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Abstract

The Sulforhodamine B colorimetric assay was used to measure effector CAR T cell killing of their target tumor cells.

Troubleshooting



- 1 Perform co-culture experiment of activated CAR T cells and target tumor cells at various tumor:effector ratio in a 96-well plate for 24 hours at 37'C, 5% CO₂.
- 2 Remove cell culture supernatant 24 hours after co-culture assay.
- 3 Using a multichannel pipet, fix adherent tumor cells on the 96-well plate with 100uL cold 10% (w/v) trichloroacetic acid (TCA) to each well, and incubate at 4'C for 1hr.
- 4 Wash four times by dipping entire plate in a basin with slow-running tap water. Tap plates on paper towels to remove excess water, and allow to dry at room temperature.
- 5 Add 100uL of 0.057% (w/v) Sulforhodamine B (SRB) solution to each well and incubate at room temperature for 30 minutes.
- 6 Immediately wash plates four times in a basin containing 1% (v/v) acetic acid to remove unbound dye.
- 7 After the plates have dried completely, add 200uL of 10mM Tris base solution (pH 10.5) to each well and incubate for 5 minutes with shaking.
- 8 Read plates in a microplate reader at A510nm.
- 9 Calculate the percentage of cell growth inhibition using the formula below:
$$\% \text{ cells killed} = 100 - [\text{mean OD}(\text{co-cultured sample}) / \text{mean OD}(\text{tumor cell only})] \times 100$$