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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.

## 1. Description

**This product is for research use only.**

<b>Components</b>	2 mL CD31 MicroBeads, mouse: MicroBeads conjugated to monoclonal anti-mouse CD31 antibodies (isotype: rat IgG2a).
<b>Capacity</b>	For $2 \times 10^9$ total cells, up to 200 separations.
<b>Product format</b>	CD31 MicroBeads are supplied in buffer containing stabilizer and 0.05% sodium azide.
<b>Storage</b>	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

First, the CD31<sup>+</sup> cells are magnetically labeled with CD31 MicroBeads. Then, the cell suspension is loaded onto a MACS® Column, which is placed in the magnetic field of a MACS Separator. The magnetically labeled CD31<sup>+</sup> cells are retained within the column. The unlabeled cells run through; this cell fraction is thus depleted of CD31<sup>+</sup> cells. After removing the column from the magnetic field, the magnetically retained CD31<sup>+</sup> cells can be eluted as the positively selected cell fraction.

### 1.2 Background information

The CD31 antibody reacts with the cell surface protein CD31. The murine CD31 antigen is also known as PECAM-1. The encoded

protein is a single-pass type I membrane protein containing six immunoglobulin-like (Ig-like) C2-type domains and functions as a cell adhesion molecule.<sup>1</sup> CD31 is present on mature endothelial cells and to different degrees on most leukocyte sub-types and platelets.<sup>2</sup> Besides its function in exhibiting adhesive properties, the protein is required for leukocyte transendothelial migration (TEM) under most inflammatory conditions.<sup>3</sup>

### 1.3 Applications

- Positive selection or depletion of cells expressing mouse CD31 antigen.

### 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. Always use freshly prepared buffer. Do **not use** autoMACS® Running Buffer or MACSQuant® Running Buffer as they contain a small amount of sodium azide that could affect the results.

▲ **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 mouse serum albumin, mouse serum, or fetal bovine serum (FBS). Buffers or media containing Ca<sup>2+</sup> or Mg<sup>2+</sup> are not recommended for use.

- **MACS Columns and MACS Separators:** CD31<sup>+</sup> cells can be enriched by using MS or LS Columns or depleted with the use of LD Columns. Cells that strongly express the CD31 antigen can also be depleted using MS or LS Columns. Positive selection or depletion can also be performed by using the autoMACS Pro or the autoMACS Separator.

Column	Max. number of labeled cells	Max. number of total cells	Separator
<b>Positive selection</b>			
MS	$10^7$	$2 \times 10^7$	MiniMACS, OctoMACS, SuperMACS II
LS	$2 \times 10^7$	$4 \times 10^7$	MidiMACS, QuadroMACS, SuperMACS II
<b>Depletion</b>			
LD	$1.5 \times 10^7$	$3 \times 10^7$	MidiMACS, QuadroMACS, SuperMACS II
<b>Positive selection or depletion</b>			
autoMACS	$5 \times 10^7$	$10^8$	autoMACS Pro, autoMACS

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

▲ **Note:** For weak expressing cells the use of an LS Column is recommended for optimal recovery during enrichment.

- (Optional) Fluorochrome-conjugated CD31 antibodies for flow cytometric analysis, e.g., CD31-PE. For more information about antibodies refer to [www.miltenyibiotec.com/antibodies](http://www.miltenyibiotec.com/antibodies).
- (Optional) Propidium Iodide Solution (# 130-093-233) or 7-AAD 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  $\mu\text{m}$  (# 130-041-407) to remove cell clumps.
- (Optional) gentleMACS™ Dissociator (# 130-093-235), gentleMACS Octo Dissociator (# 130-095-937), or gentleMACS Octo Dissociator with Heaters (# 130-096-427) for tissue dissociation when working with primary tissue.

## 2. Protocol

### 2.1 Sample preparation

When working with lymphoid organs, non-lymphoid tissues, or peripheral blood, prepare a single-cell suspension using manual methods or the gentleMACS Dissociator.

For details refer to the protocols section at [www.miltenyibiotec.com/protocols](http://www.miltenyibiotec.com/protocols).

When working with primary tissue prepare a single-cell suspension using manual methods or the gentleMACS Dissociator. For details refer to [www.gentlemacs.com/protocols](http://www.gentlemacs.com/protocols).

▲ **Note:** As the CD31 epitope is degraded by trypsin, this enzyme should not be used during tissue dissociation or detachment of cultured cells.

▲ Besides its presence on endothelial cells, CD31 is expressed at different degrees on most leukocyte subtypes and platelets. Therefore, these cells have to be depleted, e.g., by using CD45 MicroBeads, mouse (# 130-052-301), beforehand when endothelial cells should be isolated from dissociated primary tissue.

▲ 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

▲ 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.

▲ Volumes for magnetic labeling given below are for up to  $10^7$  total cells. When working with fewer than  $10^7$  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  $2 \times 10^7$  total cells, use twice the volume of all indicated reagent volumes and total volumes).

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

▲ 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.

1. Determine cell number.
2. Centrifuge cell suspension at 300×g for 10 minutes. Aspirate supernatant completely.
3. Add 90  $\mu\text{L}$  of buffer per  $10^7$  total cells to the cell pellet.
4. Add 10  $\mu\text{L}$  of CD31 MicroBeads per  $10^7$  total cells.
5. Mix well and incubate for 15 minutes in the refrigerator (2–8 °C).
6. (Optional) Add staining antibodies, e.g., 10  $\mu\text{L}$  of CD31-PE, and incubate for 5 minutes in the dark in the refrigerator (2–8 °C).
7. Wash cells by adding 1–2 mL of buffer per  $10^7$  cells and centrifuge at 300×g for 10 minutes. Aspirate supernatant completely.
8. Resuspend up to  $10^8$  cells in 500  $\mu\text{L}$  of buffer.  
▲ **Note:** For higher cell numbers, scale up buffer volume accordingly.  
▲ **Note:** For depletion with LD Columns, resuspend up to  $1.25 \times 10^8$  cells in 500  $\mu\text{L}$  of buffer.
9. Proceed to magnetic separation (2.3).



### 2.3 Magnetic separation

▲ Choose an appropriate MACS Column and MACS Separator according to the number of total cells and the number of CD31<sup>+</sup> cells. For details refer to the table in section 1.4.

▲ Always wait until the column reservoir is empty before proceeding to the next step.

#### Magnetic separation with MS or LS Columns

1. Place column in the magnetic field of a suitable MACS Separator. For details refer to the respective MACS Column data sheet.
2. Prepare column by rinsing with the appropriate amount of buffer:  
MS: 500  $\mu\text{L}$       LS: 3 mL
3. Apply cell suspension onto the column. Collect flow-through containing unlabeled cells.
4. Wash column with the appropriate amount of buffer. Collect unlabeled cells that pass through and combine with the flow-through from step 3.

MS: 3×500  $\mu\text{L}$       LS: 3×3 mL

▲ **Note:** Perform washing steps by adding buffer aliquots only when the column reservoir is empty.

5. Remove column from the separator and place it on a suitable collection tube.
6. Pipette the appropriate amount of buffer onto the column. Immediately flush out the magnetically labeled cells by firmly pushing the plunger into the column.

MS: 1 mL      LS: 5 mL

7. (Optional) To increase the purity of CD31<sup>+</sup> cells, the eluted fraction can be enriched over a second MS or LS Column. Repeat the magnetic separation procedure as described in steps 1 to 6 by using a new column.

### Depletion with LD Columns

1. Place LD Column in the magnetic field of a suitable MACS Separator. For details refer to the LD Column data sheet.
2. Prepare column by rinsing with 2 mL of buffer.
3. Apply cell suspension onto the column.
4. Collect unlabeled cells that pass through and wash column with 2×1 mL of buffer. Collect total flow-through; this is the unlabeled cell fraction. Perform washing steps by adding buffer two times. Only add new buffer when the column reservoir is empty.

### Magnetic separation with the autoMACS® Pro Separator or the autoMACS® Separator

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

▲ Buffers used for operating the autoMACS Pro Separator or the autoMACS Separator should have a temperature of  $\geq 10^\circ\text{C}$ .

#### Magnetic separation with the autoMACS® Pro Separator

1. Prepare and prime the instrument.
2. Apply tube containing the sample and provide tubes for collecting the labeled and unlabeled cell fractions. Place sample tube in row A of the tube rack and the fraction collection tubes in rows B and C.
3. For a standard separation choose one of the following programs:

**Positive selection: Possel\_s**

Collect positive fraction in row C of the tube rack.

**Depletion: Deplete\_s**

Collect negative fraction in row B of the tube rack.

#### Magnetic separation with the autoMACS® Separator

1. Prepare and prime the instrument.
2. Apply tube containing the sample and provide tubes for collecting the labeled and unlabeled cell fractions. Place sample tube at the uptake port and the fraction collection tubes at port neg1 and pos1.
3. For a standard separation choose one of the following programs:

**Positive selection: Possel\_s**

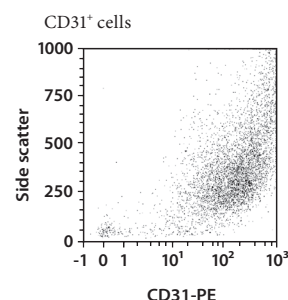
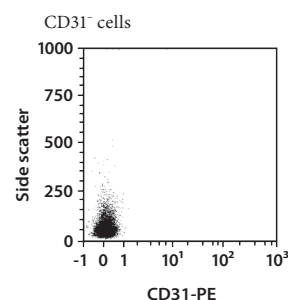
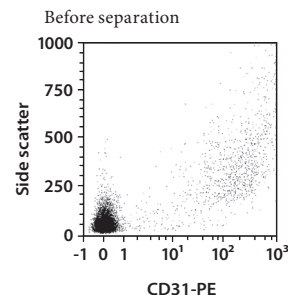
Collect positive fraction from outlet pos1.

**Depletion: Deplete\_s**

Collect negative fraction from outlet port neg1.

### 3. Example of a separation using the CD31 MicroBeads

Mouse CD31<sup>+</sup> endothelial cells (bEnd.3) were isolated from a mixture of U937 and bEnd.3 cells using CD31 MicroBeads, an MS Column, and an OctoMACS™ Separator. Cells were fluorescently stained with CD31-PE and analyzed using the MACSQuant® Analyzer. Cell debris and dead cells were excluded from the analysis based on scatter signals and propidium iodide fluorescence.



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