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## Breast tumours dissociation

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### ABSTRACT

A protocol designed to dissociate fresh breast tissues (surgical specimens and biopsies) for single-cell RNAseq.

The protocol has been demonstrated to work successfully with fresh and cryopreserved tissues.

### GUIDELINES

Requires access to a flow sorter

### MATERIALS

NAME ▾	CATALOG # ▾	VENDOR ▾
<a href="#">BSA</a>		
<a href="#">TrypLE</a>		
<a href="#">Gibco Penicillin-Streptomycin (10,000 U/mL) (Pen/Strep)</a>	<a href="#">15-140-122</a>	<a href="#">Fisher Scientific</a>
<a href="#">FBS</a>		<a href="#">Invitrogen - Thermo Fisher</a>
<a href="#">Liberase TL</a>	<a href="#">05 401 020 001</a>	<a href="#">Roche</a>
<a href="#">DMEM</a>	<a href="#">11885</a>	<a href="#">Gibco - Thermo Fischer</a>
<a href="#">PBS</a>		
<a href="#">SYTOX<sup>®</sup> Blue Dead Cell Stain, for flow cytometry</a>	<a href="#">S34857</a>	<a href="#">Thermo Fisher</a>

### MATERIALS TEXT

Base Media: DMEM + Penstrep + 10%FBS

Resuspension buffer: PBS+0.01%BSA

#### Tissue Dissociation

- 1 Transfer the tissue onto a 10 cm petri dish
- 2 Rinse 1x briefly with ice cold PBS and aspirate PBS off.
- 3 Use a blade to carefully cut the sample into small pieces, approximately 3-4 mm in diameter.

- 4 Transfer pieces into 50ml tube and Resuspend in 5ml of Base media + Liberase (200ug/ml)
- 5 Incubate 2 hours at 37C
- 6 Mix with a 5 ml serological pipet 5 times to break up the pieces.
- 7 Let the pellet settle at the bottom of the tube, and transfer supernatant to a new falcon tube (Filter supernatant using 40um mesh)
- 8 Resuspend remaining tissue in 2mL of TrypLE, incubate for 10 min at 37C
- 9 Repeat Step 6 and 7
- 10 Spin cells down (300g for 10min at 4C) and Resuspend cells in resuspension media
- 11 Count cells

#### Flow Sorting

- 12 Stain cells with SytoxBlue (1ul/ml)
- 13 Incubate at room temperature for 15 min
- 14 Transfer to ice and proceed to flow sorting



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