# 1 Dyrk1a gene dosage in glutamatergic neurons has key effects in cognitive

# 2 deficits observed in mouse models of MRD7 and Down syndrome

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#### 34 Abstract

35 Perturbation of the excitation/inhibition (E/I) balance leads to neurodevelopmental 36 diseases including to autism spectrum disorders, intellectual disability, and epilepsy. Mutation 37 in the DYRK1A gene located on human chromosome 21 (Hsa21) leads to an intellectual 38 disability syndrome associated with microcephaly, epilepsy, and autistic troubles (MRD7). 39 Overexpression of DYRK1A, on the other hand, has been linked with learning and memory defects observed in people with Down syndrome (DS). Dyrkla is expressed in both 40 41 glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons, but its impact on each neuronal population has not yet 42 been elucidated. Here we investigated the impact of Dyrkla gene copy number variation in 43 glutamatergic neurons using a conditional knockout allele of Dyrkla crossed with the 44 Tg(Camk2-Cre)4Gsc transgenic mouse. We explored this genetic modification in 45 homozygotes, heterozygotes and combined with the Dp(16Lipi-Zbtb21)1Yey trisomic mouse 46 model to unravel the consequence of *Dyrk1a* dosage from 0 to 3, to understand its role in normal 47 physiology, and in MRD7 and DS. Overall, Dyrk1a dosage in glutamatergic neurons did not 48 impact locomotor activity, working memory or epileptic susceptibility, but revealed that 49 Dyrkla is involved in long-term explicit memory. Molecular analyses pointed at a deregulation

50 of transcriptional activity through immediate early genes and a role of DYRK1A at the 51 glutamatergic post-synapse by deregulating and interacting with key post-synaptic proteins 52 implicated in mechanism leading to long-term enhanced synaptic plasticity. Altogether, our 53 work gives important information to understand the action of DYRK1A inhibitors and have a 54 better therapeutic approach.

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# 57 Author summary

58 The Dual Specificity Tyrosine Phosphorylation Regulated Kinase 1A, DYRK1A, drives 59 cognitive alterations with increased dose in Down syndrome (DS) or with reduced dose in 60 mental retardation disease 7 (MRD7). Here we report that specific and complete loss of Dyrkla 61 in glutamatergic neurons induced a range of specific cognitive phenotypes and alter the 62 expression of genes involved in neurotransmission in the hippocampus. We further explored 63 the consequences of *Dyrk1a* dosage in glutamatergic neurons on the cognitive phenotypes 64 observed respectively in MRD7 and DS mouse models and we found specific roles in long-65 term explicit memory with no impact on motor activity, short-term working memory, and 66 susceptibility to epilepsy. Then we demonstrated that DYRK1A is a component of the 67 glutamatergic post-synapse and interacts with several component such as NR2B and PSD95. 68 Altogether our work describes a new role of DYRK1A at the glutamatergic synapse that must 69 be considered to understand the consequence of treatment targeting DYRK1A in disease.

#### 70 Introduction

Down syndrome (DS; Trisomy 21), is the first genetic cause of mental retardation. The 21q22 contains a critical region (named DSCR for "Down syndrome Critical Region") associated with most DS features including mental retardation. Among genes present in this region, the Dual-specificity Tyrosine-(Y)-phosphorylation-Regulated Kinase 1A (*DYRK1A*), the mammalian homologue of the *Drosophila* minibrain (*mnb*) gene that is essential for normal
neurogenesis, is a target for improvement of DS cognition [1]. In addition, Mental Retardation
Disease 7 (MRD7) is caused by mutations, including loss-of-function, in *DYRK1A* [2-7],
making this gene a critical dosage-sensitive gene for cognitive phenotypes.

79 The rodent Dyrkla is expressed in foetal and adult brains in dividing neuronal 80 progenitors and later in the adult cerebellum, olfactory bulb and hippocampus. DYRK1A is a 81 serine/threonine kinase with substrates including transcription (CREB, NFAT, STAT3, FKRH), 82 translation (ElF2Be) and splicing factors (SF2, SF3), protein regulating cell cycle (Cyclin B1 83 and B2) and apoptosis (Caspase 9, P53), synaptic proteins involved in endocytosis/exocytosis, 84 intracellular trafficking, dynamic of the actin cytoskeleton (N-WASP), microtubule formation (MAP1B) and proteins implicated in inter cellular communication (NOTCH, GSK3b). Roles 85 86 of DYRK1A have been revealed in brain development and neuronal differentiation via the 87 control of critical signalling pathways such as AKT, MAPK/ERK and STAT3 or in synaptic 88 function via the NFAT pathway [8, 9]. Transgenic mice with either excess or haploinsufficiency 89 of Dyrk1a show cognitive deficits like those observed in patients with specific impairment of 90 hippocampal-dependent learning and memory [10-12].

91 Among the mechanisms proposed to underlie the cognitive deficits in DS is 92 glutamatergic and GABAergic neurotransmitter dysfunction. Studies of the DS mouse model 93 Ts65Dn trisomic for about 56% of the human chromosome 21 (Hsa21) syntenic region on 94 mouse chromosome 16 (Mmu16) have revealed excess GABAergic input leading to reduced 95 activation of NMDA receptors and reduction of long-term potentiation (LTP) in the 96 hippocampal CA1 and dentate gyrus (DG) areas [13]. In addition, enhanced hippocampal long-97 term depression (LTD) has also been observed in the hippocampi of Ts65Dn mice in response 98 to sustained activation of excitatory synapses and attributed to excessive signalling via NMDA 99 receptors [14-16]. Recent evidence supports the contribution of DYRK1A to changes in glutamatergic neurotransmission, with a BAC transgenic mouse line overexpressing *Dyrk1a*,
showing alterations in glutamatergic synaptic proteins and normalization of *Dyrk1a* in Ts65Dn
mice improving synaptic plasticity, GABAergic/glutamatergic balance, learning and memory
[17, 18]. *Dyrk1a* heterozygous knockout mice also present a reduction in the dendritic
arborisation and the spine density of glutamatergic pyramidal neurons of the cerebral cortex
and alterations in glutamatergic and GABAergic synaptic proteins.

106 In this context, we hypothesized that change in the dosage of *Dyrk1a* in glutamatergic 107 neurons of the hippocampus and cortex of DS and MRD7 mouse models somehow alter their 108 development and/or normal working in adult brain, leading to the cognitive deficits observed 109 in DS or *Dyrk1a* haploinsufficiency models. Analysis of DYRK1A function in glutamatergic 110 neurons using a knockout approach is not possible as its full KO is homozygote lethal [19]. 111 Thus, we decided to change the gene dosage of *Dyrk1a* in glutamatergic neurons either in a 112 disomic (inactivation of one or two copies of Dyrk1a) or trisomic (going back to two copies of 113 Dyrkla) context. We selected the Tg(Camk2a-Cre) transgene to target the Cre recombinase in 114 glutamatergic neurons within the forebrain [20] and we used the Dp(16)1Yey trisomic mouse 115 model (abbreviated as Dp1Yey) containing a segmental duplication of the 22.9 Mb Lipi-Zfp295 116 region including Dyrk1a, to return to two copies of Dyrk1a in the glutamatergic neurons of the 117 Dp1Yey. This model has the advantages to include 65% of Hsa21 mouse gene orthologs and to 118 be devoid of the 50 DS-irrelevant trisomic genes that are present on the Ts65Dn mini 119 chromosome [21]. Dp1Yey mice present defects in working memory, long-term episodic 120 memory, and associative learning. In addition to those tests, we also tested the impact of Dyrkla 121 gene dosage on the mouse social behaviour as MRD7 patients display autistic traits.

#### 122 **Results**

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124 *Dyrk1a* is expressed in Camk2a-positive cells and its full inactivation in the glutamatergic
 125 neurons induces brain defects.

*Dyrk1a* is ubiquitously expressed in different neuronal cell populations of the brain but with regional differences: the protein level being higher in the olfactory bulb, cerebellar cortex, cortical structures and granular and pyramidal cell layers of the hippocampus [22]. We checked DYRK1A expression in adult glutamatergic neurons, by co-immunohistochemical localisation with an antibody against CAMK2A and DYRK1A. In the wild-type adult mouse, both proteins were found in pyramidal and granular neurons of the hippocampus and dentate gyrus and in neurons of the cortex (Figure 1A).

133 To better understand the function of DYRK1A in glutamatergic neurons we inactivated 134 both copies of Dyrkla using a conditional approach, to generate a full knock-out in those neurons. A floxed Dyrk1a allele ( $Dyrk1a^{cKO}$  allele) was designed such that exon 7 that codes 135 136 for the serine/threonine protein kinase active site signature domain was flanked by two loxP 137 sites (Figure 1B). We used the Tg(Camk2aCre)4Gsc transgene [20] to generate the  $Dyrk1a^{Camk2aCre}$  allele (shortened as  $Dyrk1a^{C}$ ) and we checked the ability of the Cre to 138 139 recombine the *Dyrk1a* floxed allele in *Dyrk1a*<sup>Camk2aCre/Camk2aCre</sup> (recombination of both  $Dyrk1a^{cKO}$  alleles with the Cre recombinase; noted here  $Dyrk1a^{C/C}$ ) mice. The generation of 140 141 the deleted allele was detected by PCR analysis exclusively in brain areas where Camk2a is 142 expressed (Figure 1B). Quantification of Dyrkla mRNA in different brain regions confirmed 143 that Dyrkla is expressed at different relative levels in brain subregions (Figure 1C). 144 Nevertheless, decrease of the Dyrkla transcripts was found in the hippocampus, cortex and 145 thalamus/hypophysis but not in the cerebellum of  $Dyrk1a^{C/C}$  mice (Figure 1C). Loss of the 146 DYRK1A protein was confirmed in the hippocampus by Western blot analysis (Figure 1D) and

147 immunohistology (Figure 1E). This reduction was more evident within the pyramidal cell layers148 of the CA1 and CA3 composed mostly of glutamatergic neurons.

149 We analysed the implication of DYRK1A in glutamatergic neurons by looking at brain morphology and cognitive phenotypes. Brain weight was significantly decreased in  $Dyrkla^{C/C}$ 150 151 mice compared to control mice (90% of the control weight; Figure 2A). Morphometric analysis 152 at Bregma -1.5 (Figure 2B) unravelled reduced surface area of the total brain surface in  $Dyrk1a^{C/C}$  mice (~88% of control; Figure 2C). The area of the hippocampus including the 153 154 cornus ammonis fields (CA1, CA2 and CA3) and dentate gyrus (DG) did not significantly differ 155 between the two genotypes (Figure 2D). We measured the thickness of the oriens layer at the 156 CA1, CA2 and CA3 levels, of the pyramidal layer at the CA1 level, of the radiatum layer, of 157 the CA1 and DG molecular layers and of the granular layer of the DG and did not find any difference between control and  $Dyrkla^{C/C}$  mice (Supplementary figure 1A). We also counted 158 159 neurons within the CA1 and did not find any modification in the density of pyramidal neurons 160 (Supplementary figure 1B). Specific decrease in cortical thickness was observed at the level of 161 the dorsal motor cortex (~78% of controls, Figure 2E) and of the somatosensory cortex (~76% 162 of controls, Figure 2E) whereas decrease in thickness at the more ventral auditory cortex level 163 was not significant (Fig. 2E). Measurements of the thickness of different layers in the 164 somatosensory cortex (Figure 2F) indicate decrease in the thickness of molecular layer I, 165 external granular and pyramidal layers II/III, internal pyramidal layer V and internal 166 polymorphic layer VI (Figure 2G). Only the internal granular layer IV was found unchanged 167 (Figure 2G). To investigate how change in cellularity might relate to cortical thickness, we 168 counted the number of cells present in SSC layers II-III, V and VI. We found that cellular density in layers II-III, V and VI was increased by about 30% in *Dyrk1a<sup>C/C</sup>* mice (Figure 2H) 169 with the total number of neurons unchanged between  $Dyrkla^{C/C}$  and controls, suggesting an 170 171 impact of *Dyrk1a* inactivation on cell morphology or tissue organization.

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# Full *Dyrk1a* inactivation in the glutamatergic neurons impacts general behaviour and cognition

To analyse mouse behaviour in  $Dyrk1a^{C/C}$  mice, we first focused our attention on 175 locomotor activity and exploratory activity. Measurement of horizontal, or vertical, locomotor 176 activity during circadian cycle did not differ in  $Dyrk1a^{C/C}$  mice compared to control mice 177 178 (Supplementary figure 2A, B). The analysis of exploratory behaviour in a novel environment 179 (open field (OF) test) indicated normal locomotor activity for the  $Dyrk1a^{C/C}$  mice 180 (Supplementary figure 2C) but their exploratory pattern was altered as they spent significantly 181 more time in the centre of the OF (Figure 3A), suggesting a decreased anxiety. This phenotype was confirmed in the elevated plus maze with  $Dyrk1a^{C/C}$  mice spending significantly more time 182 in the open arms than control mice (Figure 3B). In this test,  $Dyrk1a^{C/C}$  mice were also more 183 184 active, visiting more arms than the control mice (Figure 3C). The locomotor performance was assessed in the rotarod task.  $Dyrkla^{C/C}$  mice exhibited slightly better performance in this test 185 186 than their control littermates, with an increase in latency to fall, indicating that motor balance 187 is not affected in those mice (Figure 3D).

188 Impact of the loss of *Dyrk1a* in glutamatergic neurons on cognition was evaluated using 189 different memory tests. Working memory was assessed by recording spontaneous alternation 190 in the Y-maze. The percentage of alternation between the three arms was similar between  $Dvrk1a^{C/C}$  and control mice (Supplementary figure 2D) indicating a normal working memory 191 192 in both genotypes. In this test, the number of visited arms during the 5 min session was not significantly different in the  $Dyrk1a^{C/C}$  mice compared to the controls, although those mice 193 194 showed more variability (Supplementary figure 2E). Long-term explicit memory requiring the 195 hippocampus and related medial and temporal lobe structures was tested with the novel object recognition test (NOR) with 24 hours delay. Although  $Dyrk1a^{C/C}$  mice showed as much interest 196

197 exploring the objects during the presentation session (Figure 3E) and during the discrimination 198 session (Figure 3F) compared to control animals, they did not make any difference between the 199 two objects during the retention trial (Figure 3G) by contrast to control mice who spent 200 significantly more time on the novel object compared to the familiar one. Thus, the NOR test unravelled a deficit in long-term explicit memory in the  $Dyrk1a^{C/C}$  mice. Then, we tested 201 202 associative learning using the contextual fear-conditioning test. During the habituation, mice 203 showed the same basal level of freezing whatever their genotypes were (Figure 3H, 204 Habituation). However,  $Dyrkla^{C/C}$  mice showed significantly less freezing than control mice 205 during contextual discrimination, indicating poorer performance in contextual learning (Figure 3H, Context). During the cued learning,  $Dyrk1a^{C/C}$  mice responded like control mice to the 206 207 conditioned stimulus, indicating normal cued fear (Supplementary figure 2F). As decreased 208 freezing could be due to a deficit in pain sensitivity rather than a deficit in memory, we tested the mice in the hot plate test.  $Dyrk1a^{C/C}$  mice had a decreased latency to elicit a first response 209 210 to noxious thermal stimulus, suggesting that they were more sensitive to pain than control mice 211 (Figure 3I). As pain sensitivity was never tested in Dyrkla knock-out heterozygous mice 212 (shortened as  $Dyrk1a^{+/-}$ ), we also tested those mice in the hot plate. We also found that those 213 mice are more sensitive to pain (Figure 3J).

214 As in Human DYRK1A heterozygous mutations lead to autistic behaviour in MRD7, 215 mouse sociability was investigated in this full inactivation of *Dyrk1a* in the glutamatergic 216 neurons. We presented an empty cage and a cage containing a congener to the tested mouse and measured the time spent by the tested mouse to sniff either cage. Both  $Dyrk1a^{C/C}$  and control 217 218 mice showed social preference as they spent significantly more time sniffing the cage 219 containing the congener than the empty cage (Supplementary figure 2G, Social preference). However, the total amount of time spent with their congener was decreased in  $Dyrk1a^{C/C}$  mice 220 221 compared to control mice whereas the time spent exploring the empty cage did not differ (Figure 3K). Preference for social novelty was tested by placing a new congener in the empty cage.
Both genotypes spent significantly more time sniffing the cage containing the new congener
compared to the cage with the familiar one (>60% of the time allocated for the new congener)
(Supplementary figure 2H, Social novelty preference). There was also no significant difference
in the total time control and transgenic animals spent sniffing both congeners (Supplementary
figure 2I, Social contact).

Finally, as *DYRK1A* haploinsufficiency in human is causing epilepsy, we challenged the homozygous inactivation in *Dyrk1a<sup>C/C</sup>* and control mice with two different doses of the seizureprovoking agent pentylenetetrazol (PTZ) and the occurrence of myoclonic, clonic and tonic seizures was scored. At both 30 mg/kg (Supplementary figure 2J and 50 mg/kg (Supplementary figure 2K), *Dyrk1a<sup>C/C</sup>* susceptibility to seizure was similar to control mice. Altogether, those results indicate that *Dyrk1a* full inactivation in glutamatergic neurons does not increase susceptibility to PTZ-induced seizure.

Hence, *Dyrk1a* inactivation in glutamatergic neurons only impacts specific cognitive function such as explicit long-term memory, contextual fear memory and exploratory behavior while having no impact in others such as working memory, social behaviour and epileptic susceptibility.

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Dyrk1a inactivation in the glutamatergic neurons lowers expression of genes involved in
 neurotransmission in the hippocampus, while enhancing expression of genes implicated in
 the regulation of transcription.

The hippocampus is a key structure in memory formation. Long-term object recognition memory analysed in the NOR test was shown to require interaction between the hippocampus and the perirhinal cortex [23-25] while contextual fear memory involves a neural circuit including the hippocampus, amygdala and medial prefrontal cortex [26]. Although we could

not detect any morphological defect in the hippocampus of  $Dyrkla^{C/C}$  mice, those mice are 247 248 defective in both long-term recognition and contextual fear memories. To unravel the potential molecular mechanisms underlying the learning defects of  $Dyrkla^{C/C}$  mice, we performed 249 genome-wide transcriptional profiling (RNA-seq) of  $Dyrkla^{C/C}$  and control mice in the 250 251 hippocampus at postnatal day 30. Analysis of the RNA-seq exon reads (DEseq algorithm, P<0.025) identified 297 up-regulated and 257 down-regulated genes in  $Dyrk1a^{C/C}$  compared 252 253 with controls (Supplementary Table S1,). To determine the putative cell types associated with 254 the deregulated genes, we compared the sets of up- and down-regulated genes with the markers 255 of hippocampal cell types obtained from single cell RNA-seq [PMID: 25700174][ PMID: 256 29273784] (see methods). As a result, up-regulated genes were predominantly enriched in 257 oligodendrocyte-expressed genes (hypergeometric test, bonferroni corrected, P<3.4E-13) 258 whereas down-regulated genes were enriched in neuronal markers (hypergeometric test, 259 bonferroni corrected, pyramidal markers P<2.3E-4, interneuronal markers P<8.3E-3) 260 (Supplementary Table S2). This decrease in neuronal markers expression is not reflected by a 261 decrease in neuronal cells in the hippocampus as we did not observe a decrease in the thickness 262 of the pyramidal cell layers or the DG granular cell layer, and did not find a deficit in the number of neurons within the CA1 of the  $Dyrk1a^{C/C}$  hippocampus (Supplementary figure 1). Next, we 263 264 performed GO enrichment analyses of the lists of up- and down-regulated genes with using a 265 *Benjamini* cut-off of P < 0.05 (Table 1). The strongest enrichments for up-regulated genes were 266 related to transcriptional regulation and DNA methylation. This category of genes did not have 267 any overlap with the oligodendrocyte overexpressed genes at the exception of the SRY-related 268 HMG-box transcription factor Sox8 and we did not find any enriched specific function for the list of the oligodendrocyte markers that are up-regulated in  $Dyrk1a^{C/C}$  hippocampi. We counted 269 the number of Olig2+ cells in the corpus-callosum and found no difference between  $Dyrk1a^{C/C}$ 270 271 and control mice, suggesting that increased oligodendrocyte markers is not due to an increased

272 number of oligodendrocytes (Supplementary figure 3). Interestingly, among up-regulated 273 genes, we found Nr4a1 (Nurr77), Arc (Arg3.1), Npas4, Fos (cFos), Egr1 (Zif268) and Fosb, 274 six immediate-early genes (IEGs) encoding proteins involved in transduction signals that are 275 induced in response to a wide variety of cellular stimuli and that are implicated in neuronal 276 plasticity. Looking at known late response genes known to be activated by NPAS4 [27] in 277 glutamatergic neurons, only three out of thirty-four (10%) of them were significantly deregulated in the hippocampus of *Dyrk1a<sup>C/C</sup>* compared to control mice (Supplementary Table 278 279 S3), with Fam198b being up-regulated and Csrnp1 and Slc2a1 being down-regulated. Among 280 target genes of NPAS4 shared between excitatory and inhibitory cells, four out of twelve (~30%) that we looked at were found deregulated in the hippocampus of  $Dyrk1a^{C/C}$  compared 281 282 to control mice (*Lmo2* and *Fosl2*, up-regulated; *Mylk* and *Nptx2*, down-regulated). Downregulated genes found in the hippocampus transcriptome of  $Dyrk1a^{C/C}$  mice were associated 283 284 with presynaptic vesicle exocytosis, regulation of neurotransmitter levels and neuron 285 projection, and pointed at a perturbation of chemical synaptic transmission via the deregulation 286 of proteins involved in synaptic vesicle exocytosis. Particularly, genes coding for proteins of 287 the SNARE complex (Snap25, Stx1a, Napa and Napb), regulating its activity (Doc2b, Snph) or 288 implicated in vesicular synaptic cycle (Anxa7, Amph, Syn2, Syngr1) were found down-regulated in the hippocampus of  $Dyrkla^{C/C}$  mice. This complex is known to mediate synaptic vesicle 289 290 docking and fusion with the presynaptic membrane during neuromediator release. The SNARE 291 complex was recently found, also with NPAS4, as a common pathway misregulated in models 292 of DS overexpressing DYRK1A (Duchon et al, HMG).

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294 Behavioural defects are induced in  $Dyrk1a^{C/+}$  mice while partial rescue of memory 295 alterations is observed in Dp1Yey/Dyrk1a<sup>C/+</sup> mice.

We investigated the respective consequences of *Dyrk1a* dosage in glutamatergic neurons on the cognitive phenotypes observed respectively in MRD7 and DS mouse models. We analysed 298 mice heterozygous for the *Dyrk1a* knockout allele in glutamatergic neurons to investigate the 299 implication of this gene in the cognitive phenotypes of MRD7. We also performed a rescue 300 experiment consisting on the return to two copies of *Dyrk1a* in the glutamatergic neurons of Dp1Yey trisomic mice. For this, we compared animals carrying  $Dyrk1a^{Camk2aCre/+}$  (noted 301  $Dyrk1a^{C/+}$ , Dp1Yey, and Dp1Yey/ $Dyrk1a^{Camk2aCre/+}$  (noted Dp1Yey/ $Dyrk1a^{C/+}$ ), with 302  $Dyrk1a^{cKO/+}$  as controls in behavioural tests. Mouse locomotor behaviour was tested in the 303 304 open-field (OF).  $Dyrk1a^{C/+}$  mice did not show any significant difference in locomotor activity 305 compared to controls. Surprisingly, whereas in our conditions Dp1Yey mice travelled the same total distance in the OF as control mice,  $Dp1Yey/Dyrk1a^{C/+}$  mice travelled significantly more 306 307 distance (Figure 4A), suggesting that those mice are hyperactive. The percentage of time spent 308 by the mice in the centre of the open field arena did not differ between genotypes (Figure 4B), 309 suggesting normal anxiety-related behaviour. Mice heterozygous for *Dyrk1a* in glutamatergic 310 neurons presented the same behaviour as control mice, indicating that removing only one copy 311 of Dyrkla is not enough to trigger decreased anxiety, as observed in the complete knockout of 312 Dyrk1a in glutamatergic neurons (Figure 4B vs Figure 3A). Analysis of working memory was 313 done using the Y maze test. All the four groups of mice visited the same number of arms during 314 the test, suggesting a normal locomotor activity (Supplementary figure 4A). On the other hand, 315 Dp1Yey mice showed lower percentage of spontaneous alternation as compared to control mice 316 (Figure 4C), confirming the phenotype already observed in previous studies [28] (Duchon and 317 Herault, HMG). This decreased performance was not restored by Dyrkla normalization in 318 glutamatergic neurons (Figure 4C). Haploinsufficiency of Dyrkla in those neurons, like the 319 inactivation of the two copies of *Dyrk1a*, did not trigger any change in working memory (Figure 4C). We therefore also tested  $Dyrkla^{+/-}$  mice in the same test.  $Dyrkla^{+/-}$  animals showed the 320 321 same activity (number of visited arms, Supplementary figure 4B) and the same level of

322 alternation as their wild-type littermates, indicating a normal working memory (Supplementary

323 figure 4C).

324 We further tested the mice in the NOR test for long term reference memory. Both control and  $Dp1Yey/Dyrk1a^{C/+}$  mice showed a significant preferential exploration of the novel object 325 during the retention trial (Figure 4E) whereas Dp1Yey and  $Dyrk1a^{C/+}$  mice spent the same time 326 327 on the two objects (Figure 4E). The deficit of novel object exploration during the retention phase in Dp1Yey and  $Dyrk1a^{C/+}$  mice was not due to a lack of familiar object exploration during 328 329 the presentation phase as both genotypes showed similar exploration times than control mice (Figure 4D). Only Dp1Yey/Dyrk1 $a^{C/+}$  showed a slight decrease in object exploration compared 330 331 to control mice during the presentation phase mice (Figure 4D), but this did not impair their 332 retention capacity during the test phase. Hence, the deficit in object recognition in Dp1Yey 333 mice could be rescued by normalization of *Dyrk1a* copy number in glutamatergic neurons and 334 is also generated by the absence of one copy of the gene in the same neuronal cell line. In the 335 fear conditioning test, all genotypes showed more freezing during the context phase after 336 conditioning than during the habituation phase and no difference was observed between 337 genotypes in the context response (Supplementary figure 4D). In the sociability 3-chambers 338 test, all the four groups of mice showed preference for the cage containing the mouse rather 339 than the empty cage (Supplementary figure 4E). No difference was found between the four 340 groups in the total amount of time spent sniffing the cage containing the congener (Supplementary figure 4F). Hence, by contrast to  $Dyrk1a^{C/C}$  mice,  $Dyrk1a^{C/+}$  mice do not 341 342 present decreased social exploratory behaviour. Dp1Yey mice did not spend significantly more 343 time with the novel mouse compared to the familiar one, indicating no preference for social 344 novelty (Figure 4F). This phenotype was rescued by returning to two copies of Dyrk1a in glutamatergic neurons (Figure 4F).  $Dyrk1a^{C/+}$  mice also showed preference for social novelty 345 346 (Figure 4F).

Hence, both increase in *Dyrk1a* copy number in glutamatergic neurons of trisomic mice and haploinsufficiency of *Dyrk1a* in glutamatergic neurons impact explicit memory supporting a key role of *Dyrk1a* in glutamatergic function as a modulator of explicit memory, but other functions probably require normalization of *Dyrk1a* in other cell types to be restored.

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#### 352 **Proteomic analysis confirms the impact of** *Dyrk1a* **gene dosage on synaptic activity.**

353 To examine the contribution of DYRK1A in molecular pathways linked to the cognitive 354 phenotypes associated to T21 in the glutamatergic neurons, we performed proteomic profiling of the hippocampus of control, Dp1Yey, Dp1Yey/Dyrk1 $a^{C/+}$  and Dyrk1 $a^{C/+}$  mice. We identified 355 356 63 proteins that were up-regulated and 16 that were down-regulated in the hippocampi of 357 Dp1Yey mice compared with controls. Among those, 40 of the up-regulated and 12 of the down-regulated proteins were back to control levels in  $Dp1Yev/Dyrk1a^{C/+}$  hippocampi, while 358 one up-regulated protein in Dp1Yey was down-regulated in Dp1Yey/Dyrk1a<sup>C/+</sup> and 4 down-359 regulated proteins in Dp1Yey were up-regulated in Dp1Yey/Dyrk1 $a^{C/+}$  mice. We found 51 up-360 regulated and 7 down-regulated proteins in the hippocampus of  $Dyrk1a^{C/+}$  mice. Eleven of those 361 362 proteins (CAMK2A, ATP6V1C1, DPP3, ERGIC1, GPM6A, CENPV, RPS28, AGAP2, SNX6, ABCA1, BRK1) were also deregulated in Dp1Yey and back to normal level in 363  $Dp1Yey/Dyrk1a^{C/+}$ , suggesting that they are impacted by Dyrk1a copy number in glutamatergic 364 365 neurons (Figure 5A and Supplementary Table S4). We performed GO enrichment analysis on 366 the list of deregulated proteins using the ToppCluster website, selecting a Bonferroni cut-off of 367 P<0.05. Enrichment analysis indicates that pathways and GO components that are mostly 368 affected by Dyrkla gene dosage are synaptic, dendritic and axonal components (Figure 5B-C; 369 Supplementary Table S5). Normalization of *Dyrk1a* copy number in the glutamatergic neurons 370 did not rescue specific pathways but had a more global effect with 50 to 80% of the proteins present in each Dp1Yey enriched GO returning to normal amount in Dp1Yey/ $Dyrk1a^{C/+}$  mice 371

372 (Figure 5B). Interestingly, decreased Dyrk1a gene dosage was found to impact pre-synaptic 373 proteins as observed in the transcriptome of  $Dyrk1a^{C/C}$  hippocampi, whereas increased Dyrk1a374 gene dosage was associated with the post-synapse and growth cone (Figure 5C). Proteins 375 enriched in the hippocampus of  $Dyrk1a^{C/+}$  mice were linked to translational activity whereas 376 increased Dyrk1a gene dosage was associated to ATPase activity (Figure 5C).

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#### 8 Interaction of DYRK1A with post-synaptic proteins

379 Behavioural and proteomic analyses suggest a direct impact of DYRK1A at the 380 glutamatergic synapse. Previous work from our laboratory already demonstrated a role of 381 DYRK1A at the presynapse by showing interaction of DYRK1A with SYN1, a neuronal 382 phosphoprotein associating with the cytoplasmic surface of the presynaptic vesicles and 383 tethering them to the actin cytoskeleton [29, 30], and with CAMK2 that was previously shown 384 to phosphorylate SYN1 leading to the release of the vesicle pool [31-33]. Moreover, we also 385 found that SYN1 was phosphorylated by DYRK1A on its S551 residue in vitro and in vivo, 386 highlighting the role of DYRK1A in SYN1-dependent presynaptic vesicle trafficking [33]. 387 CAMK2, deregulated in our proteomic analysis, is also present in the glutamatergic postsynapse 388 and has a major role in the molecular cascade leading to LTP [34]. To investigate a potential 389 role of DYRK1A at the postsynapse, we looked at DYRK1A protein interaction with CAMK2 390 and key proteins of the postsynaptic density complex (PSD), GLUN2B (NR2B), PSD95 and 391 SYNGAP. We carried co-immunoprecipitation (co-IP) experiments with adult mouse brain 392 lysates using antibodies against DYRK1A and these proteins and using GAPDH as a negative 393 control. We found CAMK2A, NR2B and PSD95 present in the immunoprecipitates (IPs) of 394 DYRK1A, while DYRK1A was found in the IPs of NR2B, PSD95 and SYNGAP (Figure 5D), 395 showing that these proteins interact together.

#### 397 Discussion

398 Complete *Dyrk1a* inactivation leads to early embryonic lethality with homozygous null 399 Dyrkla mice presenting drastic developmental growth delay with smaller brain vesicles, 400 hindering the investigation of *Dyrk1a* function in the brain [19]. We therefore used a conditional 401 knockout strategy to analyse Dyrkla function in glutamatergic neurons. We found a significant reduction of about 10% of brain weight and size of  $Dyrk1a^{C/C}$  mice compared to control 402 animals. In comparison with  $Dyrk1a^{+/-}$  mice that have 30% brain reduction [35] and consistent 403 404 with postnatal expression of Camk2a, this suggest that microcephaly observed in MRD7 results 405 from different impacts of DYRK1A on brain neurogenesis during embryonic and postnatal 406 development, with *Dyrk1a<sup>C/C</sup>* brain revealing the impact of DYRK1A on postnatal neuronal 407 morphogenesis. Indeed, the cortical size reduction that we observed was associated with increased cell density, as observed by Guedj and collaborators in  $Dyrk1a^{+/-}$  mice [35] and 408 409 suggesting a reduction of neuronal processes as observed in the neocortex of  $Dyrkla^{+/-}$  mice 410 [12, 36, 37].

411 DYRK1A deficit in glutamatergic neurons resulted in specific impacts on mouse behaviour, learning and memory. Dyrk1a<sup>C/C</sup> mice were less anxious, spending more time in the 412 413 centre of the OF and in the open arms of the EPM, and showed decreased freezing performance 414 in the fear-related contextual test indicating an impact on emotional behaviour. Deficit in 415 contextual fear behaviour might be attributed to a defective hippocampal-to-basolateral 416 amygdala transmission as a result of either a deficit in glutamatergic projections or deficit in excitatory activity [38]. Change in emotional behaviour in  $Dyrk1a^{C/C}$  mice is not the result of 417 418 an intrinsic hyperactivity, as the mice did not present increased locomotor activity either 419 spontaneous (circadian activity) or novelty induced (OF). Hence, contrary to the hypoactivity 420 induced by full *Dyrk1a* haploinsufficiency [39], absence of DYRK1A in glutamatergic neurons does not impact mouse locomotor activity. Thermal pain sensitivity was altered in  $Dyrk1a^{C/C}$ 421

422 mice that were more sensitive to heat. This higher nociception response was also observed in 423  $Dyrkla^{+/-}$  mice, suggesting that DYRK1A has an impact on central processes involved in the 424 control of pain sensitivity. The glutamatergic system takes part in the nociceptive circuits and activation of the expression of IEGs, whose expression was found increased in  $Dvrk1a^{C/C}$  mice. 425 426 has been shown to be part of long-term events triggered in neuroadaptation to pain in those 427 circuits [40]. Interestingly, we and our collaborators observed a decreased in the expression of 428 some of these IEGs (Npas4, Arc, c-Fos and Fosb) in the hippocampi of Tg(Dyrk1a) and of the 429 trisomic mouse models Dp1Rhr and Ts65Dn [41] (Duchon et al). IEGs are also believed to be crucial in the formation of long-term memory which we also found impacted in  $Dyrk1a^{C/C}$  and 430 431 trisomic mice [42]. Moreover, our meta-analysis of the transcriptomic data of hippocampi from 432 five DS mouse models carrying Mmu16 segmental duplications and a transgenic model 433 overexpressing *Dyrk1a* revealed regulatory protein networks centred around six protein hubs, 434 among which were DYRK1A itself and NPAS4 (Duchon et al.) Npas4 is a neuron-specific gene 435 and is present in both excitatory and inhibitory neurons, activating distinct programs of late-436 response genes promoting inhibition onto excitatory neurons and excitation on inhibitory 437 neurons [27]. But we did not found major changes in the expression of late response genes 438 targeted by NPAS4 (Supplementary Table S3) [27]. This could be due to experimental bias as 439 the transcriptomic analysis was done using RNA extracts from whole hippocampi containing 440 different cell populations. This heterogeneity can hinder glutamatergic-specific expression of 441 the late-response genes. Even though IEGs are well known markers to measure neuronal 442 activity during cognitive stimulation, their impact in cognitive processes affected in cognitive 443 deficit disorders are unknown and we have no explanation for IEGs overexpression in the hippocampus of Dyrkla<sup>C/C</sup> animals. In our analysis, IEG expression changes have been 444 445 observed in "naïve" mice that were not subjected to any exercise or behavioural test. It would 446 be therefore also interesting to analyse the expression of IEGs and late-response genes in the

447 mice after induction of neuronal activity, as it was explored for activation of Arc mRNA 448 transcription in pyramidal neurons of the CA1 region of the hippocampus in Ts65Dn mice [43]. 449 In addition to transcriptional up-regulation, we also observed a down-regulation of genes for 450 proteins involved in neuron projection, reinforcing the conclusion of a defective synaptogenesis in  $Dyrk1a^{C/C}$  animals, and proteins involved in synaptic vesicle cycle, implicating DYRK1A in 451 452 neurotransmitter release. Among the deregulated genes, we found *Amphiphysin (Amph)*, which 453 its protein is a known target of DYRK1A [44], and Synapsin 2 (Syn2), which paralog 454 SYNAPSIN 1 was found to be hyperphosphorylated by DYRK1A overexpression in TgDyrk1a 455 mice [33]. Moreover, DYRK1A was found to phosphorylate MUNC18-1 [45], which interacts 456 with the SNARE complex protein Syntaxin 1A, whose transcripts are also decreased in the hippocampus of  $Dyrk1a^{C/C}$  mice and which was found to be one of the six hubs connecting the 457 458 major subnetwork biological cascades found deregulated in DS models (Duchon et al.). Our results 459 together with others [44, 46, 47] point at a role of DYRK1A in the glutamatergic presynapse in 460 the control of neurotransmitter release through synaptic vesicles exocytosis and vesicles 461 recycling processes.

We assessed the impact of *Dyrk1a* deficit in the glutamatergic neurons in *Dyrk1a*<sup>C/+</sup> as 462 a model of MRD7. While  $Dyrk1a^{C/C}$  mice were less anxious, this phenotype was not observed 463 in  $Dyrkla^{C/+}$  mice, indicating that haploinsufficiency of Dyrkla is not sufficient to trigger this 464 465 decreased anxiety pattern. Working memory was not affected neither in  $Dvrkla^{C/+}$  nor  $Dyrk1a^{C/C}$  mice. This fits with our observation that working memory is also not affected in 466  $Dyrk1a^{+/-}$  mice. We found that long-term recognition memory is affected in both  $Dyrk1a^{C/+}$  and 467  $Dyrkla^{C/C}$  mice. Deficit in long-term NOR has also been described in  $Dyrkla^{+/-}$  mice [12] and 468 469 in transgenic model overexpressing *Dyrk1a* alone [33] (DUCHON). Together with the rescue 470 of this type of memory in Dp1Yey, our findings show that DYRK1A has a direct cell-471 autonomous function in regulating long-term explicit memory in glutamatergic neurons.

472 Cognitive deficits observed in DS have been linked to a perturbation of synaptic 473 transmission due to defects in the control of the excitatory/inhibitory balance. In addition, most 474 of the phenotypes observed in DS people and models are due to defects in the hippocampus or 475 the prefrontal cortex [48]. Analysis of trisomic mouse models has revealed an overproduction 476 of the inhibitory neurotransmitter GABA restricting synaptic activation of the glutamatergic 477 NMDA receptors. Furthermore, Dyrkla has been implicated in glutamate-GABA imbalance 478 [49, 50]. However, how *Dyrk1a* controls the balance between the two pathways is still not clear. 479 We performed a genetic rescue returning to two copies of Dyrkla exclusively in cortical and 480 hippocampal glutamatergic neurons of Dp1Yey mice and carried behavioural analysis of those 481 mice to see if this rescue was enough to restore cognitive functions in Dp1Yey mice. We already 482 found that Dp1Yey mice have deficits in both hippocampus-dependent spatial working and 483 long-term explicit memory (Duchon et al.). In addition, Yu and collaborators showed deficits 484 in hippocampal-mediated context memory [51]. We confirmed the deficit in in long-term 485 explicit memory and in working memory. However, we did not observe a deficit in contextual memory in those mice. Normalization of gene copy number in glutamatergic neurons only 486 487 partly restored the cognitive functions that were impacted in the Dp1Yey mice. Working memory deficit was not restored in Dp1Yey/Dyrk1a<sup>C/+</sup> mice. As Dyrk1a haploinsufficiency 488 489 does not impact working memory, this could question the role of *Dyrk1a* in the deficit observed 490 in Dp1Yey mice. Nevertheless, the overexpression of *Dyrk1a* alone was able to induce a deficit 491 in spontaneous alternation [33] (DUCHON). Deletion of Dyrkla under Camk2a-Cre occurs 492 after birth and hence the lack of rescue of working memory in Dp1Yey/Dyrk1 $a^{C/+}$  mice could 493 result from prenatal brain defects. However, it was shown that spontaneous alternation in 494 rodents is not present during the early postnatal stages of development (before postnatal day 495 30), indicating that brain processes sustaining this behaviour develops between the second and 496 fourth postnatal week [52]. Furthermore, treatment of adult mice with an inhibitor of DYRK1A

is sufficient to restore working memory in Ts65Dn mice [50]. This lack of rescue presumably
comes from the effect of *Dyrk1a* overexpression in non-glutamatergic neurons. The role of the
GABAergic system on spontaneous alternation is not determined but the injection of a GABA<sub>A</sub>
receptor agonist has been shown to decrease spontaneous alternation rates [53, 54].
Furthermore, DYRK1A was shown to act on GABA-producing enzymes [49]. Testing this
hypothesis will require to normalize *Dyrk1a* in GABAergic neurons.

503 DS patients are affected in their explicit long-term memory abilities with a particular 504 impairment in the visuo-perceptual processing [55]. We used the visual-object recognition 505 NOR test as a paradigm to assess long-term explicit memory in the mouse. Both TgDyrk1a and 506 Ts65Dn mouse models have been shown to have impaired long-term object recognition 507 memory that could be ameliorated by treating the adult mice with the DYRK1A inhibitors [56-508 58]. We show here that correcting *Dyrk1a* gene copy number in glutamatergic neurons is sufficient to rescue explicit long-term memory in  $Dp1Yey/Dyrk1a^{C/+}$  mice. Moreover, 509 510 DYRK1A shortage in glutamatergic neurons is also sufficient to trigger long-term memory 511 deficit. Hence *Dyrk1a* gene dosage seems to have an important role in glutamatergic neuronal 512 defects observed in DS and MRD7 mouse models. TgDyrk1a mice have been shown to have 513 bidirectional changes in synaptic strength with elevated LTP, reduced LTD [10] and 514 dysregulated NMDA-receptor mediated calcium signalling [59]. Furthermore, normalization of 515 Dyrkla expression in the hippocampus of Ts65Dn mice can partially restore the deficit of LTP 516 in the CA1 of Ts65Dn mice. As Dp1Yey mice show similar hippocampal LTP deficit [51], it 517 would be interesting to see if *Dyrk1a* normalisation in the glutamatergic neurons could restore LTP in Dp1Yey/Dyrk1 $a^{C/+}$  mice. 518

519 Excessive GABAergic inhibition has been proposed as the major cause of the 520 perturbation between excitatory and inhibitory neurotransmission, with glutamatergic deficit 521 being the consequence of over-inhibition of the NMDA receptors resulting in deficit of LTP and memory [60]. Our finding outlines the glutamatergic deficit as a distinct alteration with *Dyrk1a* overexpression playing a key role in glutamatergic dysfunction and GABA-mediated over-inhibition combining with it to produce the full DS cognitive deficit. This also raises the question of the role of *Dyrk1a* overexpression in GABAergic neurons as other trisomic genes are also potential candidates for neuronal dysfunction. For example, overexpression of *Girk2* leads to increase in GABA<sub>A</sub>-mediated GIRK currents in hippocampal neuronal cultures, affecting the balance between excitatory and inhibitory transmission [61, 62].

529 The finding of a cell-autonomous impact of DYRK1A in glutamatergic neurons on long-530 term memory function is supported by the impact of increased Dyrkla gene dosage in 531 glutamatergic neurons on the amount of glutamatergic post-synaptic proteins. Hence, among enriched proteins in the hippocampus of Dp1Yey mice that turned back to normal in the 532 hippocampus of  $Dp1Yey/Dyrk1a^{C/+}$  mice, we found CAMK2A, a subunit of the 533 534 calcium/calmodulin-dependent protein kinase II (CAMK2) which plays a critical role in LTP 535 by regulating ionotropic glutamate receptors at postsynaptic densities, GPM6A, a neuronal 536 membrane glycoprotein involved in neuronal plasticity, regulation of endocytosis and 537 intracellular trafficking of G-protein-coupled receptors [63], the GRM3 G-protein-coupled 538 metabotropic glutamate receptor, DLG2, a member of the postsynaptic protein scaffold of 539 excitatory synapses interacting with the cytoplasmic tail of NMDA receptors [64] and the 540 intracellular calcium-binding protein CALB2 functioning as a modulator of neuronal 541 excitability [65]. Previous work done in our laboratory found several proteins from the PSD 542 that were hyperphosphorylated in mice with three copies of Dyrkla (TgDyrk1a) [35] and 543 dephosphorylated by TgDyrk1a mouse treatment with a DYRK1A inhibitor [33]. Among those 544 proteins, the NR2B is a subunit of the glutamatergic postsynaptic NMDA receptor which play 545 a pivotal role in excitatory synaptic transmission. This result was validated by our Co-IP 546 experiments showing an interaction between DYRK1A and NR2B. NR2B subunits are 547 expressed in the neocortex and hippocampus [66-68]. NMDA receptors in the mature 548 hippocampus consist of two NR1 subunits associated with either two NR2A, two NR2B or one 549 of each subunits [69, 70] and different forms of synaptic plasticity have been associated to 550 different types of NMDA receptors [71-73]. Hence, in addition to its interaction with the 551 NR1/NR2A-type of receptors [74], we also point out an association with NR1/NR2B receptors. 552 Moreover, interaction between DYRK1A and the PSD proteins PSD95, CAMK2 and 553 SYNGAP, detected by coIP, strongly suggests a role of DYRK1A at the glutamatergic 554 postsynapse. In addition, absence of the GLUR1 subunit of the AMPA receptor in the IP of 555 DYRK1A indicates that DYRK1A interact most specifically with the NMDA-PSD complex. 556 Altogether, this strongly suggests an implication of DYRK1A at the glutamatergic post-557 synapse, somehow supporting its involvement in long-term memory formation.

558 Taking advantage of a conditional allele for *Dyrk1a* inactivation, we were able to 559 associate Dyrkla gene dosage changes in glutamatergic neurons to specific cognitive 560 phenotypes and molecular modifications and demonstrated a major impact of Dyrkla dose 561 change at the glutamatergic synapse on long-term explicit memory while no impact was 562 observed for motor activity, short-term working memory and susceptibility to epilepsy. Further 563 analysis of DYRK1A impact on other neurons, such as GABAergic ones, will be necessary to 564 understand how DYRK1A perturbs the excitatory/inhibitory pathways, resulting in the full DS 565 and MRD7 cognitive deficits.

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#### 571 Materials and Methods

#### 572 Mouse lines

573 The Dp(16Lipi-Zbtb21)1Yey (Dp1Yey) line was created by Yu and collaborators [75] 574 and bears a 22.6 Mb segmental duplication of the Lipi-Zfp295 fragment of murine chromosome 575 16 syntenic to Hsa21 [51, 75]. The transgenic Tg(Camk2-Cre)4Gsc line [20, 76] expressing the 576 Cre recombinase under the control of the Camk2a promoter to inactivate the targeted 577 conditional knockout allele in glutamatergic neurons of the cortex and hippocampus after birth. The Dyrk1<sup>tm1.ICS</sup> conditional knockout (noted Dyrk1a cKO) was generated at the PHENOMIN-578 579 ICS (Institut Clinique de la Souris; Illkirch, France; www.phenomin.fr) in the frame of the 580 Gencodys consortium (http://www.gencodys.eu/).The targeting vector was constructed as 581 follows. A 1096 bps fragment encompassing exon 7 (ENSMUSE00001246185) was amplified 582 by PCR (from BAC RP23-115D20 genomic DNA) and subcloned in an MCI proprietary vector. 583 This MCI vector contains a LoxP site as well as a floxed and flipped Neomycin resistance 584 cassette. A 3.8 kb fragment corresponding to the 3' homology arm and 4.1 kb fragment 585 corresponding to the 5' homology arms were amplified by PCR and subcloned in step1 plasmid 586 to generate the final targeting construct. The linearized construct was electroporated in 587 C57BL/6N (B6N) mouse embryonic stem (ES) cells. After selection, targeted clones were 588 identified by PCR using external primers and further confirmed by Southern blot with a Neo 589 probe (5' and 3' digests) as well as a 5' external probe. Two positive ES clones were injected 590 into BALB/cN blastocysts. Resulting male chimeras were bred with Flp deleter females 591 previously backcrossed in a C57BL/6N [77] (PMID: 10835623). Germline transmission of the 592 conditional allele was obtained (Figure 1B). The Flp transgene was segregated by a further 593 breeding step. By combining the three different lines together, we obtained the following groups 594 of mice for phenotyping analyses: Dp1Yey (trisomic, for the *Lipi-Zfp295* fragment containing the *Dyrk1a* gene), Dp1Yey/*Dyrk1a*<sup>C/+</sup> (trisomic for the *Lipi-Zfp295* fragment but containing</sup> 595

596 only two copies of *Dyrk1a* in glutamatergic neurons), *Dyrk1a<sup>C/+</sup>* (containing only one copy of 597 *Dyrk1a* in the glutamatergic neurons) and *Dyrk1a<sup>C/C</sup>* (knocked out for *Dyrk1a* in glutamatergic 598 neurons). Wild-type, *Dyrk1a<sup>cKO/+</sup>* and *Dyrk1a<sup>cKO/cKO</sup>* mice were used as disomic controls.

599 For the genotyping of the mice and identification of the *Dyrk1a* knockout allele in the 600 brain, genomic DNA was isolated from tail and different organ biopsies using the NaCl 601 precipitation technique. 50-100 ng of genomic DNA was used for PCR. Primers used for the 602 identification of each allele and size of PCR products are described in Figure 1 and 603 Supplementary Table S6. Details on the genotyping protocol used here are published [78].

The mice were housed in groups (2–4 per cage) and were maintained under specific pathogen-free (SPF) conditions and were treated in compliance with the animal welfare policies of the French Ministry of Agriculture 133 (law 87 848).

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#### 608 Mouse RT droplet digital PCR (ddPCR)

609 Total RNA was extracted from frozen brain tissues (cerebellum, cortex, striatum, hippocampus 610 and thalamus/hypothalamus) of five wt and four  $Dyrk1a^{C/C}$  mice as described in Lindner *et al.* 611 2020 [79]. For ddPCR, all primers were designed and synthesized as described in Lindner et al. 612 2020 [79] excepting Universal Probe Library probe used to Dyrkla mRNA which is provided 613 by Roche. *Dyrk1a* and *Hprt* primers and probes sequences are given in Supplementary Table 614 S6. RNA reverse transcription, droplet generation, PCR amplification, droplets quantification 615 and analysis are also described in Lindner et al 2020 [79]. We presented the results as a ratio of the mean of Dyrkla RNA transcript in  $Dyrkla^{C/C}$  tissue normalized to the mean of Dyrkla616 617 RNA transcript in wt tissue. Experiments were performed following dMIQE guidelines for 618 reporting ddPCR experiments (Supplementary Table S7) [79, 80].

619 Western blot analysis

620 Twenty-five microgram of total protein extracts from hippocampi (n=3 per genotype) 621 were electrophoretically separated in SDS-polyacrylamide gels (10%) and transferred to a 622 nitrocellulose membrane (100V, 2h at room temperature). Non-specific binding sites were 623 blocked with 5% skimmed milk in Tween20 0.1% Tris buffer saline 1h at room temperature. 624 Immunostaining was carried out with a mouse monoclonal anti-Dyrk1a (Abnova, H00001859-625 M01) and an anti-Gapdh antibodies (ThermoFisher, MA5-15738), followed by secondary anti-626 mouse IgG conjugated with horseradish peroxidase (DAKO). The immunoreactions were 627 visualized by ECL chemiluminescence system (Amersham) with the Amersham Imager 600. Semi-quantitative analysis was performed using ImageJ software (W. Rasband, NIH; 628 629 http://rsb.info.nih.gov/ij/).

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#### 631 Immunohistological analysis

Adult mice were deeply anesthetized with sodium pentobarbital and perfused
intracardially with 30 ml PBS followed by 30 ml 4% paraformaldehyde in PBS. Brains were
removed from the skull and immersed in the same fixative overnight. After rinsing with PBS,
the brains were transferred into 70% ethanol until paraffin inclusion. For inclusion, brains were
dehydrated and embedded in paraffin. Serial 10 μm sections were made with a microtome.

637 Brain sections were stained using the myelin-specific dye luxol fast blue and the Nissl 638 staining cresyl violet. Briefly, brain sections were deparaffinised, rehydrated and incubated in 639 0.1% luxol fast blue (95% alcohol and 0.5% acetic acid) solution at room temperature 640 overnight. After rinsing excess stain with 95% ethanol and deionized water, the slides were 641 placed in 0.05% lithium carbonate solution for 10 seconds followed by 70% ethanol for 5 642 seconds. They were then rinsed in deionized water until the colourless grey matter contrasted 643 with the blue-green white matter. Sections were then stained in 0.1% cresyl violet acetate 644 solution for 5 minutes at 56°C in a water bath, rinsed in deionized water and quickly in 100%

ethanol. Sections were dried, cleared in histosol® (Shandon) and mounted in Eukitt®(Labonord).

647 Immunohistology was performed using a standard protocol. After deparaffinization, 648 rehydration and antigen retrieval (10 mM citric acid, 0.05% Tween 20, pH6.0) for 45 min in a 649 94°C water bath, sections were incubated in a blocking solution (0.05% Tween20, 5% Horse 650 serum) for 1 hour at room temperature. Sections were then incubated at  $4^{\circ}$ C overnight with the 651 primary antibodies (Mouse anti-Dyrk1a: Abnova, Cat. N. H00001859-M01; Rabbit anti-652 Camk2a: Molecular probes, PA5-14315). After washing, sections were incubated with anti-653 Mouse and anti-Rabbit Alexa Fluor®546 or 488 secondary antibodies for detection. The 654 sections were mounted with Mowiol mounting medium (0.1M Tris (pH8.5, 25% glycerol, 10% w/v Mowiol 4-88 (Citifluor)) containing DAPI (5 µg/ml) and images were acquired using 655 656 Hamamatsu Nanozoomer 2.0 (Hamamatsu, Hamamatsu City, Japan) and a Leica Upright 657 fluorescent microscope (Leica Microsystems, Heidelberg).

658 Immunohistochemistry was performed using a standard protocol. Briefly, antigen 659 retrieval was performed by heating the slides in Tris/EDTA buffer (10 mM Tris Base, 1 mM 660 EDTA, 0.05% Tween 20, pH 9.0) for 45 min in a 94°C water bath. Then, the sections were 661 quenched in 0.3% oxygen peroxide solution for 20 min and blocked with 10% normal horse 662 serum and 0.1% Triton X-100 in  $1 \times PBS$  for 1 h at room temperature. The sections were 663 incubated overnight at 4°C with a rabbit anti-Olig2 antibody (1:500, Santa Cruz sc-48817). 664 which was detected by incubating the sections with secondary biotinylated antibodies (Life Technologies<sup>TM</sup>) for 2 h at room temperature and then with an avidin-biotin complex at 37°C 665 666 for 30 min. Dark coloration was developed with diaminobenzidine tetrahydrochloride and the 667 sections were mounted with aqueous mounting medium (Faramount aqueous mounting 668 medium, Dako®).

#### 669 Morphometric analysis

Morphometric analysis was performed on three  $Dyrk1a^{C/C}$  and three control mice based 670 671 on the standard operating procedures for morphological phenotyping of the mouse brain using 672 basic histology [81]. Surface and cortical thickness measurements as well as cell counting were 673 conducted on scanned images using Hamamatsu Nanozoomer 2.0 from luxol fast blue/cresyl 674 violet-stained sections around Bregma -1.5 mm (Paxinos adult mouse brain atlas, Franklin and 675 Paxinos, 1997). TIFF files were opened in ImageJ with the following settings: 9 decimal places 676 (using the panel Analyze/Set Measurements) and "cm" as unit length (using Analyze/Set Scale). 677 The polygone selection tool was used to measure area and the straight line tool was selected to 678 measure length. The thickness of the different cortical layers (layer I to layer VI) were estimated 679 in the somatosensory cortex based on the shape and density of the neurons on these different layers. Cell count performed in the somatosensory cortex was done within a counting frame of 680 681 0.1 cm. Cell count performed in the CA1 was done within a counting frame of 0.04 cm width). 682 Olig2+-positive cells within the corpus callosum were counted by measuring a distance of 1 683 mm from the midline of the brain and selecting the corpus callosum area underneath. Cell count 684 was done manually.

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#### 686 **RNA-seq libraries and analysis**

Total RNA was Trizol-extracted from 2 wild-type and 2 Dyrk1a<sup>C/C</sup> frozen P30 687 688 hippocampi. RNA was treated with DNase (Qiagen) and purified on the RNeasy MinElute 689 Cleanup Kit (Qiagen). 2 µg of total RNA were treated with the Ribo-Zero rRNA Removal Kit 690 (Human/Mouse/Rat; Illumina). Depleted RNA was precipitated 1h at -80°C in three volumes 691 of ethanol plus 1 µg of glycogen. RNA was then washed and resuspended in 36 µl of RNAse 692 free water. RNA fragmentation buffer (NEBNext® Magnesium RNA Fragmentation Module) 693 was added to the solution and the RNA was fragmented by incubation at 95°C for 3 min. cDNA 694 first strand synthesis was performed with random hexamer primers and cDNA second strand

synthesis was performed with dUTPs, to ensure strand specificity. The RNA-seq library was
synthetized with KAPA Hyper prep kit (Kapa Biosystems, Wilmington, MA, USA): a treatment
with USER enzyme (NEB, M5505L) was added to digest the unspecific strand.

The libraries were pooled (4/lane) on an Illumina HiSeq. 2000. Libraries were sequenced (50 cycles, single-end) yielding on average 40 million mapped reads. RNA-Seq libraries were mapped with GSNAP (version 2015-06-23) against mm9 mouse RefSeq annotations updated to the 28/7/2015.

DESeq 2 (v1.14) was used to perform statistical comparisons. All the enrichment analysis were
made from standard hypergeometric tests with benjamini or bonferroni correction. The markers
of hippocampal cell types were obtained from [ref] and the common background genes were
evaluated prior to the enrichment (hypergeometric test). GO annotations were updated to
25/6/2015.

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#### 708 **Proteomic analysis**

709 Fourty microgram of total protein extracts from hippocampus (4 controls, 5 Dp1Yey, 4 Dp1Yey;  $Dyrk1a^{C/+}$  and 5  $Dyrk1a^{C/+}$ ) were used for the preparation. Samples were precipitated, 710 711 reduced, alkylated and digested with LysC and trypsin at 37°C overnight. 10 µg of each sample 712 were then labeled with TMT isobaric tags, pooled, desalted on a C18 spin-column and dried on 713 a speed-vacuum before nanoLC-MS/MS analysis. Samples were separated on a C18 Accucore nano-column (75 µm ID x50 cm, 2.6 µm, 150 Å, Thermo Fisher Scientific) coupled in line with 714 715 an Orbitrap ELITE mass spectrometer (Thermo Scientific, San Jose, California). Samples were 716 analyzed in a Top15 HCD (High Collision Dissociation) mass spectrometry on 8h gradient. 717 Data were processed by database searching using SequestHT (Thermo Fisher Scientific) with 718 Proteome Discoverer 1.4 software (Thermo Fisher Scientific) against a mouse Swissprot 719 database (release 2015-03). Peptides were filtered at 5% false discovery rate (FDR) and one

720 peptide in rank 1. Protein quantitation (ratio of the intensity of the fragmented tag in sample 721 "x" to the intensity of the fragmented tag in one control (disomic) sample used as the reference) 722 was performed with reporter ions quantifier node in Proteome Discoverer 1.4 software with 723 integration tolerance of 20 ppm, and the purity correction factor were applied according to the 724 manufacturer's instructions. A scaling factor normalization method was used in order to make 725 sample ratios comparable. Ratios were normalized by calculating the mean of all the peptide 726 ratios in one sample, calculating a scaling factor (sf=mean [ratio control ref]/mean [ratio sample 727 x]) for each sample and multiplying each ratio by the sf. Data were filtered with the following 728 criteria: minimum number of peptide ratios used to calculate the protein ratio equal to 2; variability of the peptide ratios <20%; ratio of Dp1Yey and  $Dyrk1a^{C/+}$  samples compared to 729 mean of disomic controls, x>1.2 or x<0.8 and ratio of Dp1Yey; $Dyrk1a^{C/+}$  samples compared to 730 731 mean of disomic controls 0.8 < x < 1.2 among proteins that were selected as deregulated in 732 Dp1Yey. GO enrichment was calculated in the **ToppCluster** website 733 (https://toppcluster.cchmc.org/), looking at enrichment within the following features: 734 Molecular functions, Biological processes, Cellular components, Phenotypes and Pathways, 735 and using a Bonferroni correction cut-off of P<0.05. The results of the enrichments can be found 736 in the Supplementary Table, Excel File S5.

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#### 738 Co-immunoprecipitation

Immunoprecipitations were performed on fresh half brains of 3-month old wild-type male mice. Brains were dissected and lysed in 1.2 ml RIPA lysis buffer (Santa-Cruz Biotechnology, France) using Precellys® homogenizer tubes. After centrifugation at 2800 g for  $2\times15$  s, 1 ml brain extract was incubated with 2 µg of antibody of interest at 4°C for 1 h under gentle rotation. An aliquot of the remaining supernatant was kept for further immunoblotting as homogenate control. Then, 20 µl protein G agarose beads, previously washed three times with bead buffer,

were added to the mix and gently rotated at 4°C for 30 min. After a 1 min spin at 10,000 g and
removal of the supernatant, the pelleted immune complexes were washed three times with bead
buffer before WB analysis with appropriate antibodies directed against DYRK1A (H00001859
M01, Interchim; 1:1000), NMDAR2B (Abcam, #ab65783), PSD95 (ab18258, Abcam, France;
1:1000), CAMK2A (PA5-14315, Thermo Fisher Scientific; 1:1000), SYNGAP (sc-8572, Santa
Cruz biotechnologies; 1:5000) and GAPDH (MA5-15738, Thermo Fisher Scientific; 1:3000).
Immunoblots were revealed with Clarity Western ECL Substrate (Bio-Rad).

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#### 753 Mouse behavioural analysis

754 A series of behavioural experiments were conducted in mice with a range of age starting at 2,5 755 up to 7 months, as described in the Supplementary information. For all these tests, mice were 756 kept in ventilated cages with free access to food and water. The light cycle was controlled as 757 12 h light and 12 h dark (lights on at 7:00 AM) and the tests were conducted between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM. Due to the difficulty to obtain Dp1Yey; Dyrk1a<sup>KO/+</sup> mice (triple crossing and 758 759 subfertility of the Dp1Yey line), both males and females were pooled for the analysis. Animals 760 were transferred to the experimental room 30 min before each experimental test. Behavioural 761 experimenters were blinded as to the genetic status of the animals. Behavioural experiments 762 were performed in agreement with the EC directive 2010/63/UE86/609/CEE and was approved 763 by the local animal care, use and ethic committee of the IGBMC (Com'Eth, no.17, APAFIS 764 2012-069). The PTZ-induced seizures protocol received the accreditation number 765 APAFIS#6321. All the standard operating procedures for behavioural phenotyping have been 766 already described [82-84] and are detailed in the supplementary information.

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#### 768 Statistical analysis

769 Statistical analyses were performed using SigmaPlot software. For histological assessments and behavioral tests comparing  $Dyrk1a^{Camk2aCre/Camk2aCre}$  animals to controls, statistical analyses 770 771 were performed using unpaired t-test when appropriate or the non-parametric Mann-Whitney 772 rank sum test unless otherwise stated in the text. For the four groups analyses (Dp1Yey, Dp1Yey, Dp1Yey; *Dyrk1a<sup>C/+</sup>*, Dp1Yey, *Dyrk1a<sup>C/+</sup>* and controls) a two-way ANOVA did not 773 774 reveal a significant effect of sex and no interaction with the genotype. Therefore, the sex factor 775 was dropped from the model and a one-way ANOVA and post hoc Tukey's multiple 776 comparison test were used to analyse differences between the four genotype groups.

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# 798 **TABLE**

Up-regulated	l genes				
GO TERM	BENJ. PVAL	COUNTS	ENRICHMENT	EXPECTED	DESCRIPTION
GO:0006351	7.31e-05	54/1882	21.68	2.40	Transcription, DNA-template
GO:0006357	5.04e-05	51/1805	20.79	2.45	Regulation of transcription from RNA polymerase
GO:0044212	9.82e-05	32/847	9.76	3.28	Transcription regulatory region DNA binding
GO:0006325	3.12e-03	26/614	7.07	3.68	Chromatin organization
GO:0009653	1.65e-03	52/2069	23.86	2.18	Anatomical structure morphogenesis
Down-regula	ted genes				
GO TERM	BENJ.	COUNTS	ENRICHMENT	EXPECTED	DESCRIPTION
	PVAL				
GO:0045202	<b>PVAL</b> 3.09e-08	36/905	8.99	4.01	Synapse
GO:0045202 GO:0043005	PVAL 3.09e-08 1.10e-05	36/905 39/1285	8.99 12.76	4.01 3.06	Synapse Neuron projection
GO:0045202 GO:0043005 GO:0098793	PVAL           3.09e-08           1.10e-05           4.23e-04	36/905 39/1285 18/354	8.99 12.76 3.51	4.01 3.06 5.12	Synapse Neuron projection Presynapse
GO:0045202 GO:0043005 GO:0098793 GO:0070382	PVAL           3.09e-08           1.10e-05           4.23e-04           1.02e-03	36/905 39/1285 18/354 13/185	8.99 12.76 3.51 1.84	4.01 3.06 5.12 7.08	Synapse Neuron projection Presynapse Exocytic vesicle
GO:0045202 GO:0043005 GO:0098793 GO:0070382 GO:0008021	PVAL           3.09e-08           1.10e-05           4.23e-04           1.02e-03           2.64e-03	36/905 39/1285 18/354 13/185 12/167	8.99 12.76 3.51 1.84 1.66	4.01 3.06 5.12 7.08 7.24	Synapse Neuron projection Presynapse Exocytic vesicle Synaptic vesicle
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GO:0045202 GO:0043005 GO:0098793 GO:0070382 GO:0008021 GO:0070044 GO:0031201 GO:0001505	PVAL         3.09e-08         1.10e-05         4.23e-04         1.02e-03         2.64e-03         1.04e-03         1.96e-01         1.13e-02	36/905 39/1285 18/354 13/185 12/167 4/5 6/49 12/191	8.99 12.76 3.51 1.84 1.66 0.05 0.49 1.90	4.01 3.06 5.12 7.08 7.24 80.58 12.33 6.33	Synapse Neuron projection Presynapse Exocytic vesicle Synaptic vesicle Synaptobrevin 2-SNAP-25-syntaxib-1a complex SNARE complex Regulation of neurotransmitter levels
GO:0045202 GO:0043005 GO:0098793 GO:0070382 GO:0008021 GO:0070044 GO:0031201 GO:0001505 GO:0061025	PVAL         3.09e-08         1.10e-05         4.23e-04         1.02e-03         2.64e-03         1.04e-03         1.96e-01         1.13e-02         6.36e-02	36/905 39/1285 18/354 13/185 12/167 4/5 6/49 12/191 10/151	8.99 12.76 3.51 1.84 1.66 0.05 0.49 1.90 1.50	4.01 3.06 5.12 7.08 7.24 80.58 12.33 6.33 6.67	Synapse Neuron projection Presynapse Exocytic vesicle Synaptic vesicle Synaptobrevin 2-SNAP-25-syntaxib-1a complex SNARE complex Regulation of neurotransmitter levels Membrane fusion

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## 800 Table 1: GO enrichment analyses of the up- and down-regulated genes expressed in the

801 *Dyrk1a<sup>C/C</sup>* hippocampus (*Benjamini* cut-off of P < 0.05).

# 803 Figure Legends





805 Figure 1: Generation of mice deficient for Dyrk1a in the glutamatergic neurons. (A) 806 DYRK1A (red) co-localizes with CAMK2A (green) in the glutamatergic pyramidal neurons of 807 the CA1-3, the granular neurons of the dentate gyrus (DG) and in the cortex. (B) Targeting 808 strategy for conditional inactivation of *Dyrk1a*. Exon 7 containing the serine/threonine protein 809 kinase active site was flanked with loxP sites (red arrowheads) in two steps: a targeted allele 810 was first generated by homologous recombination in ES cells, then in vivo expression of the 811 Flp recombinase resulted in recombinaison of the FRT sites (green arrowheads) and removal 812 of the selection cassette (white box) generating the conditional allele (cKO). The knock-out allele (KO) was observed in the brain of Dyrk1a<sup>C/C</sup>. Arrows represent primers for PCR 813 genotyping. Genomic DNA was isolated from different organs from a  $Dyrkla^{C/C}$  mouse and 814 815 genotyped for the presence of the knock-out allele with primers Lf and Er, giving a 232 bp PCR product for the KO allele. (C) Ratio of relative mRNA of Dyrkla in different brain structures 816 in  $Dyrkla^{C/C}$  and disomic control mice. (D) Autoradiographic image and quantification of 817 818 immunoblots of DYRK1A protein in the hippocampus of  $Dyrk1a^{C/C}$  mice relative to control 819 mice. Band intensities were estimated using ImageJ and normalized against the loading control 820 GAPDH. (E) DYRK1A immunohistochemistry of coronal brain sections at the level of the hippocampus from control and  $Dyrkla^{C/C}$  mice. Data are presented as point plots with mean  $\pm$ 821 SD with unpaired Student's t-test, \*p<0.05, \*\*p<0.01, \*\*\*p<0.001 (n=5 ctrl and 4  $Dyrk1a^{C/C}$ 822 823 hippocampus for mRNA analysis and n=3 per genotype for protein analysis). CA1, Cornus 824 Ammonis 1; CA3, Cornus Ammonis 3; DG, Dentate Gyrus; Cer: Cerebellum; Cx, Cortex.



827 Figure 2: Consequence of Dyrk1a inactivation in glutamatergic neurons on brain 828 morphology. (A) Brain weight from male and female mice aged 3 months old (n=7-9 per genotype). (B) Representative coronal sections of control (Ctrl) (left) and  $Dyrkla^{C/C}$  (right) 829 830 brains at Bregma -1.5 stained with cresyl violet and luxol blue that were used for measurements 831 (Magnification 20X). (C) Dot plots of total brain area measurements (red line around the brain 832 in B). (D) Dot plots of hippocampal areas (red area around hipp in B). (E) Measurements of the 833 thickness of the cortex at the 3 levels represented by red lines in figure B. (F) Representative 834 cresyl violet and luxol blue stained coronal sections of somatosensory cortex layers in control (ctrl) and  $Dyrk1a^{C/C}$  brains at Bregma -1.5. (G) Measurements of the thickness of the different 835 836 layers presented in figure F. (H) Relative density of cells counted in layers II-III, V and VI 837 within a frame of 0.1 cm width (see figure) at the level of the somatosensory cortex. Data are 838 presented as point plots with mean  $\pm$  SD with unpaired Student's t-test, \*p<0.05, \*\*p<0.01, 839 \*\*\*p<0.001 (n=3 females per genotype). AUD: auditory cortex, SSC: somatosensory cortex, 840 DMC: dorso motor cortex, Hipp: hippocampus.



#### 843 Figure 3: Impact of *Dyrk1a* inactivation in glutamatergic neurons on general behavior, 844 locomotor activity and cognition. (A) The exploratory behavior of a new environment was 845 analyzed by the percentage of time spent in the center of an open field over 30 min of test. $Dyrk1a^{C/C}$ mice spent more time in the center of the arena, suggesting that they are less anxious. 846 847 (B) Confirmation of the phenotype in a new group of mice using the Elevated Plus Maze test (EPM) with $Dyrk1a^{C/C}$ mice showing a higher percentage of time spent in the open arms of the 848 849 maze. (C) Mouse activity, measured by the number of entries in both open and closed arms, 850 was increased in $Dyrk1a^{C/C}$ animals. (D) Evaluation of the locomotor performance on the 851 rotarod during consecutive trials with increased rotational speeds. The latency is the mean of 3 independent trials. Dyrk1a<sup>C/C</sup> mice showed increased performance. (E) In the NOR test, the 852 853 percentage of time spent exploring the familiar (FO) and the new (NO) objects show that control mice spend significantly more time on the NO while $Dyrk1a^{C/C}$ mice do not make any difference 854 855 between the two objects. (F) Exploration times of the two identical objects during the presentation phase of the NOR show that $Dyrk1a^{C/C}$ mice tend to have an increased exploration 856 857 time. (G) Total exploratory time of the two objects during the test indicates that the absence of object discrimination of the $Dyrkla^{C/C}$ mice is not due to a lack of interest of the objects. (H) 858 859 Percentage of freezing time during the habituation phase (before the foot shock; basal level of 860 activity) (Habituation; Mann-Whitney rank sum test, p=0.71) and during the 6 min of contextual 861 exposure 24 hours later indicate a deficit of contextual learning in $Dvrk1a^{C/C}$ mice. (I-J) Pain 862 sensitivity was evaluated by measuring the mouse latency to elicit a response to pain when put on a plate (52°C). In this test, $Dyrkla^{C/C}$ and $Dyrkla^{+/-}$ mice had a lower threshold than their 863 864 control littermates. (K) Interest in social interaction was measured by the time spent sniffing 865 the cage containing a congener (C1) during the Crawley test. This time was reduced for $Dyrk1a^{C/C}$ mice compared to control mice (unpaired t-test p=0.01) while the time spent 866 867 exploring the empty cage (EC) was the same between the two groups (unpaired t-test p=0.23).

Data are presented as point plots with mean  $\pm$  SD. Statistical analyses were done with unpaired Student's t-test or Mann-Whitney rank sum test if normality test failed, except E: paired T-test FO vs NO and one sample T-test vs 50% mean (in red: \*\*\*p<0.001); n=8-10 per genotype. B-C (EPM) and E-G (NOR) were done with another batch of mice, n=14-15 per genotype; \*p<0.05, \*\*p<0.01, \*\*\*p<0.001.







874 Figure 4: Consequence of the normalization of Dyrk1a in glutamatergic neurons of 875 **Dp1Yey mice on animal cognition.** (A) The total distance travelled in the open field during a 30 min session is significantly increased in the Dp1Yey/Dyrk1 $a^{C/+}$  mice compared to the control 876 mice (Kruskal-Wallis One Way Analysis of Variance on Ranks, p=0.009 with Dunn's post hoc 877 multiple comparison procedures versus control,  $Dp1Yey/Dyrk1^{C//+}$  vs control, p=0.007). (B) 878 879 Percentage time spent in the center of the OF does not vary between genotypes (One way 880 ANOVA, F(3, 40)=2.76, p=0.054). (C) Percentage of spontaneous alternation of the mice 881 during a 5 min session in a Y-maze. Lower percentage of alternation was found in Dp1Yey mice and in Dp1Yey/Dyrk1 $a^{C/+}$  indicating a deficit in working memory in Dp1Yey mice that is 882 883 not rescued in Dp1Yey/Dyrk1a<sup>C/+</sup> mice (One way ANOVA, Holm-Sidak method for multiple 884 comparisons versus control group, F(3,49)=4.3, p=0.009, Dp1Yey vs control q=2.48, p=0.03, Dp1Yey/Dyrk1 $a^{C/+}$  q=3.24, p=0.006). (D-E) Novel object recognition was assessed with 24 885 886 hour time laps. (D) Time spent exploring the two identical objects during the first object presentation session was decreased in  $Dp1Yey/Dyrk1a^{C/+}$  mice (Kruskal-Wallis One Way 887 888 Analysis of Variance on Ranks, p=0.02 with Dunn's post hoc multiple comparison procedures versus control, Dp1Yey/Dyrk1a<sup>C//+</sup> vs control, p=0.02). (E) When introducing the novel object 889 during the retention period, both control and  $Dp1Yey/Dyrk1a^{C/+}$  lines spent significantly more 890 891 time exploring the novel object than the familiar one (Paired t-test novel object vs familiar 892 object, ctrl p=0.003, Dp1Yey/Dyrk1 $a^{C/+}$  p=0.02), whereas Dp1Yey and Dyrk1 $a^{C/+}$  mice did not (Paired t-test novel object vs familiar object, Dp1Yey p=0.57,  $Dyrk1a^{C/+} p=0.56$ ), revealing a 893 significant deficit in memory for both Dp1Yev and  $Dvrk1a^{C/+}$  mice which is rescued in 894  $Dp1Yey/Dyrk1a^{C/+}$  mice. (F) Mice were tested for social novelty preference. All the genotypes 895 896 but Dp1Yey spent significantly more time sniffing the new congener (Paired t-test congener vs empty cage, ctrl p=0.004, Dp1Yey p=0.13, Dp1Yey/Dyrk1 $a^{C/+}$  p=0.002, Dyrk1 $a^{C/+}$  p=0.002). 897 Data are presented as point plots with mean  $\pm$  SD. (n=8-15 per genotype, \*p<0.05, \*\*p<0.01) 898

899 Males (in blue) and females (in red) are pooled in the same graph as the statistical analyses did





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903 Figure 5: Proteomic analysis (A) Venn diagram showing the numbers of deregulated proteins in the different mouse models. The numbers of proteins shown for the Dp1Yey/Dyrk1 $a^{C/+}$ 904 905 model (in dark blue) correspond to proteins that were deregulated in the Dp1Yey and back to 906 normal levels in this model (proteins that are regulated by Dyrk1a in the trisomy). Proteins deregulated by both *Dyrk1a* up and down-regulation (common to Dp1Yey, Dp1Yey/Dyrk1a<sup>C/+</sup> 907 and  $Dyrk1a^{C/+}$ ) are listed in the grey shaded box. (B) Radar plots of GO terms that are mostly 908 909 enriched in the Dp1Yey model (in red with scale bar corresponding to the log of the p-value) 910 and of the proportion of the proteins found deregulated in Dp1Yey which amount is normalized by the return in 2 copies in the Dp1Yey/Dyrk1 $a^{C/+}$  model (in blue with scale bar corresponding 911 912 to the % of Dp1Yey deregulated protein back to normal levels). (C) Visual representation of the GO enrichments for the deregulated proteins in Dp1Yey and  $Dyrk1a^{C/+}$  hippocampi with 913 914 connection between common terms. The different categories of GO are represented by different 915 colors: pink for Cellular components", blue for "Molecular functions", green for "Pathways", 916 orange for "Biological processes" and grey for "Phenotypes". The list of proteins in the box corresponds to proteins present in the common deregulated GO terms (in red deregulated 917 918 proteins in Dp1Yey and in green proteins deregulated in  $Dvrk1a^{C/+}$ ). (D) Western blots of 919 DYRK1A, NR2B, PSD95, SYNGAP and CAMK2 proteins following IPs of wild-type mice 920 brain extracts. We found in NR2B, PSD95 and CAMK2 in the IPs of DYRK1A. We also 921 detected DYRK1A in the IPs of NR2B, PSD95 and SYNGAP.

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