlyR-1gly**. (a) Select 2D classes. (b) Angular distribution of particle projections for the final reconstruction used for model building. (c) 3D reconstructions color-coded by the local resolution determined using ResMap program (d) Gold standard Fourier shell correlation (FSC) curves from RELION 3.1 *(left)*. The dashed line represents a n FSC of 0.143. For cross validation of model refinement, FSC curves of the refined model versus summed map (full dataset), refined model versus half map 1 *(used during refinement), and refined model versus half map 2 (not used during refinement)* (right). (e) Map correlation of GlyR-1gly. Validation of various regions within each of the domains of the model (shown as cartoon with stick representation for the residues) and corresponding density map (volume) are shown here.



**Supplementary Figure 6. Cryo-EM analysis of GlyR-1gly-THC-State1**. (a) Select 2D classes. (b) Angular distribution of particle projections for the final reconstruction used for model building. (c) 3D reconstructions color-coded by the local resolution determined using ResMap program (d) Gold standard Fourier shell correlation (FSC) curves from RELION 3.1 *(left)*. The dashed line represents an FSC of 0.143. For cross validation of model refinement, FSC curves of the refined model versus summed map (full dataset), refined model versus half map 1 *(used during refinement), and refined model versus half map 2 (not used during refinement)* (right). (e) Map correlation of GlyR-1gly-state1. Validation of various regions within each of the domains of the model (shown as cartoon with stick representation for the residues) and corresponding density map (volume) are shown here.



**Supplementary Figure 7. Cryo-EM analysis of GlyR-1gly-THC-State 2.** (a) Select 2D classes. (b) Angular distribution of particle projections for the final reconstruction used for model building. (c) 3D reconstructions color-coded by the local resolution determined using ResMap program (d) Gold standard Fourier shell correlation (FSC) curves from RELION 3.1 *(left)*. The dashed line represents an FSC of 0.143. For cross validation of model refinement, FSC curves of the refined model versus summed map (full dataset), refined model versus half map 1 *(used during refinement), and refined model versus half map 2 (not used during refinement)* (right). (e) Map correlation of GlyR-1gly-state2. Validation of various regions within each of the domains of the model (shown as cartoon with stick representation for the residues) and corresponding density map (volume) are shown here.

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**Supplementary Figure 8. Cryo-EM analysis of GlyR-1gly-THC-State 3.** (a) Select 2D classes. (b) Angular distribution of particle projections for the final reconstruction used for model building. (c) 3D reconstructions color-coded by the local resolution determined using ResMap program (d) Gold standard Fourier shell correlation (FSC) curves from RELION 3.1 *(left)*. The dashed line represents an FSC of 0.143. For cross validation of model refinement, FSC curves of the refined model versus summed map (full dataset), refined model versus half map 1 *(used during refinement), and refined model versus half map 2 (not used during refinement)* (right). (e) Map correlation of GlyR-1gly-state1. Validation of various regions within each of the domains of the model (shown as cartoon with stick representation for the residues) and corresponding density map (volume) are shown here.

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**Supplementary Figure 9. Density at the THC binding pocket in the Cryo-EM 3D reconstructions in various states.** THC and phospholipid density observed in various GlyR reconstructions. Shown here are RELION 3.1 postprocess maps The maps are displayed at following σ levels: GlyR-Apo (0.010), 0.1Gly (0.016), 1Gly (0.008) GlyR-THC (0.016),

0.1Gly-THC (0.004), and 1Gly-THC-state1 (0.008). Two adjacent units are highlighted for clarity. The region around THC binding pocket is indicated by a box. The nominal resolutions for each map is shown in parenthesis.

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**Supplementary Figure 10. Assessment of conductance state of GlyR-Apo and GlyR-THC** (a) Ion permeation pathway generated with HOLE for GlyR-Apo. For clarity, only two non-adjacent subunits are shown. Colors of the spheres represent the following pore radii: red  $\leq$ 1.15 Å, green 1.8–2.3 Å and purple  $>2.3$  Å (b) Mean pore radius and one-standard deviations from three independent 30 ns equilibrium simulations for GlyR-Apo structure along the central pore axis. Major constriction sites are indicated and the dotted line denotes the radius of hydrated chloride ions. The gray trace is the pore radius profile calculated from the cryo-EM structures. (c) Simulation trajectories along the pore (*z*)-axis of water molecules and chloride ion coordinates within 5 Å of the channel axis inside the pore of GlyR-Apo structure, in the presence of a +500 mV transmembrane potential difference (i.e., with the cytoplasmic side having a positive potential). One of five independent 200 ns replicates is shown for each structure. The energetic barriers due to the ring of Leu9′ and Pro-2′ are at *z* ~0 and −20 Å, respectively. (d) Ion permeation pathway generated for GlyR-THC structure. (e) Mean pore radius profiles and standard deviations averaged across three independent 30 ns equilibrium simulations for GlyR-THC. (f) Simulation trajectories along the pore (z)-axis of water molecules and chloride ion coordinates for GlyR-THC.

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**Supplementary Figure 11 Multiple sequence alignment of GlyR** Sequence of *Danio rerio* GlyRα1 used in the cryo-EM study and electrophysiological analysis aligned to *Homo sapiens* GlyRα1, *Homo sapiens* GlyRα2, *Homo sapiens* GlyRα3 and *Homo sapiens* GlyRβ. Secondary structural elements are indicated for *Homo sapiens* GlyRα3 (above) and *Danio rerio* GlyRα1 (below) the sequence. Green line denotes the residues not included in the structural models.

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#### **Supplementary Figure 12. Assessment of conductance state of GlyR-1gly and GlyR-1gly-THC**

**structures** (a) Ion permeation pathway along the M2 helices for GlyR-1gly and GlyR-1gly-THC (States 1, 2, and 3). Only two diagonal M2 helices are shown for clarity. Gray box is shown to highlight the constriction at Pro-2' position. (b) Mean pore radius and one-standard deviations from three independent 30 ns equilibrium simulations for GlyR–Apo structure along the central pore axis. (c) Simulation trajectories along the pore (*z*)-axis of water molecules and chloride ion coordinates in the presence of a +500 mV transmembrane potential difference. The energetic barriers due to the ring of Leu9′ and Pro-2′ are at  $z \sim 0$  and  $-20 \text{ Å}$ , respectively.

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**0.1Gly-Docked THC**

#### **Supplementary Figure 13. Geometry of the pore during the molecular dynamics simulations.**

HOLE transmembrane pore profiles for 0.1Gly-Docked THC states from MS simulation runs. The pore profile represents starting conformation (*initial, left*) and final conformations from three in dependent simulation runs. The gray box is shown to highlight the de-pinching of Pro-2′

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# **Supplementary Figure 14. Putty representations of pairwise deviations for the various GlyR receptor conformations.** The selection used for superimposition, and the two conformations used, are noted for each image. Single subunit from each pentamer was used for 3D alignment and only backbone C-alpha RMSD was used for calculation. The RMSD color code and tube thickness scale are presented next to each other.

**Supplementary Table 1. Sequence of pCS2-a1 plasmid encoding zebrafish GlyRα1 for expression in** *Xenopus laevis* **and primers used for mutagenesis.**

MFALGIYLWETIVFFSLAASQQAAARKAASPMPPSEFLDKLMGKVSGYDARIRPNFKGP PVNVTCNIFINSFGSIAETTMDYRVNIFLRQQWNDPRLAYSEYPDDSLDLDPSMLDSIWK PDLFFANEKGANFHEVTTDNKLLRISKNGNVLYSIRITLVLACPMDLKNFPMDVQTCIM QLESFGYTMNDLIFEWDEKGAVQVADGLTLPQFILKEEKDLRYCTKHYNTGKFTCIEAR FHLERQMGYYLIQMYIPSLLIVILSWVSFWINMDAAPARVGLGITTVLTMTTQSSGSRAS LPKVSYVKAIDIWMAVCLLFVFSALLEYAAVNFIARQHKELLRFQRRRRHLKEDEAGDG RFSFAAYGMGPACLQAKDGMAIKGNNNNAPTSTNPPEKTVEEMRKLFISRAKRIDTVSR VAFPLVFLIFNIFYWITYKIIRSEDIHKQ

S320A\_Fwd, CTTCTCTTCGTCTTCGCTGCCCTGCTGGAGTATG

S320A\_Rev, CATACTCCAGCAGGGCAGCGAAGACGAAGAGAA G

W263F\_Fwd, ATTGTCATTTTGTCTTTCGTGTCCTTCTGG

W263F\_Rev, CCAGAAGGACACGAAAGACAAAATGACAAT

F266A\_Rev, GTCCATGTTGATCCAGGCGGACACCCAAGACAA

F266A\_Fwd, TTGTCTTGGGTGTCCGCCTGGATCAACATGGAC

W267F\_Fwd, TCTTGGGTGTCCTTCTTCATCAACATGGACGC

W267F\_Rev, GCGTCCATGTTGATGAAGAAGGACACCCAAGA

P274A\_Rev, AACCCCACACGGGCTGCGGCAGCGTCCATGTT

P274A\_Fwd, AACATGGACGCTGCCGCAGCCCGTGTGGGGTT

F418A\_rev, GAGGAAGACCAGCGGAGCGGCCACACGCGACAC

F418A\_fwd, GTGTCGCGTGTGGCCGCTCCGCTGGTCTTCCTC

### **Supplementary Table 2. Codon optimized zebrafish GlyRα1 sequence used for**

### **protein production.**

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ACTAGTATGTTCGCCCTGGGTATCTACCTGTGGGAAACCATCGTGTTCTTCTCCCTGG CTGCTAGCCAGCAGGCTGCTGCTCGCAAGGCCGCTTCCCCTATGCCTCCCAGCGAAT TCCTGGACAAGCTGATGGGCAAGGTGTCCGGCTACGACGCTCGCATCCGTCCCAACT TCAAGGGTCCACCTGTGAACGTCACTTGCAACATCTTCATCAACTCTTTCGGCTCAAT CGCCGAGACTACCATGGACTACAGGGTGAACATCTTCCTGAGACAGCAGTGGAACG ACCCACGTCTGGCTTACTCTGAATACCCTGACGACTCACTGGACCTGGACCCCTCTA

TGCTGGACTCAATCTGGAAGCCAGACCTGTTCTTCGCCAACGAGAAGGGCGCTAACT TCCACGAAGTGACCACTGACAACAAGCTGCTGAGGATCTCCAAGAACGGAAACGTG CTGTACAGCATCAGAATCACCCTGGTCCTGGCCTGCCCTATGGACCTGAAGAACTTC CCCATGGACGTCCAGACCTGCATCATGCAGCTGGAGTCCTTCGGTTACACTATGAAC GACCTGATCTTCGAGTGGGACGAAAAGGGTGCTGTGCAGGTGGCTGACGGACTGAC CCTGCCTCAGTTCATCCTGAAGGAGGAAAAGGACCTGCGCTACTGCACTAAGCACT ACAACACCGGAAAGTTCACTTGCATCGAGGCTCGCTTCCACCTGGAACGTCAGATG GGTTACTACCTGATCCAGATGTACATCCCCAGCCTGCTGATCGTGATCCTGTCCTGG GTCAGCTTCTGGATCAACATGGACGCTGCTCCAGCTAGGGTGGGTCTGGGCATCACC ACTGTCCTGACTATGACCACTCAGTCCAGCGGCTCTAGAGCTTCACTGCCCAAGGTG TCCTACGTCAAGGCCATCGACATCTGGATGGCTGTGTGCCTGCTGTTCGTCTTCAGC GCCCTGCTGGAGTACGCCGCTGTGAACTTCATCGCTCGCCAGCACAAGGAACTGCTG CGTTTCCAGCGCCGTAGGAGACACCTGAAGGAGGACGAAGCTGGAGACGGAAGGTT CTCTTTCGCCGCTTACGGCATGGGACCAGCCTGCCTGCAGGCTAAGGACGGAATGGC CATCAAGGGTAACAACAACAACGCTCCTACCTCAACTAACCCTCCTGAGAAGACCG TGGAGGAAATGCGCAAGCTGTTCATCTCTAGGGCCAAGAGAATCGACACTGTGTCA CGTGTCGCTTTCCCTCTGGTCTTCCTGATCTTCAACATCTTCTACTGGATCACCTACA AGATCATCCGCTCCGAAGACATCCACAAGCAGCTGGTTCCGCGTGGTAGTCATCACC ATCACCATCACCATCACTAAGGTACC

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# **Supplementary Table 3 Cryo-EM data collection, refinement and validation statistics.**

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# **Supplementary Table 4 Cryo-EM data collection, refinement and validation statistics.**

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