## Opening of an alternative ion permeation pathway in a

## nociceptor TRP channel

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## **Supplementary results:**



**Supplementary Figure 1** Kinetics of the potentiating effect of Clt on PS-activated TRPM3 currents. (a) Mean time course of whole cell currents at  $\pm 80 \text{ mV} \pm \text{sem}$  in non transfected HEK293 cells after stimulation by PS (40  $\mu$ M) and Clt (10  $\mu$ M) (n=5). (b) Representative I-V relationship of currents at different time points as indicated in **a**. (c) Time course of whole cell currents at  $\pm 80 \text{ mV}$  in HEK293 cells stably transfected with TRPM3 after stimulation by PS (40  $\mu$ M) and Clt (10  $\mu$ M). (d) I-V relationship of TRPM3 currents at different time points as indicated in **c**. (e) Time course of whole cell currents at  $\pm 80 \text{ mV}$  after stimulation by PS, Clt and PS+Clt. (f) I-V relationship of TRPM3 currents at different time points as indicated in **e**.



**Supplementary Figure 2** Potentiation of PS by Clt in different expression systems. (a) Time course of whole cell currents at  $\pm 80 \text{ mV}$  stimulated with PS (40 µM), Clt (10 µM) and La<sup>3+</sup> (10 µM) in COS cells. (b) I-V relations obtained at time points indicated in **a**. (c) Time course of whole cell currents at  $\pm 80 \text{ mV}$  stimulated with PS (40 µM), Clt (10 µM) and La<sup>3+</sup> (10 µM) in the immortalized neuronal F11 cells transiently expressing TRPM3. (d) I-V relations obtained at time points indicated in **c**. (**e**,**f**) Identical protocol as described in **a** in the amphibian, A6 cells, a non-mammalian cell line transiently expressing TRPM3. (g) Ratio.  $_{150/+150}$  for currents activated by PS and PS+Clt for HEK (n=84), neuronal F11 cells (n=5) and amphibian A6 cells (n=4). (h) Percentage block by La<sup>3+</sup> (10 µM) of the outward (+100 mV) current activated after stimulation by PS+Clt in HEK (n=9), neuronal F11 (n=5) and amphibian A6 (n=4) cells.



**Supplementary Figure 3** Permeability properties of PS-activated TRPM3 currents in the absence and presence of Clt. (**a**) Time course of whole cell current at ±80 mV after stimulation by PS (40  $\mu$ M) and Clt (10  $\mu$ M). All Na<sup>+</sup> ions were replaced by NMDG<sup>+</sup> at indicated time points (gray boxes). (**b**) I-V traces at different time points as indicated in panel **a**. The inset shows the I-V relationship of the PS-activated current. (**c**) I-V traces at different time points as indicated in panel **a**. The inset shows the I-V relationship of the PS-activated current. (**c**) I-V traces at different time points as indicated in panel **a**. The inset shows the I-V relationship of the PS + Clt-activated current. (**d**) Shown are the relative permeabilities ( $P_X/P_{Na}$ ) of different organic cations plotted as a function of the cation diameter for TRPM3 in presence of PS (black) and combined PS+Clt (red). Sodium was replaced by respectively monomethyl- (diameter: 3.6 Å), dimethyl- (diameter: 4.6 Å), trimethyl- (diameter: 5.2 Å), tetramethylammonium (diameter: 5.8 Å) and NMDG (diameter: 6.8 Å) (n = 4). Dotted lines represent fits using the excluded-volume function (see Methods).



**Supplementary Figure 4** Clt and analogues potentiate PS-activated TRPM3 currents. (**a**) Time course of whole cell current at  $\pm 150$  mV in stable transfected TRPM3 cells after stimulation by PS (40  $\mu$ M), PS+Clt (10  $\mu$ M) and nifedipine (50  $\mu$ M) with Clt (10  $\mu$ M) in the pipette solution. (**b**) I-V traces at different time points as indicated in panel **a**. (**c**) Chemical structures of (1) clotrimazole, (2) TRAM34, (3) Senicapoc and (4) Tamoxifen. (**d**) Time course of whole cell current at  $\pm 80$  mV during stimulation with a PS (40  $\mu$ M), either alone or in combination with econazole (10  $\mu$ M). (**e**) Time course of whole cell current at  $\pm 80$  mV during stimulation with TRAM-34 (10  $\mu$ M). (**f**) Time course of whole cell current at  $\pm 80$  mV in transfected TRPM3 cells after stimulation by senicapoc (20  $\mu$ M) and the combined stimuli senicapoc+PS. (**g**) Time course of whole cell current at  $\pm 80$  mV in transfected TRPM3 cells after stimulation by Tamoxifen (50  $\mu$ M) and the combined stimuli Tamoxifen+PS. (**h**-**j**) Time course of whole cell current at  $\pm 80$  mV in transfected TRPM3 cells after stimulation by Tamoxifen (50  $\mu$ M) and the combined stimuli Tamoxifen+PS. (**h**-**j**) Time course of whole cell current at  $\pm 80$  mV in transfected TRPM3 cells after stimulation by Tamoxifen (50  $\mu$ M) and the combined stimuli Tamoxifen+PS. (**h**-**j**) Time course of whole cell current at  $\pm 80$  mV in transfected TRPM3 cells after stimulation by Tamoxifen (50  $\mu$ M) and the combined stimuli Tamoxifen+PS. (**h**-**j**) Time course of whole cell current at  $\pm 80$  mV in transfected TRPM3 cells after stimulation by Tamoxifen (50  $\mu$ M) and the combined stimuli Tamoxifen+PS. (**h**-**j**) Time course of whole cell current at  $\pm 80$  mV in transfected TRPM3 cells after stimulation by Tamoxifen (50  $\mu$ M) and the combined stimuli Tamoxifen+PS. (**h**-**j**) Time course of whole cell current at  $\pm 80$  mV in transfected TRPM3 cells after stimulation by Tamoxifen (50  $\mu$ M) and the combined stimuli Tamoxifen+PS. (**h**-**j**) Time course of whole cell curren

mV in stable transfected TRPM3 cells after stimulation by nifedipine (50  $\mu$ M) and the combined stimuli TRAM34 (**h**), senicapoc (**i**), Tamoxifen (**j**) + nifedipine. (**k**) Potentiation by Tamoxifen (Tmx), TRAM34 (TRAM) and senicapoc (snc) of the inward (-150 mV, black bars) and outward (+150 mV, grey bars) current induced by PS (40  $\mu$ M) and nifedipine (50  $\mu$ M) in stable transfected TRPM3 cells (mean ± sem; n ≥ 4).



Supplementary Figure 5 Voltage dependence of TRPM3. (a) Whole-cell currents in response to a voltage step protocol (100-ms steps from -200 mV to +200 in 50-mV increments) in TRPM3 transfected HEK293 cells in presence of standard bath solution (black), PS (40  $\mu$ M; red) and PS + Clt (10  $\mu$ M; green). (b) Steady-state I-V relationships obtained from currents in **a**. (**c**,**d**) Steady-state G-V relationships, with conductance normalized to the maximal conductance at +200 mV in the presence of PS + Clt (n = 6). Solid lines represent a global fit of a Boltzmann function (see methods) to the data points at voltages  $\geq$  -50 mV, assuming constant gating charge (z = 0.55). Values for V<sub>1/2</sub> changed from +251 mV (control) to +130 mV (PS) and +30 mV (PS + Clt). This analysis indicates that the effect of PS and PS+Clt on outward conductance can be largely explained as a leftward shift of the G-V curve, whereas the inward conductance in the combined presence of PS and Clt clearly deviates from this model.

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**Supplementary Figure 6** Further properties of the alternative pathway. (**a**) Ratiometric imaging of TRPM3-expressing HEK293 cells loaded with SBFI. Cells are stimulated by PS (40  $\mu$ M) and Clt (10  $\mu$ M) (n = 33 from at least three independent measurements). At indicated time (gray line) all extracellular Na<sup>+</sup> is replaced by Cs<sup>+</sup>. (**b**) Similar protocol as in **a**, but 150 mM CsCl was used as extracellular salt. At the indicated time all extracellular Cs<sup>+</sup> is replaced by Na<sup>+</sup>. (**c**) Fractional Ca<sup>2+</sup> current measurements. Upper panel illustrates Fura<sub>380</sub> measurements, exhibiting a decrease in signal that is linearly correlated to the amount of calcium influx. Lower panel shows simultaneous measurements of ionic currents at -75 mV in HEK293 cells stably expressing TRPM3. Cells were stimulated by PS (40  $\mu$ M) in the absence (black traces) or presence of Clt (10  $\mu$ M; gray traces). (**d**) Effect of Clt on the fractional calcium Ca<sup>2+</sup> current of PS-induced TRPM3 currents (p = 0.01 for n = 6 different experiments). (**e**) Time course of whole cell currents at ±150 mV of TRPM3-expressing

HEK293 cells after stimulation by PS (40  $\mu$ M), Clt (10  $\mu$ M) and the combined stimuli PS+Clt. All extracellular NaCl was replaced by LaCl<sub>3</sub> (75 mM) at indicated time (gray box). (f) I-V relations obtained at time points indicated in **e**.



**Supplementary Figure 7** Comparison of the permeability of the canonical and alternative pathway for organic cations. (**a**) TRPM3 currents activated by PS (40  $\mu$ M) before (black) and during (red) substitution of all external Na<sup>+</sup> ions by the indicated substituted ammonium ion. Currents recorded in the absence of PS were subtracted to isolated the TRPM3-dependent current. (**b**) As in **a**, but for TRPM3 currents recorded in the combined presence of PS (40  $\mu$ M), Clt (10  $\mu$ M) and La<sup>3+</sup> (10  $\mu$ M). (**c**) Comparison of the inward current at -150 mV (relative to Na<sup>+</sup>) carried by the indicated cations under the conditions of **a** and **b**. Results from 7 cells for each condition.



**Supplementary Figure 8** Further properties of TRPM3 mutants. (**a**) Upper panel: cartoon illustrating the putative location of the different mutants. W982 is located in the putative transmembrane 4 domain (S4), E1057 is located in the putative pore region of TRPM3. Lower panel: alignment between the putative S4 segment of TRPM3 and the voltage sensor (S4) of the Shaker K<sup>+</sup> channel. Yellow background marks identical residues; grey background marks conserved residues. Arginines crucial for voltage sensing in Shaker are indicated with asterisks. (**b**) Current increase at  $\pm 150$  mV upon stimulation with PS (40  $\mu$ M) + Clt (10  $\mu$ M) in non-transfected (NT) HEK293 cells (n=7), and HEK293 cells transfected with E1057C (n = 18) and W982R (n=7). The inset shows the results for non-transfected cells at enlarged scale. (**c**) Time course of whole cell current at  $\pm 80$  mV in E1057C transfected cells upon stimulation with nifedipine (100  $\mu$ M) and the combined stimuli Clt+nif. (**d**) Average changes in fluometric Fura-2 (upper panel) and SBFI (lower panel) measurements in response to PS (40  $\mu$ M), Clt (10  $\mu$ M) and Clt+PS in E1057C transfected HEK293T cells (n>35 from three independent measurements). No response was observed in non-transfected HEK293 cells

(data not shown). (e) Time course of whole cell current at ±80 mV evoked by PS (40  $\mu$ M) and Clt (10  $\mu$ M) in a E1057C-expressing HEK293 cell, illustrating the lack of inhibition by La<sup>3+</sup> (100  $\mu$ M). (f) As in e, illustrating the effect of adding 5 mM Ca<sup>2+</sup> to the external solution or full substitution of all extracellular NaCl by CaCl<sub>2</sub> (100 mM). (g) As in f, but all extracellular NaCl was replaced by BaCl<sub>2</sub> (100 mM) or SrCl<sub>2</sub> (100 mM). (h) Relative potentiation by Clt of the inward (-150 mV) and outward (+150 mV) PS-activated current in WT (n=84) and E1057C (n=11) and W982R (n=7). (i) Relative potentiation by Clt of PS-induced increases in intracellular Ca<sup>2+</sup> (Fura-2) and Na<sup>+</sup> (SBFI) (n>40 cells from at least 3 independent measurements).



**Supplementary Figure 9** Further properties of the substituted cysteine accessibility method on TRPM3 and the E1057C mutant. (a) Time course of whole cell currents at  $\pm 80 \text{ mV}$  illustrating the lack of irreversible effect of MTSES (1 mM) on TRPM3 after stimulation by PS (40  $\mu$ M). (b) Time course of whole cell currents at  $\pm 80 \text{ mV}$  of WT TRPM3 after stimulation by PS. No effect of MTSET (1 mM) on TRPM3 was observed. (c) Time course of whole cell currents  $\pm 80 \text{ mV}$  of the equation of the equat

MTSES/MTSET. (p = 0.003 for n = 5 different experiments, unpaired t-test). (**f**) Ratio of the inward (-150 mV) and outward (+150 mV) current in control condition, and after stimulation by MTSES and MTSET in stable expressing TRPM3 cells (black bars) and transiently transfected E1057C HEK cells (gray bars) (p = 0.005 for n = 5 different experiments, paired t-test). (**g**) Ratio<sub>-150/+150</sub> for currents activated by PS and PS+Clt for WT (n=84) and mutant channels (n=6-13). E1057C<sup>MTSES</sup> represents the E1057C mutant after treatment with MTSES. (**h**) Percentage block by La<sup>3+</sup> (100 µM) of the outward current activated by PS in WT (n=36) and mutant channels (n=6-13).



**Supplementary Figure 10** Behavioral responses. (**a**) Total time spent on nocifensive behavioral following intraplantar injection of vehicle (Vhc), Clt, PS, PS+Clt, or mustard oil (MO) in  $Trpv1^{-/-}$  and  $Trpv1^{-/-}/Trpm3^{-/-}$  mice (n=8 for each genotype; and \*\*, *p*=0.008; paired *t*-test). (**b**) Number of behavioral responses (paw licks and lifts) and (**c**) total time spent on nocifensive behavioral following intraplantar injection of vehicle (Vhc), Clt, PS, PS+Clt, or mustard oil (MO) in wild-type and  $Trpv1^{-/-}/Trpa^{-/-}$  mice (n=8 for each genotype, *p*=0.003 in both cases, paired *t*-test).

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**Supplementary Figure 11** Diphenylamine potentiates PS-activated TRPM3 currents. (**a**) Time course of whole-cell currents in TRPM3-expressing HEK293 cells at ±80 mV upon stimulation with PS (40  $\mu$ M) and diphenylamine (DPA, 10  $\mu$ M). (**b**) Relative potentiation of the outward current at +100 mV upon stimulation with Clt (10  $\mu$ M; n= 48) and diphenylamine (DPA, 10  $\mu$ M, n=7). (**c**) I-V relations obtained at time points indicated in **a**. (**d**) Normalized I-V relations showing the lack of effect of DPA on current rectification. (**e**) Values for ratio. <sup>150/+150</sup> for currents activated by PS in the absence or presence of Clt or DPA. (**f**) Number of

behavioral responses (paw licks and lifts), and (g) duration of nociceptive behavior following intraplantar injection of vehicle (Vhc), diphenylamine (DPA), PS, PS+DPA, PS+Clt (n=7; \*\*, p=0.001 in both tests; paired *t*-test).

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**Supplementary Figure 12** Activation of the alternative pathway at 37 °C. (a) Time course of whole-cell TRPM3 currents at  $\pm 80$  mV measured at 37 °C, upon stimulation with PS (500 nM) and Clt (10  $\mu$ M), and block by La<sup>3+</sup> (10  $\mu$ M). Representative example of 5 similar experiments. (**b,c**) I-V relations obtained at time points indicated in **a**. (**d,e**) Representative changes in intracellular Ca<sup>2+</sup> concentration in DRG neurons derived from TRPV1<sup>-/-</sup> mice in response to PS (500 nM and 20  $\mu$ M), Clt (10  $\mu$ M) and high K<sup>+</sup> (50 mM) applied at 37 °C. The numbers (blue) indicate the fraction of tested neurons that exhibited the specific response profile, namely a response to PS (20  $\mu$ M) and to the combination of Clt and PS (500 nM), but not to PS (500 nM) or Clt alone.

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**Supplementary Figure 13** Activation of an alternative cation permeation pathway in TRPM3. Cartoon illustrating the proposed mechanisms underlying activation of an alternative cation permeation pathway in TRPM3, distinct from the central pore.