Elevated synaptic PKA activity and abnormal striatal dopamine signaling in *Akap11*
mutant mice, a genetic model of schizophrenia and bipolar disorder

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Abstract

Loss-of-function mutations in *AKAP11* (a protein kinase A (PKA)-binding protein) greatly
increase the risk of bipolar disorder and schizophrenia. To determine the neurobiological
functions of AKAP11 and the consequences of its absence, we conducted multi-omic analyses
of *Akap11* mutant mouse brains. We find that AKAP11 is a key regulator of PKA proteostasis in
the brain whose loss leads to dramatically elevated PKA expression and phosphorylation,
especially in synapses. Transcriptomic analysis shows extensive gene expression changes
throughout the brain, including prominent decreases in synapse-related genes sets. Gene
expression is especially affected in spiny projection neurons of the striatum, a brain region
implicated in motivation, cognition and psychiatric disorders. *In vivo*, real-time measurements of
PKA activity in ventral striatum of *Akap11*[-/-] mice revealed constitutively elevated kinase activity,
which distorts dopamine to PKA signaling. Our work reveals the molecular basis of circuit
dysfunction in a genetically valid model of psychotic disorder.

Introduction

Bipolar disorder (BD) and schizophrenia (SCZ) are debilitating psychiatric conditions within the
psychosis spectrum whose biological basis remains unknown. Bipolar disorder is typically
characterized by episodes of mania alternating with periods depression. Schizophrenia is
characterized by positive symptoms including hallucinations and delusions that occur alongside
negative symptoms that include emotional impairment; and is often associated with cognitive

symptoms. Together, BD and SCZ account for a substantial fraction of the global mental health
crisis: the lifetime prevalence of BD is 1-2%[1] and SCZ is approximately 0.7%[2]. Both diseases
have substantial heritability (60-80%)[3,4], suggesting that gene-derived molecular programs
contribute towards disease risk.
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Recent landmark exome sequencing efforts have led to the discovery of several genes whose
loss of function greatly increase the risk for schizophrenia (SCZ)[5] and bipolar disorder (BD)[6].
These rare variant mutations are associated with large odds ratios (3-50), conferring much more
substantial risk than common variants previously identified by genome-wide association studies
(<1.1)[7,8]. In further contrast to GWAS-associated loci, these mutations occur in coding
sequences of specific genes and can be inferred to be loss of function in nature.
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Mutations in *AKAP11* (A-kinase anchoring protein 11) are associated with greatly elevated risk
of both SCZ and BD[5,6,9]. In a replication study accounting for diverse ancestries, *AKAP11* was
validated as schizophrenia risk gene, reaching exome wide significance[9]. *AKAP11* has not been
associated with autism spectrum disorder, epilepsy or intellectual disability[6] and therefore is a
relatively specific risk gene for the SCZ-BD psychotic disorder spectrum. In contrast, previously
studied large-effect SCZ risk variants[10–12] are also associated with intellectual disability and
developmental disorders[5], making *Akap11* animal models particularly interesting to study. In our
previous neurophysiologic study, we reported that *Akap11* loss-of-function mutant mice
recapitulate several electroencephalogram (EEG) abnormalities found in schizophrenic patients,
including increased power of resting gamma oscillations, non-rapid eye movement (REM) sleep
reduction, and gene-dose-dependent reduction in sleep spindles[13]. The molecular, cellular and
circuit mechanisms by which *Akap11* deficiency results in brain dysfunction has not been
studied.
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The *Akap11* gene encodes a member of the A-Kinase anchoring proteins (AKAPs), which bind
Protein Kinase A (PKA) and are typically localized to compartments within a cell, targeting PKA
to specific subcellular domains[14]. In non-neuronal cell lines, AKAP11 is reported to localize to
punctate structures, including multivesicular bodies[15] and peroxisomes[16]. In addition to PKA,
AKAP11 is reported to interact biochemically with the protein kinase GSK3β[17], Protein
Phosphatase 1[18], IQGAP1[19], GABA$_C$ receptors[20], and vesicle-associated proteins A and B
(VAPA, VAPB)[21], each of which is implicated in signaling and trafficking pathways that influence
synaptic plasticity and neuronal development. Intriguingly, AKAP11 not only binds but inhibits
the activity of GSK3β[17], a target of the mood-stabilizing drug lithium that is used to treat BD.
AKAP11 also functions as an autophagy receptor for the regulatory subunit 1 of PKA (*Prkar1a*)
which promotes protein-level degradation of PRKAR1α in the context of cellular stress[22].
Because AKAP11 has not been studied in the brain, there is insufficient knowledge to bridge the
cell biology of *AKAP11* and psychiatric disease risk. In this study, we use unbiased multi-omic
approaches to explore the consequences of *Akap11* loss-of-function across widespread brain
regions and cell types, spanning several postnatal ages, within synaptic compartments, and in
the context of dopaminergic signaling, followed by *in vivo* fiber photometry measurements of
PKA activity. Our data uncover a fundamental role of *AKAP11* in synapse function and highlight

the striatum as a nexus of circuit dysfunction in a model of psychosis risk with human-genetics
validity.

Results

Identifying the AKAP11 interactome in brain

Little is known about AKAP11 in the brain, so we characterized the protein interactome of
AKAP11 by immunoprecipitation of AKAP11 from cortical extracts followed by mass
spectrometry (coIP-MS, Figs. 1a,b, Extended Data Fig. 1a). Of the ~2000 proteins identified by
mass spectrometry, 68 proteins were enriched ($P < 0.05$) in AKAP11 coIP from *Akap11* wild-
type (WT) cerebral cortex versus coIP from negative control *Akap11⁻ᐟ⁻* (knockout) mice[23]; these
were considered specific interactors of AKAP11 (Fig. 1c; Supplementary Table 2). This
approach yielded putative AKAP11-associated proteins that were largely overlapping with those
found by comparison of AKAP11 coIP vs control IgG coIP from WT brains (Extended Data Fig.
1b). Of the 68 proteins that were specifically associated with AKAP11 in the brain, only 7 were
previously reported in cell lines or other tissues, including PKA subunits, GSK3β, and VAPA and
VAPB (Fig. 1d)[17,21]. The biochemical association of AKAP11 with PKA catalytic and regulatory
subunits and several other interactors (VAPA, VAPB, GSK3β, DRYK1A) was confirmed by coIP-
immunoblot experiments (Figs. 1e-1j). AKAP11 did not associate with the cytoskeleton protein
Vinculin, indicating specificity for the above results (Fig. 1e).

Figure 1

<u>Figure 1</u>: Characterization of the AKAP11 interactome in the brain.
a, Schematic of AKAP11 immunoprecipitation (IP) and its most notable, known interactors.
b, Immunoblot of AKAP11 in IPs of anti-AKAP11 and control IgG in 12-week-old (12wk) wild-type (WT) or *Akap11*[-/-]
cortical tissue.
c, Volcano plot comparing Log_2 Fold-Change (Log_2FC) against *P* value for AKAP11 IP in WT vs *Akap11*[-/-], displaying
all proteins detected by coIP-MS. Proteins that were enriched (red) by anti-AKAP11 IP from WT versus *Akap11*[-/-]
cortical extracts. Enriched proteins, defined by having a nominal *P* value < 0.05 and Log_2FC > 0, are colored red.
Downregulated proteins are mostly antibody-related artifacts and can be found in Supplementary Table 2).
d, Venn diagram comparing previously published AKAP11 interactions with the brain interactome in this study. Full
results are displayed in Table S1.
e, Immunoblot of AKAP11, PKA subunits and control proteins, in IPs of AKAP11, GluA1 or IgG control in WT or
Akap11[-/-] cortical lysate.
f, Immunoblot of AKAP11 in IPs of PKA subunits, in WT cortical lysates.
g-j, Immunoblot with indicated antibodies, in IPs of anti-GSK3α, GSK3β, VAPA, VAPB, AKAP11, P62 or DYRK1a in
WT or *Akap11*[-/-] cortical lysate.
k, Gene set enrichment analysis of all proteins displayed in 1c, showing selected gene ontologies with a positive
normalized enrichment score (NES) and adjusted *P*-value (FDR) < 0.01. Redundant (similar) pathways were removed
for clarity. The top most enriched proteins within each ontology are listed within the histograms.

As expected for an AKAP protein[14], we observed high enrichment of multiple subunits of PKA in
AKAP11 immunoprecipitates (Figs. 1c,e). PKA exists as a tetrameric holoenzyme with
regulatory subunits that bind and suppress the kinase activity of catalytic subunits. In AKAP11
coIPs there was greater degree of enrichment for regulatory subunits PKA R1α and PKA R1β
(encoded by *Prkar1a* and *Prkar1b*) than the catalytic subunits PKA Cα, PKA Cβ (encoded by
Prkaca and *Prkacb*), which is consistent with AKAP11 directly binding to regulatory subunits of
PKA[24]. Adenylyl cyclase 10 (encoded by *Adcy10*) was also enriched, and this enzyme produces
cyclic AMP, which binds and activates PKA. There was only modest enrichment for type 2
regulatory subunits (PKA R2α, PKA R2β. Extended Data Fig. 1c) even though AKAP11 has
high affinity binding sites for R2[24]. We confirmed that AKAP11 also associates with GSK3β in
the brain, consistent with prior studies in cell lines[17,24,25] and did not detect an association with
GSK3α (Fig. 1h).

Our coIP-MS experiments from brain uncovered multiple novel interactors of AKAP11 including
DYRK1A, SPHKAP, Synaptic Vesicle Protein 2B (SV2B), and P62 (also known as SQSTM1)
(Figs. 1c,d). By coIP-immunoblot, we confirmed AKAP11 binding to DYRK1A (Figs. 1i,j), a
tyrosine kinase that is genetically linked to autism spectrum disorders[26] and is implicated in
neurodevelopment, neurogenesis and neurite outgrowth[27–30]. Association with VAMP-associated
Proteins A and B (VAPA/VAPB) and SPHKAP is suggestive of localization near endoplasmic
reticulum (ER). VAPA/B are ER-resident proteins that facilitate inter-organelle contact and
vesicular transport, and SPHKAP, which interacts with VAP proteins to regulate calcium
signaling from ER stores[31]. We also explored the AKAP11 interactome by coIP from the brains
of *Akap11*[+/-] (heterozygote) mutants, which mimics the human heterozygous genotype that is
associated with greatly increased risk for SCZ/BD[6]. Proteins coIP'd with AKAP11 were largely
similar in WT and *Akap11*[+/-] (Extended Data Figs. 1d,e).

To gain further insight into molecular pathways in which AKAP11 might play a role, we
conducted gene-set enrichment analysis (GSEA)[32] on AKAP11-associated proteins (Fig. 1k,

Supplementary Table 3). In addition to expected gene ontology (GO) pathways like
"Phosphorylation", we observed enrichment in AKAP11 coIP of the "Ubiquitin like protein ligase
binding" GO term, which includes the selective autophagy receptor P62 and RPL40 (encoded
by *Uba52*) (Extended Data Fig. 1f). In cell lines, AKAP11 interacts with autophagosomes,
intracellular vesicular structures involved in protein degradation[33], through the selective
autophagy receptor LC3[22,34]. In our coIP experiments, we found an association of AKAP11 with
P62, but not LC3 (Extended Data Fig. 1c), suggesting that in the brain, AKAP11 also interacts
with autophagosomes but possibly by distinct molecular mechanisms.

Accumulated PKA in *Akap11* mutant mice
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Given our finding that AKAP11 could interact with autophagosomes, coupled with previous
studies showing its role in targeting proteins for degradation, we tested how interacting protein
abundance was altered by loss of AKAP11. By immunoblotting of total cortical lysate, we found
a striking elevation of PKA protein levels (regulatory (~6x) and catalytic (~9x) subunits in
Akap11$^{-/-}$ mice) (Fig. 2a, Extended Data Fig. 2a). The association of AKAP11 with P62 in the
brain (Fig. 1c) suggests the possibility that AKAP11 regulates degradation of PKA by receptor-
mediated selective autophagy. Levels of other AKAP11 interactors (GSK3β, VAPA/B, P62 and
DYRK1A) were not substantially altered in *Akap11* mutant brains.
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Figure 2

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<u>Figure 2</u>. PKA protein levels are elevated across brain regions and ages of *Akap11* mutant mice.
a, Immunoblots and quantifications of 12wk cortex using antibodies against AKAP11-interacting proteins.
Measurements are normalized to β-Actin and to WT controls for each antibody. *P* < 0.05 comparisons are shown.
b, Immunoblots and quantifications of 4wk, 12wk and 28wk cortex using antibodies against AKAP11 and PKA
subunits. Measurements are normalized to β-Actin and to WT controls within an age group.
c, Immunoblots and quantifications from microdissected tissue from 4wk mice using antibodies against AKAP11 and
PKA subunits. Measurements are normalized to β-Actin and to WT controls within a region.
a-c, Data are represented as mean +/- SEM. Two-way ANOVA with Tukey's post hoc test. See Supplementary Table
1 for exact *P*-values, statistical tests and sample sizes for each comparison.
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The marked elevation of PKA subunits in *Akap11^-/-^* mice was apparent at all ages examined (4,
12, 28 weeks of age, Fig. 2b). PKA subunits were increased not only in the cortex, but across all
brain regions examined: prefrontal cortex (PFC), somatosensory cortex (SSC), striatum (Str),
hippocampus (Hipp), thalamus (Thal) and substantia nigra (SN) (Fig. 2c). Compared with the
multiple-fold increases in the homozygous (*Akap11^-/-^*) mutant, changes in PKA protein levels in
the heterozygous (*Akap11^+/-^*) mutant brain were much more modest (Figs. 2a-c). Nonetheless,

comparison with WT animals showed that PKA R1α and Cα subunits were consistently elevated
by 20%-75% in *Akap11*[+/-] (Extended Data Figs. 2b,c). In the course of these immunoblotting
experiments, we noted that levels of AKAP11 protein itself were reduced by much less than
50% in heterozygous (*Akap11*[+/-]) mutants (Figs. 2a-c, Extended Data Figs. 2a-d), despite gene-
dose dependent reduction of *Akap11* RNA (Extended Data Fig. 2e). This pattern is suggestive
of posttranscriptional homeostatic compensation of *Akap11* expression when just one copy of
the *Akap11* gene is deleted, and might explain the relatively modest effect on PKA in *Akap11*[+/-]
vs. *Akap11*[-/-]. Quantitative immunofluorescence imaging of PKA R1α protein in brain sections
showed increased intensity across all brain regions of *Akap11*[-/-] mice (Extended Data Fig. 2f).
Level of *PKA R1α* RNA was not significantly altered in *Akap11*[-/-] (Extended Data Fig. 2g),
suggesting that AKAP11 regulates the stability or turnover of PKA at the protein level.
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Synapse protein changes and elevated PKA in AKAP11 deficient mice

PKA plays a key role in regulation of synaptic plasticity[35]. To understand the consequences of
Akap11 deficiency and PKA elevation in synapses, we investigated protein changes in purified
synaptic ("PSD (postsynaptic density)") fractions of *Akap11* mutant mice by quantitative mass
spectrometry-based proteomics and phosphoproteomics using Tandem Mass Tag (TMT)
labeling (see methods). Since the onset of SCZ occurs typically in adolescence and early
adulthood[36], we examined 4 week (juvenile) and 12 week (young adult) mice. ~9000 proteins
were identified in the PSD fraction purified from cortex, including AKAP11 itself which was
modestly (~2x) enriched in the PSD fraction vs total lysate (Extended Data Figs. 3a,b). The
number of differentially abundant proteins (DAPs, nominal $P < 0.05$) was greater in *Akap11*[-/-]
than *Akap11*[+/-] mutants at 12 weeks but similar at 4 weeks, with approximately equal proportion
of upregulated and downregulated DAPs overall (Fig. 3a, Supplementary Table 2). The DAPs
were well correlated between *Akap11*[+/-] and *Akap11*[-/-] genotypes (Extended Data Fig. 3c) and
weakly correlated between 4 and 12 weeks (Extended Data Fig. 3d).

In *Akap11*[-/-] synapses, the catalytic subunits PKA Cα and PKA Cβ were the two most
upregulated proteins, at both 12 weeks (Fig. 3b) and 4 weeks, with PKA regulatory subunits
upregulated to a lesser extent (Extended Data Figs. 3e,f). Immunoblotting confirmed strong
accumulation of PKA Cα (~5x) and R1α subunits (~2-3x) in homozygous *Akap11*[-/-] PSD
fractions (Fig. 3c) and modest elevation of PKA Cα (~1.3x -1.6x) in heterozygous *Akap11*[+/-]
synapses (Extended Data Fig. 3g). Besides PKA, many proteins showed changes in *Akap11*[-/-]
synapse proteomics. Levels of SIK2, a PKA-regulated kinase involved in mood and circadian
rhythms[37] and ARHGAP20, a Rho GTPase-activating protein[38], were significantly decreased in
Akap11[-/-] synapses, at both 4 weeks and 12 weeks (Fig. 3b, Extended Data Figs. 3e,f). Notably,
levels of AKAP11 itself were significantly decreased in *Akap11*[+/-] synapse fractions (Figs. 3b,c;
Extended Data Fig. 3e), which is in contrast to the minimally altered levels of AKAP11 in
Akap11[+/-] crude lysate (Fig. 2; Extended Data Fig. 2). This suggests that AKAP11
haploinsufficiency results in synapse-specific alterations to cellular signaling that are not
apparent in bulk tissue readouts.

Figure 3: PKA accumulates in synapses of *Akap11* mutant mice

a, Number of DAPs across different ages and genotypes in synapse proteomics. Shading indicates upregulated (red)

and downregulated (blue) DAPs, respectively. 4wk synapse proteomics data also appears in (Aryal et al., 2023)[39].

b, Volcano plots of 12wk synapse proteomics in *Akap11* mutants relative to WT. Upregulated and downregulated

DAPs are colored red and blue, respectively.

c, Immunoblotting of synapse fractions with antibodies against AKAP11, PKA subunits, and SIK2. Right,

quantifications for 4wk and 12wk animals. Data are represented as mean +/- SEM. Two-way ANOVA with Tukey's

post hoc test. See Supplementary Table 1 for statistics.

d, A selection of GSEA analysis of synapse proteomics. Pathways displayed were significant at FDR < 0.05 in at

least two age/ genotype conditions.

e, Sunburst plots showing SynGO Biological Process pathways and the number of *P* < 0.05 proteins within these

ontologies. For selected ontologies, representative DAPs in the ontology are shown.

GSEA analysis of the synapse proteomic changes (Fig. 3D, Supplementary Table 3) revealed
upregulation of "Vesicle tethering complex" and "Ubiquitin ligase complex" processes at 4 weeks
(Fig. 3d, Extended Data Fig. 3h), which resembles the pathway changes observed in synapses
purified from BD and SCZ human brain tissues[39]. These findings may relate to our observation
that AKAP11 interacts with proteins involved in ER-Golgi transport and proteostasis (Figs. 1c,k).
We further examined the precise ontologies of DAPs using SynGO[40] to dissect the "sub-
synaptic" processes that are altered in *Akap11* mutant synapses (Fig. 3e). DAPs in *Akap11*[-/-]
mutant synapses were represented among pathways such as "Postsynaptic modulation of
chemical transmission", and "Postsynaptic neurotransmitter receptor endocytosis". Relatedly,
proteins in the "Clathrin coat" gene ontology were downregulated in 4wk and 12wk Akap11[+/-]
synapse proteomes (Extended Data Fig. 3i).

Hyperphosphorylation of synapse proteins in *Akap11* mutant mice
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Within *Akap11*[-/-] synapses, the levels of several protein kinases and phosphatases were altered,
most prominently the accumulation of PKA catalytic subunits Cα and Cβ (Fig. 3b,c, Extended
Data Fig. 3e). To quantify phosphorylation changes in synaptic proteins in an unbiased fashion,
we analyzed PSD fractions purified from *Akap11* mutant cortex by quantitative
phosphoproteomics. *Akap11* mutants showed a large number of differentially abundant
phosphoproteins (DAPPs, nominal $P < 0.05$), which was higher in *Akap11*[-/-] than *Akap11*[+/-], and
higher at 4 weeks than 12 weeks (Fig. 4a, Extended Data Fig. 4a, Supplementary Table 2). We
mapped changes in the synapse phosphoproteome against a reference of known and predicted
kinase effectors[41] to infer the kinases responsible. The vast majority of PKA phospho-substrates
detected in the synapse phosphoproteomics data were increased in abundance in *Akap11*[-/-] ;
and a number of these phosphoproteins were also highly upregulated in *Akap11*[+/-] heterozygous
mutant synapses (Fig. 4b). The sequences flanking the phosphosites showed strong enrichment
of the basophilic RRXS*/T* motif, particularly in the upregulated DAPPs of *Akap11*[-/-] synaptic
fractions at both 4 and 12 weeks (Fig. 4C), which matches the consensus amino acid sequence
that is preferred for phosphorylation by PKA[42]. Together, the synapse proteomics and
phosphoproteomics data show that PKA kinase activity as well as protein levels are abnormally
elevated in the synapses of *Akap11* mutant mice.
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<u>Figure 4</u>: Phosphoproteomics of *Akap11* mutant synapses shows hyperphosphorylation of PKA substrates
a, Number of phosphoproteins reaching a significance threshold of nominal $P < 0.05$. Fractions of upregulated and
downregulated DAPPs are highlighted in red and blue respectively.
b, Volcano plots of 12wk synapse phosphoproteomics data for *Akap11*$^{+/-}$ and *Akap11*$^{-/-}$ vs. WT controls.
Phosphoproteomic measurements are normalized to MS-proteomics measurements from the same samples. Known
PKA Cα substrates from PhosphoSitePlus are labeled green. AKAP11 phosphopeptides are omitted from *Akap11*$^{-/-}$
plots, for clarity.
c, Motif analysis of peptides flanking the phosphorylation site of $P<0.05$ phosphosites in A. n(fg) are the number of
foreground peptides, and n(bg) are the number of background peptides. Red lines indicate FDR significance.
d, PTM-SEA of synapse phosphoproteomics data, using known kinase substrates from PhosphoSitePlus. Black
borders indicate FDR significance.
e, Immunoblotting and quantification of p-GSK3β^{S9} and GSK3β in 4wk cortical lysate.
f, Immunoblotting and quantification of AKAP11, PKA subunits, p-GluA1^{S845} and GluA1 in 12wk cortical lysate.
e,f, Data are represented as mean +/- SEM. One-way ANOVA with Tukey's post hoc test. See Supplementary Table
1 for detailed statistical information.
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Post-Translational Modification Signature Enrichment Analysis (PTM-SEA), which measures
enrichment of kinase substrate sets (akin to GSEA using GO terms)[43], also indicated elevation
of phosphorylated PKA substrates in Akap11[-/-], and to a lesser degree, Akap11[+/-] synapses (Fig.
4d). Phosphorylation of substrates by CaMK2A, a kinase involved in synaptic potentiation[44] was
significantly downregulated in Akap11[-/-] synapses at 12 weeks. Since AKAP11 is reported to
inhibit GSK3β, it was intriguing to find that phosphorylation of β-Catenin (a well-known GSK3β
substrate, encoded by Ctnnb1) was increased at Ser37 in Akap11 mutants[45,46] (Extended Data
Fig. 4c). Phosphorylation of GSK3β itself on S9, a PKA phosphosite that regulates GSK3β
activity[47], was significantly elevated in Akap11 mutants (Fig. 4e). Regulation of brain GSK3β by
Akap11 is especially relevant because lithium, an inhibitor of GSK3, is a mainstay treatment of
BD[48] and GSK3β overactivity has been implicated in SCZ animal models[49].
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Notably, among the most highly changed phosphoproteins in Akap11[-/-] synapses was AMPA
receptor subunit GluA1 (Gria1), which is phosphorylated by PKA at S845 (annotated as S863 in
the UniProt mouse reference; Figs. 4b,f; Extended Data Figs. 4a,b). Phosphorylation of GluA1
at S845 is a well-known correlate of AMPA receptor trafficking to the synapse[50–54]. We
confirmed by immunoblotting that GluA1^{S845} phosphorylation was sharply increased (~4x) in
brain lysates of Akap11[-/-] mutants, while total GluA1 protein showed little change (Fig. 4f,
Extended Data Fig. 4d). Additional DAPPs in Akap11[-/-] synapses that are known to be regulated
by PKA include Snap25^{T138}, a phosphosite required for presynaptic vesicular release[55] and
RIM1^{S413}, phosphorylation of which is induced during synaptic potentiation[56–58] (Fig. 4b). In
Akap11[+/-] synapses, PKA substrate DAPPs included RIMS1^{S413} and ITPR2^{S937}, a phosphosite
that regulates intracellular calcium release[59]. The strength of synaptic transmission is regulated
in large part by dynamic phosphorylation of synaptic proteins, including postsynaptic glutamate
receptors subunits such as GluA1[60]. By mapping our phosphoproteomics data onto the
phosphosites that are induced with chronic neuronal activation or silencing[60], we found that
many phosphosites associated with upscaling or downscaling of synaptic strength were also
highly changed in Akap11 mutants (Extended Data Fig. 4d), reflecting potential changes in
synaptic function.
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324   **Aberrant synaptic function in *Akap11* mutants**
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To directly examine synaptic function and plasticity in Akap11 mutants, we performed
electrophysiology recordings from acute hippocampal slices (6-8 week old mice). Under basal
conditions, the stimulation input/output relationships (stimulation of Schaffer collaterals to CA1)
of Akap11[-/-] mice were indistinguishable from WT (Extended Data Fig. 5a). The amplitude of
early long-term potentiation (LTP) induced by theta burst stimulation (TBS) was modestly but
significantly reduced in Akap11[-/-] mice (Extended Data Fig. 5b). We speculate this phenotype
could be due to partial occlusion of LTP by hyperphosphorylated GluA1 at S845[53,61,62]. Akap11[-/-]
slices also showed heightened paired-pulse facilitation (Extended Data Fig. 5c), suggesting
reduced presynaptic release probability, which might relate to altered RIM1^{S413} and Snap25^{T138}
phosphorylation seen in the synapse phosphoproteomics (Fig. 4b). The electrophysiologic
phenotype in heterozygous Akap11[+/-] hippocampus was generally not significantly different from
WT, though there was a trend toward reduced magnitude of early LTP (Extended Data Fig. 5b).

Altered synaptic genes and striatal circuits revealed by spatiotemporal transcriptomic survey

Beyond AKAP11's biochemical and cellular functions, what are the brain region and circuit-level consequences of *Akap11* deficiency? *Akap11* mRNA is broadly expressed across the brain and across postnatal development in wild-type mice (Extended Data Fig. 6a). We conducted bulk RNA-seq on PFC, SSC, Str, Thal, Hipp, SN, as well as single-nucleus RNA sequencing (snRNA-seq) on PFC and Str, at 4 weeks and 12 weeks (Fig. 5a, Extended Data Figs. 6b,c) to query the circuits and molecular pathways that are impacted by *Akap11* loss of function. By bulk RNA-seq, we found more differentially expressed genes (DEGs; defined as genes that changed in either direction with FDR <0.05, Supplementary Table 4) in $Akap11^{-/-}$ than $Akap11^{+/-}$, and at 4 weeks than at 12 weeks of age (Fig. 5b). Based on DEG count, the most impacted regions in $Akap11^{-/-}$ were striatum, thalamus and PFC, whereas thalamus was the most affected in $Akap11^{+/-}$. The striatum had by far the most DEGs, at either age, in $Akap11^{-/-}$. Only a few DEGs were common across brain regions (Extended Data Fig. 6d), and the correlation of Log_2-Fold-Changes of nominally significant genes was low between different brain regions, and modest between 4 and 12 weeks for the same brain region (Extended Data Fig. 6e). Thus the transcriptional consequence of *Akap11* mutation varies with the brain region and developmental context.

Figure 5

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Figure 5: Transcriptome-wide impact of *Akap11* deficiency across ages, brain regions and cell types.
a, Schematic of brain regions collected for RNA sequencing.
b, Number of differentially expressed genes (DEGs) in bulk RNA sequencing across brain regions and ages.
Experiments are n= 4 to 6 per condition (see Methods). Area of circles represents DEG counts, defined by FDR
adjusted *P*-values < 0.05, for *Akap11* mutants compared to WT controls.
c, GSEA of bulk RNA sequencing, showing MsigDB pathways of interest, genes associated with psychiatric and
neurological conditions by GWAS[11,71], and a curated set of activity-regulated genes[70]. Black outline indicates FDR <
0.05 significance.
d, Schematic of snRNA-seq experiments in PFC and striatum, with UMAP plots of major cell types identified at 12w
by snRNA-seq. Experiments are n= 4 per condition, with the exception of 12w Str, with n=5 WT.
e, Number of DEGs in snRNA-seq experiments, defined by having an FDR adjusted *P*-value < 0.05.
f, Heatmap showing Log2FC values for a selection of neuromodulation-related genes, plotted across transcriptomics,
proteomics, and phosphoproteomics measurements. Genes indicated in the phosphoproteomics columns reflect the
most significantly changed phosphosite per gene. *P* < 0.05 proteins and FDR < 0.05 transcripts are outlined with a
black box.

GSEA of bulk transcriptomic changes revealed major dysregulation of biological pathways
related to synapses, mitochondria/oxidative phosphorylation, ribosomes, and RNA
processing/splicing, which was particularly evident in 4wk Akap11[+/-] (Fig. 5c, Supplementary
Table 5). The "Synapse" GO term was consistently downregulated in PFC and SN at both 4 and
12 weeks in Akap11[+/-] and Akap11[-/-] mutants (Fig. 5c). Immune-related pathways were
upregulated in the 4wk PFC and SN, which is notable in the context of synaptic pruning by glia
during development and disease[63] and SCZ patient associations with immune-related genetic
loci[64,65]. Two pathways required for cellular energetics and upkeep, "Oxidative phosphorylation"
(Ox-phos) and "Ribosome", were highly correlated, consistent with observations in another SCZ
rare variant mouse model (GRIN2A)[11]; these pathways are also altered in human SCZ
postmortem samples[66,67]. The "ribosome" and "oxidative phosphorylation" pathway, a
mitochondrial process that generates ATP for cells, was down in the PFC of 4 week Akap11[+/-]
and Akap11[-/-] mutants (Fig. 5c). We investigated changes to neuronal activity, at the brain
region level in Akap11 mutant mice. As a surrogate measure of neuronal activity, we conducted
GSEA of the bulk RNA-seq data using a set of activity-regulated genes (ARGs, Fig. 5c)[11,70]. At 4
weeks, ARGs were upregulated in the striatum of Akap11[+/-] and downregulated in the SSC and
PFC of Akap11[-/-] (though the latter did not reach significance). The consistent downregulation of
the "Synapse", "Ox-phos" and "ARGs" GO terms in PFC, is suggestive of selective hypofunction
of PFC that is reported in fMRI studies of humans with SCZ and BD[68,69].
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We queried the bulk RNA-seq changes in Akap11 mutants for enrichment of SCZ- and BD-
associated risk genes identified from human genome-wide association studies (GWAS) (Fig.
5c). The most significant enrichments were for BD risk genes, and interestingly, showed most
enrichment of these genes in Akap11[+/-] heterozygous mutants at 4 weeks (Fig. 5c). Though
reaching significance across fewer brain regions, the pattern of SCZ risk gene enrichment had
an overall similar pattern to BD. Besides SCZ and BD, we also observed similar GSEA signals
for genes associated with ASD and neurodevelopmental disorders[26,71–73]. Overall, these results
support that Akap11 functionally engages with other SCZ and BD and neurodevelopmental risk
genes, and are consistent with the known genetic overlap between SCZ, BD, and
neurodevelopmental disorders (NDD)[5,74].
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405   **Major disturbances to striatal neurons revealed by single nucleus RNA-seq**
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In WT mice, Akap11 mRNA is expressed in excitatory and inhibitory neurons in all brain regions,
as well as in glia (Extended Data Fig. 7a). To investigate the cell type-specific effects of Akap11
deficiency, we conducted single-nucleus RNA sequencing (snRNA-Seq) in the PFC and
striatum at 4 and 12 weeks (Fig. 5d, Extended Data Fig. 7b, Supplementary Table 6). There
were no major changes in cell type proportions in Akap11 mutant PFC or striatum (Extended
Data Fig. 6a). Though all cell types in PFC and striatum showed transcriptomic changes in
Akap11 mutants the largest numbers of DEGs (FDR < 0.05) were found in the major neuron-
types of the striatum of Akap11[-/-], namely the inhibitory direct- and indirect-pathway spiny
projection neurons (dSPNs, iSPNs; Fig. 5e). Transcriptomic alterations in Akap11[-/-] mutants
were highly correlated between iSPNs and dSPNs (Extended Data Fig. 7c,d) and between 4
and 12 weeks of age (Extended Data Fig. 7d,e). Consistent with bulk RNA-seq findings (Fig.

5b), *Akap11*[+/-] had much less effect than *Akap11*[-/-] on SPN in snRNA-seq (Fig. 5e, Extended
Data Fig. 7d,f). Nearly all PFC neuron subtypes showed downregulation of the "Synapse" GO
term (Extended Data Fig. 8a, Supplementary Table 7), which aligns with bulk RNA-seq (Fig. 5c).
Unlike striatal neurons, which are much more impacted by homozygous *Akap11* mutation, glia
in the PFC and striatum (astrocytes, oligodendrocytes and microglia) showed comparable
numbers of DEGs genes between *Akap11*[+/-] and *Akap11*[-/-] (Fig. 5e). *Akap11* mutant astrocytes
showed downregulation of the "Sterol Biosynthesis" pathway, particularly in the 4 week
Akap11[+/-] PFC and *Akap11*[-/-] striatum (Extended Data Fig. 8b). Across regions, ages and
genotypes, decreases in synapse-related gene expression in neurons often occurred alongside
decreased expression of cholesterol biosynthesis genes in astrocytes (Extended Data Fig. 8c),
suggesting disturbed neuron-glia gene expression programs, as has been observed in
postmortem human SCZ brain tissue[75].
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The largest changes in the *Akap11* mutant SPNs highlighted several neuromodulatory systems,
such as serotonin (*Htr2a*, *Htr4*), adenosine (*Adora1*), acetylcholine (*Chat*, *Chrna3*), and
dopamine (*Cartpt*) (Fig. 5f; Extended Data Fig. 9a,b). Intriguingly, the serotonin receptor
HTR2A, which is a target of hallucinogenic drugs[76,77], was downregulated in both *Akap11*[+/-]
synapse proteomics and snRNA-seq of striatum SPNs, and Htr4 was robustly downregulated in
bulk RNA-seq of striatum and in snRNA-seq of striatal SPNs (Fig. 5f; Extended Data Fig. 9a,b).
Adenosine receptor ADORA1, a G-protein coupled receptor that inhibits cAMP production, was
downregulated in *Akap11*[-/-] synapse proteomics as well as in bulk RNA-seq and snRNA-seq
data in striatum and SPNs. Choline acetyltransferase (*Chat*) was also prominently
downregulated in the striatum of *Akap11*[-/-] (Fig. 5f). *Chat* participates in the synthesis of
acetylcholine, and signaling through muscarinic acetylcholine receptors is implicated in SCZ
pathophysiology[78,79]. Transcellular signaling factors *Epha10*, *Cdh9*, and *Igsf21* were among the
most altered genes in the *Akap11*[-/-] striatum (Fig. 5f). *Epha10* is a receptor tyrosine kinase that
acts as an axon guidance molecule[80,81]. *Cdh9,* which decreased consistently across proteomics
and transcriptomics measurements of *Akap11*[-/-], is involved in calcium dependent cell-cell
adhesion[82]. Together, these alterations in neuromodulation and trans-cellular signaling indicate
potentially aberrant cell-to-cell interactions in the striatum of *Akap11*[-/-] mice.
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Dopamine is a key neuromodulator in the striatum[83]. Excessive or aberrant dopaminergic
signaling in the striatum is a long-standing hypothesis in pathophysiology of schizophrenia and
other psychiatric disorders, underpinned by the antipsychotic efficacy of D2 dopamine receptor
antagonists[84] .We found several dopamine-related genes, proteins, and posttranslational
modifications that were altered in *Akap11* mutants (Fig. 5f), including: (i) increased
phosphorylation of tyrosine hydroxylase (TH) at S40, which positively regulates its dopamine
biosynthesis activity[85,86]; (ii) reduction of protein and increased phosphorylation of dopamine
receptor DRD1, (iii) increased phosphorylation of RASGRP2[S116] in 12 week *Akap11*[-/-] synapses
(Fig. 4b), which is consistent with enhanced DRD1 signaling[87] (iv) elevated MAO-B protein in
synapse fractions, an enzyme that degrades dopamine, v) increased proportion of Drd2-
expressing (Drd2[+]) neurons in *Akap11*[+/-] relative to wild-type at 4 and 12 weeks (Extended Data
Fig. 9c). One dopamine-regulated transcript, *Cart* (Cocaine- and amphetamine-regulated
transcript)[88,89] was highly elevated in the *Akap11*[-/-] striatum (bulk RNA-seq) and in striatal SPNs

and PFC excitatory neurons (snRNA-seq) (Extended Data Fig. 9d) which may reflect altered
dopamine signaling in striatum and in PFC of *Akap11* mutants.
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465   **In vivo striatal PKA dynamics and dopamine signaling are regulated by AKAP11**
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The two most striking phenotypes of *Akap11* mutant mice are highly elevated PKA protein (Figs.
2-4) and strong transcriptomic changes in the striatum and SPNs (Fig. 5). PKA has outsized
importance in the striatum, acting in the signal transduction pathway downstream of dopamine
receptors[83]. To assess real-time dynamics of PKA activity in live animals, we used fluorescent
lifetime fiber photometry measurements of FLIM-AKAR, a fluorescent lifetime reporter of PKA
activity[90,91] that was virally expressed in the nucleus accumbens (NAc; within the ventral
striatum) (Fig. 6a, Extended Data Figs. 10a,b). In awake, behaving mice, PKA activity of
Akap11$^{-/-}$ mice was elevated across 10 minute recording sessions in an open field arena, (Fig.
6b) which was consistent across weeks of measurement (Extended Data Fig. 10c). As a
negative control, there were no differences across *Akap11* genotypes in the lifetime of FLIM-
AKAR^{T391A}, a mutated variant of FLIM-AKAR that is insensitive to PKA activity (Fig. 6c).
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Figure 6

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<u>Figure 6</u>: Fluorescence lifetime photometry (FLiP) in *Akap11* mutant mice reveals constitutively elevated PKA activity
and functional alterations to striatal circuitry.
a, Schematic overview of the viral injection strategy.
b, Fluorescence lifetime of FLIM-AKAR in WT or *Akap11* mutant mice. The y-axis is inverted to reflect that decreased
fluorescence lifetime corresponds to increased net PKA activity.
c, Fluorescence lifetime of FLIM-AKAR^T391A in WT or *Akap11* mutant mice.
d, Fluorescence lifetime changes of FLIM-AKAR in response to D2R antagonist.
e, Fluorescence lifetime changes of FLIM-AKAR in response to D2R antagonist, normalized to each genotype's
baseline level of activity.
f, Fluorescence lifetime changes of FLIM-AKAR in response to D1R antagonist.
g, Fluorescence lifetime changes of FLIM-AKAR in response to D1R antagonist, normalized to each genotype's
baseline level of activity.
h, Distance traveled after administration of amphetamine (2 mg/kg) or saline to WT or *Akap11* mutants.
i, Quantification of distance traveled during baseline (0-90mins), 90-120mins, and 150-180mins. Repeated measures
two-way ANOVA with Tukey's post hoc test.

j, Schematic of dopamine → PKA regulation by *Akap11*.
b-i, Data are represented as mean +/- SEM, with the shaded regions or error bars representing SEM.
b,d,e,g, Two-way ANOVA with Tukey's post hoc test. See Supplementary Table 1 for statistics.
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Dopamine receptors are enriched in the striatum, and excessive dopamine signaling in striatum
may drive positive symptoms (e.g. hallucinations) of SCZ[92–94], which is supported by the clinical
efficacy of dopamine receptor 2 (*Drd2*) antagonists for positive symptoms[84]. To evaluate how
PKA is dynamically regulated by dopamine in *Akap11* mutants, we administered dopamine
receptor antagonists via intraperitoneal injection. Dopamine acting on D2-type receptors inhibits
cAMP production and thereby inhibits PKA[83,95]. As expected, PKA activity was increased in
striatal neurons following D2 antagonist (eticlopride hydrochloride, 0.5 mg kg^{-1}) (Fig. 6d).
Despite the higher levels of baseline PKA activity in *Akap11*$^{-/-}$ striatum, the magnitude of PKA
stimulation (fold-increase of PKA activity) by D2 was further potentiated by *Akap11* deficiency
(Fig. 6e). Dopamine acting on D1-type receptors stimulates cAMP synthesis and activates
PKA[83,95]. Accordingly, administration of D1 antagonist (SKF83566, 3 mg kg^{-1}) suppressed PKA
activity (Fig. 6f). If PKA activity is normalized to the pre-drug baseline level (Fig. 6g), D1R
caused a more pronounced PKA inhibition in *Akap11*$^{-/-}$ mice. Thus loss of *Akap11* results in
markedly higher basal PKA activity; however, this increased basal activity does not occlude
further activation or block inhibition of PKA by dopamine receptor drugs, but rather expands the
dynamic range of PKA activation or inhibition by dopamine.
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Dopamine in the striatum regulates multiple aspects of behavior and cognition, including
movement, reward processing and mood[96]. Dopamine levels induced by amphetamine are
higher in the striatum of schizophrenic patients[97]. We tested locomotor response to
subcutaneous amphetamine administration, which depends on dopamine and is often used as a
behavioral measure of dopamine sensitivity in rodents (Figs. 6h,i). Wild-type mice, as expected,
showed amphetamine-induced hyperactivity (AIH; measured by distance traveled). During the
first 30 minutes after amphetamine administration, *Akap11*$^{-/-}$ mice displayed less AIH than WT
littermates; however, *Akap11*$^{-/-}$ mice showed a much more sustained hyperactivity response,
such that at 60-90 minutes after amphetamine administration, *Akap11*$^{-/-}$ mice still showed high
levels of locomotion, when WT animals had returned to baseline (Fig. 6h). Together, these
pharmacological manipulations, in conjunction with imaging and behavioral readouts, suggest
that the temporal dynamics and strength of SPN signaling are distorted by elevated PKA activity
in *Akap11* mutants (Fig. 6j).
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530   **<u>Discussion</u>**
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Genetic variation contributes substantially towards schizophrenia and bipolar disorder risk.
Psychiatric symptoms ultimately emerge from dysfunction of specific neural circuits; however
the cascade of events spanning from genetic to molecular-cellular to circuit dysfunction remain
unclear. In this study, we examined mice deficient in *Akap11*, a shared risk gene for
schizophrenia and bipolar disorder. Our unbiased multi-omic profiling of mutant mice led to key
insights about *Akap11*'s role in the brain: 1) AKAP11 is a critical regulator of PKA protein levels;

its absence results in a remarkable elevation of PKA activity in synapses. 2) The striatum, the
major site of dopaminergic signaling and integration in the brain, is particularly impacted by
Akap11 deficiency.
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Our study brings attention to altered signaling factors downstream of dopamine --namely, PKA
misregulation in SPNs --as another mechanism that can disturb striatal dopaminergic signaling.
PKA is elevated across the brain in Akap11 mutants, so presumably, elevation of PKA activity
also contributes to pathological disturbance in other brain regions, cell types and circuits, such
as the PFC and thalamus, where we also saw major transcriptomic changes.

It is important to note that, in comparison with full *Akap11* knockout, the biological effects of
Akap11 heterozygosity are relatively subtle. With the notable exception of thalamus and glia
(astrocytes, oligodendrocytes and microglia) transcriptomes, we observed much larger
phenotypes in homozygous mutants relative to heterozygotes. However, the phenotypes that
were most apparent in *Akap11*$^{-/-}$, such as elevated PKA, were also seen in *Akap11*$^{+/-}$ to a lesser
degree. Much of this modest effect could be explained by the tempered effect of *Akap11*
haploinsufficiency on AKAP11 protein levels, which may be more pronounced in specific
subcellular compartments (such as synapses) or environmental contexts. It would be interesting
to test whether cellular stressors, which can stimulate autophagy, could exacerbate the loss of
AKAP11 protein and amplify the elevation of PKA activity in *Akap11* heterozygous mutants,
thereby offering a potential way for environmental triggers to induce a disease phenotype.

There are likely to be hundreds of genetic variants underlying SCZ and BD. Because these
genes are diverse in nature and molecular function, their most proximal molecular mechanism
would be expected to be varied and perhaps unique to each genetic variant. Thus, it is essential
to identify downstream convergent cellular and circuit disturbances that are shared among
different risk genes. Our findings reveal one mechanistic pathway by which a specific genetic
variation leads to neural circuit dysfunction. In this case, loss of function of *Akap11*, which is
required for autophagy of PKA, leads to elevated PKA kinase activity in neurons, resulting in
unbalanced dopamine-to-PKA signaling in SPNs of striatum. Another mouse model of a rare
variant SCZ gene (*GRIN2A*)[5] also shows evidence of hyperdopaminergic signaling in striatum,
but via a mechanism different than exaggerated PKA activation[11]. In *SETD1A* and *Trio* loss of
function genetic models, which are also gene variants associated with greatly increased risk for
schizophrenia[5], elevated PKA activity has a causal role in synaptic dysfunction[12,98]. Further, the
cAMP synthesizing enzyme adenylyl cyclase 2 (*Adcy2*) is one of the most significant genetic
associations for bipolar disorder[8]. Thus, human genetics and mechanistic studies corroborate a
plausible role of PKA dysregulation in psychiatric disorders.

Our work, which started in unbiased omics fashion, highlights the fine molecular control of
striatal dopaminergic signaling–already much implicated in psychosis pathophysiology by
human and mouse model studies–as a worthy focus of future investigation. Our multi-omic
analysis of the *Akap11* mouse model, together with similar investigation of other high
penetrance SCZ and/or BD genes, should enable additional hypothesis-driven experiments and

lead to a more nuanced understanding of the complex and heterogeneous mechanisms
underlying psychiatric disease.

Supplementary Figure Legends and Tables

Extended Data Figure 1

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<u>Extended Data Fig.1</u>: AKAP11-interacting proteins and pathways in WT and in *Akap11+/-*, related to Fig. 1.
a, Immunoblots of mouse cortex using AKAP11 antibodies used in this study.
b, Log₂FC scatterplot comparing *Akap11-/-* vs. IgG as controls for AKAP11 IP. In these data, AKAP11 IP in WT and
Akap11+/- animals were compared together against AKAP11 IP in *Akap11-/-* animals or IgG in WT animals.
c, Volcano plot of AKAP11 CoIP-MS (WT vs. *Akap11-/-*). Highlighted in magenta are proteins that have been
previously reported to interact with AKAP11, but were not significantly enriched in this study.
d, Volcano plot of AKAP11 coIP-MS, comparing IP in *Akap11+/-* vs. *Akap11-/-* cortex. Proteins with nominal *P* value <
0.05 and Log₂FC > 0, are colored red.
e, Log₂FC scatterplots comparing all proteins detected by AKAP11 IP in WT versus *Akap11+/-*.
f, Volcano plot of AKAP11 coIP-MS. Highlighted in green are proteins within gene ontology (GO) pathways that were
significantly found to be enriched by GSEA. (GOBP, Gene Ontology Biological Process; GOCC, Gene Ontology
Cellular Component; GOMF, Gene Ontology Molecular Function).
b,e, R = Pearson correlation.

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<u>Extended Data Fig. 2</u>. PKA protein levels in *Akap11*^+/- and *in situ*, related to Fig. 2.
a, Quantifications of AKAP11 and PKA subunit protein levels in female 12wk WT and *Akap11*^+/-. One-way ANOVA
with Tukey's post hoc test.

b,c, Quantifications of PKA subunit proteins levels in WT and *Akap11*$^{+/-}$. These data are also shown in Fig. 2b,c, but
are rescaled here without *Akap11*$^{-/-}$ for clarity. Two-way ANOVA with Sidak's post hoc test.
d, Quantification of immunoblots from microdissected tissue from 4wk mice using antibodies against AKAP11.
Representative immunoblots for these measurements are shown in Fig. 2c. *P*-values are calculated without *Akap11*$^{-/-}$
in multiple comparisons. Unlike other figures, these data are not normalized to WT within a brain region, in order to
display differences in AKAP11 protein across brain regions.
e, *In situ* hybridization measurements of *Akap11* RNA. Right, quantification of mean intensity measurements within
anatomical subregions. Measurements are normalized to WT controls within a region.
f, Immunofluorescence measurements of PKA R1α protein *in situ*. Right, quantification of mean PKA R1α
immunofluorescence intensity measurements within anatomical subregions. Multiple comparisons adjusted *P* values
< 0.05 are displayed above.
g, *In situ* hybridization measurements of *PKA R1α* RNA. Right, quantification of mean intensity measurements within
anatomical subregions. Measurements are normalized to WT controls within a region.
d-g, Two-way ANOVA with Tukey's post hoc test. See Supplementary Table 1 for statistics.
a-g, Data are represented as mean +/- SEM.

Extended Data Figure 3

<u>Extended Data Fig. 3</u>. Comparisons of juvenile and adult synapse proteomes, related to Fig. 3.

a, Immunoblots of AKAP11 and synapse proteins across different amounts of lysate, synaptosome, and PSD-

enriched fractions of 12wk cortex.

b, Quantifications of immunoblots in (a). Values are normalized to 20µg lysate.

c, Log$_2$FC scatter plots comparing DAPs in *Akap11$^{+/-}$* vs. *Akap11$^{-/-}$* synapse proteomes.

d, Log$_2$FC scatter plots comparing DAPs in 4wk vs. 12wk synapse proteomes.

e, Volcano plots of 4wk synapse proteomics data. Upregulated and downregulated DAPs are colored red and blue,
respectively.

f, Heatmap of adjusted *P*-value (FDR) < 0.05 (black border) proteins across 4wk and 12wk synapse proteomes. Black
border indicates FDR significance, including corrections for comparisons between *Akap11$^{+/-}$* and *Akap11$^{-/-}$*.

g, Quantifications of PKA subunit proteins levels in WT and *Akap11$^{+/-}$* synapses. These data are also shown in Fig.
3c, but are rescaled here without *Akap11$^{-/-}$* for clarity. Data are represented as mean +/- SEM. Two-way ANOVA with
Sidak's post hoc test. See Supplementary Table 1 for statistics.

h, Volcano plots of 4wk synapse proteomics data in *Akap11$^{+/-}$*. Proteins within the Vesicle Tethering Complex gene
set are highlighted in green.

i, Volcano plots of synapse proteomics data in *Akap11$^{+/-}$*. Proteins within the "Clathrin Coat" gene set are highlighted
in green for 4wk and 12wk animals.

<u>Extended Data Fig. 4</u>: Phosphoproteomic correlates of synaptic plasticity, related to Fig. 4.
a, Volcano plots of synapse phosphoproteomics in 4wk *Akap11* mutants relative to WT. Upregulated and
downregulated DAPPs are colored red and blue respectively. AKAP11 phosphopeptides are omitted from *Akap11-/-*
plots, for clarity.
b, Volcano plots of synapse phosphoproteomics in 12wk *Akap11* mutants relative to WT. Upregulated and
downregulated DAPPs are colored red and blue respectively. AKAP11 phosphopeptides are omitted from *Akap11-/-*
plots, for clarity.
c, Volcano plots of 4wk synapse phosphoproteomics for *Akap11+/-*. Known GSK3β substrates from PhosphoSitePlus
are labeled in green.
d, Volcano plots of 12wk synapse phosphoproteomics for *Akap11+/-*. Phosphosites that are altered during scaling (24
hours of bicuculline or tetrodotoxin treatment, FDR <0.05 in Desch et al., 2021)[60] are labeled in green.
e, Immunoblotting and quantification of p-GluA1^{S845} and GluA1 in 4wk, 12wk or 28wk cortical lysate or in
microdissected brain regions. Two-way ANOVA with Tukey's post hoc test. See Supplementary Table 1 for statistics.

Extended Data Figure 5

<u>Extended Data Fig. 5</u>: Electrophysiological characterization of synaptic strength and plasticity, related to Fig. 4.
a, Input-output (I-V) curves of field electric postsynaptic potential (EPSP) responses evoked with varying stimulation
intensities (20-500uA).
b, Left, representative traces of field EPSPs before and after LTP induced by theta burst stimulation (TBS). Traces
were generated by averaging the data points during the first (baseline; light lines) and last (post LTP; dark lines) two
mins of the experiment. Middle, quantification of field EPSP slopes over the 30-min long early LTP experiment. Each
dot represents the average field EPSP slope over 1 min. Right, quantification of field EPSP slope in minutes 18-20
following TBS.
c, Left, representative traces of paired pulse responses at 40ms stimulation intervals. Right, quantification of paired
pulse ratios from *Akap11* mutants and WT brain slices.
a-c, Data are represented as mean +/- SEM. One-way ANOVA with Tukey's post hoc test. See Supplementary Table
1 for statistics.

Extended Data Figure 6

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<u>Extended Data Fig. 6</u>: Comparisons between brain regions, ages, and genotypes in bulk RNA sequencing, related to
Fig. 5.

a, *Akap11* mRNA expression across brain regions and ages in wild-type mice, analyzed from data published in Farsi
et al., 2023[11]. Data are represented as mean +/- SEM.
b, PCA plots of bulk RNA sequencing experiments, colored by brain region.
c, PCA plots of bulk RNA sequencing experiments, colored by genotype.
d, Upset plot showing overlapping and unique DEGs (FDR < 0.05) across brain regions, ages and genotypes in bulk
RNA sequencing experiments.
e, Log$_2$FC correlations between nominally significant genes (*P* < 0.05) across brain regions, ages, and genotypes.
Color indicates Spearman correlation values.

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<u>Extended Data Fig. 7</u>: Comparisons between brain regions, age and cell types in snRNA-seq, related to Fig. 5.
a, *Akap11* expression across major cell types on uniform manifold approximation and projection (UMAP)
representations of cell types in different brain regions and ages of wild-type mice. This data appears in Farsi et al.,
2023[11].
b, Fraction of each cell type identified across genotypes.
c, Log2FC scatterplots comparing all genes for iSPN vs dSPN subtypes.
d, Log2FC correlations between nominally significant genes (*P* < 0.05) across cell types. Color indicates Pearson
correlation values.
e, Log2FC scatterplots comparing all genes at 4wk vs. 12wk, in iSPNs.
f, Log2FC scatterplots comparing all genes in *Akap11*+/- vs. *Akap11*-/-, in iSPNs.

Extended Data Figure 8

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Extended Data Fig. 8: Neuronal-synapse and astrocyte-cholesterol related transcriptomic changes detected by
snRNA-seq, related to Fig. 5..
a, GSEA from neurons identified by snRNA-seq of striatum and PFC, showing MsigDB pathways of interest.
b, GSEA results from glia snRNA-Seq, showing, showing MsigDB pathways of interest, including pathways related to
glia function.
c, Comparison of NES from synapse pathways in neurons vs. cholesterol biosynthesis pathways in astrocytes.

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Extended Data Fig. 9: Evidence for transcriptomic alteration of neuromodulation-related genes, related to Fig. 5.
a, Volcano plots of transcriptomic changes identified by snRNA-seq analysis in 4wk striatal inhibitory neurons. Genes
of interest related to neuromodulation and circuit development are highlighted in magenta.
b, Volcano plots of transcriptomic changes identified by snRNA-seq analysis in 12wk striatal inhibitory neurons.
Genes of interest related to neuromodulation and circuit development are highlighted in magenta.
c, Percentage of Drd2$^+$ inhibitory neurons in the striatum. Data are represented as mean +/- SEM. Two-way ANOVA
with Tukey's post hoc test.
d, Log$_2$FC and FDR-adjusted P-values for *Cart* across bulk and snRNA-seq.

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Extended Data Fig. 10: FLIM-AKAR injections sites and longitudinal measurement of PKA activity, related to Fig. 6.
a, Immunohistochemical validation of AAV injection site targeting of NAc.
b, Injection site targets of each animal in this study. Animals of different genotypes are differentiated by color, and FLIM-AKAR variants that were injected into contralateral hemispheres are differentiated by black border.
c, Fluorescence lifetime of FLIM-AKAR across 4 fiber photometry recording sessions across weeks.

Supplementary Table 1: Statistical information.
Supplementary Table 2: Results of synapse proteomics and phosphoproteomics of *Akap11* mutant mice.
Supplementary Table 3: Significant pathways identified by gene set enrichment analysis of synapse proteomes of *Akap11* mutant mice.
Supplementary Table 4: Nominally significant genes from bulk RNA sequencing of *Akap11* mutant mice.
Supplementary Table 5: Significant pathways identified by gene set enrichment analysis of bulk RNA sequencing of *Akap11* mutant mice.
Supplementary Table 6: Nominally significant genes from single nucleus RNA sequencing of *Akap11* mutant mice.
Supplementary Table 7: Significant pathways from gene set enrichment analysis of bulk RNA sequencing of *Akap11* mutant mice.

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Methods

Animals

All experiments were approved by the Broad Institute IACUC (Institutional Animal Care and Use

Committee) and conducted in accordance with the NIH Guide for the Care and Use of

Laboratory Animals. Heterozygous *Akap11* mice (B6.Cg-Akap11[tm1.2Jsco/J]) were obtained

from The Jackson Laboratory following cryorecovery (strain #028922). As previously

described[23], these mice have deletions of exons 6 and 7 of the mouse *Akap11* gene to create a

knockout allele. *Akap11* mutant mice were deposited by the donor lab after 6 generations of

backcrossing to the C57BL/6J background. We confirmed the genetic background of the

animals to be greater than 90% C57BL/6J through SNP analysis (MiniMuga panel, Transnetyx).

To establish the colony, founders were crossed to WT C57/BL6J mice (Jackson Laboratory,

#000664) for one generation. Subsequently, heterozygous mice were crossed with each other

to produce wild-type (WT, +/+), heterozygous (Het, +/-) and knockout (KO, -/-) littermates used

for experiments. Mice were housed at AAALAC-approved facilities on a 12-hour light/dark cycle,

with food and water available ad libitum. For fluorescence lifetime photometry experiments

(FLiP), mice were housed in a 12h/12h light/dark reverse cycle. FLiP and pharmacological

experiments were conducted in compliance with protocols approved by the Harvard Standing

Committee on Animal Care, adhering to guidelines outlined in the US National Institutes of

Health Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals.

Anti-AKAP11 antibodies

Two custom polyclonal rabbit anti-AKAP11 antibodies were generated for this paper and used

for immunoblot experiments. For both polyclonal antibodies, the first 284 amino acids of the

mouse AKAP11 protein (Uniprot reference E9Q777) were injected into rabbits, and affinity

purified by a company (Genscript). The antigen sequence used was:

MAAFQPLRSSHLKSKASVRKSFSEDVFRSVKSLLQSEKELCSVSGGECLNQDEHPQLTEVTFL

GFNEETDAAHIQDLAAVSLELPDLLNSLHFCSLSENEIICMKDTSKSSNVSSSPLNQSHHSGML

CVMRVSPTLPGLRIDFIFSLLSKYAAGIRHTLDMHAHPQHHLETTDEDDDDTNQSVSSIEDDFVT

AFEQLEEEENAKLYNDEINIATLRSRCDAASQTTSGHHLESHDLKVLVSYGSPKSLAKPSPSVN

VLGRKEAASVKTSVTTSVSEPWTQRSLY and were validated by immunoblot comparisons

between WT and *Akap11*[-/-] brain tissue. For immunoprecipitations, we used a commercial rabbit

monoclonal antibody targeting residues surrounding Alanine 1125 of mouse AKAP11 (Cell

Signaling Technologies (CST), #77313). All other AKAP11 antibodies we tested, including our

own polyclonal antibodies, immunoprecipitated PKA subunits in *Akap11*[-/-] brains, indicating

insufficient specificity (data not shown but available upon request).

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Immunoprecipitation

Twelve week-old (P120) male mice were euthanized using CO_2 inhalation, harvested around the

lights-off period (Zeitgeber Time 12, ZT12) when mice are active, which was approximately

ZT10-ZT14. For coIP-MS, 5 WT, 5, *Akap11*[+/-], and 5 *Akap11*[-/-] animals underwent

immunoprecipitation with the AKAP11 antibody. Three WT animals underwent

immunoprecipitation with IgG control. After sacrifice, cortical hemispheres were rapidly
dissected and mechanically homogenized with 12 slow strokes by a Teflon homogenizer and a
glass vessel in ice-cold phosphate buffered saline (PBS) with 1% Triton-X with protease (Sigma
4693159001) and phosphatase (Sigma 4906837001) inhibitors. The homogenate was
centrifuged at 10,000 g (4°C) for 10 minutes and the resultant supernatant was used for
immunoprecipitation. Protein concentration was measured with bicinchoninic acid assay BCA
(Thermo Fisher Scientific A53225) and samples were normalized to equal protein
concentrations and volumes with homogenization buffer in protein LoBind tubes (Eppendorf
#022431102). For coIP-mass spectrometry, samples had 4mg of protein in a volume of 2mL.
For coIP-immunoblot, samples had either 500μg or 1mg (which were matched between
experimental and control samples), normalized to 1 mg/mL. Lysates were incubated overnight
rotating at 4°C with 1μg anti-AKAP11 monoclonal antibody (1:20; CST 77313) or 1μg mAb IgG
control (CST 3900) for mass spectrometry experiments. For coIP-immunoblot, lysates were
incubated with the following primary antibodies: 1:50 Rabbit anti-AKAP11 (CST 77313), 1:50
Rabbit anti-GluA1 (CST 13185), 1:50 Rabbit anti-PKA Cα (CST 4782), 1:50 Rabbit anti-PKA
R1α (CST 5675), 1:50 Rabbit anti-PKA R2β (Sigma ABS14), 1:50 Rabbit anti-VAPA
(Proteintech 15275-1-AP), 1:50 Rabbit anti-VAPB (Proteintech 14477-1-AP), 1:50 Rabbit anti-
GSK3α (CST 4337), 1:50 Rabbit anti-GSK3β (CST 12456), 1:50 Mouse anti-DYRK1A (Abnova
H00001859-M01), 1:50 Mouse anti-P62 (Abcam ab56416). As additional negative controls,
Rabbit mAb IgG (CST 3900), Normal Rabbit IgG (CST 2729) or Mouse mAb IgG2a Isotype
Control (CST 61656) were diluted according to manufacturer's instructions and added in lieu of
primary antibodies.
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The next day, lysate-antibody mixtures were incubated with Dynabead Protein G (Invitrogen
1004D) for 1 hour at room temperature (RT), following the manufacturer's specifications. Beads
were then washed three times for 10 min with PBS containing 0.02% Tween20. For coIP-
immunoblotting, proteins were eluted from magnetic beads with 1x Laemmli buffer and beta-
mercaptoethanol (BME) mixture (Boston biosciences BP111R, Biorad 1610737, Sigma) and
boiled at 98°C for 8 min and subsequently examined by SDS-PAGE (immunoblot). For coIP-MS,
samples were washed twice with ice cold 50mM Tris-HCl pH 7.5 and transferred to a new tube.
Subsequently samples were resuspended in 50μl ice cold Tris-HCl pH 7.5.
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CoIP sample preparation for Liquid Chromatography-Mass Spectrometry/Mass Spectrometry
(LC-MS/MS) analysis
Samples were incubated in 80 μl of urea-based digestion buffer (30 mM Tris-HCl pH=8, 0.4 μg
trypsin, 1mM dithiothreitol, 2 M Urea) at 25℃ and 1000 rpm for 1h. The supernatant was then
collected, followed by a second incubation in 80 μl of the same urea-based buffer at 25℃ and
1000 rpm for 30 min. The second supernatant was also collected. The beads were washed with
60 μL of wash buffer (2M Urea, 50mM Tris-HCl pH=8 wash buffer) two times, collecting both
washes. The on-bead digests (supernatants) and two washes were combined into 280 μl per
sample and reduced with 2.3 μl of 500mM dithiothreitol (DTT) for 30 min at 1000 rpm at 25℃.
This was followed by alkylation with 4.6 μl of 500 mM iodoacetamide (IAA) for 45 min at 1000
rpm at 25℃. The samples were digested overnight with 0.5 μg of Trypsin at 700 rpm at 25℃.
Reactions were quenched with formic acid (FA) at a final concentration of 1%, then desalted

using reverse-phase C-18 StageTips as previously described[39] and dried down. The peptides
were reconstituted in 80 μl 50mM HEPES, followed by 8 μl of neat acetonitrile (MeCN), and
isobarically labeled using 500 μg of Tandem Mass Tag 18-plex (TMT18) reagent (Thermo
Fisher Scientific A44520 & A52046) for 1h at 1000 rpm and 25℃. After confirming successful
labeling (> 95% label incorporation), the reactions were quenched with 4 μl of 5%
hydroxylamine. Samples were mixed and dried. The sample was resuspended in 300 μl of 0.1%
formic acid to proceed with fractionation by bRP fractionation strategy on StageTips. The tips
were packed with 3 plugs of Empore Extraction Disks SDB-RPS 47mm material. StageTips
were sequentially conditioned with 100 μl of methanol (MeOH) and 100 μl of
50%MeCN/0.1%FA. The sample was loaded onto the StageTips, and washed twice with 100 μl
of 0.1% FA. 25 μl of 20 mM ammonium formate was added to the stage tip for buffer exchange.
It was then eluted into 8 consecutive fractions with increased organic content at 100 μl per
elution step (5, 10, 15, 20, 23, 27, 30 and 45% MeCN in 20 mM ammonium formate). The
fractions were transferred to HPLC vials and dried.
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LC-MS/MS analysis of coIP samples
The samples were analyzed on a Q Exactive HF-X mass spectrometer with a Vanquish Neo
UHPLC system (Thermo Fisher Scientific). The solvents used for the HPLC system were
solvent A (0.1% FA) and solvent B (0.1% FA/100% MeCN). The samples were injected into a
75-μm ID PicoFrit column packed manually to approximately 28 cm of length with ReproSil-Pur
C18-AQ 1.9-μn beads (Dr. Maisch) and heated to 50℃ for chromatographic separation.
The bRP fractions were loaded into the column at a flow rate of 200nL/min. The
chromatography consists of a 110-min method with a gradient of 1.6–5.4% solvent B for 1 min,
18–27% B for 22 min, 27–54% B for 9 min, 54–72% B for 1 min, followed by a hold at 72% B for
5 min and 72%-45% B for 10 min. The mass spectrometer was operated in data-dependent
acquisition mode. The MS parameters were set as follows: MS1, r=60,000; MS2, r=15,000; MS1
AGC target of 3e6 with maximum injection time of 10ms; MS2 for the 20 most abundant ions
using an AGC target of 5e4 and maximum injection time of 105ms; and normalized collision
energy of 28.
Data analysis of the coIP-LC-MS/MS experiment
Collected data were analyzed using the Spectrum Mill software package (Broad Institute). All
extracted spectra were searched against a UniProt database containing mouse reference
proteome sequences retrieved on 04/07/2021 and containing 55734 entrees. Fixed
modifications were carbamidomethylation at cysteine. TMT labeling was required at lysine, but
peptide N termini could be labeled or unlabeled. Allowed variable modifications were protein N-
terminal acetylation and oxidized methionine.
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Protein quantification was achieved by taking the ratio of TMT reporter ions for each sample
over the median of all channels. TMT18 reporter ion intensities were corrected for isotopic
impurities in the Spectrum Mill protein/peptide summary module using the afRICA correction
method which implements determinant calculations according to Cramer's Rule[79] and
correction factors obtained from the reagent manufacturer's certificate of analysis for lot
numbers XD343709 and XD346675. After performing median-MAD normalization, a moderated
two-sample t-test was applied to the datasets to compare WT, *Akap11*[+/-] and *Akap11*[-/-] sample

groups.
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Immunoblot
Four week (P30) or 12 week (P120) male mice were euthanized using CO_2 inhalation between
ZT10-ZT14, after which whole cortices were rapidly dissected and flash-frozen in liquid nitrogen.
Single hemispheres were homogenized in a 5 ml ice-cold homogenization buffer (1% SDS in
PBS) supplemented with phosphatase (Sigma 4906837001) and protease inhibitors (Sigma
4693159001), using the mechanical homogenization procedure described above. After BCA
(Thermo Fisher Scientific, A53225 or 23225) quantification of protein concentration, samples
were diluted with 6X Laemmli buffer with BME (Boston Bioproducts, BP-111R) or 2x Laemmli
buffer (Biorad, 1610737) with BME (Sigma, M3148) to a final concentration of 1x and boiled in
reducing SDS loading buffer at 98°C for 8 min. After preparation, sample aliquots were frozen at
-80°C. Before running on a gel, samples were thawed, heated at 98°C for 1 min and centrifuged
briefly. Samples were run on NuPAGE 3-8% Tris Acetate gradient gels (Invitrogen) at a
constant voltage. Equal amounts of sample were loaded unless otherwise specified (Extended
Data Figs. 3a,b). For Fig. 2a, a subset of smaller molecular weight proteins were tested on 4-
20% tris glycine gradient gels (Invitrogen). Proteins were transferred to 0.2 mm nitrocellulose
membranes using semi-dry transfer (Bio-Rad Transblot Turbo; 25V 30 min) and visualized by
Coomassie stain (Sigma, P7170). Subsequently, membranes were blocked with 5% milk in Tris-
buffered saline with 0.2% Tween 20 (TBST). Membranes were incubated overnight with primary
antibodies in 5% milk TBST with gentle rotation at 4°C. Membranes were incubated with primary
antibodies overnight at 4°C, washed three times with TBST for 10 min, and then incubated with
secondary HRP-conjugated antibodies raised against the appropriate species for 1 hour at RT.
After 3 additional TBST washes, membranes were imaged on ChemiDoc MP (Bio-Rad) and
analyzed using Image Lab Software (Bio-Rad). Enhanced chemiluminescence (Thermo, 34580
and 34096) and exposures were optimized to obtain signals in the linear range. Membranes
were then stripped (Thermo, 46430),washed three times, re-blocked with 5% milk in TBST, and
re-probed as described above. For cortical lysate immunoblots, 20µg of protein was loaded. For
microdissected brain regions, 15 or 20 µg or protein and 5 or 10 µg synapse fraction protein
were used for SDS-PAGE, unless otherwise specified (Extended Data Fig. 3a,b). For all
experiments, protein loading amounts were consistent across samples.
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For coIP-immunoblot, the following antibodies were used during SDS-page (after
immunoprecipitation): 1:1000 Mouse anti-PKA R1α (BD 610609), 1:1000 Mouse anti-PKA Cα
(BD 610980), 1:1000 Mouse anti-PKA R2β (BD 610625), 1:1000 Mouse anti-GluA1 (NeuroMab
75-327), 1:1000 Rabbit anti-Vinculin (CST 4650), 1:1000 Rabbit anti-VAPA (Proteintech 15275-
1-AP), 1:1000 Rabbit anti-VAPB (Proteintech 14477-1-AP), 1:1000 Rabbit anti-GSK3α (CST
4337), 1:1000 Rabbit anti-GSK3β (CST 9315), Mouse anti-GSK3α/β (Thermo Fisher Scientific
44-610) ,1:1000 Rabbit anti-Dyrk1a (CST 2771), 1:1000 Rabbit anti-P62 (CST 5114). For coIP-
immunoblot, we used horseradish peroxidase (HRP)-conjugated secondaries recognizing the
host species of the primary antibody (Thermo Fisher Scientific 31460 and 31430 for rabbit and
mouse respectively). When the IP and immunoblot antibodies were from the same species (Fig.
1g), we used secondaries that are selective towards non-denatured IgG (1:1000, TrueBlot HRP,
Rockland, 18-8816-33 and 18-8817-30).

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For immunoblot, the following antibodies were used:
1:1000 Rabbit anti-AKAP11 (Custom R171), 1:1000 Rabbit anti-AKAP11 (Custom R173),
1:1000 Mouse anti-PKA R1α (Thermo Fisher Scientific MA5-24981), 1:1000 Rabbit anti-PKA
R1α (CST 5675), 1:1000 Rabbit anti-PKA Cα (CST 4782), 1:1000 Rabbit anti-Iqgap1 (Abcam
ab86064), 1:1000 Rabbit anti-Dyrk1a (CST 2771), 1:1000 Rabbit anti-GSK3α (CST 4818),
1:1000 Rabbit anti-GSK3β (CST 9315), 1:1000 Mouse anti-P62 (Abcam ab56416), 1:1000
Rabbit anti-LC3A/B (CST 12741), 1:1000 Rabbit anti-VAPA (Proteintech 15275-1-AP), 1:1000
Rabbit anti-β Catenin (CST 8480), 1:1000 Mouse anti-Protein Phosphatase 1 (Santa Cruz SC-
7482), 1:1000 Rabbit anti-Sik2 (CST 6919), 1:1000 Rabbit anti-p-GSK3α^{S21} / anti-p-GSK3β^{S9}
(CST 8566), 1:1000 Rabbit anti-p-GSK3α / anti-p-GSK3β (CST 5676), 1:1000 Rabbit anti- p-
GSK3β^{S9} (CST 9336), 1:1000 Rabbit anti- p-GluA1^{S845} (CST 8084), 1:1000 Rabbit anti- GluA1
(CST 13185), 1:1000 Mouse anti- GluA1 (NeuroMab 75-327), 1:1000 Mouse anti-PSD95
(BioLegend 810301), 1:1000 Rabbit anti-Homer1 (Synaptic Systems 160003), 1:1000 Guinea
Pig anti-Synaptophysin 1(Synaptic Systems 101004). 1:1000 Mouse anti-PSD95 (clone K28/43,
Antibodies Inc 75-028). HRP-conjugated anti-Rabbit or anti-Mouse IgG (Thermo Fisher
Scientific 31460 and 31430). β-actin was probed using an HRP conjugated primary antibody
after all other proteins were probed (1:10,000. Thermo Fisher Scientific A3854). Otherwise, we
used HRP conjugated secondaries recognizing the host species of the primary antibody
(Thermo Fisher Scientific 31460 and 31430 for rabbit and mouse respectively).
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<u>Synapse purifications</u>
Synapse fractions were purified as we described previously[39,99,100]. Flash-frozen whole cortex
and subcortical basal forebrain was mechanically homogenized with 12 slow strokes by a Teflon
homogenizer and glass vessel in ice-cold homogenization buffer (5 mM HEPES pH 7.4, 1 mM
$MgCl_2$, 0.5 mM $CaCl_2$, supplemented with phosphatase (Sigma 4906837001) and protease
inhibitors (Sigma 4693159001). The homogenate was centrifuged for 10 min at 1,400 g (4°C)
and the resulting supernatant (S1) was re-centrifuged at 13,800 g for 10 min (4°C). The
resulting pellet (P2) was resuspended in 0.32 M Sucrose, 6 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.5) and layered
gently on a 0.85 M, 1 M, 1.2 M discontinuous sucrose gradient (all layers in 6 mM Tris-HCl pH
7.5) and ultracentrifuged at 82,500 g for 2 hours (4°C). For synapse mass spectrometry
experiments, phosphatase inhibitors were added to 1 M and 1.2 M sucrose buffers. The
synaptosome fraction, which sediments at the interface between 1 M and 1.2 M sucrose, was
collected. An equal volume of ice-cold 1% Triton X-100 (in 6 mM Tris-HCl pH 7.5) was added,
mixed thoroughly, and incubated on ice for 15 min. The mixture was ultracentrifuged at 32,800 g
for 20 min (4°C), and the pellet (the synapse fraction) was collected by resuspension in 1%
SDS. A small aliquot was taken to measure the protein concentration using the Pierce Micro
BCA assay (ThermoFisher Scientific, 23235) or BCA (ThermoFisher Scientific A53225) and the
remaining protein was stored at -80°C until processed for MS or immunoblot. For synapse
proteomics, sixteen synaptic fractions extracted from the cortex of wild type, *Akap11*$^{+/-}$ and
Akap11$^{-/-}$ mouse brains were used for the proteomics study using tandem mass tag (TMT)
isobaric labeling strategy for quantitation. At 4 weeks, sample sizes were n= 5 WT, 5 *Akap11*$^{+/-}$
and 6 *Akap11*$^{-/-}$. At 12 weeks, the sample sizes were n= 6 WT, 5 *Akap11*$^{+/-}$ and 5 *Akap11*$^{-/-}$.
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<u>Processing of samples for proteomics and phosphoproteomics</u>
Synapse fractions from animals at 4 weeks and 12 weeks were processed in two separate
TMT16 plexes as described before[39]. Briefly, all samples were prepared in a 1% SDS buffer and
digested using S-Trap™ sample processing technology (Protifi) following manufacturers
recommendations. Following digestion, 100 µg of each sample was reconstituted in 20µl of
50mM HEPES and labeled with 200 µg TMT16 reagent (Thermo Fisher Scientific A44520). After
verifying successful labeling of more than 95% label incorporation reactions were quenched,
mixed, desalted and dried down. TMT16 labeled peptides were fractionated by high pH
reversed-phase chromatography on a 4.6 mm x 250 mm Zorbax 300 extend-c18 column
(Agilent). One-min fractions were collected during the entire elution and fractions were
concatenated into 18 proteome fractions for LC-MS/MS analysis. Five percent of each fraction
was removed for proteome analysis. The remaining of each of the 18 fractions were further
concatenated to 9 fractions and dried down for phosphopeptide enrichment using immobilized
metal affinity chromatography (IMAC).
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<u>LC-MS/MS analysis for synapse fractions</u>
One microgram of each proteome fraction and half of each of the IMAC fractions were analyzed
on a QE-HFX mass spectrometer (Thermo Fisher Scientific) coupled to an Easy-nLC 1200 LC
system (Thermo Fisher Scientific). Samples were separated using 0.1% Formic acid/3%
Acetonitrile as buffer A and 0.1% Formic acid /90% Acetonitrile as buffer B on a 27cm 75um ID
picofrit column packed in-house with Reprosil C18-AQ 1.9 mm beads (Dr Maisch GmbH) with a
110 min gradient consisting of 2-6% B in 1 min, 6-20% B in 62 min, 20-30% B for 22 min, 30-
60% B in 9 min, 60-90% B for 1 min followed by a hold at 90% B for 5 min. The MS method
consisted of a full MS scan at 60,000 resolution and an AGC target of 3e6 from 350-1800 m/z
followed by MS2 scans collected at 45,000 resolution with an AGC target of 3e6 from 300-1800
m/z followed by MS2 scans collected at 35,000 resolution with an AGC target of 1e5 and 5e4 for
proteome and phosphoprotome fractions, respectively and a maximum injection time of 105 ms.
Dynamic exclusion was set to 15 seconds. The isolation window used for MS2 acquisition was
0.7 m/z and 20 most abundant precursor ions were fragmented with a normalized collision
energy (NCE) of 29 optimized for TMT16 data collection.
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<u>Database search and MS/MS quantification for PSD fractions</u>
All the datasets were searched on Spectrum Mill MS Proteomics Software (Broad Institute)
using mouse database downloaded from Uniprot.org on either 12/28/2017 or 04/07/2021
containing 47,069 or 55,734 entrees for 4 weeks and 12 weeks coIP-MS experiments,
respectively[101]. Search parameters included: ESI Qexactive HCD v4 35 scoring parent and
fragment mass tolerance of 20 ppm, 40% minimum matched peak intensity, trypsin allow P
enzyme specificity with up to four missed cleavages, and calculate reversed database scores
enabled. Fixed modifications were carbamidomethylation at cysteine. TMT labeling was
required at lysine, but peptide N-termini could be labeled or unlabeled. Variable modifications
were allowed for protein N-terminal acetylation and oxidized methionine as well as
phosphorylated serine, threonine, and tyrosine for the phosphoproteome datasets. Protein
quantification was achieved by taking the ratio of TMT reporter ions for each sample over the
TMT reporter ion for the median of all channels. TMT16 reporter ion intensities were corrected

for isotopic impurities in the Spectrum Mill protein/peptide summary module using the afRICA
correction method which implements determinant calculations according to Cramer's Rule and
correction factors obtained from the reagent manufacturer's certificate of analysis (Thermo
Fisher Scientific, 90406) for lot numbers VH310017 for both synapse proteomics experiments.
Median normalization was applied to both proteome and phosphoproteome datasets prior to
statistical analysis. Additionally, phosphosite changes were normalized for changes in protein
abundances by fitting a global linear model between the phosphosite and the cognate protein
and extracting the residuals. A moderated two-sample t-test was applied to the datasets to
compare WT, *Akap11*[+/-] and *Akap11*[-/-] sample groups. For proteins with multiple isoforms, the
isoform with the greatest abundance (number of spectra observed) was displayed in the plot.
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<u>Annotations from Phosphosite Plus</u>
Kinase substrate annotations were downloaded from https://www.phosphosite.org on June 20,
2022. In this database, some kinase substrate sites are inaccurately attributed to a kinase to
which it is indirectly related. For example, $Grin2b^{Y1472}$ is annotated as a PKA Cα substrate in
phopshopsite.org (see Fig. 4b, but is actually a PKC substrate[102]. Similarly, $Ctnnb1^{S45}$ is
annotated as a Gsk3β substrate in phosphosite.org, but is actually a CK1 substrate[46]. These
discrepancies were not adjusted for this manuscript in order to maintain unbiased usage of the
database.
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<u>Phosphoproteomics motif analysis</u>
Motif enrichment analysis was performed to generate motif logos using the pyproteome Python
library[103]. Motif logo enrichment values were calculated according to the method described for
pLogo[104]. Peptide 15-mers around each phosphorylation site were generated by Spectrum Mill
"VMsiteFlanks". Foreground and background N-mers were extracted from protein-aligned
sequences, using '-' to pad N-and C-terminal peptides. Quantification values from identical N-
mers (mis-cleaved, oxidized, or multiply-phosphorylated peptides) were combined by taking the
median value. Log odds enrichment values are equal to $(-log \frac{sf(x-1)}{cdf(x)})$, with k = the count of
amino acids at that relative position for phosphosites in a foreground collection ($P < 0.05$; FC >
1.25 or FC < 0.8). Survival function (sf) and cumulative distribution functions (cdf) were
calculated using scipy's hypergeometric distribution model (scipy.stats.hypergeom), with: n =
the total number of foreground N-mers; K = the count of amino acids at that position in the
background collection; and N=the total number of background N-mers.
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<u>Immunofluorescence</u>
15-17-week-old male mice were euthanized under isoflurane with transcardial perfusion of ~25
mL with PBS followed by ~25 ml 4% paraformaldehyde (PFA). These mice also underwent an 1
hour open field assays for a separate study[13], at 4 weeks and 12 weeks of age. Brains were
post-fixed overnight in 4% PFA, and washed the next day four times with PBS for 15 min.
Tissues were cryoprotected for 72 hours and stored at 4°C until sectioning. Brains were
sectioned on a vibratome (Leica) at either 40 or 60μm thickness (consistent within technical
replicates) and stored in a freezing buffer (0.1M PBS, 30% ethylene glycol, 30% glycerol, 0.01%
sodium azide).

For immunostaining, free-floating sections were first rinsed 4x with PBS for 10 min. Sections
were blocked and permeabilized with 1 hour RT incubation in a blocking solution. For the first
technical replicate, we used 5% Normal Goat Serum (Sigma, NS02L), with 10% BSA + 0.2%
Triton. For the second technical replicate, we used 5% Normal Donkey Serum (Jackson, 017-
000-121) + 0.2% Triton in PBS for 60 min. Primary antibodies were diluted in blocking solution
and incubated overnight at 4°C, rotating gently. The following day, sections were rinsed 3x for
15 min in PBS containing 0.2% Triton at RT on a shaker. DAPI (Thermo Fisher Scientific,
62248) was added to PBS at a final concentration of 1:5000 (for the first technical replicate) or
1:10,000 (for the second technical replicate) before mounting. The following primary and
secondary antibodies were used: PKA Ca (CST 4782, 1:100), PKA R1a (ThermoFisher MA5-
24981, 1:100). Donkey anti Rabbit 488 (Invitrogen A32790), Donkey anti-Mouse 555 (Invitrogen
A32773), Goat anti Rabbit 488 (Invitrogen A11034), Goat anti-Mouse 555 (Invitrogen A32727).
Whole sections were imaged with a Zeiss Axioscan 7 Slidescanner using exposure and intensity
settings that were constant across samples within technical replicates.
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1297   PKA R1α was quantified in FIJI using the freehand selection tool and the intensity measurement
1298   function. Regions were selected using the Allen Brain Atlas as a reference. Experimenters were
1299   blind to conditions during analysis. For representative images, brightness levels were uniformly
1300   increased across the whole images with Zen software (Carl Zeiss) and scaled down to 10% to
1301   accommodate the large field of view of the stitched image.
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<u>Tissue collection for RNA sequencing</u>
For bulk and snRNA-seq, mice were harvested between ZT9 and ZT15, near the animals active
period at ZT12. Brain tissues for bulk and snRNA-seq were prepared as described[11], and also
available at protocols.io (https://www.protocols.io/view/fresh-frozenmouse-brain-preparation-for-
single-nu-bcbrism6). At 4 and 12 weeks of age, male WT, *Akap11*$^{+/-}$ and *Akap11*$^{-/-}$ mice were
anesthetized by administration of isoflurane in a gas chamber. Within each age, 4 mice per
genotype were harvested for snRNA-seq, with the exception of 4 week striatum, which had 5
WT samples. For bulk RNA-seq, 5 mice per genotype within an age were collected, with the
exception of the following 4 week samples: *Akap11*$^{+/-}$ SSC and WT Hipp had 6 samples and
Akap11$^{-/-}$ str and WT PFC had 4 samples.
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Transcardial perfusions were performed with ice-cold Hank's Balanced Salt Solution (HBSS,
Gibco 14175-095) in mice anesthetized with 3% isoflurane delivered continuously via nose
cone. Brains were then frozen gradually over liquid nitrogen vapor and stored at –80°C with
tubes containing O.C.T. (optimal cutting temperature) freezing medium (Tissue-Tek) to prevent
desiccation. Brain region microdissections were performed by hand in a cryostat (Leica
CM3050S), with a ophthalmic microscalpel (Feather safety razor P-715) or 1.5 mm diameter
biopsy punch (Integra 33-31A). PFC, Hipp and SSC were excised by hand. SN and Thal were
collected by biopsy punch. For snRNA-seq studies, both dorsal and ventral striatum were
collected together with a microscalpel, while for bulk RNA-seq, dorsal striatum was collected by
punch. All brain regions were identified according to the Allen Brain Atlas. Dissected tissues
were placed into a precooled 1.5-ml PCR tube and stored at –80°C.
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<u>RNA extraction and bulk RNA-seq library preparation</u> RNA was prepared from micro-dissected
tissues using RNeasy Mini Kit (Qiagen, 74106) following the manufacturer's instructions. Briefly,
tissue samples were lysed and homogenized, placed into columns, and bound to the RNeasy
silica membrane. Next, contaminants were washed away. Columns were treated with DNase
(Qiagen) to digest residual DNA and concentrated RNA was eluted in water. RNA concentration
was measured using a NanoDrop Spectrophotometer and RNA integrity (RIN) with RNA pico
chips (Agilent) using a 2100 Bioanalyzer Instrument (Agilent). Purified RNA was stored at -80°C
until library preparation for bulk RNA-seq analysis. Bulk RNA-seq libraries were prepared using
a TruSeq Stranded mRNA Kit (Illumina) following the manufacturer's instructions. 200 ng of
isolated total RNA from each sample was used and the concentration of resulting cDNA library
was measured with High Sensitivity DNA chips (Agilent) using a 2100 Bioanalyzer Instrument
(Agilent). A 10 nM normalized library was pooled, and sequencing was performed on a
NovaSeq S2 (Illumina) with 50 bases each for reads 1 and 2 and 8 bases each for index reads
1 and 2.
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For snRNA-seq library preparation, brain tissue dissection and nuclei extraction were performed
within 16 hours to avoid desiccation and freeze-thaw cycles. A gentle, detergent-based
dissociation was used to extract the nuclei, according to a previously published protocol [105] also
available at protocols.io (https://www.protocols.io/view/frozen-tissue-nuclei-extraction-bbseinbe).
Extracted nuclei were then loaded into the 10x Chromium V3.1 system (10x Genomics) and
library preparation was performed according to the manufacturer's protocol. A 10 nM normalized
library was pooled, and sequencing was performed on a NovaSeq S2 (Illumina) with 28 and 75
bases for reads 1 and 2, respectively, and 10 bases each for index reads 1 and 2.
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<u>Bulk RNA-seq DE analysis</u>
FASTQ files were aligned to a reference, which was derived from the genome FASTA file and
transcriptome GTF extracted from the CellRanger mm10 reference. Alignment and
quantification were performed using a Nextflow V1 pipeline[106]
(https://github.com/seanken/BulkIsoform/blob/main/Pipeline). Quantification was performed by
Salmon[107] (version 1.7.0, with arguments -l A --posBias --seqBias --gcBias --validateMapping),
using a Salmon reference built with the salmon index command with genomic decoys included.
Two samples - HP_HT_941 and TH_WT_913 - were removed from analysis due to evidence of
contamination by aberrant marker gene expression.

Dataset	WT sample size (*n*)	*Akap11*[+/-] sample size (*n*)	*Akap11*[-/-] sample size (*n*)
4wk PFC (Prefrontal Cortex)	5	6	5
4wk Hipp (Hippocampus)	6	4	5
4wk SSC (Somatosensory Cortex)	5	6	5
4wk Striatum (Str)	5	5	5
4wk Thalamus (Thal)	5	5	5
4wk Substantia Nigra (SN)	6	6	5
12wk PFC	5	5	5
12wk Hipp	5	5	5
12wk SSC	5	5	5
12wk Str	5	5	5
12wk Thal	5	5	5
12wk SN	5	5	5

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Differential expression:
Differential expression analysis was performed to compare the heterozygous or knockout
mutants to the wild-type mice for each brain region and age using the Wald test in R package
DESeq2[108] (version 1.34). Salmon output was loaded using R package tximport[109] (version
1.22). Genes that had less than 10 counts across all samples in each experiment were removed
from our analysis. Due to evidence of dissection variability in striatum by excitatory marker
genes, DESeq2's PC1 was added as a covariate for differential expression in 1 month striatum.
Log2 fold change shrinkage was applied using the "normal" shrinkage estimator in DESeq2.
DESeq2's default results filtering was used and all genes in a given comparison with padj = NA
were removed from downstream analysis. For 1 month hippocampus and thalamus, the default
filtering removed the majority of genes, so we changed the filtering for the heterozygous vs. WT
comparison to match the less aggressive filtering in the knockout vs. WT comparison.
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Single-nucleus RNA-seq analysis
snRNA-seq reads were aligned to an mm10 mouse reference genome containing introns
(https://cf.10xgenomics.com/supp/cell-exp/refdata-gex-mm10-2020-A.tar.gz) using the Cell
Ranger v3.0.2 pipeline (10x Genomics)[110]. Cell Ranger count was run with default parameters
and the following additional flags: --chemistry=SC3Pv3 and --expect-cells=15000. Replicates for
the 4-week STR dataset were down-sampled to contain the same number of reads per cell
using Cell Ranger aggr with default parameters.

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Seurat v4.0.3[111] was used to analyze Unique Molecular Identifier (UMI) counts. Nuclei
expressing less than 500 genes were removed and the remaining nuclei were normalized by
total expression, multiplied by ten thousand, and log transformed. The data were then scaled
using Seurat's ScaleData function. Seurat's RunPCA function was used to perform linear
dimension reduction on the variable genes within the scaled data. Clustering in the PCA space
was then run using Seurat's FindNeighbors and FindClusters functions and the clusters were
visualized using Seurat's RunUMAP function. Doublet identification was performed using the
Scrublet v0.2.3[112]. Python package with default parameters. Clusters and nuclei with a scrublet
score above the region-specific thresholds were determined to be doublets and were removed
from the data. The table below shows the used scrublet score thresholds for all snRNA-seq
datasets:

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Dataset	Scrublet Score Threshold
4wk PFC	0.36
4wk Striatum	0.2
12wk PFC	0.4
12wk Striatum	0.4

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Cluster cell type assignment was evaluated using region-specific cell type marker genes.
Neuronal subtypes were identified by re-clustering the nuclei of a given major cell type and
evaluating expression of subtype-specific marker genes. Marker genes for the more widely
classified major cell types and subtypes were identified in the literature[113]. Rarer cell types and
subtypes were identified using Seurat's FindMarkers function. The clusters were then identified
by searching cluster-specific marker genes on mouseBrain.org[114] and or dropviz.org[115].

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Dataset	WT sample size (n)	$Akap11^{+/-}$ sample size (n)	$Akap11^{-/-}$ sample size (n)
4wk PFC	4	4	4
4wk Striatum	4	4	4
12wk PFC	4	4	4
12wk Striatum	5	4	4

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Pseudobulk DE analysis
snRNA-seq differential expression (DE) analysis was performed using the pseudobulk
approach. For each dataset, counts were grouped by cell type and replicate, then gene counts
were summed across each replicate within a cell type, resulting in one count value per replicate
per cell type. Surrogate variable analysis (SVA) was conducted using the sva v3.42.0 R
package[116] to account for unknown sources of variation within each experiment. Differential

expression analysis was then run with the covariates identified by SVA using the EdgeR v3.22.3
R package[117]. DEGs were defined as genes with a Benjamini-Hochberg adjusted *P*-value <0.05.
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<u>Gene set enrichment analysis</u>
GSEA was performed with the R Bioconductor package *fgsea*[118] using C5 ontology gene sets
obtained from the Molecular signatures database (MSigDB) on September 28, 2022. Genes
were pre-ranked using their test-statistics within each comparison, and their *Homo sapiens*
homolog-associated were used for the analysis. For genes or proteins with multiple isoforms,
the isoform with the largest effect-size (absolute value of the t-statistic) was used for pre-
ranking. Because the enrichment analyses were carried out using the proteins' gene symbols,
we use the terms gene set and protein set interchangeably in this study. For each of these gene
sets, mouse gene symbols from transcriptomics and proteomics results were mapped to
matching *Homo sapiens* homolog-associated gene symbols through annotations extracted from
Ensembl's BioMart data service; the human symbols were then used to perform GSEA. A list of
all significant GO terms (FDR < 0.05) for all datasets are provided in Supplementary Tables.
GSEA analysis with custom gene sets was conducted by appending these sets to the C5
MSigDB database.
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<u>Curated gene sets</u>
Phosphosites that correlate with homeostatic synaptic scaling were curated from Desch et al.[60],
including together all phosphosites that were significantly altered (adjusted *P*-value < 0.05) after
5 minutes, 15 minutes or 24 hours of either bicuculline or tetrodotoxin treatment. Curated gene
sets that we have previously described[11] include "Activity-regulated genes" (ARGs), which
include rapid, delayed and slow primary response genes induced by neuronal depolarization *in*
vitro[70], GWAS and exome associations for neuropsychiatric traits[26,71–73], and dopamine-induced
genes which are genes with FDR < 0.1 that were upregulated in striatal neuronal culture
following 1 hour dopamine treatment[119].
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<u>Brain slice electrophysiology</u>
6-8-week-old male and female mice were used for brain slice electrophysiology experiments,
including n = 9 slices from 4 mice WT, and n = 8 slices from 4 mice *Akap11*$^{-/-}$ for input-output
experiments; n = 25 slices from 8 mice WT, n = 24 slices from 7 mice *Akap11*$^{+/-}$, and n = 23
slices from 8 mice *Akap11*$^{-/-}$ for early LTP and paired-pulse facilitation experiments. An NMDG-
based cutting solution was used and contains (in Mm): 93 NMDG, 2.5 KCl, 1.2 NaH_2PO_4, 30
$NaHCO_3$, 20 HEPES, 25 Glucose, 10 $MgSO_4$, 0.5 $CaCl_2$, 5 Sodium Ascorbate, 2 Thiourea, 3
Sodium Pyruvate. pH = 7.3-7.4, OSM = 300-310. The external artificial cerebrospinal fluid
(ACSF) recording solution contains(in Mm): 124 NaCl, 2.5 KCl, 1.25 NaH_2PO_4, 24 $NaHCO_3$, 5
HEPES, 12.5 Glucose,1 $MgSO_4$, 2 $CaCl_2$ pH = 7.35, OSM = 300. For brain slice preparation,
cardiac perfusion was performed with cold NMDG cutting solution under isoflurane anesthesia.
Transverse (horizontal) brain slices containing hippocampus were cut at 400μM with a Leica
VT1200S Microtome when submerged in ice-cold NMDG cutting solution. Brain slices were
transferred to NMDG solution at 32ºC for approximately 10 min before being transferred to RT
brain slice holding solution. Slices were allowed to recover for at least 1 hour before starting the
recordings.

To obtain hippocampus field electric postsynaptic potential (EPSP), a concentric bipolar stim
electrode (FHC Inc) and a borosilicate glass recording electrode (2-3mOhm resistance) were
placed in the classic schaffer collateral to CA1 (SC-CA1) pathway. The signals were low-pass
filtered at 2.8kHz using a MultiClamp 700B amplifier (Molecular Devices) and digitized at 10kHz
using a DAQ board (National Instrument). Baseline field EPSP were evoked by a paired-pulse
stimulation (40ms ISI) every twenty seconds, and a stimulation intensity that evoked 40% of the
maximum field EPSP response was used for baseline recording.
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For input-output recordings, field EPSP responses were evoked with varying stimulation
intensities (20-500 µA). For early LTP recordings, slices were stimulated for approximately 30
mins until a stable baseline field EPSP was obtained. Theta burst stimulation consists of short
bursts of 4 stimulation pulses at 10Hz delivered at theta frequency (5Hz, 10 epochs) were used
to induce LTP. The field EPSP was recorded for another 20 mins after LTP induction. Paired-
pulse ratio was quantified using the field EPSP collected from the 10-minute period before LTP
induction and was defined as the ratio between the second and the first field EPSP slope. Field
EPSP slope was quantified as the slope during 10-90% of the raise time.
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<u>Single-molecule fluorescent in-situ hybridization (smFISH)</u>
Mouse brain characterization of *Akap11*, *Prkaca*, and *Prkar1a* expression was performed using
Advanced Cell System's (ACD) single-molecule *in situ* hybridization multiplexed fluorescent
amplification kits (ACD catalog numbers 323270). 12-week-old male mice, n=6 per genotype
WT, *Akap11$^{+/-}$,* and *Akap11$^{-/-}$*, were deeply anesthetized under isoflurane, perfused with ice-cold
HBSS for 3 minutes, and decapitated. Brains were extracted and frozen gradually over liquid
nitrogen vapors. Frozen brains were stored in tubes with O.C.T. in -80°c. Brains were sectioned
sagittally at 12um/section using a Leica cryostat. Four sections per animal (two sections per
slide) were collected on SuperFrost Charged slides and stored at -80ºC and smFISH was
performed the following day. Slides were post-fixed in freshly made, pre-chilled 4% PFA
(Electron Microscopy Sciences) in PBS for 1 hour on ice. Sections were then dehydrated with
50%, 70%, and 100% ethanol for 5 min at room temperature. All slides were outlined with a
grease pen and all following smFISH steps were done on a humidified slide rack. Sections were
then treated with hydrogen peroxide for 10 min followed by three PBS washes. Sections then
underwent permeabilization with "protease IV" for 30 min followed by three PBS washes.
Sections were then hybridized using probes to *Prkaca* (channel 1), *Akap11* (channel 2), and
Prkar1a (channel 3) at 40ºC for 2 hours, washed twice with wash buffer, and placed in
aluminum foil-wrapped slide holders filled with 5X SSC (Thermo Fisher Scientific, 15557044)
overnight at room temperature. The following day, sections were thoroughly washed in wash
buffer and probes were amplified using the AMP reagents from the ACD kit. Slides were
washed between each step using the wash buffer. HRP binding was also carried out according
to the kit's protocol with C1, C2, and C3. Fluorophores were diluted at 1:750 in TSA buffer: C1
was in 488; Channel 2 was in Cy3; Channel 3; Cy5. Once the procedure was completed, slides
were counterstained with room temperature Prolong Gold Antifade Mountant with DAPI (Thermo
Fisher Scientific, P36935).
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Slides were scanned in a Zeiss Axioscan 7 microscope slide scanner with a 40x objective
quadruple bandpass filter set with DAPI focus. CZI files were converted to 8-bit TIFF images in
FIJI and appropriate brain regions (cortex, thalamus, hippocampus, and striatum) were outlined
using the freehand selection tool. To assess levels of *Akap11*, *Prkaca*, and *Prka1a*, the mean
intensity was quantified for each outlined brain region with background subtraction using the
declive (VI), molecular layer. Four sections per animal were averaged and normalized to the WT
to minimize batch effects.
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<u>Viruses</u>
FLIM-AKAR and FLIM-AKAR^{T391A} viruses were packaged in-house into a AAV2/AAV9 vector
using plasmids that were available from Addgene (no. 60445 and 60446). The final viral
constructs and concentration used in this study were: AAV2/1-FLEX-FLIM-AKAR (8.53 ×
10^{12}gc/ml), AAV9-FLEX-FLIM-AKAR (2.14 × 10^{13} gc/ml), AAV2-FLEX-FLIM-AKAR^{T391A} (1.23 x
10^13 gc/ml), AAV9-FLEX-FLIM-AKAR^{T391A} (7.67 × 10^{12} gc/ml). AAV2rg-Ef1a-Cre (1.39 × 10^{13}
gc/ml) was obtained from Salk institute. While both AAV2 and AAV9 versions of the FLIM-AKAR
and FLIM-AKAR^{T391A} were used in this study, we saw no noticeable difference in their
expression level and baseline fluorescence lifetime when expressed in wild-type mice. During
the experiments, FLIM-AKAR or mutant FLIM-AKAR^{T391A} virus was mixed with the Cre virus in a
4:1 ratio. A final volume of 250 nL was used for intracranial injection.
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<u>Stereotaxic Surgery and Virus Injection</u>
Mice were anesthetized with isoflurane and underwent bilateral injection of the virus mix (FLIM-
AKAR + Cre or FLIM-AKAR^{T391A} + Cre). Typically, one side of the brain is injected with FLIM-
AKAR + Cre, while the other side is injected with FLIM-AKAR^{T391A} + Cre while counterbalancing
the sides of the brain, with the exception of twelve mice (mixed genotypes) injected with Dlight
3.8 virus instead of FLIM-AKAR^{T391A} + Cre (data not included). Virus injection was conducted
using coordinates for the nucleus accumbens lateral shell (AP +1.20, ML +1.50 from bregma,
DV -4.2 from brain surface). Optical fibers (MFC_200/230-0.37_4.5mm_MF1.25_FLT from Doris
Lenses) were placed bilaterally and ~ 0.3 mm above the injection site.
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<u>Fluorescence lifetime photometry (FLiP)</u>
Thirty-three 12-20 week-old *Akap11* mutant mice of mixed genotypes were used for stereotaxic
surgeries and subsequent FLiP measurements, including baseline, D1R antagonist and D2R
antagonist expriments. Approximately equal number of male and female mice were used (n=10
WT, n=11 *Akap11$^{+/-}$* and n=10 *Akap11$^{-/-}$*). The fluorescence lifetime and intensity of the FILM-
AKAR (or FLIM-AKAR^{T391A}) was measured in real time at 10kHz using a Fluorescent lifetime
photometry system[95]. Customized MATLABM software was used to collect the lifetime
measurement, and the lifetime data was down sampled to 10 Hz using a rolling mean. This
setup will be described in detail and analysis code will be provided in an upcoming manuscript
(Lodder *et al.,* In Preparation).
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Animals were habituated into the recording room for at least 30 mins before the experiments.
Baseline FLIM-AKAR lifetime was measured for 20 mins during the first measurement, and
were then collected for 10 mins each during subsequent measurements, while animals were

allowed to freely move in an open field (18x18 cm). Drug injections (dopamine D1/D2
antagonists) during pharmacology experiments were conducted after 10 mins baseline lifetime
measurement, and the lifetime data were collected for at least another 20 mins following
intraperitoneal injections.
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The drugs used in our study include: D1R antagonist (SKF 83566 hydrobromide, Cayman
Chemical #29480; 3 mg kg^{-1}), D2R antagonist (eticlopride hydrochloride, Cayman Chemical
#29112; 0.5 mg kg^{-1}). Drugs were dissolved in sterile saline at appropriate concentrations and
were injected at 0.1 ml solution per 10 g of mouse. An average injection including scruffing the
mice took ~30 s and animals were habituated to the injection procedure with sterile saline twice
before the pharmacology experiments.
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1562 After the FLiP experiments were completed, all mice were perfused transcardially with PFA.
1563 Coronal brain sections (80µM) near the optical fiber implants were sliced using a vibratome
1564 (Leica VT1200S). The brain slices were mounted with Prolong Gold Antifade Mountant with
1565 DAPI (Thermo Fisher Scientific, P36935) and imaged with a Zeiss Axioscan 7 slidescanner.
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The experimenter was blinded to the genotype of the mice during the experiments and
subsequent data analysis. Two out of thirty-three FLIM-AKAR measurements were excluded
from the study due to the low expression of the FILM-AKAR causing the autofluorescent
contribution to the recorded lifetime to be greater than 20% based on our estimation. The
exclusion criteria was determined before the experiment while the experimenter was still blinded
to the mice genotypes.
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<u>Amphetamine induced-hyperlocomotion (AIH)</u>
Akap11 mice that were 10-12 weeks old with roughly equal numbers of male and female mice
were used for the AIH experiment. n=18 WT, n=22 *Akap11$^{+/-}$* and n=14 *Akap11$^{-/-}$* were used for
this experiment. Mice in each genotype were randomly assigned to the saline or amphetamine
groups. Before the experiment, dextroamphetamine sulfate (Millipore Sigma 1180004; salt
corrected) was dissolved in water at 0.2667 mg/mL and was pH corrected to 7.3. Mice were
weighted and were allowed to habituate in the behavioral room (under white light) for 30 mins
before the start of the experiment. For the measurement of locomotion, mice were placed in
Omnitech Electronics Inc SuperFlex Open Field apparatus, which was cleaned with 70%
ethanol between each experiment. First, a 90 min baseline locomotion was recorded, followed
by subcutaneous injection of amphetamine at a dose of 2mg/kg or saline. Following drug
injection, the locomotion data were collected for another 90 min. Locomotion data were
measured by infrared beams and were measured by beam breaks, and were grouped into 5-min
bins for analysis.
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<u>Statistics</u>
Statistics for immunoblots, fluorescence lifetime photometry (FLiP), and AIH were calculated in
GraphPad Prism, with each dot representing an individual animal. Immunoblots and FLiP
experiments including the genotype factor and a second factor (Age, Brain region, Protein

interactor, or FLIM-AKAR variant) were quantified with two-way ANOVA. For all analyses with a
significant main effect of genotype, post hoc Tukey's multiple comparisons were conducted for
all possible comparisons within the same level of the second factor (e.g. WT, *Akap11*[+/-] and
Akap11[-/-] were compared within one age, but not between different ages). Multiple comparisons
were conducted with Tukey's post hoc test. For Extended Data Figs. 2b,c and 3g, where
Akap11[-/-] was excluded, Sidak's multiple comparisons test was used. For immunoblot, and FLiP
experiments where genotype was the only variable, statistically analysis were conducted by
one-way ANOVA followed by Tukey's post hoc test to compare all genotype pairs. Further
statistical information are available in Supplementary Table 1.
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<u>Data availability</u>
The original mass spectra and the protein sequence database used for searches have been
deposited in the public proteomics repository MassIVE (http://massive.ucsd.edu)
and are accessible at ftp://MSV000095852@massive.ucsd.edu. These datasets will be made
public upon acceptance of the manuscript. Processed and raw bulk and single nucleus RNA
sequencing data have been deposited at Gene Expression Omnibus (GEO) with the following
IDs: bulk RNAseq: GSE272097. single nucleus RNAseq: GSE272098. For analyses of *Akap11*
transcript abundance in wild-type mice, the following publicly available datasets were
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