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Title: Modeling Hypoxia/Reoxygenation Injury in Proximal Tubular Epithelial Cells

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Author Questionnaire

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3. Filming location: Will the filming need to take place in multiple locations? **Yes**

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Current Protocol Length

Number of Steps: 17

Number of Shots: 30

Introduction

Videographer: Obtain headshots for all authors available at the filming location.

INTRODUCTION:

- 1.1. **Mariano Marin-Blazquez:** Our research focuses on modeling renal ischemia–reperfusion injury in proximal tubular cells to understand damage mechanisms and explore therapeutic strategies.
 - 1.1.1. INTERVIEW: Named talent says the statement above in an interview-style shot, looking slightly off-camera.
- 1.2. **Mariano Marin-Blazquez:** Reproducing the complex ischemic environment of the kidney in vitro remains difficult, especially cold ischemia and immune interactions.
 - 1.2.1. INTERVIEW: Named talent says the statement above in an interview-style shot, looking slightly off-camera.

CONCLUSION:

- 1.3. **Mariano Marin-Blazquez:** There is a lack of standardized, cell-based models to study kidney ischemia–reperfusion injury under controlled metabolic conditions.
 - 1.3.1. INTERVIEW: Named talent says the statement above in an interview-style shot, looking slightly off-camera.
- 1.4. **Mariano Marin-Blazquez:** Our protocol is simple, cost-effective, and reproducible, requiring only standard laboratory equipment and a hypoxia incubator.
 - 1.4.1. INTERVIEW: Named talent says the statement above in an interview-style shot, looking slightly off-camera.
- 1.5. **Mariano Marin-Blazquez:** Identifying novel therapeutic targets and validating protective compounds using both in vitro and in vivo kidney models.

1.5.1. INTERVIEW: Named talent says the statement above in an interview-style shot, looking slightly off-camera.

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Protocol

2. Hypoxia/Reoxygenation Procedure and RT-qPCR

Institution: Universidad Católica de Murcia (UCAM)

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- 2.1. To begin, remove the culture medium from the IM-PTECs (*I-M-P-T-E-Cees*) to refresh the cells [1-TXT]. Add 2 milliliters of fresh L3 medium without interferon gamma into the wells of a 6-well plate [2-TXT]. Place the cells in a hypoxia incubator set at 1 percent oxygen and 5 percent carbon dioxide at 37 degrees Celsius for 48 hours [3].
 - 2.1.1. Talent aspirating the spent culture medium from the IM-PTEC wells.
TXT: IM-PTECs: Immortalized Murine Proximal Tubular Epithelial Cells
 - 2.1.2. Talent dispensing fresh L3 medium without interferon gamma into each well of the culture plate. **TXT: Add 0.1 mL/well for 96-well plates**
 - 2.1.3. Talent placing the culture plates inside the hypoxia incubator.
- 2.2. After incubation, remove the IM-PTEC plates from the hypoxia incubator [1] and replace the medium with fresh L3 medium without interferon gamma [2]. Place the cells into a standard cell culture incubator under normal oxygen conditions and 5 percent carbon dioxide at 37 degrees Celsius for 24 hours [3].
 - 2.2.1. Talent removing the IM-PTEC culture plates from the hypoxia incubator.
 - 2.2.2. Talent adding fresh L3 medium without interferon gamma.
 - 2.2.3. Talent placing the refreshed plates in the incubator and closing the door to start incubation.
- 2.3. To perform RT-qPCR (*R-T-Q-P-C-R*), prepare the primer sets by mixing them to a final concentration of 10 micromolar [1-TXT].
 - 2.3.1. Talent pipetting and mixing primer solutions in a microcentrifuge tube. **TXT: RT-qPCR: Real-Time Quantitative Polymerase Chain Reaction**
- 2.4. Prepare the reaction mix by combining the required reagents along with primers and nuclease-free water per well [1-TXT]. Mix gently to ensure homogeneity [2].
 - 2.4.1. Talent pipetting reagents into a microcentrifuge tube labeled RT-qPCR mix. **TXT: 5 μ L RT-qPCR Master Mix; 0.4 μ L 10 μ M forward primer; 0.4 μ L 10 μ M reverse**

primer; 2.2 μ L nuclease-free H₂O

- 2.4.2. Talent gently flicking the tube to mix the solution uniformly.
- 2.5. Using a pipette, dispense 8 microliters of the RT-qPCR mix into each well of a 384-well PCR plate [1] and add 2 microliters of the complementary DNA sample to each well, allowing a small droplet to remain on the edge of the well [2].
 - 2.5.1. Talent dispensing 8 microliters of RT-qPCR mix into each well of the PCR plate.
 - 2.5.2. Shot of pipetting 2 microliters of complementary DNA sample into the same wells, showing a drop on the edge of each well.
- 2.6. After all samples have been added, tap the plate gently until all droplets fall completely into the wells [1] and seal the plate firmly with its membrane [2]. Spin the 384-well PCR plate to remove air bubbles and ensure even distribution [3].
 - 2.6.1. Talent gently tapping the PCR plate to ensure liquid settles into each well.
 - 2.6.2. Talent sealing the 384-well plate with a transparent adhesive membrane.
 - 2.6.3. Talent placing the plate into a centrifuge and initiating the spin cycle.
- 2.7. Now, place the sealed plate into the RT-qPCR System [1]. Set the program [2] and start the measurement [3].
 - 2.7.1. Talent loading the sealed 384-well plate into the RT-qPCR machine.
 - 2.7.2. TEXT ON PLAIN BACKGROUND:
 - 98 °C for 30 s
 - 40 cycles of 98 °C for 10 s
 - 60 °C for 30 s
 - Melting curve at 95 °C.
 - 2.7.3. Talent clicking Start to initiate the RT-qPCR run.

3. Mitochondrial Respiratory Function Assessment

Institution: Servicio de Cultivo de Tejidos (ACTI)

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- 3.1. Turn on the oxygen consumption rate and extracellular acidification rate analyzer to let it warm up for at least 5 hours before starting the experiment [1].
 - 3.1.1. Talent switching on the OCR/ECAR analyzer.
- 3.2. Hydrate a sensor cartridge overnight at 37 degrees Celsius in a non-carbon dioxide incubator [1].
 - 3.2.1. Talent placing the sensor cartridge into a hydration plate and transferring it into an incubator set at 37 degrees Celsius.
- 3.3. On the next day, prepare the assay medium for one 96-well cell culture microplate by adding Dulbecco's Modified Eagle Medium with appropriate supplements [1-TXT] and mixing gently until homogeneous [2].
 - 3.3.1. Talent pipetting reagents into a sterile tube labeled "Assay Medium." **TXT: DMEM medium pH 7.4: 33.4 mL; 1 M Glucose: 0.875 mL; 100 mM Pyruvate: 0.35 mL; 200 mM: Glutamine: 0.35 mL**
 - 3.3.2. Talent gently inverting or pipetting the tube to mix the solution evenly.
- 3.4. Next, prepare the inhibitor solutions by mixing the required components [1].
 - 3.4.1. LAB MEDIA: Table 3.
- 3.5. Then, remove the hydrated sensor cartridge from the incubator [1]. Using a multichannel pipette and a loading guide, load 25 microliters of each inhibitor into its corresponding port [2].
 - 3.5.1. Talent taking out the assembled sensor cartridge and placing it on a sterile bench.
 - 3.5.2. Talent using a multichannel pipette to dispense 25 microliters of inhibitor into a port.
- 3.6. Now, aspirate the growth medium from the cell culture microplate [1] and add 175 microliters of assay medium tempered at 37 degrees Celsius into each well using a multichannel pipette [2].
 - 3.6.1. Talent removing the old growth medium from the 96-well plate using a multichannel pipette.
 - 3.6.2. Talent dispensing 175 microliters of the pre-warmed assay medium into each well.

- 3.7. Place the cell culture microplate in a 37-degrees Celsius non-carbon dioxide incubator and incubate for 45 to 60 minutes before starting the assay [1].
 - 3.7.1. Talent placing the plate inside the non-carbon dioxide incubator and closing the door.
- 3.8. After incubation, insert the calibration plate containing the loaded sensor cartridge into the analyzer for calibration [1].
 - 3.8.1. Talent loading the calibration plate with the sensor cartridge into the analyzer.
- 3.9. Once calibration is complete, place the cell culture microplate into the analyzer for measurement [1].
 - 3.9.1. Talent inserting the prepared 96-well cell culture plate into the analyzer.
- 3.10. After the measurement run, remove and save the cell culture microplate for subsequent quantification of total protein for data normalization [1].
 - 3.10.1. Talent removing the plate from the analyzer.

Results

4. Results

- 4.1. Forty-eight hours of hypoxia followed by twenty-four hours of reoxygenation produced the greatest increase in caspase-3 activity [1] while maintaining cell viability comparable to that of normoxic controls [2].
 - 4.1.1. LAB MEDIA: Supplementary Figure 1. *Video editor: Highlight the bar showing 48H 24R in graph A.*
 - 4.1.2. LAB MEDIA: Supplementary Figure 1. *Video editor: Highlight the bar for H/R in B graph.*
- 4.2. After hypoxia and reoxygenation, there was a significant increase in the expression of the kidney injury markers Kim-1 (*Kim-1*) and Ngal (*N-G-A-L*) [1], as well as in the expression of markers of renal partial epithelial-to-mesenchymal transition and fibrosis, Acta2 (*act-uh-2*) and Col1a1 (*col-1-A-1*) [2].
 - 4.2.1. LAB MEDIA: Figure 2. *Video editor: Highlight the bars labelled “H/R” for Kim-1 and Ngal*
 - 4.2.2. LAB MEDIA: Figure 2. *Video editor: Highlight the bar labelled “H/R” for Acta2 and Col1a1*
- 4.3. Mitochondrial respiration analysis showed that, after the ischemic challenge, all respiration parameters—including basal respiration [1], ATP production [2], proton leak [3], maximal respiration [4], and spare capacity were reduced, indicating hindered mitochondrial metabolism [5].
 - 4.3.1. LAB MEDIA: Figure 3. *Video editor: Focus on the “Basal respiration” line for H/R*
 - 4.3.2. LAB MEDIA: Figure 3. *Video editor: Highlight the “ATP production” line for H/R*
 - 4.3.3. LAB MEDIA: Figure 3. *Video editor: Show the “Proton leak” region under the pink H/R line.*
 - 4.3.4. LAB MEDIA: Figure 3. *Video editor: Highlight the “Maximal respiration” line for H/R.*
 - 4.3.5. LAB MEDIA: Figure 3. *Video editor: Indicate the “Spare capacity” line for H/R.*

- Hypoxia

Pronunciation link: <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/hypoxia>

IPA: /haɪˈpɒksɪə/

Phonetic Spelling: hy-POK-see-uh

- Incubator

Pronunciation link: <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/incubator>

IPA: /ˈɪŋkjəˌbeɪtər/

Phonetic Spelling: IN-kyoo-bay-ter

- Interferon

Pronunciation link: <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/interferon>

IPA: /ˌɪntəˈfɪərən/ or /ˌɪntərˈfɪərən/ (US)

Phonetic Spelling: in-ter-FEE-ron

- Microliter

Pronunciation link: <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/microliter>

IPA: /ˈmaɪkroʊˌliːtər/

Phonetic Spelling: MY-kroh-lee-ter

- Nuclease

Pronunciation link: <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/nuclease>

IPA: /ˈnuːˌkleɪs/ or /nuːˈkleɪs/

Phonetic Spelling: NOO-klays

- Polymerase

Pronunciation link: <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/polymerase>

IPA: /ˈpɑːləməˌreɪz/

Phonetic Spelling: PAH-luh-muh-rayz

- Quantitative

Pronunciation link: <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/quantitative>

IPA: /ˈkwɑːntɪˌteɪtɪv/

Phonetic Spelling: KWANT-i-tay-tiv

- Primer

Pronunciation link: <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/primer>

IPA: /ˈpraɪmər/

Phonetic Spelling: PRY-mer

- Pipette

Pronunciation link: <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/pipette>

IPA: /ˌpɪˈpet/ or /pəˈpet/

Phonetic Spelling: pi-PET or puh-PET

- Microcentrifuge

Pronunciation link: No confirmed link found (specialized term)

IPA (approx): /ˌmaɪkroʊˈsɛntriˌfjuːdʒ/

Phonetic Spelling: MY-kroh-SEN-tri-fyooj

- Centrifuge

Pronunciation link: <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/centrifuge>

IPA: /ˈsɛntrəˌfjuːdʒ/

Phonetic Spelling: SEN-truh-fyooj

- Multichannel

Pronunciation link: <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/multichannel>

IPA: /ˌmʌltiˈtʃænəl/

Phonetic Spelling: MUL-tee-CHAN-uhl

- Epithelial

Pronunciation link: <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/epithelial>

IPA: /ˌɛpɪˈθiːliəl/

Phonetic Spelling: ep-ih-THEE-lee-uhl

- Murine

Pronunciation link: <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/murine>

IPA: /ˈmʊəriːn/ or /ˈmjʊrɪn/

Phonetic Spelling: MUR-eeen

- Immortalized

Pronunciation link: <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/immortalize> (base verb)

IPA (as adjective): /ɪˈmɔrtəlˌaɪzd/

Phonetic Spelling: ih-MOR-tuh-lyzed

- Proximal

Pronunciation link: <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/proximal>

IPA: /ˈprɒksɪməl/

Phonetic Spelling: PRAHK-si-muhl

- Tubular

Pronunciation link: <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/tubular>

IPA: /ˈtuːbjələr/ or /ˈtjuːbjələr/ (US)

Phonetic Spelling: TOO-byoo-lur

- Medium

Pronunciation link: <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/medium>

IPA: /ˈmiːdiəm/

Phonetic Spelling: MEE-dee-um

- Reoxygenation

Pronunciation link: No confirmed link found

IPA (approx): /ˌriˌɒksiːdʒəˈneɪʃən/

Phonetic Spelling: ree-ahk-see-juh-NAY-shun

- Viability

Pronunciation link: <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/viability>

IPA: /ˌvaɪəˈbɪlɪti/

Phonetic Spelling: vy-uh-BIL-ih-tee

- Normoxic

Pronunciation link: No confirmed link found

IPA (approx): /nɔːrˈmɒksɪk/ or /nɔːrˈmɑːksɪk/

Phonetic Spelling: nor-MAHK-sik

- Mitochondrial

Pronunciation link: <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/mitochondrial>

IPA: /ˌmaɪtoʊˈkændriəl/

Phonetic Spelling: my-toh-KON-dree-uhl

- Extracellular

Pronunciation link: <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/extracellular>

IPA: /ˌɛkstrəˈsɛljələr/

Phonetic Spelling: ex-truh-SEL-yoo-lur

- Acidification

Pronunciation link: <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/acidification>

IPA: /əˌsɪdɪfɪˈkeɪʃən/

Phonetic Spelling: uh-sid-ih-fi-KAY-shun

- Analyzer

Pronunciation link: <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/analyzer>

IPA: /ˈænəˌlaɪzər/

Phonetic Spelling: AN-uh-LYE-zer

- Basal

Pronunciation link: <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/basal>

IPA: /ˈbeɪsəl/

Phonetic Spelling: BAY-suhl

- Ischemic

Pronunciation link: <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/ischemic>

IPA: /ɪsˈkiːmɪk/ or /aɪsˈkiːmɪk/ (US)

Phonetic Spelling: is-KEE-mik or eye-S-KEE-mik

- Caspase

Pronunciation link: <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/caspase>

IPA: /'kæspɛɪs/

Phonetic Spelling: KAS-pays

- Fibrosis

Pronunciation link: <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/fibrosis>

IPA: /fɑɪ'brɒʊsɪs/

Phonetic Spelling: fy-BROH-sis

- Normalization

Pronunciation link: <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/normalization>

IPA: /,nɔːrmələ'zeɪʃən/ or /,nɔːrməli'zeɪʃən/ (US)

Phonetic Spelling: nor-muh-li-ZAY-shun