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1 Whole blood collected using heparinized capillary tubes (~70uL)

# Protocols for processing of fresh murine tissues for flow cytometry



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#### **ABSTRACT**

To assess the immune cell composition immediately after 237 CAR treatment, we performed immunophenotyping by flow cytometry on samples from blood, spleen, pancreas, and ascites fluid recovered from ID8*Cosmo*-KO-bearing mice

1.1	Incubate with 2mL of 1X ACK lysis buffer for 10 minutes then add 2mL RPMI+5%FBS
1.2	Centrifuge at 350xg for 5 minutes
1.3	Wash with 1mL PBS + 0.5% BSA buffer, then centrifuge at 350xg for 5 minutes. Perform twice.
1.4	Resuspend cells in 0.5mL PBS + 0.5% BSA buffer and store chilled on ice. Proceed to step
2	Spleens
2.1	Mechanically disrupt spleen through a sterile 70-µm nylon mesh filter using a 3 mL syringe
2.2	Washed with 20mL RPMI+5% FBS then centrifuge at 350xg for 5 minutes.
2.3	Incubate with 2mL 1x ACK lysis buffer for 10 minutes then add 2mL RPMI+5%FBS

2.4	Centrifuge at 350xg for 5 minutes
2.5	Wash with 1mL PBS + 0.5% BSA buffer, then centrifuge at 350xg for 5 minutes. Perform twice.
2.6	Resuspend cells in 1.0mL PBS + 0.5% BSA buffer (~100 million cells/mL) and store chilled on ice. Proceed to step 5.
3	Tumors up to 700mg in weight
3.1	Mince weighed tumor tissues using a razor blade on a 60mm petri dish.
3.2	Incubate for 20 min at 37 °C with 5mL digestion buffer consisting of 75 μg/mL Liberase DL (Sigma 5466202001) and 20 μg/mL DNase I (Sigma 4716728001).
3.3	Add 5mL trypsin-versene (1:1) to the slurry and pipette up and down for 2 minutes using a disposable 3 mL pipette.
3.4	Add 20mL RPMI+5% FBS and filtered through a 70um nylon mesh to generate single-cell suspension.
3.5	Centrifuge at 300xg, for 5 minutes at 4'C

3.6 Resuspend in 100uL PBS + 0.5% BSA buffer and store chilled on ice. Proceed to step 5. 4 **Ascites** 4.1 Collect ascites from euthanized mice at endpoint using a 20mL syringe with a 25G needle. 4.2 Centrifuge at 350xg for 5 minutes 4.3 Incubate cell pellet with 7.5mL of 1X ACK lysis buffer for 5 minutes then add 20mL RPMI+5%FBS 4.4 Centrifuge at 350xg for 5 minutes. 4.5 Wash with PBS + 0.5% BSA buffer, then centrifuge at 350xg for 5 minutes. 4.6 Resuspend cell pellet 4million cells/mL using freezing media (FBS + 10% DMSO) and store 1mL aliquots in -80oC until further use. If using right away, resuspend in PBS + 0.5% BSA buffer and store chilled on ice. Proceed to step 5.

- 5 Flow staining 5.1 Mix 100uL of dissociated cell suspension with 100uL of antibody cocktail containing 2x concentration of each of the following antibodies: anti-CD45\_PerCP, anti-CD3\_Pacific Blue, anti-CD8\_BV605, anti-CD4\_FITC, anti-CD11b\_APC, OTS8-PE tetramer, and fixable viability dye eFluor 780. 5.2 Prepare single reagent stains using either blood or spleen 5.3 Incubate on ice for at least 30 minutes 5.4 Wash with 2mL PBS + 0.5% BSA buffer 5.5 Resuspend in 300uL PBS pH 7.4 containing 25uL of cell counting beads (Life Technologies C36950) 5.6 Perform flow cytometry on a BD LSRII with proper compensation of voltages using singlestained controls
- **5.7** Analyze fcs files with either FlowJo software or FCS Express