

## Primary oligodendrocyte precursor cell culture

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## SCOPE OF THE METHOD

<b>The Method relates to</b>	Animal health, Human health
<b>The Method is situated in</b>	Basic Research
<b>Type of method</b>	In vitro - Ex vivo
<b>Species from which cells/tissues/organs are derived</b>	Mus Musculus
<b>Type of cells/tissues/organs</b>	Brain (cortex)

## DESCRIPTION

### Method keywords

oligodendrocyte  
shakeoff  
cell culture  
isolation

### Scientific area keywords

basic research  
fundamental research  
differentiation  
neuroscience

### Method description

This method describes the steps from a living mouse to a single cell solution of primary oligodendrocyte precursor cells.

### Method status

Internally validated

## PROS, CONS & FUTURE POTENTIAL

### Advantages

Primary cultures give rise to a condition more similar although not identical to the *in vivo* situation when compared to cell line experiments ;  
Methodologically feasible ;  
Highly reproducible ;  
Astrocytes can be simultaneously isolated ;  
Oligodendrogenesis can be evaluated purely.

### Challenges

Interspecies differences ;  
Terminal experiment for the lab animal ;  
Time consumable (2 weeks to reach an OPC culture, additional time required to reach oligodendrocyte stage).

### Future & Other applications

The protocol can be adapted and used in other animal species.

## REFERENCES, ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS AND OTHER INFORMATION

### Associated documents

[Primary OPC isolation mouse .docx](#)

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