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Generation of single cell suspension from E8.25 mouse embryos

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Contributor Research Profile

The Göttgens group uses a combination of experimental and computational approaches to study how transcription factor networks control the function of blood stem cells and how mutations that perturb such networks cause leukaemia. This integrated approach has resulted in the discovery of new combinatorial interactions between key blood stem cell regulators, as well as experimentally validated computational models for blood stem cells. Current research focuses on (i) single cell genomics of early blood development, (ii) computer models to chart the transcriptional landscape of blood stem and progenitor cell differentiation, (iii) transcriptional consequences of leukaemogenic mutations in leukaemia stem/progenitor cells, and (iv) molecular characterization of human blood stem/progenitor cell populations used in cell and gene therapy protocols.

Link to the lab: <https://www.stemcells.cam.ac.uk/research/pis/gottgens>

Reference

This protocol was used in:

Ibarra-Soria *et al.* Defining murine organogenesis at single-cell resolution reveals a role for the leukotriene pathway in regulating blood progenitor formation., *Nat Cell Biol.* 2018 Feb;20(2):127-134
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Required Buffers and Reagents

1. PBS with 3% FBS
2. TrypLE
3. 0.04% BSA
4. Flowmi Cell Strainer (40 micrometer)

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Uteri were harvested from time-mated dams and embryos micro-dissected in ice-cold 3% FBS in PBS. Embryos were pooled together by developmental stage and larger later stage embryos fragmented using dissecting forceps for more efficient dissociation. Embryo fragments were transferred to ice-cold 3% FBS/PBS in 1.5mL Eppendorf tubes. The embryo fragments were centrifuged at 400G for 5 minutes, the supernatant aspirated and re-suspended in 50-100 μ L of TrypLE ensuring samples were adequately submerged. Samples were incubated at 37°C in a shaker at 1400rpm for 2-5 minutes depending on developmental stage. The resulting suspensions were visually inspected to ensure adequate dissociation prior to quenching with FBS and wash (400G, 5 minutes) with 3% FBS/PBS. Cell suspensions were centrifuged and resuspended in 70 - 100 μ L of 0.04% BSA. Intermediate cell counts were taken at the quenching stage and in combination with target cell recovery used to inform final resuspension volume. The cells suspended in 0.04% BSA were filtered through a 40 micrometer Flowmi cell strainer into a new 1.5mL Eppendorf and the final cell count performed.

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