Translational regulation enhances distinction of cell types in the

nervous system

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Abstract:

Multicellular organisms are composed of specialized cells with distinct proteomes. While recent advances in single-cell transcriptome analyses have revealed differential expression of mRNAs, cellular diversity in translational profiles remains to be understood. In this study, by performing RNA-seq and ribo-seq in genetically-defined cells in the *Drosophila* brain, we revealed substantial posttranscriptional regulations that augment the cell-type distinctions. Specifically, we found that translational efficiency of proteins fundamental to neuronal functions, such as ion channels and neurotransmitter receptors, was maintained low in glia, leading to preferential translation in neurons. Notably, distribution of ribosome footprints on these mRNAs exhibited a remarkable bias towards the 5′ untranslated regions (UTR) in glia. Using a transgenic reporter, we provide evidence that the UTR confer translational suppression selectively in glia. Overall, these findings underscore the profound impact of translational regulation in shaping cell identity and provide new insights into the molecular mechanisms driving cell-type diversity.

Introduction:

Gene expression is heavily regulated both at the transcription and translation levels (Becker et al., 2018; Casas-Vila et al., 2017; Li et al., 2020; Liu et al., 2016; Schwanhäusser et al., 2011), and its heterogeneity defines the specialized morphologies and functions of cells. The *Drosophila* brain is a well-studied model tissue containing more than 5,000 morphologically distinct cell types (Scheffer et al., 2020). Recent advances in single-cell transcriptomics have identified groups of differentially expressed genes and provided an in-depth overview of cellular diversity in the transcriptomes (Croset et al., 2018; Davie et al., 2018; Li et al., 2022). On the other hand, translational regulations in cell-type specialization remain to be elucidated.

The two major cell types in the brain, neuronal and glial cells, have distinct physiological functions. Neurons are specialized for synaptic and electric communication with high targeted specificity, temporal precision, and long distance. In contrast, glial cells form the blood brain barrier, maintain homeostasis of extracellular ion, nutrition, and neurotransmitters, and act as immune cells (Hartenstein, 2011). Despite these clear differences, the transcriptomes of neurons and glia share similarity according to recent single-cell transcriptome analyses (Croset et al., 2018; Davie et al., 2018; Li et al., 2022), suggesting substantial post-transcriptional processes to distinguish their proteomes.

Ribosome profiling or Ribo-seq, which is based on deep-sequencing of mRNA fragments
protected by ribosomes from RNase treatment (ribosome footprints), has been a powerful
approach to provide a genome-wide snapshot of protein synthesis ('translatome') (Ingolia et
al., 2009). Application of this method, combined with transcriptome analysis, revealed multiple
layers of translational regulation in cells. For example, this comparison allowed measurements
of translational efficiency (TE), which is quantified as the number of ribosome footprints on the
coding sequence per mRNA, and discoveries of previously unannotated ORFs (Dunn et al.,
2013; Ingolia et al., 2011, 2009; Zhang et al., 2018). While TE profiles have been reported to
be variable among dissected animal tissues (Fujii et al., 2017; Wang et al., 2021; Zhang et al.,
2018), differences in translational regulations among identified cell types remain unclear.

Here, we examine the comprehensive landscape of translational profiles between
neuronal and glial cells in the *Drosophila* head. Due to the size of the fly brain (~0.5 mm) and
intricate intercellular adhesions among neurons and glia (Kremer et al., 2017), surgical
separation is impractical. We thus biochemically purified ribosome-bound mRNAs through
genetic tagging of ribosomes in target cells (Chen and Dickman, 2017; Sapkota et al., 2019;
Scheckel et al., 2020; Thomas et al., 2012; You et al., 2021) and further performed Ribo-seq
and RNA-seq. By this comparative transcriptome-translatome analyses, we suggest that
differential translational programs enhance the distinction of protein synthesis between
neuronal and glial cells.

Results:
Comparative transcriptome-translatome analyses reveal translational suppression of
selective groups of proteins in the fly heads

To gain an overview of the translation status, we first applied conventional Ribo-seq in the
whole fly head, and successfully monitored footprint distribution at a single-codon resolution
(Figure 1A, see 'Materials and Methods' for technical details). The majority (96.2%) of
ribosome footprints were mapped onto the annotated coding sequences (CDS), and its
distribution displayed a clear 3-nt periodicity, reflecting the codon-wise movement (Figure 1B).

To compare transcriptome and translatome, we also performed RNA-seq from the same
lysate (Figure 1A). As previously reported, the transcript level and the number of ribosome
footprints did not always match, suggesting substantial post-transcriptional regulations (R^2 =
0.664; Figure 1C). For instance, while *Shaker* (*Sh*) and *Trehalase* (*Treh*), which encode a
voltage-gated K^+ channel and an enzyme that hydrolyzes trehalose, respectively, were similar

regarding transcript levels, far more ribosome footprints were detected on *Treh* (Figure 1D-E).

We therefore measured translational efficiency (TE), ribosome footprints normalized by mRNA

reads. TE was much higher for *Treh* than *Sh* (Figure 1F), and we found a striking genome-

wide variability with more than 20-fold TE difference between the 5 and 95 percentiles (Figure

1G). Kyoto Encyclopedia of Genes and Genome (KEGG) pathway enrichment analysis

revealed that transcripts involved in fatty acid metabolism and proteasome are actively

translated (Figure 1H). In contrast, ribosome proteins, as previously reported (Chen and

Dickman, 2017; Cho et al., 2015), and proteins mediating neuronal ligand-receptor interactions

were significantly enriched in the transcripts with low TE, suggesting translational suppression

(Figure 1H). Indeed, many transcripts encoding ligand- or voltage-gated ion channels, G-

protein coupled receptors (GPCR) showed remarkably low TE (Figure 1C and 1I). These

results suggest translational regulations specific to neuronal transcripts in the fly head.

Translational regulation enhances the difference of the gene expression profiles

between cell types

Because the translatome/transcriptome status of the whole heads was a mixed average

of diverse cell types, such as neurons, glial cells, fat bodies, and muscles, we set up an

experimental approach to dissect cell-type specific translational regulations. By expressing

epitope-tagged RpL3 (uL3 in universal nomenclature) (Chen and Dickman, 2017) under the

control of UAS using the *nSyb-* or the *repo-* GAL4 drivers, we immunopurified the tagged

ribosomes and associated mRNAs separately from neurons and glia, and performed Ribo-seq

(Figure 2A). By immunohistochemistry, we confirmed that *UAS-RpL3::FLAG* on the third

chromosome exhibited minimum leakage expression in the brain and did not display any

apparent morphological defects upon expression using either driver, compared to other

insertions or constructs (Chen and Dickman, 2017; Huang et al., 2019; Thomas et al., 2012)

(Figures 2A and Figure 2 – figure supplement 1A-B). By the purification of FLAG-tagged

ribosomes, we successfully profiled translatome from neurons and glial cells in the fly heads:

Footprints were found on 10,821 (78.4 % of all the annotated genes) and 10,994 (79.7 %)

genes in neurons and glia, respectively, with decent reproducibility among the biological

replicates (R^2 > 0.9, Figure 2 – figure supplement 1C). The known marker genes were strongly

enriched while non-target markers were depleted (Figures 2B and Figure 2 – figure

supplement 1D-E) (Croset et al., 2018; Davie et al., 2018; Li et al., 2022), and the KEGG

enrichment analysis showed significant enrichment of footprints on genes associated with the

known functions of these cell types (Figure 2 – figure supplement 1F). Interestingly, the KEGG

analysis also revealed that neurons exhibit a greater extent of protein synthesis related to

oxidative phosphorylation and mitochondrial ribosome proteins, while glial cells show higher expression of proteins associated with glycolysis (Figure 2 – figure supplement 1F-G). These findings support the glia-neuron lactate shuttle hypothesis, a recently proposed concept of metabolic specialization (Mason, 2017; Volkenhoff et al., 2015). Furthermore, apart from the annotated CDS, we detected clustered ribosome footprints on *Hsr-ω*, previously annotated as a long non-coding RNA, strongly suggesting the synthesis of hitherto undescribed polypeptides (Figure 2 – figure supplement 1H) (Singh, 2022). Altogether, the combination of genetic labelling of ribosomes in selective cell types and Ribo-seq revealed the differential translatome profiles in the fly heads.

To further examine translational regulation, we performed RNA-seq from the same immunoprecipitated lysates (Figures 2A and Figure 2 – figure supplement 2A-B) and calculated TE in neuronal and glial cells. Because our approach relies on the ribosome-mRNA complex, we may miss mRNA with little translational activity, potentially leading to underestimation for such transcripts. Nevertheless, we identified groups of genes undergoing neuron- or glia- specific translational regulations compared to the whole heads (Figure 2 – figure supplement 3A). Genes mediating fatty acid metabolism and degradation, for example, were actively translated in the whole head, but showed lower TE in neurons or in glia (Figures 1H and 2C). Because many of these genes are highly expressed in the fat bodies (Chintapalli et al., 2007; Dobson et al., 2018), these results suggest selective translational enhancement in the fat body. Strikingly, TE of genes involved in neuroactive ligand-receptor interaction was significantly higher in neurons but lower in glia (Figure 2C-D), suggesting cell-type specific translational regulation of these genes.

This differential translational regulation was highlighted in weak TE correlation between neurons and glia (R^2 = 0.534, Figure 2E). We found that genes transcribed less in glia tend to be further suppressed at translation (Figure 2F). Specifically, many functionally-characterized neuronal genes, such as voltage- or ligand- gated ion channels, G-protein coupled receptors, neuropeptides and proteins for visual perception, showed particularly lower TE in glia (Figures 2E, 2G and Figure 2 – figure supplement 3B). For these genes, the distinction between neuronal and glial cells was much exaggerated at the level of translation than at transcription (Figure 2H). Consistently on the genome-wide sacle, the inter-cell type correlation was weaker in translatome compared to in transcriptome (R^2 = 0.59 vs. 0.81, Figure 2 – figure supplement 3B). These data together indicate substantial contributions of translational regulation to shaping the cell-type identities.

Biased distribution of ribosomes to upstream open reading frames of neural genes in glial cells

We next analyzed the distribution of ribosome footprints on the differentially translated transcripts (DTT). Fat-body related genes showed lower TE in neurons compared to the whole head (Figure 2C). Among these genes, we found a remarkable ribosome accumulation on the start codon specifically in neurons (Figure 3 – figure supplement 1), as if the first round of the elongation cycle was arrested in neurons. On the other hand, DTTs suppressed in glial cells compared to neurons (defined as genes with more than 10 times higher TE in neurons than in glia, *n* = 161), we noticed that glial ribosome footprints were remarkably biased towards 5′ UTR (Figure 3A-B). Notably, this pattern was not obvious on the genome-wide scale (Figure 3A-B). The high 5′UTR/CDS ratio of ribosome footprints in glia was commonly observed on many transcripts with known neuronal functions, such as *Rab3, Syt4, Arr1* and *Syn* (Figure 3D-E). These results suggest that glial cells suppress the synthesis of neuronal proteins by shifting the ribosome affinity to the 5′ UTR.

We reasoned translational downregulation via upstream open reading frames (uORFs) in the 5′ UTR, as the translation of uORFs was reported to suppress that of the downstream main ORF (Ferreira et al., 2013; Zhang et al., 2019, 2018). Consistent with this idea, metagene plot around the AUG codons on 5′ UTR in glia revealed strong accumulation of footprints on the upstream AUG codons, similar to those observed on the initiation codon of CDSs (Figures 4A-B). We calculated the footprint accumulation score on each codon (defined as the ratio of footprints on each codon with surrounding -50/+50 nt), and found that AUG and the near cognate codons (NUG or AUN) showed relatively high accumulation (Figure 4C). On the other hand, any codons did not exhibit the significant accumulation inside the annotated CDS (Figures 4D). Consistently, we found that transcripts related to neuronal functions typically contain long 5′ UTR and many upstream AUG (Figure 4 – figure supplement 1). We thus propose that glial cells suppress the translation of neuronal transcripts by stalling ribosomes on 5′ UTR via uORF.

Rh1 UTR confers translational suppression in glia

We next asked if the UTR sequences of neuronal genes cause cell-type differences in translation. To this end, we focused on *Rh1* (*Rhodopsin 1*, also known as *ninaE*). The Rh1 protein, the opsin with a broadband spectral sensitivity, is heavily expressed in the photoreceptor neurons, and is also responsible for detecting stimuli of other sensory modalities (Leung et al., 2020; O'Tousa et al., 1985; Shen et al., 2011; Zuker et al., 1985). Accordingly,

TE of *Rh1* in neurons was 13.5 times as high as that in glial cells (Figure 2 – figure supplement

3B). Ribosome footprints on the *Rh1* transcript were heavily biased to 5′ UTR in glia, with the

striking accumulation on the putative uORFs composed only of the start and stop codons

(Figure 5A).

We constructed a transgenic reporter strain using the *Rh1* UTR sequences under the

control of UAS (Figure 5B), and directed gene expression ubiquitously using *Tub-GAL4*. The

reporter mRNA was detected both in neurons and glial cells. On the other hand, the protein

levels were much more heterogeneous and strikingly weak in glia than in neurons (Figure 5C).

Driving the reporter expression using the *nSyb-* or *repo-GAL4* driver further corroborated cell-

type specific suppression in glia (Figure 5 – figure supplement 1). This post-transcriptional

difference between the cell types was in stark contrast to the control reporter strain (DeLuca

and Spradling, 2018), which were expressed both in neurons and in glia (Figure 5C). Based

on these results, we propose that glial cells selectively suppress the protein synthesis of

neuronal genes through the UTR sequence and thereby enhance the translatome distinction

from neurons.

Discussion:

The comparative translatome-transcriptome analyses in the whole heads, neurons and

glial cells revealed the significant diversity of translational regulations across different cell

types. Particularly noteworthy was the differential translation of transcripts encoding neuronal

proteins, including ion channels and neurotransmitter receptors (Figure 2). These transcripts

exhibited preferential translation in neurons (Figure 2), and the relatively long 5′ UTR of these

transcripts strongly stalled ribosomes in glia (Figures 3, 4 and Figure 4 – figure supplement 1).

While the 5′ UTR-mediated translational regulations are known to be critical for quick response

to environmental changes, such as starvation or oxidative stress (Harding et al., 2003; Mueller

and Hinnebusch, 1986; Young and Wek, 2016), our study sheds light on its roles in contrasting

protein expression among cell types. Furthermore, considering a pivotal role of *de novo* protein

synthesis for long-lasting adaptation (Flexner et al., 1963; Tully et al., 1994), it is plausible that

similar mechanisms are employed for neuronal plasticity as well. Since several proteins, such

as eIF1, MCT-1/DENR, eIF3, and eIF2α kinases, were reported to regulate the rate of

translation of uORF or re-initiation after uORFs (Ivanov et al., 2010; Schleich et al., 2014;

Sonenberg and Hinnebusch, 2009; Vattem and Wek, 2004), similar molecular machineries

might also be recruited for the cell-type distinctions at translation. Given that long 5′ UTRs

containing numerous uORFs are also a characteristic feature of neuronal transcripts in

mammals (Glock et al., 2021), it is likely that these regulatory mechanisms are evolutionarily
conserved.

Our cell-type specific translatome analysis further revealed translational regulations
beyond 5′ UTR. We found a remarkable ribosomal stall at the initiation codon in several
transcripts, a phenomenon observed in neurons but not in the entire heads (Figure 3 – figure
supplement 1). These transcripts are known to be massively expressed in the fat bodies but
less in the nervous system (Chintapalli et al., 2007; Dobson et al., 2018), and the translation
was further suppressed in neurons (Figure 3 – figure supplement 1). Therefore, transition from
initiation to elongation may serve as another regulatory checkpoint of protein synthesis
(Harnett et al., 2022; Wang et al., 2019), which enhances cell-type distinctions. Furthermore,
we found ribosome footprints also on the 3′ UTR of certain transcripts, such as *Synapsin*
(Figure 3C). Stop-codon readthrough has been reported to be more frequent in neurons than
in other cell types (Hudson et al., 2021; Karki et al., 2022; Prieto-Godino et al., 2016). Because
the readthrough events extend the protein C-terminus, its regulation can add yet another layer
of cell-type diversity (Dunn et al., 2013; Jungreis et al., 2011; Klagges et al., 1996). Altogether,
we here propose that translational regulations further differentiate transcriptome distinctions,
thereby shaping the cellular identity.

Due to the specialized functions of neuronal and glial cells, they express distinct sets of
proteins. Neurons allocate more ribosomes to proteins related to neurotransmission, visual
sensing and oxidative phosphorylation, while glial cells synthesize transporters and enzymes
for metabolism of amino acid, fatty acid or carbohydrates (Figure 2 – figure supplement 1F).
Despite these clear differences and specialization, a significant amount of neuronal and glial
cells has a common developmental origin. They originate from a stem cell lineage known as
neuro-glioblasts (Lai and Lee, 2006; Viktorin et al., 2011), and the fate of these cells can be
altered by the expression of a single gene, *glial cells missing* (*gcm*) (Hartenstein, 2011; Hosoya
et al., 1995). Therefore, translational regulations may play a particularly important role in these
sister cell types with distinct physiological roles.

In the *Drosophila* brain, approximately 100 stem cell lineages diverge into more than
5,000 morphologically distinct cell types (Ito et al., 2013; Scheffer et al., 2020; Yu et al., 2013).
Hence, translational regulations similar to those described in this study, or other possible
regulations, may play significant roles in further differentiating neuronal or glial subtypes.
Consistent with this idea, our *UAS-Rh1-Venus* reporter showed heterogeneous expression
even among neurons (Figures 5C and Figure 5 – figure supplement 1). Similarly, choline

acetyltransferase (ChAT), an enzyme needed to synthesize acetylcholine, is transcribed in

many glutamatergic and GABAergic neurons but its protein synthesis is inhibited at the level

of translation (Lacin et al., 2019). Altogether, comparative translatome in diverse cell types

using more specific GAL4 drivers should highlight the diversity of post-transcriptional

regulations leveraged in the brain.

Materials and Methods:

Fly culture and genetics

The flies were reared in a mass culture at 24 ºC under the 12-12 hour light-dark cycles on

the standard cornmeal food. The *Canton-S* strain was used as the wild-type. We utilized the

following transgenic strains: *w^{1118};;GMR57C10-GAL4* (*nSyb-GAL4*; BDSC #39171),

w^{1118};;repo-GAL4 (BDSC #7415), *y^{1}w^{1118};;tublin-GAL4* (BDSC #5138), *w^{1118};;UAS-*

RpL3::FLAG (BDSC #77132) (Chen and Dickman, 2017), *y^{1}v^1;UAS-Rh1-Venus* (made in this

study; see below), *w;UASz-GFP* (a kind gift from Dr. Steven DeLuca) (DeLuca and Spradling,

2018). Females of the GAL4 drivers were crossed to males of the UAS effectors, and the F1

progenies were used for the experiments. Of note, although *UAS-EGFP::RpL10Ab* (Thomas

et al., 2012) has been used to isolate ribosomes from specific cells, its expression using the

repo-GAL4 caused lethality in our hands.

Library preparation for ribosome profiling

Tissue collection and lysate preparation

Four to eight days old flies with mixed gender were flash-frozen with liquid nitrogen,

thoroughly vortexed, and the heads were isolated from the bodies with metal mesh in a similar

manner reported previously (Sun et al., 2020). Approximately 500 frozen heads were mixed

with 400 µl of frozen droplets of lysis buffer [20 mM Tris-HCl pH7.5, 150mM NaCl, 5 mM MgCl$_2$,

1 mM dithiothreitol, 1 % Triton X-100, 100 µg/ml chloramphenicol, and 100 µg/ml

cycloheximide] in a pre-chilled container, then pulverized with grinding at 3,000 rpm for 15

seconds using a Multi-beads Shocker (YASUI KIKAI). The lysate was slowly thawed at 4 °C

and the supernatant was recovered after spinning down by a table top micro centrifuge. The

lysate was treated with 10 U of Turbo DNase (ThermoFisher Scientific) on ice for 10 min to

digest the genome DNA. The supernatant was further clarified by spinning at 20,000 g for 10

minutes.

Immunoprecipitation

Anti-FLAG M2 antibody (F1804, Sigma Aldrich) and Dynabeads M-280 bound to anti-

mouse IgG antibody (11201D, Invitrogen) were used for immunoprecipitation. 25 µl of the

beads solution, washed twice with the aforementioned lysis buffer, was mixed with 2.5 µl of

the M2 antibody, and incubated at 4 °C for 1 hour with rotation. Beads were incubated with the

lysate at 4 °C for 1 hour with rotation and washed for four times with the lysis buffer. The

ribosome-bound mRNA was eluted with 50 µl of 100 µg/ml 3× FLAG peptide (GEN-3XFLAG-

25, Protein Ark) dissolved in the lysis buffer.

RNase digestion and library preparation

Ribosome footprinting was performed as described previously (McGlincy and Ingolia,

2017; Mito et al., 2020) with modifications. We used RNase I from *E. coli* (N6901K, Epicentre)

to digest the crude (Figures 1, Figure 2 – figure supplement 1C-D) or the immunoprecipitated

(Figure 2) lysate. Concentration of RNA in lysate were measured with Qubit RNA HS kit

(Q32852, Thermo Fisher Scientific). RNase I was added at a dose of 0.25 U per 1 µg RNA in

a 50 µl reaction and incubated at 25 °C for 45 minutes. We used 1.36 µg and 0.5 µg RNA to

prepare the whole head libraries (Figures 1, Figure 2 – figure supplement 1C-D) and the cell-

type specific libraries (Figure 2-3), respectively. The RNase digestion was stopped by adding

20 U of SUPERase•In (AM2694, ThermoFisher Scientific). Ribosomes were isolated by

MicroSpin S-400 HR columns (27-5140-01, GE Healthcare). Subsequently, we purified RNA

using the TRIzol-LS (10296010, ThermoFisher Scientific) and Direct-zol RNA Microprep kit

(R2062, Zymo Research), and isolated the RNA fragment ranging 17 to 34 nt by

polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis.

The isolated RNA fragments were ligated to custom-made preadenylated linkers

containing unique molecular identifiers and barcodes for library pooling, using T4 RNA ligase

2, truncated KQ (M0373L, New England Biolabs) (Mito et al., 2020). Ribosomal RNA was

depleted by hybridizing to the custom-made biotinylated 2′-*O*-methyl oligonucleotides with

complementary sequences to the *Drosophila* rRNA (see *Supplementary Method* for the

sequences), which can be pulled-down using the streptavidin-coated beads (65001,

ThermoFisher Scientific). The rRNA-depleted samples were reverse-transcribed with

ProtoScript II (M0368L, New England Biolabs), circularized with CircLigase II (CL9025K,

Epicentre), and PCR-amplified using Phusion polymerase (M0530S, New England Biolabs)

(Mito et al., 2020). The libraries were sequenced with the Illumina HiSeq 4000 system

(Illumina) with an option of single end reads for 50 bases.

Library preparation for transcriptome analysis

The crude (Figure 1) or the immunoprecipitated (Figure 2) lysate was prepared using the

same protocol as described above, but without RNase digestion. RNA was purified using

TRIzol-LS. The libraries were constructed in Azenta Japan Corporation, using the NEBNext

Poly(A) mRNA Magnetic Isolation Module (E7760, New England Biolabs) and MGIEasy RNA

Directional Library Prep kit (1000006386, MGI tech). Briefly, poly-A tailed mRNAs were

enriched with the oligo dT beads, fragmented, and reverse-transcribed using random primers.

After the second strand cDNA was synthesized, an adapter sequence was added. DNA library

was PCR-amplified. The libraries were sequenced with DNB-seq (MGI tech) with an option of

paired end reads for 150 bases.

Data analysis

Adaptor sequences were removed using Fastp (Chen et al., 2018), and the reads that

matched to the non-coding RNA were discarded. The remaining reads were mapped onto the

Drosophila melanogaster release 6 genome. Mapping was performed using STAR (Dobin et

al., 2013). PCR-duplicated reads were removed by referring to the unique molecular identifiers.

The number of uniquely mapped reads are as follows:

Ribo-seq:

Sample	#Reads
Canton-S, whole heads	1,427,090
nSyb-GAL4/UAS-RpL3::FLAG, after IP, replicate 1	2,443,467
nSyb-GAL4/UAS-RpL3::FLAG, after IP, replicate 2	1,135,284
repo-GAL4/UAS-RpL3::FLAG, after IP, replicate 1	2,698,259
repo-GAL4/UAS-RpL3::FLAG, after IP, replicate 2	2,133,920
nSyb-GAL4/UAS-RpL3::FLAG, whole heads, replicate 1	2,147,092
nSyb-GAL4/UAS-RpL3::FLAG, whole heads, replicate 2	2,361,588
repo-GAL4/UAS-RpL3::FLAG, whole heads, replicate 1	1,372,502
repo-GAL4/UAS-RpL3::FLAG, whole heads, replicate 2	1,846,122

343   RNA-seq:

Sample	#Reads
Canton-S, whole heads	29,132,939
nSyb-GAL4/UAS-RpL3::FLAG, after IP, replicate 1	40,638,850
nSyb-GAL4/UAS-RpL3::FLAG, after IP, replicate 2	34,247,848
repo-GAL4/UAS-RpL3::FLAG, after IP, replicate 1	30,906,375
repo-GAL4/UAS-RpL3::FLAG, after IP, replicate 2	31,928,337

For Ribo-seq analysis, fragments ranging from 20 to 34 nt for whole head samples and 21 to 36 nt for immunoprecipitated samples were used. For the whole head samples, the position of the P site was estimated as 12 or 13 nt downstream from the 5′ end, for the 20 to 31 nt or 32-34 nt fragments, respectively (Ingolia et al., 2009). For the immunoprecipitated samples, it was estimated as 12 or 13 nt downstream for the 21 nt or 22-36 nt fragments, respectively. Footprints were considered to be on the CDS if the estimated P site was between the annotated start and stop codons. RNA-seq analysis included all fragments greater than 30 nt in length. For genes with alternatively spliced transcripts, the isoform with the highest TPM in the wild type RNA-seq sample (Figure 1) was selected as the 'representative' isoform. If not specified, only the representative isoforms were considered. TE was calculated as TPM of ribosome footprints on CDS divided by TPM of RNA-seq.

The KEGG-enrichment analyses were performed using iPAGE (Figures 1H and 2D) (Goodarzi et al., 2009) or DAVID (Figure 2 – figure supplement 1F and Figure 2 – figure supplement 3A) (Dennis et al., 2003). Statistical tests were performed with GraphPad Prism 9.

Reporter construct and the transgenic strain

A DNA fragment containing a minimal hsp70 promoter (hsp70Bb) (DeLuca and Spradling, 2018), the 5′ UTR and the first 15 bases of the CDS of *Rh1-RA*, the Venus yellow fluorescent protein gene, and the 3′ UTR of *Rh1-RA* was synthesized and cloned into the pBFv-UAS3 plasmid (Addgene #138399). The sequence of the resultant plasmid is provided in the *Supporting Information Text*. The plasmid was then injected into y^1 v^1 *P{nos-phiC31}; P{CaryP}attP40,* and their progenies were screened for a *v+* phenotype. A single transformant was crossed to y^1 cho^2 v^1; *Sp/CyO* balancer to establish a transgenic line.

Immunohistochemistry and fluorescent in-situ hybridization

Immunohistochemistry (Figures 2A and Figure 2 – figure supplement 1A-B) was performed as previously described with minor modifications (Kanno et al., 2021). Briefly, dissected male fly brains were fixed in 2 % paraformaldehyde in PBS for 1 hour at room temperature, washed three times with PBST (0.1 % Triton X-100 in PBS), blocked with 3 % goat serum in PBST for 30 minutes, then incubated with the primary antibody solution at 4 ºC overnight (mouse anti-FLAG (1:1000; Sigma-Aldrich; F1804) and rat anti-elav (1:20; DSHB; 7E8A10)). Subsequently, the brains were washed for three times with PBST, incubated with

the secondary antibody solution at 4 ºC overnight (anti-mouse Alexa Fluor 488 (1:400;

Invitrogen; A11001) and anti-rat Cy3 (1:200; Jackson ImmunoResearch; 112-166-003)),

washed three times with PBST and mounted with 86 % glycerol in PBS.

Fluorescent in-situ hybridization, combined with immunohistochemistry, was performed in

a similar manner to (Yang et al., 2017) with several modifications (Figure 5C). Dissected male

fly brains were fixed in PBS containing 3 % formaldehyde, 1 % glyoxal and 0.1 % methanol for

30 min at room temperature, followed by three quick washes with PBT (0.5 % Triton X-100 in

PBS). Consistent with the previous study, addition of glyoxal to the fixative improved the FISH

signal (Yao et al., 2021). The buffer was then exchanged to the wash solution (10 % Hi-Di^{TM}

Formamide (Thermofisher scientific; 4311320) in 2x saline sodium citrate (SSC)) and was

incubated at 37 ºC for 5 minutes. Subsequently, the brains were incubated with the custom-

made Stellaris *Venus* or *GFP* probes (100 nM; see *Supporting Information Text* for the

sequences; LGC BioSearch Technologies) and the primary antibody (mouse anti-Repo (1:100;

DSHB; 8D12)) in the hybridization buffer (10% Hi-Di^{TM} Formamide in hybridization buffer

(Stellaris RNA FISH Hybridization Buffer, SMF-HB1-10)) at 37 ºC for 16 hours. The probes

and the antibody were then removed by washing the samples quickly three times with

preheated wash solution at 37 ºC, followed by three washes for 10 minutes at room

temperature. Blocking was performed with 3 % normal goat serum in PBT for 30 min at room

temperature. The secondary antibody (Cy3 goat anti-mouse (1:2000; Jackson

ImmunoResearch; 115-166-003)) was then added and was incubated at 4 ºC overnight. The

samples were washed once quickly, three times for 20 minutes, and once for 60 minutes with

PBT, and then mounted in 86 % glycerol in 1x Tris-HCl buffer (pH7.4).

Tissues to detect native GFP or Venus signals (Figure 5 – figure supplement 1) were

prepared as follows: dissected brains were fixed in PBS containing 3 % formaldehyde, 1 %

glyoxal and 0.1 % methanol for 30 min at room temperature, followed by one quick wash and

three washes for 10 minutes with PBT. The samples were then mounted in 86 % glycerol in

1x Tris-HCl buffer (pH7.4).

Imaging and microscopes

Imaging was done on the Olympus FV1200 confocal microscope with GaAsP sensors. A

100x/1.35 silicone immersion objective (UPLSAPO100XS, Olympus) or 30x/1.05 silicone

immersion objective (UPLSAPO30XS) was used. Scan settings were kept constant across

specimens to be compared.

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Figure 1. Comparative transcriptome-translatome analyses in the *Drosophila* head.

(A) Schematics. Fly head lysate is digested with RNase I for Ribo-seq, while not for RNA-seq.

Resultant short fragments or the whole mRNA are reverse-transcribed and sequenced. (B)

Meta-genome ribosome distribution (estimated P-sites of the 21-nt fragments), relative to the

annotated start and stop codons. RPM: reads per million. (C) Scatter plots of mRNA reads (x-

axis, TPM: transcripts per million) and ribosome footprints on CDS (y-axis, TPM). Several

neuron-related genes are highlighted with colors and arrows. The squared Pearson's

correlation coefficient (R^2) is indicated. (D-F) Ribosome footprints (D), mRNA level (E), and

translational efficiency (F) of *Shaker-RB* (*Sh*) and *Trehalase-RA* (*Treh*). TE: translational

efficiency. TE is calculated as ribosome footprints on CDS (TPM) divided by the mRNA level

(TPM). (G) Histogram of TE. The bin size is 0.2 in the unit of log 2. Total 9,611 genes with at

least one read in both Ribo-seq and RNA-seq are plotted. (H) Kyoto Encyclopedia of Genes

and Genomes (KEGG) pathways enrichment analysis, visualized by iPAGE (Goodarzi et al.,

2009), based on TE. The 9,611 genes are ranked and binned according to TE (left to right: low

to high), and over- and under- representation is tested. The presented KEGG pathways show

P values smaller than 0.0005. (I) TE of transcripts in the denoted gene ontology terms. Bars

represent the median. ns: $P > 0.05$; ***: $P < 0.001$; in the Dunn's multiple comparisons test,

compared to the "all" group.

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Figure 2. Cell-type specific Ribo-seq and RNA-seq reveal differential translational
regulations.

(A) Schematics. FLAG-tagged ribosome protein L3 (RpL3::FLAG) is expressed in neurons
(*nSyb-GAL4*) or in glial cells (*repo-GAL4*). RNA-seq and ribo-seq are performed following

immunoprecipitation. Whole brain images of the exogenously expressed RpL3::FLAG are

shown. Scale bars: 50 µm. (B) The MA-plot of ribosome footprints on CDS among neurons

and glia. Each gene is plotted according to the fold change (x-axis) and the average (y-axis)

in the unit of $\log_2$. Several marker genes are highlighted with green (neuron) or blue (glia). (C)

TE of genes in the denoted KEGG pathways in the whole head (black), neurons (green), or in

glia (blue). Genes with TPM > 1 in the RNA-seq dataset are plotted. Bars represent the

median. *: $P < 0.05$, **: $P < 0.01$, ***: $P < 0.001$, the Dunn's multiple comparisons test. (D)

KEGG pathway enrichment analysis based on the ratio of TE in neurons to in glia. All genes

with at least one read in both cell types (total 9,732 genes) are ranked and binned according

to the neuron-to-glia ratio (left to right: high to low), and over- and under- representation is

tested. The presented KEGG pathways show P values smaller than 0.0005. (E) Scatter plot of

TE in neurons (x-axis) and in glia (y-axis). The squared Pearson's correlation coefficient (R^2)

is indicated. (F) TE in glia plotted according to the ratio of mRNA expression in neurons

compared to glia. ***: $P < 0.001$, Kruskal-Wallis test. (G) TE of transcripts in the indicated gene

ontology (GO) terms. Bars represent the median. **: $P < 0.01$, ***: $P < 0.001$, Mann-Whitney

test of ranks. (H) Read counts of genes (TPM) in the indicated GO terms in RNA-seq (yellow)

and in ribo-seq (pink). The green and blue dots indicate the read counts in neuronal and glial

cells, respectively. ns: $P > 0.05$, **: $P < 0.01$, ***: $P < 0.001$, Mann-Whitney test of ranks.

Figure 3. Ribosome stalling on the 5′ UTR of DTTs in glia.

(A) Ribosome distribution (estimated P-sites) on the 161 DTTs around the start codons (solid lines; start +/- 50 nt). These DTTs are defined as transcripts showing more than 10 times higher TE in neurons compared to glia. The dotted lines indicate the genome-wide distribution. Only transcripts showing TPM > 1 in RNA-seq both in neurons and glia are considered (7,933 genes in total), and the height is normalized by the total reads on this region. (B) Ratio of ribosome density on 5′ UTR (TPM) to CDS (TPM) of the 161 DTTs or of all transcripts in neurons (green) or in glia (blue). The bars represent the median. ***: *P* < 0.001, Mann-Whitney test of ranks. (C) Distribution of ribosome footprints on the representative neuronal transcripts. Ribosome footprints (RPM) normalized by the mRNA level (TPM) are shown. Note that *Syn-RD* harbors a stop codon in the CDS but a fraction of ribosomes skip it, generating two

749   annotated ORFs (CDS1 and CDS2) (Klagges et al., 1996). (D) Ratio of ribosome density on

750   5′ UTR to CDS (mean ± standard error of mean of the biological replicates). (E) Ratio of

751   ribosome density on 5′ UTR to CDS on transcripts in the indicated GO terms in glia. *: $P <$

752   0.05, ***: $P < 0.001$, Dunn's multiple comparisons test compared to the "all" group.

Figure 4. Footprint accumulation on upstream AUG in glia.

(A) Meta-genome ribosome distribution (estimated P-sites of the 32-nt fragments) around the upstream AUG codons in glia. (B) Meta-genome ribosome distribution (estimated P-sites of the 32-nt fragments) around the annotated start codons in glia. (C) Footprint accumulation on 5′ UTR in glia, defined as the number of ribosome footprints (estimated P-sites) on each codon normalized by the average on the surrounding (-50 to +50) regions. (D) Footprint accumulation inside the annotated CDS in glia. Annotated in-frame codons except the start and the stop codons are considered. AU: arbitrary unit.

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Figure 5. The transgenic *Rh1-Venus* reporter reveals differential translation in neuronal
and glial cells.

(A) Ribosome distribution (estimated P-sites) on *Rh1-RA* in neurons (green) and in glia (blue),
with 0 on the x-axis indicating the start codon of the CDS. 6-base upstream ORFs, consisting
of consecutive start (or the near-cognate) and stop codons, are highlighted. Footprints are
normalized by the total read counts on the transcript in each cell type. (B) Schematics of the
Rh1 (*UASz-Rh1-Venus*) or the control (*UASz-GFP*) reporter. For the *Rh1* reporter, 5' UTR and
3' UTR sequences of *Rh1-RA* are fused to CDS of the *Venus* fluorescent protein. For the
control reporter, synthetic 5' UTR sequences (*syn21*) and viral *p10* terminator are fused to
GFP (DeLuca and Spradling, 2018). Note that both reporters contain the same promoter
(*UASz*) (DeLuca and Spradling, 2018) and are inserted onto the identical genomic locus
(*attP40*). (C) Expression of the *Rh1-* or the control reporters driven by *Tubulin-GAL4*. Sliced
confocal images of the cortical regions next to the antennal lobe are shown. Green: EGFP or
Venus fluorescent signal. Red: Immunohistochemical signal of repo protein as a glial marker.
Grey: EGFP or Venus mRNA. Orange arrowheads indicate glial cells marked by the repo
expression. Scale bars: 5 μm.