Neural Progenitor Cell-derived Neurospheres: Build Dimension into Your Toxicity Studies

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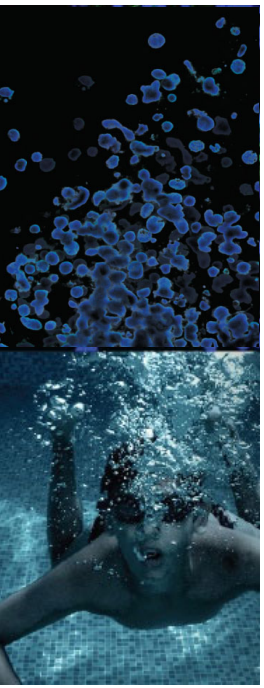

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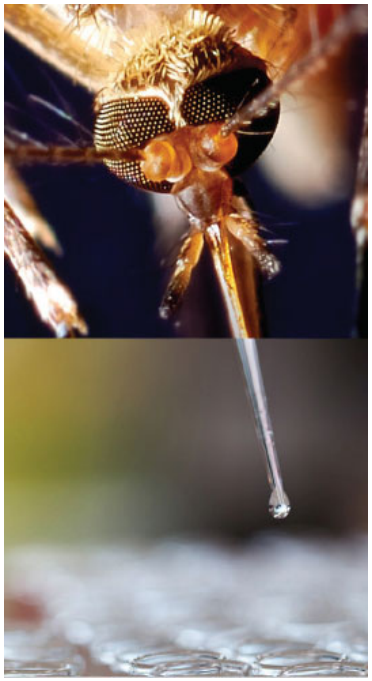

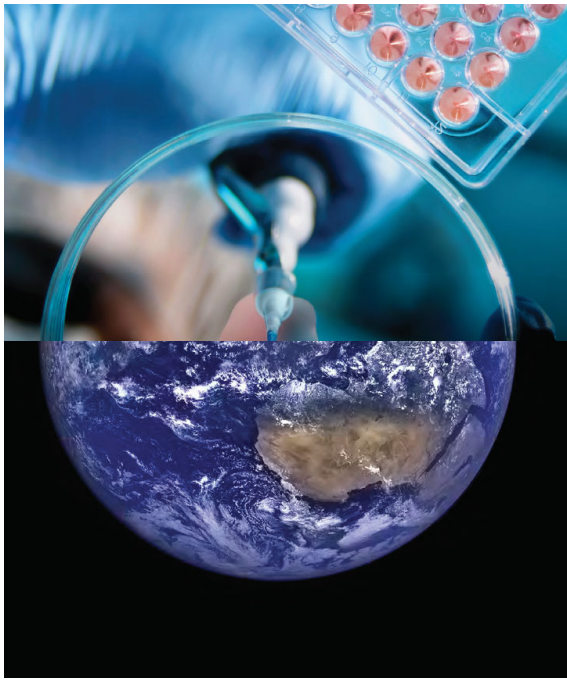

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- Sales and distribution in 150 countries, 19 international distributors
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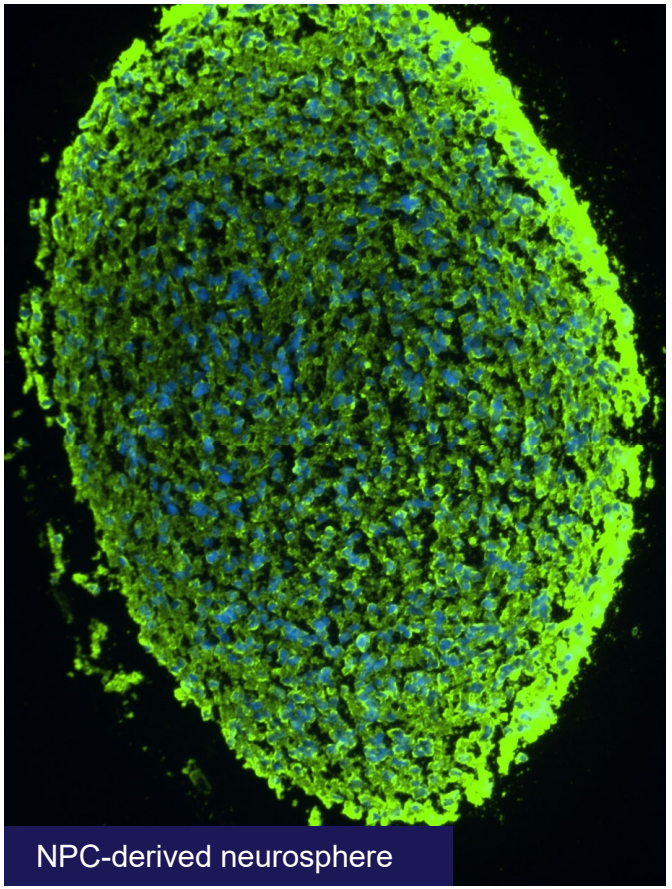
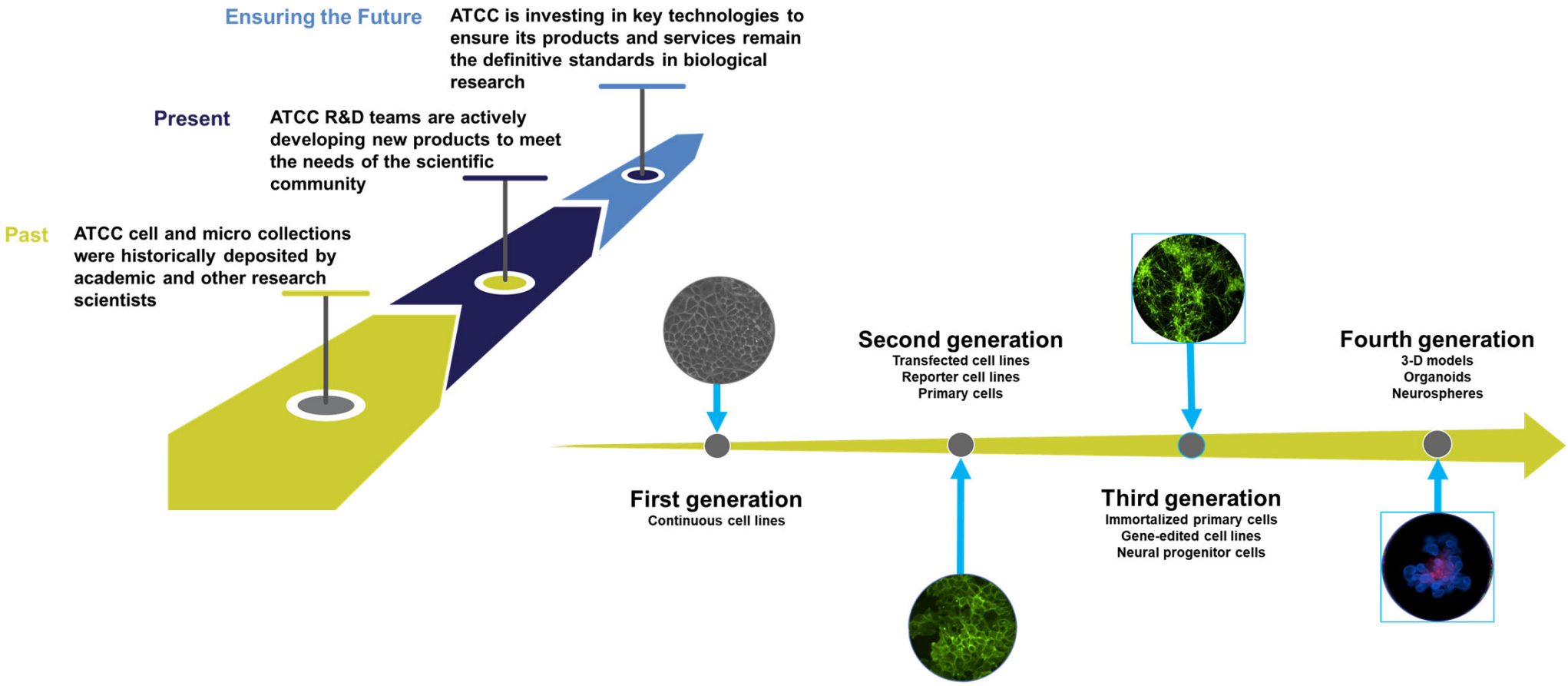


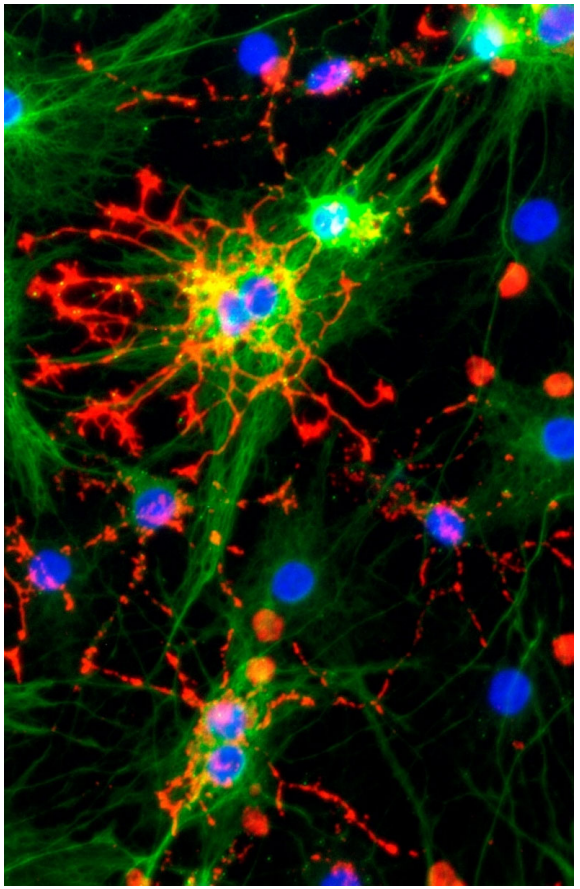
NPC-derived neurosphere

Modernization of the ATCC neurological portfolio: Evolution of in vitro cell models



ATCC products for neurology

- ATCC is the complete solution supplier for neuroscientists
- From basic research through discovery and development to product testing
  - Continuous cell lines
  - hTERT-immortalized primary NTAP Schwann cells
  - Michael J. Fox Foundation cell lines
  - Neural progenitor cells
  - Human Cancer Model Initiative 2-D and 3-D products
- Portfolio features
  - Reliability
  - Fully characterized cells
  - Optimized growth protocols
  - Scalability into all aspects of the neuroscience workflow
  - Biological relevancy



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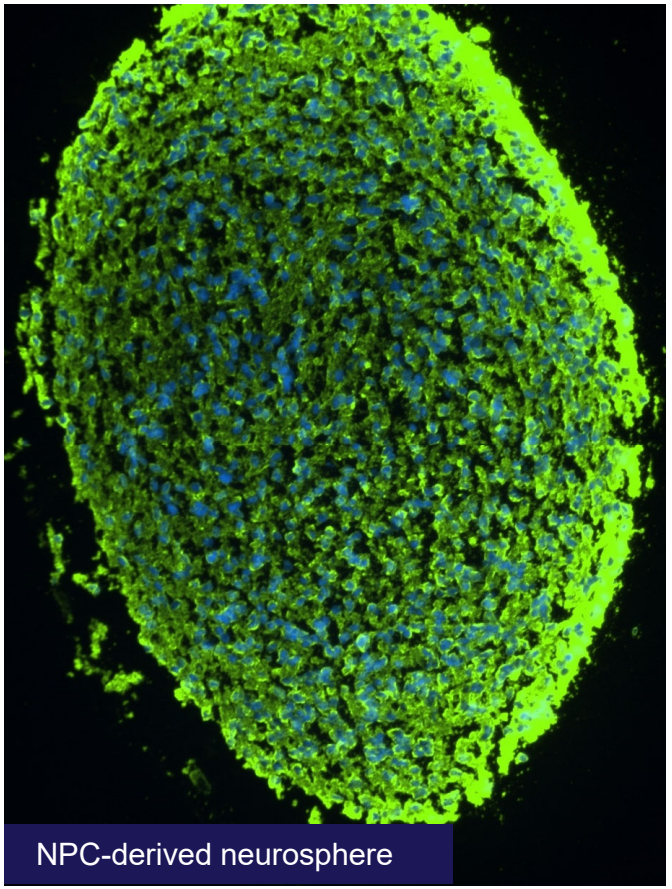
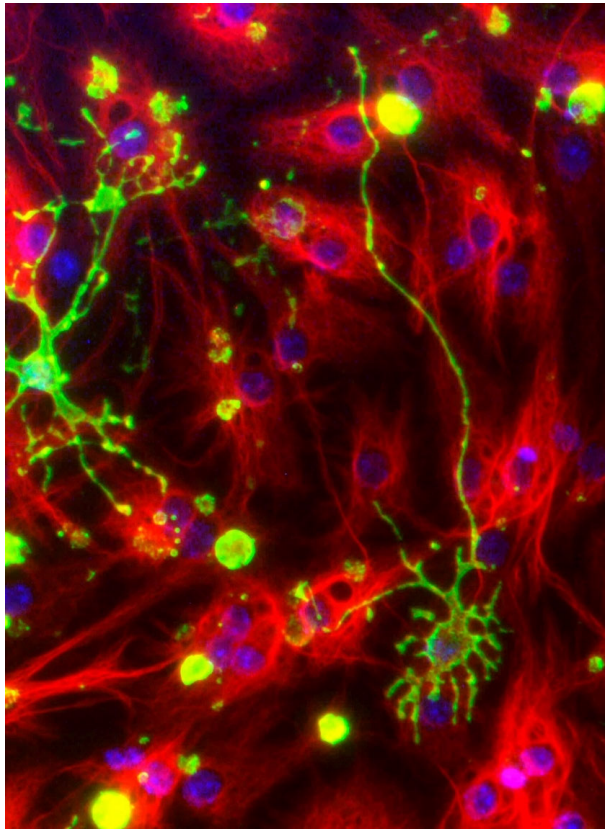


NPC-derived neurosphere

Challenges associated with current models of the nervous system



- Primary cells from animals (mouse and rat neurons)
  - Not predictive
  - Donor variation
- Continuous cell lines (originally isolated from tumors)
  - Not normal
  - Not predictive
- Induced pluripotent stem cells (iPSCs; commercial or self-made)
  - Time and labor intensive
  - Often not validated for neural development
- 2D vs. 3D models

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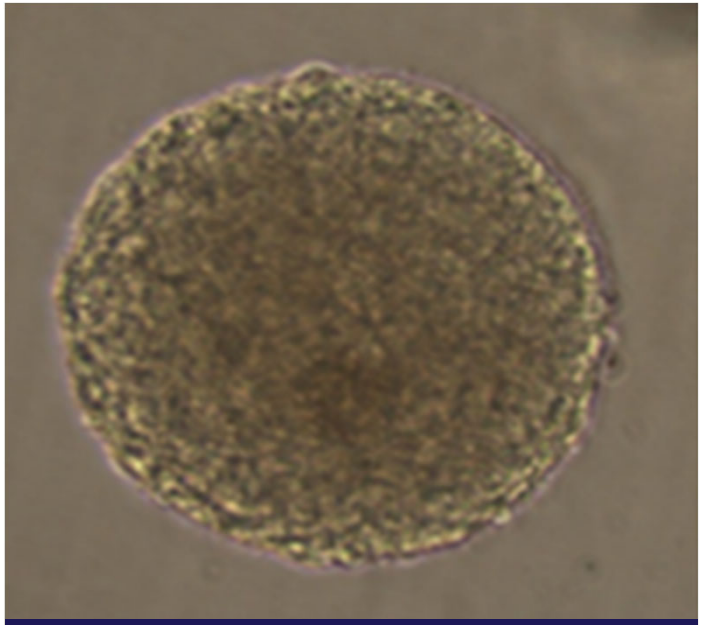
Neurosphere characteristics

- A neural model system
  - A 3-D model
  - Free-floating spherical clusters of neural stem cells
  - Can be used in undifferentiated state
  - Can be differentiated into multiple subtypes
  - At different timepoints the neurospheres can represent different neural developmental stages
  - Multiple methods of generation are available
- Neurosphere features
  - Expression levels of markers:
    - Nestin positive, neurofilament and GFAP negative
    - Culture environment-dependent after differentiation
  - Size <50 to >600 µm
  - Amenable to growth in 96-well formats/high-throughput screening
  - Assays: apoptosis, neurite outgrowth, proliferation, ICC, etc…



Neurosphere derived from NPCs

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Neurospheres in the literature

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Human iPSC-derived cerebral organoids model cellular features of lissencephaly and reveal prolonged mitosis of outer radial glia

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A three-dimensional human neural cell culture model of Alzheimer's disease

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Rotenone exerts developmental neurotoxicity in a human brain spheroid model

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Zika Virus Depletes Neural Progenitors in Human Cerebral Organoids through Activation of the Innate Immune Receptor TLR3

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Microglia Increase Inflammatory Responses in iPSC-Derived Human BrainSpheres

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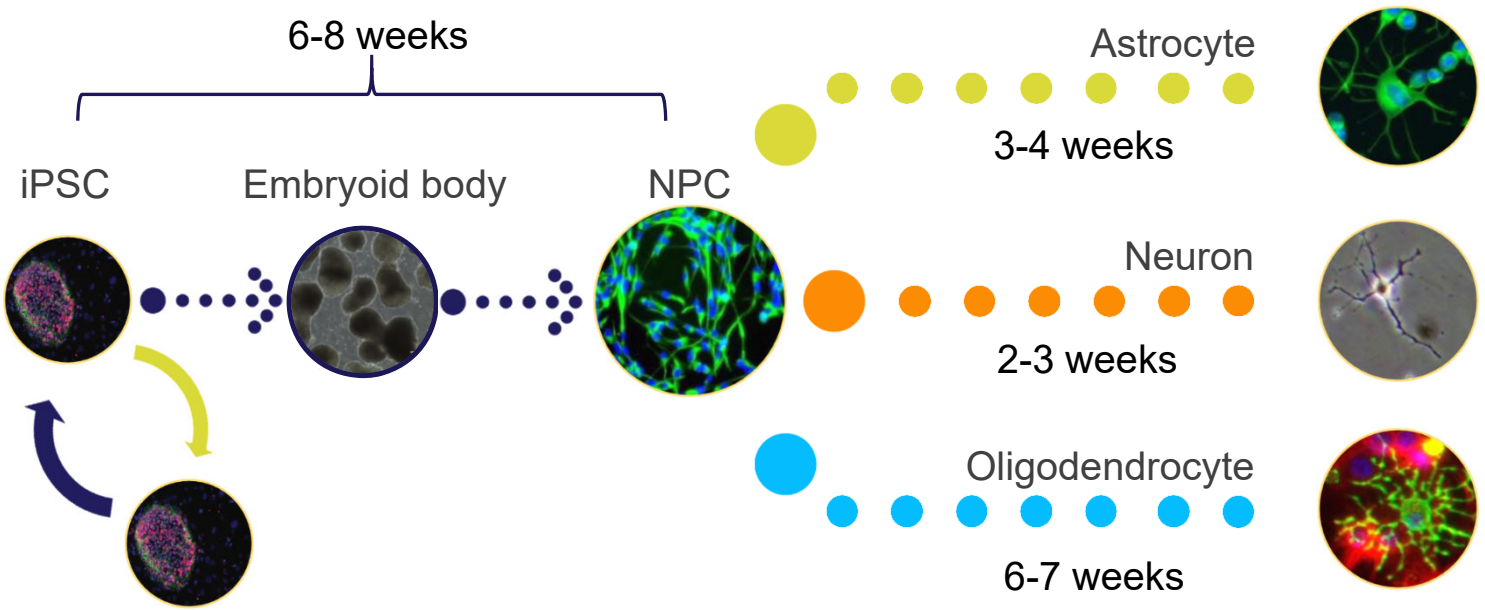
Neural progenitor cells – Neuronal differentiation



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- Shorten research time
- Human model
- Predictive screening

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Reporter lines from iPSC derived from cord blood CD34+ from a Caucasian male
(XL-1 iPSCs from NIH)

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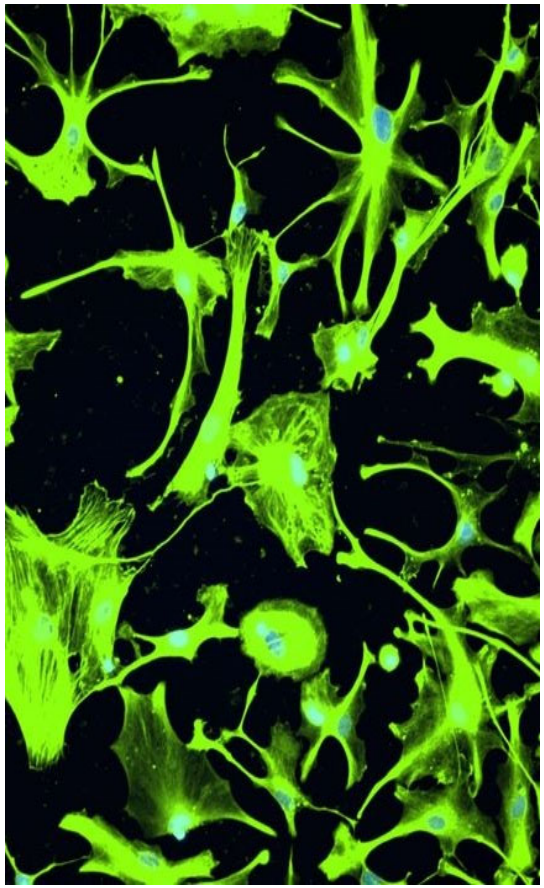
QC testing of NPCs



- Post-thaw cell viability: >80%
- Post-thaw viable cell number: >1x10^6 cells/vial
- Longevity: >15 PDLs or 5 passages
- NPC marker expression: Nestin$^+$, Pax-6$^+$, and Tra-I-60$^-$
- Differentiation potential:
  - Tuj1$^+$ early neurons
  - TH$^+$ dopaminergic neurons
- Identity: STR profile matching parental iPSC line
- Sterility, mycoplasma, and viral panel testing: None detected

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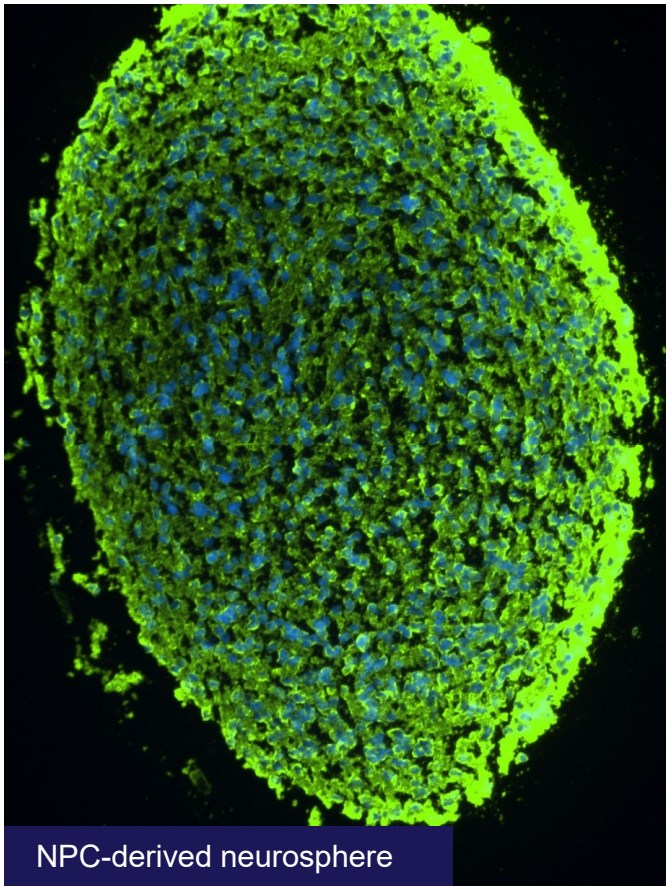
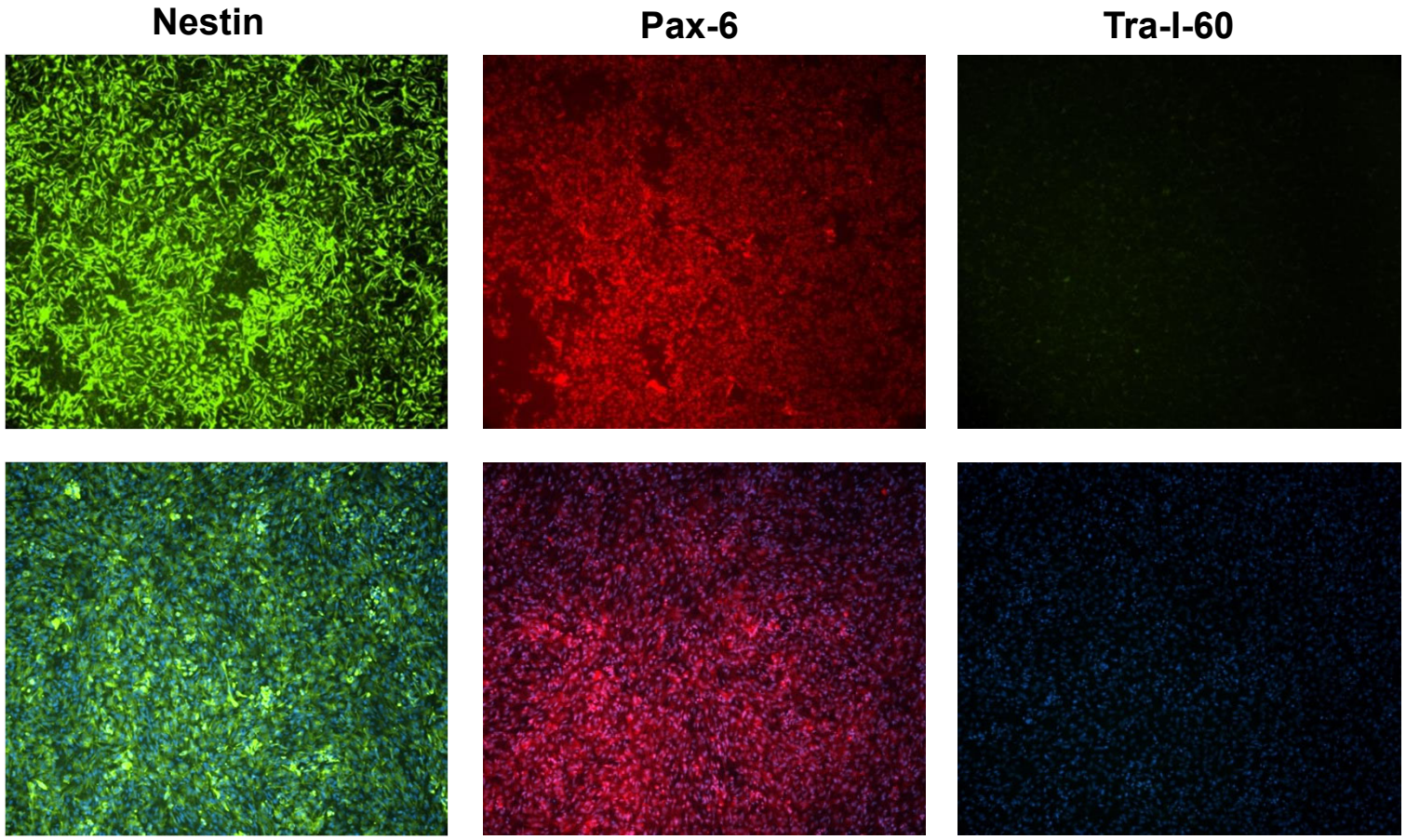
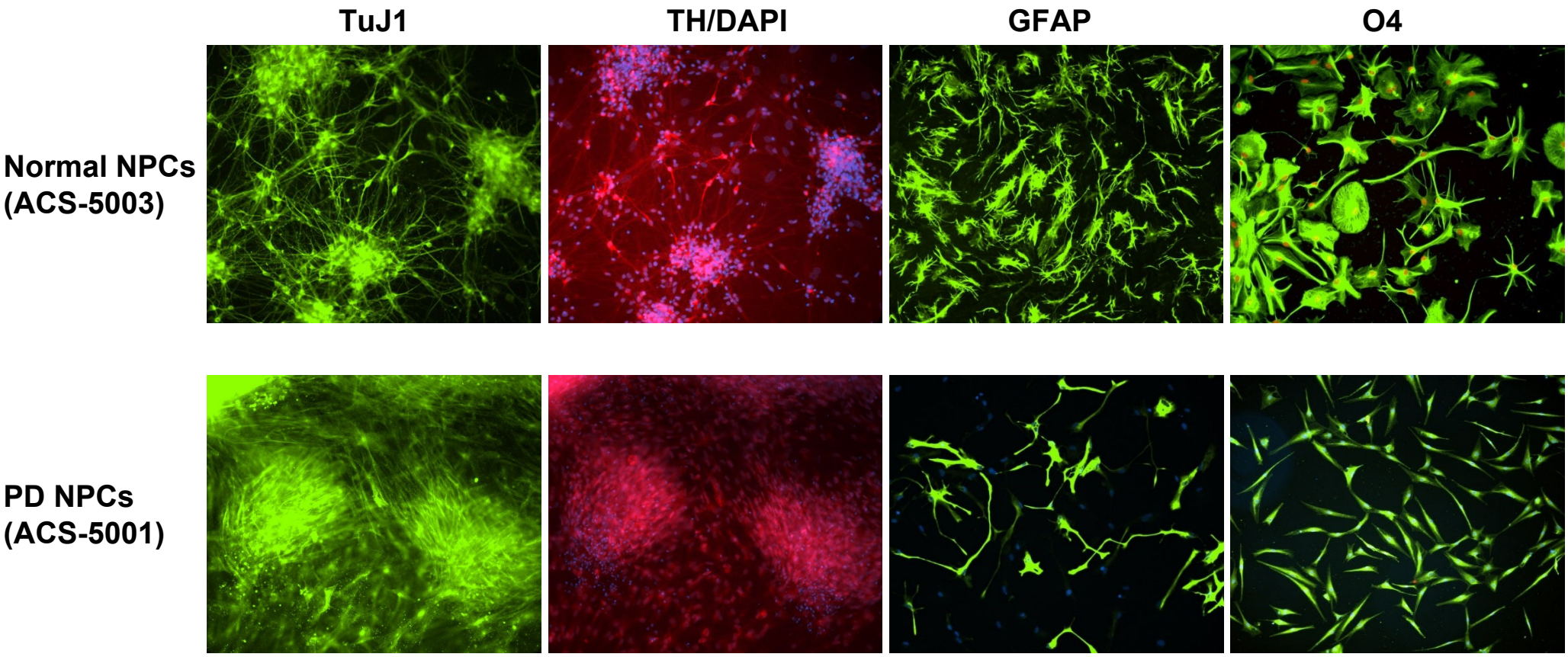


NPC-derived neurosphere

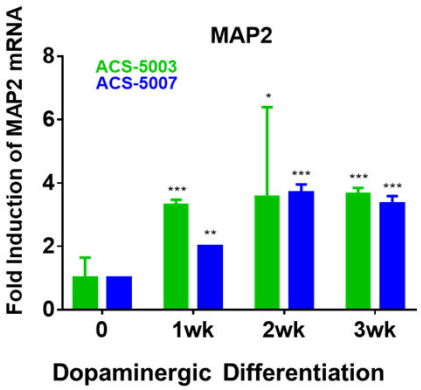
ATCC NPCs express NPC markers but *not* iPSC markers

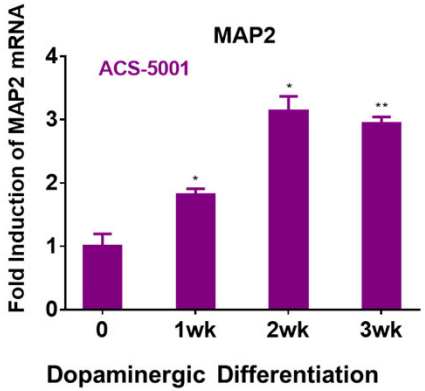


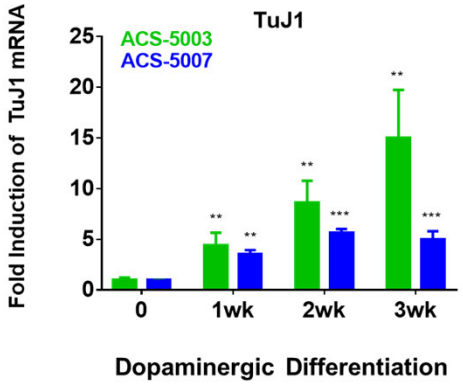
Early and dopaminergic neuron, astrocyte, and oligodendrocyte differentiation of normal and PD NPCs

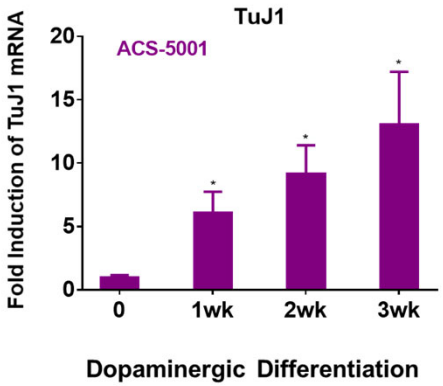


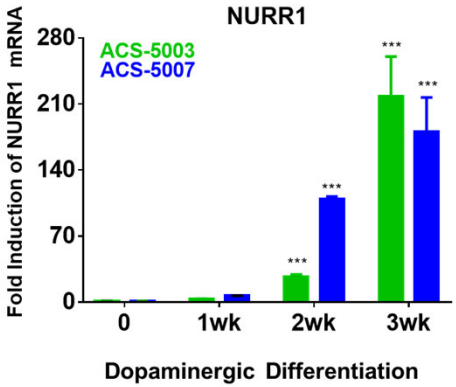
Expression of dopaminergic neuron genes

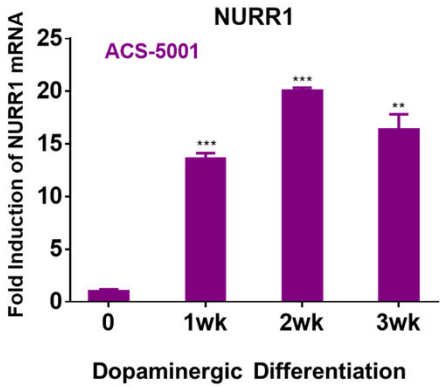


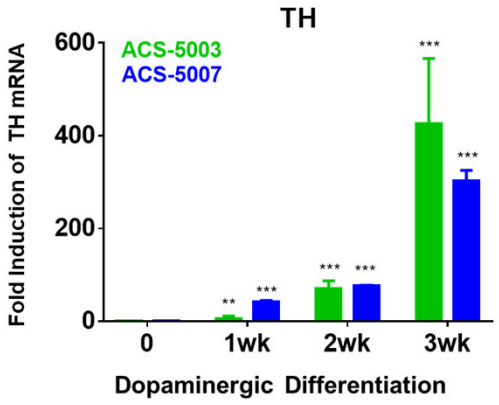


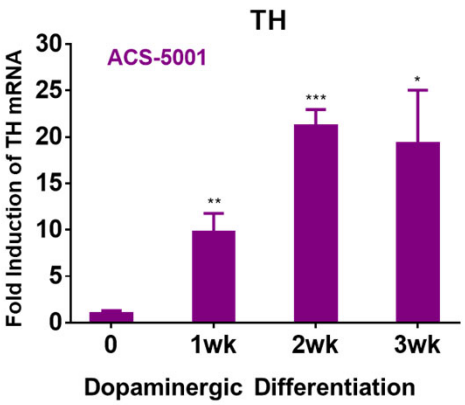












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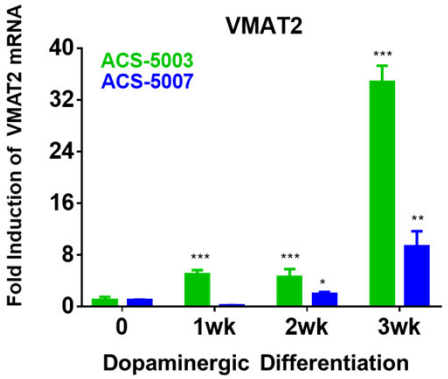

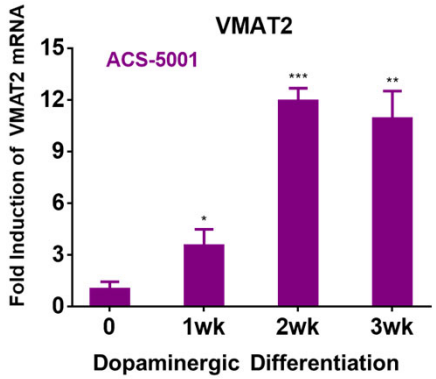

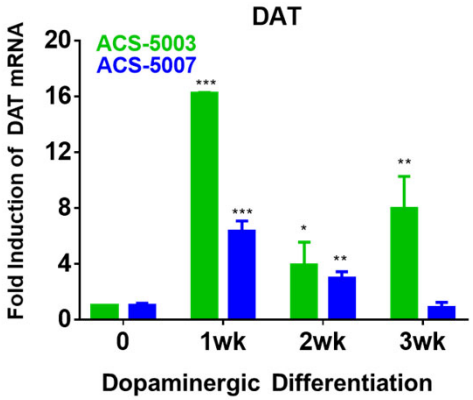

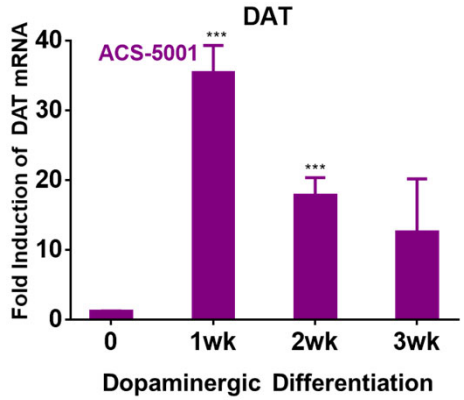

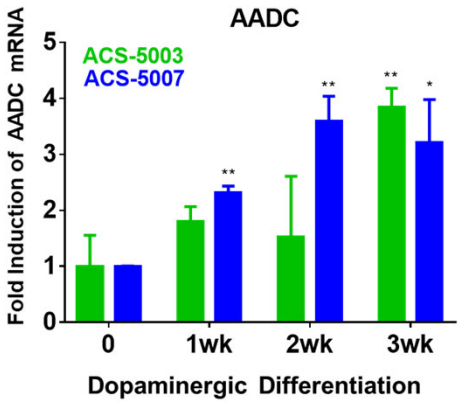

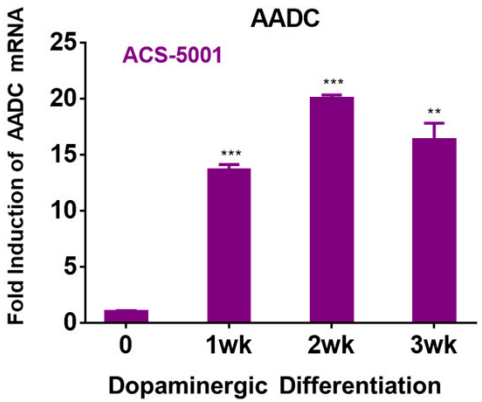

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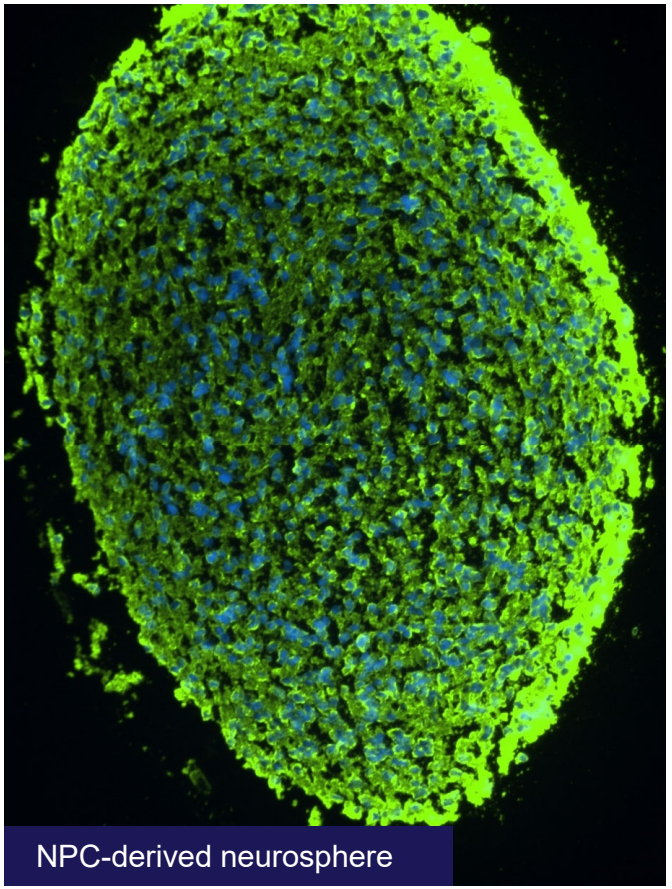
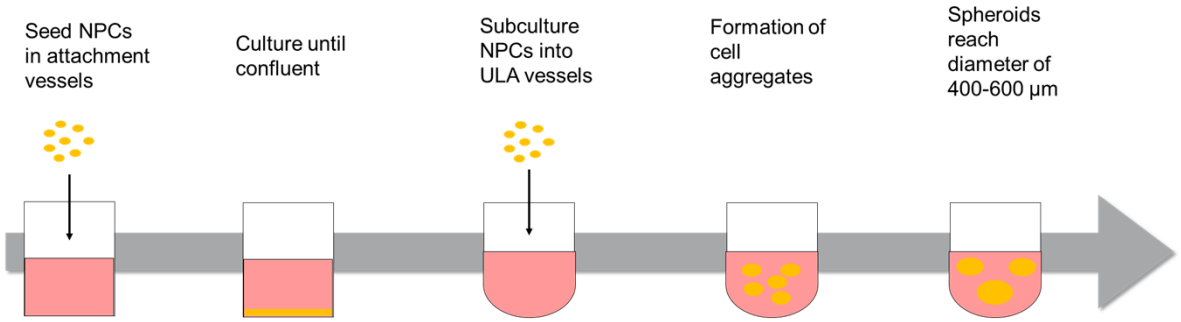


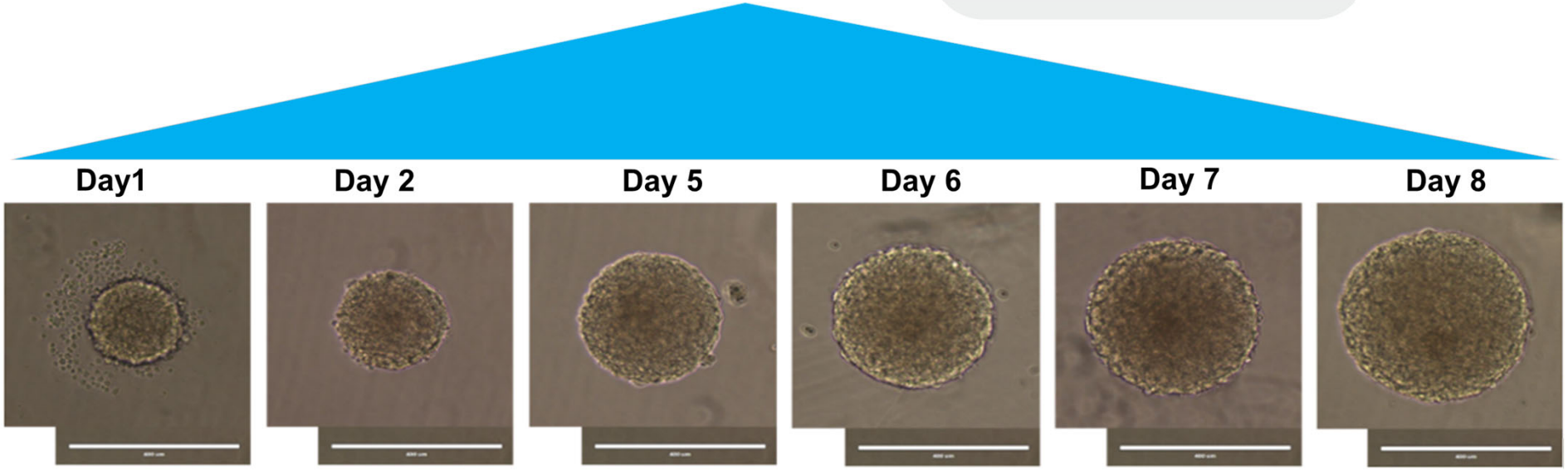
NPC-derived neurosphere

NPC neurospheres grow in size over time



Assays:

NPC marker expression
Differentiation
Dopaminergic marker expression
Toxicity testing



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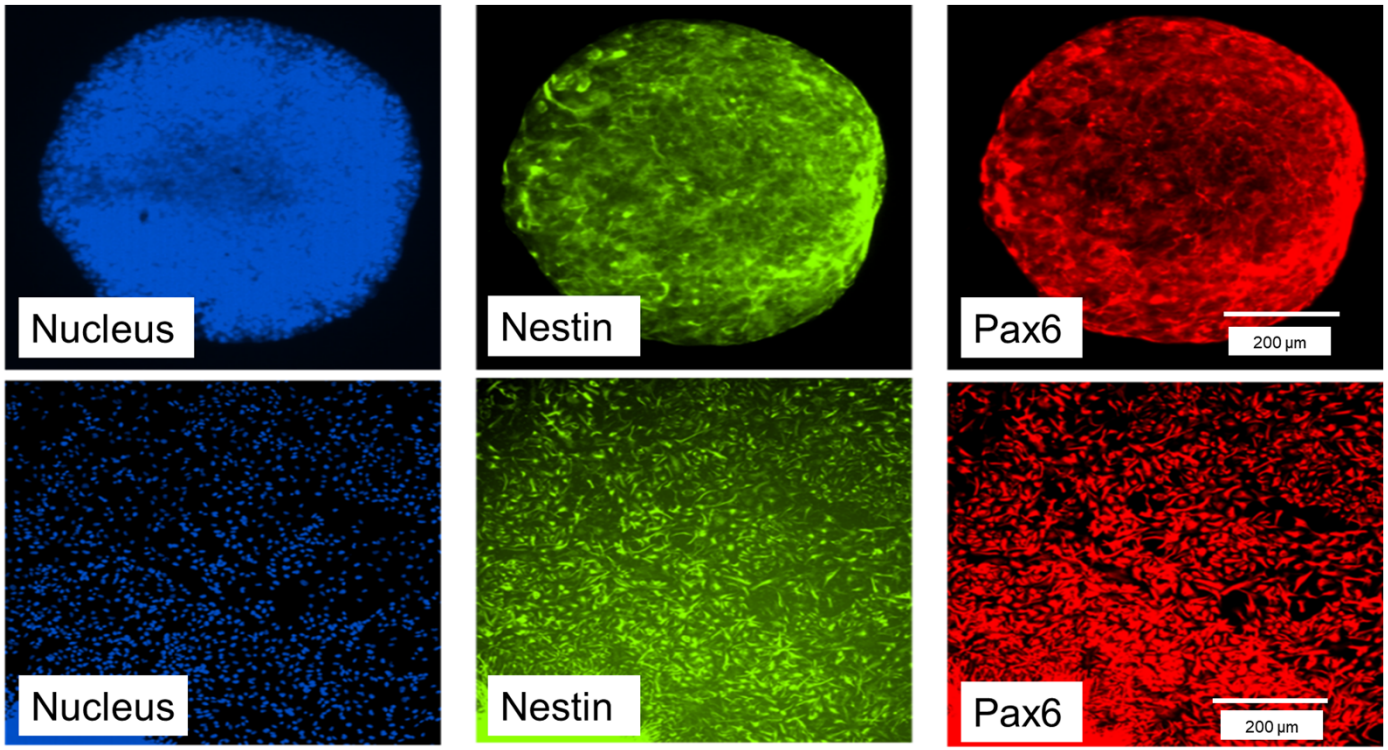
NPC derived-neurospheres and neurosphere-derived NPCs express NPC markers



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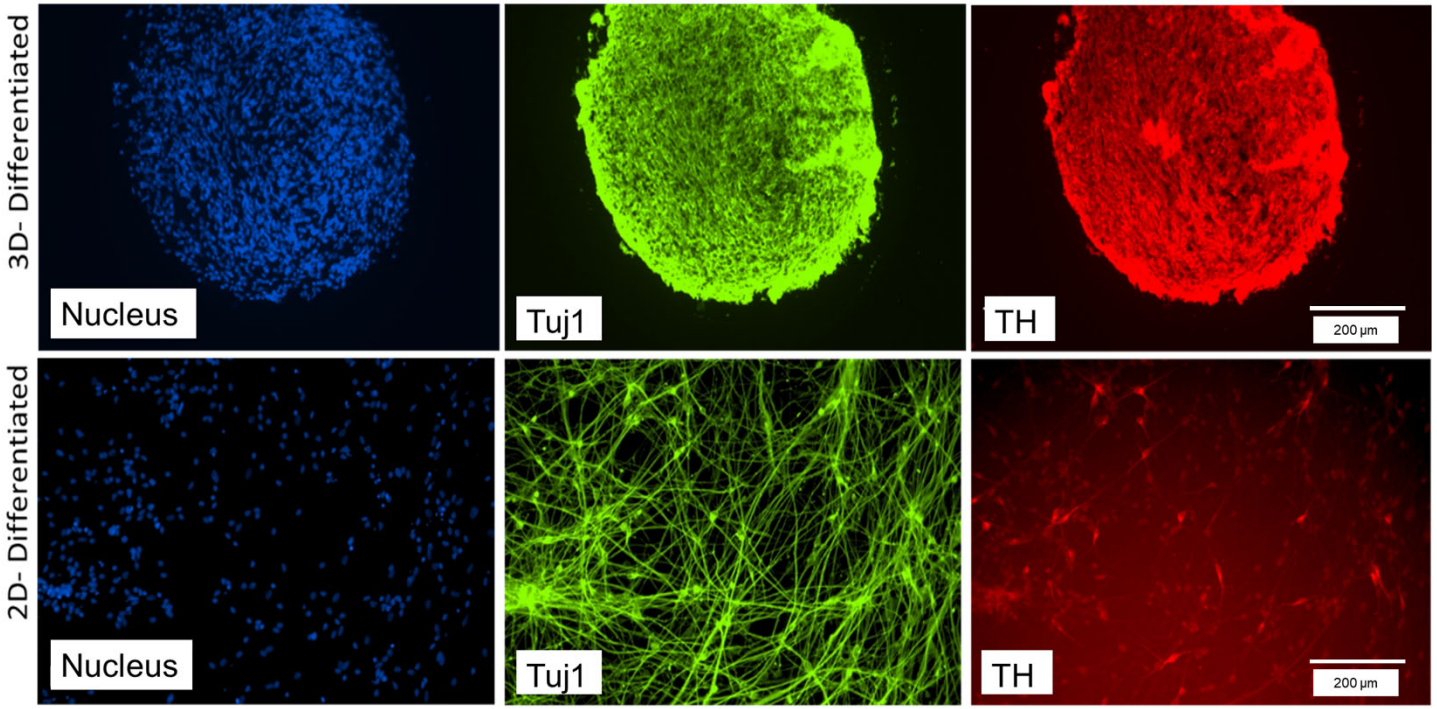
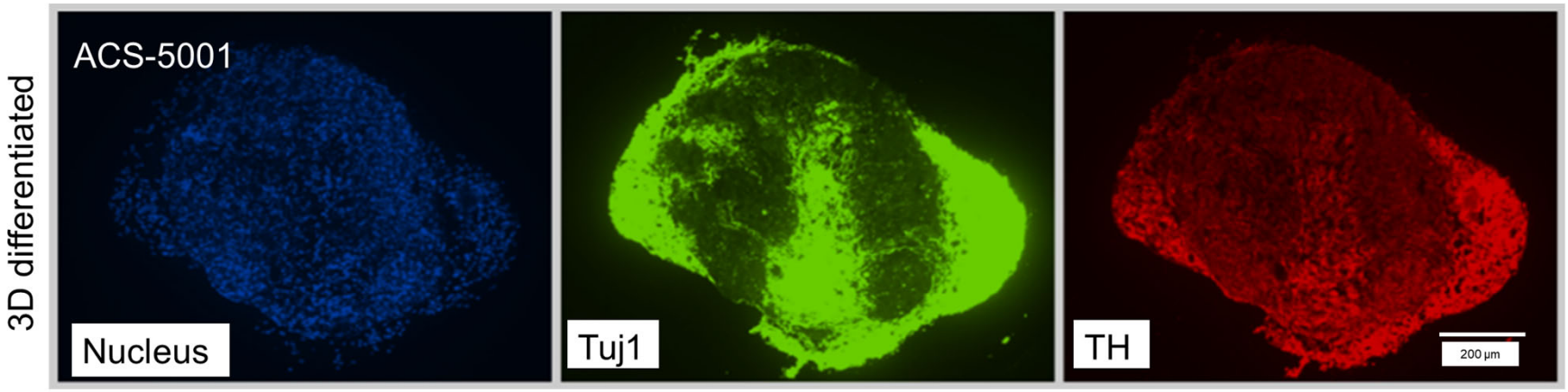
Normal neurospheres successfully differentiate and show higher TH positivity compared to 2D NPC cultures



Parkinson's disease donor derived neurospheres displayed different patterning after dopaminergic differentiation



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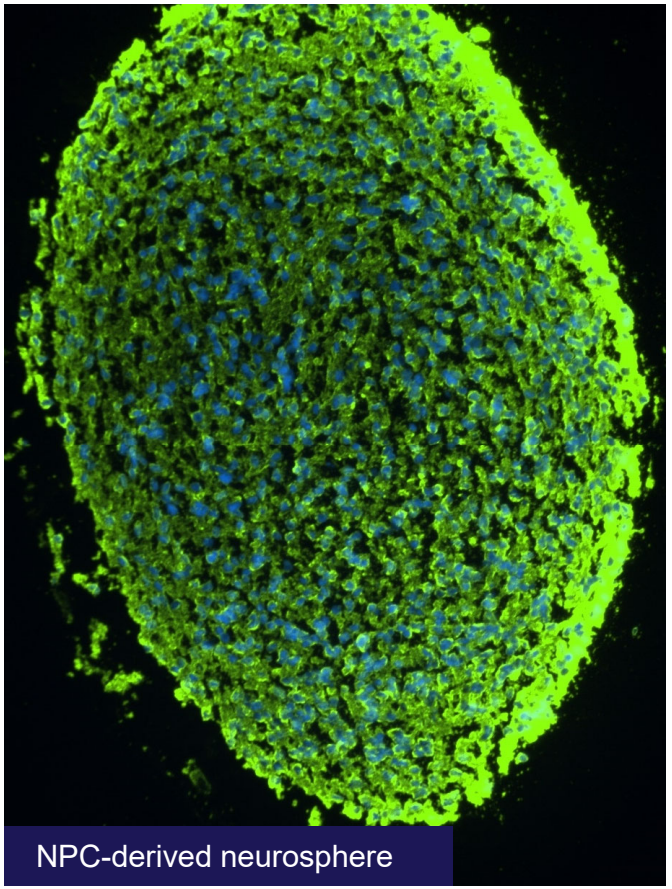

NPC-derived neurosphere

Compounds used in toxicity studies

Compound	Known effects of the Compound
Paclitaxel	Microtubule stabilizer; known to cause neuropathies
Cisplatin	Platinum-based apoptotic agent; known to have neuropathic affects but reputed to not be neurotoxic
Piperine	Nociceptive agent; not known to cause neurotoxiciy
Vincristine	Plant alkaloid; shown to cause peripheral neuropathy when used to treat pediatric A.L.L.
Hydroxyurea	Antimetabolite; may cause severe peripheral neuropathy
Amiodarone	Associated with peripheral neuropathies
Chlorhexidine	Neurotoxic to neurons, SH-SY5Y cells, and Schwann cells

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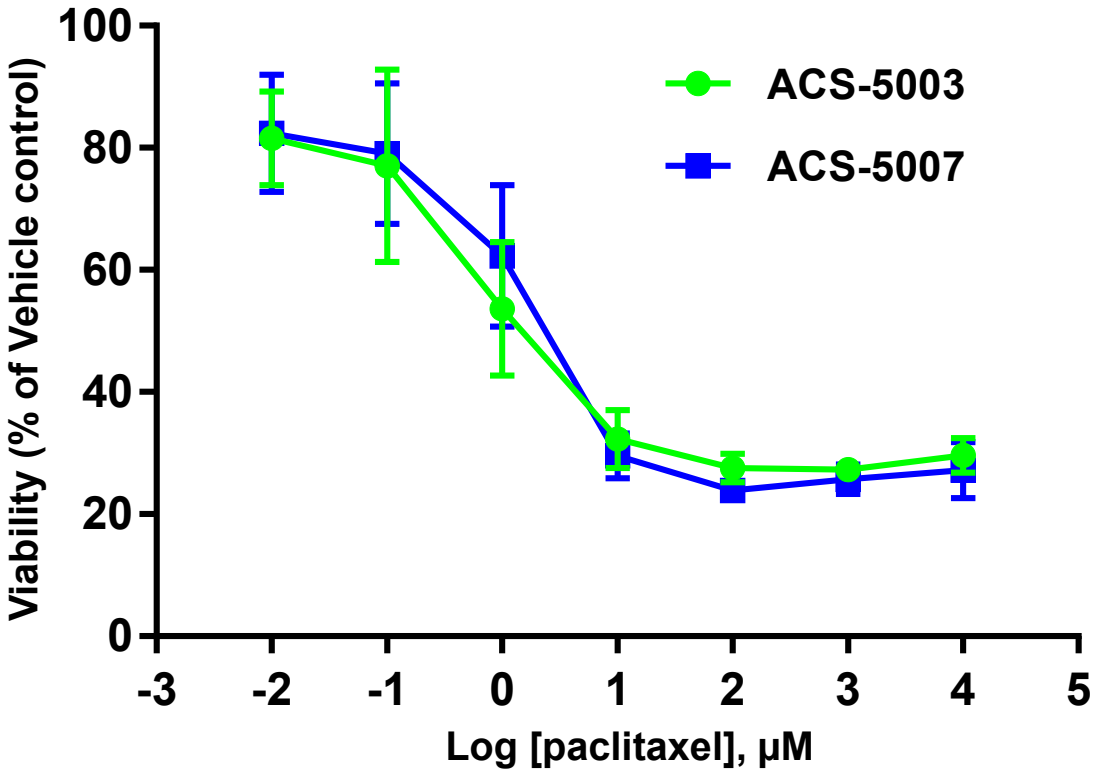
Dose-response curves for cell viability of normal, undifferentiated NPCs treated with paclitaxel for two days



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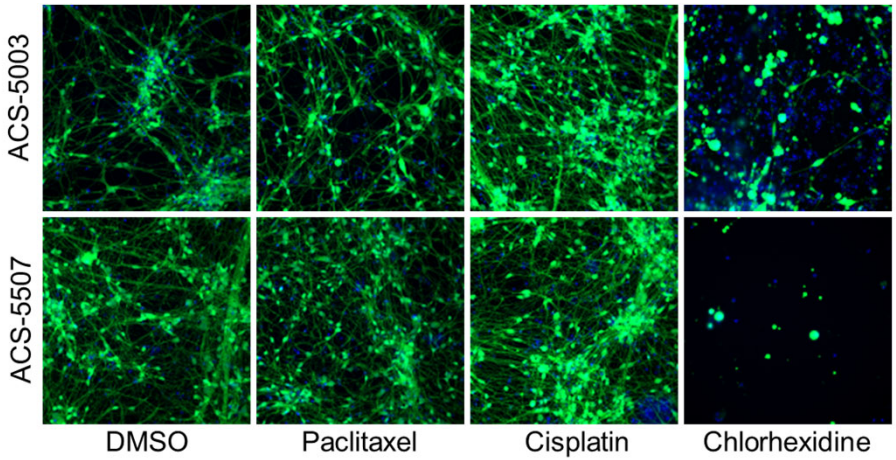
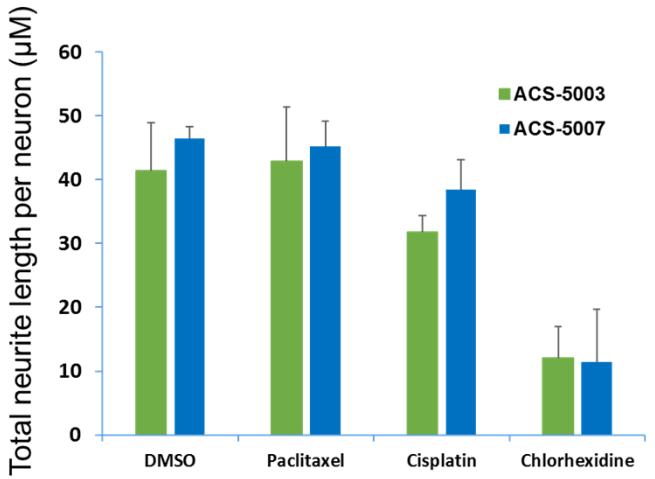
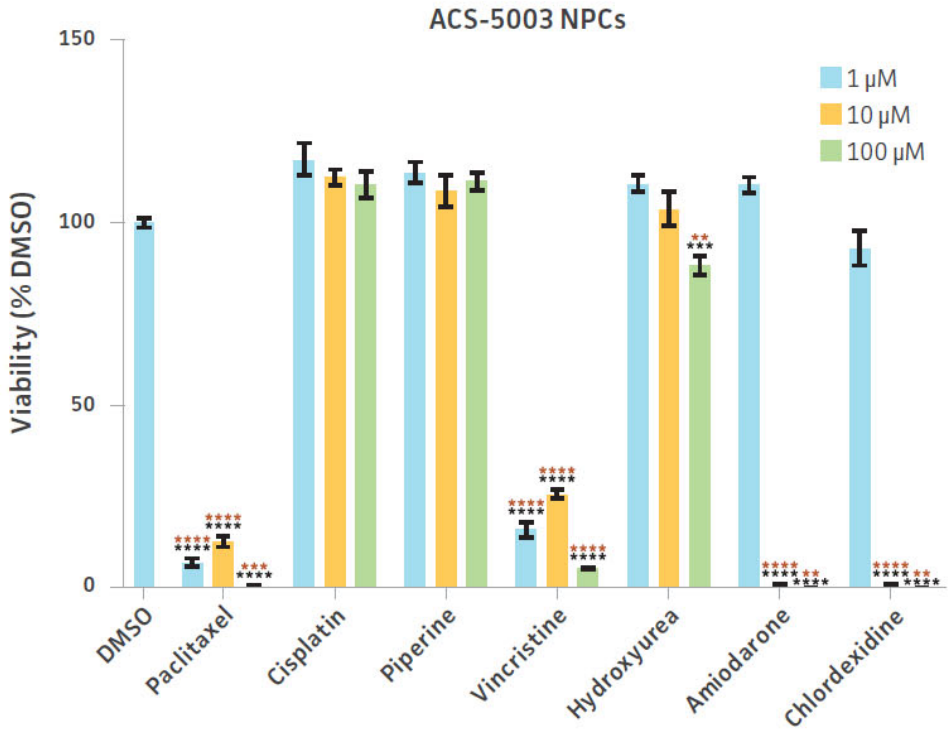
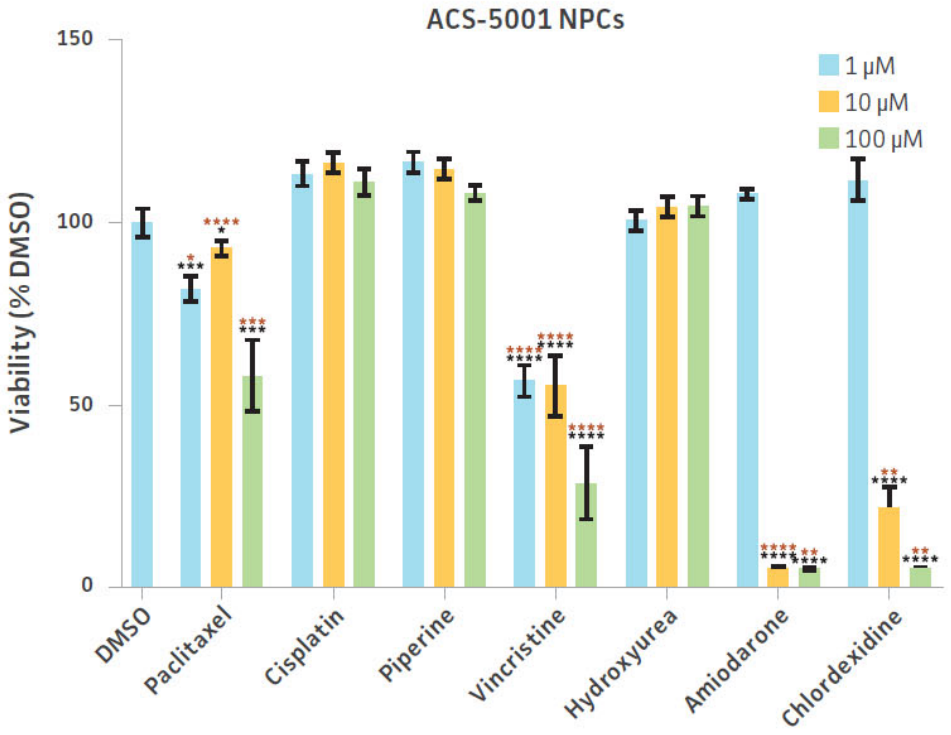
High content imaging of neurotoxicity in differentiated NPCs



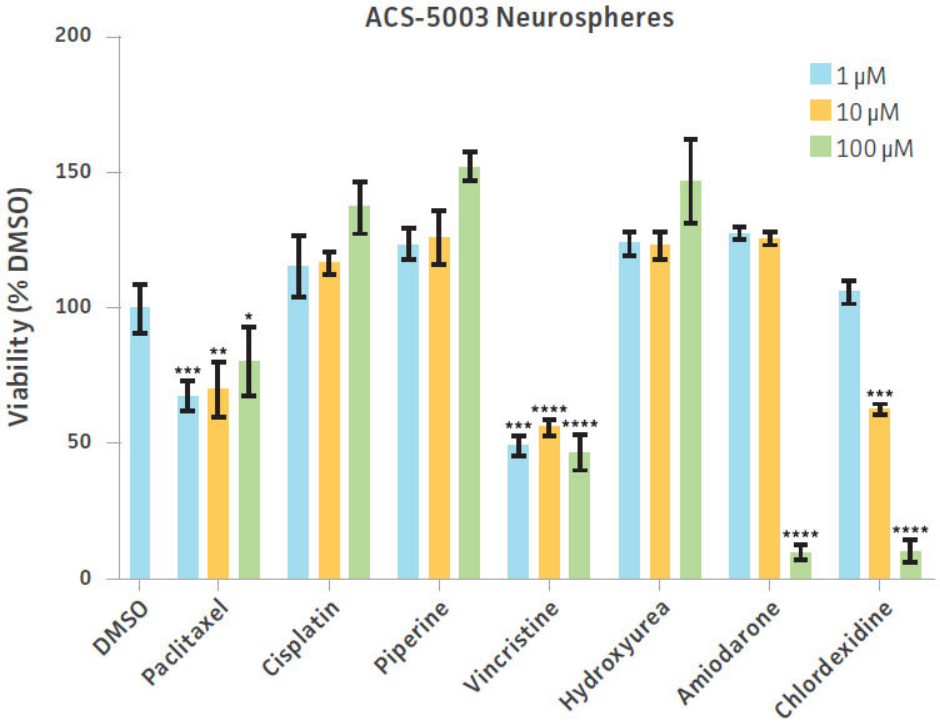


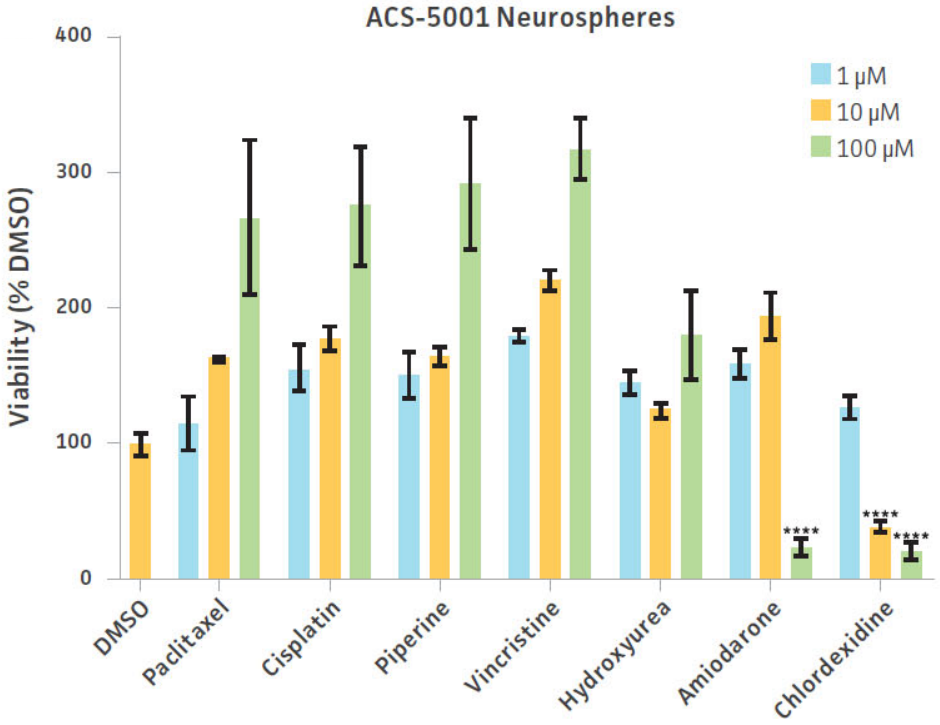
Normal and PD NPCs showed differential response to various drug treatments





Normal and PD neurospheres showed differential response to various drug treatments; these responses varied with their 2D NPC counterparts





Overall neurotoxicity studies, NPCs vs. NPC-derived neurospheres

Toxin	ACS-5003 NPCs	ACS-5001 NPCs	ACS-5003 Neurospheres	ACS-5001 Neurospheres
Paclitaxel	Toxic	Weakly toxic	Weakly toxic	Resistant
Cisplatin	Resistant	Resistant	Resistant	Resistant
Piperine	Resistant	Resistant	Resistant	Resistant
Vincristine	Toxic	Toxic	Toxic	Resistant
Hydroxyurea	Weakly toxic	Resistant	Resistant	Resistant
Amiodarone	Toxic	Toxic	Weakly toxic	Weakly toxic
Chlorhexidine	Toxic	Toxic	Toxic	Toxic

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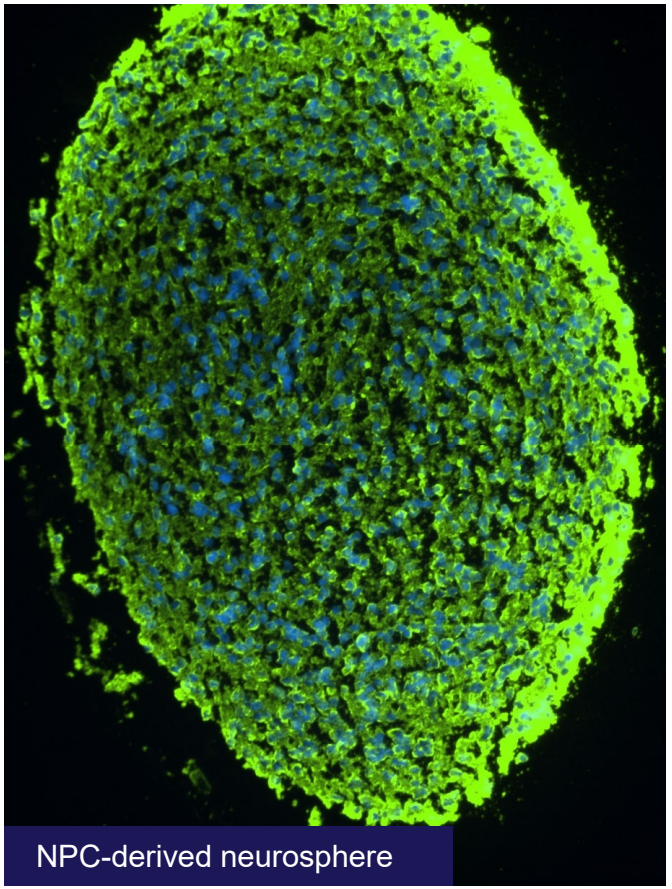
Agenda

Neural Progenitor Cells (NPCs)

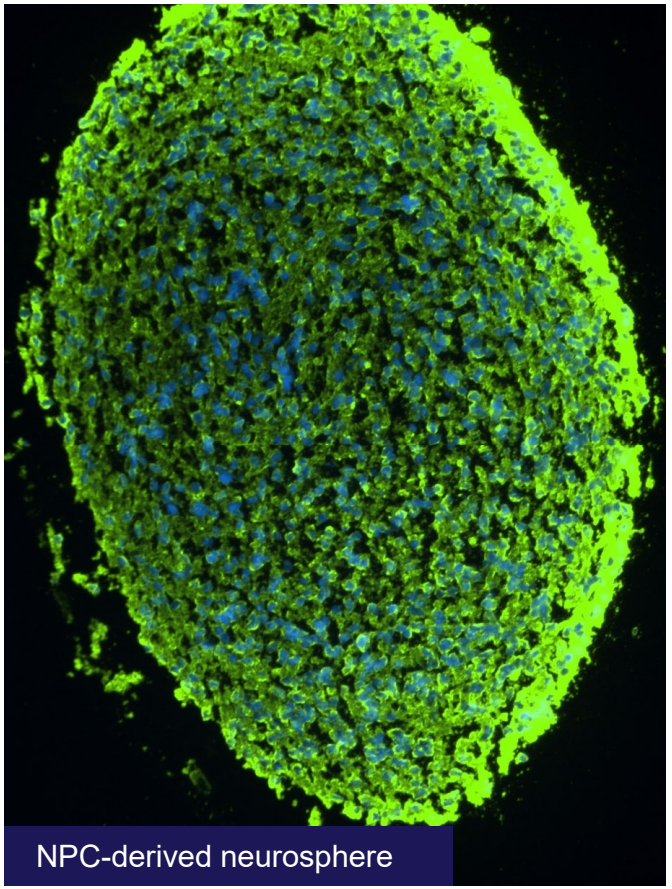
- ATCC roadmap and neurological resources
- Background information
- Differentiation potential of ATCC NPCs
- Neurosphere generation
- Toxicological studies using neurospheres
- Summary



NPC-derived neurosphere

Summary

- A complete solution:
  - Normal, PD, or reporter labeled NPCs
  - Expansion and Differentiation Medium
  - Easy-to-use protocols
- Human model with no donor variation
  - Ability to expand and bank
- Differentiation across a wide spectrum of neural and glial lineages
  - Various types of neurons
  - Astrocytes
  - Oligodendrocytes
- Live imaging of differentiation
  - GFP expression upon neural differentiation
- Advanced models of neurotoxicity that satisfy requirements for:
  - High cell yield
  - High physiological relevance



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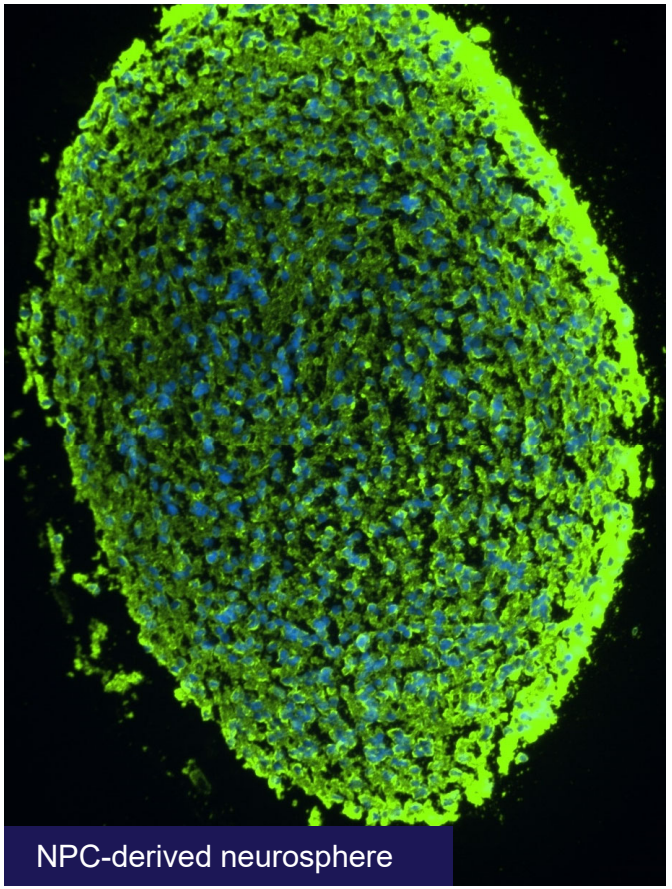
Summary – continued

- ATCC NPCs can convert to neurospheres with 100% efficiency
  - Ultra-low attachment culture vessels and NPC expansion medium
- NPC-derived neurospheres were similar to literature results
  - Formed solid circular spheres without formation of hollow cavities
  - Maintained their non-differentiated state for more than 2 weeks
  - Differentiated into dopaminergic neurons
    - More TH positivity than differentiated 2-D monolayer culture
- 3-D neurospheres are less sensitive to chemotherapeutics compared to 2-D NPC cultures
- Normal neurospheres were sensitive to vincristine but Parkinson's neurospheres were not
- NPCs cultured as 3-D neurospheres are amenable to drug toxicity studies using standard cell viability assays



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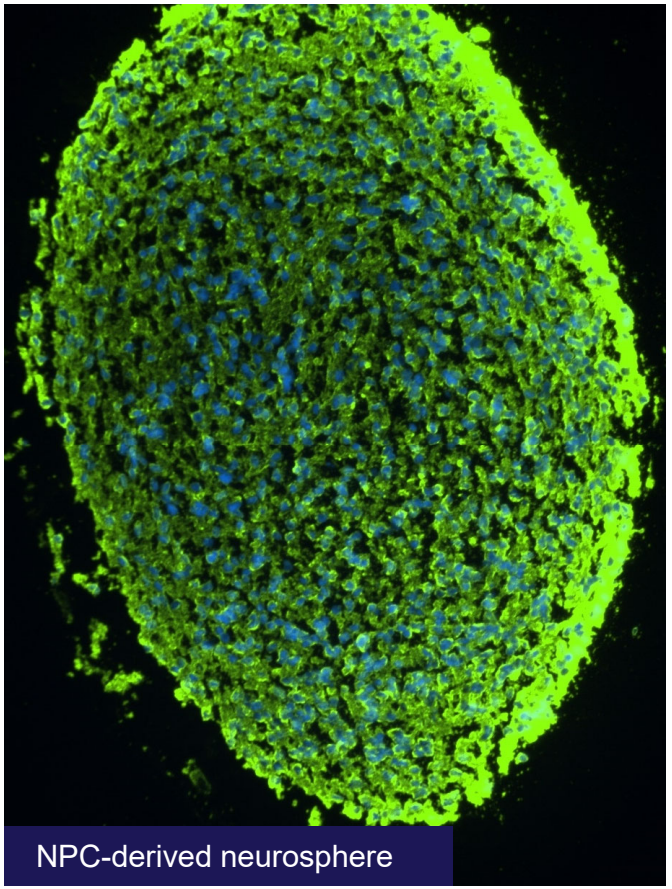

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