





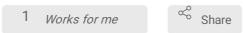
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# FACS-based enrichment of transfected hPSCs

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#### **ABSTRACT**

This protocol describes the procedure FACS-based enrichment of transfected human pluripotent stem cells (hPSCs).

#### Protocol overview

- A. Preparation of samples for FACS sorting
- B. After FACS

### **General notes**

- 1. Throughout this protocol, the term hPSC is used to collectively refer to both hiPSCs and hESCs. All described procedures have been tested and work equally well for hiPSCs and hESCs.
- 2. Dependent on the genome editing strategy, we use either drug selection or FACS sorting to enrich transfected cell populations based on the presence of a fluorescent protein (either as part of the transfected plasmids or through co-transfection of a fluorescent protein expressing plasmid).
- 3. Either drug selection or FACS sorting will be usually performed 48 72 hours after electroporation/nucleofection.
- 4. Carefully plan the timeline of FACS experiments and schedule required FACS sorting time at core facility (requires approximately 45 min sorting time per sample)
- 5. Every FACS sorting experiment requires an additional non-electroporated well of hPSCs (parental cell line) as a negative control to determine the appropriate FACS gates.

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MATERIALS TEXT

Item	Vendor	Catalog #
DMEM/F12	Thermo Fisher	11320082
DPBS w/o calcium and magnesium (DPBS)	Corning	MT21031CV
Fetal Bovine Serum (FBS)	Corning	35-011-CV



Knockout Serum Replacement	Thermo Fisher	10828-028
L-Glutamine	Sigma	G8540
Penicillin & Streptomycin (100X)	Thermo Fisher	15140163
MEM Non-Essential Amino Acids (100X)	Thermo Fisher	11140050
Heat Stable Recombinant Human FGF2	Thermo Fisher	PHG0360
Collagenase type IV	Thermo Fisher	17104019
2-Mercaptoethanol	Sigma	M3148
mTeSR-plus	STEMCELL Technologies	100-0276
StemFlex	Thermo Fisher	A3349401
Vitronectin (VTN-N) Recombinant Human Protein, Truncated	Thermo Fisher	A14700
Accutase	Thermo Fisher	SCR005
Dispase	STEMCELL Technologies	NC9995391
Y-27632	Chemdea	CD0141
Cas9, purified protein, 40uM	Macrolab, QB3 UC Berkeley	
Synthetic pegRNAs	IDT or Synthego	
Synthetic sgRNAs	Synthego	
P3 primary Cell 4D X kit S	Lonza	V4XP-3032
Countess™ Cell Counting Chamber Slides	Thermo Fisher	C10228
pCMV-PE2	Addgene	132775
4D-Nucleofector TM Core + X Unit	Lonza	AAF-1002B, AAF-1002X
5 ml polystyrene round-bottom tube with cell-strainer cap	Corning	352235
Cell-strainer (70 µm)	Fisher	07201431
Gene Pulser Xcell Eukaryotic System	Bio-Rad	1652661
Gene Pulser Electroporation Cuvettes, 0.4 cm gap	Bio-Rad	1652081
Exact N Amp Blood PCR Kit	Sigma	XNAB2-1TK

**Note:** This protocol makes reference to other protocols. Please check for any materials found in those protocols, which might not be listed here



# A. Preparation of samples for FACS sorting

2h 15m

1 Incubate the hPSC cultures (either feeder-free in mTeSR media or on MEF feeders in hPSC  $^{2h}$  medium) supplemented with 10  $\mu$ M Y-27632 (1:1000 dilution of stock) for at least .

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For a detailed protocol on growth of hPSCs in feeder-free media refer to the collection "Feeder-free culturing of hPSCs;" dx.doi.org/10.17504/protocols.io.b4mcqu2w

For a detailed protocol on growth of hPSCs on feeders, refer to the collection "Maintenance and inactivation of mouse embryonic fibroblasts (MEFs) as feeder cells for human pluripotent stem cell culture;" dx.doi.org/10.17504/protocols.io.b4pbqvin

2 Wash the plates twice with DPBS

3 Add 1 ml of 0.05% Trypsin and incubate for © 00:05:00 & 37 °C

5m

- 4 Add 2 ml of hPSC medium or trypsin inhibitor solution per well of a 6-well plate to inhibit trypsin
- 5 Collect single cell solution by careful trituration with P1000.
- 6 Filter cell solution through cell strainer (70 μm) into 50 ml conical tube.

7 Centrifuge at **225** x g, 00:10:00

10m

- Remove the supernatant and re-suspend the cells in 0.5 ml hPSC medium or feeder-free medium with 10  $\mu$ M Y-27632 (1:1000 dilution of stock).
- Transfer and filter re-suspended single cell solution in 5 ml FACS tubes with cell strainer snap Cap (40  $\mu$ m)

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- Substitute filter caps for completely closed ones (maintain sterile conditions) and place the tubes on ice.
- 11 Provide FACS core facility with cells, negative controls, collection tubes (containing 1 ml of hPSC medium or feeder-free medium with 10 µM Y-27632 (1:1000 dilution of stock)) and detailed experimental information to enable the setup of appropriate FACS parameters.

## B. After FACS

## 12 Clonal expansion:

The FACS-sorted (transfected) cells can be plated at low density on MEF feeders (approx. 2000-3000 cells/well of a 6-well plate) in hPSC medium containing 10  $\mu$ M Y-27632 (1:1000 dilution of stock) (only for the first 24 hours after plating). This will allow for identification individual single cell derived colonies 10-14 days after plating.

For a detailed protocol on maintenance of hPSCs on MEF feeders, refer to the collection "Maintenance and inactivation of mouse embryonic fibroblasts (MEFs) as feeder cells for human pluripotent stem cell culture;" dx.doi.org/10.17504/protocols.io.b4pbqvin

## 13 Bulk genotyping:

The FACS-sorted (transfected) cells can be directly subjected to DNA extraction and next-generation sequencing (NGS). Depending on the cell number (small cell number) for DNA-extraction, we usually use Exact N Amp Blood PCR Kit (Sigma) according to the manufacturers' instructions.

For a detailed protocol on NGS genotyping refer to the collection "Genotyping by next generation sequencing;" dx.doi.org/10.17504/protocols.io.b4n3qvgn