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# Quantitative Proteomics Analysis of CaMKII Phosphorylation and the CaMKII Interactome in the Mouse Forebrain

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ABSTRACT: Ca<sup>2+</sup>/calmodulin-dependent protein kinase IIa (CaMKIIa) autophosphorylation at Thr286 and Thr305/Thr306 regulates kinase activity and modulates subcellular targeting and is critical for normal synaptic plasticity and learning and memory. Here, a mass spectrometry-based approach was used to identify  $Ca<sup>2+</sup>$ -dependent and -independent *in vitro* autophosphorylation sites in recombinant CaMKIIα and CaMKIIβ. CaMKII holoenzymes were then immunoprecipitated from subcellular fractions of forebrains isolated from either wild-type (WT) mice or mice with a Thr286 to Ala knock-in mutation of  $\text{CaMKII}\alpha$  (T286A-KI mice) and analyzed using the same approach in order to characterize in vivo phosphorylation sites in both CaMKII isoforms and identify CaMKII-associated proteins (CaMKAPs). A total of six and seven autophosphorylation sites in CaMKIIα and CaMKIIβ, respectively, were detected in WT mice. Thr286-phosphorylated CaMKIIα and Thr287 phosphorylated CaMKIIβ were selectively enriched in WT Triton-insoluble (synaptic) fractions compared to Triton-soluble (membrane) and cytosolic fractions. In contrast, Thr306-phosphorylated CaMKIIα and Ser315- and Thr320/Thr321 phosphorylated CaMKIIβ were selectively enriched in WT cytosolic fractions. The T286A-KI mutation significantly reduced levels of phosphorylation of CaMKIIα at Ser275 across all subcellular fractions and of cytosolic CaMKIIβ at Ser315 and Thr320/ Thr321. Significantly more CaMKAPs coprecipitated with WT CaMKII holoenzymes in the synaptic fraction compared to that in the membrane fraction, with functions including scaffolding, microtubule organization, actin organization, ribosomal function, vesicle trafficking, and others. The T286A-KI mutation altered the interactions of multiple CaMKAPs with CaMKII, including several proteins linked to autism spectrum disorders. These data identify CaMKII isoform phosphorylation sites and a network of synaptic protein interactions that are sensitive to the abrogation of Thr286 autophosphorylation of CaMKII $\alpha$ , likely contributing to the diverse synaptic and behavioral deficits of T286A-KI mice.

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The  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  isoforms of Ca<sup>2+</sup>/calmodulin-dependent protein kinase II (CaMKII) account for up to 1 to 2% of total protein in several regions of mammalian forebrain.<sup>1</sup> Studies of genetically manipulated mice have revealed critical roles for both CaMKII isoforms in regulating synaptic plasticit[y](#page-14-0) and behavior.<sup>2−8</sup> Both isoforms can be autophosphorylated at multiple sites in vitro,  $9-17$  with distinct effects on kinase activity and/or on in[te](#page-14-0)r[a](#page-14-0)ctions with other neuronal proteins. The best understood example [is](#page-14-0) [the](#page-14-0)  $Ca^{2+}/c$ almodulin (CaM)-dependent autophosphorylation of CaMKII $\alpha$  at Thr286, which generates a  $Ca^{2+}/CaM$ -independent (autonomous) form of the kinase $9-11$ and enhances CaMKII interactions with both Ca<sup>2+</sup>/CaM and GluN2B subunits of the NMDA-type glutamate receptor.<sup>1[8](#page-14-0)-[20](#page-14-0)</sup> In contrast, CaMKIIα autophosphorylation at Thr305 or

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Figure 1. Identification of *in vitro* CaMKIIα and CaMKIIβ phosphorylation sites. (A−C) Sequence coverage (red) and phosphorylation-site detection (blue, underlined) in purified CaMKIIα or CaMKIIβ following either (A) a control incubation (basal), (B) phosphorylation in the presence of  $Ca^{2+}/cal$ imodulin alone  $(Ca^{2+}/CaM)$ , or  $(C)$  sequential phosphorylation in the presence of  $Ca^{2+}/cal$ modulin and then EGTA  $(Ca^{2+}/CaM)$ CaM then EGTA) (see Methods). (D, E) The AUCs of XICs were used to compare relative levels of phosphorylation of CaMKIIα at 16 different phosphorylation sites (D) or CaMKII $\beta$  at 15 different phosphorylation sites (E) in each sample.

Thr306 blocks bindi[ng](#page-12-0) [of](#page-12-0) [C](#page-12-0)a<sup>2+</sup>/CaM and  $\alpha$ -actinin, thereby interfering with kinase activation.13−15,21 Studies of transgenic mouse lines with knock-in mutations at Thr286 or Thr305/6 have demonstrated important r[oles for](#page-14-0) these two phosphorylation sites in the synaptic targeting of CaMKII, synaptic plasticity, and several neurobehaviors.22−<sup>26</sup>

While the classical view is that CaMKII activation is critical for long-term potentiation (LTP) [of](#page-14-0) [syn](#page-15-0)aptic transmission, more recent studies suggest a more complex picture. For example, CaMKII $\alpha$  is required for long-term depression (LTD) in cerebellar Purkinje neurons, whereas  $CaMKII\beta$  is required for LTP.<sup>2,7</sup> Moreover, recent studies show that CaMKII $\alpha$  (and Thr286 autophosphorylation) is required for different forms of long-term depression in the hippocampus, in addition to its classical role in LTP.<sup>27,28</sup> These findings emphasize the lack of detailed understanding of CaMKII interactions, targeting, and function in neurons [and](#page-15-0) of the inter-relationships and roles of CaMKII $\alpha$  and CaMKII $\beta$  autophosphorylation sites in vivo.

Here, we analyze mouse forebrain CaMKII holoenzymes using unbiased mass spectrometry-based approaches to identify  $CaMKII\alpha/\beta$  phosphorylation sites and CaMKII-associated proteins (CaMKAPs). We found that CaMKII holoenzymes isolated from different subcellular fractions of wild-type (WT) mice are differentially phosphorylated and interact with distinct networks of over 100 known and novel CaMKAPs, with many having established roles in modulating synaptic structure and

function. Parallel analyses in mice with a Thr286 to Ala knockin mutation of  $CaMKII\alpha$  (T286A-KI mice) revealed changes in levels of phosphorylation at other sites in  $CaMKII\alpha$  and  $CaMKII\beta$  and in the relative levels of coprecipitating CaMKAPs, which presumably contribute to the synaptic plasticity deficits and multiple behavioral phenotypes of these mice.<sup>22,26</sup> In combination, these data provide novel unbiased insights into the regulation, function, and subcellular targeting of [Ca](#page-14-0)[MK](#page-15-0)II and into the deficits in specific downstream molecular signaling pathways.

#### ■ RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Analysis of in Vitro Autophosphorylation Sites in CaMKII $\alpha$  and CaMKII $\beta$ . Recombinant CaMKII $\alpha$  was purified from insect cells and then incubated under three conditions: (1) control conditions in the absence of ATP (basal), (2) to allow autophosphorylation in the presence of  $Ca^{2+}/cal$ ndmodulin alone  $(Ca^{2+}/CaM)$ , and (3) to allow autophosphorylation first in the presence of  $Ca^{2+}/cal$ calmodulin and then following  $Ca^{2+}$ chelation with EGTA to dissociate calmodulin  $(Ca^{2+}/CaM)$  then EGTA; sequential) (see Methods for details). Similar conditions were used to identify the preferential autophosphorylation of CaMKII $\alpha$  at T[hr286 in](#page-12-0) the presence of Ca<sup>2+</sup>/ calmodulin and at Thr305 or Thr306 and Ser314 in the presence of EGTA. $9-15$  However, the full repertoire of sites phosphorylated under these conditions is poorly understood. Our MS-based ana[lyses](#page-14-0) recovered tryptic peptides covering >93% of the entire amino acid sequence of CaMKII $\alpha$  under each condition (Figure 1A−C) and detected a total of 19 residues that were phosphorylated in at least one sample, 16 of which were detected o[nly](#page-1-0) following in vitro autophosphorylation (Figure 1D and Table S1). MS/MS spectra for each nonphosphorylated and phosphorylated tryptic peptide were confirmed and [an](#page-1-0)notate[d \(Figure](#page-14-0) S1). The chromatographic retention, percent phosphorylation, and PPM mass error of each peptide is shown in Table S1.

Since  $CaMKII\beta$  autopho[sphorylatio](#page-14-0)n has not been characterized extensively, we u[sed the](#page-14-0) same approach to identify phosphorylation sites in purified recombinant  $CaMKII\beta$ (Figure 1A−C,E), yielding ∼80% amino acid sequence coverage across the three incubation conditions. A total of 15 phosphor[yl](#page-1-0)ation sites on  $CaMKII\beta$  were phosphorylated in at least one sample, with 13 sites detected only following in vitro autophosphorylation (Figure 1E, Table S2, and Figure S2).

Comparison of in Vitro Autophosphorylated CaMKII $\alpha$ and CaMKII $\beta$  und[er](#page-1-0) Different Conditions. In order to compare relative levels of phosp[horylation](#page-14-0) [at](#page-14-0) [each](#page-14-0) [site](#page-14-0) [u](#page-14-0)nder each condition, we estimated relative phosphorylation stoichiometries from the areas under the curve (AUC) of extracted ion chromatograms (XICs) for each phosphorylated and nonphosphorylated peptide pair. This approach provides a relatively crude estimate of the absolute levels of phosphorylation at each site (see Methods), so our interpretations are focused on relative differences between the preincubation conditions. As expected, [the homo](#page-12-0)logous Thr286 and Thr287 sites in CaMKII $\alpha$  and CaMKII $\beta$ , respectively, appeared to be substantially autophosphorylated in the presence of  $Ca^{2+}/CaM$ . Additional  $Ca^{2+}$ -independent incubation (plus EGTA) appeared to decrease the levels of Thr286/Thr287 phosphorylation, perhaps reflecting a lack of precision of this type of analysis. However, this decrease may also be due to dephosphorylation in the presence of EGTA due to a previously reported autocatalytic event<sup>29</sup> or a contaminating

phosphatase. The  $Ca^{2+}$ -independent reaction also selectively increased phosphorylation of CaMKII $\alpha$  at Thr306 and Ser314, confirming previous reports.<sup>14</sup> Prior studies using site-directed mutagenesis indicated that both Thr305 and Thr306 in CaMKII $\alpha$  could be phosp[hor](#page-14-0)ylated in the Ca<sup>2+</sup>-independent phase,14,15 but we detected only low levels of Thr305 phosphorylation and only when this tryptic fragment was also phosp[horyl](#page-14-0)ated at Thr310 (Table S1). The  $Ca^{2+}$ -independent phase of  $CaMKII\beta$  autophosphorylation (plus EGTA) selectively enhanced modifi[cation](#page-14-0)s at Thr306, Thr307, Thr311, and Ser315 (Figure 1 and Tables S1 and S2). Similar to the homologous CaMKII $\alpha$  Thr305 site, CaMKII $\beta$ phosphorylation at Thr3[06](#page-1-0) wa[s detected only](#page-14-0) in the simultaneous presence of Thr311 phosphorylation (Figure 1E and Table S2). However, these data cannot exclude the possibility that Thr305( $\alpha$ ) or Thr306( $\beta$ ) can be phosph[ory](#page-1-0)lated [alone. Inte](#page-14-0)restingly, substantial  $CaMKII\beta$  phosphorylation at Ser315 was detected only following  $Ca<sup>2+</sup>$ -independent autophosphorylation, whereas phosphorylation of  $CaMKII\alpha$ at the homologous Ser314 residue was detected in all three samples, presumably due to basal phosphorylation of this site in the insect cell expression system prior to purification.

In addition to several other previously identified in vitro autophosphoryation sites in both CaMKII $\alpha$  (Thr253, Ser275, Ser279) and CaMKIIβ (Ser280, Ser343, Thr382/  $\text{Thr383}$ ),  $\text{9,13,16,17}$  we detected autophosphorylation of CaM-KII $\alpha$  at several novel sites in the catalytic domain (e.g., Ser78) and Thr[261\) an](#page-14-0)d at Ser331 and Thr378 in the C-terminal association domain. We did not detect  $CaMKII\beta$  autophosphorylation in the catalytic domain, but the association domain was prominently autophosphorylated at eight previously unidentified sites. (The version of rat  $CaMKII\beta$  expressed for these studies has an alanine inserted at position 341 compared to the canonical rat  $CaMKII\beta$  sequence (accession no. P08413), increasing residue numbering by 1 after this site.) Most of the novel CaMKII $\beta$  phosphorylation sites (Thr320/1, Thr325, Ser327, Ser359, Ser368, Thr372, and Thr382/3) are located within two domains implicated in F-actin binding (residues  $317-342$  and  $354-393$ <sup>8</sup> and are not conserved in CaMKII $\alpha$  (Figure S3). Notably, Thr320/1 in CaMKII $\beta$ appeared to be phosphorylated [pr](#page-14-0)edominantly in the  $Ca^{2+}$ independent [reaction \(p](#page-14-0)lus EGTA). However, even though the recombinant CaMKII isoforms used for these studies were highly purified (see Methods), we cannot completely exclude contributions of contaminating kinases to total CaMKII $\alpha/\beta$ phosphorylation un[der these](#page-12-0) conditions.

In combination, these in vitro data confirm that Thr286 in CaMKII $\alpha$  and Thr287 in CaMKII $\beta$  are among several sites phosphorylated in the presence of  $Ca^{2+}/CaM$  and also indicate that the predominant sites of  $Ca<sup>2+</sup>$ -independent autophosphorylation are Thr306 and Ser314 in CaMKII $\alpha$  and Thr307, Ser315, and Th320/1 in CaMKIIβ. However, they also identify several additional sites that can be autophosphorylated under these in vitro conditions.

Phosphorylation of CaMKII in Subcellular Fractions from WT Mouse Brain. Having established methods to detect phosphorylation sites in purified CaMKII $\alpha$  and CaMKII $\beta$ , we analyzed mouse forebrain CaMKII holoenzymes isolated by immunoprecipitation in the presence of protease and protein phosphatase inhibitors from cytosolic (S1), Triton-soluble (membrane; S2), and Triton-insoluble (synaptic; S3) fractions that were rapidly prepared using progressively harsher detergents at approximately physiological ionic strength.<sup>26</sup>

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Figure 2. Identification of phosphorylation sites in mouse forebrain CaMKII $\alpha$  and CaMKII $\beta$ . (A) Cytosolic (S1), membrane (S2), and synaptic (S3) fractions were immunoprecipitated using control or anti-CaMKII IgG, and immune complexes were analyzed by SDS-PAGE followed by staining with SYPRO Ruby. (B) Semiquantitative analysis of relative levels of CaMKIIα phosphorylation at six different sites in each fraction normalized to the highest level for each site. The synaptic fraction was selectively enriched for Thr286 phosphorylation, whereas the cytosolic fraction was selectively enriched for Thr306 phosphorylation. (C) Immunoblot analysis of subcellular fractions confirms that the synaptic (S3) fraction is significantly enriched in Thr286-phosphorylated CaMKIIα. (D) Semiquantitative analysis of relative levels of CaMKIIβ phosphorylation at six different sites in each fraction normalized to the highest level for each site. The cytosolic fraction was selectively enriched for phosphorylation at Ser315 and Thr320/1.  $\mathbf{\ast}_{p}$  < 0.05;  $\mathbf{\ast\ast}_{p}$  < 0.001;  $\mathbf{\ast\ast}_{p}$  < 0.0001; in comparison to the highest level at that site. (E) Summary of CaMKII phosphorylation sites. Horizontal bars indicate aligned domain structures of the canonical CaMKII $\alpha$  and CaMKII $\beta$  isoforms based on a sequence alignment (accession nos. P11798 and P28652, respectively). Sequence alignments of selected regions are indicated above the bars, whereas CaMKIIβ-specific sequences of the actin-binding domain (ABD) are indicated below. All phosphorylation sites detected in this study (in vitro or in vivo) are indicated by red dots adjacent to amino acid sequences or by residues in red font adjacent to the domain bars. Black dots and fonts indicate<br>additional residues detected in prior global phospho-proteomics studies in one study.

Following SDS-PAGE, bands containing  $CaMKII\alpha$  or CaMKII $\beta$  (~50 and ~60 kDa, respectively) were excised (Figure 2A), separately digested with trypsin, and then analyzed by LC-MS/MS. Relative levels of phosphorylation at each site between subcellular fractions were compared based on the ratio of AUCs for the XICs of phosphorylated and nonphosphorylated tryptic peptides (see Methods).

Coverage of CaMKII $\alpha$  varied from 45 to 93% across the three fractions in four bi[ological](#page-12-0) replicates (projects A−D; Supporting Information Table S4), detecting a total of six phosphorylation sites with estimated ratios ranging from 0.1 to [11.4% \(Ser275, Thr286, Thr306, Se](#page-14-0)r314, Ser331, and Thr337).

Ser275, Ser314, and Ser331 were phosphorylated at similar levels in all three subcellular fractions (Figure 2B). However, the level of Thr286 phosphorylation in synaptic fractions was 5 fold or 2.4-fold higher than that detected in the cytosolic or membrane fractions, respectively (Figure 2B). Differential Thr286 phosphorylation of CaMKII $\alpha$  between subcellular fractions was confirmed by immunoblotting using a phospho-Thr286 specific antibody (Figure 2C). Notably, the selective enrichment of Thr286-autophosphorylated CaMKII $\alpha$  in synaptic fractions is generally consistent with prior studies showing that Thr286 autophosphorylation enhances synaptic targeting of CaMKII $\alpha$ <sup>26,30</sup>,31 In contrast, levels of Thr306

phosphorylation were >6-fold higher in the cytosolic kinase relative to membrane or synaptic pools of kinase (Figure 2B). These data are consistent with previous observations that Thr305/306 phosphorylation destabilizes synaptic targeti[ng](#page-3-0) of CaMKII $\alpha$ <sup>23,30</sup> It is interesting that CaMKII $\alpha$  was predominantly phosphorylated at Thr306 rather than Thr305 because phosphor[yla](#page-14-0)[tio](#page-15-0)n at Thr306, but not at Thr305, blocks the CaMKII interaction with  $\alpha$ -actinin-2,<sup>21</sup> a major synaptic Factin-binding protein. Taken together, these data show that distinct subcellul[ar](#page-14-0) pools of CaMKII $\alpha$  are phosphorylated in a site-specific manner.

Mouse forebrain CaMKII $\beta$  was phosphorylated at seven sites (Thr287, Ser315, Thr320/Thr321, Ser367, Thr381/Thr382, Ser397, and Thr401), with estimated ratios varying from 0.4 to 54.0%. Alternative mRNA splicing, mostly in the C-terminal domain, generates several CaMKII $\beta$  variants, and our data cannot address whether these variants are differentially phosphorylated at sites in the conserved domains. Therefore, all  $CaMKII\beta$  residues are numbered according to the major, canonical, CaMKII $\beta$  isoform (accession no. P28652). Somewhat surprisingly, we did not detect significant phosphorylation of CaMKII $\beta$  at Thr306 or Thr307 in any subcellular fraction. Levels of phosphorylation at Ser367, Ser397, and Thr401 were not significantly different between subcellular fractions (Figure 2D), but there was a trend for enrichment of Thr287 phosphorylation in synaptic CaMKIIβ, as noted for Thr286 [p](#page-3-0)hosphorylation of CaMKII $\alpha$  (see above). However, phosphorylation at multiple sites was selectively enriched in cytosolic CaMKIIβ. Specifically, levels of Ser315 and Thr320/Thr321 phosphorylation in cytosolic CaMKII $\beta$  were >5-fold and >9fold higher, respectively, than in the membrane or synaptic kinases (Figure 2B). Thr381/Thr382 phosphorylation was detected only in one replicate, but levels were >7-fold higher in the cytosolic fra[cti](#page-3-0)on compared with that in membrane and synaptic fractions. Although we could not unambiguously distinguish modifications at Thr320/Thr321 or Thr381/ Thr382, these sites lie within previously defined F-actin binding domains (Figure  $2E$ ).<sup>8</sup> Thus, it seems reasonable to suggest that phosphorylation of these sites modulates  $CaMKII\beta$ binding to F-acti[n a](#page-3-0)n[d](#page-14-0) thereby F-actin assembly and dendritic spine morphology/function.<sup>3,32–35</sup> In combination, these data show that distinct subcellular pools of  $CaMKII\beta$  are differentially phosphorylated at s[p](#page-14-0)[eci](#page-15-0)fi[c](#page-15-0) sites.

All of the phosphorylation sites that we detected in mouse brain CaMKII isoforms were also identified as in vitro autophosphorylation sites. However, we cannot exclude potential contributions of other protein kinases to CaMKII phosphorylation in vivo. Figure 2E integrates data from our in vitro and in vivo studies with the repertoire of  $CaMKII\alpha$  and  $CaMKII\beta$  pho[s](#page-3-0)phorylation sites that have been identified in previous global mouse brain proteomics studies.36−<sup>41</sup> Even though our total coverage of both CaMKII isoforms was high (32−93% depending on fraction, genotype, and re[plicat](#page-15-0)e), we detected a more limited number of in vivo sites than detected in the prior studies or in vitro. Notably, whereas prior studies detected phosphorylation of several additional sites in some tryptic fragments, we identified a more limited number of sites in the same tryptic fragments (Figure 2E). The lower sensitivity of our in vivo studies relative to the in vitro studies may reflect a lower efficiency of digestion/extrac[tio](#page-3-0)n of the kinase from polyacrylamide gels versus TCA precipitates, or ion suppression from peptides derived from coimmunoprecipitated proteins. Moreover, the greater sensitivity of prior in vivo studies likely reflects the use of metal affinity-based methods to enrich for phosphopeptides. Nevertheless, the present study provides new insights into CaMKII biology by demonstrating that specific sites are differentially phosphorylated between subcellular fractions.

Surprisingly, we failed to detect some previously wellcharacterized autophosphorylation sites in vivo. For example, CaMKII $\alpha$  phosphorylation at Thr253 in vivo was detected in prior proteomics studies<sup>36–39,42,43</sup> and using phospho-site specific antibodies.<sup>17,44</sup> However, we failed to detect phosphorylation of CaMKII $\alpha$  at T[hr253 or o](#page-15-0)f CaMKII $\beta$  at Thr254 in samples from m[ou](#page-14-0)[se](#page-15-0) brain, even though in vitro Thr253 phosphorylation was readily detected (Figure 1D). Perhaps the phosphorylation stoichiometry was relatively low in our in vivo samples because Thr253 phosphorylation [is](#page-1-0) favored under physiological or pathophysiological conditions that were not prevalent prior to, or during, tissue isolation. Alternatively, the phospho-Thr253 peptide may contain an additional unknown covalent modification that affects its mass such that it could not be identified. Similarly, even though commercially available antibodies raised to phospho-Thr305 in CaMKII $\alpha$  can detect CaMKII $\alpha$  phosphorylation in the brain, we detected substantial phosphorylation at Thr306 but not at Thr305. Thus, data obtained using phospho-Thr305 antibodies should be cautiously interpreted because it is unclear whether these antibodies consistently detect phospho-Thr306 in CaMKII $\alpha$ .

Effect of T286A-KI Mutation on CaMKII Phosphorylation in Mouse Brain. CaMKII holoenzymes isolated from T286A-KI mouse forebrain subcellular fractions were analyzed in parallel with WT samples discussed above. There was a robust effect of the T286A-KI genotype ( $p < 0.0001$ ) to reduce Ser275 phosphorylation of CaMKII $\alpha$  by >90% in all three subcellular fractions (Figure 3A). These data suggest that Ser275 phosphorylation may require prior phosphorylation at Thr286, although it is unclear [wh](#page-5-0)ether Ser275 phosphorylation results from autophosphorylation (Figure 1D) or from PKC phosphorylation.<sup>45</sup> We also found that the T286A-KI mutation decreased Ser314 phosphorylation by 27−4[7%](#page-1-0) across the three subcellular fracti[on](#page-15-0)s ( $p = 0.0003$ ) (Figure 3C), perhaps because the lack of Thr286 phosphorylation reduces autonomous CaMKII activity. However, there was no [e](#page-5-0)ffect of genotype on CaMKII $\alpha$  phosphorylation at Thr306, with similar enrichment in cytosolic CaMKII holoenzymes in both T286A-KI and WT mice  $(p < 0.0001)$  (Figure 3B). In addition, genotype or fractionation effects on CaMKII $\alpha$  phosphorylation at Ser331 (Figure 3D) or Thr337 were [no](#page-5-0)t detected (Figure 3E).

The T286A-KI genotype significantly affected CaMKII $\beta$ phosph[ory](#page-5-0)lation at Ser315 (fraction,  $p < 0.0001$ ; ge[no](#page-5-0)type,  $p <$ 0.0001; interaction, p < 0.0001; Figure 3G) and Thr320/ Thr321 (fraction,  $p < 0.0001$ ; genotype,  $p < 0.0145$ ; interaction,  $p$  < 0.0206; Figure 3H), with decreased [le](#page-5-0)vels in T286A-KI cytosolic fractions compared to that in WT cytosolic fractions (by 59.5 and 49.0[%](#page-5-0), respectively). Moreover, in the one biological replicate that detected phosphorylation at Thr381/ Thr382, the levels were 3.2-fold higher in the WT cytosolic fraction than that in the T286A-KI fraction. However, there was no statistically significant effect of genotype or fractionation on CaMKIIβ phosphorylation at Thr287 (Figure 3F), Ser367 (Figure 3I), Ser397 (Figure 3J), or Thr401 (Figure 3K).

In combination, these data show that abrogati[on](#page-5-0) of Thr286 phosph[ory](#page-5-0)la[tio](#page-5-0)n in  $CaMKII\alpha$  by the T286A-KI mutation affects the levels of phosphorylatio[n](#page-5-0) [a](#page-5-0)t other sites in  $CaMKII\alpha$  and in  $CaMKII\beta$  in different subcellular fractions, perhaps represent-

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Figure 3. Effect of T286A-KI mutation on CaMKII $\alpha$  and CaMKII $\beta$ phosphorylation at other sites. Levels of phosphorylation of  $CaMKII\alpha$  $(A-E)$  and CaMKII $\beta$  (F–K) at the indicated sites were compared across subcellular fractions isolated from WT and T286A-KI mice (N = 4 and 3 biological replicates, respectively, in panels A−E. N = 3 or 2 biological replicates, respectively in panels F−K). All T286A-KI replicates were analyzed in parallel with a WT replicate. Within each set of analyses (replicate), levels of phosphorylation in each sample were normalized to the estimated level in the WT S1 fraction. Mean normalized values are plotted. A two-way ANOVA revealed a significant genotype effect on phosphorylation of  $CaMKII\alpha$  at Ser275 (A;  $F(1,15) = 157.8$ ;  $p < 0.0001$ ) and Ser314 (C;  $F(1,15) =$ 22.42;  $p = 0.0003$ ) and a significant fractionation effect on Thr306 phosphorylation (B;  $F(2,15) = 35.41$ ;  $p < 0.0001$ ). For CaMKII $\beta$ , there were significant fractionation and genotype effects and an interaction effect on the phosphorylation at Ser315 (E; fractionation effect  $(F(2,9) = 153.8, p < 0.0001)$ , genotype effect  $(F(1,9) = 49.4, p <$ 0.0001), interaction  $(F(2,9) = 33.55, p < 0.0001)$  and Thr320/ Thr321 (F; fractionation effect  $(F(2,9) = 58.31, p < 0.0001)$ , genotype effect  $(F(1,9) = 9.115, p = 0.0145)$ , interaction  $(F(2,9) = 6.159, p =$ 0.0206)). Significant differences revealed by posthoc analyses are coded as follows:  $*$ , compared to S1 WT;  $*$ , compared to S2 WT;  $@$ , compared to S3 WT; and #, compared to S1 KI. Single, double, triple, and quadruple symbols indicate  $p < 0.05$ ,  $p < 0.01$ ,  $p < 0.001$ , and  $p <$ 0.0001, respectively.

ing some form of compensatory adaptation to the disruption of synaptic CaMKII targeting in T286A-KI mice and also suggesting previously unrecognized functional linkages between

sites. Further studies are required to investigate the contributions of these sites to CaMKII regulation and perhaps to the phenotypes of T286A-KI mice.

Characterization of CaMKII-Associated Proteins (CaM-KAPs). We also performed an unbiased proteomic screen for CaMKAPs associated with cytosolic, membrane, and synaptic CaMKII holoenzymes. Although the precise macromolecular nature of the solubilized synaptic fraction is unclear, we previously showed that it is highly enriched in PSD marker proteins, such as PSD95, NMDAR subunits, and other cytoskeletal proteins.<sup>26</sup> CaMKII holoenzymes were immunoprecipitated from each subcellular fraction and then separated by SDS-PAGE. Co[ntr](#page-15-0)ol samples were isolated from each fraction in parallel using a nonspecific IgG. CaMKII ( $\alpha$  or  $\beta$ ) or CaMKAP (non-CaMKII, non-IgG regions) regions of the gel lanes (Figure 2A) were excised and separately analyzed using a shotgun LC-MS/MS approach.

The total [n](#page-3-0)umbers of mass spectra (spectral counts) matching all proteins in analyses of WT CaMKII or IgG control samples isolated from cytosolic, membrane, and synaptic fractions were used to calculate WT/IgG ratios of 1.2, 4.3, and 5.0, respectively, for the first biological replicate (project A) (Table S3). Thus, CaMKII immunoprecipitation from cytosolic fractions lacks specificity, perhaps, in part, due to the lack of [detergen](#page-14-0)t in these samples. Consequently, subsequent analyses focused on membrane and synaptic fractions. CaMKII-derived spectral counts were 2.9-fold higher in membrane compared to synaptic fractions (Figure 4A),



Figure 4. Comparative levels of CaMKII and CaMKAPs in WT S2 and S3 fractions. (A) Fewer total spectral counts derived from all CaMKII isoforms were detected in the S3 fraction compared to that in the S2 fraction. (B) The total number of spectral counts derived from proteins other than CaMKII was larger in the S3 fraction than that in the S2 fraction. (C) More proteins other than CaMKII were detected in S3 complexes compared to that in S2 complexes. These data are derived from project A; relative differences between fractions are representative of two other independent biological replicates (see Figure S4).

consistent with immunoblotting and protein staining data showing higher total levels of CaMKII in membrane, compared to synaptic, fractions (Figure 2A,C). In contrast, the total number of CaMKAP-derived spectral counts was 3.2-fold higher in the synaptic fraction [c](#page-3-0)ompared to the membrane fraction (Figure 4B), even though the harsher solubilization conditions might destabilize some protein−protein interactions. Thus, it appears that CaMKAPs are preferentially associated with synaptic CaMKII holoenzymes. Unsurprisingly, most of the non-CaMKII-derived spectral counts were detected in analyses of the two CaMKAP gel regions (above  $CaMKII\beta$  and below CaMKII $\alpha$ ), although a few coprecipitating proteins were detected in CaMKII $\alpha$  or CaMKII $\beta$  gel regions. Similar trends in the spectral count data were observed in two independent biological replicates (projects B and D) (Figure S4 and Table S3).

# <span id="page-6-0"></span>Table 1. Spectral Counts for CaMKII and CaMKAPs Identified in Membrane-Associated (S2) and Synaptic (S3) Fractions Prepared from WT Mouse Forebrain<sup>a</sup>



# Table 1. continued



## <span id="page-8-0"></span>Table 1. continued



a<br>Gene names, alternate protein names, and UniProt IDs are shown, along with the number of spectral counts detected in CaMKII complexes isolated from S2 and S3 fractions of WT CaMKII. The WT/IgG ratio was calculated by dividing the total number of spectra detected in CaMKII immunoprecipitates of the S2 AND S3 fractions by the total number of spectra detected in the corresponding IgG controls. Only CaMKAPs with  $\geq$ 7 spectral counts in the S2 and S3 fractions combined and a WT/IgG ratio of ≥4 are listed. The replicated column indicates whether the protein was

#### <span id="page-9-0"></span>Table 1. continued

detected in an independent biological sample. The final column indicates the highest percentage coverage of the entire CaMKAP in the analysis of a single gel region from a single subcellular fraction of either a WT or T286A-KI mouse brain.



Figure 5. CaMKAP interaction map. The STRING-db identifies interactions utilizing genomic context, high-throughput experiments, coexpression, and previous knowledge. Default parameters were used to generate this map. Associations from multiple sources and/or contexts have thicker lines. Proteins were arbitrarily assigned to 14 different groups based on protein function and interaction data.

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All proteins detected in CaMKII complexes for all three projects are shown in Table S3, with peptide numbers filtered to include only those detected in S2 and/or S3 due to the lack of specificity in S1. In [addition,](#page-14-0) protein matches for S2 and S3 were filtered to remove two types of non-specific proteins: (1) proteins detected with <7 spectral counts in membrane and synaptic fractions combined, and  $(2)$  proteins with WT/IgG spectral count ratios of  $<4$  (since a WT/IgG ratio of 3.8 was calculated for  $CaMKII\alpha$ -derived spectral counts in the synaptic fraction). Remaining proteins from the three independently analyzed gel regions were then combined to form a final filtered list of 138 CaMKAPs (Table 1). Scaffold peptide probability<sup>46</sup> and XCorr values for all peptides matching to any of the 138 CaMKAPs are shown in Tabl[e S](#page-6-0)4. The membrane and synap[tic](#page-15-0) fractions contained 47 and 110 CaMKAPs, respectively, with ≥7 spectral counts (F[igure 4C](#page-14-0)), and 34 CaMKAPs were detected with <7 spectral counts in either fraction individually, but with ≥7 total spectral co[un](#page-5-0)ts in both fractions combined. On the basis of the number of spectral counts, a total of 15 CaMKAPs were selectively enriched in the membrane CaMKII complex, whereas 93 CaMKAPs were selectively enriched in the synaptic CaMKII complex, with 30 showing little selectivity (≤2-fold difference in number of spectral counts between the two fractions). About half of the CaMKAPs identified in project A were also detected in at least one of the two independent replicates (projects B and D) (Table S3). Note that our definition of CaMKAPs as proteins that specifically coprecipitate with CaMKII is not intende[d to imply](#page-14-0) direct binding to CaMKII because CaMKII holoenzymes may be components of large multiprotein complexes. However, CaMKAPs may be important downstream targets regardless of whether they directly interact with CaMKII.

Several synaptic CaMKAPs identified here were previously shown to directly interact with CaMKII, validating our approach. For example, NMDA receptor subunits (GluN1, GluN2B, and GluN2A), densin (LRRC7), spinophilin (PPP1R9b; neurabin-2), and myosin Va can directly bind CaMKII and modulate kinase activity and/or subcellular localization.19−21,47−<sup>51</sup> CaMKII interaction with GluN2B was recently shown to be important for normal synaptic plasticity.52−[54](#page-14-0) [H](#page-14-0)[owev](#page-15-0)er, some previously characterized CaM-KAPs were either undetected (e.g., diacylglycerol lipase- $\alpha^{SS}$ ) or did not [me](#page-15-0)e[t o](#page-15-0)ur rigorous cutoffs (e.g.,  $\alpha$ -actinin<sup>21</sup>). This may be due to dissociation of the interacting protein from C[aM](#page-15-0)KII during subcellular fractionation, weakness of the [in](#page-14-0)teraction in the tissue analyzed here, or low abundance. Moreover, some weaker interactions may be easier to detect when the CaMKAP, rather than CaMKII, is immunoprecipitated (e.g., diacylglycerol

<span id="page-10-0"></span>Table 2. Comparison of CaMKII and CaMKAPs in Synaptic S3 Fractions Isolated in Parallel from Forebrains of WT and T286A-KI Mice $<sup>a</sup>$ </sup>



a<br>The table shows the total number of spectral counts detected in all excised gel regions in projects A and B identified using either an Orbitrap Velos or Orbitrap XL. Spectral counts for each CaMKAP were normalized to the number of spectral counts derived from all isoforms of CaMKII in the corresponding project. The average normalized KI/WT ratio and the range of ratios across the biological replicates are also shown. Proteins highlighted in pink have an average KI/WT ratio greater than 1.4. The protein highlighted in green has an average KI/WT ratio less than 0.5.

lipase- $\alpha^{55}$ ). However, most CaMKAPs detected here have not been previously reported to associate with CaMKII, including several [sy](#page-15-0)naptic scaffolding proteins (e.g., SAPAP1/2/3/4, Shank1/2/3, and Brain-enriched guanylate kinase-associated protein) and proteins with other functions (e.g., brain-specific angiogenesis inhibitor 1-associated protein 2 (BAIAP2)); TNF receptor-associated factor 3; multiple subunits of phosphorylase b kinase; Limbic system-associated membrane protein; Eukaryotic initiation factor 4A (eIF4A); and phosphodiesterase 1. Additional studies will be required to ascertain whether these novel CaMKAPs directly bind to CaMKII, or are components of larger macromolecular complexes.

To provide initial insight into functionally related groupings and roles of the CaMKAPs, the STRING database of mouse proteins, containing all but one CaMKAP (SynGAP), was used to assign CaMKAPs into 14 groups based on known associations and functions (CaMKII; NMDARs; synaptic scaffolds; myosins; tubulin and microtubules; actin cytoskeleton; ribosome and translation; ATPase/GTPase; metabolism and mitochondria; junction and myelin; general signaling, intermediate filaments; vesicle trafficking; and other) (Figure 5). The top Kyoto Encyclopedia of Genes and Genomes (KEGG; www.kegg.jp $^{56}$ ) pathways in this network were then [id](#page-9-0)entified using WebGestalt<sup>57,58</sup> (Table S5), including  $Ca^{2+}$ signaling, [long-term](www.kegg.jp) [po](#page-15-0)tentiation, and the ribosome. Taken together, these analyses emp[hasiz](#page-16-0)e [that CaM](#page-14-0)KII is involved in

diverse pathways in multiple cellular compartments. However, additional studies will be required to identify specific functional roles for most of the interactions.

Effect of the T286A-KI Mutation on CaMKII Interactions. In order to provide additional perspective about the biological relevance of CaMKAPs, we isolated and analyzed in parallel synaptic CaMKII complexes from WT and T286A-KI mice. Since T286A-KI mice display robust changes in synaptic plasticity and diverse behavioral deficits,<sup>22,26</sup> we hypothesized that changes in the CaMKII interactome would provide insights into molecular mechanisms underlyin[g](#page-14-0) [the](#page-15-0) behavioral and synaptic phenotypes. Consistent with a prior observation that synaptic levels of CaMKII $\alpha$  are reduced in T286A-KI mice relative to that in  $WT<sub>1</sub><sup>26</sup>$  the number of CaMKII spectral counts in synaptic T286A-KI complexes was reduced by ∼33% relative to that in WT com[ple](#page-15-0)xes. Therefore, to provide an initial semiquantitative comparison of the relative levels of CaMKAPs associated with CaMKII holoenzymes in WT and T286A-KI synaptic fractions, we normalized the number of CaMKAP spectral counts to the number of CaMKII spectral counts (all isoforms) and then expressed normalized values as a KI/WT ratio. KI/WT ratios of between 0.6 and 1.4 for the majority (10 out of 18) of CaMKAPs indicated minimal changes in relative association. However, average KI/WT ratios across two biological replicates were ≥1.40 for eIF4A, GluN1, GluN2B,

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Figure 6. Effect of T286A-KI mutation of CaMKIIα on the association of selected CaMKAPs with CaMKII holoenzymes in the S3 fraction. Relative levels of each CaMKAP in WT and T286A-KI samples were estimated from the AUC of XICs for multiple peptides, normalized to the relative levels of CaMKIIα (similarly estimated from AUCs for nine peptides), and then expressed as a ratio (KI/WT). Data from one or two independent biological replicates (projects) are shown. Each data point is the ratio calculated for a single CaMKAP derived peptide, with the mean and SEM indicated. (A) GluN2B, (B) GluN1, (C) Shank3, (D) PSD-95, (E) SAPAP1, (F) SAPAP2, (G) EIF4A, (H) BAIAP2, (I) Myosin Va. Data for each project were compared to a theoretical value of 1 (no difference; dashed line) using a one-column t-test. \*p < 0.05, \*\*p < 0.01, \*\*\*p < 0.001, \*\*\*p < 0.0001.

PSD-95, SAPAP1, SAPAP2, and Shank3, but <0.6 for only one CaMKAP, BAIAP2 (Table 2).

We also compared relative levels of CaMKII and CaMKAPs in WT and T286A-KI syna[pt](#page-10-0)ic complexes by measuring AUCs of XICs for several peptides. In project A, this analysis indicated that levels of CaMKII $\alpha$  and CaMKII $\beta$  in T286A-KI complexes were  $46.4 \pm 5.1\%$  (nine peptides) and  $57.3 \pm 13.8\%$  (seven peptides) of the levels in WT complexes, respectively. In project B, levels of CaMKII $\alpha$  in T286A-KI complexes were 49.5  $\pm$  4.7% (9 peptides) of the levels in WT complexes (CaMKII $\beta$ was not analyzed in this project). Raw AUCs of XICs for two to nine peptides matching each CaMKAP were then normalized to the mean CaMKII $\alpha$  AUC of XIC in the same project, before calculating a KI/WT ratio. KI/WT ratios were significantly greater than 1.0 for GluN2B, GluN1, Shank3, PSD-95, and SAPAP1 in both projects A and B (Figure 6A–E), generally similar to KI/WT ratios calculated from spectral counts (see above), with the exception of SAPAP2 (Figure 6F and Table 2). As a control, KI/WT ratios for myosin Va were not significantly different from 1.0 by AUC analysis in either run [\(F](#page-10-0)igure 6I), consistent with the KI/WT ratio based on spectral counts (Table 2). A KI/WT ratio for eIF4A could be calculated only in one biological replicate because relevant MS/MS spectra could [no](#page-10-0)t be validated in the other analysis. The 4.5 fold increase in mean KI/WT ratio for eIF4A based on AUCs

was consistent with the 7.5-fold increase based on spectral counts, although the increased AUC-based ratio was not statistically significant (Figure 6G). In contrast, mean AUCbased KI/WT ratios for BAIAP2 were significantly decreased in both projects (Figure 6H), consistent with KI/WT ratios based on spectral counts.

These independent analytical approaches indicate that T286A-KI mutation of CaMKII $\alpha$  significantly affects an array of protein−protein interactions in S3 synaptic fractions. Since Thr286 autophosphorylation stabilizes direct interactions of CaMKII with GluN2B in vitro,<sup>19,20</sup> it is perhaps surprising that we detected a significant increase in KI/WT ratio for GluN2B. However, this observation is c[onsist](#page-14-0)ent with a previous analyses of NMDAR subunits association with synaptic CaMKII holoenzymes in T286A-KI mice by western blotting.<sup>26</sup> We also detected significant increases in KI/WT ratios for several other CaMKAPs (e.g., GluN1, PSD-95, SAPAP1, S[AP](#page-15-0)AP2, Shank3, eIF4A) using both methods (Table 2 and Figure 6A,B). However, KI/WT ratios for related CaMKAPs (e.g., Homer, SAPAP3, Shank1, Shank2, and Myo[si](#page-10-0)n Va) were essentially unchanged, suggesting that this is not a technical artifact (Table 2 and Figure 6I). Although changes in KI/WT ratios may not reflect direct effects of a lack of Thr286 autophosphory[la](#page-10-0)tion on an interaction with CaMKII, these data

<span id="page-12-0"></span>indicate a broad but selective impact of T286A-KI mutation on synaptic protein−protein interactions.

Insights into Novel Roles of CaMKII. The classical model of a critical role for CaMKII during LTP has been extended by recent observations that CaMKII is also involved in different forms of LTD.27,28 The identification of 138 CaMKAPs in the present study suggests novel mechanisms of postsynaptic CaMKII sign[aling](#page-15-0) that may contribute to these different functions. For example, direct or indirect association of Homer and Shank proteins with CaMKII might be important for mGluR1/5-dependent signaling pathways that are critical for some forms of LTD, especially because some of these interactions are sensitive to Thr286 mutation (Figure 6 and Table 2). Thus, the current observations provide novel insights into the physiological targeting of CaMKII to distinct pat[h](#page-11-0)ways that [me](#page-10-0)diate diverse synaptic outcomes.

Several of the novel CaMKAPs detected here have been linked to neurological and/or psychiatric disorders. For example, BAIAP2 (also known as IRSp53) is highly abundant in CaMKII complexes, based on the number of spectral counts detected, and was the only CaMKAP predominantly detected in the CaMKII $\alpha$  gel segment. Moreover, it was the only CaMKAP with a significantly decreased KI/WT ratio, estimated by both methods. The simplest interpretation of this observation is that BAIAP2 association with CaMKII is decreased in T286A-KI mice, although it is also possible that changes in post-translational modifications of BAIAP2 (e.g., phosphorylation) in T286A-KI synaptic fractions affect the electrophoretic mobility of BAIAP2, decreasing the amount of BAIAP2 that essentially comigrates with  $CaMKII\alpha$ . Nevertheless, BAIAP2 merits validation as a CaMKAP followed by functional analyses because of its known roles in binding PSD95, in regulating actin dynamics, filopodia formation, and excitatory synaptic transmission, and in modulating learning and memory.59<sup>−</sup><sup>62</sup>

Several novel CaMKAPs are involved in mRNA translation, and T286A-[KI m](#page-16-0)utation increased relative levels of eIF4A associated with CaMKII (Table 2 and Figure 6G). As part of the eIF4 translation initiation complex, eIF4A is a D-E-A-D-box RNA helicase.<sup>63,64</sup> Interestingly, [C](#page-10-0)aMKII regul[at](#page-11-0)es the recruitment of eIF4GII to the eIF4 initiation complex,<sup>65</sup> and CaMKII phosphorylati[on o](#page-16-0)f cytoplasmic polyadenylation element-bindin[g](#page-16-0) protein enhances protein synthesis during LTP.<sup>66</sup> Since abnormal protein synthesis is being increasingly implicated in neurological and psychiatric disorders,<sup>67,68</sup> our data [su](#page-16-0)pport additional investigation of interactions between CaMKII and the protein synthesis machinery.

Synaptic scaffolding proteins implicated in neurological and/ or psychiatric disorders were also identified as novel synaptic CaMKAPs. For example, the Shank3, Dlgap2, and Syngap1 genes have been linked to autism spectrum disorder  $(ASD)$ ,<sup>65</sup> and specific haplotypes in the Dlgap2 gene (SAPAP2) correlate with increased risk for schizophrenia.<sup>70</sup> Moreover, Shan[k3](#page-16-0) knockout mice exhibit ASD-like behaviors, $71$  and some ASDrelated disorders have been linked [to](#page-16-0) abnormal CaMKII signaling (e.g., Angelman syndrome<sup>25,72</sup>). [Not](#page-16-0)ably, we detected increased KI/WT ratios for PSD95, Shank3, and SAPAP1, indicating that these interactions[are](#page-16-0) sensitive to Thr286 autophosphorylation (Table 2 and Figure 6C−E). Thus, regardless of whether CaMKII interacts directly or indirectly with Shank3, SAPAPs, or S[yn](#page-10-0)gap1, our da[ta](#page-11-0) suggest that T286A-KI mutation causes significant changes in postsynaptic protein architecture. The potential involvement of CaMKII in the physiological regulation of these proteins, and in associated pathologies, should be further investigated.

Summary and Conclusions. Prior studies have established that CaMKII $\alpha$  and CaMKII $\beta$  are critical for many aspects of synaptic regulation and behavior and that  $CaMKII\alpha$  autophosphorylation is a key regulator of kinase activity, interactions with other proteins, and subcellular location. However, understanding specific molecular mechanisms underlying the diverse synaptic roles of CaMKII requires comprehensive information about CaMKII phosphorylation and the CaMKII interactome in situ. Here, we used an unbiased semiquantitative proteomics approach to identify biologically relevant phosphorylation sites on both CaMKII $\alpha$  and CaMKII $\beta$ . Our data are consistent with known roles for Thr286/287 and Thr306 phosphorylation in regulating CaMKII localization. Additional novel sites are differentially phosphorylated in the subcellular fractions, and analyses of T286A-KI mice suggest an interdependence of some phosphorylation events and/or compensatory changes in response to mutation. These data suggest a complex physiological interplay between distinct subcellular pools of CaMKII. Using the same unbiased approach, we also identified 138 CaMKAPs linked to diverse cellular functions, the majority of which (∼100) are preferentially associated with synaptic CaMKII holoenzymes. Notably, all of the CaMKAPs appear to be present at substoichiometric levels relative to CaMKII itself (Figure 2A), consistent with a model in which subpopulations of CaMKII holoenzymes are associated with different CaMKAP[s](#page-3-0) to subserve distinct roles. Moreover, interactions with CaMKAPs appear to be differentially affected by T286A-KI mutation of  $CaMKII\alpha$ , providing insight into molecular changes that may contribute to well-established synaptic and behavioral phenotypes of these mice. In combination, these findings should promote future studies to identify novel CaMKII-regulated pathways involved in the normal and pathological modulation of synaptic physiology, and various forms of learning and memory.

#### ■ METHODS

DNA Constructs and CaMKII $\alpha/\beta$  Expression. Murine CaMKII $\alpha$ (UniProt no. P11798) was expressed in Sf9 insect cells.<sup>73</sup> Rat CaMKIIβ, with an Ala inserted at position 341 in the canonical sequence (UniProt no. P08413), was PCR-amplified from a co[ns](#page-16-0)truct provided by Dr. L. Redmond Hardy<sup>33</sup> and inserted into pcDNA3.1 for transfection into HEK293 cells growing in suspension. Thus, residue number[in](#page-15-0)g of rat CaMKII $\beta$  used for in vitro studies is increased by one relative to the canonical sequence after the Ala insertion site. Both isoforms were purified to  $\geq$ 95% purity, essentially as described.<sup>73,74</sup>

In Vitro Autophosphorylation of CaMKII. Purified recombinant CaMKII $\alpha$  and CaMKII $\beta$  (5.5 and 2.5  $\mu$ M, respectively) [wer](#page-16-0)e incubated for 2 min at 30 °C in 50 mM HEPES, pH 7.5, 2 mM DTT in the absence or presence of 10 mM  $Mg(CH_3COO)_2$ , 1.5 mM CaCl<sub>2</sub>, 10  $\mu$ M calmodulin, and 500  $\mu$ M ATP (basal or Ca<sup>2+</sup>/CaM conditions, respectively). A third sample was first autophosphorylated in the presence of  $Ca^{2+}/c$ almodulin prior to the addition of EGTA  $(4)$ mM final) to allow continued  $Ca^{2+}$ -independent autophosphorylation for 2 min at 30 °C ( $Ca^{2+}/CaM$  then EGTA; sequential). All reactions were terminated by addition of EDTA (25 mM final) and then mixed with trichloracetic acid (10%  $(w/v)$  final). After incubation on ice for 30 min and centrifugation (10 000g for 15 min), protein pellets were washed by resuspension in cold acetone and then recentrifuged.

Mice. T286A-KI or WT littermates (male, 3−6 months of age) bred from heterozygous breeding pairs on a C57BL/6J background (as described previously<sup>26</sup>) were used for separate comparative proteomics

Immunoprecipitations from Whole Forebrain Fractions. Cytosolic (S1), Triton-soluble membrane (S2), and Triton/deoxycholate soluble synaptic (S3) fractions of mouse forebrain<sup>75</sup> ( $\sim$ 3 mg of total protein each) were immunoprecipitated using a polyclonal goat CaMKII antibody  $(5.4 \ \mu g)$  or a goat IgG control ([pur](#page-16-0)ified from preimmune serum by ammonium sulfate precipitation).<sup>51,73</sup> The CaMKII antibody exhibits approximately equivalent sensitivity for purified  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$  and  $\delta$  isoforms of CaMKII in immunobl[ot](#page-15-0)[s.](#page-16-0) Since CaMKII constitutes ∼1% of total forebrain protein, each input contains ∼30 μg of CaMKII, likely saturating the antibody during immunoprecipitation, consistent with the similar SYPRO Ruby staining intensity for IgG and CaMKII bands in the immunoprecipitation lanes in Figure 2A.

Immunoblotting. Mouse forebrain subcellular fractions were immunoblotted using phospho-Thr286-specific (Santa Cruz, 12886-R; 1:1000−1:2000 dilut[io](#page-3-0)n) and total (Thermo-Pierce, MA1-048; 1:4000−1:10000 dilution) CaMKIIα antibodies.<sup>75</sup>

Mass Spectrometric Analysis. CaMKII and control immunoprecipitates were resolved by SDS-PAGE an[d s](#page-16-0)tained with either SYPRO Ruby (Life Technologies) or colloidal blue stain (Life Technologies). Each gel lane was excised in segments, corresponding to the CaMKII $\alpha$  or CaMKII $\beta$  regions and two CaMKAP regions below CaMKII $\alpha$  and above CaMKII $\beta$  (Figure 2A). Thus, the gel segment containing the highly abundant IgG heavy chain was excluded from all subsequent analyses in order to minimize the suppression of MS signals from less abundant proteins. In some [r](#page-3-0)eplicates, only the CaMKII $\alpha$  and/or CaMKII $\beta$  segments were analyzed for phosphorylation sites, whereas other replicates analyzed all four segments to detect coprecipitating proteins. Gel segments were incubated with 100 mM ammonium bicarbonate, pH 8, reduced with 4 mM DTT or TCEP, alkylated with 8 mM iodoacetamide, and digested overnight with trypsin (10 ng/ $\mu$ L; 37 °C). Extracted peptides were dissolved in 0.1% formic acid and resolved using a reverse-phase C18 capillary column (360  $\mu$ m o.d and 100  $\mu$ m i.d.) packed with Jupiter beads (3  $\mu$ m, 300 Å; Phenomenex) and equipped with a laser-pulled emitter tip using an Eksigent Ultra LC and autosampler. Mobile phases were 0.1% formic acid and 99.9% water (solvent A) and 0.1% formic acid and 99.9% acetonitrile (solvent B). The elution gradient (500 nL/min) was as follows: 0−10 min, 2% B; 10−50 min, 2−35% B; 50−60 min, 35− 90% B; 60−65 min, 90% B; 65−70 min, 90−2% B; and 70−90 min, 2% B. Eluted peptides were analyzed on an LTQ Orbitrap XL or LTQ Orbitrap Velos mass spectrometer (Thermo Scientific) using a datadependent method with dynamic exclusion enabled. Full-scan  $(m/z)$ 300−2000) spectra were acquired with the Orbitrap as the mass analyzer, and the most abundant ions (5 on the LTQ Orbitrap XL or 12 on the LTQ Orbitrap Velos) in each MS scan were selected for fragmentation via collision-induced dissociation (CID). All tandem mass spectra were converted into DTA files using Scansifter and matched to a mouse subset of the UniProtKB protein database (also containing reversed (decoy) protein sequences) using a custom version of SEQUEST<sup>76</sup> on the Vanderbilt ACCRE Linux cluster. The results were assembled in Scaffold 3 (Proteome Software) with minimum fil[ter](#page-16-0)ing criteria of 95% peptide probability.<sup>46</sup> Searches were configured to use variable modifications of cysteine carbamidomethylation, methionine oxidation, and serine, threoni[ne,](#page-15-0) and tyrosine phosphorylation. Modifications were validated by manual inspection of raw tandem mass spectra using QualBrowser (Xcalibur 2.1.0, Thermo Scientific) (Figures S1 and S2). Peptides originating from CaMKII $\alpha$ and  $CaMKII\beta$  were matched to the canonical mRNA splice variants in the UniProt database (P11798 and P28652, respectively).

Spectral [Counting from](#page-14-0) Assembled Scaffold Files. Relative protein abundance in samples from WT and T286A-KI mice was estimated from the total number of spectral counts (in all regions of the gel analyzed in a given biological replicate) matching a specific protein based on Scaffold files, using both unmodified and modified (i.e., cysteine alkylation, methionine oxidation, STY phosphorylation) spectra. The global list of ranked proteins, with common contaminants (e.g., keratin) deleted, separated by the segment of the parent gel in

which they were identified is available online as Table S3, which also lists the number of spectral counts detected for each protein in each segment and project. For normalizing CaMKAPs from WT and KI synaptic fractions, the total number of spectra[l](#page-14-0) [counts](#page-14-0) matching a specific CaMKAP was divided by the total number of spectral counts matching all of the CaMKII isoforms isolated from the synaptic fraction of the same biological replicate.

Extracted Ion Chromatogram (XIC) Analysis. Accurate mass measurements were used to generate extracted ion chromatograms (XICs) with a 10 PPM tolerance for nonphosphorylated and phosphorylated peptide pairs, and were validated from the MS/MS fragmentation pattern. Monoisotopic  $m/z$  values of observed precursor ions (across different charge states) were used to generate XICs. The abundance of each phosphorylated and nonphosphorylated peptide pair was estimated from areas under the curve (AUC) of each XIC. An estimated percentage phosphorylation was calculated as the ratio of the AUC for the phosphorylated tryptic peptide divided by the sum of AUCs for the phosphorylated and nonphosphorylated tryptic peptides:  $\text{AUC}_{\text{phospho}} / (\text{AUC}_{\text{phospho}} + \text{AUC}_{\text{nonphospho}})$ . AUC-based methods can be used to compare relative stoichiometries of phosphorylation between different experimental groups,<sup>77</sup> although effects of covalent modifications on peptide ionization efficiencies and peptide flyability suggest caution when interpreting absol[ute](#page-16-0) values.<sup>78</sup> However, even with this caveat, the patterns of absolute percentages of CaMKIIα phosphorylation under the in vitro conditions (Figure 1D,[E\)](#page-16-0) are consistent with previous data showing that Thr286 is a preferred<br>site of Ca<sup>2+</sup>/CaM-dependent autophosphorylation,<sup>9−11</sup> whereas Ser314 is a preferred site for  $Ca^{2+}/CaM$ -independent autopho[sp](#page-1-0)horylation  $(Ca^{2+}/CaM$  followed by EGTA conditions).<sup>13,14</sup> [In ca](#page-14-0)ses where tryptic fragments contain multiple modifications (e.g., oxidation, phosphorylation at other sites in the same pep[tide\)](#page-14-0), or a missed cleavage resulted in the separation of multiple tryptic peptides containing the same site-specific modification, the percentage phosphorylation was calculated based on the sum of AUCs for all relevant XICs. The percentage phosphorylation at a given site in each subcellular fraction from WT or T286A-KI mice within each biological replicate (processed and analyzed in parallel) was normalized to the highest level of phosphorylation detected in a WT subcellular fraction. Normalized ratios were then averaged across biological replicates.

AUCs of XICs for precursor ions of a specific tryptic fragment of a CaMKAP were also used to compare the abundance of specific CaMKAPs in WT and T286A-KI CaMKII holoenzyme samples prepared and analyzed in parallel. For these AUC analyses, we carefully selected tryptic fragments lacking any modified (e.g., phosphorylated) versions in the Scaffold files. If an XIC was detected and validated by MS/MS in either the WT or KI and a corresponding peak of the correct precursor mass and retention time window was detected in the other genotype without an associated MS/MS scan, then this peak was used for quantification. AUCs for each CaMKAP peptide were expressed as a ratio (KI/WT) and normalized to the average KI/WT AUC ratio calculated from nine unique XICs matching CaMKIIα. Thus, the normalized ratio represents the relative abundance of specific tryptic precursor ions in samples derived from the two genotypes.

Network Analyses. CaMKAPs (UniProt IDs) were analyzed using WebGestalt (http://bioinfo.vanderbilt.edu/webgestalt/). Analyses for Gene Ontology (GO) terms and Kyoto Encyclopedia of Genes and Genomes (KEGG) enrichments were performed and are provided either as ta[bles](http://bioinfo.vanderbilt.edu/webgestalt/) [or](http://bioinfo.vanderbilt.edu/webgestalt/) [interactive](http://bioinfo.vanderbilt.edu/webgestalt/) [webpages.](http://bioinfo.vanderbilt.edu/webgestalt/) [To](http://bioinfo.vanderbilt.edu/webgestalt/) [ident](http://bioinfo.vanderbilt.edu/webgestalt/)ify known or predicted interactions between CaMKAPs, UniProt IDs were input to the STRING database (http://www.string-db.org), which identifies interactions based on direct and indirect evidence, including genomic context, high-throughpu[t experiments, coexpress](http://www.string-db.org)ion, and previous knowledge.

Statistics. Comparisons were made using a one- or two-way ANOVA, as appropriate, followed by Tukey's posthoc test to compare specific groups. A one-column t-test was used to compare KI/WT ratios to a theoretical value of 1 (Figure 6).

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#### **S** Supporting Information

Figure S1: CaMKIIα MS/MS spectra (S1A−S1AP). Figure S2: CaMKIIβ MS/MS spectra (S2A−S2Z). Figure S3: Sequence alignment of mouse CaMKII $\alpha$  and CaMKII $\beta$ . Figure S4: Summary of spectral counts derived from CaMKII and all CaMKAPs in WT S2 and S3 fractions for projects B and D. Table S1: Summary of the analyses of in vitro CaMKII $\alpha$ phosphorylation sites. Table S2: Summary of AUC analysis of XICs for in vitro CaMKII $\beta$  phosphorylation sites. Table S3: Raw spectral counts matching all proteins detected in each sample analyzed from five biological replicates (projects A−E). Table S4: CaMKAP tryptic peptide data. Table S5: Analysis of KEGG pathways that are enriched in the detected CaMKAPs. This material is available free of charge via the Internet at http://pubs.acs.org.

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