

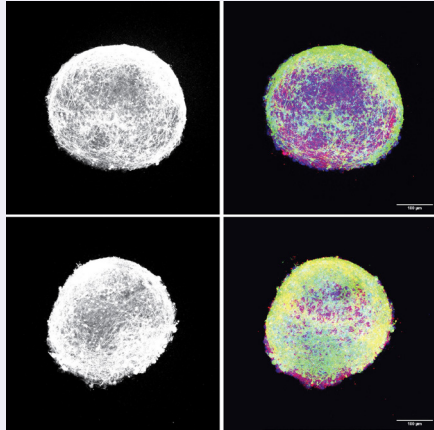
Photo: Image of an iPSC-derived gut organoid
By Faiza Benaliouad

"Science, my lad, is made up of mistakes, but they are mistakes which it is useful to make, because they lead little by little to the truth."

Jules Verne (1828 – 1905) was a French novelist, poet, and playwright.

Publications

- Castellanos-Montiel MJ, Chaineau M, Franco-Flores AK, Hagi G, Carrillo-Valenzuela D, Reintsch WE, Chen CX, Durcan TM.



[An optimized workflow to generate and characterize iPSC-derived motor](#)

[neuron \(MN\) spheroids.](#)

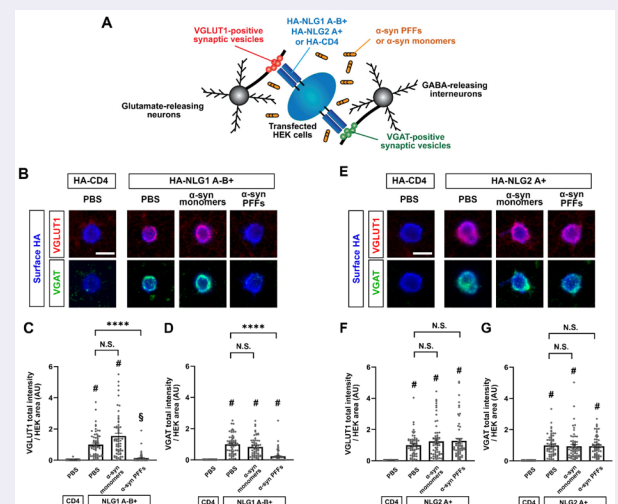
is now published in *Cells*!

- Benjamin Feller, Aurélie Fallon, **Wen Luo**, Phuong Trang Nguyen, **Irina Schlaifer**, Alfred Kihoon Lee, Nicolas Chofflet, Nayoung Yi, Husam Khaled, Samer Karkout, Steve Bourgault, **Thomas M. Durcan**, and Hideto Takahashi.

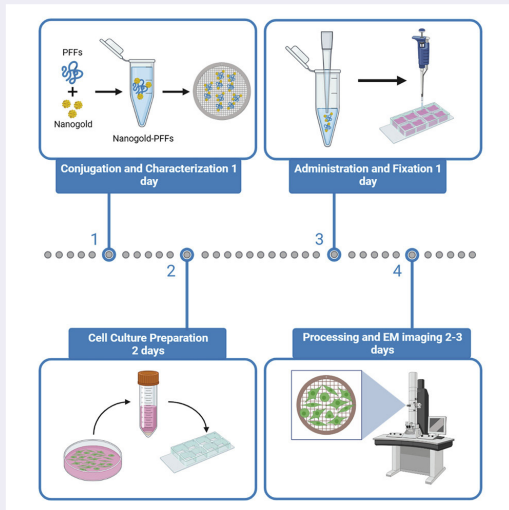
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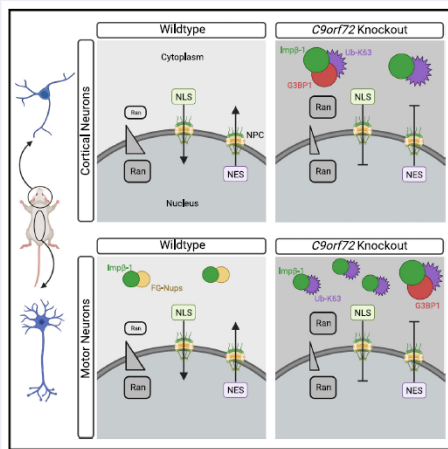
- Bayati A, **Luo W**, Del Cid-Pellitero E, Fon EA, **Durcan TM**, McPherson PS.



Visualization of alpha-synuclein trafficking via nanogold labeling and electron microscopy

is now published in Cells Report!

- McGoldrick P, Lau A, **You Z**, **Durcan TM**, Robertson J.



Loss of C9orf72 perturbs the Ran-GTPase gradient and nucleocytoplasmic transport, generating compositionally diverse Importin beta-1 granules

is now published in Cell Reports!

Here are two recent preprints in which team members participated.

- **Sarah Lépine**, Angela Nauleau-Javaudin, Eric Deneault, **Carol X.-Q. Chen**, Narges Abdian, Anna Krystina Franco-Flores, Ghazal Haghi, María José Castellanos-Montiel, Gilles Maussion, Mathilde Chaineau, Thomas M. Durcan. *Homozygous ALS-linked mutations in TARDBP/TDP-43 lead to progressive synaptic dysfunction in human iPSC-derived motor neurons.* bioRxiv 2023.03.22.533562; <https://doi.org/10.1101/2023.03.22.533562>.

- **Dorion MF**, Senkevich K, Yaqubi M, Kieran NW, **Chen C X.-Q.**, MacDonald A, **Luo L**, Wallis A, **Shlaifer I**, Hall JA, Dudley R, Glass IA, Birth Defects Research Laboratory, Stratton JA, Fon E, Bartels T, Antel JP, Gan-Or Z, **Durcan TM**, Healy LM. *MerTK mediates the immunologically silent uptake of alpha-synuclein fibrils by human microglia.* bioRxiv 2023.03.04.531108; doi: <https://doi.org/10.1101/2023.03.04.531108>

Events

MAY

- **iPSC Seminar:**

Thursday, May 25th at 11 am via zoom

[Here](#) is the link to learn more about the upcoming workshop.

If you have someone to suggest for our next iPSC seminar or if you would like to give a talk yourself, feel free to send an e-mail to luisa.pimentel@mcgill.ca.

JUNE

- **iPSC Workshop:**

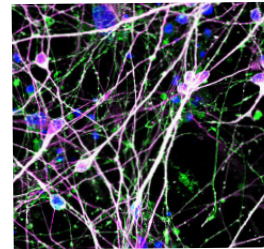
Wednesday, June 21st and Thursday, June 22nd

We are happy to announce our next virtual iPSC workshop. This is an excellent opportunity to learn about working with human induced pluripotent stem cells (hiPSCs) and how they can be differentiated into neuronal cell types. **The application deadline is June 2nd.**

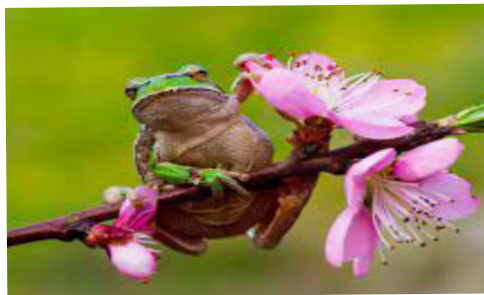
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Next issue will come in August!



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