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Abstract

This protocol describes how to perform CUT&RUN on fresh iPSC cells (optimisation might be required for other cell types).



Harvest and preparation of fresh cells

5m

- 1 Detach cultured cells with Accutase (37 °C incubation for 5 minutes, or until cells completely detach) and resuspend in washing buffer (10% knockout serum [KSR] in iPSBrew).

NOTE: For optimal outcome, it is essential to use fresh cells. Handle them carefully to avoid stress.

- 2 Pellet cell by centrifuging them at 400xg for  00:05:00 .

5m

- 3 Resuspend in media, count cells and harvest 500 000 cells per condition (antibody).

EXAMPLE: If you are running a CRISPRi experiment (CRISPRi gRNA hiPSCs & non-targeting control hiPSCs) and you want to perform H3K9me3 CUT&RUN on both conditions, you will harvest 500 000 CRISPRi and 500 000 control hiPSCs. Since you also need to include CUT&RUN controls (e.g. IgG control), you will need 500 000 more per condition- In total: 1 000 000 CRISPRi hiPSCs & 1 000 000 control hiPSCs.

CUT&RUN

1h 53m

- 4 Activate ConA-coat magnetic beads (Epicypheer) by washing twice in bead binding buffer [20 mM HEPES pH 7.5, 10 mM KCl, 1 mM CaCl₂, 1 mM MnCl₂]. Place on ice until use.

- 5 Centrifuge cells at 600xg for  00:03:00 .

3m

- 6 Remove supernatant, and resuspend cells in  800 µL of XL-Wash Buffer (20 mM HEPES pH 7.5; 150 mM NaCl; 0.5 mM spermidine; 1 Roche Complete Protease Inhibitor EDTA-free tablet; 1% Triton X-100; 0.05% SDS - all diluted in dH₂O).

- 7 Repeat washing steps 5 & 6 2 more times.

- 8 Add  10 µL of pre-activated ConA-coated beads per condition (i.e. 30ul if using 3 different antibodies)



- 9 Bind cells to beads for  00:10:00 at RT on and end-over-end rotator, and then split bead-bound cells into three equal volumes (corresponding to IgG control, H3K4me3 and H3K9me3 treatments). 10m
- 10 Remove wash buffer and resuspend nuclei in  100 μ L cold nuclear antibody buffer (20 mM HEPES pH 7.5, 0.15 M NaCl, 0.5 mM Spermidine, 1x Roche complete protease inhibitors, 0.02% w/v digitonin, 0.1% BSA, 2 mM EDTA) containing primary antibody at 1:50 dilution and incubate at  4 °C  Overnight with gentle shaking. 10m
- 11 Wash nuclei thoroughly with nuclear digitonin wash buffer (20 mM HEPES pH 7.5, 150 mM NaCl, 0.5 mM Spermidine, 1x Roche cOmplete protease inhibitors, 0.02% digitonin, 0.1% BSA) on the magnetic stand.
- 12 After the final wash, add pA-MNase in nuclear digitonin wash buffer and incubate with the nuclei at  4 °C for  01:00:00 . Wash nuclei twice, resuspend in  100 μ L digitonin buffer, and chill to  0 °C -  2 °C in a metal block sitting in wet ice. 1h
- 13 Stimulate genome cleavage by addition of 2 mM CaCl_2 at 0 °C for 30 min. Quench the reaction by adding  100 μ L 2x stop buffer (0.35 M NaCl, 20 mM EDTA, 4 mM EGTA, 0.02% digitonin, 50 ng/ μ L glycogen, 50 ng/ μ L RNase A, 10 fg/ μ L yeast spike-in DNA) and vortex.
- 14 Incubate  00:30:00 at  37 °C to release genomic fragments. Place bead-bound nuclei on the magnet stand and purify fragments from the supernatant using a NucleoSpin clean-up kit (Macherey-Bagel). 30m

Sequencing

- 15 Prepare Illumina sequencing libraries using the Hyperprep kit (KAPA) with unique dual-indexed adapters (KAPA).