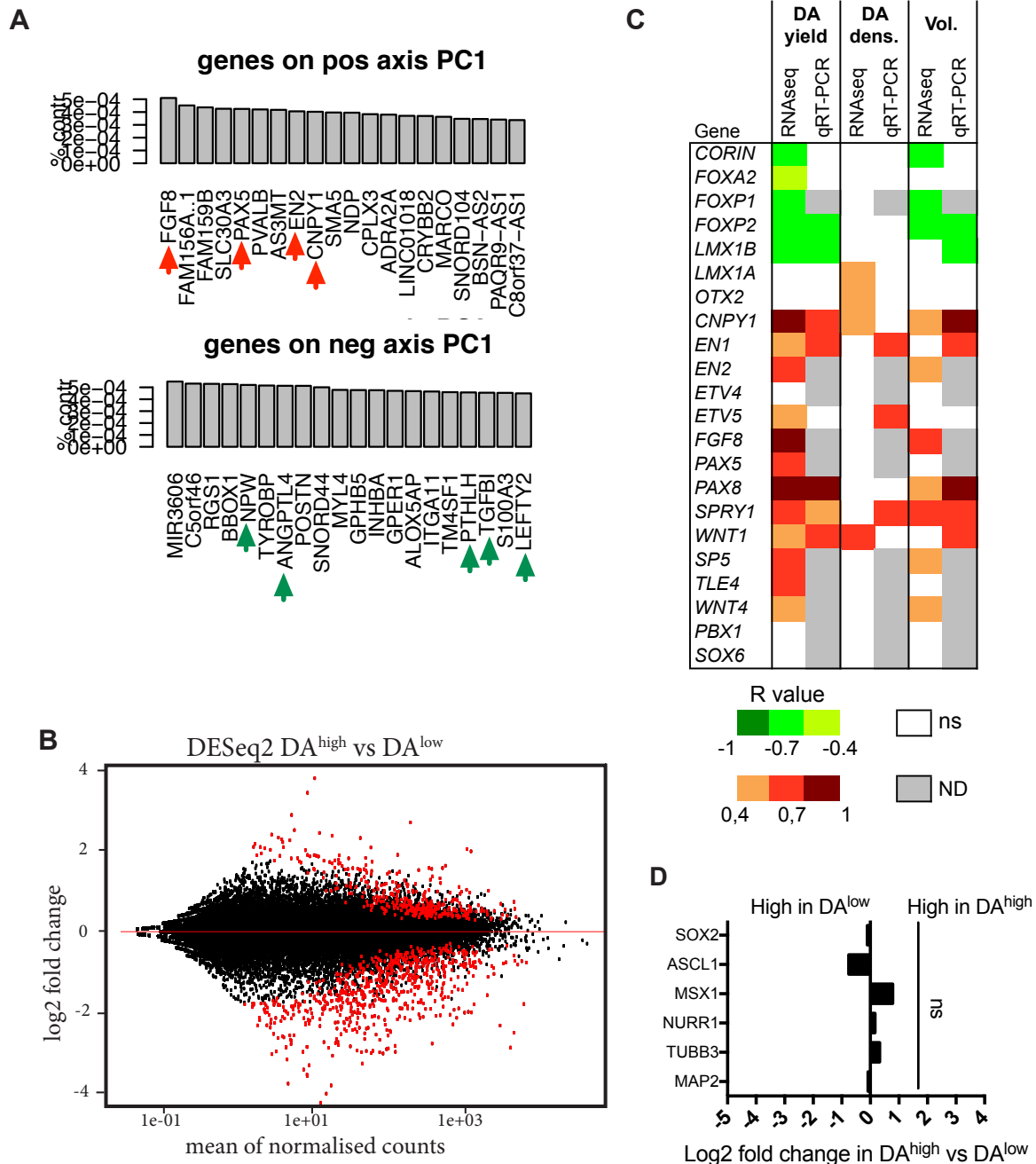


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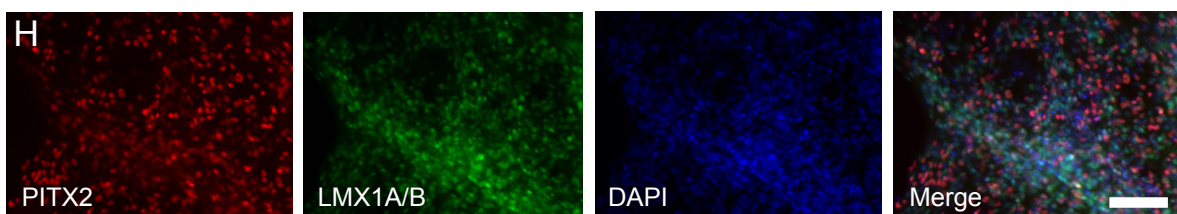
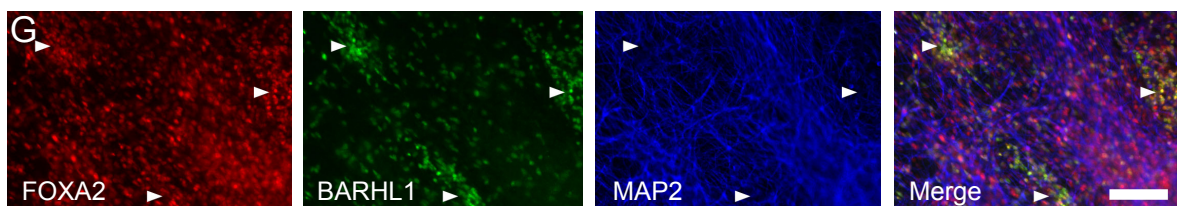
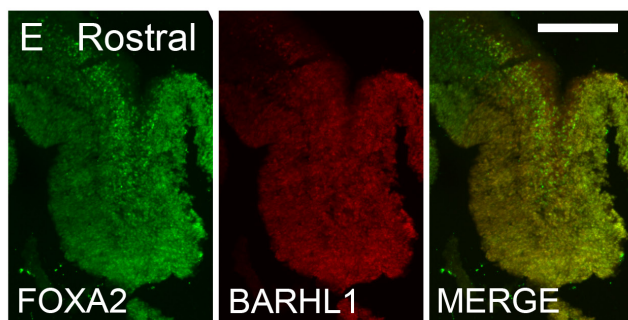
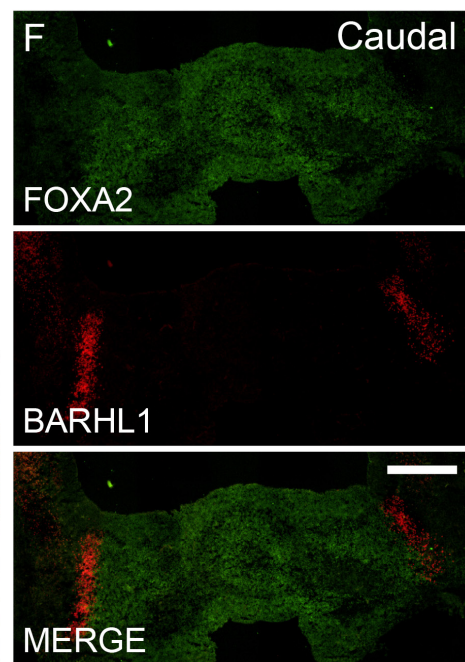
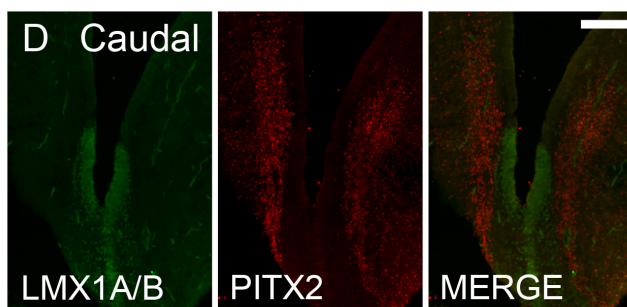
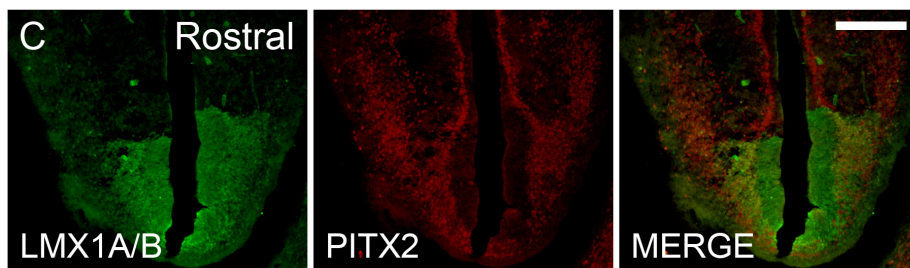
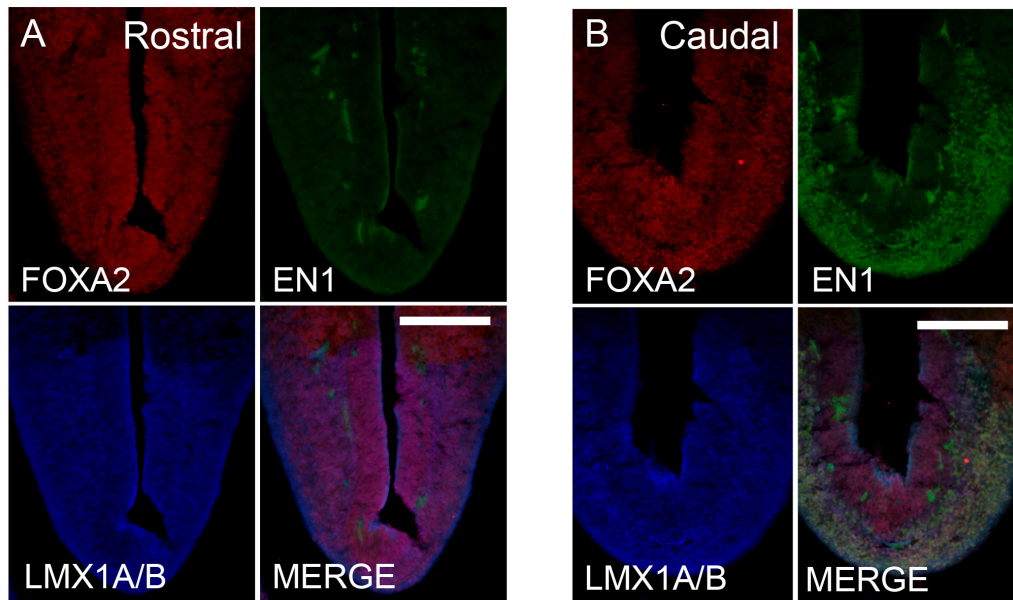
**Supplemental Information**

**Predictive Markers Guide Differentiation  
to Improve Graft Outcome in Clinical Translation  
of hESC-Based Therapy for Parkinson's Disease**

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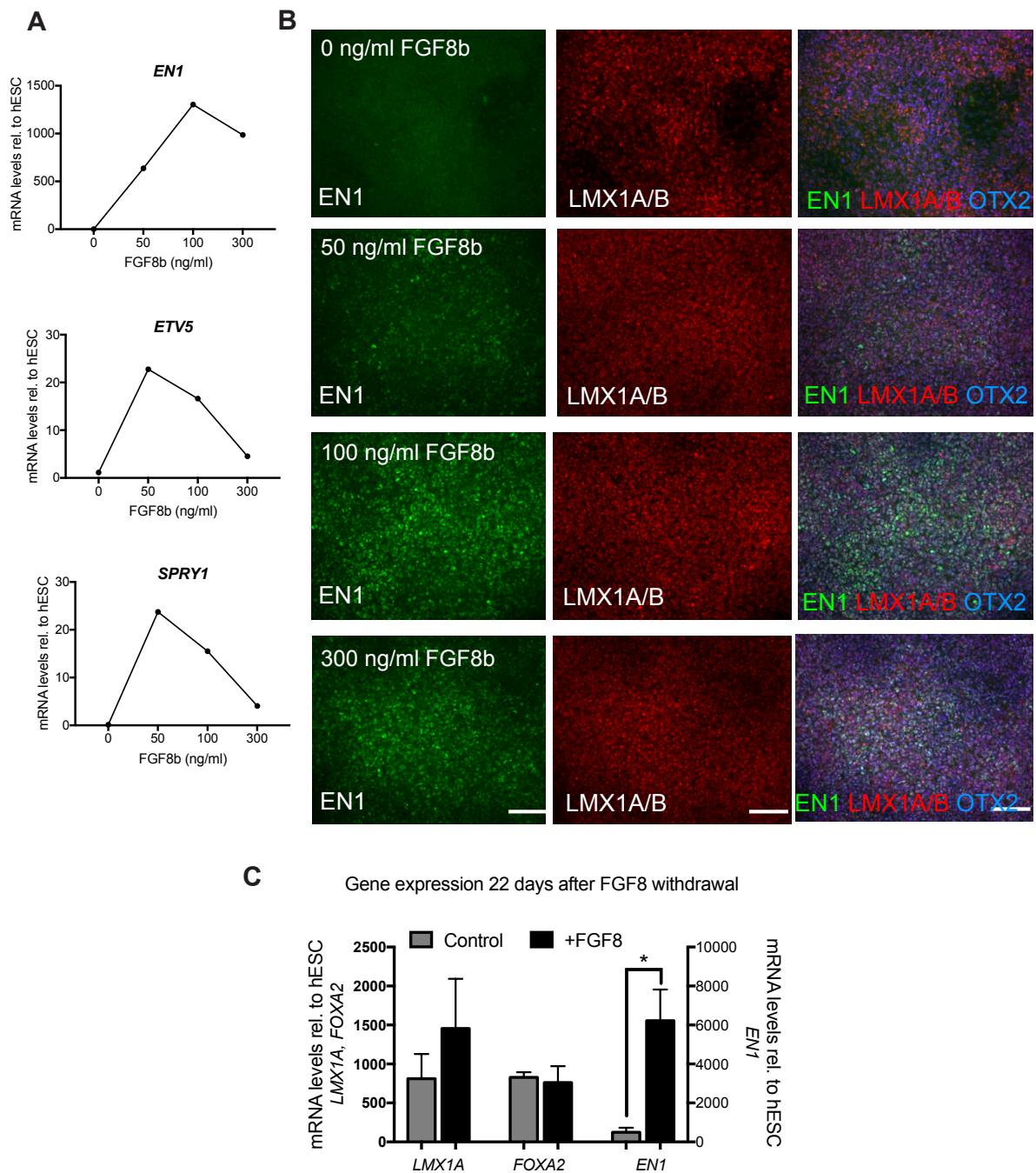


**Figure S1. Gene expression correlations to graft outcome (related to Figure 2).** (A) Results from main gene cluster at positive and negative PCA axis PC1 (from Figure 2B). Genes related to expression in the MHB domain are marked by red arrows and genes related to expression in diencephalic domains are marked with green arrows. (B) DESeq2 plot showing all differentially expressed genes as red dots (only genes with an adjusted  $p < 0.01$ ). (C) Overview of positive and negative correlations between gene expression levels to the 3 parameters of graft outcome: DA yield (TH+ cells per 100,000 cells grafted), DA density (TH+ cells per  $mm^3$ ) and volume (Vol:  $mm^3$  per 100,000 cells grafted) using samples from the DA-high and DA-low groups based on either qRT-PCR analysis or RNAseq RPKM values. Correlations are color coded according to the Spearman correlation R values only for correlations with  $p < 0.05$ . White shading denotes non-significant (ns) correlations and grey shading is applied for genes that have not been assessed by qRT-PCR (ND: not determined). (D) Markers of proliferative DA progenitors (*SOX2*, *ASCL1* and *MSX1*) and markers of postmitotic DA progenitors (*NURR1*, *TUBB3* and *MAP2*) were found to not be differentially expressed in the DA-high versus DA-low group in the DESeq2 analysis (ns = non-significant)



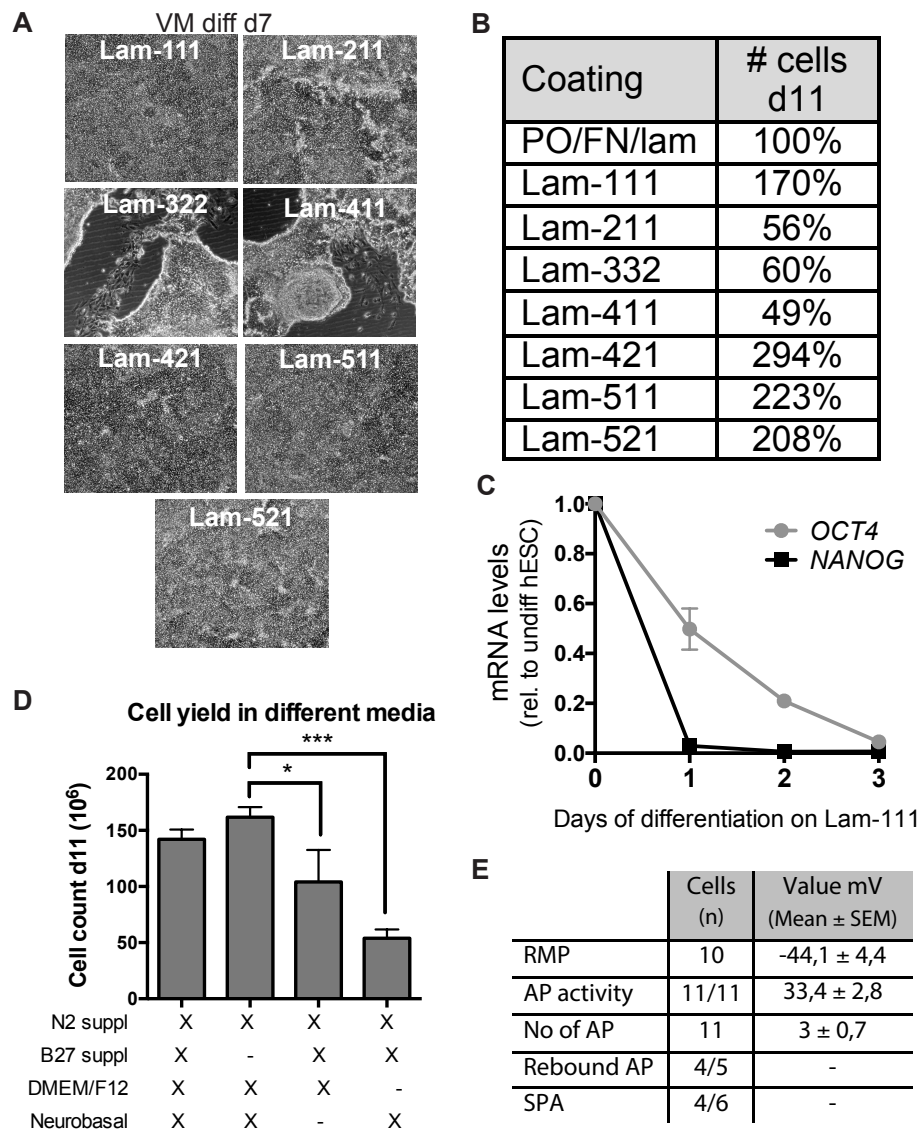
**Figure S2. Human fetal tissue expression patterns and terminal *in vitro* differentiation of cultures with STN fates (related to Figure 3)**

(A-F) Immunostainings of human fetal brain tissue shows differential staining for PITX2, BARHL1 and EN1 within the FOXA2+/LMX1A/B+ rostral and caudal domains as visualised schematically in Fig 3D. Sections were sampled from embryos of the following gestational time points: A, B, C, E: 6.5 wk p.c. D: 9.5 wk p.c. F: 7.5 wk p.c. (G+H) Terminal neuronal differentiation of VM-patterned cultures (d42) show persistent presence of G) FOXA2+/BARHL1+ and H) PITX2+/LMX1A+ cells. Scale bars: A, B, C, D, E: 200  $\mu\text{m}$ . F: 500  $\mu\text{m}$ . G, H: 100  $\mu\text{m}$



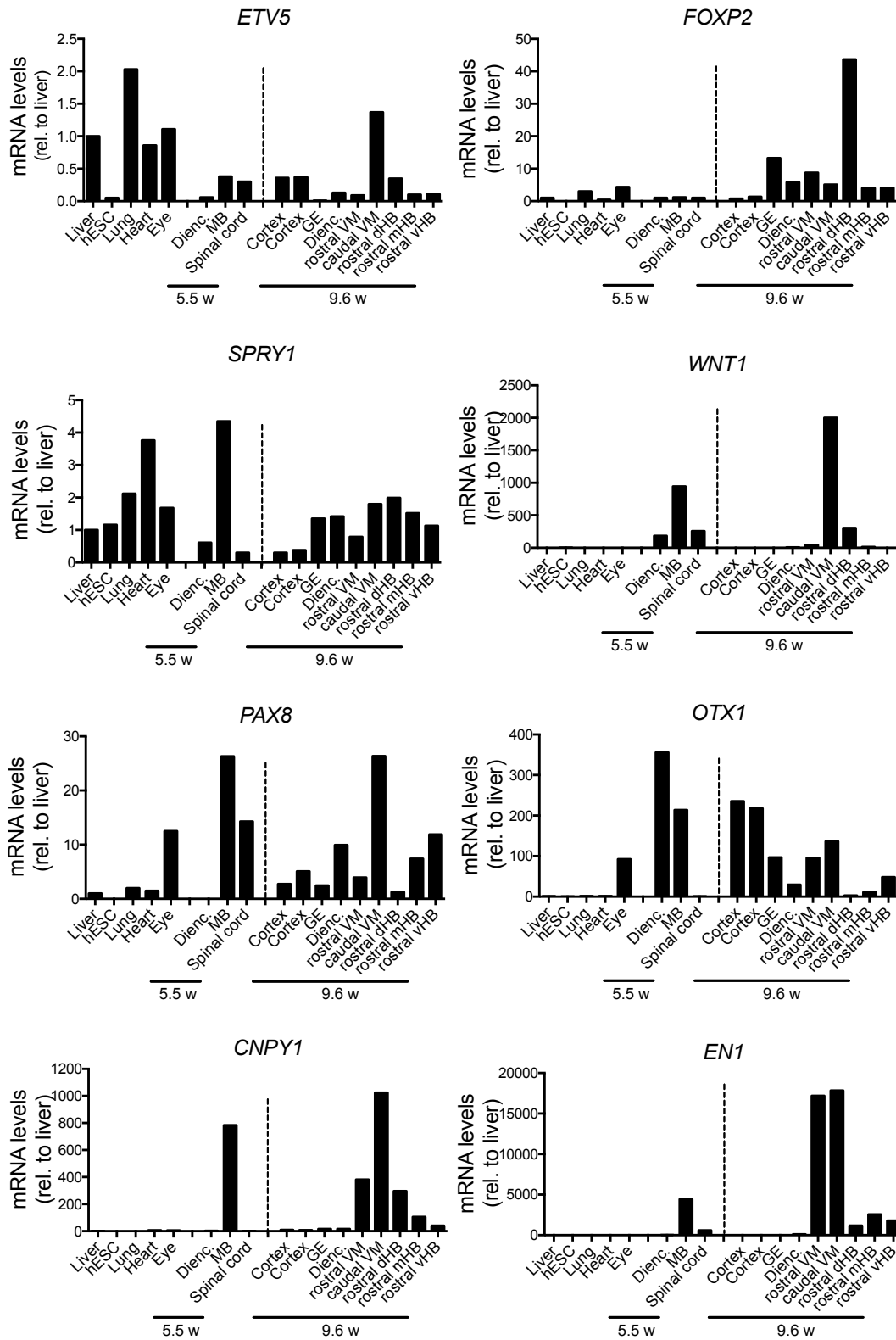
**Figure S3. Optimisation of FGF8b treatment (Related to Fig 4).**

RC17 cells were patterned towards VM and treated with 50, 100 or 300 ng/ml FGF8b from d9-16. Results from cell qRT-PCR (A) and immunostainings (B) showed 100 ng/ml to be optimal for induction of MHB markers. Scale bar: 100 $\mu$ m (C) When FGF8b was withdrawn from the cells, the cells still maintained a highly increased level of EN1 expression 22 days after withdrawal, while the levels of FOXA2 and LMX1A remained the same as control cells which had not received FGF8.



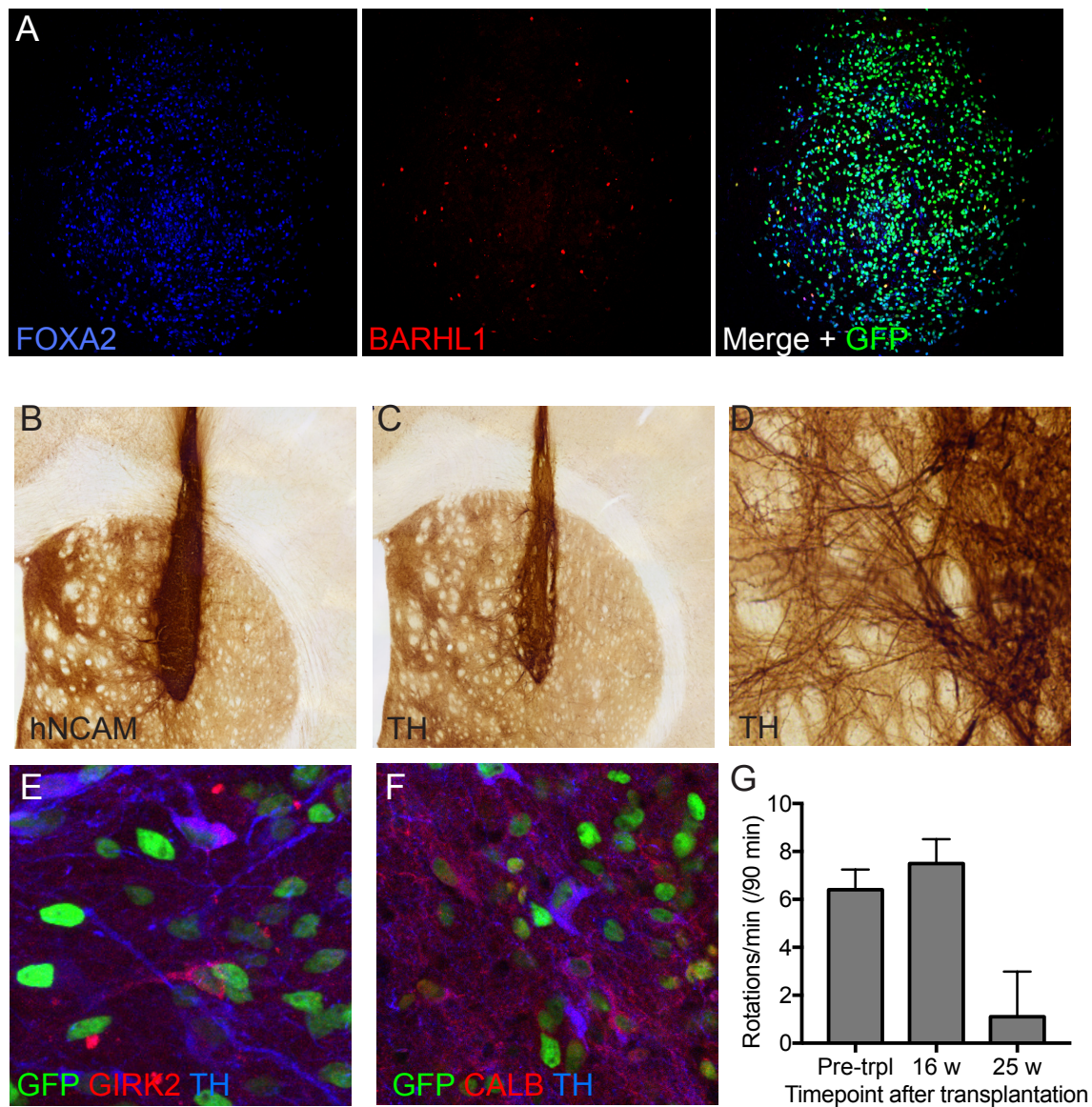
**Figure S4. Development of Lam-111-based GMP protocol (related to Figure 5)**

(A) Neural differentiation of hESCs on different Laminins revealed optimal attachment and yield of neural cells on Lam-111, Lam-421, Lam-511 and Lam-521. (B) Results from cell counts of hESC differentiated on different coatings from d0-11 and counted on d11. Counts are shown relative to a coating of research-grade polyornithine, fibronactin and sarcoma-derived laminin (PO/FN/lam). (C) Neural differentiation on Lam-111 matrix was accompanied by a rapid downregulation of pluripotency markers as measured by qRT-PCR. (D) Testing of different combinations of basic medium showed highest cell yield in mixed DMEM/F12+Neurobasal medium with N2 supplement, whereas addition of B27 supplement did not increase cell yield. (E) Results from patch clamp electrophysiology of GMP-derived neurons *in vitro* (Figure 5G-J). RMP= Resting membrane potential, AP = Action potential, SPA = Spontaneous postsynaptic activity.



**Figure S5. Validation of qRT-PCR primers in sub-dissected human fetal tissue (related to Figure 6)**

Primers for qRT-PCR were validated for producing specific signals in sub-dissected human fetal tissue of 2 different ages (5.5 and 9.6 weeks post-conception). Data is shown as FC relative to fetal liver. Dienc: Diencephalon, MB: Whole midbrain, GE: Ganglionic eminence, VM: Ventral midbrain, dHB: Dorsal hindbrain, mHB: Medial hindbrain, vHB: Ventral hindbrain.



**Figure S6. Assessment of BARHL1 in GMP grafts and *in vivo* validation of GMP protocol with H9 cell line (related to Figure 6)**

(A) Image of RC17 GMP graft (25 wks) stained for FOXA2, BARHL1 and visualized by graft-specific expression of nuclear GFP. Quantification of BARHL1+ cells out of total graft cells (GFP+) showed that just  $1.90\% \pm 0.43\%$ ,  $n = 3$  were double-positive (B-D) Representative images of hNCAM and TH in 16 week old grafts from H9 cells generated via the GMP protocol showing neuron-rich grafts with extensive host brain innervation (hNCAM overview in B), as well as a high TH-density (C) with TH+ fibers extending into the host striatum (D). (E, F) The grafted TH+ neurons co-expressed GIRK2 and CALB (Grafted cells are visualised by expression of nuclear GFP) (G) The grafts induced reduction in amphetamine-induced rotations as assessed 25 weeks after transplantation.



| Batch #  | Graft survival | Animals (n) | Graft site | Rat host strain | Immuno-suppression | # grafted cells      | Avg. DA yield (TH+/100,000) | Avg. Volume (mm <sup>3</sup> /100,000) | Avg DA density (TH+/mm <sup>3</sup> ) | Included in DESeq2+PCA | Additional qRT-PCR validation (Fig. 2G+H) | Included in Term diff qRT-PCR (Fig. 1G) | Publication |
|----------|----------------|-------------|------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|------------------------|---|---|-------------|
| Batch 1  | 6 wks          | 7/7         | Str.       | SD              | Ciclo              | 3*10 <sup>5</sup>    | 3711                        | 1,008                                  | 3790                                  | DA-high                |   |   | 1           |
| Batch 2  | 6 wks          | 8/8         | Str.       | SD              | Ciclo              | 3*10 <sup>5</sup>    | 4616                        | 1,141                                  | 3972                                  | DA-high                |   |   | 1           |
| Batch 3  | 6 wks          | 7/7         | Str.       | SD              | Ciclo              | 3*10 <sup>5</sup>    | 8660                        | 2,394                                  | 3579                                  | DA-high                |   |   | 1           |
| Batch 4  | 6 wks          | 7/7         | Str.       | SD              | Ciclo              | 3*10 <sup>5</sup>    | 5597                        | 1,366                                  | 4001                                  | DA-high                |   |   | 1           |
| Batch 5  | 18 wks         | 7/10        | Str.       | SD              | Ciclo              | 3*10 <sup>5</sup>    | 19876                       | 4,413                                  | 4479                                  |                        |   |   | 1           |
| Batch 6  | 24 wks         | 6/6         | Str.       | AT              | -                  | 1.5*10 <sup>5</sup>  | 9260                        | 2,897                                  | 3335                                  | DA-high                |   |   | 2           |
| Batch 7  | 16 wks         | 13/14       | Str.       | LH              | Ciclo              | 3*10 <sup>5</sup>    | 273                         | 0,090                                  | 3099                                  | DA-low                 |   |   |             |
| Batch 8  | 24 wks         | 4/9         | SN         | AT              | -                  | 1*10 <sup>5</sup>    | 38                          | ND                                     | ND                                    |                        | X   | X                                       |             |
| Batch 11 | 21 wks         | 9/16        | Str.       | LH              | Ciclo              | 3*10 <sup>5</sup>    | 266                         | 0,118                                  | 2425                                  | DA-low                 |   |   |             |
| Batch 12 | 24 wks         | 8/8         | SN         | AT              | -                  | 1*10 <sup>5</sup>    | 4007                        | ND                                     | ND                                    |                        |   |   | 2           |
| Batch 13 | A: 6 wks       | 3/4         | Str.       | SD              | Ciclo              | 2*10 <sup>5</sup>    | 212                         | 0,099                                  | 2485                                  | DA-low                 |   |   |             |
|          | B: 6 wks       | 3/4         | Str.       | SD              | Ciclo              | 2*10 <sup>5</sup>    | 176                         | 0,072                                  | 1583                                  |                        |   |   |             |
| Batch 14 | 6 wks          | 5/6         | Str.       | SD              | Ciclo              | 2*10 <sup>5</sup>    | 170                         | 0,049                                  | 4080                                  | DA-low                 |   |   | 3           |
| Batch 16 | 6 wks          | 4/4         | Str.       | SD              | Ciclo              | 1.5*10 <sup>5</sup>  | 1052                        | 1,606                                  | 658                                   |                        |   | X                                       |             |
| Batch 17 | 24 wks         | 10/10       | Str.       | AT              | -                  | 3*10 <sup>5</sup>    | 2198                        | 0,537                                  | 7387                                  |                        | X   |   | 3           |
| Batch 18 | A: 4 wks       | 4/4         | Str.       | SD              | Ciclo              | 3*10 <sup>5</sup>    | 581                         | 0,085                                  | 5936                                  |                        | X   | X                                       |             |
|          | B: 16 wks      | 5/8         | Str.       | SD              | Ciclo              | 3*10 <sup>5</sup>    | 1011                        | 0,231                                  | 5894                                  |                        |   |   |             |
| Batch 19 | A: 4 wks       | 3/4         | Str.       | SD              | Ciclo              | 3*10 <sup>5</sup>    | 36                          | 0,028                                  | 923                                   |                        | X   | X                                       |             |
|          | B: 16 wks      | 7/8         | Str.       | SD              | Ciclo              | 3*10 <sup>5</sup>    | 261                         | 0,057                                  | 4772                                  |                        |   |   |             |
| Batch 20 | 6 wks          | 4/4         | Str.       | SD              | Ciclo              | 1.5*10 <sup>5</sup>  | 755                         | 0,294                                  | 3791                                  |                        |   | X                                       |             |
| Batch 21 | 6 wks          | 4/4         | Str.       | SD              | Ciclo              | 1.5*10 <sup>5</sup>  | 13                          | 0,026                                  | 527                                   |                        |   | X                                       |             |
| Batch 22 | A: 18 wks      | 4/4         | Str.       | SD              | Ciclo              | 2*10 <sup>5</sup>    | 6868                        | 1,380                                  | 3573                                  |                        | X   | X                                       | 3           |
|          | B: 24 wks      | 6/6         | Str.       | AT              | -                  | 3*10 <sup>5</sup>    | 5822                        | 1,820                                  | 3536                                  |                        |   | X                                       | 3           |
| Batch 23 | A: 18 wks      | 3/4         | Str.       | SD              | Ciclo              | 2*10 <sup>5</sup>    | 4141                        | 1,308                                  | 4754                                  | DA-high                |   | X                                       | 3           |
|          | B: 24 wks      | 6/6         | Str.       | AT              | -                  | 3*10 <sup>5</sup>    | 3549                        | 0,881                                  | 3999                                  | DA-high                |   |   | 3           |
| Batch 24 | 6 wks          | 2/2         | Str.       | SD              | Ciclo              | 4*10 <sup>5</sup>    | 9                           | 0,043                                  | 345                                   | DA-low                 |   | X                                       |             |
| Batch 25 | 18 wks         | 4/4         | Str.       | SD              | Ciclo              | 4*10 <sup>5</sup>    | 7.5                         | 0.016                                  | 580                                   | DA-low                 |   | X                                       |             |
| Batch 26 | 16 wks         | 5/7         | Str.       | SD              | Ciclo              | 2.4*10 <sup>5</sup>  | 963                         | 0,856                                  | 1729                                  |                        |   | X                                       |             |
| Batch 27 | 16 wks         | 5/8         | Str.       | SD              | Ciclo              | 3*10 <sup>5</sup>    | 3970                        | 0,828                                  | 4461                                  | DA-high                |   | X                                       |             |
| Batch 28 | 16 wks         | 3/7         | Str.       | SD              | Ciclo              | 3*10 <sup>5</sup>    | 1117                        | 0,208                                  | 4869                                  |                        |   | X                                       |             |
| Batch 29 | 18 wks         | 5/5         | Str.       | SD              | Ciclo              | 1.5*10 <sup>5</sup>  | 7054                        | 1,640                                  | 4509                                  |                        | X   | X                                       |             |
| Batch 30 | 18 wks         | 4/4         | SN         | SD              | Ciclo              | 0.75*10 <sup>5</sup> | 4484                        | 1,532                                  | 2911                                  |                        | X   | X                                       |             |
| Batch 31 | 20 wks         | 9/9         | Str.       | LH              | Ciclo              | 3.4*10 <sup>5</sup>  | 5200                        | 1,430                                  | 3787                                  |                        |   | X                                       |             |

**Table S1. Overview of graft experiments used for marker correlations (related to Figures 1 and 2)**

Table shows details on each grafting experiment. All grafts were performed with H9 cells using the research-grade protocol (Kirkeby et al 2012). Animals (n) are shown as number of animals with surviving grafts out of total number of grafted animals. Only animals with surviving grafts were included in the quantitative analyses. Graft site: Str. = striatum, SN = substantia nigra. Rat host strain: SD = Sprague-Dawley, LH = Lister-hooded, AT = Athymic Crl:NIH-Foxn1<sup>nu</sup>, Immunosuppression: Ciclo = Daily intraperitoneal injections of Ciclosporin (10 mg/kg), starting the day before transplantation. Publications = Published studies in which these experiments have been included. 1: Kirkeby et al., 2012, 2: Grealish et al., 2014, 3: Grealish et al., 2015.

**Table S2 (separate xlsx sheet). Results from DESeq2 analysis (related to Figure 2)**

The table shows log<sub>2</sub> fold change of gene expression in the DA-high group versus the DA-low group together with the p-value and adjusted p-values (padj) for each gene.

| <b>Gene</b>     | <b>Expression domain</b> | <b>Reference</b>  |
|-----------------|--------------------------|---|
| <i>ANGPTL4</i>  | Hypothalamus             | Kim et al., 2010  |
| <i>CNPY1</i>    | MHB                      | Hirate and Okamoto, 2006  |
| <i>EN1/2</i>    | MHB/caudal VM            | Kee et al 2016; Veenvliet et al., 2013; Ye et al., 2001; Zhong et al., 2010 |
| <i>EPHA3</i>    | Thalamus/STN             | Kee et al 2016; Kudo et al., 2005   |
| <i>ETV4/5</i>   | MHB                      | Lahti et al., 2012; Raible and Brand, 2001                                  |
| <i>FEZF1</i>    | Hypothalamus             | Kurrasch et al., 2007   |
| <i>LEFTY1/2</i> | Diencephalon             | Bisgrove et al., 1999; Long et al., 2003                                    |
| <i>NPW</i>      | Hypothalamus/pituitary   | Dun et al., 2003  |
| <i>PAX5</i>     | MHB                      | Asano and Gruss, 1992   |
| <i>PAX8</i>     | MHB                      | Pfeffer et al., 1998  |
| <i>PTHLH</i>    | Pituitary                | Campos et al., 1991   |
| <i>SP5</i>      | MHB                      | Tallafuss et al., 2001  |
| <i>TGFB1</i>    | Diencephalon+dorsal MB   | Mecha et al., 2008  |
| <i>TLE4</i>     | MHB                      | Heimbucher et al., 2007   |
| <i>WNT1/4</i>   | MHB                      | Hollyday et al., 1995   |
| <i>WNT7B</i>    | Diencephalon             | Garda et al., 2002; Hollyday et al., 1995                                   |

**Table S3. Supplemental references for diencephalic and MHB genes (related to Figure 2)**

The table shows selected references describing the expression domains of genes shown to be differentially expressed in our DA-low versus DA-high cell batches.

| Reagent name                       | Supplier         | Cat number  |
|------------------------------------|------------------|-------------|
| <b>For Differentiation</b>         |                  |             |
| StemMACS iPS Brew                  | Miltenyi         | 130-104-368 |
| Lam-521                            | BioLamina        | LN-521      |
| Lam-111                            | BioLamina        | LN-111      |
| DPBS +Ca +Mg (CTS)                 | LT               | A12858-01   |
| EDTA                               | LT               | 15575-020   |
| PBS -/- CTS                        | LT               | A12856-01   |
| DMEM:F12                           | LT               | 21331-020   |
| Neurobasal CTS                     | LT               | A13712-01   |
| N2 supplement CTS                  | LT               | A13707-01   |
| B27 supplement w/o vitamin A       | LT               | 12587-010   |
| L Glutamine                        | LT               | 25030-081   |
| AccutaseGMP                        | Innov. Cell Tech | AccutaseGMP |
| SB431542                           | Miltenyi         | 130-105-336 |
| CHIR99021 (10 mM in DMSO solution) | Miltenyi         | 130-106-539 |
| Y-27632 dihydrochloride            | Miltenyi         | 130-103-922 |
| Noggin GMP                         | R&D              | 6057-GMP    |
| BDNF GMP                           | R&D              | 248-GMP     |
| SHH C24II Premium Grade            | Miltenyi         | 130-095-727 |
| L-Ascorbic Acid                    | Sigma            | A4403-100MG |
| FGF8b Premium Grade                | Miltenyi         | 130-095-740 |
| <b>For Transplantation</b>         |                  |             |
| HBSS (no Ca/Mg, no Phenol Red)     | LT               | 14175053    |
| Pulmozyme (Dornase Alpha)          | Roche            | 11899       |

**Table S4. List of GMP reagents used for cell culture ad differentiation (related to Figure 5)**

## Supplemental Experimental procedures

### Surgical procedures

All rats received a 6-OHDA lesion of the MFB as described in (Kirik et al., 1998). Briefly, rats were anesthetized with isoflurane (2–4% with carrier gases oxygen and nitrous oxide) or intraperitoneal injection of Fentanyl and Medetomidine (20:1), and put in a stereotaxic frame. The MFB was targeted with an injection of 3–4  $\mu$ l 0.01–0.02% L-ascorbic acid saline solution containing a total amount of 12–14  $\mu$ g of 6-OHDA (freebase). The stereotaxic coordinates for lesioning were adjusted to the age and weight of the animals. For intrastriatal transplantation of hESCs, cell suspensions of 50,000 – 100,000 cells/ $\mu$ l were transplanted in 1–2 deposits of 2  $\mu$ l each at the following coordinates: (1) AP: +1.2, ML: -2.6; (2) AP: +0.5, ML: -3.0; and DV -3.7 to -4.5 from dura, with the tooth bar set to -2.4. The cells were injected at a rate of 0.5  $\mu$ l per minute, and the capillary was left in place for a further 3 min before being retracted. See Table S1 for total cell number grafted in each experiment. For intranigral transplantations, cell suspensions of 37,500 – 50,000 cells/ $\mu$ l were transplanted in 1 deposit of 2  $\mu$ l at the following coordinates: AP: -4.6, ML: -2.2 and DV -7 from dura, with the tooth bar set to -2.4

### Behavioural analysis

Rotational asymmetry was assessed in automated rotometer bowls which were modelled after the design of Ungerstedt and Arbuthnott (1970). Amphetamine-induced rotation was induced by intraperitoneal injection of 2.5 mg/kg *d*-amphetamine hydrochloride (Sigma Chemicals, UK) dissolved in sterile saline and behaviour was recorded over a period of 90 min. All rotation scores were expressed as an average of ipsilateral rotations minus contralateral rotations (Kirkeby et al, 2012). Spontaneous paw-use asymmetry was assessed as explorative behaviour in a glass cylinder. The behaviour was video recorded over a period of 5 minutes and scored post hoc. Paw use preference was expressed as contralateral cylinder touches as percent of total (Left/(Left+Right) x 100%).

### Immunohistochemistry

At ended experiments, rats were terminally anaesthetized with sodium pentobarbital and sacrificed by transcardial perfusion with a 4% paraformaldehyde solution (pH = 7.4). Brains were post-fixed for an additional 2 hours before cryopreservation in a 25–30% sucrose solution. Tissue was sectioned coronally for immunohistochemistry on a freezing sledge microtome at 35–40 $\mu$ m thickness in series of 1:8 or 1:12. All washing steps were done in 0.1 M phosphate buffered saline with potassium (KPBS) and all incubations were done in 3–5 % serum (secondary antibody host species) + 0.25 % Triton X-100 in KPBS. Sections were incubated with primary antibody over night at room temperature (RT) or over 60 hours at 4°C (see list of antibodies and dilutions below). For immunofluorescence, tissue was incubated with fluorophore-conjugated secondary antibodies (DAKO) for 1–3 hours at RT. Confocal fluorescent images were captured using a Leica DMRE confocal microscope equipped with green helium/neon, standard helium/neon and argon lasers. For DAB stainings, tissue was incubated with secondary biotinylated-horse antibodies (1:200, Vector Laboratories) for 1–3 hours at RT, followed by an amplification step with streptavidin–biotin for 1–2 hours at RT. Detection of primary–secondary antibody complexes was performed using peroxidase driven precipitation of di-amino-benzidine (DAB). In this step, sections were incubated in 0.05 % DAB for 1.5 minutes before addition of 0.01% H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> for 1.5 minutes. The sections were finally mounted on gelatin coated slides, dehydrated in an ascending series of alcohols, cleared in xylene and coverslipped with DPX mountant.

### Quantification of graft volumes

To estimate the graft volumes, the sections were scanned using a DUOSCAN f40 AGFA and analysed with Image J software (NIH, v1.49). The graft area was extrapolated in every section of 1:8 or 1:12 series that showed HuNu+ staining, and the volume of the grafts were calculated using Cavalieri's principle (Cavalieri, 1966). For those animals where HuNu stained sections were not available, hNCAM was used for volume estimations. Since hNCAM labels not only nuclei but also processes, only the densest core of the grafts was included in the measurements. The graft volume was normalized to 100,000 transplanted cells in order enable comparison between experiments.

### Human fetal tissue

Human fetal tissue was obtained in accordance with existing guidelines from legally terminated embryos under informed consent from women seeking elective abortions and with approval of the Swedish National Board of Health and Welfare. The gestational age of each embryo was determined by measuring the crown-to-rump length, and embryos

were staged according to weeks post-conception. For immunohistochemistry, the brain was isolated from each embryo and the diencephalic and ventral midbrain regions were subdissected and fixed in 4% paraformaldehyde overnight. Subsequently, the tissue was cryoprotected in 30% sucrose before embedding in O.C.T Tissue-Tek (Sakura FineTek, Europe BF) for cryo-sectioning and staining.

### **Cell culture and GMP differentiation protocol**

Reagents used for VM differentiation according to GMP protocol can be found in Table S4. Undifferentiated RC17 cells were maintained on Lam-521 (0.5  $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$ ) coated plates in iPS Brew and passaged weekly with EDTA (0.5 mM). To start differentiations (day 0), hESC colonies were detached from the culture dish with EDTA (0.5 mM) to yield a cell suspension of small colonies (2-5 cells in each). Cell concentration in the resulting colony suspension was quantified by taking out an aliquot of colonies for dissociation into single cells by accutase treatment for subsequent cell counting. Differentiation was initiated by plating of colonies onto Lam-111 (10  $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$ ) coated cell cultures plates in differentiation medium at a density of 10,000 cells/ $\text{cm}^2$ . Differentiation medium from day 0-9 consisted of DMEM/F12:Neurobasal (1:1), N2 supplement (1:100), SB431542 (10  $\mu\text{M}$ ), rhNoggin (100 ng/ml), SHH-C24II (200 ng/ml) and CHIR99021 (0.7  $\mu\text{M}$ ). On d11 of differentiation, cells were dissociated to single cells with accutase and replated onto lam-111 coated plates at a density of 800,000 cells/ $\text{cm}^2$  in Neurobasal, B27 supplement without vitamin A (1:50), brain-derived neurotrophic factor (BDNF) (20 ng/ml) and ascorbic acid (200  $\mu\text{M}$ ). FGF8b (100 ng/ml) could be added to the cells at different timepoints. Rock inhibitor (Y-27632, 10  $\mu\text{M}$ ) was added to the cells at replating steps (day 0 and 11). For terminal maturation of the cell in vitro, db-cAMP (0.5 mM) and DAPT (1  $\mu\text{M}$ ) was added to the medium from day 16 and onwards. For immunofluorescent staining of in vitro experiments, cells were fixed in 4% PFA and incubated overnight with relevant primary antibodies (see list of antibodies below) before addition of secondary fluorophore-conjugated antibodies (DAKO).

### **Quantitative reverse-transcription PCR (qRT-PCR)**

RNA was isolated from cell cultures using the RNeasy Micro kit and from human tissue using the RNeasy lipid tissue kit (QIAGEN). Reverse transcription was performed with random hexamer primers and Superscript III enzyme (Invitrogen), using up to 1  $\mu\text{g}$  of RNA from each sample. The cDNA was pipetted together with Sybr green mastermix (Roche) using the Bravo instrument (Agilent) and analyzed by quantitative PCR on a LightCycler 480 instrument using a 2-step protocol with a 60°C annealing/elongation step. All quantitative RT-PCR (qRT-PCR) samples were run in technical triplicates, and the average Ct-values were used for calculations. Data are represented using the DDCT method. All fold changes are calculated as the average fold change based on 2 different housekeeping genes (b-actin and GAPDH). See Table S6 for a complete list of primers used in this study.

### **Electrophysiology**

Patch-clamp electrophysiology was performed on RC17 hESCs differentiated to a VM fate at day 45 post-differentiation. Cells grown on coverslips were submerged in a continuously flowing Krebs solution (119 mM NaCl, 2.5 mM KCl, 1.3 mM  $\text{MgSO}_4$ , 2.5 mM  $\text{CaCl}_2$ , 25 mM Glucose and 26 mM  $\text{NaHCO}_3$ ) gassed with 95%  $\text{O}_2$  - 5%  $\text{CO}_2$  at 28°C. Recordings were made with a Multiclamp 700B amplifier (Molecular Devices), using borosilicate glass pipettes (3–7 M $\Omega$ ) filled with 122.5 mM potassium gluconate, 12.5 mM KCl, 0.2 mM EGTA, 10 mM HEPES, 2 mM MgATP, 0.3 mM Na3GTP and 8 mM NaCl adjusted to pH 7.3 with KOH. Data were acquired with pClamp 10.2 (Molecular Devices); current was filtered at 0.1 kHz and digitized at 2kHz. Cells with neuronal morphology with round cell body were selected for whole-cell patch clamp. Resting membrane potentials were monitored immediately after breaking-in in current-clamp mode. Thereafter, cells were kept at a membrane potential of -60mV to -80mV, and 500ms currents were injected from -20pA to +90pA with 10pA increments to induce action potentials. For rebound depolarizations the cells were injected with a train of small currents of 20 pA to induce action potentials. Spontaneous post-synaptic currents were recorded at -60 mV using the same internal solution.

### **Flow cytometry**

For labelling of FOXA2, cells were fixed using the FOXP3 staining buffer set (Miltenyi), and labelled with antibodies for 30 min at 4°C prior washing and analysis. Antibodies were kindly provided by Miltenyi Biotec as a gift. For CORIN labelling, cells were stained live for 20 min on ice. Cells were analysed on a FACS Aria III instrument and subjected to compensation based on single-stained controls.

**List of primer sequences used in this study**

| <b>Gene</b>   | <b>Full gene name</b>                                | <b>Primer sequence (fwd/rev)</b> |
|---------------|--|----------------------------------|
| <i>AADC</i>   | DDC (DOPA decarboxylase)                             | GGGGACCACAACATGCTGCTCC           |
|               |  | AATGCACTGCCTGCGTAGGCTG           |
| <i>ACTB</i>   | beta-actin   | CCTTGACATGCCGGAG                 |
|               |  | GCACAGAGCCTCGCCTT                |
| <i>BARHL1</i> | BarH-like homeobox 1                                 | GTACCAGAACCAGGACTAAA             |
|               |  | AGAAATAAGGCGACGGGAACAT           |
| <i>BARHL2</i> | BarH-like homeobox 2                                 | GGAGATTACGAGTAGCCGTGAG           |
|               |  | AAGCTACGCTCCAGTTGATTGA           |
| <i>CORIN</i>  | corin, serine peptidase                              | CATATCTCCATCGCCTCAGTTG           |
|               |  | GGCAGGAGTCCATGACTGT              |
| <i>CNPY1</i>  | Canopy FGF signaling regulator1                      | TTGGCCTCTCAAACACCATTCT           |
|               |  | GAGCGAAACAAAACGCAATCAC           |
| <i>EN1</i>    | Engrailed 1  | CGTGGCTTACTCCCCATTTA             |
|               |  | TCTCGCTGTCTCTCCCTCTC             |
| <i>ETV5</i>   | Ets Variant 5  | TCATCCTACATGAGAGGGGGTT           |
|               |  | GACTTTGCCTTCCAGTCTCTCA           |
| <i>FOXA2</i>  | forkhead box A2                                      | CCGTTTCTCCATCAACAACCT            |
|               |  | GGGGTAGTGCATCACCTGTT             |
| <i>FOXG1</i>  | forkhead box G1 (BF1)                                | TGGCCCATGTGCGCCCTTCT             |
|               |  | GCCGACGTGGTGCCGTTGTA             |
| <i>FOXP2</i>  | Forkhead box P2                                      | ATGAGCACTCTAAGCAGCCAAT           |
|               |  | GTTGCAGATGCAGCAGTTCTAC           |
| <i>GAPDH</i>  | Glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase             | TTGAGGTCAATGAAGGGGTC             |
|               |  | GAAGGTGAAGGTCGGAGTCA             |
| <i>HOXA2</i>  | Homeobox A2  | CGTCGCTCGCTGAGTGCCTG             |
|               |  | TGTGAGTGTGAAAGCGTGCAGG           |
| <i>LHX2</i>   | LIM homeobox 2                                       | GGGCGACCACTTCGGCATGAA            |
|               |  | CGTCGGCATGGTTGAAGTGTGC           |
| <i>LMX1A</i>  | LIM homeobox transcription factor a                  | CGCATCGTTTCTTCTCCTCT             |
|               |  | CAGACAGACTTGGGGCTCAC             |
| <i>LMX1B</i>  | LIM homeobox transcription factor b                  | CTTAACCAGCCTCAGCGACT             |
|               |  | TCAGGAGGCGAAGTAGGAAC             |
| <i>NANOG</i>  | Nanog homeobox                                       | TTGGGACTGGTGAAGAATC              |
|               |  | GATTTGTGGCCTGAAGAAA              |
| <i>NKX2.1</i> | NK2 homeobox 1                                       | AGGGCGGGGCACAGATTGGA             |
|               |  | GCTGGCAGAGTGTGCCCAGA             |
| <i>NURR1</i>  | NR4a2  | CAGGCGTTTTTCGAGGAAAT             |
|               |  | GAGACGCGGAGAACTCCTAA             |
| <i>OCT4</i>   | POU5F1   | TCTCCAGGTTGCCTCTCACT             |
|               |  | GTGGAGGAAGCTGACAACAA             |
| <i>OTX1</i>   | Orthodenticle homeobox 1                             | TATAAGGACCAAGCCTCATGGC           |
|               |  | TTCTCCTCTTTTCATTCTGGGC           |
| <i>OTX2</i>   | Orthodenticle homeobox 2                             | ACAAGTGGCCAATTACTCTCC            |
|               |  | GAGGTGACAAGGGATCTGA              |
| <i>PAX6</i>   | Paired box 6   | TGGTATTCTCTCCCCCTCCT             |
|               |  | TAAGGATGTTGAACGGGCAG             |
| <i>PAX8</i>   | Paired box 8   | ATAGCTGCCGACTAAGCATTGA           |
|               |  | ATCCGTGCGAAGGTGCTTT              |
| <i>SHH</i>    | Sonic hedgehog                                       | CCAATTACAACCCCGACATC             |
|               |  | AGTTTCACTCCTGGCCACTG             |
| <i>SIX3</i>   | SIX homeobox 3                                       | ACCGGCCTCACTCCCACACA             |
|               |  | CGCTCGGTCCAATGGCCTGG             |
| <i>SIX6</i>   | SIX homeobox 6                                       | CTCAACAAGAATGAGTCGGTGC           |
|               |  | ACTCCTTGGTGAACCTGTGGTT           |
| <i>SPRY1</i>  | Sprouty 1  | GCCCTGGATAAGGAACAGCTAC           |
|               |  | GCCGAAATGCCTAATGCAAAGA           |
| <i>TH</i>     | Tyrosine hydroxylase                                 | CGGGCTTCTCGGACCAGGTGTA           |
|               |  | CTCCTCGGCGGTGTACTCCACA           |
| <i>WNT1</i>   | Wingless-type MMTV integration site family, member 1 | GAGCCACGAGTTTGGATGTT             |
|               |  | TGCAGGGAGAAAGGAGAGAA             |

**List of antibodies used in this study**

| <b>Antigen</b> | <b>Species</b> | <b>Company (cat.no.)</b>      | <b>Dilution</b> |
|----------------|----------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| BARHL1         | Rabbit         | Novus Biologicus (NBP1-86513) | 1:1000          |
| CALB           | Rabbit         | Swant (CB38)                  | 1:1000          |
| CORIN          | Rat            | R&D Systems (MAB2209)         | 1:500 (FC)      |
| EN1            | Mouse          | DSHB (4G11)                   | 1:20            |
| FOXA2          | Goat           | Santa Cruz (M-20)             | 1:500           |
| FOXA2-PE       | Mouse          | Miltenyi Biotec (130-107-826) | 1:10 (FC)       |
| GIRK2          | Goat           | Millipore (AB65096)           | 1:200           |
| HuNu           | Mouse          | Chemicon (MAB1281)            | 1:200           |
| LMX1A/B        | Rabbit         | Millipore (AB10533)           | 1:1000          |
| hNCAM          | Mouse          | Santa Cruz (SC106)            | 1:100           |
| NKX2.1         | Rabbit         | Abcam (ab133737)              | 1:500           |
| PITX2          | Sheep          | R&D systems (AF7388)          | 1:2000          |
| TH             | Mouse          | Chemicon (MAB318)             | 1:2000          |
| TH             | Rabbit         | Abcam (AB152)                 | 1:1000          |

FC: antibodies used for flow cytometry



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