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## Abstract

This protocol details the Establishment of primary intestinal epithelial cells and leukocytes from the three-spined stickleback, *Gasterosteus aculeatus*.

## Attachments



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## Materials

### Stock solutions:

#### 0.1M dithiothreitol:

A	B
DTT powder	155 mg
dH2O DNase free	10 mL
Aliquot in 1ml tubes	
Store at -20 C	

#### Note

Highly unstable at RT.

### Mucus removal solution:

A	B
1X HBSS	18.6 ml
DTT solution	1 ml
FBS	0.4 ml
Divide into two 15 ml tubes	

### Epithelial cells recovery solution:

A	B
EDTA	29.224 g
FBS	0.4 ml
HBSS	
Adjust pH to 7.3 using hydrochloric acid or sodium hydroxide.	

### Enzymatic digestion solution:

A	B
LiberaseTM	1.4 Wunsch units/ml
DNase I	24 U/ml
1X HBSS	7 ml

**Reagents:**

⊗ Dithiothreitol (DTT) **Thermo Fisher Scientific Catalog #R0861**

⊗ Cell Dissociation Buffer enzyme-free Hanks Balanced Salt Solution **Thermo Fisher Scientific Catalog #13150016**

⊗ Ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid 99% pure **Thermo Fisher Scientific Catalog #AC118432500**

⊗ Thermo Scientific™ Deoxyribonuclease I bovine pancreas **Thermo Fisher Scientific Catalog #AAJ62229MB**

⊗ Supply Solutions Liberase™ DL Research Grade low Dispase concentration 2x5mg **Fisher Scientific Catalog #501003356**

⊗ Leibovitz's L-15 Medium **Thermo Fisher Catalog #11415064**

⊗ Corning™ Penicillin-Streptomycin Solution **Fisher Scientific Catalog #MT30002CI**

⊗ Corning™ Premium Fetal Bovine Serum **Fisher Scientific Catalog #MT35015CV**

⊗ Leuko Spin Medium **pluriSelect Catalog #SKU 60-00091-10**

**Equipment:**

Equipment	
<b>Centrifuge</b>	NAME
Eppendorf	BRAND
5804	SKU

Equipment

<b>Fisherbrand™ accumet™ AE150 Benchtop pH Meter</b>	NAME
pH meter	TYPE
Fisherbrand™	BRAND
AE150	SKU
<a href="https://www.fishersci.com/shop/products/accumet-ae150-ph-benchtop-meter/13636AE153">https://www.fishersci.com/shop/products/accumet-ae150-ph-benchtop-meter/13636AE153</a> <sup>LINK</sup>	

Equipment

<b>Cole-Parmer® INC-250 Series Mini CO2 Digital Incubator</b>	NAME
Digital Incubator	TYPE
Cole Parmer	BRAND
71717	SKU
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Equipment

**Microscope: Leica DMI1**

NAME

Microscope

TYPE

Leica

BRAND

DMI1

SKU

<https://www.leica-microsystems.com/products/light-microscopes/p/leica-dmi1/><sup>LINK</sup>

Stereoscope: Leica S7E

Equipment

**Stereoscope**

NAME

Stereoscope

TYPE

Leica

BRAND

S7E





SKU

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






- Biosafety cabinet: Sterilgard III Advance

## Before start








### Fish dissection:

- Prepare one Petri dish  On ice with  10 mL of 1X PBS for collecting the tissue.
- Prepare Two Petri dishes containing  10 mL of PBS 1X, 0.1% povidone-iodine and, two Petri dishes with  10 mL 1X PBS and place inside the biosafety cabinet to sterilize the intestine.




## Fish dissection

- 1 After following approved euthanasia procedures, place the fish's body  On ice .
- 2 Make a ventral incision from the cloaca to the jaw using sharp surgical scissors.
- 3 Make two lateral incisions just behind the opercular flaps down to the lateral line of the fish.
- 4 Using two pins, secure the fish on its dorsal side on a dissecting pad.
- 5 To detach the intestine, make a cut at pyloric caeca on one side and the cloaca on the other side.
- 6 Place intestine into a Petri dish containing  10 mL of cold 1X PBS. 
- 7 Using forceps and mini dissecting scissors, open the intestine by making a longitudinal incision.
- 8 Bring the Petri dish containing the intestine into the biological safety cabinet and wash the intestine by submerging in two successive 0.1% povidone-iodine washes for  00:05:00   each.
- 9 Wash twice for  00:05:00 each in a Petri dish containing  10 mL of cold 1x PBS to remove iodine.   

## Mucus removal:

- 10 Transfer opened gut in  10 mL of mucus removal solution and incubate for  00:10:00  at  17 °C on a gyratory rocker for  00:10:00 .  



11 Resuspend the gut tissue in a fresh  10 mL of mucus removal solution and incubate again incubate for  00:10:00 at  17 °C on a gyratory rocker.

10m



## Epithelial cells recovery and enzymatic digestion:




12





10m



Note

**Enzymatic digestion is affected by the temperatures.**



Transfer the gut tissue to  10 mL of epithelial cells recovery solution and incubate for  00:10:00 at  17 °C on a gyratory rocker.

13 In order to recover epithelial cells in the suspension, remove the gut tissue from Epithelial cells recovery solution and keep it  On ice for enzymatic digestion step. Centrifuge the cell suspension at  300 x g for  00:10:00 at  17 °C .

10m





14 Remove the supernatant and resuspend the epithelial cell pellet in HBSS with 2% FBS and 1% Pen Strep.

15 Transfer the intestinal tissue from step 13 to  7 mL of enzymatic digestion solution, then incubate for  00:30:00 at  17 °C on a gyratory shaker.



30m



16 Collect and save the cell suspension at  17 °C .


17 Resuspend the remaining intestinal tissue removed from the enzymatic digestion solution in  7 mL of fresh enzymatic digestion solution for a second enzymatic digestion.



18 Incubate for an additional  00:30:00 at  17 °C on a gyratory shaker.

30m



19 Recover the cell suspension and pool with cell suspensions obtained from step 16 in a 15 ml conical tube and keep at  17 °C .

20 Filter the obtained cell suspension through a  $\pm 40 \mu\text{m}$  mesh cell strainer into a new tube to remove cell clumps.

21 Centrifuge the obtained unicellular suspension at  $300 \times g$  for 00:10:00 at  $17^\circ\text{C}$ .

10m

22 Resuspend the cell pellet in 5 mL L15 with 2% FBS and 1% pen Strep.

### Density gradient:

23 Use double-density leukocyte isolation medium to recover all leukocytes from the cell suspension.

24 In a 15 mL conical tube, add 10 mL of the density medium.

25 Carefully layer 5 mL of the cell suspension onto the density medium and mix the two phases.

26 Centrifuge for 00:20:00 at  $750 \times g$  at  $17^\circ\text{C}$ .

20m

27 After the density centrifugation, one white layer of cells appears between the L15 medium and Ficoll. Aspirate the top layer of the L15 medium.

28 Next, transfer the mononuclear and polymorphonuclear cell layer to a new conical tube, while making sure to not aspirate the Ficoll gradient with the cells. Wash the cells by centrifuging them at  $17^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $300 \times g$ , once with 10 mL of L15 2% FBS and 1% PenStrep.

### Cell seeding:

29 Seed the cells into 96 wells plate at a density of  $1 \times 10^6$  cells/ml in L15 media with 10% FBS and 1% PenStrep.