Isolation of cells from brain and spinal cord – a bibliography

The methodology for the isolation various types of neural cell (motoneurons and neuroglial cells) from brain and spinal cord using OptiPrep™ is well-established and presented in detail in the OptiPrep™ Application Sheets that can be found on the Applications flash-drive or accessed via the following website www.axis-shield-density-gradient-media.com (click on "Methodology then "Mammalian and non-mammalian cells" and follow the links from the Index).

- Application Sheet C22: Motoneurons from spinal cords
- Application Sheet C29: Motoneurons from brain
- Application Sheet C36: Microglial cells

This Mini-Review brings together all of the known published papers reporting the use of OptiPrep™ for neural cells. The references are presented alphabetically according to animal and tissue source (e.g. **Mouse brain cortex (adult)**) and, where necessary, divided further into **research topic** areas. Within each section references are listed alphabetically according to **first author**.

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