Regulation of Dopamine D1 Receptor Signaling at the Golgi Apparatus by a Low Affinity Dopamine Transporter

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Abstract
Dopamine is the main catecholamine in the brain and the kidney, where it controls a number of physiological functions such as locomotion, cognition, emotion, endocrine regulation and renal function. As a membrane impermeant hormone and neurotransmitter, dopamine is thought to relay its signaling function by binding and activating dopamine receptors, members of the G protein coupled receptors (GPCRs) family, only on the plasma membrane. Here, using novel nanobody-based biosensors, we demonstrate for the first time that the dopamine D1 receptor (D1DR), the primary mediator of dopaminergic signaling in the brain and kidney, not only functions on the plasma membrane but becomes activated at the Golgi apparatus upon the presence of its ligand. We present evidence that activation of the Golgi pool of D1DR is dependent on Organic Cation Transporter 2 (OCT2), a low affinity dopamine transporter, providing an explanation for how the membrane impermeant dopamine accesses subcellular pools of D1DR. We also introduce a new approach to selectively interrogate compartmentalized D1DR signaling by inhibiting Gαs coupling, using a nanobody-based chemical recruitment system. Using this strategy, we show that Golgi-localized D1DRs regulate cAMP production and mediate local protein kinase A activation. Together, our data suggest that spatially compartmentalized signaling hubs are previously unappreciated regulatory aspects of D1DR signaling. Our data also provide further evidence for the role of transporters in regulating subcellular GPCR activity.

Introduction
Dopamine (DA) is a major hormone and neurotransmitter that regulates a wide range of physiological responses, for example reward-motivated behavior and motor control in the CNS as well as sodium secretion in the kidney (1). All cellular actions of DA are mediated by Dopamine receptors, a class of GPCR. Several pathological conditions such as Parkinson's disease, schizophrenia and addiction are due to dysregulation of the neuronal dopaminergic signaling pathway, while hypertension has been attributed to impaired renal dopaminergic signaling. Dopamine receptor antagonists have been developed with the goal of blocking hallucinations and delusions that occur in schizophrenic patients, whereas DA receptor agonists are used to alleviate the moving defects of Parkinson's disease (2-4).

In both the central nervous system (CNS) and the kidney, DA is produced locally. There are five subtypes of Dopamine receptors, D1, D2, D3, D4 and D5, that are classified as
D1-class receptors (D1 and D5) or D2-class receptors (D2, D3 and D4) (5, 6). The D1-class (D1 and D5 receptors) are primarily coupled to Gαs/olf proteins and stimulate the activity of adenyl cyclase, AC, leading to the production of the second messenger cyclic AMP, cAMP (7). In contrast, the D2 class (D2S, D2L, D3 and D4 receptors) are associated with Gαi/o proteins and inhibit cAMP production (7).

D1 Dopamine Receptors (D1DRs) are highly expressed in the CNS where they underlie major brain functions such as locomotion, learning and memory, attention, impulse control, and sleep (1). Additionally, D1DRs in the kidney regulate trafficking of sodium ATPase and transporters, thereby affecting renal function (8, 9).

Impermeable agonists such as DA have been thought for a long time to activate D1DR only at the plasma membrane. Like many GPCRs, receptor removal from the cell surface by endocytosis has been described as a mechanism that attenuates cellular signaling (10-12). However, evidence from the past decade suggests that for some GPCRs endocytosis might in fact activate a second phase of acute or prolonged Gαs-mediated cAMP response from the endosomes (13-23). Recent studies further support this notion by providing evidence that cAMP generation by activated receptors at the endosome are necessary in regulating transcriptional responses that are distinct from those elicited by activation of the plasma membrane receptor pool (24-28).

Most of the receptors that have been shown to exhibit a second phase of signaling from internal compartments are primarily coupled to Gαs protein. cAMP diffusion is within the nanometer scale around phosphodiesterases at physiological conditions (29, 30). Given this narrow range of diffusion, it has been difficult to explain how receptor activation solely on the plasma membrane results in the activation of downstream effectors at distant subcellular locations such as the endoplasmic reticulum, Golgi and the nucleus (30-32). As one explanation for this observation, we recently showed that activation of the Golgi-localized beta1 adrenergic receptors (β1AR) cause local production of cAMP by Golgi localized Gαs protein. Importantly, we demonstrated that a catecholamine transporter facilitates the transport of epinephrine, a membrane impermeant endogenous β1AR agonist, to the lumen of the Golgi and activates the Golgi pool of β1AR. The importance of generation of local pool of cAMP by Golgi-localized β1AR was further supported by the fact that activated Golgi-β1ARs only, but not the plasma membrane pool, lead to PLCε activation at the perinuclear/Golgi membrane, which mediates hypertrophic responses in cardiomyocytes (33, 34).

Whether the need for local cAMP generation is unique to cell types or specific GPCRs is not well understood. The lack of cAMP mobility in cells becomes prominent in larger cells with higher membrane compartmentation, which will further create physical barriers for cAMP diffusion. Considering the high degree of membrane compartmentation of neurons and proximal tubules of the kidney, the two main cells types that express D1DRs, we wondered whether D1DR signaling is also compartmentalized. Here, using a conformational sensitive nanobody that recognizes activated D1DR, we show that the pre-existing pool of D1DR that is localized to the Golgi membrane is activated upon stimulation with extracellular DA. Furthermore, we demonstrate that a low affinity dopamine transporter, an Organic Cation Transporter (OCT2), facilitates the transport of
DA to the Golgi-localized D1DR and regulates its local activity at the Golgi. We further show that OCT2 has a distinct expression pattern in the kidney and specific regions of the brain, where D1DRs are endogenously expressed. Our findings thus identify a novel role for a monoamine transporter in regulating a specific pool of the D1DRs and their function in a physiologically relevant model of dopaminergic signaling.

Results
Nanobody-based conformational sensitive biosensors detect active D1DR and Gs protein at subcellular membranes. We have previously shown that a single-domain cameloid antibody, nanobody 80 (Nb80), originally developed to stabilize an active conformation of beta 2 adrenergic receptor (β2AR) for crystallography purposes (35), can be repurposed as a conformational biosensor to detect activated β2AR and β1AR in living cells (17, 33). Through directed evolution on Nb80, a high-affinity nanobody (Nb6B9) was generated that stabilizes the active conformation of epinephrine bound β2AR (36). Given that β2AR/Nb6B9 binding sites are highly conserved among other aminergic receptors such as β1AR and D1DR (Supplementary Figure 1)(35), we reasoned that this nanobody could also be used as a conformational sensitive biosensor to detect activated D1DR in real time and in living cells (Figure 1a). In HeLa cells expressing Snap-tagged D1DR, Nb6B9 fused to GFP (Nb6B9-GFP) was diffuse throughout the cytoplasm (Figure 1b, 0min). Upon stimulation of D1DR expressing HeLa cells with 10µM DA, Nb6B9-GFP was rapidly recruited first to the plasma membrane and shortly after to the Golgi apparatus (Figure 1b, 2min, Supplementary Movie 1). This data suggests that the D1DR Golgi pool is activated in response to extracellular DA addition. Interestingly, stimulation of 10µM DA in HEK293 cells expressing D1DR resulted in the recruitment of NB6B9-GFP only at the plasma membrane (Figure 1b, lower panel, 2min, Supplementary Movie 2). However, in both cell types, SKF81297, a selective membrane permeant D1DR agonist, activated both receptor pools (Supplementary Figure 2 and Supplementary movie 3 and 4). In addition to the Golgi recruitment and consistent with a previous report (16), Nb6B9 was also found to colocalize with D1DR at the endosomes, at a later time after agonist addition, indicating an active pool of D1DR at endosomes (Supplementary Movie 2). We further used mini-Gs protein, a more general biosensor for Gs-coupled GPCRs (37), to show that the active pool of D1DR at the plasma membrane, endosomes, and the Golgi can also be detected by mini-Gs recruitment to these locations (Supplementary Figure 3).

To investigate whether activated D1DR can couple to G protein and elicit a G-protein mediated response at the Golgi, we took advantage of another nanobody-based biosensor, Nb37-GFP. We previously used Nb37-GFP to detect transiently active β1AR/Gs and β2AR/Gs complexes at the Golgi and endosomes, respectively (17, 33). Similar to what we previously observed with β1AR, Nb37 was recruited to the plasma membrane and the Golgi upon stimulation with DA, suggesting that the D1DR Golgi pool is able to couple to G protein and activate it (Supplementary Figure 4b and c). Together, these findings suggest a distinct spatiotemporal regulation of D1DR signaling at the plasma membrane and the Golgi membranes.

OCT2 facilitates the transport of Dopamine to the Golgi-localized D1DR.
These observations raised the key question of how DA, a hydrophilic/membrane impermeant monoamine, can access the Golgi pool of D1DR. The first clue came from the observation that DA can activate Golgi-D1DR in HeLa cells but not HEK293 cells (Figure 1b, Supplementary Movie 1 and 2) whereas SKF81297, a hydrophobic/membrane permeant agonist, can activate the Golgi pool of D1DR in both cell types (Supplementary Figure 2, Supplementary Movie 3 and 4). These differential effects of DA and SKF81297 are not based on their differential potency for activating D1DR, as they have comparative EC50 values in inducing cAMP responses (Figure 2a). Moreover, D1DR activation at the Golgi was not dependent on receptor internalization, as inhibiting endocytosis by blocking dynamin did not block D1DR activation at the Golgi (Supplementary Figure 4a and c). We previously found that a membrane transporter, Organic Cation Transporters 3 (OCT3), facilitates epinephrine transport resulting in activation of the Golgi-localized β1AR. OCT3 is a member of the solute carrier (SLC) family 22, electrogenic and bidirectional catecholamine transporters that are localized on the plasma membrane and intracellular compartments (33). Therefore, we hypothesized that another OCT family transporter can similarly function in DA transport to allow for the activation of Golgi-localized D1DR pools.

There are three main OCTs that have largely overlapping distribution but distinct substrates. OCT3 facilitates the transport of epinephrine and norepinephrine (38). DA has been identified as a key endogenous substrate for another member of the SLC22A family, OCT2 (SLC22A2)(39-42). We thus asked whether OCT2 has a role in transporting DA to the Golgi membranes. OCT2 showed significant protein expression in HeLa cells as measured by western blotting, whereas no significant expression was detected in HEK293 cells (Figure 2b). To test the role of OCT2 in DA transport, we then overexpressed OCT2-mApple in HEK293 cells and used Nb6B9-GFP to assess D1DR activation in live cells. By overexpressing OCT2-mApple in HEK293 cells, we found that Nb6B9-GFP could now be recruited to activated D1DR at the Golgi. (Figure 2c and d, Supplementary Movie 5). These results suggest that OCT2 can facilitate the transport of DA to the Golgi lumen where it then activates D1DR at the Golgi membranes.

To investigate the role of OCT2 in D1DR signaling in physiologically relevant cell types, we measured OCT2 expression patterns in two main organs where D1DR are known to express and have function, the kidney and the brain. We found that OCT2 is highly expressed in the kidney and has a distinct expression pattern in different regions of the brain. OCT2 is highly expressed in the striatum and cortex, where D1DR is known to express and have function. However, OCT2 expression was negligible in the hippocampus and substantia nigra, another region where D1DR has known functions (Supplementary Figure 5a-c) (40, 43-45). We then used MDCKs, a kidney derived cell line, and found that D1DRs and OCT2 can be detected at both the plasma membrane and the Golgi pools (Supplementary Figure 5a-c). These data suggest that distinct OCT2 tissue expression patterns could play a role in regulating spatial D1DR signaling.

**Golgi and plasma membrane-localized D1DR both contribute to the cAMP response**

Our data suggested that the plasma membrane and Golgi pools of D1DR both couple to the Gs protein. In addition to its presence at the plasma membrane, adenylyl cyclase has been reported to localize at the Golgi/perinuclear membranes (46, 47). We therefore
asked whether D1DR/Gs complexes at both the plasma membrane and the Golgi activate Gs-mediated cAMP responses. To address this question, we utilized a rapamycin dimerization system composed of FK506-binding protein (FKBP) and FKBP-rapamycin binding domain of FRAP (FRB), to rapidly induce recruitment of Nb6B9 to specific membrane compartments. This makes it possible to specifically block D1DR/Gs coupling at each distinctly localized pool. We have previously shown that βARs nanobody, Nb80, which binds to the same region as G protein (35, 48), blocks either the plasma membrane or the Golgi-β1AR mediated cAMP responses when it is recruited locally to these compartments at high concentrations (33). This inhibition is likely due to steric occlusion of the Gαs protein. Using HEK293 cells expressing either FKBP at the plasma membrane or the Golgi with FRB fused to Nb6B9 (FRB-Nb6B9), we demonstrated that treatment with rapalog, a rapamycin analog, specifically targets Nb6B9 to either membranes (Figure 3 a-c). Upon stimulation with membrane permeant agonist SKF81297, Nb6B9 targeted to the plasma membrane disrupts plasma membrane-D1DR /G proteins coupling, while Golgi-D1DR is still able to elicit a cAMP response (Figure 3d). In turn, treatment with rapalog in cells expressing Golgi-targeted FKBP and FRB-Nb6B9 and subsequent stimulation with SKF81297 resulted in only activation of the plasma membrane-D1DR pool (Figure 3e). Importantly, rapalog treatment alone had no effect on the overall cAMP production elicited by Forskolin, a direct activator of adenylyl cyclase (Figure 3f). These data indicate that Golgi-localized D1DR is able to activate cAMP response.

Local activation of PKA at the Golgi depends on selective activation of Golgi-localized D1DR
A key downstream effector sensed by cAMP is protein kinase A (PKA). PKA is a holoenzyme, consisting of two catalytic and two regulatory subunits (Figure 4a). There are two PKA types (type I and II) that are anchored to distinct subcellular locations through interactions with distinct A kinase anchoring proteins (49). PKA type II has been shown to localize to the perinuclear/Golgi membranes (50). Binding of cAMP to the PKA regulatory subunit induces dissociation and activation of the PKA catalytic subunit (Figure 4a) (51, 52). To test whether cAMP generation by Golgi-localized D1DR/Gs complex results in the activation of PKA at the perinuclear/Golgi, we utilized a previously described HEK293T knock-in cell line expressing a split fluorescent protein, labeling native PKA catalytic subunit gene with GFP (PKAcad-GFP)(53). Stimulation of HEK293T PKAcad-GFP knock in cell lines expressing D1DR with 10nM SKF81297, a concentration that activates both pools of D1DR (Supplementary Figure 3), resulted in rapid dissociation of PKAcad-GFP from the perinuclear/Golgi membranes (Figure 4b top panel). Quantification of these data shows that stimulation with SKF81297 results in sustained activation of PKA at the perinuclear/Golgi (Figure 4c, Supplementary Figure 6). We then asked whether PKAcad dissociation is mediated by the activation of D1DR Golgi pool. Given that HEK293T cells do not express OCT2 transporter (Figure 2b) and thus DA cannot be transported to the Golgi membranes, we used DA to specifically activate the plasma membrane pool of D1DR. Importantly, stimulation of HEK293T PKAcad-GFP knock-in cells with 10nM DA, a concentration with similar potency as SKF81297 (Figure 2a), did not cause PKAcad dissociation (Figure 4 b, lower panel, and c). Together, these data indicate that activation of the D1DR at the Golgi, but not the plasma membrane, results in local PKA activation at the perinuclear/Golgi.
Dopamine uncaging triggers rapid activation of Golgi localized-D1DR and local PKA.

To further investigate the role of Golgi-localized D1DR in activating PKA locally, we utilized a photo-sensitive caged dopamine that becomes uncaged upon blue light exposure (Figure 5a). Unlike DA, caged-DA is hydrophobic and thus membrane permeant (54, 55). To ensure that caged-DA accumulates inside the cell and reaches the Golgi-localized D1DR, we incubated HEK293T PKAcat-GFP knock in cells with 1 μM caged-DA for 10 min in a dark incubator. Addition of caged-DA to HEK293T PKAcat-GFP cells did not activate D1DR, as indicated by cytoplasmic localization of Nb6B9-mApple, confirming that DA is inactive in its caged form (Figure 5b top panel). Upon stimulation of cells with blue light for 10 seconds, we observed D1DR activation at the Golgi, as detected by rapid Nb6B9-mApple recruitment to the Golgi membranes within seconds after blue light exposure (Figure 5b and c, Supplementary movie 6). This was then followed by PKAcat-GFP dissociation from the perinuclear/Golgi regions, as a result of cAMP production and PKA activation (Figure 5b and c, Supplementary movie 6). These data further support the notion that Golgi-localized D1DR activates PKA locally.

Discussion

Our findings demonstrate for the first time that dopaminergic receptors can signal from the Golgi apparatus. We present evidence that dopamine, a hydrophilic catecholamine, can be transported to the Golgi membrane to reach the pre-existing Golgi pool of D1DRs. This transport is facilitated by a low affinity dopamine transporter, OCT2. The Golgi-D1DR comprises a functional signaling pool as it can activate Gαs and stimulate cAMP production. Moreover, we have introduced a new approach to selectively interrogate compartmentalized D1DR signaling by inhibiting Gαs coupling, using a nanobody-based chemical recruitment system. Additionally, utilizing caged-dopamine, we show that photo-release of dopamine at the Golgi upon rapid UV exposure triggers D1DR-mediated cAMP production and local PKA activation.

The present study also demonstrates the important role of local generation of cAMP by GPCRs in controlling local PKA activation at specific subcellular compartments. It is well established that cAMP mediated signaling specificity depends on the function of compartment specific phosphodiesterases, enzymes that degrade cAMP, limiting the diffusion of this second messenger (56-61). Recent measurements of cAMP mobility suggest a nanometer scale diffusion domain (29, 30). The model where cAMP generation by plasma membrane localized receptors propagates in a linear fashion to then control intracellular effectors of cAMP is inconsistent with the nanometer scale of cAMP diffusion range within the cell (62). Thus, our data further provide evidence that PKA activation at a specific compartment requires GPCR activation locally in the vicinity of that compartment.

OCT2 has been previously thought to mainly function as an uptake transporter, helping with the clearance of extracellular DA and terminating DA-mediated signaling pathways (39-42). We found that OCT2 can also facilitate the transport of DA to the Golgi and activate a second phase of signaling by the Golgi-D1DR pools. Published evidence...
suggests that OCT2 is expressed in a number of tissues and cells types that also express D1DRs (40, 43, 44). Interestingly, however, there are D1DR expressing cell types that do not express OCT2. For example, we found that within the brain, OCT2 is highly expressed in the striatum and moderately in the cortex. In contrast, OCT2 has little to no expression in the hippocampus or substantia nigra (Supplementary figure 5c) (40). This could potentially explain some of the distinct cAMP/PKA signaling patterns that have been observed in different D1DR expressing neurons. For example, cAMP/PKA responses are longer lasting in striatal neurons compared to pyramidal cortical neurons (55). Therefore, we speculate that the expression pattern of OCT2 may be a determinant of which cell types and tissues exhibit activation of Golgi-pool of D1DRs. The present results expand the concept of GPCR compartmentalized signaling and open additional interesting questions for further studies regarding mechanisms that regulate subcellular GPCR activity by other monoamine transporters such as another dopamine transporter (DAT), 5-HT transporter (SERT), or noradrenaline transporter (NET) (63, 64). Establishing GPCR signaling from subcellular compartments is the first step in unraveling the physiological consequences of compartmentalized signaling for each GPCR family member.

Figure legends:

**Figure 1.** Conformational biosensor detects activated D1DR at the plasma membrane and the Golgi upon Dopamine stimulation. 

**a.** Nb6B9 binds to the receptor exclusively in its active conformation. We fused Nb6B9 to GFP and used it as conformational biosensor for D1DR.  

**b.** Confocal images of representative D1DR-expressing HeLa (top panel) and HEK293 cells (lower panel) with Nb6B9-GFP and GalT-mRFP expression before and after 10µM dopamine addition. Stimulation with 10µM dopamine results in recruitment of Nb6B9 to active D1DR at plasma membrane and Golgi in HeLa (n = 15 cells, Pearson’s coefficient = 0.63, respectively, 5 experiments); 10µM DA treatment only activates plasma membrane localized D1DR in HEK 293 cells (n = 17 cells, Pearson’s coefficient = 0.15, 5 experiments). Right panels show merged images of Nb6BP and the Golgi marker. Arrows indicate active D1DR at plasma membrane; Arrowhead indicates active D1DR at Golgi membrane; Scale bar = 10µm 

**c.** Quantification of D1DR activity at Golgi in HeLa and HEK293 cells; Normalized fluorescence intensity of Nb6B9 at Golgi relative to D1DR at Golgi labeled with Snap-tagged-D1DR.

**Figure 2.** OCT2 facilitated DA transport to the Golgi-Localized D1DR. 

**a.** Dose-response curve of forskolin-normalized D1DR-mediated cAMP response in HEK 293 cells treated with SKF81297 or dopamine; SKF and DA have similar potency and efficacy, thus differences in signaling at Golgi in HEK293 cells are not due to differences in drug potency or efficacy (mean ± s.e.m., n = 3 biological replicates).  

**b.** Detection of OCT2 expression by Western Blot. HeLa cells express OCT2, while HEK 293 cells do not.  

**c.** Representative HEK293 cell expressing Snap-D1DR, Nb6B9-GFP, and OCT2-mApple at indicated times after 10µM addition. Overexpression of OCT2 in HEK293 cells rescues Golgi-localized D1DR activation (n = 16 cells, Pearson’s coefficient = 0.67, 6 experiments). Arrow indicates active D1DR at plasma membrane; Arrowhead indicates active D1DR at Golgi membrane; Scale bar = 10µm.  

**d.** Quantification of Nb6B9-GFP recruitment at Golgi in
HEK293 cells with or without OCT2 overexpression; Normalized fluorescence intensity of Nb6B9-GFP relative to Snap D1DR at Golgi.

**Figure 3. Both plasma membrane and Golgi-localized D1DR promote cAMP production.** Model of blocking D1DR-Gs coupling at the plasma membrane (a) and Golgi membrane (b) after recruitment of mVenus-FRB-Nb6B9. FKBP was targeted to either the plasma membrane (a) or Golgi membrane (b), and its binding partner FRB-mVenus was fused to Nb6B9. Upon addition of rapalog (rapamycin analog), FKBP and FRB heterodimerize and sequester Nb6B9 to either membranes, disrupting G protein coupling to the receptor and thus blocking signaling from each respective location. c. Representative confocal images of HEK293 cells expressing either plasma membrane (PM) or Golgi targeted FKBP showing mVenus-FRB Nb6B9 localization at indicated times after rapalog addition. Representative cells confirm inducible sequestration of Nb6B9 to either PM or Golgi. Arrow indicates PM; Arrowhead indicates Golgi. d. Forskolin-normalized D1DR-mediated cAMP response with and without rapalog pretreatment (1µM, 15 min) and SKF81297 at indicated concentrations in HEK293 expressing PM-FKBP (mean ± s.e.m., n = 6 biological replicates, P values of 0.0021 and 0.0015 at 10⁻⁷ and 10⁻⁶, respectively) e. Forskolin-normalized D1DR-mediated cAMP response with and without rapalog pretreatment (1µM, 15 min) and SKF81297 at indicated concentrations in HEK293 expressing Golgi-FKBP (mean ± s.e.m., n = 6 biological replicates, P values of <0.0001 at 10⁻⁷ and 10⁻⁶). f. Effect of 1µM and 10µM rapalog on forskolin-mediated cAMP response (n = 3 biological replicates).

**Figure 4. Golgi localized PKA is activated by D1DR at the Golgi.** a. Model of PKA activation; cAMP binds PKA regulatory subunit (R), rendering PKA catalytic subunit (PKA-cat) dissociation. b. Confocal images of representative D1DR-expressing HEK293 cells with endogenous PKA-cat-GFP and GalT-mRFP expression at indicated times after 10nM SKF81927 (top panels; n = 11 cells, Pearson’s coefficient 0.53, 3 biological replicates) or 10nM DA (lower panels, n = 12 cells, Pearson’s coefficient = 0.64, 3 biological replicates). Arrowhead indicates PKAcat at Golgi membrane; Scale bar = 10µm. c. Normalized fluorescence intensity of PKAcat relative to Golgi-D1DR after treatment with 10nM DA or 10nM SKF81927.

**Figure 5. Rapid activation of Golgi localized-D1DR and PKA by photo-release of dopamine.** a. Dopamine is un-caged from (N)-1-(2 Nitrophenyl)ethylcarboxy-3,4-dihydroxyphenethylamine (NPEC) upon blue light (UV) exposure. b. Confocal images of representative D1DR-expressing HEK293 cells with endogenous PKA-cat-GFP and Nb6B9-mApple expression, incubated with 1 µM NPEC-caged dopamine and at indicated times after blue light exposure (n = 46 cells, 4 biological replicates). Arrowhead indicates Nb6B9 recruitment to the Golgi membrane; Scale bar = 10µm. c. Normalized fluorescence intensity of Nb6B9-mApple and PKAcat relative to Golgi-D1DR after blue light exposure.

**Supplementary Figure 1.** Nanobody binding motifs are conserved between β2AR and D1 dopamine receptor (D1DR).
Supplementary Figure 2. Conformational biosensor detects activated D1DR at the plasma membrane and the Golgi upon SKF81297 stimulation. Representative Flag-D1DR-expressing HEK293 and HeLa cells with Nb6B9-GFP and GalT-mRFP localization at indicated times after 10µM SKF81297 addition. Stimulation with 10µM SKF81297 results in recruitment of Nb6B9 to active D1DR at plasma membrane and Golgi in both HEK 293 and HeLa cells. Scale bar = 10µm.

Supplementary Figure 3. MiniGαs protein biosensor detects active D1DR at the plasma membrane and the Golgi. Representative Snap-D1DR-expressing HeLa cell with miniGs-mVenus and GalT-mRFP localizations at indicated times after 10nM SKF81297 (top panels) and DA (lower panels) addition. Scale bar = 10µm.

Supplementary Figure 4. a. Representative HeLa cell expressing Snap-D1DR and Nb6B9-GFP. Cells were incubated with 30µM Dyngo-4a, a dynamin inhibitor that blocks endocytosis, stimulated with 10µM DA at indicated times. Golgi-localized D1DR is activated when endocytosis is blocked, suggesting that activation of the Golgi pool is not dependent on D1DR internalization. b. Representative HeLa cell expressing Snap-D1DR and Nb37-GFP at indicated times after 10µM DA addition. Nb37 binds to the GPCR-Gs protein complex in the nucleotide free state. Scale bar = 10µm. c. Quantification of Nb37-GFP and Nb6B9-GFP intensity at Golgi, normalized to Golgi-D1DR. Both nanobodies show similar kinetics of Golgi-localized D1DR activation after addition of 10µM DA.

Supplementary Figure 5. a. Endogenous localization of D1DR and b. OCT2 at the plasma membrane and the Golgi membranes. MDCK cells were labeled with D1DR and OCT2 specific antibody and the Golgi antibody (GM130). Arrowheads indicate Golgi localizations. Arrows indicate plasma membrane localization. c. Detection of OCT2 expression in different tissue extracts and brain slices by Western Blot.

Supplementary Figure 6. Kinetics of PKAcat-GFP dissociation from the Golgi membrane upon activation of the D1DR Golgi Pools.

Supplementary Movie 1. Confocal image series of D1DR expressing HeLa cells (magenta), Nb6B9-GFP (cyan) and the Golgi marker (yellow), incubated with 10µM Dopamine.

Supplementary Movie 2. Confocal image series of D1DR expressing HEK293 cells (magenta), Nb6B9-GFP (cyan) and the Golgi marker (yellow), incubated with 10µM Dopamine.

Supplementary Movie 3. Confocal image series of D1DR expressing HeLa cells (magenta), Nb6B9-GFP (cyan) and the Golgi marker (yellow), incubated with 10µM SKF81927.

Supplementary Movie 4. Confocal image series of D1DR expressing HEK293 cells (magenta), Nb6B9-GFP (cyan) and the Golgi marker (yellow), incubated with 10µM SKF81927.
**Supplementary Movie 5.** Confocal image series of D1DR expressing HEK293 cells (magenta), Nb6B9-GFP (cyan) and OCT2-mApple (yellow), incubated with 10μM Dopamine.

**Supplementary Movie 6.** Confocal image series of D1DR expressing (magenta) HEK293 cells with endogenous PKA-cat-GFP (cyan) and Nb6B9-mApple (orange), incubated with 1μM NPEC-caged-Dopamine.

**Methods**

**Cell Culture, cDNA constructs and transfection**

HeLa and HEK293 cells (purchased from ATCC as authenticated lines CCL-2, CRL-1573 and CRL 1446 respectively) were grown in Dulbecco’s minimal essential medium supplemented with 10% Fetal Bovine Serum (FBS) without antibiotics. Cell cultures were free of mycoplasma contamination. Signal Sequence-Snap-tagged D1DR was created by amplifying D1DR from Flag-D1DR using 5’-GCCTGGGCTGGGTCTTGGATCCGATGACGCCATGGACG -3’; 5’-ATAGGGGCCCTCTAGAGCCTCAGGTTGGTGCTG -3’ primers, and inserted into the Snap vector using BamHI and XbaI. pVenus-FRB-Nb6B9 was created by amplifying Nb6B9 and FRB from Nb6B9-GFP (33), and pC4-RhE plasmid (ARIAD Pharmaceuticals), using 5’-TGGTGGACAGGTGCAGCTTGGTGGAC -3’; 5’-GGATCCTCATGAGGAGACGTGACCTGGGT -3’ and 5’-GCTTGAATCTAATCTCTCTGGCAT -3’; 5’-TGCACCTGTCCACCAGCATA-3 prisers respectively, such that it contained the linker sequence GATAGTGCTGGTAGTGCTGGTGGAC, and inserted into the pVenus-C1 vector using EcoRI and BamH1. FKBP-GalT-mApple was created by amplifying FKBP and GalT from KDELr-FKBP and GalT-mCherry plasmids (a generous gift from Dr.Farese lab), using 5’-CATGCTAGCGCCGCCACCATGGGAGTGCAGGTGGAAACCAT -3', 5’-GAGCTCGAGACCAGCACTACCAGCAC -3' and 5’-GCTCAGAATTCAATCTCTGGCAT -3'; 5’-GCCACCTGTCCACCAGCACA-3' primers respectively and inserted into the pmApple-N1 vector using Nhel, XhoI for FKBP and HindIII and BamHI for GalT(33). Transfections were performed using Lipofectamine 2000 (Invitrogen) according to the manufacturer’s instructions. Snap tagged human D1DR constructs were labelled with Snap-cell 647 SiR (New England Biolabs, S9102S) as described previously (65).

**Live-cell confocal imaging**

Live cell imaging was carried out using Nikon spinning disk confocal microscope with a 60 ×, 1.4 numerical aperture, oil objective and a CO₂ and 37 °C temperature-controlled incubator. A 488, 568 nm and 640 Voltran was used as light sources for imaging GFP, mRFP/mApple, and Snap-647 signals, respectively. Cells expressing both Snap-tagged receptor (2μg) and the indicated nanobody–GFP (200ng) were plated onto glass coverslips. Receptors were surface labelled by addition of Snap-Cell 647 SiR (1:1000,
New England Biolabs) to the media for 20 min, as described previously. Live cell images where endocytosis was inhibited were carried out by incubating the cells in 30μM Dynog 4a (ab120689) at 37 °C for 30 minutes before indicated agonist was added. HEK293 PKA-Cat-GFP knock-in cells were a generous gift from the Huang Lab. Indicated agonists (dopamine hydrochloride-Sigma, SKF81297 hydrobromide-Tocris) were added and cells were imaged every 20 s for 20 min in DMEM without phenol red supplemented with 30 mM HEPES, pH 7.4. NPEC-caged-dopamine (Tocris) was incubated for 10 min before cells were stimulated with 3.2 μW/cm² blue light. Time-lapse images were acquired with a CMOS camera (Photometrics) driven by Nikon Imaging Software (NS elements).

**Fixed-cell confocal imaging**

Cells were permeabilized with saponin to reduce the cytoplasmic background, as described previously(66). Briefly, MDCK cells were permeabilized with 0.05% saponin (Sigma) in PEM buffer (80mM K-Pipes, pH 6.8, 5 mM EGTA, 1mM MgCl2) for 5 min on ice. Cells were then fixed with 3% paraformaldehyde in PBS for 10 min and then quenched with 50mM Nh4Cl in PBS for 15 min. Primary antibodies (D1DR antibody (ab216644) 1:100, GM130 (BD biosciences 610822) (1:1000), and SLC22A2/OCT2 antibody (ab170871) were diluted in PBS supplemented with 0.05% saponin. Confocal images were taken using Nikon spinning disk confocal microscope with a 60x 1.4 numerical aperture, oil objective.

**Image analysis and statistical analysis**

Images were saved as 16-bit TIFF files. Quantitative image analysis was carried out on unprocessed images using ImageJ software (http://rsb.info.nih.gov/ij). For measuring kinetics of Nb6B9–GFP recruitment at the Golgi membrane over time in confocal images and kinetics of PKA-Cat GFP dissociation from the Golgi, analyses were performed on unprocessed TIFF images using custom scripts written in MATLAB. Co-localization analysis at the Golgi was estimated by calculating the Pearson’s coefficient between the indicated image channels with the Golgi marker channel, using the co-localization plug-in for ImageJ (Coloc2). P values are from two-tailed unpaired Student’s t-tests calculated using Prism 6.0 software (GraphPad Software).

**Luminescence-based cAMP assay**

HEK 293 cells stably expressing D1DR were transfected with a plasmid encoding a cyclic-permuted luciferase reporter construct, (pGloSensor-20F, Promega) and luminescence values were measured, as described previously (17). Briefly, cells were plated in 96-well dishes (~100,000 cells per well) in 500μl DMEM without phenol red/no serum and equilibrated to 37 °C in the SpectraMax plate reader and luminescence was measured every 1.5 min. Software was used to calculate integrated luminescence intensity and background subtraction. In rapamycin heterodimerization experiments, cells were pre-incubated with 1μM A/C heterodimerizer, a rapamycin analog (Takara 635056) for 15 min. 5μM forskolin was used as a reference value in each multi-well plate and for each experimental condition. The average luminescence value (measured across duplicate wells) was normalized to the maximum luminescence value measured in the presence of 5μM forskolin. For rapamycin treated cells, the average luminescence value was...
normalized to the maximum luminescence value measured in the presence of 5μM forskolin and 1μM Rapamycin.

**Western blotting**

Cells from HEK293, HEK293T and HeLa were lysed in extraction buffer (0.2% Triton X-100, 50mM NaCl, 5mM EDTA, 50mM Tris at pH 7.4 and complete EDTA-free protease inhibitor cocktail (Roche). Extracts were mixed with SDS sample buffer for degradation. The proteins were resolved by SDS-PAGE and transferred to nitrocellulose membrane and blotted for anti-SLC22A2 (ab170871-1:1000) or GAPDH (1:10,000) antibodies to detect OCT2 and GAPDH expression by horseradish-peroxidase-conjugated rabbit IgG, sheep anti-mouse and rabbit IgG (1:10,000 Amersham Biosciences) and SuperSignal extended duration detection reagent (Pierce).

**Data availability**

Our research resources, including methods, cells and protocols are available upon request. All reagents developed, such as FRB and FKBP constructs, as well as detailed methods will be available upon request. The corresponding author adheres to the NIH Grants Policy and Sharing of Unique Research Resources.

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Figure 1

(a) Schematic diagram showing the interaction of Nb6B9 with the Golgi apparatus. The green asterisk indicates the active site of Nb6B9.

(b) Fluorescence images showing the effects of 10 μM DA on Snap-D1DR, Nb6B9-GFP, and a Golgi marker in HeLa cells. The images are taken at 0 and 2 minutes post-treatment, with arrows indicating changes in fluorescence intensity.

(c) Graph showing the fluorescence intensity at the Golgi of Nb6B9/D1DR in HEK293 and HeLa cells over time. The graph compares HEK293 (blue) and HeLa (green) cells treated with 10 μM DA.
Figure 2

(a) Graph showing the effect of concentrations of agonist on RLU/RLU (FSK) Fold Change. The data points for SKF and DA are indicated.

(b) Western blot analysis showing IB: OCT2 and IB: GAPDH with molecular weights of 63 kDa and 39 kDa respectively.

(c) Image showing HEK293 cells treated with 10 μM DA, Snap-D1DR, Nb6B9-GFP, and OCT2-mApple. Images show changes over 0 min and 2 min.

(d) Graph showing fluorescence intensity at the Golgi: Nb6B9/D1DR (% of Max) over time, with curves for HEK293+OCT2-mApple and HEK293.
Figure 3
Figure 4

(a) Schematic diagram showing the release of the catalytic subunit of PKA from the holoenzyme upon cAMP binding.

(b) Fluorescence images showing the effects of 10nM SKF and 10nM SNAP-D1DR on PKA-Cat-GFP localization in HEK 293T cells. The images show the localization of PKA-Cat-GFP (blue), SNAP-D1DR (red), and a Golgi marker (yellow) at 0 min and 2 min after treatment.

(c) Graph showing the fluorescence intensity of PKA-Cat/D1DR at the Golgi over time in HEK 293T cells treated with 10nM SKF or 10nM DA. The y-axis represents the intensity as a percentage of the maximum.

Legend:
- PKA Holoenzyme
- PKA Catalytic subunit released
- 10nM SKF
- SNAP-D1DR
- PKA-Cat-GFP
- Golgi Marker

Scale bars: 20 µm
Figure 5

(a) Chemical structure of NPE-caged-dopamine before and after UV exposure.

(b) Immunofluorescence images of Snap-D1DR, Nb6B9-mApple, and PKACA-GFP under UV exposure at different time points (0 Sec, 60 Sec, 120 Sec).

(c) Graphs showing the change in fluorescence intensity at the Golgi and PKAc activation after UV exposure.
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