



Supplementary Figure 7. (a-f) Ca^{2+} activated K^+ and Cl^- currents in $\text{Trpm4}^{+/+}$ and $\text{Trpm4}^{-/-}$ BMMCs. (a) Time-course of a whole cell patch clamp recording at -80 and +80mV from a $\text{Trpm4}^{+/+}$ mast cell. Pipette solution contained $10\mu\text{M Ca}^{2+}$, and Na^+ instead of K^+ . Voltage protocol as in **Fig. 2**. Bars specify the application of 156mM NMDG and 156mM NaGluconate (both replacing NaCl) containing bath solution, as indicated. (b) Representative current traces in response to a linear voltage protocol, taken at the indicated points in panel a (coloured points). The pink trace depicts the difference in the current in normal or 156mM NaGluconate-containing bath solution, and represents the pure Cl^- current. (c) Mean amplitude of the NaGluconate-sensitive current at +80mV from $\text{Trpm4}^{+/+}$ ($n=25$) and $\text{Trpm4}^{-/-}$ ($n=28$) BMMCs. $P > 0.1$. (d) Time course at -80 and +80mV from a $\text{Trpm4}^{+/+}$ mast cell. Pipette solution contained $10\mu\text{M Ca}^{2+}$, and Na^+ instead of K^+ . Extracellular solution contains 156mM KCl. Bars specify the perfusion of a 156mM CsCl containing bath solution (replacing KCl). (e) Representative current traces taken at the indicated times in panel d (colored points). (f) Mean amplitude of the Cs^+ -sensitive current from $\text{Trpm4}^{+/+}$ ($n=10$) and $\text{Trpm4}^{-/-}$ ($n=10$) BMMCs. $P > 0.1$. (g) Schematic model showing the role of TRPM4 in FcεRI induced Ca^{2+} signalling in mast cells. Crosslinking of the FcεRI receptor results in activation of several signaling molecules and adaptor proteins. A major downstream target is phospholipase $\text{C}\gamma 1$, which catalyzes the hydrolysis of phosphatidylinositol(4,5) P_2 to diacylglycerol and inositol(1,4,5) P_3 (IP_3). The latter releases Ca^{2+} from intracellular Ca^{2+} stores through activation of IP_3 receptors. Upon store-depletion, store-operated Ca^{2+} influx channels (CRAC channels) are activated through an (to date) unknown mechanism which will further increase the $[\text{Ca}^{2+}]_{\text{cyt}}$. Initial activation of Ca^{2+} activated K^+ channels ($i\text{K}_{\text{Ca}^{2+}}$) will hyperpolarize the membrane potential, increasing (“+”) the driving force for Ca^{2+} influx through CRAC channels. Subsequent activation of Ca^{2+} activated non-selective cation channels (TRPM4) will depolarize the membrane potential, limiting (“-“) the driving force for Ca^{2+} entry whereupon the Ca^{2+} signal can be terminated through the action of Ca^{2+} pumps. TRPM4 thus functions as a molecular brake on Ca^{2+} entry, and in $\text{Trpm4}^{-/-}$ mast cells Ca^{2+} influx is largely increased upon FcεRI activation.