1 # Taste triggers a homeostatic temperature control in *Drosophila*

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SUMMARY

Hungry animals consistently show a desperate desire to obtain food. Even a brief sensory detection of food can trigger bursts of physiological and behavioral changes. However, the underlying mechanisms by which the sensation of food triggers the acute behavioral response remain elusive. We have previously shown in *Drosophila* that hunger drives a preference for low temperature. Because *Drosophila* is a small ectotherm, a preference for low temperature implies a low body temperature and a low metabolic rate. Here, we show that taste sensing triggers a switch from a low to a high temperature preference in hungry flies. We show that taste stimulation by artificial sweeteners or optogenetics triggers an acute warm preference, but is not sufficient to reach the fed state. Instead, nutrient intake is required to reach the fed state. The data suggest that starvation recovery is controlled by two components: taste-evoked and nutrient-induced warm preferences, and that taste and nutrient quality play distinct roles in starvation recovery. Animals are motivated to eat based on time of day or hunger. We found that clock genes and hunger signals profoundly control the taste-evoked warm preferences. Thus, our data suggest that the taste-evoked response is one of the critical layers of regulatory mechanisms representing internal energy homeostasis and metabolism.

INTRODUCTION

Animals are constantly sensing environmental stimuli and changing their behavior or physiology based on their internal state [1-7]. Hungry animals are desperate for food. Immediately after seeing, smelling, or chewing food, even without absorbing nutrients, a burst of physiological changes is suddenly initiated in the body. These responses are known in mammals as the cephalic phase response (CPR). For example, a flood of saliva and gastrointestinal secretions prepares hungry animals to digest food [8-12]. Starvation results in lower body temperatures, and chewing food triggers a rapid increase in heat production, demonstrating CPR in thermogenesis [13-15]. Hungry animals are strongly attracted to food. However, the underlying mechanisms of how the sensation of food without nutrients triggers the behavioral response remain unclear.

To address this question, we used a relatively simple and versatile model organism, *Drosophila melanogaster*. Flies exhibit robust temperature preference behavior [16,17]. Due to the low mass of small ectotherms, their body temperatures are close to the ambient temperature [18,19]. Hunger stress forces flies to change their behavior and physiological response [20,21]. The hungry flies prefer a lower temperature [22], indicating lower body temperatures and lower metabolic rates [22-24]. Notably, this phenomenon of hunger-driven lower body temperature is similar to mammals, as the body temperature of starved animals is lower than that of fed animals [5-7]. Furthermore, flies exhibit robust feeding behavior [25,26], and molecular and neural mechanisms of taste are well documented [2,27-32]. Therefore, we asked whether the taste cue triggers a robust behavioral recovery of temperature preference in starving flies.

Here we show in hungry flies that taste without nutrients induces a switch from a low to a high temperature preference. While taste leads to a warmer temperature preference, nutrient intake causes the flies to prefer an even warmer temperature. This nutrient-induced warm

preference results in a complete recovery from starvation. Thus, taste-evoked warm preference is

different from nutrient-induced warm preference and potentially similar physiology as CPR.

Therefore, when animals emerge from starvation, they use a two-step approach to recovery:

taste-evoked and nutrient-induced warm preference. While a rapid component is elicited by food

taste alone, a slower component requires nutrient intake.

Animals are motivated to eat based on their internal state, such as time of day or degree

of hunger. The circadian clock drives daily feeding rhythms [33-35] and anticipates meal timing.

Daily feeding timing influences energy homeostasis and metabolism [36,37]. Hunger and satiety

dramatically affect animal behavior and physiology [1-7] and control feeding. We found that clock

genes and hunger signals are strongly required for taste-evoked warm preference. The data

suggest that taste-evoked response is an indispensable physiological response that represents

internal state. Taken together, our data shed new light on the role of the taste-evoked response

and highlight a crucial aspect of our understanding of feeding state and energy homeostasis.

RESULTS

Food detection triggers a warm preference.

Flies exhibit robust temperature preference behavior [16,17]. To examine *Drosophila* temperature preference behavior, flies are released into a chamber with a temperature gradient of 16-34°C [38] and subsequently accumulate at their preferred temperature (Tp) within 30 min. The *white[1118]* (*w[1118]*) flies were fed fly food containing carbohydrate, protein and fat sources (Fig. 1A) and preferred 25.2±0.2 °C (Fig. 1B: fed, white bar). When *w[1118]* flies were starved overnight with water only, they preferred 21.7±0.3 °C (Fig. 1A, 1B: overnight starvation (STV), gray bar). Thus, starvation leads to a lower Tp. As we have previously reported, starvation strongly influences temperature preference [22].

To examine how starved flies recover from lower Tp, they were offered fly food (Fig. 1A) and their Tp was tested. After 10 min, 30 min or 1 hr of fly food refeeding, starved flies preferred a temperature similar to that of fed flies (Fig. 1B: statistics shown as green stars, Table S1), suggesting a full recovery from starvation. On the other hand, refeeding after 5 min resulted in a warmer temperature than the starved flies. Nevertheless, Tp did not reach that of the fed flies (Fig. 1B). Therefore, 5 min fly food refeeding caused a partial recovery from the starved state (Fig. 1E, statistics shown as red stars, Table S1). Thus, our data suggest that food intake triggers a warm preference in starved flies.

Sucralose refeeding promotes a warm preference.

Given that only 5 min refeeding caused hungry flies to prefer a warmer temperature (Fig. 1B),

we hypothesized that food-sensing cues might be important for the warm preference. Sucralose is

an artificial sweetener that activates sweet taste neurons in *Drosophila* [39] and modulates taste

behaviors such as the proboscis extension reflex [40-43]. Importantly, sucralose is a non-

metabolizable sugar and has no calories. Therefore, to investigate how food-sensing cues are

involved in warm preference, we examined how sucralose refeeding changes the temperature

preference of starved flies. After starved flies were refed sucralose for 10 min or 1 hr (Fig. 1A),

they preferred a warmer temperature; however, Tp was halfway between Tps of fed and starved

flies (Fig. 1C: blue, Table S1). Thus, sucralose ingestion induces a warm preference but shows a

partial recovery of Tp from the starved state.

While refeeding the flies with food resulted in a full recovery of Tp from the starved

state, refeeding them with sucralose resulted in only a partial recovery of Tp. Therefore, starved

flies may use both taste cues and nutrients to fully recover Tp from the starved state. To evaluate

this possibility, we used glucose, which contains both sweetness (gustatory cues) and nutrients

(i.e., metabolizable sugar) (Fig. 1A), and tested glucose refeeding for 5 min, 10 min, and 1 hr.

We found that 10 min or 1 hr glucose refeeding resulted in full recovery of Tp from the starved

state (Fig. 1D and E: statistics shown in red NS, Table S1) and was significantly different from

starved flies (Fig. 1D and E: statistics shown in green stars, Table S1). Thus, our data showed

that sucralose refeeding induced partial recovery and glucose refeeding induced full recovery

from the starved state.

However, it is still possible that the starved flies consumed glucose more or faster than

sucralose during the first 10 min, which could result in a different warming preference. To rule

out this possibility, we examined how often starved flies touched glucose, sucralose, or water

during the 30 min using the Fly Liquid-food Interaction Counter (FLIC) system [44]. The FLIC

system assays allow us to monitor how much interaction between the fly and liquid food reflects

feeding/drinking episodes. We found that starved flies touched glucose and sucralose food at

similar frequencies and more frequently than water during the 30 min test period (Fig. 1F, Table

S1). The data suggest that flies are likely to consume glucose and sucralose at similar rates and

amounts. Therefore, we concluded that the differential effect of sucralose and glucose refeeding

on temperature preference was not due to differences in feeding rate or amount. Instead, the

gustatory cues likely induce partial Tp recovery, and the gustatory cue plus nutrients induce full

Tp recovery.

Activation of sweet taste neurons leads to warm preference.

We first focused on how taste elicits a warm preference. Sweet gustatory receptors (Grs) detect

sweet taste. We used sweet Gr mutants and asked whether sweet Grs are involved in taste-evoked

warm preference. Two different sweet Gr mutant strains, $Gr5a^{-/-}; Gr64a^{-/-}$ and $Gr5a^{-/-};;Gr61a^{-/-},$

$Gr64a\text{-}f^{-/-}$, have reduced sugar sensitivity compared to the control [41,42,45,46]. We found that sweet

Gr mutant flies exhibited a normal starvation response in which the Tp of starved flies was lower

than that of fed flies (Fig. 2A and B, white and gray bars, Table S1). However, starved sweet Gr

mutant flies did not increase Tp after 10 min sucralose refeeding (Fig. 2A and B, blue bars, Table

S1). These data suggest that sweet Grs are involved in taste-evoked warm preference.

Sweet Grs are expressed in the sweet Gr-expressing neurons (GRNs) located in the

proboscis and forelegs [46,47]. To determine whether sweet GRNs are involved in taste-evoked

warm preference, we silenced all sweet GRNs. We expressed the inward rectifying K^+ channel

Kir2.1 (*uas-Kir*) [48] with *Gr64f-Gal4*, which is expressed in all sweet GRNs in the proboscis and

forelegs [41,46,47]. Knockdown of all sweet GRNs showed a normal starvation response (Fig. 2C,

white and gray bars). However, flies silencing all sweet GRNs failed to show a warm preference

after 10 min sucralose refeeding (Fig. 2C, blue bar, Table S1). This phenotype was similar to the

data obtained with the sweet Gr mutant strains (Fig. 2A and B). On the other hand, control flies

(*Gr64f-Gal4/+* and *uas-Kir/+*) showed a normal starvation response and a taste-evoked warm

preference (Fig. 2D and E, gray and blue bars, respectively, Table S1). Thus, our data indicate

that sweet GRNs are required for taste-evoked warm preference.

To further investigate whether activation of sweet GRNs induces a warm preference, we

used the optogenetic approach, a red light sensitive channelrhodopsin, CsChrimson [49,50]. Starved

flies were given water containing 0.8 mM all-trans-retinal (ATR), the chromophore required for

CsChrimson activation. These flies were not fed sucralose; instead, gustatory neurons in starved

flies were excited by red light pulses (flashing on and off at 10 Hz) for 10 min (Fig. 2F). In this

case, although the flies were not refed, the gustatory neurons were artificially excited by

CsChrimson activation so that we could evaluate the effect of excitation of sweet GRNs on taste-

evoked warm preference.

CsChrimson was expressed in sweet GRNs in the proboscis and legs (all sweet GRNs)

using *Gr64f-Gal4*. These flies showed a normal starvation response (Fig. 2G-J, white and gray

bars, Table S1). Excitation of all sweet GRNs by red light pulses elicited a warm preference, and

Tp was intermediate between fed and starved flies, suggesting partial recovery (Fig. 2G, yellow

bar, Table S1). However, neither excitation of Gr5a- (Fig. 2H) nor Gr64a-expressing neurons

(Fig. 2I) induced a warm preference (yellow bars, Table S1). While *Gr64a-Gal4* is expressed

only in legs, *Gr5a-Gal4* is expressed in proboscis and legs, but does not cover all sweet GRNs

like *Gr64f-Gal4* [46,47]. Notably, control flies (*UAS-CsChrimson/+*) did not show a warm

preference to red light pulses with ATR application (Fig. 2J). Taken together, our data suggest

that excitation of all sweet GRNs results in a warm preference.

The temperature-sensing neurons are involved in taste-evoked warm preference.

The warm-sensing neurons, anterior cells (ACs) and the cold-sensing *R11F02-Gal4*-expressing

neurons control temperature preference behavior [38,51,52]. Small ectotherms such as *Drosophila* set

their Tp to avoid noxious temperatures using temperature information from cold- and warm-

sensing neurons [16,17,38]. We have previously shown that starved flies choose a lower Tp, the so-

called hunger-driven lower Tp [22]. ACs control hunger-driven lower Tp but cold-sensing *R11F02-*

Gal4-expressing neurons do not [22]. ACs express transient receptor potential A1 (TrpA1), which

responds to a warm temperature >25 ^{O}C [38,53]. The set point of ACs in fed flies, which is ~25 ^{O}C,

is lowered in starved flies. Therefore, the lower set point of ACs corresponds to the lower Tp in

starved flies.

First, we asked whether ACs are involved in taste-evoked warm preference. Because the

ACs are important for the hunger-driven lower Tp [22], the AC-silenced flies did not show a

significant difference in Tp between fed and starved conditions for only one overnight starvation

[22]. Therefore, we first extended the starvation time to two nights so that the AC-silenced flies

showed a significant difference in Tp between fed and starved conditions (Fig. 3A, white and

gray bars, Table S1). Importantly, more prolonged starvation does not affect the ability of w^{1118}

flies to recover (Fig. S1).

To examine whether ACs regulate taste-evoked warm preference, we refed sucralose to

AC-silenced flies for 10 min. We found that the Tp of the refed flies was still similar to that of

the starved flies (Figure 3A, blue bar, Table S1), indicating that sucralose refeeding could not

restore Tp and that ACs are involved in taste-evoked warm preference. Significantly, even when

the AC-silenced flies were starved for two nights, they were able to recover Tp to the normal

food for 10 min and to glucose for 1 hr (Fig. S3D), suggesting that the starved AC-silenced flies

were still capable of recovery.

Other temperature-sensing neurons involved in temperature preference behavior are cold-

sensing *R11F02-Gal4*-expressing neurons [51,52]. To determine whether *R11F02-Gal4*-expressing

neurons are involved in taste-evoked warm preference, we silenced *R11F02-Gal4*-expressing

neurons using *uas-Kir*. We found that the flies showed a significant difference in Tp between fed

and starved conditions, but the flies did not show a warm preference upon sucralose refeeding

(Fig. 3B, gray and blue bars, Table S1). As controls, *TrpA1^{SH}-Gal4/+*, *R11F02-Gal4/+* and *uas-*

Kir/+ flies showed normal starvation response and taste-evoked warm preference (Fig. 3C-E).

To further ensure the results, we used optogenetics to artificially excite warm and cold

neurons with *TrpA1^{SH}-Gal4* and *R11F02-Gal4*, respectively, by red light pulses for 10 min. We

compared the Tp of starved flies with and without ATR under red light. Tp of starved flies with

ATR was significantly increased (Fig. 3F and G, yellow bars, Table S1) compared to those

without ATR (Fig. 3F and G, gray bars, Table S1). Therefore, these data indicate that ACs and

R11F02-Gal4-expressing neurons are required for taste-evoked warm preference.

Internal state influences taste-evoked warm preference in hungry flies.

Internal state strongly influences feeding motivation. However, how internal state influences starved animals to exhibit a food response remains unclear. Hunger represents the food-deficient state in the body, which induces the release of hunger signals such as neuropeptide Y (NPY). NPY promotes foraging and feeding behavior in mammals and flies [54]. While intracerebroventricular injection of NPY induces cephalic phase response (CPR) [55], injection of NPY antagonists suppresses CPR in dogs, suggesting that NPY is a regulator of CPR in mammals [56]. Therefore, we first focused on neuropeptide F (NPF) and small neuropeptide F (sNPF), which are the *Drosophila* homologue and orthologue of mammalian NPY, respectively [54], and asked whether they are involved in taste-evoked warm preference. In NPF mutant (*NPF$^{-/-}$*) or sNPF hypomorph (*sNPF hypo*) mutant, we found that the Tp of fed and starved flies were significantly different, showing a normal starved response (Fig. 4A and B: white vs. gray bars, Table S1). However, they failed to show a taste-evoked warm preference after 10 min sucralose refeeding (Fig. 4A and B: blue bars, Table S1). Thus, NPF and sNPF are required for taste-evoked warm preference after sucralose feeding.

Next, we asked whether NPF and sNPF are involved in the nutrient-induced warm preference during glucose refeeding. We found that starved *NPF$^{-/-}$* mutants significantly increased Tp after 1 hr glucose refeeding (Fig. 4A, green and dark green bars, Table S1). We also found that starved *sNPF hypo* mutants significantly increased Tp after 10 min and 1 hr of glucose refeeding (Fig. 4B, green and dark green bars, Table S1). In addition, both *NPF$^{-/-}$* and *sNPF hypo* mutants increased Tp after 10 min fly food refeeding (Fig. 4A and B, orange bars,

252   Table S1). These data suggest that NPF and sNPF are unlikely to be critical for nutrient-induced

253   warm preference.

Factors involving hunger regulate taste-evoked warm preference.

Based on the above results, we hypothesized that hunger signals might be involved in taste-

evoked warm preference. To test this hypothesis, we focused on several factors involved in the

hunger state. The major hunger signals [20], diuretic hormone 44 (DH44), and adipokinetic

hormone (AKH) are the mammalian corticotropin-releasing hormone homologue [57] and the

functional glucagon homologue respectively [58,59].   We found that DH44- or AKH-neuron-

silenced flies failed to show a taste-evoked warm preference after sucralose refeeding. However,

they were able to increase Tp after 10 min glucose or fly food refeeding (Fig. 4D and F, green

and orange bars, Table S1), suggesting a normal nutrient-induced warm preference. The control

flies (*Dh44-Gal4/+*, *Akh-Gal4/+*, and *UAS-Kir/+*) showed normal warm preference to sucralose

(Fig. 4C, E and J, blue bars, Table S1), glucose (Fig. 4C, E and J, green bars, Table S1), and

normal fly food refeeding (Fig. 4C, E and J, orange bars, Table S1). The data suggest that DH44

or AKH neurons are required for taste-evoked warm preference, but not for nutrient-induced

warm preference.

Insulin-like peptide 6 (Ilp6) is a homologue of mammalian insulin-like growth factor 1

(IGF1), and *ilp6* mRNA expression increases in starved flies [60-62]. Because Ilp6 is important for

the hunger-driven lower Tp [22], the *ilp6* mutants did not show a significant difference in Tp

between fed and starved conditions for only one overnight starvation [22]. Therefore, we first

extended the starvation time to three nights. We found that *ilp6* loss-of-function (*ilp6 LOF*)

mutant failed to show a taste-evoked warm preference after sucralose refeeding (Fig. 4G, blue

bars, Table S1), but showed a nutrient-induced warm preference after glucose refeeding (Fig. 4G,

green bars, Table S1). These data suggest that Ilp6 is required for taste-evoked warm preference

but not for nutrient-induced warm preference after glucose or fly food refeeding.

Unpaired3 (Upd3) is a *Drosophila* cytokine that is upregulated under nutritional stress [63].

We found that *upd3* mutants failed to show a taste-evoked warm preference after sucralose

refeeding (Fig. 4H, blue bars, Table S1), but showed a nutrient-induced warm preference after

glucose refeeding (Fig. 4G and H, green bars, Table S1). These data suggest that Upd3 is

required for taste-evoked warm preference, but not for nutrient-induced warm preference after

glucose refeeding. Notably, *upd3* mutants failed to show nutrient-induced warm preference upon

normal food feeding (Fig. 4H, orange bars, Table S1).

We also examined the role of the satiety factor Unpaired2 (Upd2), a functional leptin

homologue in flies, in taste-evoked warm preference [64]. *upd2* mutants failed to show a warm

preference after refeeding of sucralose, glucose or fly food (Fig. 4I, blue, green and orange bars,

Table S1). Thus, our data suggest that factors involved in the hunger state are required for taste-

evoked warm preference.

Flies show a taste-evoked warm preference at all times of the day.

Animals anticipate feeding schedules at a time of day that is tightly controlled by the circadian

clock [37]. Flies show a rhythmic feeding pattern: one peak in the morning [44] or two peaks in the

morning and evening [65]. Because food cues induce a warm preference, we wondered whether

feeding rhythm and taste-evoked warm preference are coordinated. If so, they should show a

parallel phenotype.

Since flies exhibit one of the circadian outputs, the temperature preference rhythm (TPR)

[66], Tp gradually increases during the day and peaks in the evening. First, we tested starvation

responses at Zeitgeber time (ZT) 1-3, 4-6, 7-9, and 10-12 in light and dark (LD) conditions. We

found that both w^{1118} and *yellow^1 white^1* (y^1w^1) flies exhibited higher Tp in the fed state and

lower Tp in the starved state at all times during the day (Fig. 5A and B: black vs. gray line; Table

S1). Next, we refed sucralose to starved flies at all time points tested and examined taste-evoked

warm preference. While starved y^1w^1 flies showed a taste-evoked warm preference at all time

points (Fig. 5B1, gray vs. blue line, Table S1), starved w^{1118} flies showed a significant taste-

evoked warm preference at ZT 4-6 and 10-12 (Fig. 5A1, gray vs. blue line, Table S1).

Because starved w^{1118} flies showed an advanced phase shift of TPR with a peak at ZT 7-9

(Fig. 5A, gray), it is likely that the highest Tp simply masks the taste-evoked warm preference at

ZT 7-9. We also focused on nutrient- (carbohydrate-) induced warm preference. Starved w^{1118}

and y^1w^1 flies successfully increased Tp after 10 min glucose refeeding (Fig. 5A2 and B2, green

line, Table S1). Glucose refeeding for 1 hr resulted in Tp similar to that of fed w^{1118} flies (Fig.

5A3, green line). Because the feeding rhythm peaks in the morning or morning/evening [44,65], our

data suggest that the feeding rhythm and taste-evoked warm preference do not occur in parallel.

Circadian clock genes are required for taste-evoked warm preference, but not nutrient-

induced warm preference.

We asked whether the circadian clock is involved in taste-evoked warm preference. We used

clock gene null mutants, *period^{01}* (*per^{01}*) and *timeless^{01}* (*tim^{01}*). Although they showed significant

starvation responses (Fig. 5C and D, black and gray lines, Table S1), neither starved *per^{01}* nor

tim^{01} mutants could exhibit taste-evoked warm preference upon sucralose refeeding (Fig. 5C1

and D1, blue lines, Table S1). Nevertheless, they fully recovered upon glucose refeeding in LD at

any time of day (Fig. 5C2 and D2, green lines, Table S1). Therefore, our data suggest that clock

genes are required for taste-evoked warm preference, but not for nutrient-induced warm

preference.

However, starved *per^{01}* and *tim^{01}* mutants may eat sucralose less frequently than glucose,

which could result in a failure to show a taste-evoked warm preference. Therefore, we examined

how often starved *per^{01}* and *tim^{01}* mutants touched glucose, sucralose, or water during the 30 min

using FLIC assays [44] (Fig. S2A-C). Interestingly, starved *per^{01}* and *tim^{01}* mutants touched water

significantly more often than glucose or sucralose (Fig. S2B and C, Table S1). Although starved

tim^{01} flies touched glucose slightly more than sucralose for only 10 min, this phenotype is not

consistent with *per^{01}* and *w^{1118}* flies. Thus, we conclude that in *per^{01}* and *w^{1118}* flies, the

differential response between taste-evoked and nutrient-induced warm preferences is not due to

feeding rate or amount.

The sweet GRNs and temperature-sensing neurons contribute both taste-evoked and

nutrient (carbohydrate)-induced warm preference.

Our data suggest that taste-evoked and nutrient- (carbohydrate-) induced warm preferences are

controlled separately. We examined how these differences are coordinated. We show that genes

involved in internal state tend to control taste-evoked warm preferences. Since gustatory or

temperature-sensitive neurons are required for taste-evoked warm preference (Figs. 2 and 3), we

asked whether they contribute to nutrient-induced warm preference.

To this end, we used all-sweet-GRNs-silenced flies (*Gr64f-Gal4>uas-Kir*), two Grs

mutant strains (*Gr5a$^{-/-}$; Gr64a$^{-/-}$* and *Gr5a$^{-/-}$;;Gr61a$^{-/-}$, Gr64a-f$^{-/-}$*), and the warm- or cold-neuron-

silenced flies (*TrpA1^{SH}-Gal4* or *R11F02-Gal4>uas-Kir*). We found that all these starved flies did

not increase Tp after 10 min glucose intake (Fig. S3A-E, green bars, Table S1), but increased Tp

after 10 min refeeding with fly food containing carbohydrate, fat, and protein (Fig. S3A-E,

orange bars, Table S1). As an exception, AC-silenced flies increased Tp after 1 hr glucose intake

(Fig. S3D, green bars, Table S1). All control flies showed normal responses to both 10 min

glucose refeeding and fly food intake (Fig. S3F-I, green bars, Table S1). The data suggest that

gustatory neurons and temperature-sensing neurons are required for warm preference in

carbohydrate refeeding, but not in other foods such as fat or protein (see Discussion). Because

flies have sensory neurons that detect fatty acids [67-69] or amino acids [70-73], these neurons may

drive the response to fly food intake. This is likely why the sweet- or temperature-insensitive

flies can still recover after eating fly food (Fig S3A-E, orange bars).

DISCUSSION

When animals are hungry, sensory detection of food (sight, smell, or chewing) initiates digestion even before the food enters the stomach. The food-evoked responses are also observed in thermogenesis, heart rate, and respiratory rate in mammals [13,14,74]. These responses are referred to as the cephalic phase response (CPR) and contribute to the physiological regulation of digestion, nutrient homeostasis, and daily energy homeostasis [10]. While starved flies show a cold preference, we show here that the food cue, such as the excitation of gustatory neurons, triggers a warm preference, and the nutritional value triggers an even higher warm preference. Thus, when flies exit the starvation state, they use a two-step approach to recovery, taste-evoked and nutrient-induced warm preferences. The taste-evoked warm preference in *Drosophila* may be a physiological response potentially equivalent to CPR in mammals. Furthermore, we found that internal needs, controlled by hunger signals and circadian clock genes, influence taste-evoked warm preference. Thus, we propose that the taste-evoked response plays an important role in recovery and represents another layer of regulation of energy homeostasis.

Tp is determined by the taste cue.

Starved flies increase Tp in response to a nutrient-free taste cue (Fig. 1C and E), resulting in a taste-evoked warm preference. We showed that silencing of ACs or cold neurons caused a loss of

taste-evoked warm preference (Figs. 3 and S3), and that excitation of ACs or cold neurons

induced a taste-evoked warm preference (Fig. 3). The data suggest that both warm and cold

neurons are important for taste-evoked warm preference: while ACs are required for the hunger-

driven lower Tp [22], both ACs and cold neurons are likely to be important for this taste-evoked

warm preference.

The hunger-driven lower Tp is a slower response because starvation gradually lowers

their Tp, [22]. In contrast, the taste-evoked warm preference is a rapid response. Once ACs and

cold neurons are directly or indirectly activated, starved flies quickly move to a warmer area.

This is interesting because even when ACs and cold neurons are activated by warm and cold,

respectively, the activation of these neurons causes a warm preference. Given that the sensory

detection of food (sight, smell, or chewing food) triggers CPR, the activation of these sensory

neurons may induce CPR. Tp in sucralose-fed hungry flies is between that of fed and starved

flies (Figs. 2, 3, and S3), making it difficult to detect the smaller temperature differences using

the calcium imaging experiments. Therefore, we speculate that both ACs and cold neurons may

facilitate rapid recovery from starvation so that flies can quickly return to their preferred

temperature - body temperature - to a normal state.

Internal state influences taste-evoked warm preference.

We show that mutants of genes involved in hunger and the circadian clock fail to show taste-

evoked warm preference, suggesting that hunger and clock genes are important for taste-evoked

warm preference. At a certain time of day, animals are hungry for food [44,65]. Therefore, the

"hungry" state acts as a gatekeeper, opening the gate of the circuits when hungry flies detect the

food information that leads to taste-evoked warm preference (Fig. S4, blue arrow). While most

hunger signals are important only for taste-evoked warm preference, some hunger signals are

also required for both taste-evoked and nutrient-induced warm preferences (Fig. 4). The data

suggest that internal state is more likely to be associated with taste-evoked warm preference than

nutrient-induced warm preference. It is noteworthy that the sensory signals contribute to both

taste-evoked warm preference and nutrient-induced warm preferences (Figs. S1, S3 and S4, blue

and green arrows). Therefore, taste-evoked warm preference and nutrient-induced warm

preference are differentiated at the level of the internal state, but not at the sensory level. This

idea is analogous to appetitive memory formation. Sweet taste and nutrients regulate the different

layers of the memory formation process. Recent evidence suggests that the rewarding process

can be subdivided; the sweet taste is for short-term memory and the nutrient is for long-term

memory [75-77]. The data suggest that the taste-evoked response functions differently from the

nutrient-induced response. Therefore, taste sensation is not just the precursor to nutrient

sensing/absorption, but plays an essential role in the rapid initiation of a taste-evoked behavior

that would help the animal survive.

How do hunger signals or clock genes contribute to taste-evoked warm preference?

The hunger signaling hormones/peptides studied in this project are important for taste

modulation. For example, mammalian NPY and its *Drosophila* homolog NPF modulate the

output of taste signals [43,78,79]. The AKH receptor is expressed in a subset of gustatory neurons that

may modulate taste information for carbohydrate metabolism [80]. Therefore, the hunger signals

are likely to modulate the downstream of the sensory neurons, which may result in a taste-

evoked warm preference.

Circadian clock genes control and coordinate the expression of many clock-controlled

genes in the body [81-84]. Therefore, we expect that the absence of clock genes will disrupt the

molecular and neural networks of cellular homeostasis, including metabolism, that are essential

for animal life. For example, taste neurons express clock genes, and impaired clock function in

taste neurons disrupts daily rhythms in feeding behavior [85]. Temperature-sensing neurons

transmit hot or cold temperature information to central clock neurons [86-90]. Therefore, the

disrupted central clock in clock mutants may respond imprecisely to temperature signals. There

are many possible reasons why the lack of clock gene expression in the brain is likely to cause

abnormal taste-evoked warm preference.

In addition, hunger signals may contribute to the regulation of circadian output. DH44 is

located in the dorsomedial region of the fly brain, the pars intercerebralis (PI), and DH44-

expressing neurons play a role in the output pathway of the central clock [91,92]. Insulin-producing

cells (IPCs) are also located in addition to DH44-expressing neurons [93-96]. IPCs receive a variety

of information, including circadian [92,97] and metabolic signals [60-62,64]. and then transduce the

signals downstream to release Ilps. Both Upd2 and Ilp6, which are expressed in the fat body

respond to metabolic states and remotely regulate Ilp expression [60-62,64]. Insect fat body is

analogous to the fat tissues and liver in the vertebrates [98,99]. Therefore, each hunger signal may

have its specific function for taste-evoked warm preference. Further studies are needed to

describe the entire process.

Taste-evoked warm preference may be CPR in flies.

The introduction of food into the body disrupts the internal milieu, so CPR is a necessary process

that helps animals prepare for digestion. Specifically, in mammals, taste leads to an immediate

increase in body temperature and metabolic rate. Starvation results in lower body temperatures,

and chewing food, even before it enters the stomach, triggers a rapid increase in heat production,

demonstrating CPR in thermogenesis [13,14].

Starved flies have a lower Tp [22]. Because *Drosophila* is a small ectotherm, the lower Tp

indicates a lower body temperature [19,20]. Even when the flies do not receive food, the sweet taste

and the excitation of sweet neurons induce starved flies to show a warm preference, which

eventually leads to a warmer body temperature. Thus, the taste-evoked warm preference in

Drosophila may be a physiological response equivalent to one of the CPRs observed in

mammals. Thus, in both flies and mammals, starvation leads to lower body temperatures, and

food cues quickly initiate a rise in body temperature before food enters their body.

CPR is essential because both starved mammals and starved flies must rapidly regulate

their body temperature to survive.

As soon as starving flies taste food, the sensory signals trigger CPR. They can move to a warmer

place to prepare to raise their body temperature (Fig. S4, blue arrows). CPR may allow flies to

choose a more hospitable place to restore their physiological state and allow for higher

metabolism, and eventually they move to the next step, such as foraging and actively searching

for a mate before competitors arrive. As such, CPR may be a strategy for the fly's survival.

Similarly, starvation or malnutrition in mammals causes lower body temperatures [6,7,100], and

biting food triggers heat production, which is CPR [13-15]. Thus, while starvation causes lower

body temperatures in both flies and mammals, food cues initiate CPR in body temperature

elevation and nutrient intake, resulting in full recovery from the starved state. Our data suggest

that *Drosophila* CPR may be a physiological response equivalent to CPR observed in other

animals. Thus, *Drosophila* may shed new light on the regulation of CPR and provide a deeper

understanding of the relationship between CPR and metabolism.

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FIGURE

Figure 1. Hungry flies switch from cold to warm preference upon food detection.

(A) A schematic diagram of the experimental conditions. Flies were reared on fly food.

Emerging flies were kept on fly food for one or two days (orange) and then starved with water-

absorbing paper for one or two nights (gray). Starved flies were refed with either fly food

(orange), 2 mL sucralose (blue), or glucose solution (green) absorbed paper and then examined

for temperature preference (Tp) behavioral assays. Details are provided in the experimental

procedures.

(B-D) Comparison of Tp of $white^{1118}$ (w^{1118}) control flies between fed (white bar), starved (STV;

gray bar), and refed (orange, blue, or green bar) states. Starved flies were refed with fly food

(orange bar) for 5, 10, 30, or 60 min (1 hr) (B), 2.8 mM sucralose solution (blue bar) for 10 min

or 1 hr (C), or 2.8 mM (equivalent to 5%) glucose solution (green bar) for 5 min, 10 min, or 1 hr

(D). Behavioral experiments were performed at the specific time points, Zeitgeber time (ZT) 4-7.

ZT0 and ZT12 are light on and light off, respectively. Dots on each bar indicate individual Tp in

assays. Numbers in italics indicate the number of trials. The Shapiro-Wilk test was performed to

test for normality. One-way ANOVA was performed to compare Tp between each refeeding

condition. Tukey's post hoc test was used to compare differences between experimental and

starved conditions (green stars). Data are presented as mean Tp with SEM. *$p < 0.05$. **$p < 0.01$.

***$p < 0.001$. ****$p < 0.0001$. NS indicates no significance.

(E) Comparison of Tp among the following conditions in w^{1118} (control) flies: fed (white bar),

starved overnight (O/N) (water or STV; gray bar), refed with fly food (fly food; orange bar),

sucralose (blue bars), or glucose (green bars). The same data are used in Fig. 1B-D. The Shapiro-

Wilk test was performed to test for normality. One-way ANOVA was performed to compare Tp

between each refeeding condition. Red (or green) stars indicate Tukey's post hoc test comparing

differences between experimental and fed (or starved) conditions, respectively. $*p < 0.05$. $**p <$

0.01. $***p < 0.001$. $****p < 0.0001$. NS indicates not significant.

(F) Feeding assay: The number of touches to water (gray), 2.8 mM (equivalent to 5%) glucose

(green), or 2.8 mM sucralose in each solution (blue) was examined using w^{1118} flies starved for 1

day. A cumulative number of touches to water or sugar solution for 0-30 min was plotted. Two-

way ANOVA was used for multiple comparisons. Blue and green stars show Fisher's LSD post

hoc test comparing sucralose (blue stars) or glucose (green stars) solution feeding to water

drinking. All data shown are means with SEM. $*p < 0.05$. $**p < 0.01$. $***p < 0.001$. $****p <$

0.0001.

Figure 2. Gustatory neurons are essential for taste-evoked warm preference.

(A-E) Comparison of Tp of flies between fed (white bar), starved (STV; gray bar), and refed

(blue bar) states. Starved flies were refed with sucralose (blue bars) for 10 min.

(F) Schematic of optogenetic activation assay.

(G-J) Comparison of Tp of flies between fed (white bar), starved (STV; gray bar), and starved

with all-trans-retinal (ATR; yellow bars), which is the chromophore required for CsChrimson

activation. Gustatory neurons in starved flies were excited by red light pulses (flashing on and

off at 10 Hz) for 10 min. Behavioral experiments were conducted at ZT4-7. Dots on each bar

indicate individual Tp in assays. Numbers in italics indicate the number of trials. Shapiro-Wilk

test was performed for normality test. One-way ANOVA was used for statistical analysis. Green

stars indicate Tukey's post hoc test compared between each experiment and the starved

condition. Pooled data are shown in Fig. S3. All data shown are means with SEM. *p < 0.05. **p

< 0.01. ***p < 0.001. ****p < 0.0001. NS indicates not significant.

Figure 3. Both warm- and cold-temperature-sensing neurons are involved with taste-

evoked warm preference.

(A-E) Comparison of Tp of flies between fed (white bar), starved (STV; gray bar), and refed

(blue bar) conditions. Starved flies were refed with sucralose (blue bars) for 10 min. The

Shapiro-Wilk test was performed to test for normality. One-way ANOVA or Kruskal-Wallis test

was used for statistical analysis. Green stars indicate Tukey's post hoc test or Dunn's test

compared between each experiment and the starved condition. Pooled data are shown in Fig. S3.

(F and G) Comparison of Tp between starved (STV; gray bar) and all-trans-retinal (ATR;

yellow bars) starved flies. Warm neurons (F) or cold neurons (G) in starved flies expressed

CsChrimson, which was excited by red light pulses for 10 min. The Shapiro-Wilk test was

performed to test for normality. Student's t-test or Kolmogorov-Smirnov test was used for

statistical analysis. (G) *tubGal80ts; R11F02-Gal4>uas-CsChrimson* flies were reared at 18°C,

and emerged adults were collected and stored at 29°C. See Materials and Methods for details.

These behavioral experiments were conducted on ZT4-7. All data shown are means with SEM.

*p < 0.05. **p < 0.01. ***p < 0.001. ****p < 0.0001. NS indicates no significance. The same

data from *UAS-Kir/+* in Fig. 2E are used in Fig. 3E.

Figure 4. Hunger signals are involved in taste-evoked warm preference.

Comparison of Tp of flies between fed (white bar), starved (STV; gray bar), and refed states

(orange, blue, green, or dark green). Starved flies were refed with fly food (orange bar),

sucralose (blue bar), or glucose (green bar) for 10 min. These behavioral experiments were

conducted on ZT4-7. Dots on each bar indicate individual Tp in assays. Numbers in italics

indicate the number of trials. Shapiro-Wilk test was performed for normality test. One-way

ANOVA was used for statistical analysis. Green stars indicate Tukey's post hoc test compared

between each experiment and the starved condition. Pooled data are shown in Fig. S3. All data

shown are means with SEM. *$p < 0.05$. **$p < 0.01$. ***$p < 0.001$. ****$p < 0.0001$. NS indicates

not significant.

Figure 5. Clock genes are involved in taste-evoked warm preference.

(A-D) Comparison of Tp of flies between fed (white circles), starved (STV; gray triangles), and

refed (blue, green, or dark green squares) states. Flies were starved for 24 hrs. Starved flies were

refed with sucralose (blue squares, A1-D1) or glucose for 10 min (green squares, A2-D2) or 1 hr

(dark green squares, A3). After the 10 min or 1 hr refeeding, the temperature preference behavior

assays were performed immediately at ZT1-3, 4-6, 7-9, and 10-12 in LD. The Shapiro-Wilk test

was performed to test for normality. One-way ANOVA or Kruskal-Wallis test was used for

statistical analysis. Stars indicate Tukey's post hoc test or Dunn's test compared between each

experiment and starved condition at the same time point. All data shown are means with SEM.

*$p<0.05$. **$p<0.01$. ***$p<0.001$. ****$p < 0.0001$.

(E) Comparison of Tp during daytime in each feeding state. One-way ANOVA or Kruskal-Wallis test was used for statistical analysis between ZT1-3 and ZT7-9 or ZT10-12. R and AR indicate rhythmic and arrhythmic, respectively, during the daytime.

Figure S1. The starvation period is unlikely to affect the ability to recover (Related to Fig. 3)

Comparison of Tp of w^{1118} control flies between fed (white bar), starved (STV; gray bar), and refed (STV; gray bar) and refed (blue or green bar). Flies were starved for overnight (STV1ON; gray bar) or 1.5 ON (STV1.5ON; dark gray bar), i.e. starved for 18-21 hrs. starved for 18-21 hrs or 26-29 hrs. Starved flies were refed with sucralose for 10 min (blue bar) or glucose for 10 min (green bar). These behavioral experiments were performed on ZT4-7. Dots on each bar indicate individual Tp in the assays. Numbers in italics indicate the number of trials. Per Shapiro-Wilk test was performed to test for normality. One-way ANOVA or Kruskal-Wallis test was used for statistical analysis. Green stars indicate Tukey's post hoc test or Dunn's test was used to compare between each experiment and starved condition. and starved condition. All data shown are means with sem. $*p < 0.05$. $**p < 0.01$. $***p < 0.001$. $****p < 0.0001$. NS indicates no significance. The same data from STV1ON, STV1ON+refed sucralose for 10 min and STV1ON+refed sucralose for 10 min in Fig. 1C-E are used in Fig. S1.

Figure S2. Number of touches to water, sucralose and glucose using *yw*, *per[01]* and *tim[01]* flies. (Related to Figures 1, 5, and 6)

Feeding assay: The number of touches to water (gray), 2.8 mM (equivalent to 5%) glucose

(green), or 2.8 mM sucralose solution (blue) was examined using *yw*, *per*^{01}, or *tim*^{01} flies starved

for 1 day. Cumulative number of touches for 0-30 min was plotted. Two-way ANOVA was used

for multiple comparisons. Blue and green stars show Fisher's LSD post hoc test comparing

sucralose (blue stars) or glucose (green stars) solution feeding to water drinking. Black stars

show the statistical difference between sucralose and glucose refeeding. All data shown are

means with SEM. *$p < 0.05$. *F*$p < 0.01$. ***$p < 0.001$. ****$p < 0.0001$.

Figure S3. Taste- or temperature-sensing neurons are not important for nutrient-

(carbohydrate-) induced warm preference (Related to Figures 2 and 3).

Comparison of Tp of flies between fed (white bar), starved (STV; gray bar), and refed (orange,

blue, green, or dark green bar) conditions. Starved flies were refed with fly food for 10 min (fly

food; orange bar), sucralose for 10 min (blue bar), or glucose for 10 min (green bar) or 1 hr (dark

green bar). These behavioral experiments were conducted on ZT4-7. The dots on each bar

indicate individual Tp in the assays. Numbers in italics indicate the number of experiments. The

Shapiro-Wilk test was performed to test for normality. One-way ANOVA or Kruskal-Wallis test

was used for statistical analysis. Green stars indicate Tukey's post hoc test or Dunn's test

compared between each experiment and the starved condition. All data shown are means with

sem. *$p < 0.05$. **$p < 0.01$. ***$p < 0.001$. ****$p < 0.0001$. NS indicates no significance. The

same data from *UAS-Kir/+* in Fig. 2E are used in Fig. S3I.

Figure S4. MODEL

A schematic diagram of Tp recovery by taste-evoked warm preference (blue arrows) and

nutrient-induced warm preference (green arrows).

Materials and Methods

All flies were reared under 12 hr-light/12 hr-dark (LD) cycles at 25°C and 60-70% humidity in

an incubator (DRoS33SD, Powers Scientific Inc.) with an electric timer (light on: 8am; light off:

8pm). The light intensity is 1000-1400 lux. All flies were reared on custom fly food recipe, with

the following composition per 1 L of food: 6.0 g sucrose, 7.3 g agar, 44.6 g cornmeal, 22.3 g

yeast and 16.3 mL molasses as described previously [52]. *white^{1118}* (*w^{1118}*) and *yellow^1 white^1*

(*y^{1}w^1*) flies were used as control flies. *EP5Δ; Gr64a^1* (*Gr5a$^{-/-}$; Gr64a$^{-/-}$*) was kindly provided by

Dr. Anupama Dahanukar [41]. *R1; Gr5a-LexA; +; ΔGr61a, ΔGr64a-f* (*Gr5a$^{-/-}$; Gr61a$^{-/-}$, Gr64a-f$^{-/-}$*)

were kindly provided by Dr. Hubert Amrein [45,46]. *Dh44-Gal4* was kindly provided by Dr. Greg

Suh [42]. *TrpA1^{SH}-gal4* was kindly provided by Dr. Paul A. Garrity [38]. Other fly lines were

provided by Bloomington Drosophila stock center and Vienna Drosophila Stock Center.

Temperature preference behavioral assay

The temperature preference behavior assays were examined using a gradient of temperatures,

ranging from 16-34°C and were performed for 30 min in an environmental room maintained at

25°C /60%–70% humidity as described previously [22]. We prepared a total of 40-50 flies (male

and female flies were mixed) for fed condition experiments and 90-100 flies for overnight(s)

starved and refed condition experiments for one trial. Flies were never reused in subsequent trials.

In starved and refed experiments, we prepared double the amount of flies required for one trial,

as almost half of them died by starvation stress. Others climbed on the wall and ceiling (starved

flies are usually hyperactive (Yang et al. 2015 PNAS)), even though we applied slippery coating

chemicals (PTFE; Cat# 665800, Sigma or byFormica PTFE Plus,

https://byformica.com/products/fluon-plus-ptfe-escape-prevention-coating) to the plexiglass

covers.

The behavioral assays were performed for 30 min at Zeitgeber time (ZT) 4-7 (Light on

and light off are defined as ZT0 and ZT12, respectively), and starvation was initiated at ZT9-10

(starved for 1, 2 or 3 O/N are 18-21 hrs, 42-45 hrs or 66-69 hrs, respectively). As for STV1.5 for

Fig. S1, starvation was initiated at ZT1-2 (26-29 hrs). For the starvation assays, the collected

flies were maintained with our fly food for at least one day for their maturation and subsequently

moved into plastic vials with 3 mL of distilled water which is absorbed by a Kimwipe paper. For

the refeeding experiments, starved flies were transferred into plastic vials with 2 mL of 2.8 mM

sugar solution (Sucralose water/ Glucose water) for a certain time period. Sugar solution is

absorbed by the half size of a Kimwipe.

After the 30-min behavioral assay, the number of flies whose bodies were completely

located on the apparatus were counted. Flies whose bodies were partially or completely located

on the walls of the apparatus cover were not included in the data analysis. The percentage of flies

within each one-degree temperature interval on the apparatus was calculated by dividing the

number of flies within each one-degree interval by the total number of flies on the apparatus. The

location of each one-degree interval was determined by measuring the temperature at 6 different

points on the bottom of the apparatus. Data points were plotted as the percentage of flies within a

one-degree temperature interval. The weighted mean of Tp was calculated by totaling the

product of the percentage of flies within a one-degree temperature interval and the corresponding

temperature (e.g., fractional number of flies x 15.5°C + fractional number of flies x 16.5°C

+……… fractional number of flies x 34.5°C). If the SEM of the averaged Tp was not < 0.3 after

the five trials, we performed additional trials around 10 times until the SEM reached < 0.3.

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Temperature preference rhythm (TPR) assay

For the TPR assays, we performed temperature preference behavior assays in different time

windows during the day (zeitgeber time (ZT) or circadian time (CT) 1-3, 4-6, 7-9, and 10-12) as

described previously [66,101]. Because starvation duration directly affects flies' Tp [22], starvation

was initiated at each time window to adjust the starvation duration at each time point, which

means flies were starved for 24 hrs or 48 hrs but not 1 or 2 O/N. Each behavioral assay was not

examined during these time periods (ZT or CT0-1 and 11.5-13) because of large phenotype

variation around light on and light off.

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Optogenetic activation

For the optogenetic activation of the target neurons for behavioral assays, red-light-sensitive

channelrodopsin, *UAS-CsChrimson*, was crossed with each Gal4 drivers. Flies were reared on fly

food at 25°C and 60-70% humidity under LD cycles in an incubator (DRoS33SD, Powers

Scientific Inc.) with an electric timer. After flies emerged, we collected adult flies and kept them

with fly food for 1-2 days. Next day, flies were transferred into water with or without 0.8 mM

all-trans retinal (ATR; #R2500, Sigma) diluted in dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO; #472301, Sigma)

for 2 O/N. To activate flies expressing UAS-CsChrimson crossed with Gal4 drivers, we

employed 627 nm red-colored light-emitted diode (LED) equipped with pulse photoillumination

system (10 Hz, 0.08 mWmm^{-2}). Flies were irradiated with pulsed red light for 10 min, which is

equivalent to refeeding time period. This photoillumination system was used in an incubator

(Sanyo Scientific, MIR-154), and followed by temperature preference behavioral assays.

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Optogenetic assay for *tubGal80^{ts}; R11F02-Gal4>uas-CsChrimson*

Because *R11F02-Gal4>uas-CsChrimson* flies died during the pupal stage, Gal4/Gal80^{ts} system

was used to restrict *uas-CsChrimson* expression to the adult stage for optogenetc assays against

the cold-sensing neurons (*R11F02-Gal4*-expressing neurons). Gal80^{ts} is a temperature sensitive

allele of Gal80, which binds Gal4 and inhibits *CsChrimson* gene expression at 18°C. However,

Gal80 is degraded at 29°C; in turn, the Gal4 activates *CsChrimson* gene expression (Southall et

al. 2008 CSH protocol). *tubGal80^{ts}; R11F02-Gal4>uas-CsChrimson* flies were reared with fly

food at 18°C. Emerged adult flies were collected and kept with fly food at 29°C. Next day, flies

were transferred to water condition (starved condition) with or without 0.8 mM ATR for 2 O/N.

Starved flies with or without ATR application were exposed to pulsed red light for 10 min

(equivalent to refeeding period) and then immediately loaded in the behavior apparatus for

behavioral assays to measure their Tp.

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Feeding assay

To measure single fly feeding, we used *Drosophila* Fly Liquid Interaction Counter (FLIC)

system (Ro et al. 2013 Plos one; Sable systems International https://www.sablesys.com). Groups

of 1-2-day-old male and female flies were starved for 24 hrs, which was started from between

ZT4-5 (12-1pm). Individual flies were then loaded into FLIC monitors. Flies were acclimatized

to the monitors for 30 min, with access to water provided in the food wells. To start the feeding

assay, water was replaced with 2.8 mM Sucralose or 2.8 mM Glucose solution (equivalent to 5%

Glucose conc.) and the number of licks (touches) were recorded for 30 min. Assays were

performed at ZT4-7. To account for potential confounding effect of startle response when

changing the food, wells where water was replaced with new water were used as a control. FLIC

raw data was analyzed using the FLIC R code master (Pletcher Lab, available

at https://github.com/PletcherLab/FLIC_R_Code). The numbers of licks were obtained and

summed into 5-min windows bin, while the cumulative licks were obtained by the consecutive

sum of the licks in these bins.

Fig. 1

Fig. 2

Fig. 3

Warm neuron
TrpA1^SH Gal4>uas-Kir

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Preferred temp. (°C)

**   NS

Fed   STV   10min
8   6   6
Refed sucralose

Cold neuron
R11F02Gal4>uas-Kir

B

Preferred temp. (°C)

*   NS

Fed   STV   10min
6   12   9
Refed sucralose

TrpA1^SH Gal4/+

C

Preferred temp. (°C)

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Fed   STV   10min
5   7   10
Refed sucralose

R11F02Gal4/+

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Preferred temp. (°C)

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Fed   STV   10min
6   13   13
Refed sucralose

uas-Kir/+

E

Preferred temp. (°C)

****   **

Fed   STV   10min
8   8   7
Refed sucralose

Warm neuron
TrpA1^SH Gal4>uas-CsChrimson

F

Preferred temp. (°C)

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Water + ATR   -   +
Red light   +   +

Cold neuron
tubGal80^ts;R11F02Gal4>uas-CsChimson

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Preferred temp. (°C)

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Fig. 4

A *NPF⁻ᐟ⁻*

B *sNPF hypo*

C *Dh44Gal4/+*

D *Dh44G4>uas-Kir*

E *AkhGal4/+*

F *AkhGal4>uas-Kir*

G *ilp6 LOF*

H *Upd3Δ*

I *Upd2Δ*

J *UAS-Kir/+*

Fig. 5

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LD	Fed	Starvation	Refed Sucralose	Refed Glucose	Refed Glucose for 1hr
A: w1118	R	R	R	AR	R
B: y1w1	R	AR	AR	R	
C: per01	AR	AR	AR	AR	
D: tim01	AR	AR	AR	AR	

Fig. S1

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Fig. S2

A: *yw*, Cumulative # of touches

B: *per01*, Cumulative # of touches

C: *tim01*, Cumulative # of touches

Fig. S3

Fig. S4