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Analysing mitochondrial oxygen consumption using the Seahorse XFe96 analyzer

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ABSTRACT

Protocol for analysing mitochondrial oxygen consumption using the Seahorse XFe96 analyzer

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We use this protocol and it's working





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Day 1











- 1 Seed cells in 10 cm plates aiming for a confluency of ~80-90% at the time of treatment
- 2 Add  200 μL of Seahorse XFe calibrant solution to each well of a Seahorse (Agilent) cartridge plate, and incubate  Overnight at  37 °C in a CO₂-free incubator

Day 2

2h 35m

- 3 Isolate mitochondria (see previously published protocol) with the following modifications: cells were scraped into ice cold modified isolation buffer (70 mM sucrose, 210 mM mannitol, 1 mM EGTA, 0.5% w/v BSA (fatty acid free), 5 mM HEPES pH 7.2), cell pellets were stored on ice prior to homogenization, and mitochondrial samples were stored on ice and immediately assayed after quantification
- 4 Quantify mitochondria by bicinchoninic assay
- 5 Aliquot out  15 μg of mitochondria per sample, diluting each aliquot to a final volume of  25 μL in mitochondrial assay solution (MAS: 70 mM sucrose, 220 mM mannitol, 10 mM KH₂PO₄, 5 mM MgCl₂·6H₂O, 1 mM EGTA, 0.1% w/v BSA (fatty acid free), 2 mM HEPES pH 7.2), and leave the samples on ice until needed
- 6 Pre-chill a Seahorse sample plate on ice
- 7 Make up the substrate solution (10 mM Glutamate, 10 mM malate in MAS buffer) and place at  37 °C in a CO₂ free incubator for at least  01:00:00

1h

- 8 To the equilibrated cartridge plate, load  20 μL of 20 mM ADP,  22 μL 50 $\mu\text{g}/\mu\text{L}$ oligomycin,  24 μL of 10 μM FCCP,  26 μL of 40 μM of Antimycin A into the corresponding ports of each well
- 9 Incubate the cartridge at  37 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ in a CO₂-free incubator for  00:45:00, and begin the calibration sequence on the Seahorse XFe96 analyser so that it's completion corresponds with step 12 (takes ~  00:30:00). 1h 15m
- 10 During step 8, add a  25 μL aliquot of mitochondria to each corresponding well of the prechilled Seahorse sample plate
- 11 Centrifuge the plate at  2000 rcf, 4 $^{\circ}\text{C}$, 00:20:00, and place the plate on ice until required 20m
- 12 Add  155 μL of pre-warmed substrate solution to each sample well
- 13 Eject the calibration plate from the analyser and replace it with the sample plate
- 14 Run the following protocol on the analyser:
Basal (3 min mix, 3 min measure, 3 min mix, 3 min measure)
ADP (injection, 30 sec mix, 3 min measure)
Oligomycin (injection, 30 sec mix, 30 sec wait, 3 min measure)
FCCP (injection, 20 sec mix, 3 min measure)
Antimycin A (injection, 30 sec mix, 3 min measure)
- 15 If analysing mitochondrial respiration across multiple days, perform step 2 of day 1 the day before the time point analysis, and perform step 3 – 14 on each day of the time course with the appropriate vehicle controls each day.