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Glucose-Stimulated Glucagon Secretion using Biorep Perfusion Machine - Mouse Islets

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MATERIALS TEXT

Sodium bicarbonate- Sigma Aldrich S5761
Bovine serum albumin, essentially fatty acid free- Sigma Aldrich A6003
Penicillin-Streptomycin- Gibco 15140122
RPMI 1640- Gibco 11875
FBS (Canadian origin)- Gibco 12483-020
Sodium Chloride- Fisher Scientific BP358-212
Potassium Chloride- Sigma Aldrich P9541
D Glucose- Sigma Aldrich G8270
Calcium Chloride- Sigma Aldrich C4901
Sodium Phosphate monobasic- Sigma Aldrich S5011
Magnesium Sulfate Heptahydrate- Sigma Aldrich M1880

Biorep perfusion machine
Deep well 96 well plates

MSD Mouse Glucagon ELISA: K150HCC-2
Alpco Rodent Insulin ELISA: 80-INSMR-CH01

Day before experiment

- 1 Isolate mouse islets as described in [Mouse Islet Isolation](#) protocol.
- 2 Pick the isolated mouse islets into Mouse Islet Culture Media (>90% islet purity).

Mouse Islet Culture Media

A	B
500 mL RPMI (11.1mMglucose)	Gibco 1875-119
50 mL FBS Canadian Origin	Gibco12483-020
5 mL Penicillin-Streptomycin	Gibco15140-122

- 3 Culture islets, up to 250 islets in 2 mL in a 35mm culture dish, overnight in incubator at 37°C, 5% CO₂.

Solutions preparation that can be made in advance

- 4 Acid Ethanol for islet content collection

A	B
95% ethanol	150 mL
Acetic Acid	47 mL
Concentrated HCl	3 mL

Solution preparation to be made fresh

5 KRBH solution to be made fresh:

A	B	C
	mM Final	per 100mL total volume
NaCl	140	7 mL (2M stock)
KCl	3.6	360 μ L (1M stock)
CaCl ₂	2.6	260 μ L (1M stock)
NaH ₂ PO ₄	0.5	50 μ L (1M stock)
MgSO ₄	0.5	50 μ L (1M stock)
HEPES	5	500 μ L (1M stock)
NaHCO ₃	2	0.0168 g
Essentially fatty acid free BSA	0.5mg/ml	50 mg

Warm above solution to 37°C (approximately 30min to 1 hour). After warming the solution, pH to 7.45 with NaOH.

6 Add glucose and/or additional treatments as required.

Running the perfusion

7 Set up the chambers and perfusion machine according to Biorep instructions.

8 Set the protocol with glucose and experimental conditions (high KCl, inhibitors etc) and frequency of collection as needed using a flow rate of 100 μ L/min for all steps.

Set step 1 of the perfusion protocol to total 30 min. The number of replicates will vary based on number of lanes and plate orientation. This is a preincubation step that should fill one 96 well plate. The perfusate from this step will be discarded.

9 Prime the perfusion machine.

10 Load islets into each chamber. The number of islets will vary by experiment and sensitivity of ELISA.

11 Run a 30 min pre-incubation as previously set and discard the perfusate.

12 Continue to run the perfusion protocol as samples are collected into a clean deep well plate(s).

13 Upon perfusion protocol is completion, run the chambers dry, so islets are on the filter paper but no liquid remains. Place the filter paper with islets into a 1.5 mL tube with 500 µL of acid ethanol.

14 Perfusate and islet content samples are stored at -20°C until ELISA

Glucagon ELISA

15 Perfusate is thawed and assayed using MSD glucagon Elisa kits. Vortex content sample and dilute 1:200

Insulin Elisa

16 If desired, samples are assayed for Insulin using Alpco Stellux mouse insulin ELISA. Vortex islet content and dilute 1:1000.