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## Abstract

This protocol details the procedure for collection and isolation of blood samples using CPT tubes.

## Attachments



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## Guidelines

### Layering of Formed Elements in the BD Vacutainer® CPT™ Tube

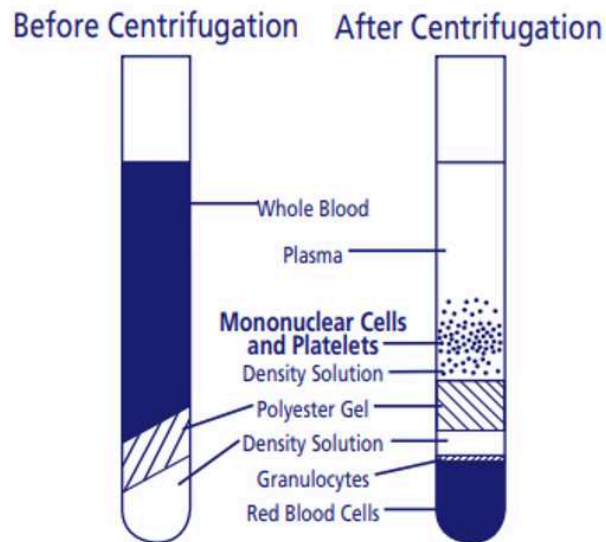


Figure 2

## Materials

### Materials:

#### Chemicals and Reagents:

- ✕ Fetal Bovine Serum Merck MilliporeSigma (Sigma-Aldrich) Catalog #F2442
- ✕ PBS, pH 7.4 Thermo Fisher Catalog #10010049
- ✕ ACK Lysing Buffer Thermo Fisher Scientific Catalog #A1049201
- ✕ CryoStor® CS10 STEMCELL Technologies Inc. Catalog #07955
- ✕ Ultrapure 0.5M EDTA pH 8.0 Invitrogen - Thermo Fisher Catalog #15575020
- ✕ Trypan Blue Solution 0.4% Thermo Fisher Scientific Catalog #15250061

#### Consumables:

- Vacutainer Cell Preparation Tubes (CPT) with sodium heparin (BD, Cat.no. 362753)
- Cryovial 1.8 mL Internal Thread PP \*VS\* (Nunc (Fisher Scientific), Cat. no. NNC368632-PK)
- ✕ Pipette Graduated 3ml Sterile Pastette® Alpha Laboratories Catalog #LW4112
- ✕ Cell Counting Slides for TC10™/TC20™ Cell Counter Dual-Chamber 5 × 30 slides 300 counts #1450015 Bio-Rad Laboratories Catalog #1450015
- CoolCell LX Freezing Container, 12 × 1-2ml cryo vials, Purple (Biocision, Cat. no. BCS-405)

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Wash Buffer composition (1% FBS, 1 mM EDTA), store at 4°C.	
PBS, pH 7.4 (Gibco, Cat. no. 10010049)	500 mL
Fetal Bovine Serum (FBS) (Sigma, Cat. no. F2442)	5 mL
UltraPure 0.5 M EDTA, pH 8.0	1 mL

## Troubleshooting



## Safety warnings

⚠ Please refer to the Safety Data Sheets (SDS) for health and environmental hazards.

Excessive centrifuge speed (over 2000 RCF) may cause tube breakage and exposure to blood and possible injury.

## Before start

- The BD Vacutainer® CPT™ Tube (Cat. no.362753) should be at 🌡 Room temperature (18-25°C) and properly labeled for patient identification.
- After blood collection, the CPT tube should be stored upright at 🌡 Room temperature (18-25°C) until centrifugation. Blood samples should ideally be centrifuged within two hours of blood collection for best results.



## PBMCs isolation from CPT™ tube

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- 1 Mix the blood sample immediately prior to centrifugation by gently inverting the tube 8 to 10 times.



- 2 Centrifuge the CPT tube at 1500 rcf (Relative Centrifugal Force) in a horizontal rotor (swing-out head) for 00:30:00 at 20 °C (Speed change of accel/decel: Soft).

30m



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### Note

After centrifugation, PBMCs will be in a whitish layer just under the plasma layer.

Using a Pasteur pipette, aspirate approximately half of the plasma without disturbing the PBMC cell layer.

- 4 Collect cell layer by pouring and transferring cell layer to a 50 mL size conical centrifuge tube with cap.

### Note

Collection of cells immediately following centrifugation will yield best results.

- 5 Spin down the collected mixture at 300 rcf for 00:15:00 at 20 °C .

15m

### Note

Speed change of accel/decel: Soft. Use Pasteur pipette to remove as much supernatant as possible without disturbing cell pellet.



- 6 Using a 5-mL serological pipette, gently resuspend the cell pellet with 3 mL of ACK lysing buffer and incubate for 00:03:00 at Room temperature .





















3m






- 7 First wash: Add wash buffer to bring volume to 50 mL . Cap tube. Mix cells by inverting tube 5 times.





- 8 Centrifuge at  300 rcf (accel/decel: Soft) for  00:15:00 at  20 °C . 15m 
- 9 Aspirate as much supernatant as possible without disturbing cell pellet.
- 10 Second wash: Add wash buffer to bring volume to  20 mL . Cap tube. Mix cells by inverting tube 5 times. 
- 11 Centrifuge at  300 rcf (accel/decel: Soft) for  00:15:00 at  20 °C . 15m 
- 12 Aspirate as much supernatant as possible without disturbing cell pellet.
- 13 Re-suspend cell pellet in an appropriate volume of wash buffer to bring to a concentration of  $\sim 1 \times 10^6$  cells/mL for counting.
- 14 Cell counting:
- 14.1 Mix  10 µL of cell suspension with  10 µL of trypan blue. 
- 14.2 Apply  10 µL of the mixture to a counting slide. 
- 14.3 Count the cells using an automated cell counter within  00:05:00 (concentration tends to range from  $5 \times 10^4$  to  $1 \times 10^7$  cells/mL). 5m
- 15 Centrifuge the remaining suspension at  300 rcf (accel/decel: Soft) for  00:10:00 at  20 °C . 10m 
- 16 Aspirate as much supernatant as possible without disturbing cell pellet.



- 17 Resuspend cell pellet in  1 mL of cold CryoStor CS10 in cryotubes and aliquot into two cryotubes per sample (0.5 mL X 2).
- 18 Store the cryotubes into CoolCell LX Freezing Container in a  -80 °C freezer  Overnight before permanent storage in liquid nitrogen.

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