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hermaphrodite C. elegans we demonstrate that HPO-30 functions through the Neuroligin, NLG-1 at the NMJ to maintain postsynaptic LAChR levels at the synapse. Taken together, this work suggests a novel function for a tight junction protein in maintaining normal receptor levels at the NMJ.

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