A Shared Transcriptional Identity for Forebrain and Dentate Gyrus Neural Stem Cells from Embryogenesis to Adulthood

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Abstract

Adult neural stem cells (NSCs) reside in two distinct niches in the mammalian brain, the ventricular-subventricular zone (V-SVZ) of the forebrain lateral ventricles and the subgranular zone (SGZ) of the hippocampal dentate gyrus. They are thought to be molecularly distinct since V-SVZ NSCs produce inhibitory olfactory bulb (OB) interneurons and SGZ NSCs excitatory dentate granule neurons. Here, we have asked whether this is so by directly comparing V-SVZ and SGZ NSCs from embryogenesis to adulthood using single-cell transcriptional data. We show that the embryonic radial glial precursor (RP) parents of these two NSC populations are very similar, but differentially express a small cohort of genes involved in glutamatergic versus GABAergic neurogenesis. These different RPs then undergo a similar gradual transition to a dormant adult NSC state over the first three postnatal weeks. This dormancy state involves transcriptional shutdown of genes that maintain an active, proliferative, prodifferentiation state and induction of genes involved in sensing and regulating their niche environment. Moreover, when reactivated to generate adult-born progeny, both populations reacquire a development-like state and re-express proneurogenic genes. Thus, V-SVZ and SGZ NSCs share a common transcriptional state throughout their lifespans and transition into and out of dormancy via similar trajectories.

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Significance Statement

This work furthers our understanding of the molecular similarities and differences between the two major populations of adult neural stem cells (neural stem cell [NSC]) in the mammalian brain: ventricular-subventricular zone (V-SVZ) NSCs and subgranular zone (SGZ) NSCs. We have analyzed high throughput single-cell RNA-sequencing (scRNA-Seq) data for these two NSC populations from embryogenesis through to adulthood and show that while not identical, both populations exhibit a conserved forebrain NSC signature and are transcriptionally similar throughout their lifespans despite the different types of neurons they generate. Moreover, we show that both populations progress from active embryonic precursors to postnatal dormant NSCs along a similar timeframe, and that in both cases reactivation involves a transition back to a development-like state.
Introduction

Genesis of adult neural stem cells (NSCs) from embryonic neural precursors is an essential developmental process that ensures the continued production of newborn neurons and glia throughout postnatal and adult life. The adult murine brain contains at least two well-characterized NSC populations, one that resides in the ventricular-subventricular zone (V-SVZ) of the lateral ventricles and a second that resides in the subgranular zone (SGZ) of the hippocampal dentate gyrus. These V-SVZ and SGZ NSCs are functionally distinct and generate different types of neurons and glia; V-SVZ NSCs produce inhibitory olfactory bulb (OB) interneurons and oligodendrocytes (Lois and Alvarez-Buylla, 1994; Lois et al., 1996; Menn et al., 2006), whereas SGZ NSCs produce excitatory granule neurons and astrocytes (Brandt et al., 2003; Bonaguidi et al., 2011). However, despite this differential cell genesis, these two NSC populations originate from embryonic neural precursors that reside in adjacent regions of the forebrain lateral ventricles (Young et al., 2007; Fuentealba et al., 2015; Berg et al., 2019). V-SVZ NSCs derive from embryonic cortical and ganglionic eminence (GE) radial glial precursor cells (RPs), whereas SGZ NSCs derive from a subpopulation of embryonic hippocampal precursors in the dentate neuroepithelium (Berg et al., 2018).

How similar are SGZ and V-SVZ NSCs, and what accounts for their functional differences? One idea is that these two NSC types are predetermined by morphogenic cues during early development. For example, lineage tracing and fate mapping studies suggested that V-SVZ NSCs originate from a subset of RPs that are set aside during mid-to-late embryogenesis (Fuentealba et al., 2015; Furutachi et al., 2015), coincident with acquisition of a slowly-proliferating/quiescent-like cell cycle state (Fuentealba et al., 2015; Furutachi et al., 2015; Yuzwa et al., 2017). However, more recent studies suggest that these embryonic RPs transition to a dormant adult V-SVZ NSC transcriptional state over a relatively lengthy period of time that extends from late embryogenesis to the third postnatal week (Borrett et al., 2020).

Similar findings have recently been reported for SGZ NSCs. Lineage tracing and clonal analysis showed that SGZ precursors enter a quiescent-like state by early postnatal development (Berg et al., 2019) and single-cell transcriptional profiling showed that newborn and three-week-old SGZ NSCs are transcriptionally distinct (Hochgener et al., 2018). Thus, adult V-SVZ and SGZ NSC populations both apparently acquire their adult dormant states at similar times between birth and the third postnatal week. However, despite this similarity, we do not yet know whether the transition to dormancy is similar for these two adult NSC populations, and/or to what extent they or their embryonic precursor parents resemble each other.

Here, we have addressed these questions by computationally comparing the transcriptional profiles of V-SVZ and SGZ-derived NSCs from embryogenesis to adulthood. These analyses indicate that although these two NSC populations produce distinct cellular progeny, they share significant transcriptional commonalities from embryogenesis through to adulthood. Moreover, both populations display a similar developmental transition to dormancy, and reacquire their embryonic states when activated to generate adult-born progeny. These findings therefore support a model where forebrain NSCs are substantially similar at the transcriptional level, and where genesis of their distinct adult-born progeny may at least in part be determined by their adult niche environments.

Materials and Methods

Tissue preparation, fluorescence in situ hybridization (FISH), and immunostaining

Under RNase-free conditions, brains were harvested from postnatal day (P)5 CD1 mice, fixed in 4% paraformaldehyde (PFA) for 24 h at 4°C, washed in HBSS, transferred to 30% sucrose for 48 h at 4°C, embedded in optimum cutting temperature (O.C.T.) mounting medium (Tissue-Tek) and stored at −80°C. Frozen embedded brains were sectioned coronally at 14-μm thickness and stored at −80°C.

RNA was detected using the RNAscope Multiplex Fluorescent Assay kit (Advanced Cell Diagnostics) under RNase-free conditions. Sections were dried for 15 min at 37°C, washed in PBS for 5 min, then washed in 50%, 70%, and 100% ethanol sequentially for 5, 5, and 2 × 5 min, respectively. After air drying at room temperature, sections were permeabilized using a 1:30 dilution of the RNA-scope Pretreatment-4 protease solution (Advanced Cell Diagnostics) for 10 min at 37°C, washed, and maintained in PBS until probe addition. RNA probes were preheated at 40°C for 10 min and added to the sections and incubated for 2 h at 4°C; probes were used to target Ptprz1 (catalog #460991, NM_001081306.1), Tth1 (504051-C3, NM_001001454.4), Rgs5 (catalog #430181, NM_009063.3), Aldoc (429531-C3, NM_009657.3), and Mt3 (catalog #504061, NM_013603.2) mRNAs. Following probe incubation, sections were washed as recommended by the manufacturer and incubated with RNAscope AMP1 solution for 30 min at 40°C, washed, incubated with RNAscope AMP2 solution for 15 min at 40°C, washed, incubated with RNAscope AMP3 solution for 30 min at 40°C, washed, incubated with RNAscope AMP4 solution for 15 min at 40°C, and washed. For concomitant immunostaining, sections were washed once with PBS, incubated in 5% BSA blocking buffer at room temperature for 1 h, and incubated in primary antibody solution (goat anti-Sox2 diluted 1:1000 in 2.5% BSA; R&D Systems) overnight at 4°C in a humidified chamber. Following primary antibody incubation, sections were washed three times with PBS and incubated in fluorescently labeled secondary antibody.
solution (diluted 1:1000 in PBS; Invitrogen) for 1 h at room temperature. Sections were then washed three times with PBS, incubated with 0.5 mg/ml Hoechst 33258 for 5 min at room temperature, washed three times with PBS, and mounted on glass slides using Aqua-Poly/Mount (Polysciences).

**Imaging and microscopy**

Images of FISH with immunostaining were collected using a Quorum spinning disk confocal microscope system. Z stacks of confocal images were taken with an optical slice thickness of 0.3 μm, and projected z-stacked images are shown.

**Single-cell RNA-sequencing (scRNA-Seq) data analysis pipeline**

Hippocampal dentate gyrus scRNA-Seq data described in Hochgerner et al. (2018) was downloaded from GSE95753. 10× Genomics scRNA-Seq dataset in Hochgerner et al. (2018), termed “Dataset C” and consisting of 24,185 cells (GSE104323), was used for all described analyses below. Dataset count matrix was imported into Seurat version 3.1.1 and was normalized using Seurat’s library size normalization method. Genes detected in fewer than three cells were removed from the dataset. PCA was performed using highly variable genes in the data. The Seurat function RunUMAP was used to generate two-dimensional UMAP projections using the top principal components detected in the dataset. UMAP visualization of all dentate gyrus cell types was subsequently overlaid with specific cell types annotated by Hochgerner et al. (2018) as shown in Figure 1A to ensure reproducibility of data analysis. Annotations by Hochgerner et al. (2018) can be found at GSE104323. The P20, P34, P61 merged V-SVZ neural cell dataset described in Borrett et al. (2020) was also run through this computational pipeline as shown in Figure 2E to more consistently compare the V-SVZ cell types with the dentate gyrus populations.

To generate the SGZ NSCs and V-SVZ NSCs merged dataset shown in Figure 3B, SGZ NSCs (also known as radial glial like cells; RGL) from all timepoints (885 total cells), annotated by Hochgerner et al. (2018) were extracted from the complete dentate gyrus dataset, and cell transcriptomes were merged with V-SVZ NSC transcriptomes described in Borrett et al. (2020) and subsequently run through a batch corrected version of the pipeline described above (methods described below) resulting in 2479 total forebrain NSCs. Cell cycle regression was performed on the same dataset (method described below). The same top principal components used to perform UMAP dimensionality reduction, were subsequently used to iteratively carry out SNN-Cliq-inspired clustering (FindClusters function in Seurat). Clusters were assigned at a resolution of 0.4 (nine clusters identified without cell cycle regression and eight clusters identified with cell cycle regression, presumably because of reduced cell-cycle related clustering). To generate the E14 RP and embryonic day (E)16.5 dentate neuroepithelium RP merged dataset shown in Figure 5A, all E14 RP (cortical and GE-derived) and E16.5 dentate neuroepithelium RP raw transcriptomes were extracted and run through the same batch corrected pipeline. To generate the P6/P7 V-SVZ NSC and P5 SGZ NSC merged dataset shown in Figure 5E, all P6/P7 RP (cortical and GE-derived) and P5 SGZ NSC raw transcriptomes were extracted and run through the same batch corrected pipeline. Juvenile and adult transit-amplifying precursors (TAPs)/intermediate progenitors (IPs) of both V-SVZ and SGZ origin were combined to the merged NSC dataset shown in Figure 3B and were subsequently run through the batch corrected pipeline. SGZ IPs included all IPs annotated by Hochgerner et al. (2018) from P18 to P132 and V-SVZ TAPs included all nonproliferative TAPs at P20,P34,P61 identified in Borrett et al. (2020). This population of TAPs included a small number of activated NSCs at these ages as described in Borrett et al. (2020). Note that for all dataset merging, the union of all detected genes from each dataset was always used. tSNE gene overlays were generated using the Seurat FeaturePlot function, violin plots were generated using the Seurat VlnPlot function, heatmaps were generated using the Seurat DoHeatmap function (using scaled expression values).

**Batch correction of merged V-SVZ and SGZ datasets**

V-SVZ and SGZ cell transcriptomes were corrected for batch differences using the R program Harmony (version 1.0; Korsunsky et al., 2019). Cells were categorized into two distinct batches based on their site of origin: all V-SVZ cells were considered batch 1 and all SGZ cells were considered batch 2. Following PCA, a single iteration of Harmony-mediated correction was performed on the normalized cell transcriptomes based on the above batch categorization using the RunHarmony function. Following Harmony batch correction, both UMAP dimensionality reduction and SNN-Cliq inspired clustering were performed using the obtained “harmonized” principal component space as opposed to the original uncorrected principal component space. This same protocol was conducted for all datasets on which batch correction was performed.

**Trajectory inference and pseudotime ordering**

Single-cell pseudotime trajectories were constructed as described in Borrett et al. (2020) using a modified version of the dpFeature method in Monocle v2 (Trapnell et al., 2014) as previously published (Borrett et al., 2020; Storer et al., 2020). Briefly, cell barcodes from desired datasets were extracted from the raw digital gene expression matrices and merged before normalization using Monocle’s size factor normalization method. PCA was performed using the same highly variable genes that were obtained from our custom-built pipeline as described above and the cells were projected into two-dimensional space using the tsNE algorithm. Cells were subsequently assigned into distinct clusters using Monocle’s density peak clustering algorithm. A set of ordering genes was obtained by testing each gene for differential expression between the clusters in the dataset and selecting the top
Figure 1. Analysis of single-cell transcriptomes of murine dentate gyrus cells from E16.5 to P132. A, UMAP visualization of dentate...
gyrus cell transcriptomes from ages E16.5 to P132, colored by cell type using cell annotations described by Hochgerner et al. (2018). Annotations of cell types are shown on the right. VLMC: vascular and leptomeningeal cell; Dev. NSCs: developmental NSCs (E16.5, P0, P5); Juv. + adult NSCs: juvenile and adult NSCs (P18–P132); PVM: perivascular macrophage; OPC: oligodendrocyte precursor cell; Ip5: intermediate progenitors (E16.5–P132); RP: radial precursors; NFOL: newly formed oligodendrocytes; MOL: mature oligodendrocytes; Immun. Pyramidal: immature pyramidal cells; GCs: granule cells; GABA: GABAergic neurons; CA3 Pyramidal: pyramidal cells of the hippocampal cornu Ammonis3. Data are not batch-corrected. B, UMAP visualization as shown in A with the NSCs and astrocytes overlaid in different colors. NSCs at all ages (E16.5–P132) are highlighted in red, perinatal astrocytes (Astr; P0, P5) in blue and juvenile/adult astrocytes (Astr; P18–P132) in green. C, UMAP as shown in A overlaid with gene expression scores for a previously defined core identity for embryonic cortical RPs and V-SVZ NSCs (V-SVZ RP/NSC core identity; Yuzwa et al., 2017; Borrett et al., 2020). Red denotes cells with scores >0.8.

Figure 6A, B, C, D, and E are shown in Figure S2 in the supplementary material, which includes additional images and analysis methods. The density plot showing the distribution of gene expression signature scores in the V-SVZ RP/NSC core identity as in C in distinct dentate gyrus populations. SGZ NSCs, perinatal astrocytes (P0, P5), juvenile/adult astrocytes (P18–P132) and neuroblasts are shown and are color coded. E, Confocal z-stack images of coronal sections through the P5 dentate gyrus analyzed by FISH with probes for Ptprz1, Ttyh1, Rgs5, Aldoc, and Mt3 mRNAs (red or blue dots), combined with immunostaining for Sox2 (green) and counterstained with Hoechst (gray). Hatched white lines outline the border between the SGZ and the granule cell layer (GCL) and hatched boxes denote single labeled cells that are shown at higher magnification on the right. Scale bars represent 20 μm in the lower magnification images and 5 μm in the magnified images. F, Bar graph showing the proportion of differentially expressed genes between V-SVZ astrocytes (V-SVZ Astr) and V-SVZ NSCs that are also differentially expressed between SGZ NSCs and dentate gyrus astrocytes (DG Astr); 64% of genes enriched in V-SVZ NSCs relative to V-SVZ astrocytes (V-SVZ DE genes) were also enriched in SGZ NSCs relative to dentate gyrus astrocytes, while 56% of genes enriched in V-SVZ astrocytes relative to V-SVZ NSCs (V-SVZ Astr DE genes) were also enriched in dentate gyrus astrocytes relative to SGZ NSCs. G, UMAP visualization as in A overlaid with gene expression scores for a 26 gene signature specific to astrocytes relative to NSCs in the V-SVZ and SGZ. These 26 genes are highlighted with asterisks in Table 2. The region shown in the hatched box includes juvenile/adult astrocytes and NSCs as identified in B and is shown at a larger size to the right. Red denotes cells with scores >0.75.

Cell cycle regression analysis

Cell cycle regression was conducted using the same method described in Borrett et al. (2020) by removing all cell cycle related genes from the highly variable genes used to perform PCA. All downstream steps were performed as previously described. In order to carry out cell cycle regression on the trajectory inference analysis performed using Monocle, the same list of cell cycle related genes was removed from the top 1000 differentially expressed genes used to order the cells along the inferred trajectory. In order to obtain a list of cell cycle related genes, we took the enriched genes from all G1, S, and G2/M marker gene pairs used by the Cyclone method (Scialdone et al., 2015) to assign cell cycle phase that were detected in our scRNA-Seq dataset. These genes were subsequently combined with an additional list of S phase related and G2/M phase related genes described in Kowalczyk et al. (2015). Together, this resulted in a total of 678 cell cycle related genes that were used to perform cell cycle regression.

Gene set enrichment analysis (GSEA)

GSEA on the SGZ NSCs was performed using the same computational method described in Borrett et al. (2020). Gene correlation with time was performed by converting developmental day for each cell to an integer value, with birth at zero, then calculating Spearman rank correlation of normalized gene expression for each gene with time. GSEA was performed on the correlation coefficients as per the protocol in Reimand et al. (2019), using the quiescence gene set (Cheung and Rando, 2013) and gene sets defined here: http://download.baderlab.org/EM_Genesets/January_01_2020/Mouse/symbol/Mouse_GOBP_AllPathways_no_GO_iae_January_01_2020_symbol.gmt. GSEA calculations were performed in R using the fast GSEA (fgsea) algorithm. Large gene set databases contain redundancy that makes interpretation difficult, so before reporting enriched gene sets, the results were collapsed into a non-redundant set (minimizing overlapping genes per set) using a Bayesian network construction approach (Korotkevich et al., 2021).

Upregulation of quiescence genes over time

Upregulation of quiescence genes over time shown in Figure 6E was performed as described in Borrett et al. (2020). Gene correlation with time was performed by converting developmental day for each cell to an integer value, with birth at zero, then calculating Spearman rank correlation of normalized gene expression for each gene with time (same method as was done in the GSEA). Quiescence genes (defined in Cheung and Rando, 2013) were determined to be more correlated with time by comparing Spearman rank correlation coefficients versus all other detected genes using the Wilcoxon rank-sum test. Significance values are given in the figure legend and Results.

Pearson correlation analysis

Average Pearson correlation analysis was conducted by averaging the expression of each gene in a given cluster or cell type (i.e., population at a given age) and performing Pearson correlation using the cor.test function in R. Correlation coefficients between different populations were subsequently displayed as heatmaps using the pheatmap package in R. The single-cell Pearson
Figure 2. Molecular distinctions between NSCs and astrocytes are conserved in the V-SVZ and SGZ. **A, B**, UMAP visualizations of dentate gyrus cells from E16.5 to adulthood as in Figure 1A, overlaid to show cells from different age groups (red), including all developing cells from E16.5 to P5 (**A**, left panel), juvenile/adult cells from P18 to P132 (**A**, right panel), and E16.5 alone (**B**). Data are not batch-corrected. **C**, UMAP visualizations as shown in Figure 1A, overlaid for expression of four V-SVZ RP/NSC core identity genes: Tnc, Gas1, Tfap2c, and Ddah1. **D**, UMAP visualizations as shown in Figure 1A, overlaid for expression of two V-SVZ RP/NSC core identity genes: Aqp4 and Agt. **E**, Juvenile + Adult V-SVZ neural cell types.
genes. Cells are color-coded for levels of expression as per the adjacent color keys. Differential expression analysis was conducted as described above between embryonic RPs, juvenile/adult dormant NSCs and juvenile/adult TAPs/IPs of both V-SVZ and SGZ origin. Genes upregulated (> 0.5 avg log fold change, adj. \( p \) value < 0.05; FWER) in adult dormant NSCs relative to both embryonic RPs and adult TAPs/IPs were computed for both V-SVZ and SGZ populations. V-SVZ and SGZ genes identified by this analysis were compared and the overlap of both gene sets were termed the shared adult dormant NSC signature. This consisted of a total of 94 genes as shown in Tables 6, 7.

**Quantification of gene signature**

Quantification of gene signatures in cell types was performed as described in Borrett et al. (2020). Gene signature scores were computed by taking the average expression of all detected signature genes in each cell. Gene signature scores for each cell were subsequently overlaid on the t-SNE plot to display cells with the highest signature scores. This analysis was conducted for three different gene signatures: (1) a cortical RP core identity signature identified in Yuzwa et al. (2017); (2) the astrocyte gene signature described above; and (3) the shared adult dormant NSC signature described above. Expression cutoffs are provided in the figures and legends. Density plots showing distribution of signature scores were performed using ggplot.

**Results**

**A V-SVZ NSC core transcriptional signature is conserved in developing and adult SGZ NSCs**

To compare V-SVZ and SGZ NSCs, we used two recently-published single-cell transcriptome datasets, one including forebrain V-SVZ cells from E14 to P61 (Borrett et al., 2020) and a second including dentate gyrus cells from E16.5 to P132 (Hochgerner et al., 2018). Since these datasets were generated using two different protocols, we ensured that they were comparable by analyzing both of them using a slightly modified version of a previously described scRNA-Seq computational pipeline (see Materials and Methods for details; Yuzwa et al., 2017; Carr et al., 2019; Borrett et al., 2020; Storer et al., 2020). This pipeline was originally described in Yuzwa et al. (2017) and incorporates extensive low level data quality analysis and evidence-based parameter selection to visualize and cluster transcriptomes from scRNA-Seq datasets. For the hippocampus, we used this pipeline to analyze the 24,185 dentate gyrus transcriptomes of all ages from Hochgerner et al. (2018; termed Dataset C in Hochgerner et al., 2018; GSE 95753). Following analysis,
Figure 3. Comparison of V-SVZ and SGZ RP/NSCs from embryogenesis to adulthood. **A**, Table illustrating the assignment of age-related categories to V-SVZ and SGZ derived RP/NSCs at various timepoints from E14 to P132. **B**, Batch-corrected UMAP visualization of merged V-SVZ NSCs ($n=1594$) and SGZ NSCs ($n=885$) from all ages depicted in **A**. Cells were grouped into color coded
and numbered clusters based on gene expression profiles. C, UMAPs as in B showing V-SVZ and SGZ NSCs from the different age groups as defined in A. V-SVZ NSCs are shown in red and SGZ NSCs are shown in blue. D, Bar graph showing the percentages of V-SVZ and SGZ transcripts in each of the different age groups shown in A. Gene expression values are not batch-corrected. Correlation coefficients are color coded as per the adjacent color key. Emb: embryonic; Perin: perinatal; Post: early postnatal; Juv: juvenile. F, Scatterplot showing single-cell correlation analysis of transcriptomes from embryonic, perinatal, early postnatal, juvenile and adult V-SVZ and SGZ RP/NSCs (as defined in A), where the individual transcriptomes were each correlated with the averaged gene expression for E14 V-SVZ RPs versus juvenile/adult V-SVZ dormant NSCs (P20, P34, P61; x-axis) and with the averaged gene expression for E16.5 SGZ RPs versus juvenile/adult SGZ NSCs (P18, P19, P23, P120, P132; y-axis). Gene expression values are not batch-corrected. Cells are color coded for their dataset and age of origin. Juvenile and adult SGZ NSCs are represented in the same color. Juvenile and adult V-SVZ NSCs are represented by the same color.

we used UMAPs to visualize clustering and were able to identify transcriptome clusters corresponding to both neural and nonneural cell types (Figs. 1A, 2A), as previously described (Hochgerner et al., 2018). Of particular relevance, we found that neonatal NSCs (P0 and P5) and nonproliferative E16.5 RPs (together labeled developing NSCs) were co-clustered and were distinct from clusters containing the P18 and older NSCs (P18, P19, P23, P120, and P132; labeled adult NSCs). There was also a population of proliferative E16.5 RPs that were co-clustered with P0 and P5 cells that were previously-defined as transit-amplifying IPs (Figs. 1A, 2B; labeled IPs + E16 RPs). All of the precursor clusters were segregated from two additional distinct clusters containing periastatal astrocytes (P0 and P5) and juvenile/adult astrocytes (P18 and older; labeled Astrocytes; Fig. 1A,B). This clustering analysis therefore suggests that juvenile and adult SGZ NSCs are very similar to each other but are quite distinct from embryonic and perinatal SGZ NSCs, a finding previously reported in Hochgerner et al. (2018).

To start to ask about potential transcriptional similarities between SGZ and V-SVZ NSCs, we examined 79 genes that were first identified as highly enriched in embryonic cortical RPs relative to all other embryonic cortex cell types (Yuzwa et al., 2017) and then were shown to also be enriched in postnatal V-SVZ NSCs (Borrett et al., 2020; see Table 1 for a list of the differentially-expressed genes). We used these 79 genes to compute a single-cell gene expression score and applied this to all of the cells in the dentate gyrus dataset (Fig. 1C,D). The gene signature was enriched in developing and adult SGZ NSCs, and in all E16.5 hippocampal RPs. To confirm this result, we also analyzed average expression levels for these 79 genes. This analysis showed that 63 of the 79 genes were enriched in nonproliferative SGZ NSCs (cells highlighted in red in Fig. 1B; Table 1) relative to the collection of the remaining dentate gyrus cells (as shown in Fig. 1A; adjusted p value < 0.05; FWER). The genes that were not enriched were Ndel, Rgcc, Ednrb, Metrn, Kbtbd11, Gm11627, Acadl, Aldhi11, Bcan, Vit, Acss1, Acsbg1, Atp1a2, Ciu, Pnp, and Rcn3.

These data suggest that a similar core gene signature is enriched in V-SVZ and SGZ precursors from embryogenesis through to adulthood. We validated expression of a subset of these genes in SGZ NSCs by performing FISH for Ptprz1, Ttyh1, Aldoc, and Mt3 on the neonatal P5 dentate gyrus. To identify NPCs, we combined the FISH with immunostaining for the precursor protein Sox2. As predicted by the scRNA-Seq analysis, there were Sox2-positive cells within the developing SGZ that co-expressed these different mRNAs (Fig. 1E).

Defining a gene signature that distinguishes niche astrocytes from NSCs

One limitation of this analysis is that the V-SVZ RP/NSC gene signature, as well as many of the individual genes, were also enriched in SGZ niche astrocytes (Fig. 1C,D; Table 1), as previously observed in the V-SVZ (Borrett et al., 2020). For example, Tnc, Gas1, and Ddah1 mRNAs were enriched in both astrocytes and NSCs, although some mRNAs, such as Tgap2c, Vimentin (Vim), and Nestin (Nes) were more specific to the NSCs (Fig. 2C; Table 1). We therefore asked whether we could identify genes that more definitively distinguished NSCs from niche astrocytes in the SGZ by focusing on a gene set recently shown to be differentially expressed in these two cell types in the P20–P61 V-SVZ. This gene set included 537 mRNAs that were significantly higher in their expression in V-SVZ astrocytes versus NSCs, and 498 genes that were significantly lower (Borrett et al., 2020). Analysis of these same genes in the dentate gyrus dataset (Fig. 1F) showed that 64% of the genes that were expressed more highly in V-SVZ NSCs were also expressed at higher levels in SGZ NSCs than in SGZ astrocytes, while 56% of genes that were higher in V-SVZ astrocytes were also higher in SGZ astrocytes (Fig. 1F; Table 2).

This analysis suggests that the same genes that distinguish NSCs from astrocytes in the V-SVZ distinguish these two cell types in the dentate gyrus. To test this idea, we selected 26 of the genes in this dataset that were most highly enriched in astrocytes versus NSCs in both the V-SVZ and SGZ (Table 2, asterisks), as exemplified by the patterns of expression of Aqp4 and Agt (Fig. 2D). A gene signature score computed using these 26 genes was specifically enriched in niche astrocytes relative to all other cells in the dentate gyrus dataset (Fig. 1G). This gene signature was similarly enriched in V-SVZ niche astrocytes, as shown by computing a similar signature score for the P20, P34, and P61 V-SVZ transcriptomes (Borrett et al., 2020) that had been put through the same computational pipeline (Fig. 2E). Thus, while niche astrocytes share many transcriptional commonalities with SGZ and V-SVZ
NSCs, astrocytes and NSCs can be readily distinguished at the transcriptional level.

V-SVZ and SGZ precursors share transcriptional similarities as they progress from active embryonic to dormant adult NSCs

It was previously reported that the transition from an embryonic to adult V-SVZ NSC reflects a switch from an active to a dormant stem cell state, involving a broad dampening of cell biological processes associated with an active state including cell division, transcription, RNA metabolism and protein translation, processing and trafficking (Borrett et al., 2020). The finding that a V-SVZ RP/NSC gene signature is also enriched in SGZ RP/NSCs suggests that these two populations might be more transcriptionally similar than previously appreciated and thus might share similar transcriptional trajectories to a dormant state. To test this idea further, we extracted all non-proliferative SGZ RP and NSC transcriptomes (the red cells in Fig. 1B; 885 total cells) and combined them with the V-SVZ RP/NSC transcriptomes (as identified in Borrett et al., 2020), including P2, P6/7, P20, P34, and P61 dormant NSCs and E14 and E17 cortical and GE-derived RPs. This combined dataset was put through the computational pipeline and included V-SVZ and SGZ precursors of similar developmental stages from embryogenesis to adulthood (shown in Fig. 3A).

One potential caveat of combining the two datasets is that the SGZ and V-SVZ cells were prepared and sequenced in two different laboratories using different protocols, and thus apparent differences might derive from batch effects as opposed to biological heterogeneity. To correct for this possibility, we also included endothelial cells (P19 SGZ and P20 V-SVZ) and microglial cells (P23 SGZ and P20 V-SVZ) from both datasets with the assumption that V-SVZ endothelial cells and microglia should be similar enough to co-cluster with the same cell types from the SGZ. However, when the combined dataset was visualized on a two-dimensional UMAP plot, the endothelial cells and microglia from the two different regions/datasets were partially segregated from each other (Fig. 4A), indicating variability because of batch effects. We therefore corrected for these batch effects using Harmony, a computational method for data integration that iteratively removes batch-mediated technical variation within principal component space of high

Table 1: Expression of V-SVZ RP/NSC core identity genes in hippocampal SGZ NSCs and astrocytes (related to Fig. 1)

| Core genes | SGZ NSC abundance (%) | SGZ Astr abundance (%) |
|------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Acaa2      | 21.6                   | 17.3                   |
| Aldoc      | 85.1                   | 98.7                   |
| Apoe       | 90.8                   | 99.9                   |
| Asrg1      | 42.9                   | 63.4                   |
| Ccdc80     | 49.0                   | 19.0                   |
| Cd63       | 65.6                   | 64.2                   |
| Ckb        | 87.7                   | 94.6                   |
| Cyr61      | 34.5                   | 12.2                   |
| Dbi        | 99.2                   | 92.8                   |
| Ddah1      | 72.4                   | 59.3                   |
| Efh2d      | 40.7                   | 36.4                   |
| Fabp7      | 94.7                   | 75.3                   |
| Fgfbp3     | 28.9                   | 16.7                   |
| Gas1       | 66.9                   | 33.9                   |
| Gng12      | 51.2                   | 53.6                   |
| Gpx8       | 30.4                   | 12.1                   |
| Gsta4      | 29.3                   | 11.6                   |
| Hes1       | 45.3                   | 28.2                   |
| Hes5       | 63.6                   | 47.9                   |
| Hopx       | 58.0                   | 42.1                   |
| Id1        | 34.0                   | 26.8                   |
| Id3        | 54.6                   | 62.0                   |
| Id4        | 36.4                   | 59.1                   |
| Lfng       | 32.2                   | 26.5                   |
| Magt1      | 24.5                   | 25.2                   |
| Mdk        | 72.8                   | 43.5                   |
| Mfgf8      | 78.8                   | 82.9                   |
| Mic1       | 51.2                   | 79.4                   |
| Mt1        | 94.5                   | 98.3                   |
| Mt2        | 85.6                   | 93.3                   |
| Mt3        | 94.0                   | 99.8                   |
| Myo10      | 27.2                   | 38.8                   |
| Nek6       | 28.4                   | 9.2                    |
| Nes        | 15.4                   | 3.5                    |
| Nr2e1      | 29.5                   | 20.4                   |
| Nrarp      | 43.3                   | 34.8                   |
| Oat        | 37.6                   | 45.2                   |
| Pax6       | 55.0                   | 32.6                   |
| Pdtn       | 37.5                   | 34.0                   |
| Pea15a     | 70.8                   | 62.3                   |
| Phgdh      | 66.8                   | 53.0                   |
| Pon2       | 39.3                   | 45.6                   |
| Psat1      | 57.3                   | 46.0                   |
| Ptprz1     | 93.1                   | 95.6                   |
| Rcn1       | 35.7                   | 13.8                   |
| Rhoc       | 32.0                   | 18.3                   |
| Serpinh1   | 38.8                   | 24.9                   |
| Sfrp1      | 33.9                   | 6.2                    |
| Slt1a3     | 97.5                   | 98.8                   |
| Slc9a3r1   | 47.3                   | 54.2                   |
| Sox2       | 59.8                   | 65.3                   |
| Sox21      | 20.7                   | 29.2                   |
| Sox9       | 78.2                   | 77.1                   |
| Sparc      | 55.5                   | 22.8                   |
| Tead2      | 31.3                   | 7.0                    |
| Tfp2c      | 38.6                   | 0.7                    |
| Tgb2       | 38.6                   | 21.6                   |
| Tnc        | 50.5                   | 29.0                   |
| Tyh1       | 75.0                   | 96.5                   |

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### Table 2: Genes that are differentially expressed between NSCs and astrocytes in both the V-SVZ and SGZ (related to Fig. 1, 2)

| Astr-enriched genes in V-SVZ + SGZ | NSC-enriched genes in V-SVZ + SGZ |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Gpr37l1                          | Dbi                              |
| Sparcl1                          | Sfrp1                            |
| Cxcl14*                          | Rpl41                            |
| Htra1                            | Rplp0                            |
| Bcan                             | Rps27a                           |
| Id2                              | Rpl18a                           |
| Aqp4*                            | Rpe27                            |
| Tril*                            | Rpl35a                           |
| Ntsr2                            | Rps19                            |
| Atp1b2                           | Rpl13a                           |
| Timp4*                           | Rpl9                             |
| Car2*                            | Rpl3                             |
| Atp1a2                           | Rps14                            |
| Eno1                             | Eef1a                            |
| Kcnk1                            | Rpl13                            |
| S100b*                           | Rplp1                            |
| Dbx2                             | Ptma                             |
| Cldn10                           | Rps4x                            |
| Btd17                            | Rpl10                            |
| Aplp1                            | Marcksl1                         |
| Slc39a12*                        | Rpl23a                           |
| Msmo1                            | Rps24                            |
| Gja1                             | Rpl17                            |
| Slc7a10                          | Rps5                             |
| Lsamp                            | Rpl14                            |
| Pla2g7                           | Vim                              |
| Fxj1                             | Rps9                             |
| Gria2                            | Rps23                            |
| Plpp3                            | Rps15a                           |
| Abhd3*                           | Rps18                            |
| F3                               | Rpl37                            |
| Gpm6a                            | Rpl11                            |
| Dclk1                            | Rpl27a                           |
| Clu                              | Rps16                            |
| Gjb6*                            | Rps8                             |
| Slc4a4*                          | Rpl26                            |
| Tmem100                          | Rpl37a                           |
| Omg*                             | Rps13                            |
| Ntm                              | Rps10                            |
| Eva1a                            | Gnas                             |
| Grina                            | Rps20                            |
| Scg3                             | Rpl32                            |
| Arxes2*                          | Rplp2                            |
| Stpr1                            | Rpl8                             |
| Apoe                             | Rps2                             |
| Smpl3a                           | Rpl34                            |
| Camk2n1                          | Rpl38                            |
| mt-Co3                           | Rps21                            |
| Acsbg1                           | Rps25                            |
| Agpat5                           | Rpl23                            |
| AcsI6                            | Rps12                            |
| Gpc5                             | Rliad1                           |
| Hac2d                            | Rps3a1                           |
| Cadm1                            | Rpl7                             |
| Fgfr3*                           | Sparc                            |
| Aldoc                            | Rpl10a                           |
| Hapln1*                          | Rps6                             |
| Mfge8                            | Rpl221                           |
| Hbegf                            | Rps15                            |

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| Astr-enriched genes in V-SVZ | NSC-enriched genes in V-SVZ |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| + SGZ                       | + SGZ                       |
| Slic6a11                    | Maged1                      |
| Slic1c1                     | Marck4                      |
| Rgcc                        | Mrfap1                      |
| Ncan                        | Snrpg                       |
| Slc1a3                      | Mfap2                       |
| Id3                         | Rpl7a                       |
| Acsl3                       | Snrpd2                      |
| Phactr3                     | Veph1                       |
| Serpine2                    | Tuba1a                      |
| P4 ha1                      | Chchd2                      |
| Tmem44                      | Ppia                        |
| Agt*                        | Tomm7                       |
| Enh0                        | Jund                        |
| Adorao2b                    | Ubl5                        |
| Hacd3                       | Acct1                       |
| Tsc22d4                    | H110                        |
| Cdh10                       | Anapc11                     |
| Dhcr7                       | Btf3                        |
| Gabrg1*                     | Hdgf                        |
| Ctsd                        | Pfdn5                       |
| Cystm1                      | Gnb211                      |
| Phkg1                       | Trim2                       |
| Slic7a11                    | Tead2                       |
| Usp53                       | Psp1                        |
| Pcdh10                      | Ifitm2                      |
| Arhgap5                     | Pdlim4                      |
| Sec14l2                     | Ap1s2                       |
| Nptn                        | Rcn1                        |
| Thy1                        | Eif3f                       |
| Cmtm5                       | Rpl28                       |
| Atpl3a4                     | Cetn2                       |
| Elowi2                      | Clc1                        |
| Rorb                        | Ndn                         |
| Sat9                        | Nef                         |
| Pcdh9                       | Snrpe                       |
| Tfyh1                       | Gabarap                     |
| mt-Nd41                     | Dek                         |
| Pfkm                        | Prdx2                       |
| Gabrb1                      | Eef1d                       |
| Fam21                       | Idh2                        |
| Cpeb4                       | Sh3bg1                      |
| Prex1                       | Atpi1                       |
| Pmp22                       | Srp9                        |
| Gatm                        | Nsg1                        |
| Gsp1                        | Hsbp1                       |
| Smcp1                       | Eef1g                       |
| Cyp7b1                      | Serf1                       |
| Pcdh17                      | Myf9                        |
| Tif3                        | Fam210b                     |
| Mettn                       | Aif1                        |
| Lgr4                        | Cox7a2i                     |
| Chchd10                     | Bex1                        |
| Slic14a1                    | Dstn                        |
| Rbp1                        | Tuba1b                      |
| Gpr162                      | Rps271                      |
| Abcd2                       | Ap2m1                       |
| Gpr37                       | Stmn3                       |
| Slitrk2                     | Ahsa1                       |
| Elowi5                      | Ptx3                        |
| Emc3                        | Trmt112                     |

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dimensional data (Korsunsky et al., 2019; Tran et al., 2020). With the lowest level of Harmony correction, one iteration, there was complete integration of V-SVZ and SGZ endothelial and immune cells (Fig. 4A, B; see Materials and Methods).

Having established this protocol, we removed the endothelial and immune cells and analyzed only the RP/NSC transcriptomes, using one iteration of Harmony batch correction. UMAP visualization of these data (Fig. 3B) defined three groups of clusters, one including the juvenile and adult V-SVZ and SGZ NSCs, a second including the perinatal and postnatal NSCs of both origins and a third including the embryonic hippocampal, cortical and GE RPs. At any given developmental stage (adult, postnatal, or embryonic) there was some segregation between SGZ and V-SVZ NSCs suggesting that these two NSC populations were very similar but not identical (Fig. 3B–D).

One explanation for the differential clustering of developing and adult NSCs is that cell cycle genes associated with proliferation are partially responsible for driving this segregation. To test this idea, we removed 678 cell cycle-related genes (see Materials and Methods) and redid the analysis. UMAP visualization (Fig. 4C) showed that results were similar with and without removal of these cell cycle genes. There were three groups of clusters containing embryonic, perinatal/postnatal, or juvenile/adult NSCs, and there was some segregation of V-SVZ and SGZ NSCs of the same age within these clusters. Thus, cell cycle genes are not major drivers of the differential clustering seen for NSCs of different ages.

The strong age-dependent segregation of NSCs in the cluster plot (Fig. 3B) suggests that there may be greater transcriptional differences between NSCs at different developmental stages than there are between V-SVZ and SGZ precursors at the same time point. This conclusion

| Table 2: Continued |
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| Astr-enriched genes in V-SVZ + SGZ | NSC-enriched genes in V-SVZ + SGZ |
| Pcdh1 | Aprt |
| Dnajb9 | Psme2 |
| Asah1 | Mett19 |
| Mfap3l | Hmgb2 |
| Camk2g | Ribp1 |
| Cpq | Slit2 |
| Tank | Use1 |
| Gpr146 | Hsd17b10 |
| Pnkd | Hspe1 |
| Mgl2 | Pter |
| Arhgef26 | Cnpy2 |
| Aifm3 | Hnrnpf |
| Slc2a1 | Btg2 |
| Slc4a1a | Ywhaq |
| Fam213a | Psenen |
| Igf11 | Btk |
| Fgfr1 | Wbp5 |
| Adgrf3 | Gsta4 |
| Etv5 | Trip6 |
| RP23-4H17.3 | Mdk |
| Fut8 | Mrpl52 |
| Jam2 | Rac3 |
| Kif1b | Ran |
| Usp54 | Eif3i |
| Sash1 | Tma7 |
| Tmbim1 | G3bp1 |
| Vcl | Pax6 |
| Ppp3ca | Npm1 |
| Pon2 | Chchd7 |
| Phka1 | Fkbp4 |
| Chpt1 | Ccdc80 |
| Mir124-2 hg | Mbd3 |
| Abi1 | Hnrnp |
| Uqcr10 | Myl6 |
| Stxbp3 | Set |
| Ppp1r1b | Ranbp1 |
| Prex2 | Golim4 |
| mt-Nd5 | Gpx8 |
| Acss2 | Arl3 |
| Tmx2 | Bag2 |
| Pid1 | Ntan1 |
| Tcn2 | Med28 |
| Tfr | Dda2 |
| Dio2 | Nhp21 |
| Trib2 | Stk11 |
| S10a5a2 | Gpx1 |
| Itrp2 | Tsn |
| Gm2a | Basp1 |
| Npas3 | Man |
| Ptgg1p | Cers4 |
| Acap2 | Unc119 |
| Insig1 | Paip2 |
| Csgalnact1 | Srp14 |
| Mcr1 | Ift22 |
| Uqcr11 | Anapc5 |
| S100a13 | Hnrnpa1 |
| Retset | Cnn3 |
| Tmem47 | Sumo1 |
| Adgrg1 | Gm8730 |
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|-------------------|
| Astr-enriched genes in V-SVZ + SGZ | NSC-enriched genes in V-SVZ + SGZ |
| Myl12a | Cacybp |
| Emg1 | Srp1 |
| Polr3h | Nfix |
| Puf60 | Ppp1ca |
| Rpl23a-ps3 | Romo1 |
| Ctap20 | Gm17750 |
| Vglil4 |  |

Shown are genes that are differentially expressed (FWER < 0.05) between NSCs and astrocytes in both the dentate gyrus and the V-SVZ. Genes identified as differentially expressed by V-SVZ NSCs versus astrocytes in Borrett et al. (2020) were interrogated for their expression in all SGZ NSCs (red cells in Fig. 1B) and all SGZ astrocytes (green and blue cells in Fig. 1B) in the combined dentate gyrus dataset. The left column indicates genes significantly enriched in astrocytes in both the V-SVZ and SGZ, and the right column indicates genes significantly enriched in NSCs in both the V-SVZ and SGZ. Of the astrocyte-enriched genes, 26 (indicated with asterisks in the table) were highly enriched relative to NSCs, and were used to define a shared forebrain niche astrocyte signature as shown in Figures 1G, 2E.
Figure 4. Batch correction and cell cycle regression for the combined V-SVZ and SGZ transcriptome analyses. A, As a control to
optimize the batch correction between V-SVZ and SGZ NSCs, raw transcriptomes from the dataset shown in Figure 3B were merged with endothelial cells from the P19 dentate gyrus (SGZ endo), endothelial cells from the P20 V-SVZ (V-SVZ endo), microglia from the P23 dentate gyrus (SGZ Imm), and microglia from the P20 V-SVZ (V-SVZ Imm). PCA visualization (left) and UMAP visualization (right) of the total dataset without batch correction showed that endothelial and immune cells from the two regions did not co-cluster well. Cells are colored based on cell type and region of origin. B, The same dataset shown in A was batch corrected with one iteration of Harmony. The harmonized PCA visualization (left) and UMAP visualization (right) of the merged cells show that endothelial cells and immune cells were now well-clustered. Cells are colored based on cell type and region of origin. C, Batch-corrected UMAP visualization of the merged V-SVZ NSC and SGZ NSC dataset shown in Figure 3B, where the cell cycle genes were re-gressed out as previously described (see Materials and Methods). Cells were grouped into color coded and numbered clusters based on gene expression profiles, and the NSCs of different ages are shown for direct comparison to Figure 3B. D, Correlation heatmap showing Pearson correlation coefficients between averaged expression profiles of total NSCs (including all ages) and P19/20 V-SVZ and SGZ endothelial cells. Correlation coefficients are color coded as per the adjacent color key. Gene expression values were not batch-corrected.

was confirmed by performing two types of correlation analysis that do not involve any batch correction. The first was Pearson correlation analysis of average gene expression for V-SVZ and SGZ precursors at different timepoints (Fig. 3E). This analysis showed that at many timepoints, V-SVZ and SGZ precursors were more similar to each other than they were to any of the other precursor groups at different ages. For example, E14 V-SVZ and E16.5 SGZ RPs were correlated with a high value of \( r = 0.94 \), while E14 V-SVZ RPs and P20 V-SVZ NSCs were only correlated with \( r = 0.78 \). As predicted, all NSC populations were more similar to each other than they were to endothelial cells (Fig. 4D).

As a second approach, we performed a correlation analysis that compares single-cell transcriptomes rather than averaged gene expression (see Materials and Methods). To perform this single-cell correlation analysis, we first defined gene expression profiles for comparison to each individual cell transcriptome. As a first comparator, we determined average gene expression for E14 V-SVZ RPs versus juvenile/adult V-SVZ NSCs (P20/34/61; Fig. 3F, x-axis) and as a second comparator we determined average gene expression for E16.5 nonproliferative SGZ RPs versus juvenile/adult SGZ NSCs (P18–P132; Fig. 3F, y-axis). We then correlated all V-SVZ and SGZ NSC single-cell transcriptomes from all timepoints with these averaged datasets and used these correlations to assign a two-dimensional coordinate for each cell. This analysis, which uses gene expression values that are not batch corrected, showed that during embryogenesis and the first postnatal week, the V-SVZ and SGZ precursors were very similar, with the E16.5–PS5 SGZ precursors closely mingled with the E17–P6/7 V-SVZ precursors of the same approximate age (Fig. 3F). By contrast, the juvenile/adult V-SVZ and SGZ NSCs were more similar to each other than they were to the developing precursors of the same origin (Fig. 3F). Thus, SGZ and V-SVZ precursors follow similar transcriptional trajectories from active embryonic RPs to dormant adult NSCs.

Embryonic dentate gyrus and cortex RPs but not GE RPs express genes associated with excitatory neurogenesis and a common pallial origin

One explanation for the high similarity between SGZ and V-SVZ precursors is that they derive from RPs in adjacent lateral ventricle neuroepithelial regions during embryogenesis; dentate gyrus and cortical RPs are beside each other in the pallial region while GE RPs are immediately adjacent to cortical RPs in the subpallial region. We therefore directly compared E16.5 dentate gyrus RPs, E14 cortex RPs and E14 GE RPs, taking advantage of the fact that the V-SVZ cells were lineage traced so that cortex and GE-derived cells could be distinguished (see Borrett et al., 2020). We combined these different transcriptomes, put them through the pipeline together and used one round of Harmony batch correction. UMAP visualization of this combined dataset showed that the cortex, GE and dentate gyrus RP transcriptomes were largely but not completely segregated from each other (Fig. 5A), in good correspondence with the correlation analyses showing that these RPs were very similar to each other but not identical.

To more specifically identify differences between these RP populations, we focused on 117 genes that were previously shown (Borrett et al., 2020) to be differentially expressed between cortical and GE RPs (average expression difference of >0.5; adj. \( p \) value < 0.05; FWER). Fifty-four of these genes were expressed at higher levels in cortical than GE RPs, and of these about half (26) were also significantly enriched in dentate gyrus versus GE RPs (Table 3), as shown by UMAP gene expression overlays (Fig. 5B) and by a heatmap indicating mRNA expression levels in single cells (Fig. 5C). These included genes like Emx1, Tfp2c, Pax6, Fezf2, Neurog2, and Eomes. Notably, some of these shared enriched genes are associated with glutamatergic neurogenesis (Fezf2, Neurog2, and Eomes), while others are associated with a pallial origin (Emx1, Pax6, and Tfp2c). We also asked about the other 63 genes, which were expressed at higher levels in GE versus cortical RPs (average expression difference of >0.5; adj. \( p \) value < 0.05; FWER). Of these, 49% were also higher in GE versus dentate gyrus RPs, as exemplified by Dlx2, Sex3, and Gsx2, genes that are associated with GABAergic neurogenesis or GE identity (Fig. 5B; Table 3). Thus, the embryonic RP parents of V-SVZ and SGZ NSCs are all very similar to each, but are distinguished by expression of small cohorts of genes that are known to play important roles in determining regional identity and/or glutamatergic versus GABAergic neurogenesis.
Figure 5. Embryonic dentate gyrus and cortex RPs express genes associated with excitatory neurogenesis and a common pallial origin. 

A, Batch-corrected UMAP visualization of the transcriptomes of E16.5 dentate neuroepithelium RPs, E14 cortical RPs and E14 GE RPs, where transcriptomes are colored to indicate cell type. B, UMAP marker gene expression overlays of the dataset in A. Cells are color-coded for levels of gene expression as per the adjacent color keys.

C, D, Heatmap illustrating common genes upregulated (C) or downregulated (D) in E14 cortical RPs and E16.5 SGZ RPs relative to E14 GE RPs. Genes are color-coded for levels of expression as per the adjacent color keys. Gene expression values are not batch-corrected.

E, Batch-corrected UMAP visualization of transcriptomes of P5 SGZ NSCs, P6/7 cortically derived V-SVZ NSCs and P6/7 GE-derived V-SVZ NSCs, colored to indicate cell type. F, UMAP visualizations as in E, overlaid for expression of genes defined in Borrett et al. (2020) as being enriched in cortical versus GE-derived V-SVZ NSCs. Cells are color-coded for levels of expression as per the adjacent color keys.
Table 3: Differential gene expression analysis between E16.5 DG/cortex RPs and E14 GE RPs (related to Fig. 5)

| DE gene | Average logFC | Adjusted p value |
|---------|---------------|------------------|
| Dmrt2   | 0.63          | 6.00E-19         |
| Aldoc   | 0.98          | 1.07E-15         |
| Pax6    | 0.68          | 5.02E-13         |
| Btg1    | 0.76          | 2.65E-18         |
| Taff2c  | 0.73          | 1.45E-27         |
| Neurog2 | 1.08          | 6.34E-18         |
| Fezf2   | 0.65          | 4.26E-18         |
| E130114P18Rik | 0.87 | 3.97E-22 |
| Emx1    | 0.76          | 1.16E-29         |
| Dok5    | 0.92          | 2.08E-37         |
| Cdon    | 0.43          | 8.34E-04         |
| Eomes   | 0.40          | 3.94E-02         |
| Nfilb   | 0.66          | 1.24E-14         |
| Cccdc80 | 1.22          | 9.16E-45         |
| Fam210b | 0.64          | 7.33E-07         |
| Gm11266 | 0.68          | 1.43E-14         |
| Nfix    | 1.05          | 3.33E-23         |
| Emx2    | 0.55          | 2.61E-04         |
| Kcnq1ot1| 0.55          | 1.90E-06         |
| Hmgn3   | 0.65          | 2.46E-18         |
| Tcf.4   | 0.56          | 3.15E-12         |
| Gm11266 | 0.41          | 1.15E-06         |
| Tgfb2   | 0.64          | 4.88E-19         |
| Mt1     | 1.64          | 8.65E-38         |
| Mt2     | 1.75          | 8.69E-29         |
| Fut9    | 0.54          | 8.48E-10         |
| Pld1    | −0.56         | 1.30E-12         |
| Dix2    | −1.20         | 4.90E-25         |
| Olig2   | −0.82         | 2.76E-15         |
| Rbp1    | −1.92         | 1.43E-38         |
| Gx2     | −0.63         | 5.28E-14         |
| Epha3   | −0.77         | 2.77E-21         |
| Meg3    | −1.48         | 3.26E-26         |
| Six3    | −0.55         | 2.87E-13         |
| Nell2   | −0.67         | 5.69E-15         |
| Lmo4    | −0.43         | 6.56E-06         |
| Chic2   | −0.45         | 2.30E-07         |
| Dlx1    | −0.87         | 6.36E-16         |
| Ckb     | −1.11         | 4.64E-44         |
| Ascl1   | −0.73         | 9.94E-06         |
| Nkkx2-3 | −0.50         | 2.08E-11         |
| H19     | −0.58         | 2.12E-11         |
| Dlk1    | −0.35         | 2.93E-04         |
| Zfp36l2 | −0.33         | 5.87E-05         |
| Enho    | −0.33         | 2.88E-04         |
| Dntrbp1 | −0.38         | 1.02E-05         |
| Rgcc    | −0.88         | 1.15E-17         |
| Zeb2    | −0.53         | 4.91E-10         |
| Tcteb   | −0.29         | 2.04E-05         |
| Metm    | −0.37         | 3.42E-05         |
| Helt    | −0.40         | 8.66E-03         |
| Salt3   | −0.36         | 2.27E-03         |
| Asgr1l  | −0.30         | 8.89E-03         |
| Pak3    | −0.51         | 1.74E-08         |

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Table 3: Continued

| DE gene | Average logFC | Adjusted p value |
|---------|---------------|------------------|
| Mest    | −0.95         | 5.72E-09         |
| Hat1    | −0.70         | 9.08E-15         |
| Dleu7   | −0.49         | 1.59E-05         |

A total of 117 genes was previously shown to be differentially expressed between E14 cortical RPs and E14 GE RPs (average difference > 0.5, FWER < 0.05) in Borrett et al. (2020). Of these, 54 were enriched in cortical RPs and 63 were enriched in GE RPs. These 117 genes were interrogated for their relative levels of expression in E16.5 DG RPs and E14 GE RPs (from the dataset shown in Fig. 5A). This analysis identified 26 (of 54) cortically enriched genes that were also significantly enriched in E16.5 SGZ RPs relative to E14 GE RPs, and 31 (of 63) GE-enriched genes that were also significantly enriched in E14 GE RPs relative to E16.5 SGZ RPs. These 57 genes are shown, as are the log fold changes in expression and adjusted p values (FWER < 0.05). Positive fold change values represent enriched expression in E16.5 SGZ RPs relative to E14 GE RPs and negative fold change values indicate enriched expression in E14 GE RPs relative to E16.5 SGZ RPs. These same 57 genes are depicted in the heatmaps in Figure 5C,D.

Postnatal SGZ NSCs also express genes that may be associated with a pallial origin

We asked whether postnatal SGZ NSCs might continue to express genes reflective of their embryonic origin, as was previously seen for postnatal V-SVZ NSCs (Borrett et al., 2020). To ask this, we compared P5 SGZ NSCs to lineage-traced P6/7 V-SVZ NSCs deriving from the cortex and GE. We put all the transcriptomes through the batch-corrected pipeline together and visualized clustering on a UMAP (Fig. 5E). This analysis showed that as seen for the embryonic cells, NSCs from the cortex, GE, and dentate gyrus were largely segregated from one another. Together with the Pearson correlation analysis (Fig. 3E), these results indicate that these different postnatal NSC populations are very similar but not identical. We then asked about genes previously-defined as differentially expressed in cortically-derived versus GE-derived postnatal V-SVZ NSCs (Borrett et al., 2020). UMAP gene expression overlays showed that genes that were enriched in cortical NSCs such as Hopx, Taff2c, and Rgs5 were also enriched in dentate gyrus NSCs (Fig. 5F) and thus represented potential markers of their shared pallial origin. By contrast, genes that were enriched in GE NSCs and might be indicative of a subpallial origin, were largely not detectable in the SGZ NSCs, as exemplified by Lmo1, Six3, and Cym mRNAs (Fig. 5F). We validated one of the potential pallial NSC marker genes, Rgs5, by performing FISH on the P5 dentate gyrus. Rgs5 mRNA was expressed in Sox2-positive SGZ cells that also expressed the precursor gene Aldoc (Fig. 1E), likely NSCs. Thus, as seen during embryogenesis, cortically-derived and dentate neuroepithelium-derived NSCs, but not GE-derived NSCs, express potential marker genes for a pallial origin.

The developmental transition to a dormant adult NSC occurs over a prolonged postnatal period in the SGZ as it does in the V-SVZ

In the V-SVZ, the transition from an active embryonic RP to a dormant postnatal NSC occurs over a prolonged, largely postnatal timeframe (Borrett et al., 2020). We asked whether this was also true for the SGZ using trajectory analysis, an approach that orders cells based on
changes in their transcriptomes over pseudo-time. To do this, we combined transcriptomes of all dentate gyrus nonproliferative RP/NSCs from E16.5 to adulthood and performed a trajectory analysis using Monocle 2. To ensure cell cycle effects would not affect the ordering of the trajectory, we regressed out cell cycle genes (see Materials and Methods). SGZ NSCs along the trajectory are colored by age category (as defined in Fig. 3A, left) or by pseudotime ordering scores (right). These data are not batch corrected.

Figure 6. Mapping the trajectory from embryonic to adult SGZ NSCs with trajectory and GSEA analyses. A, To understand the progression of SGZ NSCs from E16.5 to adulthood (P120/P132), SGZ NSCs at all ages (E16.5, P0, P5, P18, P19, P23, P120, P132) were ordered along a pseudotime trajectory using Monocle 2. To ensure cell cycle effects would not affect the ordering of the trajectory, we regressed out cell cycle genes (see Materials and Methods). SGZ NSCs along the trajectory are colored by age category (as defined in Fig. 3A, left) or by pseudotime ordering scores (right). These data are not batch corrected. B, Density plot showing the relative distribution of pseudotime ordering scores of SGZ NSCs in the trajectory depicted in A from each age category. C, D, GSEA analysis of the combined SGZ NSC dataset from E16.5 to P132, performed without batch correction. Pie chart shows broad categories of genes sets negatively correlated (C) or positively correlated (D) with time that fell into a number of broad categories (FDR cutoffs are indicated). Categories negatively correlated with time in C include DNA replication, DNA repair, chromosome stability and segregation and the cell cycle (DNA + cell division), transcription, epigenetics, and chromatin regulation (Transcription), RNA homeostasis, translation and tRNA and ribosome biogenesis (RNA biology + translation), general protein processing and trafficking including ubiquitination and sumoylation (Protein turnover), signaling pathways (Signaling), and metabolism, oxidative phosphorylation and mitochondrial activity (Metabolism + mitochondria). Other categories are termed as miscellaneous (Misc.). The detailed categorization is shown in Table 4. Categories positively correlated with time (D) include neurotransmitter transport and synaptic regulation (Neurotransmitter + synapse regulation), ion regulation and membrane transport (Ion + membrane transport), signaling pathways (Signaling), gliogenesis and metabolism and lipid oxidation (Metabolism). Other categories are termed as miscellaneous (Misc.). The detailed categorization is shown in Table 5. E, Histogram of Spearman rank correlation coefficients of the combined SGZ NSC dataset for a signature of 49 quiescence genes described in Cheung and Rando (2013; red) versus all genes (gray). Correlations of >0 or <0 indicate expression increases or decreases over time; *p = 0.024, Wilcoxon rank-sum test.
Table 4: Gene sets negatively correlated with time, as analyzed by GSEA for total SGZ NSCs from E16.5 to P132 (related to Fig. 6)

| Pathway names                                                                 | Adj. p value | Norm. Enr. Score | nMore Extreme | Size | Category                                      |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|------------------|---------------|------|-----------------------------------------------|
| CYTOPLASMIC RIBOSOMAL PROTEINS%WIKIPATHWAYS_20191210%WP163%MUS MUSCULUS         | 2.29E-03     | -2.73            | 0             | 80   | RNA translation + ribosomes                   |
| FORMATION OF A POOL OF FREE 40S SUBUNITS%REACTOME DATABASE ID RELEASE 71%72689 | 2.29E-03     | -2.59            | 0             | 51   | RNA translation + ribosomes                   |
| VIRAL MRNA TRANSLATION%REACTOME DATABASE ID RELEASE 71%19283                   | 2.29E-03     | -2.57            | 0             | 39   | IR                                            |
| L13A-MEDIATED TRANSLATIONAL SILENCING OF CERULOPLASMIN EXPRESSION%REACTOME DATABASE ID RELEASE 71%156827 | 2.29E-03 | -2.57           | 0             | 61   | Miscellaneous                                  |
| EUKARYOTIC TRANSLATION ELONGATION%REACTOME%R-HSA-156842.2                      | 2.29E-03     | -2.57            | 0             | 42   | RNA translation + ribosomes                   |
| NONSENSE MEDIATED DECAY (NMD) INDEPENDENT OF THE EXON JUNCTION COMPLEX (EJC)%REACTOME%R-HSA-975956.1 | 2.29E-03 | -2.56           | 0             | 45   | DNA + cell cycle                              |
| SELENOCYSTEINE SYNTHESIS%REACTOME DATABASE ID RELEASE 71%2408557               | 2.29E-03     | -2.55            | 0             | 43   | Miscellaneous                                  |
| REGULATION OF EXPRESSION OF SLITS AND ROBOS%REACTOME DATABASE ID RELEASE 71%9010553 | 2.29E-03 | -2.54           | 0             | 111  | Signaling                                     |
| EUKARYOTIC TRANSLATION TERMINATION%REACTOME%R-HSA-72764.4                      | 2.29E-03     | -2.53            | 0             | 43   | RNA translation + ribosomes                   |
| RESPONSE OF EF2AK4 (GQN) TO AMINO ACID DEFICIENCY%REACTOME DATABASE ID RELEASE 71%9033012 | 2.29E-03 | -2.51           | 0             | 50   | RNA translation + ribosomes                   |
| SRF-DEPENDENT COTRANSLATIONAL PROTEIN TARGETING TO MEMBRANE%REACTOME%R-HSA-179339.2 | 2.29E-03 | -2.48           | 0             | 61   | Protein processing                            |
| ACTIVATION OF THE MRNA UPON BINDING OF THE CAP-BINDING COMPLEX AND EIFS, AND SUBSEQUENT BINDING TO 43S%REACTOME%R-HSA-72662.3 | 2.29E-03 | -2.42           | 0             | 43   | RNA translation + ribosomes                   |
| HALLMARK_MYC_TARGETS_V1%MSIGDB_C2%HALLMARK_MYC_TARGETS_V1                    | 2.29E-03     | -2.40            | 0             | 184  | DNA + cell cycle                              |
| SELENOMINOIC ACID METABOLISM%REACTOME DATABASE ID RELEASE 71%408522            | 2.29E-03     | -2.39            | 0             | 62   | Metabolism                                    |
| AUF1 (HNRNP D0) BINDS AND DESTABILIZES MRNA%REACTOME DATABASE ID RELEASE 71%450408 | 2.29E-03 | -2.39           | 0             | 49   | RNA translation + ribosomes                   |
| REGULATION OF ORNITHINE DECARBOXYLASE (ODC)%REACTOME%R-HSA-350562.2            | 2.29E-03     | -2.37            | 0             | 48   | Miscellaneous                                  |
| PROTEASOME DEGRADATION%WIKIPATHWAYS_20191210%WP519%MUS MUSCULUS                | 2.29E-03     | -2.35            | 0             | 50   | Protein processing                            |
| THE ROLE OF GTSE1 IN G2 M PROGRESSION AFTER G2 CHECKPOINT%REACTOME DATABASE ID RELEASE 71%852276 | 2.29E-03 | -2.35           | 0             | 53   | DNA + cell cycle                              |
| APC C;CDC20 MEDIATED DEGRADATION OF SECURIN%REACTOME%R-HSA-171451.4            | 2.29E-03     | -2.34            | 0             | 61   | IR                                            |
| CYTOPLASMIC TRANSLATION%GOBP%GO:0002181                                       | 2.29E-03     | -2.33            | 0             | 61   | RNA translation + ribosomes                   |
| ER-Phagosome PATHWAY%REACTOME DATABASE ID RELEASE 71%1236974                   | 2.29E-03     | -2.31            | 0             | 69   | Protein processing                            |
| SCF(SKP2)-MEDIATED DEGRADATION OF P27 P21%REACTOME%R-HSA-187577.3             | 2.29E-03     | -2.29            | 0             | 56   | DNA + cell cycle                              |
| INFLUENZA VIRAL RNA TRANSCRIPTION AND REPLICATION%REACTOME DATABASE ID RELEASE 71%1618273 | 2.29E-03 | -2.27           | 0             | 80   | IR                                            |
| INFLUENZA INFECTION%REACTOME%R-HSA-169254.2                                   | 2.29E-03     | -2.22            | 0             | 96   | IR                                            |
| ASSEMBLY OF THE PRE-REPLICATIVE COMPLEX%REACTOME%R-HSA-68867.4                 | 2.29E-03     | -2.20            | 0             | 63   | DNA + cell cycle                              |
| REGULATION OF MITOTIC CELL CYCLE%REACTOME%R-HSA-453276.2                     | 2.29E-03     | -2.20            | 0             | 78   | DNA + cell cycle                              |
| REGULATION OF MRNA STABILITY BY PROTEINS THAT BIND AU-RICH ELEMENTS%REACTOME%R-HSA-450531.4 | 2.29E-03 | -2.19           | 0             | 77   | RNA translation + ribosomes                   |
| MAJOR PATHWAY OF RNRA PROCESSING IN THE NUCLEOLUS AND CYTOSOL%REACTOME%R-HSA-6791226.3 | 2.29E-03 | -2.19           | 0             | 124  | RNA translation + ribosomes                   |
| SWITCHING OF ORIGINS TO A POST-REPLICATIVE STATE%REACTOME DATABASE ID RELEASE 71%68052 | 2.29E-03 | -2.15           | 0             | 84   | DNA + cell cycle                              |
| RUNX1 REGULATES TRANSCRIPTION OF GENES INVOLVED IN DIFFERENTIATION OF HSCS%REACTOME%R-HSA-4859236.1 | 2.29E-03 | -2.14           | 0             | 72   | IR                                            |
| MITOCHONDRIAL TRANSLATION ELONGATION%REACTOME%R-HSA-5389840.1                 | 2.29E-03     | -2.13            | 0             | 83   | RNA translation + ribosomes                   |
| HOST INTERACTIONS OF HIV FACTORS%REACTOME%R-HSA-162909.1                     | 2.29E-03     | -2.13            | 0             | 110  | IR                                            |
| RIBOSOMAL LARGE SUBUNIT BIOGENESIS%GOBP%GO:0042273                             | 2.29E-03     | -2.12            | 0             | 66   | RNA translation + ribosomes                   |
| NEGATIVE REGULATION OF RNA SPlicing%GOBP%GO:0033119                           | 2.29E-03     | -2.10            | 0             | 28   | RNA translation + ribosomes                   |
| MRNA SPlicing%REACTOME%R-HSA-72172.3                                           | 2.29E-03     | -2.09            | 0             | 176  | RNA translation + ribosomes                   |
| RIBOSOME ASSEMBLY%GOBP%GO:0042255                                              | 2.29E-03     | -2.09            | 0             | 57   | RNA translation + ribosomes                   |
| RNA SPlicing%GOBP%GO:0080380                                                   | 2.29E-03     | -2.05            | 0             | 148  | RNA translation + ribosomes                   |
| SYNTHESIS OF DNA%REACTOME DATABASE ID RELEASE 71%69239                        | 2.29E-03     | -2.07            | 0             | 113  | DNA + cell cycle                              |
| COOPERATION OF PREFOLDIN AND TRIC CCT IN ACTIN AND TUBULIN FOLDING%REACTOME%R-HSA-389958.2 | 2.29E-03 | -2.05           | 0             | 24   | Miscellaneous                                  |
| UBIQUITIN PROTEASOME PATHWAY%PANTHER PATHWAY%P000860                          | 2.29E-03     | -2.05            | 0             | 39   | Protein processing                            |
| TRANSLATION FACTORS%WIKIPATHWAYS_20191210%WP307%MUS MUSCULUS                  | 2.29E-03     | -2.00            | 0             | 47   | RNA translation + ribosomes                   |
| RIBOSOMAL SMALL SUBUNIT BIOGENESIS%GOBP%GO:0042274                             | 2.29E-03     | -2.00            | 0             | 63   | RNA translation + ribosomes                   |
| RNA SPlicing%GOBP%GO:0080380                                                   | 2.29E-03     | -1.99            | 0             | 198  | RNA processing + translation                  |

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| Pathway Names | Adj. p value (FDR) | Norm. Enr. Score | nMore-Extremes | Size | Category |
|---------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------|------|----------|
| HALLMARK_OXIDATIVE_PHASE_ELONGATION | 2.29E-03 | -1.97 | 0 | 178 | Metabolism: Ox-Phos |
| RIBONUCLEOPROTEIN_COMPLEX.Assembly | 2.29E-03 | -1.95 | 0 | 187 | RNA processing + translation |
| PID_MYC_ACTIV_PATHWAY | 2.29E-03 | -1.93 | 0 | 66 | DNA + cell cycle |
| PROGRESSED_CELL.DEATH | 2.29E-03 | -1.93 | 0 | 139 | Miscellaneous |
| PROTEIN.REFOLDING | 2.29E-03 | -1.92 | 0 | 23 | Protein processing |
| G2_M_CHECKPOINTS | 2.29E-03 | -1.92 | 0 | 122 | DNA + cell cycle |
| TOXIN.TRANSPORT | 2.29E-03 | -1.92 | 0 | 34 | Miscellaneous |
| PROTEIN.FOLDING | 2.29E-03 | -1.91 | 0 | 101 | Protein processing |
| HALLMARK_E2F_TARGETS | 2.29E-03 | -1.91 | 0 | 193 | DNA + cell cycle |
| MITOTIC_ANAPHASE | 2.29E-03 | -1.90 | 0 | 161 | DNA + cell cycle |
| PROTEIN.LOCALIZATION | 2.29E-03 | -1.90 | 0 | 67 | Protein processing |
| G1_S_TRANSITION | 2.29E-03 | -1.89 | 0 | 123 | DNA + cell cycle |
| TRANSCRIPTIONAL.REGULATION | 2.29E-03 | -1.88 | 0 | 156 | Transcriptional regulation |
| NEGATIVE_REGULATION | 2.29E-03 | -1.88 | 0 | 72 | RNA processing + translation |
| RNA_POLYMERASE | 2.29E-03 | -1.87 | 0 | 55 | Transcriptional regulation |
| G2_M_TRANSITION | 2.29E-03 | -1.86 | 0 | 164 | DNA + cell cycle |
| NUCLEOSIDE.TRIPHOSPHATE | 2.29E-03 | -1.86 | 0 | 62 | DNA + cell cycle |
| GENE_AND_PROTEIN_EXPRESSION | 2.29E-03 | -1.84 | 0 | 27 | Signaling |
| STIMULATION | 2.29E-03 | -1.84 | 0 | 40 | IR |
| EUKARYOTIC.TRANSCRIPTION | 2.29E-03 | -1.83 | 0 | 41 | Transcriptional regulation |
| NADH_DEHYDROGENASE | 2.29E-03 | -1.82 | 0 | 45 | Metabolism: Ox-Phos |
| RIBONUCLEOPROTEIN_COMPLEX | 2.29E-03 | -1.82 | 0 | 54 | RNA processing + translation |
| RNA_LOCALIZATION | 2.29E-03 | -1.81 | 0 | 104 | RNA processing + translation |
| PROTEIN.TRANSMEMBRANE | 2.29E-03 | -1.81 | 0 | 51 | Protein processing |
| TAT-MEDIATED.ELONGATION | 2.29E-03 | -1.80 | 0 | 40 | IR |
| HALLMARK_MTORC1_SIGNALING | 2.29E-03 | -1.80 | 0 | 188 | Signaling |
| ELECTRON.TRANSFER | 2.29E-03 | -1.79 | 0 | 94 | Metabolism: Ox-Phos |
| NUCLEOTIDE.EXCISION.REPAIR | 2.29E-03 | -1.78 | 0 | 101 | DNA + cell cycle |
| MITOCHONDRIAL_RESPIRATORY_CHAIN | 2.29E-03 | -1.77 | 0 | 75 | DNA + cell cycle |
| REGULATION_OF_RNA | 2.29E-03 | -1.77 | 0 | 92 | RNA processing + translation |
| REGULATION_OF_VIRAL | 2.29E-03 | -1.76 | 0 | 30 | IR |
| TNP-ALPHA | 2.29E-03 | -1.75 | 0 | 165 | Signaling |
| HALLMARK_MTORC1_SIGNALING | 2.29E-03 | -1.75 | 0 | 57 | Metabolism: Ox-Phos |
| REGULATION_OF_UBQUITIN | 2.29E-03 | -1.73 | 0 | 45 | Protein processing |
| MITOCHONDRIAL | 2.29E-03 | -1.73 | 0 | 75 | Transcriptional regulation |
| HALLMARK_LL | 2.29E-03 | -1.71 | 0 | 143 | DNA + cell cycle |
| HALLMARK_UFPROTEIN | 2.29E-03 | -1.70 | 0 | 108 | Protein processing |
| HIV.LIFE.CYCLE | 2.29E-03 | -1.69 | 0 | 132 | IR |
| CELLULAR.RESPONSE_TO_HEAT | 2.29E-03 | -1.69 | 0 | 79 | Miscellaneous |
| THE.CITRIC.ACID | 2.29E-03 | -1.68 | 0 | 149 | Metabolism: Ox-Phos |
| ATP.METABOLIC | 2.29E-03 | -1.67 | 0 | 121 | Metabolism |
| NUCLEOSIDE.TRIPHOSPHATE | 2.29E-03 | -1.67 | 0 | 161 | DNA + cell cycle |
| HALLMARK_2GM | 2.29E-03 | -1.67 | 0 | 180 | DNA + cell cycle |
| PROTEIN.DNA.COMPLEX | 2.29E-03 | -1.62 | 0 | 127 | Transcriptional regulation |
| NUCLEOSIDE.MONOPHOSPHATE | 2.29E-03 | -1.62 | 0 | 150 | DNA + cell cycle |
| PROTEIN.STABILIZATION | 2.29E-03 | -1.59 | 0 | 156 | Protein processing |
| CILIUM.ASSEMBLY | 2.29E-03 | -1.58 | 0 | 169 | Miscellaneous |
| PROTEIN.TARGETING | 2.29E-03 | -1.58 | 0 | 183 | Protein processing |
| METHYLATION | 2.29E-03 | -1.58 | 0 | 191 | Miscellaneous |
| HALLMARK_GLUCSYLATION | 2.29E-03 | -1.49 | 0 | 172 | Metabolism |
| PROTEASOMAL | 2.30E-03 | -2.08 | 0 | 16 | Metabolism: Ox-Phos |
| CELLULAR.RESPONSE | 2.30E-03 | -2.07 | 0 | 16 | Signaling |

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| Pathway names                                                                 | Adj. p value (FDR) | Norm. Enr. Score | nMoreExtreme | Size | Category               |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------|------|------------------------|
| FORMATION OF TUBULIN FOLDING INTERMEDIATES BY CCT TRC%REACTOME% R-HSA-38990.2 | 2.30E-03           | -2.03           | 0            | 17   | Miscellaneous          |
| CELLULAR RESPONSE TO INTERLEUKIN-4%GOBP%GO:00711353                          | 2.30E-03           | -1.94           | 0            | 18   | Signaling              |
| SPERM-EGG RECOGNITION%GOBP%GO:0035036                                        | 2.30E-03           | -1.97           | 0            | 15   | IR                     |
| ER TO GOLGI VESICLE-MEDIATED TRANSPORT%GOBP%GO:00066888                      | 3.91E-03           | -1.61           | 1            | 93   | Protein processing     |
| HALLMARK_MYC_TARGETS_V2%MSIGDB C2%= HALLMARK_MYC_TARGETS_V2                 | 3.95E-03           | -1.75           | 1            | 56   | DNA + cell cycle        |
| REGULATION OF SIGNAL TRANSDUCTION BY P53 CLASSIQUIF%GOBP%GO:1907198          | 3.95E-03           | -1.72           | 1            | 58   | Signaling              |
| CELLULAR RESPONSE TO HEAT%GOBP%GO:003605                                    | 3.98E-03           | -1.69           | 1            | 46   | Miscellaneous          |
| CRISTAE FORMATION%REACTOME DATABASE ID RELEASE 71%8949613                    | 4.17E-03           | -1.83           | 1            | 24   | Miscellaneous          |
| RIBOSOMAL SMALL SUBUNIT ASSEMBLY%GOBP%GO:0000258                              | 4.18E-03           | -1.89           | 1            | 18   | RNA processing + translation |
| PROTEIN PEPTIDYL-PROLYL ISOMERIZATION%GOBP%GO:0000413                        | 4.18E-03           | -1.83           | 1            | 18   | Protein processing     |
| POSITIVE REGULATION OF TRANSCRIPTION INITIATION FROM RNA POLYMERASE II       | 4.18E-03           | -1.81           | 1            | 20   | Transcriptional regulation |
| PROMOTER%GOBP%GO:0006251                                                     | 4.18E-03           | -1.81           | 1            | 20   | IR                     |
| VIRAL GENE EXPRESSION%GOBP%GO:0019080                                       | 4.18E-03           | -1.79           | 1            | 21   | Miscellaneous          |
| BISOMO-MEDIATED CARGO-TARGETING TO CILIUM%REACTOME DATABASE ID RELEASE        | 4.18E-03           | -1.79           | 1            | 21   | Miscellaneous          |
| 71%620922                                                                   |                   |                 |              |      |                        |
| MITOTIC PROMETAPHASE%REACTOME% R-HSA-6887.7.5                                | 5.40E-03           | -1.48           | 2            | 167  | DNA + cell cycle        |
| POSITIVE REGULATION OF TRANSLATION%GOBP%GO:0045727                           | 5.40E-03           | -1.62           | 2            | 104  | RNA processing + translation |
| DNA REPLICATION%GOBP%GO:0006260                                               | 5.40E-03           | -1.57           | 2            | 117  | DNA + cell cycle        |
| RNA CATABOLIC PROCESS%GOBP%GO:0006401                                        | 5.40E-03           | -1.54           | 2            | 112  | RNA processing + translation |
| MITOCHONDRIAL PROTEIN IMPORT%REACTOME DATABASE ID RELEASE 71%1268020          | 5.50E-03           | -1.69           | 2            | 57   | Miscellaneous          |
| DEADENYLATION-DEPENDENT MRNA DECAY%REACTOME DATABASE ID RELEASE 71%          | 5.50E-03           | -1.69           | 2            | 55   | RNA processing + translation |
| 429914                                                                      |                   |                 |              |      |                        |
| NEGATIVE REGULATION OF PROTEIN POLYMERIZATION%GOBP%GO:0032272                 | 5.52E-03           | -1.67           | 2            | 52   | Protein processing     |
| RNA MODIFICATION%GOBP%GO:0009451                                              | 6.86E-03           | -1.55           | 3            | 114  | RNA processing + translation |
| DNA RECOMBINATION%GOBP%GO:0006310                                             | 6.86E-03           | -1.53           | 3            | 142  | DNA + cell cycle        |
| REGULATION OF NUCLEAR DIVISION%GOBP%GO:0051783                               | 6.86E-03           | -1.53           | 3            | 144  | DNA + cell cycle        |
| INTERSPECIES INTERACTION BETWEEN ORGANISMS%GOBP%GO:0044419                  | 6.86E-03           | -1.46           | 3            | 173  | IR                     |
| CHROMOSOME MAINTENANCE%REACTOME% R-HSA-73886.2                               | 6.97E-03           | -1.65           | 3            | 72   | DNA + cell cycle        |
| SIG_REGULATION_OF_THE_ACTIN_CYTOSKELETON_BY_RHO_GTPASES%MSIGDB C2%           | 7.29E-03           | -1.73           | 3            | 28   | Signaling              |
| SIG_REGULATION_OF_THE_ACTIN_CYTOSKELETON_BY_RHO_GTPASES                       |                   |                 |              |      |                        |
| NEGATIVE REGULATION OF UBIQUITIN-PROTEIN TRANSFERASE ACTIVITY%GOBP%GO:0051444 | 7.60E-03           | -1.76           | 3            | 16   | Protein processing     |
| TRNA METABOLIC PROCESS%GOBP%GO:0000639                                        | 8.03E-03           | -1.51           | 4            | 137  | RNA processing + translation |
| REGULATION OF TP53 ACTIVITY%REACTOME%R-HSA-5633007.3                         | 9.43E-03           | -1.50           | 5            | 138  | Miscellaneous          |
| AUTOPIHAGY%REACTOME%R-HSA-9612573.1                                           | 9.46E-03           | -1.52           | 5            | 107  | Miscellaneous          |
| NEGATIVE REGULATION OF PROTEOLYSIS INVOLVED IN CELLULAR PROTEIN CATABOLIC PROCESS%GOBP%GO:1903051 | 9.65E-03           | -1.62           | 5            | 67   | Protein processing     |

Shown are gene sets that are negatively correlated with time (decreasing in the transition from embryonic RPs to adult NSCs) where FDR < 0.01, analyzed from the combined SGZ RP/NSC dataset (a total of 885 cells, highlighted in blue in Fig. 3C). Also shown are the adjusted p values (adj. p value; FDR), enrichment scores (Norm. Enr. score), the size of the gene set and the number of times a random gene set had a more extreme enrichment score than the gene set (nMoreExtreme). Gene sets are ordered from most to least significant from top to bottom. These gene sets were also categorized with regard to a number of broad categories, including DNA replication, DNA repair, chromosome stability and segregation and the cell cycle (DNA + cell cycle), transcription, epigenetics and chromatin regulation (transcriptional regulation), RNA homeostasis, translation and RNA and ribosome biogenesis (RNA processing + translation), general protein processing and trafficking including ubiquitination and sumoylation (protein processing), signaling pathways (signaling), and metabolism, oxidative phosphorylation and mitochondrial activity (metabolism). Other categories are termed as miscellaneous (misc.) and irrelevant gene sets are termed as IR.

GSEA analysis for V-SVZ NSCs from E14 to P61. Notably, the SGZ analysis (Fig. 6C,D; Table 4) showed that 115 gene sets decreased significantly (adj. p value < 0.01; FDR) as the E16.5 SGZ RPs transitioned to dormant adult SGZ NSCs. Most of these gene sets involved basic cellular processes required to maintain an active, proliferative stem cell, including transcriptional programs required for cell division, DNA and chromosome replication, RNA biology, transcription, and protein synthesis and turnover, indicating that the predominant change that occurs over this timeframe is a transition to cellular dormancy. The developing NSCs were also enriched for gene sets involved with oxidative phosphorylation. Conversely, 63 gene sets were significantly enriched in dormant adult NSCs relative to their developing NSC counterparts (adj. p value < 0.05; FDR; Fig. 6D; Table 5). Notably, 65% of these were involved in regulating and/or sensing the niche environment, with a particular enrichment for sensing/handling neurotransmitters and ions like sodium and potassium. They also included gene sets involved in lipid metabolism and, of particular note, a quiescence gene set (Fig. 6E) that was shown to be significantly enriched as V-SVZ NSCs transitioned to dormancy (Borrett et al., 2020). Thus, as previously shown for adult V-SVZ NSCs, adult SGZ NSCs are transcriptionally quiet with regard to genes involved in maintaining an active state and instead selectively
Table 5: Gene sets positively correlated with time, as analyzed by GSEA for total SGZ NSCs from E16.5 to P132 (related to Fig. 6)

| Pathway                                                                 | Adj. p value (FDR) | Norm. Enr. score | n More Extreme | Size | Category                                      |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------|------|-----------------------------------------------|
| IONOTROPIC GLUTAMATE RECEPTOR SIGNALING PATHWAY %GOBP%GO:0035235         | 9.84E-03           | 2.46            | 0              | 15   | Neurotransmitter/synaptic regulation         |
| CELLULAR RESPONSE TO STEROL %GOBP%GO:0036315                           | 9.84E-03           | 2.46            | 0              | 15   | Signaling                                    |
| NEURONTRANSMITTER UPTAKE %GOBP%GO:0001504                              | 1.01E-02           | 2.49            | 0              | 16   | Neurotransmitter/synaptic regulation         |
| EXPORT ACROSS PLASMA MEMBRANE %GOBP%GO:0145115                          | 1.01E-02           | 2.23            | 0              | 16   | Membrane transport + ion balance             |
| REGULATION OF MEMBRANE PROTEIN ECTODOMAIN PROTEOLYSIS %GOBP%GO:0051043  | 1.03E-02           | 2.32            | 0              | 17   | Miscellaneous                               |
| NEGATIVE REGULATION OF PEPTIDYL-THREONINE PHOSPHORYLATION %GOBP%GO:010801 | 1.03E-02           | 2.21            | 0              | 17   | Miscellaneous                               |
| ACIDIC AMINO ACID TRANSPORT %GOBP%GO:0015600                            | 1.30E-02           | 2.75            | 0              | 27   | Membrane transport + ion balance             |
| REGULATION OF TRIGLYCERIDE METABOLIC PROCESS %GOBP%GO:0092027           | 1.37E-02           | 2.22            | 0              | 29   | Metabolism (lipid)                           |
| SODIUM ION TRANSMEMBRANE TRANSPORT %GOBP%GO:0035725                     | 1.41E-02           | 2.43            | 0              | 30   | Membrane transport + ion balance             |
| IONOTROPIC GLUTAMATE RECEPTOR PATHWAY %PANTHER PATHWAY%P00037            | 1.49E-02           | 2.43            | 0              | 32   | Neurotransmitter/synaptic regulation         |
| CELLULAR RESPONSE TO STEROL %GOBP%GO:01903793                          | 1.68E-02           | 2.25            | 1              | 15   | IR                                           |
| POSITIVE REGULATION OF AMIN TRANSPORT %GOBP%GO:00055069                 | 1.76E-02           | 2.29            | 0              | 39   | Membrane transport + ion balance             |
| ZINC ION HOMEOSTASIS %GOBP%GO:00055069                                  | 1.78E-02           | 2.09            | 1              | 18   | Membrane transport + ion balance             |
| SYNCYTIAL VELOCITY TRAFFICKING %PANTHER PATHWAY %P05734                  | 1.78E-02           | 2.09            | 1              | 18   | Neurotransmitter/synaptic regulation         |
| EXPLORATION BEHAVIOR %GOBP%GO:0035640                                   | 1.95E-02           | 2.01            | 1              | 23   | IR                                           |
| REGULATION OF ADVANCED REGRESSION %GOBP%GO:0045124                      | 1.95E-02           | 2.00            | 1              | 23   | IR                                           |
| MATING %GOBP%GO:0007618                                                 | 1.95E-02           | 1.94            | 1              | 23   | IR                                           |
| CYTOKINE SECRETION %GOBP%GO:0050663                                     | 1.95E-02           | 1.92            | 1              | 23   | Membrane transport + ion balance             |
| REGULATION OF SYNAPTIC TRANSMISSION, GLUTAMATERGIC %GOBP%GO:0051966      | 2.05E-02           | 2.14            | 0              | 49   | Neurotransmitter/synaptic regulation         |
| IMPORT ACROSS PLASMA MEMBRANE %GOBP%GO:0098739                           | 2.32E-02           | 2.35            | 0              | 53   | Membrane transport + ion balance             |
| NEUROMUSCULAR PROCESS CONTROLLING BALANCE %GOBP%GO:00056885             | 2.32E-02           | 1.92            | 0              | 53   | IR                                           |
| EFFECTS OF PIP2 HYDROLYSIS %REACTOME %R-HSA-114508.2                    | 2.41E-02           | 1.94            | 2              | 19   | Metabolism (lipid)                           |
| OLIGODENDROCYTE DIFFERENTIATION %GOBP%GO:0048709                        | 2.42E-02           | 2.20            | 0              | 56   | Gliogenesis                                 |
| POSITIVE REGULATION OF AMINE TRANSPORT %GOBP%GO:0051954                 | 2.46E-02           | 2.17            | 1              | 34   | Membrane transport + ion balance             |
| POSTSYNAPIC MEMBRANE ORGANIZATION %GOBP%GO:0001941                      | 2.57E-02           | 1.89            | 2              | 22   | Neurotransmitter/synaptic regulation         |
| TRANSPORT OF INORGANIC CATIONS ANIONS AND AMINO ACIDS OLIGOPOLPOTIDES %REACTOME %R-HSA-425393.2 | 2.64E-02           | 2.38            | 0              | 62   | Membrane transport + ion balance             |
| ION HOMEOSTASIS %REACTOME %R-HSA-557877.1                               | 2.64E-02           | 1.93            | 1              | 36   | Membrane transport + ion balance             |
| ION TRANSPORT BY P-TYPE ATPASES %REACTOME DATABASE ID RELEASE 71%936837  | 2.64E-02           | 1.89            | 1              | 36   | Membrane transport + ion balance             |
| POSITIVE REGULATION OF LIPID BIOSYNTHETIC PROCESS %GOBP%GO:0046688       | 2.67E-02           | 2.12            | 0              | 63   | Metabolism (lipid)                           |
| REGULATION OF COMPLEMENT LIPID ACID %REACTOME DATABASE ID RELEASE 71%977606 | 2.70E-02           | 1.98            | 3              | 15   | Signaling                                    |
| REGULATION OF GLYCOPROTEIN METABOLIC PROCESS %GOBP%GO:01803018           | 2.71E-02           | 2.25            | 1              | 37   | Metabolism                                   |
| REPRODUCTIVE BEHAVIOR %GOBP%GO:0019098                                  | 2.74E-02           | 1.99            | 2              | 26   | IR                                           |
| INTERACTION BETWEEN L1 AND ANKYRINS %REACTOME %R-HSA-440595.1           | 2.82E-02           | 1.95            | 3              | 17   | Miscellaneous                               |
| RESPONSE TO COPPER ION %GOBP%GO:0046888                                 | 2.82E-02           | 1.89            | 3              | 17   | Membrane transport + ion balance             |
| CELLULAR POTASSIUM ION TRANSPORT %GOBP%GO:0071854                       | 2.83E-02           | 2.56            | 0              | 67   | Membrane transport + ion balance             |
| PROTEIN-PROTEIN INTERACTIONS AT SYNAPSES %REACTOME DATABASE ID RELEASE 71%674382 | 2.83E-02           | 2.04            | 0              | 67   | Neurotransmitter/synaptic regulation         |
| LONG-CHAIN FATTY ACID METABOLIC PROCESS %GOBP%GO:0001676                 | 2.88E-02           | 2.19            | 1              | 40   | Metabolism (lipid)                           |
| ADENYLA TE CYCLASE-INHIBITING G PROTEIN-COUPLED RECEPTOR SIGNALLING PATHWAY %GOBP%GO:0007193 | 2.90E-02           | 1.95            | 2              | 29   | Signaling                                    |
| PID_UPA_UPAR_PATHWAY%MSIDOB%C2%PID_UPA_UPAR_PATHWAY                       | 2.90E-02           | 1.89            | 3              | 20   | Signaling                                    |
| RESPONSE TO ZINC ION %GOBP%GO:0010043                                   | 2.90E-02           | 1.89            | 3              | 20   | Membrane transport + ion balance             |
| POSITIVE REGULATION OF STEROID METABOLIC PROCESS %GOBP%GO:0045940        | 2.90E-02           | 1.87            | 3              | 20   | Metabolism                                   |

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Table 5: Continued

| Pathway                                                         | Adj. p value (FDR) | Norm. Ens. Score | nMoreExtreme Score | Size | Category                  |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------|---------------------------|
| AMINO ACID TRANSPORT%GOBP%GO:0006865                           | 2.96E-02           | 2.54             | 0                  | 72   | Membrane transport/ion balance |
| NEGATIVE REGULATION OF CELL-SUBSTRATE ADSHION%GOBP%GO:0010812  | 3.09E-02           | 1.85             | 1                  | 44   | Miscellaneous              |
| NEUROTRANSMITTER METABOLIC PROCESS%GOBP%GO:0042133             | 3.15E-02           | 1.83             | 1                  | 45   | Neurotransmitter/synaptic regulation |
| REGULATION OF BEHAVIOR%GOBP%GO:0050795                         | 3.15E-02           | 1.73             | 1                  | 45   | IR                        |
| GLYCOSPHINGOLIPID METABOLIC PROCESS%GOBP%GO:0006687            | 3.23E-02           | 1.87             | 2                  | 34   | Metabolism (lipid)         |
| REGULATION OF ANION TRANSPORT%GOBP%GO:0044070                  | 3.27E-02           | 2.02             | 0                  | 76   | Membrane transport/ion balance |
| DRUG TRANSPORT%GOBP%GO:0015893                                 | 3.37E-02           | 2.22             | 0                  | 78   | Membrane transport/ion balance |
| OTHER INTERLEUKIN SIGNALING%REACTOME DATABASE ID RELEASE 71%     | 3.58E-02           | 1.86             | 5                  | 16   | Signaling                 |
| BIOPATHWAY%BIOCARTA_EDG1%PATHWAY                              | 3.69E-02           | 1.88             | 4                  | 24   | Signaling                 |
| OLIGOSACCHARIDE METABOLIC PROCESS%GOBP%GO:0009311              | 3.81E-02           | 1.74             | 4                  | 25   | Metabolism                |
| PLASMA LIPOPROTEIN PARTICLE ORGANIZATION%GOBP%GO:003719733      | 3.81E-02           | 1.89             | 5                  | 18   | Miscellaneous             |
| GLIAL CELL DEVELOPMENT%GOBP%GO:002178                          | 3.83E-02           | 1.84             | 0                  | 86   | Gliogenesis               |
| REGULATION OF CELL-MATRIX ADHESION%GOBP%GO:0001952             | 3.83E-02           | 1.76             | 0                  | 86   | Extracellular matrix       |
| ACYLGLYCEROL METABOLIC PROCESS%GOBP%GO:0006939                  | 3.87E-02           | 1.82             | 1                  | 55   | Metabolism (lipid)         |
| ADENYLYL CYCLASE-MODULATING G PROTEIN-COUPLED%GOBP%GO:00371973 | 3.87E-02           | 1.71             | 0                  | 83   | Signaling                 |
| RECEPTOR SIGNALING PATHWAY%GOBP%GO:0007188                      | 3.96E-02           | 1.85             | 5                  | 21   | Signaling                 |
| RESPONSE TO MECHANICAL STIMULUS%GOBP%GO:0009612                 | 4.36E-02           | 1.53             | 0                  | 91   | IR                        |
| MYELINATION%GOBP%GO:0044255                                    | 4.42E-02           | 1.98             | 0                  | 94   | Gliogenesis               |
| MULTICELLULAR ORGANISMAL SIGNALING%GOBP%GO:0035637             | 4.43E-02           | 1.63             | 1                  | 66   | Signaling                 |
| UNSATURATED FATTY ACID METABOLIC PROCESS%GOBP%GO:0033559        | 4.51E-02           | 1.81             | 4                  | 33   | Metabolism (lipid)         |
| MEMBRANE ASSEMBLY%GOBP%GO:0071709                               | 4.58E-02           | 1.88             | 5                  | 28   | Miscellaneous             |
| RESPONSE TO AMINO ACID%GOBP%GO:0043200                        | 4.58E-02           | 1.68             | 1                  | 68   | Miscellaneous             |
| ANION TRANSMEMBRANE TRANSPORT%GOBP%GO:0098656                   | 4.71E-02           | 2.01             | 0                  | 97   | Membrane transport/ion balance |
| SYNPASE ASSEMBLY%GOBP%GO:0007416                                | 4.71E-02           | 1.66             | 1                  | 70   | Neurotransmitter/synaptic regulation |
| ION CHANNEL TRANSPORT%REACTOME DATABASE ID RELEASE 71%           | 4.78E-02           | 1.65             | 0                  | 96   | Membrane transport/ion balance |
| REGULATION OF CELL JUNCTION ASSEMBLY%GOBP%GO:1901888            | 4.94E-02           | 1.71             | 1                  | 73   | Miscellaneous             |
| RESPONSE TO CADMIUM ION%GOBP%GO:004686                           | 4.96E-02           | 1.86             | 6                  | 27   | Membrane transport/ion balance |
| RECEPTOR-MEDIATED ENDOCYTOSIS%GOBP%GO:0006898                    | 4.96E-02           | 1.82             | 0                  | 101  | Membrane transport/ion balance |
| GPCR, OTHER%WIKIPATHWAYS_20151210%WP41%MUS                       | 4.96E-02           | 1.79             | 6                  | 27   | Signaling                 |

Shown are gene sets that are positively correlated with time (increasing in the transition from embryonic RPs to adult NSCs) where FDR < 0.05, analyzed from the combined SGZ RP/NSC dataset (a total of 885 cells, cells highlighted in blue in Fig. 3C). Also shown are the adjusted p values (adj. p value; FDR), enrichment scores (Norm. Ens. score), the size of the gene set and the number of times a random gene set had a more extreme enrichment score than the gene set (nMoreExtreme). Gene sets are ordered from most to least significant from top to bottom. These gene sets were also categorized with regard to a number of broad categories, including neurotransmitter transport and synaptic regulation (neurotransmitter/synaptic regulation), ion regulation and membrane transport (ion balance + membrane transport), signaling pathways (signaling), gliogenesis and metabolism and lipid oxidation (metabolism). IR indicates they were not considered relevant to the NSCs and miscellaneous includes gene sets that do not fit into these categories.

Express gene sets that allow them to sense and maintain themselves in a dynamic neuronal environment and to perform lipid metabolism.

Upon activation, adult SGZ NSCs reacquire a development-like state that includes re-expression of proneurogenic genes.

Previous work (Borrett et al., 2020) showed that adult V-SVZ transit-amplifying cells (TAPs) exhibited an embryonic RP-like transcriptional program, implying that adult dormant NSCs reverted to an earlier developmental state when activated for cell genesis. To ask whether this was also true for adult SGZ NSCs, we performed a single-cell correlation analysis comparing dormant NSCs and their downstream activated NSC and TAP/IP progeny from the V-SVZ and SGZ (Fig. 7A). To perform this analysis, we determined average gene expression for E16.5 nonproliferative dentate gyrus RPs and juvenile/adult SGZ NSCs (P18–P132) as a first comparator (Fig. 7A, y-axis). As a second comparator, we determined average gene expression for E14 V-SVZ RPs and juvenile/adult V-SVZ dormant NSCs (P20/34/61; Fig. 7A, x-axis). We then correlated these average transcriptomes with single-cell transcriptomes from the E16.5 dentate gyrus RPs, adult SGZ NSCs and adult SGZ IPs. To enable a direct comparison, we also correlated single-cell transcriptomes from the V-SVZ dataset, including E14 cortical and GE RPs, adult dormant NSCs, adult activated NSCs and adult TAPs (all as defined in Borrett et al., 2020). This analysis showed that the various RP populations were largely but not completely intermingled, confirming that they were
very similar to each other. Moreover, as previously published (Borrett et al., 2020), the adult V-SVZ TAPs were closely intermingled with the cortical and GE RPs. Notably, the adult SGZ IPs were closely mingled with the adult V-SVZ activated NSCs and were more highly correlated to embryonic RPs than to adult SGZ or V-SVZ dormant NSCs.

These data suggest that dormant SGZ and V-SVZ adult NSCs reacquire a development-like state when activated. We asked whether this was also true with regard to neurogenesis by examining genes associated with GABAergic (Dlx1, Dlx2, Dlx5, Sp9) and glutamatergic (Neurog2, Neurod1, Eomes) neurogenesis. We analyzed expression of these proneurogenic mRNAs in adult dormant SGZ and V-SVZ NSCs and in their TAP progeny, TAPs and IPs (the same adult transcriptomes included in Fig. 7A; V-SVZ activated NSCs at juvenile and adult ages were not included in this analysis). This analysis, shown as a single-cell heatmap (Fig. 7B) demonstrated that the proneurogenic mRNAs were detectably expressed in few of the dormant NSCs. However, many of the V-SVZ TAPs detectably expressed the GABAergic but not glutamatergic mRNAs, while many of the SGZ IPs expressed the glutamatergic but not GABAergic mRNAs. Thus, dormant postnatal V-SVZ and SGZ NSCs are not apparently transcriptionally primed for generating specific types of neurons. Instead, this proneurogenic priming, which...
is also observed in embryonic RPs (Fig. 5B–D), apparently only occurs in their downstream activated progeny.

**Identification of shared genes that are selectively increased in dormant adult NSCs**

These findings support a model where V-SVZ and SGZ precursors share many commonalities with regard to their transcriptional identity, developmental progression to dormancy and subsequent activation to make adult-born progeny. To further define their shared adult transcriptional state, we analyzed SGZ NSCs for mRNAs that were upregulated developmentally from embryogenesis to adulthood but then downregulated in activated adult IPs (Table 6). Notably, of 105 SGZ NSC mRNAs that fulfilled these criteria, 94 (90%) were also identified in a previous similar analysis of V-SVZ NSCs (Borrett et al., 2020). A single-cell heatmap confirmed that all 94 mRNAs were upregulated in V-SVZ and SGZ NSCs as they transitioned to dormancy postnatally and were then downregulated in the activated TAPs/IPs (Fig. 8A). Many of these genes were involved in sensing and responding to the adult niche environment, including genes for transport and buffering of neurotransmitters and ions, and for cell-cell and cell: extracellular matrix interactions (see Table 7 for functional annotations). They also included genes important for protecting these long-lived cells from adverse environmental events, such as genes involved in detoxification and lysosome function, as well as many genes involved in lipid metabolism. Examples include mRNAs encoding the sodium-potassium ATPase subunit Atp1a2 and the secreted inhibitor of cysteine proteases Cst3 (Fig. 8B). Notably, three of the 94 mRNAs encode proteins that functionally interact with the GABA neurotransmitter. These include the two GABA transporter mRNAs Slc6a11 and Slc6a1 and the GABA-A receptor subunit mRNA Gabrb1 (Fig. 8C).

These findings reinforce the idea that adult dormant NSCs share a common ground state. Moreover, the transcriptional similarities between these two NSC populations are very similar and share a common dormant adult NSC transcriptional ground state. These gene enrichment studies provide insights into the common transcriptional ground-state of dormant postnatal NSCs. However, further analysis showed that, with the exception of Riad1, all of the mRNAs in this enriched dataset were also expressed by niche astrocytes (Table 7). We therefore asked whether we could combine the dormant NSC signature with the astrocyte gene signature (Fig. 1G) to specifically identify dormant adult NSCs in the V-SVZ and SGZ. To do this, we overlaid both gene signatures on the complete dentate gyrus dataset (shown in Fig. 1A) and on the juvenile/adult V-SVZ neural cell dataset (shown in Fig. 2E), as visualized by UMAPs. As predicted, in both the SGZ and V-SVZ datasets the adult dormant NSCs were identified by the NSC but not the astrocyte gene signature, while the niche astrocytes were positive for both (Fig. 10A–D). These findings provide a way to definitively identify dormant adult NSCs in the V-SVZ and SGZ from other niche cell types and reinforce the conclusion that while adult dormant NSCs and niche astrocytes are very similar they can be distinguished transcriptionally.

**Discussion**

Analyses presented here provide insights into the identity and genetics of the two best-characterized NSC populations in the mammalian brain, forebrain V-SVZ NSCs that generate inhibitory OB interneurons and hippocampal SGZ NSCs that make excitatory dentate granule neurons. Our analyses support the conclusion that while these two NSC populations are not transcriptionally identical to each other, they are nonetheless very similar and share a common dormant adult NSC transcriptional ground state. Moreover, the transcriptional similarities between these two populations are seen throughout their lifespans, commencing when they are embryonic RP populations residing in adjacent regions around the lateral ventricle and being maintained as they progress over an extended postnatal period to become dormant adult NSCs. These findings are particularly important in light of previous work showing that transplantation of embryonic or postnatal NSCs from one niche to the other or one time point to the other is apparently sufficient for them to start making cells appropriate to their new environment (Fishell, 1995; Suhonen et al., 1996; Hitoshi et al., 2002; Sequerra et al., 2010). Our own computational analyses together with these previous transplant studies provide support for a model where V-SVZ and SGZ NSCs share a common ground state and where the cellular progeny they generate may be largely determined by their niche environment. While this model requires further experimental validation, it has important implications for attempts to regulate and environmentally reprogram endogenous cell genesis as a therapeutic strategy.

One of the key findings described here involves the NSC transition into and out of a dormant adult state. With regard to the developmental transition to dormancy, our analyses here build on previous work by Borrett et al.
Table 6: Identification of a shared NSC gene signature enriched in juvenile/adult SGZ NSCs relative to embryonic SGZ RPs and juvenile/adult SGZ IPs (related to Fig. 8-10)

| Gene       | Average logFC vs E16.5 DG RPs | Adjusted p value vs E16.5 DG RPs | Average logFC vs juvenile/adult SGZ IPs | Adjusted p value vs juvenile/adult SGZ IPs |
|------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| 2310022B05Rik* | 1.01                          | 2.63E-04                         | 1.12                                   | 7.80E-10                                 |
| 4930402H24Rik* | 0.91                          | 2.40E-02                         | 0.86                                   | 2.70E-03                                 |
| Acnbg1*     | 0.94                          | 4.70E-03                         | 0.88                                   | 1.66E-03                                 |
| Acni6*      | 0.92                          | 5.81E-03                         | 0.88                                   | 1.40E-03                                 |
| Aldoc*      | 0.79                          | 4.73E-03                         | 2.64                                   | 1.17E-34                                 |
| Ank2        | 1.30                          | 9.97E-08                         | 0.89                                   | 2.89E-04                                 |
| Apoe*       | 2.16                          | 3.11E-37                         | 1.84                                   | 8.67E-40                                 |
| App12       | 1.29                          | 8.71E-08                         | 1.07                                   | 6.96E-08                                 |
| Argap5*     | 0.88                          | 3.88E-02                         | 0.85                                   | 2.19E-05                                 |
| Atp1a2*     | 1.97                          | 1.84E-30                         | 1.75                                   | 3.13E-33                                 |
| Atp1b2*     | 1.66                          | 1.29E-17                         | 1.72                                   | 3.88E-24                                 |
| Bhlhe41*    | 1.05                          | 4.41E-03                         | 0.87                                   | 4.46E-02                                 |
| Chchd10*    | 1.20                          | 4.37E-06                         | 1.05                                   | 4.14E-07                                 |
| Clu*        | 1.17                          | 6.96E-09                         | 1.80                                   | 1.88E-23                                 |
| Cmtm5*      | 1.35                          | 5.95E-12                         | 1.04                                   | 6.21E-09                                 |
| Cpe*        | 1.65                          | 6.97E-19                         | 1.14                                   | 1.68E-13                                 |
| Cspg5*      | 0.95                          | 5.26E-03                         | 1.39                                   | 1.87E-14                                 |
| Csr1p*      | 1.09                          | 1.64E-04                         | 0.86                                   | 5.50E-03                                 |
| Cst3*       | 2.53                          | 9.43E-41                         | 1.77                                   | 2.06E-39                                 |
| Cxcl14*     | 1.03                          | 3.12E-02                         | 1.05                                   | 1.87E-05                                 |
| Dbl*        | 0.90                          | 5.80E-03                         | 0.79                                   | 1.99E-02                                 |
| Dclk1*      | 1.27                          | 1.96E-10                         | 0.93                                   | 7.08E-07                                 |
| Dtna*       | 1.47                          | 2.85E-11                         | 1.26                                   | 3.46E-11                                 |
| Entpd2*     | 0.93                          | 4.31E-02                         | 1.16                                   | 4.62E-09                                 |
| Fam107a*    | 1.13                          | 1.35E-06                         | 1.05                                   | 4.22E-07                                 |
| Fxyd1*      | 1.65                          | 4.67E-14                         | 1.56                                   | 9.34E-17                                 |
| Gabb1*      | 1.15                          | 2.04E-05                         | 1.46                                   | 1.34E-15                                 |
| Gaf*        | 1.31                          | 6.72E-07                         | 1.24                                   | 3.09E-10                                 |
| Gja1*       | 1.77                          | 3.01E-13                         | 1.45                                   | 2.59E-13                                 |
| Gm10561*    | 1.70                          | 1.98E-12                         | 1.35                                   | 7.80E-10                                 |
| Gm12a*      | 1.04                          | 1.66E-02                         | 0.88                                   | 2.74E-03                                 |
| Gm3764*     | 0.58                          | 1.26E-03                         | 0.86                                   | 3.85E-11                                 |
| Gnao1*      | 0.94                          | 3.64E-04                         | 1.03                                   | 7.22E-09                                 |
| Gpm6a*      | 1.69                          | 1.55E-23                         | 1.48                                   | 4.40E-25                                 |
| Gpm6b*      | 1.25                          | 1.69E-23                         | 1.34                                   | 1.41E-29                                 |
| Gpr3711*    | 1.65                          | 9.83E-17                         | 1.36                                   | 1.22E-13                                 |
| Gria2       | 1.90                          | 1.39E-23                         | 0.99                                   | 1.39E-12                                 |
| Gstm1*      | 1.83                          | 8.38E-22                         | 1.81                                   | 8.69E-29                                 |
| Hepacam*    | 1.23                          | 6.10E-07                         | 0.88                                   | 1.90E-02                                 |
| Hopx        | 1.38                          | 3.68E-13                         | 1.72                                   | 7.54E-24                                 |
| Hopxos      | 0.74                          | 3.39E-02                         | 0.70                                   | 4.23E-02                                 |
| Id4*        | 1.58                          | 1.08E-10                         | 1.64                                   | 4.10E-17                                 |
| Itih3*      | 1.60                          | 1.24E-13                         | 1.48                                   | 8.70E-15                                 |
| Itm2c*      | 0.98                          | 1.98E-04                         | 1.08                                   | 1.66E-09                                 |
| Kcnj10*     | 1.16                          | 1.21E-05                         | 0.99                                   | 1.72E-06                                 |
| Lgr4        | 1.20                          | 1.86E-04                         | 1.05                                   | 4.53E-03                                 |
| Lsamp*      | 1.54                          | 2.22E-12                         | 1.30                                   | 6.85E-12                                 |
| Malat1*     | 1.52                          | 9.63E-33                         | 1.12                                   | 2.07E-27                                 |
| Mfgf8*      | 0.97                          | 7.49E-10                         | 1.30                                   | 4.72E-20                                 |
| Migm2*      | 1.02                          | 1.92E-03                         | 0.96                                   | 1.32E-05                                 |
| Mic1*       | 1.20                          | 1.48E-06                         | 1.42                                   | 9.39E-16                                 |
| Mmd2*       | 0.75                          | 3.13E-07                         | 1.03                                   | 1.70E-15                                 |
| Ms2*        | 1.31                          | 7.15E-10                         | 0.68                                   | 1.13E-02                                 |
| Mt1*        | 2.48                          | 1.36E-36                         | 2.67                                   | 5.99E-45                                 |
| Mt2*        | 1.65                          | 2.14E-21                         | 2.09                                   | 6.21E-34                                 |
| Mt3*        | 1.68                          | 1.84E-30                         | 2.53                                   | 9.75E-46                                 |
| Neat1*      | 1.29                          | 1.82E-06                         | 1.14                                   | 7.61E-06                                 |
| Notch2      | 1.97                          | 3.39E-09                         | 1.74                                   | 2.44E-11                                 |
| Nxnx1*      | 1.85                          | 1.53E-20                         | 0.98                                   | 7.26E-09                                 |

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and demonstrate that V-SVZ and SGZ NSCs share a similar, temporally aligned trajectory of transcriptional shut-down. In the V-SVZ this transition to dormancy is a prolonged process that commences during late embryogenesis and extends into the third postnatal week, with the early postnatal NSCs displaying an intermediary transcriptional state (Borrett et al., 2020). Our analyses here indicate that the transition occurs over a similar time-frame in the SGZ, with early postnatal hippocampal NSCs in a transition state, and near complete acquisition of the adult dormant state occurring by the third postnatal week. What then is the dormant forebrain NSC state? For adult V-SVZ and SGZ NSCs, this dormancy state predominantly involves a downregulation

### Table 6: Continued

| Gene   | Average logFC vs E16.5 DG RPs | Adjusted p value | Average logFC vs juvenile/adult SGZ IPs | Adjusted p value |
|--------|-----------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Nrxn2* | 1.25                        | 1.40E-07        | 0.89                                   | 3.74E-04        |
| Ntm*   | 1.45                        | 1.78E-08        | 1.21                                   | 1.58E-07        |
| Ntrk2* | 1.61                        | 2.17E-21        | 1.63                                   | 5.14E-27        |
| Ntsr2* | 1.97                        | 1.26E-18        | 1.51                                   | 4.64E-14        |
| Ogt*   | 1.19                        | 2.72E-06        | 0.83                                   | 3.69E-04        |
| Padi2  | 1.41                        | 2.91E-09        | 1.28                                   | 1.96E-09        |
| Phkg1* | 0.87                        | 9.90E-03        | 0.82                                   | 5.55E-03        |
| Pitpnc1*| 1.01                        | 8.58E-04        | 0.84                                   | 3.62E-05        |
| Plag2* | 1.03                        | 1.53E-02        | 1.07                                   | 6.67E-05        |
| Pipp3* | 1.85                        | 6.41E-30        | 1.71                                   | 4.37E-34        |
| Prex2* | 1.67                        | 3.28E-16        | 1.41                                   | 1.60E-16        |
| Pmp*   | 1.32                        | 4.53E-09        | 1.08                                   | 2.60E-09        |
| Psap*  | 1.22                        | 2.34E-12        | 1.16                                   | 9.57E-15        |
| Ptfpr1*| 1.55                        | 9.55E-31        | 1.43                                   | 1.16E-32        |
| Qk*    | 0.80                        | 1.54E-06        | 1.08                                   | 8.16E-17        |
| Ramp1* | 1.27                        | 3.03E-07        | 1.24                                   | 7.79E-10        |
| Rlrd1* | 1.29                        | 1.02E-04        | 1.39                                   | 2.04E-10        |
| Rsp1*  | 1.04                        | 1.21E-06        | 1.03                                   | 3.30E-10        |
| S100a1*| 1.61                        | 2.13E-15        | 1.32                                   | 1.38E-14        |
| S100a16*| 1.77                       | 3.24E-18        | 1.34                                   | 2.48E-15        |
| S100a6*| 1.20                        | 3.61E-06        | 1.16                                   | 3.61E-08        |
| S1pr1* | 1.33                        | 3.43E-07        | 1.36                                   | 1.67E-12        |
| Scarb2*| 0.96                        | 3.92E-03        | 0.78                                   | 1.59E-03        |
| Scd2*  | 1.36                        | 3.83E-20        | 1.35                                   | 4.04E-24        |
| Scg3*  | 0.92                        | 9.73E-03        | 0.80                                   | 7.60E-04        |
| Sdc4*  | 1.49                        | 8.05E-07        | 1.43                                   | 2.84E-10        |
| Selm*  | 1.02                        | 1.12E-03        | 0.85                                   | 2.95E-05        |
| Sepp1* | 1.05                        | 2.97E-05        | 0.77                                   | 1.99E-03        |
| Sfn5*  | 2.13                        | 1.16E-14        | 1.70                                   | 1.27E-13        |
| Sirp*  | 1.05                        | 1.84E-03        | 1.02                                   | 2.00E-06        |
| Slc14a1| 0.90                        | 3.74E-04        | 0.89                                   | 1.47E-05        |
| Slc1a2*| 3.39                        | 1.71E-40        | 2.22                                   | 3.72E-41        |
| Slc1a3*| 1.92                        | 2.94E-40        | 1.80                                   | 1.38E-44        |
| Slc25a18| 1.36                       | 4.21E-10        | 1.23                                   | 3.79E-11        |
| Slc6a3*| 1.34                        | 3.20E-06        | 1.08                                   | 2.00E-04        |
| Slc6a11*| 1.50                       | 1.40E-12        | 1.21                                   | 4.39E-10        |
| Sox9*  | 0.99                        | 7.59E-07        | 1.36                                   | 1.22E-16        |
| Sparc1*| 2.17                        | 9.21E-24        | 1.72                                   | 1.27E-23        |
| St6galna5c| 1.12                      | 1.10E-05        | 1.03                                   | 6.65E-06        |
| Syt11* | 0.92                        | 2.17E-12        | 1.18                                   | 2.88E-21        |
| Timp3* | 0.99                        | 6.78E-03        | 0.98                                   | 4.02E-06        |
| Tmem47*| 1.62                        | 3.77E-17        | 1.56                                   | 1.00E-21        |
| Tpnc1* | 0.87                        | 2.01E-02        | 0.77                                   | 6.07E-03        |
| Tsc22d4*| 0.95                       | 4.13E-05        | 1.30                                   | 3.73E-15        |
| Tspan7*| 1.69                        | 6.08E-28        | 1.68                                   | 5.68E-31        |
| Ttly1* | 1.09                        | 3.38E-10        | 1.93                                   | 2.61E-29        |

Differential gene expression was performed for (1) juvenile/adult SGZ NSCs (P18–P132; blue cells in two final right panels in Fig. 3C) versus E16.5 SGZ RPs (blue cells in left panel in Fig. 3C) and (2) juvenile/adult SGZ NSCs versus juvenile/adult SGZ IPs (P18–P132; 139 cells). This analysis identified 105 genes that were significantly enriched in juvenile/adult SGZ NSCs relative to both E16.5 SGZ RPs and juvenile/adult SGZ IPs (log fold change > 0.5, adj. p value < 0.05; FWER). These 105 genes are shown along with their fold change in expression and adjusted p values. Also indicated with an asterisk are 94 of these genes that were also enriched in juvenile/adult V-SVZ dormant NSCs relative to E14 V-SVZ RPs and juvenile/adult V-SVZ TAPs, as identified in Borrett et al. (2020). These 94 genes were used to define a shared adult dormant NSC gene signature. Analysis using this 94 gene signature is described in Figures 8-10.
Figure 8. Identification of shared genes selectively enriched in dormant adult NSCs. **A**, Single-cell heatmap showing the expression profiles of 94 genes selectively enriched in juvenile/adult V-SVZ and SGZ NSCs relative to embryonic NSCs and juvenile/adult V-SVZ transit-amplifying cells (TAPs) and SGZ IPs (same dataset as in Fig. 7A without the activated juvenile/adult V-SVZ NSCs). Each column line represents the level of expression in a single cell. Gene expression represents scaled expression and is color-coded as per the adjacent color key, where pink/purple represents no or low expression, and yellow the highest expression. Gene expression values are not batch-corrected. **B**, Violin plots showing gene expression profiles of two selected mRNAs from **A**, Atp1a2 and Cst3, in the same populations as shown in **A**. SGZ expression profiles are shown in red and V-SVZ profiles in blue. Gene expression values are not batch-corrected. **C**, Violin plots showing gene expression profiles of three selected mRNAs from **A**, Gabrb1, Slc6a1, and Slc6a11, all of which are involved with NSC responsiveness to GABA. Gene expression values are not batch-corrected.
Table 7: Categorization and expression of the shared adult dormant NSC signature genes in juvenile/adult V-SVZ and SGZ NSCs and astrocytes (related to Fig. 8-10)

| Genes              | Gene abundance (%) | V-SVZ populations | SGZ populations |
|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
|                    | V-SVZ dNSCs | V-SVZ Astr | SGZ NSCs | SGZ Astr | Category |
| 2310022B05Rik      | 54.53      | 48.26      | 59.91      | 45.89      | Miscellaneous |
| 4930402H24Rik      | 54.19      | 54.18      | 33.02      | 41.24      | Miscellaneous |
| Acsbg1             | 63.42      | 88.50      | 34.91      | 69.60      | Metabolism (lipid) |
| Acsi6              | 60.00      | 87.46      | 26.42      | 69.07      | Metabolism (lipid) |
| Aldoc              | 98.97      | 99.48      | 81.60      | 99.18      | Metabolism |
| Apoe               | 99.83      | 100.00     | 98.58      | 100.00     | Miscellaneous |
| Arhgap5            | 61.20      | 74.56      | 55.19      | 96.34      | Signaling |
| Atp1a2             | 97.63      | 99.83      | 90.09      | 96.66      | Ion + neurotransmitter regulation |
| Atp1b2             | 81.20      | 96.34      | 74.53      | 96.90      | Ion + neurotransmitter regulation |
| Bhlhe41            | 12.14      | 17.94      | 21.23      | 18.83      | Gene regulation + RNA binding |
| Chchd10            | 75.56      | 87.98      | 40.57      | 81.22      | Mitochondrial gene |
| Ctu                | 98.46      | 99.83      | 74.53      | 96.90      | Miscellaneous |
| Cmtm5              | 65.30      | 79.09      | 47.17      | 90.17      | Signaling |
| Cpe                | 100.00     | 99.30      | 82.55      | 98.55      | Metabolism |
| Cspg5              | 99.49      | 97.91      | 59.43      | 89.74      | ECM + adhesion |
| Csrp1              | 85.47      | 91.29      | 41.04      | 58.23      | Gene regulation + RNA binding |
| Cst3               | 100.00     | 100.00     | 100.00     | 99.95      | ECM + adhesion |
| Cxl14              | 48.55      | 93.90      | 25.47      | 76.52      | Miscellaneous |
| Dbp                | 47.18      | 56.79      | 28.77      | 33.54      | Gene regulation + RNA binding |
| Dclk1              | 85.47      | 93.73      | 70.28      | 83.20      | Signaling |
| Dtna               | 76.58      | 65.85      | 49.06      | 53.78      | ECM + adhesion |
| Entpd2             | 38.29      | 51.92      | 32.55      | 19.80      | Metabolism |
| Fam107a            | 87.18      | 90.07      | 31.60      | 72.99      | Miscellaneous |
| Fxyd1              | 96.24      | 86.06      | 54.72      | 59.54      | Ion + neurotransmitter regulation |
| Gabrb1             | 48.38      | 70.03      | 53.77      | 62.68      | Ion + neurotransmitter regulation |
| Gfap               | 30.43      | 12.37      | 49.06      | 71.10      | Miscellaneous |
| Gja1               | 92.65      | 98.43      | 60.85      | 99.81      | ECM + adhesion |
| Gm10561            | 55.56      | 42.33      | 49.06      | 21.06      | Miscellaneous |
| Gm2a               | 48.89      | 51.39      | 39.62      | 58.25      | Miscellaneous |
| Gm3764             | 76.41      | 89.55      | 83.02      | 82.58      | Miscellaneous |
| Gnao1              | 82.91      | 78.75      | 56.13      | 48.50      | Signaling |
| Gpm6a              | 83.08      | 96.52      | 87.74      | 99.47      | Signaling |
| Gpm6b              | 98.97      | 95.82      | 94.81      | 97.48      | Signaling |
| Gpr371             | 81.03      | 99.13      | 55.66      | 90.42      | Signaling |
| Gstm1              | 98.12      | 96.34      | 78.30      | 88.14      | Detoxification |
| Hepacam            | 75.21      | 84.84      | 38.21      | 62.78      | ECM + adhesion |
| Id4                | 93.16      | 93.38      | 60.38      | 67.09      | Gene regulation + RNA binding |
| Itih3              | 26.50      | 30.49      | 49.06      | 23.62      | ECM + adhesion |
| Itm2c              | 95.21      | 91.11      | 55.66      | 64.86      | Miscellaneous |
| Kcnj10             | 28.38      | 22.13      | 50.47      | 51.50      | Ion + neurotransmitter regulation |
| Lsamp              | 67.52      | 92.51      | 57.08      | 74.30      | ECM + adhesion |
| Malat1             | 100.00     | 97.39      | 100.00     | 99.85      | Miscellaneous |
| Mgfe8              | 94.70      | 96.52      | 82.55      | 80.74      | ECM + adhesion |
| Mgl1               | 54.19      | 66.20      | 37.74      | 61.08      | Metabolism (lipid) |
| Mic1               | 91.97      | 87.63      | 59.43      | 79.57      | Ion + neurotransmitter regulation |
| Mmd2               | 92.48      | 97.56      | 81.60      | 85.24      | Signaling |
| Msi2               | 84.44      | 68.64      | 59.91      | 41.97      | Gene regulation + RNA binding |
| Mt1                | 98.32      | 99.48      | 98.58      | 99.95      | Detoxification |
| Mt2                | 97.78      | 98.26      | 94.81      | 97.97      | Detoxification |
| Mt3                | 98.97      | 99.65      | 99.06      | 100.00     | Detoxification |
| Neat1              | 26.67      | 23.69      | 34.91      | 44.68      | Miscellaneous |
| Nnx1               | 75.38      | 81.01      | 66.04      | 74.59      | ECM + adhesion |
| Nnx2               | 53.16      | 58.71      | 47.17      | 58.18      | ECM + adhesion |
| Ntm                | 59.49      | 88.68      | 45.28      | 64.86      | ECM + adhesion |
| Ntrk2              | 96.92      | 94.60      | 79.72      | 94.39      | Signaling |
| Ntsr2              | 88.38      | 98.61      | 59.43      | 87.85      | Signaling |
| Ogt                | 76.92      | 70.91      | 58.96      | 41.63      | Metabolism |
| Phkg1              | 49.06      | 73.87      | 21.70      | 37.46      | Signaling |

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of basic cellular processes such as those required for DNA replication and transcription, RNA processing and translation, ribosome biogenesis, and protein synthesis and folding, in good agreement with what has been described in other studies (Llorens-Bobadilla et al., 2015; Shin et al., 2015; Dulken et al., 2017; Berg et al., 2019; Xie et al., 2020). However, the dormant NSC state involves more than just this shut-down. The gene set enrichment analyses presented here and in Borrett et al. (2020) show that it also includes upregulation of transcriptional programs involved in sensing the niche environment, including membrane transport, ion balance regulation, neurotransmitter regulation, and cell surface receptor signaling. Intriguingly, our comparison of adult dormant NSCs with TAP/IPS demonstrated that many of these same genes are turned-off again when dormant NSCs are reactivated to generate their adult-born progeny. Intriguingly, at least some of these genes and processes are important for the maintenance of adult quiescent-like NSCs (Zhou et al., 2018; Obernier and Alvarez-Buylla, 2019; Kjell et al., 2020). Thus, dormancy is normally thought of as a "silent" stem cell state, but our analyses suggest that while adult NSCs are metabolically quiet, they are nonetheless actively monitoring and responding to their niche environments as previously suggested (Shin et al., 2015).

Our studies emphasize commonalities between SGZ and V-SVZ NSCs, but these are clearly distinct stem cell populations that make different types of neurons. Do our analyses provide insights into this differential neurogenesis? In the postnatal brain, V-SVZ NSCs make GABAergic interneurons, but they derive, in part, from cortical RPs that make excitatory glutamatergic neurons during...
Figure 9. Identification of a shared adult dormant NSC gene signature. A, Transcriptomes of embryonic, perinatal, early postnatal, juvenile and adult V-SVZ and SGZ NSCs were combined with those of juvenile and adult V-SVZ and SGZ TAPs/IPs (same dataset as shown in Fig. 7A), cell cycle genes were regressed, and the dataset was run through the batch-corrected pipeline. Shown is a UMAP visualization where cells are color-coded and labeled based on cell type. Note here that the Juv + Adult TAPs/IPs group shown in purple include V-SVZ activated NSCs at juvenile and adult ages. B, UMAP plot as in A with cells color coded based on region of origin (V-SVZ or SGZ). C, UMAP plot as in A annotated to depict two distinct trajectories. The first trajectory describes the progression from embryonic RP to adult NSC in the V-SVZ and SGZ (pink). The second trajectory describes the progression from dormant juvenile/adult NSCs to activated, differentiating TAPs/IPs (light blue). D, UMAP visualizations as in A overlaid with V-SVZ and SGZ cell types from different ages, as defined in Figure 3A. V-SVZ cells are shown in red and SGZ cells in blue. E, UMAP as in A overlaid with gene expression scores for a shared adult dormant NSC signature consisting of the 94 genes shown in the heatmap in Figure 8A and in Table 7. Red denotes cells with scores >1.5. F, Density plot showing the distribution of the shared adult dormant NSC signature scores in V-SVZ juvenile/adult TAPs (P20/P34/P61; blue), SGZ juvenile/adult IPs (P18/P19/P23/P120/P132; orange), V-SVZ E14 RPs (pink), E16.5 SGZ RPs (green), V-SVZ juvenile/adult dormant NSCs (dNSCs; turquoise), and juvenile/adult SGZ NSCs (yellow).
Figure 10. Analysis of the shared adult dormant NSC gene signature in all V-SVZ and SGZ cells. A, B, UMAP visualization of dentate gyrus cells as in Figure 1A overlaid with expression scores for two different gene signatures, the shared 94 gene dormant adult NSC signature (panel B, top) and the shared 26 gene niche astrocyte signature (panel B, bottom). The region shown in the hatched boxes includes juvenile/adult astrocytes and NSCs as identified in Figure 1B and is shown at a larger size to the right in each case. Red denotes cells with scores >1.5 (top) or 0.75 (bottom). Data are not batch-corrected. C, D, Annotated UMAP visualization of juvenile/adult V-SVZ neural cell types (P20, P34, P61 combined) as shown in Figure 2E, overlaid with expression scores for two different gene signatures, the shared 94 gene dormant NSC signature (panel D, top) and the shared 26 gene niche astrocyte signature (panel D, bottom). Red denotes cells with scores >1.5 (top) or 0.75 (bottom). Data are not batch-corrected.
embryogenesis (Kohwi et al., 2007; Ventura and Goldman, 2007; Fuentealba et al., 2015; Borrett et al., 2020; Zhang et al., 2020). These cortical RPs are located immediately adjacent to the dentate neuroepithelial RP parents of SGZ NSCs that make excitatory granule neurons. By contrast, most V-SVZ NSCs derive from subpallial GE RPs that make GABAergic neurons throughout life. Somewhat surprisingly, despite these differences in neurogenesis, our analyses, together with those previously published in Borrett et al. (2020), indicate that all three embryonic RP populations are very similar. Nonetheless, they are not identical, and both cortical and dentate neuroepithelial RPs are highly enriched for a small group of genes important for their pallial identity and embryonic excitatory neurogenesis. Conversely, the GE RPs are instead enriched for genes that are associated, in part, with a subpallial identity and GABAergic neurogenesis. Thus, a small cohort of genes is apparently sufficient to drive functional differences in embryonic neurogenesis.

Data presented here indicate, however, that the situation is different in the postnatal brain. Specifically, data presented here and in Borrett et al. (2020) show that postnatal dormant V-SVZ and SGZ NSCs do maintain a transcriptional memory of their embryonic origin, but also show that they do not detectably express proneurogenic genes. Instead, these genes become re-expressed when dormant NSCs are reactivated. Thus, while embryonic RPs are transcriptionally-primed to make the appropriate types of neurons (for example, see Zahr et al., 2018), dormant postnatal NSCs are apparently in an unbiased transcriptional state. A key question, then, is whether this means that postnatal NSCs are malleable with regard to the types of neurons they can generate. This possibility is suggested by the aforementioned transplant studies (Suhonen et al., 1996; Sequerra et al., 2010), by a number of developmental studies showing flexibility in GABAergic versus glutamatergic neurogenesis in embryonic forebrain precursors depending on their local environment (Machon et al., 2005; Willaime-Morawek et al., 2006; Azim et al., 2014; Zhang et al., 2020), and by previous work demonstrating adult genesis of neurons other than GABAergic OB neurons and dentate gyrus granule cells following injury (Magavi et al., 2000; Nakatomi et al., 2002; Chen et al., 2004; Brill et al., 2009). However, it is also possible that dormant NSCs maintain a neurogenic memory at the chromatin level and that, like many other facets of their cell biology, this transcription is silenced during dormancy. Definitively distinguishing these alternatives will require further experimentation.

Our analyses also indicate that, as seen for V-SVZ NSCs (Borrett et al., 2020), SGZ NSCs acquire a global development-like transcriptional state when they are reactivated to make adult-born neurons. In both cases the transition from a dormant to an active NSC involves an increase in metabolic genes/processes associated with an active, ultimately proliferative cell state, induction of gene sets associated with translation and adult cell genesis, and a coincident transcriptional shut-down of dormancy-associated genes. This recapitulation of a developmental state supports the idea that embryonic RPs and adult NSCs may be similar cells that are simply in different states of activation. Notably, one prediction of this model is that cues known to regulate embryonic RPs might have the same effect on adult NSCs, although this relatively straightforward prediction is somewhat complicated by the fact that niche environments differ and signaling is context-dependent.

One final conclusion involves the transcriptional commonalities between adult dormant NSCs and niche astrocytes. Analyses here and in Borrett et al. (2020) show that these two cell types can be readily distinguished on a transcriptional level. However, almost all of the genes enriched in adult dormant NSCs relative to developing and reactivated precursors were also enriched in astrocytes. What is the explanation for this latter finding? One previously-described hypothesis is that astrocytes may possess latent precursor-like properties. In support of this concept, it has previously been shown that parenchymal astrocytes can acquire a neurogenic potential following genetic or environmental alterations. For example, astrocytes can be reprogrammed to make neurons following overexpression of neuronal specifiers such as NeuroD, Ascl1, and Neurog2 (Guo et al., 2014; Liu et al., 2015; Gascón et al., 2016). Moreover, blocking Notch signaling in parenchymal astrocytes following cortical injury is sufficient to induce a neurogenic program that resembles V-SVZ neurogenesis (Zamboni et al., 2020). A second hypothesis comes from our observation that most of the shared astrocyte/dormant NSC genes are involved in cell adhesion, the extracellular matrix, and ion and neurotransmitter sensing and regulation. Thus, we posit that perhaps astrocytes and dormant NSCs share a requirement for adhering within their niches, and then sensing, detoxifying, and responding to those environments in unique ways. Perhaps, as has been suggested for astrocytes in the gray matter (Freeman and Rowitch, 2013), dormant NSCs must act to ensure that the V-SVZ and SGZ niches are favorable environments for their newborn neuroblast progeny. While this is not a function normally ascribed to NSCs, it might in part explain the degradation of these two niches that occurs when NSCs become depleted during aging (Conover and Shook, 2011).

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