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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.

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| Components | <p>1 mL Neutrophil Biotin-Antibody Cocktail, mouse: Cocktail of biotin-conjugated monoclonal antibodies against antigens that are not expressed on neutrophil granulocytes.</p> <p>2 mL Anti-Biotin MicroBeads: MicroBeads conjugated to monoclonal anti-biotin antibody (isotype: mouse IgG1).</p> |
| Capacity | For 10 ⁹ 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

Using the Neutrophil Isolation Kit, mouse neutrophil granulocytes are isolated by depletion of non-target cells. Non-target cells are indirectly magnetically labeled with a cocktail of biotin-conjugated monoclonal antibodies, as primary labeling reagent, and anti-biotin monoclonal antibodies conjugated to MicroBeads, as secondary labeling reagent. The magnetically labeled non-target cells are depleted by retaining them within a MACS® Column in the magnetic field of a MACS Separator, while the unlabeled neutrophils run through the column.

1.2 Background information

The Neutrophil Cell Isolation Kit has been developed for the isolation of neutrophils from suspensions of mouse bone marrow or blood. Neutrophils are essential for host defence against invading pathogens. They are phagocytic polymorphonuclear cells which engulf and degrade microorganisms using a wide range of toxic agents including reactive oxygen species, antimicrobial peptides, and proteases. Besides, neutrophils can also produce anti-inflammatory molecules and factors that promote the resolution of inflammation.

1.3 Applications

- Isolation of mouse neutrophils for *in vitro* analysis, differentiation studies, co-culture or adoptive transfer experiments, on phagocytic capacity of neutrophils, regulation of cytokine expression in neutrophils, or signal transduction in neutrophils.

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: Choose the appropriate MACS Separator and MACS Columns according to the number of labeled cells and to the number of total cells. For optimal purity and recovery when working with bone marrow, the use of an LS Column is strongly recommended. When working with peripheral blood, the use of an MS Column is strongly recommended.

| Column | Max. number of labeled cells | Max. number of total cells | Separator |
|----------|------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| MS | 10 ⁷ | 2×10 ⁸ | MiniMACS, OctoMACS, SuperMACS II |
| LS | 10 ⁸ | 2×10 ⁹ | MidiMACS, QuadroMACS, SuperMACS II |
| autoMACS | 2×10 ⁸ | 4×10 ⁹ | autoMACS Pro |

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

- (Optional) Fluorochrome-conjugated antibodies for flow cytometric analysis, e.g., Ly-6G Antibody-PE or CD11b-FITC. For more information about antibodies refer to 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 μ m) (# 130-041-407) to remove cell clumps.

2. Protocol

2.1 Sample preparation

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

When working with peripheral blood, lysis of erythrocytes before magnetic labeling is required.

For details refer to 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 5×10^7 total cells. When working with fewer than 5×10^7 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 10×10^7 total cells, use twice the volume of all indicated reagent volumes and total volumes).

▲ When working with peripheral blood, the volume for magnetic labeling should not be less than 100 μ L.

▲ 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 (30 μ 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. Resuspend cell pellet in 200 μ L of buffer per 5×10^7 total cells.
4. Add 50 μ L of Neutrophil Biotin-Antibody Cocktail per 5×10^7 total cells.
5. Mix well and incubate for 10 minutes in the refrigerator (2–8 °C).
6. Wash cells by adding 5–10 mL of buffer per 5×10^7 cells and centrifuge at 300×g for 10 minutes. Aspirate supernatant completely.

7. Resuspend cell pellet in 400 μ L of buffer per 5×10^7 cells.
8. Add 100 μ L of Anti-Biotin MicroBeads per 5×10^7 cells.
9. Mix well and incubate for 15 minutes in the refrigerator (2–8 °C).
10. Wash cells by adding 5–10 mL of buffer per 5×10^7 cells and centrifuge at 300×g for 10 minutes. Aspirate supernatant completely.
11. Resuspend up to 10^8 cells in 500 μ L of buffer.
▲ **Note:** For higher cell numbers, scale up buffer volume accordingly.
12. 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 neutrophils. For details refer to table in section 1.4.

▲ **Note:** For optimal purity and recovery when working with bone marrow, the use of an LS Column is strongly recommended. When working with peripheral blood, the use of an MS Column is strongly recommended.

▲ 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 μ L
LS: 3 mL
 3. Apply cell suspension onto the column. Collect flow-through containing unlabeled cells, representing the enriched neutrophils.
 4. Wash column with the appropriate amount of buffer. Collect unlabeled cells that pass through, representing the enriched neutrophils, and combine with the flow-through from step 3.

MS: 3×500 μ L
LS: 3×3 mL
- ▲ **Note:** Perform washing steps by adding buffer aliquots as soon as the column reservoir is empty.
5. (Optional) Remove column from the separator and place it on a suitable collection tube. Pipette the appropriate amount of buffer onto the column. Immediately flush out the magnetically labeled non-neutrophils by firmly pushing the plunger into the column.

MS: 1 mL LS: 5 mL

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 $\geq 10^\circ\text{C}$.

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 and collection tubes into the Chill Rack.
3. For a standard separation choose the following program:

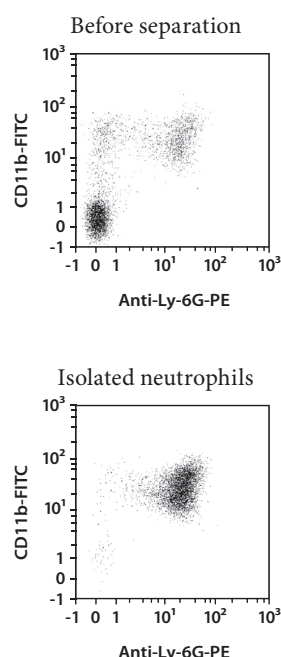
Depletion: Depletes

Collect negative fraction in row B of the tube rack. This fraction represents the enriched neutrophils.

4. (Optional) Collect positive fraction from row C of the tube rack. This fraction represents the magnetically labeled non-neutrophils.

3. Example of a separation using the Neutrophil Isolation Kit

Neutrophils were isolated from C57BL/6 bone marrow cells by using the Neutrophil Isolation Kit, an LS Column, and a MidiMACS™ Separator. The cells were fluorescently stained with Anti-Ly-6G-PE and CD11b-FITC and analyzed by flow cytometry 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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