### **SUPPLEMENTARY FIGURE LEGENDS**

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# Supplementary figure 1 –Changes in strength, potency and FR expressed as percentages

(A-C) Histograms showing the change in strength (A), potency (B) and failure rate (C) of all connections (n=42) after pairing expressed as percentage of baseline values.

#### Supplementary figure 2 – Different outcomes in divergent and convergent triplets

(A) The normalized  $((X_A-X_B)/(X_A+X_B))$  difference in  $\Delta_N$  strength (upper panel),  $\Delta_N$  potency (middle panel) and  $\Delta_N$  failure rate (lower panel), of the two recorded connections for each divergent triplet (n=4; left; large grey points) were compared to differences in strength, potency and failure rate values for pairs of connections randomly extracted from all recorded connections (n=42). 100 such sets are shown (right); black points indicate sets not significantly different to the actual triplet data, red points indicate the rare sets that are significantly different (p<0.05) from the actual triplet data (See Methods for details).

(B) – Same as (A), but for convergent triplets (n=3).

#### Supplementary figure 3 – Changes in latency

- (A-B) Correlations between changes in latency (latency<sub>post</sub>-latency<sub>pre</sub>) and normalized changes in strength (A;  $R^2$ =0.25, p<0.01) and failure rate (B;  $R^2$ =0.18, p<0.01).
- (C) Average pre- (black) and post-pairing (red) traces from example connections that underwent LTD and a shift towards higher latency (top) and LTP and a shift towards lower latency (bottom). (D) Barplots showing the change in latency for each plasticity

group (LTP/NC/LTD shown in red/grey/blue). Asterisks indicate significant differences (p<0.01, Wilcoxon test).

## Supplementary figure 4 – Number of release sites

- (A) Scatterplot showing the relationship of initial N to normalized strength changes.
- (B) Difference in absolute strength change in response to pairing between connections mediated by a low (<5) and high ( $\ge5$ ) number of release sites (p<0.001, Wilcoxon test).
- (C) Lack of correlation between normalized changes in strength and N ( $R^2$ =0.04, p=0.11). (D) Averaged normalized changes in N for connections grouped by plasticity outcome.  $\Delta_N N$  was not significantly different between groups (all p>0.05, Wilcoxon test).
- (E) Lack of correlation between initial failure rate and  $\Delta_N N$  (R<sup>2</sup>=-0.04, p=0.92).







