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# Comparative analysis of AhR expression and its target CYP genes in Neuroblastoma, hESC and hiPSC based neurons and related cell lineages

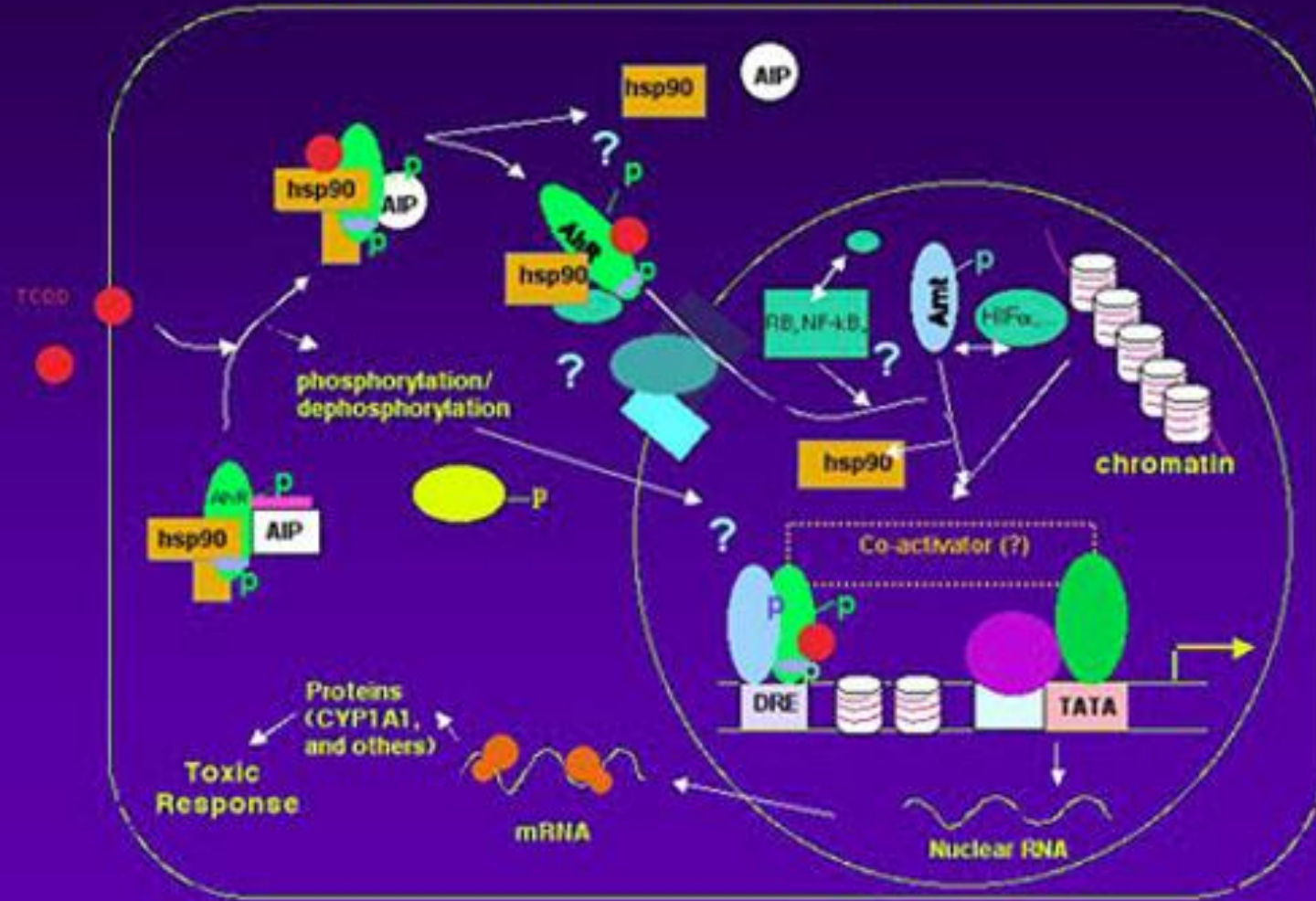
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## Why AhR?

- **Epidemiological studies link impaired mental status of children with heavily polluted regions !!!**
- Hydrocarbon binds Ah receptor in cytosol
- Complex translocates → nucleus
- → Specific recognition sites on DNA for complex
- Increase expression of several genes, e.g. for biotransformation
  - Phase I - **CYP1A1** (Aryl hydrocarbon hydroxylase), **CYP1B1**, **AhRR**
  - Phase II enzyme

## Cellular Mechanisms for Ah Receptor Action



# AhR mediated toxicity can cause..

- Epithelial cell changes
  - Hyperplasia – Increased cell number with increased cell division
  - Hypoplasia – Decreased cell division → decreased number of proliferating cells
- Important to changes in several organs
  - Hepatomegaly
  - Gastric mucosal changes
    - → Ulceration, hemorrhage
    - Species specific

## **Cytochromes P450 (CYPs):**

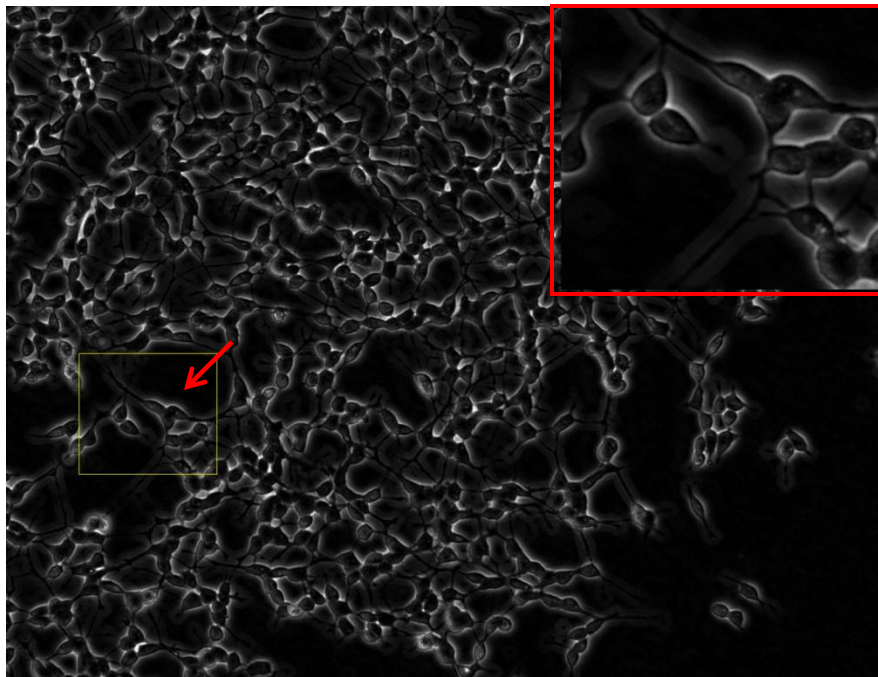
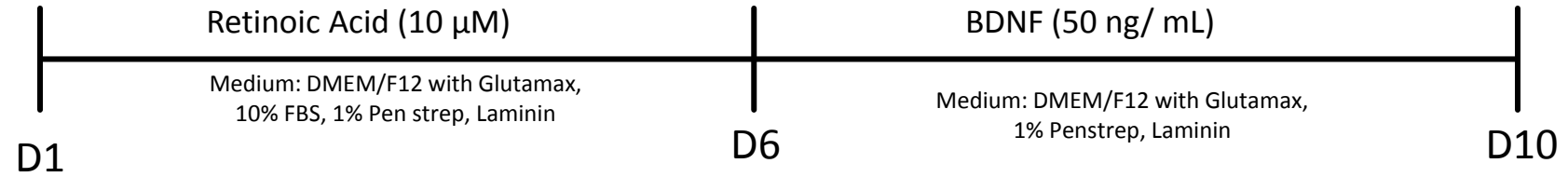
- Were found in brain (abundant expression in liver, intestine, etc.).
- Catalyze metabolic activation and detoxification of a large number of Xenobiotics.
- metabolise several endogenous chemical, e.g. fatty acids, hormones, neurotransmitters, steroids, cholesterol and vitamins
- play important role in controlling brain activities, behavior, susceptibility and are involved in various brain disorders

# Differentiation of selected cellular models and monitoring of AhR-mediated gene expression upon dioxin treatment

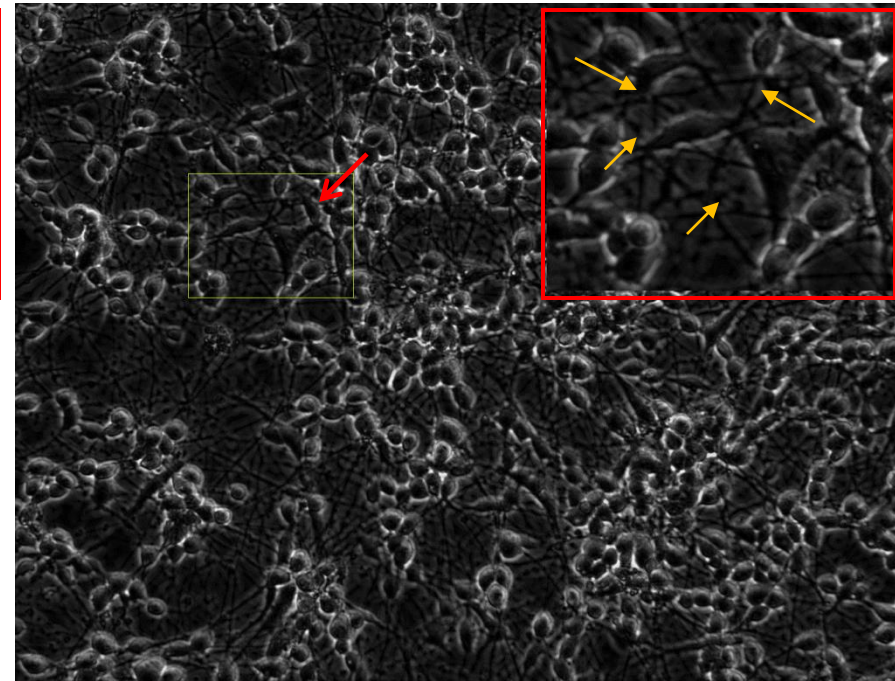
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## SHSY5Y Differentiation model to study NR expression:

Seeding  
Density  $2 \times 10^4$  cells/cm<sup>2</sup>



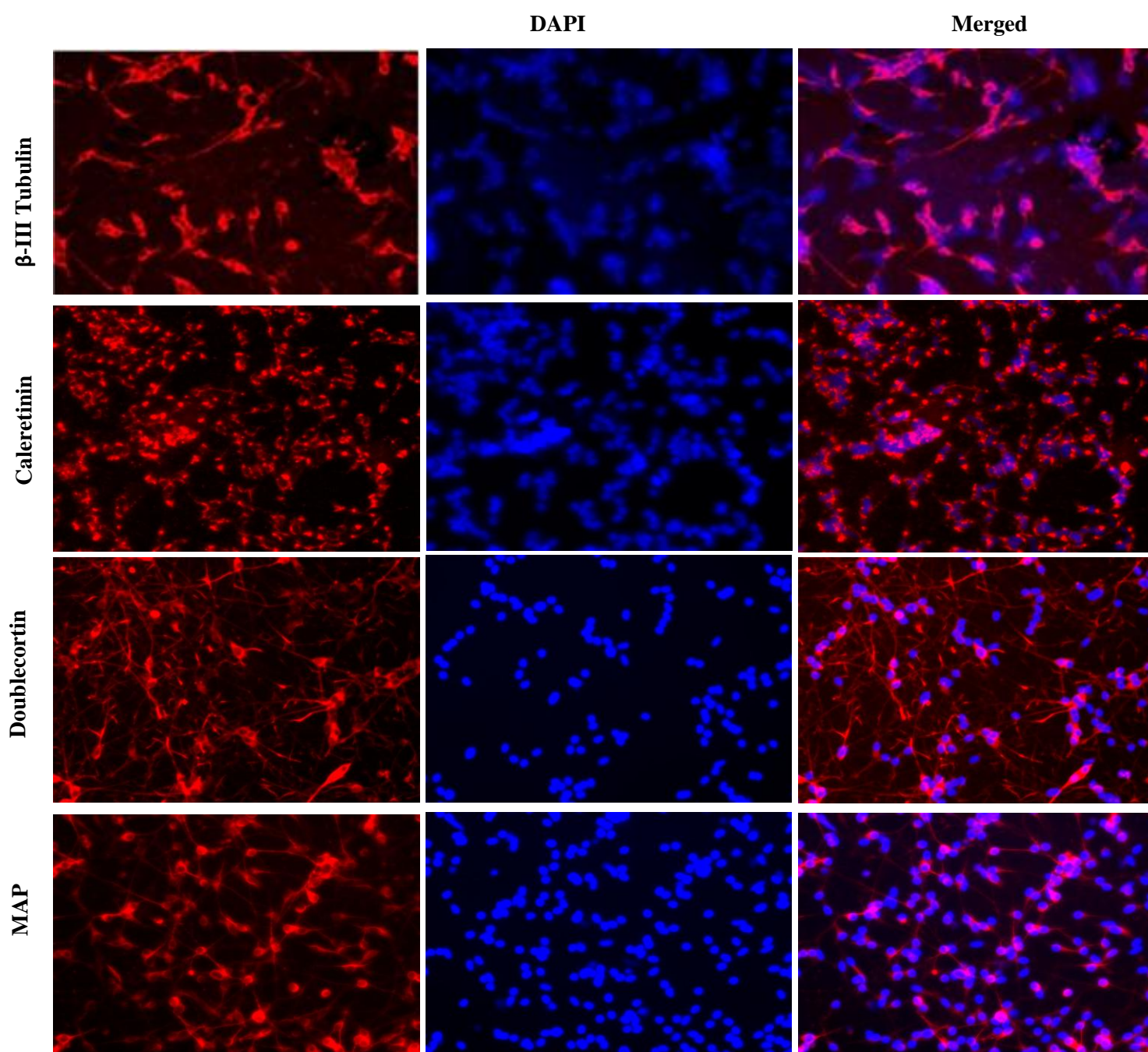
Undifferentiated SHSY5Y cells (D1)

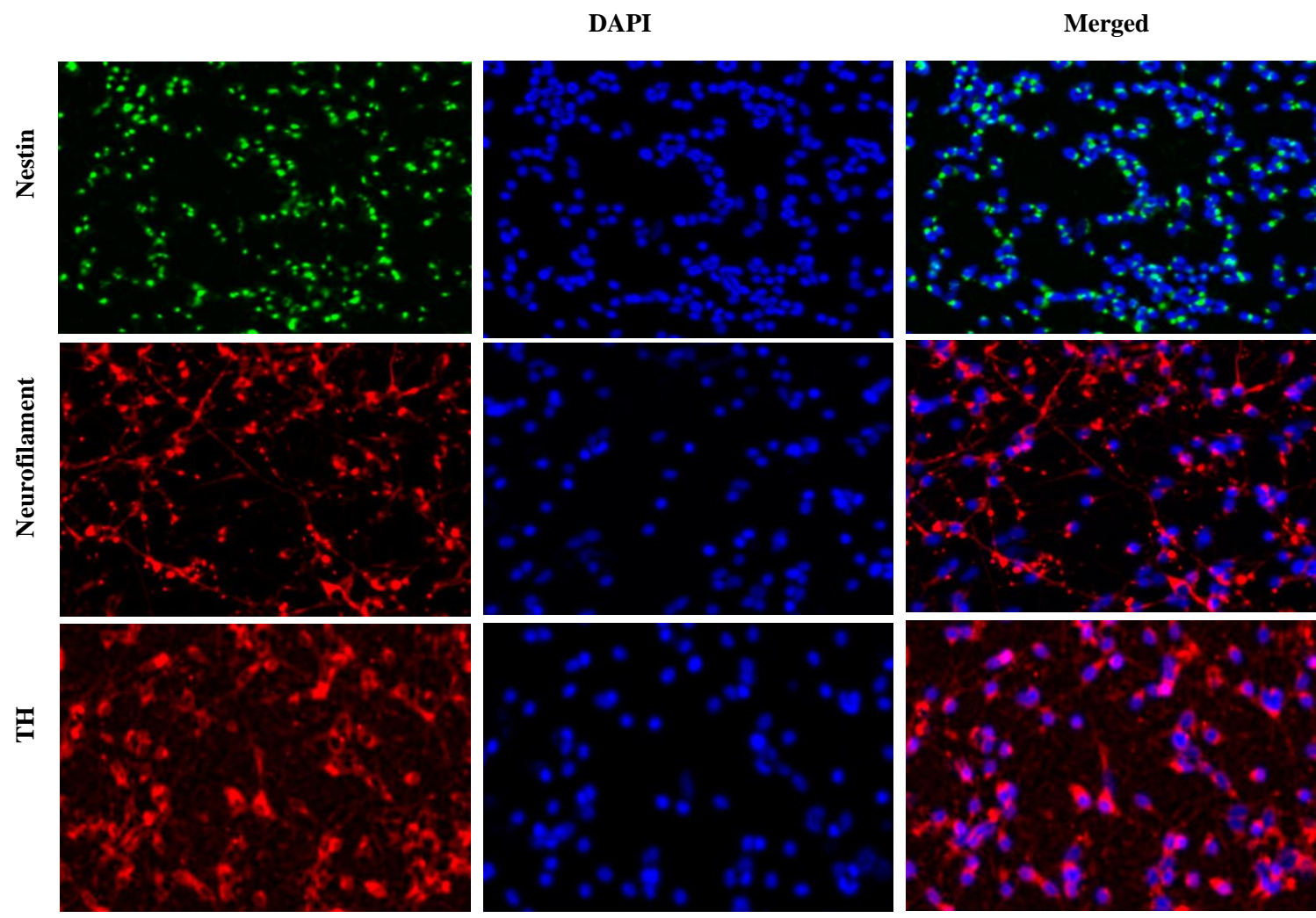


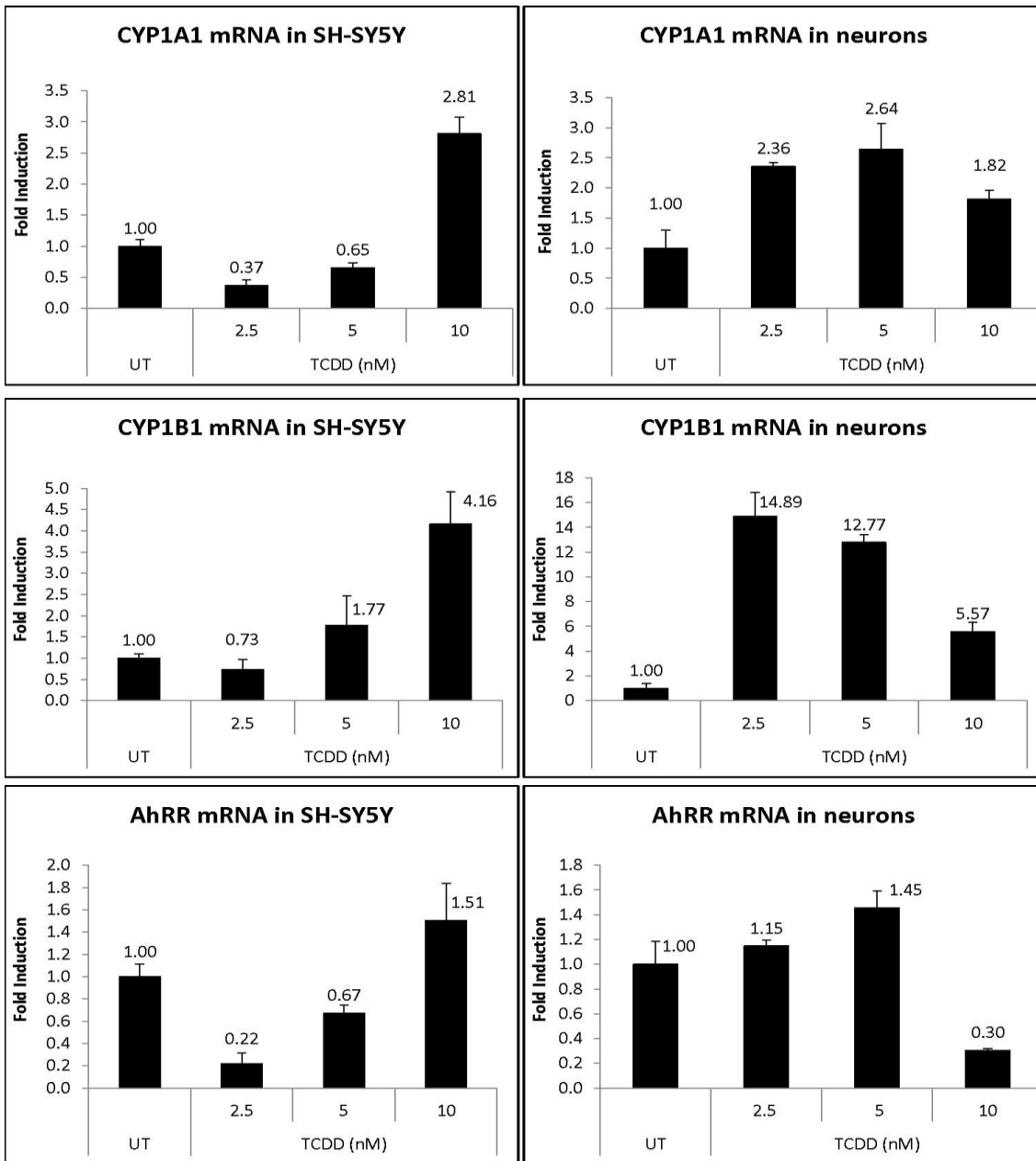
Differentiated SHSY5Y cells (D10)



**Expression of neuron-specific proteins in differentiated cells**







## Submitted Paper

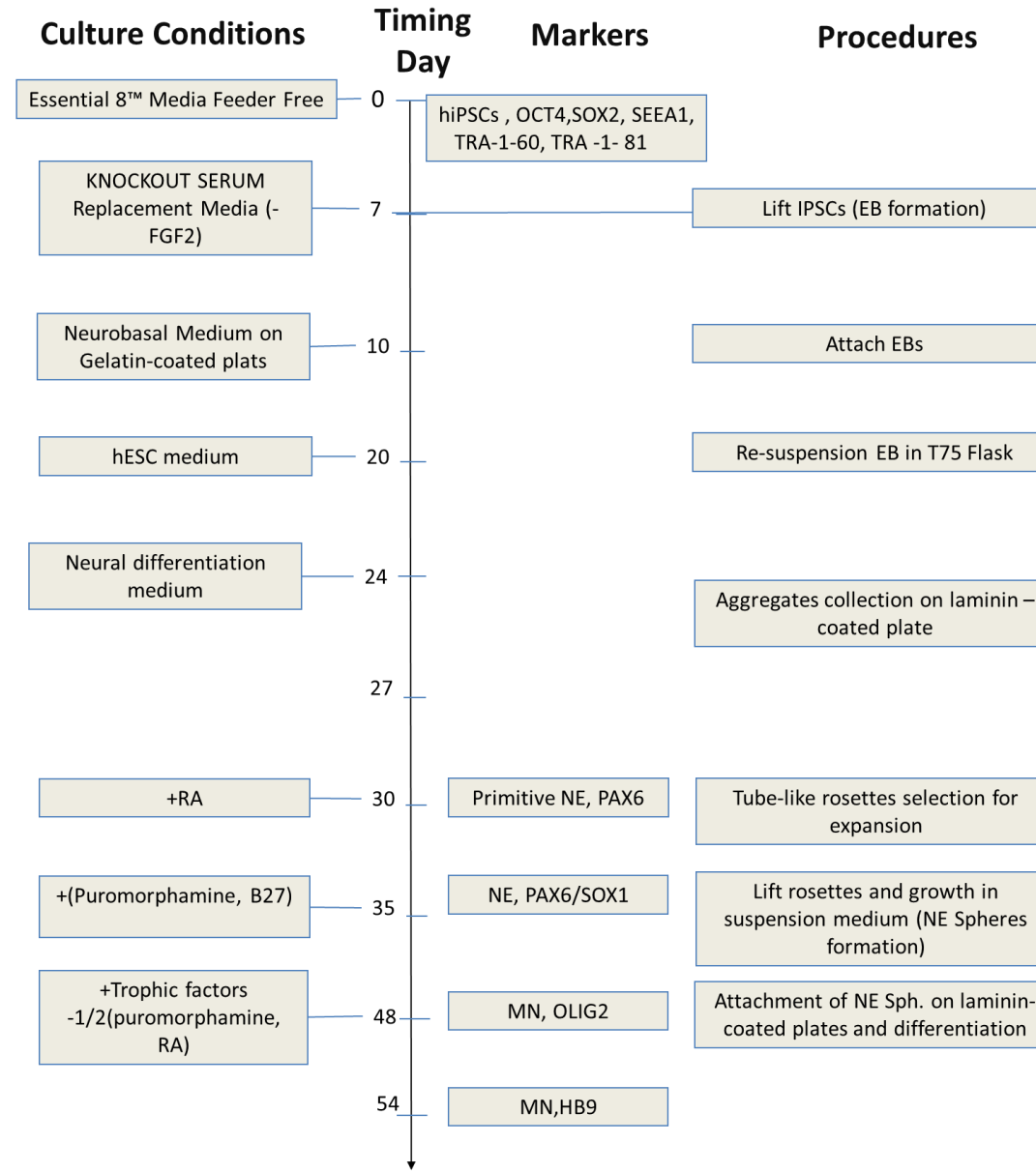
Saima Imran, Patrizia Ferretti, Radim Vrzal, Different regulation of aryl hydrocarbon receptor-regulated genes in response to dioxin in undifferentiated and neuronally differentiated human neuroblastoma SH-SY5Y cells. Neurotoxicology (Under review)

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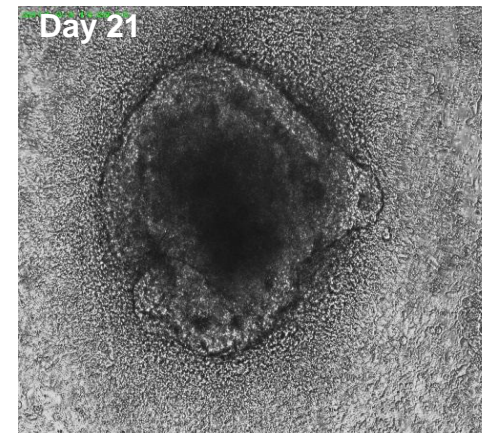
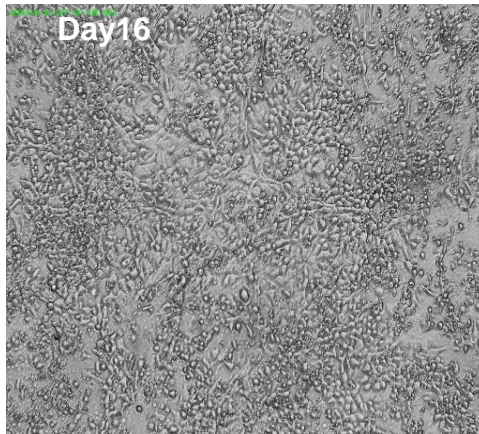
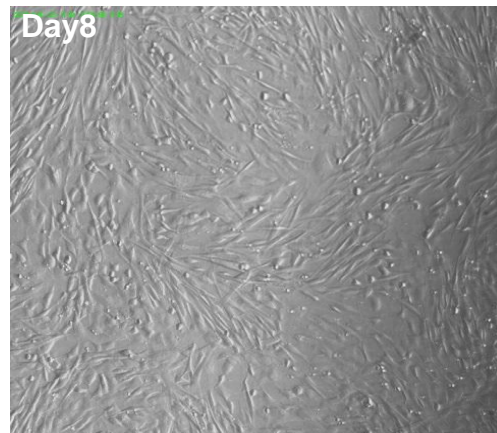
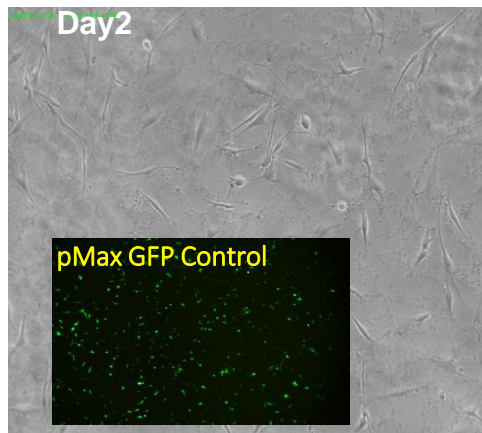
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# Differentiation of hiPSCs into motor neurons- model to study AhR expression

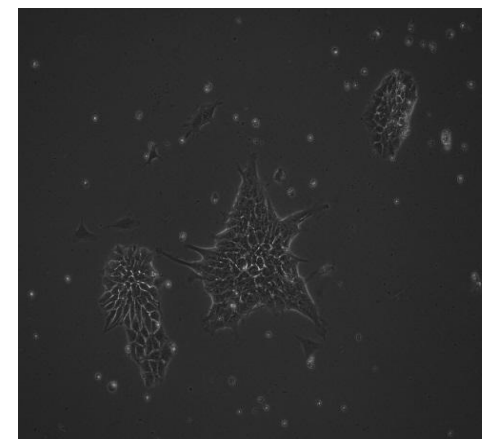
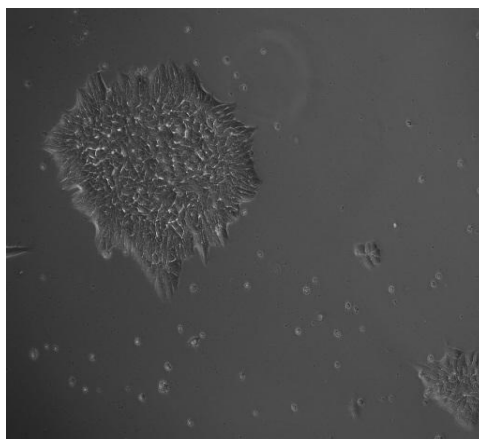
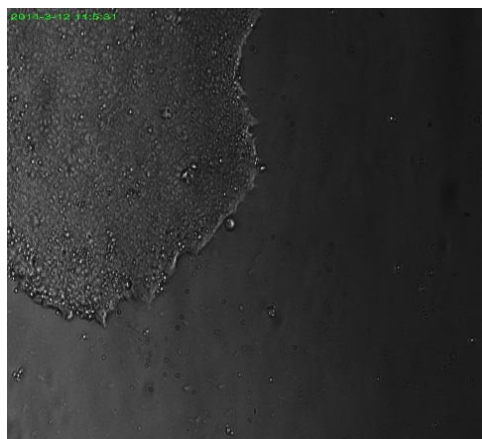
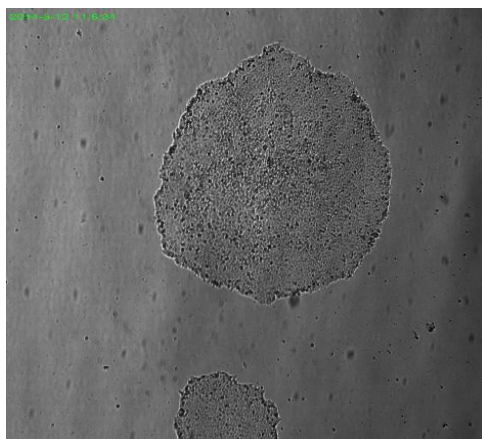
## Differentiation Protocol Scheme



## hiPSCs Colonies Development from human neonatal skin fibroblast



## hiPSCs Colonies on feeder-free medium condition (Passage 1-9)



# Differentiation of hiPSCs into matured neurons

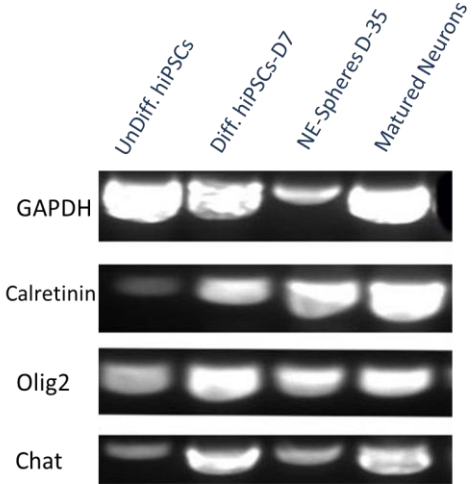
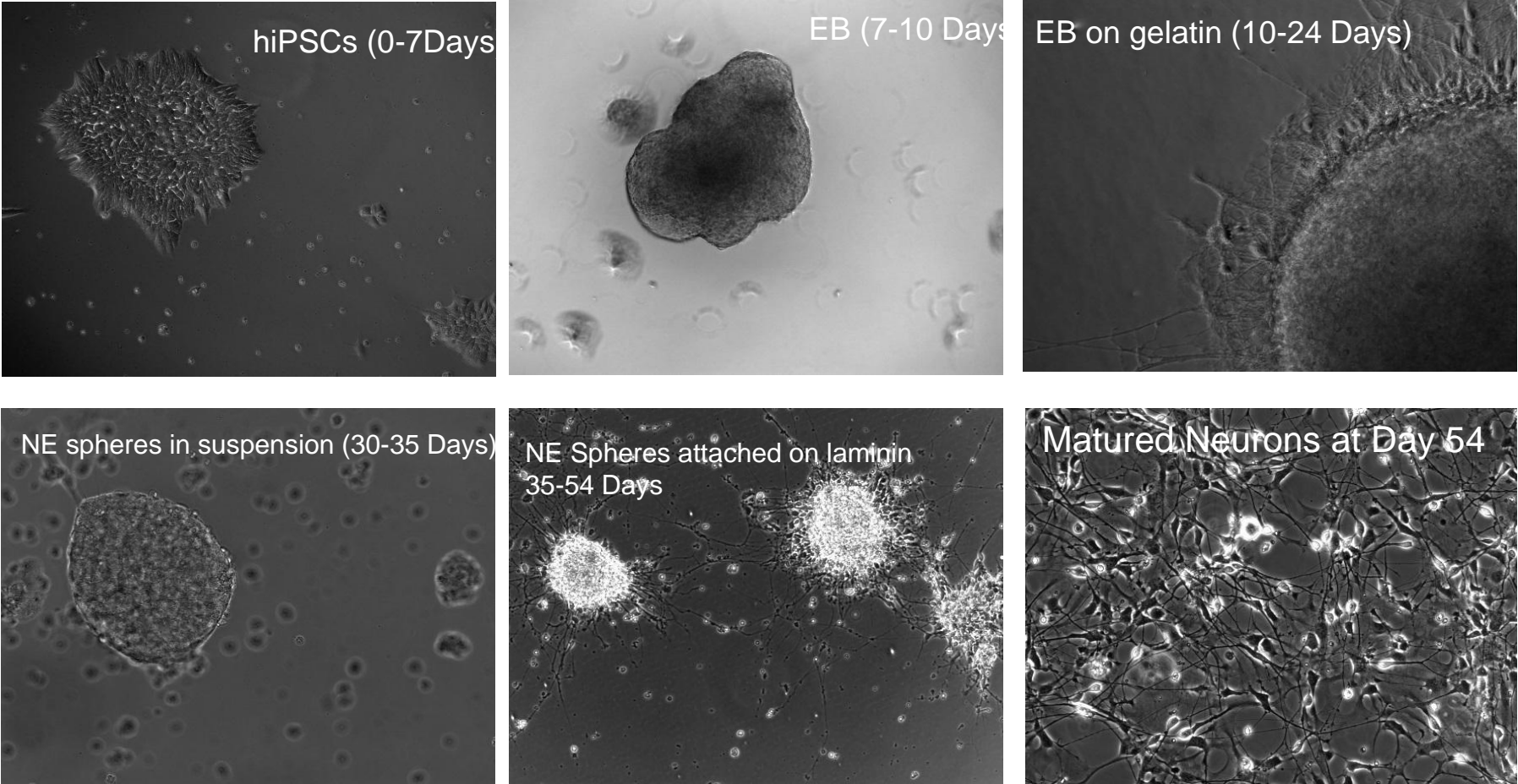
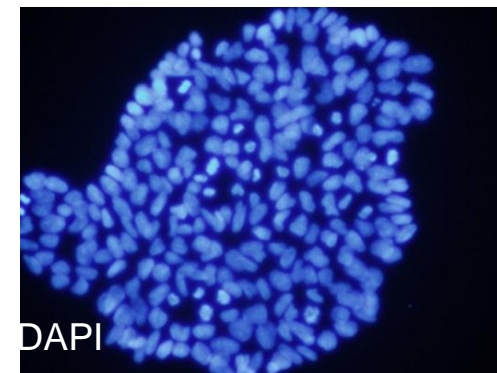
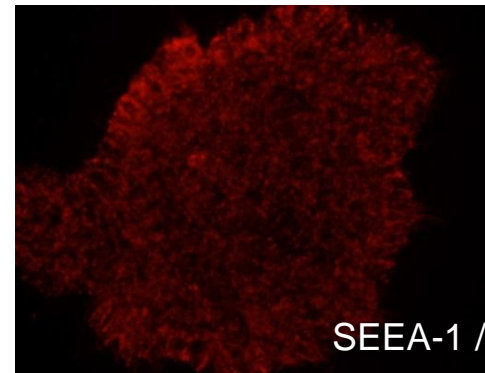
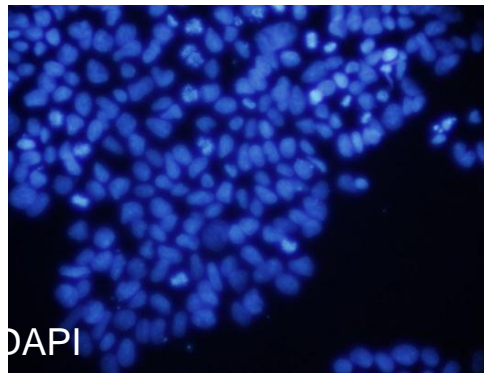
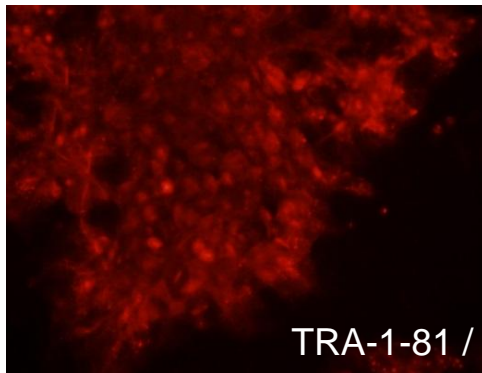
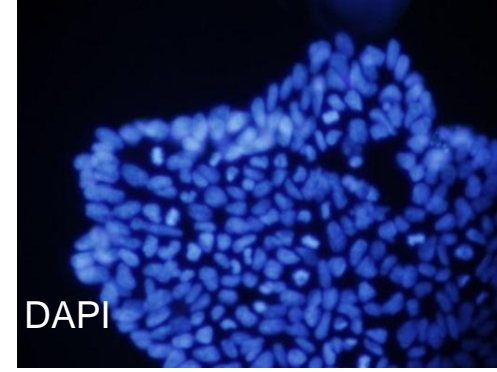
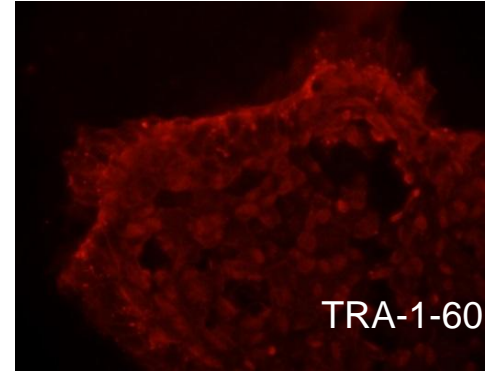
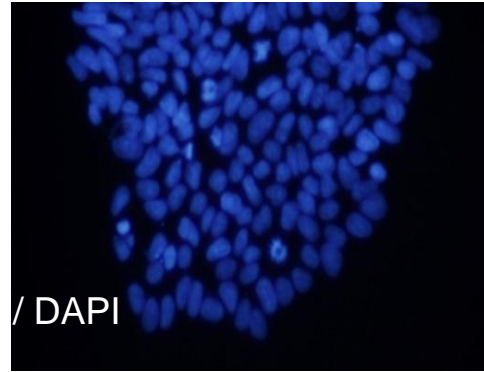
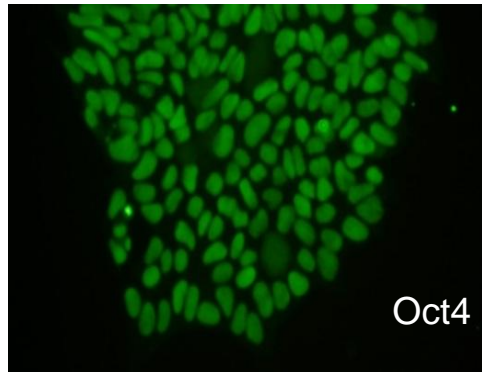


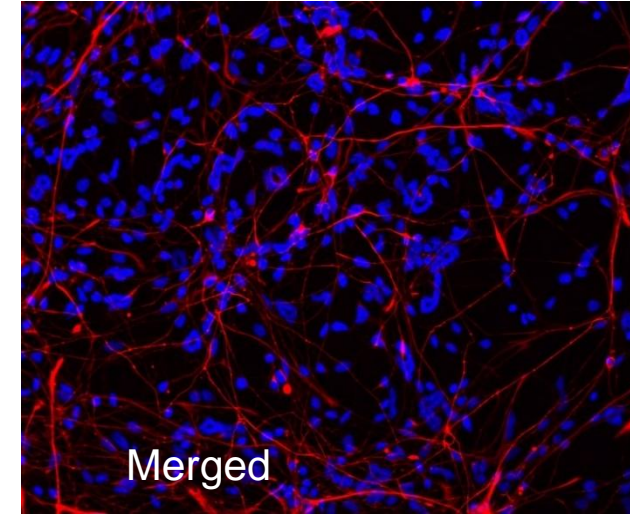
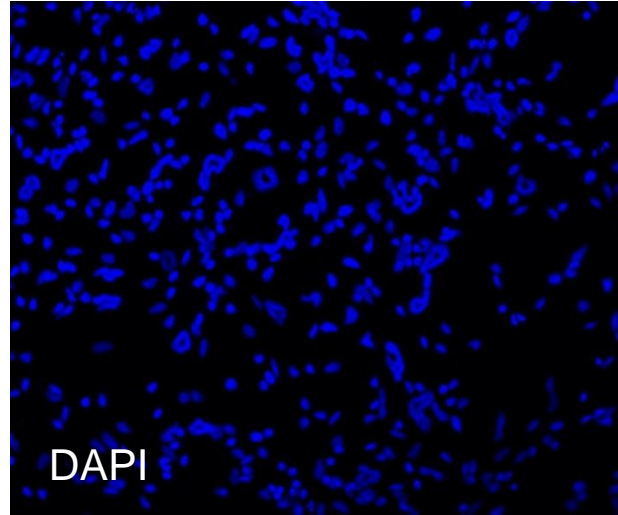
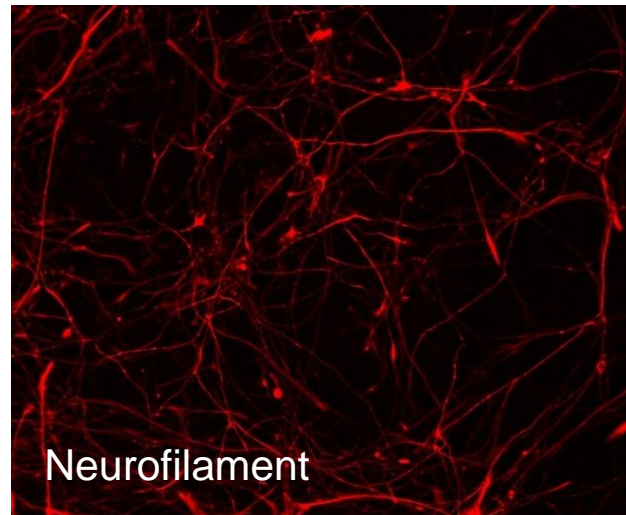
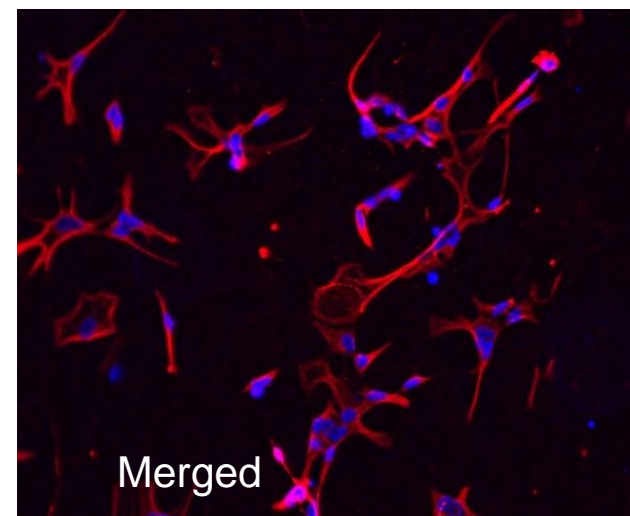
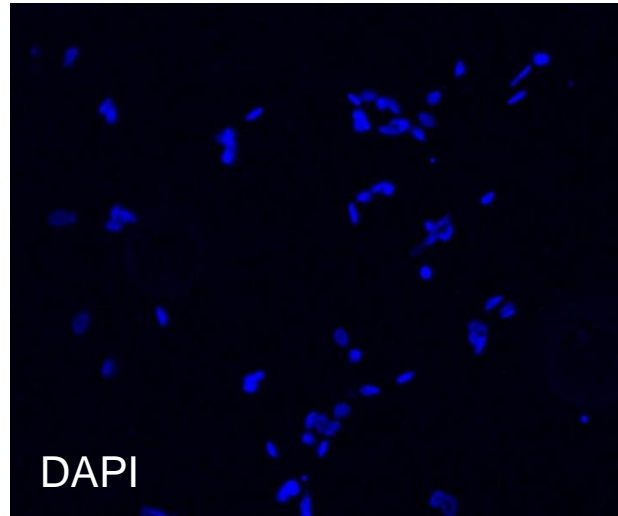
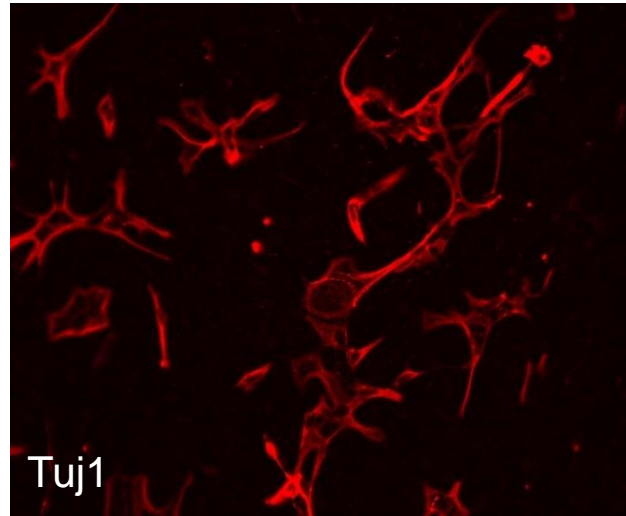
Fig. 8: qRT-PCR gel electrophoresis results showing motor neuron specific markers expression on mRNA level. qRT-PCR was carried out on Light Cycler 480 II apparatus (Roche Diagnostic Corporation, Prague, Czech Republic). The levels of all mRNAs were determined using primers with SYBR Green (Roche Diagnostic Corporation, Prague, Czech Republic) using protocol described elsewhere (7).

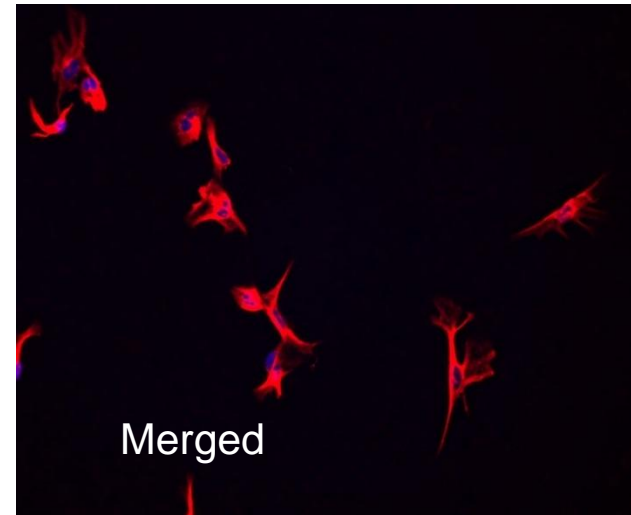
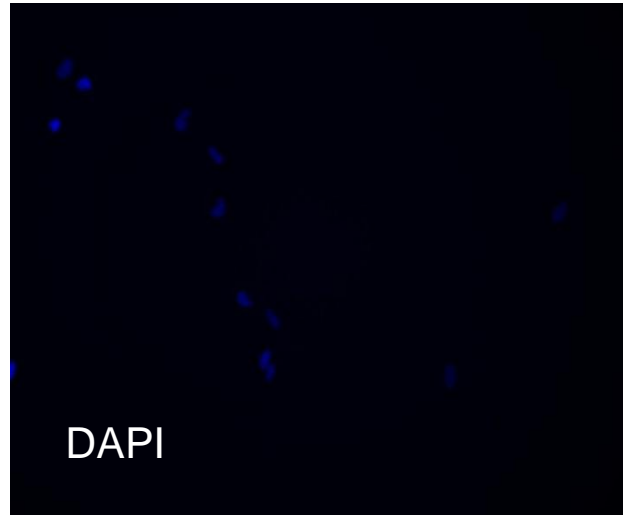
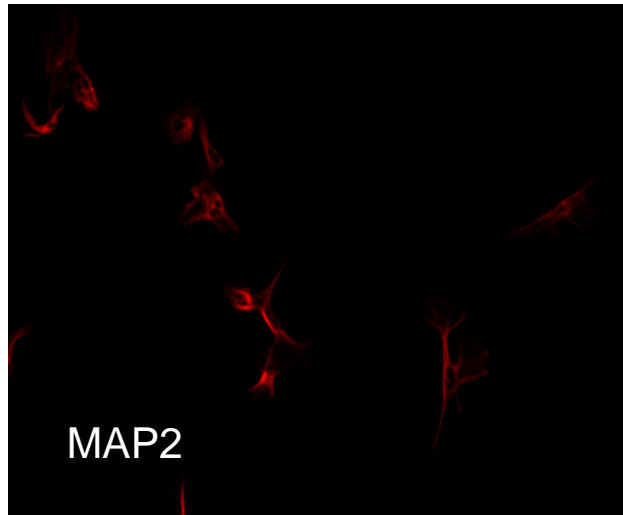
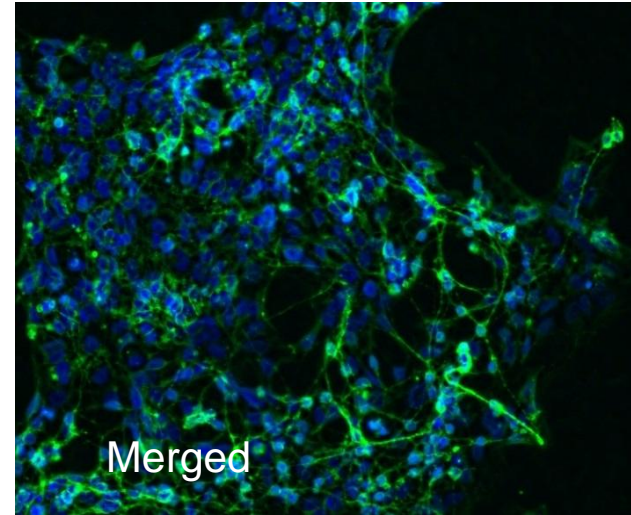
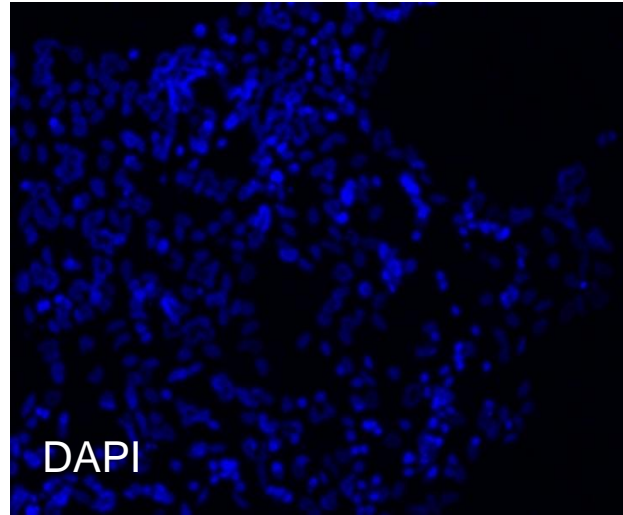
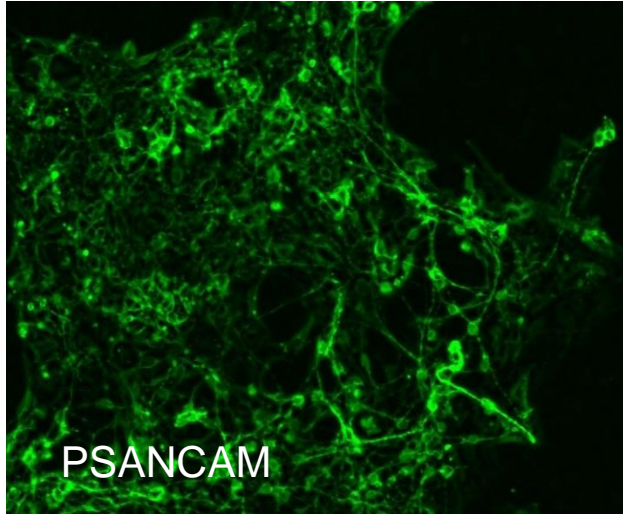
Immunofluorescence results of pluripotency markers in hiPSCs generated from Human Neonatal Fibroblasts.





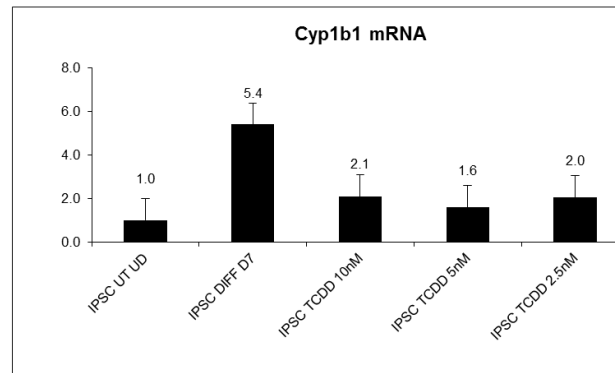
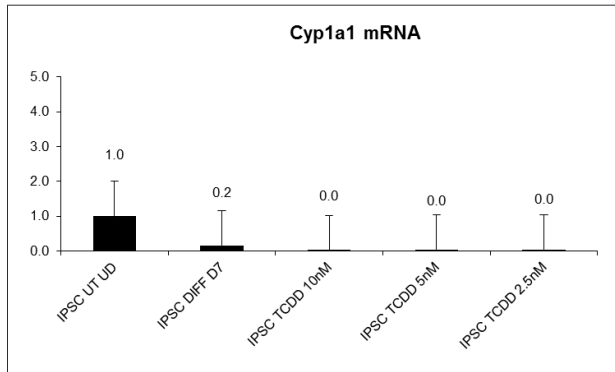
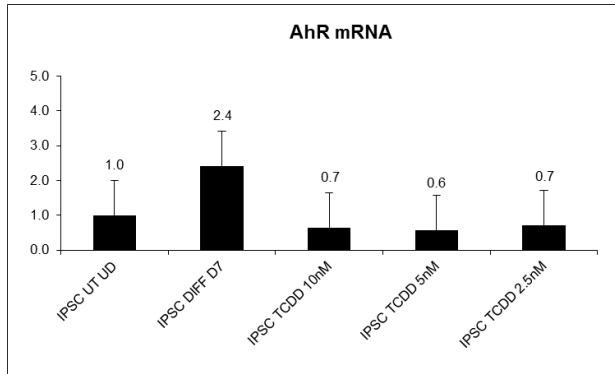
# Immunofluorescence results of Neuronal markers in 6 weeks matured neurons



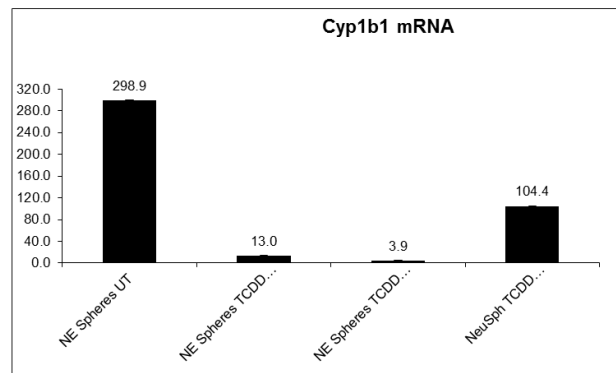
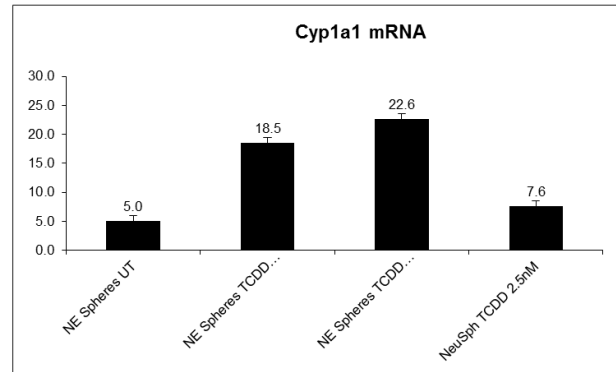
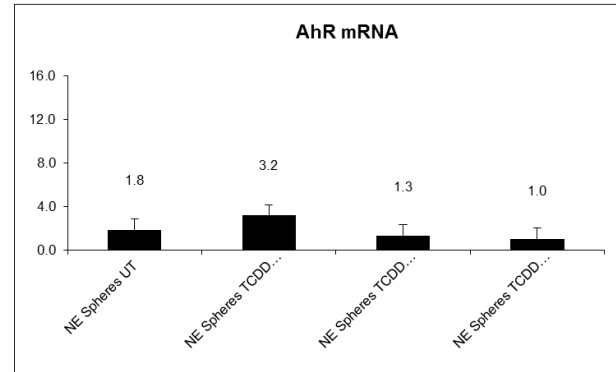


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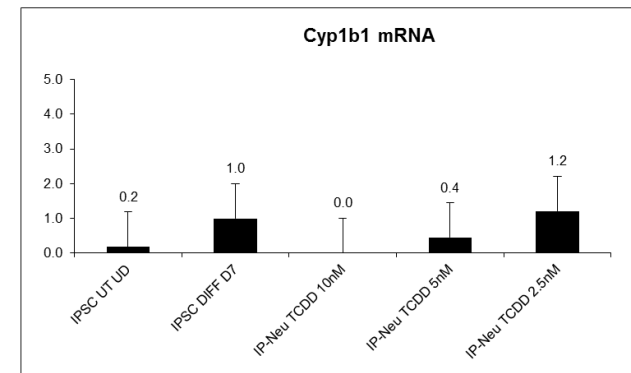
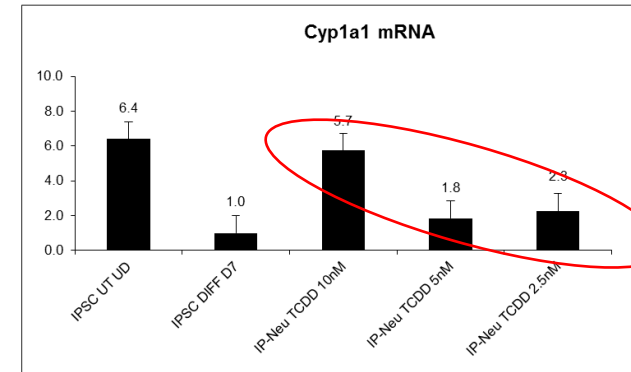
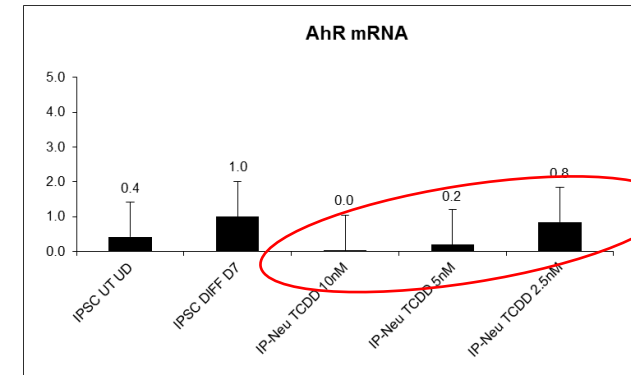
(a) Undifferentiated hiPSCs, differentiated hiPSCs at Day7 and hiPSCs treated with 10, 5 and 2.5nM TCDD



(b) Untreated and treated NE Spheres with 10, 5 and 2.5nM TCDD



(c) Untreated 56 days matured neurons and Treated Neurons with 10, 5 and 2.5nM TCDD



**Downregulation  
in dose-  
dependent  
manner !!!!**

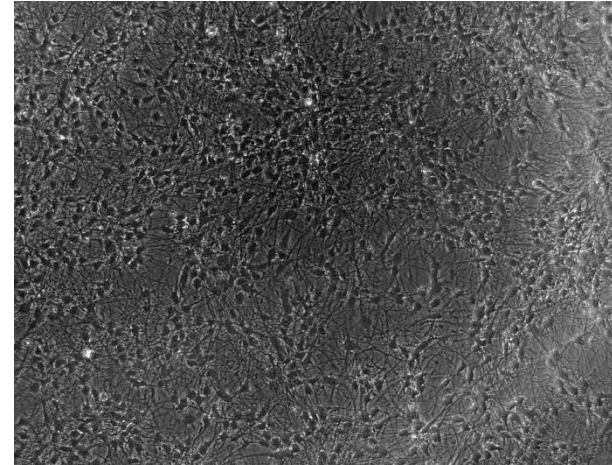
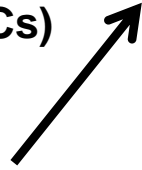
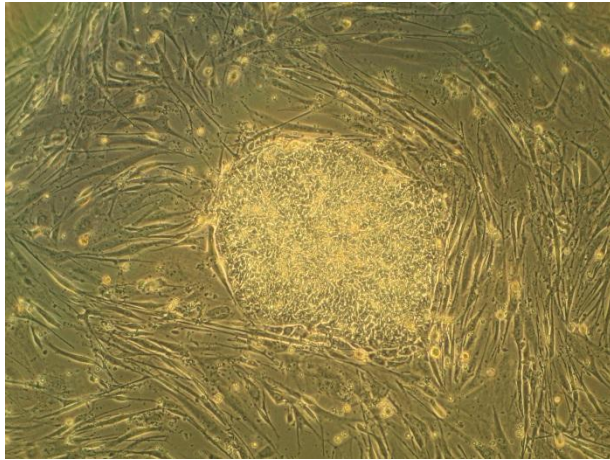
**Induction in  
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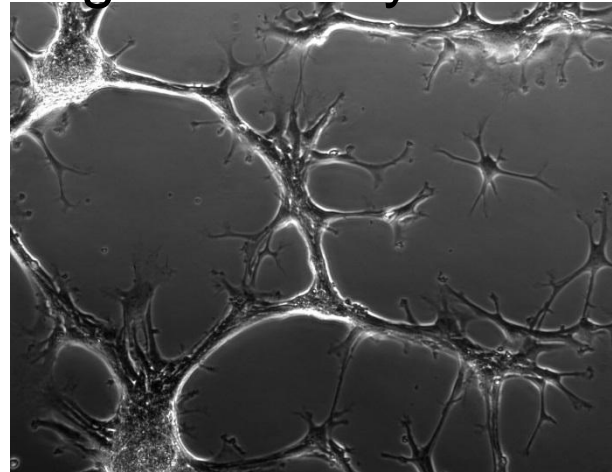
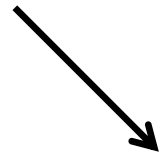
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# Matured Neurons

**Human Embryonic Stem Cell (ESCs)**

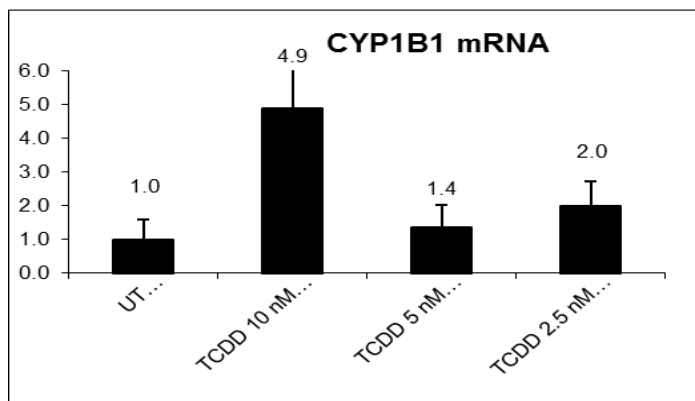
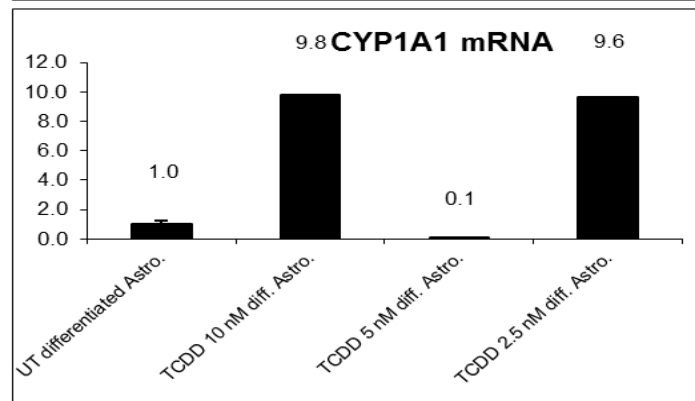
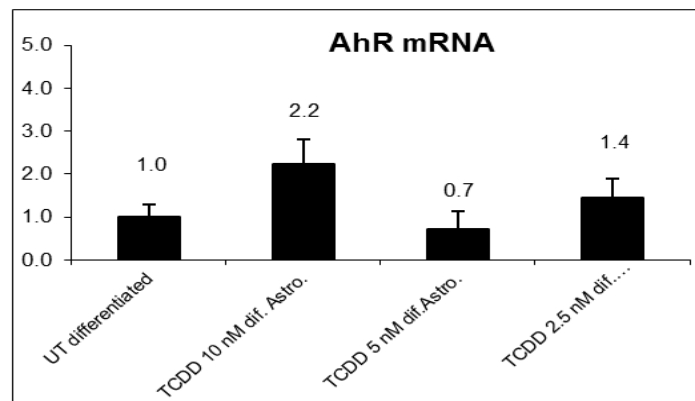


**Oligodendrocytes**

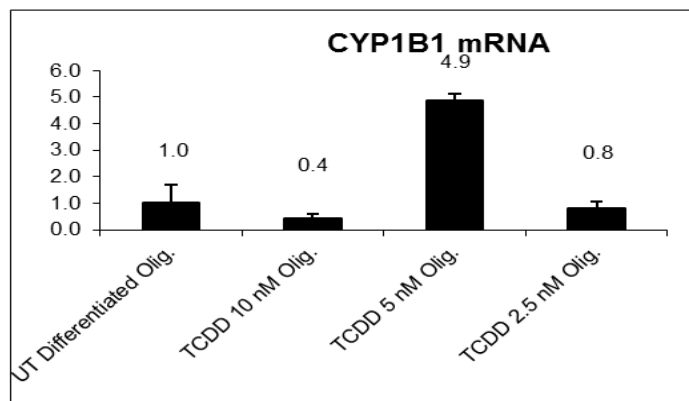
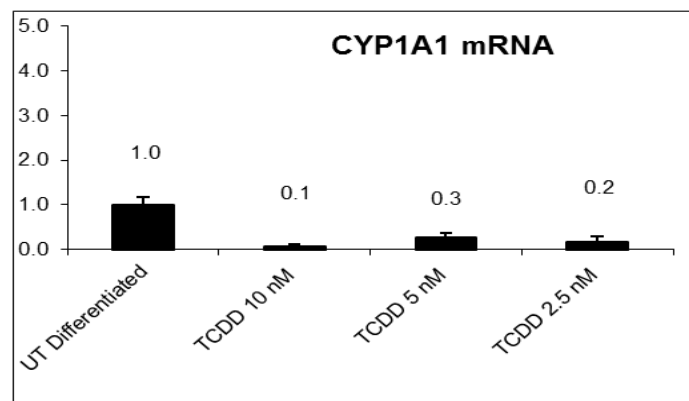
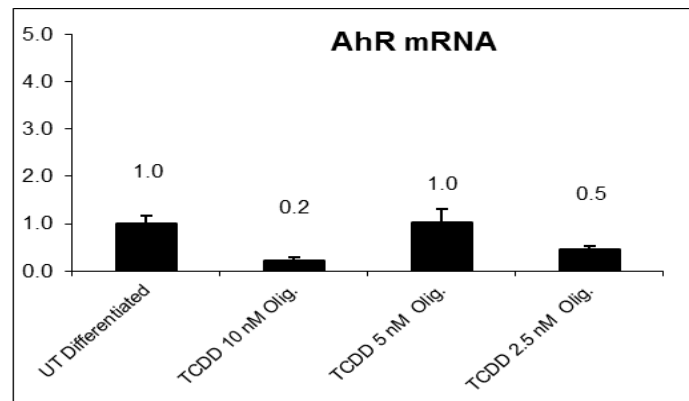


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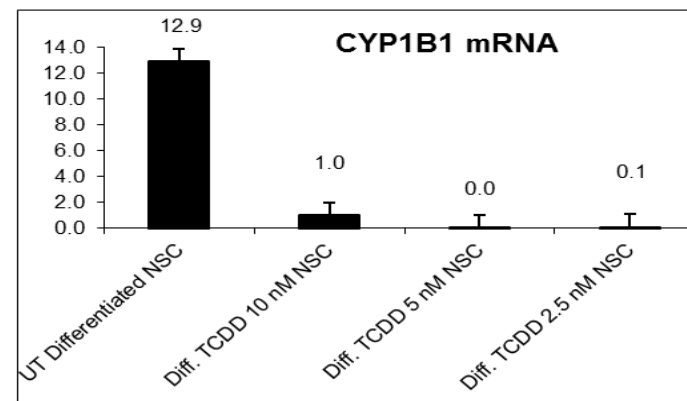
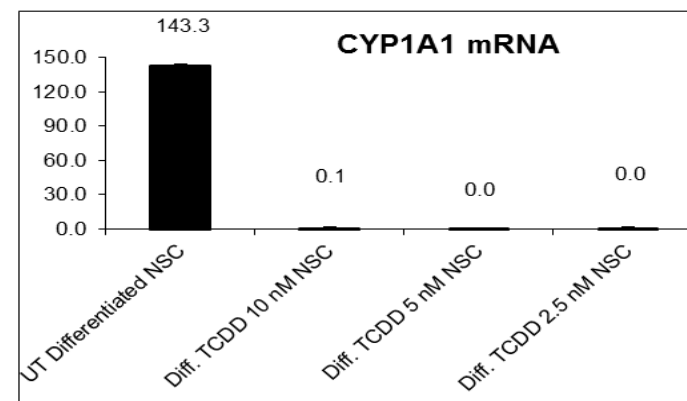
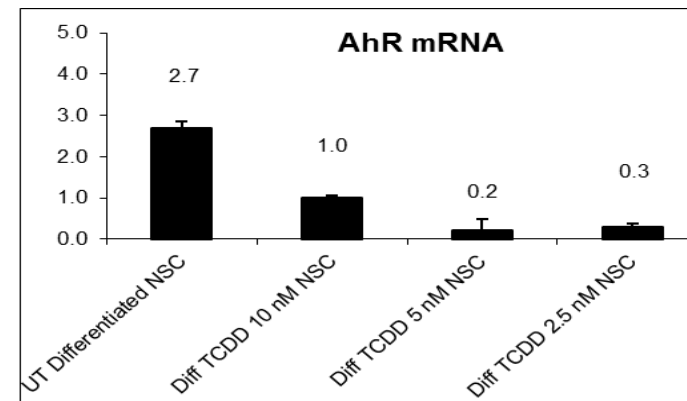
## Astrocytes



## Oligodendrocytes



## Neurons



## **Publications under process:**

**SAIMA J. IMRAN, PATRIZIA FERRETTI, RADIM VRZAL.** Induced pluripotent stem cells (iPSCs)-differentiated neurons can be a suitable tool for neurotoxicological monitoring of aryl hydrocarbon receptor (AhR)-mediated signalling (Manuscript In preparation)

**SAIMA J. IMRAN, PATRIZIA FERRETTI, BARBORA VAGASKA, RADIM VRZAL.** Cell-specific aryl hydrocarbon receptor(AhR)-mediated signalling in matured neurons, oligodendrocytes and astrocytes differentiated from embryonic neural stem cells (Manuscript In preparation)

## Conclusion

- ✓ Three different models suggested to study AhR expression and its targeted selected genes.
- ✓ SHSY5Y cell lines- differently behaving cell lines, did not followed the classical pathway for Ah Receptor expression
- ✓ hiPSCs model- not studied previously for this mechanism.
- ✓ hESCs model- not useful to study AhR-mediated signalling.