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1. **Experiment:** NK92 expansion and flow cytometry sorting
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4. **Material:** RPMI-1640 medium (10-15 mL per culture flask), FLAG-APC antibody (BioLegend, 637308) at 10 μ L per 2200 μ L of PBS (1:200 dilution) for initial labeling and 2 μ L per 1 mL of PBS (1:500 dilution) for secondary labeling, Phosphate-buffered saline (PBS).
5. **Method:**
 - (1) NK92 cell suspension from the stock is transferred to a tissue culture flask containing RPMI-1640 medium. An appropriate seeding density of $2-5 \times 10^6$ cells per 10-15 mL of medium should be ensured.
 - (2) The culture flask is placed in a CO₂ incubator set at 37°C with 5% CO₂ for 24 hrs. Cell growth should be monitored to ensure that cells are in the logarithmic phase.
 - (3) Replace the medium by removing the old medium and adding fresh RPMI-1640 medium.
 - (4) When cells reach 70-80% confluency, cells are passaged. The cell suspension is collected, and centrifuged at 300 \times g for 5 minutes. The supernatant is discarded, and the cells are resuspended in a fresh medium before seeding into new culture flasks. Typically, a 1:3 to 1:5 split ratio is used for passaging.
 - (5) Cells should be regularly counted using an automated cell counter. Assess cell morphology under a microscope to ensure healthy growth.
 - (6) NK cell suspension was expanded to over 10^7 and centrifuged at 1500 rpm for 5 minutes. 30 mL of PBS was used to wash the cells.
 - (7) The cells were resuspended by 2200 μ L of PBS and 10 μ L of FLAG-APC antibody (BioLegend, 637308) was added to label the cells. The cells were then incubated in the dark for 15 minutes.
 - (8) The cells were washed again with 30mL of PBS. The supernatant was discarded, and the cells were resuspended again by 500 μ L of PBS.
 - (9) The positive cells were sorted based on the CAR expression, from the top 10% to 20%.
 - (10) The sorted cells were cultured to proliferate to 2×10^7 and FACS detects the CAR-positive cell proportion.
 - (11) 1mL of cell suspension was taken. After the three-minute placement on ice, the cells were centrifuged at 3000 rpm for 5 minutes and collected.
 - (12) The supernatant was discarded completely and the cells were resuspended in 1mL of PBS.
 - (13) 2 μ L of FLAG-APC antibody (BioLegend, 637308) was added to label the cells.
 - (14) The cells were then incubated in the dark at room temperature for 15 minutes. 1mL of PBS was added to terminate the reaction and the cells could be collected after centrifuging at 3000rpm for 5 minutes.
 - (15) The cells were resuspended by 1mL of PBS and the supernatant was discarded. The cells were resuspended in 50 μ L of ice-cold PBS, and flow cytometry analysis could be carried out.