Stem Cell Network



Objective(s):

The aims of the DPUK Stem Cell Network were to establish a network of researchers to (i) facilitate the generation of strategically-important iPSC lines; (ii) to help develop new methods of high throughput genome editing, (iii) to ensure best practice and use of standardised protocols for iPSC differentiation into neurons and glia and (iv) to perform detailed cell phenotyping based on high throughput high content imaging, physiology and –omics.

Overview Summary:

The DPUK Stem Cell Network proved to be a highly effective means to bring together the community of researchers in the UK working to model neurodegenerative disease in human induced pluripotent cells.

Executive Summary:

The DPUK Stem Cell Network is widely acknowledged to be a success story for DPUK. It was established to build capacity and provide a focus for the community of researchers in the UK working to model neurodegenerative disease in human induced pluripotent stem cells.

The Network proved to be a highly effective in bringing laboratories together to form genuine and lasting collaborations, completing its work in June 2019. The papers cited below illustrate the productivity of the group. Close collaboration is illustrated by the fact many publications had more than one DPUK Stem Cell Network PI as a co-author. Further exemplars of network activity right across the whole of the UK was illustrated by the successful hosting of workshops in Edinburgh (2017) and Cardiff (2018).

Summary of Outputs: (as per Researchfish categories)

Publications:

Outcomes

The top five outputs from across the network:

 Lang C,^{II}Campbell K, Ryan BJ, Carling P, Attar M, Vowles J, Perestenko OV, Bowden R, Baig F, Kasten M, Hu MT, Cowley SA, Webber C and Wade-Martins R (2019) Single cell sequencing of iPSC-dopamine neurons reconstructs disease progression and identifies HDAC4 as a regulator of Parkinson cell phenotypes. *Cell Stem Cell* 24:93-106.

This paper in Cell Stem Cell undertook the first single cell sequencing study of Parkinson's patient stem cell-derived neurons and identified HDAC4 as a regulator of disease phenotypes in genetic and sporadic Parkinson's. The work went further to show that compounds which modulate HDAC4 activity are able to correct Parkinson's phenotypes in human neurons.

 Brownjohn PW, Smith J, Solanki R, Lohmann E, Houlden H, Hardy J, Dietmann S, Livesey FJ. (2018) Functional Studies of Missense TREM2 Mutations in Human Stem Cell-Derived Microglia. Stem Cell Reports. 2018 Apr 10;10(4):1294-1307.

This paper describes a robust method to derive microglia from human pluripotent stem calls. These microglia were used to study the consequences of missence mutations of the TREM2 receptor implicated in frontotemporal dementia-like syndrome and Nasu- Hakola disease (NHD). The work demonstrated there is a complex and subtle effect of missense TREM2 mutations on microglial function that could be consistent with the delayed clinical symptoms seen in FTD-like syndrome and NHD.

 Telezhkin V, Schnell C, Yarova P, Yung S, Cope E, Hughes A, Thompson BA, Sanders P, Geater C, Hancock JM, Joy S, Badder L, Connor-Robson N, Comella A, Straccia M, Bombau G, Brown JT, Canals JM, Randall AD, Allen ND, Kemp PJ. (2016) Forced cell cycle exit and modulation of GABAA, CREB, and GSK3β signaling promote functional maturation of induced pluripotent stem cell-derived neurons. 310(7):C520-41.

This paper describes a simple protocol that employs the sequential addition of supplemented media (Synaptojuice) formulated to separate the two key phases of neural differentiation, the

neurogenesis and synaptogenesis, each characterized by different signaling requirements. This new protocol synchronized neurogenesis and enhanced the rate of maturation of pluripotent stem cellderived neural precursors. Neurons differentiated using this protocol exhibited 1) spontaneous electrical activity; 2) regenerative induced action potential train activity; 3) Na(+) current availability, and 4) synaptic currents. The Synaptojuice method was shared across the network.

 W Haenseler, SN Sansom, J Buchrieser, SE Newey, CS Moore, FJ Nicholls, S Chintawar, C Schnell, JP Antel, ND Allen, MZ Cader, R Wade-Martins, WS James, SA Cowley, A Highly Efficient Human Pluripotent Stem Cell Microglia Model Displays a Neuronal-Co-culture-Specific Expression Profile and Inflammatory Response, Stem Cell Reports 8(6) (2017) 1727-1742.

In neurodegeneration there has been enormous interest recently in deriving microglia from human induced Pluripotent Stem Cells to model neuroinflammation, particularly since numerous AD-related genes are expressed in microglia. This group has developed methodology to generate microglia in high numbers, with minimal manipulation. As it is a co-culture system with iPSC-neurons, it is physiologically relevant and has become widely adopted; the paper has been cited 65 times in the 24 months since its publication.

 Magnani D, Borooah S, Burr K, Story D, McCampbell A, Shaw CE, Kind PC, Aitman TJ, Whitelaw CBA, Wilmut I, Smith C, Miles GB, Hardingham GE, Wyllie DJA, Chandran S. (2018) C9ORF72 repeat expansion causes vulnerability of motor neurons to Ca²⁺-permeable AMPA receptormediated excitotoxicity. Nat Commun. 2018 Jan 24;9(1):347.

Mutations in C9ORF72 are the most common cause of familial amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS). This study combined RNA-Seq and electrophysiology of induced pluripotent stem cell (iPSC)-derived motor neurons to show that motor neurons with C9ORF72 mutations have increased expression of GluA1 AMPA receptor (AMPAR) subunit which leads to increased Ca²⁺-permeable AMPAR expression and enhanced selective MN vulnerability to excitotoxicity.

Other publications from the DPUK Stem Cell Network:

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Collaborations & Partnerships

Establishing a network of researchers fully committed to collaborating and sharing underpinned this work. It was highly successful in these aims.

Further Funding

Funding Scheme: MRC Partnership Award (Dementias Platform UK Stem Cell Partnership) Organisation Name: MRC-UK Type: Capital/infrastructure (including equipment) Funding Amount: £1,200,000

Reference Number: MR/N013255/1

Start Month / Year: July 2016

End Month / Year: June 2020

Next Destinations

Deepak Kumar has moved into translational grant portfolio management.

Engagement Activities

MRC Stem Cell Partnership Workshops

The inaugural DPUK Stem Cell Network Spring School was held in April 2017 in Edinburgh. 65 scientists attended and 22 were invited to speak, with an emphasis and priority for Early Career Researchers. There were extensive opportunities for networking, discussions and sharing of expertise and developing new collaborations.

The 2nd annual DPUK Dementia Stem Cell Network workshop in Cardiff in 2018 brought together 93 delegates from all partner universities. The two-day workshop consisted of 21 talks split into seven diverse sessions ranging from genetics to transcriptomics and from iPSC models of neurodegeneration to synaptic activity and the blood brain barrier. Day one culminated in a poster event which showcased work from nine DPUK researchers and provided an opportunity for them to not only communicate their research but to also network and build future collaborations within our partnership.





• 2014. Richard Wade-Martins was a speaker at the launch of UK Dementia Platform representing the DPUK Stem Cell Network.

•	2015. Richard Wade-Martins attended the DPUK Stakeholders Meeting representing the DPUK Stem Cell Network	
•	2019: Rick Livesey presented at the DPUK Five Year event representing the DPUK Stem Cell	
	Network.	
•	2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 & 2019 Dementia Awareness Day. The Oxford ARUK Network Centre organise this event to discuss current dementia research taking place within the network centre, which includes the University of Oxford, Oxford Brookes University and University of Reading.	
•	YouTube channel for Alzheimer's Research UK Oxford network centre. Includes talks from	
	open days, panel discussions and short Q&A videos.	
•	Oxford Parkinson's Disease Centre Facebook and Twitter. Used to update on OPDC activity.	
	Focus on outreach events, but also includes news about publications etc.	
•	2016. Richard Wade-Martins appeared on BBC One Saturday Breakfast News -to discuss	
	research using stem cell technology to grow and study dopamine neurons from skin cells.	
•	2016. "The Funny Side of Parkinson's" on BBC1. Paul Mayhew-Archer Documentary. Richard	
	Wade-Martins talked about OPDC stem cell work.	
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Edinburgh Lothian Birth Cohort lines may be obtained from Siddharthan Chandra	
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Most successful outcome and what it means for future dementia research:	
The use of patient-derived iPSC models has proved to be transformative for our understanding of	
neurodegenerative diseases. The DPUK Stem Cell Network was a highly successful endeavour to	
bring together the leading laboratories in the UK working on generating, characterising and	
exploiting stem cell models into a collaborative network. The Network was launched at exactly the	

right time in the development of the technologies to establish the UK as a major international leader in the work and the 36 papers cited above span across Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, motor neuron disease and Huntington disease, often representing highly collaborative activities. The work has greatly increased our knowledge of disease mechanisms and the UK is now wellplaced to exploit such findings in the next phase of the work, being target and drug discovery for dementias.

Lessons learned:

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Other:

Network members (Lab leaders in bold text)

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