

Germ layer differentiation protocol

1. iPSCs were cultured until a stable confluency was achieved.
2. Cells were passaged using 0.5 mM EDTA.
3. iPSCs were plated at approximately 30-50% confluency onto four Matrigel-coated wells (one for undifferentiated iPSCs and one for each germ layer) using mTeSR+ medium supplemented with 5 μ M ROCK inhibitor.
4. On the following day, cells were washed with 1x PBS, and the medium was replaced with basal differentiation medium (Day 0).
Mesoderm differentiation:
Cells cultured in APEL™2 medium with 1% P/S, 50 ng/mL BMP4, and 3 μ M CHIR99021. Differentiation was performed for 2 days with daily medium changes.
Endoderm differentiation:
Cells cultured in DMEM high glucose with 10% FBS, 1x P/S, and 50 ng/mL Activin A. Differentiation was performed for 7 days with medium changes every 2 days.
Ectoderm differentiation:
Cells cultured in DMEM high glucose with 10% FBS, 1x P/S, and 1x B27 supplement. Differentiation was performed for 14 days with medium changes every 2 days.
5. After differentiation, cells were collected for RNA extraction. cDNA synthesis was performed and gene expression was analyzed by RT-qPCR.

Differentiation markers (qPCR)

TBX6 (Mesoderm) F: CATCCACGAGAATTGTACCCG

R: AGCAATCCAGTTTAGGGGTGT

TBXT (Mesoderm) F: ACCCAGTTCATAGCGGTGAC

R: CCATTGGGAGTACCCAGGTT

SOX17 (Endoderm) F: GAGCCAAGGGCGAGTCCCGTA

R: CCTTCCACGACTTGCCCAGCAT

FOXA2 (Endoderm) F: GGAGCAGCTACTATGCAGAGC

R: CGTGTTTCATGCCGTTTCATCC

PAX6 (Ectoderm) F: TGGGCAGGTATTACGAGACTG

R: ACTCCCGCTTATACTGGGCTA

MAP2 (Ectoderm) F: GGCCCAAGCTAAAGTTGGTTCTC

R: GCAGTGACATCCTCAGCCAAAG