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33 **ABSTRACT**

34 Dopaminergic neurons are critical to movement, mood, addiction, and stress. Current
35 techniques for generating dopaminergic neurons from human induced pluripotent stem cells
36 (hiPSCs) yield heterogeneous cell populations with variable purity and inconsistent reproducibility
37 between donors, hiPSC clones, and experiments. Here, we report the rapid (5 weeks) and
38 efficient (~90%) induction of induced dopaminergic neurons (iDANs) through transient
39 overexpression of lineage-promoting transcription factors combined with stringent selection
40 across five donors. We observe maturation-dependent increase in dopamine synthesis, together
41 with electrophysiological properties consistent with midbrain dopaminergic neuron identity, such
42 as slow-rising after hyperpolarization potentials, an action potential duration of ~3ms, tonic sub-
43 threshold oscillatory activity, and spontaneous burst firing at frequency of ~1.0-1.75 Hz.
44 Transcriptome analysis reveals robust expression of genes involved in fetal midbrain
45 dopaminergic neuron identity. Specifically expressed genes in iDANs, relative to their isogenic
46 glutamatergic and GABAergic counterparts, were linked to the genetic risk architecture of a
47 broad range of psychiatric traits, with iDANs showing particularly strong enrichment in loci
48 conferring heritability for cannabis use disorder, schizophrenia, and bipolar disorder. Therefore,
49 iDANs provide a critical tool for modeling midbrain dopaminergic neuron development and
50 dysfunction in psychiatric disease.

51 **INTRODUCTION**

52 Dopaminergic neurotransmission regulates human behavior, motivation, affect, and
53 cognition¹. Dysfunction of dopaminergic neurons is importantly involved in the pathogenesis of
54 neurological and psychiatric disorders such as Parkinson disease², substance use disorders³,
55 and psychosis⁴.

56 Human induced pluripotent stem cell (hiPSC) models provide an approach to generate
57 large numbers of disease-relevant cell types and investigate disease processes at the cellular
58 and molecular level⁵, enabling the functional characterization of disease risk factors through
59 genetic, pharmacologic, and physiological manipulations not possible in the relevant *in vivo*
60 tissues^{6,7}. Current methods to generate dopaminergic neurons *in vitro* either recapitulate key
61 aspects of neurodevelopment through sequential application of small molecules and growth
62 factors⁸ or overexpress exogenous transcription factors known to induce dopaminergic neuron
63 identity⁹⁻¹³. A remaining limitation of current techniques is the high degree of variable
64 reproducibility between hiPSC donor lines and investigator groups. The most widely utilized
65 technique⁸ employs sequential addition of small molecules and protein factor combinations to
66 the media based upon known developmental pathways; however, studies have reported highly
67 inconsistent yields ranging from ~8% to >90%¹⁴⁻¹⁸. Consequently, many differentiations result in
68 heterogeneous cell populations^{19,20} and also include non-dopaminergic cells that are poorly
69 characterized and of unknown relevance to the model system.

70 Here, we report the reliable induction of dopaminergic neurons from hiPSCs by transient
71 overexpression of *ASCL1*, *LMX1B*, and *NURR1*¹¹ (ALN) combined with antibiotic selection via a
72 single doxycycline-inducible lentiviral vector, achieving a median percent purity across five
73 independent donors of 92%. These induced dopaminergic neurons (iDANs) express genes
74 consistent with midbrain regional patterning and dopaminergic neuron identity, demonstrate
75 maturation-dependent dopamine synthesis, and electrophysiological hallmarks of *in vivo*
76 dopaminergic neuron activity. Transcriptomic analyses of iDANs and post-mortem midbrain
77 tissues provide further evidence of a fetal midbrain dopaminergic neuron identity of iDANs.
78 Finally, specifically expressed genes in iDANs and isogenic induced GABAergic and
79 glutamatergic neurons uncovered enrichment in risk loci for several psychiatric disorders, with

80 evidence of neuronal subtype- and disorder-specific enrichments among biologically relevant
81 pathways.

82 **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

83 ***Human induced pluripotent stem cell culture:*** All hiPSCs were derived by sendai viral OKSM
84 reprogramming of dermal fibroblasts obtained from control donors in a previous cohort²¹.
85 hiPSCs were maintained in StemFlex media (Gibco, #A3349401) supplemented with Antibiotic-
86 Antimycotic (Gibco, #15240062) on Matrigel-coated (Corning, #354230) plates and passaged at
87 80-90% confluence with 0.5mM EDTA (Life Technologies, #15575-020) every 4-7 days for a
88 maximum of 10 passages; no hiPSCs were cultured beyond passage 30. Routine cytogenetic
89 analysis at WiCell confirmed normal karyotype of all donor lines. Donor meta-data are included
90 in Supplementary Table 1.

91 ***TetO-ALN-PuroR vector:*** We cloned a puromycin-resistance gene (*PuroR*) into a publicly
92 available (Addgene: 43918) lentivirus vector encoding *TetO-ASCL1-LMX1B-NURR1-PuroR*
93 ("ALN"). *PuroR* was inserted at the 3' end of *NURR1* and separated by a 2A peptide sequence.

94 ***Lentivirus production:*** Third-generation lentiviruses for *pUBIQ-rtTA* (Addgene 20342), *tetO-*
95 *ASCL1-LMX1B-NURR1-PuroR* (Addgene, 43918), *tetO-ASCL1-PuroR* (Addgene 97329), *tetO-*
96 *DLX2-HygroR* (Addgene 97330), and *tetO-Ngn2-PuroR-GFP* (Addgene 79823) were generated
97 via polyethylenimine (PEI, Polysciences, #23966-2)-mediated transfection of human embryonic
98 kidney 293T (HEK293T) cells using existing protocols²².

99 ***Production of induced dopaminergic neurons (iDANs):*** hiPSCs were harvested via incubation in
100 Accutase Cell Detachment Solution (Innovative Cell Technologies, #AT104), quenched with
101 DMEM (Gibco, #11965092), and centrifuged at RT at 800g for 5 minutes. Cell pellets were
102 gently resuspended in StemFlex (Gibco, #A334901) supplemented with 10uM ROCK Inhibitor
103 (StemCell Technologies, #72307) and counted with a Countess machine from Thermo Fisher
104 Scientific (#AMQAX1000); the proportion of living cells was estimated by exclusion of Trypan
105 Blue Solution, 0.4% (Gibco, #15250061). The cell suspension was then diluted in StemFlex with
106 ROCK inhibitor to a concentration of 1e6 cell/mL and mixed with 50uL aliquots of both *tetO-*
107 *ALN-PuroR* and *pUBIQ-rtTA* viruses tittered at an estimated 1 x 10⁷ IU/mL using a qPCR
108 Lentivirus Titration Kit (Applied Biological Materials, #LV900). hiPSCs were plated on Matrigel-
109 coated plates and incubated at 37°C with virus overnight. The following day, DIV1, the media
110 was aspirated and replaced with Induction Media (see Supplementary Note 1). 1.0ug/mL
111 puromycin (Sigma, #7255) was added the following day on DIV2. Media was changed on DIV3
112 if substantial cell death was present. Beginning on DIV5, media consisted of Induction Media
113 with 1.0mg/mL puromycin with 2.0uM arabinosylcytosine (Sigma, #C6645) ("Ara-C") to inhibit
114 the proliferation of non-neuronal cells. On DIV7, cells were dissociated and replated in Induction
115 Media supplemented with 1.0ug/mL doxycycline, 1.0ug/mL puromycin, 2.0uM Ara-C, and 10uM
116 ROCK inhibitor on plates double-coated with 0.1% polyethylenimine (PEI) and 80ug/mL
117 Matrigel. The following day (DIV8), media was replaced with Induction Media supplemented with
118 1.0ug/mL doxycycline and 2.0uM Ara-C. Ara-C was continued until DIV9, and doxycycline until
119 DIV14, at which time the media was switched to Neuron Media. Half media changes were
120 made every other day until the time of harvest (DIV35 for RNAseq). See Supplementary Note 1
121 for media recipes, a more detailed protocol, and trouble-shooting information.

122 ***Production of Induced GABAergic Neurons (iGANs):*** iGANs were generated from two hiPSC
123 donors (C-1 and C-2) via transduction with two separate doxycycline-inducible lentivirus vectors
124 encoding *ASCL1-PuroR* and *DLX2-HygroR* according to Yang et al., 2017²³, with slight
125 modification; also see detailed method available in *Protocol Exchange*²⁴. In brief, hiPSCs were
126 harvested in Accutase, dissociated into a single-cell solution, quenched in DMEM, pelleted via

127 centrifugation for 5 minutes at 800g, and resuspended in StemFlex with 10uM ROCK Inhibitor
128 Y-27632. Volumetric equivalents of *ASCL1-PuroR*, *DLX2-HygroR*, and *pUBIQ-rtTA* were added
129 to the suspension, mixed gently by inversion, dispensed onto Matrigel-coated plates, and
130 incubated overnight at 37°C. The next day, media was changed to Induction Media (identical
131 recipe to that used for iDAN generation) with 1.0µg/mL doxycycline (DIV1). 1.0µg/mL puromycin
132 and 250µg/mL hygromycin were added the next day (DIV2) and continued for four days. We
133 included 4.0µM Ara-C in the media from DIV4-8. Cells were harvested, dissociated, and
134 replated on 0.1%PEI and 80ug/mL Matrigel-coated plates around DIV5-7. Media was switched
135 to Neuron Media on DIV14, and doxycycline was withdrawn at that time. Half media changes
136 were performed every other day from DIV14 until the time of harvest at DIV42 for the samples
137 used for RNA-seq library generation.

138 Production of Induced Glutamatergic Neurons (iGLUTs): iGLUTs were generated via
139 transduction of hiPSCs (donors C-1 and C-2) with *NGN2-eGFP-PuroR*^{25,26} using the same
140 protocol steps used to produce iGANs, with the exception that cells were dissociated and
141 replated on DIV3 or DIV4 and matured until DIV21 at which time they were harvested for RNA
142 extraction and RNAseq library generation.

143 RNA Extraction, Purification, and Quantification: Media was aspirated, and the cells were
144 washed twice with PBS. Samples were lysed with TRIzol Reagent (Thermo, #15596026). RNA
145 was extracted and purified using the Direct-zol RNA miniprep kit with in-column DNase
146 treatment (Zymo Research, #R2051). Purified RNA was eluted in UltraPure water and stored at
147 -80°C until needed for rt-qPCR or RNAseq library preparation. RNA concentration was
148 determined by running the samples on a Qubit 3 Fluorometer (Invitrogen, #Q33216) with the
149 Qubit RNA HS Assay Kit (Thermo, #Q32852).

150 Reverse-transcription quantitative qPCR (rt-qPCR): 50ng of RNA per each sample was loaded
151 into a 384 plate and quantified using the Power SYBR Green RNA-to-C_t 1-Step Kit (Thermo,
152 #4389986). Reverse transcription and quantitative PCR took place on a QuantStudio 5 Real-
153 Time PCR System (Thermo, #28570). Forward and reverse primer sequences for each gene
154 are provided in Supplementary Table 2. Transcript abundance levels were quantified using the
155 $\Delta\Delta\text{-C}_t$ method²⁷, with normalization of RNA input to *ACTB* as a loading control. For each gene
156 and timepoint shown in **Figure 2**, data from samples generated from multiple donors were
157 pooled to better capture any donor- and batch-related variance in the true expression value of
158 the gene. For each gene, a one-way ANOVA with Tukey post-hoc testing was utilized to test for
159 differences in expression level at each of the three time points (DIV0 (hiPSCs), DIV14, and
160 DIV35) using the *aov* and *TukeyHSD* functions in R.

161 Immunocytochemistry: We adapted a protocol from one of our previous reports²⁸. At DIV7,
162 immature iDANs were split onto glass coverslips in a 24-well plate and matured until the desired
163 timepoint. At the time of harvest, the media was aspirated from each well followed by two
164 washes with PBS. 500uL of 4% para-formaldehyde solution (Electron Microscopy Sciences,
165 #15170) in PBS was added to each well and incubated at room temperature for 10 minutes
166 followed by three PBS washes. 500uL of a blocking solution consisting of PBS with 5% donkey
167 serum (Jackson, #017-000-121) and 0.1% Triton X-100 (Sigma, #T8787) was added to the
168 wells and incubated for one hour at room temperature. After two PBS washes, diluted primary
169 antibodies were added in 5% donkey serum and 0.1% Tween-20 (Boston BioProducts, #IBB-
170 181X) in PBS and incubated overnight at 4 °C. The solution was then removed, and the wells
171 were washed three times with PBS, followed by addition of secondary antibodies diluted in PBS
172 and incubation in the dark for two hours. Finally, the secondary antibody solution was removed,
173 the wells were washed three times with PBS, and 500uL of 0.5µg/mL DAPI (Sigma, #D9542) in
174 PBS was added to the wells for a ten-minute incubation to stain cellular nuclei. Coverslips were

175 carefully transferred to glass slides (Fisher Scientific, #12-544-7) and fixated using
176 AquaPolymount (Polysciences Inc., #18606-20). See Supplementary Table 3 for primary and
177 second antibodies. The percent of cells positive for TH was determined by manual counting of
178 all DAPI+ nuclei that also stained TH+ in random views of confocal images (containing at least
179 15 cells) taken across two or more separate experiments among five independent donors.

180 Post-Mortem Brain Sample Preparation and Fluorescence-Activated Nuclear Sorting: Post-
181 mortem sample processing, dissection, and fluorescence-activated nuclei sorting (FANS) haven
182 been described previously²⁹. In brief, substantia nigra pars compacta (SNpc) along with
183 surrounding regions of the ventral tegmental area (VTA) were dissected from adult brains with a
184 post-mortem interval of less than 24 hours. All donors were controls in an ongoing cohort study
185 and did not have any known psychiatric illnesses. Frozen, but not fixed, tissue samples were
186 homogenized in ice-cold lysis buffer and the resulting homogenate was mixed with a sucrose
187 solution and ultra-centrifuged for one hour. The pellet was then resuspended and incubated with
188 primary antibodies targeting NeuN (EMD Millipore, MAB377X; pre-conjugated with Alexa 488)
189 and Nurr1 (Santa Cruz Biotechnology, sc-990), the latter of which had been incubated with
190 Alexa Fluor 647 fluorochrome (Thermo Fisher, A27040) for one hour prior. After incubating in
191 primary antibodies for two hours and DAPI (4',6-diamidino-2'-phenylindole dihydrochloride,
192 Sigma Aldrich, 10,236,276,001 Roche) for the last ten minutes, the nuclei suspension was
193 processed on a FACSaria flow cytometry sorter. Donor meta-data are included in
194 Supplementary Table 1.

195 Nuclear RNAseq of Post-Mortem Midbrain Samples: Nuclear RNAseq libraries from
196 NeuN+/Nurr1+ and NeuN-/Nurr1- nuclei were prepared as described previously²⁹. In summary,
197 nuclei were lysed in TRIzol LS Reagent (Thermo Fisher, #10296028) and mixed with an equal
198 volume of 100% ethanol. DNA-digestion and RNA-extraction was performed using the Zymo-
199 Spin IC Column from Direct-zol RNA MicroPrep kit (Zymo Research, R2060) per the
200 manufacturer's instructions. The yield and quality of the resulting RNA samples were assessed
201 with the Agilent Bioanalyzer using an Agilent RNA 6000 Pico kit (Agilent, #5067-1513).
202 Ribosomal rRNA-depleted RNAseq libraries were prepared using the SMARTer Stranded RNA-
203 Seq kit (Clontech, #634836) according to the manufacturer's instructions with the following
204 specifications: (a) RNA was fragmented at 94 °C for three minutes; (b) after index annealing
205 with the Illumina indexing primer set (Illumina, #20020492), 12 PCR cycles were used for cDNA
206 amplification. Libraries were subsequently purified using a 1:1 volumetric ratio of SPRI beads
207 (Beckman Coulter Life Sciences, #B23318) to remove primer dimers and enrich for a target
208 library size of ~300bp, which was confirmed on the Agilent Bioanalyzer.

209 Whole-Cell RNAseq Library Preparation and Sequencing of In Vitro Samples: Strand-specific,
210 rRNA-depleted RNA-seq libraries were prepared from 100-1,000ng RNA per sample using the
211 KAPA RNA HyperPrep Kit with RiboErase (HMR) (Roche, #KK8560). RNA fragmentation was
212 performed at 94°C for 6 minutes and 10 PCR cycles were used during library amplification with
213 TruSeq single-index adapters (Illumina, #20020492). Final library concentrations were
214 quantified with both Qubit fluorometric quantification (DNA dsDNA HS kit, Thermo, #Q32851)
215 and the KAPA Library Quantification kit (Kapa Biosystems, #KK4873). The samples were run on
216 an Agilent 2100 Bioanalyzer (Agilent #G2939BA) with the High Sensitivity DNA Kit (Agilent,
217 #5067-4626) to confirm the appropriate distribution of fragment sizes and the absence of
218 significant artifactual contaminants. 150 base-pair paired-end sequencing was performed on a
219 NovaSeq 6000 System to a desired depth of ~50,000,000 reads per library.

220 RNA-sequencing analysis:

221 (a) Library-processing: raw data were aligned to the genome (GRCh38) using STAR v2.7.0³⁰.
222 Counts per gene were extracted using the *featureCounts*³¹ function in the *Rsubread*

223 package³². Sample count matrices were processed in R version 4.0.2 using the *limma*³³ and
224 *edgeR*^{34,35} packages. For the dataset consisting of iDANs, hiPSCs, midbrain NeuN+/Nurr1+
225 nuclei (midbrain dopaminergic neurons, or “MDNs”), and midbrain NeuN-/Nurr1- nuclei (“non-
226 MDNs”), lowly expressed genes were filtered out using the *filterByExpr* function in *edgeR*,
227 leading to a reduction in the total number of ensemble gene IDs from 58, 037 to 16,641.
228 Library $\log_2(\text{CPM})$ distributions were normalized with the trimmed mean of M-values
229 method³⁶. Heteroscedasticity was removed from the data using the *voom* function of *limma*
230 and linear models were fit for cell type-contrasts of interest with weights generated using
231 empirical Bayes moderation³⁷. The results of library-processing and quality controls are
232 shown in [Supplementary Figure 1](#).

233 (b) *Derivation of differentially and specifically expression genes*: “Differentially expressed genes
234 (DEGs)” were defined as genes with a $\log_2(\text{fold change in CPM})$ of at least 1.0 and that
235 surpassed a significance threshold of $p < 0.05$ after correcting for multiple testing with the
236 Benjamini-Hochberg procedure in the *decideTests* function in *limma*. The in vitro RNA-seq
237 dataset consisting of hiPSCs, iDANs, iGANs, and iGLUTs was processed similarly with the
238 following two changes: (1) we did not filter out lowly expressed genes in order to capture all
239 genes with potential specificity for a given cell type, and (2) we derived “specifically
240 expressed genes (SEGs)”, instead of DEGs, by first contrasting the expression of all genes in
241 each of the four cell types to the expression levels in the other three; SEGs were defined as
242 genes in the top 10th percent of *t*-statistics for each cell type ([Supplementary Table 4](#)), as in
243 previous reports^{38,39}. Genes with the highest 10% of *t*-statistics were deemed “specifically
244 expressed,” with the caveat that there is indeed some degree of overlap in SEGs;
245 accordingly, specifically expressed genes are not *exclusively* expressed in one cell type
246 alone.

247 (c) *Gene-set overrepresentation analyses (GSOA)*: We used *clusterProfiler* to perform GSOA on
248 (i) DEGs in the dataset consisting of hiPSCs, iDANs, MDNs, and non-MDNs, and (ii) SEGs
249 with enrichment in psychiatric disorder heritability. Tested gene sets included KEGG
250 pathways⁴⁰ and Gene Ontology Biological Processes^{41,42} (BP). We used an FDR threshold of
251 < 0.05 , and significance values are indicated throughout the text by the corresponding FDR *q*
252 values. Significant results were visualized with tile plots, with the magnitude of the $-\log(\text{FDR}$
253 *q*) represented by the height of the tile. Enrichment maps showing relationships among
254 pathways/processes based upon overlapping genes were created using the *emapplot*
255 function in *clusterProfiler* after reducing the degree of redundancy in BP terms using
256 semantic similarity analysis⁴³ with *GOSemSim*⁴⁴. Gene-concept network plots for the top
257 enriched pathways were created with the *cnetplot* function of *clusterProfiler* to create gene
258 networks.

259 (d) *Competitive gene-set testing for enrichment in cell type identity SEGs*: a competitive gene-
260 set testing procedure was conducted using Correlation-Adjusted Mean Rank gene-set test
261 (CAMERA)⁴⁵ on hiPSCs, iDANs, and the post-mortem tissue type DEGs to test for
262 enrichment among specifically expressed genes in previously published datasets for brain
263 cell types. We defined these brain cell type SEGs as those genes with the top 1% of
264 specificity in the K1 and K2 cell types reported by Skene et al. (2018)⁴⁶ and all of those
265 reported by La Manno et al (2016)²⁰ on developing midbrain cell types ([Supplementary Table](#)
266 [5](#)). The full results are shown without a specific FDR threshold cut off.

267 (e) *Correlation analyses of SEG enrichments in psychiatric risk loci*: we calculated the spearman
268 correlation coefficients in gene-level *z*-scores for those neuronal subtype-specific SEG sets
269 with enrichment in any psychiatric disorder. A correlation matrix was generated in R using the
270 *corr.test* function of the *psych* package, with adjustment of *p* values with Bonferroni
271 correction; results with an adjusted *p* value < 0.05 were considered significant.

272 **Assessment of In Vitro Neuron Subtype Heritability Enrichment of Psychiatric Risk Loci:** We
273 intersected cell-type-specific expression patterns with genetic risk of 11 specified
274 neurodevelopmental and neuropsychiatric disorders (attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder⁴⁷
275 (ADHD), anorexia nervosa⁴⁸ (AN), autism spectrum disorder⁴⁹ (ASD), alcohol use disorder⁵⁰
276 (AUD), bipolar disorder⁵¹ (BIP), cannabis use disorder⁵² (CUD), major depressive disorder⁵³
277 (MDD), obsessive-compulsive disorder⁵⁴ (OCD), post-traumatic stress disorder⁵⁵ (PTSD), and
278 schizophrenia⁵⁶ (SCZ), as well as Cross Disorder⁵⁷ (CxD) GWAS summary statistics), along with
279 Alzheimer's disease⁵⁸ (AD) and Parkinson's disease⁵⁹ (PD) to identify disorder-relevant cell
280 types (Supplementary Table 6). We performed these cell-type association analyses using multi-
281 marker analysis of genomic annotation (MAGMA)⁶⁰. Four gene sets were defined by the protein-
282 coding genes present in curated lists of SEGs for hiPSCs, iDANs, iGANs, and iGLUTs. Using
283 MAGMA, SNPs were mapped to genes based on the corresponding build files for each GWA
284 summary dataset. We ran gene analysis on GWAS summary statistics using the default
285 method:.snp-wise=mean (a test of the mean SNP association). A competitive gene set analysis
286 was then used to test enrichment in genetic risk for a disorder across the four cell-type specific
287 gene sets, with an adjusted p-value threshold of < 0.05.

288 **Multi-electrode array (MEA):** Commercially available human astrocytes (HA; Sciencell, #1800;
289 isolated from fetal female brain) were thawed and seeded onto matrigel-coated 100 mm culture
290 dish in commercial astrocyte medium (Sciencell, #1801) and expanded three passages in
291 Astrocyte medium. Upon confluence, cells were detached, spun down and resuspended with
292 Astrocyte medium supplemented with Antibiotic-Antimycotic (Anti/Anti; Thermo Fisher Scientific,
293 #15240062) and split as 1×10^5 cells per well on matrigel-coated 48 well CytoView MEA plates
294 (Axion Biosystems). HAs were fed by full medium change with the Brainphys medium (2% FBS
295 + Anti/Anti) + 2 μ M Ara-C. At day 7, iDANs were split on the HAs with neuron media
296 supplemented with 2% FBS by gently detaching them with Accutase for one hour, centrifuging
297 (1000g x 5 mins), and resuspending in neuronal medium supplemented with 2% FBS and 5uM
298 ROCK Inhibitor. After counting cells with a Countess machine, iDANs were seeded on the
299 astrocyte culture (1×10^5 cells/well). The media was changed the next day to neuronal medium
300 supplemented with 0.5% FBS and 2 μ M Ara-C. Half media changes were performed twice a
301 week, one day before MEA measurement. 2 μ M Ara-C treatment was discontinued after one
302 week. MEA plates were measured twice a week on a Maestro Multi-electron array system
303 (Axion Biosystems) at 37°C starting on day 21 of iDAN differentiation. For each measurement,
304 plates were equilibrated in the machine for 5 min followed by 10 min recording, with
305 spontaneous neural real-time configuration at threshold of 5.5. The plates were measured until
306 week six of neuronal maturation followed by batch processing of files and analysis of compiled
307 statistics.

308 **Electrophysiology:** Neurons from two donors (C-1 and C-2) were plated on acid etched
309 coverslips and co-cultured with human fetal astrocytes in Brainphys media to promote
310 maturation⁶¹. Recordings were performed at five to six weeks after induction. Coverslips were
311 transferred to a bath filled with modified aCSF solution, adapted from a mouse slice
312 electrophysiology protocol⁶² containing NaCl 119 mM, D-glucose 11 mM, NaHCO₃ 26.2 mM,
313 KCl 2.5 mM, MgCl₂ 1.3 mM, NaH₂PO₄ 1 mM, CaCl₂ 2.5 mM (pH adjusted to 7.3 with HCl). Glass
314 microelectrodes of 4.0 – 4.6 MΩ resistance were filled with an internal solution of 140 mM
315 Potassium D-Gluconate, 4 mM NaCl, 2 mM MgCl₂ x 6-H₂O, 1.1 mM EGTA, 5 mM HEPES, 2 mM
316 Na₂ATP, 5mM NaCreatinePO₄, and 0.6 mM Na₃GTP. Chemicals obtained from Sigma-Aldrich.
317 All solutions were ~ 295 mOsm. Whole-cell currents were recorded with an Axopatch 200B
318 amplifier with application of manual series-resistance and capacitance compensation, filtered at
319 10 kHz for current-clamp and 1kHz for voltage-clamp, and digitized at 20 kHz and 10kHz,
320 respectively, with the 1550 Digidata digitizer (Molecular Devices). For current-clamp recordings,

321 a holding current was applied to set the resting potential to -65mV and 1 s current steps were
322 applied in 0.02 nA increments. Spontaneous activity was measured in I=0 current-clamp mode.
323 For voltage-clamp recordings, voltage steps (200 ms) were applied in 10 mV increments from a
324 holding voltage of -80 mV to 50 mV. All voltage measurements were corrected for a calculated
325 junction potential of -16.1 mV. Data were collected and analyzed using Molecular Devices
326 pClamp 11 software and with custom-made routines written in R.

327 ***Dopamine ELISA:*** For whole-cell dopamine ELISA, cells were harvested with Accutase and
328 spun down for 5 minutes at room temperature at 1000g. The media supernatants were completely
329 aspirated, and the cell pellets were flash frozen in liquid nitrogen. The ELISA was carried out
330 using the Dopamine Research ELISA Kit from ALPCO (#17-DOPHU-E01-RES) according to the
331 manufacturer's instructions, beginning with cell lysis in homogenization solution in a Dounce
332 homogenizer. Each sample was split into three technical triplicates. Absorbance at 450 nm was
333 measured on a Varioskan LUX multielectrode microplate reader. A non-parametric local
334 regression curve was fit to the values of the standards using the *loess* function in R, with the
335 absorbance as the predictor variable and log₂-transformed concentration (nM) as the response
336 variable. Concentrations of the samples were extrapolated from the sample absorbances using
337 the *predict* function in R using the regression model fitted to the standards.

338 RESULTS

339 *Transient overexpression of ASCL1, LMX1B, and NURR1 induces dopaminergic neurons*

340 Previous reports demonstrated that overexpression of *ASCL1*, *LMX1A*, and *NURR1* (also
341 known as *NR4A2*) in human fibroblasts¹¹ and hiPSCs¹⁰ could result in dopaminergic neurons
342 with low yields limited to ~5% and ~33% purity, respectively. We designed an improved vector
343 for induction of dopaminergic neurons (iDANs) from hiPSCs (**Fig. 1A**) that incorporated
344 antibiotic selection (*TetO-ASCL1-LMX1B-NURR1-PuroR*, “*ALN-PuroR*”) (**Fig. 1B**). Doxycycline
345 was administered until 14 days *in vitro* (DIV) (**Fig. 1C**), while selection with puromycin occurred
346 from DIV2 to DIV6, and Ara-C was added from ~DIV4-6 to eliminate residual mitotic cells (see
347 **Supplementary Note 1**). Early neuronal processes appeared at DIV7, and iDANs were matured
348 for 35 days, at which time they show extensive branching and lengthy processes (**Fig. 1D**).

349 Across five independent donor lines, qPCR revealed that DIV14 iDANs showed increased
350 expression of the neuronal genes *MAP2* and *SYN1*, as well as *TH*, the rate-limiting enzyme in
351 dopamine biosynthesis, and *AADC*, which converts L-DOPA to dopamine (**Fig. 2A**). They
352 likewise showed robust expression of the midbrain marker genes *LMX1A*, *MSX1*, *EN2*, *FOXA2*,
353 and *PITX3*, and a modest increase in expression of the dopamine transporter (*DAT*) and
354 *VMAT2*, which did not reach statistical significance (**Fig. 2A**). By DIV35, *TH*, *LMX1A*, *OTX2*,
355 *EN2*, and *FOXA2* had further increased (**Fig. 2A**). At the protein level, DIV35 iDANs co-
356 expressed *TH* with *MAP2* (**Fig. 2B**), *SYN1* (**Fig. 2C**), *NEUN* (**Fig. 2F**), *DAT* (**Fig. 2E**), as well as
357 the midbrain marker *OTX2* (**Fig. 2D**) and *GIRK2*, an inwardly rectifying potassium channel that
358 mediates D2R stimulation⁶³ (**Fig. 2E**).

359 A median of ~92% of cells were positively stained for *TH* across five donors, with two or more
360 replicate experiments per donor (**Fig. 2H**). Moreover, ELISA analysis of iDANs from three
361 donors confirmed a maturation-dependent increase in total dopamine biosynthesis (ANOVA
362 (2,6) = 20.78; p = 0.0020); by DIV21, dopamine production across the three donors was
363 significantly elevated relative to DIV0 (p = 0.0017) and DIV14 (p = 0.018) (**Fig. 2I**). Altogether,
364 transduction with *ALN-PuroR* leads to robust induction of >90% dopaminergic neurons (range:
365 70-98%), showing widespread dopaminergic marker gene expression and dopamine
366 biosynthesis in a maturation-dependent manner.

367 *iDANs show physiological hallmarks of *in vivo* dopaminergic neurons*

368 Across two independent donors, multi-electrode array recordings revealed increasing burst
369 frequency (Hz), weighted mean firing rate (Hz), network burst frequency (Hz), the fraction of
370 active electrodes with bursting activity, and coefficient of variation of the inter-spike interval (ISI,
371 a measure of maturation age⁶⁴) across maturation (Supplementary Figure 2). In contrast, burst
372 duration, network spike duration, and spikes per network burst remained steady across
373 maturation, in agreement with previous MEA analyses of developing primary rodent cortical
374 neurons *in vitro*⁶⁴.

375 With the same two donors, we examined the intrinsic excitability of iDANs using patch-clamp
376 electrophysiology. After approximately five weeks of induction, iDANs exhibited regenerative
377 action potentials in response to current injections (**Fig. 3A**), with a notable slow after-
378 hyperpolarization potential (AHP) (**Fig. 3B**) typical of dopaminergic neurons⁶⁵. The action
379 potential width of 3 ms was similar to that reported for primate/rodent DA neurons⁶⁶. We also
380 observed prominent voltage-gated sodium and potassium currents but not an I_h inward current
381 (**Fig. 3C**). The cell capacitance for iDANs ($20 \pm 8 \text{ pF}$) was smaller than in rodents⁶⁷. iDANs
382 exhibited spontaneous activity at resting membrane potentials (**Fig. 3E**), with some showing
383 continuous tonic-like firing (**Fig. 3D**). We compared the distributions of spontaneous firing for
384 both patch-clamp and MEA assays and observed a median frequency of about 1.0 – 1.75 Hz
385 (**Fig. 3F, G**). The basic neuronal properties (e.g., capacitance, resting potential) and firing
386 behavior were indistinguishable between the two donor lines, highlighting the replicability of this
387 induction method across individuals (Supplementary Table 7). Altogether, iDANs displayed
388 many of the electrophysiological hallmarks of their *in vivo* midbrain dopaminergic neuron
389 counterparts.

390 *iDANs exhibit a fetal midbrain dopaminergic neuron transcriptomic profile*

391 To benchmark iDANs to a reference *in vivo* dataset, we conducted an RNAseq analysis of
392 neurons and non-neuronal cells sorted from post-mortem midbrain (**Fig. 4A**), comparing
393 midbrain dopaminergic neurons (NeuN+/Nurr1+, nuclei, “MDNs”) and midbrain non-
394 dopaminergic neurons (NeuN-/Nurr1-, “Non-MDNs”). Principal component analysis of total gene
395 expression across all samples revealed distinct clustering by cell type, with iDANs aligning with
396 MDNs on PC1, which accounted for 72% of the total variance (**Fig. 4B**). Hierarchical clustering
397 separated hiPSCs and iDANs from the post-mortem samples but also demonstrated greater
398 relatedness to MDNs than non-MDNs (**Fig. 4C**).

399 We generated DEGs from our *in vitro* and *in vivo* cell types and performed a competitive gene
400 set testing procedure to explore potential enrichments in established brain cell-type-specific
401 marker genes (**Fig. 4D**, Supplementary Figure 3). Among a group of 24 cell-type-specific
402 marker gene lists⁴⁶ (Supplementary Table 5), MDNs showed strong enrichment in the positive
403 direction for several cell types including “Interneuron” (FDR $q = 1.27 \times 10^{-3}$) and “Adult
404 Dopaminergic Neuron” (FDR $q = 0.0133$). While the magnitude of iDAN enrichment in “Adult
405 Dopaminergic Neuron” (FDR $q = 0.0516$) was somewhat lower than that observed for MDNs,
406 iDANs were most highly enriched in “Embryonic Midbrain Neurons” (FDR $q = 9.69 \times 10^{-3}$). In
407 contrast, the non-MDNs showed high enrichment in the gene sets specific to “Oligodendrocytes”
408 (FDR $q = 4.68 \times 10^{-8}$) and “Microglia” (FDR $q = 8.42 \times 10^{-4}$). We then expanded the analysis to a
409 more refined set of 149 specific cell types⁴⁶ (Supplementary Table 5), each of which belong to
410 one of the 24 broader cell type classifications in the first dataset (Supplementary Figure 4).
411 Among the cell types belonging to the dopaminergic neuron lineage, both MDNs (FDR $q = 7.38$
412 $\times 10^{-3}$) and iDANs (FDR $q = 0.0398$) were most enriched in “Adult Substantia Nigra Neurons”,
413 with iDANs showing additional positive enrichment in early developmental cell types
414 (Supplementary Table 9). With a third dataset²⁰, this time derived from early developmental

415 midbrain cell types (Supplementary Table 5), competitive gene set testing confirmed that iDANs
416 were most strongly enriched in specifically expressed genes defining early midbrain and
417 dopaminergic neurons and progenitor cells (Supplementary Figure 5).

418 Finally, we conducted gene set overrepresentation analyses (GSOA) to evaluate the biological
419 relevance of cell-type-specific gene expression. Broadly, enriched terms were consistent with
420 the known identities and functions of the respective cell type (Supplementary Table 8). While
421 hiPSC gene expression was enriched in KEGG pathways⁴⁰ involved in the cell cycle (e.g., “Cell
422 Cycle”, $q = 4.08 \times 10^{-10}$), both MDNs and iDANs were enriched in pathways with clear links to
423 dopaminergic neuron biology, such as “Dopaminergic Synapse” ($q = 0.000163$ in iDANs; $q =$
424 7.08×10^{-11} in MDNs), “Long-Term Potentiation” ($q = 0.030$ in iDANs; $q = 2.16 \times 10^{-6}$ in MDNs)
425 and “Morphine Addiction” ($q = 0.010$ in iDANs; $q = 3.41 \times 10^{-10}$ in MDNs) (**Fig. 4E**). These
426 findings were corroborated by additional enrichment in a network of Gene Ontology Biological
427 Processes^{41,42} related to synaptic structure (e.g., “Synapse Organization” ($q = 1.30 \times 10^{-21}$ in
428 iDANs; $q = 3.54 \times 10^{-21}$ in MDNs)) and neurotransmission (e.g., “Dopamine Secretion” ($q = 3.16$
429 $\times 10^{-6}$ in iDANs; $q = 0.0060$ in MDNs)), whereas non-MDNs were enriched in processes
430 pertaining to glial cells (e.g., “Glial Cell Differentiation”, $q = 1.49 \times 10^{-8}$; “Myelination”, $q = 1.71 \times$
431 10^{-6}) (**Fig 4F**). in total, these results support a fetal-like midbrain dopaminergic neuron identity
432 for iDANs.

433 *Differential enrichment of induced dopaminergic, GABAergic, and glutamatergic neurons in*
434 *psychiatric risk genes*

435 We next sought to test whether hiPSC-derived neuronal subtype-specific gene expression was
436 enriched in psychiatric disease risk loci. After generating isogenic iDANs, iGANs, and iGLUTs
437 and calculating those SEGs most specifically expressed in each induced neuronal subtype, we
438 applied (MAGMA)⁶⁰ to test for the enrichment of *in vitro* cell type SEGs among an array of
439 psychiatric disorders^{47–56,68} (**Fig. 5A**), as well as a set of pleiotropic loci implicated in a cross-
440 disorder (CxD) analysis of eight psychiatric conditions⁵⁷. Alzheimer’s disease⁵⁸ (AD) and
441 Parkinson’s disease⁵⁹ (PD) were included as brain-related but non-psychiatric disorders. SEGs
442 for iDANs, iGANs, and iGLUTs were significantly enriched in risk genes for cannabis use
443 disorder (iDAN: $p = 1.94 \times 10^{-6}$; iGAN: $p = 4.89 \times 10^{-4}$; iGLUT: $p = 0.0109$), bipolar disorder
444 (iDAN: $p = 1.68 \times 10^{-5}$, iGAN: $p = 4.82 \times 10^{-4}$; iGLUT: $p = 1.48 \times 10^{-4}$), and schizophrenia (iDAN:
445 $p = 9.32 \times 10^{-6}$, iGAN: $p = 1.37 \times 10^{-4}$; iGLUT: $p = 1.10 \times 10^{-7}$), with iDANs showing additional
446 enrichment in autism spectrum disorder ($p = 0.0122$) and iGLUTs showing enrichment in the
447 cross-disorder pleiotropic loci ($p = 0.00896$) (**Fig 5B**). As expected, hiPSCs were not enriched in
448 any condition (Supplementary Table 10). Overall, iDANs were most enriched in CUD, while both
449 iGANs and iGLUTs were most enriched in SCZ (**Fig. 5C**), consistent with emerging data that
450 glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons are particularly impacted by SCZ genetic risk loci^{46,69–71}.
451 Further supporting our findings of heritability enrichment for iDAN SEGs, we also found that
452 SEGs from our post-mortem MDNs were similarly enriched in risk genes for BIP ($p = 5.82 \times 10^{-6}$),
453 SCZ ($p = 0.00074$), and CUD (0.016), along with an additional enrichment in ADHD ($p =$
454 0.012) (Supplementary Figure 6).

455 For each disorder with enrichment among one or more hiPSC-derived neuronal subtypes, we
456 queried the biological relevance of the significantly enriched genes (Supplementary Table 10).
457 Across all disorders and neuronal subtypes, we found consistent enrichment among biological
458 processes related to synaptic transmission and structure (**Fig. 5G** and Supplementary Table
459 11); however, there was also significant neuronal subtype specificity among enriched pathways
460 within the individual disorders. In SCZ, for example, only iDAN SEGs were overrepresented in
461 processes such as “Monoamine Response” ($q = 3.83 \times 10^{-3}$) and “Response to Auditory
462 Stimulus” ($q = 1.41 \times 10^{-3}$), while only iGAN SEGs were overrepresented in the term “Auditory

463 Behavior" ($q = 4.27 \times 10^{-3}$), and iGLUT SEGs were uniquely overrepresented in the term
464 "Cognition" ($q = 5.13 \times 10^{-9}$) (Supplementary Figure 7). Further illustration of differential
465 enrichment of induced neuronal subtypes in BIP and CUD are shown in Supplementary Figures
466 8 and 9, respectively.

467 Having shown that unique subtypes of induced neurons are enriched in both shared and
468 subtype-specific pathways *within* three major psychiatric disorders, we next assessed the extent
469 to which gene expression specific to a given neuronal subtype is differentially enriched *across*
470 disorders. Specifically expressed genes in iDANs demonstrated heritability enrichment in SCZ,
471 BIP, CUD, and ASD (**Fig. 6A**). Intriguingly, iDAN SEGs enriched in ASD heritability, for
472 example, were uniquely overrepresented in biological process such as "CNS Differentiation" (q
473 $= 7.31 \times 10^{-3}$) and "Learning or Memory" ($q = 1.31 \times 10^{-3}$) (**Fig. 6B**), while those implicated in
474 CUD risk alone formed a distinct pathway network related to neuron projection guidance (e.g.,
475 "Axon Guidance", $q = 8.08 \times 10^{-5}$) (**Fig. 6C, D**). Significantly enriched iGAN genes, in contrast,
476 were overrepresented in a neuron projection development network in both BIP and CUD
477 (Supplementary Figure 10 and Supplementary Table 11 for q values of individual terms). The
478 shared versus psychiatric disorder-specific pathway enrichments for iGLUTs are shown in
479 Supplementary Figure 11, including a unique overrepresentation of iGLUT SEGs involved in
480 "Synaptic Vesicle Cycle" in BIP ($q = 7.25 \times 10^{-15}$). Overall, we observed neuronal cell type-
481 specific enrichment of risk variants for some psychiatric disorders, most notably CUD risk with
482 iDANs and SCZ risk with iGANs and iGLUTs.

483 Finally, we investigated the extent to which correlation in genetic risk between psychiatric
484 disorders was reflected in neuronal subtype-specific enrichment in psychiatric heritability.
485 Broadly, disorder, rather than cell type, was the strongest driver of gene-level correlations in
486 psychiatric heritability enrichments (Supplementary Figure 14; full results in Supplementary
487 Table 13). Correlations between neuronal subtypes within each disorder were generally the
488 lowest between iGANs and iGLUTs; for example, in CUD, the coefficient of correlation between
489 iGANs and iGLUTs was $r = 0.33$ ($p = 5.16 \times 10^{-152}$), but $r = 0.45$ ($p = 1.20 \times 10^{-306}$) between
490 iGANs and iDANs and $r = 0.46$ ($p = 4.40 \times 10^{-313}$) between iDANs and iGLUTs. A similar pattern
491 was observed for SCZ and BIP (Supplementary Figure 14). For a given neuronal subtype,
492 however, correlations between disorders were higher between SCZ and BIP than for any other
493 disorder pair: for iDANs, the correlation between SCZ and BIP was $r = 0.24$ ($p = 2.76 \times 10^{-81}$)
494 but only $r = 0.070$ ($p = 5.97 \times 10^{-8}$) between SCZ and ASD and $r = 0.071$ ($p = 3.61 \times 10^{-8}$)
495 between SCZ and CUD, for example. These results suggest that the shared genetic risk
496 architecture between SCZ and BIP⁷²⁻⁷⁴ is reflected in the heritability enrichments obtained from
497 hiPSC-derived neuronal subtypes.

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499 DISCUSSION

500 Transient overexpression of just three transcription factors, *ASCL1*, *LMX1B*, and
501 *NURR1*, yields homogenous populations of induced dopaminergic neurons. iDANs demonstrate
502 a maturation-dependent increase in the expression of several marker genes of midbrain
503 dopaminergic neuron identity and develop dopamine biosynthesis capabilities by DIV21.
504 Relative to previous reports^{10,11}, we demonstrate a substantial improvement in the yield and
505 purity of iDANs. Moreover, we employed five independent donors to calculate percent purity,
506 and note that the inter-donor variability (70-98%) was narrower than in a previous study that
507 reported from 13-65% across four donors¹². Our approach, which combined all three
508 transcription factors and the selection cassette into a single doxycycline-inducible vector,
509 ensured that the expression levels of all three transcription factors did not vary considerably

510 relative to one another, as opposed to other methods where individual vectors deliver each
511 transgene separately.

512 Although DIV35 iDANs are spontaneously active and exhibited hallmark physiological
513 properties of *in vivo* MDNs, we did not detect I_h currents. These hyperpolarization-activated
514 inwardly rectifying currents are mediated by HCN channel activity⁷⁵. We found that *HCN1*,
515 *HCN2*, *HCN3*, and *HCN4* were all expressed at high levels in iDANs (Supplementary Figure
516 15), and so it remains unclear why iDANs lack I_h currents. This likely reflects the immature
517 nature of iDANs compared to adult MDNs, as I_h currents do not typically develop until the early
518 post-natal period⁷⁶ in rodents. iDAN cell capacitance, another measure of maturity, was 20 (± 8)
519 pF, comparable to values recorded in iGLUT neurons (22 ± 1 pF)⁷⁷ and human second trimester
520 neurons (range of 18.5 ± 2.5 pF to 24.8 ± 3.5 pF)⁷⁸. Likewise, competitive gene set testing also
521 indicated global gene expression patterns consistent with an early neurodevelopmental,
522 midbrain dopaminergic neuron phenotype. This is unsurprising, given previous reports that other
523 types of hiPSCs-derived neurons most closely resemble human fetal neurons^{79,80}, specifically
524 those at 16-24 post-conception weeks⁷⁷. This makes iDANs more suitable for studies of
525 mechanisms related to psychiatric disease risk and onset, rather than phenotypes associated
526 with late-stage disease.

527 Isogenic neuronal populations are uniquely suited for CRISPR-based functional genomic
528 studies of subtype specific mechanisms across psychiatric disorders⁸¹. While CUD, BIP, and
529 SCZ risk loci were enriched for unique subsets of specifically expressed genes in iDANs,
530 iGANs, and iGLUTs, ASD was only enriched in iDAN SEGs. Genes enriched in psychiatric
531 disease heritability in all three neuronal subtypes were overrepresented among biological
532 pathways involved in synaptic structure and neurotransmission, implicating broad disruption of
533 these processes in psychiatric disease. Different neuronal subtypes captured different aspects
534 of disease biology; furthermore, within a given neuronal subtype, unique pathways were
535 implicated in different disorders. Thus, we posit that each induced neuronal subtype captures
536 both shared and distinct aspects of heritability enrichment that correspond to specific biological
537 pathways that drive disease risk across different psychiatric conditions. Consistent with the
538 shared genetic architecture of SCZ and BIP^{72-74,82}, cross-disorder correlations were far greater
539 between SCZ and BIP than between any other pair of conditions, although this effect may be
540 somewhat inflated by overlapping control groups in SCZ and BIP GWA studies^{51,56,83}. Moving
541 forward, it will be critical to evaluate the functional effects of risk loci on gene expression and
542 activity in specific subtypes of neurons in order to understand the mechanisms by which genetic
543 variation adversely impacts brain phenotypes.

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545 FIGURE CAPTIONS

546 **Figure 1:** Production of induced dopaminergic neurons with *ASCL1*, *LMX1B*, and *NURR1*
547 transduction. (A) Schematic showing overall process of producing iDANs from hiPSCs. (B)
548 Cartoon illustrating key features of the *tetO-ALN-PuroR* and *rtTA* vectors. (C) Timeline of iDAN
549 generation, beginning with transduction of hiPSCs at DIV0 and ending with sample harvesting;
550 “SF” stands for StemFlex media. (D) Weekly brightfield images showing progressive
551 development of neuronal morphology in iDANs. White scale bars = 50 μ m.

552 **Figure 2:** Marker gene expression, purity, and dopamine production in iDANs. (A) Fold-change
553 above hiPSCs in the expression of *TH*, *AADC*, *DAT*, *VMAT2*, *MAP2*, *SYN1*, *LMX1A*, *OTX2*,
554 *MSX1*, *EN2*, *FOXA2*, and *PITX3*. A maturation-dependent increase in expression was seen for
555 the majority of genes. Confocal images of immunocytochemical staining of DIV35 iDANs with
556 (B) TH and MAP2, (C) SYN1 and MAP2, (D) OTX2 and MAP2, (E) TH and GIRK2, (F) TH and

557 NEUN, and (G) DAT and MAP2. (H) Across five donors with replicate experiments, a median of
558 92% of all cells are TH+. (I) Maturation-dependent increase in dopamine biosynthesis, with all
559 three independent donors tested showing dopamine production by DIV21. * p < 0.05, ** p <
560 0.01, *** p < 0.001, **** p < 0.0001, ns = not significant. DIV = "days *in vitro*".

561 **Figure 3:** Electrophysiological characterization of iDANs. (A) A representative voltage trace
562 shows evoked action potentials with current injection step (.02 pA). Highlighted area (grey box)
563 illustrates the slow after-hyperpolarization potential (AHP). (B) Enlarged view of a representative
564 iDAN action potential, illustrating threshold, height, and duration (width at half-height)
565 measurements. (C) Representative traces of voltage-gated potassium and sodium currents
566 evoked by voltage steps from -80 mV to 50 mV. Inset shows inward sodium current at -50 mV.
567 (D) Example of spontaneous tonic firing at resting potential ($V_m = -53$ mV). (E) Proportion of
568 spontaneously active neurons by donor (N=18 C-1, N=15 C-2). (F,G) Comparison of
569 spontaneous firing rates measured by whole-cell patch-clamp with a mean frequency of 1.28 Hz
570 (F, cells (n)= 18,15 for C-1 and C-2, respectively) and by multielectrode array (MEA), with a
571 median weighted mean firing rate (WMFR) of 1.64 (G, wells (n) = 39, 50).

572 **Figure 4:** Transcriptomic analysis of iDANs. (A) Schematic showing the generation iDANs and
573 post-mortem samples with fluorescence-activated nuclear sorting from human midbrain. (B)
574 Principal component analysis on PC1 and PC2 shows strong clustering of samples by cell type,
575 with iDANs aligning with post-mortem midbrain dopamine neurons (MDNs) on PC1. (C)
576 Hierarchical clustering of RNA-seq samples by Euclidean distances between transcriptomic
577 profiles (all 16, 641 genes), revealing sample relatedness by cell type. (D) Results of
578 competitive gene set testing for enrichment in specifically expressed genes from the K1 (left)
579 and K2 (right) cell types from Skene et al., 2018⁴⁶. Left: for the K1 results, hiPSC data points are
580 omitted for graphical purposes, and only enrichments in the positive direction are shown; full
581 results are contained in [Supplementary Figure 3](#). Right: selected results for dopaminergic
582 lineage cell types from the K2 datasets, with enrichments in the "down" direction represented by
583 log-transformed FDR q values multiplied by -1. The full results including all 149 K2 cell types are
584 shown in [Supplementary Figure 4](#). (E) Enrichment maps depicting top KEGG pathways
585 enriched among cell-type-specific gene expression. Individual pathways are shown as circular
586 "nodes", with the node color indicating cell type and node size representing the number of
587 genes within the pathway node overlapping the specifically expressed genes for that cell type.
588 Pathway nodes are connected by edges to form networks based upon overlapping genes.
589 Spaces between pathway networks and free-standing nodes are not biologically meaningful, as
590 individual networks were arranged for graphical purposes. (F) Same as in E, but with nodes
591 representing Gene Ontology Biological Processes instead of KEGG pathways.

592 **Figure 5:** Neuronal subtype heritability enrichment for psychiatric disorders among hiPSC-
593 derived neurons. (A) Analysis workflow for identification of biological pathways implicated in
594 neuronal subtype-specific heritability enrichments in psychiatric disorders³⁸. (B) Gene set testing
595 results utilizing MAGMA-derived risk genes and *in vitro* cell type SEGs for hiPSCs, iDANs,
596 iGANS, and iGLUTs. Dashed line indicates nominal significance (p < 0.05), while * indicates
597 those SEG sets that were significantly enriched after correction for multiple testing. Alzheimer
598 disease = AD; attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder = ADHD; anorexia nervosa = AN; autism
599 spectrum disorder = ASD; alcohol use disorder = AUD; bipolar disorder = BIP; cannabis use
600 disorder = CUD; cross-disorder pleiotropic loci = CxD; major depressive disorder = MDD;
601 obsessive-compulsive disorder = OCD; opioid use disorder = OUD; Parkinson disease = PD;
602 post-traumatic stress disorder = PTSD; schizophrenia = SCZ. (C) Plot showing the results of
603 MAGMA by each cell type group. Overlap among significantly enriched neuronal subtype-
604 specific genes among (D) CUD, (E) BIP, and (F) SCZ. (G) Results from gene set
605 overrepresentation analyses of significantly enriched gene sets and their involvement in

606 biological processes. GO sets are grouped into meta categories; the set names corresponding
607 to each GO ID number are listed in the full results in Supplementary Table 11. Bar colors
608 indicate neuronal subtype, and bar height represents the magnitude -log(FDR q values).

609 **Figure 6:** Biological interpretation of iDAN-specific gene expression with differential enrichment
610 in genetic loci associated with schizophrenia (SCZ), bipolar disorder (BIP), autism spectrum
611 disorder (ASD), and cannabis use disorder (CUD). (A) Venn diagram illustrating the overlap in
612 significantly enriched iDAN SEGs among the four disorders. (B) Summary results from GSOA of
613 enriched iDAN SEGs by disorder; height of the bar represents the magnitude of -log(FDR q
614 values). (C) Enrichment map of top biological processes overrepresented among disorder-
615 specific iDAN SEGs. Circle (node) colors indicate the disorder, and multiple colors within a node
616 correspond to pathways shared among the indicated conditions. Node size represents the
617 number of iDAN SEGs represented in the particular pathway. Pathway nodes are connected by
618 edges to other nodes with shared genes to form pathway networks. The spatial arrangement
619 between networks and free-standing nodes is not biologically meaningful and was adjusted for
620 graphical purposes. (D) Gene-concept network plot depicting relationships between significantly
621 enriched genes as a function of node membership among the top enriched pathways in iDANs.
622 As in C, node size indicates the number of iDAN SEGs found within the GO set; colors of nodes
623 and individual gene dots represent disorder involvement.

624 **Supplementary Figure 1:** RNAseq library-processing and quality control results using a
625 standard pipeline⁸⁴. (A) Raw sequencing data were mapped to a total of ~58,000 Ensembl gene
626 IDs. Plotting the distributions of log₂-transformed counts per million (CPM) values for all genes
627 demonstrates that a substantial proportion of genes are expressed at low levels. (B) Removing
628 lowly expressed genes produces a unimodal density plot of log₂(CPM) values and enables
629 downstream mean-variance relationships to be estimated with greater reliability⁴⁶. Dashed line
630 in (A) and (B) indicates the log₂(CPM) cutoff value of -0.60, equivalent to about 0.66 CPM. (C)
631 Boxplots showing the distributions of gene expression values across all RNAseq libraries prior
632 to normalization. (D) Normalization using trimmed mean of M-values (TMM)⁴⁶ adjusts libraries
633 distributions using scaling factors that reflect differences in overall library sizes; this improves
634 the similarity of expression distributions between libraries. (E) Mean-variance trend shows
635 greater variability in lowly expressed genes in the filtered set of 16,641 genes. (F) Addition of
636 precision weights produces a flat curve such that the variance is no longer dependent on the
637 mean²⁰.

638 **Supplementary Figure 2:** Longitudinal MEA analysis of iDANs shows maturation of
639 physiological activity over the duration of the protocol. Local regression curves are fit with day
640 in vitro (DIV) as the independent variable; the point estimates are drawn as a blue line with 95%
641 confidence intervals surrounding in grey.

642 **Supplementary Figure 3:** Full results of competitive gene set testing for enrichment of hiPSC,
643 iDAN, MDN, and non-MDN gene expression in specifically expressed genes for the 24 cell
644 types in the K1 dataset⁴⁶. Enrichment in the “down” direction is depicted by multiplying the -
645 log(FDR q values) by -1.

646 **Supplementary Figure 4:** Full results for competitive gene set testing for enrichment of
647 hiPSCs, iDANs, MDNs, and non-MDN gene expression in specifically expressed genes for the
648 149 cell types in the K2 dataset⁴⁶. Enrichment in the “down” direction is depicted by multiplying
649 the -log(FDR q values) by -1.

650 **Supplementary Figure 5:** Full results for competitive gene set testing for enrichment of hiPSC,
651 iDAN, MDN, and non-MDN gene expression in specifically expressed genes for the 26 cell
652 types from the La Manno et al (2016) dataset on the developing midbrain²⁰. Enrichment in the

653 “down” direction is depicted by multiplying the -log(FDR q values) by -1. DA, DA1, and DA2 =
654 dopaminergic neuron subtypes; OMTN = oculomotor and trochlear nucleus neurons; RN = red
655 nucleus neurons; SERT = serotonergic neuron; NMB = medial neuroblast; NBML1, NBML5 =
656 mediolateral neuroblast types 1 and 5; GABA = GABAergic neurons; NBGABA = GABAergic
657 neuroblast; NPROG = neural progenitor cells; PROGBP = basal plate progenitor cells;
658 PROGFPL = lateral floor plate progenitor cells; PROGFPM = medial floor plate progenitor cells;
659 PROGM = midline progenitor cells; RGL1, 2A, 2B, 2C, 3 = radial glia-like cells 1, 2A, 2B, 2C,
660 and 3; BASAL = basal floor plate cells; ENDO = endothelial cells; MGL = microglia; OPC =
661 oligodendrocyte precursor cells; PERIC = pericytes.

662 **Supplementary Figure 6:** Gene set testing results utilizing MAGMA-derived risk genes and
663 post-mortem SEGs for MDNs and non-MDNs. Dashed line indicates nominal significance ($p <$
664 0.05), while * indicates those SEG sets that were significantly enriched after correction for
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667 disorder = BIP; cannabis use disorder = CUD; cross-disorder pleiotropic loci = CxD; major
668 depressive disorder = MDD; obsessive-compulsive disorder = OCD; opioid use disorder = OUD;
669 Parkinson disease = PD; post-traumatic stress disorder = PTSD; schizophrenia = SCZ.

670 **Supplementary Figure 7:** Interpretation of iDAN, iGAN, and iGLUT SEGs significantly
671 enriched in schizophrenia heritability. (A) Venn diagram showing overlap between significantly
672 enriched genes among the three neuronal subtypes. (B) GSOA results implicating biological
673 pathways overrepresented among neuronal subtype-enriched schizophrenia heritability. GO
674 terms are organized to show pathways with shared enrichment among all three neuronal
675 subtypes, followed by subtype-specific pathway enrichment in schizophrenia. (C) Gene-concept
676 network plot depicting relationships among significantly enriched genes as a function of node
677 membership among the top enriched pathways in iDANs, iGANs, and iGLUTs. Circle (node)
678 colors indicate the neuronal subtype, and multiple colors within a node correspond to pathways
679 shared among the indicated subtypes. Node size represents the number of SEGs represented
680 in the particular pathway. (D) Enrichment map of shared and neuronal subtype-specific
681 pathways enriched in schizophrenia heritability. Pathway nodes are connected by edges to
682 other nodes with shared genes to form pathway networks. The spatial arrangement between
683 networks and free-standing nodes is not biologically meaningful and was adjusted for graphical
684 purposes.

685 **Supplementary Figure 8:** Biological interpretation of iDAN, iGAN, and iGLUT SEGs
686 significantly enriched in bipolar disorder heritability. (A) Venn diagram showing overlap between
687 significantly enriched genes among the three neuronal subtypes. (B) GSOA results implicating
688 biological pathways overrepresented among neuronal subtype-enriched bipolar disorder
689 heritability. GO terms are organized to show pathways with shared enrichment among all three
690 neuronal subtypes, followed by subtype-specific pathway enrichment in bipolar disorder. (C)
691 Gene-concept network plot depicting relationships of significantly enriched genes as a function
692 of node membership among the top enriched pathways in iDANs, iGANs, and iGLUTs. Circle
693 (node) colors indicate the neuronal subtype, and multiple colors within a node correspond to
694 pathways shared among the indicated subtypes. Node size represents the number of SEGs
695 represented in the particular pathway. (D) Enrichment map of shared and neuronal subtype-
696 specific pathways enriched in bipolar disorder heritability. Pathway nodes are connected by
697 edges to other nodes with shared genes to form pathway networks. The spatial arrangement
698 between networks and free-standing nodes is not biologically meaningful and was adjusted for
699 graphical purposes.

700 **Supplementary Figure 9:** Biological interpretation of iDAN, iGAN, and iGLUT genes
701 significantly enriched in cannabis use disorder heritability. (A) Venn diagram showing overlap
702 between significantly enriched genes among the three neuronal subtypes. (B) GSOA results
703 implicating biological pathways overrepresented among neuronal subtype-enriched genes in
704 cannabis use disorder heritability. GO terms are organized to show pathways with shared
705 enrichment among all three neuronal subtypes, followed by subtype-specific pathway
706 enrichment in cannabis use disorder. (C) Gene-concept network plot depicting relationships
707 among significantly enriched genes as a function of node membership among the top enriched
708 pathways in iDANs, iGANs, and iGLUTs. Circle (node) colors indicate the neuronal subtype, and
709 multiple colors within a node correspond to pathways shared between the indicated subtypes.
710 Node size represents the number of SEGs represented in the particular pathway. (D)
711 Enrichment map of shared and neuronal subtype-specific pathways enriched in cannabis use
712 disorder heritability. Pathway nodes are connected by edges to other nodes with shared genes
713 to form pathway networks. The spatial arrangement between networks and free-standing nodes
714 is not biologically meaningful and was adjusted for graphical purposes.

715 **Supplementary Figure 10:** Biological interpretation of iGAN specifically expressed genes with
716 differential enrichment in genetic loci associated with schizophrenia (SCZ), bipolar disorder
717 (BIP), and cannabis use disorder (CUD). (A) Venn diagram illustrating the overlap in
718 significantly enriched iGAN SEGs among the three disorders. (B) Summary results from GSOA
719 of enriched iGAN SEGs by disorder; height of the bar represents the -log(FDR q values). (C)
720 Enrichment map of top biological processes overrepresented among disorder-specific iGAN
721 SEGs. Circle (node) colors indicate the disorder, and multiple colors within a node correspond
722 to pathways shared between the indicated conditions. Node size represents the number of
723 iGAN SEGs represented in the particular pathway. Pathway nodes are connected by edges to
724 other nodes with shared genes to form pathway networks. The spatial arrangement between
725 networks and free-standing nodes is not biologically meaningful and was adjusted for graphical
726 purposes. (D) Gene-concept network plot depicting relationships between significantly enriched
727 genes as a function of node membership among the top enriched pathways in iGANs. As in C,
728 node size indicates the number of iDAN SEGs found within the GO set; colors of nodes and
729 individual gene dots represent disorder involvement.

730 **Supplementary Figure 11:** Biological interpretation of iGLUT specifically expressed genes with
731 differential enrichment in genetic loci associated with schizophrenia (SCZ), bipolar disorder
732 (BIP), cannabis use disorder (CUD), and cross disorder pleiotropic loci (CxD). (A) Venn diagram
733 illustrating the overlap in significantly enriched iGLUT SEGs among the four disorders. (B)
734 Summary results from GSOA of enriched iGLUT SEGs by disorder; height of the bar represents
735 the -log(FDR q values). (C) Enrichment map of top biological processes overrepresented among
736 disorder-specific iGLUT SEGs. Circle (node) colors indicate the disorder, and multiple colors
737 within a node correspond to pathways shared between the indicated conditions. Node size
738 represents the number of iGLUT SEGs represented in the particular pathway. Pathway nodes
739 are connected by edges to other nodes with shared genes to form pathway networks. The
740 spatial arrangement between networks and free-standing nodes is not biologically meaningful
741 and was adjusted for graphical purposes. (D) Gene-concept network plot depicting relationships
742 between significantly enriched genes as a function of node membership among the top enriched
743 pathways in iGLUTs. As in C, node size indicates the number of iGLUTs SEGs found within the
744 GO set; colors of nodes and individual gene dots represent disorder involvement.

745 **Supplementary Figure 12:** Biological interpretation of heritability enrichment of iDAN SEGs in
746 autism spectrum disorder (ASD). (A) GSOA results implicating biological pathways
747 overrepresented among iDAN SEGs enriched in ASD heritability. (B) Gene-concept network plot
748 depicting relationships among iDAN SEGs as a function of node membership for the top

749 enriched pathways. Node size represents the number of SEGs represented in the particular
750 pathway. (C) Enrichment map of pathways implicated in iDAN specific gene expression in ASD
751 enrichment. Pathway nodes are connected by edges to other nodes with shared genes to form
752 pathway networks. The spatial arrangement between networks and free-standing nodes is not
753 biologically meaningful and was adjusted for graphical purposes.

754 **Supplementary Figure 13:** Biological interpretation of heritability enrichment of iGLUT SEGs in
755 cross-disorder pleiotropic loci (CxD). (A) GSOA results implicating biological pathways
756 overrepresented among iGLUTs SEGs enriched in CxD heritability. (B) Gene-concept network
757 plot depicting relationships among iGLUT SEGs as a function of node membership for the top
758 enriched pathways. Node size represents the number of SEGs represented in the particular
759 pathway. (C) Enrichment map of pathways implicated in iGLUT specific gene expression in CxD
760 enrichment. Pathway nodes are connected by edges to other nodes with shared genes to form
761 pathway networks. The spatial arrangement between networks and free-standing nodes is not
762 biologically meaningful and was adjusted for graphical purposes.

763 **Supplementary Figure 14:** Pairwise correlations between MAGMA z-scores across all genes
764 included in each set significantly enriched set. Color scale represents the magnitude of the
765 correlation, and samples are ordered via hierarchical clustering.

766 **Supplementary Figure 15:** Gene expression values of *HCN1*, *HCN2*, *HCN3*, and *HCN4* in
767 iDANs, MDNs, Non-MDNs, and hiPSCs showing highly similar expression levels of all four
768 genes in iDANs and MDNs.

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770 **Description of Supplementary Tables:**

771 **Supplementary Table 1:** Meta-data on both *in-vitro* and post-mortem donors and samples used
772 for RNA-sequencing analyses

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774 **Supplementary Table 3:** Product information and dilutions for primary and secondary antibodies
775 used in immunocytochemical stainings

776 **Supplementary Table 4:** List of specifically expressed genes derived from the top 10% of gene *t*-
777 statistics in hiPSCs, iDANs, iGANs, and iGLUTs

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779 cell types[~], and the 26 developmental midbrain cell types[~] used for competitive gene set
780 testing

781 **Supplementary Table 6:** GWAS datasets used for MAGMA analyses of neuronal subtype-
782 specific heritability enrichment

783 **Supplementary Table 7:** Summary statistics for results of electrophysiology recordings

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785 expressed genes in hiPSCs, iDANs, MDNs, and non-MDNs among KEGG pathways and GO
786 Biological Process terms

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788 genes in hiPSCs, iDANs, MDNs, and non-MDNs among the K1⁴⁶, K2⁴⁶, and La Manno²⁰
789 datasets

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791 the summary statistics of each geneset test as well as the significantly enriched genes for each
792 disorder with one or more heritability enrichment in a neuronal subtype

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794 significantly enriched genes from MAGMA testing of heritability enrichments in neuronal
795 subtype-specific gene expression

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811 **Supplementary Note 1: Detailed Protocol for Production of iDANs**

812 Unless otherwise noted, the concentration of chemicals added to media will remain identical to
813 that seen at the first time in which it was mentioned. For example, when the author writes
814 “doxycycline 1 ug/ml” on “step a,” and just “doxycycline” in subsequent steps, it should be
815 assumed that the concentration of doxycycline is still 1ug/ml unless specified otherwise.

816 **Protocol for Induced Dopaminergic Neurons (iDANs):**

- 817 • DIV0: harvest hiPSCs in Accutase to obtain a single-cell suspension of iPSCs. Quench
818 Accutase suspension with DMEM at a volumetric ratio of 1:3 (Accutase:DMEM). Spin at RT for
819 5 minutes at 800g. Once pelleted, aspirate the supernatant and resuspend the pellet in 1.0 mL
820 of StemFlex with Y27632 ROCK inhibitor (StemCell Technologies, #72302). Count the cells.
821 Then, dilute using StemFlex with ROCK Inhibitor to a concentration of 1e6 (1 million) cells per
822 mL and a final ROCK inhibitor concentration of 10uM. Then, add the appropriate viruses, *rTTa*
823 and *ALN-PuroR*. See trouble-shooting recommendations for further notes on amount of virus to
824 add.
 - 825 ○ **Technical note:** Ensure that your viruses are at an appropriate concentration of
826 1e7 IU/mL using a qPCR Lentivirus Titration Kit (Applied Biological Materials,
827 #LV900)
- 828 • Plate the StemFlex-ROCK Inhibitor-hiPSCs-virus suspension on matrigel-coated
829 (40ug/mL, but see below) six-well plates at a density of 1.5e6 cells per well of a six well
830 plate. Incubate overnight (at least 12 hours, preferably 16-24, but never greater than
831 48).

832 ○ Trick: We have found that the cells appear healthier and that there is a dramatic
833 reduction in “flat cells” by starting from DIV0 with plating the cells on plates
834 coated with 160ug/mL of matrigel.
835 ○ Technical note: for each well of a 12 well plate, seed 500k-750k per well; for a 24
836 well, seed 250k per well.
837 ○ Tip: If, after your first batch with a given cell line, you find that it forms many flat cells,
838 one thing to try is to plate only 1 million cells per well of a six well plate. In this case,
839 add at least 0.5mL of additional StemFlex with THX Rock Inhibitor
840 ● After the overnight incubation, aspirate the media and replace with Induction Media (see
841 recipe below) with doxycycline 1ug/mL. This is **DIV1**.
842 ● The next day, on **DIV2**, replace the media with Induction Media with doxycycline 1ug/mL and
843 Puromycin 2ug/mL.
844 ● The next day, on **DIV3**, repeat the prior step, as there are often many dead cells.
845 The next day, on **DIV4**, you may either (a) keep the media as is, (b) change to the same media
846 as in the previous step if there are many flat cells, or (c) if, and only if, there are processes
847 beginning to develop across most cells, replace the media with induction Media with
848 Doxycycline, puromycin, and 2 μ M Ara-C.
849 ○ It can be challenging to select a precise, ideal time to add Ara-C. This may vary from
850 cell line to cell line and across different batches of virus. A balance must be struck
851 between making every effort to prevent the development of flat cells and not killing
852 your “good” cells that eventually become iDANs. As a general rule of thumb, once
853 you see that most of the cells on the plate have early processes that have begun to
854 extend from the cell body, you should start Ara-C.
855 ● **DIV5:** On this day, you may do the same thing as written in the previous step
856 ● **DIV6:** At this point, the cells have undergone 4 days of puromycin selection. That is enough.
857 Replace the media such that it does not contain puromycin (still Induction Media). It is also at
858 this time that Ara-C 2 μ M should be initiated at the latest. If the cells are a solid sheet of flat
859 cells with <10% of cells with the desired morphology, then the experiment is not likely going to
860 work. Go to the troubleshooting section and try again.
861 ● **Guidelines for splitting cells:** There is no definitive, exact day on which to split the cells and
862 replate. See the recommendations that shortly follow below. Upon splitting and replating,
863 aspirate the media and incubate in 1.0mL Accutase per well at 37 degrees for at least 5
864 minutes but no greater than 20 minutes; quench with DMEM at a volumetric ratio of 1:3
865 Accutase:DMEM. Spin down at 1000g for 5 minutes at room temperature. Aspirate the
866 supernatant, resuspend in 1 mL induction media with ROCK inhibitor, doxycycline, and Ara-
867 C. Count. Dilute to a concentration of 1e6 cells/mL. Replate onto plates double-coated with
868 0.1% PEI (first) + 80ug/mL matrigel OR 160ug/mL matrigel only.
869 ○ Tip: the decision about when to split and replate should be guided by a few
870 important factors. (1) splitting and plating on PEI helps to kill off flat cells to some
871 extent, although it will not completely solve the problem; (2) you do not want to
872 split so early that your final plate (PEI and matrigel coated) ends up having flat
873 cells develop because you have not adequately killed them off and (3) you do not
874 want to split so late that the cells are more mature neurons and they die due to
875 the stress of splitting. It is generally helpful for the cells to have had at least 24
876 hours, preferably 48, of Ara-C exposure. Doing so will have killed or weakened
877 the flat cells such that when you do split, they die off and do not re-plate.
878 ■ Do not replate past DIV14. That is the latest you should replate.
879 ● **on average, across cell lines and batches, the DIV on which is**
880 **split ranges from DIV5-9.**

881 ○ Technical note: make sure to have prepared your plates prior to splitting. To coat
882 PEI/matrigel: add 2.0mL of 0.1% PEI in borate buffer solution to each well of a 6
883 well plate. Incubate at 37 C for exactly 60 minutes. Then, aspirate PEI and wash
884 5 times with pure water. Do not wash fewer than 5 times. PEI is toxic and
885 residual PEI may lead to excessive cell death. Then, add 2mL of 80ug/mL
886 matrigel in each well. Incubate for at least 30 minutes.
887 ○ Technical note: upon re-platting, seed at a density of 1-3 million cells per well of a six-
888 well plate. If there were significant levels of flat cells when you split at the Accutase
889 step, choose the lower end of 1e6 cells per well. If there were none, you can plate 3
890 million (no greater than 5e6 per well).
891 ● **Split the cells:** Using the criteria mentioned above, make sure to have split the now iDAN
892 progenitors by DIV14 at the absolute latest.
893 ● Keep in Induction Media and Doxycycline until DIV14
894 ○ Keep Ara-C in the media up until you no longer see flat cells and then keep it in for two
895 additional days at a concentration of at least 1 μ M. However, do not keep Ara-C in the media for
896 greater than 10 days. That starts to make the good, future dopaminergic neurons unhealthy.
897 ● At **DIV14:** switch to Neuron Media without doxycycline
898 ● Perform half media changes every other day until the desired time point
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900 **MEDIA RECIPES:**

901 **Induction Media:** 500 mL DMEM F12 with Glutamax and Sodium Pyruvate (already in
902 media); 5 mL Anti-Anti; 5 mL N2; 10mL B-27 without vitamin A; 500 uL doxycycline for a final
903 concentration of 1ug/mL

904 **Neuron Media:** BrainPhys; 1:100 Anti-Anti, Glutamax, Sodium Pyruvate, N-2; 1:50 B-27
905 without vitamin A; 20ng/uL BDNF, 20ng/uL GDNF, 200nM Ascorbic Acid, 500ug/mL dibutyryl
906 cAMP; 1ug/mL mouse laminin

907 **Trouble-Shooting the Emergence of Too Many “Flat Cells”:**

908 Flat cells are cells that survive antibiotic selection but do not become neurons. These are either
909 dividing cells or apoptotic cells generated from being too harsh in your treatment of the cells
910 during selection or due to too much virus. The following may be attempted if you run into issues
911 with flat cells:

- 912 (1) Double the puromycin dose (including on DIV2). This raises the threshold required to
913 survive.
- 914 (2) Use 4 μ M Ara-C instead of 2 μ M.
- 915 (3) If flat cells are showing up later on in your differentiation, keep Ara-C in longer (but not
916 to exceed 10 days)
- 917 (4) When plating the hiPSCs with virus on DIV0, decrease the density of cells. From
918 anecdotal experience, when cells are very confluent, they do not differentiate well
- 919 (5) Use 160ug/mL matrigel throughout the entire experiment, starting at DIV0.
- 920 (6) Decrease the amount of ALN-PuroR virus (start by a 50% reduction in the volume
921 added, assuming you’re using a consistent batch of virus). This is a highly effective way to
922 decrease the overall burden of any multi-protein transgene products produced due to
923 incomplete cleavage between 2a peptide sequences. Note, this may increase the number
924 of dead cells observed with puromycin selection.

925 **Reagents:**

926 -BrainPhys: StemCell Technologies, #05790

928 -DMEM F12+ with Glutamax and Sodium Pyruvate: Thermo Fisher, #10565018
929 -Matrigel, growth factor reduced: Corning #354230
930 -Polyethylenimine: Sigma/Millipore #P3143
931 -Pierce Borate buffer 20X (dilute 1:10, then make 0.1% PEI solution): Thermo
932 Fisher #28314
933 -DMEM: Thermo Fisher #11966025
934 -BDNF: Peprotech, #45002 (media concentration of 20 ng/mL)
935 -GDNF: Peprotech, #45010 (media concentration of 20 ng/mL)
936 -cAMP: Sigma #D0627 (media concentration of 500 ug/mL)
937 -Ascorbic Acid: Sigma #A0278 (media concentration of 200nM)
938 -N2: Thermo Fisher, #17502-048
939 -B27, Thermo Fisher
940 -Natural mouse laminin, Thermo Fisher #23017-015 (media concentration of 1ug/mL)
941 -Rock inhibitor Y-26732 (media concentration of 10uM)
942 -StemFlex, Thermo Fisher #A3349401
943 -Accutase: Innovative Cell Technologies #AT104
944 -Antibiotic-antimycotic: Thermo Fisher #15240062
945 -Glutamax: Thermo Fisher #35050061
946 -Sodium pyruvate: Thermo Fisher #11360070
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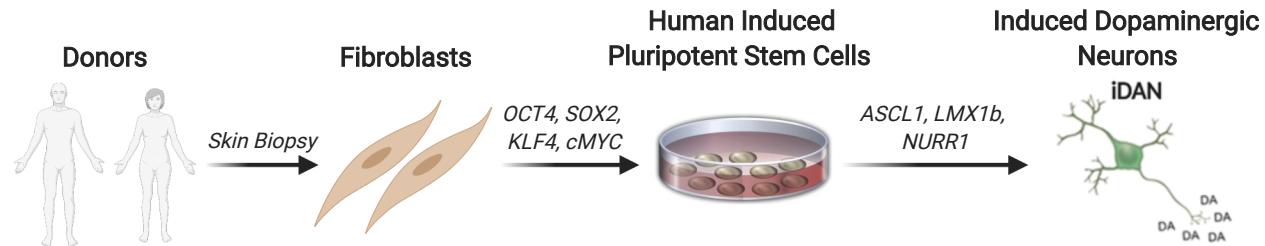
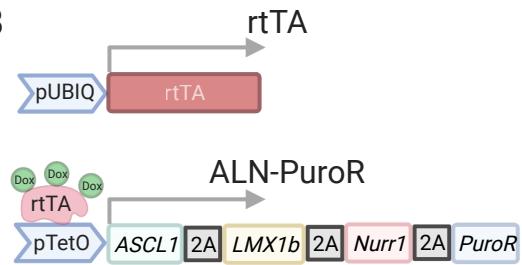
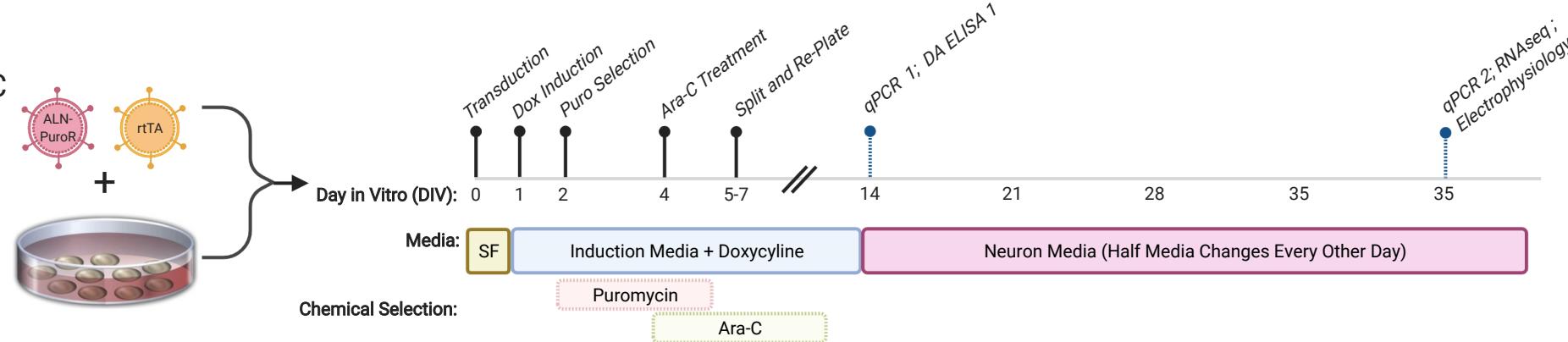
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