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3D ECM-rich environment sustains

the identity of naive human iPSCs

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Supplementary Figure 1.

Derivation and characterization of naïve and isogenic primed hiPSCs in standard culture system and in microfluidic devices. Related to Figure 1.

A. Representative Z-stack confocal images of naïve (left panel) and isogenic primed hiPSCs (Primed hiPSCs P1, middle panel) immunostained for OCT4 (green) and KLF17 (red) or SEEA4 (green) and TFE3 (red). Nuclei were stained with Hoechst (blue). Scale bars, 100 μm. **B**. Representative drawing of a microfluidic device during (left panel), and dimensions of a single channel-shaped microfluidic culture chamber. Cell size is not to scale. Adapted from Gagliano et al., 2019¹. **C**. Representative Z-stack confocal images of primed (left panel) or naïve (right panel) hiPSCs immunostained for KLF17 (green), OCT4 (grey) and SEEA4 (red). Nuclei were stained with Hoechst (blue). Scale bars, 50 μm. **D**. Representative scanning electron microscopy (SEM) images showing primed (upper panel) or naïve (lower panel) hiPSCs. Scale bars, 50 μm. **E**. Heat map of transcriptional profiles of collagens, laminins, and FN of naïve cells, isogenic primed and parental fibroblasts after 1, 4, or 7 days of normoxic culture in conventional well or microfluidics. Each experimental condition shown is the mean of three replicates. **F**. Hierarchical clustering of published RNA-seq data sets of fibroblasts, primed and naïve cells, including only core ECM gene expression.

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Supplementary Figure 2.

Optimization of Naïve hiPSC culture in microfluidic devices and feeder free condition and evaluation of ECM production. Related to Figure 2.

A. Representative bright field images of naïve hiPSC colonies seeded at 200 cell/mm² or 400 cell/mm² into microfluidic devices coated with 50 µg/mL (left panels) or 100 µg/mL (right panels) of vitronectin (VTN). Cultures are shown 1, 2, 3 and 4 days after cell seeding. Scale bars, 200 µm. B. Representative bright field images of naïve hiPSC colonies seeded at 200 cell/mm² or 400 cell/mm² into microfluidic devices coated with 50 µg/mL or 100 µg/mL of vitronectin (VTN) 4 days after seeding. Scale bar, 100 µm. C. Representative Z-stack confocal images of naïve hiPSCs seeded at 200 cell/mm² or 400 cell/mm² into microfluidic devices coated with 50 µg/mL or 100 µg/mL of vitronectin (VTN) and immunostained 4 days after seeding for OCT4 (red), KLF17 (green) and F-actin (magenta) or OCT4 (red), TFE3 (green) and F-actin (magenta). Nuclei were stained with Hoechst (blue). Scale bar, 100 µm. Optimal naïve hiPSC culture was defined as 400 cell/mm² into microfluidic devices coated with 50 µg/mL vitronectin (red squares). D. Representative Z-stack confocal images of naïve hiPSCs cultured on MEF at 2 (D2), 3 (D3) and 4 (D4) days after seeding and immunostained for laminins (LAM, green) and OCT4 (red). Nuclei were stained with Hoechst (blue). Scale bar, 25 µm. E. Representative Z-stack confocal images of naïve hiPSCs cultured in feeder free conditions 2 (D2), 3 (D3) and 4 (D4) days after seeding and immunostained for laminins (LAM, green) and OCT4 (red). Nuclei were stained with Hoechst (blue). Scale bar, 25 µm. F-G. Expression of selected genes from the transcriptomic data results of the samples naïve hiPSCs cultured feeder-free on VTN (Naïve), naïve hiPSCs cultured on MEFs (Naïve on MEF) and MEFonly cultures (MEF), all cultured in microfluidics. As indicated in the legend both human and mouse orthologs are shown, thus naïve on MEF is shown twice displaying the two different transcriptome alignments. F. Expression of human or murine ortholog naïve genes. **G**. Expression of human or murine ortholog fibroblast genes.



Supplementary Figure 3.

Proteomic data analysis and treatments to interfere with the interaction between Naïve hiPSCs and ECM proteins. Related to Figures 3 and 4.

A. Technical variability in lysate TMT6. Standard samples 1 and 2 indicate the same biological sample labelled with different TMT tags and analyzed within the same TMT pool of samples. Each dot represents a protein, whose coordinates are given by log-scale TMT intensity. **B**. Technical variability in conditioned media TMT10. (Left) Standard samples 1 and 2 indicate the same biological sample labelled with different TMT tags and analyzed within the same TMT pool of samples. (Right) Standard samples 1 and 3 indicate the same biological sample labelled with different TMT tags and analyzed within the same TMT pool of samples. (Right) Standard samples 1 and 3 indicate the same biological sample labelled with different TMT tags and analyzed in two different TMT pool of samples. **C**. Biological variability in conditioned media TMT10. (Left) Replicate samples 1 and 2 indicate two biological replicates obtained under the same typerimental conditions, labelled with different TMT tags and analyzed within the same TMT pool of samples. (Right) Replicate samples 1 and 3 indicate two biological replicates obtained under the same typerimental conditions, labelled with different TMT tags and analyzed within the same the same experimental condition, labelled with different TMT tags and analyzed in two different TMT pool of samples. **D**. Venn diagram of proteins significantly accumulated in the samples indicated at day 2 or 3, as compared to RSeT[™] samples.

E. Heat map showing the relative expression of differentially abundant proteins in MEF vs. naïve on MEF (upper panel), MEF vs. naïve on VTN (middle panel) and naïve on MEF vs. naïve on VTN (lower panel). Undetected proteins are shown in grey. These datasets were used to obtain plots in Fig. 3A and B. **F**. Heat map showing the relative expression of core ECM proteins in MEF, naïve on MEF, and naïve on VTN samples for each of the replicates. Mean values of the three replicates are shown in the heat map in fig. 3C. Undetected proteins are shown in grey. **G**. Representative bright field images of naïve hiPSC colonies seeded on feeders at 400 cell/mm² into microfluidic devices, untreated (CTRL, upper panel) or treated with anti-laminins (second panel), anti-collagen VI (third panel) or mock (bottom panel) antibodies. Cultures are shown 2, 3, 4 and 5 days after cell seeding (left panel). For each condition, a magnified view of colonies at day 5 is represented in the panel on the right. Scale bars, 100 μm.





E Trophoblast stem cell (TSC) differentiation from 3D naïve hiPSCs



F Primitive endoderm (PrE) differentiation from 3D naïve hiPSCs



Supplementary Figure 4.

3D ECM-rich environment supports long-term self-renewal and totipotency of naïve hiPSCs. Related to Figure 5.

A. Representative bright field images showing naïve hiPSCs colonies at 2 different passages in 3D Matrigel. Scale bars, 100 µm. B. Clonal assay performed on conventional 2D MEF feeder layer, for naïve hiPSCs previously cultured in 2D standard system or 3D Matrigel in parallel. Quantification was performed by scoring KLF17-OCT4 doublepositive colonies. Data are presented as mean \pm standard deviation, n = 3. p = 0.335. C. Representative single confocal slices of 3D naïve hiPSCs after 14 passages in Geltrex, immunostained for KLF17 (green) and OCT4 (magenta). Nuclei were stained with Hoechst (blue). Scale bar, 10 µm. D. Representative images of monolayer lineage differentiation of 3D naïve hiPSCs after 14 passages in 3D Matrigel, immunostained for ectodermal markers (left panel) SOX1 (green) and SOX2 (magenta), mesodermal markers (middle panel) Brachyury (T, green) and Vimentin (VIM, magenta) and endodermal markers (right panel) SOX17 (green) and FOXA2 (magenta). Nuclei were stained with Hoechst (blue). Scale bars, 20 µm. E. Differentiation of 3D naïve hiPSCs into Trophoblast stem cells (TSCs). In the upper panel, qRT-PCR for core pluripotency and TSCs markers, normalised to GAPDH then to highest, displayed as mean ± standard deviation, n = 3. In the lower panel, representative bright field image of a TSC colony. Scale bar, 100 µm. F. Differentiation of 3D naïve hiPSCs into primitive endoderm cells. In the upper panel, qRT-PCR for core pluripotency, DE-associated, PrE-associated and common endodermal markers, normalised to GAPDH then to highest, displayed as mean \pm standard deviation, n = 3. In the lower panel, representative bright field image of a primitive endoderm colony. Scale bar, 75 µm. G. Experimental design: 3D-cultured naïve hiPSCs were passaged as single cells after 5 days of culture in 3D Matrigel. Cells were seeded at the density of 500-1000 cells per well in U-bottom suspension culture plates. Blastoids were fixed at day 5 for immunofluorescence analysis. On the right panel, a representative bright field image of a blastoid. Scale bar, 50 µm. H. Representative single confocal slices of a blastoid derived from 3D naïve hiPSCs, immunostained for KLF17 (red) and GATA3 (green). Scale bar, 50 µm.

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ECM organisation for 3D naïve colonies (P14 Matrigel, cryosectioned):





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ECM organisation in blastoids



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Supplementary Figure 5.

Characterization of the ECM in 3D naïve hiPSCs and in naïve-derived Blastoids. Related to Figure 5.

A. Representative single confocal slices of cryosectioned 3D naïve hiPSCs colonies, after 14 passages in Matrigel, immunostained for ECM proteins collagen type I, IV, and VI (green) and F-actin (magenta) showing the differential organization of the ECM around the 3D colonies. Nuclei were stained with Hoechst (blue). Scale bars, 10 µm B. Representative single confocal slices of 3D (upper panel) and parallel 2D (lower panel) naïve hiPSCs colonies immunostained for collagen type IV (COLIV, green) and F-actin (magenta) showing marked organization of a layer of collagen type IV around the 3D colony edges. Both slices were taken from the middle of the z-stack. Nuclei were stained with Hoechst (blue). Scale bars, 20 µm. C. Representative single confocal slices of 3D naïve hiPSCs colonies, after 14 passages in Geltrex or Matrigel (upper panels), and control 2D naïve cultures (bottom panels, slices taken from the middle and the bottom of the stack, showing also MEF feeders) immunostained for collagen type IV (green) and Factin (magenta) showing the differential organization of collagen type IV in 3D and 2D naïve colonies. Nuclei were stained with Hoechst (blue). Scale bars, 10 µm. D. Representative confocal images of blastoids immunostained for laminins (upper panel, zstack) and collagen type IV (lower panel, single slices) (green) and GATA3 (magenta) showing the organization of laminins on both the ICM-like and Trophoblast-like components of the blastoids, and a less organized deposition of collagen type IV on the trophoblast component of the blastoid. Nuclei were stained with Hoechst (blue). Scale bars, 50 µm. E. Representative single confocal slices of blastoids immunostained for laminins (green), OCT4 (red) and GATA3 (magenta) showing the organization of laminins on the surface and between cells of the ICM-like (OCT4 positive cells) part of the blastoid. Scale bar, 12 µm F. Representative single confocal slices of blastoids immunostained for laminins (green), OCT4 (red) and GATA3 (magenta) showing the presence of laminins for the GATA3 positive trophoblast-like cells of the blastoid. Nuclei were stained with Hoechst (blue). Scale bar, 6 µm.



Supplementary Figure 6.

Identity transition and gene expression dynamics of 3D naïve hiPSCs during 3D priming. Related to Figure 6.

A. Representative single confocal slices at day 5 after single isogenic primed hiPSCs were seeded in 3D Matrigel and cultured in E8, immunostained for KLF17 (green) and OCT4 (magenta) (left panel), OTX2 (magenta) and NANOG (green) (middle panel), Collagen type IV (COLIV, green) and F-actin (magenta) (right panel) showing primed identity and primed morphology in 3D. Nuclei were stained with Hoechst (blue). Scale bars, 10 µm. B. Identity characterization of 3D naïve hiPSCs during the priming process at different timepoints (day 3, 5, 7 and 9). gRT-PCR for naïve-, primed-associated, and core pluripotency markers, normalized to GAPDH, displayed as mean ± standard deviation, n = 3 (n = 2 for day 7). C. Representative images of monolayer lineage differentiation of 3D naïve hiPSCs after priming in 3D Matrigel, immunostained for ectodermal markers (upper panel) SOX2 (red) and SOX1 (green), endodermal markers (middle panel) SOX17 (red) and FOXA2 (green) and mesodermal markers (lower panel) Brachyury (T, red) and Vimentin (VIM, green). Nuclei were stained with Hoechst (blue). Scale bars, 75 µm. **D.** Bar charts showing the number of differentially expressed genes (DEGs) obtained from pairwise comparison between each timepoint versus naïve (upper panel) or versus primed (lower panel) samples as reference. FDR lower than 0.01 and absolute log2 (fold change) higher than 2 were used as thresholds for DEG analysis. E. Upper panel: Venn diagrams showing the intersection between DEG lists for the indicated samples compared to naïve (left) or compared to primed (right), with the number of unique and shared DEGs annotated. Lower panel: Bar charts showing the proportion of unique and shared DEGs for the indicated samples compared to naïve (left) or compared to primed (right), coloured as per the parent Venn diagrams. F. Temporal expression profiles of DEGs compiled from all pairwise comparisons between any two samples (11570 DEGs in total), divided by clustering analysis into five dynamic clusters. G. Heatmaps showing the median-centred expression of selected genes, ordered by their belonging to the clusters shown in panel F. The related pie charts represent the percentage of genes that belong to each of cluster 1–5. Only DEGs are presented in heatmaps. Gene lists were compiled from KEGG pathways and published literature^{44, 49, 53}.

Supplementary Table 4. List of all primary and secondary antibodies used in this work, related to STAR Methods.

Antibodies	Diluition	Code	Company
POU5F1	1:200	Sc-5279	Santa Cruz
			Biotechnology
SSEA-4	1:250	Sc-21704	Santa Cruz
			Biotechnology
KLF17	1:250	HPA024629	Atlas Antibodies
TFE3	1:250	HPA023881	Atlas Antibodies
SUSD2	1:100	327401	BioLegend
SUSD2-PE	5 µl/million cells	327406	BioLegend
GATA3	1:100	AF2605	R&D Systems
SOX1	1:50	AF3369	R&D Systems
SOX17	1:50	AF1924	R&D Systems
Т	1:50	AF2085	R&D Systems
OTX2	1:100	AF1979	R&D Systems
NANOG	1:100	4903S	Cell Signaling
			Technology
FOXA2	1:300	D56D6	Cell Signaling
			Technology
SOX2	1:500	NB110-37235	Novus Biologicals
FOXG1	1:500	Ab18259	Abcam
COLI	1:1000	Ab34710	Abcam
COLIV	1:1000	Ab6586	Abcam
COLVI	1:250-500	70R-CR009x	Fitzgerald
INTEGRIN β1	1:10	MABT821	Sigma-Aldrich
LAMININS	1:250	L9393	Sigma-Aldrich
VIMENTIN	1:50	SAB1305445	Sigma-Aldrich

Donkey anti-Rabbit	1:200	A-21206	ThermoFisher
lgG (H+L) Highly			Scientific
Cross-Adsorbed			
Secondary			
Antibody Alexa			
Fluor 488			
Donkey anti-Rabbit	1:200	A-31573	ThermoFisher
lgG (H+L) Highly			Scientific
Cross-Adsorbed			
Secondary			
Antibody Alexa			
Fluor 647			
Donkey anti-Mouse	1:200	A-21203	ThermoFisher
lgG (H+L) Highly			Scientific
Cross-Adsorbed			
Secondary			
Antibody Alexa			
Fluor 594			
Donkey anti-Goat	1:200	A-11055	ThermoFisher
lgG (H+L) Cross-			Scientific
Adsorbed			
Secondary			
Antibody Alexa			
Fluor 488			
Donkey anti-Goat	1:200	A-21447	ThermoFisher
lgG (H+L) Cross-			Scientific
Adsorbed			
Secondary			
Antibody Alexa			
Fluor 647			

Supplementary Table 5. List of all TaqMan assay probes and real-time qPCR primers used in this work, related to Figure 5 and S4.

Gene name	Product code	Species	Dye	Company
POU5F1	Hs00999632_g1	Hs	FAM	ThermoFisher
				Scientific
NANOGP1	Hs04399610_g1	Hs	FAM	ThermoFisher
				Scientific
KLF17	Hs00702999_m1	Hs	FAM	ThermoFisher
				Scientific
KLF4	Hs00358836_m1	Hs	FAM	ThermoFisher
				Scientific
DPPA5	Hs00988349_g1	Hs	FAM	ThermoFisher
				Scientific
TFCP2L1	Hs00232708_m1	Hs	FAM	ThermoFisher
				Scientific
ZIC2	Hs00600845_m1	Hs	FAM	ThermoFisher
				Scientific
GATA 4	Hs01034629_m1	Hs	FAM	ThermoFisher
				Scientific
GATA 6	Hs00232018_m1	Hs	FAM	ThermoFisher
				Scientific
GSC	Hs00418279_m1	Hs	FAM	ThermoFisher
				Scientific
NID2	Hs00201233_m1	Hs	FAM	ThermoFisher
				Scientific
MIXL1	Hs04400364_m1	Hs	FAM	ThermoFisher
				Scientific

For 3D naïve hiPSCs analysis (Related to Figure 5)

GAPDH	Hs02786624_g1	Hs	VIC	ThermoFisher
				Scientific

For Trophoblast Stem Cell analysis (Related to Supplementary Figure 4)

Gene name	Forward primer (5'-3')	Reverse primer (3'-5')
GAPDH	CGAGATCCCTCCAAAATCAA	GGCAGAGATGATGACCCTTT
OCT4	GTGGAGGAAGCTGACAACAA	ATTCTCCAGGTTGCCTCTCA
NANOG	TTTGTGGGCCTGAAGAAAACT	AGGGCTGTCCTGAATAAGCAG
KLF17	CACACAGGTGAGAGGCCATA	TATGCGGGTACACACCAGAT
ZIC2	CATGCACGGTCCACACCTC	CTCATGGACCTTCATGTGCTT
GATA2	GACTACAGCAGCGGACTCTT	GCCTTCTGAACAGGAACGAG
GATA3	ACAGAAGGCAGGGAGTGTGT	TCCGTTCATTTTGTGATAGAGC
TFAP2A	TCCCAATGAGCAAGTGACAA	CAGCAGGTCGGTGAACTCTT
KRT7	AGGAGAGCGAGCAGATCAAG	CTTGGTCTCCAGCAGCTTGT