

# Comparison between K<sub>3</sub>EDTA and lithium heparin as anticoagulant to isolate bovine granulocytes from blood

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#### **1** Supplementary Data

none

#### 2 Supplementary Figures and Tables

#### \*\* \* A \*\* В 500000 \*\* 15-400000 % of dead cells 10 Mean size EDTA / NaCl 300000 EDTA / water 200000 Heparin / NaCl Heparin / water 100000 n EDTA/NaCl \*\*\* \*\*\* С D E 800000 \*\*\* 100-SSC-A \*\*\* Mean granularity 500000-700000-700000-700000-80 % of granulocytes 60 40 Heparin/NaCl 20 SSC-A 0 0 F G FSC-A CD11b Isotype % of CD11b positive from doublets 100 Cd11B-fite-A+ 0,28 800 - Cd11B-fite-A-4,41 Cd11B-fite-A+ 95,6 400 - Cd11B-fite-A 600 300 Count Count 400 200 50 10 102 103 104 102 CD11b FITC-A CD11b FITC-A Η % of CD11b positive from granulocytes Ι \* Mean fluorescence (CD11b FTC- A) 15000-5000-0-0-100 \*\*\*\* \*\* \*\*\*\* EDTA / NaCl 50 EDTA / water Heparin / NaCl Heparin / water

### 2.1 Supplementary Figures

**Supplementary Figure 1.** All data presented in the main figures 1-3 with singlet analysis are here presented with doublet analysis. (A) Viability of isolated granulocytes (n= 5, one-way ANOVA P=0.5929), (B) Size of granulocytes (n= 5, one-way ANOVA P=0.0008), (C) Granularity of isolated granulocytes (n= 5, one-way ANOVA P=0.9396), (D and E) Percentage of granulocytes based on



FSC-A and SSC-A (n= 5, one-way ANOVA P<0.0001), (F) CD11b positive cells in all doublets (n= 5, one-way ANOVA P=0.0032), (G) Scatter blots are representative for the used settings and show the count in CD11b stained samples and the isotype control after K<sub>3</sub>EDTA / NaCl isolation, (H) Percentage of CD11b positive cells from granulocytes only after FSC/SSC gating (n= 5, one-way ANOVA P=0.3860), (I) mean fluorescence intensity of CD11b expression level of isolated granulocytes (n= 5, one-way ANOVA P=0.<0.0001). P value \*P<0.05, \*\*P<0.01, \*\*\*P<0.001 and \*\*\*\*P<0.001 were considered significant.



Supplementary Figure 2. Representative pictures for ET formation in unstimulated control samples. Formation of ETs was quantified based on immunofluorescence microscopy. After 2h incubation at  $37^{\circ}$ C and 5% CO<sub>2</sub> the cells were fixed. Afterwards ET staining for



immunofluorescence microscopy was conducted (blue = DNA [Hoechst], green = DNA/histone-1complexes [ETs]). Two representative pictures are shown from all granulocyte isolation methods as indicated. The isotype control did not show any ET specific signal. Negative control (Ctr) is an unstimulated control (RPMI) and shows the unspecific background stimulation. Lysis methods were used as indicated at the top.



**Supplementary Figure 3.** Control experiments to verify formation of ETs. (1) Representative pictures for ET formation in lithium heparine / NaCl isolated granulocytes. Formation of ETs was visualized based on immunofluorescence microscopy using antibodies against myeloperoxidase in addition to ET-specific antibodies: After 2h incubation at 37°C and 5% CO<sub>2</sub> the cells were fixed. Afterwards ET staining for immunofluorescence microscopy was conducted (blue = DNA [Hoechst], red = DNA/histone-1-complexes [ETs], green = myeloperoxidase [MPO]). Representative pictures are shown. The isotype control did not show any ET or MPO specific signal. Cyclodextrine (CD) stimulated cells are used as positive control for ET formation. CD and DNase treated cells show a loss of ET positive signal compared to CD only, because ETs were degraded by nucleases and thus confirming ET specificity. (B) Statistical analysis of NET induction assays was conducted from 3



independent experiments. Per sample, 6 pictures were taken on 2 slides at predefined positions and the fluorescence intensity of ET-positive cells (red channel) were determined using ImageJ software. A difference between negative and positive samples was detected in K<sub>3</sub>EDTA / NaCl and lithium heparin / water isolated granulocytes. Statistical significance was tested with one-tailed, paired Student's t-Test.



30 minutes all

30 minutes singlets



В





**Supplementary Figure 4. Representative scatter blots for apoptosis analysis.** Apoptotic cells were stained positive for with Annexin V (Annexin APC-A) and negative for propidium iodide (Dead PI-A) as shown by right lower corner (Q3) of histogram blot. Dead necrotic cells are positive for annexin V and PI (upper right corner Q2). Cells in process of undergoing necrosis at an aerly stage are positive for PI, but negative for annexin V (upper left corner Q1). Viable cells are negative for Annexin and PI (left lower corner Q4). For details see Material and Methods section in main manuscript. (A) Data shown from 30 minutes after isolation; (B) data shown from 120 minutes after



isolation; (C) data shown for unstained cells directly after isolation. Cells were incubated at 37°C and 5% CO2, and left untreated in medium control (stained cells), or treated with 10 ng/ml TNF $\alpha$  (TNF) + 0.1 µg/ml gliotoxin (Glio) as apoptosis inducer. Data in the quadrants of histogram blot (Q1-4) are indicated as percentage of cells.



cow number	name	birthday	breed	lactation status	pregnant	male /female	BCS	other information
411	Kinderriegel	09.02.2011	Holstein Friesian	non lactating	no	female	4,5	Sectio 29.01.2013, 1. calf
38	Lütje	23.11.2011	Holstein Friesian	non lactating	no	female	4,25	Sectio 31.10.2013, 1. calf
202	Blacky	03.11.2011	Holstein Friesian	non lactating	no	female	4,0	Sectio 04.02.2014, 1. calf
36	Barbie	13.11.2011	Holstein Friesian	non lactating	no	female	4,25	Sectio 06.11.2013, 1. calf
271	no name	12.07.2012	Holstein Friesian	non lactating	no	female	4,25	Sectio 01.07.2014, 1. calf
38	Lütje	23.11.2011	Holstein Friesian	non lactating	no	female	4,25	Sectio 31.10.2013, 1. calf
36	Barbie	13.11.2011	Holstein Friesian	non lactating	no	female	4,25	Sectio 06.11.2013, 1. calf
372	Athene	09.01.2013	Holstein Friesian	non lactating	no	female	4,25	Sectio 26.05.15, 1. calf
411	Kinderriegel	09.02.2011	Holstein Friesian	non lactating	no	female	4,5	Sectio 29.01.2013, 1. calf
430	Rosi	04.03.2009	Holstein Friesian	non lactating	no	female	4,75	16.04.11, 1. calf
6	Flecki	30.12.2011	Holstein Friesian	non lactating	no	female	4,25	Sectio 01.06.12, 1. calf

Supplementary Table 1. Information about all blood donor cows included in this study.