Proximity labelling reveals the compartmental proteome of murine sensory neurons

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Abstract

Introduction. Understanding the molecular architecture of peripheral sensory neurons is critical as we pursue novel drug targets against pain and neuropathy. Sensory neurons in the dorsal root ganglion (DRG) show extensive compartmentalization, thus understanding each compartment – from the peripheral to central terminals – is key to this effort.

Methods. To systematically profile this spatial complexity, we generated a TurboID[fl/fl] transgenic mouse line (ROSA26[em1(TurboID)Bros]), enabling targeted proximity labelling and deep proteomic profiling of DRG neuron compartments via Tg(Advillin-Cre)[+].

Results. Our data reveal distinct proteomic signatures across neuronal compartments that reflect specialized neuronal functions. We provide proteomic insights into previously inaccessible nerve terminals both in the periphery (innervating the skin) and in the spinal cord. Further, using a DRG explant model of chemotherapy-induced peripheral neuropathy, we uncover novel and discrete proteome changes, highlighting neuronal vulnerability.

Conclusion. Together, our findings provide a unique proteome atlas of the sensory neuron proteome across anatomical domains and demonstrate the utility of proximity labelling proteomics for detecting compartment-specific molecular alterations in a disease model.

Introduction

Dorsal root ganglia (DRG) serve as critical hubs in the peripheral nervous system (PNS), housing the somata of sensory neurons that transmit information from the periphery (Middleton et al., 2021). DRG comprise sensory neurons as well as other cells, including glial and immune cells. Consequently, the interpretation of bulk proteomics data from DRG is inherently complex.

Adding to this complexity, DRG neurons exhibit spatial compartmentalization via axons to peripheral and central nerve terminals. Understanding their spatial proteome is therefore critical for elucidating the molecular mechanisms underlying sensory processing, neuronal maintenance, and pathological conditions such as chronic pain. However, obtaining a comprehensive and spatially-resolved molecular profile of DRG neurons remains a significant technical challenge. Methods like fluorescence-activated cell sorting (FACS) can isolate specific cell types and have been used for synaptosome isolation (Biesemann et al., 2014), but FACS predominately prioritizes somata and/or nuclei. Isolating intact spatial compartments, particularly the nerve terminals, remains a major hurdle.

In recent years, proximity-dependent proteomic techniques like TurboID and APEX, have emerged as powerful tools for mapping subcellular proteomes and interactomes (Gingras et al., 2019; Qin et al., 2021). TurboID is an engineered, promiscuous biotin ligase that enables rapid and efficient labelling of proteins within a close proximity in living cells (Branon et al., 2018). To date, most applications of TurboID and its predecessor BioID have involved fusion proteins with compartment-specific targeting sequences, enabling selective biotinylation of proximal interactomes for downstream affinity purification and identification via mass spectrometry (MS) (Dingar et al., 2015; May et al., 2020; Roux et al., 2012). Unlike TurboID fusion proteins, the use of soluble TurboID variants enables unbiased labelling of the entire accessible proteome within a cell. Sunna et al. demonstrated that TurboID-mediated biotinylation covers approximately 59–65% of the proteome across cell lines expressing a cytosolic TurboID variant (Sunna et al., 2023). Proximity labelling has also been successfully used to probe central nervous system compartments. For example, Rayaprolu et al. developed a mouse model to explore brain region-specific proteomic differences using TurboID *in vivo* (Rayaprolu et al., 2022). In another study, Hobson et al. employed APEX2 proximity labelling to map proteomic differences between somatodendritic and axonal compartments in acute brain slices, demonstrating correlates with respective neuronal function (Hobson et al., 2022).

Here, we generated a conditional mouse line expressing TurboID from the Rosa26 locus, enabling cell-type-specific proximity labelling *in vivo* using a Cre-lox system. Paired to a Tg(Advillin-Cre)[+] driver line (Zurborg et al., 2011), TurboID expression is prominent in DRG sensory neurons. Consequently, we were able to systematically pro-

file the proteomes of DRG neuron compartments, providing a spatially resolved proteo-
mic atlas. We then harnessed this technique to explore proteome changes after oxali-
platin treatment in an *in vitro* DRG explant model of chemotherapy-induced peripheral
neuropathy (CIPN). CIPN is a common side effect of chemotherapy, with agents damag-
ing sensory neurons and leading to painful neuropathy often preventing adequate can-
cer therapy (Sisignano et al., 2014). Indeed, we observed aberrant neuronal proteome
dysregulation after oxaliplatin treatment, including changes not detected with bulk pro-
teomics.

Together, our findings reveal novel insights into the compartment-specific protein distri-
butions underlying key aspects of sensory neuron function and disease-related altera-
tions.

Methodology

Generation of TurboID mice (ROSA26$^{em1(TurboID)Bros}$) using CRISPR/Cas9

The conditional TurboID knock-in (cKI) mouse line was generated by site-directed
CRISPR/Cas9 mutagenesis in the ROSA26 locus. Superovulated C57Bl6/J females were
mated with C57Bl6/J males and fertilized eggs collected. In-house produced CRISPR re-
agents (hCas9_mRNA, sgRNAs, preformed Cas9_sgRNA-RNP complexes and the ho-
mology-directed repair fragment (HDR fragment)) were microinjected into the pronu-
cleus and the cytoplasm of pronuclear-stage zygotes using an Eppendorf Femtojet (Ep-
pendorf SE, Germany). Importantly, all nucleotide-based CRISPR/Cas9 reagents (sgR-
NAs and hCAS9_mRNA) were used as RNA molecules and were not plasmid-encoded,
reducing the probability of off-target effects due to the short lifetime of RNA-based rea-
gents (Doench et al., 2016; Tycko et al., 2019). The TurboID-containing HDR fragment
was generated by subcloning a V5-tag-TurboID sequence into the Ai14-ROSA26-based
plasmid backbone (Madisen et al., 2010) and isolated as a linear DNA fragment by
SacI/AgeI restriction enzyme double digestion. Two sgRNAs targeting the ROSA26 Locus
were selected using the guide RNA selection tool CRISPOR (Concordet & Haeussler,
2018; Haeussler et al., 2016). The correct locus-specific insertion of the HDR fragment
was confirmed by localization PCRs with primers upstream and downstream of the HDR
sequence. Extended details, including full sequences and genotyping strategy, are avail-
able in the Supplemental Methods.

Animal husbandry, breeding, and biotin supplementation

Adult male and female TurboID[fl/fl] control and Adv[Cre];TurboID[fl/fl] mice (12.5-26 weeks old
for compartmental proteome, 57-71 weeks old for oxaliplatin part) and in-house bred
wild type C57Bl6/J male mice (60-66 weeks old) were kept in a 12/12h day/night cycle
with *ad libitum* access to food and water in an open-cage environment. The animal ex-
periments were conducted in accordance with ethical guidelines and were approved by
the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) at the University of Vienna

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ber 2021-0.138.925 amended by 2024-0.896.105). All procedures complied with the in-
ternational ARRIVE guidelines and adhered to the European Union Directive 2010/63/EU
on the protection of animals used for scientific purposes. No mice were removed from
the study before their expected endpoint.

Breeding strategy: Male mice of the Tg(Advillin-Cre) driver line (referred to here as Adv^{Cre})
(Barry et al., 2023; Lopes et al., 2017; Zheng et al., 2019; Zurborg et al., 2011) were
crossed with here generated ROSA26$^{em1(TurboID)Bros}$ (TurboID$^{fl/fl}$) females to ultimately ob-
tain mice heterozygous for Adv^{Cre} (Adv$^{Cre/+}$) and homozygous for TurboID (referred to here
as Adv^{Cre};TurboID$^{fl/fl}$), along with their littermate controls (TurboID$^{fl/fl}$). Full details are pro-
vided in the Supplemental Methods.

Biotin supplementation: TurboID$^{fl/fl}$ control and Adv^{Cre};TurboID$^{fl/fl}$ mice received biotin-
enriched drinking water (0.22 mg/mL, prepared fresh every day) for 7 consecutive days
to enhance biotinylation (Branon et al., 2018). On day 8, the mice were sacrificed. This
dosing mirrored dosing of BioID mice, and can likely be reduced for TurboID, as reported
for the C57Bl6/J -*Gt(ROSA)26Sor$^{tm1(birA)Srgj}$*/J line (Rayaprolu et al., 2022).

Mouse numbers: The compartmental proteome was generated from pooled samples (3-
6 animals per sample) from the following mice: TurboID$^{fl/fl}$ control = 29M + 29F and
Adv^{Cre};TurboID$^{fl/fl}$ = 19M + 27F. Sample pools were stratified by sex.

Unilateral mouse DRG were used for explant cultures stimulated with Oxaliplatin, the
DRG of the other side for the Vehicle condition in parallel. For the enrichment of bioti-
nylated proteins in Adv^{Cre};TurboID$^{fl/fl}$, 4 samples (3M, 1F) were prepared for each condi-
tion, with multiple mice pooled for each samples. In total, 10 males and 4 females were
used per condition (3-4 mice per sample).

Tissue dissection

Mice were sacrificed via CO_2-inhalation and rapidly decapitated. The vertebral spine
was removed for subsequent isolation of the dorsal part of the lumbar 3-5 spinal cord
(SC) and lumbar 3-5 dorsal root ganglia (DRG). In parallel the sciatic nerves (SCN) of
both sides were dissected. The plantar paw skin (dermis and epidermis, without muscle
tissue) was removed by a 4 mm skin punch. Skin samples were immediately snap-fro-
zen in liquid N_2. All other tissues were washed in ice-cold 1× PBS to remove blood resid-
uals before snap-freezing in liquid N_2. All tissues remained at -80°C until further use.

Protein extraction

All steps are done at room temperature (RT) except otherwise mentioned.

DRG: Tissue homogenisation was done in lysis buffer (LB; 2% SDS, 0.1 M tris, 5% glyc-
erol, 0.01M DTT, 1× complete protease inhibitor cocktail) with 3x 10 strokes of a pes-
tle/potter. To facilitate lysis the homogenate was sonicated using a Bioruptor Pico (10x
30 s ON/30 s OFF, 4°C, low frequency). All sonification steps mentioned below are done

with the same settings (only cycle number varies). Samples were further incubated at
70°C, for 15' min with 1500 rpm (Thermomixer C, Eppendorf). The remaining cell debris
was pelleted by centrifugation (10', 10000 ×g) and the supernatant was saved. All repli-
cates of one condition were pooled and the concentration determined at 280 nm with a
NanoPhotometer N60 (Implen, München, Deutschland).

SCN: Protocol was performed as above, except the centrifugation was followed by an-
other 5 min-long centrifugation (RT, 10000×g) to further clear the lysate of lipid clouds.
Before pooling and concentration measurement an acetone precipitation was done (see
below).

SC: The DRG protocol was modified in that the pestle/potter step was omitted, instead
the SC was cut into 3 smaller pieces and transferred to 2 mL LoBind tubes (prefilled with
500 µL of LB) for sonification Pico for 15 cycles. Other steps as for DRG, but before pool-
ing and concentration measurement an acetone precipitation was done (see below).

Paw skin: the skin punches were cut into 4 smaller pieces, transferred into a potter pre-
filled with LB and homogenized with help of 3× 10 strokes of a pestle/potter. Lysis of tis-
sue was facilitated by incubation for 20 min, at 70°C and 1500 rpm, followed by sonifi-
cation for 15 cycles. The lysate was cleared of cell debris and excessive lipids by 2× cen-
trifugation 10 min, 10000×g) and the supernatant was saved. Before pooling and con-
centration measurement an acetone precipitation was done (see below).

For the SCN, SC and paw skin an acetone precipitation was done to reduce the amount
of lipids in the samples: 5× sample volume of pre-cooled (-20°C) 100% acetone was
added to each sample and the tube was shortly inverted to ensure thorough mixing. If
needed, samples were split into 2× 2 mL tubes to allow for 5× addition of sample vol-
ume. Precipitation of proteins was allowed for 3-3.5 h at -20°C. Next the precipitates
were pelleted by centrifugation for 30 min and 14000×g. Pellets were washed with 1.5
mL pre-chilled (4°C) 80% ethanol and the centrifugation repeated as above. After re-
moval of the ethanol, pellets were air-dried for 20-30 min. Proteins were reconstituted in
LB by incubation for 15 min, 70°C, 1500 rpm. If were not fully solubilized, the incubation
was repeated and LB volume increased until fully solubilized. Total protein concentra-
tion of pooled samples was determined with a NanoPhotometer at 280 nm.

Streptavidin-mediated enrichment of biotinylated proteins

Streptavidin-affinity purification protocol is based on the high stringency protocol de-
scribed in Go et al., 2021 with modifications. The required amount of streptavidin beads
(Sera-Mag SpeedBead Blocked Streptavidin Particles, Cytiva, 83 µL bead slurry/ 1000 µg
input) was transferred into LoBind protein tubes, washed twice with 500 µL LB without
SDS, and resuspended in the same buffer. Protein lysates (input amount: DRG 1000 µg,
SCN 600 µg, SC 800 µg, skin 2000 µg) were prepared to a final SDS concentration of
0.5%, final volume of 1500 µL. Lysates were incubated with the beads at 4°C for 3.5 h on

an overhead shaker. Unless otherwise stated, all subsequent steps were performed at
RT.

Following incubation, samples were placed on a magnetic rack for 2 min. Beads were
then subjected to a series of washes, each performed with 1 mL of buffer, followed by
overhead shaking for 1 min each (Grant-Bio PTR-35 Multi-Rotator) and incubation on the
magnetic rack for 2 min until the solution cleared. The washes included one step with
2% SDS Wash Buffer (2% SDS, 25 mM Tris), two washes (three for skin samples) with
modified RIPA buffer (50 mM Tris, 150 mM NaCl, 1.5 mM $MgCl_2$, 1% Triton X-100, 1 mM
EDTA), and three washes with 50 mM ammonium bicarbonate (ABC, pH 8). After the first
ABC wash, the beads were transferred to a new 1.5 mL LoBind tube in 500 µL ABC
buffer, followed by the addition of another 500 µL ABC before finalizing the washes.

For protein reduction, 135 µL of 5 mM dithiothreitol (DTT) in 50 mM ABC containing 0.8
mM biotin was added to each sample and incubated at 60°C for 30 min at 1000 rpm.
Samples were then cooled to RT by briefly placing them on ice. Alkylation was per-
formed by adding iodoacetamide (IAA) to a final concentration of 20 mM (15 µL of 200
mM IAA), followed by incubation for 30 min in the dark under constant agitation. The re-
action was quenched by adding 1M DTT to a final concentration of 5 mM and incubating
for 15 min with 3× 5 s vortexing steps in between. Proteins were digested for 17 h at 37°C
and 950 rpm using 1.5 µg Trypsin/LysC per 1000 µg input. After the digest, peptides were
eluted by placing the tubes on a magnetic rack for 2 min and transferring the superna-
tant to fresh 2 mL LoBind tubes. The beads were further washed with 20 µL MS-grade
water (5 min, 500 rpm), and the wash was pooled with the initial eluate. Peptide concen-
trations were measured at 205 nm to calculate the required amount of SP3-beads (1:1
mix of Sera-Mag SpeedBead beads, 10-15 µL bead slurry to 40-50 µg peptides). To
clean-up the peptides, peptide solution was split into two 2 mL tubes, the required bead
amount and 100% ACN was added to reach 95% ACN. Samples were incubated for 8
min and 500 rpm, followed by a 2-min incubation on a magnetic rack. The ACN was dis-
carded, and beads were rinsed with 400 µL 100% ACN, incubated for 2 min on a mag-
netic rack, and the ACN was discarded again. Peptides were reconstituted in 20-25 µL
MS-grade water, incubated for 5 min with shaking at 500 rpm, followed by another 2-min
incubation on a magnetic rack. The supernatants of previously split samples were
pooled, centrifuged at 17000×g for 2 min, placed on a magnetic rack, and the final su-
pernatant was transferred to a glass vial. Peptide concentrations were measured at 205
nm with a NanoPhotometer, and samples were acidified to a final concentration of 0.1%
formic acid (FA). The samples were stored at -20°C until LC-MS measurement.

DRG explants preparation

From both Adv[Cre];TurboID[fl/fl] and TurboID[fl/fl] mice (fed with biotin-enriched water for 7
days, see above) 20 DRG per side were isolated and collected separately by side in two
tubes containing DMEM/F-12 at RT for explant culturing (Fornaro et al., 2018). The DRG
of one side were plated in 50 µL volume in to a well of a 24-well plate and incubated for

10 min at 37°C, 5% CO_2. In the meantime, the oxaliplatin (100 µM) and/or vehicle (H_2O,
Veh) was mixed with DMEM +10% horse serum (HS) +100 ng/mL nerve growth factor
(NGF) + 50 µM biotin and 500 µL/well were carefully added. The drug/Veh was incubated
for 48 h at 37°C, 5% CO_2.

To find an effective oxaliplatin concentration in line with previous reports (Livni et al.,
2019), DRG explant cultures were prepared in a similar way from wild type mice. DRG
from one mouse were separated into 4 wells for 4 conditions Veh, 25 µM, 50 µM and 100
µM oxaliplatin in DMEM+HS+NGF. The drug/Veh was incubated for 48 h at 37°C, 5%
CO_2.

Sample preparation of DRG explants

The protein extraction was done similarly for both WT and TurboID DRG explants. All
DRG of one well were transferred to an Eppendorf tube and washed twice with ice-cold
1× PBS by inverting the tube 10×. After discarding all PBS, 300 µL LB was added and
DRG explants were sonicated for 10 cycles and further incubated at 70°C, for 15 min
and 1500 rpm. Remaining cell debris was pelleted by centrifugation (5', 10000×g) and
the supernatant was saved. The total protein concentration was determined at 280nm
with a NanoPhotometer N60. The TurboID samples underwent the above described
streptavidin-affinity purification to enrich for biotinylated proteins and preparation of
peptides (input 725 µg).

For the WT samples a modified version of the single-pot, solid-phase-enhanced sample
preparation (SP3) method(Hughes et al., 2019) was employed to digest proteins and
clean the peptides. In brief, 10 µL of pre-mixed Sera-Mag SpeedBead beads were added
to 50 µg of protein. To facilitate protein binding to the beads, an equal volume of abso-
lute ethanol was added, followed by incubation for 5 min at 24°C and 1000 rpm. Beads
were collected on a magnetic rack for 2 min, the supernatant was discarded, and the
beads were washed thrice with 500 µL of 80% ethanol. Subsequently, the beads were
resuspended in 50 µL of 50 mM ABC, pH 8 containing 2 µg of Trypsin/Lys-C and incu-
bated overnight at 37°C and at 950 rpm. Following protein digestion, ACN was added to
each sample to reach a final concentration of 95%. After an 8-min incubation, beads
were collected on a magnetic rack for 2 min. The supernatant was discarded, and the
beads were washed with 900 µL of ACN. For peptide elution, the remaining ACN was al-
lowed to evaporate for 2-3 min and the beads were resuspended in 40 µL of LC-MS
grade water. Peptide concentrations were measured at 205nm using a NanoPhotometer
N60. Finally, the peptide samples were acidified with FA to a concentration of 0.1% and
stored at -20°C until LC-MS/MS analysis.

Gel-electrophoresis & Western blot

All lysates from TurboID tissue that were going to be used as input samples for the
streptavidin-affinity enrichment were checked by WB for the biotinylation success. The
samples were prepared by dissolving them in 4× LDS Sample Buffer supplemented with

4× Reducing Agent to reach final 1×concentrations followed by heating to 70°C for 10
min. For protein separation, samples were loaded onto pre-cast NuPAGE® Bis-Tris 4–
12% gradient gels, the NuPAGE® (Life Technologies) electrophoresis chambers filled
with 1× NuPAGE® MOPS buffer and the gels run for 40-50 min at 200 V.

Following electrophoresis, proteins were transferred onto PVDF membranes using the
iBlot2® Gel Transfer Device (Life Technologies, program #0, 7 min). To block non-spe-
cific binding sites, membranes were incubated with 5% milk in PBS for 45 min at RT.
Subsequently, membranes were incubated with primary antibodies (diluted in 1%
milk/PBS; Stable 1) for 1.5 h, followed by an overnight incubation at 4°C with an addi-
tional 1:4 dilution. Membranes were washed with PBS (three short washes followed by
three 5-min washes) before incubation with the respective secondary antibodies (di-
luted in 1% milk/PBS; see Stable 1) for 1 h. After washing with PBS as described before,
immunolabeled proteins were detected using near-infrared fluorescence imaging (Bio-
RAD ChemiDoc MP).

LC MS acquisition

Nanoflow reversed-phase liquid chromatography (Nano-RPLC) was performed using
NanoElute2 systems (Bruker Daltonik, Bremen, Germany) and coupled to a timsTOF HT
mass spectrometer (Bruker Daltonik, Bremen, Germany) via a CaptiveSpray ion source.
The mobile phase consisted of solvent A (100% water, 0.1% formic acid) and solvent B
(100% acetonitrile, 0.1% formic acid).

500 ng peptides were loaded onto a C18 trap column (1 mm × 5 mm, ThermoFisher) be-
fore being separated on an Aurora™ ULTIMATE analytical column (25 cm × 75 μm)
packed with 1.6 μm C18 particles (IonOpticks, Fitzroy, Australia) over a 60-minute gradi-
ent. The flow rate was maintained at 250 nL/min, except for the final 7 minutes, where it
was increased to 400 nL/min. The gradient of mobile phase B was adjusted as follows:
an initial linear increase from 2% to 15% over 30 minutes, followed by a rise to 35% over
22 minutes, and a sharp increase to 85% within 0.5 minutes. The flow rate was then ad-
justed to 400 nL/min in 0.5 minutes and held for 7 minutes to ensure complete elution of
hydrophobic peptides.

Data acquisition was performed in data-independent acquisition (DIA) mode using par-
allel accumulation serial fragmentation (PASEF). Precursors with an m/z range of 350–
1100 were analysed across 12 MS/MS ramps in a cycle, with either two or three quadru-
pole switches per ramp. Each cycle contained 30 MS/MS windows within a 0.65–1.30
(1/k0) ion mobility range, using a fixed isolation window of 25 Da per step. The acquisi-
tion time per DIA-PASEF ramp was set to 100 ms, resulting in a total cycle time of ap-
proximately 1.38 seconds. Collision energy was ramped linearly from 65 eV at 1/k0 = 1.6
to 20 eV at 1/k0 = 0.6.

Spectral deconvolution with DIA-NN

DIA-NN 1.8.2 was used to process DIA-PASEF data in library-free mode (Demichev et
al., 2020). For the TurboID and WT samples, each tissue and, in case of Adv[Cre];TurboID[fl/fl]
and TurboID[fl/fl] genotypes were processed in a separate analysis step using the same
spectral library. The spectral library was predicted from a Mus musculus proteome da-
tabase from UniProt containing 17,070 protein entries (downloaded on 2021-07-08), in
case of the TurboID samples it included in addition streptavidin (P22629|SAV_STRAV)
and TurboID sequence. *In silico* digestion was performed using Trypsin/P, allowing up to
two missed cleavages. A maximum of three variable modifications was allowed per pep-
tide including methionine oxidation, and N-terminal acetylation, while Cysteine car-
bamidomethylation was set as a fixed modification. Peptide length for the search
ranged from 5 to 52 amino acids. Precursor charge was set to 2-4. In accordance with
the DIA-PASEF acquisition method, the m/z ranges were set to 350–1100 for precursor
ions and 100–1700 for fragment ions. Mass accuracy was chosen automatically using
the first run in the experiment. Protein inference was performed using unique genes. The
single-pass mode was chosen. Quantification was carried out using RT-dependent
cross-run normalization and the Quant UMS (high precision) option. The main DIA-NN
output was processed using the R package DiaNN to extract MaxLFQ intensities (Cox et
al., 2014; Demichev et al., 2020) for all identified protein groups, applying a q-value
threshold of <0.01 at both the precursor and gene group levels. Matrices were merged
by protein group were applicable for downstream analyses.

Neuronal protein enrichments

Protein enrichments were calculated within each tissue/neuronal component prior to
merging. First, proteins were filtered for distinct gene symbols, keeping the first instance
where matches exist. Any protein detected in ≥75% of Adv[Cre];TurboID[fl/fl] samples for a
given tissue, and no control sample was considered enriched (type "A"). This comprised
the majority of enrichments. For proteins in ≥75% of Adv[Cre];TurboID[fl/fl] samples from any
tissue, and any amount of control underwent differential expression testing using a
standard limma framework (`lmFit` + `eBayes`) (Ritchie et al., 2015). Proteins were
modelling by a grouped factor for Tissue and TurboID Status, and contrasted within tis-
sue between TurboID and Control samples (ie. Paw.Turbo – Paw.Control). Proteins were
considered enriched when FDR < 0.05, and LFC > 1 ("DEP").

For explant analyses, we used the cross-tissue enrichments described above as a refer-
ence for neuronal enrichment, instead of setting a 75% threshold (ie. explant data were
first filtered for neuronal enrichments using this reference list). Any proteins detected in
the turbo samples and not control (type "not in TurboID[fl/fl]"), as well as any proteins that
then hit a threshold of FDR < 0.05, and LFC > 1 (type "DEP") were considered enriched in
explant neurons.

Pathway analyses

GO enrichments were performed on enriched proteins and differentially expressed pro-
teins using the `enrichGO` function from the ClusterProfiler and org.Mm.eg.db libraries

in R (Wu et al., 2021). Both cellular component (CC) and biological pathways (BP) were
extracted, with an adjusted p-value cutoff of 0.01 (Benjamini-Hochberg corrected). To
account for redundancy in the GO terms, outputs were slimmed using default settings:
`clusterProfiler::simplify(ego, cutoff=0.7, by="p.adjust", select_fun=min, measure =
'Wang')`.

For pathway analyses of TurboID-enriched proteins, a background of all proteins de-
tected across the four tissue wildtype whole cell lysates + proteins detected with Tur-
boID samples – this represents the entire universe of proteins which could have been
enriched in neurons using the TurboID approach. For pathway analyses of differentially
expressed proteins, a background of all proteins tested within the comparison was
used. For pathway analyses of co-expression modules (below), module genes were
compared to the universe of neuronal-enriched proteins.

Synaptosome comparisons

Published DIA-MS synaptosome data from the skin/paw (Rawat et al., 2025) and spinal
cord (Casañas & Montesinos, 2022) were compared to peripheral and central terminal
proteomes respectively. Overlapping proteins were subject to pathway analyses via
`ClusterProfiler` as described above, against "CC" (cellular component). Human gene
names were mapped to mouse using `biomaRt` in R. Where > 10 pathways were signifi-
cant, terms were filtered for "synap|signal|signalling|signaling|junction|membrane" for
plotting, will all significant hits available in STable 3.

Subtype enrichment

Neuronal subtype enrichment was calculated using an Overrepresentation Analysis
(ORA) on previously published custom-made gene lists from the mouse DRG tran-
scriptomics (Barry et al., 2023; Zheng et al., 2019). Briefly, custom gene enrichment lists
for DRG neuronal subtypes were calculated from Zheng et al. (2019) using DESeq2 (Love
et al., 2014; Zheng et al., 2019). ORA was then performed on TurboID-enriched proteins
from each tissue using `Clusterprofiler ::enricher` (Wu et al., 2021). For each tissue, the
background was defined as any protein detected in whole cell lysate or TurboID sam-
ples, and the custom enrichment lists were filtered for proteins in the pre-defined back-
ground prior to ORA. `Clusterprofiler ::enricher` does not allow the definition of both a
custom background universe and custom gene set list (instead using only proteins de-
fined in the custom gene sets as a background). To overcome this, the background pro-
teins were defined as an additional gene set, and the gene set size was capped at 2000
to exclude this set from a direct enrichment analysis while maintaining them in the
background. An FDR < 0.05 was considered significantly enriched, with an FDR =1 set
for plotting.

Immune cell enrichment

The depletion of immune cells was determined by the "infiltration score" from the `Im-
muCellAI` package (0.1.0), a GSEA-based approach to query immune signatures (Miao

et al., 2022). Protein names were converted to human gene symbols using the biomaRt
package, and the expression of each tissue/compartment was presented against a
background of all proteins detected in bulk and/or turbo samples, mirroring the pathway
analysis (above). Missing values were imputed as zeros, and ImmuCellAI was run with
default settings. The "infiltration score" was extracted from the resulting abundance
matrix for plotting via ggplot2.

Sexual dimorphism

Male/Female differences were tested using a standard limma framework for the neu-
ronal proteome of each tissue (Ritchie et al., 2015). Proteins were modelled using a
grouped factor for Tissue and Sex and contrasted within Tissue as M – F. Proteins were
considered enriched when FDR < 0.05, and abs(LFC > 1). Phenotype permutations (eg.
randomizing M/F labelling) was also employed via limma through `camera()` as a more
conservative test of pathway dysregulation. Pathways were considered enriched for an
FDR < 0.05.

Weighted co-expression network analysis

A weighted protein co-expression network was built using the WGCNA package in R
(version 1.72-5) (Langfelder & Horvath, 2008). Turbo samples were filtered for the entire
universe of enriched proteins (ie., enriched in any component). Proteins expressed only
in a single component and proteins with a variance of 0 were then removed, resulting in
a matrix of 3142 proteins across 39 samples.

Soft power was established for a signed network using `pickSoftThreshold(type =
"signed")`, with a model fit of 0.8. The scale-free topology fit index failed for reasonable
powers (< 30), suggesting a strong correlation among large gene groups, thus violating
the assumption of the scale-free topology approximation. As noted in the WGCNA pack-
age documentation, this is commonly seen with datasets containing multiple tissue
types, and a lack of scale-free topology fit does not inherently invalidate the
data(Langfelder & Horvath, 2008). Consequently, we selected the recommended soft
power of 14 for signed networks with 30-40 samples.

Network adjacency was calculated with `adjacency(type = "signed")` and the topologi-
cal overlap matrix was calculated with `TOMsimilarity(TOMtype = "signed")`, both using
default settings. Modules were established through adaptive branch pruning `dynamic-
Mods <- cutreeDynamic(dendro = geneTree, distM = dissTOM, deepSplit = 2, pamRe-
spectsDendro = FALSE, minClusterSize = 30)`. Module eigengenes were then extracted
for downstream analyses.

Terminal protein-protein interaction networks

Neuronally enriched proteins (the "neuronal proteome") for each terminal compart-
ment were used to generate large-scale protein-protein interaction networks in Cyto-

scape, via the stringApp (Doncheva et al., 2023; Shannon et al., 2003). For the periph-
eral terminals, a core cluster of 433 proteins were highly connected through high confi-
dence (0.7) protein-protein interactions (Szklarczyk et al., 2023). For the central termi-
nals, 2271 proteins formed the core cluster. For each compartment, these networks
were then clustered further. Here, community clustering was performed on the resulting
STRING network in Cytoscape, where the Girvan-Newman fast greedy algorithm was im-
plemented through ClusterMaker2 via GLay (Su et al., 2010; Utriainen & Morris, 2023).
Functional attributes within each cluster where then calculated via the stringApp,
against a background of the entire peripheral/central terminal proteome respectively.
Cluster numbers are somewhat arbitrary but correspond to the supplemental table out-
puts with full enrichment details.

Oxaliplatin effects

The effects of the chemotherapy agent oxaliplatin on explant cultures was tested using
limma. For DRG explants dissected from wildtype mice, oxaliplatin was administered at
25 μM, 50 μM and 100 μM concentrations (or vehicle). Proteins here were modelled as
Concentration.Condition, and contrasted within each concentration. For TurboID mice,
data were first filtered for Turbo samples and TurboID-enriched proteins prior to model-
ling by Condition. In each case, limma was used to contrast by treatment condition (ox-
aliplatin – vehicle). Proteins were considered differentially expressed with FDR < 0.05,
and abs(LFC) > 0.5. Downstream processing is described in the `*Pathway anal-*
yses` section.

Comparisons against LFC and overall expression were compared to previously pub-
lished, DIA-MS from *in vivo* oxaliplatin dosing (Yang et al., 2022)

Rank-Rank Hypergeometric Overlap

Rank-Rank Hypergeometric Overlap (RRHO) testing was performed on limma outputs.
Here, concordant and discordant gene profiles were calculated via the Stratified
method using ranked `$-\log_{10}$(p-values) * sign(effect size)`, implemented through the
RRHO2 library in R in line with their published recommendations (Cahill et al., 2018)

STRING analysis

STRING protein-protein interaction analyses were performed through Cytoscape 3.10.3
using the stringApp (Doncheva et al., 2023; Shannon et al., 2003) A list of DEPs for each
significant biological pathway were extracted from the ClusterProfiler output (see: *Path-*
way analyses) and loaded into the stringApp with default settings. Proteins were col-
oured based on differential expression in either TurboID only, or TurboID + bulk explant
datasets. Drug targets were determined via https://dgidb.org/, filtered for "regulatory
approval == Approved" (Cannon et al., 2024).

Immunohistochemistry (IHC)

For IHC the tissue was dissected as above with modifications: instead of the dorsal part
of the SC, the whole L3-5 SC was taken out. The plantar paw punch contained not only
the epidermis and dermis but all layers below the bones. The dissected tissue was fixed
in 4% formalin/PBS for 3 h at 4°C, followed by overnight cryoprotection in 30% (w/v) su-
crose at 4°C. For sectioning, the tissue was embedded in Tissue-Tek O.C.T. compound
and frozen. Serial sections (SCN, DRG: 10 µm, SC: 30 µm, skin: 20-40 µm) were ob-
tained using a cryostat and mounted on SuperFrost Plus slides. Sections were stored at
-80°C until further processing.

Frozen sections were thawed at RT for 30 min before permeabilization and blocking in
0.4% Triton X-100/PBS containing 5% donkey serum for 30 min. Primary antibodies, di-
luted in 0.1% Triton X-100/PBS with 1% donkey serum, were applied overnight at 4°C.
Following three washes in PBS, sections were incubated at RT for 2 h with Alexa Fluor-
conjugated secondary antibodies in PBS containing 1% donkey serum and 0.1% Triton
X-100. Unbound antibodies were removed by washing with PBS, and sections were
mounted using SlowFade™ Glass Soft-set Antifade Mountant Medium containing 4',6-
Diamidino-2-phenylindole (DAPI). Antibodies used are listed in STable 1.

Graphics

R base functions and the following libraries were used to compile plots unless other-
wise described: ggplot2, ggbiplot, ComplexHeatmap, cowplot, gridExtra. Figures and
schematics were designed in Inkscape.

Use of generative AI

Generative AI tools (OpenAI ChatGPT) were used solely to improve phrasing, clarity, and
formatting. All scientific concepts, experimental designs, hypotheses, and project goals
were developed by the research team. No synthetic or AI-generated data were included.

Results

We profiled the compartmental proteome of murine sensory neurons of DRG using the well characterized Tg(Advillin-Cre) driver line (referred to here as Adv^{Cre}) (Barry et al., 2023; Lopes et al., 2017; Zheng et al., 2019; Zurborg et al., 2011) crossed with the here generated ROSA26$^{em1(TurboID)Bros}$ (TurboID$^{fl/fl}$) mouse line (Figure 1; please see Methods for details on line generation, breeding, and husbandry). In Adv^{Cre+};TurboID$^{fl/fl}$ mice (referred to here as Adv^{Cre};TurboID$^{fl/fl}$), TurboID is expressed in the cytoplasm of Advillin -positive cells, resulting in promiscuous biotinylation of intracellular proteins, largely within sensory neurons (Fig 1A). Respective control tissue was derived from littermates lacking Adv^{Cre} (Adv^{Cre-};TurboID$^{fl/fl}$, referred to as TurboID$^{fl/fl}$). TurboID$^{fl/fl}$ samples do not express TurboID and therefore serve as controls to account for endogenous biotinylation (Fig 1A). Tissue from wildtype mice were also collected for downstream comparisons (Fig 1B).

DRG neurons are pseudounipolar, with peripheral branching to target organs and central branching to the spinal cord. To cover this spatial complexity, we isolated tissue from the spinal cord (SC), dorsal root ganglia (DRG), sciatic nerve (SCN) and paw skin after providing biotin in drinking water for 7 days (Branon et al., 2018; Rayaprolu et al., 2022). Biotinylated proteins were enriched after tissue lysis followed by analysis using liquid chromatography-coupled mass spectrometry (LC-MS/MS). Biotinylation in each tissue of Adv^{Cre};TurboID$^{fl/fl}$ mice was confirmed by immunohistochemistry (Fig 1C, SFig 1A) and validated via Western blotting (SFig 1B). As expected, we see a clear enrichment of biotin labelling (visualised via biotin-streptavidin) across all compartments (Fig 1C). Using Western blotting, biotin signal was readily detected in tissue lysates but was less prominent in skin (SFig 1). The latter may be due to low protein quantity after lysis, while TurboID-positive afferents were evident by immunohistochemistry (Fig 1C, "skin").

To generate a comprehensive and quantitative compartmental proteome atlas of DRG neurons, we employed data-independent acquisition combined with parallel accumulation–serial fragmentation (DIA-PASEF) mass spectrometry on Adv^{Cre};TurboID$^{fl/fl}$ and Adv^{Cre} -negative control tissue (TurboID$^{fl/fl}$) (Fig 2, SFig 2-5, STable 1). Both overlapping and distinct proteins were detected across DRG compartments (Fig 2A). A comparison of Adv^{Cre};TurboID$^{fl/fl}$ with TurboID$^{fl/fl}$ controls shows more protein (SFig 2A) and more protein groups (SFig 2B) in Adv^{Cre};TurboID$^{fl/fl}$ samples. Samples also clustered by Adv^{Cre};TurboID$^{fl/fl}$ compartment (Fig 2B) and across genotype (Fig 2C; SFig 2C). A full expression matrix is available in STable 1.

TurboID-mediated enrichment of proteins across compartments

In Adv^{Cre};TurboID$^{fl/fl}$, proteins were considered enriched based on two criteria: A; proteins detected in Adv^{Cre};TurboID$^{fl/fl}$ samples, but not in TurboID$^{fl/fl}$ samples, or B; proteins significantly upregulated in Adv^{Cre};TurboID$^{fl/fl}$ samples compared to TurboID$^{fl/fl}$ (log$_2$ fold change (LFC) > 1, FDR < 0.05, see Methods) (Fig 2D-F, STable 2). These upregulated proteins are referred to as differentially expressed proteins (DEPs). In addition, there are

few downregulated proteins, likely reflecting endogenous biotinylation such as in the
case of Acaca, Acacb, Mccc1, and Pcca (Fig 2D), which are routinely reported in proxim-
ity labelling studies (Dumrongprechachan et al., 2021; Sun et al., 2022).

All enriched proteins (based on criteria A and B above) were then combined, compared
across compartments (Fig 2E-F), and treated equally for all downstream analyses. We
identified the highest number of enriched proteins in the somata (DRG), followed by the
central terminals (terminals$_c$, SC), axons (SCN), and finally the peripheral terminals (ter-
minals$_p$, skin), with overlapping and distinct proteins (Fig 2E-F). Across the dynamic
range, we see an enrichment of neuronal cell type markers (e.g. Calca, Osmr, Piezo2)
and key nociceptor ion channels (e.g. Scn8a-10a, Trpv1) in Adv^{Cre};TurboID$^{fl/fl}$ samples
over TurboID$^{fl/fl}$ (Fig 2G, SFig 2D; full list of proteins in STable2).

Of note, in the skin, Adv^{Cre} is known to be expressed in both primary afferents and, to a
lesser extent, Merkel cells (Hunter et al., 2018). Because of this, we also detect Merkel
cell markers (e.g. Krt20) in our TurboID-enriched proteome of the skin but not in other
compartments (STable 2).

Taken together, our results yield a curated, enriched, and compartmental proteome of
murine primary sensory neurons ranging from hundreds to thousands of proteins per
compartment.

Enrichment of proteins in neuronal terminals

A complementary method to isolate neuronal compartments from the skin or spinal
cord is synaptosome isolation. Synaptosome preparations allow for the co-isolation of
pre- and post-synaptic machinery, enriched against other components in the tissue.
Recently, synaptosomes were profiled from both mouse and human skin without tailor-
ing for a specific cell type (Rawat et al., 2025). While the methods diverge in the exact
tissue extracted, both our proximity labelling approach and synaptosome profiling from
either species should extract the synaptic compartment of sensory terminals. To test
this, we assessed overlapping proteins in both enriched datasets and compared cellular
compartment pathways on this overlap (Fig 3A, mouse; Fig 3B, human). Indeed, we see
a significant enrichment for synapse-related pathway terms across mouse datasets
when comparing overlapping proteins (Fig 3A). There is also a trending enrichment when
comparing our mouse TurboID data from peripheral terminals with human skin synapto-
somes (Fig 3B, FDR ~ 0.07-0.09). The latter likely reflects reported similarities in identi-
fied proteins despite known species differences (Segelcke et al., 2023). Overall, this
comparison strengthens and validates our TurboID data in terminal endings and, at the
same time, complements the published synaptosome data. While both TurboID and
synaptosome profiling extracted synapse-related proteins (Fig. 3A), in our TurboID da-
taset we detect hundreds of proteins associated with synaptic compartments that were
not reported in the paw synaptosome fraction (Rawat et al., 2025), such as Syn1, Syn2,
and Synj1 (Fig. 3C, STable 3).

Next, we tested the overlap with a murine spinal cord synaptosome dataset (Casañas &
Montesinos, 2022), which reports both first- and higher-order synapses from a diverse
population of cell types (Fig 3D). Again, we see a positive enrichment of synapse terms
across datasets further validating that our TurboID approach successfully extracts rele-
vant synaptic compartments.

The use of Adv[Cre] allows targeting the majority sensory neurons in the PNS (Zurborg et
al., 2011). To evaluate the representation of neuronal subpopulations within our da-
taset, we performed gene set enrichment analysis using a curated list of neuronal sub-
type markers from published deep RNA-seq data (Barry et al., 2023). As expected, the
strongest subtype enrichment was observed in the DRG, with significantly enriched sig-
natures for non-peptidergic (NP) and peptidergic nociceptors (PEP), as well as a mix of
low-threshold mechanoreceptors (LTMRs; including A-field-LTMR, C-LTMR, and AB-
LTMR) (Fig 3E). Across all compartments a positive trend for neuronal subtypes
emerged. Significant enrichments were particularly notable for NP nociceptors, A-field-
LTMR, and C-LTMR (Fig 3E, STable 3). These findings indicate that our proximity labelling
approach preserves the molecular diversity of sensory neuron subtypes across their an-
atomical domains.

Compartmental sexual dimorphism

To explore sex-specific molecular differences, we analysed differential protein expres-
sion between male and female mice across all compartments (SFig 3). With an FDR <
0.05, the TurboID-enriched proteome appeared largely conserved between sexes, with a
few exceptions in abs(LFC) > 1, such as Lgi1 and Sprr1a in central terminals and Brd4
and Palm2 in the peripheral terminals (SFig 3A, STable 4).

To gain broader biological insights, we also conducted gene set enrichment analysis us-
ing ranked LFC. This analysis revealed sexually dimorphic regulation of few pathways
(SFig 3B). In the peripheral terminals, we see differences in circulatory and vascular
pathways, whereas peptide biosynthesis and macromolecule biosynthesis show differ-
ences in the somata. We further explored potential sexual dimorphism through pheno-
type permutations as a more conservative approach and did not find any regulated
pathways in any compartment. Taken together, our data support a narrative of minimal
sexual dimorphism in TurboID-enriched proteomes.

Functional signatures show separation by neuronal compartment

To extract the corresponding functional signature, Gene Ontology (GO) pathway anal-
yses were performed against a background of all proteins expressed in the correspond-
ing tissues (Fig 4). While neuronal signatures were detected in each compartment, they
also exhibited functional specificity(Fig 4, STable 5). Primary afferents synapse on sec-
ondary order neurons in the dorsal horn of the spinal cord. This corresponds to the en-
richment of proteins involved in presynaptic function and synaptic signalling between
neurons, as well as vesicle-mediated transport, exocytosis, and other synapse-related

terms in the SC. The DRG contain neuronal somata, and, thus, corresponding functional
enrichment matches expectations. Here, we observed the enrichment of proteins in-
volved in mRNA processing, post-translational modification, and nuclear structures, in
line with the biosynthetic activity expected in neuronal cell bodies.

The sciatic nerve consists of neuronal axons, as well as Schwann cells, fibroblasts, en-
dothelial cells, and immune cells. Its neuronal proteome is enriched for myelination, cy-
toskeletal organization, and vesicle-mediated transport (STable 5). The "myelination"
terms included nodal and paranodal proteins such as Cntn1 (Contactin-1) and Cntnap1
(Caspr1), as well as more generally expressed neuronal proteins like Ncam1, Nefl,
Nefm, and Nefh. In addition, we found proteins more classically associated with myelin
itself, such as Plp1, MBP, and MPZ , which also show expression in neuronal subtypes
(Bhuiyan et al., 2024).

To explore functional organization across neuronal compartments, a signed weighted
protein co-expression network was constructed on the neuronal proteome (Fig 5). The
co-expression network was built using the WGCNA package in R with a soft power
threshold of 14. Ten protein co-expression modules were identified (excluding the unas-
signed "grey" module), each comprising a minimum of 30 proteins (Fig 5A). Of these, 9
modules showed significant correlation with anatomical compartment (FDR < 0.05),
while none were associated with sex (Fig 5B). The latter is in line with our pathway analy-
sis (SFig 3) and consistent with earlier findings reporting a mild sexual dimorphism in
DRG neurons (Barry et al., 2023; Tavares-Ferreira et al., 2022).

Specific modules showed clear compartmental specificity. For example, the brown
module correlated strongly with the DRG (somata), while the blue module was associ-
ated with central terminals in the spinal cord. Conversely, several modules -including
black, yellow, and green - were negatively associated with peripheral terminals, likely
indicating a relative depletion of these proteins in distal axonal endings (Fig 5C–D). As
expected, most modules exhibited strong alignment with one or more anatomical com-
partments, reinforcing the functional specialization of the sensory neuron proteome
across space (Fig 5D).

Biological pathway analyses of these modules (against a background of all proteins
used to build the co-expression network) was then performed (Fig 5E-H, STable 6). The
`brown` module, which is positively correlated with the soma, reflects a group of pro-
teins implicated in `translation`, `peptide metabolic process`, and `RNA pro-
cessing` (Fig 5E). The blue module, which correlated with central terminals in the spinal
cord, showed associated with `trans-synaptic signalling`, `regulation of neurotrans-
mitter levels`, and `neurotransmitter transport`, reflecting synaptic functions in the
dorsal horn (Fig 5F). The yellow module, which was positively correlated with soma and
central terminals, relates to `protein polymerization`, `supramolecular fibre organiza-
tion` and the `regulation of cellular component size` (Fig 5G).

No modules were positively correlated with the peripheral terminals - possibly due to
the lower number of enriched proteins in peripheral terminals - but the most negative
correlation is the black module. Although no biological pathways reached statistical sig-
nificance in this module, cellular components related to `neuronal projection`, `soma-
todendritic compartment`, `postsynaptic density`, and `neuronal cell body` were
among the annotations (Fig 5H).

TurboID proteomics provides a unique look at terminal endings

To explore protein interaction and functional organization in peripheral and central ter-
minals, large-scale protein–protein interaction (PPI) networks were constructed using
STRING (Fig 6, SFig 4) (Szklarczyk et al., 2023). A Girvan-Newman fast greedy algorithm
was then used to generate community clusters (Su et al., 2010; Utriainen & Morris,
2023), and the functional enrichment of each cluster was calculated.

In the peripheral terminals (skin), the proteome revealed a diverse and functionally rich
landscape, spanning protein transport, metabolic pathways, and signal transduction
(Fig 6). A wide array of protein classes was detected, including SNARE complex compo-
nents such as Syntaxin-7 and Snap25, as well as chaperones and ubiquitin-related pro-
teins, such as Usp7 and heat shock proteins. Notably, even pain-associated ion chan-
nels (Trpv1, Scn10a, and Scn11a) were detected in clusters annotated for membrane
trafficking and exocytosis. A full breakdown of each cluster enrichment is available in
STable 7.

A similar pattern was observed in the central terminals of the spinal cord (SC), where
clustering revealed extensive functional heterogeneity (SFig 4, STable 8). Enriched clus-
ters included pathways involved in signal transduction, endosomal processing, and
membrane trafficking—hallmark processes of synaptic signalling and neurotransmis-
sion (see Stable 8 for a functional breakdown).

Together, these analyses demonstrate that proximity labelling via TurboID enables un-
precedented insights to the proteomic architecture of otherwise inaccessible neuronal
compartments. This approach holds considerable promise for extracting functional,
spatially resolved proteomes in defined cell types.

TurboID proteomics enables deeper insights than bulk tissue proteomes

To contextualize the advantages of TurboID-based proximity labelling, we compared our
compartment-resolved proteomes to conventional bulk tissue proteomics. We har-
vested the skin, SCN, DRG and SC and determined the proteome using the same mass
spectrometry-based workflow as applied to the TurboID samples above (SFig 5, STable
9). As expected (Barry et al., 2018; Xian et al., 2022), we detect several thousands (7000-
9000) protein groups per tissue (SFig 5A), with samples clustering by tissue (SFig 5B).
Consistent with earlier studies (Barry et al., 2018; Xian et al., 2022), we identified many
neuronal proteins in bulk datasets. While these bulk tissue proteomes exhibited a large

overlap with TurboID-enriched proteomes, the latter identified dozens of additional pro-
teins in each compartment (STable 10; example for bulk skin versus TurboID-enriched
peripheral terminals, SFig 5D).

To additionally assess the enrichment achieved by TurboID proteomes, we compared
the extent of immune cell subtypes present in TurboID proteomes versus bulk tissue
proteomes. (SFig 5E). ImmuCellAI (Miao et al., 2022) was used to calculate an "immune
infiltration score", which reflects a composite GSEA enrichment across immune cell
subtypes. Indeed, compared to bulk tissue samples, we obtained a reduced immune
signature in TurboID-enriched proteomes, further validating our approach (SFig 5E).

This highlights two key advantages of TurboID-based proteomics: First, it facilitates the
enrichment of proteins in a Cre-dependent manner within the same tissue. Second, Tur-
boID enhanced detection sensitivity in tissues with sparse cellular content, such as pe-
ripheral terminals in the skin. In these regions, the detection of sensory neuron-specific
proteins — particularly ion channels — has been challenging and largely unsuccessful
using bulk proteomics (Dyring-Andersen et al., 2020; Xian et al., 2022). In contrast, Tur-
boID-based profiling recovered functionally important signatures in peripheral termi-
nals, including prominent drug targets such as Scn10a, Scn11a, and Trpv1, providing
molecular access to previously inaccessible compartments (Fig 6, SFig 5D).

Together, these data underscore the power of TurboID-based proteomics to resolve cell
type-specific proteomes within complex tissues. Importantly, this strategy opens a path
to study the proteome dynamics of afferent terminals in disease models and in re-
sponse to pharmacological interventions.

TurboID proteomics reveals neuron-enriched changes in response to oxaliplatin treat-
ment

Next, we tested the utility of our TurboID workflow in a pharmacological context. For
this, we turned to oxaliplatin, a chemotherapeutic agent. Chemotherapy-induced pe-
ripheral neuropathy (CIPN) is a common and often painful condition affecting the pe-
ripheral nervous system, known to impact neuronal and non-neuronal cells in the DRG
(Sisignano et al., 2014). In adherence to the 3Rs of animal research, we employed a
DRG explant model to explore oxaliplatin-induced changes in neuronal somata (Fig 7,
SFig 6-7, STables 11-16). Mirroring the compartmental proteomes above, we deter-
mined the bulk proteome of DRG explants from wildtype mice and, thereafter, com-
pared these data with TurboID-enriched proteomes obtained from Adv[Cre];TurboID[fl/fl]
mice (versus TurboID[fl/fl] controls).

In the bulk proteome of wildtype mice we identified ~7200 protein groups (SFig 6A, STa-
ble 11), with clustering driven by oxaliplatin concentration (SFig 6B-C). Consistent with
earlier studies, oxaliplatin exposure led to widespread proteome changes, including al-
terations in known neuronal proteins (SFig 6D-E, STable 12). When comparing DEPs
from our DRG explant data to previous work *in vivo* (Yang et al., 2022), we see a strong

correlation of protein expression (SFig 6F). We next employed a rank-rank hypergeomet-
ric overlap test and observed good concordance for DEPs across both datasets (SFig
6G). These comparisons suggest similar oxaliplatin-induced proteome changes validat-
ing our explant model.

Next, we treated DRG explants from Adv^{Cre};TurboID$^{fl/fl}$ mice and TurboID$^{fl/fl}$ controls with
oxaliplatin or its vehicle (Fig 7, SFig 7, STable 13). As expected, Adv^{Cre};TurboID$^{fl/fl}$ ex-
plants exhibited prominent protein enrichment compared to TurboID$^{fl/fl}$ controls (SFig
7A). Samples clustered by genetics in the first principal component (PC), with slight
separation by drug treatment in the second PC (SFig 7B). In both oxaliplatin-treated
(SFig 7C, left) and vehicle-treated (SFig 7C, right) explants, Adv^{Cre};TurboID$^{fl/fl}$ samples (vs
TurboID$^{fl/fl}$) showed robust TurboID-mediated enrichment with ~ 2500 protein groups per
condition (SFig 7D, STable 14).

Within this TurboID-enriched proteome, we detected a substantial number of DEPs after
oxaliplatin treatment compared to vehicle-treated controls (Fig 7A, STable 15). Notably,
these differences were only partially reflected in the bulk explant proteome (Fig 7B).
Even so, we saw a high rank-rank hypergeometric overlap between the bulk explant and
TurboID-enriched proteomes after oxaliplatin treatment (Fig 7C), and a high semantic
similarity across DEPs (Fig 7D).

Next, we assessed DEP-associated functions in DRG explant proteomes. After oxali-
platin treatment, pathways related to amino acid transport and cell adhesion were
downregulated in the TurboID-enriched proteome (Fig 7E, STable 16). To further dissect
these pathways, we constructed a corresponding PPI network based on pathway-asso-
ciated DEPs (Fig 7F). This revealed prominent downregulation across multiple func-
tional modules (Fig 7Fi). While some of these DEPs were regulated in both bulk and Tur-
boID-enriched explant proteomes, others were only detected in the TurboID-enriched
proteome (Fig 7Fii). The latter included Trpv1, Scn11a, and Calca, as well as the central
module with Itgb1, Lama2, and Rock2 – all of which are targets of approved drugs
(https://dgidb.org/). For example, capsaicin patches (target: Trpv1) for pain, and the ki-
nase inhibitor Vandetanib (target: Rock2), which is prescribed against a subset of thy-
roid cancers (Viola et al., 2016) (https://dgidb.org/).

These findings illustrate the enhanced resolution of TurboID-mediated proteomics, un-
covering molecular changes that may be masked in bulk tissue analyses. Thus, our Tur-
boID workflow offers a powerful tool to dissect disease mechanisms and treatment ef-
fects in complex tissues.

Discussion

As a generalized proof-of-concept, we demonstrate how our TurboID (TurboID^{fl/fl}) mouse line enables cell-type-specific proteomic labelling across anatomically distinct compartments. We paired it with Adv^{Cre} to target TurboID expression to primary sensory neurons of DRG, resulting in robust biotinylation across neuronal compartments. Using DIA-PASEF mass spectrometry, we provide unprecedented insights into compartment-specific DRG neuron proteomes from peripheral to central terminals.

This spatial resolution is particularly significant in the peripheral terminals of DRG neurons in the skin. Peripheral nerve endings are typically characterized by immunohistochemistry and have remained largely inaccessible to unbiased omics approaches. Neither our bulk proteomic data nor previous high-coverage DIA-MS datasets from mouse skin or human skin were able to profile key sensory neuron markers (Dyring-Andersen et al., 2020; Rawat et al., 2025; Xian et al., 2022). Sparse molecular signatures are often masked by dominant cell types, likely restricting the detection of neuronal signatures in the skin. Similar considerations apply to transcriptome profiling. While single-cell and single-nucleus RNA sequencing are valuable for cell-type-resolved transcriptomes, they are typically limited to somata within the DRG, lack proteomic resolution, and do not capture distal compartments (Grindberg et al., 2013; Matzinger et al., 2023). The expansion of spatial sequencing helps address many of these issues, although recent spatial transcriptomics of the sciatic nerve have not resolved neuron-specific clusters (Ferreira et al., 2024), and to our knowledge, a high resolution spatial-seq dataset including peripheral terminals in the skin is still missing. Here, we used TurboID-based proteomics and were able to profile neuronal markers and prominent drug targets such as Trpv1, Scn10a, and Scn11a in the peripheral terminals. Consequently, at present, our TurboID-based proteomic atlas offers a unique spatial profile spanning the extent of murine DRG sensory neuron compartments. We expect that our data will provide a valuable protein-level stepping stone for ongoing efforts to expand spatial -omics to previously inaccessible cell types and compartments.

A strength of the TurboID approach is the ability to probe proteins enriched in one compartment over others. Many of the proteins enriched in central terminals relate to synapse function and vesicle trafficking as expected. Alongside, we also detected several proteins relevant to pain and somatosensation such as Lgi1, Stoml3, and Cacng2 (stargazin) (Bortsov et al., 2019; Farah et al., 2024; Lafrenière & Rouleau, 2011; Wetzel et al., 2017). In the axon, we a number of functionally relevant proteins were enriched, including Arhgap32, Atp1a2, and Kcnab3. Arhgap32 (aka Grit, Rics, or p250GAP) is a GTPase regulator that interacts with Ntrk1 to regulate neurite outgrowth (Kannan et al., 2012; Nakamura et al., 2002). Atp1a2 encodes an ATPase Na+/K+ transporting subunit with a role in migraine (Murata et al., 2020), and Kcnab3 is a shaker-type potassium axillary unit, likely expressed in the paranodal and juxtaparanodal region (Rasband & Trimmer, 2001). Shaker-type channels are general involved in regulating excitability (Rasband et al., 2001), but the implications of Kcnab3 expression remains unclear and follow-up

work for all candidates is warranted for a better understanding of DRG sensory neuron
functions.

While not a main focus of this study, we were also able to probe neuronal sex differ-
ences across compartments, expanding on previously reported sexual dimorphism in
mouse and humans (Barry et al., 2023; North et al., 2019; Tavares-Ferreira et al., 2022;
Xian et al., 2022). Mirroring these data across sensory neuron subtypes, we see mar-
ginal differences between male and female neurons under naïve conditions.

To highlight how TurboID proximity labelling could be exploited to study functional
changes in a clinically-relevant disease context, we investigated proteome dynamics in
a DRG explant model of CIPN. Exposure to oxaliplatin resulted in widespread proteomic
alterations in both bulk and TurboID-enriched proteomes, as expected. While DEP sets
varied between bulk and TurboID enrichments, semantic similarity of enriched path-
ways was high, indicating shared biological responses. A major benefit of our TurboID
approach in explants is the neuronal enrichment, highlighting disruption to organic an-
ion and amino acid transport pathways. This contrasts the more generalized effect of
oxaliplatin seen in the whole DRG proteome composed of diverse cell types and high-
lights the practicality of the DRG explant model for rapid *in vitro* screening of neurotoxic
effects.

Transporter disruptions have widely been reported in the context of CIPN (Filipski et al.,
2009; Huang et al., 2020; Litke et al., 2022; Schulte & Ho, 2019; Sisignano et al., 2014;
Sprowl et al., 2013). Organic cation transporters, such as Oct2, have been implicated in
oxaliplatin uptake by sensory neurons, and their activity contributes to neurotoxicity
(Sisignano et al., 2014; Sprowl et al., 2013). Similarly, organic anion-transporting poly-
peptides (OATPs) affect CIPN pathophysiology (Leskelä et al., 2011; Li et al., 2023;
Schulte & Ho, 2019). Impaired transporter function can lead to drug accumulation in
DRG, contributing to mitochondrial dysfunction, oxidative stress, and neuroinflamma-
tion, all of which underlie CIPN pathogenesis (Sisignano et al., 2014). In our study, sev-
eral transporters were downregulated in response to oxaliplatin treatment. Some
changes are evident across neuronal and bulk proteomes (e.g. Slc7a14, Slc2a3), while
the dysregulation of others (e.g. Slc1a4, Slc3a2, Slc33a1) could only be detected when
studying the neuronal proteome. Pursuing these transport pathways may provide novel
strategies to mitigate CIPN while preserving the anticancer efficacy of chemotherapy,
with promising attempts to target transporters already in development (Li et al., 2023).

When paired with conventional bulk analyses, our approach offers a multi-layered view
of the proteomic landscape in response to drug treatment and in disease models, com-
plementing and extending *in vivo* work.

Limitations

This study provides a quantitative, compartmental proteomic atlas of DRG sensory neu-
rons and serves as a valuable reference for the field. However, it is not exhaustive, and

reports a neuronal-enriched proteome (opposed to neuronal-specific). Particularly, the
detection of low-abundance transmembrane proteins is known to be challenging. It may
be further improved through advances in mass spectrometry sensitivity, biotinylation
efficiency, and sample preparation protocols. Fewer protein identifications were ob-
tained in peripheral terminals and axons - a likely reflection of heterogenous tissue
composition and sparse neuronal content - resulting in a relative bias toward somata
and central terminals, where neuronal protein density is higher. While our results repre-
sent a robust starting point, future studies with deeper coverage and within-compart-
ment comparisons under various biological conditions will be critical for advancing our
knowledge about the molecular features of terminal regions. Likewise, deeper coverage
and higher sensitivity will enable future work on differentiating sensory neuron subtypes
and their sparse peripheral terminals.

Future directions

A key advantage of using TurboID transgenic mice is the opportunity to interrogate oth-
erwise inaccessible cellular compartments. Prior work in both mice and humans has
shown alterations in intraepidermal nerve fibre density across painful conditions
(Middleton et al., 2021; Schmidt et al., 2022). Pairing our compartmental proteome with
in vivo functional testing will provide a rich understanding of the underlying molecular
changes and their correlation with behavioural outcomes in future studies.

Another major benefit lies in the flexibility of Cre-based recombination. Pseudobulk
analyses are frequently used in scRNA-seq (and spatial) transcriptomics to compare
within cell-type changes across conditions. Paired to adequate transgenic drivers and
downstream DIA-MS, TurboID[fl/fl] can be used to generate a corresponding proteome for
multi-omic analyses within cell types. In the context of sensory neurons, this can be
subtype targeting (e.g. Mrgprd[Cre] or Th[Cre]) or injury-specific targeting (e.g. Atf3[Cre]) (Cooper
et al., 2024; Zheng et al., 2019). More broadly, our approach could be extended to di-
verse cell types, such as fibroblasts in the skin, satellite glia in the DRG, or interneurons
in the dorsal horn (to name a few).

Conclusions

In this study, we generated a TurboID[fl/fl] transgenic mouse, using it to systematically pro-
file the proteomes of DRG sensory neuron compartments. Spanning from peripheral to
central terminals, we provide a proteomic atlas across DRG sensory neuron compart-
ments. Our findings reveal compartment-specific protein distributions that reflect spe-
cialized neuronal functions. Furthermore, we report previously unknown changes in an
explant model of chemotherapy-induced peripheral neuropathy. Taken together, our
methodological workflow and obtained data serve as a highly valuable resource for
studying neuronal specialization and proteome dynamics in the peripheral nervous sys-
tem.

Code Availability

All code is available at https://github.com/aliibarry/turboID.

Data Availability

The mass spectrometry proteomics data, including metadata, fasta, and gene group matrices for each dataset have been deposited to the ProteomeXchange Consortium via the PRIDE(Perez-Riverol et al., 2022) partner repository with the dataset identifier PXD062198. Processed data are also available on github (https://github.com/aliibarry/turboID/data/).

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 Figure Legends

Figure 1. Adv[Cre];TurboID[fl/fl] mice were used to target the DRG neuron proteome. A. Schema over-
view for biotinylation of DRG proteins. Adv[Cre];TurboID[fl/fl] and TurboID[fl/fl] mice were provided bio-
tin-enriched water; in Adv[Cre];TurboID[fl/fl], this promotes the biotinylation of proteins within Ad-
villin-expressing (+) cells. Advillin-negative (-) cells and tissues from TurboID[fl/fl] mice only con-
tain endogenously biotinylated proteins. Tissues were lysed and biotinylated proteins were puri-
fied followed by downstream LC-MS/MS on a timsTOF HT in DIA-PASEF mode. B. Bulk proteo-
mes were isolated from wildtype (WT) mice for each corresponding tissue in A. C. Representa-
tive immunohistochemistry from TurboID[fl/fl] (control) and Adv[Cre];TurboID[fl/fl] mice across tissues.
Cyan, DAPI. Magenta, Streptavidin-555 (labelling biotin). Scale bar = 50 μm.

Figure 2. Protein enrichment by TurboID. A. Protein counts by sample, with "overlap" represent-
ing proteins detected in both Adv[Cre];TurboID[fl/fl] and TurboID[fl/fl] control tissue. B-C. PCA for
Adv[Cre];TurboID[fl/fl] (B) and both Adv[Cre];TurboID[fl/fl] and TurboID[fl/fl] (C). D. Volcano plots highlight
DEPs based on their LFC in Adv[Cre];TurboID[fl/fl] versus TurboID[fl/fl]. E. Numbers of enriched proteins,
including both DEPs from D (Adv[Cre];TurboID[fl/fl] vs TurboID[fl/fl]), as well as proteins detected in
Adv[Cre];TurboID[fl/fl] but not TurboID[fl/fl] controls ("not in TurboID[fl/fl]"). F. Comparison of protein en-
richment across tissues. G. Dynamic range plot for previously published neuronal and subtype
markers in the DRG (LaCroix-Fralish et al., 2007; Tavares-Ferreira et al., 2022; Zheng et al.,
2019), plotted as the median expression across all compartments.

Figure 3. Validation against published datasets. A-C. Comparison of our TurboID proteome in
peripheral terminals with Rawat et al., (2025) skin synaptosome proteomics, via overenrichment
analysis for cellular compartment terms. A. Overlapping pathways with the murine synapto-
some dataset. B. Overlapping pathways with the human skin synaptosome dataset. C. Proteins
enriched in our TurboID peripheral terminal data but not detected in the murine synaptosome
dataset. D. Comparison of our TurboID proteome in central terminals to spinal cord (SC) synap-
tosome data from Casañas & Montesinos (2022). E. Gene set enrichment analysis against cus-
tom DRG subtype gene lists. GS = gene set. NP = non-peptidergic. PEP = peptidergic. PROP =
proprioceptor. LTMR = low threshold mechanoreceptor. LFC = $\log_2$ fold change. terminals$_p$ = pe-
ripheral terminals (skin); terminals$_c$ = central terminals (SC). Count = the number of proteins de-
tected within each gene list, per compartment. Extended data in STable 3.

Figure 4. Pathway and neuronal subpopulation enrichment across compartments. Schematic
highlights the GO over-enrichment analysis per tissue. BP = biological pathway; CC = cellular
compartment. (X) term rank by adjusted p-value. % represents the GO term/neuronal enrich-
ment. Please see STable 5 for corresponding data.

Figure 5. Weighted co-expression network of the TurboID-enriched proteome. A. Dendrogram
with minimum 30 proteins per module. B. Correlation between modules and traits (compart-
ment or sex). C. ME (module eigengene) value per sample. D. Module eigengene (ME) separation
by component and module for modules significantly correlated to tissue (FDR < 0.05, BH correc-
tion). E-H. Biological pathway (E-G) and cellular compartment (H) analysis for modules of inter-
est. E. brown, F. blue, G. yellow, H. black. No biological pathways or cellular components were
significant for the green module. p.adjust = adjusted p-value. qscore = $-\log_{10}$(p.adjust). termi-
nals$_p$ = peripheral terminals (skin); terminals$_c$ = central terminals (SC).

Figure 6. Community clustering of the peripheral terminal proteome, with edges denoting high confidence protein-protein interactions. Protein nodes are coloured by cluster, and clusters are described by functional summaries with proteins of interest highlighted. Full functional enrichments are available in STable 7.

Figure 7. Oxaliplatin-treated Adv^{Cre};TurboID$^{fl/fl}$ explants highlight neuronal dysregulation. A. Volcano plot of the TurboID proteome (Adv^{Cre};TurboID$^{fl/fl}$) for oxaliplatin vs vehicle,. B. DEP overlap (oxaliplatin vs vehicle) between bulk (WT, grey) and TurboID (orange) explant proteomes. C. Correlation between LFC for overlapping DEPs in B. D. Semantic similarity between TurboID and bulk DEPs. E. Neuronal biological pathway downregulation after oxaliplatin treatment, highlighting protein counts which overlap across pathways. F. STRING protein-protein interaction network for DEPs in regulated pathways from E. i, LFC in the TurboID-enriched proteome. ii, Approved drug targets from dgidb.org are highlighted with dashed circles. DEPs detected only in the TurboID-enriched proteome are in orange, those overlapping with the bulk analysis are in grey. LFC, log2-fold change.

Supplemental Figures

Supplemental Figure 1. A. Immunohistochemistry of Adv^{Cre};TurboID$^{fl/fl}$ with sensory neuron markers peripherin and NF200. Scale bar = 50 um. B. Western Blot analyses for TurboID (left) and B-actin loading controls (right). Adv^{Cre};TurboID$^{fl/fl}$ (T) and TurboID$^{fl/fl}$ (TC) samples for each tissue were loaded. DRG, dorsal root ganglia; SCN, sciatic nerve; SC, lumbar spinal cord.

Supplemental Figure 2. DIA-PASEF mass spectrometry of Adv^{Cre};TurboID$^{fl/fl}$ and TurboID$^{fl/fl}$ control samples across sensory neuron compartments. A-B. Summed expression (A), and Protein Group counts (B) by tissue and TurboID status. C. Heatmap of ion channel expression across all samples. D. Dynamic range for proteins of interest in Adv^{Cre};TurboID$^{fl/fl}$ samples plotted as expression (log$_2$ Intensity) per component. terminals$_p$ = peripheral terminals (skin); terminals$_c$ = central terminals (SC). Relates to Figure 2.

Supplemental Figure 3. Sexual dimorphism across neuronal compartments. A. Differential protein expression by compartment, comparing male vs female mice within TurboID-enriched proteomes. Significant proteins are in pink. LFC = log$_2$ fold change B. Biological Pathway analysis for peripheral terminals and DRG on ranked fold changes between male and female samples. Counts reflect the number of proteins in each respective term. terminals$_p$ = peripheral terminals; terminals$_c$ = central terminals.

Supplemental Figure 4. Community clustering of the TurboID-enriched central terminal proteome, with edges denoting high confidence protein-protein interactions. Protein nodes are coloured by cluster, and clusters are described by functional summaries with proteins of interest highlighted. Full functional enrichments are available in Stable 8.

Supplemental Figure 5. Bulk proteomes of the four analysed tissues from wildtype mice. A. Protein Group (PG) counts per tissue. B. PCA by tissue. C. Heatmap of the scaled expression of selected key neuronal genes. D. Comparison of key neuronal proteins between peripheral terminals of Adv^{Cre};TurboID$^{fl/fl}$, those of TurboID$^{fl/fl}$, and bulk proteomes obtained from skin samples. E. Depletion of ImmuCellAI immune cell signatures is evident in Adv^{Cre};Turbo$^{fl/fl}$ samples compared to corresponding bulk samples from wildtype tissues.

Supplemental Figure 6. Bulk Proteomics of DRG explants exposed to oxaliplatin (25, 50 or 100
uM) or vehicle (Veh). A. Protein counts. B. PCA across sample conditions shows clear separa-
tion of oxaliplatin-treated samples versus Veh-treatment. C. Correlation across samples, la-
belled as oxaliplatin (25, 50, 100) or vehicle (Veh). D. Heatmap across selected key neuronal
proteins. E. Differentially expressed proteins (DEPs) between 100 uM oxaliplatin- and Vehicle-
treated DRG explants using bulk proteomics. Purple dots indicate significantly regulated pro-
teins (FDR < 0.05, LFC > 0.5). F. Correlation of relative protein abundance between our DEP da-
taset (from E) with previously published proteome data from *in vivo* oxaliplatin-treated DRG
(Yang et al., 2022). G. Rank-rank hypergeometric overlap between our DEP dataset (in E) and
DEPs of the previously published oxaliplatin-treated proteome (Yang et al., 2022). DEP, differen-
tially expressed protein; LFC, $\log_2$ fold change.

Supplemental Figure 7. Proteomics of DRG explants from Adv[Cre];TurboID[fl/fl] and TurboID[fl/fl]
mice. A. Protein group counts across conditions. B. PCA across conditions. C. Differentially ex-
pressed proteins between Adv[Cre];TurboID[fl/fl] and TurboID[fl/fl] explant samples, for both vehicle and
oxaliplatin-treated explants. D. Numbers of enriched proteins, including both DEPs from C
(Adv[Cre];TurboID[fl/fl] vs TurboID[fl/fl]), as well as proteins detected in Adv[Cre];TurboID[fl/fl] but not Tur-
boID[fl/fl] controls ("not in TurboID[fl/fl]"), please see methods for details. LFC = $\log_2$ fold change. Ox
= oxaliplatin. V = vehicle.

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Adv^Cre;TurboID^fl/fl

TurboID^fl/fl

Advillin + cells   Advillin − cells
cell type

★ Biotin

I. Tissue lysis
II. Biotin Enrichment
III. SP3

I. LC-MS/MS (DIA-PASEF)
II. Spectral Deconvolution
III. Neuronal-enriched proteome

B

WT

I. Tissue lysis
II. SP3

I. LC-MS/MS (DIA-PASEF)
II. Spectral Deconvolution

C

	skin	SCN	DRG	SC

Adv^Cre TurboID^fl/fl

TurboID^fl/fl

Fig 1

Fig 2

Fig 3

peripheral terminals

Scn11a
Scn10a
Trpv1

CC (1): myelin sheath, 8%
CC (2): presynapse, 13% + (4) postsynaptic density, 9%
CC (5): distal axon, 8%
BP (1): endocytosis, 13%
BP (2): organelle localization, 12%
BP (3): reg. of vesicle-mediated transport, 13%

somata

CC (1): spliceosomal complex, 3%
CC (2): ribonucleoprotein granule, 3%
CC (3): nuclear body, 7%
BP (1): mRNA processing, 7%
BP (2): post-translations regulation, 6%
BP (4): endomembrane system organization, 6%

CC (1): myelin sheath, 7%
CC (2): actin cytoskeleton, 9%
CC (4): microtubule, 7%
BP (1): reg. of protein-containing complex assembly, 9%
BP (2): reg. of cytoskeleton organization, 10%
BP (6): reg. of vesicle-mediated transport, 10%

axons

CC (1): myelin sheath, 5%
CC (2): presynapse, 10%
CC (4): neuron to neuron synapse, 8%
BP (1): reg. of vesicle-mediated transport, 9%
BP (2): exocytosis, 6%
BP (3): vesicle-mediated transport in synapse, 5%

central terminals

Fig 4

Fig 5

1. Protein Transport

2. ER to Golgi anterograde transport, SNARE complex

3. Clathrin-mediated endocytosis, vesicles

4. Cytoskeleton, microtubule associated complex

5. Extracellular matrix + signal transduction

6. Metabolic pathways

7. Translation, RNA-binding

8. Cell membrane

9. Chaperone complex, protein folding

Vapb
Rab11b
Stx7
Snap25
Scn10a
Synj1
Nefh
Nefl
Mapt
Osmr
Atp1a1
Gabbr1
Slc25a4
Larp1
Rpl5
Scn11a
Trpv1
Hspe1
Usp7

Fig 6

Fig 7

Biotin

Peripherin

Merged

NF200

DAPI

B

Alexa 680

Dylight 800

B-actin

TC   T   TC   T   TC   T   TC   T

DRG   SCN   DRG   SCN

B-actin

TC   T   TC   T   TC   T   TC   T

skin   SC   skin   SC

SFig 1

SFig 2

SFig 3

8. Lipid metabolism

Lpcat1

Sgpl1

6. Endosomal

Vsp28

Chmp1a

1.Signal transduction

Trpv1   Ntrk1

Ntrk3

2. Membrane trafficking, cellular localization

Scn9a

Stx1b   Gabra1

Ddx3x

Eno2

3. Metabolic pathways

Acat2

Dst

Snta1   Lama4

9. Mixed ECM

Uba1

Katnal2

4. Post-translational protein modifications

5. Oxidative phosphorylation

Nup85

7. Nucleocytoplasmic transport, transcriptional regulation

SFig 4

SFig 5

SFig 6

SFig 7

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8 **Supplemental Table 17**. Key Resources

Type	Designation	Source	Identifiers	Additional
Mouse strain	C57BL/6J	In house bred		Wild type, male
Mouse strain	Tg(Advillin-Cre)$^+$	Kind gift of Prof. Dr. Klaus-Armin Nave, Max Planck Institute for Multidisciplinary Sciences, Göttingen	(Zurborg et al., 2011) Tg(Avil-cre)1Phep MGI:5292346	
Mouse strain	TurboID$^{fl/fl}$	Current study	ROSA26$^{em1(TurboID)Bros}$	
Chemical	Acetonitrile	Fisher Scientific	10001334	
Chemical	Formic Acid	Fisher Scientific	15658430	
Chemical	10x PBS	Fisher Scientific	11594516	
Chemical	Tris 1M	Accugene/Avantor	51237	

Chemical	NaCl, 5M	Accugene/Avantor	51202	
Chemical	Triton™ X-100	Fisher Scientific	10102913	
Chemical	Invitrogen™ SDS, 20% Solution, RNase-free	Fisher Scientific	AM9820	
Chemical	Biotin	Sigma-Aldrich	B4501-10G	
Chemical	Oxaliplatin	Sigma-Aldrich	O9512-5MG	
Chemical	Glycerol	Fisher Scientific	10021083	
Chemical	Dithiothreitol 1M	Sigma-Aldrich	43816	
Chemical	Acetone	Sigma-Aldrich	1000201000	
Chemical	Ethanol	Sigma-Aldrich	1117272500	
Chemical	Iodoacetamide	Sigma-Aldrich	I1149	
Chemical	Ammonium bicarbonate	Sigma-Aldrich	09830-500G	
Chemical	Water MS grade	Sigma-Aldrich	1.15333.1000	
other	Trypsin/Lys-C	Promega	V5073	
other	rhβ-Nerve Growth Factor	R&D Systems	256-GF	
other	Gibco™ DMEM/F-12, GlutaMAX™ Supplement	Fisher Scientific	31331028	
other	Sera-Mag SpeedBead beads	Cytiva	65152105050250, 45152105050250	1:1 mix
other	Sera-Mag SpeedBead Blocked Streptavidin Particles	Cytiva	21152104010150	
other	Complete protease inhibitor cocktail	Roche/ Merck	58929700001	Mix of protease inhibitors
other	Protein LoBind tube	Eppendorf	0030108116, 0030108132	Reagent tube
other	4X Bolt™ LDS sample buffer	Fisher Scientific	B0007	
other	10X Bolt™ Sample Reducing Agent	Fisher Scientific	B0009	
other	Bolt™ Bis-Tris Plus Mini Protein Gels, 4-12%, 1.0 mm	Fisher Scientific	NW04120BOX	
other	Invitrogen™ iBlot™ 2 Transfer Stacks, PVDF, mini	Fisher Scientific	IB24002	

other	SlowFade™ Glass Soft-set Antifade Mountant, with DAPI	Fisher Scientific	S36920	
other	Aurora Series UHPLC column	IonOpticks	AUR2-25075C18A-CSI	
other	Biopsy punch 4mm	Kai medical	48401	
antibody	Streptavidin-AF680	invitrogen	S21378	1:500 dilution
antibody	Mouse mc α-β-actin	Sigma-Aldrich	A1978-200UL	1:500 dilution
antibody	Streptavidin-AF555	Invitrogen	S32355	1:500 dilution
antibody	Rabbit α-NF200	Sigma-Aldrich	N4142-25UL	1:500 dilution
antibody	Chicken α-Peripherin	ABcam	AB39374	1:100 dilution
antibody	Donkey α-mouse AF790	Invitrogen	A11371	1:8000 dilution
antibody	Donkey α-rabbit 488	Invitrogen	A-21206	1:250 dilution
antibody	Donkey α-chicken 647	Invitrogen	A78952	1:250 dilution
software, algorithm	DIA-NN	https://github.com/vdemichev/DiaNN		1.8.2
software, algorithm	R	https://www.r-project.org/		4.3.2
software, algorithm	Mouse proteome	Uniprot	UP000000589	
software, algorithm	Cytoscape	https://cytoscape.org/		3.10.3

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Supplemental Methods: Proximity labelling reveals the compartmental proteome of
murine sensory neurons

Generation of TurboID mutant mice using CRISPR/Cas9

The conditional TurboID knock-in (cKI) mouse line was generated by site-directed CRISPR/Cas9
mutagenesis in the ROSA26 locus. Superovulated C57Bl6/J females were mated with C57Bl6/J
males and fertilized eggs collected. In-house produced CRISPR reagents (hCas9_mRNA,
sgRNAs, preformed Cas9_sgRNA-RNP complexes and the homology-directed repair fragment
(HDR fragment)) were microinjected into the pronucleus and the cytoplasm of pronuclear-stage
zygotes using an Eppendorf Femtojet. Importantly, all nucleotide-based CRISPR/Cas9 reagents
(sgRNAs and hCAS9_mRNA) were used as RNA molecules and were not plasmid-encoded,
reducing the probability of off-target effects due to the short lifetime of RNA-based reagents
(Tycko et al., 2019; Doench et al., 2016). The TurboID-containing HDR fragment was generated
by subcloning a V5-tag-TurboID sequence into the Ai14-ROSA26-based plasmid backbone
(Madisen et al., 2010) and isolated as a linear DNA fragment by SacI/AgeI restriction enzyme
double digestion. Two sgRNAs targeting the ROSA26 Locus were selected using the guide RNA
selection tool CRISPOR (Haeussler et al, 2016; Concordet & Haeussler, 2018). The correct
locus-specific insertion of the HDR fragment was confirmed by localization PCRs with primers
upstream and downstream of the HDR sequence.

Breeding Strategy: The Adv^{Cre};TurboID$^{fl/fl}$ line was regularly maintained on a C57Bl/6 background.
For all experiments, Adv^{Cre};TurboID$^{fl/fl}$ males were crossed to TurboID$^{fl/fl}$ females to generate
Adv^{Cre};TurboID$^{fl/fl}$ experimental mice (of both sexes) as well as Adv^{Cre} - negative TurboID$^{fl/fl}$
littermate controls (TurboID$^{fl/fl}$, of both sexes). We employed a four-tier strategy to prevent and
assess potential germline recombination in line with published recommendations (Luo et al.,
2020): (1) All breedings were set up with Adv^{Cre} present in male but not female breeders as
suggested another published Adv^{Cre} knock-in mouse line (https://www.jax.org/strain/032536);
(2) Adv^{Cre} was always maintained in a heterozygous state; (3) all mice were genotyped; (4) our
genotyping protocol included a primer that would detect a potential Cre-recombined allele,
which has not been the case in any progeny generated. Thus, to the best of our knowledge, we
did not observe germline recombination in Adv^{Cre};TurboID$^{fl/fl}$ mice.

Genotyping Strategy

For TurboID genotyping, genomic DNA (gDNA) was isolated from tail biopsies using a genomic
DNA isolation kit (Nexttec, #10.924). For the location PCRs, 20 µL reactions were prepared using
1 µL clean gDNA (15-80ng), 4 µL PrimerSet (4 pmol final each), 4 µL 5X Reaction Buffer
(Finnzymes #F-524), 0.4 µL PhireHot-Start II Taq DNA Polymerase (Finnzymes #F-122L), 1 µL 10
mM dNTPs (Bioline #DM-515107), 4 µL Hi-Spec Additive (Bioline #HS-014101) and 5.6 µL H2O.
Thermocycler parameters location-PCR Rosa26 left arm: 98°C for 5 min, (98 °C for 45 s, 64 °C
for 30 s, 72 °C for 60 s) repeated for 34 cycles, final step at 72 °C for 10 min. Thermocycler
parameters-location PCR Rosa26 right arm: 98°C for 5 min, (98 °C for 45 s, 68 °C for 30 s, 72 °C
for 180 s) repeated for 34 cycles, final step at 72 °C for 10 min.

For the diagnostic routine genotyping PCR, 20 µL reactions were prepared using 1 µL clean
gDNA (15-80ng), 4 µL PrimerSet (4 pmol final each), 4 µL 5X Reaction Buffer (Biozym
#331620XL), 0.2 µL Hot-Start Taq DNA Polymerase (Biozym #331620XL), 1 µL 50 mM MgCl2

(AGCTLab stock) and 9.8 μL H2O. Thermocycler parameters: 96°C for 3 min, (94 °C for 30 s, 62

°C for 60 s, 72 °C for 60 s) repeated for 32 cycles, final step at 72 °C for 7 min.

Rosa26 Locus sgRNAs

• Sense Rosa26 protospacer-sgRNA1 sequence: 5'-ACTCCAGTCTTTCTAGAAGA-3' (PAM =
TGG)

• Antisense Rosa26 protospacer-sgRNA2 sequence: 5'-CGCCCATCTTCTAGAAAGAC-3' (PAM
= TGG)

C57BL6J_Chrom6_Rosa26 target locus (insertion site):

Ai14-TurboID_Rosa26 HDR fragment targeting strategy (conditional knock-in)

Ai14-TurboID_Rosa26 Cre recombined (knock-in)

SMethods, Figure1. Schematic representation of the target locus, the targeting strategy
(HDR fragment) and the Cre recombination event.

Ai14-TurboID_Rosa26 HDR fragment and sequence annotations:
Lower case letters = upstream and downstream HDR fragment ROSA26 sequences
Capital letters = HDR fragment after locus-specific insertion
Magenta = ROSA26 left- and right arm sequence
Blue = CAG-promoter
Red BOLD = loxP sites
Underlined BOLD = loxP flanked STOP cassette
Green BOLD = ATG Start- and TAA Stop codon
Brown BOLD = V5-tag
Purple BOLD = TurboID
Black BOLD = WPRE
Black underlined = bGH poly(A) signal

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234  **SMethods, Sequence.** Ai14-TurboID_Rosa26 HDR fragment and sequence annotations.
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235 **SMethods, Table. Primer sequence and fragment size information**

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	7604	CGCGGAACTCCATATATGGGCT	22	Anti-sense	5'-End-CAG-promoter	
Rosa26 Right Arm	2736	GCAGGACAGCAAGGGGGAGGAT	22	Sense	bGH poly(A) signal	4736 bp
	36502	GACCTGTTGCTGCTCAGACAGC	22	Anti-sense	Downstream Rosa26 right arm	
Diagnostic Routine Genotyping PCR	14025	CTCTGCTGCCTCCTGGCTTCT	21	Sense	ROSA26 upstream insertion site	146 bp
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	30545	AAGCTGATCCGGAACCCTTAA	21	Sense	Upstream loxP2	254 bp (WT) 370 bp (Cre)
	26512	CTACAGCTCCTGGGCAACG	19	Sense	upstream loxP1 (3'-End CAG promoter)	
	38281	CCAGGGTTTCTCCCAGCTGT	20	Anti-sense	TurboID	