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Supplemental Table S1: Primer sequences for multiplex RT-qPCR assays for natriuretic peptide genes, and gonadotrope transcription factor genes. Murine mRNA sequences were obtained from NCBI Nucleotide (https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore), were imported into express Designer Software (Beckman Coulter).


Supplemental Figure S1: Representative electropherograms of multiplex RT-qPCR analyses of expression for natriuretic peptides ( $N p p a, N p p b, N p p c$ ), natriuretic peptide receptors ( $N p r 1, N p r 2$, Npr3), and proconvertase enzymes (Furin and Corin) (blue peaks). Total RNA was extracted from adipose, adrenal, liver, kidney, forebrain, pituitary, testis and ovary. Genes were detected in order of size corresponding to size standards run alongside the products (140nt-420nt) (red peaks) and quantified by capillary electrophoresis.


Supplemental Figure S2: Multiplex RT-qPCR data of natriuretic peptide gene expression from murine adipose, adrenal, liver, kidney, forebrain, pituitary, testis and ovary. Tissue was collected from $n=5$ to $n=8$, 12 week-old C57/B6 males or females and total RNA extracted.


Supplemental Figure S3 A) Effect of continuous or pulsatile GnRH stimulation on Gnrhr expression in $\mathrm{L} \beta \mathrm{T} 2$ and $\alpha \mathrm{T} 3-1$ cell lines. Cells were treated with 0 or 100 nM GnRH, for either 4 hr continuously, or as 5 min pulses every hour for 4 hr , before extracting RNA and performing multiplex RT-qPCR for Gnrhr (as part of the same multiplex described in Figure 4). Data shown are means $\pm$ SEM ( $\mathrm{n}=6$ to 9 individual RNA extractions) of relative gene expression (normalized to

ActB). B) Total cGMP accumulation in L $\beta$ T2 and $\alpha$ T3-1 cells treated with 0 or 100 nM CNP for 1 h in physiological saline solution containing 1 mM IBMX, before measuring with a commercially available cGMP-EIA kit (R\&D Systems) as described previously [8]. Data shown are means $\pm$ SEM representative of three independent experiments, each performed in triplicate. ${ }^{* *} \mathrm{P}<0.01$, **** $\mathrm{P}<0.0001$, significantly different from Control cells.

