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"Oxidative stress monitoring in iPSC-derived motor neurons using genetically encoded biosensors of H2O2"

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Supplementary Table S1. List of primers and oligonucleotides used in the study

ctrl ctrl D91A G128R

Supplementary Figure S3: SOD1-D91A and SOD1-G128R iPSC lines characterization. **A** Pluripotent features of the SOD1-D91A and SOD1-G128R iPSC lines. Immunofluorescent staining for transcriptional factors: SOX2, OCT4, NANOG, and surface antigen TRA-1-60. Nuclei are visualized with DAPI. Scale bar 100 μM. IPSC colony morphology (TL – transmitted light), scale bar 150 μM. Alkaline phosphatase (AP) staining, scale bar 100 μM. **B** RT-qPCR analysis of mRNA expression of *SOX2*, *OCT4,* and *NANOG* in SOD1-D91A and SOD1-G128R iPSCs. Data ($N = 3$ RNA samples for each genotype) are normalized to the parental iPSC line (K7-4Lf) and presented as the mean ± standard deviation. **C** Immunofluorescent staining of the products of *in vitro* spontaneous differentiation for endodermal (CK18), ectodermal (NF200), and mesodermal (ɑSMA) markers. Nuclei are visualized with DAPI. Scale bar 100 μM. **D** Partial sequence of exon 4 of the *SOD1* gene of SOD1-D91A with the corresponding amino acid sequence. WT ref – reference sequence (parental iPSC line K7-4Lf); D91A allele– allele with the c.272A>C single nucleotide substitution; Del allele – allele with 105-nucleotide deletion. **E**. Partial sequence of exon 5 of the *SOD1* gene of SOD1-G128R with the corresponding amino acid sequences. WT ref. – reference sequence (parental iPSC line K7-4Lf); G128R allele – allele with the c.382G>C single nucleotide substitution; Stop allele – allele with premature termination codon. **F** Mycoplasma contamination detection with specific primers. Neg. ctrl – H_2O , Pos. ctrl – mycoplasma contaminated cell line. Karyotyping of the SOD1-D91A (**G**) iPSC line and SOD1- G128R (**H**) iPSC lines.

Supplementary Figure S4

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Supplementary Figure S4: Partial sequences of the top 5 off-target sites predicted for CRISPR SOD1-4 and SOD1-5 used in the study. **A** Genomic DNA of SOD1-D91A iPSC line. **B** Genomic DNA of SOD1-G128R iPSC line. Genomic DNA of the parental K7-4Lf iPSC line was used as a control. Potential off-target protospacers are underlined with the blue color.

Supplementary figure S5.

Supplementary Figure S5: pCyto-roGFP2-Orp1-donor (**A**) and pMito-roGFP2-Orp1-donor (**B**) plasmid maps. Schematic maps of the donor plasmids used for CRISPR/Cas9 target insertion of the biosensors in the *AAVS1* locus. Basic elements: homologous arms, puromycin resistance gene, promoters, Tet-On elements for doxycycline-controllable expression, and biosensors' functional elements are present. All maps were constructed with SnapGene®.

Supplementary figure S6

Supplementary Figure S6: SOX2 and SSEA4 staining of the transgenic iPSC clones expressing Cyto-roGFP2-Orp1 (_Cyto) or Mito-roGFP2-Orp1 (_Mito) biosensors. Nuclei are visualized with DAPI, scale bar 100 μM. At the bottom is a table with the number of clones with respective insertions, obtained in the study.

Supplementary figure S7

Supplementary Figure S7: Generation of iPSC-derived motor neurons expressing the CytoroGFP2-Orp1 and Mito-roGFP2-Orp1 biosensors. **A** Schematic of the differentiation protocol and a timeline for MN characterization and analysis. The main stages of the protocol are indicated above the timeline. The medium composition (basal medium and small-molecule inhibitors) for every stage is indicated below the timeline. The concentrations of all the compounds shown in the figure are present in the Materials and Methods section. **B** Representative images of the K7-4Lf, iALS, SOD1-D91A, and SOD1-G128R MNs positively stained for MN markers: ChAT, MNX1, and ISL1 on the differentiation day 20. Nuclei are visualized with DAPI, scale bar 100 μm. **C** RT-qPCR analysis of mRNA expression of *MNX1*, *ISL1*, and *ChAT* in K7-4Lf, iALS, SOD1-D91A, and SOD1-G128R MNs on the differentiation day 29. Data ($N = 6$ independent differentiations) are normalized to the expression in the K7-4Lf iPSC line and presented as the mean \pm standard deviation (S.D.).

Supplementary figure S8

Supplementary Figure S8: Evaluation of the dynamic range of Cyto-roGFP2-Orp1 and MitoroGFP2-Orp1 in iPSC-derived motor neurons (MNs). The reaction of the Cyto-roGFP2-Orp1 expressing (**A**) and Mito-roGFP2-Orp1-expressing (**B**) MNs to the diamide and DTT addition with the representative images of the intact MNs (Start), fully reduced $(+)$ DTT) and fully oxidized (+ diamide) MNs. Data ($N = 9$ independent experiments) are normalized to the maximum oxidation and reduction values and presented as the mean \pm standard deviation (S.D.). The Images present an overlap of the 405 nm (oxidized roGFP2) and 488 nm (reduced roGFP2) channels colored in blue and green pseudocolors, respectively. **C** Dynamic range of the CytoroGFP2-Orp1 and Mito-roGFP2-Orp1 biosensors expressed in MNs. Data ($N = 12$ independent experiments) are the mean \pm S.D.

Supplementary Figure S9: Basal levels of H_2O_2 in the cytoplasm (Cyto-roGFP2-Orp1, **A**) and mitochondria (Mito-roGFP2-Orp1, **B**) measured on the differentiation day 29 in the biosensorexpressing motor neurons (MNs). The medium was either kept standard (+ B-27) or replaced 24 hours before the measurement for nutrient-deficient medium (-B-27). Values were obtained by analyzing the microscopic images of the respective motor neurons. Data ($N = 10-15$, and 18 for B-27 deprived samples, fields of view, collected from MNs, derived from three iPSC lines with the same genotype) on the graphs are regrouped from the Fig 4A and 4D and present as mean \pm standard deviation. **** $p < 0.0001$, non-significant data are not presented. Welch t-test was used for paired comparisons.

Supplementary Figure S10: Viability of K7-4Lf, iALS, and SOD1-D91A motor neurons after treatment with 10 μ M, 25 μ M, 50 μ M, and 100 μ M H₂O₂, determined by XTT-assay. Data (N=3 measurements) are normalized to the untreated (0 μ M) sample and presented as the mean \pm S.D.

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Supplementary Figure S12: Graphical description of the microscopy sample preparation for live MN imaging. **A** Schematic representation of the protocol for MN seeding. **B** 3D reconstruction of the cell layer (differentiation day 29) obtained with the protocol. Morphology of MNs seeded for the maturation on the top of the Matrigel (**C**) or inside of 33% Matrigel layer (**D**) at the indicated days of differentiation.

Supplementary methods

Preparation of live motor neuron samples for microscopy

Motor neurons have a low surface attachment, making long-term microscopy experiments difficult. Therefore, in the biosensors experiments, the cells were seeded for maturation on the cell imaging coverglasses inside a layer of 33% Matrigel. To do so, we resuspended the cells in the 1.5× cold NDM (supplemented with 15 ng/ml Y-27632, 0.75 μ M retinoic acid, and 0.225 μ M Compound E), making a suspension with 1.5×10^5 cells/75 μ l (1.5×10⁵ cells/well). Then, we mixed 75 μl of the cell suspension with 35 μl of growth factor reduced Matrigel (Corning) and quickly applied 100 μl of the mix on the surface of the chilled cell imaging coverglass, standing on a cold tube cooling rack turned upside down and covered with a paper towel. Using the tip of a pipette, we carefully spread the mix over the surface and left it on the cooling rack for 10 minutes to let the cells fall to the bottom before the Matrigel polymerized. Next, we transferred the coverglasses on top of the working surface and left them for another 10 minutes, and then, the coverglasses were carried over to a $CO₂$ incubator for 1h for Matrigel stabilization. After 1 hour, we added 300-400 μl of the fourth step medium supplemented with Y-27632 (10 ng/ml) on top of the stabilized Matrigel layer **(Supplementary Fig. S11)**.

Image acquisition

Cells and solutions preparation

To measure H_2O_2 utilization in real-time, we replaced the standard neuronal culture medium with the deficit medium (F12/DMEM:Neurobasal – 50:50, 1x N2 supplement, 2 μ g/ml doxycycline hyclate) the day before the experiment, unless otherwise indicated. 1 hour before the experiment the medium was removed from the analyzed wells (so as to not disturb the Matrigel layer with neurons inside), and replaced with warm HBSS + Ca^{2+} , Mg^{2+} . The cells were incubated in a $CO₂$ incubator to remove the residual medium components from the Matrigel layer. Then, the old HBSS was almost entirely removed (with a residue of \sim 50 µl/well) and replaced with the fresh HBSS (\sim 300 μl/well). The final volume of the sample in one well is 450 μl: 300+50 μl of HBSS, 100 μl of the Matrigel layer with MNs.

The stock and working solutions were prepared freshly on the day of the experiment. The water stock solutions of 1 M DTT (Sigma-Aldrich) and 0.2 M diamide (Sigma-Aldrich) were made from a powder; 10 mM H_2O_2 stock solution was made from hydrogen peroxide solution (30% w/w, Sigma-Aldrich).

From these stock solutions, the working solutions were prepared:

1) 10 μl 1 1M DTT + 190 μl HBSS (final concentration 50 μM);

2) 5 μl 0.2M diamide +195 μl HBSS (final concentration 5 μM);

3) 2 μl 10 mM H_2O_2 + 198 μl HBSS (final concentration 100 μM).

Microscopy settings

We used a confocal Zeiss LSM-780 laser scanning microscope (Pan-Apochromat 20× objective) equipped with the 488 nm argon laser, the 405 nm UV diode laser, and a climate chamber connected with the temperature and $CO₂$ control modules. Cell imaging coverglass with the cells was placed on the stage without a lid, covered with a $CO₂$ cover, and left for 5-10 minutes for temperature equilibration. Tubes with the working solutions were also put inside the climate chamber. The cells were visualized with transmitted light during the equilibration to achieve a stable focus. Actual microscopy settings varied between the samples and required customization for obtaining a quality image. Table 1 describes the initial microscopy setup. Images did not contain oversaturated pixels and had a high noise-to-signal ratio.

Table 1. Initial microscopy setup (Zeiss LSM-780) for imaging of Cyto-roGFP2-Orp1 and MitoroGFP2-Orp1 expressing motor neurons

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Biosensor calibration using DTT/diamide

To determine the states of the maximum oxidation and reduction possible for the biosensors, we treated the cells with diamide and DTT, respectively, using the following procedure:

- 1) In the mode "Position" we set up three fields of view in each of the two adjacent wells and saved their coordinates;
- 2) Next, we set the microscope to the "time series" mode with 18 cycles of 90 s;
- 3) Then, we started the time-series experiment and paused it after cycle 3, added 50 µl of the warm DTT working solution into one well (final concentration 5 μM) and 50 μl of the warm diamide working solution into the other well (final concentration 0.5 μM), trying not to disturb the coverglass, and resumed the time series;
- 4) We waited for the cells to become fully reduced/oxidized (usually 8-10 minutes): the signal in each sample reached the plateau. In the DTT well intensity of the 488 nm signal slightly increased, while the intensity of the 405 nm signal slightly decreased; in the diamide well intensity of the 488 nm signal intensity considerably decreased, while the intensity of the 405 nm signal considerably increased.

The calibration procedure was performed for every sample before the other experiments, and the values of the maximum oxidation/reduction were used for the dynamic range calculation and data normalization.

Basal H2O² level measurement and measurement of H2O² utilization in real-time.

To measure the Cyto-roGFP2-Orp1 and Mito-roGFP2-Orp1 signals in motor neurons, we applied the microscope settings determined during the calibration. To measure basal H_2O_2 levels in the cytoplasm and mitochondria, we obtained images from MNs derived from the K7-4Lf, SOD1-D91A, SOD1-G128R, and iALS iPSC lines. To measure H_2O_2 utilization in real-time, we applied the same approach as for calibration, but with 33 cycles, each 3 minutes long. We prepared the cells as described, mounted the coverglasses on the stage, and equilibrated the temperature in the climate chamber. We added 50 μ l of the warm working H₂O₂ solution (final concentration 10 μ M) to the cells after 2^{nd} -3rd cycle, and continued the time series for another 30 cycles (1.5 hours).

Data normalization

The images were saved as 16-bit .tiff files and processed by ImageJ. For the analysis, the images were converted to the 32-bit format. Single pictures were split to the 405 nm (roGFP2 $_{ox}$), 488 nm (roGFP2_{red}), and transmitted light channels. The intensity of the 405 and 488 channels was thresholded, and values below the threshold were set to "not a number" (NaN). A ratio image was created by dividing the 405 nm image by the 488 nm image (roGFP2 $_{ox}/$ roGFP2 $_{red}$), and the mean intensity of the resulting image was measured. The time-series images were processed similarly. The files were imported in ImageJ as stacks, converted to the 32-bit format, and split using the "Stacks-Shuffling-Deinterleave" plugin. The threshold was then adjusted for both channels, and the values below the threshold were set to "not a number" (NaN). A resulting ratio of images was created by dividing the 405 nm image by the 488 nm and measured. The roGFP2_{ox}/roGFP2_{red} ratios of the single images were used to describe the basal level of H₂O₂. The roGFP2 $_{ox}/$ roGFP2 $_{red}$ ratios obtained from the time series were used for measurement of H_2O_2 utilization in real-time. For each cell type, data were normalized to a fraction of the maximum oxidation/reduction state obtained during calibration, according to the formula (1): (1)

Normalized $\frac{1}{r}$ $Sample \frac{roGFP2ox}{roGFP2red}$ - DTT $\frac{r}{rc}$ Diamide $\frac{\text{roGFP2ox}}{\text{roGFP2red}}$ - DTT $\frac{\text{r}}{\text{ro}}$ $\frac{d}{L}$

The normalized data were used for visualization, comparison, and statistical analysis. To automate the image analysis, we wrote a custom imageJ macro script (available upon request).

H2O² utilization analysis

The H_2O_2 utilization process was characterized by the maximum changes of the biosensor's oxidation (max delta) and recovery rate after H_2O_2 addition. The max delta of the biosensor's oxidation was calculated by subtracting the initial normalized value of the roGFP2ox/roGFP2red ratio recorded at the "0" time point from the normalized maximum oxidation value of the roGFP2ox/roGFP2red ratio obtained after H_2O_2 addition (usually after 30 minutes of recording). The recovery rate was calculated by subtracting the final normalized value of the roGFP2ox/roGFP2red ratio recorded at the end of the time series from the normalized maximum oxidation value with subsequent division of the resulting numbers to the time interval between these two time points (in hours).