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Abstract

This protocol details the procedure of purification of immune cells from the mouse small intestine.

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Materials

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- PBS
- paper towel
- conical tube
- HBSS
- EDTA
- HEPES
- FBS
- RPMI
- DNase I
- Dispase (5U/mL)
- Collagenase D (Roche)
- falcon tube
- Percoll



Procedure

57m 55s

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Note

Note: This protocol is adapted from Ivanov et al, 2006.

Cut out the entire small intestine – from stomach to caecum.

Note

As you are cutting it out, remove residual fat and connective tissue.

2 Place in ice cold PBS, move on to the next mouse.

3 Continue removing all fat and connective tissue.

4 Cut out the Peyer's patches.

Note

There should be 9-12 PPs in total.

5 Cut open the intestine longitudinally.

6 Place on a wet paper towel, use rounded forceps to scrape along the mucosa, removing mucous, bacteria, etc.

7 Place in a 50 mL conical tube with PBS, invert tube a few times.

8 Pour of the supernatant, refill with fresh PBS.



9 Repeat the PBS washes 5-6 more times until there is no visible debris.

10 Cut the intestine in large fragments.

11 Place the fragments in a 15 mL conical tube with  5-10 mL cell dissociation solution.

11.1 To make  120 mL of cell dissociation solution (adjust as necessary):

A	B
HBSS	114.5 mL
0.5 M EDTA	1.2 mL
1 M HEPES	1.2 mL
FBS	3.12 mL

12 Incubate for  100 rpm, 37°C, 00:10:00 on the rotator.



13 Vortex well for  00:00:25 , take out the supernatant with a metal strainer, keep the pieces, discard the supernatant.

25s



14 Repeat steps 10-12.

15 Collect the fragments, rinse in HBSS in a small petri dish, cut using a razor blade (~1 mm²).

16 Digest for  00:20:00 at  37 °C with slow rotation in  5 mL digestion mix.

20m



16.1 To make  180 mL of digestion mix (adjust as necessary):

A	B
RPMI	126.6 mL



	A	B
	FBS	9 mL
	DNase I	720 ul
	Dispase (5U/mL)	18 mL
	Collagenase D (Roche)	360 ul

From 500 mg/mL stock solution, to make working conc of 1 mg/mL .

17 Vortex well for 00:00:30 .

30s



18 Collect the supernatant by filtering through 100 μ m strainer in 50 mL falcon tube at Room temperature to avoid cold temperature shock. Keep it On ice afterwards.

19 Put remaining tissue fragment back into the same tube with 5 mL of new digestion mix.

20 Repeat steps 16-18 two more times.

21 Combine all appropriate supernatants.

22 Centrifuge at 3000 rpm, 4°C, 00:10:00 .

10m



23 Prepare Percoll (adjust amounts as necessary).

a. 100% Percoll = 45 mL stock Percoll + 5 mL 10X PBS (50 mL total).

b. 80% Percoll = 24 mL 100% Percoll + 6 mL 10% RPMI-FBS (30 mL total).

c. 40% Percoll = 20 mL 100% Percoll + 30 mL 10% RPMI-FBS (50 mL total).

24 Add 5 mL of 80% Percoll to the bottom of a 15 mL conical tube.





- 25 Resuspend with LPL cells in  1 mL of 40% Percoll to get homogenous solution, then add the remaining  9 mL .
- 26 Gently add  10 mL of the 40% Percoll cell solution on top of the 80% Percoll in the tube.
- 27 Centrifuge at  2500 rpm, 00:20:00 , without brake (accel 1, decel 0). 20m

- 28 Collect and discard the top layer of epithelium and debris.
- 29 Collect white cell layer at the interface between the 40% and 80% Percoll.
- 30 Dilute with 10% RPMI-FBS, invert a few times to mix well.
- 31 Pellet by centrifugation for  2000 rpm, 4°C, 00:07:00 . 7m

- 32 Aspirate SN and resuspend cells FACS buffer, then start FACS stain.