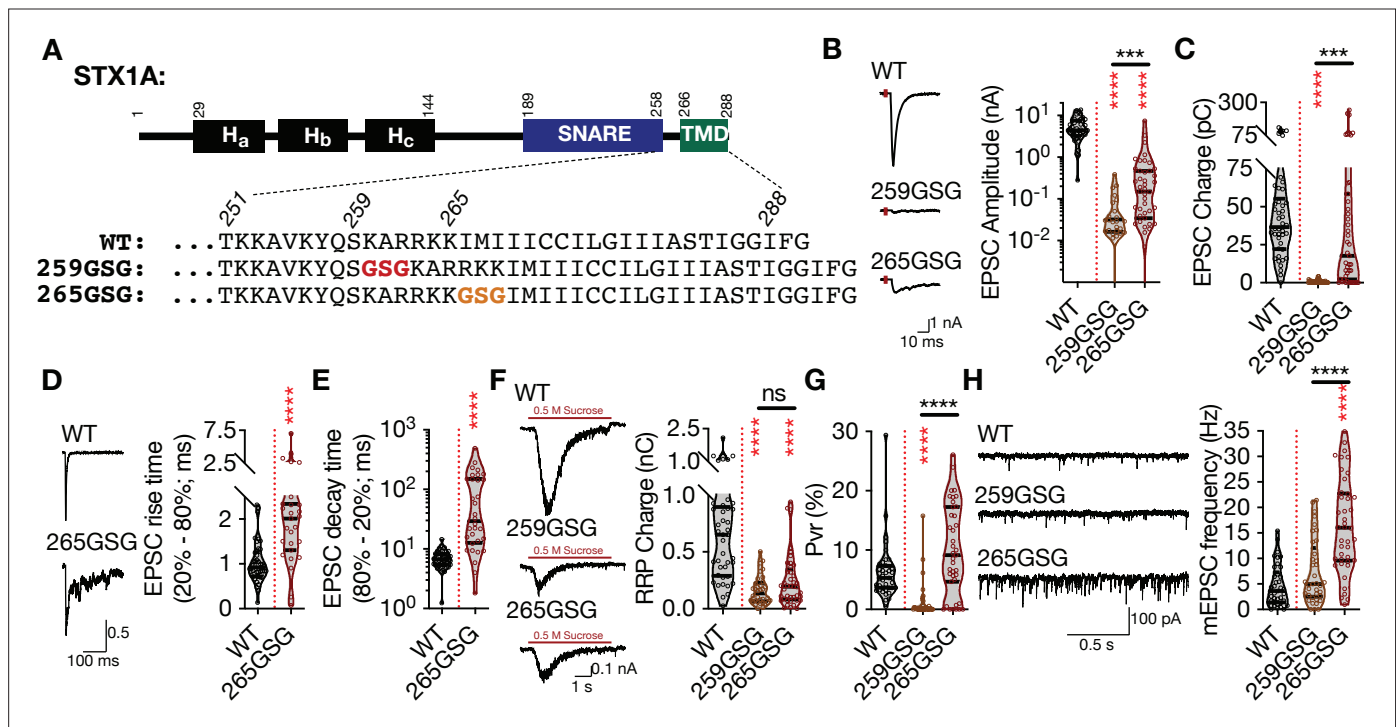


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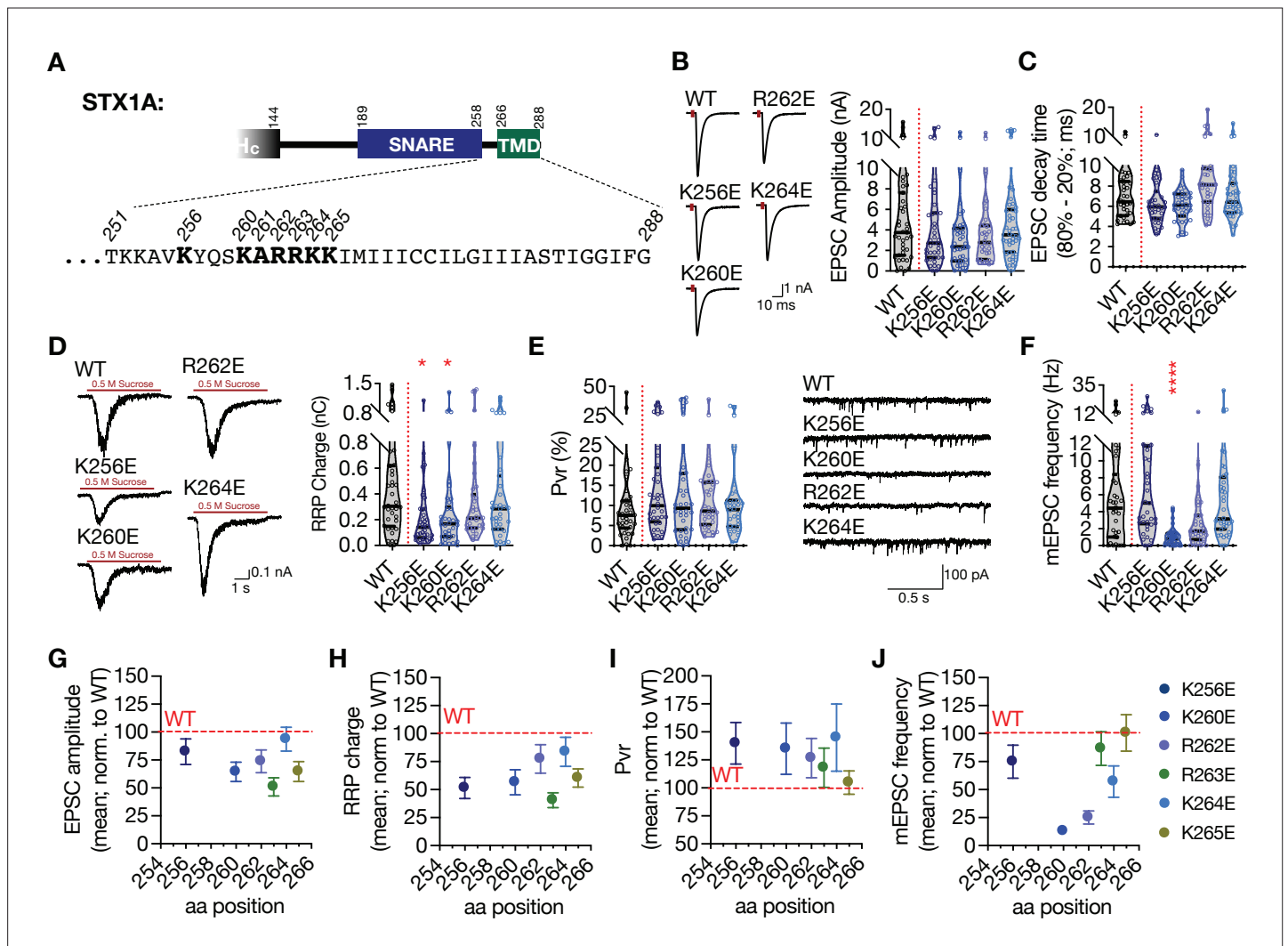
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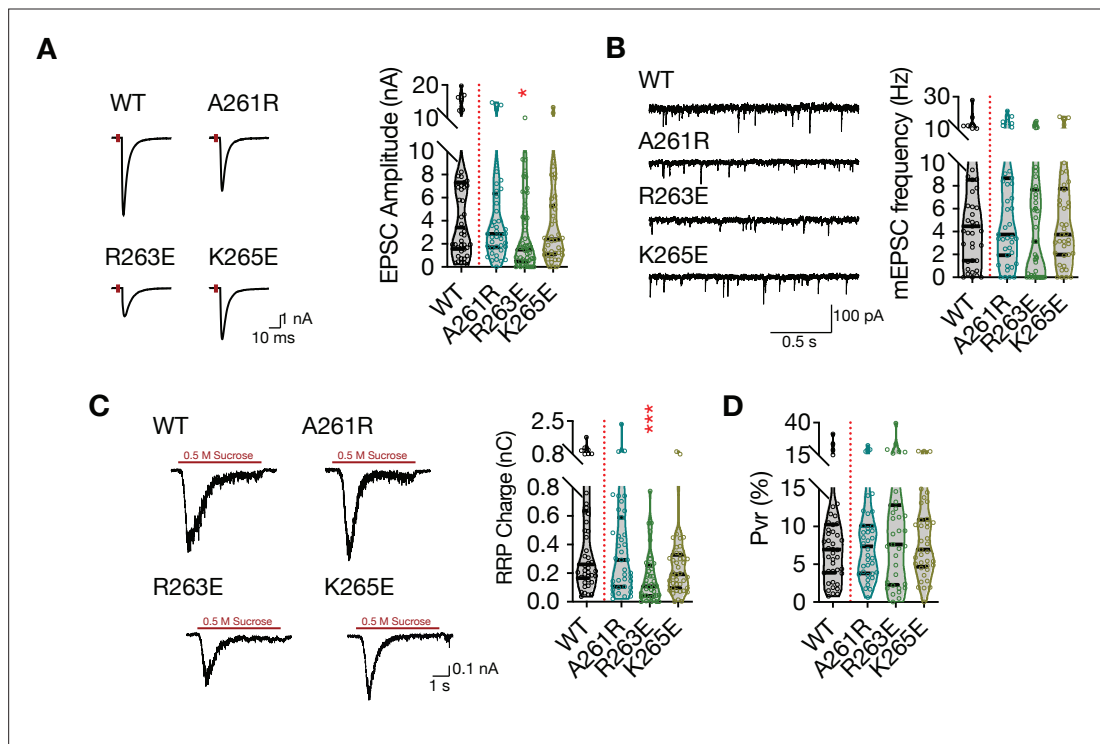
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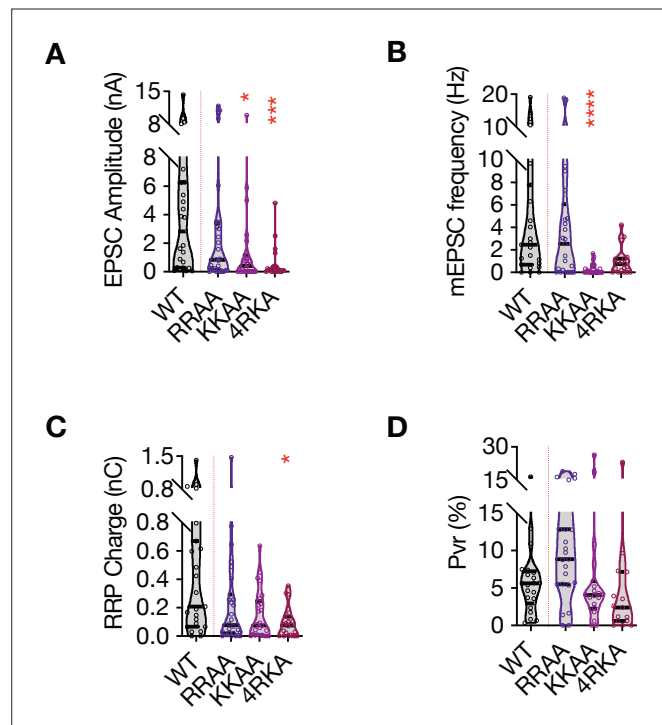
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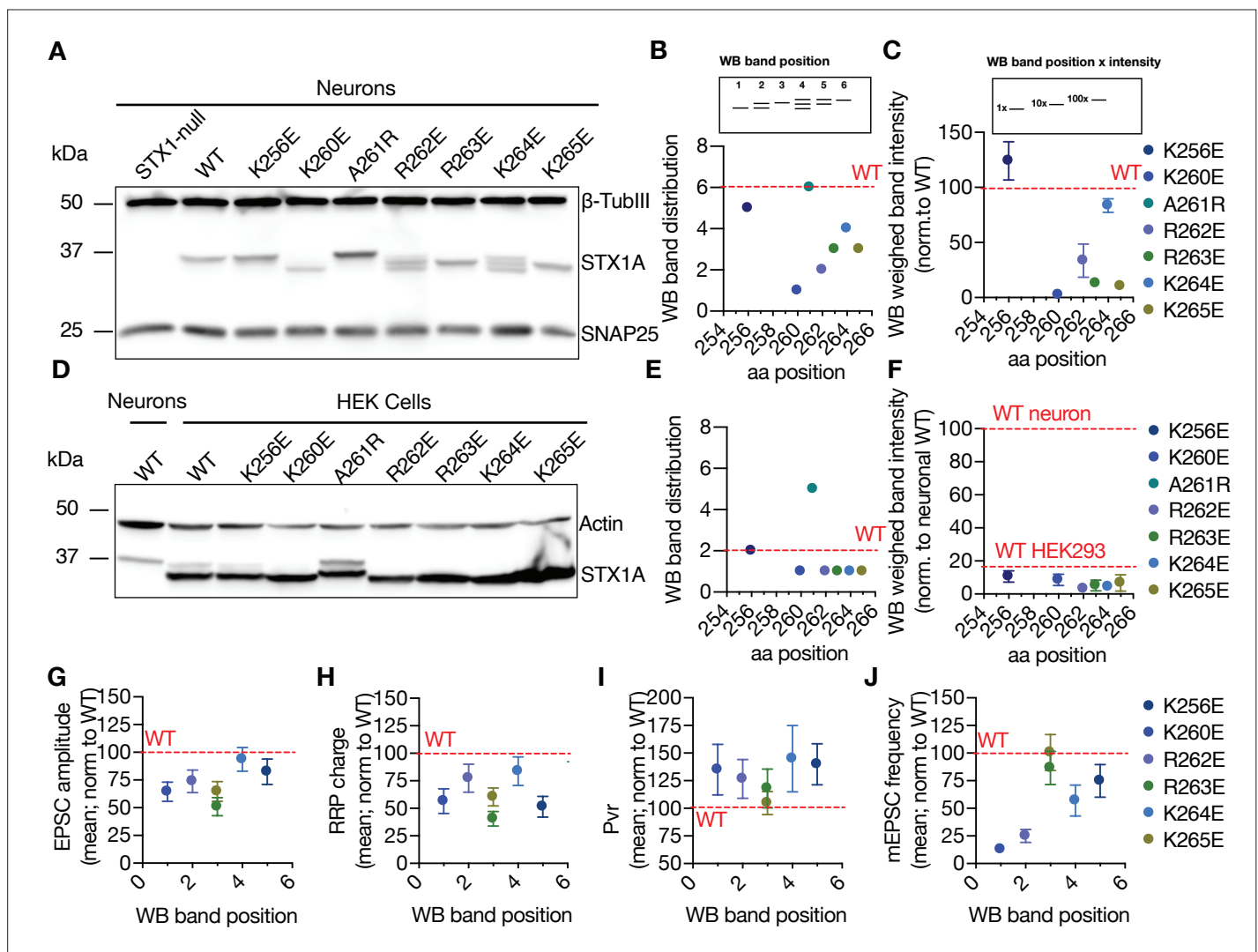
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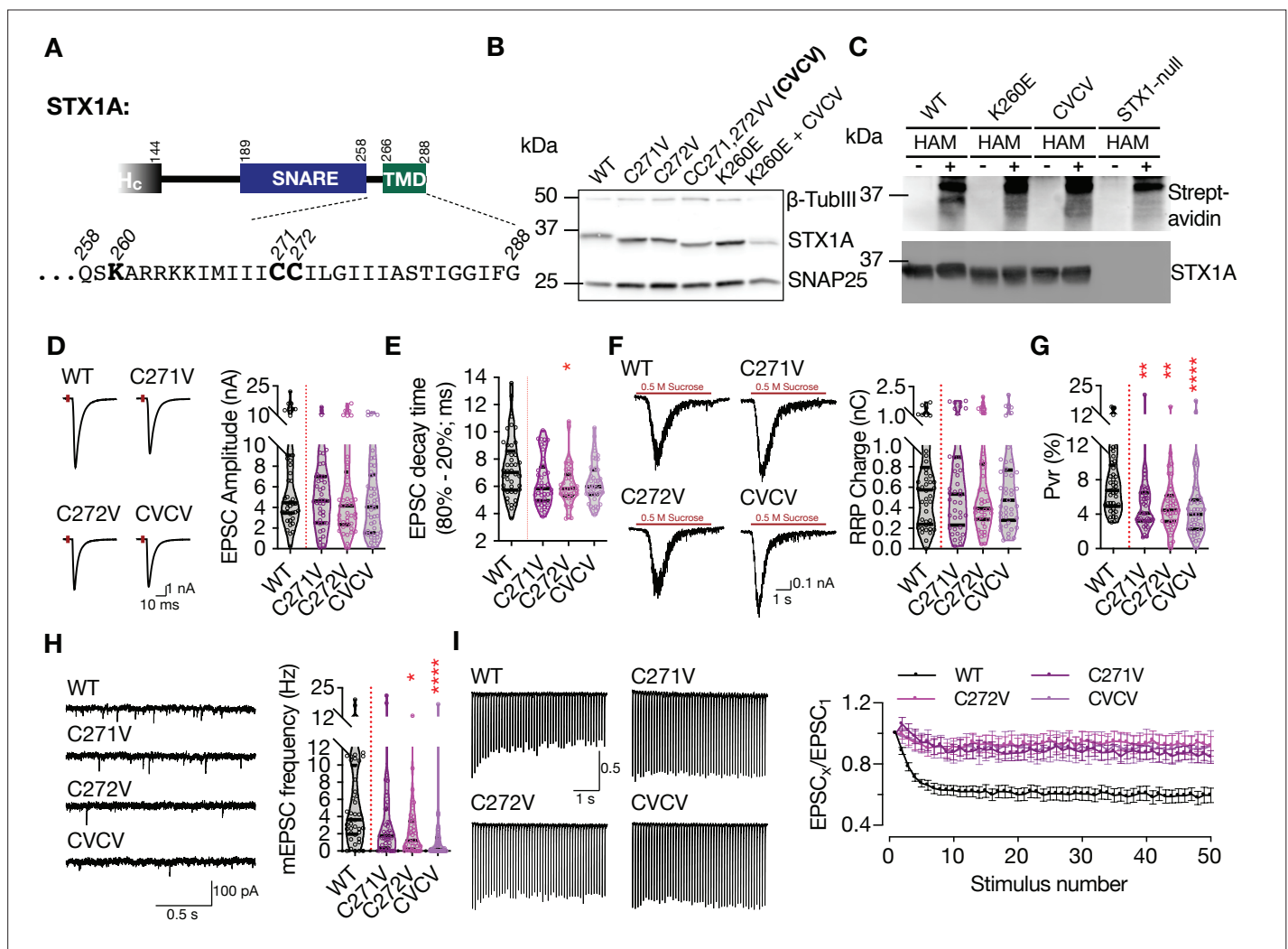
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**Figure 2—figure supplement 2.** Multiple charge neutralization mutations in STX1A's JMD dramatically impairs neurotransmitter release. **(A)** Quantification of the amplitude of excitatory postsynaptic currents (EPSCs) obtained from hippocampal autaptic STX1-null neurons rescued either with STX1A<sup>WT</sup>, STX1A<sup>RRAA</sup> (R262A,R263A), STX1A<sup>KKAA</sup> (K264A,K265A), or STX1A<sup>4RKA</sup> (R262A,R263A,K264A,K265A). **(B)** Quantification of the frequency of miniature excitatory postsynaptic currents (mEPSCs) recorded from the same neurons as in **(A)**. **(C)** Quantification of readily releasable pool (RRP) recorded from the same neurons as in **(A)**. **(D)** Quantification of vesicular probability (Pvr) recorded from the same neurons as in **(A)**. Data information: the data points represent single observations, the violin bars represent the distribution of the data with lines showing the median and the quartiles. Red annotations (stars) on the graphs show the significance comparisons to STX1A<sup>WT</sup>. Non-parametric Kruskal-Wallis test followed by Dunn's post hoc test was applied to data in **(A–D)**; \*p≤0.05, \*\*\*p≤0.001, \*\*\*\*p≤0.001. The numerical values are summarized in source data.

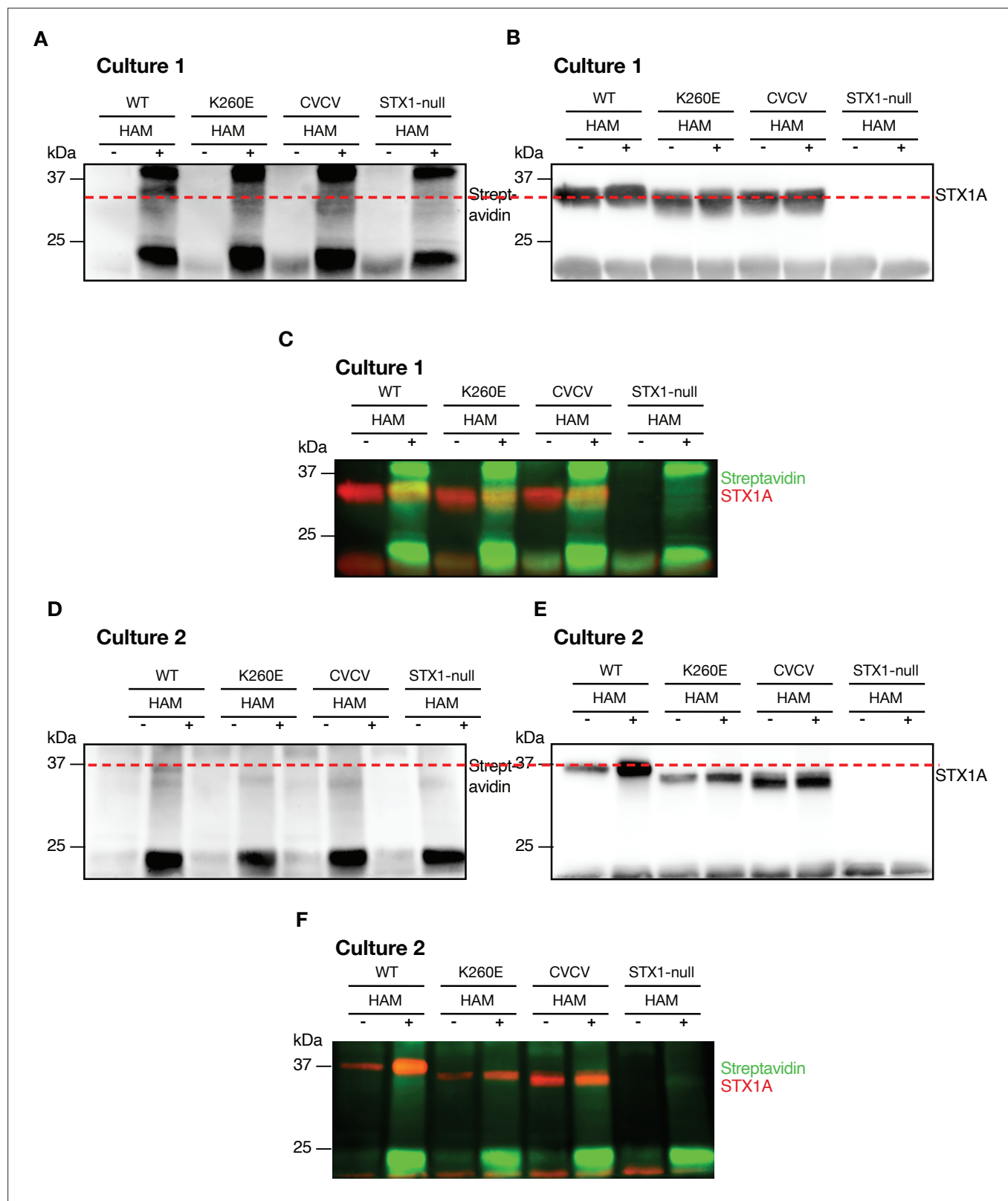


**Figure 3.** Charge reversal mutations in STX1A's JMD manifest position-specific effects on the molecular weight of STX1A. **(A)** Example image of SDS-PAGE of the electrophoretic analysis of lysates obtained from STX1-null neurons transduced with different STX1A JMD charge reversal mutations. **(B)** Quantification of the STX1A band pattern on SDS-PAGE of neuronal lysates through assignment of arbitrary hierarchical numbers from 1 to 6 based on the distance traveled, where number 1 represents the lowest single band as in STX1A<sup>K260E</sup> and number 6 represents the highest single band as in STX1A<sup>WT</sup>. **(C)** Quantification of the STX1A weighed band intensity of neuronal lysates for which the lowest band was arbitrarily assigned by 1 × and the highest band was assigned as 100 × and multiplied by the measured intensity of the STX1A bands. **(D)** Example image of SDS-PAGE of the electrophoretic analysis of lysates obtained from HEK293 cells transfected with different STX1A JMD charge reversal mutations. **(E)** Quantification of the STX1A band pattern on SDS-PAGE of HEK293 cell lysates as in **(B)**. **(F)** Quantification of the STX1A weighed band intensity on SDS-PAGE of HEK293 cell lysates as in **(C)**. **(G)** Correlation of the excitatory postsynaptic current (EPSC) amplitude normalized to that of STX1A<sup>WT</sup> to the western blot (WB) band position of STX1A charge reversal mutation. **(H)** Correlation of the readily releasable pool (RRP) charge normalized to that of STX1A<sup>WT</sup> to the WB band position of STX1A charge reversal mutation. **(I)** Correlation of vesicular probability (Pvr) normalized to that of STX1A<sup>WT</sup> to the WB band position of STX1A charge reversal mutation. **(J)** Correlation of the miniature excitatory postsynaptic current (mEPSC) frequency normalized to that of STX1A<sup>WT</sup> to the WB band position of STX1A charge reversal mutation. Data information: in **(C, F, and G–J)**, data points represent mean ± SEM. Red lines in all graphs represent the STX1A<sup>WT</sup> level. The numerical values are summarized in source data.



**Figure 4.** Charge reversal mutations in STX1A's JMD manifest position-specific effects on different modes of neurotransmitter release. **(A)** Position of the palmitoylation deficiency mutations on STX1A's TMD. **(B)** Example image of SDS-PAGE of the electrophoretic analysis of lysates obtained from STX1-null neurons transduced with STX1A with different palmitoylation deficiency mutations and with STX1A<sup>K260E</sup> and STX1A<sup>K260E</sup>+CVCV. **(C)** Example image of the SDS-PAGE of lysates of STX1-null neurons transduced with FLAG-tagged STX1A<sup>WT</sup>, STX1A<sup>K260E</sup>, or STX1A<sup>CVCV</sup> loaded onto the SDS-PAGE after Acyl-Biotin-Exchange (ABE) method and visualized by Horseradish peroxidase (HRP)-Streptavidin antibody (top panel). After stripping the Streptavidin antibody, the membrane was developed with STX1A antibody (bottom panel). **(D)** Example traces (left) and quantification of the amplitude (right) of excitatory postsynaptic currents (EPSCs) obtained from hippocampal autaptic STX1-null neurons rescued either with STX1A<sup>WT</sup>, STX1A<sup>C271V</sup>, STX1A<sup>C272V</sup>, or STX1A<sup>CVCV</sup>. **(E)** Quantification of the decay time (80–20%) of the EPSC recorded from the same neurons as in (D). **(F)** Example traces (left) and quantification of readily releasable pool (RRP) recorded from the same neurons as in (D). **(G)** Quantification of vesicular probability (Pvr) recorded from the same neurons as in (D). **(H)** Example traces (left) and quantification of the frequency (right) of miniature excitatory postsynaptic currents (mEPSCs) recorded from the same neurons as in (D). **(I)** Example traces (left) and quantification (right) of short-term plasticity (STP) measured by 50 stimulations at 10 Hz recorded from the same neurons as in (D). Data information: the artifacts are blanked in example traces in (D and F). The example traces in (H) were filtered at 1 kHz. In (D–H), data points represent single observations, the violin bars represent the distribution of the data with lines showing the median and the quartiles. In (I), data points represent mean  $\pm$  SEM. Red annotations (stars) on the graphs show the significance comparisons to STX1A<sup>WT</sup>. Non-parametric Kruskal-Wallis test followed by Dunn's post hoc test was applied to data in (D–H); \* $p \leq 0.05$ , \*\* $p \leq 0.01$ , \*\*\*\* $p \leq 0.0001$ . The numerical values are summarized in source data.





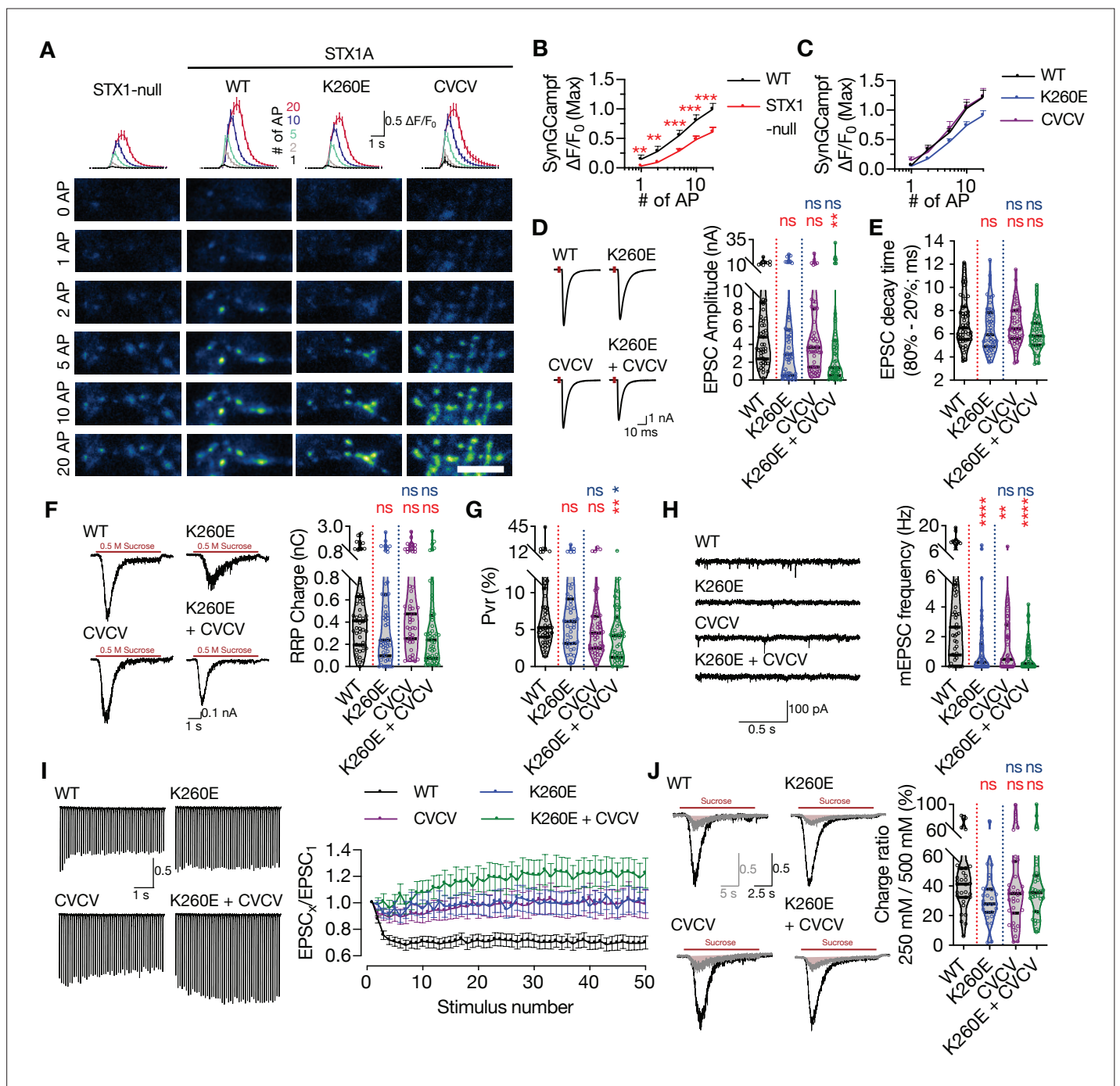
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biotin and STX1A detection (Culture 1). (D) The repetition of the ABE method. The samples were probed with HRP-streptavidin antibody (Culture 2). (E) The membranes were reprobed with anti-STX1A antibody (Culture 2). (F) Superimposition of the biotin and STX1A detection (Culture 2).

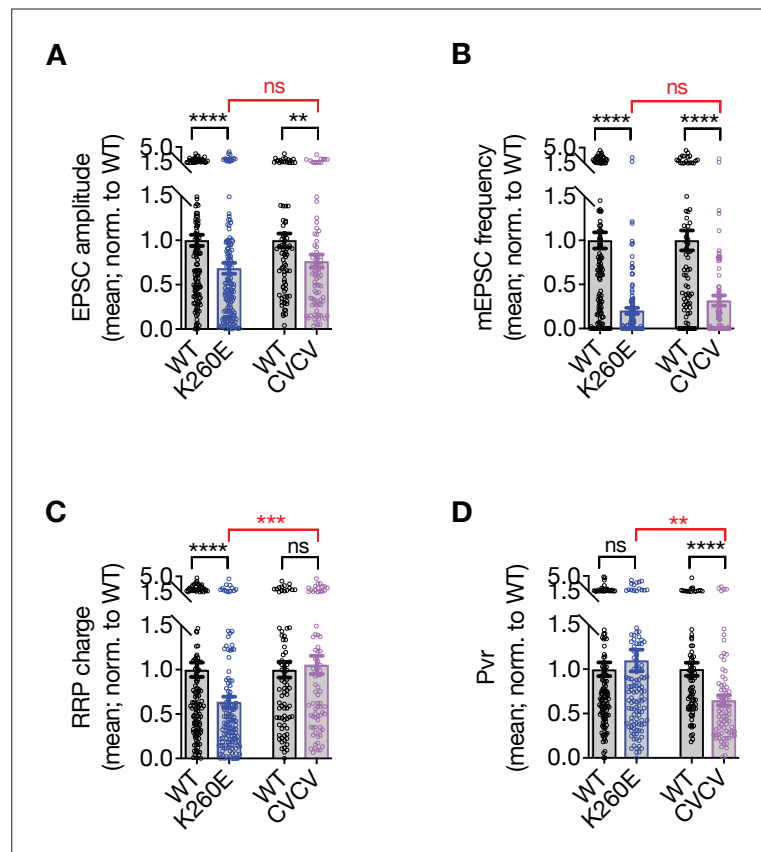


**Figure 5.** Combination of the K260E and CVCV mutations does not further change the phenotype of STX1A<sup>K260E</sup>. **(A)** The average (top panel) of SynGCaMP6f fluorescence as ( $\Delta F/F_0$ ) and example images thereof (bottom panels) in STX1-null neurons either not rescued or rescued with STX1A<sup>WT</sup>, STX1A<sup>K260E</sup>, or STX1A<sup>CVCV</sup>. The images were recorded at baseline, and at 1, 2, 5, 10, and 20 APs. Scale bar: 10  $\mu$ m. **(B)** Quantification of the SynGCaMP6f fluorescence as ( $\Delta F/F_0$ ) in STX1-null neurons either not rescued or rescued with STX1A<sup>WT</sup>. **(C)** Quantification of the SynGCaMP6f fluorescence as ( $\Delta F/F_0$ ) in STX1-null neurons rescued with STX1A<sup>WT</sup>, STX1A<sup>K260E</sup>, or STX1A<sup>CVCV</sup>. **(D)** Example traces (left) and quantification of the amplitude (right) of excitatory postsynaptic currents (EPSCs) obtained from hippocampal autaptic STX1-null neurons rescued either with STX1A<sup>WT</sup>, STX1A<sup>K260E</sup>, STX1A<sup>CVCV</sup>, or STX1A<sup>K260E+CVCV</sup>. **(E)** Quantification of the decay time (80–20%) of the EPSC recorded from the same neurons as in **(D)**. **(F)** Example traces (left) and quantification of readily releasable pool (RRP) recorded from the same neurons as in **(D)**. **(G)** Quantification of vesicular probability (Pvr) recorded from the same neurons as in **(D)**. **(H)** Example traces (left) and quantification of the frequency (right) of miniature excitatory postsynaptic currents (mEPSCs) recorded from the same neurons as in **(D)**. **(I)** Example traces (left) and quantification (right) of short-term plasticity (STP) measured by 50 stimulations at 10 Hz recorded from same neurons as in **(D)**. **(J)** Example traces (left) and quantification (right) of the ratio of the charge transfer triggered by 250 mM

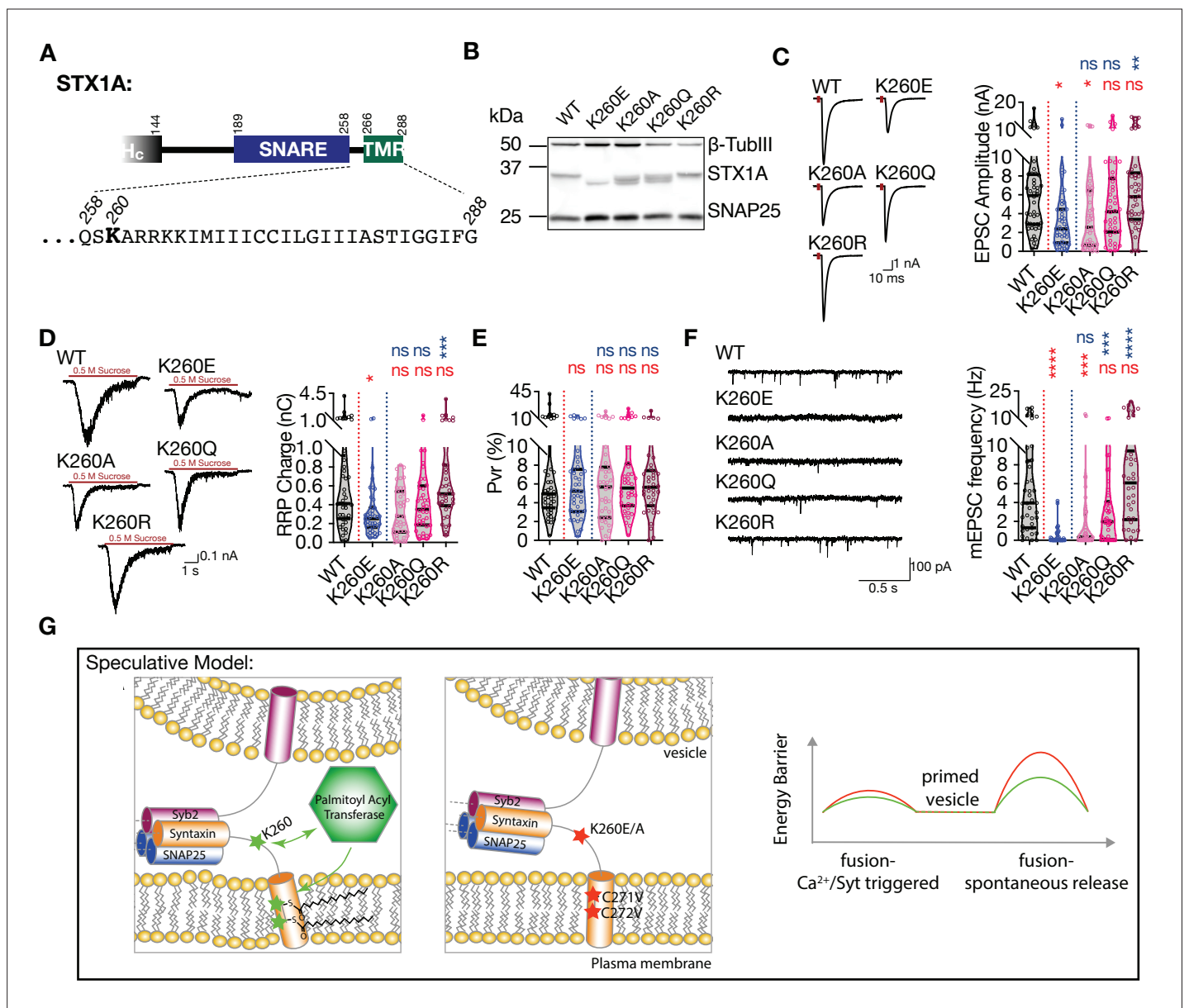
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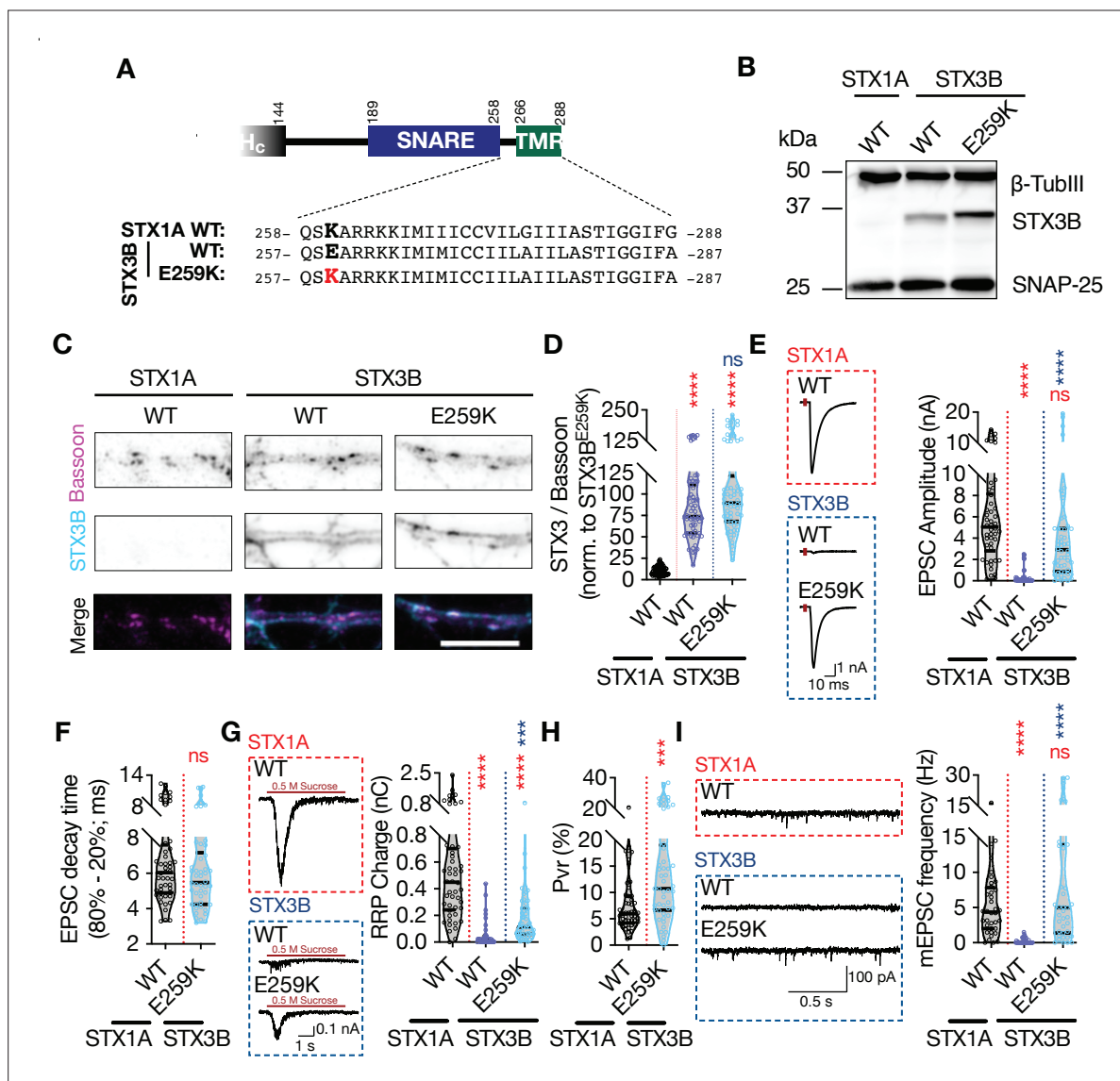
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**Figure 5—figure supplement 1.** Comparison of the STX1A<sup>K260E</sup> and STX1A<sup>CVCV</sup> phenotypes by the pooled data of the normalized values for each culture. (A) The excitatory postsynaptic current (EPSC) amplitude values were normalized to STX1A<sup>WT</sup> in each individual culture and pooled together. (B) The miniature excitatory postsynaptic current (mEPSC) frequency values were normalized to STX1A<sup>WT</sup> in each individual culture and pooled together. (C) The readily releasable pool (RRP) values were normalized to STX1A<sup>WT</sup> in each individual culture and pooled together. (D) The vesicular probability (Pvr) values were normalized to STX1A<sup>WT</sup> in each individual culture and pooled together. Data information: data points represent single observations and bar graphs represent mean ± SEM. Black annotations (stars and ns) on the graphs show the significance comparisons to STX1A<sup>WT</sup> based on non-parametric Mann-Whitney test. Red annotations (stars and ns) on the graphs show the significance comparisons between STX1A<sup>K260E</sup> and STX1A<sup>CVCV</sup> based on non-parametric Kruskal-Wallis test followed by Dunn's post hoc test; \*\*p≤0.01, \*\*\*p≤0.001, \*\*\*\*p≤0.0001. The numerical values are summarized in source data.

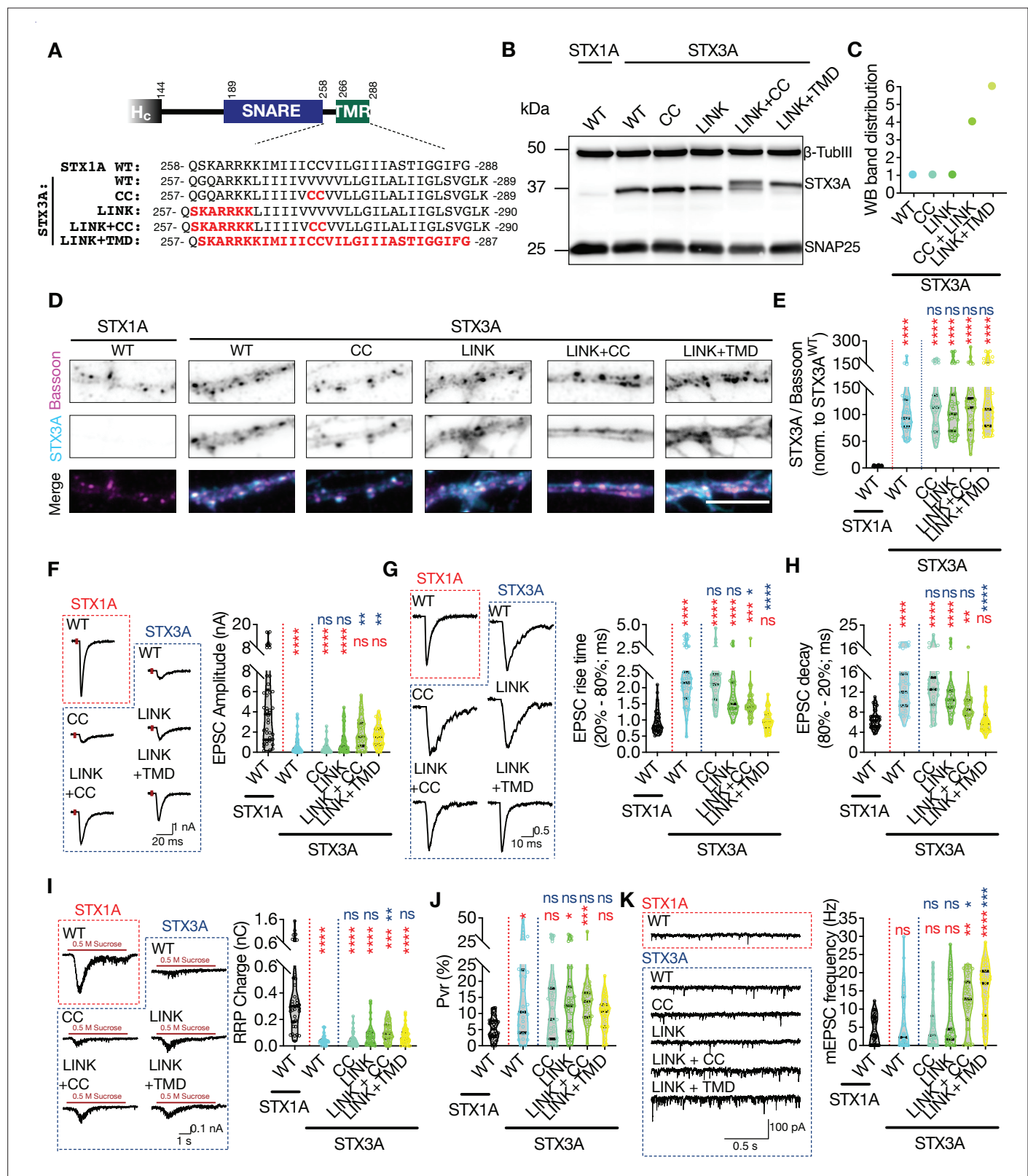


**Figure 6.** Palmitoylation of STX1A's TMD depends on the presence of a basic residue at position AA 260 on its JMD. **(A)** Position of the AA 260 on STX1A's JMD. **(B)** Example image of SDS-PAGE of the electrophoretic analysis of lysates obtained from STX1-null neurons transduced with STX1A<sup>WT</sup>, STX1A<sup>K260E</sup>, STX1A<sup>K260A</sup>, STX1A<sup>K260Q</sup>, or STX1A<sup>K260R</sup>. **(C)** Example traces (left) and quantification of the amplitude (right) of excitatory postsynaptic currents (EPSCs) obtained from hippocampal autaptic STX1-null neurons rescued either with STX1A<sup>WT</sup>, STX1A<sup>K260E</sup>, STX1A<sup>K260A</sup>, STX1A<sup>K260Q</sup>, or STX1A<sup>K260R</sup>. **(D)** Example traces (left) and quantification of readily releasable pool (RRP) recorded from the same neurons as in **(C)**. **(E)** Quantification of vesicular probability (Pvr) recorded from the same neurons as in **(C)**. **(F)** Example traces (left) and quantification of the frequency (right) of miniature excitatory postsynaptic currents (mEPSCs) recorded from the same neurons as in **(C)**. **(G)** Speculative model of the role of K260 and C271/C272 residues of STX1A. Left panel: the TMD of STX1A<sup>WT</sup> potentially adopts a tilted conformation that reduces the energy barrier for membrane merger. Palmitoylation of the TMD regulated by K260 contributes to its tilted conformation and thus to the facilitation of vesicle fusion. Middle panel: Inhibition of the palmitoylation of STX1A's TMD either by K260E or CVCV mutations encumbers the TMD tilting and thus increases the energy barrier required for membrane merger. Right panel: the energy barrier is lower when STX1A-TMD is palmitoylated (STX1A<sup>WT</sup>, green) compared to that when STX1A-TMD is not palmitoylated (STX1A<sup>K260E</sup> or STX1A<sup>CVCV</sup>, red). Data information: the artifacts are blanked in example traces in **(C and D)**. The example traces in **(F)** were filtered at 1 kHz. In **(C-F)**, data points represent single observations, the violin bars represent the distribution of the data with lines showing the median and the quartiles. Red and blue annotations (stars and ns) on the graphs show the significance comparisons to STX1A<sup>WT</sup> and STX1A<sup>K260E</sup>, respectively. Non-parametric Kruskal-Wallis test followed by Dunn's post hoc test was applied to data in **(C-F)**; \*p<0.05, \*\*p<0.01, \*\*\*p<0.001, \*\*\*\*p<0.0001. The numerical values are summarized in source data.



**Figure 7.** Retinal ribbon specific STX3B has a glutamate at position AA 259 rendering its JMD similar to that of STX1AK260E and E259K mutation on STX3B acts as a molecular on-switch. **(A)** Position of the AA 259 on STX3B's JMD. **(B)** Example image of SDS-PAGE of the electrophoretic analysis of lysates obtained from STX1-null neurons transduced with STX1A<sup>WT</sup>, STX3B<sup>WT</sup>, or STX3B<sup>E259K</sup>. **(C)** Example images of immunofluorescence labeling for Bassoon and STX3B, shown as magenta and cyan, respectively, in the corresponding composite pseudocolored images obtained from high-density cultures of STX1-null hippocampal neurons rescued with STX1A<sup>WT</sup>, STX3B<sup>WT</sup>, or STX3B<sup>E259K</sup>. Scale bar: 10 μm **(F)** Quantification of the immunofluorescence intensity of STX3B as normalized to the immunofluorescence intensity of Bassoon in the same ROIs as shown in **(C)**. The values were then normalized to the values obtained from STX3B<sup>WT</sup> neurons. **(E)** Example traces (left) and quantification of the amplitude (right) of excitatory postsynaptic currents (EPSCs) obtained from hippocampal autaptic STX1-null neurons rescued with STX1A<sup>WT</sup>, STX3B<sup>WT</sup>, or STX3B<sup>E259K</sup>. **(F)** Quantification of the decay time (80–20%) of the EPSC recorded from the same neurons as in **(E)**. **(G)** Example traces (left) and quantification of readily releasable pool (RRP) recorded from the same neurons as in **(E)**. **(H)** Quantification of vesicular probability (Pvr) recorded from the same neurons as in **(E)**. **(I)** Example traces (left) and quantification of the frequency (right) of miniature excitatory postsynaptic currents (mEPSCs) recorded from the same neurons as in **(E)**. Data information: The artifacts are blanked in example traces in **(E and G)**. The example traces in **(I)** were filtered at 1 kHz. In **(D–I)**, data points represent single observations, the violin bars represent the distribution of the data with lines showing the median and the quartiles. Red and blue annotations (stars and ns) on the graphs show the significance comparisons to STX1A<sup>WT</sup> and STX3B<sup>WT</sup>, respectively. Non-parametric Kruskal-Wallis test followed by Dunn's post hoc test was applied to data in **(C–F)**; \*\*\* $p < 0.001$ , \*\*\*\* $p < 0.0001$ . The numerical values are summarized in source data.





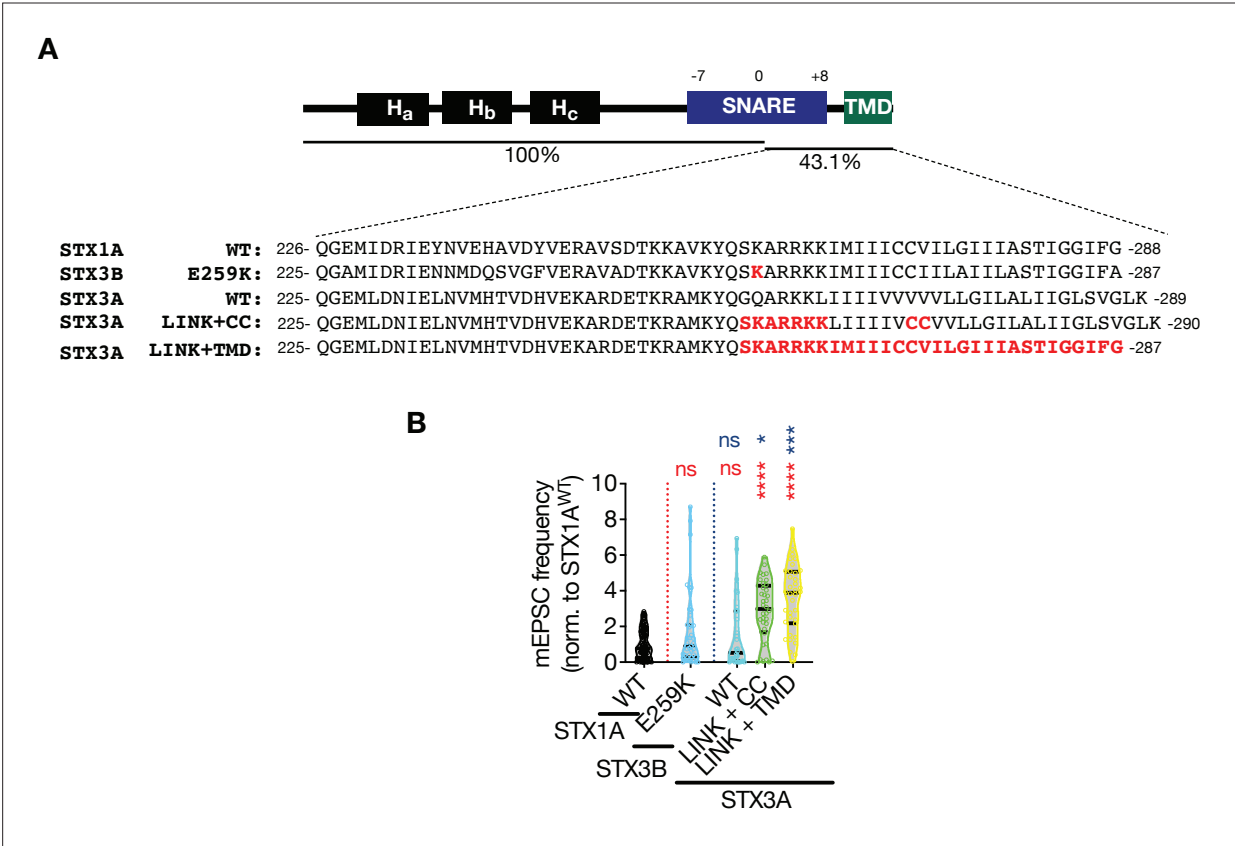
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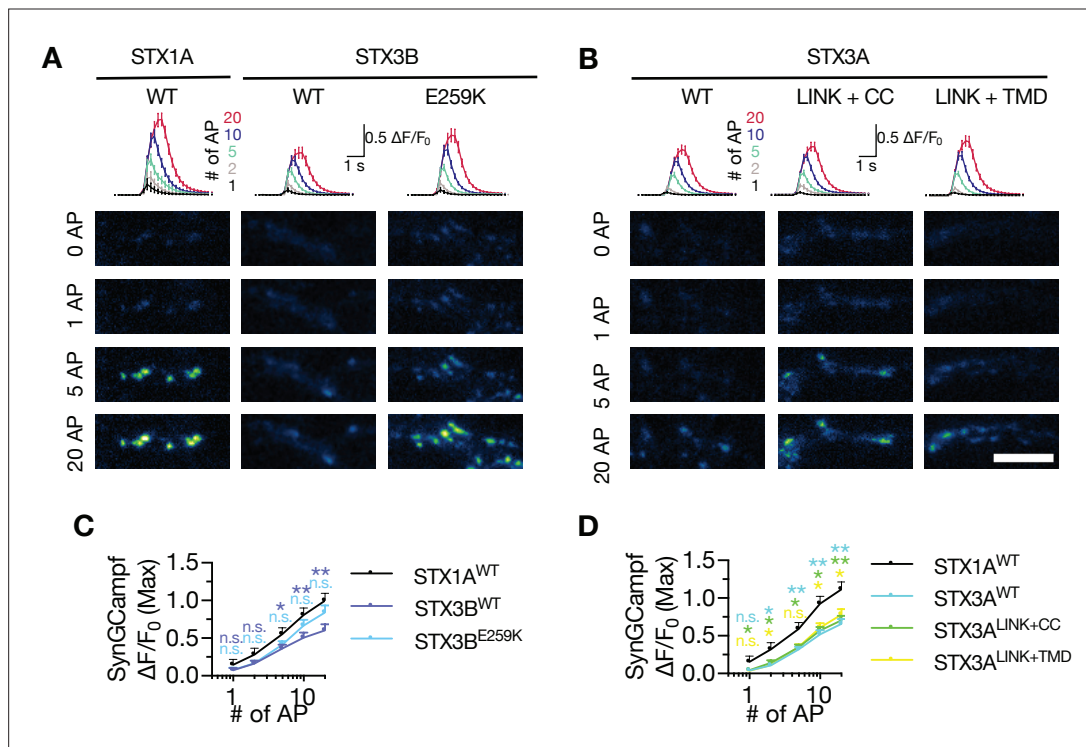


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traveled as in **Figure 3A**. **(D)** Example images of immunofluorescence labeling for Bassoon and STX3A, shown as magenta and cyan, respectively, in the corresponding composite pseudocolored images obtained from high-density cultures of STX1-null hippocampal neurons rescued with STX1A<sup>WT</sup>, STX3A<sup>WT</sup>, STX3A<sup>CC</sup>, STX3A<sup>LINK+CC</sup>, or STX3A<sup>LINK+TMR</sup>. Scale bar: 10  $\mu$ m. **(E)** Quantification of the immunofluorescence intensity of STX3A as normalized to the immunofluorescence intensity of Bassoon in the same ROIs as shown in **(D)**. The values were then normalized to the values obtained from STX3A<sup>WT</sup> neurons. **(F)** Example traces (left) and quantification of the amplitude (right) of excitatory postsynaptic currents (EPSCs) obtained from hippocampal autaptic STX1-null neurons rescued with STX1A<sup>WT</sup>, STX3A<sup>WT</sup>, STX3A<sup>CC</sup>, STX3A<sup>LINK+CC</sup>, or STX3A<sup>LINK+TMR</sup>. **(G)** Example traces with the peak normalized to 1 (left) and quantification of the EPSC rise time measured from 20 to 80% of the EPSC recorded from STX1-null neurons as in **(F)**. **(H)** Quantification of the decay time (80–20%) of the EPSC recorded from the same neurons as in **(F)**. **(I)** Example traces (left) and quantification of readily releasable pool (RRP) recorded from the same neurons as in **(F)**. **(J)** Quantification of vesicular probability (Pvr) recorded from the same neurons as in **(F)**. **(K)** Example traces (left) and quantification of the frequency (right) of miniature excitatory postsynaptic currents (mEPSCs) recorded from the same neurons as in **(F)**. Data information: the artifacts are blanked in example traces in **(F, G, and I)**. The example traces in **(K)** were filtered at 1 kHz. In **(E–K)**, data points represent single observations, the violin bars represent the distribution of the data with lines showing the median and the quartiles. Red and blue annotations (stars and ns) on the graphs show the significance comparisons to STX1A<sup>WT</sup> and STX3A<sup>WT</sup>, respectively. Non-parametric Kruskal-Wallis test followed by Dunn's post hoc test was applied to data in **(C–F)**; \* $p \leq 0.05$ , \*\* $p \leq 0.01$ , \*\*\* $p \leq 0.001$ , \*\*\*\* $p \leq 0.0001$ . The numerical values are summarized in source data.



**Figure 8—figure supplement 1.** C-terminal half of STX1A's SNARE domain clamps spontaneous neurotransmitter release. **(A)** Sequence alignment of the JMD and TMD regions of STX1A<sup>WT</sup>, STX3B<sup>E259K</sup>, STX3A<sup>WT</sup>, STX3A<sup>LINK+CC</sup>, and STX3A<sup>LINK+TMD</sup>. **(B)** The miniature excitatory postsynaptic current (mEPSC) frequency values were normalized to STX1A<sup>WT</sup> in each individual culture and pooled together. Data information: data points represent single observations and the violin bars represent the distribution of the data with lines showing the median and the quartiles. Red and blue annotations (stars and ns) on the graphs show the significance comparisons to STX1A<sup>WT</sup> and STX3B<sup>E259K</sup>, respectively. Non-parametric Kruskal-Wallis test followed by Dunn's post hoc test was applied to data in **(C–F)**; \*p<0.05, \*\*\*p<0.001, \*\*\*\*p<0.0001. The numerical values are summarized in source data.



**Figure 9.** Neither STX3A nor STX3B rescues the global  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ -influx back at WT-like level in STX1-null neurons. **(A)** The average (top panel) of SynGCaMP6f fluorescence as ( $\Delta F/F_0$ ) and example images thereof (bottom panels) in STX1-null neurons rescued with STX1A<sup>WT</sup>, STX3B<sup>WT</sup>, or STX3B<sup>E259K</sup>. The images were recorded at baseline, and at 1, 2, 5, 10, and 20 APs. Scale bar: 10  $\mu$ m. **(B)** The average (top panel) of SynGCaMP6f fluorescence as ( $\Delta F/F_0$ ) and example images thereof (bottom panels) in STX1-null neurons rescued with STX1A<sup>WT</sup>, STX3A<sup>WT</sup>, STX3A<sup>CC</sup>, STX3A<sup>LINK+CC</sup>, or STX3A<sup>LINK+TMD</sup>. The images were recorded at baseline, and at 1, 2, 5, 10, and 20 APs. Scale bar: 10  $\mu$ m. **(C)** Quantification of the SynGCaMP6f fluorescence as ( $\Delta F/F_0$ ) in STX1-null neurons rescued with STX1A<sup>WT</sup>, STX3B<sup>WT</sup>, or STX3B<sup>E259K</sup>. **(D)** Quantification of the SynGCaMP6f fluorescence as ( $\Delta F/F_0$ ) in STX1-null neurons rescued with STX1A<sup>WT</sup>, STX3A<sup>WT</sup>, STX3A<sup>CC</sup>, STX3A<sup>LINK+CC</sup>, or STX3A<sup>LINK+TMD</sup>. Data information: in **(C and D)**, data points represent mean  $\pm$  SEM. All annotations (stars and ns) on the graphs show the significance comparisons to STX1A<sup>WT</sup> with the color of corresponding group. Non-parametric Kruskal-Wallis test followed by Dunn's post hoc test was applied to data in **(C and D)**; \* $p \leq 0.05$ , \*\* $p \leq 0.01$ . The numerical values are summarized in source data.