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Two-step method for isolation of inactivated CD4+ T-cells from human blood mononuclear cells

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ABSTRACT

1. Obtaining human CD4+ T cells
2. Obtaining CD4+ inactivated cells

using

1.

Dynabeads™ Untouched™ Human CD4 T Cells
 Kit Thermofisher Catalog #11346D

2.

CELlection™ Biotin Binder
 Kit Thermofisher Catalog #11533D

3.

CD71 (Transferrin Receptor) Monoclonal Antibody (OKT9 (OKT-9)) eBioscience Catalog #14-0719-82

4.

CD25 Monoclonal Antibody (BC96), Biotin,
 eBioscience eBioscience Catalog #13-0259-82

5.

HLA-DR Monoclonal Antibody (LN3),
 Biotin eBioscience Catalog #13-9956-82

6.

CD69 Monoclonal Antibody (FN50),
 Biotin eBioscience Catalog #13-0699-82

and magnetic tube separator.

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MATERIALS

1.



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7. Magnetic separator for 1.5 / 5 / 15 / 50 ml tubes

8. Mixer with tilt and rotation capabilities

9. PBS (Ca 2+ and Mg 2+ free)



PBS, pH 7.4 Thermo Fisher Catalog #10010023

10. 0.1% BSA

11.

[M] 2 millimolar (mM) EDTA

12.



Fetal Bovine Serum Gibco - Thermo
Fischer Catalog #26140079


13.




RPMI-1640 Pan-Eco Catalog #C310p

PROTOCOL MATERIALS


 PBS, pH 7.4 Thermo Fisher Catalog #10010023 In Materials and [4 steps](#)

 Dynabeads™ Untouched™ Human CD4 T Cells
Kit Thermofisher Catalog #11346D


In Materials, Abstract and [3 steps](#)

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In Materials, Abstract, Step 8.1

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In Materials, Abstract


 RPMI-1640 Pan-Eco Catalog #C310p Materials

 BD Vacutainer® CPT™ Mononuclear Cell Preparation Tube - Sodium Heparin BD
Biosciences Catalog #362753

Before starting, Step 1.1

BEFORE START INSTRUCTIONS


 Sample

 BD Vacutainer® CPT™ Mononuclear Cell Preparation Tube - Sodium Heparin BD
Biosciences Catalog #362753

Negative depletion of CD4+ T-cells

1 Preparation of PBMC (peripheral blood mononuclear cells)



1.1 Collect at least  5 mL of human whole blood to the

 BD Vacutainer® CPT™ Mononuclear Cell Preparation Tube - Sodium HeparinPan-Eco Catalog #362753

1.2 Store tube upright at  Room temperature until centrifugation.

Note

To ensure proper barrier formation, blood samples should be centrifuged within 2 hours of blood collection. Centrifugation more than 2 hours after specimen collection may cause incomplete barrier formation.


1.3  1500-1800 rcf, 18-25°C in a horizontal rotor (swing-out head) for a minimum of  00:15:00

15m

1.4 Aspirate approximately half of the plasma without disturbing the cell layer.

Note

Mononuclear cells and platelets will be in a whitish layer just under the plasma layer

1.5 Collect cell layer with a Pasteur Pipette and transfer to a  15 mL size conical centrifuge tube with cap.

Note

Collection of cells immediately following centrifugation will yield best results

Note



An alternative procedure for recovering the separated mononuclear cells is to resuspend the cells into the plasma by inverting the unopened BD Vacutainer® CPT™ Tube gently 5 to 10 times.

This is the preferred method for storing or transporting the separated sample for up to 24 hours after centrifugation. To collect the cells, open the BD Vacutainer® CPT™ Tube and pipette the entire contents of the tube above the gel into a separate vessel.

Expected result



Separation of PBMC from whole blood.

2 Preparation of the *Isolation buffer*

 PBS, pH 7.4 Pan-Eco Catalog #10010023 supplemented with 0.1% BSA and  2 millimolar (mM) EDTA.

3 Preparation of magnetic particles

3.1 Resuspend the Dynabeads™ Untouched™ Human CD4 T Cells Kit Pan-Eco Catalog #11346D in the vial 5m 30s

(i.e. vortex for >  00:00:30 or tilt and rotate for  00:05:00)


3.2 Transfer the desired volume of Dynabeads™ Untouched™ Human CD4 T Cells Kit Pan-Eco Catalog #11346D to a tube.

3.3 Add the same volume of *Isolation Buffer*, or at least 1 mL and resuspend.


3.4 Place the tube in a magnet for  00:01:00 and discard the supernatant.



1m

3.5 Remove the tube from the magnet and resuspend the washed

 Dynabeads™ Untouched™ Human CD4 T Cells Kit Pan-Eco Catalog #11346D in the same volume of Isolation Buffer as the initial volume of Dynabeads®.

4 Isolation Procedure



4.1 Transfer  100 µL (5×10^7) PBMC in *Isolation Buffer* to a tube.

4.2 Add  20 µL  PBS, pH 7.4 Pan-Eco Catalog #10010023



4.3 Add  20 µL of Antibody Mix


Note

Contains mouse IgG antibodies towards human CD8, CD14, CD16 (specific for CD16a and CD16b), CD19, CD36, CD56, CDw123 and CD235a (Glycophorin A)

4.4 Mix well and incubate for  00:20:00 at  2-8 °C

20m

4.5 Wash the cells by adding  2 mL *Isolation Buffer*. Mix well by tilting the tube several times and  350 x g, 2-8°C, 00:08:00 . Discard the supernatant. 8m

4.6 Resuspend the cells in  100 µL *Isolation Buffer*.

4.7 Add  100 µL pre-washed Dynabeads®.


4.8 Incubate for  00:15:00 at  Room temperature with gentle tilting and rotation 15m


4.9 Add  1 mL *Isolation Buffer*.

Note


When working with lower cell volumes, never use less than 1 mL *Isolation Buffer*

4.10 Resuspend the bead-bound cells thoroughly by pipetting >10 times using a pipette with a narrow tip opening. Avoid foaming.

4.11 Place the tube in the magnet for  00:02:00 . Transfer the supernatant containing the untouched human CD4+ T cells, to a new larger tube. 2m


4.12 Add  2 mL *Isolation Buffer* to the tube containing the Dynabeads® and resuspend the bead-bound cells by pipetting as described in step 4.10.

4.13

Place the tube in the magnet for  00:02:00 and then combine the two supernatants.

2m

Note

To remove residual beads; place the tube in the magnet for  00:02:00 and transfer cells to a new tube.





Expected result

The supernatant contains negatively isolated human CD4+ T-cells.


Negative depletion of inactivated CD4+ T-cells

46m 30s

5 Preparing buffers for operations


- *Buffer 1:*  PBS, pH 7.4 Pan-Eco Catalog #10010023 supplemented with 0.1% bovine serum albumin (BSA),  7.4
- *Buffer 2:*  PBS, pH 7.4 Pan-Eco Catalog #10010023 with 0.1% BSA and 0.6% sodium citrate or  2 millimolar (mM) EDTA.

6 Prepare Release Buffer




1. For each vial of freeze-dried DNase I, transfer  300 μL from the Releasing Buffer Component II to each tube of Releasing Buffer Component I (DNase I).

Note


Dissolve the enzyme gently. Vigorous mixing will destroy the enzyme.

2. Aliquot the reconstituted Release Buffer into suitable portions. Store at  $-20\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$. Thaw immediately before use and keep on ice once thawed. Thawed Release Buffer can be re-frozen once.

7 Wash Dynabeads®

7.1 Resuspend the Dynabeads® in the vial (i.e. vortex for >  00:00:30 or tilt and rotate for  00:05:00 . Transfer the desired volume of Dynabeads® to a tube ( 25 µL for one sample).

5m 30s



7.2 Add the same volume of *Buffer 1*, or at least  1 mL and resuspend.


7.3 Place the tube in a magnet for  00:01:00 and discard the supernatant.


1m

7.4 Remove the tube from the magnet and resuspend the washed Dynabeads® in the same volume of *Buffer 1* as the initial volume of Dynabeads®.


8 Isolate Cells (Labeling Cells with Biotinylated Antibodies)

8.1 Add ~  10 µg primary biotinylated antibody to  1 mL cell suspension and mix

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Eco Catalog #13-0699-82

8.2 Incubate for  00:10:00 at  2-8 °C

10m

8.3 Wash the cells by adding  2 mL *Buffer 2* and  350 x g, 00:08:00 . Discard the supernatant.


8m

8.4 Suspend the cells in  4 mL *Buffer 2*.


8.5 Add  25 µL pre-washed and resuspended Dynabeads®

8.6 Incubate for  00:20:00 at  2-8 °C with gentle tilting and rotation.

20m

8.7 Place the tube in the magnet for  00:02:00 . Transfer the supernatant containing the inactivated human CD4+ T-cells to a new larger tube.

2m

8.8 Add  4 mL *Buffer 2* to the tube containing the Dynabeads® and repeat step 8.7

8.9 Combine the two supernatants.

Expected result

The resulting supernatant contains the inactivated human CD4+ T cells.

