

Figure S1. Higher $\text{Ca}_v1.2$ levels in striatum compared to hippocampus. A. Immunoblots of hippocampal or striatal lysates from one-month old WT mice probed with anti- $\alpha 1C$ antibody. α -tubulin was used as loading control. B. Quantitative analysis of data in (A), $\text{Ca}_v1.2$ level was significantly higher (* $p < 0.05$) in striatum compared to hippocampus. Each value represents the mean \pm SEM (N=3).

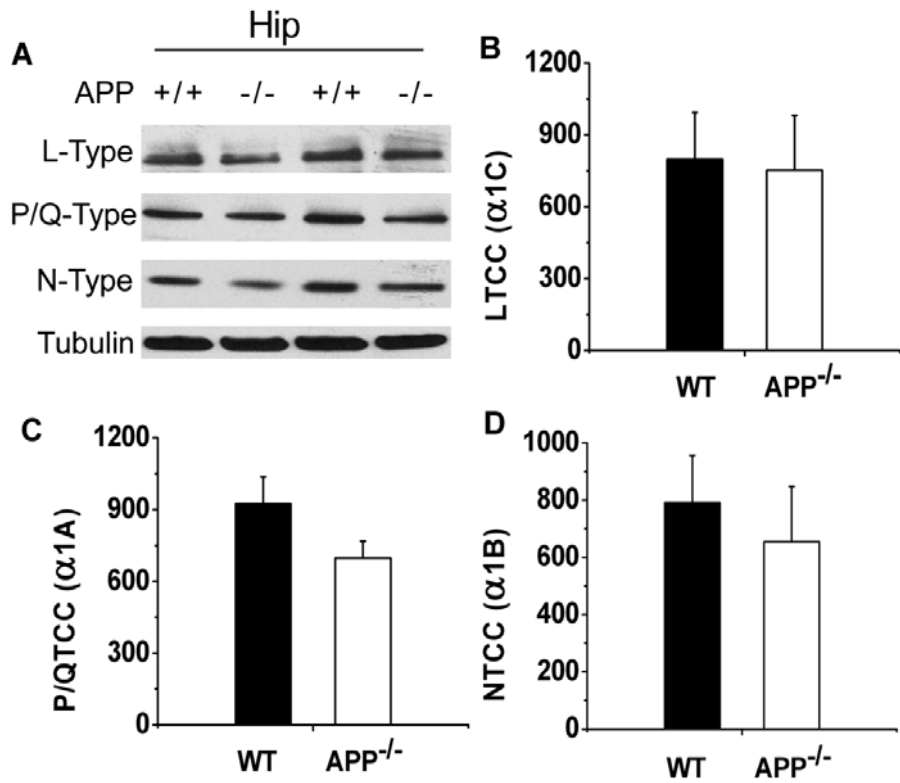


Figure S2. Similar LTCC, P/QTCC and NTCC expression levels in the APP^{-/-} and WT hippocampus. A. Immunoblots of hippocampal extracts from 3 week-old APP^{-/-} and WT littermates. The blots were probed with anti-α1C, α1A and α1B subunits antibodies representing LTCC, P/QTCC and NTCC, respectively. Anti-α-tubulin was used as loading control. Quantification of blots shown in A, revealing that no significant differences were found in the expression of LTCC (B), P/QTCC (C) and NTCC (D). Each value represents the mean ± SEM (N=3).

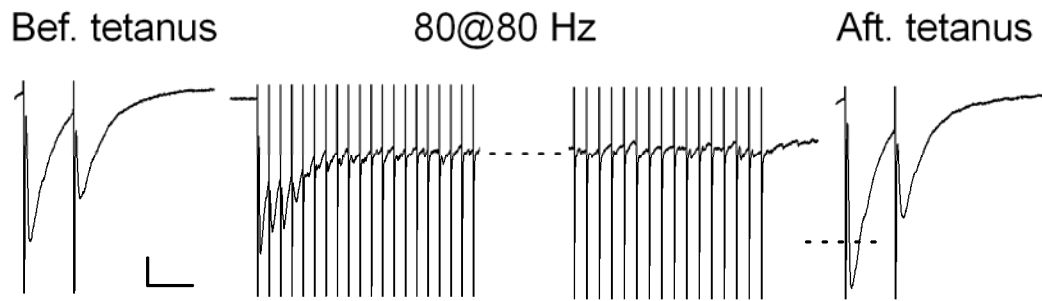


Figure S3. Induction of GABAergic PTP in WT hippocampal neurons by high frequency stimulation (1 sec at 80 Hz). IPSC1 amplitude increased $29 \pm 5\%$ after tetanus compared to before tetanic control (N=3). Scales: 100 pA/50 msec.

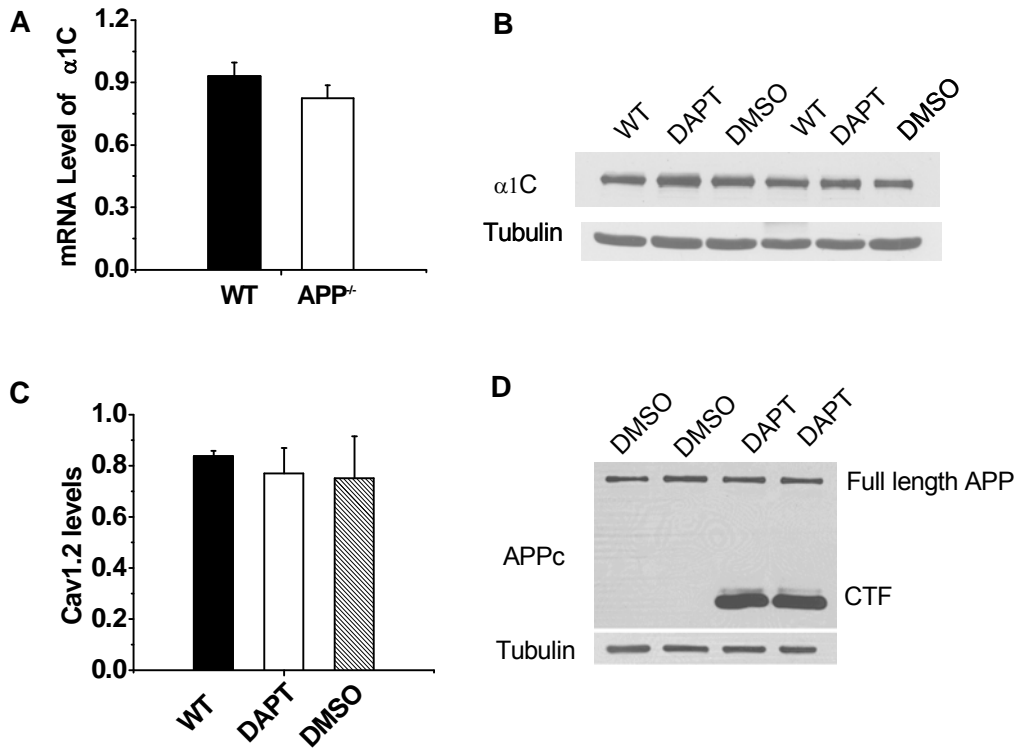


Figure S4. Similar α 1C mRNA expression in WT and APP^{-/-} striatum and unaffected α 1C protein level by γ -secretase inhibitor. A. Quantitative RT-PCR analysis of α 1C mRNA levels in wild-type and APP^{-/-} striatum (values normalized to GAPDH control). B. Representative immunoblots of α 1C protein from striatal cultures with or without γ -secretase inhibitor. WT: untreated; DAPT: γ -secretase inhibitor 1 μ M DAPT treated; DMSO: DMSO treated (vehicle control). α -tubulin was used as loading control. C. Quantification of α 1C/tubulin. Each value represents the mean \pm SEM (N=3). D. Accumulation of APP-CTF in the presence of 1 μ M DAPT, cleavage products of APP by α and β secretases and the lack of γ -secretase activity.

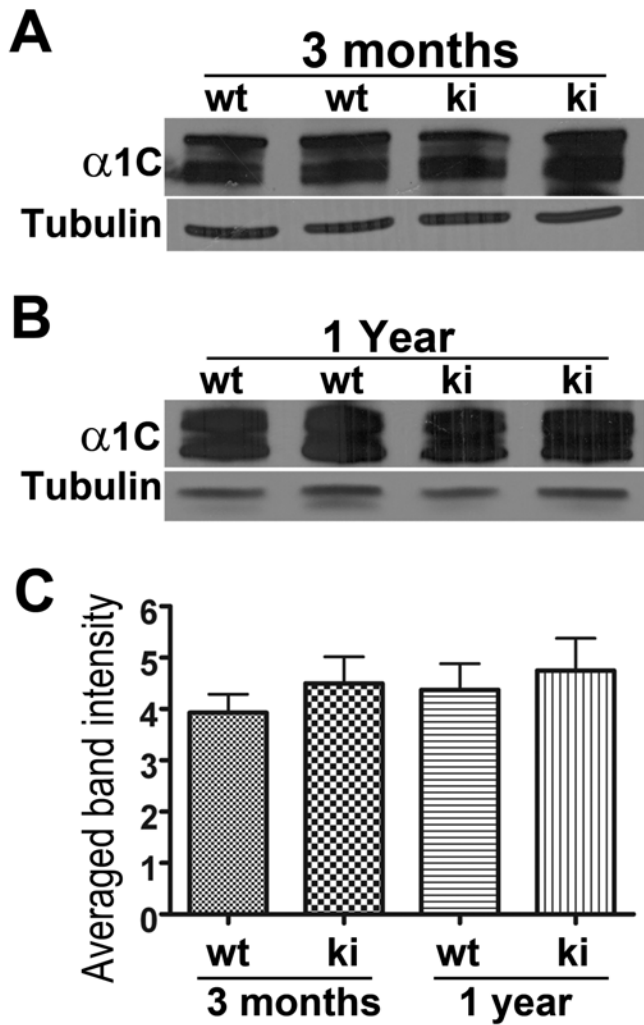


Figure S5. Indistinguishable $Ca_v1.2$ levels in striatum of wild type (WT) and homozygous *APP* knock-in mice containing human $A\beta$ sequence and the Swedish/London FAD mutations (ki). A and B. Immunoblots of striatal lysates from 3 months (A) and one year (B) old WT and ki mice probed with anti- α 1C antibody. α -tubulin was used as loading control. C. Quantitative analysis of data (mean \pm SEM) in A and B.