Supplementary Information: Pharmacological treatment with mirtazapine rescues cortical atrophy and respiratory deficits in MeCP2 null mice Tamara Bittolo, Carlo Antonio Raminelli, Chiara Deiana, Gabriele Baj, Valentina Vaghi, Sara Ferrazzo, Annalisa Bernareggi & Enrico Tongiorgi

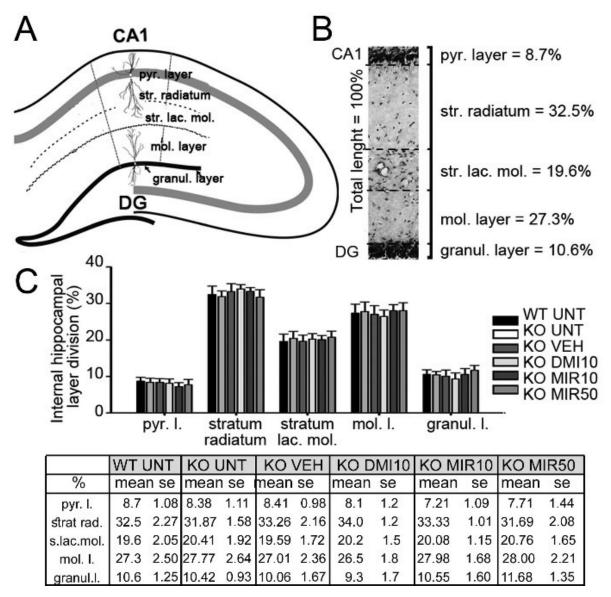
## Suppl. Table 1.

Cortical interval	WT UNT	KO UNT	t-test
0-200 μm	1581±11.3 μm	1362±12 µm	p<0.001
200 <b>-</b> 400 μm	1557±12.5 μm	1346±9.03 μm	p<0.001
400-800 μm	1480±17.4 μm	1325±11.4 μm	p=0.002
800-1200 μm	1458±14.8 μm	1246±17.7 μm	p<0.001
Cortical layer	WT UNT	KO UNT	t-test
layer I	125.57±4.45 μm	117.8±6.51 μm	N.S.
layer II-III	383.68±11.12 μm	$294.27\pm7.98~\mu m$	p<0.001
layer IV	159.65±7.8 μm	$147.3\pm2.4~\mu m$	N.S.
layer V	416.98±17.33 μm	$372.94 \pm 13.01 \ \mu m$	N.S.
layer VI	440.18±9.54 μm	$395\pm11.25~\mu m$	p=0.022

## Somatosensory cortical thickness in Wild Type and MeCP2 null untreated mice.

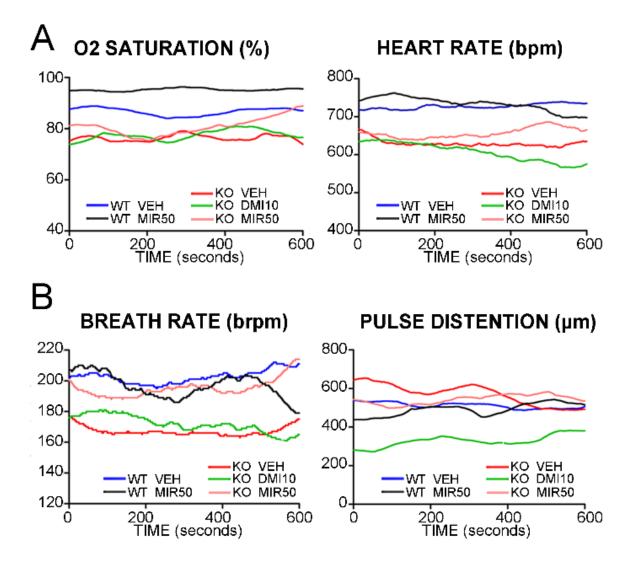
Measurements of total cortical thickness (in  $\mu$ m) at regular intervals every 400  $\mu$ m 0  $\mu$ m until 1,200  $\mu$ m along the antero-posterior axis and measurements of cortical layers (from I to VI). Statistical analysis: t-test.

## Suppl. Figure 1.



Hippocampal structure is not affected by the loss of MeCP2 or Mirtazapine treatment. (a-b) A representation of hippocampal structure and layers (*pyramidal layer, stratum radiatum, stratum lacunosum moleculare, molecular layer, granular layer*). (c) The proportion of each hippocampal layer based on the total thickness (=100%) in WT and KO untreated (UNT) mice and in KO mice treated with vehicle (vehic), Desipramine 10 mg/Kg (DMI10) and Mirtazapine 10-50 mg/Kg (MIR10-50) (n=3-5). Values are represented as percentage  $\pm$  SEM (*One way ANOVA*).

## Suppl. Figure 2.



**Data profile of the data recording for 13 minutes continuously.** WT VEH = line blue; WT MIR50 = black; KO VEH = red; KO DMI10 = green; KO MIR50 = pink. Oxygen saturation (percentage); Heart rate in beat per minute; Breath rate in breath per minute; Pulse distention in  $\mu$ m.