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## ABSTRACT

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## MATERIALS TEXT

### Materials

 Actinomycin D **Sigma**

**Aldrich Catalog #A1410-10MG**

 Bovine Serum Albumin (BSA) **Sigma**

**Aldrich Catalog #A0281**

 DMEM/F-12, GlutaMAX<sup>®</sup> Supplement **Thermo**

**Fisher Catalog #31331028**

 DNase Vial (D2) **Worthington Biochemical**

**Corporation Catalog #LK003170**

 DPBS, no calcium, no magnesium **Thermo**

**Fisher Catalog #14190144**

 Eppendorf<sup>®</sup> LoBind microcentrifuge tubes **Sigma**

**Aldrich Catalog #Z666505-100EA**

 Falcon 40  $\mu$ m Cell

**Strainer Corning Catalog #352340**

 PDS Kit Papain Vial **Worthington Biochemical**

**Corporation Catalog #LK003176**

 Trypan Blue Stain (0.4%) for use with the Countess<sup>™</sup> Automated Cell Counter **Thermo Fisher**

**Scientific Catalog #T10282**

 TryPLE<sup>®</sup> Select Enzyme (10X), no phenol red **Thermo**

**Fisher Catalog #A1217701**

 Y-27632 dihydrochloride (Rock Inhibitor) **Contributed by**

**users Catalog #DNSK-KI-15-02**

### Media and Reagents

#### *Dissociation Solution:*

Name	Volume
DPBS	2.5 mL
TryPLE	2.5 mL
Papain	1 mL
Actinomycin D (30 mM stock)	2.5 $\mu$ L

#### *Wash Buffer 1:*

Name	Volume
DMEM/F-12	15 mL
Y-27632 (10 mM stock)	15 $\mu$ L
Dnase I (2 mg/mL stock; 5990 U/mg)	250 $\mu$ L
Actinomycin D (30 mM stock)	15 $\mu$ L

Wash Buffer 2:

Name	Volume
DPBS	10 mL
BSA in DPBS (4% stock)	100 µL
Actinomycin D (30 mM stock)	10 µL

SAFETY WARNINGS

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

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BEFORE STARTING

Prepare Media and Reagents as described in section '[Materials](#)'.

- 1 Prepare dissociation solution and wash buffers.






Wash cells 2x with DPBS.




Add dissociation solution (  **1 mL** for 6 well plate,  **250 µl** for 24 well plate).



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Incubate at  **37 °C** for up to  **00:10:00** until cells are ready to detach easily (test by pipetting dissociation solution onto cells with P1000, check every  **00:02:00** ).



Detach in  **1 mL Wash Buffer 1** and break up by gently pipetting up and down within the well until there are no visible clumps (triturate for ~20x).

- 6 Pass cells through a 40 µm cell strainer and transfer to a Lobind Eppendorf.



Pellet at  **200 x g, Room temperature , 00:03:00** .



Aspirate media and wash pellet 2x with **1 mL Wash Buffer 2** (spin at **200 x g, Room temperature , 00:03:00** ).

9 Pass cells through 40 µm cell strainer into Lobind Eppendorf.

10 Dilute 1:20 in **200 µl Wash Buffer 2** and count using Trypan blue and Countess (take average of 3x counts).

**Note:** If using NucleoCounter, ensure that there is no more than 3% aggregation. If >3%, pass through cell strainer again.

11 Dilute to  $4.26 \times 10^5$  cells per mL and take **47 µl cell suspension** **On ice** to CRUK for 10X library prep (47 µL at this density equates to 20,000 cells).

**Notes**

- To target 10,000 cells -> 47 µL of  $2.13 \times 10^5$  cells per mL
- For Novaseq V3, up to 25,000 cells can be tolerated, but this is not recommended as there will be excess doublets