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### **Abstract**

A protocol designed to dissociate fresh breast tissues (surgical specimens and biopsies) for single-cell RNAseg.

The protocol has been demonstrated to work successfully with fresh and cryopreserved tissues.

#### **Guidelines**

Requires access to a flow sorter

#### **Materials**

**MATERIALS** 

**SS** BSA

X TryplE

Sibco Penicillin-Streptomycin (10,000 U/mL) (Pen/Strep) Fisher Scientific Catalog # 15-140-122

FBS Invitrogen - Thermo Fisher

Liberase TL Roche Catalog #05 401 020 001

MEM Gibco - Thermo Fisher Scientific Catalog #11885

**XX** PBS

SYTOX™ Blue Dead Cell Stain, for flow cytometry Thermo Fisher Catalog #S34857

Base Media: DMEM + Penstrep + 10%FBS Resuspension buffer: PBS+0.01%BSA

# Troubleshooting



### Tissue Dissociation

- 1 Transfer the tissue onto a 10 cm petri dish
- 2 Rinse 1x briefly with ice cold PBS and aspirate PBS off.
- 3 Use a blade to carefully cut the sample into small pieces, approximately 3-4 mm in diameter.
- 4 Transfer pieces into 50ml tube and Resuspend in 5ml of Base media + Liberase (200ug/ml)
- 5 Incubate 2 hours at 37C
- 6 Mix with a 5 ml serological pipet 5 times to break up the pieces.
- 7 Let the pellet settle at the bottom of the tube, and transfer supernatant to a new falcon tube (Filter supernatant using 40um mesh)
- 8 Resuspend remaining tissue in 2mL of TryplE, incubate for 10 min at 37C
- 9 Repeat Step 6 and 7
- 10 Spin cells down (300g for 10min at 4C) and Resuspend cells in resuspension media
- 11 Count cells

# Flow Sorting

12 Stain cells with SytoxBlue (1ul/ml)



- 13 Incubate at room temperature for 15 min
- 14 Transfer to ice and proceed to flow sorting