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Microglia FACS staining after isolation (from UCSD)

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We use this protocol and it's working

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Abstract

This protocol details about microglia FACS staining after isolation (from UCSD).

Attachments



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Guidelines

Gating Notes

- live vs dead
- FSC vs SSC
- singles vs. doublets.
- CD11B (high) vs. CD45 (low).
- CX3CR1 (optional) ◇ gate on positive cells.

Misc. Notes

- **don't need to compensate with only 2-3 colors.
- CD45, CD11B, and CX3CR1 are all surface markers.
- Usually get 20-50% live cells after staining.
- Better to do staining right after microglia prep rather than waiting O/N for staining.

Processing Notes

Can do RNA seq or Atac Seq

RNA Seq

- Spin down sample in Eppendorf (not in facs tubes)
- Remove supernatant
- Add  150 μ L of trizol → resuspend
- Store in  -80 °C (can keep stored for months).

ATAC Seq

- Do transposase reaction and then freeze for processing.



Materials

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use 5ml Polypropylene eppendorf tubes

Antibodies

-  CD11b Monoclonal Antibody (M1/70) APC **eBioscience/Invitrogen Catalog #17-0112-82**
-  Alexa Fluor® 488 anti-mouse CD45 Antibody **BioLegend Catalog #103122**
-  CD16/CD32 Monoclonal Antibody (93) **eBioscience/Invitrogen Catalog #14-0161-82**
- DAPI 1:10,000, for 45 sec, wash twice with PBS; dilute in H₂O



Protocol

25m 45s

- 1 Resuspend cells staining buffer ( 300 μ L of HBSS+EDTA+BSA).
 - Resuspend in a 15-ml falcon tube.
- 2 Add Fc Block (~1:100 dilution) and incubate for  00:15:00 at  4 °C or in the fridge.
 - Add this to cells resuspended in the HBSS.
- 3 Take ~5% of cells for unstained control, put  On ice .

15m



Note

Already did this during the isolation during the percoll separation step.

- 4 Add antibodies (CD11b, CD45, 1:100 dilution) for 20-30 min at  4 °C .
- 4.1 Add directly to cells in the FC block.
- 4.2 Mix by tapping tube; do not vortex.



Note

Don't add to unstained cells!!

- 5 Add DAPI,  00:00:45 , then dilute with HBSS+BSA+EDTA.
- 5.1 Add 1:1000 dilution.
- 5.2 Add to unstained cells.

45s





- 6 Put 70- μ m filter on top of a FACS test tube and filter resuspended pellet into the tube.

Note

Do this for unstained samples as well.

- 6.1 Push filter hard onto tube.

- 7 Centrifuge for  400 x g, 00:10:00 .

10m



- 7.1 Prepare collection tubes during spin time.

- Coat FACS tubes with  1 mL of staining buffer to prevent cells from sticking to walls of tubes.
- Invert tube several times.

- 8 Vacuum out supernatant.

- Remove most of supernatant; not all.

- 9 Resuspend pellet in  500 μ L to  1000 μ L staining buffer.

Note

Depending on machine.

Keep cells on ice the whole time.