

# CEREBRAL ORGANOID generation

## A Simpler, Easier Method for Cerebral Organoid Generation

Consider a simple and easy method for iPSC derived organoid generation, published by Lindborg et al. in Stem Cell Translational Medicine that uses only Cell-Mate3D™ matrix and maintenance media.<sup>1</sup> In this study, cerebral organoids are generated in which forebrain, hindbrain, and cortical markers are present in 4 week old cultures.<sup>1</sup>

### Does your system generate cerebral organoids in 3 weeks? If not, consider Cell-Mate3D!

iPSCs are embedded into the matrix as whole colonies, cut into several pieces, and then cultured in maintenance media.<sup>1</sup> After 3 weeks, cerebral organoids bud out of the surfaces of the matrix and continue to grow for several weeks.<sup>1</sup>

#### Major advantages over other protocols include

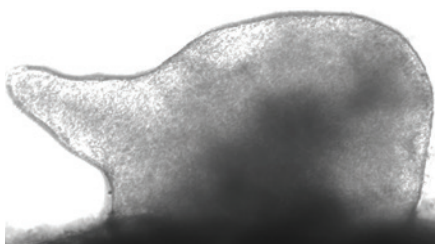
- Use of chemically defined reagents, increasing translatability to clinical applications
- Setup is fast and simple, saving time
- Requires no additional neural induction factors
- Overall cost is 30% lower compared to Lancaster method<sup>2</sup>

#### Researchers benefit because

- Neural Tube and Neural Rosette structures are present<sup>1</sup>
- Disease modeling of brain disorders can be achieved
- Cerebral Organoids can be utilized for pharmaceutical and toxicology screening<sup>3</sup>

### Consider These Results!

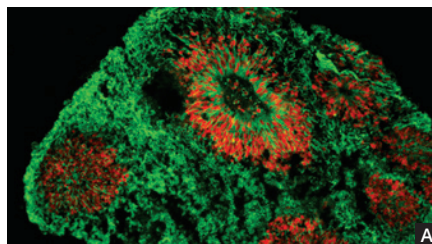
For detailed information, see the article "Rapid Induction of Cerebral Organoids From Human Induced Pluripotent Stem Cells Using a Chemically Defined Hydrogel and Defined Cell Culture Medium" published in Stem Cells Translational Medicine in July 2016.



#### Organoid Formation

(4 weeks in culture)<sup>4</sup>

Fig 1. Emergence of Cerebral Organoid. Using phase contrast microscopy, cerebral organoids 2mm in diameter are observed budding out of the matrix surface at 4 weeks.

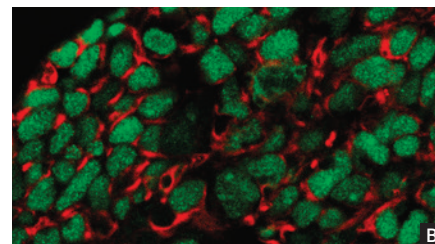


#### Neural Tube-like Structures<sup>a</sup>

Sox1 (red) Nestin (green)<sup>4</sup>

Fig 2. Formation of Organized Structures.

Cerebral Organoids were cryosectioned and stained (a, b.) Sox1 (red)/Nestin (green) staining and organization suggests formation of neural tube-like structures (a). Sox2 (green)/Nestin (red) staining and organization suggests formation of neural rosettes (b).



#### Neural Rosettes<sup>b</sup>

Sox2 (green) Nestin (red)<sup>4</sup>

What researchers are saying about using Cell-Mate3D™ to generate Cerebral Organoids...

**"Cell-Mate3D is a great tool for making organoids without an EHS matrix."**

– Scientist at Large Research Institution

# Protocol

## Generation of Cerebral Organoids using Cell-Mate3D™

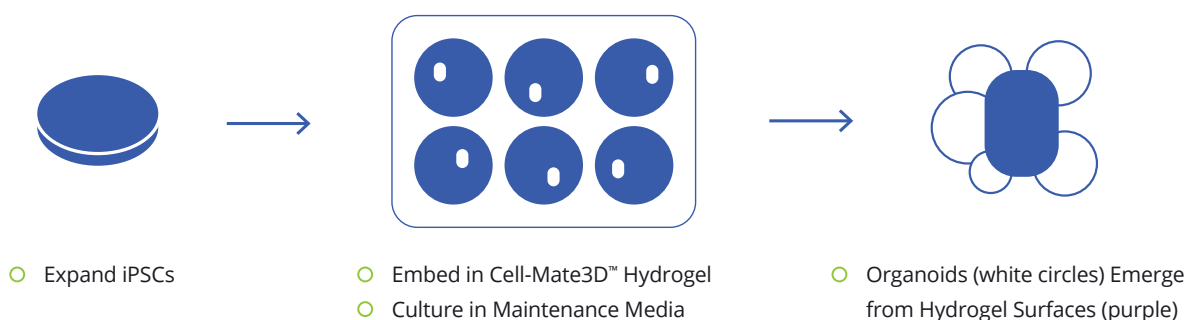
### Required Reagents

- Cell-Mate3D™ matrix (BRTI Life Sciences product# CM-1001 or CM-1002)
- E8 culture media (Life Technologies product# A1517001)
- 6 well culture dish
- Sterile blade

### Protocol

1. Refer to BRTI Life Sciences protocol for creating the Cell-Mate3D™ matrix
2. Harvest iPSCs from 2D culture maintaining the iPSCs as whole colonies
3. Following the Cell-Mate3D™ protocol, embed iPSC colonies into the Cell-Mate3D™ matrix
  - For a 500µL matrix, embed 19M cells
  - For a 250µL matrix, embed 9.5M cells
4. Prepare a 6 well culture plate by transferring E8 media into 5 wells. Use 5mL of media per well.
5. Cut the matrix into approximately 100µL sections
6. Organoids will begin to appear on the surface of the matrix after 3 weeks
7. Organoids can be analyzed by:
  - Histological methods
  - Cryosectioning and staining methods
  - Protein isolation and expression analysis
  - RNA isolation and expression analysis

### Organoid Generation Workflow



### References

1.) Lindborg BA, Brekke JH, Vegoe AL, et al. Rapid Induction of Cerebral Organoids From Human Induced Pluripotent Stem Cells Using a Chemically Defined Hydrogel and Defined Cell Culture Medium. *Stem Cells Transl Med.* 2016 Jul;5(7):970-9.  
2.) Cost of organoid generation using Lancaster method is approximately \$150 per organoid and cost of O'Brien method is approximately \$100 per organoid. Cost of organoid generation is reduced because neural induction factors are not needed. *The Scientist.* September 1, 2015. <http://www.the-scientist.com/?articleNo/43842/title/Orchestrating-Organoids/> accessed Feb 22 2017. 3.) Schwartz MP, Hou Z, Propson NE, et al. Human pluripotent stem cell-derived neural constructs for predicting neural toxicity. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America.* 2015;112(40):12516-12521. doi:10.1073/pnas.1516645112. 4.) Images courtesy of Dr. Timothy O'Brien at the University of Minnesota.