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LRRK2 is required for CD38-mediated NAADP-Ca²⁺ signaling and the downstream activation of TFEB (transcription factor EB) in immune cells

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ABSTRACT

CD38 is a cell surface receptor capable of generating calcium-mobilizing second messengers. It has been implicated in host defense and cancer biology, but signaling mechanisms downstream of CD38 remain unclear. Mutations in LRRK2 (leucine-rich repeat kinase 2) are the most common genetic cause of Parkinson disease; it is also a risk factor for Crohn disease, leprosy, and certain types of cancers. The pathogenesis of these diseases involves inflammation and macroautophagy/autophagy, processes both CD38 and LRRK2 are implicated in. Here, we mechanistically and functionally link CD38 and LRRK2 as upstream activators of TFEB (transcription factor EB), a host defense transcription factor and the master transcriptional regulator of the autophagy/lysosome machinery. In B-lymphocytes and macrophages, we show that CD38 and LRRK2 exist in a complex on the plasma membrane. Ligation of CD38 with the monoclonal antibody clone 90 results in internalization of the CD38-LRRK2 complex and its targeting to the endolysosomal system. This generates an NAADP-dependent calcium signal, which requires LRRK2 kinase activity, and results in the downstream activation of TFEB. *Irrk2* KO macrophages accordingly have TFEB activation defects following CD38 or LPS stimulation and fail to switch to glycolytic metabolism after LPS treatment. In overexpression models, the pathogenic LRRK2^{G20195} mutant promotes hyperactivation of TFEB even in the absence of CD38, both by stabilizing TFEB and promoting its nuclear translocation via aberrant calcium signaling. In sum, we have identified a physiological CD38-LRRK2-TFEB signaling axis in immune cells. The common pathogenic mutant, LRRK2^{G20195}, appears to hijack this pathway.

Abbreviations:ADPR: ADP-ribose; AMPK: AMP-activated protein kinase; BMDM: bone marrowderived macrophage; cADPR: cyclic-ADP-ribose; COR: C-terminal of ROC; CTSD: cathepsin D; ECAR: extracellular acidification rate; EDTA: ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid; GAPDH: glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase; GFP: green fluorescent protein; GPN: Gly-Phe β-naphthylamide; GSK3B/GSK3β: glycogen synthase kinase 3 beta; GTP: guanosine triphosphate; KD: knockdown; LAMP1: lysosomal-associated membrane protein 1; LRR: leucine rich repeat; LRRK2: leucine rich repeat kinase 2; mAb: monoclonal antibody; MAP1LC3B/LC3B: microtubule-associated protein 1 light chain 3 beta; MAPK/ERK: mitogen-activated protein kinase; MCOLN1: mucolipin 1; MFI: mean fluorescence intensity; mRNA: messenger RNA; MTOR: mechanistic target of rapamycin kinase; NAADP: nicotinic acid adenine dinucleotide phosphate; NAD: nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide; NADP: nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide phosphate; PD: Parkinson disease; PPP3CB: protein phosphatase 3, catalytic subunit, beta isoform; q-RT-PCR: quantitative reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction; ROC: Ras of complex; siRNA: small interfering RNA; SQSTM1/p62: sequestome 1; TFEB: transcription factor EB; TPCN: two pore channel; TRPM2: transient receptor potential cation channel, subfamily M, member 2; ZKSCAN3: zinc finger with KRAB and SCAN domains 3

Introduction

CD38 is a cell surface receptor highly expressed in lymphoid and myeloid cells [1]. It exists as a 46-kDa type II and type III membrane protein and has multiple enzymatic functions enabling the production of calcium-mobilizing second messengers [2]. Utilizing nicotinic adenine dinucleotide (NAD) as a substrate, CD38 has hydrolase and cyclase activity that results in the production of nicotinamide and ADP-ribose (ADPR) or cyclic ADPribose (cADPR) respectively [3,4]. In the acidic environment of endosomes/lysosomes, CD38 utilizes nicotinic adenine dinucleotide phosphate (NADP) to catalyze the formation of nicotinic acid adenine dinucleotide phosphate (NAADP) through a base-

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Autophagy; B cell; calcium; endocytosis; immunometabolism; innate immunity; LRRK2; lysosome; macrophage; TFEB exchange reaction [5–7]. Each of these second messengers mobilizes calcium from different sources; ADPR binds TRPM2 to mobilize extracellular calcium [8], cADPR mobilizes ER calcium via RYR (ryanodine receptor) proteins [9], whereas NAADP targets TPCN (two pore channel) proteins on the lysosome [10,11]. Monoclonal antibodies (mAbs) directed at CD38 are used for the treatment of multiple myeloma, including daratumumab and isatuximab [1,2]. In addition to antibody-dependent cellmediated cytotoxicity, these antibodies induce direct cytotoxicity via activation of intracellular pathways [12,13]. Despite clinical use of these monoclonal antibodies, the molecular mechanisms mediating signaling downstream of CD38 remain unclear.

LRRK2 (leucine-rich repeat kinase 2) is a 280-kDa protein with multiple functional and protein interaction domains. It contains a Ras of complex (ROC) domain with GTPase activity, a C-terminal-of-Roc (COR) linker domain, and a kinase domain belonging to the receptor-interacting protein family [14,15]. Autosomal dominant mutations in LRRK2 are the most common genetic cause of Parkinson disease (PD) and result in lateonset disease that is symptomatically indistinguishable from idiopathic PD [16]. LRRK2 localizes to several cellular membranes and influences cellular processes via alterations in vesicle trafficking. It has been implicated in regulating the autophagylysosome system, which is important in the pathogenesis of PD [17]. LRRK2 has also been identified as a risk factor for Crohn disease, leprosy, and certain types of cancers [18-20]. As LRRK2 is highly expressed in B-lymphocytes and myeloid cells and these diseases are linked by inflammation, focus has turned to the immune system to elucidate the physiological and pathophysiological roles of LRRK2 [21].

Autophagy is a conserved lysosome-dependent degradation pathway that clears endogenous and exogenous cytosolic substrates. In addition to its role in cell homeostasis, autophagy is an essential modulator of the immune response [22]. Autophagosome formation is regulated both at the protein level and transcriptionally by TFEB (transcription factor EB) [23,24]. Both CD38 and LRRK2 have been implicated in autophagy [25-32]. CD38 and NAADP positively regulate autophagy following LPS stimulation in hepatocytes [25], while in vivo studies in mouse models of coronary atherosclerosis show autophagic defects in CD38-deficient mice [26,27]. The effects of LRRK2 on autophagy remain more enigmatic, as discordant reports exist in different model systems [29]. In macrophages, knockdown (KD) of LRRK2 was shown to impede autophagic flux [30], while expression of the most common pathogenic mutant, the kinase-overactive LRRK2^{G2019S}, increases autophagosome formation [31,32].

As CD38 and LRRK2 regulate autophagy through calciumdependent pathways and TFEB is activated by calciumdependent dephosphorylation, we investigated whether these proteins function in the same signaling pathway. In B-lymphocytes and macrophages, we find that mAb ligation of CD38 activates TFEB in an NAADP-lysosomal calciumdependent manner. CD38-dependent calcium signaling and downstream activation of TFEB requires LRRK2, which exists constitutively in complex with CD38 on the plasma membrane. Upon mAb ligation of CD38, this complex is internalized and targeted to the endolysosomal system. The kinase-overactive LRRK2^{G2019S} mutant aberrantly activates TFEB by phosphorylation-mediated stabilization and by enhancing TFEB nuclear translocation. Finally, we show that LRRK2^{G2019S}-mediated TFEB activation is dependent on NAADP-TPCN2 calcium signaling. These data provide insights into the physiological and pathophysiological roles of CD38 and LRRK2.

Results

CD38 ligation drives CD38 internalization and TFEB nuclear translocation in B-lymphocytes and macrophages

Using flow cytometry, we assessed CD38 expression on C57BL/6 J splenocytes and bone marrow-derived macrophages (BMDMs). Splenic B-lymphocytes highly expressed CD38 (Fig. S1A). Approximately 60% BMDMs also expressed CD38, which was upregulated upon LPS stimulation (Fig. S1B and S1C). Given the reported role of CD38 in autophagy [25-28], we investigated whether direct ligation of CD38 by the mAb clone 90 could activate TFEB. Nuclear fractionation of B-lymphocytes after CD38 ligation showed robust nuclear translocation of endogenous TFEB, with stimulated cells exhibiting a two-fold increase in nuclear TFEB compared to the control (Figure 1A,B). BMDMs similarly showed TFEB nuclear translocation, exhibiting a two-fold increase in nuclear TFEB after CD38 ligation compared to unstimulated cells (Figure 1C,D). Indicating this effect is specific to CD38, unstimulated BMDMs showed no difference in TFEB nuclear translocation versus those treated with the rat IgG2a, κ isotype control (Fig. S1D). These results indicate that CD38 activation triggers the nuclear translocation of TFEB in both B-lymphocytes and BMDMs.

We then immunostained endogenous TFEB in BMDMs stimulated with clone 90 while concomitantly labeling active CD38 complexes for direct clone 90 visualization. Consistent with the notion that CD38 ligation drives TFEB nuclear translocation, CD38-expressing BMDMs showed significant nuclear TFEB by confocal microscopy (cells 1 and 2), while CD38-nonexpressing cells showed cytoplasmic TFEB distribution (unlabeled cell) (Figure 1E). One hour after addition of the CD38 mAb (clone 90), the CD38 mAb-CD38 complex presumably underwent endocytosis as it no longer resided on the cell surface (Figure 1E), consistent with the known internalization of CD38 following activation [33,34]. HA-CD38-expressing HEK293T cells stimulated with clone 90-Alexa Fluor 647 to directly visualize active complexes similarly showed cell surface staining at 4°C, with internalization of active complexes after 30 min at 37°C (Figure 1F). Finally, a flow cytometry-based internalization assay showed nearly 10% internalization 1 min after clone 90 stimulation, with 80% of CD38 internalized by 30 min (Figure 1G). Taken together, these data indicate CD38 ligation with the mAb clone 90 in B-lymphocytes and BMDMs drives rapid CD38 internalization and concomitant nuclear translocation of TFEB.



Figure 1. Anti-CD38 mAb clone 90 drives CD38 internalization and TFEB nuclear translocation via NAADP-driven calcium signaling. (A) Immunoblot of endogenous TFEB after nuclear fractionation of WT B-lymphocytes treated with 10 µg/ml anti-CD38 antibody (clone 90) or an isotype control (Iso) for 1 h. (B) Quantification of nuclear TFEB normalized to histone H3 from (A) (n = 3). (C) Immunoblot of endogenous TFEB after nuclear fractionation of WT BMDMs treated with 5 µg/ml (+) or 10 µg/ml (++) anti-CD38 antibody (clone 90) for 1 h. (D) Quantification of nuclear TFEB normalized to histone H3 from (C) (n = 4). (E) Confocal imaging of WT BMDMs treated with 10 µg/ml anti-CD38 for 1 h and stained for TFEB (red) and CD38 (clone 90, green). Scale bar: 70 µm, 30 µm (zoom). (F) Confocal imaging of HEK293T cells transfected with HA-CD38 stimulated with anti-CD38 antibody (clone 90-Alexa Fluor 647, red) at either 4°C or 37°C for 30 min and subsequently stained for HA (green). Scale bar: 10 µm. (G) CD38 internalization after stimulation with anti-CD38 (clone 90) or an isotype control (10 µg/ml) (n = 2). (H) Confocal imaging of WT BMDMs following stimulation with anti-CD38 (clone 90, 10 µg/ml), an isotype control, or starvation. Quantification of nuclear:cytosolic mean fluorescence intensity (MFI) for each condition is shown (n \ge 20 cells per condition). Scale bar: 20 µm. (I) Confocal imaging of WT BMDMs following stimulation with anti-CD38 (clone 90, 10 µg/ml) after preincubation with the indicated inhibitor. Quantification of nuclear:cytosolic mean fluorescence intensity (MFI) for each condition is shown (n ≥ 150 cells per condition). Scale bar: 30 µm. (J) Intracellular calcium response of WT B-lymphocytes stimulated with isotype control (10 µg/ml, blue) or anti-CD38 (clone 90 10 μg/ml, black) antibody with or without preincubation with Ned-19 (100 μM, green) or Gly-Phe-β-naphtylamide (GPN 200 μM, red). (K) Quantification of calcium responses (area under curve) to 5 min after stimulation with anti-CD38 (clone 90) and preincubation with Ned-19 (100 µM), 8-Br-ADPR (100 µM), 8-Br-CADPR (100 µM), GPN (200 µM), or EDTA (2 mM) (n = 3). Calcium response curve is shown to 5 min as fluorescent counts (iLm1). For western data, histone H3 and GAPDH are shown as fractionation controls. Western bands are quantified, normalized to the loading control, then presented relative to the control. (*p < 0.05; **p < 0.002, ***p < 0.0001, Student's t-test or one-way ANOVA with post hoc Tukey's HSD).

CD38-mediated TFEB nuclear translocation is dependent on NAADP, lysosomal calcium, and calcium-induced calcium release

To dissect the mechanisms by which CD38 mediates TFEB nuclear translocation, we developed an assay that monitored TFEB nuclear translocation by calculating the nuclear:cytoplasmic fluorescent intensity ratio of immunostained TFEB. Expectedly, both nutrient starvation and ligation of CD38 with clone 90 induced TFEB nuclear translocation in BMDMs (Figure 1H). Given CD38 generates calciummobilizing second messengers and that TFEB's nuclear translocation is regulated by dephosphorylation of Ser211 by calcium-dependent PPP3/calcineurin [4,35], we tested whether CD38-mediated translocation of TFEB is calcium-dependent. Pretreatment with either the cell-permeant calcium chelator EGTA-AM or the PPP3/calcineurin inhibitors cyclosporine and FK506 inhibited clone 90-mediated TFEB nuclear translocation (Figure 1I). Consistently, CD38 overexpression induced TFEB nuclear translocation in HeLa cells, which was reversed by calcium chelation and PPP3/calcineurin inhibition (Fig. S1E).

Next, we used calcium-monitoring assays to record cytoplasmic calcium levels following treatment with clone 90. Ligation of CD38 in B-lymphocytes and macrophages resulted in a prolonged calcium response, with cytosolic calcium levels increasing to at least 5 min (Figure 1J,K, S1F, and S1G). The calcium response is specific to CD38 ligation by clone 90, as the agonistic CD38 antibody NIM-R5 was unable to generate a robust calcium response (Fig. S1H and S1I). Monitoring calcium traces when adding ionomycin 5 min after CD38ligation with clone 90 demonstrated that clone 90 mobilizes the majority of intracellular calcium stores, as ionomycin treatment at doses known to mobilize intracellular calcium (100 nM) only induced a slight blip in the calcium tracing while ionomycin treatment with doses known to mobilize extracellular calcium (1.5 µM) induced a sharp rise in intracellular calcium (Fig. S1J). To determine which second messenger is responsible for this calcium mobilization, we preincubated B-lymphocytes with the NAADP inhibitor Ned-19, the ADPR inhibitor 8-Br-ADPR, and the cADPR inhibitor 8-Br-cADPR before the addition of clone 90. Preincubation with Ned-19 abolished the CD38-induced calcium signal while no effect was observed upon preincubation with 8-Br-ADPR or 8-Br-cADPR (Figure 1J,K), indicating NAADP is responsible for the calcium response after CD38 ligation by clone 90.

NAADP directly targets the lysosomal TPCNs, thereby mobilizing lysosomal calcium. This promotes amplification of the calcium signal by mobilizing calcium from other stores, a process termed calcium-induced calcium release [10,36,37]. To parse out the contributions of various calcium stores in clone 90-induced calcium release, we pretreated B-lymphocytes with Gly-l-Phe 2-naphthylamide (GPN), EDTA, or thapsigargin to deplete lysosomal, extracellular, and ER calcium stores respectively. Pretreatment of B-lymphocytes with GPN completely abolished calcium signaling following CD38 ligation, while EDTA-pretreated cells retained an initial calcium peak but failed to further enhance

cytoplasmic calcium with prolonged monitoring (Figure 1J, K). Clone 90-treated cells depleted of ER calcium via thapsigargin paradoxically showed a reduction in cytoplasmic calcium compared to basal during the prolonged ramp phase, likely due to calcium efflux after calcium channel gating secondary to calcium-induced calcium release. Notably, the drastic reduction in cytosolic calcium was mitigated following clone 90 stimulation in thapsigargin-treated cells co-incubated with GPN or Ned-19 (Fig. S1K), suggesting that ligation of CD38 with clone 90 results in an initial NAADP-mediated lysosomal calcium release. This allows PPP3/calcineurin-dependent TFEB nuclear translocation following CD38 ligation with clone 90.

CD38-mediated TFEB activation and calcium release requires LRRK2

As LRRK2 has been implicated in autophagy via NAADPdependent signaling [31,32], we tested whether signaling downstream of CD38 is LRRK2 dependent. Using B-lymphocytes and BMDMs from *lrrk2* KO mice (Fig. S2A), we immunoblotted for TFEB following nuclear fractionation of clone 90-stimulated cells (Figure 2A-C). WT B-lymphocytes showed a two-fold increase in nuclear TFEB compared to the isotype control, while lrrk2 KO B-lymphocytes showed no TFEB nuclear translocation after CD38 ligation (Figure 2A,C). Similarly, WT BMDMs exhibited a two-and-a-half-fold increase in nuclear TFEB compared to the isotype control after CD38 stimulation, while lrrk2 KO BMDMs showed no increase (Figure 2B,C). These data indicate that lrrk2 KO cells have defects in CD38-mediated TFEB activation. CD38 expression (cell surface and total) is unchanged between WT and lrrk2 KO B-lymphocytes and macrophages (Fig. S2A-C), indicating TFEB activation defects in lrrk2 KO cells are due to events downstream of CD38. Thus, we investigated whether lrrk2 KO cells have defects in CD38-mediated calcium mobilization. Ligation of CD38 in WT B-lymphocytes produced a robust dose-dependent increase in cytosolic calcium, while lrrk2 KO B-lymphocytes exhibited attenuated calcium mobilization compared to WT controls (Figure 2D,E).

The pathogenic LRRK2^{G2019S} mutation is the most common genetic cause of PD and enhances the protein's kinase activity [14]. To verify the importance of LRRK2 kinase activity in CD38-mediated calcium mobilization, we first preincubated B-lymphocytes with the LRRK2 kinase inhibitor GSK2578215A. This blunted the calcium response elicited by CD38 (Fig. S2D and S2E), indicating that LRRK2 kinase activity is required for calcium production following CD38 ligation. Next, we monitored cytoplasmic calcium levels after CD38 ligation in WT and LRRK2^{G2019S} knock-in (KI) B-lymphocytes [38]. LRRK2^{G2019S} KI cells exhibited a significantly larger calcium response than WT controls, confirming the importance of LRRK2 kinase activity (Figure 2F,G). Indicating that LRRK2^{G2019S} impacts CD38mediated calcium by enhancing LRRK2's physiological activity, pretreatment of both WT and LRRK2^{G2019S} KI B-lymphocytes with GPN or Ned-19 reduced the calcium



Figure 2. CD38 calcium signaling and nuclear localization of TFEB is dependent on LRRK2. Immunoblot of endogenous TFEB after nuclear fractionation of WT and *Irrk2* KO (A) B-lymphocytes and (B) BMDMs treated with 5 µg/ml anti-CD38 antibody (clone 90) or an isotype control (Iso) for 1 h. (C) Quantification of western blots from A (upper, n = 4) and B (lower, n = 3). (D) Intracellular calcium response of purified WT (black) and *Irrk2* KO (red) B-lymphocytes stimulated with anti-CD38 (clone 90, 5 and 10 µg/ml) antibody. (E) Quantification of calcium response (area under curve) from (D) to 5 min (n = 4). (F) Intracellular calcium response of purified WT (black) and LRRK2^{G2019S} KI (blue) B-lymphocytes stimulated with anti-CD38 (clone 90, 5 and 10 µg/ml) antibody. (G) Quantification of calcium response form (F) to 5 min (n = 4). (H) Intracellular calcium response of purified WT (solid lines) or LRRK2^{G2019S} KI (dashed lines) B-lymphocytes stimulated with anti-CD38 (clone 90, 5 and 10 µg/ml) antibody. (G) Quantification of calcium response from (F) to 5 min (n = 4). (H) Intracellular calcium response of purified WT (solid lines) or LRRK2^{G2019S} KI (dashed lines) B-lymphocytes stimulated with anti-CD38 (clone 90 10 µg/ml) antibody with or without Ned-19 (100 µM, blue) or Gly-Phe- β -naphthylamide (200 µM, green). (I) Quantification of calcium responses (area under curve) from (H) to 5 min (n = 4). (J) Purified wild type (WT, black) or *Irrk2* KO (KO, red) B-lymphocytes stimulated with NAADP-AM (3 µM). (K) Quantification of calcium responses (area under curve) from (H) to 5 min (n = 6). Partial calcium response curve is shown (to 3 min) as fluorescent courts (iLm1). For western data, histone H3 and GAPDH are shown as fractionation and loading controls. Western bands are quantified, normalized to the loading control, and presented relative to the control lane. (# – not significant; *p < 0.05; **p < 0.002, ***p < 0.0001, Student's t-test or one-way ANOVA with post hoc Tukey's HSD or Fisher's LSD).

response to similar levels (Figure 2H,I). Finally, we explored whether LRRK2 functions upstream or downstream of NAADP using NAADP-AM, a cell-permeant NAADP analog, and measuring calcium responses in WT and *lrrk2* KO B-lymphocytes. We observed no differences in the calcium response to NAADP-AM between WT and *lrrk2* KO B-lymphocytes, suggesting LRRK2 functions upstream of NAADP production (Figure 2J,K). Together, our data show that LRRK2 kinase activity is required for the NAADP-dependent calcium response downstream of CD38. LRRK2 functions upstream of NAADP in this signaling pathway and is required for CD38-dependent TFEB activation.

CD38 ligation induces CD38 endolysosomal targeting independent of LRRK2

As our data suggest LRRK2 functions downstream of CD38 but upstream of NAADP, we reasoned LRRK2 might regulate CD38 internalization, CD38 trafficking through the endolysosomal pathway, or CD38-mediated production of NAADP. Flow cytometry-based CD38 internalization assays showed no differences between WT and *lrrk2* KO B cells after clone 90 stimulation (Fig. S3A). We next monitored CD38 intracellular localization after clone 90 stimulation by visualizing active CD38 complexes via immunofluorescence. WT macrophages exhibited significantly enhanced CD38LAMP1 colocalization (Manders' coefficient 0.24 unstimulated vs. 0.60 stimulated) and prominent CD38-RAB7 colocalization (Manders' coefficient 0.65) following clone 90 stimulation, confirming clone 90 ligation results in CD38 targeting to the endolysosomal system (Figure 3A–D). Notably, *lrrk2* KO cells showed no deficits in CD38 targeting to RAB7 or LAMP1 compared to WT cells (Figure 3A–D), demonstrating LRRK2 does not regulate CD38 trafficking through the endolysosomal system. Together, these data suggest that CD38 is targeted to the endolysosomal system after clone 90 ligation independently of LRRK2, and calcium mobilization defects observed in *lrrk2* KO cells are not due to deficits in CD38 internalization or trafficking through the endolysosomal system.

CD38 and LRRK2 form a membrane-associated complex that is internalized upon CD38 ligation

As our previous experiments functionally linked CD38 and LRRK2, we next determined whether these proteins interact. In B-lymphocytes, endogenous LRRK2 coimmunoprecipitated with CD38 basally (without stimulation) and following 15-, 30-, or 60- min stimulation with clone 90 upon pulldown of active complexes (Figure 4A and S3B). No interaction was appreciated in lrrk2 KO B-lymphocytes, validating the specificity of the detected interaction (Fig. S3C). LRRK2 contains an N-terminal leucine-rich repeat (LRR) domain, a ROC GTPase domain, a COR linker domain, a receptor-interacting protein family kinase domain, and a C-terminal WD40 domain [14]. To elucidate the region(s) responsible for the CD38-LRRK2 interaction, we used several full-length and truncated LRRK2 constructs (Figure 4B). We expressed FLAG-CD38 and GFP-LRRK2 WT in HEK293T cells, observing an interaction with a high degree of specificity upon CD38 immunoprecipitation (Fig. S3D). We next expressed FLAG-CD38 and constructs encoding MYC-tagged full-length LRRK2, LRRK2 LRR domain, LRRK2 ROC-COR-Kinase domains, and LRRK2 WD40 domain in HEK293T cells. After immunoprecipitation of FLAG-CD38, only full-length LRRK2 and the LRRK2 ROC-COR-Kinase mutant were detectable, indicating the CD38-LRRK2 interaction requires either the



Figure 3. Clone 90 ligation targets CD38 to the endolysosomal system independently of LRRK2. (A) Confocal imaging analysis in WT and *lrrk2* KO BMDMs to directly visualize colocalization between CD38 (tagged with clone 90-Alexa Fluor 647, red) in the absence of signaling (4°C) and after initiation of signaling for 30 min (37°C) with co-staining of LAMP1 (green). Colocalization channel is shown in gray pseudocolor. (B) Manders' coefficient illustrating percent of CD38 colocalizing with LAMP1 ($n \ge 10$). (C) Confocal imaging analysis in WT and *lrrk2* KO BMDMs to directly visualize colocalization between CD38-Alexa Fluor 647 (red) 30 min after initiation of signaling with co-staining of RAB7 after cell fixation (green). (D) Manders' coefficient illustrating percent of CD38 colocalizing with RAB7 ($n \ge 10$). (# – not significant; *p < 0.05; **p < 0.002, ***p < 0.0001, Student's t-test or one-way ANOVA with post hoc Tukey's HSD).



Figure 4. CD38 and LRRK2 interact after CD38 activation. (A) Co-immunoprecipitation of endogenous CD38 and LRRK2 in purified wild type B-lymphocytes following pulldown of anti-CD38 (clone 90, 10 µg/ml)-CD38 complexes using protein G affinity isolation after stimulation for the indicated time. (B) Schematic of LRRK2 constructs used in mapping the CD38-LRRK2 interaction (LRR: Leucine-rich repeat, ROC: Ras of complex, COR: C-terminal of ROC). (C and D) Domain mapping of the interaction between CD38 and LRRK2 using the indicated constructs. (E) Fluorescence resonance electron transfer fluorescence lifetime imaging (FRET-FLIM) of HEK293T cells transfected with MYC-LRRK2 with or without HA-CD38 imaged unstimulated or after anti-CD38 (clone 90, 10 µg/ml) stimulation for 30 min. Top panel shows fluorescence intensity of MYC-LRRK2-594, while bottom panels depict fluorescence lifetime with MYC-LRRK2-594 functioning as the donor and clone 90-Alexa Fluor 647 as the acceptor. White arrows indicate areas of CD38-LRRK2 interaction. Scale bar: 10 µm, 3.75 µm (zoom). (F) Quantification of the average fluorescence lifetime of MYC-LRRK2-594 (n = 15). (G) Calculated FRET efficiency in the unstimulated or clone-90 stimulated state. (H) Immunoblotting of the indicated proteins after stimulation with anti-CD38 (clone 90, 10 µg/ml) for the indicated time. ACTB/β-Actin is shown as a loading control. (# – not significant, *p < 0.05; **p < 0.002, ***p < 0.0001, Student's t-test or one-way ANOVA with post hoc Tukey's HSD).

LRRK2 ROC, COR, or Kinase domain (Figure 4C). We mapped this interaction to the ROC-COR domain of LRRK2, but were unable to further characterize the interaction due to instability of the ROC and COR domains when expressed individually (Figure 4D).

To spatially resolve the CD38-LRRK2 interaction, we expressed HA-CD38 and MYC-LRRK2 in HEK293T cells and monitored their interaction using fluorescence resonance energy transfer by fluorescence lifetime imaging (FRET-FLIM). As previously shown in Figure 1, when expressed alone, HA-CD38 exists both on the plasma membrane and in intracellular structures, while LRRK2 exists both on the cell membrane and in the cytoplasm (Figure 4E). In the unstimulated state, the CD38-LRRK2 interaction observed by fluorescent lifetime shortening is restricted to the plasma membrane. Upon clone 90 ligation, the CD38-LRRK2 interaction is observed intracellularly (white arrows), suggesting the CD38-LRRK2 complex is internalized following CD38 activation (Figure 4E). We note that fluorescent lifetime increased and FRET efficiency decreased following clone 90 stimulation (Figure 4F,G), which may reflect dynamic changes in the CD38-LRRK2 complex affecting the spatial proximity of CD38 and LRRK2.

Finally, we assessed LRRK2 kinase activity after clone 90 ligation by assaying phosphorylation of the LRRK2 substrate RAB8 [39]. RAB8 phosphorylation increased significantly at 1 and 5 min after clone 90 ligation, suggesting an increase in LRRK2 kinase activity after CD38 activation (Figure 4H and S3E). We next investigated whether CD38 is a direct substrate of the LRRK2 kinase. After co-expression of FLAG-CD38 and either a control vector, MYC-LRRK2 WT, or MYC-LRRK2^{G2019S}, we observed no change in either threonine or serine phosphorylation of immunoprecipitated CD38 (Fig. S3F and S3G). Notably, the MYC-LRRK2 WT protein and MYC-LRRK2^{G2019S} mutant co-immunoprecipitated to a similar extent upon FLAG-CD38 pull down (Fig. S3F and S3G), suggesting that the enhanced calcium mobilization observed in LRRK2^{G2019S} KI cells was not due to more robust interaction of the LRRK2^{G2019S} mutant with CD38 than WT LRRK2. Together, our results show that CD38 and LRRK2 exist constitutively in complex on the plasma membrane and that CD38 ligation with clone 90 both enhances LRRK2 kinase activity and promotes internalization of this complex.

LRRK2-deficient BMDMs have TFEB activation defects and a deficient M1 glycolytic switch

Having established a critical role for LRRK2 in TFEB activation downstream of CD38, we further characterized the LRRK2-TFEB relationship. Consistent with existing literature, we observed phosphorylation of LRRK2 at Ser935 and upregulation of TFEB after BMDM stimulation with LPS (Fig. S4A) [40,41]. *lrrk2* KO BMDMs did not upregulate TFEB in response to LPS (Fig. S4B), confirming *lrrk2* KO cells have TFEB activation defects. We functionally validated the link between LRRK2 and TFEB by monitoring BMDM metabolic flux following LPS stimulation. LPS stimulation of BMDMs promotes a switch to glycolytic metabolism and an M1 (proinflammatory) macrophage phenotype, and TFEB is important in enabling this glycolytic switch [42–44]. We thus investigated whether the observed TFEB activation defects in *lrrk2* KO macrophages following LPS stimulation would manifest as a glycolytic switch defect during M1 polarization. The utilization of glycolysis can be characterized by the extracellular acidification rate (ECAR) and oxygen consumption rate after stimulation [45]. While WT BMDMs effectively switched to glycolysis following LPS stimulation as shown by increased ECAR, *lrrk2* KO BMDMs showed defects in glycolytic switching under the same conditions (Fig. S4C). These data implicate LRRK2 as an important regulator of TFEB in BMDMs.

LRRK2^{G2019S} promotes TFEB nuclear translocation and stabilization independent of CD38

As previous studies have reported LRRK2 mutants regulate NAADP-dependent calcium signaling in cell types that do not express CD38 [31,46], we explored the relationship between LRRK2 and TFEB in cell lines lacking CD38. Expression of the most common pathogenic LRRK2 mutant (LRRK2^{G2019S}) in HeLa cells in the presence of TFEB-mCherry induced robust TFEB nuclear localization, while control cells showed little nuclear TFEB (Figure 5A,B). Detection of endogenous TFEB after nuclear fractionation of HEK293T cells expressing LRRK2 and its mutants consistently showed increased nuclear and cytosolic TFEB levels in LRRK2^{G2019S}-expressing cells (Figure 5C,D), validating that LRRK2^{G2019S} drives TFEB activation. We note that the His-LRRK2^{G2019S} construct expressed at lower levels than our LRRK2 WT construct (Figure 5C), and use this construct several times in our study to more closely mimic endogenous levels of LRRK2^{G2019S}. Finally, to determine if LRRK2^{G2019S} induction of TFEB nuclear translocation requires LRRK2 kinase activity, we assayed TFEB-mCherry nuclear localization in LRRK2^{G2019S}-expressing cells in the presence or absence of the LRRK2 kinase inhibitor GSK2578215A. Inhibition of LRRK2^{G2019S} kinase activity surprisingly did not reduce TFEB nuclear translocation (Fig. S4D), suggesting LRRK2^{G2019S} drives TFEB nuclear localization in a kinaseindependent manner in the absence of CD38.

Noting that overexpression of LRRK2^{G2019S} increased TFEB protein levels in addition to promoting its nuclear translocation, we investigated the mechanisms by which LRRK2 increases TFEB levels in our overexpression model. TFEB is stabilized via phosphorylation of its serine-rich C-terminus [45], thus we evaluated whether LRRK2 acts via this mechanism. We expressed full-length TFEB-FLAG or a truncated TFEB∆CT-FLAG mutant (aa 1-461, deletion of the phosphorylated serinerich region) with either a control vector, His-LRRK2^{G2019S}, or GFP-LRRK2^{G2019S}. We observed an upward shift in the TFEB-FLAG from cells expressing His-LRRK2G2019S and GFP-LRRK2^{G2019S} compared to the control. Suggesting this shift is due to C-terminus phosphorylation, the upshift was not present under the same conditions upon blotting TFEBACT-FLAG (Figure 5E). Incubation of these lysates with λ phosphatase abolished the upward shift for all bands, confirming that the mobility shift of TFEB-FLAG was due to phosphorylation (Fig. S4E). Functionally, His-LRRK2^{G2019S} and GFP-LRRK2^{G2019S}



Figure 5. Overexpression of LRRK2 activates TFEB by promoting its stabilization and nuclear translocation. (A) Confocal imaging of HeLa cells expressing TFEBmCherry and either GFP vector or GFP-LRRK2^{G20195}. Treatment with the GSK3B inhibitor CHIR99201 is shown as a positive control. Nuclei are stained with DAPI (blue). Scale bar: 20 μ m. (B) Quantification of % of cells exhibiting TFEB nuclear translocation after co-transfection of TFEB-mCherry, GFP-LRRK2 WT and GFP-LRRK2^{G20195} (GS) in (A) (n = 4, \geq 50 cells/repeat). (C) Immunoblot of endogenous TFEB after nuclear fractionation of HEK293T cells expressing LRRK2 WT and LRRK2^{G20195} (GS). (D) Quantification of (C) in HEK293T cells (n = 3). (E) Immunoblotting illustrating phospho-shift (indicated by arrow) of overexpressed TFEB-FLAG or TFEBACT-FLAG (TFEB*, aa 1–461) in HEK293T cells co-transfected with a control vector, His-LRRK2^{G20195} (GS), or GFP-LRRK2^{G20195} (GS-). (F) Quantification of (E). Bands were normalized to the control group for each TEEB construct (n \geq 3). Western bands are quantified, normalized to the loading control, and presented relative to the control lane. (# – not significant, *p < 0.05; **p < 0.002, ***p < 0.0001, one-way ANOVA with post hoc Tukey's HSD).

expression increased TFEB-FLAG levels 3-fold compared to the control, with no significant increase observed in TFEB Δ CT-FLAG after LRRK2^{G2019S} expression (Figure 5E,F). These results indicate that overexpressed LRRK2^{G2019S} indirectly promotes C-terminus phosphorylation of TFEB, thereby increasing its stability.

LRRK2^{G2019S} induces TFEB target gene expression dependent on AMPK

To verify that LRRK2-dependent TFEB nuclear translocation promotes TFEB target gene induction, we evaluated protein

and mRNA levels of several TFEB target genes. LRRK2^{G2019S}expressing HEK293T cells showed increased LAMP1, SQSTM1/p62 (sequestome 1), BECN1/Beclin-1, CTSD/ Cathepsin D, and MAP1LC3B/LC3B (Figure 6A,B). Consistently, several assayed genes were increased at the mRNA level, including *CTSF*, *LAMP1*, *UVRAG*, and *BECN1* (Figure 6C). Expression of LRRK2 WT in HEK293T cells did not increase LAMP1, SQSTM1, BECN1, CTSD, or MAP1LC3B at the protein level (Fig. S5A and S5B) or increase *CTSF*, *LAMP1*, *UVRAG*, or *BECN1* at the mRNA level (Fig. S5C), confirming that expression of the pathogenic LRRK2^{G2019S} mutant but not LRRK2 WT induces functional



Figure 6. AMPK is required for the LRRK2-induced transcription of TFEB target genes. (A) Immunoblotting of the indicated TFEB target proteins in HEK293T cells after transfection of a control vector or His-LRRK2^{G2019S} (GS). (B) Quantification of immunoblots from (A) ($n \ge 4$). (C) q-RT-PCR in HEK293T cells transfected with a control vector or His-LRRK2^{G2019S} (GS) ($n \ge 3$). (D) q-RT-PCR of TFEB target genes in HEK293T cells transfected with His-LRRK2^{G2019S} with or without dorsomorphin (5 μ M, 1 h) pretreatment ($n \ge 3$). (E) q-RT-PCR of TFEB target genes in HEK293T cells transfected with His-LRRK2^{G2019S} and either control siRNA or siRNA targeting *PRKAA1* and *PRKAA2* (n = 4). Fold mRNA change is normalized to GAPDH and shown relative to the control. (*p < 0.05; **p < 0.002, ***p < 0.0001, Student's t-test or one-way ANOVA with post hoc Tukey's HSD).

activation of TFEB in the absence of CD38. The initial report linking LRRK2 to NAADP-dependent autophagosome formation implicated AMP-activated protein kinase (AMPK) [31]. We thus tested whether there was a role for AMPK in LRRK2^{G2019S} induced upregulation of TFEB target genes. with published data [31], expression of Consistent LRRK2^{G2019S} promoted activation of AMPK (Fig. S5D). Inhibition of AMPK with the specific inhibitor Dorsomorphin did not affect LRRK2^{G2019S}-mediated TFEB nuclear translocation (Fig. S5E). However, both dorsomorphin and PRKAA1/AMPKa1-PRKAA2/AMPKa2 KD inhibited the LRRK2^{G2019S}-dependent transcriptional upregulation of TFEB target genes(Figure 6D,E). Importantly, treatment with dorsomorphin alone or KD of PRKAA1 and PRKAA2 had no effect on the expression of TFEB target genes (Fig. S5F). AMPK KD was validated at the protein level by western blotting, confirming our findings (Fig. S5G). A recent report showed that AMPK promotes autophagy by epigenetically licensing TFEB target genes via CARM1 (coactivatorassociated arginine methyltransferase 1) [47]. Our data indicate that LRRK2 activates AMPK to license transcription of TFEB target genes. Though the exact mechanism is undetermined, AMPK may function through CARM1 to epigenetically promote TFEB target gene transcription.

LRRK2 promotes TFEB activation via MTOR-independent NAADP-TPCN2-dependent signaling

Finally, we investigated the mechanism by which LRRK2^{G2019S} induces TFEB nuclear translocation in the absence of CD38. Cells expressing LRRK2 WT or LRRK2^{G2019S} showed no changes in MTOR signaling or in the subcellular localization of the MTOR-controlled transcriptional repressor of autophagy ZKSCAN3 (Fig. S6A-C), indicating that LRRK2 regulation of TFEB is MTOR independent. We observed no changes in MAPK/ERK (extracellularsignaling regulated kinase) or GSK3B/GSK3β (glycogen synthase kinase-3 beta) signaling following expression of LRRK2 (Fig. S6D and S6E), signifying LRRK2-mediated TFEB translocation is independent of these pathways. As CD38 activation induces TFEB nuclear translocation via calcium signaling, we tested whether LRRK2^{G2019S} utilizes a similar mechanism. In HeLa cells, LRRK2^{G2019S}-induced TFEB nuclear translocation was reversed by calcium chelation with BAPTA-AM, inhibition of PPP3/calcineurin by FK506, and KD of the PPP3/calcineurin subunit PPP3CB (protein phosphatase 3 catalytic subunit beta) (Figure 7A,B). Consistent with previous results, pharmacological inhibition of NAADP or KD of the putative NAADP-gated lysosomal calcium channel TPCN2 inhibited LRRK2 G2019S - induced



Figure 7. LRRK2^{G20195}-mediated TFEB nuclear translocation requires Ca²⁺, NAADP, and TPCN2 (A) Confocal imaging in HeLa cells expressing TFEB-mCherry and a control vector (MT) or His-LRRK2^{G20195} with or without BAPTA-AM (fast calcium chelator, 10 μ M, 1 h), EGTA-AM (slow calcium chelator, 10 μ M, 1 h), FK506 (calcineurin inhibitor, 5 nM, 1 h), control siRNA, *PPP3CB* siRNA, or *MCOLN1* siRNA. Scale bar: 10 μ m. (B) Quantification TFEB nuclear translocation from (A) (n = 3, \geq 50 cells/repeat). (C) Confocal imaging in HeLa cells expressing TFEB-mCherry and a control vector (MT), or TFEB-mCherry and His-LRRK2^{G20195} with or without Ned-19 (NAADP inhibitor, 100 μ M, 1 h), PERK inhibitor (PERK-I, 10 μ M, 1 h), control siRNA, or *TPCN2* siRNA. Scale bar: 10 μ m. (D) Quantification of TFEB nuclear translocation from (C) (n = 3, \geq 50 cells/repeat). (E) Immunoblot of endogenous TFEB from nuclear fractions of HEK293T cells transfected with a control vector or His-LRRK2^{G20195} (GS) and treated with Ned-19 (100 μ m, 2 h). (G) Confocal imaging in HeLa cells transfected with TFEB-mCherry and TPC2-EGFP. DAPI and TFEB-mCherry colocalization channel is shown on the right. Scale bar: 10 μ m. (H) Quantification of % cells exhibiting TFEB nuclear translocation from (G) (n = 3, \geq 50 cells/repeat). (I) Immunoblotting of endogenous TFEB following nuclear fractions of HEK293T cells transfected with a control vector or His-LRRK2^{G20195} (GS) and treated with Ned-19 (100 μ m, 2 h). (G) Confocal imaging in HeLa cells transfected with TFEB-mCherry and TPC2-EGFP. DAPI and TFEB-mCherry colocalization channel is shown on the right. Scale bar: 10 μ m. (H) Quantification of % cells exhibiting TFEB nuclear translocation from (G) (n = 3, \geq 50 cells/repeat). (I) Immunoblotting of endogenous TFEB following nuclear fractionation of HEK293T cells expressing TPCN2-EGFP. For western data, histone H3 and GAPDH are shown as fractionation and loading controls. Western bands are quantified, normalized to the loading control, an

TFEB nuclear translocation (Figure 7C,D). Gene KD after targeted RNAi was verified at the protein level in all cases (Fig. S6F and S6G). We also verified the involvement of PPP3/ calcineurin and NAADP in LRRK2^{G2019S}-mediated TFEB nuclear translocation by western blotting after subcellular fractionation (Figure 7E,F), and showed that expression of TPCN2 drives TFEB nuclear translocation in an NAADP-dependent manner by imaging and nuclear fractionation (Figure 7G,I). Taken together, these data show that expression

of LRRK2^{G2019S} induces TFEB activation through an NAADP-TPCN2-lysosomal calcium-dependent pathway.

Discussion

In this study, we characterize a novel signaling pathway in B-lymphocytes and macrophages (Figure 8). We show CD38 exists in a complex with LRRK2 on the plasma membrane, and that ligation of CD38 with the anti-CD38 mAb clone 90



Figure 8. Schematic illustrating the CD38-LRRK2-TFEB signaling pathway in B-lymphocytes and macrophages. The CD38-LRRK2 complex exists on the plasma membrane and activation of CD38 results in the internalization of the CD38-LRRK2 complex and its targeting to the endolysosomal system. CD38 promotes generation of an NAADP-dependent lysosomal calcium signal, which is dependent on LRRK2 kinase activity. This results in the activation of PPP3/calcineurin, which dephosphorylates TFEB at Ser211 and allows its nuclear translocation. The pathogenic kinase overactive LRRK2^{G20195} mutant aberrantly activates TFEB via NAADP-TPCN2-dependent calcium signaling and stabilizes TFEB by promoting its C-terminal phosphorylation. Solid arrows indicate known relationships, while dashed arrows indicated hypothesized connections.

results in complex internalization and targeting to the endolysosomal system. This generates an NAADP-dependent calcium signal, likely due to NAADP production by CD38 in acidic compartments, resulting in mobilization of lysosomal calcium and calcium-induced calcium release. CD38 ligation increases LRRK2 kinase activity, which is required for generation of the calcium signal. TFEB, the master transcriptional regulator of the autophagy and lysosome machinery, is activated downstream of CD38 by calcium signaling due to dephosphorylation at Ser211 by the phosphatase PPP3/calcineurin. *lrrk2* KO cells accordingly show defects in TFEB activation following stimulation with CD38 or LPS. Notably, the pathogenic LRRK2^{G2019S} mutant promotes constitutive TFEB activation in a CD38-independent manner due to TFEB stabilization via C-terminal phosphorylation and enhanced TFEB nuclear translocation via lysosomal calcium signaling (Figure 8). Our work has physiological implications in B cells and macrophages, and clinical implications as CD38, LRRK2, and TFEB are all linked to human disease.

Currently, the molecular signaling mechanisms downstream of CD38 remain unclear. In B-lymphocytes, CD38 ligation with the mAbs CS/2 and NIM-R5 signal through the tyrosine kinases Fyn and Lyn to induce BTK (Bruton agammaglobulinemia tyrosine kinase) phosphorylation and downstream activation of PLD (phospholipase D). Functionally, these antibodies induce apoptosis of T1 B-lymphocytes, proliferation and maturation of T2 B-lymphocytes, and class switching to IgG1 during costimulation with IL5 (interleukin-5) [48–50]. In our study, we find that ligation of CD38 with NIM-R5 does not generate a robust calcium response, suggesting that clone 90 induced CD38 signaling is separate and distinct from signaling associated with other CD38 agonistic antibodies. Consistent with this notion, CD38 enzymatic activity is dispensable for signaling induced by NIM-R5 or CS/2 [48–50], but is required for signaling downstream of clone 90 as CD38 enzymatic activity is needed for the production of NAADP [5].

While CD38-independent NAADP synthesis by unknown enzymes has been reported [51,52], CD38 is the only wellcharacterized protein known to produce NAADP across multiple cell types [6,53,54]. CD38-mediated production of NAADP occurs in endolysosomal compartments due to the requirement of an acidic pH to overcome electrostatic repulsion between acidic residues of CD38 and its substrate nicotinic acid [7]. A recent study from Fang et al. showed ligation of type II CD38 with nanobodies results in clathrin-dependent internalization, targeting to the endolysosomal system, and NAADP production secondary to localization of the CD38 enzymatic domain to the acidic vesicle lumen [5]. The anti-CD38 clone 90 antibody used in this study recognizes type II CD38 at its C-terminus [55], consistent with the spatial restriction required for CD38 production of NAADP.

We extend upon the findings by Fang et al. by implicating LRRK2 in CD38-NAADP signaling [5]. We show LRRK2 exists constitutively in complex with CD38 on the plasma membrane and that this complex is internalized and targeted

to the endolysosomal system following clone 90 ligation. As our data suggest that LRRK2 functions downstream of CD38 but upstream of NAADP, we reasoned LRRK2 may regulate CD38 internalization, CD38 trafficking through the endolysosomal system, or CD38 production of NAADP. Given the known role for LRRK2 in the proper trafficking of receptors through the endolysosomal system [56,57], we were surprised to find LRRK2 does not regulate CD38 internalization or endolysosomal targeting. Though the exact mechanism through which LRRK2 regulates CD38 remains unknown, our data suggests that LRRK2 potentiates CD38-mediated NAADP production. We note the rapid temporal dynamics of calcium signal generation after clone 90 ligation, with a prolonged calcium response beginning 90 s after stimulation. It is unclear how much CD38 internalization is required for generating the NAADP-dependent calcium signal, but observe time-dependent CD38 internalization as quickly as one minute after CD38 ligation.

Our data suggest LRRK2^{G2019S} potentiates TFEB activation in both CD38-dependent and CD38-independent manners. In the presence of CD38, LRRK2^{G2019S} enhances the calcium response downstream of clone 90 due to enhanced kinase activity. In the absence of CD38, LRRK2^{G2019S} promotes TFEB activation in a kinaseindependent manner by increasing TFEB levels and promoting its nuclear translocation via NAADP signaling. We note that the utilization of an overexpression system is an important limitation of our findings regarding the effects of LRRK2^{G2019S} on TFEB protein levels. This is further confounded by data from lrrk2 KO cells, which fail to show a change in TFEB protein levels at baseline. It remains unclear whether this phenomenon in lrrk2 KO cells is due to compensatory changes, or if the finding is simply not recapitulated in the knockout. Nonetheless, our finding that LRRK2^{G2019S} activates TFEB both via CD38dependent and CD38-independent mechanisms are consistent with the literature, as a previous study showed LRRK2 promotes autophagosome formation in an NAADPdependent manner [31]. Moreover, LRRK2^{G2019S} patient fibroblasts (which express little to no CD38) exhibit increased lysosomal size and exaggerated calcium responses to NAADP-AM [46]. In understanding the pathophysiology of PD, the role of LRRK2 in the regulation of autophagy remains unclear. The preponderance of discordant reports suggests LRRK2 modulates multiple steps in the autophagy pathway [29]. This report is the first linking LRRK2 to TFEB, elucidating an additional mechanism by which LRRK2 may regulate both autophagy and the lysosomal pathway. Further research is needed to determine the exact role of LRRK2's regulation of TFEB in autophagy.

Our study also has implications in innate immunity. In macrophages, CD38 expression is robustly induced upon exposure to immune stimuli [58]. It has been shown to promote inflammation downstream of LPS and is involved in calcium release after phagosome formation to enable phagocytosis [59,60]. Here, we implicate CD38 in the activation of TFEB, which transcriptionally regulates many chemokines and cytokines promoting macrophage activation [24,41]. Thus, CD38 may promote inflammation after pathogen stimulation via TFEB. CD38-deficient cells poorly control intracellular infections, including Listeria monocytogenes and Mycobacterium avium [61,62]. LRRK2-deficient cells show similar defects in controlling intracellular infection, including Listeria monocytogenes and Salmonella typhimurium [63]. TFEB-dependent defects in autophagy and inflammation in CD38- and LRRK2-deficient cells may contribute to these observed phenotypes. Finally, LRRK2 kinase inhibitors have gained Phase I FDA clearance in a small patient cohort. Given that LRRK2 kinase inhibition decreases signaling downstream of CD38, it will be important to ensure that patients on LRRK2 kinase inhibitors do not exhibit defects in innate immunity and enhanced susceptibility to infection. In summary, we provide strong evidence for a novel CD38-LRRK2-TFEB signaling pathway in immune cells. This pathway may have significant effects on health and disease.

Materials and methods

Mice

lrrk2 knockout (KO) (B6.129X1(FVB-LRRK2^{tm1.1Cai}/J, Jax Stock No 12453) and LRRK2^{G2019S} knock-in (KI) (Lrrk2^{tm1.1Hlme}, Jax Stock No 030961) mice backcrossed onto a C57BL/6 J background were kindly provided by Dr. Mark Cookson (National Institute of Aging, National Institutes of Health) [38,64]. C57BL/6 (Jax Stock No 000664) were purchased from Jackson Laboratory. *lrrk2* KO mice were bred as heterozygotes and littermate controls used whenever possible. Otherwise, age and sex-matched C57BL/6 J served as controls after 2 weeks of co-housing. All mice used in this study were 6–14 weeks of age. Mice were housed in pathogen-free conditions and allowed free access to food and water. All animal experiments and protocols used in this study were approved and carried out in accordance with the guidelines of the NIAID Animal Care and Use Committee at the National Institutes of Health.

Cell isolation and culture

Primary B cells were isolated from total splenocytes by negative depletion using biotinylated antibodies to CD4 (GK 1.5; BD Biosciences, 553730), CD8A/CD8 (53–6.7; BD Biosciences, 550281), Gr-1 (RB6-8C5; BD Biosciences, 561084), and ITGAX/CD11c (HL3; BD Biosciences, 550283) with Dynabeads M-280 Streptavidin (Thermo Fisher Scientific, 11206D) following the manufacturer's protocol. PTPRC/B220⁺ B cell purity was routinely greater than 95%. Primary B cells were maintained in complete B cell media consisting of Gibco RPMI 1640 (Thermo Fisher Scientific, 21875034) supplemented with 10% Gibco fetal calf serum (FCS; Thermo Fisher Scientific, A4766801) and antibiotics (100 IU/mL penicillin and 100 ug/mL streptomycin). Primary BMDMs were prepared as previously described [65]. In short,

bone marrow was flushed from the femurs and tibia of 6- to 14week-old mice. Bone marrow was resuspended in sterile ACK lysis buffer (Lonza Bioscience, BP10-548EB) to remove red blood cells, and the remaining cells plated in complete RPMI (10% FCS + antibiotics) supplemented with L929 cell-conditioned medium (30% vol:vol). On day 4, loosely adherent cells were removed and fresh medium added; macrophages were used on days 6–8 of culture. HEK293T cells (ATCC, CRL-3216) and HeLa cells (ATCC, CCL-2) were purchased from the American Type Culture Collection (ATCC) and maintained in complete Gibco DMEM (Thermo Fisher Scientific, 10566016; 10% FCS + antibiotics). Nutrient starvation was induced by culture in Hanks' Balanced Salt Solution (HBSS; Thermo Fisher Scientific, 14175095).

Plasmids, siRNA, and transfection

Human AcGFP-LRRK2 WT and G2019S plasmids [66]; GFP-LRRK2 WT and GFP-LRRK2^{G2019S}, plasmids [67]; MYC-LRRK2 WT, MYC-LRRK2^{G2019S}, MYC-LRRK2 ROC-COR-Kinase (RCK), MYC-LRRK2 ROC-COR, MYC-LRRK2 Kinase, MYC-LRRK2 WD40, and MYC-LRRK2 LRR plasmids [66]; the Emerald-LRRK2 WT, and His-LRRK2^{G2019S} plasmids were kind gifts from Dr. Mark Cookson (National Institute of Aging, National Institutes of Health). The TPCN2-EGFP (80153, deposited by Dr. Santiago Di Pietro) and TFEB-GFP (38199, deposited by Dr. Shawn Ferguson) plasmids were purchased from Addgene, and the TFEB-FLAG and TFEB-mCherry plasmids were previously described [68]. The TFEBACT-FLAG (aa 1-461) plasmid was provided by Dr. Gerard Karsenty (Columbia University) [69], and the FLAG-ZKSCAN3 plasmid provided by Dr. Santosh Chauhan (Institute of Life Sciences) [70]. The control FLAG and FLAG-CD38 (human) vectors were provided by Dr. Eduardo Chini (Mayo Clinic) [71], and HA-CD38 (Sino Biological, MG50191-CY). (mouse) purchased Plasmids were transfected using Roche XTremeGENE HP DNA Transfection Reagent (Sigma-Aldrich, 6366236001) at a 3:1 (ul HP: ug DNA) ratio. siRNA pools targeting human PPP3CB (sc-39196), MCOLN1 (sc-44519), TPCN2 (sc-96434), PRKAA1/AMPKα1-PRKAA2/AMPKα2 (sc-45312), and control siRNA with a scrambled sequence (sc-37007) were purchased from Santa Cruz Biotechnology. siRNA was prepared at 40 nM with 2 µl transfection reagent and transfected overnight before assay. siRNA KD were validated at the protein level.

Reagents and antibodies

The following antibodies were used for cell stimulation: purified anti-mouse CD38 (Clone 90; BioLegend, 102702), purified rat IgG2a, κ isotype control (Clone RTK2758; BioLegend, 400565). In certain experiments, the following reagents/inhibitors were used at the indicated concentration in cell culture: LPS (*E. Coli* Serotype R515; Enzo Life Sciences, ALX-581-007-L001), NAADP-AM (3 μ M; AAT Bioquest, 21000), GSK2578215A (LRRK2 inhibitor, 1 μ M; Tocris Bioscience, 4629), GPN (200 μ M; Santa Cruz Biotechnology, sc-252858), EDTA (2 mM; Sigma-Aldrich, E6758), thapsigargin (500 nM; Tocris Bioscience, 1138), 8-Br-cADPR (100 μ M; BIOLOG Life Science Institute, B065), 8-Br-ADPR (100 μ M; BIOLOG Life Science Institute, B051), Ned-19 (100 μ M; Cayman Chemical, 17527), cyclosporine (10 μ M; R&D Systems, 1101/100), FK506 (5 nM; Eton Bioscience Inc, 1100060052), CHIR 99021 (GSK3B inhibitor, 5 μ M; Tocris Bioscience, 4423), BAPTA-AM (10 μ M; R&D Systems, 2787), EGTA-AM (10 μ M; AnaSpec Inc, AS-84100), GSK2606414 (EIF2AK3/PERK inhibitor, 10 μ M; Tocris Bioscience, 5107), and dorsomorphin (5 μ M; Tocris Bioscience, 3093).

Flow cytometry based internalization assay

B-lymphocytes were immunostained with anti-PTPRC/B220 (RA3-6B2; BioLegend, 103205), anti-CR2/CD21 (4E3; Thermo Fisher Scientific, 50-162-73), FCER2A/CD23 (B3B4, BioLegend, 601620), CD24/CD24A (M1/69; BD Biosciences, 562360), and CD38 (clone 90; BioLegend, 102729) for 15 min at 4°C, washed, and incubated in RPMI for 30 min at 37°C, 5% CO_2 before stimulation with 10 µg/ml anti-CD38 or isotype control antibody for 1 min to 60 min. Cells were fixed in 4% paraformaldehyde (Thermo Fisher Scientific, 50-980-493) for 20 min at the indicated times. After washing, the cells were resuspended in 250 µL 1% BSA (Sigma-Aldrich, 10735086001) in PBS (Thermo Fisher Scientific, 10010049) and filtered prior to acquisition on a FACSCelesta SORP (BD Biosciences, Franklin Lakes NJ). Data processing was performed on FlowJo 10.7 (BD Biosciences, Franklin Lakes NJ), and values presented as % cell surface CD38 compared to T_{0.}

Cell lysis and immunoprecipitation

For standard immunoblotting, cells were lysed in RIPA Buffer (Thermo Fisher Scientific, 89900) with PhosSTOPTM phosphatase inhibitor tablet (Sigma-Aldrich, 4906845001) and cOmpleteTM protease inhibitor tablet (Sigma-Aldrich, 11697498001) at 4°C for 30 min. Lysates were cleared at 21,000 x g for 10 min and the supernatant collected and diluted in 4x NuPage LDS Sample Buffer (Thermo Fisher Scientific, NP0007). To dephosphorylate proteins following lysis, lysates were incubated with lambda protein phosphatase (NEB, P0753S) for 30 min following the manufacturer's protocol; lysates were then diluted in 4x NuPage LDS Sample Buffer. To separate nuclear and cytoplasmic fractions, cells were first lysed at 4°C for 30 min in Buffer A containing 20 mM HEPES pH 7.4 (Thermo Fisher Scientific, 11460496), 50 mM β-glycerophosphate (Sigma-Aldrich, G9422), 0.5% (v: v) NP-40 (Sigma-Aldrich, 492016), 2 mM EGTA (Sigma-Aldrich, 324626), and 10% (v:v) glycerol (Sigma-Aldrich, G5516) with $cOmplete^{TM}$ protease inhibitor and PhosSTOPTM tablets. The resultant lysate was spun down at 11,000 x g for 10 min, and the supernatant collected as the cytoplasmic fraction. The nuclear pellet was washed 6x in Buffer A and then lysed with Buffer A + 0.75% (v:v) SDS (Sigma-Aldrich, L3771) for 30 min. The resultant lysate was considered the nuclear fraction. Fractions were diluted in 4x NuPage LDS Sample Buffer for further analysis.

For immunoprecipitation experiments, cells were lysed with Buffer C, which is Buffer A plus 0.5% (w:v) CHAPS (Thermo Fisher Scientific, 28300). To immunoprecipitate FLAG-CD38, the lysate was incubated overnight at 4°C with either mouse anti-FLAG M2 Affinity Agarose Gel (Thermo, A2220) or rat anti-FLAG (L5; BioLegend, 637303) followed by protein G affinity isolation (Thermo Fisher Scientific, 10004D). The immunoprecipitates were collected and washed eight times with lysis buffer. To immunoprecipitate HA-CD38, lysates were incubated overnight at 4°C with anti-HA beads (Thermo Fisher Scientific, 88836) and washed twice with 5 M NaCl and four times with lysis buffer. For immunoprecipitation of active endogenous CD38 complexes, purified murine B cells were incubated with either clone 90 (10 µg/ml) or the isotype control antibody for the specified time. Cells were lysed in Buffer C and subject to protein G affinity isolation for 2.5 h. Samples were washed four times. For all immunoprecipitations, proteins were released by adding DTT (Thermo Fisher Scientific, R0861), 2-mercaptoethanol (Sigma-Aldrich, M6250), 4x NuPage LDS Sample Buffer, and heating at 100°C for 10 min prior to immunoblotting.

Immunoblotting

Samples were heated at 100°C for 10 min, separated by SDS-PAGE, and transferred to a nitrocellulose membrane (Thermo Fisher Scientific, IB301002) using the iBLOT Gel Transfer System (Invitrogen, Waltham MA) on setting P2 for 7 min. The membrane was blocked with 5% nonfat milk (Thermo Fisher Scientific, NC9121673) (or 5% BSA) w:v in TBST buffer (25 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.5, 150 mM NaCl, 0.1% Tween 20) for 1 h, and then incubated at 4°C overnight with the primary antibody in 3% nonfat milk (or 5% BSA) in TBST buffer (w:v) while shaking. The following primary antibodies were used for western blotting: phospho-LRRK2 (Ser935, UDD2 10 [12]; Abcam, ab133450; 1:1000), total LRRK2 (MJFF2; Abcam, ab133474; 1:1000), human TFEB (Bethyl Laboratories, A303-672A; 1:2000), human TFEB (Cell Signaling Technology, 4202; 1:1000), mouse TFEB (Bethyl Laboratories, A303-673A; 1:1000), phospho-serine (Q5; Qiagen, 37430; 1:800), phospho-serine (Q7; Qiagen, 37420; 1:800), LAMP1 (H4A3; Santa Cruz Biotechnology, sc-20011; 1:1000), CTSD (C-20; Santa Cruz Biotechnology, sc-1:1000), SQSTM1/p62 (P-15; Santa Cruz 377299; Biotechnology, sc-28359; 1:1000), BECN1 (K-15; Santa Cruz Biotechnology,sc-10087; 1:1000), MAP1LC3B (Cell Signaling Technology, 2775; 1:1000), CD38 (R&D Systems, AF4947; 1:2000), mouse-anti-FLAG (M2; Sigma-Aldrich, F1804; 1:1000), rabbit-anti-FLAG (Rockland, 600-401-383; 1:2000), mouse-anti-MYC (9E10; Santa Cruz Biotechnology, sc-40; 1:500), rabbit-anti-MYC (71D10; Cell Signaling Technology, 2278; 1:1000), GFP (Cell Signaling, 2555; 1:1000), phospho-PRKAA/AMPK (Thr172) (40H9; Cell Signaling Technology, 2535; 1:1000), PRKAA/AMPK (D5A2; Cell Signaling Technology, 5831; 1:2000), TPCN2 (Abcam, ab119915; 1:500), PPP3CB (Thermo Fisher Scientific, 55148-1-AP; 1:1000), MTOR (7 C10; Cell Signaling Technology, 2983; 1:1000), phospho-RPS6KB1/p70S6K (Thr389) (1A5; Cell

Signaling Technology, 9206; 1:1000), total RPS6KB1/p70S6K (49D7; Cell Signaling Technology, 2708; 1:1000), phospho-RPS6/S6 ribosomal protein (Ser236/256) (Cell Signaling Technology, 2211S; 1:1000), phospho-GSK3B (Ser9) (Cell Signaling Technology, 9336; 1:1000), total GSK3B (1V001; Santa Cruz Biotechnology, sc-71186; 1:1000), phospho-(Thr202/Tyr204) MAPK/ERK (E10; Cell Signaling Technology, 9106; 1:1000), total MAPK/ERK (137 F5; Cell Signaling Technology, 4695; 1:1000), phospho-RAB8 (Thr72) (MJF-R20; Abcam, ab230260; 1:5000), total RAB8 (EPR14873; Abcam, ab188574; 1:2000), Histone H3 (Cell Signaling Technology, 4499; 1:2000), HRP-conjugated GAPDH (Proteintech Group, HRP-60004; 1:10,000), HRP conjugated ACTB/β-actin (Sigma-Aldrich, A3854; 1:10,000). The appropriate secondary antibody conjugated to HRP (Cell Signaling Technology, 7074 and 7076) was used to detect the protein of interest via enhanced chemiluminescence (ECL, Bio-Rad) and images obtained using the iBright FL1000 (Thermo Fishcer Scientific, Waltham MA) or Amersham Hyperfilm (GE Healthcare, 28-9068-50). Membranes were stripped using Restore[™] Plus Western Blot Stripping Buffer (Thermo Fisher Scientific, 46428) following the manufacturer's protocol, reblocked, and reblotted. Blots were scanned and imported into Photoshop (Adobe, Mountain View CA) as a tagged image file format. Quantification of band intensity was performed using standard methods on ImageJ (National Institutes of Health, Bethesda MD); bands were normalized to their respective loading control and presented as fold-change of the control. Immunoblots shown are representative of three independent experiments unless otherwise noted.

Immunofluorescence

Cells were seeded in glass-bottom 14-mm microwell dishes (MatTek Life Sciences, P35 GCOL-1.0-14-C) and either transfected overnight or treated. Prior to imaging, cells were fixed with 4% paraformaldehyde for 10 min and permeabilized using either 0.2% Triton X-100 (Thermo Fisher Scientific, AC215680010) or 0.1% Tween 20 (Sigma-Aldrich, P1379) for 10 min. Cells were then blocked in 3% BSA in PBS for 30 min and incubated with the appropriate primary antibody diluted in 1% BSA in PBS at 4°C overnight. The following primary antibodies were used for immunofluorescence: FLAG (M2; Sigma-Aldrich, F1804; 1:500), TFEB (MyBioSource, MBS2538354; 1:100), HA (BioLegend, 901514; 1:300), MYC (71D10; Cell Signaling Technology, 2278; 1:200). After washing 5x with PBS, the appropriate Alexa Flour-conjugated secondary antibodies (Thermo Fisher Scientific, A32723, A32727, A32787, A32731, A32732, and A32733; 1:500) were added for 30 min at room temperature. To stain active CD38 complexes, live cells were either stimulated with clone 90 (10 µg/ml) or clone 90-Alexa Fluor 647 (BioLegend, 102716; 10 µg/ml). After fixation, clone 90 stimulated cells were directly stained with a secondary antibody specific for clone 90, while clone 90-Alexa Fluor 647 stimulated cells were visualized directly. In certain experiments, cells were stimulated with clone 90-Alexa Fluor 647 at 4°C and 37°C to visualize basal and clone 90-stimulated states respectively. Cells were counterstained with DAPI (1 µg/ml; SigmaAldrich, D9542) for 5 min following secondary antibody incubation. Imaging was performed using a Leica SP5 or SP8 inverted 5 channel confocal microscope equipped with ultra-sensitive hybrid detectors (Leica Microsystems, Buffalo Grove, IL). The following laser lines were used at minimal laser power (0.2–1%): diode for 405 nm, Argon for 458 and 488 nm, and HeNe lasers for 594 and 633 nm excitation wavelengths. Z stacks of cellular monolayers (Z = 10– 15 μ m) were collected for further processing. Postacquisition image processing was performed using Huygens (Scientific Volume Imaging, Hilversum North Holland) and Imaris (Bitplane, Concord MA) software.

FRET-FLIM Sample preparation and analysis

HEK293T cells were seeded onto 12-mm poly-l-lysine coated coverslips (Thermo Fisher Scientific, 08-774-383) and transfected overnight with HA-CD38, MYC-LRRK2, or both constructs. Twenty-four hours post-transfection, samples were either left unstimulated or stimulated with Alexa Fluor 647conjugated clone 90 (10 µg/ml) for 30 min at 37°C. Samples were then washed with PBS, fixed with BD Cytofix[™] (BD Biosciences, 554655) following the manufacturer's protocol, and blocked with 1% BSA in PBS for 15 min at RT. Cells were stained with anti-HA (BioLegend, 901514;1:300), anti-MYC (71D10; Cell Signaling Technology, 2278; 1:200), or clone 90-Alexa Fluor 647 (BioLegend, 102716; 1:50) in 1% BSA in PBS overnight and with the appropriate secondary antibodies (Thermo Fisher Scientific, A32754 and A32728; 1:500) for 1 h at RT the next day. Coverslips were then mounted onto glass slides, and images acquired using a Leica SP8WLL falcon inverted confocal microscope with a 63× oil immersion objective (Leica Microsystems, Buffalo Grove IL). For fluorescence resonance energy transfer by fluorescence lifetime imaging (FRET-FLIM) analysis, fluorescence decays were acquired and resolved by time-correlated single-photon counting using SP8 FLIM FALCON system equipped with a tunable white light laser system set at 594 nm excitation wavelength and 80 MHz frequency. Images were acquired at 512-512pixel format, collecting over 1,000 photons per pixel. FRET efficiency transients and FRET-FLIM Images were analyzed and processed using LASX Single Molecule detection analysis software (Leica Microsystems, Buffalo Grove IL).

TFEB subcellular localization imaging

To observe subcellular localization of transfected TFEBmCherry, HeLa cells were plated on 14 mm microwell dishes (MatTek Life Sciences, P35GCOL-1.0–14-C) and transfected with 300 ng TFEB mCherry and 500 ng of the gene of interest. In certain experiments, inhibitors were added 1–2 h prior to imaging. To quantify the nuclear translocation of TFEB, the percent of cells with nuclear TFEB was manually determined; at least 5 fields and a minimum of 150 cells were quantified per dish, and each experiment was performed independently three times. In all cases, the investigator was blind to the condition being quantified. To observe the subcellular localization of endogenous TFEB, BMDMs were treated as indicated and stained for TFEB and DAPI. Z stacks were captured and subject to post-acquisition processing on Imaris (Bitplane). Briefly, nuclei were segmented using the DAPI channel and cell body segmented using the TFEB channel. For each cell, the mean fluorescence intensity (MFI) of the TFEB channel for both the nuclear and cytoplasmic compartment were measured and the nuclear:cytoplasmic TFEB MFI ratio calculated [72]. Data is presented as nuclear: cytoplasmic MFI normalized to the control group.

Intracellular calcium measurements

Cells were seeded at 10^5 cells per 100 µl loading medium (complete RPMI) into poly-D-lysine coated black wall, clear bottom 96 well microtiter plates (Thermo Fisher Scientific, 152037). An equal volume of assay loading buffer (FLIPR calcium 4 assay kit; Molecular Devices, R8141) in HBSS supplemented with 20 mM HEPES and 2 mM probenecid (Sigma-Aldrich, 57-66-9) was added. Cells were incubated at 37°C for 1 h before adding the indicated dose of purified anti-CD38 (clone 90), rat IgG2a, κ isotype control antibody, or NAADP-AM (3 µM). The calcium flux peak was measured using a FlexStation 3 (Molecular Devices, San Jose CA) for 5 min and the data analyzed using SoftMax Pro 5.2 (Molecular Devices, San Jose CA). Calcium responses are shown for individual wells in a 96 well plate analyzed in parallel, and experiments were repeated on three independent batches of cells with similar results. Data is shown as fluorescent counts and the y-axis labeled as Lm1.

Quantitative RT-PCR

Total RNA was isolated using TRIzol Reagent (Thermo Fisher Scientific, 15596026) following the manufacturer's protocol. The yield was determined using a NanoDrop One spectrophotometer (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham MA). cDNA was synthesized from 2 μ g of total RNA in a 20 μ l reaction mixture using the Transcriptor First Strand cDNA Synthesis Kit (Sigma-Aldrich, 11483188001). RT-PCR was performed with the synthesized cDNA using FastStart Universal SYBR Green Master (Sigma-Aldrich, 4913914001) and primers for genes of interest on a StepOne Real-Time PCR System (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham MA) following the manufacturer's instructions. The results were normalized to GAPDH, and relative mRNA levels calculated using the $2^{-\Delta\Delta Ct}$ method. Primer sequences are listed in Table S1.

Seahorse assay for metabolic flux

Metabolic flux on BMDMs was performed as previously described [45]. In short, BMDMs were plated at 100,000 cells/ well in an XFe96 Cell Culture Microplate (Agilent Technologies, 101085–004) and stimulated with the indicated dose of LPS or IL4 (R&D Systems, 404-ML-010) for 24 h. In a non-CO₂ incubator, the Seahorse Sensor Cartridge (Agilent Technologies, 102416–100) was hydrated in ddH₂O overnight and calibrated in Seahorse Calibrant Solution (Agilent Technologies, 100840–000) 1 h prior to assay. BMDMs were washed and incubated in Seahorse XF Base Medium (Agilent Technologies, 103335–100) supplemented with 2 mM glutamine (Thermo Fisher Scientific,

25030149) at pH 7.4 in a non-CO₂ incubator for 1 h prior to assay. Extracellular acidification rates (ECAR) and oxygen consumption rates (OCR) were measured using the Seahorse XFe96 (Agilent Technologies, Wilmington DE), and both ECAR and OCR were recorded after the sequential injection of 2.5 M glucose (Thermo Fisher Scientific, A2494001), 5 mM oligomycin A (Cayman Chemicals, 11342), 5 mM FCCP (Cayman Chemicals, 15218) + 100 mM Sodium Pyruvate (Thermo Fisher Scientific, 11360070), and 5 mM Antimycin A (Sigma Aldrich, A8674) + 5 mM Rotenone (Cayman Chemicals, 13995). Measurements were normalized to cell density as measured by Hoechst (Thermo Fisher Scientific, 62249) staining.

Statistical analysis and schematic

Student's t-test or One-way ANOVA followed by post hoc analysis was used to test for statistical differences between groups. Statistical analysis was done on GraphPad Prism 7.01 and p < 0.05 considered significant. Data are expressed as a mean value \pm SEM. Experiments were typically repeated three times. The schematic was made using BioRender.

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