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Abstract

List of published works using this protocol:

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Materials

MATERIALS

- Dynabeads™ CD4 Positive Isolation Kit **Thermo Fisher Catalog #**11331D
- Fetal Bovine Serum (FBS) **EuroClone Catalog #**ECS0180L-500 ml
- RPMI 1640 **EuroClone Catalog #**ECM 0495L- 500 ml
- BSA **Merck MilliporeSigma (Sigma-Aldrich) Catalog #**A2153
- BD tubes **Becton Dickinson (BD) Catalog #**352054

Instrumentation required:

a.Magnet (DynaMag™)
b.Sample Mixer with rotation
c.Laminar flow hood

Troubleshooting

Before start

If you need to obtain **CD4+ T cell for subsequent cell culture**, make sure you are using **sterile buffers** and **sterile plastic disposables** as well. Moreover, **work under laminar flow hood when you are processing samples** (from the beginning to the end of the following procedure). Otherwise, use non-sterile Buffers and disposables, and process samples in a cell isolation laboratory.

IMPORTANT NOTE: the isolation protocol is calibrated for using **25µL of beads for 10×10^6 PBMCs resuspended in 1mL.** For lower or higher cell number than 10×106, resize the volumes, accordingly. (See also Table 1on the data sheet of the kit).

ALL REAGENTS MUST BE AT ROOM TEMPERATURE WHEN USED!!!

1 Isolate PBMCs according either to the standard protocol from fresh blood or from buffy coat (PBMC- 01a - Isolation of Human PBMC from Buffy Coat, PBMC- 01b - Isolation of Human PBMC from Whole Blood).

2 Count the cells with Cellometer machine or by manual count, using either Trypan Blue or Türk solutions accordingly.

For automatic cell count with Cellometer machine use Trypan Blue.
Follow protocol **CELL COUNT- 03**

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For manual cell count use Türk solution for checking purity.
Follow protocol **CELL COUNT- 02**

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SOLUTION- 08 - Türk solution

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Equipment

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

3 Resuspend Dynabeads in the vial using a vortex for >30 sec.

4 Transfer the desired volume of Dynabeads to a 5mL-tube (use BD tubes cat. n. 352054) following this proportion: **25µL of beads for 10×10^{6}cells.**

5 Add 2 µL of **Solution- 11** (found in the kit materials as Buffer 1), resuspend and place the tube into the magnet: beads will attach to the magnet very quickly (few seconds).

Discard then the supernatant by using a glass Pasteur pipette.

Remove the tube from the magnet.

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6 Repeat the washing step 2 or 3 times to make sure that DMSO is all washed up.

7 After counting, centrifuge PBMCs sample at 1200 x g, 00:05:00 .

Equipment

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

8 Discard supernatant and resuspend pellet of 10×10^6 cells in 1 mL of **SOLUTION- 11**.

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9 Transfer cell suspension into the tube with beads, and resuspend vigorously.

10 Incubate the beads with cells for 00:20:00 at 4 °C with gentle rotation by putting the Sample Mixer in the fridge.

11 After incubation place the tube on the magnet and wait for 1-2 minutes, that is until the complex beads-cells is completely attached to the magnet.

12 While the tube is still in the magnet, carefully **remove** and **discard** the **supernatant** with a glass Pasteur pipette.

13 Remove the tube from the magnet, add 2 µL of **SOLUTION- 11** and resuspend the cells very vigorously because of aggregates.

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14 Repeat steps 11-13 twice (in total 3 times) to wash the bead-bound CD4+ T cells. These steps are critical to obtain a high purity of isolated cells.

15 Resuspend cell pellet in 100 µL of **SOLUTION- 07** (found in the kit materials as Buffer 2)
[The volume is calibrated for 10×10^6 cells, for lower or higher number of cell resize the volume accordingly].

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SOLUTION -07 - RPMI/FBS 1%

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16 Add 10 µL of **DETACHaBEAD® CD4** for each 10×10^6 PBMCs.
(Resize this volume if the number of starting cell is different)

17 Add another 500 µL of **SOLUTION- 07** to increase the volume and transfer everything in a 1.5 mL eppendorf.

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18 Incubate 00:45:00 at Room temperature (RT) with gentle rotation by using a Sample Mixer.

19 Transfer the sample from eppendorf to BD tube, and place the tube on magnetand wait for 1-2 mins, that is until the complex beads-cells is completely attached to the magnet.

20 While the tube is still in the magnet, **transfer the supernatant** containing the released cells into a 15 mL conical tube.

To obtain residual cells, wash the beads 3 times with 500 µL of **SOLUTION- 07** and collect the supernatant each time.

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21 Add to the detached cell suspension **SOLUTION- 07** to a final volume of 5 mL and centrifuge at 1200 x g, Room temperature, 00:05:00

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Equipment

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

22 Resuspend the cells for cell counting in 1 mL of **SOLUTION- 07**: follow the appropriate protocol (see step 2 of this protocol).

Check the viability with Trypan blue.

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SOLUTION- 09 - Trypan Blue solution

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23 **OPTIONAL STEP**

Check the purity of the isolated CD4+ T cells by flow cytometry.

If needed, check the purity by labeling CD4 with the appropriate CD markers, such as CD3, CD4, CD8 and CD14 Ab and analyze samples with a flow cytometer to exclude the presence of undesired subsets.

Equipment

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

24 **EXPECTED RESULTS**

Expected result

Cell Viability: ≥95 %

Cell Yield: ± 4,6 x10^6 cells starting from 25 mL of Fresh Blood
± 6 x10^6 cells starting from 25 mL of Buffy Coat

If checked, purity of the isolated CD4+ cells must be ≥95 %