Hierarchical deconstruction of mouse olfactory sensory neurons:

from whole mucosa to single-cell RNA-seq

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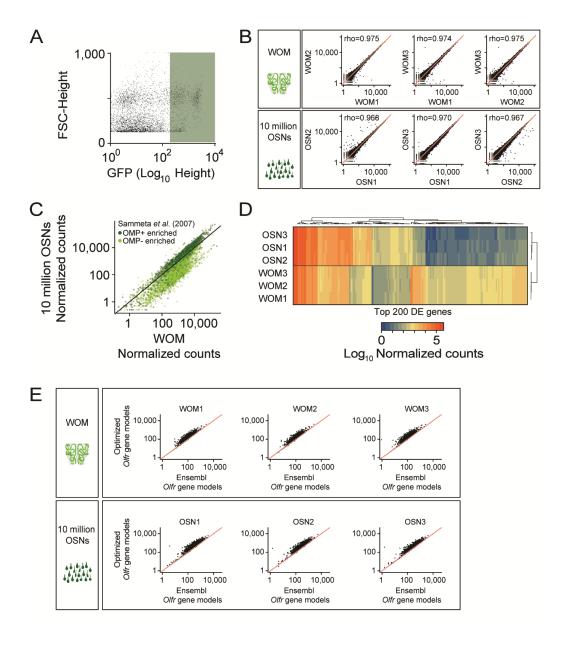
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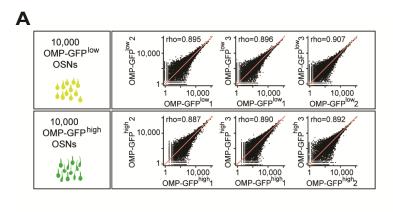
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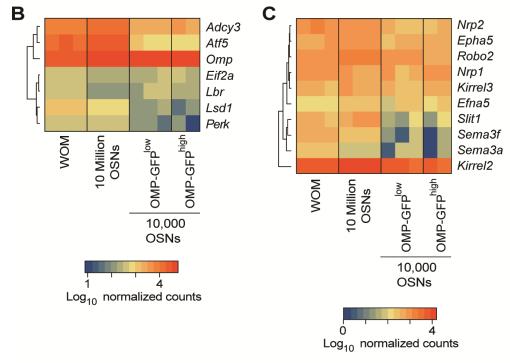
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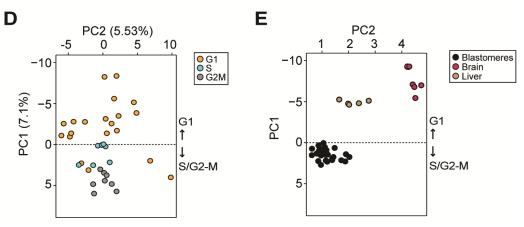
## **Supplementary figures**



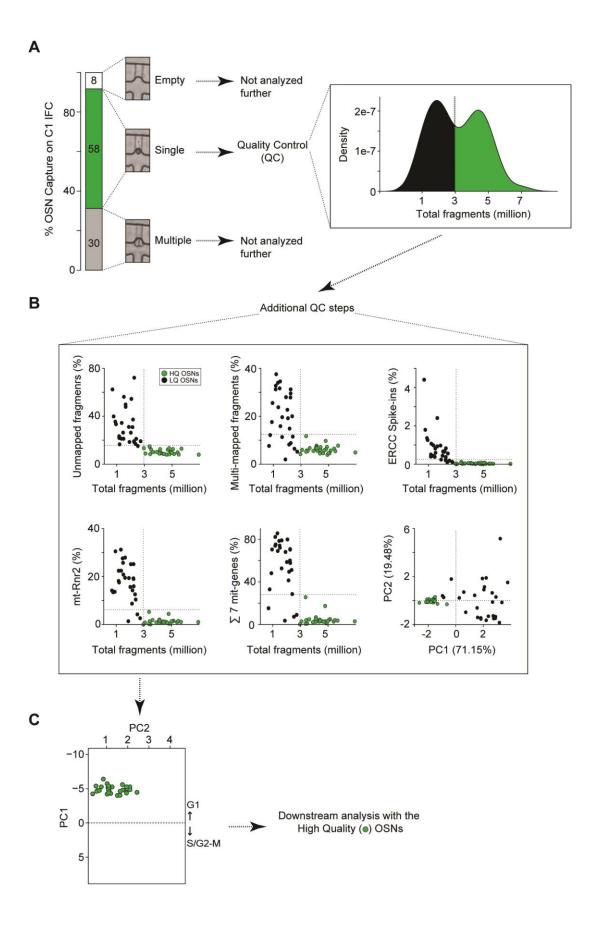
Supplementary Figure S1, related to Figure 1 – The transcriptomes of whole olfactory mucosa (WOM) and pools of 10 million OSNs. (A) WOM samples of OMP-GFP (+/-) mice were dissociated, and pools of 10 million GFP+ cells (OSNs) were collected by FACS gating based on fluorescence intensity (dark green shading). (B) Scatter plots of the expression levels of all genes in three biological replicates of WOM and OSNs. Spearman correlation coefficients were calculated and the rho values are indicated. The red line indicates the 1:1 diagonal. (C) Scatter plot of the expression levels for genes that were previously reported to be enriched in the OMP+ (dark green dots) or OMP- (light green dots) fractions of WOM samples from the same strain of OMP-GFP mice 19, here in WOM versus OSNs. Genes enriched in the OMPfraction are more abundant in WOM, while genes enriched in the OMP+ fraction are more abundant in OSNs. The black line indicates the 1:1 diagonal. (D) Heatmap displaying the top 200 differentially expressed (DE) genes between WOM and OSNs. (E) Scatter plots of the expression levels of the OR genes as estimated by using the gene models annotated in Ensembl (x-axis) or in Ibarra-Soria et al. (2014) (y-axis), for each WOM and OSN sample. The red line indicates the 1:1 diagonal. Gene expression estimates are considerably higher when the optimized gene models from Ibarra-Soria et al. (2014) are used.



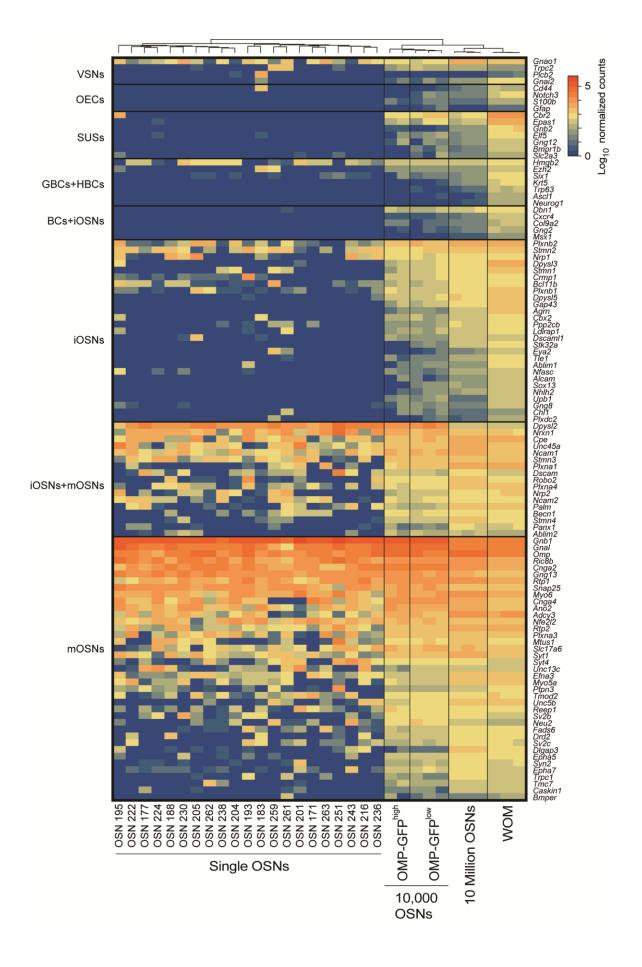




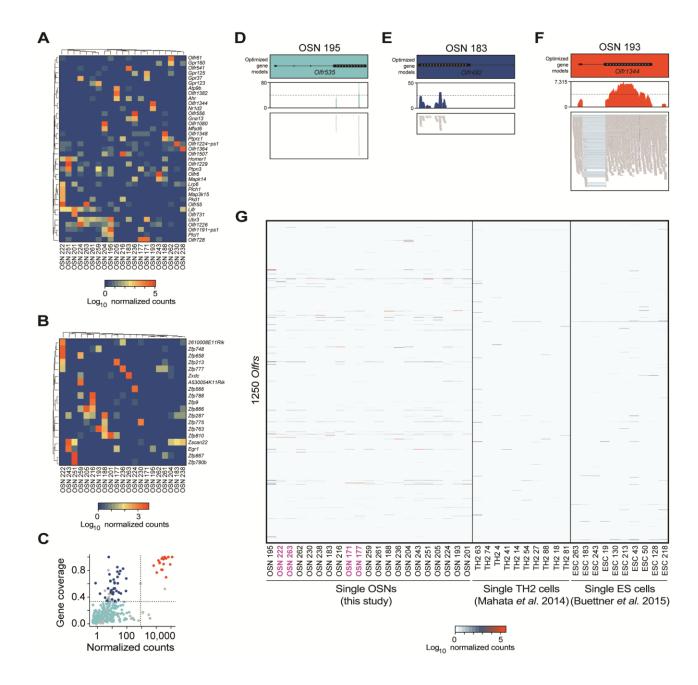
Supplementary Figure S2, related to Figure 2 – The transcriptomes of OMP-GFP<sup>low</sup> and OMP-GFP<sup>high</sup> OSNs. (A) Scatter plots of the expression levels of all genes in the biological replicates of OMP-GFP<sup>low</sup> and OMP-GFP<sup>high</sup> OSNs. Spearman correlation coefficients were calculated and the rho values are indicated. (B) Heatmap of the expression levels of genes involved in establishing monogenic expression in OSNs <sup>20,21</sup>. No significant differences are observed between the OMP-GFP<sup>low</sup> and OMP-GFP<sup>high</sup> populations. (C) Heatmap of the expression levels of some genes involved in OSN axon guidance <sup>22</sup>. Only *Robo2* is significantly different between the OMP-GFP<sup>low</sup> and OMP-GFP<sup>high</sup> populations. (D) Principal Component Analysis (PCA) on ES cells (training dataset) shows that the first principal component (PC1) approximately tracks the cell-cycle phase. In particular, G1 cells (except a few outliers) have a negative value on PC1, while the PC1 values of S and G2-M cells are positive. (E) Projection of the blastomeres (single-cells), brain (bulk) and liver (single-cells) samples onto the cell cycle PCA that differentiates between cell cycle stages (see Methods for details). PC1 segregates the samples based on their cell cycle stage, with samples in G1 having negative values and samples in S/G2-M positive values.



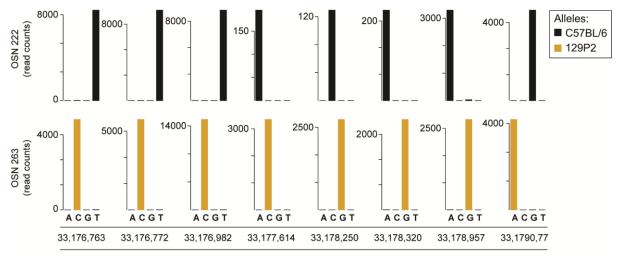
Supplementary Figure S3, related to Figure 3 – Quality control (QC) of the single-cell RNA-seq data. (A) Capture rate in the C1 IFC (10-17 µm, Fluidigm): 30 wells captured more than one cell and/or debris, 58 captured single cells, and 8 were empty. The 58 captured single OSNs were subjected to additional quality control (QC) steps; the total fragments obtained for each cell show a bimodal distribution, with 28 samples having low-yield (black) and 30 samples a significantly higher yield (green). (B) Further mapping statistics were analyzed. The total fragments are plotted against: % unmapped fragments, % multi-mapped fragments, % fragments mapped to ERCC spike-ins, % fragments mapped to mt-Rnr2 (the most abundant mitochondrial gene in the samples), and the sum of the 7 most abundant mitochondrial genes. Finally we performed Principal Component Analysis (PCA) of all the above parameters combined; the amount of variance explained by each component is indicated in parentheses. Based on these, it is evident that the low-yield samples are of poor quality. These samples were thus not analyzed further. (C) Projection of the single-cells onto the cell cycle PCA that differentiates between cell cycle stages (See Supplementary Fig. S2B, and Methods for details), shows that all the samples are in the G1 stage, as evidenced by their negative PC1 values.



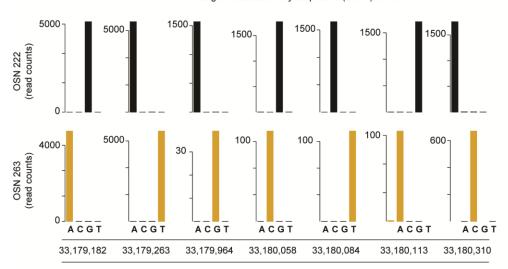
Supplementary Figure S4, related to Figure 4 – Captured single cells express marker genes of mature OSNs. Heatmap of the expression values of a comprehensive list of markers for various populations of cells within the main olfactory and vomeronasal mucosae of the mouse <sup>19,23-25</sup>, for all OSN samples analyzed. mOSNs: mature OSNs, iOSNs: immature OSNs, GBCs: globose basal cells, HBCs: horizontal basal cells, BCs: globose or horizontal basal cells; SUSs: sustentacular cells, OECs: olfactory ensheating cells; VSNs: vomeronasal sensory neurons.



Supplementary Figure S5, related to Figure 5 – OR expression in single-cell RNA-seq. (A) Heatmap of the expression levels of genes with a coefficient of variation (CV) greater than 4 that are in GO categories related to GPCR signaling. (B) Heatmap of the expression values of a group of zinc finger protein genes with a CV > 4. (C) Plot of the normalized counts for OR genes versus the proportion of the gene covered by the sequencing data. Each dot represents one OR gene with at least one mapped fragment in a specific cell. The horizontal dotted line indicates a coverage value of a third of the gene; genes below it are in light blue and represent the vast majority (> 85%). The rest of the ORs segregate into two populations of lowly (dark blue) and highly expressed (red) genes. The vertical dotted line is the threshold that separates them (from Fig. 5B). Grey dots are OR genes annotated as pseudogenes. (D) Example of an OR gene with low read coverage (light-blue dots in C). The sequencing fragments are stacked in very restricted regions of the gene, which is not consistent with bona fide transcription. (E) Example of an OR gene that has higher read coverage (~50%), but also expressed at a very low level (dark-blue dots in C). Very few fragments are mapped to this OR. (F) Example of an OR gene that has high expression across the entire length of the transcript (red dots in C). In (D-F) The top panels represent gene models from <sup>14</sup>; the middle panels represent the fragment coverage, the y-axis in counts varies in scale; the bottom panels show the actual reads mapped to each gene; blue lines join portions of a read that spans exon junctions. (G) Heatmap of the normalized expression levels of 1,250 OR genes in single OSNs, with representative, examples of 10 (out of 96) single Th2 cells <sup>26</sup> and 10 (out of 288) single ES cells <sup>3</sup>. For the majority of single OSNs, a highly expressed OR gene is apparent (orange) with a varying number of lowly expressed OR genes (dark blue); there is no consistent pattern in the lowly expressed OR genes, even between those cells that express the same abundant OR gene (highlighted in pink in the x-axis). TH2 and ES cells also express variable numbers of different OR genes, but always at low levels.

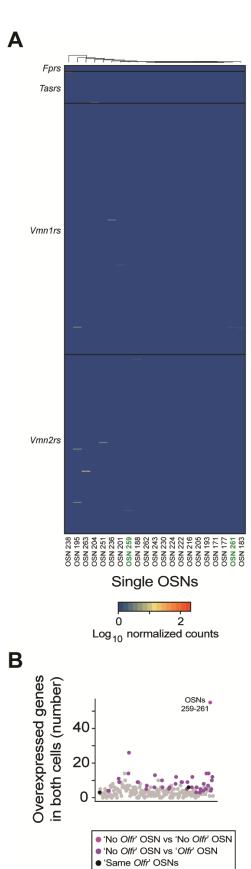


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Supplementary Figure S6, related to Figure 6 – OR gene expression is monoallelic. For each of the 15 informative SNPs in *Olfr55*, the number of reads containing each nucleotide, A, C, G or T, is plotted for OSN 222 (top) and OSN 263 (bottom). Black and gold indicate the nucleotide that corresponds to the C57BL/6 and 129P2 alleles respectively. For OSN 222 all SNP positions bear the B6 allele, while for OSN 263 all SNPs are of the 129P2 allele.



Offr OSN vs 'Offr OSN

Supplementary Figure S7, related to Figure 7 – OSNs lacking abundant OR gene expression are a molecularly distinct type of neuron. (A) Heatmap of the normalized expression levels for formyl peptide (*Fprs*), taste (*Tasrs*) and vomeronasal type 1 (*Vmn1rs*) and type 2 (*Vmn2rs*) receptor genes. OSNs lacking OR gene expression are indicated (green). (B) Each dot represents a different combination of two cells tested against the other 19 in a transcriptome-wide differential expression (DE) analysis. The number of DE genes that are significantly upregulated in both cells is plotted on the y-axis. The two cells lacking abundant OR gene expression, OSN 259 and OSN 261 in pink, have 55 differentially upregulated genes. Other combinations containing one of these cells are in purple, and the remainder in grey. All other combinations show considerably lower numbers of DE genes. Further highlighted in black are the two pairs of cells that express the same OR gene; these are no more similar to each other as they are to any other OR-expressing cell.

Supplementary Data S1, related to Figure 1 – The transcriptomes of the whole olfactory mucosa and pools of 10 million OSNs. Excel workbook containing the mapping statistics of the RNA-seq data for each sample, along with the accession numbers for the raw data; the normalized counts for the whole transcriptome; the differential expression analysis results between the WOM and the 10 million pooled OSNs; the GO categories significantly over-represented in the genes specifically expressed in the OSNs (fold-change > 3).

Supplementary Data S2, related to Figure 2 – The transcriptomes of OMP-GFP<sup>low</sup> and OMP-GFP<sup>high</sup> OSNs. Excel workbook containing the mapping statistics of the RNA-seq data for each sample, along with the accession numbers for the raw data; the normalized counts for the whole transcriptome; the differential expression analysis results between the OMP-GFP<sup>low</sup> and OMP-GFP<sup>high</sup> samples; the GO categories significantly over-represented in the differentially expressed genes.

## Supplementary Data S3, related to Figure 3 – The transcriptomes of single OSNs.

Excel workbook containing the mapping statistics of the RNA-seq data for each cell, along with the accession numbers for the raw data; the normalized counts for the whole transcriptome for the 21 cells analyzed in this manuscript, along with 9 additional cells that were excluded in the last QC step (see Methods); the differential expression analysis results between the two cells lacking abundant OR expression and the other 19; the GO categories and PFAM domains significantly over-represented in the genes with a coefficient of variation greater than 4; the normalized counts of all genes with a coefficient of variation greater than 4.

## Supplementary methods

Overrepresentation analysis of functional terms. To find functional terms enriched in the lists of differentially expressed genes, GeneTrail was used (http://genetrail.bioinf.uni-sb.de/) with 'Over- / Under-representation Analysis'. The background provided were all those genes tested for differential expression (those with an adjusted p-value different to NA). Detailed results can be found in Supplementary Data S1-3.

Cell cycle stage allocation. In order to assess the cell-cycle stage of a given bulk or single-cell RNA-seg dataset (test dataset), we used a recently published single-cell RNA-seg dataset (training dataset) 1 composed of stem cells that had been sorted by cell-cycle stage prior to the sequencing of their transcriptome. Both the training and the testing datasets were first normalized for sequencing depth. The two datasets were then pooled together and a quantile normalization was carried out on the genes that are annotated as part of the "cell cycle" in the Gene Ontology database (GO:0007049)<sup>2</sup>. Genes that had no counts in all samples were excluded. A Principal Component Analysis (PCA) on the training dataset shows that the first principal component (PC1) approximately tracks the cell-cycle phase (see Fig. S2B and <sup>3</sup>). In particular, all G1 cells (except a few outliers) have a negative value on PC1, while the PC1 value of S and G2-M cells is positive. Therefore, we reasoned that by projecting a test dataset onto this PCA we would be able to distinguish G1 from S/G2M cells by the sign of PC1. As a positive control, we applied this to published single-cell and bulk RNA-seq datasets from terminally differentiated mouse cells collected from the liver 4 and the brain 5, which are correctly predicted to be in G1 phase (see Supplementary Fig. S2C). On the other hand, blastomeres collected from 2-cell stage mouse embryos 4 that are most likely to be either in S or in G2-M phase <sup>6</sup>, consistently have a positive value for the PC1 (see Supplementary Fig. S2C). We then applied this same methodology to our bulk and single-cell RNA-seq data as test datasets, and

found that all samples have a negative PC1 (Fig. 2G and Supplementary Fig. S3), suggesting that single OSNs are in G1 phase and that bulk samples include mostly cells in G1.

Quality control of single-cell data. The quality of the RNA-seq data produced from a single cell is greatly influenced by the amount and integrity of the starting material. Including cells with poor quality data in normalization steps can be detrimental to the downstream analyses of cells with good quality data. Therefore it is imperative that such cells be identified and excluded at an early stage <sup>7</sup>. For the purpose of this study, we were interested only in single cells, so C1 Single-Cell Auto Prep IFC wells that contained multiple cells or debris were not analyzed further (30 samples), nor were samples from empty wells (8). From the remaining 58, the distribution of total fragments obtained per sample was clearly bimodal (Supplementary Fig. S3A). Deconvolution into two normal-like distributions revealed 28 cells with low yield (mean of 1.7 million) while the remaining 30 were sequenced at significant higher levels (mean of 4.4 million; t-test, P < 2.2e-16). To determine if the lower yield was a result of sequencing poor quality libraries, we analyzed mapping statistics (Supplementary Fig. S3B). The low-yield group of samples had a much higher percentage of unmapped fragments (31.97% on average versus 10.21% in the high-yield group; t-test P=5.739e-08) as well as multi-mapped fragments (20.27% versus 5.49%; t-test, P= 4.018e-08). The proportion of fragments that mapped to ERCC spikeins was over 20 times higher in the low- versus high-yield groups (t-test, P=5.576e-05). Furthermore, most of the uniquely mapped fragments from the low yield samples aligned to mitochondrial genes (on average 60.53%, compared to 4.77% in the high-yield samples; t-test, P=6.327e-12). Together these quality controls suggest that the starting material for the samples with low yield was of poor quality; we therefore focused our subsequent analysis on the 30 highyield samples. We next compared the OR gene expression profiles of these samples as a function of their capture location on the C1 Single-Cell Auto Prep IFC chip and the Nextera XT library preparation plate. Ten cells (OSN 157, 178, 185, 191, 207, 214, 218, 223, 255 and 263)

had evidence of two highly expressed OR genes. OSN 263 had high counts for Olfr55 and Olfr239, two adjacent OR genes that are 99% identical. Closer inspection of the sequencing data revealed that the fragments assigned to Olfr239 were in fact mismapped, such that a BLAST alignment maps them back to Olfr55. We therefore set the counts of Olfr239 to zero. For the remaining nine cells, in four cases (OSN 178, 191, 223 and 255) we found that one OR gene was expressed in another sample located in the immediately adjacent well, suggesting evidence of carry-over. The other five cells (OSN 185 (Olfr1348 and Olfr571), 207 (Olfr1463, Olfr476 and Olfr733), 214 (Olfr1258 and Olfr716), 218 (Olfr1419 and Olfr6) and 257 (Olfr46 and Olfr873)) did not share an OR gene with a sample in an adjacent well. We independently reassessed these nine cells through all previous quality control criteria and could not distinguish the four cells with evidence of carry-over from the five cells without such evidence. A recent report found that up to 20% of cells captured on a C1 microfluidic system contain two cells that are not visible in the microscopy images 8. Thus, to take a conservative approach and to reduce the possibility of including samples containing a second, visually obscured cell or contaminating debris in our subsequent analysis, we elected to exclude all 9 from this study. This procedure resulted in the final dataset of 21 samples of single OSNs that were further analyzed and are presented in this paper.

**Coverage of OR genes**. To obtain the proportion of the OR gene models covered by the mapped sequencing fragments, the BEDtools 2.16.2 <sup>9</sup> program *coverageBed* was used against a BED file containing the merged exonic regions for all isoforms of each OR gene (obtained with *mergeBed*). The output was then analyzed in R to count all positions with at least one mapped fragment to them.

**Sequencing data visualization.** Sequencing data was visualized using the Integrative Genomics Viewer (IGV) <sup>10,11</sup> and the UCSC Genome Browser. For the latter, BAM files were converted to bigWig using BEDtools 2.16.2 <sup>9</sup> *genomeCoverageBed* program and the wigToBigWig utility (http://hgdownload.cse.ucsc.edu/admin/exe/).

Phylogenetic reconstruction of the OR gene repertoire. A total of 1,098 OR genes with full-length open reading frames (ORFs) were extracted from the Ensembl mouse genome database, version 72. The longest ORF annotated for each gene was translated to generate amino acid sequence, and these were aligned using Clustal Omega with default parameters. Phylogenetic reconstruction was conducted in MEGA4 using the Minimum Evolution method <sup>12</sup>. The neighbor-joining algorithm was used to generate an initial tree <sup>13</sup>. All positions containing alignment gaps and missing data were eliminated only in pairwise sequence comparisons (using the pairwise deletion option). There were a total of 608 positions in the final dataset.

Fluorescent in situ hybridization (ISH). For single-color ISH, tissue preparation, hybridization and washing steps were performed as described <sup>14</sup>, in cryosections of the MOE of 8-week-old male C57BL/6J mice. The ribopobes for *Gucy1b2* and *Sln* were prepared as previously described <sup>15</sup>, using the following primers: Gucy1b2\_fw, *GCTGGACACCATGTACGGAT*; Gucy1b2\_rv, *TCCCACGTCTCCTCTCCAAA*. Sln\_fw, *CCAATACTGAGGGGCCATGC*; Sln\_Rv, *TCCTACATTCTTCCTTGGGGC*. Riboprobes were labeled with DIG or FLU, and visualized using sheep anti-DIG-POD or anti-FLU-POD (Roche) and the direct TSA-FITC Plus Kit (Perkin Elmer). Images were collected with a Zeiss Axiovert 200M microscope.

For two-color ISH, tissue preparation, hybridization and washing steps were performed as described <sup>16</sup>, in cryosections of the MOE of 3-week-old male or female C57BL/6J mice.

Riboprobes were prepared for *Sln* (nucleotides 12-521 from GenBank accession number NM 025540.2), *Emx1* (nucleotides 426-1136 from GenBank accession number NM 010121.2),

Sncg (nucleotides 1-685 from GenBank accession number NM\_01143.3). Gucy1b2 was from reference <sup>17</sup>, and Trpc2 was from reference <sup>18</sup>. Gucy1b2 riboprobe was labeled with DNP and detected with rabbit anti-DNP antibody (Life Technologies) and goat anti-rabbit IgG Alexa488 (Life Technologies), Sln, Emx1, Trpc2 and Sncg riboprobes were labeled with DIG and detected with sheep anti-DIG-AP (Roche) and HNPP/Fast Red TR detection system (Roche). Images were collected with a Zeiss LSM 710 confocal microscope.

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