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### Statistics

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- The exact sample size ( $n$ ) for each experimental group/condition, given as a discrete number and unit of measurement
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*Only common tests should be described solely by name; describe more complex techniques in the Methods section.*
- A description of all covariates tested
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- For null hypothesis testing, the test statistic (e.g.  $F$ ,  $t$ ,  $r$ ) with confidence intervals, effect sizes, degrees of freedom and  $P$  value noted  
*Give  $P$  values as exact values whenever suitable.*
- For Bayesian analysis, information on the choice of priors and Markov chain Monte Carlo settings
- For hierarchical and complex designs, identification of the appropriate level for tests and full reporting of outcomes
- Estimates of effect sizes (e.g. Cohen's  $d$ , Pearson's  $r$ ), indicating how they were calculated

*Our web collection on [statistics for biologists](#) contains articles on many of the points above.*

### Software and code

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Data collection

Commercial imaging software associated with Zeiss (Zen Blue), Olympus IX3 series and Visiscope spinning disk system was used. For Silicon Probe recordings, the software Open Ephys GUI.

For Bulk RNAseq, STAR 2.7.7a and DESeq2 v1.36.0 as well as Voxhunt v1.0.1 were used.

Exact usage of data collection can be found in the Methods section.

PDMS molds were designed in Tinkercad ([www.Tinkercad.com](http://www.Tinkercad.com)) and sliced using the slicer software XYZ print 1.4.0.

Data analysis

Images were processed using the FIJI distribution of the open-source image processing application ImageJ (version 1.53q).

GCAMP trace extraction was performed using the open-source software package CalmAn (Flatiron Institute). Spike detection and event duration were performed using a custom code in Python 3.9.

Statistical analysis was performed using GraphPad Prism 9.4.1.

(sc)RNAseq analysis was performed using R Studio (2022.07.0 Build 548 and newer) and Cellranger count v7.0.0 and Seurat v4.1.1 were used.

Details of exact usage as well as data availability is provided in the Methods section.

Code used for analysis of data in this study have been deposited in a Github repository and is publicly available ([https://github.com/bardylab/miscos\\_org\\_ephys](https://github.com/bardylab/miscos_org_ephys)).

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## Data

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All manuscripts must include a [data availability statement](#). This statement should provide the following information, where applicable:

- Accession codes, unique identifiers, or web links for publicly available datasets
- A description of any restrictions on data availability
- For clinical datasets or third party data, please ensure that the statement adheres to our [policy](#)

Bulk and single cell RNA-seq data generated in this study have been made available at NCBI Gene Expression Omnibus (GEO) under the accession number GSE219247. Data and other unique reagents or biological materials generated in this study are available from the lead contact Dr. Juergen Knoblich ([juergen.knoblich@imba.oeaw.ac.at](mailto:juergen.knoblich@imba.oeaw.ac.at)) upon reasonable request and in compliance with Material Transfer Agreements (MTA). A STL CAD file for the embedding mold negative will be provided in the supplements.

## Human research participants

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Population characteristics	<input type="text" value="n/a"/>
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Ethics oversight	<input type="text" value="n/a"/>

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## Life sciences study design

All studies must disclose on these points even when the disclosure is negative.

Sample size	No predetermined sample size calculations were performed and sample size was determined by common practice in the field and based on previous studies in the field (Lancaster et al., Nature 2013, Lancaster et al., Nature Biotechnology 2017, Bagley et al., Nature Methods 2017, Esk&Lindenhofer et al., Science 2020, Eichmüller et al., Science 2022)
Data exclusions	No data which met the quality criteria of the designed experiments (e.g. read count in RNAseq) was excluded in this study.
Replication	All key experiments were successfully replicated at least twice and number of replicates are mentioned in figure legends.
Randomization	Organoids were randomly selected from organoid batches for each type of experiment.
Blinding	This study involved unbiased analysis and quantification for immunostaining, functional activity and gene expression data sets. Analysis was, where possible, performed on raw data by inherently unbiased pipelines. There was no expected outcome prior to any analysis, thus blinding was not performed.

## Reporting for specific materials, systems and methods

## Materials & experimental systems

## Methods

n/a	Involvement	Material/System
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Clinical data
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dual use research of concern

n/a	Involvement	Method
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	ChIP-seq
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## Antibodies

### Antibodies used

Primary Antibodies:

Species Antigen Producer Cat# Dilution used in 2D\*

Mouse ALDH1A1 (Clone B-5) Santa Cruz Biotech sc-374149 1:50

Rabbit Calbindin Aves lab/Swant CD38a D-28K 1:1000

Rat CTIP2/ BCL11b Abcam ab18465 1:300

Rabbit DARPP32 (Clone EP720Y) Abcam ab40801 1:100

Goat DARPP32 R&D systems AF6259 1:100

Rat DAT (Clone DAT-NT) Millipore MAB369 1:1000

Goat DLX2 Santa Cruz Biotech sc-18140 1:100

Sheep DLX5 R&D Systems AF6710 1:100

Rabbit DRD1 Abcam ab20066 1:400

Rabbit DRD2 Millipore AB5084P 1:100

Rabbit DsRed/tdtomato/Crimson Clontech 632496 1:250

Rabbit EN2 LSBio LS-B9057-200 1:100

Goat FOXA2 R&D Systems AF2400 1:300

Rabbit FoxG1 Abcam ab18259 1:200

Rabbit FOXP1 Abcam AB16645 1:200

Rabbit GABA Sigma-Aldrich a2052 1:200

Mouse GAD67 (Clone 1G10.2) Millipore MAB5406 1:200

Chicken GFP Aves Labs GFP-1020 1:500

Rabbit GIRK2 (Kir3.2) Alomone Labs APC-006 1:400

Rabbit GSX2/GSH Millipore ABN162 1:100

Rabbit ISL-1 Abcam AB20670 1:100

Rabbit LMX1a Sigma-Aldrich AB10533 1:100

Rabbit MASH1/ASCL1 Abcam AB74065 1:100

Rabbit Nkx2.1/Thyroid (TTF1)  
(Clone EPR5955(2)) Epitomics 6594-1 1:1000

Goat OTX2 R&D Systems AF1979 1:100

Mouse PAX6 (Clone AD2.38) Abcam ab78545 1:100

Sheep PAX6 R&D Systems AF8150 1:200 of 100 µl reconstitute

Rabbit RFP/tdtomato/Crimson Abcam ab62341 1:100

Rabbit SOX2 Abcam ab97959 1:600

Goat SOX2 R&D Systems AF2018 1:100

Rabbit SOX6 Abcam ab30455 1:500

Rabbit TBR1 Abcam ab31940 1:300

Rabbit TH Abcam ab112 1:300

Sheep TH Abcam ab113 1:400

Secondary Antibodies:

Species Anti- Fluorophore Producer Cat#

Donkey Mouse AF488 Invitrogen A21202

Donkey Mouse AF568 Invitrogen A10037

Donkey Mouse AF647 Invitrogen A31571

Donkey Rabbit AF488 Invitrogen A21206

Donkey Rabbit AF568 Invitrogen A10042

Donkey Rabbit AF647 Invitrogen A31573

Donkey Rat AF488 Invitrogen A21208

Donkey Rat AF647 Jackson ImmunoResearch 712-605-150

Donkey Goat AF488 Invitrogen A11055

Donkey Goat AF568 Invitrogen A11057

Donkey Goat AF647 Invitrogen A21447

Donkey Sheep AF488 Invitrogen A11015

Donkey Sheep AF568 Invitrogen A21099

Donkey Sheep AF647 Jackson ImmunoResearch 713-605-147

Donkey Chicken AF488 Jackson ImmunoResearch 703-545-155  
 Donkey Chicken AF647 Jackson ImmunoResearch 703-605-155

## Validation

Mouse ALDH1A1 (Clone B-5) Santa Cruz Biotech sc-374149: Validated by the company and used in 26 scientific literatures.  
 Rabbit Calbindin Aves lab/Swant CD38a D-28K: Validated by the company and used in one scientific literature.  
 Rat CTIP2/ BCL11b Abcam ab18465: Validated by the company and used in 718 scientific literatures.  
 Rabbit DARPP32 (Clone EP720Y) Abcam ab40801: Validated by the company and used in 96 scientific literatures.  
 Goat DARPP32 R&D systems AF6259: Validated by the company and used in one scientific literature.  
 Rat DAT (Clone DAT-NT) Millipore MAB369: Validated by the company.  
 Goat DLX2 Santa Cruz Biotech sc-18140: Validated by the company and used in 6 scientific literatures.  
 Sheep DLX5 R&D Systems AF6710: Validated by the company.  
 Rabbit DRD1 Abcam ab20066: Validated by the company and used in 47 scientific literatures.  
 Rabbit DRD2 Millipore AB5084P: Validated by the company.  
 Rabbit DsRed/tdtomato/Crimson Clontech 632496: Validated by the company and used in 2004 scientific literatures.  
 Rabbit EN2 LSBio LS-B9057-200: Validated by the company and used in one scientific literature.  
 Goat FOXA2 R&D Systems AF2400: Validated by the company and used in 66 scientific literatures.  
 Rabbit FoxG1 Abcam ab18259: Validated by the company and used in 126 scientific literatures.  
 Rabbit FOXP1 Abcam AB16645: Validated by the company and used in 97 scientific literatures.  
 Rabbit GABA Sigma-Aldrich a2052: Validated by the company.  
 Mouse GAD67 (Clone 1G10.2) Millipore MAB5406: Validated by the company.  
 Chicken GFP Aves Labs GFP-1020: Validated by the company and used in 747 scientific literatures.  
 Rabbit GIRK2 (Kir3.2) Alomone Labs APC-006: Validated by the company and used in 187 scientific literatures.  
 Rabbit GSX2/GSH Millipore ABN162: Validated by the company.  
 Rabbit ISL-1 Abcam AB20670: Validated by the company and used in 83 scientific literatures.  
 Rabbit LMX1a Sigma-Aldrich AB10533: Validated by the company.  
 Rabbit MASH1/ASCL1 Abcam AB74065: Validated by the company and used in 36 scientific literatures.  
 Rabbit Nkx2.1/Thyroid (TTF1) (Clone EPR5955(2)) Epitomics 6594-1: Validated by the company and used in 2 scientific literatures.  
 Goat OTX2 R&D Systems AF1979: Validated by the company and used in 81 scientific literatures.  
 Mouse PAX6 (Clone AD2.38) Abcam ab78545: Validated by the company and used in 44 scientific literatures.  
 Sheep PAX6 R&D Systems AF8150: Validated by the company and used in 10 scientific literatures.  
 Rabbit RFP/tdtomato/Crimson Abcam ab62341: Validated by the company and used in 290 scientific literatures.  
 Rabbit SOX2 Abcam ab97959: Validated by the company and used in 656 scientific literatures.  
 Goat SOX2 R&D Systems AF2018: Validated by the company and used in 196 scientific literatures.  
 Rabbit SOX6 Abcam ab30455: Validated by the company and used in 56 scientific literatures.  
 Rabbit TBR1 Abcam ab31940: Validated by the company and used in 425 scientific literatures.  
 Rabbit TH Abcam ab112: Validated by the company and used in 332 scientific literatures.  
 Sheep TH Abcam ab113: Validated by the company and used in 63 scientific literatures.

## Eukaryotic cell lines

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## Cell line source(s)

The hESC lines (H1 (WAE001-A), H7 (WA07), H9 (WA09) (all WiCell) and in-House (IMBA Stem Cell Core Facility) generated human iPSC lines (176/1, 178/5, 178/6) were used in this study.

## Authentication

Cell lines were authenticated by WiCell or IMBA Stem Cell Core Facility and checked for pluripotency and genomic integrity. Cell lines were checked to be morphologically consistent and show no signs of differentiation before every passage.

The protocol and informed consent form regarding iPSC derivation for the cell lines SCCF-176J clone#1, SCCF-178 clone#5 and #6 was reviewed and approved by the properly constituted Institutional Review Board/Independent Ethics Committee at the Medical University of Vienna (EK No. 1596/2017).

Cell lines SCCF-176J clone#1 and SCCF-178 clone#5 have been whole-genome sequenced and sequences are available from the EGA database (Study ID EGAS00001006262; Dataset: <https://ega-archive.org/datasets/EGAD00001008769>). Cell lines SCCF-176J clone#1 (<https://hpscereg.eu/cell-line/IMBAi001-A>), SCCF-178 clone#5 (<https://hpscereg.eu/cell-line/IMBAi003-A>) and SCCF-178 clone#6 (<https://hpscereg.eu/cell-line/IMBAi003-B>) have been registered at the Human Pluripotent Stem Cell Registry (<https://hpscereg.eu/>).

## Mycoplasma contamination

All cell lines were routinely tested to be negative for mycoplasma contamination.

Commonly misidentified lines  
(See [ICLAC](#) register)

No common misidentified lines have been used in this study.