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## Generation of locus coeruleus norepinephrine neurons from human pluripotent stem cells

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**Supplementary Figure 1 NE fate specification a,**Immunostaining for norepinephrine neural progenitor markers ASCL1 and PHOX2B at day 6 from cells treated with 1.0  $\mu$ M CHIR99021. HO, Hoechst. Scale bar, 50  $\mu$ m. **b**, qPCR of regional neural progenitor markers *OLIG3*, *ATOH1* and *PAX7* under the treatment of BMPs, FGF8,GDF7, IGF1 and ACTIVIN A. Data are shown as mean ± SD. n = 3 biologically independent samples. The significance compared to "Blank" condition was assessed by one way ANOVA (Dunnett's comparisons test). \* p<0.05, \*\* p <0.01,\*\*\* p <0.001 and \*\*\*\*p <0.0001. ns, not significant.



**Supplementary Figure 2 NE neuron differentiation a,** The diagram of the NE neural differentiation protocol. **b,** The bright field view of cells at different time points along NE neural differentiation. Scale bars, 1 mm.



**Supplementary Figure 3 NE neuron differentiation (a-d),** immunostaining for GABA, 5HT VGLUT1, CaMKII and PNMT in NE neurons at day 30. HO, Hoechst. Scale bars in (a-c), 50  $\mu$ m; Scale bar in (d) , 20  $\mu$ m;.



**Supplementary Figure 4 NE neuronal marker expression at day 14 a**, Feature plots of later NE markers in day 14 sample. **b**, Dot plots of later NE markers in each cluster of day 14 snRNA-Seq dataset.



**Supplementary Figure 5 Generation of TH reporter cell line a,** Schematic diagram of experimental design for generating the TH reporter cell line. The blue arrows indicate the primer designed for genotyping. **b,** The genotyping PCR of the candidate cell lines. The red arrow and green arrow indicate the insertion and wildtype bands respectively.



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**Supplementary Figure 6 Functional properties of NE neurons a**, Quantification of calcium spike amplitude in NE neurons before, at, and after cocktail blockers. Data are shown as symbols and lines in the "before-after" pattern. n = 26 neurons. Significance was assessed by paired t-test (two tailed). **b**, Quantification of firing rate change in non-TH cells from the NE differentiating culture. Data are shown as symbols and lines in the "before-after" pattern. n = 14 neurons. Significance was assessed by paired t-test (two tailed).



**Supplementary Figure 7 Generation of NE sensor cell line a**, Schematic diagram of experimental design for generating cell line expressing norepinephrine sensor  $\text{GRAB}_{NE1m}$ . The genotyping primers were shown by the arrows. **b**,**c**, The genotyping PCR of the candidate cell lines using primers to detect insertion (**b**) and homozygousity (**c**).