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🌐 Harvest of adherend cells from Cytodex® 1 beads

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ABSTRACT

Expanding adherend cells to quantities suitable for cell therapy is a subject of increasing relevance.

Various cell types either autolog or allogeneic - could in future be used for medical purposes / in clinical application as a key component in therapy. This protocol describes how to harvest adherend cells from dextran based Cytodex® 1 beads after expansion. Since other enzymatic schemes like Trypsin-EDTA or TrypLE™ have shown low efficiency and yield - here we present an approach that is easy in implementation and delivers cells with high harvesting yield and high viability.

GUIDELINES

This protocol can surely be further improved but besides that is pretty much straight forward - crucial steps are the centrifugation and supernatant discarding where many cells can be lost if samples are not handled with due care.

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MATERIALS

DMEM - 4.5g/L glucose - stable glutamine - sodium pyrovate - Biowest [L0103-500]

10% FBS - Corning

1x P/S - Corning

PBS

10x TrypLE Express - Gibco

Dextranase Plus L, 1,6- α -D-Glucan-6-glucanohydrolase from Chaetomium erraticum
Novozymes - >100 KDU-A/G [Dextranase units]

Cytiva - Cytodex1 beads [17044803]

Clean bench

Incubator - 37°C - 5% CO₂

Centrifuge

Centrifugation tubes 15/50mL

Eppendorf tubes 1.5mL

Tube rotator

Pipetboy + pipets [5-50mL]

Pipets - [10-1000uL]

NucleoCounter NC-200 + Solution A100 and B

Neubauer Chamber

Vacuum pump

Spinner Flask - Pfeiffer 500mL

Magnetic stirrer - Technomara

adherent primary cells - MSC / Chondrocytes / HUVEC / Fibroblasts

SAFETY WARNINGS




There are no particular safety risks exceeding the risk during cell culture.

sampling

1h 26m



- 1 withdraw homogenized cell solution from culture vessel and transfer to centrifuge tube

 10-50 mL

- 1.1 take a sample from each tube for counting to determine available cell number




Micro carrier solving

1h 26m

- 2 add [M] 0.1 % volume of dextranase (v/v)
- 3 transfer samples to a tube rotator and place in an incubator  10 rpm, 37°C, 01:00:00 1h
- 4 take out tubes and centrifuge  600 x g, 00:08:00 , acc 9 - dec 5 8m
- 5 carefully discard supernatant


single cells

1h 26m

- 6 add a small volume  1-5 mL of 2x TrypLE™ and completely solve the pallet
- 6.1 add more  9-45 mL of 2x TrypLE™, transfer tubes to a Tube rotator and place in an incubator  10 rpm, 37°C, 00:10:00 10m

7 take out tubes and centrifuge  600 x g, 00:08:00 , acc 9 - dec 5

8m

8 discard supernatant and solve pallet in adequat amount of culture medium  1-5 mL

8.1 filtrate cell solution through a 40 µm Filter to exclude micro carrier fragments

Yield, viability and follow up

9 count cells and determine viability

10 use cells for further analysis