1 A genetically-encoded fluorescent sensor enables rapid

² and specific detection of dopamine in flies, fish, and mice

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39 Abstract

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Dopamine (DA) is a central monoamine neurotransmitter involved in many 41 42 physiological and pathological processes. A longstanding yet largely unmet goal is to measure DA changes reliably and specifically with high spatiotemporal precision, 43 44 particularly in animals executing complex behaviors. Here we report the development of novel genetically-encoded GPCR-Activation-Based-DA (GRAB_{DA}) 45 46 sensors that enable these measurements. In response to extracellular DA rises, GRAB_{DA} sensors exhibit large fluorescence increases ($\Delta F/F_0 \sim 90\%$) with sub-second 47 48 kinetics, nanomolar to sub-micromolar affinities, and excellent molecular specificity. Importantly, GRAB_{DA} sensors can resolve a single-electrical-stimulus evoked DA 49 release in mouse brain slices, and detect endogenous DA release in the intact brains 50 of flies, fish, and mice. In freely-behaving mice, GRAB_{DA} sensors readily report 51 optogenetically-elicited nigrostriatal DA release and depict 52 dynamic 53 mesoaccumbens DA changes during Pavlovian conditioning or during sexual behaviors. Thus, GRAB_{DA} sensors enable spatiotemporal precise measurements of 54 55 DA dynamics in a variety of model organisms while exhibiting complex behaviors.

57 Introduction

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Dopamine is a crucial monoamine neurotransmitter in both vertebrates and 59 invertebrates. In the vertebrate central nervous system, DA regulates a wide 60 range of complex processes, including reward signaling (Schultz, 2016; Wise, 61 2004), reinforcement learning (Holroyd and Coles, 2002), attention (Nieoullon, 62 2002), motor control (Graybiel et al., 1994), arousal (Kume et al., 2005; Wisor 63 et al., 2001), and stress (Abercrombie et al., 1989). In the human brain, 64 impaired DA transmission is associated with neuropsychiatric disorders and 65 neurodegenerative diseases, including attention deficit hyperactivity disorder 66 (Cook Jr et al., 1995), schizophrenia (Howes and Kapur, 2009) and Parkinson's 67 disease (Lotharius and Brundin, 2002). Moreover, psychostimulants, such as 68 cocaine and amphetamine, exert their addictive effects by targeting 69 components in the DA signaling pathway and by altering extracellular DA levels 70 (Di Chiara and Imperato, 1988; Giros et al., 1996; Hernandez and Hoebel, 1988; 71 72 Ritz et al., 1987).

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Despite many important roles that DA plays in both physiological and 74 pathological processes, precise measurements of the spatial and temporal 75 patterns of DA release during complex behaviors are lacking. This gap in 76 understanding due in large part to the limitation associated with existing 77 methods for the real-time detection of endogenous DA release in the intact brain. 78 Historically, intracerebral microdialysis has served as the gold standard for 79 quantitative measurements of extracellular DA concentration. However, the 80 relative slow sampling rate afforded by microdialysis is not well suited to detect 81 dynamic changes in DA levels during complex and rapidly evolving behaviors, 82 such as those that characterize social affiliation (Tidey and Miczek, 1996), 83 aggression (van Erp and Miczek, 2000), and mating (Pfaus et al., 1990a, b). 84 Fast-scan cyclic voltammetry (FSCV) is a temperamental electrochemical 85 method that can measure changes in extracellular DA concentrations with 10-86 ms temporal resolution (Robinson et al., 2008; Rodeberg et al., 2017). However, 87 because FSCV requires oxidization of DA molecules, it is difficult to distinguish 88 DA from other structurally similar transmitters, such as norepinephrine (NE) 89 (Robinson et al., 2003). Moreover, both microdialysis and FSCV require 90 implantation of a relatively large probe or electrode (approximately 70-300 µm 91 in diameter) into a specific brain region, which precludes the ability to obtain 92 spatially precise measurements of endogenous DA release (Jaguins-Gerstl and 93 Michael, 2015). 94

In lieu of direct measurements of extracellular DA, indirect methods, for 96 97 example, measuring the activity of dopaminergic neurons (DANs) or the activation of DA receptor downstream targets, have also been used to 98 approximate the dynamics of DA release. Genetic expression of a presynaptic 99 tethered Ca²⁺ indicator in DANs has been used to indicate potential 100 compartmentalized DA signals in the Drosophila olfactory pathway (Cohn et al., 101 2015). However, given the highly complex regulation of presynaptic Ca^{2+} , the 102 nonlinear relationship between intracellular Ca²⁺ and transmitter release, as 103 well as the active uptake of extracellular DA by transporters, it is difficult to 104 quantitatively translate Ca²⁺ signals precisely into extracellular DA levels. Cell-105 based DA reporters, such as CNiFERs (Muller et al., 2014), use transplated 106 HEK293 cells constitutively expressing DA receptors together with an 107 intracellular Ca²⁺ indicator to couple extracellular DA signals with the 108 fluorescence increase. However, This approach requires cell transplantation, 109 which may limit the broad usage of this method. Moreover, CNiFERs are not 110 spatially sensitive to synaptically released DA and thus may be limited to 111 measurements of volumetric transmission of DA. Finally, the TANGO assay and 112 their next-generation versions (Barnea et al., 2008; Inagaki et al., 2012; Kim et 113 al., 2017; Lee et al., 2017) have been used to measure endogenous DA release 114 by coupling the β -arrestin signaling pathway to reporter gene expression. 115 Although this approach enables the cell-type specific expression of the DA 116 reporter and is suitable for *in vivo* measurements, the long signal amplification 117 time (on the order of hours) required for this assay precludes the ability to 118 monitor rapid, physiologically relevant dynamics of DA signaling in real time. 119

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Here, we report the development of novel, genetically-encoded sensors that 121 enable direct, rapid, sensitive, and cell-type specific detection of extracellular 122 123 DA. These sensors, which we call GRAB_{DA} sensors, were engineered by coupling a conformationally sensitive circular-permutated EGFP (cpEGFP) to a 124 selected human DA receptor. Through iterative engineering and optimization, 125 we yielded two GRAB_{DA} sensors: GRAB_{DA1m}, with medium DA affinity (EC₅₀ ~ 126 130 nM); and GRAB_{DA1h}, with high DA affinity (EC₅₀ ~ 10 nM). We show that 127 these two newly developed GRABDA sensors enable real-time detection of 128 endogenous DA in acute brain slices of mice and in the intact brains of versatile 129 animal models including flies, fish, and mice. 130

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134 **Results**

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Development and initial characterization of GRAB_{DA} sensors

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138 To develop a genetically encoded sensor for DA, we sought to engineer naturally evolved DA receptors to couple a conformationally sensitive cpEGFP. 139 We hypothesized that upon DA binding, the conformational changes in the 140 receptor could alter the arrangement of the associated cpEGFP, resulting in a 141 DA-dependent change in fluorescence. Indeed, a similar strategy was recently 142 applied in creating the genetically encoded acetylcholine sensor GACh (Miao 143 Jing et al., 2018), suggesting that this strategy could potentially be expanded 144 to generate DA sensors. 145

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We used a three-step approach to engineer and optimize GRAB_{DA} sensors (Fig. 147 1A-C): First, as the third intracellular loop (ICL3) of the G protein-coupled 148 receptor (GPCR) links transmembrane V and VI that are thought to undergo 149 large conformational changes upon ligand binding (Kruse et al., 2013), a 150 cpEGFP was first inserted into the ICL3 of all five subtypes of human dopamine 151 receptors (DRs); we subsequently focused on the D₂R-cpEGFP chimera due to 152 its superior membrane trafficking and relatively high affinity for DA (Beaulieu 153 and Gainetdinov, 2011; Missale et al., 1998) (Fig. S1A,B). In the second step, 154 the position of the cpEGFP insertion within the ICL3, and individual amino-acids 155 in the linker region between cpEGFP and D₂R were systematically screened 156 (Fig. 1A,B). Finally, mutations at residues critical for receptors affinity for DA 157 (Sung et al., 2016) were further introduced to expand the sensor's response 158 range (Fig. 1C). After screening a total of more than 432 variants, we chose two, 159 GRAB_{DA1m} and GRAB_{DA1h}, both of which have a ~90% maximal Δ F/F₀ response 160 to the application of saturating levels of DA (Fig. 1B,E), but differ by an order of 161 magnitude with respect to affinity for DA (130 nM for GRABDA1m and 10 nM for 162 GRAB_{DA1h}) (Fig. 1C). We also generated a corresponding mutant variant of 163 each sensor (GRABDA1m-mut and GRABDA1h-mut) by introducing C118A and 164 S193N double mutations in the receptor's putative DA-binding pocket in order 165 to abolish the DA binding (Chien et al., 2010b; Wang et al., 2018) (Fig. S1D). 166 These so-called "dead" mutants exhibited no DA-induced change in 167 fluorescence compared with GRAB_{DA1m} and GRAB_{DA1h} (Fig. 1D). 168

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cultured HEK293T cells. Both GRABDA1m and GRABDA1h trafficked efficiently to 171 172 the plasma membrane of HEK293T cells (Fig. 1D and Fig. S1C). Cells expressing GRAB_{DA1m} and GRAB_{DA1h} exhibited robust fluorescence increases 173 upon bath application of DA (Fig. 1D-F). Notably, the DA-induced fluorescence 174 increase was completely blocked by the co-application of the D₂R antagonist 175 haloperidol (Halo) (Sokoloff et al., 1990), confirming the molecular specificity of 176 these sensors (Fig. 1E). Both mutant forms of GRABDA sensors trafficked 177 178 normally to the plasma membrane, similar to GRAB_{DA1m} and GRAB_{DA1h} (Fig. 1D and Fig. S1C), albeit with no detectable fluorescence increase in response 179 180 to DA application (Fig. 1D,E). To characterize the response kinetics of GRAB_{DA1m} and GRAB_{DA1h}, agonists or antagonists at high concentrations were 181 locally applied to HEK293T cells expressing these sensors via a rapid perfusion 182 system (Fig. 1F,G). Both GRAB_{DA1m} and GRAB_{DA1h} showed rapid fluorescence 183 184 increases (on rate) in response to DA application, with a time constant of ~100 ms (60 ± 10 ms for GRAB_{DA1m} and 140 ± 20 ms for GRAB_{DA1h}, respectively), 185 implying that GRAB_{DA} sensors are suitable for tracking rapid DA dynamics. The 186 fluorescence decrease (off rate) of the GRABDA sensors in response to 187 applications of the antagonist Halo is slower in GRAB_{DA1h} (2.5 \pm 0.3 s) 188 compared with $GRAB_{DA1m}$ (0.7 ± 0.06 s), consistent with the differences in 189 affinity (Fig. 1G). We also measured the photostability of GRAB_{DA1m} and 190 GRAB_{DA1h} in HEK293T cells. Under confocal laser illumination, both GRAB_{DA} 191 sensors were significantly more photostable than a membrane targeted EGFP 192 or the glutamate sensor iGluSnFR (Marvin et al., 2013) (Fig. S2), suggesting 193 that these new DA sensors are suitable for long-term measurements of DA 194 dynamics. 195

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We also tested the specificity of GRAB_{DA} sensors for DA comparing with other 197 198 neurotransmitters. HEK293T cells expressing GRAB_{DA} sensors were sequentially perfused with solutions containing different neurotransmitters (Fig. 199 1H and Fig. S3; all were applied at 1 µM concentration). Again, bath application 200 of DA induced robust fluorescence increases in both GRABDA1m- and 201 GRAB_{DA1h}-expressing cells, and these signals were completely blocked by co-202 application of D₂R antagonists Halo or eticlopride (Etic), but not by the D₁R 203 antagonist SCH-23390 (SCH). In contrast, applications of various other 204 neurotransmitters, including serotonin (5-HT), histamine (His), glutamate (Glu), 205 GABA, adenosine (Ade), acetylcholine (ACh), tyramine (Tyr), octopamine (Oct), 206 glycine (Gly), or the DA precursor L-DOPA, did not elicit any detectable 207 fluorescence changes (Fig. 1H and Fig. S3). We found that NE application 208 evoked a small yet significant increase in fluorescence in both GRAB_{DA1m}- and 209 210 GRAB_{DA1h}-expressing cells, although this increase was considerable smaller

than the response elicited by DA applied at the same concentration (for 211 212 GRAB_{DA1m}, the $\Delta F/F_0$ in response to NE is 26% of that to DA). Further characterization of the affinity of GRABDA1m or GRABDA1h to both DA and NE 213 214 revealed a 10-fold higher affinity to DA against NE (Fig. 1H and Fig. S3), as expected from the specificity of native human D₂R to DA and NE (Lanau et al., 215 216 1997b). Overall, GRAB_{DA1m} and GRAB_{DA1h} sensors show rapid and highly sensitive responses to physiological ranges of DA with little or no sensitivity to 217 almost all other neurotransmitters tested here. 218

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Does ectopic expression of GRAB_{DA} sensors elicit unintended signaling by 220 coupling to GPCR's downstream pathways? To examine this, we separately 221 tested the coupling efficacies of GRAB_{DA} sensors to either G protein- or β-222 arrestin-dependent pathways that are known to be downstream of activated 223 D₂R (Beaulieu and Gainetdinov, 2011). It is well established that the coupling 224 of a G protein with its cognate GPCR significantly increases the receptor's 225 binding affinity for its ligand (Kruse et al., 2013). We therefore used pertussis 226 toxin (PTX), which potently and selectively blocks the coupling between Gi 227 proteins and GPCRs, such as D₂R (Burns, 1988). In cells expressing either 228 GRAB_{DA1m} or GRAB_{DA1h}, co-expression of PTX did not significantly alter the 229 sensors' affinity for DA, indicating that GRAB_{DA} sensors do not couple 230 extensively to Gi proteins (Fig. 1I). On the other hand, if the DA-binding of 231 GRAB_{DA} sensors activates the β -arrestin-dependent pathway, the resulting 232 internalization of sensors would reduce the fluorescence at the plasma 233 membrane of HEK293T cells (Luttrell and Lefkowitz, 2002). However, we 234 observed stable membrane fluorescence of the GRAB_{DA} sensor-expressing 235 cells throughout a 2-hour exposure to DA at a saturation concentration (100 236 μ M), suggesting no detectable activation of β -arrestin-dependent signaling 237 238 under these conditions (Fig. 1J). Collectively, these data suggest that GRABDA sensors do not engage these major downstream GPCR-mediated signaling 239 240 pathways.

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242 Characterization of GRAB_{DA} in cultured neurons

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We next evaluated the expression pattern and functional properties of GRAB_{DA} sensors in cultured rat cortical neurons. After 48h expression, both GRAB_{DA1m} and GRAB_{DA1h} showed basal fluorescence signals in transfected neurons, with the brightest signal in the plasma membrane of somas and neurites, indicated by the colocalization with a membrane marker RFP-CAAX (Hancock et al.,

1991) (Fig. 2A,B and Fig. S4). In addition, co-expression of the GRABDA 249 sensors with the postsynaptic (PSD95-RFP) or presynaptic (SYP-RFP) 250 markers revealed that GRAB_{DA} sensors were distributed throughout the entire 251 252 membrane in dendritic shafts, spines, axons and axonal boutons, suggesting the suitability of GRAB_{DA} sensors to detect DA dynamics in sub-neuronal 253 compartments (Fig. 2B and Fig. S4). As in HEK293T cells, DA application in 254 transfected cultured neurons induced dose-dependent fluorescence increases 255 256 in both GRAB_{DA1m}- and GRAB_{DA1h}-expressing neurons with a similar maximum Δ F/F₀ of ~90%, and with an EC₅₀ of ~170 nM and ~8 nM for GRAB_{DA1m} and 257 GRAB_{DA1h}, respectively (Fig. 2C-E). Moreover, the specificity of both GRAB_{DA} 258 sensors for DA was similar in cultured neurons compared to HEK 293T cells 259 (Fig. 2F). Finally, no detectable decrease of surface fluorescence signals of 260 GRAB_{DA} sensors-expressing cells was observed in response to a 2-h 261 262 continuous application of DA at a saturation concentration (100 μ M) (Fig. 2G), suggesting that GRAB_{DA} sensors were not internalized over this time frame. 263 Collectively, these data demonstrate that GRAB_{DA} sensors can monitor DA 264 signals with high sensitivity and specificity in cultured rat cortical neurons. 265

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267 Characterization of GRAB_{DA} in acute brain slices

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A crucial issue is whether GRAB_{DA} sensors are sufficiently sensitive to detect 269 and monitor endogenous DA release in native brain tissue. To begin to resolve 270 this issue, we injected AAVs carrying either GRABDA1m or GRABDA1h into the 271 nucleus accumbens (NAc) of mice, then prepared acute brain slices containing 272 NAc two weeks later. Post hoc visualization in fixed brain slices revealed that 273 the fluorescent signal of GRAB_{DA} sensors could be detected in the NAc region 274 of virus-injected mice, and the signal was in close proximity to putative DA-275 releasing fibers that were immunoreactive for tyrosine hydroxylase (TH) (Fig. 276 3A). Electrical stimulation within NAc core elicited robust and time-locked 277 fluorescence increases in both GRABDA1m- and GRABDA1h-expressing neurons 278 (Fig. 3A-C). Increasing the number of stimulation pulses or stimulation 279 frequency resulted in a progressive increase in the intensity of evoked 280 fluorescence signals in neurons expressing GRAB_{DA1m} or GRAB_{DA1h} (Fig. 3B,C). 281 These stimulus-evoked fluorescent signals reached plateau levels at high 282 stimulation frequency with large stimulation number (e.g. more than 50 pulses) 283 in GRAB_{DA1h} expressing neurons, presumably due to saturation of the sensor 284 arising from GRAB_{DA1h}'s high affinity for DA. The rise times of stimulus-evoked 285 fluorescence signals were fast in both GRABDA1m- and GRABDA1h-expressing 286 neurons (Fig. 3D), whereas the decay time of fluorescent signals in GRAB_{DA1h} 287

expressing neurons was slower than that in neurons expressing GRAB_{DA1m} (Fig. 288 289 3D), consistent with the DA affinity and response kinetics measured in cultured cells (see Fig. 1C,G). Repeated electrical stimuli delivered at 5-minute intervals 290 evoked reproducible fluorescence responses, indicating the reliability and 291 stability of GRABDA1m and GRABDA1h in reporting multiple DA releasing events 292 (Fig. 3E). Bath application of the D_2R antagonist Halo abolished the electrically 293 stimuli-induced fluorescence responses in either GRABDA1m- or GRABDA1h-294 expressing neurons (Fig. 3F), verifying the sensor's specificity when expressed 295 in brain slices. Collectively, both GRABDA1m and GRABDA1h enable sensitive and 296 specific detection of endogenous DA dynamics in acute mouse brain slices. 297

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299 Imaging DA dynamics in Drosophila

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We next examined the ability of GRAB_{DA} sensors to detect physiologically 301 relevant DA dynamics in living animals. We selected the fly as an initial test of 302 our sensors, as DA plays a key role in the fly brain, serving as a critical teaching 303 signal in olfactory-associative learning (Burke et al., 2012; Heisenberg, 2003; 304 Liu et al., 2012; Schwaerzel et al., 2003). Transgenic UAS-GRABDA1m flies were 305 generated and first crossed with TH-GAL4 to express GRABDA1m specifically in 306 DANs. Two-photon imaging methods were used to study odor-evoked DA 307 signals in the mushroom body (MB) in living flies (Fig. 4A). We found that the 308 odorant isoamyl acetate (IA) elicited a time-locked fluorescence increase in the 309 MB, most prominently in the β ' lobes, and this IA-evoked response was blocked 310 by Halo application. In contrast, no IA-evoked fluorescence response was 311 observed in flies expressing GRAB_{DA1m-mut} (Fig. 4B). To further test the signal 312 specificity, we use the C305a-GAL4 line to express GRAB_{DA1m} in Kenyon cells 313 which receives direct input from DANs (Aso et al., 2010). Comparing wild-type 314 (WT) control flies and TH-deficient flies (Cichewicz et al., 2017), which lack DA 315 synthesis in the CNS. Compared with WT flies, we observed no detectable IA-316 evoked GRAB_{DA1m} fluorescence increase was observed in TH-deficient flies 317 (Fig. 4B,C). We also examined whether the ectopic expression of GRABDA 318 sensors may alter physiological properties, such as the neuronal excitability. 319 We observed no significant difference between GRAB_{DA} sensors-expressing 320 and non-expressing DANs or Kenyon cells with respect to odor-evoked Ca²⁺ 321 signals (Fig. S5), suggesting that expression of the sensor does not alter odor-322 evoked responses in neurons in the fly brain. 323

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325 To further characterize the sensitivity and kinetics of GRAB_{DA1m} in vivo, we

electrically stimulated MB DANs while simultaneously monitoring the 326 corresponding fluorescence signals (Fig. 4D,E). We found that GRAB_{DA1m}-327 expressing DANs exhibited a reproducible fluorescence increases in response 328 to repeated trains of electrical stimuli delivered at various frequencies, and even 329 a single stimulus was sufficient to elicit a measurable increase in fluorescence 330 331 (Fig. 4D,E). In contrast, similar electrical stimulation did not evoke any detectable fluorescence increase in flies expressing GRAB_{DA1m-mut} (Fig. 4D.E). 332 With the increase of pulse number delivered at 20 Hz, fluorescence signals of 333 GRAB_{DA1m} increased progressively and reached a plateau of peak $\Delta F/F_0$ of ~35% 334 after 10 pulses (Fig. 4F-H). The fluorescence responses evoked by electrical 335 stimulation exhibited sub-second kinetics, with on and off time constants of 0.07 336 \pm 0.01 s and 0.39 \pm 0.05 s, respectively (Fig. 4I), indicating the suitability of 337 GRAB_{DA1m} for monitoring endogenous transient DA signals. Consistent with the 338 339 odor-evoked fluorescence increase, application of Halo completely blocked the fluorescence increases elicited by electrical stimuli (Fig. 4J,K), confirming the 340 sensor's specificity. 341

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The DA transporter (DAT), which is a highly conserved protein across insects 343 and vertebrates, is responsible for the reuptake of DA from extracellular space 344 for subsequent reuse, and is the primary target of many drugs of abuse (Bainton 345 et al., 2000; Ritz et al., 1987). Impairing DAT function results in sustained 346 elevation of extracellular DA levels (Fig. 4L) (Bainton et al., 2000; Ritz et al., 347 1987). To determine whether our sensor could detect changes in extracellular 348 DA arising from manipulation of the DAT, we applied cocaine, a psychostimulant 349 drug that blocks DAT. Cocaine significantly potentiated the odor-evoked 350 fluorescence increase of GRABDA1m expressed in MB DANs, and this cocaine-351 potentiated response was accompanied by a prolonged decay in the 352 353 fluorescence signal (Fig. 4M-O). Genetically knocking down the expression of DAT selectively in DANs phenocopied the effect of cocaine administration (Fig. 354 4M-O), confirming the ability of GRAB_{DA1m} to measure the dynamic regulation 355 of DA release and reuptake in vivo. Together with our results described above, 356 these data demonstrated that GRAB_{DA} sensors have the sensitivity, fast 357 kinetics, and specificity to report in vivo DA dynamics in genetically-defined 358 neurons in the intact brain of living flies. 359

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361 Imaging DA release in the intact zebrafish brain

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363 Zebrafish larvae have an optically transparent brain and is capable of

performing a wide range of behaviors, affording a powerful system to explore 364 the structure and function of the vertebrate brain at cellular resolution in a 365 behavioral framework. To test the feasibility of using GRABDA sensors in 366 imaging DA dynamics in zebrafish larvae, we generated the transgenic line 367 Tg(elval3:GRAB_{DA1m}/DAT:TRPV1-TagRFP), in which **GRAB**DA1m 368 was expressed pan-neuronally throughout the brain, and TRPV1-TagRFP was 369 expressed specifically in DANs to enable their chemogenetic activation by 370 capsaicin (Fig. 5A). We first applied DA to the fish, and observed fluorescence 371 increases in GRAB_{DA1m}-expressing neurons in the head, which were blocked 372 by co-application of antagonist Halo, suggesting the specificity of GRAB_{DA} (Fig. 373 5B-D). 374

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Next, we hope to track the dynamics of endogenous DA signals in zebrafish 376 larvae. We previously reported that the optic tectum of zebrafish larvae receives 377 synaptic input from pretectal DANs (Shang et al., 2015), advancing the tectum 378 as a potential site to monitor DA release. We therefore performed confocal 379 imaging of GRAB_{DA1m}-expressing tectal neurons in the live transgenic zebrafish 380 larvae (Fig. 5E). Repeated application of capsaicin (five 100-ms puffs delivered 381 with a 1-min interval) caused the progressive increase in the fluorescence 382 signals in the tectal neuropil (Fig. 5F-H). The capsaicin-induced fluorescence 383 increase was again abolished by the application of Halo (Fig. 5F-H), confirming 384 that the response was specifically due to GRABDA1m activation. Thus, the 385 GRAB_{DA1m} is well suited to report *in vivo* DA dynamics in the brain of zebrafish 386 larvae. 387

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Combining optogenetics with GRAB_{DA} to measure the dynamics of DA in freely moving mice

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To test the ability of GRAB_{DA} sensors to report DA dynamics in specific circuits 392 in the mouse brain *in vivo*, we focused on DANs located in the substantia nigra 393 pars compacta (SNc) that project to the dorsal striatum (Str). This nigrostriatal 394 pathway is implicated in complex behavioural functions including motivation, 395 reward, and learning (Balleine et al., 2007; Da Silva et al., 2018; Howe and 396 Dombeck, 2016). We virally expressed DIO-C1V1 (Yizhar et al., 2011) in the 397 SNc of TH-Cre mice, permitting selective optogenetic activation of DANs. 398 Additionally, we virally co-expressed GRAB_{DA1m} and tdTomato in the dorsal 399 striatum, allowing us to simultaneously monitor DA release using the green 400 (GRAB_{DA1m}) channel while detecting movement-related fluorescence artefacts 401

using the red (tdTomato) channel (Fig. 6A,B, see methods for detail). In free 402 moving mice, the ratio of GRAB_{DA1m} to tdTomato fluorescence was elevated 403 upon the administration of methylphenidate, a known DAT blocker (Volkow et 404 al., 1999) (Fig. 6C, top), and was suppressed by subsequent administration of 405 Etic (Fig. 6C, top), a D₂R blocker, implying the ability of GRAB_{DA} sensors in 406 reporting DA dynamics to pharmacological treatments. Interestingly, we 407 observed fluctuations in the ratio of GRAB_{DA1m} to tdTomato fluorescence that 408 likely reflect the spontaneous DA release during the animal movements 409 (Balleine et al., 2007; Da Silva et al., 2018; Howe and Dombeck, 2016), as they 410 411 were prolonged during methylphenidate application and largely diminished by Etic administration (Fig. 6C, bottom). 412

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Combining optogenetic stimulation and fiber photometry in freely moving mice, 414 we observed that C1V1-evoked activation of DANs in the SNc generated a 415 time-locked transient fluorescence increase in the dorsal striatum specific to the 416 GRAB_{DA1m} channel (Fig. 6D), consistent with the evoked DA release from SNc 417 DAN terminals. Systemic administration of the DA transporter blocker 418 methylphenidate significantly prolonged the decay of optogenetically-evoked 419 GRAB_{DA1m} fluorescence responses in the dorsal striatum (Fig. 6D,E). 420 Furthermore, administration of D₂R antagonist Etic largely abolished the 421 response (Fig. 6D,F). Therefore, the GRAB_{DA}- and C1V1- based all-optical 422 approach is effective for monitoring spontaneous and optogenetically-evoked 423 DA release in the nigrostriatal pathway of mice. 424

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Bi-directional modulation of DA dynamics in the nucleus accumbens (NAc) during Pavlovian conditioning

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In addition to the nigrostriatal pathway, the dopaminergic projection from the 429 ventral tegmental area (VTA) to the nucleus accumbens (NAc) regulates a 430 variety of important functions including the reinforcement learning (Daw and 431 Tobler, 2013; Glimcher, 2011; Gonzales et al., 2004), wherein an animal learns 432 to associate an initially neutral sensory cue, such as a short tone burst, with an 433 ensuing reward or punishment. Previous studies show that DANs in the VTA 434 fire phasically to unpredicted rewards or reward-predicting cues and, with 435 conditioning, the reward-evoked response diminishes as it becomes fully 436 predicted by the cue (Bayer and Glimcher, 2005; Schultz, 2006; Schultz et al., 437 1997). To test whether our sensor can detect behaviourally relevant changes in 438 endogenous DA release, we first expressed GRAB_{DA1h} in the NAc of head-fixed, 439

water-restricted mice and trained them to associate a brief auditory cue with 440 subsequent delivery of a liquid sucrose water reward (Fig. 7A). Each mouse 441 experienced two distinct auditory cues, one that predicted delivery of a reward 442 within a variable delay of 500-1500 ms after the end of the cue, as well as a 443 second, randomly interleaved control cue (No Water, N.W.) that was not 444 associated with water reward. Mice were trained daily for ~10 days, and the 445 GRAB_{DA1h} signal was recorded using *in vivo* fiber photometry in both the early 446 447 and late stages of training. Consistent with the expected DA signaling in this classical paradigm, elevations in the GRAB_{DA1h} fluorescent signal aligned to 448 reward delivery in every mouse, immediately in the first session without 449 requiring training (Fig. 7C,E). After 6-10 days of training, mice selectively 450 451 learned to associate the reward-predictive cue with delivery of reward. Consistent with the established reward prediction error theory of DA function. 452 453 DA signals emerged in trained mice in response to the reward-predicting cue before the delivery of the reward (Fig. 7B,D-F). These results demonstrate that 454 the signal-to-noise and temporal resolution of GRABDA1h is sufficient to detect 455 physiologically relevant DA signaling in vivo in awake, behaving mice. 456 Furthermore, these results serve to validate the GRAB_{DA1h} recorded DA signals 457 by anchoring them to decades of established basal ganglia and the physiology 458 of DA neurons. 459

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In addition to transient elevations in DA signal in response to unexpected 461 reward, DA neuron firing dips briefly in response to aversive stimuli (Brooks and 462 Berns, 2013; Schultz, 2007; Ungless et al., 2004). We expressed the lower 463 affinity GRAB_{DA1m} in the NAc of mice and trained them to associate a tone burst 464 with an ensuing reward (a drop of water), or a punishment (a brief air puff to the 465 face) to test whether our sensor can detect bi-directional changes in DA tone. 466 467 During training, mice learned the association between an auditory cue and several outcomes (Fig. 7A). In vivo fiber photometry recording of GRABDA 468 signals revealed that during early stages of training, reward or punishment 469 delivery triggered a robust increase or decrease in the fluorescence signal in 470 the NAc (Fig. 7G,H). Over the course of training, the magnitude of this reward-471 evoked response decreased, while a response of similar sign developed to the 472 associated cue (Fig. 7G,H). In summary, the GRABDA sensor can be used to 473 report the dynamic bi-directional changes in DA release over the course of 474 Pavlovian conditioning. 475

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477 Monitoring DA release in the NAc of mice during male mating behaviors

In contrast to the well-established involvement of DA in Pavlovian conditioning, 479 DA dynamics during naturally rewarding social behaviors (Berridge and 480 Robinson, 1998), such as courtship and mating, remains largely a subject of 481 debate. Microdialysis and voltammetric measurements have previously 482 revealed a relatively slow change in DA concentration during sexual behaviors: 483 DA levels in the male's NAc start to increase after a female is introduced into 484 his cage and continues to rise throughout the course of sexual behaviors and 485 ejaculation (~20 minutes), then slowly (~30 minutes) return to baseline after the 486 female is removed (Damsma et al., 1992; Mas et al., 1995; Pfaus et al., 1990b). 487 In contrast, a more recent study using FSCV showed that DA is transiently 488 released in the male's NAc when the female is introduced but few changes in 489 DA levels were detected during subsequent sexual behaviors (Robinson et al., 490 2002; Robinson et al., 2001). To better understand DA dynamics during sexual 491 492 behaviors, we virally expressed GRABDA1h in the NAc of male mice and used fiber photometry to record DA signals during sexual behaviors (Fig. 8A). Four 493 weeks after injection, a sexually receptive C57BL/6 female was introduced into 494 the home cage of the male mouse. Upon a female introduction, the male quickly 495 approached and investigated the female, and then initiated mounting within the 496 first minute. The GRAB_{DA1h} signals measured in the male's NAc acutely and 497 consistently increased with investigation of the female, mounting, intromission, 498 ejaculation, and penile grooming (Fig. 8B). When we aligned the GRAB_{DA1h} 499 signals with the manually annotated behaviors for each male, we observed that 500 fluorescence signals increased prior to the corresponding behavior, peaked at 501 the behavior's onset, and then gradually declined (Fig. 8C). Among all of the 502 sexual behaviors we annotated, the largest fluorescence increase occurred 503 during intromission and ejaculation (Fig. 8C,D). These results indicate that DA 504 in the NAc is acutely released during episodes of sexual behaviors and may 505 carry information regarding specific features of courtship and/or mating. 506

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508 Discussion

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Here we describe the development and characterization of a pair of novel 510 genetically-encoded sensors that enable specific, real-time detection of 511 endogenous DA dynamics in various ex vivo and in vivo preparations and model 512 systems. In acute mouse brain slices, GRAB_{DA} sensors were well suited to 513 514 monitor stimulus-evoked DA release in mesolimbic pathway. In flies, GRABDA sensors were sufficiently sensitive to detect DA release in the MB triggered by 515 odorants presented at physiologically relevant concentrations, and could also 516 517 readily resolve DA release evoked by a single electrical stimulus. In transgenic 518 zebrafish, GRAB_{DA} sensors were able to report DA release in the optic tectum

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in response to the chemogenetic activation of pretectal DANs. In mice, combining optogenetic stimulation with GRAB_{DA} sensors enabled the simultaneous optical manipulation and detection of DA signals *in vivo*. Finally, GRAB_{DA} sensors revealed real-time DA dynamics in the NAc of freely behaving mice as they underwent Pavlovian conditioning or engaged in sexual behaviors.

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Compared to current methods used to measure DA release, our GRABDA 525 sensors described here exhibit several clear advantages. First, GRABDA 526 sensors are genetically-encoded by relatively small genes (~2 kb), making them 527 highly amenable to transgenic approaches and viral packaging. Second, 528 GRAB_{DA} sensors have high sensitivity to DA. In response to DA, GRAB_{DA1m} and 529 GRAB_{DA1h} sensors are capable of achieving maximal Δ F/F ~ 90% with ~10 nM 530 and ~100 nM affinities, respectively. In contrast, conventional GPCR-based 531 FRET probes for detecting neurotransmitters are usually limited to a maximum 532 FRET signal changes of ~ 5% under optimal conditions, and less than that in 533 vivo (Vilardaga et al., 2003; Ziegler et al., 2011). Third, GRABDA sensors have 534 high specificity to DA: A range of experimental approaches, including 535 application of multiple neurotransmitters and D₂R antagonists, perturbation of 536 DATs, or manipulation of DA synthesis pathways unequivocally support the 537 molecular specificity of GRAB_{DA} sensors for DA. Notably, similar to the human 538 D₂R upon which they are based, both GRAB_{DA} sensors have a 10-fold higher 539 affinity for DA than for NE (Lanau et al., 1997b); in contrast, FSCV is unable to 540 discriminate between these two catecholamines (Fox and Wightman, 2016; 541 Park et al., 2009). Finally, GRAB_{DA} sensors have extremely rapid response 542 kinetics: GRAB_{DA} sensors report increases in DA levels with a rise time of ≤ 100 543 ms (Fig. 1G, 3D and 4I). Although this response time of GRAB_{DA} sensors is 544 slower than voltammetry methods, it is still sufficiently rapid for reporting 545 546 physiologically relevant DA dynamics and share response kinetics similar to WT GPCRs (Lohse et al., 2008), providing an accurate readout of their activation. 547

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Because GRAB_{DA} sensors were engineered using the D₂R, a G_i-coupled GPCR, 549 a potential concern is that overexpressing the GRAB_{DA} sensors may 550 inadvertently activate pathways downstream of D₂R. However, several lines of 551 evidence argue against this possibility, including the negligible coupling 552 between GRAB_{DA} sensors and both G protein-dependent and arrestin-553 dependent intracellular signaling pathways, alleviating this concern (Fig. 1I, 1J). 554 This lack of coupling is presumably due to the steric hindrance imposed by the 555 bulky cpEGFP moiety that replaces parts of the ICL3, which is the critical 556 position for G protein or arrestin to interact with the GPCR (Luttrell and 557

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Lefkowitz, 2002; Neves et al., 2002). Consistent with minimal coupling between GRAB_{DA} sensors and downstream signaling pathways, *in vivo* Ca²⁺ imaging experiments using the Ca²⁺ sensor jRCaMP1a revealed no measurable alteration in Ca²⁺ signaling in neurons of transgenic flies that overexpressing GRAB_{DA} sensors (see Fig. S5).

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In flies, DA signaling is critical for olfactory learning (Burke et al., 2012; 564 Heisenberg, 2003; Liu et al., 2012; Schwaerzel et al., 2003). Here show that 565 GRAB_{DA} sensors can be targeted to specific cells in the fly brain and used to 566 probe odor-evoked DA dynamics in the MB of the living fly in real-time. It is 567 reported that different types of DANs innervate different compartments of MBs, 568 and these different dopaminergic pathways may play distinct roles in appetitive 569 and aversive olfactory-dependent behaviors (Aso and Rubin, 2016; Cognigni et 570 al., 2017). The GRAB_{DA} sensors developed here create new opportunities for 571 exploring how distinct DA dynamics can correspond with specific compartments 572 in the MB of the intact fly, particularly as the animal engages in different 573 behavioral paradigms. Experiments in flies also illustrate the power of GRABDA 574 sensors to probe DAT function *in vivo* by directly measuring extracellular DA 575 level in real time. Similarly, we showed that GRAB_{DA} sensors readily respond 576 to DA transients in the intact brain of the zebrafish larvae, providing a robust 577 and convenient tool to examine DA dynamics in this classic vertebrate model 578 579 system.

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In addition to the morphological distinctions that can be made between various 581 DANs in the mammalian CNS, breakthroughs in single-cell sequencing have 582 further divided these neurons into a wide variety of cell types with distinct 583 molecular features, suggesting high functional heterogeneity (Nair-Roberts et 584 al., 2008; Ungless and Grace, 2012). Therefore, genetically-encoded GRABDA 585 sensors provide a novel tool to explore patterns of DA release from genetically 586 distinct DAN types, thereby facilitating the understanding of how they may be 587 functionally specialized for different physiological and behavioral processes 588 (Lammel et al., 2014; Pignatelli and Bonci, 2015). In fact, GRAB_{DA} sensors 589 applied in the mouse faithfully reported the expected bi-directional regulation of 590 DA levels in the NAc during different forms of Pavlovian conditioning. 591 Consistent with the notion that DA can predict an anticipated reward (Schultz 592 et al., 1997), the GRAB_{DA} sensor detected a robust, phasic increase in DA 593 levels that shifted from reward onset to cue onset over the course of reward 594 learning. Conversely, in naïve animals, a transient decrease in DA levels was 595 triggered by the air puff onset and this decrease shifted to cue onset during 596

aversive conditioning. An important goal of future studies will be to use GRAB_{DA}
 sensors to determine whether the same or different types of DANs are involved
 in appetitive vs. aversive learning.

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Our experiments in freely behaving male mice provide new perspectives with 601 respect to DA dynamics during sexual behaviors. Contrary to traditional views, 602 GRAB_{DA} sensors expressed in the NAc revealed striking time-locked DA 603 elevation immediately prior to and peak at the onset of various distinct sexual 604 behaviors, consistent with a model where DA encodes behavioral motivation, 605 anticipation, or arousal. These rapid changes in DA levels are in contrast with 606 previous dialysis studies showing that DA levels in the NAc slowly increase 607 during sexual behaviors, a difference that likely relates to the slow readout 608 associated with dialysis-based methods. The targeted expression of GRABDA 609 sensors could therefore provide a critical window into the coding strategy of DA 610 release in complex behaviors. Moreover, because GRAB_{DA} sensors readily 611 discriminate between DA and NE, they may be useful in studying cortical and 612 subcortical regions in which dopaminergic and adrenergic inputs are 613 intertwined. 614

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Given that the crystal structure of the D₂R was recently solved (Wang et al., 616 2018), future efforts can use this structural information to further tune the affinity, 617 enhance the selectivity, and increase the signal-to-noise ratio in the next-618 generation of GRAB_{DA} sensors. Moreover, by adding a red fluorescent protein, 619 GRAB_{DA} sensors can be readily transformed into ratiometric indicators, which 620 could prove useful for more quantitative measurements of DA release across 621 different experiments and preparations. Finally, a GPCR-based strategy was 622 recently used to develop a genetically-encoded sensor (GACh) with high 623 sensitivity and high selectivity for acetylcholine (ACh) (Miao Jing et al., 2018). 624 Although the GACh sensor differs from the GRAB_{DA} sensors described here in 625 that is based on the muscarinic Gq-coupled GPCR receptor M₃R and an ICL3 626 loop derived from a Gs-coupled beta adrenergic receptor (Levitzki, 1988; 627 Rasmussen et al., 2011), a feature common to this sensor is that the 628 conformational changes in a GPCR induced by ligand binding are successfully 629 harnessed and converted into a sizable increase in cpEGFP florescence. Given 630 the diverse ligand-specificity of different GPCRs, a future goal will be to explore 631 whether this principle can be expanded even further in order to develop sensors 632 for the entire range of neurotransmitters and neuromodulators. 633

635 Methods

636 Animals

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Wild-type Sprague-Dawley rat pups (P0) were used to prepare cultured cortical 638 Wild-type C57BL/6 and TH-Cre mice neurons. (B6.FVB(Ca)-Ta(Th-639 cre)FI172Gsat/Mmucd obtained from MMRRC) were used to prepare the acute 640 brain slices and *in vivo* experiments. All animals were maintained in the animal 641 facilities and were family- or pair-housed in a temperature-controlled room with 642 a 12-h/12-h light/dark cycle. All procedures for animal surgery and maintenance 643 were performed using protocols that were approved by the Animal Care & Use 644 Committees at Peking University, Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), New 645 York University, University of California, San Francisco, and US National 646 Institutes of Health, and were performed in accordance with the guidelines 647 established by US National Institutes of Health guidelines. 648

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To generate transgenic zebrafish, plasmids containing pTol2-elval3:GRAB_{DA1m} (25 ng/ μ L) and Tol2 mRNA (25 ng/ μ L) were co-injected into fertilized eggs, and founders were screened three months later. Transgenic zebrafish adults and larvae were maintained at 28 °C on a 14-h/10-h light/dark cycle.

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To generate transgenic flies, the coding sequence of GRAB_{DA1m} was integrated 655 into the pUAST vector using Gibson Assembly (Gibson et al., 2009), which was 656 then used in P-element-mediated random insertion. Transgenic Drosophila 657 lines carrying GRAB_{DA1m} on the chromosomes 2 and 3 with the strongest 658 expression level after crossing with TH-GAL4 were used. The coding sequence 659 of GRAB_{DA1m-mut} was incorporated into pJFRC28 (Pfeiffer et al., 2012) 660 (Addgene plasmid #36431) using Gibson Assembly, and this plasmid was used 661 to generate transgenic flies using PhiC31-mediated site-directed integration 662 into attp40. The embryo injections were performed at Core Facility of 663 Drosophila Resource and Technology, Shanghai Institute of Biochemistry and 664 Cell Biology, CAS. Transgenic flies were raised on conventional corn meal at 665 25°C, with ~70% humidity, under 12:12-h light-dark cycle. 666

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668 The following *Drosophila* lines used in this study:

669 TH-GAL4, a gift and unpublished line generated by appending 2A-GAL4 to the 670 last exon of TH, from Yi Rao, Peking University. C305a-GAL4 and 30y-GAL4,

- also gifts from Yi Rao. DTH^{FS+/-}ple²/TM6B (Cichewicz et al., 2017), a gift from
- Jay Hirsh, University of Virginia. UAS-DAT-RNAi (TH01470.N), from Tsinghua
- ⁶⁷³ Fly center, Tsinghua University. UAS-jRCaMP1a (Bloomington #63792), a gift
- 674 from Chuan Zhou, Institute of Zoology, Chinese Academy of Sciences.
- The following genotypes were used in the following figures:
- 676 Fig. 4A-C
- 677 UAS-GRAB_{DA1m}/cyo; TH-GAL4 (DANs)/TM6B
- 678 UAS-GRAB_{DA1m-mut}/+; TH-GAL4/+
- 679 c305a-GAL4 (α' and β' Kenyon cells)/UAS-GRAB_{DA1m} ; DTH^{FS+/-}ple²/+ (WT 680 group)
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- 681 c305a-GAL4/UAS-GRAB_{DA1m} ; DTH^{FS+/-}ple² (TH-deficient group)
- 682 Fig. 4D-K
- 683 UAS-GRAB_{DA1m}/cyo; TH-GAL4/TM6B
- 684 UAS-GRAB_{DA1m-mut}/+; TH-GAL4/+
- 685 Fig. 4L-O
- 686 UAS-GRAB_{DA1m}/cyo; TH-GAL4/TM6B
- 687 UAS-GRAB DA1m/+; TH-GAL4/UAS-DAT-RNAi
- 688 Fig. S5
- 689 TH-GAL4/ UAS-jRCaMP1a
- 690 UAS-GRAB DA1m/+; TH-GAL4/UAS-jRCaMP1a
- 691 30y-GAL4/ UAS-jRCaMP1a
- 692 UAS-GRAB DA1m/+; 30y-GAL4/UAS-jRCaMP1a
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694 Molecular biology

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Plasmids were generated using Gibson Assembly. DNA fragments were
generated using PCR amplification with primers (Thermo Fisher Scientific) with
30-bp overlap. The fragments were assembled using T5-exonuclease (New
England Biolabs), Phusion DNA polymerase (Thermo Fisher Scientific), and
Taq ligase (iCloning). All sequences were verified using Sanger sequencing
(Sequencing platform in the School of Life Sciences of Peking University). DNA

encoding the various DA receptor subtypes (D₁R-D₅R) was generated using 702 PCR amplification of the full-length human GPCR cDNAs (hORFeome 703 database 8.1). For characterization in HEK293T cells, the GRAB_{DA} constructs 704 705 were cloned into the pDisplay vector (Invitrogen), with an IgK leader sequence inserted upstream of the coding region. The IRES-mCherry gene was attached 706 downstream of GRAB_{DA} and was used as a reference of membrane marker to 707 calibrate of the signal intensity. Site-directed mutagenesis of the N- and C-708 terminal linker sequences in cpEGFP was performed using primers containing 709 randomized NNB codons (48 codons in total, encoding the 20 possible amino 710 acids; Thermo Fisher Scientific). Site-directed mutagenesis of the D₂R gene 711 performed using primers containing the target sites. For the 712 was 713 characterization in cultured neurons, the GRAB_{DA} constructs were cloned into the pAAV vector under the TRE promoter or the human synapsin promoter. The 714 marker constructs RFP(mScarlet)-CAAX, EGFP-CAAX, KDELR1-EGFP, 715 PSD95-mScarlet and synaptophysin-mScarlet were cloned into pEGFP-N3 716 vector. 717

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719 Expression of GRAB_{DA} in cultured cells and *in vivo*

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HEK293T cells were cultured in DMEM supplemented with 10% (v/v) FBS (Gibco) and 1% penicillin-streptomycin (Gibco) at 37°C in 5% CO₂. The cells were plated on 12-mm glass coverslips in 24-well plates and grown to ~50% confluence for transfection. Transfection was performed by incubating the HEK293T cells with a mixture containing 1 μ g of DNA and 3 μ g of PEI for 6 h. Imaging was performed 24-48 h after transfection.

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Rat cortical neurons were prepared from postnatal 0-day old (P0) Sprague-728 Dawley rat pups as previously described (Zhang et al., 2009). In brief, the 729 730 cortical neurons were dissociated from the dissected rat brains in 0.25% Trypsin-EDTA (Gibco), and plated on 12-mm glass coverslips coated with poly-731 732 D-lysine (Sigma-Aldrich) in neurobasal medium containing 2% B-27 supplement, 1% GlutaMax, and 1% penicillin-streptomycin (Gibco). The cells 733 734 were transfected 7-9 days later using the calcium phosphate transfection method. Imaging was performed 48-72 h after transfection. 735

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For *in vivo* expression, Wild-type C57/BL6 mice with the age of P42-60 were first anesthetized by 2,2,2-Tribromoethanol (Avetin, 500 mg/kg) through

intraperitoneal injection, or by isoflurane (RWD Life Science), and then placed 739 in a stereotaxic frame to inject AAVs of GRABDA sensors into NAc with a 740 microsyringe pump (Nanoliter 2000 Injector, WPI), or a microinjection pipette 741 injector (Nanoject II, Drummond Scientific). The coordination of NAc was set as 742 AP: -1.40 mm from Bregma, ML: 1.00 mm from the midline, DV: 3.90 mm from 743 the brain surface. The injection was made unilateral with ~300-500 nL per 744 animal. In dual-color optical recordings experiments, the AAVs of hsvn-745 $GRAB_{DA1m}$ and hsyn-tdTomato were injected in the dorsal striatum (AP = -746 0.5mm, ML = ± 2.5 mm from bregma, and DV = -2.2mm from the brain surface), 747 and AAV of Ef1a-DIO-C1V1-YFP was injected in the substantia nigra pars 748 compacta (SNc) (AP = -3.1mm, ML = ± 1.5 mm from bregma, and DV = -4.0mm 749 from the brain surface) in TH-Cre mice. 750

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752 Fluorescence imaging of HEK293T cells and cultured neurons

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GRAB_{DA}-expressing HEK293T cells and cultured neurons were imaged using 754 an inverted Ti-E A1 confocal microscope (Nikon) and the Opera Phenix high 755 content screening system (PerkinElmer). The Nikon confocal microscope was 756 equipped with a 40×/1.35 NA oil immersion objective, a 488-nm laser and a 757 561-nm laser. During imaging, the HEK293T cells and cultured neurons were 758 bathed or perfused in a chamber with Tyrode's solution containing (in mM): 150 759 NaCl, 4 KCl, 2 MgCl₂, 2 CaCl₂, 10 HEPES and 10 glucose (pH 7.4). Solutions 760 containing the drug/compound of interest (e.g., DA, Halo, 5-HT, histamine, NE, 761 or ACh) were delivered via a custom-made perfusion system or via bath 762 application. The chamber was fully cleaned with Tyrode's solution and 75% 763 ethanol between experiments. The GFP signals (e.g., the GRAB_{DA} sensors, the 764 iGluSnFR or EGFP) were recorded using a 525/50 nm emission filter, and the 765 RFP signals were collected using a 595/50 nm emission filter. The 766 photostabilities of GRABDA1m, GRABDA1h, EGFP, and iGluSnFR were measured 767 using 350-µW 488-nm laser illumination. Photobleaching was applied to the 768 entire sensor-expressing HEK293T cell. The Opera Phenix high content 769 screening system was equipped with a 60×/1.15 NA water immersion objective, 770 a 488-nm laser, and a 561-m laser. The GRAB_{DA} signals were collected using 771 a 525/50 nm emission filter, and the mCherry signals were collected using a 772 600/30 nm emission filter. Where indicated, the culture medium was replaced 773 with 100 µl of Tyrode's solution containing various concentrations of the 774 indicated drug/compound. The fluorescence intensities of the GRAB_{DA} sensors 775 were calibrated using mCherry as the reference. 776

778 Fluorescence imaging of GRAB_{DA} in brain slices

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Two weeks after the virus injection, the animals were anesthetized with Avetin 780 and then decapitated. The brains were removed immediately and placed 781 directly in cold slicing buffer containing (in mM): 110 choline-Cl, 2.5 KCl, 1.25 782 NaH₂PO₄, 25 NaHCO₃, 7 MgCl₂, 25 glucose, and 2 CaCl₂. The brains were then 783 sectioned into 200-µm thick slices using a VT1200 vibratome (Leica, Germany), 784 and the sections were transferred into the oxygenated Ringer's buffer 785 containing (in mM): 125 NaCl, 2.5 KCl, 1.25 NaH₂PO₄, 25 NaHCO₃, 1.3 MgCl₂, 786 25 glucose, and 2 CaCl₂; the slices were then allowed to recover in 34 °C for at 787 least 40 minutes. For fluorescence imaging, the slices were transferred to an 788 imaging chamber in an Olympus FV1000MPE two-photon microscope 789 equipped with a 40×/0.80 NA water-immersion objective and a mode-locked 790 Mai Tai Ti:Sapphire laser (Spectra-Physics) tuned to 920 nm for the excitation 791 of GRAB_{DA} sensors and a 495~540 nm filter for signal collection. For electrical 792 stimulation, a concentric electrode (model #CBAEC75, FHC) was positioned 793 794 near the NAc core under the fluorescence guidance, and the imaging and stimulation were synchronized using an Arduino board with custom programs. 795 The stimulation voltage was set at 5-6 V, and the duration of each stimulation 796 was set at 2 ms. 797

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For immunostaining of brain sections, GRAB_{DA}-expressing mice were 799 anesthetized with Avetin, and the heart was perfused with 0.9% NaCl followed 800 with 4% paraformaldehyde (PFA). The brain was then removed and placed in 801 4% PFA for 4 hours, then cryoprotected in 30% (w/v) sucrose for 24 hours. The 802 brain was embedded into tissue-freezing medium, and 50-µm-thick coronal 803 sections were cut using a Leica CM1900 cryostat (Leica, Germany). To label 804 dopaminergic terminals and GRAB_{DA} in the NAc, tissue sections were rinsed 805 and then immunostained with rabbit anti-TH antibody (1:100, Millipore, #ab152) 806 and chicken anti-GFP antibody (1:500, Abcam, #ab13970), followed by an 807 Alexa-555-conjugated goat-anti-rabbit and Alexa-488-conjugated goat-anti-808 chicken secondary antibodies. The immunostained tissue sections were 809 imaged using the same Nikon confocal microscope in cell imaging. 810

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812 Fluorescence imaging of transgenic flies

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814 Adult Drosophila (within 3 weeks of eclosion) were used for imaging

experiments. The mounting and dissection protocols were as previously 815 described (Liang et al., 2013). In brief, a section of rectangular cuticle between 816 the eyes was removed to expose the brain, which was then bathed in saline, 817 so called adult hemolymph-like solution (AHLS). The same Olympus two-818 photon microscope used for brain slices imaging was also used here. For 819 GRAB_{DA} sensors imaging, 920-nm excitation laser and 495~540-nm filter were 820 used. For iRCaMP1a, 1000-nm excitation laser and 575~630-nm filter were 821 used. For olfactory stimulation, the odorant isoamyl acetate (Sigma-Aldrich; Cat. 822 #306967) was firstly diluted 200-fold in mineral oil in a bottle; this dilution was 823 subsequently diluted 5-fold in air, which was then delivered to the fly's antenna 824 at a rate of 1000 ml/min. Compounds such as Halo and cocaine were added 825 directly to the AHLS to their final concentration, and the following experiments 826 were performed 10 min after compound application. For electrical stimulation, 827 828 a glass electrode (resistance ~0.2 M Ω) was placed in the region of the DANs in the MB and the stimulation voltage was set at 20~80 V. Arduino was used to 829 synchronized stimulation delivery and imaging with custom code. The sampling 830 rates during olfactory stimulation and electrical stimulation was 2.7 Hz and 12 831 Hz, respectively. 832

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834 Fluorescence imaging and chemogenetics in zebrafish

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All experiments were performed on 5 days-post-fertilization (5 dpf) larvae in 10% 836 Hank's solution containing (in mM): 140 NaCl, 5.4 KCl, 0.25 Na₂HPO₄, 0.44 837 KH₂PO₄, 1.3 CaCl₂, 1.0 MgSO₄, and 4.2 NaHCO₃ (pH 7.2). Imaging of Tg 838 (elval3:GRAB_{DA1m}/DAT:TRPV1-TagRFP) larvae at 5 dpf was performed with an 839 inverted confocal microscope (Olympus FV3000, Japan) using a 30X oil-840 immersion objective (1.05 N.A., morphology imaging) or an upright confocal 841 microscope (Olympus FV1000, Japan) using 40X water-immersion objective 842 (0.8 NA, time-lapse imaging). After the larvae were paralyzed with α -843 bungarotoxin (100 µg/ml, Sigma), they were mounted dorsal side up in 1.5% 844 low melting-point agarose (Sigma) and then immersed in an extracellular 845 solution consisting of (in mM): 134 NaCl, 2.9 KCl, 4 CaCl₂, 10 HEPES and 10 846 glucose (290 mOsmol/L, pH 7.8). For imaging the morphology, images were 847 acquired with a field of view consisting of 1,024 pixels × 1,024 pixels with spatial 848 resolution of 0.414 \times 0.414 \times 1 μ m³ (x \times y \times z). For bath application of 849 compounds, dopamine (100 µM in 1 mM ascorbic acid solution, Sigma) was 850 added by pipette at ~ 4 min and haloperidol (50 µM in DMSO, Tocris) at ~12 851 min. These images were acquired with a view field of 640 × 640 pixels with 852 spatial resolution of 0.497 \times 0.497 μ m² (x \times y) at ~1.5 Hz. For functional imaging, 853

small anterior dissections initiated in ventricles were made, after which a glass 854 pipette containing the TRPV1 agonist capsaicin (50 µM in absolute ethanol, 855 Tocris) was advanced through the incision and placed near the cell bodies of 856 the DANs. To activate the DANs, 5 pulses of puffs (9-10 psi, 100-ms) were 857 delivered with 1 min interval. The larvae were bath in Halo (50 µM in DMSO, 858 Tocris) for 10 min before imaging. These images were acquired with a field of 859 view consisting of 800 \times 800 pixels with spatial resolution of 0.397 \times 0.397 μ m² 860 $(x \times y)$ at ~1 Hz. 861

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863 Fiber Photometry recording in freely moving mice

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In all-optic experiments in Fig. 6, optical fiber probes (105 µm core /125 µm 865 cladding) were implanted in the dorsal striatum and in SNc 4 weeks after the 866 virus injection. Fiber photometry recording in the dorsal striatum was performed 867 using a 50-µW 470-nm LED, and C1V1 in the SNc was stimulated using a 9.9-868 mW 561-nm laser. The measured emission spectra of GRAB_{DA1m} and tdTomato 869 unmixina fitted usina linear 870 were а algorithm https://www.niehs.nih.gov/research/atniehs/labs/ln/pi/iv/tools/index.cfm. The 871 coefficients of GRAB_{DA1m} and tdTomato generated by the unmixing algorithm 872 were used to represent the fluorescence intensities of GRAB_{DA1m} and tdTomato, 873 respectively. To evoke C1V1-mediated DA release in the dorsal lateral striatum, 874 pulse trains (10-ms pulses at 10 Hz for 1 s) were delivered to the SNc using a 875 9.9-mW, 561-nm laser. In other experiments in Fig. 7 and 8, an optic fiber 876 (Thorlabs, FT200UMT, FT400UMT or BFH48-400) was attached to the 877 implanted ferrule (Thorlabs, SF440-10) via a ceramic sleeve. A 400-Hz 878 sinusoidal blue LED light (30 µW) (LED light: M470F1; LED driver: LEDD1B; 879 both from Thorlabs) was bandpass filtered (passing band: 472 ± 15 nm, 880 Semrock, FF02-472/30-25 in Fig.8 or 460-490nm in Fig.7) and delivered to the 881 brain to excite GRAB_{DA}. The emission light then traveled through the same optic 882 fiber, was bandpass filtered (passing band: 534 ± 25 nm, Semrock, FF01-883 535/50 in Fig.8 or 500-550nm in Fig.7), detected by a Femtowatt Silicon 884 Photoreceiver (Newport, 2151) and recorded using a real-time processor (RZ5, 885 TDT). The envelope of the 400-Hz signals that reflects the intensity of the 886 fluorescence signals was extracted in real-time using a custom TDT program. 887

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889 Behaviors

For the auditory conditioning task, mice were recovered for >3 days after 891 surgery, and then water-restricted until reaching 85-90% of its original body 892 weight and then prepared for behavior training. In the first Pavlovian task, the 893 mice were trained on two frequency modulated pure tone auditory cues of 500 894 ms in duration, centered around 2.5 kHz and 11 kHz. For each mouse, one of 895 896 the two tones was pseudo-randomly assigned to be the reward-predictive tone. Reward (water sweetened with 10% sucrose) was delivered through a water 897 spout in front of the mouth following the reward-predictive cue with a variable 898 500-1500 ms delay. Rewarded and unrewarded trials were randomly 899 900 interleaved with a variable inter-trial interval of 8-20 s. Mice experienced 200 trials (~100 rewards) per day in sessions lasting ~45 min. 901

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In the subsequent Pavlovian conditioning task, the mice were trained on an 903 auditory conditioning task, in which three pairs of auditory cues \rightarrow outcomes 904 pairs (or CS-US pairs; 8 kHz pure tone \rightarrow 9 µl water; white noise \rightarrow brief air 905 puff to the face; and 2 kHz pure tone \rightarrow no response) were delivered at 906 random with a 10 -20 s randomized inter-trial interval. The duration and intensity 907 of each auditory cue was 1 s and 70dB, respectively. The respective outcomes 908 was delivered 1 s after the end of each auditory cue. The behavioral setup 909 consisted of a custom-built apparatus allowing head fixation of the mouse's 910 head to a Styrofoam rod (diameter: 15 cm). Rotation of the Styrofoam rod, 911 which corresponds to the animal's running speed, was detected using an optical 912 rotatory encoder. Licking behavior was detected when the mouse's tongue 913 contacted the water delivery tube. Each lick signal was processed using an 914 Arduino UNO board with custom code and sent digitally to the training program 915 (written in MATLAB) via a serial port. Water delivery was precisely controlled 916 using a stepping motor pump, and the air puff (15 psi, 25-ms duration) was 917 918 controlled using a solenoid valve. Timing of the pump and valve was controlled using the same Arduino UNO board used for lick detection, which also provided 919 synchronization between the training program and the data acquisition system 920 (RZ2 processor, Tucker-Davis Technologies). During first two days of each 921 training session, the outcomes were delivered without the prediction cues. 922

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The sexual behaviors are defined following conventions in previous literature (Hull and Rodriguez-Manzo, 2009). In details, sniffing female was defined as the male's nose coming in close proximity to the female's facial, body, and/or urogenital areas. "Mount" was defined as when the male posed his forelegs over the female's back and with his hindfeet on the ground accompanying shallow pelvic thrusts. The mounting onset was defined as the moment at which

the male tried to clasp female back. "Intromission" was defined as a deep 930 931 rhythmic thrust following mounting. The onset of intromission was defined as the time at which the male performed the first deep thrusting toward the female 932 with vaginal penetration. "Penile grooming" was defined when a male animal 933 repeated grooming for his urogenital area after intromission and ejaculation. 934 Ejaculation is detected when the male stopped 935 thrusting and freeze for seconds. The putative ejaculation event was confirmed by the presence of 936 937 vaginal copulatory plug.

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939 Data analysis

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For imaging experiments in HEK293T cells, neurons, acute brain slices and transgenic flies, images were first analyzed using Image J software (National Institutes of Health), and then analyzed using Origin 9.1 (OriginLab) and MATLAB (MathWorks) with custom-written scripts. The data in acute brain slices and flies were first binned by 2x and averaged to generate representative traces.

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For fiber photometry data, the signal baseline was first obtained by the MATLAB 947 function "msbackadj" with a moving window of 25% of the total recording 948 duration in Fig.8, or by subtracting 2nd order exponential fitted data from the raw 949 data after 10.17 Hz binning in Fig. 7. The fluorescence responses were 950 indicated by $\Delta F/F_0$ in Fig.8, which was calculated as $(F_{raw} - F_{baseline})/F_{baseline}$ or 951 by Z score in Fig.7. To analyze event-evoked changes in DA release, we 952 aligned each trial to the onset or offset of the behavior, and calculated the peri-953 stimulus time histogram (PSTH). To compare PSTH changes during different 954 phases of the training, we used data from the 2nd day as naive, the 5-10th day 955 as trained and >10th day as well-trained, and normalized the PSTH of each 956 animal by water-evoked response during early training. The peak response 957 during a behavior was calculated as the maximum $\Delta F/F_0$ during the behavior 958 minus the average $\Delta F/F_0$ in the duration-matched period 2s prior to the behavior 959 onset in Fig.8. The response to the CS was defined as the peak of the 960 normalized PSTH between the CS onset and the US onset, and the response 961 962 to US was calculated similarly using data from the US onset to data collected 2 s after the US onset in Fig.7. 963

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Except where indicated otherwise, group differences were analyzed using the Student's *t*-test, test, sign-rank test, One-Way ANOVA or post-hoc Tukey's test. Except where indicated otherwise, all summary data presented as the mean ±SEM.

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Figure 1. Design, optimization and characterization of GRAB_{DA} sensors in cultured HEK293T cells.

(A-C) Schematic diagrams showing the strategy used to develop GRAB_{DA}
sensors (top panels), and the corresponding performance of each variants in
each optimization step (bottom panels).

1217 (A) Optimization of the cpEGFP insertion site within the third intracellular loop 1218 (ICL3) in D₂R. The Δ F/F₀ of GRAB_{DA}-expressing cells in response to 100 µM 1219 DA application is shown below. GRAB_{DA1m}, with the highest Δ F/F₀ (~90%), was 1220 selected for further optimization. Each data point represents the average of 3-1221 5 cells.

1222 (B) Optimization of the linkers between the D₂R and cpEGFP. Mutants were 1223 generated by changing each linker residue to 20 possible amino acids. The 1224 Δ F/F₀ of the GRAB_{DA}-expressing cells relative to the brightness in response to 1225 100 µM DA application is shown below. Each data point represents the average 1226 of 100-400 cells.

1227 (C) Affinity tuning. Either the T205M single mutation, or the C118A/S193N 1228 double mutations, were introduced into GRAB_{DA}, and the normalized dose-1229 dependent fluorescence responses of various GRAB_{DA}-expressing cells in 1230 response to DA application are plotted below. Each data point represents 1231 average of 6 wells containing 100-400 cells per well.

1232 (D-E) Fluorescence changes in GRAB_{DA} -expressing cells in response to 100 1233 μ M DA followed by 10 μ M Halo. Peak Δ F/F₀ values in response to DA are 1234 summarized in the right panel in (E) (GRAB_{DA1m}: n = 18 cells from 4 cultures 1235 (18/4); GRAB_{DA1m}-mut: n = 15/3; GRAB_{DA1h}: n = 14/3; GRAB_{DA1h}-mut: n = 14/3; p1236 < 0.001 between DA1m and DA1m-mut; p < 0.001 between DA1h and DA1h-1237 mut; p = 0.42 between DA1m and DA1h).

(F) Schematic image showing the local perfusion system. A glass pipette (black
dashed lines) filled with DA or Halo was positioned close to the GRAB_{DA}expressing cells, and fluorescence was measured using confocal line-scanning
(red line).

(G) Left and middle: fluorescence changes in GRAB_{DA}-expressing cells in 1242 response to the local perfusion (on rate: 100 µM DA in pipette with normal bath 1243 solution; off rate: 1 mM Halo in pipette with bath solution containing 10 µM DA 1244 for GRAB_{DA1m} or 1 µM DA for GRAB_{DA1h}). The traces are the average of 3 1245 different ROIs on the scanning line and are shaded with ± SEM. Right: group 1246 1247 data summarizing the response kinetics of GRAB_{DA}-expressing cells in response to DA (on) or Halo (off) (n = 8/group; p = 0.0093 between on kinetics; 1248 p < 0.001 between off kinetics). 1249

(H) Normalized fluorescence changes in GRABDA1m- and GRABDA1m-mut-1250 expressing cells in response to the application of indicated compounds at 1 μ M, 1251 including: DA, DA + Halo, DA + Etic, DA + SCH-23390 (SCH), norepinephrine 1252 (NE), 5-HT, histamine (His), glutamate (Glu), gamma-aminobutyric acid (GABA), 1253 adenosine (Ade), acetylcholine (ACh), tyramine (Tyr), octopamine (Oct), 1254 glycine (Gly), or L-DOPA (the first bar shows GRAB_{DA1m-mut}-expressing cells in 1255 response to DA; n = 4 wells per group with 200-400 cells per well; p < 0.001 for 1256 DA-induced responses between GRAB_{DA1m} and GRAB_{DA1m-mut}; p = 0.99 for 1257 GRAB_{DA1m} responses induced by DA comparing with DA+SCH: p < 0.001 for 1258 GRAB_{DA1m} responses induced by DA comparing with DA+Halo, DA+Etic, NE, 1259 5-HT, His, Glu, GABA, Ade, ACh, Tyr, Oct, Gly and L-DOPA). The inset shows 1260 the normalized dose-dependent fluorescence responses of GRABDA1m-1261 expressing cells in response to DA (red) and NE (green) application (n = 6 wells 1262 per group with 100-300 cells per well; p = 0.002 at -7.5; p < 0.001 at -7, -6.5 1263 and -6; *p* = 0.007 at -5). 1264

(I) Normalized fluorescence changes in GRAB_{DA}-expressing cells in response to the application of DA, with or without the co-expression of pertussis toxin (PTX) (GRAB_{DA1m}: n = 14/3; GRAB_{DA1m}+PTX: n = 14/3; GRAB_{DA1h}: n = 10/3; GRAB_{DA1h}+PTX: n = 10/3; p = 0.680 comparing the EC₅₀ of GRAB_{DA1m} and GRAB_{DA1m} +PTX; p = 0.810 for comparing the EC₅₀ of GRAB_{DA1h} and GRAB_{DA1h} +PTX).

1271 (J) Normalized Fluorescence changes in GRAB_{DA}-expressing cells during a 2-1272 hour application of 100 μ M DA (n = 3 wells/group; p = 0.620 for GRAB_{DA1m}; p =1273 0.792 for GRAB_{DA1h}).

- 1274 Scale bars, 10 µm in (D) and (F).
- 1275 Values with error bars indicate mean ± SEM.
- 1276 Students' t-test performed; n.s., not significant; **, p < 0.01; ***, p < 0.001.
- 1277 See also Fig. S1-S3.
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1279 Figure 2. Characterization of GRAB_{DA} sensors in cultured neurons.

1280 (A) Expression of GRAB_{DA} sensors in cultured neurons. Scale bars, 20 μm.

(B) Expression and localization of GRAB_{DA} sensors (green, G), subcellular
markers (red, R) and overlay (O) in the indicated subcellular compartments in
cultured neurons. RFP-CAAX, PSD95-RFP and Synaptophysin-RFP were coexpressed as markers of the plasma membrane, dendritic spines, and
presynaptic boutons, respectively. Scale bars, 5 μm.

1286 (C and D) Fluorescence changes in GRAB_{DA}-expressing neurons in response 1287 to the application of 100 μ M DA followed by 10 μ M Halo. Scale bars, 30 μ m 1288 (GRAB_{DA1m}: n = 13/7; GRAB_{DA1m}-mut: n = 14/5; GRAB_{DA1h}: n = 16/4; GRAB_{DA1h}-1289 mut: n = 10/5; p < 0.001 between DA1m and DA1m-mut; p < 0.001 between 1290 DA1h and DA1h-mut; p = 0.88 between DA1m and DA1h).

(E) Time courses (left) and dose-dependent fluorescence changes (right) of GRAB_{DA}-expressing neurons in response to DA application (GRAB_{DA1m}: n =10/6; GRAB_{DA1m-mut}: n = 6/6; GRAB_{DA1h}: n = 10/5; GRAB_{DA1h-mut}: n = 10/3).

1294 (F) Fluorescence changes in GRAB_{DA1m}-expressing neurons in response to the 1295 transient application of the indicated compounds at 1 μ M, including DA, L-Dopa, 1296 5-HT, His, ACh, DA(2nd) and DA+Halo (n = 12/12; p < 0.001 comparing 1297 responses in DA with that in L-Dopa, 5-HT, His, ACh and DA+Halo).

1298 (G) Fluorescence changes in GRAB_{DA}-expressing neurons during a 2-hour 1299 application of 100 μ M DA (GRAB_{DA1m}: n = 20/12; GRAB_{DA1h}: n = 14/6; p = 0.0851300 for DA1m; p = 0.085 for DA1h).

- 1301 Values with error bars indicate mean ± SEM.
- 1302 Student's t-test performed; n.s., not significant; ***, p < 0.001.
- 1303 See also Fig. S4.

Figure 3. Release of endogenous DA measured in acute mouse brainslices.

(A) Left three panels, schematic diagrams of the viral expression vector,
experimental protocol for expressing GRAB_{DA} sensors and imaging DA
dynamics in mouse brain slices containing NAc. Right, the immunoreactive
signals of GRAB_{DA} (green) expressed in NAc neurons and TH (red) in
dopaminergic terminals. Scale bar, 100 μm.

- (B) Representative traces (left and middle) and group analysis (right) of the fluorescence changes in GRAB_{DA1m}- and GRAB_{DA1h}-expressing neurons in response to a train of 20 Hz electrical stimuli containing the indicated pulse numbers. Each trace is the average of 3 separate trials in one slice (GRAB_{DA1m}: n = 5 slices from 3 mice; GRAB_{DA1h}: n = 7 slices from 4 mice).
- 1316 (C) Similar as (B), except that a train of 10-pulse electrical stimuli was applied 1317 at the indicated frequencies (GRAB_{DA1m}: n = 3 slices from 2 mice; GRAB_{DA1h}: n1318 = 8 slices from 4 mice).
- 1319 (D) Representative traces (left) and group analysis (right) of the normalized 1320 fluorescence changes and kinetics in GRAB_{DA1m}- and GRAB_{DA1h}-expressing 1321 neurons in response to 10 electrical pulses delivered at 100 Hz. The rising (on) 1322 and decaying (off) phases in the traces were fitted separately, and the response 1323 time constants are summarized on the right (GRAB_{DA1m}: n = 3 slices from 2 1324 mice; GRAB_{DA1h}: n = 5-8 slices from 3 mice).
- 1325 (E) The fluorescence changes in GRAB_{DA1m}- and GRAB_{DA1h}-expressing 1326 neurons in response to multiple trains of electrical stimuli at an interval of 5 min. 1327 The fluorescence changes measured during the first train in each slice were 1328 used to normalize the data (GRAB_{DA1m}: n = 3 slices form 2 mice; GRAB_{DA1h}: n1329 = 6 slices from 3 mice).
- 1330 (F) Representative traces (left and middle) and group analysis (right) of the 1331 fluorescence changes in GRAB_{DA1m}- and GRAB_{DA1h}-expressing neurons in 1332 response to 20 electrical pulses (at 20 Hz), in control solution (ACSF) or 1333 solution containing 10 μ M Halo (GRAB_{DA1m}: *n* = 5 slices from 4 mice, *p* < 0.001 1334 comparing ACSF with Halo; GRAB_{DA1h}: *n* = 6 slices from 4 mice, *p* < 0.001 1335 comparing ACSF with Halo).
- 1336 Values with error bars indicate mean ± SEM.
- 1337 The shaded areas and error bars indicate ± SEM.
- 1338 Student's t-test performed; ***, p < 0.001.
- 1339

1340 Figure 4. *In vivo* imaging of DA dynamics in the *Drosophila* brain.

(A) Schematic illustration depicting the *in vivo* olfactory stimulation and imagingexperiment under two-photon microscopy.

(B and C) Representative pseudo-color images and traces (B) and group 1343 1344 analysis (C) of the fluorescence changes of TH > GRAB_{DA1m} and TH > GRAB_{DA1m-mut} flies in response to 1 s olfactory stimulation (TH > GRAB_{DA1m}: n1345 = 12 flies; TH > GRAB_{DA1m-mut}: n = 5 flies; c305a > GRAB_{DA1m} with WT 1346 background: n = 6 flies; c305a > GRAB_{DA1m} with TH-deficient background: n =1347 6 flies; p < 0.001 for responses of TH > GRAB_{DA1m} in saline comparing with 1348 Halo; p < 0.001 for responses of TH > GRAB_{DA1m} in saline comparing with TH > 1349 GRAB_{DA1m-mut} in saline; p = 0.002 for responses of c305a > GRAB_{DA1m} with WT 1350 background comparing with TH-deficient background). 1351

(D) Schematic illustrations depicting *in vivo* electrical stimulation experiment, in
which the electrode was positioned near the GRAB_{DA1m}-expressing DANs in
order to evoke DA release.

(E) Representative pseudo-color images of the fluorescence changes in TH >
GRAB_{DA1m} and TH > GRAB_{DA1m-mut} flies in response to multiple trains of
electrical stimuli. Shown below are single-trial traces (in gray) and 6-trial
averaged traces (blue and black) measured in one fly with indicated genotypes.
Each vertical tick indicates 1 ms electrical stimulation ("stim").

1360 (F-I) Fluorescence changes in TH > GRAB_{DA1m} flies in response to the indicated 1361 pulses of electrical stimuli (at 20 Hz), showing representative traces (F), group 1362 data for peak Δ F/F₀ (G), integrated data (H) and the response kinetics (I) (*n* = 9 1363 flies per group).

1364 (J and K) Representative traces (J) and group analysis (K) of fluorescence 1365 changes in TH > GRAB_{DA1m} and TH > GRAB_{DA1m}-mut flies in response to 40 1366 pulses electrical stimuli (at 20 Hz), in normal saline or in saline containing 10 1367 μ M Halo (TH > GRAB_{DA1m}: n = 5 flies; TH > GRAB_{DA1m}-mut: n = 5 flies; p = 0.0041368 for responses of TH > GRAB_{DA1m} in saline comparing with Halo; p = 0.007 for 1369 responses of TH > GRAB_{DA1m} in saline comparing with TH > GRAB_{DA1m}-mut in 1370 saline).

1371 (L-O) Fluorescence changes in TH > GRAB_{DA1m} flies in response to 1 s olfactory 1372 stimulation, in control condition, in the presence of the DAT blocker cocaine (3 1373 μ M) or when the DAT expression in DAN was impaired by DAT-RNAi. 1374 Schematic illustration of the experimental design in (L). Representative traces 1375 (M) were fitted with a single-exponential function (red traces), with the decay 1376 time constants shown. The group analysis of integrated data and the decay 1377 time constants are shown in (N) and (O), respectively (TH > GRAB_{DA1m}: n = 10 flies; TH > GRAB_{DA1m}, DAT-RNAi: n = 11 flies; between control and cocaine groups, p = 0.002 for integrals and p = 0.025 for decay time constants; between control and DAT-RNAi groups, p < 0.001 for both integrals and decay time constants; between cocaine and DAT-RNAi groups, p = 0.095 for integrals and p = 0.053 for decay time constants).

- The fluorescence traces in (B), (F), (J), and (M) are the averaged results of $3\sim 6$ trials from one fly, and the shaded area indicates ± SEM.
- ¹³⁸⁵ Values with error bars indicate mean ± SEM.
- Student's t-test performed; n.s., not significant; *, *p* < 0.05; **, *p* < 0.01; ***, *p* <
 0.001.
- 1388 Scale bars in (B) and (E), 25 µm.
- 1389 See also Fig. S5.
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1392 Figure 5. Monitoring *in vivo* DA release in transgenic zebrafish.

(A) Fluorescence images of a transgenic zebrafish larvae expressing
 GRAB_{DA1m} (green) pan-neuronally and TRPV1-TagRFP (red) in DANs. Zoom in view of GRAB_{DA1m}-expressing neurons in indicated brain regions are shown
 (left).

1397 (B-D) Representative pseudo-color images (B), trace (C) and group analysis (D) 1398 of fluorescence changes of GRAB_{DA1m}-expressing neurons in response to 100 1399 μ M DA followed by 50 μ M Halo (n = 6 fishes; p = 0.002 between DA and 1400 DA+Halo).

(E) Schematic diagram showing the experimental design to chemogenetically
activate TRPV1-expressing DANs by capsaicin. The tectal neurons
downstream of the DANs were analyzed as indicated by the region of interest
(ROI).

1405 (F) Representative traces of the fluorescence changes in GRAB_{DA1m}-1406 expressing neurons in response to 5 pulses of 50 μ M capsaicin (each vertical 1407 orange tick indicates 100-ms puffs of capsaicin with a 1 min interval) in control 1408 normal solution (green) or solution containing 50 μ M Halo (blue).

1409 (G and H) Averaged traces (G) and group analysis (H) of the fluorescence 1410 changes in GRAB_{DA1m}-expressing neurons in response to single trial of 1411 capsaicin application, in control normal solution (green) or solution containing 1412 50 μ M Halo (blue) (*n* = 5 fishes; *p* = 0.006 between control and Halo).

- 1413 Scale bars in (A) and (B), 50 μm.
- 1414 Paired student's t-test performed.

Figure 6. Striatal DA dynamics measured in freely moving mice during optogenetic stimulation of the SNc.

(A) Illustration depicting the experimental design with dual-color optical
 recordings of GRAB_{DA1m}- and tdTomato-expressing neurons in the dorsal
 striatum during simultaneous optogenetic stimulation of DANs in the SNc.

(B) A representative frame of the emission spectra of GRAB_{DA1m} and tdTomato
co-expressed in the dorsal striatum. The black trace shows the measured
spectrum; the blue dashed trace shows the corresponding best fitting curve
generated by a linear unmixing algorithm.

1425 (C) Spontaneous DA fluctuations represented by the ratio of $GRAB_{DA1m}$ to 1426 tdTomato fluorescence in a freely moving mouse (top) and its representative 1427 traces in the control condition (bottom left), 5 min after the i.p. injection of DAT 1428 blocker methylphenidate (10 mg/kg, bottom middle), and 5 min after the i.p. 1429 injection of D₂R antagonist Etic (2 mg/kg, bottom right). Black lines above 1430 indicate the time of compound administration. Yellow ticks indicate the time of 1431 optogenetic stimulation.

(D) Averaged fluorescence changes (mean \pm SEM, n = 20 trials from 4 hemispheres of 2 mice) of GRAB_{DA1m} (green) in the dorsal striatum in response to optogenetic C1V1 stimulation of DANs in the SNc under indicated conditions: baseline (left), after the i.p. injection of methylphenidate (middle), and after the i.p. injection of Etic (right). The off kinetics were fitted with a single-exponential function (black traces).

1438 (E) Comparison of the decay time constants of C1V1-evoked GRAB_{DA1m} 1439 fluorescence responses between the control condition and after 1440 methylphenidate injection (n = 20 trials from 4 hemispheres of 2 mice).

1441 (F) Comparison of the magnitude of C1V1-evoked GRAB_{DA1m} fluorescence 1442 changes between the control condition and after Etic injection (n = 20 trials from 1443 4 hemispheres of 2 mice).

1444 ***, p < 0.001, student's t-test performed in (E) and (F).

Figure 7. Dopamine release in NAc measured during various training phases of an auditory conditioning task.

(A) Recording configuration for head-fixed Pavlovian conditioning task.
 Dopamine dynamics in the NAc were monitored by recording the fluorescence
 changes in GRAB_{DA}-expressing neurons using fiber photometry.

(B) Exemplar trace from *in vivo* fiber photometry recording from a trained mouse
expressing GRAB_{DA1h} in NAc, encompassing four sequential trials. The timings
of cues (CS) or water reward (US) are indicated above.

- (C) Task-aligned photometry signals from an exemplar mouse in the first
 behavioral session aligned to the cue (CS, left) or to the reward delivery (US,
 right). Note robust reward-related signal and absence of cue-related signal.
- (D) Task-aligned photometry signals from the same moues in (C) after training.Note emergence of DA response to reward-predictive cue.
- 1459 (E) Group data demonstrating GRAB_{DA1h} responses to water (US, left) or cue
- 1460 (CS, middle) in the NAc of both naïve and trained mice (n = 9 mice; US
- response: naïve N.W.: p = 0.084; naïve water: p = 0.0020; trained N.W.: p = 0.56; trained water: p = 0.0020; CS response: naïve N.W.: p = 0.37; naïve water: p = 1.0000; trained N.W.: p = 0.043; trained water: p = 0.0020, signed rank test performed).

(F) Direct comparison of baseline-subtracted cue responses reveals equivalent 1465 lack of response to N.W. or reward-predictive cue in naïve mice (left), and 1466 elevated response to reward-predictive cue over N.W. cue in trained mice (right). 1467 1468 Baseline subtraction was performed trial-by-trial by comparing the cue response (100 ms – 1000 ms following onset of the cue) to 900 ms before onset 1469 1470 of the cue. This cue response window encompassed the auditory cue as well as the variable delay period and terminated before the earliest reward delivery 1471 1472 times (naïve: p = 0.43; trained: p = 0.0020, signed rank test performed).

(G) Representative fluorescence changes in GRAB_{DA1m}-expressing neurons in
the NAc during training. The heat map shows the fluorescence changes in the
first 50 consecutive trials in each category, with each trial time-aligned to the
onset of the auditory cue. The lower panels show the post-event histograms
(PSTH) from all trials; the shaded area indicates ± SD. The fluorescence
changes measured during naïve, trained and well-trained phases in the same
mouse are shown, respectively.

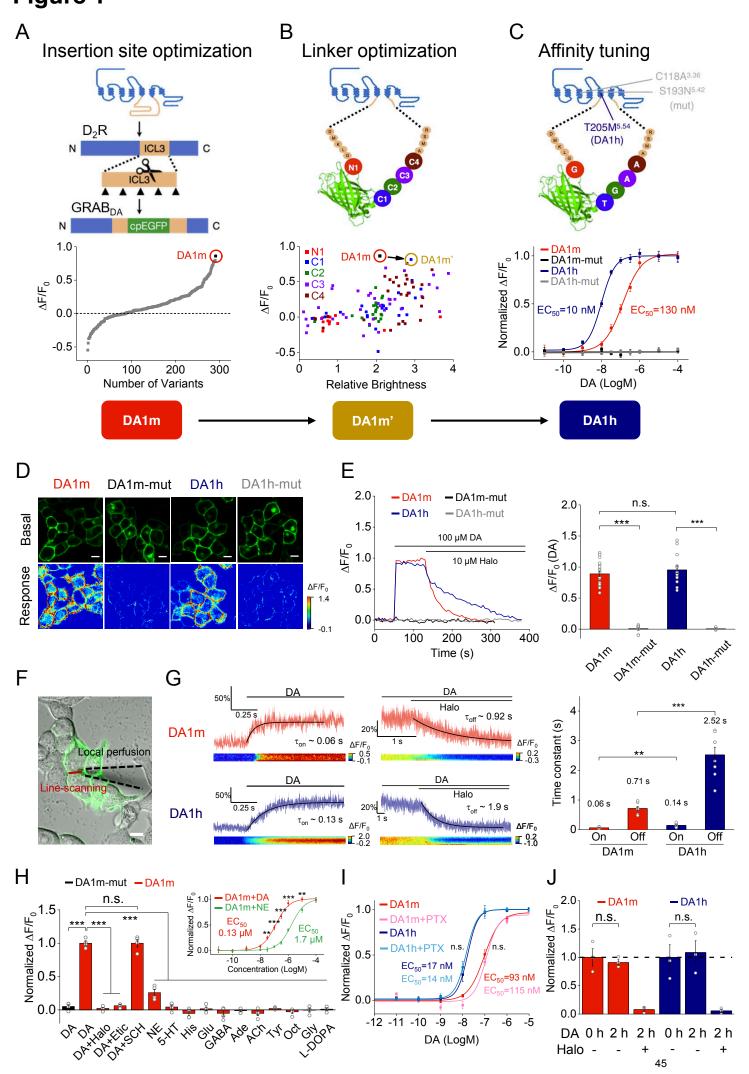
(H) Group analysis of the normalized peak z-scores for the US and CS in the indicated training phases. Each trace (coded with specific gray value) represents data from one animal (n = 3 mice; US: p = 0.7638 between naive and trained, p = 0.0125 between naive and well-trained, p = 0.0080 between trained and well-trained; CS: p = 0.1032 between naive and trained, p = 0.0067between naive and well-trained, p = 0.0471 between trained and well-trained). Error bars, ± SEM. Post-hoc Tukey's test was performed; n.s., not significant; *, p < 0.05; **, p < 0.01; ***, p < 0.001.

Figure 8. Acute DA release in the NAc measured during male sexual behaviors.

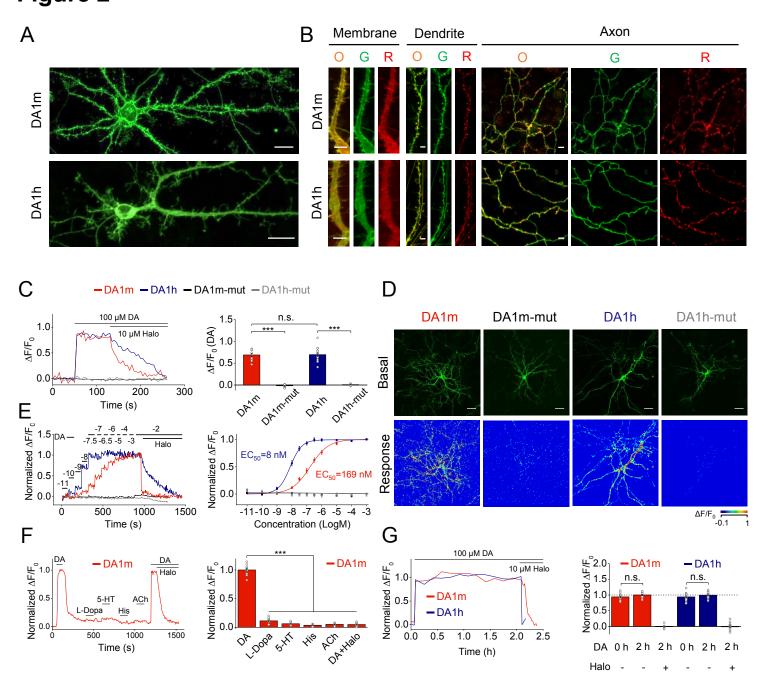
(A) Schematic diagram showing the experimental design used to record
 GRAB_{DA1h} signals in the NAc of male mice during sexual behaviors.

- (B) Representative fluorescence changes in male mice during the indicated
 sexual behaviors. The shaded areas with colors indicate different behavioral
 events.
- (C) Post-event histogram (PETH) showing the GRAB_{DA1h} signals aligned to theindicated behavioral events.
- 1498 (D) Group data summarizing the average peak $\Delta F/F_0$ (baseline adjusted) during
- 1499 different indicated behaviors for the two mice shown in (C) (n = 2 mice; p =
- 1500 0.007 for animal 1; p < 0.001 for animal 2). Error bars, ± SEM. One-way ANOVA
- 1501 performed; ***, p < 0.001; **, p < 0.01.

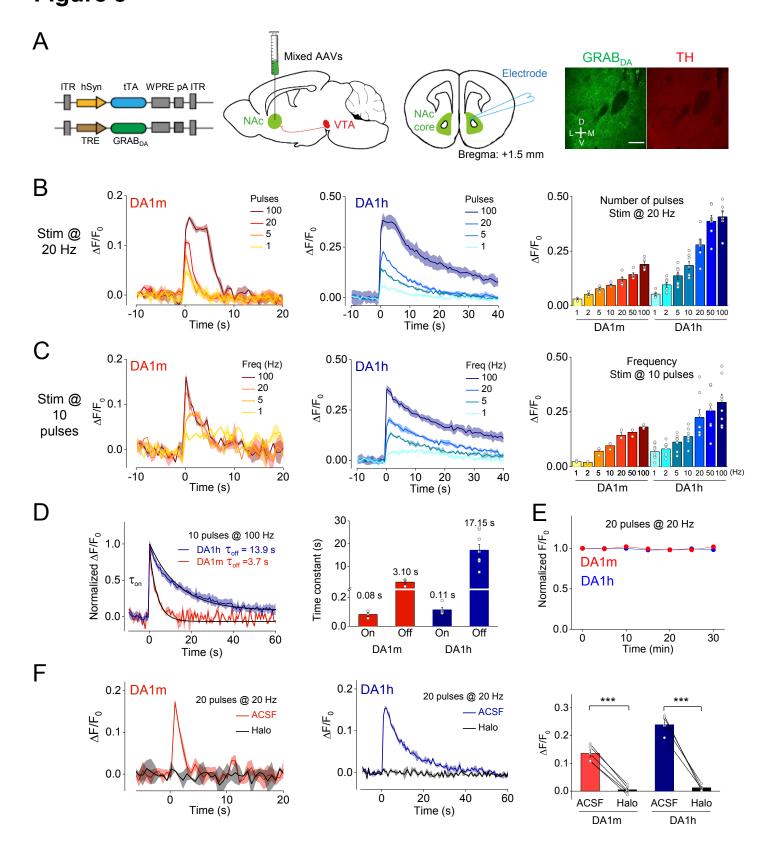
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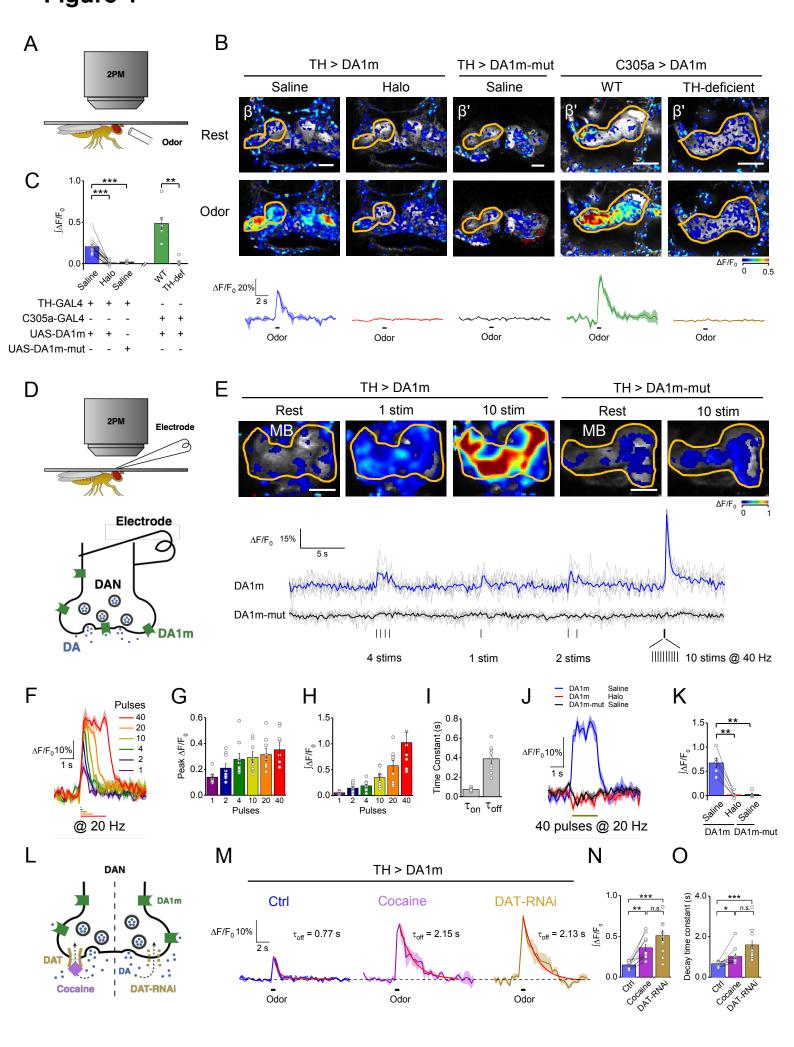
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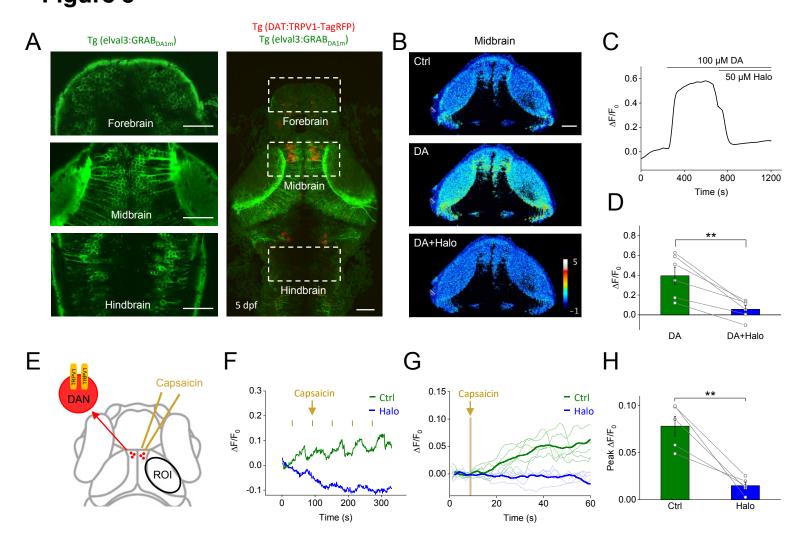
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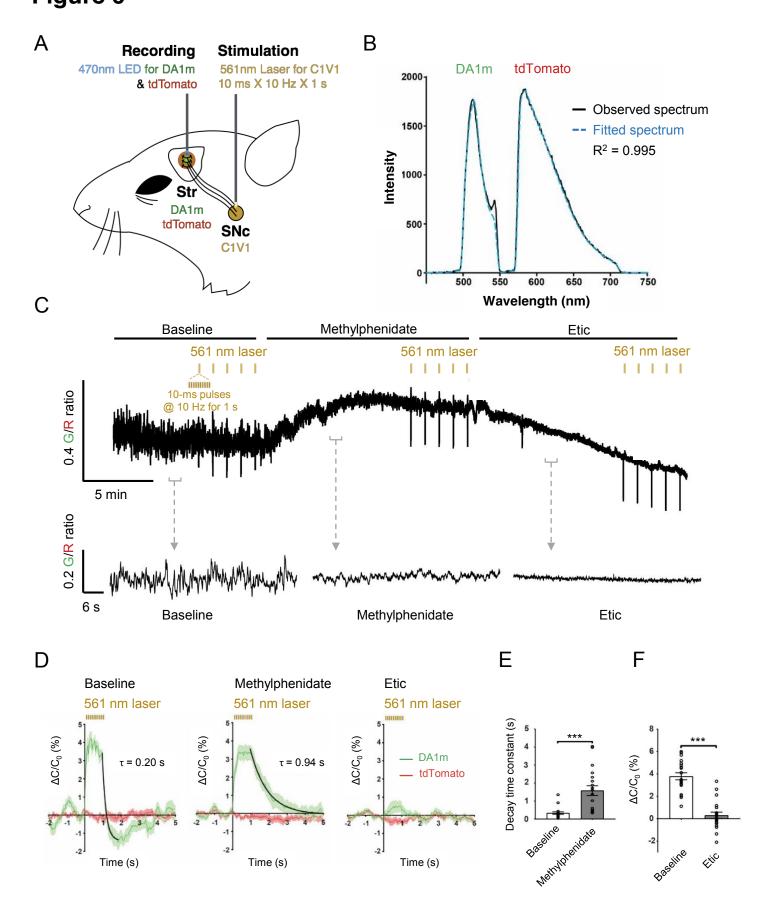
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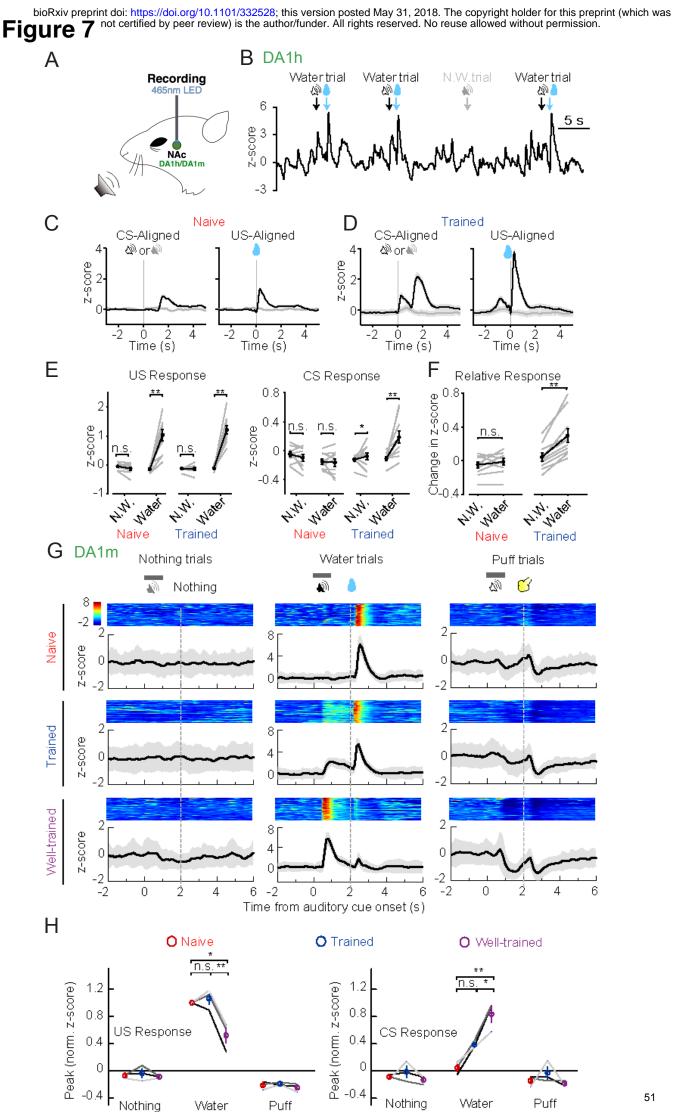


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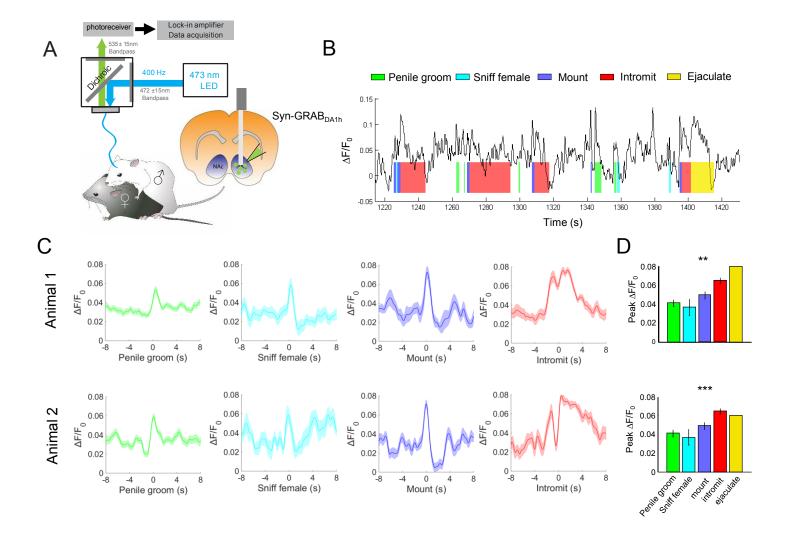


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1502 Figure S1: Comparison of DRs and DR-based chimeras, related to Fig. 1.

(A) The fluorescence and membrane trafficking of all five DRs with cpEGFP 1503 insertion. A membrane localized RFP (RFP-CAAX) was co-expressed to 1504 indicate the plasma membrane and EGFP-CAAX was set as a control. Left, the 1505 fluorescence images of HEK293T cells expressing all five DR-based chimeras 1506 (green) and RFP-CAAX (red). Middle, the normalized line-scanning plots of the 1507 fluorescence signals in both green and red channels. Right, Pearson 1508 colocalization ratios between the DR-based chimeras and RFP-CAAX (n = 30/21509 for each protein; p < 0.001 comparing D₂R with D₃R, D₄R and D₅R; p = 0.0011510 between D_2R and EGFP-CAAX; p = 0.006 between D_2R and D_1R). 1511

1512 (B) DA binding affinities of five subtypes of DRs.

1513 (C) Similar as (A), except different D₂R based GRAB_{DA} sensors were 1514 characterized, including GRAB_{DA1m}, GRAB_{DA1m}, GRAB_{DA1h}, GRAB_{DA1h}, GRAB_{DA1h}, mut 1515 and Golgi marker KDELR1-GFP as a control (n = 30/2 for each protein; p > 0.051516 among GRAB_{DA} sensors; p < 0.001 comparing KDELR1 with GRAB_{DA} sensors).

(D) Sequence alignment of the binding pockets of D₁R-D₅R and D₂R-based
 GRAB_{DA} sensors. Two blue-shaded amino acids indicate C118A and S193N
 mutation sites.

1520 Scale bars in (A) and (C), 10 μ m.

Figure S2: Photostability of GRAB_{DA1m} and GRAB_{DA1h} compared with other fluorescent probes, related to Fig. 1.

- 1524 (A) Representative photobleaching curves of GRABDA1m, GRABDA1h, EGFP-
- 1525 CAAX and iGluSnFR expressed in HEK293T cells under confocal imaging
- 1526 (488 nm laser with \sim 350 μ W intensity).
- 1527 (B) The group data of fluorescence decrease time constants of GRAB_{DA1m},
- 1528 GRAB_{DA1h}, EGFP-CAAX and iGluSnFR (n = 10/3; p = 0.350 between
- 1529 GRAB_{DA1m} and GRAB_{DA1h}; p < 0.001 comparing GRAB_{DA1m} with EGFP-CAAX
- 1530 and iGluSnFR).

1532 Figure S3: The selectivity of GRABDA1h, related to Fig. 1.

Normalized fluorescence responses of GRAB_{DA1h}- or GRAB_{DA1h}-mut-expressing 1533 cells to the application of 1 µM different compounds, including: DA, DA with 1534 Halo, DA with Etic, DA with SCH, 5-HT, His, Glu, GABA, Ade, ACh, Tyr, Oct, Gly 1535 and L-Dopa (the first bar shows GRAB_{DA1h-mut}-expressing cells in response to 1536 DA; n = 3 wells with each well of 200-400 cells; p < 0.001 for DA-induced 1537 responses between GRAB_{DA1h} and GRAB_{DA1h-mut}; p = 0.66 for GRAB_{DA1h} 1538 responses induced by DA comparing with DA+SCH; p = 0.037 for GRAB_{DA1h} 1539 responses induced by DA comparing with NE; p < 0.001 for GRAB_{DA1m} 1540 1541 responses induced by DA comparing with DA+Halo, DA+Etic, 5-HT, His, Glu, GABA, Ade, ACh, Tyr, Oct, Gly and L-DOPA). The inset, normalized dose-1542 dependent fluorescence responses of GRABDA1h-expressing cells to the 1543 application of DA (blue) or NE (orange) (n = 6 wells with each well of 200-400 1544 cells; p < 0.001 at -8, -7.5, -7 and -6.5; p = 0.049 at -6). 1545

Figure S4: Expression and membrane trafficking of GRAB_{DA1m-mut} and GRAB_{DA1h-mut} in cultured neurons, related to Fig. 1.

1549 The fluorescence images of GRAB_{DA1m-mut}- and GRAB_{DA1h-mut}-expressing 1550 neurons under confocal microscope. RFP-CAAX was co-expressed in the 1551 same neuron to indicate the plasma membrane. Scale bars of whole views, 20

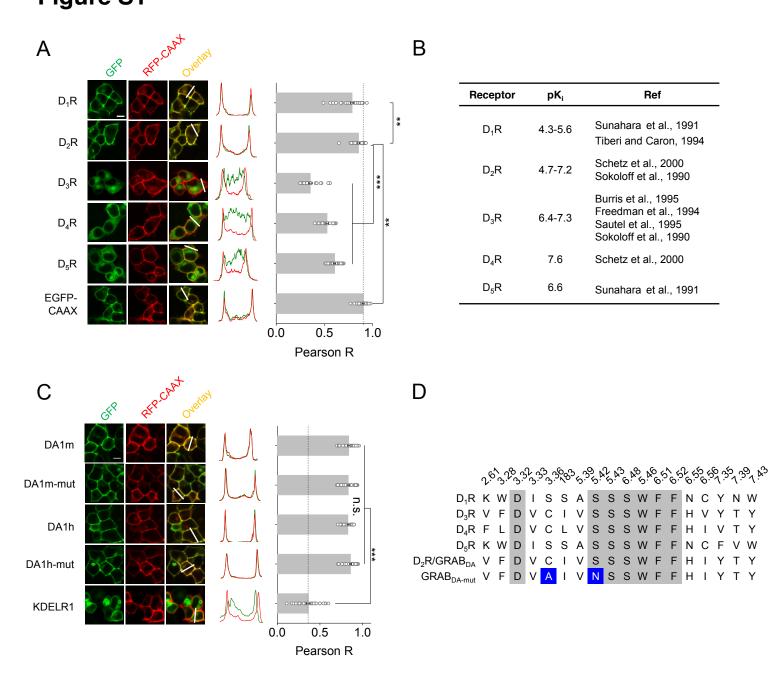
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Figure S5: GRAB_{DA1m} expression has no effect on the odor-evoked Ca²⁺ signaling, related to Fig. 4.

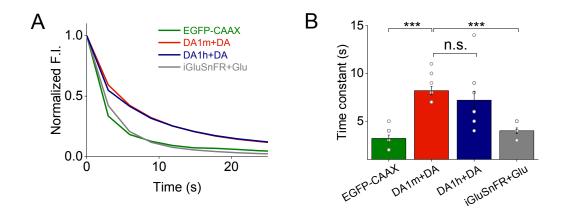
(A) The schematic of *in vivo* olfactory stimulation experiment under two-photonmicroscope.

(B) Representative pseudo-color images and traces of fluorescence responses
 of jRCaMP1a-exprssing DANs (left) or Kenyon cells (right) to 1 s olfactory
 stimulation. Traces are 3-trial-averaged results from one fly, and are shaded
 with ± SEM. Scale bars, 25 μm.

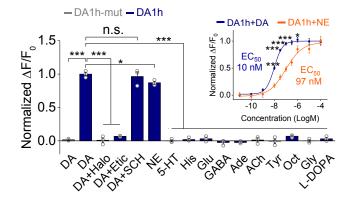
1562 (C) The integrals of jRCaMP1a signals are summarized. Each dot represents 1563 data from one fly (TH > jRCaMP1a: n = 10 flies; TH > jRCaMP1a, GRAB_{DA1m}: 1564 n = 11 flies; 30y > jRCaMP1a: 11 flies; 30y > jRCaMP1a, GRAB_{DA1m}: n = 121565 flies; p = 0.503 between TH > jRCaMP1a and TH > jRCaMP1a, GRAB_{DA1m}; p =1566 0.097 between 30y > jRCaMP1a between 30y > jRCaMP1a, GRAB_{DA1m}). Error 1567 bars, ± SEM. Student's t-test is performed; n.s., not significant. bioRxiv preprint doi: https://doi.org/10.1101/332528; this version posted May 31, 2018. The copyright holder for this preprint (which was Figure S1^{ext} certified by peer review) is the author/funder. All rights reserved. No reuse allowed without permission.



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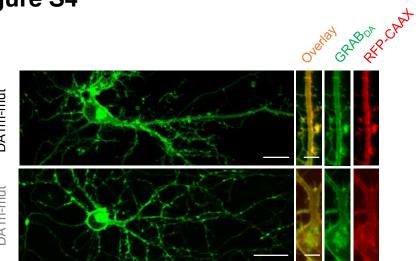


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