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Single cell sequencing preparation in adult Drosophila Brain

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Abstract

This protocol covers the preparation of adult *Drosophila* Brains for single cell RNAseq



Fly brain dissection

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- 1 Dissect 20 male and 20 female brains from 10-day-old flies on ice-cold Schneider's medium with FBS (Gibco, filtered 10% FBS)
- 2 After a quick spin down, remove the supernatant and wash the brains with ice-cold PBS
- 3 Incubate the brain at  25 °C with 300 µl of 0.05% trypsin-EDTA (Fisher Scientific) with continuous pipetting every 5 minutes
- 4 Pass solution containing brain chunks through a 25-gauge needle (25G 5/8), without introducing air bubbles, roughly 50 times
- 5 After dissociation, the solution was through a 10 µm pluri-select cell strainer (Fisher Scientific), and 400 µl of ice-cold Schneider's medium containing FBS was added to inactivate trypsin
- 6 Centrifuge for  00:15:00 at 600xg and remove the supernatant without disturbing the pellet
- 7 Suspend pellet in sterile PBS containing 0.04% BSA

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Single-cell quantification

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- 8 Quantify the number of cells and measure viability using an AO-PI reagent (Logos Biosystems)

Prepare sequence libraries

- 9 Encapsulate cells, prepare and sequence libraries using the manufacturer's protocol (10X genomics & Illumina Inc.)