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Warnings

Reagents contain sodium azide. Under acidic conditions sodium azide yields hydrazoic acid, which is extremely toxic. Azide compounds should be diluted with running water before discarding. These precautions are recommended to avoid deposits in plumbing where explosive conditions may develop.

Description

This product is for research use only.

Components	<p>2 mL CD19 MicroBeads, human: MicroBeads conjugated to a monoclonal CD19 antibody (isotype: mouse IgG1).</p> <p>2 mL CD14 MicroBeads, human: MicroBeads conjugated to a monoclonal CD14 antibody (isotype: mouse IgG2a).</p> <p>2 mL CD1c (BDCA-1)-Biotin, human: monoclonal CD1c (BDCA-1) antibody conjugated to biotin (clone: AD5-8E7, isotype: mouse IgG2a).</p> <p>2 mL Anti-Biotin MicroBeads: MicroBeads conjugated to monoclonal anti-biotin antibody (isotype: mouse IgG1).</p> <p>2 mL FcR Blocking Reagent, human: human IgG.</p>
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Capacity For 2×10⁹ total cells, up to 20 separations.

Product format All components are supplied in buffer containing stabilizer and 0.05% sodium azide.

Storage Store protected from light at 2–8 °C. Do not freeze. The expiration date is indicated on the vial label.

1.1 Principle of the MACS® Separation

The isolation of CD1c (BDCA-1)⁺ myeloid dendritic cells is performed in a two-step procedure. First, the CD1c (BDCA-1)-expressing B cells are magnetically labeled with CD19 MicroBeads and optionally CD14⁺ myeloid cells with CD14 MicroBeads, whereas CD1c⁺ cells are labeled with CD1c (BDCA-1)-Biotin. The magnetically labeled cells are subsequently depleted by separation over a MACS® Column, which is placed in the magnetic field of a MACS Separator. The flow-through fraction is depleted of CD19⁺ and optionally of CD14⁺ cells.

In the second step, the CD1c (BDCA-1)⁺ myeloid dendritic cells in the flow-through fraction are magnetically labeled with Anti-Biotin MicroBeads and isolated by positive selection by separation over a MACS Column, which is placed in the magnetic field of a MACS Separator.

After removing the column from the magnetic field, the magnetically retained CD1c (BDCA-1)⁺ myeloid dendritic cells can be eluted as the positively selected cell fraction. To increase the purity, the positively selected cell fraction containing the CD1c (BDCA-1)⁺ cells must be separated over a second column.

Human PBMCs:

Depletion of CD19⁺ B cells and optionally CD14⁺ myeloid cells

1. Magnetic labeling of CD19⁺ B cells with CD19 MicroBeads. (Optional) Magnetic labeling of CD14⁺ myeloid cells.
2. Biotin-labeling of myeloid dendritic cells with CD1c (BDCA-1)-Biotin.
3. Magnetic separation using an LD Column or an autoMACS Column (program "Depletes").

Flow-through fraction:

Positive selection of CD1c (BDCA-1)⁺ cells

1. Indirect magnetic labeling of biotin-labeled CD1c (BDCA-1)⁺ myeloid dendritic cells with Anti-Biotin MicroBeads.
2. Magnetic separation using two MS Columns or autoMACS Columns (program "Posseld2").

CD1c (BDCA-1)⁺ myeloid dendritic cells (eluted fraction)

1.2 Background information

The CD1c (BDCA-1) antigen is specifically expressed on dendritic cells, which are CD11c^{high} CD123^{low} and represent the major subset of myeloid dendritic cells in human blood. CD1c (BDCA-1)⁺

dendritic cells show a monocytoïd morphology and express myeloid markers such as CD13 and CD33 as well as Fc receptors such as CD32, CD64, and FcεRI. Furthermore, they were determined to be CD4⁺, Lin (CD3, CD16, CD19, CD20, CD56)⁻, CD2⁺, CD45RO⁺, CD141 (BDCA-3)^{low}, CD303 (BDCA-2)⁻, and CD304 (BDCA-4/Neuropilin-1)⁻. A minor proportion of CD1c (BDCA-1)⁺ myeloid dendritic cells expresses CD14 and CD11b. CD1c (BDCA-1) is also found on CD1a⁺ dendritic cells generated *ex vivo* from monocytes or hematopoietic precursor cells, and on CD1a⁺ Langerhans cells in skin. Recently, a functionally different population of CD14⁺CD1c⁺ myeloid cells has been reported. To avoid the co-enrichment of such population, an optional removal reagent for CD14⁺ myeloid cells is included. In blood, apart from myeloid dendritic cells, a subset of resting B cells expresses CD1c (BDCA-1). For this reason, the CD1c (BDCA-1)⁺ Dendritic Cell Isolation Kit includes CD19 MicroBeads for depletion of B cells prior to the enrichment of CD1c (BDCA-1)⁺ myeloid dendritic cells.

1.3 Applications

- Isolation of CD1c (BDCA-1)⁺ myeloid dendritic cells to examine expression of Toll-like receptors, chemokine receptors, or new antigens, e.g., DCAL-1 and EMR2.
- Isolation for studies on dendritic cell activation, migration, cytokine production, and T cell polarization, particularly in comparison with monocyte-derived dendritic cells.
- Isolation of CD1c⁺ DCs for studies evaluating new checkpoint inhibitors or dissecting their mechanisms of actions in tumor settings.

1.4 Reagent and instrument requirements

- Buffer: Prepare a solution containing phosphate-buffered saline (PBS), pH 7.2, 0.5% bovine serum albumin (BSA), and 2 mM EDTA by diluting MACS[®] BSA Stock Solution (# 130-091-376) 1:20 with autoMACS[®] Rinsing Solution (# 130-091-222). Keep buffer cold (2–8 °C). Degas buffer before use, as air bubbles could block the column.

Note: EDTA can be replaced by other supplements such as anticoagulant citrate dextrose formula-A (ACD-A) or citrate phosphate dextrose (CPD). BSA can be replaced by other proteins such as human serum albumin, human serum, or fetal bovine serum (FBS). Buffers or media containing Ca²⁺ or Mg²⁺ are not recommended for use.

- MACS Columns and MACS Separators: Depletion of CD19⁺ B cells and optionally of CD14⁺ myeloid cells can be performed on an LD Column. The subsequent positive selection of CD1c (BDCA-1)⁺ myeloid dendritic cells can be performed on two MS Columns. Positive selection and depletion can also be performed by using the autoMACS Pro Separator.

Column	Max. number of labeled cells	Max. number of total cells	Separator
Depletion			
LD	10 ⁸	5×10 ⁸	MidiMACS, QuadroMACS, VarioMACS, SuperMACS II
Positive selection			
MS	10 ⁷	2×10 ⁸	MiniMACS, OctoMACS, VarioMACS, SuperMACS II
Depletion or positive selection			
autoMACS	2×10 ⁸	4×10 ⁹	autoMACS Pro

Note: Column adapters are required to insert certain columns into the VarioMACS[™] or SuperMACS[™] II Separators. For details refer to the respective MACS Separator data sheet.

- (Optional) Fluorochrome-conjugated antibodies for flow cytometric analysis, e.g., CD1c (BDCA-1)-PE. For more information about antibodies refer to www.miltenyibiotec.com/antibodies.

Note: Fluorescence labeling has to be performed **after** magnetic separation.

- (Optional) Propidium Iodide Solution (# 130-093-233) or 7-AAD Staining Solution (# 130-111-568) for flow cytometric exclusion of dead cells.
- (Optional) Dead Cell Removal Kit (# 130-090-101) for the depletion of dead cells.
- (Optional) Pre-Separation Filters (30 μm) (# 130-041-407) to remove cell clumps.

1. Protocol

2.1 Sample preparation

When working with anticoagulated peripheral blood or buffy coat, peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMCs) should be isolated by density gradient centrifugation, for example, using Ficoll-Paque[™].

Note: To remove platelets after density gradient separation, resuspend cell pellet in buffer and centrifuge at 200×g for 10–15 minutes at 20 °C. Carefully aspirate supernatant. Repeat washing step.

For details refer to the protocols section at www.miltenyibiotec.com/protocols.

When working with tissues, prepare a single-cell suspension using the gentleMACS[™] Dissociator.

For details refer to www.gentlemacs.com/protocols.

Note: Dead cells may bind non-specifically to MACS MicroBeads. To remove dead cells, we recommend using density gradient centrifugation or the Dead Cell Removal Kit (# 130-090-101).



2.2 Magnetic labeling of CD19⁺ and optionally of CD14⁺ cells

Note: Work fast, keep cells cold, and use pre-cooled solutions. This will prevent capping of antibodies on the cell surface and non-specific cell labeling.

Note: Volumes for magnetic labeling given below are for up to 10⁸ total cells. When working with fewer than 10⁸ cells, use the same volumes as indicated. When working with higher cell numbers, scale up all reagent volumes and total volumes accordingly (e.g. for 2×10⁸ total cells, use twice the volume of all indicated reagent volumes and total volumes).

Note: For optimal performance it is important to obtain a single-cell suspension before magnetic labeling. Pass cells through 30 μm nylon mesh (Pre-Separation Filters (30 μm), # 130-041-407) to remove cell clumps which may clog the column. Moisten filter with buffer before use.

Note: The recommended incubation temperature is 2–8 °C. Higher temperatures and/or longer incubation times may lead to non-specific cell labeling. Working on ice may require increased incubation times.

- Determine cell number.
- Centrifuge cell suspension at 300×g for 10 minutes. Aspirate supernatant completely.
- Resuspend cell pellet in 100 μL of buffer per 10⁸ total cells.

- Add 100 μL of FcR Blocking Reagent per 10^8 total cells.
- If optional depletion of CD14^+ cells is required, add 100 μL of CD14 MicroBeads per 10^8 total cells; otherwise use 100 μL of buffer instead.
- Add 100 μL of CD19 MicroBeads per 10^8 total cells.
- Add 100 μL of CD1c (BDCA-1)-Biotin per 10^8 total cells.
- Mix well and incubate for 15 minutes in the refrigerator (2–8 °C).
- Wash cells by adding 10–20 \times labeling volume and centrifuge at 300 $\times g$ for 10 minutes at 2–8 °C. Aspirate supernatant completely.
- Resuspend up to 10^8 cells in 500 μL of buffer.
▲ **Note:** For higher cell numbers, scale up buffer volume accordingly.
- Proceed to magnetic separation (2.3).



2.3 Magnetic separation: Depletion of CD19^+ and optionally of CD14^+ cells Depletion with LD Columns

- Place LD Column in the magnetic field of a suitable MACS Separator. For details refer to LD Column data sheet.
- Prepare column by rinsing with 2 mL of buffer.
- Apply cell suspension onto the column.
- Collect unlabeled cells that pass through and wash column with 2 \times 1 mL of buffer. Collect total effluent; this is the unlabeled cell fraction. Perform washing steps by adding buffer two times. Only add new buffer when the column reservoir is empty.
- Proceed to 2.4 for the labeling of CD1c (BDCA-1)^+ myeloid dendritic cells.

Depletion with the autoMACS® Pro Separator

▲ Refer to the respective user manual for instructions on how to use the autoMACS® Pro Separator.

▲ Buffers used for operating the autoMACS Pro Separator should have a temperature of ≥ 10 °C.

- Prepare and prime the instrument.
- Apply tube containing the sample and provide tubes for collecting the labeled and unlabeled cell fractions. Place sample and collection tubes into the Chill Rack.
- For a standard separation choose the following program:
Depletion: Depletes
Collect negative fraction in row B of the tube rack.
- Proceed to 2.4 for the labeling of CD1c (BDCA-1)^+ myeloid dendritic cells.



2.4 Magnetic labeling of CD1c (BDCA-1)^+ myeloid dendritic cells

▲ Volumes for magnetic labeling given below are for an initial starting cell number of up to 10^8 total cells. For higher initial cell numbers, scale up all volumes accordingly.

- Centrifuge cell suspension at 300 $\times g$ for 10 minutes. Aspirate supernatant completely.
- Resuspend cell pellet in 400 μL of buffer.
- Add 100 μL of Anti-Biotin MicroBeads.
- Mix well and incubate for 15 minutes in the refrigerator (2–8 °C).
- Wash cells by adding 10–20 \times labeling volume of buffer and centrifuge at 300 $\times g$ for 10 minutes. Aspirate supernatant completely.
- Resuspend up to 10^8 cells in 500 μL of buffer.
- Proceed to magnetic separation (2.5).



2.5 Magnetic separation: Positive selection of CD1c (BDCA-1)^+ myeloid dendritic cells

Positive selection with MS Columns

▲ To achieve highest purities, perform two consecutive column runs.

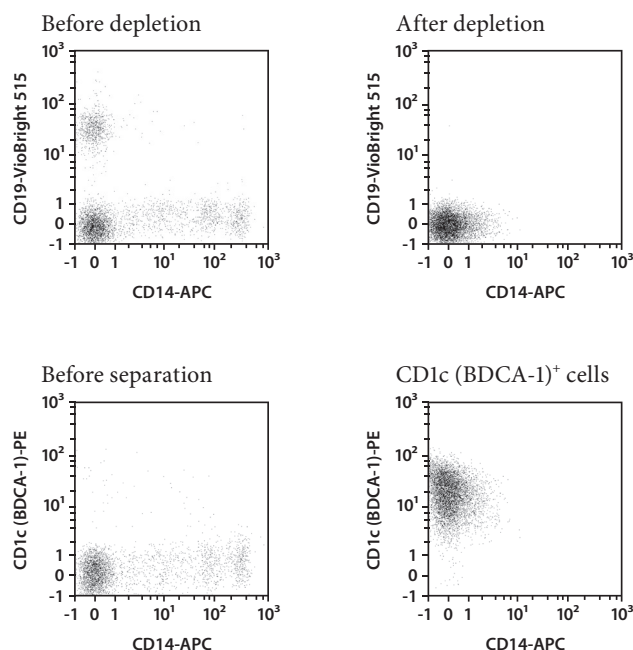
- Place MS Column in the magnetic field of a suitable MACS Separator. For details refer to MS Column data sheet.
- Prepare column by rinsing with 500 μL of buffer.
- Apply cell suspension onto the column. Collect flow-through containing unlabeled cells.
- Wash column with 3 \times 500 μL of buffer. Collect unlabeled cells that pass through and combine with the effluent from step 3.
▲ **Note:** Perform washing steps by adding buffer aliquots as soon as the column reservoir is empty.
- Remove column from the separator and place it on a suitable collection tube.
▲ **Note:** To perform a second column run, you may elute the cells directly from the first onto the second, equilibrated column instead of a collection tube.
- Pipette 1 mL of buffer onto the column. Immediately flush out the magnetically labeled CD1c (BDCA-1)^+ myeloid dendritic cells by firmly pushing the plunger into the column.
- To increase purity of CD1c (BDCA-1)^+ myeloid dendritic cells, the eluted fraction must be enriched over a second MS Column. Repeat the magnetic separation procedure as described in steps 1 to 6 by using a new column.

Positive selection with the autoMACS® Pro Separator

- Prepare and prime the instrument.
- Apply tube containing the sample and provide tubes for collecting the labeled and unlabeled cell fractions. Place sample and collection tubes into the Chill Rack.
- For a standard separation choose the following program:
Positive selection: Posseld2
Collect positive fraction in row C of the tube rack. This is the enriched CD1c (BDCA-1)^+ myeloid dendritic cell fraction.

3. Example of a separation using the CD1c (BDCA-1)⁺ Dendritic Cell Isolation Kit

CD1c (BDCA-1)⁺ myeloid dendritic cells were isolated from human PBMCs using the CD1c (BDCA-1)⁺ Dendritic Cell Isolation Kit, an LD Column, two MS Columns, a MidiMACS™ Separator and a MiniMACS™ Separator. Cells were fluorescently stained with CD1c (BDCA-1)-PE, CD14-APC, or CD19-VioBright™ 515. Cell debris and dead cells were excluded from the analysis based on scatter signals and propidium iodide fluorescence and erythrocytes based on CD45-negativity.



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