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Product Information

Human iPSC-Derived Neural Stem Cells (Normal, or Diseased)

Catalog Number	40HU-001, 40HU-007	Cell Number	2.0 million cells/vial
Species	*Homo sapiens*	Storage Temperature	Liquid nitrogen

Product Description

Neural stem cells (NSCs) are self-renewing, multipotent cells that generate the main phenotype of the nervous system. They primarily differentiate into neurons, astrocytes, and oligodendrocytes [1]. The recent discovery of induced pluripotent stem cells (iPSCs) not only overcomes the ethical and logistical issues associated with human embryonic stem cells, but also provides a flexible platform for generating various differentiated cell types from diseased individuals. iPSC-derived NSCs are a potentially valuable source of *in vitro* models for complex, polygenic human diseases, and are potentially useful for drug discovery and cell-based therapy applications [2].

iXCells Biotechnologies provides high quality human neural stem cells (NSCs) derived from normal or diseased iPS cell lines. These cells express typical markers of neural stem and progenitor cells, e.g. Nestin, Pax6 and Sox1 (Figure 1 and Figure 2), with the purity higher than 97% (Figure 3). The cells have been fully characterized for their self-renewal and multi-potency. The iPSC-derived NSCs can be differentiated into astrocytes or motor neurons (Figure 4).

All the cells provided by iXCells are negative for mycoplasma, bacteria, yeast, and fungi. HIV-1, hepatitis B and hepatitis C. The basic donor information (gender / age / race) is provided for each cell lot purchased.

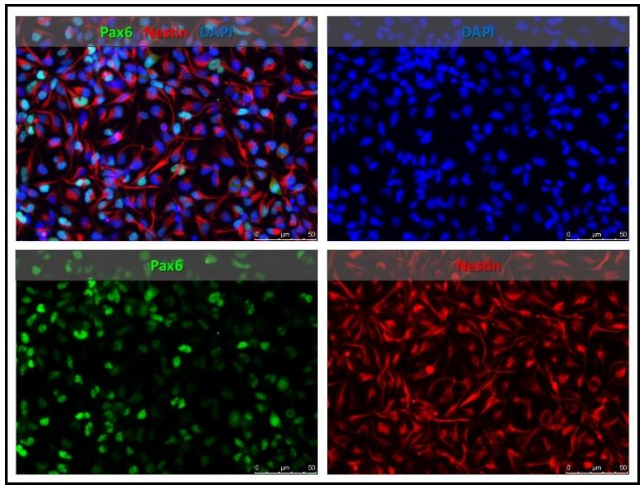

Figure 1. iPSC-derived NSCs express Nestin and Pax6.

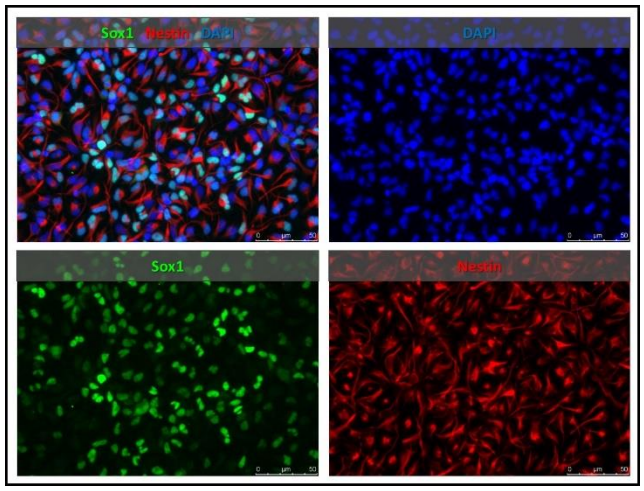

Figure 2. iPSC-derived NSCs express Nestin and Sox1.

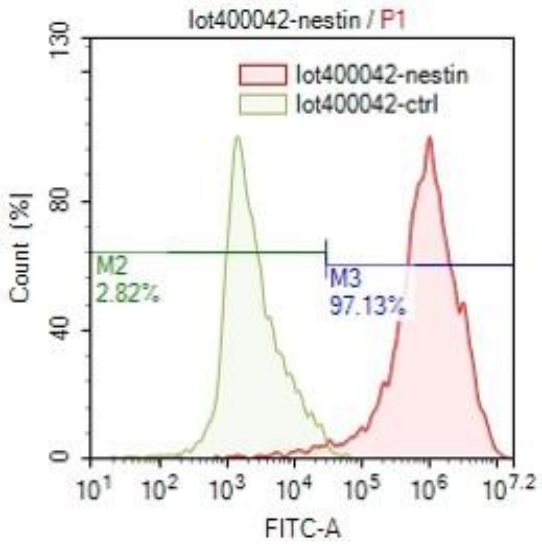

Figure 3. More than 97% of the NSCs are Nestin positive.

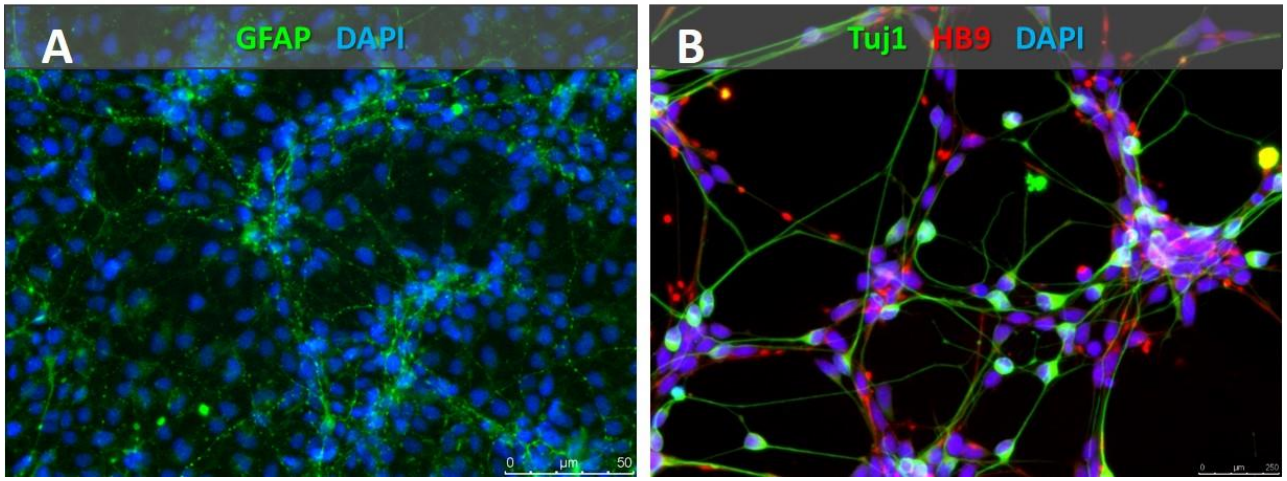

Figure 4. iPSC-derived NSCs can be differentiated into GFAP$^+$ astrocyte (A) or HB9$^+$motor neurons (B).

Product Details

Tissue Origin	Human Neural Stem Cells Derived from iPSCs (Derived from the peripheral blood or skin fibroblasts of normal or diseased donors); Integration-free; Footprint-free
Package Size	2.0 million cells/vial
Shipped	Cryopreserved
Storage	Liquid nitrogen
Growth Properties	Adherent
Media	Human Neural Stem Cell Growth Medium (Cat# MD-0024) Motor Neuron Differentiation Kit (Cat# MD-0031)

Protocols

Thawing of Frozen Cells

1. Upon receipt of the frozen cells, it is recommended to thaw the cells and initiate the culture immediately in order to retain the highest cell viability.
2. Prepare Poly-L-Ornithine/Laminin or Matrigel-coated plates the day before.
3. To thaw the cells, put the vial in 37°C water bath with gentle agitation for ~1 minute. Keep the cap out of water to minimize the risk of contamination.
4. Pipette the cells into a 15ml conical tube with 5ml fresh Human Neural Stem Cell Growth Media (Cat# MD-0024).
5. Centrifuge at 200g for 5 minutes at room temperature.
6. Remove the supernatant and re-suspend the cells in culture media.
7. Seed the cells on Poly-L-Ornithine/Laminin or Matrigel-coated plates.
8. Incubate in 37°C CO_2 incubator overnight.
9. Change media every other day until the cells are ready to be passaged. It may take 5-7 days to fully recover the cells before passaging.
10. The NSCs can be expanded for 3-5 passages and banked for future use. Please note that as the passage number Increases, random differentiation may occur.

Safety Precaution: *it is highly recommended that protective gloves and clothing should be used when handling frozen vials.*

Subculture of Neural Stem Cells

1. Prepare Poly-L-Ornithine/Laminin or Matrigel-coated plates the day before.
2. Remove the media from the cells.
3. Wash the cells once with D-PBS.
4. Add Accutase to the cells.
5. Incubate the cells in 37°C CO_2 incubator for 3-5 minutes.
6. Add two volumes of Human Neural Stem Cell Growth Media (Cat# MD-0024).
7. Detach the cells by pipetting up and down several times.
8. Pipette the cells into a 15ml conical tube.
9. Centrifuge at 200g for 5 minutes at room temperature.
10. Remove the supernatant and re-suspend the cells in Human Neural Stem Cell Growth Media.
11. Seed the cells on Poly-L-Ornithine/Laminin or Matrigel-coated plates at desired density.

Motor Neuron Differentiation

Find detailed protocol here.

References

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