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Separation of Human Neutrophils (PMN) from Buffy Coat

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ABSTRACT

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MATERIALS

NAME	CATALOG #	VENDOR
Ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid disodium salt dihydrate	ED2SS	Sigma Aldrich
Ficoll Paque PLUS	17144003-500 ml	Ge Healthcare
Fetal Bovine Serum (FBS)	ECS0180L-500 ml	EuroClone
RPMI 1640	ECM 0495L- 500 ml	EuroClone
NaCl	S9625	Sigma Aldrich

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NH4Cl	1.01145.1000	Merck Serono GmbH
KHCO3	1.04854.500	Merck Serono GmbH
Acetic Acid 100%	A6283	Sigma Aldrich
Genitian violet 1%	not available	Marco Viti

MATERIALS TEXT

Centrifuge

Cellometer (machine for automatic cell count) or Optical Microscope (for manual cell count)

Flow Cytometer


EQUIPMENT


NAME	CATALOG #	VENDOR
Cellometer Auto T4	Euroclone	
BD FACS Celesta	Milan Italy BD	

BEFORE STARTING

All reagents used in this protocol must be at room temperature

1 Place 5 ml of venous blood from BUFFY COAT into 10 ml volume centrifuge tube.

2 Add  **2 mL** of **Dextran solution** and mix well drawing in and out of a pipette




Dextran

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3 Incubate in the **DARK** for  **00:45:00** at  **37 °C**

4 Place  **3 mL** of **Ficoll-HyPaque** media solution into a 10 ml volume centrifuge tube.

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Slowly and carefully layer the supernatant from blood/dextran mixture onto the Ficoll-HyPaque media solution.

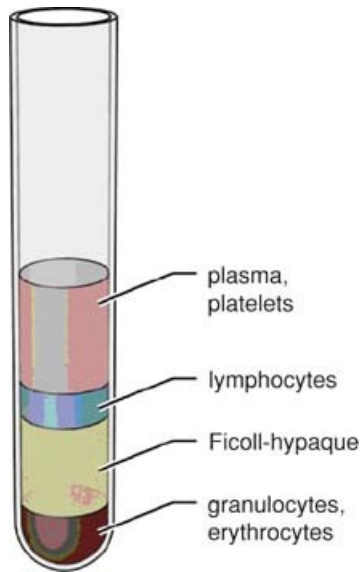


Important: when layering the sample, do not mix the Ficoll-HyPaque media solution and supernatant

6 Centrifuge at  **400 x g**, **Room temperature 00:30:00**, no break

7 Draw off the mononuclear cell layer at the Ficoll/plasma interface along with plasma and Ficoll media, leaving the white

cell layer of granulocytes above the red blood cell layer undisturbed.




- 8 Resuspend the remaining cell layer in **5 mL** of **NaCl** **0.15 Molarity (M)** and centrifuge at **400 x g, Room temperature 00:05:00**

 **NaCl**
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- 9 Aspirate the supernatant with a plastic pipette Pasteur.



- 10 Lyse remaining red blood cells in **5 mL** of **hypotonic Lysis Buffer** for **00:05:00**.

 **Lysis Buffer**
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- 11 Centrifuge at **400 x g, Room temperature 00:05:00**

- 12 Aspirate the supernatant with a plastic pipette Pasteur.

- 13 Resuspend the pellet in **5 mL NaCl** **0.15 Molarity (M)**.

NaCl



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14 Centrifuge at  **400 x g**, **Room temperature 00:05:00** .

15 Aspirate the supernatant with a plastic pipette Pasteur.




16 Resuspend the cell pellet in  **5 mL NaCl** [] **0.15 Molarity (M)** for cell counting.






NaCl

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17 Mix  **10 µl** of cell suspension with an equal amount of **Türk solution** (dilution factor=2) allow mixture  **00:03:00** at  **Room temperature** (RT).

Türk solution and Trypan Blue

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Take  **10 µl** of the mixture and place it inside a Bürker chamber and view under an optical microscope using 40x magnification

Count cell in each square found in the four corners and in the central square (figure 1 below), including those that lie on the bottom and left-hand perimeters, but not those that lie on the top and right hand perimeters (see figure 2 below).

Total number of cell per ml = mean number of cell x dilution factor x 10⁴ (hemacitometer volume)

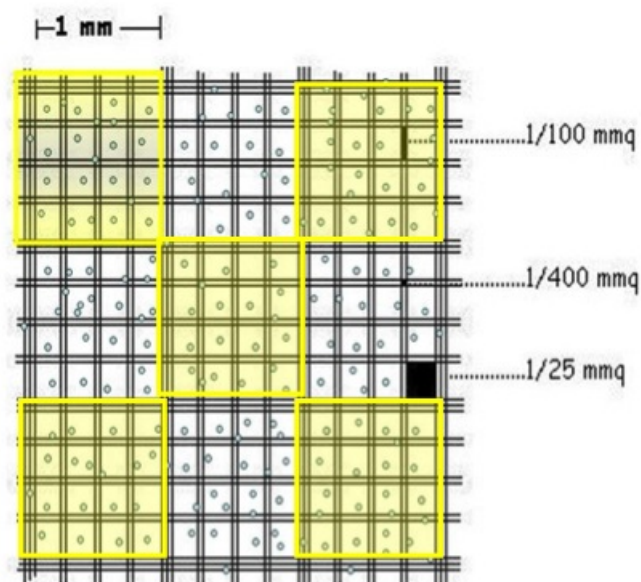


Figure 1
The gridded area of the chamber consists of nine 1 mmq squares. These squares are subdivided in three directions; 0.0625 mmq, 0.05 mmq and 0.04 mmq. The central square here in Figure 1 is further subdivided into 0.0025 mmq = 1/25 mmq squares. Count cells in 5 squares as shown.

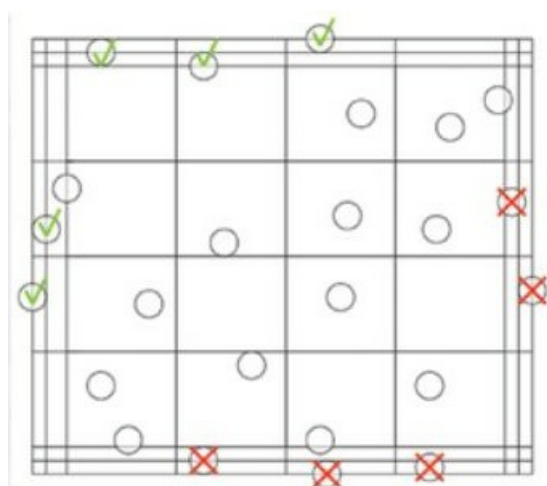



Figure 2
Concerning those cells that lay on the perimeter of the square, count following this scheme.

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OPTIONAL STEP

For automatic cell count with **Cellometer machines** use **Trypan Blue**. The machine will calculate the number of cells /ml and the % of viability.

Take  **10 µl** of cell suspension and add an equal amount of Trypan Blue. Use all the volume to place it in a counting chamber. Place the chamber inside Cellometer and count.



Cellometer Auto T4
Automated Cell Counter
Nexcelom Bioscience Euroclone



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OPTIONAL STEP

If needed, check the purity of PMN suspension by using morphological parameters of the flow cytometer.

For this test $0,5 \times 10^6$ PMN in  **500 μ l** of PBS are enough.



BD FACS Celesta
Flow Cytometer
Becton Dickinson Milan Italy BD

20 EXPECTED RESULTS



VIABILITY: the expected viability by Trypan Blue should be $\geq 90\%$

CELL YIELD: $\pm 6 \times 10^6$ cells starting from 1 mL of Buffy Coat