

Myometrium  
Single Cell  
Dissociation

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## Myometrium Single Cell Dissociation Protocol

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## ABSTRACT

This protocol describes the single cell dissociation of myometrial cells.

The single cell dissociation protocol for cells from fallopian tubes can be found [here](#).

## ATTACHMENTS

[Myometrium Single Cell  
Dissociation Protocol.pdf](#)

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## MATERIALS TEXT

### Stocks

- PBS/0.04% BSA (filtered through 40 µm)
- DMEM/10% FBS
- Hyaluronidase ( [M]150 mg/mL , stored in ⚡ -20 °C ) (Worthington)
- Collagenase IV ( [M]100 mg/mL , stored in ⚡ -20 °C ) (Worthington)
- DNase I ( [M]10000 U/mL , stored in ⚡ -20 °C ) (Sigma Aldrich)
- 🧴10 mL Pronase solution ( 🧴10 mL Optimem with 🧴18 mg pronase )

### Additional reagents:

- HBBS
- Miltenyi Red Cell Solution

## SAFETY WARNINGS

For hazard information and safety warnings, please refer to the SDS (Safety Data Sheet).


## BEFORE STARTING

### Prep

Per tissue sample ( 🧴100 mg - 🧴200 mg ) prepare:

- 🧴10 mL Pronase solution
- 🧴40 mL digestion buffer – make stock solution fresh, warm to ⚡ 37 °C before use
  - i. 🧴20 mL HBBS , 🧴300 µl collagenase IV , 🧴132 µl hyaluronidase and 🧴40 µl DNase1
  - ii. 🧴10 mL digestion buffer per 50 ml falcon tube for each digestion step
- 🧴4 mL Miltenyi Red Cell solution or 🧴1 mL per 🧴100 µl of cell suspension (1:10 with double distilled H<sub>2</sub>O)
- 🧴45 mL DMEM/10% FBS

## Myometrium single cell dissociation




- 1 Sample arrives in HBSS, at ⚡ Room temperature .
- 2 Weigh and divide sample to 🧴150 mg - 🧴200 mg section of tissue .
- 3 Make several cuts in thin sections in the tissue (similar to a bivalve for the fallopian tube) but do not “mince” ( 🧴150 mg - 🧴200 mg tissue per tube).
- 4 Place 🧴150 mg - 🧴200 mg tissue in 🧴10 mL pronase and place on ⚡ 37 °C shaker, 🔄200 rpm , ⌚00:05:00 - ⌚00:10:00 .
- 5 

Filter cell suspension #1 using a 100 µm filter, remove tissue from filter, rinse filter with 🧴10 mL DMEM/FBS (important for quenching digestion), spin filtrate at 🌀600 x g, ⌚00:05:00 , resuspend the pellet in

 **100 µl DMEM/FBS** , place  **On ice** .



6 Re-suspend tissue in digestion buffer and place on  **37 °C** shaker,  **200 rpm, 00:30:00** .

7 Filter cell suspension **#2** using a 100 µm filter.

8 Remove the tissue from the filter and re-suspend in digestion buffer. Place back on  **37 °C** shaker,  **200 rpm** for another  **00:30:00** .



9 After tissue is removed, rinse the filter with  **10 mL DMEM/FBS** to quench.

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Spin filtrate **#2** at  **600 x g, 00:05:00** , resuspend the pellet in  **100 µl DMEM/FBS** .

11 After  **00:30:00** (60 min total digestion) filter cell suspension **#3** as above.  **go to step #7**

12 After  **00:20:00** (80 min total digestion) filter cell suspension **#4** as above.  **go to step #7**

13 After  **00:20:00** (100 minutes total digestion), filter cell suspension **#5** as above, discarding remaining tissue after it is removed.  **go to step #7**

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Combine all cell suspensions from each step (  **100 µl** suspension from each sample,  **500 µl** total) in FACS tube.

#### Red Cell Removal

15 Add  **4.5 mL red cell solution** .

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Vortex  **00:00:05** and incubate  **00:02:00** at  **Room temperature** .



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Centrifuge  **600 x g, 00:05:00** . Remove supernatant and discard.

18 Re-suspend pellet in  **500 µl DMEM** or can proceed to washes.

#### Washes

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Wash *3 times* with  **2 mL PBS/0.04% BSA** in FACS tube. **Spin down at**  **600 x g, 00:05:00** **between washes.**

19.1 Wash with  **2 mL PBS/0.04% BSA** in FACS tube. (1/3)

19.2 Spin at  **300 x g, 00:03:00** . (1/2)

19.3 Wash with  **2 mL PBS/0.04% BSA** in FACS tube. (2/3)

19.4 Spin at  **300 x g, 00:03:00** . (2/2)

19.5 Wash with  **2 mL PBS/0.04% BSA** in FACS tube. (3/3)




20 Use 100 µm to filter after last wash.

21 Re-suspend pellet in  **1 mL DMEM/10%FBS** .

22 Add DAPI at **1:500** for flow cytometry analysis for live/dead.

#### To make slides after sorting

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Apply  **30 µl single cell solution** to the slide and allow slide to dry in the incubator for  **00:20:00** -  **00:30:00** .

24 Draw wax circles.

25 Fix with **[M]4 % PFA** x **🕒00:05:00** .

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Wash 2 x **🕒00:05:00** in PBS, store at **🌡4 °C** .