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Abstract

Live-cell imaging is a technique to visualize dynamic cellular processes in living biological samples.



1. Cell Preparation

- 1 Wash cells 1x with OptiMEM (Gibco). 
- 2 Incubate cells with 100nM MitoTracker red CMH2Xros (Thermo Fisher Scientific) in OptiMEM at 37 °C for 30 min 
- 3 Wash cells with OptiMEM once, and keep cells in the same medium for imaging 

2. Imaging

- 4 Images were acquired using a Leica TCS SP8 confocal microscope (Leica, Germany) with a 100×/1.4 numerical aperture oil-immersion objective. 
- 5 Analyze images using Diffraction PSF 3D and DeconvolutionLab2 plugins in Fiji-ImageJ version 2.3.0/1.53q (<https://fiji.sc/>; RRID:SCR_002285) 

Procedure for labelled alpha-synuclein Pre-formed Fibrils Experiments

- 6 Treat iPSC-derived neurons with 0.25 µM Alexa Fluor 594-labeled PFFs (594-PFF) with or without cotreatment with 1 µM CDDO-Me (Cayman Chemical)
- 7 After 24 h, incubate cells with 100 nM MitoTracker Green (Invitrogen, MA, USA) in a neuronal medium for 30 min at 37 °C 
- 8 Use ACellBrite™ Steady 488 Membrane Staining Kit (Biotium) to visualize cell membranes following the manufacturer's instructions
- 9 Images were acquired using a Leica TCS SP8 confocal microscope with a 63 × /1.4 numerical aperture oil-immersion objective 
- 10 Acquire Z-stacks for the calculation of the PFF particle area and fluorescence intensity 
- 10.1 For each condition, 5-8 images were acquired from at least four independent experiments



Image processing

- 11 For the quantification of colocalization and image processing, images were analyzed using the “Analyze particles” and “EzColocalization” plugins in Fiji-ImageJ