

Figure S2. Response of the model neuron to noiseless current steps for modified  $\theta_h$  values.

A. Parameters:  $\theta_{\rm m}=-24\,{\rm mV},~\theta_{\rm h}=-54.3\,{\rm mV},~g_{\rm d}=0.39\,{\rm mS/cm^2}.$  Left: voltage trace for  $I_{\rm app}=2.38\,\mu{\rm A/cm^2}.$  Right: the steady-state  $f\text{-}I_{\rm app}$  curve of the neuron. The average firing frequency goes to zero at firing threshold. B. Parameters:  $\theta_{\rm m}=-28\,{\rm mV},~\theta_{\rm h}=-62.3\,{\rm mV},~g_{\rm d}=0.39\,{\rm mS/cm^2}.$  Left: voltage trace for  $I_{\rm app}=1.95\,\mu{\rm A/cm^2}.$  Right: the steady-state  $f\text{-}I_{\rm app}$  curve is discontinuous at the current threshold. The minimal frequency is 23.3 Hz.