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Generation of hESC/iPSC Derived Midbrain Dopamine Neurons

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ABSTRACT

This protocol details methods for generating Midbrain Dopamine Neurons from hESC or iPSC sources.

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SAFETY WARNINGS

Please refer to the Safety Data Sheets (SDS) for health and environmental hazards.

BEFORE STARTING

Induction of the midbrain dopaminergic progenitors was carried out based on protocol described previously (Xi et al., 2012) with modification.

Pre-differentiation and Differentiation (Day 1-6)

- 1 Briefly, culture hESCs (1 day after passaging) on MEF feeder layer in the neural induction medium (NIM) (DMEM/F-12, 1X NEAA, 1X N2 supplement) supplemented with **10 micromolar (μM) SB431542** and **2 micromolar (μM) DMH-1**.

To pattern the differentiating cells to the midbrain FP progenitors, add

500 nanogram per milliliter (ng/mL) SHH (C25II) and **0.4 micromolar (μM) CHIR99021** to the cultures from day 1 till day 7.

Differentiation (Day 7-11)

- 2 On day 7, gently blow off individual colonies of neuroepithelial cells with a pipette and replate on mouse embryonic fibroblast feeder in the NIM containing **1 micromolar (μM) SAG** and **100 nanogram per milliliter (ng/mL) SHH** and **0.4 micromolar (μM) CHIR99021** for additional 6 days (D7-12).

Differentiation (Day 12-19)

- On day 12, remove CHIR99021, reduce the following: [1M] 20 nanogram per milliliter (ng/mL) SHH , [1M] 0.5 micromolar (μ M) SAG and [1M] 100 nanogram per milliliter (ng/mL) FGF8b and add to the culture to expand the progenitors in suspension till day 19.

Differentiation (Day 19-31)

- Then, keep [1M] 20 nanogram per milliliter (ng/mL) SHH and [1M] 20 nanogram per milliliter (ng/mL) FGF8b in the neural induction medium till transplantation/in vitro analysis at day 32.

In Vitro Analysis (Day 32+)

- For in vitro analysis, dissociate neurospheres by incubation in Accutase at 37°C for 00:03:00 - 00:05:00 on day 32 and plate onto glass coverslips that were previously coated with Matrigel.
- Feed cells with Neural differentiation medium (NeurobasalTM Medium, 1 X N2 supplement, 1 X B27 supplement) (NDM) supplemented with brain-derived neurotrophic factor ([1M] 10 nanogram per milliliter (ng/mL) BDNF), glial cell line derived neurotrophic factor ([1M] 10 nanogram per milliliter (ng/mL) GDNF), ascorbic acid ([1M] 200 micromolar (μ M) AA), [1M] 1 micromolar (μ M) cAMP , transforming growth factor β 3 ([1M] 1 nanogram per milliliter (ng/mL)) and Compound E ([1M] 0.1 micromolar (μ M)).