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**Title:** Inhibitory parvalbumin basket cell activity is selectively reduced during hippocampal sharp wave ripples in a mouse model of familial Alzheimer's disease

**Abbrev Title:** PVBC activity reduced during SWRs in model of AD

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## 1 **Abstract**

2           Memory disruption in mild cognitive impairment (MCI) and Alzheimer's disease (AD) is poorly  
3 understood, particularly at early stages preceding neurodegeneration. In mouse models of AD, there are  
4 disruptions to sharp wave ripples (SWRs), hippocampal population events with a critical role in memory  
5 consolidation. However, the micro-circuitry underlying these disruptions is under-explored. We tested if  
6 a selective reduction in parvalbumin-expressing (PV) inhibitory interneuron activity underlies hyperactivity  
7 and SWR disruption. We employed the 5xFAD model of familial AD crossed with mouse lines labeling  
8 excitatory pyramidal cells (PCs) and inhibitory PV cells. We observed a 33% increase in frequency, 58%  
9 increase in amplitude, and 8% decrease in duration of SWRs in *ex vivo* slices from male and female 3-  
10 month 5xFAD mice versus littermate controls. 5xFAD mice of the same age were impaired in a  
11 hippocampal-dependent memory task. Concurrent with SWR recordings, we performed calcium imaging,  
12 cell-attached, and whole-cell recordings of PC and PV cells within the CA1 region. PCs in 5xFAD mice  
13 participated in enlarged ensembles, with superficial PCs having a higher probability of spiking during  
14 SWRs. Both deep and superficial PCs displayed an increased synaptic E/I ratio, suggesting a  
15 disinhibitory mechanism. In contrast, we observed a 46% spike rate reduction during SWRs in PV basket  
16 cells (PVBCs), while PV bistratified and axo-axonic cells were unimpaired. Excitatory synaptic drive to  
17 PVBCs was selectively reduced by 50%, resulting in decreased E/I ratio. Considering prior studies of  
18 intrinsic PV cell dysfunction in AD, these findings suggest alterations to the PC-PVBC micro-circuit also  
19 contribute to impairment.

## 20 **Significance Statement**

21           We demonstrate that a specific sub-type of inhibitory neuron, parvalbumin-expressing basket cells,  
22 have selectively reduced activity in a model of Alzheimer's disease during activity critical for the  
23 consolidation of memory. These results identify a potential cellular target for therapeutic intervention to  
24 restore aberrant network activity in early amyloid pathology. While parvalbumin cells have previously  
25 been identified as a potential therapeutic target, this study for the first time recognizes that other  
26 parvalbumin neuronal sub-types, including bistratified and axo-axonic cells, are spared. These  
27 experiments are the first to record synaptic and spiking activity during sharp wave ripple events in early  
28 amyloid pathology and reveal that a selective decrease in excitatory synaptic drive to parvalbumin basket  
29 cells likely underlies reduced function.

## 30 **Introduction**

31 Alzheimer's disease (AD) is the leading cause of dementia, and a growing public health crisis as  
32 worldwide life expectancy increases (Mattson, 2004). AD is characterized by learning and memory  
33 deficits, the pathological accumulation of amyloid beta (A $\beta$ ) plaques and neurofibrillary tangles, and  
34 synaptic and neuronal degeneration (Serrano-Pozo et al., 2011). The cause of memory disruption in the  
35 disease is poorly understood, particularly at early ages prior to widespread neurodegeneration. The  
36 hippocampus, a region particularly important for the encoding and consolidation of spatial memory, is  
37 one of the first regions impaired in AD (Braak and Braak, 1991). Hyperactivity within the hippocampus is  
38 observed in mouse models of AD (Palop et al., 2007; Busche et al., 2008, 2012; Palop and Mucke, 2010),  
39 as well as in clinical populations, where seizures are an increasingly recognized co-morbidity of AD  
40 (Hauser et al., 1986; Amatniek et al., 2006; Palop and Mucke, 2009). While it is well appreciated that A $\beta$   
41 impairs the synaptic function of excitatory pyramidal cells (PCs) in later disease progression (Kamenetz  
42 et al., 2003; Shankar et al., 2008; Pozueta et al., 2013), there is growing evidence of early deficits to  
43 inhibitory GABAergic cells (Li et al., 2016), potentially explaining this shift to hyperactivity through  
44 disinhibition. In particular, several functional impairments are observed in inhibitory parvalbumin-  
45 expressing (PV) fast-spiking interneurons (Verret et al., 2012; Mahar et al., 2016; Yang et al., 2016; Hijazi  
46 et al., 2019). However, there are at least three distinct PV cell sub-types within the CA1 region of  
47 hippocampus with varying anatomical connections and function (Varga et al., 2014), and the separate  
48 impact of AD pathology on these sub-types is unknown.

49 PV cells play a critical role in hippocampal sharp wave ripples (SWRs) (Ellender et al., 2010;  
50 Schlingloff et al., 2014; Ognjanovski et al., 2017), spontaneous neuronal population events characterized  
51 by a low frequency sharp wave (1-30 Hz) and a high frequency ripple (120-250 Hz) (Buzsáki, 1986, 2015;  
52 Colgin, 2016). SWRs principally originate in the CA3 region and propagate to CA1 along the Schaffer  
53 collaterals, occurring in all mammalian species studied to date (Buzsáki et al., 2013). Even following  
54 decortication in brain slices, SWRs spontaneously arise in hippocampus (Buzsáki et al., 1983). SWRs  
55 have been extensively studied in large part due to their proposed role in memory consolidation (Wilson  
56 and McNaughton, 1994; Kudrimoti et al., 1999; O'Neill et al., 2008; Karlsson and Frank, 2009).

57 Sequences of place cells activated during spatial learning replay in temporally compressed neuronal  
58 ensembles within SWRs during rest (Nádasy et al., 1999; Lee and Wilson, 2002). Online interruption of  
59 SWRs through both electrical (Girardeau et al., 2009; Ego-Stengel and Wilson, 2010) and optogenetic  
60 stimulation (Ven et al., 2016; Roux et al., 2017) leads to learning and memory deficits, demonstrating  
61 their critical role in memory consolidation. Notably, in several mouse models of AD, SWRs are disrupted  
62 (Gillespie et al., 2016; Iaccarino et al., 2016; Nicole et al., 2016; Xiao et al., 2017; Hollnagel et al., 2019;  
63 Jones et al., 2019; Jura et al., 2019). However, the micro-circuitry underlying these disruptions has yet  
64 to be explored in detail. In this study we employed the 5xFAD mouse model of familial Alzheimer's  
65 disease crossed with mouse lines that selectively fluoresce in excitatory pyramidal cells (PCs) and  
66 inhibitory PV cells. We performed patch clamp recordings of deep and superficial PCs and three distinct  
67 PV cell sub-types to record the spiking activity and synaptic input during SWR events in *ex vivo* slices.  
68 Our findings support the hypothesis that a preferential reduction in synaptic input and activity of PV basket  
69 cells underlies downstream network alterations and suggest that long-term alterations to PC-PVBC  
70 micro-circuitry contribute to dysfunction in early amyloid pathology.

## 71 **Materials and Methods**

### 72 ***Experimental Animals***

73 To record the activity of excitatory PCs and inhibitory PV cells in amyloid pathology, we employed  
74 a combined breeding strategy of transgenic and targeted knockin mice. Transgenic 5xFAD mice  
75 (RRID:MMRRC\_034840-JAX) (Oakley et al., 2006) were back-crossed for over five generations to the  
76 C57BL/6J (RRID:IMSR\_JAX:000664) background, which was common to all other strains used. To target  
77 the calcium activity of PCs under confocal microscopy, transgenic homozygous Thy1-GCaMP6f-GP5.5  
78 (RRID:IMSR\_JAX:024276) (Dana et al., 2014) were crossed with hemizygous 5xFAD mice to yield litters  
79 with both 5xFAD/+;Thy1-GCaMP6f/+ and Thy1-GCaMP6f/+ littermate controls. PV cells were identified  
80 by crossing double homozygous knockin PV<sup>Cre</sup>/PV<sup>Cre</sup>;tdTom/tdTom (RRID:IMSR\_JAX:008069,  
81 RRID:IMSR\_JAX:007914) (Hippenmeyer et al., 2005; Madisen et al., 2010) with hemizygous 5xFAD mice  
82 to yield litters with both 5xFAD/+;PV<sup>Cre</sup>/+;tdTom/+ and PV<sup>Cre</sup>/+;tdTom/+ littermate controls. In a subset of  
83 experiments the reporter lines were crossed, yielding quadruple transgenic cohorts of 5xFAD/+;Thy1-  
84 GCaMP6f/+;PV<sup>Cre</sup>/+;tdTom/+ and Thy1-GCaMP6f/+;PV<sup>Cre</sup>/+;tdTom/+ littermate controls. The initial  
85 intention was to use a consistent cohort of quadruple transgenic mice for all experiments, yet the breeding  
86 strategy proved inhibitive for the number of experiments, thus, patch clamp data were pooled across  
87 reporter genotype (Table 1). 5xFAD genotype was assessed at age P7 by tail biopsy via automated  
88 genotyping services (Transnetyx, Cordoba, TN, USA). For all experiments, experimenters were blind to  
89 5xFAD genotype until after data collection and analysis were fully complete. Mice were weaned at P21  
90 and group housed in cages with 3-5 mice separated by sex. As a model of early amyloid pathology prior  
91 to neuronal or synaptic loss (Oakley et al., 2006), two experimental cohorts were chosen (each including  
92 both males and females) at 1 month (mo) and 3 mo of age. Mice were kept on a standard 12 hr light/dark  
93 cycle, food and water were provided *ad libitum*, with all experimental procedures performed in  
94 accordance with the guidelines of the Georgetown University Animal Care and Use Committee.

### 95 ***Amyloid Staining***

96 Mice were anesthetized with isoflurane, transcardially perfused in iced (0° C) PBS and fixed for 48  
97 hrs in PFA at 4° C. Brains were then given four 15 min PBS washes, and sliced horizontally at 100 µm

98 thickness with a Vibratome Series 1000. In free floating slices, antigen retrieval was performed for 20 min  
99 in a steamer with citrate buffer containing 10 mM  $\text{Na}_3\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{O}_7$ , 0.05% Tween20, and pH adjusted to 6.0  
100 with HCl. Slices were cooled to room temperature in PBS, then permeabilized for 30 min with 0.5% Triton-  
101 X in PBS, given two more PBS rinses, blocked for 2 hrs with 10% NGS and 5% BSA in PBS, and  
102 incubated overnight at 4° C with the primary monoclonal mouse antibody MOAB-2 against beta amyloid  
103 (1:500; Abcam Cat# ab126649) (Youmans et al., 2012), 0.1% Tween20, 1% NGS, 1% BSA in PBS. The  
104 following day slices were given four 15 min PBS washes and incubated in secondary containing Alexa  
105 Fluor® 647 conjugated goat anti-mouse IgG (1:500; Jackson Immunoresearch Cat# 115-605-003,  
106 RRID:AB\_2338902), Thioflavin-S (1:2000; Sigma-Aldrich Cat# T1892), 1% NGS in PBS for 2 hrs at room  
107 temperature. Slices were given three more 15 min PBS washes, rinsed in ddH<sub>2</sub>O, and mounted on slides  
108 with Vectashield® antifade mounting medium with DAPI (Vector Laboratories Cat# H-1200,  
109 RRID:AB\_2336790).

### 110 ***Behavioral Testing***

111 Hippocampal-dependent learning and memory deficits were assessed by the Barnes maze  
112 (Barnes, 1979), with some modifications. The Barnes maze was conducted on a white plastic apparatus  
113 (San Diego Instruments) 0.914 m in diameter, with overhead bright illumination (286 lx) serving as the  
114 aversive stimulus. The target hole was randomly selected, with four distal visual clues present for  
115 visuospatial learning. The training phase consisted of four 180 s trials per day for 4 consecutive days.  
116 The probe trial, in which the target hole was inaccessible, was conducted on the fifth consecutive day,  
117 consisting of one 90 s trial. Mice were tracked using the ANY-maze tracking system, which was used for  
118 distance and speed measurements. The primary measures of latency and number of entries to target  
119 hole were hand-scored for increased reliability. Anxiety-like behavior was tested on the elevated plus  
120 maze (Pellow et al., 1985). The mice could explore the maze for 5 min, in which time the number of  
121 entries and fraction of time in the open arms were assessed by the ANY-maze tracking system. All tests  
122 were conducted in the light cycle, at consistent times of the day for each mouse, in an enclosed behavior  
123 room with 50 dB ambient sound and 23 lx ambient illumination. Males and females were run on the same

124 day, but in separate groups. Cohorts were not balanced by both sex and genotype, but as much as  
125 possible testing order was prepared so that control and 5xFAD mice were alternated.

### 126 ***Acute Slice Preparation***

127 Brain slices were prepared using NMDG and HEPES-buffered artificial cerebrospinal fluid (aCSF)  
128 following a protective recovery protocol (Ting et al., 2014, 2018). Briefly, mice were anesthetized with  
129 isoflurane, transcardially perfused, dissected, and sliced in iced (0° C) NMDG-aCSF containing in mM:  
130 92 NMDG, 2.5 KCl, 1.25 NaH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>, 30 NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, 20 HEPES, 25 Glucose, 10 Sucrose, 5 Ascorbic Acid,  
131 2 Thiourea, 3 Sodium Pyruvate, 5 N-acetyl-L-cysteine, 10 MgSO<sub>4</sub>, 0.5 CaCl<sub>2</sub>, pH to 7.3-7.4 with HCl (300-  
132 310 Osm). All common reagents were obtained from Thermo Fisher Scientific. The brains were sliced  
133 horizontally at 500 µm thickness with a Vibratome Series 3000 to preserve hippocampal micro-circuitry  
134 and spontaneous SWRs. 3-4 slices were typically obtained per brain, which were bisected so that 6-8  
135 hemislices in total were studied per animal. Slices spanned the dorsal-ventral axis, though were primarily  
136 medial, as only horizontal slices with intact DG, CA3, and CA1 were retained, ranging from bregma 2-4  
137 mm. The slices were transferred together to heated (33° C) NMDG-aCSF, in which Na<sup>+</sup> was gradually  
138 introduced along an increasing concentration gradient every 5 min before transferring to room  
139 temperature HEPES-aCSF containing in mM: 92 NaCl, 2.5 KCl, 1.25 NaH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>, 30 NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, 20 HEPES,  
140 25 Glucose, 5 Ascorbic Acid, 2 Thiourea, 3 Sodium Pyruvate, 5 N-acetyl-L-cysteine, 2 MgSO<sub>4</sub>, 2 CaCl<sub>2</sub>,  
141 pH to 7.3-7.4 with NaOH (300-310 Osm). Slices recovered for 4 hours in a custom-built 150 mL incubation  
142 chamber with circulating oxygenated HEPES-aCSF.

### 143 ***Slice Electrophysiology***

144 Slices were transferred to a Siskiyou PC-H perfusion chamber with a custom-built suspended Lycra  
145 thread grid to allow perfusion below and above slice, modeled after (Hájos et al., 2009). Submerged  
146 slices were anchored with Warner Instruments slice anchors so that they were sandwiched between two  
147 grids, and perfused at a rate of 5 mL/min with heated (30° C) oxygenated aCSF containing in mM: 124  
148 NaCl, 3.5 KCl, 1.2 NaH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>, 26 NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, 10 Glucose, 1 MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 2 CaCl<sub>2</sub>, pH 7.3-7.4 (300-310 Osm).  
149 Recordings were conducted with a Multiclamp 700B amplifier (Molecular Devices), digitized at 20 kHz  
150 and low-pass Bessel-filtered at 2 kHz with a personal computer running Clampex 11 and a DigiData 1440



151 (Molecular Devices). Two concurrent channels were captured: the local field potential (LFP) was recorded  
152 with 0.5-1 M $\Omega$  borosilicate pipettes filled with aCSF, paired with 3-5 M $\Omega$  borosilicate pipettes for cellular  
153 recordings. Cell-attached recordings were performed with aCSF + 5  $\mu$ M Alexa Fluor<sup>®</sup> 488 nm (Molecular  
154 Probes Cat# A-10440) or 594 nm (Molecular Probes Cat# A-10442) for pipette localization under confocal  
155 microscopy. The selected concentration of Alexa dye was below reported alterations to synaptic  
156 transmission (Maroteaux and Liu, 2016). Cell-attached recordings were followed with whole-cell  
157 recordings of the same cell with a new pipette filled with a Cesium internal, containing in mM: 120  
158 CsMeSO<sub>3</sub>, 5 NaCl, 10 TEA•Cl, 10 HEPES, 1.1 EGTA, 4 QX314, 4 ATP•Na, 0.3 GTP•Na, pH to 7.2 with  
159 CsOH (285 Osm). For pipette localization and *post hoc* morphological reconstruction, 5  $\mu$ M Alexa (either  
160 488 or 594 nm) and 0.5% wt/vl biocytin were added to the internal solution on the day of experiment.

161 The LFP electrode was placed in CA1 on the border of *stratum pyramidale* (*str. pyr.*) and *oriens*, a  
162 location where both high amplitude sharp waves (SWs) and ripples are simultaneously detectable.  
163 Consistent placement of the electrode was attempted in all slices at a depth of ~20  $\mu$ m. Recordings began  
164 10 min after LFP electrode placement to allow slice to recover. If visually detectable SWRs were not  
165 observed, the slice was logged as non-SWR producing (Table 1) and discarded. A fluorescent cell was  
166 targeted for a loose (20-40 M $\Omega$  seal resistance) cell-attached recording of 3-5 min duration. For Thy1-  
167 GCaMP6f slices, Ca<sup>2+</sup> ensemble activity was recorded concurrently with a laser scanning confocal  
168 microscope system (Thor Imaging Systems Division) equipped with 488/561/642 nm lasers and  
169 green/red/far-red filters and dichroics mounted on an upright Eclipse FN1 microscope (Nikon  
170 Instruments). One thousand 512 x 512 pixel frames were captured at a sample rate of 7.5 Hz. A 40x  
171 water immersion objective was used, covering an imaging field of 350 x 350  $\mu$ m, as a balance between  
172 maximizing the imaging field while providing sufficient magnification for patch clamp electrophysiology.

173 Following the cell-attached recording, the same cell was targeted with a new Cesium internal  
174 electrode. Upon reaching 1 G $\Omega$  seal resistance, the membrane was broken by voltage pulse and quick  
175 negative pressure. Access resistance was monitored periodically and recordings with a change >20%  
176 were discarded. Putative excitatory post-synaptic currents (EPSCs) were measured in voltage-clamp at  
177 a holding voltage of -70 mV, and putative inhibitory post-synaptic currents (IPSCs) in the same cell at 0

178 mV. Glutamatergic and GABAergic events were not pharmacologically isolated, as the primary goal was  
179 to correlate synaptic activity with spontaneous SWRs, which would be affected by drug administration.  
180 The reversal potentials of putative EPSCs and IPSCs matched closely with the expected glutamate and  
181 GABA reversal potentials of 0 and -70 mV. This was determined by holding the cell from +20 to -100 mV  
182 in 10 mV voltage steps and monitoring the current polarity inversion. Each voltage-clamp recording  
183 ranged from 1-3 min. Following PV cell voltage-clamp recordings, the cell was then switched to current-  
184 clamp, with current injection to offset the leak current and maintain a membrane potential of -70 mV. 35  
185 hyperpolarizing/depolarizing steps of 5 pA increments were delivered to fill the cell with biocytin. A total  
186 duration of at least 15 min of whole-cell configuration was maintained, after which an outside-out patch  
187 was formed by slowly withdrawing the pipette. Recordings were attempted at -70 and 0 mV for all PCs,  
188 while only a subset of PV cells were clamped at 0 mV. The PV cell protocol was initially designed to  
189 minimize cell disruption and ensure proper biocytin-filling; however, the recording protocol was revised  
190 during the experiment to also record inhibitory input.

### 191 ***Post Hoc Staining and Microscopy***

192 Slices with biocytin-filled PV cells were returned to the HEPES-aCSF incubation chamber for the  
193 remainder of the day, then fixed overnight in 4% PFA, 4% glucose in PBS at 4° C. Slices then received  
194 four 15 min PBS washes, 2 hours of permeabilization with 0.5% Triton-X in PBS, 2 PBS rinses, 3 hours  
195 in Fluorescein-Avidin (1:500; Vector Laboratories Cat# A-2001, RRID:AB\_2336455) in PBS, and four  
196 additional 15 min PBS washes. Free floating slices were imaged with a laser scanning confocal  
197 microscope system (Thor Imaging Systems Division). Under 20x magnification, z-stacks were obtained  
198 covering the span of visible cellular processes (40-80  $\mu\text{m}$  in 1  $\mu\text{m}$  steps), for both green (biocytin) and  
199 red (PV<sup>Cre</sup>-tdTom) channels. In a subset of 14 slices ( $n_{\text{slice}} = 5$  Control (CT), 9 5xFAD from  $n_{\text{mice}} = 4$  CT,  
200 5 5xFAD), an additional round of immuno-staining was performed for Ankyrin G, which labels the axon  
201 initial segment of pyramidal cells. A separate subset of Thy1-GCaMP6f slices ( $n_{\text{slice}} = 2$  CT, 2 5xFAD  
202 each from a separate animal) were stained for Calbindin, with differential expression between superficial  
203 and deep PCs. Antigen retrieval was performed on the 500  $\mu\text{m}$  slices for 20 min in a steamer with citrate  
204 buffer. Slices were cooled to room temperature for 20 min in PBS, then blocked overnight with 10% NGS

205 at 4° C. The following day the slices were incubated with a primary monoclonal mouse antibody against  
206 Ankyrin G (1:100; Thermo Fisher Scientific Cat# 33-8800, RRID:AB\_2533145) or Calbindin D-28k  
207 (1:1000; Swant Cat# 300, RRID:AB\_10000347), 0.1% Tween20, 1% NGS in PBS. After 48 hrs of primary  
208 incubation at 4° C, slices were given four 15 min PBS washes and incubated in secondary containing  
209 Alexa Fluor® 647 conjugated goat anti-mouse IgG (1:500; Jackson ImmunoResearch Cat# 115-605-003,  
210 RRID:AB\_2338902) and 1% NGS in PBS for 3 hrs at room temperature. Slices were given four more 15  
211 min PBS washes, rinsed in ddH<sub>2</sub>O, and mounted on slides between silicone isolators with Vectashield®  
212 mounting medium.

### 213 ***Pre-processing of Electrophysiology Data and Event Detection***

214 Pre-processing of files was conducted in Clampfit 11 (pClamp, Molecular Devices). Files for  
215 calcium imaging experiments were trimmed around the confocal laser trigger signal for alignment of SWR  
216 and calcium transients. Spikes were detected in cell-attached recordings with a 3 ms or 1.75 ms template  
217 search for PCs or PV cells, respectively. A threshold of 6-8 was used (Clements and Bekkers, 1997) and  
218 false negatives minimized (confirmed by manual inspection). False positives were removed by plotting  
219 peak vs anti-peak amplitude to segregate noise from true spikes. Bursts were detected with the built-in  
220 Burst Analysis, defined as three or more successive spikes, each within 60 or 40 ms (intra-burst interval)  
221 for PCs or PV cells, respectively. Spike start, peak, and end times, burst start and end times, number of  
222 events in burst, and intra-burst interval were exported from Clampfit for coincidence detection in  
223 MATLAB.

224 Whole-cell recordings of post-synaptic current (PSC) signals were low-pass filtered below 1000 Hz  
225 with a zero-phase Gaussian FIR filter. PSCs were detected with template searches. Multiple template  
226 categories (3-4) of varying duration (ranging from 3-20 ms) were used to improve detection for  
227 overlapping PSCs often seen around SWRs. Shorter duration templates used increasingly higher  
228 thresholds, between 5-8, to minimize false negatives. Parameters were kept constant for each cell type.  
229 PSC results including start, peak, and end times, amplitude, rise tau and decay tau were exported from  
230 Clampfit and processed in Microsoft Excel to remove duplicate events with identical peak times. Limits  
231 were set on rise and decay tau to remove false positives due to noise. Accepted EPSCs fell within a

232 range of 0.05-5 ms rise tau and 1-50 ms decay tau, while IPSCs fell within a range of 0.1-10 ms rise tau  
233 and 3-100 ms decay tau.

### 234 ***Local Field Analysis and Sharp Wave Ripple Detection***

235 All analysis for coincidence detection between the LFP and cellular events was conducted with  
236 custom-built MATLAB functions. Raw traces were imported using the abfload protocol  
237 (<https://github.com/fcollman/abfload>). All applied filters were finite impulse response (FIR) Gaussian filter  
238 with constant and corrected phase delays. A wide band-pass (1-1000 Hz) was first applied to remove  
239 both low frequency DC drift and high frequency instrument noise. The detection of SWR events was  
240 based upon prior approaches (Siapas and Wilson, 1998; Csicsvari et al., 1999; Eschenko et al., 2008),  
241 with refinements to minimize false positives and permit additional analyses. The LFP was filtered in both  
242 the sharp wave (SW: 1-30 Hz) and ripple (120-220 Hz) ranges, and the root mean square (RMS) was  
243 computed every 5 ms in a 10 ms sliding window. The threshold for peak detection was set to 4 standard  
244 deviation (SD) above the baseline (lower 0.95 quantile) RMS mean. Event start and end times were set  
245 at 2 SD crossings. SWR events were defined as the intersection of concurrent SW and ripple events.  
246 The duration of SWR events was determined from the union of concurrent SW and ripple events. The  
247 peak of the SWR event was defined as the peak of the SW-RMS signal, and the amplitude as the  
248 difference between the peak and baseline values of the SW signal. The power of the SW and ripple were  
249 determined by the bandpower MATLAB function of the relevant filtered signal, which computes an  
250 approximation of the integral of the power spectral density between the start and end times of the SWR  
251 event. Additional filters were applied in the slow gamma (20-50 Hz) and fast/pathological ripple (250-500  
252 Hz) ranges, and the power computed on a SWR-event basis, as the power of these SWR-nested  
253 oscillations has been implicated in memory performance (Carr et al., 2012) and epileptogenesis (Foffani  
254 et al., 2007), respectively.

255 To visualize the spectral components of the LFP as a function of time, spectral analysis was  
256 performed for the duration of the recording as well as per SWR event via a Short-Time Fourier Transform  
257 (STFT) between 1-500 Hz. To better observe deviations from baseline power, the Z-score for each 1 Hz  
258 frequency band was calculated. A Fast-Fourier Transform (FFT) was also computed for a 200 ms window

259 centered around each SWR peak and averaged across all events as an additional visualization of spectral  
260 power. The determination of the phase of slow gamma and ripple oscillations during SWRs was based  
261 on the analysis of (Varga et al., 2012). Within a 200 ms window centered around the SWR peak, the  
262 extrema of the filtered signal of interest were identified, and a piece-wise linear function fit with values  
263 from  $0^\circ$  to  $180^\circ$  between a maximum and minimum,  $180^\circ$  to  $360^\circ$  between a minimum and maximum, and  
264 then resetting to  $0^\circ$ . The number of cycles within the duration of the SWR event was recorded, from which  
265 the peak frequency was calculated as  $n_{cycle}/SWR_{duration}$ .

### 266 ***Pre-processing of Ca<sup>2+</sup> Imaging Data***

267 Raw time series were converted to the change in fluorescence normalized to baseline ( $\Delta F/F$ ) with  
268 custom-built ImageJ (FIJI) macros, in which batches of raw TIF images were imported with the Bio-  
269 Formats plugin (Open Microscopy Environment) and saved as TIF stacks. The TIF stacks were corrected  
270 for photo-bleaching via two iterations of the built-in Correct-Bleach plugin. Photo-bleaching was modeled  
271 as a sum of two exponentials, a fast 5 s decay and a slower decay over the duration of the recording  
272 (133 s). To assist in region-of-interest (ROI) placement, a semi-automated algorithm was applied to  
273 highlight regions of highest fluorescence change. For each TIF stack, the squared coefficient of variation  
274 (SCV) image was calculated, defined as the variance divided by the average squared for each pixel, or  
275 equivalently:

$$276 \quad Img_{SCV} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{Img_i - \overline{Img}}{\overline{Img}} \right)^2$$

277 Circular ROIs were manually drawn over all identified cells in the SCV image and confirmed with  
278 the time series to encompass active cells. Notably, in this way only cells with variable fluorescence were  
279 identified, and static highly fluorescent Ca<sup>2+</sup>-loaded cells were excluded. The  $\Delta F/F$  for each cell was  
280 calculated by first subtracting the background fluorescence  $F_b$ , defined as the lowest intensity pixel across  
281 the entire time series.  $F_0$  for each ROI was defined as the average of the ten images with the lowest  
282 intensity. The  $\Delta F/F$  was thus calculated as:

$$283 \quad \Delta F_i / F_0 = \frac{F_i - F_0}{F_0 - F_b}$$

284 These values were exported from ImageJ, along with a separately calculated timing file for each  
285 image, computed from a threshold search in Clampfit of the confocal laser trigger channel.

### 286 ***Calcium Transient Detection and SWR Coincidence Analysis***

287 Automatic detection of calcium transients was performed by first correcting for slow changes in  
288 fluorescence, either from remaining photo-bleaching or gradual drift of the imaging plane. A smoothed  
289 moving average, calculated with robust locally-weighted regression (Cleveland, 1979) with a window 25%  
290 of the file duration (33 s), was subtracted from each  $\Delta F/F$  trace. The baseline-corrected  $\Delta F/F$  traces were  
291 interpolated from the raw sampling rate of 7.5 Hz to 2 kHz, and the LFP downsampled from 20 kHz to 2  
292 kHz for coincidence detection. Automatic threshold detection for each cell was set at 4 SD above  
293 baseline, with the start and end times for each event set at 2 SD. The baseline of each cell was  
294 determined by an iterative algorithm of gaussian fitting to the histogram of all data points, which for most  
295 cells was a skewed one-tailed distribution with a large baseline peak at zero and a long positive tail  
296 representing transient events. For uncommon cells without a skewed distribution (kurtosis < 0), a single  
297 gaussian fit was applied to the entire histogram, providing an estimate of the baseline mean and SD.  
298 However, for most cells, two iterations were employed, with the first a double-gaussian fit to the entire  
299 histogram. The higher amplitude gaussian SD was then used to constrain the upper limit on a second  
300 iteration single-gaussian refinement fit of only the baseline. Special logic was necessary in rare situations.  
301 For excessively skewed distributions (high  $\Delta F/F$ , kurtosis > 5) the double-gaussian fit was constrained to  
302 the lower 0.95 quantile of data. For extremely active cells, because of the slow decay kinetics of GCaMP,  
303 the signal peak rivaled or exceeded the baseline peak in amplitude. For these cells, the more negative  
304 rather than the higher amplitude peak was used as an estimate of the baseline. In the situation where  
305 two peaks were not clearly differentiated (peak separation < 0.1  $\Delta F/F$ ), the gaussian means and SDs  
306 were averaged together to arrive at an estimate for constraining the second iteration.

307 Once the baseline mean, SD, and thresholds were determined for each cell, events were detected  
308 on a cell-by-cell basis, and characteristics calculated including start, peak, and end times, IEI, duration,  
309 amplitude, and frequency. The interpolated calcium traces were trimmed and aligned with the down-  
310 sampled LFP trace. Each calcium transient was classified as SWR-coincident if there was any overlap

311 between the start and end of the calcium transient and the start and end of the SWR, otherwise it was  
312 classified as spontaneous. Cellular participation during SWRs was assessed by constructing a simplified  
313 event matrix with SWRs in one dimension, and cells in the other, with a zero or one if the cell reached  
314 threshold during the SWR. For fields with five or more active cells, the ensemble diversity was assessed  
315 by calculating the pairwise Jaccard Similarity index between SWR events, ranging from a value of zero  
316 if two SWR events had no cells in common, to a value of one if all cellular participants were identical,  
317 modeled after the analysis of (Miyawaki et al., 2014). The cell-cell pairwise index was also calculated,  
318 ranging from zero if two cells never participated in the same SWR events, to one if they participated in  
319 precisely the same SWRs. The cumulative distribution functions were determined for each recording by  
320 considering all off-diagonal values in one half of the symmetric similarity matrices.

### 321 ***Spike and SWR Coincidence Analysis***

322 Each spike/burst was classified as SWR-coincident if there was any overlap between the start and  
323 end of the spike/burst and the start and end of the SWR, otherwise it was classified as spontaneous. To  
324 examine spike rate in more detail around SWR events, the peri-SWR spike probability was calculated by  
325 sorting all spikes that occurred within a 200 ms window centered around each SWR peak into 2 ms bins  
326 and normalizing to all SWR events. Spike-phase coupling was determined by identifying the previously  
327 calculated gamma and ripple phases at the spike peak time. Spike phase times were only considered for  
328 further analysis if trough-peak amplitude exceeded 4 SD of the gamma or ripple signal.

### 329 ***Post-Synaptic Current and SWR Coincidence Analysis***

330 Each EPSC/IPSC was classified as SWR-coincident (swrEPSC/swrIPSC) if there was any overlap  
331 between the start and end of the event and a 100 ms window centered around each SWR peak, otherwise  
332 it was classified as spontaneous (sEPSC/sIPSCs). The more conservative window to classify  
333 spontaneous events (compared to the calcium and spike analysis) better captured the buildup of  
334 EPSCs/IPSCs preceding SWRs (Schlingloff et al., 2014). As events overlap and complicate detection  
335 during SWRs, for quantification the current was integrated in a 100 ms window centered at the SWR  
336 peak to determine the total charge (swrEPSQ/swrIPSQ). To examine the distribution of sEPSCs/sIPSCs,  
337 the cumulative distribution function of all events was computed for each cell and averaged across all cells

338 in a group. For a view of the temporal progression of synaptic input during SWRs, the charge was also  
339 calculated by integrating a sliding 100 ms window every 2 ms in a 200 ms window centered around the  
340 SWR peak.

### 341 ***Experimental Design and Statistical Analyses***

342 Most experiments in this study have been presented in a case-control experimental design, in which  
343 data from 5xFAD mice are compared to littermate controls. With behavioral learning on the Barnes Maze  
344 we have employed a longitudinal repeated measures (RM) design. In analyzing the impact of factors on  
345 LFP activity in a large sample of *ex vivo* slices, we have taken a factorial design. All data were tested for  
346 normality and lognormality via Shapiro-Wilk tests. If all groups were normally distributed, they were  
347 analyzed with parametric tests (unpaired t-test, n-way ANOVA, n-way RM ANOVA) and have been  
348 displayed on bar plots with error bars representing the mean  $\pm$  SEM. If any group was not normally  
349 distributed, the data have been presented on box-whisker or violin plots, with lines indicating median and  
350 quartiles, and full error bars representing range. If all groups were lognormally distributed, the data were  
351 log transformed, the results of which were analyzed with parametric tests, with the log-means compared.  
352 For clarity, the original non-transformed data have been displayed in plots. If any group was neither  
353 normal nor lognormal, non-parametric statistical tests of rank were employed. Circular data (phase  
354 angles) were analyzed with a similar approach. Data were tested for non-uniformity via a Rayleigh test  
355 to determine if they could be sampled from a von Mises (circular normal) distribution. If the Rayleigh test  
356 reached significance for all groups, means were compared with the Watson-Williams test, otherwise a  
357 circular median test was performed.

358 The particular statistical tests used are listed in the Results. Any values cited in the text are mean  
359  $\pm$  SEM. All *post hoc* multiple comparisons used the Šidák correction (ŠC). Within each plot all individual  
360 data points are presented. No data were excluded based on their values, but only for experimental  
361 reasons (e.g. no SWRs present, excessive slice movement, unstable patch clamp recording). The *n* is  
362 indicated in the text and figure legends, and differs between experiment, either  $n_{mice}$ ,  $n_{slice}$ , or  $n_{cell}$ . Raw p-  
363 values are displayed in plots; if less than a significance level of 0.05 they are bold. Data originating from  
364 male or female mice are presented as closed or open circles, respectively. Sex differences were



365 examined for some endpoints, but in general the experiments were insufficiently powered to determine  
366 sex differences. A power analysis of the principal experiments was performed based on preliminary data,  
367 guiding the number of animals/cells chosen.

368 Graphpad Prism 8 was used for all 1 and 2-sample statistical tests. Microsoft Excel and MATLAB  
369 2019 were used for some simple calculations of mean, SD, SEM, ratio, and error propagation. n-way  
370 ANOVAs were performed in the Statistics and Machine Learning Toolbox of MATLAB 2019. Non-  
371 parametric factorial data were aligned and ranked with ARTool (Wobbrock et al., 2011), before running  
372 ANOVAs. Circular statistics were run in the Circular Statistics Toolbox for MATLAB (Berens, 2009).

### 373 ***Code Accessibility***

374 All code is open-source and available in public repositories, including versions under active  
375 development (Github) as well as archival copies used for this manuscript (Zenodo). MATLAB functions  
376 are available at <https://github.com/acaccavano/SWR-Analysis> (archival copy: DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.  
377 3625236). ImageJ (FIJI) macros are available at <https://github.com/acaccavano/deltaFoF> (archival copy:  
378 DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.3625130).

## 379 Results

### 380 *Three month 5xFAD mice deposit amyloid and display minor impairment in spatial memory*

381 The 5xFAD model of familial Alzheimer's disease is an aggressive though useful model of amyloid  
382 pathology, as it exhibits heavy amyloid accumulation in hippocampus and associated cortices, and is  
383 accompanied with memory impairment (Oakley et al., 2006). 5xFAD mice are unimpaired in performance  
384 on the T-maze at 2 months (mo) but become impaired by 4-5 mo when amyloid burden is greater (Oakley  
385 et al., 2006). Interestingly, at 3 mo there is no evidence for neuronal or synaptic degeneration, while  
386 several synaptic markers begin to decline at 4 mo and are significantly reduced from controls by 9 mo.  
387 We observed intracellular amyloid accumulation in the subiculum and CA1 region of hippocampus in 1  
388 mo 5xFAD mice without the presence of extracellular plaques ( $n_{\text{mice}} = 2$  Control (CT), 2 5xFAD), while in  
389 3 mo 5xFAD mice we observed multiple extracellular plaques in subiculum, with sparse plaques in CA1  
390 ( $n_{\text{mice}} = 2$  CT, 2 5xFAD, [Fig. 1A](#)). Prior work indicates that amyloid burden continues to increase  
391 throughout the lifespan of 5xFAD mice (Oakley et al., 2006; Youmans et al., 2012).

392 In separate 1 mo ( $n_{\text{mice}} = 10$  CT, 10 5xFAD) and 3 mo cohorts ( $n_{\text{mice}} = 15$  CT, 12 5xFAD, [Table 1](#)),  
393 we examined the performance of 5xFAD mice and littermate controls on the Barnes Maze. Both age  
394 cohorts learned the task, as seen by decreased latency to find escape hole over progressive days of  
395 training, and a significant effect of training day (1 mo:  $F_{(3,54)} = 23.9$ ,  $p = 5.7 \times 10^{-10}$ ; 3 mo:  $F_{(3,75)} = 31.6$ ,  $p$   
396  $= 2.7 \times 10^{-13}$ ; 2-way Repeated Measures (RM) ANOVA, align-rank transformed (ART); [Fig. 1B](#)). There  
397 were no differences observed in training between genotype for either the 1 mo cohort ( $F_{(1,18)} = 0.096$ ,  $p$   
398  $= 0.760$ ) or the 3 mo cohort ( $F_{(1,25)} = 1.086$ ,  $p = 0.307$ ), nor were there interactions of genotype  $\times$  training  
399 day (1 mo:  $F_{(3,54)} = 0.496$ ,  $p = 0.687$ ; 3 mo:  $F_{(3,75)} = 0.983$ ,  $p = 0.405$ ). On the probe day, 1 mo 5xFAD  
400 mice had similar latencies to controls ( $U = 46$ ,  $p = 0.781$ ; Mann-Whitney; [Fig. 1C](#)), while 3 mo 5xFAD  
401 mice had a longer latency to find the escape hole from  $18.4 \pm 7.6$  s to  $37.4 \pm 9.8$  s ( $U = 48$ ,  $p = 0.040$ ;  
402 Mann-Whitney; [Fig. 1C-D](#)). The number of entries to the area of the escape hole, another commonly  
403 reported endpoint, was not significantly different for either cohort (1 mo:  $t_{(18)} = 0.735$ ,  $p = 0.472$ ; 3 mo:  $t_{(25)}$   
404  $= 0.691$ ,  $p = 0.496$ ; unpaired t-tests). 5xFAD mice displayed no obvious motor impairments, as the total  
405 distance traveled did not differ between genotype at either age (1 mo:  $3.98 \pm 0.91$  m (CT),  $3.77 \pm 0.49$  m

406 (5xFAD),  $t_{(18)} = 0.203$ ,  $p = 0.842$ ; 3 mo:  $3.98 \pm 0.49$  m (CT),  $3.40 \pm 0.49$  m (5xFAD),  $t_{(25)} = 0.816$ ,  $p =$   
407  $0.422$ ; unpaired t-tests), neither did the mean speed (1 mo:  $4.4 \pm 1.0$  cm/s (CT),  $4.2 \pm 0.5$  cm/s (5xFAD),  
408  $t_{(18)} = 0.186$ ,  $p = 0.856$ ; 3 mo:  $4.4 \pm 0.6$  cm/s (CT),  $3.8 \pm 0.5$  cm/s (5xFAD),  $t_{(25)} = 0.819$ ,  $p = 0.420$ ;  
409 unpaired t-tests).

410 To test if this observed memory impairment could be attributed to altered anxiety-like behavior, the  
411 cohorts were also tested on the Elevated Plus Maze. Neither age cohort showed a significant difference  
412 in fraction of time spent in open arms (1 mo:  $15.4 \pm 2.2\%$  (CT),  $15.1 \pm 0.9\%$  (5xFAD),  $t_{(18)} = 0.129$ ,  $p =$   
413  $0.900$ ; 3 mo:  $10.7 \pm 1.0$  (CT),  $9.3 \pm 1.5$  (5xFAD),  $t_{(25)} = 0.848$ ,  $p = 0.404$ ; unpaired t-tests), nor in number  
414 of open arm entries (1 mo:  $7.9 \pm 0.6$  (CT),  $7.4 \pm 0.6$  (5xFAD),  $t_{(18)} = 0.570$ ,  $p = 0.576$ ; 3 mo:  $9.2 \pm 0.7$   
415 (CT),  $7.5 \pm 0.6$  (5xFAD),  $t_{(25)} = 1.863$ ,  $p = 0.074$ ; unpaired t-tests). Therefore, we concluded that 3 mo  
416 5xFAD mice on our genetic background had a mild spatial memory impairment. As memory impairment  
417 has been widely reported in 5xFAD mice at later ages (Oakley et al., 2006; Ohno, 2009; Tohda et al.,  
418 2012), no further memory tasks were performed.

### 419 ***Sharp wave ripples are increased in 3 month 5xFAD mice***

420 As spatial memory relies heavily on the activity of the hippocampus, and sharp wave ripples  
421 (SWRs) are critical for the consolidation of new memories (Buzsáki, 1986; Wilson and McNaughton,  
422 1994), we next recorded spontaneous SWRs in hippocampal slices from control and 5xFAD mice (Fig.  
423 2A-B). SWRs were recorded in the CA1 region in multiple slices for each animal and averaged in both a  
424 1 mo cohort ( $n_{\text{mice}} = 10$  CT, 10 5xFAD), and a 3 mo cohort ( $n_{\text{mice}} = 27$  CT, 29 5xFAD, Table 1). While the  
425 electrode placement was kept as consistent as possible across recordings (see Methods), slight  
426 deviations in placement can result in large variance in the LFP. We attempted to control for this by  
427 recording from many slices (1 mo:  $n_{\text{slice}} = 51$  CT, 45 5xFAD; 3 mo:  $n_{\text{slice}} = 101$  CT, 88 5xFAD) and then  
428 averaging across slices for each animal. In the 1 mo cohort, the SWR event frequency did not differ ( $t_{(18)}$   
429  $= 0.946$ ,  $p = 0.357$ ; unpaired t-test; Fig. 2C), nor were there changes for any other LFP endpoints (data  
430 not shown). However, in the 3 mo cohort, SWR event frequency was increased in 5xFAD mice versus  
431 controls from  $0.94 \pm 0.07$  Hz to  $1.25 \pm 0.08$  Hz ( $t_{(54)} = 2.89$ ,  $p = 0.006$ ; unpaired t-test; Fig. 2C). We next  
432 verified if there was an altered percentage of slices exhibiting SWRs in 5xFAD mice (Table 1), as this

433 could underlie observed differences in event frequency. While a 2-way ANOVA revealed a significant  
434 effect of 5xFAD genotype ( $F_{(1,72)} = 6.51$ ,  $p = 0.013$ ) and age ( $F_{(1,72)} = 5.21$ ,  $p = 0.0254$ ) on percentage of  
435 slices with SWRs, the only significant difference observed when corrected for multiple comparisons was  
436 between control slices at 1 mo and 3 mo ( $p = 0.039$ , Šidák correction (ŠC)), while 3 mo slices did not  
437 differ between genotype ( $p = 0.759$ , ŠC). Therefore, the observed differences in 3 mo mice are not likely  
438 due to altered viability of the slices.

439 In addition to an increased event frequency, SWR amplitude was increased by  $58 \pm 17\%$  in 3 mo  
440 5xFAD mice ( $t_{(48,9)} = 3.59$ ,  $p = 0.0008$ ; Welch's t-test) and surprisingly were  $3.7 \pm 1.2$  ms shorter in duration  
441 ( $t_{(54)} = 3.18$ ,  $p = 0.0025$ ; unpaired t-test; Fig. 2D). This decrease in duration was likely attributable to both  
442 increased peak ripple frequency ( $t_{(54)} = 3.422$ ,  $p = 0.0012$ ; unpaired t-test) and decreased number of  
443 complete ripple cycles ( $t_{(54)} = 3.48$ ,  $p = 0.016$ ; unpaired t-test; Fig. 2E), and is of interest as longer duration  
444 SWRs have been demonstrated to improve memory (Fernández-Ruiz et al., 2019). Spectral features of  
445 SWRs also differed between genotype (Fig. 2F-J). Low-gamma (20-50 Hz) nested within SWRs,  
446 speculated to play a role in coordinating CA3 and CA1 memory replay (Carr et al., 2012), was increased  
447 in 5xFAD mice ( $U = 193$ ,  $p = 0.0009$ , Mann-Whitney; Fig. 2H). While the ripple peak frequency was shifted  
448 (Fig. 2E,G), the total power within the ripple frequency range from 120-220 Hz was unchanged ( $U = 358$ ,  
449  $p = 0.591$ ; Mann-Whitney; Fig. 2I). The power of fast or pathological ripples (250-500 Hz) did not differ  
450 between 5xFAD and control slices ( $U = 379$ ,  $p = 0.845$ ; Mann-Whitney; Fig. 2J), suggesting the increased  
451 activity in 5xFAD slices was distinct from epileptiform activity (Foffani et al., 2007).

452 Spontaneous SWRs recordings were repeated in three separate 3 mo sub-cohorts with different  
453 reporter mouse lines for subsequent patch-clamp and  $Ca^{2+}$  imaging experiments (Table 1). SWR  
454 frequency increased in 5xFAD mice in both larger cohorts:  $PV^{Cre/+};tdTom/+$  mice ( $135 \pm 18\%$ ,  $n_{mice} = 13$   
455 CT, 11 5xFAD) and  $Thy1-GCaMP6f$  mice ( $156 \pm 21\%$ ,  $n_{mice} = 10$  CT, 11 5xFAD). In the third smaller  
456  $Thy1-GCaMP6f;PV^{Cre/+};tdTom/+$  cohort, there was no significant increase observed ( $93 \pm 18\%$ ,  $n_{mice} = 4$   
457 CT, 7 5xFAD). A 2-way ANOVA for 5xFAD genotype and reporter line revealed only a significant effect  
458 of 5xFAD genotype ( $F_{(1,50)} = 5.41$ ,  $p = 0.024$ ) and not reporter line ( $F_{(2,50)} = 1.50$ ,  $p = 0.233$ ) nor interaction  
459 term ( $F_{(2,50)} = 2.06$ ,  $p = 0.138$ ). The data for the three sub-cohorts were therefore pooled into the results

460 presented in (Fig. 2), and in subsequent patch clamp experiments, with the lack of phenotype in the  
461 quadruple transgenic cohort likely attributable to smaller sampling. To test if sex, brain hemisphere, and  
462 dorsal-ventral slice position had an effect, an additional 4-way ANOVA of all slices was performed. A  
463 small effect of 5xFAD genotype was found ( $n_{\text{slice}} = 101$  CT, 88 5xFAD;  $F_{(1,178)} = 10.4$ ,  $p = 0.0015$ ), and a  
464 small effect of dorsal-ventral position ( $F_{(1,178)} = 10.46$ ,  $p = 0.0015$ ), with ventral slices (bregma 3-4 mm)  
465  $126 \pm 12\%$  the frequency of more dorsal slices (bregma 2-3 mm) for both control and 5xFAD slices.  
466 Correcting for multiple comparisons, within each genotype the difference between dorsal and ventral  
467 slices did not reach significance (D vs V:  $p = 0.078$  (CT),  $p = 0.235$  (5xFAD), ŠC). No significant effects  
468 were observed for sex ( $F_{(1,178)} = 0.728$ ,  $p = 0.395$ ), brain hemisphere ( $F_{(1,178)} = 0.873$ ,  $p = 0.351$ ), nor any  
469 interaction terms.

#### 470 ***Altered ensembles of pyramidal cells are recruited in 5xFAD slices***

471 The replay of pyramidal cell (PC) ensembles during SWRs is critical for the consolidation of spatial  
472 memory (Wilson and McNaughton, 1994; Skaggs and McNaughton, 1996; Lee and Wilson, 2002; O'Neill  
473 et al., 2008). Given the observed alterations to SWRs in 3 mo 5xFAD mice, we next sought to determine  
474 if ensembles of PCs were altered via calcium imaging (Fig. 3A). PCs differentiate into superficial (sPCs,  
475 closer to *str. radiatum*) and deep (dPCs, closer to *str. oriens*) cells, with different function, connectivity,  
476 and molecular profiles (Lee et al., 2014; Valero et al., 2015). We distinguished sPCs and dPCs via *post*  
477 *hoc* staining of imaged slices for calbindin (CB), which is more highly expressed in sPCs. While dorsal  
478 hippocampus exhibits a clear delineation of CB+ sPCs and CB- dPCs (Lee et al., 2014), we observed a  
479 CB bilayer in our slices (Fig. 3B), as previously reported in more ventral hippocampus (Baimbridge and  
480 Miller, 1982; Slomianka et al., 2011). In  $n_{\text{slice}} = 4$  from  $n_{\text{mice}} = 2$  CT, 2 5xFAD, we counted the total number  
481 of GCaMP (GC)+ CB- (539), GC- CB+ (292) and GC+ CB+ (146) cells, and for each calculated the  
482 distance from the border of *str. radiatum* and *pyramidale* (Fig. 3C). At 30  $\mu\text{m}$  there was a switch from  
483 majority CB+ to GC+ cells, with a non-trivial fraction of double-labeled GC+ CB+ cells: 17.9% from 0 - 30  
484  $\mu\text{m}$  and 15.7% from 30 - 90  $\mu\text{m}$ . At depths greater than 90  $\mu\text{m}$  there was lower co-expression of 7.9%.  
485 All subsequent experiments were performed on GC+ cells with a cutoff of 30  $\mu\text{m}$  between putative sPCs  
486 and dPCs.

487 The ensemble activity of PCs was recorded under confocal microscopy in slices from  
488 5xFAD/+;Thy1-GCaMP6f mice and Thy1-GCaMP6f littermate controls (Fig. 3D). Active cells were  
489 detected with a semi-automated algorithm and both spontaneous and SWR-coincident  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  transient  
490 events were detected. Within 5xFAD slices, the total number of active PCs detected per imaging field  
491 was increased from  $17.0 \pm 2.6$  to  $24.0 \pm 1.6$  PCs in  $n_{\text{slice}} = 25$  CT, 23 5xFAD ( $t_{(31.2)} = 3.091$ ,  $p = 0.0042$ ;  
492 Welch's t-test, log-transformed (LT)), with a greater number of PCs active during SWRs (CT:  $3.6 \pm 0.6$ ,  
493 5xFAD:  $4.9 \pm 0.8$  cells,  $t_{(40.1)} = 2.063$ ,  $p = 0.046$ ; Welch's t-test, LT). When delineated by PC sub-type,  
494 there was a significant effect of genotype on the number of active cells ( $F_{(1,92)} = 11.8$ ,  $p = 0.00088$ ; 2-way  
495 ANOVA, ART; Fig. 3E), as well as an effect of cell type ( $F_{(1,92)} = 20.6$ ,  $p = 1.7 \times 10^{-5}$ ). The number of sPCs  
496 was increased in 5xFAD slices from  $5.7 \pm 0.8$  to  $8.7 \pm 1.0$  cells ( $p = 0.067$ , ŠC) and dPCs from  $11.3 \pm 2.0$   
497 to  $15.6 \pm 1.2$  cells ( $p = 0.039$ , ŠC), with significantly more dPCs than sPCs for both genotypes (CT:  $p =$   
498  $0.014$ ; 5xFAD:  $p = 0.00041$ , ŠC). During SWRs, more dPCs participated than sPCs ( $F_{(1,87)} = 12.19$ ,  $p =$   
499  $0.00076$ ; 2-way ANOVA, ART; Fig. 3F) in both CT ( $p = 0.0063$ , ŠC) and 5xFAD slices ( $p = 0.00095$ , ŠC).  
500 However, no effect of genotype was observed ( $F_{(1,87)} = 0.747$ ,  $p = 0.390$ ), in contrast to the increase  
501 observed when considering all PCs together.

502 We next asked if characteristics of the  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  events differed between genotype, as an indirect  
503 measure PC firing activity. Averaging across cells from each slice, no differences were found in the  
504 frequency ( $F_{(1,87)} = 0.094$ ,  $p = 0.759$ ; 2-way ANOVA, log-transformed (LT); Fig. 3G), amplitude ( $F_{(1,87)} =$   
505  $0.093$ ,  $p = 0.761$ ; 2-way ANOVA, LT; Fig. 3H), nor duration of  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  transient events ( $F_{(1,87)} = 0.289$ ,  $p =$   
506  $0.593$ ; 2-way ANOVA, LT; Fig. 3I). This suggests that on an individual cell level, PCs exhibit similar  
507 activity in 5xFAD mice as compared to controls, with differences only becoming apparent on the  
508 ensemble level. Finally, we sought to determine if the cellular composition of PC ensembles during SWR  
509 events was altered. Ensemble diversity was assessed by calculating the pairwise Jaccard similarity of  
510 cellular participation between all SWR events (Fig. 3J). Additionally, the Jaccard similarity of SWR  
511 participation between cells was computed between sPCs/dPCs and all other PCs (Fig. 3J, bottom right).  
512 The cumulative distribution functions of all pairwise comparisons were calculated for each slice and  
513 averaged across genotype, revealing a reduced degree of similarity in PC ensembles during SWRs in

514 5xFAD, as compared to control slices ( $F_{(1,4100)} = 85.6$ ,  $p < 10^{-15}$ ; 2-way ANOVA; Fig. 3K), though with no  
515 bins surviving multiple comparisons. This suggests there may be an increased repertoire of ensembles  
516 in 5xFAD slices. The similarity between sPCs and all other PCs was reduced ( $F_{(1,3600)} = 25.2$ ,  $p = 5.5 \times$   
517  $10^{-7}$ ; 2-way ANOVA; Fig. 3L), with similarities between 0.1 – 0.15 surviving multiple comparisons, as was  
518 the similarity between dPCs and all other PCs ( $F_{(1,3800)} = 15.88$ ,  $p = 6.9 \times 10^{-5}$ ; 2-way ANOVA; Fig. 3M),  
519 suggesting aberrant cell participation may be disrupting ensembles.

### 520 **Pyramidal cell spiking is relatively unchanged in 5xFAD mice**

521 To test more directly if pyramidal cell activity was altered, GCaMP6f+ sPCs ( $n_{\text{sPC}} = 13$  CT, 9 5xFAD)  
522 and dPCs ( $n_{\text{dPC}} = 26$  CT, 35 5xFAD) were targeted for loose cell-attached recordings (Fig. 4A). Most cells  
523 ( $n_{\text{PC}} = 39$  CT, 39 5xFAD) were from 5xFAD;Thy1-GCaMP6f and Thy1-GCaMP6f littermate controls. A  
524 small number ( $n_{\text{sPC}} = 1$ ,  $n_{\text{dPC}} = 4$ ) were from 5xFAD;Thy1-GCaMP6f;PV<sup>Cre/+</sup>;tdTom/+ mice, which labeled  
525 both excitatory PCs in green and inhibitory PV cells in red. Spikes and bursts (three or more spikes each  
526 within 60 ms) were delineated as spontaneous or SWR-coincident (Fig. 4B). Consistent with prior studies  
527 (Mizuseki and Buzsáki, 2013), the distribution of spike rates was lognormal for both sPCs and dPCs.  
528 Both sPCs (Fig. 4C) and dPCs (Fig. 4D) increased their spike rate during SWRs, with a significant effect  
529 of spontaneous/SWR time period (sPCs:  $F_{(1,20)} = 11.0$ ,  $p = 0.0034$ ; dPCs:  $F_{(1,59)} = 18.5$ ,  $p = 6.4 \times 10^{-5}$ ; 2-  
530 way RM ANOVAs, ART—zero-values preclude LT), with only sPCs/dPCs from 5xFAD mice showing a  
531 significant spike rate increase when correcting for multiple comparisons (sPCs:  $p = 0.272$  (CT),  $p = 0.023$   
532 (5xFAD); dPCs:  $p = 0.085$  (CT),  $p = 0.00013$  (5xFAD); Wilcoxon *post hoc*, ŠC). sPCs displayed a  
533 significant genotype difference ( $F_{(1,20)} = 4.64$ ,  $p = 0.044$ ), and interaction of genotype  $\times$  period ( $F_{(1,20)} =$   
534  $5.59$ ,  $p = 0.028$ ), though neither the spontaneous nor SWR spike rate survived multiple comparisons  
535 (Spont:  $p = 0.934$ , SWR:  $p = 0.301$ ; Mann-Whitney *post hoc*, ŠC). In contrast, dPCs displayed no  
536 genotype difference ( $F_{(1,59)} = 0.914$ ,  $p = 0.343$ ), nor interaction of genotype  $\times$  period ( $F_{(1,59)} = 1.803$ ,  $p =$   
537  $0.184$ ).

538 To examine spike rate in more detail around SWR events, the peri-SWR spike probability was  
539 averaged across all cells within each genotype, showing an increased spiking probability in 5xFAD sPCs  
540 ( $F_{(1,2000)} = 37.73$ ,  $p = 9.8 \times 10^{-10}$ ; 2-way ANOVA; Fig. 4E), with significant differences when correcting for

541 multiple comparisons from -4 ms to +8 ms around the SWR peak ( $p < 0.01$ , ŠC). In contrast, the dPC  
542 spike probability did not differ between genotype ( $F_{(1,5900)} = 2.38$ ,  $p = 0.123$ ; 2-way ANOVA; Fig. 4F).  
543 There was no difference in the rate of spike bursts (3 or more spikes each within 60 ms) between  
544 genotype ( $F_{(1,79)} = 1.00$ ,  $p = 0.319$ ; 2-way ANOVA, ART; Fig. 4G) or PC type ( $F_{(1,79)} = 2.37$ ,  $p = 0.127$ ).  
545 There was a tendency for a significant effect of genotype on the intra-burst interval ( $F_{(1,77)} = 3.26$ ,  $p =$   
546  $0.075$ ; 2-way ANOVA, ART; Fig. 4H), with dPCs spiking somewhat faster from  $14.4 \pm 1.6$  to  $11.1 \pm 0.8$   
547 ms ( $p = 0.045$ , ŠC) and with no change for sPCs ( $p = 0.997$ , ŠC). The percentage of cells with bursts did  
548 not differ between genotype (97.6% CT, 96.1% 5xFAD;  $\chi^2_{(3)} = 0.158$ ,  $p = 0.691$ ; Chi-Squared Test). In  
549 particular, 100% of sPCs had at least one burst in both CT and 5xFAD mice, an important consideration  
550 given prior work indicating dPCs burst more than sPCs (Mizuseki et al., 2011). As we only targeted cells  
551 with visible calcium transients for localization under confocal microscopy, it is possible the population of  
552 sPCs and dPCs studied are a more highly active subset of all PCs. We also examined if the fractional  
553 participation of PCs in SWRs differed, quantified as the fraction of spikes that occurred during SWRs  
554 (Fig. 4I), and the fraction of SWRs that had one or more spikes (Fig. 4J). There was a tendency for an  
555 effect of genotype for both endpoints ( $F_{(1,79)} = 3.90$ ,  $p = 0.052$ ;  $F_{(1,79)} = 3.11$ ,  $p = 0.082$ ; 2-way ANOVA,  
556 ART), though with neither cell type surviving multiple comparisons (Fig. 4I-J).

557 Finally, we examined the phase-locking of spikes in both the slow gamma and ripple ranges (Fig.  
558 4K). Phase-locking of PCs to the trough of ripples has been widely reported *in vivo* (Ylinen et al., 1995;  
559 Csicsvari et al., 1999; Le Van Quyen et al., 2008). Additionally, phase-locking of spikes to SWR-nested  
560 slow gamma has been reported to be reduced in 5xFAD mice (Iaccarino et al., 2016). We observed that  
561 sPCs showed broad phase preference in the gamma range, with averages following the trough at  $223^\circ$   
562 for controls ( $Z = 0.365$ ,  $p = 0.706$ ; Raleigh Test), and following the peak at  $63^\circ$  in 5xFAD mice ( $Z = 1.88$ ,  
563  $p = 0.154$ ; Raleigh Test), with no significant genotype difference ( $P = 2.86$ ,  $p = 0.091$ , Circular-Median  
564 Test; Fig. 4L). In contrast, control dPCs were significantly phase-locked at  $143^\circ$  ( $110^\circ$ - $177^\circ$  95%;  $Z =$   
565  $5.79$ ,  $p = 0.0023$ ; Raleigh Test), while 5xFAD dPCs showed a broader phase preference with a mean of  
566  $177^\circ$  ( $110^\circ$ - $245^\circ$  95%;  $Z = 2.25$ ,  $p = 0.105$ ; Raleigh Test), and no significant genotype difference ( $P =$   
567  $0.147$ ,  $p = 0.701$ , Circular-Median Test; Fig. 4M). In the ripple range cells displayed broad phase



568 preference, with neither sPCs  $Z = 0.355$ ,  $p = 0.712$ ;  $Z = 1.58$ ,  $p = 0.212$ ; Raleigh Test; Fig. 4N) nor dPCs  
569 ( $Z = 0.981$ ,  $p = 0.340$ ; 5xFAD:  $Z = 1.09$ ,  $p = 0.339$ ; Raleigh Test; Fig. 4O) significantly phase-locked, nor  
570 different between genotypes (sPC:  $P = 0.254$ ,  $p = 0.614$ ; dPC:  $P = 0.528$ ,  $p = 0.467$ ; Circular-Median  
571 Test). However, in control dPCs, the mean phase at the trough of  $191^\circ$  more closely matches prior *in*  
572 *vivo* findings than for 5xFAD mice, with a mean phase of  $224^\circ$  following the trough (Fig. 4O). These  
573 results indicate that spike-phase coupling may be impaired in 5xFAD mice, though the lack of significant  
574 ripple phase-locking for either genotype suggests there are limitations to this analysis in our slice  
575 preparation, as this finding differs from the robust ripple phase-locking observed *in vivo* (Ylinen et al.,  
576 1995; Csicsvari et al., 1999; Le Van Quyen et al., 2008). One difference between our study and prior *in*  
577 *vivo* recordings is that the spikes and LFP were recorded from different electrodes, while *in vivo* LFP and  
578 spikes are typically recorded from the same set of channels. As ripples are highly localized events, the  
579 distance between electrodes may confound spatial phase locking. Taken together with the  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  imaging  
580 data, these results indicate relatively minor alterations to the spiking activity of PCs in 5xFAD slices.  
581 However, the large variability in spiking rate may mask small differences in activity.

### 582 ***Pyramidal cells receive increased synaptic E/I ratio***

583 Following the cell-attached recording of PC spiking activity, the electrode was replaced with one  
584 containing a Cesium-based internal solution and the same cell targeted for a whole-cell voltage-clamp  
585 recording to detect excitatory and inhibitory post-synaptic currents (EPSCs and IPSCs) at  $-70$  mV ( $n_{\text{sPC}} = 7$  CT, 5 5xFAD;  $n_{\text{dPC}} = 12$  CT, 9 5xFAD; Fig. 5A-B) and  $0$  mV ( $n_{\text{sPC}} = 7$  CT, 5 5xFAD;  $n_{\text{dPC}} = 14$  CT, 11  
586 5xFAD; Fig. 5C-D), respectively. Events were sorted as spontaneous (sEPSCs/sIPSCs) or SWR-  
587 coincident (swrEPSCs/swrIPSCs). sEPSC frequency and amplitude were unchanged across genotype  
588 (Freq:  $F_{(1,29)} = 0.296$ ,  $p = 0.591$ ; Fig. 5E; Amp:  $F_{(1,29)} = 2.26$ ,  $p = 0.143$ ; Fig. 5F; 2-way ANOVA, LT), as  
589 were the kinetics of sEPSCs (Rise tau:  $F_{(1,29)} = 0.540$ ,  $p = 0.468$ ; Fig. 5G; Decay tau:  $F_{(1,29)} = 0.268$ ,  $p =$   
590  $0.608$ ; Fig. 5H; 2-way ANOVA). The excitatory charge during spontaneous periods (sEPSQ) was also  
591 unchanged across genotype ( $F_{(1,29)} = 0.835$ ,  $p = 0.369$ ; 2-way ANOVA, LT; Fig. 5I). However, there was  
592 a significant effect of genotype on the excitatory charge during SWRs (swrEPSQ) ( $F_{(1,29)} = 6.56$ ,  $p =$   
593  $0.016$ ; 2-way ANOVA, LT; Fig. 5J), with dPCs seeing a  $114 \pm 41\%$  increase ( $p = 0.043$ , ŠC), while sPCs

595 were not significantly different ( $p = 0.368$ , ŠC). Considering we observed that SWRs in 5xFAD mice were  
596 larger in amplitude with more total PCs active, this was not an altogether surprising result. This increase  
597 indicates that the enlarged SWRs were accompanied with increased excitatory synaptic activity, likely  
598 originating from the CA3 region. The lack of any increase in spontaneous excitatory activity is also  
599 consistent with our cell-attached results showing that at least locally in CA1, both sPCs and dPCs had  
600 no changes in firing rate during spontaneous periods (Fig. 4C-D). Together these results indicate that  
601 spontaneous excitatory synaptic input is unchanged, but increased during SWRs in 5xFAD mice,  
602 particularly for dPCs, consistent with expectations from our LFP experiments.

603 In contrast, for sIPSCs, there was an effect of genotype on the frequency ( $F_{(1,33)} = 9.38$ ,  $p = 0.0043$ ;  
604 2-way ANOVA, LT; Fig. 5K), as well as an effect of PC type ( $F_{(1,33)} = 8.19$ ,  $p = 0.0073$ ), with sPCs seeing  
605 a preferential  $52 \pm 10\%$  decrease ( $p = 0.049$ , ŠC), while dPCs were unchanged ( $p = 0.466$ , ŠC). There  
606 was a tendency for an effect of genotype on the amplitude of sIPSCs ( $F_{(1,33)} = 3.40$ ,  $p = 0.074$ ; 2-way  
607 ANOVA, LT; Fig. 5L), and no effect for the rise tau ( $F_{(1,33)} = 1.73$ ,  $p = 0.197$ ; 2-way ANOVA; Fig. 5M).  
608 However the decay tau of sIPSCs saw an effect of genotype ( $F_{(1,33)} = 9.36$ ,  $p = 0.0044$ ; 2-way ANOVA;  
609 Fig. 5N), cell type ( $F_{(1,33)} = 10.7$ ,  $p = 0.0025$ ), and interaction of genotype  $\times$  cell type ( $F_{(1,33)} = 7.61$ ,  $p =$   
610  $0.0094$ ), with sPCs from 5xFAD mice displaying a 5 ms longer decay than control sPCs ( $p = 0.030$ , ŠC)  
611 and dPCs ( $p = 0.00072$ , ŠC). This specific alteration prompted us to examine in more detail the  
612 distribution of sIPSCs. For each cell, the cumulative distribution function of all events was calculated and  
613 averaged across cells. This analysis revealed for sPCs a significantly lower sIPSC amplitude ( $F_{(1,1000)} =$   
614  $39.8$ ,  $p = 4.2 \times 10^{-15}$ ; 2-way ANOVA; Fig. 5O, upper) and greater decay tau ( $F_{(1,1000)} = 469$ ,  $p < 10^{-15}$ ; 2-  
615 way ANOVA; Fig. 5P, upper), with events of amplitude 10 - 65 pA and decay tau 9 - 22 ms surviving  
616 multiple comparisons. This suggests that for sPCs, fast and high amplitude inhibitory input, typically  
617 attributed to fast-spiking cells, is preferentially reduced. In contrast, dPCs saw no significant range of bins  
618 survive multiple comparisons (Fig. O-P, lower). This analysis was performed for all sEPSC and sIPSC  
619 end-points, and no other end-points saw significant genotype differences surviving multiple comparisons.

620 The normalized inhibitory charge during spontaneous periods (sIPSQ) was also preferentially  
621 reduced for 5xFAD sPCs (Genotype Effect:  $F_{(1,33)} = 10.3$ ,  $p = 0.0029$ ; 2-way ANOVA, LT; sPC:  $p = 0.044$ ,

622 dPC:  $p = 0.331$ , ŠC; Fig. 5Q). During SWRs, the total inhibitory charge (swrIPSQ) was differentially  
623 altered between cell types, with a significant interaction of genotype and cell type ( $F_{(1,33)} = 7.14$ ,  $p =$   
624  $0.0116$ ; 2-way ANOVA, LT; Fig. 5R), a non-significant reduction for sPCs ( $p = 0.294$ , ŠC) and a significant  
625 increase for dPCs ( $p = 0.022$ , ŠC). These results suggest a selective impairment in inhibition in sPCs  
626 that is not seen in dPCs. Despite the observed increase in SWR activity in 5xFAD mice, the inhibition did  
627 not scale proportionally with the increased excitation, thus shifting the synaptic E/I balance. We assessed  
628 this for both spontaneous and SWR-driven currents. During spontaneous periods, there was a significant  
629 effect of genotype on the E/I ratio, defined as the ratio of sEPSQ/sIPSQ ( $F_{(1,27)} = 14.7$ ,  $p = 0.00069$ ; 2-  
630 way ANOVA; Fig. S), as well as an effect of cell type ( $F_{(1,27)} = 7.39$ ,  $p = 0.0113$ ). Both sPCs and dPCs  
631 saw an increase (sPC:  $p = 0.055$ , dPC:  $p = 0.049$ , ŠC). During SWRs, the synaptic E/I ratio  
632 (swrEPSQ/swrIPSQ) was affected by both genotype ( $F_{(1,27)} = 7.59$ ,  $p = 0.0104$ ; 2-way ANOVA; Fig. R)  
633 and a genotype x cell type interaction ( $F_{(1,27)} = 5.12$ ,  $p = 0.0319$ ), but only in sPCs was there an increase  
634 (sPC:  $p = 0.048$ , dPC:  $p = 0.877$ ). To examine the temporal progression of synaptic input during SWRs,  
635 we calculated the EPSQ and IPSQ in a sliding 100 ms window across the SWR peak (Fig. 5U-V), from  
636 which a time course of the synaptic E/I ratio could be determined (Fig. 5W-X). While for both the EPSQ  
637 and IPSQ there was a significant effect of genotype for sPCs (EPSQ:  $F_{(1,1000)} = 184$ ,  $p < 10^{-15}$ ; IPSQ:  
638  $F_{(1,1000)} = 129$ ,  $p < 10^{-15}$ ; 2-way ANOVA; Fig. 5U) and dPCs (EPSQ:  $F_{(1,1900)} = 295$ ,  $p < 10^{-15}$ ; IPSQ:  $F_{(1,2300)}$   
639  $= 708$ ,  $p < 10^{-15}$ ; 2-way ANOVA; Fig. 5V), only for the IPSQ in dPCs did individual bins from -18 to +62  
640 ms (relative to the SWR peak) survive multiple comparisons. The ratio of the EPSQ/IPSQ time course  
641 revealed a significant effect of genotype for both sPCs ( $F_{(1,1000)} = 159$ ,  $p < 10^{-15}$ ; 2-way ANOVA; Fig. 5W)  
642 and dPCs ( $F_{(1,1800)} = 24.3$ ,  $p = 9.1 \times 10^{-7}$ ; 2-way ANOVA; Fig. 5X). For both sPCs and dPCs there was an  
643 early peak in the synaptic E/I ratio for 5xFAD mice that was not present in controls (Fig. 5W-X), which  
644 can be attributed to a build-up in excitation with a delayed increase in inhibition. Only for dPCs did  
645 individual bins from -70 to -60 ms survive multiple comparisons, in part likely due to the greater sampling  
646 of dPCs.

## 647 ***PV basket cells have selectively reduced spiking***

648 While there are numerous inhibitory cell sub-types in the CA1 region that could underlie a shift in  
649 E/I synaptic input to PCs (Pelkey et al., 2017), we focused on parvalbumin-expressing (PV) interneurons,  
650 as they are the most highly active during SWR events (Somogyi et al., 2014). We performed cell-attached  
651 recordings in 5xFAD/+;PV<sup>Cre</sup>/+;tdTom/+ and PV<sup>Cre</sup>/+;tdTom/+ littermate controls ( $n_{\text{cell}} = 13$  CT, 18 5xFAD)  
652 (Fig. 6A). Cells were also recorded from 5xFAD;Thy1-GCaMP6f;PV<sup>Cre</sup>/+;tdTom/+ and Thy1-  
653 GCaMP6f;PV<sup>Cre</sup>/+;tdTom/+ littermate controls ( $n_{\text{cell}} = 11$  CT, 14 5xFAD), which were pooled together.  
654 One complication with the PV cell population is that there are at least three distinct sub-types within CA1  
655 *str. pyr.*, which vary in function and axonal target: basket cells (PVBCs), which target perisomatic regions  
656 of PCs, bistratified cells (PVBSCs), which target both apical and basal dendrites of PCs, and axo-axonic  
657 cells (PVAACs), which selectively target the axon initial segment (AIS) (Fig. 6B). To distinguish these,  
658 we morphologically reconstructed the cells *post hoc* after filling with biocytin in whole-cell configuration  
659 (Fig. 6C) and sorted them by axonal target. Of the total reconstructed cells ( $n_{\text{cell}} = 24$  CT, 32 5xFAD),  
660 PVBSCs (Fig. 6C.2) were easily distinguished from both PVBCs (Fig. 6C.1) and PVAACs (Fig. 6C.3),  
661 with their axonal arbor avoiding *str. pyramidale* ( $n_{\text{PVBSC}} = 5$  CT, 10 5xFAD). While PVBCs and PVAACs  
662 have overlapping axonal targets, some PVBCs were easily distinguished with axonal terminals directly  
663 targeting PC somas as visualized through the PV<sup>Cre</sup>-tdTom and/or Thy1-GCaMP6f fluorescence ( $n_{\text{PVBC}} =$   
664 9 CT, 9 5xFAD). Likewise, some PVAACs exhibited the characteristic “chandelier” phenotype and lack  
665 of somatic targeting ( $n_{\text{PVAAC}} = 4$  CT, 4 5xFAD). However, there were some cells with ambiguous  
666 PVBC/PVAAC morphology based solely on axonal targets ( $n_{\text{cell}} = 6$  CT, 9 5xFAD). To sort these cells,  
667 we examined the spike rate. Both PVBCs and PVBSCs are known to strongly increase their spike rate  
668 during SWRs (Lapray et al., 2012; Katona et al., 2014), while the PVAAC spike rate does not increase  
669 (Viney et al., 2013). Thus, for cells with ambiguous PVBC/PVAAC morphology, those with a spike rate  
670 increase during SWRs ( $53 \pm 11$  Hz) were sorted as putative PVBCs, while those with no increase ( $0.6 \pm$   
671  $0.6$  Hz) were sorted as putative PVAACs. In a subset of 14 slices (5 CT, 9 5xFAD from  $n_{\text{mice}} = 4$  CT, 5  
672 5xFAD), we additionally stained for Ankyrin G, which labels the AIS, and confirmed colocalization with  
673 two putative PVAACs (Fig. 6C.4). Based on this sorting methodology, we identified a total of  $n_{\text{PVBC}} = 13$

674 CT, 16 5xFAD,  $n_{\text{PVBC}} = 5$  CT, 10 5xFAD, and  $n_{\text{PVAAC}} = 6$  CT, 6 5xFAD. The proportion of cells did not  
675 significantly differ from prior published findings of 60% PVBC, 25% PVBC, 15% PVAAC in CA1 *str. pyr.*  
676 ( $\chi^2_{(2)} = 0.754$ ,  $p = 0.686$ ) (Baude et al., 2007), and did not significantly differ between genotype ( $\chi^2_{(2)} =$   
677  $1.09$ ,  $p = 0.580$ ; Fig. 6D).

678 Based on these delineations, we performed PV cell-attached + LFP recordings in control and  
679 5xFAD mice for the identified populations of PVBCs (Fig. 7A.1), PVBCs (Fig. 7A.2) and PVAACs (Fig.  
680 7A.3). We observed an effect of genotype on PVBC spike rate ( $F_{(1,27)} = 10.4$ ,  $p = 0.0033$ ; 2-way RM  
681 ANOVA, ART; Fig. 7B.1), with a selective and robust reduction during SWR periods, from  $62.9 \pm 10.6$  Hz  
682 to  $34.0 \pm 6.2$  Hz ( $p = 0.044$ ; Mann-Whitney *post hoc*, ŠC), whereas the spontaneous spike rate did not  
683 significantly differ ( $p = 0.209$ ; Mann-Whitney *post hoc*, ŠC). In contrast, there was no effect of genotype  
684 on the spike rate of PVBCs ( $F_{(1,13)} = 1.35$ ,  $p = 0.267$ ; 2-way RM ANOVA, ART; Fig. 7B.2) or PVAACs  
685 ( $F_{(1,10)} = 3.83$ ,  $p = 0.079$ ; 2-way RM ANOVA, ART; Fig. 7B.3). As expected from the cell-sorting  
686 methodology, spike rates increased during SWRS for PVBCs, with an effect of period ( $F_{(1,27)} = 179$ ,  $p =$   
687  $1.9 \times 10^{-13}$ ; Fig. 7B.1), and increases of  $5.6 \pm 1.2$  fold in control ( $p = 0.00049$ ; Wilcoxon *post hoc*, ŠC)  
688 and  $5.9 \pm 2.4$  fold in 5xFAD mice ( $p = 0.00012$ ; Wilcoxon *post hoc*, ŠC). Additionally, there was an  
689 interaction of genotype  $\times$  period ( $F_{(1,27)} = 16.8$ ,  $p = 0.00034$ ), indicating that PVBC modulation of spiking  
690 during SWRs differed between genotype. Similarly, there was an effect of period for PVBCs ( $F_{(1,13)} =$   
691  $30.6$ ,  $p = 9.7 \times 10^{-5}$ ; Fig. 7B.2), with a non-significant  $4.4 \pm 1.2$  fold increase in control ( $p = 0.121$ ; Wilcoxon  
692 *post hoc*, ŠC) and a  $6.8 \pm 5.0$  fold increase in 5xFAD mice ( $p = 0.019$ ; Wilcoxon *post hoc*, ŠC), and no  
693 interaction of genotype  $\times$  period ( $F_{(1,13)} = 2.56$ ,  $p = 0.133$ ). While PVAACs did see an effect of period  
694 ( $F_{(1,10)} = 16.7$ ,  $p = 0.0022$ ; Fig. 7B.3), neither in control nor 5xFAD mice was the increase significant (CT:  
695  $1.0 \pm 0.4$  fold,  $p = 0.527$ , 5xFAD:  $2.4 \pm 0.8$  fold,  $p = 0.062$ ; Wilcoxon *post hoc*, ŠC), nor was there an  
696 interaction of genotype  $\times$  period ( $F_{(1,10)} = 3.21$ ,  $p = 0.104$ ). However, the low number of PVAACs recorded  
697 from may mask small alterations in this cell population.

698 The peri-SWR spike probability revealed that in 5xFAD mice, PVBCs spikes fell in a significantly  
699 narrower window (Fig. 7C.1), with a reduced full-width half-maximum value from  $44 \pm 19$  ms to  $18 \pm 5$   
700 ms, and a significant effect of genotype when analyzed via 2-way ANOVA ( $F_{(1,2700)} = 267$ ,  $p < 10^{-15}$ ), with

701 bins from -20 to -16 ms and 0 to +20 ms relative to the SWR peak surviving multiple comparisons.  
702 Intriguingly, this narrower window of spiking in 5xFAD mice was accompanied by shorter duration SWRs  
703 (Fig. 2D), suggesting the activity of these cells is critical for normal ripple progression. In contrast,  
704 PVBCs appeared to increase their firing after the SWR peak in 5xFAD mice (Fig. 7C.2), perhaps playing  
705 a compensatory role, with a significant effect of genotype ( $F_{(1,1300)} = 33.9$ ,  $p = 7.3 \times 10^{-9}$ ; 2-way ANOVA).  
706 PVAACs appeared to have decreased probability of spiking in 5xFAD mice, particularly before the SWR  
707 peak (Fig. 7C.3), with a significant effect of genotype ( $F_{(1,1000)} = 30.15$ ,  $p = 5.1 \times 10^{-8}$ ; 2-way ANOVA).  
708 However, unlike PVBCs, neither PVBCs nor PVAACs showed significant genotype differences when  
709 corrected for multiple comparisons (Fig. 7C).

710 Considering the rate of bursts, defined as three or more spikes each within 40 ms, there was a  
711 tendency for a reduction for PVBCs ( $U = 60$ ,  $p = 0.056$ ; Mann-Whitney; Fig. 7D.1) and no change for  
712 PVBCs ( $U = 22.5$ ,  $p = 0.793$ ; Mann-Whitney; Fig. 7D.2) or PVAACs ( $U = 24$ ,  $p > 0.999$ ; Mann-Whitney;  
713 Fig. 7D.3). No differences were observed in the proportion of cells that exhibited bursts for PVBCs (100%  
714 CT, 93.8% 5xFAD;  $\chi^2_{(1)} = 0.842$ ,  $p = 0.359$ ;  $\chi^2$  Test), PVBCs (80.0% CT, 90.0% 5xFAD;  $\chi^2_{(1)} = 0.288$ ,  $p$   
715  $= 0.591$ ), or PVAACs (50.0% CT, 83.3% 5xFAD;  $\chi^2_{(1)} = 1.500$ ,  $p = 0.221$ ). The fraction of SWRs that  
716 coincided with a PV spike was no different between genotypes for PVBCs ( $U = 72$ ,  $p = 0.170$ ; Mann-  
717 Whitney; Fig. 7E.1), PVBCs ( $U = 21$ ,  $p = 0.655$ ; Mann-Whitney; Fig. 7E.2), or PVAACs ( $U = 6$ ,  $p = 0.065$ ;  
718 Mann-Whitney; Fig. 7E.3). However in PVBCs, the fraction of SWRs that coincided with a PV burst was  
719 significantly reduced from  $65.4 \pm 8.5\%$  to  $32.9 \pm 8.5\%$  ( $U = 53$ ,  $p = 0.025$ ; Mann-Whitney; Fig. 7F.1), while  
720 there was no genotype difference for PVBCs ( $U = 16.5$ ,  $p = 0.323$ ; Mann-Whitney; Fig. 7F.2) or PVAACs  
721 ( $U = 10.5$ ,  $p = 0.182$ ; Mann-Whitney; Fig. 7F.3).

722 We also examined the spike phase-locking of these three PV cell types, as these have been  
723 carefully studied *in vivo* for theta (8-12 Hz, during mobility) and ripple oscillations (Varga et al., 2014).  
724 The precise temporal ordering of PV cell sub-types during network oscillations has been proposed to play  
725 a critical role in the spatiotemporal control of PCs. During ripples, PVBCs have been observed to fire just  
726 after the trough of the ripple, followed by PVBCs and then PVAACs. Less studied is the phase-locking  
727 of PV cells during SWR-nested slow gamma oscillations, which we examined as we observed alterations

728 in this endpoint for the PC population (Fig. 4M). We found significant gamma phase-locking of PVBCs  
729 for 5xFAD mice at 273° (247°-298° 95%;  $Z = 7.94$ ,  $p = 0.00012$ ; Raleigh's test), with broader phase  
730 preference in control mice ( $Z = 2.48$ ,  $p = 0.082$ ; Raleigh's test), and with no difference in median phase  
731 angle ( $P = 0.144$ ,  $p = 0.705$ ; Circular median test; Fig. 7G.1). PVBSCs were similarly gamma phase-  
732 locked for 5xFAD mice at 292° (249°-336° 95%;  $Z = 3.54$ ,  $p = 0.024$ ; Raleigh's test), with broader phase  
733 preference in control mice ( $Z = 1.57$ ,  $p = 0.216$ ; Raleigh's test), and with no difference in median phase  
734 angle ( $P = 0.311$ ,  $p = 0.577$ ; Circular median test; Fig. 7G.2). In contrast, in PVAACs we observed phase-  
735 locking in control mice at 246° (224°-368° 95%;  $Z = 4.43$ ,  $p = 0.005$ ; Raleigh's test), with broader phase  
736 preference in 5xFAD mice ( $Z = 0.913$ ,  $p = 0.421$ ; Raleigh's test), and with a tendency for a difference in  
737 median phase angle ( $P = 3.60$ ,  $p = 0.058$ ; Circular median test; Fig. 7G.3). While the precise significance  
738 of gamma phase-locking has yet to be demonstrated, these genotype differences point to a temporal  
739 disordering of PV cell inhibition.

740 Within the ripple range, in PVBCs, there was a significant phase-locking in control mice at 228°  
741 (198°-259° 95%;  $Z = 6.01$ ,  $p = 0.0014$ ; Raleigh's test), and in 5xFAD mice at 208° (186°-231° 95%;  $Z =$   
742  $9.35$ ,  $p = 1.7 \times 10^{-5}$ ; Raleigh's test), with no significant genotype difference ( $F_{(1,27)} = 1.34$ ,  $p = 0.258$ ;  
743 Watson-Williams; Fig. 7H.1). These values are in line with prior *in vivo* studies, where 0° in our study was  
744 defined as the peak of the ripple cycle and 180° as the trough. PVBSCs exhibited more varied phase-  
745 locking in the ripple range, although the average angles are in line with *in vivo* studies (CT: 241°,  $Z =$   
746  $1.63$ ,  $p = 0.202$ ; 5xFAD: 225°,  $Z = 1.33$ ,  $p = 0.270$ ; Raleigh's test; Fig. 7H.2). PVAACs exhibited ripple  
747 phase preference for control mice at 257° (219°-296° 95%;  $Z = 3.75$ ,  $p = 0.0015$ ; Raleigh's test), in line  
748 with *in vivo* studies. However, in 5xFAD mice, PVAACs spiked earlier, at 204° (164°-245° 95%;  $Z = 3.54$ ,  
749  $p = 0.0020$ ; Raleigh's test), with a significant genotype difference in mean phase angle ( $F_{(1,9)} = 5.68$ ,  $p =$   
750  $0.044$ ; Watson-Williams; Fig. 7H.3). Although we observed no significant change in PVAAC spike rate,  
751 this disruption in temporal ordering may still have downstream network consequences.

### 752 ***PV basket cells have selective decrease in excitatory synaptic drive and decreased E/I ratio***

753 Following cell-attached recording of spiking activity, the electrode was replaced with a Cesium  
754 internal and the same PV cell was targeted for a whole-cell voltage-clamp recording. EPSCs were

755 recorded at -70 mV for PVBCs ( $n_{PVBC} = 12$  CT, 16 5xFAD; Fig. 8A.1), PVBSCs ( $n_{PVBSC} = 4$  CT, 6 5xFAD;  
756 Fig. 8A.2), and PVAACs ( $n_{PVAAC} = 5$  CT, 6 5xFAD; Fig. 8A.3). None of the three PV cell subtypes had  
757 any change in spontaneous sEPSC frequency (PVBC:  $t_{(26)} = 1.30$ ,  $p = 0.206$ ; PVBSC:  $t_{(8)} = 0.990$ ,  $p =$   
758  $0.351$ ; PVAAC:  $t_{(9)} = 0.129$ ,  $p = 0.900$ ; unpaired t-tests), or amplitude (PVBC:  $t_{(26)} = 0.545$ ,  $p = 0.591$ ;  
759 PVBSC:  $t_{(8)} = 0.058$ ,  $p = 0.956$ ; PVAAC:  $t_{(9)} = 2.11$ ,  $p = 0.064$ ; unpaired t-tests; Fig. 8B.1-3). The kinetics  
760 of sEPSCs in 5xFAD PVBCs were altered however, with a similar rise tau ( $t_{(26)} = 0.307$ ,  $p = 0.761$ ;  
761 unpaired t-test), but a reduction in the decay tau ( $t_{(26)} = 2.41$ ,  $p = 0.024$ ; unpaired t-test; Fig. 8C.1). There  
762 were no changes to sEPSC kinetics in PVBSCs (Rise:  $t_{(8)} = 0.671$ ,  $p = 0.521$ ; Decay:  $t_{(8)} = 1.02$ ,  $p = 0.340$ ;  
763 Fig. 8C.2) or PVAACs (Rise:  $t_{(9)} = 0.857$ ,  $p = 0.414$ ; Decay:  $t_{(9)} = 1.79$ ,  $p = 0.107$ ; Fig. 8C.3). To examine  
764 the decreased sEPSC decay tau in PVBCs, the cumulative distribution function of all sEPSCs was  
765 calculated and averaged across cells, revealing an effect of genotype ( $F_{(1,2500)} = 2165$ ,  $p < 10^{-15}$ ; 2-way  
766 ANOVA; Fig. 8D), with events of decay tau 1 - 7 ms surviving multiple comparisons. This decrease in  
767 decay tau was somewhat unexpected, considering that in PV cells, neuronal pentraxins are associated  
768 with an acquisition of GluA4 subunits which speeds up the kinetics of AMPA receptor mediated EPSCs  
769 (Pelkey et al., 2015). Both pentraxins and GluA4 are selectively reduced in human Alzheimer's patients  
770 (Xiao et al., 2017), suggesting that in AD, a longer decay of AMPA-mediated EPSCs may underlie PV  
771 cell dysfunction. Our results indicate that in 3 mo 5xFAD mice, this does not appear to be a prominent  
772 mechanism.

773 During SWRs, PVBCs from 5xFAD mice saw a  $50.1 \pm 10.7\%$  reduction in the swrEPSQ, the total  
774 excitatory synaptic charge in a 100 ms window centered around the SWR peak ( $t_{(26)} = 3.20$ ,  $p = 0.0036$ ,  
775 unpaired t-test; Fig. 8E.1), whereas there was no change for PVBSCs ( $t_{(8)} = 0.997$ ,  $p = 0.348$ ; unpaired  
776 t-test; Fig. 8E.2) or PVAACs ( $t_{(9)} = 1.63$ ,  $p = 0.139$ ; unpaired t-test; Fig. 8D.3). In a subset of cells ( $n_{PVBC}$   
777  $= 8$  CT, 8 5xFAD), we also recorded IPSCs at 0 mV (Fig. 8A.4 for PVBCs, IPSCs were not recorded in  
778 every cell, thus there were insufficient numbers of PVBSCs and PVAACs for statistical analysis).  
779 Spontaneous inhibitory input to PVBCs was unchanged, including sIPSC frequency ( $t_{(14)} = 0.448$ ,  $p =$   
780  $0.661$ ; unpaired t-test), amplitude ( $t_{(14)} = 0.339$ ,  $p = 0.740$ ; unpaired t-test; Fig. 8B.4), and kinetics (Rise:  
781  $t_{(14)} = 0.263$ ,  $p = 0.796$ ; Decay:  $t_{(14)} = 0.672$ ,  $p = 0.513$ ; Fig. 8C.4). The total inhibitory charge during



782 SWRs, swrIPSQ, was also no different between genotype ( $t_{(14)} = 0.0083$ ,  $p = 0.994$ ; unpaired t-test; Fig.  
783 E.4). This selective decrease in excitation to PVBCs during SWRs, in contrast to the observation in PCs  
784 (Fig. 5J), resulted in a significant decrease in the synaptic E/I ratio during SWRs ( $t_{(14)} = 2.70$ ,  $p = 0.017$ ,  
785 unpaired t-test), though not during spontaneous periods ( $t_{(14)} = 0.929$ ,  $p = 0.368$ , unpaired t-test; Fig. 8F).  
786 As with PCs, we examined the time course of synaptic charge during SWRs in PVBCs, and found a  
787 significant effect of genotype on the excitatory charge ( $F_{(1,2500)} = 664$ ,  $p < 10^{-15}$ ; 2-way ANOVA), with bins  
788 from -32 to +42 ms relative to the SWR peak surviving multiple comparisons (Fig. 8G). There was no  
789 effect of genotype on inhibitory charge ( $F_{(1,1400)} = 2.12$ ,  $p = 0.145$ , 2-way ANOVA; Fig. 8G). This resulted  
790 in a significant effect of genotype on the E/I ratio ( $F_{(1,1300)} = 339$ ,  $p < 10^{-15}$ , 2-way ANOVA), with an early  
791 peak that survived multiple comparisons in control above 5xFAD cells from -66 to -58 ms relative to the  
792 SWR peak (Fig. 8H), precisely the opposite effect observed in PCs (Fig. 5W-X)

793 Since we recorded the cell-attached spiking activity from the same PVBCs, we were next  
794 interested if reduced SWR spike rate (Fig. 7B.1) was correlated with altered synaptic E/I ratio during  
795 SWRs. We observed a moderate positive correlation for control PVBCs ( $n_{PVBC} = 8$ ,  $R^2 = 0.625$ ,  $F_{(1,6)} =$   
796  $9.98$ ,  $p = 0.020$ , Linear Regression), but no correlation between spike rate and E/I ratio for 5xFAD PVBCs  
797 ( $n_{PVBC} = 8$ ,  $R^2 = 0.0092$ ,  $F_{(1,6)} = 0.056$ ,  $p = 0.822$ ; Fig. 8I), suggesting that not only is excitatory synaptic  
798 input during SWRs reduced, potentially through altered PC-PVBC connectivity, but there are also deficits  
799 in PVBC input-output function, consistent with prior studies of intrinsic PV cell dysfunction (Verret et al.,  
800 2012).

## 801 **Discussion**

802 Here we identified a selective reduction in PVBC activity in a model of AD, while PVBCs, PVAACs,  
803 and excitatory PCs were relatively spared. By investigating the synaptic input and spike output of these  
804 cell types, we present a careful description of hippocampal micro-circuitry alterations in early amyloid  
805 pathology (Fig. 9) during activity critical for memory consolidation (i.e. SWRs). PVBCs displayed a  
806 reduced synaptic E/I ratio during SWRs (Fig. 8F), driven by a reduction in excitatory synaptic input (Fig.  
807 8E.1). PVBCs spiked less during SWRs (Fig. 7B.1), thus providing reduced inhibitory control to excitatory  
808 PCs. In contrast, PCs displayed an increased synaptic E/I ratio (Fig. 5S-T), with differences between  
809 superficial and deep PCs. sPCs saw a greater reduction in inhibitory input than dPCs (Fig. 5Q-R), and  
810 also displayed an increased probability of spiking during SWRs (Fig. 4E-F). As the strong inhibition  
811 PVBCs provide is critical for the selection of PC ensembles (Klausberger and Somogyi, 2008; Ellender  
812 et al., 2010), this selective reduction may explain the enlarged PC ensembles (Fig. 3E), aberrant cellular  
813 participation (Fig. 3L-M), and more frequent and larger amplitude SWRs in 5xFAD mice (Fig. 2C-D).  
814 Intriguingly, the increase in SWRs appears detrimental, despite their role in memory consolidation, as we  
815 also observed spatial memory deficits (Fig. 1C). Considering the surprising role SWRs play in down-  
816 regulating synapses and reducing memory-irrelevant activity (Norimoto et al., 2018), these aberrant  
817 SWRs may be interfering with memory-relevant reactivations. Several mechanisms likely contribute to  
818 the increase in SWRs. The reduction of sIPSCs that sPCs receive between SWRs (Fig. 5K) may permit  
819 the buildup of excitation necessary for SWR initiation. The decreased duration of SWRs (Fig. 2D) may  
820 more quickly reset the system for subsequent events. A more complete description would also require  
821 investigation of CA3 and CA2 micro-circuitry.

### 822 ***Hyperactivity and inhibitory disruption in Alzheimer's disease***

823 Our findings are consistent with growing evidence linking hyperactivity and A $\beta$  aggregation (Zott et  
824 al., 2018). Hippocampal hyperactivity is seen in mouse models of early amyloid pathology as increased  
825 seizure risk (Palop et al., 2007) and enlarged ensemble activity (Busche et al., 2012). Our results extend  
826 these findings to the study of SWRs. In addition, several studies have demonstrated that a preferential  
827 disruption to inhibitory cells underlies hyperactivity (Verret et al., 2012; Hazra et al., 2013; Mahar et al.,

828 2016; Hijazi et al., 2019). In the clinical population, seizures are more prevalent and associated with  
829 earlier onset of cognitive decline in amnesic MCI patients (Vossel et al., 2013). Additionally, task-related  
830 engagement of the hippocampus, as tested via event-related fMRI, indicates hippocampal hyper-  
831 activation in MCI patients relative to aged controls, while more progressed AD patients experience hypo-  
832 activation (Dickerson et al., 2005; Pariente et al., 2005). These studies suggest our observed phenotype  
833 may better model mild cognitive impairment rather than fully progressed AD.

### 834 ***Sharp wave ripple alterations in aging and disease***

835 In normal aging, SWR event and ripple frequency decrease (Wiegand et al., 2016; Cowen et al.,  
836 2018), contrasting with the phenotype we observed in younger mice. While it is accepted that AD is  
837 distinct from accelerated aging (Toepper, 2017), similar decreases in SWRs have been observed in aged  
838 AD models. In an apoE- $\epsilon$ 4 knockin model of sporadic AD, SWR event frequency and gamma power are  
839 reduced in 12-18 mo mice (Gillespie et al., 2016; Jones et al., 2019). Similarly, in 9-12 mo TgF344-AD  
840 rats, SWR event frequency, power, and gamma power are reduced (Stoiljkovic et al., 2018). In younger  
841 adults the findings are somewhat mixed. As seen in a cohort of six 3 mo 5xFAD mice, SWR event  
842 frequency and gamma power during non-theta periods are reduced (Iaccarino et al., 2016), the opposite  
843 phenotype we observe in slice. In 2-4 mo rTg4510 mice, SWR event frequency is unchanged while  
844 amplitude and ripple power are reduced (Ciupek et al., 2015). Another study has suggested a failure of  
845 PC-PV circuits in amyloid pathology is due to regulation of the GluA4 AMPA receptor, resulting in more  
846 frequent SWRs with reduced ripple frequency in 3-4 mo APP<sub>swr</sub>/PS1 $\Delta$ E9 mice (Xiao et al., 2017).  
847 Propagation of SWRs also appears disrupted; 3 mo APP-PS1 mice show impaired propagation from CA3  
848 to CA1 correlated with increased immunoreactivity for PV (Hollnagel et al., 2019).

849 One notable difference between our study and others is the acute slice versus *in vivo* preparation.  
850 Slice electrophysiology permits a careful study of the synaptic inputs to different neuronal sub-types  
851 during SWRs, an infeasible task *in vivo*. It is unknown if awake versus asleep SWR are differentially  
852 affected in AD, and it is unclear which, if either, are better modeled in slice. The choice of AD model also  
853 surely has implications. The 5xFAD model has several advantages over other mouse models in  
854 replicating human disease: a high ratio of A $\beta$ <sub>42</sub> over A $\beta$ <sub>40</sub>, memory impairment, and neurodegeneration

855 in later disease progression. However, it also has limitations. As with most AD models, it only models the  
856 familial variant of the disease, while the sporadic variant accounts for most human cases. Moreover, the  
857 presence of five APP/PS1 gene mutations would certainly never be observed in a patient. Another  
858 disadvantage is APP overexpression, common to all first-generation transgenic models. Some have  
859 noted electrophysiological alterations are more related to APP overexpression than A $\beta$  aggregation (Born  
860 et al., 2014). We attempted to address this by examining a 1 mo cohort (preceding plaque aggregation),  
861 in which APP overexpression would still presumably have an effect, a cohort in which we observed no  
862 alterations (Fig. 1C,2C). Fewer studies exist of second-generation APP knockin models which address  
863 the APP overexpression problem, yet have less pronounced disease phenotypes (Sasaguri et al., 2017).  
864 In one relevant study, sIPSC amplitude from putative PV cells is decreased in parietal cortex PCs from  
865 18-20 mo App<sup>NL-F</sup> mice, although synaptic E/I balance is unchanged (Chen et al., 2018). It will be critical  
866 to study hippocampal network alterations, both at the level of the micro-circuit and behaving animal, in  
867 novel AD mouse models with greater validity.

#### 868 ***Potential mechanisms for PVBC deficit***

869 Several mechanisms may underlie PVBC dysfunction in amyloid pathology. Intrinsic factors  
870 including downregulation of the voltage-gated Na<sub>v1.1</sub> channel can explain decreased PV cell excitability  
871 and cortical network hyperactivity (Verret et al., 2012). It remains to be shown if different PV sub-types  
872 are differentially affected, but according to the Allen Brain Institute Cell Types Database, all identified  
873 murine PV clusters express the Scn1a gene encoding Na<sub>v1.1</sub> (Lein et al., 2007). Another potential  
874 mechanism is loss of peri-neuronal nets (PNNs), part of the extracellular matrix surrounding soma and  
875 proximal dendrites that preferentially ensheathes PV cells (Kwok et al., 2011; Sorg et al., 2016). The  
876 function of PNN is incompletely understood, but both enhances PV cell excitability and activity (Slaker et  
877 al., 2015; Balmer, 2016). In a prior study, we observed degradation of PNN increases SWR event  
878 frequency by ~50% (Sun et al., 2017), a similar magnitude effect as the current study. Additionally, the  
879 selective reduction of excitatory input to PV cells (Fig. 8E.1) is consistent with the decrease in miniature  
880 EPSCs in PV cells in a brevicin knockout, a major component of PNN (Favuzzi et al., 2017). Moreover,  
881 PNN staining is reduced in 3 mo Tg2576 mice (Cattaui et al., 2018). PNNs are more selectively located

882 around PVBCs (>90%) than PVBSCs (25-50%) or PVAACs (<10%) (Yamada and Jinno, 2015),  
883 potentially explaining the specificity we observe. However, our experiments would also be consistent with  
884 upstream deficits in excitatory input to PV cells. In 4 mo Tg2576 mice, there is a preferential degeneration  
885 of direct entorhinal input to CA1 PV cells; optogenetic restoration of this input rescues synaptic and spatial  
886 learning deficits (Yang et al., 2016). The overall cause of disruption to PV cells is likely from several  
887 contributing factors, and further studies are required to identify the most salient impairment, and thus the  
888 most promising avenue for intervention.

### 889 ***Implications of PVBC specific deficit***

890 Here, we identified a preferential impairment in PVBC function, concurrent with altered network  
891 activity. The selectivity of synaptic alterations in PVBCs suggest they may be a promising target for  
892 intervention to restore hippocampal network activity in early amyloid pathology. Given the rapid evolution  
893 of tools to manipulate activity in a cell-type specific manner, this finding is of particular importance  
894 considering optogenetic (Iacarino et al., 2016) and chemogenetic (Hijazi et al., 2019) approaches to  
895 ameliorate memory decline in AD. A limitation of these strategies is that the PV<sup>Cre</sup> driver will also target  
896 PVBSCs and PVAACs, potentially leading to unintended off-target consequences in temporal  
897 sequencing. Novel combinatorial approaches utilizing both Cre and Flp (He et al., 2016) provide a  
898 promising avenue to selectively manipulate distinct neuronal sub-types. For example, the  
899 Nkx2.1<sup>CreER</sup>;LSL<sup>Flp</sup> mouse would provide an efficient means to record PVAAC activity, in which we saw  
900 small alterations that did not reach significance. In conclusion, this study investigated the synaptic input  
901 and spiking output of distinct PC and PV cell-types within CA1 micro-circuitry over the course of SWR  
902 events, providing insight into synaptic deficits in early amyloid pathology, and informing future attempts  
903 to manipulate the hippocampal micro-circuit.

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1176 **Legends**

1177 **Table 1: *Mouse cohorts used in study.*** *Top*, Electrophysiology/imaging cohorts were distinct from  
1178 behavioral cohorts. For both experiments, mice were studied at an age of 1 and 3 months (mo). *Bottom*,  
1179 The 3 mo electrophysiology/imaging cohort consisted of three sub-cohorts with different reporter genes.

1180 **Figure 1: Three month (mo) 5xFAD mice deposit amyloid and display minor impairment in spatial**  
1181 **memory. A,** Representative IHC in the CA1 – subiculum region in 1 mo (*top*) and 3 mo (*bottom*) for  
1182 control (CT, *left*) and 5xFAD (*right*) mice. Red: MOAB-2, labeling both intraneuronal and extracellular A $\beta$ ,  
1183 including unaggregated, oligomeric, and fibrillar A $\beta_{42}$  and unaggregated A $\beta_{40}$ . Cyan: Thioflavin-S, labeling  
1184 fibrils in extracellular plaques. Staining was repeated in 2 mice of each genotype and age. Scale bar =  
1185 100  $\mu$ m. Inset scale bars = 50  $\mu$ m. **B,** Cohorts of 1 mo ( $n_{\text{mice}} = 10$  CT, 10 5xFAD, *top*) and 3 mo ( $n_{\text{mice}} =$   
1186 15 CT, 12 5xFAD, *bottom*) mice, were trained on the Barnes Maze, consisting of four days of training,  
1187 each with four 180 s trials. The latency to find the target escape hole was averaged over the four trials.  
1188 **C,** Latency to find target on the final 90 s probe trial on the fifth day for 1 mo (*top*) and 3 mo (*bottom*)  
1189 cohorts. **D,** Representative heat map for 3 mo animals on the final probe trial. Warmer colors represent  
1190 longer duration. Control mice spent more time at the target and surrounding region than 5xFAD mice.  
1191 For all plots, individual data points represent an animal. Closed circles represent males, open circles  
1192 females. Box-whisker plots represent non-normal data as Median and IQRs. p-values indicated above  
1193 brackets.

1194 **Figure 2: Sharp wave ripples are increased in 3 month 5xFAD mice.** **A**, SWRs were recorded in acute  
1195 horizontal slices with the LFP electrode located in CA1. **B**, Example traces of 3 mo control (*left*) and  
1196 5xFAD (*right*) slices. *1<sup>st</sup> trace*, LFP filtered between 1-1000 Hz, raster below indicates detected SWR  
1197 events as overlap of sharp wave (SW) and ripple events. *2<sup>nd</sup> trace*, SW, filtered between 1-30 Hz, raster  
1198 below indicates detected SW events. *3<sup>rd</sup> trace*, low gamma, filtered between 20-50 Hz. *4<sup>th</sup> trace*, ripple,  
1199 filtered between 120-220 Hz, raster below indicates detected ripple events. *Bottom*, z-scored time-  
1200 frequency spectrogram from 1-250 Hz. **C**, Summary plot of SWR event frequency for 5xFAD and  
1201 littermate controls for both 1 mo ( $n_{\text{mice}} = 10$  CT, 10 5xFAD; *left*) and 3 mo cohorts ( $n_{\text{mice}} = 27$  CT, 29  
1202 5xFAD; *right*). **D**, SWR event amplitude and duration. **E**, Peak ripple frequency and the number of ripple  
1203 cycles within SWR duration. **F**, Example SWR events for traces displayed in **B**, with average z-scored  
1204 time-frequency spectrogram of all events below. **G**, Average Fast-Fourier Transform (FFT) of 200 ms  
1205 window around all SWR events from characteristic subset of  $n_{\text{slice}} = 7$  CT, 7 5xFAD from  $n_{\text{mice}} = 4$  CT, 5  
1206 5xFAD. Shaded region represents SEM. **H-J**, SWR-locked oscillation power in the low gamma (20-50  
1207 Hz, **H**), ripple (120-220 Hz, **I**), and fast ripple (250-500 Hz, **J**) ranges. Note that in **H**, one value was  
1208 identified as an outlier by the ROUT method but was retained in analysis, as the data point appeared  
1209 valid, and even with removal did not alter the observed increase ( $U = 193$ ,  $p = 0.0015$ ; Mann-Whitney).  
1210 For all plots, individual data points represent the average of all slices recorded from an animal  
1211 ( $n_{\text{slice}}/\text{animal}$  in [Table 1](#)). Closed circles represent males, open circles females. Bar plots indicate normal  
1212 data with Mean  $\pm$  SEM. Box-whisker plots represent non-normal data with Median and IQRs. p-values  
1213 indicated above brackets.

1214 **Figure 3: Altered ensembles of pyramidal cells are recruited in 5xFAD slices.** **A**, Confocal imaging  
1215 of PC ensembles were recorded concurrently with SWRs. Scale bars = 50  $\mu$ m. **B**, *Post hoc* IHC for  
1216 Calbindin (CB) of imaged Thy1-GCaMP6f (GC) slices. Dashed grey lines approximately distinguish layers  
1217 of hippocampus, *str. rad.* = *stratum radiatum*, *str. pyr.* = *stratum pyramidale*, *str. or.* = *stratum oriens*.  
1218 Scale bar = 50  $\mu$ m. **C**, Histogram of the distance from the center of the cell body to the *str. pyr./rad.* border  
1219 for 539 GC+ CB-, 292 GC- CB+, and 146 GC+ CB+ cells pooled from  $n_{\text{slice}} = 4$  from  $n_{\text{mice}} = 2$  CT, 2 5xFAD.  
1220 **D**, LFP and  $\Delta F/F$  for identified cells in slices from 3 mo control (*left*) and 5xFAD (*right*) mice. *Top trace*,  
1221 LFP trace with identified SWR events in raster below. *Middle traces*, individual  $\Delta F/F$  for each cell,  
1222 superficial PCs (sPC) in magenta, and deep PCs (dPCs) in green. *Bottom raster*, identified  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  events  
1223 above threshold. Dark colored event indicate concurrence with SWR, light gray indicates spontaneous  
1224 event. **E**, The total number of active sPCs and dPCs for CT ( $n_{\text{slice}} = 25$ ) and 5xFAD ( $n_{\text{slice}} = 23$ ) slices. **F**,  
1225 The number of sPCs/dPCs active during SWRs. **G**, Frequency, **H**, Amplitude, and **I**, Duration of  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$   
1226 transient events averaged across sPCs and dPCs for each slice. **J**, *top*, Event matrix displaying for one  
1227 example recording, the SWR events on the x-axis, and cells on the y-axis (magenta = sPC, green = dPC).  
1228 *Bottom left*, pairwise Jaccard similarity between SWR events (columns in event matrix). Similarity matrix  
1229 is symmetric and the diagonal = 1 by definition - these have not been plotted for clarity. *Bottom right*,  
1230 pairwise Jaccard similarity between cells (rows in event matrix). Dashed lines indicate borders between  
1231 sPC-sPC, sPC-dPC, and dPC-dPC comparisons. Quantification of cell similarity was performed by  
1232 grouping all sPC-PC comparisons (sPC-sPC & sPC-dPC), and all dPC-PC comparisons (dPC-dPC &  
1233 sPC-dPC). Cumulative distribution functions were calculated from all pairwise comparisons for **K**, SWR-  
1234 SWR similarity, **L**, sPC-PC similarity, and **M**, dPC-PC similar. **K-M** all showed significant genotype  
1235 differences via 2-way ANOVAs; asterisks indicate regions surviving multiple comparisons. \*  $p < 0.05$ , \*\*  
1236  $p < 0.01$ , \*\*\*  $p < 0.001$ . Box-whisker plots represent non-normal data with Median and IQRs. Individual  
1237 data points represent a slice. Closed circles represent slices from males, open circles females. p-values  
1238 of pairwise comparisons indicated above brackets.

1239 **Figure 4: Pyramidal cell spiking is relatively unchanged in 5xFAD mice.** **A**, Diagram of a loose cell-  
1240 attached recording of spikes from a Thy1-GCaMP6f+ pyramidal cell (PC) paired with LFP recording of  
1241 SWRs. **B**, Example traces from 3 mo control (*left*) and 5xFAD (*right*) slice. *Top trace*, LFP with SWR  
1242 events in raster below. Gray shaded events indicate spontaneous SWR. Green shading indicates SWR  
1243 coincident with at least one spike. Dark green shading indicates SWR coincident with burst, defined as 3  
1244 or more spikes each within 60 ms. *Bottom trace*, Cell-attached recording from PC. Detected spikes and  
1245 bursts indicated in raster below. Dark shading indicates they are coincident with SWR event, light gray  
1246 shading indicates spontaneous events. Spike rates were calculated separately during spontaneous and  
1247 SWR periods for **C**, superficial PCs (sPC),  $n_{\text{sPC}} = 13$  CT, 9 5xFAD, and **D**, deep PCs (dPCs),  $n_{\text{dPC}} = 26$   
1248 CT, 35 5xFAD. The peri-SWR spike probability was calculated for **E**, sPCs and **F**, dPCs, by binning  
1249 spikes into 100 2 ms bins and normalizing by total number of SWRs. Dark lines indicate average of all  
1250 cells within a genotype, shaded regions indicate SEM. 0 ms indicates time of SWR peak. **G**, The rate of  
1251 bursts for sPCs and dPCs, defined as at least 3 spikes each within 60 ms. **H**, Intra-burst interval for sPCs  
1252 and dPCs, defined as the average time between successive spikes in a burst. **I**, The fraction of spikes  
1253 that occurred during SWRs. **J**, The fraction of SWRs that had one or more spikes. **K**, Example of SWR  
1254 (*top trace*), with filtered slow gamma (20-50 Hz) and ripple (120-220 Hz) signals (*middle traces*). The  
1255 phase of oscillations was set at  $0^\circ$  at peaks and  $180^\circ$  at troughs. *Bottom trace*, cell-attached recording,  
1256 with spike times marked by vertical dashed lines. **L-O**, Polar phase plots of phase-locking of spikes to  
1257 SWR-nested slow gamma (**L-M**) and ripple (**N-O**) for sPCs (**L,N**) and dPCs (**M,O**). The angles of  
1258 individual data points represent the average phase of all spikes for a cell. Length from origin (0-1)  
1259 indicates the degree of phase-locking. A length of 1 signifies perfect phase-locking (every spike at same  
1260 phase); a length of 0 indicates random or no phase-locking. Lines with arrowheads represent cell  
1261 average, solid colored = CT, dashed grey = 5xFAD. Asterisks indicate result of Raleigh's test for non-  
1262 uniformity, \*  $p < 0.05$ , \*\*  $p < 0.01$ .  $p$  values indicate results of circular mean comparison. For all plots,  
1263 individual data points represent a cell. Closed circles represent cells from males, open circles females.  
1264 Box-whisker plots represent non-normal data as Median and IQRs.  $p$ -values of pairwise comparisons  
1265 indicated above brackets.

1266 **Figure 5: Pyramidal cells receive increased synaptic E/I ratio.** **A**, Example traces of LFP + whole-cell  
1267 recording voltage-clamped at -70 mV in Thy1-GCaMP6f littermate controls and 5xFAD/+;Thy1-GCaMP6f  
1268 mice. Excitatory post-synaptic potentials (EPSCs) were sorted as spontaneous (sEPSCs) or SWR-  
1269 coincident (swrEPSCs). **B**, Example swrEPSCs. **C**, Example traces of LFP + whole-cell recording  
1270 voltage-clamped at 0 mV to detect sIPSCs and swrIPSCs. **D**, Example swrIPSCs. **E-H**, Summary plots  
1271 of sEPSC frequency (**E**), amplitude (**F**), rise tau (**G**), and decay tau (**H**) for sPCs and dPCs in control and  
1272 5xFAD mice ( $n_{\text{sPC}} = 7$  CT, 5 5xFAD;  $n_{\text{dPC}} = 12$  CT, 9 5xFAD). **I**, sEPSQ = normalized spontaneous  
1273 excitatory charge (integrated current per unit time). **J**, swrEPSQ = total excitatory charge during SWRs,  
1274 integrated over a 100 ms window centered around the SWR peak. **K-N**, Summary plots of sIPSC  
1275 frequency (**K**), amplitude (**L**), rise tau (**M**), and decay tau (**N**) ( $n_{\text{sPC}} = 7$  CT, 5 5xFAD;  $n_{\text{dPC}} = 14$  CT, 11  
1276 5xFAD). **O-P**, Cumulative distribution functions, averaged over all cells for sIPSC amplitude (**O**) and  
1277 decay tau (**P**), both for sPCs (*top*) and dPCs (*bottom*). Dark lines represent cell average, shaded region  
1278 represents SEM. **Q**, sIPSQ = normalized spontaneous inhibitory charge (integrated current per unit time).  
1279 **R**, swrIPSQ = total inhibitory charge during SWRs. **S**, Spontaneous synaptic E/I ratio of normalized  
1280 charge for each cell (sEPSQ/sIPSQ). **T**, Synaptic E/I ratio for 100 ms window centered around SWR peak  
1281 (swrEPSQ/swrIPSQ). **U-V**, During SWRs, the charge for each cell (EPSQ and IPSQ) was calculated in  
1282 2 ms bins by integrating the current in a sliding 100 ms window centered around that bin, for both sPCs  
1283 (**U**) and dPCs (**V**). Summary data in **J** and **R** thus represent these curves at the y-intercept. Asterisks  
1284 indicate regions that survived Šidák's multiple comparisons \* < 0.05, \*\* < 0.01, \*\*\* < 0.01. **W-X**, the ratios  
1285 of curves in **U-V** yield the synaptic E/I ratio during SWRs. Summary data in **T** represents these curves at  
1286 the y-intercept. For all plots, individual data points represent a cell. Closed circles represent cells from  
1287 males, open circles females. Box-whisker plots represent non-normal data with Median and IQRs. Bar  
1288 plots represent normal data with Mean  $\pm$  SEM. p-values of pairwise comparisons indicated above  
1289 brackets.

1290 **Figure 6: PV cells in CA1 delineate into basket (PVBCs), bistratified (PVBSCs), and axo-axonic**  
1291 **(PVAACs) cells. A**, Diagram of LFP + PV cell recording in 3 mo 5xFAD/+; PV<sup>Cre/+</sup>;tdTom/+ and  
1292 PV<sup>Cre/+</sup>;tdTom/+ littermate controls. **B**, Diagram of PV cell subtypes and their axonal targets in CA1 *str.*  
1293 *pyr.* Examples of **C.1**, PVBCs, **C.2**, PVBSCs, and **C.3**, PVAACs. Green fluorescence indicates avidin-  
1294 fluorescein bound to the biocytin in the filled PV cell. Red fluorescence indicates PV<sup>Cre/+</sup>;tdTom/+  
1295 expression. Dashed grey lines approximately distinguish layers of hippocampus, *str. l.m.* = *stratum*  
1296 *lacunosum-moleculare*, *str. rad.* = *stratum radiatum*, *str. pyr.* = *stratum pyramidale*, *str. or.* = *stratum*  
1297 *oriens*. Notice that *str. pyr.* is dimly red due to the expression of other non-filled PVBCs targeting  
1298 perisomatic regions of PCs. Scale bars = 100  $\mu$ m. *Bottom traces*, Examples of LFP and cell-attached  
1299 recording of spikes, which was used to aid in distinguishing PVBCs and PVAACs. PVAACs are unique  
1300 in that they reduce their firing during SWRs. **C.4**, Ankyrin G immunostaining showing co-localization of  
1301 synaptic boutons with AIS of PCs for identified PVAAC. Scale bar = 10  $\mu$ m. **D**, Proportions of sorted cells  
1302 in each genotype.

1303 **Figure 7: PV basket cells have selectively reduced spiking.** Spiking data for PVBCs (panel sub-  
1304 heading **1**), PVBSCs (panel sub-heading **2**), and PVAACs (panel sub-heading **3**). **A**, Example LFP and  
1305 cell-attached traces for CT (*left*) and 5xFAD (*right*), for a PVBC (**A.1**), PVBSC (**A.2**), and PVAAC (**A.3**).  
1306 Spike and SWR events are color-coded as in Fig. 4B. **B**, Summary spike rate data for PVBCs ( $n_{\text{PVBC}} =$   
1307 13 CT, 16 5xFAD, **B.1**), PVBSCs ( $n_{\text{PVBSC}} = 5$  CT, 10 5xFAD, **B.2**), and PVAACs ( $n_{\text{PVAAC}} = 6$  CT, 6 5xFAD,  
1308 **B.3**) during spontaneous and SWR periods. **C**, Peri-SWR spike probability. Asterisks indicate regions  
1309 surviving Šidák's multiple comparisons correction. **D**, Burst rate, defined as 3 or more spikes each within  
1310 40 ms. **E**, The fraction of SWRs with one or more spike. **F**, The fraction of SWRs with a burst. **G-H**, Polar  
1311 phase plots of phase-locking of spikes to SWR-nested slow gamma (**G**) and ripple (**H**). The angles of  
1312 individual data points represent the average phase of all spikes for a cell. Length from origin (0-1)  
1313 indicates the degree of phase-locking. Lines with arrowheads represent cell average, solid colored = CT,  
1314 dashed grey = 5xFAD. Asterisks indicate result of Raleigh's test for non-uniformity, p values indicate  
1315 results of Watson-Williams or circular mean test. \* < 0.05, \*\* < 0.01, \*\*\* < 0.001. For all plots, individual  
1316 data points represent a cell. Closed circles represent cells from males, open circles females. Box-whisker  
1317 plots represent non-normal data with Median and IQRs. p-values indicated above brackets.



1318 **Figure 8: PV basket cells have selective decrease in excitatory synaptic input and decreased E/I**  
1319 **ratio.** Whole-cell data for PVBC EPSCs (panel sub-heading **1**), PVBSC EPSCs (panel sub-heading **2**),  
1320 PVAAC EPSCs (panel sub-heading **3**), and PVBC IPSCs (panel sub-heading **4**). **A**, Example recordings  
1321 of LFP + whole-cell PV cell recording in 3 mo 5xFAD/+; PV<sup>Cre</sup>/+;tdTom/+ and PV<sup>Cre</sup>/+;tdTom/+ littermate  
1322 controls, recording synaptic input during spontaneous and SWR period. EPSCs were recorded at -70 mV  
1323 in PVBCs (**A.1**), PVBSCs (**A.2**), and PVAACs (**A.3**), and IPSCs recorded at 0 mV in a subset of PVBCs  
1324 (**A.4**). **B**, Summary data for spontaneous PSC frequency and amplitude for PVBC sEPSCs ( $n_{PVBC} = 12$   
1325 CT, 16 5xFAD, **B.1**), PVBSC sEPSCs ( $n_{PVBSC} = 4$  CT, 6 5xFAD, **B.2**), PVAAC sEPSCs ( $n_{PVAAC} = 5$  CT, 6  
1326 5xFAD, **B.3**), and PVBC sIPSCs ( $n_{PVBC} = 8$  CT, 8 5xFAD, **B.4**). **C**, Spontaneous PSC kinetics: rise and  
1327 decay tau. **D**, Cumulative distribution function of PVBC decay tau. Dark lines represent cell average,  
1328 shaded region represents SEM. **E**, swrEPSQ and swrIPSQ = total excitatory and inhibitory charge during  
1329 SWRs, integrated over a 100 ms window centered around the SWR peak. **F**, *left*, PVBC spontaneous  
1330 synaptic E/I ratio of normalized charge (sEPSQ/sIPSQ). **F**, *right*, PVBC synaptic E/I ratio for 100 ms  
1331 window centered around SWR peak (swrEPSQ/swrIPSQ). **G**, The charge for each PVBC (EPSQ and  
1332 IPSQ), calculated in 2 ms bins by integrating the current in a sliding 100 ms window centered around that  
1333 bin. Summary data in **E.1** and **E.4** thus represent these curves at the y-intercept. Asterisks indicate  
1334 regions that survived Šidák's multiple comparisons \* < 0.05, \*\* < 0.01, \*\*\* < 0.01. **H**, the ratios of curves  
1335 in **G** yield the synaptic E/I ratio during SWRs. Summary data in **F** represents these curves at the y-  
1336 intercept. **I**, Linear regression of spike rate during SWRs vs the E/I ratio. For all plots, individual data  
1337 points represent a cell. Closed circles represent cells from males, open circles females. Bar plots  
1338 represent normal data with Mean  $\pm$  SEM. p-values indicated above brackets.

1339 **Figure 9: Schematic of alterations to the CA1 micro-circuit in 5xFAD mice.** In PVBCs, the synaptic  
1340 E/I ratio during SWRs was reduced, with a reduction in spike rate during SWRs. In sPCs, there was a  
1341 reduction in sIPSCs, an increased E/I ratio during SWRs, and an increased probability of spiking during  
1342 SWRs. In dPCs, there was an increase in synaptic E/I during spontaneous periods (between SWRs), no  
1343 change in the E/I ratio during SWRs (with concomitant increases in excitation and inhibition), and  
1344 enlarged ensembles.

<b>Electrophysiology + Imaging (Fig. 2-8)</b>					<b>Behavior (Fig. 1)</b>			
	<i>Control 1mo</i>	<i>5xFAD 1mo</i>	<b>Control 3mo</b>	<b>5xFAD 3mo</b>	<i>Control 1mo</i>	<i>5xFAD 1mo</i>	<i>Control 3mo</i>	<i>5xFAD 3mo</i>
<i>n<sub>mice</sub></i>	10 (6f)	10 (4f)	27 (17f)	29 (12f)	10 (2f)	10 (6f)	15 (7f)	12 (8f)
<i>Age (postnatal days)</i>	40.2 ± 4.4	40.4 ± 4.6	95.8 ± 6.0	94.5 ± 5.8	42.0 ± 5.2	43.8 ± 4.2	91.8 ± 5.2	92.5 ± 5.4
<i>n<sub>slice</sub> (range 2 - 8)</i>	5.6 ± 0.8	4.0 ± 1.8	3.9 ± 1.3	3.2 ± 1.4				
<i>% slices with SWRs</i>	93.8 ± 8.1%	70.8 ± 22.0%	72.4 ± 19.8%	66.3 ± 26.1%				
	<b>Thy1-GCaMP6f (Fig. 3-5)</b>		<b>PV<sup>Cre</sup>-tdTom (Fig. 6-8)</b>		<b>Thy1-GCaMP6f;PV<sup>Cre</sup>-tdTom (Fig. 4-8)</b>			
	<i>Control</i>	<i>5xFAD</i>	<i>Control</i>	<i>5xFAD</i>	<i>Control</i>	<i>5xFAD</i>		
<i>n<sub>mice</sub></i>	10 (5f)	11 (5f)	13 (8f)	11 (5f)	4 (4f)	7 (2f)		
<i>Age (postnatal days)</i>	95.0 ± 7.4	93.4 ± 3.2	96.8 ± 5.7	97.4 ± 6.0	94.8 ± 3.2	91.6 ± 2.1		
<i>n<sub>slice</sub> (range 2 - 8)</i>	3.9 ± 1.1	2.8 ± 1.3	3.8 ± 1.5	4.9 ± 2.1	4.5 ± 1.3	3.6 ± 1.8		
<i>% slices with SWRs</i>	75.5 ± 20.2%	67.9 ± 26.2%	67.4 ± 20.5%	68.2 ± 25.3%	80.8 ± 16.4%	60.7 ± 30.5%		
<i>n<sub>cell-attached</sub></i>	39 (PC)	39 (PC)	13 (PV)	18 (PV)	11 (PV)	5 (PC); 14 (PV)		
<i>n<sub>whole-cell</sub></i>	21 (PC)	15 (PC)	11 (PV)	16 (PV)	10 (PV)	1 (PC); 13 (PV)		



















