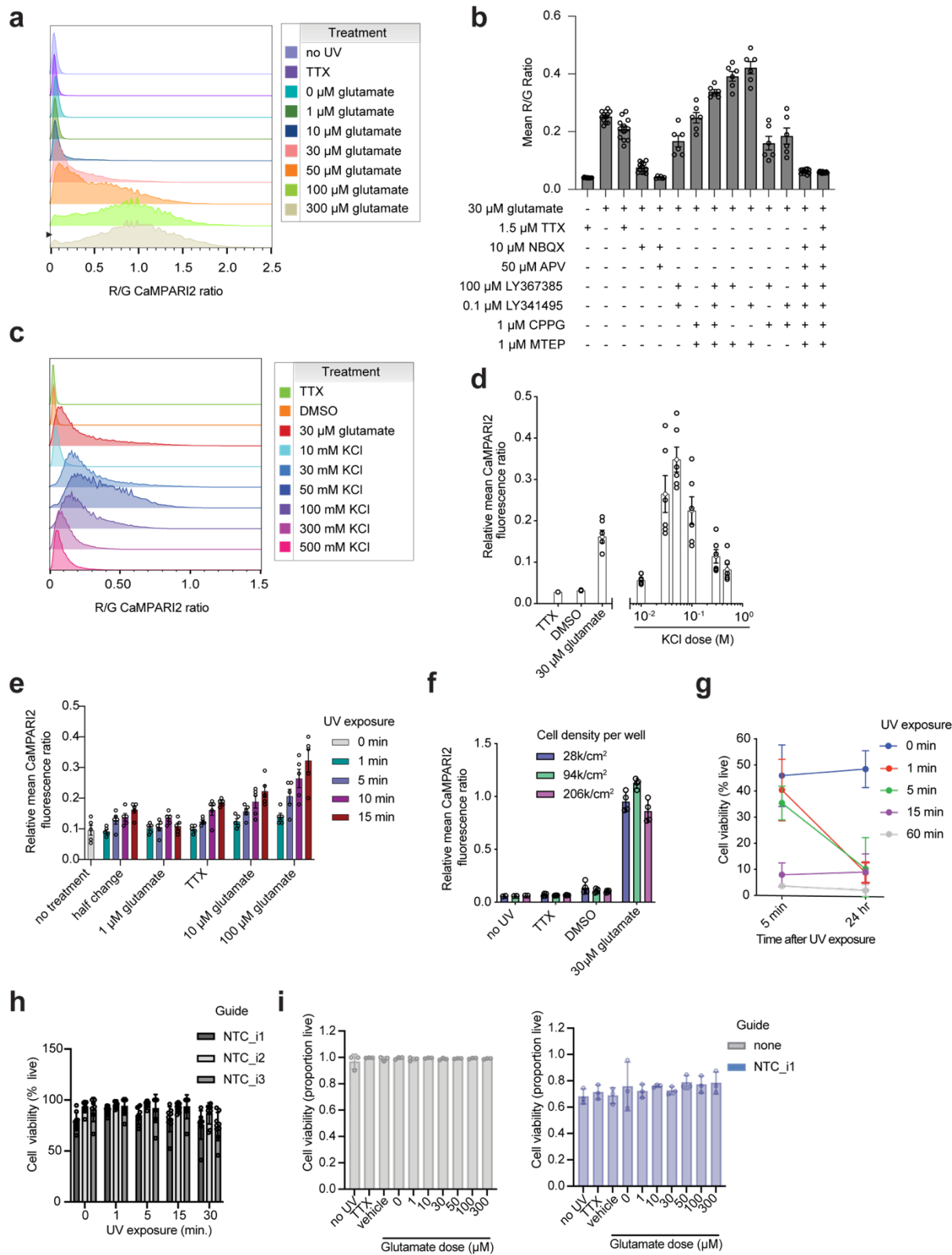


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Supplementary Figure 1. CaMPARI2 reliably conveys AMPAR activation at the synapse without significant UV toxicity.

(a) CaMPARI2 dose response to glutamate. CaMPARI2 iNeurons were treated with TTX or various concentrations of glutamate (0, 1, 10, 30, 60, or 100 μ M) and illuminated with UV to measure photoconversion of CaMPARI2. Photoconversion increased in a dose-dependent manner.

(b) CaMPARI2 response to glutamate with co-treatment of GluR antagonists and TTX. CaMPARI2 activation is reduced to baseline (neurons treated with 1.5 μ M TTX) when treated with APV and NBQX. Activation is not fully reduced to baseline with a full spectrum cocktail of mGluR antagonists, but is still lower than glutamate treatment alone. N = 6 independent culture wells. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

(c) CaMPARI2 dose response to KCl. CaMPARI2 iNeurons were treated with TTX, 30 μ M glutamate, 0.1% DMSO or various concentrations of KCl (10, 30, 50, 100, 300, 500 mM) and illuminated with UV to measure photoconversion of CaMPARI2. Photoconversion increased in a dose-dependent manner to a peak at 50 mM, where a decline in photoconversion was observed at higher concentrations of KCl.

(d) Quantification of CaMPARI2 red/green fluorescence ratio from (b). A non-linear fit could not be established, however the 50 mM KCl treatment was selected for later experiments due to the high conversion and range of response. N = 6 independent culture wells. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

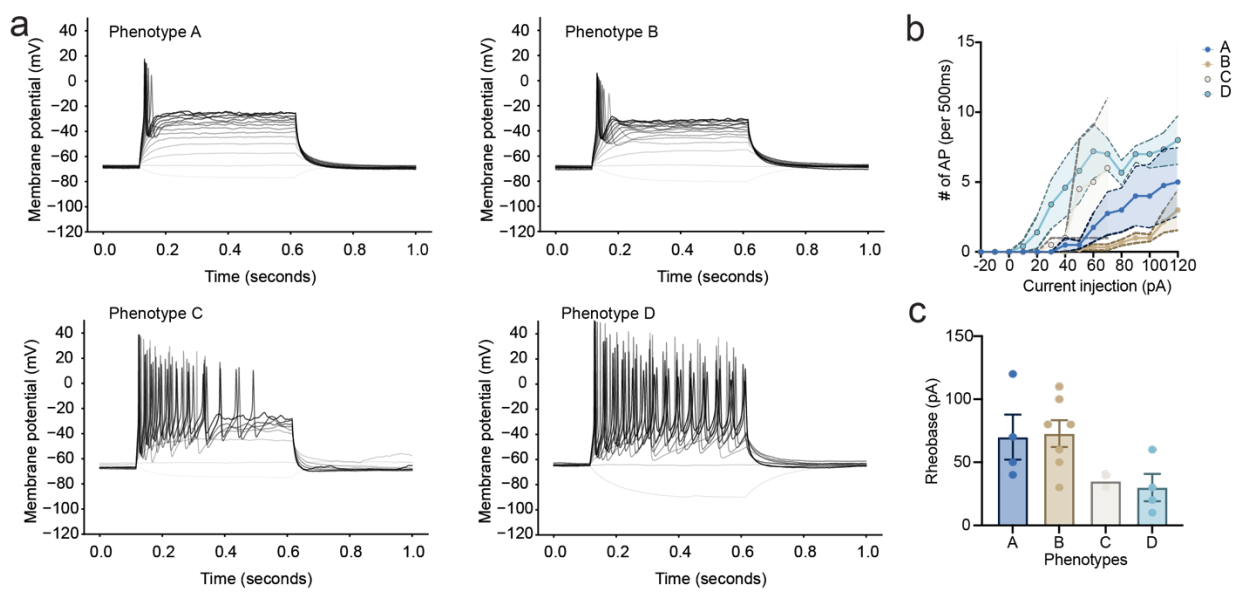
(e) CaMPARI photoconversion in response to various UV durations. CaMPARI2 iNeurons were treated with TTX or various concentrations of glutamate (0, 1, 10, or 100 μ M) and illuminated with UV for various durations of time (0, 1, 5, 10, or 15 min). After illumination, cells were dissociated for flow cytometry and analyzed. N = 5 independent culture wells. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

(f) Measuring effect of cell density on CaMPARI photoconversion. Significant deviations from optimal plating conditions had no significant effects on photoconversion upon TTX, vehicle, or glutamate treatment. N=4 independent culture wells. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

(g) Measuring UV toxicity in CaMPARI iNeurons by Countess cell counter. iNeurons were illuminated with UV for 0, 1, 5, 15, or 60 minutes and stained with Trypan Blue viability stain 5 minutes or 24 hours after illumination to assess UV toxicity. N = 3 independent culture wells. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

(h) Measuring UV toxicity in CaMPARI iNeurons by flow cytometry viability staining. CaMPARI iNeurons were illuminated with UV for 0, 1, 5, 15, or 30 minutes. After illumination, cells were stained TO-PRO-3 for 30 minutes followed by dissociation for analysis by flow cytometry. Percentage viability shows proportion of cells in TO-PRO-3 negative population. N = 9 independent culture wells. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

(i) Measuring glutamate toxicity. CaMPARI iNeurons were treated with 0, 1, 3, 10, 30, 50, 100 μ M of glutamate for 5 minutes and UV illuminated for 5 minutes. TO-PRO-3 staining was performed to measure acute glutamate treatment toxicity as above. N = 3 independent culture wells. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

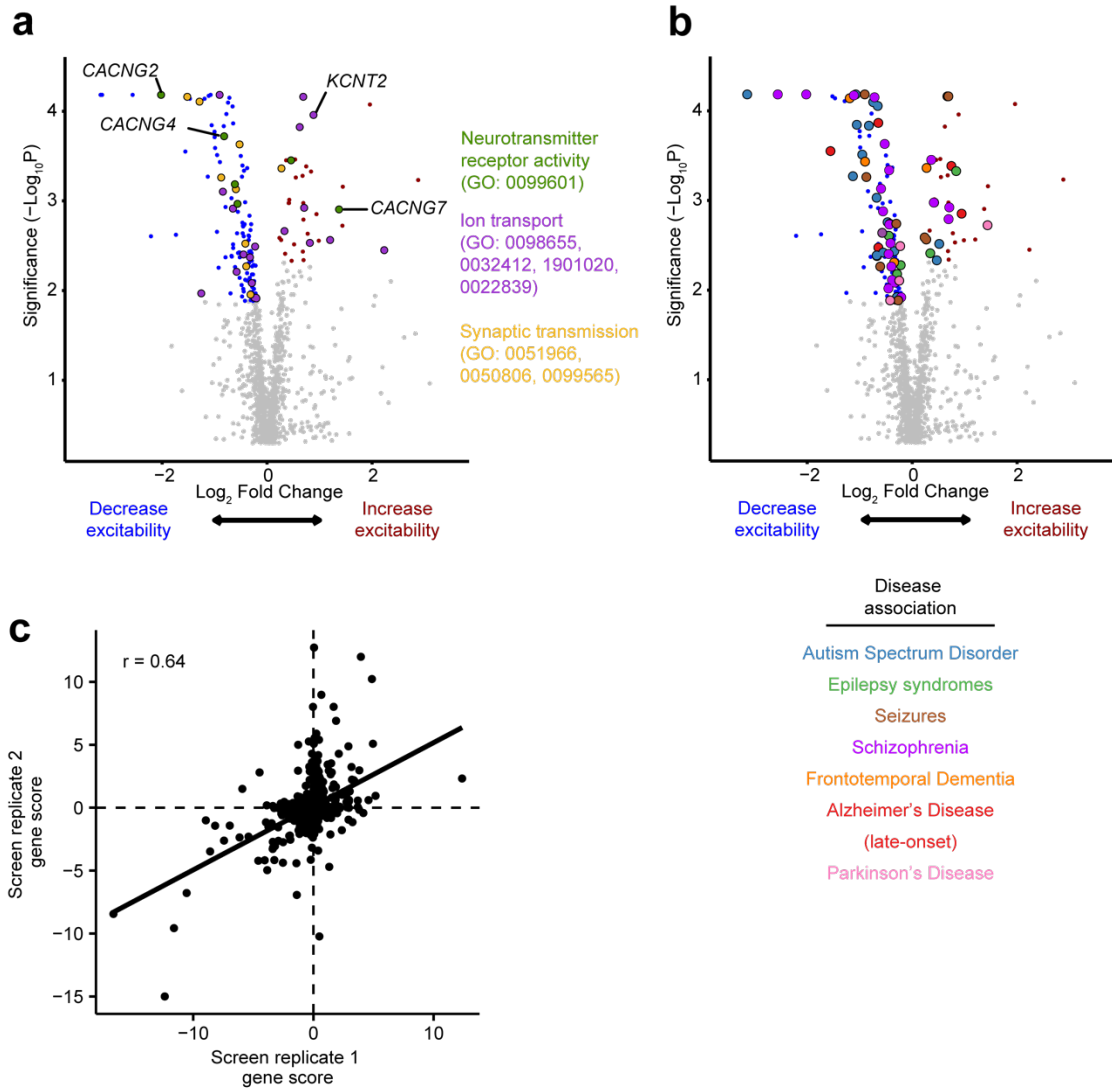


Supplementary Figure 2. iNeurons have heterogeneous responses to glutamate stimulation

(a) Representative voltage responses from the current-spike output recordings of the corresponding iNeurons in Figure 1f-h. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

(b) Current-spike output relationships for all recorded iNeurons in Figure 1f-h. N = 4 (phenotype A), 6 (phenotype B), 2 (phenotype C), and 5 (phenotype D) independent neurons, 18 neurons total. Shaded error bars are S.E.M. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

(c) Rheobase values for all recorded iNeurons in Figure 1f-h. N = N = 4 (phenotype A), 6 (phenotype B), 2 (phenotype C), and 5 (phenotype D) independent neurons, 18 neurons total. One-way ANOVA, $p = 0.05$. Error bars are S.E.M. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

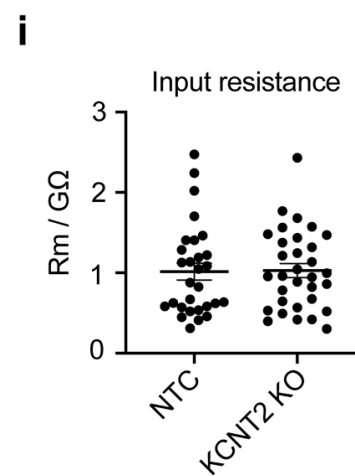
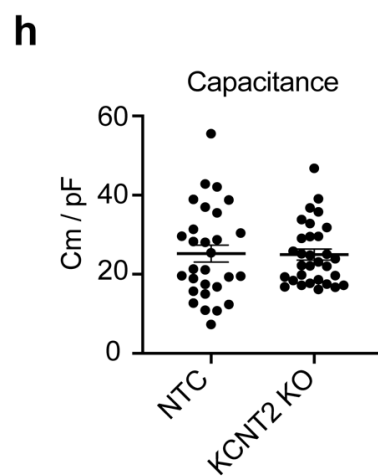
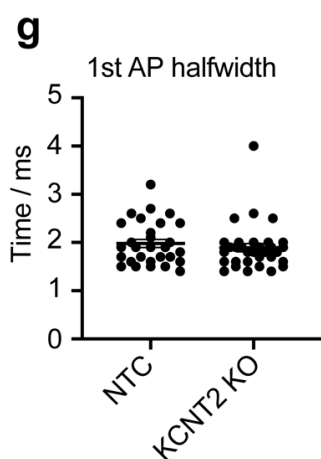
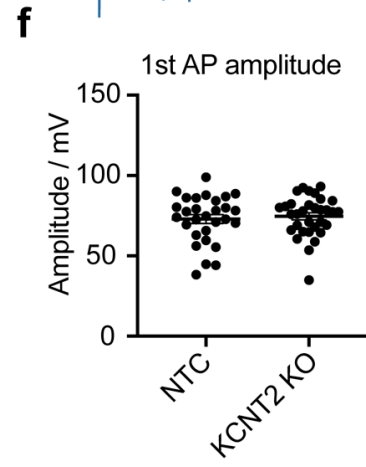
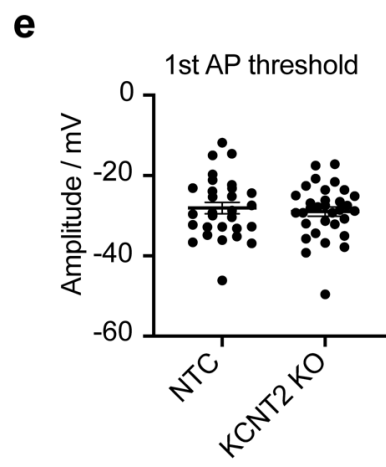
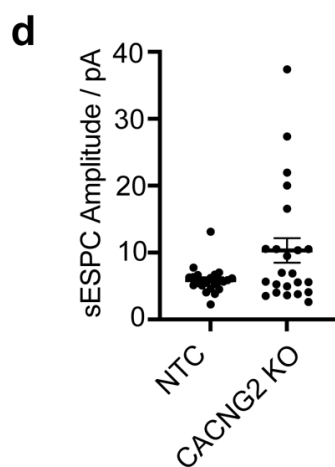
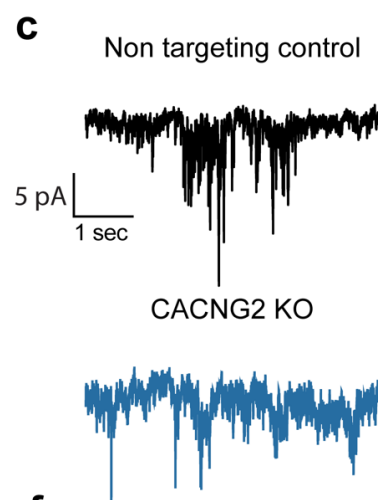
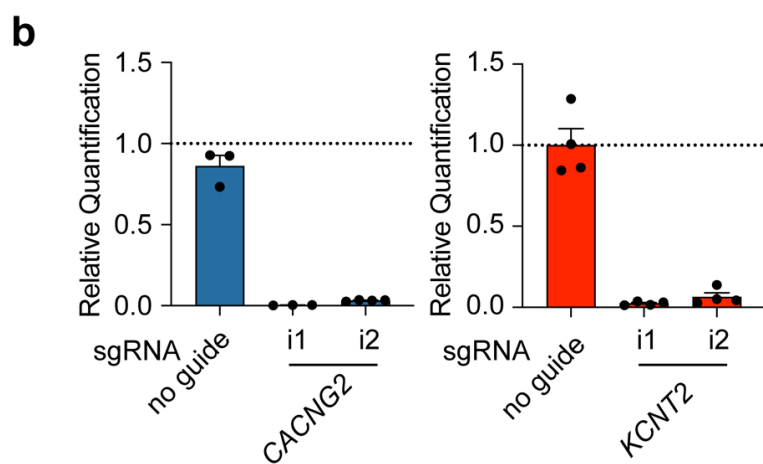
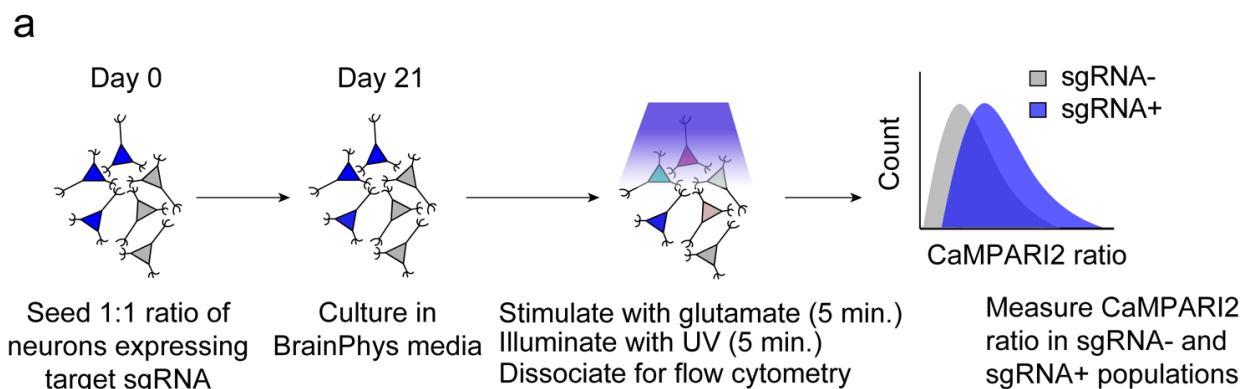


Supplementary Figure 3. Results from Primary screen

(a) Volcano plot summarizing the effect of knockdowns on CaMPARI phenotypes and the determine statistical significance for targeted genes (Mann-Whitney U test). Dashed lines indicate a false-discovery rate (FDR) cutoff of 0.05, based on the phenotype score for gene calculated from 5 targeting sgRNAs. Black points indicate hit genes where knockdown changes CaMPARI red/green fluorescence ratio in response to glutamate stimulation, while grey points indicate non-hits. Genes related to synaptic transmission (purple) and ion transport (orange) are highlighted based on Gene Ontology terms. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

(b) Disease associated genes from DisGenNet and whole-exome sequencing (Satterstrom et al)¹ overlap with hit genes from CaMPARI screen. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

(c) Scatterplot of gene scores from each replicate of the primary screen shown the correlation between screens. Pearson's $R = 0.49$, linear regression fit depicted by solid black line. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



Supplementary Figure 4. Electrophysiology profiles of iNeurons with KCNT2 and CACNG2 knockdowns.

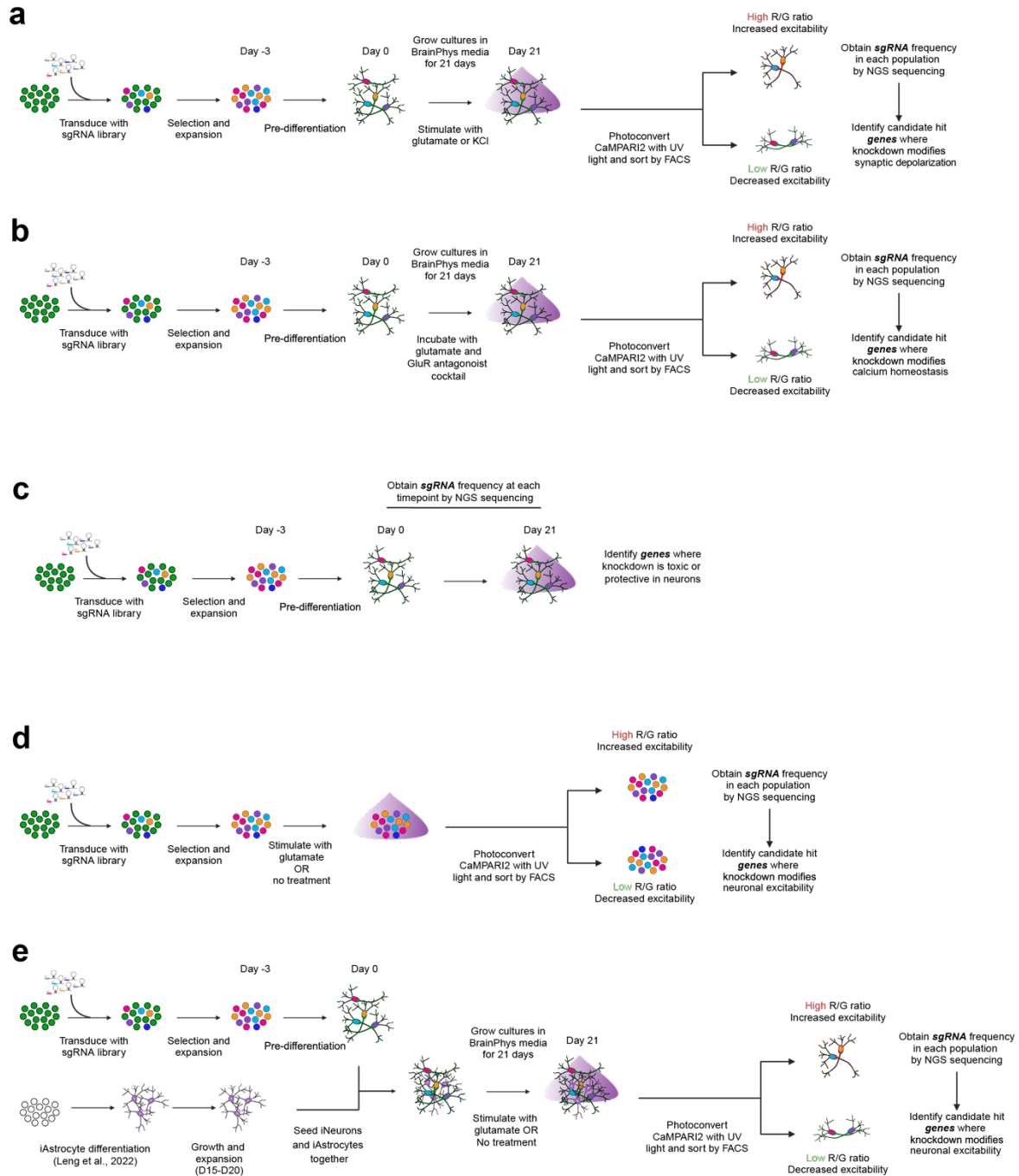
(a) Schematic of intra-well comparison experiments with 50% of CaMPARI2 iNeurons expressing a sgRNA for a target gene. A 1:1 ratio of iNeurons expressing the sgRNA: not expressing a sgRNA are seeded and differentiated. These are then treated with the same glutamate and photoconversion conditions. These are gated based on the presence of BFP in the sgRNA construct, and the CaMPARI2 ratio is directly compared between the two populations.

(b) RT-qPCR shows the knock down efficiency of the sgRNAs targeting CACNG2 (blue) and KCNT2 (red). N = 4 biological replicates per condition. Error bars are SEM. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

(c) Sample sEPSC recordings from NTC (black trace) and CACNG2 KO (blue trace) iNeurons. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

(d) CACNG2 KO iNeurons show a slight increase in sEPSC amplitude that is not statistically significant. (NTC: 22 neurons, CACNG2 KO:23 neurons, Mann-Whitney test. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

(e-i) No differences between NTCs (N= 29 neurons) and KCNT2 KOs (N = 32 neurons) in either passive membrane properties or action potential kinetics. Error bars denote standard error. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



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Supplementary Figure 5. Secondary CRISPRi screen strategies.

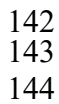
(a) Screening strategy. CRISPRi iPSCs were transduced with a pooled lentivirus sgRNA library consisting of hit genes from the primary screen (1622 sgRNAs targeting 424 genes). Exposure to puromycin selects for iPSCs successfully transduced with sgRNA construct. iPSCs were then differentiated into neurons via overexpression of NGN2 and cultured for 21 days. Neurons were then incubated with either 30 μ M glutamate or 50 mM KCl, illuminated with UV light, and then separated by FACS into populations with high versus low red/green fluorescence ratios.

(b) iPSCs were differentiated into neurons via overexpression of NGN2 and cultured for 21 days. Neurons were then incubated with 30 μ M glutamate, 1.5 μ M TTX, 10 μ M NBQX, 50 μ M APV, 100 μ M LY367385, 0.1 μ M LY341495, 1 μ M CPPG, 1 μ M MTEP. Neurons were then illuminated with UV light, and then separated by FACS into populations with high versus low red/green fluorescence ratios.

(c) Survival of neurons was assessed by comparing sgRNA frequency in neurons at the start of differentiation (day 0) and after 21 days of differentiation.

(d) iPSCs expressing sgRNAs were treated with 30 μ M glutamate for 5 minutes, illuminated with UV light, and then separated by FACS into populations with high versus low red/green fluorescence ratios.

(e) iPSCs expressing sgRNAs were differentiated into neurons and combined with Day 20 iAstrocytes. These co-cultures were grown for 21 days. Neurons were then treated 30 μ M glutamate, illuminated with UV light, and then separated by FACS into populations with high versus low red/green fluorescence ratios. To assess the spontaneous activity of these cultures, no glutamate stimulation was applied.



Supplementary Figure 6. Secondary CRISPRi screens reveal excitability phenotypes in iPSC neurons.

(a) CaMPARI2 neurons in coculture with iAstrocytes respond to glutamate in a dose-dependent manner. N = 4 independent culture wells per measurement. TTX (1.5 μ M), NBQX (50 μ M), and “no treatment” conditions did not contain glutamate. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

(b) Multielectrode arrays (MEA) recordings of spikes per minute of neuron-astrocyte cocultures and monoculture neurons. After 21 days of culture, more spikes are detected in cocultures. N = 6 independent culture wells, each with 16 electrodes. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

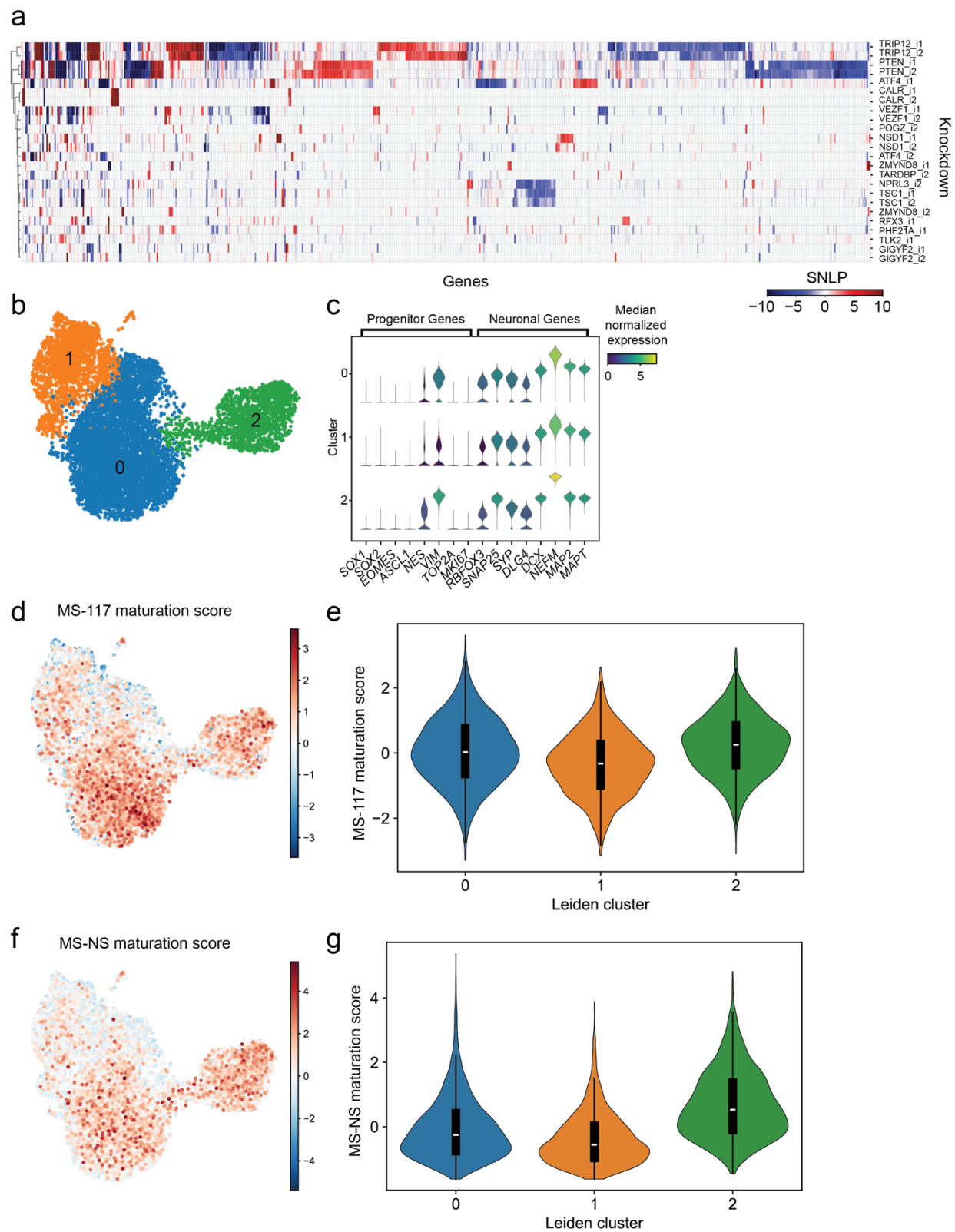
(c) Synchrony of neuronal activity in neuron-astrocyte cocultures on MEA as measured through Area Under a Normalized Cross Correlation. After recording on day 18 (dotted line), cultures were treated with 100 μ M tetanus toxin (TeNT) or vehicle control. Loss of synchrony begins around 24 hours later in TeNT treated wells, while vehicle treated wells show a slight increase. N = 6 independent culture wells, with 16 electrodes per well. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

(d) Total spikes per minute of cultures from (c). Day 18 recording measured before addition of TeNT. N = 6 independent culture wells per condition, with 16 electrodes per well. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

(e) Modifiers of activity of spontaneously firing neurons in coculture do not correlate with those of glutamate-stimulated neurons in coculture (Pearson's R = -0.13). Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

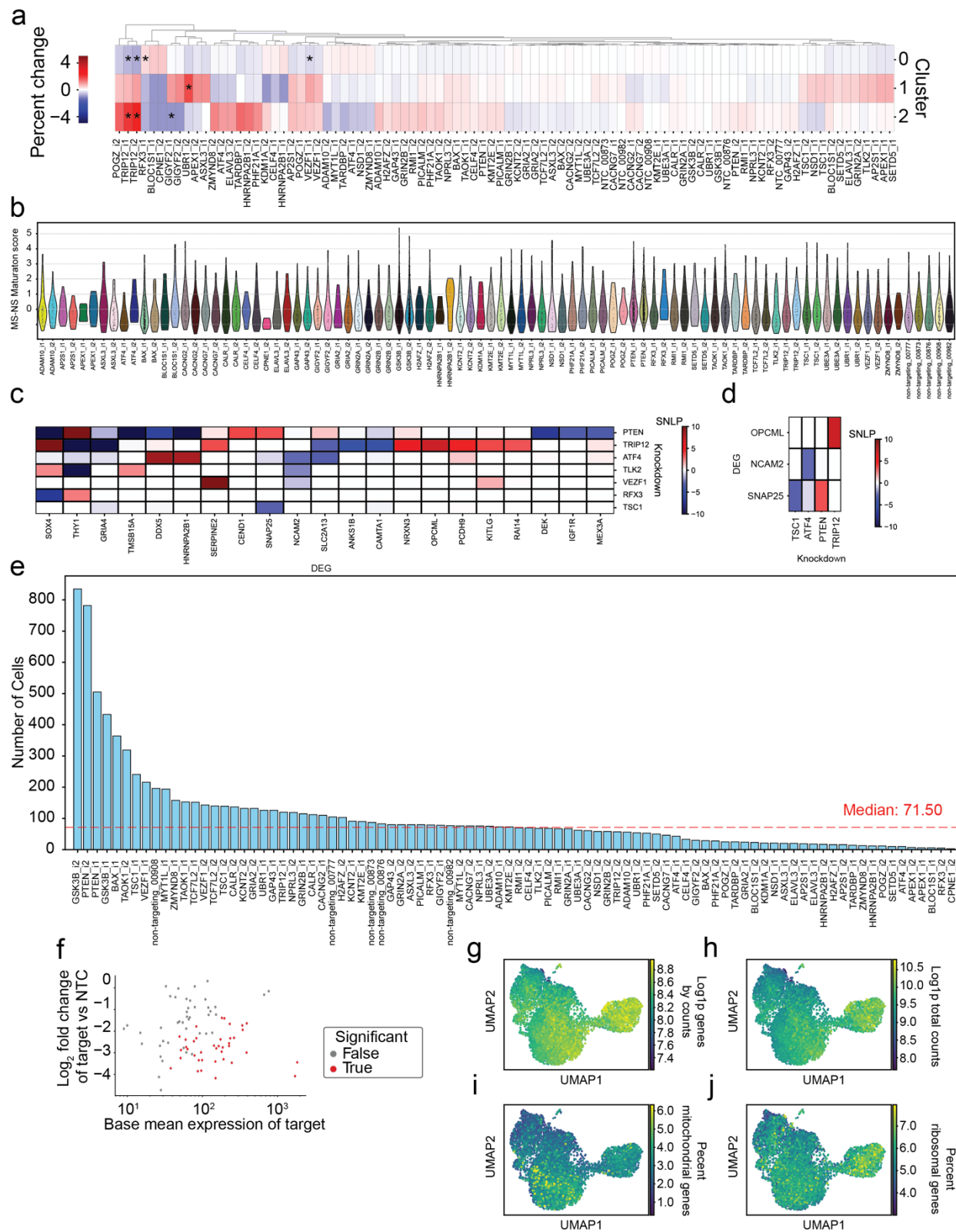
(f) Correlation matrix of gene scores from CaMPARI2 screens, using Pearson's correlation R.

(g) Heatmap of gene scores in secondary screens. Each included gene is classified as a hit in at either the KCl or glutamate (monoculture and coculture) screens (FDR > 0.1) and is denoted with an asterisk when classified as a hit.



Supplementary Figure 8. CROP-seq reveals transcriptional changes to genes involved in synaptic processes drive changes in excitability.

- (a) Heatmap of differentially expressed genes (DEGs, versus non-targeting controls, adjusted p-value < 0.05) for knockdowns with significant on-target KD. Clustering shows consistency between individual sgRNAs targeting the same gene. SNLP is signed negative log of the adjusted p-value. Knockdowns with >10 DEGs are shown.
- (b) Leiden clustering of neurons from CROP-seq classified into 3 clusters.
- (c) Marker gene expression is homogenous across clusters and suggests that neuronal identity is conserved.
- (d) MS-117 score² based on expression of 117 maturation marker genes.
- (e) Violin plot of MS-117 score grouped by leiden clusters.
- (f) MS-NS score² based of expression of 25 neuron-specific marker genes.
- (g) Violin plot of MS-NS score shows slight increase in maturation score in cluster 2.



Supplementary Figure 9. CROP-seq reveals transcriptional changes to genes involved in synaptic processes drive changes in excitability.

- (a) Heatmap of cluster shift analysis for each knockdown. Color values are expressed as the percent change in abundance of the knockdown in each cluster relative to non-targeting controls. Asterisks denote significant enrichments and depletions (adjusted q-value < 0.05).
- (b) Violin plot of MS-NS score for each cell grouped by sgRNA assignment.
- (c) Heatmap of MS-117 maturation marker genes² that are significant DEGs upon knockdown of target genes. SNLP is signed negative log of the adjusted p-value.
- (d) Heatmap of MS-NS maturation marker genes⁶⁸ that are significant DEGs upon knockdown of target genes. SNLP is signed negative log of the adjusted p-value.
- (e) sgRNA representation by number of neurons detected in scRNA-seq data post quality control filtering and with a sgRNA MOI of one.
- (f) Plot of on-target KD versus base mean expression for each sgRNA. Lower expression of genes generally resulted in less ability to call significance.
- (g) Log(1+P) genes detected in each cell.
- (h) Log(1+P) total read counts in each cell.
- (i) Percentage of mitochondrial genes detected in each cell.
- (j) Percentage of ribosomal genes detected in each cell.

Supplementary Table 1. Primers used for qPCR of sgRNA targets

Target	5' sequence (forward)	3' sequence (reverse)
<i>NSD1</i>	CTTTTCCAAGCGCCAATATCC	GCTCACCCACATACTCATTAC
<i>PHF21A</i>	TCATTGGACTGCTTAGACCC	CAATTGCTAAAGTTCCAGGCC
<i>PICALM</i>	GCAATGAACCTTACAAATGGGGT	AAGACCTTCTTTGCATTGGTTC
<i>PTEN</i>	TCACCAACTGAAGTGGCTAAAGA	CTCCATTCCCCTAACCCGA
<i>KCNT2</i>	TTGCCAGCATGGGTACTGTG	AGGAAGAGACAGGGTAGGGC
<i>CACNG2</i>	GACCAAAAGTGTCAGTGAGAATG	CTTCGTAATCTGCATCCTCTGG
<i>GAPDH</i>	ATGCCTCCTGCACCACCAAC	GGGGCCATCCACAGTCTTCT

Supplementary Table 2. sgRNA sequences used to generate KOs for electrophysiological characterization

Target	sgRNA1	sgRNA2	sgRNA3
<i>PICALM</i>	CUUGCAUACUGUCUUGGAUA	UCGGUCCGUCAGGCUCUGGC	GUCGGCUUCACUCACAGUCC
<i>CACNG2</i>	GGUUCUCCAUAUCCGGAU	UUUGGUCUUGCAAACCCUC	GGCAGCGAAAGCACCAACGG
<i>KCNT2</i>	AUACCUACUUUGCUCUCAU	AUAACUCGUUGGGACCACAU	UUUUGAAUAGGAUUUAUUG

Supplementary Table 3. sgRNA protospacer sequences used for KD validation experiments

Gene	Guide ID	Guide name	Protospacer Sequence
<i>PICALM</i>	PICALM - 85779699.23-P1P2	PICALM_i1	GTCGGCTTCACTCACAGTCC
<i>PICALM</i>	PICALM - 85780018.23-P1P2	PICALM_i2	GCTCGTGTCACCCGCGGAGT
<i>GRIA2</i>	GRIA2 - 158141995.23-P1P2	GRIA2_i1	GGACTTCTGGAGCGGGGACA
<i>GRIA2</i>	GRIA2 + 158141968.23-P1P2	GRIA2_i2	GCCCCGCTCCAGAAGTCCGG
<i>NSD1</i>	NSD1 + 176561172.23-P1P2	NSD1_i1	GCGCGCCGGGAGGAAGTTCG
<i>NSD1</i>	NSD1 + 176561201.23-P1P2	NSD1_i2	GTGTTCGCAGGCGGCCGGCG
<i>CACNG2</i>	CACNG2 + 37099513.23-P1P2	CACNG2_i1	GCCAGCCGGTAGCGAGTGGG
<i>CACNG2</i>	CACNG2 + 37099516.23-P1P2	CACNG2_i2	GCGCCCAGCCGGTAGCGAGT
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<i>NTC</i>	non-targeting_00089	NTC_i1	GGGGTGAGGGTCCAATTCGG
<i>NTC</i>	non-targeting_00876	NTC_i3	GTCGGACCAAGCAGGCAGAA
<i>KCNT2</i>	KCNT2 - 196577542.23-P1P2	KCNT2_i1	GGAGGACTAACAAGACGCTG
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<i>PHF21A</i>	PHF21A + 46142971.23-P1P2	PHF21A_i1	GGGCCGGGTGGTGAATGGGC
<i>PHF21A</i>	PHF21A - 46142369.23-P1P2	PHF21A_i2	GACACCAGCGACAAGACAGA
<i>PTEN</i>	PTEN - 89623395.23-P1P2	PTEN_i1	GGCGCTCAGTTCTCTCTCT
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