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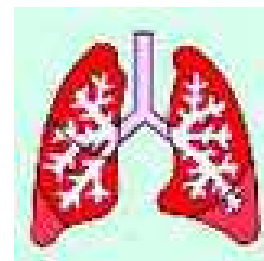
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Mouse Lung Digestion V.1

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We use this protocol and it's working

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Abstract

The objective of this protocol is to digest the mouse lungs to perform scRNA analyses



Materials

Lung Tissue Dissociation

Materials, Equipment & Reagents including Formulations

1. Liberase: (Cat# 5401127001; Roche)
2. DNase I (Cat# 4380-096-06; R&D)
3. Serum free DMEM

5. Disposables:
 - i) C-tubes for GentleMACS (Cat# 130-093-237, Miltenyi Biotec)
 - ii) MACS SmartStrainers 70µm (Cat# 130-098-462, Miltenyi Biotec)
 - iii) Sterile serological pipets; 50, 25,10, 5, 2, 1 mL size
 - iv) Sterile pipet tips; 1000, 200 and 20 µl
 - v) Sterile 15mL or 50mL conical polypropylene tubes
 - vi) Test tube racks for 15mL or 50mL conical tubes
 - vii) LD columns (Cat# 130-042-901; Miltenyi Biotec)

6. Equipment:
 - i) GentleMACS Tissue Octo Dissociator (Miltenyi Biotec Inc San Diego, CA)
 - ii) MACSmix tube rotator
 - iii) Table Top Centrifuge
 - iv) Biological Safety Cabinet, Class II
 - v) Dissecting forceps and scalpel



Lung Tissue Dissociation

- 1) Mince tissue finely, place into 50ml GentleMACS C-tube with liberase enzymatic cocktail a. For 50mg tissue use 0.5 ml liberase + 2ml DMEM + 2ul 5 unit/ul DNase I)
- 2
Immediately transfer the tubes to MACS Tissue Dissociator and run user-defined program named m_lung_01_02 for mouse lungs and m_heart_01.01 for mouse heart.
- 3
Thereafter, place 50ml conical with digestion into an incubating rocker for 30 minutes at 37 degrees C.
NOTE: If you still see chunks of lung tissue in the tubes after this step then transfer to the MACS Tissue Dissociator and run user-defined program named m_lung_02_01 for mouse lungs for 10-15 sec.
- 4
Remove conical from rocker and strain the cell suspension through 70 micron into 50mL tube
- 5
Add 3 ml DMEM (10% FBS) through the strainer to collect the remaining cell suspension
- 6
After straining, centrifuge at 300g for 5 minutes at 4degree C.
- 7
Remove supernatant, add 500 µl of red blood cell lysis to cell pellet. Incubate the cell suspension on ice for 5 min.
- 8
After incubation add 4.5 mL of DMEM (10% FBS) to the suspension and centrifuge at 300g for 5 minutes at 4degree C.
- 9
Remove supernatant, re-suspend pellet in 2 mL DMEM (10%FBS)
- 10
Count cells and viability using AO/PI method, confirm reading under microscope



- 11 Submitted the digested suspension to the Genomic Research Center for scRNA seq analyses