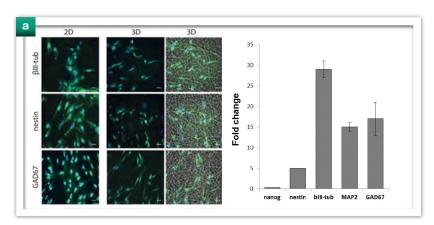
Neuroscience in the Mimetix scaffold

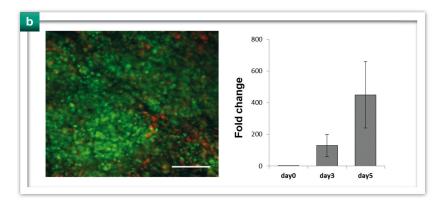


Stem cells differentiate into mature neurons in the Mimetix scaffold



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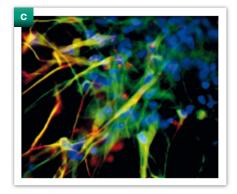
a. HeSC cultured in the Mimetix scaffold differentiate into mature neurons. Cells were stained after 21 days, qPCR reveals an increase for postmitotic markers GAD67 and MAP2. Scale bars represent 30µm.*



Experimental:

b. hiPS cells differentiate into mature neurons in the Mimetix scaffolds. Cells were stained after 6 days with Pax6 (green) and Oct3/4 (red). RNA expression of Pax6 was analysed with qPCR.*

*(a. and b.) Experimental work performed at KTH, Sweden. The work leading to these results has received funding from the European Union Seventh Framework Programme (FP7/2007-13) under grant agreement No. 601700.



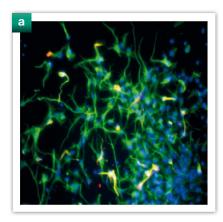
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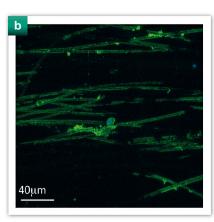
c. Foetal cortical stem cells differentiate into mature neurons in the Mimetix scaffold. Cells were stained after 4 weeks with βIII-tub (green), DCX (red) and DAPI (blue), yellow staining is due to the co-expression of βIII-tub and DCX.*

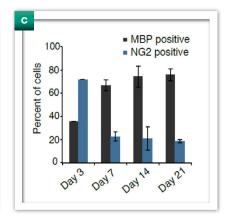
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Differentiated stem cells are active in the Mimetix scaffold







Experimental:

- a. Neurons form 3D networks in the Mimetix scaffold. Cells were stained after 4 weeks with \(\begin{align*} \text{BIII-tub (green)} \), DCX (red) and DAPI (blue). Image courtesy of Lara Stevanato, ReNeuron, UK.
- b. Cortical oligodendrocytes precursors differentiate into active myelinating oligodendrocytes in the aligned Mimetix scaffold. Fibres are stained after 14 days with myelin basic protein (green) and cells with Hoechst (blue). Bechler et al., 2015, Current Biology 25, 2411-2416.*
- c. Most cortical oligodendrocyte precursor cells differentiated into oligodendrocytes, as seen by myelin basic protein (MBP) expression and a corresponding reduction in NG2 at 7 days. Cells remain differentiated for 3 weeks. More than 600 cells were counted per condition. Mean and standard deviation are shown for three experiments. Bechler et al., 2015, Current Biology 25, 2411-2416.*

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