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Human and Mouse Islet Single-cell Dispersion for Patch-clamp and Imaging

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ABSTRACT

Detailed protocol for dispersing human and mouse islets into single cells for patch clamp and imaging experiments

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☒ Penicillin-Streptomycin **Gibco - Thermo****Fisher Catalog #15140122**☒ FBS (Canadian Origin) **Gibco - Thermo****Fischer Catalog #12483-020**☒ DMEM **Gibco - Thermo****Fischer Catalog #11885**☒ Cell Dissociation Buffer enzyme-free Hanks Balanced Salt Solution **Gibco - Thermo****Fisher Catalog #13150-16**

- 1 Transfer islets into 10cm petri dish (non tissue culture treated), adding human islet culture media if needed.

Human islet culture media:

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 500ml DMEM (5mM glucose) | Gibco 11885 |
| 50ml FBS Canadian Origin | Gibco 12483- 020 |
| 5ml Pen/strep | Gibco 15140- 122 |

- 2 Under a stereomicroscope, hand pick islets into a 2nd 35-mm non tissue culture treated dish with Human islet culture media.

The number of islets will depend on how many dishes are required. Our group uses 10 islets/dish as a maximum final density (ie 60 islets for 6 dishes).

- 3 Repeat this into a subsequent 35-mm petri dishes until islets reach close to 100% purity.

- 4 Pick islets into 15 mL falcon tube with as little media as possible.

- 5 Add 1ml of Gibco cell dissociation buffer (cat # **13150-016**).

 **1 mL Cell dissociation buffer**

- 6 Incubate in 37°C water bath for 10 minutes.

 **37 °C**

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- 7 Pipette islets up and down with 1 ml pipette to produce single cells

- 8 Add 9 ml of human islet culture media.

 **9 mL Human islet culture media**

- 9 Centrifuge @200 RCF for 3 minutes.

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- 10 Aspirate supernatant and resuspend pelleted cells in human islet media (~200 ul/dish)
- 11 Plate ~200 ul drop of suspended cells in centre of each tissue culture treated 35 mm dish.
- 12 Culture @ 37°C in 5% CO₂ incubator
 **37 °C 5% CO2**
- 13 After 4 hours add 2 mL of human islet culture media.
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 **2 mL Human islet culture media**