

Human Kidney / Tumour Tissue Disaggregation for Fluorescence-activated cell sorting (bulk or single cell) and flow cytometric analysis

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Abstract

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Materials

Percoll [17-0891-01](#) by [Sigma Aldrich](#)

1 Gallon PBS [10X] (Phosphate Buffered Saline) (80mM Na₂HPO₄, 1.5M NaCl, 20mM KH₂PO₄, 30mM KCl, pH 7.4) [R028](#) by [G-Biosciences](#)

RPMI 1640 Medium G7080 by [Promega](#)

Liberase TM 000000005401119001 by [Sigma Aldrich](#)

DNase I recombinant, RNase-free 000000004716728001 by [Sigma Aldrich](#)

Dead Cell Removal Kit 130-090-101 by [Miltenyi Biotec](#)

Protocol

Tissue Preparation

Step 1.

Take dissected tissue (renal cortex, medulla or tumour) and weigh tissue (typical biopsy size used 0.5 - 1 gram)

Tissue Preparation

Step 2.

Pour approximately 2-3 mLs of "Digest Mix" onto sample in 10cm³ petridish

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PREPARATION OF DIGEST MIX

Ingredients

- (1) RPMI alone
- (2) Liberase TM (Sigma Aldrich)
- (3) DNase (Sigma Aldrich)

For 50mLs of RPMI add:

- > 625 microlitres of Liberase (Stock solution 2.5mg/mL)
- > 250 microlitres of DNase (Stock solution 0.05mg/mL)

Tissue Preparation

Step 3.

Using a razor blade mince into small pieces approximately 2mm³.

Tissue Preparation

Step 4.

Transfer tissue into a gentleMACS C tube and add further 3-4 mLs of Digest mix.

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GentleMACS C tube by Miltenyi Biotec (Cat.130-096-334)

Tissue Preparation

Step 5.

Place in shaking incubator at 37°C for 30 minutes.

Tissue Preparation

Step 6.

Homogenise sample in GentleMACS tube using program "Spleen 4" and "Lung 2" on GentleMACS dissociator.

Tissue Preparation

Step 7.

Pass through a 100µm cell strainer with of a 2.5ml syringe plunger and wash through with cold running buffer.

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PREPARATION OF RUNNING BUFFER

Ingredients (for 1 litre)

- (1) 1L PBS
- (2) 5ml BSA (from reagent diluent kit)
- (2) 4ml 0.5M EDTA

Tissue Preparation

Step 8.

Centrifuge in a bench top centrifuge at 2000 RPM for 10 minutes and CAREFULLY remove the supernatant.

Tissue Preparation

Step 9.

Resuspend the pellet in 44% percol solution in a 15ml tube and centrifuge for 20 min at 2000 RPM in a bench top centrifuge with the breaks OFF.

****The pellet contains the cells of interest****

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PREPARATION OF 44% PERCOLL

Ingredients (50mLs of 44% Percoll)

- (1) 10x PBS
- (2) Percoll (GE Healthcare Life Sciences)
- (3) RPMI with 10% FCS

For 50mLs of 44% Percoll:

- (1) 2.5ml 10x PBS
- (2) 22.5mLs Percoll (from stock)
- (3) 28mLs complete RPMI (RPMI with 10% FCS)

Tissue Preparation**Step 10.**

If sample is contaminated with red blood cells an additional red cell lysis step can be taken.

Tissue Preparation**Step 11.**

Add appropriate antibodies and resuspend in PBS.