

# **Associative learning drives longitudinally-graded presynaptic plasticity of neurotransmitter release along axonal compartments**

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1 **Abstract**

2 Anatomical and physiological compartmentalization of neurons is a mechanism to increase the  
3 computational capacity of a circuit, and a major question is what role axonal  
4 compartmentalization plays. Axonal compartmentalization may enable localized, presynaptic  
5 plasticity to alter neuronal output in a flexible, experience-dependent manner. Here we show  
6 that olfactory learning generates compartmentalized, bidirectional plasticity of acetylcholine  
7 release that varies across the longitudinal compartments of *Drosophila* mushroom body (MB)  
8 axons. The directionality of the learning-induced plasticity depends on the valence of the  
9 learning event (aversive vs. appetitive), varies linearly across proximal to distal compartments  
10 following appetitive conditioning, and correlates with learning-induced changes in downstream  
11 mushroom body output neurons (MBONs) that modulate behavioral action selection.  
12 Potentiation of acetylcholine release was dependent on the Ca<sub>v</sub>2.1 calcium channel subunit  
13 *cacophony*. In addition, contrast between the positive conditioned stimulus and other odors  
14 required the inositol triphosphate receptor (IP<sub>3</sub>R), which was required to maintain responsivity to  
15 odors in untrained conditions. Downstream from the mushroom body, a set of MBONs that  
16 receive their input from the  $\gamma$ 3 MB compartment were required for normal appetitive learning,  
17 suggesting that they represent a key node through which discriminative effects influence  
18 appetitive memory and decision-making. These data demonstrate that learning drives valence-  
19 correlated, compartmentalized, bidirectional potentiation and depression of synaptic  
20 neurotransmitter release, which rely on distinct mechanisms and are distributed across axonal  
21 compartments in a learning circuit.

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## 23 **Introduction**

24 Neuronal dendrites carry out computations through compartmentalized signaling, while axons  
25 have long been considered to carry signals to their terminal fields relatively uniformly following  
26 spike initiation. However, anatomical and physiological compartmentalization of axons has  
27 been recently documented in neurons from worms through mammals (Boto et al., 2014; Cohn et  
28 al., 2015; Hendricks et al., 2012; Rowan et al., 2016). How axonal compartmentalization  
29 influences information flow across neuronal circuits and modulates behavioral outcomes is not  
30 understood. One functional role for axonal compartmentalization may be to enable localized,  
31 presynaptic plasticity to alter output from select axon compartments in a flexible, experience-  
32 dependent manner. This would vastly enhance the neuron's flexibility and computational  
33 capabilities. One potential function of such compartmentalization would allow independent  
34 modulation of axonal segments and/or synaptic release sites by biologically-salient events, such  
35 as sensory stimuli that drive learning.

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37 The anatomical organization of the *Drosophila* mushroom body (MB) makes it an exemplary  
38 testbed to study how sensory information is processed during learning and rerouted to alter  
39 behavioral outcomes. The MB encodes odor in sparse representations across intrinsic MB  
40 neurons, which are arranged in several parallel sets. They project axons in fasciculated  
41 bundles into several anatomically-distinct, but spatially adjacent lobes ( $\alpha/\beta$ ,  $\alpha'/\beta'$ , and  $\gamma$ )  
42 (Crittenden et al., 1998). These bundled axons are longitudinally subdivided into discrete tiled  
43 compartments (Aso et al., 2014a). Each compartment receives afferent neuromodulatory input  
44 from unique dopaminergic neurons (Aso et al., 2014a; Mao and Davis, 2009), and innervates  
45 unique efferent mushroom body output neurons (MBONs) (Aso et al., 2014a). Each set of  
46 dopaminergic neurons plays an individual role in learning, with some conveying aversive

47 teaching signals (Schroll et al., 2006; Schwaerzel et al., 2003), others conveying positive  
48 teaching signals (Liu et al., 2012; Yamagata et al., 2015), and a third class modulating memory  
49 strength without driving valence (Boto et al., 2019). Likewise, each MBON has a unique effect  
50 on behavioral approach and avoidance, with some biasing the animal to approach, others  
51 biasing the animal to avoidance, and some having no effect (Aso et al., 2014b; Perisse et al.,  
52 2016; Placais et al., 2013; Sejourne et al., 2011).

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54 A major question in learning and memory is how presynaptic plasticity contributes to reweight  
55 the flow of sensory signals down each of the downstream “approach” or “avoidance” circuits,  
56 altering action selection and memory retrieval. In naïve conditions, *Drosophila* dopaminergic  
57 circuits modulate cAMP in a compartmentalized fashion along the MB axons (Boto et al., 2014).  
58 This compartmentalized dopaminergic signaling can independently modulate Ca<sup>2+</sup> responses in  
59 each compartment, as well as the responses of the downstream valence-coding MBONs (Cohn  
60 et al., 2015). Dopamine-dependent heterosynaptic depression at the MB-MBON synapse  
61 modulates learning (Hige et al., 2015a). Therefore, presynaptic plasticity in the MB neurons  
62 within each compartment could theoretically drive the changes in MBON responsiveness that  
63 guide behavioral learning (Zhang et al., 2019). However, manipulation of the “aversive”  
64 protocerebral posterior lateral 1 (PPL1) dopaminergic neurons does not detectably alter Ca<sup>2+</sup>  
65 signals in MB neurons (Boto et al., 2019; Hige et al., 2015a). Furthermore, Ca<sup>2+</sup> responses in  
66 MB neurons are uniformly potentiated across compartments with appetitive classical  
67 conditioning protocols and unaltered in MB neurons following aversive protocols (Louis et al.,  
68 2018). This raises the question of how local, compartmentalized synaptic plasticity in MB  
69 neurons drives coherent changes in downstream MBONs to modulate action selection during  
70 memory retrieval. Learning/dopamine-induced plasticity has been demonstrated in the  
71 downstream MBONs (Berry et al., 2018; Hige et al., 2015a; Hige et al., 2015b; Oswald et al.,

72 2015), with dopamine also acting directly on MBONs (Takemura et al., 2017). Feedforward  
73 inhibition among MBONs that drive opposing behavioral outcomes provides a mechanism  
74 explaining how valence coding in MBONs could be generated (Perisse et al., 2016). Yet this  
75 does not explain the compartmentalized, dopamine-dependent plasticity in MB neurons  
76 themselves or the necessity for dopamine receptors and downstream signaling molecules in the  
77 intrinsic MB neurons (Kim et al., 2007; McGuire et al., 2003; Zars et al., 2000).

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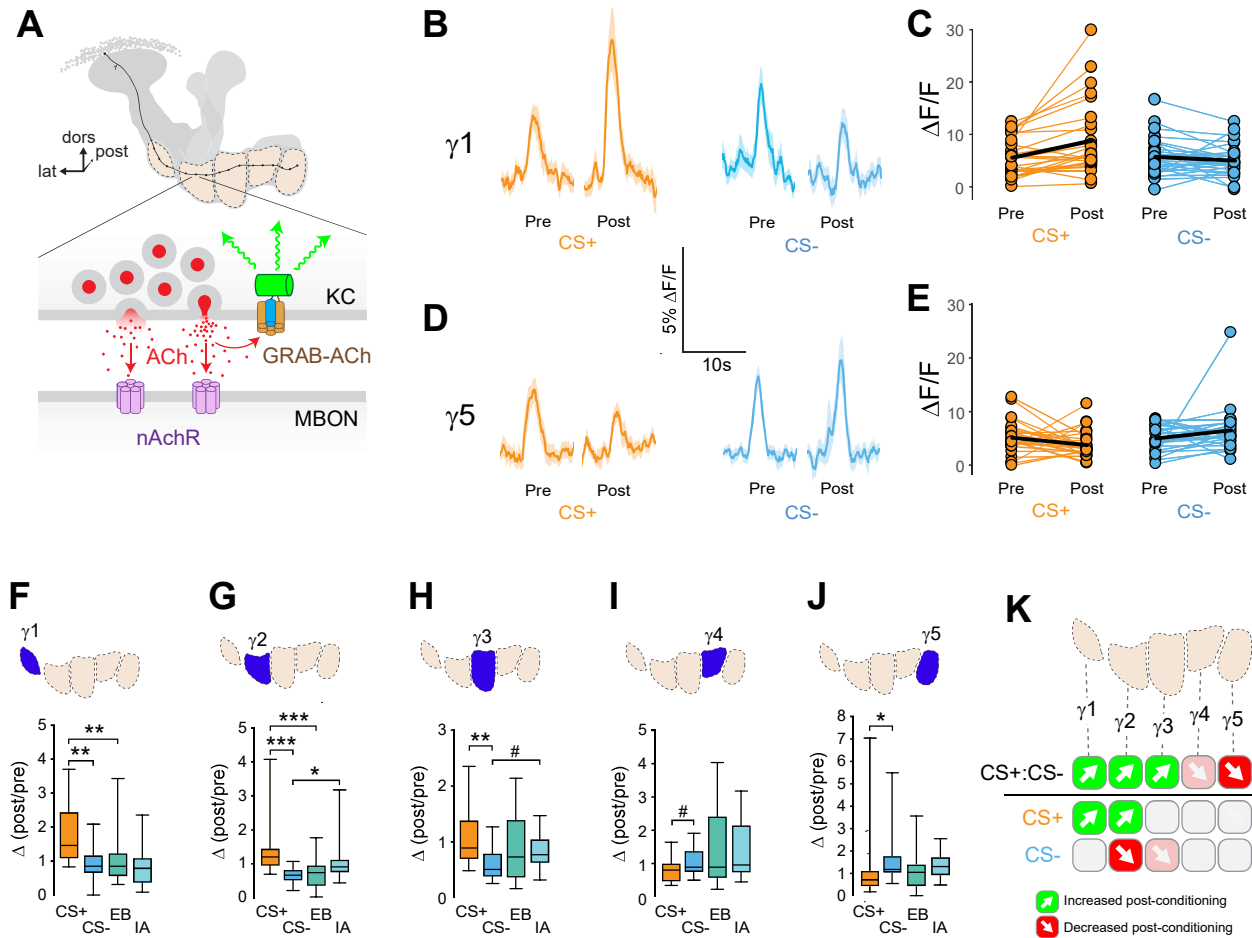
79 Here we describe how learning alters the flow of information through the MB via synaptic  
80 release of the putative MB neurotransmitter (Barnstedt et al., 2016), using genetically-encoded  
81 indicators of synaptic acetylcholine neurotransmission. The data reveal that learning alters the  
82 compartmentalized axonal acetylcholine release from *Drosophila* mushroom body (MB) neurons  
83 in valence-specific spatiotemporal patterns, via distinct molecular mechanisms, driving  
84 behavioral alterations via modulation of specific downstream output neurons.

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## 86 **Results**

### 87 **Associative learning modulates neurotransmitter release in a spatially-distinct manner** 88 **across longitudinal axonal compartments**

89 Synapses within each MB compartment transmit olfactory information from MB neurons to  
90 compartment-specific MBONs (Fig. 1A, 5A,B) (Aso et al., 2014a; Tanaka et al., 2008). The  
91 MBONs exert distinct and often-opposing effects on behavior, with some innately promoting  
92 approach and others promoting avoidance (Aso et al., 2014b; Berry et al., 2018; Ichinose et al.,  
93 2015; Oswald et al., 2015; Perisse et al., 2016; Placais et al., 2013; Sayin et al., 2019; Sejourne  
94 et al., 2011). Synaptic depression has been observed in the MB-MBON synapses following



**Figure 1.** Compartment-specific alterations of ACh release in the MB following appetitive conditioning. **(A)** Diagram of the GRAB-ACh reporter expressed in presynaptic terminals of MB neurons (Kenyon cells: MB). nAChR: nicotinic acetylcholine receptor; dors: dorsal; lat: lateral, post: posterior; MBON: mushroom body output neuron. **(B)** Time series traces showing odor-evoked GRAB-ACh responses pre- and post-conditioning. Responses were imaged to both the CS+ (ethyl butyrate: EB) and CS- (isoamyl acetate: IA) odor in the  $\gamma 1$  compartment, and the line and shading represent the mean  $\pm$  SEM. **(C)** Quantification of the pre- and post-conditioning responses to the CS+ (EB) and CS- (IA) from the  $\gamma 1$  compartment from individual animals ( $n = 27$ ), with the mean graphed as a black line. **(D)** Time series traces imaged from the  $\gamma 5$  compartment, graphed as in panel B. **(E)** Quantification of peak responses from the  $\gamma 5$  compartment, graphed as in panel C. **(F-J)** Change in odor-evoked responses (Post/pre responses), following conditioning (CS+ and CS-) or odor-only presentation (EB and IA). \* $p < 0.01$ , \*\* $p < 0.001$ , \*\*\* $p < 0.0001$ ;  $n = 27$  (Kruskal-Wallis/Bonferonni). **(F)**  $\gamma 1$  compartment. **(G)**  $\gamma 2$  compartment. **(H)**  $\gamma 3$  compartment. # $p = 0.0169$ . **(I)**  $\gamma 4$  compartment. # $p = 0.0868$ . **(J)**  $\gamma 5$  compartment. **(K)** Summary of plasticity in ACh release across  $\gamma$  lobe compartments. Green up arrows indicate increases in the CS+:CS- (1st row) or potentiation of the CS+ response (relative to odor-only controls; 2nd row), while red down arrows indicate decreases in the CS+:CS- (1st row) or depression of the CS- (relative to odor-only controls; 3rd row).

95 pairing of odor with stimulation of PPL1 neurons that are critical for aversive learning (Hige et  
96 al., 2015a), suggesting that depression may be a primary mechanism for learning at these  
97 synapses (Barnstedt et al., 2016; Cohn et al., 2015; Handler et al., 2019; Oswald et al., 2015;  
98 Perisse et al., 2016; Sejourne et al., 2011). One synapse downstream, some MBONs exhibit  
99 bidirectional responses to conditioning, though the major described mechanism involves a sign  
100 change that occurs postsynaptic to the MBs (polysynaptic feedforward inhibition) (Owald et al.,  
101 2015; Perisse et al., 2016). To test for the presence, directionality, and variation of presynaptic  
102 plasticity across MB axonal compartments, we expressed a synaptic ACh sensor to monitor  
103 neurotransmitter release from MB neurons *in vivo* (Zhang et al., 2019). The genetically-  
104 encoded ACh reporter, GPCR-Activation–Based-ACh sensor (GRAB-ACh) (Fig. 1A) (Jing et al.,  
105 2019; Jing et al., 2018; Zhang et al., 2019), was expressed in MB neurons using the 238Y-Gal4  
106 driver. Appetitive conditioning was carried out, monitoring ACh release from the  $\gamma$  lobe  
107 compartments evoked by the CS+ and CS- before and after pairing odor with sucrose (Fig. S1).  
108 Responses were compared to those in odor-only control cohorts to determine whether any  
109 learning-induced changes resulted from potentiation or depression. We quantified several  
110 parameters (Fig. S1), including how the responses changed after conditioning (the within-  
111 treatment post/pre). In addition, we compared the CS+ and CS- responses after conditioning  
112 (CS:CS-), which mimics the putative comparison the animal makes during associative memory  
113 retrieval. Finally, we compared the change in CS+ and CS-,  $\Delta(\text{post/pre})$ , to their respective  
114 odor-only controls to quantify whether they were potentiated or depressed by conditioning,  
115 accounting for any sensory adaptation (Figs. 1 F-J, S2).

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117 Appetitive conditioning produced plasticity in ACh release that varied across the axonal  
118 compartments of the MB  $\gamma$  lobe in several key ways (Fig. 1). Conditioning significantly

119 increased CS+ responses relative to the CS- responses ( $\uparrow$ CS+:CS-) in the three most proximal  $\gamma$   
120 lobe compartments:  $\gamma$ 1,  $\gamma$ 2, and  $\gamma$ 3 (Figs. 1 B,C,F-H; S2). In each of these compartments, this  
121 was due to different underlying mechanisms. In the  $\gamma$ 1 compartment, the CS+ response was  
122 potentiated; i.e., following appetitive conditioning, the  $\Delta$ (post/pre) CS+ response was larger than  
123 the ethyl butyrate (EB) odor-only control, while the CS- did not significantly differ from the  
124 isoamyl acetate (IA) odor-only control (Figs. 1F, S2). In the  $\gamma$ 2 compartment, both the CS+ was  
125 potentiated and the CS- depressed relative to the odor-only controls (Figs. 1G, S2). Finally, in  
126 the  $\gamma$ 3 compartment, neither was significantly altered relative to odor-only controls at the  
127 Bonferroni-corrected  $\alpha=0.01$  level, but there was a strong trend toward depression with the CS-  
128 group (Figs. 1H, S2). Thus, there was a spatial gradient of CS+ potentiation in  $\gamma$ 1, shifting from  
129 CS+ potentiation in  $\gamma$ 1 toward CS- depression in  $\gamma$ 3, with the spatially-intermediate  $\gamma$ 2 exhibiting  
130 both. This gradient of CS+:CS- plasticity suggests that both the CS+ and CS- contribute to  
131 learning by modulating MB output.

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133 In the distal  $\gamma$ 4- $\gamma$ 5 compartments, appetitive conditioning produced plasticity in the opposite  
134 direction to that in the proximal  $\gamma$  compartments. In these compartments, the CS+ response  
135 was reduced relative to the CS- ( $\downarrow$ CS+:CS-) (Figs. 1D, E, I-J, S2). This effect was significant in  
136 the  $\gamma$ 5 compartment (Fig. 1J), while  $\gamma$ 4 exhibited a trend in the same direction (Fig. 1I). In these  
137 compartments, the effect could not be unambiguously assigned to CS+ depression, though  
138 there was no evidence of CS- potentiation (Figs. 1 I,J, S2). Overall, appetitive conditioning  
139 produced net enhancement of CS+ responsivity in  $\gamma$ 1- $\gamma$ 3 compartments, which was derived from  
140 a proximal-to-distal gradient of CS+ potentiation to CS- depression, and net reduction of CS+  
141 responsivity in  $\gamma$ 4- $\gamma$ 5 (Fig. 1K). Thus, the plasticity was bidirectional between the proximal and  
142 distal axonal compartments. This likely contributes to approach behavior by simultaneously

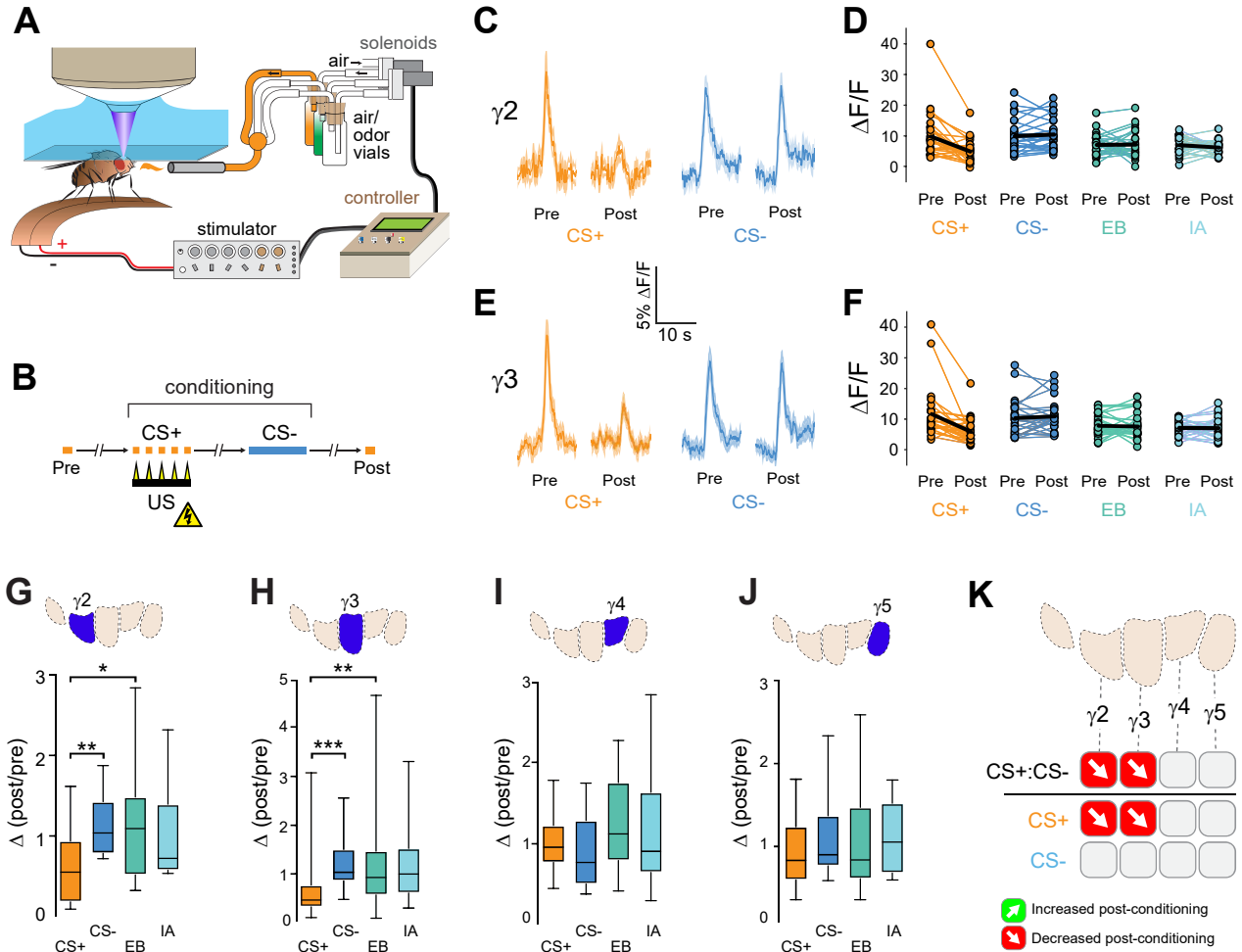


143 enhancing the conditioned odor-evoked activation of downstream “approach” circuits and  
144 inhibition of “avoidance” MBON circuits.

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146 **Conditioning with opposing valence stimuli generates bidirectional presynaptic plasticity**  
147 **within axonal compartments**

148 The above data suggested that appetitive conditioning produced synaptic potentiation in the  
149 proximal  $\gamma$  lobe compartments. Yet synaptic depression is the main described plasticity  
150 mechanism at the MB-MBON synapses following olfactory conditioning (Barnstedt et al., 2016;  
151 Modi et al., 2020; Oswald et al., 2015; Perisse et al., 2016; Sejourne et al., 2011; Zhang and  
152 Roman, 2013; Zhang et al., 2019). In the  $\gamma_1$  compartment, where it has been examined in  
153 detail with electrophysiology, aversive reinforcement substitution produces synaptic depression  
154 (Hige et al., 2015a). Since many of these studies involved aversive conditioning, we reasoned  
155 that appetitive and aversive conditioning may produce bidirectional plasticity, with the  
156 sign/directionality matching postsynaptic MBON valence. To test this, we examined whether  
157 aversive conditioning produced the opposite effect in the same compartments as appetitive  
158 conditioning had. ACh release from MB neurons was imaged with GRAB-ACh and flies were  
159 trained with an aversive odor-shock conditioning protocol (Fig. 2A). In these experiments, we  
160 focused on the  $\gamma_2$ - $\gamma_5$  compartments, as the fly was mounted at a higher angle, making the  
161 GRAB-ACh signal difficult to simultaneously visualize from  $\gamma_1$  along with that of the other  
162 compartments. Following aversive conditioning, there was a reduction in the CS+ response  
163 relative to the CS- ( $\downarrow$ CS+:CS-) in the  $\gamma_2$  and  $\gamma_3$  compartments (Fig. 2 C-H). This was due to  
164 depression in the CS+ response, as the post-conditioning CS+ response was significantly  
165 smaller than odor-only controls. The  $\gamma_4$  and  $\gamma_5$  compartments exhibited no significant change in  
166 ACh release (Fig 2 I-J). When compared to appetitive conditioning, aversive stimuli produced



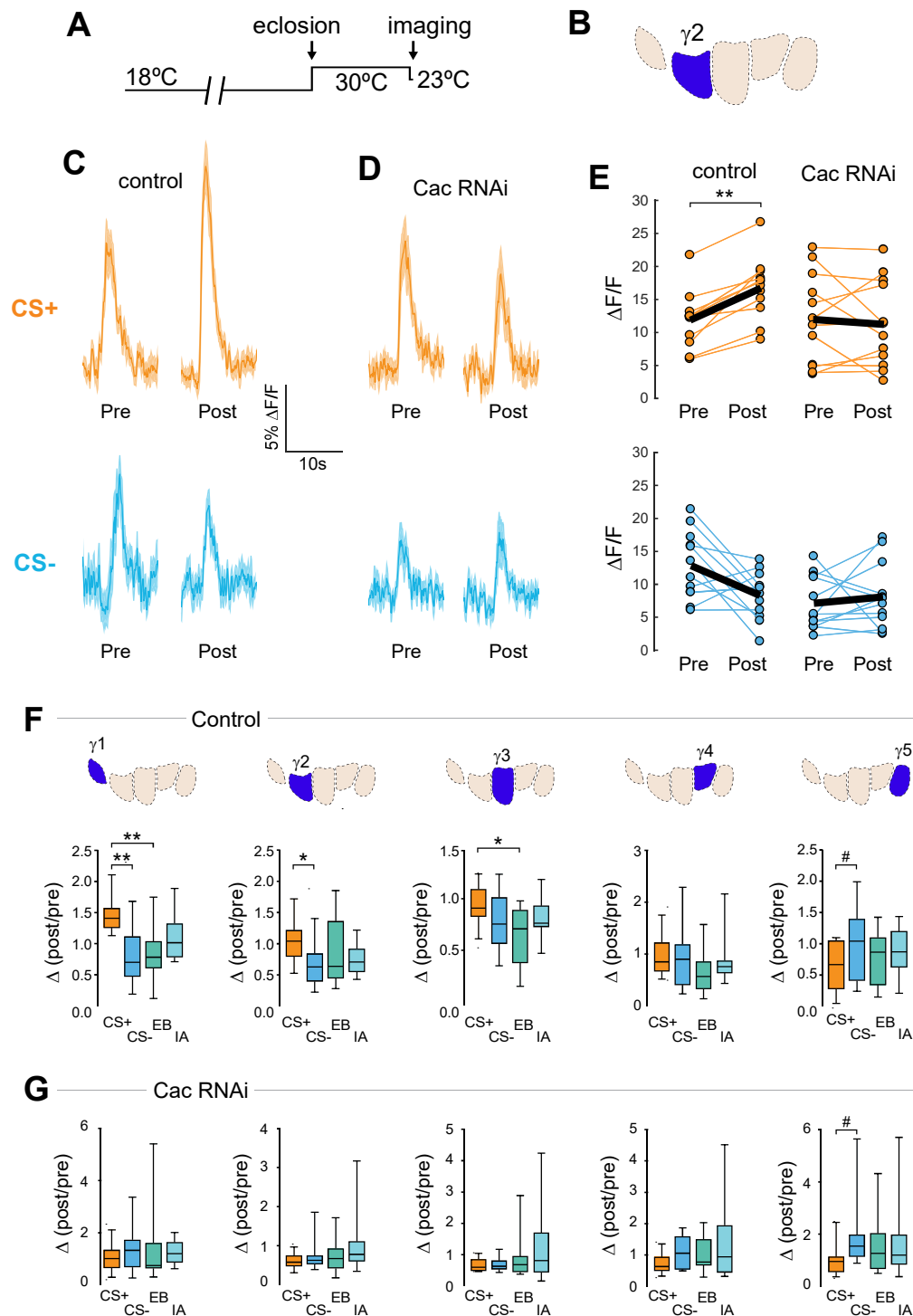
**Figure 2.** Compartment-specific alterations of ACh release in the MB following aversive conditioning. **(A)** Diagram of the aversive conditioning apparatus. **(B)** Aversive conditioning experimental protocol, pairing an odor (the CS+) with an electric shock unconditioned stimulus (US) (6 shocks, 60V). A second odor, the CS- was presented 5 min after pairing the CS+ and US. One odor was imaged before (Pre) and after (Post) conditioning per animal (CS+ diagrammed here). **(C)** Time series traces showing odor-evoked GRAB-ACh responses pre- and post-conditioning. Responses were imaged to both the CS+ (ethyl butyrate: EB) and CS- (isoamyl acetate: IA) odor in the  $\gamma_2$  compartment, and the line and shading represent the mean  $\pm$  SEM. **(D)** Quantification of the peak pre- and post-conditioning responses to the CS+ (EB) and CS- (IA) from the  $\gamma_2$  compartment from individual animals ( $n = 27$ ), with the mean graphed as a black line. **(E)** Time series traces imaged from the  $\gamma_3$  compartment, graphed as in panel B. **(F)** Quantification of peak responses from the  $\gamma_3$  compartment, graphed as in panel C. **(G-J)** Change in odor-evoked responses (Post/pre responses), following conditioning (CS+ and CS-) or odor-only presentation (EB and IA). \* $p < 0.01$ , \*\* $p < 0.001$ , \*\*\* $p < 0.0001$ ;  $n = 27$  (Kruskal-Wallis/Bonferonni). **(G)**  $\gamma_2$  compartment. **(H)**  $\gamma_3$  compartment. **(I)**  $\gamma_4$  compartment. **(J)**  $\gamma_5$  compartment. **(K)** Summary of plasticity in ACh release across  $\gamma$  lobe compartments. Red down arrows indicate decreases in the CS+:CS- (1st row) or depression of the CS+ (relative to odor-only controls; 2<sup>nd</sup> row).

167 plasticity that created a sign flip in the  $\gamma_2$  and  $\gamma_3$  compartments (Figs. 1K, 2K). Thus, appetitive  
168 and aversive conditioning produced bidirectional plasticity across multiple compartments, which  
169 was due to localized plasticity within MB  $\gamma$  lobe. The aversive conditioning-induced depression  
170 likely represents a presynaptic contribution to learning-induced changes in odor responsivity  
171 among postsynaptic MBONs (Berry et al., 2018; Hige et al., 2015a; Oswald et al., 2015; Zhang et  
172 al., 2019).

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#### 174 **Presynaptic potentiation relies on the *cacophony* $Ca_v2.1$ $Ca^{2+}$ channel**

175 Associative learning alters  $Ca^{2+}$  transients in MB  $\gamma$  neurons (Louis et al., 2018), which could  
176 influence neurotransmitter release. Major sources of stimulus-evoked intracellular  $Ca^{2+}$  include  
177 influx through voltage-sensitive  $Ca_v2$  channels, which are involved in presynaptic short-term  
178 and homeostatic plasticity (Frank et al., 2006; Inchauspe et al., 2004; Ishikawa et al., 2005;  
179 Muller and Davis, 2012). To probe the mechanisms of  $Ca^{2+}$ -dependent molecular mechanisms  
180 underlying presynaptic plasticity, we first knocked down the  $\alpha$  subunit of the  $Ca_v2$   $Ca^{2+}$  channel  
181 encoded by *cacophony* (*Cac*), in the mushroom body. *Cac* was knocked down conditionally in  
182 adult MBs with RNAi using the R13F02-Gal4 driver, combined with the ubiquitous temperature-  
183 sensitive tub-Gal80<sup>ts</sup> repressor (McGuire et al., 2003) to circumvent any potential for  
184 developmental effects (Fig. 3A). RNAi expression was induced four days prior to the  
185 experiment, and ACh release from MB neurons was imaged with GRAB-ACh (Jing et al., 2018;  
186 Zhang et al., 2019). Control flies (containing R13F02-Gal4, UAS-GRAB-ACh, and tub-Gal80<sup>ts</sup>,  
187 but lacking a UAS-RNAi) exhibited plasticity across the  $\gamma$  lobe in the same spatial patterns as  
188 previously observed: there was an increase in relative CS+ responses in the  $\gamma_1$ - $\gamma_3$   
189 compartments, and a trend toward a CS+ decrease in  $\gamma_5$  (Fig. 3 C,E,F, S4). When *Cac* was  
190 knocked down conditionally, odor-evoked ACh release was still observed, demonstrating that



**Figure 3.** Conditional knockdown of the  $Ca_v2$  channel *Cac* impairs potentiation of ACh release from the MB following appetitive conditioning. **(A)** Diagram of the temperature shifts employed for conditional knockdown of *Cac* with *tub-Gal80ts*. **(B)** Diagram of the MB compartments, highlighting the  $\gamma 2$  compartment that was imaged for the data shown in panels C-E. **(C)** Pre- and post-conditioning CS+ (orange; top) and CS- (blue; bottom) odor-evoked ACh release from the  $\gamma 1$  compartment before and after appetitive conditioning, imaged in control animals (*w*;UAS-GRAB-ACh/+; R13F02-Gal4/UAS-*tub-Gal80ts*). Time series trace with line and shading representing mean  $\pm$  S.E.M. **(D)** CS+ and CS- odor-evoked ACh release from the  $\gamma 1$  compartment in animals with conditional knockdown of *Cac* (*w*;UAS-GRAB-ACh/UAS-*Cac*-RNAi;R13F02-Gal4/UAS-*tub-Gal80ts*). **(E)** Pre- and post-conditioning  $\Delta F/F$  CS+ and CS- responses in control and *Cac* knockdown animals. **(F)** Change in ACh release (post/pre response) following appetitive conditioning (CS+ and CS-) and odor-only presentation (EB: ethyl butyrate; IA: isoamyl acetate) in control animals across the five MB  $\gamma$  lobe compartments:  $\gamma 1$ - $\gamma 5$  (left to right). **(G)** Change in ACh release across the five MB compartments in animals with conditional knockdown of *Cac*. \*\* $p < 0.01$ , \* $p < 0.05$ ; # $p < 0.07$ ;  $n = 12$ .

191 synaptic exocytosis remained intact. Yet the CS+ potentiation was lost across the  $\gamma$ 1- $\gamma$ 3  
192 compartments (Fig. 3 D,G, S4). This demonstrates that potentiation of ACh release to the  
193 trained odor – induced by learning – is dependent on the presynaptic  $\text{Ca}_v2.1$  channel *Cac*.

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195 Data from the appetitive conditioning experiments suggested that potentiation of the CS+  
196 response was dependent on *Cac*. Interestingly, the trend toward CS+ depression in the most  
197 distal  $\gamma$ 5 compartment remained intact when *Cac* was knocked down (Fig. 3). This suggests  
198 that presynaptic potentiation, but not depression, requires the voltage-sensitive  $\text{Ca}_v2$   $\text{Ca}^{2+}$   
199 channel *cacophony* across the MB compartments. To further examine whether depression of  
200 the CS+ was affected, we turned to aversive conditioning, which generates robust CS+  
201 depression in the proximal  $\gamma$  compartments (Fig. 2). Control flies for conditional knockdown  
202 experiments exhibited similar CS+ depression in the proximal  $\gamma$ 2,3 lobes. Knock down of *Cac*  
203 did not appreciably impair depression of CS+ responses. There was a significant depression in  
204  $\gamma$ 2, both in terms of CS+:CS- and CS+ relative to odor-only controls (Figs. 4, S5). In  $\gamma$ 1, there  
205 was a trend toward a decrease in the CS+:CS- ratio that matched the controls (Fig. S5). In  $\gamma$ 3,  
206 the difference between the CS+ and CS- (or odor-only control) did not reach significance, but  
207 there was a trend in the same direction as the controls (Fig. S5). Overall, these data  
208 demonstrate that *Cac* is not required for learning-induced depression of ACh release.

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## 210 **Post-conditioning odor contrast and maintenance of odor responses are dependent on** 211 **$\text{IP}_3$ signaling**

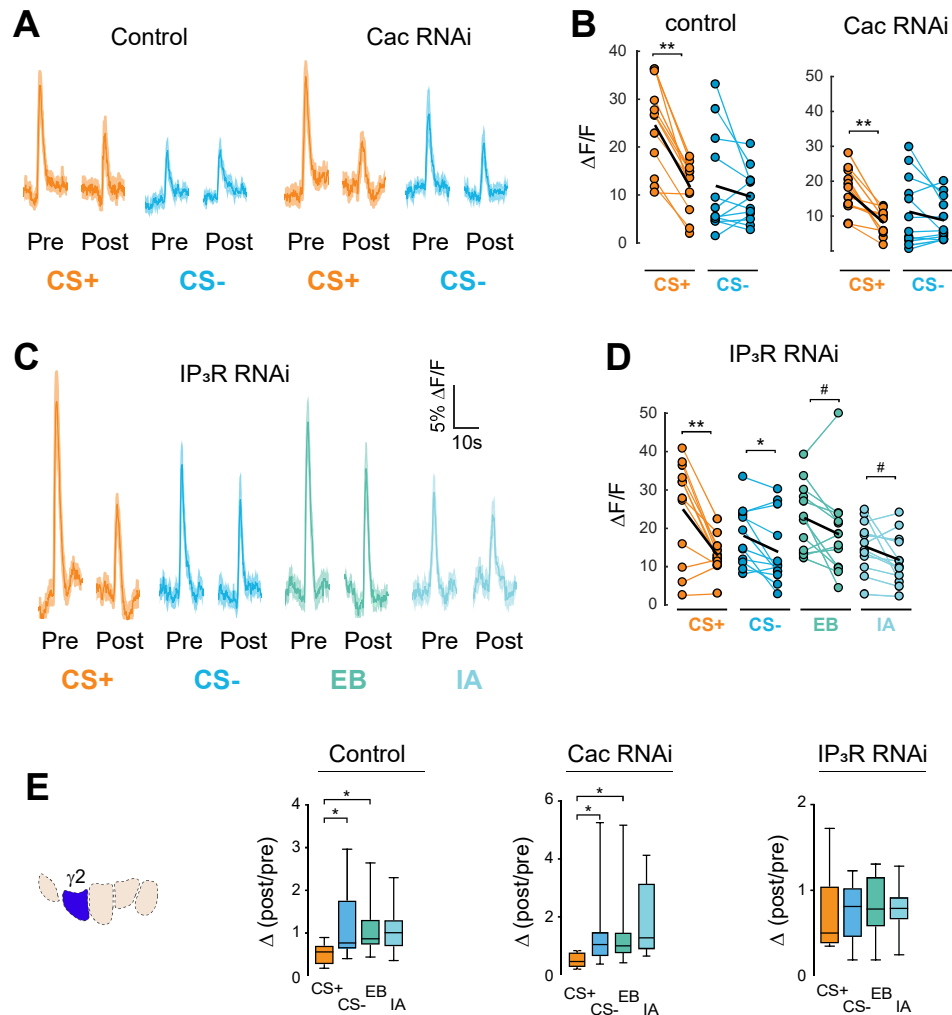
212  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  release from the endoplasmic reticulum (ER) is a major source of stimulus-evoked  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  in  
213 neurons, including MB neurons, and modulates various forms of synaptic/homeostatic plasticity

214 (Handler et al., 2019; James et al., 2019; Taufiq et al., 2005). Therefore, we reasoned that  
215 inositol triphosphate receptor (IP<sub>3</sub>R) mediated Ca<sup>2+</sup> release may contribute to presynaptic  
216 plasticity across MB compartments. To test this, we conditionally knocked down the IP<sub>3</sub>R in the  
217 adult MB with RNAi. GRAB-ACh was expressed in the MB (as above) while conditionally  
218 knocking down IP<sub>3</sub>R (Fig. 4, S5). For these experiments, flies were aversively conditioned (IP<sub>3</sub>R  
219 knockdown impairs feeding under the microscope, precluding appetitive conditioning).  
220 Knockdown of IP<sub>3</sub>R eliminated the post-conditioning contrast between the CS+ and CS- (i.e.,  
221 the difference between the CS+ and CS-) (Fig. 4, S5). This was due to increased adaptation to  
222 the odors (reduction in post-conditioning odor responses). This occurred in the CS- and both  
223 odor-only control groups, bringing them down to a similar level to the level of the CS+ group  
224 (Fig. 4 C-E). Thus, in normal conditions, release of Ca<sup>2+</sup> from the ER via IP<sub>3</sub>R is necessary to  
225 maintain odor responsivity upon repeated odor presentations. Loss of IP<sub>3</sub>R renders the MB  
226 neurons more susceptible to adaptation, reducing the contrast between the CS+ – which  
227 exhibits depression following aversive learning – and the other odor(s).

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## 229 **Compartmentalized plasticity propagates into downstream mushroom body output** 230 **neurons**

231 Since ACh release from each compartment provides input to unique postsynaptic mushroom  
232 body output neurons, the presynaptic plasticity observed in each compartment should be  
233 mirrored in the respective postsynaptic MBON(s) innervating that compartment. To test this, we  
234 imaged Ca<sup>2+</sup> responses in MBONs with GCaMP and examined the effect of appetitive  
235 conditioning. Four sets MBONs were tested, each innervating and receiving cholinergic input  
236 from a distinct MB  $\gamma$  lobe compartment:  $\gamma 1pedc > \alpha/\beta$ ,  $\gamma 2\alpha'1$ ,  $\gamma 3/\gamma 3\beta'1$ , and  $\gamma 5\beta'2a$  (Fig. 5A).  
237 Within the  $\gamma$  lobe, these neurons innervate the  $\gamma 1$ ,  $\gamma 2$ ,  $\gamma 3$ , and  $\gamma 5$  compartments, respectively



**Figure 4.** Cac and IP<sub>3</sub>R exert distinct effects on synaptic plasticity and maintenance of olfactory responses following aversive conditioning. **(A)** Pre- and post-conditioning CS+ and CS- odor-evoked ACh release in control and Cac RNAi flies. Time series trace with line and shading representing mean  $\pm$  S.E.M. **(B)** Pre- and post-conditioning  $\Delta F/F$  CS+ and CS- responses in control and Cac knockdown animals. Each thin line connects the pre- (left) and post-conditioning response (right) for one animal. The thick black line represents the mean. **(C)** ACh release in IP<sub>3</sub>R knockdown animals for trained odors (CS+ and CS-) as well as the respective odor-only controls (ethyl butyrate [EB] and isoamyl acetate [IA]). **(D)**  $\Delta F/F$  responses in IP<sub>3</sub>R knockdown flies. **(E)** Change in ACh release (post/pre response) following aversive conditioning (CS+ and CS-) and odor-only presentation (EB and IA) in controls, as well as flies with conditional Cac and IP<sub>3</sub>R knockdown.

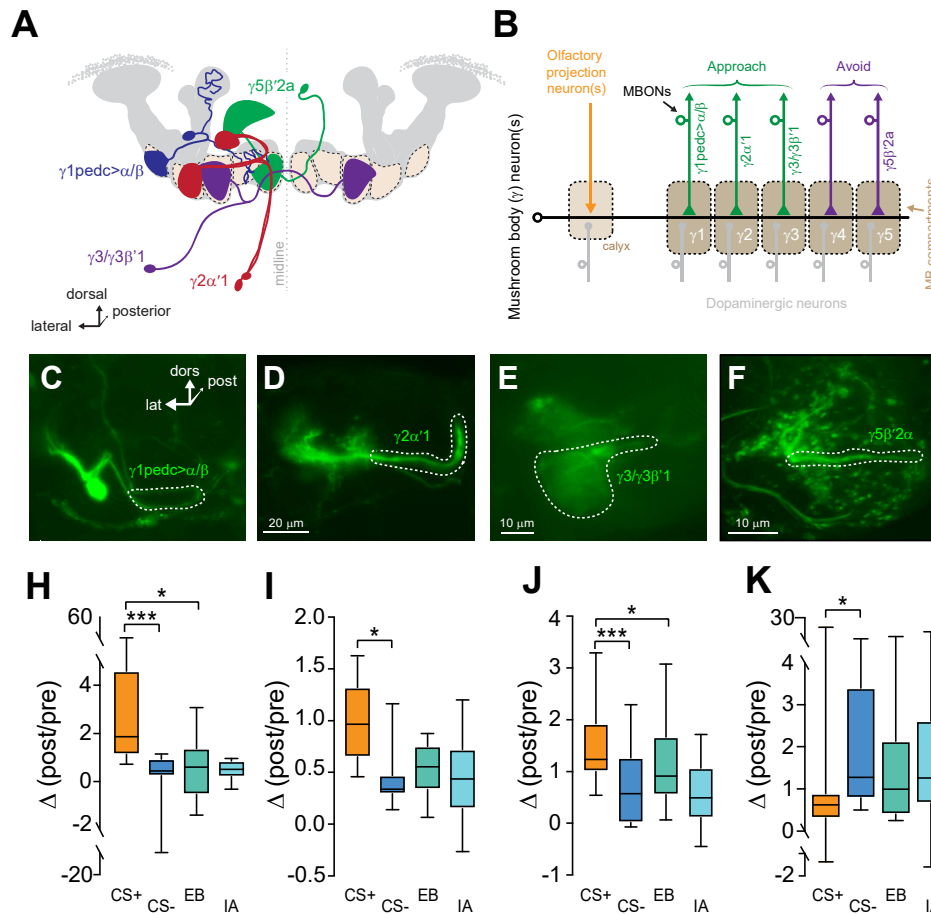
238 (Fig. 5 B-F). The  $\gamma 1_{pedc>\alpha/\beta}$  MBON exhibited a significant elevation of the CS+ response  
239 relative to the CS- ( $\uparrow CS+:CS-$ ) (Fig. 5H). This was due to a potentiation of the CS+ response,  
240 as the post-conditioning CS+ response was significantly larger than the corresponding odor-only  
241 control. The  $\gamma 2_{\alpha'1}$  MBON also exhibited an increase in the CS+:CS- ratio following conditioning  
242 (Fig. 5I). In this neuron, the plasticity could not be unambiguously attributed to purely CS+  
243 potentiation or CS- depression. The  $\gamma 3/\gamma 3\beta'1$  MBONs exhibited an increase in the CS+:CS- that  
244 was due to potentiation of the CS+ response (Fig. 5J). Note that these neurons are not parsed  
245 with available drivers and were imaged as a pair. Presynaptically, the  $\gamma 3$  compartment exhibited  
246 a depression in the CS- response, suggesting that the potentiation in the MBON CS+ response  
247 may emanate either from the  $\beta'1$  inputs or modulation via polysynaptic circuit interactions.  
248 Finally, appetitive conditioning produced plasticity in the opposite direction in the  $\gamma 5\beta'2a$  MBON;  
249 this neuron exhibited a decrease in the CS+ response relative to the CS- ( $\downarrow CS+:CS-$ ) (Fig. 5K).  
250 In each case, the directionality of the plasticity (CS+:CS-) matched that observed in ACh  
251 responses in the presynaptic compartment. Thus, compartmentalized, presynaptic plasticity in  
252 neurotransmitter release from the MB compartments likely plays a role in modulating the MBON  
253 responses following learning.

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### 255 **Isolation of timing effects reveals CS- specific depression in the $\gamma 3$ compartment**

256 Synaptic depression in ACh release in the  $\gamma 2$  and  $\gamma 3$  compartments following appetitive  
257 conditioning was unique in that, in wild-type animals, it involved plasticity to the CS- (Figs. 2  
258 G,H, S3). This raised the question of whether the simple act of presenting an odor 30 seconds  
259 after the offset of US pairing – the time at which the CS- is presented in the conditioning  
260 paradigm – is sufficient to alter ACh release. To test this, we compared the results from the  
261 discriminative CS+/CS- imaging assay (Figs. 2, S3) with a single-odor paradigm (Fig. 6A). Flies





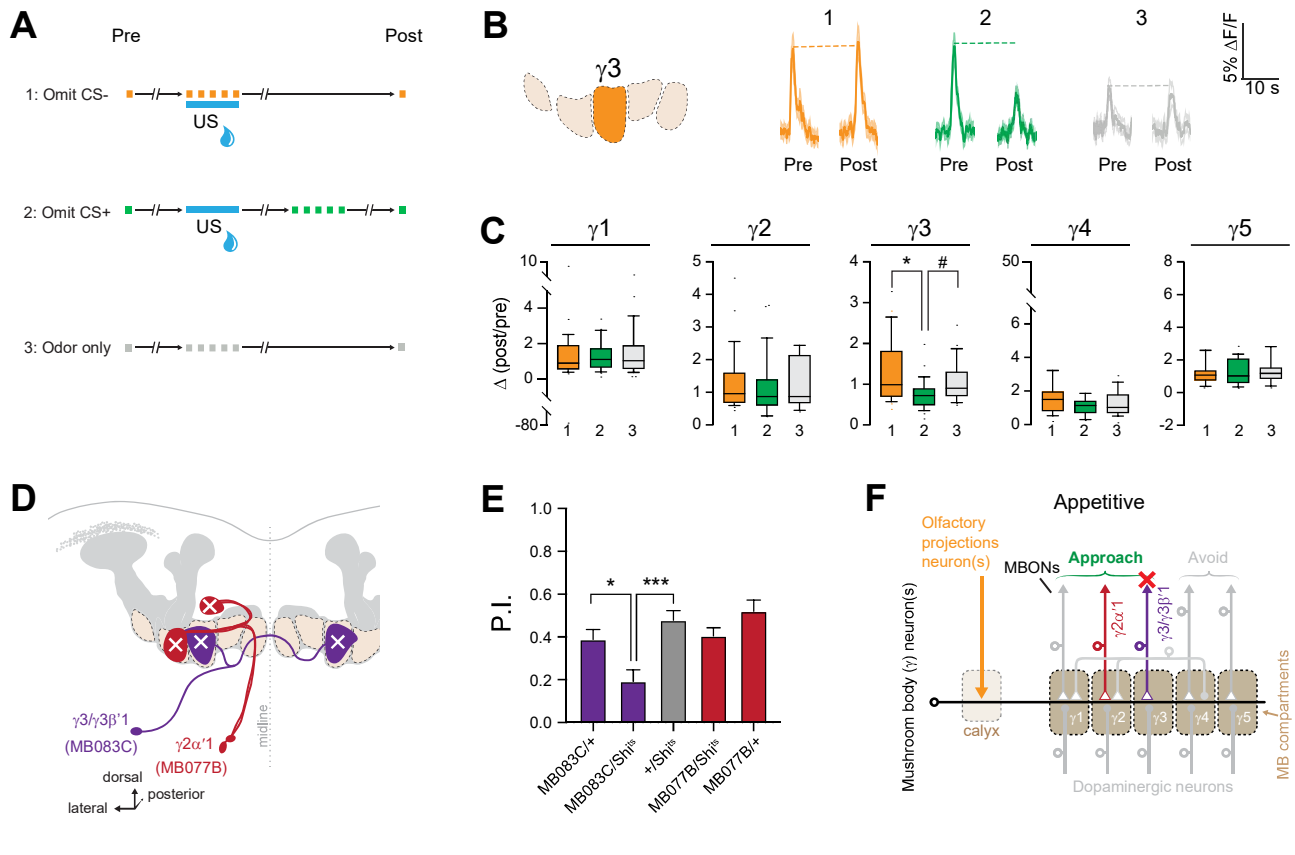
**Figure 5.** Plasticity in MBON  $Ca^{2+}$  responses mirrors compartmental plasticity in the MB neurons. **(A)** Diagram of MBONs innervating specific  $\gamma$  lobe compartments, viewed from a frontal plane. Each MBON is bilaterally paired, though only one is drawn here for visual clarity. **(B)** Circuit diagram of the dopaminergic neurons and MBONs in each compartment, as well as the putative valence associated with each compartment/MBON. **(C-F)** Diagrams of the  $\gamma 1pedc>\alpha/\beta$ ,  $\gamma 2\alpha'1$ ,  $\gamma 3$ , and  $\gamma 5\beta'2\alpha$  MBONs, respectively, drawn unilaterally in isolation. **(G-J)** Representative confocal images of the  $\gamma 1pedc>\alpha/\beta$ ,  $\gamma 2\alpha'1$ ,  $\gamma 3$ , and  $\gamma 5\beta'2\alpha$  MBONs, respectively. The region of interest circumscribed for quantification (neuropil or an efferent neurite) is drawn with a dotted white line. lat: lateral, dors: dorsal, post: posterior. **(K-N)** Change in odor-evoked responses (Post/pre responses), following conditioning (CS+ and CS-). \*\*\* $p < 0.001$ , \* $p < 0.01$ ;  $n = 12$  (Kruskal-Wallis/Bonferroni).

262 expressing GRAB-ACh in the MB via the 238Y-Gal4 driver were presented with an odor and  
263 sucrose, in a similar manner to the standard discriminative appetitive conditioning protocol,  
264 except that the CS+, CS-, or US was omitted (Fig. 6A, S6). We compared the change in  
265 responses to that odor across the three protocols in all five compartments (Fig. 6C, S3). This  
266 revealed several major facets of plasticity in ACh release following appetitive conditioning. First,  
267 discriminative training is necessary for the potentiation in  $\gamma 1$  and  $\gamma 2$ , which was lost in single-  
268 odor CS/US training (protocol #1) (Fig. 6A,C, S6). In addition, when omitting the CS+, only the  
269  $\gamma 3$  compartment revealed significant timing effects (Fig. 6 B,C, S6); presenting sucrose prior to  
270 presentation of an odor in the normal CS- time slot (protocol #2) resulted in a significantly  
271 smaller response than CS/US pairing, as well as a trend toward depression relative to the odor-  
272 only group. Therefore, the backward temporal contingency of the odor and sucrose  
273 presentation likely underlies the depression of odor-evoked responses in the  $\gamma 3$  region observed  
274 with discriminative CS+/CS- learning (Fig. 2H). Overall, these data demonstrate that the  $\gamma 3$   
275 compartment is particularly important for the temporal comparison of the CS+ and CS-, which is  
276 critical for discriminative learning (a possibility we explore further below).

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## 278 **Synaptic activity from the $\gamma 3$ -innervating MBONs mediate appetitive learning**

279 The unique role of the  $\gamma 2$  and  $\gamma 3$  compartments in encoding CS- plasticity led us to question the  
280 behavioral roles of the MBONs that receive input from these compartments (Figs. 1, 6A-C).  
281 With the exception of the  $\gamma 1pedc>\alpha/\beta$  (Perisse et al., 2016), the involvement of these MBONs in  
282 appetitive memory is unclear. To test whether the MBONs innervating the  $\gamma 2$  and  $\gamma 3$   
283 compartments mediate appetitive memory, we carried out behavioral appetitive classical  
284 conditioning, blocking synaptic transmission from MBONs with *Shibire<sup>ts</sup>* (*Shi<sup>ts</sup>*) (McGuire et al.,  
285 2001) (Fig. 6 D,E). Blocking the  $\gamma 2\alpha'1$  MBON did not significantly impair performance in



**Figure 6.** MB  $\gamma 3$  plasticity encodes appetitive timing (CS-) effects, and output neurons from this region are necessary for appetitive learning. **(A)** Diagram of the training paradigms utilized for ACh imaging experiments. **(B)** Time series traces showing odor-evoked GRAB-ACh responses from the  $\gamma 3$  compartment with all three protocols. **(C)** Quantification of the odor-evoked post/pre responses from each  $\gamma$  lobe compartment. \* $p < 0.01$ , # $p = 0.016$ ;  $n = 27$  (Kruskal-Wallis/Bonferroni). **(D)** Anatomical Diagram of the  $\gamma 2\alpha'1$  (MB077B-Gal4) and  $\gamma 3/\gamma 3\beta'1$  (MB083C-Gal4) MBONs. **(E)** Behavioral appetitive conditioning in flies, silencing either  $\gamma 2\alpha'1$  or  $\gamma 3/\gamma 3\beta'1$  MBONs with Shibirets (Shits), compared to heterozygous Gal4/+ and UAS/+ controls. P.I.: Performance Index. \* $p < 0.05$ , \*\*\* $p < 0.0005$  (ANOVA/Sidak);  $n = 16$ . **(F)** Circuit diagram of the output of the  $\gamma 2\alpha'1$  and  $\gamma 3/\gamma 3\beta'1$  MBONs.

286 appetitive conditioning. Therefore, while activation of the  $\gamma 2\alpha'1$  MBON drives approach  
287 behavior (Aso et al., 2014b) and the neuron is necessary for aversive memory (Berry et al.,  
288 2018), it is not crucial for appetitive learning in the otherwise intact nervous system. In contrast,  
289 blocking synaptic transmission from the  $\gamma 3/\gamma 3\beta'1$  MBONs significantly impaired appetitive  
290 conditioning performance (Fig. 6E). This demonstrates that the output of the  $\gamma 3/\gamma 3\beta'1$  MBONs is  
291 necessary for normal appetitive short-term memory (Fig. 6F). These neurons convey the output  
292 of the MB  $\gamma 3$  compartment to the crepine and superior medial protocerebrum (where they  
293 innervate interneurons that project to the fan-shaped body and lateral accessory lobe further  
294 downstream), as well as provide direct contralateral MB feedback and form polysynaptic  
295 feedback loops via MB-innervating PAM dopaminergic neurons and other MBONs (Scaplen et  
296 al., 2021; Xu et al., 2020). These multi-layered connections provide several routes through  
297 which they could modulate behavioral output following learning. Overall, the present data  
298 suggest that the  $\gamma 3/\gamma 3\beta'1$  MBONs receive input from an MB compartment with unique  
299 physiology, and represent a key node through which discriminative effects influence appetitive  
300 memory and decision-making.

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## 302 **Discussion**

303 Compartmentalized plasticity in neurotransmitter release expands the potential computational  
304 capacity of learning circuits. It allows a set of odor-coding mushroom body neurons to bifurcate  
305 their output to different downstream approach- and avoidance-driving downstream output  
306 neurons, independently modulating the synaptic connections to alter action selection based on  
307 the conditioned value of olfactory stimuli. The MB modifies the encoded value of olfactory  
308 stimuli through bidirectional plasticity in odor responses, which are compartment-specific along  
309 the axons. The CS+ and CS- drive unique patterns of plasticity in each compartment,

310 demonstrating that olfactory stimuli are reweighted differently across compartments following  
311 learning, depending on the temporal associations of the stimuli. Different molecular  
312 mechanisms regulate the potentiation of trained odor responses ( $Ca_v2/Cac$ ) and maintenance  
313 of responsivity over time ( $IP_3R$ ). Finally, one set of  $\gamma$  output neurons, the  $\gamma3/\gamma3\beta'1$  MBONs, is  
314 particularly important for appetitive short-term memory.

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316 The present data reveal learning-induced, bidirectional plasticity of ACh release in the MB  
317 neurons following conditioning with naturalistic stimuli *in vivo*, which was compartmentally-  
318 localized and coherent with the innate valence of the MBON innervating the compartment.  
319 Notably, the  $\gamma2$  and  $\gamma3$  compartments, which relay information to approach-promoting MBONs  
320 (Aso et al., 2014b), exhibited enhanced CS+:CS- responses to appetitive conditioning, and  
321 conversely reduced CS+:CS- following aversive conditioning. This was observed within 5  
322 minutes of conditioning, a time point consistent with short-term memory in behavioral assays.  
323 Previous studies have described short-term, heterosynaptic depression in the  $\gamma1pedc$  MBON  
324 following reinforcement substitution via PPL1 dopaminergic neuron stimulation (Hige et al.,  
325 2015a) and changes in odor-evoked  $Ca^{2+}$  responses following olfactory classical conditioning  
326 (Perisse et al., 2016). Aversive conditioning has also been shown to decrease neurotransmitter  
327 release from the MB neurons (Zhang and Roman, 2013; Zhang et al., 2019). Indirect evidence,  
328 via  $Ca^{2+}$  imaging in presynaptic MB neurons, has suggested that increases in presynaptic  
329 neurotransmission could be associated with learning. Specifically, reinforcement substitution by  
330 pairing odor with stimulation of appetitive PAM dopaminergic neurons potentiates odor-evoked  
331 cytosolic  $Ca^{2+}$  transients across the MB (Boto et al., 2014). In addition, appetitive conditioning  
332 with naturalistic odor + sucrose pairing increases odor-evoked cytosolic  $Ca^{2+}$  transients in MB  
333 neurons (Louis et al., 2018). However, all MB compartments exhibit plasticity with uniform

334 directionality; short-term aversive conditioning produces no detectable change and appetitive  
335 conditioning uniformly elevates odor-evoked responses across the  $\gamma 1$ - $\gamma 5$  compartments. Thus,  
336 this effect is not selective for subcellular MB compartments that connect to the “aversive” or  
337 “appetitive” MBONs. More compartmentalized effects have been observed with other  
338 manipulations – presentation of sucrose alters synaptically-localized  $Ca^{2+}$  transients in a  
339 compartmentalized manner (Cohn et al., 2015), as does stimulation of  $\gamma 4$ -innervating  
340 dopaminergic circuits (Handler et al., 2019).

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342 This study revealed two major mechanisms regulating the spatial patterns of compartmentalized  
343 plasticity across the MB compartments: a *Cac*-dependent CS+ potentiation and an  $IP_3R$ -  
344 dependent maintenance of sensory responses. This suggests that different sources of  
345 intracellular  $Ca^{2+}$  play different roles in regulating MB synaptic responses. *Cac* is the pore-  
346 forming subunit of the voltage-sensitive, presynaptic  $Ca_v2$   $Ca^{2+}$  channel in *Drosophila*.  $Ca_v2$   
347 channels regulate several forms of synaptic plasticity, including paired-pulse facilitation,  
348 homeostatic plasticity, and long-term potentiation (Frank et al., 2006; Inchauspe et al., 2004;  
349 Nanou et al., 2016). Our data suggests that these channels regulate the spatial patterns of  
350 learning-induced plasticity in the MB unidirectionally, with *Cac* underlying potentiation but not  
351 depression.  $Ca_v2$  channel activity is modulated by presynaptic calcium and G protein-coupled  
352 receptor activity (Zamponi and Currie, 2013), and channel localization in the active zone  
353 dynamically regulates synaptic strength (Gratz et al., 2019; Lubbert et al., 2019). These  
354 mechanisms may play a role in increasing CS+ responses following appetitive conditioning, as  
355 activity in MB neurons results in increased intracellular  $Ca^{2+}$  and dopaminergic neurons  
356 innervating the MB activate receptors that are important for memory formation (Boto et al.,  
357 2014; Cohn et al., 2015; Gervasi et al., 2010; Kim et al., 2007; Schwaerzel et al., 2003; Tomchik  
358 and Davis, 2009). Baseline stimulus-evoked neurotransmitter release in *Cac* knockdown was

359 maintained, likely mediated by either residual Cac expression or compensation by other  
360 intracellular Ca<sup>2+</sup> channels/sources. In contrast to potentiation, IP<sub>3</sub>R was necessary to maintain  
361 normal odor responsivity when odors were presented on multiple trials (i.e., across pre/post  
362 odor presentations). This is consistent with the role of IP<sub>3</sub>R in maintenance of presynaptic  
363 homeostatic potentiation at the neuromuscular junction (James et al., 2019). In addition,  
364 dopaminergic circuits associated with reward learning drive release of Ca<sup>2+</sup> from the  
365 endoplasmic reticulum when activated with MB neurons in a backward pairing paradigm *ex vivo*,  
366 potentiating MB  $\gamma$ 4 connections with the respective  $\gamma$ 4 MBON (Handler et al., 2019).

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368 Alterations of MBON activity following learning are likely the product of both synaptic plasticity at  
369 the MB-MBON synapses and indirect circuit effects, such as feedforward inhibition (Aso et al.,  
370 2014a; Cervantes-Sandoval et al., 2017; Perisse et al., 2016). Polysynaptic inhibitory  
371 interactions can convert depression from select MB compartments into potentiation in MBONs  
372 following learning. In one established example, reduction of odor-evoked responses in the  
373 GABAergic  $\gamma$ 1pedc MBON following aversive conditioning disinhibits the downstream  $\gamma$ 5 $\beta$ '2a  
374 MBON (Owald et al., 2015; Perisse et al., 2016). It is unclear whether this mechanism  
375 generalizes to other MB compartments. The present data demonstrates that learning drives  
376 potentiation and depression of ACh release across multiple MB compartments, providing a  
377 direct mechanism for altering MBON responses. Importantly, by comparing the CS+ and CS-  
378 responses to those of untrained odors, we ascribed differences between the CS+ and CS- to  
379 potentiation or depression in absolute terms within each compartment. This uncovered an  
380 additional layer of spatial regulation of plasticity in the  $\gamma$ 1- $\gamma$ 3 compartments: a gradient of CS+  
381 potentiation to CS- depression following appetitive conditioning, which is elaborated in greater

382 detail below. In addition, it revealed that the IP<sub>3</sub>-dependent loss of CS+/CS- contrast was due,  
383 at least in large part, to alterations in olfactory adaptation.

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385 The CS+/CS- relationship changed in a linear gradient down the  $\gamma$ 1- $\gamma$ 3 compartments following  
386 appetitive conditioning. Appetitive conditioning increased CS+ responses in the  $\gamma$ 1  
387 compartment, while decreasing the CS- responses in the  $\gamma$ 3 compartment. The  $\gamma$ 2 compartment  
388 yielded a mix of these responses. These patterns of plasticity have the net effect of increasing  
389 the relative response to the CS+ odor. Since the MBONs postsynaptic to these compartments  
390 drive behavioral approach (Aso et al., 2014b), these patterns of plasticity would bias the  
391 animal's behavior toward approach of the CS+ if the animal faced both odors simultaneously.  
392 Such a situation would occur at the choice point of a T-maze during retrieval in a classical  
393 conditioning assay. This further suggests loci where for CS+ and CS- plasticity, which are  
394 suggested by behavioral data indicating that temporal/CS- information contribute to behavioral  
395 memory (Handler et al., 2019; Konig et al., 2018; Tanimoto et al., 2004; Tully and Quinn, 1985).  
396 This is physiologically reflected in plasticity in ACh release to the CS+ and/or CS- across  
397 multiple compartments. For instance, the  $\gamma$ 2 and  $\gamma$ 3 compartments exhibited a depression in  
398 ACh release to the CS-. Therefore, consequences to the specific timing of odor-evoked  
399 responses prior to or after the delivery of the US play a key role in memory formation, with  
400 bidirectional plasticity forming within the MB neurons based on timing events, valence of the US,  
401 and local dopamine signaling (Handler et al., 2019; Konig et al., 2018; Tanimoto et al., 2004;  
402 Yamagata et al., 2016).

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404 MBONs innervating the  $\gamma$  lobe drive approach/avoidance behavior when stimulated (Aso et al.,  
405 2014b). Despite the approach-promoting valence of the  $\gamma 2\alpha'1$  and  $\gamma 3/\gamma 3\beta'1$  MBONs, only the  
406  $\gamma 3/\gamma 3\beta'1$  produced a loss-of-function phenotype in appetitive conditioning. This suggests that  
407 either the  $\gamma 2\alpha'1$  MBONs are uninvolved in appetitive learning (despite exhibiting learning-related  
408 plasticity), or that redundancy and/or different weighting across approach-promoting MBONs,  
409 renders the system resilient to silencing some of them. Blocking synaptic output of  $\gamma 3/\gamma 3\beta'1$   
410 reduced appetitive conditioning performance, suggesting that these neurons play a particularly  
411 important role in appetitive learning.

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413 Overall, plasticity between MB neurons and MBONs may guide behavior through biasing  
414 network activation to alter action selection in a probabilistic manner. Appetitive conditioning  
415 drives compartmentalized, presynaptic plasticity in MB neurons that correlates with postsynaptic  
416 changes in MBONs that guide learned behaviors. Prior studies documented only depression at  
417 these synapses at short time points following conditioning (Hige et al., 2015a; Zhang and  
418 Roman, 2013; Zhang et al., 2019). Here we observed both potentiation and depression in ACh  
419 release in the MB, suggesting that bidirectional presynaptic plasticity modulates learned  
420 behaviors. These bidirectional changes likely integrate with plasticity at downstream circuit  
421 nodes that also undergo learning-induced plasticity to produce network-level alterations in odor  
422 responses across the olfactory pathway following salient events. Thus, plasticity in ACh release  
423 from MB neurons function to modulate responsivity to olfactory stimuli features across graded  
424 plasticity maps down the mushroom body axons.

425

426 **Materials and Methods**

427 **Fly Strains.** Flies were fed and maintained on a standard cornmeal agar food mixture on a  
428 12:12 light:dark cycle. The 238Y-Gal4 driver was selected for expression intensity in MB  
429 neurons (Louis et al., 2018). MBON drivers were selected from the FlyLight and split-Gal4  
430 collections (R12G04, MB077b, and MB083c) (Jenett et al., 2012; Pfeiffer et al., 2010). The  
431  $\gamma 5\beta'2a$  LexA MBON driver was generated by Krystyna Keleman (Zhao et al., 2018). RNAi  
432 lines were obtained from the VDRC (Cac: 101478) (Dietzl et al., 2007) and TRiP collections  
433 ( $IP_3R/itpr$ : 25937) (Perkins et al., 2015) and crossed into flies expressing R13F02-Gal4 and tub-  
434 Gal80<sup>ts</sup> (McGuire et al., 2003). Final experimental genotypes were: Cac ( $w; UAS-GRAB-$   
435  $ACh/UAS-Cac-RNAi; R13F02-Gal4/UAS-tub-Gal80^{ts}$ ) and  $IP_3R$  ( $w, UAS-GRAB-ACh/UAS-tub-$   
436  $Gal80^{ts}; R13F02-Gal4; UAS-IP3R-RNAi$ ), compared to genetic controls ( $w; UAS-GRAB-$   
437  $ACh/+; R13F02-Gal4/UAS-tub- Gal80^{ts}$ ).

438 **Fly preparation for *in vivo* Ca<sup>2+</sup> imaging.** Flies were briefly anesthetized, placed in a  
439 polycarbonate imaging chamber, and fixed with myristic acid (Sigma-Aldrich). The proboscis  
440 was fixed in the retracted position, except for appetitive conditioning experiments (as noted  
441 below). A cuticle window was opened, and the fat and tracheal air sacs were carefully removed  
442 to allow optical access to the brain. The top of the chamber was filled with saline solution (103  
443 mM NaCl, 3mM MBI, 5mM HEPES, 1.5 mM CaCl<sub>2</sub>, 4 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O, 26 mM NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, 1 mM  
444 NaH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O, 10 mM trehalose, 7 mM sucrose, and 10 mM glucose), which was perfused  
445 over the dorsal head/brain at 2 mL/min via a peristaltic pump.

446 ***In vivo* imaging.** GRAB-ACh (Jing et al., 2019; Jing et al., 2018; Zhang et al., 2019) was driven  
447 in the MB neurons, using the 238Y driver. Within the MB neurons, ROIs were drawn around  
448 five  $\gamma$  lobe compartments ( $\gamma 1-5$ ) within a single imaging plane for appetitive, and ( $\gamma 2-5$ ) for  
449 aversive. Imaging was performed with a Leica TCS SP8 confocal microscope utilizing  
450 appropriate laser lines and emission filter settings. Odors were delivered with an airstream for  
451 1s (60mL/min flow rate) by directing the air flow with solenoid valves between an empty vial (air)

452 to another containing 1 $\mu$ L odorant spotted on filter paper. Odor-evoked responses were  
453 calculated as the baseline normalized change in fluorescence ( $\Delta F/F$ ), using the maximum  $\Delta F/F$   
454 within a 4-s after odor delivery. The ratio of the post/pre responses were calculated as the  
455 maximum  $\Delta F/F$  in an 8-s response window after odor delivery. In experiments with RNAi, flies  
456 expressing GRAB-ACh, a UAS-RNAi line, and tub-Gal80<sup>ts</sup> were constructed; flies were raised at  
457 18°C until eclosion, flies were transferred to 32°C 4-10 days prior to the experiment.  
458 Experiments were carried out at room temperature (23°C) for ACh imaging/conditioning. For  
459 Ca<sup>2+</sup> imaging experiments, GCaMP6f was expressed in the MBONs using the R12G04  
460 ( $\gamma$ 1pedc), MB077b ( $\gamma$ 2 $\alpha$ '1), MB083c ( $\gamma$ 3) and VT014702 ( $\gamma$ 5 $\beta$ '2) Gal4 drivers. Experiments were  
461 carried out same as ACh imaging, except presenting a 3s odor delivery.

462 **Appetitive conditioning and imaging.** Appetitive conditioning was carried out as previously  
463 described (Louis et al., 2018). One odor (the CS+) was presented in conjunction with a paired  
464 sucrose (1M, containing green food coloring) unconditioned stimulus (US), and a second odor  
465 (the CS-) was presented 30-s later. Both the CS+ and CS- odors were presented during  
466 conditioning experiments. In odor-only control cohorts, the sucrose US was omitted. During  
467 training, each odor (and the US) was presented continuously for 30 s for Ca<sup>2+</sup> imaging  
468 experiments. Six 1-s odor pulses were presented during conditioning over a 30-s period, with a  
469 5-s inter-pulse interval, to prevent desensitization of the reporter. Pre/post odor-evoked  
470 responses were imaged prior to and after the imaging protocol, using a 3-s (Ca<sup>2+</sup> imaging) or 1-s  
471 (ACh imaging) odor pulse. During odor-evoked response imaging, proboscis extension was  
472 blocked utilizing a thin metal loop attached to a custom motorized micromanipulator. Flies were  
473 starved for a period of 18-24 hrs prior to conditioning. During conditioning, the proboscis was  
474 released, and the flies were presented sucrose through a metal pipette fed by a syringe pump  
475 controlled via a micro-controller (Arduino). To assess feeding, flies were monitored using a

476 digital microscope (Vividia); sucrose ingestion was visually confirmed by the presence of green  
477 food coloring in the abdomen.

478 **Aversive conditioning and imaging.** Flies were mounted in an aversive conditioning chamber  
479 such that the brain could be imaged while odors were delivered to the antennae and electric  
480 shocks delivered to the legs via a shock grid below the fly. Conditioning was carried out by  
481 pairing a CS+ odor with electric shocks as follows: 6x 1-s odor pulses, with a 5-s inter-pulse  
482 interval, paired with 6x 90-V electric shocks, followed 30s later by presentation of 6x 1-s pulses  
483 of the CS- odor with 5s inter-pulse interval. Pre- and post-conditioning odor-evoked responses  
484 were imaged using a 1-s odor pulse. In each animal, either the CS+ or CS- odor was tested  
485 pre- and post-conditioning.

486 **Behavioral appetitive conditioning.** Adult flies, 2-5 day old, were trained under dim red  
487 light at 75% relative humidity. Appetitive conditioning experiments were performed in animals  
488 starved 16-20 h. Groups of ~60 flies were exposed for 2 min to an odor (the CS-), followed by  
489 30 s of air and 2 min of another odor, the (the CS+), paired with a 1M sucrose solution dried on  
490 filter paper, at 32°C for *Shibire*<sup>ts</sup> blockade. The odor pairs were ethyl butyrate and isoamyl  
491 acetate, adjusted so that naive flies equally avoided the two odors (0.05 – 0.1%). Memory was  
492 tested by inserting the trained flies into a T-maze, in which they chose between an arm  
493 containing the CS+ odor and an arm containing the CS- odor. Flies were allowed to distribute  
494 for a 2 min choice period. The Performance Index (P.I.), calculated as (flies in the CS- arm)-  
495 (flies in the CS+ arm)/(total flies in both arms).

496 **Immunohistochemistry.** 5-7 days old adult flies were dissected in 1% paraformaldehyde in S2  
497 medium, and processed according to a published protocol (Jenett et al., 2012). Brains and  
498 were incubated with the primary antibodies for 3 hours at room temperature and with the  
499 secondary antibodies for 4 days at 4°C. Incubations were performed in blocking serum (3%

500 normal goat serum). Labeled brains were mounted in Vectashield media. Antibodies used were  
501 rabbit anti-GFP (1:1000, Invitrogen), mouse anti-brp (nc82) (1:50, DSHB), mouse anti-  
502 neuroglian (1:50, DSHB), goat anti-rabbit IgG and goat anti-mouse IgG (1:800, Alexa 488 or  
503 Alexa 633 respectively, Invitrogen). Images were obtained using Leica TCS SP8 confocal  
504 microscope.

505 **Quantification and Statistical Analysis.** Data were compared with ANOVA/Sidak  
506 (parametric) or Kruskal-Wallis/Bonferroni (nonparametric) tests. Box plots show graph the  
507 median as a line, the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quartile enclosed in the box, and whiskers extending from the  
508 10<sup>th</sup> to the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile.

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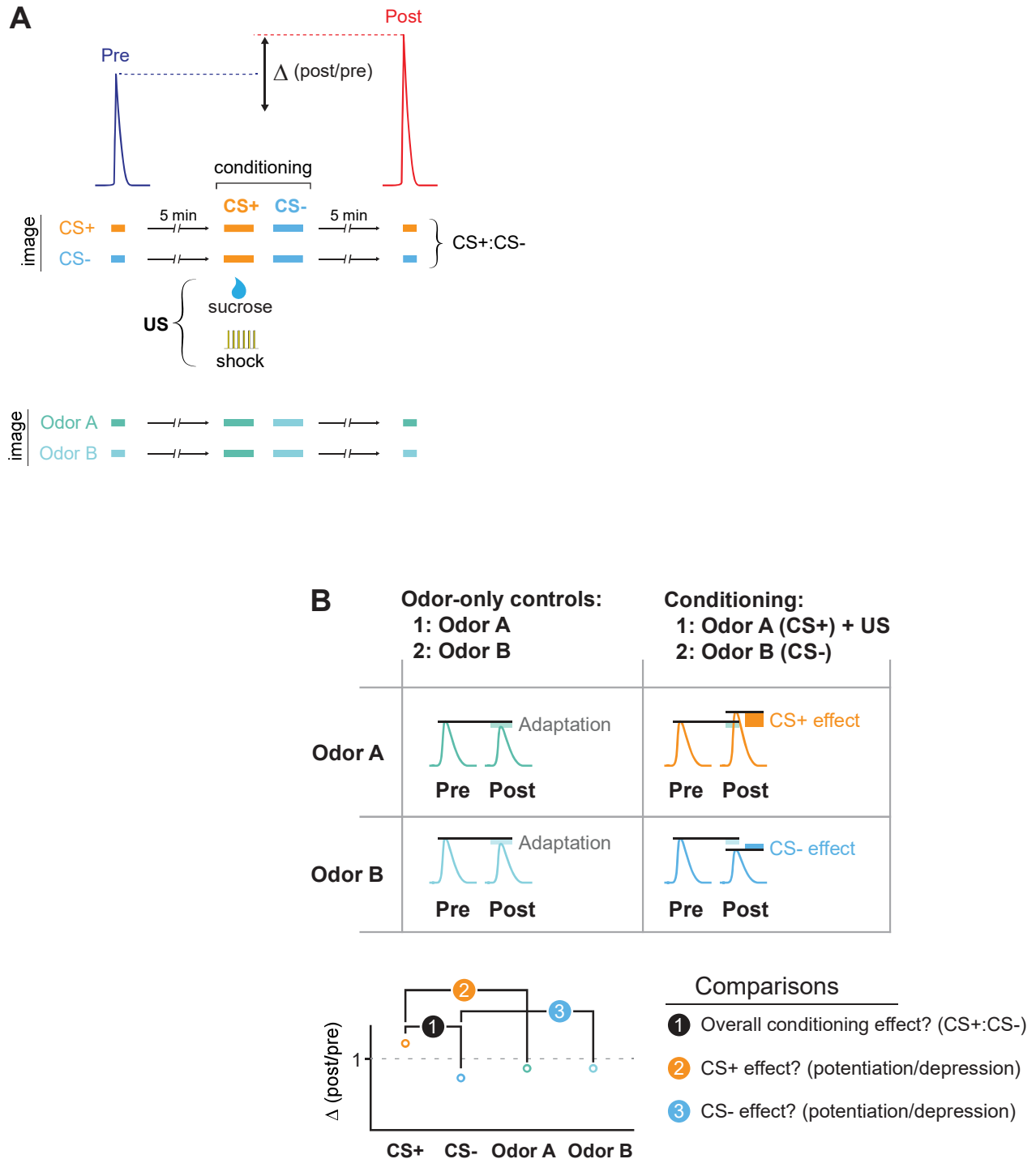


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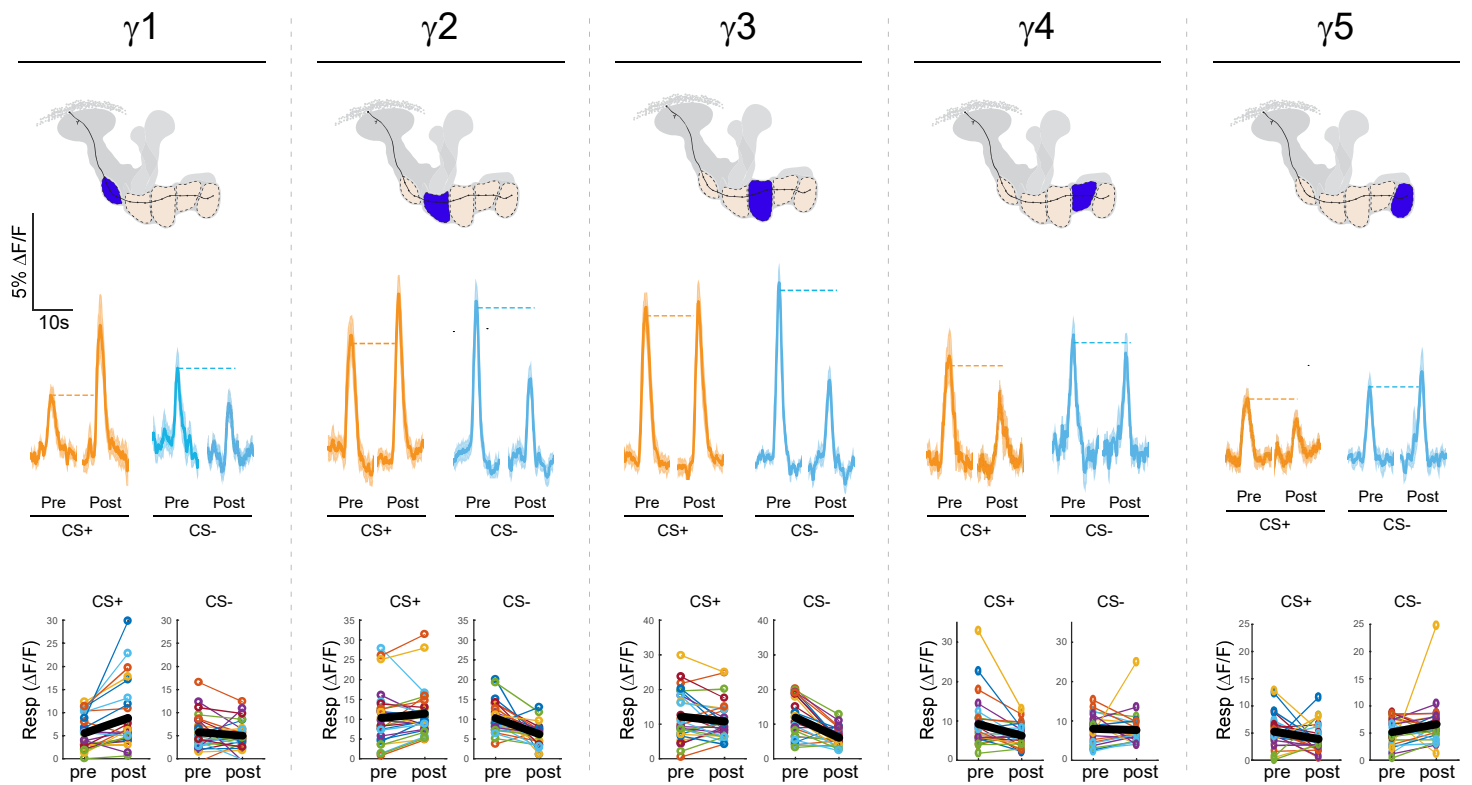
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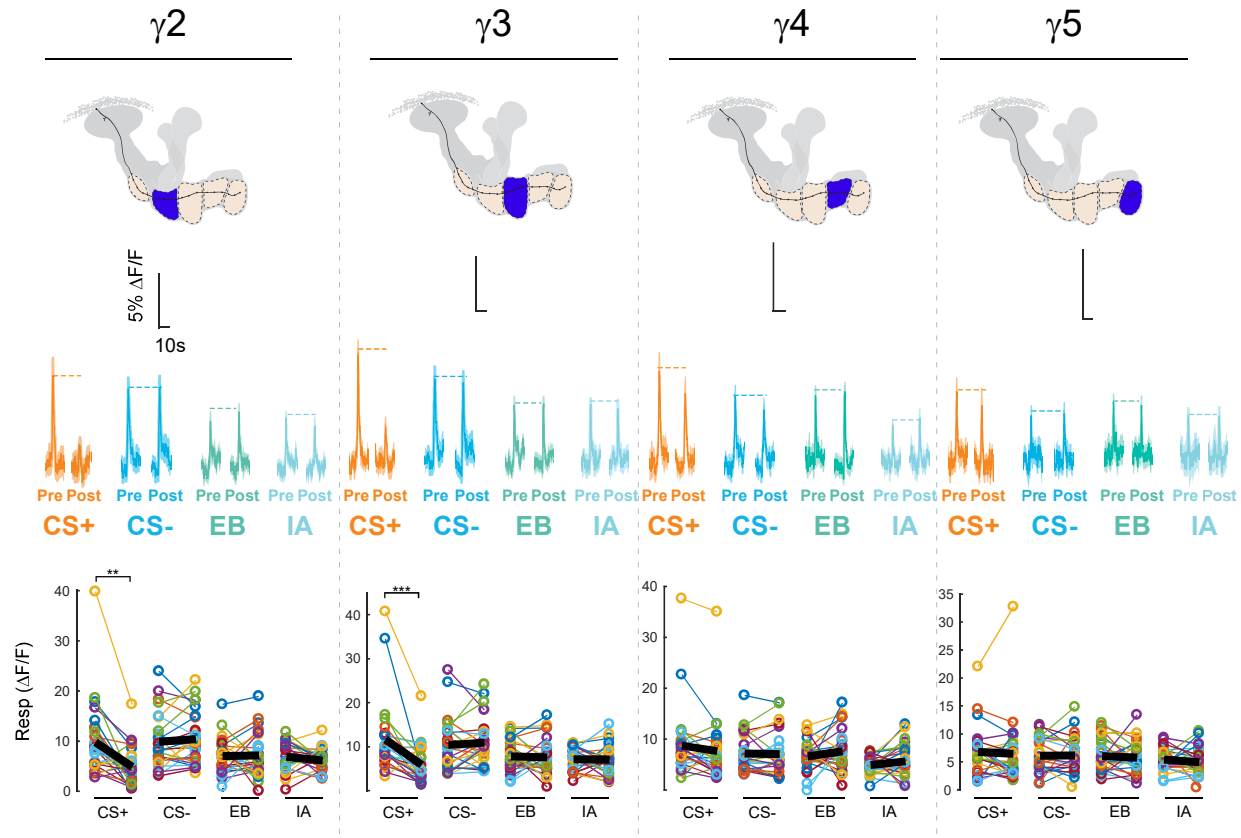
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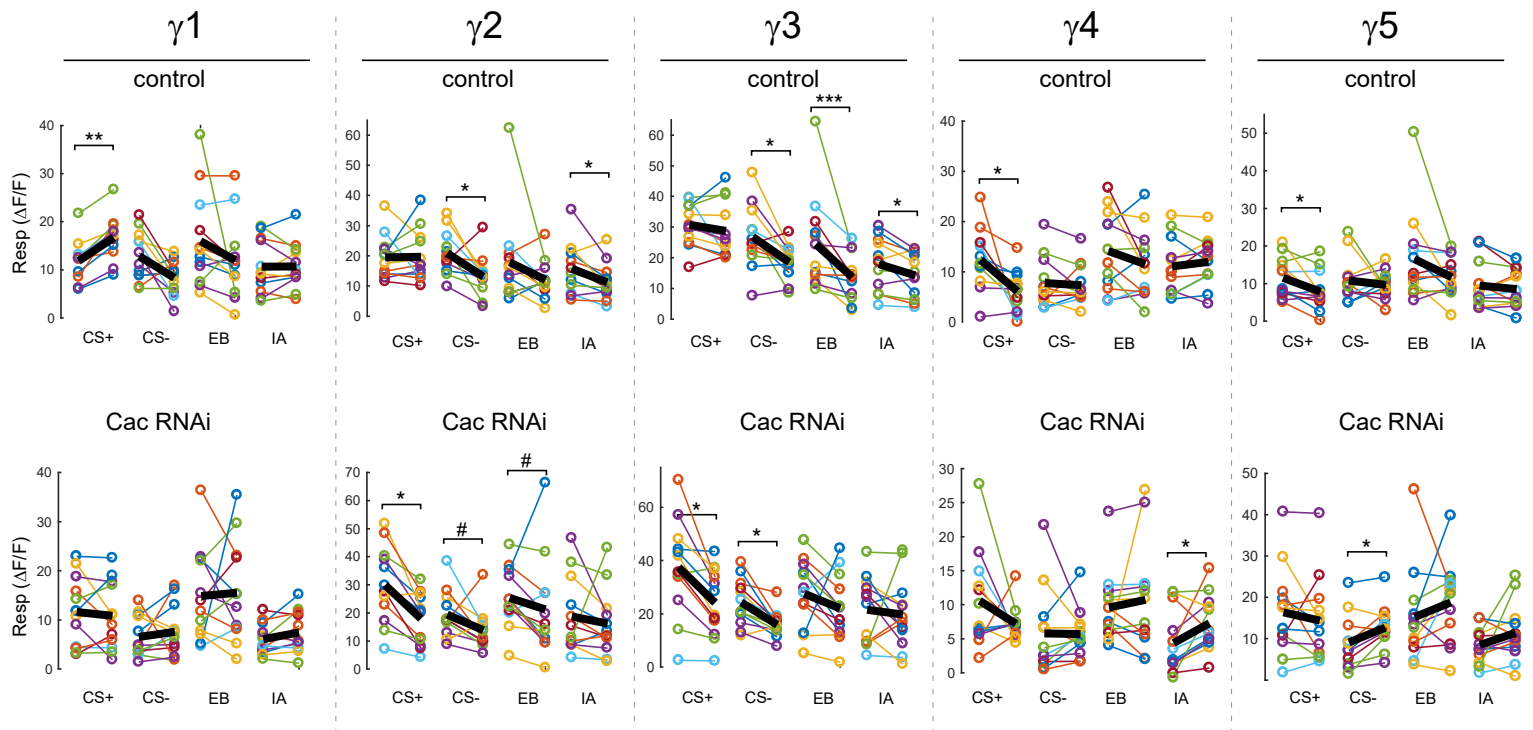
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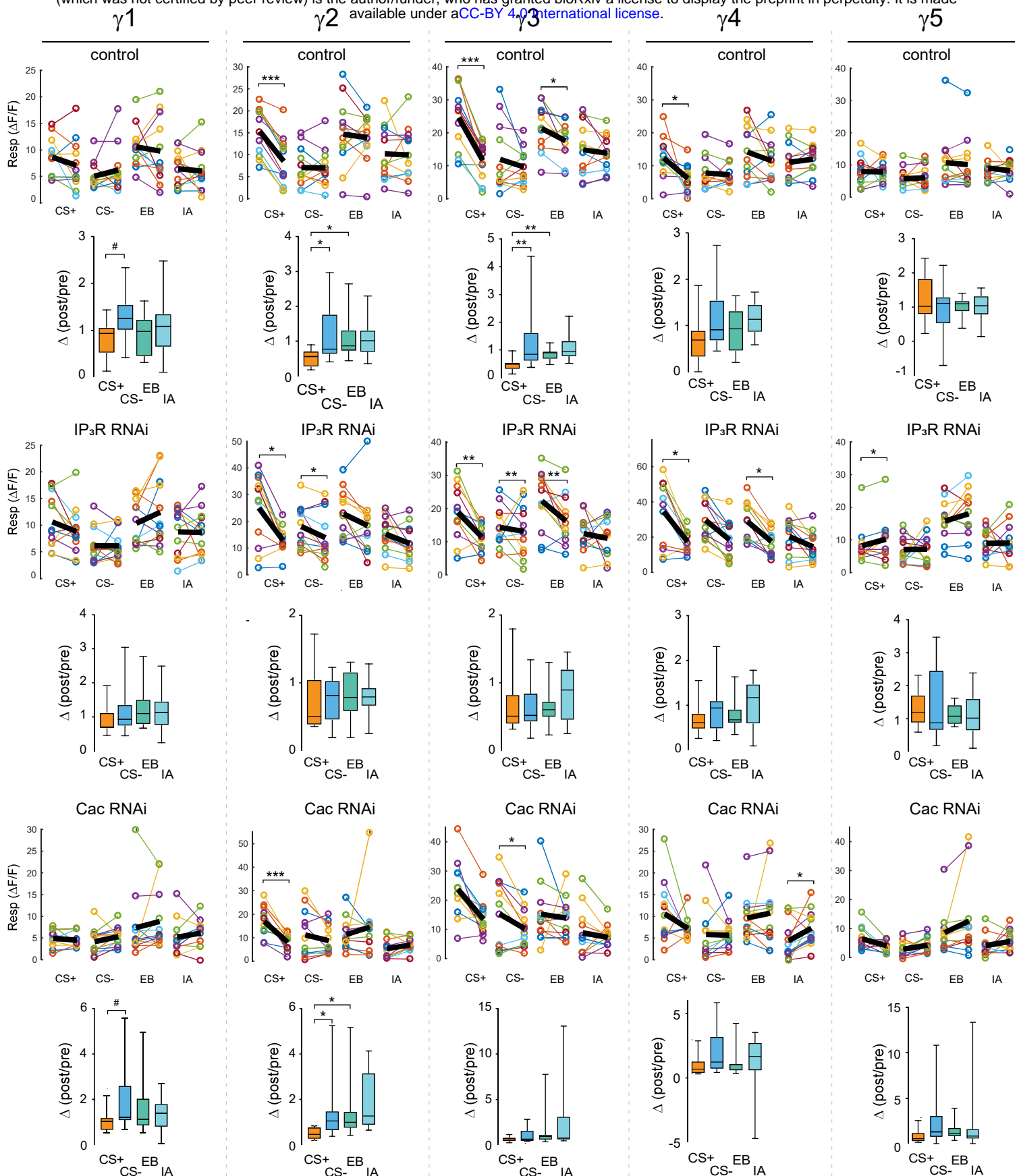
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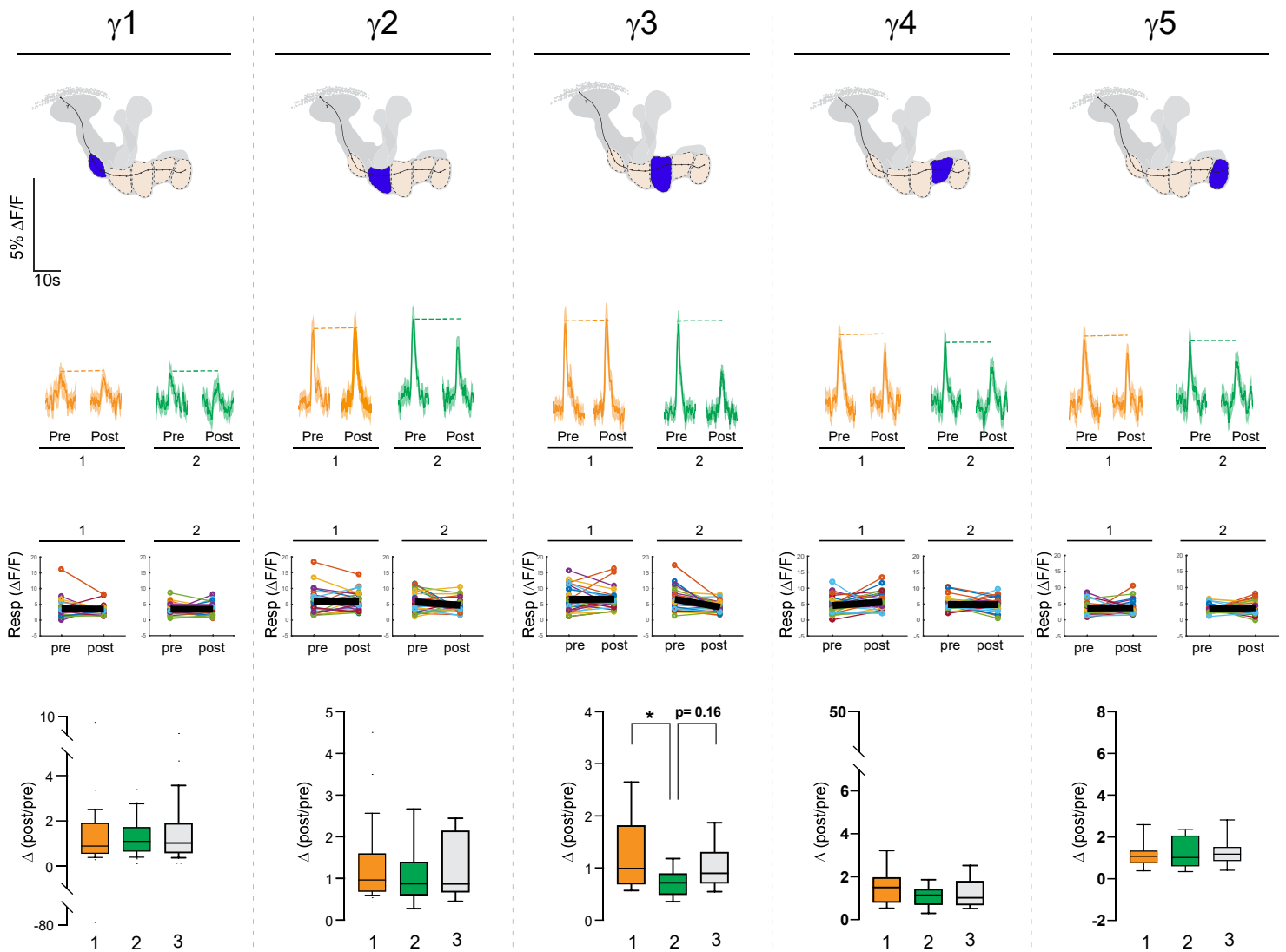
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**Figure S4, related to Figure 3.** Effects of appetitive conditioning on GRAB-ACh responses across the  $\gamma$  lobe compartments using GRAB-ACh with control and cacophony knockdown flies. The top row shows time series traces pre- and post-conditioning for the CS+ (ethyl butyrate [EB]) and CS- (isoamyl acetate [IA]) of control flies. The quantification of the peak pre- and post-conditioning responses for each animal ( $n = 12$ ) of control flies. \* $p < 0.05$ , \*\* $p < 0.005$ , \*\*\* $p < 0.0005$ , # $p < 0.07$ ,  $n = 12$  (Wilcoxon rank-sum test). The second row shows time series traces pre- and post-conditioning Cac knockdowns.



**Figure S5, related to Figure 4.** Effects of aversive conditioning on GRAB-ACh responses across the  $\gamma$  lobe compartments using GRAB-ACh with control, cacophony and IP<sub>3</sub>R knockdown flies. For all genotypes sample sizes, n=12 with statistical analysis (Wilcoxon rank-sum test) \*p<0.05, \*\*p<0.005, \*\*\*p<0.0005 for time series traces. For comparisons of CS+, CS-, and odor-only control responses (Kruskal-Wallis/Bonferroni) #p<0.03, \*p<0.01, \*\*p<0.001, \*\*\*p<0.0001. The top row shows time series traces pre- and post-conditioning for the CS+ (ethyl butyrate [EB]) and CS- (isoamyl acetate [IA]) and odor only, and the thick black line represents the mean. The second row shows comparisons of the CS+, CS-, and odor-only controls. The third row shows time series traces pre-post conditioning for IP<sub>3</sub>R knockdowns. The fourth row shows comparisons between the four treatments of IP<sub>3</sub>R knockdowns. The fifth row shows time series traces pre-post conditioning for Cac knockdowns. The final row shows comparisons between the four treatments of Cac knockdowns.



**Figure S6, related to Figure 6.** Effects of appetitive conditioning on GRAB-ACh responses across the  $\gamma$  lobe in the absence of either CS+ (1) or CS- (2). The top row shows diagrams of the location of each compartment within the mushroom body. The second row shows time series traces pre- and post-conditioning for paired, unpaired, and odor-only conditioning. The third row shows quantification of the peak pre- and post-conditioning responses for each animal ( $n = 27$ ). The thick black line represents the mean. The bottom row shows comparisons of the CS+, CS-, and odor-only controls (EB and IA). \* $p < 0.01$ , \*\* $p < 0.001$ , \*\*\* $p < 0.0001$ ;  $n = 27$  (Kruskal-Wallis/Bonferroni).