

1 **Cell type composition and circuit organization**

2 **of neocortical radial clones**

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18 **Summary**

19 Excitatory neurons arising from a common progenitor establish radially-oriented clonal
20 units in the neocortex which have been proposed to serve as elementary information
21 processing modules. To characterize the cell types and circuit diagram within these
22 clonal units, we performed single-cell RNA-sequencing and multi-cell patch clamp
23 recordings of neurons derived from *Nestin*-positive progenitors. We found that radial
24 clones do not appear to be fate-restricted, but instead individual clones are composed of
25 a random sampling of the transcriptomic cell types present in a particular cortical area.
26 The effect of lineage on synaptic connectivity depends on the type of connection tested:
27 pairs of clonally related neurons were more likely to be connected vertically, across
28 cortical layers, but not laterally within the same layer, compared to unrelated pairs. We
29 propose that integration of vertical input from related neurons with lateral input from
30 unrelated neurons may represent a developmentally programmed motif for assembling
31 neocortical circuits.

32 Introduction

33 The mammalian neocortex carries out complex mental processes such as cognition and
34 perception through the interaction of billions of neurons connected by trillions of
35 synapses. We are just beginning to understand how networks of neurons become wired
36 together during development to give rise to cortical computations (Polleux et al., 2007).
37 During cortical neurogenesis, which lasts from approximately embryonic day 10.5
38 (E10.5) through E17.5 in the mouse (Caviness et al., 1995, Takahashi et al., 1996), radial
39 glial cells (RGCs) undergo asymmetric division to generate postmitotic excitatory
40 neurons that migrate radially to populate the cortical plate. Neurogenesis occurs in an
41 inside-out gradient, such that early-born neurons occupy the deep cortical layers and
42 later-born neurons reside in progressively more superficial layers (Angevine and
43 Sidman, 1961, Rakic, 1974, Caviness et al., 1995). An individual RGC gives rise to a
44 radial unit of clonally related excitatory neurons, sometimes referred to as an *ontogenetic*
45 *column*, spanning cortical layers 2–6 (Torii et al., 2009, Kriegstein and Noctor, 2004,
46 Noctor et al., 2001, Noctor et al., 2007). However, these radial units of clonally related
47 neurons are only loosely clustered and are intermixed with numerous nearby unrelated
48 neurons (Walsh and Cepko, 1988; Tan et al., 1995). In contrast to excitatory neurons,
49 inhibitory interneurons are generated in specialized regions of the ventral
50 telencephalon and migrate tangentially to disperse throughout the developing cortical
51 mantle (Letinic et al., 2002, Kriegstein and Noctor, 2004, Tan et al., 1998, Mayer et al.,
52 2015).

53 Recent advances in single-cell RNA-sequencing technology (Tang et al., 2009,
54 Picelli et al., 2013, Picelli et al., 2014a) have enabled unbiased cell type classification in
55 heterogeneous tissues including the cerebral cortex (Zeisel et al., 2015, Tasic et al., 2016,

56 Tasic et al., 2018). An emerging principle is that, in contrast to inhibitory interneurons,
57 excitatory neurons in the adult mouse (Tasic et al., 2018) and developing human
58 (Nowakowski et al., 2017) cortex are largely region-specific at the level of transcriptomic
59 cell types, with several dozens of excitatory cell types per area (Tasic et al., 2018, Hodge
60 et al., 2018). While it is well-established that the vast majority of cells within radial
61 clones are excitatory neurons (Tan et al., 1998), it remains controversial whether
62 individual RGCs can give rise to the full diversity of excitatory neuron cell types within
63 a given cortical area, or whether individual progenitors give rise to a restricted subset of
64 transcriptomic cell types (Eckler et al., 2015, Llorca et al., 2018).

65 A series of studies used a retroviral lineage tracing method to show that clonally
66 related excitatory neurons are more likely to be synaptically connected to each other
67 (Yu et al., 2009, Yu et al., 2012, He et al., 2015) and also tend to have similar preferred
68 orientations in primary visual cortex (V1) compared to unrelated neurons (Li et al.,
69 2012), consistent with the longstanding hypothesis that radial clones may constitute
70 elementary circuit modules for information processing in the cortex (Mountcastle, 1997,
71 Rakic, 1988, Buxhoeveden and Casanova, 2002). The vertical, across-layer connections
72 between related neurons were described as having a similar directional preference as
73 that found in adult cortex (Yu et al., 2009); however, layer-specific vertical connections
74 were not analyzed independently to directly compare related and unrelated pairs.
75 Moreover, no data were reported for lateral connections between clonally related cells
76 within the same cortical layer. Therefore, it remains unclear whether all local
77 connections are more likely to occur between clonally related neurons, as has become
78 the dogma in the field (Li et al., 2018), or only specific layer-defined connection types.
79 Given the complexity of the local cortical circuit and the different functional roles of

80 layer-defined connections (Lefort et al., 2009, Feldmeyer, 2012, Lubke et al., 2000, Lubke
81 et al., 2003), clarifying the effect of cell lineage on the underlying layer-specific
82 connectivity matrix may have important implications regarding the mechanism and
83 purpose of lineage-driven connectivity. The difficulty of multi-patching experiments
84 combined with the relatively low connectivity rates between excitatory neurons (Jiang
85 et al., 2015, Markram et al., 1997, Barth et al., 2016, Jiang et al., 2016) necessitate testing a
86 very high number of connections and poses an enormous technical challenge to address
87 this question.

88 Using an enhancer trap Cre-line to label progenitors at an earlier developmental
89 stage, yielding much larger clones (approximately 670-800 neurons per clone compared
90 to 4-6 neurons per clone in Yu et al., 2009), a separate group has reported a much
91 smaller effect of cell lineage on orientation tuning in V1 (Ohtsuki et al., 2012), calling
92 into question the generalizability of cell lineage as an important determinant of large-
93 scale functional circuits (Smith and Fitzpatrick, 2012). While one study has examined
94 lateral connections within layer 4 (L4) of large clones labeled in chimeric mice
95 (Tarusawa et al., 2016), the effect of cell lineage on other layer-defined connection types
96 has not been systematically studied in large clones. This represents a major obstacle in
97 translating the idea of lineage-dependent circuit assembly into a practical model of
98 cortical circuit development.

99 Here we use a tamoxifen-inducible Cre-lox system to label progenitors precisely
100 at the onset of neurogenesis, resulting in intermediate-sized radial clones (86 neurons
101 on average; Figure 1) spanning cortical layers 2-6 to ask: a) what is the cell type
102 composition of individual clones and b) what is the layer-specific connectivity matrix
103 among clonally related excitatory neurons. We find that radial clones of excitatory

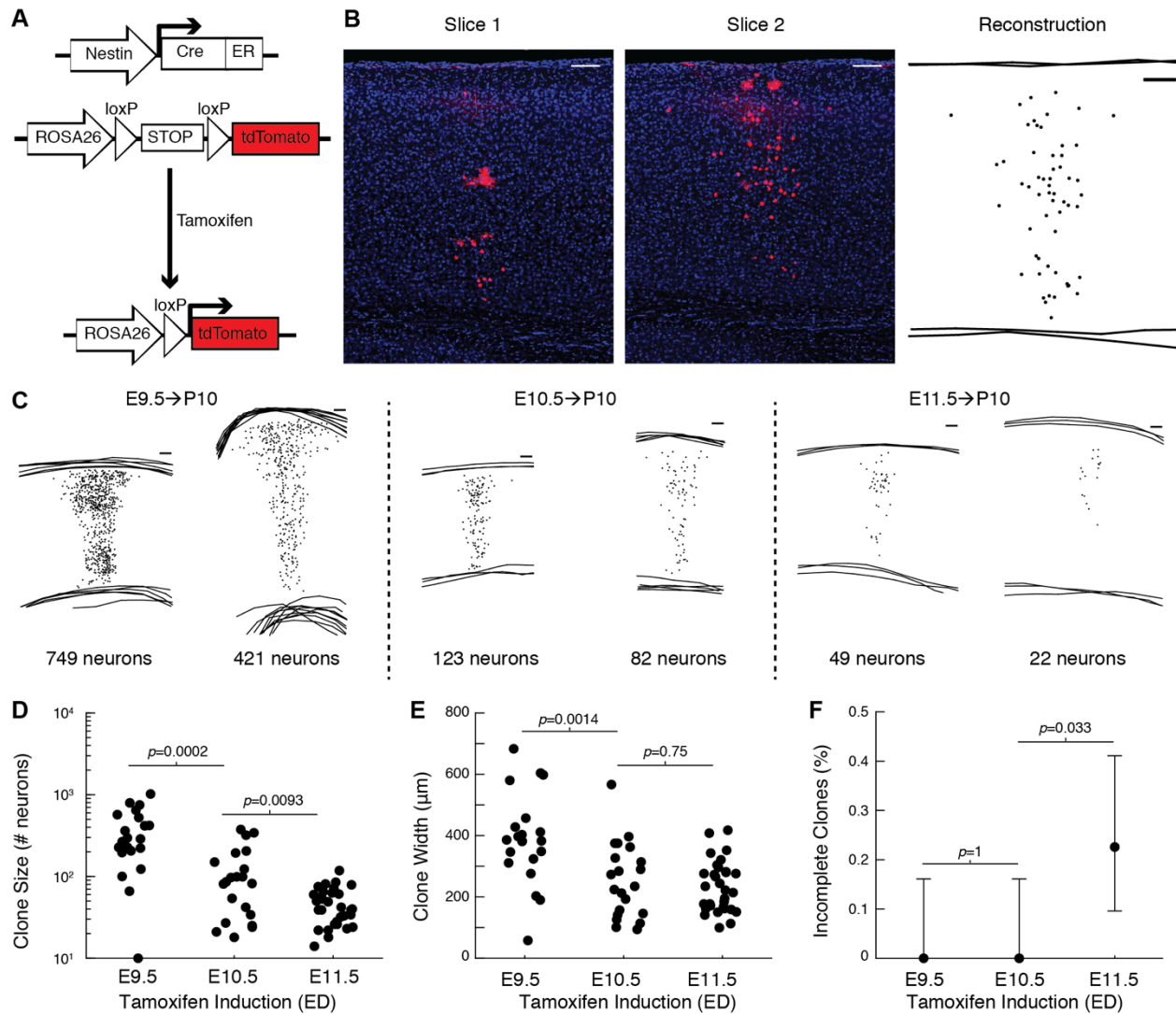
104 neurons are composed of diverse transcriptomic cell types with no evidence of cell type
105 fate restriction compared to nearby unrelated neurons. In addition, vertical connections
106 linking cells across cortical layers, and in particular vertical inputs to cortical layer 5,
107 were selectively increased among clonally related neurons with no change in lateral
108 connections within the same cortical layer. These findings suggest a revision of the
109 current dogma of universally increased connectivity among clonally related excitatory
110 neurons and suggest that integration of vertical input from related neurons within
111 radial units and lateral input from unrelated neurons may represent a developmentally
112 programmed blueprint for the construction of functional neocortical circuits.

113 **Results**

114 *Tamoxifen induction at E10.5 generates radial clones spanning superficial and deep* 115 *cortical layers*

116 To label radial clones, we induced sparse recombination in RGCs at approximately the
117 onset of neurogenesis using a tamoxifen-inducible Cre-lox transgenic system driven by
118 the *Nestin* promoter (Figures 1A-1B). In contrast to viral lineage tracing methods, which
119 are routinely performed at E12.5 or later (Yu et al., 2009, Yu et al., 2012, Li et al., 2012),
120 and enhancer trap methods (Ohtsuki et al., 2012), which do not allow precise control of
121 the labeling time (i.e. number of neurons per clone) or density (i.e. number of clones per
122 brain), our approach enabled us to empirically determine the optimal dosing and time
123 point to sparsely label radial clones (Figure 1C). When tamoxifen was administered
124 shortly before the onset of neurogenesis, at E9.5, the resulting clones at P10 contained

125 288 neurons (median, interquartile range [IQR] 196–525 neurons) and spanned 383 μm
126 in width (median, IQR 311–428 μm ; n=21 clones from two animals; Figures 1D–E).
127 When tamoxifen was administered at approximately the onset of neurogenesis, at E10.5,
128 the resulting clones at P10 contained 86 neurons (median, IQR 27–150) and spanned 235
129 μm in width (median, IQR 141–327 μm ; n=21 clones from two animals; Figures 1D–E).
130 The substantial decrease in clone width and neuron number between clones labeled at
131 E9.5 and those labeled at E10.5 suggests inducing recombination prior to E10.5 leads to
132 the labeling of a substantial number of neuroepithelial stem cells still undergoing
133 symmetric cell division to generate multiple radial glial cells. When tamoxifen was
134 administered shortly after the onset of neurogenesis, at E11.5, the resulting clones at P10
135 contained 40 neurons (median, IQR 26–61) and spanned 222 μm in width (median, IQR
136 162–280 μm ; n=31 clones from two animals; Figures 1D–E), similar to the width of
137 clones labeled at E10.5. Moreover, a substantial fraction of clones labeled by induction
138 at E11.5 were restricted to the superficial cortical layers (L2–4; 7/31 clones, 23%), which
139 was never seen in clones labeled by induction at E9.5 or E10.5 where they spanned
140 layers 2 to 6 (Figures 1F and S1). This finding is consistent with the model that radial
141 glia contribute to all excitatory cortical layers, but also suggests that at least some radial
142 glia no longer generate deep layer neurons after E11.5, consistent with the inside-out
143 model of excitatory neurogenesis. Given the plateau of clone width when induced at
144 E10.5 or E11.5 and the presence of incomplete clones when induced at E11.5, we



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146 **Figure 1. Tamoxifen induction at E10.5 generates radial clones spanning superficial and deep cortical**

147 **layers. (A)** Schematic of tamoxifen-inducible Cre-loxP system for lineage tracing. **(B)** Manual

148 reconstruction of clone across multiple slices. In this example, larger red spots are morphologically

149 consistent with glial cells at high magnification. Scale bar: 100 μm. **(C)** Examples of reconstructed clones

150 labeled at E9.5, E10.5 or E11.5. Scale bar: 100 μm. **(D and E)** Number of neurons **(D)** and clone width **(E)**

151 at postnatal day 10 following tamoxifen induction at E9.5, E10.5, or E11.5 (n = 21, 21, and 31 clones; n = 2

152 mice per condition; *p*-values computed using Wilcoxon rank sum. **(F)** Percent of clones that are

153 incomplete (do not include L5–L6) following tamoxifen induction at E9.5, E10.5, or E11.5 (n=21, 21, and 31

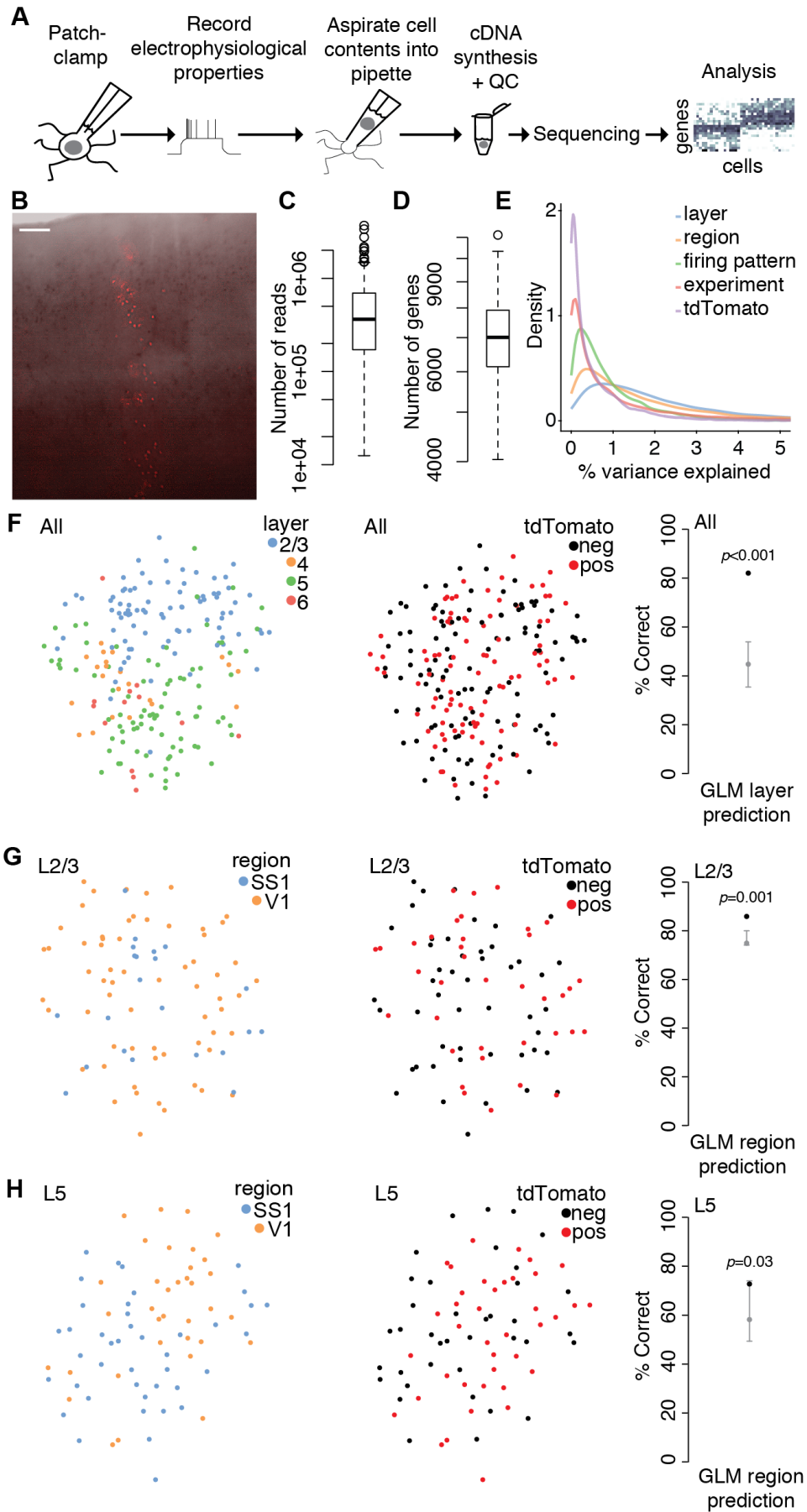
154 clones; $n = 2$ mice per condition; p -values computed using Fisher's exact test). Error bars show 95%
155 Clopper-Pearson confidence intervals. See also Figure S1.

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157 reasoned that E10.5 is the optimal time point to induce recombination in order to label
158 radial clones spanning both superficial and deep cortical layers, and we used this
159 induction protocol for all of our subsequent experiments.

160 *Transcriptomic variability of excitatory neurons is driven primarily by layer position*
161 *and cortical region*

162 A recent transcriptomic cell atlas of adult mouse neocortex showed that primary visual
163 (V1) and anterior lateral motor (ALM) cortices are composed of distinct transcriptomic
164 excitatory neuron cell types (Tasic et al., 2018). Given that our lineage tracing strategy
165 labels radial clones randomly across many cortical regions, we next asked whether
166 region-specific excitatory neurons are present also in juvenile mice.

167 To test this, we cut acute parasagittal slices spanning primary visual (V1) and
168 primary somatosensory (S1) cortices from juvenile (P15-P20) mice. Radial clones were
169 identified by their intrinsic fluorescence (Figure 2A–B) and the contents of individual
170 neurons were aspirated through a patch pipette following brief electrophysiological
171 recording using our recently described Patch-seq protocol (Cadwell et al., 2017, Cadwell
172 et al., 2016, Fuzik et al., 2016). We analyzed 206 neurons (after quality control, see
173 Figure S2 and Methods) which had approximately 0.36 million uniquely mapping reads



175 **Figure 2. Transcriptomic variability of excitatory neurons is driven primarily by layer position and**
176 **cortical region. (A)** Overview of experimental approach using Patch-seq. **(B)** Example tdTomato-positive
177 radial clone spanning superficial and deep cortical layers in an acute cortical slice used for Patch-seq
178 experiments. Overlay of bright field and fluorescence image was performed in Adobe Photoshop. Scale
179 bar: 100 μm . **(C and D)** Box plots showing library size **(C)** and number of genes detected **(D)** for all cells
180 passing quality control criteria (n=206). **(E)** Density plot of the percent of variance in normalized log-
181 expression values explained by different experimental factors across genes (n=12,841 genes). **(F)** T-
182 distributed stochastic neighbor embedding (t-SNE) plots using the top highly variable and correlated
183 genes across all cells (n=91 genes; n=87, 22, 84, and 13 cells in layers 2/3, 4, 5, and 6, respectively), colored
184 by layer position **(left)** or tdTomato expression **(middle)**. **(right)** Performance of a generalized linear
185 model (GLM) trained to predict layer position from gene expression data (n=12,841 genes and 206 cells)
186 with model performance (black dot) compared to the chance-level performance estimated using shuffled
187 data (grey, mean and 95% coverage interval; shuffling layer). one-tailed *p*-value computed from shuffled
188 data. **(G)** t-SNE plots using the top highly variable and correlated genes across L2/3 cells (n=43 genes;
189 n=22 and 63 cells in SS1 and V1, respectively), colored by region **(left)** or tdTomato expression **(middle)**.
190 **(right)** Performance of a GLM trained to predict region from gene expression data (n=12,841 genes and 85
191 cells) as described in **F** but shuffling region instead of layer. **(H)** t-SNE plots using the top highly variable
192 and correlated genes across L5 cells (n=41 genes; n=42 and 35 cells in SS1 and V1, respectively), colored by
193 region **(left)** or tdTomato expression **(middle)**. **(right)** Performance of a GLM trained to predict region
194 from gene expression data (n=12,841 genes and 77 cells) as described in **F** but shuffling region instead of
195 layer. See also Figures S2 and S3 and Table S1.
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197 (median; IQR 0.17–0.69 million reads; Figure 2C) and approximately 7000 genes
198 detected (median: 7007; IQR 6152–7920 genes; Figure 2D). For all downstream analyses,

199 we used 12,841 genes that had on average >1 count/cell (see Methods). There were
200 modest differences in the average library size (Figures S2E–F) and number of genes
201 expressed (Figures S2I–J) between different cortical areas and between different layers.
202 However, there were no significant differences between tdTomato-positive (clonally
203 related) and tdTomato-negative (nearby unrelated) neurons in either of these two
204 measures (Figures S2G and S2K). Count data were normalized using a pool-based
205 strategy developed specifically for single-cell RNA sequencing analysis (Lun et al.,
206 2016). Size factors largely correlated with library size (Figure S2H), suggesting that our
207 cell population is relatively homogenous and that systematic differences in gene counts
208 in our dataset are driven primarily by technical factors such as capture efficiency and
209 sequencing depth. The normalized counts (Table S1) were used in all subsequent
210 analyses.

211 Consistent with recent studies (Zeisel et al., 2015, Tasic et al., 2016, Tasic et al.,
212 2018, Nowakowski et al., 2017), we found that layer position and cortical region were
213 strong predictors of transcriptomic variability among excitatory neurons in our dataset
214 (Figures 2E and S3). Dimensionality reduction using t-distributed stochastic neighbor
215 embedding (t-SNE) revealed that neurons clustered primarily by layer position, and a
216 cross-validated generalized linear model (GLM) could predict layer position from the
217 gene expression data with approximately 80% accuracy (Figure 2F). Within L2/3 and L5,
218 neurons from V1 and S1 seemed to form overlapping clusters but GLM prediction

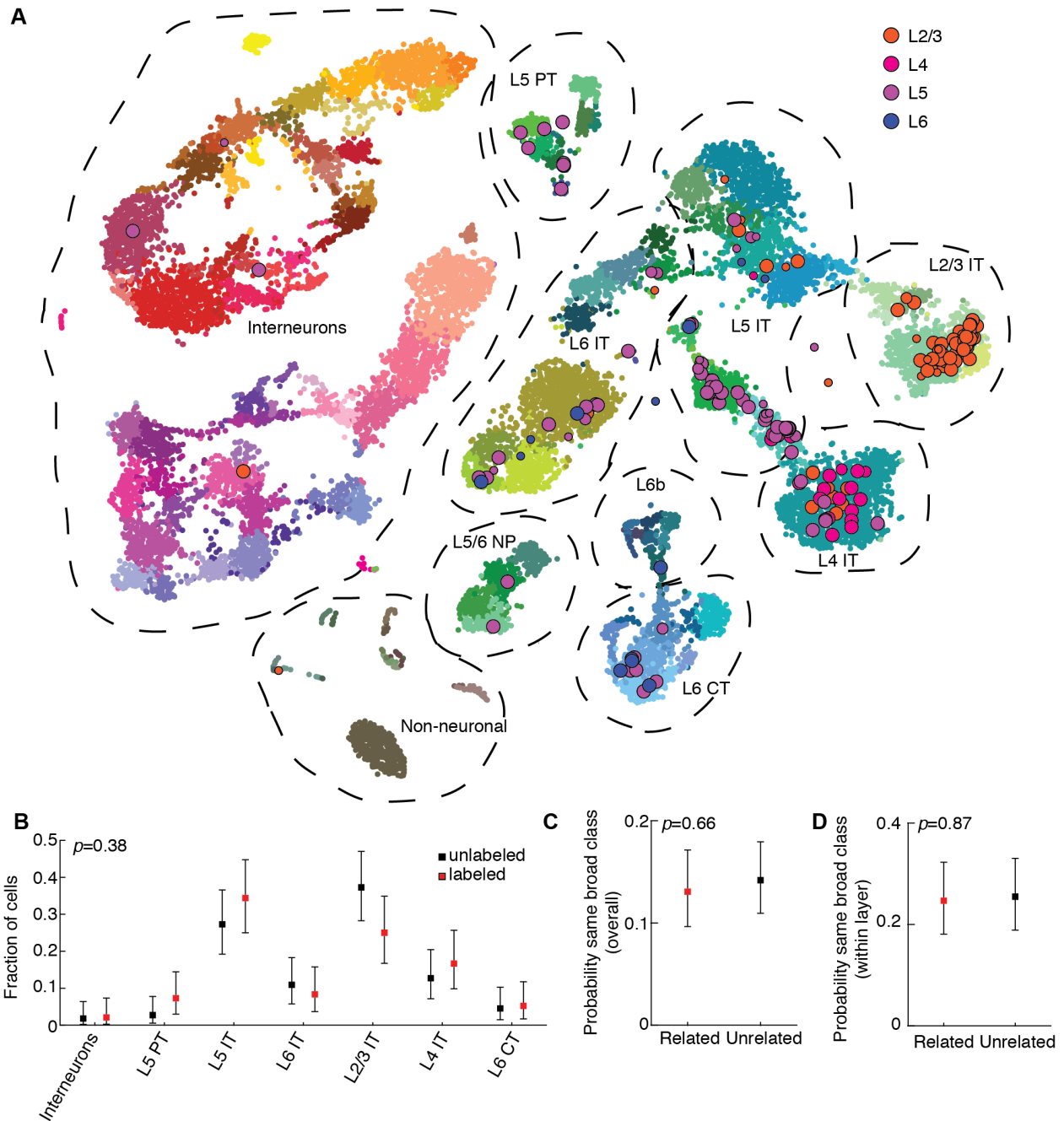
219 accuracy was slightly better than chance (Figures 2G and 2H), suggesting that in
220 juvenile mice, L2/3 and L5 excitatory neurons may have already started differentiating
221 into region-specific transcriptomic classes.

222 *Radial clones are composed of diverse transcriptomic subtypes of excitatory neurons*
223 *with no evidence of fate restriction*

224 While most evidence supports a deterministic model of excitatory neurogenesis,
225 whereby individual progenitors give rise to many different excitatory neuron cell types
226 through progressive fate restriction (Tan and Breen, 1993, Guo et al., 2013, Gao et al.,
227 2014), other studies suggest that a subset of progenitors may be fate-restricted early on
228 to give rise to layer-restricted excitatory neurons (Franco and Muller, 2013, Franco et al.,
229 2012, Gil-Sanz et al., 2015, Llorca et al., 2018) and the relative contribution of the
230 “common” and “multiple” progenitor models in generating excitatory neuron diversity
231 remains controversial. Moreover, the transcriptomic diversity of clones of excitatory
232 neurons is unknown, and one possibility is that individual radial clones may give rise to
233 only a subset of the various cell types present within a given cortical layer; for example,
234 some have proposed that up to one quarter of radial clones spanning L2-L6 may be
235 composed exclusively of corticocortical projection neurons (Llorca et al., 2018).

236 To characterize the diversity of cell types within radial clones, we mapped our
237 single-cell transcriptional profiles to a recently published cell type atlas of adult mouse
238 cortex (Tasic et al., 2018). We found that labeled neurons within radial clones mapped to

239 all of the broad excitatory cell classes (Figures 3A and S4A, and Table S2) in proportions
240 similar to the unlabeled control neurons (Figures 3B and S4B), suggesting that the
241 *Nestin*-positive progenitors labeled using our lineage tracing protocol can give rise to
242 the full range of excitatory neuronal cell types in the cortical areas examined. Area S1
243 was not specifically profiled in the reference cell atlas; we found that cells from both V1
244 and S1 in our dataset mapped predominantly to V1 excitatory neuron types (92.7% of
245 all cells, $n=191/206$; 94.0% of V1 cells, $n=110/117$; 96.2% of S1 cells, $n=76/79$; Table S2)
246 with only a handful mapping to ALM excitatory neuron types (4.9% of all cells,
247 $n=10/206$; 6.0% of V1 cells, $n=7/117$; 3.8% of S1 cells, $n=3/79$; Table S2). The quality of the
248 mapping was equally good for V1 and S1 cells (mean uncertainty for S1 cells, 5.8 ± 0.9 ;
249 mean uncertainty for V1 cells, 5.0 ± 0.6 ; mean \pm SE in arbitrary units (see Methods); $p=0.44$,
250 two-sample t-test), suggesting that the adult V1/ALM cell type atlas is an equally
251 reasonable reference for excitatory neurons in juvenile V1 and S1. As a sanity check, we
252 observed that most neurons patched in L2/3 mapped to L2/3 reference types (65/87,
253 74.7%), and similarly for L4 (15/22, 68.2%), L5 (56/84, 66.7%), and L6 (11/13, 84.6%)
254 (Figure 3A and Tables S1 and S2). The discrepancies were mostly due to some neurons
255 mapping to a transcriptomic type from a neighboring layer: neurons from L2/3
256 mapping to L4 types (8/87, 9.2%), neurons from L5 mapping to L4 types (5/84, 6.0%),
257 and neurons from L5 mapping to L6 types (19/84, 22.6%).



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259 **Figure 3. Radial clones are composed of diverse transcriptomic subtypes of excitatory neurons with no**

260 **evidence of fate restriction. (A)** T-distributed stochastic neighbor embedding (t-SNE) plot showing

261 alignment of our Patch-seq data (data points with black outline, n=87, 22, 84, and 13 cells in layers 2/3, 4,

262 5, and 6 respectively) with a recently published mouse cell type atlas (data points with no outline;

263 n=23,822; from (Tasic et al., 2018); colors denote transcriptomic types and are taken from the original

264 publication). The t-SNE of the reference dataset and the positioning of Patch-seq cells were performed as
265 described in (Kobak & Behrens, 2018), see Methods. The size of the Patch-seq data points denotes the
266 precision of the mapping (see Methods): small points indicate high uncertainty. **(B)** Fraction of labeled
267 (n=96) and unlabeled (n=110) cells that mapped to each of the broad cell classes outlined in **(A)** with
268 greater than three Patch-seq cells total. **(C and D)** Probability of related and unrelated cell pairs mapping
269 to the same broad cell class either overall (**C**; n=337 related pairs, n=409 unrelated pairs) or when
270 conditioned on layer position (**D**; n=154 related pairs, n=157 unrelated pairs). For **(B–D)**, error bars are
271 95% Clopper-Pearson confidence intervals and p -values are computed using Chi-squared test. See also
272 Figures S4 and S5 and Table S2.

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274 Within individual radial clones, pairs of related neurons were no more likely to
275 map to the same broad transcriptomic class (Figures 3C, 3D and S5), or specific cell type
276 (Figures S4C, S4D, and S5) compared to pairs of unrelated neurons. Our results do not
277 support the model that a subset of cortical radial glia are fate-restricted. Instead, our
278 data is consistent with a “single progenitor” model of excitatory neurogenesis in which
279 individual progenitors are capable of generating all of the diverse excitatory neuronal
280 types within a given cortical region.

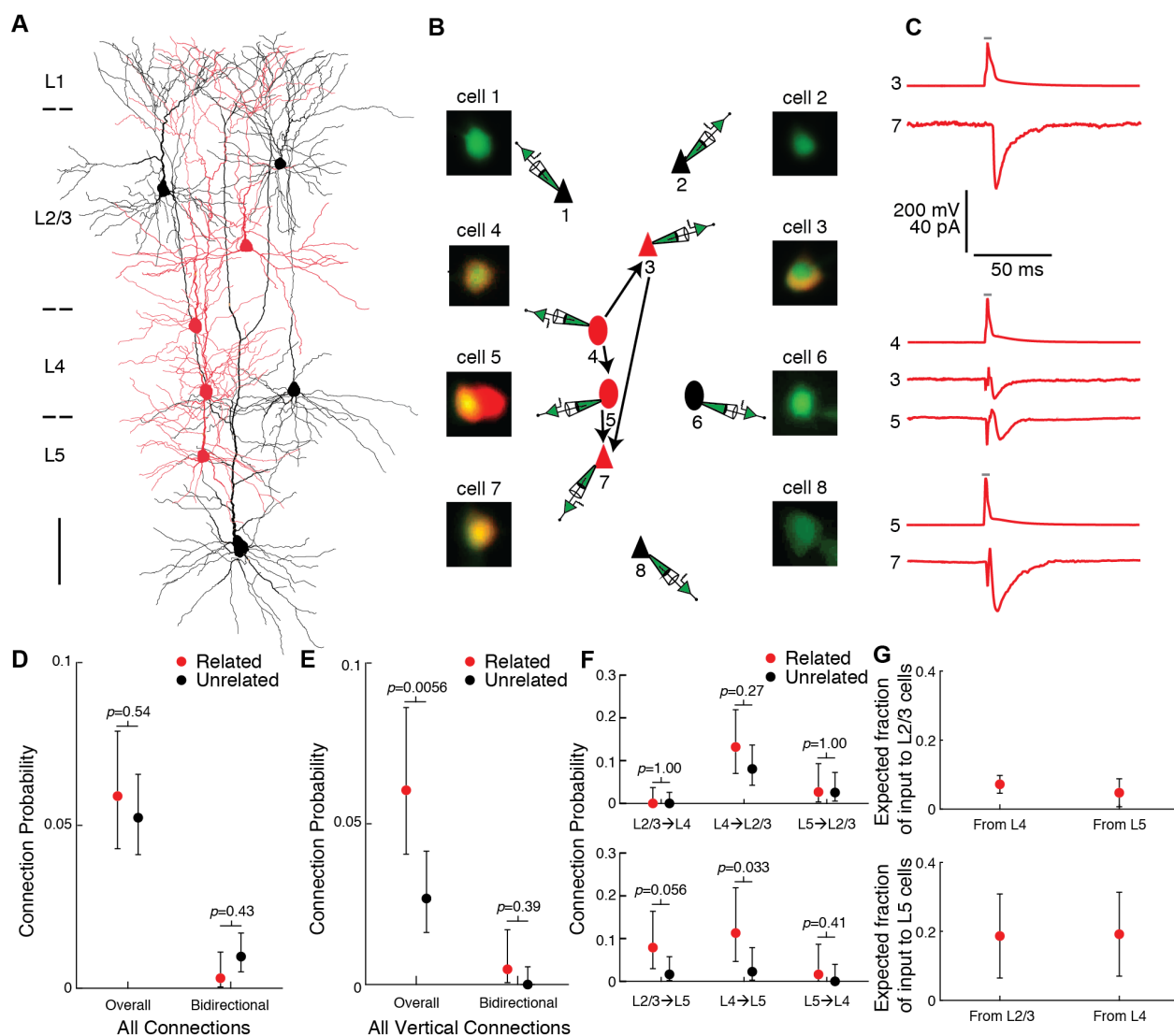
281 *Vertical, across-layer connections are selectively increased between excitatory neurons*
282 *in radial clones*

283 To determine whether clonally related neurons within our radial clones were
284 preferentially connected, we performed multiple simultaneous whole-cell recordings as
285 previously described (Jiang et al., 2015), targeting up to eight neurons simultaneously

286 including both clonally related cells and nearby unlabeled control cells (Figures 4A and
287 4B). In total, we patched 592 neurons (310 labeled and 282 unlabeled) from 86 clones in
288 43 mice. The cells were distributed throughout L2/3 (n=275 cells), L4 (n=164 cells) and
289 L5 (n=153 cells). To test connectivity, we injected brief current pulses into each patched
290 neuron to elicit action potentials and monitored the responses of all other
291 simultaneously recorded neurons to identify unitary excitatory postsynaptic currents
292 (uEPSCs, Figure 4C). To confirm that the recorded cells were excitatory neurons, we
293 analyzed the firing pattern of each cell in response to sustained depolarizing current
294 and examined the morphology of each neuron using avidin-biotin-peroxidase staining
295 (see Methods). In addition, we measured the inter-soma distances between all pairs of
296 simultaneously recorded neurons. Cells that did not show definitive
297 electrophysiological and/or morphological features of excitatory neurons (5.9%, 35/592)
298 were excluded from further analysis. In total, we tested 2049 potential excitatory
299 connections and identified 112 synaptic connections. The uEPSCs had a latency of
300 2.71 ± 1.06 ms (n=112 connections analyzed; mean \pm SD), an amplitude of 12.83 ± 14.11 pA
301 (n = 112 connections analyzed, mean \pm SD), and were blocked by bath application of
302 glutamatergic antagonists CNQX (20 μ M) and APV (100 μ M; uEPSC amplitude =
303 10.5 ± 5.4 pA and 0.0 ± 0.0 pA before and after the application of antagonists; median \pm SE;
304 n=15 connections tested, $p=6 \times 10^{-5}$, Wilcoxon signed-rank test), further confirming that
305 these were excitatory connections.

306 To determine the effect of cell lineage on connection probability (P), we
307 compared pairs consisting of two labeled cells within the same clone (i.e. “related”
308 pairs) to pairs consisting of one labeled and one unlabeled cell (i.e. “unrelated” pairs).
309 Pairs consisting of two unlabeled cells were not included as controls, since we could not
310 be certain that those pairs are unrelated (they could be related, but their progenitor was
311 not labeled). Overall, there was no evidence for a difference in connectivity between
312 related and unrelated pairs (P=5.9% [42 out of 712 potential connections] and P=5.2% [70
313 out of 1337] for related and unrelated pairs, respectively; $p=0.54$, Fisher’s exact test;
314 Figure 4D). A single bidirectional connection was identified between related neurons
315 (0.0031%, 1 out of 324 pairs in which both directions of connectivity were tested), and
316 six were identified between unrelated neurons (0.0098%, 6 out of 612; $p=0.43$, Fisher’s
317 exact test, Figure 4D).

318 However, when we considered only connections linking cells vertically, across
319 layers, we found that connection probability was increased between related pairs
320 compared to unrelated pairs (P=6.0% [28 out of 464] and P=2.7% [19 out of 711] for
321 related and unrelated pairs, respectively; $p=0.0056$, Fisher’s exact test; Figure 4E),
322 consistent with prior studies (Yu et al., 2009, Yu et al., 2012). A single vertical
323 bidirectional connection was identified between related neurons (0.0047%, 1 out of 211
324 vertical pairs in which both directions of connectivity were tested), and none were
325 identified between unrelated neurons (0.0%, 0 out of 333; $p=0.39$, Fisher’s exact test;



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327 **Figure 4. Vertical, cross-layer connections are selectively increased between excitatory neurons in**

328 **radial clones. (A–C) Example recording session from four clonally related cells (red) and four nearby,**

329 **unrelated control cells (black). (A) Morphological reconstruction of all eight neurons. Scale bar, 100 μ m.**

330 **(B) Schematic of connections identified, as well as fluorescence images of each patched cell confirming**

331 **the overlap of red (lineage tracer) and green (pipette solution) in related cells and green only in control**

332 **cells. Triangles, pyramidal neurons; ovals, L4 excitatory neurons. (C) Presynaptic action potential (AP)**

333 **and postsynaptic uEPSC traces for each connection (average of at least 30 trials each). Grey bar indicates**

334 **period of depolarizing current injection to presynaptic neuron. (D) Connection probabilities among**

335 related and unrelated neurons, pooling all connections tested (n=712 potential connections and 324 pairs
336 with both directions tested for related neurons; n=1337 potential connections and 612 pairs with both
337 directions tested for unrelated neurons). **(E)** Connection probabilities among related and unrelated
338 neurons, pooling all vertical, across-layer connections tested (n=464 potential connections and 211 pairs
339 with both directions tested for related neurons; n=711 potential connections and 333 pairs with both
340 directions tested for unrelated neurons). **(F)** Connection probabilities among related and unrelated
341 neurons, for each vertical connection type tested (n=98, 91, 75, 76, 62, and 62 potential connections for
342 related neurons and n=141, 149, 118, 123, 89, and 91 potential connections for unrelated neurons from
343 L2/3 to L4, L4 to L2/3, L5 to L2/3, L2/3 to L5, L4 to L5, and L5 to L4, respectively). **(G)** Estimated fraction
344 of vertical, across layer input to L2/3 cells (top panel) and L5 cells (bottom panel) coming from clonally
345 related neurons based on our empirically measured clone sizes and connection probabilities. For **(D–F)**,
346 error bars are 95% Clopper-Pearson confidence intervals and *p*-values are computed using Fisher’s exact
347 test. For **(G)**, error bars are propagated standard error of the estimates (see Methods). See also Figures S7
348 and S8.

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350 Figure 4E). At the level of layer-specific connection types, we found that the connection
351 probabilities from L4 to L5 (P=11.3% [7 out of 62] and P=2.3% [2 out of 89] for related
352 and unrelated pairs, respectively; *p*=0.033, Fisher’s exact test; Figure 4F) and from L2/3
353 to L5 (P=7.9% [6 out of 76] and P=1.6% [2 out of 123], for related and unrelated pairs
354 respectively; *p*=0.056) were increased between related compared to unrelated pairs.

355 To estimate the contribution of clonally related neurons as a fraction of the total
356 input a cell receives, we used a simple quantitative model of connectivity based on our

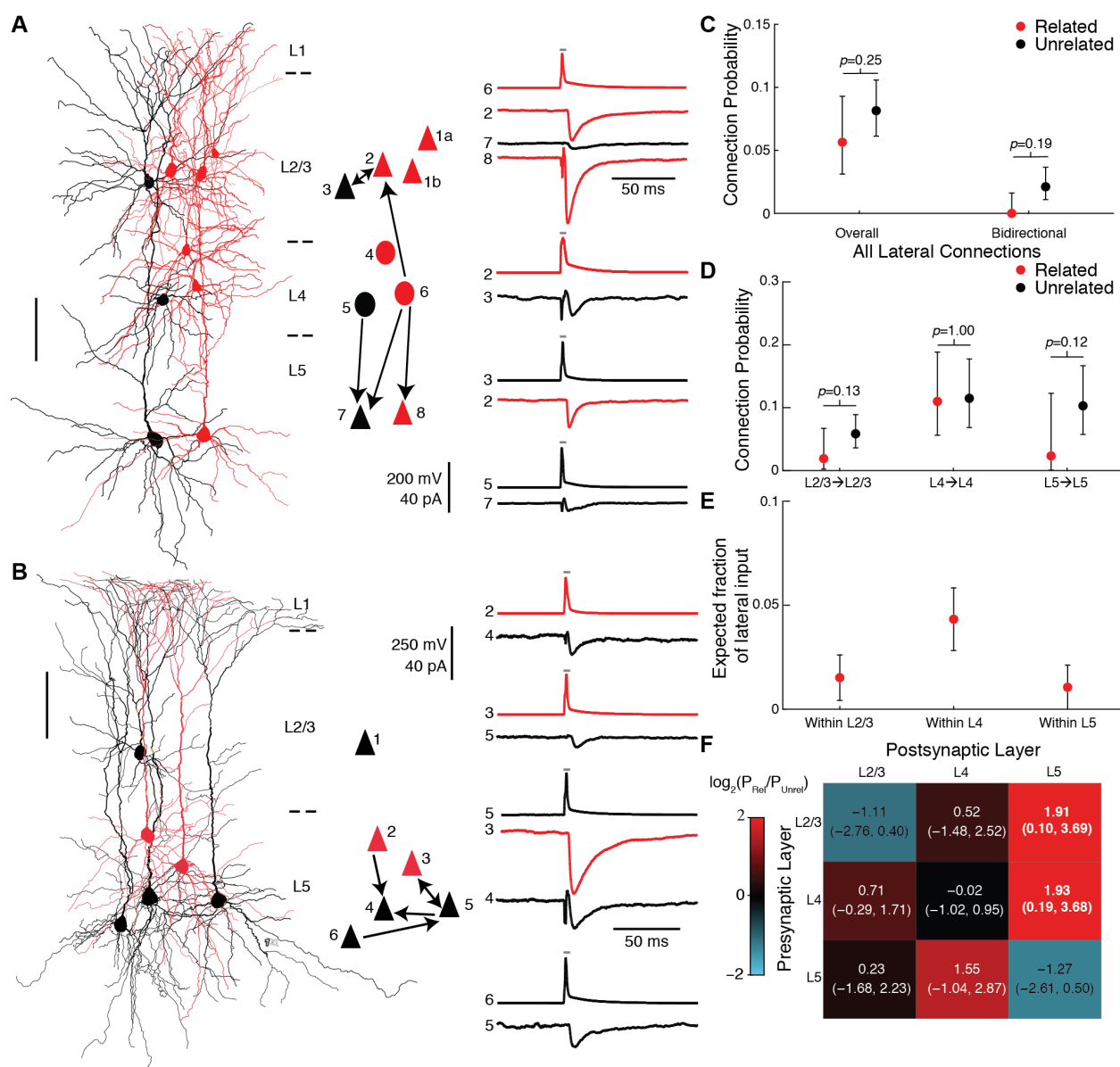
357 empirically measured connection probabilities and clone sizes. Briefly, we modeled the
358 number of input connections to a particular cell from both related and unrelated cells in
359 different layers of a cortical column as a binomial distribution with the connection
360 probabilities set to the empirically measured connection probabilities (see Methods for
361 additional assumptions). In particular, we wondered whether specific layer-defined
362 connection types would show a substantial fraction of input from clonally related cells.
363 Using our empirically measured connection probabilities and clone size (86 neurons on
364 average), the model estimates that a substantial fraction of inputs from L4 to L2/3, L4 to
365 L5, and L2/3 to L5 originates from cells with a common developmental lineage
366 ($7.2 \pm 2.6\%$ of L4→L2/3 connections, $19.2 \pm 12.2\%$ of L4→L5 connections, and $18.6 \pm 12.2\%$ of
367 L2/3→L5 connections; estimate±SE, Figure 4G). These findings suggest that cell lineage
368 may play an important role in shaping specific vertical, across-layer connections.

369 *Lateral, within-layer connections are not increased between excitatory neurons in*
370 *radial clones*

371 In contrast to vertical connections, we did not find evidence for an increase in the
372 number of lateral connections within the same cortical layer between related neurons
373 compared to unrelated neurons ($P=5.7\%$ [14 out of 248 potential connections] and
374 $P=8.2\%$ [51 out of 626 potential connections] for related and unrelated pairs,
375 respectively; $p=0.25$, Fisher's exact test; Figures 5A–C). There was also no statistically
376 significant difference in bidirectional lateral connections between related and unrelated

377 pairs (0%, 0 out of 113 related lateral pairs in which both directions of connectivity were
378 tested; 2.1%, 6 out of 284 unrelated lateral pairs in which both directions of connectivity
379 were tested; $p=0.19$, Fisher's exact test; Figure 5C). If anything, related neurons were
380 more rarely connected to each other within L2/3 or within L5 ($P=1.9%$ [2 out of 105
381 potential connections] and $P=2.3%$ [1 out of 43 potential connections] for related pairs
382 within L2/3 and L5, respectively) compared to unrelated pairs ($P=5.9%$ [20 out of 342
383 potential connections] and $P=10.3%$ [14 out of 136 potential connections] for unrelated
384 pairs within L2/3 and L5, respectively) although the differences were not statistically
385 significant ($p=0.13$ and $p=0.12$ for L2/3 and L5, respectively, Fisher's exact test; Figure
386 5D). Our connectivity model estimates that only a small fraction of lateral, within-layer
387 input to a cell comes from related neurons ($1.5\pm 1.1%$ of connections within L2/3,
388 $4.3\pm 1.5%$ of connections within L4, and $1.1\pm 1.1%$ of connections within L5; estimate \pm SE;
389 Figure 5E). Overall, these data suggest a revised model of circuit assembly among
390 clonally related excitatory neurons in which related cells are preferentially connected
391 vertically, across cortical layers, but not within a layer (Figure 5F).

392 Since connection probability also depends on the distance between cells (Perin et
393 al., 2011, Ko et al., 2011), and potentially on cortical area, we performed additional
394 analyses in order to take these variables into account. First, for each pair of clonally
395 related neurons we identified a set of matched control pairs with the same pre- and
396 post-synaptic layers and with the same (up to 20 μm difference) tangential and vertical



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398 **Figure 5. Lateral, within-layer connections are not increased between excitatory neurons in radial**

399 clones. (A and B) Example recording sessions testing within-layer connections among clonally related
400 cells (red) and nearby, unrelated control cells (black) within L2/3 (A) and L5 (B). Scale bars, 100 μm .

401 Triangles, pyramidal neurons; ovals, L4 excitatory neurons. Presynaptic action potential (AP) and
402 postsynaptic uEPSC traces for each connection are an average of at least 20 trials each. Grey bar indicates

403 period of depolarizing current injection to presynaptic neuron. (C) Connection probabilities among

404 related and unrelated neurons, pooling all lateral, within-layer connections tested (n=248 potential

405 connections and 113 pairs with both directions tested for related neurons; n=626 potential connections
406 and 284 pairs with both directions tested for unrelated neurons). **(D)** Connection probabilities among
407 related and unrelated neurons, for each lateral connection type tested (n=105, 100, and 43 potential
408 connections for related neurons and n=342, 148, and 136 potential connections for unrelated neurons
409 within L2/3, L4, and L5, respectively). **(E)** Estimated fraction of lateral inputs to a single cell within L2/3,
410 L4, or L5 that comes from clonally related neurons based on our empirically measured clone sizes and
411 connection probabilities. **(F)** Heatmap of the log ratio of the connection probabilities for related and
412 unrelated neurons, with additive smoothing ($\epsilon=1$) by connection type tested. For **(C-D)**, error bars are
413 95% Clopper-Pearson confidence intervals and *p*-values are computed using Fisher's exact test. For **(E)**,
414 error bars are propagated standard error of the estimates (see Methods) For **(F)**, the 95% confidence
415 interval, in parentheses below the value, is computed by resampling; significant values are highlighted in
416 bold. See also Figures S7 and S8.

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418 distances between the cells. We compared connectivity rates between related pairs and
419 distance-matched control pairs using bootstrapping (see Methods). We found similar
420 results as described above, with increased vertical connection probability between
421 related neurons and no evidence for a difference in lateral connection probability
422 (Figure S6). Second, we sorted the data into two groups according to the rostro-caudal
423 position of each clone, which revealed similar changes in connectivity between related
424 and unrelated neurons in both groups (Figure S7). Third, we built a generalized linear
425 model of connection probability depending on the cell lineage (related or unrelated),
426 connection type (vertical or lateral), Euclidean distance between cells and rostro-caudal

427 position as predictors (see Methods and Table S3). The model revealed a significant
428 interaction between cell lineage and connection type ($p=0.035$), further supporting that
429 the effect of cell lineage on connectivity depends on the type of connection tested. The
430 model also revealed a weak decrease in connection probability with Euclidean distance
431 for lateral connections ($p=0.056$) and no evidence for any influence of rostro-caudal
432 position ($p>0.5$ for the main effect and all interactions).

433 **Discussion**

434 In summary, we show that radial clones in the mouse neocortex are composed of a
435 diverse ensemble of excitatory neurons that are more likely to be synaptically connected
436 by vertical connections across cortical layers, but not by lateral connections within a
437 cortical layer. These findings carry important implications regarding the developmental
438 mechanisms of circuit assembly in the neocortex and suggest that integration of vertical
439 input from related neurons with lateral input from unrelated neurons may represent a
440 fundamental principle of cortical information processing that is initially established by
441 hardwired developmental programs.

442 *Cell type composition of radial clones*

443 All of the radial clones labeled at E10.5 or earlier in our study spanned both superficial
444 and deep layers of the cortex, consistent with prior studies labeling progenitors at this
445 early developmental stage (Tan et al., 1998). Some groups have reported upper layer
446 fate-restriction among a subset of radial glia when labeling progenitors at E10.5 (Franco

447 et al., 2012, Franco and Muller, 2013, Gil-Sanz et al., 2015) using the *Cux2*-CreER driver
448 line but not the Nestin-CreER line (Franco et al., 2012). It is possible that *Cux2*-CreER
449 labels a small subset of radial glia that exhibit this neurogenesis pattern, or that the
450 progenitor pool labeled using our *Nestin*-CreER driver is distinct from the *Cux2*-CreER-
451 positive fraction. Given the low doses of tamoxifen administered in our study, we may
452 be biased to labeling progenitors with the highest expression of *Nes* at E10.5, most likely
453 ventricular radial glial cells (Hockfield and McKay, 1985), but potentially some
454 symmetrically dividing neuroepithelial stem cells as well, which express low levels of
455 Nestin in their pial end feet (Misson et al., 1988). It is also possible that the upper layer
456 fate-restricted progenitors present at early time points, such as intermediate progenitors
457 (Mihalas & Hevner, 2018), collectively generate all the different excitatory neuron
458 subtypes within a given cortical region in parallel with the translaminal clones labeled
459 in our study, which could explain why we saw no difference in the overall distribution
460 of cell types between our labeled clones and randomly selected unlabeled excitatory
461 neurons. Interestingly, the only transcriptomic subtype that appeared relatively
462 underrepresented in our clones was a subset of L2/3 intratelencephalic neurons (L2/3 IT
463 VISp Rrad; Figure S4B), but this difference was not statistically significant after
464 correction for multiple comparisons. Further work is needed to determine whether this
465 particular subtype of L2/3 neurons may arise primarily from *Cux2*-positive or other
466 progenitors.

467 As this manuscript was being prepared, a preprint was published (Llorca et al.,
468 2018) suggesting that individual translaminar clones are composed of restricted
469 subtypes of excitatory neurons; in particular, they report approximately 10% of clones
470 restricted to either the superficial or deep layers, and nearly a quarter of their
471 translaminar clones were composed exclusively of corticocortical projection neurons.
472 Two differences may explain this discrepancy. First, that study used a different Cre
473 driver line (*Emx1-CreERT2*) which may target a different progenitor pool than the one
474 described in our study. Second, their clones were labeled at a later developmental stage
475 (E12.5), raising the possibility that their layer-restricted clones represent subclones that,
476 if labeled earlier in neurogenesis, would give rise to clones spanning both superficial
477 and deep layers and containing a mixture of cell types. Consistent with this
478 interpretation, we saw that approximately one quarter of our clones were restricted to
479 superficial layers when labeled at E11.5, but we never saw this upper-layer restriction
480 when labeling at E9.5 or E10.5.

481 Recent single-cell RNA-sequencing studies have shown that excitatory neuron
482 cell types are largely region-specific, at least between V1 and ALM (Tasic et al., 2018).
483 Here we profiled the transcriptomes of cells from two primary sensory areas, V1 and S1,
484 and found that the vast majority of cells from both regions map to V1-specific
485 transcriptomic cell types rather than ALM-specific transcriptomic cell types, suggesting
486 that cell types in different primary sensory areas are more similar to each other than

487 they are to cell types in motor cortex. Interestingly, we still observed region-specific
488 differences in gene expression between V1 and S1, suggesting that these two cortical
489 areas are likely composed of distinct excitatory neuron types as well. While there was
490 no evidence to suggest that the quality of our mapping to the V1/ALM reference dataset
491 was worse for S1 cell than for V1 cells, if a reference atlas for S1 becomes available in the
492 future it would be interesting to re-examine our data to better understand the
493 developmental timeline of area-specific gene expression signatures in these two
494 primary sensory areas.

495 *Connectivity matrix of radial clones*

496 We find that excitatory neurons in radial clones are more likely to be synaptically
497 connected vertically, across cortical layers, but not laterally, within the same cortical
498 layer. While it has been previously reported that clonally related excitatory neurons are
499 more likely to be synaptically connected (Yu et al., 2009, Yu et al., 2012, He et al., 2015),
500 these prior studies did not tease out the effect of shared lineage on different types of
501 layer-defined connections and, in particular, did not report any results for within-layer
502 connections between clonally related neurons. Thus, our findings provide a higher
503 resolution model of how cell lineage shapes developing cortical circuits.

504 A more recent study using chimeric mice with fluorescently labeled induced
505 pluripotent stem cells (iPSCs) injected into blastocysts at E3.5 has examined lateral
506 connections between related cells within L4 and found a transient increase in synaptic

507 connectivity at P13-P16, which is followed by an increase in the fraction of connections
508 that are reciprocal, rather than one-way, at P18-P20 (Tarusawa et al., 2016). We did not
509 find any evidence for an increase in either overall connectivity or bidirectional
510 connectivity in our data; however, it is possible that if the increase in connectivity in L4
511 is transient and only present from P13-P16 for overall connectivity and from P18-P20 for
512 bidirectional connectivity that we may have missed it, as our data span the space
513 between these time windows from P15-P20. Another possibility is that the iPSC-derived
514 neurons may have altered synaptogenesis due to chromosomal instability and altered
515 gene expression programs of iPSCs (Mayshar et al., 2010). Additional experiments to
516 explore the possibility of a transient increase in lateral connections that include a direct
517 comparison between iPSC-derived clones and clones labeled using other methods may
518 ultimately resolve these questions.

519 Our finding that clonally related neurons are only rarely connected by lateral
520 connections within L2/3 is particularly unexpected given prior studies showing more
521 similar feature selectivity between clonally related neurons in this layer (Li et al., 2012),
522 even in very large clones (Ohtsuki et al., 2012). Several studies have now shown that,
523 within L2/3, excitatory neurons that have similar orientation tuning are more likely to
524 be synaptically connected and have stronger synapses compared to cells with dissimilar
525 tuning preferences (Ko et al., 2011, Cossell et al., 2015). Thus, the expectation and
526 proposed model (Li et al., 2018) would be that increased connections between clonally

527 related neurons within L2/3 underlies their similarity in tuning. However, we found no
528 evidence for an increase in lateral connections between related cells in L2/3, suggesting
529 that they may inherit similar feature selectivity either by receiving common
530 feedforward inputs from L4 or by modulation from long-range feedback connections.
531 Moreover, these results suggest a novel functional role for lateral connections within
532 L2/3 in permitting synapse formation between cells in unrelated clonal units, in
533 addition to linking cells with similar tuning preferences.

534 Our results highlight L5 as a potential hub within radial clones, with the most
535 striking increases in connectivity seen in the projections from superficial layers to L5.
536 Neurons in L5 serve as a major output of the cortex with important roles in integrating
537 feedback from higher cortical areas and in top-down modulation by brain states (Kim et
538 al., 2015) and altered gene expression in deep layer neurons during midfetal
539 development has been recently implicated in neuropsychiatric disorders such as autism
540 (Willsey et al., 2013). We propose that integration of translaminar input from clonally
541 related neurons with intralaminar input from unrelated neurons in L5 may represent an
542 organizing principle for lineage-dependent circuit assembly. While L5 has traditionally
543 been less amenable to in vivo functional studies, recent advances in calcium imaging
544 such as three-photon microscopy and genetically encoded calcium indicators
545 (Ouzounov et al., 2017) may enable functional analysis of cortical computation in both
546 superficial and deep layers of radial clones. Future studies aimed at dissecting the

547 functional role of lineage-driven synaptic connectivity across the cortical column may
548 provide mechanistic insight into abnormal circuit function in neuropsychiatric disease.

549 The mechanism by which radial clones of excitatory neurons form specific
550 connections is thought to involve gap junction coupling during migration along the
551 radial glial fiber (Yu et al., 2012). A recent study has further shown that it is the
552 coupling between clonally related neurons, and not between the postmitotic neurons
553 and their radial glia or progenitors, that promotes specific synapse formation between
554 radially aligned sister neurons (He et al., 2015). This coupling requires the inside-out
555 migration of related neurons along a similar path and is abolished by removal of
556 REELIN or its downstream effector DAB1 which disrupt inside-out migration, or by
557 increased levels of EFNA/EPHA-mediated signaling which leads to increased lateral
558 displacement of clonally related neurons as they traverse the intermediate zone prior to
559 reaching the cortical plate (Torii et al., 2009, He et al., 2015). Interestingly, early studies
560 suggested that migration along multiple radial glial fibers may be common within
561 radial clones (Walsh and Cepko, 1988) and underlie the substantial tangential
562 dispersion seen within radial clones. Our finding that connections from L2/3 to L5 and
563 from L4 to L5 are specifically enhanced between clonally related neurons could be
564 consistent with a mechanism that requires inside-out migration along a radial glial fiber
565 and further suggests that as migrating neurons travel to reach the superficial layers,
566 their axons may “stick” to the maturing apical dendrites of clonally related deep layer

567 neurons they are passing. However, we did not see any difference in connectivity
568 between related neurons based on their tangential displacement (data not shown), as
569 might be expected if radial migration along the same glial fiber is necessary for
570 formation of specific synapses. The possibility that clonally related neurons may either
571 establish specific vertical connections regardless of which radial glial fiber they follow,
572 for example by expression of specific cell adhesion molecules during migration
573 (Tarusawa et al., 2016), or undergo significant tangential migration *after* passing deep
574 layer neurons may warrant further investigation.

575 It is nearly impossible to prove that an effect is absent, and with additional
576 sampling of lateral connections, particularly in L4 as discussed above, it is possible that
577 a difference in connectivity may emerge. However, our data suggest that any effect of
578 lineage on lateral connectivity must be very small and, based on the trend seen in our
579 data within L2/3 and within L5, may actually be in the opposite direction with fewer
580 connections between clonally related neurons than between unrelated pairs. One
581 possible explanation for this is that any two clonal related neurons in the same layer
582 could be generated by a symmetrically dividing intermediate progenitor cell, but not
583 radial glia, and it is theoretically possible that progenitor cell type of origin could
584 influence development of local cortical microcircuit. Another possibility is that any two
585 neurons in the same layer were generated by two different radial glia, which shared a
586 common symmetrically dividing radial glia ancestor labelled at E10.5. Future studies

587 utilizing temporally resolved lineage tracing methods (McKenna et al., 2016) could
588 provide further insights into how the degree of relatedness impacts intra-clonal
589 connectivity.

590 Similarly, since we focused on V1 and S1, both primary sensory areas, it is
591 possible that a different pattern of connectivity among clonally related neurons is
592 present in other cortical areas such as primary motor cortex. We also tested only on
593 local connections that can be tested in an acute slice preparation. Given that
594 transcriptomic cell type correlates with the long-range projection pattern of excitatory
595 neurons (Tasic et al., 2018), our finding that individual clones contain multiple diverse
596 transcriptomic types suggests that neurons within radial clones might also project to
597 diverse targets. Additional experiments using different methods for lineage tracing and
598 connectivity profiling, focusing on different brain regions and using adult animals, will
599 be necessary to determine the generalizability of the connectivity pattern we describe
600 here and delineate the long-range inputs and outputs of individual radial clones.
601 However, our data suggest that the integration of feedforward, intra-columnar input
602 with lateral, inter-columnar information may represent a developmentally programmed
603 connectivity motif for the assembly of neocortical circuits.

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890 **Methods**

891 **Animals**

892 All experiments were carried out in accordance with, and with approval from, the
893 Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) at Baylor College of Medicine
894 (BCM). The Nestin-CreER line was obtained from M. Maletic-Savatic (BCM) and
895 maintained in A. Tolias' laboratory by crossing heterozygous males with wild type
896 C57Bl/6J females. Each generation, potential stud males were crossed with a reporter
897 line to confirm the lack of transgene expression in the absence of tamoxifen
898 administration, and only those males showing minimal to no "leaky" recombination in
899 the P1 offspring of this test cross were used as breeders for maintaining the Cre line.
900 The Nestin-CreER line will be cryopreserved at BCM for potential future use. The
901 reporter line ROSA26-CAG-LSL-tdTomato-WPRE (Ai9) was acquired from the Jackson
902 Laboratory (JAX Stock #007909). The outbred CD1 line was obtained from the Center for
903 Comparative Medicine at BCM. Six mice were used for quantification of clone size and
904 width (3 males and 3 females), 9 mice (all males) were used for Patch-seq experiments,
905 and 43 mice (26 males, 7 females, 10 uncertain) were used for electrophysiology
906 experiments. For clone quantification, animals were sacrificed at postnatal day 10 (P10)
907 and for Patch-seq and multi-patching experiments animals were sacrificed at P15-P20.
908 All animals were on the C57Bl/6J or mixed C57Bl/6J; CD1 genetic background and were
909 group housed with their littermates and foster mothers (both CD1 and C57Bl/6J foster
910 mothers were used) on a 12-hour light-dark cycle.

911 **Lineage tracing**

912 We used a tamoxifen-inducible Cre-lox transgenic approach for lineage tracing similar
913 to previous studies (Gao et al., 2014). Two breeding strategies were used: The majority
914 of experimental animals were generated by crossing *Nestin-CreER* heterozygous males
915 with *Ai9* homozygous females. A minority of experimental animals were generated by
916 crossing double homozygous *Cre; Ai9* males (C57/Bl6J) with wild type CD1 females.
917 The latter breeding strategy negated the need for genotyping of the pups (all would be
918 double heterozygotes) and substantially increased litter size.

919 Tamoxifen and progesterone were dissolved together in corn oil and
920 administered to pregnant dams at E9.5, E10.5 or E11.5 at a dose of 40–50 and 20–25
921 mg/kg, respectively, by orogastric gavage. To help prevent tamoxifen-induced
922 pregnancy loss (Milligan & Finn, 1997), pregnant mice also received 2 mg of
923 progesterone dissolved in corn oil subcutaneously twice a day, starting the day after
924 tamoxifen treatment and continuing until the pups were delivered by Caesarian section
925 on E19.5 (as described in Nagy et al., 2006). The pups were raised by a foster mother
926 and standard genotyping protocols were used to identify double heterozygous animals
927 carrying both the *Cre* and reporter alleles, if needed depending on the breeding
928 strategy.

929 **Transcardial perfusion and histology for clonal analysis**

930 Animals were deeply anesthetized with isoflurane and transcardially perfused with
931 0.1M phosphate buffered saline (PBS) followed by 4% paraformaldehyde in PBS at
932 postnatal day 10 (P10). Fixed brains were coronally sectioned at 100 μm on a vibratome
933 (Leica VT1000S) and stained with DAPI (0.25 $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$) for 10–15 min before mounting on
934 charged glass slides with anti-fade mounting solution (1 mg/ml ρ -phenylenediamine in
935 90% glycerol, 10% PBS, pH \sim 8.0). Confocal image stacks were taken on either a Zeiss
936 LSM 510 Meta or a Zeiss LSM 780 confocal microscope.

937 **Acute brain slice preparation**

938 Acute brain slices were prepared as previously described (Jiang et al., 2015). In brief,
939 animals (P15–P20) were deeply anesthetized with 3% isoflurane and decapitated. The
940 brain was quickly removed and placed into cold (0–4 $^{\circ}\text{C}$) oxygenated physiological
941 solution containing (in mM): 125 NaCl, 2.5 KCl, 1.25 NaH_2PO_4 , 25 NaHCO_3 , 1 MgCl_2 , 25
942 dextrose, and 2 CaCl_2 , pH 7.4. Parasagittal slices 300 μm thick were cut from the tissue
943 blocks using a microslicer (Leica VT 1200). The slices were kept at $37.0\pm 0.5^{\circ}\text{C}$ in
944 oxygenated physiological solution for \sim 0.5–1 h before recordings. During recordings,
945 the slices were submerged in a chamber and stabilized with a fine nylon net attached to
946 a platinum ring. The recording chamber was perfused with oxygenated physiological
947 solution. The half-time for the bath solution exchange was 1–2 min, and the temperature
948 of the bath solution was maintained at $34.0\pm 0.5^{\circ}\text{C}$. All antagonists were bath applied.

949 **Patch-seq sample collection**

950 To obtain transcriptome data from individual neurons within radial clones, we used our
951 recently described Patch-seq method (Cadwell et al., 2016, Cadwell et al., 2017). Briefly,
952 the following modifications were made to the standard whole-cell patch-clamp
953 workflow to improve RNA yield from patched cells. Glass capillaries were autoclaved
954 prior to pulling patch pipettes, all work surfaces and micromanipulator pieces were
955 thoroughly cleaned with DNA-OFF and RNase Zap, and all solutions that would come
956 into contact with RNA were prepared using strict RNase-free precautions. Recording
957 pipettes of 2–4 M Ω were filled with a small volume (approximately 0.3 μ l) of
958 intracellular solution containing: 123 mM potassium gluconate, 12 mM KCl, 10 mM
959 HEPES, 0.2 mM EGTA, 4 mM MgATP, 0.3 mM NaGTP, 10 mM sodium
960 phosphocreatine, 20 μ g/ml glycogen, 13 mM biocytin, and 1 U/ μ l recombinant RNase
961 inhibitor, pH ~7.25. RNA was collected at the end of whole-cell recordings by applying
962 light suction while observing the cell under differential interference contrast (DIC). If
963 any extracellular contents were observed to enter the pipette under DIC, the sample
964 was discarded. Otherwise, the contents of the pipette were ejected into and RNase-free
965 PCR tube containing 4 μ l of lysis buffer consisting of: 0.1% Triton X-100, 5 mM (each)
966 dNTPs, 2.5 μ M Oligo-dT₃₀VN, 1 U/ μ l RNase inhibitor, and 1 \times 10⁻⁵ dilution of ERCC RNA
967 Spike-In Mix.

968 **cDNA synthesis, library preparation and sequencing**

969 Single cell RNA was converted to cDNA following the Smart-seq2 protocol (Picelli et
970 al., 2014a, Cadwell et al., 2017). Samples were denatured at 72°C for 3 min and then 5.70
971 µl of RT mix was added to each sample, for final concentrations of: 1× Superscript II
972 first strand buffer, 1M Betaine, 10U/µl SSIIRT, 5 mM DTT, 1 U/µl RNase inhibitor, 1 µM
973 LNA-TSO, and 6 mM MgCl₂. The RT reaction was run at 42°C for 90 min followed by ten
974 cycles of 50°C for 2 min, 42°C for 2 min, and the enzyme was inactivated by holding at 70°C
975 for 15 min.

976 The full-length cDNA was amplified by adding 15 µl of PCR mix to each sample,
977 consisting of 1× KAPA HiFi HotStart Ready Mix and 0.1 µM IS PCR primers, and
978 running the following PCR program: 98°C for 3 min; 18 cycles of 98°C for 20 s 67°C for 15 s
979 72°C for 6 min; and 72°C for 5 min. The PCR product was purified using Axygen AxyPrep
980 mag PCR beads according to the manufacturer's instructions but using a bead:sample
981 ratio of 0.7:1 (17.5 µl of beads: 25 µl sample).

982 To construct the final sequencing libraries, we diluted each sample to a
983 concentration of 50 pg/µl and added 4 µl of tagmentation mix to 300 pg (6 µl) of full-
984 length cDNA for a final concentration of: 1×tagmentation buffer (1mM TAPS-NaOH, 5
985 mM MgCl₂), 10% (wt/vol) PEG-8000, and 1.25 µM in-house produced Tn5 transposase
986 (Picelli et al., 2014b, Cadwell et al., 2017). The tagmentation reaction was run in a
987 thermal cycler at 55°C for 8 min and the Tn5 transposase was stripped by adding 2.5 µl of
988 0.2% (wt/vol) SDS to each sample by incubating at room temperature for 5 min.

989 Amplification of the adapter ligated fragments was performed by adding 2.5 μ l each of
990 index 1 (N7XX) and index 2 (N5XX) primers, diluted 1:4, from the Nextera XT index kit
991 with a unique combination of indices for each sample, as well as 5 μ l of 5 \times KAPA HiFi
992 Buffer, 0.75 μ l of KAPA dNTP mix (10 nM each), 1.25 μ l of nuclease-free water, and 0.5
993 μ l of KAPA enzyme (1U/ μ l) for a total volume of 25 μ l. The enrichment PCR was run
994 according to the following program: 72 $^{\circ}$ C for 3 min, 95 $^{\circ}$ C for 30 s, 12 cycles of 95 $^{\circ}$ C for 10 s,
995 55 $^{\circ}$ C for 30 s, and 72 $^{\circ}$ C for 30 s, and 72 $^{\circ}$ C for 5 min. After enrichment PCR, 2.5 μ l of each
996 library was pooled into a single 1.5 mL tube and purified using the Axygen AxyPrep
997 mag PCR beads with a bead:sample ratio of 1:1. The pooled library was diluted to 3 nM
998 and sequenced on a single lane of an Illumina HiSeq 3000 with single-end (50 bp) reads.

999 **Multi-cell recordings**

1000 Simultaneous whole-cell in vitro recordings were obtained from cortical neurons as
1001 previously described (Jiang et al., 2015). Briefly, patch recording pipettes (5–7 M Ω) were
1002 filled with intracellular solution containing 120 mM potassium gluconate, 10 mM
1003 HEPES, 4 mM KCl, 4 mM MgATP, 0.3 mM Na₃GTP, 10 mM sodium phosphocreatine,
1004 Alexa-488 (10 μ M) and 0.5% biocytin (pH 7.25). Whole-cell recordings were made from
1005 up to eight neurons simultaneously using two Quadro EPC 10 amplifiers (HEKA
1006 Electronic, Lambrecht, Germany). A built-in LIH 8+8 interface board (HEKA) was used
1007 to achieve simultaneous A/D and D/A conversion of current, voltage, command and
1008 triggering signal for up to eight amplifiers. Micromanipulators (Luigs & Neumann)

1009 were mounted on a ring specifically designed for multi-patching. PatchMaster software
1010 and custom-written Matlab-based programs were used to operate the Quadro EPC 10
1011 amplifiers and perform online and offline analysis of the data. In order to reveal
1012 passive membrane properties and firing patterns of each recorded neurons, neurons
1013 were stimulated with 600 ms long current pulses starting from -100 / -200 pA with 20
1014 pA steps.

1015 Recordings were made in cortical layers 2/3, 4 and 5, targeting fluorescently
1016 labeled (red) cells as well as nearby unlabeled neurons that had clear pyramidal somata
1017 and apical dendrites, with the exception of neurons in L4. We visually confirmed
1018 successful targeting of tdTomato-expressing neurons based on the spatial overlap of
1019 green (due to Alexa-488 in patch pipette) and red fluorescence (see Figure 4B). Unitary
1020 excitatory postsynaptic currents (uEPSCs) were evoked by current injection into the
1021 presynaptic neurons at 2–3 nA for 2 ms while clamping or holding the membrane
1022 potential of the postsynaptic cells at -70mV. Each neuron was assigned to a laminar
1023 position using layer boundaries visible in the high-contrast micrographs obtained
1024 during electrophysiological experiments, and confirmed post-hoc using the recovered
1025 morphology. Latency was defined as the time from the peak of the presynaptic action
1026 potential (AP) to 5% of the maximum amplitude of the uEPSC. Amplitude was defined
1027 as the maximum amplitude of the uEPSC from baseline. Latency and amplitude are
1028 reported as mean±SD across all connections analyzed.

1029 **Morphological reconstruction after whole-cell recordings**

1030 Light microscopic examination of the morphology of each neuron was carried out
1031 following previously described protocols (Jiang et al., 2015, Cadwell et al., 2017). In
1032 brief, after in vitro recordings, the slices were fixed by immersion in 2.5%
1033 glutaraldehyde/4% paraformaldehyde in 0.1 M phosphate buffer at 4°C for at least 48 h,
1034 and then processed with an avidin-biotin-peroxidase method to reveal cell morphology.
1035 The morphologically recovered cells were examined using a 100× oil-immersion
1036 objective lens and camera lucida system (Neurolucida, MBF Bioscience). In addition, the
1037 3D coordinates of the cells were measured and the distance between each pair of
1038 simultaneously recorded neurons was computed, including Euclidean distance,
1039 tangential distance (parallel to pial surface) and vertical distance (perpendicular to pial
1040 surface).

1041 **Quantification of clone size and width**

1042 To quantify the width and number of neurons per clone, six near-complete brain sets
1043 were analyzed using custom-written Matlab software and manual cell segmentation
1044 (two brains each treated at E9.5, E10.5 or E11.5, continuous sections spanning 3–4 mm
1045 along the rostrocaudal axis) as follows: a two-dimensional maximum projection of each
1046 slice was divided into small sections and presented one at a time to a blinded observer
1047 for manual identification of neurons throughout the cortex. Glia were excluded based
1048 on morphology. Clones were manually reconstructed across slices by aligning fiducial

1049 anatomic landmarks such as the longitudinal fissure. The number of neurons within
1050 each clone was calculated by adding together all of the neurons within the clone across
1051 all contiguous slices where the clone was identifiable. On each slice, the widest part of
1052 the clone was measured, and the overall width for each clone was computed as the
1053 median of the measured width of the clone across all slices. Clone width and number of
1054 neurons per clone are reported as the median and interquartile range (IQR) in the text
1055 and all of the individual data points are shown in Figures 1D-1E. The number of clones
1056 and animals for each treatment condition are reported in the figure legend. The
1057 Wilcoxon rank sum test was used to compare E9.5 to E10.5 and E10.5 to E11.5 and those
1058 p -values are also shown in Figures 1D-1E.

1059 Clones were also classified as complete or incomplete after reconstruction by a
1060 blinded observer based on whether they spanned all cortical layers, including L5 and
1061 L6. All clones that were considered “incomplete” are shown in either Figure 1C or
1062 Figure S1A. The fraction of all clones that were considered incomplete for each
1063 treatment condition is reported in Figure 1F, as well as the 95% Clopper-Pearson
1064 confidence intervals for each ratio. The number of clones and animals for each
1065 treatment condition are reported in the figure legend. Fisher’s exact test was used to
1066 compare E9.5 to E10.5 and E10.5 to E11.5 and those p -values are also shown in Figure
1067 1F.

1068 **Single-cell RNA-sequencing analysis**

1069 *Quality control and data pre-processing*

1070 A total of 278 neurons from 16 radial clones were aspirated for single-cell RNA-
1071 sequencing experiments. The quality of the full-length cDNA for each sample was
1072 analyzed by running on an Agilent bioanalyzer with a High Sensitivity DNA chip.
1073 Samples containing less than ~1 ng total cDNA (less than ~67pg/ μ l) or with an average
1074 size less than 1,500 bp when integrating over the range from 300 to 9,000 bp were not
1075 sequenced (~21%, 58/278 neurons, leaving 220 samples).

1076 The final pooled sequencing library was also analyzed on an Agilent Bioanalyzer
1077 to confirm that the average library size was less than ~500 bp and there were minimal
1078 primer dimers. Reads were aligned to the mouse genome (mm10 assembly) using STAR
1079 (v2.4.2a) with default settings. Only read counts were used for the data analysis
1080 presented here. Eleven cells were excluded after sequencing due to poor quality
1081 sequencing results (~5%, 11/220 neurons, leaving 209 samples; poor quality was defined
1082 as greater than three median absolute differences below the median for either total
1083 number of reads or total number of genes detected; Figures S3A-B). Three additional
1084 neurons (~1.4%, 3/209) were excluded from further analysis because they had fast-
1085 spiking or regular-spiking firing patterns consistent with inhibitory interneurons,
1086 leaving 206 samples for all subsequent analyses.

1087 Genes with less than one read per cells on average (Figure S3C) were removed
1088 ($n=12,841$ genes remaining) and the count data were normalized using the scran

1089 package in R Bioconductor (Lun et al., 2016). Quality control plots (Figures 2C-E, S3 and
1090 S4) were performed using `scrn` as described in Lun et al., 2016. Across genes, there
1091 was a strong correlation between the average count per cell and the number of cells
1092 expressing each gene (Figure S3D) and alternatively filtering genes based on the
1093 number of cells expressing each gene had no significant effect on our results (data not
1094 shown). The normalized read counts were used for all subsequent analyses.

1095 *Dimensionality reduction within our dataset*

1096 To reduce the dimensionality for visualizing gene expression within our own dataset,
1097 we used the R Bioconductor implementation of t-distributed Stochastic Neighbor
1098 Embedding (t-SNE, `runTSNE` function of the `scrn` package) with the random seed set
1099 to 30 for reproducibility. As input, we used the normalized and \log_2 -transformed counts
1100 (“logcounts”, Table S1) of the top highly variable genes selected with a false discovery
1101 rate set to 0.05 (computed using the `correlatePairs` function with `per.gene=TRUE`)
1102 among the cells being plotted (n=91 genes for Figures 2F and S3C, n=43 genes for Figure
1103 2G, and n=41 genes for Figure 2H). The parameter for perplexity was set to 30 when
1104 analyzing all cells (Figures 2F and S3C), to 10 when analyzing only L2/3 cells (Figure
1105 2G), and to 15 when analyzing only L5 cells (Figure 2H). Very similar two-dimensional
1106 projections were generated when different parameters or number of genes were used.

1107 *Generalized linear models (GLMs) to predict layer and region*

1108 We used the `cv.glmnet` function in R Bioconductor to train a GLM to predict either
1109 layer (Figure 2F, right panel) or cortical region (Figures 2G and 2H, right panels) as
1110 follows:

```
1111 cvfit<-  
1112 cv.glmnet(logcounts,factor,family="multinomial",parallel=TRUE,type.meas  
1113 ure="class",nfolds=20)
```

1114 The model performance was estimated from the lowest prediction error across all
1115 lambda values as follows:

```
1116 perc_correct <- 1-cvfit$cvm[which(cvfit$lambda==cvfit$lambda.min)]
```

1117 To generate a null distribution for each model, we randomly shuffled either the layer
1118 position (for Figure 2F) or cortical region (for Figures 2G and 2H) by resampling
1119 without replacement 1000 times. For each iteration, the model performance was
1120 evaluated as described above. The p -values are computed as the fraction of resamples
1121 with model performance (percent correct) greater than or equal to the unshuffled model
1122 performance. The values in the rightmost panels of Figures 2F-H are the unshuffled
1123 model performance (in black) and the mean and 95% coverage interval of the resampled
1124 model performances (in grey).

1125 *Mapping to the reference dataset using t-SNE*

1126 Using the count matrix of Tasic et al. 2018 ($n=23,822$, $d=45,768$), we selected 3000 “most
1127 variable” genes as described in Kobak & Berens, 2018. Briefly, we found genes that had,
1128 at the same time, high non-zero expression and high probability of near-zero

1129 expression. In particular, we excluded all genes that had counts of at least 32 in fewer
1130 than 10 cells. For each remaining gene, we computed the mean \log_2 count across all
1131 counts that were larger than 32 (non-zero expression, μ) and the fraction of counts that
1132 were smaller than 32 (probability of near-zero expression, τ). Across genes, there was a
1133 clear inverse relationship between μ and τ , that roughly followed an exponential law τ
1134 $\approx \exp(-\mu+a)$ for some horizontal offset a . Using a binary search, we found a value b of
1135 this offset that yielded 3000 genes with $\tau > \exp(-\mu+b) + 0.02$. These 3000 genes were
1136 selected as input for dimensionality reduction.

1137 The t-SNE visualization of the Tasic et al. 2018 dataset shown in Figures 3A, S3A,
1138 and S4 was generated as described in our previous work (Kobak & Berens, 2018). It was
1139 computed there using PCA initialization and perplexity combination of 50 and 500,
1140 following preprocessing steps of library size normalization (by converting counts to
1141 counts per million), feature selection (using the 3000 most variable genes), $\log_2(x+1)$
1142 transformation, and reducing the dimensionality to 50 using PCA. The resulting t-SNE
1143 coordinates for all Tasic et al. cells are given in Table S2.

1144 Out of 3000 most variables genes selected in the Tasic et al. data set, 1181 genes
1145 were present among the 12,841 that we selected in our data set. We used this set of 1181
1146 genes for the mapping of our cells to the reference data. For each of the $n=206$ Patch-seq
1147 cells in our dataset, we computed its Pearson correlation with each of the 23,822
1148 reference cells across the 1181 genes, after all counts were $\log_2(x+1)$ transformed. We

1149 identified the 25 reference cells with the maximal correlation (25 “nearest neighbors” of
1150 our cell) and positioned our cell at the median t-SNE location of those 25 reference cells
1151 (Kobak & Berens, 2018).

1152 We performed bootstrapping over genes to estimate the uncertainty of this
1153 mapping (Kobak & Berens, 2018). Specifically, we selected a bootstrap sample of 1181
1154 genes and repeated the mapping as described above. This was repeated 100 times, to
1155 obtain 100 bootstrap positions of each cell. We computed the Euclidean distance
1156 between the original mapping position and each of the bootstrap positions, and took the
1157 80th percentile of the resulting distribution as a measure of mapping precision. If all
1158 bootstrap positions are close each to each other, the 80th percentile distance will be
1159 small (high precision). If they are far from each other, it will be large (low precision).
1160 This measure was used in Figures 3A and S3A (cells with the 80th percentile above 10
1161 were plotted as small dots, cells with the 80th percentile greater than 5 but less than or
1162 equal to 10 were plotted as intermediate size dots, and cells with the 80th percentile less
1163 than or equal to 5 were plotted as large dots) and also to compare the quality of the
1164 mapping between V1 and S1 cells (see Results).

1165 *Mapping to the reference clusters*

1166 To assign each of our Patch-seq cells to one of the reference clusters, we log-
1167 transformed all counts from Tasic et al., 2018 with $\log_2(x+1)$ transformation and
1168 averaged the log-transformed counts across all cells in each of the 133 clusters to obtain

1169 reference transcriptomic profiles of each cluster, using the same 1181 genes as above
1170 (133×1181 matrix). We applied the same $\log_2(x+1)$ transformation to the read counts of
1171 our Patch-seq cells, and for each cell computed Pearson correlation across the 1181
1172 genes with all 133 Tasic et al. 2018 clusters. Each cell was assigned to the cluster to
1173 which it had the highest correlation (nearest centroid classifier).

1174 *Probability of related and unrelated neurons mapping to the same clusters*

1175 To compute the probability related and unrelated pairs of neurons mapping to the same
1176 clusters (Figures 3C, 3D, S3C, and S3D), we computed the number of pairs mapping to
1177 the same cluster as a fraction of all of the pairs analyzed. For Figures 3C and 3D, we first
1178 grouped the 133 transcriptomic clusters into ten broad classes, as labeled in Figure 3A.
1179 In the supplementary Figures S3C and S3D we kept all 133 original clusters. In Figures
1180 3C and S3C, we included all pairs of neurons, and in Figures 3D and S3D we included
1181 only pairs of neurons that were positioned within the same cortical layer. The values
1182 shown are the overall fraction of pairs mapping to the same cluster or broad class, and
1183 the 95% Clopper-Pearson confidence intervals. The p -values are computed using the
1184 Chi-squared test.

1185 **Comparison of connection probability between related and unrelated neurons**

1186 *Comparison using raw data*

1187 Related pairs were defined as pairs in which both the pre- and post-synaptic neuron
1188 were tdTomato-positive excitatory neurons organized in a well-isolated radial unit of

1189 labeled cells (>300 μ m separation from other labeled clones). Control pairs were defined
1190 as pairs of nearby excitatory neurons in which one cell was tdTomato-positive (either
1191 the pre- or post-synaptic cell, but not both) and one was tdTomato-negative. The
1192 connection probability was determined as the total number of connections divided by
1193 the total number of connections tested within each category (all connections tested, only
1194 vertical connections, only lateral connections, and each layer-defined connection type).
1195 The values shown in Figures 4D-F and 5C-D are the connection probability and 95%
1196 Clopper-Pearson confidence intervals. The number of connections tested for each
1197 category is reported in the figure legends. Fisher's exact test was used to compare the
1198 connection probabilities between related and unrelated cells and those p -values are
1199 shown in Figures 4D-F and 5C-D.

1200 *Comparison to distance-matched controls*

1201 Related pairs were defined as above. In contrast to the above comparison, control pairs
1202 were defined as pairs of excitatory neurons in which one or both cells were tdTomato-
1203 negative, to increase the number of available controls for distance-matching (a caveat is
1204 that two tdTomato-negative cells can in principle belong to another clone, but we
1205 consider this to be unlikely). For each related pair, we defined a set of "matched"
1206 control pairs for which the pre- and post-synaptic neurons were located in the same
1207 cortical layers as the pre- and post-synaptic neurons of the related pair, and for which
1208 both the tangential and vertical distances between the control cells were within 20 μ m

1209 of the analogous distances between the two related cells. Related pairs that did not have
1210 any matching control pairs fitting these criteria were excluded from further analysis.

1211 To compare connectivity between related and distance-matched control pairs, we
1212 used bootstrapping over related pairs. Specifically, on each of the 1000 iterations, we
1213 drew a bootstrap sample (resample with replacement) from the set of related pairs, and
1214 selected one matched control pair for each related pair. Values in Figure S6 are the
1215 mean and 95% coverage intervals across resamples of related and matched control
1216 connection probabilities. For each resample, we also computed the difference between
1217 the related and matched control connection probabilities. We “inverted” the bootstrap
1218 confidence interval for this difference to estimate the p -value. Specifically, the mean
1219 difference in connection probability was first subtracted from all bootstrapped
1220 differences, and the p -value was estimated as the fraction of resampled differences with
1221 absolute value greater than or equal to the original mean difference (two-tailed test).
1222 The p -values are shown in Figure S6.

1223 *Comparison at different rostrocaudal positions*

1224 To determine whether the effect of cell lineage varied according to rostrocaudal
1225 position, clones were sorted into two groups based on their rostrocaudal position
1226 (“rostral” includes clones within S1 proper but also other rostral cortical areas, and
1227 similarly for “caudal” clones and V1). The values shown in Figure S7 are the connection
1228 probability and 95% Clopper-Pearson confidence intervals for each group. The number

1229 of connections tested in each category is reported in the figure legend. Fisher's exact test
1230 was used to compare the connection probabilities between related and unrelated cells in
1231 each group and those p -values are shown in Figure S7.

1232 *Generalized linear model of connection probability*

1233 We also built a generalized linear model (GLM) to explain connection probability (P) as
1234 a function of connection class, lineage relationship, Euclidean distance between the
1235 cells, and rostrocaudal position (a numeric value ranging from 1 to 5 with 1 being most
1236 rostral and 5 being most caudal). We fit a binomial GLM (using `glmfit` function in
1237 Matlab) containing the relevant linear terms and all possible pairwise interactions:

$$1238 \quad g(P) = \beta_0 + \beta_L \cdot L + \beta_C \cdot C + \beta_D \cdot D + \beta_R \cdot R + \beta_{LC} \cdot L \cdot C + \beta_{LD} \cdot L \cdot D \\ 1239 \quad + \beta_{LR} \cdot L \cdot R + \beta_{CD} \cdot C \cdot D + \beta_{CR} \cdot C \cdot R + \beta_{DR} \cdot D \cdot R$$

1240 where β_0 is a constant term, L is a binary variable representing the lineage relationship
1241 (1 for related and 0 for unrelated), C is a binary variable representing the connection
1242 type (1 for vertical and 0 for lateral), D is the Euclidean distance between the cells in
1243 microns, R is a numeric variable representing the rostrocaudal position of the clone
1244 with integer values from 1 (most rostral) to 5 (most caudal), and β_i are the
1245 corresponding coefficients. The presence of a connection was modeled as Bernoulli
1246 distributed with probability P , using the logit link function, $g(P) = \ln(P/(1-P))$. The
1247 estimated coefficients and p -values of each term are reported in Table S3.

1248 **Simple connectivity model to estimate expected input from related cells**

1249 For a particular postsynaptic cell in layer $j \in \{L2/3, L4, L5\}$, we modeled the number of
1250 input connections from cells in a particular layer i and a particular lineage relation
1251 $l \in \{\text{related, unrelated}\}$ as a binomial distribution $B(n_{il}, p_{il})$. The probabilities p_{ijl} were
1252 set to the measured connection probabilities. The pool sizes n_{il} were set to the product
1253 $n_{il} = n_i q_l$ of the number of cells n_i residing in the particular input layer and the fraction
1254 q_l of cells with that particular lineage. To compute n_i , we assumed that a cortical slab of
1255 1mm^2 contains about 100,000 neurons and that 80% of those are excitatory neurons. We
1256 further assumed that a particular cell only connects to other cells within a tangential
1257 radius of r , which we set to half the 99% quantile of pairwise distances measured in our
1258 dataset ($r = 0.087$ mm). The resulting cylinder of cortex contained $\pi r^2 \times 80,000 \approx$
1259 1,908 excitatory neurons. We assumed that 35% of these cells reside in L2/3, 15% in L4,
1260 25% in L5, and 25% in L6. The fraction q_c of related cells in that cylinder was computed
1261 as the ratio $q_r = \frac{k}{N}$ of the median clone size ($k = 86$) and the number of cells in the
1262 cortical cylinder ($N = 1908$). All model computations were performed using Python.

1263 We computed the expected fraction of related cells in the input connections to a
1264 particular cell (Figures 4G and 5E) as

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$$e_{ij} = \frac{p_{ijr} n_{ir}}{p_{ijr} n_{ir} + p_{iju} n_{iu}} = \frac{p_{ijr} q_r}{p_{ijr} q_r + p_{iju} (1 - q_r)},$$

1266 where subscript r refers to related neurons and u to unrelated neurons. Note that $q_u =$
1267 $1 - q_r$. We propagated the standard error from p_{ijl} to e_{ij} using a first order Taylor

1268 approximation: In general, the propagated variance of a function $f(X, Y)$ of two random
1269 variables is given by

$$1270 \quad \text{Var}[F] \approx F_x^2 \sigma_x^2 + F_y^2 \sigma_y^2 + 2F_x F_y \sigma_{xy}$$

1271 where F_x and F_y denote the partial derivatives of F with respect to the variables in the
1272 subscript, and σ_x^2 , σ_y^2 , and σ_{xy} denote the variances and covariance of X and Y (Lee et al.,
1273 2006). In our case, the random variables are the estimators \hat{p}_{ijl} of the connection
1274 probabilities which have a variance (squared standard error) of $\sigma_{ijl}^2 = \frac{\hat{p}_{ijl}(1-\hat{p}_{ijl})}{m_{ijl}}$ and no
1275 covariance because we assume that the two different lineages were measured
1276 independently. The denominator m_{ijl} denotes the number of tested connections for that
1277 particular lineage and combination of layers. This yields the following standard error
1278 for e_{ij}

$$1279 \quad \text{SE}[e_{ij}] = \frac{q_c^2(1-q_c)^2 \left(\hat{p}_{iju}^2 \frac{\hat{p}_{ijc}(1-\hat{p}_{ijc})}{n_{ic}} + \hat{p}_{ijc}^2 \frac{\hat{p}_{iju}(1-\hat{p}_{iju})}{n_{iu}} \right)}{(\hat{p}_{iju}(1-q_c) + \hat{p}_{ijc}q_c)^4}$$

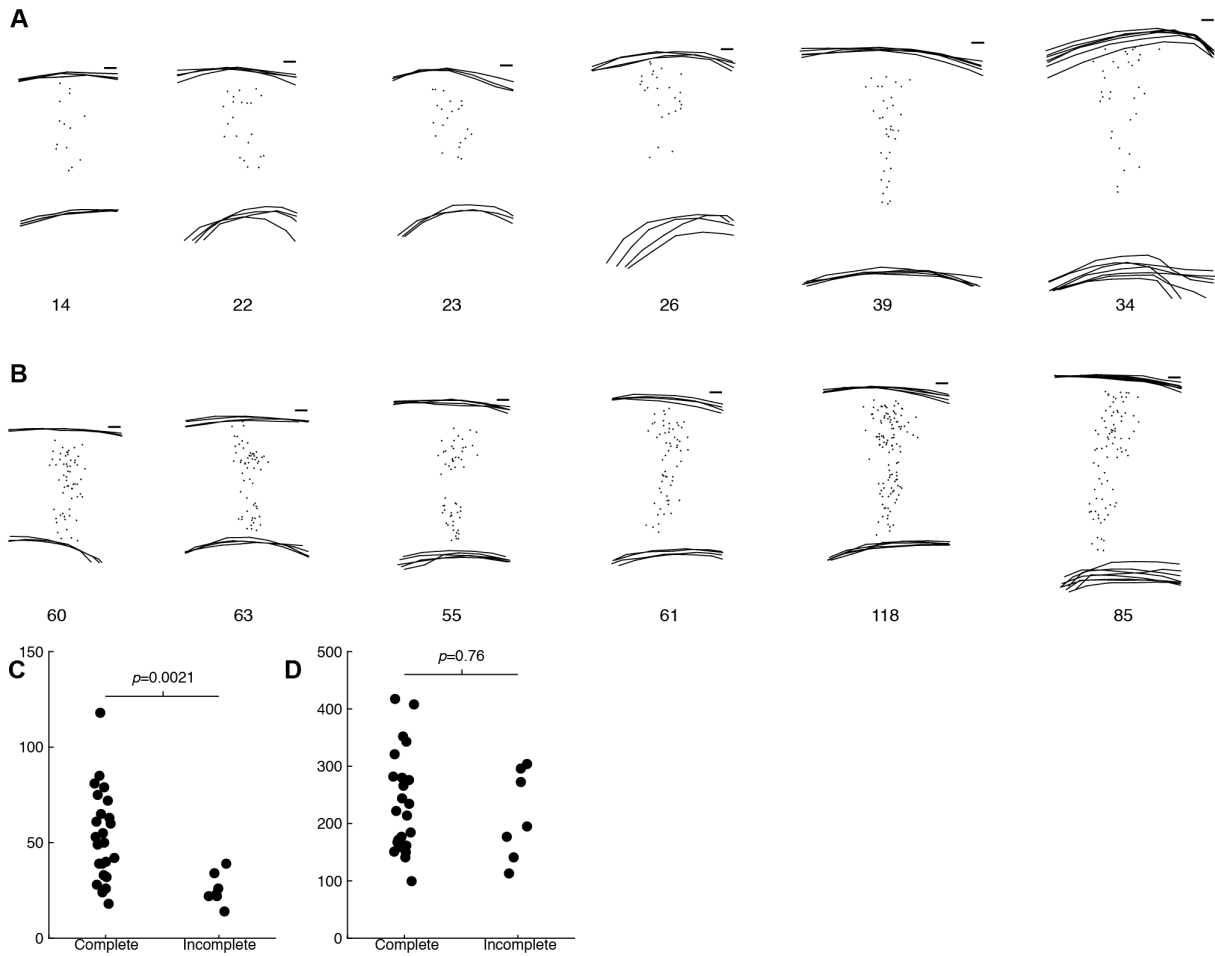
1280 The values reported in Figures 4G and 5E are the estimates and propagated standard
1281 errors.

1282 **Log-ratios of connection probabilities between related and unrelated neurons**

1283 To visualize the overall pattern of connectivity differences between related and
1284 unrelated neurons, we used a heatmap of the log ratio of connection probabilities for
1285 related and unrelated neurons (Figure 5F). For each layer-defined connection type, we
1286 took the \log_2 of the ratio of the related pair connection probability and unrelated pair

1287 connection probability, with Laplace smoothing (by adding 1 to both the numerator and
1288 denominator) applied to both probabilities. Specifically, if A out of B related pairs and C
1289 out of D unrelated pairs were connected, we computed the log-ratio as
1290 $\log_2\{[(A+1)/(B+1)] / [(C+1)/(D+1)]\}$. The 95% confidence intervals were computed via
1291 bootstrapping. For each bootstrap iteration, we generated A_{boot} as a binomial draw with
1292 $p=(A+1)/(B+1)$ and $n=B$, and C_{boot} as a binomial draw with $p=(C+1)/(D+1)$ and $n=D$. As the
1293 95% confidence interval, we took 95% coverage interval of the bootstrapped log-ratios
1294 $\log_2\{[(A_{\text{boot}}+1)/(B+1)] / [(C_{\text{boot}}+1)/(D+1)]\}$.

1295 Supplemental Information



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1297 **Figure S1. Clones induced at E11.5 are often restricted to superficial layers, related to Figure 1. (A)**

1298 Clones induced at E11.5 that were considered “incomplete” due to lack of neurons in deep cortical layers.

1299 **(B)** Examples of clones induced at E11.5 that were considered “complete” due to inclusion of neurons in

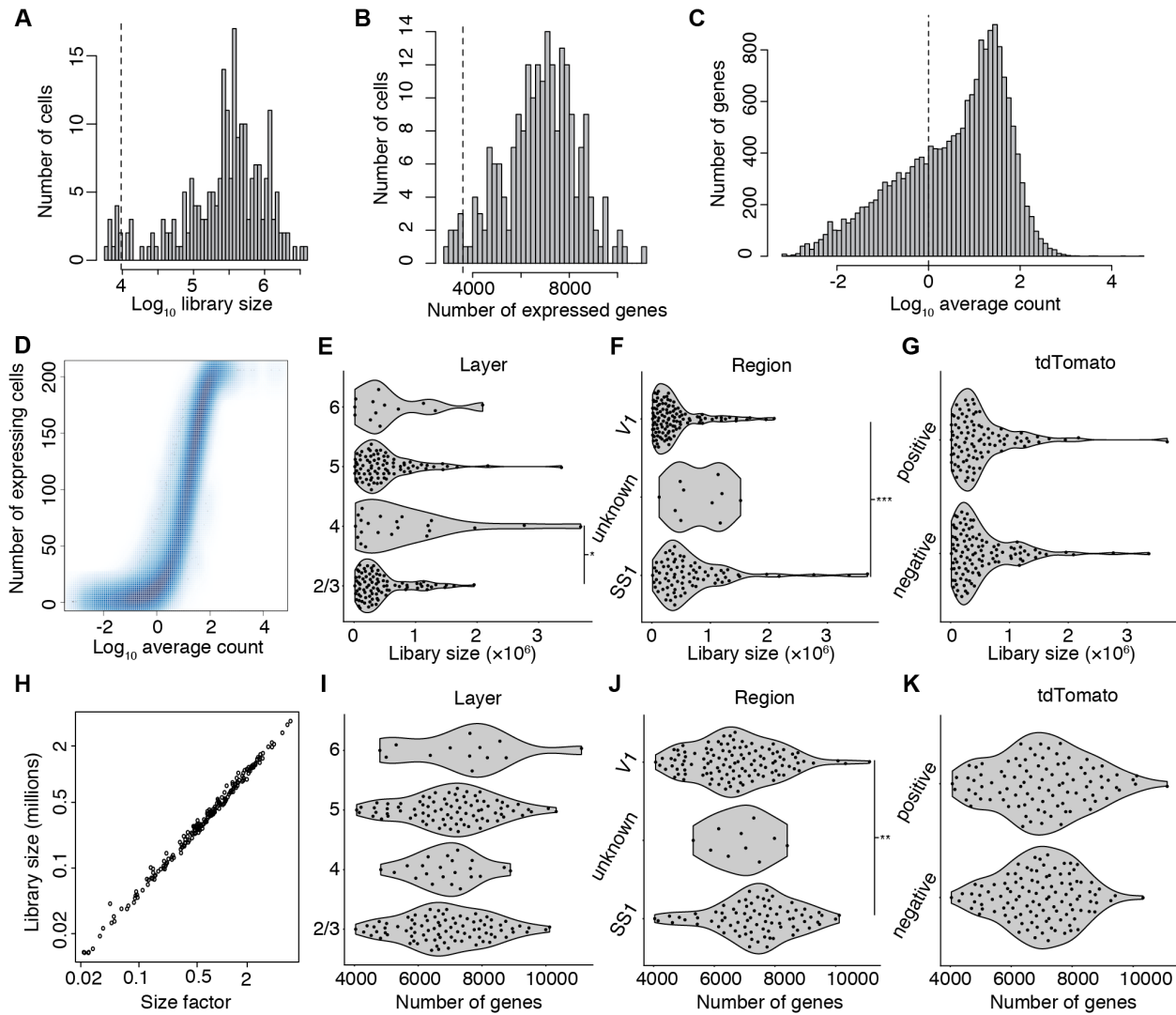
1300 deep cortical layers. **(C and D)** Incomplete clones contain fewer neurons **(C)** but there is no difference in

1301 clone width between complete and incomplete clones **(D)**; $n = 24$ and 7 for complete and incomplete

1302 clones; p -values computed using Wilcoxon rank sum test. Scale bars: $100 \mu\text{m}$ **(A and B)**. Related to Figure

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1306 **Figure S2. Quality control criteria for single-cell RNA-sequencing data, related to Figure 2. (A and B)**

1307 Histograms of library size (A) and number of genes expressed (B) for all sequenced cells. Cells falling

1308 more than three median absolute differences below the median (dotted lines) were excluded (n=11 based

1309 on library size and n=8 based on number of genes expressed; all 8 cells excluded based on number of

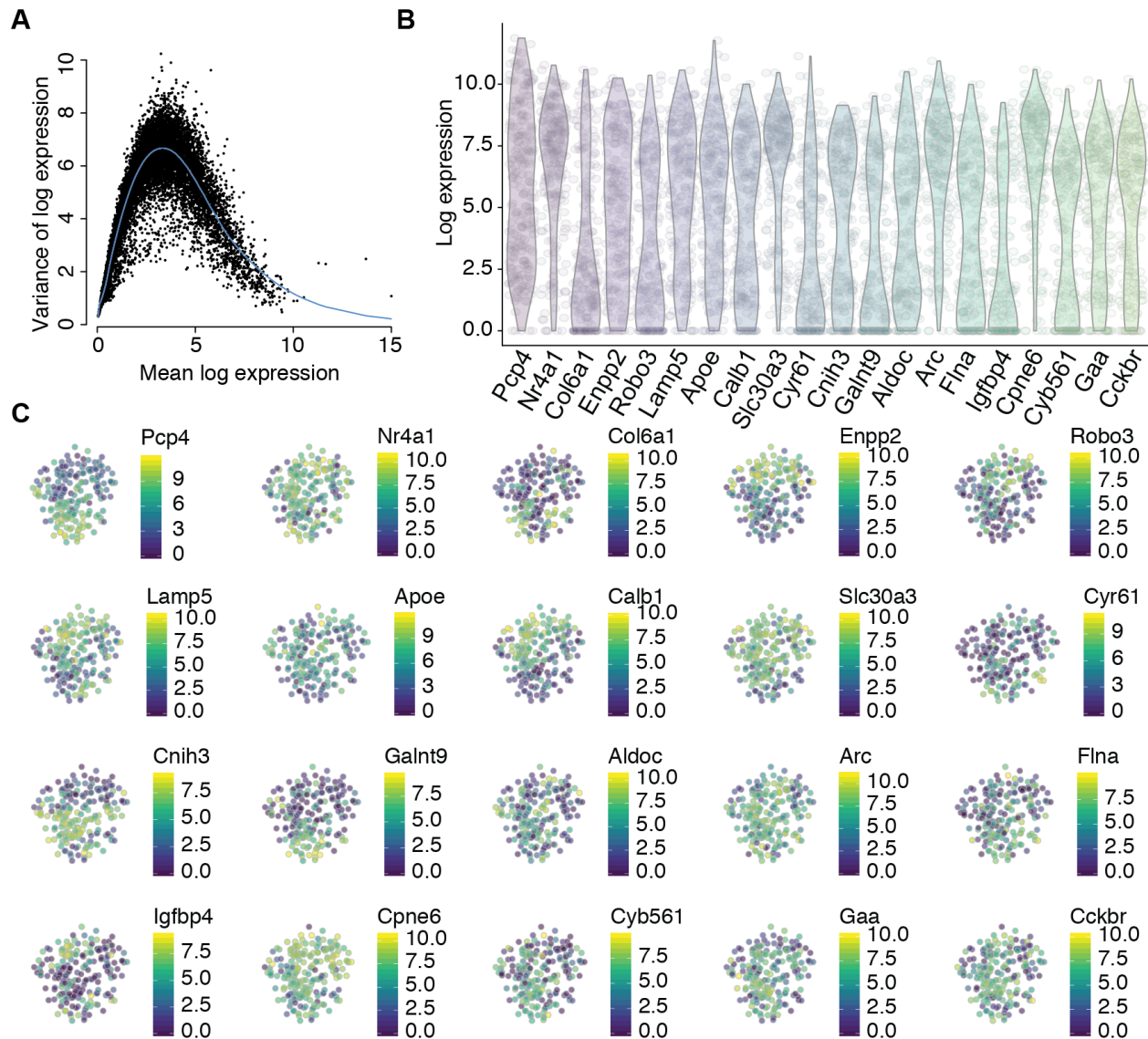
1310 genes are also excluded based on library size, leaving 206 out of 217 sequenced cells passing these

1311 combined criteria). (C) Histogram of average number of counts per cell across genes. Genes with less than

1312 1 count per cell on average (dotted line) were excluded from further analyses (n=12,841 genes passing this

1313 criteria). (D) Correlation between average number of counts per cell and total number of cells expressing

1314 each gene, across genes. **(E–G)** Library sizes of cells in different layers (**E**; n=87, 22, 84, and 13 cells in
1315 layers 2/3, 4, 5, and 6 respectively; One-way analysis of variance with post-hoc pairwise comparisons
1316 using Tukey’s honestly significant difference procedure), cortical regions (**F**; n = 79, 10, and 117 cells in
1317 primary somatosensory (SS1), unknown, and primary visual (V1) areas respectively; One-way analysis of
1318 variance with post-hoc pairwise comparisons using Tukey’s honestly significant difference procedure),
1319 and with (positive) or without (negative) tdTomato-expression (**G**; n = 110 and 96 negative and positive
1320 cells respectively; One-way analysis of variance). **(H)** Correlation between size factors used for
1321 normalization and library size, across cells. **(I–K)** Number of genes expressed by cells in different layers
1322 (**I**; n=87, 22, 84, and 13 cells in layers 2/3, 4, 5, and 6 respectively; One-way analysis of variance), cortical
1323 regions (**J**; n = 79, 10, and 117 cells in primary somatosensory (SS1), unknown, and primary visual (V1)
1324 areas respectively; One-way analysis of variance with post-hoc pairwise comparisons using Tukey’s
1325 honestly significant difference procedure), and with (positive) or without (negative) tdTomato-expression
1326 (**K**; n = 110 and 96 negative and positive cells respectively; One-way analysis of variance). Values are raw
1327 data points expressed as scatter plots (**D** and **H**, **D** with smoothing), binned (**A–C**), or with overlay violin
1328 plots (**E–G** and **I–K**). Only significant ($p < 0.05$) p-values are shown (* $p < 0.05$; ** $p < 0.01$; *** $p < 0.001$). Related
1329 to Figure 2.
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1332 **Figure S3. Expression of top highly variable genes, related to Figure 2. (A)** Variance of normalized log-

1333 transformed expression for each gene plotted against the mean log-transformed expression. **(B)** Violin

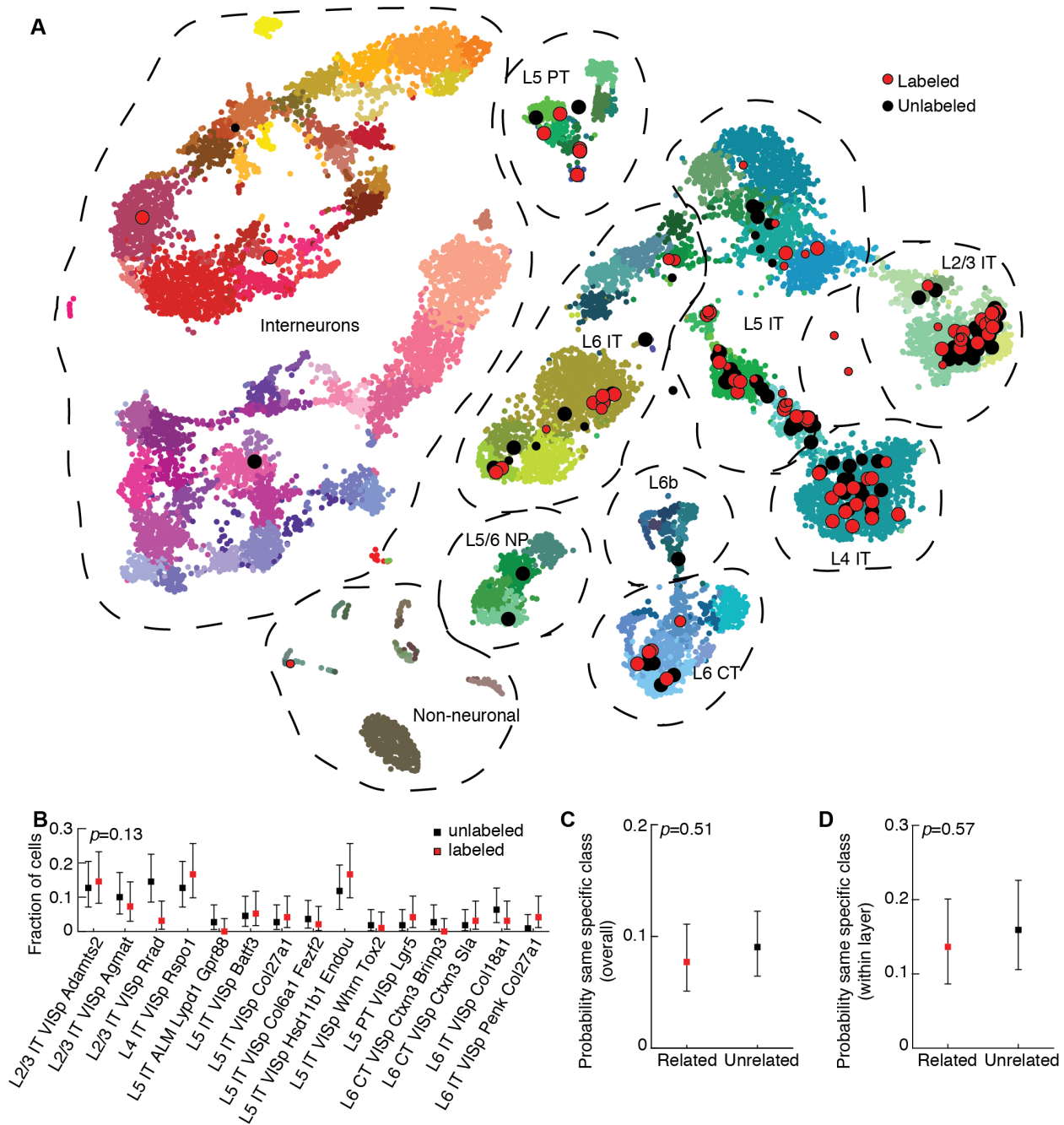
1334 plots of log-transformed expression values for the top twenty highly variable genes across all cells. **(C)** T-

1335 distributed stochastic neighbor embedding (t-SNE) was performed using the top highly variable and

1336 correlated genes (n=91). Plots are colored by log-transformed expression values for the top twenty highly

1337 variable genes. Related to Figure 2.

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1340 **Figure S4. Radial clones are composed of diverse subtypes of excitatory neurons with no evidence of**

1341 **fate restriction, related to Figure 3. (A) T-distributed stochastic neighbor embedding (t-SNE) plot similar**

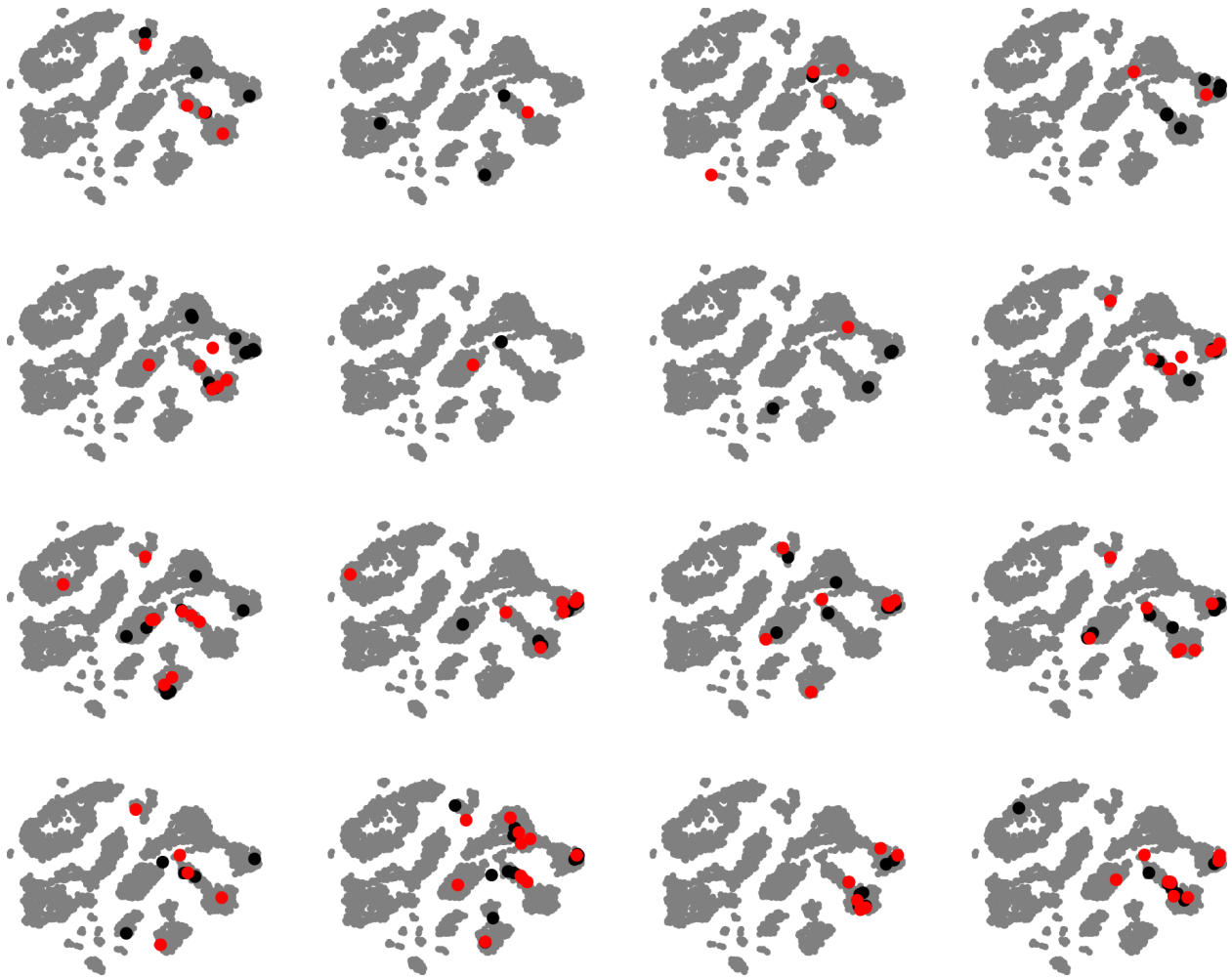
1342 **to 3A, but with Patch-seq data points (black outline, n=96 and 110 labeled and unlabeled cells**

1343 **respectively) colored according to tdTomato expression status rather than cortical layer, aligned with a**

1344 **recently published mouse cell type atlas (data points with no outline; n=23,822; from (Tasic et al., 2018);**

1345 colors denote transcriptomic types and are taken from the original publication). The t-SNE of the
1346 reference dataset and the positioning of Patch-seq cells were performed as described in (Kobak &
1347 Behrens, 2018), see Methods. The size of the Patch-seq data points denotes the precision of the mapping
1348 (see Methods): small points indicate high uncertainty. **(B–D)** A similar analysis to **3B–D**, but using
1349 specific cell types (tree leaves of the cell type atlas) rather than broad classes. **(B)** Fraction of labeled
1350 (n=96) and unlabeled (n=110) cells that mapped to each of the specific clusters identified in (Tasic et al.,
1351 2018) with greater than three Patch-seq cells total (no significant difference, Chi-squared test). **(C and D)**
1352 Probability of related and unrelated cell pairs mapping to the same specific cluster either overall **(C;**
1353 n=337 related pairs, n=409 unrelated pairs; no significant difference, Chi-squared test) or when
1354 conditioned on layer position **(D;** n=154 related pairs, n=157 unrelated pairs; no significant difference,
1355 Chi-squared test). Related to Figure 3.

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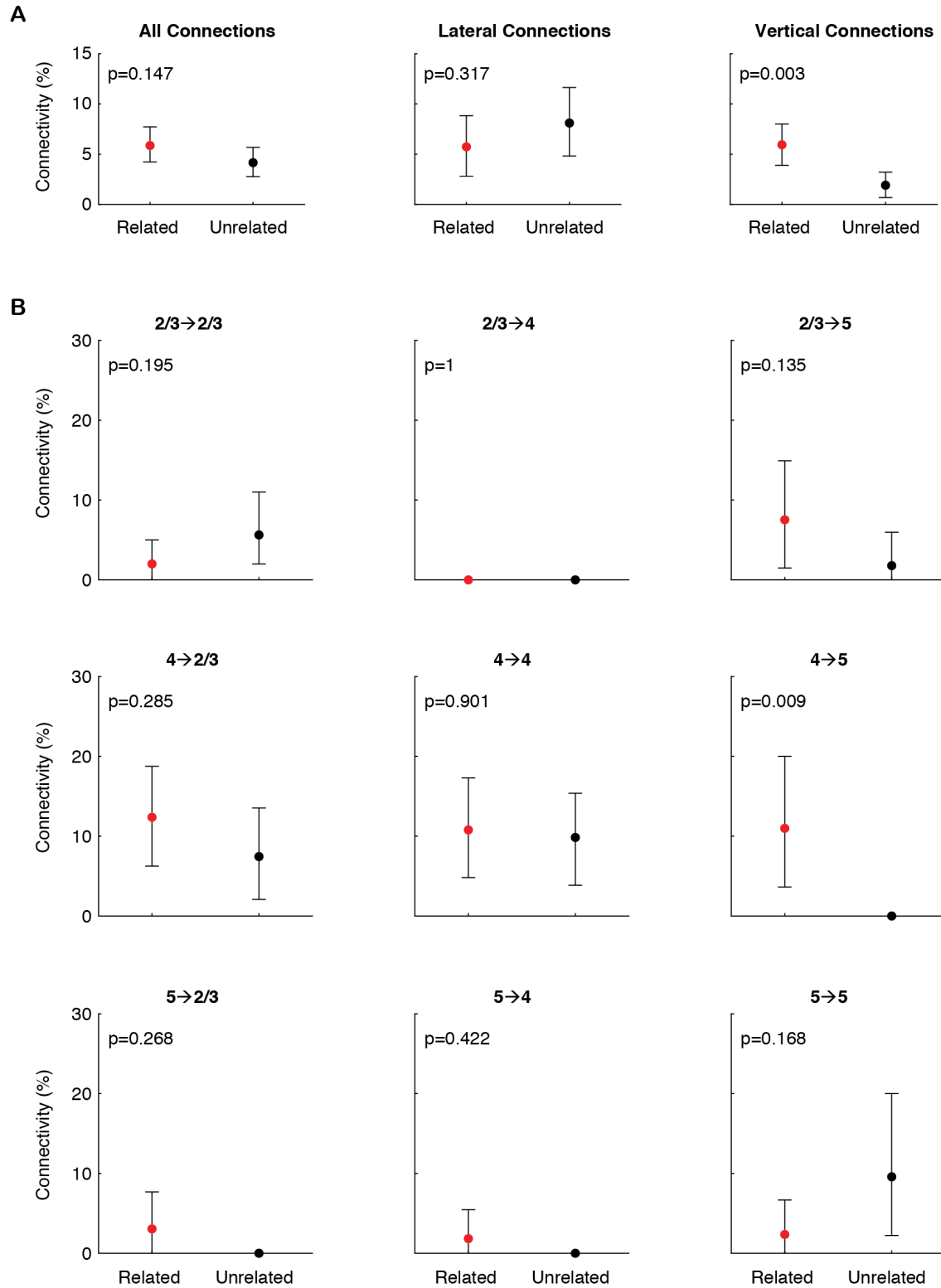
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1358 **Figure S5. Transcriptomic diversity of individual radial clones, related to Figure 3.** t-SNE plots for each

1359 Patch-seq experiment (n=16) showing clonally related cells in red and unrelated cells in black, projected

1360 onto the reference atlas (grey, from (Tasic et al., 2018)). Related to Figure 3.

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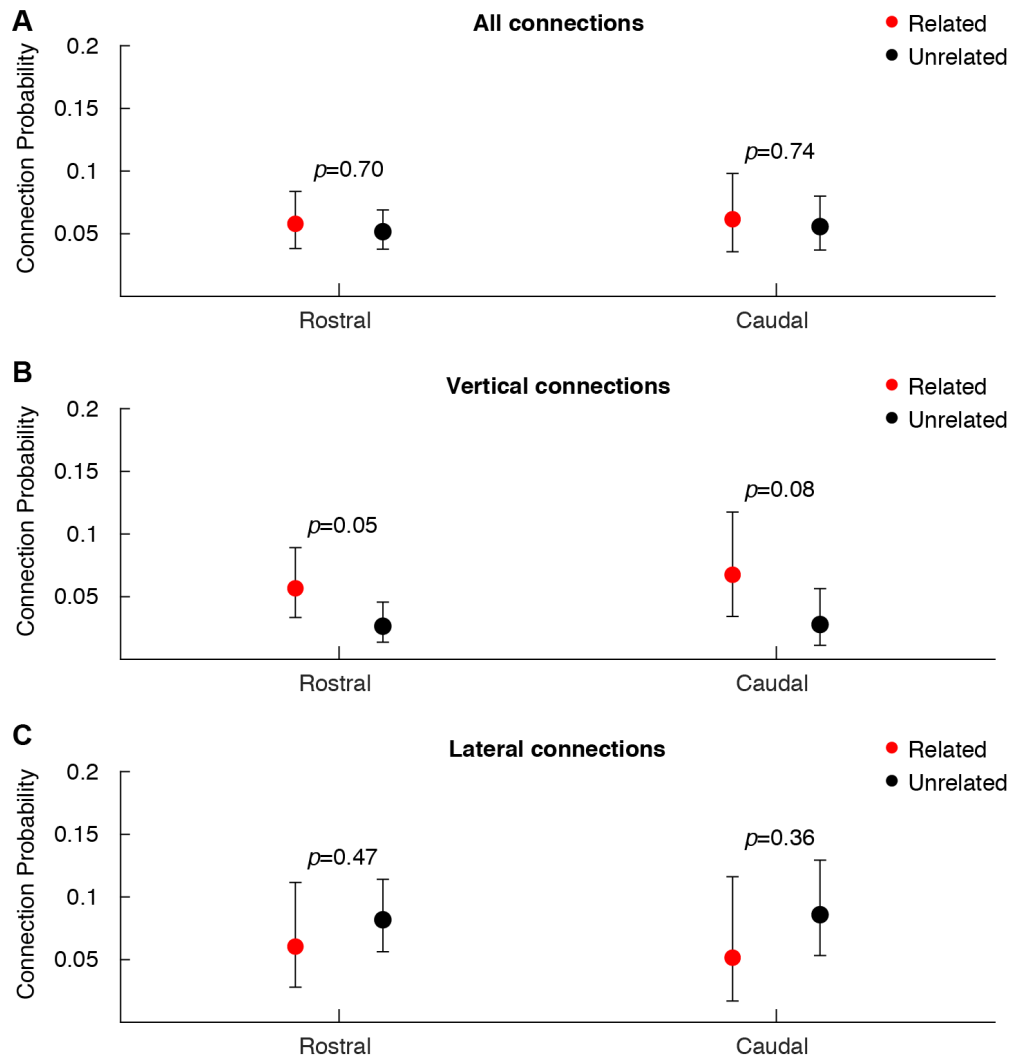


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1363 **Figure S6. Connectivity differences between clonally related and distance-matched unrelated pairs of**

1364 **neurons, related to Figures 4 and 5. (A) Connectivity for all connections (left panel); only lateral, within-**

1365 layer connections (middle panel); or only vertical, across-layer connections (right panel). **(B)** Connectivity
1366 for each layer-defined connection type tested. Pre- and post-synaptic location of the cell bodies is
1367 designated above each plot. In **(A and B)**, error bars are 95% coverage intervals computed by resampling
1368 (see Methods); p -values are two-sided and computed by resampling (see Methods). Related to Figures 4
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1371 **Figure S7. Connectivity differences between clonally related and unrelated neurons across different**

1372 **rostrocaudal location. (A)** Connection probabilities for all connection types tested, grouped by

1373 rostrocaudal position (n=449 and 260 related pairs and n=833 and 485 unrelated pairs in rostral and

1374 caudal groups, respectively). **(B)** Connection probabilities for all vertical, across-layer connections tested,

1375 grouped by rostrocaudal position (n=300 and 163 related pairs and n=454 and 252 unrelated pairs in

1376 rostral and caudal groups, respectively). **(C)** Connection probabilities for all lateral, within-layer

1377 connections tested, grouped by rostrocaudal position (n=149 and 97 related pairs and n=379 and 233

1378 unrelated pairs in rostral and caudal groups, respectively). Error bars are 95% Clopper-Pearson

1379 confidence intervals and p -values are computed using Fisher's exact test. Related to Figures 4 and 5.

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1381 **Table S1 (.xls file). Gene expression data, related to Figure 2.** Normalized counts, normalized log
1382 counts, and metadata for all Patch-seq neurons included in our analysis.

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1384 **Table S2 (.xls file). Mapping to transcriptomic cell types, related to Figure 3.** Best match for each of our
1385 cells onto reference transcriptomic cell types, t-SNE coordinates for the reference dataset, and t-SNE
1386 coordinates for projection of our data onto the reference with measure of uncertainty.

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Term	Estimated Coefficient	SE	t-statistic	p-value
Constant	-1.82	0.43	-4.22	$2.37 \cdot 10^{-5}$
Lineage	-0.47	0.58	-0.81	0.42
Connection type	-1.55	0.75	-2.06	0.039
Euclidean distance	$-8.42 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$4.40 \cdot 10^{-3}$	-1.91	0.056
Rostrocaudal position	0.074	0.11	0.65	0.51
Lineage × Connection type	1.25	0.59	2.11	0.035
Lineage × Euclidean distance	$2.05 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$2.46 \cdot 10^{-3}$	0.083	0.93
Lineage × Rostrocaudal position	0.028	0.15	0.18	0.86
Connection type × Euclidean distance	$7.97 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$3.99 \cdot 10^{-3}$	2.00	0.046
Connection type × Rostrocaudal position	$5.86 \cdot 10^{-3}$	0.20	0.030	0.98
Euclidean distance × Rostrocaudal position	$-5.97 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$9.33 \cdot 10^{-4}$	-0.64	0.52

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1389 **Table S3. Generalized linear model of connectivity.** Connectivity was modeled as a binomial response
1390 variable with the following predictors: lineage relationship (1 for related, 0 for unrelated), connection
1391 type (1 for vertical, 0 for lateral), Euclidean distance between the cells in microns, and rostrocaudal
1392 position (a numeric factor from 1 to 5) (see Methods). '×' denotes an interaction between two linear terms.
1393 Overall $\chi^2=33.5$ compared to constant model, $p=2.26 \cdot 10^{-4}$, 1988 error degrees of freedom. The four terms
1394 with small *p*-values are: connection class (connection probability *P* is lower for control vertical
1395 connections, compared to control lateral), Euclidean distance (*P* decreases with increasing distance for
1396 unrelated lateral connections), lineage × connection type (*P* is higher for related vertical pairs), and
1397 connection type × Euclidean distance (the effect of Euclidean distance on *P* depends on the type of
1398 connection tested).