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Microscopy-based evaluation of mtKeima flux in hESC-derived Ctrl and FBXO7-/- iNeurons V.2

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ABSTRACT

Protocol for the microscopy-based evaluation of mtKeima flux in hESC-derived Ctrl and FBX07-/- iNeurons

Differentiation of iNeurons

1 Day 0: Treat AAVS1-TRE3G-NGN2 cells with Accutase and plate the dissociated cells in matrigel-coated 6-well plates (2x105 cells/well) in ND1 Medium supplemented with Y27632 (10 μM).

ND1 Medium:

DMEM/F12

N2 (100x) 1x

BDNF 10 ng/ml NT3 10 ng/ml

NEAA (100X) 1x

Laminin $0.2 \,\mu\text{g/ml}$ Doxycycline $2 \,\mu\text{g/ml}$

- 2 Day 1: Replace the medium with ND1 Medium.
- 3 Day 2: Replace the medium with ND2 Medium.

ND2 Medium

Neurobasal medium

 B27 (50x)
 1x

 GlutaMax (100x)
 1x

 BDNF
 10 ng/ml

 NT3
 10 ng/ml

 Doxycycline
 2 μg/ml

- **4** Day 4: Exchange 50% of the medium from each well.
- 5 Day 6: Treat the cells with Accutase and replate the dissociated cells in matrigel-coated
- **6** 6-/12-well glass bottom plates (2-4x105 cells/well for 6 wells) in ND2 Medium.

7 Day 8 and thereafter: Exchange 50% of the medium from each well every other day. Doxycycline can be withdrawn on Day.

Live-cell microscopy

- 8 Mount glass bottom plate on Yokogawa CSU-W1 spinning disk confocal on a Nikon Eclipse Ti-E motorized microscope. Ensure that the system is equipped with a Tokai Hit stage top incubator and imaging was performed at 37°C, 5% CO2 and 95% humidity.
- 9 Take image stacks using a Nikon Plan Apo 60×/1.40 N.A immersion oil objective lens.
- For ratiometic imaging, mtKeimaXL were excited in sequential manner with a Nikon LUN-F XL solid state laser combiner ([laser line laser power]: 445 80mW, 561 65 mW]) using a Semrock Di01-T445/515/561 dichroic mirror. Fluorescence emissions were collected through a Chroma ET605/52m [for 445 nm] and a 568 Chroma ET605/52m [for 561 nm], filters, respectively (Chroma Technologies). Consistent laser intensity and exposure times must be maintained for all samples.

Evaluation

- Perform image quantification was in your tool of choice. Here we will use ImageJ/FiJi and custom-written batch-macros (https://github.com/harperlaboratory/FBX07)
- Divide raw confocal images of mitochondrial targeted mt-mKeimaXL [ex:561/ex:445], resulting in a ratiometic image of only acidic Keima-puncta.
- Subject resulting signals to background subtraction (rolling kernel size 25, sliding paraboloid) and convert into binary objects.
- 14 Use the "Analyze Particles..." command (pixel size exclusion: 0.5-∞, exclude edge objects) to measure foci-abundance and other morphological parameters.

- Save results for each image-stack as .csv files, together with the original ratiometic .tiff file for QC purposes.
- 16 Count number of nuclei for normalization.
- 17 Plot results in your tool of choice for graphing and statistical analysis.