

**SUPPLEMENTARY FIG. S3.** Embryonic ventral midbrain neuronal stem cell (VM NSC) culture, identification, and T3-induced differentiation. (**A**) VM NSC culture and identification. The isolated single cells formed neurospheres 6 days in vitro. The cultured cells were Nestin positive and can differentiated into Tuj1<sup>+</sup> and GFAP<sup>+</sup> cells in vitro. Scale bar: 50  $\mu$ m. (**B, C**) T3 promotes dopamine (DA) neuron differentiation from cultured neurospheres. VM neurospheres were treated with 0.3 nM T3 and induced differentiation for 6 days in vitro. The differentiated DA neurons were identified by staining with TH and Tuj1 antibodies. Images in (**B**) are representative of four independent experiments (scale bar: 50  $\mu$ m), and the graph in (**C**) represents the statistical results. Data are presented as the mean  $\pm$  SEM. n=4, Student's t-test, \*\*P<0.01.