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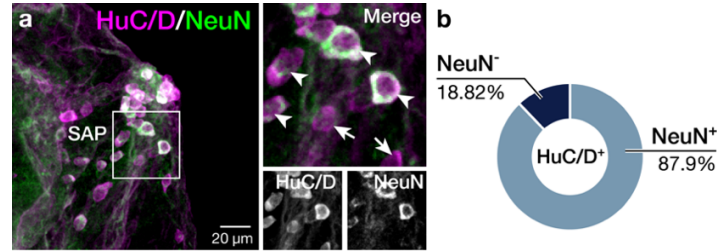
Decoding the molecular, cellular, and functional heterogeneity of zebrafish intracardiac nervous system

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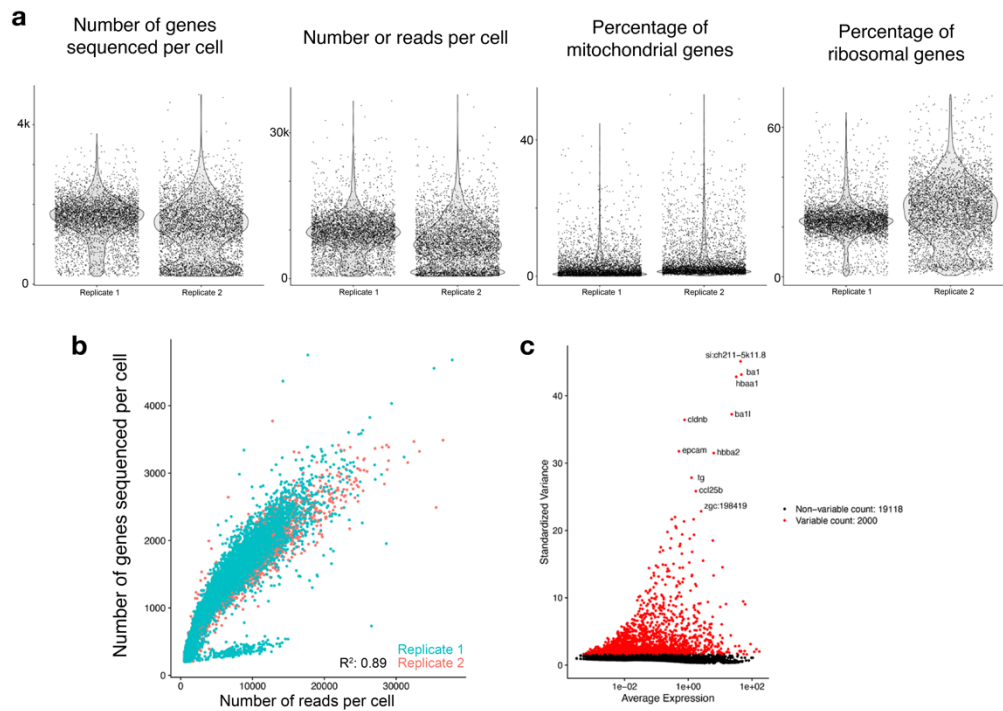
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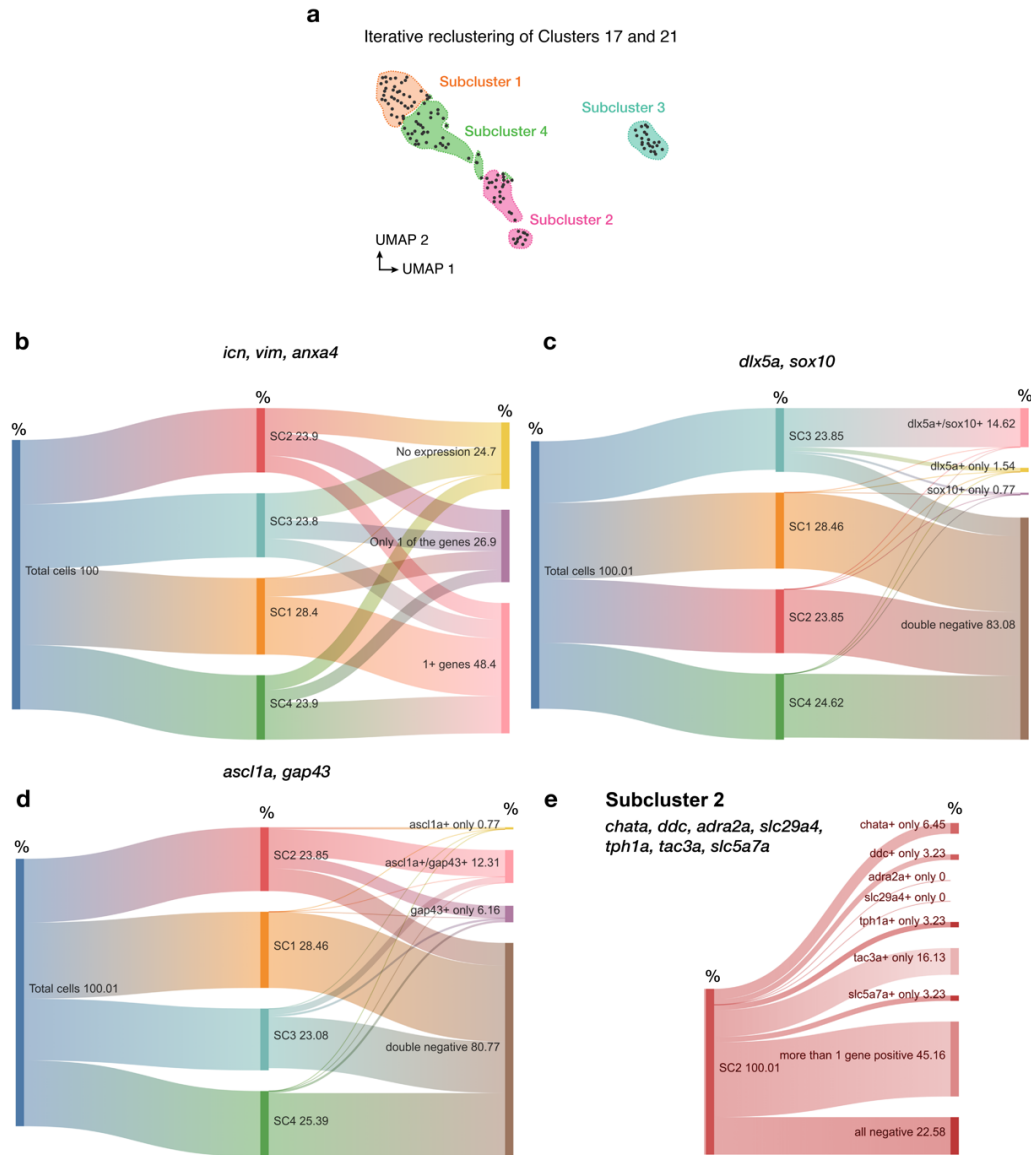
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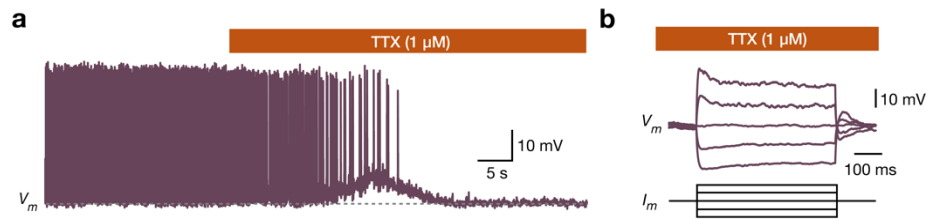
Supplementary Figure 1. Expression pattern of NeuN in the adult zebrafish SAP. **a.** Whole-mount photomicrographs showing the NeuN⁺ (green) and HuC/D⁺ (magenta) neuron somata in the SAP of the adult zebrafish heart. None of the neurons were found to be HuC/D⁺/NeuN⁺. Arrowheads indicate double-labeled neurons and arrows the HuC/D⁺/NeuN⁻. **b.** The proportion of the HuC/D expressing neurons that also express NeuN. HuC/D, *elav3+4*; NeuN, neuronal protein (Fox-3/Rbfox3).



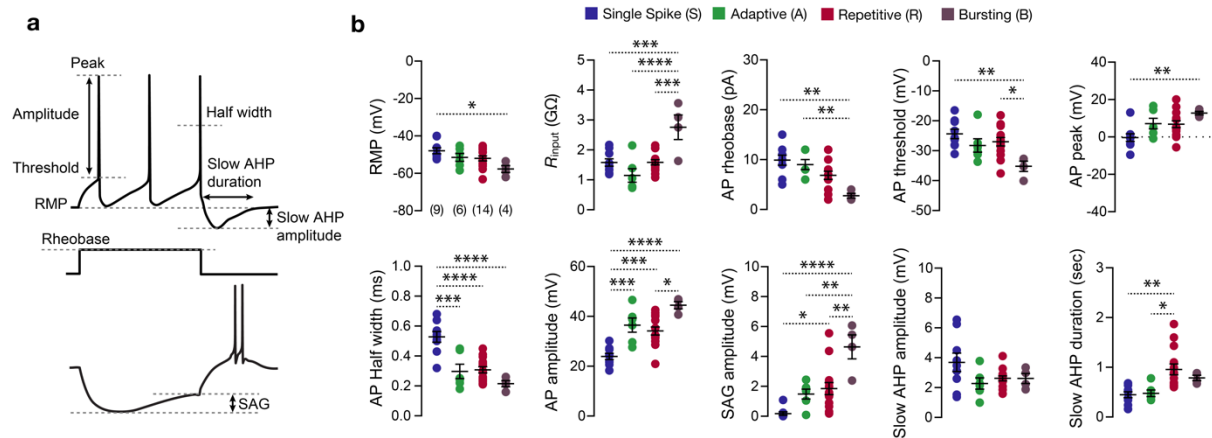
Supplementary Figure 2. QC graphs for single-cell sequencing. a. Violin plots for two single cell sequencing experiments (replicates). The number of genes sequenced per cell, number of reads per cell, and percentages of mitochondrial and ribosomal genes are shown. **b.** Distribution graph for the number of genes sequenced per cell and number of reads per cell. R²: correlation coefficient. **c.** Volcano plot for the most variable genes in the entire dataset (red).



Supplementary Figure 4. Sankey diagrams for iteratively re-clustered nervous system-related cells. **a.** Reclustering of Clusters 17 and 21 resulted in 4 Subclusters (SCs). **b.** Cells analyzed regarding the expression of *icn*, *vim* and *anxa4*, ectodermal-epithelial markers. Most cells in Subclusters 1 and 4 express at least 1 of these neuroepithelial cells (100% of SC 1, 77.4% of SC 4). Subclusters 1 and 4 are the most representative of neuroepithelial signatures. **c.** Cells analyzed in regard to expression of *sox10* and *dlx5a*, Schwann cell markers. 71% of the cells in Subcluster 3 express at least 1 of these Schwann cell markers. Subcluster 3 represents Schwann cell signatures. **d.** Cells analyzed concerning the expression of *ascl1a* and *gap43*, neuronal markers. 64.5% of the cells in Subcluster 2 express at least 1 of these neuronal markers. Subcluster 2 represents neuronal cell signatures. **e.** As per expression of different neuronal subtype markers such as *chata*, *ddc*, *adra2a*, *slc29a4*, *tph1a*, *tac3a*, and *slc5a7a*, Subcluster 2 contains cholinergic, adrenergic, catecholaminergic, serotonergic, glutamatergic, and GABAergic neuronal types. 45.2% of Subcluster 2 expressed more than 1 of these genes, suggesting multiple neurotransmitter responsiveness.

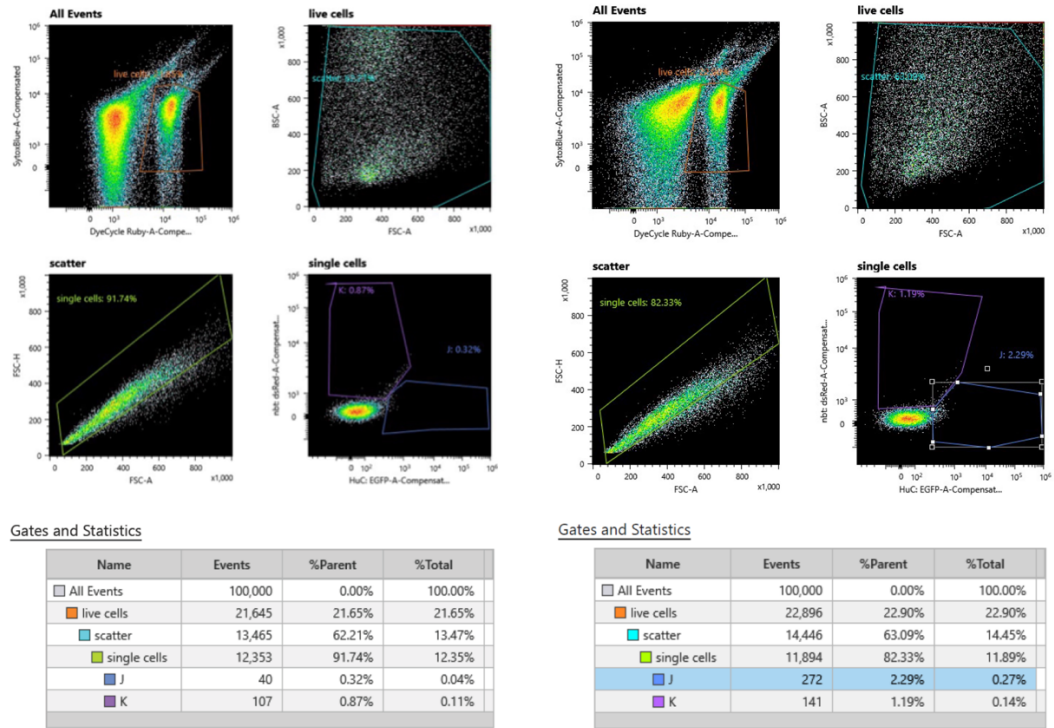


Supplementary Figure 5. SAP neurons release sodium-based action potentials. a-b. Voltage-clamp ramp recordings show that application of Na⁺ channel blocker tetrodotoxin (TTX) eliminates the firing (action potentials) of SAP neurons (example from Bursting neuron, B), preserving the electrical properties (SAG and AHP rebound). TTX, tetrodotoxin.



Supplementary Figure 6. Detailed physiological features of the adult zebrafish SAP neurons.

a. Schematic presentation of the measured electrical properties of the SAP neurons. **b.** Detailed analysis of the cellular and electrical properties of the SAP neurons in the adult zebrafish heart. AHP, after hyperpolarization potential; AP, action potential; R_{in} , input resistance; RMP, resting membrane potential. Data are presented as mean \pm SEM. * $P < 0.05$; ** $P < 0.01$; *** $P < 0.001$; **** $P < 0.0001$. For detailed statistics, see Supplementary Table 1. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



Supplementary Figure 7. Gating strategy for sorting GFP and DsRed-positive single cells. Plots demonstrate the gating strategy from WT-AB to separate GFP⁺ and DsRed⁺ cells (<1% of total cells) from negative cells (left panel) and sorting viable GFP⁺ (approximately 2% of total cells in J-gating in single cells plot) and DsRed⁺ (roughly 1% of total cells in K-gating in single cells plot) from transgenic *Tg(HuC:GFP)* and *Tg(nbt:dsRED)* lines (right panel). These lines were used to capture all possible neuronal populations in the heart. Rare cell populations sorted from J- and K-gatings were collected and pooled in a collection tube and processed for scRNA sequencing analysis.

Supplementary Table 1. Detailed statistics

Figure	Statistics	Result	Post-hoc Test	comparison	Significance	P-value
Main figures						
1d	Descriptive	SAP (<i>n</i> = 488 neurons): 39.79 ± 0.83 AVP (<i>n</i> = 75 neurons): 30.1 ± 1.61 VBAP (<i>n</i> = 33 neurons): 62.50 ± 2.06 BA wall (<i>n</i> = 18 neurons): 72.71 ± 2.26 Ventricle wall (<i>n</i> = 24 neurons): 77.65 ± 2.06				
1e	Descriptive	SAP neurons (<i>n</i> = 23 zebrafish): 81.04 ± 3.63				
1f	Linear regression	R ² = 0.001 Sy.x = 16.28 Equation: Y= 2.696*X + 37.28 <i>n</i> = 239 neurons				
3c Soma sizes	Unpaired <i>t</i> -test	t = 5.13, df = 206 (Two-tailed)		ChAT+ ChAT-	****	<i>P</i> < 0.0001
	Descriptive	ChAT+ (<i>n</i> = 119 neurons): 45.47 ± 1.56 ChAT- (<i>n</i> = 89 neurons): 35.15 ± 1.00				
3i Proportion	Descriptive	Cholinergic (<i>n</i> = 16 zebrafish): 80.96 ± 0.99 Glutamatergic (<i>n</i> = 9 zebrafish): 8.26 ± 0.44 GABAergic (<i>n</i> = 6 zebrafish): 6.41 ± 0.34 Serotonergic (<i>n</i> = 6 zebrafish): 5.05 ± 0.39 Catecholaminergic (<i>n</i> = 7 zebrafish): 4.58 ± 0.29				
3i Soma size	One-way ANOVA	<i>F</i> _(4, 203) = 7.259 <i>P</i> < 0.0001	Tukey's test	Cholinergic Glutamatergic	**	<i>P</i> _{adj} = 0.0035
				Cholinergic GABAergic	***	<i>P</i> _{adj} = 0.0002
				Cholinergic Serotonergic	ns	<i>P</i> _{adj} = 0.1205
				Cholinergic Catecholaminergic	ns	<i>P</i> _{adj} = 0.5108
				Glutamatergic GABAergic	ns	<i>P</i> _{adj} = 0.7493
				Glutamatergic Serotonergic	ns	<i>P</i> _{adj} > 0.9999
				Glutamatergic Catecholaminergic	ns	<i>P</i> _{adj} = 0.9554
				GABAergic Serotonergic	ns	<i>P</i> _{adj} = 0.9258
				GABAergic Catecholaminergic	ns	<i>P</i> _{adj} = 0.5114
				Serotonergic Catecholaminergic	ns	<i>P</i> _{adj} = 0.9652
	Descriptive	Cholinergic (<i>n</i> = 119 neurons): 45.47 ± 1.56 Glutamatergic (<i>n</i> = 39 neurons): 35.9 ± 1.17 GABAergic (<i>n</i> = 23 neurons): 31.36 ± 2.4 Serotonergic (<i>n</i> = 13 neurons): 35.42 ± 1.84 Catecholaminergic (<i>n</i> = 14 neurons): 39.05 ± 3.19				
4c Firing %	Descriptive	Single Spike (S): <i>n</i> = 9 neurons Adaptive (A): <i>n</i> = 6 neurons Repetitive (R): <i>n</i> = 14 neurons Bursting (B): <i>n</i> = 4 neurons				
4e Spontaneous firing %	Descriptive	Single Spike (S): <i>n</i> = 0 out of 9 neurons Adaptive (A): <i>n</i> = 2 out of 6 neurons Repetitive (R): <i>n</i> = 9 out of 14 neurons Bursting (B): <i>n</i> = 4 out of 4 neurons				
4e Firing frequency	One-way ANOVA	<i>F</i> _(3, 29) = 110.3 <i>P</i> < 0.0001	Tukey's test	Single Spike (S) Adaptive (A)	ns	<i>P</i> _{adj} = 0.9593
				Single Spike (S) Repetitive (R)	*	<i>P</i> _{adj} = 0.0127
				Single Spike (S) Bursting (B)	****	<i>P</i> _{adj} < 0.0001
				Adaptive (A) Repetitive (R)	ns	<i>P</i> _{adj} = 0.1078

				Adaptive (A) Bursting (B)	****	$P_{adj} < 0.0001$
				Repetitive (R) Bursting (B)	****	$P_{adj} < 0.0001$
	Descriptive	Single Spike (S) ($n = 9$ neurons): 0.0 ± 0.0 Adaptive (A) ($n = 6$ neurons): 0.12 ± 0.1 Repetitive (R) ($n = 14$ neurons): 0.64 ± 0.15 Bursting (B) ($n = 4$ neurons): 4.7 ± 0.32				
4f EPSC frequency	One-way ANOVA	$F_{(3, 15)} = 0.5344$			ns	$P = 0.6657$
	Descriptive	Single Spike (S) ($n = 5$ neurons): 1.32 ± 0.25 Adaptive (A) ($n = 5$ neurons): 0.98 ± 0.12 Repetitive (R) ($n = 6$ neurons): 1.28 ± 0.2 Bursting (B) ($n = 3$ neurons): 1.13 ± 0.26				
4f Mean EPSC amplitude	One-way ANOVA	$F_{(3, 15)} = 1.138$			ns	$P = 0.3655$
	Descriptive	Single Spike (S) ($n = 5$ neurons): 21.11 ± 0.68 Adaptive (A) ($n = 5$ neurons): 21.83 ± 1.72 Repetitive (R) ($n = 6$ neurons): 20.23 ± 1.07 Bursting (B) ($n = 3$ neurons): 24.26 ± 2.75				
4f EPSC amplitude	One-way ANOVA	$F_{(3, 536)} = 1.406$			ns	$P = 0.2402$
	Descriptive	Single Spike (S) ($n = 143$ EPSCs): 21.08 ± 1.41 Adaptive (A) ($n = 133$ EPSCs): 21.97 ± 1.58 Repetitive (R) ($n = 167$ EPSCs): 20.26 ± 1.18 Bursting (B) ($n = 97$ EPSCs): 24.74 ± 2.14				
5c	Unpaired t -test	$t = 0.687$, $df = 28$ (Two-tailed)	<i>Ex-vivo</i> Cardiomyocyte		ns	$P = 0.4974$
	Descriptive	<i>Ex-vivo</i> freq. ($n = 16$ hearts): 2.88 ± 0.11 Cardiomyocyte freq. ($n = 14$ cells): 2.75 ± 0.14				
5d	Paired t -test	$t = 15.97$, $df = 5$ (Two-tailed)	Before sucrose After sucrose		****	$P < 0.0001$
	Descriptive	Before sucrose ($n = 6$ neurons): 1.07 ± 0.06 After sucrose ($n = 6$ neurons): 31.83 ± 1.88				
5e	Paired t -test	$t = 19.04$, $df = 6$ (Two-tailed)	Before sucrose After sucrose		****	$P < 0.0001$
	Descriptive	Before sucrose ($n = 7$ cardiomyocytes): 2.94 ± 0.09 After sucrose ($n = 7$ cardiomyocytes): 0.31 ± 0.13				
5g	Paired t -test	$t = 10.79$, $df = 4$ (Two-tailed)	Before sucrose After sucrose		***	$P = 0.0004$
	Descriptive	Before sucrose ($n = 5$ hearts): 3.16 ± 0.1 After sucrose ($n = 5$ hearts): 2.87 ± 0.09				
5h	Unpaired t -test	$t = 1.971$, $df = 21$ (Two-tailed)	Control Reduced		ns	$P = 0.0620$
	Descriptive	Control ($n = 11$ hearts): 3.11 ± 0.1 Reduced ($n = 12$ hearts): 2.73 ± 0.15				
5i	Paired t -test	$t = 2.564$, $df = 5$ (Two-tailed)	Before sucrose After sucrose		ns	$P = 0.0504$
	Descriptive	Before sucrose ($n = 6$ hearts): 2.88 ± 0.09 After sucrose ($n = 6$ hearts): 2.7 ± 0.03				
Supplementary figures						
Supplementary 6 RMP	One-way ANOVA	$F_{(3, 29)} = 3.836$ $P = 0.0199$	Tukey's test	Single Spike (S) Adaptive (A)	ns	$P_{adj} = 0.5243$
				Single Spike (S) Repetitive (R)	ns	$P_{adj} = 0.2298$
				Single Spike (S) Bursting (B)	*	$P_{adj} = 0.0116$
				Adaptive (A) Repetitive (R)	ns	$P_{adj} = 0.9960$
				Adaptive (A) Bursting (B)	ns	$P_{adj} = 0.2143$
				Repetitive (R) Bursting (B)	ns	$P_{adj} = 0.1847$
	Descriptive	Single Spike (S) ($n = 9$ neurons): -47.96 ± 1.59 Adaptive (A) ($n = 6$ neurons): -51.47 ± 2.1				

		Repetitive (R) ($n = 14$ neurons): -52.0 ± 1.33 Bursting (B) ($n = 4$ neurons): -57.7 ± 1.82				
Supplementary 6 Rinput	One-way ANOVA	$F_{(3, 29)} = 10.54$ $P < 0.0001$	Tukey's test	Single Spike (S) Adaptive (A)	ns	$P_{adj} = 0.2857$
				Single Spike (S) Repetitive (R)	ns	$P_{adj} > 0.9999$
				Single Spike (S) Bursting (B)	***	$P_{adj} = 0.0009$
				Adaptive (A) Repetitive (R)	ns	$P_{adj} = 0.2138$
				Adaptive (A) Bursting (B)	****	$P_{adj} < 0.0001$
				Repetitive (R) Bursting (B)	***	$P_{adj} = 0.0005$
	Descriptive	Single Spike (S) ($n = 9$ neurons): 1.58 ± 0.12 Adaptive (A) ($n = 6$ neurons): 1.14 ± 0.22 Repetitive (R) ($n = 14$ neurons): 1.58 ± 0.08 Bursting (B) ($n = 4$ neurons): 2.75 ± 0.41				
Supplementary 6 Rheobase	One-way ANOVA	$F_{(3, 29)} = 6.773$ $P = 0.0013$	Tukey's test	Single Spike (S) Adaptive (A)	ns	$P_{adj} = 0.9313$
				Single Spike (S) Repetitive (R)	ns	$P_{adj} = 0.0772$
				Single Spike (S) Bursting (B)	**	$P_{adj} = 0.0012$
				Adaptive (A) Repetitive (R)	ns	$P_{adj} = 0.4155$
				Adaptive (A) Bursting (B)	**	$P_{adj} = 0.0091$
				Repetitive (R) Bursting (B)	ns	$P_{adj} = 0.0690$
	Descriptive	Single Spike (S) ($n = 9$ neurons): 9.88 ± 1.0 Adaptive (A) ($n = 6$ neurons): 9.0 ± 1.0 Repetitive (R) ($n = 14$ neurons): 6.85 ± 0.82 Bursting (B) ($n = 4$ neurons): 2.75 ± 0.47				
Supplementary 6 AP threshold	One-way ANOVA	$F_{(3, 29)} = 4.411$ $P = 0.0113$	Tukey's test	Single Spike (S) Adaptive (A)	ns	$P_{adj} = 0.4702$
				Single Spike (S) Repetitive (R)	ns	$P_{adj} = 0.6210$
				Single Spike (S) Bursting (B)	**	$P_{adj} = 0.0062$
				Adaptive (A) Repetitive (R)	ns	$P_{adj} = 0.9542$
				Adaptive (A) Bursting (B)	ns	$P_{adj} = 0.1615$
				Repetitive (R) Bursting (B)	*	$P_{adj} = 0.0342$
	Descriptive	Single Spike (S) ($n = 9$ neurons): -24.38 ± 1.57 Adaptive (A) ($n = 6$ neurons): -28.26 ± 2.23 Repetitive (R) ($n = 14$ neurons): -26.99 ± 1.41 Bursting (B) ($n = 4$ neurons): -35.22 ± 1.72				
Supplementary 6 AP Half width duration	One-way ANOVA	$F_{(3, 29)} = 15.75$ $P < 0.0001$	Tukey's test	Single Spike (S) Adaptive (A)	***	$P_{adj} = 0.0003$
				Single Spike (S) Repetitive (R)	****	$P_{adj} < 0.0001$
				Single Spike (S) Bursting (B)	****	$P_{adj} < 0.0001$
				Adaptive (A) Repetitive (R)	ns	$P_{adj} = 0.9959$
				Adaptive (A) Bursting (B)	ns	$P_{adj} = 0.5206$
				Repetitive (R) Bursting (B)	ns	$P_{adj} = 0.3096$
	Descriptive	Single Spike (S) ($n = 9$ neurons): 0.52 ± 0.03 Adaptive (A) ($n = 6$ neurons): 0.29 ± 0.04 Repetitive (R) ($n = 14$ neurons): 0.3 ± 0.02				

		Bursting (B) ($n = 4$ neurons): 0.21 ± 0.02				
Supplementary 6 AP amplitude	One-way ANOVA	$F_{(3, 29)} = 15.54$ $P < 0.0001$	Tukey's test	Single Spike (S) Adaptive (A)	***	$P_{adj} = 0.0007$
				Single Spike (S) Repetitive (R)	***	$P_{adj} = 0.0007$
				Single Spike (S) Bursting (B)	****	$P_{adj} < 0.0001$
				Adaptive (A) Repetitive (R)	ns	$P_{adj} = 0.8071$
				Adaptive (A) Bursting (B)	ns	$P_{adj} = 0.1243$
				Repetitive (R) Bursting (B)	*	$P_{adj} = 0.0107$
	Descriptive	Single Spike (S) ($n = 9$ neurons): 23.91 ± 1.23 Adaptive (A) ($n = 6$ neurons): 36.49 ± 2.85 Repetitive (R) ($n = 14$ neurons): 34.13 ± 1.6 Bursting (B) ($n = 4$ neurons): 44.47 ± 1.43				
Supplementary 6 SAG amplitude	One-way ANOVA	$F_{(3, 29)} = 13.06$ $P < 0.0001$	Tukey's test	Single Spike (S) Adaptive (A)	ns	$P_{adj} = 0.1853$
				Single Spike (S) Repetitive (R)	*	$P_{adj} = 0.0137$
				Single Spike (S) Bursting (B)	****	$P_{adj} < 0.0001$
				Adaptive (A) Repetitive (R)	ns	$P_{adj} = 0.9220$
				Adaptive (A) Bursting (B)	**	$P_{adj} = 0.0017$
				Repetitive (R) Bursting (B)	**	$P_{adj} = 0.0016$
	Descriptive	Single Spike (S) ($n = 9$ neurons): 0.17 ± 0.11 Adaptive (A) ($n = 6$ neurons): 1.48 ± 0.33 Repetitive (R) ($n = 14$ neurons): 1.85 ± 0.4 Bursting (B) ($n = 4$ neurons): 4.63 ± 0.8				
Supplementary 6 Slow AHP amplitude	One-way ANOVA	$F_{(3, 29)} = 2.398$			ns	$P = 0.0883$
	Descriptive	Single Spike (S) ($n = 9$ neurons): 3.69 ± 0.61 Adaptive (A) ($n = 6$ neurons): 2.27 ± 0.37 Repetitive (R) ($n = 14$ neurons): 2.61 ± 0.16 Bursting (B) ($n = 4$ neurons): 2.6 ± 0.33				
Supplementary 6 Slow AHP duration	One-way ANOVA	$F_{(3, 29)} = 6.90$ $P = 0.0012$	Tukey's test	Single Spike (S) Adaptive (A)	ns	$P_{adj} = 0.9976$
				Single Spike (S) Repetitive (R)	**	$P_{adj} = 0.002$
				Single Spike (S) Bursting (B)	ns	$P_{adj} = 0.2516$
				Adaptive (A) Repetitive (R)	*	$P_{adj} = 0.0124$
				Adaptive (A) Bursting (B)	ns	$P_{adj} = 0.3872$
				Repetitive (R) Bursting (B)	ns	$P_{adj} = 0.7408$
	Descriptive	Single Spike (S) ($n = 9$ neurons): 0.44 ± 0.05 Adaptive (A) ($n = 6$ neurons): 0.47 ± 0.06 Repetitive (R) ($n = 14$ neurons): 0.95 ± 0.1 Bursting (B) ($n = 4$ neurons): 0.78 ± 0.05				

Supplementary Table 2. Antibodies and Streptavidins Used¹

Antigen	Host	Source	Code	Dilution
Primary				
α2B-ARs	Mouse	Santa Cruz	sc-390430	1:100
ChAT	Goat	Millipore	AB144P; RRID: AB_2079751	1:200
GABA	Rabbit	Sigma	A2052; RRID: AB_477652	1:2000
Gad1b	Rabbit	GeneTex	GTX124355; RRID: AB_11167690	1:50-1:100
GFP	Chicken	Abcam	AB13970; RRID: AB_300798	1:500
HuC/D	Mouse	Molecular Probes	A-21271; RRID: AB_221448	1:500
HuC/D	Rabbit	GeneTex	GTX128365; RRID: AB_2885764	1:400
NeuN	Rabbit	Cell Signaling	#24307; RRID: AB_2651140	1:400
TH	Mouse	Millipore	MAB318; RRID: AB_2201528	1:800
Zn-12	Mouse	DSHB	RRID: AB_531908	1:100
5-HT	Rabbit	Sigma	S5545; RRID: AB_477522	1:2000
Secondary				
Goat IgG-488	Donkey	ThermoFisher	A-11055; RRID: AB_2534102	1:500
Mouse IgG-647	Donkey	ThermoFisher	A-31571; RRID: AB_162542	1:500
Mouse IgG-568	Donkey	ThermoFisher	A-10037; RRID: AB_2534013	1:500
Mouse IgG-488	Donkey	ThermoFisher	A-21202; RRID: AB_141607	1:500
Rabbit IgG-488	Donkey	ThermoFisher	A-21206; RRID: AB_2535792	1:500
Rabbit IgG-647	Donkey	ThermoFisher	A-31573; RRID: AB_2536183	1:500
Rabbit IgG-568	Donkey	ThermoFisher	A-10042; RRID: AB_2534017	1:500
Mouse IgG-Biotinylated	Horse	VectorLaboratories	BA-2000; RRID: AB_2313581	1:200
Rabbit IgG-Biotinylated	Horse	VectorLaboratories	BA-1100; RRID: AB_2336201	1:200
Streptavidin				
Alexa Fluor 488		ThermoFisher	S32354; RRID: AB_2315383	1:500
Alexa Fluor 555		ThermoFisher	S32355; RRID: AB_2571525	1:500
Alexa Fluor 647		ThermoFisher	S32357; RRID: AB_2336066	1:500

¹5-HT, 5-hydroxytryptamine (Serotonin); α2B-ARs, alpha2B-adrenergic receptors; ChAT, choline-acetyltransferase; GABA, γ-aminobutyric acid; Gad1, Glutamate Decarboxylase 1; GFP, green fluorescent protein; HuC/D, Elav3+4; NeuN, Neuronal protein Fox-3/RBFOX3; TH, tyrosine hydroxylase; Zn-12, neuronal cell surface marker (HNK-1 carbohydrate epitope).