Models/Materials	Transgenic animals	CX3CR1-GFP KI mice, expressing GFP in myeloid cells (microglia, macrophages)
	Cell lines	Primary neuronal cultures, astrocyte and microglial cultures. N9 microglia cell line
	Other	
Protocols and Methods	Cell culture	
	Primary cultures of neurons, astrocytes and microglia: cortical and hippocampal astrocytes are obtained from 2 day-old C57BL/6 mice. Cortex and hippocampus are freshly dissected, cut into small sections and washed in Hank's Balanced Salt Solution supplemented with 10 mM Hepes /Na pH 7.4, 12 mM MgSO4, 50 U/ml Penicillin and 50 μg/ml Streptomycin. The tissue is then dissociated with 2.5 mg/ml trypsin type IX in presence of 1 mg/ml deoxyribonuclease (DNase, Calbiochem) for 10 min at 37 °C in two subsequent steps and the supernatants obtained were diluted 1:1 in medium containing 10% fetal bovine serum (FBS). The cells are plated in MEM (Life Technologies) supplemented with 10% FBS, 33 mM glucose, 100 mM Na2+/ Pyruvate (Lonza), 50 U/ml penicillin-G and 50 ug/ml streptomycin and maintained in 75 cm2 flasks (1 for pup) at 37 °C in a humidified 5% CO2 incubator. Pure cultures (> 99.5%) of astrocytes are obtained by shaking flasks at 220 rpm for 24 h at 37 °C at day 2 and 6 after plating. Shaking medium (5 ml/flask) was Minimum Essential Medium with Hank's salts, supplemented with 10% horse serum, 33 mM glucose, 200 mM Ultraglutamine (Lonza), 10 mM Hepes/ Na pH 7.4, 50 U/ml Penicillin and 50 μg/ml Streptomycin. Primary microglia cells are obtained from astrocytic layers by shaking the flasks for 45′ at 230 rpm, 10–12 days after dissection. Detached cells (about 90% microglia with a 10% astrocytic contamination) are plated in multiwells (150,000 cells per well in 12 well plates) coated with poly-L-ornithyne hydrobromyde (100 μg/ml). Cultures usually contain 95% microglial (CD11b+) cells.	
	Western blot analysis Immunofluorescene analysis and confocal microscopy Single cell calcium imaging Relatime PCR. Genes investigated include P2X7, P2X4, GFAP, IBA1, M1 and M2 microglial markers and inflammatory and antiinflammatory cytokines. ATP detection by luciferin/luciferase-based kit Access to quantification of extracellular microvescicles by Nanosight instrument	
Non commercial antibodies	P1 receptors	
	P2 receptors	
Non commercial drugs		
Fluorescent probes	plasmids encoding farnesyl-GFP, SNAP-25-GFP/ red tag , P2X7-GFP, channelrhodopsin-red tag	
Investigational diagnostic test		
Biosamples	Human origin	
	Animal origin	