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Visium sample preparation from human Midbrain

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Abstract

This protocol describes a workflow to prepare and Run Visium Spatial Transcriptomics samples from human Midbrain.

Troubleshooting

Brain sample sectioning and placement

1 Single 10µm brain sections were prepared following strictly the Visium Spatial Protocol - Tissue Preparation guide by 10x genomics (**CG000240** | Rev C, 10x Genomics) and placed onto Visium spatial gene expression slides (#PN-1000184, 10x Genomics).

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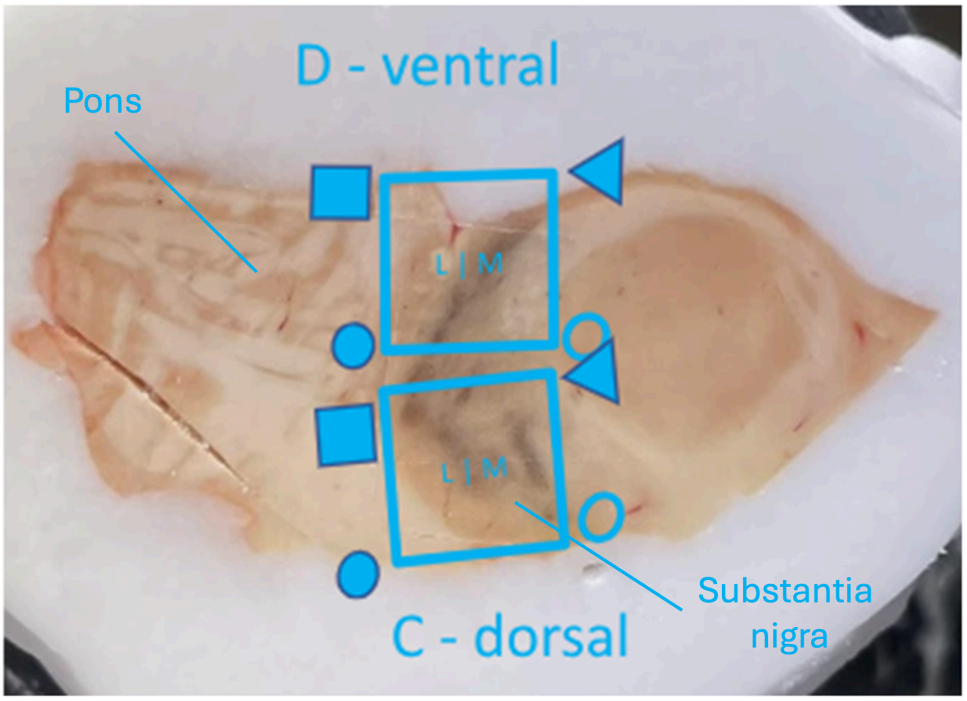

Per subject two 10µM sections were prepared to cover both the ventral and dorsal part of the midbrain (see image for ref) and placed on a visium spatial slide.

3 Visium spatial slides were shipped overnight collaborator on dry ice and stored at -80 °C for no more than a week before processing was continued.

Methanol Fixation H&H staining | QC Imaging

4 Visium slides were fixed with Methanol and subjected to H&E Staining following 10x Genomics Methanol Fixation, H&E Staining & Imaging for Visium Spatial Protocols (**CG000160** | Rev B, 10x Genomics) before imaging.

5 Slides were imaged on an Axio Imager.Z2 microscope (Zeiss) with Metafer 5 (v3.14.150, RRID:SCR_016306 MetaSystems) automated software at 10X magnification, 1.0 CCD camera gain, and fixed lamp RGB levels.

Visium spatial gene expression library preparation & Sequencing parameters

6 Samples were processed as directed following strictly Visium spatial gene expression Reagent kits user guide (**CG000239** |Rev D, 10x Genomics) using the Visium spatial Gene Expression Reagent Kit (#PN-1000186, 10xGenomics) and the Library Construction Kit (#PN-1000190, 10xGenomics). The permeabilization time was optimized as directed (**CG000238** | Rev D, 10x Genomics).

7 Tissue optimization experiments were imaged using identical Metafer 5 settings following the H&E staining as described in step 4.
Fluorescence imaging was performed with an Agilent Technologies DNA MicroArray Scanner and analyzed using Agilent Feature Extraction (v10.5.1.1, RRID_014963, Agilent Technologies) software.

8 Libraries were pooled for each section, and sequenced to a depth of at least ~50,000 reads per spot on an Illumina NovaSeq with an SP flow cell with read lengths of 28 (Read 1), 90 (Read 2), 10 (Index 5), and 10 bases (Index 7).

Protocol references

Visium Spatial Protocol - Tissue Preparation guide: **CG000240**

Methanol Fixation, H&E Staining & Imaging for Visium Spatial Protocol **CG000160**

Visium spatial gene expression Reagent kits user guide **CG000239**

Visium Spatial Gene Expression Reagent Kits -Tissue Optimization guide: **CG000238**