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**Title: Generation, Maintenance, and Characterization of Human Pluripotent Stem Cell-Derived Intestinal and Colonic Organoids**

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# Author Questionnaire

**1. Microscopy:** Does your protocol require the use of a dissecting or stereomicroscope for performing a complex dissection, microinjection technique, or something similar? **Yes**

If **Yes**, can you record movies/images using your own microscope camera?

**No.**

**Leica S9D**

**2. Software:** Does the part of your protocol being filmed include step-by-step descriptions of software usage? **No**

**3. Filming location:** Will the filming need to take place in multiple locations? **No**

## Current Protocol Length

Number of Steps: 19

Number of Shots: 46

# Introduction

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NOTE: This script follows our old format, so we do not have the interview questions.

- 1.1. **Jorge Munera**: The following protocol describes the generation of human intestinal and colonic organoids from human pluripotent stem cells. This technique will allow the user to elucidate pathways involved in intestinal patterning [1].
  - 1.1.1. INTERVIEW: Named talent says the statement above in an interview-style shot, looking slightly off-camera. *B-roll: 2.20.1.*
- 1.2. **Jorge Munera**: This technique allows the user to generate region-specific organoids that are isogenic [1].
  - 1.2.1. INTERVIEW: Named talent says the statement above in an interview-style shot, looking slightly off-camera. *B-roll: 2.16.1.*
- 1.3. **Jorge Munera**: This protocol could provide insight into the factors that regulate the establishment and maintenance of intestinal patterning [1].
  - 1.3.1. INTERVIEW: Named talent says the statement above in an interview-style shot, looking slightly off-camera.

Note: Place the interview statements 4.1 and 4.2 here to conform to our new style.

NOTE: This section has been removed to meet our current style.

## **Introduction of the Demonstrator on Camera**

- ~~1.4. **Jorge Munera**: Demonstrating the procedure will be Na Qu, a Senior research specialist from my laboratory [1] [2].~~
  - ~~1.4.1. INTERVIEW: Author saying the above.~~
  - ~~1.4.2. The named demonstrator(s) looks up from workbench or desk or microscope and acknowledges the camera.~~

# Protocol

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## 2. Generation of Human Intestinal and Colonic Organoids

- 2.1. Begin by placing an extracellular matrix- or ECM (*E-C-M*)-coated 24-well plate inside a biosafety cabinet for 30 minutes to allow it to reach room temperature [1]. Place mTeSR1 (*pronounce 'm-teaser-1'*) complete medium, cell detachment solution, and advanced DMEM inside a 37 degrees Celsius water bath and allow them to warm up for 30 minutes [2].
  - 2.1.1. WIDE: Establishing shot of the talent placing the ECM-coated plate inside the biosafety cabinet.
  - 2.1.2. Talent placing mTeSR1 complete medium, cell detachment solution, and advanced DMEM inside the water bath.
- 2.2. ~~Verify that hPSCs are at least 85 percent confluent with minimal differentiation [1] and remove any differentiated cells if necessary [2].~~ Prepare the plating medium in a 50-milliliter conical tube by adding 13 milliliters of mTeSR1 and 13 microliters of 10 millimolar Y-27632 (*Y-2-7-6-3-2*) Rho-associated protein kinase or ROCK (*Rock*) inhibitor [1]. NOTE: VO is struck through for the removed shots.
  - ~~2.2.1. SCOPE: Talent verifying the confluency of the hPSCs. Note: The author asked to skip the shot.~~
  - ~~2.2.2. SCOPE: Talent removing the differentiated cells. Note: The author asked to skip the shot.~~
  - 2.2.3. Talent preparing the plating medium.
- 2.3. To collect cells from the 6-well plate, aspirate the medium from 3 to 4 wells [1] and wash once with 2 milliliters of advanced DMEM per well [2]. Aspirate the advanced DMEM [3] and dispense 1 milliliter of the cell dissociation solution into each well [4].
  - 2.3.1. Talent aspirating medium from 3-4 wells.
  - 2.3.2. Talent washing the wells with advanced DMEM.
  - 2.3.3. Talent aspirating the advanced DMEM.
  - 2.3.4. Talent dispensing the cell dissociation solution.

- 2.4. Incubate the plate for 5 to 7 minutes inside a 5 percent carbon dioxide, 37 degrees Celsius incubator [1]. ~~and check under the microscope that the cells are in suspension [2].~~ Dissociate any clumps of cells by pipetting up and down 4 to 5 times using a 5-milliliter pipette to prepare the cell suspension [2]. **NOTE: VO is struck through for the removed shot and slightly edited.**
  - 2.4.1. Talent placing the plate in the incubator.
  - ~~2.4.2. SCOPE: Talent checking if the cells are in suspension.~~ **Note: The author asked to skip the shot.**
  - 2.4.3. Talent dissociating the clumps of cells by pipetting.
- 2.5. Add 2 milliliters of advanced DMEM into each well [1], gently pipette up and down 4 to 5 times [2], and transfer to a 15-milliliter conical tube [3]. Spin down the cells at  $300 \times g$  for 3 minutes at room temperature [4].
  - 2.5.1. Talent adding advanced DMEM into the wells.
  - 2.5.2. Talent pipetting up and down.
  - 2.5.3. Talent transferring the medium into the conical tube.
  - 2.5.4. Talent spinning down the cells.
- 2.6. Aspirate the medium from the tube without aspirating the cell pellet [1] and add 6 milliliters of the prepared medium of mTeSR1 plus ROCK inhibitor [2]. Gently resuspend the cells by pipetting up and down 3 to 4 times [3].
  - 2.6.1. Talent aspirating the medium from the tube.
  - 2.6.2. Talent adding the prepared medium into the tube.
  - 2.6.3. Talent resuspending the cells.
- 2.7. Then, transfer the suspension to the rest of the mTeSR1 and ROCK inhibitor medium inside the 50-milliliter tube [1]. Resuspend vigorously 4 to 5 times and count the cells using a hemacytometer [2]. Aspirate the ECM from the 24-well plate just before plating the cells [3].
  - 2.7.1. Transferring the suspension to the 50 mL tube.
  - 2.7.2. Talent pipetting cells into the hemocytometer.
  - 2.7.3. Talent aspirating the ECM from the 24-well plate.

- 2.8. Resuspend the cells again by pipetting up and down 2 to 3 times and dispense 0.5 milliliters of the cell suspension in each well [1]. Gently rock the plate 3 times clockwise, 3 times counterclockwise, 3 times forward and back, and 3 times side to side to evenly disperse the cells [2].
  - 2.8.1. Talent dispensing the cell suspension into wells.
  - 2.8.2. Talent rocking the plate in different directions.
- 2.9. Transfer the plate to a 37 degrees Celsius, 5 percent carbon dioxide incubator and incubate for 24 hours [1]. After 24 hours, aspirate the spent medium, add 0.5 milliliters per well of mTeSR1, and incubate again for 24 hours under the same conditions [2].
  - 2.9.1. Talent placing the plate inside the incubator.
  - 2.9.2. Talent adding mTeSR1 into the wells.
- 2.10. In a 15-milliliter conical tube, add 13 milliliters of Activin Day 1 medium, 13 microliters of 100 micrograms per milliliter Activin A, and 1.95 microliters of 100 micrograms per milliliter BMP4 (*B-M-P-Four*) [1]. Warm the medium in a 37 degrees Celsius water bath [2].
  - 2.10.1. Talent adding Activin Day 1 medium, Activin A, and BMP4.
  - 2.10.2. Talent warming the medium in the water bath.
- 2.11. Aspirate the mTeSR1 medium from the 24-well plate and add 0.5 mL of Activin Day 1 medium per well [1]. Place the plate in a 37 degrees Celsius, 5 percent carbon dioxide incubator and incubate for 24 hours. Check the cells after 24 hours [2].
  - 2.11.1. Talent adding Activin Day 1 medium per well.
  - 2.11.2. Talent placing the plate for incubation.
- 2.12. Prepare Activin Day 2 complete medium by adding 12.5 microliters of 100 micrograms per milliliter Activin A into 12.5 milliliters of Activin Day 2 medium in a 15-milliliter conical tube and place the tube in a 37 degrees Celsius water bath [1]. Remove the 24-well differentiation plate from the carbon dioxide incubator and remove the spent medium [2].
  - 2.12.1. Talent preparing the Activin Day 2 complete medium.
  - 2.12.2. Talent removing the spent medium.

2.13. Dispense 0.5 milliliters of prewarmed Activin Day 2 medium per well and place the plate back inside the carbon dioxide incubator for 24 hours [1].

2.13.1. Talent dispensing the prewarmed Activin Day 2 medium into the wells.

2.14. Prepare Activin Day 3 complete medium by adding 12.5 microliters of 100 micrograms per milliliter Activin A into 12.5 milliliters of Activin Day 3 medium in a 15-milliliter conical tube. Place the tube in a 37 degrees Celsius water bath [1]. Remove the spent medium and dispense 0.5 mL of Activin Day 3 medium per well [2].

2.14.1. Talent preparing the Activin Day 3 complete medium.

2.14.2. Talent dispensing the prewarmed Activin Day 3 medium into the wells.

2.15. To begin with differentiation of definitive endoderm into mid-hindgut spheroids, add 25 milliliters of mid-hindgut induction medium with FGF4 (*F-G-F-Four*) in a 50-milliliter conical tube [1] and place it in a 37 degrees Celsius water bath for 30 minutes [2].

2.15.1. Talent adding the mid-hindgut induction medium with FGF4 to the conical tube.

2.15.2. Talent placing the tube in the water bath.

2.16. To prepare the complete mid-hindgut induction medium, add 7.5 microliters of CHIR99021 (*pronounce 'Kay-er-99021'*) after the medium is warm [1]. Remove the spent medium, dispense 0.5 milliliters of mid-hindgut induction medium per well, and incubate at 37 degrees Celsius, 5 percent carbon dioxide for 24 hours [2].

2.16.1. Talent adding CHIR99021 to the medium.

2.16.2. Talent dispensing the mid-hindgut induction medium into the wells.

2.17. After condensation of the cells within the monolayer occurred the next day, replace the spent medium with a fresh mid-hindgut induction medium and place the plate back for incubation for 24 hours [1].

2.17.1. Talent replacing the spent medium with a fresh mid-hindgut induction medium.

2.18. To avoid discarding the floating spheroids while changing the medium, transfer the old medium into a 15-milliliter tube [1] and centrifuge at  $300 \times g$  for 1 minute [2]. Resuspend the spheroids in 12.5 milliliters of fresh mid-hindgut induction medium [3],

add 0.5 milliliters per well into the same 24-well plate, and incubate for 24 hours in the incubator [4].

2.18.1. Talent transferring the old medium into the 15 mL tube.

2.18.2. Talent centrifuging the tube.

2.18.3. Talent resuspending the spheroids. *Videographer: This step is important!*

2.18.4. Talent adding 0.5 mL medium to each well. *Videographer: This step is important!*

2.19. On day 4 of hindgut induction, harvest floating spheroids from the plate wells by collecting the medium into a 15-milliliter tube [1] followed by centrifugation at  $300 \times g$  for 1 minute [2].

2.19.1. Talent harvesting the floating spheroids. *Videographer: This step is important!*

2.19.2. Talent centrifuging the tube.



# Results

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## 3. Results

- 3.1. The efficiency of definitive endoderm induction was assessed by performing immunofluorescence staining for FOXA2 (*Fox-A-Two*) and SOX17 (*Socks-Seventeen*) [1].
  - 3.1.1. LAB MEDIA: Figure 2F, 2G, and 2H.
- 3.2. The expression of mRNA (*M-R-N-A*) of the anterior HOX (*hox*) factor *HOXD3* (*hox-D-Three*) was found to be the highest in NOGGIN (*noggin*)-treated human intestinal organoids or HIOs (*H-I-Ohs*) [1], less in epithelial growth factor- or EGF (*E-G-F*)-treated HIOs, and lowest in BMP-treated human colonic organoids or HCOs (*H-C-Ohs*) [2].
  - 3.2.1. LAB MEDIA: Figure 4. *Video editor: Emphasize the orange bar labeled 'HOXD3'.*
  - 3.2.2. LAB MEDIA: Figure 4. *Video editor: Emphasize the green bar labeled 'HOXD3'.*
- 3.3. Conversely, *HOXA13* (*hox-A-Thirteen*) and *HOXD13* (*hox-D-Thirteen*) mRNA expressions were found to be low in HIOs [1] and high in HCOs [2].
  - 3.3.1. LAB MEDIA: Figure 4. *Video editor: Emphasize the orange bars labeled 'HOXA 13' and 'HOXD 13'.*
  - 3.3.2. LAB MEDIA: Figure 4. *Video editor: Emphasize the green bars labeled 'HOXA 13' and 'HOXD 13'.*
- 3.4. Immunofluorescence staining was performed for SATB2 (*Sat-B-2*), CDX2 (*C-D-X-2*), and CDH1 (*C-D-H-1*) to determine if the HCO epithelium was properly patterned [1].
  - 3.4.1. LAB MEDIA: Figure 5.

# Conclusion

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## 4. Conclusion Interview Statements

NOTE: To conform to our new style, move statements 4.1 and 4.2 after the introduction statement 1.3.

- 4.1. **Jorge Munera**: Differentiation of human pluripotent stem cells into definitive endoderm requires serum starvation of cells. Therefore, careful dispensing of media is necessary to prevent disruption of the monolayer [1].

4.1.1. INTERVIEW: Named talent says the statement above in an interview-style shot, looking slightly off-camera. *Suggested b-roll: 2.13.1., 2.14.2.*

- 4.2. **Jorge Munera**: HIOs and HCOs can be transplanted into the kidney capsule of mice which allows them to mature allowing the interrogation of mechanisms of intestinal maturation [1].

4.2.1. INTERVIEW: Named talent says the statement above in an interview-style shot, looking slightly off-camera.