## **Supporting Information for: Stochastic Simulation of Dopamine Neuromodulation for Implementation of Fluorescent Neurochemical Probes in the Striatal Extracellular Space**

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**Figure S1. Peak dopamine concentration as a function of distance from release site following a single quantal release.** Our simulation shows a peak dopamine concentration of 226 $\mu$ M at  $r = 0$   $\mu$ m (inside the synaptic cleft), which dissipates instantaneously as it expands out into the ECS. A peak dopamine concentration of 1 nM is observed at a distance of 20 µm from the release site with a diffusion-induced time delay of 90 ms from time of release.



**Figure S2. Comparison of non-linear dopamine reuptake versus linear uptake model.** Non-linear dopamine reuptake with  $r_{max}$  at 41  $\mu$ M.s<sup>-1</sup> compared to linear uptake with  $r_{max}$  at 4.1  $\mu$ M.s<sup>-1</sup>. Both cases are run with an equal  $K_m$  of 0.21  $\mu$ M. D<sub>1</sub>-type receptor activation shows similar behavior for both non-linear ( $r_{max} = 41 \mu M$ .s-1) and linear ( $r_{max}$  = 4.1 $\mu$ M.s-1) reuptake. Comparison  $D_2$  –type receptor activation shows similar behavior. For both receptor types, linear uptake underestimates the extent of receptor activation when compared to non-linear reuptake model by an order of magnitude.



**Figure S3. Averaging of multiple simulation runs for asynchronous terminal firing.**  Average (bold blue trace) of  $N=20$  simulation runs (light gray traces) of 100 asynchronously firing terminals. The firing regime is as defined in Figure 4 of the main manuscript and is omitted here for clarity.



**Figure S4. Dependence of SNR on the sensor parameter** *Keq***.** High *Keq* sensors have stronger turn-on response but poor reversibility. Imaging of faster dynamic processes, where temporal resolution is desired, requires fast reversible sensors with low *Keq* at a cost of lower SNR. Figure is developed for  $F<sub>0</sub> = 10,000$  and imaging frame rate of 20 Hz.



**Figure S5. Volume-averaged behavior of 25 terminals vs. 100 terminals firing asynchronously.** The result shows an average from  $N = 20$  simulation runs for each 25-(blue) or 100- (red) terminal cluster. Volume-averaged dynamics show behavior that is largely independent of cluster size for behavior-relevant firing regimes of burst firing and pause in firing. At smaller cluster sizes, the diffusive flux of dopamine out of the averaging volume becomes important and can no longer be ignored, resulting in slightly higher concentrations. For the 100-terminal cluster where release from a terminal does not escape the averaging volume size, accurate tonic and burst concentration levels can be estimated. Tonic dopamine level approaches 50 nM.



**Figure S6. Volume-averaged concentration profiles of 100 phasically firing dopamine terminals.** (a) Dopamine concentration profile in which terminals fire synchronously and corresponding sensor response of theoretical and 20 Hz video-rate frame rates with  $K_{eq}=1 \mu M^{-1}$  and  $\alpha = 2$ . (b) raster plot of synchronous firing activity corresponding to (a).