

1 **Extrinsic regulation of interneuron specification and migration**

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15 **The imbalance between excitatory and inhibitory neurons in the human brain might lead to**
16 **neurodevelopmental and neuropsychiatric disorders including cortical malformations, epilepsy,**
17 **and autism spectrum disorders. We propose that the extracellular environment regulates**
18 **interneuron differentiation and migration during development, ultimately affecting the**
19 **excitatory/inhibitory balance.**

20 **Using ventral cerebral organoids and dorso-ventral cerebral assembloids with mutations in the**
21 **extracellular matrix gene *LGALS3BP*, we show that the composition of the extracellular**
22 **environment regulates the molecular differentiation of neurons, resulting in alterations in**
23 **migratory dynamics. To investigate how the extracellular environment affects neuronal**
24 **specification and migration, we characterized the protein content of extracellular vesicles from**
25 **cerebral organoids carrying a mutation in *LGALS3BP*, previously identified in individuals with**
26 **cortical malformations and neuropsychiatric disorders. These results revealed differences in**
27 **protein composition. Interestingly, proteins associated with cell-fate decision, neuronal migration**
28 **and extracellular matrix composition were altered in mutant extracellular vesicles. Moreover, we**
29 **show that treatment with extracellular vesicles changes the transcriptomic profile in neural**
30 **progenitor cells. Our results indicate that neuronal molecular differentiation is regulated by**
31 **factors released into the extracellular environment.**

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34 **Introduction**

35 Neurogenesis and neuronal migration are essential processes for mammalian brain development,
36 especially for the correct assembly of neuronal circuits. Cortical circuitry function relies on adequate
37 excitatory/inhibitory (E/I) balance, coordinated by glutamatergic and GABAergic neuronal activities,
38 such that regulation of migration of these respective cell types during development is critical(Guo and
39 Anton, 2014; Steinecke et al., 2014).

40 The mammalian neocortex is mainly populated by glutamatergic excitatory neurons, while GABAergic
41 inhibitory neurons (here “interneurons”, INs) are present in smaller proportions(Peyre et al., 2015). In
42 rodents, approximately 15-20% of neocortical neurons are INs(Tatti et al., 2017), while primates,
43 including humans, have higher proportions(Džaja et al., 2014; Krienen et al., 2020).

44 In humans, excitatory neurons are generated from apical and basal radial glia cells (aRGs and bRGs,
45 respectively) and intermediate progenitors (IPs) located in the germinal zones: the ventricular (VZ),
46 subventricular (SVZ), and outer subventricular zone (OSVZ). Using the basal process of aRGs and
47 bRGs as a scaffold, they migrate radially into the cortical layers. This process relies on the integrity of
48 aRGs, and defects in radial migration can lead to disorganization of cortical layers or ectopic neurons,
49 which are hallmarks of cortical malformations(Fernández et al., 2016; Fietz and Huttner, 2010; Klaus
50 et al.).

51 While excitatory neurons migrate and remain in the dorsal forebrain, most cortical INs migrate over
52 long distances from their birthplace to their final positions in the neocortex. Specifically, INs are born
53 in the ganglionic eminences (GEs) in the ventral forebrain from the proliferative zone of the medial
54 ganglionic eminence (MGE) and the caudal ganglionic eminence (CGE)(Bajaj et al., 2021; Peyre et al.,
55 2015). As they became post-mitotic, INs migrate tangentially into the neocortex. INs are highly
56 polarized and, during their migration, they extend branches from the leading process. The stabilization
57 of one of the branches leads to cytoskeleton remodeling that results in nucleus displacement in a process
58 called nucleokinesis. This cyclic movement is characteristic of interneuron migrations and, in particular,
59 of their saltatory migratory behavior(Bellion et al., 2005; Peyre et al., 2015; Silva et al., 2018).

60 The extracellular matrix (ECM), a complex and dynamic cellular microenvironment, plays a crucial
61 role in progenitor proliferation, differentiation, morphogenesis, and neuronal migration during brain
62 development (Long and Huttner, 2019). Specifically, IN migration is guided by extracellular attractive
63 and repulsive cues, such as extrinsic signals, including molecules and proteins secreted in ECM or by
64 cell-cell contact. Eph and ephrins, as well as Robo and Slit and netrins, are attractive and repulsive cues
65 that guide cell migration(Amin and Borrell, 2020; Lim et al., 2018; Marín and Rubenstein, 2001; Peyre
66 et al., 2015).

67 In this study, we analyze the role of the extracellular environment in IN specification and migration,
68 focusing on the ECM component LGALS3BP. Within the ECM, LGALS3BP interacts with integrins,
69 fibronectins, galectins, laminins, and tetraspanins(Lee et al., 2010; Stampolidis et al., 2015).

70 We have previously shown that *LGALS3BP* is enriched in human neuronal progenitor cells (NPCs), and
71 its product is secreted via extracellular vesicles (EVs)(Kyrousi et al., 2021). A *de novo* variation in the
72 exon 5 of *LGALS3BP* has been diagnosed in a patient presenting cortical malformations, developmental
73 delay, autism, dysarthria, ataxia, and focal seizures, suggesting its crucial role during brain
74 development. Moreover, we recently showed that LGALS3BP is critical for human corticogenesis,
75 shaping the extracellular environment and regulating NPC delamination and neuronal migration
76 through its extrinsic function(Kyrousi et al., 2021).

77 Here, using human cerebral organoids and assembloids, we propose that interneuron differentiation is
78 influenced by secreted factors released in the extracellular environment. Our findings suggest that
79 changes in the extracellular environment, given by the *LGALS3BP* variant, are involved in maintaining
80 excitatory/inhibitory (E/I) neurons balance during brain development.

81 **Results**

82 ***LGALS3BP* E370K-mutant ventral organoids show alteration in cell identity**

83 To investigate if the E/I balance is influenced by secreted factors, we chose LGALS3BP as a model to
84 study this response, mainly because it is secreted and functions during neurodevelopment(Kyrousi et
85 al., 2021).

86 To this end, we generated ventral forebrain organoids (vCOs) (Fig EV1A and B)(Bagley Joshua A ,
87 Reumann Daniel , Bian Shan, 2017). The vCOs serve as a model to investigate cell fate and
88 differentiation of ventral progenitors into INs. The ventral proliferative zones of MGE and CGE
89 generate different subpopulations of INs(Peyre et al., 2015), while LGE mostly gives rise to medium-
90 spiny neurons (MSNs)(Miura et al., 2020) (Fig EV1A). We used an iPSC line carrying the *LGALS3BP*
91 variant in heterozygosity (E370K) previously described(Kyrousi et al., 2021) (Fig EV1C). We, then,
92 generated vCOs from isogenic control and E370K iPSC line. Mutant vCOs are characterized by a
93 significant decreased LGALS3BP expression compared to the control (Fig 1A and B). We then
94 analyzed the expression of typical markers of MGE (NKX2-1), CGE (PAX6), and LGE
95 (MEIS2)(Bagley et al., 2017; Miura et al., 2020; Yu et al., 2021). We observed a significant decrease
96 of NKX2-1+ cells and a significant increase of PAX6+ and MEIS2+ cells in E370K vCOs (Fig 1C and
97 D). This suggests that E370K vCOs generate more CGE and LGE regions; however, PAX6 is also a
98 marker for dorsal cortical progenitors in VZ and SVZ. To understand the regional identity of the PAX6+
99 cells found in the E370K vCOs, we performed immunohistochemistry for EOMES, dorsal markers of
100 cortical intermediate progenitors (IP), TBR1, marker of deep layer cortical neurons and SATB2, marker
101 of upper layer cortical neurons (Fig 1E). Surprisingly, E370K vCOs express EOMES, TBR1, and

102 SATB2. EOMES labeled cells in 50% of observed ventricles, TBR1 in about 60%, and SATB2 in about
103 90%, indicating that the E370K vCOs unexpectedly express dorsal cortical markers (Fig 1F). The
104 presence of cortical IP and neurons was combined with a significant decrease in CALB2+
105 interneurons(Kanton et al., 2019; Yu et al., 2021) in E370K vCOs (Fig 1G and H), showing an
106 imbalance in excitatory/inhibitory neuron proportions.

107 Moreover, to avoid masking the phenotype due to the functional allele in the heterozygous E370K
108 variant, we also genetically edited an iPSCs line carrying the Y366Lfs variation in *LGALS3BP* in
109 homozygosity(Kyrousi et al., 2021) (Fig EV1C). We then generated Y366Lfs-vCOs. As was the case
110 in E370K vCOs, Y366Lfs-vCOs showed reduced expression of *LGALS3BP* (Fig EV1D) and expressed
111 EOMES, TBR1, and SATB2, suggesting that functional *LGALS3BP* is essential for the correct
112 specification of INs (Fig EV1E and F). These results show that *LGALS3BP* plays a role in dorso-ventral
113 patterning, regulating cell differentiation in the ventral forebrain.

114 ***LGALS3BP* variation causes alteration in cell fate and developmental trajectory**

115 To dissect the transcriptional signatures of altered cells in the E370K-vCOs, we performed single-cell
116 RNA-sequencing (scRNA-seq) analysis in 60-day old CTRL-vCOs and E370K-vCOs. The 5369
117 identified cells clustered into eight main groups (Fig 2A and B), including progenitors expressing
118 *TOP2A* and IP expressing *NKX2-1*, *ASCL1* and *PAX6*, and neurons expressing *MAP2* and *DLX5* (Fig
119 2C). We also identified cortical genes, such as *TBR1*, *NEUROG1*, *GLI3* and *SLC17A6* being expressed
120 in E370K vCOs (Fig 2C and Fig EV2A), confirming their dorsal identity also at the molecular level.

121 To investigate if the *LGALS3BP* variation could cause developmental trajectory alteration, ventral
122 telencephalic cells were aligned on a developmental pseudo-differentiation showing the trajectory from
123 progenitors to neurons (Fig EV1B and C). Using Monocle3(Trapnell et al., 2014), ([https://cole-trapnell-
124 lab.github.io/monocle3/](https://cole-trapnell-lab.github.io/monocle3/)), we identified pseudotime trajectories in both CTRL-vCOs and E370K-vCOs
125 (Fig 2D and E and Fig EV2D and E). As expected from the decrease of *NKX2-1*+ MGE IP (Fig 1C and
126 D and Fig EV2F-H) in E370K-vCOs, the IP-MGE IP trajectory is missing in mutant organoids.

127 Next, we performed differential expression (DE) analysis in progenitors, IP and MGE-IP, and neurons.
128 Interestingly, all the three populations of E370K-vCOs downregulated transcription factors (TFs) - such
129 as *NKX2-1*, *NKX6-2*, *SIX3*, *OCIAD2* - and the secreted molecule *SHH*, associated with a ventral
130 patterning. On the other hand, E370K-vCOs upregulate dorsal TFs, like, *PAX6*, *PTN*, *POU3F2*, *GLI3*,
131 and *NEUROG2*, and the secreted molecule *WLS* confirms the dorsal identity of E370K ventral cells. In
132 particular, we found dysregulation of the WNT, NOTCH, and HEDGEHOG pathways, known to
133 regulate cell differentiation and dorso-ventral patterning(Hayward et al., 2008). We also identified
134 molecules associated with axon guidance: *EFNA5*, *EPHB2*, *SEMA5B*, and *SLIT2*. Interestingly, also
135 *FAT4*, *DLL1*, and *RND2*, genes previously associated with periventricular heterotopia (PH)(Klaus et
136 al.), were dysregulated in E370K-vCOs (Fig 2 H-J), suggesting that the cell fate switch can affect the

137 migration of neurons. Mutant neurons show downregulation of interneuron markers, such as *DLX1*,
138 *DLX2*, *DLX5*, while they upregulate cortical markers like *NEUROG1*, *NEUROG2*, *NEUROD4*, (Fig
139 2H) confirming the excitatory/inhibitory unbalance found in E370K vCOs.

140 The DE analysis revealed that E370K-vCOs dysregulate genes are involved in pattern specification,
141 regionalization, differentiation, and neurogenesis as indicated from the enriched GO terms (Fig. EV 2I-
142 K), suggesting a specific contribution of *LGALS3BP* in human ventral forebrain development. The
143 alteration in expression of secreted and transmembrane molecules, such as *SHH*, *WLS*, *EPHB2*, and
144 *SLIT2*, in E370K vCOs, show that cell fate might be regulated in an extrinsic way.

145 **Cell fate changes result in migratory defects**

146 Excitatory and inhibitory neurons migrate in different ways (Buchsbbaum and Cappello, 2019; Silva et
147 al., 2018), and, an altered cell fate could lead to migratory defects.

148 To investigate how E370K vCOs with dorsal identity migrate, we generated human dorso-ventral
149 cerebral assembloids (dvCAs), a suitable human model system to study interneuron migration by
150 resembling the ventral-dorsal forebrain axis in vitro (Bagley Joshua A , Reumann Daniel , Bian Shan,
151 2017; Birey et al., 2017; Xiang et al., 2017) (Fig EV1A). dvCAs express typical ventral forebrain
152 markers such as *NKX2-1* in the ventral region (vCAs) and dorsal forebrain markers such as *TBR1* in
153 the dorsal region (dCAs) (Fig EV1B).

154 We then generated dvCAs from isogenic control and genetically edited iPSCs, *LGALS3BP*-E370K
155 (E370K) (Fig 3A). We generated control dvCAs (vCTRL-dCTRL), and dvCAs with mutant ventral
156 side (vE370K-dCTRL) to focus on the migration of cells with the *LGALS3BP* variation (Fig 3A).

157 To monitor migrating neurons, we first analyzed neurons migrated into the dorsal region, by quantifying
158 the number of cells migrating from the ventral (GFP+, in green) to the dorsal (RFP+, in magenta) region
159 in dvCAs (Fig 3B). Despite an absence of significant differences in the total number of migrated cells
160 (Fig EV3B), we observed significant changes in their distribution within the dorsal region of CAs. We
161 analyzed the distribution of GFP+ cells migrated from the ventral to the dorsal region of CAs by
162 subdividing the dorsal region (dCAs) into three equally distributed regions (bins in Fig 3B). In control
163 dvCAs, GFP+ migrating cells mainly were distributed among bin2 (~45%) and bin3 (~55%) of the
164 CTRL-dCAs. In the vE370K-dCTRL CAs, most of the cells (70%) were found in bin2 and only 10%
165 in bin3 of CTRL-dCAs, showing a different distribution of mutant cells when they migrate into the
166 dorsal region, probably because of their altered molecular identity. We then quantified the percentage
167 of ventral E370K GFP+ cells that expressed *TBR1* or *SATB2* in CTRL-dCAs (Fig 3C) to assess if
168 ventral E370K neurons expressing cortical markers migrate to dCAs. Interestingly, 30% of total E370K
169 GFP+ migrated cells express *TBR1* while 10% express *SATB2*. On the contrary, CTRL GFP+ ventral
170 cells were absent in CTRL-dCAs, as expected (Fig 3D). We additionally quantified *TBR1*+ cells in
171 CTRL-vCAs and E370K-vCAs and the *TBR1*+GFP+ cells in CTRL-dCAs after clearing (Masselink et

172 al., 2019) (Fig EV3B). We confirmed the presence of both TBR1+ cells in E370K-vCAs (Fig EV3C)
173 and GFP+TBR1+ cells migrated from E370K-vCAs in the CTRL-dCAs (Fig EV5D).

174 We showed that scRNA-seq data from mutant neurons revealed alteration of secreted molecules
175 associated with axon guidance (Fig 2H), suggesting changes in migratory dynamics. To dissect the
176 migratory dynamics and behavior of E370K neurons, we monitored the trajectories of GFP+ cells in
177 dCAs. We performed time-lapse imaging of 60-day old dv-CAs slices and tracked the GFP+ ventral
178 cells during their migration within dCAs (Fig 3E). We measured velocity (speed of migration), resting
179 timepoints (time cells spend without moving), and tortuosity (the ability to move in a straight trajectory)
180 as previously described in Klaus et al., 2019(Klaus et al.) (Fig 3F). For all three parameters, we observed
181 a significant difference compared with the control. We found that speed of migration decreased, and
182 resting timepoints and tortuosity increased, as previously shown in the case of mutations of the PH
183 genes *DCHS1* and *FAT4*(Klaus et al.). Interestingly, not only neuronal dynamics but also similar genes
184 (*ROBO3*, *GNG5*, *DCC*) were altered in E370K ventral neurons and *DCHS1* and *FAT4* altered
185 neurons(Klaus et al.), suggesting common signatures for neurons associated with PH (Fig EV3D and
186 E). In support of their fate switch, the average speed of the E370K ventrally-generated neurons is similar
187 to the one of previously observed dorsally-generated control neurons analyzed in Klaus et al.,
188 2019(Klaus et al.) (Fig EV3F). Altogether, these results show that cell fate changes, observed in the
189 E370K cells, lead to migratory dynamics alteration, especially in directionality, sliding movement, and
190 speed.

191 **Extrinsic effect of LGALS3BP in ventral progenitor fate and neuronal specification**

192 In previous work, we showed that the addition of control culture media to E370K-COs rescues the
193 phenotype observed, restoring the number of proliferating cells, the thickness of the apical belt, and the
194 localization of neurons(Kyrousi et al., 2021). This finding highlights the extracellular function of
195 LGALS3BP, supporting the important role of the extracellular environment in brain development,
196 suggesting that secreted molecules and proteins regulate cell proliferation, delamination, and
197 distribution.

198 To assess if the dorsal identity acquired by the mutant cells can be reverted by providing a more
199 physiological extracellular environment, we generated ventral mosaic organoids (vMOs), containing
200 both isogenic control iPSCs and GFP+ E370K IPCs (Fig 4A).

201 We performed scRNA-seq analysis on vMOs, and the 4898 identified cells were clustered into five
202 main clusters (Fig 3B and C), including progenitors expressing *TOP2A*, IP expressing *NKX2-1* *ASCL1*,
203 *PAX6*, neurons expressing *DLX5* and *MAP2*(Bajaj et al., 2021; Yu et al., 2021) (Fig 4D). Cortical genes
204 such as *TBR1*, *NEUROG1*, *GLI3* and *SLC17A6*- are also expressed in vMOs, but at lower levels
205 compared to E370K vCOs (Fig 4D and E and Fig 2C and Fig EV2A). As for the E370K vCOs, E370K
206 progenitors, IP and MGE-IP obtained from vMOs express higher level of dorsal genes such as *PAX6*

207 and *GLI3* compared to the control. Interestingly, gene expression of cortical markers such as *TBRI*,
208 *NEUROG1* and *SLC17A6* is decreased in E370K neurons generated from vMOs, showing a partial
209 rescue of the neuronal identity affected in the mutant vCOs (Fig 4D and E, Fig 2C and Fig EV2A).

210 The identified ventral telencephalic cells were aligned on a developmental pseudotime showing the
211 trajectory from progenitors to neurons, as seen in vCOs (Fig EV4B and C). Using Monocle3(Trapnell
212 et al., 2014), (<https://cole-trapnell-lab.github.io/monocle3/>), we identified pseudo-time trajectories in
213 both CTRL and E370K cells obtained from the vMOs (Fig 4F and G). The pseudotime trajectories were
214 populated by both CTRL and E370K cells and resemble the ones found in CTRL-vCOs, suggesting a
215 partial rescue of the E370K cells exposure (due to the close proximity) to CTRL cells in the vMOs.

216 Specifically, the cell proportions of progenitors, IP, and MGE IP are increased compared to the E370K-
217 vCOs (Fig EV4D-F and Fig EV2F-H). In E370K-vMOs we observed an increase of 30% of cells in
218 progenitors, 25% in IP, and 50% in MGE IP compared to the E370K-vCOs, indicating a change also in
219 cell proportions when cells differentiate in a more physiological environment.

220 These results suggest an extrinsic regulation of neuronal cell fate and differentiation. The ventral
221 molecular identity rescue observed in the E370K cells was guided by the presence of CTRL neighboring
222 cells. On the contrary, both progenitors and IP retained their dorsal identity, downregulating *NKX2-1*
223 and *SHH*, suggesting an extrinsic control over neuronal specification. This is in line with the progressive
224 specification hypothesis, which states that interneurons are restricted to a particular subtype at birth, but
225 their definitive identities are established later in development, and they are shaped by the extracellular
226 (cortical) environment(Kepecs and Fishell, 2014; Wamsley and Fishell, 2017).

227 **LGALS3BP can revert the molecular identity of mutant ventral progenitors and interneurons**

228 To investigate the molecular identity of E370K vCOs and vMOs, we built a dorso-ventral model that
229 predicts the dorsal or ventral molecular identity of cells based on their transcriptomic features, defining
230 the dorso-ventral score (DV) (Fig EV5A). We performed cluster analysis of scRNA-seq transcriptome
231 data from CTRL-dCOs and CTRL-vCOs, E370K-vCOs, and CTRL/E370K-vMOs (Fig 5A) and
232 identified three main clusters: progenitors expressing *TOP2A*, IP expressing *TTYH1*, and neurons
233 expressing *MAP2* (Fig 5B-D and Fig EV5B).

234 As expected, the dorso-ventral prediction model revealed the highest DV score in CTRL-dCOs and the
235 lowest in control CTRL-vCOs (Fig 5E). All the other conditions showed blended dorso-ventral identity
236 and were distributed according to extrinsic short-distance exposure. E370K-vCOs cells mapped midway
237 through the dorso-ventral trajectory while cells from the vMOs were mapping similarly. As expected,
238 CTRL cells from vMOs were closer to CTRL cells from vCOs, while E370K cells from vMOs were
239 closer to E370K-vCOs. These data strongly indicate that E370K cells acquire a dorsal molecular
240 identity, and this can be reverted by exposure to CTRL cells. Finally, CTRL cells from vMOs show
241 mostly a ventral score with some outlier cells with a higher DV score, suggesting that also CTRL cells

242 have been affected by the extracellular environment generated by the neighboring E370K cells (Fig 5E
243 and Fig EV5C and D).

244 Gene expression is affected in both CTRL and E370K cells from vMOs. *NKX2-1* and *DLX5*, which are
245 almost no detectable or have low expression levels in E370K-vCOs, are expressed along the pseudo-
246 differentiation axis in E370K cells from vMOs (Fig 5F). *GLI3* and *POU3F2*, which are mostly
247 expressed in CTRL-dCOs, are highly expressed in E370K-vCOs, but lower in E370K cells vMOs,
248 without showing great changes in CTRL cells from vMOs (Fig 5G).

249 To map CO single-cell transcriptome data to the developing mouse brain, we then used VoxHunt(Fleck
250 et al., 2021) (<https://quadbiolab.github.io/VoxHunt/>) obtained from situ hybridization data (Allen
251 Developing Mouse Brain Atlas, Thompson et al., 2014). As suspected, transcriptome data from CTRL
252 dCOs and vCOs, map, respectively, to the mouse cortex (pallium) and ventral forebrain (subpallium).
253 Data from E370K-vCOs, map to the ventral forebrain but also to the mouse cortex, confirming their
254 dorsal molecular identity. CTRL and E370K cells from vMOs, mostly map to the ventral forebrain;
255 however, E370K cells still show a correlation with the mouse pallium (Fig EV5E). Altogether, these
256 findings show that the molecular identity of progenitors, intermediate progenitors, and neurons is
257 influenced by extrinsic factors.

258 **Extrinsic function of LGALS3BP in progenitor specification and neuronal migration**

259 During brain development, neurogenesis and cell migration are influenced by extrinsic factors released
260 in the ECM, also via EVs(Peruzzotti-Jametti et al., 2021; Sharma et al., 2019; Taverna and Huttner,
261 2010). Our previous work indicated that LGALS3BP is secreted in EVs in human cerebral organoids
262 and has a crucial role in modulating the extracellular space(Kyrousi et al., 2021). To investigate the
263 extracellular mechanisms underlying cell fate switch and neuronal migration found in E370K dvCOs,
264 we performed proteomic analysis of EVs collected from CTRL and E370K vCOs (Fig 6A and Fig
265 EV6A).

266 We characterized proteins detected in EVs from CTRL and E370K vCOs (vEVs) (Fig EV6B).
267 Interestingly, E370K-vEVs show a different protein composition with a lower number of different
268 proteins (Fig EV6B and Fig 6B). Since we found LGALS3BP being secreted from ventral COs, we
269 hypothesize that EV-mediated secretion could regulate cell fate decisions in vCOs. (Fig EV6C).

270 We then performed DE analysis in vEVs. Interestingly we found the secreted molecule SHH (involved
271 in dorso-ventral patterning inducing ventralization(Rallu et al., 2002)) being downregulated in E370K-
272 vEVs suggesting that the low level of SHH carried by EVs in the extracellular space might influence
273 the differentiation of neighboring cells, resulting in a dorsal cell fate. Signaling protein DVL2, known
274 to downregulate the Wnt pathway(Jiang et al., 2015), is downregulated in mutant EVs. The decrease of
275 DVL2 in mutant EVs could lead to an activation of the WNT pathway in neighboring cells, resulting in
276 transcription of dorsal genes(Altmann and Brivanlou, 2001; Chi et al., 2017). EVs secreted by E370K-

277 vCOs also showed dysregulated proteins involved in cell migration and motility (Fig 6E) – PLXNA1,
278 SEMA3G, KIF1A, EPHA2, EPHB2, SLIT1- and proteins of the ECM – HAPLN1, LUM, VCAN –
279 known to modulate cell proliferation and differentiation(Amin and Borrell, 2020; Long et al., 2018;
280 Maeda, 2015). We showed that E370K vCOs have altered the secretion of proteins involved in cellular
281 migration, differentiation, dorso-ventral patterning which could explain the extrinsic effect on these
282 processes. Therefore, we hypothesize that EVs might regulate progenitors' cell fate and motility,
283 resulting in the dorsal identity observed in ventral E370K neurons.

284 To this end, we treated NPCs in 2D acutely (12 hours) with EVs isolated from control and E370K vCOs
285 (Fig 6D) and identified upregulated genes in the recipient cells. Interestingly, the RNA-seq analysis
286 performed on NPCs revealed upregulation of WNT and NOTCH pathways (gene networks in Fig 6E
287 and F) after treatment with E370K-vEVs, showing a similar profile with the E370K neural progenitors
288 isolated from vCOs and analyzed by single-cell RNA-Seq (Fig 2F). These results suggest that mutant
289 EVs can change the transcriptomic profile of NPC (Fig EV6D) and activate pathways involved in cell
290 dorso-ventral patterning and cell-cell communication resulting in alteration in their fate(Kumar et al.,
291 2019)(Hayward et al., 2008; Lai, 2004; De Strooper and Annaert, 2001). Moreover, upon treatment
292 with E370K-vEVs, NPCs show upregulation of genes involved in axon guidance (gene network in Fig
293 6G), as it was found in E370K neurons isolated from vCOs and analyzed by single-cell RNA-Seq (Fig
294 2H). Altogether, these results propose an extrinsic regulation of neuronal differentiation and migration
295 mediated via EVs.

296 We showed that vCOs with a variation in the ECM protein LGALS3BP reveal dorsal identity and
297 migratory defect that can lead to NDDs. It has been shown that EVs can also transport ECM remodeling
298 cargoes, like matrix metalloproteinases, that regulate cell growth, differentiation, and cell
299 migration(Nawaz and Fatima, 2017). Altered deposition of collagens mediated via EVs can change the
300 ECM composition and might lead to NDDs(Amin and Borrell, 2020). To better correlate the
301 dysregulated network of proteins altered in E370K-EVs with NDDs, we identified proteins whose genes
302 are associated with cortical malformations (CMs), autism spectrum disorder (ASD), and epilepsy (EP).
303 We identified multiple proteins altered in E370K-EVs compared to control EVs that are mostly
304 associated with microtubule organization, morphogenesis and synaptic activity highlighting the key role
305 of EVs-mediated signaling in NDDs (Fig EV6E-G).

306 **Discussion**

307 Defects in interneurons specification, migration, and/or recruitment might cause an
308 excitatory/inhibitory imbalance in neuronal circuits, characteristic of neurological disorders, such as
309 epilepsy and ASD. For example, we have recently found that individuals affected with EPM1
310 (Progressive Myoclonus Epilepsy type1) show loss GABA synaptic terminals(Buzzi et al., 2012) and
311 recruitment of INs is altered in EPM1-hCAs(Di Matteo et al., 2020). Moreover, some ASD patients

312 have reduced GABAergic neurons in the cortex(Ariza et al., 2018; Puts et al., 2016), and organoids
313 derived from patients with ASD show dysregulation in genes involved in GABAergic interneuron
314 differentiation and migration(Wang et al.)(Mariani et al., 2015). Other studies performed in cerebral
315 organoids with mutation of ASD-associated genes revealed alteration in of both GABAergic and
316 excitatory neuron developmental trajectories.(Paulsen et al., 2022; Villa et al., 2022)

317 In this work, we showed that vCOs with a mutation in the *LGALS3BP* gene exhibit alterations in the
318 dorso-ventral patterning resulting in dorsal identity. Previous studies in mice showed that the
319 dorsoventral patterning during brain development is regulated by *Pax6*, *Gli3*, *Shh*(Fuccillo et al., 2006;
320 Theil et al., 1999; Tole et al., 2000). *Gli3* and *Pax6* mutant mice show ventral identity acquired by
321 dorsal pallial tissue expressing ectopic *Dlx2*(Theil et al., 1999; Tole et al., 2000). Mice carrying a
322 deletion in the *Gli3* gene show ectopic ventral telencephalic identity in the dorsal forebrain, probably
323 given by an alteration in the *Wnt* pathway(Tole et al., 2000). We previously described the extracellular
324 function of LGALS3BP in regulating proliferation, NPCs delamination, neuronal distribution, and
325 migration(Kyrousi et al., 2021). In this study, we propose an extrinsic regulation mediated by
326 LGALS3BP in ventral progenitor specification. In the ECM, LGALS3BP binds Galectin-3 (LGALS3),
327 forming a complex that interacts with membrane tetraspanins CD9 and CD82, activating the Wnt/b-
328 catenin signaling(Lee et al., 2010; Pikkarainen et al., 2017). This pathway triggers the gene expression
329 of Wnt target genes in the dorsal forebrain(Chi et al., 2017). One possible scenario is that the E370K
330 variation activates the Wnt/b-catenin signaling in ventral COs. The activation of the signaling might
331 lead to the expression of *PAX6* and repression of *NKX2-1*, resulting in the expression of other cortical
332 dorsal genes (*EOMES*, *TBR1*, and *SATB2*) that define the dorsal identity of E370K vCOs. Moreover,
333 Wnts can act as paracrine molecules, affecting neighboring cells. We showed that the extracellular
334 environment influences molecular identity and neurons specification in vMOs. In vMOs, control and
335 mutant progenitors share similar transcriptomic features; however, after the IPs transition, they reveal
336 their intrinsic program identity (ventral for control and more dorsal for E370K). Final IN identity is
337 refined at later stages in interaction with the local extracellular environment. Indeed, we showed that
338 the proximity of control cells has partially reverted the dorsal identity of E370K cells.

339 Because of neuronal cell fate changes, the migration of neurons is affected, indeed the dorsal identity
340 acquired by E370K neurons could result in a different response to extrinsic attractive/repulsive stimuli.
341 We described the migratory behavior of E370K cells, finding a significant decrease in velocity that
342 become more similar to radially migrating excitatory neurons as shown previously(Klaus et al.). These
343 cells reflect a more tortuous migratory behavior as it was previously described in migrating neurons
344 derived from an individual with PH (with a mutation in *DCHS1* and *FAT4*)(Klaus et al.). Interestingly,
345 ventrally-derived neurons in E370K show similar molecular signatures with the altered neurons found
346 in *DCHS1* and *FAT4* patients' organoids, suggesting shared dysregulated pathways in ectopic neurons
347 accumulating below the white matter in patients with PH. Future studies with cells derived from PH

348 patients with different mutations will be essential to understand if there are common signatures for all
349 PH neurons, providing additional tools to target a specific subpopulation of affected neurons.

350 We showed that EVs carry secreted molecules that drive dorso-ventral patterning and neuronal
351 migration. Treatment with E370K-vEVs can activate WNT and NOTCH pathways as well as genes
352 associated with neuronal migration and motility in NPCs, confirming their role in cell fate and
353 migration.

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356 **Conclusion**

357 In conclusion, we propose that the EVs can modulate neuronal progenitors fate regulating the dorso-
358 ventral patterning and instruct interneuron migration during brain development. Indeed, a mutation in
359 the ECM component LGALS3BP alters cell fate specification and migration via regulation mediated
360 by factors secreted by EVs. We suggest that the extracellular environment has a key role in the
361 maintenance of excitatory/inhibitory balance during brain development. Thus, the alteration of cell
362 identity and migration caused by the LGALS3BP E370K variation could lead to the disruption of the
363 E/I balance, which might lead to neurodevelopmental and neuropsychiatric disorders.

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377 **Figure legends**

378 **Fig 1 *LGALS3BP* E370K-mutant ventral organoids show alteration in cell identity**

379 A. Representative immunostaining of vCOs for SOX2 (green) and *LGALS3BP* (magenta). Scale bar:
380 50 μm .

381 B. Quantification of the percentage of pixel of the *LGALS3BP* staining in GE unit (μm^2). Data are
382 shown mean \pm SEM. Statistical significance was based on two-tailed Mann-Whitney U test
383 **** $p < 0.0001$.

384 C. Representative immunostaining of vCOs for MGE marker (NKX2-1, magenta), for CGE marker
385 (PAX6, green) and LGE markers (MEIS2, magenta). Scale bar: 50 μm .

386 D. Quantification of the number NKX2-1, PAX6 and MEIS2 +cells per GE unit (μm^2). Data are shown
387 mean \pm SEM. Statistical significance was based on two-tailed Mann-Whitney U test *** $p < 0.001$.

388 E. Representative immunostaining of vCOs for cortical markers of IPs (EOMES) of deep layer neurons
389 (TBR1) and upper layer neurons (SATB2). Scale bar: 50 μm .

390 F. Quantification of percentage of ventricles with EOMES+cells (>10 cells) (top), TBR1+cells (>10
391 cells) (middle) and SATB2+cells (>10cells) (bottom) in the ventral side of vCOs. Statistical
392 significance was based on exact binomial test **** $p < 0.0001$. n of ventricles: for EOMES, CTRL=96,
393 E30K=53; for TBR1, CTRL=100, E30K =107; for SATB2, CTRL=48, E30K =76; from 3 different
394 batches.

395 G. Representative immunostaining of vCOs for CALB2. Scale bar: 50 μm .

396 H. Quantification of the percentage of pixel of the CALB2 staining in GE unit (μm^2). Data are shown
397 mean \pm SEM. Statistical significance was based on two-tailed Mann-Whitney U test ** $p < 0.01$.

398 Every dot in the plots refers to analyzed ventricles per vCO from at least 3 different vCOs generated in
399 at least 2 independent batches.

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402 **Fig 2 *LGALS3BP* variation causes alteration in cell fate and developmental trajectory**

403 A-B UMAP visualization of scRNA-seq clusters of control and E370K vCOs (n= 4898 cells from a
404 pool of 5 organoids each condition).

405 C. Feature plot depicting the expression of progenitor markers (TOP2A), IPs markers (TTYH1, NKX2-
406 1, ASCL1, PAX6) and neurons (DLX5, MAP2, TBR1, NEUROG1, GLI3, SLC17A6) in vCOs.

407 D-E. UMAP visualization of pseudo-time trajectories in control vCOs and in E370K from progenitors
408 to INs.

409 F-H Volcano plot showing the fold change (CTRL vs E370K) of gene expression (top) and GO terms
410 of dysregulated pathways (bottom) in progenitors, IP and MGE IP, and in neurons in vCOs.

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413 **Fig 3 Cell fate changes result in migratory defects**

414 A. Schematic of experimental set-up showing different combinations of dvCAs.

415 B. Binning analysis in cleared dvCAs. Scale bar: 200 μm (left) and quantification of distribution of
416 GFP+ventral cells migrated from ventral to dorsal in dvCAs (right). Box plots show median and
417 interquartile range. Statistical significance was based on the Mann-Whitney U test $*p<0.05$. Every dot
418 in the plots refers to analyzed vCOs generated in at least 2 independent batches.

419 C. Representative immunostaining of dorsal regions of dvCAs showing ventral migrated cells (GFP)
420 and neurons (TBR1 and SATB2, white). Scale bar: 50 μm .

421 D. Quantification of the percentage of migrated GFP ventral cells expressing TBR1 and SATB2 in
422 dvCAs. Box plots show median and interquartile range. Significance was based on the Mann-Whitney
423 U test $**p<0.01$, $****p<0.0001$. Every dot in the plots refers to analyzed ventricles per vCO from at
424 least 3 different vCOs generated in at least 2 independent batches.

425 E. Schematic overview of experimental set-up for time-lapse live imaging in dvCAs (top) and examples
426 of the GFP+ ventral cells movements in dorsal region of dvCAs, monitored for 48h (bottom). Scale bar:
427 80 μm .

428 F. Quantification of velocity (top), number of resting time points (middle) and tortuosity index (bottom)
429 of migrating GFP+ventral cells. Box plots show median and interquartile range. Statistical significance
430 was based on the Mann-Whitney U test $*p<0.05$, $**p<0.01$, $****p<0.0001$. Every dot in the plots refers
431 to single cells per vCO.

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434 **Fig 4 Extrinsic effect of LGALS3BP in ventral progenitor fate and neuronal specification**

435 A. Schematic of experimental set-up of generation and processing of vMOs.

436 B-C. UMAP visualization of scRNA-seq clusters of vMOs (n= 5369 cells from a pool of 5 organoids).

437 D. Feature plot depicting the expression of progenitor markers (TOP2A), IPs markers (TTYH1, NKX2-
438 1, ASCL1), neurons (DLX5, MAP2, TBR1, NEUROG1, GLI3, SLC12A6) in vMOs.

439 E. Dotplot of cortical genes expressed in vMO clusters.

440 F-G. UMAP visualization of pseudo-time trajectories in vMOs from progenitors to INs.

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442 **Fig 5 LGALS3BP can revert the molecular identity of mutant ventral progenitors and neurons**

443 A. Schematic of experimental set-up of cluster analysis of CTRL dCOs (d-CTRL), CTRL vCOs (v-
444 CTRL), E370K vCOs (v-E370K) and vMOs (vMOs-CTRL and -E370K).

445 B-C. UMAP visualization of scRNA-seq clusters of CTRL dCOs, CTRL vCOs, E370K vCOs and
446 vMOs.

447 D. Feature plot depicting the expression of progenitor marker (TOP2A), IPs marker (TTYH1), neuronal
448 marker (MAP2).

449 E. Boxplot showing the dorso-ventral prediction score of progenitors, IP, and neurons in all conditions.

450 Box plots show median and interquartile range.

451 F. Expression level of ventral (NKX2-1 and DLX5) and dorsal (GLI3 and POU3F2) genes along the

452 pseudo-time axis in each condition.

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454 **Fig 6 Extrinsic function of LGALS3BP in progenitor specification and neuronal migration**

455 A. Schematic of experimental set-up of proteomic analysis of EVs collected from vCOs.

456 B. Venn diagram showing number of proteins detected in vCO and E370K-vCO EVs.

457 C. Volcano plot of protein level of vCO and E370K-vCO EVs, plotting the negative log₁₀ q-values

458 (FDR) of all proteins against their log₂ fold change (E370K-vCO EVs vs vCOs). Significantly

459 expressed proteins (q-value < 0.05) are labelled.

460 D. Schematic of acute treatment (12 h) of NPCs with vEVs collected from CTRL and E370K COs (top)

461 and GO terms of upregulated pathways (bottom).

462 E-G. Gene networks of WNT, NOTCH and axon guidance pathways upregulated in NPCs upon

463 treatment with E370K-vEVs

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479 **Materials and methods**

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481 **iPSCs culture**

482 Induced pluripotent stem cells (iPSCs) reprogrammed from NuFF3-RQ human new-born foreskin
483 feeder fibroblasts (GSC-3404, GlobalStem) (Cárdenas et al., 2018) were cultured on Matrigel (Corning)
484 coated plates (Thermo Fisher, Waltham, MA, USA) in mTesR1 basic medium supplemented with 1x
485 mTesR1 supplement (Stem Cell Technologies, Vancouver, Canada) at 37°C, 5% CO₂ and ambient
486 oxygen level. Passaging was done using accutase (Stem Cell Technologies) treatment.

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488 **CRISPR genome editing for generation of mutant iPSCs lines**

489 For CRISPR genome editing for the generation of mutant iPSCs, one control iPSC line was used to
490 generate isogenic control and mutant lines as described in Kyrousi et al., 2021.

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492 **Generation of labeled iPSC line**

493 The GFP and RFP-labeled iPSC lines were generated using the piggyBac transposase (1ug) and PB-
494 GFP (1ug)(Di Matteo et al., 2020) and PB-RFP (1ug) nucleofection(Chen and LoTurco, 2012). Single
495 cells of iPSCs were transfected with the Amaxa Nucleofector 2b (program B-016). GFP and RFP
496 colonies were picked and cultured on Matrigel (Corning/VWR International, 354234) coated plates in
497 mTeSR1 basic medium (Stem Cell Technologies, 85850) supplemented with 1× mTeSR1 supplement
498 (Stem Cell Tech- nologies, 85850) at 37°C and 5% CO₂.

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500 **Generation of dvCAs and vCOs**

501 Dorso-ventral CAs and vCOs were generated according to Bagley et al, 2017(Bagley Joshua A ,
502 Reumann Daniel , Bian Shan, 2017). Embryoid bodies (EBs) were guided to generate ventral and dorsal
503 identities. iPSCs from isogenic control and mutant lines, were dissociating into single cells using
504 Accutase (Sigma-Aldrich, A6964) and approximately 9,000 cells were transferred to one well of an
505 ultra-low-attachment 96-well plate (Corning). Five days later, during the neuronal induction, to induce
506 brain regional patterning, EBs were treated individually with SAG (1:10,000) (Milli- pore, 566660) +
507 IWP-2 (1:2,000) (Sigma-Aldrich, I0536) for ventral identity and with cyclopamine A (1:500)
508 (Calbiochem, 239803) for dorsal identity. After 7 days, one ventral EB and one dorsal EB were
509 embedded together into the same Matrigel (Corning/VWR International, 354234) droplet in order to
510 form a fused organoid. The ventrally patterned EBs were embedded separately, each in one drop of
511 Matrigel. After this point, the generation of vCOs followed methods according to Lancaster &
512 Knoblich, 2017(Lancaster et al., 2017).

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514 **Generation of vMOs**

515 Ventral MOs were generated according to Bagley et al, 2017. iPSCs from isogenic control and from
516 GFP labelled E370k line, were dissociating into single cells using Accutase (Sigma-Aldrich, A6964)
517 and approximately 4,500 cells of each line were mixed together and transferred to one well of an ultra-
518 low-attachment 96-well plate (Corning), in a ratio of 1:1. The protocols continues as described in
519 "Generation of dvCAs and vCOs".

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521 **Immunohistochemistry**

522 For IHC, sections were post-fixed using 4% PFA for 10 min and permeabilized with 0.3% Triton for 5
523 min. After post-fixation and permeabilization, sections were blocked with 0.1% Tween, 10% Normal
524 Goat Serum (Biozol, VEC-S-1000). Primary and secondary antibodies were diluted in blocking
525 solution. Nuclei were visualized using 0.5 mg/ml 4,6-diamidino-2-phenylindole (DAPI) (Sigma-
526 Aldrich, D9542). Immunostained sections were analyzed using Leica TCS SP8 Confocal microscope
527 (Leica, Germany). For nuclear antibodies, before the post-fixation step, sections were incubated in a
528 freshly made 10 mM citric buffer (pH 6) in a microwave for 1 min at 720 W and for 10 min at 120 W
529 and then left it to cool down for 20 min at RT. Cells quantifications were performed with the ImageJ
530 software and analyzed with RStudio or GraphPad.

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532 **hCOs 3D immunohistochemistry and tissue clearing**

533 The dvCAs 3D immunohistochemistry and tissue clearing were performed following Masselink et
534 al.,2019. For immunohistochemistry, fused organoids were fixed in 4% PFA overnight at 4C. They
535 were incubated on a shaker for 2 days in PBS-TxDBN solution (10%PBS10X, 2% TX100, 20% DMSO,
536 5%BSA, 0.05% NaN). Primary and secondary antibodies were diluted in PBS-TxDBN solution and
537 incubated for 4 days. For the following dehydration step, the organoids were transferred sequentially in
538 30%, 50%, 70% and 2x 99.7% in 1-Propanol(Sigma Cat.W292818):1xPBS (pH:9) solutions.
539 Dehydration is performed at 4C on a gyratory rocker for at least 4h per step. For the refractive index
540 matching, the organoids were transferred into Ethyl-Cinnamate (Sigma Cat. W243000) solution and
541 incubated on a gyratory rocker at RT for at least 1h before recording. The imaging was performed using
542 Leica TCS SP8 Confocal microscope (Leica, Germany). The cells were counted using Imaris software
543 and analyzed with RStudio.

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545 **hCOs 3D time-lapse imaging**

546 For 3D time-lapse imaging, slices of dvCAs were prepared and imaged as described previously(Pilz et
547 al., 2013). Dorso-ventral CAs were sliced at 300- μ m thickness on a vibratome (Leica VT1200S) in ice-
548 cold DMEM/F12 (Invitrogen) supplement with sodium bicarbonate, glucose and 10% antibiotics,
549 oxygenated with 100% O₂ for 20 min before cutting. The slices were placed on a cell culture insert
550 (Millicell) and further cultured in normal organoid medium. The slices were kept in an atmosphere with
551 5% CO₂ at 37 °C. Live imaging was performed for 48 h using Leica TCS SP8 Confocal microscope

552 (Leica, Germany), taking an image every twenty minutes. The cell movement was tracked using ImageJ
553 software and the Manual Tracking Plugin, and the movement parameters calculated and analyzed in
554 RStudio.

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556 **Single-cell RNA-sequencing library preparation and data analysis**

557 Five 60 days old vCOs and vMCOs were randomly selected from each condition. Single cells were
558 dissociated using StemPro Accutase Cell Dissociation Reagent (Life Technologies), filtered through 30
559 μ M and 20 μ M filters (Miltenyi Biotec) and cleaned of debris using a Percoll (Sigma, P1644) gradient.
560 For vMCOs, single cells were FACS sorted to collect control and GFP-labeled E370K single cells.
561 Single cells were resuspended in ice-cold Phosphate-Buffered Saline (PBS) supplemented with 0.04%
562 Bovine Serum Albumin at a concentration of 1000 cells per μ l. Single cells were loaded onto a
563 Chromium Next GEM Single Cell 3' chip (Chromium Next GEM Chip G Single Cell Kit, 16 rxns
564 10XGenomics PN-1000127) with the a Chromium Next GEM Single Cell 3' GEM, Library & Gel Bead
565 Kit v3.1 (Chromium Next GEM Single Cell 3' GEM, Library & Gel Bead Kit v3.1, 4 rxns 10xGenomics
566 PN-1000128) and cDNA libraries were generated with the Single Index Kit T Set A, 96 rxns
567 (10xGenomics PN-1000213) according to the manufacturer's instructions. Libraries were sequenced
568 using Illumina NovaSeq6000 in 28/8/91bp mode (SP flowcell), quality control and UMI counting were
569 performed by the Max-Planck für molekulare Genetik (Germany). Downstream analysis was performed
570 using the R package Seurat (version 3.2). Cells with more than 2,500 or less than 200 detected genes or
571 with mitochondrial content higher than 10% were excluded as well as genes that were not expressed in
572 at least three cells. We excluded clusters with "glycolysis" identity based on GO terms of cluster-
573 specific markers genes(Bhaduri et al., 2020)(Kanton et al., 2019). Normalization of gene expression
574 was done using a global-scaling normalization method ("LogNormalize", scale.factor = 10000) and the
575 2000 most variable genes were selected (selection method, "vst") and scaled (mean = 0 and variance =
576 1 for each gene) before principal component analysis. The "FindNeighbors" and "FindClusters"
577 functions were used for clustering with resolution of 0.5 and UMAP for visualization. Clusters were
578 grouped based of the expression of known marker genes and differentially expressed gene identified
579 with the "FindAllMarkers" function. The PCA analysis was used to determine pseudo-differentiation
580 axis of telencephalic cells. For pseudotime analysis, we used Monocle3 algorithm(Trapnell et al., 2014)
581 which identifies the overall trajectory of gene expression changes.

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583 **FACS analysis**

584 Single cells obtained after dissociation of 60 days old vMOs were collected for FACS analysis ("see
585 Single-cell RNA-sequencing library preparation and data analysis"), in order to sort control and GFP-
586 labeled E370K for single-cell RNA-seq analysis. FACS analysis was performed at a FACS Aria (BD)
587 in BD FACS Flow TM medium, with a nozzle diameter of 100 μ m. For each run, 10,000 cells were
588 analyzed.

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590 **Dorso-ventral identity model**

591 The model implemented in the bmrn R package was used to classify the identity of cells with genes
592 showing minimal expression (10,407), as described in Oberst et al., 2019 (Oberst et al., 2019). The
593 model was trained with a subset of dorsal and ventral control cells and the 30 most-weighted genes
594 were used for fold cross validation of additional dorsal and ventral control cells and prediction of dorsal
595 and ventral mutant cells. The same method was applied to build a model to classify control and mutant
596 cells, selecting for 100 most-weighted genes.

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598 **EVs collection and analysis**

599 EVs were collected from conditioned media from ventral and dorsal COs by the following steps:
600 centrifugation in 300 g for 15 mins, supernatant centrifugation in 2000g for 10 mins, supernatant
601 centrifugation in 10.000 g for 30 mins, supernatant centrifugation in 100.000 g for 120 mins and pellet
602 wash with 1x PBS and centrifugation in 100.000 g for 60 mins. Alternatively, miRCURY Exosome
603 Cell/Urine/CSF Kit (Qiagen, 76743) was used to isolate EVs from conditioned medium according to
604 the manufacturer instructions.

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606 **Sample preparation for mass spectrometry**

607 Purified EVs were lysed in RIPA buffer (150mM NaCl, 50mM Tris pH8, 0.1% DOC, 0.1% SDS, 0.1%
608 NP40). 10 ug of protein for each sample was subjected to the modified FASP protocol (Wiśniewski et
609 al., 2009). Briefly, the protein extract was loaded onto the centrifugal filter CO10 kDa (Merck Millipore,
610 Darmstadt, Germany), and detergent were removed by washing five times with 8M Urea (Merck,
611 Darmstadt, Germany) 50mM Tris (Sigma-Aldrich, USA) buffer. Proteins were reduced by adding 5mM
612 dithiothreitol (DTT) (Bio-Rad, Canada) at 37degrees C for 1 hour in the dark. To remove the excess of
613 DTT, the protein sample was washed three times with 8M Urea, 50mM Tris. Subsequently protein thiol
614 groups were blocked with 10mM iodoacetamide (Sigma-Aldrich, USA) at RT for 45 min. Before
615 proceeding with the enzymatic digestion, urea was removed by washing the protein suspension three
616 times with 50mM ammonium bicarbonate (Sigma-Aldrich, Spain). Proteins were digested first by Lys-
617 C (Promega, USA) at RT for 2 hours, then by trypsin (Premium Grade, MS Approved, SERVA,
618 Heidelberg, Germany) at RT, overnight, both enzymes were added at an enzyme-protein ratio of 1:50
619 (w/w). Peptides were recovered by centrifugation followed by two additional washes with 50mM
620 ammonium bicarbonate and 0.5M NaCl (Sigma-Aldrich, Switzerland). The two filtrates were
621 combined, the recovered peptides were lyophilized under vacuum. Dried tryptic peptides were desalted
622 using C18-tips (Thermo Scientific, Pierce, USA), following the manufacture instructions. Briefly, the
623 peptides dissolved in 0.1%(v/v) formic acid (Thermo scientific, USA) were loaded onto the C18-tip and
624 washed 10 times with 0.1 % (v/v) formic acid, subsequently the peptides were eluted by 95% (v/v)
625 acetonitrile (Merck, Darmstadt, Germany), 0.1% (v/v) formic acid. The desalted peptides were

626 lyophilized under vacuum. The purified peptides were reconstituted in 0.1% (v/v) formic acid for LC-
627 MS/MS analysis.

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629 **MS data acquisition**

630 Desalted peptides were loaded onto a 25 cm, 75 μ m ID C18 column with integrated nanospray emitter
631 (Odyssey/Aurora, ionopticks, Melbourne) via the autosampler of the Thermo Easy-nLC 1000 (Thermo
632 Fisher Scientific) at 60 °C. Eluting peptides were directly sprayed onto the timsTOF Pro (Bruker
633 Daltonics). Peptides were loaded in buffer A (0.1% (v/v) formic acid) at 400 nl/min and percentage of
634 buffer B (80% acetonitril, 0.1% formic acid) was ramped from 5% to 25% over 90 minutes followed
635 by a ramp to 35% over 30 minutes then 58% over the next 5 minutes, 95% over the next 5 minutes and
636 maintained at 95% for another 5 minutes. Data acquisition on the timsTOF Pro was performed using
637 timsControl. The mass spectrometer was operated in data-dependent PASEF mode with one survey
638 TIMS-MS and ten PASEF MS/MS scans per acquisition cycle. Analysis was performed in a mass scan
639 range from 100-1700 m/z and an ion mobility range from $1/K0 = 0.85$ Vs cm⁻² to 1.30 Vs cm⁻² using
640 equal ion accumulation and ramp time in the dual TIMS analyzer of 100 ms each at a spectra rate of
641 9.43 Hz. Suitable precursor ions for MS/MS analysis were isolated in a window of 2 Th for $m/z < 700$
642 and 3 Th for $m/z > 700$ by rapidly switching the quadrupole position in sync with the elution of
643 precursors from the TIMS device. The collision energy was lowered as a function of ion mobility,
644 starting from 45 eV for $1/K0 = 1.3$ Vs cm⁻² to 27eV for 0.85 Vs cm⁻². Collision energies were
645 interpolated linear between these two $1/K0$ values and kept constant above or below these base points.
646 Singly charged precursor ions were excluded with a polygon filter mask and further m/z and ion
647 mobility information was used for 'dynamic exclusion' to avoid re-sequencing of precursors that reached
648 a 'target value' of 14500 a.u. The ion mobility dimension was calibrated linearly using three ions from
649 the Agilent ESI LC/MS tuning mix (m/z , $1/K0$: 622.0289, 0.9848 Vs cm⁻²; 922.0097 Vs cm⁻², 1.1895
650 Vs cm⁻²; 1221.9906 Vs cm⁻², 1.3820 Vs cm⁻²).

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652 **Raw data analysis of MS measurements**

653 Raw data were processed using the MaxQuant computational platform (version 1.6.17.0)(Tyanova et
654 al., 2016) with standard settings applied for ion mobility data(Prianichnikov et al., 2020). Shortly, the
655 peak list was searched against the Uniprot database of Human database (75069 entries, downloaded in
656 July 2020) with an allowed precursor mass deviation of 10 ppm and an allowed fragment mass deviation
657 of 20 ppm. MaxQuant by default enables individual peptide mass tolerances, which was used in the
658 search. Cysteine carbamidomethylation was set as static modification, and methionine oxidation,
659 deamidation and N-terminal acetylation as variable modifications. The match-between-run option was
660 enabled, and proteins were quantified across samples using the label-free quantification algorithm in
661 MaxQuant generating label-free quantification (LFQ) intensities. The mass spectrometry proteomics

662 data have been deposited to the ProteomeXchange Consortium via the PRIDE(Perez-Riverol et al.,
663 2019).

664 **Bioinformatic analysis**

665 For the proteomic characterization in EVs, 3427 proteins were quantified. Proteins that were
666 consistently detected in 2 of the 3 technical replicates per each condition were retained. Downstream
667 analysis was performed using R. The LFQs values were log₂-transformed. Missing values were imputed
668 using the R package DEP (version 1.15.0) and replaced by random values of a left-shifted Gaussian
669 distribution (shift of 1.8 units of the standard deviation and a width of 0.3). Differentially expression
670 (DE) analysis was performed on the imputed data using Student's t-Test. Proteins with log₂ fold change
671 values (log₂FC) ≥ 1 and ≤ -1 and with an FDR-corrected q-value < 0.05 were considered as
672 differentially expressed. The gene-disease associations analysis was performed using DisGeNET
673 (<https://www.disgenet.org/search>)(Piñero et al., 2017).

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675 **Bulk-RNA-sequencing**

676 RNA-seq was performed on 10ng of total RNA collected from 3 independent wells of NPCs from a
677 24well plate. NPCs were not treated with EVs or treated for 12h with EVs collected by
678 ultracentrifugation from 25 ml of conditioned medium collected from 28 to 37 days in culture COs
679 (control ventral, EPM1 ventral, control dorsal and EPM1 dorsal COs). NPCs were lysed in 1ml
680 Trizol(Qiagen)/well and RNA was isolated employing RNA Clean & Concentrator kit (Zymo Research)
681 including digestion of remaining genomic DNA according to producer's guidelines. RNA was further
682 processed according to(Cernilogar et al., 2019). Briefly, cDNA synthesis was performed with SMART-
683 Seq v4 Ultra Low Input RNA Kit (Clontech cat. 634888) according to the manufacturer's instruction.
684 cDNA was fragmented to an average size of 200–500 bp in a Covaris S220 device (5 min; 4°C; PP 175;
685 DF 10; CB 200). Fragmented cDNA was used as input for library preparation with MicroPlex Library
686 Preparation Kit v2 (Diagenode, cat. C05010012) and processed according to the manufacturer's
687 instruction. Libraries were quality controlled by Qubit and Agilent DNA Bioanalyzer analysis. Deep
688 sequencing was performed on a HiSeq 1500 system according to the standard Illumina protocol for 50
689 bp paired-end reads with v3 sequencing reagents.

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691 **RNAseq analysis**

692 Paired end reads were aligned to the human genome version GRCh38 using STAR v2.6.1d(Dobin et
693 al., 2013) with default options "--runThreadN 32 --quantMode TranscriptomeSAM GeneCounts --
694 outSAMtype BAM SortedByCoordinate". Reads-per-gene counts were imported in R v4.1.0.
695 Bioconductor package DESeq2 v1.32.0(Love et al., 2014) was used for differential expression analysis.
696 Only genes with read counts >1 were considered. Significantly changed genes were determined through
697 pairwise comparisons using the DESeq2 results function (log₂ fold change threshold=1, adjusted p-

698 value <0.05). Heatmaps with differentially expressed genes were plotted with pheatmap v1.0.12 and
699 RColorBrewer v1.1-2 using rlog-normalized expression values.

700 **Enrichment analysis**

701 GO term analysis of differentially-expressed genes in mutant patterned hCOs was tested using the
702 FUMA algorithm(Watanabe et al., 2017) by inserting the DE gene lists from all the cell populations
703 into the GENE2FUNC software (FDR<0.05) or STRING.

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705 Table 1. Immunostaining antibodies

Primary antibodies					
Antibody	Host	Company	Catalogue No.	Lot No.	Dilution
NKX2.1	Mouse IgG1	Merk Millipore	MAB5460	3160139	1:500
TBR1	Rabbit	Abcam	Ab31940	GR3217067-1	1:500
SOX2	Rabbit	Cell Signaling	27485	2	1:500
LGALS3BP	Mouse IgG1	eBioscience	BMS146	-	1:100
PAX6	Rabbit	Biolegend	PRB-278p	B244513	1:500
MEIS2	Mouse IgG1	Santa Cruz Biotechnology	SC 101850	H0817	1:300
EOMES	Rabbit	Abcam	ab23345	GR33045451	1:500
SATB2	Mouse IgG1	Abcam	Ab51502	GR2075794	1:500
CALB2	Rabbit	Swang	7697	-	1:1000
GFP	Chicken	Aves Lab	GFP-1020	697986	1:1000

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Secondary antibodies					
Antibody	Host	Company	Catalogue No.	Lot No.	Dilution
AlexaFluor647	Rabbit	ThermoFisher Scientific	A21244	2086730	1:1000
AlexaFluor488	Chicken	ThermoFisher Scientific	A11039	2147635	1:1000
AlexaFluor546	Mouse IgG1	ThermoFisher Scientific	A21123	1722393	1:1000

AlexaFluor488	Rabbit	ThermoFisher Scientific	A11008	2079383	1:1000
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733 **Expanded View Figure legends**

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735 **Fig EV1**

736 A. Schematic of differentiation protocol used for vCOs and dvCAs (top) and Schematic of tangential
737 migration of interneurons from MGE and CGE to the cortex and markers used for forebrain regional
738 characterization.

739 B. Representative immunostaining for regional markers in dvCAs (NKX2.1 for ventral and TBR1 for
740 dorsal regions). Scale bar: 50 μ m.

741 C. Schematic representation of the E370K and Y366Lfs mutant iPSC lines generated using the
742 CRISPR/Cas9 genome editing in control iPSCs.

743 D. Representative immunostaining of CTRL and Y366Lfs vCOs for SOX2 (green) and LGALS3BP
744 (magenta). Scale bar: 50 μ m.

745 E. Representative immunostaining of CTRL and Y366Lfs vCOs for cortical markers of IPs (EOMES)
746 of deep layer neurons (TBR1) and upper layer neurons (SATB2). Scale bar: 50 μ m.

747 F. Quantification of TBR1+cells in ventral region of CTRLv-CTRLd and E370v-CTRLd dvCAs. Box
748 plots show median and interquartile range. Statistical significance was based on Mann-Whitney U
749 test * $p < 0.05$, *** $p < 0.001$. n of organoids: CTRLv-CTRLd =5, LGALS3BPv-CTRLd=9, from at least 2
750 different batches.

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752 **Fig EV2**

753 A. Dotplot of cortical genes expressed in vCO clusters.

754 B. PCA visualization and of CTRL and E370K vCOs, showing the pseudo-differentiation axis from
755 progenitors to INs.

756 C. UMAP visualization of scRNA-seq ventral telencephalic cells in CTRL and E370K vCOs.

757 D-E. UMAP visualization of pseudo-differentiation trajectories in CTRL vCOs and in E370K clusters
758 from progenitors to INs.

759 F. Bar plot showing cell proportion in CTRL and E370K vCOs.

760 G. Density plot showing cell distribution along pseudo-differentiation axis in CTRL and E370K vCOs.

761 H. Box plot showing cell distribution along pseudo-differentiation axis in CTRL and E370K vCOs per
762 each cluster.

763 I-K. GO enrichment for DE genes in progenitors, IP and MGE and INs. GO for biological process are
764 reported.

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766 **Fig EV3**

767 A. Quantification of the number of GFP+ventral cells migrated from ventral to dorsal in dvCAs. Box
768 plots show median and interquartile range. Significance was based on the Mann-Whitney U test. Every
769 dot in the plots refers to analyzed vCAs generated in at least 2 independent batches.

770 B. Representative 3D immunostaining of CTRLv-CTRLd and E370Kv-CTRLd dvCAs for GFP and
771 TBR1. Scale bar: 500 μ m.

772 C. Quantification of TBR1+cells in ventral region of CTRLv-CTRLd and E370v-CTRLd dvCAs. Box
773 plots show median and interquartile range. Statistical significance was based on Mann-Whitney U
774 test * $p < 0.05$, *** $p < 0.001$. n of organoids: CTRLv-CTRLd =5, LGALS3BPv-CTRLd=9, from at least 2
775 different batches (top) and quantification of migrated GFP+ventral cells expressing TBR1 in dorsal
776 region of CTRLv-CTRLd and E370v-CTRLd dvCAs. Box plots show median and interquartile range.
777 Statistical significance was based on Mann-Whitney U test * $p < 0.05$, *** $p < 0.001$. n of organoids:
778 CTRLv-CTRLd =5, LGALS3BPv-CTRLd=9, from at least 2 different batches (bottom).

779 D. Feature plot depicting the expression of genes associated with PH (GNG5, ROBO3, DCC, OCIAD2,
780 PAX6, NHLH1, SOX5, NELL2) in vCOs.
781 E. Volcano plot showing the fold change (CTRL vs E370K) of gene expression of PH-associated genes
782 in E370K neurons.
783 F. Graph showing the comparison between velocity (um/min) of CTRL dorsal neurons (analyzed in
784 Klaus et al., 2019(Klaus et al.)), E370K ventral neurons and CTRL ventral neurons migrating within
785 the dorsal region. Data are shown mean \pm SEM Statistical significance was based on the Mann-Whitney
786 U test * $p < 0.05$. Every dot in the plots refers to single cells per vCO.

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789 **Fig EV4**

790 A. PCA visualization and of vMOs, showing the pseudo-differentiation trajectory from progenitors to
791 INs.
792 B-C. UMAP visualization of scRNA-seq ventral telencephalic cells clusters in vMOs.
793 D. Bar plot showing cell proportion in vMOs.
794 E. Density plot showing cell distribution along pseudo-differentiation axis in vMOs.
795 F. Box plot showing cell distribution along pseudo-differentiation axis in vMCOs per each cluster.
796 G. Volcano plot showing the fold change (CTRL vs E370K) of gene expression in progenitors in
797 vMCOs.

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799 **Fig EV5**

800 A. Box plot showing the dorso-ventral prediction score based on fold cross validation.
801 B. UMAP visualization of scRNA-seq clusters of CTRL dCOs, CTRL vCOs, E370K vCOs and vMOs.
802 C. Boxplot showing the dorso-ventral prediction score of CTRL dCOs, CTRL vCOs, E370K vCOs and
803 vMOs cells. Box plots show median and interquartile range.
804 D. Density plot showing the distribution of dorso-ventral prediction score of each condition along the
805 pseudo-differentiation axis.
806 E. VoxHunt spatial brain mapping of the scRNA-seq from all conditions onto data from E13.5 mouse
807 brains from the Allen Brain Institute.

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810 **Fig EV6**

811 A. PCA plot of protein samples from EVs collected from CTRL and E370K vCOs, based on LFQ
812 intensity of quantified proteins. All the replicates are represented.
813 B. Bar plot showing the number of proteins detected in vEVs and E370K-vEVs.
814 C. Bar plot of LGALS3BP protein level detected in vEVs and E370K-vEVs.
815 D. Heatmap showing transcriptomic profile changes in NPCs after treatment with E370K-vEVs
816 E-G. Heatmap of DE protein in and E370K-vEVs associated with MCD, epilepsy and ASD.

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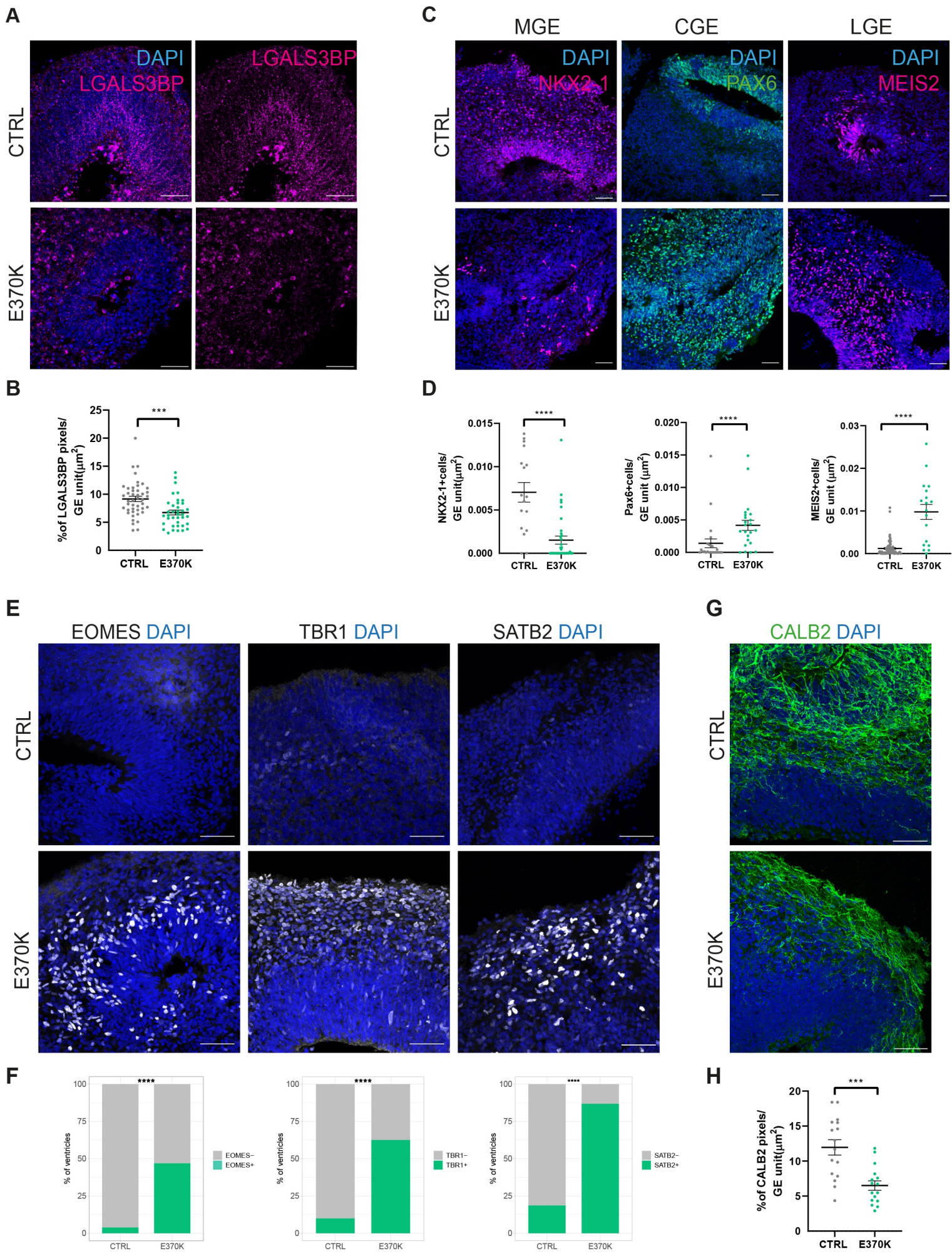
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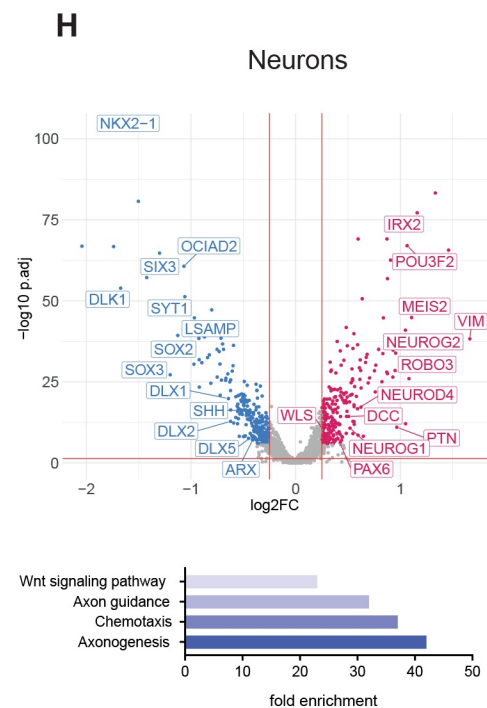
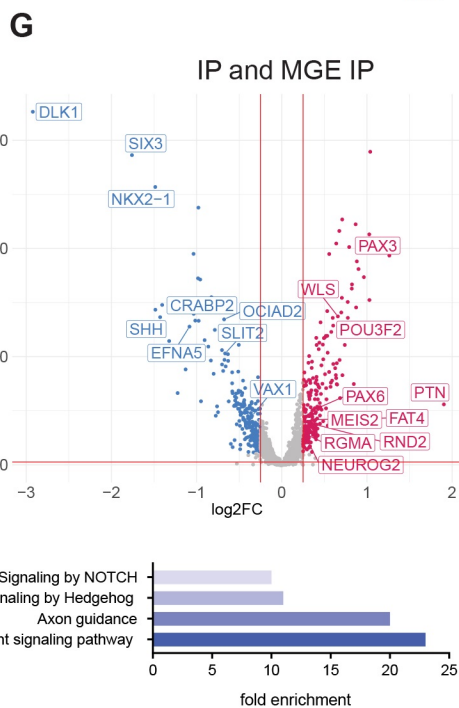
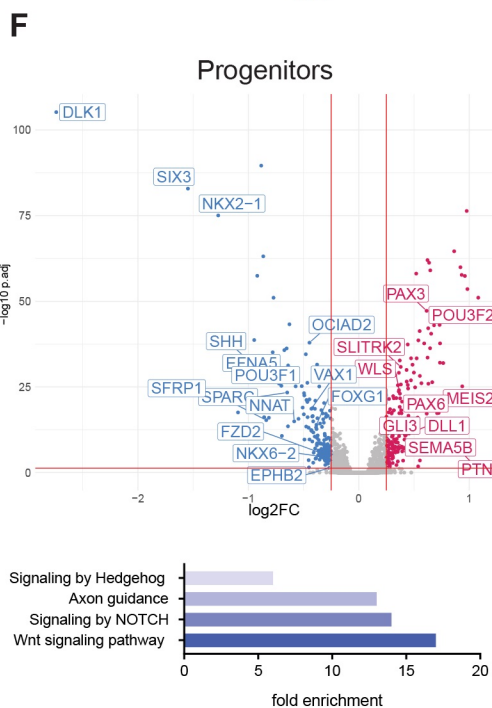
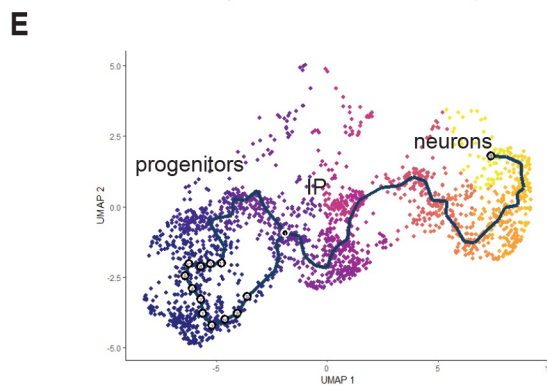
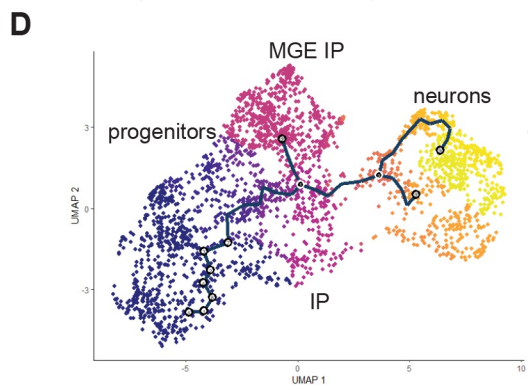
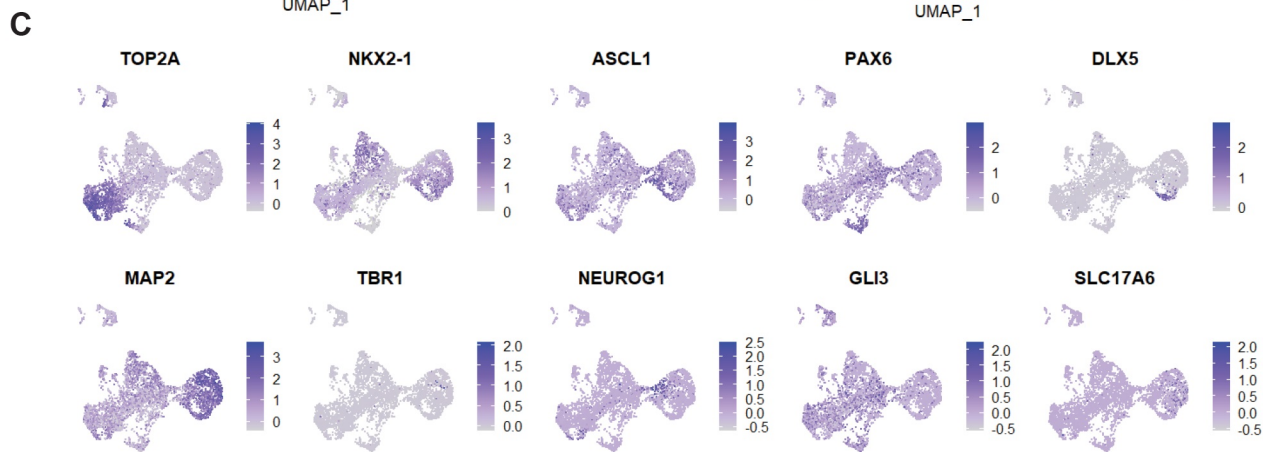
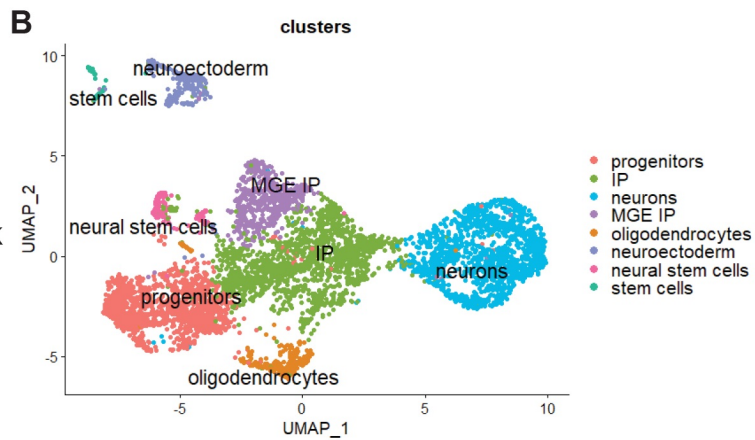
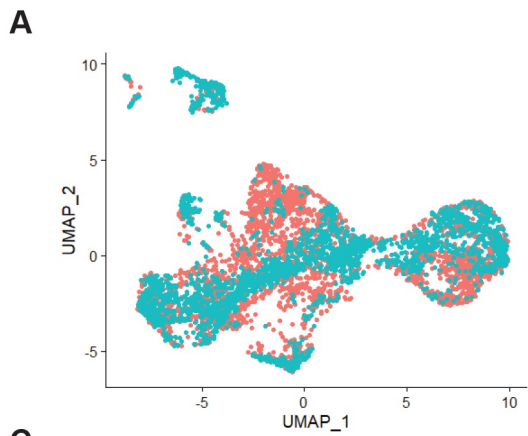
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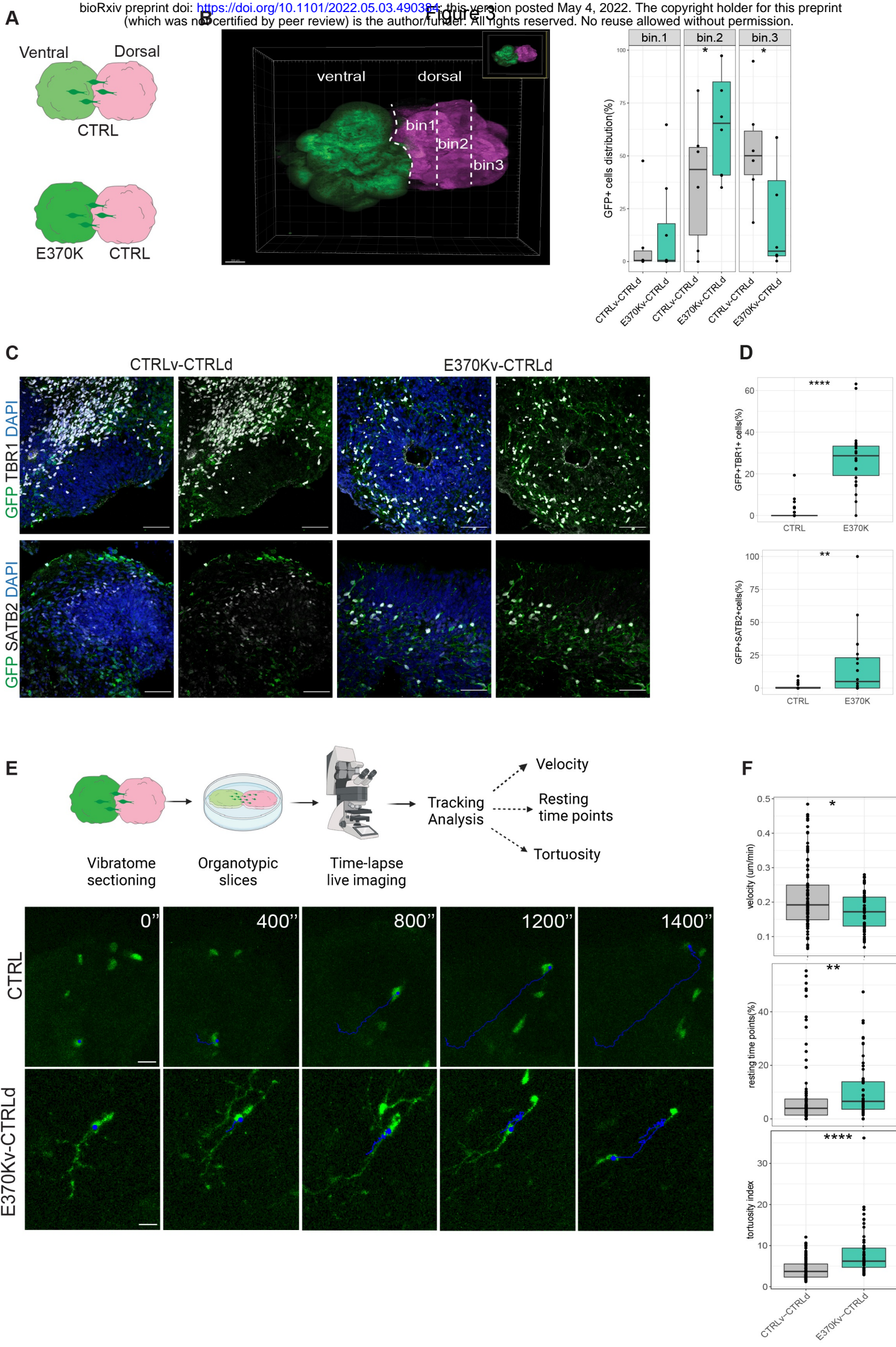


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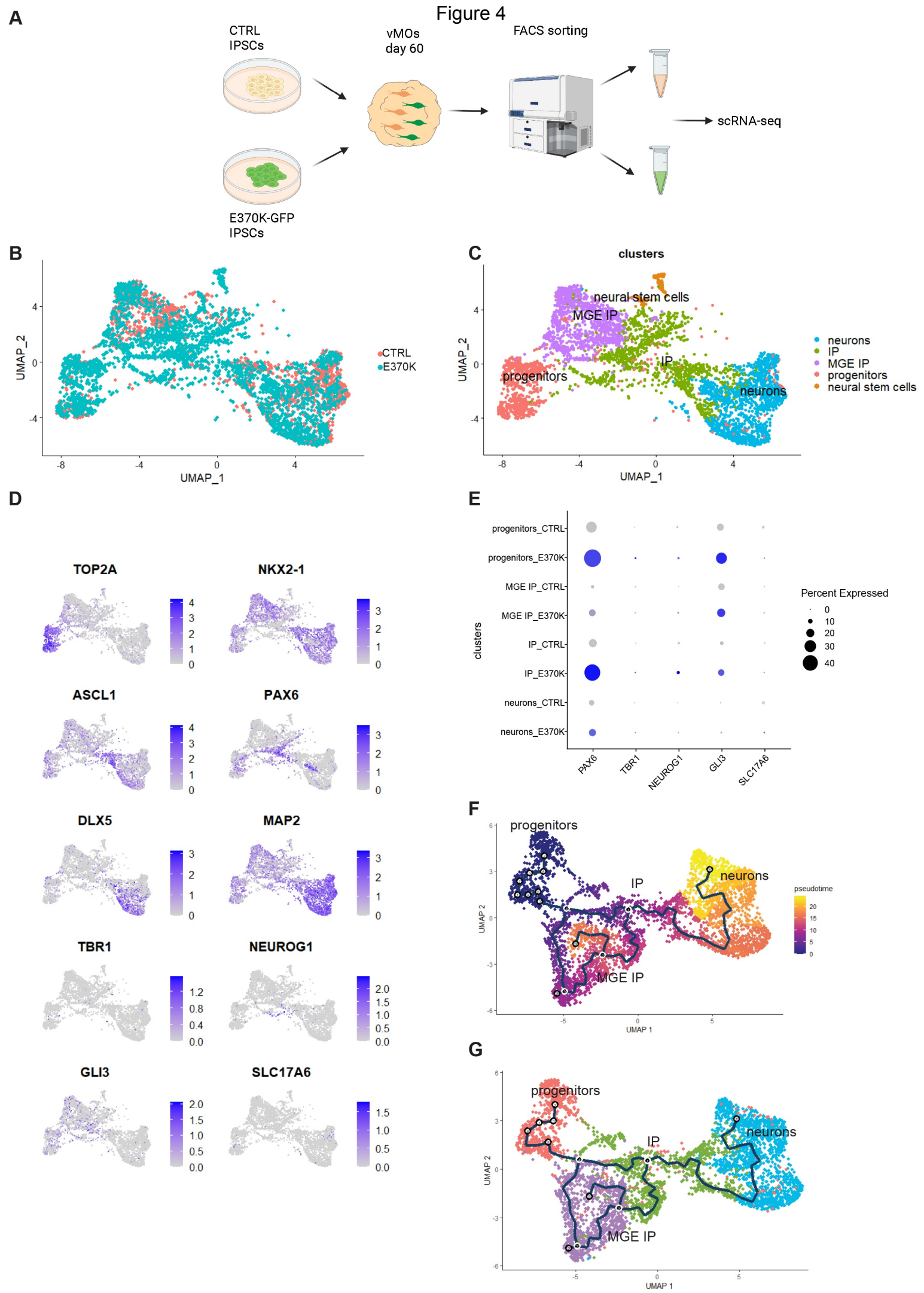


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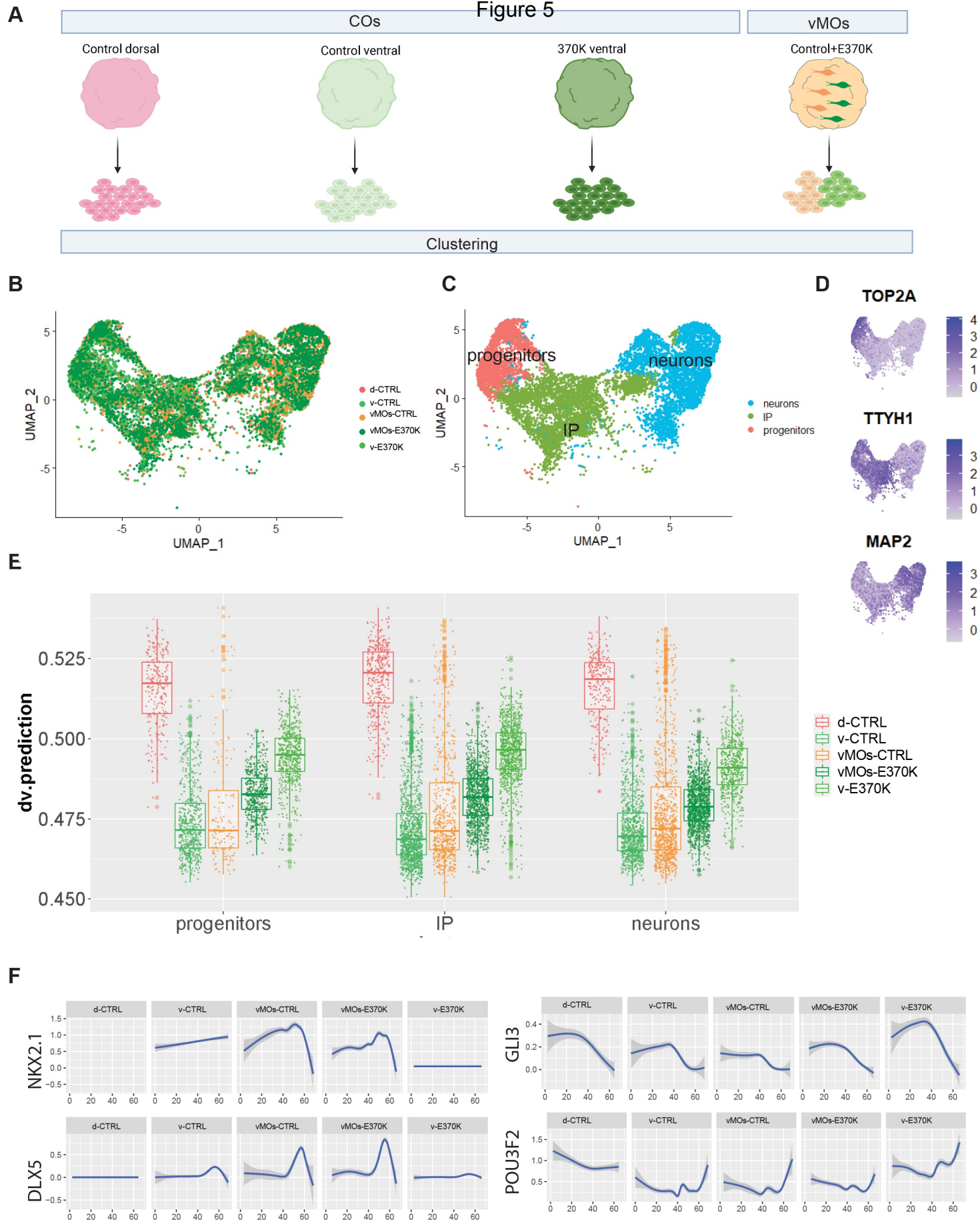
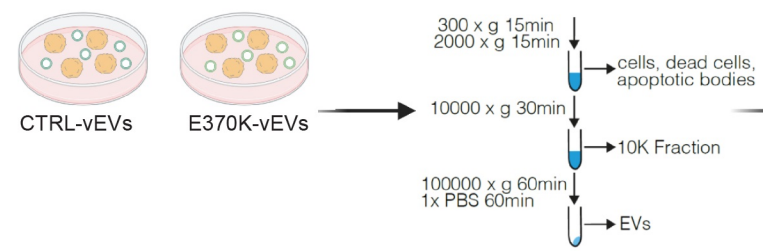
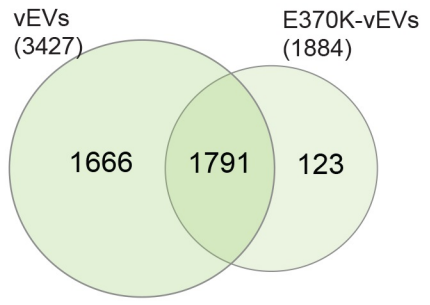


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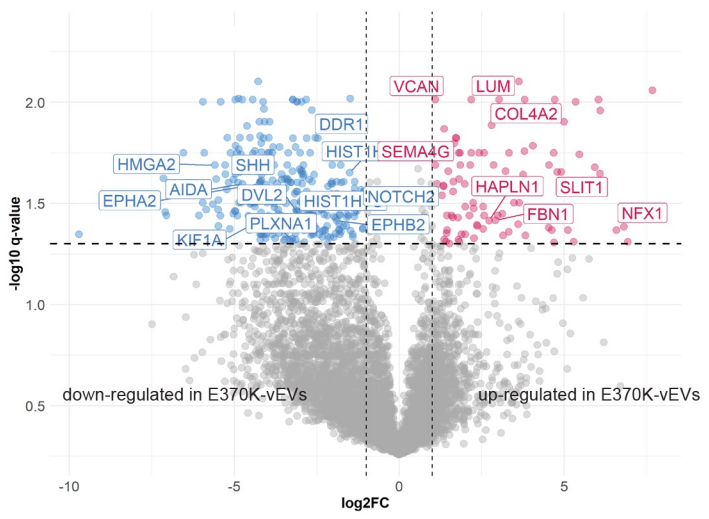
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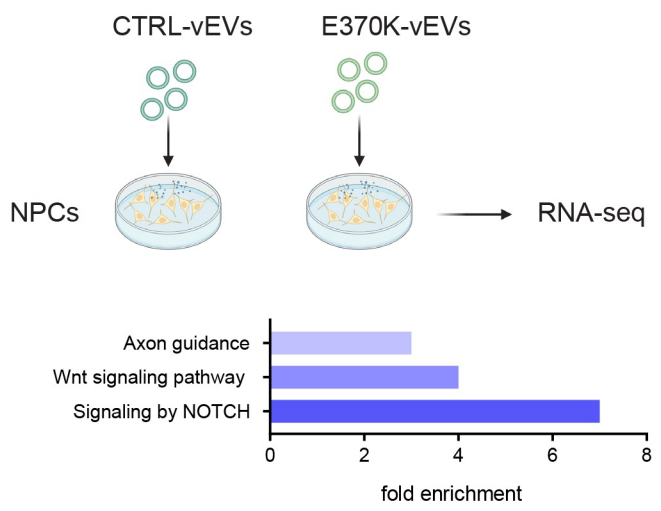
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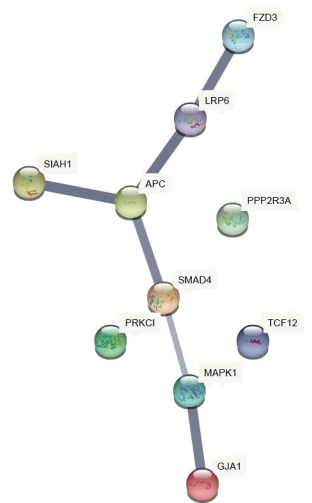
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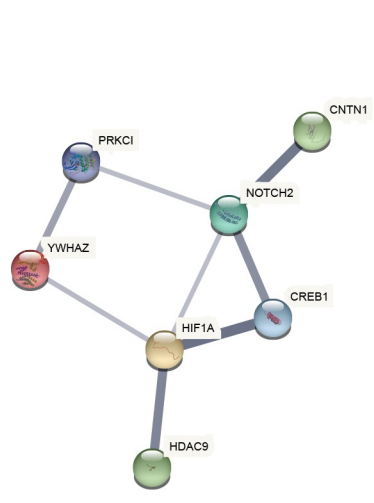
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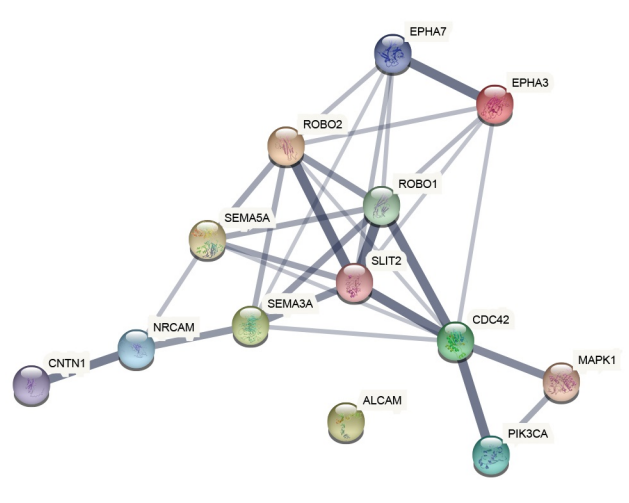
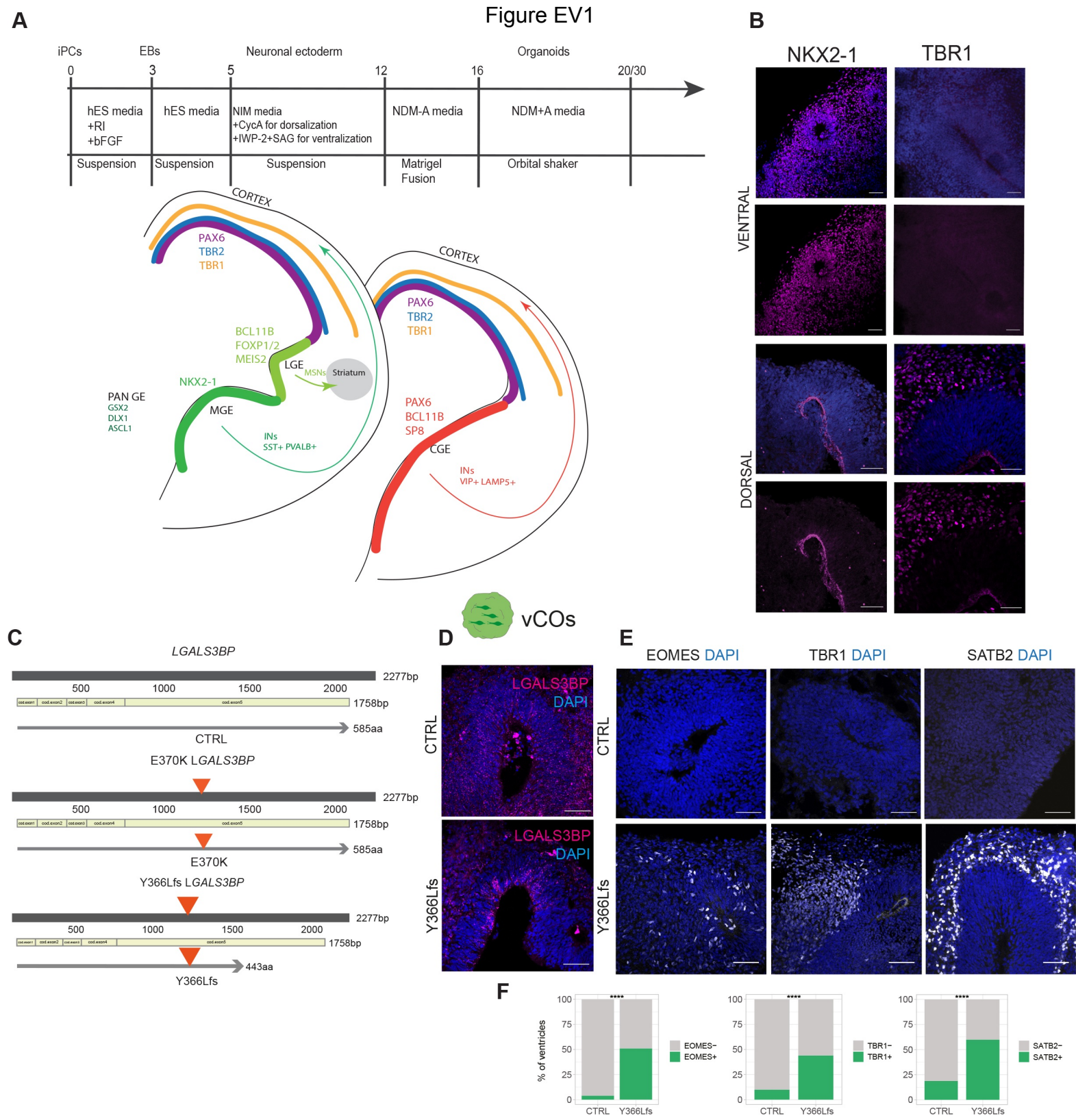


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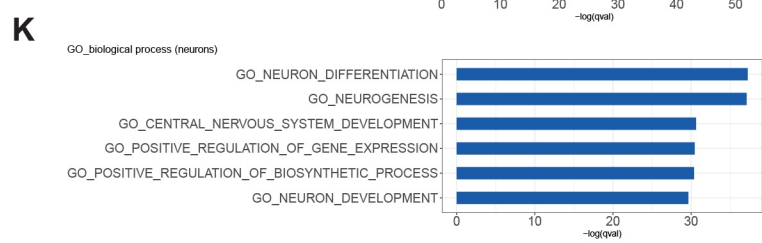
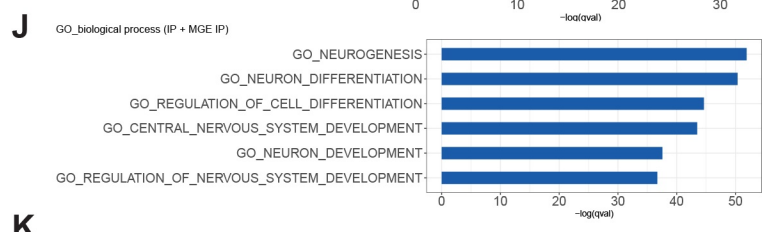
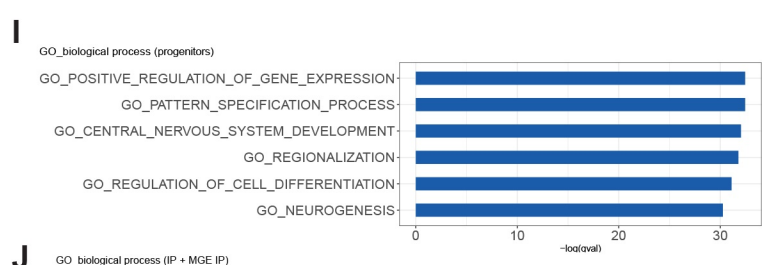
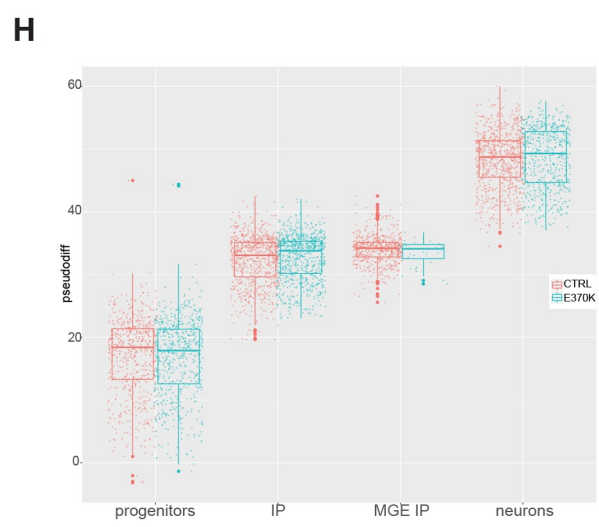
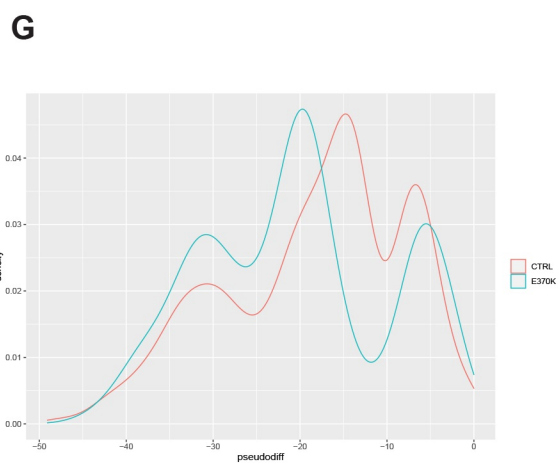
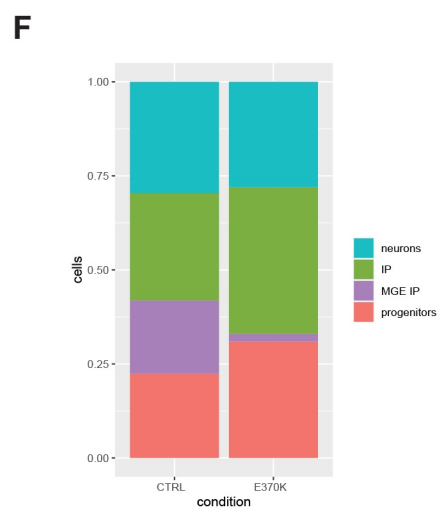
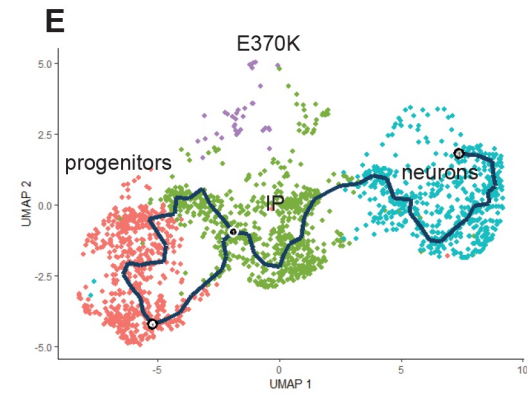
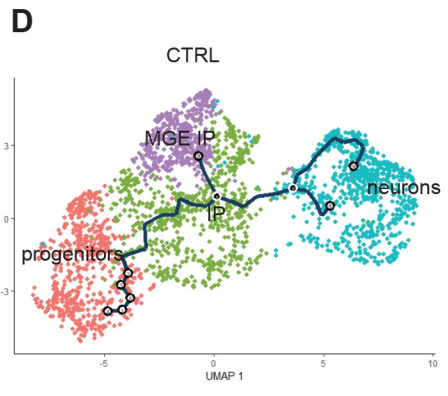
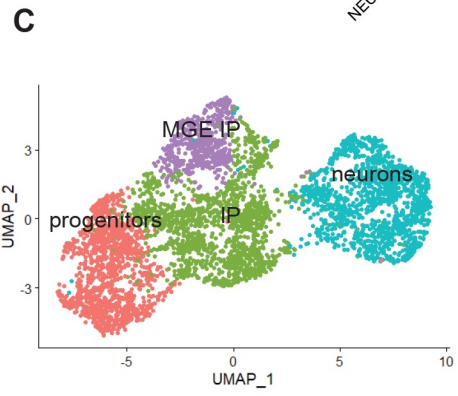
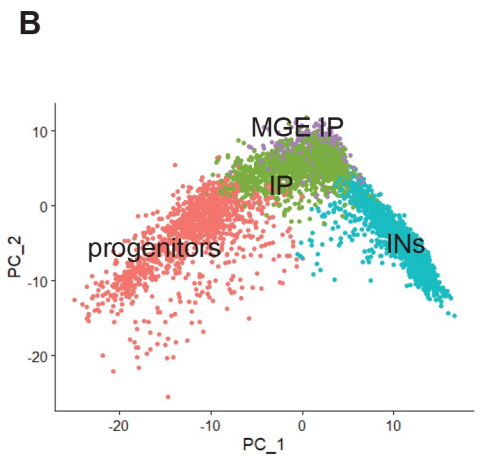
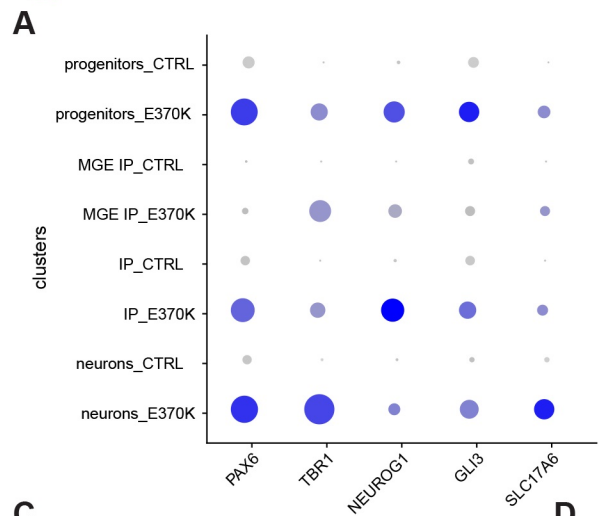
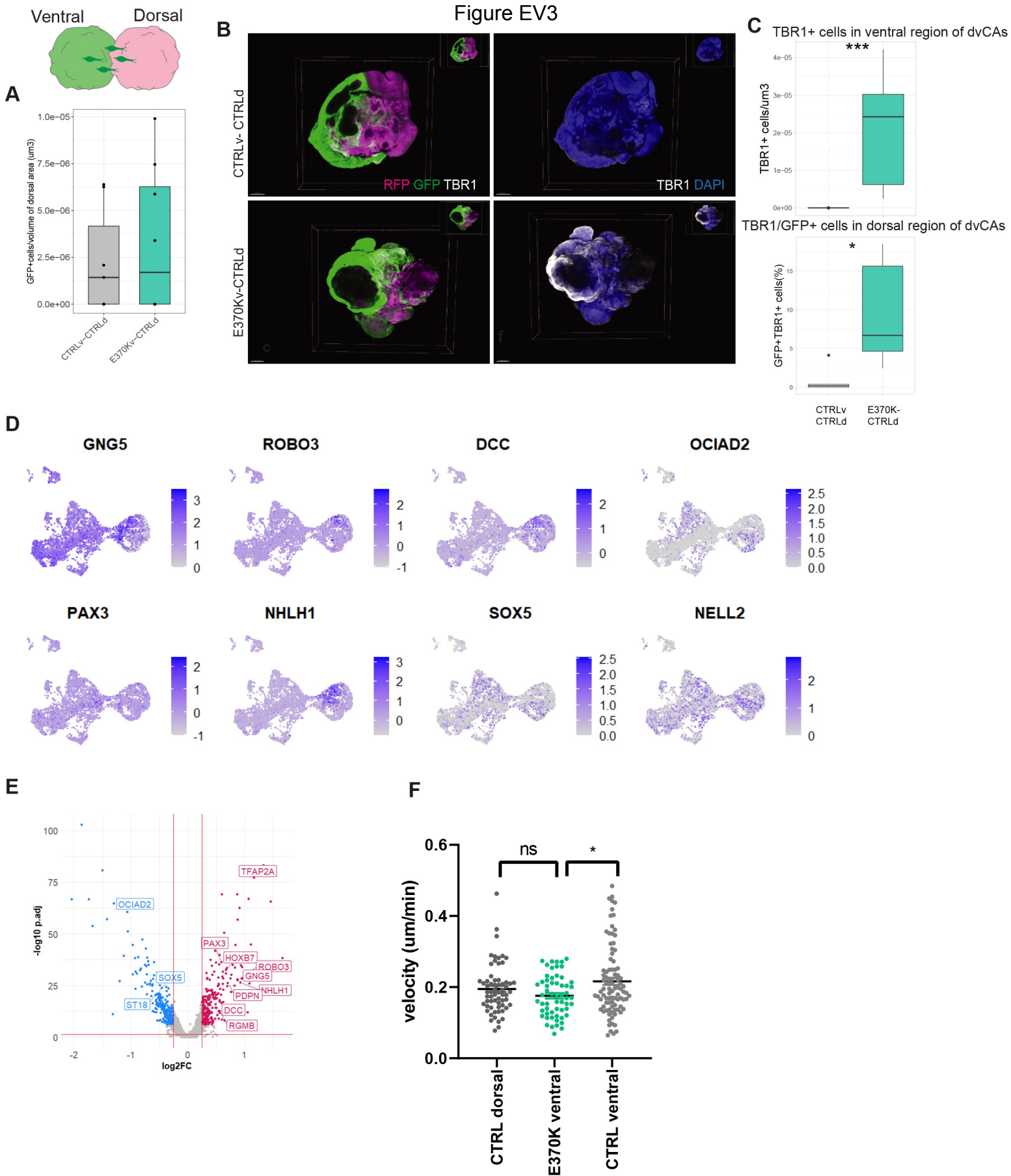


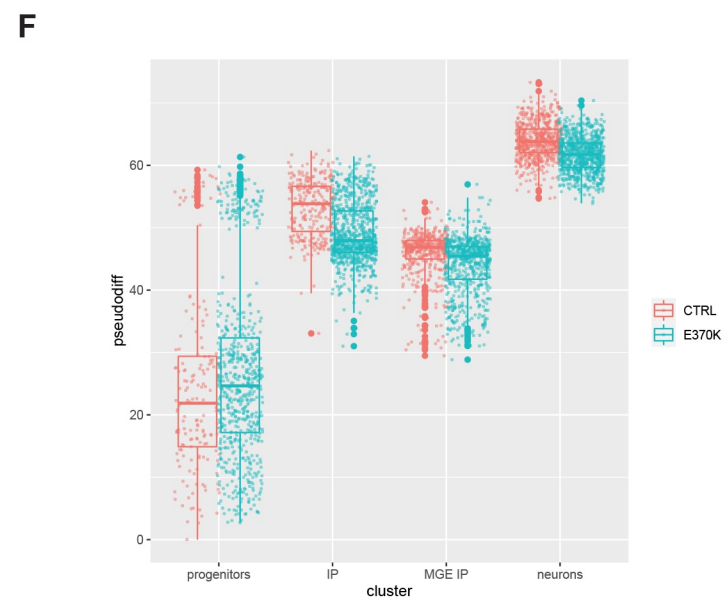
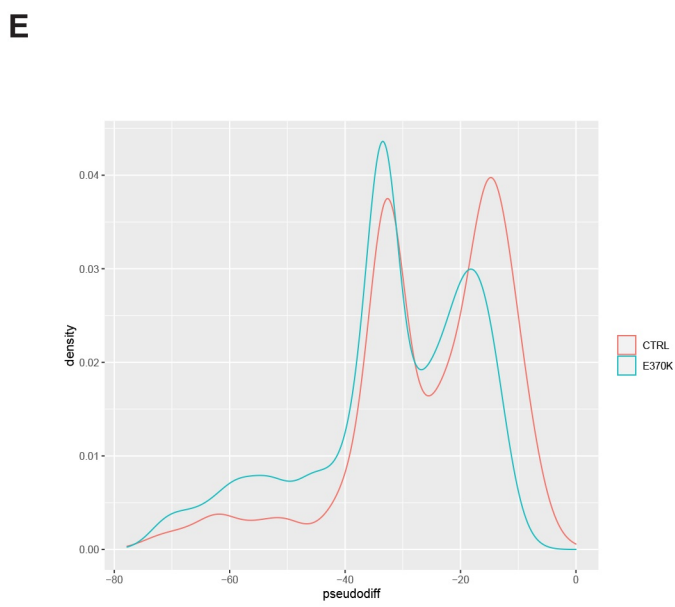
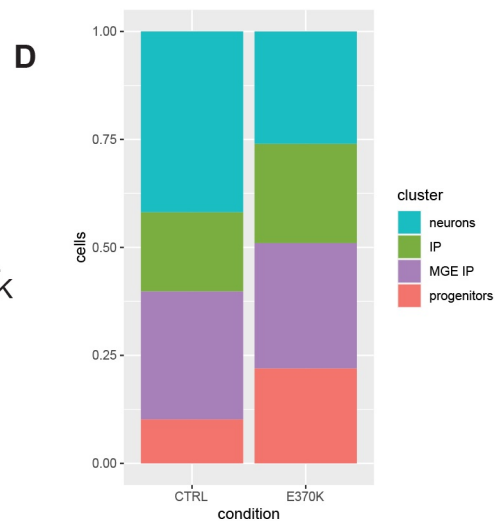
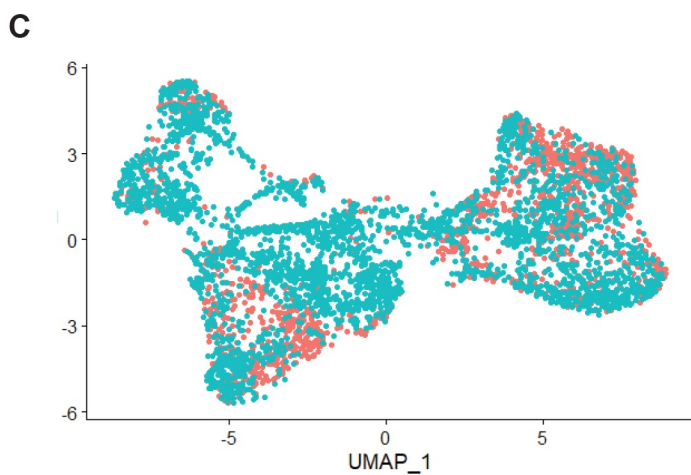
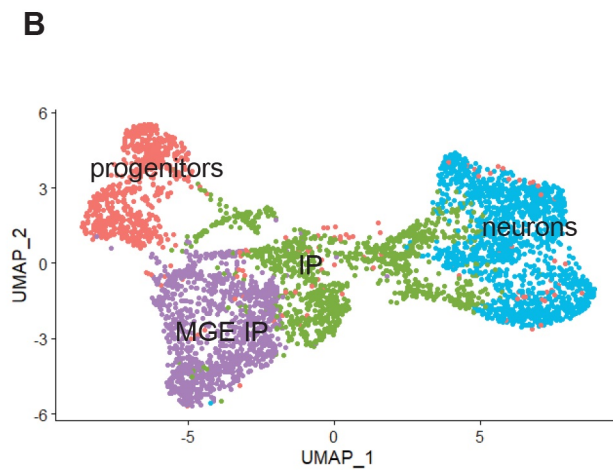
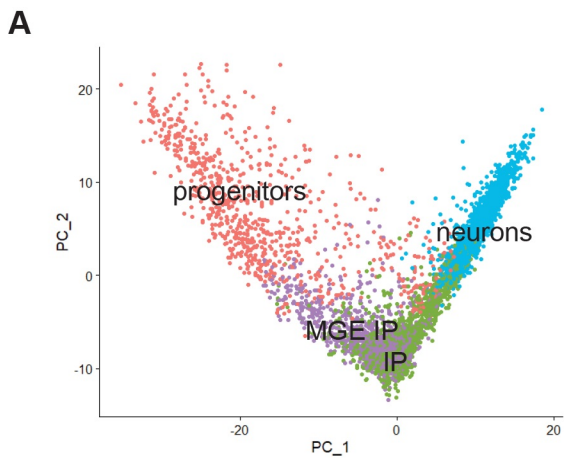
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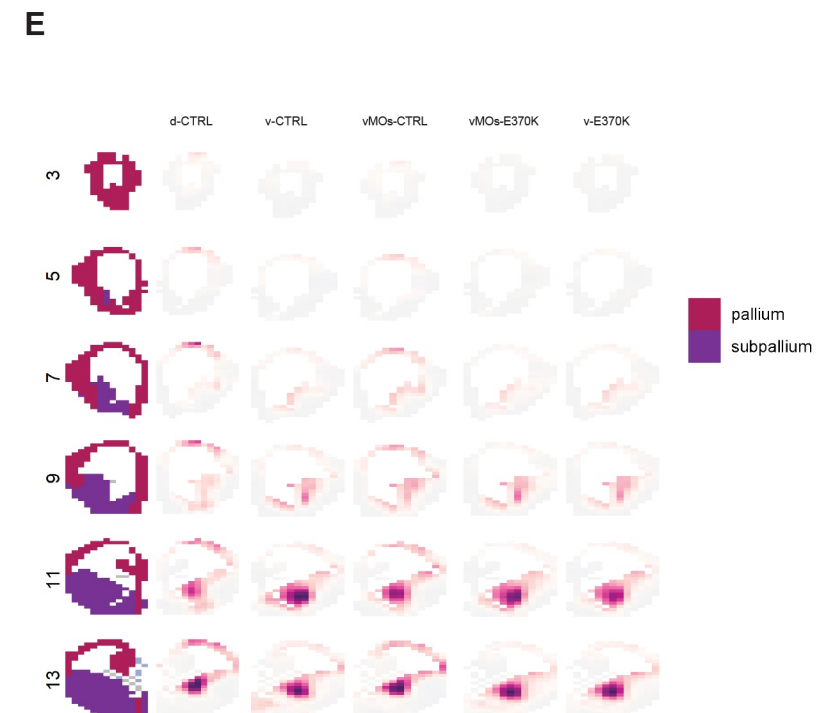
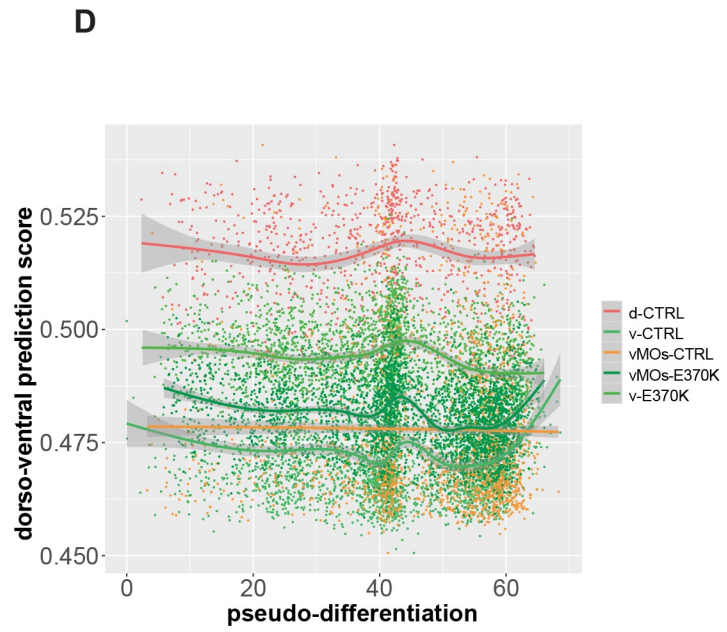
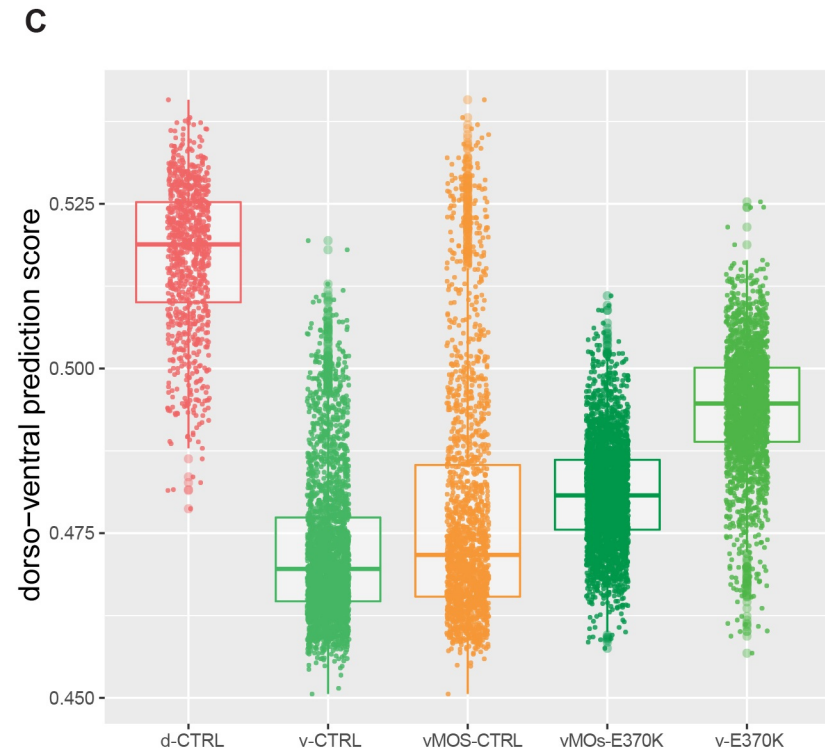
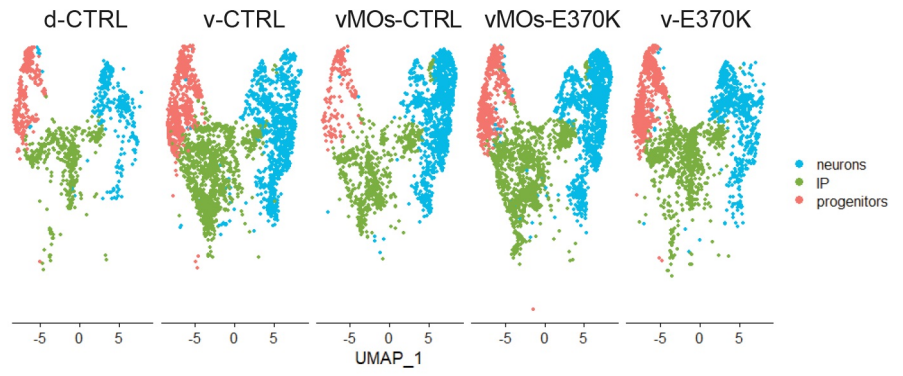
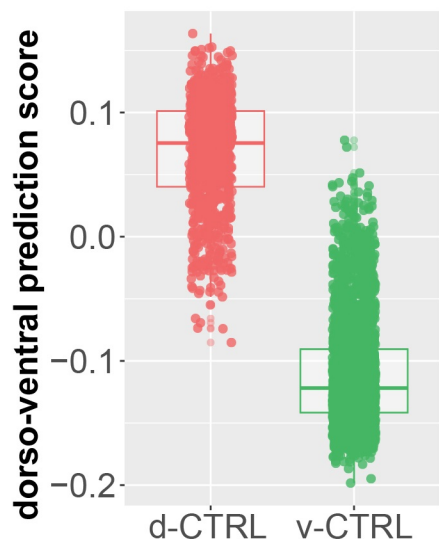




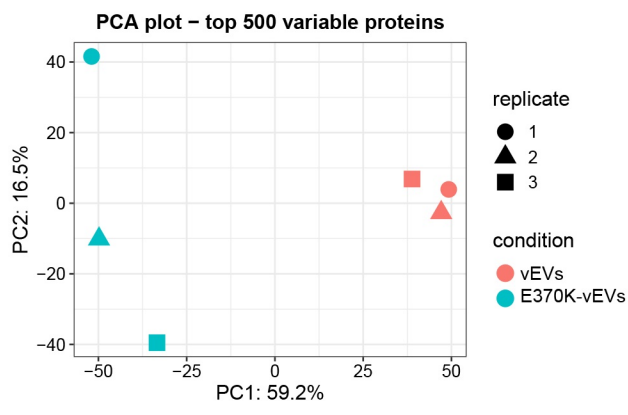
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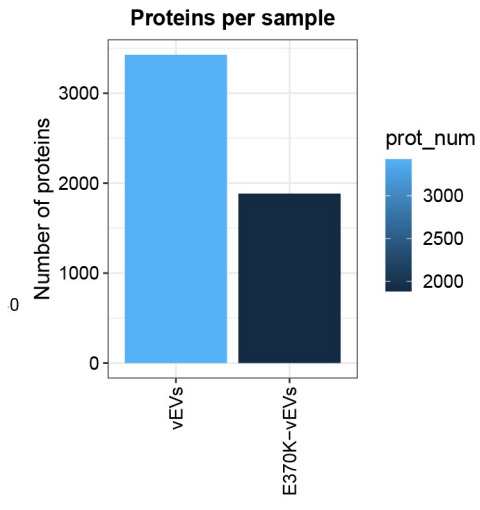


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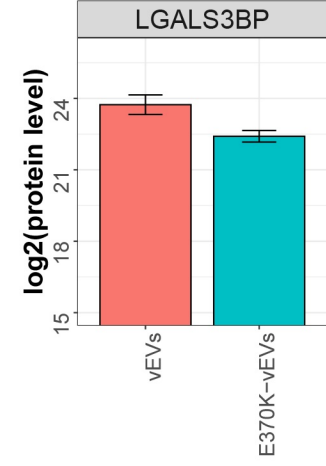
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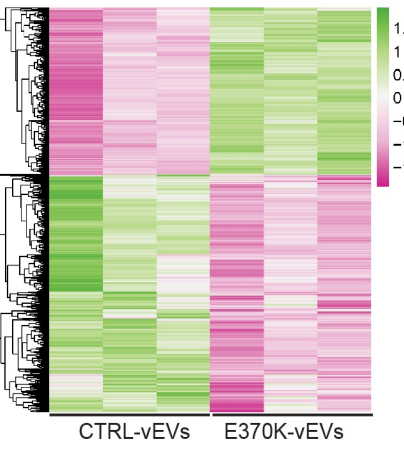
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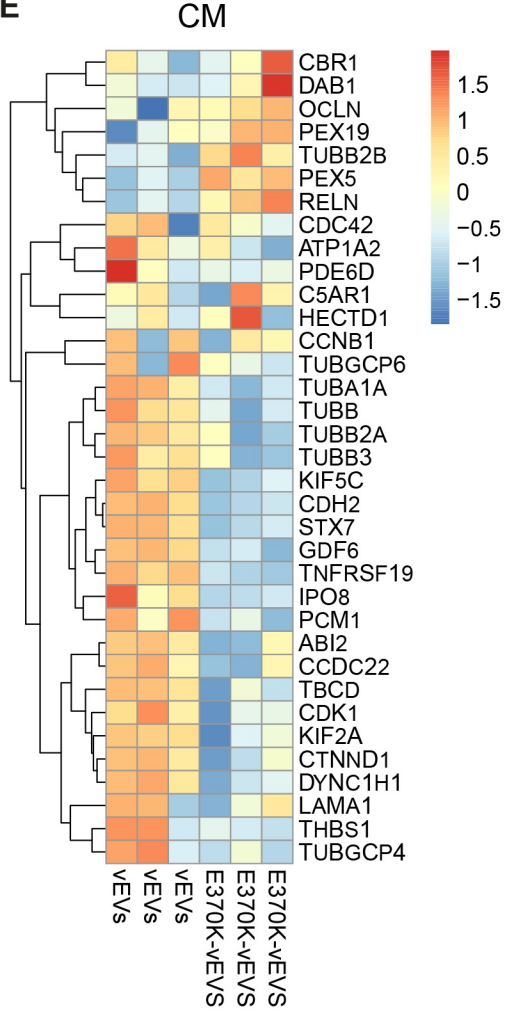
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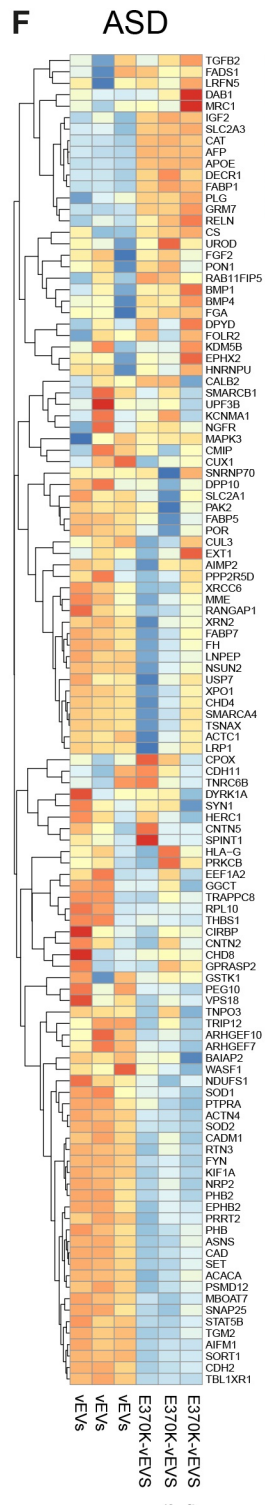
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