



Apr 07, 2020

Nuclei isolation from mouse lung for single nucleus RNASeq

DOI

dx.doi.org/10.17504/protocols.io.bdv2i68e

Nuclei isolation
from mouse lung
for single nucleus
RNASeq

Jeffrey Koenitzer¹, Ben Humphreys^{2,3}

¹Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care, Department of Medicine, Washington University in St. Louis School of Medicine, USA;

²Division of Nephrology, Department of Medicine, Washington University in St. Louis School of Medicine, USA;

³Department of Developmental Biology, Washington University in St. Louis School of Medicine, USA

Human Cell Atlas Metho...



Jeffrey Koenitzer

OPEN  ACCESS



DOI: dx.doi.org/10.17504/protocols.io.bdv2i68e

Protocol Citation: Jeffrey Koenitzer, Ben Humphreys 2020. Nuclei isolation from mouse lung for single nucleus RNASeq. [protocols.io](https://dx.doi.org/10.17504/protocols.io.bdv2i68e) <https://dx.doi.org/10.17504/protocols.io.bdv2i68e>

Manuscript citation:

Koenitzer, J. R., Wu, H., Atkinson, J. J., Brody, S. L., Humphreys, B. D. (2020). Single nucleus RNASeq profiling of mouse lung: reduced dissociation bias and improved detection of rare cell types compared with single cell RNASeq. bioRxiv. preprint doi: <https://doi.org/10.1101/2020.03.06.981407>

License: This is an open access protocol distributed under the terms of the [Creative Commons Attribution License](#), which permits unrestricted use, distribution, and reproduction in any medium, provided the original author and source are credited

Protocol status: Working

We use this protocol and it's working

Created: March 18, 2020

Last Modified: April 07, 2020

Protocol Integer ID: 34458

Keywords: nuclei isolation, mouse, mouse lung, RNASeq, single nucleus RNASeq,

Abstract

This protocol is for **nuclei isolation from mouse lung for single nucleus RNASeq**.

It is adapted directly from Joshi et al., with adjustments to RNase inhibitor concentrations and removal of FACS sorting steps.

CITATION

Nikita Joshi, Alexander Misharin. Single-nucleus isolation from frozen human lung tissue for single-nucleus RNA-seq.

LINK

[dx.doi.org/10.17504/protocols.io.zu8f6zw](https://doi.org/10.17504/protocols.io.zu8f6zw)

Attachments



[Protocol for nuclei ...](#)

19.2MB



[step-by-step_Lung nu...](#)

190KB

Materials

MATERIALS

✕ RNaseZap® Thermo Scientific Catalog #AM9780

✕ cOmplete ULTRA Tablets, Mini, EDTA-free, EASYpack Roche Catalog #05 892 791 001

✕ RNasin Plus Ribonuclease Inhibitors Promega Catalog #N2615

✕ SUPERaseIN RNase Inhibitor Thermo Fisher Scientific Catalog #AM2696

✕ RNase free H₂O Thermo Scientific Catalog #AM9938

✕ Albumin, Bovine Serum, 10% Aqueous Solution, Nuclease-Free Merck MilliporeSigma (Sigma-Aldrich) Catalog #126615-25ML

✕ Gibco™ DPBS no calcium no magnesium Thermo Fisher Scientific Catalog #14190144

✕ Nuclei Isolation Kit: Nuclei EZ Prep Merck MilliporeSigma (Sigma-Aldrich) Catalog #NUC-101

Note

The *Nuclei Isolation Kit* contains the *Nuclei EZ Lysis Buffer* that is required for the preparation of Lysis Buffer and cOmplete stock (10x).

Storage Conditions

Material	Storage
1x DPBS	4 °C
Nuclei EZ Lysis Buffer (from kit NUC-101)	4 °C
cOmplete ULTRA Tablets, Mini, EDTA-free, EASY pack	4 °C

RNasin Plus Ribonuclease Inhibitors	-20 °C
SUPERase RNase Inhibitor	-20 °C
RNase free H2O	RT
RNaseZap	RT
Bovine serum albumin, 10% solution, nuclease free	-20 °C

Equipment

gentleMACS™ C Tubes

NAME

Tissue dissociators and tubes

TYPE

gentleMACS™

BRAND

130-093-237

SKU

<https://www.miltenyibiotec.com/AD-en/products/macs-sample-preparation/tissue-dissociators-and-tubes/c-tubes/gentlemacs-c-tubes.html>

LIN
K

Equipment	
gentleMACS™ Dissociator	NAME
Tissue Dissociator	TYPE
MACS	BRAND
130-093-235	SKU
https://www.miltenyibiotec.com/US-en/products/macs-sample-preparation/tissue-dissociators-and-tubes/gentlemacs-dissociator/gentlemacstm-dissociator.html	LINK

Equipment	
pluriStrainer® 40 µm	NAME
Cell Strainer	TYPE
pluriSelect	BRAND
43-50040	SKU
https://www.pluriselect.com/pluristrainer-40-um-cell-strainer-51.html	LINK

Equipment	
pluriStrainer® 5 µm	NAME
Cell Strainer	TYPE
pluriSelect	BRAND
43-50005	SKU
https://www.pluriselect.com/eu/pluristrainerr-5-m-cell-strainer.html#variation=150	

Equipment	
C-Chip™ Disposable Hemacytometers (Fuchs Rosenthal)	NAME
Counting Chamber	TYPE
INCYTO	BRAND
DHCF015	SKU
https://us.vwr.com/store/product/4618278/incyto-c-chiptm-disposable-hemacytometers-sk	

Equipment

Falcon™ 15mL Polystyrene Conical Centrifuge Tubes

NAME

Centrifuge Tubes

TYPE

Falcon™

BRAND

352095

SKU

<https://www.fishersci.com/shop/products/falcon-15ml-conical-centrifuge-tubes-5/p-193301>^{LINK}

Equipment

Ambion® RNase-free 50 ml Conical Tubes

NAME

Centrifuge Tubes

TYPE

Ambion®

BRAND

AM12502

SKU

<https://www.thermofisher.com/order/catalog/product/AM12502#/AM12502>^{LINK}

Equipment

TPP 60 mm Tissue Culture Dishes

NAME

Tissue Culture Dish

TYPE

TPP

BRAND


TP93060

SKU

<https://midsci.com/item/ASTPPDISH/TPP-Dishes/>

LINK

Safety warnings



 Please see SDS (Safety Data Sheet) for hazards and safety warnings.







Before start

Prepare Working Solutions





Complete stock (10x)

-  1 mL Nuclei EZ Prep lysis buffer
-  1 tablet cOmplete ULTRA tablets





Lysis Buffer - 2 ml per $< 6 \text{ mm}^3$ tissue

-  200 μL cOmplete stock
-  1.775 mL Nuclei EZ Prep lysis buffer
-  12.5 μL RNasin Plus
-  12.5 μL SUPERaseIN

Wash Buffer - 4 ml per $< 6 \text{ mm}^3$ tissue

-  3.575 mL dPBS
-  400 μL 10% BSA
-  12.5 μL RNasin Plus
-  12.5 μL SUPERaseIN



Resuspension Buffer – 1 ml



-  0.977 mL dPBS
-  10 μL 10% BSA
-  6.25 μL RNasin Plus
-  6.25 μL SUPERaseIN

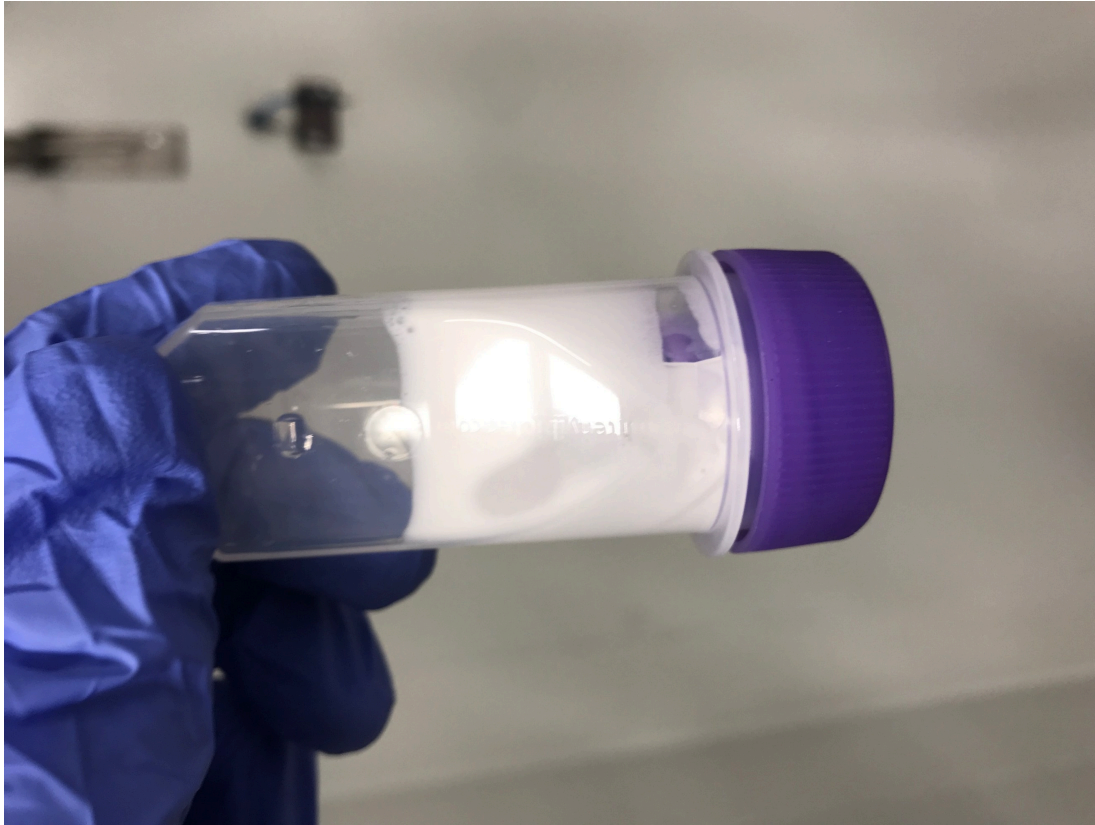


- 1 Pre-cool all instruments (including centrifuges), buffers, and tubes.



Note

Note: All steps are performed  On ice **or in cold room** ( 4 °C) to minimize RNA degradation.

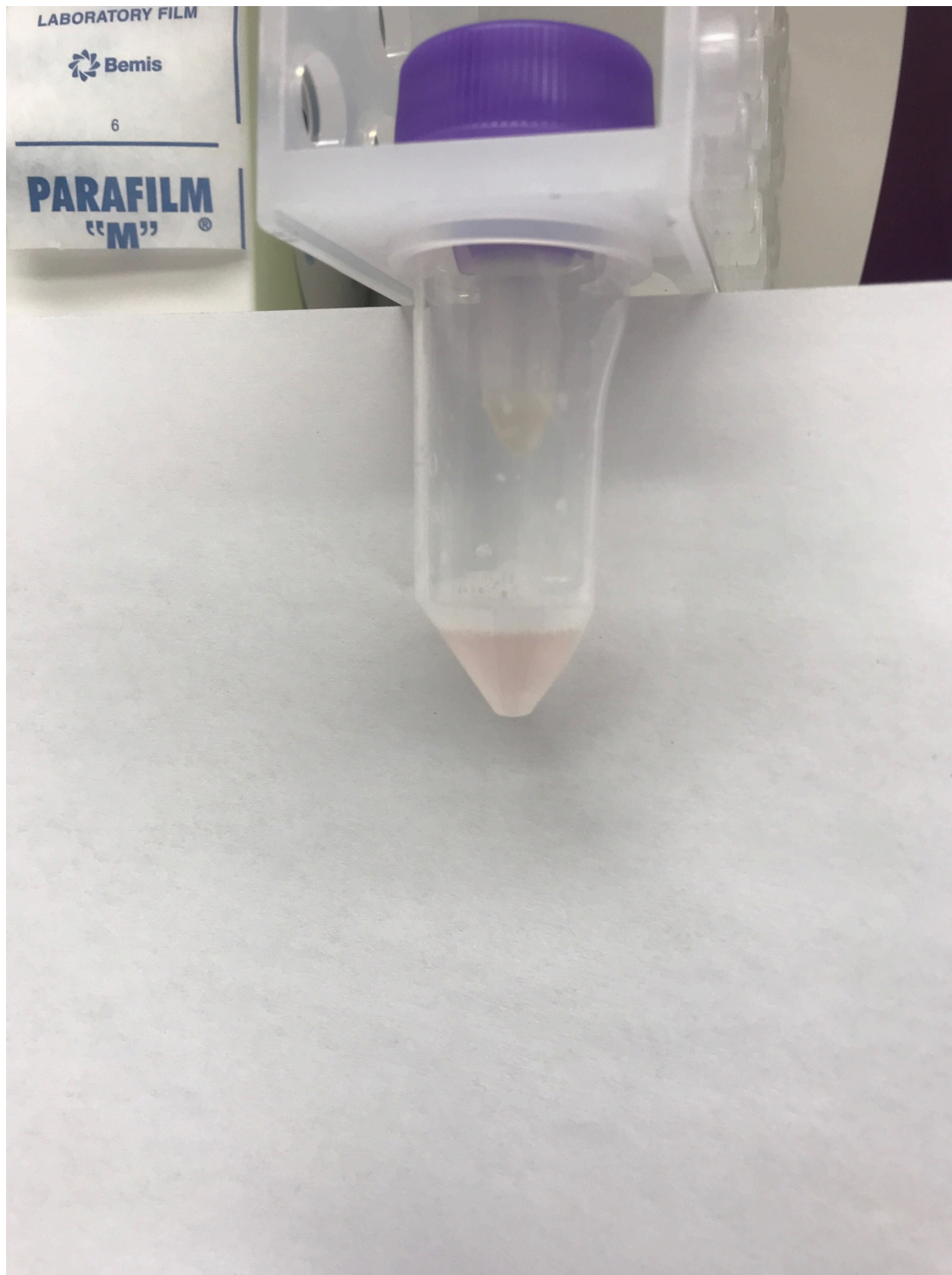
- 2 Remove mouse lung sample from -80 °C freezer and trim a **~6 mm³ piece**.
- 3 Thaw on small plastic weighing boat until able to insert 26G needle to tissue, then inject ice cold  1 mL Lysis Buffer to 'inflate' the tissue. Add the remaining Lysis Buffer and chop to the smallest pieces possible with scissors (60 s).
- 4 Transfer the minced tissue and buffer to a GentleMacs C tube.
- 5 Close, invert, and transfer directly to MACS Tissue dissociator.
- 6 Run *m_lung_01 program* and *m_lung_02 program* in sequence, stopping the latter after  00:00:20 .



Foam after GentleMacs

- 7 Place tube  On ice .
- 8 Reduce foam by centrifugation ( 750 x g, 00:01:00).






Foam after centrifugation

- 9 Using a wide bore tip, pipette up and down to recover any pelleted material and pass lysate through 40 μ m filter to 50 ml conical tube.



10 Wash strainer with  4 mL Wash Buffer .



11 Pass suspension through a 5 μ m strainer into 50 ml conical tube.

12 Centrifuge at  600 x g, 4°C, 00:05:00 .



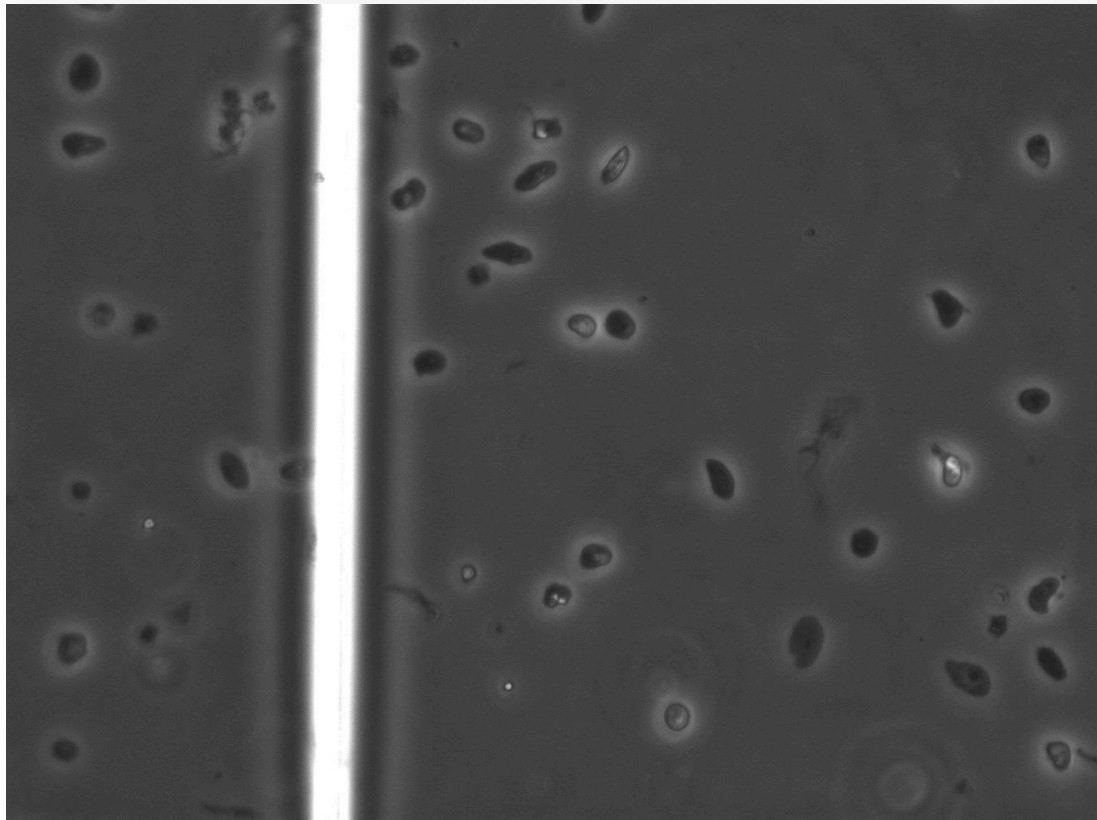
13 Resuspend in  500 μ L Resuspension Buffer .

14 Count nuclei by hemocytometer and dilute to desired concentration (e.g. 10,000 per μ l).



Note

Note: it is easier to resuspend in lower volumes and dilute than to concentrate nuclei via further centrifugation.



40x Nuclear suspension with scant debris



15 Proceed to 10x Chromium.

Citations

Nikita Joshi, Alexander Misharin. Single-nucleus isolation from frozen human lung tissue for single-nucleus RNA-seq

dx.doi.org/10.17504/protocols.io.zu8f6zw