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Abstract

We adapted a previously-described method (Boecker et al., 2020, 2021; Fernandopulle et al., 2018) for differentiating iPSCs stably expressing mNGN2 at a safe-harbor locus into human excitatory glutamatergic neurons. Pre-i 3Neuron iPSCs (human iPSCs with an integrated doxycycline-inducible mNGN2 transgene in the AAVS1 safe-harbor locus) were a gift from M. Ward (National Institutes of Health, Maryland).

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Materials

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- 10 cm cell culture dish
- 15 cm cell culture dish
- Cryovials

Reagents

-  Growth Factor Reduced (GFR) Matrigel® **Corning Catalog #354230**
-  Essential 8™ Medium **Gibco - Thermo Fisher Scientific Catalog #A1517001**
-  ACCUTASE™ **STEMCELL Technologies Inc. Catalog #07920**
-  DMEM/F-12, HEPES **Thermo Fisher Scientific Catalog #11330032**
-  N-2 Supplement (100X) **Thermo Fisher Catalog #17502048**
-  MEM Non-Essential Amino Acids Solution (100X) **Thermo Fisher Catalog #11140050**
-  GlutaMAX®; Supplement **Thermo Fisher Catalog #35050061**
-  Doxycycline hydrochloride **Merck MilliporeSigma (Sigma-Aldrich) Catalog #D9891**
-  Y-27632 **Selleckchem Catalog #S1049**
-  Fetal bovine serum for cell culture (tetracycline-free) **Takara Bio Inc. Catalog #631107**
- DMSO (CATALOG)
-  BrainPhys™ Neuronal Medium 500 mL **STEMCELL Technologies Inc. Catalog #5790**
-  Animal-Free Recombinant Human NT-3 **peprotech Catalog #AF-450-03**
-  Recombinant Human/Murine/Rat BDNF **peprotech Catalog #450-02**
-  B-27 Supplement **Gibco - Thermo Fisher Scientific Catalog #17504044**

Safety warnings

- ! Wear proper PPE when transferring cryovials to liquid N2.



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1w

- 1 Culture pre-iNeuron iPSCs in a 10 cm dish coated with Growth Factor Reduced Matrigel in Essential 8 media, fed daily.

Note

Pre-iNeuron iPSCs should either have doxycycline-inducible NGN2 present in the safe-harbor AAVS1 locus ("i3Neurons") or should stably express doxycycline-inducible NGN2 following piggybac transfection (see protocol: "Piggybac-mediated stable expression of NGN2 in iPSCs for differentiation into excitatory glutamatergic neurons"). Before performing differentiation, iPSCs should be tested for mycoplasma, and cytogenetic analysis of G-banded metaphase cells should be performed to confirm a normal karyotype.

- 2 Passage iPSCs using warm Accutase and plate 5.5×10^6 cells onto a Matrigelcoated 15 cm dish, in Induction Media (DMEM/F12 supplemented with 1% N2- supplement [GIBCO], 1% NEAA [GIBCO], and 1% GlutaMAX [GIBCO], and containing $2 \mu\text{g/ml}$ doxycycline and $10 \mu\text{m}$ ROCK inhibitor).

Note

DMEM/F12 supplemented with N2-supplement, NEAA and GlutaMAX can be kept at 4°C for 2-3 months. Doxycycline and ROCK inhibitor should always be added fresh.

- 3 After 24:00:00, replace all media with fresh Induction Media, containing $2 \mu\text{g/ml}$ doxycycline but no ROCK inhibitor.

1d

- 3.1 Replace again with the same media after 24:00:00 (48:00:00 after plating).

3d

- 4 72 hours after plating, dissociate cells with warm Accutase.

- 4.1 Count cells in freezing media.

Freezing media



	A	B
	BrainPhys	70%
	FBS	20%
	DMSO	10%
	BDNF	10 ng/mL
	NT-3	10 ng/mL
	B-27 supplement	1x

4.2 Freeze down cells in a Mr. Frosty container placed in a  -80 °C freezer

 Overnight .



4.3 On the following day, transfer cryopreserved neurons to liquid nitrogen storage.

