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## Generation of hiPSC derived cortical astrocytes

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#### **ABSTRACT**

This is a modified protocol that describes how to generate cortical region-specific astrocytes based on Gupta et al., 2012, Serio et al., 2013 and Seto-Salvia et al., 2021

#### **CITATION**

Gupta K, Patani R, Baxter P, Serio A, Story D, Tsujita T, Hayes JD, Pedersen RA, Hardingham GE, Chandran S (2012). Human embryonic stem cell derived astrocytes mediate non-cell-autonomous neuroprotection through endogenous and drug-induced mechanisms..

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### hiPSC culture

hiPSCs are maintained on Geltrex in mTeSR (Stem Cell) and passaged using 0.5mM EDTA, as followed by Virdi et al., 2022.

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#### **CITATION**

Virdi GS, Choi ML, Evans JR, Yao Z, Athauda D, Strohbuecker S, Nirujogi RS, Wernick AI, Pelegrina-Hidalgo N, Leighton C, Saleeb RS, Kopach O, Alrashidi H, Melandri D, Perez-Lloret J, Angelova PR, Sylantyev S, Eaton S, Heales S, Rusakov DA, Alessi DR, Kunath T, Horrocks MH, Abramov AY, Patani R, Gandhi S (2022). Protein aggregation and calcium dysregulation are hallmarks of familial Parkinson's disease in midbrain dopaminergic neurons..

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## Differentiation of hiPSC into Cortical astrocytes

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2 Differentiation of cortical region-specific astrocytes is performed using a modified protocol based on Gupta et al., 2012, Serio et al., 2013 and Seto-Salvia et al., 2020.

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3 Neural precursor cells (NPCs) are obtained from hiPSC using the established protocol of

#### **CITATION**

Shi Y, Kirwan P, Smith J, Robinson HP, Livesey FJ (2012). Human cerebral cortex development from pluripotent stem cells to functional excitatory synapses..

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**3.1** First, NPCs are induced by dual SMAD inhibition for 10 days, followed by culturing with the N2B27 media for another 15 days.

#### Note

- \* how to make 1L of N2B27 media: 100ml DMEM:F12 + glutamax, 5ml N2 supplement, 0.25ml Insulin, 5ml Non Essential Amion
- Acids, 1ml 2-mercaptoethanol, 2.5ml Pen/Strep, 500ml Neurobasal, 10ml B27, 5ml Glutamax, 2.5ml Pen/Strep
- \* how to make dual SMAD inhibition media: 10uM SB431542, 1uM Dorsomorphin in N2B27 media

### Induction of glial precursor cells (GPCs),

- 4 NPCs are used to derive glial precursor cells (GPCs) by culturing in an N2B27 medium supplemented with 20 ng/ml of human FGF-2.
- **4.1** Cells are split twice per week (1:2 or 1:3) using Accutase (Cat No. A1110501, Thermo Fisher Scientific) by vigorously breaking pellets to remove neuronal cells.

## Final differentiation into astrocytes

- Upon the appearance of glial morphology (around day 90 from the neural induction), the GPCs are cultured for 7 days with 10 ng/ml Bone Morphogenetic Protein 4 (BMP4) and 20 ng/ml Leukemia inhibitory factor (LIF), which activates the JAK/STAT signalling pathway, refreshing the medium every other day
- **5.1** On the 8th day, BMP4 and LIF are withdrawn.

5.2 Cells are further differentiated for the final maturation in the N2B27 media without FGF2	
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