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Title	Peripheral Blood Analysis		
Introduction	This protocol describes the analysis of mouse peripheral blood		
Materials	HBSS+ : Hanks Balanced Salt Solution (from Serum and 10 mM 2% dextran in PBSHeparin SolutionAntibody Cocktail (In HBBS+)AntibodyConcentratioB220 - Pac Blue1:100B220 - Pe-Cy71:100CD4 - Pac Blue1:100CD8 - Pac Blue1:100Gr-1 - Pe-Cy71:200Mac-1 - Pe-Cy71:200CD45.1 - Fitc1:100CD45.2 - APC1:100	Gibco) with 2% Fetal Calf	
Protocol		Notes	
1.	Prepare 1.5 mL tubes to receive blood by pipeting 150µL of 2% dextran in PBS and 150µL of Heparin Solution.		
2.	Retro-orbitally bleed mice using heparin coated capillary tubes and place blood into prepared 1.5mL tubes. Also obtain spleenocytes to use as a control at this time.		
3.	Allow blood to settle for at least 20 minutes (until supernatant appears almost white) then pipet off supernatant into an appropriate FACS tube.		
4	Add 1 mL of RBC lysis buffer to each tube.		

5	Wait at least ten minutes.	Best to wait around 20 minutes
6	While you are waiting, prepare the antibody cocktail shown in the Materials section of this protocol(enough to make a final solution of 100µL per sample).	CD45.1 or CD45.2 can be substituted for an antibody of your choice. Also PE is still open for the use of an antibody of your choice.
7	Place antibodies into an appropriate amount of Hank's+ (enough to make 100µL per tube) to finish your antibody cocktail.	
8	Stain spleenocytes with B220+ in each color to act as controls	
9	Wash tubes with 2 mL of Hank's+, then spin down for 8 min. at 2000 rpm.	
10	Discard supernatant (I personally use the 'net method' in combo with the centrifuge holders)	In order to discard supernantant of all the tubes together, you can use a plastic web to cover the tubes and turn it down together with the centrifuge holders.
11	Resuspend cells with 100µL of the antibody cocktail	
12	Wait 10 minutes, then wash with 2 mL of Hank's+ and spin down for 8 min. at 2000 rpm.	
13	While your samples are spinning prepare a PI solution by using the lab stock of PI (1:100concentration) and Hank's+.	
14	Discard supernatant.	
15	Resuspend cells with 300 μ L of PI solution.	
16	Go do the analysis on the LSRII.	

References.

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Figure 1. Example of Retroviral transduction and lineage analysis. At twelve weeks after transplant/transduction mice were bled and engrafted/transduced cells were identified using CD45.2-APC (donor background) and eGFP expression. B-cells were dual stained with B220-Pacific Blue and B220-PE-Cy7. T-cells were single labled with CD4- and CD8-Pacific Blue. Myeloid cells were Pacific Blue negative. Transduced and non-transduced cells were simultaneously examined using a FacsAria (BD).