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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

Components	2 mL Anti-Biotin MicroBeads UltraPure: UltraPure MicroBeads conjugated to monoclonal mouse anti-biotin antibodies (isotype: mouse IgG1).
Capacity	For 10 ⁹ total cells, up to 100 separations.
Product format	Anti-Biotin MicroBeads UltraPure 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 biological material of interest (e.g. cells, bacteria, or subcellular material) is labeled with biotinylated antibodies or ligands. Subsequently, the material is magnetically labeled with Anti-Biotin MicroBeads UltraPure. Then, the cell suspension is loaded onto a MACS® Column, which is placed in the magnetic field of a MACS Separator. The magnetically labeled material is retained within the column. The unlabeled material runs through; this cell fraction is thus depleted of magnetically labeled material. After removing the column from the magnetic field, the magnetically retained material can be eluted as the positively selected cell fraction.

To increase the purity, the positively selected cell fraction containing the magnetically labeled cells can be separated over a second column.

1.2 Background information

Anti-Biotin MicroBeads UltraPure have been especially developed for highly efficient separation of cells from debris-rich sample or other biological materials that are labeled with a biotinylated primary antibody or ligand, or with a cocktail of biotinylated antibodies. The biotinylated molecule is recognized by a monoclonal anti-biotin antibody coupled to MicroBeads. Anti-Biotin MicroBeads UltraPure have the advantage of not binding to free biotin, which is often present in culture media. Together with its highly efficient cell separation even from debris-rich starting material Anti-Biotin MicroBeads UltraPure provide the most sensitive labeling and separation of cells.

1.3 Applications

- For magnetic cell sorting from any biological starting material, from any species, and any cell type.
- High-yield positive cell separation using any biotinylated primary antibody, even from debris-rich samples and samples with increased amount of dead cells.
- Ultrapure cell isolation, especially when working with rare cells.
- Superior depletion of unwanted cells, even from low quality samples, using one or multiple biotinylated antibodies, to obtain ultrapure and untouched target cells.

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: Labeled material can be enriched by using MS, LS, or XS Columns or depleted with the use of LD, CS, or D Columns. If labeling with biotinylated antibodies or molecules is sufficiently strong, magnetically labeled biological material can efficiently be depleted by using MS, LS, or XS Columns. Positive selection or depletion can also be performed by using the autoMACS Pro or the MultiMACS™ Cell24 Separator.

Column	Max. number of labeled cells	Max. number of total cells	Separator
Positive selection			
MS	10 ⁷	2×10 ⁸	MiniMACS, OctoMACS, SuperMACS II

LS	10 ⁸	2×10 ⁹	MidiMACS, QuadroMACS, SuperMACS II
XS	10 ⁹	2×10 ¹⁰	SuperMACS II

Depletion

LD	10 ⁸	5×10 ⁸	MidiMACS, QuadroMACS, SuperMACS II
CS	2×10 ⁸		SuperMACS II
D	10 ⁹		SuperMACS II

Positive selection or depletion

autoMACS	2×10 ⁸	4×10 ⁹	autoMACS Pro
Multi-24	10 ⁸	10 ⁹	MultiMACS Cell24

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

- Biotin-conjugated antibody, peptide, or ligand.
- (Optional) FcR Blocking Reagent, human (# 130-059-901)/mouse (# 130-092-575) to avoid Fc receptor-mediated antibody labeling when using human or mouse samples.
- (Optional) Fluorochrome-conjugated anti-biotin antibody for flow cytometric analysis, e.g., Biotin Antibody, FITC, Biotin-Biotin Antibody, PE, or Biotin Antibody, APC. For more information about fluorochrome conjugates refer to www.miltenyibiotec.com/antibodies.
- (Optional) Propidium Iodide Solution (# 130-093-233) or 7-AAD for flow cytometric exclusion of dead cells.
- (Optional) Pre-Separation Filters, 30 μm, (# 130-041-407) to remove cell clumps.

2. 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.

When working with tissues or lysed blood, prepare a single-cell suspension using standard methods.

When working with mouse lymphoid organs, mouse non-lymphoid tissues, or mouse 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.



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 10⁷ total cells. When working with fewer than 10⁷ 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 2×10⁷ 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 μm 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. 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. (Optional) Add FcR Blocking Reagent, human or mouse in appropriate ratio. For details refer to the respective FcR Blocking Reagent data sheet.
3. Label cells with the biotinylated antibody using time and titer according to manufacturer's instructions. Typically, staining for 5 minutes is sufficient.
 - ▲ **Note:** The biotinylated antibody should be used at its optimal titer, i.e. with optimal staining intensity and no background staining.
4. Wash cells by adding 1–2 mL of buffer per 10⁷ cells and centrifuge at 300×g for 10 minutes. Aspirate supernatant completely.
5. Repeat step 4.
6. Resuspend cell pellet in appropriate amount of buffer per 10⁷ total cells.
 - When labeling without using FcR Blocking Reagent, resuspend in 80 μL of buffer.
 - When MACS **FcR Blocking Reagent, human** has been used resuspend in 60 μL of buffer.
 - When MACS **FcR Blocking Reagent, mouse** has been used resuspend in 70 μL of buffer.
7. Add 20 μL of Anti-Biotin MicroBeads UltraPure per 10⁷ total cells.
8. Mix well and incubate for 15 minutes in the refrigerator (2–8 °C).
9. (Optional) Add staining antibodies, e.g., 10 μL of Biotin Antibody, FITC, and incubate for 5 minutes in the dark in the refrigerator (2–8 °C).
10. Wash cells by adding 1–2 mL of buffer per 10⁷ cells and centrifuge at 300×g for 10 minutes. Aspirate supernatant completely.
11. Resuspend up to 10⁸ cells in 500 μL of buffer.
 - ▲ **Note:** For higher cell numbers, scale up buffer volume accordingly.
 - ▲ **Note:** For depletion with LD Columns, resuspend up to 1.25×10⁸ cells in 500 μL of buffer.
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 magnetically labeled 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 μ 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 effluent from step 3.

MS: 3 \times 500 μ L LS: 3 \times 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 magnetically labeled 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.

Magnetic separation with XS Columns

For instructions on the column assembly and the separation refer to the XS Column data sheet.

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 \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.

Depletion with CS Columns

1. Assemble CS Column and place it in the magnetic field of a suitable MACS Separator. For details refer to the CS Column data sheet.

2. Prepare column by filling and rinsing with 60 mL of buffer. Attach a 22G flow resistor to the 3-way stopcock of the assembled column. For details refer to the CS Column data sheet.

3. Apply cell suspension onto the column.

4. Collect unlabeled cells that pass through and wash column with 30 mL buffer from the top. Collect total effluent; this is the unlabeled cell fraction.

Depletion with D Columns

For instructions on column assembly and separation refer to the D Column data sheet.

Magnetic separation with the MultiMACS™ Cell24 Separator Plus

Refer to the the MultiMACS™ Cell Separator Plus user manual for instructions on how to use the instrument.

Magnetic separation 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.

▲ 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.

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

Collect positive fraction in row C of the tube rack.

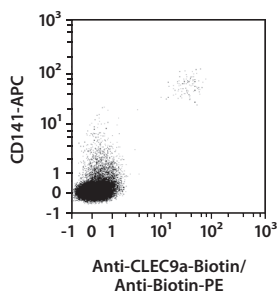
Depletion: Deplete

Collect negative fraction in row B of the tube rack.

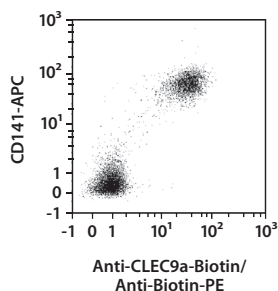
3. Example of a separation using the Anti-Biotin MicroBeads UltraPure

Human CLEC9a⁺ cells were isolated from a debris-rich sample of peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMCs) using CLEC9a-Biotin, Anti-Biotin MicroBeads UltraPure, two MS Columns, and a MiniMACS™ Separator. Cells were stained with Anti-Biotin-PE, CD141 (BDCA-3)-APC, and Propidium Iodide Solution. Cells were analyzed after gating on viable lymphoid cells.

A) Before separation



B) After separation



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