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Abstract

This protocol describes the methods used for collection and single-cell isolation of human femoral bone marrow cells for single-cell RNA sequencing.

Materials

EasySep RBC Depletion Reagent (STEMCELL Technologies, Cat# 18170)

EasySep Human CD45 Depletion Kit II (STEMCELL Technologies, Cat# 17898)

EasySep Human CD34 Positive Selection Kit II (STEMCELL Technologies, Cat# 17856)

Chromium Next GEM Single Cell 3' GEM, Library & Gel Bead Kit v3.1, 16 rxns (10x Genomics, Cat# PN-1000121)

Biosample Collection

- 1 After total hip arthroplasty, femoral head tissue was collected from the Anatomic Pathology Lab after screening for avascular necrosis. Samples were cut in 4-8 mm thick coronal sections on a band saw and placed in a 120 mL collection container with 60 mL of chilled medium (3% fetal bovine serum, 0.1 mM L-acetic acid, 2 mM L-Glutamine and 1% penicillin-streptomycin in MEMalpha).
- 2 The specimen was transported on ice to the lab.

Cell Digestion

- 3 The sample is cut into 1-2 mm³ pieces using sterilized surgical wire cutters and scissors.
- 4 The minced tissue is weighed and transferred to a 15 mL tube at a volume ratio of 1:2 sample to digestion medium (PBS with 4 mg/mL Dispase II and 2 mg/mL Collagenase I, filtered and pre-warmed) and placed on a 3D-rocker plate in an incubator for 1 hour.
- 5 The liquid portion of the digested sample is poured through a pre-wetted 100 micron cell strainer.
- 6 The remaining digested sample is washed 4 times in culture medium (MEMalpha with 15% fetal bovine serum, 1% penicillin-streptomycin, 0.1 mM L-ascorbic acid and 2 mM L-glutamine) and poured through the 100 micron cell strainer.
- 7 The filtered sample is pelleted at 300 RCF for 10 mins. The supernatant is aspirated, and the sample is resuspended in PBS+2% fetal bovine serum.
- 8 The resuspended sample is pelleted at 300 RCF for 10 mins.

Single-cell processing for RNA-seq

- 9 Single-cell isolation is processed per STEMCELL Technologies' protocol for RBC depletion (Cat 18170) using the EasySep system.
- 10 After RBC depletion, 20 uL is aliquoted for an unenriched faction. The remaining sample is split for rare cell enrichment using STEMCELL Technologies' protocols and EasySep system. For a non-hematopoietic cell enrichment, 2/3rd of the sample is processed with



a CD45 depletion (Cat. 17898). For a hematopoietic stem and progenitor cell enrichment, 1/3rd of the remaining sample is processed with a CD34 selection kit (Cat. 17856).

- 11 Following processing, each fraction is resuspended at a concentration of 1000 cells/uL in PBS with 0.04% BSA and pooled for scRNA-seq using the Chromium Next GEM Single Cell 3' GEM, Library & Gel Bead Kit v3.1 (10x Genomics, Cat. PN-1000121) and processed per 10x Genomics' protocol.