

Isolation of monocytes and neutrophils from mouse peripheral blood

1. Harvest peripheral blood from 20 C57BL6 mice via standard eye bleed protocol (non-lethal) using heparinized tubes
2. Pool peripheral blood, bringing volume to ~10 mL with anticoagulant
3. Add 10 mL DMEM+10%FCS (or DMEM+5%FCS) media to 10 mL blood sample
4. Layer onto
5. Centrifuge at 1200cg, 10 min, room temperature
6. Collect cell fractions:
 - a. Remove central band of mononuclear cells (PBMNC) to fresh 50 mL tube and proceed to section A
 - b. Remove remaining supernatant, keeping red cell + neutrophil pellet, and proceed to section B

-----Section A: Monocyte isolation-----

1. Bring volume to 50 mL with PBS+5%FCS
2. Centrifuge at 1200xg, 5 min, 4°C
3. Remove supernatant and resuspend in 50 mL PBS+5%FCS
4. Repeat wash
5. Resuspend cells in 300 µL PBS+5%FCS
6. Count cells
7. Prepare 3x 5mL FACS control tubes, each with 125 µL PBS+5%FCS and 3 µL of each of the following:
 - a. No stain (cells alone)
 - b. Mac-1 APC (single stain)
 - c. Gr-1 PE (single stain)
8. Add 0.05×10^6 cells to each control tube
9. Bring volume to 300 µL
10. Prepare 1x5 mL FACS sample tube with 125 µL PBS+5%FCS and 5 µL of each of the following:
 - a. Mac-1 APC
 - b. Gr-1 PE
11. Add remaining cells to sample tube

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12. Incubate on ice, 30 min, protected from light
13. Add 3 mL PBS+5%FCS
14. Centrifuge at 1200xg, 4°C, 5 min
15. Remove supernatant from all 4 tubes and resuspend in 300 µL for analysis

Cell sorting

Monocytes:

Lin⁻ Mac1⁺ Gr1⁻

-----Section B: Neutrophil isolation-----

1. Resuspend red cell + neutrophil pellet in 50 mL ACK lysis buffer
2. Incubate on ice, 20 minutes
3. Centrifuge at 1200xg, 4°C, 5 min
4. Repeat ACK lysis incubation and centrifugation twice
5. Resuspend in 300 µL PBS+5%FCS
6. Count neutrophils