

1 Supplementary Information for

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3 Functional spreading of hyperexcitability induced by human and synthetic intracellular A β

4 oligomers

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29 **1. Supplementary Methods**

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31 1.1. **Preparation of A β oligomers.** Briefly, A β was dissolved in 1,1,1,3,3,3-Hexafluoro-2-
32 propanol (HFIP) (10 mg/mL) (Merck Millipore, USA) and incubated in a parafilm sealed tube at
33 37°C for 2 hours. Then, the solution was incubated at 4°C for 20 min and aliquots of 5 μ L were
34 placed in 1.5 mL open lid Eppendorf tubes to allow evaporation. Aliquots were stored at -20°C. To
35 obtain an oligomer-rich solution, nanopure water was added to obtain a final concentration of 80
36 μ M and the tubes were incubated at room temperature for 20 minutes. Subsequently, a Teflon-
37 coated magnetic stir bar was added to the solution (size: 2x5 mm) and stirred at room temperature
38 (typically 21°C) at 500 rpm for 24 hrs. This solution was used to perform the experiments. To
39 characterize the presence of oligomeric A β in the preparations used in all the experiments, we used
40 transmission electron microscopy coupled to immunogold staining that showed the presence of
41 spherical or disc-shaped structures of A β ranging in sizes from 5-25 nm approximately
42 (supplementary Fig. S2C).

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44 1.2. **Western Blot.** Human brain-derived A β ₀ was characterized by Western blot analysis. Two
45 different concentrations of A β ₀ (1 and 0.5 μ g of protein) were loaded onto precast NuPAGE 4-12%
46 Bis-Tris gel (Invitrogen) for SDS-PAGE analysis. Gel was subsequently transferred onto
47 nitrocellulose membranes and blocked with 10% nonfat dry milk at 4°C overnight. The membrane
48 was then probed with primary antibodies, A11 (1:1000) and 6E10 (1:6000, BioLegend, USA) diluted
49 in 5% nonfat dry milk for 1 h at RT. HRP-conjugated anti-rabbit IgG and anti-mouse IgG (1:6000,
50 GE Healthcare, USA) were used to detect A11 and 6E10 immunoreactivity, respectively. ECL plus
51 (GE Healthcare, USA) was used to visualize the bands.

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53 1.3. **Atomic force microscopy.** Human brain-derived A β ₀ was also analyzed by AFM using a
54 non-contact tapping method with a Multimode 8 AFM machine (Bruker, USA). Briefly, 3-4 μ L of A β ₀
55 was applied onto a fresh-cleaved mica surface and allowed to adsorb at RT overnight. Mica was
56 then washed with 200 μ L of deionized water, air-dried and imaged.

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58 1.4. **Immunogold and negative contrast transmission electron microscopy.** Five
59 microliters of A β ₀, at a concentration of 50 μ M, were applied to carbon-coated Formvar grids (Agar
60 Scientific, UK). Nonspecific immunoreactivity was blocked with 3% bovine serum albumin (BSA)
61 for 30 minutes at room temperature and incubated with the primary antibody anti-A β 6E10 (1:50;
62 Novus Biologicals, USA) for 1 hour. A secondary 5-nm gold-conjugated anti-mouse IgG antibody
63 (Merck, Germany) was used at a 1:20 dilution for 30 minutes. Samples were fixed with a 2%
64 glutaraldehyde solution for 5 minutes. A β ₀ were stained with 5 μ L of 0.2 % (wt/vol) phosphotungstic
65 acid and the grid was air-dried. Samples were examined using a JEOL 1200 EX II electronic
66 microscope.

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68 1.5. **Voltage-clamp experiments *in vitro* and *ex vivo*.** To isolate the AMPAergic miniature
69 currents (mEPSCs) *in vivo* and *ex vivo*, synaptic transmission inhibitors were applied using a
70 perfusion system (in μ M): 20 DAPV (2-amino-5- phosphonopentanoate), 1 strychnine and 10
71 bicuculline. The same approach was used to isolate GABAergic miniature currents (mEPSCs) *in*
72 *vivo* and *ex vivo*, perfusing (in μ M): 20 DAPV, 1 strychnine and 20 CNQX (6-Cyano-7-
73 nitroquinoxaline-2,3-dione). All synaptic transmission inhibitors were purchased from Tocris, USA.
74 For recordings of synaptic currents in CA1 hippocampal brain slices (*ex vivo*), the rats were sedated
75 with isoflurane and decapitated. The brain was removed and coronal hippocampal cuts of 300-400
76 μ m thick were made in a VT1200S vibratom (Leica, Germany) in a cold solution containing (in mM):
77 194 Sucrose, 30 NaCl, 4.5 KCl, 1 MgCl₂, 26 NaHCO₃, 1.2 NaH₂PO₄ and 10 Glucose. Once the
78 slices were obtained, they were allowed to stand in a chamber at room temperature (22 ° C) for 1
79 hour in artificial cerebrospinal fluid (aCSF) bubbling with 95% O₂ and 5% CO₂. The aCSF solution
80 contained (in mM): 120 NaCl, 3 KCl, 2 MgSO₄, 2.5 CaCl₂, 1 NaH₂PO₄, 25 NaHCO₃ and 20 glucose.
81 The slices were then transferred to the recording chamber with aCSF solution saturated with 95%
82 O₂ and 5% CO₂ and continuously perfused with oxygenated aCSF at a rate of ~2 ml/min at room
83 temperature (RT). Whole-cell voltage and current clamp recordings were made using an Axopatch
84 200B amplifier (Axon Instruments, USA) and Digidata 1322A (Molecular Devices, USA). All

85 recordings were filtered at 2.2 kHz and digitized at 10 kHz. Data were acquired using Clampex 10
86 software (Molecular Devices, USA). Series resistance was continuously monitored and only cells
87 with a stable access resistance were included for data analysis.

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89 **1.6. Current-clamp recordings *in vivo*.** On the day of the recordings, the animals were
90 anesthetized (induction: 3% isoflurane; maintenance: Xylazine/Ketamine 10/100 mg/Kg,
91 supplemented with ketamine 20 mg/Kg). The level of anesthesia was assessed by pinching the
92 foot and by measuring body temperature and respiratory rate. Body temperature was maintained
93 at 37 °C with a thermal blanket (FHC). The animals were fixed in a stereotactic apparatus (SR-6,
94 Narishige, Japan). A local analgesic (lidocaine) was applied as a gel on the stereotaxic system bars
95 to reduce pain during fixation of the head with the stereotaxic system bars, and it was also injected
96 as a liquid under the skin before the first incision. An ophthalmic gel was applied to the eyes to
97 prevent them from drying out during surgery, and the eyes were covered with a piece of cardboard
98 to protect them from light during surgery. The skull was exposed and two small craniotomies (2 mm
99 in diameter) were perforated on both hippocampus (-3.5 mm posterior to bregma; 2.5 mm lateral
100 to bregma) to record in the CA1 area (3 mm deep from the surface of the brain). The Vm of CA1
101 neurons was recorded in the current clamp mode, using standard techniques for "blind patch" blind
102 cell clamp *in vivo* (99). Before starting the recording of evoked action potentials, a small holding
103 current was applied to stabilize the resting membrane potential (RMP) to -70 mV. The borosilicate
104 electrodes that were used had a resistance of 5-7 MΩ. The internal solution contained (in mM): 135
105 K-Gluconate, 5.4 KCl, 10 HEPES, 2 Mg-ATP, 0.4 GTP, 0.2 EGTA and 0.2% of biocytin (pH 7.2,
106 adjusted with KOH). The Vm was amplified by an NPI ELC-03XS amplifier (NPI Electronics,
107 Germany) and digitized with a LIH (HEKA Elektronik, Germany), using Patch Master software
108 (HEKA Elektronik, Germany). Finally, output signals were digitized 1440A Digidata (Molecular
109 Devices, USA) and recorded with Axoscope software (Molecular Devices, USA). 50 Hz noise was
110 removed using a HumBug noise eliminator (Quest Scientific, Canada). For further analysis, only
111 cells with Vm at rest under -55 mV were considered.

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113 1.7. **Histology.** Animals were injected with a ketamine overdose and transcardially perfused
114 with 1x PBS solution followed by 4% paraformaldehyde fixation. The brains were then left in 4%
115 PFA overnight at 4°C, before washing and storing at 4°C in PBS. The next day, 50 µm thick coronal
116 slices were *post hoc* processed with the streptavidin method associated with the Cy3 fluorophore
117 (Jackson ImmunoResearch, USA) to visualize neurons containing biocytin. For this, brain slices
118 were incubated with PBS containing 0.3% Triton X-100 (Sigma, Germany), 2% normal goat serum
119 (Thermo Fisher Scientific, USA) and 1:1000 Cy3™ streptavidin (Jackson ImmunoResearch, USA)
120 for 48 - 72 hrs at 4°C (continuously agitated, and protected from light). After confirming the location
121 of the recorded cell in the hippocampus, slices were blocked with PBST (PBS and 0.3% Triton X-
122 100) plus 7% normal goat serum for 2 hrs at 4 °C, continuously agitated, and protected from light.
123 Immunostaining was performed using a rabbit anti-Calbindin D-28k antibody diluted 1:1000 (Swant,
124 Switzerland) in a solution containing: PBS, 0.3% Triton X-100, 2% normal goat serum and 1:1000
125 Cy3™ streptavidin for 24 hrs at 4 °C (continuously agitated, and protected from light). Slices were
126 washed with PBST (3 times per 10 min at RT, continuously agitated, and protected from light) and
127 then incubated with a secondary Alexa Fluor® 488 Donkey Anti-Rabbit antibody diluted 1:1000
128 (Jackson ImmunoResearch, USA) using the same protocol and solution of the primary antibody.
129 After washing with PBST (3 times per 10 min at RT, continuously agitated, and protected from light)
130 and PBS (2 times per 10 min at RT, continuously agitated, and protected from light), samples were
131 mounted with Vectashield mounting medium (Vectorlabs, USA). 8 bit images were obtained using
132 a confocal upright Leica TCS SP5 X microscope (Leica, Germany) with a 40x oil immersion
133 objective (1.3 NA) and under the following conditions: for excitation we used 2 laser lines (488 nm,
134 555 nm) and emission was collected in the 490-540 nm and 569-610 nm ranges, respectively
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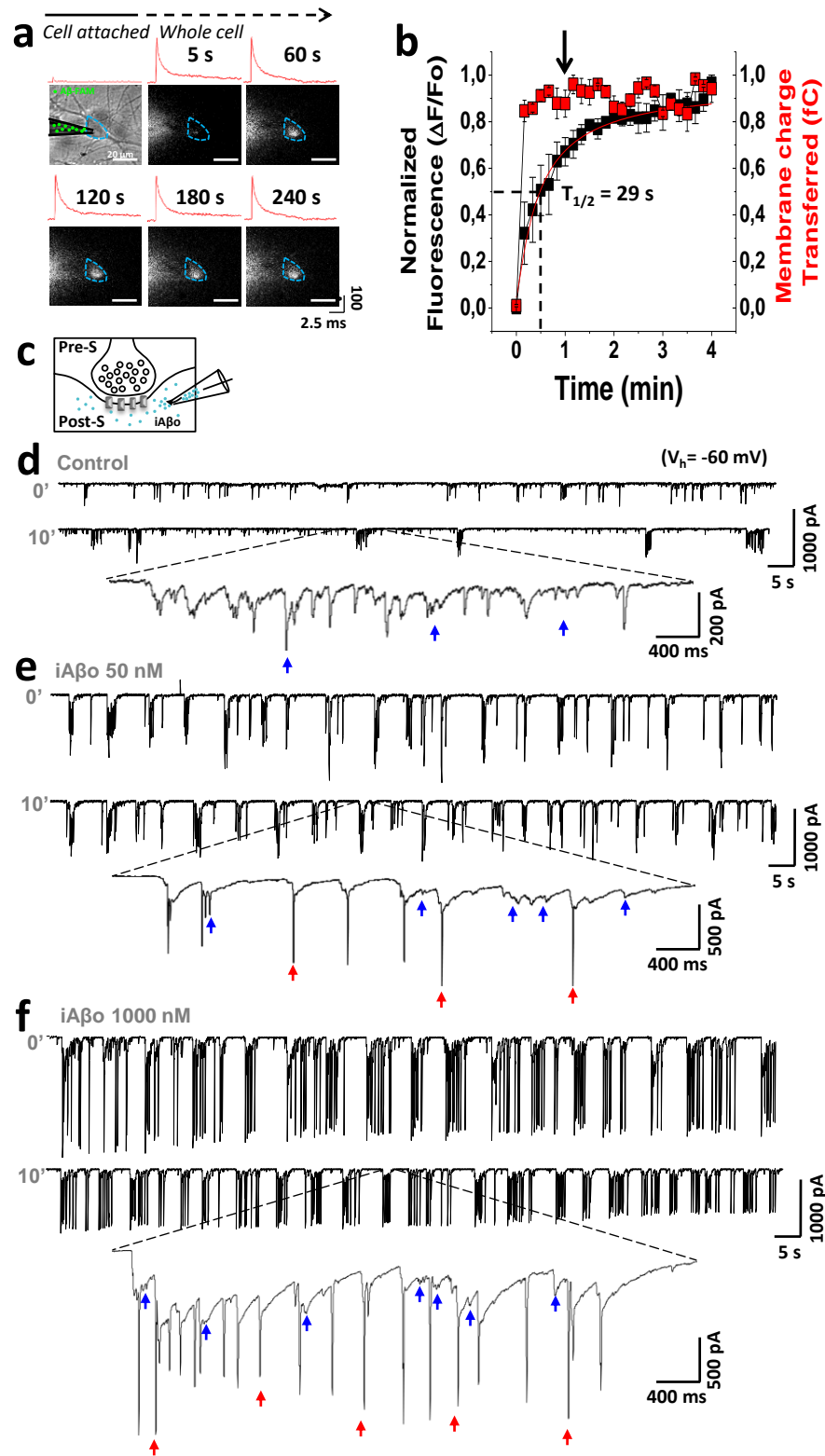
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137 1.8. **Simultaneous recordings of electrophysiology and fluorescence.** Hippocampal
138 neurons were incubated with the NO probe DAQ (1,2-aminoanthraquinone) (Sigma, Germany) at
139 a concentration of 2.5 mg/mL for 20 min at 37°C (100, 101). The neurons were washed 3 times
140 with NES and mounted in a well on an inverted microscope (TE200U, Nikon, USA) equipped with

141 a 16-bit IonXEM CCD camera (Andor, Japan), a 20X/0.4 NA objective (Nikon, Japan) and a
142 voltage-clamp configuration for *in vitro* studies. The fluorescent signal for the DAQ probe was
143 obtained by exciting with a bandpass filter (528-553 nm) and collecting the fluorescence with a
144 bandwidth emission filter (590-650 nm) (Nikon, USA). Image acquisition was performed with a
145 computer-controlled Lambda 10-B shutter (Sutter Instruments, USA) using Imaging Workbench 5.0
146 software (INDEC BioSystems, USA) and exciting for a period of 900 ms at intervals of 1 s during a
147 continuous period of 20 min. Some experiments involved the use of other molecules: L-NAME (NO
148 synthase inhibitor) (Sigma, Germany), 1400W (iNOS inhibitor) (Tocris, USA), SNAP (NO donor)
149 (Sigma, Germany) and CPTIO (NO sequester molecule) (Cayman Chemical, USA). Fresh stocks
150 of all of these reagents were prepared on the same day that the experiment was performed.

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152 1.9. **Data analysis.** Synaptic currents parameters (frequency and amplitude) were analyzed
153 using Mini analysis software (Synaptosoft, Inc., USA), which identifies the currents based on
154 several criteria such as the amplitude the area under the curve and the decay time of each event.
155 As a routine check, we visually inspect all events detected by the software and reject any that did
156 not exhibit the general expected form for synaptic events. Background noise was measured from
157 sections devoid of synaptic events, which oscillated at ~ 2 pA. This value multiplied by 5 (10 pA)
158 was used as a threshold to detect synaptic currents. For spontaneous synaptic recordings, the area
159 under the current trace was integrated (pA · ms) and expressed as charge transferred (nC) during
160 the whole recording (2 minutes) using Clampfit 10.5 (Molecular Devices, USA). For the I/E balance
161 experiments (Fig.3), the analysis was similar, but the baseline current was not included in the
162 analysis. AP parameters were calculated in the first spike of the response as follows: threshold was
163 numerically estimated from first derivative in a V' versus V phase space projection. From this value,
164 amplitude was calculated to the maximum value reach by the AP. Finally, we obtained the half
165 width of the AP peak expressed as duration. Input resistance was obtained from the slopes in V/I
166 curves in hyperpolarizing current steps. Rheobase was extrapolated from spikes vs. injected
167 current curves using Origin 2019b (Origin Lab, USA). Spontaneous spike firing frequency was
168 obtained using pClamp10 software (Molecular Devices, USA).



172 **Supplementary Figure 1. The whole cell technique allows rapid entry of fluorescent A β o into**
173 **the intraneuronal compartment. a,** Simultaneous registration of patch clamp and fluorescence
174 showing the entry of fluorescently labeled A β o (in green) from inside the recording electrode to the
175 intracellular medium. The region of interest (ROI) in (in light blue) delimits the contour of the
176 recorded neuron. Fluorescence quantification was carried out within this region and it was observed
177 that it increases inside the cell throughout the experiment (0-4 min). Along with this, the traces of
178 the capacitive currents recorded at different intervals (in red) are observed. **b,** Quantification of the
179 fluorescence in the ROI previously described, together with the membrane charge transferred. The
180 latter reflects that the solution contained in the patch pipette instantly reaches the intracellular
181 compartment, while the fluorescence accounts for a gradual entry of the peptide, reaching 50% of
182 the total fluorescence value at 29 s ($T_{1/2}$). The black arrow indicates the time at which synaptic
183 currents began to be recorded. **c,** Schematic representation of the synaptic recording, showing the
184 pre-synaptic (Pre-S) and post-synaptic (Post-S) compartment, and the application of iA β o in the
185 latter using the patch electrode (orange squares represent post-synaptic receptors). **d, e, f,** Total
186 synaptic recordings obtained at the beginning (time = 0') and end of the experiment (time = 10'),
187 demonstrating a rapid and marked increase in the frequency and amplitude of synaptic currents as
188 the concentration of intracellular iA β o oligomers (iA β o) increases from 50 nM (**e**) to 1000 nM (**f**) (V_h
189 = -60 mV). Bursts of synaptic currents (arrows in blue) and spikes in current-recording mode are
190 observed in red, which increase as the concentration of iA β o in the recording electrode augmented.
191 Line charts represent the average \pm SEM. n = 18 cells per condition.

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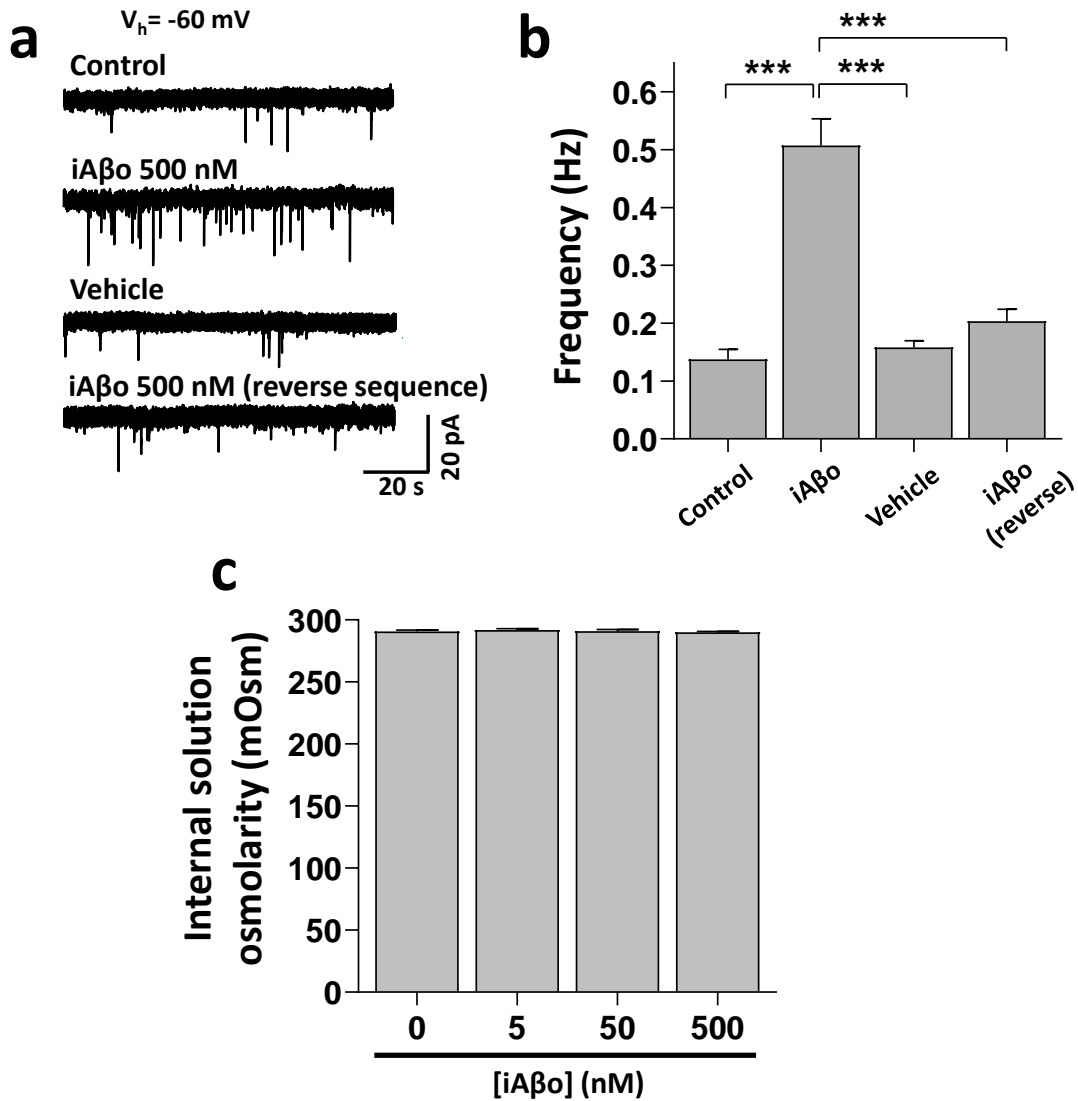
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202 **Supplementary Figure 2. Reverse iA β o do not have an effect on frequency of miniature post-**

203 **synaptic currents *in vitro*. a, b, Representative mPSCs traces (a) and frequency quantification**

204 **(b) of iA β o, reverse sequence and vehicle controls (One-Way Welch's ANOVA with Games-Howell**

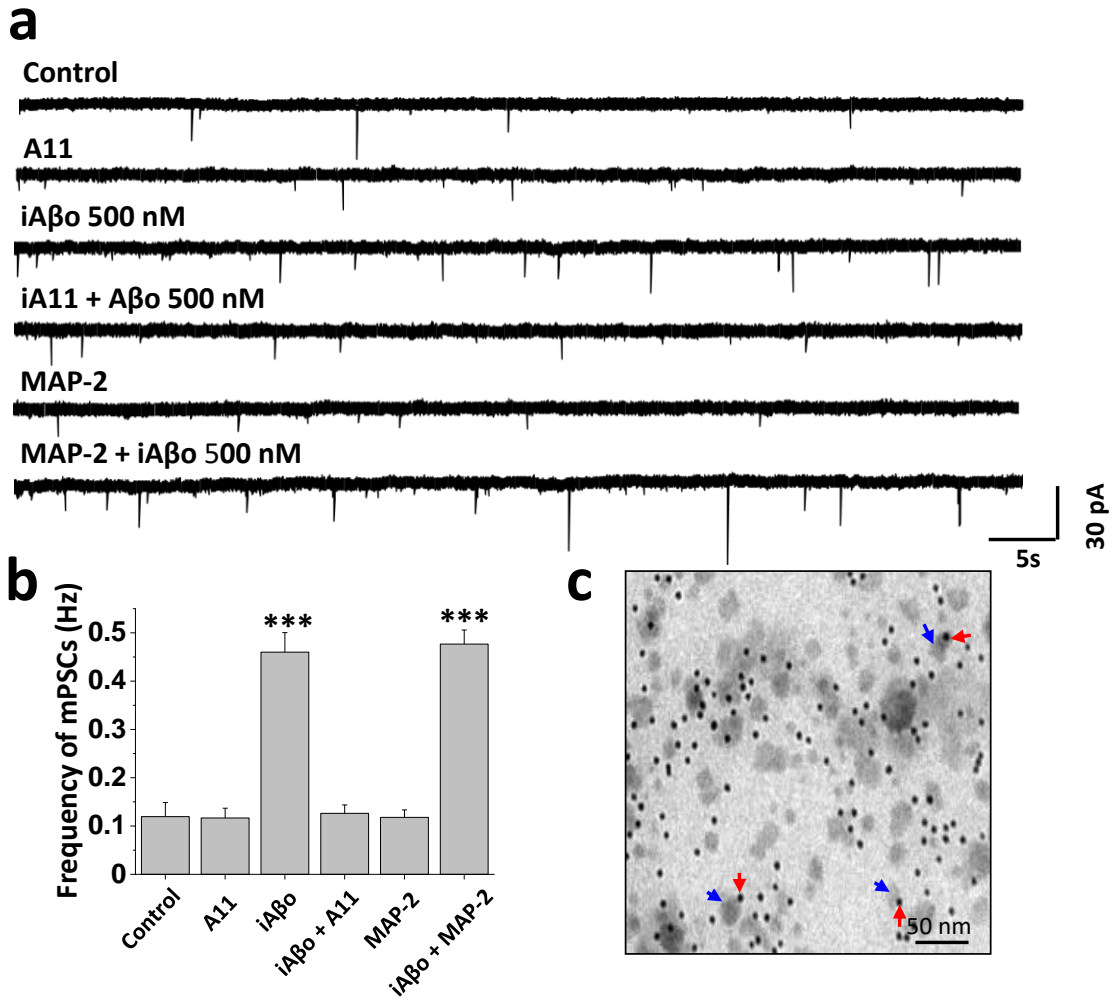
205 **post-hoc test for: $F(3,16.79)=18.78$, $p=1.30E-5$. p-values for post-hoc test: control vs. iA β o 500 nM:**

206 **1.07E-4, iA β o vs. vehicle: 2.49E-4 and iA β o vs. iA β o reverse: 4.97E-4). c, Internal solution**

207 **osmolarity measurements show no change when adding different concentrations of iA β o. Bar**

208 **charts represent the average \pm SEM for control (n=9), iA β o (n=9), vehicle (n=9) and iA β o reverse**

209 **(n=9) cells. *** denotes $p < 0.001$.**



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212 **Supplementary Figure 3. Pre-incubation with A11 antibody attenuates the intracellular**

213 **synaptic effect of iAβo on the frequency of miniature post-synaptic currents *in vitro*.** **a,**

214 **Representative traces showing the increase in the frequency of mPSCs after application of iAβo**

215 **500nM alone or pre-incubated for 10 min with antibody A11 or MAP-2. Intracellular dialysis of the**

216 **antibodies did not have an effect per se on the frequency of mPSCs ($V_h = -60$ mV).** **b,** Quantification

217 **of the frequency of mPSCs under the conditions described in a, showing that iAβo increases the**

218 **frequency of miniature synaptic currents, but this effect is diminished to control levels in a similar**

219 **way with A-11 pre-incubation. No differences in the effect of iAβo are observed when pre-incubating**

220 **with an antibody for MAP-2 (one-way ANOVA with Tukey post-hoc: $F(5,44)=27.436$, $p=1.7E-12$).**

221 **c**, Electronic micrographs demonstrating the presence of amyloid oligomeric aggregates (arrows
222 in blue) in the preparations used. Along with that, the presence of gold nanoparticles coupled to
223 the secondary antibody used for A β immunodetection is also observed (arrows in red). Bar charts
224 represent the average \pm SEM for control (n=8), A11 (n=8), iA β o (n=9), iA β o+A11 (n=9), MAP-2
225 (n=9) and iA β o+MAP-2 (n=7) cells. *** denotes p <0.001.

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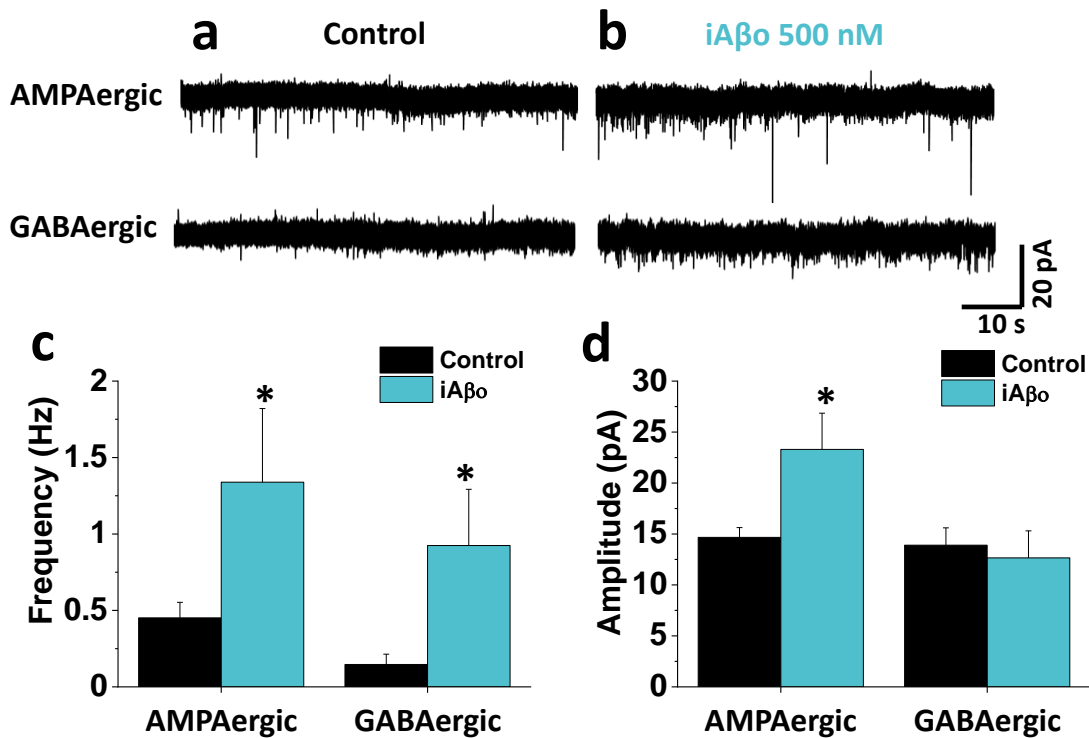
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251 **Supplementary Figure 4. iAβo increases the frequency of AMPAergic and GABAergic**

252 **synaptic currents in CA1 hippocampal neurons ex vivo. a, b, Representative AMPA and GABA**

253 **mPSCs obtained in acute hippocampal slices for control condition and with iAβo 500 nM,**

254 **respectively ($V_h = -60$ mV). c, Quantification of the frequency for AMPAergic (unpaired Student's t-**

255 **test with Welch's correction: $t(6.54) = -2.306$, $p = 3.39E-2$) and GABAergic (unpaired Student's t-test**

256 **with Welch's correction: $t(6.40) = -2.590$, $p = 1.97E-2$) mPSCs. d, Amplitude quantification for**

257 **AMPAergic (unpaired Student's t-test with Welch's correction: $t(10.32) = -2.540$, $p = 1.95E-2$) and**

258 **GABAergic (unpaired Student's t-test with Welch's correction: $t(10.94) = 0.394$, $p = 7.01E-1$)**

259 **miniature currents. Bar charts represent the average \pm SEM for control ($n = 12$) and iAβo ($n = 7$) cells.**

260 * denotes $p < 0.05$.

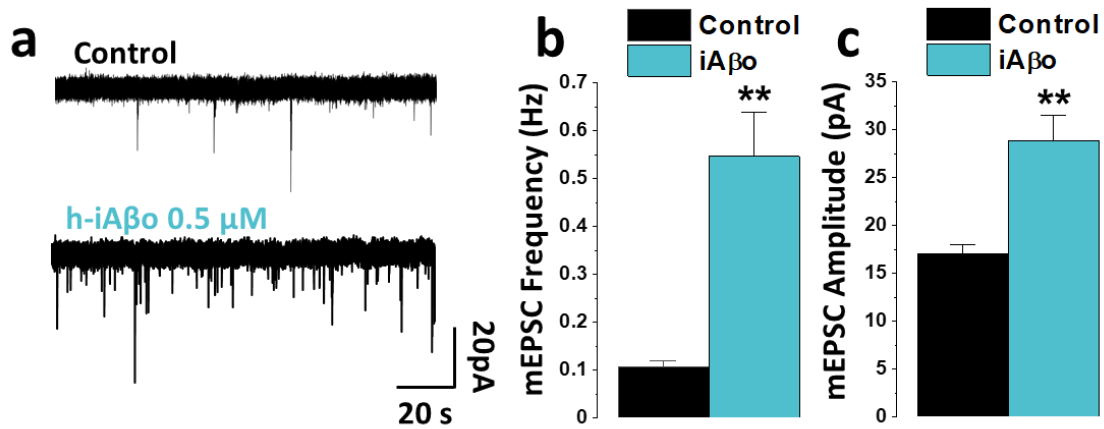
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265 **Supplementary Figure 5**



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267 **Supplementary Figure 5. h-iAβo increased AMPA-R mediated mEPSCs *in vitro*.** a,
268 Representative traces of AMPA mEPSCs in control condition and with intracellular application of
269 h-iAβo 0.5 μM ($V_h = -60$ mV). b, c, Quantification of the frequency (b) (n=7) ($t(7.29)=-4.686$,
270 $p=2.01E-3$) and amplitude (c) (n=8) ($t(8.73)=-4.323$, $p=2.03E-3$) of the AMPAergic miniature
271 currents, demonstrating a significant increase in presence of h-iAβo. Scatter plots represent the
272 average \pm SEM. Unpaired Student's t-test with Welch's correction for (b) and (c). ** denotes $p <$
273 0.005, *** $p < 0.001$.

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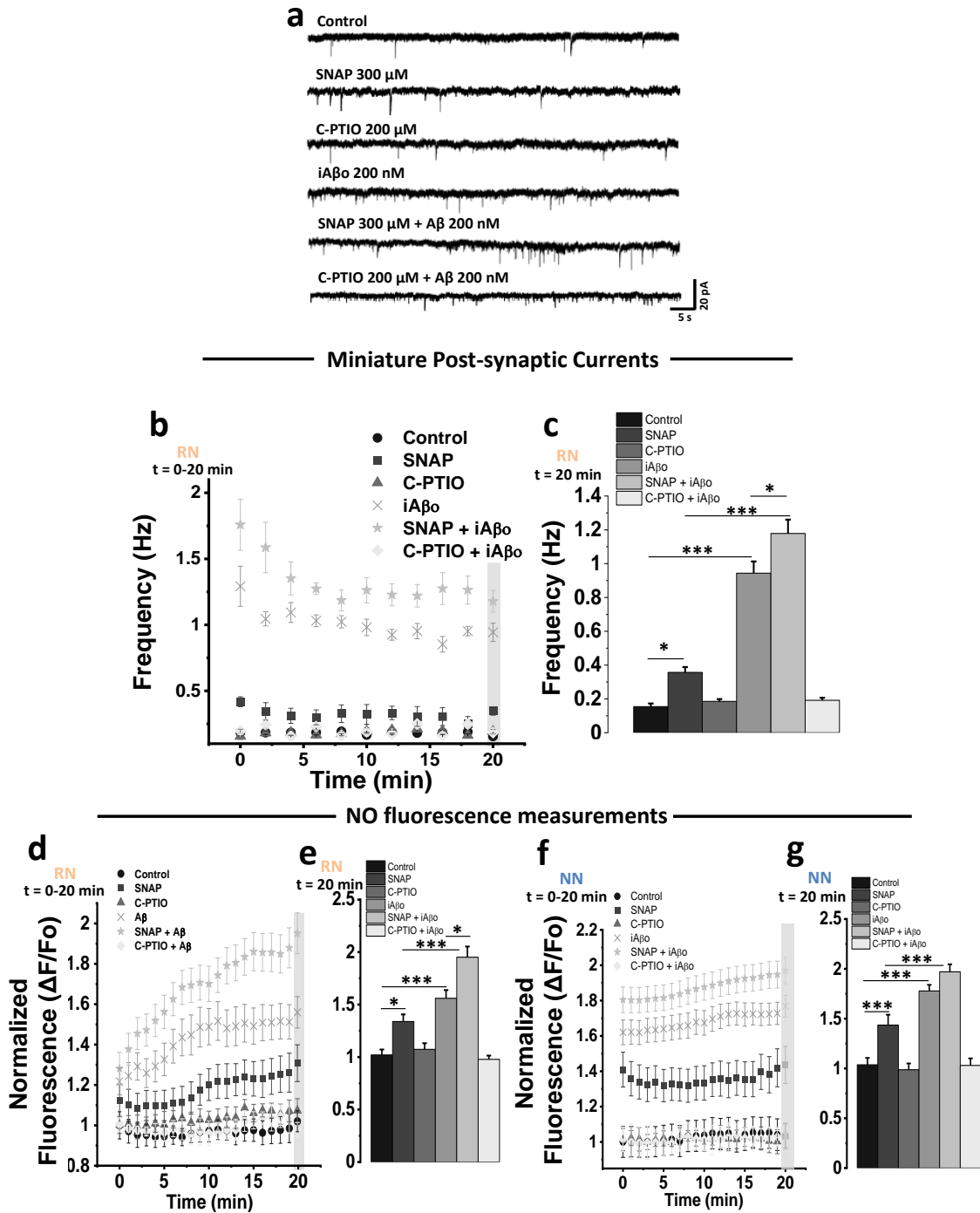
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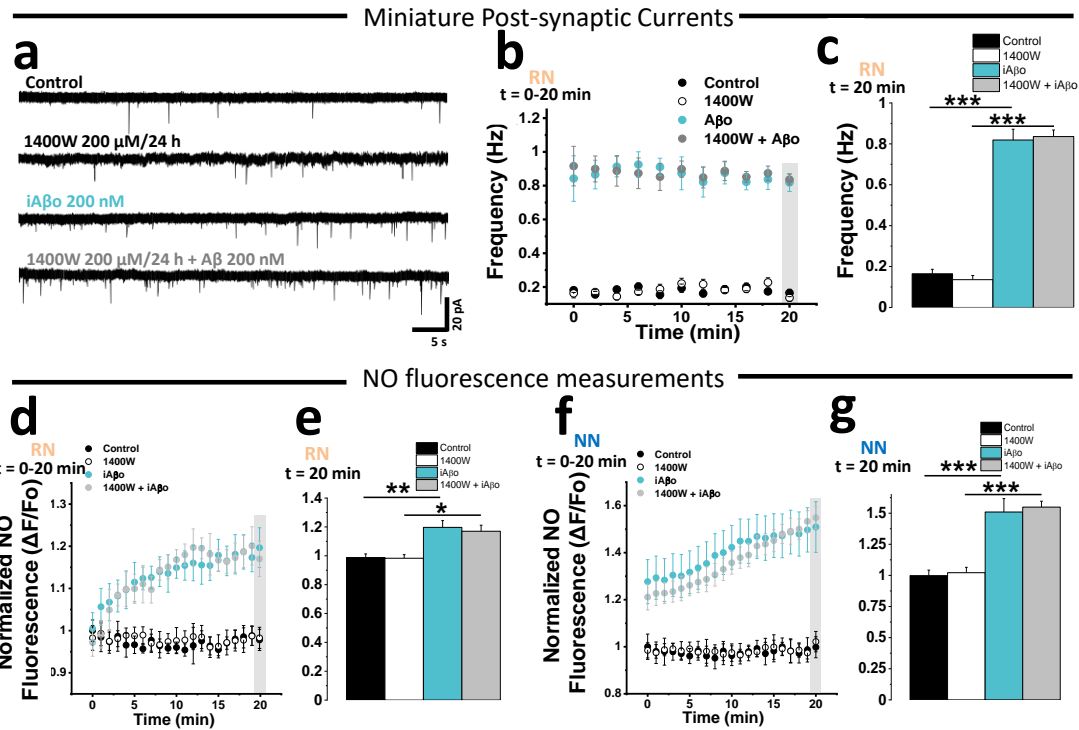
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289 **Supplementary Figure 6. Nitric oxide is involved in the pre-synaptic retrograde signaling of**
290 **iA β o on the frequency of miniature synaptic currents. a, b, c,** Representative mPSCs traces
291 obtained in absence and presence of A β or 200 nM using a NO donor molecule (300 μ M SNAP, in
292 gray) or NO scavenger (C-PTIO 200 μ M) ($V_h = -60$ mV). It is observed that SNAP per se has an
293 effect on the frequency of synaptic currents, but when co-applying iA β o+SNAP this effect increases
294 considerably, even exceeding the effect that iA β o has on its own. On the contrary, the application
295 of C-PTIO did not affect the frequency of mPSCs, but co-applied with iA β o decreased the frequency
296 to control levels. The bar graph in (c) represent the data recorded at time 20' obtained from graph
297 **b. d - g,** Relative levels of NO (expressed as fluorescence) obtained throughout the course of the
298 experiment and at 20' for RN (d and e) and NN (f and g). Bar and line charts represent the average
299 \pm SEM. Control (n=6), SNAP (n=6), C-PTIO (n=6), iA β o (n=6), iA β o+SNAP (n=6), iA β o+C-PTIO
300 (n=6) for RN and Control (n=57), SNAP (n=51), C-PTIO (n=49), iA β o (n=56), iA β o+SNAP (n=52),
301 iA β o+C-PTIO (n=53) for NN. One-way ANOVA with Games-Howell comparison for (c):
302 $F(5,30)=89.902$, $p=3.49E-23$. p-values for post hoc test: Control vs. SNAP: $4.09E-02$, Control vs.
303 iA β o: $3.17E-13$, SNAP vs. SNAP + iA β o: $7.56E-14$ and iA β o vs. iA β o + SNAP: $4.29E-2$. One-Way
304 Welch's ANOVA with Games-Howell post-hoc test for (e): $F(5,30)=34.685$, $p=1.34E-11$. p-values
305 for post hoc test: Control vs. SNAP: $4.18E-02$, Control vs. iA β o: $1.38E-4$, SNAP vs. SNAP + iA β o:
306 $5.84E-7$ and iA β o vs. iA β o + SNAP: $2.27E-4$. One-Way Welch's ANOVA with Games-Howell post-
307 hoc test for (g): $F(5,312)=36.376$, $p=2.57E-29$. p-values for post hoc test: Control vs. SNAP: $4.26E-$
308 6 , Control vs. iA β o: $9.10E-13$, SNAP vs. SNAP + iA β o: $2.98E-4$. * denotes $p < 0.05$, *** $p < 0.001$.
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320 **Supplementary Figure 7. iNOS inhibitor does not affect iAβo actions on synaptic currents**

321 **frequency.** **a - c**, Representative recordings and quantification of the frequency of miniature post-

322 synaptic currents in absence and presence of iAβo or 200 nM, together with the co-application of

323 an iNOS inhibitor (1400W) 200 μM for 24 hours ($V_h = -60$ mV). It is observed that 1400W *per se*

324 does not have an effect on the frequency of synaptic currents. On the other hand, by pre-incubating

325 the culture with 1400W and applying iAβo, it does not change its effect on the frequency of mPSCs.

326 The bar graph in **(c)** was obtained from the data recorded at time 20'. **d - g** NO fluorescence

327 recordings obtained from the recorded neuron (RN) **(d and e)** and from adjacent neurons (NN) **(f**

328 **and g)**. Both, RN and NN cells, exhibit an increase in NO when applying iAβo in the RN neuron.

329 This effect does not change significantly when iAβo is applied in a culture that has been pre-

330 incubated with iNOS inhibitor. Line and bar graphs represent the average \pm SEM for control (n=8),

331 1400W (n=7), iAβo (n=9) and iAβo + 1400W (n=10) for RN and control (n=78), 1400W (n=82), iAβo

332 (n=75) and iAβo + 1400W (n=79) for NN. One-Way Welch's ANOVA with Games-Howell post-hoc

333 test for **(c)**: $F(3,30)=28.474$, $p=6.50E-9$. p-values for post hoc test: Control vs. iAβo: $9.70E-7$,

334 1400W vs. $iA\beta_0 + 1400W$: $3.52E-6$. One-Way Welch's ANOVA with Games-Howell post-hoc test
335 for (e): $F(3,30)=9.0002$, $p=2.10E-4$. p-values for post hoc test: Control vs. $iA\beta_0$: $2.41E-3$, 1400W
336 vs. $iA\beta_0 + 1400W$: $1.02E-2$. One-Way Welch's ANOVA with Games-Howell post-hoc test for (g):
337 $F(3,310)=21.348$, $p=1.35E-12$. p-values for post hoc test: Control vs. $iA\beta_0$: $4.99E-7$, 1400W vs.
338 $iA\beta_0 + 1400W$: $8.97E-8$. * denotes $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.005$, *** $p < 0.001$.

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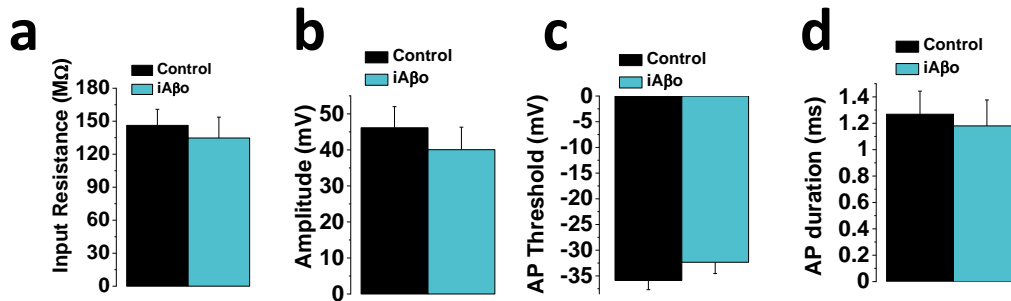
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362 **Supplementary Figure 8**



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364 **Supplementary Figure 8. iAβo does not change intrinsic excitability membrane parameters**

365 **in hippocampal neurons *in vivo*. a – d** Quantification of input resistance and AP parameters:

366 amplitude, duration (half-width) and threshold, all of which do not show significant differences

367 between the conditions tested. Bar and line charts represent the average ± SEM for control (n=10)

368 and h-iAβo (n=6) cells of at least 6 rats.

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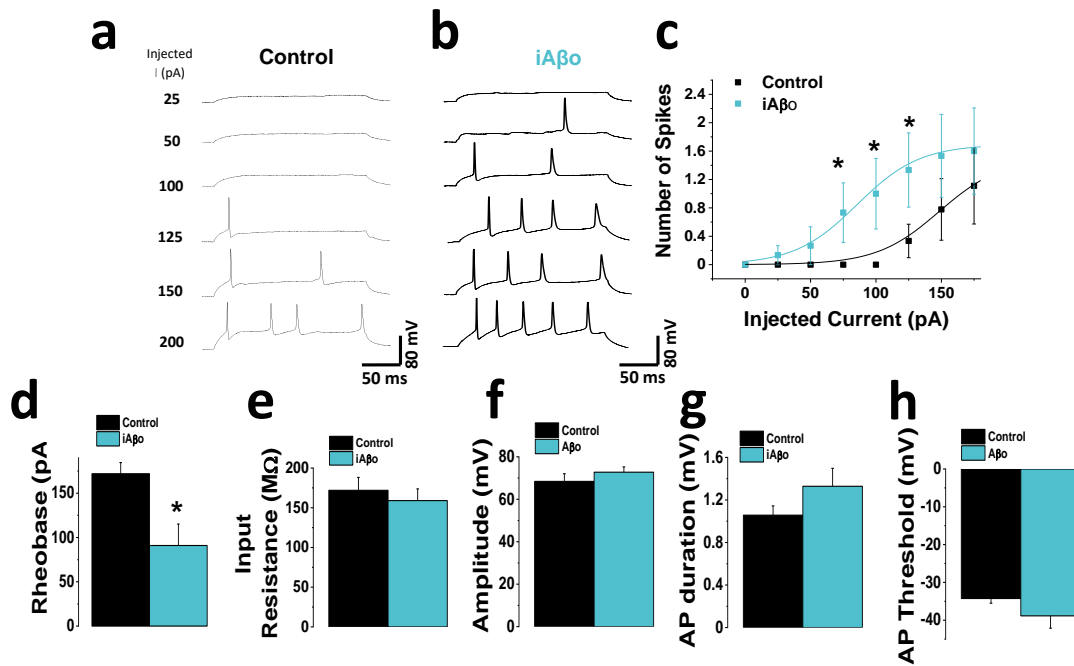
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385 **Supplementary Figure 9**



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387 **Supplementary Figure 9. iAβo increased the firing of action potentials evoked by current**

388 **injection in hippocampal neurons *in vitro*. a, b, Hippocampal neuron action potential (AP)**

389 **recordings in the absence (a) and presence of 500 nM iAβo (b). c, Relationship between the**

390 **number of triggered AP and the injected current intensity for the experimental conditions described**

391 **previously. d, Rheobase constant decreased for iAβo condition. e – h, Quantification of input**

392 **resistance and AP parameters: amplitude, duration (half-width) and threshold, all of which do not**

393 **show significant differences between the conditions tested. Bar and line charts represent the**

394 **average ± SEM. n=12 cells per condition. * denotes p < 0.05.**

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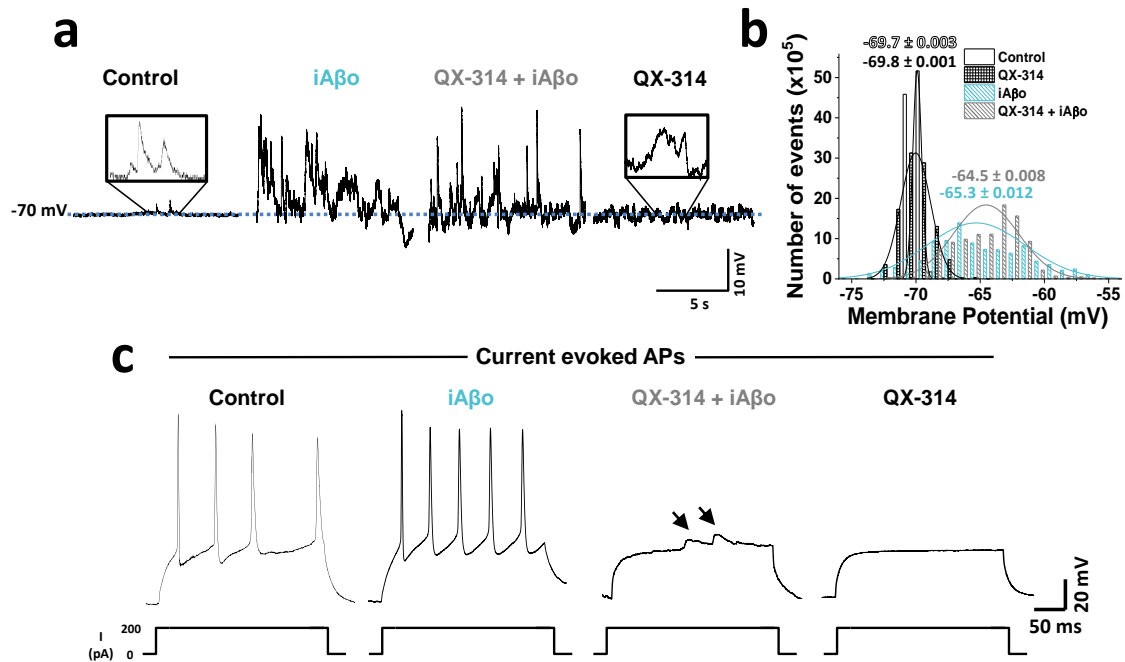
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402 **Supplementary Figure 10**



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404 **Supplementary Figure 10. Intracellular blockade of voltage-regulated Na_v channels does not**

405 **prevent depolarization of the membrane activated by $i\text{A}\beta\text{o}$.** **a**, Representative recordings

406 obtained without current injection, showing membrane potential (V_m) fluctuations under the

407 different conditions tested. Small variations in the value of V_m are observed for control condition,

408 which are exacerbated in the presence of $i\text{A}\beta\text{o}$ 500 nM, while the co-application of $i\text{A}\beta\text{o}$ with QX-

409 314 did not diminished the intracellular effects of $i\text{A}\beta\text{o}$ on V_m fluctuations. QX-314 by itself did not

410 show any differences with respect to control conditions. **b**, Histogram showing the distribution of

411 V_m values along with average values \pm SEM in the different experimental conditions shown in A.

412 **c**, Current injection experiments demonstrating that, under the control and $i\text{A}\beta\text{o}$ conditions, the

413 generation of action potentials was not inhibited, while Na_v intracellular block by QX-314 prevented

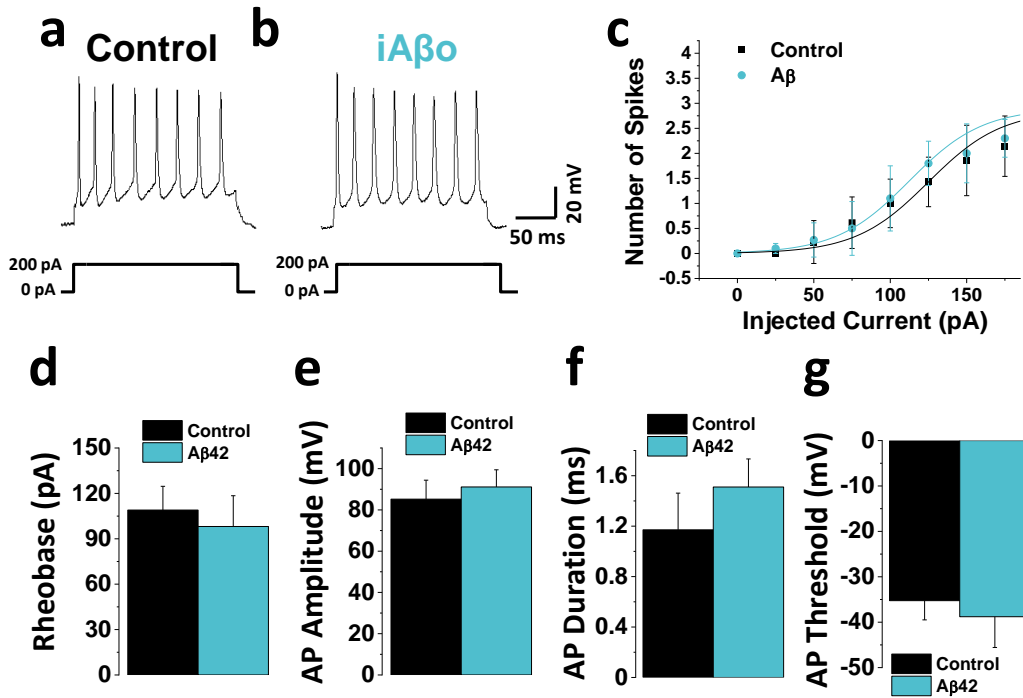
414 spiking of neurons with and without $i\text{A}\beta\text{o}$. Black arrows indicate that even when Na_v was effectively

415 blocked, depolarizing post-synaptic potentials were appreciated when $i\text{A}\beta\text{o}$ was present. This did

416 not occurred for the condition with QX-314 alone. $n=10$ cells per condition.

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421 **Supplementary Figure 11. iA β 0 did not increase the firing of action potentials in dorsal root**
 422 **ganglion neurons (DRG) *in vitro*.** **a, b,** Representative current-evoked action potentials in the
 423 absence (**a**) and presence of 500 nM iA β 0 (**b**). **c,** Relationship between the number of evoked
 424 action potentials and the injected current intensity for the experimental conditions described in **a**
 425 and **b**. **d – g,** Quantification of the rheobase constant (**d**) and AP parameters amplitude (**e**), duration
 426 (**f**) (expressed as half-width) and threshold (**g**) showing no statically differences between both
 427 conditions. Bar and line charts represent the average \pm SEM. n=10 cells per condition.

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