Mating activates neuroendocrine pathways signaling hunger in *Drosophila* females

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Mated females reallocate resources to offspring production, causing changes in nutritional requirements and challenges to energy homeostasis. Although observed in most species, the neural and endocrine mechanisms that regulate the nutritional needs of mated females are not well understood. Here, we investigate the neural circuitry that regulates sugar appetite in mated *Drosophila melanogaster* females. During copulation, a male-derived sex peptide is transferred to females, silencing the mating status circuit to elicit many postmating behavioral changes[1-3]. We find that increased sucrose consumption is a postmated female behavior and show that it is mediated by the mating status circuit. We discovered that sexually dimorphic insulin receptor (Lgr3) neurons integrate mating status and nutritional state signals to adjust sucrose consumption. Lgr3+ cells receive inhibitory input from the mating status circuit via female specific pdC2 neurons. In mated females, the inhibition of Lgr3 cells from pdC2 is attenuated, transforming the mated signal into a long-term hunger signal that promotes sugar intake. Our results thus demonstrate that the mating circuit alters nutrient sensing

centers in females to promote sugar consumption, providing a mechanism to increase intake in anticipation of the energetic costs associated with reproduction.

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Female mating status impacts feeding decisions across species. In *Drosophila*, mated females increase total food intake[4] and develop specific appetites for protein and salt[5-7]. Sugar, another macronutrient, is vitally important for flies and is their main energy source[8]. In mated females, increased activity[9] results in elevated metabolic rates[10] driving the need for additional calories. Moreover, females pack eggs with lipids[11] synthesized from dietary carbohydrates[10]. Together, this predicts that mated females require significantly more sugar than virgins. However, as excessive sugar negatively impacts fly health[12], sugar intake must be tightly regulated. Although the sugar to protein ratio influences reproductive output and longevity[8], the absolute levels of sugar intake of mated females remain untested.

In *Drosophila*, mated related changes in females are orchestrated by sex peptide (SP), a 36-amino acid peptide that is produced in the male seminal fluid and transferred to females during copulation[1,2]. SP binds to its receptor (SPR)[13] which is expressed in sensory neurons (SPSNs) in the uterus[14,15]. SPSNs convey mating status to sex peptide abdominal ganglia (SAG) neurons that ascend to the central brain[3] and synapse onto pC1 neurons[16]. This female-specific SPSN-SAG-pC1 circuit is active in virgin females and silenced after mating[3,16]. Reception of SP and silencing of this circuit initiates the long-term postmating response in females, which includes changes in egg laying and sexual receptivity[3,16,17]. The second-order SAG neurons also drive changes in salt and protein appetites[7], demonstrating that the mating status circuit alters food consumption in mated females. However, how the mating circuit influences nutritional state circuits or feeding circuits remains a central question. Here, we use automated behavioral assays

46 for measuring consumption, powerful genetic tools, connectomics, and functional imaging
47 approaches to examine neural mechanisms for appetite changes in mated females.
48 To investigate the impact of female mating status on sugar intake, we monitored
49 individual feeding bouts over time using a high-throughput, automated feeding platform (FLIC[18],
50 Fig. 1a). We compared consumption of virgins and two types of mated females (1-hr or 72-hr
51 postmated). We found that 72-hr postmated females consumed for a significantly longer duration
52 on sucrose solution than virgins or 1-hr postmated females (Fig. 1b). To further evaluate the
53 onset of increased sucrose consumption, we monitored consumption of virgin, 24-hr postmated
54 females, and 72-hr psotmated females and established a postmated phenotype in both mated
55 groups (Fig. 1c). These studies demonstrate that mated females consume more sugar than virgins
56 and that changes in sucrose consumption manifest 6-24hr after copulation.
57 To explore differences in feeding dynamics, virgin and mated females were allowed to
58 feed on different sucrose concentrations and the number and length of feeding bouts were
59 examined. Mated females consumed for longer durations than virgins for all sucrose
60 concentrations below 500mM (Fig. 1d). Investigation into the microstructure of feeding revealed
61 that the postmated increase in sucrose consumption is due to an elongation in feeding bout
62 duration rather than an increased number of bouts (Fig. 1e,f). Thus, like hungry flies[19], mated
63 females consume more by engaging in longer feeding times rather than by initiating more
64 feeding events.
65 We tested two predictions suggested by the mating-induced changes in sugar feeding
66 dynamics. First, longer overall feeding durations suggest that a greater amount of sugar is
67 consumed. We directly tested this using a capillary feeder (CAFE[20], Fig. 1g) and found that
68 mated females consume significantly more sucrose than virgins (Fig. 1h). Second, virgin and

69 mated females execute a similar number of feeding bouts, suggesting that females do not differ
70 in the probability of initiating a feeding event. To directly test this, we monitored proboscis
71 extension upon sugar taste detection (Fig. 1i) and found that virgin and mated females have
72 similar feeding initiation propensities (Fig. 1j,k). These results further corroborate that increased
73 sugar consumption in mated females is due to longer meal duration rather than more frequent
74 feeding bouts.

75 Hunger increases the sensitivity of gustatory neurons to sugar[21]. To test whether changes
76 in sugar sensory sensitivity underlie increased sucrose consumption in mated females, we
77 monitored taste-induced neural activity in sugar gustatory neurons in mated and virgin females
78 with the GCaMP6s calcium indicator (Fig. 1l). Stimulation of the fly proboscis with sugar
79 elicited similar responses in gustatory axons regardless of mating status (Fig. 1m-o),
80 demonstrating that gustatory sensitivity is not altered by mating and not likely to contribute to
81 changes in feeding.

82 As mating increases egg production, we reasoned that the increase in sucrose
83 consumption could be driven by a need-dependent mechanism. In this scenario, mating induces
84 egg production, depleting energy stores and driving a need for sucrose consumption to restore
85 homeostasis. To test this, we quantified sucrose consumption of virgin and mated eggless
86 females with both FLIC and CAFE (Fig. 2a and Extended Data Fig.1a, respectively). We found
87 that despite a lack of egg production[7,22,23], mated females consumed more sucrose than virgins,
88 demonstrating that the change in postmated sucrose feeding is not driven by egg production
89 itself. Instead, this result suggests that sucrose feeding changes are anticipatory in nature and a
90 consequence of a need-independent mechanism.

91 Postmated changes in female behavior are elicited by sex peptide (SP)[1,2,24], a male-
92 derived seminal fluid peptide and require female uterine primary sensory neurons (SPSNs)[13-15]
93 (Fig. 2b). To test the involvement of the SPSNs in postmated sucrose feeding changes, we
94 genetically accessed SPSNs using three different genetic driver combinations (see methods). All
95 genetic intersections consistently labeled at least 4 SPSNs (Fig. 2c, Extended Data Fig.1b,c) with
96 no overlap of off-target neurons (Extended Data 1d), making them useful tools to investigate the
97 role of the SPSNs in postmating feeding changes. We silenced the SPSNs in virgin females using
98 constitutive silencers (either the potassium inward rectifier, KIR2.1, or the tetanus toxin light
99 chain, TNT) to mimic the mated state and measured sucrose consumption. Virgin females with
100 SPSNs silenced consumed significantly more sucrose than virgin controls (Fig. 2d, Extended
101 data 1e,f), recapitulating the mated phenotype. This data argues that mated females increase
102 sucrose consumption after mating via the SPSNs.
103 The canonical sex peptide pathway for postmated changes in female behavior is a three-
104 layer circuit from SPSNs to SAGs to pC1[3,16,17]. As with the SPSNs, the SAGs and pC1 are active
105 in a virgin female and silenced in a mated female[3,16]. To precisely manipulate SAGs, we
106 generated a new split-GAL4 line (SAG-SS3, Fig. 2m). Next, we acutely silenced SAGs by
107 driving the expression of the green-light gated anion channelrhodopsin (GtACR1) with SAG-
108 SS3. Monitoring consumption over time, we found that acutely silencing SAGs significantly
109 increased sucrose consumption (Fig. 2n, Extended Data Fig. 2a). Although an off-target
110 ascending neuron is also labeled in SAG-SS3, it is not responsible for changes in sucrose
111 consumption (Extended Data Fig. 3), arguing that the increased sucrose consumption observed
112 with SAG-SS3 is due to the activity of SAG neuron itself. Downstream of SAG, we found that
113 acutely silencing pC1 also significantly increased sucrose consumption (Fig. 2o,p, Extended

114 Data Fig. 2b-d), demonstrating that pC1 neurons regulate postmating sucrose feeding. Taken
115 together, we conclude that the increased sugar consumption after mating is part of the repertoire
116 of behavioral changes induced after copulation by sex peptide acting on the SPSN-SAG-pC1
117 mating status circuit.

118 Postsynaptic to pC1, the mating status circuit splits into separate neural pathways that
119 mediate different behavioral subprograms, including circuits that elicit changes in sexual
120 receptivity[17] or egg-laying[16]. We hypothesized that the neural circuit supporting the postmated
121 increase in sucrose consumption could either follow one of the established circuits or diverge
122 after pC1. To test if sucrose feeding is executed by previously identified postmating subcircuits,
123 we optogenetically manipulated the activity of the descending neurons (DNs) for sexual
124 receptivity (vpoDNs) or egg laying (oviDNs) to mimic the mated state (Fig. 3a) and measured
125 sucrose consumption. We found no difference in sucrose consumption upon manipulation of
126 vpoDNs or oviDNs (Fig. 3b,c,f,g, Extended Data Fig. 2e-h). We note that we measured sucrose
127 intake in immobilized flies for oviDN manipulations, as activating oviDNs caused females to
128 stop walking (Fig. 3d,e), likely a natural component of egg laying. These studies argue that
129 neither of the previously identified circuits responsible for a single postmating response, egg
130 laying and sexual receptivity, mediate postmating sucrose feeding.

131 To identify novel pathways that mediate changes in mated feeding behavior, we
132 examined other major outputs of the mating status circuit. We identified postsynaptic partners of
133 SAG and pC1 using automated analysis[25,26] of a fly brain electron microscopy (EM)
134 connectome[27,28]. This approach identified three contralaterally-projecting neurons, pdC2a,
135 pdC2b, and pdC2c (Fig. 4a, Extended Data Fig. 4a), that are strongly connected to SAG (39
136 synapses) and pC1 (158 synapses). These neurons are promising candidates to mediate

137 postmating feeding changes because their processes descend into the prow region of the
138 Subesophageal Zone (SEZ, Fig. 4b,c), a brain region implicated in energy homeostasis and
139 feeding[29]. As pC1 and SAG are cholinergic[3,16], pdC2 cells likely receive excitatory signals from
140 these two upstream synaptic partners and therefore would be predicted to be less active in mated
141 females (Fig. 4d). We generated split-GAL4 lines to genetically access pdC2a and pdC2b (Fig.
142 4e,f) and found that both neurons are female-specific (Extended Data Fig. 4b), consistent with a
143 role in female postmating behavior. Optogenetically silencing either pdC2a or pdC2b
144 significantly increased sucrose consumption, recapitulating the mated state (Fig. 4h,I, Extended
145 Data Fig. 5c-j). Importantly, silencing pdC2a or pdC2b did not influence egg laying (Fig. 4g,
146 Extended Data Fig. 5a,b), demonstrating separation of circuits for increased sucrose consumption
147 from other behaviors downstream of pC1.

148 To examine how pC1 influences sucrose consumption, we used EM analyses and
149 identified the major downstream targets of pdC2 as t-shaped cells (711 synapses) having
150 processes in the SEZ prow region and a neuroendocrine center, the pars intercerebralis, with
151 terminal arbors similar to insulin producing cells and other median secretory cells[30] (Fig. 5a,
152 Extended Data Fig. 6). Based on anatomical similarity, these cells are Lgr3+ (leucine-rich repeat
153 G-protein-coupled receptor[31]) medial bundle neurons (mBNs) (Fig. 5b,c). Lgr3 expression is
154 sexually dimorphic, found specifically in the central brain and abdominal ganglia of females[32],
155 consistent with a role in female behavior. Moreover, Lgr3 is a receptor for the *Drosophila*
156 insulin-like peptide 8 (Dilp8[33-35]), and both Lgr3 and Dilp8 are known to regulate feeding[36].
157 These findings suggest that the Lgr3+ mBNs may represent the site where mating status circuits
158 interact with hunger/satiety circuits to regulate feeding.

159 To test this hypothesis, we first examined whether Lgr3+ mBNs are functionally
160 connected to pC1, pdC2a, or pdC2b by optogenetically activating these populations while
161 simultaneously measuring calcium responses in Lgr3+ neurons. In all cases, neural activation
162 caused significant calcium decreases in Lgr3+ neurons (Fig. 5d-f), validating Lgr3+ mBNs as
163 targets of the mating status pathway. As pC1 is inhibited in the mated state, our studies argue
164 that Lgr3+ mBNs are more active in mated females (Fig. 5g). To examine whether activity in
165 Lgr3+ mBNs influences consumption, we targeted this population with a genetic intersectional
166 approach (R19B09∩fru[32], Fig. 5c), optogenetically activated Lgr3+ mBNs, and monitored
167 sucrose consumption. We found that increased activity in Lgr3+ mBNs promotes sucrose
168 consumption, mimicking the mated state (Fig. 5h). Together, these studies reveal that Lgr3+
169 mBNs receive inputs from the canonical postmating pathway and are part of a neuroendocrine
170 pathway that regulates sucrose consumption in postmated females.
171 In conclusion, we report a new postmated response of increased sucrose consumption,
172 which independent of caloric deficiencies caused by egg production and anticipatory in
173 nature. Our findings provide a neural mechanism for the coordination of mating state and
174 sucrose consumption (Fig. 5g). In virgins, increased activity of SAG and pC1 potentiates pdC2-
175 mediated inhibition of Lgr3+ cells within the endocrine center of the brain, resulting in low sugar
176 intake. After mating, the activity of SAG and pC1 is reduced[3,16], decreasing the activity of pdC2
177 and alleviating the inhibition from *Lgr3*+ cells, increasing sucrose intake.
178 The sexually dimorphic Lgr3+ neurons are the nexus integrating mating status and
179 neuroendocrine hunger signaling. Lgr3 is a leucine-rich repeat containing G-protein coupled
180 receptor, which binds Dilp8 to regulate feeding in flies. Expression levels of Lgr3 and Dilp8 rise
181 in fed flies and mutations in either gene increase feeding, arguing that Dilp8 and Lgr3 are satiety

182 factors[36]. Our calcium imaging and behavioral studies of Lgr3+ mBNs indicate that they are
183 more active in a mated state and promote sucrose consumption. Together, these data suggest a
184 model for how Lgr3+ mBN neurons integrate signals from the mating status and hunger/satiety
185 systems. In virgin or satiated female flies, circulating DILP8 and pdC2 activity, respectively,
186 inhibit Lgr3+ mBNs (Fig. 5g), reducing sugar feeding. Conversely, in mated or hungry flies,
187 Lgr3+ mBNs lack the inhibitory signal from pdC2 neurons or circulating Dilp8, respectively,
188 resulting in increased sugar consumption. Hence, the mated state may be viewed mechanistically
189 as an additional "hunger" signal within this system.

190 Thus, we report that an elevated appetite for sucrose is an important behavioral
191 subprogram elicited by mating and executed by female-specific circuitry, shifting the physiology
192 of a mated female. The activation of hunger centers by the mating status circuit provides a neural
193 mechanism that anticipates the large energetic demands associated with offspring production and
194 increases caloric intake, promoting reproductive success.

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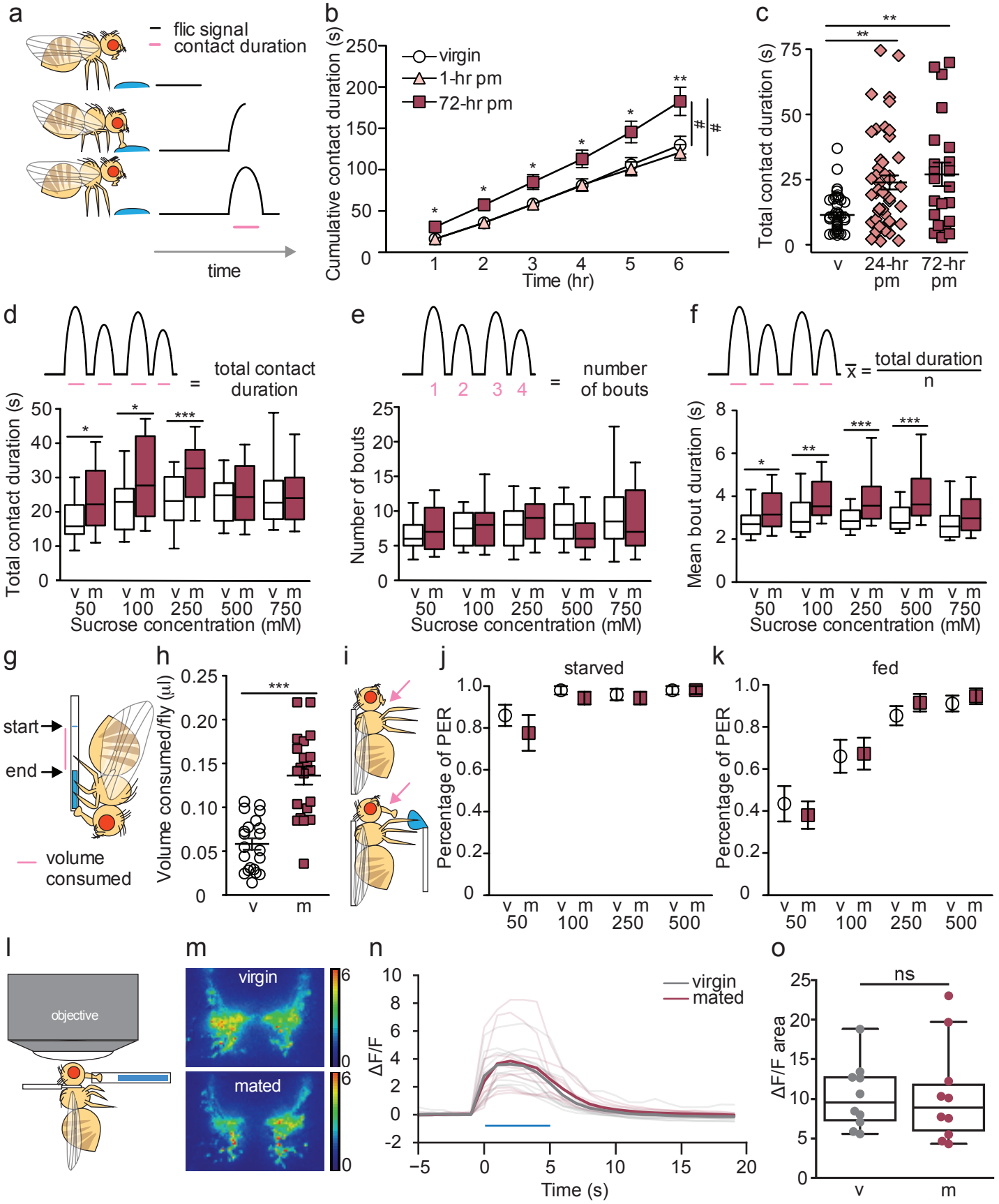
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Fig. 1. Mated females consume more sucrose than virgins by elongating feeding events.

a, Schematic of fly feeding behavior (left) and the FLIC signal that monitors food contact over time (right). **b**, Cumulative drinking time in FLIC of virgin (white circles, n=34), 1-hr postmated (pm) (light pink triangles, n=30), and 72-hr pm (dark pink squares, n=28) females. Line graph shows mean and s.e.m. over time. Kruskal-Wallis was used to compare groups at hour intervals, Dunn's posthoc. **c**, Total drinking time in FLIC in 20-min assay of virgin (v; n=47), 24-hr pm (n=47), and 72-hr pm (n=22) females, Kruskal-Wallis, Dunn's posthoc. **d**-**f**, Schematic and plots of feeding behavior of virgin (v) and mated (m) females presented with sucrose of varying concentrations in FLIC 20-min assay (n=33-36) examining total drinking time (**d**), number of drinking bouts (**e**), and average bout duration (**f**). Box plot show first to third quartile, whiskers span 10-90 percentile, Mann Whitney. **g**, Schematic of female drinking from capillary containing sucrose solution in CAFE assay. **h**, Total volume consumed in CAFE assay per fly in 24 hours by virgin (v, n=21) and mated females (m, n=21), unpaired t-test. **i**, Schematic of proboscis extension response (PER) assay. **j**-**k**, Percentage of proboscis extensions observed per fly upon three presentations of sucrose of indicated concentration in virgin (v) and mated (m) females in starved (n=17-18, **j**) and fed state (n=16, **k**), Mann Whitney. **l**, Schematic of in vivo calcium imaging experiment monitoring taste-induced activity in gustatory axons. **m**-**o**, Changes in GCaMP6s signal in virgin (grey) and mated (dark pink) females, shown as representative fluorescent changes in single brains (**m**), changes over time (**n**), and maximum changes (**o**), n=10. Blue bar represents proboscis sucrose stimulation, Wilcoxen Rank test. *$p<0.05$, **$p<0.01$, ***$p<0.001$, ns = not significant. Scatter plot show mean +/- s.e.m. (**c**,**h**,**o**). Column graph show mean +/- s.e.m. (**j**,**k**). For full genotypes, see Supplementary Data Table 1.

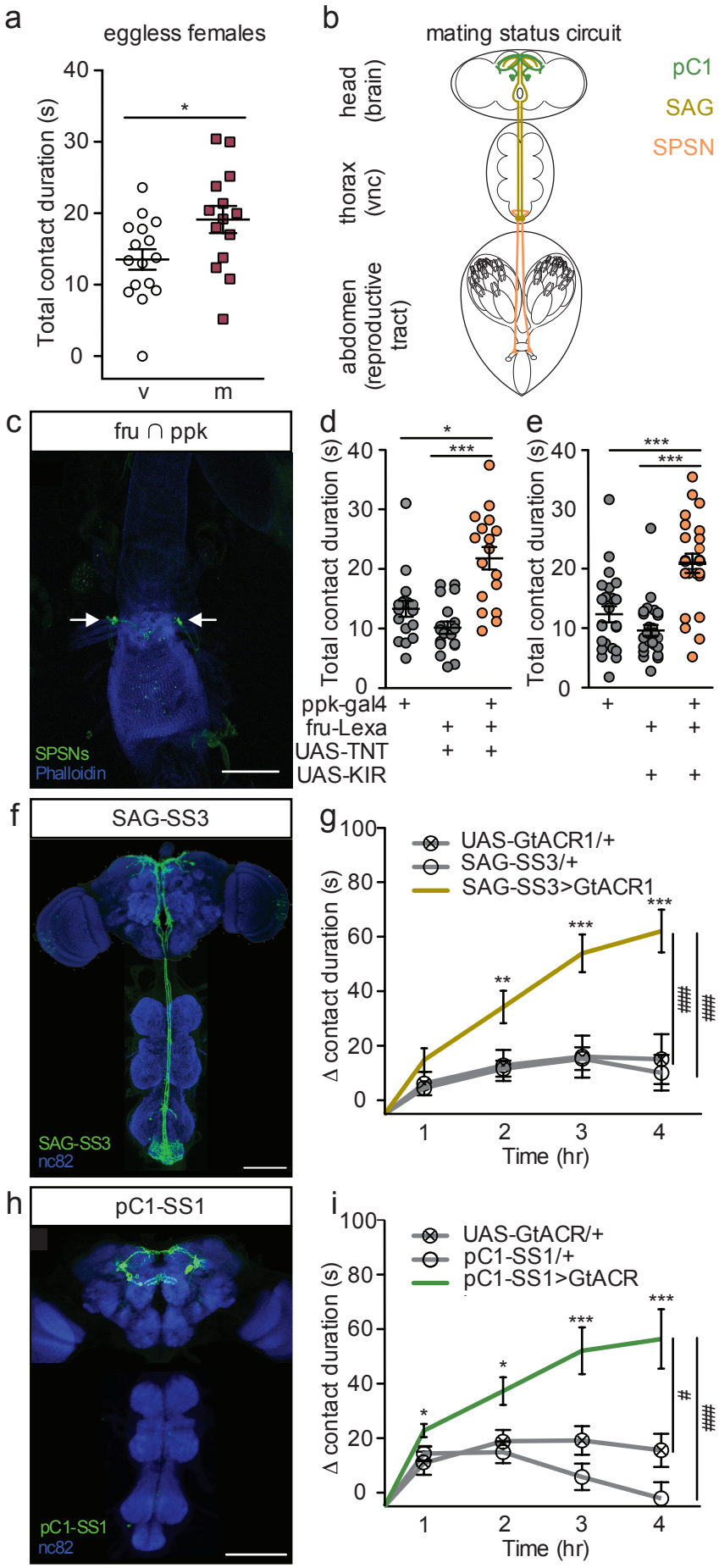


Fig. 2. Postmated increases in sucrose consumption are induced by the canonical mating status circuit and are independent of egg-production.

a, Total drinking time in FLIC in 20-min assay of eggless virgin (v, n=16) and mated (m, n=15) females, Mann Whitney. **b**, Schematic of female with the mating circuit, showing first order (SPSN, pink-orange), second order (SAG, dark yellow) and third order (pC1, green) neurons. **c**, Confocal image of uterus stained to reveal SPSNs (UAS-CD8:GFP, green, arrowhead indicating cell bodies) and muscle tissue (phalloidin, blue). **d**-**e**, Total drinking time in FLIC in 20-min assay of virgin females of indicated genotype (n=17-28), Kruskal-Wallis, Dunn's posthoc. **f**,**h** Confocal images of brain (top) and ventral nerve cord (bottom) of SAG-SS3 (**f**) and pC1-SS1 (**h**) females, stained to reveal neural projection pattern (UAS-mVenus, green) and all synapses (nc82, blue). **g**-**i**, Drinking time of females exposed to light normalized to dark controls of indicated genotype in FLIC over 4-hrs (each data point is the drinking time of an individual in the light condition minus the daily average drinking time of all females in dark condition within genotype, n=17-39), Kruskal-Wallis, Dunn's posthoc at hour 4, #p<0.05, ###p<0.001. Line graphs show mean and s.e.m. over time. *p<0.05, **p<0.01, ***p<0.001 (**a**,**d**,**e**,**g**,**i**). Scatter plot show mean +/- s.e.m. (**a**,**d**,**e**). Scale bar 50 µm (**c**,**f**,**h**). For full genotypes see Supplementary Table 1.

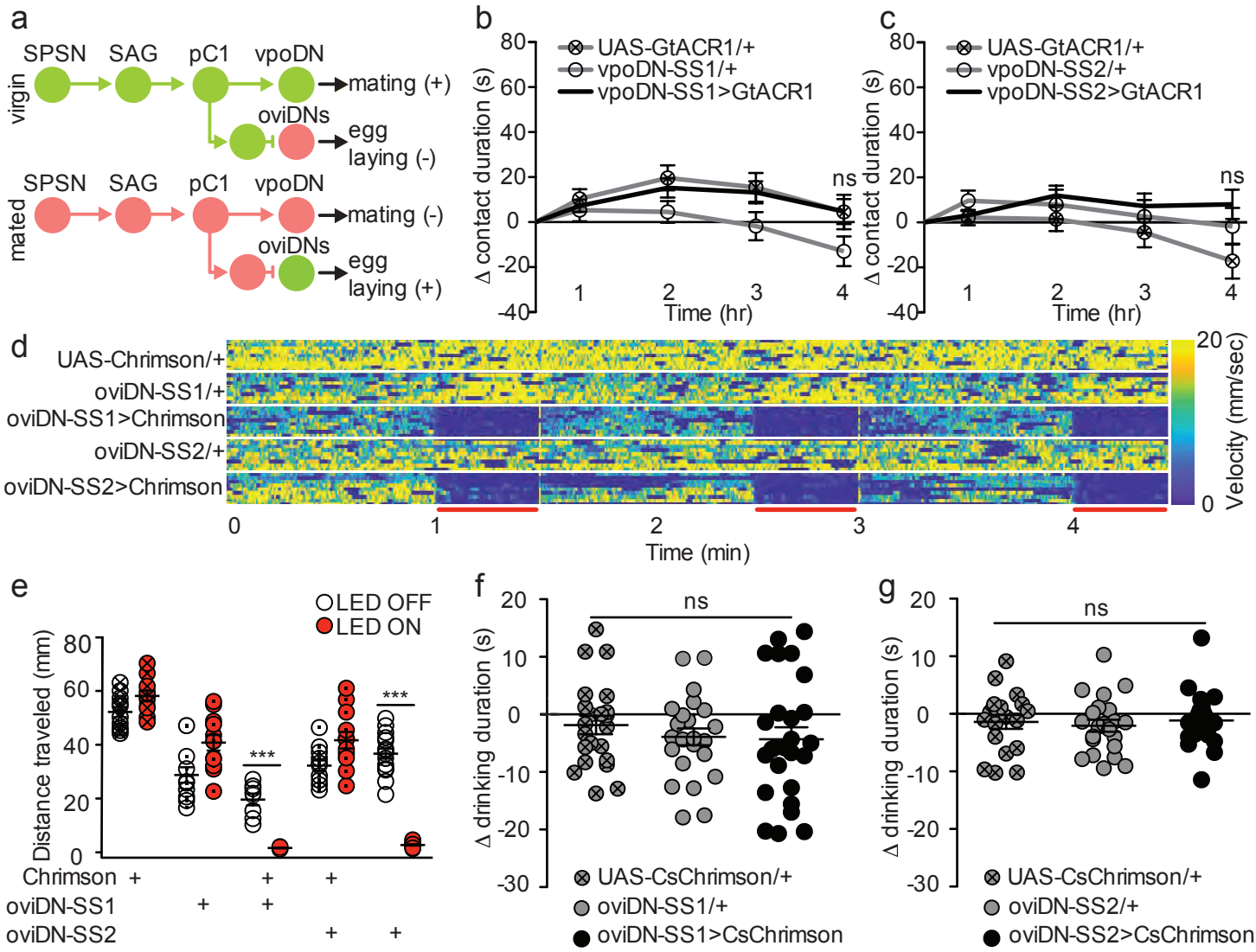


Fig. 3. Descending neurons that regulate egg laying and sexual receptivity do not influence sucrose consumption.

a, Schematic of mating circuit with neural outputs of pC1 and resulting postmating response. Green circles indicate active neurons, salmon circles indicate silenced neurons. **b**-**c**, Difference in drinking time of indicated genotype in FLIC over 4 hrs. Each data point represents normalized drinking time of a single female in light condition (drinking time minus the daily average drinking time of all females in dark condition within genotype, n=20-24), Kruskal-Wallis. Line graph shows mean and s.e.m. over time. **d**, Velocity heatmap upon transient activation in individual walking flies. Red bars indicate light ON (n=8-16). **e**, Total distance traveled in locomotor assay (**d**). ON condition (red) includes 3 30-sec light ON conditions. OFF condition (white) includes 3-30sec light OFF conditions immediately preceding each ON condition, Mann Whitney, ***p<0.001. Aligned dot plot show mean +/- s.e.m. **f**-**g**, Drinking time of females exposed to light normalized to dark controls of indicated genotype in FLIC over 4-hrs (n=19-26), 1way ANOVA, Bonferroni's posthoc. ns = not significant. Scatter plot show mean +/- s.e.m. (**e**-**g**), For full genotypes see Supplementary Data Table 1.

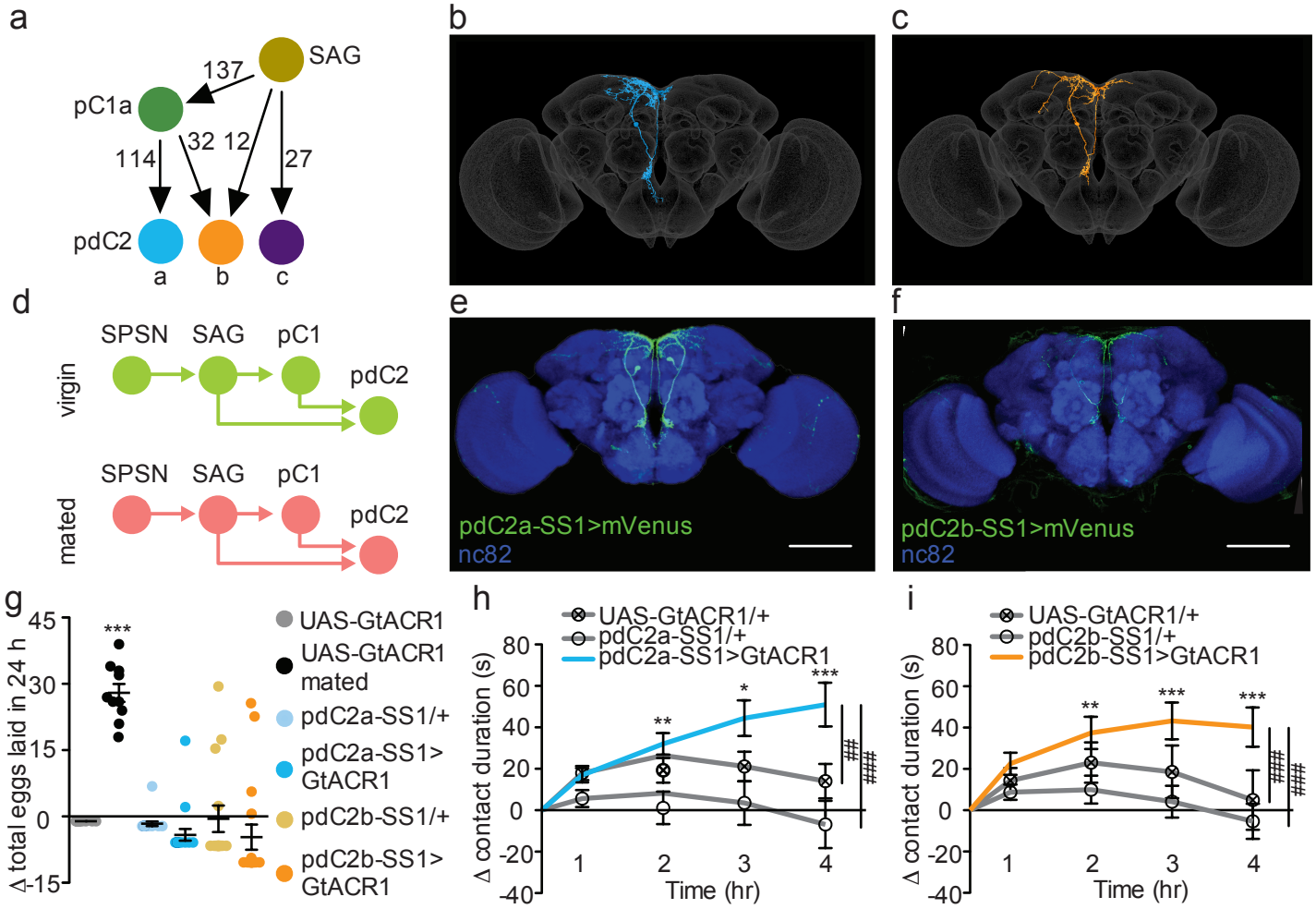


Fig. 4. pdC2 neural outputs of SAG and pC1 mediate postmating sucrose consumption. **a**, Schematic of neural connectivity of the mating status circuit and pdC2 cells. Arrows represent direct connection and number indicates number of synapses. **b**-**c**, Electron microscopy reconstruction of pdC2a,b neurons. **d**, Model of circuit activity in virgin and mated state. Green circles indicate active neurons, salmon circles indicate silenced neurons. **e**-**f**, Confocal images of pdC2a-SS1 and pdC2b-SS1 brains, stained to reveal pdC2 projection pattern (UAS-GFP, green) and all synapses (nc82, blue). Scale bar 50 µm. **g**, Difference in eggs laid in 24-hr of females exposed to light normalized to dark controls (n=10-20). For "UAS-GtACR1 mated" group, data set represents eggs laid by mated females normalized to virgin females of the same genotype. Scatter plot show mean +/- s.e.m., one sample t-test. **h**-**i**, Drinking time of females exposed to light normalized to dark controls of indicated genotype in FLIC over 4-hrs (n=22-26). Line graph show mean and s.e.m. over time, Kruskal-Wallis, Dunn's posthoc at hour 4, ##p<0.01, ###p<0.001. *p<0.05, **p<0.01, ***p<0.001. For full genotypes see Supplementary Table 1.

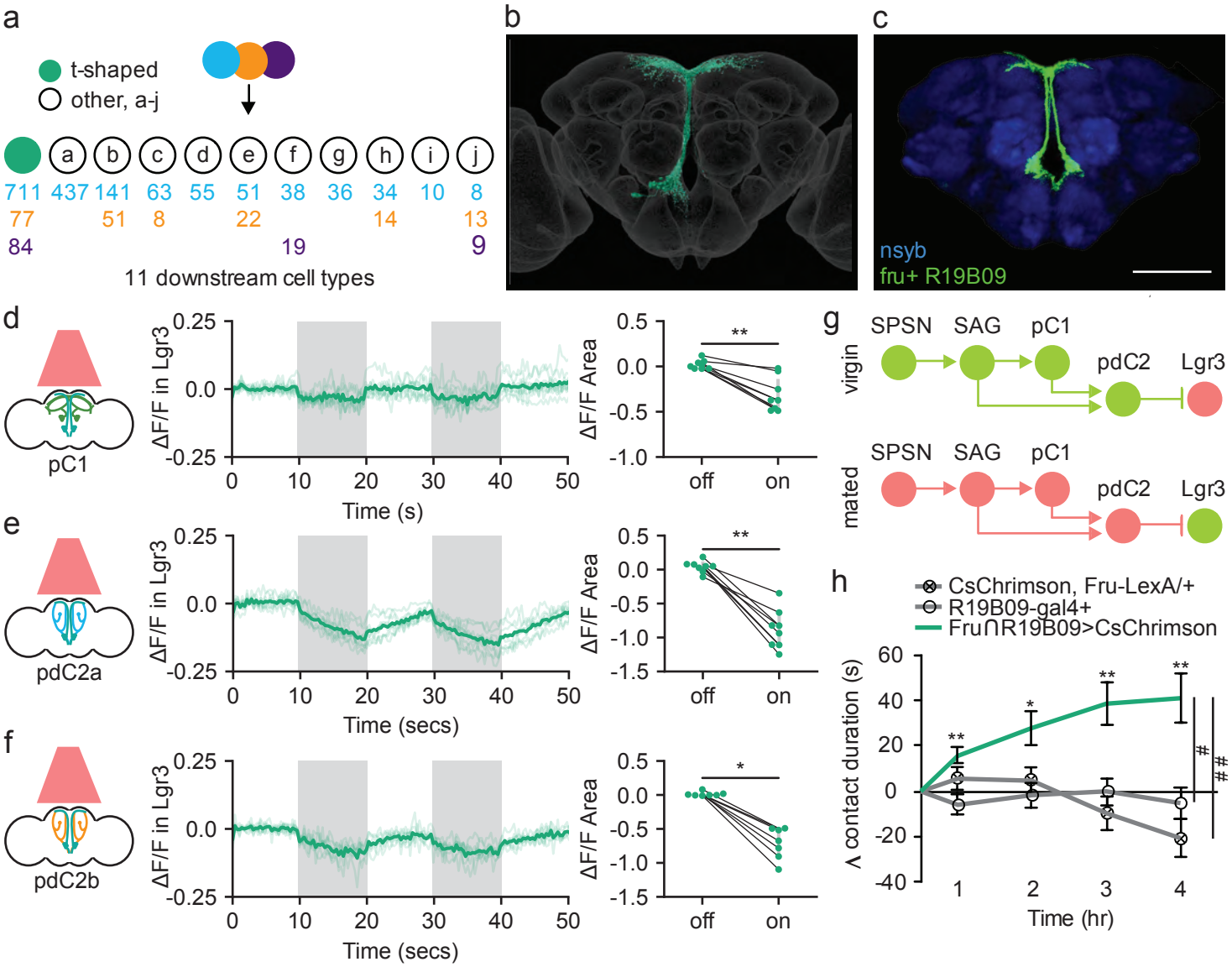
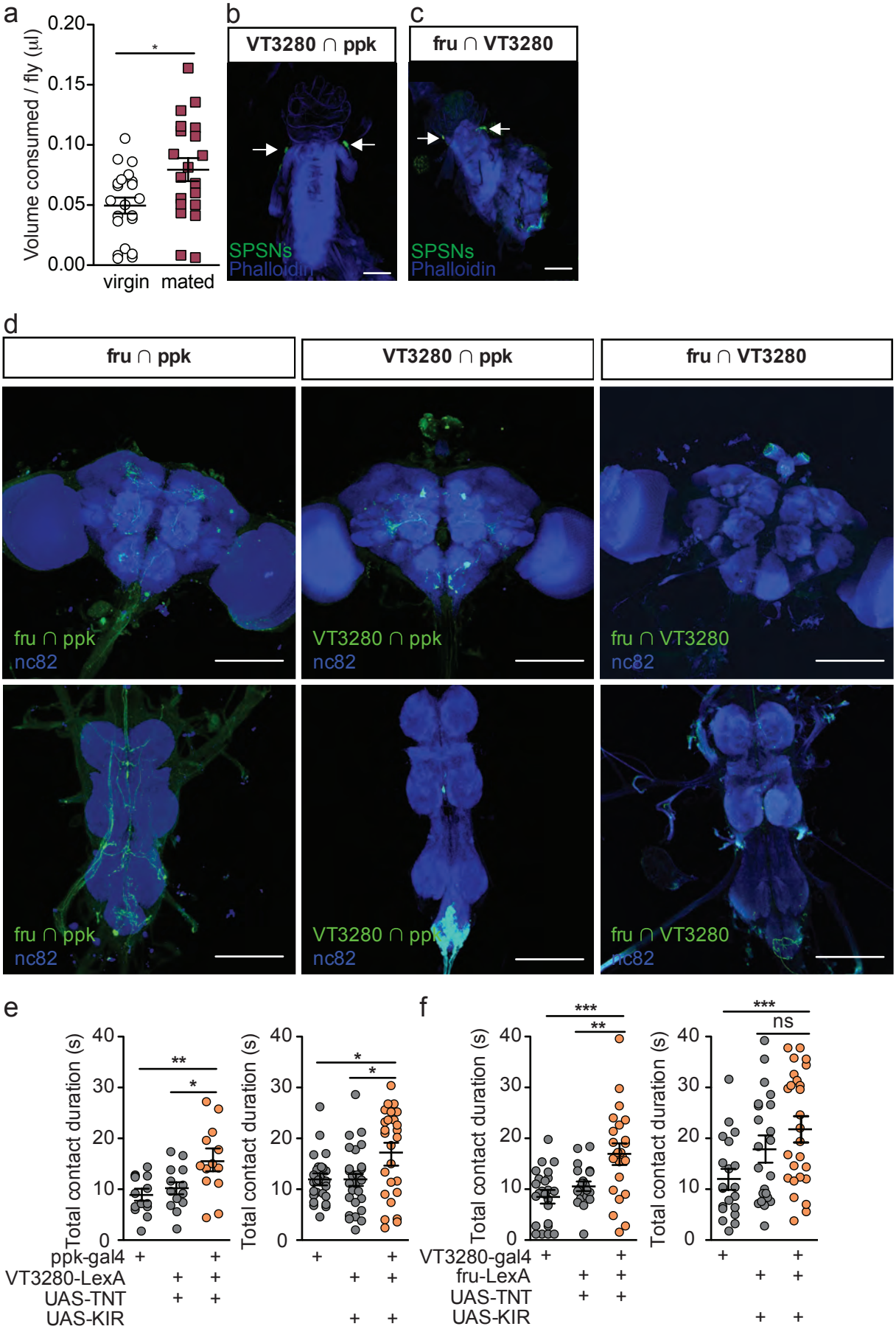


Fig. 5. Sexually dimorphic neuroendocrine Lgr3+ cells receive mating status signals via pdC2 neurons and regulate sucrose consumption in mated females.

a, Downstream neuronal cell types of three pdC2s identified by electron microscopy reconstruction, showing the number of pdC2 output synapses. T-shape cell type represented with turquoise circles, other cell types represented with white circles (a-j). **b**, Electron microscopy reconstruction of t-shape neurons. **c**, Confocal image of fru+ Lgr3-expressing cells in medial brain (UAS-CD8:GFP, green) and all synapses (nc82, blue). Scale bar 50 µm. **d-f**, Calcium responses of Lgr3-expressing cell bodies in the prow region of the brain to activation of upstream pC1 (**d**), pdC2a (**e**), or pdC2b (**f**) neurons (n=7-8) and the analysis of area under the curve, Wilcoxon Rank Test, scatter plot show mean +/- s.e.m. (grey bar). **g**, Neural model for the coordination of mating status and sucrose intake. Green circles indicate active neurons, salmon circles indicate silenced neurons. **h**, Drinking time of females exposed to light normalized to dark controls of indicated genotype in FLIC over 4-hrs (n=10-15). Line graph shows mean and s.e.m. over time, Kruskal-Wallis, Dunn's posthoc at hour 4, #p<0.05, ##p<0.01. *p<0.05, **p<0.01, ***p<0.001. For full genotypes see Supplementary Table 1.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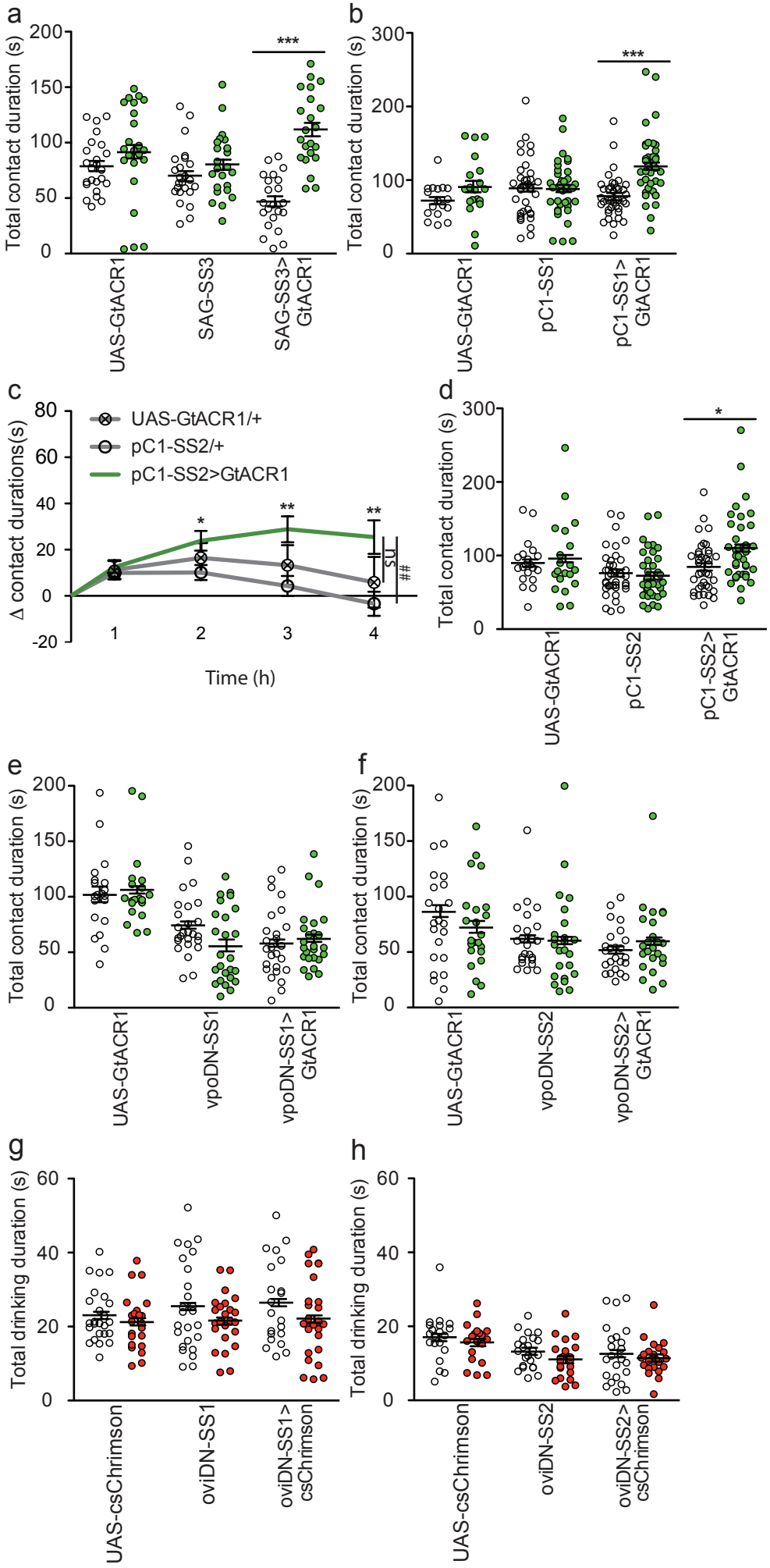
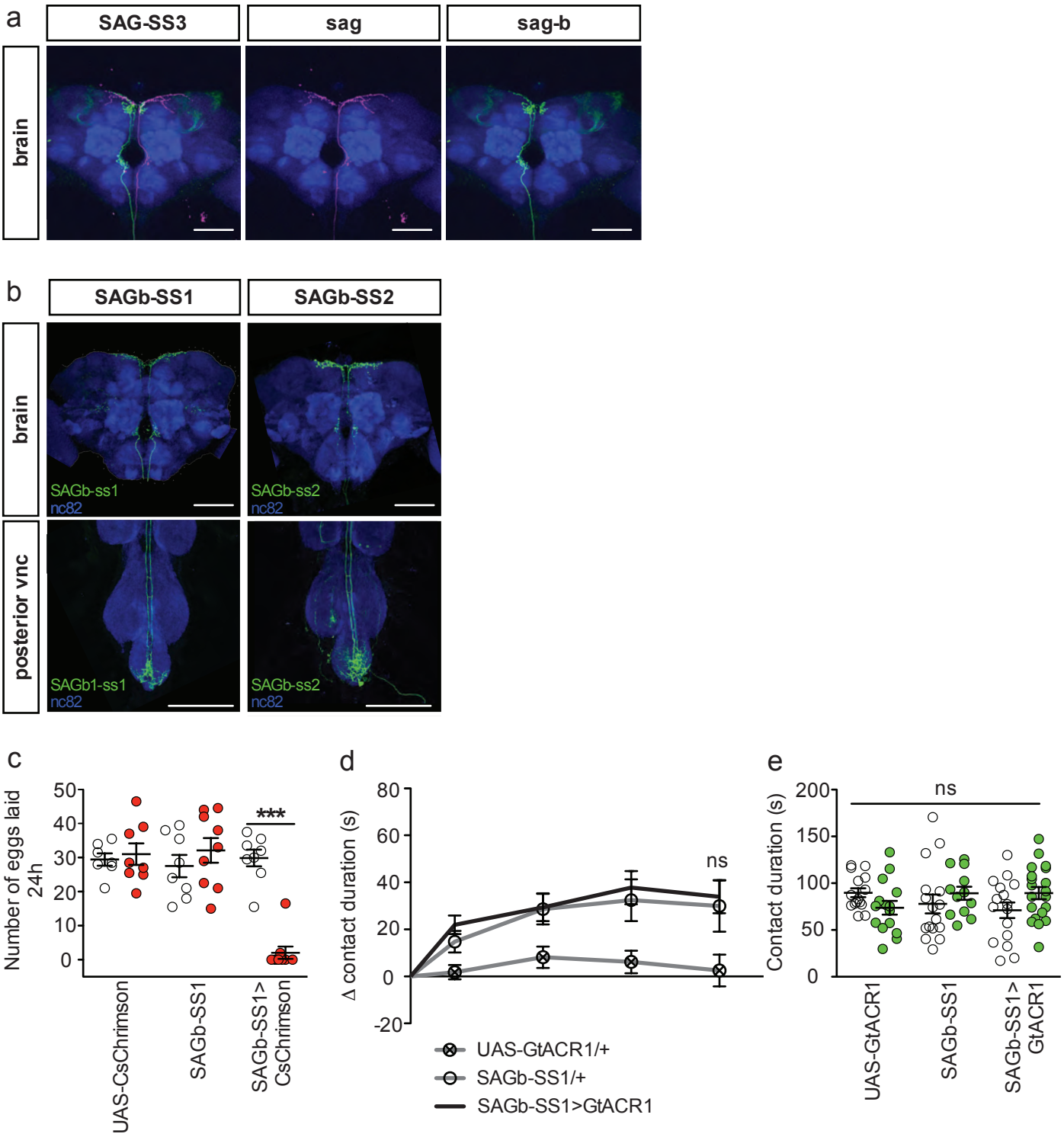
Extended Data Fig. 1. Three independent SPSN lines regulate postmated sucrose consumption.

a, Total volume of 50mM sucrose consumed per fly in CAFE assay by eggless virgin (n=21) and eggless mated females (n=20). *$p<0.05$, unpaired t-test. **b**-**c**, Confocal image of uterus stained to reveal SPSNs (UAS-CD8:GFP, green, arrowhead indicating cell bodies) and muscle tissue (phalloidin, blue). **d**, Confocal images of brain (top) and ventral nerve cord (bottom) of genetic intersections accessing SPSNs stained to reveal off-target neurons in the central nervous system (UAS-GFP; green) and all synapses (nc82; blue). **e**-**f**, Total drinking time in FLIC in 20-min assay of virgin females of indicated genotype (n=19-41). Kruskal-Wallis with Dunn's Multiple Comparison Test revealed differences between silenced females and controls. Scatter plot show mean +/- s.e.m. (**a**,**e**-**f**). Scale bar 50 μm (**b**-**d**).



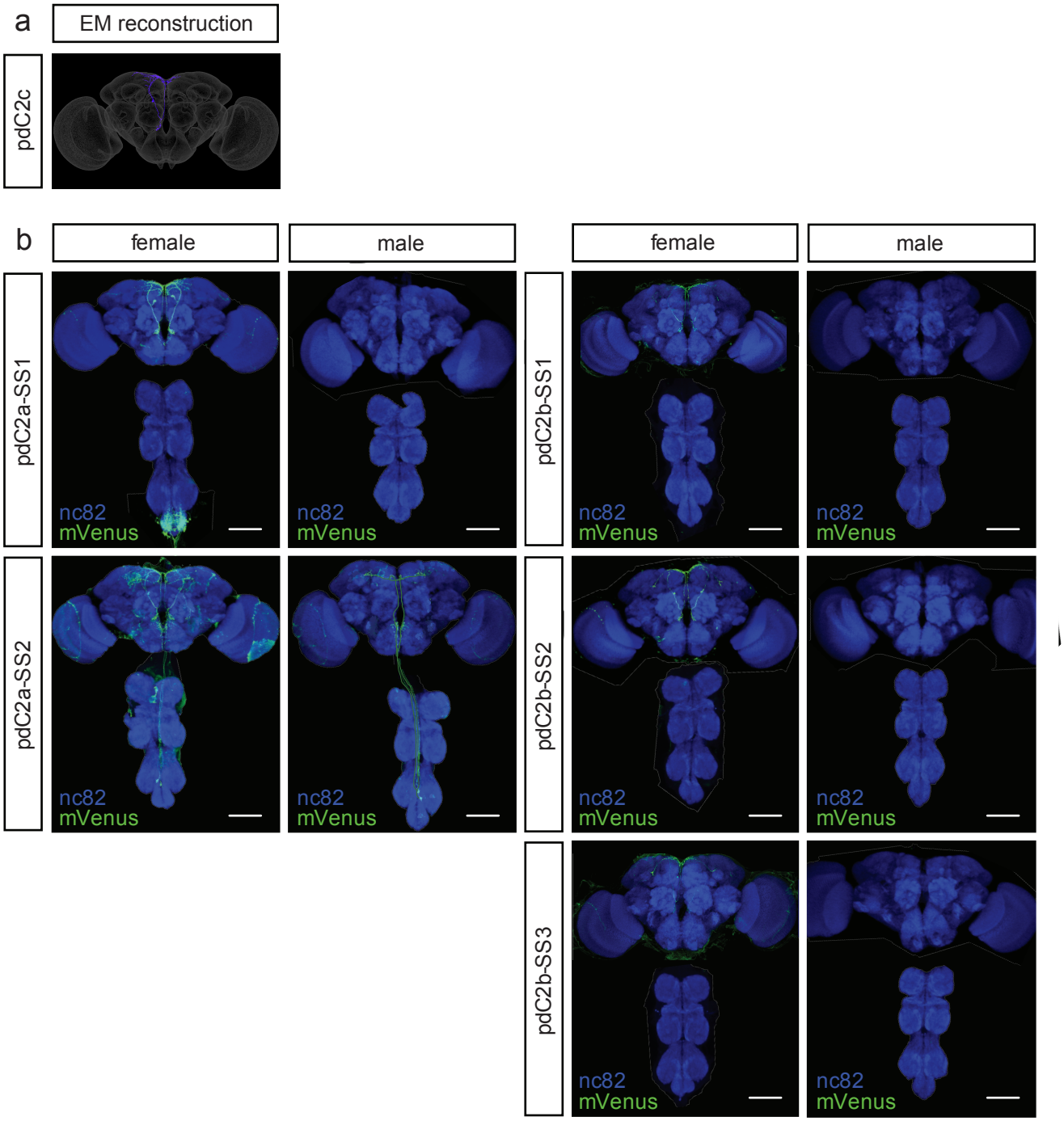
Extended Data Fig. 2.Contact duration times of virgin and mated females upon optogenetic manipulation of neurons in the mating status circuit.

a-b, Total drinking time in FLIC in 4-hr assay of females of indicated genotype and light condition. White circles are dark condition, green circles are green light condition, n=20-32. Data was analyzed with 2way ANOVA and Bonferroni posttests, ***p<0.001. **c**, Drinking time of females exposed to light normalized to dark controls of indicated genotype in FLIC over 4-hrs, n=20-24. Line graphs show mean and s.e.m. over time, Kruskal-Wallis, Dunn's posthoc at hour 4, ##p<0.01, ns = not significant. **d-f**, Total drinking time in FLIC in 4-hr assay of females of indicated genotype and light condition. White circles are dark condition, green circles are green light condition, n=20-32, 2way ANOVA and Bonferroni posttests. **g-h**, Total drinking time in TCA of females of indicated genotype and light condition. White circles are dark condition, red circles are red light condition, n=20-32, 2way ANOVA and Bonferroni posttests, *p<0.05, **p<0.01. Scatter plot show mean +/- s.e.m. (**a**-**b**,**d**-**h**).

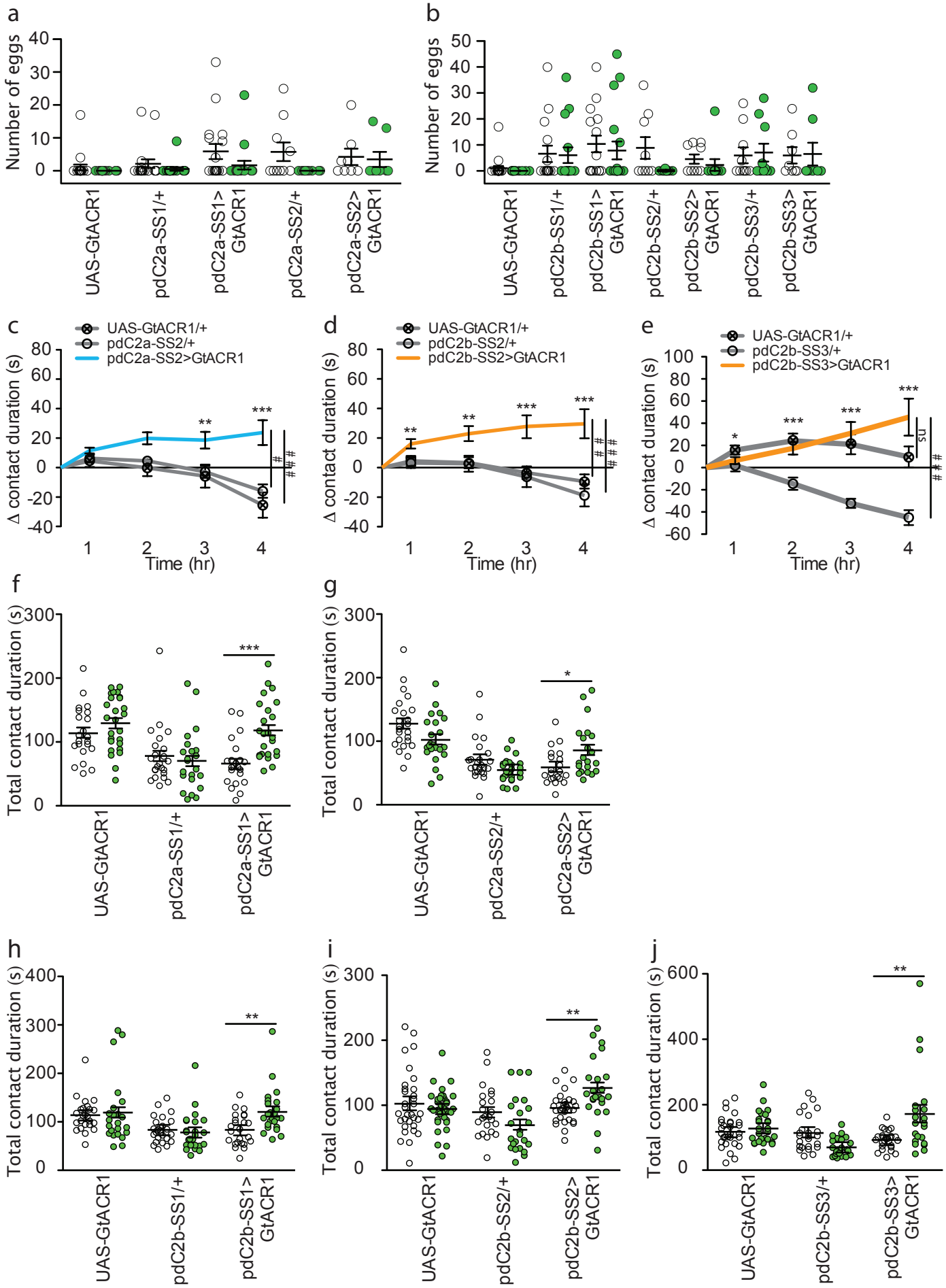


Extended Data Fig. 3. An additional neuron in the SAG-SS3 line, SAGb, does not influence sucrose consumption.

a, Confocal image of brain of a SAG-SS3 driving the expression of multi-color flip out tool, stained to reveal SAG (UAS-flag, magenta), SAGb (UAS-HA, green) and all synapses (nc82, blue). **b**, Confocal image of brain (top) and posterior vnc (bottom) of a SAGb-SS1 and SAGb-SS2 stained to reveal SAGb expression pattern (UAS-GFP, green) and all synapses (nc82, blue). **c**, Number of eggs laid in 24 hours by mated (co-housed with males for 72 hours) females of indicated genotype while exposed to red light (red) or no light (white). ***$p<0.001$ by 2way ANOVA analysis and Bonferroni posttests (n=7-9). Result reveals a similar phenotype to LSAN (Shao et al. 2019). **d**, Drinking time of females exposed to light normalized to dark controls of indicated genotype in FLIC over 4-hrs (n=12-20), Kruskal-Wallis. Line graph shows mean and s.e.m. over time. **e**, Total drinking time in FLIC in 4-hr assay, 2way ANOVA (n=12-20). Scale bar 50 µm (**a**,**b**). Scatter plot show mean +/- s.e.m. (**c**,**e**). ns = not significant.



Extended Data Fig. 4. Anatomical characterization of pdC2 split-GAL4 lines.
a, Electron microscopy reconstruction of pdC2c neuron. **b**, Confocal images of brains and ventral nerve cords of female and male flies from pdC2a and pdC2b split-GAL4 lines stained to reveal expression pattern (UAS-mVenus, green) and all synpases (nc82, blue). Scale bar 50 μm.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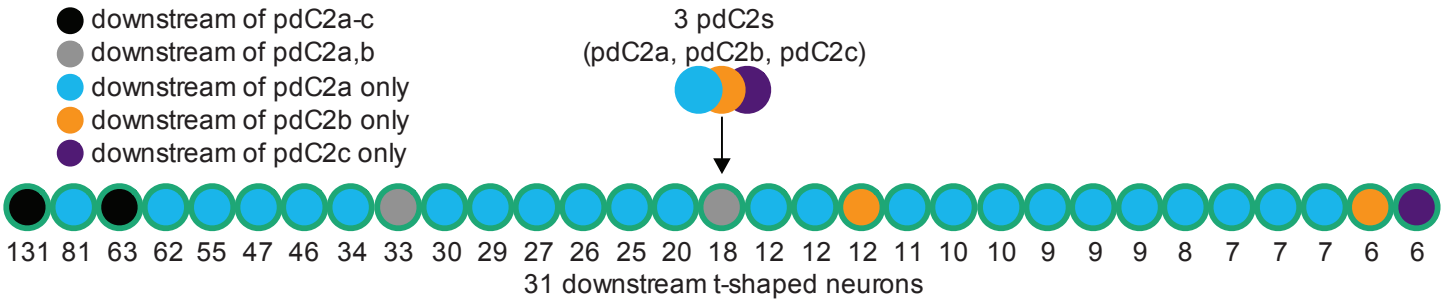
Extended Data Fig. 5. Independent pdC2a and pdC2b lines regulate postmated sucrose consumption.

a-**b**, Number of eggs laid in 24 hours by virgin females of indicated genotype while exposed to green light (green) or no light (white). 2way ANOVA analysis revealed no significant differences between groups (n=9-20). **c**-**e**, Drinking time of females exposed to light normalized to dark controls of indicated genotype in FLIC over 4-hrs (n=19-36), Kruskal-Wallis, Dunn's posthoc at hour 4, ###p<0.001. Line graph shows mean and s.e.m. over time. **f**-**j** Total drinking time in FLIC in 4-hr assay (n=20-24). Analyzed with a 2way ANOVA and Bonferroni posttests (n=19-36). *p<0.05, **p<0.01, ***p<0.001, ns = not significant. Scatter plot show mean +/- s.e.m. (**a**-**b**,**f**-**j**).



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Extended Data Fig. 6. Post-synapatic targets of pdC2.
Schematic of neural connectivity of pdC2 cells and downstream t-shape neurons identified by electron microscopy reconstruction. Number indicates number of synapses.

Methods

Rearing conditions and strains: Flies were reared on standard cornmeal-agar-molasses medium, at 25°C, 65% humidity on a 12-hr-light-dark cycle. Flies used in optogenetic assays were reared on food containing 0.25mM all-trans-retinal (Sigma-Aldrich) in darkness, before and after eclosion.
Flies were collected under CO_2 1-8h after eclosion and housed in same-sex groups. To generate mated females, 15 virgin females and 5 males were paired 3-5 days post-eclosion and group housed for 72 hours. To generate recently mated females, a single virgin female was paired with a single male for 2 hours. If mating was observed, the recently mated female was then immediately placed into indicated assay. To generate 24-hr mated females, a single virgin female was paired with a single male for 2 hours. If mating was observed, the recently mated female was then group housed with other recently mated females until testing. To generate egg-less females we used either ovoD mutant females[23] or hsp70-bam females[22] following the heat-shock protocol[7].

Capillary feeding (CAFE) assay: Capillary feeding arenas were modified from the original[20]. Briefly, we equipped a plastic vial, containing a wet kimwipe, with an altered rubber stopper lid housing two truncated 200-ml pipette tips whereby the capillaries can be inserted through. The capillaries (calibrated glass micropipettes, 5 ml) were loaded with 50mM sucrose solution containing 0.25 mg/ml blue dye. To measure sucrose consumption, 5 virgin or mated females were gently aspirated into an arena for 24 hours, the displacement of the meniscus was measured, and the volume per fly was calculated (1mm = 0.038ml).

Fly liquid interaction counter (FLIC): Females of indicated genotype or mating status were first wet-starved for 12-18 hours. Following this, females were then gently aspirated into the fly liquid food interaction counter (FLIC[18]), which was pre-filled with sucrose solution of indicated concentration. The voltage from each well was continuously recorded and a .csv file was produced. Significant changes in the voltage indicated that the fly was contacting the liquid. Contact duration acted as a proxy for consumption time. Based on a video analysis of flies drinking in FLIC in our lab, we modified the parameters in R to better model consumption. The new parameters are as follows: Feeding.Interval.Minimum = 10, Feeding.Threshold.Value = 10, Tasting.Threshold.Interval = c(01,02), Feeding.Minevents = 6, Signal.Threshold = 10.
For optogenetic control of neural activity prior to FLIC, we placed vials containing flies into a custom made light box (20cm x 10cm x 30cm) equipped with a string of 150 LED lights programmed with an Arduino to have green light constantly on.
For optogenetic control of neural activity while flies were in the FLIC, we designed and constructed a 12-chamber lid equipped with either 3 red LEDs (617nm, Luxeon Star, catalog number SP-01-E6) or 3 green LEDs (530nm, Luxeon Star, catalog number SP-01-G4). The 12-chamber cover was made from half of a 24-well plate, which was trimmed to fit. Lights were attached onto half of the 24-well plate lid and fitted atop the chamber cover.

Proboscis extension response (PER) assay: Females of indicated mating status were either wet-starved for 12-18 hours (starved) or kept on standard food (fed). Flies were then anesthetized using CO_2 and fixed to a glass slide with No More Nails polish and then allowed to recover for 2 hours in a humidified box. Immediately before testing, flies were given water until they no

339 longer responded to 5 consecutive presentations. Flies were then presented 3 times with sucrose
340 of an indicated concentration and proboscis extension was recorded.
341
342 **Temporal consumption assay (TCA):** Flies were starved for 18 hours in darkness, anesthetized
343 using CO_2 and then fixed to a glass slide with No More Nails polish with limited light and
344 allowed to recover for 2 hours in a humidified red light LED box or a humidified dark box.
345 Immediately before testing, flies were given water until they no longer responded to 5
346 consecutive presentations. In testing, flies were presented with 250 mM sucrose and
347 consumption time was recorded. Each trial ended when the fly was presented with the tastant and
348 no longer responded to 5 consecutive presentations. Flies in the dark condition were given water
349 and tested in low light conditions. Flies in red light condition were given water and tested in the
350 presence of red light.
351
352 **Egg laying assay:** 7-day old females were placed in a vial with standard food and placed into a
353 custom-made light box (20cm x 10cm x 30cm) that was equipped with a string of 150 LED
354 lights programmed with an Arduino. In neural activation tests, red light was transiently on (1
355 second on/1 second off). In neural silencing tests, green light was constantly on. Half of the
356 females of each genotype were placed in vials wrapped in foil to function as no-light condition
357 controls. After 24 hours, females were removed and eggs were immediately counted.
358
359 **Locomotor assay:** Locomotor assays were conducted as described[37].
360
361 **In vivo calcium imaging with taste stimulation:** Protocol was adapted[29]. Virgin and mated
362 females aged 14-20 days and mated females were co-housed with Canton-S males. Females were
363 food-deprived for 18-24 hours prior to imaging. A window was made in the head of the fly to
364 allow for visualization of the SEZ and a drop of ~250 mOsmo AHL solution
365 (https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0092867403000047) was added to the head
366 and imaging was immediately performed on a fixed-stage 3i spinning disk confocal microscope
367 with a piezo drive and a 20x water objective (1.6x optical zoom). A 250 mM sucrose solution
368 was delivered to the proboscis using a glass capillary. To analyze these images, a maximum
369 intensity projection encompassing the arbors of Gr64f neurons was made using Fiji. Large ROIs
370 were drawn manually corresponding to the GCaMP expression and a large ROI was drawn in an
371 adjacent region to measure background autofluorescence. Mean fluorescence levels from the
372 background ROI were subtracted from the Gr64f ROIs at each time point, resulting in the
373 fluorescence trace over time: F(t). delta F/F was measured as follows: (F(t) – F(0)) / F(0), where
374 F(0) was the average of 10 time points before stimulation with sucrose and F(t) was the average
375 background subtracted increases in fluorescence during sucrose stimulation. Area under the
376 curve for 10 frames before stimulation and during stimulation was approximated with the
377 trapezoidal rule in Python using the NumPy.trapz function. Statistical analysis was carried out in
378 Python using the SciPy package, version 1.7.3 (https://www.nature.com/articles/s41592-019-
379 0686-2). deltaF/F0 images were created as described[38].
380
381 **In vivo functional connectivity experiments**: In vivo sample preparation for calcium imaging
382 was performed as described[29]. Prior to imaging, female flies were aged for 2 weeks and then
383 food-deprived in a vial containing a distilled water-soaked kimwipe for 18–24 hours prior to
384 imaging. Female flies were housed with Canton-S males throughout aging and food-deprivation.

385 Following dissection, samples were bathed in ~250 mOsmo AHL solution
386 (https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0092867403000047) and imaged
387 immediately using a 2-photon microscope. Volumetric images of the prow region were acquired
388 with 920 nm light at 2.9 Hz with resonant scanning and a piezo-driven objective. During
389 imaging, a custom ScanImage plugin was used to deliver two 10-second pulses of 660 nm light
390 through the objective at a 10-second interval to excite CsChrimson.
391 Image and statistical analysis of functional connectivity experiments was performed using Fiji
392 (https://www.nature.com/articles/nmeth.2019), CircuitCatcher (a customized python program by
393 Daniel Bushey), and Python (Python Software Foundation, https://www.python.org/). Using Fiji,
394 image stacks for each time point were first maximum intensity projected. Then, using
395 CircuitCatcher, an ROI containing Lrg3+ mBN cell bodies and a background ROI of brain tissue
396 were selected and the average fluorescence intensity for each ROI at each timepoint was
397 retrieved. Then, in Python, background subtraction was carried out for each timepoint (F_t) and
398 initial fluorescence intensity ($F_{initial}$) was calculated as the mean corrected average fluorescence
399 intensity for frames 1-15. Then, $\Delta F/F$ was calculated using the following formula: F_t-$F_{initial}/F_{initial}$.
400 Area under the curve for before (off; frames 1-29) and during (on; frames 30-58) light
401 stimulation was approximated with the trapezoidal rule in Python using the NumPy.trapz
402 function. Statistical analysis of functional connectivity experiments was carried out in Python
403 using the SciPy package, version 1.7.3 (https://www.nature.com/articles/s41592-019-0686-2).
404
405 **Dissections and Immunohistochemistry:** All CNS dissections and immunostaining (unless
406 directly addressed) were performed following the detailed instructions found at
407 https://www.janelia.org/project-team/flylight/protocols. To image split-GAL4 lines and
408 intersections, we used the following primary antibodies: mouse α-Brp (nc82, DSHB, Univerisity
409 of Iowa, USA) at 1:40, chicken α-GFP (Invitrogen, A10262) at 1:1000; and the following
410 secondary antibodies: goat α-mouse AF647 (Invitrogen, A21236) at 1:500, goat α-chicken
411 AF488 (Life Technologies, A11039) at 1:500. Multi-Color Flip-Out fly generation was
412 performed following the protocol[39]. For imaging, we used the following primary antibodies:
413 mouse α-Brp (nc82, DSHB, Univerisity of Iowa, USA) at 1:40, rabbit α-HA (rabbit α-HA (Cell
414 Signaling Technology, C29F4) at 1:1000, rat α-Flag (Novus Biologicals, NBP1-06712) at
415 1:1000; and the following secondary antibodies: goat α-mouse AF647 (Invitrogen, A21236) at
416 1:500, goat α-rabbit AF488 (Invitrogen, A11034) at 1:500, and goat α-rat AF568 (Invitrogen,
417 A11077) at 1:500.
418 Reproductive tract dissections and staining was performed as described[40]. As the primary
419 antibody, we used chicken α-GFP (Invitrogen, A10262) at 1:1000 followed by goat α-chicken
420 AF488 (Life Technologies, A11039) at 1:500 with the addition of Alexa Fluor 633 phalloidin
421 (ThermoFisher Scientific) to visualize the muscle-lined reproductive tract (1:500).
422
423 **Confocal imaging:** Samples were imaged on a LSM710 confocal microscope (Zeiss) with a
424 Plan-Apochromate 20x0.8 M27 objective and images were prepared in Fiji.
425
426 **Electron Microscopy neural reconstructions and connectivity:** SAG was previously partially
427 reconstructed[16] in the Full Adult Female Brain (FAFB[27]) electron microscopy dataset using the
428 CATMAID software[41]. We completed additional tracing of this neuron by continuing branches
429 with a combination of both manual and assisted tracing. Manual tracing consisted of generating a
430 skeleton of the neuron by following the neuron and marking the center of each branch. Assisted

tracing consisted of joining and proofreading pre-assembled skeleton fragments with automated segmentation[42]. In addition to the skeleton tracing, new chemical synapses were also annotated as previously described[27]. Finally, downstream synaptic targets of SAG were then traced out from these additional locations using both manual and assisted tracing techniques as described above.

Neurons traced in CATMAID, including SAG, pC1, egg-laying circuit neurons[16] and sexual receptivity circuit neurons[17], were all located in Flywire (flywire.ai), which uses the same EM electron microscopy dataset[27]. To identify synaptic partners, we used connectome annotation versioning engine (CAVE[25,26]) using a cleft score cutoff of 100 to generate synapses of relatively high confidence[26].

Intersectional method to access SPSNs:

Based on previous reports, three genetic drivers label the SPSN (VT003280[3], fru[14,15] and ppk[14,15]) with driver lines available in two separate binary expression systems (UAS-GAL4 and LexA-LexAop). With the use of a conditional reporter line (UAS < stop < GFP) and in combination with inducible FLP line (LexAopFLP) three combinations were produced: fru-LexA∩ppk-GAL4, fru-LexA∩VT3280-GAL4, and VT3280-LexA∩ppk-GAL4. Images of the female reproductive tract were used to confirm labeling of the SPSNs and images of the brain to determine off-target neural expression. With the use of a conditional effector line (UAS < stop < KIR or UAS < stop < TNT), SPSNs were silenced and females (along with genetic controls) were tested for changes in sucrose consumption.

Split-GAL4 screening and stabilization

pdC2 split generation:

Using the FlyEM Hemibrain V1.2.1 dataset via NeuPRINT, we queried "SAG" and explored the output neuron list, identifying three pdC2 neurons per hemisphere (SMP286, SMP287, SMP288). From here, we used Neuron Bridge to manually explore the light microscopy matches and generated a list of possible hemi-driver that labeled this cell type. The expression pattern of the p65ADZp and ZpGAL4DBD combinations were examined by driving the expression of UAS reporter (20xUAS-CsChrimson-mVenus in attP18). Combinations with specific expression in pdC2 neurons were stabilized.

SAGb split generation:

Using Neuron Bridge, we queried "VT050405" (the genetic construct used as the p65ADZp hemidriver in SAG-SS3) and identified multiple "Body Ids" that morphologically matched the non-SAG ascending cell type. From here we generated a "Color Depth Search" to create a list of possible hemi-driver that labeled this cell type. The expression pattern of the p65ADZp and ZpGAL4DBD combinations were examined by driving the expression of UAS reporter (20xUAS-CsChrimson-mVenus in attP18) and combinations with specific expression in SAGb neurons were stabilized.

Statistical analysis: Statistical tests for all experiments, with the exception of in vivo calcium imaging and in vivo functional connectivity experiments, were performed in GraphPad Prism. For two- and three-group comparisons, data was first tested for normality with the KS normality test (alpha = 0.05). If all groups passed then groups would be compared with a parametric test (t-test or One-Way ANOVA, respectively). If at least one group did not pass, groups were

compared with a non-parametric version (Mann-Whitney test or Kruskal-Wallis test, respectively). For all multi-factorial designs, a Two-Way ANOVA was performed with a Bonferroni post-hoc test. All statistical tests, significance levels, and number of data points (N) are specified in the figure legend.

Normalized data sets: Most datasets from optogenetic assays were normalized within each genotype. To generate this normalized dataset, data from females within the no light condition was averaged, creating a "no-light mean" for each genotype. This value was subtracted from each individual female within the light condition of the corresponding genotype. This dataset was then graphed and statistical analysis was performed as outlined above.

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Figure	short genotype	full genotype
1n-o	Gr65f-GAL4 > GCaMP	*UAS-CD8::tdTomato/+;20xUAS-IVS-GCaMP6s(attP40)/Gr64f-GAL4; 20xUAS-IVS-GCaMP6s(VK00005)/Gr64f-GAL4*
2a	hs-bam	*Hsp70(generic)-bam.O;+;+*
2c	fru-LexA ∩ ppk-GAL4 > GFP	*w*; 8xLexAop2-FLPL(attP40)/UAS(FRT.stop)Hsap\mcd8::GFP(VIE-19a); Fru-PI-LexA/ppk-GAL4*
2d	fru-LexA ∩ ppk-GAL4 > TNT	*w+; 8xLexAop2-FLPL(attP40)/w[+m*]=UAS(FRT.stop)Ctet\tetX(VIE-19A); Fru-PI-LexA/ppk-GAL4*
2d	fru-LexA, UAS-TNT (control)	*w+; w[+m*]=UAS(FRT.stop)Ctet\tetX(VIE-19A)/+; Fru-PI-LexA/+*
2e	fru-LexA ∩ ppk-GAL4 > KIR2.1	*w+;8xLexAop2-FLPL(attP40)/UAS(FRT.stop)Hsap\KCNJ2(VIE-19A); Fru-PI-LexA/ppk-GAL4*
2e	fru-LexA, UAS-KIR (control)	*w+; UAS(FRT.stop)Hsap\KCNJ2(VIE-19A)/+; Fru-PI-LexA/+*
2d,e	ppk-GAL4 (control)	*w+;8xLexAop2-FLPL(attP40)/+;ppk-GAL4/+*
2f	SAG-SS3 > GFP	*w*;20xUAS-csChrimson::mVenus(attP18)/+; VT050405-p65.AD(attP40)/+;dsx^{DBD}/+*
2g	SAG-SS3 > GtACR1	*w+; VT050405-p65.AD(attP40)/+;20xUAS-IVS-GtACR1 EYFP(attP2)/dsx^{DBD}*
2g	SAG-SS3 (control)	*w+; VT050405-p65.AD(attP40)/+; dsx^{DBD}/+*
2h	pC1-SS1 > GFP	*w*;20xUAS-csChrimson::mVenus(attP18)/+; VT002064-p65AD(attP40)/+; VT008469-GAL4DBD(attP2)/+*
2i	pC1-SS1 > GtACR1	*w+; VT002064-p65AD(attP40)/+;20xUAS-IVS-GtACR1-EYFP(attP2)/VT008469-GAL4DBD(attP2)*
2i	pC1-SS1 (control)	*w+; VT002064-p65AD(attP40)/+; VT008469-GAL4DBD(attP2)/+*
2g,i	GtACR1 (control)	*w+; +; 20xUAS-IVS-GtACR1-EYFP(attP2)/+*
3b	vpoDN-SS1 > GtACR1	*w+; 31D07-p65AD(attP40)/+;20xUAS-IVS-GtACR1 EYFP(attP252F12-GAL4DBD(attP2)*
3b	vpoDN-SS1 (control)	*w+; 31D07-p65AD(attP40)/+;52F12-GAL4DBD(attP2)/+*
3c	vpoDN-SS2 > GtACR1	*w+; VT045670-p65AD(attP40)/+; 20xUAS-IVS-GtACR1-EYFP(attP2)/52F12-GAL4DBD(attP2)*
3c	vpoDN-SS2 (control)	*w+; VT045670-p65AD(attP40)/+;52F12-GAL4DBD(attP2)/+*
3b,c	GtACR1 (control)	*w+; +; 20xUAS-IVS-GtACR1-EYFP(attP2)/+*
3d-f	oviDN-SS1 > csChrimson	*w*,20xUAS-csChrimson::mVenus(attP18)/+; VT050660-p65.AD(attP40)/+; VT028160-GAL4DBD(attP2)/+*
3d-f	oviDN-SS1 (control)	*w*; VT050660-p65.AD(attP40)/+; VT028160-GAL4DBD(attP2)/+*
3d-g	csChrimson (control)	*w*,20xUAS-csChrimson::mVenus(attP18)/+;+*
3d,e,g	oviDN-SS2 > csChrimson	*w*,20xUAS-csChrimson::mVenus(attP18)/+; VT026873-p65.AD (attP40)/+; VT040574-GAL4DBD(attP2)/+*
3d,e,g	oviDN-SS2 (control)	*w*; VT026873-p65.AD(attP40)/+; VT040574-GAL4DBD(attP2)/+*
4e	pdC2a-SS1 > GFP	*w*,20xUAS-csChrimson::mVenus(attP18)/+; VT027804-p65.AD(attP40)/+; dsx^{DBD}/+*
4f	pdC2b-SS1 > GFP	*w*,20xUAS-csChrimson::mVenus(attP18)/+; R9B05-p65.AD(attP40)/+; R22D06-GAL4DBD(attP2)/+*
4g,h	pdC2a-SS1 > GtACR1	*w+; VT027804-p65AD(attP40)/20xUAS-IVS-GtACR1-EYFP(attP2)/dsx^{DBD}*
4g,h	pdC2a-SS1 (control)	*w+; VT027804-p65AD(attP40)/+; dsx^{DBD}/+*
4g,i	pdC2b-SS1 > GtACR1	*w+; R9B05-p65AD(attP40)/20xUAS-IVS-GtACR1-EYFP(attP2)/R22D06-GAL4DBD(attP2)/+*
4g,I	pdC2b-SS1 (control)	*w+; R9B05-p65AD(attP40)/+; R22D06-GAL4DBD(attP2)/+*
4g-I	GtACR1 (control)	*w+; +; 20xUAS-IVS-GtACR1-EYFP(attP2)/+*
5d	pC1-SS1 > Chrimson, Lgr3 > GCaMP6s	*w*,LexAop2-syn21-opGCaMP6s,10x-UAS-syn21-Chrimson88-tdTomato; VT002064-p65AD(attP40)/R19B09-LexA(attp40); VT008469-GAL4DBD(attP2)/+*
5e	pdC2a-SS1 > Chrimson, Lgr3 > GCaMP6s	*w*,LexAop2-syn21-opGCaMP6s,10x-UAS-syn21-Chrimson88-tdTomato; VT027804-p65AD(attP40)/R19B09-LexA(attp40);*

		dsx^{DBD}/+
5f	pdC2b-SS1 > Chrimson, Lgr3 > GCaMP6s	*w*,LexAop2-syn21-opGCaMP6s,10x-UAS-syn21-Chrimson88-tdTomato; R9B05-p65AD(attP40)/R19B09-LexA(attp40); R22D06-GAL4DBD(attP2)/+*
5d-f	control	*w*,LexAop2-syn21-opGCaMP6s,10x-UAS-syn21-Chrimson88-tdTomato; R19B09-LexA(attp40)/+;+*
5h	Lgr3 ∩ Fru > csChrimson	*w-,20xUAS(FRT.stop)csChrimson:mVenus(attP18)/+; 8xLexAop2-FLPL(attP40)/+; Fru-PI-LexA/R19B09-GAL4*

Supplementary Table 1 | Fly genotypes in figures

Type	Name	Genotype	Reference/Source
Wild-type	Canton-S	w+;+;+	N/A
Driver	Gr64f-Gal4	w-;Gr64-gal4;+	RRID: BDSC_57669
Driver	Gr64f-Gal4	w-;+;Gr64f-gal4	RRID: BDSC_57668
Reporter	UAS-GCaMP	w-;UAS-GCaMP6s(attP40);+	RRID: BDSC_42746
Reporter	UAS-GCaMP	w-;+;UAS-GCaMP6s(VK00005)	RRID: BDSC_42749
Reporter	UAS-tdTomato	UAS-CD8-tdTomato;+;+	[43]
Effector	ovoD	w+;+;ovoD1	[23]
Effector	hs-BAM	hs-bam,w1118;+;+	RRID: BDSC_24636
Driver	nsyb-Gal4	w-;+;nsyb-gal4	RRID: BDSC_51941
Effector	UAS-dcr2	w-;UAS-dcr-2;+	RRID: BDSC_24650
Effector	UAS-SPR-RNAi	w-;+;UAS-SPR-IR1	[13]
Driver	Ppk-gal4	w-;+;ppk-gal4	RRID: BDSC_32079
Driver	VT3280-Gal4	w-;+;VT003280-gal4 attP2	[3]
Driver	VT3280-LexA	w-;+;VT003280-LexA attP2	[3]
Driver	Fru-LexA	w-;+;$Fru^{P1\text{-}LexA}$	[44]
Effector	LexAop2-FLPL	w-;8xLexAop2-FLPL(attP40);+	RRID: BDSC_55820
Effector	UAS>stop>KIR	w+;UAS > stop > KIR	RRID: BDSC_67686
Effector	UAS>stop>TNT	w+;UAS > stop > TNT	RRID: BDSC_67690
Reporter	UAS>stop>GFP	w-;UAS > stop > CD8::GFP;+	RRID: BDSC_30125
Driver	SAG-SS3	VT050405-p65ADZp(attP40);	[45]
		dsx-ZpGal4DBD	[46]
Driver	pC1-SS1	VT002064-p65ADZp(attP40);	[16]
		VT008469-ZpGal4DBD(attP2)	
Driver	pC1-SS2	VT002064-p65ADZp(attP40);	[16] (modified)
		dsx-ZpGal4DBD	
Driver	vpoDN-SS1	31D07-p65ADZp(attP40);	[17]
		52F12-ZpGal4DBD(attP2)	
Driver	vpoDN-SS2	VT045670-p65ADZp(attP40);	[17]
		52F12-ZpGal4DBD(attP2)	
Driver	oviIN-SS1	68A10-p65ADZp(attP40);	[16]
		VT010054-ZpGal4DBD(attP2)	
Driver	oviIN-SS2	VT026347-p65ADZp(attP40);	[16]
		VT026035-ZpGal4DBD(attP2)	
Driver	oviDN-SS1	VT050660-p65ADZp(attP40);	[16]
		VT028160-ZpGal4DBD(attP2)	
Driver	oviDN-SS2	VT026873-p65ADZp(attP40);	[16]
		VT040574-ZpGal4DBD(attP2)	
Effector	UAS-GtACR	w+;;20xUAS-IVS-GtACR1-EYFP9attP2)	[47]
Effector	UAS-csChrimson,	w-,20xUAS-ssChrimson::mVenus(attP18);+;+	RRID: BDSC_55134
Effector	MCFO		RRID: BDSC_
Driver	SAGb-SS1	VT004974-p65ADZp(attP40);	RRID: BDSC_71475
		R69H11-ZpGal4DBD(attP2)	RRID: BDSC_69819
Driver	SAGb-SS2	VT023823-p65ADZp(attP40);	[45]
		R69H11-ZpGal4DBD(attP2)	RRID: BDSC_69819
Driver	pdC2a-SS1	VT027804-p65ADZp(attP40);	RRID: BDSC_72041
		dsx-ZpGal4DBD	[46]
Driver	pdC2a-SS2	VT057275-p65ADZp(attP40);	RRID: BDSC_71664
		VT027804-ZpGal4DBD(attP2)	RRID: BDSC_71758
Driver	pdC2b-SS1	R9B05-p65ADZp(attP40);	RRID: BDSC_70519
		R22D06-ZpGal4DBD(attP2)	[48]
Driver	pdC2b-SS2	R29G03-p65ADZp(attP40);	RRID: BDSC_75746
		R22D06-ZpGal4DBD(attP2)	[48]
Driver	pdC2b-SS3	R60C09-p65ADZp(attP40);	RRID: BDSC_69750
		R22D06-ZpGal4DBD(attP2)	[48]

Driver	R19B09-gal4	R19B09-Gal4(attP2)	RRID: BDSC_48840
Driver	R19B09-LexA	R19B09-LexA(attP40)	RRID: BDSC_52539
Effector	UAS>stop>csChrimson w-	,UAS > stop > csChrimson(attP18)	[49]
Effector	UAS-Chrimson88	UAS-Chrimson88;+;+	[50]
Reporter	LexAop-GCaMP6s	LexAop-GCaMP6s;+;+	[51]

Supplementary Table 2 | Fly Stocks

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