

# 3D Organoids from primary melanoma cell lines and from iPSc-derived neural crest stem cells

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## **SCOPE OF THE METHOD**

The Method relates to	Human health
The Method is situated in	Basic Research
Type of method	In vitro - Ex vivo
Specify the type of cells/tissues/organs	Human iPSC; Primary melanoma cells

# **DESCRIPTION**

# **Method keywords**

3D culture

organoid

single-cell

**ECM** 

hydrogel

**PEG** 

# Scientific area keywords

melanoma

enhancer

single-cell RNA seq

single-cell ATAC seq

#### **Method description**

We propose to generate three-dimensional tumoroids from the primary melanoma cell lines, as well as 3D organoids from the iPSc-derived neural crest stem cells. We will use the AggreWell system (STEMCELL Technologies) to generate uniform, size-controlled three-dimensional spheroids. After 5 days in the AggreWell plate, the spheroids are moved to a PEG-based artificial ECM hydrogel (Gjorevski et al.; Nature Protocols 2017). The organoids can be cultured for weeks in these PEG-droplets. At different time points during organoid culture, organoids will be used for immunostaining and/or for single-cell sequencing. We will dissociate the PEG gel to obtain single cells by use of the cell-dissociation enzyme TrypLE.

### Lab equipment

Biosafety cabinet;

Cell incubator CO2-connected;

Centrifuge for plates.

#### **Method status**

Published in peer reviewed journal

# PROS, CONS & FUTURE POTENTIAL

# **Advantages**

3D organoids mimic tissue architecture heterogenous cell culture to study cellular differentiation enhancer testing.

# **Challenges**

Not every cell type/tissue can be studied.

#### **Modifications**

Different cell types are studied to form organoids.

# **Future & Other applications**

Drug application: concentration and activity can be tested.

# REFERENCES, ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS AND OTHER INFORMATION

#### References

Gjorevski N & Lutolf MP. Synthesis and characterization of well-defined hydrogel matrices and their application to intestinal stem cell and organoid culture. Nature Protocols 12 (11); 2263-2274 (2017)

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