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Experimental Section**hPSC lines and cell culture**

Three hPSC lines (2 hESC lines-H9, H1 and 1 iPSC line-ZSSY001) were used in this study. All hPSC lines were cultured in mTeSR1 medium (Stem Cell Technologies, Cat. 05850) on Matrigel in the incubator (37°C, 5% CO₂) and passaged with TrypLE. All genetically engineered hPSC lines retained pluripotency and had normal karyotypes.

Plasmid design and construction

To construct the FKO1 or FKO2 targeting vectors, the oligos of single guided RNA (sgRNA) were annealed and cloned into PX459 backbone plasmid to form PX459-sgRNA. To construct the FOXA2-iOE targeting vector, the oligos of single guided RNA (sgRNA) were annealed and cloned into PX330 backbone plasmid to form PX459-sgRNA.

For FKO1 donor plasmid (FOXA2-Stop-SV40-Neo) construction, three stop codons in different reading frames (5'-TGAGTAGGTAG-3') and SV40-Neo (a hybrid gene consisting of SV40 promoter driving the Neomycin resistance gene) were sequentially assembled into pUC19 plasmid to get pUC19-Stop-SV40-Neo. Then the left and right homology arms flanking the target site were assembled into the pUC19-Stop-SV40-Neo to form the donor vector. For FOXA2-iOE donor plasmid construction, the FOXA2 coding sequence were amplified from the pENTER-FOXA2 plasmid (Vigene Biosciences, Shandong, China) and cloned into AAVS1-TRE3G-EGFP to replace the EGFP. The sequences of sgRNA oligos are listed in **Table S4**.

Single-cell RNA-seq library preparation and sequencing

TPH2^{EGFP} reporter cell lines were used for this assay. At day 42 of differentiation, cells were dissociated by accutase and filtered through cell strainer (40 µm) to obtain single cells. Highly purified EGFP-labeled SNs were then derived by fluorescence-activated cell sorting (FACS) as we previously described.^[1]

Single-cell suspension was loaded to the 10x Chromium to capture 8000-10000 single cells according to the instructions for the 10X Genomics Chromium Single-Cell 3' kit (V3). cDNA amplification and library construction were performed according to standard protocols. Sequencing was carried out on an Illumina NovaSeq 6000 platform using 150

bp double-end reads, with a minimum depth of 20,000 reads per cell. The output CellRanger expression profile matrix was loaded into Seurat (version 4.1.0) to filter out low quality cells from scRNA-seq data. The filtered data was downscaled and clustered. Quality control involved removing low-quality cells with >25% reads mapping to mitochondria or that expressed fewer than 500 genes per cell. Then the Doublet Finder R package was used to filter for the second time to remove the doublets.

The Illumina sequencing results were converted to FASTQ format using bcl2fastq software (version 5.0.1). The scRNA-seq sequencing data were compared to reference genome using CellRanger software. This analysis enabled the identification and quantification of cellular and individual cellular 3' end transcripts in the sequenced samples. (<https://support.10xgenomics.com/single-cell-gene-expression/software/pipelines/latest/what-is-cell-ranger>, version 7.0.0)

Standard procedures for dimensionality reduction and clustering were performed using the Seurat package (version 4.1.0). For visualization, cells were projected into 2-dimensional space using the Uniform Manifold Approximation and Projection (UMAP). Cellranger aggr was used for data normalization and the integration of the datasets from the two samples, while Harmony was used to remove the batch effects. The downstream clustering was then performed. Briefly, gene expression values were calculated using the LogNormalize method on Seurat system. PCA was performed using the normalized expression values, top 20 PCs were used for clustering and Findcluster analysis. The marker genes of each cluster were analyzed based on Findallmarker (selection criteria: expressed in more than 10% of cells in each cluster, P value ≤ 0.01 , gene expression logFC ≥ 0.26). Hypergeometric testing was used to perform KEGG enrichment analysis on the differential genes within each cluster, relative to other clusters obtained from FindAllMarkers analysis.

Comparison of scRNA datasets of *in vitro* human SNs with *in vivo* mouse SNs

For cross-species comparison analysis of scRNA-seq data, the two scRNA-seq datasets of WT mouse SNs reported by Okaty et al. were downloaded from the Gene Expression Omnibus (GEO) repository (GSM4303413, GSM4303412).^[2] The orthologous genes across species (mouse-WT1, mouse-WT2, human-WT, human-FKO SNs) were identified

by BLAST, and only the one-to-one orthologous genes (n=57612) were included for subsequent analysis, the genes without one-to-one matches or with one-to-many matches were excluded. Cross-species integration of the scRNA-seq datasets and batch correction were performed using the LIGER (Linked Inference of Genomic Experimental Relationships) algorithm, which was reported to be an excellent algorithm for cross-species integration of scRNA-seq datasets.^[3] One of the scRNA datasets of WT mouse SNs is a biological replicate of the other dataset,^[2] we thus combined the two mouse scRNA-seq datasets into one dataset.

Immunofluorescence staining of cells

Cells seeded on the coverslips were fixed with 4% paraformaldehyde for 30 minutes and washed with DPBS for three times at room temperature (RT). Then cells were incubated with blocking buffer (10% donkey serum and 0.2% Triton-X100 in DPBS) for 30 minutes at RT, followed by incubation with primary antibodies (diluted in DPBS, containing 5% donkey serum and 0.2% TritonX-100) at 4°C overnight. Cells were then washed with DPBS for three times, followed by 45 minutes of incubation with fluorescent secondary antibodies and DAPI (diluted in DPBS, containing 5% donkey serum) at RT. Then cells were washed with DPBS and mounted onto slides with anti-fade Fluoromount-G solution. The information for antibodies used in this study is listed in **Table S5**.

mRNA extraction and qPCR

Total RNA was extracted using RNA extraction kit (Magen, China) and diluted in RNAase free water. 1 µg of RNA was reverse transcribed to cDNA using PrimeScriptTMRT reagent kit (TAKARA, Japan). qPCR was performed using the SYBR Green Mix (Bio-Rad, USA) in a BioRad CFX96 Thermal Cycler (Bio-Rad, USA). Housekeeping gene *GAPDH* was used to normalize mRNA levels between different samples. Primer sequences are listed in **Table S4**.

Western blotting

Cells were lysed in RIPA buffer supplemented with proteinase inhibitors cocktails and PMSF on ice for 10 minutes. Protein quantification was performed using BCA kit, followed by denaturation of protein in sample loading buffer at 100°C for 10 minutes. 30 µg of total protein was loaded and separated in 10% SDS-PAGE gel using running buffer. Then

proteins were transferred to PVDF membrane in transfer buffer using semi-dry transfer device (Bio-Rad, USA), followed by blocking in TBST containing 5% non-fat milk for 1 hour at RT. After washing with TBST for three times, the membrane was incubated in primary antibodies diluted in TBST containing 5% non-fat milk at 4°C overnight on the shaker. After washing with TBST for three times, the membranes were incubated in HRP-conjugated secondary antibodies at RT for 1 hour. After washing for three times, the membranes were incubated in ECL working solution (Bio-Rad, USA) for 1 minutes and transferred to the Amersham Imager 600 (GE, USA) immediately to detect the signals. The information for antibodies used in this study is listed in **Table S5**.

Conditioned medium assay

Collection of conditioned medium and incubation assay were performed as previously described with some modifications.^[4] Briefly, at day 21 of differentiation, medium was removed and the cells were washed in DPBS for three times. The fresh NIM without patterning cues was added into the cultures and collected after 3 days. The conditioned medium was filtered and mixed with fresh NIM at 1:2 ratio and then incubated with cells at day 7 of differentiation for one week. The medium was replaced by fresh conditioned medium every other day. At day 14 of differentiation, the cells were fixed and detected for NKX6.1 expression.

Measurement of 5-HT release by ELISA

At day 52 of differentiation, fresh NDM was added to SN culture and incubated at 37°C for 1 hour (with/without 10 μ M EO) or 20 min (with/without 56 mM KCl). All the supernatants were collected and the extracellular 5-HT level was measured using ELISA kit according to the manufacturer's instructions. Whole-cell slides were scanned with Pannoramic MIDI (3DHISTECH, Budapest, Hungary) and 5-HT-positive SNs per slide were counted with ImageJ software. Then the concentrations of 5-HT released by each SN was calculated as 5-HT concentration divided by the number of SNs per slide.

Electrophysiological recording

Whole cell electrophysiology recording was performed on cells at day 42 of differentiation as we previously described.^[1, 5] Briefly, coverslips with TPH2^{EGFP} reporter SNs were carefully transferred to the recording chamber and perfused with balanced salt solution.

SNs were identified by EGFP signals under the fluorescence microscope. The recording electrodes were filled with an internal fluid (20 mM KCl, 10 mM Na⁺-HEPES, 121 mM K⁺-gluconate, 10 mM BAPTA, 4 mM Mg²⁺-ATP, pH = 7.2) and the electrical resistance was 3~5 MΩ. To detect activities of Na⁺/K⁺ channel, Na⁺/K⁺ currents were triggered by stepped voltages from -40 mV to +30 mV in 5 mV increments and recorded. Then, the currents (2 pA increment, from -14 pA to +14 pA) were injected to the SNs to evoke the APs. Spontaneous APs and sEPSC were recorded in current-clamp mode (0 mA) and voltage-clamp mode (-60 mV), respectively. Data were acquired by Clampex 10.2 software through DigiData-1440A converter and analyzed by Clampfit 10.2, Origin and GraphPad Prism software.

Inhibition/activation assays for RA receptors

For RAR inhibitory assay: at day 7 of differentiation, 0.5 μM purmorphamine with 100 nM RA were added into the medium. Then the selective antagonists for the three RA receptors (2 μM of RO 41-5253: inhibitor for RARα; 1 μM of LE135: inhibitor for RARβ; 1 μM of LY 2955303: inhibitor for RARγ) were treated to the cells for one week, respectively. For RARα activation assay: at day 7 of differentiation, 0.5 μM purmorphamine was added into the medium. Then 100 nM of AM580, a selective agonist of RARα, was added to medium for one week. At day14 of differentiation, the cells were investigated by immunofluorescence assay.

RNA sequencing

Total RNA was extracted from different groups with three replicates at day 14 of differentiation. RNA-seq transcriptome library was prepared using TruSeqTM RNA sample preparation Kit from Illumina (San Diego, CA) with 1 μg of total RNA. Then the paired-end RNA-seq library was sequenced with the Illumina HiSeq xten/NovaSeq 6000 sequencer (2 × 150 bp read length) (Majorbio, China). The raw paired reads were trimmed and the quality was controlled by SeqPre (<https://github.com/jstjohn/SeqPrep>) and Sickle (<https://github.com/najoshi/sickle>), followed by aligning to the reference genomic using HISAT2. More than 6.77Gb clean data was obtained for each sample. DEGs analysis was performed by DESeq2 with adjusted-P value ≤0.05. GO functional enrichment assay and KEGG pathway analysis were performed using Goatools and KOBAS.

Supplemental Figure

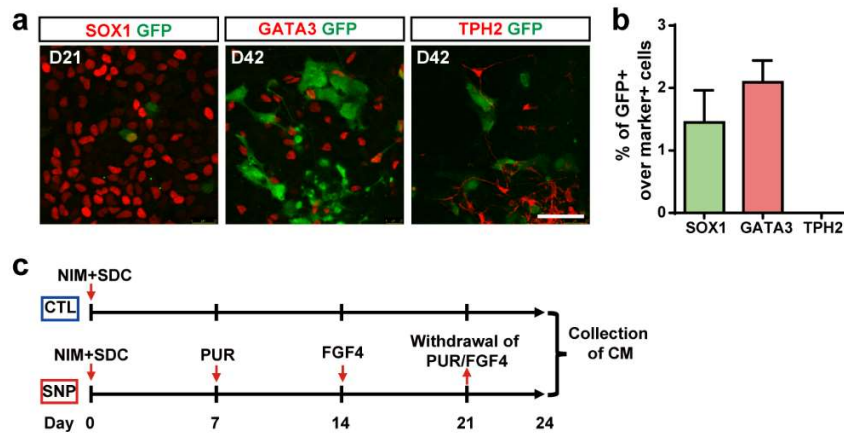


Figure S1. Investigation of the identity of FOXA2+ cells. (a) Immunofluorescence staining of SOX1, GATA3 and TPH2 at key stages of differentiation (day 21 and 42) of FOXA2-lineage-tracing hESCs towards SNs. (b) Quantification for a. n = 3 independent experiments. (c) Schematic diagram for collecting conditioned medium from control and SNP with PUR treatment. NIM: neural induction medium; SDC: SB431542, DMH1, CHIR99021; PUR: purmorphamine; NDM: neuronal differentiation medium; CTL: control; CM: conditioned medium; SNP: serotonergic progenitors. Scale bar: (a) 50 μ m.

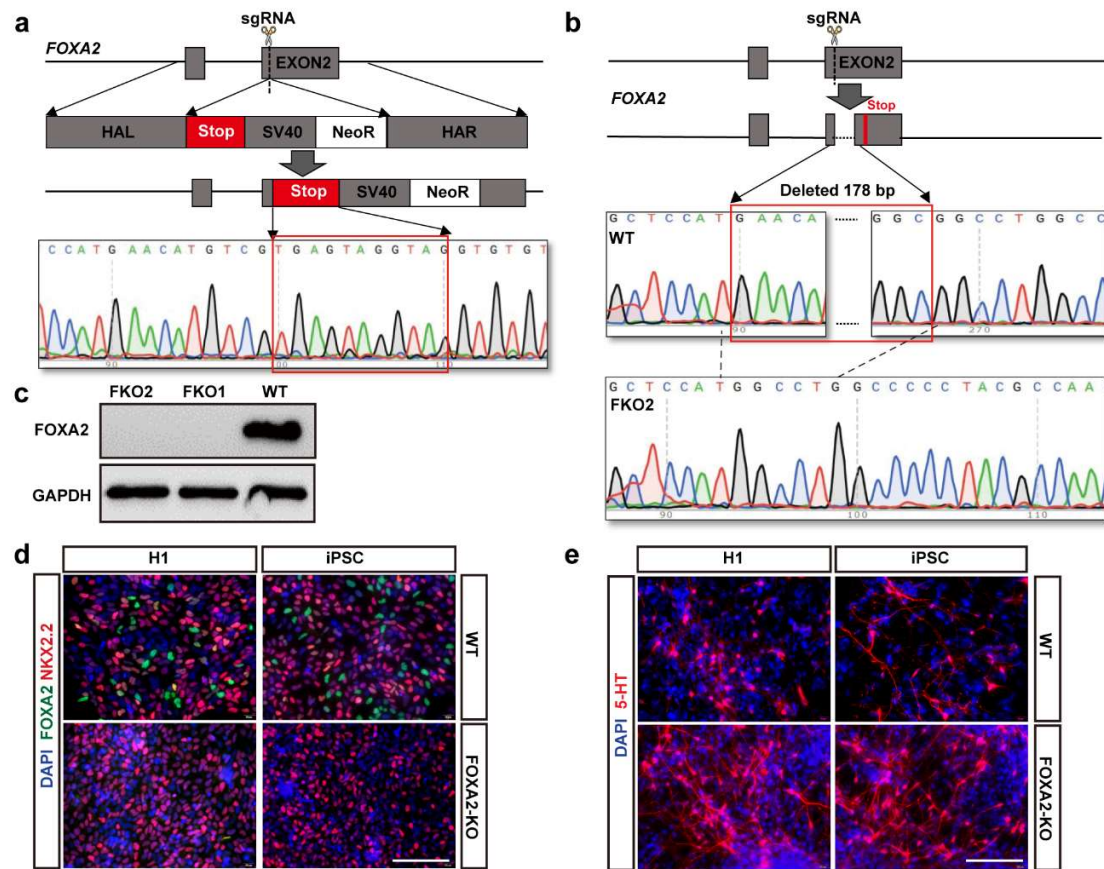


Figure S2. Generation of FKO hPSC lines and construction of TPH2^{EGFP} reporter cell line on the background of FKO2 cells. (a, b) Schematic diagram for the 1st FKO (a) and the 2nd FKO (b) strategies and Sanger sequencing chromatogram for FKO cell lines. (c) Western blotting of FOXA2 for three cell lines (WT-H9, FKO1-H9 and FKO2-H9) at day 14 of differentiation towards SNs. (d, e) Immunofluorescence staining of FOXA2 and NKX2.2 at day 21 (d) and 5-HT at day 42 (e) of differentiation towards SNs from H1 and iPSC-derived WT or FKO hPSCs. n = 3 independent experiments. Scale bar: (d, e) 100 μ m.

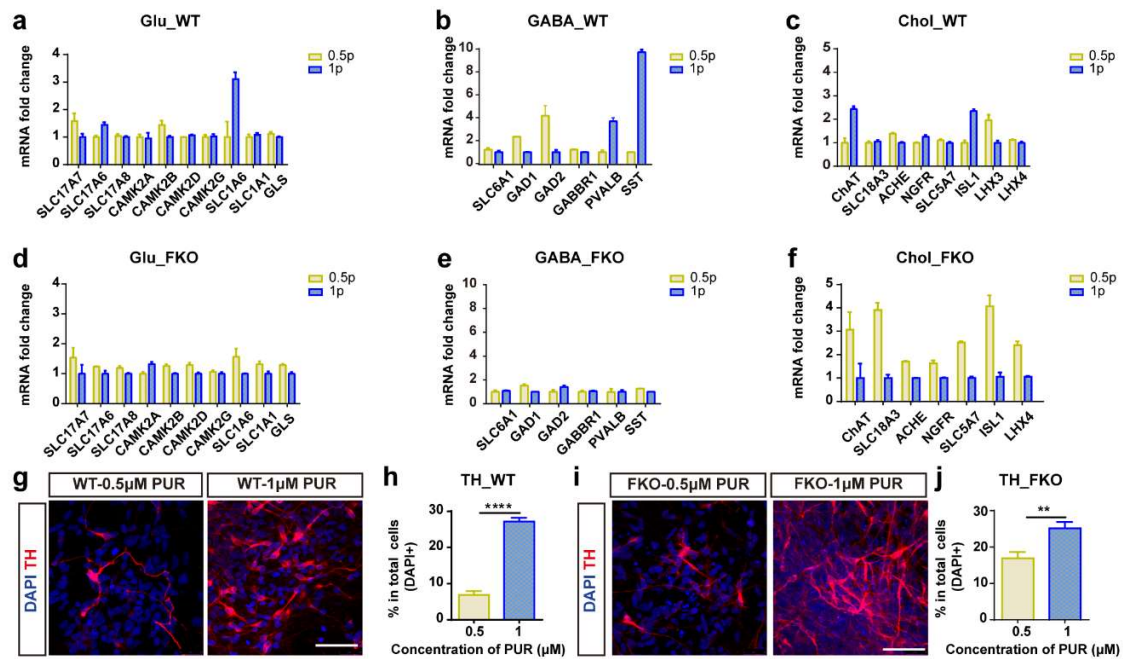


Figure S3. Evaluation of the influence of PUR on the proportion of other neuron types in the differentiation medium of WT and FKO cells. (a-c) mRNA expression levels of glutamatergic **(a)**, GABAergic **(b)** and cholinergic **(c)** markers in WT cells treated with different concentrations of PUR. **(d-f)** mRNA expression levels of glutamatergic **(d)**, GABAergic **(e)** and cholinergic **(f)** markers in FKO cells treated with different concentrations of PUR. **(g, h)** Immunofluorescence staining **(g)** and quantification **(h)** of TH⁺ cells in WT cells treated with different concentrations of PUR. **(i, j)** Immunofluorescence staining **(i)** and quantification **(j)** of TH⁺ cells in FKO cells treated with different concentrations of PUR. $n = 3$ independent experiments. $**p < 0.01$; $****p < 0.0001$. Scale bar: **(g, i)** 100 μm .

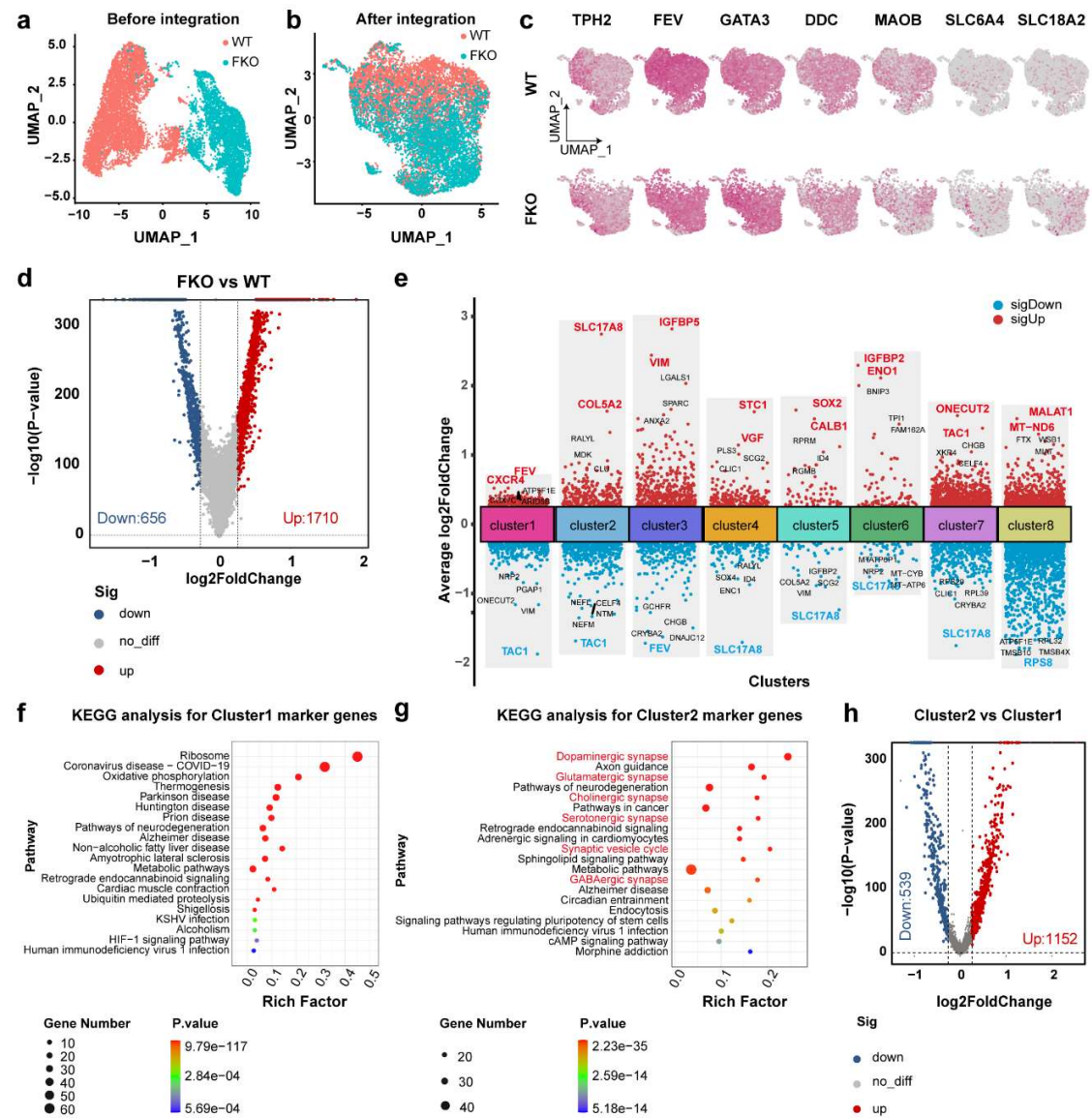


Figure S4. Comparative analysis of subpopulation composition and transcriptomic profiles of WT- and FKO-SNs. (a) UMAP plot of the datasets before integration. (b) UMAP plot of the datasets after integration. (c) Expression patterns of the key serotonergic marker genes across individual serotonin neurons presented as UMAP plots after integration. (d) The volcano plots of the upregulated and the downregulated DEGs in FKO-SNs compared to WT-SNs. (e) The volcano plots of the top five upregulated- and downregulated-genes in each cluster for the combined dataset. (f) KEGG enrichment analysis of the cluster 1 marker genes. (g) KEGG enrichment analysis of the cluster 2 marker genes. (h) The volcano plots of the upregulated and the downregulated DEGs in cluster 2 compared to cluster 1.

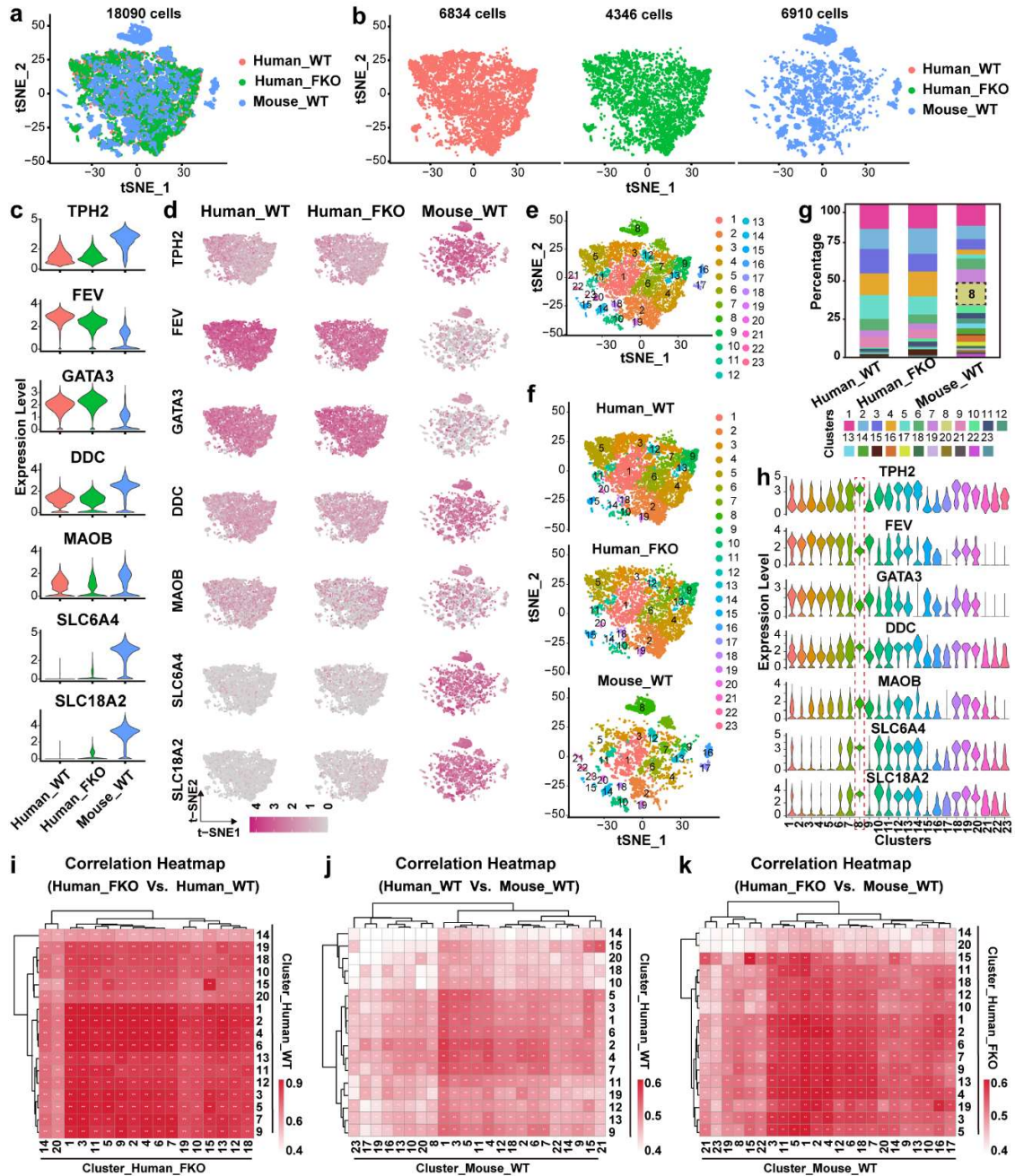


Figure S5. Cross-species integration and comparison of scRNA-seq datasets of human_WT, human_FKO and mouse_WT *TPH2*+ SNs. (a-b) Combined (a) and split (b) tSNE plot showing the distribution of individual *TPH2*+ SNs of human_WT, human_FKO and mouse_WT groups. (c) Violin plot showing the expression level of serotonergic markers in human_WT, human_FKO and mouse_WT *TPH2*+ SNs. (d) tSNE plot showing the expression pattern of serotonergic markers by human_WT, human_FKO and mouse_WT *TPH2*+ SNs at single cell level. (e-f) Combined (e) and split (f) tSNE plot

illustrating the distribution of the 23 clusters of human_WT, human_FKO and mouse_WT *TPH2*⁺ SNs. **(g)** The bar graph showing the percentage of each cluster in human_WT, human_FKO and mouse_WT *TPH2*⁺ SNs. **(h)** Violin plot showing the expression of SN markers in the 23 clusters from the combined datasets of human and mouse *TPH2*⁺ SNs. **(i)** Heatmap showing the Spearman correlation of the clusters between human_FKO and human_WT SNs. **(j)** Heatmap showing the Spearman correlation of the clusters between human_WT and mouse_WT SNs. **(k)** Heatmap showing the Spearman correlation of the clusters between human_FKO and mouse_WT SNs. The correlation coefficient is represented by the color bar: a higher coefficient indicates a stronger correlation.

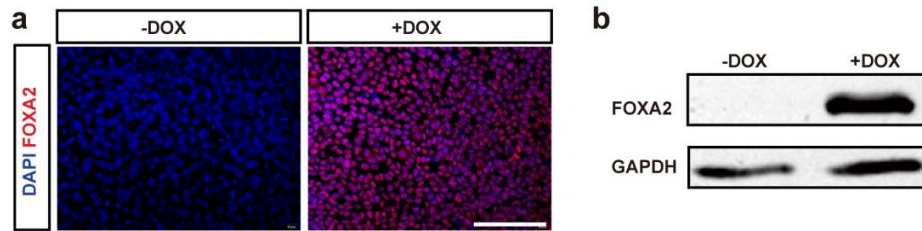


Figure S6. Validation of FOXA2-iOE hPSC line (H9). (a-b) Immunofluorescence staining (a) and western blotting (b) of FOXA2 in WT and FOXA2-iOE hPSCs after DOX treatment for 3 days. WT: wide type; DOX: doxycycline. Scale bars: (a) 100 μ m.

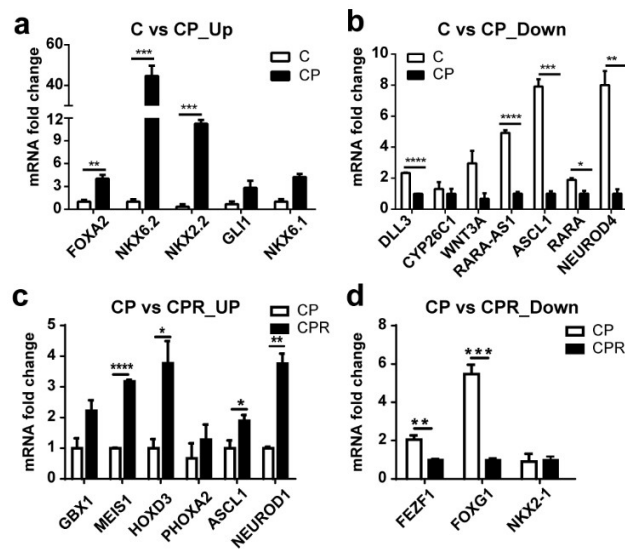


Figure S7. Verification of DEGs by qPCR. (a, b) mRNA expression levels of the upregulated (a) and the downregulated (b) DEGs in WT hPSCs-derived cells at day 14 of differentiation with or without PUR treatment. (c, d) mRNA expression levels of the upregulated (c) and the downregulated (d) DEGs in WT hPSCs-derived cells at day 14 of differentiation with or without RA treatment. * p <0.05; ** p <0.01; *** p <0.001; **** p <0.0001. C: treatment with SDC; CP: treatment with SDC and PUR; CPR: treatment with SDC, PUR and RA.

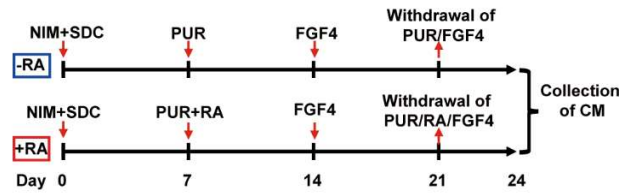


Figure S8. Schematic diagram for the collection of conditioned medium. Schematic diagram for conditioned medium collection from the differentiated cells with PUR treatment and PUR plus RA treatment. NIM: neural induction medium; SDC: SB431542, DMH1, CHIR99021; PUR: purmorphamine; NDM: neuronal differentiation medium; CTL: control; CM: conditioned medium; SNP: serotonergic progenitors.

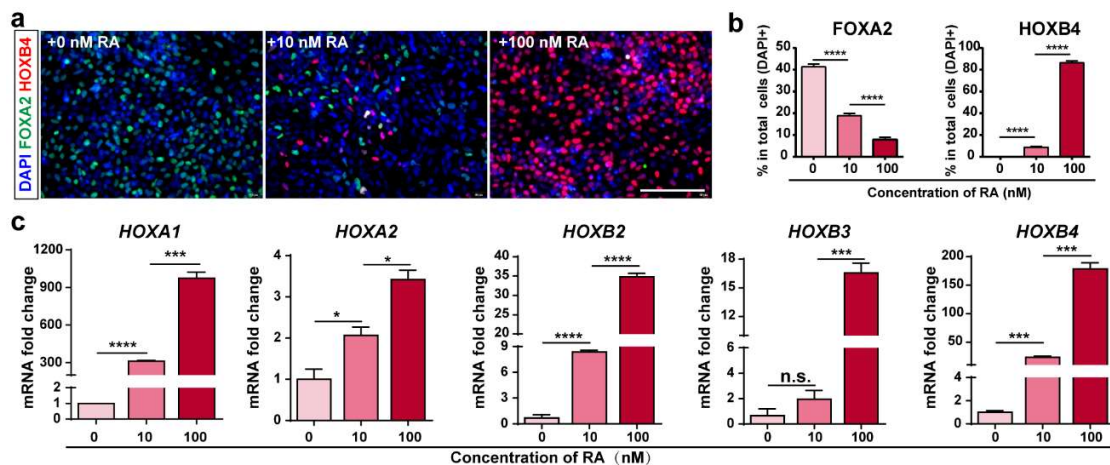


Figure S9. Evaluation of the influence of RA on FOXA2 expression and neural caudalization. Immunofluorescence staining (a) and quantification (b) of FOXA2+ cells or HOXB4+ cells in response to increasing concentrations of RA. (c) mRNA expression levels of caudal HOX genes in response to increasing concentrations of RA. * p <0.05; *** p <0.001; **** p <0.0001; n.s.: no significance. Scale bars: (a) 100 μ m.

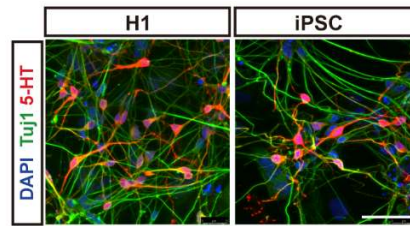


Figure S10. Differentiation of caudal SNs from hPSCs. Immunofluorescence staining of 5-HT and Tuj1 at day 42 of differentiation from H1 and ZSSY001 (an iPSC line) towards caudal SNs. Scale bar = 50 μ m.

Supplemental Table

Table S1. The number of total cells and serotonergic marker positive cells

| Group | Number and percentage of marker positive cells | | | | | | | |
|-------|--|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | Total | <i>TPH2</i> | <i>FEV</i> | <i>GATA3</i> | <i>DDC</i> | <i>MAOB</i> | <i>SLC6A4</i> | <i>SLC18A2</i> |
| WT | 6000 | 6000/ 100% | 5913/ 98.6% | 5796/ 96.6% | 5368/ 89.5% | 4408/ 73.5% | 1205/ 20.1% | 1198/ 20.0% |
| FKO | 3891 | 3891/ 100% | 3724/ 95.7% | 3768/ 96.8% | 3047/ 78.3% | 1997/ 51.3% | 1005/ 25.8% | 1357/ 34.9% |

Table S2. List of the expression levels of interested genes in the clusters of WT- and FKO-SNs. (The numbers represent relative expression levels of genes calculated by the AverageExpression function in Seurat.)

| GeneName | TPH2 | GATA3 | LMX1B | SLC18A2 | SLC29A4 | HTT | MAOA |
|--------------|------|-------|-------|---------|---------|------|------|
| WT_Cluster1 | 3.37 | 7.86 | 0.38 | 0.23 | 0.20 | 0.25 | 0.09 |
| FKO_Cluster1 | 4.69 | 11.90 | 0.83 | 0.49 | 0.31 | 0.51 | 0.32 |
| WT_Cluster2 | 2.33 | 6.31 | 0.41 | 0.25 | 0.18 | 0.35 | 0.14 |
| FKO_Cluster2 | 2.73 | 9.24 | 0.84 | 0.67 | 0.30 | 0.52 | 0.62 |
| WT_Cluster3 | 1.87 | 5.13 | 0.32 | 0.21 | 0.17 | 0.27 | 0.08 |
| FKO_Cluster3 | 2.31 | 6.75 | 0.64 | 0.75 | 0.27 | 0.50 | 0.30 |
| WT_Cluster4 | 4.92 | 7.27 | 0.41 | 0.15 | 0.15 | 0.27 | 0.06 |
| FKO_Cluster4 | 5.14 | 9.26 | 1.15 | 0.28 | 0.31 | 0.36 | 0.39 |
| WT_Cluster5 | 2.27 | 6.73 | 0.35 | 0.15 | 0.18 | 0.28 | 0.09 |
| FKO_Cluster5 | 2.56 | 9.99 | 0.71 | 0.43 | 0.27 | 0.54 | 0.34 |
| WT_Cluster6 | 5.61 | 3.69 | 0.40 | 0.35 | 0.19 | 0.33 | 0.10 |
| FKO_Cluster6 | 5.86 | 7.08 | 0.70 | 1.09 | 0.44 | 0.67 | 0.37 |
| WT_Cluster7 | 2.59 | 7.25 | 0.44 | 0.34 | 0.19 | 0.23 | 0.09 |
| FKO_Cluster7 | 3.06 | 9.73 | 0.85 | 0.79 | 0.40 | 0.69 | 0.53 |
| WT_Cluster8 | 1.00 | 1.27 | 0.14 | 0.03 | 0.15 | 0.20 | 0.09 |
| FKO_Cluster8 | 1.76 | 3.97 | 0.25 | 0.20 | 0.29 | 0.49 | 0.16 |

Table S3. List of the selected SN diversity related genes from the published studies.

| The genes listed below were reported from the article by Okaty et al., 2015.^[6] | | | | | | | |
|---|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|---------|
| F2RL2 | CALCR | EDNRB | GPR101 | RAMP1 | GRM4 | GRIK3 | PTGER3 |
| OPRK1 | HTR2A | GALR1 | RXFP3 | CXCR4 | ADRB1 | GLP1R | ADRA1A |
| GPR139 | HTR2C | OPRM1 | HTR1D | HTR1B | NPY2R | ADGRL2 | ADGRG2 |
| HTR5B | HCRT2 | CRHR2 | PKD2L1 | LPAR1 | NPY1R | CHRM1 | OXTR |
| P2RY1 | GRM7 | GPR35 | CYSLTR1 | CHRM2 | NTSR1 | CNR1 | GPR22 |
| GRM5 | TACR3 | CCKAR | PTH1R | SSTR1 | RXFP1 | GRM8 | NMBR |
| PRLHR | PTH2R | GABRA4 | GLRA2 | CFTR | SYT17 | CACNA1I | GRIK1 |
| IL1RAPL1 | CHRNA4 | CACNA1G | HCN4 | SLC6A1 | TRPM3 | TRPC5 | KCNIP4 |
| KCNT2 | RYR3 | KCNV1 | PIEZO2 | CHRNA4 | KCNH8 | NOS1 | KCNAB1 |
| KCND3 | DPP10 | CACNA1E | CACNG3 | ORAI1 | KCNA5 | SLC5A7 | FXD5 |
| CLIC1 | CNIH3 | KCNIP1 | SYTL5 | KCNQ5 | GRIA3 | GLRA3 | ITPR2 |
| KCNS3 | SV2C | SLC32A1 | GAD2 | CACNG5 | PLAGL1 | MEIS2 | ONECUT2 |
| NPAS1 | SOX5 | BCL11A | NKX2-2 | NR2F2 | HOXA2 | POU3F1 | TCF4 |
| RARA | ZFP560 | CBFA2T3 | SLC44A2 | NPAS4 | RORB | FOXP1 | SOX1 |
| KIT | PBX1 | PBX3 | ZFP467 | ZFPM1 | ESR2 | EN1 | DAP |
| FOXA1 | PAX5 | EN2 | SOX14 | NLRX1 | TNFRSF8 | CREB3L1 | IRAK3 |
| CREB3L2 | ETV5 | MEIS1 | NKX6-1 | CREM | ZFPM2 | TRIM15 | BHLHE22 |
| HOXD3 | ELK3 | TRIM25 | HOXB2 | NR2F1 | CNTN6 | CDH9 | PLXNB1 |
| PCDH18 | PTPRZ1 | PCDH10 | CDH10 | TENM2 | SEMA3E | COL19A1 | SEMA5A |
| DSCAM | CHL1 | SLIT2 | NRXN1 | PCDH16 | KIRREL | CDH8 | PCDH19 |
| NEGR1 | CDH2 | PCDH8 | EPHA4 | THY1 | CNTN3 | RELN | CDH6 |
| ITGB1 | SEMA4D | EMILIN2 | COL8A1 | CDH13 | COL14A1 | ROBO1 | RET |
| SPOCK1 | ROBO2 | PRKCA | CDH11 | CDH4 | PARVA | CNTN5 | CDH23 |
| NRXN3 | | | | | | | |
| The genes listed below were reported from the article by Okaty et al., 2020.^[2] | | | | | | | |
| GABBR1 | ADRA1B | ADRA2C | HTR1A | HCRT1 | HRH1 | GRM1 | ADRA2A |
| HRH3 | GPR149 | PROKR2 | GPR88 | S1PR3 | PTGER4 | GABBR2 | HTR7 |
| SSTR2 | TACR1 | TPH2 | SLC18A2 | CHGB | CHGA | TRH | PDYN |
| GAL | GHRH | ADCYAP1 | CRH | NMB | NPB | PENK | SST |
| SCN9A | KCNH7 | KCNQ3 | KCNC4 | CACNG4 | SCN7A | KCNG4 | KCNN3 |
| KCNJ4 | KCNC1 | HCN1 | KCNB2 | CACHD1 | KCNC2 | CACNA2D3 | KCNF1 |
| KCNA1 | KCNJ12 | KCND2 | KCNA4 | TRPC3 | KCTD8 | KCNK2 | KCTD4 |
| KCNH5 | GABRQ | GABRE | GRIA1 | GRIN3A | GABRG3 | GRIN2A | GABRA2 |
| GABRG2 | GABRA1 | GABRA5 | S100A10 | S100A11 | S100A16 | CALB1 | NECAB2 |
| NECAB1 | CALB2 | RYR2 | S100B | HS3ST4 | HS3ST5 | NDST3 | HS3ST1 |

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|---|--------|---------|---------|----------|----------|---------|---------|
| EXT1 | NDST4 | HS3ST6 | SULF2 | HS3ST2 | HS3ST3A1 | SULF1 | |
| The genes listed below were reported from the article by Okaty et al., 2019.^[7] | | | | | | | |
| FEV | GATA2 | GATA3 | LMX1B | DDC | MAOA | MAOB | TAC1 |
| CARTPT | GAD1 | SLC17A8 | MET | DRD2 | | | |
| The genes listed below were reported from the article by Ren et al., 2019.^[8] | | | | | | | |
| ADM | PTHLH | RLN1 | EDN3 | BCL11B | NPAS2 | E2F1 | EGR1 |
| EDN3 | BCL11B | NPAS2 | E2F1 | EGR1 | SOX4 | ZFP521 | TOX |
| RXRG | POU2F2 | ZFP503 | IRX2 | TSHZ1 | ARNTL | ZBTB7C | TSHZ2 |
| MBD4 | ARID5B | TOX3 | SOX13 | ZEB2 | SCX | MYC | NPAS3 |
| NR4A1 | FOXO1 | MAFB | TSHZ3 | MYB | MEF2C | ESR1 | MAF |
| SATB1 | AFF2 | POU3F2 | NFIB | NFIX | ZFP536 | SATB2 | TFEB |
| POU3F3 | ZFP599 | KLF5 | POU6F2 | CHRNA3 | ADRB2 | GIPR | PROKR1 |
| HTR1F | HTR3A | HTR4 | HTR5A | HTR6 | | | |
| The genes listed below were reported from the article by Huang et al., 2019.^[9] | | | | | | | |
| MAX | UNCX | ZFP46 | NR3C1 | PTMA | CITED2 | KLF6 | ZCCHC18 |
| NR3C1 | PTMA | CITED2 | KLF6 | ZCCHC18 | ZBTB20 | UNC5C | TENM3 |
| RTN4RL1 | TSPAN7 | SEMA6A | SHTN1 | TMTC1 | NXPH4 | SDK2 | CLSTN2 |
| EPB41L4B | NXPH1 | FAT3 | PLXNA4 | NRCAM | CNTNAP2 | NTM | PCDH7 |
| PCDH11X | LSAMP | PCDH15 | CBLN4 | EPHA5 | CBLN2 | CD47 | AMIGO2 |
| CADM1 | NRP2 | CNTN1 | PTPRT | PTPRM | LTBR | IGSF1 | OSBPL1A |
| FGFR1 | GFRA1 | GRIA2 | KCNAB2 | CACNA2D1 | CACNA2D2 | SLC6A17 | SYNGR3 |
| SLC6A4 | QDPR | SLC22A3 | SLC24A3 | SULT4A1 | SLC36A1 | SYT13 | |

Table S4. List of oligos and primers used in this study.

| Item | Orientation | Sequence (5'-3') |
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| sgRNA oligos | | |
| Targeting <i>FOXA2</i> gene | | ATGAACATGTCGTCGTACGT |
| Targeting <i>AAVS1</i> locus | | GGGGCCACTAGGGACAGGAT |
| Targeting <i>TPH2</i> gene | | ATATCTGGGGATTTGATGCC |
| PCR primers | | |
| Verification for FOXA2 knockout | forward | CTCCGTGAGCAACATGAACG |
| | reverse | TCGTTGAAGGAGAGCGAGTG |
| Verification for TPH2-EGFP reporter: 5TP | forward | AGACCTGGACTAAAGCCCCA |
| | reverse | TCGACGTCACCGCATGTTAG |
| Verification for TPH2-EGFP reporter: 3TP | forward | CAACCTCCCCTTCTACGAGC |
| | reverse | TTGATCTCTCCCTGATGTGTCT |
| Verification for TPH2-EGFP reporter: TN | forward | CCCTCGTACCAATGAGGGTT |
| | reverse | AGATGCAGTTTGGTTAAGGACA |
| qPCR primers | | |
| GAPDH | forward | TCAAGATCATCAGCAATGCC |
| | reverse | CGATACCAAAGTTGTCATGGA |
| SHH | forward | AGCGATTTAAGGAACTCACC |
| | reverse | CTTACACCTCTGAGTCATCAG |
| NTN1 | forward | CTGCATAAAGATCCCTGTAGC |
| | reverse | CTTGCAGTAGGAATCGCAG |
| SPON1 | forward | CAGTTCCCAGGTTGTAGGA |
| | reverse | ACGTTCCCTGAATTCCACCT |
| NESTIN | forward | GAAGGGCAATCACAACAGGTG |
| | reverse | GGGGCCACATCATCTTCCA |
| NCAD | forward | ATTTTCCCTCGACACCCGAT |
| | reverse | TCCCAGGCGTAGACCAAGA |
| FOXA2 | forward | GAGTTAAAGTATGCTGGGAGC |
| | reverse | GTTTCATGTTGCTCACGGAG |
| PHOX2B | forward | GCAGATAACAAATTCCTCGGT |
| | reverse | GTGAAGAGTTTGTAAGGAAACCC |
| RARA | forward | AAGCCCGAGTGCTCTGAGA |
| | reverse | TTCGTAGTGTATTTGCCAGC |
| RARB | forward | TCCGAAAAGCTCACCAGGAAA |
| | reverse | GGCCAGTTCACTGAATTTGTCC |
| RARG | forward | ATGCTGCGTATCTGCACAAG |
| | reverse | AGGCAAAGACAAGGTCTGTGA |

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| NKX6.2 | forward | GAGCAGACCAAGTACCTGG |
| | reverse | TCTGGAACCAGACCTTCAC |
| NKX2.2 | forward | CCTTCAGTACTCCCTGCAC |
| | reverse | TGTCATTGTCCGGTGACTC |
| NKX6.1 | forward | GAGTCAGGTCAAGGTCTGG |
| | reverse | CTCTTCCTCGTTCTCCGAG |
| GLI1 | forward | AGCGTGAGCCTGAATCTGTG |
| | reverse | CAGCATGTACTGGGCTTTGAA |
| DLL3 | forward | CGTCCGTAGATTGGAATCGCC |
| | reverse | TCCCGAGCGTAGATGGAAGG |
| CYP26C1 | forward | GAAACGCTGCACTGGTTAGTT |
| | reverse | CAGCAGGTGCGTCTTGAAC |
| WNT3A | forward | AGATTGGCATCCAGGAGTG |
| | reverse | CTCCCTGGTAGCTTTGTCC |
| RARA-AS1 | forward | TTATCCTCACAGCAACTCCA |
| | reverse | CATAGCCTTGCTGAGACCT |
| ASCL1 | forward | CCCAAGCAAGTCAAGCGACA |
| | reverse | AAGCCGCTGAAGTTGAGCC |
| NEUROD4 | forward | GAGAGCTAGTCAACACACCATC |
| | reverse | GCATCCCATAAGTACCTGGTCTG |
| GBX1 | forward | GCCCGTAAGAAACCCCAAGAT |
| | reverse | CTGCTCCATTTGTTGGTGCTG |
| MEIS1 | forward | GGGCATGGATGGAGTAGGC |
| | reverse | GGGTACTGATGCGAGTGCAG |
| HOXD3 | forward | CGGCAACTTCGTCGAGTCC |
| | reverse | ATGAGGGTCGCAAGGTCCA |
| PHOX2A | forward | GTGCCCTACAAGTTCTTCC |
| | reverse | CTCACGCGTGTAATGTCTG |
| NEUROD1 | forward | GTCTCCTTCGTTCAAGACGCTT |
| | reverse | AAAGTCCGAGGATTGAGTTGC |
| FEZF1 | forward | ATGGACAGTAGCTGCCACAAC |
| | reverse | TTTGACGTGCTCATCATGTT |
| FOXP1 | forward | CCGCACCCGTCAATGACTT |
| | reverse | CCGTCGTAAACTTGGCAAAG |
| LMX1B | forward | TTCTTGATGCGAGTCAACGAG |
| | reverse | GCAGTACAGTTTCCGATCCCG |
| NKX2.1 | forward | AGGACACCATGAGGAACAG |
| | reverse | CATGTTCTTGCTCACGTCC |

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| HOXA1 | forward | GGGTGTCCTACTCCCACTCA |
| | reverse | GGACCATGGGAGATGAGAGA |
| HOXA2 | forward | CGTCGCTCGCTGAGTGCCTG |
| | reverse | TGTCGAGTGTGAAAGCGTCGAGG |
| HOXB2 | forward | CCTAGCCTACAGGGTTCTCTC |
| | reverse | CACAGAGCGTACTGGTGAAAAA |
| HOXB3 | forward | AACGCCTTACACTCCATGACC |
| | reverse | ATTCTGGTGGGCTTTACCGAA |
| HOXB4 | forward | AAAGAGCCCGTCGTCTACC |
| | reverse | GTGTAGGCGGTCCGAGAG |
| SLC17A7 | forward | CTGGGGCTACATTGTCACTCA |
| | reverse | GCAAAGCCGAAAACCTCTGTTG |
| SLC17A6 | forward | TGGACATGGTCAACAACAGCA |
| | reverse | GGAACCGTGGATCATCCCC |
| SLC17A8 | forward | CCTCCCCAAGCGTTACATCAT |
| | reverse | GCTGTCTGAATTTCCGGTTTTCC |
| CAMK2A | forward | ACCACTACCTGATCTTCGACC |
| | reverse | CCGCCTCACTGTAATACTCCC |
| CAMK2B | forward | CTCTACGAGGATATTGGCAAGGG |
| | reverse | GCTTCTGGTGATCTCTGGCTG |
| CAMK2D | forward | AGTCAGAAGAGACTCGTGTGT |
| | reverse | TGATGGGTACTGTTGGTGACC |
| CAMK2G | forward | ACGTGAGGCTCGGATATGTC |
| | reverse | ACGAGGTAGTGAAACCCTTCT |
| SLC1A6 | forward | CTCAACCTGGGTCAGATCACA |
| | reverse | CCGACCGACGTAAGCACAA |
| SLC1A1 | forward | TTCTAATGCGGATGCTGAAACT |
| | reverse | CGCGCAGACCAATTTTTCC |
| GLS | forward | AGGGTCTGTTACCTAGCTTGG |
| | reverse | ACGTTGCAATCCTGTAGATTT |
| SLC6A1 | forward | GGGTATGGAAGCTGGCTCCTA |
| | reverse | AGGGGTTGTCGCACTGTTTC |
| GAD1 | forward | GCTTCCGGCTAAGAACGGT |
| | reverse | TTGCGGACATAGTTGAGGAGT |
| GAD2 | forward | ATTGGGAATTGGCAGACCAAC |
| | reverse | TTGAAGTATCTAGGATGCCCTGT |
| GABBR1 | forward | CTGTGCCCCGTCAAAAACCTG |
| | reverse | TTCTTCCCAAAGAGACGCTCC |

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| PVALB | forward | AAGAGTGCGGATGATGTGAAG |
| | reverse | GCCTTTTAGGATGAATCCCAGC |
| SST | forward | ACCCAACCAGACGGAGAATGA |
| | reverse | GCCGGGTTTGAGTTAGCAGA |
| CALB2 | forward | AGCGCCGAGTTTATGGAGG |
| | reverse | TGGTTTGGGTGTATTCCTGGA |
| ChAT | forward | CAGCCCTGCCGTGATCTTT |
| | reverse | TGTAGCTGAGTACACCAGAGATG |
| SLC18A3 | forward | TTCGCCTCTACAGTCCTGTTC |
| | reverse | GCTCCTCCGGGTACTTATCG |
| ACHE | forward | GGGTGGTAGACGCTACAACC |
| | reverse | GTGCCCTCAAAACCTGGGTAT |
| NGFR | forward | CCTACGGCTACTACCAGGATG |
| | reverse | CACACGGTGTTCTGCTTGT |
| SLC5A7 | forward | AAACCTATGCGTTCAAAGGGG |
| | reverse | GCAGGAATAAACAGGAGTCCG |
| ISL1 | forward | GCGGAGTGTAATCAGTATTTGGA |
| | reverse | GCATTTGATCCCGTACAACCT |
| LHX3 | forward | CAGTATTTCCGCAACATGAAGC |
| | reverse | GCTCCCGTAGAGGCCATTG |
| LHX4 | forward | CACTGCTTTGCTTGCATCATC |
| | reverse | GGCTGTCTCGTAGTCTTCCTT |
| Exogenous <i>FOXA2</i> gene in FOXA2-iOE cells | forward | CACACCACAGAAGTAAGGTTCC |
| | reverse | TCCCGGCCCATTTATGAACTC |

Table S5. List of reagents and resources used in this study.

| REAGENT or RESOURCE | SOURCE | IDENTIFIER |
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| Antibodies | | |
| Goat polyclonal anti-SOX1 | R&D system | Cat#AF3369; RRID: AB_2239879 |
| Mouse monoclonal anti-NKX2.2 | DSHB | Cat#74.5A5; RRID: AB_531794 |
| Goat polyclonal anti-FOXA2 | R&D system | Cat#AF2400; RRID: AB_2294104 |
| Mouse monoclonal anti-FOXA2 | Santa Cruz Biotechnology | Cat#sc-101060; RRID: AB_1124660 |
| Mouse monoclonal anti- β -Tubulin III | Sigma-Aldrich | Cat# T8660; RRID: AB_477590 |
| Mouse monoclonal anti- β -Tubulin | Yeasten Biotech | Cat# 30301ES40; RRID: N/A |
| Mouse monoclonal anti-Netrin1 | Abcam | Cat# ab126729; RRID: AB_11131145 |
| Rabbit polyclonal anti-NKX6-1 | Sigma-Aldrich | Cat# HPA036774; RRID: AB_10673664 |
| Goat polyclonal anti-PHOX2B | R&D Systems | Cat# AF4940; RRID: AB_10889846 |
| Rabbit polyclonal anti-OLIG2 | Millipore | Cat# AB9610; RRID: AB_570666 |
| Rabbit polyclonal anti-Substance P | ImmunoStar | Cat# 20064; RRID: AB_572266 |
| Rat monoclonal anti-CORIN | R&D Systems | Cat# MAB2209; RRID: AB_2082224 |
| Rat monoclonal anti-HOXB4 | DSHB | Cat# I12 anti-Hoxb4; RRID: AB_2119288 |
| Rabbit polyclonal anti-5-HT | ImmunoStar | Cat#20080; RRID: AB_572263 |
| Goat polyclonal anti-5-HT | Abcam | Cat# ab66047; RRID: AB_1142794 |
| Rabbit polyclonal anti-TPH2 | Thermofisher | Cat#PA1-778; RRID: AB_2207687 |
| Mouse monoclonal anti-Gata3 | R&D systems | Cat#MAB6330; RRID: AB_10640512 |
| Mouse monoclonal anti-GFP | Abcam | Cat#AB1218; RRID: AB_298911 |

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| Rabbit polyclonal anti-GFP | Beyotime | Cat#AG279; RRID: AB_2893351 |
| Mouse monoclonal anti-ASCL1 | BD Biosciences | Cat#556604; RRID: AB_396479 |
| Rabbit polyclonal anti-TH | chemicon | Cat#AB152; RRID: AB_390204 |
| Cy TM 3 AffiniPure Donkey Anti-Goat IgG (H+L) | Jackson ImmunoResearch | Cat#705-165-003; RRID:AB_2340411 |
| Fluorescein (FITC) AffiniPure Donkey Anti-Goat IgG (H+L) | Jackson ImmunoResearch | Cat#705-095-003; RRID:AB_2340400 |
| Fluorescein (FITC)-conjugated AffiniPure Donkey Anti-Mouse IgG (H+L) | Jackson ImmunoResearch | Cat#715-095-150; RRID:AB_2340792 |
| Cy TM 3-conjugated AffiniPure Donkey Anti-Mouse IgG (H+L) | Jackson ImmunoResearch | Cat#715-165-15; RRID:AB_2340813 |
| Fluorescein (FITC)-conjugated AffiniPure Donkey Anti-Rabbit IgG (H+L) | Jackson ImmunoResearch | Cat#711-095-152; RRID:AB_2315776 |
| Cy TM 3-conjugated AffiniPure Donkey Anti-Rabbit IgG (H+L) | Jackson ImmunoResearch | Cat#711-165-152; RRID:AB_2307443 |
| Cy TM 3 AffiniPure Donkey Anti-Rat IgG (H+L) | Jackson ImmunoResearch | Cat#712-165-150; RRID: AB_2340666 |
| Peroxidase-Conjugated Goat Anti-Rabbit IgG (H+L) | Yeasten Biotech | Cat# 33101ES60; RRID:AB_2922405 |
| Peroxidase-Conjugated Goat Anti-Mouse IgG (H+L) | Yeasten Biotech | Cat# 33201ES60; RRID:AB_10015289 |
| Chemicals, peptides, and recombinant proteins | | |
| SB 431542 | TargetMol | Cat#T1726; CAS 301836-41-9 |
| DMH1 | TargetMol | Cat#T1942; CAS 1206711-16-1 |
| CHIR 99021 | TargetMol | Cat#T2310; CAS 252917-06-9 |
| Purmorphamine | TargetMol | Cat#T1810; CAS 483367-10-8 |
| Y-27632 dihydrochloride | TargetMol | Cat#T1725; CAS 129830-38-2 |
| DAPT | TargetMol | Cat#T6202; CAS 208255-80-5 |

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| Retinoic acid | Sigma-Aldrich | Cat#R2625; CAS 302-79-4 |
| Ro 41-5253 | Sigma-Aldrich | Cat#SML0573; CAS 144092-31-9 |
| LE135 | Sigma-Aldrich | Cat#SML0809; CAS 155877-83-1 |
| LY 2955303 | Med Chem Express | Cat#HY-107765; CAS 1433497-19-8 |
| AM580 | TargetMol | Cat#T5854; CAS 102121-60-8 |
| Doxycycline | TargetMol | Cat#T1140; CAS 10592-13-9 |
| Cyclopamine | TargetMol | Cat#T2825; CAS 4449-51-8 |
| Escitalopram Oxalate | TargetMol | Cat#T6493; CAS 219861-08-2 |
| FGF4 | Novoprotein | Cat#CR08 |
| GDNF | PeproTech | Cat#450-10 |
| BDNF | PeproTech | Cat#450-02 |
| TGFβ3 | Novoprotein | Cat#CJ44 |
| IGF1 | PeproTech | Cat#100-11 |
| bFGF | PeproTech | Cat#100-18B |
| 2-Mercaptoethanol | Sigma-Aldrich | Cat#M3148 |
| poly-l-ornithine | Sigma-Aldrich | Cat#P3655 |
| Vitamin C | Sigma-Aldrich | Cat#A4403 |
| Matrigel | Corning | Cat#354277 |
| mTeSR™1 | Stemcell Technologies | Cat#85850 |
| TrypLE | Gibco | Cat#12604021 |
| DMEM/F12 | Gibco | Cat#11330-032 |
| Neurobasal | Gibco | Cat#21103049 |
| N2 | Gibco | Cat#17502048 |
| B27 | Gibco | Cat#12587010 |
| Non-Essential amino acids (NEAA) | Gibco | Cat#11140050 |
| GlutaMAX | Gibco | Cat#35050061 |
| Knockout™ SR | Gibco | Cat#10828028 |
| Laminin | Gibco | Cat#23017015 |
| Critical commercial assays | | |
| Serotonin high sensitive ELISA kit | IBL International GmbH | Cat#RE59141 |
| Kapa genomic DNA extraction kit | Kapabiosystems | Cat#KK7102 |

| Deposited data | | |
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| Raw and analyzed data | This study | GEO:GSE232830 |
| Experimental models: Cell lines | | |
| Human: H9 embryonic stem cells | WiCell Research Institute | WA01; RRID: CVCL_9771 |
| Human: H1 embryonic stem cells | WiCell Research Institute | WA01; RRID: CVCL_9771 |
| Human: induced pluripotent stem cells (BJTTHi001-A/ZSSY 001) | Nuwave | RC01001-A; RRID: CVCL_A8HA |
| Human: FKO1 stem cell line | This study | N/A |
| Human: FKO2 stem cell line | This study | N/A |
| Human: FOXA2-iOE stem cell line | This study | N/A |
| Human: FOXA2-tracing stem cell line ^[10] | | N/A |
| Human: FKO TPH2 ^{EGFP} stem cell line | This study | N/A |
| Human: H9 TPH2 ^{EGFP} stem cell line ^[1] | | N/A |
| Recombinant DNA | | |
| pENTER-FOXA2 | Vigene Biosciences | plasmid #CH893992; RRID: N/A |
| pX330-U6-Chimeric_BB-CBh-hSpCas9 | Addgene | Addgene plasmid #42230; RRID: Addgene_42230 |
| pSpCas9(BB)-2A-Puro (PX459) | Addgene | Addgene plasmid #48139; RRID: Addgene_48139 |
| AAVS1-TRE3G-EGFP | Addgene | Addgene plasmid #52343; RRID: Addgene_52343 |
| pUC19 | Addgene | Addgene plasmid #50005; RRID: Addgene_50005 |
| PX330-sgRNA | N/A | N/A |
| PX459-sgRNA | N/A | N/A |
| TPH2-T2A-EGFP | N/A | N/A |
| sgT2-Cas9 ^[1] | | N/A |
| pUC19-Stop-SV40-Neo | N/A | N/A |
| Software and algorithms | | |

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| GraphPad PRISM 6 | GraphPad | http://www.graphpad.com ; RRID:SCR_002798 |
| ImageJ | NIH | https://imagej.nih.gov/ij/ ; RRID:SCR_003070 |
| pClamp10.2 | Molecular Devices | http://www.moleculardevices.com RRID:SCR_011323 |
| Origin | OriginLab | http://www.originlab.com RRID:SCR_014212 |

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