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35 **Abstract**

36 Many genetic forms of congenital deafness affect the sound reception antenna of cochlear
37 sensory cells, the hair bundle. The resulting sensory deprivation jeopardizes auditory cortex (AC)
38 maturation. Early prosthetic intervention should revive this process. Nevertheless, this view assumes
39 that no intrinsic AC deficits coexist with the cochlear ones, a possibility as yet unexplored. We show
40 here that many γ -aminobutyric acid (GABA)ergic interneuron precursors, from their generation in the
41 medial ganglionic eminence up to their settlement in the AC, express two cadherin-related (cdhr)
42 proteins, *cdhr23* and *cdhr15*, that form the hair bundle tip-links gating the mechano-electrical
43 transduction channels. Mutant mice lacking either protein showed a major decrease in the number of
44 parvalbumin interneurons specifically in the AC, and displayed audiogenic reflex seizures. *Cdhr15*-
45 and *Cdhr23*-expressing interneuron precursors in *Cdhr23*^{-/-} and *Cdhr15*^{-/-} mouse embryos,
46 respectively, failed to enter the embryonic cortex and were scattered throughout the subpallium,
47 consistent with the cell polarity abnormalities we observed *in vitro*. In the absence of adhesion G
48 protein-coupled receptor V1 (*adgrv1*), another hair bundle link protein, the entry of *Cdhr23*- and
49 *Cdhr15*-expressing interneuron precursors into the embryonic cortex was also impaired. Our results
50 demonstrate that a population of newborn interneurons is endowed with specific cdhr proteins,
51 necessary for these cells to reach the developing AC. We suggest that an “early adhesion code”
52 targets populations of interneuron precursors to restricted neocortical regions belonging to the same
53 functional area. These findings open up new perspectives for auditory rehabilitation and cortical
54 therapies in the patients.

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56 **Significance statement**

57 In early-onset genetic forms of deafness, deficits of the auditory sensory organ are sufficient
58 to account for the hearing impairment. However, the possibility that intrinsic deficits of the auditory
59 cortex coexist with the peripheral deficits is still unexplored. We show, in rodents and primates, that
60 the cadherin-related proteins *cdhr23* and *cdhr15* are expressed by many interneuron precursors
61 targeted specifically to the auditory cortex. A deficiency of either protein results in the failure of
62 these interneuron precursors to enter the embryonic cortex and in abnormally small numbers of
63 parvalbumin interneurons in the auditory cortex only. These findings should lead to an improvement
64 of hearing rehabilitation strategies in patients and open up new genetic approaches for studying
65 auditory cortex development and function.

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68 **Introduction**

69 The study of inherited forms of deafness in humans has greatly advanced our understanding
70 of the molecular and cellular mechanisms underlying sound processing in the auditory sensory organ,
71 the cochlea (1). Most mouse models for these deafness forms faithfully reproduce the hearing deficits
72 observed in humans. Furthermore, most of the genetic forms of profound congenital deafness studied
73 to date can be accounted for by deficits of the cochlea. Many of these deafness forms result from
74 structural and functional abnormalities of the hair bundle (2), a tuft of microvillus-like apical
75 protrusions, the stereocilia, forming the mechanosensitive antenna of the sensory hair cells (Fig.
76 S1B).

77 Early auditory deprivation, such as that due to congenital profound deafness, has major
78 consequences for the maturation of the central auditory system, including the auditory cortex (AC).
79 AC maturation involves successive sensitive periods of cortical plasticity, in which several features,
80 such as the tonotopic organization (sound frequency map) of the AC (3) and the balance between
81 neuronal excitation and inhibition (4), are established under the influence of the acoustic environment
82 (5, 6). This neural plasticity is particularly prominent early in life, shortly after hearing onset, and is
83 jeopardized by the lack of auditory stimulation experienced by children with profound congenital
84 deafness. However, early prosthetic interventions, in which profoundly deaf children are fitted with
85 cochlear implants, restore AC maturation through electrical stimulation of the auditory nerve, as
86 indicated by studies in deaf kittens (7, 8).

87 Much attention has been focused on the impact of auditory deprivation on AC maturation.
88 However, the possibility that AC intrinsic deficits coexist with peripheral auditory deficits in some
89 genetic forms of deafness has not yet been explored despite the expected impact on rehabilitation in
90 the patients. Such associated central intrinsic deficits would probably be masked by the peripheral
91 deficits. Given the major role played by adhesion proteins in brain development, we addressed this

92 issue by studying mouse models for two genetic forms of profound congenital deafness resulting
93 from mutations of *CDHR23* and *CDHR15*, encoding two cadherin-related (cdhr) transmembrane
94 proteins, cdhr23 and cdhr15 (also known as cadherin-23 and protocadherin-15, respectively; Fig.
95 S1A-B). Within the hair bundle, cdhr23 and cdhr15, which have unusually long ectodomains (9, 10)
96 (Fig. S1A), interact through their two most amino-terminal cadherin repeats to form an overlapped,
97 antiparallel heterodimer (11). They form the tip links (12), fine filaments connecting the tip of a
98 stereocilium to the side of the adjacent taller stereocilium that convey sound-evoked mechanical
99 forces to the mechanoelectrical transduction channels. They also form transient lateral links
100 connecting the stereocilia together, and some of the stereocilia with the kinocilium, during hair
101 bundle morphogenesis (13-15) (Fig. S1B). The absence of mechanoelectrical transduction currents in
102 the cochlear hair cells is sufficient to account for the profound deafness of patients lacking either
103 cdhr23 or cdhr15 (12, 16). Our explorations of the expression of cdhr23 and cdhr15 during brain
104 development and of mouse mutants lacking either cdhr protein revealed that both proteins were
105 required for the development of GABAergic interneurons in the AC. The development of these
106 interneurons also required *adgrv1* (also known as *gpr98*, *v1gr1*, or *mass1*), which forms another type
107 of hair bundle links, the ankle links.

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109 **Results**

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111 ***Cdhr23* and *Cdhr15* are expressed in the MGE-derived interneurons of the developing auditory** 112 **cortex**

113 We first studied the expression profiles of *cdhr23* and *cdhr15* in the mouse embryonic
114 telencephalon at the end of corticogenesis, on embryonic day 18.5 (E18.5). Both proteins were
115 detected in the neocortex. Remarkably, immunostaining was restricted to the developing AC (Fig.
116 1A). The mammalian neocortex contains glutamatergic excitatory neurons (85% of all neocortical
117 neurons in rodents) and γ -aminobutyric acid (GABA)ergic inhibitory interneurons (17, 18). In E18.5
118 *Nkx2.1-cre:Rosa-tdTomato* mice, immunostaining for *cdhr23* and *cdhr15* in the AC was limited to
119 tdTomato-labeled (tdTomato+) neurons, the GABAergic interneuron precursors that are derived from
120 the *Nkx2.1*-expressing progenitors of the medial ganglionic eminence (MGE) and the preoptic area of
121 the subpallium, the ventral part of the telencephalon (19) (Fig. 1B). About a third of AC tdTomato+
122 neurons were labeled by anti-*cdhr23* or anti-*cdhr15* antibodies ($30 \pm 3\%$; $n = 10$ embryos). Almost all
123 these neurons ($96 \pm 1\%$; $n = 5$ embryos on E18.5) stained for one *cdhr* protein were also stained for
124 the other (Fig. 1C). Immunostaining for *cdhr23* and *cdhr15* persisted in tdTomato+ interneurons on
125 P5 (Fig. 1D), but had disappeared by P7 (Fig. S2A).

126 We then examined the expression of *Cdhr23* and *Cdhr15* at earlier stages. Unlike
127 glutamatergic neurons, which are generated in the proliferative ventricular zone of the neocortex and
128 migrate radially to form the future six layers of the cortical plate, neocortical GABAergic
129 interneurons undergo a long migration from their place of birth. They first migrate tangentially within
130 the subpallium, then within the neocortex to reach their final destination, and finally migrate radially
131 to their ultimate cortical layer position (Figs. 1B, 2A) (20, 21). *Cdhr23* and *cdhr15* were first detected
132 in the telencephalon on E13.5, in newborn tdTomato+ interneuron precursors derived from the
133 ventral MGE mantle zone (Figs. 2A-C, S2B-C), but not in their MKI67-immunoreactive proliferating

134 progenitors (Fig. 2D) or in the caudal ganglionic eminence (Fig. S2D). Notably, almost all the
135 neurons of the ventral MGE mantle zone stained for one cdhr protein were also stained for the other
136 (Fig. 2E).

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138 **Mutant mice deficient for cdhr23 or cdhr15 have abnormally small numbers of parvalbumin**
139 **interneurons in the auditory cortex**

140 We then investigated whether interneurons expressing parvalbumin (PV) or somatostatin
141 (SST) (22), the two GABAergic interneuron populations derived from *Nkx2.1*-expressing progenitors
142 (23, 24), were affected by the absence of cdhr23 or cdhr15. Markedly fewer PV interneurons were
143 detected in the AC of three-week-old *Cdhr23*^{-/-} mice (2-fold fewer; $P = 0.008$) and *Cdhr15*^{av-3J/av-3J}
144 mice (4.2-fold fewer; $P = 0.004$) lacking cdhr23 and cdhr15, respectively, than in the AC of their
145 wild-type littermates (Fig. 3A). By contrast, the numbers of AC SST interneurons were unchanged (P
146 = 0.14 and $P = 0.15$ in *Cdhr23*^{-/-} and *Cdhr15*^{av-3J/av-3J} mice, respectively; Fig. 3C). Despite the strong
147 reduction in the number of PV interneurons in the AC, the cortical thickness of the AC in wild-type
148 ($1007 \pm 31 \mu\text{m}$, $n = 8$ mice), *Cdhr23*^{-/-} ($955 \pm 32 \mu\text{m}$, $n = 8$ mice) and *Cdhr15*^{av-3J/av-3J} ($980 \pm 21 \mu\text{m}$,
149 $n = 8$ mice) mice, and the estimated surface of the AC per section in wild-type ($1.11 \pm 0.09 \text{ mm}^2$ per
150 section, $n = 5$ mice), *Cdhr23*^{-/-} ($1.16 \pm 0.08 \text{ mm}^2$ per section, $n = 5$ mice) and *Cdhr15*^{av-3J/av-3J} ($1.15 \pm$
151 0.06 mm^2 per section, $n = 5$ mice) mice, were similar ($P > 0.4$ for all comparisons).

152 We asked whether this major PV interneuron deficit resulted from the absence of cochlear
153 mechano-electrical transduction in *Cdhr23*^{-/-} and *Cdhr15*^{av-3J/av-3J} mice, by studying *Cdhr23*^{+/-} and
154 *Cdhr15*^{+/av-3J} heterozygous mice, which have no cochlear deficit (25) (Fig. S3A-B). At three to four
155 weeks of age, these mice also had fewer PV interneurons in the AC, with interindividual variation,
156 than wild-type mice (1.6-fold and 1.8-fold fewer, on average, respectively; $P < 10^{-3}$; Fig. 3B). PV
157 interneuron deficits are often implicated in seizure disorders (26). We therefore investigated the
158 susceptibility of *Cdhr23*^{+/-} and *Cdhr15*^{+/av-3J} mice to audiogenic seizures, reflex seizures triggered by

159 loud sounds (27). Audiogenic seizures were observed in a large proportion of *Cdhr23*^{+/-} (51%, *n* =
160 49) and *Cdhr15*^{+/av-3J} (38%, *n* = 50) mice, but not in their wild-type littermates (*n* = 40 and *n* = 36,
161 respectively; $P < 10^{-4}$ for both comparisons). These seizures occurred only in mice with at least a 1.6-
162 fold decrease in the number of PV interneurons in the AC ($P < 10^{-4}$ for both comparisons; Fig. 3B).
163 This susceptibility was not linked to the sex of the affected mice (10 of 20 females and 11 of 23
164 males for affected *Cdhr23*^{+/-} mice, $P = 0.87$; 6 of 20 females and 13 of 24 males for affected
165 *Cdhr15*^{+/av-3J} mice, $P = 0.19$) or that of the parent transmitting the mutation (14 of 25 and 10 of 18
166 offspring produced by *Cdhr23*^{+/-} mothers and fathers, respectively, $P = 0.77$; 6 of 15 and 13 of 29
167 offspring produced by *Cdhr15*^{+/av-3J} mothers and fathers, respectively, $P = 0.98$). In contrast, the
168 numbers of SST interneurons were normal in the AC of *Cdhr23*^{+/-} and *Cdhr15*^{+/av-3J} mice ($P = 0.91$
169 and $P = 0.85$, respectively; Fig. 3C). Notably, the numbers of PV interneurons in the somatosensory
170 and motor cortices were unaffected in *Cdhr23*^{+/-} and *Cdhr15*^{+/av-3J} mice ($P = 0.63$, $P = 1$, $P = 0.11$, P
171 $= 0.85$ in the somatosensory cortex of *Cdhr23*^{+/-} and *Cdhr15*^{+/av-3J} mice and in the motor cortex of
172 *Cdhr23*^{+/-} and *Cdhr15*^{+/av-3J} mice, respectively; Fig. 3D-E). Thus, the absence of *cdhr23* or *cdhr15*
173 severely impairs the development of PV interneurons in the AC but not in other cortices.

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175 **Mutant mice deficient for *cdhr23* or *cdhr15* in GABAergic interneurons have abnormally small**
176 **numbers of PV interneurons in the auditory cortex**

177 We looked for the origin of the PV interneuron deficit in *Cdhr23*^{-/-} and *Cdhr15*^{av-3J/av-3J} mice.
178 We used *Nkx2.1-cre:Rosa-tdTomato* mice (19) to conditionally inactivate *Cdhr23* and *Cdhr15* in
179 MGE-derived interneuron precursors. *Nkx2.1* is transiently expressed by cortical interneuron
180 precursors of the MGE and preoptic area, which give rise to all the PV and SST interneurons of the
181 neocortex (19, 28). We crossed *Nkx2.1-cre:Rosa-tdTomato* mice (19) with either *Cdhr23*^{lox/lox} mice
182 (29) or *Cdhr15*^{lox/lox} mice to obtain *Nkx2.1-cre:Rosa-tdTomato; Cdhr23*^{lox/lox} mutant mice, or *Nkx2.1-*
183 *cre:Rosa-tdTomato; Cdhr15*^{lox/lox} mutant mice (hereafter referred to as *Cdhr23* cKO or *Cdhr15* cKO

184 mice). *Cdhr23*^{lox/lox} or *Cdhr15*^{lox/lox} littermates that do not express *cre*, or *Nkx2.1-cre:Rosa-tdTomato*
185 mice, were used as controls. On P27, audiogenic seizures were detected in 87% of *Cdhr23* cKO mice
186 ($n = 18$) and 73% of *Cdhr15* cKO mice ($n = 15$), but in none of their control littermates ($P < 10^{-5}$ and
187 $P < 10^{-3}$ for *Cdhr23* cKO and *Cdhr15* cKO mice, respectively). Markedly fewer PV interneurons
188 were detected in the AC of P27 *Cdhr23* cKO (2.3-fold fewer; $P = 0.008$) and *Cdhr15* cKO mice (2.4-
189 fold fewer; $P = 0.008$) than in *Nkx2.1-cre:Rosa-tdTomato* mice (Figs. 4A-B, S4). In contrast, the
190 numbers of SST interneurons in the AC were normal in *Cdhr23* cKO ($P = 0.69$) and *Cdhr15* cKO
191 mice ($P = 0.22$; Fig. 4A-B). The numbers of tdTomato+ interneurons, in which PV or SST were not
192 detected, were unchanged in *Cdhr23* cKO ($P = 0.42$) and *Cdhr15* cKO mice ($P = 0.15$; Fig. 4A-B),
193 which excludes the possibility that a mere loss of PV expression without loss of interneurons could
194 account for the abnormally small number of PV interneurons. This demonstrates that the deficit of
195 PV interneurons in the AC results from the lack of expression of *Cdhr23* or *Cdhr15* in MGE-derived
196 interneuron precursors.

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198 **Loss of PV interneurons upon *in situ* deletion of *Cdhr15* in the temporal cortex of newborn mice**

199 We then assessed the role of *cdhr23* and *cdhr15* at early postnatal stages, by studying the
200 impact of a postnatal *in situ* deletion of *Cdhr15* in the temporal cortex. A lentiviral vector encoding a
201 *cre* recombinase fused to the green fluorescent protein (*LV-cre-GFP*) was injected into the temporal
202 cortex of *Cdhr15*^{lox/lox} mice on P1 (*LV-cre-GFP* P1-injected *Cdhr15*^{lox/lox} mice), when immature
203 neurons begin to form synapses (30). *Cdhr15* and *cdhr23* were no longer detected in the AC of these
204 mice on P5 (Fig. 5A). Moreover, in these mice, but not in *LV-cre-GFP* P1-injected wild-type mice,
205 many AC neurons stained for both GFP and the GABAergic interneuron marker *Dlx5* (31),
206 expressed, mostly in layer IV, caspase-3, a protein involved in cell apoptosis (Fig. S5B). On P24,
207 audiogenic seizures were observed in all *LV-cre-GFP* P1-injected *Cdhr15*^{lox/lox} mice ($n = 12$), but not
208 in *LV-cre-GFP* P1-injected wild-type mice ($n = 7$; $P < 10^{-4}$) or other controls including non-injected

209 *Cdhr15*^{lox/lox} mice ($n = 8$, $P < 10^{-4}$), LV-*GFP* P1-injected *Cdhr15*^{lox/lox} mice ($n = 4$, $P < 10^{-3}$), and
210 *Cdhr15*^{lox/lox} mice receiving LV-*cre-GFP* injection into the temporal cortex on P10 ($n = 8$, $P < 10^{-4}$) or
211 into the motor cortex on P1 ($n = 9$, $P < 10^{-4}$). LV-*cre-GFP* P1-injected *Cdhr15*^{lox/lox} mice that
212 received injection in the temporal cortex had markedly fewer PV interneurons in the AC (2.6-fold
213 fewer) than LV-*cre-GFP* P1-injected wild-type mice ($n = 6$ for both genotypes; $P = 0.004$; Fig. 5B-
214 C), with unaffected ABR thresholds (Fig. S5A). Thus, PV interneuron deficits restricted to the AC
215 can cause audiogenic seizures. Moreover, these results demonstrate the crucial role of *cdhr15* in the
216 survival of immature interneurons of the AC that give rise to PV interneurons.

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218 **A population of interneuron precursors requires both *cdhr23* and *cdhr15* to enter the**
219 **embryonic cortex**

220 We then investigated a possible role of *cdhr23* and *cdhr15* in the early development of cortical
221 interneurons. On E14.5-E15.5, in *Nkx2.1-cre:Rosa-tdTomato* embryos, tdTomato+ interneuron
222 precursors expressing *Cdhr23* (*cdhr23+*) and/or *Cdhr15* (*cdhr15+*) were detected within the
223 subpallium and along the superficial and deep tangential migratory routes of interneurons in the
224 developing cortex (23) (Figs. 6A, S1C, S7A). In contrast to the postnatal *in situ* deletion of *Cdhr15*
225 that led to the lack of expression of *Cdhr23* in the developing AC, interneuron precursors of
226 *Cdhr23*^{-/-} and *Cdhr15*^{-/-} embryos each retained the expression of *cdhr15* and *cdhr23*, respectively.
227 Remarkably, on E14.5, *cdhr15+* and *cdhr23+* neurons in *Cdhr23*^{-/-} and *Cdhr15*^{-/-} embryos,
228 respectively, were abnormally scattered throughout the subpallium (Fig. 6B), with no signs of
229 apoptosis (Fig. S6A). They were absent from the embryonic cortex, whereas the streams of
230 tangentially migrating neurons stained for doublecortin appeared unaffected (Fig. S6B). The
231 fluorescence ratio between *cdhr* signals in the embryonic cortex and subpallium was much lower in
232 *Cdhr23*^{-/-} (0.07 ± 0.04 , $n = 5$) and *Cdhr15*^{-/-} (0.17 ± 0.05 , $n = 5$) embryos than in wild-type embryos

233 (1.2 ± 0.07, $n = 7$; $P = 0.003$ for both comparisons). Thus, both *cdhr23* and *cdhr15* play crucial roles
234 in the migration of MGE-derived interneuron precursors towards the embryonic cortex.

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236 **Cell polarity defects in *Cdhr23*^{-/-} and *Cdhr15*^{-/-} MGE-derived interneuron precursors**

237 We therefore explored whether the absence of *cdhr23* or *cdhr15* affected the migration of
238 MGE-derived interneuron precursors on synthetic substrates *in vitro*. *Cdhr15*⁺ or *cdhr23*⁺ neurons
239 leaving E13.5 *Cdhr23*^{-/-} or *Cdhr15*^{-/-} MGE explants, respectively, cultured on a laminin substrate,
240 migrated over much smaller areas (2.4-fold and 6.7-fold smaller, respectively) than *cdhr23*^{+/+}/*cdhr15*⁺
241 neurons leaving wild-type MGE explants ($P < 10^{-2}$ for both comparisons; Fig. S7B). By contrast, the
242 migration area was unaffected by culturing MGE explants on a cadherin-2 (*cdh2*, N-
243 cadherin)/laminin substrate stimulating neurite outgrowth *in vitro* (32) (see Methods; $P > 0.4$ for both
244 comparisons; Fig. S7C). Both *cdhr23* and *cdhr15* were localized at the leading processes and growth
245 cones (Figs. 6C, S7D-E). They were coexpressed in 87% of the neurons leaving E13.5 wild-type
246 MGE explants that express *cdhr23* and/or *cdhr15* ($n = 108$ neurons). The percentage of neurons with
247 more than one process was three times greater in *cdhr15*⁺ neurons leaving *Cdhr23*^{-/-} explants (18%, n
248 = 131 neurons; $P = 0.004$) than in *cdhr23*^{+/+}/*cdhr15*⁺ neurons leaving wild-type explants (6%, $n = 113$
249 neurons), but was unaffected in *cdhr23*⁺ neurons leaving *Cdhr15*^{-/-} explants ($n = 118$ neurons; $P =$
250 0.74; Fig. 6C). In *cdhr23*⁺ neurons migrating from *Cdhr15*^{-/-} explants, however, the centrosome was
251 randomly distributed around the nucleus rather than preferentially facing the leading process as in
252 *cdhr23*^{+/+}/*cdhr15*⁺ neurons migrating from wild-type explants (Kolmogorov-Smirnov test, $P < 10^{-3}$;
253 Fig. 6C) and *cdhr15*⁺ neurons migrating from *Cdhr23*^{-/-} explants (Kolmogorov-Smirnov test, $P =$
254 0.95). These cell polarity deficits of newborn interneurons are consistent with the *in vivo* misrouting
255 of interneuron precursors (32) in *Cdhr23*^{-/-} and *Cdhr15*^{-/-} embryos (Fig. 6B). They suggest that both
256 *cdhr23* and *cdhr15* contribute to interneuron precursor cell polarity, but through different activities.

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258 **Impaired entry of MGE-derived GABAergic interneurons expressing cdhr23 and cdhr15 into**
259 **the embryonic cortex of mutant mice lacking adgrv1**

260 We then asked whether the hair bundle of auditory hair cells and the interneurons of the
261 auditory cortex share other critical proteins for their respective development. Based on the
262 susceptibility to audiogenic seizures of *Adgrv1*^{-/-} mice, which have a moderate hearing impairment on
263 P20-P30 (33-35), we focused on *adgrv1*, a member of the adhesion G-protein-coupled receptor
264 family with a very long extracellular region that forms transient lateral links between stereocilia, the
265 ankle links, during hair bundle development (36, 37) (Fig. S1A-B). On P24, audiogenic seizures were
266 observed in all *Adgrv1*^{-/-} mice ($n = 36$), but none of the *Adgrv1*^{+/-} mice ($n = 21$; $P < 10^{-13}$). *Adgrv1*^{-/-}
267 mice also had fewer PV interneurons in the AC than their *Adgrv1*^{+/-} littermates (3.1-fold fewer, $n = 5$
268 for both genotypes, $P = 0.008$; Fig. 7A), but normal numbers of AC SST interneurons ($P = 0.2$; Fig.
269 7B).

270 In E13.5-E14.5 mice, *adgrv1* was detected in the subpallium, including the mantle zone of the
271 MGE and the MGE ventricular zone containing MKI67-labeled progenitors (Figs. 7C, S8A). On
272 E18.5, *adgrv1* was mostly detected in the nestin-labeled processes of radial glial cells in the AC (Fig.
273 S8B). In E14.5 *Adgrv1*^{-/-} mice, the entry of neurons expressing *cdhr23* and *cdhr15* into the embryonic
274 cortex was impaired (Fig. 7D). The fluorescence ratio between *cdhr*-immunoreactive signals in the
275 embryonic cortex and subpallium was 34% lower in *Adgrv1*^{-/-} embryos (0.8 ± 0.04 , $n = 7$) than in
276 wild-type embryos (1.2 ± 0.07 , $n = 7$, $P < 10^{-3}$). Thus, *adgrv1* is also involved in the development of
277 PV interneurons in the AC, and in the entry of *cdhr23*- and *cdhr15*-expressing interneuron precursors
278 into the embryonic cortex.

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280 **Similar expression profiles of cdhr23, cdhr15, and adgrv1 in mouse and macaque**

281 Finally, we addressed the issue of the conservation of expression profiles for *cdhr23*, *cdhr15*,
282 and *adgrv1* in primate embryos. In E63 macaque embryos (equivalent to E13-E14 mice (38)), the

283 three proteins were immunodetected in the MGE (Fig. 8A). On E85 (equivalent to E17-E18 in the
284 mouse) (38), *cdhr23* and *cdhr15* were detected in *Dlx5*-immunoreactive GABAergic interneuron
285 precursors of the AC (31) (Figs. 8B-C, S9), and *adgrv1* was detected in the nestin-labeled processes
286 of AC radial glial cells (Figs. 8B, 8D, S9). The expression profiles of *cdhr23*, *cdhr15*, and *adgrv1* in
287 the embryonic telencephalon are thus similar in mouse and macaque.

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290 **Discussion**

291 Our results reveal that AC interneuron development is impaired in mutant mice defective for
292 *Cdhr23*, *Cdhr15*, or *Adgrv1*. The lack of *cdhr23*, *cdhr15*, or *adgrv1* in these mice affects the entry of
293 *Cdhr15*⁻, *Cdhr23*⁻ and *Cdhr23*⁻/*Cdhr15*-expressing interneuron precursors, respectively, into the
294 embryonic cortex, leading to a greatly decreased number of PV interneurons in the AC (Fig. S1).

295 The observed interneuron precursor migration deficits are not a consequence of the peripheral
296 auditory impairment present in *Cdhr23*^{-/-}, *Cdhr15*^{av-3J/av-3J}, and *Adgrv1*^{-/-} mice (12-14), because they
297 are detectable as early as E.14.5, long before the onset of hearing (~P12-P13 in mice). The
298 abnormally small number of PV interneurons in the AC and the susceptibility to audiogenic seizures
299 induced by the *in situ* deletion of *Cdhr15* in the temporal cortex on P1 revealed an additional intrinsic
300 role of *cdhr15* in the developing AC before the onset of hearing. Given the co-expression of *Cdhr23*
301 and *Cdhr15* in immature interneurons of the AC, and the lack of expression of *Cdhr23* on P5 after the
302 deletion of *Cdhr15*, *cdhr23* probably plays a similar role in the early postnatal AC. Finally, a cortical
303 origin for the PV interneuron deficit in the AC is further supported by the observation of a similar
304 defect in *Cdhr23*^{+/-} and *Cdhr15*^{+/av-3J} mice and in *Cdhr23* cKO and *Cdhr15* cKO mice, which have no
305 peripheral hearing deficit.

306 Converging lines of evidence indicate that the *Cdhr23*⁻ and *Cdhr15*-expressing interneuron
307 precursors of the MGE develop into PV interneurons of the AC. *Cdhr23*⁻ and *Cdhr15*-expressing
308 interneuron precursors are found in the ventral part of the MGE on E13.5, the time and place at
309 which future cortical PV interneurons are generated (39). From E13.5 to P7, labeling for *cdhr23* and
310 *cdhr15* is limited to MGE-derived interneuron precursors, which mature into PV and SST
311 interneurons. By P5, *Cdhr23*⁻ and *Cdhr15*-expressing interneuron precursors are mostly found
312 accumulated in cortical layer IV in the AC, the preferential location of PV interneurons (40). The
313 number of SST interneurons, the other subclass of MGE-derived interneurons, was not affected in
314 *Cdhr23*, *Cdhr15*, and *Adgrv1* mutant mice. Moreover, *Cdhr23* and *Cdhr15* expression in interneuron

315 precursors was found to be restricted to the developing AC on E18.5, like the decrease in the number
316 of PV interneurons in three-week-old *Cdhr23* and *Cdhr15* mutant mice. Finally, the conditional
317 deletion of *Cdhr23* and *Cdhr15* in MGE-derived interneurons at the progenitor stage reproduced the
318 PV interneuron deficit and led to a susceptibility to audiogenic seizures. Together, these results
319 demonstrate that the population of *Cdhr23*- and *Cdhr15*-expressing interneuron precursors of the
320 MGE gives rise to a large fraction of the PV interneurons in the AC.

321 The numbers of PV interneurons in the AC of *Cdhr23*^{+/-} and *Cdhr15*^{+/av-3J} mice, although
322 systematically small, differed strongly between individual mice, as did susceptibility to audiogenic
323 seizures. The origin of this heterogeneity remains unclear, but was not related to the sex of the
324 affected heterozygous mouse or of the parent transmitting the mutation (which would have suggested
325 genomic imprinting of *Cdhr23* and *Cdhr15*). Genetic background or a random monoallelic
326 expression of *Cdhr23* and *Cdhr15* in the telencephalon (already reported for both genes in neural
327 progenitor cells derived from mouse embryonic stem cells (41)), may account for this variability.

328 What roles do *cdhr23* and *cdhr15* play in interneuron precursors? Migration areas were
329 markedly smaller for *cdhr15*⁺ interneuron precursors and *cdhr23*⁺ interneuron precursors growing out
330 of *Cdhr23*^{-/-} and *Cdhr15*^{-/-} MGE explants cultured on laminin substrate, respectively, than for
331 *cdhr23*⁺/*cdhr15*⁺ interneuron precursors growing out of wild-type MGE explants, suggesting a
332 motility deficit and/or a polarity defect of these migrating neurons. The migration areas observed on
333 a substrate consisting of *cdh2* and laminin, promoting the motility of interneuron precursors, were no
334 smaller than normal, but neurons lacking either *cdhr23* or *cdhr15* displayed cell polarity defects,
335 albeit with different manifestations. These cell polarity defects are consistent with the dispersion of
336 these interneuron precursors in the subpallium of mutant embryos. On P1, a developmental time-
337 point at which interneuron precursors have reached their final AC destination, the *in situ* deletion of
338 *Cdhr15* in the temporal cortex led to apoptosis of local interneuron precursors. This additional role of
339 *cdhr15* may reflect the early involvement of this *cdhr* in GABAergic interneuron synaptogenesis,

340 which is considered to be essential for interneuron survival (42). This dual role is reminiscent of that
341 reported for two other adhesion proteins in GABAergic interneuron precursors in the embryonic
342 telencephalon: *celsr3* (also known as *adgrc3*) (43) from the flamingo cadherin (9) and adhesion G-
343 protein coupled receptor families (44), and *cdh2* (32). However, these two proteins are not required
344 for the specific targeting of interneuron precursors to a particular neocortical area. *Cdh2* is critically
345 involved in the cell polarity and migration of GABAergic interneuron precursors, whereas *celsr3* is
346 required for the entry of interneuron precursors expressing calbindin-2 (also known as calretinin) into
347 the embryonic cortex, and both proteins are also involved in synaptogenesis (45, 46).

348 Previous studies have shown that most clonally related interneurons derived from the MGE
349 are targeted to one telencephalon structure (47-49), where they form clusters (50, 51). Regardless of
350 the possible clonal relationship between *Cdhr23*-/*Cdhr15*-expressing GABAergic interneuron
351 precursors in the AC, our results indicate that these precursors are targeted specifically to the AC
352 immediately after their birth. Based on the critical role of adhesion proteins *cdhr23* and *cdhr15* in the
353 targeting and survival of newly born GABAergic interneuron precursors in a specific cortical area,
354 the developing AC, reported here for the first time, we suggest that there is an “adhesion code”,
355 which functions early in development and targets particular populations of newborn MGE-derived
356 GABAergic interneuron precursors to functionally specific areas of the neocortex.

357 The conservation, from mouse to macaque, of the expression profiles of the three proteins
358 studied here suggests the existence of an intrinsic deficit of PV interneurons in the AC of humans
359 carrying *CDHR23*, *CDHR15*, or *ADGRV1* mutations, despite differences in the origin of these
360 neurons in the human brain (52). After the fitting of cochlear implants, some of these patients have
361 been reported to face unusual speech-recognition difficulties not observed in patients with mutations
362 of other deafness genes (53). These difficulties might be related to the involvement of PV
363 interneurons in the experience-driven neural plasticity underlying AC maturation (8, 54) and the
364 temporal precision of sound detection critical for speech perception (55). The shaping of the

365 perception of several acoustic features throughout life, including frequency discrimination acuity (56)
366 and the detection of unexpected sounds, also involves PV interneurons of the AC (57).

367 The results presented here suggest the possible involvement of other deafness genes
368 underlying peripheral auditory deficits in the development and functioning of the AC. Mutations of
369 *CDHR23* or *CDHR15*, and of *ADGRV1* are responsible for type 1 and type 2 Usher syndrome,
370 respectively. These autosomal recessive disorders combine congenital hearing impairment with
371 delayed-onset sight loss. The formation of protein complexes containing *cdhr23*, *cdhr15*, or *adgrv1*
372 together with other Usher syndrome gene products in both hair cells and photoreceptor cells (58-60)
373 identifies these proteins as attractive candidates for involvement in AC interneuron development.
374 Broadening our view by identifying the other proteins involved will help to clarify the evolutionary
375 steps accounting for the use of the same essential proteins for the development of the cochlea and the
376 auditory cortex.

377 The impact of sensory deprivation on AC development in people with genetic forms of
378 deafness has so far overshadowed the consideration of possible intrinsic cortical deficiencies.
379 Advances in our understanding of the hidden intrinsic cortical deficits of hereditary forms of deafness
380 should provide a scientific basis for improving auditory rehabilitation in patients and for the
381 development of cortical therapies. This work should also pave the way to the development of a
382 genetic approach to the cellular and molecular mechanisms involved in AC development and
383 functioning.

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386 **Materials and methods**

387 A detailed description of the methods is available in SI Appendix, Materials and Methods. Animal
388 experiments were carried out in accordance with French and European regulations. Approval for the
389 experiments using animals was obtained from the Animal Use Committee of Institut Pasteur.
390 Susceptibility to audiogenic seizures was evaluated using high-intensity (100-110 dB) continuous
391 pure tones (8-15 kHz) lasting up to one minute. Hearing tests were performed as described in (61,
392 62). For immunofluorescence analyses, the antibodies directed against cdhr23 and cdhr15 were used
393 as described in (16, 59). Culture of MGE explants and quantification of neuronal migration were
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566 **Figures**

567

568 **Figure 1. Expression of *Cdhr23* and *Cdhr15* in MGE-derived interneuron precursors in the**
569 **developing auditory cortex in mice**

570 (A) Horizontal (upper panel) and coronal (lower panel) sections through the developing auditory
571 cortex (AC) of wild-type E18.5 mouse embryos immunostained for *cdhr23* and *cdhr15*. (B) Diagram
572 of the migration routes of MGE-derived interneurons in the developing neocortex, and corresponding
573 coronal sections of the AC of a *Nkx2.1-cre:Rosa-tdTomato* E18.5 mouse embryo immunostained for
574 *tdTomato* and *cdhr23* or *cdhr15*, with detailed views of *tdTomato+* *cdhr23+* or *cdhr15+* interneurons
575 (lower panel). (C) Coronal section of the AC of a wild-type E18.5 mouse embryo immunostained for
576 *cdhr23* and *cdhr15*. (D) Coronal section of the AC of a *Nkx2.1-cre:Rosa-tdTomato* P5 mouse
577 immunostained for *tdTomato* and *cdhr23* or *cdhr15*. Cell nuclei are stained in blue (DAPI).
578 Abbreviations: H, hippocampus; A/S/I/OC, auditory/somatosensory/insular/orbital cortex; E/VC,
579 entorhinal/visual cortex; (s)vz, (sub)ventricular zone; iz, intermediate zone; cp, cortical plate; mz,
580 marginal zone; IN, interneuron; p, posterior; l, lateral; m, medial; d, dorsal.

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582 **Figure 2. Co-expression of *Cdhr23* and *Cdhr15* in MGE-derived postmitotic interneuron**
583 **precursors in mice**

584 (A) Diagram of the tangential migration routes of MGE-derived interneurons on a coronal section of
585 the mouse embryonic telencephalon on E13.5-E15.5. (B,C) Coronal basal telencephalon sections of a
586 *Nkx2.1-cre:Rosa-tdTomato* E13.5 embryo immunostained for *tdTomato* and *cdhr23* (B) or *cdhr15*
587 (C), with detailed views of the MGE shown below. Note the expression of *cdhr23* and *cdhr15* in
588 *tdTomato+* neurons of the striatum and globus pallidus. (D) Coronal section of the MGE of a wild-
589 type E13.5 embryo, immunostained for *cdhr23* and MKI67, a cell proliferation marker. (E) Detailed
590 view of the MGE of a wild-type E13.5 embryo immunostained for *cdhr23* and *cdhr15*.

591 Abbreviations: NCx, neocortex; L/MGE, lateral/medial ganglionic eminence; POA, preoptic area;
592 GP, globus pallidus; (s)vz, (sub)ventricular zone; iz, intermediate zone; cp, cortical plate; mz,
593 marginal zone; l, lateral; m, medial; d, dorsal.

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595 **Figure 3. Abnormally small number of PV interneurons in the auditory cortex of mice with**
596 **mutations of *Cdhr23* or *Cdhr15***

597 (A, B) Density of PV interneuron cell bodies in the auditory cortex (AC) of wild-type, *Cdhr23*^{-/-} and
598 *Cdhr15*^{av-3J/av-3J} mice (A), and in the AC of *Cdhr23*^{+/-} and *Cdhr15*^{+/av-3J} mice with/without audiogenic
599 seizures (AS+/AS- mice) on P27 (B); Coronal sections (upper panel), and detailed views (lower
600 panel) are shown. Note that the remaining PV interneurons in *Cdhr23*^{-/-} and *Cdhr15*^{av-3J/av-3J} mice, and
601 in *Cdhr23*^{+/-} and *Cdhr15*^{+/av-3J} mice with audiogenic seizures have a lower-density dendritic
602 arborization than in wild-type mice. (C) Density of SST interneuron cell bodies in the AC of wild-
603 type, *Cdhr23*^{-/-} and *Cdhr15*^{av-3J/av-3J} mice, and in the AC of *Cdhr23*^{+/-} and *Cdhr15*^{+/av-3J} AS+/AS- mice
604 on P27; Coronal sections of the AC of wild-type, *Cdhr23*^{-/-}, and *Cdhr15*^{av-3J/av-3J} P27 mice
605 immunostained for PV and SST are shown. Note that the SST interneuron density was not linked to a
606 susceptibility to audiogenic seizures ($P = 0.22$). (D, E) Density of PV interneuron cell bodies in the
607 somatosensory (D) and motor cortices (E) of wild-type, *Cdhr23*^{+/-} mice, and *Cdhr15*^{+/av-3J} P27 mice;
608 Coronal sections of the wild-type mice and *Cdhr23*^{+/-} mice displaying audiogenic seizures
609 immunostained for PV and SST. Abbreviations: H, hippocampus; AS+/AS- mice, mice with/without
610 audiogenic seizures; d, dorsal; m, medial; l, lateral. Data are means \pm s.e.m, with individual values
611 (open circles). The number of mice analyzed for each genotype is indicated between brackets. **, $P <$
612 10^{-2} ; ns, not significant (non-parametric two-tailed Mann-Whitney tests).

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615 **Figure 4. Abnormally small number of PV interneurons in the auditory cortex of mice with**
616 **conditional deletion of *Cdhr23* or *Cdhr15* in MGE-derived interneuron precursors**

617 (A) Coronal sections of the AC of *Nkx2.1-cre:Rosa-tdTomato*, *Cdhr23* cKO, and *Cdhr15* cKO mice
618 on P27 immunostained for PV and tdTomato. (B) Bar graphs showing the density of cell bodies of
619 PV interneurons, SST interneurons, and tdTomato+ interneurons that do not express PV or SST, in
620 the AC of *Nkx2.1-cre:Rosa-tdTomato*, *Cdhr23* cKO, and *Cdhr15* cKO mice on P27. Abbreviations: d,
621 dorsal; l, lateral. Data are means \pm s.e.m, with individual values (open circles). The number of mice
622 analyzed for each genotype is indicated between brackets. **, $P < 10^{-2}$; ns, not significant (non-
623 parametric two-tailed Mann-Whitney tests).

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625 **Figure 5. *In situ* conditional deletion of *Cdhr15* in the AC of mice induces susceptibility to**
626 **audiogenic seizures and reduced number of PV interneurons**

627 (A) Coronal sections of the auditory cortex (AC) of wild-type and *Cdhr15*^{lox/lox} P5 mice injected on
628 P1 with the *LV-cre-GFP* recombinant virus, immunostained for *cdhr23* and *cdhr15*. The site of
629 injection is indicated on the diagram. (B) Detailed view of PV-immunoreactive interneurons in AC
630 coronal sections from *LV-cre-GFP* P1-injected wild-type and *Cdhr15*^{lox/lox} mice on P24. (C) Density
631 of PV interneuron cell bodies in mice tested for susceptibility to audiogenic seizures. Abbreviations:
632 AS+/AS- mice: mice with/without audiogenic seizures; d, dorsal; l, lateral. Data are individual values
633 (open circles). **, $P < 10^{-2}$ (non-parametric two-tailed Mann-Whitney test).

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635 **Figure 6. Critical role of *Cdhr23* and *Cdhr15* in the migration of MGE-derived interneuron**
636 **precursors**

637 (A) Coronal section of the telencephalon in a *Nkx2.1-cre:Rosa-tdTomato* E15.5 mouse embryo,
638 immunostained for tdTomato and *cdhr23*, and detailed view of the neocortex (lower panel). (B)
639 Coronal sections of the telencephalon in wild-type, *Cdhr23*^{-/-}, and *Cdhr15*^{-/-} E14.5 mouse embryos

640 immunostained for both cdhr23 and cdhr15, cdhr15, and cdhr23, respectively. (C) Representative
641 neurons migrating from MGE explants of a wild-type mouse, cultured on a cdh2/laminin substrate,
642 and immunostained for actin, cdhr23, and cdhr15 without permeabilization (left panel), or
643 immunostained for actin and the centrosome marker γ -tubulin (arrowheads) after permeabilization
644 (middle left panel). The histograms show the distribution of centrosome angular positions (see
645 diagram) in unipolar cells, and the chart indicates the number of processes (one, two, or three) of
646 cdhr15+ and cdhr23+ neurons derived from *Cdhr23*^{-/-} and *Cdhr15*^{-/-} MGE explants, cultured on
647 cdh2/laminin substrate, respectively (right panels). Abbreviations: NCx, neocortex; L/MGE,
648 lateral/medial ganglionic eminence; (s)vz, (sub)ventricular zone; iz, intermediate zone; cp, cortical
649 plate; mz, marginal zone; d, dorsal; m, medial; c, centrosome; gc, growth cone. **, $P < 10^{-2}$; ***, $P <$
650 10^{-3} ; ns, not significant (Kolmogorov-Smirnov tests for the centrosome angular position data, Chi
651 squared test for the cell polarity data).

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653 **Figure 7. Defective development of MGE-derived cdhr23+/cdhr15+ GABAergic interneurons in**
654 ***Adgrv1*^{-/-} mice**

655 (A) Coronal sections of the auditory cortex (AC) of *Adgrv1*^{+/-} and *Adgrv1*^{-/-} P27 mice immunostained
656 for PV with detailed views (lower panels), and bar graph showing the density of PV interneuron cell
657 bodies. (B) Coronal section of the AC of an *Adgrv1*^{-/-} P27 mouse immunostained for PV and SST, and
658 bar graph showing the density of SST interneuron cell bodies in wild-type and *Adgrv1*^{-/-} mice. (C)
659 Coronal section of the telencephalon of a *Nkx2.1-cre:Rosa-tdTomato* mouse embryo on E14.5,
660 immunostained for tdTomato and adgrv1 and detailed view of the embryonic cortex (right panel). (D)
661 Coronal sections of the telencephalon of *Adgrv1*^{+/-} and *Adgrv1*^{-/-} mouse embryos on E14.5,
662 immunostained for cdhr23 and cdhr15. Abbreviations: NCx, neocortex; L/MGE, lateral/medial
663 ganglionic eminence; (s)vz, (sub)ventricular zone; iz, intermediate zone; cp, cortical plate; mz,
664 marginal zone; d, dorsal; m, medial; l: lateral. Data are means \pm s.e.m with individual values (open

665 circles). The number of mice analyzed for each genotype is indicated between brackets. **, $P < 10^{-2}$;
666 ns, not significant (non-parametric two-tailed Mann-Whitney tests).

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668 **Figure 8. Expression of *Cdhr23*, *Cdhr15* and *Adgrv1* in the MGE and developing auditory**
669 **cortex of macaque embryos**

670 (A) Coronal sections of the telencephalon in an E63 macaque embryo, immunostained for *cdhr23*,
671 *cdhr15*, or *adgrv1*. The MGE mantle zone is indicated by an asterisk and the MGE ventricular zone
672 by an arrow. The different regions are shown on the diagram. (B) Sagittal sections of the developing
673 auditory cortex (AC) of an E85 macaque embryo immunostained for *Dlx5* and *cdhr23*, *cdhr15*, or
674 *adgrv1* showing the outer subventricular zone and the subplate (see diagram of the brain cortical
675 layers on the left side). (C, D) High-magnification views of GABAergic interneuron precursors in the
676 outer subventricular zone, immunostained for *Dlx5* and either *cdhr23* or *cdhr15* (C), and of a radial
677 glial cell immunostained for *adgrv1* and *nestin*, a radial glia marker (D). Abbreviations: (s)vz,
678 (sub)ventricular zone; i/o svz, inner/outer svz; iz, intermediate zone; sp, subplate; cp, cortical plate;
679 mz, marginal zone; d, dorsal; m, medial; l, lateral.

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**Auditory cortex interneuron development
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Materials and methods

Animals. Animal experiments were performed in accordance with French and European regulations for the care and protection of laboratory animals (EC Directive 2010/63, French Law 2013-118, 6 February 2013), with authorization from the Institut Pasteur ethics committee for animal experimentation. *Adgrv1*^{tm1Msat} (*Adgrv1*^{+/-} and *Adgrv1*^{-/-}) mice and *Nkx2.1-cre* mice were kindly provided by Makoto Sato (University of Fukui, Japan) (34, 63) and Nicoletta Kessarlis (University College London, United Kingdom) (19), respectively. *Cdhr15*^{av-3J} mice, which carry a point mutation resulting in a frameshift and premature stop codon, and *Rosa*-tdTomato mice were obtained from Jackson Laboratories (Bar Harbor, USA). *Cdhr23*^{tm1.2Ugds} (*Cdhr23*^{+/-} and *Cdhr23*^{-/-}) mice and *Cdhr23*^{lox/lox} mice, in which lox P sites were introduced into the introns 61 and 68, have been described elsewhere (29). *Cdhr15*^{ex5-fl} (*Cdhr15*^{lox/lox}) mice were generated by the Institut Clinique de la Souris (iCS, Illkirch, France). The targeting vector was constructed as follows. A 0.6 kb fragment encompassing exon 5 was amplified by PCR (from C57Bl/6N ES cells genomic DNA) and inserted into a proprietary iCS vector containing a LoxP site and a floxed and flipped neomycin resistance cassette. A 4.5 kb fragment (corresponding to the 5' homology arm) and a 2.8 kb fragment (corresponding to the 3' homology arm) were amplified by PCR and inserted into the vector obtained in the first step, to produce the final targeting construct. The targeting construct was introduced into C57Bl/6N embryonic stem (ES) cells by electroporation. Clones were selected and identified by PCR with external primers, and their identity was confirmed by Southern blot analysis with 5' and 3' external probes. Two recombinant ES clones were injected into BALB/cN blastocysts, to get male chimeras with germline transmission of the floxed allele. The *Cdhr15*^{lox/lox} mice behaved like wild-type mice. *Cdhr15*^{+/-} and *Cdhr15*^{-/-} mice were obtained by crossing *Cdhr15*^{lox/lox} mice with *PGK-cre* transgenic mice, in which *cre* expression is driven by the ubiquitously expressed early active promoter of the phosphoglycerate kinase-1 (PGK) gene (64). The mice had mixed genetic backgrounds combining C57BL/6JRj and SV/129, except for *Rosa*^{tdTomato} mice, which had a mixture

of C57BL/6JRj, SV/129, and Swiss backgrounds. The wild-type animals for lentiviral vector injections were C57BL/6JRj mice from Janvier Labs (Le Genest-Saint-Isle, France), whereas all other mice described as “wild-type” were littermates of the mutant mice.

Sound stimulation. We assessed susceptibility to audiogenic seizures by delivering continuous pure tones (from 5 kHz to 40 kHz) from a calibrated loudspeaker placed on top of a large Plexiglas cylinder (height: 30 cm; diameter: 15 cm) containing the freely moving mouse. Audiogenic seizures typically occurred as follows: the mice ran about wildly, then underwent tonico-clonic convulsions, tonic hyperextension of the hindlimbs, and a potentially fatal post-ictal depression of consciousness. Stimulation was stopped as soon as the animal began running about wildly, to prevent full-blown seizures (65). We evaluated the proportion of mice displaying audiogenic seizures in P21 to P35 mice, after stimulation with high-intensity (100-110 dB) pure tones (8-15 kHz) lasting up to one minute.

Injection of lentiviral vectors. Mice were anesthetized by hypothermia on P1, or with isoflurane (4% during induction, and then 2% through a mask during injection) on P10. We used a microinjector (Nanoliter 2000, World Precision Instruments, Sarasota, USA) to inject lentiviral vector (70 nL; *Pgk::cre-GFP* or *Pgk::GFP*; 10^7 TU/ml, Kerafast, Boston, USA) bilaterally into the temporal cortex to target the AC, or dorsally into the motor cortex.

Hearing tests. Mice were anesthetized by intraperitoneal xylazine (7.5 mg/kg) and ketamine (75 mg/kg) injections. Auditory brainstem responses (ABRs) (61) were recorded in response to pure tone bursts at frequencies of 5, 10, 15, 20, 32, and 40 kHz. Sound intensities between 15 dB and 115 dB SPL, in 5 dB steps, were tested. ABRs were averaged over 100-200 pure-tone stimulus presentations. ABR thresholds were defined as the lowest stimulus level resulting in recognizable waves. ABR

wave-I amplitude was estimated by measuring the voltage difference between the wave-I peak and the trough between wave-I and wave-II, and ABR wave-I latency was measured as the time from sound stimulation to the wave-I peak. Electrode responses were amplified (gain of 10 000), filtered, digitally converted, and averaged with a compressed-data acquisition system.

Distortion product otoacoustic emissions were collected with a miniature microphone at the entry to the ear canal (62). Two primary pure-tone stimuli of frequencies f_1 and f_2 were applied simultaneously: f_2 was set at different values between 5 and 20 kHz and the f_2/f_1 ratio was kept constant at 1.2. The cubic difference tone at $2f_1 - f_2$, the most prominent distortion product generated by mammalian ears, was measured for primary tone frequencies of equal intensity, from 40 to 75 dB SPL.

Tissue preparation. Cryopreserved brain sections from macaque (*Macaca fascicularis*) embryos (E63 and E85) were provided by Colette Dehay (PrimaLyon Platform, Institut Cellule Souche et Cerveau, INSERM, Bron, France). Midday vaginal plugs were considered to correspond to embryonic day 0.5 (E0.5), for staging purposes. Mouse embryos were dissected and fixed by immersion in 4% paraformaldehyde (PFA) in phosphate-buffered saline (PBS). Mouse pup brains were removed before embryo fixation in 4% PFA in PBS. At later stages, mice were deeply anesthetized with xylazine (60 mg/kg) and ketamine (150 mg/kg), by intraperitoneal injection, before intracardiac perfusion with 4% PFA in PBS. Mouse embryonic tissues were postfixed for three days in 4% PFA in PBS, and embedded in 2% agarose for free-floating vibratome slicing (50 μ m sections) with a Leica VT1000S (Leica Biosystems, Wetzlar, Germany), or postfixed overnight in 4% PFA in PBS, protected by immersion in 30% sucrose, and embedded in optimal cutting temperature (OCT) compound (VWR International, Radnor, USA) for cryostat sectioning (20 μ m sections). After P20, 50 μ m thick free-floating cryosections were cut. Where appropriate, sections were processed on Superfrost Plus slides

(Menzel-Gläser, Braunschweig, Germany). Standard procedures were used to process samples for immunolabeling.

Immunolabeling. Sections were cut from prepared tissues, permeabilized and blocked in PBS supplemented with 0.25% Triton X-100 (Sigma-Aldrich) and 1% BSA (AppliChem, Darmstadt, Germany). The following primary antibodies were used: rabbit anti-adgrv1 antiserum against the N-terminal region (1:100; Fig. S1A; previously described (37)) for mouse experiments, and rabbit anti-adgrv1 polyclonal antibody directed against the C-terminal region (1:500; Fig. S1A; previously described (59)) for macaque experiments, rabbit anti-caspase-3 polyclonal antibody (1:500; #HPA002643, Sigma-Aldrich, Saint-Louis, USA), rabbit anti-cdhr23 polyclonal antibody against extracellular epitopes corresponding to extracellular cadherin repeat 11 (1:300; C1EC11, Fig. S1A; previously described (59)), rabbit anti-cdhr15 polyclonal antibody against the extracellular region next to the transmembrane domain (1:300; P1ExJM, Fig. S1A; previously described (59), Figs. 1A (coronal), 1B, 1D, 2C, 6A, 7B, 9, S2, S7B, S7C-E, S7F-G, S9), mouse anti-cdhr15 monoclonal antibody against extracellular epitopes corresponding to cadherin repeats 7 to 10 (1:300; #sc-377235, Fig. S1A; Santa Cruz Biotechnology, Dallas, USA; Figs. 1A (horizontal), 1C, 2E, 6C, 7D, S7A), rabbit anti-doublecortin polyclonal antibody (1:2000; #ab18723, Abcam, Cambridge, United Kingdom), mouse anti-Dlx5 monoclonal antibody (1:500; #SAB1412173, Sigma-Aldrich), chicken anti-GFP polyclonal antibody (1:1000; #ab13970, Abcam), mouse anti-nestin monoclonal antibody (1:1000; #556309, BD Biosciences, Franklin Lake, USA), rabbit anti-MKI67 polyclonal antibody (1:100; #ab15580, Abcam), mouse anti-PV monoclonal antibody (1:500; #SAB4200545, Sigma-Aldrich), rabbit anti-red fluorescent protein polyclonal antibody to detect tdTomato (1:2000; #3993-100, Clontech Laboratories, Mountain View, USA), rabbit anti-SST polyclonal antibody (1:250; #ab22682; Abcam), and mouse anti- γ -tubulin monoclonal antibody (1:500; #T6557; Sigma-Aldrich). The following secondary antibodies were used (1:500): goat anti-chicken Alexa Fluor 488-conjugated

antibodies (#A11039; Life Technologies, Waltham, USA), goat anti-mouse Alexa Fluor 488-conjugated (#A21121; Life Technologies), Atto550-conjugated (#43394; Sigma-Aldrich), and Atto647-conjugated (#50185; Sigma-Aldrich) antibodies, goat anti-rabbit Atto488-conjugated (#18772; Sigma-Aldrich), Atto550-conjugated (#43328; Sigma-Aldrich) and Atto647N-conjugated (#40839; Sigma-Aldrich) antibodies. The epitopes detected by rabbit anti-cdhr23, anti-cdhr15, and mouse anti-Dlx5 antibodies are conserved in the corresponding macaque proteins. The epitope detected by the adgrv1-Cter antibody in macaque is 93% identical to that in mouse. Rabbit anti-cdhr23, anti-cdhr15, and anti-adgrv1-Cter antibodies have already been used in macaque (59). The anti-nestin antibody has been shown to be reactive in primates (DSHB Hybridoma Bank). Actin filaments were stained with Atto-565-conjugated phalloidin (1:1000, #94072, Sigma-Aldrich). Nuclei were stained with 4',6-diamidino-2-phenylindole (DAPI) (1:7500, #D9542, Sigma-Aldrich). When two primary antibodies for proteins from the same species were used, the same protocol was used, but in two steps (37): staining for one marker only, fixing of the samples in 4% PFA in PBS for 30 minutes, three washes, and then staining for the other marker. Apoptosis was assessed in TUNEL (terminal deoxynucleotidyl transferase dUTP nick-end labeling) assays (Roche, West Sussex, UK) (66).

Samples were mounted in Fluorsave (Calbiochem, San Diego, USA). Images were captured with an LSM-700 confocal microscope (Zeiss, Oberkochen, Germany) with a 63x NA 1.4 Plan Apochromatic oil immersion objective, a 25x NA 0.8 LCI Plan Neofluar objective, a 5x NA 0.16 Plan Apochromatic non-immersion objective, or a 20x NA 0.8 Plan Apochromatic non-immersion objective, or with a MVX10 microscope (Olympus Tokyo, Japan). All images were converted to RGB format with ImageJ (NIH, Bethesda, USA) and processed with Photoshop (Adobe, San José, USA). The images in Figs. 1A, 2B-C, 3A-B (large views), 6A-B, 6C (cdhr23/cdhr15 staining), 7A (large view), 7C-D, 8, S2B-D, S4, S6A, S7A, S8B (detailed views), S9 are single focal sections. The images in Figs. 1B-D, 2D-E, 3A & 3B (detailed views), 3B-E, 4, 5A-B, 6C (γ -tubulin staining), 7A

(detailed view), 7B, S2A, S5, S6B, S7B, S7C-E, S8A, S8B (large views) are mean projected Z-stacks.

Quantification of staining on histological sections. The boundaries of the AC, including the auditory core and belt areas, were determined based on the mouse brain atlas (67). For each animal, five to six coronal sections (60 μm thick) spanning the anterior-posterior axis of the auditory cortex were imaged bilaterally. Cdhr23+/cdhr15+ tdTomato+, PV or SST interneuron cell bodies were quantified with the spot detector tool (bright spots on a dark background; sensitivity: 100%) of Icy software (Institut Pasteur, Paris, France). Only cell bodies with diameters exceeding 10 μm were considered. The total number of cell bodies was then normalized by the total surface considered, to obtain a PV interneuron density for each animal. For each animal, the thickness of the AC was quantified on five successive coronal sections (60 μm thick) and then averaged. Surface of the AC was estimated on 5 sections (60 μm thick) spanning the anterior-posterior axis of the AC. The surface was then normalized for each animal by the total number of slices. Cortical thickness and surface of the AC were quantified using the Icy software onto the DAPI channel. Mean fluorescence on E14.5 sections was measured with ImageJ, comparing regions of interest in the subpallium and adjacent embryonic cortex.

Culture of MGE explants and quantification of migration. Sterile glass coverslips were coated with polylysine/laminin (Poly L Lysine hydrobromide #P1524, Sigma-Aldrich; laminin #L2020, Sigma-Aldrich) or polylysine/laminin/cdh2, as previously described (32). The cdh2 substrate was prepared from a cdh2-h-Fc chimera (#6626-NC-050, Bio-Techne, Minneapolis, USA). Each MGE from E13.5 embryos was dissected into nine explants, placed on the substrate, and cultured for 19 hours on laminin or 24 hours on cdh2/laminin in DMEM-F12 (#31331028, Fisher Scientific, Waltham, USA) supplemented with 37% glucose (#G7021, Sigma-Aldrich), 2% B27 (#17504044, Fisher Scientific),

1% N2 (#17502048, Fisher Scientific), 1% Glutamax, and 20 U/mL penicillin/streptomycin (#15140122, Fisher Scientific). The MGE explants were fixed by incubation in 4% PFA in 0.33 M sucrose phosphate buffer for 24 hours, and processed by standard immunohistochemistry procedures, as described above. In one case (see Fig. 6C), cultured neurons were left unpermeabilized for studies of the extracellular distribution of *cdhr23* and *cdhr15* only.

We characterized potential differences in migration pattern between mutant neurons lacking *cdhr23* or *cdhr15* and wild-type neurons, by considering a subpopulation of MGE neurons sufficiently isolated from the colony after migrating away from the explant. We analyzed the geometric characteristics of the processes and growth cones of the selected neurons, and manually segmented them on the maximum-projected confocal stacks, using a customized Matlab interface. The segmentation process involved a spline-curve delineation of relevant structures, including the cell nucleus and processes. A neuronal process was defined as any process emanating from the cell body and terminating in a growth cone. Any other processes (e.g., branching from a leading process or not terminating in a growth cone) were discarded. We measured the vector running from the centrosome to the center of the cell nucleus, and the angle of this vector relative to the axis of the leading process in unipolar cells.

The migration area (surrounding the explant, excluding the explant itself) was measured with Icy software. For cultures on laminin, the migration areas of the nine explants from a given MGE were summed. For cultures on *cdh2*/laminin, the three explants with the largest migration areas from the nine explants tested for a given MGE were considered as individuals. In this case, the migration area was quantified as the actin-labeled area: $1.67 \pm 0.33 \text{ mm}^2$ ($n = 17$ explants) for the wild-type, $1.35 \pm 0.20 \text{ mm}^2$ ($n = 9$ explants) for *Cdhr23*^{-/-}, and 1.90 ± 0.54 ($n = 27$ explants) for *Cdhr15*^{-/-} explants ($P > 0.4$ for both comparisons between wild-type and mutant explants).

Statistical analysis. Data are expressed as the mean \pm standard error of the mean (s.e.m). Unless otherwise stated, numbers (n) in the figures and text are the numbers of biological replicates derived from independent biological samples (individual animals). The animals in each experimental group originated from at least two independent mouse litters. Immunolabeling was performed on at least three animals in each case. The data were analyzed with Igor Pro (WaveMetrics), Prism (Graphpad), and the BiostaTGV webtool of R software (Institut Pierre Louis d'Epidémiologie et de Santé Publique, INSERM, UPMC, Paris, France). Non-parametric two-tailed Mann-Whitney tests were used to compare unpaired groups. Proportions of mice were compared in Chi squared tests (with Yates' correction) or Fisher's exact tests, depending on sample size. The association between susceptibility to audiogenic seizures and the smaller numbers of AC PV interneurons in grouped *Cdhr23*^{+/-} and *Cdhr15*^{+/av-3J} individuals was assessed in Mann-Whitney tests, after ANOVA for the genotype factor. The distributions of centrosome angular position were compared in Kolmogorov-Smirnov tests. Differences were considered statistically significant if $P < 0.05$. Asterisks on bar graphs indicate the statistical significance of the differences indicated in brackets (*, $P < 0.05$; **, $P < 10^{-2}$; and ***, $P < 10^{-3}$), whereas ns denotes "not significant" ($P > 0.05$).

Supporting Information legends

Supporting Information 1. Cadherin-related proteins of hair cell mechano-electrical transduction are critically involved in the migration of a population of MGE-derived GABAergic interneuron precursors to the auditory cortex

(A) Protein domains of *cdhr23*, *cdhr15*, and *adgrv1*. The positions of the epitopes targeted by the antibodies used in the study are indicated by open boxes. (B) Diagram of the cochlea sensory epithelium showing the inner and outer hair cells (upper panel), and diagram of the hair bundles of mouse auditory hair cells between postnatal day 2 (P2) and P9. *Cdhr23* and *cdhr15* make up the tip-links that gate the mechano-electrical transduction channels, form transient lateral links between stereocilia, and form kinociliar links between the kinocilium and adjacent stereocilia of the tall row. *Adgrv1* forms transient lateral links located at the base of the stereocilia (ankle links). Of those, only the tip-links remain in mature hair bundles. In the mouse auditory hair cells, the kinocilium disappears by P9. (C) Diagram showing the migration pathway of a population of embryonic MGE-derived interneuron precursors co-expressing *Cdhr23* and *Cdhr15*, specifically targeted to the auditory cortex (upper panel), and the defects observed in the migration of *Cdhr15*-expressing and *Cdhr23*-expressing interneuron precursors in *Cdhr23*^{-/-} mice and *Cdhr15*^{-/-} mice, respectively (lower panel). (D) Diagram showing the specific loss of parvalbumin (PV) interneurons in the auditory cortex of *Cdhr23*^{-/-} or *Cdhr15*^{-/-} P27 mice. Abbreviations: l, lateral; m, medial; d, dorsal; NCx, neocortex; L/MGE, lateral/medial ganglionic eminence; (s)vz, (sub)ventricular zone; iz, intermediate zone; cp, cortical plate; mz, marginal zone; E13.5-E15.5, embryonic days 13.5-15.5.

Supporting Information 2. Validation of the specificity of the antibodies directed against *cdhr23*, *cdhr15*, and *adgrv1* on sections of the telencephalon of *Cdhr23*^{-/-}, *Cdhr15*^{-/-}, and *Adgrv1*^{-/-} embryos, respectively

(A) Coronal section of the AC of a wild-type P7 mouse, immunostained for *cdhr23* and *cdhr15*. (B) Coronal sections of the telencephalon of a wild-type E12.5 mouse embryo, immunostained for *cdhr23*, *cdhr15*, or *adgrv1*. (C) Coronal sections of the telencephalon of *Cdhr23*^{-/-}, *Cdhr15*^{-/-}, and *Adgrv1*^{-/-} E14.5 mouse embryos, immunostained for *cdhr23*, *cdhr15*, and *adgrv1*, respectively. (D) Coronal sections of wild-type E15.5 mouse embryos, immunostained for *cdhr23* or *cdhr15*. Abbreviations: NCx, neocortex; C/L/MGE, caudal/lateral/medial ganglionic eminence; POA, preoptic area; m, medial; d, dorsal.

Supporting Information 3. *Cdhr23*^{+/-} and *Cdhr15*^{+/av-3J} mice have normal auditory brainstem responses (ABRs) and distortion product otoacoustic emissions (DPOAEs)

ABR thresholds, ABR wave-I amplitude, ABR wave-I latency, and level of 2f₁-f₂ DPOAE recorded for f₁ = 8.3 kHz and f₂ = 10 kHz, in *Cdhr23*^{+/-} (A) and *Cdhr15*^{+/av-3J} (B) mice. Data are means ± s.e.m with individual values (open circles). ns, not significant (non-parametric two-tailed Mann-Whitney tests).

Supporting Information 4. PV interneuron defects in *Cdhr23* cKO and *Cdhr15* cKO mice are restricted to the AC

Coronal sections of the telencephalon of *Nkx2.1-cre:Rosa-tdTomato*, *Cdhr23* cKO, and *Cdhr15* cKO P27 mice. Abbreviations: d, dorsal; m, medial; AC, auditory cortex; VC, visual cortex; TeA, temporal association cortex; H, hippocampus.

Supporting Information 5. Characterization of LV-cre-GFP-injected wild-type and *Cdhr15*^{lox/lox} mice

(A) ABR thresholds in LV-cre-GFP P1-injected wild-type and *Cdhr15*^{lox/lox} mice on P24. (B) Coronal sections of the auditory cortex (AC) of LV-cre-GFP P1-injected wild-type and *Cdhr15*^{lox/lox} P5 mice, immunostained for GFP and caspase-3, a protein involved in cell apoptosis (left panel), and detailed view of cortical layer IV immunostained for GFP, caspase-3, and *Dlx5*, a GABAergic interneuron marker (right panel). Data are means \pm SEM. ns, not significant (non-parametric two-tailed Mann-Whitney test).

Supporting Information 6. Preservation of the main tangential migration stream of neurons in *Cdhr23*^{-/-} and *Cdhr15*^{-/-} mouse embryos

(A) Coronal sections of the basal telencephalon of wild-type, *Cdhr23*^{-/-}, and *Cdhr15*^{-/-} E14.5 mice, labeled by the TUNEL method. (B) Coronal sections of the telencephalon of wild-type, *Cdhr23*^{-/-}, and *Cdhr15*^{-/-} E14.5 embryos, immunostained for the neuron migration marker doublecortin. Abbreviations: d, dorsal; m, medial; L/MGE, lateral/medial ganglionic eminence; NCx, neocortex; H, hippocampus; (s)vz, (sub)ventricular zone; iz, intermediate zone; cp, cortical plate; mz, marginal zone.

Supporting Information 7. Expression of *Cdhr23* and *Cdhr15* in neurons migrating from MGE explants of wild-type, *Cdhr23*^{-/-}, and *Cdhr15*^{-/-} mouse embryos

(A) Coronal section of the telencephalon of a *Nkx2.1-cre:Rosa-tdTomato* E15.5 mouse embryo, immunostained for tdTomato and *cdhr15* (upper panel), and detailed view of the neocortex (lower panel). (B, C) Representative MGE explants from wild-type, *Cdhr23*^{-/-}, and *Cdhr15*^{-/-} E13.5 embryos cultured for 24 hours on a laminin substrate, with quantification of the migration area (B), or cultured for 19 hours on a cdh2/laminin substrate (C) with magnifications of migrating neurons

immunostained for *cdhr23* or *cdhr15* and actin (lower panel), and quantification of the migration area of neurons expressing *cdhr23/cdhr15* relative to the area positive for actin. (D, E) Representative isolated neurons migrating from cultures of MGE explants of wild-type, *Cdhr23*^{-/-} (D), and *Cdhr15*^{-/-} (E) mouse embryos, cultured on a *cdh2*/laminin substrate, and immunostained for *cdhr23*, *cdhr15*, and actin. Cell nuclei are stained in blue (DAPI). Abbreviations: L/MGE, lateral/medial ganglionic eminence; NCx, neocortex; (s)vz, (sub)ventricular zone; iz, intermediate zone; cp, cortical plate; mz, marginal zone. Data are means \pm s.e.m with individual values (open circles). The number of MGEs (B) and explants (C) analyzed for each genotype is indicated between brackets. **, $p < 0.01$; ns, not significant (non-parametric two-tailed Mann-Whitney tests).

Supporting Information 8. *Adgrv1* is expressed in MGE progenitor cells and auditory cortex radial glia cells

(A) Detailed view of the MGE in a wild-type E13.5 mouse embryo, immunostained for *adgrv1* and MKI67. Note the *adgrv1* labeling of the interneuron/glial cell progenitors in the proliferative zones. (B) Coronal section of the developing auditory cortex of a *Nkx2.1-cre:Rosa-tdTomato* E18.5 mouse embryo, immunostained for tdTomato, and *adgrv1*, with a high-magnification view of a tdTomato+ interneuron (B, left panel), and for *adgrv1* and nestin, a radial glial marker, with a high magnification of the intermediate zone (B, right panel). Cell nuclei are stained in blue (DAPI). Abbreviations: (s)vz, (sub)ventricular zone; d, dorsal; m, medial; l, lateral.

Supporting Information 9. Expression of *Cdhr23*, *Cdhr15* and *Adgrv1* in the developing auditory cortex of macaque embryos

Sagittal sections of the auditory cortex (AC) of an E85 macaque embryo immunostained for *cdhr23*, *cdhr15* or *adgrv1*. The positions of the different cortical layers are shown on the left side diagram.

Abbreviations: (s)vz, (sub)ventricular zone; i/o svz, inner/outer svz; iz, intermediate zone; sp, subplate; cp, cortical plate; mz, marginal zone; d, dorsal; l, lateral.

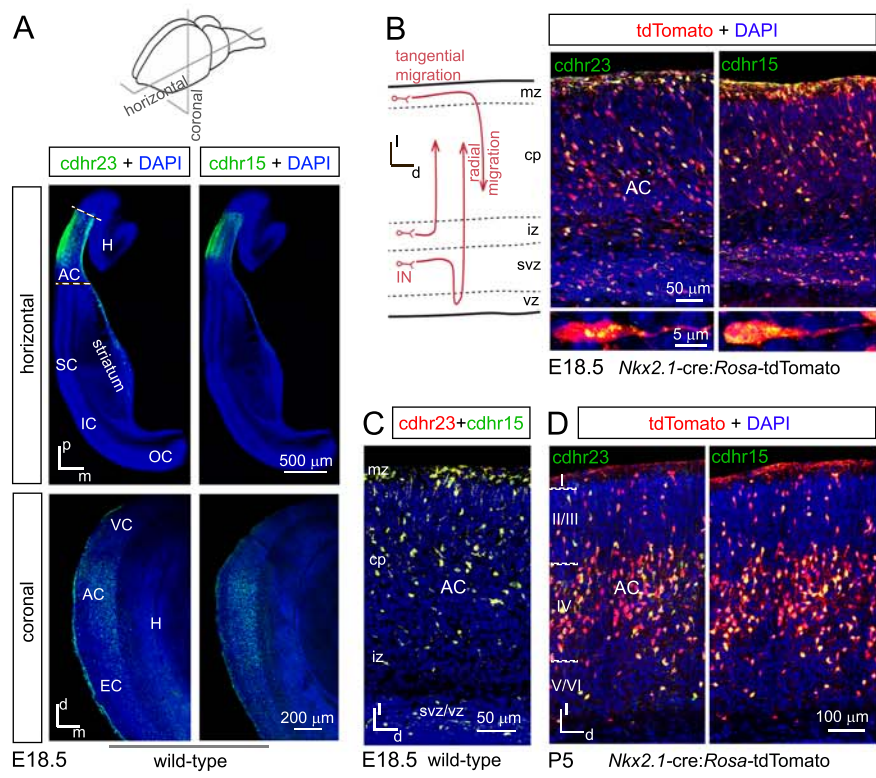


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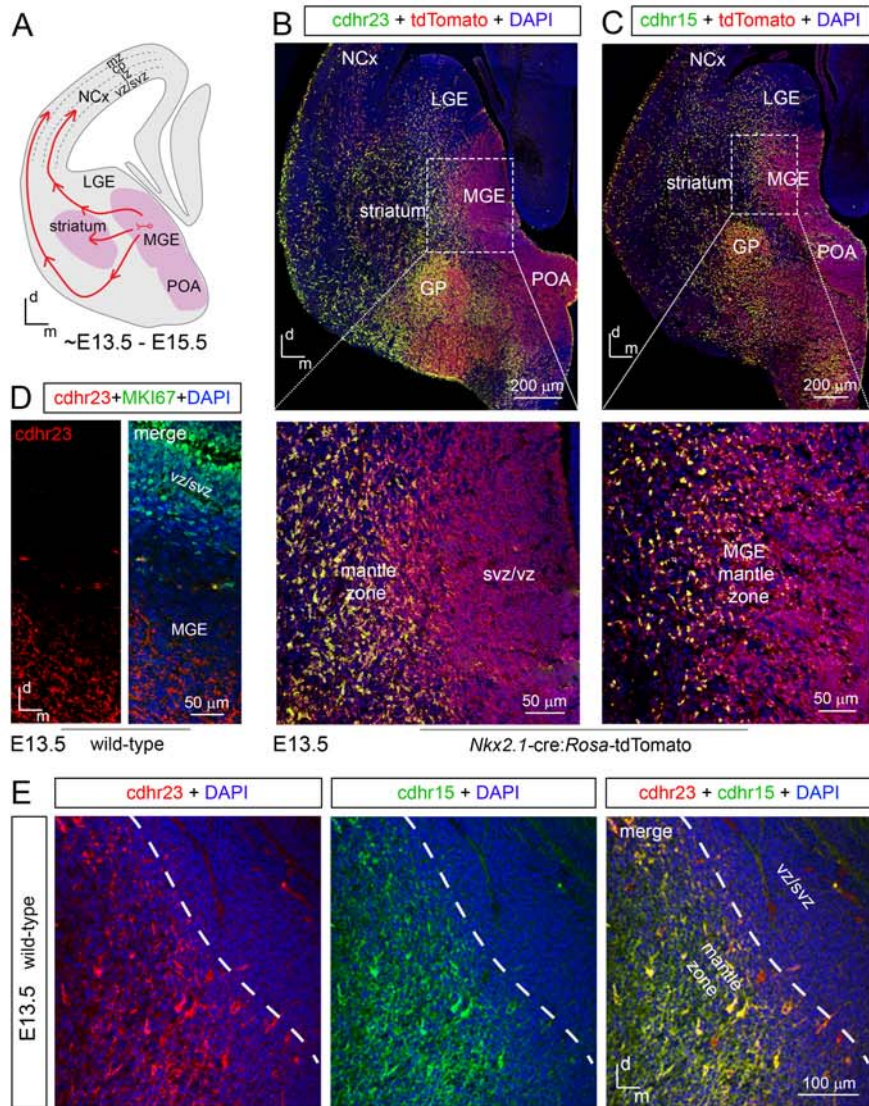


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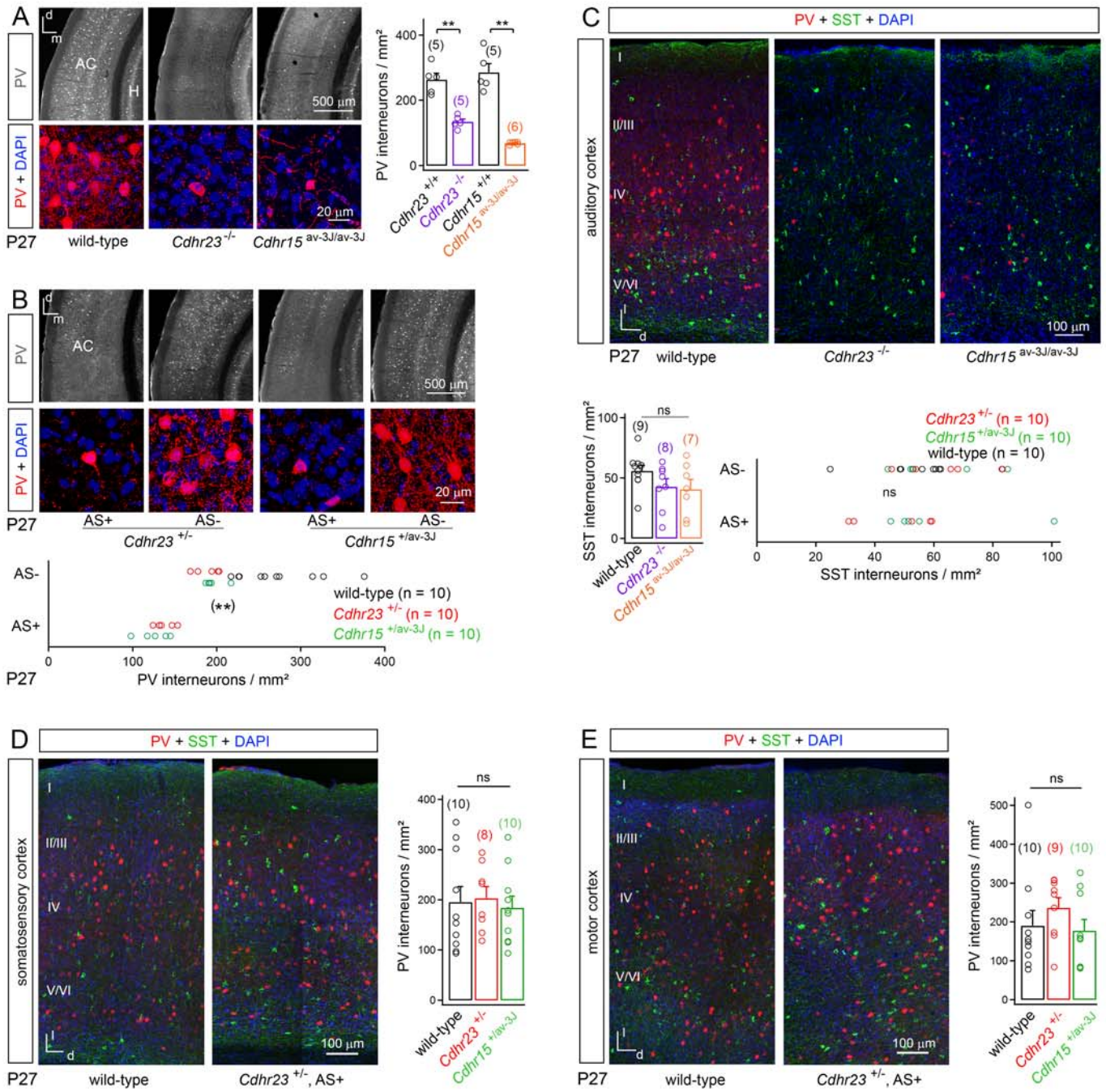


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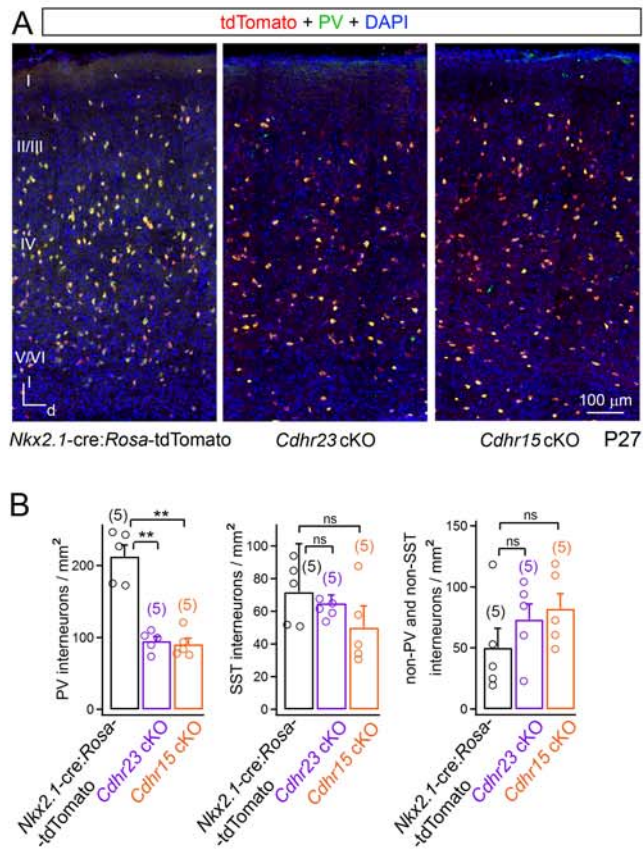


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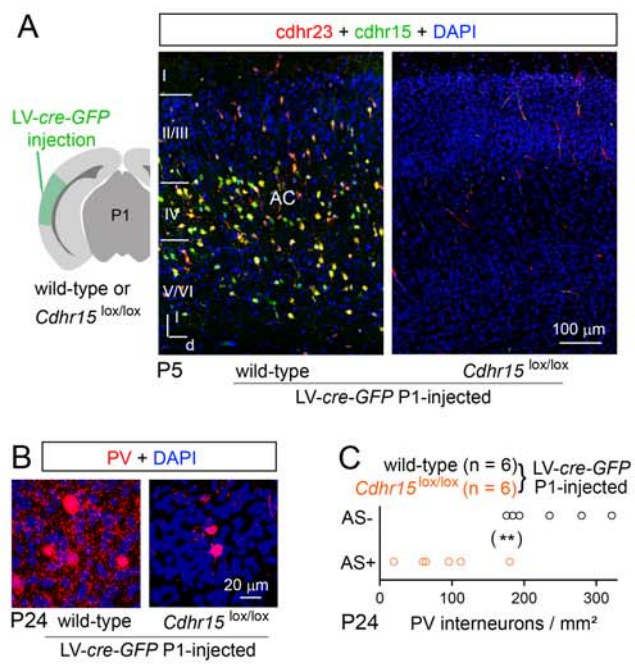


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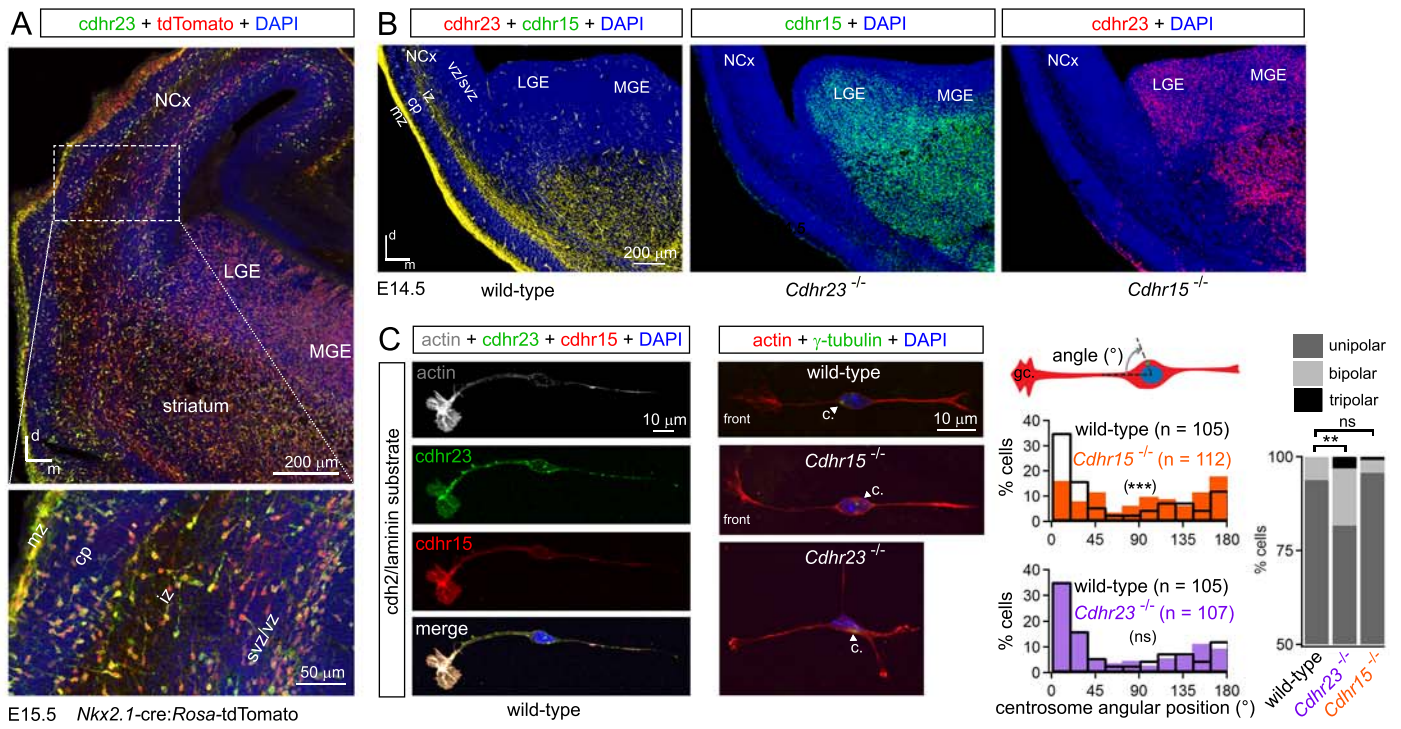


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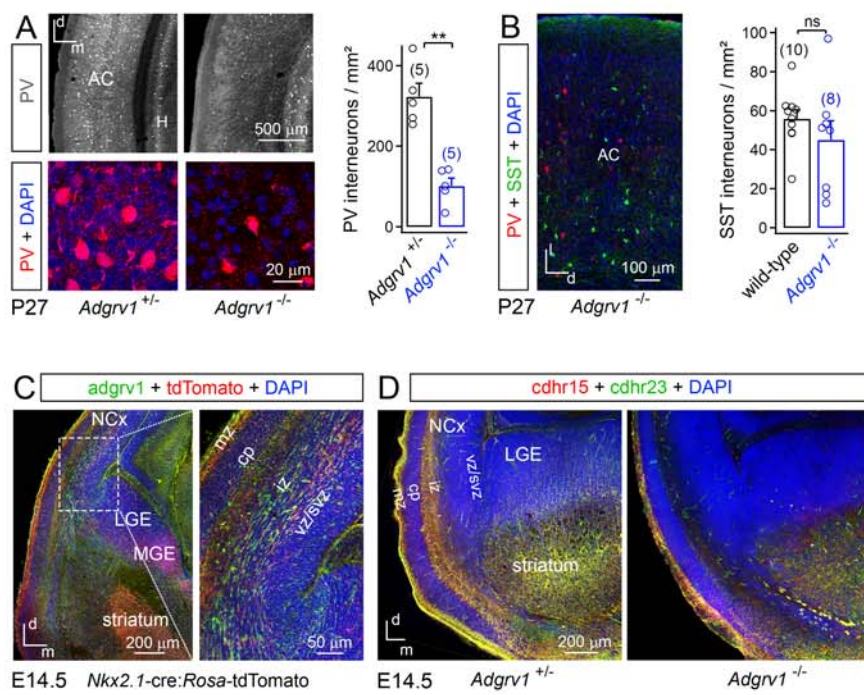


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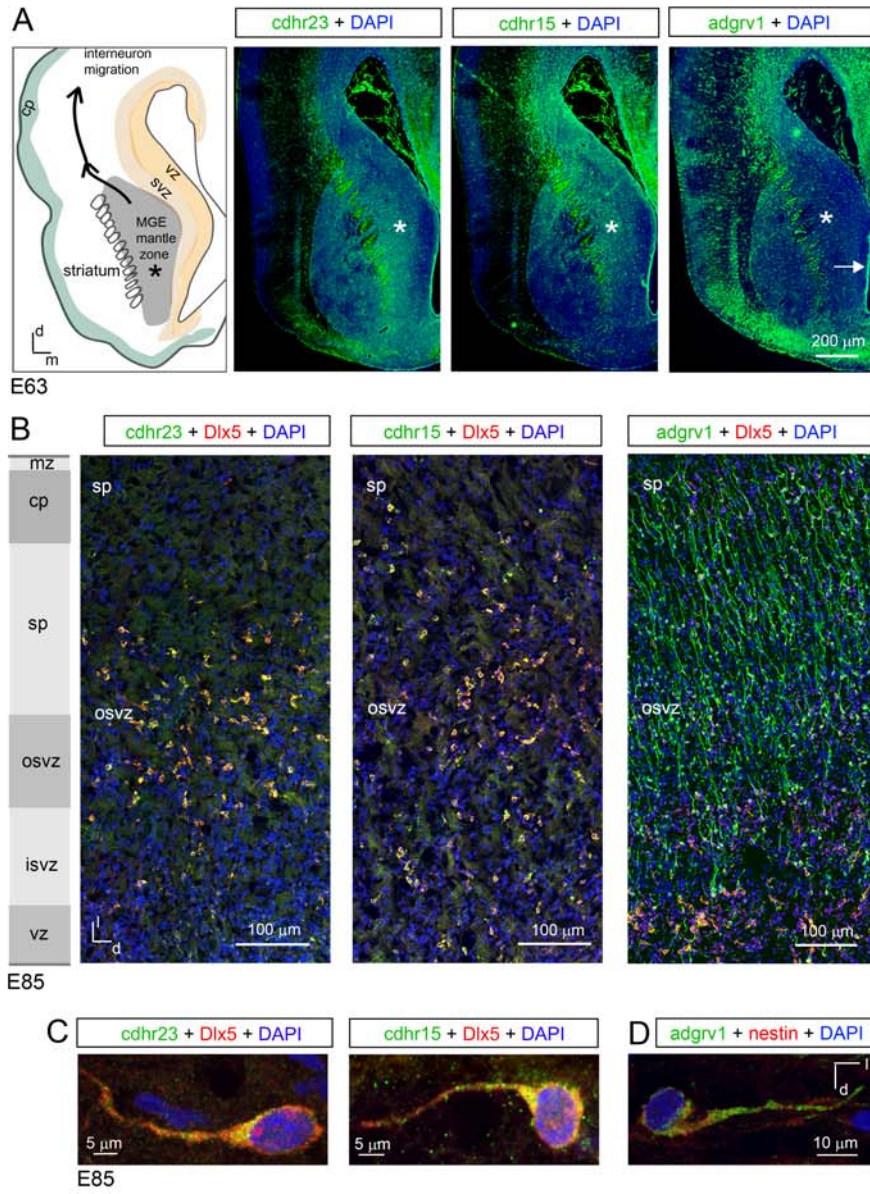
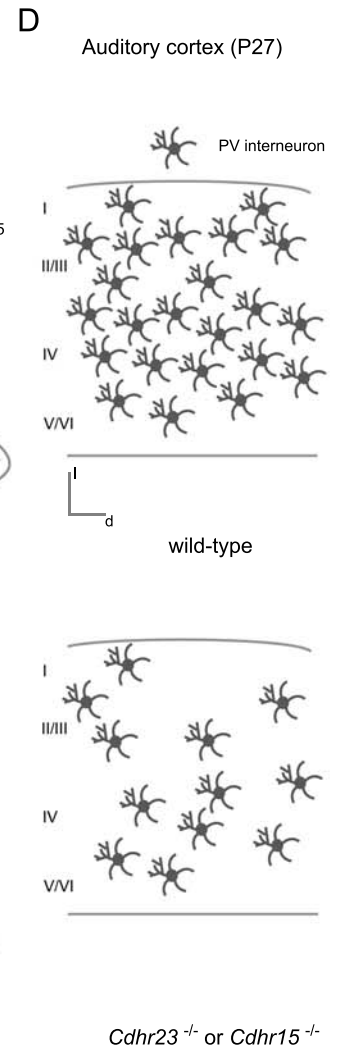
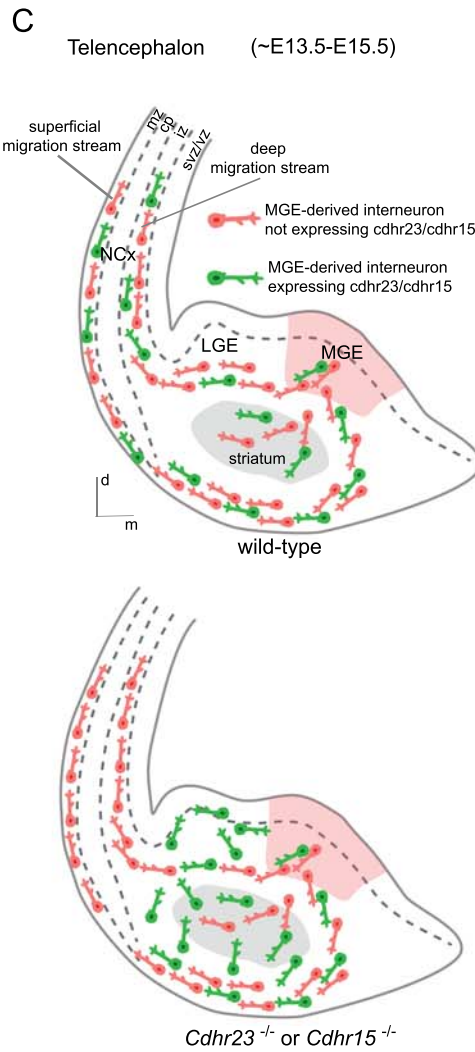
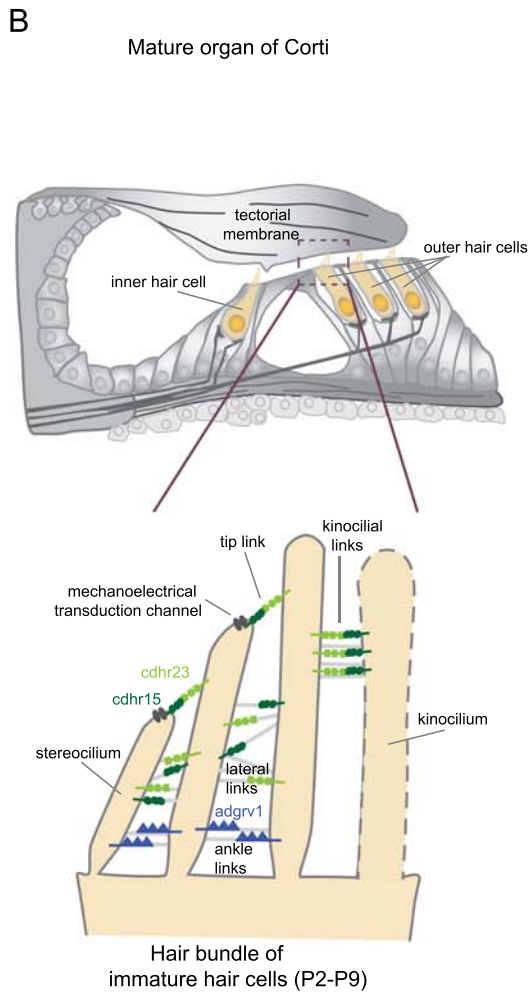
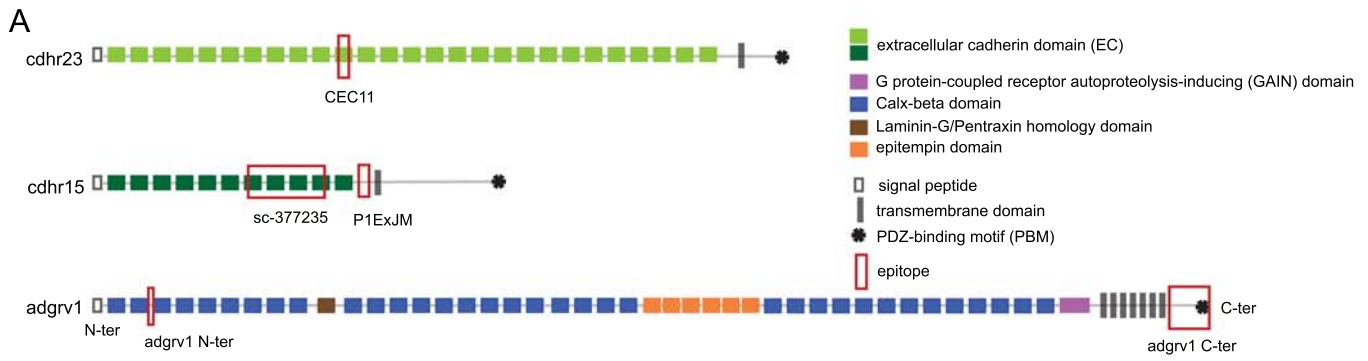
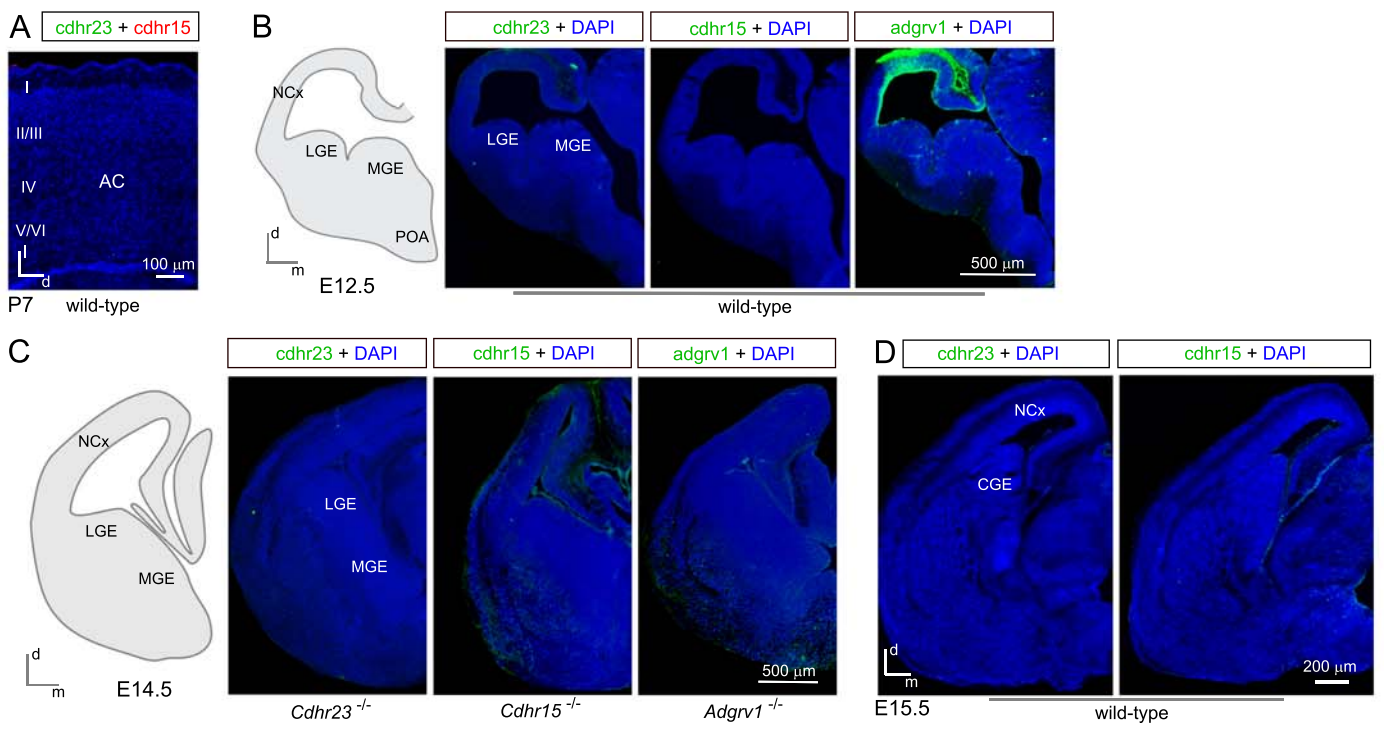


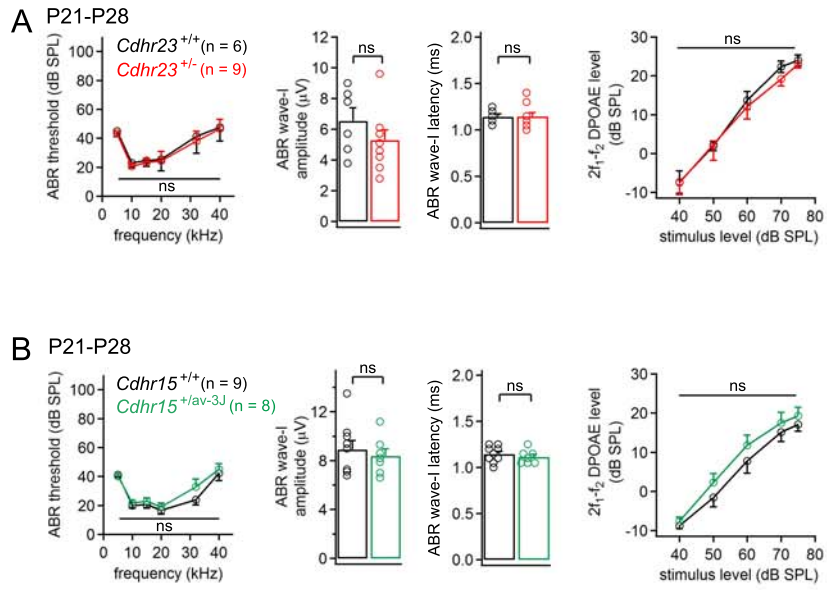
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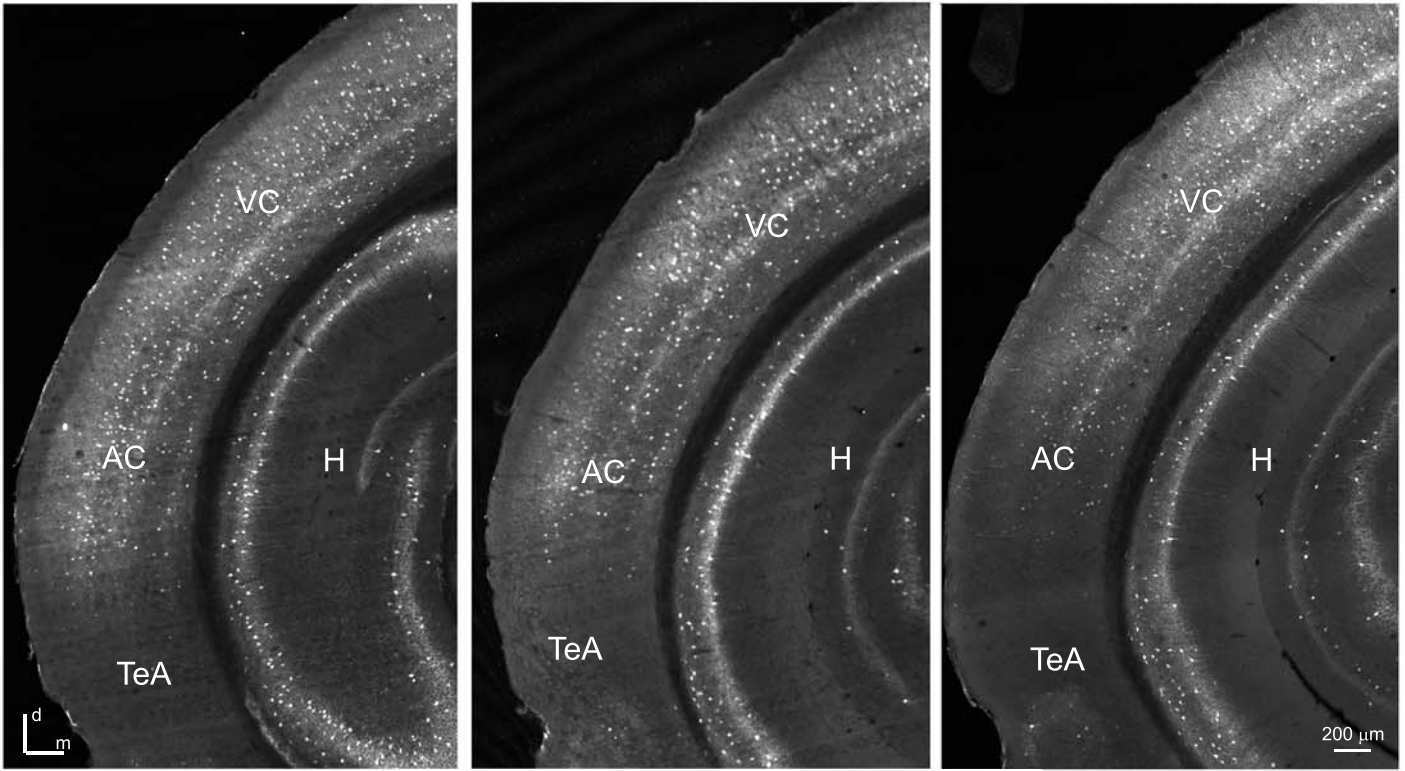


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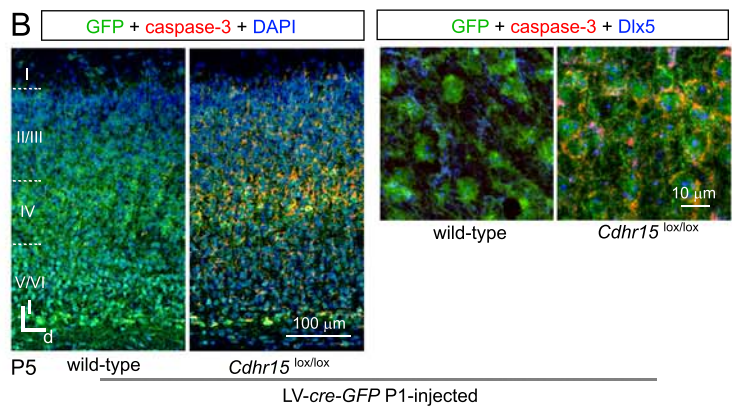
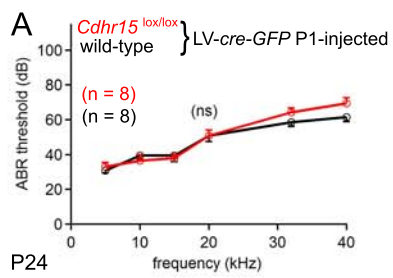


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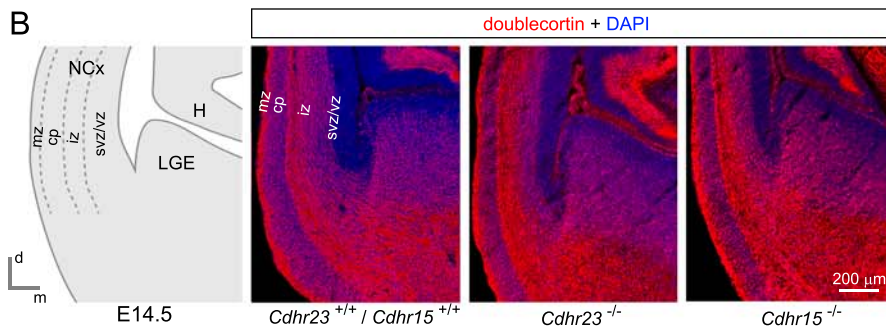
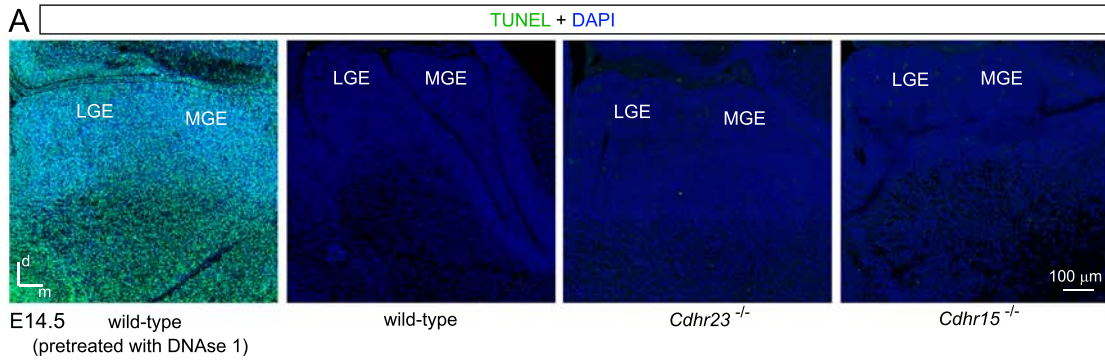
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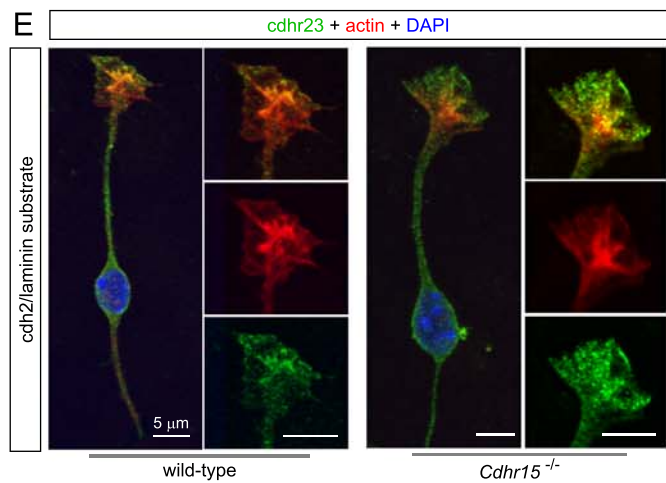
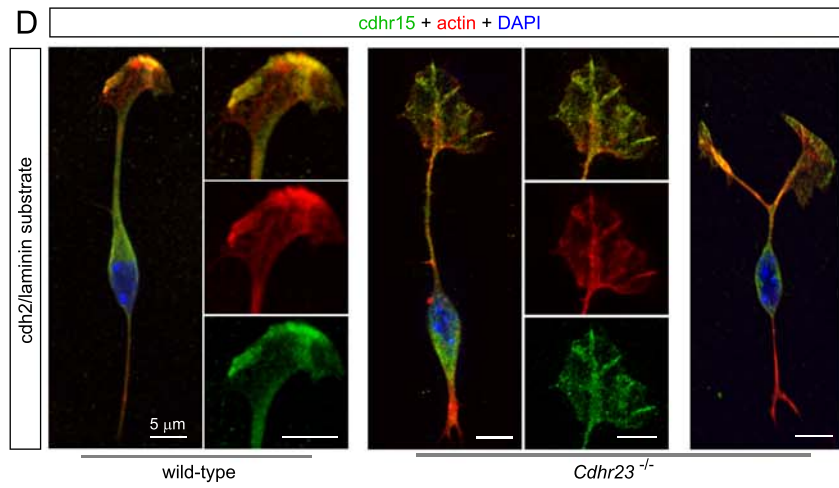
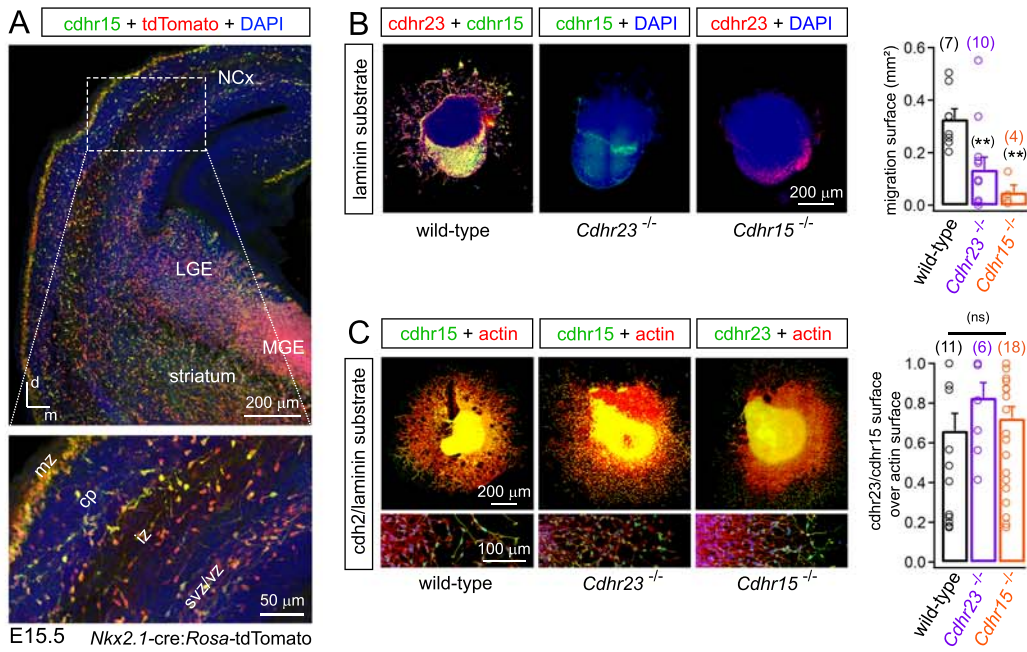
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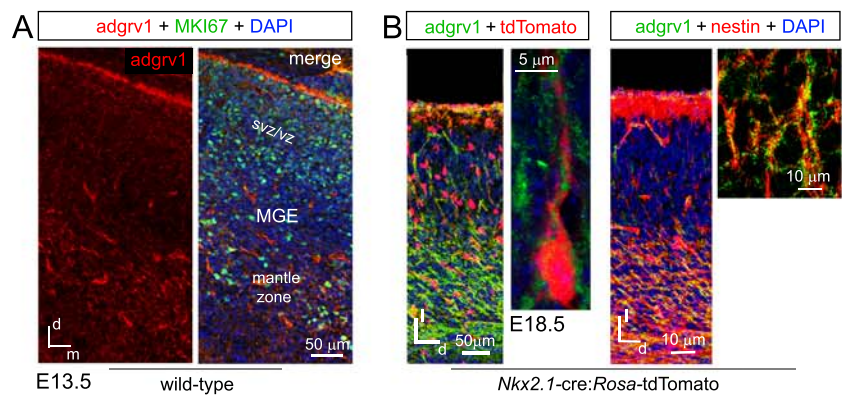
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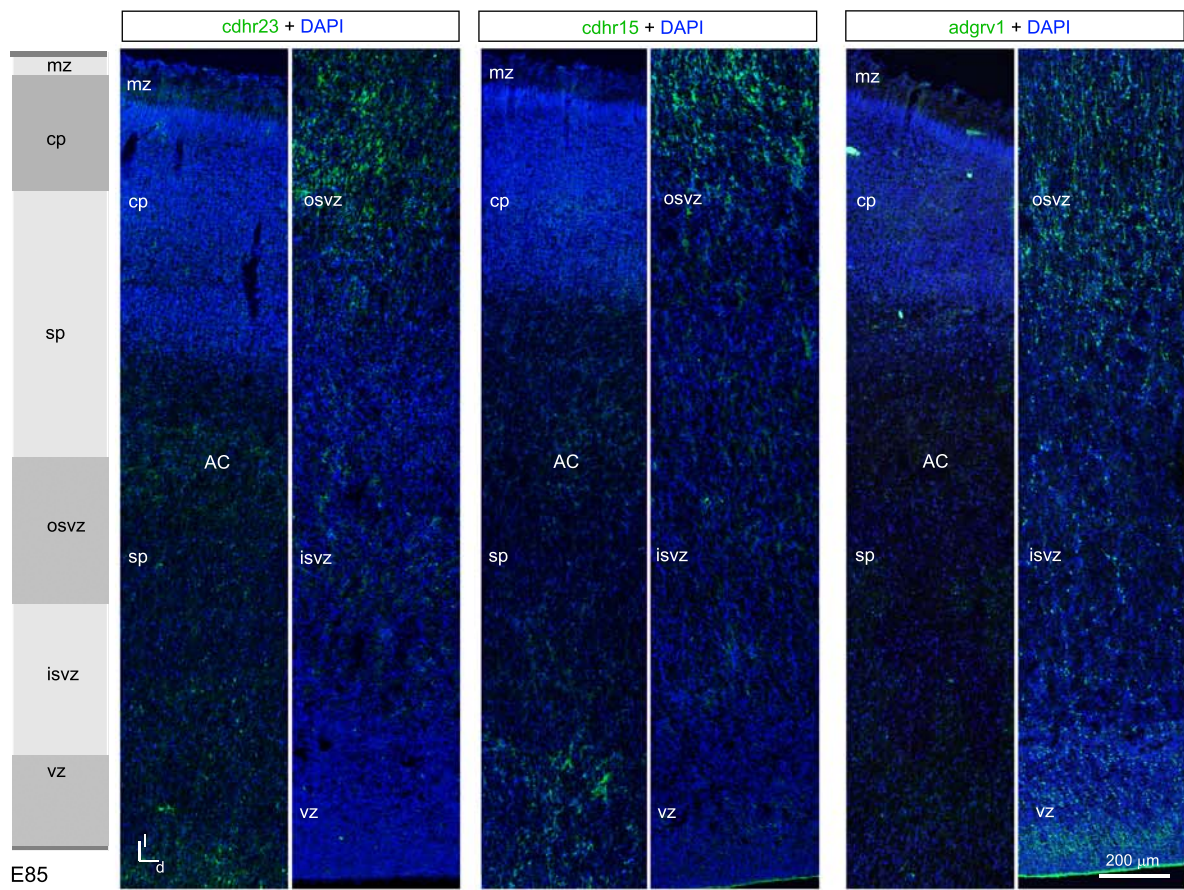
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