Supplementary Information

Controlling the behaviour of Drosophila melanogaster via

smartphone optogenetics

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Figure S1. Emission spectra of selected OLED (top) and LCD (bottom) smartphone displays. Curves display measurements when turning on individual colours, given by RGB values: (0,0,255; blue), (0,255,0; green), and (255,0,0; red).

Table S1. Characteristics of different smartphone and tablet displays including power density and pixel area of each sub-pixel (RGB), total number of pixels, resolution, display technology, and thickness of the cover glass.

Smartphone	Red		Green		Blue		White	Pixels	Resolution (ppi)	Technology	Glass thickness
	Power density (µW/mm²)	Area (mm²)	Power density (µW/mm²)	Area (mm²)	Power density (µW/mm²)	Area (mm²)	Power density (µW/mm²)				(mm)
Fairphone 2	1.3	6.0 * 10 ⁻⁴	1.4	6.0 * 10 ⁻⁴	0.8	6.0 * 10 ⁻⁴	3.6	1920 × 1080	446	LCD	0.8
Honor 8	1.8	5.0 * 10 ⁻⁴	2.1	5.0 * 10 ⁻⁴	2.1	5.0 * 10 ⁻⁴	6.6	1920 × 1080	424	LCD	0.8
Motorola G5+	1.3	1.0 * 10 ⁻³	2.0	1.0 * 10 ⁻³	1.8	1.0 * 10 ⁻³	5.8	1920 × 1080	441	LCD	0.9
Motorola Moto G LTE	1.5	1.8 * 10 ⁻³	2,1	1.8 * 10 ⁻³	1.5	1.8 * 10 ⁻³	4.9	1280 × 720	294	LCD	0.7
Nokia Lumia 930	1.2	5.0 * 10 ⁻³	1.4	2.8 * 10 ⁻³	1.0	4.0 * 10 ⁻³	4.0	1920 × 1080	441	OLED	1.2
Samsung Galaxy A70	0.9	1.5 * 10 ⁻³	1.8	7.0 * 10 ⁻⁴	1.0	1.0 * 10 ⁻³	3.6	2400 × 1080	393	OLED	0.7
Samsung Galaxy S10+	1.8	5.0 * 10 ⁻⁴	2.3	3.0 * 10 ⁻⁴	1.4	4.0 * 10 ⁻⁴	5.9	3040 × 1440	522	OLED	0.6
Samsung Galaxy S5 Neo	1.8	5.0 * 10 ⁻⁴	1.8	4.0 * 10 ⁻⁴	1.7	7.0 * 10 ⁻⁴	4.2	1920 × 1080	306	OLED	0.9
Samsung Galaxy Tab A 9.7 (Tablet)	1.3	$1.3 \\ * 10^{-2}$	1.9	1.3 * 10 ⁻²	1.6	1.3 * 10 ⁻²	5.0	1024 × 768	132	LCD	1.3
Sony Xperia Z5	1.9	1.0 * 10 ⁻³	2.8	1.0 * 10 ⁻³	2.8	1.0 * 10 ⁻³	7.1	1880 × 1040	424	LCD	0.8
Xiaomi Mi 4i	0.9	5.0 * 10 ⁻³	1.4	5.0 * 10 ⁻³	1.3	5.0 * 10 ⁻³	3.2	1880 × 1040	441	LCD	0.9



Figure S2. Angular light intensity distribution of Honor 8 display measured using a goniometer (black solid line) in comparison to Lambertian emission (purple dashed line).



Figure S3. Sketch of an exemplary stimulation sequence used for optogenetic stimulation of *OK6* > *CsChrimson* **larvae**. Stimulation sequence of red, green, blue, and white light for a period of 20 s with 60 s of rest (black period) between each stimulation colour.



Figure S4. Optogenetic activation of different sets of neurons under expression of ChR2^{XXL}. a) Normalised length and b) Normalised speed of larvae expressing $G7 > ChR2^{XXL}$. Stimulation period: 20 s; black period: 250 s. c) Normalised length of larvae expressing $5-40 > ChR2^{XXL}$. Stimulation period: 20 s; black period: 240 s. d-e) Response of $ppk > ChR2^{XXL}$ larvae upon optogenetic activation. d) Normalised speed and e) percentage of rolling larvae over time. Stimulation period: 20 s; black period: 240 s. *N*: number of larvae; whiskers: s.e.m.; diamonds: mean. Significance calculated via one-sample two-tailed t-test: ns: not significant (p > 0.05), * p < 0.05, ** p < 0.01, *** p < 0.001.



Figure S5. Normalised length of w^{1118} control larvae upon optogenetic stimulation. Stimulation period: 20 s; black period: 30 s. *N*: number of larvae; whiskers: s.e.m.; diamonds: mean. Significance calculated via one-sample two-tailed t-test: ns: not significant (p > 0.05).



Figure S6. Normalised speed of larvae expressing ppk > CsChrimson upon optogenetic stimulation. Stimulation period: 20 s; black period: 40 s. *N*: number of larvae; whiskers: s.e.m.; diamonds: mean. Significance calculated via one-sample two-tailed t-test: ns: not significant (p > 0.05), ** p < 0.01, *** p < 0.001.



Figure S7. Power density of the Honor 8 smartphone display as a function of the set RGB value for **red emission** from (0,0,0) to (255,0,0).



Figure S8. Control of behaviour in adult *Drosophila* **with smartphone illumination**. a) Sketch of the experimental setup used for stimulation of flies, which includes two smartphones (one for optogenetic stimulation and one for recording) and a chamber for containment of flies. b) Photographs of flies expressing *ppk > CsChrimson* during black periods and when stimulated with red, green, blue, and white light. c) Normalised speed of flies expressing *ppk > CsChrimson* in response to an illumination sequence with different colours for 30 s each with intermediate black periods of 40 s. Significant speed increase is observed in response to stimulation with red, green, and white light. d) Normalised speed of *w*¹¹¹⁸ control flies in response to illumination with different colours. Illumination period: 30 s; black period: 40 s. *N*: number of flies; whiskers: s.e.m.; diamonds: mean. Significance calculated via one-sample two-tailed t-test: ns: not significant (*p* > 0.05), * *p* < 0.05, ** *p* < 0.01.

Video S1. Inhibition of motor neurons in larvae expressing *OK6 > GtACR1* using white light.

Video S2. Activation of muscles in larvae expressing *G7* > *ChR2^{XXL}* with white light.

Video S3. Activation of class IV multidendritic neurons in larvae expressing *ppk* > *ChR2^{XXL}* with white light. Video accelerated to 3× speed.

Video S4. Guidance of a free-behaving *ppk > CsChrimson* larva using a ring of white light that moves at a speed of 0.17 mm/s in *x*-direction. Video accelerated to 25× speed. The red line indicates the track of the larval head.

Video S5. Observation of a free-behaving w^{1118} control larva using a ring of white light that moves at a speed of 0.17 mm/s in *x*-direction. Video accelerated to 25× speed. The red line indicates the track of the larval head.

Video S6. Confinement of 11 *ppk > CsChrimson* larvae inside a black maze surrounded by white light. Video accelerated to 125× speed. Coloured lines show tracks of the larvae.

Video S7. Video recording of $10 w^{1118}$ control larvae inside a black maze surrounded by white light. Video accelerated to $125 \times$ speed. Coloured lines show tracks of the larvae.

Video S8. Climbing assay of *w*¹¹¹⁸ control flies (left) and *ppk* > *CsChrimson* flies (right) stimulated with white light. Video accelerated to 3× speed.