

1 **Regulation of Store-Operated Ca²⁺ Entry by IP₃ Receptors Independent of Their**
2 **Ability to Release Ca²⁺**

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17 **ABSTRACT**

18 Loss of ER Ca²⁺ activates store-operated Ca²⁺ entry (SOCE) by causing STIM1 to
19 unfurl domains that activate Orai1 channels in the plasma membrane at membrane
20 contact sites (MCS). In human neurons, SOCE evoked by thapsigargin to deplete ER
21 Ca²⁺ is attenuated by loss of IP₃Rs, and restored by expression of IP₃Rs even when
22 they cannot release Ca²⁺, but only if the IP₃Rs can bind IP₃. In cells expressing pore-
23 dead IP₃Rs, IP₃ enhances SOCE evoked by partial store depletion without enhancing
24 Ca²⁺ release. Proximity ligation assays establish that IP₃Rs enhance association of
25 STIM1 with Orai1 in cells with empty stores; this requires an IP₃-binding site, but not a
26 pore. Over-expressing STIM1, or extended synaptotagmin-1 to exaggerate MCS,
27 circumvents the need for IP₃Rs. Thus, IP₃ binding to IP₃Rs stimulates SOCE by both
28 mediating ER Ca²⁺ release and promoting STIM1-Orai1 interactions. Convergent
29 regulation by IP₃Rs may tune SOCE to respond selectively to IP₃.

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34 operated Ca²⁺ entry

35 INTRODUCTION

36 The activities of all eukaryotic cells are regulated by increases in cytosolic free Ca^{2+}
37 concentration ($[\text{Ca}^{2+}]_c$), which are almost invariably evoked by the opening of Ca^{2+} -
38 permeable ion channels in biological membranes. The presence of these Ca^{2+}
39 channels within the plasma membrane (PM) and the membranes of intracellular Ca^{2+}
40 stores, most notably the endoplasmic reticulum (ER), allows cells to use both
41 intracellular and extracellular sources of Ca^{2+} to evoke Ca^{2+} signals. In animal cells,
42 the most widely expressed Ca^{2+} signaling sequence links extracellular stimuli, through
43 their specific receptors and activation of phospholipase C, to formation of inositol
44 1,4,5-trisphosphate (IP_3), which then stimulates Ca^{2+} release from the ER through IP_3
45 receptors (IP_3R) (Foskett *et al.*, 2007; Prole and Taylor, 2019). IP_3Rs occupy a central
46 role in Ca^{2+} signaling by releasing Ca^{2+} from the ER. IP_3Rs thereby elicit cytosolic
47 Ca^{2+} signals, and by depleting the ER of Ca^{2+} they initiate a sequence that leads to
48 activation of store-operated Ca^{2+} entry (SOCE) across the PM (Putney, 1986;
49 Thillaiappan *et al.*, 2019). SOCE occurs when loss of Ca^{2+} from the ER causes Ca^{2+} to
50 dissociate from the luminal Ca^{2+} -binding sites of an integral ER protein, stromal
51 interaction molecule 1 (STIM1). STIM1 then unfolds its cytosolic domains to expose a
52 region that binds directly to a Ca^{2+} channel within the PM, Orai, causing it to open and
53 Ca^{2+} to flow into the cell across the PM (Parekh and Putney, 2005; Prakriya and
54 Lewis, 2015; Lewis, 2020). The interactions between STIM1 and Orai occur across a
55 narrow gap between the ER and PM, a membrane contact site (MCS), where STIM1
56 puncta trap Orai channels. While STIM1 and Orai are undoubtedly the core
57 components of SOCE, many additional proteins modulate their interactions (Rosado,

58 Jenner and Sage, 2000; Palty *et al.*, 2012; Deb, Pathak and Hasan, 2016; Srivats *et*
59 *al.*, 2016) and other proteins contribute by regulating the assembly of MCS (Chang *et*
60 *al.*, 2013; Giordano *et al.*, 2013; Kang *et al.*, 2019).

61 It is accepted that IP₃-evoked Ca²⁺ release from the ER through IP₃Rs is the usual
62 means by which extracellular stimuli evoke SOCE. Here, the role of the IP₃R is widely
63 assumed to be restricted to its ability to mediate Ca²⁺ release from the ER and thereby
64 activate STIM1. Evidence from *Drosophila*, where we suggested an additional role for
65 IP₃Rs in regulating SOCE (Agrawal *et al.*, 2010; Chakraborty *et al.*, 2016), motivated
66 the present study, wherein we examined the contribution of IP₃Rs to SOCE in
67 mammalian neurons. We show that in addition to their ability to activate STIM1 by
68 evoking ER Ca²⁺ release, IP₃Rs also facilitate interactions between active STIM1 and
69 Orai1. This additional role for IP₃Rs, which is regulated by IP₃ but does not require a
70 functional pore, reveals an unexpected link between IP₃, IP₃Rs and Ca²⁺ signaling that
71 is not mediated by IP₃-evoked Ca²⁺ release. We speculate that dual regulation of
72 SOCE by IP₃Rs may allow Ca²⁺ release evoked by IP₃ to be preferentially coupled to
73 SOCE.

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75 **RESULTS**

76 **Loss of IP₃R1 Attenuates SOCE in Human Neural Stem Cells and Neurons**

77 We investigated the effects of IP₃Rs on SOCE by measuring [Ca²⁺]_c in human neural
78 stem cells and neurons prepared from embryonic stem cells. Human neural progenitor
79 cells (hNPCs) were derived from H9 embryonic stem cells using small molecules that
80 mimic cues provided during human brain development (Gopurappilly *et al.*, 2018). We

81 confirmed that hNPCs express canonical markers of neural stem cells (**Figure 1A**)
82 and that IP₃R1 is the predominant IP₃R subtype (GEO accession no. GSE109111)
83 (Gopurappilly *et al.*, 2018). An inducible lentiviral shRNA-miR construct targeting
84 IP₃R1 reduced IP₃R1 expression by 93 ± 0.4% relative to a non-silencing (NS)
85 construct (**Figures 1B and 1C**). Carbachol stimulates muscarinic acetylcholine
86 receptors, which are expressed at low levels in hNPCs (Gopurappilly *et al.*, 2018). In
87 Ca²⁺-free medium, carbachol evoked an increase in [Ca²⁺]_c in about 10% of hNPCs,
88 consistent with it stimulating Ca²⁺ release from the ER through IP₃Rs. Restoration of
89 extracellular Ca²⁺ then evoked an increase in [Ca²⁺]_c in all cells that responded to
90 carbachol. Both carbachol-evoked Ca²⁺ release and SOCE were abolished in hNPCs
91 expressing IP₃R1-shRNA, confirming the effectiveness of the IP₃R1 knockdown
92 (**Figures S1A-S1C**).

93 Thapsigargin, a selective and irreversible inhibitor of the ER Ca²⁺ pump
94 (sarcoplasmic/endoplasmic reticulum Ca²⁺-ATPase, SERCA), was used to deplete the
95 ER of Ca²⁺ and thereby activate SOCE (**Figure 1D**) (Parekh and Putney, 2005).
96 Restoration of extracellular Ca²⁺ to thapsigargin-treated hNPCs evoked a large
97 increase in [Ca²⁺]_c, reflecting the activity of SOCE (**Figure 1D**). The maximal
98 amplitude and rate of SOCE were significantly reduced in cells lacking IP₃R1, but the
99 resting [Ca²⁺]_c and thapsigargin-evoked Ca²⁺ release were unaffected (**Figures 1D-1F**
100 and **Figures S1D and S1E**). STIM1 and Orai1 expression was also unaltered in
101 hNPC lacking IP₃R1 (**Figure S1G**). After spontaneous differentiation of hNPC, cells
102 expressed markers typical of mature neurons, and the cells responded to
103 depolarization with an increase in [Ca²⁺]_c (**Figures S1F and S1H-S1J**). Thapsigargin

104 evoked SOCE in these differentiated neurons; and expression of IP₃R1-shRNA
105 significantly reduced the SOCE response without affecting depolarization-evoked Ca²⁺
106 signals (**Figures 1H-1J** and **Figures S1H-S1L**).

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108 **Loss of IP₃R1 Attenuates SOCE in Human Neuroblastoma Cells**

109 IP₃Rs link physiological stimuli that evoke Ca²⁺ release from the ER to SOCE, but the
110 contribution of IP₃Rs is thought to be limited to their ability to deplete the ER of Ca²⁺.
111 We have reported that in *Drosophila* neurons there is an additional requirement for
112 IP₃Rs independent of ER Ca²⁺ release (Venkiteswaran and Hasan, 2009; Agrawal *et*
113 *al.*, 2010; Chakraborty *et al.*, 2016). Our results with hNPCs and stem cell-derived
114 neurons suggest a similar requirement for IP₃Rs in regulating SOCE in mammalian
115 neurons. To explore the mechanisms underlying this additional role for IP₃Rs, we
116 turned to a more tractable cell line, SH-SY5Y cells. These cells are derived from a
117 human neuroblastoma; they exhibit many neuronal characteristics (Agholme *et al.*,
118 2010); they express M3 muscarinic acetylcholine receptors that evoke IP₃-mediated
119 Ca²⁺ release and SOCE (Grudt, Usowicz and Henderson, 1996); and they express
120 predominantly IP₃R1 (Wojcikiewicz, 1995; Tovey *et al.*, 2001), with detectable IP₃R3,
121 but no IP₃R2 (**Figure 2A**). We used inducible expression of IP₃R1-shRNA to
122 significantly reduce IP₃R1 expression (by 74 ± 1.2%), without affecting IP₃R3 (**Figures**
123 **2A and 2B**). As expected, carbachol-evoked Ca²⁺ signals in individual SH-SY5Y cells
124 were heterogenous and the carbachol-evoked Ca²⁺ release was significantly reduced
125 by knockdown of IP₃R1 (**Figures 2C and 2D** and **Figures S2A and S2B**).
126 Thapsigargin evoked SOCE in SH-SY5Y cells (Grudt, Usowicz and Henderson, 1996),

127 and it was significantly attenuated after knockdown of IP₃R1 without affecting resting
128 [Ca²⁺]_c, the Ca²⁺ release evoked by thapsigargin or expression of STIM1 and Orai1
129 (**Figures 2E-2G** and **Figures S2C-S2E**). We also used CRISPR/Cas9n to disrupt one
130 copy of the IP₃R1 gene in SH-SY5Y cells with an associated decrease in IP₃R1
131 expression and attenuation of carbachol-evoked Ca²⁺ signals (**Figures S2F-S2I**). In
132 these cells, thapsigargin-evoked Ca²⁺ release was minimally perturbed, but the
133 resulting SOCE was much reduced (**Figures S2J and S2K**). These observations,
134 which replicate those from hNPCs and neurons (**Figure 1**), vindicate our use of SH-
135 SY5Y cells to explore the mechanisms linking IP₃Rs to SOCE in human neurons.

136 Expression of IP₃R1 or IP₃R3 in SH-SY5Y cells expressing IP₃R1-shRNA
137 restored both carbachol-evoked Ca²⁺ release and thapsigargin-evoked SOCE without
138 affecting resting [Ca²⁺]_c or thapsigargin-evoked Ca²⁺ release (**Figures 2H-2J** and
139 **Figures S3A-S3D**). Over-expression of STIM1 in cells expressing NS-shRNA had no
140 effect on SOCE (**Figures S3E and S3F**), but it restored thapsigargin-evoked SOCE in
141 cells expressing IP₃R1-shRNA, without affecting resting [Ca²⁺]_c or thapsigargin-evoked
142 Ca²⁺ release (**Figures 2K-2M**). We conclude that IP₃Rs are required for optimal
143 SOCE, but they are not essential because additional STIM1 can replace the need for
144 IP₃Rs (**Figure 3A**).

145 It has been reported that SOCE is unaffected by loss of IP₃R in non-neuronal
146 cells (Ma *et al.*, 2001; Chakraborty *et al.*, 2016). Consistent with these observations,
147 the SOCE evoked in HEK 293T cells by stores emptied fully by treatment with
148 thapsigargin was unaffected by expression of IP₃R1 shRNA (**Figures S4A-S4C**) or by
149 knockout of all three IP₃R subtypes using CRISPR/cas9 (**Figures S4D and S4E**).

150 Neuronal and non-neuronal cells may, therefore, differ in the contribution of IP₃R to
151 SOCE. We return to this point later.

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153 **Binding of IP₃ to IP₃R Without a Functional Pore Stimulates SOCE**

154 IP₃Rs are large tetrameric channels that open when they bind IP₃ and Ca²⁺, but they
155 also associate with many other proteins (Prole and Taylor, 2019), and many IP₃Rs
156 within cells appear not to release Ca²⁺ (Thillaiappan *et al.*, 2019). A point mutation
157 (D2550A, IP₃R1^{D/A}) within the IP₃R1 pore prevents it from conducting Ca²⁺ (Dellis *et*
158 *al.*, 2008). As expected, expression of IP₃R1^{D/A} in cells lacking IP₃R1 failed to rescue
159 carbachol-evoked Ca²⁺ release, but it unexpectedly restored thapsigargin-evoked
160 SOCE (**Figures 3B-3D** and **Figures S5A-S5E**). We confirmed that rescue of
161 thapsigargin-evoked Ca²⁺ entry by this pore-dead IP₃R was mediated by a
162 conventional SOCE pathway by demonstrating that it was substantially attenuated by
163 siRNA-mediated knockdown of Orai1 (**Figures 3C and 3D** and **Figures S5F-S5H**).

164 Activation of IP₃Rs is initiated by IP₃ binding to the N-terminal IP₃-binding core of
165 each IP₃R subunit (Prole and Taylor, 2019). Mutation of two conserved phosphate-
166 coordinating residues in the α -domain of the binding core (R568Q and K569Q of
167 IP₃R1, IP₃R1^{RQ/KQ}) almost abolishes IP₃ binding (Yoshikawa *et al.*, 1996; Iwai *et al.*,
168 2007), while mutation of a single residue (R568Q, IP₃R1^{RQ}) reduces the IP₃ affinity by
169 ~10-fold (Dellis *et al.*, 2008). Expression of rat IP₃R1^{RQ/KQ} rescued neither carbachol-
170 evoked Ca²⁺ release nor thapsigargin-evoked SOCE in cells lacking IP₃R1 (**Figures**
171 **3E and 3F** and **Figure S5C**). However, expression of IP₃R1^{RQ} substantially rescued
172 thapsigargin-evoked SOCE (**Figures 3E and 3F** and **Figures S5I and S5J**).

173 Expression of an N-terminal fragment of rat IP₃R (IP₃R1¹⁻⁶⁰⁴), to which IP₃ binds
174 normally (Iwai *et al.*, 2007), failed to rescue thapsigargin-evoked SOCE (**Figures S5K**
175 **and S5L**). These results establish that a functional IP₃-binding site within a full-length
176 IP₃R is required for IP₃Rs to facilitate thapsigargin-evoked SOCE. Hence in cells with
177 empty Ca²⁺ stores, IP₃ binding, but not pore-opening, is required for regulation of
178 SOCE by IP₃Rs. In cells stimulated only with thapsigargin and expressing IP₃Rs with
179 deficient IP₃ binding, basal levels of IP₃ are probably insufficient to meet this need.

180 We further examined the need for IP₃ by partially depleting the ER of Ca²⁺ using
181 cyclopiazonic acid (CPA), a reversible inhibitor of SERCA, to allow submaximal
182 activation of SOCE (**Figures S5M and S5N**). Under these conditions, addition of
183 carbachol in Ca²⁺-free HBSS to cells expressing IP₃R1-shRNA caused a small
184 increase in [Ca²⁺]_c (**Figures 4A-4C**). In the same cells expressing IP₃R1^{DA}, the
185 carbachol-evoked Ca²⁺ release was indistinguishable from that observed in cells
186 without IP₃R^{DA} (**Figures 4B and 4C**), indicating that the small response was entirely
187 mediated by residual native IP₃R1 and/or IP₃R3. Hence, the experiment allows
188 carbachol to stimulate IP₃ production in cells expressing IP₃R1^{DA} without causing
189 additional Ca²⁺ release. The key result is that in cells expressing IP₃R1^{DA}, carbachol
190 substantially increased SOCE (**Figures 4A-4C**). We conclude that IP₃, through IP₃Rs,
191 regulates coupling of empty stores to SOCE. This is the first example of an IP₃R
192 mediating a response to IP₃ that does not require the pore of the channel.

193 G-protein-coupled receptors are linked to IP₃ formation through the G-protein
194 Gq, which stimulates phospholipase C β (PLC β). We used YM-254890 to inhibit Gq

195 (Kostenis, Pfeil and Annala, 2020; Patt *et al.*, 2021). As expected, addition of YM-
196 254890 to wild type (WT) or NS-shRNA transfected SH-SY5Y cells abolished the Ca²⁺
197 signals evoked by carbachol, but it also reduced the maximal amplitude and rate of
198 thapsigargin-evoked SOCE (**Figures 4D- 4E** and **Figure S5O**). YM-254890 had no
199 effect on the residual thapsigargin-evoked SOCE in SH-SY5Y cells expressing IP₃R1-
200 shRNA (**Figure 4F** and **Figure S4O**). The latter result is important because it
201 demonstrates that the inhibition of SOCE in cells with functional IP₃Rs is not an off-
202 target effect causing a direct inhibition of SOCE.

203 In HEK 293T cells, YM-254890 had no effect on thapsigargin-evoked SOCE, but
204 it did inhibit SOCE in HEK 293T cells lacking IP₃R1 (**Figures 4G-4I** and **Figures S6C-**
205 **S6E**). These results suggest that in HEK 293T cells, which express all three IP₃R
206 subtypes (Mataragka & Taylor, 2018), neither loss of IP₃R1 nor inhibition of Gαq is
207 sufficient on its own to inhibit thapsigargin-evoked SOCE, but when combined there is
208 a synergistic loss of SOCE.

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210 **IP₃Rs Promote Interaction of STIM1 With Orai1 Within MCS**

211 Our evidence that IP₃Rs intercept coupling between empty stores and SOCE (**Figure**
212 **3A**) prompted us to investigate the coupling of STIM1 with Orai1 across the narrow
213 junctions between ER and PM (Carrasco and Meyer, 2011). An *in situ* proximity
214 ligation assay (PLA) is well suited to analyzing this interaction because it provides a
215 signal when two immunolabelled proteins are within ~40 nm of each other (Derangère
216 *et al.*, 2016), a distance comparable to the dimensions of the junctions wherein STIM1
217 and Orai1 interact (Poteser *et al.*, 2016). We confirmed the specificity of the PLA and

218 demonstrated that it reports increased association of STIM1 with Orai1 after treating
219 SH-SY5Y cells with thapsigargin (**Figure 5A** and **Figures S7A-S7F**). In cells
220 expressing IP₃R1-shRNA, thapsigargin had no effect on the STIM1-Orai1 interaction
221 reported by PLA, but the interaction was rescued by expression of IP₃R1 or IP₃R1^{DA}.
222 There was no rescue with IP₃R1^{RQ/KQ} (**Figures 5B-5E**). The results with PLA exactly
223 mirror those from functional analyses (**Figures 1** and **2**), suggesting that IP₃ binding to
224 IP₃R enhances SOCE by facilitating interaction of STIM1 with Orai1 (**Figure 3A**).

225 Extended synaptotagmins (E-Syts) are ER proteins that stabilize ER-PM
226 junctions including STIM1-Orai1 MCS (Maléth *et al.*, 2014; Kang *et al.*, 2019; Woo *et*
227 *al.*, 2020). Over-expression of E-Syt1 in SH-SY5Y cells expressing IP₃R1-shRNA
228 rescued thapsigargin-evoked Ca²⁺ entry without affecting resting [Ca²⁺]_c or
229 thapsigargin-evoked Ca²⁺ release (**Figures 6A-6C**). The rescued Ca²⁺ entry is likely to
230 be mediated by conventional SOCE because it was substantially attenuated by
231 knockdown of STIM1 (**Figures 6D-6F**). Over-expression of E-Syt1 had no effect on
232 SOCE in cells with unperturbed IP₃Rs (**Figures 6G-6I**). These results suggest that
233 attenuated SOCE after loss of IP₃Rs can be restored by exaggerating ER-PM MCS.

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235 **DISCUSSION**

236 After identification of STIM1 and Orai1 as core components of SOCE (Prakriya and
237 Lewis, 2015; Thillaiappan *et al.*, 2019), the sole role of IP₃Rs within the SOCE
238 pathway was assumed to be the release of ER Ca²⁺ that triggers STIM1 activation.
239 The assumption is consistent with evidence that thapsigargin-evoked SOCE can occur
240 in avian (Sugawara *et al.*, 1997; Ma *et al.*, 2002; Chakraborty *et al.*, 2016) and

241 mammalian cells without IP₃Rs (Prakriya and Lewis, 2001). Although SOCE in
242 mammalian HEK 293T was unaffected by loss of IP₃Rs in our study (**Figure 4G and**
243 **4I**), it was modestly reduced in other studies of mammalian cells (Bartok *et al.*, 2019;
244 Yue *et al.*, 2020). However, additional complexity is suggested by evidence that
245 SOCE may be reduced in cells without IP₃Rs (Chakraborty *et al.*, 2016; Bartok *et al.*,
246 2019; Yue *et al.*, 2020), by observations implicating phospholipase C in SOCE
247 regulation (Rosado, Jenner and Sage, 2000; Broad *et al.*, 2001), by evidence that
248 SOCE responds differently to IP₃Rs activated by different synthetic ligands (Parekh,
249 Riley and Potter, 2002) and by some, albeit conflicting reports (Ahmad *et al.*, 2022),
250 that IP₃Rs may interact with STIM and/or Orai (Woodard *et al.*, 2010; Santoso,
251 Cebotaru and Guggino, 2011; Béliveau, Lessard and Guillemette, 2014; Sampieri *et*
252 *al.*, 2018).

253 We identified two roles for IP₃Rs in controlling endogenous SOCE in human
254 neurons. As widely reported, IP₃Rs activate STIM1 by releasing Ca²⁺ from the ER, but
255 they also, and independent of their ability to release Ca²⁺, enhance interactions
256 between active STIM1 and Orai1 (**Figure 7**). The second role for IP₃Rs can be
257 supplanted by over-expressing other components of the SOCE complex, notably
258 STIM1 or ESyt1 (**Figures 2K-2M** and **Figures 6A and 6B**). It is intriguing that STIM1
259 (Carrasco and Meyer, 2011; Lewis, 2020), ESyt1 (Giordano *et al.*, 2013) and perhaps
260 IP₃Rs (through the IP₃-binding core) interact with phosphatidylinositol 4,5-
261 bisphosphate (PIP₂), which is dynamically associated with SOCE-MCS (Kang *et al.*,
262 2019). We suggest that the extent to which IP₃Rs tune SOCE in different cells is
263 probably determined by the strength of Gq signaling and endogenous interactions

264 between STIM1 and Orai1. The latter is likely to depend on the relative expression of
265 STIM1 and Orai1 (Woo *et al.*, 2020), the STIM isoforms expressed, expression of
266 proteins that stabilize STIM1-Orai1 interactions (Darbellay *et al.*, 2011; Rana *et al.*,
267 2015; Rosado *et al.*, 2016; Knapp *et al.*, 2020), and the size and number of the MCS
268 where STIM1 and Orai1 interact (Kang *et al.*, 2019). The multifarious contributors to
269 SOCE suggest that cells may differ in whether they express “spare capacity”. In
270 neuronal cells, loss of IP₃ (**Figure 4D**) or of the dominant IP₃R isoform (IP₃R1-shRNA;
271 **Figures 1 and 2**) is sufficient to unveil the contribution of IP₃R to SOCE, whereas
272 HEK 293T cells require loss of both IP₃ and IP₃R1 to unveil the contribution (**Figures**
273 **4H and 4I**). The persistence of SOCE in cells devoid of IP₃Rs (**Figures S4D and S4E**)
274 (Prakriya and Lewis, 2001; Ma *et al.*, 2002) probably arises from adaptive changes
275 within the SOCE pathway. This does not detract from our conclusion that under
276 physiological conditions, where receptors through IP₃ initiate SOCE, IP₃Rs actively
277 regulate SOCE.

278 The IP₃Rs that initiate Ca²⁺ signals reside in ER immediately beneath the PM and
279 alongside, but not within, the MCS where STIM1 accumulates after store depletion
280 (Thillaiappan *et al.*, 2017). In migrating cells too, IP₃Rs and STIM1 remain separated
281 as they redistribute to the leading edge (Okeke *et al.*, 2016). Furthermore, there is
282 evidence that neither STIM1 nor STIM2 co-immunoprecipitate with IP₃R1 (Ahmad *et*
283 *al.*, 2022). We suggest, and consistent with evidence that SOCE in cells without IP₃Rs
284 can be restored by over-expressing E-Syt1 (**Figures 6A-6C**), that IP₃Rs probably
285 facilitate SOCE by stabilizing the MCS wherein STIM1 and Orai1 interact, rather than
286 by directly regulating either protein. This proposal provides an analogy with similar

287 structural roles for IP₃Rs in maintaining MCS between ER and mitochondria (Bartok *et*
288 *al.*, 2019) or lysosomes (Atakpa *et al.*, 2018) (**Figure 7**). Since both contributions of
289 IP₃Rs to SOCE require IP₃ binding (**Figures 3E and 3F**), each is ultimately controlled
290 by receptors that stimulate IP₃ formation (**Figures 4B and 4C**). Convergent regulation
291 by IP₃Rs at two steps in the SOCE pathway may ensure that receptor-regulated PLC
292 activity provides the most effective stimulus for SOCE; more effective, for example,
293 than ryanodine receptors, which are also expressed in neurons. By opening IP₃Rs
294 parked alongside SOCE MCS (Thillaiappan *et al.*, 2017; Ahmad *et al.*, 2022), IP₃
295 selectively releases Ca²⁺ from ER that is optimally placed to stimulate SOCE, and by
296 facilitating Orai1-STIM1 interactions IP₃ reinforces this local activation of SOCE
297 (**Figure 7**).

298 We conclude that IP₃-regulated IP₃Rs regulate SOCE by mediating Ca²⁺ release
299 from the ER, thereby activating STIM1 and/or STIM2 (Ahmad *et al.*, 2022) and,
300 independent of their ability to release Ca²⁺, IP₃Rs facilitate the interactions between
301 STIM and Orai that activate SOCE. Dual regulation of SOCE by IP₃ and IP₃Rs allows
302 robust control by cell-surface receptors and may reinforce local stimulation of Ca²⁺
303 entry.

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321 The authors declare no competing interests.

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519 **Figure 1. Loss of IP₃R1 Attenuates SOCE in Human Neural Stem Cells**

520 (A) Confocal images of hNPCs (passage 6) stained for DAPI and neural stem cell
521 proteins: Pax6 and Ki67 (proliferation marker). Scale bars, 50 μm.

522 (B) WB for IP₃R1 of hNPCs expressing non-silencing (NS) or IP₃R1-shRNA.

523 (C) Summary results (mean ± s.d., *n* = 3) show IP₃R1 expression relative to actin. ***P*
524 < 0.01, Student's *t*-test with unequal variances.

525 (D) Changes in [Ca²⁺]_c evoked by thapsigargin (Tg, 10 μM) in Ca²⁺-free HBSS and
526 then restoration of extracellular Ca²⁺ (2 mM) in hNPCs expressing NS or IP₃R1-
527 shRNA. Mean ± s.e.m. from 3 independent experiments, each with 4 replicates that
528 together included 100-200 cells. Inset shows the target of Tg.

529 (E-G) Summary results (individual cells, median (bar), 25th and 75th percentiles (box)
530 and mean (circle)) show Ca²⁺ signals evoked by Tg or Ca²⁺ restoration (E), rate of
531 Ca²⁺ entry (F) and resting [Ca²⁺]_c (G). ****P* < 0.001, Mann-Whitney U-test.

532 (H) Changes in [Ca²⁺]_c evoked by Tg (10 μM) in Ca²⁺-free HBSS and after restoring
533 extracellular Ca²⁺ (2 mM) in neurons (differentiated hNPCs) expressing NS or IP₃R1-
534 shRNA. Mean ± s.e.m. from 3 experiments with 100-200 cells.

535 (I,J) Summary results (presented as in E-G) show Ca²⁺ signals evoked by Tg or Ca²⁺
536 restoration (I) and rate of Ca²⁺ entry (J). ****P* < 0.001. Mann-Whitney U-test.

537 See also **Figure S1**.

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539 **Figure 2. Loss of IP₃R1 Attenuates SOCE in SH-SY5Y Cells**

540 (A) WB for IP₃R1-3 of SH-SY5Y cells expressing non-silencing (NS) or IP₃R1-shRNA.

541 (B) Summary results (mean ± s.d., *n* = 4) show IP₃R expression relative to actin

542 normalized to control NS cells. ** *P* < 0.01, Student's *t*-test with unequal variances.

543 (C) Ca²⁺ signals evoked by carbachol (CCh, 3 μM) in SH-SY5Y cells expressing NS or

544 IP₃R1-shRNA. Mean ± s.e.m. from 3 experiments with 100-200 cells.

545 (D) Summary results show peak changes in [Ca²⁺]_c (Δ[Ca²⁺]_c) evoked by CCh. *** *P* <

546 0.001, Mann-Whitney U-test.

547 (E) Ca²⁺ signals evoked by thapsigargin (Tg, 10 μM) in Ca²⁺-free HBSS and then after

548 restoration of extracellular Ca²⁺ (2 mM) in cells expressing NS or IP₃R1-shRNA. Mean

549 ± s.e.m. from 3 experiments with 50-100 cells.

550 (F, G) Summary results (individual cells, mean ± s.e.m., *n* = 3, 50-100 cells) show

551 peak changes in [Ca²⁺]_c evoked by Ca²⁺ restoration (Δ[Ca²⁺]_c) (F) and rate of Ca²⁺

552 entry (G). *** *P* < 0.001, Mann-Whitney U-test.

553 (H) Ca²⁺ signals evoked by Tg and then Ca²⁺ restoration in cells expressing NS-

554 shRNA, or IP₃R1-shRNA alone or with IP₃R1 or IP₃R3. Traces show mean ± s.e.m.

555 (100-220 cells from 3 experiments).

556 (I, J) Summary results (mean ± s.e.m, 100-220 cells from 3 experiments) show peak

557 increases in [Ca²⁺]_c (Δ[Ca²⁺]_c) evoked by Ca²⁺ restoration (I) and rates of Ca²⁺ entry

558 (J) evoked by restoring extracellular Ca²⁺.

559 (K) Effects of thapsigargin (Tg, 10 μM) in Ca²⁺-free HBSS and then after Ca²⁺

560 restoration (2 mM) in cells expressing IP₃R1-shRNA alone or with IP₃R1 or mCh-

561 STIM1. Traces show mean ± s.e.m. (100-150 cells from 3 experiments).

562 (L, M) Summary results (mean \pm s.e.m.) show peak increase in $[Ca^{2+}]_c$ after Ca^{2+}
563 restoration ($\Delta[Ca^{2+}]_c$) (L) and rate of Ca^{2+} entry (M). Different letters indicate significant
564 differences (panels I, J, L, M), $P < 0.001$, one-way ANOVA with pair-wise Tukey's test.

565 See also **Figures S2-S4**.

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569 **Figure 3. Regulation of SOCE by IP₃R Requires IP₃ Binding But Not a Functional**
570 **Pore in SH-SY5Y cells**

571 (A) SOCE is activated when loss of Ca²⁺ from the ER through IP₃R activates STIM1

572 (i). Our results suggest an additional role for IP₃R (ii).

573 (B) SH-SY5Y cells expressing IP₃R1-shRNA alone or with IP₃R1 or IP₃R1^{DA} were

574 stimulated with thapsigargin (Tg, 1 μM) in Ca²⁺-free HBSS before restoring

575 extracellular Ca²⁺ (2 mM). Traces show mean ± s.e.m, for 100-150 cells from 3

576 experiments.

577 (C) Cells expressing IP₃R1-shRNA and IP₃R1^{DA} were treated with NS-siRNA or Orai1-

578 siRNA before measuring Tg-evoked Ca²⁺ entry. Traces show mean ± s.e.m. for 85-

579 100 cells from 3 experiments.

580 (D) Summary results (mean ± s.e.m.) show peak increases in [Ca²⁺]_c (Δ[Ca²⁺]_c)

581 evoked by Ca²⁺ restoration.

582 (E) Tg-evoked Ca²⁺ entry in cells expressing IP₃R1-shRNA with IP₃R1, IP₃R1^{RQ} or

583 IP₃R1^{RQ/KQ}. Traces show mean ± s.e.m, for 90-150 cells from 3 experiments.

584 (F) Summary results (mean ± s.e.m.) show peak increases in [Ca²⁺]_c (Δ[Ca²⁺]_c)

585 evoked by Ca²⁺ restoration. Different letter codes (panels D, F) indicate significantly

586 different values, *P* < 0.001, one-way ANOVA and pair-wise Tukey's test.

587 See also **Figure S5**.

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589 **Figure 4. Receptor-Regulated IP₃ Production Stimulates SOCE in Cells With**
590 **Empty Ca²⁺ Stores and Expressing Pore-Dead IP₃R**

591 (A, B) SH-SY5Y cells expressing IP₃R1-shRNA alone (A) or with IP₃R1^{DA} (B) were
592 treated with a low concentration of CPA (2 μM) in Ca²⁺-free HBSS to partially deplete
593 the ER of Ca²⁺ and sub-maximally activate SOCE (see **Figures S5M and S5N**).

594 Carbachol (CCh, 1 μM) was then added to stimulate IP₃ formation through muscarinic
595 receptors, and extracellular Ca²⁺ (2 mM) was then restored. Traces (mean ± s.e.m of
596 113-200 cells from 3 experiments) show responses with and without the CCh addition.

597 (C) Summary results show the peak increases in [Ca²⁺]_c (Δ[Ca²⁺]_c) after addition of
598 CCh (CCh-induced Ca²⁺ release) and then after restoring extracellular Ca²⁺ (SOCE).

599 (D-F) SH-SY5Y cells wild type (WT) (D) and expressing NS-shRNA (E) or IP₃R1-
600 shRNA (F) were treated with YM-254890 (YM, 1 μM, 5 min) in Ca²⁺-free HBSS to
601 inhibit Gαq and then with thapsigargin (Tg, 1 μM) before restoring extracellular Ca²⁺ (2
602 mM). Traces show mean ± s.e.m of 80 -100 cells from 3 experiments. .

603 (G-I) Similar analyses of HEK 293T cells. Summary results (mean ± s.e.m, 50-100
604 cells from 3 experiments) are shown in (I).

605 Different letter codes (panels C and I) indicate significantly different values within the
606 store Ca²⁺ release or SOCE groups, *P* < 0.001, one-way ANOVA and pair-wise
607 Tukey's test.

608 See also **Figure S6**.

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612 **Figure 5. IP₃Rs Promote Interaction of STIM1 With Orai1**

613 (A-E) PLA analyses of interactions between STIM1 and Orai1 in SH-SY5Y cells
614 expressing NS-shRNA (A) or IP₃R1-shRNA alone (B) or with IP₃R1 (C), IP₃R1^{DA} (D) or
615 IP₃R1^{RQ/KQ} (E). Confocal images are shown for control cells or after treatment with
616 thapsigargin (Tg, 1 μM) in Ca²⁺-free HBSS. PLA reaction product is red, and nuclei
617 are stained with DAPI (blue). Scale bars, 5 μm. Summary results show the surface
618 area of the PLA spots for 8-10 cells from 2 independent analyses. Individual values,
619 median (bar) and 25th and 75th percentiles (box). *** *P* < 0.001, Student's *t*-test with
620 unequal variances.

621 See also **Figure S7**.

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624 **Figure 6. Extended Synaptotagmins Rescue SOCE in Cells Lacking IP₃R1**

625 (A) SH-SY5Y cells expressing IP₃R1-shRNA alone or with E-Syt1 were stimulated with
626 Tg (1 μM) in Ca²⁺-free HBSS before restoring extracellular Ca²⁺ (2 mM). Traces show
627 mean ± s.e.m, for 50-80 cells from 3 experiments.

628 (B) Summary results show Δ[Ca²⁺]_c evoked by restoring Ca²⁺ (SOCE). Mean ± s.e.m,
629 *** *P* < 0.001, Mann-Whitney U- test.

630 (C) Summary results (mean ± s.e.m, n = 50-80 cells) show resting [Ca²⁺]_c (left) and
631 the peak Ca²⁺ signals (Δ[Ca²⁺]_c) evoked by thapsigargin (Tg, 1 μM) in Ca²⁺-free HBSS
632 for SH-SY5Y cells expressing IP₃R1-shRNA alone or with human E-Syt1.

633 (D) Cells over-expressing E-Syt1 and treated with IP₃R1-shRNA in combination with
634 either NS or STIM1 siRNA were stimulated with Tg (1 μM) in Ca²⁺-free HBSS before
635 restoration of extracellular Ca²⁺ (2 mM). Mean ± s.e.m. from 3 experiments with 30-50
636 cells.

637 (E, F) Summary results (mean ± s.e.m, n = 30-50 cells) show SOCE evoked by Tg

638 (E), resting [Ca²⁺]_c and the Tg-evoked Ca²⁺ release from intracellular stores (F). *** *P* <
639 0.001, one-way ANOVA with pair-wise Tukey's test.

640 (G) Similar analyses of cells expressing NS shRNA alone or with human E-Syt1 and
641 then treated with Tg (1 μM) in Ca²⁺-free HBSS before restoring extracellular Ca²⁺ (2
642 mM). Mean ± s.e.m. from 3 experiments with 75-110 cells.

643 (H, I) Summary results (mean ± s.e.m, n = 75-110) show resting [Ca²⁺]_c (H) and
644 Δ[Ca²⁺]_c evoked by Tg (store release) or Ca²⁺ restoration (SOCE) (I). No significant
645 difference, one-way ANOVA with pair-wise Tukey's test.

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647 **Figure 7. Dual Regulation of SOCE by IP₃Rs**

648 (A) SOCE is activated when loss of Ca²⁺ from the ER, usually mediated by opening of
649 IP₃Rs when they bind IP₃, causes STIM to unfurl cytosolic domains (2). The exposed
650 cytosolic domains of STIM1 reach across a narrow gap between the ER and PM at a
651 MCS to interact with PIP₂ and Orai1 in the PM. Binding of STIM1 to Orai1 causes pore
652 opening, and SOCE then occurs through the open Orai1 channel. We show that IP₃Rs
653 when they bind IP₃ also facilitate interactions between Orai1 and STIM, perhaps by
654 stabilizing the MCS (1). Receptors that stimulate IP₃ formation thereby promote both
655 activation of STIM (by emptying Ca²⁺ stores) and independently promote interaction of
656 active STIM1 with Orai1.

657 (B) Other mechanisms, including ryanodine receptors (RyR), can also release Ca²⁺
658 from the ER. We suggest that convergent regulation of SOCE by IP₃R with bound IP₃
659 allows receptors that stimulate IP₃ formation to selectively control SOCE.

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661 **STAR METHODS**

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663 **RESOURCE AVAILABILITY**

664 **Lead Contact**

665 All requests for resources and reagents should be directed to the lead contact, Dr.

666 Gaiti Hasan (gaiti@ncbs.res.in).

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668 **Materials Availability**

669 Constructs and cell lines are available upon request. MTA required for cell lines.

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671 **Data and Code Availability**

672 This study did not generate any computer code. The data supporting the findings of

673 this study are available within the manuscript. All other data supporting the findings of

674 this study are available from the corresponding author on reasonable request.

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676 **METHOD DETAILS**

677 **Culture of Human Neural Precursor Cells**

678 Human neural precursor cells (hNPCs) were derived from a human embryonic stem

679 cell (hESC) line, H9/WA09, using a protocol that inhibits dual SMAD signaling and

680 stimulates Wnt signaling (Reinhardt *et al.*, 2013) as described previously

681 (Gopurappilly *et al.*, 2018, 2019). hNPCs were grown as adherent dispersed cells on

682 growth factor-reduced Matrigel (0.5%) in hNPC maintenance medium (NMM) at 37°C

683 in humidified air with 5% CO₂. NMM comprised a 1:1 mixture of DMEM/F-12 and

684 Neurobasal medium, supplemented with GlutaMAX (0.5x), N2 supplement (1:200),
685 B27 without vitamin A (1:100), Antibiotic-Antimycotic, CHIR99021 (3 μ M),
686 purmorphamine (0.5 mM) and ascorbic acid (150 μ M). Doubling time was ~24 hr.
687 Cells were passaged every 4-5 days by treatment with StemPro accutase, stored in
688 liquid nitrogen, and thawed as required. Cells were confirmed to be mycoplasma-free
689 by monthly screening (MycoAlert). hNPCs between passages 16-19 were used.
690 All experiments performed with hESC lines were approved by the Institutional
691 Committee for Stem Cell Research, registered under the National Apex Committee for
692 Stem Cell Research and Therapy, Indian Council of Medical Research, Ministry of
693 Health, New Delhi.

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695 **Stable Knockdown of IP₃R1**

696 An UltramiR lentiviral inducible shRNA-mir based on the shERWOOD algorithm
697 (Auyeung *et al.*, 2013; Knott *et al.*, 2014) was used to inhibit IP₃R1 expression. The
698 all-in-one pZIP vector, which allows puromycin-selection and doxycycline-induced
699 expression of both shRNA-mir and Zs-Green for visualization, was from TransOMIC
700 Technologies. Lentiviral pZIP transfer vectors encoding non-silencing shRNA (NS) or
701 IP₃R1-targeting shRNA were packaged as lentiviral particles using packaging (pCMV-
702 dR8.2 dpvr) and envelope vectors (pCMV-VSV-G) by transfection of HEK 293T cells.
703 Viral particles were collected and processed, and hNPCs (passage 9) or SH-SY5Y
704 cells were transduced (multiplicity of infection, MOI = 10) using Lipofectamine LTX
705 with PLUS reagent. Cells were maintained in media containing doxycycline (2 μ g/ml)
706 to induce shRNA expression, and puromycin to select transduced cells (1 μ g/ml for

707 hNPCs; 3 µg/ml for SH-SY5Y and HEK 293T cells). Cells were passaged 4-5 times
708 after lentiviral transduction to select for stable expression of shRNAs.

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710 **Derivation of Neurons From hNPCs**

711 Neurons were differentiated from hNPCs stably transduced with shRNA. hNPCs were
712 seeded at 50-60% confluence in NMM on coverslips coated with poly-D-lysine (0.2
713 mg/ml). After 1-2 days, the medium was replaced with neuronal differentiation
714 medium, which comprised a 1:1 mixture of DMEM/F-12 with Neurobasal
715 supplemented with B27 (1:100), N2 (1:200), GlutaMAX (0.5x) and Antibiotic-
716 Antimycotic solution. Medium was replaced on alternate days. Neurons were used
717 after 15-20 days.

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719 **Culture and Transfection of SH-SY5Y Cells**

720 SH-SY5Y cells were grown on culture dishes in DMEM/F-12 with 10% foetal bovine
721 serum at 37 °C in humidified air with 5% CO₂. Cells were passaged every 3-4 days
722 using TrypLE Express and confirmed to be free of mycoplasma. Cells expressing
723 shRNA were transiently transfected using TransIT-LT1 transfection reagent in Opti-
724 MEM. Plasmids (250 ng) and/or siRNA (200 ng) in transfection reagent (1 µg/2.5 µl)
725 were added to cells grown to 50% confluence on glass coverslips attached to an
726 imaging dish. Cells were used after 48 hr. The siRNAs used (100 nM) were to human
727 Orai1 or non-silencing (NS), to human STIM1 or NS. The expression plasmids are
728 described in Key Resources.

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730 **CRISPR/Cas9n Editing of SH-SY5Y Cells**

731 To allow CRISPR/Cas9n-mediated disruption of IP₃R expression, we used a
732 published method to clone gRNAs into the backbone vector (pX459) (Ran *et al.*,
733 2013). Forward and reverse gRNA oligonucleotides (100 μM) were annealed and
734 ligated using T4 DNA ligase by incubation (10 μl, 37°C, 30 min) before slow cooling to
735 20°C. Plasmids encoding Cas9n were digested with *BbsI-HF* (37°C, 12 hr), gel-
736 purified (NucleoSpin Gel and PCR Clean-up kit) and the purified fragment was stored
737 at -20°C. A mixture (final volume 20 μl) of gRNA duplex (1 μl, 0.5 μM), digested pX459
738 vector (30 ng), 10× T4 DNA ligase buffer (2 μl) and T4 DNA ligase (1 μl) was
739 incubated (20°C, 1 hr). After transformation of DH5-α competent *E. coli* with the
740 ligation mixture, plasmids encoding Cas9n and the sgRNAs were extracted, and the
741 coding sequences were confirmed (Ran *et al.*, 2013). The plasmid (2 μg) was then
742 transfected into SH-SY5Y cells (50-60% confluent) in a 6-well plate using TransIT LT-
743 1 reagent. After 48 hr, puromycin (2.5 μg/ml, 72 hr) was added to kill non-transfected
744 cells. Colonies were then propagated and screened for the Ca²⁺ signals evoked by
745 carbachol and for the presence of the IP₃R gene by genomic DNA PCR and droplet
746 digital PCR using primers close to the region targeted by the gRNAs (as described in
747 Miotke *et al.*, 2014). Three independently derived lines, each with one residual IP₃R1
748 gene, were used for analyses of Ca²⁺ signaling (see **Figure S2I**). For one of the cell
749 lines (IKO 2), disruption of one copy of the IP₃R1 gene was confirmed by genomic
750 PCR, droplet digital PCR and Western blotting (**Figures S2F and S2G**).

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753 **Ca²⁺ Imaging**

754 Methods for single-cell Ca²⁺ imaging were described previously (Gopurappilly *et al.*,
755 2019). Briefly, cells grown as a monolayer (~70% confluence) on homemade
756 coverslip-bottomed dishes were washed and loaded with Fura 2 by incubation with
757 Fura 2 AM (4 μM, 45 min, 37°C), washed and imaged at room temperature in HEPES-
758 buffered saline solution (HBSS). HBSS comprised: 20 mM HEPES, 137 mM NaCl, 5
759 mM KCl, 2 mM MgCl₂, 2 mM CaCl₂, 10 mM glucose, pH 7.3. CaCl₂ was omitted from
760 Ca²⁺-free HBSS. Treatments with carbamoylcholine chloride (Carbachol, CCh),
761 thapsigargin (Tg), cyclopiazonic acid (CPA), YM-254890 or high-K⁺ HBSS (HBSS
762 supplemented with 75 mM KCl) are described in legends.

763 Responses were recorded at 2-s intervals using an Olympus IX81-ZDC2 Focus
764 Drift-Compensating Inverted Microscope with 60x oil immersion objective (numerical
765 aperture, NA = 1.35) with excitation at 340 nm and 380 nm. Emitted light (505 nm)
766 was collected with an Andor iXON 897E EMCCD camera and AndoriQ 2.4.2 imaging
767 software. Maximal (R_{max}) and minimal (R_{min}) fluorescence ratios were determined by
768 addition of ionomycin (10 μM) in HBSS containing 10 mM CaCl₂ or by addition of
769 Ca²⁺-free HBSS containing BAPTA (10 mM) and Triton X100 (0.1%). Background-
770 corrected fluorescence recorded from regions of interest (ROI) drawn to include an
771 entire cell was used to determine mean fluorescence ratios ($R = F_{340}/F_{380}$) (ImageJ),
772 and calibrated to [Ca²⁺]_c from (Grynkiewicz, Poenie and Tsien, 1985):

$$773 \quad [Ca^{2+}]_c = K_D \cdot \frac{F_{380}^{min}}{F_{380}^{max}} \cdot \frac{(R - R_{min})}{(R_{max} - R)}$$

774 where, K_D = 225 nM (Forostyak *et al.*, 2013).

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776 **Western Blots**

777 Proteins were isolated in RIPA buffer with protease inhibitor cocktail or, for WB of
778 Orai1, in medium containing 150 mM NaCl, 50 mM Tris, 1% Triton-X-100, 0.1% SDS
779 and protease inhibitor cocktail. After 30 min on ice with intermittent shaking, samples
780 were collected by centrifugation (11,000 \times g, 20 min) and their protein content was
781 determined (BCA protein assay kit). Proteins (~30 μ g/lane) were separated on 8%
782 SDS-PAGE gels for IP₃R or 10% SDS-PAGE gels for STIM1 and Orai1, and
783 transferred to a Protran 0.45- μ m nitrocellulose membrane using a TransBlot semi-dry
784 transfer system. Membranes were blocked by incubation (1 hr, 20°C) in TBST
785 containing skimmed milk or BSA (5%). TBST (Tris-buffered saline with Tween)
786 comprised: 137 mM NaCl, 20 mM Tris, 0.1% Tween-20, pH 7.5. Membranes were
787 incubated with primary antibody in TBST (16 hr, 4°C), washed with TBST (3 \times 10 min),
788 and incubated (1 hr, 20°C) in TBST containing HRP-conjugated secondary antibody.
789 After 3 washes, HRP was detected using ECL Western blotting substrate and
790 quantified using ImageQuant LAS 4000 and Image J. The primary antibodies used
791 and their dilutions are listed in Key Resources.

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793 **Immunocytochemistry**

794 After appropriate treatments, cells on a coverslip-bottomed plate were washed twice
795 with cold PBS, fixed in PBS with paraformaldehyde (4%, 20°C, 20 min), washed (3 \times 5
796 min) with PBS containing Triton-X100 (0.1%, PBST) and blocked by incubation (1 hr,
797 20°C) in PBST containing goat serum (5%). After incubation with primary antibody in

798 PBST (16 hr, 4°C) and washing with PBST (3 × 5 min), cells were incubated (1 hr,
799 20°C) with secondary antibody in PBST containing goat serum, washed (3 × 5 min),
800 stained with DAPI (1 µg/ml in PBS, 10 min, 20°C) and washed (5 min, PBST). Cells
801 were then covered with glycerol (60% v/v) and imaged using an Olympus FV300
802 confocal laser scanning microscope with 20× or 60× oil-immersion objectives.
803 Fluorescence was analyzed using ImageJ. The primary antibodies used and their
804 dilutions are provided in Key Resources.

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806 **Proximity Ligation Assay**

807 The Duolink *In Situ* Red Starter Mouse/Rabbit kit was used according to the
808 manufacturer's protocol with primary antibodies to Orai1 (mouse 1:500) and STIM1
809 (rabbit 1:1000). Cells (~30% confluent) were treated with thapsigargin (1 µM, 5 min) in
810 Ca²⁺-free HBSS before fixation, permeabilization, and incubation with primary
811 antibodies (16 hr, 4°C) and the PLA reactants. Red fluorescent PLA signals were
812 imaged using an Olympus FV300 confocal laser scanning microscope, with excitation
813 at 561 nm, and a 60× oil-immersion objective. Quantitative analysis of the intensity
814 and surface area of PLA spots used the "Analyze particle" plugin of Fiji. Results are
815 shown for 8-10 cells from two biological replicates of each genotype.

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817 **Statistical Analyses**

818 All experiments were performed without blinding or prior power analyses. Independent
819 biological replicates are reported as the number of experiments (n), with the number
820 of cells contributing to each experiment indicated in legends. The limited availability of

821 materials for PLA restricted the number of independent replicates (n) to 2 (each with
822 8-10 cells). Most plots show means \pm s.e.m. (or s.d.). Box plots show 25th and 75th
823 percentiles, median and mean (see legends). Where parametric analyses were
824 justified by a Normality test, we used Student's *t*-test with unequal variances for 2-way
825 comparisons and ANOVA followed by pair-wise Tukey's test for multiple comparisons.
826 Non-parametric analyses used the Mann-Whitney U-test. Statistical significance is
827 shown by *** $P < 0.001$, ** $P < 0.01$, * $P < 0.05$, or by letter codes wherein different letters
828 indicate significantly different values ($P < 0.001$, details in legends). All analyses used
829 Origin 8.5 software.

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Figure 1. Loss of IP₃R1 Attenuates SOCE in Human Neural Stem Cells

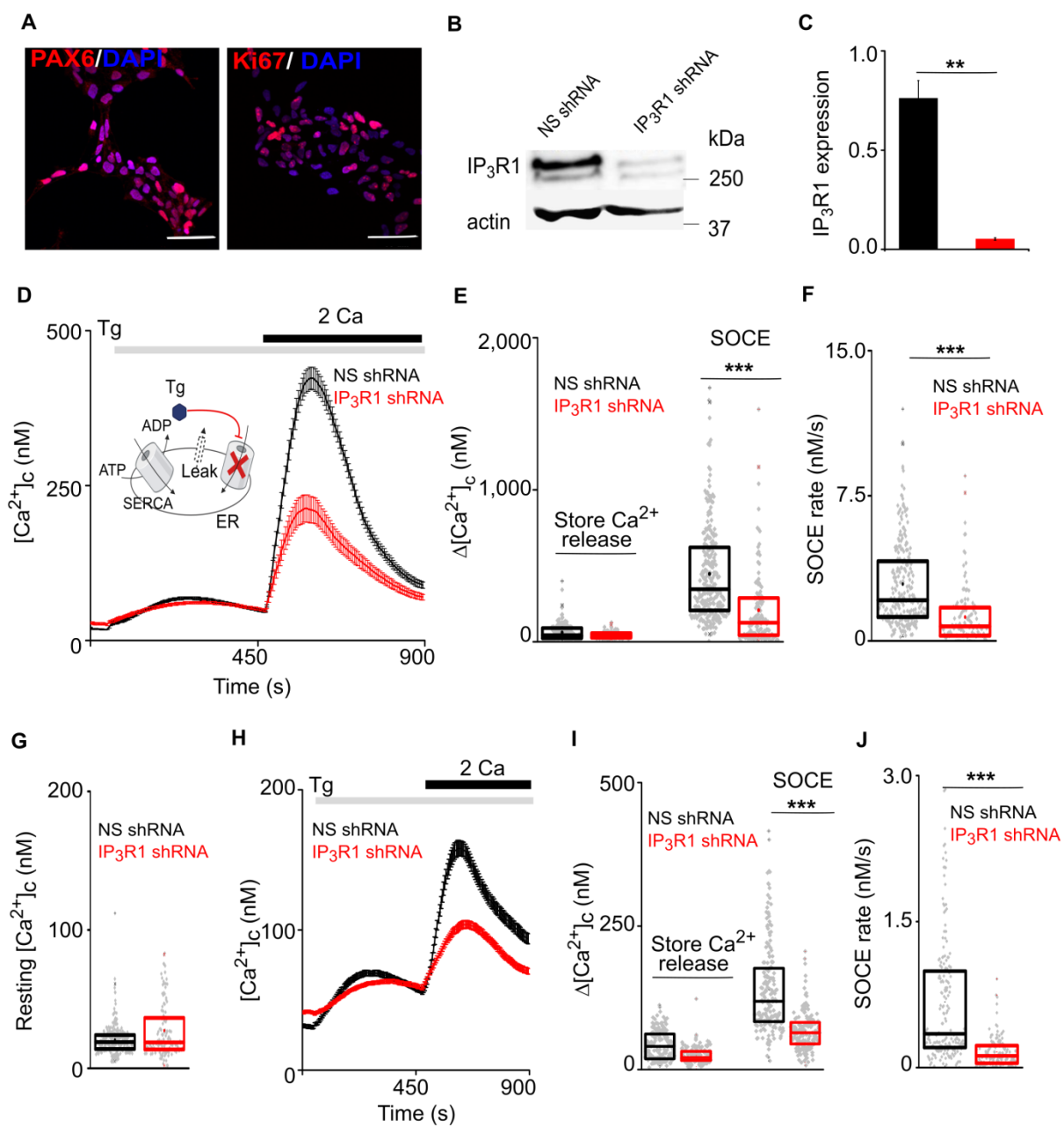


Figure 2. Loss of IP₃R1 Attenuates SOCE in SH-SY5Y Cells

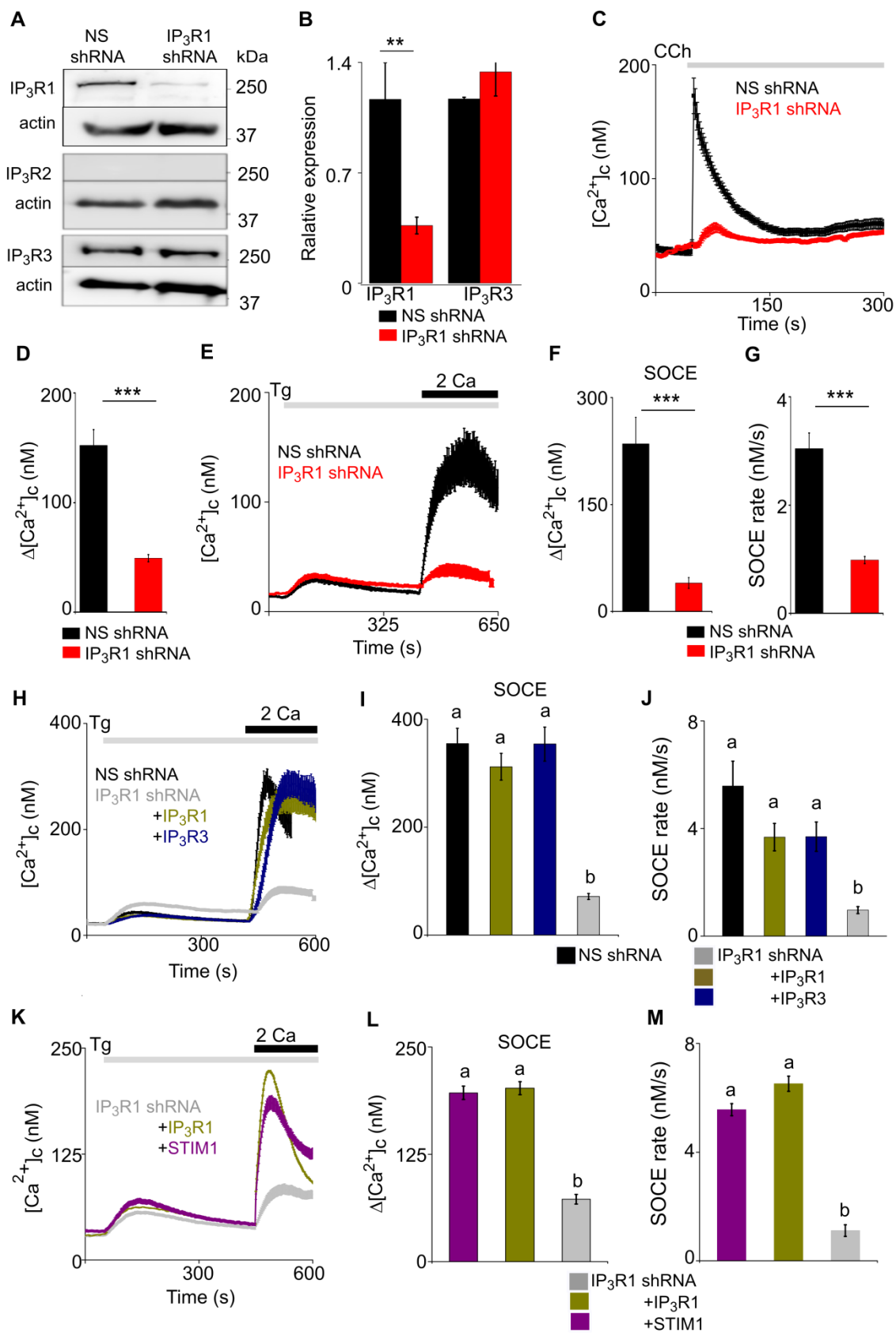


Figure 3. Regulation of SOCE by IP₃R Requires IP₃ Binding But Not a Functional Pore in SH-SY5Y cells

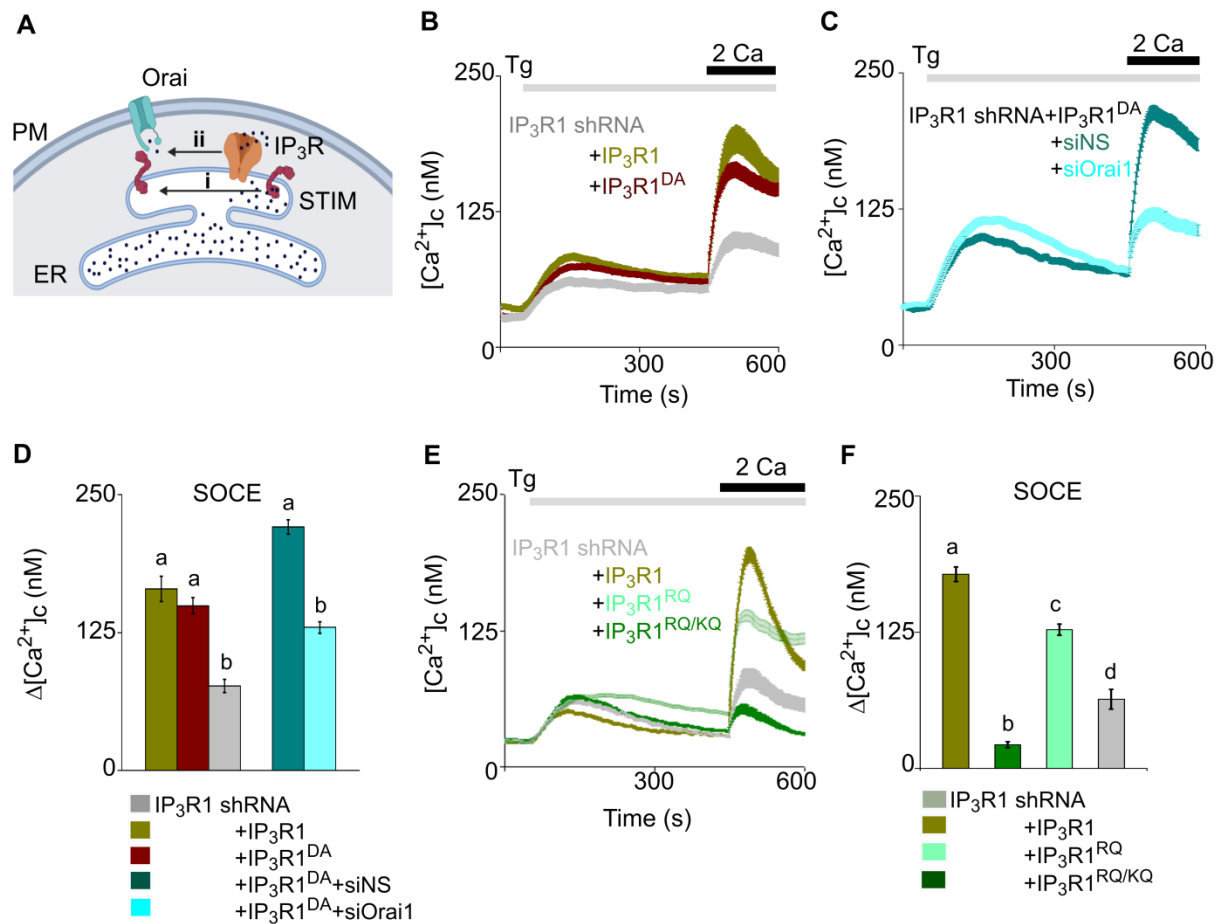


Figure 4. Receptor-Regulated IP₃ Production Stimulates SOCE in Cells with Empty Ca²⁺ Stores and Expressing Pore-Dead IP₃R

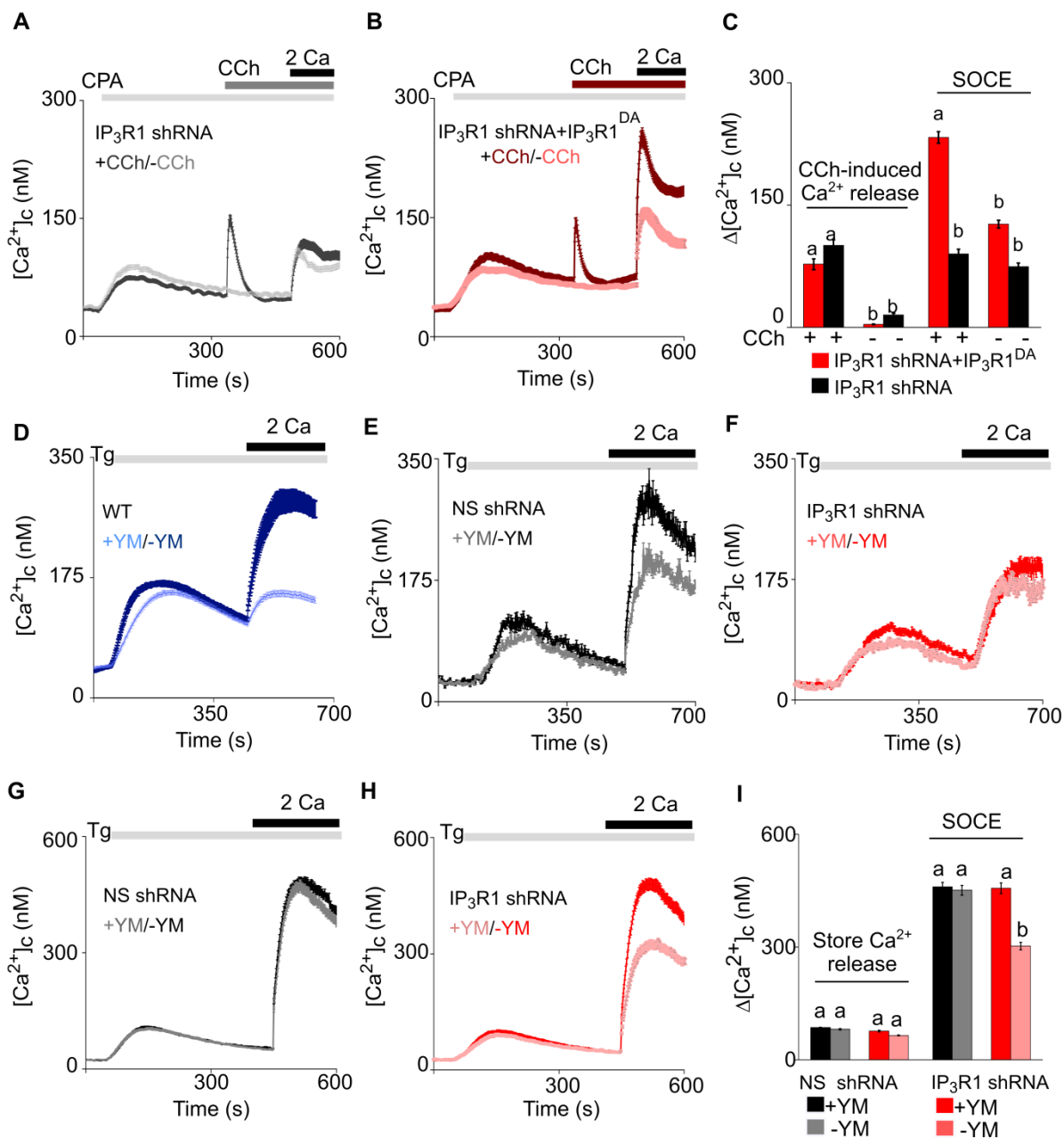


Figure 5. IP₃Rs Promote Interaction of STIM1 With Orai1

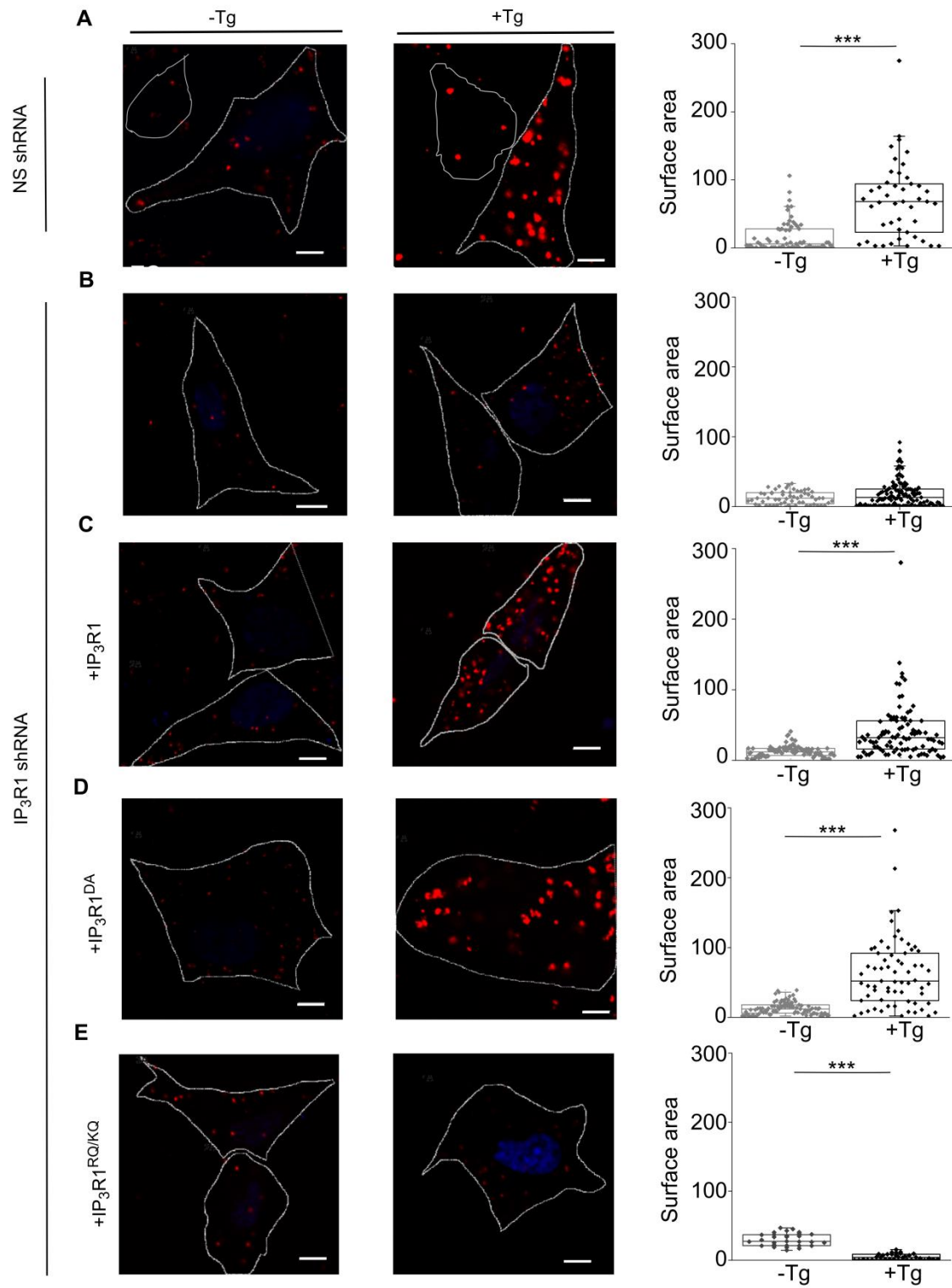


Figure 6. Extended Synaptotagmins Rescue SOCE in Cells Lacking IP₃R1

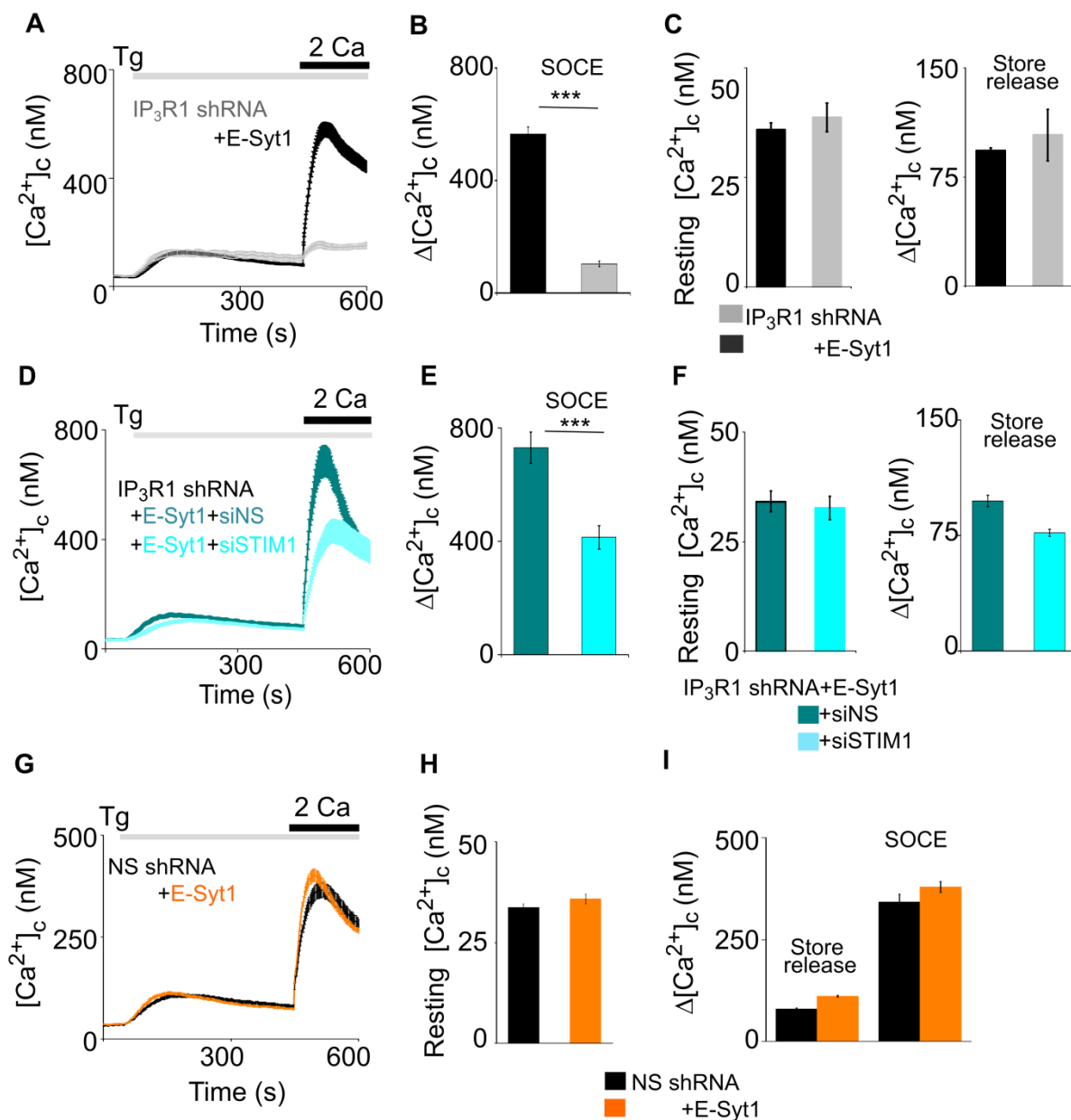


Figure 7. Dual Regulation of SOCE by IP₃Rs

