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#### 16 Summary

Cellular processes including lysosomal and mitochondrial dysfunction are implicated in the 17 development of many diseases. Quantitative visualization of mitochondria and lysosoesl is crucial 18 19 to understand how these organelles are dysregulated during disease. To address a gap in liveimaging tools, we developed GEM-SCOPe (Genetically Encoded and Modular SubCellular 20 21 Organelle Probes), a modular toolbox of fluorescent markers designed to inform on localization, distribution, turnover, and oxidative stress of specific organelles. We expressed GEM-SCOPe in 22 23 differentiated astrocytes and neurons from a human pluripotent stem cell PRKN-knockout model of Parkinson's disease and identified disease-associated changes in proliferation, lysosomal 24 25 distribution, mitochondrial transport and turnover, and reactive oxygen species. We demonstrate 26 GEM-SCOPe is a powerful panel that provide critical insight into the subcellular mechanisms underlying Parkinson's disease in human cells. GEM-SCOPe can be expanded upon and applied 27 28 to a diversity of cellular models to glean an understanding of the mechanisms that promote 29 disease onset and progression.

#### 30 Keywords

Live-cell imaging, induced pluripotent stem cells, Parkinson's Disease, astrocytes, PRKN

#### 33 Introduction

34 Parkinson's Disease (PD) is a common neurodegenerative disease that robs individuals of their motor and cognitive functions, affecting over 10 million people worldwide and with an estimated 35 36 90,000 new diagnoses in the United States each year<sup>1</sup>. PD is clinically characterized by bradykinesia, resting tremor, rigidity, and postural instability<sup>2-5</sup> and pathologically characterized by 37 the loss of dopaminergic neurons in the substantia nigra pars compacta and buildup of 38 intracellular deposits of  $\alpha$ -synuclein into insoluble protein aggregates called Lewy Bodies<sup>2,6-8</sup>. 39 From the first pathological descriptions of PD in the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century, advancements in many 40 41 fields, including histology, genetics, cell biology, and neurology enabled insight into many aspects of the disease, from determining genetic and environmental risk factors and mapping disease 42 43 progression to identifying pathways and proteins to target therapeutically. Despite great progress, 44 there is still incomplete understanding of the cellular dysfunction that precedes and contributes to 45 chronic neuronal death.

This limited advancement arises in part due to the absence of tools used to track molecular and cellular changes in real-time throughout disease progression. Studies on human post-mortem brain tissue are largely representative of end-stage disease states, making it difficult to dissect which phenotypes are a primary, causative effect and which phenotypes are a secondary response<sup>9</sup>. Mouse models offer more opportunities to study multiple time points throughout disease progression as motor and cognitive symptoms can be monitored over time. However, targeting specific cell types in mice remains technically challenging and time-consuming. Emerging technologies such as the miniscope allow continuous monitoring of fluorescence-based readouts on a cellular level in live mouse and rat brains<sup>10-12</sup>. However, the type of readout from the miniscope has been restricted to neuronal activity from fluorescent calcium sensors and resolution along the z-axis remains a limiting factor in analyzing deeper cortical tissue.

57 Regardless of such technologies, current genetic rodent models of PD fail to completely 58 recapitulate human disease and lack key pathological hallmarks. Drug-induced models can recapitulate late-stage disease phenotypes and behaviors, but due to their acute onset, are 59 inadequate to study the gradual accumulation of cellular dysfunction that precedes clinical 60 presentation<sup>13,14</sup>. Advancements in induced pluripotent stem cell (iPSC) differentiation and 61 CRISPR/Cas9 genome editing have led to the emergence of genetic cellular models of PD<sup>15-18</sup>. 62 63 These models enable researchers to study the effects of genetic and environmental factors on specific human cell populations relevant to PD. 64

65 Cellular models of PD provide an exciting opportunity to study subcellular changes and responses 66 to stress or treatment in live cells. Cells can be genetically engineered to express fluorescent proteins that can then be visualized by microscopy in live cells. The applicability of GFP as a 67 reporter gene was immediately appreciated after its identification and isolation in 1962<sup>19</sup>. Since 68 69 then, hundreds of fluorophores have been developed by introducing mutations to naturally occurring fluorophores isolated from sea anemones and jellyfish to modulate fluorescence 70 intensity, half-life, and excitation/emission spectra<sup>20</sup>. Additional fluorophores have been 71 72 developed as biosensors, by fluorescing or changing fluorescence emission in the presence of a 73 certain ligand or under specific cellular conditions<sup>20-25</sup>. Cells can express these fluorophores with 74 virtually limitless possibilities with regards to subcellular localization, cell-type specific expression, and temporally controlled expression. Genetically encoded fluorescent proteins can be used to 75 76 follow a population of cells as they change due to aging, genetics, or environmental stressors and stimuli. 77

78 PD has a complex genetic architecture underlying the disease. Over 90% of PD cases are idiopathic; over 90 genetic risk loci have been identified by GWAS, but any of those individual 79 variants confer little risk on their own<sup>26</sup>. The remaining 10% of PD cases can be linked to highly 80 81 penetrant mutations in a handful of genes. While extremely rare, studying the function of these 82 genes and their impact on cellular processes sheds light on the fundamental pathways that drive 83 PD pathogenesis. Here, we focus on the PRKN gene. Autosomal recessive loss of function mutations in PRKN are the most frequent known genetic cause of early onset cases of PD, 84 accounting for about 15% of PD cases with onset before the age of 50<sup>27-30</sup>. PRKN encodes for 85 86 the protein PRKN, an E3 ubiguitin ligase associated with mitochondria. PRKN directs the ubiquitination of outer mitochondrial membrane proteins on damaged mitochondria, targeting 87 them for degradation via the autophagy-lysosomal pathway (mitophagy)<sup>31-33</sup>. While the function 88 89 of PRKN is well understood, it is still unclear how loss of PRKN function leads to the gradual 90 disease progression of early onset PD. It is believed that neurodegeneration can begin over 20 years before clinical onset, with a prolonged prodromal phase associated with several non-motor 91 symptoms. Thus, it is crucial to study models of early disease to understand what cellular 92 93 disturbances in the prodromal phase culminate in neurodegeneration.

94 Here, we present GEM-SCOPe (Genetically Encoded and Modular SubCellular Organelle Probes), an expandable panel of genetically encoded reporters to track and quantify the 95 subcellular phenotypes in live cells. We developed a library of constructs that localize specifically 96 97 to the nucleus, mitochondria, and lysosomes and included fluorophores with a variety of emission 98 spectra or biosensor capabilities. All the lentiviral constructs were developed in the same backbone vector to be modular, enabling any component, be it promotor, localization signal, 99 fluorophore, or antibiotic resistance, to be easily removed or replaced. We validated the 100 101 fluorophores with live-imaging of human induced pluripotent stem cell (hiPSC)-derived midbrain 102 astrocytes employing existing chemical dyes and chemical perturbations. We then applied GEM-

SCOPe to hiPSC-derived astrocytes and neurons from a *PRKN*-knockout model of PD<sup>15</sup>. This revealed previously unseen changes in cellular proliferation, lysosomal distribution, mitochondrial motility and turnover, and reactive oxygen species production. Our results demonstrate the widespread utility of GEM-SCOPe to study a variety of translationally important subcellular changes affected during PD. The modular, combinatorial flexibility of GEM-SCOPe can be adapted to investigate any disease, and, therefore, it is a critical new resource that can be broadly applied in neurodegenerative research and beyond.

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#### 111 **Results**

#### 112 Building a modular toolbox for the subcellular localization of

#### **113** genetically encoded fluorophores

114 We developed GEM-SCOPe for live-cell imaging of subcellular organelle dynamics. We aimed to produce a system that is highly modular to easily customize the expression, localization, 115 116 fluorescence, and selection for any given experimental need. We started with the FUW backbone<sup>34</sup>, a 3<sup>rd</sup> generation lentivirus backbone with a ubiquitin C promoter for high, ubiquitous 117 expression of the transgene across cell types<sup>34,35</sup> and a woodchuck hepatitis virus post-118 transcriptional regulatory element (WPRE) for improved lentiviral expression<sup>34,36,37</sup>. The designed 119 120 lentiviral constructs contain four components: promoter, localization sequence, fluorophore, and 121 antibiotic resistance (Fig. 1A). The content of these four components can be mixed and matched to generate a library of lentiviral constructs to fit a diverse field of experimental needs. To generate 122 123 constructs de novo, components were combined and inserted into the plasmid via Gibson 124 assembly (Fig. 1B, top). Restriction sites were kept between each domain, so each component 125 or group of components could be excised via restriction digest and replaced with a different 126 component, either by restriction site cloning or Gibson assembly (**Fig. 1B, bottom**). Thus, each 127 component of the lentiviral plasmid can be removed or replaced to accommodate features such 128 as cell-type specificity with cell-type specific promoters, alternative subcellular localization, and 129 unique fluorophores.

130 The FUW backbone has a ubiguitin C promoter, but this can be replaced with lineage or cell-type-131 specific promoters for selective expression in specific cell types or with drug-inducible promoters to temporally control when the construct is transcribed (Fig. S1A). Subcellular localization is 132 133 determined by including the whole or partial coding sequence of a peptide with a known and 134 specific subcellular localization. This domain can be omitted to produce a fluorophore expressed in the cytoplasm. The fluorophore component of the construct offers the most flexibility, from basic 135 136 fluorescent proteins to more complex fluorophores that change fluorescent excitation and/or 137 emission wavelength with time or environment. All plasmids generated for GEM-SCOPe have 138 been deposited to Addgene(Table S1).

We developed GEM-SCOPe constructs to localize fluorophores to the cytoplasm (no tag), nucleus 139 (H2B-tag), mitochondria (COX8A-tag), and lysosome (LAMP1-tag) (Fig. 1C). Fluorophore 140 141 localization was validated using commercially available live cellular dyes. Nuclear localization was 142 achieved by fusing fluorophores to the C-terminus of histone 2B (H2B). H2B is an integral 143 chromatin protein that is found in all cells and is localized specifically to the nucleus<sup>38,39</sup>. H2B fused to mTagBFP2, a blue fluorophore, (H2B-mTagBFP2) co-localizes with DRAQ5, a far-red 144 live-cell nuclear dye<sup>40</sup> (**Fig. 1C, top**; Mander's coefficient >  $0.99\pm0.0001$ ). In addition to the 145 146 mTagBFP2 construct, we also developed lentiviral plasmids with H2B fused to Emerald (green; 147 H2B-Emerald) and mCherry (red; H2B-mCherry) (Fig. 1A, S1B).

To localize fluorophores to the lysosome, we utilized the N-terminal peptide sequence of lysosomal-associated membrane protein 1 (LAMP1), a major component of lysosomal membranes that plays a key role in lysosomal biogenesis and homeostasis. The N-terminus of 151 LAMP1 fused to mCherry (LAMP1-mCherry) co-localizes with LysoTracker (Thermo Scientific) 152 (Fig. 1C, middle; Mander's coefficient =  $0.92\pm0.03$ ). LysoTracker is a fluorophore that is partially protonated at neutral pH and can readily cross membranes; once protonated it can no longer 153 154 diffuse so the fluorescent signal gets trapped in acidic compartments, including, but not limited to, 155 the lysosome<sup>41,42</sup>. Overexpression of LAMP1 is associated with numerous cancers and cancer 156 metastasis<sup>43-46</sup>. By only using a partial sequence of LAMP1 and not the full peptide sequence, we are able to target the fluorophore specifically to the lysosome without increasing the expression 157 158 of endogenous LAMP1 (Fig. S1C). We also developed lentiviral plasmids with the LAMP1 targeting sequence fused to Emerald (green; LAMP1-Emerald; Fig. 1A, 1D). 159

160 Finally, mitochondrial localization was achieved using the mitochondrial targeting sequence of COX8A. COX8A is a nuclear-encoded subunit of cytochrome-c oxidase (Complex IV) in the 161 electron transport chain<sup>47,48</sup>. The first 25 amino acid residues of the COX8A peptide sequence 162 163 target the peptide to the mitochondrial inner membrane and are widely used to specifically localize proteins and fluorophores to the mitochondria<sup>49-51</sup>. To confirm mitochondrial specificity of COX8A-164 Emerald we compared localization with MitoTracker (Thermo Scientific), a dye that accumulates 165 in the mitochondria due to the negative membrane potential of the inner mitochondrial 166 167 membrane<sup>41,52</sup>. The mitochondrial targeting sequence fused to an Emerald fluorophore (COX8A-168 Emerald) exhibited significant co-localization with MitoTracker (Fig. 1C, bottom; Mander's 169 coefficient =  $0.97\pm0.003$ ). We developed lentiviral plasmids with the COX8A targeting sequence 170 fused to mCherry (red; COX8A-mCherry; Fig. 1A, 1D), Timer (green/red; COX8A-Timer; Fig. 1A, 171 Fig. 5), and Lemon (cyan/yellow; COX8A-Lemon; Fig. 1A, Fig. S2).

Once the localization strategies were finalized, we swapped out the fluorophores with different fluorescent proteins that are excited and emitted at alternative wavelengths. Mixing localization sequences and fluorophores with unique emission spectra allows simultaneous imaging of multiple sub-cellular processes in the same cells such as mitochondrial network and lysosomal

distribution (Fig. 1D). Utilizing a combination of subcellular localization and diverse fluorophores,
 we developed GEM-SCOPe, a fluorescent, live-cell imaging toolbox of lentiviral constructs that
 were systematically validated to quantify cellular proliferation, lysosomal distribution, and
 mitochondrial dynamics in human Parkinson's disease astrocytes.

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#### 181 H2B-fused fluorophores offer improvements for efficiently

#### 182 labelling nuclei for multi-day live-cell assays

183 Quantification of cellular phenotypes by fluorescence microscopy is dependent on normalization to total cell number. This is often accomplished by counting the number of nuclei. A few fluorescent 184 dyes that can cross the cellular and nuclear membranes of live cells and bind specifically to DNA 185 186 are commercially available. While efficient for short-term and end-point assays, such dyes intercalate in DNA and therefore have cytotoxic and mutagenic effects<sup>53,54</sup>. Furthermore, nuclear 187 dves do not remain contained within the nuclear compartment, and their signal leaches into the 188 189 cytoplasm in just a few hours after exposing the cells. The cytotoxicity and loss of precise labeling 190 over time render these dyes less useful for long-term microscopy or cell-tracking experiments. To 191 address these concerns, we developed lentiviral constructs expressing nuclear-localized fluorophores by fusing the nucleus-specific histone protein, H2B, with either mTagBFP2, Emerald, 192 193 or mCherry (Fig. 1C, 2A). Human induced pluripotent stem-cell (hiPSC)-derived astrocytes transfected with H2B-mTagBFP2 were co-stained with DRAQ5, a far-red DNA-stain for live cells. 194 The localization of the two nuclear signals was compared 1 hours and 24 hours after the addition 195 of DRAQ5. Immediately after adding DRAQ5, there was no difference between the DRAQ5 stain 196 and the H2B-mTagBFP2 (2-way ANOVA with Tukey's HSD; adj-p = 0.83) (Fig. 2B, C). Over the 197 experimental period, the DRAQ5 signal spread significantly ( $26\pm5\%$  extranuclear; adj-p < 0.0001), 198 199 while the extranuclear H2B-mTagBFP2 signal did not significantly change (adj-p = 0.99) (Fig. 2B,

C). While the human eye can still readily distinguish the nucleus from the extranuclear stain in the DRAQ5 images, image analysis programs that rely on grey values for segmentation often fail to correctly differentiate the true nuclear signal from the extranuclear signal. Thus, lentiviral constructs expressing nuclear-localized fluorophores, such as the demonstrated H2B-mTagBFP2, can provide better alternatives for long-term live-imaging experiments with multiple time points.

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#### 207 H2B-fused fluorophores reveal increased cellular

#### 208 proliferation in PRKN knockout astrocytes

While dopaminergic neuron death is the predominant cellular outcome in Parkinson's Disease (PD), other cell types in the brain may change cell cycle regulation under neurotoxic conditions. Tracking cell numbers to monitor proliferation, senescence, or death in vitro can help researchers understand how different cell populations are responding to neurotoxic stress or potential therapeutic strategies.

214 First, we validated that our nuclear-localized construct, H2B-Emerald, could be used to track cellular proliferation. The proliferation of H2B-Emerald transduced hiPSC-derived astrocytes was 215 induced using fetal bovine serum (FBS) or blocked by inhibiting the proteasome with MG-132. 216 217 Astrocyte proliferation was measured by changes in the number of H2B-Emerald nuclei. As 218 expected, the astrocytes treated with FBS proliferated twice as rapidly as the untreated astrocytes 219 over 48 hours (2-way ANOVA with Tukey's HSD, p-adj = 0.005, Fig. S3), while the astrocytes 220 treated with MG-132 did not significantly proliferate over the same period (adj-p = 0.08, Fig. S3). 221 Thus, the GEM-SCOPe H2B-fluorophore fusion proteins can be used to track cellular proliferation 222 over multiple days in live cell cultures.

223 To examine the effect of loss of *PRKN* on astrocyte proliferation, we transduced wild-type 224 (PRKN<sup>+/+</sup>) astrocytes with H2B-Emerald and isogenic PRKN knockout (PRKN<sup>-/-</sup>) astrocytes with H2B-mCherry (Fig. 2D). Leveraging the modularity of GEM-SCOPe, we were able to mix the two 225 226 astrocyte populations together and track their proliferation simultaneously. Over 48 hours, the 227 PRKN<sup>-/-</sup> population increased significantly (2-way ANOVA with Tukey's HSD, p-adj = 0.03; Fig. 2E, F) while the *PRKN*<sup>+/+</sup> population did not proliferate in the same period (2-way ANOVA with 228 Tukey's HSD, p-adj = 0.4; Fig. 2E, F). These results contradict mouse studies that found that 229 PRKN-null mice had decreased astroglia proliferation<sup>55</sup>. However, PRKN has also been described 230 as a tumor suppressor, with loss of function mutations arising in a variety of cancers, including 231 glioblastomas<sup>56-58</sup>. Studies on PRKN in the context of cancer find that cancer regulates the 232 degradation of cyclins and cyclin-dependent kinases involved in the G1/S transition, thus 233 234 promoting continued proliferation<sup>57,59,60</sup>. It has been hypothesized that the outcome of loss of 235 function PRKN mutations are highly cell-context dependent; the increased half-life of cyclins leads to cancer in mitotically competent cells while the same cyclins promote apoptosis upon cell cycle 236 reentry in post-mitotic neurons<sup>57,61-64</sup>. Our findings highlight the importance of studying disease-237 relevant human cells to capture the intricacies and nuances specific to the human brain that could 238 239 contribute to PD.

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#### 241 LAMP1-localized fluorophores reveal changes in lysosomal

#### distribution in response to chemical and genetic stressors

Lysosomal dysfunction is widely implicated in PD and other forms of neurodegeneration. Several PD-risk and familial genes are involved in the autophagy-lysosomal-endosomal pathway<sup>65-67</sup>, and many hallmarks of lysosomal dysfunction associated with familial PD are present in idiopathic PD <sup>66,68,69</sup>. Disruption to the autophagy-lysosomal-endosomal pathway is of broad importance in PD

247 and there is a crucial need to study lysosomal function and dysfunction in the context of PD 248 pathogenesis. As described above, we fused the N-terminus of LAMP1 to a fluorophore (Emerald or mCherry) to specifically target the fluorescent signal to the lysosome (Fig. 1C, 3A). To validate 249 250 the GEM-SCOPe LAMP1-mCherry signal responds to lysosomal stress, hiPSC-derived 251 astrocytes transduced with LAMP1-mCherry lentivirus were exposed to bafilomycinA1 (BafA1) for 15 hours. BafA1 inhibits lysosomal proton pump V-ATPases, which blocks autophagosome-252 lysosome fusion and lysosomal acidification, impairing lysosomal function <sup>70,71</sup>. hiPSC-derived 253 astrocytes were simultaneously transduced with a non-localized Emerald fluorophore lentivirus, 254 to provide a cell body marker. We used CellProfiler <sup>72</sup> to evaluate the lysosomal number, size, and 255 distribution within each cell. Compared to vehicle (DMSO) treatment, treatment with BafA1 256 increased the number of LAMP1-mCherry vesicles (unpaired t-test, p = 0.04; Fig. 3B, C), but did 257 258 not affect lysosome size (unpaired t-test, p = 0.16, Fig. 3B, C). Treatment with BafA1 altered the 259 distribution of lysosomes within the astrocytes. Astrocytes treated with BafA1 had a more dispersed distribution of LAMP1-mCherry signal, with only 41±4% concentrated in the perinuclear 260 area, in contrast to  $65\pm8\%$  in vehicle-treated astrocytes (unpaired t-test, p = 0.002; Fig. 3B, C). 261 Perinuclear and juxtanuclear lysosomes have been posited to be more acidic than peripheral 262 lysosomes<sup>73</sup>. Lysosomal distribution can also be affected by cytosolic pH, with acidification 263 promoting the spreading of lysosomes away from the nucleus<sup>74-76</sup>. Since BafA1 inhibits V-264 ATPases responsible for establishing and maintaining lysosomal pH, the redistribution of 265 lysosomes away from the nucleus upon BafA1 treatment might reflect a change in lysosomal or 266 cytosolic pH, and therefore lysosomal function, in the treated astrocytes. 267

In addition to its role in ubiquitinating damaged mitochondria for degradation via the autophagylysosomal pathway<sup>31-33</sup>, PRKN has been shown to regulate endosome organization<sup>77</sup> and mitochondria-lysosome contact sites. Although it has been reported that *PRKN* knockout in hiPSC-derived dopaminergic neurons leads to an increase in lysosome number and size

compared to isogenic, wild-type dopaminergic neurons<sup>78</sup>, the effect of *PRKN* knockout on 272 273 lysosomes on human astrocytes is largely unknown. Due to PRKN's role in regulating the autophagy-lysosomal pathway, we hypothesized PRKN<sup>-/-</sup> in human astrocytes would disrupt 274 275 lysosomal dynamics. To test this hypothesis, we applied the same CellProfiler analysis on PRKN<sup>+/+</sup> and PRKN<sup>-/-</sup> hiPSC-derived astrocytes transduced with GEM-SCOPe Emerald and 276 LAMP1-mCherry lentivirus. PRKN<sup>-/-</sup> astrocytes had half as many LAMP1-mCherry vesicles per 277 cell compared to *PRKN*<sup>+/+</sup> astrocytes (unpaired t-test, p = 0.003, **Fig. 3D**, **E**). Additionally, the 278 *PRKN*<sup>-/-</sup> lysosomes were smaller than the *PRKN*<sup>+/+</sup> lysosomes (unpaired t-test, p = 0.055, **Fig. 3D**, 279 E). Finally, the *PRKN<sup>-/-</sup>* astrocytes had a decrease in perinuclear LAMP1-mCherry, with only 280 38±4% of LAMP1-mCherry signal located in the perinuclear area, compared to 45±3% in 281 PRKN<sup>+/+</sup> (unpaired t-test, p = 0.005, Fig. 3D, E). Our results utilizing our GEM-SCOPe LAMP1-282 283 mCherry fluorophore suggest that lysosomal distribution in astrocytes is altered upon loss of 284 PRKN and further studies to examine lysosomal content and activity are needed to understand the implications and how this could differ from observations in other cell types. 285

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# Mitochondria-localized fluorophores capture mitochondrial fragmentation and alterations in mitochondrial trafficking along PRKN knockout dopaminergic neuron axons

Much like lysosomal dysfunction, mitochondrial dysfunction is implicated in PD and neurodegeneration. Therefore, monitoring mitochondrial network dynamics in response to stimuli and stress is important in understanding neurodegenerative diseases. As described above, we fused the N-terminus of the mitochondrial protein COX8A to a fluorophore (Emerald or mCherry) to localize the fluorophore specifically to the mitochondria (**Fig. 1C, 4A**). To validate that GEM-

295 SCOPe COX8A localized fluorophores reflect changes to mitochondrial morphology, we induced 296 mitochondrial stress by treating hiPSC-derived astrocytes transduced with the COX8A-mEmerald 297 lentivirus with 2µM oligomycin for 4 hours. Mitochondrial stress induces fragmentation of the 298 mitochondrial network, which facilitates mitophagy, but also decreases mitochondrial network 299 respiratory capacity<sup>79,80</sup>. Oligomycin, an inhibitor of ATP synthase, is a known inducer of 300 mitochondrial fragmentation. Treatment with oligomycin induced mitochondrial fragmentation 301 when compared to vehicle-treated astrocytes. The average area of mitochondria was reduced from 1.04  $\mu$ m<sup>2</sup> in vehicle-treated astrocytes to 0.8  $\mu$ m<sup>2</sup> in oligomycin-treated astrocytes (1-way 302 303 ANOVA with Dunett's Test, p-adj = 0.0002; Fig. 4B, C left), and average branch length was 304 reduced from 1.28 µm in vehicle-treated astrocytes to 0.9 µm in oligomycin treated astrocytes (1way ANOVA with Dunett's Test, p-adj < 0.0001; Fig. 4B, C middle), as expected from a more 305 306 fragmented mitochondrial network. The aspect ratio is the ratio of the mitochondrial length to 307 width. An aspect ratio of 1 indicates a perfect circle, while larger aspect ratios indicate longer and narrower shapes. The mean aspect ratio decreased from 2.52 in vehicle-treated astrocytes to 308 309 2.14 in oligomycin-treated astrocytes (1-way ANOVA with Dunett's Test, p-adj < 0.0001; Fig. 4B, 310 **C** right), another indicator that mitochondria are fragmenting upon oligomycin treatment. Metrics 311 of mitochondrial network fragmentation (mitochondrial area, branch length, and aspect ratio) are 312 all affected in a dose-dependent manner, with increasing concentrations of oligomycin having 313 increasingly more severe effects on mitochondrial network fragmentation (Fig. S4).

The transport of mitochondria along neuronal axons is critical for proper synaptic function and neurotransmitter release. We hypothesized  $PRKN^{+/-}$  may impair axonal mitochondrial transport. To investigate this hypothesis, we transduced wild-type ( $PRKN^{+/+}$ ) and PRKN knock-out ( $PRKN^{+/-}$ ) hiPSC-derived midbrain organoids with COX8A-mEmerald. To facilitate imaging of axonal mitochondrial transport, we generated radial axonal arbors by splatting organoids onto the surface of a plate and allowing the axons to grow out<sup>81</sup>. On day 164 of organoid differentiation, fluorescent

320 mitochondria were imaged at high magnification over several minutes to monitor the movement of mitochondria along these axons (Fig. 4D; Video S1). In the anterograde direction (moving 321 away from the soma), *PRKN<sup>-/-</sup>* mitochondria moved only 20% of the distance covered by *PRKN<sup>+/+</sup>* 322 323 mitochondria (Welch's t-test, p < 0.0001, Fig. 4E left) and took 50% longer (unpaired t-test, p = 324 0.005; Fig. 4E right). Retrograde-moving mitochondria moved the same distance (unpaired ttest, p = 0.59, Fig. 4F left) but the *PRKN*<sup>/-</sup> mitochondria moved for 150% longer compared to the</sup>325 PRKN<sup>+/+</sup> mitochondria (Welch's t-test, p = 0.02; Fig. 4F right). PRKN has previously been 326 implicated in mitochondrial transport due to its ubiquitination of mitochondrial motor adaptor 327 complexes<sup>82</sup>. Our results demonstrate that PRKN loss of function impairs mitochondrial trafficking 328 in human neurons, likely reducing the delivery of functional mitochondria synaptic extremities and 329 ultimately compromising neuronal function. 330

#### **Dynamic fluorophores measure deficiencies in mitochondrial**

#### 332 turnover and glutathione reduction potential in PRKN-

#### 333 knockout astrocytes

We demonstrated the utility of single excitation and emission wavelengths to discern phenotypes regarding cellular and subcellular dynamics. Numerous groups have developed fluorophores that change emission wavelengths under certain conditions or circumstances. We introduced several multi-emission fluorophores into GEM-SCOPe to enable quantification of organelle turnover, acidification, and oxidation, in addition to the localization information described with the previous fluorophores.

Fluorescent Timer is a mutated dsRed protein that irreversibly shifts its fluorescence emission from green to red due to tyrosine oxidation and can be used as a molecular clock to track protein turnover (**Fig. 5A**).<sup>22</sup> We, therefore, localized GEM-SCOPe-Timer to the mitochondria (COX8A- Timer), to further investigate mitochondrial turnover<sup>83,84</sup> (**Fig. 5B**). To first validate COX8A-Timer, mitophagy was inhibited by treating hiPSC-derived astrocytes transduced with COX8A-Timer with the V-ATPase inhibitor bafilomycinA1 (BafA1). BafA1 treatment led to a significant increase in the ratio of red-fluorescent mitochondria over green-fluorescent mitochondria compared to vehicle control astrocytes (unpaired t-test, p < 0.0001; **Fig. 5C, D**). Since mitochondrial degradation and turnover occur primarily through mitophagy, inhibition of mitophagy and mitochondrial recycling via BafA1 treatment results in a predicted increase in longer-lived mitochondria.

350 Because PRKN is directly involved in mitophagy, and we observed impaired retrograde mitochondrial transport in *PRKN<sup>-/-</sup>* neurons, we wanted to measure changes in mitochondrial 351 turnover in human PRKN<sup>-/-</sup> cells. We transduced wild-type (PRKN<sup>+/+</sup>) and PRKN knockout (PRKN<sup>-</sup> 352 <sup>(-)</sup> hiPSC-derived astrocytes with GEM-SCOPe COX8A-Timer. The ratio of red-fluorescent signal 353 over green-fluorescent signal significantly increased in PRKN<sup>-/-</sup> astrocytes compared to PRKN<sup>+/+</sup> 354 355 astrocytes (unpaired t-test, p = 0.026, Fig. 5E, F). When broken down by individual channel, there was no change in the green fluorescence (2-way ANOVA with Sidak correction, p-adj = 0.1288, 356 Fig. 5G), indicating no change in mitochondrial biogenesis. The increase in red to green ratio was 357 driven by a significant increase in red-fluorescent signal (2-way ANOVA with Sidak correction, p-358 359 adj = 0.0005, Fig. 5G), which is in concordance with an accumulation of older mitochondria due 360 to a failure to properly degrade mitochondria in the absence of PRKN.

An expected consequence of impaired mitochondrial recycling is an accumulation of damaged mitochondria and an increase in mitochondria-associated reactive oxygen species (ROS) from inefficient cellular respiration. To measure reactive oxygen levels in live astrocytes, we introduced GRX1-roGFP2, an established fluorophore for measuring ROS, into GEM-SCOPe<sup>25</sup>. GRX1roGFP2 is a fusion protein between GRX1 and roGFP2. When GRX1 is oxidized by glutathione, it can subsequently oxidize roGFP2. Oxidized roGFP2 shifts its emission spectrum from green fluorescence to blue fluorescence (**Fig. 6A**)<sup>25,85</sup>. Thus, the ratio of green to blue fluorescence is 368 an indicator of glutathione oxidation state. When GRX1-roGFP2 is further coupled with a 369 mitochondrial localization sequence, we can measure the oxidative stress of the mitochondria.

370 This construct was available as a retroviral vector using the signal sequence from *Neurospora* crassa ATP synthase protein 9<sup>25</sup>. When we cloned it into the FUW lentivirus backbone, we decided 371 372 to keep that localization sequence rather than replace it with the signal sequence for COX8A used 373 in the other GEM-SCOPe mitochondria-localized fluorophores (Fig. 6B). To validate GEM-SCOPe 374 GRX1-roGFP2 was working as expected, hiPSC-derived astrocytes transduced with mito-GRX1roGFP2 were treated with BafA1 to induce oxidative stress<sup>86</sup>. Astrocytes treated with BafA1 had 375 376 a significant decrease in the ratio of green fluorescence to blue fluorescence when compared to vehicle (DMSO) treated astrocytes (unpaired t-test, p < 0.0001, Fig. 6C, D). The effect is driven 377 378 by a significant increase specifically in blue fluorescence (2-way ANOVA with Sidak correction, p-379 adj < 0.0001, Fig. 6E) while the green fluorescence remained unchanged (2-way ANOVA with 380 Sidak correction, p-adj = 0.99, Fig. 6E). The increase in blue fluorescence is due to an increase in roGFP2 oxidation, which is indicative of an increase in glutathione oxidation and the presence 381 of reactive oxygen species. Thus, GEM-SCOPe-mito-GRX1-roGFP can be used to monitor 382 glutathione reduction potential and how cells respond to reactive oxygen stress. 383

384 Because astrocytes play important metabolically supportive roles in the CNS and we observed 385 PRKN-related impairments to mitochondrial recycling with COX8A-Timer (Fig. 5E-G), we wanted to understand if PRKN deficiency has effects on ROS production in astrocytes. We transduced 386 PRKN<sup>+/+</sup> and PRKN<sup>-/-</sup> astrocytes with mito-GRX1-roGFP2 lentivirus. Without introducing any 387 additional chemical mitochondrial stressors, we observed an significant reduction in the ratio of 388 green-fluorescence signal to blue-fluorescence signal in *PRKN<sup>-/-</sup>* compared to *PRKN<sup>+/+</sup>* astrocytes 389 (unpaired t-test, p = 0.026; Fig. 6F, G). This is indicative of an increase in ROS in  $PRKN^{-1}$ 390 391 astrocytes which correlates with our other observation of decreased mitochondrial turnover in the same cells. It has been previously demonstrated that *PRKN<sup>-/-</sup>* hiPSC-derived dopaminergic 392

neurons show increased cellular ROS<sup>15</sup> and *PRKN<sup>-/-</sup>* mice have decreased antioxidant capabilities
and increased ROS-related protein and lipid damage<sup>87</sup>. By introducing fluorophore-biosensors
into our lentiviral catalog, we were able to expand the phenotypes we can observe in live cells to
measure changes in the intracellular environment in response to chemical and genetic
perturbations.

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#### 399 **Discussion**

400 Here, we developed and validated GEM-SCOPe (Genetically Engineered, Modular, SubCellular Organelle Probes), a collection of subcellularly targeted fluorophores encoded in a lentiviral 401 402 backbone. By exploiting the modular design of the constructs, we easily cloned fluorophores with different excitation/emission spectra specified to localize to the nucleus, lysosomes, or 403 404 mitochondria. We demonstrated that these fluorophores specifically localize to the desired 405 organelle and can quantitatively assess cellular responses to chemical perturbations. Finally, we 406 applied GEM-SCOPe to human PRKN-knockout astrocytes and neurons, which revealed widespread perturbations to cellular proliferation, lysosomal distribution, and mitochondrial 407 dynamics, providing new insights into PD pathogenesis. 408

Gliosis has been widely reported in human post-mortem brain studies of patients with *PRKN* lossof-function mutations<sup>88-91</sup>. Similar pro-inflammatory phenotypes have also been observed in mouse models and stem-cell-derived glial models of PRKN deficiency<sup>92,93</sup>. However, there is still a limited understanding of how genetic mutations related to PD modify astrocytes and their role in neurodegeneration. We used GEM-SCOPe to investigate cellular, mitochondrial, and lysosomal dynamics in astrocytes lacking functional PRKN protein. Using nucleus-localized fluorophores, we show that *PRKN* knockout human astrocytes have increased cellular proliferation compared to isogenic, wild-type astrocytes. LAMP1-localized fluorophores revealed that lysosomes in *PRKN*knockout astrocytes are distributed further from the perinuclear nuclear area. Finally, a variety of
mitochondria-localized fluorophores revealed that *PRKN* knockout astrocytes have impaired
mitochondrial transport, decreased mitochondrial turnover, increased reactive oxygen species,
and oxidized glutathione. While additional experiments should be done to support these findings,
GEM-SCOPe highlights that there is extensive dysregulation and disruption to normal organelle
dynamics in human *PRKN* astrocytes that warrants further investigation.

GEM-SCOPe was developed in a 3<sup>rd</sup> generation lentiviral system. We selected this delivery 423 system because 1) lentiviruses are safe to produce; 2) they infect both dividing and non-dividing 424 cells; and 3) they can be used to develop stable cell lines. 3<sup>rd</sup> generation lentiviral systems are 425 replication-incompetent, so cells that are transduced with lentivirus cannot produce more viral 426 427 particles. Only the transfer plasmid, which contains the insert of interest, can be integrated into 428 the host genome; the other plasmids that encode lentiviral structural and envelope genes do not integrate into the host genome, preventing viral replication. Most lentiviruses are produced with 429 VSV-G (Vesicular stomatitis virus G glycoprotein) as the envelope protein, as it provides broad 430 tropism and enables high transduction efficiency in a wide variety of cell types<sup>94</sup>. Finally, GEM-431 432 SCOPe lentiviruses were developed with the option to include an antibiotic-resistance gene (Fig. **1A**), which can be used to establish stable cell lines that have incorporated the lentiviral load. 433

Although lentiviruses provide a lot of flexibility and safety when delivering genetic information, they also possess some limitations. Lentiviruses have an ideal plasmid size of 9-10kb, and viral titer can decrease if plasmids exceed this size<sup>95</sup>. The H2B-mTagBFP2, H2B-mCherry, and H2B-Emerald lentiviruses (**Fig. 1, 2**) are about 11kb each and transduced hiPSC-derived astrocytes with about 90% efficiency. Coupled with the puromycin resistance that was also included in this construct, we were still able to generate a population with 100% viral transduction despite the size limitation. Another drawback of lentiviral gene delivery is that inserts often integrate into actively 441 transcribed loci<sup>96</sup>. Differentiation of hiPSCs into specific cell types requires extensive chromatin remodeling, and genomic sequences integrated via lentivirus can often be silenced in this 442 process. In the case where hiPSCs must be transduced before differentiation, antibiotic selection 443 444 during differentiation can select for cells that have integrated the viral load into a genomic region 445 that is not silenced. The final drawback of lentiviral gene delivery is that fluorescence intensity is dependent on the viral copy number in each cell and cannot be used as a readout for organelle 446 abundance. Rather, we need to use measurements like distribution, size, and ratios of different 447 emissions within the same cell. This is not just a limitation of lentiviral gene delivery but of other 448 449 viral and non-viral delivery systems.

450 In this study, we focused on PD and specifically the alterations to astrocytes with *PRKN* mutations. 451 However, alterations in proliferation, mitochondria, and lysosomes are by no means unique to PD. Many reviews cover the extensive roles of mitochondria and lysosomes in health and disease<sup>97-</sup> 452 453 <sup>100</sup>. GEM-SCOPe can be applied beyond neuronal cells and neurodegeneration to countless other 454 cell types to investigate subcellular dynamics that affect disease development and progression. Due to its modular design, GEM-SCOPe can be expanded and molded by research groups to 455 meet specific needs. Different targeting sequences can be integrated to localize fluorophores to 456 457 relevant subcellular compartments. New fluorophores and biosensors are always being developed to measure additional intracellular conditions. By applying GEM-SCOPe to disease 458 models, we will be able to better understand how cells are disrupted over the course of disease 459 progression, providing insight for future therapeutic targets. 460

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### 483 **Declaration of Interests**

484 The authors declare no competing interests

#### 485 Materials and Methods

#### 486 **Experimental model and study participant details**

The human cell lines used in this study are detailed in the key resources table and below.

488 HEK293FT (RRID: CVCL\_6911, fetal kidney origin, female sex) were maintained in DMEM (Gibco

489 10566) supplemented with 10% bovine calf serum (Cytiva SH30073) at 37 °C in a 5% CO2

- 490 incubator. Cells were passaged ever 4-5 days, when they reached 90% confluency.
- 491 H1(WA01) hESCs (male), BJ-SiPS-D iPSCs (male), and AG09173 iPSCs (female) were 492 maintained in StemFlex medium (Gibco A3349401) at 37 °C in a 5% CO2 incubator. Cells were 493 passaged every 3-4 days, when they reached 90% confluency. WA01 astrocytes were used for 494 all PRKN-genotype dependent experiments. BJ-SiPS-D and AG09173 were used for organelle 495 localization validation and chemical perturbation validation.

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#### 497 Molecular cloning

All vectors were derived from pFUW (Addgene plasmid #14882). pFUW was linearized using NheI-HF (NEB R3131) and BamHI-HF (NEB R3136) per manufacturer's protocol, and the desired fragment was gel-purified (Macherey-Nagel 740609). Components of the insert were PCR amplified using Q5-Hot Start DNA Polymerase (NEB M0493) per manufacturer's recommendations. Fluorophores were amplified from commercially available plasmids (see

503 Resource Table for complete list) and localization sequences were amplified from cDNA. Primers 504 were designed using the NEBuilder Assembly Tool (nebuilder.neb.com) to add 5' and 3' 505 sequences that make the fragments compatible for Gibson assembly and ordered from IDT 506 (Integrated DNA Technologies). Gibson reactions were set up with NEBuilder HiFi DNA Assembly 507 Master Mix (NEB E2621), 50ng of linearized backbone, and 3-fold molar excess of each PCR 508 fragment. For fragments less than 200bp, 5-fold molar excess was used. Reactions were 509 incubated at 50°C for 60 minutes. The Gibson product was transformed in 10-beta competent E. coli (NEB C3019) grown on LB Agar plates with 100ug/mL ampicillin. Plasmids from single clones 510 511 were isolated via miniprep (Macherey-Nagel 740499) and sequenced to confirm successful 512 cloning.

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#### 514 Lentivirus Production

Lentivirus was produced by transfection of HEK293T cells as adapted from Dull et al. 1998<sup>101</sup>. 515 516 HEK293T cells were grown in Dulbecco's Modified Eagle Medium (DMEM; Gibco 11965092) with 517 10% bovine calf serum (Cytiva SH30073) at 37 °C in a 5% CO<sub>2</sub> incubator. The day before transfection, ~10<sup>7</sup> cells were plated per 15cm dish coated in 0.1% gelatin. Media was changed 518 just prior to transfection. For one 15cm dish, 22.5ug of transfer vector was combined with 14.7ug 519 520 of pMDLg/pRRE (Addgene plasmid #12251), 5.7ug of pRSV.Rev (Addgene plasmid #12253), and 521 7.9ug of pMD2.G (Addgene plasmid #12259) in a 15mL conical tube. The plasmid mixture was added to 1mL of 278 uM CaCl<sub>2</sub> (Sigma C1016) and mixed thoroughly before adding 1mL of 2x 522 BBS solution [280 mM NaCl (Fisher Scientific S271-1), 50 mM BES (Millipore 391334), 1.5mM 523  $Na_2HPO_4$  (Sigma S5136); pH = 6.95] dropwise. Tubes were mixed by inversion, incubated at room 524 525 temperature for 1 min, and then added dropwise to HEK293T dish. Cell culture media was 526 changed after 16-24 h. Conditioned media was then collected every 24 h for 2 days; conditioned

media from the same plate was combined over the two collections. Conditioned media was centrifuged at 2000 x g for 10 minutes to pellet debris and filtered through 0.22-um-pore-size PES filter (Millipore SCGP00525). To concentrate virus, filtered media was incubated with PEG 8000 (Sigma P2139) and NaCl, at a final concentration of 5% and 0.15M respectively, overnight at 4°C, then centrifuged at 3000 x g for 20 min. The pellet was resuspended in DMEM/F12 with GlutaMAX (Gibco 10565018) to 1% of the original supernatant volume. The concentrated virus was stored in aliquots at -80°C.

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#### 535 Midbrain Organoid and Astrocyte Differentiation

536 hiPSC-derived astrocytes were extracted from 100-day-old midbrain organoids as described in Sarrafha et al 2021 and Parfitt et al 2024<sup>81,102</sup>. In short, hiPSCs were cultured in StemFlex medium 537 (Gibco A3349401) at 37 °C in a 5% CO<sub>2</sub> incubator. hiPSCs were seeded into 125-mL spinner 538 flasks (Corning 3152) and allowed to self-aggregate in StemFlex (Gibco A3349401) 539 540 supplemented with 10 µM Y-27632 (Tocris 1254) and 1% Penicillin-Streptomycin (Gibco 15140122). Once aggregates were between 300 µm and 500 µm, differentiation was initiated by 541 dual-SMAD inhibition with 10 µM SB431542 (Stemgent 04-0010), 100nM LDN193189 (Tocris 542 6053), 1x B27 without Vitamin A (Gibco 12587010) and 1x N2 (Gibco 17502048) in DMEM-F12 543 544 with GlutaMAX (Gibco 10565018). Midbrain patterning was achieved with the addition of 3 µM 545 CHIR99021 (Tocris 4423), 2 µM purmorphamine (Stemcell 72204), and 1 µM SAG (Cayman 11914) starting 4 days after neural induction. After patterning, media was changed to DMEM/F12 546 with GlutaMAX, supplemented with 1x N2, 1x B27 without Vitamin A, 20 ng/mL GDNF (Peprotech 547 450-10), 20 ng/mL BDNF (Peprotech 450-02), 200 µM L-ascorbic acid (Fisher Scientific BP351), 548 549 100 µM dibutyryl cAMP (Biogems 1698950), and 10 µM DAPT (Cayman 13197). After 35 days, 550 organoids were transferred to ultra-low attachment plates (Corning 3516), with about 5 organoids

per mL of media and cultured in DMEM/F12 with GlutaMAX supplemented with 1x N2, 1x B27
without Vitamin A, 10 ng/mL GDNF, 10 ng/mL BDNF, and 200 µM ascorbic acid.

553 Astrocytes were extracted from midbrain organoids starting at day 100. Organoids were gently dissociated in a trypsin enzyme solution (TrypLE Select, Gibco 12563011) using a glass pipette 554 555 to break up organoids into large chunks. The organoid chunks from 5-10 organoids were placed 556 on 15cm dishes coated with 0.1% gelatin and maintained in Astrocyte Medium (AM; ScienCell #1801). Astrocytes were allowed to grow out of the organoid chunks until the plate was confluent 557 558 (about 1 week). At this point, astrocytes can be cryopreserved. Astrocytes were maintained in AM and switched to experimental media [1:1 DMEM/F-12:Neurobasal (Gibco 21103049), 1x B27 559 without Vitamin A, 1x N2, 1x MEM-Non-Essential Amino Acids (Gibco 11140050), 1x GlutaMAX 560 (Gibco 35050061), 10 ng/mL CNTF (Peprotech 450-13)] 2-3 days before imaging. 561

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#### 563 Astrocyte Viral Transduction

iPSC-derived astrocytes were transduced during regular passaging. In short, astrocytes were 564 565 lifted, spun down, resuspended in AM media, and divided into 1.5mL microcentrifuge tubes, depending on the desired split ratio and number of transductions. The virus was added to the cell 566 suspension and incubated for 5-10 minutes before plating the mixture. Media was topped off such 567 that the final dilution of the virus in media was 1:50. Depending on the viral titer, this dilution 568 569 sometimes increased or decreased. Astrocytes can also be transduced without passage by 570 adding the virus directly to the media. Media is changed after 24 hours. Antibiotics were added to the media, if relevant, starting at least 3 days after transduction. 571

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#### 573 MitoTracker and LysoTracker

574 For MitoTracker staining, astrocytes were incubated with 100 nM of MitoTracker DeepRed 575 (Thermo Scientific M22425) for 30 min at 37 °C. For LysoTracker staining, astrocytes were 576 incubated 100 nM of LysoTracker DeepRed (Thermo Scientific L12492) for 5 min at 37 °C. Cells 577 were then washed twice with PBS before incubation with Hoechst 33342 (Thermo Scientific 578 62249).

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#### 580 **qPCR**

RNA was extracted from samples using TRIzol (Invitrogen 15596018) and an RNA extraction kit 581 following the manufacturer's recommended protocol (Zymo R2062). RNA concentration and purity 582 583 were measured on a spectrophotometer. cDNA was produced from 1 ug of RNA per sample, using 584 Maxima H Minus Reverse Transcriptase (Thermo Scientific EP0752) and following the manufacturer's recommendations. qPCR reactions were prepared in a 384-well plate (Applied 585 586 Biosystems 4309849) with 1:10 dilution of cDNA, 2x PowerUp SYBR Green Master Mix (Applied 587 Biosystems A25741) and 1 µM each of forward and reverse primers. qPCRs were run on 588 QuantStudio 7 (Applied Biosystems 4485701) and analyzed using the  $\Delta\Delta$ Ct method, normalized 589 to ACTB. The following primers were used:

- 590 ACTB Forward: CCTGGCACCCAGCACAAT
- 591 ACTB Reverse: GCCGATCCACACGGAGTA
- 592 LAMP1 Forward: CAGATGTGTTAGTGGCACCCA
- 593 LAMP1 Reverse: TTGGAAAGGTACGCCTGGATG

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#### 595 Live Cell Imaging

In general, astrocytes were seeded at  $10 \times 10^3$  cells per well of a 96-well plate with a cover glass thickness polystyrene bottom (Greiner 655090) coated in 0.1% gelatin 3-5 days before imaging. Proliferation assays were seeded at 8 x 10<sup>3</sup> cells per well and started 1 day after seeding. Before imaging, cells were incubated with Hoechst 33342 (Thermo Scientific 62249) or DRAQ5 (Thermo Scientific 52251) for 10 minutes.

Wide-field live cell imaging was performed using the Thermo Scientific CX7 High Content Screening Platform with 20x and 40x objective lenses (LUCPLFLN20x and LUCPLFLN40x). The microscope was equipped with an incubation unit that maintained temperature,  $CO_2$ , and humidity during image acquisition. Confocal images were acquired on a Nikon Ti2E AX R confocal microscope with a 20x objective lens (PLAN APO  $\lambda D$  20x) and 6x optical zoom. Each well was imaged in 5 (confocal) or 25-36 (widefield) different areas, with the average of those images represented as a single data point.

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#### 609 ImageJ Image Analysis

<u>Nuclear Proliferation:</u> Nuclear proliferation was quantified by converting images to a binary based
 on a threshold and then using 'Analyze Particles' to obtain a count for the number of nuclei in a
 field. The same threshold and parameters were kept for all time points.

613 <u>Mitochondrial Fragmentation:</u> Mitochondrial fragmentation was measured using the ImageJ 614 plugin, Mitochondrial Analyzer <sup>103</sup>. For thresholding, the "Block Size" was set to 1.45 microns and 615 the "C-Value" was set to 5. 616 <u>Ratiometric Quantification:</u> Ratiometric quantifications for roGFP2, Timer, and Lemon were 617 achieved by measuring the mean grey value in both channels of interest. The values for each 618 channel were then divided to generate the ratio of relative intensity between the two channels.

<u>Kymograph Analysis:</u> Kymograph analysis of mitochondrial movement was achieved using the Image J plugins KymographClear 2.0 and KymographDirect <sup>104</sup>. KymographClear 2.0 was used to trace mitochondrial trajectories and generate kymographs from which stationary and motile mitochondria were identified. KymographDirect was then used to extract quantitative information from the trajectories of the motile mitochondria.

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#### 625 Cell Profiler Image Analysis 72,105

<u>Subcellular Co-localization:</u> For nuclear co-localization, nuclei in the genetically encoded fluorophore channel and the DRAQ5 channel were identified, and nuclei from cells that were not transduced were filtered out. For lysosomal and mitochondrial co-localization, propagation from the nuclear stain was used to identify cell bodies. Cells were filtered to only analyze those with lentivirus signal within the cell body. Co-localization was reported as the Mander's coefficient indicating the overlap of the genetically encoded fluorophore with the commercially available stain.

<u>Lysosomal Distribution:</u> Cells were defined by nuclei and full cell fluorophore signal. Lamp1mCherry signal was assigned to the cell body with which it overlapped. Only cells that were successfully transduced were included in the analysis. The distribution of the Lamp1-mCherry signal was calculated using the "MeasureObjectIntensityDistribution" with two bins generated for each cell using the nuclei as the center of the cell. Bins were scaled such that the inner bin (perinuclear) was always the same percent of total cell area regardless of cell size.

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#### 640 **Quantification and statistical analysis**

All experiments were conducted with 3-6 replicates. All quantifications were represented as
mean ± standard deviation, except for the violin plots of the kymograph analysis. Details on data
visualization, sample size, and images per replicate are included in figure captions. Details on
statistical tests and significance are included in the text. All statistical tests were conducted in *GraphPad Prism* and graphs were generated in *GraphPad Prism*.

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#### 647 Figure Legends

Fig. 1: A toolbox of lentiviral plasmids developed and validated for subcellular localization 648 649 of fluorophores (A) Schematic of lentiviral plasmids highlighting the combinatorial power of the 650 toolbox components. Generated using BioRender (B) Schematic demonstrating the cloning 651 strategies used to generate the constructs used in this study as well as any future constructs. 652 Generated using BioRender (C) Representative images of subcellular localization validation with 653 available dyes in hiPSC-derived astrocytes and Mander's co-efficient for overlap of the genetically 654 encoded fluorophore with the dye. Bars represent mean values and error bars represent standard deviation. Top: H2B-mTagBFP2 and DRAQ5 (n = 3; each replicate is an average over 16 images); 655 Middle: LAMP1-mCherry and LysoTracker Deep Red; nuclei stained with Hoechst33342 (n = 4; 656 657 each replicate is an average over 4 images); Bottom: COX8A-Emerald and MitoTracker Deep Red; nuclei stained with Hoechst33342 (n = 3, each replicate is an average over 36 images). 658 659 Scale bars = 50 µm (D) Representative images of combinatorial applications of GEM-SCOPe.

Top: Cell expressing LAMP1-Emerald and COX8A-mCherry. Bottom: cell expression LAMP1 mCherry and COX8A-Emerald. Nuclei were stained with DRAQ5. Scale bars = 50 μm.

662 Fig. 2: Nucleus-localized fluorophores offer improvements over available stains for **multiday imaging (A)** Schematic of the lentiviral construct localizing mTagBFP2 to the nucleus 663 664 with an H2B fusion protein and antibiotic resistance to puromycin used in the following panels (B) 665 Representative images of H2B-mTagBFP2 and DRAQ5 nuclear stain 1 hour (top) and 24 hours (bottom) after adding DRAQ5 to the cell cultures. (C) Quantification of the percent of stain 666 667 localized to the nuclear area versus the cytoplasm 1 hour and 24 hours after adding DRAQ5 to cell cultures. The central bar represents the mean and the error bars represent the standard 668 deviation (n = 3 per time point; each replicate is an average over 36 images) (D) Schematic of the 669 lentiviral construct localizing Emerald or mCherry to the nucleus with an H2B fusion protein and 670 671 antibiotic resistance to puromycin used in the following panels (E) Representative images of nuclei from *PRKN*<sup>+/+</sup> astrocytes, labeled with H2B-Emerald, and *PRKN*<sup>-/-</sup> astrocytes, labeled with 672 H2B-mCherry, cultured together during a proliferation assay. Images were taken 24 hours (top) 673 after seeding and 72 hours (bottom) after seeding (F) Quantification of number of PRKN<sup>+/+</sup> and 674 PRKN<sup>-/-</sup> nuclei per image field 24 hours and 72 hours after seeding. Dots represent mean values 675 676 and error bars represent standard deviation (n = 3 per time point; each replicate is an average 677 over 25 images). Scale bars = 50 µm. All images were acquired on the CX7 HCS platform with a 678 20x objective lens.

**Fig. 3: Lysosome-localized fluorophores reveal changes in lysosomal distribution upon chemical and genetic perturbation (A)** Schematic of the lentiviral constructs used in the following panels localizing (top) mCherry to the lysosome with the 5' sequence of *LAMP1* and (bottom) Emerald to the whole cell by not including a localization sequence. **(B)** Representative images of astrocytes transduced with Emerald and LAMP1-mCherry lentiviruses and treated with 100 nM bafilomycin A1 (bottom) or a vehicle (DMSO; top). Nuclei were stained with

685 Hoechst33342. Far right: Output from CellProfiler showing the distribution Lamp1-mCherry signal 686 as a fraction of signal in each bin. Darker blue indicates a higher fraction of signal in that bin. Scale bars = 50 µm. (C) Quantification of lysosomal number per cell (left), average vesicle area 687 (middle) and fraction of perinuclear lysosomes (right) using Lamp1-mCherry signal in vehicle 688 689 (DMSO) and bafilomycin A1 (100 nM) treated astrocytes. Emerald was used to determine cell 690 boundaries. Central bars represent mean and error bars represent standard deviation (n = 4; each replicate is an average over 10 images). (D) Representative images of PRKN<sup>+/+</sup> (top) and PRKN<sup>-</sup> 691 <sup>/</sup> (bottom) astrocytes transduced with cytoplasmic Emerald and LAMP1-mCherry lentiviruses. 692 693 Nuclei were stained with Hoechst33342. Far right: Output from CellProfiler showing the distribution Lamp1-mCherry signal as a fraction of signal in each bin. Darker blue indicates a 694 695 higher fraction of signal in that bin. Scale bars = 25 µm. (E) Quantification of Lamp1-mCherry 696 signal in *PRKN*<sup>+/+</sup> and *PRKN*<sup>-/-</sup> astrocytes to measure lysosomal number per cell (left), average 697 vesicle area (middle) and fraction of perinuclear lysosomes (right). Emerald fluorescence was used to determine cell boundaries. Central bars represent mean and error bars represent 698 699 standard deviation (n = 6; each replicate is an average over 7 images). All images were acquired 700 on a Nikon Ti2E AX R confocal microscope with a 20x objective lens and 6x optical zoom.

701 Fig. 4: Mitochondria-localized fluorophores resolve changes in mitochondrial network 702 dynamics (A) Schematic of the lentiviral construct used in the following panels localizing Emerald 703 to the mitochondria with the targeting sequence of COX8A. (B) Representative images of 704 astrocytes transduced with COX8A-Emerald and treated with a vehicle (DMSO; top) or 2 uM oligomycin (bottom). Nuclei were stained with Hoechst33342. High magnification images (far 705 right) highlight the changes to the mitochondrial network upon oligomycin treatment. Scale bars 706 707 = 50 µm. (C) Quantification of mean mitochondrial area, mean mitochondrial branch length, and 708 mean aspect ratio upon oligomycin treatment. Central bars represent mean and error bars 709 represent standard deviation (n = 3; each replicate is an average over 36 images) (D) Representative images of mitochondria labeled with COX8A-Emerald moving along *PRKN<sup>-/-</sup>* neuron axons in the anterograde (left) and retrograde (right) directions. Scale bars = 5  $\mu$ m. Images were taken on a Leica DMi8 microscope for 1 hour per field **(E-F)**. Quantification of mitochondrial run length (left) and run time (right) of COX8A-Emerald labeled mitochondria in *PRKN<sup>+/+</sup>* and *PRKN<sup>-/-</sup>* dopaminergic neuron axons moving anterograde (E) and retrograde (F) as determined by kymograph analysis (average of n = 37.5 organoids for anterograde and 23.5 organoids for retrograde; each replicate is an average over 1-3 fields).

717 Fig. 5: Timer fluorophore measures changes in subcellular mitochondrial turnover in 718 **PRKN**<sup>-/-</sup>(A) Schematic demonstrating how the fluorescent protein Timer works. Timer undergoes 719 a fluorescent shift from a green emission to a red emission overtime; analysis of Timer relies on 720 examining the ratio between the red and green emission. (B) Schematic of the lentiviral construct 721 used in the following panels localizing Timer to the mitochondria by using the targeting sequence 722 of COX8A. (C) Representative images of astrocytes transduced with COX8A-Timer and treated with a vehicle (DMSO; top) or 100 nM bafilomycin A1 (bottom) for 24 hours. Images were acquired 723 724 with a 488-excitation line and a 594-excitation line. Far right: ratiometric representation of the red 725 channel divided by the green channel and pseudo colored so that orange, yellow and white 726 indicate more relative red emission and black and purple indicate more relative green emission. 727 Nuclei were stained with DRAQ5. Scale bars = 50  $\mu$ m. (D) Quantification of the ratio of mean 728 intensity of emission from excitation with a 594nm laser to the mean intensity of emission from 729 excitation with a 488 nm laser in astrocytes expressing COX8A-Timer and treated with a vehicle 730 (DMSO) or 100 nM bafilomycin A1 for 24 hours. Central bars represent mean and error bars 731 represent standard deviation (n = 6; each replicate is an average over 25 images). (E) Representative images of *PRKN*<sup>+/+</sup> and *PRKN*<sup>-/-</sup> astrocytes transduced with COX8A-Timer. 732 733 Images were acquired with a 488-excitation line and a 594-excitation line. Far right: ratiometric 734 representation of the red channel divided by the green channel and pseudo colored so that

735 orange, yellow and white indicate more relative red emission and black and purple indicate more 736 relative green emission. Nuclei were stained with DRAQ5. Scale bars = 50 µm. (F) Quantification 737 of the ratio of mean intensity of emission from excitation with a 594nm laser to the mean intensity 738 of emission from excitation with a 488 nm laser in *PRKN*<sup>+/+</sup> and *PRKN*<sup>-/-</sup> astrocytes expressing 739 COX8A-Timer. Central bars represent mean and error bars represent standard deviation (n = 3; each replicate is an average over 25 images). (G) Quantification of mean intensity normalized by 740 nuclear area of green and red fluorescence in  $PRKN^{+/+}$  and  $PRKN^{-/-}$  astrocytes expressing 741 COX8A-Timer. Central bars represent mean and error bars represent standard deviation (n = 3; 742 743 each replicate is an average over 25 images). All images were acquired on a CX7 HCS platform with a 20x objective lens. 744

Fig. 6: GRX1-roGFP2 fluorophore is used to quantify glutathione oxidation in chemical and 745 746 genetic models of oxidative stress (A) Schematic demonstrating how the fluorescent protein 747 fusion Grx1-roGFP2 works. Oxidation of Grx1 upon the oxidation of glutathione results in the eventual oxidation of roGFP2, shifting its emission spectrum from green to blue. (B) Schematic 748 of the lentiviral construct used in the following panels localizing Grx1-roGFP2 to the mitochondria. 749 750 This fluorophore was localized using atp-9 instead of COX8A. (C) Representative images of 751 astrocytes transduced with mito-GRX1-roGFP2 and treated with a vehicle (DMSO; top) or 100 752 nM bafilomycin A1 (bottom) for 24 hours. Images were acquired with a 405-excitation laser and a 488-excitation laser. Far right: ratiometric representation of the green channel divided by the blue 753 754 channel and then pseudo colored so that orange, yellow and white indicate more relative green 755 emission while black and purple represent more blue emission. Nuclei were stained with DRAQ5. Scale bars = 50  $\mu$ m. (D) Quantification of the ratio of mean intensity from 488-excitation to the 756 mean intensity from 405 excitation. In astrocytes expression mito-Grx1-roGFP2 and treated with 757 a vehicle or 100 nM bafilomycin A1. Central bars represent mean and error bars represent 758 759 standard deviation (n = 6; each replicate is an average over 25 images). (E) Quantification of

760 mean intensity normalized by nuclear area of blue and green fluorescence in vehicle and 761 bafilomycin A1 treated astrocytes expressing mito-Grx1-roGFP2. Central bars represent mean and error bars represent standard deviation (n = 6; each replicate is an average of 25 images). 762 763 (F) Representative images of  $PRKN^{+/+}$  and  $PRKN^{-/-}$  astrocytes transduced with mito-Grx1-764 roGFP2. Images were acquired with a 405-excitation laser and a 588-excitation laser. Far right: ratiometric representation of the green channel divided by the blue channel and pseudo colored 765 so that orange, yellow and white indicate more relative green emission and black and purple 766 indicate more relative blue emission. Nuclei were stained with DRAQ5. Scale bars = 50 µm. (G) 767 768 Quantification of the ratio of mean intensity of emission from excitation with a 488nm laser to the mean intensity of emission from excitation with a 405 nm laser in *PRKN*<sup>+/+</sup> and *PRKN*<sup>-/-</sup> astrocytes 769 770 expressing mito-Grx1-roGFP2. Central bars represent mean and error bars represent standard 771 deviation (n = 3; each replicate is an average over 16 images).

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## Figure S1



**Fig. S1: GEM-SCOPe supports a diversity of modifications and applications (A)** Representative images of astrocytes expressing COX8A-Emerald under the control of a doxycycline inducible promoter. Astrocytes were treated with a vehicle (DMSO; top) or doxycycline (bottom) for 72 hours. Nuclei were stained with Hoechst33342. **(B)** qPCR for endogenous *LAMP1* on RNA from astrocytes transduced with a virus localized to the lysosome (LAMP1-mCherry) or a virus not localized to the lysosome (COX8A-Emerald). qPCR primers were designed to amplify a sequence of *LAMP1* that is not included in the lentivirus to only quantify endogenous *LAMP1* levels. Bars represent mean and error bars represent standard deviation (n = 3 independent transductions). **(C)** Representative images of a mixed population of astrocytes with nuclei expressing different H2B-fusion fluorophores. Astrocytes were transduced with a single lentivirus and then plated together. Scale bar = 50 μm.



**Fig. S2: Mitochondrial pH sensor measures disrupted mitochondrial membrane potential** Schematic of the lentiviral construct used in the following panels localizing Lemon, a pH responsive fluorophore, to the mitochondria with the targeting sequence of COX8A. Lemon undergoes Forster Resonance Energy Transfer (FRET) under alkaline conditions. (B) Representative images of astrocytes transduced with COX8A-Lemon and treated with a vehicle (DMSO; top) or 2  $\mu$ M oligomycin (bottom) for 24 hours. Images were acquired with a 455nm-excitation laser and a 515-excitation laser. Far right: ratiometric representation of the emission in the yellow channel divided by the emission in the cyan channel and then pseudo colored so that orange, yellow and white indicate more relative yellow emission (more alkaline) while black and purple represent more cyan emission (more acidic). Nuclei were stained with DRAQ5. Scale bars = 50  $\mu$ m. (C) Quantification of the ratio of yellow emission to cyan emission in astrocytes expressing COX8A-Lemon and treated with DMSO or oligomycin. Central bars represent mean and error bars represent standard deviation (n = 3; each replicate is an average 36 images).

## Figure S3



**Fig. S3:** Astrocyte proliferation is activated by FBS and inhibited by MG-132 (A) Representative images of astrocytes transduced with H2B-Emerald lentivirus after 0 hrs (top) or 48 hrs (bottom) of treatment with a vehicle (DMSO; left), 10% fetal bovine serum (FBS; middle), or MG132 (right). Scale bars = 50  $\mu$ m. (B) Quantification of number of H2B-Emerald nuclei per image field 0 hours and 48 hours after treatment. Dots represent mean values and error bars represent standard deviation (n = 6 (n = 3 for MG-132 treatment) per time point; each replicate is an average over 25 images). Scale bars = 50  $\mu$ m. All images were acquired on the CX7 HCS platform with a 20x objective lens.

## Figure S4



Fig. S4: Mitochondrial fragmentation exhibits a dose dependent response to oligomycin-induced stress (A) Representative images of astrocytes transduced with COX8A-Emerald and treated with a vehicle (DMSO), 1 $\mu$ M, 2  $\mu$ M, or 5  $\mu$ M oligomycin for 4 hours. Nuclei were stained with Hoechst33342. Scale bars = 50  $\mu$ m (B) Quantification of mitochondrial features indicative of mitochondrial network fragmentation: mean area, perimeter, aspect ratio, number of branches, branch length, and number of branch endpoints. Central bars represent mean and error bars represent standard deviation (n = 3; each replicate is an average over 36 images).

Plasmid Name	AddGene Cat#	Localization	Fluorophore	Antibiotic Resistance	<b>Relevant Figures</b>
pFUW H2B-mTagBFP2-p2A-PuroR		Nucleus	mTagBFP2	Puromycin	1, 2, S1, S3
pFUW H2B-Emerald-p2A-PuroR		Nucleus	Emerald	Puromycin	2, S1
pFUW H2B-mCherry-p2A-PuroR		Nucleus	mCherry	Puromycin	2, S1
pFUW LAMP1Sig-Emerald		Lysosome	Emerald	NA	1, 3
pFUW LAMP1Sig-mCherry		Lysosome	mCherry	NA	1
pFUW COX8ASig-Emerald		Mitochondria	Emerald	NA	1, 4, S5
pFUW COX8ASig-mCherry		Mitochondria	mCherry	NA	1
pFUW PuroR-P2A-COX8ASig-Timer		Mitochondria	Timer	Puromycin	5
pFUW COX8ASig-Lemon		Mitochondria	Lemon	NA	S2
pFUW mito-GRX1-roGFP2		Mitochondria	roGFP2	NA	6
pFUW mTagBFP2		NA	mTagBFP2	NA	NA
pFUW Emerald		NA	Emerald	NA	NA
pFUW mCherry		NA	mCherry	NA	NA
pFUW mTagBFP2-P2A-PuroR		NA	mTagBFP2	Puromycin	NA
pFUW Emerald-P2A-PuroR		NA	Emerald	Puromycin	3
pFUW mCherry-P2A-PuroR		NA	mCherry	Puromycin	NA
pFUW mTagBFP2-P2A-NeoR		NA	mTagBFP2	Neomycin	NA
pFUW Emerald-P2A-NeoR		NA	Emerald	Neomycin	NA
pFUW mCherry-P2A-NeoR		NA	mCherry	Neomycin	NA

Table S1: A list of all plasmids generated in this study. Details for all plasmids, including subcellular localization, fluorophore, antibiotic resistance,

and in which figure each plasmid was used. More plasmids were generated as part of GEM-SCOPe than used in the final publication, and these are

also included here and available on Addgene.

Video S1: Mitochondrial axonal transport in PRKN<sup>+/+</sup> and PRKN<sup>-/-</sup> human iPSC derived neurons

Representative videos of COX8A-Emerald labeled mitochondria moving within neuronal axons over the course

of 1 hour. Images were taken every 10 seconds and sped up 70x. Scale bar =  $25 \mu m$ .