LRRK2 mutations block NCOA4 trafficking upon iron overload leading to ferroptotic death

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Abstract:

Altered iron homeostasis has long been implicated in Parkinson's Disease (PD), although the mechanisms have not been clear. Given the critical role of PD-related activating mutations in LRRK2 (leucine-rich repeat protein kinase 2) within membrane trafficking pathways we examined the impact of a homozygous mutant LRRK2G2019S on iron homeostasis within the RAW macrophage cell line with high iron capacity. Proteomics analysis revealed a dysregulation of iron-related proteins in steady state with highly elevated levels of ferritin light chain and a reduction of ferritin heavy chain. LRRK2G2019S mutant cells showed efficient ferritinophagy upon iron chelation, but upon iron overload there was a near complete block in the degradation of the ferritinophagy adaptor NCOA4. These conditions lead to an accumulation of phosphorylated Rab8 at the plasma membrane, which is selectively inhibited by LRRK type II kinase inhibitors. Iron overload then leads to increased oxidative stress and ferroptotic cell death. These data implicate LRRK2 as a key regulator of iron homeostasis and point to the need for an increased focus on the mechanisms of iron dysregulation in PD.

Introduction:

Age-related neurodegenerative diseases are an increasing burden on the global population. Detailing the precise mechanisms responsible pathology in these complex diseases has been challenging. Hallmark features of Parkinson's Disease (PD) are motor symptoms, namely tremor and rigidity, and selective death of neuromelanin-containing dopamine neurons in the *substantia nigra pars compacta* (SNpc) and *locus coeruleus*. About 5-15% of PD is familial

and current estimates recognize over 50 causal variants and 100 risk alleles (Lim et al., 2024).
These highlight contributions of mitochondria and lysosomal function, the spreading of prion-
like synuclein filaments, innate and adaptive immune pathways, and more (Cannon and
Gruenheid, 2022; Johnson et al., 2019; Tansey et al., 2022). In the remaining ~90% of sporadic
PD, it is unclear what the underlying causes may be, although environmental factors like heavy
metals or pesticides (Aravindan et al., 2024), and various types of infection (Cannon and
Gruenheid, 2022) are under intense investigation.
An early candidate cause of selective vulnerability of dopamine neurons in PD was their
high dependence on iron metabolism required for synthesis of dopamine and production of
neuromelanin, which captures and stores excess iron (Jenner, 1989; Sulzer et al., 2000). PD
patients show dramatic losses of pigmented neuromelanin, which is a hallmark feature in
autopsied brain. The loss of neuromelanin results in higher levels of free iron, which is being
explored as a biomarker in early-stage PD patients by high-resolution MRI quantitative
susceptibility mapping (Guan et al., 2024). The mechanisms by which iron may be mishandled in
the SNpc are understudied, and causality to PD pathology is not clearly established. However,
there is increasing speculation that in PD increased iron toxicity may cause ferroptotic cell death,
making iron the Achilles' heel of dopaminergic neurons (Jenner, 1989; Masaldan et al., 2019;
Riederer et al., 2023). To test these ideas clinically, a series of trials were initiated employing
iron chelators in PD patients, with mixed results (Devos et al., 2025). New formulations and
approaches are still under investigation, highlighting the importance of a better understanding of
the impact of iron on PD pathology.
A common risk factor for inherited PD are variants in the *LRRK2* gene which encodes a
large kinase with a complex array of domains including armadillo repeat, ankyrin, WD40, ROC-
COR (Ras of complex proteins [ROC] and C-terminal of ROC [COR]) GTPase domains,
leucine-rich repeat, and a kinase domain (Alessi and Pfeffer, 2024). The penetrance of PD in
carriers of LRRK2 pathogenic variants is typically ~50% at age 70, rising to 75% at 80 years,
implicating additional genetic and / or environmental factors in disease progression (Mata et al.,
2023). LRRK2 variants have been the subject of intense research efforts which have
demonstrated an involvement in cellular functions that range from subcellular protein trafficking
(Singh and Muqit, 2020), lysosomal repair/function (Bentley-DeSousa et al., 2025), cytoskeletal
dynamics (Leschziner and Reck-Peterson, 2021), ciliogenesis and centrosome cohesion (Jaimon
et al., 2025; Li et al., 2024; Lin et al., 2025; Madero-Perez et al., 2018), mitochondrial function
(Buck and Sanders, 2025), synaptic transmission (Kuhlmann & Milnerwood 2020), and immune
responses (Peter and Strober, 2023). Despite much progress, the molecular basis of LRRK2
pathogenicity remains unclear.
All pathogenic LRRK2 variants, within and outside of LRRK2's kinase domain, increase
its serine-threonine kinase activity, including the most common pathogenic substitution
p.G2019S (LRRK2$_{G2019S}$) (Mata et al., 2023). In addition to autophosphorylation, LRRK2
substrates include numerous Rab GTPases that regulate vesicular transport; these are
hyperphosphorylated in cells from LRRK2 PD patients and models (Alessi and Pfeffer, 2024;
Steger et al., 2016). The downstream impact of each phosphorylated Rab on membrane transport
and signaling pathways appears highly dependent on the cell type and context, and the field has
not reached consensus on which of the many implicated LRRK2 variant phenotypes are the
driver of disease. However, Rab hyperphosphorylation is observed in other genetic forms of PD
(e,g., VPS35 (Kadgien et al., 2021; Mir et al., 2018), and idiopathic PD brains (Di Maio et al.,

2018). Thus, there is a breadth of evidence associating LRRK2 kinase *gain-of-function* with PD
pathogenesis.
In the context of iron handling, previous work reported context-specific changes in iron
homeostasis in cells carrying the LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ mutation in HEK293T cells and iPSC-derived
microglia (Mamais et al., 2025; Mamais et al., 2021). It was initially shown that the
phosphorylation of Rab8, a key LRRK2 substrate, reduced its interaction with its GTP exchange
factor Rabin8, which in turn led to the lysosomal degradation of the transferrin receptor. They
observed the accumulation of ferritin and free iron in microglia of LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ mice following
injections with LPS, although the mechanisms underlying these changes *in vivo* were not
established (Mamais et al., 2021). While iron phenotypes have not been observed consistently
within LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ mutant cells, single-cell RNA sequencing experiments did report a cell-
specific loss in ferritin heavy chain mRNA within LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ mice, specifically in astrocytes,
microglia, and oligodendrocytes (Khan et al., 2024).
Given evidence supporting a contributing role of dysregulated iron homeostasis in PD,
we explored the impact of LRRK2 mutations on iron transport and handling in a cultured
macrophage model. The data provide evidence that RAW macrophages carrying the
LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ mutation have altered iron homeostasis in steady state conditions, which lead to an
inability to handle iron overload resulting in oxidative stress and ferroptotic cell death. We
observed a block in the normal iron-induced expansion of lysosomes and in the microautophagy
driven degradation of the ferritin autophagy receptor NCOA4. Interestingly, iron overload
conditions in LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ cells leads to high levels of of the LRRK2 substrate p-Rab8
accumulating on the plasma membrane. This phosphorylation is resistant to the type I LRRK2
kinase inhibitor MLi-2, but remains sensitive to both the pan-specific type II kinase inhibitor
rebastinib and the newly developed LRRK selective type II kinase inhibitors RN277 and RN341
(Raig et al., 2025). Iron overload conditions are not common in healthy physiology but are a
significant factor in PD brains. Should this aspect of LRRK2 mutant function be relevant to the
death of dopaminergic neurons, our results would suggest the use of MLi-2 may not be effective
in this context, where LRRK2 selective type II kinase inhibitors would be active in iron related
pathologies linked to LRRK2.
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Results:
LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ RAW macrophages have altered iron homeostasis
Macrophages ingest aged red blood cells and have a unique capacity to handle high levels
of iron (Winn et al., 2020). Therefore, we considered macrophages, given the high levels of
LRRK2 expression (Gardet et al., 2010), as a good model system to interrogate the impact of
pathogenic homozygous LRRK2 mutations on iron handling. To this end we generated a
CRISPR-knock-in RAW264.7 macrophage cell line carrying the LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ mutation
(**Supplemental Fig 1A**). To confirm the increased in LRRK2 kinase activity in this line we
probed cell extracts with two phospho-specific antibodies (**Figure 1A**). LRRK2
autophosphorylation was increased, as seen with an antibody recognizing LRRK2$_{pS1292}$. A
second antibody recognizing phosphorylated Rab8$_{T72}$ (with some lower specificity for p-Rab10
and p-Rab35) (Lis et al., 2018), further confirmed an increased kinase activity in the CRISPR-
edited LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ macrophages, with no change in total Rab8 levels across the genotypes
(**Fig1A**). Both phosphorylation events were reversed upon treatment with the type I LRRK2
kinase inhibitor MLi-2 (**Figure 1A, quantification in 1B**). These data confirm the successful
generation of the *gain-of-function* variant. We then performed unbiased whole cell proteomics

and found significant changes in many proteins important for iron homeostasis (**Figure 1C,D**).
Protein quantification by western blot validated downregulation of the transferrin receptor (TfR)
responsible for iron uptake, downregulation of the ferritin heavy chain (FTH), and upregulation
of ferritin light chain (FTL), both critical for iron storage (**Figure 1E, quantified in Supp**
Figure 1B). Iron is found inside the cell in its reactive ferrous (Fe^{2+}) or mineralized ferric (Fe^{3+})
state. Fe^{2+} is the form required by the cell to forge iron sulfur clusters and heme groups, while
excess free ferrous iron can catalyze the generation of free radical species through the Fenton
reaction (Galy et al., 2024). This makes Fe^{2+} essential, yet potentially toxic, for the cell. Excess
Fe^{2+} is rapidly captured by cytosolic ferritin where iron is harmlessly stored in the mineralized
ferric Fe^{3+} state (Chasteen and Harrison, 1999; Melman and Bou-Abdallah, 2020). FTH and FTL
together form cage-like complexes that can hold up to ~4500 atoms of Fe^{3+}. FTH has enzymatic
ferroxidase activity required to oxidize Fe^{2+} into Fe^{3+} for safe storage (Melman and Bou-
Abdallah, 2020). We quantified the iron content and composition and found that LRRK2$_{G2019S}$
macrophages have reduced total iron content, marked by a selective loss of mineralized iron
Fe^{3+}, and 2-fold increase in Fe^{2+} content, compared to WT control (**Figure 1 F).** This result was
validated using the fluorescent FerroOrange probe, which reported a similar 2-fold increase of
labile Fe^{2+} in LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ macrophages (Niwa et al., 2014) (**Supp Figure 1C,D**).
The iron quantification revealed a cellular reduction in total iron, yet we observed excess
FTL and reduced TfR which canonically suggests a translational response to iron overload
through the iron-response elements (IRE) within their mRNA (Galy et al., 2024; Rouault, 2006).
We therefore tested a series of additional iron-related proteins regulated by either the iron-sulfur
cluster binding iron responsive protein 1 (IRP1), or the Fe2+ regulated iron response protein 2
(IRP2). LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ expression did not elicit any changes in the levels of HERC2/FBXL5/IRP2
axis (**Supp Figure 1E**), indicating IRP2 is not activated. In addition, we found the levels of other
proteins harboring IREs such as DMT1 or ferroportin were unaffected in LRRK2$_{G2019S}$
macrophages (**Supp Figure 1E**), implying the IRP1/2 axis is not involved in the upregulation of
FTL or downregulation of TfR. This indicates that the changes in FTL and FTH levels are not
through canonical iron response element mechanisms.
We further tested the enzymatic activity of the iron-sulfur containing IRP1 (also called
Aconitase 1 or ACO1) which is often used as a proxy to monitor any deficits in iron-sulfur
cluster assemblies (Beinert and Kennedy, 1993). As expected, given the evidence that the
translational regulation by IRP1 was unaltered, LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ macrophages did not show any
change in ACO1 activity (**Supp Figure 1F**). This further indicates that the delivery of ferrous
Fe^{2+} iron to mitochondria for the biogenesis of iron-sulfur complexes remained intact. Therefore,
LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ leads to a significant reduction in total cellular iron (**Figure 1F**), primarily due to
the loss of stored ferric Fe^{3+}, and an increase in ferrous Fe^{2+}, without an impairment of functional
delivery of Fe^{2+} to mitochondria or the modulation of iron related protein synthesis pathways
(**Supp Figs. 1E,F**).
FTH is critical for the lysosomal degradation of ferritin complexes through an autophagic
process termed ferritinophagy (Dowdle et al., 2014; Kuno et al., 2022; Mancias et al., 2015;
Mancias et al., 2014; Ohshima et al., 2022; Zhao et al., 2024). Given the absence of FTH
expression, we considered this could cause a block in complex turnover, resulting in the
observed increases in FTL levels. To monitor the turnover of FTL we generated WT and
LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ macrophages stably expressing N-terminal cherry tagged FTL to visualize its
cellular distribution (Ohshima et al., 2022). In untreated WT cells the cherry-FTL signal is
primarily distributed within lysotracker green positive lysosomes, with some cytosolic signal

(**Fig 1G, quantified in H**). In contrast, LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ macrophages show a highly diffuse, cytosolic cherry-FTL signal and faint lysosomal localization (**Fig 1G third row**). This observation is consistent with impaired or inefficient lysosomal targeting of FTL in steady state conditions.

To determine whether LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ macrophages were capable of induced ferritin degradation, we activated ferritinophagy using the iron chelator desferoxamine (DFO) to remove iron from the cytoplasm (**Figure 1G-I**). Ferritinophagy is regulated by the action of nuclear receptor coactivator 4 (NCOA4), the adaptor protein that binds and delivers ferritin cages into the autophagosome (Dowdle et al., 2014; Kuno et al., 2022; Mancias et al., 2014; Ohshima et al., 2022; Zhao et al., 2024)**.** NCOA4 is an iron and iron sulfur cluster binding protein (Kuno et al., 2022; Zhao et al., 2024). Therefore iron levels modulate NCOA4-ferritin interactions allowing the fine tuning of ferritin turnover where NCOA4 bound to ferritin promotes liquid-liquid phase separated condensates (LLPS) that are selectively degraded through autophagy (Ohshima et al., 2022). Looking first at FTL, DFO treatment increased in the appearance of FTL in lysosomes in WT and LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ macrophages, consistent with functional ferritinophagy (**Figure 1G second and fourth rows, quantification in H**). By western blot we confirmed that iron chelation led to increased clearance of FTL in WT and LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ macrophages (**Figure 1I**). With longer exposure the degradative products of FTL were visible in DFO treated LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ macrophages (**Figure 1I** black arrow). The ferritinophagy adaptor NCOA4 was also highly elevated in LRRK2 mutant cells at steady state (**Figure 1I**), and we observed that iron chelation led to clearance of NCOA4 in LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ macrophages, consistent with functional ferritinophagy.

LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ show defects in NCOA4 turnover upon iron overload

The inverse of iron chelation is the response to iron overload, which requires NCOA4 to segregate away from ferritin cages, resulting in a diffuse cytosolic distribution of ferritin that stably mineralizes and stores excess iron as Fe^{3+} (Galy et al., 2024). In high iron conditions NCOA4 binds iron sulfur clusters, which promotes binding of the ubiquitin E3 ligase HERC2 to drive NCOA4 degradation through the proteasome (Zhao et al., 2024). In a second degradation pathway, ferric Fe^{3+} bound NCOA4 can drive assembly into phase-condensed foci that become internalized into lysosomes through a microautophagy pathway (Kuno et al., 2022). At later time points of iron overload NCOA4 can also carry low levels of ferritin into the lysosomes through microautophagy to maintain pools of labile iron (Kuno et al., 2022). The precise regulation of these distinct mechanisms remains under intense investigation. In our experiments with ferrous ammonium sulfate (FAS) to induce iron overload, we observe the expected diffuse cytosolic staining of FTL in WT cells (**Supp Figure 2A,B**). In LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ macrophages, FTL is already diffuse in untreated cells, which remains the case upon iron overload, with the addition of a few bright foci resembling phase-condensed foci (**Supp Figure 2A,B**).

A critical distinction emerged between the genotypes when imaging cherry-NCOA4. In WT untreated cells cherry-NCOA4 is seen primarily within lysosomes (**Figure 2A**), but in LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ macrophages cherry-NCOA4 had limited lysosomal co-localization and appeared in bright cytosolic foci (**Figure 2A, number and size of foci quantified in 2B,C**). In WT cells treated with FAS NCOA4 appeared in bright cytosolic foci and within lysosomes, which became enlarged (**seen upon FAS treatment in Fig 2A and Supp Figure 2C, quantified in Supp 2D,E**). In contrast, LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ macrophages showed NCOA4 accumulating in larger bright cytosolic (non-lysosomal) foci, suggesting very little internalization into lysosomes in high iron.

Quantification of foci size showed that LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ macrophages had fewer NCOA4 foci with a
significant increase in their size relative to WT cells (**Figure 2B,C**).
Time-lapse imaging of NCOA4 foci revealed their entry into enlarged lysosomes in FAS
treated WT cells (**Figure 2D, Supp Video 1**), as previously described (Ohshima et al., 2022).
Conversely, in LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ cells NCOA4 foci did not associate with lysosomes and were thus
seemingly unable to undergo microautophagy (**Figure 2D, Supp Video 2**). To biochemically
confirm bright cytosolic foci reflected the formation of phase-separated condensates, we
examined the amount of NCOA4 within Triton-X insoluble fractionations (Ohshima et al.,
2022). Consistently, total insoluble NCOA4 levels were increased in LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ macrophages
(**Figure 2E**). Addition of bafilomycin to block degradation in lysosomes led to accumulation of
NCOA4 in WT cells in both untreated and iron loaded / FAS conditions (**Figure 2E**). NCOA4
also accumulated in bafilomycin exposed LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ cells, however, in bafilomycin the FAS /
iron overload failed to increase NCOA4 levels further, indicating a block in lysosomal flux
(**Figure 2E**).
To examine the expected LRRK2 kinase-dependency of the NCOA4 phenotype, we
employed the LRRK2 inhibitor MLi-2 (Fell et al., 2015). MLi-2 reversed the accumulation of
NCOA4 in steady-state conditions in both genotypes, indicating that NCOA4 levels are coupled
to LRRK2 kinase activity (**Figure 2F**). Upon iron overload in wild type cells we observe an
accumulation of NCOA4 that is again reversed upon MLi-2 treatment. Suprisingly, the increased
levels of NCOA4 seen in LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ cells was resistant to LRRK2 kinase inhibition, while
LRRK2 autophosphorylation was efficiently lost, demonstrating target engagement (**Figure 2F**).
Moreover, MLi-2 treatment did not rescue the alterations in ferritin proteins in untreated cells,
nor did it rescue the lysosomal morphology linked to iron overload (**Supp Figure 2F-H**). This
finding indicates that the block in NCOA4 degradation induced by iron overload within
LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ cells is resistant to MLi-2.
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LRRK$_{G2019S}$ impact on iron metabolism reveals differential sensitivities to type I and type II kinase
inhibitors.
Given the unexpected resistance of the NCOA4 phenotypes to MLi-2 in LRRK2$_{G2019S}$
cells upon iron overload / FAS conditions (**Figure 2F**), we explored the cellular localization of
phosphorylated Rab signal in these conditions. In both wild type and LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ the pRab8
was barely detected with immunofluorescence at steady state (**Figure 3A**). Iron overload / FAS
did not change this pattern in WT or LRRK2 KO cells. However, in ~30% of LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ cells
FAS induced a pronounced upregulation and accumulation of pRab8 signal on plasma membrane
ruffles, and coincided with cells showing significant blebbing (**Figure 3A, insets in B,**
quantification in C). Western blots confirmed the pRab8 signal was specific to LRRK2$_{G2019S}$
cells, and enhanced upon iron overload (**Supplemental Figure 3A,B**). To confirm the specificity
of the p-Rab8 immunofluorescent signal we validated using siRNA approaches. Silencing Rab8
led to a near complete loss of the plasma membrane signal, with partial effect upon silencing
Rab10 (**Supp Figure 3C-E**). We further observed p-Rab8 signal consistent with the previously
described recruitment of Rab8 to the centrioles in mitotic cells (Madero-Perez et al., 2018)
(**Supp Figure 3F**). Lastly, a strong lysosomal p-RAB8 signal using this antibody was seen in
cells treated with LLOME, where it has been established that LRRK2-mediated Rab8
phosphorylation leads to Rab8 recruitment to damaged lysosomes (**Supp Figure 3G**) (Herbst et
al., 2020; Mamais et al., 2021). These data confirm that the pRab8 antibody shows specificity to

Rab8 in immunofluorescent experiments showing recruitment to the plasma membrane in iron
loaded LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ cells.
A similar recruitment of Rab8 to plasma membrane ruffles was previously observed upon
activation of Toll-like receptors (Luo et al., 2018; Tong et al., 2021; Wall et al., 2017). There, it
was established that TLR-activation of Rab8 recruits its effector PI3Kγ, to generate a signaling
platform required to activate AKT/mTOR. We therefore examined AKT phosphorylation at S473
as a functional readout of pRab8 recruitment to the cell surface over a time course of FAS
treatment. We observed AKT phosphorylation in WT cells, upon FAS / iron overload at 8 hours
which was much more pronounced in LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ macrophages (**Supplementary Figure**
3H,quantified in I). This supports the idea that plasma membrane associated pRab8 is activating
established Rab8 function.
We next tested whether the pRab8 signal seen upon iron overload in LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ cells
was sensitive to MLi-2. As with NCOA4, the pRab8 signal was also resistant to MLi-2 treatment
in LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ cells exposed to high iron, while the autophosphorylation of LRRK2 was
blocked by the drug (**Figure 3C,D**). Wild type cells show very little pRab8 upon iron loading,
which also appears to be insensitive to MLi2, while autophosphorylation of LRRK2 is inhibited
(**Figure 3C**). The insensity to MLi-2 was inconsistent with the overwhelming evidence that the
phenotypes of the LRRK2 mutations are due to hyperactivity of the kinase domain. MLi-2 is a
type I kinase inhibitor, a class that binds to the active site and stabilizes the active-like, or closed
conformation of the kinase. Type II inhibitors, in contrast, stabilize the inactive, open
conformation of the kinase. Recent cryo-EM structures of LRRK2 bound to type I and type II
inhibitors have highlighted the conformations adopted by LRRK2 when bound to either type of
inhibitor (Sanz Murillo et al., 2023; Tasegian et al., 2021; Zhu et al., 2024). We therefore
considered whether iron overload may somehow impact the conformation of LRRK2, and tested
a broad spectrum type II kinase inhibitor shown previously to efficiently block LRRK2 kinase
activity called rebastinib (Tasegian et al., 2021). Unlike MLi-2, treatment of both wild type and
LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ cells with rebastinib efficiently blocked the phosphorylation of Rab8 in both the
presence or absence of iron overload as seen by western blot (**Figure 3E, quantified in**
Supplemental Figure 3J), and by immunofluorescence (**Figure 3F, quantified in G**). As
rebastinib has broad specificity, with effects on ~30% of the kinome, we turned to the newly
developed LRRK-selective type II kinase inhibitors RN277 and RN341 (Raig et al., 2025). As
with rebastinib, 8 hour treatment with either of the two new drugs efficiently reversed the plasma
membrane pRab8 signal (**Figure 3H, quantified in I**), and as seen by western blot (**Figure**
3J,K). These data confirm the kinase dependence of Rab8 phosphorylation at the plasma
membrane in LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ cells upon treatment with FAS and highlights a cellular condition
where we observe differential efficacy between type I and type II LRRK2 kinase inhibitors.
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LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ cells are hypersensitive to iron induced oxidation and ferroptotic cell death.
In order to interrogate the global cellular consequences of LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ mutation in
conditions of iron overload we returned to our initial proteomics approach. We obtained the total
proteome from three biological replicates of wild type and LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ cells in untreated
conditions, and following 24 hours of FAS treatment (**Supplemental Table 2**). While FAS
treatment induced many expected changes in wild type cells, including reduced transferrin
receptor, increased ferritins, there were many more robust changes in FAS treated LRRK2$_{G2019S}$
cells relative to their wild type counerparts (**Supplemental Table 2, Volcano Plot in Figure**
4A). GO analysis highlighted three functional groups that included changes in oxidative stress

related genes, in lysosomal proteins, and cytoskeletal signatures (**Figure 4B**). For example,
proteomics identified a 10 $_{Log2}$fold increase in Heme Oxygenase 1 (HMOX1) in LRRK2$_{G2019S}$
cells treated with FAS compared to wild type cells, which we validated by western blot
comparing to both wild type and LRRK2KO cells (**Supplementary Figure 4A**). This is a well
studied transcriptional target of NRF2 and part of the canonical oxidative stress response.
Consistent with this, we also observed the nuclear translocation of NRF2 specifically in
LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ FAS treated cells (**Supplementary Figure 4B,C**), and a block in cellular
proliferation (**Supplementary Figure 4D**). These data indicate a significant increase in oxidative
stress within mutant cells in the context of iron overload.
We were surprised to identify a reduction in Monoamine Oxidase A (MAOA) in
LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ cells, which we validated by western blot (**Supplementary Figure 4A**). However,
while specific to the LRRK2$_{G2019S}$, the loss of MAOA was seen in both untreated and iron
overloaded LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ macrophages, indicating that, while it is a very interesting observation,
the loss of MAOA is unrelated to the iron phenotypes under investigation here. An outer
membrane enzyme primarily studied in neurons where it acts to degrade monoamine
neurotransmitters like serotonin, dopamine and epinephrine (Naoi et al., 2025), its induced
expression in tumor associated macrophages has recently been shown to promote
immunosuppression that promotes tumour progression (Ma et al., 2024; Wang et al., 2021). We
also checked the specificity of another candidate, the RNA binding protein IGF2BP3 (insulin-
like growth factor 2 mRNA binding protein 3), which has been shown to regulate the mRNA
stability of both iron/stress related targets including HMOX1 (Lv et al., 2025), STEAP3 (Liang
et al., 2026), SLC7A11 (Yang et al., 2026) and FTH (Xu et al., 2022). In this case, the IGF2BP3
levels were highly upregulated in both LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ and the LRRK2KO lines, irrespective of
iron overload (**Supplementary Figure 4A**).
The second global signature showed a specific downregulation of a series of lysosomal
hydrolases including lysozymes and granzymes, with other lysosomal enzymes appearing to
increase in LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ iron treated cells (**Figure 4B**). To test the hydrolytic activity within
lysosomes in these conditions we employed a proteolytic sensor BSA-DQ$_{Red}$ that is internalized
into endolysosomes and becomes fluorescent upon cleavage by lysosomal hydrolyases (Marwaha
and Sharma, 2017). In steady state there was little difference in lysosomal hydrolytic activity in
LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ macrophages, relative to WT (**Figure 4C**). Upon iron overload we observe a ~50%
decrease in activity in control cells, as observed previously (Fernandez et al., 2016). This
decrease was exacerbated in LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ macrophages showing an ~90% reduction in
hydrolytic capacity reported by the probe (**Figure 4C**). This was not due to a lack of
acidification, as demonstrated by lysotracker probes that showed increased signal upon iron
overload in both genotypes (**Figure 4D**).
Together with the observation that the lysosomes within LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ cells do not
expand like they do in wild type cells upon iron overload, and that there is a block in NCOA4
microautophagy (**Figure 2**), the data indicate that the lysosomes within LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ iron loaded
cells are dysfunctional. Very recent work has suggested that lysosomes in LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ cells can
accumulate ferrous iron, which could promote lipid oxidation (Mamais et al., 2025). We
therefore employed the C11-Bodipy probe where the wavelength shifts to green upon the
oxidation of this lipid probe and observed an increased peroxidation of the probe within both
internal membranes and at the plasma membrane (**Figure 4E, quantified in F**). Upon costaining
with lysotracker deep red we further report the oxidized lipids localizing to lysosomal
membranes (**Figure 4G**). Iron-induced peroxidation of lipids is known to be a driver of

ferroptotic cell death. This can be detected upon uptake of SYTOX green, a dye added to the
media which enters cells upon rupture of the cell surface. Indeed, we observe ~50% of
LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ cells positive for SYTOX green following 48 hours of FAS treatment, while wild
type cells remained viable (**Figure 4G**).
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Discussion
The literature describing pathogenic LRRK2 mutations in PD overwhelmingly supports a
model where a host of different mutations across the protein all result in a gain-of-function
kinase activity that has focused clinical trials on LRRK2 kinase inhibitors. Previous studies have
identified iron mishandling in LRRK2 mutant cells, and MRI approaches identify iron
accumulation as a biomarker in patient carriers of the mutation (Fernandez et al., 2022; Jia et al.,
2023; Khan et al., 2024; Mamais et al., 2025; Mamais et al., 2021; Martinez et al., 2023; Nazish
et al., 2023; Oun et al., 2022). This work supports previous studies and further highlights
dysregulated iron metabolism as a potential pathway of interest in LRRK2-related PD.
Our data indicate a primary dysfunction in lysosomal dynamics and function in iron
loaded LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ cells where they do not undergo lysosomal enlargement and begin to lose
hydrolytic activity. These organelles cannot promote the degradation of NCOA4, which then
accumulates in the cytosol within detergent-insoluble foci. The accumulation of peroxidated
C11-Bodipy within lysosomes is consistent with a recent preprint reporting that LRRK2$_{G2019S}$
cells accumulate Fe2+ within lysosomes that can results in lipid oxidation (Mamais et al., 2025).
Our data do not resolve the earliest mechansims to explain why the kinase-active LRRK2
prevents the dynamic changes within lysosomes that are triggered by iron overload. However,
our experiments revelealed that the increased LRRK2$_{G2019S}$-dependent phosphorylation of Rab8
seen in iron overload was reversed only with a type II inhibitor, and was resistant to the type I
inhibitor MLi-2 even though the inhibitor engaged LRRK2$_{G2019S}$, as indicated by the loss of the
pS1292 autophosphorylation mark. These results suggest that iron treatment alters the
conformational landscape of LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ differently, which could reflect LRRK2 as an iron
binding protein, or that a new protein interaction occurs in high iron that alters the conformation
of the kinase domain. One study identified the NCOA4 ubiquitin ligase HERC2 as a LRRK2
binding protein (Imai et al., 2015), although no follow-up studies have confirmed this. One
possibility is that LRRK2 could interfere with HERC2s capacity to degrade NCOA4.
In addition to this unusual feature of LRRK2 in iron loaded cells, the appearance of p-
Rab8 at the plasma membrane was unexpected given the localization of LRRK2 has been
documented primarily at Golgi and lysosomes, particularly upon lysosomal damage. It is
possible that this reflects LRRK2 recruitment to the plasma membrane damage following the
increase in oxidized lipids, perhaps in an effort to repair the membrane given that established
function of LRRK2 (Bentley-DeSousa et al., 2025). This would suggest that the cell surface
pRab8 reflects a downstream consequence of altered lysosomal response to iron overload. Future
experiments will focus on the potential function of LRRK2 at the cell surface and whether this
localization could explain the differential sensitivity to the type I and type II kinase inhibitors.
Lastly, our experiments are limited to a cultured macrophage RAW cell line. It is
important to note that the impact of LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ mutations on steady state iron homeostasis
appears to be highly cell and context specific. It was our proteomics analysis that initially
identified the loss of FTH and increased FTL within LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ RAW macrophages. However
scRNAseq experiments from LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ mice showed that most cell types had no alteration in
iron related genes, with the noted exception of microglia, some astrocyte cell types and

oligodendrocytes, with neurons showing no change (Khan et al., 2024). Functional experiments examining iron homeostasis in LRRK2 heterozygous mutant iPSC derived lines have also seen changes in ferrous iron accumulation in lysosomes(Mamais et al., 2025), and in mice showing an induction of iron dysregulation in microglia upon LPS treatment (Mamais et al., 2021). In this context our work adds some critical new insight into the consequence of the kinase active LRRK2 on the processes of ferritinophagy, and degradation of NCOA4, highlighting an unexpected localization of p-Rab8 to the plasma membrane. Future work will resolve the underlying mechanisms and context specific actions of LRRK2 in iron metabolism. For now we expand the experimental foundation for further exploration of LRRK2s impact in conditions of iron overload. Given the historical focus on iron toxicity within the *substantia nigra pars compacta* and *locus cerulean* of PD patients, this may be an important physiological niche where LRRK2 mutations may play pathological roles. With the ongoing clinical trials focused on LRRK2 kinase inhibitors it will be important to monitor their efficacy with biomarkers linked to iron metabolism, perhaps including quantitative susceptibility mapping MRI (Guan et al., 2024; Martinez et al., 2023).

Materials and Methods

Cell culture and reagents

RAW264.7 cells WT (Cat# TIB-71, RRID:CVCL_0493), RAW264.7 LRRK2-G2019S (RRID: CVCL_F1ZX), RAW264.7 mCherry-FTL (RRID:CVCL_F2A0), RAW264.7 mCherry-NCOA4 (RRID:CVCL_F2A2), RAW264.7 TMEM192-HA (RRID:CVCL_F2A4) and RAW264.7 LRRK2-KO (RRID: CVCL_F1ZZ) were cultured in DMEM containing high glucose, GLUTA-PLUS and sodium pyruvate (Wisent 319-027-CL) supplemented with 10% heat inactivated fetal bovine serum (Wisent 098159) and antibiotics (Gibco 15-140-122). Cells were cultured at 37°C and 5% CO_2 in a humidified incubator and regularly tested for mycoplasma.

Bafilomycin A1 (B1793), Ammonium iron (II) sulfate hexahydrate (FAS) (09719), Deferroxamine mesylate salt (DFO) (D9533) and LLOME (L7393) were purchased from Millipore-Sigma, MLi-2 was purchased from Abcam (ab254528). Rebastinib was purchased from MedChemExpress (HY-13024), while Rn277 and Rn341 were kindly provided by Samara Reck-Peterson and Andres Leschziner (Weill Cornell Medicine, NY).

LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ proteomics analysis

Samples were reconstituted in 50 mM ammonium bicarbonate with 10 mM TCEP [Tris(2-carboxyethyl) phosphine hydrochloride (T2556, Thermo Fisher Scientific), and vortexed for 1 h at 37°C. Chloroacetamide (C0267, Sigma-Aldrich) was added for alkylation to a final concentration of 55 mM. Samples were vortexed for another hour at 37°C. One microgram of trypsin was added, and digestion was performed for 8 h at 37°C. Samples were dried down and solubilized in 5% ACN-4% formic acid (FA). The samples were loaded on a 1.5 µl pre-column (Optimize Technologies, Oregon City, OR). For each run, 1µg of peptides were separated on an home-made reversed-phase column (150-µm i.d. by 200 mm) with a 116-min gradient from 10 to 30% ACN-0.2% FA and a 600-nl/min flow rate on a Easy nLC-1200 connected to a Exploris 480 (Thermo Fisher Scientific, RRID:SCR_022215) with the FAIMS interface. Each proteome was analyzed with 4 separate LC-MS/MS runs acquired with a different set of compensation voltages (CV) and a different m/z range: run1 was performed with the CV set-44V-54V-64V-74V from m/z 350 to 453, run 2 was performed wdith the CV set -40V-48V-56V-64V-72V-80V from m/z 451 to 542, run 3 was performed with the CV set -40V-48V-56V-64V-72V-80V from m/z 540 to 661, run 4 was performed with the CV set -35V-46V-57V from m/z 659 to 890. Each full MS spectrum acquired at a resolution of 120,000 was followed by tandem-MS (MS-MS) spectra acquisition on the most abundant multiply charged precursor ions for 3s. Tandem-MS experiments were performed using higher energy collision dissociation (HCD) at a collision energy of 34% with an AGC of 50% a resolution of 15,000 and a injection time of 28ms. The data were processed using PEAKS X Pro (Bioinformatics Solutions, https://www.bioinfor.com/peaks-xpro/, RRID:SCR_022841) and a Uniprot mouse database (16977 entries) with trypsin as digestion mode. Mass tolerances on precursor and fragment ions were 10 ppm and 0.01 Da, respectively. Fixed modification was carbamidomethyl (C). Variable selected posttranslational modifications were acetylation (N-ter), oxidation (M), deamidation (NQ), phosphorylation (STY).

Cell lysates, SDS-PAGE and immunoblotting
Cells were collected by scraping, washed twice with cold PBS buffer and resuspended in X1
PBS containing protease inhibitors (Roche 04693132001) and phosphatase inhibitors (Roche
04906837001). Total protein content was quantified by Bradford assay (Bio-Rad 5000006) equal
quantities of samples were lysed in Laemmli buffer (10% (vol/vol) glycerol, 2% (wt/vol) SDS,
0.005% (wt/vol) bromophenol blue, 60 mMTris-HCl pH 6.8 and 10% (vol/vol) b-
mercaptoethanol), and heated 5 minutes at 95 °C prior loading into an SDS-PAGE. Proteins were
size separated and transferred to nitrocellulose membranes (Bio-Rad 1620097), blocked for one
hour in blocking solution (PBS-tween 0.5% (vol/vol) (PBS-T) containing 5% (w/v) skim milk).
After blocking, the membranes were incubated overnight (ON) with primary antibody solution
(1:1000 dilution of the antibodies in PBS-T unless otherwise specified). After primary antibody
incubation, membranes were washed five times for 10 minutes in PBS-T and incubated for one
hour with HRP conjugated secondary antibodies, Sheep anti-mouse (Cytiva, NA931,
RRID:AB_772210) and donkey anti-rabbit (Cytiva, NA934, RRID:AB_772206) in blocking
solution (1:5000). Finally, membranes were washed and developed using INTAS ChemoCam
(INTAS Science Imaging GmbH) using Western-Lightning PLUS-ECL (Revvity
NEL105001EA). Antibodies used in Western blots are as follows:

Rabbit Antibodies:
FTL (Proteintech 10727-1-AP, RRID:AB_2278673),
FTH (Cell Signaling 4393,RRID:AB_11217441),
LRRK2 (Abcam, ab133474, RRID:AB_2713963 or Abcam 133518, RRID:AB_2938806),
GAPDH (Santa Cruz, sc-25778,RRID:AB_10167668),
IRP2 (Proteintech, 29976-1-AP, RRID:AB_3086201),
p-LRRK2 s1292 (Abcam, ab203181, RRID:AB_2921223),
NCOA4 (Bethyl, A302-271A, RRID:AB_1850158),
TOMM40 (Proteintech, 18409-1-AP, RRID:AB_2303725),
Ferroportin (Alomone labs, AIT-001, RRID:AB_2340981),
p-Rab8A (1:250) (Abcam, ab230260, RRID:AB_2814988),
Rab8A (1:250) (Cell Signaling, cs-6975, RRID:AB_10827742),
AKT (Cell Signaling, cs-9272, RRID:AB_329827),
pAKT S473 (Cell Signaling, cs-4060, RRID:AB_2315049),
HMOX1 (Proteintech 10701-1-AP, RRID:AB_2122782),
MAOA (Proteintech 10539-1-AP, RRID:AB_2137251),
Igf2bp3 (Proteintech 10539-1-AP, RRID:AB_2137251),

Mouse Antibodies:
TfR (Invitrogen 136800, RRID:AB_2533029),
HERC2 (BD Bioscience, 612366, RRID:AB_399728),
FBXL5 (Santa Cruz, sc-390102),
DMT1 (SLC-11A2) (Santa Cruz, sc-166884, RRID:AB_10610255),
beta-actin (Santa Cruz, sc-8432, RRID:AB_626630),
PCNA ((Thermo Fisher Scientific Cat# 13-3900, RRID:AB_2533016),
vinculin (Sigma, V4505, RRID:AB_477617)
alpha-tubulin (Santa Cruz, sc-23948, RRID:AB_628410).
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Iron quantification

Fe^{2+}, Fe^{3+} and total iron content was quantified using colorimetric Iron assay kit from Abcam
(ab83366) according to manufacturer instructions. Briefly, 2.5 x10^6 cells were seeded in 6 well
plate and treated with 100 μM FAS for 16 hrs. Each sample was lysed in 120 μl of assay buffer,
ad 50 μl were separated into two wells for quantification of Fe^{2+} and Fe^{3+} content. The rest of the
sample was kept for protein concentration estimation. Iron content was obtained by measuring
the Abs593 nm and the values were interpolated into the standard curve and then normalized to
protein concentration.

Aconitase activity assay

Aconitase activity was quantified using Abcam's colorimetric Aconitase activity assay kit
(ab83459), according to manufacturer's instructions. Briefly, 2.5 x10^6 cells were harvested,
washed with PBS and resuspended in Assay Buffer. Insoluble materials were cleared by
centrifuging samples at 800g, the resulting fraction was further centrifuged at 20.000 g for 15
minutes and the supernatant was utilized to quantify cytoplasmic aconitase activity. Aconitase
activity was measured colorimetrical by measuring absorbance 450 nm, and the enzymatic
activity calculated based on the standard curve and normalized to protein concentration.

Generation of CRIPSR KI/KO and stable cell lines

LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ cell lines

The gRNA for generation of homozygous LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ was designed using TrueDesign
Genome editor and synthesized by Thermo Fisher (sequence
U*U*G*CGAAGAUUGCGGACUAC + modified scaffold). The LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ HDR
template used was 5'- G*T*A*AACTTGTTCTCCTACCTGGGGTGC
CCTCTGATGTCTTTATTCCCATCCTGCAGCAGTACTGTGCGATCGAGTAGTCCGC
AATCTTCGCAATGATGGCAGCATTGGGATACAGGGTAAAAAGCAGCACATTGT
GGGGCTTCAGGTCACGGTAAATAATCATGGCTGAGTGG*A*G*A-3'. Raw cells
were scraped, washed with PBS and electroporated with Cas9 protein and donor HDR
templates using Neon transfection system (MPK5000, Thermo Fisher) according to the
manufacturer's instructions. After electroporation, cells were plated and cultured for 4 days.
Afterwards, single cells were seeded in 96 wells and genomic DNA was isolated from single
clones. The gRNA target region was amplified by PCR using AmpliTaq Gold 360 master mix
(4398881, Thermo Fisher). PCR amplicons were sequenced using standard Sanger
sequencing (Supp Fig 1A).

Crispr KO of LRRK2
To disrupt the LRRK2 loci, gRNAs were designed using the webtool CHOP CHOP
(https://chopchop.cbu.uib.no), and exons 1 and 7 of mouse *LRRK2* gene were targeted. sgRNA
exon1 GTGTTCACCTACTCGGACCGCGG and sgRNA exon 7
TGTCCGGTGCTACAATCTTGTGG were purchased from Synthego. Transfection was
performed according to manufacturer's instructions. Briefly, ribonucleoparticles (RNPs) were
assembled by incubating gRNAs with Cas9 enzyme, followed by reverse transfection using
lipofectamine RNAi max transfection reagent (Invitrogen, 13778150) diluted in Optimem (Gibco
31985070). Approximately 75,000 cells were seeded in a 24 well together RNPs-transfection
solution. 24 hours post transfection, single cells were seeded in 96 wells and several colonies

were monitored for the expression of LRRK2, one clone (D) was isolated with a two base pair
deletion ed in exon1 detected by Sanger sequencing.
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Stable cell lines
Stable cells lines expressing mCherry-FTL and mCherry-NCOA4 were generated using
retroviral transduction system and stably integrated into the genome. Using Gateway system
(11791019, Thermo Fisher), cDNAs of FTL (subcloned from Addgene #100153), NCOA4
(DNASU HsCD00043681) https://dnasu.org/DNASU/Home.do, were cloned into a pBABE-
puro-mCherrry-GTW, which was engineered by cloning mCherry2 (Addgene # 54563) into
pBABEpuro-gateway (Addgene # 51070). For the generation of the retroviral particles, HEK293
phoenix cells (ATCC, CRL-3213, RRID:CVCL_H716) were transfected with the different
constructs using jetPrime transfection reagent (Polyplus 101000027). Media of the cells was
collected 48 hours post-transfection, 0.45 μm filtered and transduced into the macrophages. After
24 hours of viral transduction, media was changed and cells selected with 10 μg/ml puromycin
until the appearance of resistant colonies. Stable cell lines were used as polyclones.
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Macrophage cells stably expressing TMEM192-HA (Addgene # 102930) were generated using
lentivirus. Lentiviral particles were generated in HEK293T cells using the Lenti-X packaging
(Takara 631275) according to manufacturer instructions. After 36 hours media was collected,
0.45 μm filtered and added to the RAW macrophages. 24 hours post-transduction cells were
selected in 10 μg /ml puromycin until the appearance of resistant colonies. TMEM192-HA
expression was confirmed by western blot, and polyclonal cell lines were used in this study.
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Immunofluorescence and live imaging conditions
Cells were seeded in 13 mm sterile glass coverslips (Thermo Scientific 174950), fixed with 6%
PFA for 20 min at 37 °C, washed three times with PBS, and permeabilized with 0.1% Triton X-
100 in PBS for 20 minutes. After permeabilization, cells were blocked for 30 min at room
temperature in PBS 5% BSA and probed overnight 4 °C with primary antibodies. After
incubation with secondary antibody, slides were washed three additional times with PBS, stained
with DAPI (Invitrogen, D1306), washed with double distilled water. Finally, coverslips were
mounted on slides using fluorescent mounting media (Dako, S302380-2) prior to imaging.
Antibodies used in immunofluorescence are as follows:
Rabbit Antibodies:
LAMP1 (Abcam ab208943, RRID:AB_2923327),
p-RAB8 (Abcam, ab230260, RRID:AB_2814988)
NRF2 (Cell Signaling 12721, RRID:AB_2715528)
Mouse antibodies:
HA (Sigma H9658, RRID:AB_260092)
Rat antibodies:
LAMP1 (DSHB ab528127, RRID: AB_528127).
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For pRAB8 staining, after PFA fixation, cells were permeabilized with ice cold methanol for 20
minutes at -20^{0}C before blocking. After washing primary antibodies, cells were incubated with
the appropriate secondary antibodies (1:3000), donkey anti rabbit coupled to Alexa 488
(Invitrogen, A11006, RRID:AB_2534114), coupled to Alexa 647 (Invitrogen, 21244,
RRID:AB_2535812), donkey anti rat coupled to Alexa 488 (Invitrogen, A11070,

RRID:AB_2534074), coupled to Alexa 647 (Invitrogen, 21247, RRID:AB_141778) or donkey
and mouse coupled to Alexa 488 (Invitrogen, A11029, RRID:AB_2534088).

For live imaging approximately 100,000 cells were seeded in glass bottom imaging plates
(Cellvis D35C4-20-1.5-N) and stained using normal growing media supplemented with 20 mM
HEPES for pH stabilization. For FerroOrange staining cells were incubated for 1 hour in 1 µM
FerroOrange (Dojindo F374), in complete media prior to imaging. For labeling late endosomes
and lysosomes, cells were incubated in 100 nM LysoTracker Green (Thermo Fisher Scientific,
L7526), LysoTrackerRed (Thermo Fisher Scientific, L7528) or LysoTracker far red (Thermo
Fisher Scientific, L12492) for 30 minutes prior to imaging. To quantify proteolytic activity
control or treated cells were incubated for 1 hour with 10 µg/mL BSA_{DQ} red (Thermo Fisher
Scientific, D12051) combined with 100 nM LysoTracker Green. For the assessment of lipid
peroxidation cells were incubated for 1 hour with 1µM Bodipy^{TM} 581/591 C11 (Thermo Fisher
Scientific, D3861). For time lapse microscopy, a rate of 1 frame every 2 seconds was acquired.
After staining with different dyes and then imaged under controlled temperature and humidity
conditions. Cell death was assessed by staining the cells with 1 µM SYTOX Green (Thermo
Fisher Scientific, S34860). Immunofluorescence and live imaging experiment were acquired
using an Olympus IX83 inverted microscope (RRID:SCR_020344) with Yokogawa spinning
disk confocal microscope (RRID:SCR_020907) using an UPLANSAPO ×100/1.40 NA oil
objective an Andor iXon Ultra EMCCD camera (RRID:SCR_023166). All the samples were
measured under same acquisition and laser intensity conditions.

Quantification of FTL subcellular distribution
Distribution of cherry-FTL was classified into four categories: 1) *cytosolic* where most of FTL
signal was homogenously distributed across the cellular cytoplasm: 2) *lysosomal*, where the
brightest signal inside the cell colocalize with Lamp1 or lysotracker positive structures, 3)
cytosolic and lysosomal, where FTL signal is largely diffuse and dim structures positive for
Lamp1 or lysotracker could be detected, and 4) *cytosolic with condensates*, were FTL
distribution was largely diffuse and cytoplasmic but accumulation of bright Lamp1 or lysotracker
negative structures were detected.

Biochemical fractionation of Triton X-100 soluble and insoluble fractions
To fractionate triton soluble from insoluble fraction biochemically, cells were first resuspended
in PBS, protein concentration was estimated, equal amounts of different samples were
centrifuged at 600 g for 5 minutes, and cell pellets were resuspended in triton lysis buffer (50
mM HEPES pH7.4, 150 mM NaCl, 1%, triton X-100, 1 mM EDTA) supplemented with protease
and phosphatase inhibitors (referenced in cell lysate section). Cell lysates were vortexed
thoroughly and incubated for 10 minutes on ice followed by centrifugation at 20,000 x g, 4 °C
for 20 minutes. Supernatant was transferred to a fresh tube and diluted in Laemmli buffer to
generate 1X triton soluble fraction, while the remaining triton insoluble pellet was resuspended
in 1X Laemmli sample buffer to the same final volume of the soluble fraction. Samples were
then analyzed by SDS-PAGE.

Quantification of condensate number and size with image analysis
We used FIJI (http://fiji.sc, RRID:SCR_002285) to quantify the number and area of extra-
lysosomal condensates. Images of fixed cells expressing either mCherry-NCOA4, mCherry-FTL

or mCherry-FTH and Lamp1 lysosomal marker were acquired using the same laser and exposure
conditions and analyzed with the following workflow. This is a cell-based analysis, so first step
single cells were selected with a ROI, while the rest of the field was excluded from the analysis.
Next, the Lamp1 channel was selected, background subtracted and binarized by automatic
thresholding using Otsu method, to obtain a lysosomal mask. Using this lysosomal mask, particle
analysis was performed and the ROIs obtained were overlayed with the channel of interest
(mCherry- NCOA4, mCherry-FTL or mCherry-FTH), and all the pixels inside this ROIs
(lysosomes) were deleted. Finally, the resulting image of the channel of interest was again
background subtracted and binarized by automatic thresholding to obtain a mask which was then
particle analyzed to quantify the number and size of extra-lysosomal structures.
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662 *Quantification of FerroOrange and Bodipy c11 integrated fluorescence intensity*
663 FerroOrange or Bodip1 c11 fluorescence intensity were quantified using live cells using confocal
664 microscopy and quantified by image analysis using FIJI, several cells per field were selected and
665 their integrated fluorescence intensity was measured. The experiment was repeated 4 times
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Quantification of lysosomal size and number with image analysis
We used FIJI to analyze and quantified the number and size of lysosomes in single planes. It is
important to note that RAW macrophages are not flat cells, thus this number only represents the
single plane information and not the total cellular volume. For the analysis of lysosomes in
LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ macrophages we used cells expressing TMEM192-HA due to its high levels of
expression and clear distribution in the lysosomal membrane allowing better edge detection.
Briefly, images were acquired under the same laser power and time exposure conditions and
afterwards analyzed with the following workflow. First step, single cells were selected with a
ROI while the rest of the field was excluded from the analysis. Next, HA/LTG channel was
selected, background subtracted and binarized by automatic Otsu thresholding to obtain a
lysosomal mask. Using this lysosomal mask, particle analysis was performed, and the average
number and size of lysosomes was recorded per each studied cell.
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Quantification of lysosomal proteolytic activity by flow cytometry
Cells were seeded and treated with 100 μM FAS for 48 hrs or left untreated for control. To
quantify lysosomal proteolytic activity cells were stained with 10 μg/ml of DQ-BSA red and 100
nM LysoTracker Green for 1 hour, under the same conditions described in live imaging section.
After staining, cells were collected and transferred to a fresh tube in a suspension of $1x10^6$ cells/
ml. For acquisition, single cell suspensions were acquired on an Attune NxT
(RRID:SCR_019590, Thermo Fisher). CS&T performance tracking was done prior to cell
acquisition by manufacturer's recommendation. PMT voltages were determined by Daily CS&T
performance tracking. Compensation controls were also acquired. 50 000 events were acquired
per sample. Finally, median DQ-BSA red fluorescence and median LysoTracker Green
fluorescence from three different repetitions is shown.
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Quantification of pRAB8 and NRF2 subcellular distribution
Quantification of pRAB8 and NRF2 distribution was performed qualitatively. Briefly, control or
FAS treated cells were stained with endogenous antibodies, and signals from the channel
corresponding to the studied protein were equally thresholded among all the cell lines and
treatments. The number of cells displaying bright detectable pRAB8 signal at the plasma

membrane or NRF2 signal at the nucleus were counted as positive and the total number of cells
assessed by DAPI nuclear staining was used to estimate the percentage of positive stained cells.
Experiments were repeated at least three times with a minimum of 30 cells per condition.
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701 *Growth curves*
702 To assess growth, on day 0, 150.000 cells were seeded in 12 well plates, and on day 1 cells were
703 either left untreated for control or incubated with 100 µM FAS, quadruplicates measurements
704 were performed in each condition, and cell number was followed for the period of 72 hours.
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Statistical analysis
All experiments were performed independently at least three times and quantifications and/or
representative images are provided. For each condition a minimum of 30 cells were analyzed in
all biological replicates. One-way ANOVA statistical analysis was performed using the
GraphPad Prism software (http://www.graphpad.com/, version 8.4.3, RRID:SCR_002798).
Experiments with more than two samples included the multiple comparison analysis. The
arithmetic mean with standard deviation of at least three independent experiments are depicted.
In addition, the values of all individual cells and the mean of each experiment are shown for the
quantifications of size and number of condensates as well as lysosomes. No statistical method
was used to predetermine the sample size. The experiments were not randomized; the
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Figure Legends

Figure 1: LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ RAW macrophages show changes in iron homeostasis

A- Western blot analysis on whole cell lysates of pRAB8$_{T72}$ and pLRRK2$_{S1292}$ in WT and

LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ macrophages control or treated with 1µM MLi-2 for 16 hours. Vinculin serves as

loading control. **B-** Densitometry analysis of pRab:Rab8 and pLRRK2:LRRK2 ratios from WT

or LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ macrophages control or treated with 1µM MLi-2 . Band intensities of three

separate experiment and standard deviation (SD) are shown. **C-**Volcano plot showing

differentially expressed proteins in LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ compared to WT macrophages. On the x axis

fold change (FC) and in the y axis -log base 10 of the adjusted statistical significance (p.adj) are

plotted. Dashed lines represent the cut-offs for analysis, proteins with a fold change larger than -

/+ 1-fold and p.adj greater than 1.3 (p<0.05) were considered as differentially expressed. Red

dots depict some of the differentially expressed proteins important for iron metabolism. **D** – Heat

map and table depicting the fold change and the role of the main iron related proteins

differentially expressed in LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ macrophages. FC= fold change. Data found in

Supplementary Table 1. **E-** Western blot analysis on whole cell lysates of iron markers in WT

and LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ macrophages. GAPDH serves as loading control. **F-** Levels of ferric (Fe^{3+}) and

ferrous (Fe^{2+}) iron in WT and LRRK2 $_{G2019S}$ macrophages. Iron is quantified as µmoles of iron

per mg of protein. Prior to iron quantification, cells were fed overnight with 100 µM ferrous

ammonium sulfate (FAS). The means of three separate experiment are shown. **G-** Representative

images of cherry-FTL distribution in WT and LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ macrophages control or treated with

DFO 250 µM for 24 hours. Lysosomes were stained with 100nM lysotracker green. Scale bar 4

µm, inset 1µm. **H-** Qualitative classification of cherry-FTL distribution shown in G. The means

of three separate experiment are shown. **I-** Western blot analysis of NCOA4, FTL and FTH and

TfR levels on whole cell lysates of WT and LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ macrophages, control or treated for 24

hours with 250 µM DFO. PCNA serves as loading control. Black arrow indicates proteolytic

cleavage product of FTL.

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A- Confirmation by Sanger sequencing of LRRK2 G2019S knock in generation in Raw

macrophages. **B-** Densitometry analysis of FTH, FTL and TfR levels in WT and LRRK2$_{G2019S}$

macrophages. Band intensities of three separate experiment and standard deviation (SD) are

shown. **C-** Representative images of WT and LRRK2 $_{G2019S}$ macrophages stained with

Fe^{2+}sensor FerroOrange. Fluorescence intensity of the images was color coded using FIJIs

thermal LUT. Scale bar 5 µm. **D-** Quantification of FerroOrange fluorescence intensity of data

shown in B. The means and single values of three separate experiment and standard deviation

(SD) are shown. T-test statistical analysis is shown. **E-** Western blot analysis on whole cell

lysates of IRP2 FBXL5 HERC2, ferroportin (FPT) and DMT1 in WT and LRRK2$_{G2019S}$

macrophages. GAPDH serves as loading control. **F-** Quantification of Aconitase activity in WT

and LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ RAW macrophages, expressed as activity units per mg of protein. The means

of three separate experiment and standard deviation (SD) are shown. T-test statistical analysis is

shown. **G -** Densitometry analysis of FTL, TfR and NCOA4 levels in WT and LRRK2$_{G2019S}$

macrophages control or treated for 24 hours with 250 µM DFO. Band intensities of three

separate experiment and standard deviation (SD) are shown. .

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Figure 2: LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ show defects in NCOA4 turnover upon iron overload
A- Representative images of cherry-NCOA4 distribution in WT and LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ macrophages
control or treated for 16 hours with FAS 100 µM. Lysosomes were stained with anti LAMP1
antibody. Scale bar 4 µm, inset 1µm. **B-** Quantification of the average size of cytoplasmic
cherry-NCOA4 condensates calculated as µm^2 per cell of data shown in A. The means and single
values of three separate experiment and standard deviation (SD) are shown. Multiple
comparison one-way ANOVA statistical analysis. **C-**Quantification of average number of
cytoplasmic cherry-NCOA4 condensates per cell of data shown in A. The means and single
values of three separate experiment and standard deviation (SD) are shown. Multiple
comparison one-way ANOVA statistical analysis. **D-** Representative time-lapse sequences of
cherry-NCOA4 condensates in WT and LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ macrophages treated for 48 hours with
FAS 100 µM. Lysosomes were stained with Lysotracker green. Time-lapse experiments were
acquired for 5 minutes, capturing both channels every 2 seconds. Scale bar 4 µm, inset 1µm. **E-**
Western blot analysis of triton x-100 soluble and triton x-100 insoluble NCOA4 levels in WT
and LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ RAW macrophages control or treated with 25 nM bafilomycin for 3 hours. **F-**
Western blot analysis of NCOA4 on whole cell extracts of WT and LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ macrophages
treated for 16 hours with FAS 100 µM and then treated with 1 µM MLi-2 for 8 hours in the
absence of iron. Phosphorylation levels of LRRK2 on S1292 is used as positive control, actin
serves as loading control.
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Supplementary Figure 2:LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ show defects in NCOA4 turnover upon iron overload
A- Representative images of cherry-FTL distribution in WT and LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ macrophages
control or treated for 16 hours with FAS 100 µM. Lysosomes were stained with lysotracker
green. Scale bar 4 µm, inset 1µm. **B-** Qualitative classification of cherry-FTL distribution of data
shown in A. The means of three separate experiment are shown with at least 30 cells per
condition. **C-** Representative images of lysosomal morphology of WT and LRRK2$_{G2019S}$
macrophages control or treated for 24 or 48 hours with FAS 100 µM. Cells expressing
TMEM192-HA in their lysosomal surface were stained with anti HA antibody. Scale bar 4 µm.
D- Quantification of average number of lysosomes per cell of the experiment shown in C. The
means and single values of three separate experiment are shown. Multiple comparison one-way
ANOVA statistical analysis. **E-** Quantification of the average lysosomal size per cell of data
shown in C. The means and single values of three separate experiment are shown. Multiple
comparison one-way ANOVA statistical analysis. **F-** Western blot analysis of FTH and NCOA4
levels on whole cell extracts of WT and LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ macrophages control or treated for 4, 8 or
24 hours with 1 µM MLi-2. Phosphorylation levels of LRRK2 on S1292 were used as positive
control, PCNA serves as loading control. **G-** Densitometry analysis of NCOA4 kinetics changes
in LRRK2 G2019S treated with MLi-2. Band intensies of three separate experiment and
standard deviation (SD) are shown. **H-** Representative images of lysosome morphology of WT
and LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ macrophages treated for 48 hours with FAS 100 µM and then incubated for 8
hours with 1 µM MLi-2 in the presence of iron. Lysosomes were stained with anti LAMP1
antibody. Scale bar 5 µm.
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Figure 3: LRRK$_{G2019S}$ impact on iron metabolism reveals differential sensivies to type I and type II
kinase inhibitors.
A-Representative images of endogenous pRab8A distribution in WT, LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ and LRRK2
KO macrophages control of treated for 24 hours with FAS 250 µM. Lysosomes were stained

with anti LAMP1 antibody. Scale bar 10 μm, inset 5 μm. **B-** Quantification of the percentage of
cells showing positive pRAB8 signal at plasma membrane. The means and standard deviation of
three separate experiments are shown. Multiple comparison one-way ANOVA statistical
analysis. **C-** Western blot analysis of p-Rab8 in WT and LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ macrophages control or
treated with 1μM MLi-2 for two hours and then left untreated or exposed to FAS 250 μM in the
presence of the inhibitor . Phosphorylation levels of LRRK2 on S1292 were used as positive
control and actin serves as loading control. **D-** Densitometry quantification of data shown in C.
Band intensities of three separate experiment and standard deviation (SD) are shown. **E-**
Western blot analysis of p-Rab8 in WT and LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ macrophages control or treated with
1μM rebastinib for two hours and then left untreated or exposed to FAS 250 μM in the presence
of the inhibitor . PCNA serves as loading control. **F-** Representative images of endogenous
pRab8A distribution in LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ macrophages pre-treated for 2hours with 1μM rebastinib or
with 1μM MLi-2 and treated for 24 hours with FAS 250 μM in the presence of the inhibitor.
DNA is stained with DAPI. Scale bar 10 μm. **G-** Quantification of the percentage of cells
showing positive pRab8 signal at plasma membrane from the experiment shown in F. The means
of three separate experiments are shown. Multiple comparison one-way ANOVA statistical
analysis. **H-** Representative images of endogenous pRab8A distribution in LRRK2$_{G2019S}$
macrophages pre-treated for 2hours with 5μM Rn277 or 5μM Rn341and treated for 24 hours
with FAS 250 μM in the presence of the inhibitor. DNA is stained with DAPI. Scale bar 10 μm.
I- Quantification of the percentage of cells showing positive pRab8 signal at plasma membrane
from the experiment shown in H. The means of three separate experiments are shown. Multiple
comparison one-way ANOVA statistical analysis. **J-** Western blot analysis of p-Rab8 in WT
and LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ macrophages control and FAS treated. LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ macrophages were also
treated with 5μM Rn277 and 5μM Rn341 for two hours and then left untreated or exposed to
FAS 250 μM in the presence of the inhibitor. PCNA serves as loading control. **K-** Densitometry
quantification of data shown in J. Band intensities of three separate experiment and standard
deviation (SD) are shown.
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Supplementary Figure 3: LRRK$_{G2019S}$ impact on iron metabolism reveals differential sensivities to
type I and type II kinase inhibitors.
A-Western blot analysis of p-Rab8 in WT, LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ and LRRK2 KO macrophages control
or treated with FAS 250 μM for 16 hours. Tubulin serves as loading control. **B-** Densitometry
quantification of data shown in A. Band intensities of three separate experiment and standard
deviation (SD) are shown. **C-** Western blot analysis of Rab8 or Rab10 levels in LRRK2$_{G2019S}$
treated with non-targeting (NT), Rab8 (R8) or Rab10 (R10) siRNA. Vinculin serves as loading
control. **D-**Representative images of endogenous pRab8A distribution in LRRK2$_{G2019S}$
macrophages treated for 72 hours with NT, Rab8 or Rab10 siRNA and treated for 24 hours with
FAS 250 μM. DNA is stained with DAPI. Scale bar 10 μm. **E-** Quantification of the percentage
of cells showing positive pRab8 signal at plasma membrane of data shown in D. The means of
three separate experiments are shown. Multiple comparison one-way ANOVA statistical
analysis. **F-** Representative images of endogenous pRab8A distribution in mitotic WT
macrophages. Nuclei are stained with DAPI. Scale bar 5 μm. **G-** Representative images of
endogenous pRAB8A distribution in WT macrophages control of treated for 3 hours with
LLOME 1 mM. Lysosomes were stained with anti LAMP1 antibody. Scale bar 5 μm. **H-**Western
blot analysis of p-AKT S473 in WT, LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ and LRRK2$_{ARM}$ macrophages control or
treated with 250 or 500 μM FAS for 24 hours. Vinculin serves as loading control. **I-**

Densitometry quantification of data shown in H. Band intensities of three separate experiment
and standard deviation (SD) are shown. **J**- Densitometry quantification of Western blot analysis
of WT and LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ macrophages control or treated with 1µM rebastinib for two hours and
then left untreated or exposed to FAS 250 µM for 16 hours in the presence of the inhibitor.
Band intensities of three separate experiment and standard deviation (SD) are shown.
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Figure 4: LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ cells are hypersensitive to iron induced oxidation and ferroptotic cell death.
A-Volcano plot showing differentially expressed proteins in LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ compared to WT
macrophages treated for 16 hours with 100 µM FAS. On the x axis fold change (FC) and in the y
axis -log base 10 of the adjusted statistical significance (p.adj) are plotted. Dashed lines represent
the cut-offs for analysis, proteins with a fold change larger than -/+ 2.5-fold and p.adj greater
than 1.3 (p<0.05) were considered as differentially expressed. In red highlighted some of the
confirmed hits shown in supplementary figure 4A. **B** – Heat maps depicting the fold change of
proteins associated with oxidative stress, lysosomal function and cytoskeleton that are
differentially expressed in iron treated LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ macrophages. FC= fold change. Raw data
found in Supplementary Table 2. **C**-Flow cytometric measurement of median BSA-DQ red
fluorescence intensity in WT and LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ macrophages control or treated for 48 hours with
FAS 100 µM. The median of three separate experiment is shown. Multiple comparison one-way
ANOVA statistical analysis. **D**- Flow cytometric measurement of median LTG fluorescence
intensity in WT and LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ macrophages control or treated for 48 hours with FAS 100
µM. The median of three separate experiment is shown. Multiple comparison one-way ANOVA
statistical analysis. **E**- Representatice images of WT and LRRK2 G2019S macropghages treated
for 24 hours with 250 µM FAS and incubated with 1µM C11-bodipy for the detection of
peroxidated lipids. Scale bar 10 µm. **F**- Quantification of integrated fluorescence intensity of
peroxidated C11-Bodipy. The means and single values of three separate experiment and standard
deviation (SD) are shown. T-test statistical analysis is shown. **G**- Representative images of
LRRK2 G2019S macropghages treated for 24 hours with 250 µM FAS and incubated with 1µM
C11-bodipy for the detection of peroxidated lipids. Lysosomes were stained with lysotracker
deep red (100 nM). Scale bar 10 µm, inset 1µm. **H**- Representative images of WT and LRRK2
G2019S macropghages treated for 48 hours with 500 µM FAS and incubated with Sytox green to
identify death cells. DIC images were used for total cell quantifiaction .Scale bar 100 µm. **I**-
Quantification of data shown in H. Data shown as percentage of sytox green positive cells. The
mean of three separate experiment is shown. Multiple comparison one-way ANOVA statistical
analysis.
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Supplementary Figure 4: LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ cells are hypersensitive to iron induced oxidation and
ferroptotic cell death.
A- Confirmative western blot analysis of selected differentially expressed proteins in iron treated
LRRK2G2019S macrophages compared to WT cells exposed to the same conditions. HMOX-1
(hemeoxidase-1). MAOA (monoamino oxidase), FPT (ferroportin). **B**- Representative images of
endogenous NRF2 distribution in WT, LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ and LRRK$_{ARM}$ macrophages for 48 hours
with FAS 100 µM. Cell nuclei were stained with DAPI, lysosomes were stained with anti
LAMP1 antibody. Scale bar 10 µm. **C**- Quantification of the percentage of cells showing
nuclear NRF2 translocation. The means and single values of three separate experiment are
shown. T-test statistical analysis is shown. **D**- Growth curve of WT, LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ and LRRK2

KO macrophages. Cell count was followed for 3 days in the presence or absence of 100 μM FAS.
Each point shows the average and standard deviation of 4 measurement.
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1164 Supplementary Data File 1:
1165 Raw sequencing data covering LRRK2G2019S mutation in RAW macrophage
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1167 Supplementary Data File 2:
1168 Raw sequencing data covering LRRK2KO mutation in RAW macrophage
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1170 Supplementary Table 1:
1171 Proteomics dataset from LRRK2G2019S and wild type RAW macrophages.
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1173 Supplementary Table 2:
1174 Proteomics dataset from LRRK2G2019S and wild type RAW macrophages FAS treated
1175 macrophages.
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1177 Supplementary Video 1:
1178 Time-lapse imaging of NCOA4-Cherry foci seen within phase-separated foci entering an
1179 enlarged lysosome labeled with Lysotracker Green in wild type cells after 48 hours of 100uM
1180 FAS treatment.
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1182 Supplementary Video 2:
1183 Time-lapse imaging of NCOA4-Cherry enlarged foci that do not become internalized within
1184 lysosomes labeled with Lysotracker Green in LRRK2$_{G2019S}$ cells after 48 hours of 100uM FAS
1185 treatment.
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FIGURE 1

A

G2019S

WT | C | MLi

25- pRab8₍T72₎ → pRab8_{T72}

25- Rab8

250- pLRRK2_{S1292}

250- LRRK2

100- Vinculin

B

(upper graph)
pRab8/Rab8 NORMALIZED INTENSITY
y-axis: 0, 1, 2, 3
x-axis: WT, GS, GS+MLi-2

(lower graph)
pLRRK2/LRRK2 NORMALIZED INTENSITY
y-axis: 0, 2, 4, 6, 8
x-axis: WT, GS, GS+MLi-2

C

y-axis: $-\log_{10}(\text{p.adj})$ (0, 2, 4, 6)
x-axis: $\log_2(\text{FC})$ LRRK2 G2019S vs WT (-5, 0, 5)

Labels: Ftl1, Fth1, Tfrc, Cisd3, Slc39a14

D

FC scale: red 4, black 2/0, green -2

	FC	Function
Ftl1	4.410	Iron storage and buffering
Slc39a14	2.750	Non-transferrin bound iron uptake
Isca1	2.640	Fe-S cluster assembly in mitochondria
Mt2	1.550	Metal buddfering and detoxification
Cisd3	1.540	Mitochondria iron sensing
Sfxn2	1.470	Mitochondrial serine/iron transporter
Egln1	1.450	Iron dependent dioxygenase
Ciapin1	-0.524	Cytosolic Fe-S cluster assembly
Bola2	-0.858	Regulator of cyosolic Fe-S biogenesis
Tfrc	-1.210	Uptake of iron bound to transferrin
Fth1	-1.810	Iron storage and buffering
FRRS1	-2.750	Putative reducer of ferric into ferrous iron

E

WT G2019S

25- FTL

25- FTH

100- TfR

250- LRRK2

35- GAPDH

F

y-axis: Iron concentration ($\mu M \times mg^{-1}$) (0, 10, 20, 30, 40)
Legend: Fe^{2+}, Fe^{3+}
x-axis: WT, G2019S

G

cherry-FTL (magenta)
Lysotracker (green)

Columns: cherry-FTL | Lysotracker | Merge

WT: CTRL, DFO
G2019S: CTRL, DFO

H

y-axis: Subcellular FTL distribution (0, 50, 100)
Legend: Lysosomal, Cytosolic, Cytosolic/lysosomal
x-axis: WT CTRL, G2019S CTRL, WT DFO, G2019S DFO

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WT | G2019S
C DFO | C DFO

20- FTL

20- FTL Long (arrow →)
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20- FTH

100- TfR

70- NCOA4

250- LRRK2

35- PCNA

SUPPLEMENTARY FIG1

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