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## Th17 Polarization of Mouse CD4<sup>+</sup> Cells [↗](#)

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### PROTOCOL STATUS

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### MATERIALS TEXT

- Sterile PBS
- Cell culture medium (IMDM supplemented with 10% FBS)
- Sterile plastic petri dishes
- RBC Lysis Buffer (Cat. No. [420301](#))
- Anti-mouse CD3 $\epsilon$ , clone 145-2C11 (LEAF<sup>™</sup> format, Cat. No. [100314](#))
- Anti-mouse CD28, clone 37.51, (LEAF<sup>™</sup> format, Cat. No. [102112](#))
- Anti-mouse IFN- $\gamma$ , clone XMG1.2, (LEAF<sup>™</sup> format, Cat. No. [505812](#))
- Mouse MojoSort<sup>™</sup> CD4 T-cell Isolation Kit (Cat. No. [480005](#))
- Anti-mouse IL-4, clone 11B11, (LEAF<sup>™</sup> format, Cat. No. [504108](#))
- Recombinant mouse IL-6 (carrier-free) (Cat. No. [575704](#))
- Recombinant mouse IL-23 (carrier-free) (Cat. No. [589002](#))
- Recombinant human TGF- $\beta$ 1 (carrier-free) (Cat. No. [580702](#))
- Monensin Solution (Cat. No. [420701](#))
- PMA (Phorbol 12-myristate 13-acetate) (Cat. No. P8139 from Sigma)
- Ionomycin (Cat. No. I0634 from Sigma)
- Brefeldin A (Cat. No. [420601](#))

### Isolation of CD4<sup>+</sup> Cells From Lymph Nodes


- 1 Harvest lymph nodes (superficial cervical, mandibular, axillary, inguinal, and mesenteric) from mice.
- 2 Tease lymph nodes through a sterile 70- $\mu$ m nylon cell strainer to obtain single-cell suspensions in complete IMDM containing 10% FCS (complete medium).
- 3 Resuspend cells in complete medium and use your favorite method to isolate CD4<sup>+</sup> cells. Consider using our [MojoSort<sup>™</sup> Mouse CD4<sup>+</sup> T Cell Isolation Kit](#).

### Th17 Polarization of CD4<sup>+</sup> Cells

- 4 On day 0, coat 60 x 15mm of plastic petri dishes with anti-mouse CD3 $\epsilon$ , clone 145-2C11 (5 $\mu$ g/ml). Incubate at 37°C for 2 hours or 4°C overnight. Aseptically decant antibody solution from the plate. Wash plate 3 times with sterile PBS. Discard liquid.

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- 5 Plate CD4<sup>+</sup> cells at  $10 \times 10^6$ /5 ml/dish. Culture cells for 4 days in the presence of anti-mouse CD28, clone 37.51 (5µg/mL), recombinant mouse IL-6 (50ng/mL), recombinant human TGF-β1 (1ng/mL), recombinant mouse IL-23 (5ng/ml), anti-mouse IL-4 (10µg/mL), and anti-mouse IFN-γ (10µg/mL).
- 6 On day 3, slowly add 5ml of fresh media along with same the concentration of antibodies/cytokines as used on day 0.
- 7 On day 4, wash cells once and then restimulate in complete medium with 500ng/ml PMA and 500ng/mL ionomycin, in the presence of Brefeldin A (If you are looking for IL-21 production, use monensin) for 4-5 hours.

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- 8 After harvesting, the cells are ready for staining.

**Tip:** Recombinant human TGF-β is effective for stimulating mouse cells.



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