

Fallopian Tube
Single Cell
Dissociation

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ABSTRACT

This protocol describes the single cell dissociation of cells from fallopian tubes.

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

ATTACHMENTS

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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 tissue) prepare:

- 🧴10 mL Pronase solution per each sample of isthmus and ampulla tissue
- 🧴20 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
- 🧴8 mL Miltenyi Red Cell solution or 🧴1 mL per 🧴100 µl of cell suspension (1:10 with double distilled H₂O)
- Aliquot DMEM/ [M]10 % FBS
 - i. 🧴30 mL for isthmus and ampulla
 - ii. 🧴20 mL for fimbria
 - iii. 🧴5 mL for resuspension

Fallopian tube single cell dissociation

- 1 Each anatomic segment arrives in a separate tube in HBSS, at ⚡ Room temperature .
- 2 Weigh and bivalve each fallopian tube segment, but do not “mince” (🧴100 mg - 🧴200 mg tissue per tube).
- 3 Place only isthmus/ampulla tissue (not fimbria) in 🧴10 mL pronase (🧴100 mg - 🧴200 mg tissue per tube) and place on ⚡ 37 °C shaker, 🕒200 rpm , ⌚00:05:00 - ⌚00:10:00 .
- 4 Filter cell suspension #1 for isthmus and ampulla using a 70 µm filter, remove tissue and place in the digestion tube.
- 5 Rinse filter with 🧴10 mL DMEM/FBS . This is important for quenching the digestion.

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Spin filtrate #1 at **400 x g, 00:04:00** , resuspend pellet in **100 µl DMEM/FBS** , place **On ice** .

7 Suspend bi-valved tubal segment tissue (all segments) in individual labeled tubes of digestion buffer. (**10 mL pre-warmed digestion buffer** with **100 mg - 200 mg tissue**). Place on **37 °C** shaker, **200 rpm, 00:30:00** .

8 After **00:30:00** strain cell suspension #2 using a 70 µm filter, remove remaining tissue from filter and place back in digestion tube.

9 Rinse filter with **10 mL DMEM/FBS** to quench.

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Spin filtrate #2 at **400 x g, 00:04:00** , resuspend pellet in **100 µl DMEM/FBS** , place **On ice** .

11 Repeat digest for an additional **00:30:00** with fresh digestion buffer from stock. **go to step #7**

12 After **00:30:00** (60 minutes total digestion) filter cell suspension #3 using a 70 µm filter.

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Rinse filter with **10 mL DMEM/FBS** to quench. Spin the filtrate at **400 x g, 00:04:00** , resuspend pellet in **100 µl DMEM/FBS** , place **On ice** .

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Combine cell suspensions **On ice** from **supernatants 1-3** (ampulla and isthmus) or **2-3** (fimbria - no pronase step) in one FACS tube for each segment for a total of **300 µl** for ampulla and isthmus, and **200 µl** for fimbria.

Red Cell Removal

15 Add **1 mL red cell solution** per **100 µl** in each tube for each anatomic section (fimbria, isthmus, ampulla).

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



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Centrifuge  400 x g, 00:04:00 . Remove supernatant and discard.

18 Re-suspend 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 a FACS tube. Spin at  300 x g, 00:03:00 in between washes.

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




20 Use 40 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  **4 % PFA** x  **00:05:00** .

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