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Abstract

Parkinson's disease (PD) is the second most prevalent neurodegenerative disorder in the ageing population. At the cellular level, PD is characterized by the progressive loss of midbrain dopaminergic neurons (mDA) in the substantia nigra (SN) and by the pathological accumulation of alpha-synuclein (α -syn) in surviving neurons. Alpha-synuclein is a small synaptic protein encoded by the *SNCA* gene. Although its precise role remains elusive, it is thought to promote synapse integrity and facilitate dopamine neurotransmission. Mutations in *SNCA*, such as the pathogenic *SNCA*-A53T variant, have been linked to familial PD, yet their exact contribution to disease pathogenesis remains unclear. This is partly due to the widespread effects of *SNCA* mutations, which influence a diverse range of cellular pathways, complicating efforts to define underlying disease mechanisms.

To address this challenge, we employed a longitudinal multi-omics approach to characterize *SNCA*-A53T cells at seven timepoints (days 0, 6, 15, 21, 30, 40, and 60) throughout the differentiation from induced pluripotent stem cells (iPSCs) into mature mDA neurons. In parallel, we generated mDA neurons from an age- and sex-matched control. By integrating single-cell RNA sequencing (scRNA-seq), bulk proteomics, and metabolomics, we aimed to explore how *SNCA*-A53T-induced signatures manifest over time. Additionally,

we evaluated mitochondrial bioenergetics to assess the functional consequences of the mutation.

Our results reveal that the *SNCA*-A53T mutation leads to early and progressive transcriptional and functional alterations, particularly affecting mitochondrial respiration. We identify changes in oxidative phosphorylation (OXPHOS), potentially driven by the downregulation of key regulators such as *DNAJC15* and *CHCHD2*. In addition to alterations in mitochondrial bioenergetics, we observe perturbations in calcium dynamics and mitophagy, further supporting the role of mitochondrial dysfunction in disease progression. These findings provide new insights into early molecular impairments associated with the *SNCA*-A53T mutation and highlight shared pathogenic mechanisms in PD.

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Abbreviations

6-OHDA 6-hydroxydopamine

α -syn Alpha-synuclein

ALP Autophagy-lysosomal pathway

BBB Blood-brain barrier

CBD Corticobasal degeneration

CMA Chaperone-mediated autophagy

CNS Central nervous system

CSF Cerebrospinal fluid

DAP Differentially expressed protein

DaT Dopamine Transporter

DBS Deep brain stimulation

DEG Differentially expressed gene

Abbreviations

EHT	Eicosanoyl-5-hydroxytryptamide
EPS	Extrapyrmidal system
ERAD	ER-associated degradation
ER	Endoplasmic reticulum
ETC	Electron transport chain
FC	Fold change
GABA	Gamma-aminobutyric acid
GO	Gene Ontology
GPI	Globus pallidus internus
GWAS	Genome-wide association studies
iPSC	Induced pluripotent stem cell
KEGG	Kyoto encyclopedia of genes and genomes
KO	Knockout
L-dopa	Levodopa
LB	Lewy body
LC-MS	Liquid chromatography-mass spectrometry
LID	Levodopa-induced dyskinesia
LN	Lewy neurite
MAM	Mitochondria-associated membranes
mDA	Midbrain dopaminergic
MPTP	1-methyl-4-phenyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine
MSA	Multiple systems atrophy
nAChRs	Nicotinic acetylcholine receptors

NAC	Non-amyloid- β component
OMM	Outer mitochondrial membrane
PCR	Quantitative real-time PCR
PD	Parkinson's disease
PSP	Progressive supranuclear palsy
PTP	Permeability transition pore
ROS	Reactive oxygen species
SAA	Seed amplification assay
scRNA-seq	Single-cell RNA sequencing
SNpc	Substantia nigra pars compacta
SNpr	Substantia nigra pars reticulata
TBI	Traumatic brain injury
ThT	Thioflavin T
TH	Tyrosine hydroxylase
UPR	Unfolded protein response
UPS	Ubiquitin-proteasome system
VAMP2	Vesicle-associated membrane protein 2
VTa	Ventral tegmental area

Abbreviations

CHAPTER 1

Introduction

Parkinson's Disease (PD) is the fastest-growing neurological condition globally, affecting around 1-2% of the population over the age of 65 [1]. At the cellular level, PD is characterized by the progressive loss of midbrain dopaminergic (mDA) neurons in the substantia nigra (SN) and by the intracellular accumulation and aggregation of alpha-synuclein (α -syn) into Lewy bodies (LBs) [2]. This neurodegenerative cascade leads to a marked depletion of striatal dopamine, resulting in the cardinal motor features of PD, including tremor, bradykinesia, rigidity, and postural instability [3]. Beyond the classical motor phenotype, PD also presents with a heterogeneous spectrum of non-motor symptoms such as cognitive decline, autonomic dysfunction, and sleep disturbances, which often precede motor dysfunction by years to decades [4, 5]. Owing to its multifactorial nature, which encompasses both genetic and environmental factors, the pathogenesis of PD is highly complex and still largely unknown. Despite intensive research efforts, there remains no treatment that can cure or halt disease progression. As such, the current therapeutic paradigm centers around alleviating motor symptoms, often by chronic dopamine replacement. Given the increasing global prevalence of PD and lack of curative therapies,

there is a pressing need to understand the biological processes that underpin disease initiation and progression. To address this challenge, we employ a multi-omics approach to investigate the PD-associated mutation *SNCA*-A53T. By combining transcriptomic, proteomic, and metabolomic analyses, we aim to identify critical drivers of disease pathology and uncover potential targets for therapeutic intervention.

1.1 Parkinson’s disease: a general overview

In this chapter, the current literature on PD is introduced, with a particular focus on α -syn pathology. More specifically, Section 1.1 explores key aspects of the disease, including epidemiology, pathogenic hallmarks, clinical features, etiology, and modeling strategies. Section 1.2 then provides a comprehensive review of α -syn’s role in PD pathogenesis.

1.1.1 Epidemiology

The epidemiology of PD shows pronounced variations in age, sex, geographical location, and ethnicity [6]. PD prevalence increases substantially with age, affecting approximately 1–2% of the population over the age of 65 and 4–5% of the population over the age of 85 [1, 7, 8]. Notably, only 5% of cases are diagnosed before the age of 60 [7]. For this reason, age is considered the biggest risk factor for PD development [7]. Moreover, with an increasing ageing population, it has been projected that the PD burden will exceed 12 million cases by 2040 [9].

Sex also has a significant impact on disease prevalence, as the risk of developing PD is twice as high in males as in females [10]. This disparity may be partially explained by the neuroprotective effects of estrogens [11]. It has been demonstrated that lifetime exposure to higher levels of estrogen correlates with a significantly lower PD risk in females [12]. In addition, similar PD disease rates are observed between males and post-menopausal females [10]. Despite this, females have increased mortality and accelerated disease progression compared to males [13, 14].

The incidence of PD also varies based on geographical location, with higher prevalence rates found in Europe, North America, and South America, compared to Arabic and Asian countries [15, 5]. Furthermore, it has been predicted that the PD disease burden will shift from industrialized Western nations to developing nations in the East [9].

While understanding and predicting these trends are crucial, PD epidemiological studies are often confounded by methodological limitations and by the complexity of the disease [16]. Additionally, there is a considerable lack of data from certain geographical locations such as Latin America, Southeast Asia, and Africa [17]. These factors make it challenging to provide robust predictions of the global PD burden [18, 6].

1.1.2 Pathogenic hallmarks

At the cellular level, PD is linked to a diverse range of neuropathological hallmarks reflecting its intricate pathophysiology. A principal feature of PD is the progressive degeneration of mDA neurons in the substantia nigra pars compacta (SNpc), which project to the dorsal putamen and striatum [3]. As mDA neurons are the primary site for the synthesis and release of dopamine in the central nervous system (CNS), their loss results in a substantial reduction in dopamine levels in the striatum, which in turn impairs key motor pathways [19]. By the time motor symptoms emerge, approximately 30% of mDA neurons have already been lost [20]. This figure increases to 60-80% in the advanced stages of disease, correlating with the severity of motor dysfunction and disease duration [21, 22, 20].

Dopamine is a neurotransmitter crucial for movement, learning, and attention [23]. After being synthesized in the cytosol, dopamine can interact with excitatory D1 receptors and inhibitory D2 receptors within the extrapyramidal system (EPS) [24, 25]. Key components of the EPS include the basal ganglia, which contains the globus pallidus internus (GPi) and the substantia nigra pars reticulata (SNpr) [26]. These structures form part of larger circuits in the thalamus and cortex [27].

In PD, the loss of dopamine in the striatum causes hyperactivation of the GPi and SNpr, resulting in excess gamma-aminobutyric acid (GABA) release and increased thalamic inhibition [28, 26, 22]. This in turn impairs the ability of the thalamus to activate the frontal cortex, culminating in decreased motor output [26, 29]. In addition to degeneration of dopaminergic pathways, PD pathology can also affect cholinergic, glutamatergic, adenosinergic, GABAergic, and serotonergic signaling networks [15, 30]. Dysfunction in these systems may account for the broad range of non-motor symptoms that often precede motor impairments [31, 5].

Another prominent hallmark of PD is the pathological aggregation of α -syn, a presynaptic protein that forms LBs and Lewy neurites (LNs) [2]. LBs are spherical, eosinophilic inclusions (5-25 μ m in diameter) found in neuronal cell bodies [32]. LNs, on the other hand, are thread-like aggregates of α -syn found within neuronal processes [33–35]. This deposition of α -syn is central to PD, as these toxic aggregates can have a detrimental effect on physiological cellular functions (discussed in detail in Section 1.2).

The aggregation of α -syn is also fundamental to disease progression. It is thought that α -syn pathology initially begins in one location and spreads through the connectome to vulnerable regions in the nervous system [36]. Thus far, two primary models have been proposed for the propagation of α -syn pathology: the brain-first and body-first models. In the brain-first model, pathology starts in the brain, most likely in the olfactory bulb or amygdala, and subsequently spreads to the peripheral autonomic nervous system [36]. Conversely, in the body-first model, α -syn pathology starts in the peripheral nervous system and spreads to the brain stem [36]. This model is well represented in Braak’s staging system, which states that in the pre-symptomatic stages of PD, Lewy pathology originates at peripheral sites, such as the gut [37, 38]. From there, it propagates via the vagus nerve and the dorsal motor nucleus of the vagus to the brainstem. As the disease progresses, LBs and LNs are detected in the SNpc, locus coeruleus, and raphe nuclei. Finally, in the advanced stage of the disease, Lewy pathology spreads to the neocortex and limbic regions, correlating with more severe motor and cognitive symptoms. Given the diversity of PD phenotypes, it is likely that pathology is initiated in a brain-first or body-first manner in different subsets of patients.

1.1.3 Clinical features

1.1.3.1 Symptoms

It is increasingly recognized that PD progresses through three distinct phases: the preclinical, prodromal, and clinical stages [39]. The preclinical phase is marked by progressive neurodegenerative pathology that precedes the emergence of clinical symptoms [40]. However, this stage remains poorly understood, and as a result, no reliable biomarkers have yet been identified to detect patients at this early point of the disease [40]. Despite this, the preclinical phase is often considered a critical therapeutic window, as interventions targeting early pathological changes may offer the greatest potential to alter disease progression [41].

Following this, the prodromal phase is characterized by the onset of non-motor symptoms, which can precede motor impairments by years or even decades [4, 5]. These symptoms include depression, cognitive decline, and urinary dysfunction, all of which are considered pre-diagnostic indicators of PD risk [42]. As it is postulated in the body-first model that PD pathology affects the peripheral autonomic nervous system, olfactory system, and structures of the lower brainstem before reaching the SN [43, 44, 37]. This may somewhat underlie the presentation of hyposmia, constipation, and sleep disorders that also develop in many patients [45, 5].

Finally, the clinical phase is characterized by the onset of hallmark motor symptoms, including bradykinesia (slowness of movement), rigidity (increased muscle tone), and resting tremors [46]. As the disease advances, postural instability frequently develops, further impacting mobility and increasing the risk of falls [46]. While the progression of functional deficits and disability is rather variable, symptoms typically progress over a period of years to decades [47]. Within 5-10 years of symptom onset, many patients experience significant gait disturbances and impairments in balance, and by 15 years, hallucinations and dementia often manifest [48, 49].

Although life expectancy is only moderately reduced compared to age-matched controls, long-term survival remains limited, with approximately 70% of patients

not surviving beyond 15 years after disease onset [50, 51]. The leading cause of mortality in PD is pneumonia, which is often secondary to aspiration caused by immobility [52]. Additionally, complications such as falls and infections contribute significantly to mortality rates [53].

1.1.3.2 Diagnosis

The diagnosis of PD is often challenging, as its clinical features overlap with atypical syndromes like multiple systems atrophy (MSA), progressive supranuclear palsy (PSP), and corticobasal degeneration (CBD) [54]. Given that there is no definitive test, PD diagnosis is largely based on the presentation of bradykinesia in combination with rigidity or resting tremor [55]. Early symptoms are often asymmetric, and the absence of atypical symptoms (e.g., cerebellar dysfunction, cortical sensory loss, vertical supranuclear palsies, or acute autonomic dysfunction) is considered indicative of a PD diagnosis [5]. Moreover, a positive response to dopamine-based treatments, such as Levodopa, can be used to further discriminate PD from other forms of parkinsonism [56, 57].

Functional and structural neuroimaging can also be used to aid diagnosis [58]. Whilst brain magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) findings are typically unremarkable in PD patients, they can be useful in excluding structural irregularities and secondary causes of parkinsonism, such as normal pressure hydrocephalus and demyelinating lesions [59, 60]. In addition, dopamine transporter (DAT) single photon emission computed tomography (SPECT) can be used to assess dopaminergic pathways *in vivo* [60]. The DAT protein plays an important role in the reuptake of dopamine from the synaptic cleft and can therefore be used to infer the extent of presynaptic dopaminergic dysfunction [61]. DaT SPECT is reported to have a specificity of 92% and sensitivity of 90% in differentiating idiopathic PD from secondary parkinsonian conditions [62, 63].

More recently, the α -synuclein seed amplification assay (α -syn-SAA) has been proposed as a promising tool for the early detection of PD [64]. This test exploits the intrinsic self-propagating nature of misfolded α -syn, which acts as a seed to template pathological conformations in native α -syn proteins [65]. In the α -syn-SAA, cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) samples are mixed with monomeric

C-terminally tagged α -syn, which serves as a substrate for any misfolded α -syn seeds present in the sample [66, 67]. The samples are then subject to alternating cycles of fibril elongation and fragmentation. After several cycles, if the sample contains aggregated α -syn, the concentration will have increased exponentially, which can be detected by amyloid-specific dyes like Thioflavin T (ThT) [66]. It has been demonstrated that the α -syn-SAA has a sensitivity ranging between 85-93% and a specificity of 95-98% for diagnosing PD [68]. However, the α -syn-SAA comes with some caveats. Firstly, the aggregation of α -syn is not exclusive to PD and occurs in other age-related neurodegenerative disorders, as well as various lysosomal and pediatric neurometabolic disorders [69–71]. Secondly, α -syn-SAA positivity correlates poorly with disease severity and progression rate [72]. As such, the α -syn-SAA should be used in conjunction with other diagnostic techniques [68].

1.1.3.3 Treatments

Treating PD symptoms effectively requires careful consideration of pharmacological options and their limitations. As dopamine itself is unable to cross the blood-brain barrier (BBB), it cannot be used to substitute depleted levels in the striatum [73]. Whilst various pharmacological options exist (outlined in Tab. 1.1), since its introduction in 1961, Levodopa (L-Dopa), a precursor of dopamine, has been the “gold standard” for treating PD-associated motor impairments [74–76].

L-Dopa is an isomer of the amino acid D, L-dihydroxyphenylalanine [77]. After crossing the BBB, L-Dopa is taken up by remaining dopaminergic neurons and converted to dopamine by the aromatic L-amino acid decarboxylase (DOPA decarboxylase) enzyme [78, 79]. To prevent peripheral breakdown and increase CNS bioavailability, L-Dopa is administered with a peripheral decarboxylase inhibitor, such as Carbidopa or Benserazide [80, 81].

During the first few years of treatment, L-Dopa is very effective in managing motor symptoms, as surviving dopaminergic neurons store exogenous dopamine and maintain normal signaling in the striatum [82]. However, long-term L-Dopa use is associated with levodopa-induced dyskinesia (LID), which refers to purposeless, involuntary movements [83]. LID occurs in approximately 80%

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of PD patients, with 30% of patients experiencing it after only three years of treatment [84, 85, 82]. LID typically occurs in the advanced stages of disease, when dopaminergic neurons and dopamine transporters are severely depleted, which prevents dopamine from being stored [86]. Consequently, more dopamine is simultaneously released from each L-Dopa dose, leading to overstimulation of dopamine receptors in the putamen [87, 82]. Furthermore, the pulsatile administration of L-Dopa causes dopamine levels to fluctuate between peaks and troughs [88]. These fluctuations result in "on" periods with improved motor control and "off" periods characterized by the re-emergence of motor symptoms [89].

Type of Drug	Brand Name(s)	Mode of Action
Dopamine agonists	Pramipexole	Mimic dopamine action by directly stimulating dopamine receptors.
	Ropinirole	
	Rotigotine	
Monoamine Oxidase B		
Inhibitors (MAO-B)	Selegiline	Inhibit MAO-B, reducing dopamine breakdown and increasing availability.
	Safinamide	
Catechol-O-Methyltransferase		
Inhibitors (COMT)	Tolcapone	Inhibit COMT, prolonging levodopa’s effectiveness.
	Entacapone	
Anticholinergic drugs	Trihexyphenidyl	Block acetylcholine to restore dopamine-acetylcholine balance.
	Benztropine	
Amantadine	Symmetrel	Increases dopamine release and inhibits its reuptake.
Dopamine releasers	Apomorphine	Stimulates dopamine release and acts as a dopamine agonist.

Table 1.1 Pharmacological treatments for PD. Summary of pharmaceutical agents currently available for the treatment of PD [90].

For patients with advanced motor fluctuations who do not respond well to pharmacological treatments, deep brain stimulation (DBS) is a possible alternative [91]. During DBS, electrodes are used to deliver high-frequency stimulation to the subthalamic nucleus and GPi, which are hyperactive in PD [92, 93]. This stimulation de-synchronizes the abnormal firing of neurons in these regions [94]. Although DBS has proven effective in treating motor fluctuations, it carries the risk of post-surgical complications [95, 96]. As a result, DBS is not suitable for all patients, instead, individualized screening is used to stratify potential candidates. For instance, patients below the age of 70 years, who demonstrate a positive response to L-Dopa, are typically considered appropriate candidates [97]. Conversely, DBS is not recommended for patients with cognitive impairment, active depression, or axial dominant symptoms [97]. Intriguingly, it has also been suggested that genetic profiling can be used to estimate DBS outcomes. More specifically, phenotypes associated with the PD-linked mutations *LRRK2* and *PRKN* demonstrate more favorable outcomes than those associated with *GBA* mutations, although current evidence is still rather scarce [97].

More recently, there has been a growing interest in therapies targeting aggregated α -syn. One approach has been to use active and passive immunization strategies [98, 99]. Active immunization involves stimulating the immune system to produce antibodies against α -syn [100]. Examples of this are PD01A and PD03A developed by AFFiRiS. In phase 1 clinical trials, these synthetic peptide-based antibodies have demonstrated clear immune responses against α -syn-targeted epitopes [101]. However, neither has been evaluated in phase 2 or phase 3 clinical trials.

In contrast, passive immunization involves the direct administration of antibodies designed to target α -syn aggregates [100]. One such example is the monoclonal antibody, Prasinezumab, designed by Roche. Prasinezumab selectively binds to and inhibits the intracellular spread of α -syn, mitigating its neuronal toxicity [102]. In a multicenter, randomized, double-blind trial (PASADENA study), Prasinezumab failed to meet its primary endpoint. Despite this, post hoc analysis indicated a slower rate of disease progression in the treated cohort, prompting an extension of the trial until 2026 [100]. In parallel, a phase 2b trial (PADOVA study) was conducted to evaluate its efficacy in

slowing disease progression [103]. However, in December 2024, it was reported that the PADOVA study also failed to meet its primary endpoint [104].

Despite advancements in therapies targeting α -syn, as of yet none of the molecules tested in phase 2 trials have met their primary endpoints [100]. This highlights the challenges associated with the timing and design of treatments. PD pathology begins years before the onset of clinical symptoms, and by the time of diagnosis, extensive neuronal degeneration has already occurred [105, 100, 106]. Therefore, the majority of patients enrolled in trials may already have irreversible damage [107]. It is also possible that targeting α -syn aggregates alone may not be sufficient to alter the disease course. PD pathogenesis involves diverse pathways, and understanding the mechanisms by which α -syn impacts these pathways is crucial to therapy design [108].

1.1.4 Genetics

It is generally regarded that PD arises from a complex interplay between genetic and environmental influences [109]. Approximately 85-90% of PD cases are sporadic, with no known cause [110]. This unclear etiology makes investigating idiopathic cases very challenging. On the other hand, 10-15% of cases are attributed to genetic variants [110]. Although mutations account for only a small proportion of PD cases, much of our understanding of PD at the cellular level is based on investigating these causative genes [111]. Moreover, as monogenic and sporadic PD display a significant overlap in neuropathology and clinical features, this further exemplifies their relevance for understanding PD pathogenesis [112, 113].

Since the discovery of the first PD-related gene, *SNCA*, in 1997, over 20 causative genes have been identified [114–117]. Additionally, more than 100 genetic loci have been recognized as risk factors contributing to PD development [118, 119]. Genes associated with PD are categorized with the prefix "*PARK*" and numbered sequentially based on their order of discovery [120]. Among the genes postulated to confer disease risk, six genes have been unequivocally linked to heritable monogenic PD [120]. *SNCA* (*PARK1/4*) and *LRRK2* (*PARK8*) are linked to autosomal-dominant forms, while mutations in *PRKN* (*PARK2*),

PINK1 (*PARK6*), *DJ-1* (*PARK7*), and *ATP13A2* (*PARK9*) underlie autosomal recessive forms [120].

Despite affecting diverse pathways, many of these mutations converge on common pathogenic hallmarks, including mitochondrial dysfunction, impaired proteostasis, and dopaminergic neuron loss. This overlap suggests common drivers of disease pathology. However, understanding how these pathways interact and their relative contribution to PD phenotypes remains a key challenge in PD research. Below a description of the most extensively studied genetic risk factors are given, alongside descriptions of their roles in these shared processes.

1.1.4.1 LRRK2 (PARK8)

Leucine-Rich Repeat Kinase 2 (*LRRK2*) mutations represent the most common known cause of late-onset PD, with a mutation frequency estimated at 2-40% in different populations [120, 121]. Patients harbouring *LRRK2* mutations typically present with a mid-to-late onset, characterized by a slow progression and milder phenotype [120, 122]. Over 50 different missense and nonsense mutations have been identified to date, with the G2019S mutation being the most frequent and well-characterized [120, 123, 124]. The *LRRK2* gene consists of 51 exons and encodes a large multidomain protein involved in cytoskeletal function, synaptic transmission, and protein expression [125, 126]. Although the precise pathogenic mechanisms of *LRRK2*-mediated PD are unknown, it is thought that hyperactivation of LRRK2 kinase activity may play a role [120]. Consistent with this, many *LRRK2* mutations occur in the catalytic domain [127, 128]. This hyperactivation is associated with impaired intracellular trafficking and perturbed mitochondrial dynamics [127, 129, 130].

1.1.4.2 SNCA (PARK1/4)

Mutations in the *SNCA* gene, which encodes α -syn, are the second most common cause of autosomal-dominant PD [131]. Collectively, they are estimated to account for 1-2% of familial cases and 0.2% of sporadic cases [131–133]. These mutations include missense variants (p.A53T, p.A30P, p.E46K, p.G51D, p.H50Q, p.A53E, and p.A53V) and increased copy numbers (duplication or

triplication of the *SNCA* locus) [134–136]. Whilst both are very rare, copy number variants are more frequent than missense variants, with 60 affected families identified to date [137]. Despite involving the same gene, the clinical phenotype can differ markedly between *SNCA* variants [138].

The p.A53T (*SNCA*-A53T) mutation, where alanine in position 53 is substituted with threonine, is often regarded as one of the most prevalent and clinically severe *SNCA* point mutations [139, 135]. On average, p.A53T carriers exhibit parkinsonian symptoms 10 years earlier than other missense variants [140, 141]. Notably, most patients harbouring the p.A53T mutation present with parkinsonian symptoms before the age of 50, which is correlated with a rapid and aggressive disease course [142]. In contrast, the p.A30P and p.E46K mutations have a later onset, typically between 50-60 years of age [142]. Patients carrying p.E46K mutations often present with severe parkinsonism and dementia, while those carrying p.A30P mutations have a milder phenotype [134]. More recently, the novel pathogenic variant p.G51D has been identified in four families [143]. This variant is of particular interest due to its early onset, which ranges from 19-60 years, and its overlapping features with MSA [144].

Genomic duplication and triplication of the *SNCA* gene also cause early-onset PD [145]. Interestingly, it has been demonstrated that gene dosage correlates with symptom onset. In a meta-analysis, patients carrying three *SNCA* copies (heterozygous *SNCA* duplication) had a mean age of onset at 44 years, whereas those with four *SNCA* copies (homozygous *SNCA* duplication, or *SNCA* triplication) had an average onset of 34 years [146, 147]. This gene dosage effect is also mirrored in the clinical phenotype, as *SNCA* triplications are associated with severe parkinsonism, accompanied by cognitive impairments [148]. In contrast, *SNCA* duplications have a more varied presentation, ranging from benign forms that resemble idiopathic PD to more aggressive, early-onset forms of disease [142].

Mutations in *SNCA* contribute to PD pathology either by directly increasing α -syn protein levels or by altering its aggregation propensity. These alterations promote the formation of toxic α -syn conformations, which have detrimental effects on various physiological cell functions (discussed in detail in Section 1.2).

1.1.4.3 PRKN (PARK2)

Mutations in the second identified PD gene, *PRKN*, represent the most common cause of autosomal recessive PD [149, 147]. Notably, *PRKN* mutations account for up to 77% of familial cases that present before the age of 30 years [150]. *PRKN* encodes an E3 ubiquitin ligase (Parkin) that facilitates the addition of ubiquitin molecules to lysine residues on target proteins [151, 152]. This post-translational modification targets proteins for proteasomal degradation [153]. Importantly, Parkin functions in a shared signalling pathway with the PD-associated protein *PINK1* to detect and remove defective mitochondria [154]. In response to mitochondrial damage, PINK1 accumulates on the outer mitochondrial membrane (OMM), this recruits and activates cytosolic Parkin [155]. Parkin then ubiquitinates OMM proteins, triggering the selective removal of damaged mitochondria (referred to as mitophagy) [155, 156]. Mutations in *PRKN* impair the catalytic activity of the Parkin protein, which in turn affects mitochondrial quality control [157].

1.1.4.4 PINK1 (PARK6)

PTEN-induced putative kinase 1 (*PINK1*) mutations are attributed as the second leading cause of autosomal recessive early-onset PD, with mutation frequencies estimated at 1-9% [158]. The majority of these mutations are either missense or nonsense, with exon 7 harboring the largest number of identified variants [120, 159]. The *PINK1* gene encodes a 581 amino acid protein kinase, which, as mentioned, is essential for mitochondrial quality control [160]. Mutations in *PINK1* reduce the phosphorylation or kinase activity of the PINK1 protein, which compromises mitophagy [154]. This in turn leads to the accumulation of dysfunctional mitochondria, ultimately resulting in cell death [154].

1.1.4.5 DJ-1 (PARK7)

The *DJ-1* gene encodes a 189-amino-acid protein that functions as both an antioxidant and an oxidative stress sensor [161, 162]. Mutations in *DJ-1* are

associated with early-onset autosomal recessive PD [163]. Although rare, around 10 point mutations and exonic deletions have been identified, accounting for approximately 1-2% of early-onset cases [147, 164]. Many of the identified *DJ-1* variants, such as p.L166P, p.E64D, p.M26I, and p.D149A, disrupt the protein's dimeric structure, resulting in misfolding [165, 166]. This loss of function compromises its antioxidant activity, which in turn contributes to PD-associated phenotypes [167].

1.1.4.6 Other PD-linked variants

In addition to these well-established PD genes, genome-wide association studies (GWAS) have identified numerous other genes associated with an increased disease risk, such as *MAPT*, *GBA*, *NAT2*, *INOS2A*, *GAK*, *HLA-DRA*, and *APOE* [120]. Among these, *GBA* is one of the most well-validated PD risk genes [168]. *GBA* encodes a lysosomal enzyme β -glucocerebrosidase, which plays a crucial role in glycolipid metabolism [169]. Mutations in *GBA* cause Gaucher's disease, which results from an accumulation of glucocerebroside [170]. Strikingly, *GBA* mutations significantly increase the risk of developing PD, with studies reporting their presence in 8–14% of autopsy-confirmed PD cases [171, 172]. In addition, linkage analyses have identified numerous other genes considered potentially causative of PD (*UCHL1*, *OMI/HTRA2*, *GYGYF2*, *PLA2G6*, and *DNAJC13*) [173, 120]. However, as many of these variants result in phenotypes inconsistent with classical PD, the true extent of their involvement is uncertain [120]. Other PD-associated mutations include *CHCHD2*, *PSAP*, and *VPS35*, which occur at very low frequencies in Mendelian PD [116].

1.1.5 Environmental risk factors

The link between environmental exposures and PD was first made in 1983 with the synthetic neurotoxin, 1-methyl-4-phenyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine (MPTP) [174]. Individuals injecting synthetic heroin contaminated with MPTP developed severe parkinsonism [175, 176]. It was later discovered that MPTP is a mitochondrial complex I inhibitor that selectively damages the nigrostriatal system [177].

Since then, it has been established that exposure to herbicides and pesticides is also linked to PD [178]. Commonly used pesticides, such as paraquat and rotenone, have both been associated with an increased disease risk [179, 180]. Using animal models, it has been established that rotenone inhibits complex I of the mitochondrial respiratory chain, leading to the selective damage of dopamine neurons in the SNpc [179, 181–183]. Whereas paraquat exposure results in the excessive generation of free radicals and oxidative stress-induced dopaminergic degeneration [184, 182, 185, 186]. These findings suggest that increased exposure to pesticides can induce neurodegeneration that closely mimics PD features. This may also somewhat explain why rural living and agricultural work are considered risk factors for PD [187–189].

In addition to environmental risk factors, lifestyle choices can also influence the risk of developing PD. Over the last 50 years, more than 40 studies have investigated the link between cigarette smoking and reduced PD prevalence [190, 46]. A large-scale study conducted in 30,000 individuals reported a 30% lower risk of PD in smokers compared with non-smokers and found that disease risk was inversely correlated with the amount of tobacco smoked [191]. Moreover, this risk was higher in current versus former smokers. It is hypothesized that this protective effect may be due to nicotine, which can activate mDA neurons through direct and indirect mechanisms [192]. More specifically, nicotine can activate nicotinic acetylcholine receptors (nAChRs) on the soma of dopaminergic neurons and can also regulate terminal dopamine signaling in the forebrain [193, 194]. However, as tobacco contains thousands of chemicals, it is difficult to decipher the extent to which each compound plays a neuroprotective role [195].

Besides cigarette smoking, coffee consumption is also associated with a reduced PD risk and slower disease progression [196, 197]. This neuroprotective effect may be linked to specific bioactive compounds in coffee. A recent study found that caffeine and eicosanoyl-5-hydroxytryptamide (EHT), two major coffee components, act synergistically to enhance the activity of protein phosphatase 2A (PP2A). This in turn dephosphorylates α -syn and protects against α -syn-mediated toxicity [198].

Whilst a variety of environmental compounds and lifestyle factors have been linked to PD, no single causative agent accounts for a large number of cases

[199]. This may be partly due to genetic heterogeneity, as individuals exposed to the same environmental factors are affected differently, resulting in disease phenotypes that are unique to individual patients [200]. This exemplifies the complex nature of PD, in which genetic background and environmental exposures contribute to disease pathology in a multi-synergic and poorly defined manner [110].

1.1.6 PD disease modeling

Given the aforementioned complexity of disease etiology, developing accurate models of PD is crucial to advancing our understanding of the disease and to developing effective treatments [201]. One major obstacle in PD research is the lack of available brain tissue [111]. Moreover, as around 60% of neurons have already been lost by the time of diagnosis, postmortem samples often represent end-stage disease [202, 111]. As it is becoming increasingly accepted that PD has a preclinical phase, beginning up to several years before clinical symptoms, it is therefore necessary to design models capable of investigating early pathophysiological cascades [203, 7, 107].

One approach commonly employed to model PD involves the administration of neurotoxins to rodents and non-human primates [204]. Local or systemic administration of neurotoxins such as 6-hydroxydopamine (6-OHDA) and MPTP disrupts complex I activity. This results in oxidative stress and a dose-dependent reduction in dopaminergic neurons in the SNpc and the putamen [205, 206, 105]. Consequently, neurotoxin administration leads to the destruction of the nigrostriatal system and motor symptoms that closely resemble those seen in human PD [176, 207].

One limitation of neurotoxin models is their ability to mimic α -syn pathology [208]. Whilst MPTP exposure has been shown to produce intraneuronal inclusions in primates, this feature is not replicated in mice [209–211]. Similarly, administration of 6-OHDA does not result in α -syn aggregates, which limits its ability to fully recapitulate the PD phenotype [212, 213]. In addition to this, the acute nature of pathology caused by neurotoxin administration does not accurately depict the progressive, age-dependent changes observed in most

patients [214, 176]. As such, these models can only be utilized to study the late, chronic, dopamine-depleted stage of the disease.

Another widely used approach for modeling PD is the use of transgenic animals, most commonly transgenic mice. This technology enables gene deletion, overexpression, and mutation *in vivo* [215]. In PD research, transgenic overexpression of autosomal dominant genes (*SNCA* and *LRRK2*) and knockout (KO) of autosomal recessive genes (*PRKN*, *PINK1*, and *DJ-1*) are commonly employed [216]. While transgenic models have broadened our overall understanding of PD, one limitation is that very few transgenic models exhibit a slow and progressive degeneration pattern [215, 217]. Furthermore, animal lines carrying the same mutation often display inconsistent phenotypes, which has been attributed to transgene insertion [218]. More recently, the MitoPark mouse model has been developed [219]. In this model, a slow and progressive SNpc degeneration is achieved through inactivation of mitochondrial transcription factor A [220]. While not without limitations, the MitoPark model is a step towards recapitulating human disease.

In addition to animal models, recent advances in iPSC technology have provided a unique tool to investigate PD. This approach involves the forced expression of Yamanaka factors (Oct3/4, Sox2, Klf4, and c-Myc) [221, 222]. These transcription factors facilitate the conversion of somatic cells into iPSCs, which have the ability to differentiate into any cell type [223]. In the case of PD, iPSCs carrying disease-associated mutations can be derived from patient fibroblasts and differentiated into mDA neurons [111, 52]. This provides an unlimited supply of disease-relevant cells while preserving the patient's original genomic background [224]. Since 2011, more than 385 iPSC neuronal cell lines have been generated from PD patients carrying different genetic mutations [110]. These studies have demonstrated the ability of iPSC models to recapitulate features of human disease such as reduced striatal dopamine release, α -syn pathology, neurodegeneration, and mitochondrial dysfunction [110]. Moreover, as patient-derived neuronal models more accurately capture the human genetic background, this in turn may increase the possibility of translational success.

1.2 Alpha-synuclein & PD

As discussed in Section 1.1, α -syn pathology is a hallmark of PD, and mutations in *SNCA*—the gene encoding α -syn—can significantly influence disease progression (Section 1.1.4.2). Given the focus of this thesis on the *SNCA*-A53T mutation, the following section will provide a detailed examination of the physiological structure and function of α -syn, the mechanisms underlying its aggregation, and the implications of these processes for PD pathology.

1.2.1 Alpha-synuclein structure & physiological function

A-syn is a small protein (14 kDa) expressed at high levels in the central and peripheral nervous systems [225, 226]. It has long been described as an intrinsically disordered monomer, meaning it lacks a fixed three-dimensional structure in aqueous solution [227, 228]. However, endogenous α -syn also exists as a folded tetramer that exhibits little to no aggregation potential [229]. These monomeric and tetrameric forms exist in dynamic equilibrium, and changes in this balance can have wide-ranging effects on aggregation propensity [230, 100].

Structurally, α -syn is composed of three regions, each having unique biological functions (Fig. 1.1) [100]. The N-terminal domain (residues 1-60) is a positively charged region, consisting of imperfect repeats that form an amphipathic helix [231–233]. This region is critical for the ability of α -syn to interact with membranes [229]. The central non-amyloid- β component (NAC) region (residues 61-95) is recognized as the most aggregation-prone portion of the protein due to its strong tendency to adopt β -sheet structures and fibrillar aggregates [234–236]. Finally, the C-terminal (residues 96-140) is a negatively charged portion of the protein, responsible for chaperone activity and Ca^{2+} binding [100, 237]. The C-terminal also contains many post-translational modification sites, which can influence aggregation dynamics and the interaction of α -syn with other cellular components [238, 239].

Although the physiological role of α -syn is not fully understood, it is thought to be involved in neurotransmitter release, vesicle trafficking, and synaptic plasticity [240, 241]. These roles are supported by its presynaptic localization [242].

Through its interaction with vesicle-associated membrane protein 2 (VAMP2), α -syn chaperones the assembly of the soluble *N*-ethylmaleimide-sensitive fusion protein attachment protein receptor (SNARE) complex [243, 244]. This assembly is crucial for exocytosis and neurotransmitter release [245]. α -syn also clusters synaptic vesicles, thereby modulating the availability of vesicles in the distal reserve pool [227, 246]. In line with this, even modest overexpression of α -syn can restrict vesicle recycling and attenuate neurotransmitter release [247].

Alongside these roles, α -syn can directly regulate dopamine neurotransmission by interacting with tyrosine hydroxylase (TH), the rate-limiting enzyme in dopamine biosynthesis [248]. *In vivo* studies have demonstrated that overexpression of endogenous α -syn diminishes TH promoter activity, leading to reductions in both TH mRNA and TH protein [249, 250]. Moreover, α -syn can restrict dopamine re-uptake through its inhibition of DAT [251].

1.2.2 Alpha-synuclein misfolding & aggregation

Under physiological conditions, α -syn is predominantly soluble and intrinsically disordered. This inherent structural flexibility is essential for its normal function but also predisposes it to misfolding and aggregation [113].

The aggregation of α -syn involves a multi-step process that occurs in distinct phases (Fig. 1.1) [252]. In the first phase of aggregation (the lag phase), native α -syn monomers assemble to form small, unstable oligomeric species [253]. Over time, these species self-associate into an aggregation-competent nucleus, which acts as a template for further misfolding [254, 57, 255–257, 235]. This is often referred to as the rate-limiting step in the aggregation process, as it is slow progressing and kinetically unfavorable [256]. In the elongation phase, oligomers grow exponentially through the continual addition of native monomers [258, 259]. This process results in the formation of protofibrils and eventually insoluble fibrils, which are large aggregates with highly ordered beta-sheet structures [35, 260]. Finally, during the stationary phase, fibril formation slows as the monomer and fibril concentration reaches equilibrium [261]. The fibrils formed during this phase represent a major constituent of LBs and LNs [262].

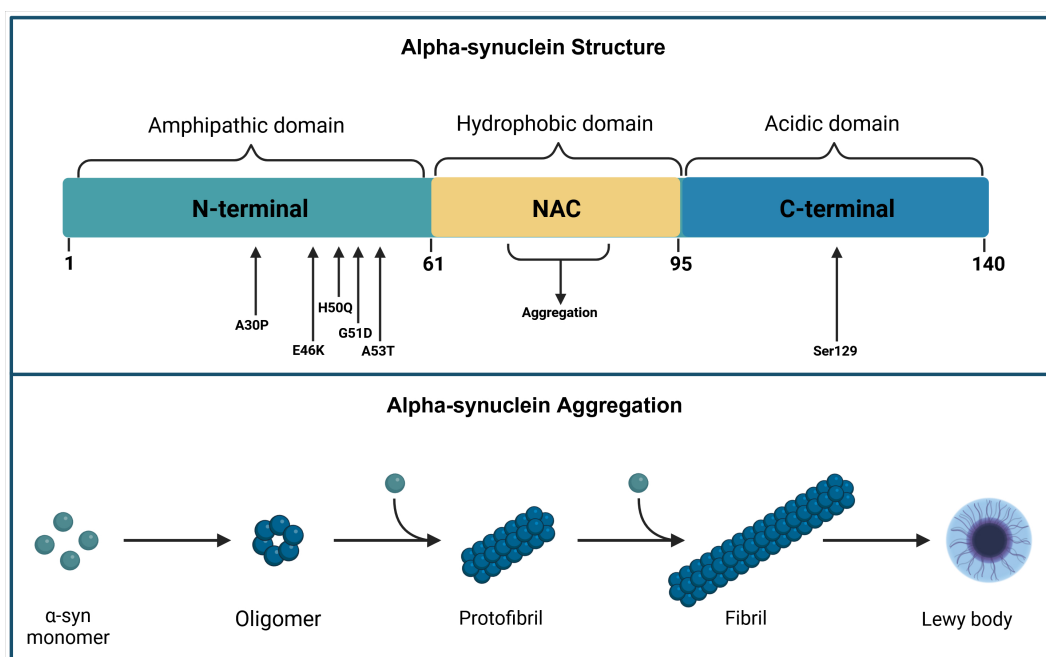


Fig. 1.1 Alpha-synuclein structure and aggregation. Simplified schematic representation of α -syn structure and aggregation dynamics, highlighting key *SNCA* variants and the primary phosphorylation site at Ser129 (created on BioRender 2025).

A plethora of intrinsic and extrinsic factors can influence this aggregation cascade [263]. Among the intrinsic factors, point mutations in the *SNCA* gene (p.A53T, p.A30P, p.E46K, p.G51D, p.H50Q, and p.A53E) have been shown to significantly alter the biophysical properties of α -syn [15]. More specifically, *SNCA* mutations can increase the aggregation rate of α -syn and influence its propensity to form oligomers or fibrils [228]. For example, the p.A53T, p.E46K, and p.H50Q mutations have been shown to increase the rate of fibril formation, whereas the p.G51D, p.A30P, and p.A53E mutations delay fibrilization [264–267, 144, 268, 269]. Genomic duplications and triplications of the *SNCA* gene can also promote aggregation, likely as a result of increased α -syn protein levels and consequent molecular crowding [270]. This crowding effect can in turn facilitate aggregation by surpassing the threshold necessary for nucleation during the lag phase [271]. Mutations in *SNCA* can also alter the interactions of α -syn with phospholipid membranes, which in turn influences its conformation and aggregation dynamics [272, 228, 273]. Variants such as p.A53P, p.A30P, and p.G51D have been shown to reduce membrane binding [266, 264, 274]. In contrast, p.E46K and p.A53T variants enhance phospholipid binding [275, 271].

Post-translational modifications can also alter the charge, size, structure, and therefore aggregation potential of α -syn [276, 277]. To date, more than 300 post-translational modifications to α -syn have been identified, including phosphorylation, ubiquitination, nitration, acetylation, glycosylation, SUMOylation, and truncation [254]. One of the most well-characterized modifications is phosphorylation at serine 129 (Ser129); approximately 90% of aggregated α -syn present in LBs is phosphorylated at Ser129 in PD brains [278]. In comparison, only 4% of total α -syn is phosphorylated at Ser129 in the brains of normal individuals [279, 280]. This modification to α -syn has been suggested to promote aggregation [278].

Alongside genetic mutations and post-translational modifications, changes in the cellular environment can also induce aggregation [281, 282]. For instance, Ca^{2+} binding to the C-terminal of α -syn causes N-terminal unfolding and aggregation-favoring conformations [283]. Similarly, at low pH, the net negative charge at the C-terminal is diminished, weakening charge-charge intramolecular repulsion [284]. This alteration causes α -syn to adopt a partially unfolded confirmation that is more susceptible to aggregation [285].

1.2.3 Toxic conformations of alpha-synuclein

Although LBs are an intrinsic feature of idiopathic and most autosomal dominant forms of PD, there is growing evidence that these insoluble inclusions are not the sole cause of disease pathogenesis [35]. In support of this, there is the observation of incidental LBs at autopsy in aged individuals without clinical symptoms of PD [286]. The presence of LBs without neurodegeneration in asymptomatic individuals is not an isolated finding and was reported in 12% of 1,200 consecutive autopsies [287]. However, it is thought that these cases may represent the preclinical stages of PD [35]. Nevertheless, evidence from familial cases also suggests that LB pathology is not the exclusive cause of neurotoxicity, as PD patients carrying the *LRRK2* G2019S mutation often display neurodegeneration in the absence of Lewy inclusions [288, 289]. Moreover, the extent of LB deposition often correlates poorly with the severity of clinical impairments [290]. In light of these findings, it is now increasingly accepted

that oligomeric forms of α -syn may be the toxic species that drive pathology [291].

Oligomers are macromolecular structures formed during the aggregation cascade [292]. Typically they are composed of a few to several monomers and range in size from 4-24 nm [35]. Oligomers are very heterogeneous and vary in terms of their structure and molecular weight [293]. Unlike fibrils, oligomers are soluble and have the ability to change conformations, which makes them highly unstable [293]. Evidence for oligomer toxicity comes from a range of experimental sources. Firstly, α -syn oligomers formed *in vitro* or through the overexpression of α -syn promote cell death in cultured neurons [294–296]. Moreover, the expression of α -syn mutants engineered to reduce fibril formation and increase oligomer formation causes toxicity in immortalized cells, dopaminergic neurons of *C. elegans*, and cultured rat neurons [297, 289]. In addition to experimental evidence, oligomers have been identified in brain extracts and CSF samples taken from PD patients [298].

While the exact reasons for the increased toxicity of α -syn oligomers are not fully understood, several explanations have been suggested [299]. As oligomers are typically small in size, they can readily diffuse into cellular structures and impair physiological functions [300]. Moreover, oligomers have a greater proportion of exposed hydrophobic surfaces compared to monomeric and fibrillar forms [301, 302]. These hydrophobic regions can directly interact with cellular membranes and impair membrane permeability [303, 304]. Finally, the transient and unstable nature of oligomers makes them highly reactive, which can enhance interactions with other cellular components [299].

Despite oligomers being recognized as the most toxic α -syn species, fibrils play a fundamental role in disease progression [305] (as introduced in Section 1.1.3.2). A plethora of *in vivo* studies have indicated that α -syn can self-propagate in a prion-like manner [254, 306]. More specifically, it has been demonstrated that in the extracellular space, fibrillar seeds can be taken up by adjacent cells through mechanisms such as endocytosis, fusion of plasma-exosomal membranes, or direct penetration of plasma membranes [254, 285, 307, 308]. Once inside neighboring cells, α -syn seeds undergo post-translational modifications that facilitate interactions with physiological α -syn monomers, thereby promoting the aggregation and spread of α -syn [254, 309, 310]. This is supported by

data showing that LB structures can propagate from the SN of PD patients to embryonic grafted neurons transplanted more than a decade earlier [311]. Furthermore, using α -syn seeds constructed from recombinant proteins or aggregate-rich lysates from PD brains, it has been observed that α -syn can spread in a prion-like fashion between neuronal cells [312–314, 262]. The hypothesis that α -syn propagates between cells is also corroborated by clinical data, in which it is observed that α -syn pathology begins in one region and subsequently spreads to other vulnerable regions [37].

1.2.4 Mechanisms of alpha-synuclein mediated toxicity

While the mechanisms of α -syn-mediated toxicity are not fully understood, cumulative evidence suggests that α -syn deposition can have wide-ranging effects on various cellular functions, including membrane stability, mitochondrial dynamics, proteostasis, endoplasmic reticulum (ER) function, inflammation, and neuronal survival. These disruptions can lead to cellular stress and impaired signalling pathways, ultimately contributing to the neurodegenerative PD phenotype. Below, some of the main mechanisms of α -syn-mediated toxicity are discussed.

1.2.4.1 Impaired membrane integrity

Membrane integrity is essential for normal cellular functions [315]. As such, any disruptions or alterations in its structure can cause significant cellular damage [316]. It has been demonstrated that oligomeric α -syn can directly penetrate cellular membranes, leading to the formation of pore-like structures that perforate the lipid bilayer [317]. This in turn increases cell permeability, causing calcium influx and cell death [317, 294]. Consistent with this, neuronal cells expressing mutant α -syn (p.A30P and p.A53T) display higher plasma membrane ion permeability, which is linked to elevated basal Ca^{2+} levels and neurodegeneration [318]. Additionally, α -syn oligomers can also stabilize and enlarge pre-existing lipid defects, which exacerbates membrane dysfunction [319].

1.2.4.2 Mitochondrial dysfunction & oxidative stress

Multiple lines of evidence suggest mitochondrial dysfunction is central to PD pathogenesis [320]. It is often regarded that α -syn aggregation and mitochondrial dysfunction exist in a vicious cycle, where pathology in one process exacerbates dysfunction in the other [321].

In postmortem PD brains, α -syn has been shown to accumulate within the mitochondrial compartment of dopaminergic neurons, leading to reduced complex I activity [322, 323]. Deficits in complex I can in turn cause the accumulation of reactive oxygen species (ROS) and oxidative stress [324]. Moreover, α -syn oligomers can promote the oxidation of the ATP synthase beta subunit and mitochondrial lipid peroxidation [325]. These events lead to the opening of the permeability transition pore (PTP), which induces mitochondrial swelling and cell death [325].

Post-translationally modified species of α -syn have also been suggested to induce mitochondrial dysfunction by perturbing protein import. More specifically, α -syn can directly bind to and inhibit TOM20, which is crucial for the translocation of proteins from the cytosol into mitochondria [326, 327]. This in turn causes mitochondrial insufficiency of respiration and oxidative stress [328].

Dynamic processes such as mitochondrial fission/fusion and quality control are also influenced by α -syn aggregation [327]. Mitochondrial fission is initiated by the recruitment of Drp1 to the OMM, and prior studies have demonstrated that the translocation of Drp1 to mitochondria is markedly increased upon α -syn overexpression [329, 330]. Supporting this, upregulation of α -syn has been shown to induce mitochondrial fragmentation and oxidation via a DRP1-dependent mechanism [331]. Additionally, exposure to exogenous α -syn directly impairs mitophagy, resulting in depolarization of the mitochondrial membrane and decreased cellular ATP [332, 333]. Intriguingly, these observations were attributed to decreased Parkin expression, suggesting a direct effect of α -syn on Parkin-dependent mitophagy [333].

1.2.4.3 Disruption of proteostasis

The autophagy-lysosomal pathway (ALP) is often regarded as the primary pathway for degrading protein aggregates [334]. The ALP includes macroautophagy and chaperone-mediated autophagy (CMA), both of which contribute to the clearance of misfolded α -syn [335]. Macroautophagy involves the formation of autophagosomes, which fuse with lysosomes to facilitate degradation [336]. In contrast, CMA involves the delivery of target proteins to lysosomes using molecular chaperones [337]. Perturbations in these pathways reduce α -syn clearance and exacerbate aggregation [338–340].

Under physiological conditions, endogenous α -syn binds to the CMA receptor LAMP-2A and is subsequently degraded by proteases [341]. However, mutant forms of α -syn exhibit a higher binding affinity for the LAMP-2A receptor, which inhibits their degradation and directly blocks CMA function [342, 338, 343]. Supporting this, reduced levels of CMA markers and accumulation of autophagosomes have been observed in experimental models of PD and in postmortem PD brains [344, 345].

The ubiquitin-proteasome system (UPS) is also essential for α -syn clearance. In this system, substrates are tagged with ubiquitin, which directs them to the proteasome for degradation [346]. Comparisons of brain samples from PD patients with healthy controls have demonstrated diminished proteasome catalytic activity and reduced levels of proteasome subunits [347]. Moreover, in experimental models oligomeric α -syn has been shown to impede UPS activity by blocking the entry of substrates to the 26S and 20S proteasome [348, 349].

1.2.4.4 Endoplasmic reticulum stress

The ER is a specialized organelle that orchestrates the synthesis, folding, and quality control of newly translated proteins [350]. Alongside this, it is also the main site of intracellular Ca^{2+} storage [351]. ER stress triggered by perturbed calcium homeostasis or oxidative stress results in the accumulation of unfolded or misfolded proteins, which in turn triggers the unfolded protein response (UPR) [352]. Activation of UPR aims to restore ER functionality by repressing protein synthesis and eliminating unfolded proteins via ER-associated

degradation (ERAD) [351]. However, chronic ER stress can result in protein accumulation and the activation of programmed cell death [353].

In mammalian culture models, overexpression of wild-type or p.A53T mutant α -syn is correlated with ER stress and UPR activity [354, 351, 355]. More specifically, α -syn accumulates in the ER lumen, where it blocks protein folding and activates the UPS [351]. Alongside this, α -syn accumulation impairs ERAD and alters ER-mitochondria calcium transfer and Golgi-ER vesicular transport [356, 357]. This culminates in severe ER and stress and neuronal loss [356].

1.2.4.5 Neuroinflammation

An increasing number of postmortem and fluid biomarker studies have revealed that neuroinflammation is a salient characteristic of PD [321]. Corroborating this, activated microglia have been shown to accumulate in the SN of postmortem PD brains [358].

Multiple lines of evidence support the ability of aggregated α -syn to activate both the innate and adaptive immune systems, which perpetuates a state of chronic inflammation [359]. Aggregated α -syn directly stimulates the release of pro-inflammatory cytokines in microglia and monocytes [360, 361]. In experimental models, the addition of aggregated α -syn to microglial cultures results in the production of pro-inflammatory modulators such as TNF- α and IL-1 β [362, 363]. Additionally, oligomeric α -syn can promote inflammatory signalling by directly interacting with microglial receptors, including TLR2 and β 1-integrin [364].

1.2.4.6 Selective vulnerability of mDA neurons

As mentioned, mDA neurons in the striatum are disproportionately affected in PD. This selective vulnerability may be attributed to their high energetic demands [365]. Dopaminergic neurons possess remarkably long (estimated at 4.5 meters in length) and profusely branched axons [366, 367]. Moreover, a single neuron can form between 1 and 2.4 million synapses [366, 367]. This

structure allows them to coordinate interconnected networks across the striatum but imposes a substantial energetic burden [368].

Another contributing factor is the autonomous pacemaking activity of dopaminergic neurons, which results in a sustained influx of calcium ions [369]. Unlike adjacent neurons in the ventral tegmental area (VTA), which exhibit a resistance in PD, nigral neurons have a reduced calcium buffering capacity [368]. This is evidenced by low levels of calcium-binding proteins, such as calbindin and calretinin [369]. Chronically elevated intracellular Ca^{2+} levels have been shown to promote α -syn oligomerization, leading to the formation of Ca^{2+} -permeable pores in the plasma membrane [370]. These pores further exacerbate calcium influx, setting off a self-perpetuating cycle of calcium dysregulation and toxic oligomer formation, that ultimately contributes to neuronal death [370, 294].

CHAPTER 2

Thesis Aims & Structure

2.1 Aims of the thesis

As discussed in Chapter 1, PD is a complex neurodegenerative disorder characterized by the progressive loss of mDA neurons and the pathological aggregation of α -syn. Mutations in the *SNCA* gene, including the missense variant *SNCA*-A53T, have been linked to familial PD. However, the precise mechanisms by which these mutations influence disease establishment remain poorly understood. A major challenge in elucidating their effects is that *SNCA* mutations impact diverse and often interconnected pathways (Section 1.2.4), making it difficult to determine their precise role in disease development.

To address this challenge, we conducted a longitudinal multi-omics characterization of patient-derived *SNCA*-A53T cells at seven timepoints (days 0, 6, 15, 21, 30, 40, and 60) during the differentiation from iPSCs into mature mDA neurons, using an age- and sex-matched control for comparison. In addition to transcriptomic, proteomic, and metabolomic profiling, we assessed mitochondrial function and cellular bioenergetics to explore the broader functional impact of

the *SNCA*-A53T mutation. Using this approach, we have two complementary objectives:

2.1.1 Characterize *SNCA*-A53T-driven phenotypes

By using a multi-omics approach that incorporates single-cell RNA sequencing (scRNA-seq), proteomic and metabolomic analyses, we aim to investigate how transcriptional alterations manifest at the protein level and influence metabolomic pathways, ultimately shaping the disease phenotype. We hypothesize that incorporating multiple biological levels will provide deeper insights into the multifaceted nature of *SNCA*-A53T-driven cellular phenotypes. By combining these datasets, we hope to identify dysregulated pathways and candidate genes that can be validated *in vivo*.

2.1.2 Investigate the temporal dynamics of PD

By performing a longitudinal analysis across seven developmental stages, spanning early neural differentiation to late mDA neuron maturation, we seek to investigate the emergence and progression of PD-associated impairments (Fig. 2.1). Specifically, by focusing on the initial phases of neuron development, we aim to identify early impairments that may predispose neurons to later dysfunction and contribute to disease pathology over time. Additionally, by evaluating the later stages of mDA neuron differentiation, we aim to determine the impact of *SNCA*-A53T-induced alterations on the mature neuronal phenotype. We hypothesize that this time-series approach may reveal early impairments that prime neurons for later-stage pathology. Given that PD is characterized by a preclinical phase in which pathology precedes neuronal degeneration, investigating the temporal dynamics of disease progression may uncover therapeutic targets for early intervention.

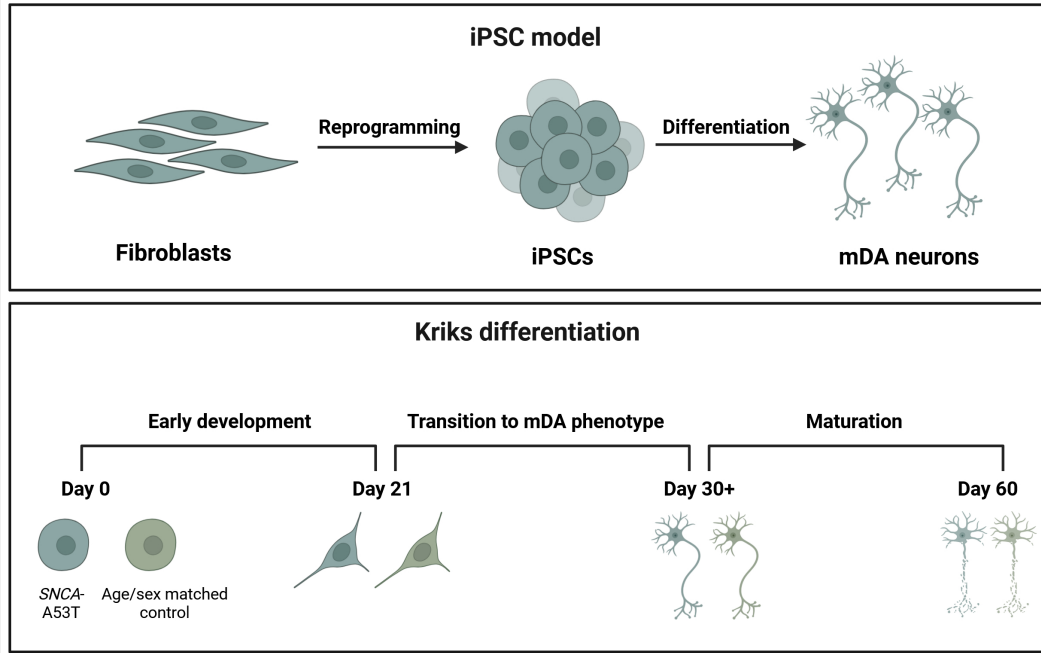


Fig. 2.1 Differentiation strategy. Schematic representation of the model and experimental strategy used in the present study. Fibroblasts from a patient carrying the *SNCA*-A53T mutation and an age- and sex-matched control are reprogrammed into iPSCs and differentiated into mature mDA neurons using the Kriks protocol. The differentiation process is evaluated across seven timepoints, capturing key transitions: days 0 to 21 represent the progression from iPSCs to neural progenitors, with mDA characteristics beginning to emerge at day 21. From day 30 onward, neurons transition from an early to a more mature mDA state (created on BioRender 2025).

2.2 Structure of the thesis

Chapter 1 introduced central themes in PD research, with a focus on the role of α -syn in disease-associated pathways. In Chapter 3, the methods used for generating and differentiating cell lines are described (Sections 3.1 - 3.2), followed by an overview of mitochondrial profiling techniques (Section 3.3), and a description of the multi-omics analysis (Section 3.4). Chapter 4 then presents the main results of the thesis, beginning with the characterization of cells from iPSCs to mDA neurons (Section 4.1), followed by the multi-omics comparison of *SNCA*-A53T and control cells (Section 4.2), and the assessment of mitochondrial function using the Seahorse metabolic assay and western blotting (Section 4.3). Chapter 5 discusses these findings in the broader scientific context

and considers their implications for future research. Finally, Chapter 6 provides the overall conclusions of the thesis.

CHAPTER 3

Materials & Methods

The methods employed for the generation of mDA neurons (Section 3.1), characterization of cell lines (Section 3.2), mitochondrial profiling (Section 3.3), and multi-omics analysis (Section 3.4) are described in the following chapter. A comprehensive list of the materials and reagents used in these analyses is provided in Appendix Tab. A.1.

3.1 Cell Culture

3.1.1 Generation & maintenance of iPSCs

iPSCs from a 51-year-old PD patient carrying the *SNCA*-A53T mutation were originally obtained from the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS) biobank (ID: 50050). Control iPSCs were generated by the Gasser group, as previously described [371]. These cell lines were kindly gifted by the Grünwald lab at LCSB (full cell line details and karyotyping reports can be found in Appendix Tab. A.2 and Fig. A.1). Both cell lines were maintained in mTeSR-plus medium (Stem Cell Technologies) on Geltrex-coated plates (Thermo Fisher Scientific). Cells were passaged using Accutase when reaching 70% confluency at a ratio of 1:6.

3.1.2 Differentiation of iPSCs into mDA neurons

Differentiation into dopaminergic neurons was performed according to previously described protocols with minor modifications [372, 111]. Briefly, iPSCs were dissociated into single cells and plated onto 12-well plates coated with Geltrex at a density of 1.1×10^6 cells/well. Cells were allowed to recover in the presence of ROCK inhibitor for 8 h and then in mTeSR without ROCK inhibitor for 16 h. Following this, cells were fed 3 ml of media twice daily, corresponding to the specific day of differentiation (as outlined in Appendix Tab. A.3). To ensure that the cells were exposed to the same conditions, both the *SNCA*-A53T and control cell lines were differentiated in parallel. Different timepoints (day 0, 6, 15, 21, 30, 40, and 60) were generated by repeating the differentiation protocol on later dates.

3.2 Characterization of cell lines

3.2.1 Immunohistochemistry

Cells were cultured on 96-well plates before being fixed in 4% PFA at room temperature for 15 mins, washed three times in PBS, and permeabilized for 15 mins with 0.1% Triton-X-100. Cells were then washed three times in PBS and blocked with 2% BSA in PBS for 1 h at room temperature. After blocking, cells were incubated overnight at 4 °C with primary antibodies diluted in 2% BSA in PBS (1:500). Cells were then washed three times in PBS and incubated with species-specific secondary antibodies (anti-rabbit 647, anti-rabbit 488, and/or anti-mouse 488 antibodies) for 1 h at room temperature. Nuclei were stained using DAPI (1:1000). The following primary antibodies were used: OCT3/4 (Santa Cruz Biotechnology), TRA-1-60 (Merck), TH (Merck), MAP2 (Merck), and LMX1A (abcam). Representative images were then taken using a Zeiss Axio Observer. All antibodies used for immunohistochemistry are listed in Appendix Tab. A.4.

3.2.2 RNA extraction & quantitative real-time PCR (qPCR)

Total RNA was extracted from cell pellets using the RNeasy Mini Kit (250) (Qiagen), according to manufacturer instructions. Three biological replicates were used for each experimental condition. RNA concentration was measured through absorption at 260nm using a Nanodrop spectrophotometer (Fisher Scientific). cDNA was synthesized using the Superscript IIITM First-Strand Synthesis Reverse Transcriptase Kit (Invitrogen) with oligo (dT) 20 and 2 µg of total RNA, as per manufacturer instructions. To perform quantitative real-time PCR (qPCR), PowerTrack SYBR Green Master Mix (Thermo Fisher) was used and the reaction was run on a Roche lightcycler 480, with the primer annealing temperature at 60°C. Normalization of gene expression values was done using the housekeeping genes *L27* and *ACTB*. All data were exported into Prism GraphPad for plotting, and an unpaired Student's t-test was applied

for statistical analysis. Investigated genes and primer sequences are listed in Appendix Tab. A.5.

3.2.3 Flow cytometry

Flow cytometry was used to ascertain the percentage of TH, MAP2, and GFAP positive cells. For this analysis, three biological replicates were pooled for each experimental condition. On the day of collection, cells were detached using Accutase and fixed in suspension with 1% PFA for 15 min on ice. After fixation, cells were centrifuged, supernatant removed and washed twice in 4% FBS in PBS. Cells were then permeabilized with 0.1% Triton in PBS at room temperature for 15 mins. Following permeabilization, cells were washed and blocking was performed using 1% BSA in PBS for 1 h at room temperature. Cells were then centrifuged, supernatant removed and incubated in TH (1:500), MAP2 (1:500) and GFAP (1:400) primary antibodies overnight at 4°C. After primary antibody incubation, cells were centrifuged, supernatant removed and washed twice in 4% FBS in PBS. Cell pellets were then resuspended in species-specific secondary antibodies (anti-rabbit 488, anti-mouse 647, anti-rat 568, and DAPI) at a dilution of 1:500 and incubated in the dark for 1 h at room temperature. Following this, cells were washed three times in 4% FBS in PBS and filtered to remove clumps. Samples were then run on the BD LSRFortessa Cell Analyzer (BD Biosciences). The gating threshold for measured channels was determined using the control containing secondary antibody only. Once the parameters had been defined, 50,000 cell events were recorded, and data were analyzed on FlowJo. All antibodies used for flow cytometry are listed in Appendix Tab. A.4.

3.3 Mitochondrial profiling

3.3.1 Mitochondrial stress test

Mitochondrial respiration was assessed using the Seahorse XF Cell Mito Stress Kit (Agilent Technologies). Cells were seeded at a density of 100,000 cells per well in Seahorse XFe96/XPro plates. Three biological replicates, each with a minimum of 6 technical replicates, were included in the analysis. After plating, cells were allowed to recover for seven days in 5% CO₂ at 37°C. On the day of analysis, growth medium was removed, and wells were washed once with Seahorse XF base medium supplemented with 10 mM glucose, 1 mM L-glutamine, and 1 mM sodium pyruvate. Plates were incubated in this medium for 1 hour in a 37°C CO₂-free incubator before conducting the Mito Stress Test. The bioenergetic profile was measured by recording OCR under basal conditions and after the sequential addition of oligomycin (1.5 μ M), FCCP (0.5 μ M), and rotenone/antimycin A (0.5 μ M) using the Seahorse XF Flux Analyzer. Values were normalized to nuclear DNA content using the CyQUANT® Cell Proliferation Assay Kit (Thermo Fisher Scientific).

The Seahorse assays were analyzed using XFe Wave software, according to manufacturer's instructions. Normalized OCR values were used to calculate various mitochondrial parameters including, basal respiration, maximal respiration, proton leak, ATP production, non-mitochondrial respiration, % spare respiratory capacity, and % coupling efficiency. All data were exported into Prism GraphPad for plotting, and an unpaired Student's t-test was applied for statistical analysis. Detailed descriptions of respiration parameter values are given in Appendix Tab. A.6.

3.3.2 Western blot

Lysates from *SNCA*-A53T and control cells were prepared in RIPA buffer supplemented with protease and phosphatase inhibitors (Thermo Fisher Scientific). Protein concentrations were measured using the Pierce™ BCA Protein Assay Kit (Thermo Fisher Scientific). Equal amounts of proteins (30 μ g/lane) were

separated by NuPAGE 4–12% Bis-Tris protein gels (Thermo Fisher Scientific) and transferred onto nitrocellulose membranes (Invitrogen). After blocking with 5% milk in TBST for 1 hour at room temperature, the membranes were incubated overnight at 4 °C with primary antibodies. Following incubation, the membranes were washed three times with TBST and incubated with DyLight 680- or DyLight 800-conjugated secondary antibodies for 1 hour at room temperature. Proteins were visualized using the Odyssey Imaging System (LI-COR Biosciences). The following primary antibodies were used: Total OXPHOS Human WB Antibody Cocktail (1:500) (Abcam), which includes five monoclonal antibodies targeting NDUFB8 (complex I), SDHB (complex II), UQCRC2 (complex III), COXII (complex IV), and ATP5A (complex V). Images were acquired using the Odyssey Fc Imaging System (LI-COR). Densitometry analysis was performed using Image J software, using GAPDH as an internal control for each membrane. All antibodies used in the western blot analysis are listed in Appendix Tab. A.4.

3.4 Multi-omics analysis

3.4.1 Single-cell RNA sequencing

On the day of collection, cells were dissociated into single-cell suspensions using Accutase (Thermo Fisher Scientific). The suspension was centrifuged at 300g for 3 mins and subsequently washed twice in 2% BSA in PBS. Cells were then filtered through a 40 µm cell strainer to remove larger clumps. Cell counts and viability were determined using a Vi-CELL XR Cell Counter (Beckman Coulter). The cell concentration was then adjusted to 1.9×10^5 cells per ml by resuspending in PBS supplemented with 2% BSA. Approximately 2 ml of this final suspension was used for single-cell analysis. Subsequently, cells were processed by the Drop-Seq approach and sequenced [373, 111, 374, 375].

3.4.1.1 Microfluidics fabrication

Microfluidics devices were generated on-site using a technique based on earlier Drop-seq protocols [111, 373, 376]. For photolithography and mold preparation, a 4° silicon wafer was coated with SU-8 2050 photoresist (MicroChem) and patterned to create microchannel features 90 μm in depth. The wafer mask was subsequently silanized overnight using chlorotrimethylsilane (Sigma), before being used for the fabrication on microfluidics. To fabricate the Drop-Seq chips, silicon-based polymerization chemistry was used. In brief, a 1:10 ratio of polydimethylsiloxane (PDMS) base to cross-linker (Dow Corning) was prepared, degassed under vacuum, and poured over the patterned wafer. The PDMS layer was cured at 70 °C for 2 h. After cooling, individual PDMS monoliths were cut from the master and 1.25 mm biopsy punchers (World Precision Instruments) were used to create inlet/outlet ports. Each PDMS monolith was then plasma-treated (Harrick Plasma) and bonded to a clean glass microscope slide. To enhance droplet formation and prevent wetting, the microchannels were functionalized with 1H,1H,2H,2H-perfluorodecyltri-chlorosilane (2% v/v in FC-40 oil; Alfa Aesar/Sigma) for 5 min. Excess silane was removed by applying compressed air through the inlet and outlet ports. Finally, the chips were baked at 80 °C for 15 min to complete the hydrophobic coating process.

3.4.1.2 Drop-Seq library preparation

Single-cell encapsulation and library construction were performed following the Drop-Seq approach as previously described [111]. In brief, the adjusted cell suspension was combined with barcoded oligo(dT)-coated beads (ChemGenes Corp., USA), which were loaded at a final concentration of 180 beads/ μl . Both the cell and bead suspensions were drawn into separate syringes (1.5 ml each). A micro-stirrer (VP Scientific) was used to maintain a homogeneous bead suspension throughout the experiment.

A syringe containing QX200 carrier oil (Bio-Rad) was used as the continuous phase at 11 ml/h, while the cell and bead suspensions were each infused at 2.5 ml/h to generate droplets on a microfluidic Drop-Seq chip. The emulsion was collected into a 50 ml Falcon tube until a total of 1 ml of the cell suspension had

been processed. Droplet size, consistency, and bead occupancy were monitored in real time using bright-field microscopy with an INCYTO C-Chip Disposable Hemacytometer (Thermo Fisher Scientific).

Following droplet generation, droplet breakage, bead harvesting, reverse transcription (RT), and exonuclease treatments were performed according to the standard Drop-Seq protocol (37). The RT reaction was set up in Drop-Seq lysis buffer with 1× Maxima RT buffer (Thermo Fisher Scientific), 4% Ficoll PM-400 (Sigma), 1 μM dNTP mix (Thermo Fisher Scientific), 1 U/ml RNase Inhibitor (Lucigen), 2.5 μM Template Switch Oligo, and 10 U/ml Maxima H-RT (Thermo Fisher Scientific). After Exo-I treatment, bead counts were determined using the INCYTO C-Chip hemacytometer. A total of 10,000 beads were aliquoted into 0.2 ml PCR tubes.

PCR amplification was carried out with 1× HiFi HotStart ReadyMix (Kapa Biosystems) and a 0.8 mM concentration of Template Switch PCR primer. The thermocycling program included an initial denaturation at 95°C for 3 min, followed by 4 cycles of 98 °C for 20 s, 65 °C for 45 s, 72°C for 3 min, then 9 cycles of 98 °C for 20 s, 67°C for 20 s, 72°C for 3 min, and a final extension at 72°C for 5 min. The resulting libraries were purified with 0.6× Agencourt AMPure XP beads (Beckman Coulter) and eluted in 10 μl RNase/DNase-free water. Quality and yield were assessed using an Agilent Bioanalyzer High Sensitivity DNA Chip.

3.4.1.3 Next-generation sequencing library preparation

To generate 3'scRNA-seq libraries for NGS, 600 pg of amplified cDNA was subjected to tagmentation using the Nextera XT DNA Library Preparation Kit (Illumina), following the manufacturer's instructions. The PCR protocol included an initial denaturation at 95°C for 30 s, 12 cycles of 95°C for 10 s, 55°C for 30 s, 72°C for 30 s, and a final extension at 72°C for 5 min.

The tagmented libraries were purified using two rounds of Agencourt AMPure XP beads (Beckman Coulter): first at a 0.6× ratio and then at a 1× ratio, according to the manufacturer's recommendations. The final library eluate

(10 μ l) was assessed on a Bioanalyzer High Sensitivity DNA Chip (Agilent Technologies) to confirm library size distribution (400–700 bp).

Purified libraries were sequenced on an Illumina NextSeq 500 instrument. A custom Read 1 primer (GCCTGTCCGCGGAAGCAGTGGTATCAACGCA-GAGTAC) at 6 pM was used to read 20 bp (comprising a 12-bp cell barcode and an 8-bp unique molecular identifier), while Read 2 proceeded for 50 bp to capture gene sequences.

3.4.1.4 Bioinformatics processing & data analysis

Raw BCL files generated from the NextSeq 500 were demultiplexed and converted to FASTQ using Illumina’s bcl2fastq software. Library quality was evaluated with FastQC (Babraham Institute) to monitor per-base sequence quality (particularly for Read 2), per-base N content, per-base sequence content, and overrepresented sequences. FASTQ files were subsequently merged and converted into BAM format with Picard’s FastqToSam. Finally, the Drop-Seq bioinformatics pipeline (37) was employed to map reads to the reference genome, de-multiplex cell barcodes, and generate a digital gene expression matrix for downstream analyses.

The analysis pipeline was developed under R 4.3.0. Seurat 4.4.0 was used as the main framework to import and manipulate scRNA-seq data sets [377]. For quality control, we computed common metrics that help discriminate high quality cells and transcripts, namely the percentage of mitochondrial and ribosomal expression over the whole transcriptome, the number of non-zero genes per cell and the total number of transcripts per cell. We then individually scaled these metrics by centering at 0 the mode (half.range() function from genefilter library) of each distribution and scaling (scale() function in R) in order to retain cells that were satisfying the constraints in Appendix Table A.7. We used SAVER on the corrected counts of each individual dataset to impute drop-outs – this assay was used for visualization purposes only [378]. Then, the data was log normalized using the NormalizeData function. In order to account for technical variations between samples, we found the sample with the highest mean expression across all samples to use as a scaling reference. Then, the imputed assay for each sample was normalized against reference mean. After

scaling, the data was further standardized using the ScaleData function from Seurat. We used SCT transform to stabilize the variance and prepare the data for the integration using the Seurat environment. Finally, PCA (number of principal components = 100), UMAP (number of neighbors = 100, minimum distance = 0.3) and clustering (resolution = 0.35) were performed on the integrated assay. To statistically assess differences between CTL (control) and A53T (*SNCA*-A53T) samples, we used MAST as a statistical test by setting the number of non-zero genes as a latent variable to account for differences in sequencing depth. P-values were adjusted by Bonferroni Correction (default option in Seurat) [379]. We filtered the differentially expressed genes (DEGs) by imposing an alpha level of 0.05, a log2 fold change of magnitude greater than 0.4 for DEGs per timepoint and 0.25 for persistently dysregulated genes. Genes were then ranked by calculating the sum of the absolute values of the fold changes coming from each timepoint. Note that only statistically significant dysregulated genes were taking part in the latter calculation.

3.4.1.5 Enrichment analysis

Gene-set and protein enrichment analyses were conducted using Metascape [380]. Enrichment was performed on Gene Ontology (GO) terms from the Biological Process (BP) category and Kyoto Encyclopedia of Genes and Genomes (KEGG) pathways. For each timepoint, the most statistically significant DEGs and DAPs, selected based on predefined FC cutoffs, were included in the analysis. Enriched terms were ranked by Log(q-value), and only pathway terms with a minimum of seven annotated genes were considered for analysis.

3.4.2 Proteome analysis

On the day of collection, cells were dissociated using Accutase, centrifuged at 300g for 3 mins and subsequently washed three times in PBS. Three biological replicates were used for each experimental condition. Cell pellets were lysed in a solution containing 2% sodium dodecyl sulfate, 20 mM dithiothreitol, and 50 mM tris(hydroxymethyl)amino methane hydrochloride at pH 8. After sonication, samples were boiled at 95 °C for 5 min, incubated on ice for 10 min

and centrifuged at 4 degree celsius for 15 min at 16,000×g. The supernatants were quantified by NanoDrop. Protein extracts of 10 µg were alkylated with 15 mM iodoacetamide for 30 min at room temperature in darkness. Proteins were digested overnight using the SP3 protocol (hughes) on SpeedBeads magnetic carboxylate (GE Healthcare GmbH) at 37°C with 0.2 µg of trypsin (Promega). Samples were acidified in 1% formic acid and peptides were desalted on home-made STop-And-Go-Extraction Tips (Rappsilber) using two disks of Empore C18 material (Supelco), dried by vacuum centrifugation, and reconstituted in 0.1% formic acid.

Following quantification by NanoDrop on the peptide level, 200 ng of each sample were analyzed by mass spectrometry. The HPLC system used for this project was a NanoElute 2 (Bruker Daltonics). The LC system was operated in a one-column separation set-up with an Aurora Ultimate nanoflow UHPLC column (C18, 75 µm inner diameter × 25 cm length × 1.7 µm particle size, 120 Å pore size, IonOptics) running at a flow rate of 300 nl min⁻¹. The mobile phases A and B consisted of 0.1% formic acid in water and 0.1% formic acid in acetonitrile, respectively. The percentage of B was linearly increased from 2% to 35% in 30 min, changed to 95% within 30 s, and held constant at 95% for 6 min 46 s until a total run time of 37.27 min was reached. The eluate was directed into the timsTOF Pro (Bruker Daltonics) via a CaptiveSpray nano-electrospray ion source (Bruker Daltonics) operating in positive ion mode. The dual-TIMS analyzer operated at a fixed duty cycle of 100% using equal ramp and accumulation times of 100 ms and a ramp rate of 9.52 Hz. The diaPASEF (data-independent acquisition parallel accumulation serial fragmentation (Meier) cycle time of 0.95 s was achieved by limiting the mass range to 475-1000 Da and the mobility range to 0.85-1.27 1/K0. Every cycle consisted of 21 mass windows of 25 Da mass width. Mass selection windows as well as mobility windows did not overlap. The collision energy for collision-induced dissociation, was ramped linearly based on the measured values for 1/K0 from 20 eV at 0.6 Vs/cm² to 59 eV at 1.6 Vs/cm². These setting were controlled using HyStar version 6.2 and timsControl version 4.1.8.

Feature detection, peptide identification, and proteins annotation were performed with DIA_NN (version 1.8.1) using a library-free approach and the human Uniprot database (accessed June 2023). Oxidized methionine and car-

bamidomethylation on cysteine were set as modifications. The precursor mass range was set to 300-1800 Da, the precursor charge state was set to 2-4, and a peptide length of 7-30 were selected. ‘Unrelated runs’ and a FDR of 0.01 were chosen to reduce false identifications.

The analysis pipeline was developed under R 4.3.0. We identified and removed two outliers out of 123 replicates via means of hierarchical clustering. Imputation was performed with the R package missMDA, by using the imputePCA function separately on each individual cell-line and day of differentiation, with the parameter of number of principal components set to 2 [381]. To convert Uniprot IDs to gene symbols we used the Syngo ID conversion tool [382]. The values were then log2 normalized. To statistically assess differences between CTL and A53T cell lines we used the Limma package. Note that after the log2 normalization the distribution of the protein abundance is approximately normal [383]. P-values were adjusted with the Benjamini Hochberg procedure. We filtered the differentially abundant proteins (DAPs) by imposing an alpha level of 0.05, and a log2 fold change of magnitude greater than 1 for DAPs per timepoint and 0.5 for persistently dysregulated proteins. Proteins were then ranked by calculating the sum of the absolute values of the fold changes coming from each timepoint. Note that only statistically significant dysregulated proteins were taking part in the latter calculation.

3.4.3 Metabolome analysis

The analytical procedure for sample preparation and liquid chromatography-mass spectrometry (LC-MS) analysis was adapted from previous protocols [384]. Three biological replicates were used for each experimental condition. Briefly, cells were harvested, and metabolites were extracted using a cold methanol-water/chloroform protocol based on Bligh and Dyer. Following extraction, the samples were dried in a rotary vacuum concentrator and reconstituted in 80% acetonitrile/water. Prior to LC-MS analysis, samples were filtered to remove particulates. To account for varying cell numbers in the samples, the reconstitution volumes were adjusted proportionally based on the total number of cells extracted (100 μ L per 5 million cells). This normalization ensured consistency in metabolite quantitation across samples.

LC-MS analysis was conducted using a Thermo Q Exactive HF mass spectrometer coupled with a Thermo Vanquish UHPLC system, equipped with a SeQuant ZIC-pHILIC column (5 μm particles, 2.1×150 mm). The gradient elution program, ionization mode, and mass detection parameters were applied as described [384]. Data acquisition and analysis were performed using Thermo TraceFinder software. To correct for analytical variations, data were sum-normalized prior to statistical analysis.

The analysis pipeline was developed under R 4.3.0. Imputation was performed with the R package missMDA, by using the imputePCA function separately on each individual cell-line and day of differentiation, with the parameter of number of principal components set to 2 [381]. To convert metabolite names to KEGG IDs we used the Metaboanalyst conversion tool [385]. The values were then log2 normalized. To statistically assess differences between CTL and A53T cell lines we used the Limma package [383]. P-values were adjusted with the Benjamini Hochberg procedure. We filtered the differentially abundant metabolites by imposing an alpha level of 0.05 and a log2 fold change of magnitude greater than 0.4.

CHAPTER 4

Results

In this chapter, the main findings of the PhD thesis are presented. Section 4.1 focuses on the characterization of cell lines, describing the differentiation from iPSCs to mature mDA neurons. Section 4.2 highlights the results of the large-scale multi-omics analysis, utilizing scRNA-seq, proteomics, and metabolomics to achieve a deep molecular phenotyping of cells carrying the *SNCA*-A53T mutation, alongside cells from an age- and sex-matched control. Section 4.3 outlines the results of functional and protein-based analyses performed to assess mitochondrial activity in *SNCA*-A53T and control neurons.

4.1 Cell line characterization

To generate mDA neurons, we differentiated iPSC lines derived from a 51-year-old female patient with a heterozygous *SNCA*-A53T (A53T) mutation and an age- and sex-matched control (CTL) using a modified version of the Kriks protocol [372, 111]. In brief, neural conversion was achieved using dual-SMAD inhibition followed by midbrain patterning using small molecule agonists of Shh, Wnt, and FGF8 signalling pathways (Methods Section 3.1.2 and Appendix Tab. A.3).

4.1.1 Confirmation of iPSC status

To validate the pluripotency of the cells and verify their capacity for differentiation, *SNCA*-A53T and control iPSC lines were stained for stemness markers POU5F1 (also known as OCT3/4) and TRA-1-60 (Fig. 4.1a and Methods Section 3.2.1). Additionally, the expression of genes indicative of a pluripotent state, including *MYC*, *POU5F1*, *USP44*, *TERF1*, and *POLR3G*, was quantified using scRNA-seq (Fig. 4.1b and Methods Section 3.4.1). At day 0 (iPSC stage), both cell lines exhibited robust expression of pluripotency markers, which were markedly reduced at all subsequent timepoints of the differentiation, confirming the pluripotent state of the cells prior to differentiation.

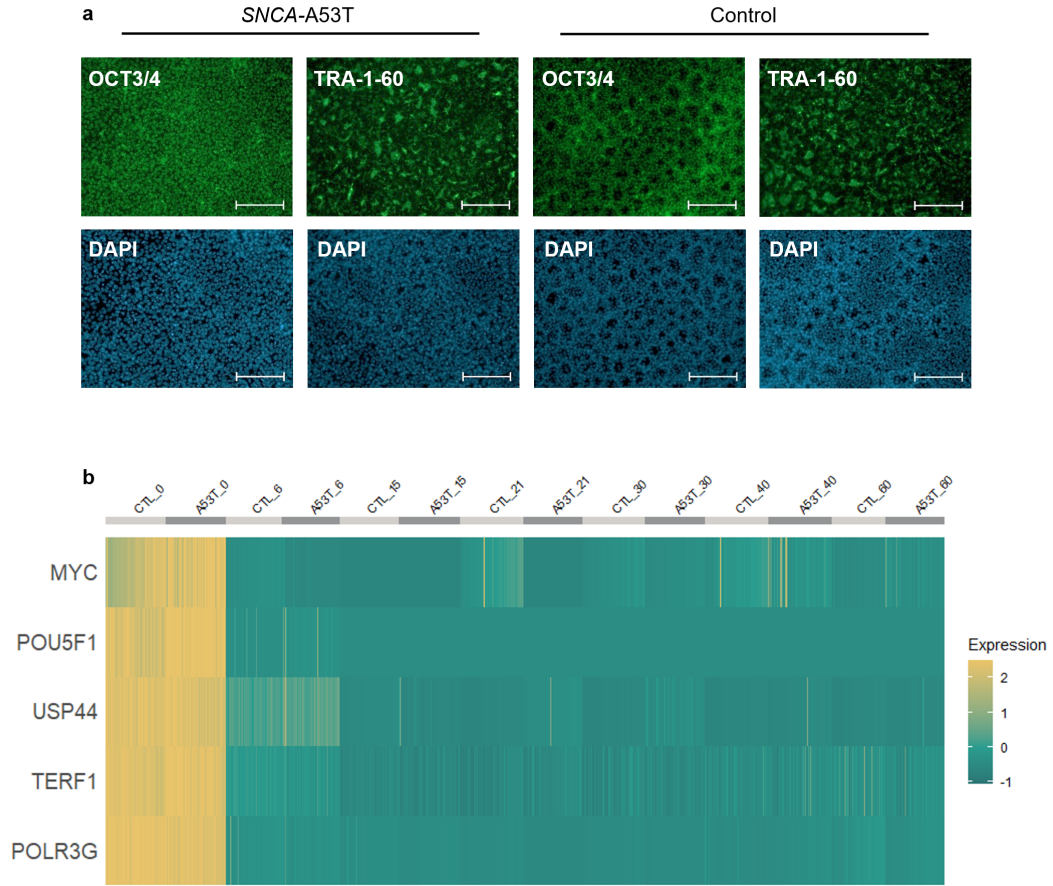


Fig. 4.1 Characterization of iPSCs. a. Immunofluorescent staining of *SNCA*-A53T and control cells at day 0 (iPSC stage) using iPSC markers *POU5F1* (OCT3/4) and TRA-1-60. DAPI was used to stain cell nuclei as a reference. Scale bars, 200 μ m. **b.** Heatmap showing robust expression of stemness markers (*MYC*, *POU5F1*, *USP44*, *TERF1*, and *POLR3G*) at day 0 compared to all other timepoints of the differentiation. Colors correlate to normalized counts (z-score, centered, and scaled) of the indicated genes. Centering and scaling was performed independently at each timepoint.

4.1.2 Validation of mDA neuron identity

To ensure the differentiation protocol recapitulated the *in vivo* developmental trajectory of mDA neurons, we identified genes essential for mDA neuron differentiation and evaluated their expression throughout development in both the *SNCA*-A53T and control lines using immunostaining, qPCR, scRNA-seq, and flow cytometry [111].

As an initial step, mDA neuron identity was confirmed by immunostaining for key mDA protein markers including TH and LMX1A, as well as the neuronal marker, MAP2 (Fig. 4.2 and Methods Section 3.2.1). At day 21, neuronal cells exhibited short processes and low mDA marker expression. In contrast, day 40 neurons displayed long axons that formed dense networks, accompanied by more pronounced expression of mDA markers. Additionally, the mRNA expression of *TH*, *MAP2*, and *LMX1A* was validated at day 30 and day 60 using qPCR (Fig. 4.2 and Methods Section 3.2.2). We also quantified mRNA levels of the astrocytic marker *GFAP* and found undetectable expression, confirming the absence of astrocytes in our cultures. Furthermore, we assessed *SNCA* mRNA levels using qPCR and found no significant differences in *SNCA* expression at day 30 or day 60 between *SNCA*-A53T and control cells (Fig. 4.2). This finding is consistent with literature, demonstrating that the *SNCA*-A53T mutation predominantly affects the aggregation dynamics of α -syn rather than altering the transcription of *SNCA* [386].

To characterize the developmental trajectory of the cells in greater detail, we performed scRNA-seq at seven timepoints throughout the differentiation (for full details of the scRNA-seq analysis, see Results Section 4.2.1 and Methods Section 3.4.1). Analysis of gene expression across the timepoints revealed distinct modules (Fig. 4.3). At the early stages of the differentiation (days 6 to 15), we observed the loss of iPSC markers and high expression of neural progenitor markers (*VIM*, *HES1*, *FOXA2*, *OTX2*, *LMX1A*, and *CORIN*), representing the transition of iPSCs to neuronal progenitors. From day 21 onwards, mDA-specific markers *MSX1*, *DDC*, *DCX*, *SYT1*, *SNCA*, *TH* and the neuronal marker *SNAP25* were identified. By day 40, these markers showed robust expression, indicating the progression to mature mDA neurons. This analysis confirmed that mDA characteristics emerge from day 21, whilst the

mature dopaminergic phenotype is evident by day 40. Notably, at days 21 and 30, differences in mDA marker expression were already evident between *SNCA*-A53T and control cells, alluding to an effect of the mutation on neuronal development.

Finally, flow cytometry was used to assess the proportion of TH-, MAP2-, and GFAP-positive cells on day 50 of the differentiation (Appendix Fig. A.2). This analysis confirmed that $\approx 74\%$ of cells expressed TH, $\approx 84\%$ expressed MAP2, and $\approx 1.6\%$ expressed GFAP across *SNCA*-A53T and control lines. These results demonstrate the high reproducibility of the differentiation protocol and support the validity of these cell populations as a relevant model for PD.

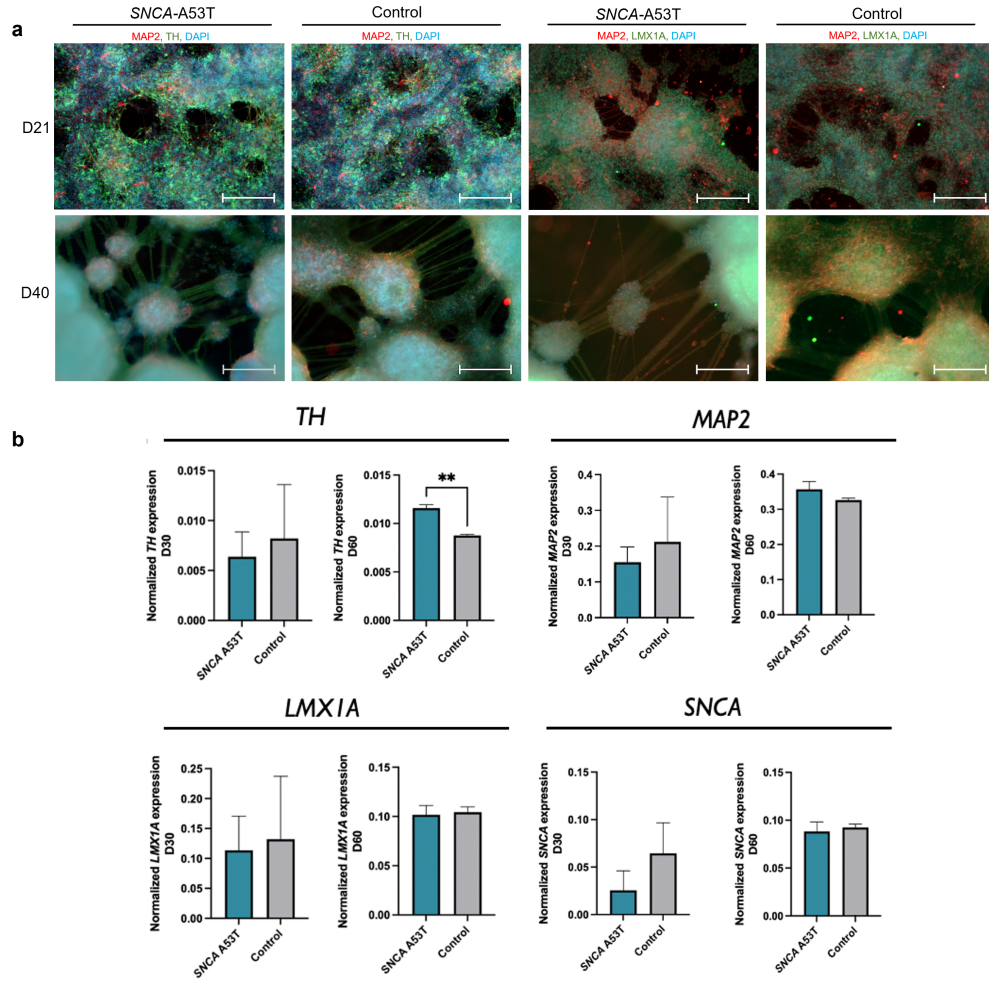


Fig. 4.2 Confirmation of mDA status. **a.** To illustrate the development of neuronal morphology and mDA status, differentiated neurons were stained at day 21 and day 40 for the mDA marker TH (green), floor plate marker LMX1A (green), and neuronal marker MAP2 (red). DAPI (blue) was used to stain cell nuclei as a reference. Scale bars, 200 μ m. **b.** Quantification of *TH*, *MAP2*, *LMX1A*, and *SNCA* using real-time qPCR. Expression levels are normalized to the housekeeping genes *L27* and *ACTB* ($N = 3$, mean \pm SEM, Student's t-test, $**P < 0.005$).

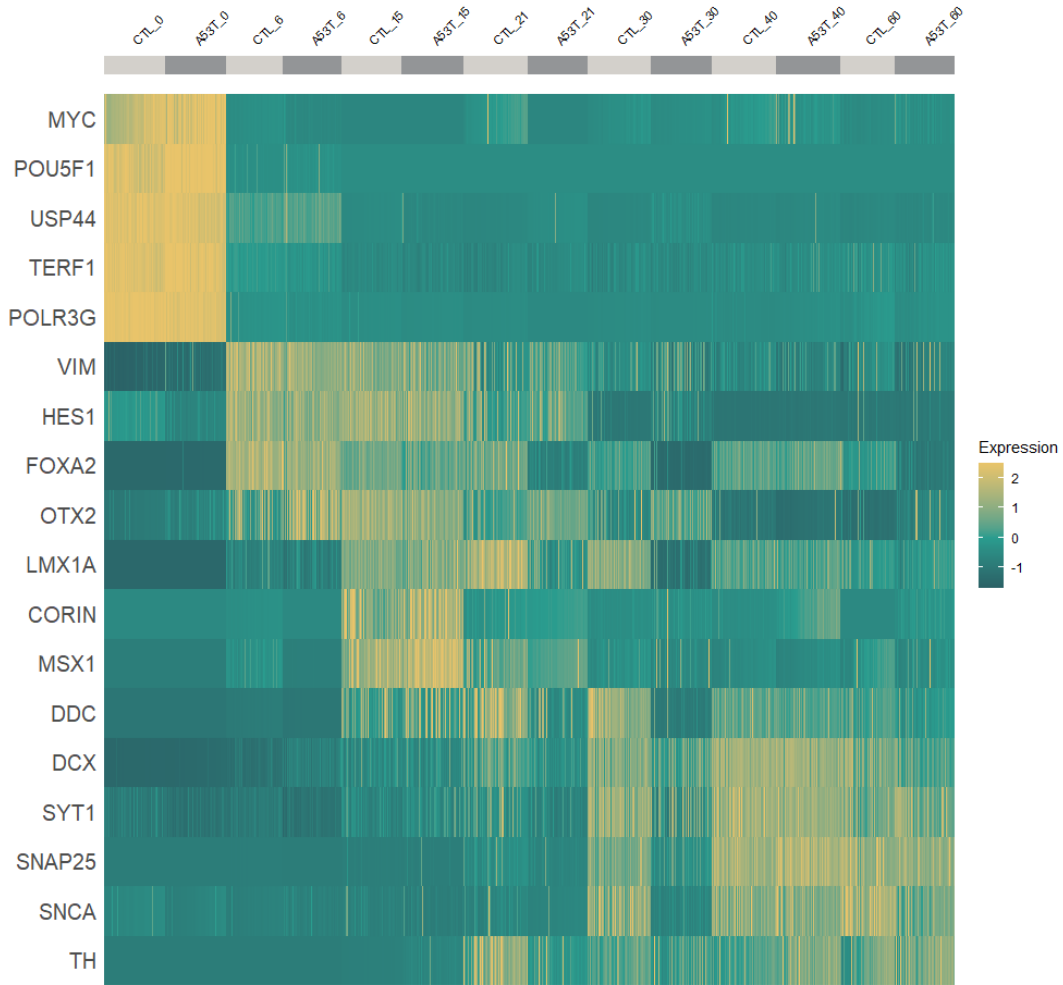


Fig. 4.3 Characterization of differentiation modules. Heatmap illustrating the transitions in gene expression from stemness markers (*MYC*, *POU5F1*, *USP44*, *TERF1*, and *POLR3G*), to genes associated with mDA differentiation (*VIM*, *HES1*, *FOXA2*, *OTX2*, *LMX1A*, and *CORIN*), and finally to the expression of mature mDA markers (*MSX1*, *DDC*, *DCX*, *SYT1*, *SNCA*, and *TH*) and the neuronal marker *SNAP25*. Colors correlate to normalized counts (z-score, centered, and scaled) of the indicated genes. Centering and scaling was performed independently at each timepoint.

4.2 Multi-omics analysis of *SNCA*-A53T and control cells

To investigate disease mechanisms linked to the *SNCA*-A53T mutation, we performed droplet-based scRNA-seq, bulk proteomics, and untargeted metabolomics (LC-MS) on *SNCA*-A53T and control cells at seven timepoints throughout mDA neuron differentiation (D0, D6, D15, D21, D30, D40, and D60). Each timepoint served as an independent biological replicate. Replicates were initiated on different days using cells of varying passage numbers to account for biological variability and minimize batch effects.

4.2.1 scRNA-seq analysis

To identify transcriptional pathways affected by the *SNCA*-A53T mutation, we employed scRNA-seq using the Drop-seq method at days 0, 6, 15, 21, 30, 40, and 60 (Methods Section 3.4.1). This approach allowed us to track dynamic changes in gene expression throughout the differentiation at a single-cell resolution [373, 111].

4.2.1.1 UMAP visualization of clusters based on differentiation stage

After preprocessing and quality filtering (Methods 3.4.1.4), a total of 33,063 cells and 19,695 genes were included in our analysis. Using the Louvain modularity algorithm, we identified seven distinct clusters of cells based on shared phenotypic features (Fig. 4.4). UMAP dimensionality reduction demonstrated that clustering was primarily driven by developmental stage, with *SNCA*-A53T and control lines grouping together according to the day of differentiation. These results indicate that gene expression profiles were largely comparable between *SNCA*-A53T and control, and that both cell lines followed similar differentiation trajectories. However, at day 30, *SNCA*-A53T and control clusters exhibited a small degree of separation, further suggesting developmental alterations associated with the *SNCA*-A53T mutation.

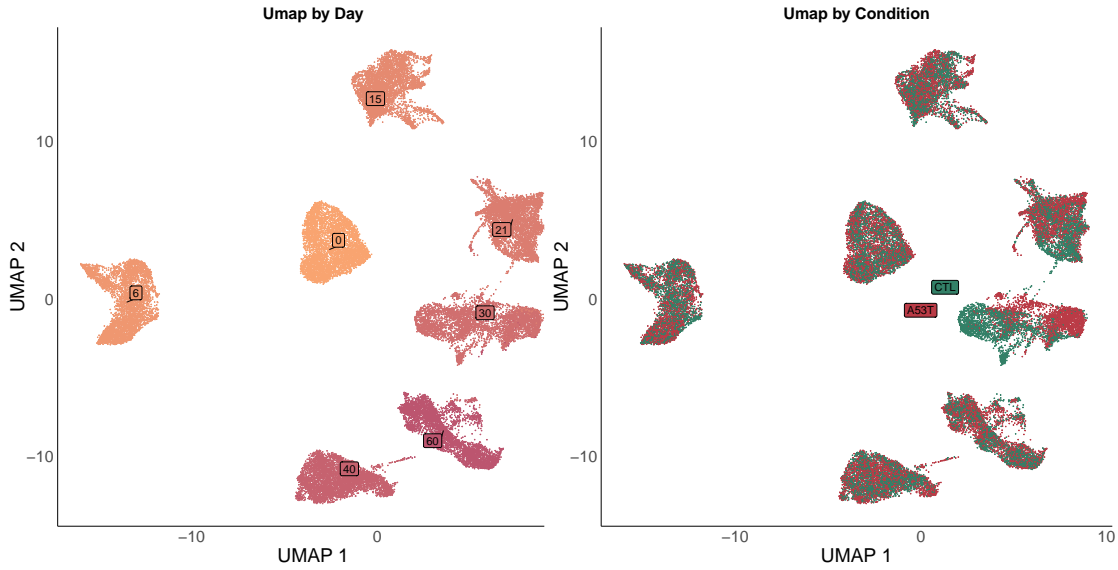


Fig. 4.4 UMAP embeddings by day and condition. UMAP projections illustrate that *SNCA*-A53T and control cells cluster based on the day of differentiation, indicating comparable developmental trajectories. At day 30, reduced overlap between the two populations suggests transcriptional differences between *SNCA*-A53T and control cells.

4.2.1.2 Transcriptional dysregulation of bioenergetic pathways in *SNCA*-A53T mutant cells

As an initial step, we sought to investigate the impact of the *SNCA*-A53T mutation on neuronal development and to determine the onset of PD-associated impairments. To this end, we identified the top differentially expressed genes (DEGs) between *SNCA*-A53T and control cells at each timepoint of the differentiation (adjusted p values ($p_{\text{adj}} < 0.05$ and $|\text{FC}| > 0.4$). For the full list of DEGs, see Appendix Section A.1.

Using this approach, we detected a total of 2502 DEGs across the seven timepoints (Fig. 4.5). Interestingly, the highest number of DEGs was observed at days 21 and 30, corresponding to the transition from early-stage progenitors to more mature dopaminergic neurons. This may reflect the activation of transcriptional pathways that facilitate the adaptations necessary for mDA neuron maturation. However, this transition period may also be when cells are

most vulnerable to the deleterious effects of the *SNCA*-A53T mutation. This is supported by the transcriptional divergence observed between *SNCA*-A53T and control cells in the UMAP projections at day 30 (Fig. 4.4).

In contrast, fewer DEGs were identified at days 40 and 60, suggesting that gene expression differences stabilized as neurons matured. At these later timepoints, we also noted a decline in the number of detected genes per cell and the overall number of genes with at least one read. This reduction may be influenced by *in vitro* culture conditions, as prolonged maintenance can affect cell viability [387]. Additionally, isolating aged neurons for scRNA-seq is technically challenging due to their complex morphologies, which may contribute to the weaker transcriptomic phenotype observed at the later stages.

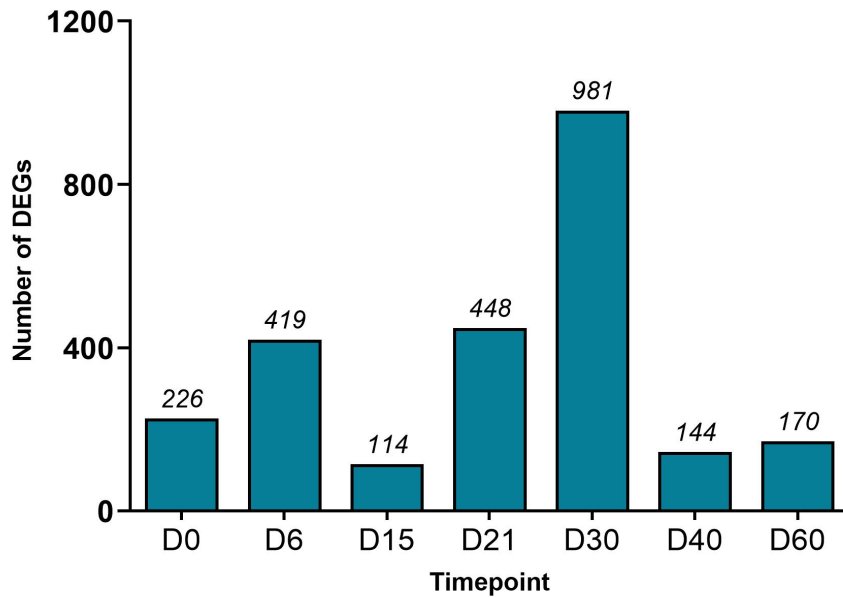


Fig. 4.5 DEGs per timepoint. Number of DEGs identified between *SNCA*-A53T and control cells at each timepoint of the differentiation ($p_{\text{adj}} < 0.05$ and $|\text{FC}| > 0.4$). At day 30, a peak in DEGs was observed, potentially indicating a phase in mDA development when the cells are most vulnerable to the effects of the *SNCA*-A53T mutation.

Next, we explored the functional annotations of the DEGs using Metascape to perform GO (biological processes) and KEGG pathway enrichment analyses (Tab. 4.1 and Methods Section 3.4.1.5). Using this approach, we aimed to identify the biological processes and pathways disrupted by the *SNCA*-A53T mutation and to determine the development stages at which these impairments first emerge.

The enrichment analyses revealed transcriptional dysregulation in critical processes associated with PD pathology including mitochondrial function, oxidative phosphorylation (OXPHOS), and neuronal development (Tab. 4.1). In line with this, PD emerged as an enriched term at multiple timepoints of the differentiation, including the early stages of development. These findings suggest that PD-associated impairments manifest prior to the maturation of mDA neurons.

The highest number of PD-associated genes was identified at days 21 (29 genes) and 30 (43 genes) (Appendix Tab. A.8), supporting the notion that the *SNCA*-A53T mutation exerts a strong effect during the conversion to the mDA phenotype. Within the PD annotations, we identified genes involved in the cellular response to stress (Fig. 4.6). For instance, genes associated with protein degradation (*PSMA1*, *PSMA3*, and *UBA52*) and oxidative stress (*SOD1* and *TXN*) were upregulated in *SNCA*-A53T cells at multiple timepoints. Interestingly, we also observed a downregulation of genes encoding calmodulin proteins (*CALM1* and *CALM2*), which play a pivotal role in buffering intracellular calcium. This observation aligns with evidence implicating defective calcium homeostasis as a driver of PD pathogenesis [388].

Another key finding was the enrichment of pathways related to mitochondrial function, specifically OXPHOS, at the earliest stages of the differentiation (days 0, 6, and 15) (Tab. 4.1). Interestingly, many of the genes identified in the PD annotations were also OXPHOS genes, further implicating mitochondrial dysfunction as an important event in *SNCA*-A53T mediated pathology (Appendix Tab. A.8). Throughout the differentiation, *SNCA*-A53T cells predominantly exhibited overexpression of genes encoding respiratory chain complexes. Specifically, this included subunits and assembly factors of complex I (e.g., *NDUFA13*, *MT-ND5*, and *MT-ND1*), complex III (e.g., *UQCRB* and *UQCRH*), complex

IV (*e.g.*, *COX7C*, *COX6B1*, and *COX5A*), and complex V (*e.g.*, *ATP5MC2* and *MT-ATP6*) (Fig. 4.6).

In addition, terms related to neuron differentiation were enriched from day 21 onward (Tab. 4.1). Notably, we observed a downregulation of genes associated with neuron projection in *SNCA*-A53T cells at day 21, and to a greater extent at day 30 (Fig. 4.7). This included genes involved in dopaminergic neuron development, such as *NRP1*, *NR4A2* (*Nurr1*), *GAP43*, *DDC*, *MAP2*, *LMX1A*, *NEFL*, and *FOXA2*. These changes may contribute to the subtle separation of *SNCA*-A53T and control clusters in the UMAP projections (Fig. 4.4). Overall, these findings again support an effect of the *SNCA*-A53T mutation on the neurodevelopmental trajectory of mDA neurons.

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Day	Top KEGG annotations	Top GO annotations
0	Diabetic cardiomyopathy	Oxidative phosphorylation
	Oxidative phosphorylation	Generation of precursor metabolites
	Prions disease	Aerobic respiration
6	Alzheimer's disease	Head & brain development
	Parkinson's disease	Purine metabolic process
	Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis	Oxidative phosphorylation
15	Oxidative phosphorylation	Thermogenesis
	Aerobic respiration	Diabetic cardiomyopathy
	Cellular respiration	Parkinson's disease
21	Parkinson's disease	Brain development
	Alzheimer's disease	Reg. of neuron projection
	Huntington disease	Neuron projection development
30	Parkinson's disease	Neuron projection development
	Neurodegeneration	Neuron morphogenesis
	Dopaminergic synapse	PM bounded cell projection
40	No KEGG annotations	Brain & head development
		Forebrain development
		Cell projection morphogenesis
60	Neurodegeneration	Brain & head development
	Alzheimer's disease	Neuron projection development
	Parkinson's disease	Axon development

Table 4.1 DEG enrichment analyses. Top KEGG and GO annotations for DEGs between *SNCA*-A53T and control at each timepoint of the differentiation ($p_{\text{adj}} < 0.05$ and $|\text{FC}| > 0.4$).

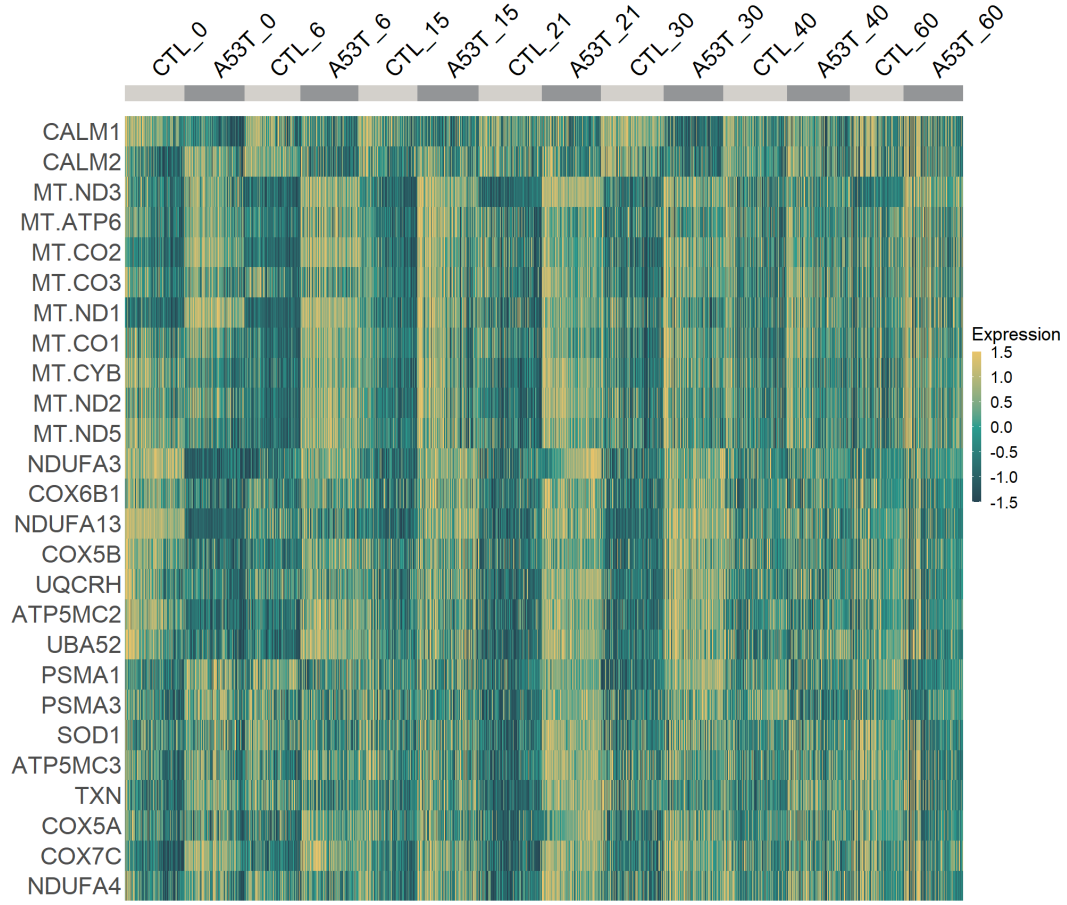


Fig. 4.6 Dysregulated PD-associated genes. Heatmap for selected OXPHOS and cell stress genes identified within the PD annotations that were differentially expressed between *SNCA*-A53T and control cells at multiple timepoints of the differentiation ($p_{\text{adj}} < 0.05$ and $|\text{FC}| > 0.4$). Colors correlate to normalized counts (z-score, centered, and scaled) of the indicated genes. Centering and scaling was performed independently at each timepoint.

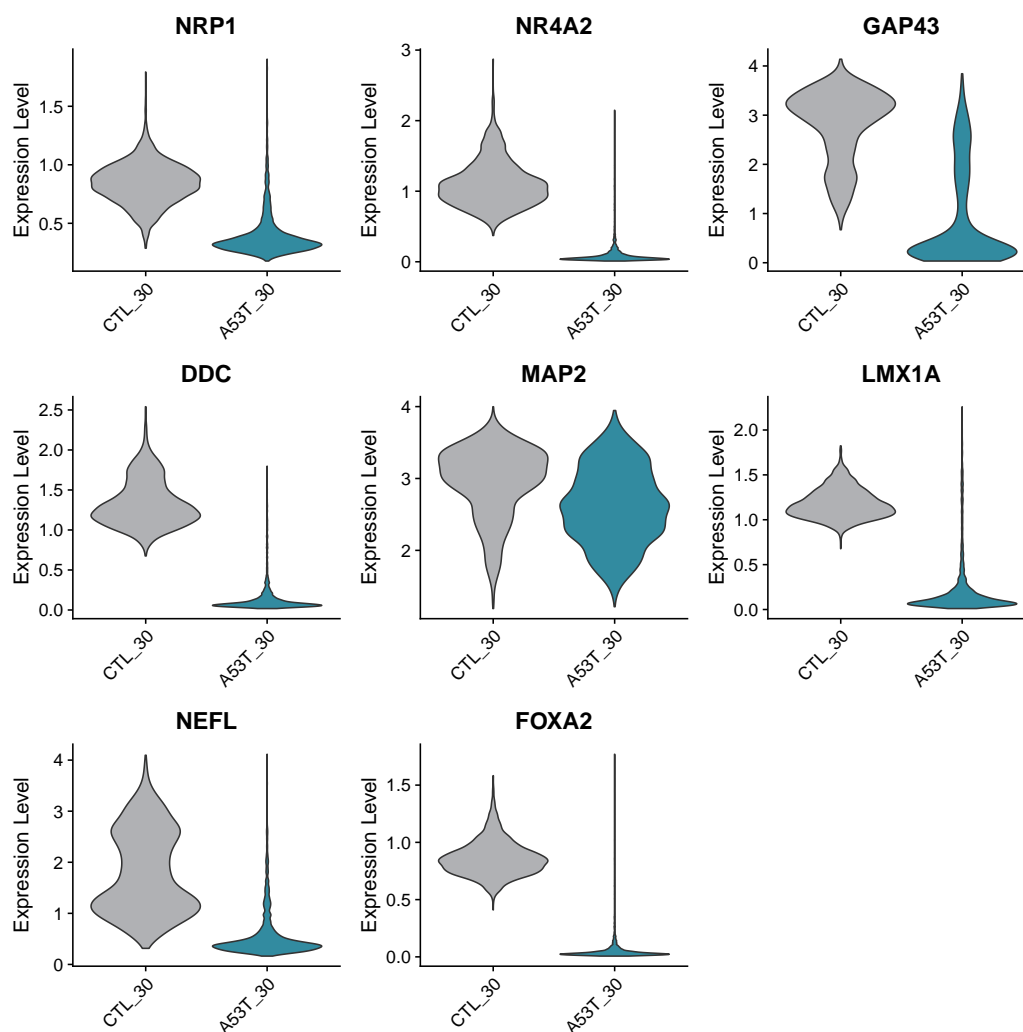


Fig. 4.7 Downregulation of genes associated with mDA neuron identity. Violin plots showing the downregulation of genes associated with mDA neuron identity and development in *SNCA*-A53T at day 30 of the differentiation ($p_{\text{adj}} < 0.05$ and $|\text{FC}| > 0.4$).

4.2.1.3 Persistently dysregulated genes converge on mitochondrial function

Expanding on the timepoint-specific analysis, we next sought to identify genes that were persistently dysregulated throughout the differentiation. These genes are influenced by the presence of the *SNCA*-A53T mutation regardless of cell state and thus likely reflect genes that participate in systemic PD pathology. For this purpose, we focused on genes that were dysregulated in the same direction (upregulated or downregulated) at five or more timepoints of the differentiation ($p_{\text{adj}} < 0.05$ and fold change $|\text{FC}| > 0.25$).

Using this approach, we identified a network of 56 dysregulated genes (31 consistently upregulated and 25 consistently downregulated) (Fig. 4.8 and Appendix Tab. A.10). Interestingly, many of the persistently dysregulated genes aligned with the temporal disruptions observed in the timepoint-specific analysis. Again we observed a strong representation of genes crucial for mitochondrial dynamics, cellular stress responses, and neuronal differentiation.

For instance, OXPHOS genes, including *MT-CO1*, *MT-CO2* (subunits of complex IV), and *MT-ND3* (a subunit of complex I), were consistently overexpressed in *SNCA*-A53T cells (Fig. 4.9). Similarly, genes involved in mitochondrial protein synthesis (*MT-RNR1*) and import (*TIMM10*) were also persistently upregulated. In contrast to this, key mitochondrial regulators such as *CHCHD2* and *DNAJC15* were underexpressed throughout the differentiation (Fig. 4.9). Notably, mutations in *CHCHD2* have been linked to both familial and sporadic PD [389].

Alongside this, *SNCA*-A53T cells also exhibited a persistent upregulation of genes associated with protein quality control (*CLU*, *PSMD10*, and *USP11*), oxidative stress (*FTL* and *S100A6*), DNA repair (*DDX11*, *MORF4L2*, and *ZNF506*), and apoptosis (*STK26*, *BEX2*, and *BEX3*) (Fig. 4.8). Many of these pathways are frequently implicated in PD pathology (as discussed in Section 1.2.4). As such, our findings further highlight the broad cellular stress response in *SNCA*-A53T cells, suggesting that dysregulation across multiple systems contributes to disease pathogenesis.

Finally, we observed the dysregulation of genes involved in various aspects of neuronal development. More specifically, genes associated with dopamine neuron survival (*PBX1*) and identity (*LM03*, *MAP2*, and *NR2F1*) were consistently downregulated in *SNCA*-A53T cells (Fig. 4.8). Intriguingly, *NR2F1* has recently been demonstrated to interact with the PD mutation *LRRK2*-G2019S, to accelerate dopaminergic differentiation [390]. Therefore, its dysregulation in *SNCA*-A53T cells may suggest shared mechanisms of pathology.

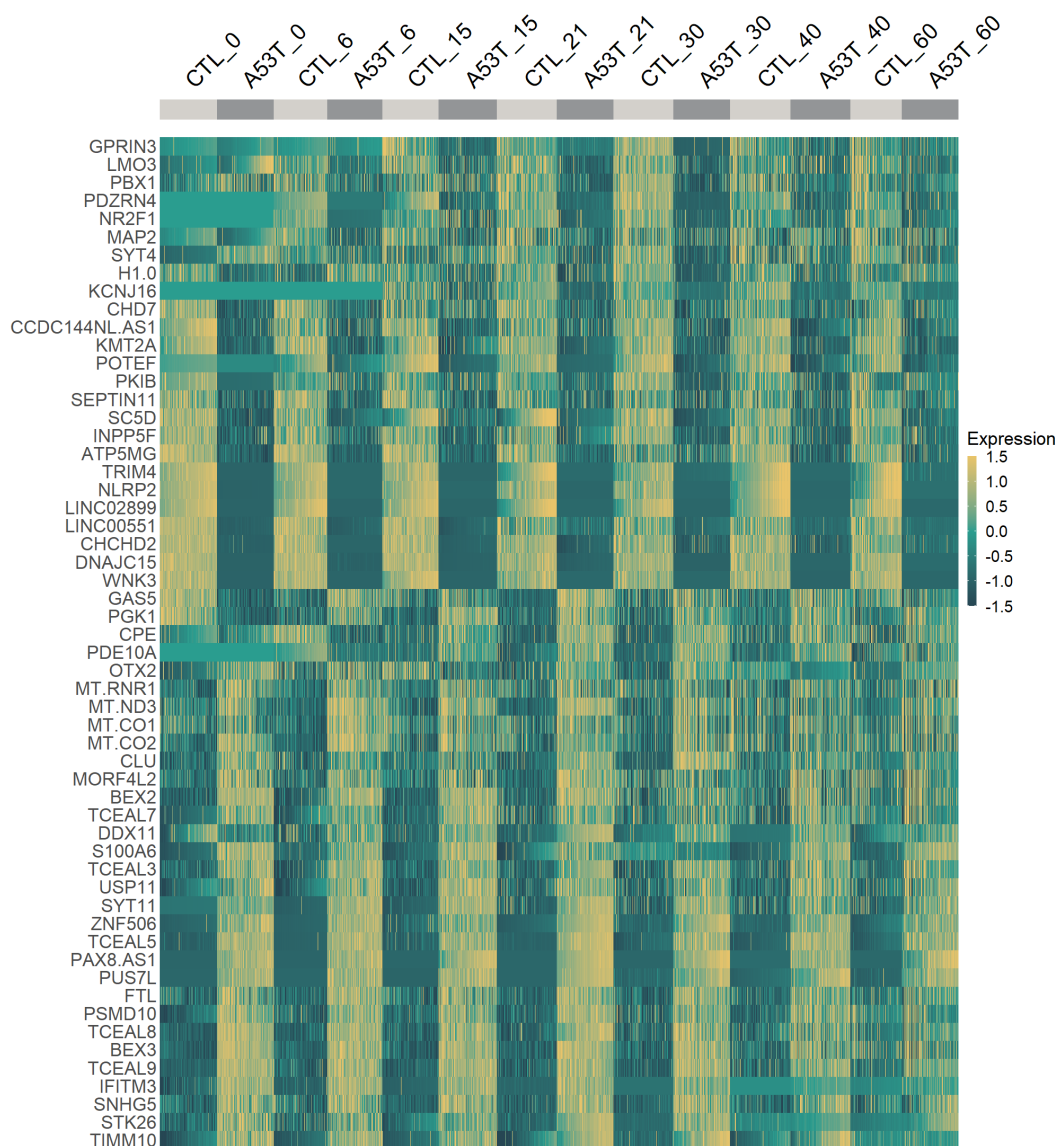


Fig. 4.8 Persistently dysregulated genes. Heatmap showing genes dysregulated between *SNCA*-A53T and control cells at five or more timepoints of the differentiation ($p_{\text{adj}} < 0.05$ and fold change $|\text{FC}| > 0.25$). Colors correlate to normalized counts (z-score, centered, and scaled) of the indicated genes. Centering and scaling was performed independently at each timepoint.

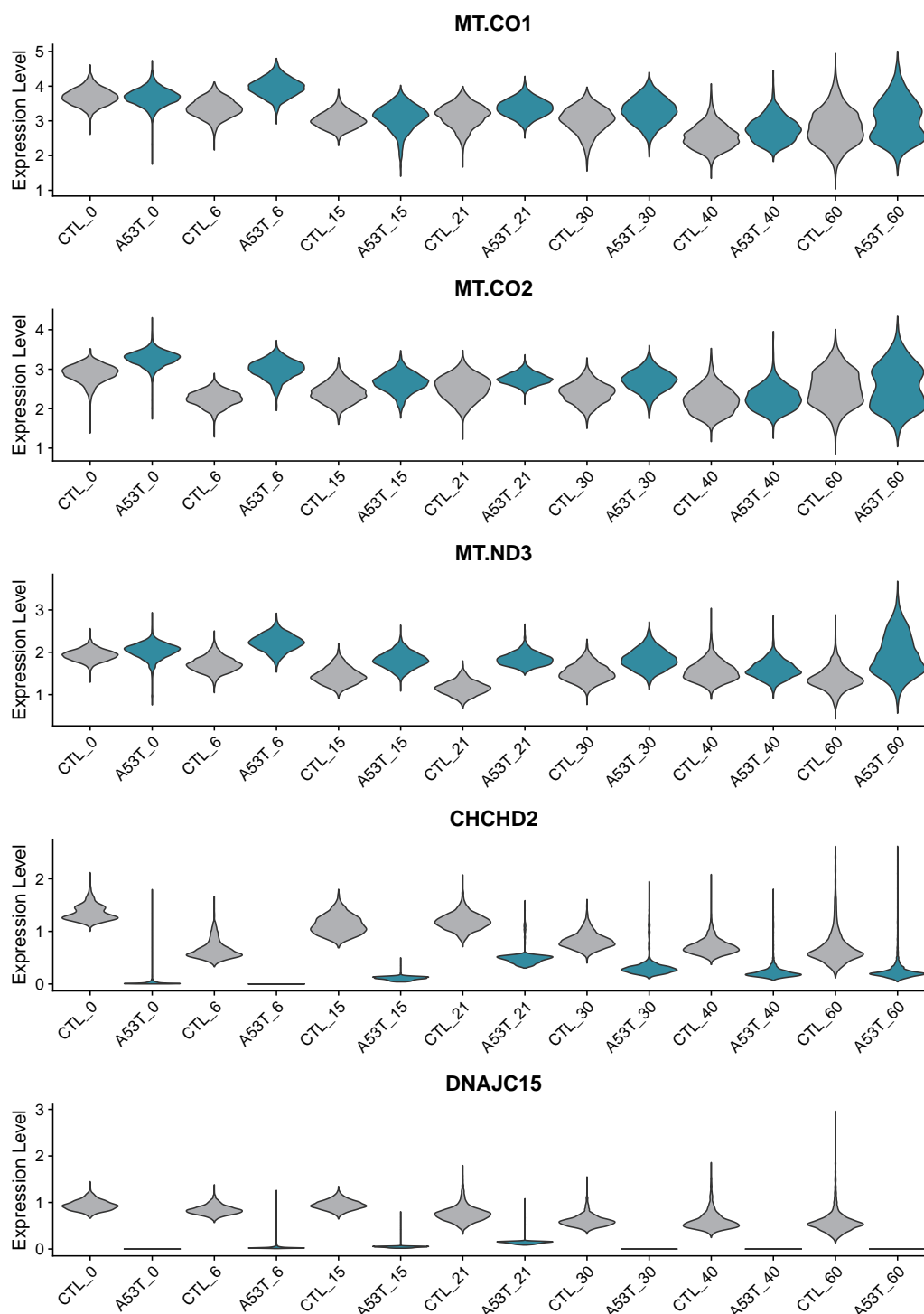


Fig. 4.9 Persistently dysregulated mitochondrial-related genes. Violin plots of selected mitochondrial-related genes persistently dysregulated in *SNCA*-A53T cells throughout the differentiation ($p_{\text{adj}} < 0.05$ and $|\text{FC}| > 0.25$).

4.2.2 Proteomic analysis

To investigate how the identified transcriptional alterations manifest at the protein level, we performed bulk proteomics on *SNCA*-A53T and control cells at days 0, 6, 15, 21, 30, 40, and 60 of the differentiation, in parallel with scRNA-seq analysis (Methods Section 3.4.2). This approach enabled us to track proteomic changes throughout neuronal development, whilst providing insights into how *SNCA*-A53T-driven transcriptional alterations translate into protein-level phenotypes.

4.2.2.1 Proteomic alterations extend into late maturation

Analogous to our transcriptomic approach, we first identified the top differentially abundant proteins (DAPs) at each timepoint of the differentiation ($p_{\text{adj}} < 0.05$ and $|\text{FC}| > 1$) (Fig. 4.10). For the full list of DAPs, see Appendix Section A.2.

Similar to the transcriptomic dataset, we observed a high number of DAPs at day 30, confirming that transcriptional alterations are reflected at the protein level (Fig. 4.10). However, unlike the transcriptomic analysis, where fewer DEGs were detected at later differentiation stages, proteomic alterations persisted into the mature neuronal phenotype. Notably, we observed 518 DAPs at day 40, indicating that differences between *SNCA*-A53T and control cells become more pronounced as cells mature into differentiated mDA neurons. These findings suggest that molecular alterations not only arise early in neuronal development but also persist into later maturation stages, potentially contributing to PD progression.

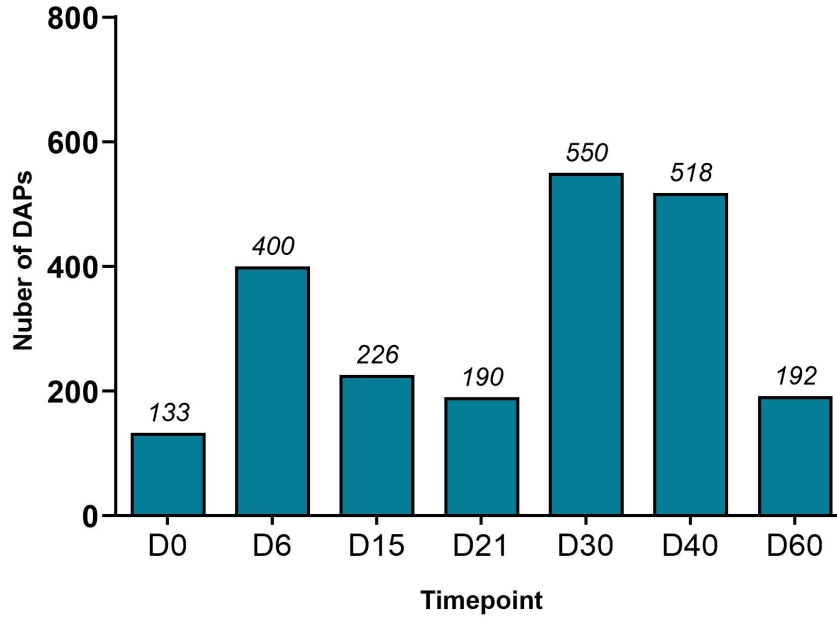


Fig. 4.10 DAPs per timepoint. Number of DAPs between *SNCA*-A53T and control cells at each timepoint of the differentiation ($p_{\text{adj}} < 0.05$ and $|\text{FC}| > 1$). The number of DAPs exhibits peaks at days 30 and 40, suggesting that *SNCA*-A53T-induced alterations affect maturing mDA neurons.

After identifying the DAPs at each timepoint, we performed enrichment analyses using Metascape to identify proteomic pathways impacted by the *SNCA*-A53T mutation at each stage of differentiation (Methods Section 3.4.1.5). Interestingly, PD consistently emerged as an enriched KEGG pathway across all seven timepoints of the DAP analysis (Tab. 4.2). Dysregulation of proteasome components (PSMA2, PSMC5, and PSMC1) and upregulation of VDAC proteins (VDAC1, VDAC2, and VDAC3) were common to multiple timepoints, suggesting persistent alterations in both proteostasis and mitochondrial function in *SNCA*-A53T cells (Fig. 4.11). Likewise, we again observed that proteins central to the assembly of electron transport chain (ETC) complexes (ATP5F1E, NDUFB1, NDUFB5, UQCRC1, COX1, and ATP5FD1) were dysregulated in *SNCA*-A53T cells at multiple timepoints of the differentiation (Fig. 4.11).

The most pronounced phenotype occurred at day 40, characterized by the highest number of PD-related proteins (32 proteins) (Appendix Tab. A.9). Unique to this timepoint was the strong representation of proteins involved in cytoskeletal organization and axonal transport (Fig. 4.11). More specifically, we observed a significant upregulation of tubulin proteins, including TUBB6, TUBB2A, TUBB4B, TUBB, and TUBB4A in *SNCA*-A53T cells, suggesting altered microtubule dynamics.

Interestingly, cytoplasmic translation also appeared as an enriched GO term at days 0, 6, 40, and 60 of the differentiation (Tab. 4.2). Overall, we identified 42 proteins within this annotation, with the majority being upregulated in *SNCA*-A53T cells (see Appendix Fig. A.3). Many of these were RPL proteins of the 60S ribosomal subunit and RPS proteins of the 40S ribosomal subunit. This aligns with growing evidence implicating aberrant translation in PD pathogenesis [391]. Similar mechanisms have been reported in *LRRK2*- and *DJ-1*-associated pathology, where translational upregulation promotes disease progression, likely by upregulating pathogenic translational targets [392, 393]. Notably, inhibition of translation has been shown to protect dopaminergic neurons from degeneration, further highlighting its potential relevance as a therapeutic target in PD [392].

Enrichment of the DAPs at each timepoint also revealed terms associated with other neurodegenerative pathologies such as Huntington's disease, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, and prion disease (Tab. 4.2). We identified a significant overlap in the proteins identified within these annotations and those identified in the PD annotations. Many of these disorders display similar pathogenic features to PD, including protein aggregation, mitochondrial dysfunction, and progressive degenerative pathology. As such, there may be convergent mechanisms of cellular dysfunction between these diseases. Our findings may therefore have a broader relevance to other neurodegenerative pathologies.

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Day	Top KEGG annotations	Top GO annotations
0	Influenza A	Alcohol metabolic process
	Parkinson's disease	Cytoplasmic translation
		Cellular respiration
6	Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis	Cytoplasmic translation
	Pathways of neurodegeneration	Translation
	Huntington's disease	Purine nucleotide metabolic process
	Parkinson's disease	
15	Prion disease	Membrane organization
	Parkinson's disease	Regulation of transferase activity
	Thermogenesis	Oxidative phosphorylation
21	Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis	
	Prion disease	Heterochromatin formation
	Pathways of neurodegeneration	Projection organization
	Huntington's disease	Plasma membrane projection
	Parkinson's disease	
30	Cytoskeleton in muscle cells	Neuron projection development
	Ribosome	Neuron projection morphogenesis
	Parkinson's disease	Plasma membrane projection
40	Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis	Cytoplasmic translation
	Pathways of neurodegeneration	Membrane organization
	Parkinson's Disease	Purine ribonucleotide metabolism
60	Ribosome	Regulation of spindle organization
	Parkinson's disease	Cytoplasmic translation
	Covid 19	Reg. of mitotic spindle organization

Table 4.2 DAP enrichment analyses. Top KEGG and GO annotations for DAPs between *SNCA*-A53T and control at each timepoint of the differentiation ($p_{\text{adj}} < 0.05$ and $|\text{FC}| > 1$).

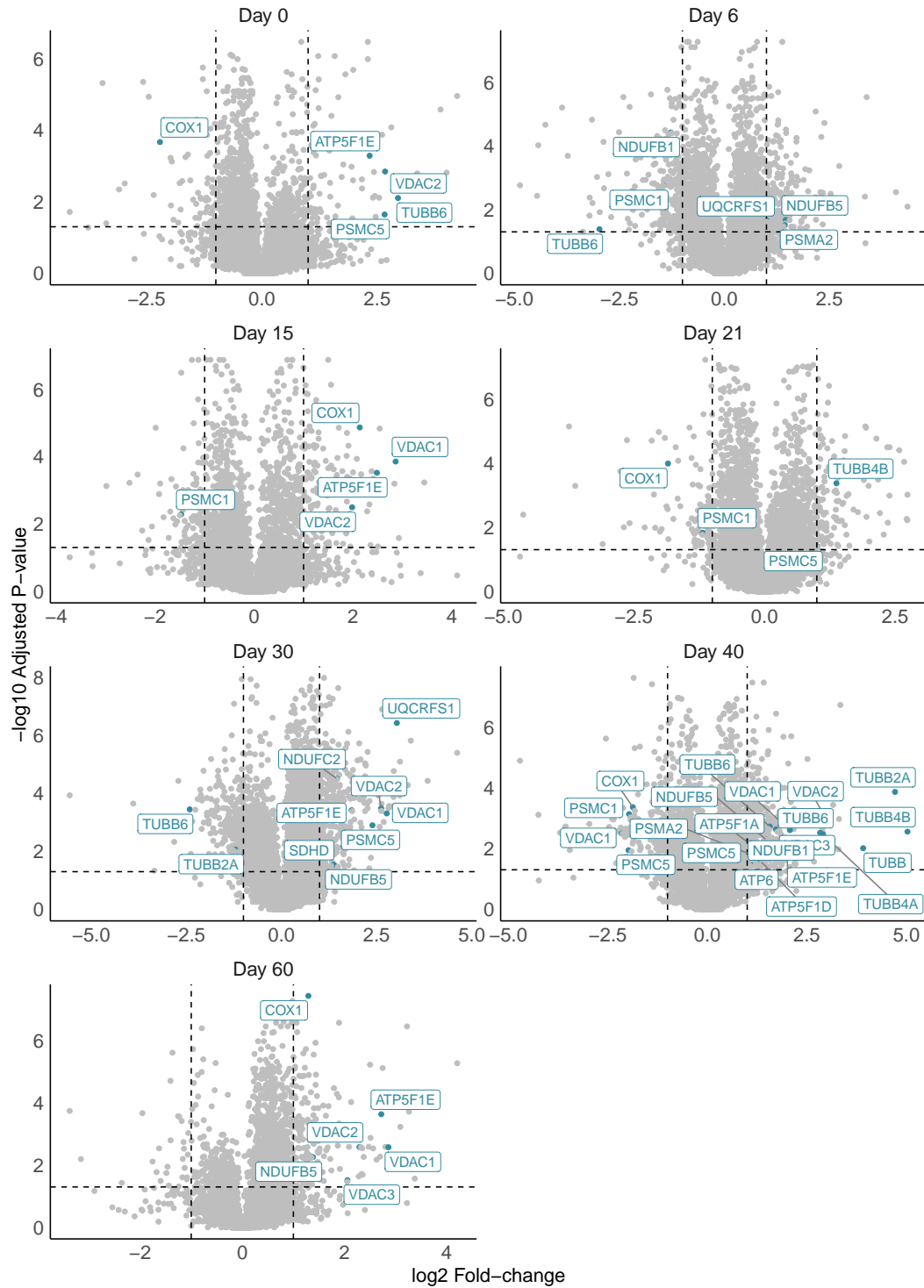


Fig. 4.11 Dysregulated PD-associated proteins. Volcano plots of selected PD-associated proteins that were dysregulated between *SNCA*-A53T and control cells at multiple timepoints of the differentiation ($p_{\text{adj}} < 0.05$ and $|\text{FC}| > 1$). Horizontal dashed line marks statistical significance.

4.2.2.2 Proteomics confirms the mitochondrial phenotype in *SNCA*-A53T cells

Following this timepoint-wise analysis, we investigated proteins that were systemically altered by the *SNCA*-A53T mutation. Specifically, we focused on proteins that were dysregulated in the same direction across five or more timepoints of the differentiation ($p_{\text{adj}} < 0.05$ and $|\text{FC}| > 0.5$). This revealed a total of 71 DAPs, including 44 that were persistently upregulated and 27 that were persistently downregulated in *SNCA*-A53T cells (Fig. 4.12 and Appendix Tab. A.11).

Similar to the persistently dysregulated genes, proteins involved in OXPHOS were consistently altered. *SNCA*-A53T cells exhibited an upregulation of proteins associated with ETC complex biogenesis (DMAC2, UQCRC1, ATP5F1E, and SCO2), possibly reflecting a compensatory response to cellular stress (Fig. 4.13). In line with this, proteins involved in mitochondrial turnover (FKBP8) and mtDNA repair (LIG3) were upregulated, whereas proteins involved in respiratory chain regulation (CHCHD2) and oxidative stress defense (CAT) were downregulated throughout differentiation in *SNCA*-A53T cells (Fig. 4.13 and Fig. 4.12).

Beyond this, PGK1, a pivotal glycolytic enzyme, was also persistently upregulated in *SNCA*-A53T cells (Fig. 4.12). This potentially reflects an adaptive response to mitochondrial dysfunction and suggests broader metabolic impairments beyond OXPHOS. Recently, Terazosin, a PGK1 activator, has been shown to confer neuroprotection in multiple PD models. Suggesting PGK1 activity is a crucial leverage point in neuronal bioenergetic control [394].

We also observed that proteins crucial for regulating mitochondrial calcium dynamics, namely VDAC2, Miro1 (*RHOT1*), and EMRE (*SMDT1*), were upregulated throughout the differentiation in *SNCA*-A53T cells (Fig. 4.13). These proteins work in a coordinated manner to shuttle Ca^{2+} across mitochondrial membranes. Consistent with our findings, previous studies have reported that PD-associated mutations can influence the levels and turnover of Ca^{2+} transport proteins [395]. This in turn can have detrimental effects on mDA neurons, which are already primed for calcium dysfunction due to their lower Ca^{2+} buffering capacity (as outlined in Section 1.2.4.6).

Another notable finding was the downregulation of HPCAL1 and CDH2 in *SNCA*-A53T cells (Fig. 4.12). Recent studies have shown that HPCAL1 mediates ferroptosis through its interaction with CDH2, suggesting that the simultaneous downregulation of these proteins may alter the susceptibility of *SNCA*-A53T cells to ferroptotic cell death [396].

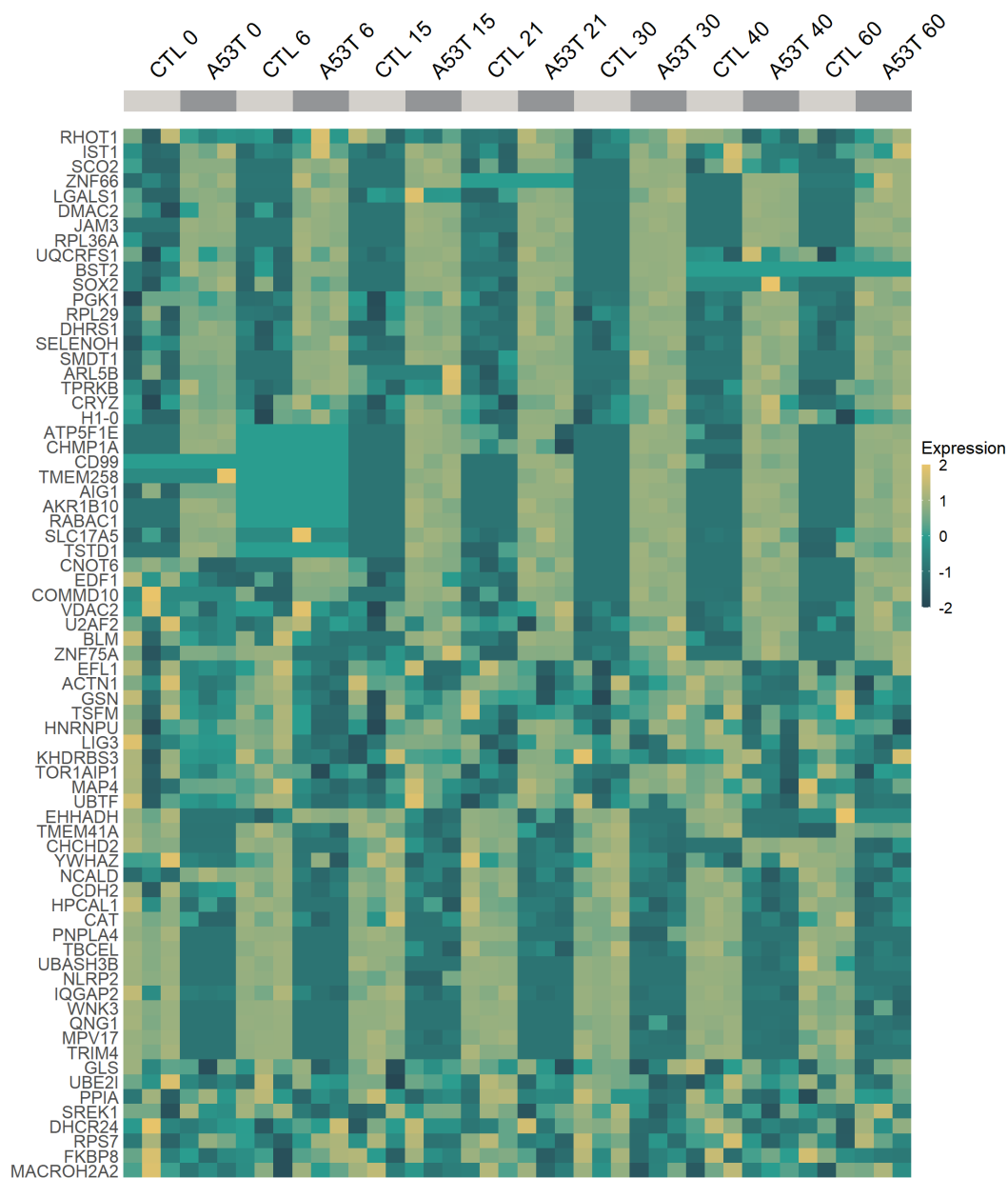


Fig. 4.12 Persistently dysregulated proteins. Heatmap showing proteins dysregulated between *SNCA*-A53T and control cells at five or more timepoints of the differentiation ($p_{\text{adj}} < 0.05$ and $|\text{FC}| > 0.5$). Colors correlate to normalized counts (z-score, centered, and scaled) of the indicated proteins. Centering and scaling was performed independently at each timepoint.

Results

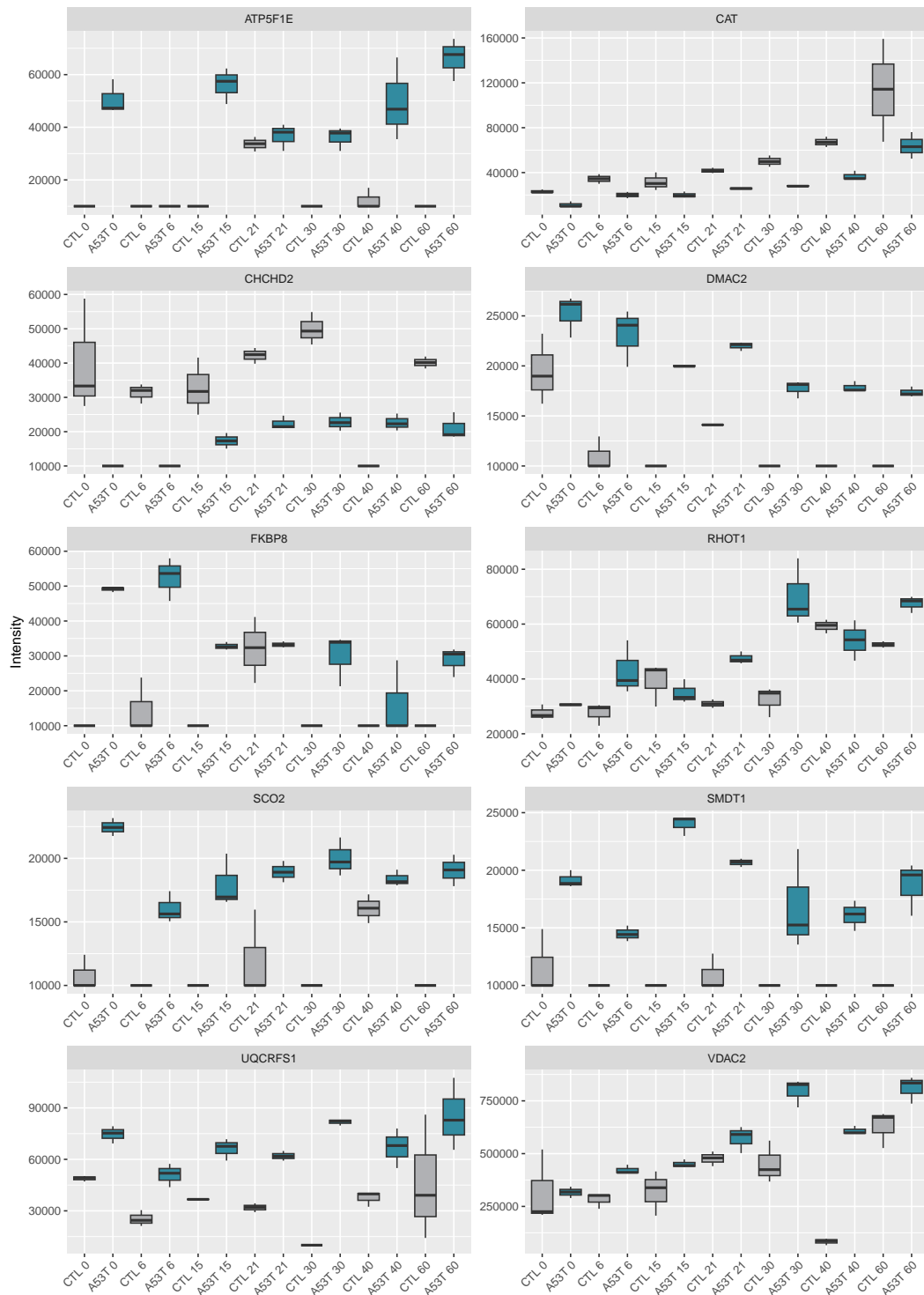


Fig. 4.13 Persistently dysregulated mitochondrial- and calcium-related proteins. Boxplots for selected proteins involved in mitochondrial function and calcium dynamics persistently dysregulated between *SNCA*-A53T and control cells at five or more timepoints of the differentiation ($p_{\text{adj}} < 0.05$ and $|FC| > 0.5$).

4.2.3 Overlap between transcriptomic & proteomic datasets

As similar biological pathways were altered in both the transcriptomic and proteomic analyses, we sought to characterize this overlap in greater detail and to determine the extent to which the transcriptional alterations are mirrored in the proteome. To this end, we identified DEGs and DAPs that were shared at each timepoint of the differentiation. To adopt a stringent approach, we applied the same thresholds used for the previous analyses (DEGs, ($p_{\text{adj}} < 0.05$ and $|\text{FC}| > 0.4$) and (DAPs, ($p_{\text{adj}} < 0.05$ and $|\text{FC}| > 1$) (Fig. 4.14). In doing so, we aimed to retain biologically meaningful changes whilst minimizing noise.

Interestingly, we observed the greatest overlap during the critical transition periods of the differentiation (Fig. 4.14). For example, at day 6 (5.1%), during the transition from pluripotency to early neural progenitors, and at days 21 (6.9%) and 30 (10.8%), during the transition from early to more mature mDA phenotypes. These findings suggest a degree of concordance between mRNA and protein changes at key developmental phases. However, we observed a smaller overlap ($< 2.6\%$) at all other timepoints of the differentiation. These findings draw parallels with other studies in which only a minimal correlation is observed between mRNA and protein measurements in multi-omics datasets [397]. However, due to factors like post-translational regulation, protein/mRNA stability, and temporal delays, estimating this overlap is somewhat approximative [293].

Based on this analysis, we then ranked the DEGs and DAPs by their absolute sum (see Methods Section 3.4.1.4) to identify the most strongly dysregulated genes and proteins common to both datasets. By prioritizing genes with significant transcriptional changes and their corresponding proteins with altered abundance, we aimed to identify key drivers of disease. As components dysregulated at both the transcriptomic and proteomic levels may represent critical regulatory hubs, acting as entry points for early pathology or promoting downstream neurodegeneration.

This approach revealed a core network of seven genes that were consistently dysregulated at both the transcriptomic and proteomic levels at a minimum

of four timepoints (Appendix Fig. A.4 and Fig. A.5). This network included *GPC3*, *BST2*, and *DLK1*, which were predominantly overexpressed, as well as *CHCHD2*, *WNK3*, *NLRP2*, and *QNG1*, which were underexpressed in *SNCA*-A53T cells. Interestingly, many of these genes have previously been identified in pathways closely linked to PD. More specifically, *NLRP2* and *BST2* are involved in neuroinflammation, while *WNK3* and *QNG1* play roles in neuroprotection. Additionally, several of these genes, including *CHCHD2*, *GPC3*, and *DLK1*, have been shown to interact with other PD-associated mutations, suggesting common pathogenic mechanisms [398, 111].

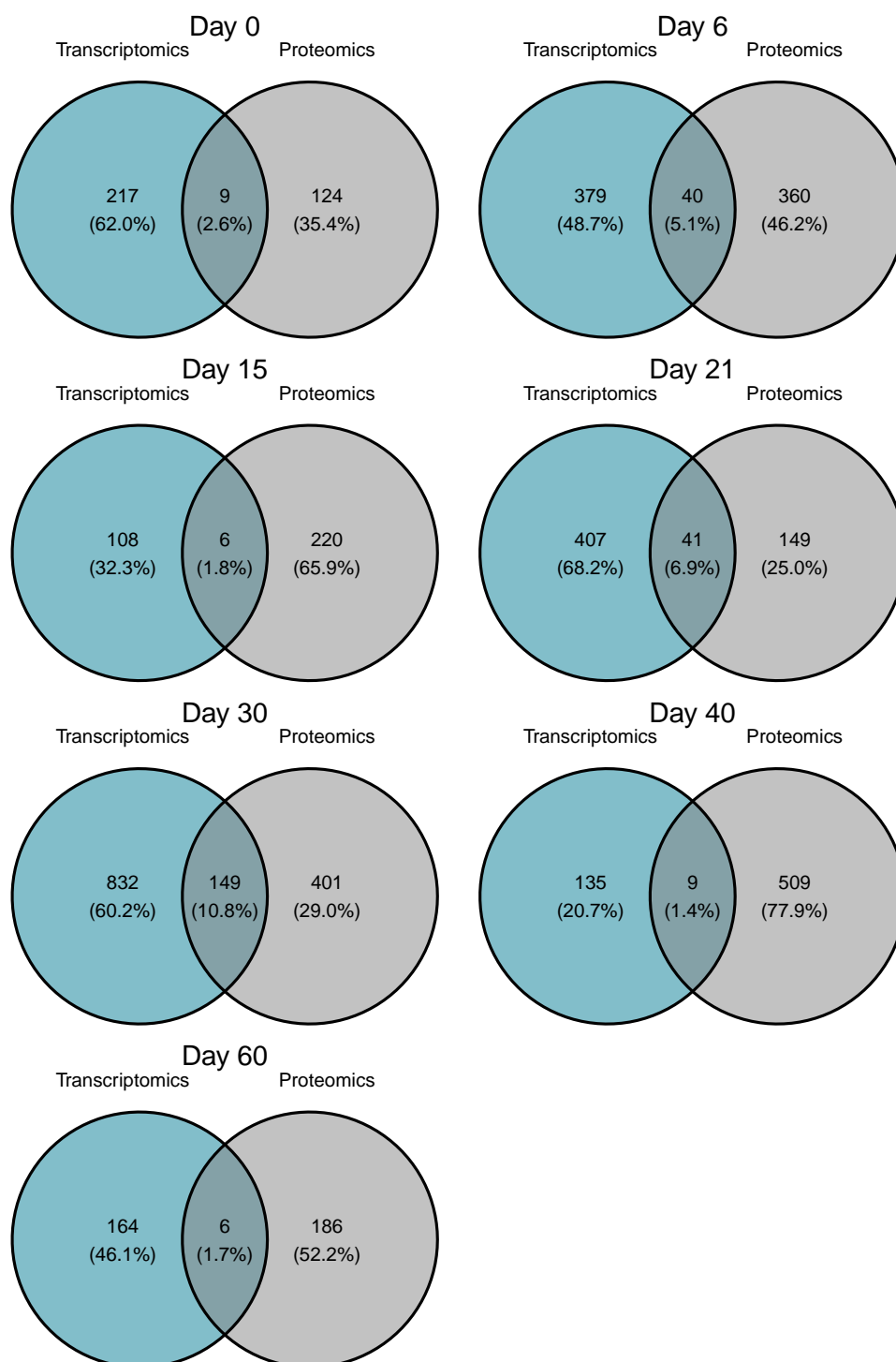


Fig. 4.14 Overlap between DEGs and DAPs. Venn diagrams showing overlap between DEGs and DAPs at each timepoint of the differentiation (DEGs, ($p_{\text{adj}} < 0.05$ and $|\text{FC}| > 0.4$) and (DAPs, ($p_{\text{adj}} < 0.05$ and $|\text{FC}| > 1$)).

4.2.4 Metabolomic analysis

To explore how the identified transcriptomic and proteomic alterations influence the metabolome, we performed LC-MS-based metabolomics at days 0, 6, 15, 21, 30, 40 and 60 (Methods Section 3.4.3). Using this approach, we sought to investigate how these molecular changes affect cellular metabolism and gain deeper insights into their functional consequences.

4.2.4.1 Early alterations in energy metabolism in *SNCA*-A53T cells

Using this technique, we identified 80 metabolites that were differentially abundant between *SNCA*-A53T and control cells across the seven timepoints ($p_{\text{adj}} < 0.05$ and $|\text{FC}| > 0.4$). For the full list of differentially abundant metabolites, see Appendix Section A.4.

We observed the highest number of differentially abundant metabolites during the early stages of differentiation (days 0, 6, and 15) (Fig. 4.15). In contrast, only a few metabolites showed differential abundance between *SNCA*-A53T and control cells at days 21 and 30, with none detected at later time points.

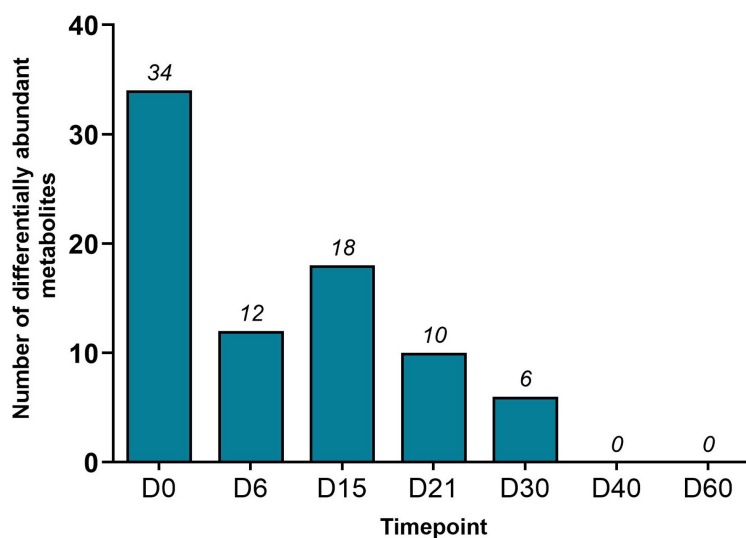


Fig. 4.15 Differentially abundant metabolites per timepoint. Number of differentially abundant metabolites between *SNCA*-A53T and control cells at each timepoint of the differentiation ($p_{\text{adj}} < 0.05$ and $|\text{FC}| > 0.4$).

In *SNCA*-A53T cells, we observed distinct alterations in metabolites related to energy production in the early differentiation period (Fig. 4.16). At day 0, the levels of adenosine triphosphate (ATP), adenosine diphosphate (ADP), and adenosine monophosphate (AMP) were significantly lower in *SNCA*-A53T cells compared to control, which may reflect impaired energy production or increased utilization at the early stages of development. Similarly, glycolytic intermediates such as glucose-6-phosphate and fructose-1,6-bisphosphate were also decreased in *SNCA*-A53T cells, suggesting potential alterations in glycolytic flux.

Moreover, at day 6, several TCA cycle metabolites, including citric acid, fumaric acid, malic acid, and pyruvic acid (which links acetyl-CoA to the TCA cycle), were also significantly lower in *SNCA*-A53T cells, further highlighting differences in energy metabolism compared to control (Fig. 4.16).

To investigate these trends, we utilized the proteomics data to assess the expression levels of enzymes involved in the TCA cycle and glycolysis. While we didn't observe any discernible trends at the earlier timepoints, a marked increase in proteins encoding TCA cycle enzymes was observed at day 30 in *SNCA*-A53T cells (Fig. 4.17).

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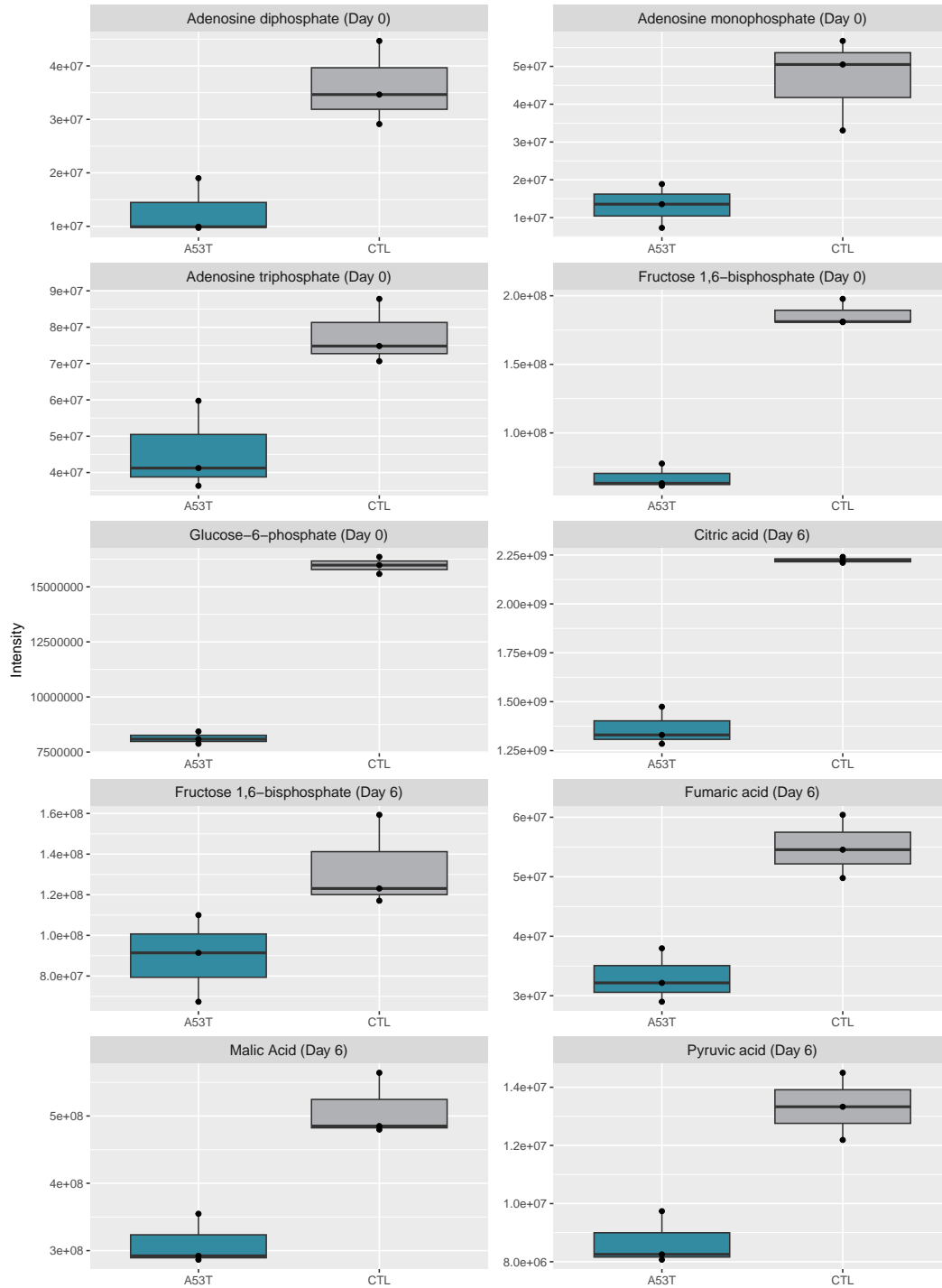


Fig. 4.16 Differentially abundant bioenergetic metabolites. Boxplots of differentially abundant energy metabolites, TCA cycle intermediates, and glycolytic cycle intermediates between *SNCA*-A53T and control cells at the early differentiation timepoints ($p_{\text{adj}} < 0.05$ and $|\text{FC}| > 0.4$).

4.2 Multi-omics analysis of *SNCA*-A53T and control cells

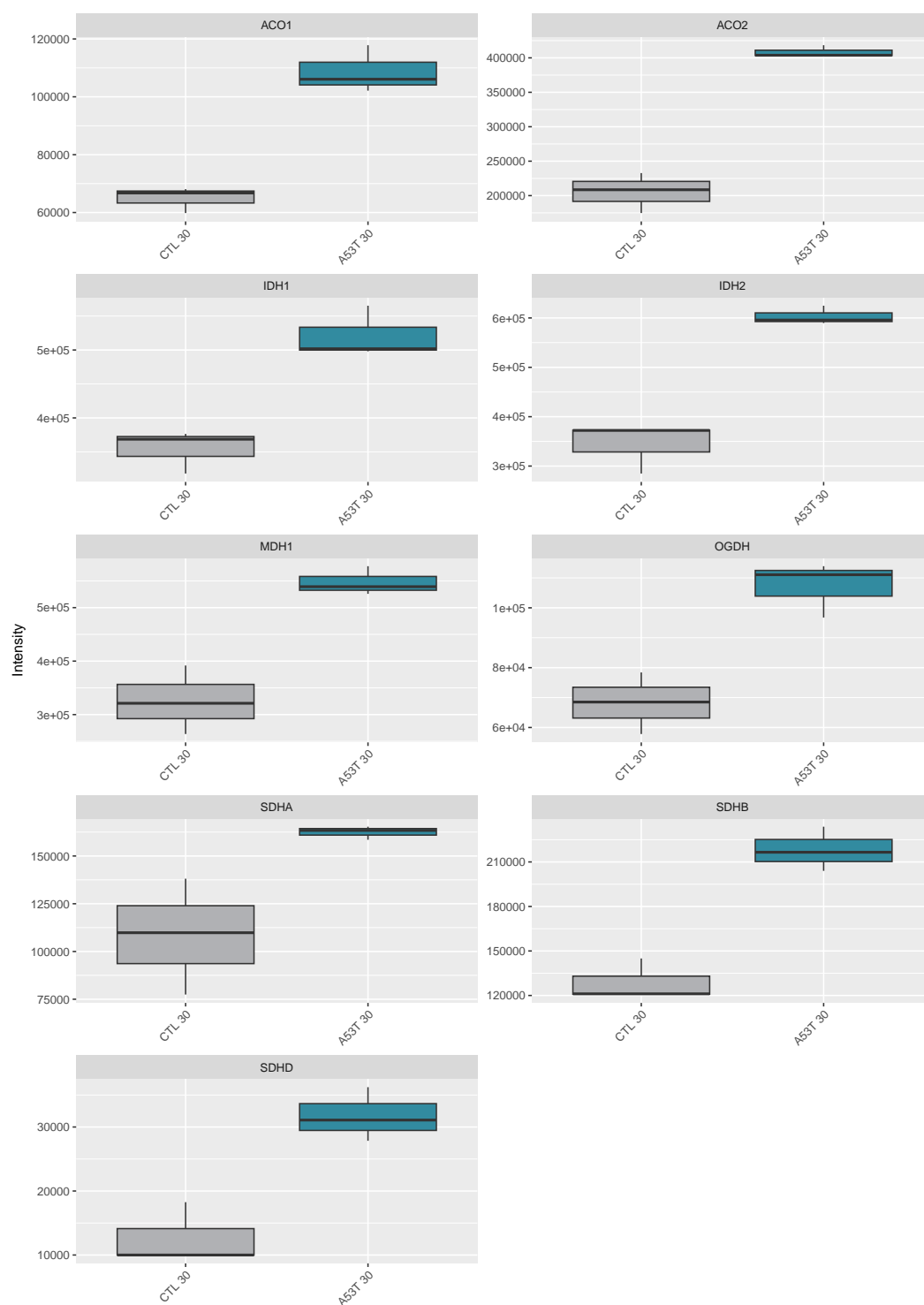


Fig. 4.17 Upregulated TCA cycle enzymes. TCA cycle enzymes identified as upregulated in *SNCA*-A53T cells at day 30 by proteomic analysis ($p_{\text{adj}} < 0.05$ and $|\text{FC}| > 1$).

4.3 Mitochondrial function and protein expression analyses

As the multi-omics analysis revealed alterations in genes and proteins associated with mitochondrial dynamics and cellular respiration in *SNCA*-A53T cells, we sought to investigate these findings at a functional level. For this, we used the Seahorse XFe96 Flux Analyzer platform to assess the bioenergetic status of *SNCA*-A53T and control cells at days 15, 30, and 40 of the differentiation (Fig. 4.19). For detailed descriptions of the respiration parameters, see Methods Section 3.3.1 and Appendix Tab. A.6.

Briefly, oxygen consumption rate (OCR) and extracellular acidification rate (ECAR) were measured before and after the sequential injection of three key respiration modulators: the ATP synthase inhibitor oligomycin, the ETC uncoupler FCCP, and the complex I and III inhibitors rotenone and antimycin A. This enables the estimation of various respiration parameters, which can be used to determine the bioenergetic status and overall health of mitochondria [183].

4.3.1 Elevated respiratory parameters in *SNCA*-A53T cells

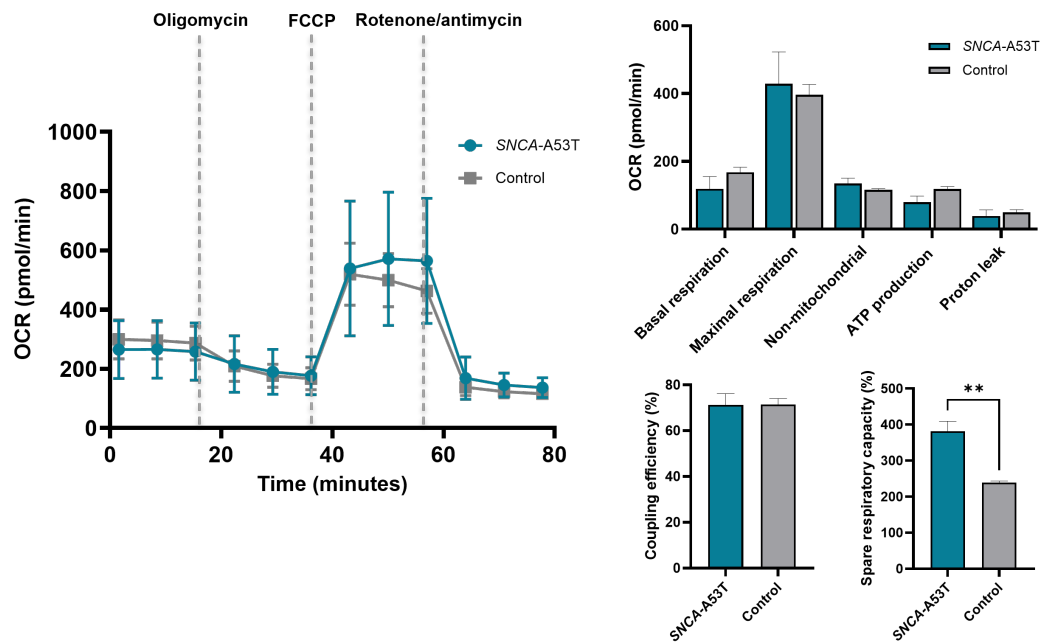
Using this approach, we determined that at day 15, the respiratory profiles between *SNCA*-A53T and control cells were largely comparable, with most respiration parameters showing no significant differences between the two groups (Fig. 4.19). The only exception was spare respiratory capacity, which was significantly higher in *SNCA*-A53T cells.

In contrast, at day 30, all measured respiration parameters (basal respiration, maximal respiration, ATP production, non-mitochondrial oxygen consumption, spare respiratory capacity, and coupling efficiency) apart from proton leak were significantly higher in *SNCA*-A53T compared to the control line (Fig. 4.19). This overall increase in mitochondrial function may reflect a compensatory response to altered energy metabolism or cellular stress.

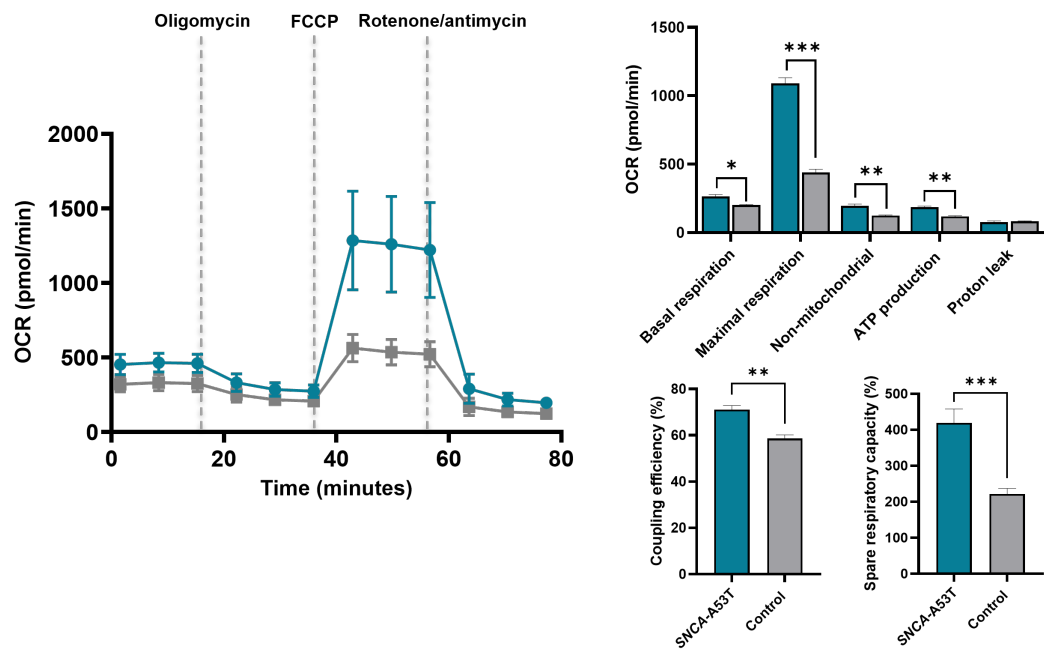
Similarly, at day 40, maximal respiration, non-mitochondrial oxygen consumption, and spare respiratory capacity were significantly higher in *SNCA*-A53T cells (Fig. 4.19). In addition, although not statistically significant, at day 40, proton leak was higher and coupling efficiency was lower in *SNCA*-A53T cells compared to control. This may reflect a progression towards mitochondrial inefficiency and impaired energy utilization as cells acquire a mature mDA phenotype.

To further investigate these metabolic changes, we assessed the dependence of the cells on OXPHOS and glycolysis using the OCR/ECAR ratio (Appendix Fig. A.6). At day 15, both *SNCA*-A53T and control cells displayed a stronger dependence on glycolysis as indicated by a lower OCR/ECAR ratio. This reliance on glycolysis may contribute to the lack of observable differences in mitochondrial respiration at this stage. In contrast, at day 30 both *SNCA*-A53T and control cells exhibited a shift in metabolism from glycolysis to OXPHOS, as evidenced by a higher OCR/ECAR ratio. Of note, at day 40, *SNCA*-A53T cells exhibited a higher OCR/ECAR ratio compared to control cells, suggesting a greater reliance on OXPHOS as a primary energy pathway. These findings align with the metabolic reprogramming that occurs during differentiation, where iPSCs transition from glycolysis to OXPHOS to meet the ATP demands required for neuronal activity [399].

Day 15



Day 30



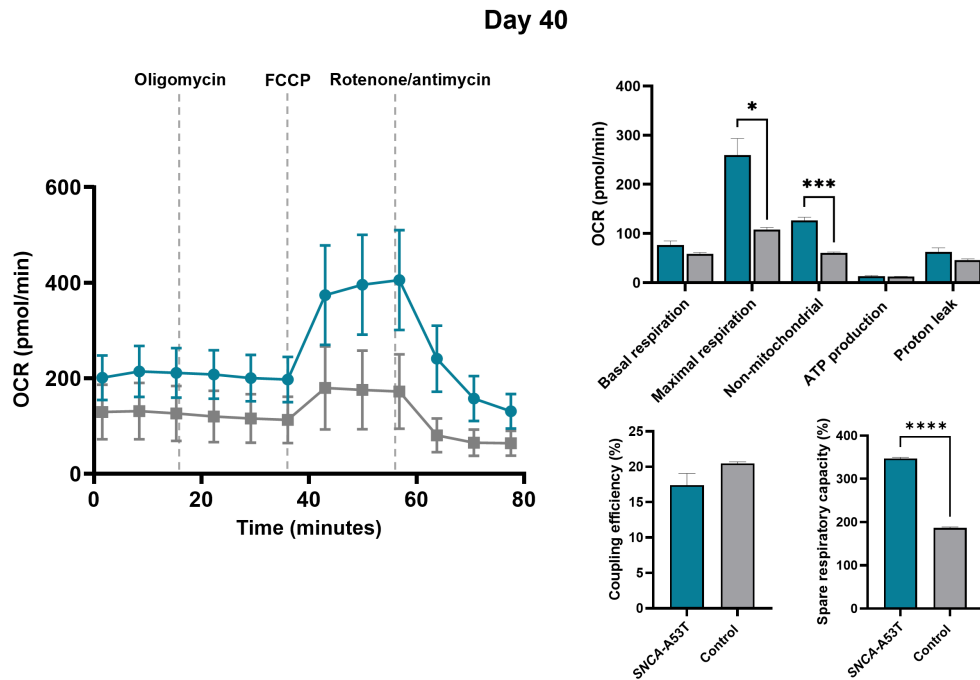


Fig. 4.19 Respiratory flux profiles. Oxygen consumption rates (OCRs) and mitochondrial respiration parameters for *SNCA*-A53T and control cells at days 15, 30, and 40 of the differentiation. All OCR readings were normalized to DNA content (N = 3, mean \pm SEM, Student's t-test, *P<0.05, **P<0.01, ***P<0.001, ****P<0.0001).

4.3.2 Increased ETC complex expression in *SNCA*-A53T cells

Given that *SNCA*-A53T cells exhibited altered respiratory profiles and the multi-omics analysis highlighted a strong representation of ETC complex genes, we further investigated these findings by examining the protein levels of ETC complexes I-V (Methods Section 3.3.2). Western blot analysis was performed using an antibody cocktail that detects OXPHOS subunits, including NDUF8 (complex I), SDHB (complex II), UQCRC2 (complex III), COXII (complex IV), and ATP5A (complex V) (Fig. 4.20 and Appendix Fig. A.7).

Interestingly, we observed increased complex I (NDUF8) and complex IV (COXII) levels in *SNCA*-A53T cells at days 15, 30, and 40, while protein expression of complex II, complex III, and complex V was comparable between the two cell lines. These changes in ETC complex expression may contribute to the enhanced mitochondrial respiration observed at days 30 and 40 (Fig. 4.19) and further support the upregulation of ETC complex genes and proteins observed in the multi-omics analysis.

4.3 Mitochondrial function and protein expression analyses

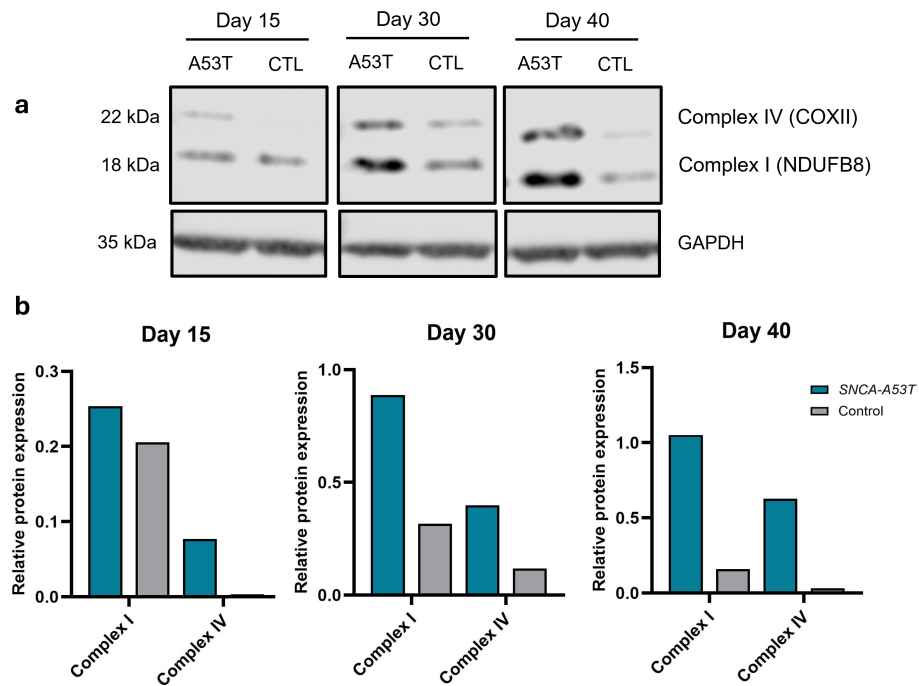


Fig. 4.20 Increased ETC complex expression. Western blot analysis showing increased expression of complex I and complex IV subunits in *SNCA*-A53T cells compared to control cells at days 15, 30, and 40 of the differentiation. **a.** Imaged western blot membrane. **b.** Quantification of band intensity, normalized to GAPDH.

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CHAPTER 5

Discussion

PD is a complex neurodegenerative disorder, with a multifactorial etiology encompassing both genetic and environmental factors. The pathological aggregation of α -syn is a defining hallmark of PD and is strongly linked to mutations in the *SNCA* gene. Among these, the *SNCA*-A53T mutation is associated with early-onset, aggressive forms of the disease. However, due to the intricate nature of *SNCA*-associated dysfunction, which spans interconnected molecular pathways, the precise contribution of *SNCA* mutations to the development and establishment of the PD phenotype remains unclear.

To address this open question, we conducted a longitudinal multi-omics analysis at seven key timepoints during the differentiation of patient-derived *SNCA*-A53T iPSCs into mature mDA neurons, using an age- and sex-matched healthy control for comparison. By combining transcriptomic, proteomic, and metabolomic analyses, we provide a comprehensive, systems-level insight into *SNCA*-A53T-related cellular phenotypes across different layers of biological regulation. These molecular analyses are complemented by functional assays of mitochondrial bioenergetics.

Importantly, by employing a time-series approach encompassing both early and late stages of neuronal differentiation, we not only identify key pathways disrupted by the *SNCA*-A53T mutation but also assess the onset and progression of these alterations. This is of particular relevance given the limited understanding of the early, preclinical stages of PD. Our approach, therefore, facilitates the identification of early PD mechanisms and explores how mutation-induced changes evolve over time.

5.1 Longitudinal characterization reveals early PD-associated impairments

To investigate the transcriptional and proteomic signatures associated with the *SNCA*-A53T mutation, we employed two complementary approaches. First, we examined how the mutation impacts cells during neuronal development by assessing timepoint-specific alterations in gene and protein expression. Specifically, we aimed to determine whether PD-associated impairments emerge early in mDA neuron differentiation or only once cells acquire a more mature neuronal phenotype. To achieve this, we identified the top DEGs and DAPs at each timepoint and performed functional enrichment analyses to uncover biological processes disrupted at each stage. We then complemented this by identifying genes and proteins that were persistently dysregulated across development, revealing core features of *SNCA*-A53T pathology. In particular, we focused on genes and proteins dysregulated in the same direction across at least five timepoints.

Our findings indicate that PD-related alterations emerge early during neuronal differentiation and persist throughout maturation. PD appeared as an enriched term at multiple stages, including the earliest timepoints, in both the DEG and DAP analyses (Fig. 4.1 and Fig. 4.2). While PD is traditionally thought of as an age-related disorder, our findings suggest that neurodevelopmental disruptions may also play a role in disease pathogenesis. Increasing evidence indicates that such early disturbances could impact neuronal viability and resilience to stressors, potentially predisposing mDA neurons to neurodegeneration over time [400]. Notably, we observed the highest number of PD-associated DEGs at

day 30 and DAPs at day 40, suggesting that while these molecular signatures are present early in development, they become more pronounced as the cells acquire an mDA phenotype.

Moreover, our complementary approaches identified consistent themes in the biological processes potentially affected by the *SNCA*-A53T mutation. Both timepoint-specific analyses and the investigation of persistently dysregulated genes and proteins highlighted key differences between *SNCA*-A53T and control cells in processes such as cellular respiration, calcium homeostasis, cellular stress responses, and neuronal development. Given this overlap, we will discuss these processes in an integrated manner to provide a more comprehensive overview.

5.2 Altered bioenergetics

A key finding from our analysis was the widespread dysregulation of genes and proteins linked to mitochondrial function, and more specifically to the assembly and biogenesis of ETC complexes. The timepoint-specific analyses revealed upregulation of both nuclear- and mitochondrially-encoded ETC subunits in *SNCA*-A53T cells at multiple stages of the differentiation (Fig. 4.6). In line with this, OXPHOS appeared as an enriched pathway at days 0, 6, and 15 of the DEG analysis, highlighting early differences in cellular metabolism (Fig. 4.1).

Similarly, analyses of the persistently dysregulated genes and proteins revealed a sustained elevation in assembly factors and subunits of complex I (DMAC2 and *MT-ND3*), complex III (UQCRC1), complex IV (*MT-CO1*, *MT-CO2*, and SCO2), and complex V (ATP5F1E) (Fig. 4.9 and Fig. 4.13). These findings were also corroborated by an increased expression of complex I (NDUFB8) and IV (COXII) at days 15, 30, and 40 using western blot (Fig. 4.20).

ETC complexes form an essential component of mitochondrial OXPHOS, directly contributing to ATP production [401]. During aerobic respiration, these multi-domain enzymes transfer electrons from electron donors (NADH and FADH₂) to electron acceptors via redox reactions [402]. This electron flow is coupled to the transfer of protons (H⁺) across the inner mitochondrial

membrane (IMM), which generates an electrochemical proton gradient that drives the production of ATP via ATP synthase [403].

Given this coupling of ETC complex expression and mitochondrial respiration, we assessed whether the upregulation of ETC components leads to functional changes in mitochondrial bioenergetics using the Seahorse metabolic assay (Fig. 4.19). Interestingly, at day 15, *SNCA*-A53T and control cells displayed comparable bioenergetic profiles, although this may be due to a greater reliance on glycolysis at the earlier stages of the differentiation, which can obscure differences in OXPHOS. In contrast, at day 30, all mitochondrial respiration parameters, apart from proton leak, were significantly higher in *SNCA*-A53T cells compared to control cells. Meanwhile, at day 40, *SNCA*-A53T cells exhibited significantly higher maximal respiration, non-mitochondrial oxygen consumption, and spare respiratory capacity compared to control cells. However, based on the OCR profile at day 40, the oligomycin concentration used may not have been sufficient to fully block ATP-linked respiration, suggesting that a higher concentration could have provided a clearer distinction in mitochondrial function.

Intriguingly, our findings are contrary to those of previous studies, demonstrating that *SNCA*-A53T iPSC-derived dopamine neurons display impaired bioenergetic profiles, characterized by reduced respiration and diminished spare respiratory capacity [386]. Moreover, in the broader context of PD, respiratory chain dysfunction has been identified as a common feature of both idiopathic and familial PD. In postmortem studies of PD brains and experimental models, the functional capacity and protein levels of complex I, the first complex of the ETC, are markedly reduced, which is associated with decreased ATP production [404–407]. Additionally, impairments in complex III have also been noted in cells derived from PD patients, whilst reports on complex II, IV, and V have been inconsistent [408].

Several possible explanations may account for the observed increase in ETC components and may also somewhat reconcile the discrepancy between our findings and those of previous studies. One possibility is that the upregulation of ETC components and subsequent increase in mitochondrial bioenergetics reflects a compensatory response to early alterations in energy metabolism. Supporting this notion, metabolomic analyses revealed a reduction in key energy

substrates in *SNCA*-A53T cells at the early stages of the differentiation (Fig. 4.16). More specifically, at day 0, ATP, ADP, and AMP levels were significantly lower in *SNCA*-A53T cells compared to controls. This was accompanied by reduced levels of glycolytic and TCA cycle intermediates at both days 0 and 6, reflecting global differences in energy metabolism. In support of this, alongside upregulation of ETC complex genes, we also observed the persistent upregulation of PGK1 in *SNCA*-A53T cells, which is the first ATP-producing enzyme of glycolysis (Fig. 4.12).

However, it is worth noting that although we observed increased expression of ETC complex components and enhanced mitochondrial respiration at day 30, these changes were not accompanied by corresponding increases in TCA cycle metabolites or ATP. This could indicate an increased turnover of TCA cycle intermediates and heightened energy demand in *SNCA*-A53T cells. In support of this, proteomic analysis at day 30 confirmed an upregulation of multiple TCA cycle enzymes, suggesting a potential increase in TCA cycle flux that may contribute to enhanced mitochondrial respiration (Fig. 4.17). However, as LC-MS-based metabolomics provides only a static snapshot of metabolite concentrations, it may not fully capture dynamic changes in metabolic activity. To better resolve this, future studies utilizing metabolic flux analysis with stable isotope tracing would be valuable [409].

Taken together, these findings suggest that early alterations in energy metabolism in *SNCA*-A53T cells may promote the compensatory upregulation of ETC components, which becomes functionally evident as the cells transition to a greater reliance on mitochondrial respiration.

A possible factor contributing to the dysregulation of energy metabolism, and more specifically mitochondrial respiration is the altered expression of genes critical for respiratory chain function, namely *CHCHD2* and *DNAJC15*. *CHCHD2* was consistently downregulated in *SNCA*-A53T cells at both the transcriptomic and proteomic levels (Fig. 4.9 and Fig. 4.13). As a member of the coiled-coil-helix-coiled-coil-helix (CHCH) domain protein family, *CHCHD2* is critical for mitochondrial respiration and redox regulation [410]. Interestingly, mutations in *CHCHD2* have been associated with autosomal dominant PD and are also proposed as a risk factor for sporadic disease [411, 389]. In the nucleus, *CHCHD2* functions as a transcription factor for COX412 (a subunit

of complex IV), and CHCHD2 itself [412, 412]. Upon translocation to the intermembrane space (IMS), CHCHD2 binds to MISC1, cytochrome c, and COX, thereby stabilizing complex IV and maintaining electron flow through the transport chain [413].

Loss of *CHCHD2* reduces subunits of complexes I, IV, and V, impairing ATP production [414]. However, this depletion can also trigger compensatory increases in mitochondrial respiration. More specifically, *CHCHD2* KO has been shown to increase basal respiration, maximal respiration, and ATP-coupled oxygen consumption, likely as an acute response to mitigate respiratory chain dysfunction [415]. Thus, *SNCA*-A53T cells may compensate for reduced CHCHD2 by upregulating ETC complex biogenesis to sustain efficient electron flow and ATP production. In line with this, it is well established that mitochondria possess a large reserve capacity, meaning that even in the presence of significant OXPHOS defects, cells can maintain ATP production [416].

Another important factor that may contribute to the observed increase in mitochondrial respiration in *SNCA*-A53T cells is the downregulation of *DNAJC15*, identified at the transcriptomic level (Fig. 4.9). *DNAJC15* encodes a co-chaperone that functions as a negative regulator of the ETC; more specifically, it preferentially interacts with complex I to impair the formation of super-complexes [417]. Thus, reductions in *DNAJC15* result in increased oxidative respiration and mitochondrial ATP production [417]. Moreover, as a subunit of the TIMM23 translocase, *DNAJC15* plays an important role in importing OXPHOS-related proteins into mitochondria, meaning its downregulation could further impact mitochondrial respiration [418].

It is also possible that the alterations in ETC complex expression reflect an underlying impairment in mitochondrial quality control. Unlike nuclear DNA (nDNA), which exists in two copies per cell, mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) is present in thousands of copies, and its abundance is tightly linked to mitochondrial content and number [419]. Since mtDNA encodes 13 essential ETC subunits, an increase in mitochondrial abundance can directly elevate ETC subunit levels [401].

Supporting this, our dataset showed a strong representation of ETC subunits encoded by the mitochondrial genome (Fig. 4.6). Moreover, at day 0 and day 6 of differentiation, *SNCA*-A53T cells exhibited a higher percentage of mitochondrial transcripts compared to control cells (Supplementary Fig. A.8). To assess whether the increased expression of mitochondrially-encoded ETC subunits simply reflected this higher mitochondrial transcript percentage, we incorporated mitochondrial transcript abundance as a latent variable in our statistical analysis. This revealed that mitochondrial percentage did not significantly influence the upregulation of these subunits. However, this does not fully exclude a role for mitochondrial quality control in their increased expression.

Mitochondrial homeostasis is achieved through an orchestrated balance of mitochondrial biogenesis and mitochondrial clearance via mitophagy [420]. While we did not detect upregulation of key mitochondrial biogenesis regulators (e.g., TFAM, PGC-1 α , PGC-1 β , NRF-1, and NRF-2) in *SNCA*-A53T cells, we did observe an increased expression of mitophagy-associated proteins [420]. More specifically, Miro1 (*RHOT1*), VDAC1, and FKBP8 were upregulated in *SNCA*-A53T cells at multiple timepoints throughout the differentiation (Fig. 4.13 and Fig. 4.11).

Miro1 (*RHOT1*) is a OMM protein required for the initiation and progression of PINK1/Parkin-mediated mitophagy [421, 422]. In *Drosophila* models, its overexpression delays the clearance of defective mitochondria, thereby promoting dopaminergic degeneration [423]. Similarly, VDAC1 also serves as an essential Parkin substrate, whilst FKBP8 facilitates the recruitment of LC3A to depolarized mitochondria, aiding their degradation [424, 425]. In line with our findings, mounting evidence suggests the *SNCA*-A53T mutation can adversely impact mitochondrial function and disrupt the mitochondrial clearance process [426]. *In vitro* analyses have demonstrated both impaired and enhanced mitophagy associated with the *SNCA*-A53T mutation [426]. Therefore, it is possible that perturbations in mitophagy could also contribute to the observed alterations in energy metabolism in *SNCA*-A53T cells.

Taken together, we hypothesize that the increase in ETC complex subunits and assembly factors may represent a compensatory response to respiratory chain impairment or reflect broader disruptions in mitochondrial homeostasis. Indeed, these mechanisms are not mutually exclusive and may collectively contribute to

the altered mitochondrial phenotype observed in *SNCA*-A53T cells. Given the complex interplay between cellular metabolism, respiratory chain regulation, and mitochondrial turnover, further studies are needed to clarify the precise mechanisms underlying these alterations.

5.3 Disrupted calcium homeostasis

In addition to being a primary source of cellular energy, mitochondria play an essential role in intracellular calcium buffering [423]. Calcium ions act as second messengers that regulate numerous physiological functions, necessitating tight control over cytosolic calcium concentrations [423]. Growing evidence has implicated increased Ca^{2+} influx and defective Ca^{2+} storage in PD pathogenesis, with elevated calcium levels linked to increased disease susceptibility [427, 428].

Consistent with these findings, mitochondrial calcium proteins, including Miro1 (*RHOT1*), EMRE (*SMDT1*), and VDAC1-3, were upregulated in *SNCA*-A53T cells at multiple stages of the differentiation (Fig. 4.13 and Fig. 4.11). While each having their own disparate functions, these proteins work in a coordinated manner to regulate calcium homeostasis [423].

Beyond its role in mitochondrial quality control, Miro1 (*RHOT1*) is also essential for calcium buffering [423, 429]. In response to elevated cytosolic calcium levels, Ca^{2+} binds to the EF-hand domains of Miro1 [423]. This induces a conformational change that dissociates mitochondria from the cytoskeleton, facilitating their deposition at sites requiring ATP and Ca^{2+} buffering [430]. Notably, Miro1 overexpression has been linked to enhanced mitochondrial Ca^{2+} uptake, potentially mediated through interactions with the mitochondrial calcium uniporter (MCU) complex [423].

In agreement with this, EMRE (*SMDT1*), an essential subunit of the MCU, was also upregulated in *SNCA*-A53T cells. Given that the MCU facilitates Ca^{2+} entry into the mitochondrial matrix, the concurrent elevation of Miro1 and EMRE indicates a potential dysregulation of calcium homeostasis [431]. This is further supported by the increase of VDAC proteins, which regulate calcium transfer between the ER and mitochondria.

The simultaneous upregulation of these proteins in *SNCA*-A53T cells may greatly alter the distribution and concentration of intracellular calcium, which can in turn lead to mitochondrial stress and subsequent dysfunction. Adding another layer of complexity, increased mitochondrial Ca^{2+} uptake can also enhance mitochondrial respiration by activating TCA cycle dehydrogenases [432, 433]. This interplay between calcium dynamics and metabolism may also contribute to the enhanced mitochondrial respiratory profile observed in *SNCA*-A53T cells.

5.4 Increased cellular stress

Our analysis also revealed widespread dysregulation of genes and proteins involved in cellular stress response pathways, including protein quality control, oxidative stress defense, DNA repair, and apoptosis, in *SNCA*-A53T cells (Fig. 4.6 and Fig. 4.8).

Specifically, we observed an upregulation of genes involved in protein degradation, including those encoding subunits of the 20S proteasome (*PSMD10*, *PSMA1*, and *PSMA3*) and components of the ubiquitin-mediated degradation pathway (*UBA52* and *USP11*), suggesting increased proteotoxic stress (Fig. 4.6 and Fig. 4.8) [347, 434]. While we did not directly assess α -syn aggregation, the upregulation of these pathways may reflect an increased aggregation burden, given the known propensity of *SNCA*-A53T to promote α -syn misfolding.

Consistent with this, *CLU*, a molecular chaperone involved in proteostasis, was also persistently overexpressed in *SNCA*-A53T cells (Fig. 4.8). Notably, increased *CLU* protein levels have been detected in the plasma and CSF of PD patients [435]. *CLU* has also been linked to the spread of pathological α -syn, as it limits astrocytic uptake and promotes its extracellular accumulation [436].

Beyond proteostasis, we identified dysregulation of genes and proteins involved in antioxidant defense, including *SOD1* and *CAT*, which are critical for managing ROS. *SOD1* was overexpressed at days 21 and 30, potentially reflecting a compensatory response to increased mitochondrial respiration, as it plays a key role in mitigating superoxide production during OXPHOS (Fig. 4.6) [437]. In

contrast, CAT was persistently downregulated throughout the differentiation (Fig. 4.12). This finding is consistent with reports of reduced catalase activity in PD, where its deficiency has been implicated in oxidative damage [438]. While these represent just a few examples, they suggest an overall increase in cellular stress in *SNCA*-A53T cells.

5.5 Delayed mDA neuron differentiation

An additional observation from our work was the pronounced downregulation of genes essential for establishing and maintaining mDA neuron identity in *SNCA*-A53T cells, particularly at day 30 (Fig. 4.7). This included early developmental regulators such as *LMX1A* and *FOXA2*, as well as *NR4A2* (*Nurr1*), *NRP1*, *DDC*, *NEFL* and *GAP43*, which are required for the later stages of neuronal maturation [439, 440]. Many of these genes continue to be expressed into adulthood, where they play essential roles in neuronal maintenance and survival [441]. For instance, loss of *NR4A2* expression during early development results in the absence of midbrain neurons, whereas its downregulation in adulthood is associated with decreased striatal dopamine [442]. Similarly, reduced expression of *GAP43*, a mediator of neuronal maturation, has been linked to a diminished regenerative capacity of dopaminergic neurons in the SNpc of PD patients [443].

At least four independent studies have previously demonstrated the reduced differentiation potential of neuronal cells derived from PD patients, which has been suggested to reflect a neurodevelopmental aspect of PD pathology [442, 444–446, 110, 447]. However, flow cytometry, at day 50, revealed a similar proportion of TH/MAP2 positive neurons between *SNCA*-A53T and control cells, suggesting that the *SNCA*-A53T mutation most likely delays mDA maturation, rather than reducing the final yield of mature mDA neurons (Results Section 4.1.2 and Supplementary Fig. A.2).

5.6 Transcriptomic & proteomic overlap

As many of the genes and proteins that were dysregulated at specific stages of development or persistently dysregulated throughout development converged on shared biological functions, we investigated the true extent of their overlap by identifying the shared DEGs and DAPs for each timepoint (Fig. 4.14). Interestingly, we observed the highest overlap at days 6, 21, and 30, suggesting coordination in transcriptional and proteomic changes during the critical transition periods of the differentiation. Yet, we observed a smaller overlap ($<2.6\%$) at all other timepoints of the differentiation.

An underlying assumption in many biological studies is the concordance of transcript and protein levels during the transfer of information from DNA to phenotype [448]. However, it is becoming increasingly accepted that the relationship between mRNA expression and protein abundance is not linear [397]. Our findings therefore support the notion that a direct one-to-one relationship between gene expression and protein levels is not always evident [449, 450]. Nevertheless, we observed a substantial overlap in dysregulated pathways based on the transcriptomic and proteomic analyses, which reinforces the importance of using a multi-omics approach. Such an approach is crucial for capturing the complexity of biological regulation and uncovering phenotypes that cannot be deciphered from mRNA and protein expression alone.

5.7 Core dysregulated genes

To gain further insights into the transcriptomic and proteomic overlap, we ranked the DEGs and DAPs by their absolute sum. Using this approach, we identified a core set of seven genes and their corresponding proteins that were strongly dysregulated at both biological levels (Supplementary Fig. A.4 and Fig. A.5). This list included *GPC3*, *DLK1* and *BST2*, which were overexpressed, and *CHCHD2*, *WNK3*, *NLRP2*, and *QNG1*, which were underexpressed in *SNCA*-A53T cells. Intriguingly, many of these genes are associated with pathways integral to PD, including inflammatory signaling, mitochondrial function, and

neuronal survival, supporting their potential involvement in disease-relevant processes.

Among these genes, *NLRP2* and *BST2* play well-established roles in inflammatory signaling. *BST2* encodes a transmembrane protein that is integral to the innate immune response [451]. In contrast, NLRP2 functions as a component of the inflammasome, a multi-domain complex that senses intracellular stress and regulates inflammatory pathways [452].

Chronic inflammasome activation is a prominent feature of PD pathology and is primarily linked to NLRP3, a close relative of NLRP2 [453]. While NLRP3's involvement is well documented, much less is known about how NLRP2 contributes to disease onset [454]. Interestingly, studies suggest that NLRP2 overexpression suppresses NF- κ B activation, serving as a regulatory checkpoint to prevent excessive inflammation [455, 456]. This raises the possibility that NLRP2 downregulation could exacerbate inflammatory responses.

Beyond inflammation, a number of the identified genes have previously been linked to neuroprotection, including *WNK3* and *QNG1*. WNK3 is a protein kinase known to inhibit apoptosis through sequestration of procaspase 3 [457]. Its overexpression has been shown to mitigate neuronal loss and promote cell survival in traumatic brain injury (TBI) models, suggesting its downregulation could increase susceptibility to apoptotic stimuli [458, 459]. Alternatively, QNG1 is involved in the salvage and recycling of queuine, a precursor of queosine, which has been shown to confer neuroprotective effects in PD models [460]. Notably, queosine depletion has been associated with mitochondrial dysfunction, further implicating QNG1 in PD-relevant alterations [461].

Importantly, a number of the core dysregulated genes have also been directly associated with other genetic forms of PD. For example, *DLK1*, encodes a member of the delta/notch protein family involved in mDA neuron development. Recently, DLK1 was identified as a differentially expressed protein in *LRRK2*, *GBA*, and idiopathic patient cohorts in a large-scale proteogenomic study [462]. Moreover, in rodent models, DLK1 is upregulated in response to neuron loss, suggesting it may serve as a marker of degeneration [463].

Similarly, *GPC3* has been linked to PD through its interaction with *DJ-1* and has also been identified as a dysregulated gene within the *PINK1* network

[398, 111]. *GPC3* encodes a proteoglycan involved in cell proliferation and apoptosis [464]. Whilst its role has been extensively studied in cancer, its involvement in PD remains largely unexplored [465, 466]. Intriguingly, GPC3 is known to influence both Wnt and SHH signaling pathways, which are essential for the specification and proliferation of neural progenitors during mDA neuron differentiation. Dysregulation of these pathways has been linked to reduced mDA neuron survival and PD development, suggesting a potential mechanism through which GPC3 may contribute to disease pathogenesis [467–470].

As previously mentioned, *CHCHD2* is a causative PD gene [471]. Its expression is significantly reduced in postmortem PD brains and in animal models; however, this reduction does not correlate with motor or cognitive impairments, implying that it represents an early event in the disease process [135]. Supporting this, *CHCHD2* mRNA levels are also significantly reduced in erythrocytes, a phenomenon that also takes place in the early stages of disease [410]. Despite *CHCHD2* being downregulated at almost all timepoints in our transcriptomic and proteomic datasets, this reduction was most pronounced in the early stages of differentiation, as indicated by a stronger fold change (Supplementary Fig. A.10 and Fig. A.11). Therefore, our results may support the notion that *CHCHD2* serves as an early biomarker for PD [135].

Notably, in an analogous longitudinal multi-omics study conducted by our group on the PD-associated mutation *PINK1*-ILE368ASN, *CHCHD2* was also identified as one of the most strongly and consistently dysregulated genes [472]. The fact that *CHCHD2* is prominently affected across two distinct PD-associated mutations and throughout differentiation suggests it may play a fundamental role in disease pathology.

The convergence of these core dysregulated genes and proteins in key PD-associated pathways suggests that distinct PD mutations feed into the same pathogenic routes and that pathology, to some extent, may be driven by shared mechanisms. Therefore, our findings again underscore the value of a multi-omics approach in identifying potential disease drivers and molecular hubs, which may have a broader relevance across the PD spectrum.

5.8 Limitations

Whilst our study has provided a comprehensive insight into *SNCA*-A53T driven cellular dynamics, it is accompanied by some limitations.

One key aspect not fully addressed in our work is the contribution of α -syn aggregation to the observed cellular alterations. By employing a multi-scale omics analysis, our aim was to adopt a less biased and more data-driven approach that goes beyond the scope of the well-established role of *SNCA*-A53T mediated aggregation. While *SNCA* gene expression was largely comparable between *SNCA*-A53T and control cells throughout the differentiation, we did not quantitatively assess α -syn aggregation. Therefore, future experiments will focus on directly examining aggregation dynamics to determine whether the observed alterations are, at least partly, attributable to the effects of *SNCA*-A53T mediated aggregates. This is of particular relevance given that pathologic α -syn has been shown to interact with many of the genes and proteins identified in our analysis.

Additionally, our study prioritized a deep phenotypic characterization of two cell lines rather than a broader, less detailed assessment across a larger number of cell lines. While this approach enabled a more comprehensive insight into *SNCA*-A53T-driven alterations, it may have also reduced the statistical power of the subsequent analysis. To address this, we have since performed a follow-up study using iPSCs from a second patient heterozygous for the *SNCA*-A53T mutation, alongside a corresponding isogenic control. This experiment followed the same differentiation protocol to generate mDA neurons but was performed on a more focused scale, with scRNA-seq and proteomics conducted at days 0, 15, 21, 30, and 40 of the differentiation. By including a second patient-derived *SNCA*-A53T cell line, we aim to validate the reproducibility of our findings across different patients. Moreover, the incorporation of an isogenic control serves to minimize genetic variability between patient and control cell lines, thereby lowering the threshold for detection of disease-related phenotypes [110]. Once the analysis of this dataset is complete, we will compare the findings with the current study to narrow down key targets for follow-up investigations.

Beyond these, another limitation may lie in the choice of model system. While the degeneration of mDA neurons is pivotal to PD progression, growing evidence has implicated other neural cell types such as astrocytes, microglia, and oligodendrocytes in PD pathogenesis [473]. Therefore, focusing solely on mDA-related pathology may neglect non-cell autonomous interactions that are fundamental to the disease process [473]. Although 2D culture models, like the one used in the present study, offer valuable insights into cell-specific perturbations, they lack the spatial organization of the human brain, potentially limiting the complexity of PD-relevant phenotypes captured. To address these challenges, more advanced 3D culture systems could be employed in future research. One such example is midbrain organoids, which are 3D structures derived from iPSCs or isolated organ progenitors [474]. Importantly, midbrain organoids contain various CNS-relevant cell types and thus more accurately mimic the architecture and function of the brain [474]. Providing a more physiologically relevant model that is able to capture the complex interactions between different PD-associated cell types.

5.9 Future work

Our findings have identified key disruptions that may be central to PD pathology, including alterations in mitochondrial function and calcium dynamics. While these changes suggest potential mechanisms driving disease progression, further research will be important to determine how they contribute to pathological phenotypes.

An essential next step will be to further characterize the mitochondrial phenotype associated with the *SNCA*-A53T mutation, using both structural and functional analyses. We have already initiated this process by acquiring electron microscopy images of *SNCA*-A53T and control cells and are currently developing a pipeline for their analysis. This will allow us to examine mitochondrial morphology in detail, which is particularly relevant given that *CHCHD2*, one of the most dysregulated genes identified in our analysis, is known to regulate mitochondrial ultrastructure.

Moreover, as our findings point to the potential dysregulation of mitophagy, it would be beneficial to probe this further. Assessing autophagic flux by measuring LC3-II and p62 levels in the presence and absence of bafilomycin A1 would help determine whether mitophagic degradation is altered [423]. Additionally, western blot analysis of PINK1 and Parkin could provide insight into upstream mitophagy signaling. To distinguish whether the observed increase in ETC components reflects changes in mitochondrial biogenesis or turnover, evaluating mitochondrial mass through TOM20 levels would also be important.

Another key aspect that should be addressed is determining whether the observed increase in calcium transport proteins leads to functionally relevant impairments. More specifically, it will be important to clarify if elevated Miro1 (*RHOT1*), EMRE (*SMDT1*) and VDAC leads to increased baseline mitochondrial calcium levels and whether these effects are exacerbated following physiological stimulation. If these effects are confirmed, it will also be of value to assess whether they can be attenuated by pharmacological inhibition of MCU and VDAC.

Finally, given the interplay between mitochondrial function and calcium homeostasis, it may also be valuable to investigate mitochondria-associated membranes (MAMs), which are responsible for the functional tethering between the ER and mitochondria [475]. MAMs play a critical role in calcium transfer, mitochondrial dynamics, and mitophagy and may therefore represent a point of convergence linking the disruptions we observe. Exploring whether MAM integrity and function are altered in *SNCA*-A53T cells could provide further valuable mechanistic insights.

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CHAPTER 6

Conclusion

Our work provides novel insights into the molecular signatures associated with the *SNCA*-A53T mutation, demonstrating that PD-related transcriptional and functional alterations arise early in development. Through a longitudinal multi-omics approach, we identify disruptions in mitochondrial respiration in *SNCA*-A53T cells, potentially driven, at least in part, by the downregulation of key respiratory chain regulators, including *DNAJC15* and *CHCHD2*. Given that *CHCHD2* is also strongly dysregulated in *PINK1* mutant cells, its altered expression across distinct genetic backgrounds suggests a broader role in disease pathogenesis.

Beyond alterations in mitochondrial respiration, our findings reveal more extensive mitochondrial dysfunction, including disrupted calcium homeostasis and perturbed mitophagy, further supporting the central role of mitochondrial impairment in PD.

Additionally, we define a core set of seven dysregulated genes, several of which have been implicated in other genetic forms of PD. The convergence of these molecular alterations suggests that distinct genetic risk factors may

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ultimately impact overlapping cellular processes, reinforcing the presence of shared pathogenic mechanisms in PD.

In summary, this study highlights the utility of a multi-omics approach in dissecting the complex phenotypic landscape of PD, where multiple interrelated pathways drive disease progression. Importantly, the identification of early molecular disruptions may aid in understanding the preclinical phase of PD, offering potential markers for early intervention. Taken together, our findings contribute to a broader mechanistic understanding of PD pathogenesis.

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APPENDIX A

Appendix

Appendix

Chemical Description	Manufacturer	Catalog Reference
Accutase	Gibco	A1110501
Advanced DMEM/F-12	Gibco	12634-010
Ascorbic Acid	Peptotech	5088177
B-27 Supplement	Gibco	12587010
BDNF	StemCell Technologies	78005.3
cAMP	Sigma-Aldrich	D0627
CHIR	StemCell Technologies	73044
CyQuant - Cell Proliferation Assay Kit	Thermo	C7026
DAPT	R&D	2634/50
Fgf-8b	StemCell Technologies	78008.1
Fibronectin	R&D	1918-FN-02M
GDNF	StemCell Technologies	78058.3
Geltrex	Gibco	A1413202
GlutaMAX Supplement	Gibco	35050061
KnockOut DMEM	Gibco	10829018
KnockOut Serum Replacement	Gibco	10828010
Laminin-521	StemCell Technologies	200-0117
LDN193189	StemCell Technologies	72147
mTeSR1	StemCell Technologies	85850
mTeSR Plus	StemCell Technologies	Q-435330
N-2 Supplement (100X)	Gibco	17502001
NEAA MEM	Gibco	11140035
Neurobasal Medium	Gibco	21103049
Poly-L-Ornithin	Sigma-Aldrich	P-3655
PowerTrack™ SYBR Green Master Mix	Thermo	A46113
Puromorphamine	StemCell Technologies	72204
Puromycin	Peptotech	5855822
RNeasy Mini Kit	Qiagen	74104
Rock Inhibitor	Abcam	ab10129
Seahorse XF DMEM assay medium pack, pH 7.4	Agilent	103680-100
Seahorse XFe96/XF Pro FluxPak Mini	Agilent	103793-100
Seahorse XF Cell Mito Stress Test Kit	Agilent	103015-100
Shh	StemCell Technologies	78065.2
SB431542	StemCell Technologies	72234
SuperScript™ III First-Strand Synthesis Kit	Thermo	18080051
Synth-a-freeze	Gibco	A1371301
TGFβ3	StemCell Technologies	78131

Table A.1 Materials & reagents. Materials used in the present study, including their manufacturers and catalog references.

iPSC Line	Etiology	PD Mutation	Sex	Age	Reprogramming method	Source
ND50050	Genetic	<i>SNCA</i> -A53T	Female	51	Episomal	NINDS biobank (ND50050)
Control	Healthy control	Wild-type	Female	53	Retroviral	Reinheart et al., 2013

Table A.2 Cell line details. Details of the *SNCA*-A53T and control cell lines used for the present study.

KaryoStat™ Results: KS-6366

1. KaryoStat™ analysis of KS-6366 revealed the sample originated from a female individual
2. No chromosomal aberrations were found when comparing against the reference dataset (Figure 1)



Figure 1: Whole genome view. The whole genome view displays all somatic and sex chromosomes in one frame with high level copy number. The smooth signal plot (right y-axis) is the smoothing of the log2 ratios which depict the signal intensities of probes on the microarray. A value of 2 represents a normal copy number state (CN = 2). A value of 3 represents chromosomal gain (CN = 3). A value of 1 represents a chromosomal loss (CN = 1). The pink, green and yellow colors indicate the raw signal for each individual chromosome probe, while the blue signal represents the normalized probe signal which is used to identify copy number and aberrations (if any).*

Disclaimer: This assay was conducted solely for the listed investigator/institution. The results of this assay are for research use only.

4 Proprietary & Confidential

*If a deletion in Chr. Y is found, it is possible that this sample is derived from the WTC cell lines, which is known to have this genotype, and is originating from the donor the cell line was derived from.

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KaryoStat™ Results: KS-6462

1. KaryoStat™ analysis of KS-6462 revealed the sample originated from a female individual
2. No chromosomal aberrations were found when comparing against the reference dataset (Figure 1)

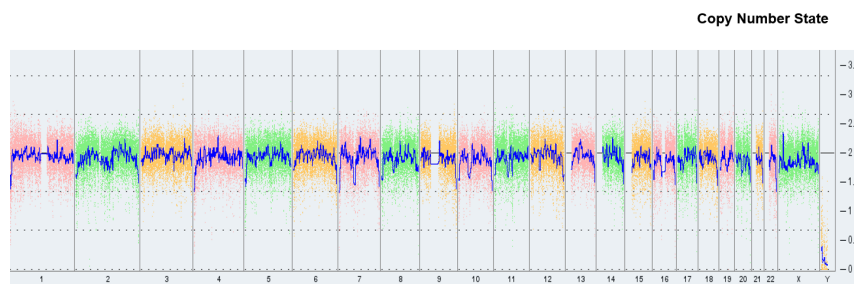


Figure 1: Whole genome view. The whole genome view displays all somatic and sex chromosomes in one frame with high level copy number. The smooth signal plot (right y-axis) is the smoothing of the log2 ratios which depict the signal intensities of probes on the microarray. A value of 2 represents a normal copy number state (CN = 2). A value of 3 represents chromosomal gain (CN = 3). A value of 1 represents a chromosomal loss (CN = 1). The pink, green and yellow colors indicate the raw signal for each individual chromosome probe, while the blue signal represents the normalized probe signal which is used to identify copy number and aberrations (if any).*

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Fig. A.1 KaryoStat reports. KaryoStat reports showing normal karyotypes for *SNCA*-A53T (KS-6366) and control (KS-6462) cell lines.

Day	Procedure
Day -1	Plate iPSCs at 1.1×10^6 cells/well in MTeSR with ROCK inhibitor, remove ROCK inhibitor after ± 8 hours.
Day 0	SRM, LDN193189 (100 nM), SB431542 (10 μ M).
Day 1-2	SRM, LDN193189 (100 nM), SB431542 (10 μ M), SHH (100 ng/ml), Purmorphamine (2 μ M), FGF-8b (100 ng/ml).
Day 3-4	SRM, LDN193189 (100 nM), SB431542 (10 μ M), SHH (100 ng/ml), Purmorphamine (2 μ M), FGF-8b (100 ng/ml), CHIR (3 μ M).
Day 5-6	75% SRM/25% N2 with LDN193189 (100 nM), SHH (100 ng/ml), Purmorphamine (2 μ M), FGF-8b (100 ng/ml), CHIR (3 μ M).
Day 7-8	50% SRM/50% N2 with LDN193189 (100 nM), SHH (100 ng/ml), CHIR (3 μ M).
Day 9-10	25% SRM/75% N2 with LDN193189 (100 nM), SHH (100 ng/ml), CHIR (3 μ M).
Day 11-12	NB/B27, CHIR (3 μ M), BDNF (20 ng/ml), AA (0.2 mM), GDNF (20 ng/ml), cAMP (1 mM), TGFB3 (1 ng/ml), DAPT (10 μ M).
Day 13+	NB/B27 with BDNF (20 ng/ml), AA (0.2 mM), GDNF (20 ng/ml), cAMP (1 mM), TGFB3 (1 ng/ml), DAPT (10 μ M).
Day 21	Dissociate using Accutase and passage 1:1 onto poly-L-ornithine/fibronectin/laminin-coated dishes.
Base Media Composition	
SRM Media	Contains Knockout DMEM, Knockout Serum Replacement (18%), L-glutamine (1%), MEM NEAA (1%), and 2-mercaptoethanol (0.1%).
N2 Media	Contains Neurobasal media, L-glutamine (1%), N2 supplement (1%), and penicillin/streptomycin (1%).
NB/B27 Media	Contains Neurobasal media, B27 supplement (2%), and penicillin/streptomycin (1%).

Table A.3 mDA neuron differentiation protocol. Protocol and media compositions used for the differentiation of iPSCs to mDA neurons.

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Antibody	Manufacturer	Catalog Reference
Oct3/4 (primary)	Santa Cruz	SC5279
TRA-1-60 (primary)	Merck	MAB4360
TH (primary)	Merck	AB152
MAP2 (primary)	Merck	MAB3418
LMX1A (primary)	Abcam	ab139726
OxPhos Human WB Antibody Cocktail (primary)	Abcam	ab110411
Anti-mouse 647 (secondary)	Invitrogen	A21235
Anti-mouse 488 (secondary)	Invitrogen	A21202
Anti-rabbit 488 (secondary)	Invitrogen	A32790
Anti-rat 568 (secondary)	Invitrogen	A78946
Anti-rabbit 647 (secondary)	Invitrogen	A21244
DyLight 680 (secondary)	Thermo	5366P
DyLight 800 (secondary)	Thermo	5257P
DAPI	Sigma	D9542

Table A.4 Primary & secondary antibodies. Antibodies used for immunohistochemistry, flow cytometry, and western blot analysis, including their manufacturers and catalog references.

Gene of Interest	Primer Sequence
MAP2	Forward: CAGGTGGCGGACGTGTGAAAATTGAGAGTG Reverse: CACGCTGGATCTGCCTGGGGACTGTG
TH	Forward: GGAAATTGAGAAGCTGTCCACG Reverse: GAATCTCAGGCTCCTCAGACAG
LMX1A	Forward: GCTCAGAGCAGTTCAGAGGG Reverse: CAAGCAGGAGTTTGCCCAAC
SNCA	Forward: AGAGGGTGTTCTCTATGTAGGCT Reverse: ACCCTTCCTCAGAAGGCATTT
GFAP	Forward: GAGATCCGCACGCAGTATGA Reverse: TCTGCAAACCTTGGAGCGGTA
L27	Forward: CTGGTGCGGAAATTGAC Reverse: AGATGGACACTTGGTGGGC
ACTB	Forward: CGAGGACTTTGATTGCACAT Reverse: TGCGGTGCTTTTTAGGAGTG

Table A.5 Primer sequences. Forward and reverse primer sequences used for the qPCR analysis.

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Parameter	Description
Non-mitochondrial Oxygen Consumption	Minimum rate measurement after Rotenone/Antimycin A injection
Basal Respiration	(Last rate measurement before first injection) – (Non-Mitochondrial Respiration Rate)
Maximal Respiration	(Maximum rate measurement after FCCP injection) – (Non-Mitochondrial Respiration)
H ⁺ (Proton) Leak	(Minimum rate measurement after Oligomycin injection) – (Non-Mitochondrial Respiration)
ATP Production	(Last rate measurement before Oligomycin injection) – (Minimum rate measurement after Oligomycin injection)
Spare Respiratory Capacity	(Maximal Respiration) – (Basal Respiration)
Spare Respiratory Capacity as a %	(Maximal Respiration) / (Basal Respiration) × 100
Acute Response	(Last rate measurement before Oligomycin injection) – (Last rate measurement before acute injection)
Coupling Efficiency	(ATP Production Rate) / (Basal Respiration Rate) × 100

Table A.6 Seahorse parameters. Calculations used to determine mitochondrial respiration parameters based off measurements obtained from the Seahorse metabolic assay.

Day	Condition	% mt		% mt		% rb		% rb		% mt		% mt		% rb		% rb	
		min	st	max	st	min	st	max	st	min	st	min	st	min	st	min	st
0	A53T	-2	-2	2	2	-2	2	2	2	-2	-2	1	1	0	100000	0	100000
0	CTL	-2	-2	2	2	-1	2	2	2	-1	2	1	1	0	100000	0	100000
6	A53T	-2	-2	2	2	-1	2	2	2	-1	2	1	1	0	100000	0	100000
6	CTL	-2	-2	2	2	-1	2	2	2	-1	2	1	1	0	100000	0	100000
15	A53T	-2	-2	2	2	-1	2	2	2	-1	2	1	1	0	100000	0	100000
15	CTL	-2	-2	2	2	-1	2	2	2	-1	2	1	1	0	100000	0	100000
21	A53T	-2	-2	2	2	-1	2	2	2	-1	2	1	1	0	100000	0	100000
21	CTL	-2	-2	2	2	-1	2	2	2	-1	2	1	1	0	100000	0	100000
30	A53T	-2	-2	2	2	-1	2	2	2	-1	2	1	1	0	100000	0	100000
30	CTL	-2	-2	2	2	-1	2	2	2	-1	2	1	1	0	100000	0	100000
40	A53T	-2	-2	2	2	-1	2	2	2	-1	2	1	1	0	100000	0	100000
40	CTL	-2	-2	2	2	-1	2	2	2	-1	2	1	1	0	100000	0	100000
60	A53T	-2	-2	2	2	-1	2	2	2	-1	2	1	1	0	100000	0	100000
60	CTL	-2	-2	2	2	-1	2	2	2	-1	2	1	1	0	100000	0	100000

Table A.7 scRNA-seq parameters. Parameters used for the filtering of the scRNA-seq data.

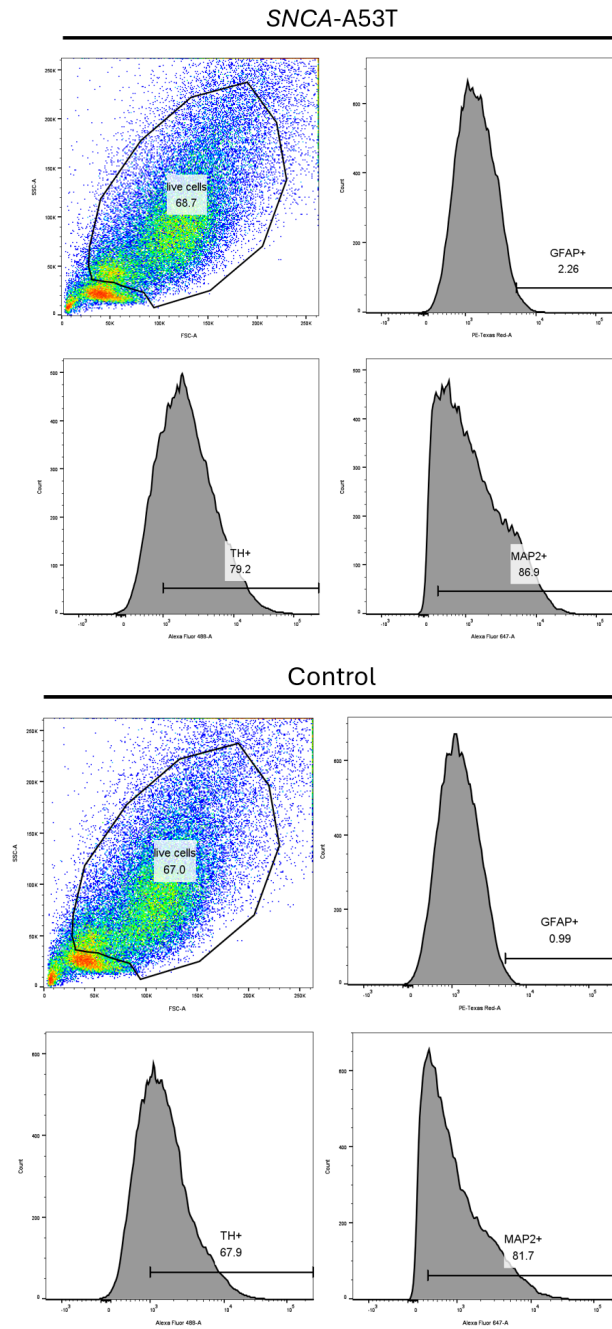


Fig. A.2 Flow cytometry analysis. Selection criteria and gating used to determine the percentage of TH, MAP2, and GFAP positive cells at day 50 in *SNCA-A53T* and control cell populations.

Timepoint	Enrichment term	Associated genes
Day 0	Parkinson's Disease	<i>ATP5F1D, COX7A2, COX7B, COX7C, COX8A, HSPA5, COX2, MT-ND1, MT-ND4, MT-ND4L, MT-ND5, MT-ND6, NDUFA1, NDUFA3, NDUF2, NDUF8, PSMB3, UQCRB, UQCR11, ADRM1, NDUFA13, NDUFA11</i>
Day 6	Parkinson's Disease	<i>ATF4, ATP5F1E, CALM1, CALM2, COX7A2, ATP8, COX1, COX2, MT-ND1, MT-ND2, MT-ND3, MT-ND4, MT-ND4L, MT-ND5, MT-ND6, NDUF1, NDUF2, NDUF2, PSMA4, PSMA6, PSMA7, PSMB3, PSMD8, UBA52, SEM1, TUBA1B</i>
Day 15	Parkinson's Disease	<i>COX7A2, ATP6, COX2, COX3, MT-ND2, MT-ND3, MT-ND5, TUBA1A, SLC39A8</i>
Day 21	Parkinson's Disease	<i>ATP5F1D, ATP5MC2, ATP5MC3, COX7C, KIF5C, MAPT, CYTB, MT-ND2, MT-ND3, MT-ND5, NDUFA4, NDUF8, PSMA3, PSMB4, SLC18A1, SOD1, TH, TXN, UBA52, UQCRB, UQCRH, XBP1, TUBA1A, COX5A, TXN2, NDUFA13, UBE2J1, SLC39A8, TUBB2B</i>
Day 30	Parkinson's Disease	<i>SLC25A5, ATP5MC2, CALM1, CALM2, CAMK2B, CAMK2D, COX5B, COX6B1, GNAI1, GNAI2, GNAL, HSPA5, KIF5A, KIF5C, KLC1, MAPT, MT-ND3, MT-ND4L, NDUFA1, NDUFA2, NDUFA7, NDUF5, NDUF2, PRKACB, PSMA1, SNCA, TUBB2A, UBA52, UBA1, UQCRB, UQCRH, VDAC1, XBP1, TUBA1A, SEM1, UQCR11, UQCRQ, NDUFA13, SLC39A8, TUBA1C, NDUFA11, TUBB, TUBB2B</i>
Day 60	Parkinson's Disease	<i>ATP5MC3, CALM1, CYTB, MT-ND3, MT-ND5, SNCA, TUBB2A, UCHL1, TUBA1A, TUBB2B</i>

Table A.8 PD genes. Genes identified in the PD annotations from the DEG enrichment analyses.

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Timepoint	Enrichment term	Associated proteins
Day 0	Parkinson's Disease	SLC25A6, ATP5F1E, COX1, SLC11A2, PSMC5, VDAC2, ATP5PD, TUBB6
Day 6	Parkinson's Disease	SLC25A6, ATP5F1B, BAX, CAMK2B, COX7A2, ND2, ND-UFA4, NDUFAB1, NDUFB1, NDUFB5, PSMA2, PSMA7, RPS27A, SDHB, UBA1, UQCRB, UQCRFS1, COX5A, TUBB3, CYCS, NDUFA4L2, TUBAL3, TUBB6
Day 15	Parkinson's Disease	ATP5F1E, COX7C, KLC1, COX1, ND1, PRKACB, PSMC1, UBE2G2, VDAC1, VDAC2, ATP5PD
Day 21	Parkinson's Disease	ATP5F1B, COX4I1, KIF5C, COX1, CYTB, PSMB1, PSMB3, PSMC1, PSMC5, TUBB4B, UQCR11
Day 30	Parkinson's Disease	ATP5F1E, CAMK2B, KIF5C, MAOB, CYTB, ND1, NDUFB5, NDUFC2, PSMC5, SDHC, SDHD, SNCA, TUBB2A, UQCRB, UQCRFS1, VDAC1, VDAC2, SLC39A6, TUBB6, TUBA3E
Day 40	Parkinson's Disease	SLC25A5, ATP5F1A, ATP5F1B, ATP5F1D, ATP5F1E, GNAI2, GNAI3, GNAL, GNAS, HSPA5, KLC1, ATP6, COX1, NDUFA4, NDUFB1, NDUFB5, NDUFB7, PSMA2, PSMA6, PSMB3, PSMC1, TUBA4A, TUBB2A, UBA1, VDAC2, VDAC3, SLC39A7, TUBB4A, TUBB4B, TUBB6, TUBB, TUBB2B
Day 60	Parkinson's Disease	ATP5F1E, GNAI1, MAPT, COX1, NDUFB5, SDHC, UBA1, VDAC1, VDAC2, VDAC3, ADRM1, SLC39A6

Table A.9 PD proteins. Proteins identified in the PD annotations from the DAP enrichment analyses.

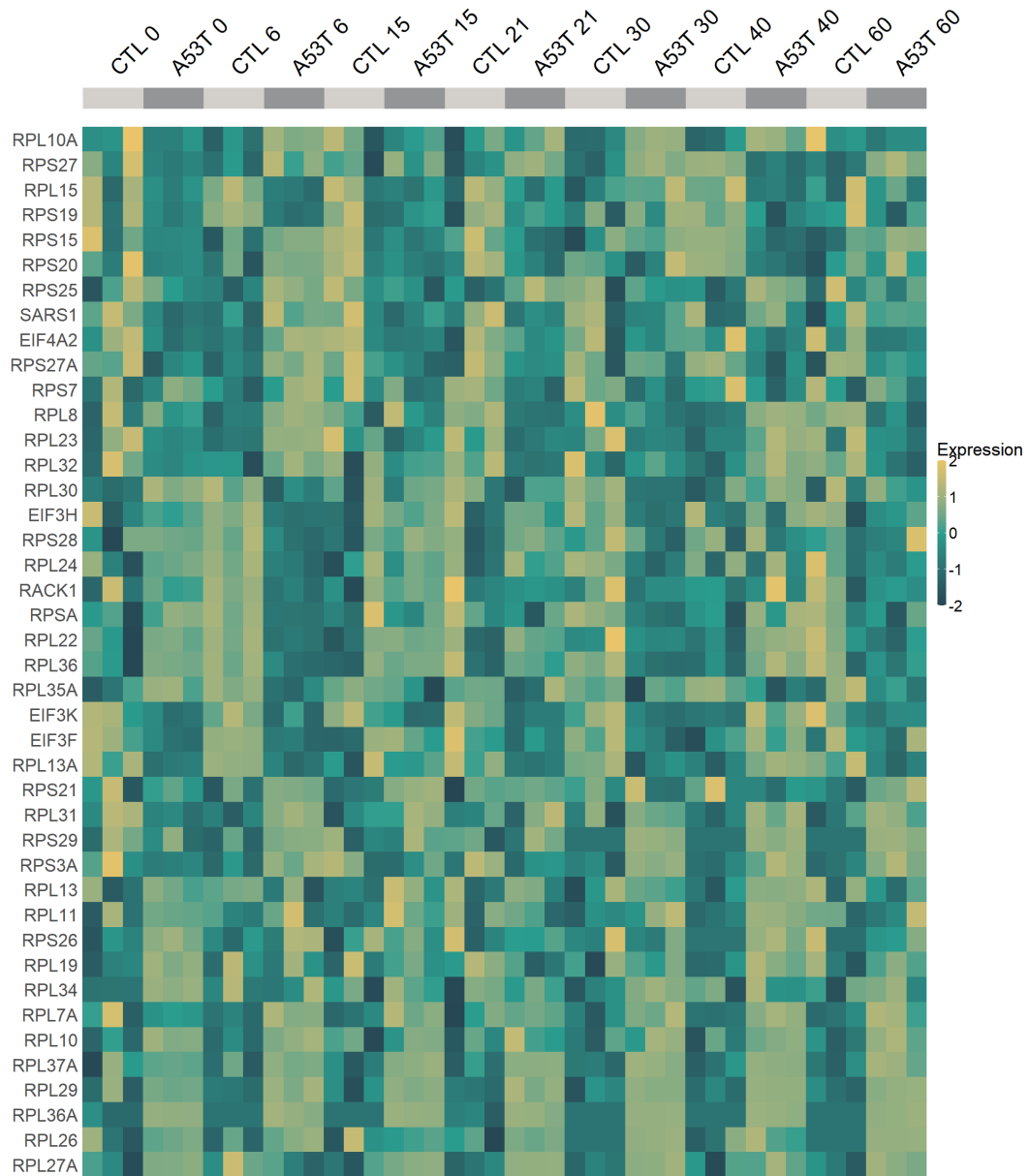


Fig. A.3 Ribosomal proteins. Heatmap showing ribosomal proteins dysregulated between *SNCA*-A53T and control cells at multiple timepoints of the differentiation ($p_{\text{adj}} < 0.05$ and $|\text{FC}| > 1$). Colors correlate to normalized counts (z-score, centered, and scaled) of the indicated proteins.

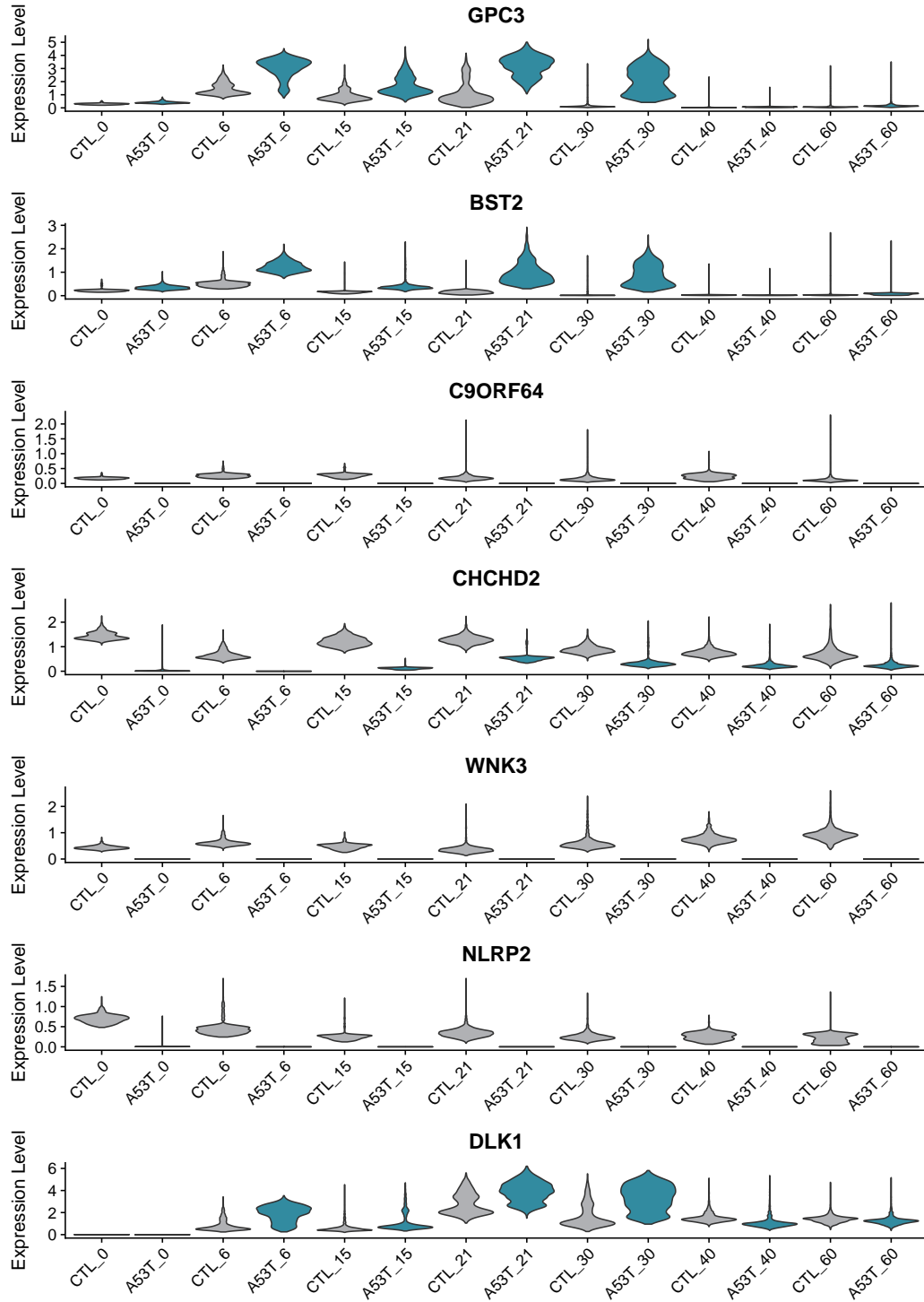


Fig. A.4 Core dysregulated genes. Violin plots depicting the most strongly dysregulated genes in *SNCA*-A53T cells compared to controls ($p_{\text{adj}} < 0.05$ and $|\text{FC}| > 0.4$), whose corresponding proteins were also significantly dysregulated. Note, C9ORF64 is the alternate name for QNG1).

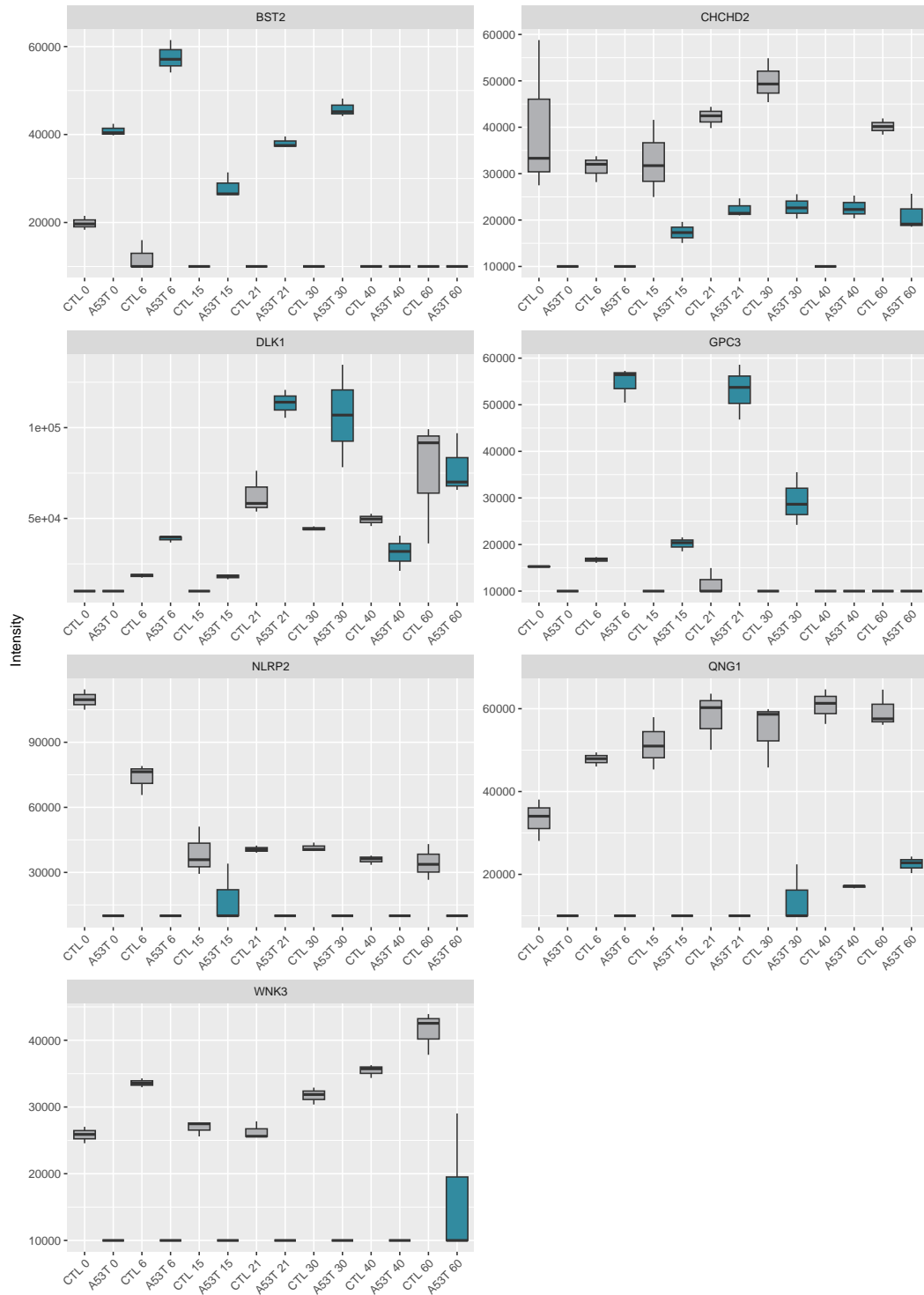


Fig. A.5 Core dysregulated proteins. Violin plots depicting the most strongly dysregulated proteins in *SNCA*-A53T cells compared to controls ($p_{\text{adj}} < 0.05$ and $|\text{FC}| > 1$), whose corresponding genes were also significantly dysregulated.

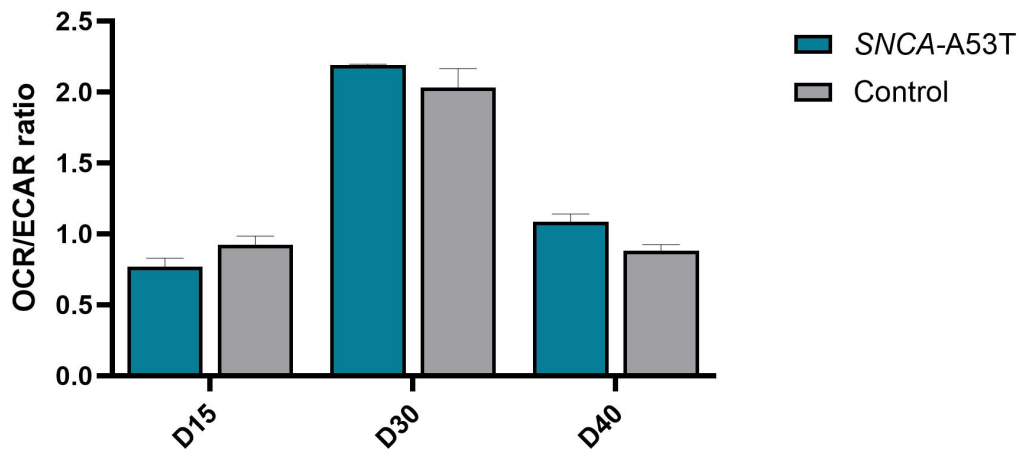


Fig. A.6 OCR/ECAR ratio. Ratio of OCR (mitochondrial metabolism) and ECAR (glycolysis) at days 15, 30, and 40 of the differentiation (N=3, mean \pm SD).

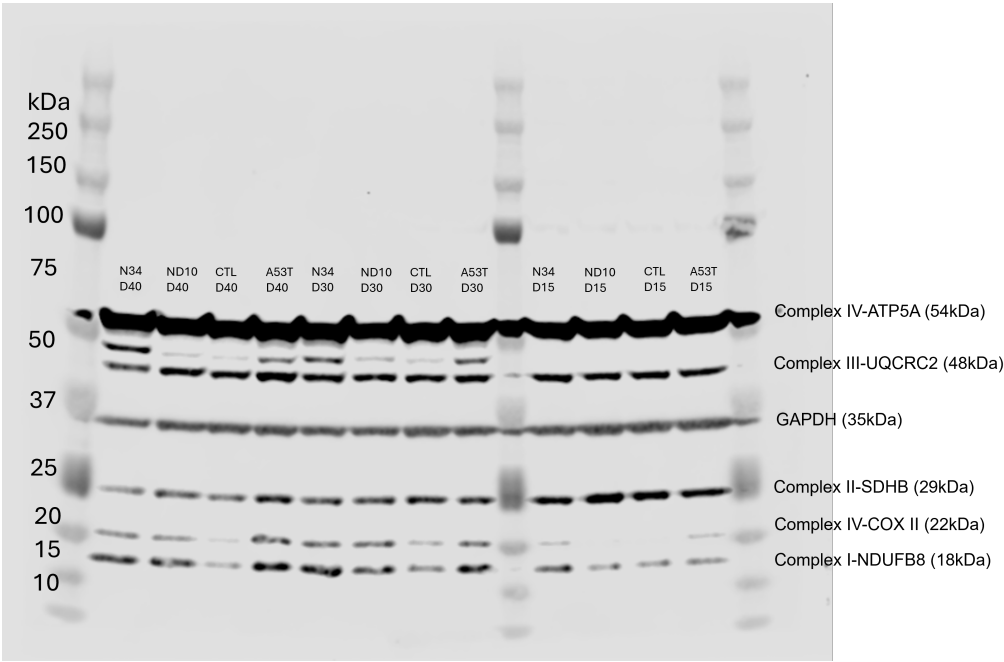


Fig. A.7 Complete western blot. Complete membrane for the western blot analysis of OXPHOS subunits and GAPDH. Note that ND10 and ND34 samples are not relevant for the present study.

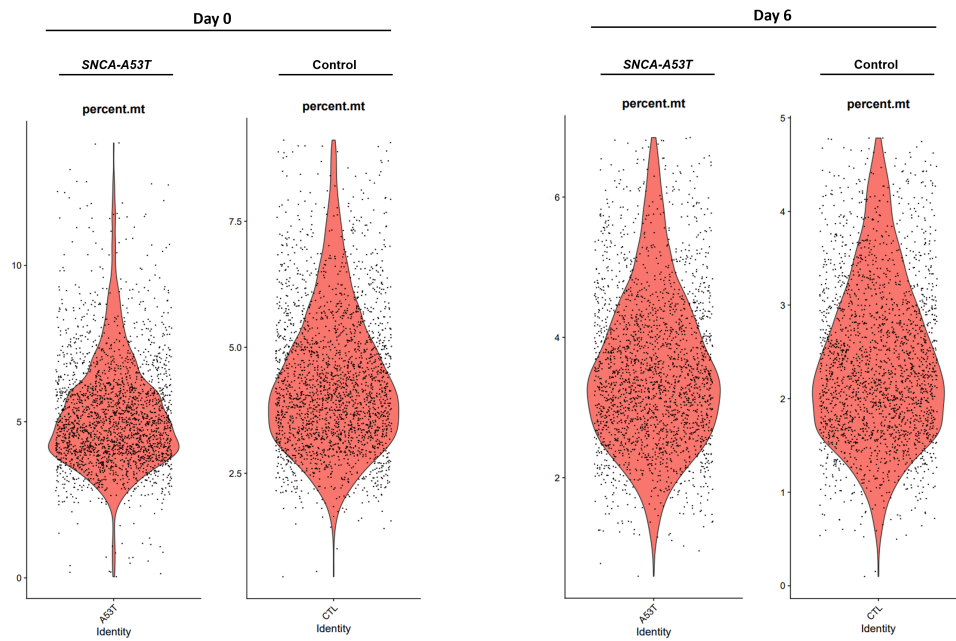


Fig. A.8 Percentage of mitochondrial transcripts. Violin plots showing a higher percentage of mitochondrial transcripts expressed in *SNCA*-A53T cells compared to control cells at days 0 and 6 of the differentiation.

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DEGs identified at each timepoint of the differentiation ($p_{\text{adj}} < 0.05$ and $|\text{FC}| > 0.4$). Fold changes are indicated in parentheses.

DAY 0

HSPA8 (+1.26), MT.ND6 (+1.15), BEX3 (+1.07), HMGB1P5 (+0.93), ENSG00000237550 (+0.89), MT.RNR1 (+0.88), MT.ND1 (+0.80), TCEAL9 (+0.79), GGCT (+0.75), BEX2 (+0.74), PUS7L (+0.72), MT.ND4L (+0.69), VCAN (+0.68), TCEAL8 (+0.68), CD24 (+0.67), TDGF1 (+0.65), NPM1 (+0.63), SRP14 (+0.62), FEZ1 (+0.61), SNHG17 (+0.61), TCEAL5 (+0.60), CYP51A1 (+0.60), GPC4 (+0.59), AASS (+0.58), SNRPG (+0.57), EI24 (+0.57), MT1G (+0.57), MT.CO2 (+0.57), MAT2A (+0.57), NDUFA1 (+0.56), DNAJA1 (+0.54), SKP1 (+0.53), MORF4L2 (+0.53), SKIL (+0.53), USP9X (+0.52), PSMD10 (+0.52), ID1 (+0.52), PGAM1 (+0.52), VIM (+0.51), MT1X (+0.51), IFITM3 (+0.51), RBM41 (+0.50), TOMM7 (+0.50), EEF1A1 (+0.50), ACSL4 (+0.49), POLA1 (+0.47), MT1H (+0.47), COX7B (+0.47), COX7C (+0.46), NME2 (+0.45), SNHG5 (+0.44), GJA1 (+0.43), TRIM24 (+0.43), PRPS1 (+0.43), DDX25 (+0.43), MT.RNR2 (+0.42), SNRPF (+0.42), SCGB3A2 (+0.42), IFITM1 (+0.42), CHEK1 (+0.42), ATP5MK (+0.42), PDHB (+0.41), UBE2V1 (+0.41), EPCAM (+0.41), HSPA5 (+0.40), ZNF880 (+0.40), UQCRB (+0.40), ACTG1 (+0.40), CBX3 (+0.40), GNB2 (-0.40), IGFBP2 (-0.40), NDUFC2 (-0.40), CCDC144NL.AS1 (-0.40), POLR2H (-0.40), MLF1 (-0.40), HMGB2 (-0.40), MTRFR (-0.41), DGUOK (-0.41), HLA.C (-0.41), CFL1 (-0.41), CKB (-0.41), KCNQ2 (-0.41), ANKRD12 (-0.41), ENSG00000254277 (-0.41), ADM (-0.41), SNHG3 (-0.41), ADRM1 (-0.42), KMT2A (-0.42), SNRNP70 (-0.42), DARS1 (-0.42), NPM3 (-0.42), CKS1B (-0.43), MTCO1P40 (-0.43), H1.10 (-0.43), WASF2 (-0.43), COX8A (-0.43), ENSG00000291130 (-0.43), C1ORF35 (-0.43), CHGA (-0.43), TPI1 (-0.43), NOP53 (-0.44), NACA (-0.44), NR6A1 (-0.44), SRM (-0.44), HMGAI (-0.44), EML4 (-0.44), EDF1 (-0.44), FGFBP3 (-0.45), SEPTIN10 (-0.45), PNPLA4 (-0.45), NDUFA3 (-0.45), MT.ND5 (-0.45), HNRNPA1 (-0.45), SQLE (-0.45), ATP5F1D (-0.45), ANAPC11 (-0.46), COX7A2 (-0.46), PHF5A (-0.46), PPP1CA (-0.46), DUSP6 (-0.46), SMIM20 (-0.46), SELENOH (-0.46), LSM7 (-0.47), SRRM1 (-0.47), CCDC137 (-0.47), H1.2 (-0.48), BIRC5 (-0.48), NDUFA11 (-0.48), YBX1 (-0.48), H1.0 (-0.48), HMG2 (-0.48), ARGLU1 (-0.49), CRABP1 (-0.49), APRT (-0.50), POLR2L (-0.50), YBX3 (-0.50), MPST (-0.50), VASP (-0.50), BCL2L12 (-0.50), IQGAP2 (-0.50), UBXN1 (-0.50), TRAPPC1 (-0.50), SC5D (-0.50), VKORC1 (-0.50), HLA.A (-0.51), KIF1A (-0.51), CYB5A (-0.51), APOBEC3C (-0.51), HMG1 (-0.51), PKM (-0.51), LDHA (-0.52), MRPS34 (-0.52), PIH1D1 (-0.52), CAPZB (-0.53), RALBP1 (-0.53), INPP5F (-0.53), FADS2 (-0.53), POLR2I (-0.53), CNPY2 (-0.54), C4ORF3 (-0.54), SCAND1 (-0.54), ARL2 (-0.54), PNRC1 (-0.54), PPP2R1A (-0.55), DAZAP1 (-0.55), MARCKS (-0.55), POLR2E (-0.55), MRPL52 (-0.55), UQCR11 (-0.55), TMSB4X (-0.56), AP2S1 (-0.56), SH3BGR3 (-0.56), PPP4C (-0.58), LINC01013 (-0.58), PHPT1 (-0.58), CYBA (-0.59), ENSG00000248605 (-0.59), CSNK2B (-0.60), WNK3 (-0.62), MRPL41 (-0.62), GAPDH (-0.63), MIF (-0.63), GABPB1.AS1 (-0.64), PGK1 (-0.64), S100A11 (-0.64), ENSG00000213058 (-0.64), H1.3 (-0.64), DRAP1 (-0.64), RARRES2 (-0.65), ENO1 (-0.65), SFRP2 (-0.66), EEF2 (-0.66), NDUFS8 (-0.66), ENSG00000289287 (-0.67), PKIB (-0.68), EIF4EBP1 (-0.69), PHB1 (-0.69), TMSB10 (-0.69), RRBP1 (-0.69), PSMB3 (-0.69), EDNRB (-0.70), RABAC1 (-0.70), ENSG00000289479 (-0.71), GAS5 (-0.72), HES1 (-0.73), PPDPF (-0.73), BNIP3L (-0.76), HSPB1 (-0.77), ATP5MG (-0.79), CLDN6 (-0.79), NDUFA13 (-0.80), APOE (-0.81), H1.4 (-0.82), GPX4 (-0.82), PFN1 (-0.86), NLRP2 (-0.97), MT.ND4 (-0.97), MDK (-1.00), FAM162A (-1.03), H1.1 (-1.03), SFRP1 (-1.22), DDIT4 (-1.26), LINC00551 (-1.37), DNAJC15 (-1.41), BNIP3 (-1.42), CHCHD2 (-1.88)

DAY 6

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CRABP1 (+1.89), ENSG00000237550 (+1.43), GPC3 (+1.37), BEX3 (+1.11), DLK1 (+1.11), COL1A2 (+0.93), SYT11 (+0.91), BEX2 (+0.89), TFF3 (+0.88), TGFB2 (+0.87), MIAT (+0.85), TCEAL9 (+0.79), SNHG5 (+0.77), SCG2 (+0.73), FTL (+0.71), ENSG00000176320 (+0.70), PGK1 (+0.66), NEFM (+0.64), TCEAL8 (+0.63), IGFBP5 (+0.63), TCEAL5 (+0.62), CPE (+0.61), S100A6 (+0.61), TCEAL7 (+0.58), TALAM1 (+0.58), CRABP2 (+0.55), RGS2 (+0.55), PUS7L (+0.55), PAX8.AS1 (+0.54), MT.RNR1 (+0.53), IRS4 (+0.53), TMSB10 (+0.51), C4ORF48 (+0.51), MT.ND3 (+0.50), TCEAL3 (+0.50), TCEAL1 (+0.48), PCDH9 (+0.48), MT.ATP6 (+0.47), MORF4L2 (+0.47), TFPI2 (+0.47), ENSG00000259692 (+0.47), MT.CO3 (+0.47), PET100 (+0.46), MT.CO2 (+0.46), RBM41 (+0.46), COL4A6 (+0.46), LYPD1 (+0.46), ACSL4 (+0.46), MT.ND5 (+0.46), COL4A5 (+0.45), TUBA1A (+0.44), PPDPF (+0.44), PTMA (+0.44), DMD (+0.44), PRPS1 (+0.42), MT.ND2 (+0.41), FSIP2 (+0.41), PSMD10 (+0.40), SERPINF1 (+0.40), ATP5ME (+0.40), NEXN (-0.40), SSX2IP (-0.40), CADM1 (-0.40), CCDC80 (-0.41), PNRC1 (-0.41), BZW1 (-0.42), MAGI1 (-0.42), SPON1 (-0.42), GALNT7 (-0.42), PCDHB2 (-0.42), INPP5F (-0.43), NR3C1 (-0.43), ID2 (-0.43), MAP2 (-0.43), RESF1 (-0.44), ARHGAP5 (-0.44), CCDC144NL.AS1 (-0.44), KMT2A (-0.45), LINC02899 (-0.45), KCNJ16 (-0.46), MYO1B (-0.46), IQGAP2 (-0.48), PIEZO2 (-0.49), TRIM4 (-0.50), COX7A2 (-0.50), GOLGA6L2 (-0.51), PHYH (-0.51), SLC39A8 (-0.51), LGI1 (-0.51), UBE4A (-0.53), MAMDC2 (-0.54), FHL1 (-0.54), MLF1 (-0.57), DSP (-0.60), ALCAM (-0.63), PDE5A (-0.65), H1.3 (-0.66), EGLN3 (-0.67), ATP5MG (-0.67), WNK3 (-0.68), RORA (-0.74), GPRIN3 (-0.75), LINC00551 (-0.82), CALD1 (-0.87), ADAMTS9 (-0.92), NEUROD1 (-0.96), NRCAM (-0.97), ENSG00000224114 (-0.99), TTR (-1.07), ENSG00000213058 (-1.17), DNAJC15 (-1.37), CHCHD2 (-1.52), XIST (-2.10)

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PGK1 (+0.54), NUCB2 (+0.54), TIMP1 (+0.54), BTG3 (+0.53), HSPA9 (+0.53), LARP7 (+0.53), MRPS6 (+0.52), SNHG32 (+0.52), TMEM14B (+0.52), SELENOP (+0.52), CWC15 (+0.52), SOD1 (+0.51), DRAP1 (+0.51), LDHB (+0.51), SNHG29 (+0.51), P3H4 (+0.51), PUS7L (+0.50), TRPM3 (+0.50), IFT57 (+0.50), BSG (+0.50), SERPINH1 (+0.50), PPIB (+0.50), TCEAL4 (+0.50), TBCA (+0.49), SPA17 (+0.49), EEF1B2 (+0.49), HNRNPC (+0.49), SMARCA1 (+0.49), UPF3A (+0.49), ATP5MC3 (+0.49), TCEAL1 (+0.48), PABPC1 (+0.48), CTSL (+0.48), COL11A1 (+0.48), HMG2N2 (+0.48), NKAIN3 (+0.48), CCDC18.AS1 (+0.47), NDUFAF2 (+0.47), ATP6V0E1 (+0.47), ATP5F1D (+0.47), IMPACT (+0.47), ITM2B (+0.47), COX7C (+0.47), RSL1D1 (+0.46), SMIM30 (+0.46), TMSB10 (+0.46), ATP5MC2 (+0.46), KDELR1 (+0.46), SNRPD2 (+0.46), SCP2 (+0.45), RABAC1 (+0.45), KCNQ3 (+0.45), NPC2 (+0.45), COX5A (+0.45), TRAPPC1 (+0.45), NDUFA13 (+0.45), PSMA3 (+0.45), OPN3 (+0.44), ZNF506 (+0.44), LHX5.AS1 (+0.44), CUTA (+0.44), NOL7 (+0.44), MRPL1 (+0.44), RAD21 (+0.44), 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TCEAL5 (+1.54), CGA (+1.40), PDE10A (+1.19), TPH1 (+0.97), NEAT1 (+0.97), KCNQ1OT1 (+0.93), S100A6 (+0.91), PTPRT (+0.91), ENSG00000237550 (+0.89), COPG2IT1 (+0.86), DMD (+0.83), TCEAL6 (+0.81), ACSL4 (+0.79), XIST (+0.77), FTL (+0.73), ENSG00000290596 (+0.72), CPE (+0.70), TOX (+0.68), ZNF506 (+0.68), BEX3 (+0.68), PUS7L (+0.65), MORF4L2 (+0.64), PSMD10 (+0.61), BEX2 (+0.61), SYT13 (+0.60), ZFHX3 (+0.60), MSMO1 (+0.58), FAM162A (+0.57), RND3 (+0.56), EPHA5 (+0.55), TCEAL3 (+0.55), SSTR2 (+0.54), CAMK2N1 (+0.54), KCNP4 (+0.53), TCEAL9 (+0.52), ARHGAP18 (+0.52), ZNF471 (+0.51), GRID2 (+0.50), VGF (+0.50), USP11 (+0.50), KCTD12 (+0.50), PEG10 (+0.50), PAX8.AS1 (+0.48), PGK1 (+0.48), LDHA (+0.48), MT.RNR1 (+0.47), NLGN1 (+0.47), NRN1 (+0.46), APLP2 (+0.45), P4HA1 (+0.45), DSEL (+0.44), POU2F2 (+0.43), PLCB1 (+0.43), ZNF714 (+0.43), PLEKHA5 (+0.43), LINC00662 (+0.43), TXNIP (+0.41), PTPRN2 (+0.41), KLF6 (+0.41), PCDH10.DT (+0.41), WHAMMP1 (+0.40), MT.ND6 (+0.40), RAB9B (+0.40), ESRRG (-0.40), NRG1 (-0.41), RBP1 (-0.41), SESN3 (-0.41), SPIN1 (-0.41), SOX2 (-0.41), CHD7 (-0.41), PCDH11X (-0.41), HIP1 (-0.41), NES (-0.41), ZNF37A (-0.41), PLEKHO1 (-0.42), MYO1B (-0.42), NR4A2 (-0.42), FZD3 (-0.42), DMRTA2 (-0.42), ENSG00000213058 (-0.43), DRAXIN (-0.43), BMP7 (-0.43), PIK3R1 (-0.43), CACNA2D1 (-0.43), DOC2B (-0.43), SRSF5 (-0.43), PLCL1 (-0.44), NOS1AP (-0.44), CXADR (-0.44), MTUS2 (-0.44), EIF1AX (-0.44), TDG (-0.45), SAMD5 (-0.45), ENSG00000289612 (-0.45), KCNJ16 (-0.46), NEFM (-0.46), PMFBP1 (-0.46), MIR100HG (-0.47), ZMIZ1 (-0.47), SASH1 (-0.47), SYT4 (-0.47), PCSK1 (-0.48), EBF1 (-0.49), MDK (-0.49), PITX2 (-0.50), SLC17A6 (-0.50), POTEF (-0.50), SRSF3 (-0.51), DACH1 (-0.51), DOK6 (-0.51), POTEF (-0.51), CERS6 (-0.52), SYNE2 (-0.52), DHX9 (-0.53), SC5D (-0.53), SOX4 (-0.54), PKIB (-0.54), NALF1 (-0.54), LMO3 (-0.54), HNRNPM (-0.54), PTPRE (-0.57), C1GALT1 (-0.57), ARL4A (-0.57), SLK (-0.57), PBX1 (-0.58), KLHL5 (-0.59), LINC02899 (-0.59), ENSG00000286058 (-0.60), SOX2.OT (-0.60), NR2F1 (-0.61), ATP5MG (-0.63), ONECUT3 (-0.63), ENSG00000290591 (-0.64), INPP5F (-0.64), ONECUT1 (-0.68), DLK1 (-0.68), LINC00551 (-0.68), CHCHD2 (-0.68), PDZRN4 (-0.70), ROBO2 (-0.81), CCDC144NL.AS1 (-0.82), NTM (-0.83), DNAJC15 (-0.86), WNK3 (-1.04)

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XIST (+1.97), TCEAL5 (+1.58), S100A6 (+0.98), TTC6 (+0.96), MT.ND3 (+0.91), ZNF506 (+0.87), TCEAL6 (+0.81), TALAM1 (+0.78), XACT (+0.74), TCEAL3 (+0.74), TPH1 (+0.74), PTPRT (+0.73), MUC20.OT1 (+0.70), DNAH6 (+0.69), DMD (+0.68), FSIP2 (+0.68), VGF (+0.68), COPG2IT1 (+0.68), NEGR1 (+0.66), KCNQ1OT1 (+0.66), SULF1 (+0.64), SYNE2 (+0.61), PCDH9 (+0.60), PUS7L (+0.59), MT.RNR1 (+0.59), PCNX4 (+0.58), LCORL (+0.58), PTN

A.1 Differentially expressed genes

(+0.58), COL1A2 (+0.57), ENSG00000237550 (+0.56), SYT11 (+0.54), OTX2 (+0.54), GRIK1 (+0.53), ARF4 (+0.53), PAX8.AS1 (+0.53), CLU (+0.52), MEST (+0.51), FTX (+0.49), ANKRD18A (+0.49), ENSG00000270953 (+0.49), BEX2 (+0.49), PDE10A (+0.49), HTR2C (+0.48), TBX3 (+0.48), BAZ2B (+0.46), FTL (+0.44), MT.ND5 (+0.44), GRIK2 (+0.43), ATP13A3.DT (+0.42), TSIX (+0.41), SETX (+0.41), PTPRN2 (+0.41), FILIP1L (+0.41), MT.CYB (+0.41), PGM2L1 (-0.40), VASH2 (-0.40), ARMH4 (-0.40), CEP170 (-0.41), NAPB (-0.41), TUBA1A (-0.41), ATP1B1 (-0.41), DPYSL2 (-0.41), PBX1 (-0.41), CALM1 (-0.41), RFK (-0.42), ATP5MC3 (-0.42), YWHAZ (-0.42), PRDX1 (-0.42), DNAJA1 (-0.42), SOX4 (-0.42), LIMCH1 (-0.42), ENSG00000176593 (-0.42), MYO5A (-0.42), DYNLL2 (-0.43), TMPO (-0.43), SHTN1 (-0.43), SMARCA4 (-0.44), YWHAQ (-0.44), ZNF385D (-0.44), ANKMY2 (-0.44), DCBLD2 (-0.44), PCLO (-0.45), RTN1 (-0.45), GABPB1.AS1 (-0.45), TOMM20 (-0.45), TUBB2B (-0.45), MT.RNR2 (-0.45), PTGES3 (-0.46), DPYSL3 (-0.46), HMGB3 (-0.46), EID1 (-0.46), TXLNG (-0.46), SRPK1 (-0.47), SNCA (-0.47), SQLE (-0.48), HSP90AB1 (-0.48), ENSG00000213058 (-0.49), HDAC2 (-0.49), ONECUT1 (-0.49), RAPGEF5 (-0.49), APP (-0.49), GNAQ (-0.49), SET (-0.49), CDV3 (-0.50), EIF4G2 (-0.50), C1SD1 (-0.50), TCEA1 (-0.50), MTPN (-0.50), FTH1 (-0.51), H3.3B (-0.51), NAP1L3 (-0.51), RBBP7 (-0.51), YWHAB (-0.51), NR2F1 (-0.51), NREP (-0.51), LINC01322 (-0.52), RHEB (-0.52), RALA (-0.52), TUBB2A (-0.52), LRCH2 (-0.52), RAB2A (-0.52), NEFL (-0.52), AUTS2 (-0.53), INPP5F (-0.53), PPA1 (-0.53), FOXA2 (-0.53), CNTN4 (-0.54), RAB10 (-0.54), ARL4A (-0.54), AASDHPPT (-0.55), SC5D (-0.55), PDZRN4 (-0.56), EEF1A1 (-0.56), TULP4 (-0.57), LINC00551 (-0.57), CEBPG (-0.57), PKIA (-0.59), ZFAS1 (-0.59), SLC38A1 (-0.59), RTN3 (-0.60), ACSL3 (-0.61), HSP90AA1 (-0.62), CCDC144NL.AS1 (-0.62), TSC22D1 (-0.63), STMN1 (-0.63), CHCHD2 (-0.63), HSPD1 (-0.63), SYT4 (-0.67), PLCL1 (-0.67), UCHL1 (-0.68), ATP5MG (-0.68), KLHL5 (-0.69), DDIT4 (-0.69), PABPC1 (-0.70), ROBO2 (-0.70), DCX (-0.71), CXADR (-0.73), EIF1AX (-0.75), KMT2A (-0.77), LMO3 (-0.77), DNAJC15 (-0.78), ATF5 (-0.81), NTM (-0.82), HMGC1S (-0.82), LINC02899 (-0.85), POTEF (-0.86), ENSG00000290591 (-0.87), POTE1 (-0.87), ENSG00000286058 (-1.12), WNK3 (-1.30)

A.2 Differentially abundant proteins

DAPs identified at each timepoint of the differentiation ($p_{\text{adj}} < 0.05$ and $|\text{FC}| > 1$). Fold changes are indicated in parentheses.

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PABPC4 (+4.23), FBLL1 (+4.00), CCDC92B (+3.87), RPL36A (+3.37), TUBB6 (+2.95), AKR1B10 (+2.91), LAMB4 (+2.89), PGM5 (+2.80), VDACC2 (+2.67), PSMC5 (+2.66), MROH2B (+2.60), SRGAP3 (+2.54), ALDH1A1 (+2.46), ZNF66 (+2.45), COL4A6 (+2.43), CCNA2 (+2.41), ATP5F1E (+2.33), UBTF (+2.30), FKBP8 (+2.30), H1-0 (+2.17), Q969Q0 (+2.17), CHMP1A (+2.09), NXPE1 (+1.98), PHGDH (+1.97), MEAF6 (+1.96), RABAC1 (+1.94), A0A0U1RQJ6;B4DDN1 (+1.81), PMPCB (+1.76), HNRNPU (+1.76), AGR3 (+1.76), PPIA (+1.73), VIP (+1.66), DCD (+1.65), MMGT1 (+1.61), TMEM160 (+1.59), Q5SU54 (+1.58), SLC11A2 (+1.51), NRAP (+1.49), VTN (+1.48), RPL34 (+1.48), PTMS (+1.46), SERPINB7 (+1.46), HLA-A (+1.41), Q04828 (+1.35), IVD (+1.35), P49335 (+1.34), CANX (+1.29), FKBP4 (+1.28), DNM1L (+1.28), RAB33A (+1.25), CCDC177 (+1.23), CHPT1 (+1.23), IKBKE (+1.23), CD47 (+1.22), P12236 (+1.20), RPL19 (+1.19), HMGA1 (+1.17), NMO2 (+1.17), A0A5H1ZRP4 (+1.16), ALDH3A1 (+1.16), CNTRL (+1.15), P0DM35;P80294 (+1.13), MAD2L2 (+1.13), PABPC1 (+1.12), ACTG1 (+1.12), LTF (+1.11), SP1 (+1.11), CRYZ (+1.09), SNX15 (+1.09), SEZ6L2 (+1.07), CHMP2A (+1.07), SOX2 (+1.07), SCO2 (+1.06), SLC35A4 (+1.06), IST1 (+1.05), BST2 (+1.05), AKR1C2 (+1.04), HSPB6 (+1.03), SLC35B2 (+1.03), DLST (+1.03), RPL30 (+1.00), PAM (-1.00), MYH14 (-1.02), PHLDB1 (-1.02), HIP1R (-1.02), ATP5PD (-1.03), A0A140T9Q4;A0A140T9S7 (-1.03), VMP1 (-1.04), CAT (-1.04), ERFFI1 (-1.06), URM1 (-1.07), UBE2I (-1.07), ARHGAP39 (-1.08), E9PLY5 (-1.08), AGAP1 (-1.10), RACK1 (-1.11), TXNL1 (-1.11), ECHS1 (-1.12), RNASEH2C (-1.12), LSM8 (-1.16), SRSF11 (-1.17), PTDSS2 (-1.17), GALNS (-1.18), TRIM13 (-1.18), EDNRB (-1.18), CYBC1 (-1.19), TLE5 (-1.19), PANX1 (-1.20), RPS7 (-1.20), FADD (-1.22), EPN3 (-1.22), SDF2 (-1.24), GNG4 (-1.28), A0A087X0H9 (-1.28), KRT77 (-1.32), Q9Y605 (-1.33), U2AF2 (-1.33), TRMT11 (-1.37), WNK3 (-1.37), USF1 (-1.38), PGR (-1.40), INPP5F (-1.42), TSFM (-1.42), CYB5R3 (-1.44), TOR1AIP1 (-1.49), POGLUT3 (-1.55), PCBD2 (-1.60), SNRNP27 (-1.66), QNG1 (-1.73), PAFAH1B2 (-1.76), TMEM41A (-1.78), PTMA (-1.81), CHCHD2 (-1.92), MPV17 (-1.95), PRSS3 (-1.97), AP4S1 (-1.98), COX1 (-2.21), ATP5MF (-2.35), CYP2D7 (-2.45), SLC1A4 (-2.58), KPNA7 (-2.97), CCT6B (-3.10), CRYBG3 (-3.38), NLRP2 (-3.45), KRT36 (-4.17)

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Q6PEY2 (+4.36), H3-7 (+4.08), CXCL12 (+3.39), CAMK2B (+3.34), CNIH4 (+2.73), EPHX3 (+2.53), LEFTY2 (+2.38), RPL29 (+2.34), H3C1 (+2.34), A6NCE7;Q9GZQ8 (+2.31), BST2 (+2.30), STMN2 (+2.29), ICMT (+2.21), EDF1 (+2.18), CTNND2 (+2.17), RAB1A (+2.16), HDHD2 (+2.02), DHRS13 (+1.99), FKBP8 (+1.97), GPC4 (+1.92), P32243 (+1.90), Q6P582 (+1.89), GOLTI1B (+1.83), FOXRED2 (+1.83), RPL8 (+1.83), DCP1A (+1.83), POU5F1 (+1.80), NIP7 (+1.77), EHHADH (+1.76), CRABP2 (+1.74), P19012 (+1.72), Q9Y281 (+1.72), SFRP1 (+1.71), GPC3 (+1.71), SFRP2 (+1.71), TRAPPC5 (+1.65), RALA (+1.65), RPL36A (+1.64), A0A0A0MRM9 (+1.60), UTF1 (+1.60), CYP26A1 (+1.60), PGK1 (+1.59), HIGD2A (+1.59), GPI (+1.58), BTF3 (+1.56), DNAJC14 (+1.55), CCN1 (+1.55), RHBD2 (+1.55), MFAP2 (+1.54), AHNAK2 (+1.54), H2AZ1 (+1.53), CHTOP (+1.52), OSTC (+1.49), SLC2A3 (+1.49), JAM3 (+1.47), THY1 (+1.47), DERL2 (+1.47), B3GNT7 (+1.46), ATP5F1B (+1.46), NDUFB5 (+1.46), SREK1 (+1.45), ARL1 (+1.44), DBX1 (+1.44), TMEM14C (+1.44), PSMA2 (+1.43), KRTCAP2 (+1.42), LCK (+1.41), EEF1A1 (+1.41), DPPA4 (+1.40), KRT16 (+1.40), FAM162A (+1.40), GPC2 (+1.40), HRAS (+1.40), AP4S1 (+1.39), GSTT1 (+1.39), RPL7A (+1.38), MFSD3 (+1.38), SLC23A3 (+1.38), CD9 (+1.38), SCAMP2 (+1.38), CSNK2A1 (+1.37), P43358 (+1.36), Q9BVA1 (+1.36), GSE1 (+1.36), GPALPPI (+1.34), MAPKAPK3 (+1.34), DEPDC1B (+1.34), PHYKPL (+1.34), FANCM (+1.33), TGFBI (+1.33), NUDT12 (+1.33), CARHSP1 (+1.33), S100A10 (+1.33), POLR2L (+1.33), A0A994J4E9;A0A994J6T5;A0A994J6U9;B4DUQ1;Q5T6W2 (+1.32), RPL10A (+1.31), TMBIM6 (+1.31), GET1 (+1.30), RPS3A (+1.30), STC2 (+1.30), CMBL (+1.29), MYH14 (+1.29), XRCC5 (+1.29), GYG1 (+1.28), SYNGR3 (+1.28), YTHDC1 (+1.28), USP9Y (+1.27), Q9Y343 (+1.27), NDUFA4L2 (+1.27), C1QTNF4 (+1.27), DBT (+1.27), SIAE (+1.27), NDOR1 (+1.27), CPT1C (+1.27), TOMM5 (+1.26), CDK18 (+1.25), SCAF4 (+1.25), PDGFRL (+1.25), FHIT (+1.24), PGR (+1.23), TNC (+1.23), LSM4 (+1.22), EZR (+1.22), CNOT6 (+1.21), RPS27A (+1.21), KRT4 (+1.21), TIMM29 (+1.21), NDUFAB1 (+1.20), ALOX12 (+1.19), RPS25 (+1.19), TUBB3 (+1.19), CLN6 (+1.18), ROGDI (+1.18), Q9UKI8 (+1.18), PANX1 (+1.18), MFGE8 (+1.17), NKX2-8 (+1.17), GNG2 (+1.17), NMNAT1 (+1.16), A0A5F9YFS9 (+1.16), HIGD1A (+1.16), ZNF729 (+1.16), LMAN1 (+1.15), CYCS (+1.15), TEAD3 (+1.15), GABARAPL1 (+1.15), NOP10 (+1.15), MED27 (+1.14), HNRNPH2 (+1.14), SIGMAR1 (+1.14), KPNA3 (+1.13), DNPH1 (+1.12), SP1 (+1.12), LIN28B (+1.12), IFT25 (+1.12), XKR4 (+1.12), S100A4 (+1.12), CAPN6 (+1.12), Q7Z3J3 (+1.10), ATOX1 (+1.10), RAC3 (+1.10), DFFB (+1.10), LGALS1 (+1.09), SDHB (+1.09), DMAC2 (+1.08), TDRD7 (+1.07), HMG20A (+1.07), P06899;Q16778 (+1.07), RPUSD4 (+1.07), RBKS (+1.07), METRN (+1.07), FGFR2 (+1.06), GANAB (+1.06), DLK1 (+1.06), UBA1 (+1.06), GLDC (+1.06), FAPB5 (+1.06), TPST2 (+1.05), ELMO3 (+1.05), TTC9C (+1.05), COL2A1 (+1.04), RAX (+1.04), TDRP (+1.04), TJP3 (+1.04), BLOC1S6 (+1.04), P09467 (+1.03), NIF3L1 (+1.03), Q53H12 (+1.03), HTRA3 (+1.03), MSL1 (+1.03), H3BPE1;H3BQK9 (+1.02), PTBP1 (+1.02), RAVR1 (+1.02), CBR1 (+1.02), ESCO2 (+1.02), CDH1 (+1.02), A0A0J9YVP6;A0A0J9YVR6;A0A0J9YYL3;E9PMU7;E9PN18;E9PQ56 (+1.02), DSG1 (+1.02), CZIB (+1.02), UQCRFS1 (+1.02), B3GALT5 (+1.01), CYBC1 (+1.01), ZCCHC10 (+1.01), C1SD1 (+1.01), DPAGT1 (+1.01), PPIA (+1.01), HSP90AA5P (+1.00), MAPKAP1 (+1.00), SEMA4B (+1.00), SLC4A7 (-1.00), EIF3H (-1.00), RPS19 (-1.00), PSMA7 (-1.00), ARL15 (-1.01), SSRP1 (-1.01), CBX1 (-1.01), GLRX5 (-1.01), BCL9 (-1.01), NUDCD2 (-1.01), SPATA20 (-1.02), PCBP3 (-1.02), JPT2 (-1.02), STX6 (-1.02), COX7A2 (-1.02), SRP9 (-1.02), OSTM1 (-1.03), MAD2L1BP (-1.03), CDK6 (-1.03), ANKRD46 (-1.03), FKBP10 (-1.03), ZDHHC7 (-1.03), PGLS (-1.04), ATP5MG (-1.04), GPM6B (-1.05), COLEC12 (-1.05), PDLIM2 (-1.05), APOO (-1.05), TSFM (-1.05), TRMT112 (-1.05), Q15742 (-1.05), KBTBD4 (-1.06), INA (-1.06), DEPDC7 (-1.06), DES (-1.06), RNPS1 (-1.07), DTWD2 (-1.07), OLFM1 (-1.07), PHLDB1

A.2 Differentially abundant proteins

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CCDC92B (+3.44), GARI (+2.93), VDAC1 (+2.86), RBBP4 (+2.84), ZNF66 (+2.57), RPL36A (+2.54), SRP14 (+2.50), ATP5F1E (+2.48), SOX2 (+2.41), PCBD1 (+2.38), SREK1 (+2.35), EBP (+2.33), NCAM1 (+2.29), PLEKHF1 (+2.29), H1-0 (+2.29), CHMP3 (+2.20), CHMP1A (+2.17), COX1 (+2.14), PCTP (+2.08), COL4A5 (+2.00), TMEM35A (+2.00), VDAC2 (+1.98), GLO1 (+1.95), ALG8 (+1.94), NAT14 (+1.93), TMEM167A (+1.91), PABPC4 (+1.88), ORMDL2 (+1.88), AURKAIP1 (+1.87), KRT6B (+1.86), RPS23 (+1.85), AKR1B10 (+1.85), PPIA (+1.80), NECAP1 (+1.79), LAMB4 (+1.72), FKBP8 (+1.71), A0A087WX23 (+1.69), USP9Y (+1.67), RIC8A (+1.67), PCBP3 (+1.66), MAPKAPK5 (+1.66), FAM32A (+1.65), SUPT4H1 (+1.61), PCBD2 (+1.60), AGPAT1 (+1.58), SEZ6L (+1.57), SYNGR2 (+1.56), FHL3 (+1.56), MACROH2A1 (+1.54), BLM (+1.53), RABAC1 (+1.52), RPL37A (+1.52), NID1 (+1.51), DAP (+1.51), EPHX3 (+1.50), CRLF1 (+1.50), A0A5H1ZRP4 (+1.49), BST2 (+1.48), JAM3 (+1.48), RABIF (+1.47), RPA3 (+1.46), NXPE1 (+1.45), PITPNM2 (+1.41), NABP2 (+1.40), TSTD1 (+1.37), CHTOP (+1.37), COL22A1 (+1.37), RHOT1 (+1.34), MRPS10 (+1.32), SLC25A29 (+1.31), TGFB2 (+1.31), UFD1 (+1.31), TMEM47 (+1.31), MBD1 (+1.30), RNF185 (+1.30), FERMT2 (+1.29), UBTF (+1.29), DHRS1 (+1.29), TLCD3A (+1.28), SEC11A (+1.28), MXRA8 (+1.27), UBE2G2 (+1.27), FZD7 (+1.27), SMDT1 (+1.26), COX7C (+1.25), HMGNA4 (+1.25), ICMT (+1.24), CAMKMT (+1.23), TSC22D3 (+1.23), CANX (+1.23), SELENOH (+1.22), CRTCI (+1.22), INTS15 (+1.22), C1orf226 (+1.21), MBD4 (+1.21), VIP (+1.21), PPA2 (+1.21), RPL7A (+1.20), BCAP29 (+1.20), A6NDN3 (+1.17), C1QTNF4 (+1.16), CCDC117 (+1.16), CIR1 (+1.16), HLA-A (+1.15), NEFL (+1.15), HIRIP3 (+1.13), PMPCB (+1.12), DPY19L4 (+1.12), HUWE1 (+1.12), TMEM33 (+1.11), RPS21 (+1.11), A8K070 (+1.11), AHNAK2 (+1.11), NEFM (+1.09), LYRM7 (+1.09), CACFD1 (+1.08), ZFYVE21 (+1.08), P35789 (+1.08), SLC25A46 (+1.07), ZKSCAN1 (+1.07), ATP1A3 (+1.06), POU5F1 (+1.06), SEC61B (+1.06), S100A13 (+1.06), THEM4 (+1.06), SFT2D2 (+1.05), MEF2C (+1.05), TRAPPC5 (+1.04), IREB2 (+1.04), STRA6 (+1.04), AMPH (+1.03), NEK5 (+1.02), FBLN1 (+1.02), CXCL12 (+1.02), CHURC1 (+1.01), GPC3 (+1.01), DCD (+1.00), SLC17A5 (+1.00), DMAC2 (+1.00), DYNC2I2 (-1.00), RIOK1 (-1.00), PELI3 (-1.00), PNPLA2 (-1.00), DDHD1 (-1.00), PARP4 (-1.01), RPS3 (-1.01), PRKAG2 (-1.01), NDST1 (-1.02), SLC35B3 (-1.02), SATB1 (-1.03), SPTY2D1 (-1.03), TGM2 (-1.03), PPCDC (-1.03), A0A3B3IRQ9 (-1.04), NTRK3 (-1.05), FYN (-1.05), VATIL (-1.06), UFM1 (-1.07), LDAH (-1.07), Q8IVT5 (-1.08), GRIK3 (-1.08), ZDHHC4 (-1.08), DOLK (-1.08), ZNF503 (-1.08), EFCC1 (-1.09), RAP1GAP2 (-1.11), DNM3 (-1.11), TOLLIP (-1.11), ARL6IP1 (-1.11), BET1 (-1.12), CWC25 (-1.12), KLC1 (-1.13), LPIN3 (-1.13), Q9P278 (-1.13), STAU1 (-1.14), PKM (-1.14), CIC (-1.15), SMIM12 (-1.17), STARD7 (-1.17), PLIN2 (-1.18), RSPH9 (-1.18), NCALD (-1.18), APEX2 (-1.20), SLITRK6 (-1.20), TCAF2 (-1.22), ABHD5 (-1.22), LMBRD1 (-1.22), ARL8A (-1.22), JRK (-1.22), H0YC97;H0YDK8;Q5T1Z4;Q5T1Z8 (-1.23), GRK3 (-1.23), IDH3G (-1.23), ARHGEF16 (-1.24), HNRNPD (-1.24), CNIH4 (-1.24), SIX4 (-1.26), E9PBY3;H0YAH3 (-1.27), C11orf54 (-1.31), COX15 (-1.32), UBASH3B (-1.33), XPR1 (-1.33), MRGBP (-1.37), ACP6 (-1.37), ATP5PD (-1.38), POLR3H (-1.40), ND1 (-1.40), H2AZ1 (-1.40), MPV17 (-1.41), ACTN1 (-1.41), WNK3 (-1.43), PRKACB (-1.43), ARHGAP23 (-1.44), LPAR2 (-1.44), TMEM41A (-1.47), LSM1 (-1.47), PSMC1 (-1.47), MAPRE1 (-1.48), VSNL1 (-1.50), LIN9 (-1.50), TAGLN (-1.51), SPIRE1 (-1.55), PTMA (-1.58), SNRPF (-1.59), MAPRE3 (-1.63), CDK5RAP1 (-1.67), PNPLA4 (-1.70), NAA40 (-1.73), ABRACL (-1.83), HNRNPA1 (-1.88), EPN3 (-1.90), U2AF2 (-1.92), TOR1AIP1 (-1.99), YWHAZ (-2.00), ENY2 (-2.13), UBE2I (-2.26), QNG1 (-2.36), DHCR24 (-2.52), DDX5 (-2.99)

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HNRNPU (+3.67), CA2 (+2.73), PPIA (+2.73), LEFTY2 (+2.72), DOT1L (+2.67), PRPH (+2.58), SFI1 (+2.39), CRABP2 (+2.36), ITGB6 (+2.35), CHMP1B (+2.28), GPC3 (+2.21), HMGNA4 (+2.17), HTR2C (+2.14), H1-0 (+2.01), MYL1 (+1.99), COL11A1 (+1.95), CNTN1 (+1.94), BST2 (+1.93), COL4A5 (+1.90), RPL36A (+1.79), POMC (+1.77), SLITRK1 (+1.70), HMGA2 (+1.62), A0A5H1ZRP4 (+1.61), O76009 (+1.60), RABAC1 (+1.57), RPL27A (+1.57), NABP2 (+1.54), MMGT1 (+1.54), SOX2 (+1.54), AHNAK2 (+1.53), SYNGR2 (+1.51), RPL29 (+1.51), A6NDN3 (+1.49), DAP (+1.48), MEAF6 (+1.43), RAB33A (+1.41), ZNF75A (+1.41), ZNF207 (+1.37), LBR (+1.36), COL4A6 (+1.36), BLM (+1.34), MAP4 (+1.34),

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C1orf226 (+1.33), MRPS6 (+1.33), A8MWD9;P62308 (+1.33), AIG1 (+1.29), PCBP3 (+1.28), SRSF5 (+1.27), DPY30 (+1.23), C1QTNF4 (+1.23), NFIA (+1.21), Q969Q0 (+1.21), PGR (+1.20), ATAD1 (+1.20), CLTA (+1.20), SELENOH (+1.19), GSTM1 (+1.19), ATRIP (+1.19), ARHGEF6 (+1.18), HNRNPL (+1.18), SLC4A4 (+1.18), YWHAB (+1.17), FBLN1 (+1.17), CRX (+1.15), BCAR1 (+1.14), COL26A1 (+1.14), EIF3J (+1.13), UBTF (+1.13), TPRKB (+1.13), HSPB1 (+1.13), BET1L (+1.13), CD99 (+1.12), IL13RA2 (+1.12), A8K070 (+1.11), HSPB6 (+1.10), PSMB1 (+1.09), RPLP2 (+1.09), CNIH2 (+1.09), CNRIP1 (+1.09), DLST (+1.08), MEF2C (+1.08), NOS2 (+1.07), PLXNC1 (+1.07), NFYB (+1.07), CTTN (+1.07), TRIR (+1.06), SSBP2 (+1.06), SSBP3 (+1.04), FSBP (+1.04), CYTB (+1.03), FKBP10 (+1.03), GAR1 (+1.03), COX4I1 (+1.03), Q04743 (+1.03), HYI (+1.02), EAPP (+1.02), FBN2 (+1.02), CCDC12 (+1.02), PSMC5 (+1.02), FH (+1.01), C7orf50 (+1.01), EDF1 (+1.01), TMEM223 (+1.00), FABP5 (+1.00), LGALS1 (-1.01), UQCRL1 (-1.02), STAU1 (-1.02), MSH4 (-1.04), CD81 (-1.04), PRKCD (-1.04), NAA40 (-1.04), GSTZ1 (-1.04), DERA (-1.05), O60422 (-1.06), UBE2A (-1.06), GAP43 (-1.07), DPYSL4 (-1.07), A0A140T9Q4;A0A140T9S7 (-1.07), TCAF2 (-1.08), CACNA2D1 (-1.08), POCG29;POCG30 (-1.08), PRSS23 (-1.08), AIDA (-1.08), NCAM1 (-1.09), LAMP2 (-1.10), DCX (-1.10), CADPS (-1.11), KIF5C (-1.12), TOLLIP (-1.13), A0A0U1RQJ6;B4DDN1 (-1.13), C12orf54 (-1.15), PANX1 (-1.17), Q9NP97 (-1.18), PSMC1 (-1.18), PRPSAP2 (-1.19), ELAVL4 (-1.20), NRCAM (-1.20), AP3B2 (-1.21), DPYSL3 (-1.22), C2orf49 (-1.23), CHN2 (-1.23), PTPN6 (-1.23), EHHADH (-1.25), NCALD (-1.25), OSBPL5 (-1.25), MAT2B (-1.26), ALCAM (-1.27), FYN (-1.27), SURF2 (-1.28), NR2F1 (-1.28), KIF21A (-1.28), GSN (-1.31), NDRG1 (-1.31), SDF2 (-1.32), MPV17 (-1.33), PAFAH1B2 (-1.33), ARSA (-1.33), U2AF2 (-1.34), HNRNPH1 (-1.35), HLA-C (-1.35), PNPLA4 (-1.36), MOQYM7;M0R042 (-1.37), DYNC1I1 (-1.37), CNTN2 (-1.39), MACF1 (-1.39), ZSWIM6 (-1.39), WNK3 (-1.40), AGR3 (-1.44), TMA7 (-1.45), VCP (-1.49), PFN2 (-1.61), ATP5F1B (-1.65), NME1-NME2 (-1.66), ACTN1 (-1.70), EPHB2 (-1.74), PSMB3 (-1.82), PAFAH1B2 (-1.84), COX1 (-1.85), CCDC92B (-1.86), TAGLN3 (-1.88), RIC8A (-1.91), YWHAZ (-2.00), NLRP2 (-2.02), GFAP (-2.02), ARL8A (-2.09), TOR1AIP1 (-2.12), EPB41 (-2.13), PHYHIP (-2.16), SNRPF (-2.29), QNG1 (-2.53), CYB5R3 (-2.58), VIM (-2.63), POC0S8;P20671;Q96KK5;Q99878;Q9BTM1 (-2.69), CNIH4 (-2.76), RPLP1 (-3.10), SRP14 (-3.62), CCT6B (-3.74), H2AC8 (-4.62)

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Q969Q0 (+4.62), SEC11A (+3.84), VDACC2 (+3.46), SERPINB7 (+3.40), HNRNPU (+3.35), LEFTY2 (+3.32), MACROH2A1 (+3.30), GAR1 (+3.11), CA2 (+3.11), UQCRFS1 (+3.03), SOX2 (+2.96), RPL26 (+2.95), A0A087WX23 (+2.95), PABPC4 (+2.92), CHMP1B (+2.82), MGST1 (+2.81), VDACC1 (+2.77), HMGNA4 (+2.69), RBBP4 (+2.65), SFI1 (+2.64), SREK1 (+2.63), RBX1 (+2.62), PPIA (+2.58), RHOT1 (+2.56), TMEM123 (+2.54), TXNDC12 (+2.54), PCBD1 (+2.47), PSMC5 (+2.39), IER3IP1 (+2.35), RPL29 (+2.35), EBP (+2.31), H3-7 (+2.31), FKBP10 (+2.26), ZNF66 (+2.26), CRABP1 (+2.26), REM2 (+2.22), HMGAA2 (+2.20), BST2 (+2.20), CERS6 (+2.20), DECR1 (+2.19), POMC (+2.16), CCDC92B (+2.16), HMGNA2 (+2.10), RBP1 (+2.08), TLE1 (+2.08), CRABP2 (+2.07), EDF1 (+2.06), DGUOK (+2.05), RPL36A (+2.04), PYCR2 (+2.03), CAPN6 (+2.00), CPT1A (+1.98), PLXNC1 (+1.92), GIT2 (+1.92), TMEM167A (+1.91), CMBL (+1.91), MAPK15 (+1.91), NARS2 (+1.91), IL13RA2 (+1.90), AP1S2 (+1.88), MRPS28 (+1.88), FLNC (+1.88), WDR43 (+1.88), CYBC1 (+1.87), TGFB2 (+1.86), M0QYT0;M0R076 (+1.86), COL11A1 (+1.86), CHMP1A (+1.86), ATP5F1E (+1.84), RPL27A (+1.83), YIPF3 (+1.82), CALB1 (+1.81), RAB32 (+1.81), SEPTIN6 (+1.81), BAG2 (+1.79), PRPH (+1.78), CTDNEP1 (+1.77), SLITRK1 (+1.77), RPL37A (+1.77), NUDT4 (+1.76), CRTAP (+1.76), UFD1 (+1.76), ASAH1 (+1.76), AURKAIP1 (+1.75), PCBD2 (+1.74), DHRS4 (+1.74), PTPRZ1 (+1.72), SLC4A1AP (+1.72), SLC25A20 (+1.69), BLM (+1.68), RPS27 (+1.68), RPUSD3 (+1.68), ORMDL2 (+1.68), CRELD2 (+1.67), PRPS2 (+1.67), ERH (+1.66), ATAD1 (+1.65), GUSB (+1.64), FAM32A (+1.64), GPR107 (+1.64), ARAP1 (+1.63), GLO1 (+1.62), HTR2C (+1.62), TVP23B (+1.61), NKX2-1 (+1.61), PRKD2 (+1.61), NOP56 (+1.61), BCAP31 (+1.60), MRPS33 (+1.60), ND1 (+1.59), C1QTNF4 (+1.59), REEP6 (+1.59), RPS29 (+1.58), CALU (+1.56), FKBP4 (+1.56), TMEM97 (+1.56), FKBP8 (+1.55), SDC2 (+1.55), GPC3 (+1.54), USP9Y (+1.53), UNG (+1.53), MPND (+1.53), LLPH (+1.53), GSTM1 (+1.53), ABAT (+1.52), MAPKAPK5 (+1.52), TPRKB (+1.52), NUMA1 (+1.51), RAD23A (+1.51), MED18 (+1.51), AIG1 (+1.50), SPARC (+1.50), BOD1 (+1.50), CASP6 (+1.50), ATRIP (+1.49), A0A5H1ZRP4 (+1.49), ZHX2 (+1.48), PLS3 (+1.48), HADHB (+1.48), SYNGR2 (+1.47), MMP14 (+1.47), NEDD4 (+1.46), NDUFC2 (+1.46), IGSF1 (+1.46), PWP1 (+1.45), ALG3 (+1.45), VCP (+1.45), Q9H2C1 (+1.44), CD46 (+1.44), IMMT (+1.44), IREB2 (+1.44), RPL27 (+1.44), ZFYVE21 (+1.43), DERL2 (+1.43), SERPINH1 (+1.42), ALDH1A2 (+1.42), SLC17A5 (+1.41), KIF13A (+1.41), TMEM47 (+1.41), ALG8 (+1.40), MFSD10 (+1.40), THEM4 (+1.40), AKR1B1 (+1.39), MRPL58 (+1.39), ZNF516 (+1.38), NDUFB5 (+1.38), ANXA5 (+1.38), HDLBP (+1.37), GABARAPL1 (+1.37), SDHD (+1.37), TP53I3 (+1.37), IGFBP3 (+1.36), RABAC1 (+1.36), DCTPP1 (+1.36), TOR1AIP2 (+1.36), DLST (+1.36), IGDCC4 (+1.35), SUPT4H1 (+1.35), RPP25 (+1.34), MBD1 (+1.34), NABP2 (+1.34), CRLF1 (+1.34), A0A0U1RQJ6;B4DDN1 (+1.33), DNAJC18 (+1.33), MXRA8 (+1.33), NUCB2 (+1.33), MAOB (+1.32), NFIA (+1.32), ZC3HAV1L (+1.30), TMEM17 (+1.30), WASL (+1.30), CNIH2 (+1.30), CCDC9 (+1.30), PCTP (+1.30), HMGNA3 (+1.29), MAP1LC3A (+1.29), PMPCB (+1.29), TCEAL5 (+1.28), AGPAT1 (+1.28), NXPE1 (+1.28), SF3A2 (+1.28), STK32B (+1.28), SLC25A29 (+1.28), MRPL3 (+1.27), MYL1 (+1.27), MROH2B (+1.27), GFER (+1.27), ITGB4 (+1.27), HIPK2 (+1.26), CZIB (+1.26), CBL1 (+1.25), PHPT1 (+1.25), CIR1 (+1.25), A6NDN3 (+1.24), MECOM (+1.24), B3GLCT (+1.23), PKN2 (+1.23), DLK1 (+1.23), COL5A1 (+1.23), CD2AP (+1.23), RBKS (+1.22), PTPRK (+1.22), HUWE1 (+1.22), CPNE3 (+1.22), CNTFR (+1.21), GTF2H2 (+1.21), CFAP298 (+1.20), TSC22D3 (+1.20), RBM47 (+1.20), MKRN2 (+1.20), MATR3 (+1.19), A0A0A0MRX1 (+1.19), IGFBP5 (+1.19), PUM2 (+1.19), SLC39A6 (+1.19), TLCD3A (+1.19), ZNF207 (+1.18), NQO1 (+1.18), Q9H6X2 (+1.18), ZKSCAN1 (+1.18), SELENOH (+1.17), CANX (+1.17), UGGT2 (+1.17), TOP2A (+1.17), MBOAT2 (+1.17), USP22 (+1.17), PDE1C (+1.16), LXN (+1.16), PDZD11 (+1.16), ITGA2 (+1.16), MAGEL2 (+1.16), HMGB1 (+1.16), WDR12 (+1.16), NAA10 (+1.15), HGH1 (+1.15), MBD4 (+1.15), CHST2 (+1.15), MEAF6 (+1.15), DNPEP (+1.14), TMEM33 (+1.14), QPRT (+1.13), ALDH7A1 (+1.13), PGK1 (+1.13), ARHGEF7 (+1.13), PXMP2 (+1.13), BCAP29 (+1.12), PARL (+1.12), H0YBG7 (+1.12), ACYP2 (+1.12), STON1 (+1.12), STRA6 (+1.12), SEC14L2 (+1.12), LDHB (+1.12), FHL3 (+1.12), FOXPA4 (+1.11), RPL15 (+1.11), CPNE2 (+1.10), Q9UKI8 (+1.10), RPL10A (+1.10), MRPL48 (+1.10), INF2 (+1.09), ICMT (+1.09), MIS12 (+1.09), ZNF268 (+1.09), Q04743 (+1.09), ABHD4 (+1.09), NUDT19 (+1.09), O60739 (+1.09), NASP (+1.09), SNX15 (+1.09), MAMDC2 (+1.08), LSM4 (+1.08), P3H4 (+1.08), SUB1 (+1.08), SRSF5 (+1.08), C1orf226 (+1.08), SEC31A (+1.07), TSTD1 (+1.07), EPS15 (+1.07), ASF1A (+1.07), NIP7 (+1.07), MED6 (+1.07), WDHD1 (+1.07), LHX2 (+1.07), PCOLCE2 (+1.07), LDHA (+1.07), MTRES1 (+1.07), PRCP (+1.07), RPS3A (+1.07), WDR73 (+1.07), CAPNS1 (+1.06), DHX37 (+1.06), PLPP6 (+1.06), Q5JXI8 (+1.06), Q9UNL4 (+1.05), P60484 (+1.05), CPNE1 (+1.05), DOCK1 (+1.05), DCPS (+1.05), PALM2AKAP2 (+1.04), THAP11 (+1.04), GPC4

A.2 Differentially abundant proteins

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Q969Q0 (+4.21), A8MWD9;P62308 (+3.38), SEC11A (+3.26), EBP (+3.22), MAPT (+3.09), VDAC1 (+2.86), PRPH (+2.80), GAR1 (+2.75), ATP5F1E (+2.72), IER3IP1 (+2.70), REM2 (+2.63), HNRNPL (+2.56), RNASEK (+2.51), RPL26 (+2.50), PABPC4 (+2.47), A0A0A0MRX1 (+2.38), ORMDL2 (+2.36), SOX2 (+2.35), PPIA (+2.33), TXNDC12 (+2.32), VDAC2 (+2.29), MAPK15 (+2.28), HMGNI4 (+2.15), MPC1 (+2.13), CHMP1B (+2.12), DNM3 (+2.09), VDAC3 (+2.06), CNIH4 (+2.06), MAP1LC3A (+1.91), GABARAPL1 (+1.90), Q5JXI8 (+1.89), CHMP1A (+1.89), RPL29 (+1.88), ERC1 (+1.87), RPL36A (+1.85), NOVA2 (+1.83), FKBP4 (+1.80), CHMP3 (+1.79), FSIP2 (+1.78), NDN (+1.74), CERS6 (+1.74), CRABP1 (+1.72), B4DKF8 (+1.69), GNB1 (+1.67), CYB561 (+1.67), RABAC1 (+1.66), EDF1 (+1.64), HIPK2 (+1.64), JAM3 (+1.60), TCEAL5 (+1.60), SARS1 (+1.58), AIG1 (+1.57), COL5A1 (+1.52), FKBP8 (+1.51), PCM1 (+1.51), YIPF3 (+1.51), CCDC92B (+1.49), ALG3 (+1.49), CACFD1 (+1.49), RELN (+1.48), ACYP2 (+1.48), RPS27 (+1.48), RBM3 (+1.48), SLC39A6 (+1.47), STK26 (+1.46), HSP90AA5P (+1.44), Q9Y343 (+1.44), TLCD3B (+1.43), Q8WUZ0 (+1.43), LONP1 (+1.43), PRMT6 (+1.42), HNRNPU (+1.41), NOP10 (+1.40), PTPRT (+1.40), A6NDN3 (+1.40), PGK1 (+1.39), SUPT4H1 (+1.39), WDR43 (+1.39), NDUFB5 (+1.38), RBBP4 (+1.38), KIF11 (+1.36), HUWE1 (+1.36), RPS29 (+1.36), NME1-NME2 (+1.35), SLC4A1AP (+1.34), TMEM47 (+1.34), ZDHHC17 (+1.33), SNX15 (+1.33), FAM136A (+1.32), SLC25A29 (+1.32), GMNN (+1.32), MROH2B (+1.32), AGPAT1 (+1.31), PPT2 (+1.30), APIP (+1.29), COX1 (+1.29), RPL10 (+1.28), TOR1AIP2 (+1.28), TLE1 (+1.28), NR2F1 (+1.28), CD46 (+1.26), G3BP2 (+1.25), UQCC6 (+1.25), NOLC1 (+1.24), CCDC9 (+1.24), MAPK14 (+1.24), PAM (+1.23), SFT2D2 (+1.22), AGAP1 (+1.22), CRELD2 (+1.21), ACAT1 (+1.21), A0A994J7B0 (+1.20), MAPKAPK5 (+1.20), NKX2-1 (+1.20), PWP1 (+1.19), USP11 (+1.19), TMEM38B (+1.19), RBP1 (+1.19), CSTF2 (+1.18), MATR3 (+1.18), MED18 (+1.18), HMGNI2 (+1.17), MBD4 (+1.17), ZNF24 (+1.17), ADRM1 (+1.16), A0A5H1ZRP4 (+1.16), SELENOH (+1.16), FAM118A (+1.16), ALG10 (+1.16), RAB31 (+1.16), COX18 (+1.15), GFRA2 (+1.14), NXPE1 (+1.13), DERL2 (+1.12), SULT1A1 (+1.12), CXXC4 (+1.11), TMEM123 (+1.11), FNTB (+1.11), RAB35 (+1.11), MGMT1 (+1.10), GRIA2 (+1.10), TLCD3A (+1.10), BORCS8 (+1.09), RPL27A (+1.09), UBA1 (+1.08), CD9 (+1.07), HMGA2 (+1.07), DCD (+1.07), CXXC5 (+1.07), RPS3A (+1.07), IQSEC1 (+1.06), OSBPL1A (+1.06), CYBC1 (+1.06), TIA1 (+1.05), CHTOP (+1.05), CMBL (+1.05), HDHD5 (+1.04), PTPRZ1 (+1.04), ZFYVE21 (+1.04), TSPAN4 (+1.04), TUBG2 (+1.03), HDAC3 (+1.03), HBD (+1.03), MBOAT2 (+1.02), KHDRBS3 (+1.02), ZC2HC1A (+1.01), NPTX1 (+1.01), GRIA2 (+1.01), RPS21 (+1.01), SDHC (+1.01), DPH1 (+1.00), SERINC5 (+1.00), LTF (-1.00), HSPA8 (-1.06), EFL1 (-1.07), UBE2I (-1.08), CLTC (-1.08), RAP1B (-1.13), TRIM13 (-1.14), IGHG1 (-1.15), CHMP5 (-1.17), CENPV (-1.17), ATAD3B (-1.19), MYL1 (-1.24), NCALD (-1.25), TOR1AIP1 (-1.26), PELI3 (-1.37), QNG1 (-1.40), PNPLA4 (-1.41), GLS

A.2 Differentially abundant proteins

(-1.44), HPCAL1 (-1.46), U2AF2 (-1.49), H3BSE6 (-1.60), PHGDH (-1.63), NTM (-1.68), NLRP2 (-1.76), YWHAZ (-1.96), EIF4A2 (-2.36), DHCR24 (-3.16), MACROH2A2 (-3.38)

A.3 Persistently dysregulated genes & proteins

Gene	Day 0	Day 6	Day 15	Day 21	Day 30	Day 40	Day 60
TCEAL5	0.6	0.76	0.62	1.19	1.19	1.54	1.58
CHCHD2	-1.88	-0.95	-1.52	-1.01	-0.57	-0.68	-0.63
DNAJC15	-1.41	-1.12	-1.37	-0.86	-0.83	-0.86	-0.78
BEX3	1.07	0.73	1.11	1.4	1.04	0.68	0.26
WNK3	-0.62	-0.87	-0.68	-0.51	-0.85	-1.04	-1.3
LINC00551	-1.37	-1.23	-0.82	-0.62	-0.38	-0.68	-0.57
FTL	0.38	1.02	0.71	1.07	1.02	0.73	0.44
PUS7L	0.72	0.68	0.55	0.5	0.54	0.65	0.59
ZNF506	0.34	0.67	0.32	0.44	0.65	0.68	0.87
LINC02899	-0.32	-0.45	-0.45	-0.41	-0.65	-0.59	-0.85
PAX8.AS1	0.31	0.48	0.54	0.37	0.5	0.48	0.53
CPE	0.0	-1.29	0.61	1.04	0.87	0.7	0.29
TCEAL9	0.79	0.54	0.79	0.95	1.16	0.52	0.0
ATP5MG	-0.79	-1.01	-0.67	-0.7	0.0	-0.63	-0.68
BEX2	0.74	0.71	0.89	0.82	0.0	0.61	0.49
S100A6	0.28	0.62	0.61	0.37	0.0	0.91	0.98
KMT2A	-0.42	-0.48	-0.45	-0.68	-0.81	0.0	-0.77
TCEAL3	0.0	0.57	0.5	0.76	0.45	0.55	0.74
INPP5F	-0.53	-0.48	-0.43	0.0	-0.83	-0.64	-0.53
PSMD10	0.52	0.55	0.4	0.94	0.42	0.61	0.0
MT.RNR1	0.88	0.61	0.53	0.31	0.0	0.47	0.59
PGK1	-0.64	0.5	0.66	0.54	0.53	0.48	0.0
GAS5	-0.72	0.47	0.25	0.99	0.44	0.34	0.0
CCDC144NL.AS1	-0.4	-0.3	-0.44	0.0	-0.56	-0.82	-0.62
H1.0	-0.48	0.52	-0.31	-0.57	-0.91	-0.32	0.0
NLRP2	-0.97	-0.63	-0.36	-0.41	-0.34	-0.3	0.0
OTX2	0.28	0.42	-0.32	0.33	0.7	0.0	0.54
TCEAL7	0.32	0.29	0.58	0.38	0.33	0.35	0.0
SYT4	0.0	-0.42	0.0	-1.18	-2.19	-0.47	-0.67
PDZRN4	0.0	0.0	-0.28	-0.52	-2.23	-0.7	-0.56
SNHG5	0.44	0.0	0.77	1.1	1.15	0.3	0.0
PKIB	-0.68	0.0	-0.31	-0.51	-1.61	-0.54	0.0
TCEAL8	0.68	0.75	0.63	0.85	0.59	0.0	0.0
SYT11	0.0	0.53	0.91	0.71	0.79	0.0	0.54
PDE10A	0.0	0.0	0.38	0.56	0.82	1.19	0.49
MT.ND3	0.0	0.63	0.5	0.97	0.41	0.0	0.91
LMO3	0.0	0.0	-0.37	-0.59	-1.11	-0.54	-0.77
IFITM3	0.51	1.26	0.38	0.95	0.26	0.0	0.0
NR2F1	0.0	-0.25	0.0	-0.61	-1.34	-0.61	-0.51
PBX1	0.0	-0.26	0.0	-0.86	-1.15	-0.58	-0.41
KCNJ16	0.0	0.0	-0.46	-1.07	-0.8	-0.46	-0.26
CLU	0.28	0.28	0.0	0.65	1.28	0.0	0.52
MORF4L2	0.53	0.5	0.47	0.82	0.0	0.64	0.0
POTEF	0.0	0.0	-0.29	-0.37	-0.71	-0.5	-0.86
GPRIN3	0.0	0.0	-0.75	-0.38	-0.85	-0.3	-0.29
MT.CO2	0.57	0.94	0.46	0.28	0.32	0.0	0.0
MAP2	0.0	-0.38	-0.43	-0.84	-0.65	0.0	-0.26
CHD7	-0.38	-0.43	0.0	-0.81	-0.36	-0.41	0.0
USP11	0.0	0.41	0.49	0.48	0.41	0.5	0.0
SC5D	-0.5	-0.26	0.0	0.0	-0.34	-0.53	-0.55
SEPTIN11	-0.27	-0.73	-0.33	0.0	-0.3	0.0	-0.33
TRIM4	-0.38	-0.49	-0.5	0.0	-0.28	-0.27	0.0
MT.CO1	0.0	0.68	0.28	0.27	0.0	0.34	0.34
TIMM10	0.33	0.46	0.31	0.31	0.32	0.0	0.0
STK26	0.35	0.3	0.28	0.38	0.4	0.0	0.0
DDX11	0.0	0.26	0.28	0.29	0.25	0.28	0.0

Table A.10 Persistently dysregulated genes FC values. Genes dysregulated between *SNCA*-A53T and control cells in the same direction at five or more timepoints of the differentiation. Names and corresponding fold change (FC) values are indicated.

Appendix

Protein	Day 0	Day 6	Day 15	Day 21	Day 30	Day 40	Day 60
RPL36A	3.37	1.64	2.54	1.79	2.04	1.94	1.85
QNG1	-1.73	-2.26	-2.36	-2.53	-2.06	-1.83	-1.40
TOR1AIP1	-1.49	-2.11	-1.99	-2.12	-1.20	-1.87	-1.26
YWHAZ	-0.55	-1.99	-2.06	-2.00	-2.88	-0.54	-1.96
U2AF2	-1.33	-1.87	-1.92	-1.34	-0.93	1.45	-1.49
JAM3	0.98	1.47	1.48	1.38	0.92	1.23	1.60
TBCEL	-0.54	-0.91	-0.59	-0.56	-0.70	-0.94	-0.53
NLRP2	-3.45	-2.88	0.00	-2.02	-2.05	-1.84	-1.76
VDAC2	2.67	0.59	1.98	0.00	3.46	1.93	2.29
PPIA	1.73	1.01	1.80	2.73	2.58	0.00	2.33
UBE2I	-1.07	-2.76	-2.26	0.00	-2.86	-1.99	-1.08
GSN	0.00	-1.24	-0.90	-1.31	-2.61	-3.21	-0.76
MPV17	-1.95	-1.60	-1.41	-1.33	-1.22	-2.39	0.00
WNK3	-1.37	-1.75	-1.43	-1.40	-1.66	-1.83	0.00
RABAC1	1.94	0.00	1.52	1.57	1.36	1.31	1.66
RHOT1	0.88	-0.82	1.34	0.94	2.56	1.73	0.00
AKR1B10	2.91	0.00	1.85	1.38	0.87	0.69	0.56
CHCHD2	-1.92	-1.64	0.00	-0.92	-1.13	1.17	-0.94
PNPLA4	-0.81	-1.16	-1.70	-1.36	0.00	-1.04	-1.41
SELENOH	0.00	0.80	1.22	1.19	1.17	1.83	1.16
UQCRRFS1	0.61	1.02	0.85	0.96	3.03	0.83	0.00
EHHADH	-0.65	1.76	-0.95	-1.25	-1.29	-1.20	0.00
ZNF75A	0.71	-1.40	0.00	1.41	0.82	1.11	0.71
EFL1	-0.69	-1.28	-0.71	-0.53	0.00	-1.82	-1.07
DHRS1	0.00	0.77	1.29	0.80	0.84	1.37	0.82
DMAC2	0.00	1.08	1.00	0.64	0.83	0.84	0.80
CRYZ	1.09	0.76	0.71	0.00	0.82	0.86	0.88
TRIM4	-0.61	-0.68	-0.99	-0.67	0.00	-0.57	-0.63
IQGAP2	0.00	-0.62	-0.77	-0.82	-0.71	-0.71	-0.51
DHCR24	0.00	-2.51	-2.52	0.00	-0.86	-3.70	-3.16
RPL29	0.00	2.34	0.00	1.51	2.35	3.68	1.88
ATP5F1E	2.33	0.00	2.48	0.00	1.84	2.01	2.72
HNRNPU	1.76	0.00	0.00	3.67	3.35	0.88	1.41
MACROH2A2	0.00	-3.03	-0.89	0.00	-0.72	-2.35	-3.38
SOX2	1.07	0.00	2.41	1.54	2.96	0.00	2.35
ZNF66	2.45	0.78	2.57	0.00	2.26	2.11	0.00
CHMP1A	2.09	0.00	2.17	0.00	1.86	2.04	1.89
SREK1	0.00	1.45	2.35	1.05	2.63	2.44	0.00
H1-0	2.17	0.00	2.29	2.01	0.71	2.20	0.00
FKBP8	2.30	1.97	1.71	0.00	1.55	0.00	1.51
BST2	1.05	2.30	1.48	1.93	2.20	0.00	0.00
EDF1	0.00	2.18	0.00	1.01	2.06	1.83	1.64
ACTN1	0.00	-1.63	-1.41	-1.70	-0.89	-1.62	0.00
NCALD	0.00	-1.67	-1.18	-1.25	-1.69	0.00	-1.25
AIG1	0.00	0.00	0.99	1.29	1.50	1.49	1.57
BLM	0.00	0.00	1.53	1.34	1.68	1.27	0.73
PGK1	0.00	1.59	0.00	0.67	1.13	1.76	1.39
UBTF	2.30	0.00	1.29	1.13	0.85	0.71	0.00
TSTD1	0.82	0.00	1.37	0.99	1.07	1.80	0.00
TPRKB	0.94	0.88	0.00	1.13	1.52	1.49	0.00
HPCAL1	0.00	-1.44	0.00	-0.85	-1.50	-0.65	-1.46
TMEM41A	-1.78	0.00	-1.47	-0.96	-0.56	-0.99	0.00
RPS7	-1.20	-0.95	0.00	-0.79	-1.23	0.00	-0.96
A8K070	0.81	0.00	1.11	1.11	0.92	0.00	0.99
TSFM	-1.42	-1.05	-0.80	-0.81	0.00	-0.80	0.00
GLS	0.00	-0.92	-0.74	-0.53	0.00	-1.22	-1.44
TMEM258	0.00	0.00	0.79	0.97	1.00	1.14	0.82
SCO2	1.06	0.68	0.84	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.93
CD99	0.00	0.00	0.82	1.12	0.93	0.68	0.96
UBASH3B	0.00	-0.67	-1.33	-0.76	-1.04	-0.63	0.00
SLC17A5	0.85	0.00	1.00	0.55	1.41	0.53	0.00
SMDT1	0.00	0.53	1.26	0.93	0.00	0.68	0.89
IST1	1.05	0.90	0.86	0.66	0.80	0.00	0.00
MAP4	0.00	0.58	0.00	1.34	0.66	0.99	0.66
CAT	-1.04	-0.78	0.00	-0.70	-0.83	-0.87	0.00
CNOT6	0.00	1.21	0.67	0.00	0.79	0.75	0.68
LGALS1	0.86	1.09	0.00	0.78	0.00	0.57	0.78
CDH2	0.00	-0.85	-0.65	-0.67	-0.75	-1.08	0.00
COMMD10	0.00	0.00	0.83	0.95	0.75	0.56	0.80
KHDRBS3	0.00	0.55	0.00	0.58	0.79	0.84	1.02
ARL5B	0.00	0.77	0.00	0.51	1.02	0.64	0.69
LIG3	0.79	0.00	0.67	0.63	0.75	0.00	0.63

Table A.11 Persistently dysregulated proteins FC values. Proteins dysregulated between *SNCA*-A53T and control cells in the same direction at five or more timepoints of the differentiation. Names and corresponding fold change (FC) values are indicated.

A.4 Differentially abundant metabolites

Differentially abundant metabolites identified at each timepoint of the differentiation ($p_{\text{adj}} < 0.05$ and $|\text{FC}| > 0.4$). Fold changes are indicated in parentheses.

DAY 0

Aspartic acid (+1.83), Kynurenine (-2.11), Inosinic acid (-2.40), Fructose 1,6-bisphosphate (-1.47), Indole-3-acrylic acid (+1.28), Glucose-6-phosphate (-0.97), Tryptophan (+1.26), Thymidine (+3.50), Folic acid (+3.66), Nicotinamide (+1.31), Methionine (+1.43), Cystine (+3.22), Indole-3-acetaldehyde (+3.08), Uridine monophosphate (-1.13), Galactose (+2.83), Leucine (+1.01), Guanosine monophosphate (-0.73), Betaine (-0.83), Lactic Acid (-0.55), Choline (+0.47), Phenylalanine (+0.81), Guanosine triphosphate (-1.19), Isoleucine (+0.80), Adenosine diphosphate (-1.54), Taurine (-1.54), Citric acid (-0.62), Adenosine monophosphate (-1.89), Histidine (+2.07), 2-Hydroxyglutaric acid (-0.82), Cytidine monophosphate (-0.67), Adenosine triphosphate (-0.79), Guanosine diphosphate (-1.82), Pyridoxine (+0.83), Isobutyrylglycine (-0.99)

DAY 6

(-)-Riboflavin (+1.24), Cytidine (-1.52), Betaine (+1.39), Citric acid (-0.71), 3-(4-Hydroxyphenyl)propionic acid (+1.05), Kynurenine (+2.40), Malic Acid (-0.71), Fructose (-0.53), Fumaric acid (-0.74), Pyruvic acid (-0.62), Phosphoenolpyruvic acid (-0.60), Carnitine (+0.42)

DAY 15

(-)-Riboflavin (+1.94), Citric acid (-0.66), Threonine (-1.20), Cystathionine (+1.32), D-PANTOTHENIC ACID (+1.08), Guanosine triphosphate (-1.48), Tryptophan (+0.48), gamma-Aminobutyric acid (-0.81), Carnitine (+0.66), 2-Hydroxyglutaric acid (-0.84), biotin (+2.11), Leucine (+0.55), Indole-3-acrylic acid (+0.45), Cytosine (+1.70), Isoleucine (+0.65), Cytidine triphosphate (-1.19), Lactic Acid (+0.40), Indole-3-acetaldehyde (+1.17)

DAY 21

Inosinic acid (+3.65), Citrulline (+2.61), Epinephrine (+0.89), Taurine (+1.05), Cytosine (+0.85), biotin (+1.75), Fructose 6-phosphate (+0.59), Glucose-6-phosphate (+0.59), gamma-Aminobutyric acid (-1.19), (-)-Riboflavin (+1.45)

DAY 30

Cystathionine (-3.08), Thymidine (+3.32), Citrulline (+2.70), Choline (-1.20), Uridine monophosphate (+1.05), Cytosine (+1.54)

