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Current Protocol Length

Number of Steps: 24

Number of Shots: 56

Introduction

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INTRODUCTION:

~~What is the scope of your research? What questions are you trying to answer?~~

- 1.1. **Carlos Rosales:** I study low-density neutrophils within PBMCs to understand their functions and roles across different diseases.

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

~~What are the most recent developments in your field of research?~~

- 1.2. **Nathalia Naranjo-Pinto:** Low-density neutrophils are rare in healthy blood but markedly increase in diseases such as systemic lupus erythematosus and cancer.

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

CONCLUSION:

~~What significant findings have you established in your field?~~

- 1.3. **Nathalia Naranjo-Pinto:** Our protocol provides a fast and reproducible way to obtain highly pure and functional low-density neutrophils.

- 1.3.1. INTERVIEW: Named Talent says the statement above in an interview-style shot, looking slightly off-camera. [*Suggested B-roll:2.11*](#)

~~What research gap are you addressing with your protocol?~~

- 1.4. **Carlos Rosales:** We address the lack of a standardized, time-efficient protocol for isolating LDN from human blood.

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

~~What advantage does your protocol offer compared to other techniques?~~

- 1.5. **Nathalia Naranjo-Pinto:** This protocol does not require special training for complex instruments, and it is also faster and more economical than FACS.

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

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1.6. **Carlos Rosales, Ph.D.**: (authors will present their testimonial statements live).

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1.7. **Carlos Rosales, Ph.D.**: (authors will present their testimonial statements live).

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

Ethics Title Card

This research has been approved by the Human Research Bioethics Committee at Instituto de Investigaciones Biomédicas - Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM)

Protocol

2. Isolation of Peripheral Blood Mononuclear Cells (PBMCs) and Neutrophils from Human Blood

Demonstrator: Nathalia Naranjo-Pinto

2.1. To begin, ~~obtain 10 milliliters of blood from a healthy adult volunteer by venipuncture~~ **[1]**. add 10 units per milliliter of heparin as an anticoagulant into a 15-milliliter conical centrifuge tube **[2]**.

~~2.1.1. WIDE: Talent performing venipuncture on a volunteer and collecting 10 milliliters of blood into a syringe.~~

2.1.2. Talent adding 10 units per milliliter of heparin into a 15-milliliter conical centrifuge tube.

Author's Note: Move 2.2.1 after 2.1.2

2.2. Then, add 2 milliliters of 6 percent dextran T500 (*T-Five-Hundred*) in PBS **[1]**. Obtain 10 milliliters of blood from a healthy adult volunteer by venipuncture **[2-TXT]**.

2.2.1. Talent pipetting 2 milliliters of 6 percent dextran T500 in phosphate-buffered saline into a 15 milliliter centrifuge tube.

2.2.2. Talent carefully draining 10 milliliters of blood down the side of the tube. **TXT: Invert tubes to mix then let it rest for 45 min**

2.3. In another fresh 15 milliliter centrifuge tube, add 5 milliliters of density gradient medium **[1]**. Carefully pipette out the plasma without touching the erythrocytes and layer it on top of the medium to form two separate phases **[2]**. Centrifuge the tube at 516 g for 20 minutes at 4 degrees Celsius **[3]**.

2.3.1. Talent pipetting 5 milliliters of density gradient medium into a new 15 milliliter centrifuge tube.

2.3.2. Talent carefully pipetting out leukocyte-rich plasma and layering the plasma gently over the density gradient medium.

2.3.3. Talent placing the tube in the centrifuge and setting it to 516 g for 20 minutes at 4 degrees Celsius.

2.4. To isolate PBMCs (*P-B-M-Sees*), aspirate and discard the plasma above the PBMC band without disturbing the cells **[1-TXT]**. Collect the mononuclear cell band between the plasma and the medium, minimizing collection of the medium **[2]**.

2.4.1. Talent aspirating and discarding the top plasma layer without disturbing the

PBMC band. **TXT: PBMC: Peripheral Blood Mononuclear Cells**

- 2.4.2. Talent carefully pipetting out the PBMC band into a clean 50 milliliter conical centrifuge tube.
- 2.5. Add 20 milliliters of PBS to the tube containing PBMCs [1]. Then centrifuge at 400 g for 5 minutes at 4 degrees Celsius [2].
 - 2.5.1. Talent adding 20 milliliters of phosphate-buffered saline to the 50-milliliter conical tube.
 - 2.5.2. Talent placing the tube into the centrifuge and setting it to 400 g for 5 minutes at 4 degrees Celsius.
- 2.6. Carefully aspirate out the supernatant [1] and scrape the tube to separate the pellet [2]. Add 10 milliliters of cold PBS to resuspend the cells [3-TXT].
 - 2.6.1. Talent pipetting out the supernatant.
 - 2.6.2. Talent scraping the sides of the tube to loosen the cell pellet.
 - 2.6.3. Talent adding 10 milliliters of cold phosphate-buffered saline and gently swirling to resuspend. **TXT: Count cells using a Neubauer chamber**
- 2.7. To isolate neutrophils, scrape the tube to separate the cells after pipetting out the medium [1]. Then add 10 milliliters of cold PBS [2].
 - 2.7.1. Talent scraping the tube to dislodge the neutrophil pellet.
 - 2.7.2. Talent adding 10 milliliters of cold phosphate-buffered saline.
- 2.8. Now, transfer the cells into a fresh 50-milliliter conical centrifuge tube and centrifuge [1-TXT]. Aspirate the supernatant and scrape the tube again [2].
 - 2.8.1. Talent transferring the neutrophil suspension to a clean 50 milliliter tube and placing it in the centrifuge. **TXT: Centrifugation: 400 x g, 5 min, 4 °C**
 - 2.8.2. Talent aspirating the supernatant and scraping the pellet from the bottom of the tube.
- 2.9. Now pipette 10 milliliters of cold hypotonic solution into the tube and mix gently [1-TXT]. Mix gently for exactly 1 minute [2].
 - 2.9.1. Talent adding 10 milliliters of cold hypotonic solution to the neutrophil pellet. **TXT: Hypotonic solution: 0.2% NaCl, 1% BSA, 20 mM HEPES, pH : 7.4**
 - 2.9.2. Talent gently mixes the tube.
- 2.10. Quickly add 10 milliliters of cold hypertonic solution to make the solution isotonic [1-TXT].
 - 2.10.1. Talent rapidly adding 10 milliliters of cold hypertonic solution into the same tube and swirling to mix. **TXT: Hypertonic solution: 1.6% NaCl, 1% BSA, 20 mM HEPES, pH: 7.4**

2.11. Then count the neutrophils using a Neubauer chamber and ensure the purity is greater than 95 percent [1]. Centrifuge the suspension to obtain a cell pellet [2]. Then resuspend the pellet in cold PBS [3-TXT].

2.11.1. Talent pipetting the suspension onto a Neubauer chamber.

2.11.2. Talent placing the suspension in a centrifuge.

2.11.3. Shot of the pellet being resuspended in cold PBS. **TXT: Keep tube on ice**

3. Purification of Low-Density Neutrophils (LDNs) Using Magnetic Microbeads

Demonstrator: Carlos Blanco-Camarillo

3.1. Centrifuge the peripheral blood mononuclear cells at 400 *g* for 5 minutes at 4 degrees Celsius [1]. After removing the supernatant, resuspend the cells in 120 microliters of cold wash buffer [2-TXT].

3.1.1. Talent placing the tube containing peripheral blood mononuclear cells into a centrifuge set to 400 *g* for 5 minutes at 4 degrees Celsius.

3.1.2. Talent adding 120 microliters of cold wash buffer to resuspend the cell pellet.
TXT: Wash buffer: 1% BSA in PBS

3.2. Then pipette 35 microliters of CD66b (*C-D-Sixty-six-b*) magnetic microbeads to the cell suspension [1]. Incubate the mixture in the dark at 4 degrees Celsius for 30 minutes [2-TXT].

3.2.1. Talent pipetting 35 microliters of CD66b magnetic microbeads into the tube.

3.2.2. Talent placing the tube into a light-protected ice bucket . **TXT: Mix gently every 10 mins**

3.3. Now pipette 1 milliliter of cold wash buffer to the tube [1]. Centrifuge the tube at 400 *g* for 3 minutes [2]. Scrape the tube to separate the cell pellet after removing the supernatant [3] and resuspend the cells in 1 milliliter of wash buffer [4].

3.3.1. Talent adding 1 milliliter of cold wash buffer into the tube.

3.3.2. Talent placing the tube into a microcentrifuge set to 400 *g* for 3 minutes.

3.3.3. Talent aspirating the supernatant and scraping the tube to detach the pellet.

3.3.4. Talent resuspending the cells in 1 milliliter of wash buffer.

3.4. Place a magnetic separation column onto a magnet [1]. Add 0.5 milliliters of wash buffer to the column, allowing it to pass through completely [2]. Transfer 1 milliliter of the resuspended cells onto the column and let the buffer pass through drop by drop [3-TXT].

- 3.4.1. Talent mounting a magnetic separation column onto a magnet holder.
- 3.4.2. Talent adding 0.5 milliliters of wash buffer into the column and allowing it to drain fully.
- 3.4.3. Talent pipetting 1 milliliter of cell suspension into the magnetic column and observing drop-by-drop flow. **TXT: Wash with 0.5 mL wash buffer 2x**
- 3.5. After washing, transfer the column into a microcentrifuge tube [1]. Then pipette 1 milliliter of wash buffer into the column [2].
 - 3.5.1. Talent transferring the magnetic column into a clean microcentrifuge tube.
 - 3.5.2. Talent adding 1 milliliter of wash buffer into the column.
- 3.6. Now, insert the plunger on top of the column [1]. Gently apply pressure to elute the cells [2]. Then remove the plunger and place the column onto a new microcentrifuge tube [3].
 - 3.6.1. Talent inserting the plunger into the column.
 - 3.6.2. Talent applying gentle pressure to push the buffer through.
 - 3.6.3. Talent removing the plunger and transferring the column to a new collection tube.
- 3.7. Add another milliliter of wash buffer to the column [1]. Then insert the plunger again and gently apply pressure to elute the remaining cells [2].
 - 3.7.1. Talent adding an additional 1 milliliter of wash buffer into the column.
 - 3.7.2. Talent inserting the plunger and applying gentle pressure to complete elution.
- 3.8. Centrifuge both microcentrifuge tubes at 800 *g* for 3 minutes [1]. Resuspend the cell pellets from both tubes into 1 milliliter of cold PBS [2]. Keep the cell suspension on ice [3].
 - 3.8.1. Talent placing both tubes into the microcentrifuge set to 800 *g* for 3 minutes.
 - 3.8.2. Talent resuspending both cell pellets in 1 milliliter of cold phosphate-buffered saline.
 - 3.8.3. Talent placing the tube on ice.

4. Multicolor Flow Cytometry Staining and Analysis of Purified Neutrophils

Demonstrator: Carlos Blanco-Camarillo

- 4.1. Resuspend the purified cells in labelling buffer made of 1 percent fetal bovine serum in PBS [1-TXT]. Transfer 250 microliters of the suspension into a 1.5-milliliter microcentrifuge tube [2].
 - 4.1.1. Talent adding labelling buffer to tube containing cell suspension. **TXT: Final**

concentration: 1×10^6 cell/mL

- 4.1.2. Talent pipetting 250 microliters of the cell suspension into a 1.5 milliliter microcentrifuge tube.
- 4.2. Add the corresponding antibodies against neutrophil membrane molecules to the tube [1]. Then incubate the cells for 30 minutes at 4 degrees Celsius, protected from light [2].
 - 4.2.1. Talent adding fluorescently labeled antibodies to the microcentrifuge tube.
 - 4.2.2. Talent placing the tube into a light-protected ice bucket.
- 4.3. Now, pipette 1 milliliter of PBS to the tube [1]. Spin the tube in a microcentrifuge at 800 g for 3 minutes [2].
 - 4.3.1. Talent adding 1 milliliter of phosphate-buffered saline into the antibody-labeled cell suspension.
 - 4.3.2. Talent placing the tube in a microcentrifuge set to 800 g for 3 minutes.
- 4.4. Aspirate out the supernatant [1], tap the tube to break the pellet [2], and resuspend the cells in 0.5 milliliters of 1 percent paraformaldehyde [3].
 - 4.4.1. Talent aspirating the supernatant.
 - 4.4.2. Talent tapping the tube to loosen the pellet.
 - 4.4.3. Talent adding 0.5 milliliters of 1 percent paraformaldehyde to resuspend the cells.
- 4.5. Then keep the cells at 4 degrees Celsius protected from light until analysis by flow cytometry [1]. Analyse the samples using flow cytometry, capturing 10,000 events per sample [2-TXT].
 - 4.5.1. Talent placing the labeled microcentrifuge tube into a cold, light-protected rack labeled "For Flow Cytometry."
 - 4.5.2. Talent placing the samples in a flow cytometer. **TXT: Analyze 10,000 cells/sample**

Results

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5.1. Low-density neutrophils in healthy individuals represented approximately 5 percent of the peripheral blood mononuclear cells [1], while the described magnetic isolation protocol yielded low-density neutrophils at about 98 percent recovery [2].

5.1.1. LAB MEDIA: Figure 2A. *Video editor: Highlight the small black bar labeled "PBMC"*

5.1.2. LAB MEDIA: Figure 2B. *Video editor: Highlight the gray and black bars labeled "LDN FACS" and "LDN MACS"*

5.2. Neutrophils express the membrane markers CD10 (C-D-Ten), CD11b(C-D-Eleven-B), CD15(C-D-Fifteen), CD62L(C-D-Six-Two-L) and CD66b (C-D-Sixty-Six-B) [1]. Magnetically purified low-density neutrophils expressed the same membrane markers as neutrophils [2].

5.2.1. LAB MEDIA: Figure 3A. *Video editor: Highlight the dot plots labeled CD10, CD11b, CD15, CD62L, and CD66b showing similar expression patterns to those in panel A*

5.2.2. LAB MEDIA: Figure 3B

5.3. Purified low-density neutrophils exhibited a multilobulated nucleus and were similar in size to neutrophils [1].

5.3.1. LAB MEDIA: Figure 4. *Video editor: Show the Bright Field and DAPI images side by side*

5.4. Both neutrophils and low-density neutrophils generated reactive oxygen species in response to PMA stimulation [1], with low-density neutrophils producing higher levels than neutrophils [2].

5.4.1. LAB MEDIA: Figure 5B. *Video editor: Highlight the PMA patterned bars for both "Neutrophil" and "LDN"*

5.4.2. LAB MEDIA: Figure 5B. *Video editor: Emphasize the PMA bar for LDN*

5.5. Low-density neutrophils released neutrophil extracellular traps in response to PMA stimulation, as evidenced by colocalization of DNA with elastase [1] and with citrulline [2].

5.5.1. LAB MEDIA: Figure 6A. *Video editor: Highlight the merged image*

5.5.2. LAB MEDIA: Figure 6B. *Video editor: Highlight the merged image*

5.6. Both purified neutrophils and low-density neutrophils released NETs with similar kinetics and amounts after PMA treatment [1].

5.6.1. LAB MEDIA: Figure 7. *Video editor: Highlight the overlapping lines for “Neu + PMA” (solid circles) and “LDN + PMA” (solid triangles)*

Pronunciation Guide:

❑ Neutrophils

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

IPA: /'nu:trəˌfɪl/, /'nju:trəˌfɪl/

Phonetic Spelling: noo-truh-fil

❑ Peripheral

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

IPA: /pəˈrɪfərəl/, /pəˈrɪfrəl/

Phonetic Spelling: puh-rif-er-uhl

❑ Mononuclear

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

IPA: /ˌmɒnɒʊˈnuːkliər/

Phonetic Spelling: mon-oh-noo-klee-er

❑ Venipuncture

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

IPA: /ˈviːnɪˌpʌŋktʃər/

Phonetic Spelling: vee-nih-punk-chur

❑ Heparin

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

IPA: /ˈhepərɪn/

Phonetic Spelling: hep-uh-rin

❑ Dextran

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

IPA: /ˈdɛkˌstræn/

Phonetic Spelling: dek-stran

❑ Erythrocytes

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

IPA: /ɪˈrɪθrəˌsaɪts/

Phonetic Spelling: ih-rith-roe-syts

❑ Hypotonic

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

IPA: /ˌhaɪpəʊˈtəːnɪk/

Phonetic Spelling: hy-po-tah-nik

❑ Hypertonic

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

IPA: /ˌhaɪpərˈtəːnɪk/

Phonetic Spelling: hy-per-tah-nik

❑ HEPES

Pronunciation link: No confirmed link found

IPA: /ˈhiːpiːz/

Phonetic Spelling: hee-pee-z

🔍 Microbeads

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

IPA: /'maɪkroʊ.bi:dz/

Phonetic Spelling: my-kroh-beedz

🔍 Cytometry

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

IPA: /saɪ'tɒmətri/

Phonetic Spelling: sy-tah-muh-tree

🔍 Paraformaldehyde

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

IPA: /,pærəfɔːr'mældəˌhaɪd/

Phonetic Spelling: pa-ruh-for-mal-duh-hyde

🔍 Multilobulated

Pronunciation link: No confirmed link found

IPA: /,mʌlti'loʊbjəˌleɪtɪd/

Phonetic Spelling: mul-tee-loh-byuh-lay-tid

🔍 Colocalization

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

IPA: /,kəʊˌləʊkələˈzeɪʃən/

Phonetic Spelling: koh-loh-kuh-lay-zhun