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Customized cellular products



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CyTUM

Flow Cytometry FACS Unit's – located at MIH, LTI and UNIKA-T

→ First University overarching facility in Germany

680 user

- 300 (Analysis)
- 380 (Cell Sorting)

Instruments:

- 28 Analyzer
- 7 Cell Sorter
- 10 employees



Instrumentation of the CyTUM MIH



Cell separation – an overview



Antibody based cell separation methods



Introduction FACS





Scientific Question and considerations

- Sample processing
 - Cell isolation/preparation
 - Staining/biological durability/activation
 - Temperature
- Sorting parameters
 - Pressure
 - Shearing effects/Acceleration
 - Decompression/expansion
 - Laser light
 - Electrostatic charge
 - Impact
 - Energy Dissipation Rate

Varma, S. *et al.*, Analytical chemistry (2017) Richardson, G. M. *et al.*, Cytometry A (2015) Mollet, M. et al., Biotechnology and Bioengineering (2007)



A closer look at some FACS forces



In versatile applications FACS is unrivaled to other purification methods, thus limited to applications for research use only.

In the work of our group we evaluate assays to determine cell fitness, in order to validate current research data. These results might also be useful for other clinical cell processing's.

Method – "optimized" cell sorter

We built a modified MoFlo XDP[™] cell sorter, for controlling temperature sort conditions of the whole system, enabling us to evaluate the influence of temperature. In this approach we used different technologies to evaluate every single parameter during sorting, like in an equation, with only one variable.



4° C





LLO₉₁₋₉₉–specific T cell line H2-K^d/LLO₉₁₋₉₉/mb₂m SA-Alexa546 45 min staining

FACS Optimizing - Temperature



Centralized cooling solution for all conventional instruments







Temperature control on the MoFlo XDP[™] fluidic system



Cell death after temperature storage by propidium iodide (PI) staining



Flow cytometric analysis of cell death after temperature storage by propidium iodide (PI) staining. Graphs show percentages of living cells in a time course for human PBMCs, murine splenocytes and K562 cells.

Phosphorylation of the MAPK p38 signaling pathway



Immunoblot (top left graph) for phosphorylated p38 in ficoled PBMCs from BuffyCoat Donors, with exclusion of Buffer related phosphorylation effects (lower graph). p38 signal strength was determined via ImageJ Software shown as a bar chart (top right graph).

Functional Analysis of sorted cells



time course of proliferation



Two graphs (both left) show the proliferation based thymidine uptake of sorted CD8 positive cells in a mixed lymphocyte reaction (MLR).

Lower graph displays the survival of sorted CD8 cells from whole blood in a time course over two days.



mRNA levels via MicroArray



resting



 We were able to observe sorting induced cell alterations in different cell lines, as well as altered cell physiology.

Primary cells, specially PBMCs and T-cells seemed very robust und unaffected by the use of FACS.

- The parameters evaluated in this project could also be applied to other clinical cell processing methods.

- mRNA levels via MicroArray
 - no activation more down regulation

General problem: remaining sort-marker

• changes of the cell population cross linking, activation, cell death, receptor blockade

clinical issues

toxicity, immunogenicity, allergic reactions

• regulatory/economical aspects difficult process for reagent approval



MHC Multimers



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MHC Multimers - adoptive Transfer



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 LLO_{91-99} -specific T cells

Reversible MHC Multimers - Streptamers



MHC Streptamers









MHC Streptamers and effective adoptive Immunotherapy



LLO₉₁₋₉₉-specific T cells

Directly ex vivo sorted T cells



magnetic beads / reversible Multimers

positive fraction **Provide the state of the**



Preclinical research summary

- remaining marker (MHC multimers) can alter stained cells
- fully reversible staining with MHC Streptamers
- low numbers of primary T cells for effective adoptive transfer
- identification of highly effective memory subsets for adoptive transfer



Cell therapy



Increasing targets and applications

- hematopoetic / mesenchymal stem cells
- T cells (antigen-specific T cells, regulatory T cells)
- endothelia, chondrocytes, NK cells



T cell therapy



Clinical cell sorting



Example: Patient (Utrecht)

- 14 years, ALL, CMV positive
- stem cell transplantation (father)
- after 2 weeks, CMV reactivation, Ganciclovir resistant \Rightarrow Foscarnet
- MHC Multimer-purification: pp65₄₉₅₋₅₀₃-specific T cells
- adoptive transfer of 100.000 specific cells

Immune-Monitoring upon T cell transfer



T cells, virus load



Single cell sort on 48 spot slides for CDR3-T cell Tracking in CMV patients



Patient (SCID, Tunesia)

A. Borkhardt (Düsseldorf)

- 8 Mo, severe combined immunodeficiency
- stem cell transplantation (father)

- CMV in urine, blood, ascites, trachea, liquor, skin biopsy
- Ganciclovir resistant
- Streptamer-purification: pp65₄₉₅₋₅₀₃ specific T cells
- adoptive transfer of **30.000** specific cells

Immunmonitoring upon T cell transfer



Sequence (Patient) V 13N ...TGTGCCAGCTTTTTTGGGGGGTGGGGGATCAAC...

Sequence (Donor) V 13N ...TGTGCCAGCTTTTTTGGGGGGTGGGGGATCAAC... TCRVb13.6 BD2.1 BJ1.2

193 bp

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Products - designed for the production of:

- Blood cell products
- Investigational drugs
- Advanced Therapy Medicinal Products (ATMPs), which include:
 - Somatic cell therapy; Gene transfer drugs; Tissue-engineered products (combination products).

Clinical cell processing

Interaction of TCR – MHC Streptamers → only T cells are accessible



Stable binding of α CD30 multimers even after excessive washing



Fully reversible staining with Fab-Streptamers

Fab-multimer

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D-biotin

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ST-PE

0.018

Fab-multimer

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D-biotin

0.005

Stemberger, Dreher, Tschulik, Schiemann et al.

PloS One 2012



FL1 - FITC

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CD3 Fab-multimer / Fabmonomer Fab-multimer

64.5

Multiplex Streptamer staning and sorting



Method -- "untouched" cells



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Cell selection and expansion:

- FABian[®] for automated cell selection with reversible reagents
- PBMCs, T and B cell isolation directly from whole blood without magnetic beads and density gradient centrifugation.

Summary

- MHC Streptamers
- Tool for basic research and clinical applications
- Fab Streptamers transfer of Streptamers to virtually any cell surface marker
- Reversibility as a standard for clinical cell purification



From bench to beside - collaboration groups



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