Macrophage primary culture

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Macrophage differentiation

Bone marrow



• In many cases, in vitro experiment with cell line is more convenient and timesaving than in vivo experiment.

How to get macrophage cell line?

- Immortalized macrophage-like myeloid cell lines
- Such as:
 - J774A.1 (Mus musculus)
 - RAW264.7 (Mus musculus)
 - P388D1 (Mus musculus)
 - U-937 (Homo sapiens)
 - THP-1 (Homo sapiens)

• THP-1 cell line

- a human monocytic cell line derived from an acute monocytic leukemia patient.
- can be differentiated into macrophage-like cells using phorbol 12-myristate 13 (PMA).

How to get macrophage cell line?

- Primary macrophages culture
 - Bone marrow-derived macrophages(BMM)
 - Peritoneal macrophages (PM)
 - Alveolar macrophages (AM)

Colony-stimulating factor (CSF)

• Include:

- CSF1 Macrophage colony-stimulating factor (M-CSF)
- CSF2 Granulocyte macrophage colony-stimulating factors (GM-CSF)
- CSF3 Granulocyte colony-stimulating factors (G-CSF)
- Synthetic Promegapoietin

- L929 cell line:
 - Murine aneuploid fibrosarcoma cell line
 - secrete a factor that is identical with murine M-CSF.
 Therefore conditioned medium of L929 cells is used frequently as a crude source of murine M-CSF.



Flow chart

Bone marrow-derived macrophages culture (protocol)

Plate cells into six-well plate with complete medium

On the 5th day, add additional 2ml complete medium





On the 7th day, change mediumwith RPMI 1640 medium supplemented with 10%FBS



Flow chart

Identification methods of macrophage

- Morphological observation
- Enzyme cytochemistry
- Phagocytosis Assay
- Flow cytometry or Immunocytochemistry

Thanks for your attention!