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PBMC- 01a - Isolation of Human PBMC from Buffy Coat V.2

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ABSTRACT

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MATERIALS

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⊗ Fetal bovine serum (FBS) **BioWest Catalog #S181B-500**

⊗ Ficoll Paque PLUS **Ge Healthcare Catalog #17144003-500 ml**

⊗ RPMI 1640 **EuroClone Catalog #ECM 0495L- 500 ml**

⊗ Trypan Blue Solution 0.4% **Thermo Fisher Scientific Catalog #15250061**

Instrumentation required:

- Laminar flow hood
- Optical Microscope (manual cell count)

BEFORE START INSTRUCTIONS

If you need to obtain **PBMC for cell culture**, make sure you are using **sterile PBS, culture medium, filtered Lysis Buffer** and **sterile plastic disposables** as well. Moreover, **work under laminar flow hood when you are processing samples**. Otherwise, use non-sterile solutions and plastic disposables, and process samples in cell isolation laboratory.

ALL REAGENTS USED IN THIS PROTOCOL MUST BE AT ROOM TEMPERATURE!

- 1 Put the needed amount of blood sample from buffy coat into a 50 ml conical tube.
- 2 Add an equal volume of **PBS 1X** and mix well.

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3 Place 3 mL of **FICOLL** in a 15 mL conical tube.

4 **CAREFULLY** layer 12 mL of diluted blood on the FICOLL with a glass Pasteur Pipette to a final volume of 15 ml as shown in the figure below.

5 Centrifuge samples 400 x g, 00:40:00 **without break.**

Equipment	
Allegra AVANTI 30	NAME
Centrifuge	TYPE
Beckman Coulter	BRAND
Beckman Italy	SKU

- 6 After centrifugation, take out the tubes carefully to not disturb the mononuclear cell layer that appears as a white, cloudy band between the plasma and FICOLL as shown in the figure below.

- 7 Carefully with a glass Pasteur pipette transfer mononuclear lymphocyte cell layer to another 15 ml conical tube.

- 8 Wash the isolated PBMC with **PBS/FBS 2%** to a final volume of 10 mL and centrifuge at

300 x g, 00:10:00 at RT.

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SOLUTION- 05 - Wash solution (PBS/FBS) for PBMC

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Equipment

Allegra AVANTI 30

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Centrifuge

TYPE

Beckman Coulter

BRAND

Beckman Italy

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- 9 Remove supernatants, resuspend pellet in 1 mL of **Lysis Buffer** and add another 9 mL of **Lysis Buffer**. Immediately centrifuge the tubes at 100 x g, 00:10:00 at RT.

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SOLUTION- 06 - Lysis Buffer

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Equipment	
Allegra AVANTI 30	NAME
Centrifuge	TYPE
Beckman Coulter	BRAND
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- 10 Remove supernatant and resuspend pellet in 10 mL **PBS/FBS 2%** and centrifuge at 300 x g, 00:10:00 at RT.

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Beckman Coulter	BRAND
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- 11** Remove supernatant and resuspend the obtained pellet in **10 mL** of **RPMI/FBS 10%** for cell counting.

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- 12** For manual cell count use Türk solution for checking purity.

Follow protocol **CELL COUNT- 02**

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<div>NAME</div> <div>SOLUTION- 08 - Türk solution</div>
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13 **OPTIONAL STEP**

For automatic cell count with Cellometer machine use Trypan Blue.

Follow protocol **CELL COUNT- 03**.

Equipment	
Cellometer Auto T4	NAME
Automated cell counter	TYPE
Nexcelom Bioscience	BRAND
EuroClone	SKU

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SOLUTION- 09 - Trypan Blue solution	
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If needed, check the purity of PBMC suspension by using morphological parameter of the flow cytometer.

For this test 0.5×10^6 PBMC in 500 μ l of PBS are enough.

Equipment	
BD FACS Celesta	NAME
Flow Cytometer	TYPE
Becton Dickinson	BRAND
Milan Italy BD	SKU

15 Expected results

Expected result

VIABILITY - The expected viability by Trypan Blue should be $\geq 90\%$.

PURITY - The PBMC suspension obtained should contain at least 80% of lymphocytes, 10-15% of monocytes and few contaminant PMN cells ($\leq 5\%$) as confirmed by flow cytometry.

YIELD - The expected amount of PBMCs should be $\pm 100 \times 10^6$ starting from 25 ml of buffy coat.