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Figure S2 About three thousand differentially expressed genes (DEGs) were detected between the before and after differentiated samples, as shown in this volcano plot. Log2(FC)=log2(after-differentiation/before-differentiation). NPC: our NPC differentiations; hESCs: the three stem cell lines.



NPC vs hESCs

log2(FC)

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Figure S4, differentiated products of the three stem cell lines have similar responses and up-regulated genes. A, this Venn-diagram shows that 87.8% (1486 out of 1691) of the DEGs up in the NPC differentiations are not varying among the different lines. The lines do have a few hundred DEGs, but B-D show that these genes are only differences in the before differentiation lines.



Figure S5, cross-comparisons of our NPC culture against Hoyland lab's normal NP data (microarray, three replicates). Common genes (excluding those below 1FPKM in our data, because these lowly expressed genes could not be captured by the microarray data) between the two datasets were used, and Spearman correlation coefficients were calculated.



Hoyland data NPC rep1 Hoyland data NPC rep2 Hoyland data NPC rep3

Figure S6, cross-comparisons of our NPC culture against Chan lab's normal NP data (microarray, two replicates). Common genes (excluding those below 1FPKM in our data, because these lowly expressed genes could not be captured by the microarray data) between the two datasets were used, and Spearman correlation coefficients were calculated.

