

DeMuxlet Cell Preparation Protocol

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ABSTRACT

This protocol details the preparation of PBMC cells.

ATTACHMENTS

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GUIDELINES

- If cell viability for any sample is <50%, avoid using that sample in the suspension mix.
- If cell viability is between 50-70%, you may try to enrich for viable cells by centrifuging at lower speed (100 g). It may improve the viability to >75%, the cells can then be mixed with the other samples.

MATERIALS TEXT

- RPMI (Glu-) (Gibco; Cat. No.: 21870076)
- Human Serum (HS) (Sigma; Cat. No.: H4522)
- FBS (Sigma; Cat.No: F2442)
- Glutamine (Invitrogen/Gibco; Cat.No.: 25030081)
- Penicillin Streptomycin (Invitrogen/Gibco; Cat. No.: 15140122)
- PBS (Ca- Mg-) (Gibco; Cat.No.: 14190144)
- BSA (Capricorn Scientific; Cat. No.: BSA-1S)
- Wide-bore blue tips (Fisher Scientific; Cat. No.: FIS #14-222-703)

- Trypan Blue 0.4% (Gibco; Cat. No.: 15250061)
- Macs SmartStrainers (30 µm), Miltenyi Biotec; Cat No.: 130-110-915)

SAFETY WARNINGS

Please refer to the Safety Data Sheets (SDS) for health and environmental hazards.

Preparation of Reagents and Media

- 1 Prepare appropriate amount of thawing media including RPMI + 5% HS + 1% Pen/strep + 1% glutamine and keep it for a maximum of 2 weeks at **4 °C**.
- 2 Prepare appropriate amount of wash media including RPMI + 10% FBS + 1% Pen/strep + 1% glutamine.
- 3 Prepare appropriate amount of PBS + 0.04% BSA.

Thawing Frozen PMBCs and Preparing the Suspension Mix

- 4 Warm up thawing media, wash media and PBS (Ca- Mg-) at **37 °C**.
- 5 Transfer **9 mL** of **37 °C** warm thawing media into a **15 mL falcon tube**.
- 6 Take the tube with PBMCs out of Liquid Nitrogen and transfer on dry ice immediately to the **37 °C** water bath and thaw for **00:01:00** to **00:02:00**.
- 7 After **00:01:00** to **00:02:00**, open the tube under the laminar hood and add **1 mL warm thawing media** (it's a dropwise addition) into the tube using the wide-bore blue tips.
- 8 Having added the warm media, transfer the whole suspension into the **15 mL falcon tube** which contains **9 mL warm thawing media** using the wide-bore blue tips.



It should be added very gently (dropwise or while you keep the tube at 45 degree).

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Mix the solution extremely gently by pipetting (3-4 times) using the wide-bore blue tips (without any bubbling).



The cells at this stage are very fragile.

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Centrifuge at  **300 rpm 00:05:00** .


11 Decant the supernatant.

12 Re-suspend the cells in  **5 mL pre-warmed wash media** very gently.


13 Re-suspend the cell pellet very gently by pipetting (5-10 times) using the wide-bore blue tips.

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Centrifuge at  **200 rpm 00:05:00** .


15 Decant the supernatant and re-suspend the cells in  **3 mL pre-warmed PBS + 0.04% BSA.**

16 Repeat **Step 14 and 15.**


17 After the second wash, re-suspend the cells in  **3 mL PBS + 0.04% BSA** .


18 Filter the cells through the 30-50 μm cell strainer (FACS tubes) to get rid of clumps or debris.

19 Count the cells and make aliquots of 1×10^6 cells/mL (500 μL).

20 Keep the rest of the cells at  **-20 °C** for DNA extraction and genotyping with Illumina Global Screening Array-24 v3.0 BeadChip (Cat. No.: 20030770) according to the manufacturer's protocol.

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Mix equal volumes ( **100 μL**) of cell-suspension from each sample (up to 16 samples) to make a mixed suspension with a final concentration of 1×10^6 cells/mL which will be used for 10X single cell capture.

- 22 Count cell number in the mixed suspension again and keep it  **On ice** for further processing of single cell capturing using 10X Chromium.