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## MATERIALS TEXT

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[☒ Dead Cell Removal Kit Miltenyi](#)

**Biotec Catalog #130-090-101**

[☒ Corning® 40µm Cell](#)

**Strainer Corning Catalog #431750**

[☒ MS Columns Miltenyi](#)

**Biotec Catalog #130-042-201**

[☒ ACK Lysing Buffer](#)

**(1X) Lonza Catalog #10-548E**

[☒ RNaseZap™ RNase Decontamination Solution Thermo Fisher](#)

**Scientific Catalog #AM9780**

[☒ Falcon® 100 µm Cell](#)

**Strainer Corning Catalog #352360**

[☒ MACS Separator Miltenyi Biotec](#)

### Digestion Media:

[☒ Collagenase Type 1 Worthington Biochemical](#)

**Corporation Catalog #LS004196**

[☒ Dispase \(5 U/mL\) Stemcell](#)

**Technologies Catalog # 07913**

[☒ Bovine Serum Albumin \(BSA\): Gemini Bio Products BSA V FATTY ACID FREE 100G Fisher](#)

**Scientific Catalog #50-753-3073**

[☒ HBSS: Corning® Hanks Balanced Salt Solution 1X with calcium and magnesium](#)

**Corning Catalog #21-020-CM**

### Growth Media:

[☒ DMEM, high glucose Thermo](#)

**Fisher Catalog #11965118**

[☒ Fetal Bovine Serum: Equalfetal® Bovine Serum Atlas Biologicals](#)

## SAFETY WARNINGS

For hazard information and safety warnings, please refer to the SDS (Safety Data Sheet).


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## BEFORE STARTING


Prepare the digestion media containing 1.5 mg/ml Collagenase I, 2.5 U/ml Dispase, and %2 BSA in HBSS buffer.

Warm to  **37 °C** .



Prepare growth media by adding FBS (%10) to DMEM. Warm to  **37 °C** .

- 1 Sacrifice the mouse.
- 2 Spray the animal extensively with 70 % EtOH and RNaseZap™.
- 3 Dissect interscapular brown adipose tissue (BAT). If tissues from multiple animals are being dissected, store them in HBSS until all of them are dissected.

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Mince the tissue to very fine pieces in a 50 ml Falcon tube. Add  **10 mL digestion media** for each BAT.

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Place the tubes in a water bath or incubator with a shaker/rotator at  **37 °C** for  **00:45:00** .

- 6 Remove the tissue from the incubator and vortex for  **00:00:10** .


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Centrifuge at  **300 x g, 4°C, 00:10:00** in a swinging bucket centrifuge.

- 8 Aspirate the supernatant carefully not to disturb the pellet of SVF cells.

- 9 Resuspend the pellets in  **10 mL growth media** .

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Filter through a 100 µm cell strainer into a fresh 50 ml tube. Wash the tube with an additional  **10 mL** and filter through the cell strainer.



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Centrifuge at **300 x g, 00:07:00**.

12 Completely remove supernatant and re-suspend the pellet in **2 mL sterile ACK lysis buffer**; place **On ice** for **00:05:00**.

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Filter through a 40 µm cell strainer into a fresh 50 ml tube. Wash the tube with **20 mL growth media** and filter through the cell strainer.

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Centrifuge at **300 x g, 00:07:00**.

15 Resuspend the pellet in **1 mL %1.5 BSA in PBS**.

16 Use **10 µl** of the cell suspension for cell counting and viability assessment.

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Centrifuge the cell suspension **300 x g, 00:05:00**.

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Resuspend the cells in **100 µl dead cell removal bead solution**. Incubate the samples for **00:15:00** at **Room temperature**.

19 Prepare the binding solution by diluting the 20X solution in sterile ddH2O.

20 Place the MS columns on the MACS separator. Prepare each column by rinsing it with **0.5 mL 1X binding solution**. Let the solution pass through the column.

21 Add **900 µl 1X binding solution** to each sample and apply cell suspension onto the column.

22 Collect effluent in a 2 ml low bind tube as live cell fraction.

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Rinse the column with an additional  **1 mL 1X binding solution** .

24 Use  **10 µl sample** for cell counting and viability assessment.

25 

Centrifuge the cell suspension  **300 x g, 00:05:00** .

26 Resuspend the cells in  **50 µl** -  **100 µl %1.5 BSA in PBS** .

27 Keep the cell suspension  **On ice** and proceed to 10x Genomics Single Cell Protocol. Minimize the time between cell preparation and chip loading.