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1. Description

Components	2 mL Anti-Ly-6B.2 (7/4) MicroBeads, mouse: MicroBeads conjugated to monoclonal anti-mouse Ly-6B.2 antibodies (human IgG1).
Capacity	For 2×10^9 total cells, up to 200 separations.
Product format	Anti-Ly-6B.2 (7/4) MicroBeads 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 Ly-6B.2 (7/4)⁺ cells are magnetically labeled with Anti-Ly-6B.2 (7/4) 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 Ly-6B.2 (7/4)⁺ cells are retained within the column. The unlabeled cells run through; this cell fraction is thus depleted of Ly-6B.2 (7/4)⁺ cells. After removing the column from the magnetic field, the magnetically retained Ly-6B.2 (7/4)⁺ cells can be eluted as the positively selected cell fraction. To increase the purity of spleen cells, the positively selected cell fraction containing the Ly-6B.2 (7/4)⁺ cells must be separated over a second column.

1.2 Background information

Ly-6B.2 is a 25–30 kDa GPI-anchored glycoprotein recently identified to be identical with the long known, inflammation associated, myeloid antigen 7/4. Ly-6B.2 (7/4) MicroBeads have been developed for the separation of mouse cells based on the expression of the Ly-6B.2 antigen. Ly-6B.2 (7/4) is expressed on myeloid cells, such as neutrophils, inflammatory monocytes, and myeloid restricted precursors in the bone marrow. The antigen

is only expressed on mouse strains of the Ly6.2 haplotype, for example, C57BL/6, C57BL/10, AKR, 129J, DBA, C58, and SJL.^{1–3}

1.3 Applications

- Positive selection or depletion of cells expressing mouse Ly-6B.2 antigen from bone marrow and spleen.
- Isolation of recruited inflammatory myeloid cells in experimental mouse models. The antigen is only expressed on mouse strains of the Ly6.2 haplotype.

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:** Ly-6B.2 (7/4)⁺ cells can be enriched by using MS or LS Columns. It is strongly recommended to use a second column to increase the purity of spleen cells. Positive selection 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
Positive selection			
MS	10 ⁷	2 × 10 ⁸	MiniMACS, OctoMACS, VarioMACS, SuperMACS II
LS	10 ⁸	2 × 10 ⁹	MidiMACS, QuadroMACS, VarioMACS, SuperMACS II
Positive selection			
autoMACS	2 × 10 ⁸	4 × 10 ⁹	autoMACS Pro, autoMACS

▲ **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 Anti-Ly-6B.2 (7/4) antibodies for flow cytometric analysis, e.g., Anti-Ly-6B.2 (7/4)-PE (# 130-098-801) or CD11b-APC (# 130-091-241). 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.

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.

▲ 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, 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 90 μ L of buffer per 10^7 total cells.
4. Add 10 μ L of Anti-Ly-6B.2 (7/4) 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 μ L of Anti-Ly-6B.2 (7/4)-PE (# 130-098-801), 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 μ L of buffer.
▲ **Note:** For higher cell numbers, scale up buffer volume accordingly.
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 Ly-6B.2 (7/4)⁺ 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 flow-through from step 3.

MS: 3×500 μ 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. To increase the purity of Ly-6B.2 (7/4)⁺ spleen 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. For bone marrow cells this step is optional.

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.

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. a) For a standard separation of bone marrow cells choose the following program:

Positive selection: Possel

Collect positive fraction in row C of the tube rack.

- b) For a standard separation of spleen cells choose the following program:

Positive selection: Posseld2

Collect positive fraction in row C 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 pos 1 or port pos2.
3. a) For a standard separation of bone marrow cells choose the following program:

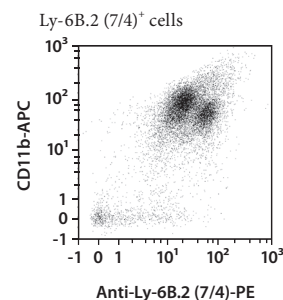
Positive selection: Possel

Collect positive fraction from outlet port pos1.

- b) For a standard separation of spleen cells choose the following program:

Positive selection: Posseld2

Collect positive fraction from outlet port pos2.



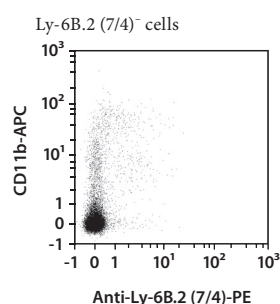
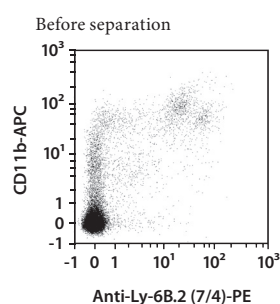
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Refer to www.miltenyibiotec.com for all data sheets and protocols. Miltenyi Biotec provides technical support worldwide. Visit www.miltenyibiotec.com/local to find your nearest Miltenyi Biotec contact.

3. Example of a separation using the Anti-Ly-6B.2 (7/4) MicroBeads

Ly-6B.2 (7/4)⁺ cells were isolated from spleen single-cell suspension using Anti-Ly-6B.2 (7/4) MicroBeads, 2 MS Columns and an OctoMACS™ Separator. The cells were fluorescently stained with CD11b-APC (# 130-098-088) and Anti-Ly-6B.2 (7/4)-PE (# 130-098-801) 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.



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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