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Supplemental Information

**Dysregulation of the SIRT1/OCT6 Axis Contributes to Environmental
Stress-Induced Neural Induction Defects**

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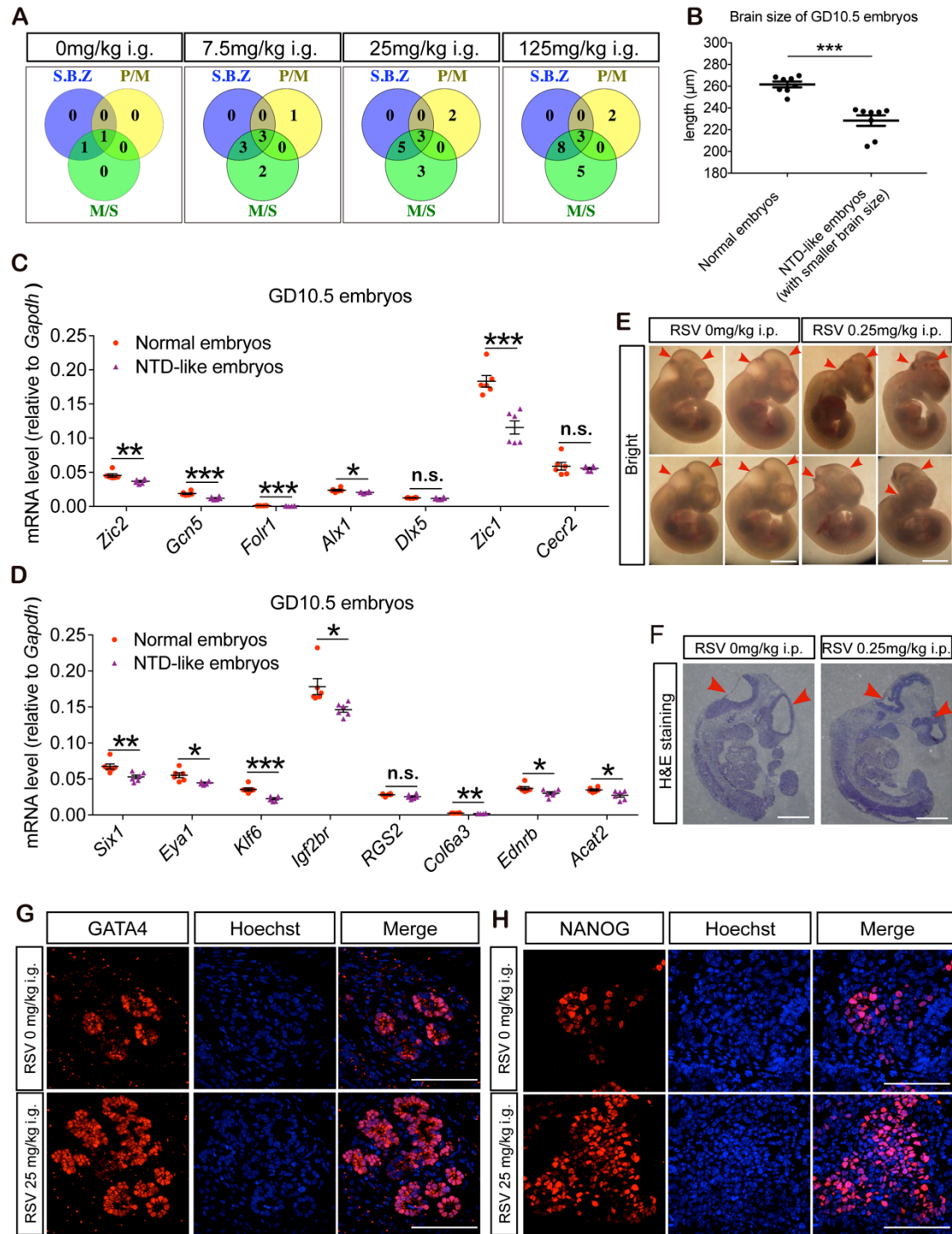


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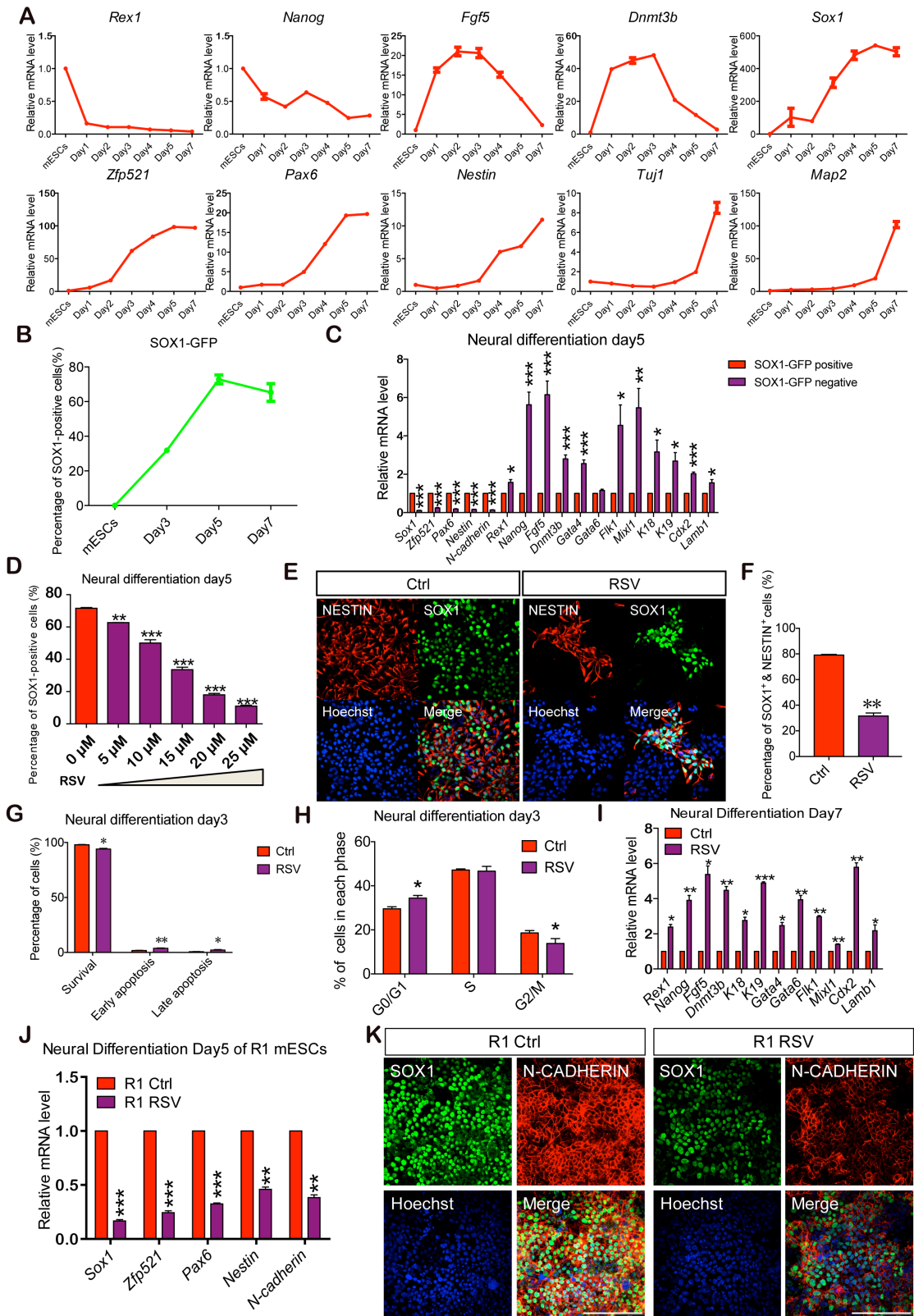


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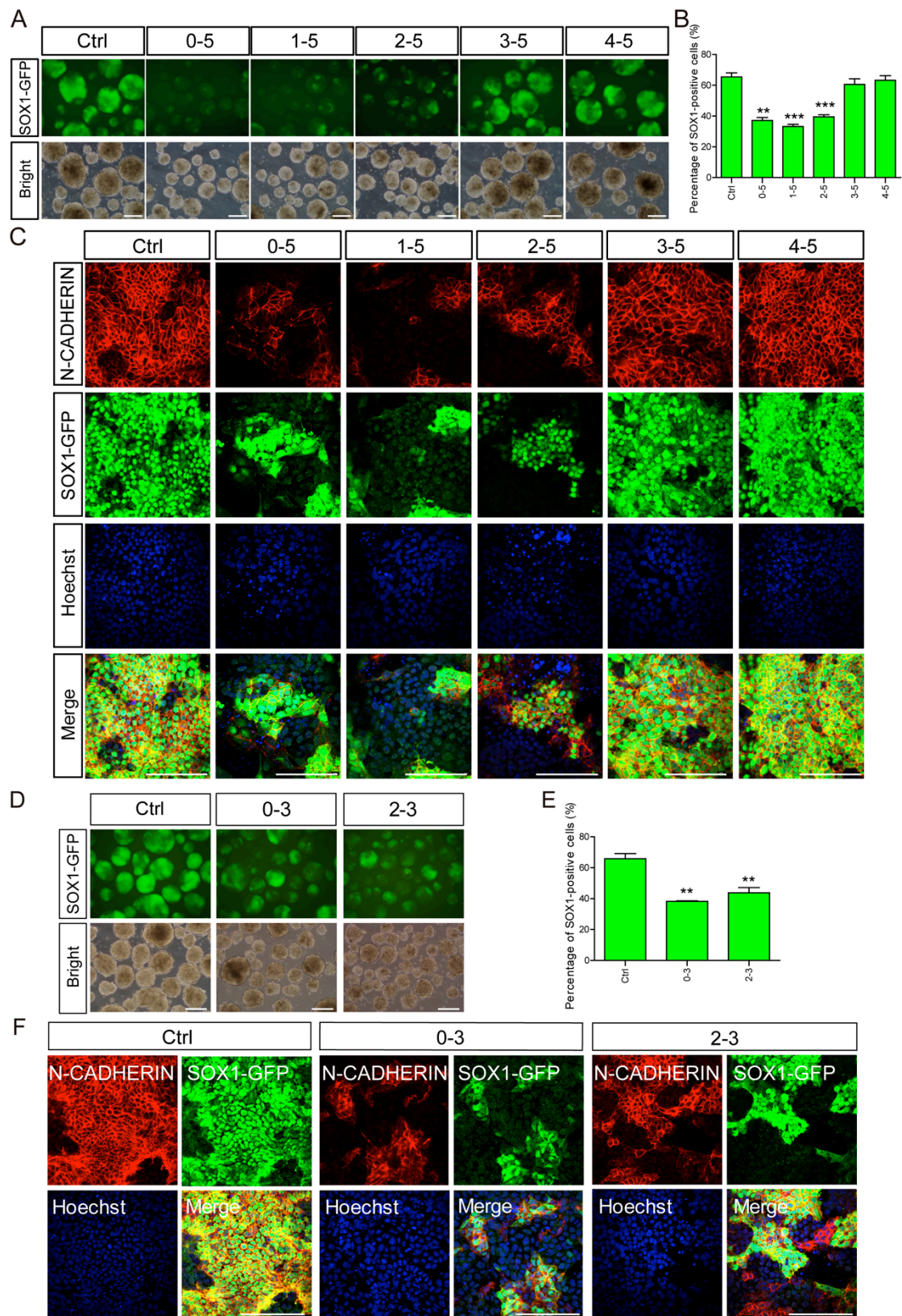


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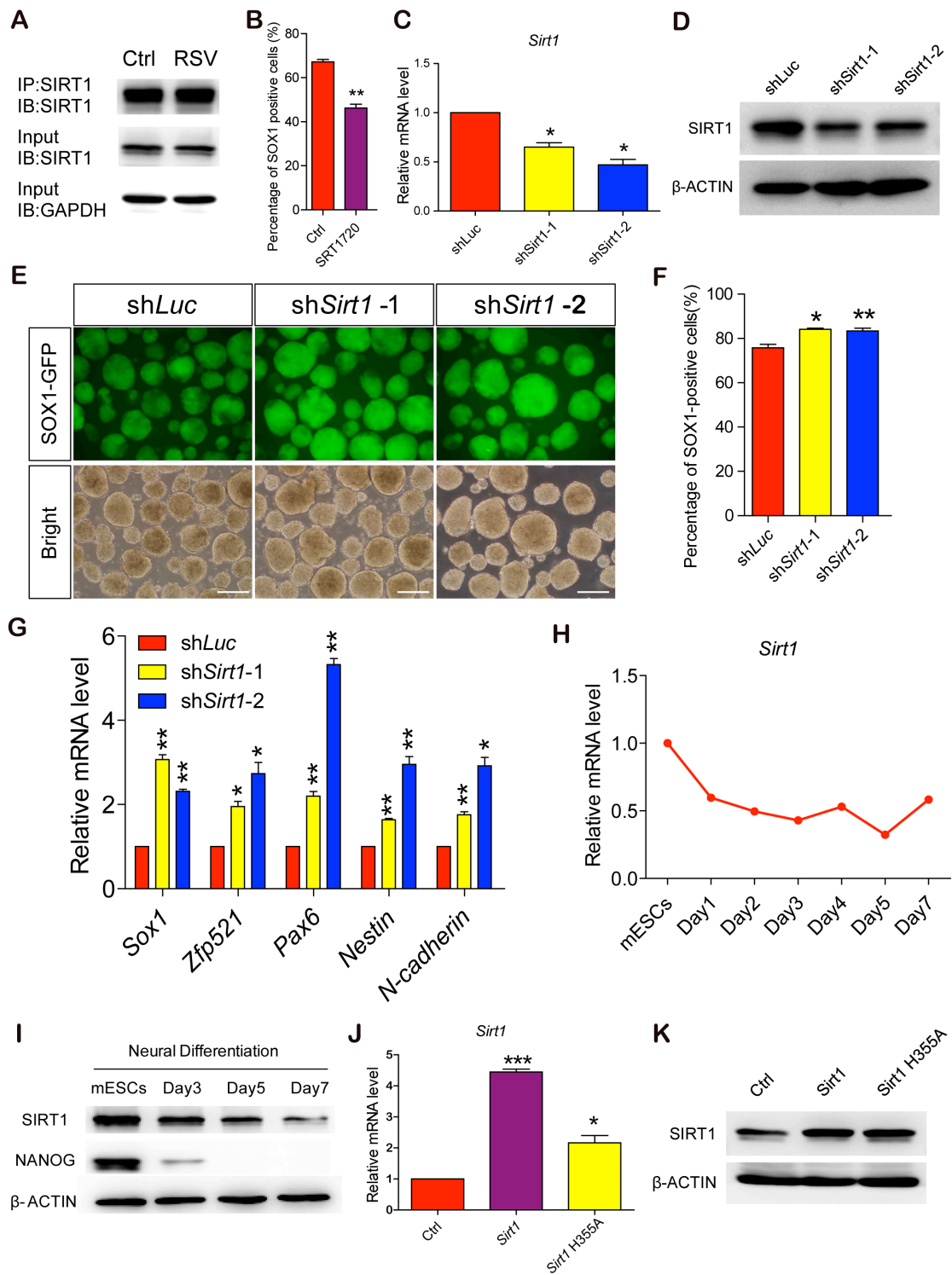


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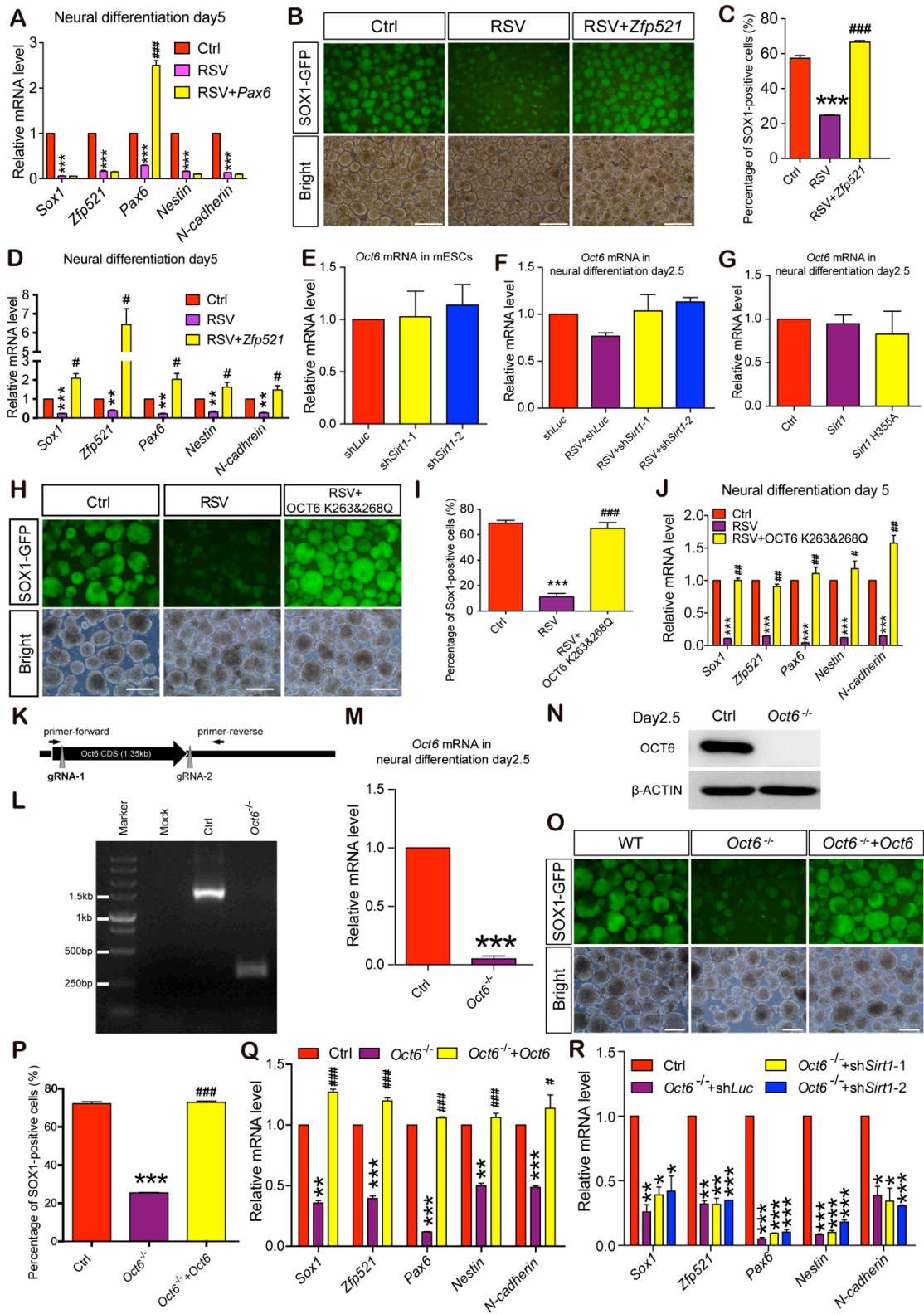


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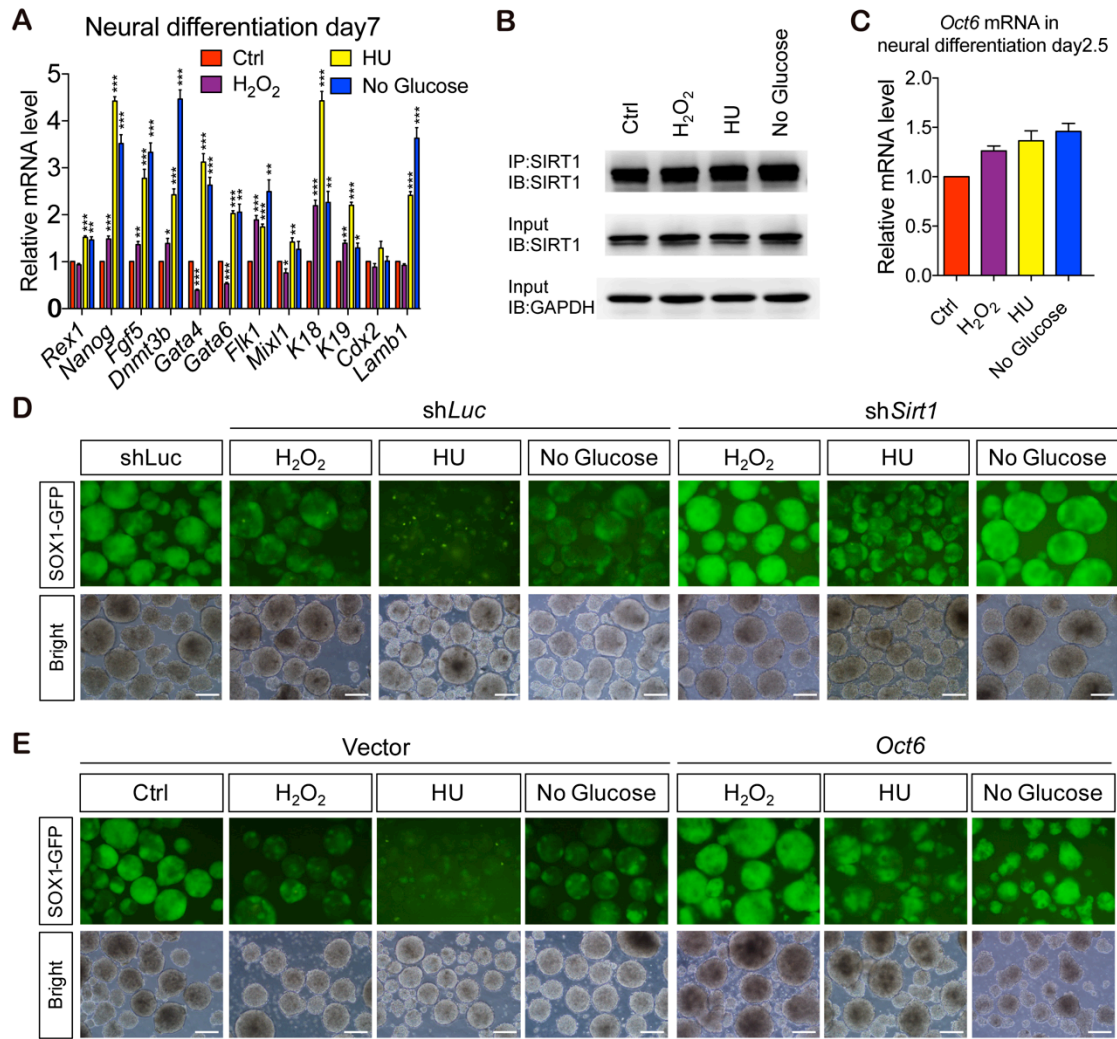


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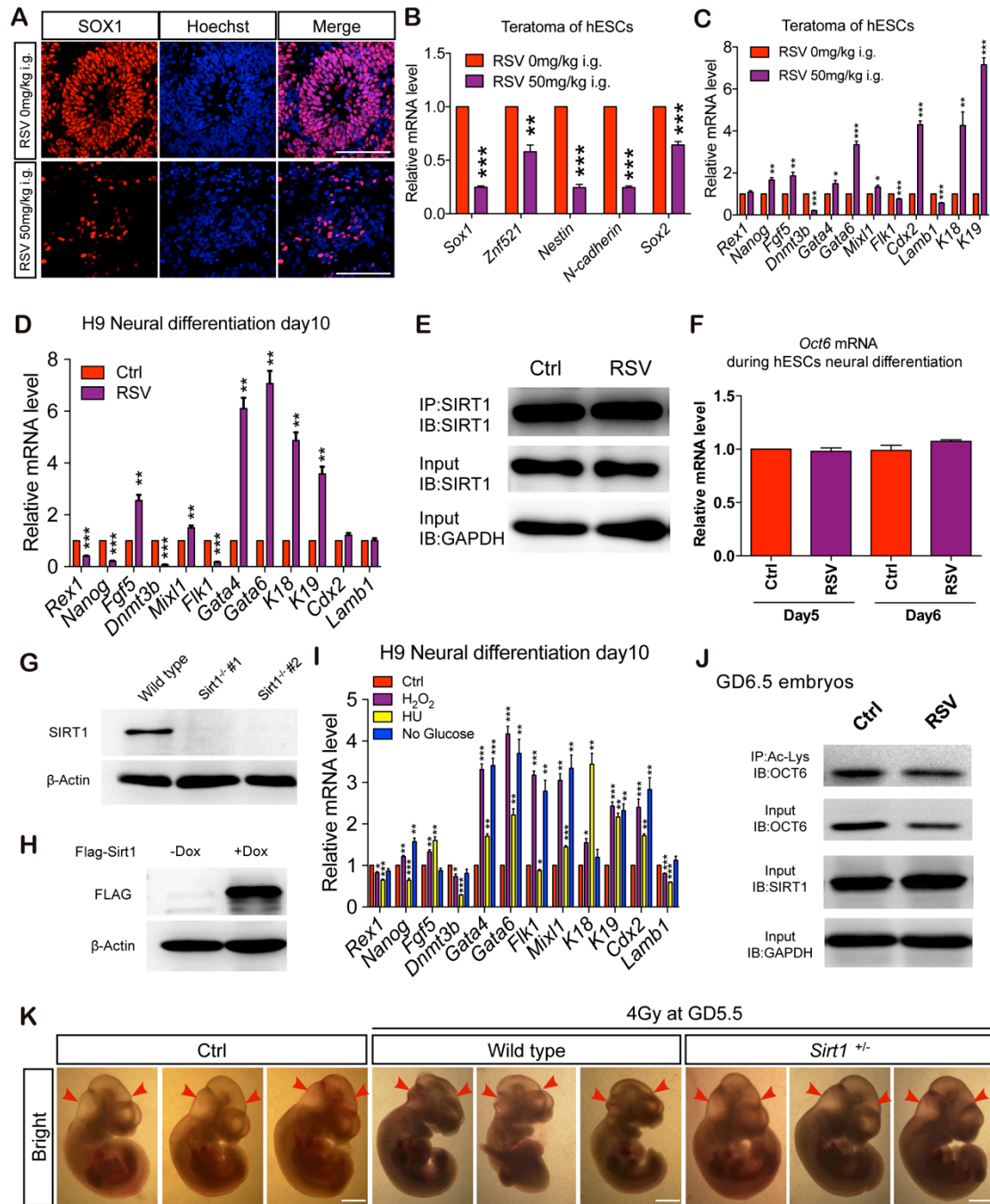


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Figure S1. RSV Induces NTD-like Phenotypes *In Vivo*, Related to Figure 1.

(A) The number of embryos exhibiting each neurological malformation, including smaller brain size (S.B.Z.), increased indentations between the prosencephalon/metencephalon (P/M) or metencephalon/spinal cord (M/S), after maternal different dosages of RSV administration.

(B) The brain sizes (length from prosencephalon to metencephalon) of normal embryos and RSV-induced NTD-like embryos that exhibit a smaller brain size.

(C and D) The expression level of NTD-risk genes in GD10.5 normal embryos and RSV-induced NTD-like embryos.

(E) Maternal intraperitoneal (i.p.) RSV delivery from GD3.5 to GD10.5 similarly induces NTD-like phenotypes in embryos at GD10.5. Red arrowheads indicate the prosencephalon/metencephalon and metencephalon/spinal cord junctions.

(F) Representative H&E staining of embryos in (E).

(G and H) Immunostaining of GATA4 (G) and NANOG (H) in mouse teratomas with or without RSV administration.

Data are shown as the means \pm SEM of at least three independent experiments. Unpaired two-tailed Student's *t*-test. n.s. $p > 0.05$, * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$ versus the control. Scale bar, 100 μ m.

Figure S2. RSV Hinders the Neural Differentiation of mESCs *In Vitro*, Related to Figure 2.

(A) Sequential downregulation and activation of pluripotent genes, epiblast genes, neuroepithelial genes and neuronal genes during the neural differentiation of 46C mESCs.

(B) FACS analysis showing the increased expression of the GFP reporter construct during the neural differentiation of 46C mESCs.

(C) Expression level of germ-layer genes in SOX1-GFP-negative or positive cells.

(D) RSV hinders the neural differentiation of 46C mESCs in a dose-dependent manner.

(E) RSV significantly suppresses the formation of neural stem cells, which were labeled by SOX1 and NESTIN.

(F) Formation rate of neural stem cells in (E).

(G and H) RSV treatment slightly affects the apoptosis (G) or cell cycle (H) of differentiated mESCs.

(I) RSV treatment elevates the expression of non-neural-lineage genes.

(J and K) RSV treatment (30 μ M) similarly hinders the neural differentiation of R1 mESCs, as shown by Q-PCR (J) and immunostaining (K) analysis in day 5 SFEBs.

Data are shown as the means \pm SEM of three independent experiments. Unpaired two-tailed Student's *t*-test. * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$ versus the control. Scale bar, 100 μ m.

Figure S3. RSV Specifically Hinders the Neural Induction Process During Neural Differentiation, Related to Figure 2.

(A-C) RSV was applied to differentiated mESCs at the indicated time points until day 5, and the most significant suppression of neural differentiation was achieved when RSV was added at day 0, 1 and 2, as shown by microscopy (A), FACS (B), and immunostaining (C) analysis in day 5 SFEBs.

(D-F) RSV treatment, from days 0 to 3 or days 2 to 3, is sufficient to inhibit neural differentiation, as shown by microscopy (D), FACS (E), and immunostaining (F) analysis in day 5 SFEBs.

Data are shown as the means \pm SEM of three independent experiments. Unpaired two-tailed Student's *t*-test. ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$ versus the control. Scale bar, 100 μ m.

Figure S4. Targeting *Sirt1* in mESCs and the Negative Correlation Between *Sirt1* Expression and Neural Induction Efficiency, Related to Figure 3.

(A) RSV treatment has no obvious effects on SIRT1 protein levels in day 2.5 SFEBs.

(B) FACS analysis showing that the generation of SOX1-GFP-positive neural-lineage cells is inhibited by SRT1720 treatment.

(C and D) *Sirt1* knockdown efficiency, as verified by Q-PCR (C) and western blotting (D).

(E-G) Knocking down *Sirt1* potentiates the neural differentiation of mESCs, as shown by microscopy (E), FACS (F) and Q-PCR (G) analysis in day 5 SFEBs.

(H and I) *Sirt1* mRNA (H) and protein (I) levels are gradually downregulated during neural differentiation.

(J and K) *Sirt1* and *Sirt1* H355A overexpression efficiency, as verified by Q-PCR (J) and western blotting (K).

Data are shown as the means \pm SEM of three independent experiments. Unpaired two-tailed Student's *t*-test. * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$ versus the control. Scale bar, 100 μm .

Figure S5. The *Oct6/Zfp521* Pathway is Truly Responsible for the Neural Induction Defects Triggered by RSV Treatment, Related to Figure 4.

(A) Overexpression of *Pax6* during neural differentiation using an inducible system, shows no effects on the results of RSV treatment, as shown by Q-PCR analysis.

(B-D) Overexpression of *Zfp521* completely rescues the neural induction defects triggered by RSV treatment, as shown by microscopy (A), FACS (B), and QPCR (C) analysis in day 5 SFEBs

(E-G) *Oct6* mRNA is marginally regulated by *Sirt1* knockdown (E and F) or overexpression (G).

(H-J) Overexpression of the OCT6 K263&268Q mutant completely rescues the neural induction defects triggered by RSV treatment, as shown by microscopy (H), FACS (I), and QPCR (J) analysis in day 5 SFEBs.

(K) Schematic representation of strategies for *Oct6* knockout in mESCs. Double gRNAs were designed to delete the *Oct6* open reading frame.

(L-N) Verification of *Oct6* knockout efficiency in mESCs via genomic DNA PCR (L), Q-PCR (M) and western blotting (N).

(O-Q) *Oct6*^{-/-} mESCs fail to differentiate into neuroectodermal cells, whereas reintroducing *Oct6* rescues the efficiency of neural induction, as demonstrated by microscopy (O), FACS (P) and Q-PCR (Q) analysis in neural differentiation derivatives from mESCs on day 5.

(R) Q-PCR analysis showing that *Sirt1* knockdown fails to ameliorate the neural differentiation defects of *Oct6*^{-/-} mESCs.

Data are shown as the means \pm SEM of three independent experiments. Unpaired two-tailed Student's *t*-test. * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$ versus the control. # $p < 0.05$, ### $p < 0.001$ versus the RSV-treated group (A, C, D, I and J) or the *Oct6* knockout group (Q and R). Scale bar, 100 μm .

Figure S6. The SIRT1/OCT6 Axis is Required for the Induction of Neural Induction Defects by Other Environmental Stresses, Related to Figure 5.

(A) H₂O₂, HU and glucose starvation elevate the expression of pluripotent and non-neural-lineage genes.

(B) H₂O₂, HU and glucose starvation show no obvious effects on SIRT1 protein levels during the neural induction stage.

(C) H₂O₂, HU and glucose starvation show no obvious effects on *Oct6* mRNA levels.

(D) Microscopy showing that *Sirt1* knockdown ameliorates the neural induction defects triggered by environmental stressors.

(E) Microscopy showing that ectopic *Oct6* expression rescues the neural induction defects triggered by environmental stress stimulation.

Data are shown as the means \pm SEM of three independent experiments. Unpaired two-tailed Student's *t*-test. * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$ versus the untreated control. Scale bar, 100 μm .

Figure S7. The Functional Role of the SIRT1/OCT6 Axis is Conserved in Humans and is Recapitulated in Radiation-Induced NTDs, Related to Figure 6 and 7.

(A) Immunostaining of SOX1 in the teratomas of hESCs with or without RSV treatment.

(B and C) Expression levels of neural-lineage (B) and non-neural-lineage genes (C) in the teratomas of hESCs with or without RSV treatment.

(D) RSV treatment elevates the expression of other germ layer genes during the neural differentiation of hESCs.

(E) RSV treatment shows no obvious effects on SIRT1 protein levels in neural-differentiation derivatives from hESCs on day 5.

(F) RSV treatment shows a marginal influence on *Oct6* mRNA levels during the neural differentiation of hESCs.

(G) Western blotting verified the efficiency of *Sirt1* knockout in hESCs.

(H) Western blotting verified the efficiency of *Sirt1* overexpression with the inducible system.

(I) H₂O₂, HU and glucose starvation elevate the expression of other germ-layer genes during the neural differentiation of hESCs.

(J) The acetylation of OCT6 in GD6.5 embryos with or without RSV treatment.

(K) Application of 4 Gy radiation at GD5.5 efficiently induces NTDs in wild-type but not *Sirt1*^{+/-} embryos.

Data are shown as the means \pm SEM of three independent experiments. Unpaired two-tailed Student's *t*-test. * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$ versus the control. Scale bar, 100 μ m.

SUPPLEMENTAL TABLE

Table S1. Primers list, related to EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURES section

Application	Species	Gene	Forward primer	Reverse primer
QPCR	Mouse	<i>Gapdh</i>	ATGACATCAAGAAGGTG GTG	CATACCAGGAAATGAGCTT G
QPCR	Mouse	<i>Sirt1</i>	AGAACCACCAAAGCG GAAA	TCCCACAGGAGACAGA AACC
QPCR	Mouse & Human	<i>Sox1</i>	GTTTTTTGTAGTTGTTA CCGC	GCATTTACAAGAAATAA TAC
QPCR	Mouse	<i>Zfp521</i>	GAGCGAAGAGGAGTTT TTGG	AGTTCCAAGGTGGAGGT CAC
QPCR	Mouse & Human	<i>Pax6</i>	TCTTTGCTTGGGAAAT CCG	CTGCCCGTTCAACATCC TTAG
QPCR	Mouse	<i>Nestin</i>	GAATGTAGAGGCAGA GAAAAC	TCTTCAAATCTTAGTGG CTCC
QPCR	Mouse & Human	<i>N-cadherin</i>	TCCTGATATATGCCCA AGACAA	TGACCCAGTCTCTCTTC TGC
QPCR	Mouse	<i>Oct6</i>	AGTTCGCCAAGCAGTT CAAG	TGGTCTGCGAGAACACG TTA
QPCR	Mouse	<i>Rex1</i>	GGAAGAAATGCTGAA GGTGGAGAC	AGTCCCCATCCCCTTCA ATAGC
QPCR	Mouse & Human	<i>Nanog</i>	ATTCTTCCACCAGTCC CAAA	ATCTGCTGGAGGCTGAG GTA
QPCR	Mouse	<i>Fgf5</i>	AAAGTCAATGGCTCCC ACGAA	GGCACTTGCATGGAGTT TTCC
QPCR	Mouse	<i>Dnmt3b</i>	CTCGCAAGGTGTGGGC TTTTGTAAC	CTGGGCATCTGTCATCT TTGCACC
QPCR	Mouse	<i>K18</i>	ATGCGCCAGTCTGTGG AG	CCTGAGATTTGGGGGCA TC
QPCR	Mouse	<i>K19</i>	GGGGGTTTCAGTACGCA TTGG	GAGGACGAGGTCACGA AGC
QPCR	Mouse	<i>Gata4</i>	CCTGGAAGACACCCCA ATCTC	AGGTAGTGTCCCGTCCC ATCT
QPCR	Mouse	<i>Gata6</i>	AATGAATGGACTCAGC CGACC	CCGAGGCACCCCGTGTA A
QPCR	Mouse	<i>Mixl1</i>	ACTTTCCAGCTCTTTCA AGAGCC	ATTGTGTACTCCCCAAC TTTCCC

QPCR	Mouse	<i>Flk1</i>	TTTGGCAAATACAACC CTTCAGA	GCAGAAGATACTGTCAC CACC
QPCR	Mouse	<i>Cdx2</i>	CCTGCGACAAGGGCTT GTTTAG	TCCCGACTTCCCTTCAC CATAAC
QPCR	Mouse	<i>Lamb1</i>	CCCCAATCTCTGTGAA CCATG	GCAATTTGCACCGACAC TGA
QPCR	Mouse	<i>Klf4</i>	GTGCAGCTTGCAGCAG TAAC	AGCGAGTTGGAAAGGA TAAAGTC
QPCR	Mouse	<i>Oct4</i>	ACATGAAAGCCCTGCA GAAGGAGCT	GAGAACGCCCAGGGTG AGCC
QPCR	Mouse	<i>Tuj1</i>	TAGACCCCAGCGGCAA CTAT	GTTCCAGGTTCCAAGTC CACC
QPCR	Mouse & Human	<i>Map2</i>	GGTCACAGGGCACCTA TTCA	TGTTACCTTTCAGGAC TGC
QPCR	Human	<i>β-Actin</i>	GACCTGTACGCCAACA CAG	CTCAGGAGGAGCAATG ATC
QPCR	Human	<i>Znf521</i>	TTCCGAGCAAGTGCAG AAAG	AAGGTTGAGAGCACA CGTTG
QPCR	Human	<i>Oct6</i>	GCTCGAGAGCCACTTT CTCA	CCAGGCGCGTATACATC GT
QPCR	Human	<i>Nestin</i>	GCCCTGACCACTCCAG TTTA	GGAGTCCTGGATTTCT TCC
QPCR	Human	<i>Sox2</i>	GCCCTGCAGTACAAC CCAT	TGGAGTGGGAGGAAGA GGTA
ChIP-PCR	Mouse	<i>Zfp521-E1</i>	GGCATCGATGGAGAA AAAG	CATGCAATGGTATGCTA AAG
ChIP-PCR	Mouse	<i>Zfp521-E2</i>	TCATCTGAGGAAAGAG GGAGC	TTGATGGTTGCTGGGAA TTG
ChIP-PCR	Mouse	<i>Zfp521-E3</i>	AGCCGTTTTGTTTCAA TCACG	GGGGGAATCTTTTTGTG AAGC
ChIP-PCR	Mouse	<i>Pax6</i>	CTAGATGAGCAGTGAG GGC	CAGCTGCTCTGATTAAG ATG

SUPPLEMENTAL EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURES

Animal Studies

All procedures involving animals were approved by the Laboratory Animal Care Committee of Tongji University under the Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals (NIH Guide). All mice were maintained in a pathogen-free environment throughout the experiments, and all efforts were made to minimizing the number of animals used and their suffering.

RSV (0 mg/kg/day, 7.5 mg/kg/day, 25 mg/kg/day and 125 mg/kg/day) was intragastrically administered to pregnant mice (6~8 weeks old; male and female ICR or C57BL6 mice were obtained from the National Resource Center of Mutant Mice Model Animal Research Center (NARC), Nanjing

University (NJU), and mated randomly) between GD3.5 and GD10.5. For each RSV dosage, two pregnant mice were randomly chosen for each one of the three independent experiments. Embryos at gestational day 10.5 were then harvested and fixed with 4% formaldehyde solution for 4~8 h at 4°C, followed by dehydration with a sucrose gradient before being submitted to frozen sectioning. To verify the effect of RSV on embryonic neural tube development, RSV was also intraperitoneally injected daily from GD3.5 to GD10.5 at a dosage of 0.25 mg/kg/day.

Teratoma formation analysis of mESCs was performed by subcutaneous injection of $(10 \pm 2) \times 10^5$ mESCs into male NOD-SCID mice (4~6 weeks old; obtained from NARC, NJU). After injection, mice were randomly and blindly divided into two groups (three mice for each group) and were intragastrically administered 25 mg/kg/day of RSV or an equal amount of water daily. Teratomas were harvested when the size exceeded 2.0 cm in diameter and were fixed in 4% paraformaldehyde for 8~12 h before being submitted to paraffin embedding and sectioning. For the teratoma formation analysis of hESCs, hESCs clusters (300~500 clusters/100 μ l) were subcutaneously injected into male NOD-SCID mice. The mice were intragastrically administered 50 mg/kg/day of RSV or an equal amount of water daily for 8 weeks.

Gene Knockdown, Knockout or Overexpression in ESCs

For *Sirt1* knockdown, two shRNAs targeting the CDS of *Sirt1* mRNA were designed (sh*Sirt1*-1, AAGCGGCTTGAGGGTAATCAA; sh*Sirt1*-2, AAGCCAGAGATTGTCTTCTTT) and cloned into the pLKO.1-TRC cloning vector, a gift from David Root (Addgene plasmid # 10878) (Moffat et al., 2006). An shRNA targeting *Luciferase* was also designed as a control (sh*Luc*, TGAAACGATATGGGCTGAATA). For lentivirus packaging, foreign DNA (2 μ g) was transfected into HEK 293FT cells (1 well of a 6-well-plate) together with the packaging plasmids, *Pax2* (1.5 μ g) and *Vsvg* (1 μ g), using the Fugene HD transfection reagent (Roche) according to the manufacturer's recommendations. Supernatant containing the lentiviruses was added to mESCs supplied with 8 μ g/ml polybrene.

For constitutive overexpression of *Sirt1* or *Sirt1* H355A, a guide RNA (gRNA) targeting a region close to the stop codon of HPRT (*Hprt* gRNA sequence: AAGGGTCCTCCTACGTTGT) and a donor plasmid containing *T2A-Blasticidin-Sirt1*-CAG cassettes flanked by the 5' and 3' homologous arms were co-electroporated into 46C mESCs using the Gene Pulser Xcell System (Bio-Rad) at 320 V, 200 μ F in a 0.4-cm cuvettes (Phenix Research Products), and selected with 5 μ g/ml blasticidin (InvivoGen) for 5-7 days. The surviving clones were then picked up for genomic DNA PCR analysis. The cDNA of *Sirt1* and *Sirt1* H355A were subcloned from pAd-Track-*Flag-Sirt1* and pAd-Track-*Flag-Sirt1* H355A, gifts of Pere Puigserver (Addgene plasmids # 8438 and #8439) (Rodgers et al., 2005).

For the inducible overexpression system, advanced *rtTA* driven by the CAG promoter was intergraded into the *Rosa26* or *AAVSI* locus via electroporation using engineered zinc-finger nucleases, as described previously (Perez-Pinera et al., 2012). A lentiviral backbone containing tetracycline response element (TRE)-driven *HA-Oct6*, *HA-Otx2*, *HA-Zic2*, *Flag-Sox2*, *Flag-Pax6*, *HA-OCT6 K263&268Q*, *HA-Zfp521* or *Flag-Sirt1* was subcloned and used for virus packaging. Medium containing viral particles was then added to the *rtTA* ESCs line for efficient infection.

For *Oct6* knockout, two gRNAs targeting the major open reading frame of *Oct6* were designed (*Oct6* KO gRNA-1, CTTCTGCACTTCGCGGTACG; *Oct6* KO gRNA-2, GCGCGCTAACTGCGGCCGG) and cloned as previously described (Aparicio-Prat et al., 2015). The

two gRNAs, the CAS9 expression plasmid and a transient blasticidin-resistance gene-expression plasmid were electroporated into *rtTA* mESCs. The cells were selected with 3-10 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$ blasticidin for 3 days, and the surviving clones were picked up for genomic DNA PCR analysis. For *Sirt1* knockout in hESCs, two gRNAs targeting the exon1 of *Sirt1* were designed (*Sirt1* KO gRNA-1, CTCCGCGGCTCTTGCGGAG; *Sirt1* KO gRNA-2, CCGCCGGCACCTCACGCTCT). Cleavage mediated by these dual gRNAs would produce a premature translational termination codon in exon1.

Chromatin Immunoprecipitation (ChIP) Assays

ChIP assays were performed as previously described (Song et al., 2013). Briefly, the day 2.5 mouse neural differentiation derivatives were dissociated into single cells and cross-linked with 1% formaldehyde for 10 min at room temperature, followed by quenching with 0.125 M glycine. Samples were lysed after two washes with PBS and sonicated to generate DNA fragments of approximately 750 bp in length. Then, the chromatin fragments were immunoprecipitated overnight with anti-OCT6 (1:200, Abcam, ab31766) at 4°C. After dissociation from the immunocomplexes, the immunoprecipitated DNAs were quantified by Q-PCR and normalized against the genomic DNA input prepared before immunoprecipitation. The primers used in ChIP-PCR are listed in Table S1.

Immunostaining

For mouse cells, mouse day 4 SFEBs were dissociated into single cells and plated onto 12-mm coverslips coated with 2% (v/v) Matrigel (BD Biosciences) with approximately $(2\pm 0.5)\times 10^5$ cells for 12~24 hours. For human cells, human neural differentiation derivatives on day 6 were plated into poly-ornithine coated 12-mm coverslips for 3~4 days. Coverslip cultures were then fixed with 4% paraformaldehyde for 10 min at room temperature. After being washed with PBS, the cells were incubated in a penetrating/blocking buffer (10% donkey serum, 0.2% Triton X-100 in PBS) for 1 h at room temperature followed by overnight primary antibody incubation at 4°C. Next, cells were stained with the fluorescently conjugated secondary antibodies (1:2000, Jackson, West Grove, PA) for 1 hour and with Hoechst 33342 (50 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$, Sigma, 14533) for 10 min. The following primary antibodies were used: GFP (1:2000, Invitrogen, A6455), N-CADHERIN (1:2000, BD Biosciences, #610920), SOX1 (1:1000, R&D Systems, AF3369), SOX2 (1:1000, R&D Systems, AF2018), PAX6 (1:1000, Covance, PRB-278P), GATA4 (1:500, Santa Cruz, sc-9053), OCT4 (1:1000, Santa Cruz, sc-5279), NANOG (1:1000, Abcam, ab80892) and NESTIN (1:1000, Millipore, MAB5326; 1:1000, Abcam, ab6142).

FACS analysis

To detect the percentage of SOX1-GFP-positive cells, day 3, day 5 or day 7 SFEBs from 46C were dissociated into single cells with trypsin-EDTA, and neutralized with serum. Then the cells were then resuspended in PBS and submitted to FACS analysis, which were performed on a FACSCalibur (BD Biosciences) operating at 488 nm excitation with standard emission filters. A baseline of fluorescence noise was established with undifferentiated mESCs. For the analyses of the cell cycle or apoptosis, SFEBs from 46C were dissociated into single cells with trypsin-EDTA, and neutralized with serum, as specified by the manufacturer (KeyGEN, KGA105 or KGA511).

Immunoprecipitation Assays

Immunoprecipitation assays were performed as described previously (Song et al., 2013). Briefly,

day 2.5 SFEBs were harvested and lysed with lysis buffer (1% Triton X-100 in 50 mM Tris-HCl, pH7.4 containing 150 mM NaCl, 2 mM Na₃VO₄, 100 mM NaF and protease inhibitors). Cell lysates were incubated overnight with primary antibody or control normal IgG at 4°C. Then, a 5% BSA (w/v, in lysis buffer) coated 1:1 mixture of Ezview Red Protein A Affinity Gel (Sigma, P6486) and Ezview Red Protein G Affinity Gel (Sigma, E3403) was added into the antibody-containing lysates for 1.5 hours. Beads-antibody-protein mixtures were submitted to Western blotting after adequate washing. The following primary antibodies were used for immunoprecipitation: SIRT1 (1:300, Cell Signaling, #8469), OCT6 (1:300, Abcam, ab31766), Ac-Lys (1:300, Upstate, 05-515), mouse normal IgG (1:300, Millipore, 12-371), and rabbit normal IgG (1:300, Millipore, 12-370). To assess the interaction between exogenously expressed proteins, *Flag*-tagged *Sirt1* or *Sirt1* H355A and *HA*-tagged *Oct6* were co-transfected into HEK 293FT cells, and immunoprecipitations were carried out with Ezview Red Anti-FLAG M2 affinity gel (Sigma, F2426) or Ezview Red Anti-HA affinity gel (Sigma, E6779).

Western Blotting

Cells were harvested and lysed with protease inhibitor-containing RIPA buffer. Protein concentrations were standardized using the Pierce BCA Protein Assay Kit (Thermo Scientific). A total of 15 µg of total proteins was separated by SDS-PAGE, transferred to nitrocellulose membranes (NC), and blotted with the following primary antibodies: SIRT1 (1:3000, Millipore, 07-131), OCT6 (1:2000, Abcam, ab31766), Ac-Lys (1:1000, Cell Signaling, #9441), NANOG (1:2000, Abcam, ab80892), Ac-H3K9 (1:2000, Millipore, 06-942), Ac-H4K16 (1:2000, Millipore, 07-329), Histone 3 (1:2000, Millipore, 05-928), Histone 4 (1:1000, Millipore, 05-858), phospho-ERK1/2 (1:2000, Bioworld, AP0484), ERK1/2 (1:2000, Bioworld, BS6426), phospho-GSK3β (Tyr216) (1:2000, Signalway Antibody, #11301), GSK3β (1:2000, Cell Signaling, #9832), GAPDH (1:3000, Sigma, G9545), phospho-SMAD1/5 (1:2000, Cell Signaling, #9511), SMAD1/5/8 (1:1000, Santa Cruz, sc-6031-R), FLAG (1:3000, Sigma, F1804), HA (1:3000, Abcam, ab9110, or 1:2000, Santa Cruz, sc-805 HRP) and β-ACTIN (1:5000, Sigma, A5316).

Fluorometric SIRT1 Activity Assay

To analyze the endogenous SIRT1 deacetylase activity, SIRT1 was immunoprecipitated with anti-SIRT1 (1:300, Millipore, 07-131) from differentiated day 2.5 mouse or day 5 human neural differentiation derivatives with or without environmental stress stimulation, and incubated with NAD⁺ (200 µM) and fluorescently labeled acetylated P53 peptide (20 µM), as specified by the manufacturer (Abcam, ab156065). SIRT1 activity was assessed by measuring the fluorescence emission at 440~460 nm following excitation at 350~380 nm.

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