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1. Description

Components	1 mL CD3ϵ-Biotin, mouse: Monoclonal anti-mouse CD3 ϵ antibody conjugated to Biotin (isotype: hamster IgG1). 2 mL Anti-Biotin MicroBeads: MicroBeads conjugated to monoclonal anti-Biotin antibodies (isotype: mouse IgG1).
Capacity	For 10 ⁹ total cells, up to 100 separations.
Product format	All reagents 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

First, the CD3 ϵ ⁺ cells are labeled with CD3 ϵ -Biotin. Subsequently, the cells are magnetically labeled with Anti-Biotin 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 CD3 ϵ ⁺ cells are retained within the column. The unlabeled cells run through; this cell fraction is thus depleted of CD3 ϵ ⁺ cells.

1.2 Background information

CD3 ϵ is a 20 kDa transmembrane protein and subunit of the TCR complex. Along with the γ and δ subunits of CD3, the ϵ chain is required for assembly and expression of the TCR complex. CD3 is expressed on thymocytes, mature T lymphocytes, and natural killer T (NKT) cells. With the CD3 ϵ MicroBead Kit, mouse T lymphocytes and NKT cells can be depleted from various tissues including spleen, thymus, or lymph nodes.

1.3 Applications

- Depletion of CD3 ϵ ⁺ cells from single-cell suspensions.

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 mouse serum albumin, mouse serum, or fetal bovine serum (FBS). Buffers or media containing Ca²⁺ or Mg²⁺ are not recommended for use.

- MACS Columns and MACS Separators: CD3 ϵ ⁺ cells can be depleted with the use of LD Columns. 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
Depletion			
LD	10 ⁸	5×10 ⁸	MidiMACS, QuadroMACS, VarioMACS, SuperMACS
autoMACS	2×10 ⁸	4×10 ⁹	autoMACS Pro, autoMACS

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

- (Optional) Fluorochrome-conjugated antibodies for flow cytometric analysis, e.g., CD45R (B220)-FITC (# 130-091-829), CD4-APC (# 130-091-611), CD8a-FITC (# 130-091-605), and Anti-Biotin-PE (# 130-090-756) for the analysis of mouse T cells. For more information about fluorochrome-conjugated antibodies see www.miltenyibiotec.com.
- (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 (# 130-041-407) to remove cell clumps.

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 see the protocols section at www.miltenyibiotec.com/protocols.

▲ 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 2×10^7 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 μ m nylon mesh (Pre-Separation Filters, # 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. Working on ice may require increased incubation times. Higher temperatures and/or longer incubation times may lead to non-specific cell labeling.

1. Determine cell number.
2. Centrifuge cell suspension at 300 \times g for 10 minutes. Aspirate supernatant completely.
3. Resuspend cell pellet in 100 μ L of buffer per 10^7 total cells.
4. Add 10 μ L of CD3 ϵ -Biotin per 10^7 total cells.
5. Mix well and incubate for 10 minutes in the refrigerator (2–8 °C).
6. Wash cells by adding 1–2 mL of buffer per 10^7 cells and centrifuge at 300 \times g for 10 minutes. Aspirate supernatant completely.
7. Resuspend cell pellet in 80 μ L of buffer per 10^7 total cells.
8. Add 20 μ L of Anti-Biotin MicroBeads per 10^7 total cells.
9. Mix well and incubate for 15 minutes in the refrigerator (2–8 °C).
10. (Optional) Add staining antibodies, e.g., 10 μ L of Anti-Biotin-PE (# 130-090-756) or Anti-Biotin-APC (# 130-090-856), and incubate for 5 minutes in the dark in the refrigerator (2–8 °C).
11. Wash cells by adding 1–2 mL of buffer per 10^7 cells and centrifuge at 300 \times g for 10 minutes. Aspirate supernatant completely.
12. Resuspend up to 1.25×10^8 cells in 500 μ L of buffer.
▲ **Note:** For higher cell numbers, scale up buffer volume accordingly.
13. 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 CD3 ϵ^+ cells. For details see table in section 1.4.

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

Depletion with LD Columns

1. Place LD Column in the magnetic field of a suitable MACS Separator. For details see 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 \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.

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 ≥ 10 °C.

▲ Program choice depends on the isolation strategy, the strength of magnetic labeling, and the frequency of magnetically labeled cells. For details refer to the section describing the cell separation programs in the respective user manual. Program recommendations below refer to the separation of mouse spleen cells.

Magnetic separation with the autoMACS® Pro Separator

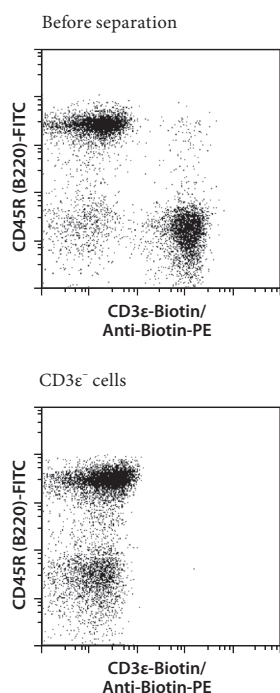
1. Prepare and prime the instrument.
2. Apply tube containing the sample and provide tubes for collecting the labeled and unlabeled cell fractions. Place sample tube in row A of the tube rack and the fraction collection tubes in rows B and C.
3. For a standard separation choose the following program:
Depletion: "Depl05"
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 port pos1.
3. For a standard separation choose the following program:
Depletion: "Depl05"
Collect negative fraction from outlet port neg1.

3. Example of a separation using the CD3 ϵ MicroBead Kit

A single-cell suspension from mouse spleen was prepared using the program m_spleen_01.01 on the gentleMACS Dissociator. CD3 ϵ cells were depleted from this single-cell suspension using the CD3 ϵ MicroBead Kit, an LD Column, and a MidiMACS™ Separator. Cells were fluorescently stained with CD45R (B220)-FITC (# 130-091-829) and Anti-Biotin-PE (# 130-090-756) and analyzed using the MACSQuant® Analyzer. Cell debris and dead cells were excluded from the analysis based on scatter signals and propidium iodide fluorescence.



Refer to www.miltenyibiotec.com for all data sheets and protocols. Miltenyi Biotec provides technical support worldwide. Visit www.miltenyibiotec.com/local to find your nearest Miltenyi Biotec contact.

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.

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