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2 **Octopamine signals coordinate the spatial pattern of presynaptic machineries in**
3 **the *Drosophila* mushroom bodies**
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SUMMARY
Neurons need to adjust synaptic output according to the targets. However, the
intracellular heterogeneity of synaptic machinery is scarcely reported in the central
nervous system, and its regulatory mechanism remain unknown. Applying the
CRISPR/Cas9-mediated split-GFP tagging, we devised cell-type specific fluorescent
labeling of the endogenous active zone scaffold protein, Bruchpilot (Brp). This
technology enabled the quantification of intracellular diversity of presynaptic structures
within the Kenyon cells of the *Drosophila* mushroom bodies. We found that the
accumulation of Brp at active zones is strikingly heterogenous among the compartments
of Kenyon cell axon terminals. Mechanistically, the localized octopaminergic signaling
along Kenyon cell terminals regulate the Brp heterogeneity via Octβ2R and cAMP
signaling. We further found that acute food deprivation reduced the compartmental
heterogeneity of Brp accumulation in an octopaminergic signaling-dependent manner.
This synaptic regulation explains how the mushroom body integrates changing
physiological states.

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INTRODUCTION
The molecular composition of chemical synapses determines the function of neurons,
and therefore exhibits a remarkable diversity among cell types [1,2]. Studies in the motor
neuron demonstrated that presynaptic molecular assemblies are highly heterogeneous
even within a single cell [3,4]. Critically, this structural heterogeneity is correlated with
synaptic functions such as release probability [5–7]. Given that a single neuron in the

central nervous system (CNS) synapses onto multiple target cells, such intracellular
synaptic heterogeneity could generate complex computation of the circuit. However, the
regulatory mechanisms of such synaptic heterogeneity in central neurons are largely
unknown.
Neurons projecting to the *Drosophila* mushroom bodies (MBs) can serve as an
excellent model system to study intracellular synaptic heterogeneity. Kenyon cells
(KCs), the major MB intrinsic neurons, synapse onto five sets of post-synaptic partners
in spatially segregated compartments [8,9]. Postsynaptic MB output neurons (MBONs)
have distinct and compartmentalized dendrites within the MB lobes [9], and their
activities collectively determine the MB output [10–14]. The compartmental distinctions in
presynaptic assemblies within KCs are likely to be critical in controlling MB-guided
behaviors.
We here aim to characterize the intracellular diversity of presynaptic structures
in a KC-specific manner. Brp, the homolog of ELKS/CAST/ERC, is a major scaffold
protein accumulated at active zones (AZs) and the main component of electron-dense
projections decorating AZs [15–18]. Brp clusters determine functional characteristics of
synapses such as the release probability of synaptic vesicles [5–7], therefore their
structures serve as a proxy for estimating the synapse function. As with other neuropils
in the central nervous system, MBs are composed of densely packed synapses
originating from different types of neurons [19,20]. Therefore, it is challenging to
characterize specific endogenous synapse proteins only in the target neuron without
super-resolution microscopy [21,22]. Inspired by recent advances in *Drosophila* genetics to
label endogenous Brp in designated cell types [23,24], we took advantage of the
CRISPR/Cas9-mediated split-GFP tagging strategy for this purpose [25,26]. Profiling the
character of individual Brp clusters only within KCs revealed heterogenous Brp
accumulation along the MB compartments. Here we report the dynamics of this
intracellularly heterogeneous AZ structure and approach its supervising regulatory
mechanisms.
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RESULTS
Cell-type specific visualization of endogenous active zone scaffold proteins Brp
Chemical tagging using Brp::SNAP [27] suggests endogenous Brp localizes
heterogeneously within the MB (Figure S1), which is constituted by pre-synapses of
various cell types (Figure S2). To visualize endogenous Brp in designated cell types, we
inserted the GFP_{11} fragment (the eleventh β-strand of the super-folder GFP) just prior to
the stop codon of *brp* using CRISPR/Cas9. The self-assembly and reconstitution of GFP
is induced by expressing the GFP_{1-10} fragments using the GAL4/UAS system (Figure
1A).
We validated this system with GAL4 driver lines that label 7 different MB-
projecting neuronal populations: 3 KC subtypes, 2 dopamine neuron clusters (PPL1 and
PAM) and 2 single interneurons (DPM and APL neurons) [9,28] (see STAR★METHOD
for driver information). Confocal microscopy detected reconstituted GFP (rGFP) signals
only at restricted areas, in contrast to the dense signals in Brp::SNAP or Anti-Brp
immunostaining (Figure 1B, Figure S1). The Brp::rGFP signal appeared as individual
puncta and matched the areas of axon terminals of the cell types (Figure 1B).
Especially, Brp was labeled at single-cell resolution for the APL and DPM neuron [8,29].
Strikingly, the Brp::rGFP signal intensity appeared to be heterogenous along the axon

terminals of KCs (Figure 1B). Since individual KCs arborize onto the entire lobe
structure, these results suggest distinct accumulations of Brp intracellularly.
To test whether Brp::rGFP labels dynamic synaptic structures, we benchmarked
its performance with different live-imaging contexts. The axon arborizations of pleural
muscle motor neurons (PM-Mns) can be imaged on the abdominal body wall during
pupal development [30]. Live-imaging Brp::rGFP in the PM-Mn revealed the formation of
individual clusters at 48 hours after puparium formation and the increasing density in
the same branch following two days (Figure 1C). We further visualized Brp::rGFP
dynamics in the ex-vivo preparation of the larval brain, and found multiple fusion and
fission events of Brp clusters in the MB calyx (Figure 1D). These results are consistent
with the AZ assembly through liquid-liquid phase separation [31] and demonstrated the
immense potential to visualize the dynamics of endogenous AZ structures.
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Intracellular active zone heterogeneity among MB compartments
To quantify the presynaptic Brp heterogeneity we observed in KCs (Figure 1B), an
image-processing pipeline was developed to better characterize the signal intensity
(total grey value) of individual Brp::rGFP puncta. Optimizing the parameter
combination of 3D image deconvolution [32,33] and spot segmentation enabled to resolve
Brp::rGFP clusters that represent single AZs using conventional confocal microscopy [34].
We found that Brp::rGFP accumulation was heterogeneous among KC compartments,
and it was especially pronounced in γ KCs (Figure 2A, Figure S3). The median
Brp::rGFP signal intensity in the γ5 compartment was nearly three times as intense as
that in γ1 (Figure 2C). These results suggest that individual KCs tune their presynaptic
structures according to compartments (Figure 2B).
As different MB compartments are functionally coordinated and integrate
internal states such as nutritional states, sleep need and aging [10,35–39], we examined
whether KCs adapt the synaptic structures upon physiological changes. We quantified
the median intensity of Brp::rGFP puncta in each compartment and calculated the
variance of the 5 compartments as a measure of compartmental heterogeneity (Figure
2D). Strikingly, the compartmental heterogeneity in γ KCs significantly decreased upon
food deprivation for 48 hours (Figure 2E, Figure S6F). In contrast, we did not find a
significant effect by aging for 30 d (Figure S5). These results suggest that acute stress
can drive local adjustment of AZ structure within KCs, reflecting reorganized
compartmental activities.
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Associations of Ca^{2+} channel and Brp clusters
In motor neurons, Brp is well characterized to serve as a scaffold protein accumulating
synapse proteins such as voltage-gated Ca^{2+} channels [15,17,40]. Therefore, we
hypothesized if Brp heterogeneity in γ KCs reflects the Ca^{2+} channel enrichment at AZs.
To test the hypothesis, we double-labelled the endogenous α subunit of the voltage-
gated Ca^{2+} channel, Cacophony (Cac) and Brp by Cac::sfGFP [6] and Brp::SNAP,
respectively. We found that Cac::sfGFP and Brp::SNAP signals were co-localized in the
γ lobe (Figure 3A-3B) and their intensities were correlated in Brp-positive areas (Figure
3C-E, Figure S4).
This correlation between Brp and Cac clusters suggest that the Ca^{2+}
concentration is differentially set along the γ KCs. To measure the basal Ca^{2+}
concentration nearby AZs, we expressed Brp^{short}::mCherry::GCaMP6s, a ratiometric

Ca^{2+} sensor fused to mCherry and truncated Brp (Figure 3F) [41], in KCs. We found that
basal GCaMP signals were compartmentally distinct and gradually increased towards
the γ5 compartment (Figure 3F). This compartmental pattern of GCaMP signals nicely
mirrored the Brp heterogeneity. Taken together the colocalization of Brp and Cac, these
results suggest that the Brp accumulation per AZ is set compartmentally, differentiating
the basal Ca^{2+} influx via Ca^{2+} channels at AZs [42].
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Octopamine input underlies the Brp compartmental heterogeneity
Each compartment receives dopamine projections from structurally and functionally
distinct subsets of dopaminergic neurons (Figure 3A) [9]. We therefore examined whether
dopamine inputs determine the compartmental Brp accumulation by knocking-down
dopamine receptors (DopR1, DopR2 and D2R) in KCs using RNA interference (RNAi)
[43,44]. None of these disruptions showed a significant effect on the compartmental
heterogeneity (Figure 4B, Figure S6A).
The octopaminergic neurons (OANs), particularly OA-VPM3 and OA-VPM4
neurons, are known to project to the MB and concentrate their innervations in the γ1
compartment [9,45]. We characterized presynaptic components of OA-VPM3/4 visualized
by Brp::rGFP and nSyb::CLIP (neuronal synaptobrevin, nSyb; synaptic vesicle marker)
and found they were densely localized to γ1 compared to the other compartments,
complementary to the Brp compartmental heterogeneity of KCs (Figure 5A-5D). These
results suggest localized synaptic output of OANs along the γ lobe, potentially
underlying the Brp compartmental heterogeneity.
To examine the contribution of octopamine to the Brp accumulation within KCs,
we measured the Brp compartmental heterogeneity in the mutants of tyramine β-
hydroxylase (*Tβh*), the enzyme that catalyzes the synthesis of octopamine from
tyramine [46]. We generated two new *Tβh* null alleles: insertion mutant *Tβh^{SK1-8}* and
deletion mutant *Tβh^{SK2-4}* using CRISPR/Cas9-mediated mutagenesis. We visualized
Brp::rGFP in KCs of these mutants and found the significantly decreased
compartmental heterogeneity of the γ KCs (Figure 5E, Figure S6B). This suggests that
octopamine directly controls the AZ structure in KCs.
To identify the signaling pathway that regulates the Brp compartmental
heterogeneity, we knocked-down octopamine/tyramine receptors (including OAMB,
Octα2R, Octβ1R, Octβ2R, Octβ3R, OctTyrR, TyrR, TyrRII) in KCs using RNAi [43,47].
Among all the receptors tested, only Octβ2R knockdown significantly decreased the
compartmental heterogeneity (Figure 6A, Figure S6C-6D). We could not test the effect
of Octβ1R and Octβ3R because their deficiency in KCs caused abnormal development
of the MB. Octβ2R is coupled to the Gs alpha subunit to stimulate cyclic adenosine
monophosphate (cAMP) production [48]. To test whether cAMP plays a role in Brp
accumulation, we knocked-down the adenylate cyclase Rutabaga (Rut) in KCs using
RNAi [43,49–53]. The downregulation of Rut resulted in a significant decrease of the
compartmental heterogeneity (Figure 6B, Figure S6E), suggesting that octopamine
functions through Octβ2R-cAMP pathway.
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Nutritional states adjust the Brp compartmental heterogeneity through
octopamine signaling
The spontaneous firing of octopamine neurons was shown to be decreased upon
starvation [54]. Therefore, we hypothesized state-dependent AZ remodeling through

octopamine (Figure 7A). To test this hypothesis, we starved the *Tβh* mutants for 48
hours and measured the Brp::rGFP heterogeneity in γ KCs. Indeed, there was no
significant state-dependent effect on the Brp compartmental heterogeneity in the *Tβh*
mutants (Figure 7B, Figure S6G). Taken together, we propose that internal states adjust
the synaptic output of MB compartments through octopamine signaling that supervise
the synaptic structures within KCs.
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DISCUSSION

By labeling endogenous AZ scaffold protein Brp, we resolved individual AZs at
the single-cell level. The substantial intracellular heterogeneity of Brp accumulation
within γ KCs is found to be regulated by internal states of the animal. Other than the
compartmental heterogeneity of Brp clusters within KCs, our experimental pipeline
enables further profiling of other AZ characteristics such as the local AZ density [34].
How does octopaminergic signaling modify Brp accumulation? This study
identified the requirement of Octβ2R and Rut in regulating the AZ structure in KCs
(Figure 6). Octβ2R was shown to stimulate cAMP synthesis [48], suggesting that cAMP
could play a determining role. Consistent with this idea, *rut* mutant displays abnormal
AZ structures [55]. We propose that the localized innervations of octopamine neurons onto
KCs (Figure 5) results in different cAMP concentrations along the γ lobe. In both KCs
and motor neurons, cAMP concentration was shown to be locally regulated [56–58]. The
affinity or stability of Brp to AZs among different compartments is perhaps distinctly
set by the cAMP signaling compartmentation [59]. Interestingly, both DopR1 and Octβ2R
stimulate cAMP biosynthesis, while the knock-down of DopR1 had no significant effect
on the Brp heterogeneity (Figure 4). This may be due to different downstream targets of
the receptors including PKA [60].
AZ structures, especially Brp clusters, frequently serve as a proxy to explain
synaptic functions [5–7,15,17,40,61]. Consistent with previous studies, our data suggest that
Brp regulates the localization of Ca^{2+} channels in KCs [15,17,62]. Brp heterogeneity may
result in compartmental basal Ca^{2+} concentrations at AZs (Figure 3) and thus modulate
spontaneous synaptic vesicle release via the stochastic activity of Ca^{2+} channels [42].
Indeed, the enrichment of the Ca^{2+} channel is associated to higher spontaneous release
frequency in *Drosophila* NMJ [7,63]. Although the relationship between Brp
accumulation and evoked release in KCs seems more complicated since it involves
acute and compartmental dopaminergic modulations [13,64–66]. Unlike evoked activities,
spontaneous release of synaptic vesicle persists in the absence of stimulation thereby
affecting the states of the animal [10].
The Brp compartmental heterogeneity within KCs might directly modulate the
MB output through controlling the activity of different MBONs. Each type of MBONs
serves as an independent output unit, together regulating a variety of behaviors [11–
14,38,67–69]. Starvation changes the activity balance between MBON-γ1 and MBON-γ5
thus enhances appetitive memory expression [67,69,70], and MBON- γ5 and MBON- γ2
oppositely control sleep amount [71]. Consistently, we found that the compartmental AZ
heterogeneity within KCs, measured by Brp, decreased upon starvation (Figure 2E).
Considering the associations between octopamine and feeding behaviors [54,72–78], KCs
generates behavior adaptations in response to changing internal states and environments
by local AZ tuning [38,79,80].
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235 **SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**
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Figure 1. Cell-type specific dissection of the endogenous active zone scaffold

(A) Schematic of split-GFP tagging system. GFP$_{11}$ was inserted prior to the stop codon of *brp*, while GFP$_{1-10}$ was expressed in specific cell types using the GAL4-UAS system. GFP$_{11}$ and GFP$_{1-10}$ reconstitute to emit fluorescence.

(B) Visualization of Brp::rGFP in a cell-type specific manner. Immunostaining using antibody nc82 which labels all Brp in the brain, as a comparison to Brp::rGFP. Diagrams in each panel show the innervation pattern of neurons in the MB. GAL4 lines used: γ KCs (MB009B), α/β KCs (MB008B), α'/β' KCs (MB370B), PPL-1 (TH-GAL4), PAM (R58E02), DPM (VT64246), APL (GH146). Scale bar, 20 μm.

(C) Long-term live-imaging of Brp::rGFP (green) in a growing motor neuron (magenta, CD4::tdTomato) from 48 to 96 hours APF. OK371-GAL4 was used to express GFP$_{1-10}$ and CD4::tdTomato. White boxes indicate zoomed-in areas shown in the lower panels. Scale bars: upper panels, 10 μm; lower panels, 5 μm.

(D) Ex vivo live-imaging of Brp::rGFP in 3rd instar larval KCs. GFP$_{1-10}$ was expressed using R13F02-GAL4. The left panel shows the MB calyx region. White boxes indicate zoomed-in areas shown on the right panels. Box 1 and 2 demonstrate Brp::rGFP fission and fusion event. Whites arrows indicate Brp::rGFP clusters undergoing fission or fusion. Scale bars: left panel, 10 μm; right panels, 200 nm.

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Figure 2. Compartmental presynaptic heterogeneity
(A) Brp::rGFP visualized in KCs. The horizontal lobe of the MB was imaged.
Brp::rGFP was visualized using R13F02-GAL4.
(B) Diagram showing compartments in the MB γ lobe and the intracellular Brp
localization in a single γ KC.
(C) Median intensity of Brp::rGFP clusters in each γ lobe compartment. Kruskal-Wallis
test. n = 11. γ1 vs. γ2: P = 0.0012; γ1 vs. γ3: P = 0.0004; γ1 vs. γ4: P = 0.0004; γ1 vs.
γ5: P < 0.0001.
(D) Standard deviation (SD) as an indicative of Brp::rGFP heterogeneity among
compartments. Median Brp::rGFP intensity values of compartments were log-
transformed for analysis. SD is calculated from five transformed medians.
(E) Starvation for 48 hours reduced The Brp compartmental heterogeneity in KCs. The
middle panel shows the raw median Brp::rGFP intensities in each γ compartment for the
control and starvation group. The heterogeneity (SD) was quantified for individual brain
samples. Mann-Whitney U-test. Fed (n = 16) vs. Starved (n = 17): p = 0.0187; Scale
bar, 10 μm.
Data are represented as box plots showing center (median), whiskers (Min. to Max.).
Significant differences (P < 0.05) are indicated by distinct letters or *. Kruskal-Wallis
test (C) and Mann-Whitney U-test (E).
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Figure 3. Brp is associated with Ca^{2+} channels in the fly brain
(A) Co-labeling of Cac::sfGFP (green) and Brp::SNAP (magenta) in an adult brain. The
write box indicates the zoomed-in areas shown in (B**)**. Scale bar, 50 μm.
(B) Co-localization of Brp::SNAP and Cac::sfGFP signals. Signal intensity profiles of
both Brp::SNAP (green) and Cac::sfGFP (magenta) in the image were plotted below.
Scale bar, 10 μm.
(C) Correlation between Brp::SNAP (green) and Cac::sfGFP (magenta) signal
intensities. The image is a selected area from γ5. Yellow circles show the 3D ROIs
generated by segmenting Brp::SNAP signals. A loose setting was applied to include
surrounding pixels. The same ROI set was used to quantify the signal density (total grey
value divided by the ROI volume) for both Brp::SNAP and Cac::sfGFP.
(D) Scatter plot showing the correlation between Brp::SNAP and Cac::sfGFP signal
intensities in an image sample. A 180˚ rotated Cac::sfGFP image was used as a control
(see also Figure S4). Pearson's correlation coefficient (R) is shown.
(E) Pearson correlation coefficient (R) from three individual γ lobes showing the
correlation between Brp::SNAP and Cac::sfGFP signal intensities.
(F) Basal Ca^{2+} concentration varies by compartment. The left panel shows the schematic
of the Brp::mCherry::GCaMP6s ratio-matric sensor. GCaMP6s sensor is fused to

mCherry and Brp^{short}. The sensor was expressed by R13F02-GAL4 and GCaMP6s
signal is normalized by mCherry for analysis. Kruskal-Wallis test. n = 8. γ1 vs. γ3: P =
0.0494; γ1 vs. γ4: P = 0.0494; γ1 vs. γ5: P = 0.0155; γ2 vs. γ5: P = 0.0494;
Data are represented as box plots showing center (median), whiskers (Min. to Max.).
Significant differences (P < 0.05) are indicated by distinct letters. Kruskal-Wallis test.
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Figure 4. Dopamine receptors knockdown does not affect The Brp compartmental
heterogeneity
(A) Schematic showing the innervation patterns of dopamine neurons. The γ lobe is
innervated by dopamine neurons from the PPL1 and PAM clusters.
(B) Knockdown of dopamine receptors does not significantly alter the Brp
compartmental heterogeneity. Three types of DA receptors, DopR1, DopR2 and D2R
were knocked down using RNAi in KCs specifically with R13F02-GAL4.
Representative images of Brp::rGFP from each group are shown. Scale bar: 20 μm. Ctrl
(n = 24) vs. DopR1 (n = 7), DopR2 (n = 7) and D2R (n = 10): P > 0.05.
Data are represented as box plots showing center (median), whiskers (Min. to Max.). ns
= not significant by Kruskal-Wallis test.
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Figure 5. Octopamine controls the AZ structure in KCs
(A) OANs in the adult brain. OANs were labeled by Tdc2-GAL4 driven
CD4::tdTomato in the left panel. OA-VPM3/4 neurons were labeled with MB022B-
GAL4 [9] driven CD8::GFP (right panel). Dashed lines indicate the MB. Scale bars, 20

μm.
(B) AZ number and synaptic vesicle localization of OANs along the γ lobe. GFP$_{1-10}$ and
CD4::tdTomato were expressed using Tdc2-GAL4. nSyb::CLIP labeling synaptic
vesicles and CD8::GFP were expressed using MB022B-GAL4. Scale bars, 2 μm.
Images were cropped from the same MB and are identical in size.
(C) AZ density of OANs across γ compartment. Brp::rGFP was visualized using Tdc2-
GAL4, and cluster density was quantified. n = 6 brains. Kruskal-Wallis test. γ1 vs. γ2: P
= 0.0066; γ1 vs. γ3: P =0.0319; γ1 vs. γ5: P =0.0004.
(D) Schematic showing the innervation pattern of OANs along the γ lobe.
(E) Reduced Brp compartmental heterogeneity in *Tβh* mutants. Representative images
of Brp::rGFP in control and *Tβh^{SK2-4}* background are shown. Scale bars, 10 μm.
Kruskal-Wallis test. Ctrl (n = 12) vs. *Tβh^{SK1-8}* (n = 11) and *Tβh^{SK2-4}* (n = 12). Ctrl vs.
Tβh^{SK1-8}: P = 0.0442; Ctrl vs. *Tβh^{SK2-4}*: P = 0.0228. *P < 0.05.
Data are represented as box plots showing center (median), whiskers (Min. to Max.).
Significant differences (P < 0.05) are indicated by distinct letters or *. Kruskal-Wallis
test.
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Figure 6. Octβ2R and cAMP underly the Brp compartmental heterogeneity
(A) Knockdown of Octβ2R reduced the Brp compartmental heterogeneity in γ KCs.
Receptors are knocked-down in γ KCs specifically using RNAi with R13F02-GAL4.
Kruskal-Wallis test. Ctrl (n = 13) vs. OAMB (n = 11), Octα2R (n = 10) and Octβ2R (n
= 12): P= 0.0228 for Ctrl vs. Octβ2R. Ctrl (n = 20) vs. TyrR (n = 22), TyrR2 (n = 22)
and OctTyrR (n = 15). *P < 0.05; ns = not significant.
(B) Knockdown of Rut significantly decreased the Brp compartmental heterogeneity in
γ KCs. Representative images showing Brp::rGFP in WT and in Rut knockdown group.
Mann-Whitney U-test. Ctrl (n = 10) vs. Rut-RNAi (n = 10): P = 0.0011.
Data are represented as box plots showing center (median), whiskers (Min. to Max.). *P
< 0.05 and ns = not significant. Kruskal-Wallis test (A) and Mann-Whitney U-test (B).
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Figure 7. Nutritional states adjust the Brp compartmental heterogeneity through

octopamine

(A) Graphical summary of the working model. Localized innervation of OANs onto γ

KCs regulates the Brp accumulation and forms the Brp compartmental heterogeneity via

Octβ2R and cAMP pathway. Nutritional states may modulate OAN activity, thereby

adjusting the Brp heterogeneity.

(B) Starvation for 48 hours did not affect the Brp::rGFP compartmental heterogeneity in

$T\beta h^{SK2-4}$ mutant. GFP$_{1-10}$ was expressed in KCs using R13F02-GAL4 in $T\beta h^{SK2-4}$

background flies. Fed (n = 16) vs. starved (n = 17): P > 0.05.

Data are represented as box plots showing center (median), whiskers (Min. to Max.). ns

= not significant by Mann-Whitney U-test.

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389 **KEY RESOURCE TABLE**

REAGENT or RESOURCE	SOURCE	IDENTIFIER
Antibodies		
Anti-Brp	DSHB	Cat#nc82; RRID: AB_2314866
AlexaFluor-568 goat anti-mouse	Invitrogen	Cat#A11004; RRID: AB_2534072
Chemicals, peptides, and recombinant proteins		
SNAP-Surface Alexa Fluor 647	New England Biolabs	Cat#S9136S
CLIP-Surface Alexa Fluor 647	New England Biolabs	Cat#S9234S
OMNIPAQUE 350	GE Healthcare	Cat#22000AMX02447
Histodenz	Sigma	Cat#D2158
Tetraspeck Microspheres 0.1 mm	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat#T7279
NaCl	Nacalai Tesque	Cat#31320-05
KCl	Nacalai Tesque	Cat#28514-75
TES	Nacalai Tesque	Cat#329810-55
Trehalose dihydrate	Tokyo Kasei Kogyo	Cat#T0331
D-glucose	Nacalai Tesque	Cat#16806-25
$NaHCO_3$	Nacalai Tesque	Cat#31213-15
NaH_2PO_4	Merck KGaA	Cat#106346
$CaCl_2$	Sigma-Aldrich	Cat#C5080
$MgCl_2$	Sigma-Aldrich	Cat#M2670
Experimental models: Organisms/strains		
Brp::SNAP	Bloomington Drosophila stock center (BDSC)	BDSC 58397
MB008B-GAL4	BDSC	BDSC 68291
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MB370B-GAL4	BDSC	BDSC 68319
VT64246-GAL4	VDRC	VDRC 204311
GH146-GAL4	BDSC	BDSC 30026
TH-GAL4	BDSC	BDSC 8848
R58E02-GAL4	BDSC	BDSC 41347
R13F02-GAL4	BDSC	BDSC 48571
OK371-GAL4	BDSC	BDSC 26160
UAS-Brp::mCherry::GCaMP6s	BDSC	BDSC 77131
Cac::sfGFP	Gratz et al. [6]	N/A
Tdc2-GAL4	BDSC	BDSC 9313
MB022B-GAL4	BDSC	BDSC 68298
UAS-nSyn::CLIP	BDSC	BDSC 58385
UAS-DopR1-RNAi	BDSC	BDSC 55239
UAS-Dop2R-RNAi	BDSC	BDSC 50621

UAS-DopR2-RNAi	BDSC	BDSC 51423
UAS-OAMB-RNAi	VDRC	VDRC 2861
UAS-Octα2R-RNAi	BDSC	BDSC 50678
UAS-Octβ1R-RNAi	BDSC	BDSC 58179
UAS-Octβ2R-RNAi	BDSC	BDSC 34673
UAS-Octβ3R-RNAi	BDSC	BDSC 62283
UAS-TyrR-RNAi	BDSC	BDSC 25857
UAS-TyrR2-RNAi	BDSC	BDSC 64964
UAS-OctTyrR-RNAi	BDSC	BDSC 28332
UAS-Rut-RNAi	BDSC	BDSC 80468
UAS-CD4::tdTomato	BDSC	BDSC 35841
UAS-CD8::GFP	BDSC	BDSC 32194
$T\beta h^{SK1-8}$	This study	N/A
$T\beta h^{SK2-4}$	This study	N/A
$brp::GFP_{11}$	This study	N/A
UAS-GFP$_{1-10}$	Kondo et al. [26]	N/A
Software and algorithms		
Python	N/A	N/A
Graphpad PRISM	Graphpad software	https://www.graphpad.com/
Fiji/Image J	NIH	https://imagej.net/software/fiji/downloads
Amira Software	Thermo Fisher Scientific	thermofisher.com/amira-avizo
DeconvolutionLab2	Sage et al. [81]	https://bigwww.epfl.ch/deconvolution/deconvolutionlab2/
CLIJ2	Haase et al. [82]	https://clij.github.io/
3D ImageJ Suite	Ollion et al. [83]	https://imagej.net/plugins/3d-imagej-suite/

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391 **RESOURCE AVAILBILITY**
392 **Lead contact**
393 Further information and requests on resources and reagents should be directed to and
394 will be fulfilled by the Lead Contact, Dr. Hiromu Tanimoto (hiromut@m.tohoku.ac.jp).
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396 **Material availability**
397 All reagents generated in this study are available upon request from the Lead Contact.
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399 **Data and code availability**
400 This study did not generate any unique code. All imaging data and quantification results
401 reported in this paper are available from the Lead Contact upon request.
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EXPERIMENTAL MODEL AND STUDY PARTICIPANT DETAILS
Animals
Flies were maintained on standard cornmeal food at 25 °C under a 12:12 hours light-

dark cycle for all experiments. All flies used for experiments are 3-7 days old adult
males. After hatching, adult flies were transferred to fresh food vials and flip every 2-3
days before experiments. In experiments where flies were fasted, the same population of
flies was separated before the experiment to ensure the homogeneity. All flies were
food-deprived for 48 hours for the experimental group, while provide normal food
supply for the control for the same time. The GAL4-UAS system was used to express
transgenes. For each transgenic control in RNAi experiments, crossing respective
transgenic line with Canton S strain, w1118, or y1w1118 to replace the balancer
chromosomes. Flies for wild-type characterization were also crossed to replace balancer
chromosomes. Strains used in this study are as indicated in the key resource table.
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METHOD DETAILS:
Transgenic lines and mutants
Two independent null alleles of the *Tβh* gene were obtained by inducing frameshift
indels by the transgenic CRISPR/Cas9 system as previously described [84]. The following
20-bp gRNA sequences were used:
gRNA#1: GATACGTACACCAGTCCGGA
gRNA#2: GGTGAGACGGGACTACCAGC
Tβh^SK1-8 was derived from mutagenesis by gRNA#1 and carries the following frameshift
insertion: CGTACACCAGgatggacactGGATGGACAG (the inserted sequence is
indicated by lower-case characters). *Tβh^SK2-4-4* was derived from mutagenesis by
gRNA#2 and carries the following frameshift deletion: TCCGGATGGA-------------------
----------CTGTGAGGTC (the gap is indicated as hyphens). The *brp::GFP_11* line was
generated by targeted insertion of a GFP_{11} cassette into the endogenous *brp* locus just
prior to the stop codon as previously described [26].
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Sample preparation
Animals used in experiments involving comparisons between control and experimental
groups were dissected on the same day. Data were collected from multiple batches of
experiments performed on different days. All steps were performed at room temperature
otherwise specified. Flies were anesthetized on ice and placed on ice before dissection.
The dissection was performed in ice PBS solution to collect the brain without the
ventral nerve cord. Brains are subsequently fixed by 2% paraformaldehyde for 1 hour
then washed 3×20 min with 0.1% PBT (0.1% Triton X-100 in PBS) in a PCR tube,
typically containing 5-6 brains.
For SNAP or CLIP chemical tagging, brains were incubated in SNAP-Surface
647 (1:1000; NEB; S9136S) or CLIP-Surface 647 (1:1000; NEB; S9234S) in 0.3% PBT
for 15 min and washed with 3×20 min with 0.1% PBT. Samples are mounted on
microscope slides using the appropriate mounting medium (SeeDB2S, SeeDB2G [85] or
86% glycerol according to the imaging condition). Brp::SNAP, Brp::rGFP, Cac::sfGFP,
CD4::tdTomato and CD8::GFP samples were imaged without immunohistochemistry.
Immunohistochemistry procedures (for anti-Brp staining in Figure 1B) were
carried out as described [86]. In brief, fixed brains were washed 3×20 min with 0.1% PBT
and incubated in 3% normal goat serum (NGS; Sigma-Aldrich; G9023) for 1 hour at
room temperature. Antibodies used were as indicated in key resource table. Brains were
incubated in antibody solutions at 4°C for 48 hours for both primary and secondary
antibodies. Sub-resolution fluorescent beads (Tetraspeck Microspheres 0.1 mm, Thermo

Fisher Scientific, T7279) were imaged for generating experimental point spread
function (PSF). The beads solution was diluted with distilled water and sonicated
multiple times to eliminate aggregation.
For *in vivo* imaging of PM-Mns in developing pupae, samples were prepared as
previously described [30]. In brief, white prepupal stage pupae (~ 0 hour APF) were
collected and incubated at 25 °C until the experiment. Before imaging, the puparium
case was carefully removed with forceps, and the pupa was transferred to an imaging
chamber sealed with a cover slip to create an imaging window on the abdomen. For ex
vivo imaging of 3rd instar pupal CNS, the CNS was dissected directly from the animal
in PBS at room temperature. The CNS sample was then mounted with a spacer between
the microscopic glass and cover slip with PBS, The entire process, from dissection to
imaging, was performed within 5 minutes.
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Image acquisition
For fixed samples and *ex vivo* imaging, images are acquired using the Olympus FV1200
confocal microscope platform equipped with GaAsP high sensitivity detectors and a
60×/1.42 NA oil immersion objective (PLAPON60XO, Olympus) and a 30×/1.05 NA
silicone immersion objective (UPLSAPO30XS, Olympus). For *in vivo* imaging on
pupae, images were acquired using the Zeiss LSM 800 series confocal microscopy
equipped with a 40×/1.3 NA objective (Plan-Apochromat 40×/1.3 Oil DIC (UV) VIS-IR
M27).
For Brp::SNAP chemical tagging, 30×/1.05 NA objective is used with a voxel
size of 0.53 μm × 0.53 μm × 0.84 μm (lateral × lateral × axial) to image the whole brain
except for the optical lobes. For Brp::rGFP and UAS-CD4::tdTomato samples in all
GAL4 types except Tdc2-GAL4, 60×/1.42 NA oil immersion objective was used and
473 nm laser power: 0.1%; 559 nm laser power: 0.1%; scanning speed: 2 μs/pixel with a
voxel size of lateral 0.079 × 0.079 × axial 0.370 μm. For Brp::SNAP/Cac::sfGFP
images, 60×/1.42 NA objective is used with a voxel size of 0.079 × 0.079 × 0.370 μm.
For Tdc2-GAL4 driven UAS4-CD8::GFP and UAS-nSyb::CLIP samples, 30×/1.05 NA
objective is used with a voxel size of 0.414 × 0.414 × 0.84 μm. For MB022B-GAL
driven UAS-CD8::GFP and UAS-nSyb-CLIP samples, 30×/1.05 NA objective is used
with a voxel size of 0.276 × 0.276 × 0.87 μm. For Tdc2-GAL4 driven Brp::rGFP and
UAS-CD4::tdTomato, 60×/1.42 NA objective is used with a scanning voxel size of
0.132 × 0.132 × 0.34 μm. For Brp::rGFP *in vivo* imaging of PM-Mns, a 40×/1.3 NA
objective is used with a voxel size of 0.0725 × 0.0725 × 0.460 μm. For Brp::rGFP ex
vivo imaging, 60×/1.42 NA objective is used with a voxel size of 0.079 × 0.079 × 0.370
μm and 473 nm laser power: 2.0%. For experimental PSF imaging, SeeDB2S immerged
beads were scanned in a setting that is 60×/1.42 NA oil immersion objective; 473 nm
laser power: 2.0%; 559 nm laser power: 1.5%; voxel size: 0.079 μm × 0.079 μm ×
0.370 μm; scanning speed: 4 μs/pixel, to produce multiple bead images.
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In vivo **calcium imaging**
In vivo calcium imaging was performed following a previously described protocol [86].
Briefly, flies were anesthetized on ice for 3 minutes and placed in a custom-made
holding dish on a Peltier plate (CP-085, Sinics) maintained at 5°C. The head capsule
was fixed to the dish using UV curing optical adhesive (NOA68, Thorlabs). To
minimize brain movement, the proboscis was glued to the capsule A small window was

opened on the top of the head capsule, and the exposed area was filled with *Drosophila*
saline solution (final concentration: 103 mM NaCl, 3 mM KCl, 5 mM TES, 8 mM
Trehalose dihydrate, 10 mM D-glucose, 26 mM $NaHCO_3$, 1 mM NaH_2PO_4, 1.5 mM
$CaCl_2$, 4 mM $MgCl_2$, adjust to pH ~7.2). Air sacs and fat bodies covering the brain
surface were carefully removed. Live imaging was conducted using a laser scanning
confocal microscope equipped with GaAsP detectors (A1R, Nikon) and a 30×/1.1 NA
water immersion objective (Apo LWD 25×, Nikon). GCaMP6s and mCherry were
sequentially excited at 488 and 561 nm, respectively. Emission light was collected using
dichroic mirrors and emission filters (BP500–550 and BP570-620) onto GaAsP
detectors. The MB γ lobe was scanned at a pixel size of 0.5μm/pixel (512 × 128 pixels)
at a frame rate of 1 Hz using line scans with 16× averages in the resonant scanning
mode. The pinhole was set to 2.5 AU (561 nm). For recording, images were
sequentially acquired over 40 s and saved for later image processing.
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QUANTIFICATION AND STAISTICAL ANALYSIS
Data processing and analysis
PSF images were processed in the Amira software (Thermo Fisher Scientific). Using the
Extract Point Spread Function module, PSFs extracted from each image were averaged
into a single PSF, which was later used for image deconvolution (resized voxel size:
0.079 μm × 0.079 μm × 0.370 μm; image size: 32 pixels × 32 pixels × 21 slices). Image
deconvolution was performed using the Richardson-Lucy iterative non-blind algorithm
in the Fiji plugin DeconvolutionLab2 [81], or with CLIJ2 GPU-based Richardson-Lucy
deconvolution [82].
AZ detection was performed as described [34] in a compartmental manner. In
brief, a sub-image stacks were cropped from every MB compartment in the original
image. Compartments were manually identified referencing the CD4::tdTomato
membrane signal. An intensity threshold was applied to reduce background noise. Sub-
stacks were processed by the 3D maxima finder and the 3D spot segmentation function
in the 3D suite plugin [83] in Fiji. 3D maxima were detected for each cluster and used as
start points for pixel clustering using the 3D spot segmentation function. This process
created 3D ROIs enclosing individual Brp clusters. ROIs were then used to extract
signal intensities and cluster coordinates. Detection precision was optimized by
comparing detection results with manually defined ground truths as previously
described.
For calcium imaging, ROIs were manually drawn for each compartment in time-
series image stacks. GCaMP6s signal was normalized by mCherry in each time-frame
using the image calculator in Fiji. The mean intensity was calculated in each
compartment by averaging 7 frames without any odor stimulation as the basal level.
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Statistical analysis
Statistical analyses were performed using GraphPad Prism version 8, 9 and 10.
Summarized data are represented as box plots showing center (median), whiskers (Min.
to Max.). For comparison between more than two groups, Kruskal-Wallis test with
original False Discovery Rate (FDR) method of Benjamini and Hochberg correction
was applied. Desired false discovery rate was set to 0.05. For comparison between two
groups, unpaired nonparametric two-sided Mann-Whitney U-test was used. Pearson's
correlation coefficient (R) was calculated in Python.

 SUPPLEMENTAL FIGURE TITLES AND LEGENDS
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Figure S1. Heterogeneous Brp enrichment in the MB
(A) SNAP chemical tagging labeled endogenous Brp in the brain. Scale bar, 100 μm.
The dash line area in indicates the zoomed-in area showed in (B**)**.
(B) Intensity difference of Brp::SNAP between γ1 and γ5 compartment on the same
imaging plate. Scale bar, 50 μm.
(C) Schematic of the MB. The MB comprise three lobes based on the projection
patterns of three KC subtypes: γ KCs, α'/β' KCs and α/β KCs.
(D) Brp::SNAP intensity difference across compartments. Schematic drawings above
indicate compartments of each lobe.
Data are represented as box plots showing center (median), whiskers (Min. to Max.).
Significant differences (P < 0.05) are indicated by distinct letters. Kruskal-Wallis test.
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Figure S2. Pre-synapses in the MB are predominantly from KCs.

Pie charts showing the composition of pre-synapses in each of the three MB lobes. Data
is from the hemibrain online data but not all the cell types are listed. The number of pre-
synapse and the percentage are indicated for each cell type, including KCs, MBONs
PPL-1 neurons, PAM neurons, dorsal paired medial (DPM) neuron and anterior paired
lateral (APL) neuron.
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571 **Figure S3. Brp compartmental heterogeneity in different KC subtypes**
572 The 3D reconstruction of Brp::rGFP clusters, colored by Brp::rGFP intensity.
573 Brp::rGFP is visualized in γ KCs using MB009B-GAL4, in α/β KCs using MB008B-
574 GAL4 and in α'/β' KCs using MB0370B-GAL4. Scale bars, 20 μm.
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Figure S4. Correlation between Brp::SNAP and Cac::sfGFP signals intensities
(A) Correlation analysis of Brp::SNAP and Cac::sfGFP signal intensities. ROIs are
generated using 3D spot segmentation method without a watershed process. Relatively
loose setting was applied on Brp::SNAP images to generate wide ROIs. The same ROI
set was used to calculated signal intensities in both Brp::SNAP and Cac::sfGFP
channels. The 180˚ rotated version of Cac::sfGFP image was used as the control. A total
of 4000 ROIs were analyzed, and Pearson correlation coefficient (R) values were
calculated for each sample. Scale bars, 5 μm.
(B) Scatter plots showing the correlation between Brp::SNAP and Cac::sfGFP signal
intensities (left) and control (right) in different brain samples. R value is indicated for
each sample.

Figure S5. Brp compartmental heterogeneity in aging flies
Median intensity of Brp::rGFP clusters and the Brp::rGFP compartmental heterogeneity
were compared between 3 days old and 30 days old flies. Mann-Whitney U-test, 3 d (n
= 11) vs. 30 d (n = 10): p > 0.05.
Data are represented as box plots showing center (median), whiskers (Min. to Max.). ns
= not significant by Mann-Whitney U-test.
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Figure S6. Median intensities of Brp::rGFP clusters in each experiment
(A) Dopamine receptor knockdown experiment.
(B) *Tβh* mutant's experiment.
(C) Octopamine receptor knockdown experiment.
(D) Tyramine receptor knockdown experiment.

(E) Rut knockdown experiment.
(F) Starvation experiment.
(G) Starvation experiment of $T\beta h^{SK2-4}$ mutants.
Data are represented as box plots showing center (median), whiskers (Min. to Max.).

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