

Supplementary Materials for

Extensive migration of young neurons into the infant human frontal lobe

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Materials and Methods

Human tissue collection. Fifty de-identified human specimens were collected during autopsy, with post-mortem interval of less than 48 hours (Table S1). Tissue was collected with previous patient consent in strict observance of the legal and institutional ethical regulations of the University of California San Francisco Committee on Human Research. Protocols were approved by the Human Gamete, Embryo and Stem Cell Research Committee (institutional review board) at the University of California, San Francisco. Age at the time of tissue collection is stated in Table S1. For infant cases, when the brain is at full term (37 to 40 gestational weeks) and autopsy performed within 2 days after birth, we refer to this as "birth." Brains were cut into \sim 1.5 cm coronal or sagittal blocks, fixed in 4% paraformaldehyde for 2 days, and then cryoprotected in a 30% sucrose solution. Blocks were cut into 30-micron sections on a cryostat and mounted on glass slides for immunohistochemistry.

Immunohistochemistry. Frozen slides were allowed to equilibrate to room temperature for 3 hours. Some antigens required antigen retrieval (see Table S2), which was conducted at 95°C in 10 mM Na Citrate buffer, pH=6.0. Duration of antigen retrieval for each antigen can be found in Table S2. Following antigen retrieval, slides were washed with TNT (0.05% TX100 in PBS) for 10 minutes, placed in 1% H2O2 in PBS for 45 minutes, and then blocked with TNB solution (0.1 M Tris-HCl, pH 7.5, 0.15 M NaCl, 0.5% blocking reagent from PerkinElmer) for 1 hour. Slides were incubated in primary antibodies overnight at 4°C (see Table S2) and in biotinylated secondary antibodies (Jackson Immunoresearch Laboratories) for 2.5 hours at room temperature. All antibodies were diluted in TNB solution from PerkinElmer. Sections were then incubated for 30 min in streptavidin-horseradish peroxidase that was diluted (1:200) with TNB. Tyramide

signal amplification (Perkin-Elmer) was used for some antigens. Sections were incubated in tyramide-conjugated fluorophores for 5 minutes at the following dilutions: Fluorescein, 1:50; Cy3, 1:100; Cy5, 1:100.

Epifluorescence microscopy. For DCX spatiotemporal maps and interneuron subtype quantifications, entire sections were imaged at 10x (0.30 NA) on a Zeiss Axiovert 200M microscope. Image collection and analysis was done in Neurolucida software (MBF Bioscience).

Directionality maps of young migrating neurons. Individual DCX+ cells with migratory morphology were identified on fluorescent images of coronal and sagittal sections. For each DCX+ cell, we drew a vector between the soma and the end of the leading process in the direction of the cell's leading process, using Neurolucida software (MBF Bioscience). This was only done for cells in which the soma and leading process was clearly observed. We divided sections analyzed into Tiers, corresponding to anatomical subregions (e.g., subventricular, perivascular which is near blood vessels); this compartmentalization matched the gross distribution patterns of the DCX+ cells (see text, Figs. 1 and 3). Oriana software (Kovach) was used to generate compass histograms that summarize the directionality of all DCX+ cells analyzed within each region. The radial length of each wedge in a compass histogram indicates the percentage of cells oriented in a given direction.

Cell quantifications. Brains used for quantification were manually cut into coronal blocks, beginning at the mammillary body and then extending rostrally by approximately 1 cm. We refer to the portion of the cingulate (a subregion of Brodmann Area 24) contained in these tissue blocks as a "cingulate segment" (fig. S9A, blue shaded region). From each brain, one cingulate segment was cut on a cryostat into 30-micron sections that were used for quantifications. Since our specimens were cut into tissue blocks manually by hand, these tissue blocks were often variable in thickness and yielded different numbers of sections for analysis. To account for this variability and facilitate comparisons of cell numbers across specimens, we normalized our cell counts (obtained either through exhaustive counting or the Optical Fractionator, as described below) to a standardized segment arbitrarily defined as 150 sections or 4.5 mm. (equation 1).

(1) Normalized Cell Count $=\frac{(Cell Count)(Standard Section Span)}{Actual Section Span}$

The actual span for each cingulate segment was determined by the intersection interval multiplied by number of sections sampled. Sections were chosen for analysis using systematic random sampling. On a given coronal section, the cingulate gyrus was identified by its position on the medial aspect of the cerebral cortex, immediately above the corpus callosum and below the superior frontal gyrus. In Neurolucida or Stereo Investigator software, a contour was drawn around the entire pial surface of the cingulate. The lateral border of the contour was defined by the base of the cingulate sulcus extended perpendicularly to the corpus callosum. The boundary between the cingulate cortex and white matter was delineated using CTIP2 fluorescent staining in specimens younger than 5 months and NeuN fluorescent staining in specimens 5 months and older.

DCX, DAPI, and NeuN population sizes within a cingulate segment were estimated using the Optical Fractionator probe in Stereo Investigator. Unless stated otherwise, one brain was analyzed per age (N=1). Parameters for the Optical Fractionator study are given in Table S3. 3micron guard zones were used, along with counting frame dimensions of 50x50 microns for DAPI and DCX and 75x75 microns for NeuN. 3 to 6 sections were analyzed per brain. Range of sampling sites per brain: DAPI (cortex), 70-260; DAPI (white matter), 50-105; NeuN, 130-330; DCX: 325-930. Individual cells were counted using standard stereologic methods with a 63x oil immersion lens on a Zeiss Axioscope II epifluorescent microscope. Adequate sampling was monitored by calculating coefficients of error (Gundersen m=1), with all C.E.'s ≤ 0.1 .

Interneuron subtype cell numbers in a cingulate segment were estimated using an exhaustive counting approach, as their scarcity at certain ages and in some regions (e.g. white matter) made an Optical Fractionator study impractical. Cells were counted exhaustively on tiled images of fluorescently labeled sections, acquired at 10x magnification. Neurolucida was used to keep track of both the total number of cells counted and their spatial distribution. Total interneuron cell number per cingulate segment was then calculated by summing the exhaustive cell counts across all sections and then correcting for the section sampling fraction and normalizing to a standardized segment of 150 sections, as described above. 3 to 6 sections were used per brain. Section sampling frequencies for subtype counts are given in Table 4.

For counts on the subpallial transcription factors near the ventricular wall and within the Arc, 3 equivalent fields of view were imaged for each region, using a 40x lens on a Leica white light confocal microscope, and quantified. 3-4 individual neonatal cases were used for a total of 9-12 samples per count.

Calculation of cingulate volumes. The Cavalieri Estimator in Stereo Investigator was used to calculate the volume of cingulate segments at each age. Cingulate segments were collected as described above for cell quantifications and as depicted in fig. S9A. Ten sections, spaced 15 sections apart were chosen for analysis. Mounted section thickness was 30 microns. Grid size was 500 microns. Coefficients of error (Gundersen m=1) were <0.04 for all specimens analyzed.

Organotypic slice cultures and live imaging. When autopsy was performed with a postmortem interval less than 18hrs, tissue was collected for live-imaging experiments. The fresh, unfixed, tissue was cut either in a coronal or sagittal block that was less than 1cm thick. It was kept in cold artificial cerebrospinal fluid (ACSF) that was oxygenated until embedded in 3.5% low-melting-point agarose (Fisher) and sectioned using a Leica VT1200S vibrating blade microtome to $250-300\mu m$ slices in ACSF containing 125 mM NaCl, 2.5 mM KCl, 1 mM MgCl₂, 1 mM CaCl₂ and 1.25 mM NaH₂PO₄. The sections were then transferred to Millicell-CM slice culture inserts (Millipore) that were immersed in cortical slice culture medium [66% BME, 25% Hanks, 5% FBS, 1% N-2, 1% penicillin, streptomycin, and glutamine (all Invitrogen) and 0.66% D-(+)-glucose (Sigma-Aldrich)]. An adenovirus (AV-CMV-GFP, 1×10^{10} ; Vector Biolabs) at a dilution of 1:50–1:500 was applied to the slices, which were then cultured at 37° C, 5% CO₂, 8% O2. For time-lapse imaging, cultures were then transferred to an inverted Leica TCS SP5 confocal microscope with an on-stage incubator streaming 5% $CO₂$, 5% $O₂$, and balanced N₂ into the chamber. Slices were imaged using a $10\times$ air objective at 25 min intervals for up to 3 d with repositioning of the *z*-stacks every 6-8h. For *post hoc* analysis, slices were fixed in 4% PFA and processed as floating sections for immunohistochemistry as described above.

MRI. The images were acquired on a full body GE MR950 7T scanner using a 32-ch Nova Medical head coil with 3D fast spin echo sequence, isotropic 600-micron resolution, time to echo (TE) of ~120ms and TR of 2.5s, and 8 averages. The scan time was approximately 30 minutes. The distribution of migratory cells were manually labeled using MNI-Display software (http://www.bic.mni.mcgill.ca/ServicesSoftwareVisualization/Display). The cells on the MRI images appear distinctively darker than white matter intensity, and look similar to the intensity of gray matter. Previous studies had recognized a periventricular signal that was distinct from that of the overlying developing white matter (*44, 45*). The rater works mainly on the sagittal plane, and trimmed or added segmentation using the axial and coronal views if necessary. One rater (M.P.) segmented all cases and reviewed the resulting labels with H.K. The rater repeated segmentation with a one-month time distance. The intra-rater reproducibility was excellent as the Dice overlap index (ref) was $89\pm1\%$.

Quantitative analyses on MRI. We measured two different characteristics of the migratory cell distribution: extent and location of the cell distribution. To measure the extent, we first skeletonized the whole label using a mathematical solution developed previously (*46*). This algorithm further created a distance map from one end to the other along the skeleton. The maximum distance between the two ends of the skeleton was normalized by dividing it with the whole extent of the ventricle, and was used for the measurement of extent. Regarding the location of the cell distribution, we were interested in how the distribution was located with respect to the lateral ventricle in the anterior-posterior direction. To assess this for each individual, we computed the centroids of the label volume and of the lateral ventricle. We computed the distance between these two centroids in y-axis (i.e., anterior-posterior direction),

and normalized it using the distance between the anterior and posterior tips of the ventricle. We used this normalized value to assess the location of cell distribution.

Electron microscopy. For transmission electron microscopy (TEM), samples were sectioned with a vibrating blade microtome (200 microns), postfixed with 2% osmium tetroxide solution. Sections were dehydrated in crescent ethanol concentrations and stained with 2% uranyl acetate, and finally embedded in araldite resin (Durcupan ACM Fluka, Sigma), and allowed to solidify at 37° C for 72 hours. Ultrathin sections were obtained (70 nm) and were contrasted with lead citrate solution on the grids. Pre-embedding immunohistochemistry was performed on 50 microns floating sections with DCX and GFAP antibodies and developed with diaminobenzidine (DAB). Postfixation was performed with 7% glucose-1% Osmium tetroxide and, afterwards, followed a conventional embedding protocol.

Figure S1. Evidence of a collection of young migratory neurons, the Arc, in the infant brain. (**A**-**B**) Dense collections of DCX+PSA-NCAM+ cells are observed in coronal sections at the dorsolateral edge of the lateral ventricle (LV) at birth. (**C**) DCX+ are cells surrounded by GFAP+ cells and fibers. (**D**) Nissl-stained collections of cells in the Arc (1) and in the ventricular and subventricular zones of the LV wall (2); to the right are higher magnification images of DAPI and DCX-stained cells in fields in (D). (**E**-**G**) Sagittal sections showing the

tiered organization (see text) of DCX+ cells around the ventricular wall at anterior (F) and more posterior (G) levels. Higher magnification image of this region showing DCX+ cells (1) densely collected at the SVZ, (2) as a separate strip of clustered cells, and (3) individually dispersed and oriented towards the pia. (**H** and **I**) At two months, the cellular densities have thinned out (H) but are still composed of DCX+ cells (I). (**J** and **K**) The SVZ region remains enriched with DCX+PSA+ cells and the tiered levels are still present. (**L**) Within the overlying gray-white matter border, we can identify many DCX+ cells radially oriented towards the pia. Of note, the brains shown here, at birth and 2 months, were previously scanned with 7T MRI. Scale bars, 25 microns (B); 100 microns [(C) and (D)]; 200 microns (E); 300 microns (F); 500 microns (G), 25 microns (inset); 150 microns $[(H)$ to $(I)]$; 25 microns $[(J)$ to $(L)]$.

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Figure S2. Expression profile of migrating DCX+ cells in the infant brain. (**A**-**C**) DCX+ cells at the dorsal ventricular wall express GAD67, GABA, and CXCR4, a receptor seen in migrating interneurons. (**D**-**G**) A subpopulation of the DCX+ cells were SP8+, COUP-TFII+, Nkx2.1+, or Lhx6+. (**H**) COUP-TFII+ and Nkx2.1+ cells did not overlap. (**I**-**L**) DCX+ cells do not express Olig2, Sox2, or AldhL1. DCX+ cells at the dorsal ventricular wall or the Arc do not express Tbr2 (**M** and **S**), associated with intermediate precursors, or Emx1, SATB2, and CTIP2 (**N-P**; **T-V**), transcription factors in excitatory neurons derived from dorsal progenitor regions. (**Q**-**R**) SATB2 and CTIP2 expression is seen in the cortex, as would be expected. Dashed lines show the border of the lateral ventricle wall. Scale bars, 20 microns $[(A)$ to (P) and (S) to $(V)]$; 10 microns $[(Q)$ to $(R)]$.

Figure S3. DCX+ cells cluster around blood vessels in Tier 3. (**A**-**B**) DCX+PSA+ cells were intimately associated with blood vessels. (**C-F**) Arteries around the dorsolateral edges of the ventricle, labeled by vonWillebrands factor (vWF) and smooth muscle actin (SMA), were densely surrounded by DCX+ cells. (**G**) The close relationship between DCX+ cells and blood vessels decreases by 60 days after birth, and DCX+ cells have decreased in this region by 120 days after birth. Scale bars, 250 microns $[(A)$ and $(F)]$; 100 microns $[(B)$ to $(E)]$.

Figure S4. Electron Microscopy of the Arc at birth. (**A**) Panoramic sagittal view of the Arc in semithin sections stained with toluidine blue. The Arc is composed of multiple chains that converge rostrally. Tiers 1-4 (refer to main text) are numbered. (**B**) Higher magnification of the boxed inset in (A) shows the organization of individual chains in more detail. (**C**) Ultrastructual analysis of an individual chain with flanking astrocytes; rostrally the astrocytic sheath is less prominent and the clusters are not densely wrapped. (**D**) The parenchymal astrocyte (As) flanking the chain is characterized by large, round nuclei with peripheral heterochromatin. The cytosol has scarce organelles and occasional bundles of intermediate filaments (inset in D). (**E**) A representative young neuron (N) within the chain has a small nucleus and very condensed chromatin. There is a thin rim of cytosol without intermediate filaments. Microtubules and

ribosomes are observed as dense granular bodies; this is present in the astrocytic soma or expansions. Two light glial expansions (As) are seen to the right of the neuron. (**F**) Expansions within the chain are light (associated with astrocytes) or contain dense granular structures (associated with young neuron). (**G**) Two neuronal cells can occasionally make contact via dense cell-to-cell adhesions. This is shown in more detail in (**H**). Scale bars, 500 microns (A); 100 microns (B); 25 microns (C); 2 microns (D), detail 50nm; 2 microns (E); 5 microns (F); 1 micron (G); 5 nm (H).

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Figure S5. High-resolution imaging of infant brains reveals a collection of cells around the anterior body of the lateral ventricle. (**A** and **B**) Representative images of T2 sequences (top panels) scanned at 34GW and birth (39GW). Bottom panels show the associated segmentation signal in orange. The segmentation signals correspond anatomically to the Rostral Migratory Stream (RMS) and, more dorsally, to the dorsolateral cells clusters that make up the Arc. Red lines in coronal images indicate the medial-lateral level shown in sagittal images. (**C**) MRI and corresponding cresyl violet staining of sagittal sections from a postmortem neonatal (39GW) frontal lobe. Both images are taken at the anterior head of the lateral ventricle (LV). The T2 hyperintense signals in the MRI correspond to regions of high cell density seen in the cresyl staining. Dense cell collections at the ventricular wall are outlined in red, and clusters further removed are outlined in purple. Insets of the cresyl stained section show the dense cell clusters at these two locations. (**D**) Lateral view of 3D rendering of brain MRI at 34GW, birth, and 2 months shows the segmentation of T2 intensity associated with the Arc in green. The skeletal analysis (see quantitative MRI methods) for measurements is shown as a dashed yellow line in each brain. (**E**) Quantification of cell distribution length (extent) relative to ventricular length (exent). (**F**) Location of center of segmentation volume corresponding to the Arc (centroid) with respect to lateral ventricle. (**G**) Postmortem brains were scanned on 7T MRIs at birth and 2 months. T2 signals associated with the Arc are displayed in green and are shown in both frontal and lateral perspectives. (**H** and **I**) 3T MRI images of 2 pediatric patients taken at 34GW and 33GW show that the T2 signal corresponding to the Arc (red arrows) could be visualized in live MRI. Scale bar, 150 microns.

Figure S6. Directionality of DCX+ cells at birth (sagittal view). (A) Red box indicates region depicted in (B). (**B**) Schematic diagram indicating the location of each numbered subregion analyzed. The directionality of at least 50 cells was determined within each subregion. (**C)** Red arrows indicate the modal (most frequent) direction of DCX+ cells' leading process. (**D**) Directional histograms for each subregion indicate the percentage of cells oriented in a given direction. Histogram axis labels: A, anterior; P, posterior; D, dorsal; V, ventral.

Figure S7. Directionality of DCX+ cells at 10 days after birth (coronal view). (A) Schematic diagrams indicating the location of each numbered subregion analyzed. The directionality of at least 50 cells was determined within each subregion. (**B**) Red arrows indicate the directional mode for subregions. (**C**) Directional histograms for each subregion indicate the percentage of cells oriented in a given direction. Histogram axis labels: L, lateral; M, medial; D, dorsal; V, ventral.

Figure S8. Directionality of DCX+ cells at 1.5 months after birth (coronal view). (A)

Schematic diagrams indicating the location of subregions analyzed. The directionality of at least 50 cells was determined within each subregion. (**B**) Red arrows indicate the directional mode (most frequent direction) for each subregion. (**C**) Directional histograms for each subregion indicate the percentage of cells oriented in a given direction. Histogram axis labels: L, lateral; M, medial; D, dorsal; V, ventral.

Figure S9. Stereological quantification of DCX+ cells in the cingulate gyrus. (A) Example of a neonatal brain used for all stereology studies. Dashed yellow lines indicate where a coronal cut is made. Shaded blue region between the dashed lines corresponds to a "cingulate segment." Coronal sections within the "cingulate segment" are used for quantification. (**B**) Example of a DCX+/PSA-NCAM+ cell at 10 days after birth that was counted using the Optical Fractionator probe. (**C**) Representative immunolabeling of young migratory neurons in the cingulate cortex at 5 months and 7 months. Cells that are considered migratory are indicated by yellow arrows. Scale bars, 20 microns. Directional axes: A, anterior; D, dorsal; L, lateral.

Figure S10. Quantification of cellular populations in the cingulate gyrus. The total number of cells (**A**) and neurons (**B**) within the cingulate cortex increases during early postnatal life. In the cingulate white matter, dramatic changes occur in the sizes of interneuron subtype populations: the number of NPY (**D**), SST (**E**), CalB (**F**) cells decrease as these cells are possibly pruned or move to the cortex; CalR (**G**) increases then decreases. The volume of the cortex (**C**) and white matter (**H**), as measured by the Cavalieri Estimator, also increases after birth: cortical volume increases but remains relatively stable after 3 months, while white matter volume increases dramatically by 24 years, possibly due to oligodendrocyte proliferation and myelination.

Figure S11. Anterior distribution of DCX+ cells in the human frontal lobe. In a sagittal section of the frontal lobe at birth, DCX+ cells with migratory morphology are widely distributed throughout the developing white matter, cingulate gyrus and prefrontal cortex. Black dots correspond to individual DCX+ cells with migratory morphology. Scale bar, 10.5 millimeters. Directional axes: A, anterior; D, dorsal.

Figure S12. Proliferation at the dorsal ventricular wall at birth. Few cells express Ki67, a marker of proliferation, at the dorsal ventricular wall or in the clusters within the Arc. There was no co-expression of DCX with Ki67 (**A-B**), but many of the Ki67+ cells were found to be Olig2+ (**C-D**). Scale bars, 100 microns [(A) and (B)] with 20 microns in insets; 100 microns (B); 75 microns (C); 100 microns (D).

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Movie S1: 3D rendering of DCX+ cells (green) in Arc strip ensheathed by GFAP+ fibers (pink) at 1.5 months.

Movie S2: Time-lapse imaging showing a migrating neuron in a sagittal cortical slice from a brain at birth. Area imaged is developing white matter of cingulate. Note cell (*) is traveling in anterio-dorsal direction. Movie spans 18 hours.

Movie S3: Time-lapse imaging showing a migrating neuron in a coronal cortical slice from a brain at birth. Area imaged is at the dorsolateral edge of the lateral ventricle, within the Arc region. Movie shows a migrating neuron (*) leaving the dense cell collection. Movie spans 24 hours.

Movie S4: Time-lapse imaging showing migrating neuron in a coronal cortical slice from a brain at birth. Area imaged is at the dorsolateral edge of the lateral ventricle, within the Arc region. Movie shows migrating neuron (*) traveling alongside dense cell collection. Movie spans 24 hours.

Movie S5: Schematic animation of three-dimensional rendering of postnatally migrating neurons in the infant brain. Arc-orange, SVZ and RMS-magenta, MMS-green.

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