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Peripheral Blood Mononuclear Cells Preparation [↗](#)

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ABSTRACT

How to prepare PBMCs for Stimulation experiment

EXTERNAL LINK

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GUIDELINES

Sterile conditions, biosafety cabinet

MATERIALS TEXT

15mls whole blood (fresh)

1% FCS= Foetal Calf Serum (Phosphate buffered saline with 1% foetal calf serum)

RPMI = RPMI 1640 containing GlutaMAX, 10% HyClone FBS, 50 mg/mL streptomycin, 50 U/mL penicillin, 2.5 µg/ml amphotericin B - fungizone, and 25 mM HEPES

Lymphoprep™ (Axis-Shield, Dundee, UK)

ethidium bromide/acridine orange.

- 1 Dilute whole blood 1:1 with 1% FCS HBSS Medium
- 2 Layer this diluted blood onto 10mls Lymphoprep™
- 3 Centrifuge for 25 minutes at 400G with acceleration and brake off
- 4 Discard the plasma and obtain the buffy coat
- 5 Top up buffy coat with 1% FCS, vortex and Centrifuge for 8 minutes at 1500RPM with brake on. Discard supernatant

- 6 Top up with 1% FCS, vortex and centrifuge for 8 minutes at 1500RPM with brake on. Discard supernatant.
- 7 Resuspend in 4-5mls of RPMI, and vortex.
- 8 Count live cells with haemocytometer slide after staining with ethidium bromide and acridine orange solution to detect dead and live cells, respectively



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