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# Preparation of leukocytes by differential lysis of erythrocytes

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#### **ABSTRACT**

Leukocytes are isolated by centrifugation after specific lysis of erythrocytes

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## MATERIALS TEXT

### **REAGENTS**

1. Lysis Buffer (155 mmol/L ammonium chloride; 10 mmol/L sodium bicarbonate; 0.1 mmol/L EDTA).

Dissolve 8.3 g ammonium chloride, 0.84 g sodium bicarbonate and 29.3 mg EDTA in about 900 mL reagent-grade water. Titrate to pH 7.4 with HCl, then make the volume to 1 litre. Store at 4oC.

2. Isotonic Saline (0.9%, w/v)

Dissolve 9 g NaCl in 1 litre reagent-grade water. Store at 4 degrees Celsius.

Centrifuge □10 ml EDTA blood to pellet all cells **③1500 rpm, 4°C 00:10:00** 

10m

- 2 Remove plasma into a clean container and freeze.
- 3 Restore original blood volume with 0.9% saline and transfer the blood suspension into a **50 ml** conical centrifuge tube.
- 4 Add **40 ml** cold lysis buffer

Stand & On ice, mixing occasionally, until erythrocytes are lysed (the red cell suspension remains red in colour, but becomes transparent). This should take only about © 00:05:00 to © 00:10:00

6 Centrifuge **31500 rpm, 4°C 00:05:00** 

5m

- 7 Discard supernatant and resuspend leucocyte pellet in **5 ml** cold lysis buffer.
- 8 Stand & On ice for (>00:10:00

10m

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9 Dilute cell suspension to □50 ml with cold 0.9% saline. Mix and centifuge ®1500 rpm, 4°C 00:05:00

- Discard supernatant, then resuspend leucocyte pellet in **10 ml** 0.9% saline. Care should be taken to obtain an even cell suspension without being too vigorous and causing cell disruption.
- 11 Divide the cell suspension into two equal aliquots, into two **10 ml** conical centrifuge tubes.

12 Centrifuge **31500 rpm, 4°C 00:05:00** 

5m

- 13 Remove all supernatant and dry walls of centrifuge tube with a tissue.
- 14 Store leucocyte pellets and plasma at § -20 °C (or § -80 °C)

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