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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>	<p><b>0.5 mL CD34/CD133 Stem Cell Analysis Cocktail, anti-human</b> containing:</p> <p>CD133/2 Antibody, anti-human, PE (clone: 293C3, isotype: mouse IgG2b)</p> <p>CD34 Antibody, anti-human, APC (clone: AC136, isotype: mouse IgG2a)</p> <p>CD45 Antibody, anti-human, FITC (clone: MB4-6D6, isotype: mouse IgG1)</p> <p>CD45 Antibody, anti-human, VioBlue® (clone: 5B1, isotype: mouse IgG2a)</p> <p><b>0.5 mL CD34/CD133 Stem Cell Control Cocktail, anti-human</b> containing:</p> <p>CD133/2 Antibody, anti-human, PE (clone: 293C3, isotype: mouse IgG2b)</p> <p>CD34 Antibody, anti-human, APC (clone: AC136, isotype: mouse IgG2a)</p> <p>CD45 Antibody, anti-human, FITC (clone: MB4-6D6, isotype: mouse IgG1)</p> <p>CD45 Antibody, anti-human, VioBlue® (clone: 5B1, isotype: mouse IgG2a)</p> <p>CD133/2 Antibody, anti-human, pure (clone: 293C3, isotype: mouse IgG2b)</p>
<b>Capacity</b>	50 tests or up to 5×10 <sup>8</sup> total cells.
<b>Product format</b>	Antibodies 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 Background information

The CD34/CD133 Stem Cell Analysis Cocktail Kit, anti-human is designed to enable the easy and rapid evaluation of stem and progenitor cells enriched with the CD133 MicroBead Kit.

The CD34/CD133 Stem Cell Analysis Cocktail Kit, anti-human consists of the CD34/CD133 Stem Cell Analysis Cocktail, anti-human and the CD34/CD133 Stem Cell Control Cocktail, anti-human. The analysis cocktail includes CD133, CD34, and CD45 antibodies for optimal identification of hematopoietic stem and progenitor cells. The control cocktail in addition contains excess unconjugated CD133 antibody to block staining of CD133<sup>+</sup> cells. This enables a reliable identification of false-positive events and their exclusion from the analysis.

CD45-VioBlue is included in the cocktail as a trigger to restrict analysis to leukocytes only. This enables the straightforward and automated identification of leukocytes using the MACSQuant Analyzer. The CD45-VioBlue antibody recognizes a different epitope from the CD45-FITC antibody. Alternatively, the threshold for leukocyte restriction can also be set on forward scatter signals.

### 1.2 Applications

- Evaluation and quality control of MACS Separations of human hematopoietic stem and progenitor cells using the CD133 MicroBead Kit, human – lyophilized (# 130-097-049).

### 1.3 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).

▲ **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 Ca<sup>2+</sup> or Mg<sup>2+</sup> are not recommended for use.

- Flow cytometer equipped with a red (640 nm), a blue (488 nm), and a violet (405 nm) laser, e.g., MACSQuant Analyzer 10 (# 130-096-343) or MACSQuant Analyzer 16 (# 130-109-803).
- (Optional) Propidium Iodide Solution (# 130-093-233) when using the MACSQuant Express Mode, or 7-AAD Staining Solution (# 130-111-568) for flow cytometric exclusion of dead cells.
- (Optional) MACS Comp Bead Kit, anti-mouse Igk (# 130-097-900) for optimal compensation of the fluorescence spillover from fluorochrome-conjugated antibodies.

## 2. Protocol

### 2.1 Immunofluorescent staining of nucleated cells

▲ Prepare two samples of the original fraction. One sample is stained with the CD34/CD133 Stem Cell Analysis Cocktail, anti-human and the other one with the CD34/CD133 Stem Cell Control Cocktail, anti-human.

▲ Volumes given below are for up to  $10^6$  nucleated cells. When working with fewer than  $10^6$  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  $2 \times 10^6$  nucleated cells, use twice the volume of all indicated reagent volumes and total volumes).

1. Determine cell number.
2. Centrifuge cell suspension at 300×g for 10 minutes. Aspirate supernatant completely.
3. Resuspend up to  $10^6$  nucleated cells per 100  $\mu$ L of buffer.
4. Add 10  $\mu$ L of the CD34/CD133 Stem Cell Analysis Cocktail, anti-human or 10  $\mu$ L of the CD34/CD133 Stem Cell Control Cocktail, anti-human, respectively.
5. Mix well and incubate for 10 minutes in the dark in the refrigerator (2–8 °C).  
▲ **Note:** Higher temperatures and/or longer incubation times may lead to non-specific cell labeling. Working on ice requires increased incubation times.
7. Wash cells by adding 1–2 mL of buffer per  $10^6$  cells and centrifuge at 300×g for 10 minutes. Aspirate supernatant completely.
8. Resuspend cell pellet in a suitable amount of buffer for analysis by flow cytometry. To exclude dead cells and debris from the analysis, add propidium iodide at a final concentration of 1  $\mu$ g/mL to each tube directly before data acquisition.

### 2.2 Flow cytometric data acquisition

▲ For automated flow cytometric analysis using the MACSQuant Analyzer flow cytometers, the Express Mode **MC\_CD34\_CD133\_h** can be used. Express Modes are unique add-on features for the MACSQuantify™ Software. They are standardized data analysis tools that are optimized to automate flow cytometric measurements and analyses via predefined experiment settings, acquisition, and automated gating. Derived from mathematical algorithms, they reduce human error and therefore increase experimental reproducibility.

For details refer to the MACSQuant user manual, the MACSQuantify Software guide, or visit [www.macsquant.com](http://www.macsquant.com). For more information on the usage of Express Modes refer to the application note “How to use a MACSQuant® Instrument Express Mode in Custom Login” in the Resources section at [www.miltenyibiotec.com](http://www.miltenyibiotec.com).

▲ If analyses are performed using the Express Mode, these have to be done as a group analysis.

Grouping of samples required?	Yes
Samples IDs pre-defined by the Express Mode	Minimum: 2 Maximum: 4
Samples IDs pre-defined by the Express Mode	Control* Original fraction/Before separation Negative fraction Positive fraction/After separation
Exclusion trigger/threshold	CD45-VioBlue

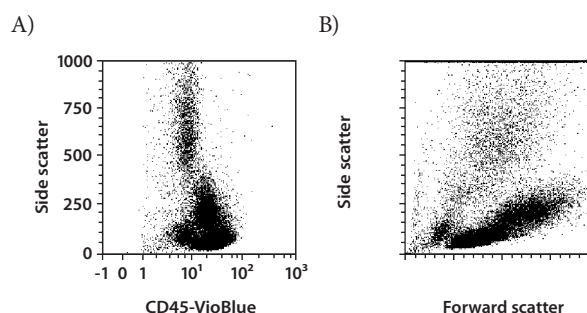
\* This is a mandatory sample in the Express Mode; use the CD34/CD133 Stem Cell Control Cocktail, anti-human for staining.

▲ For manual data analysis using flow cytometers other than the MACSQuant Analyzer, follow the protocol provided below.

▲ The gating strategy outlined below is applicable for the analysis of cells enriched with the CD133 MicroBead Kit, human – lyophilized (# 130-097-049). Always analyze both the original cell fraction (before separation) and the target cell fraction (positive fraction; after separation) in order to be able to calculate the recovery and purity of target cells after separation. Analysis of the non-target cell fraction (negative fraction; after separation) is optional.

▲ **Note:** If FSC/SSC or CD45-FITC have been used for leukocyte exclusion, the gating strategy must be adjusted accordingly.

1. Set the instrument to a standard 3-color data acquisition protocol. Make sure the calibration and compensation settings have been optimized. Set the instrument to collect at least 100,000 cells in the original cell fraction in order to receive >100 CD133<sup>+</sup> target cells. For the MACSQuant Analyzer, choose an appropriate analysis volume. The number of events per second should not exceed 2,000. Analyze samples in the following order:
  1. Cells before separation, stained with the CD34/CD133 Stem Cell Control Cocktail, anti-human.
  2. Cells before separation, stained with the CD34/CD133 Stem Cell Analysis Cocktail, anti-human.
  3. Cells after separation, stained with the CD34/CD133 Stem Cell Analysis Cocktail, anti-human.
2. Define an appropriate threshold based on CD45-VioBlue vs. SSC signals for the exclusion of debris and erythrocytes from the data acquisition. Ensure that the CD45-VioBlue trigger is set to only exclude CD45<sup>-</sup> cells but not CD45<sup>dim</sup> cells. Note that CD133<sup>+</sup> and CD34<sup>+</sup> hematopoietic stem and progenitor cells express CD45 at a lower fluorescence intensity than lymphocytes (A). Due to the detection of autofluorescence of small particles and debris in the violet laser channel, events with very low signal in the FSC channel should be excluded from the analysis (B).



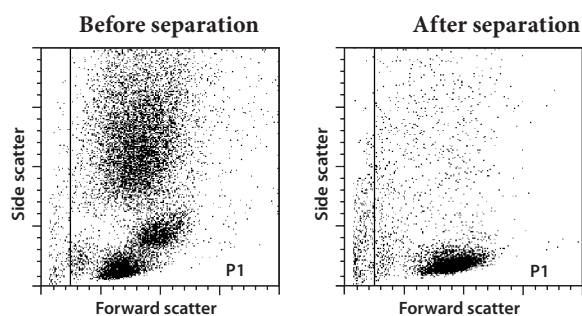
3. For manual gating create a population list as follows:

Population	Parameter/label	Definition
Total cells (excluding debris)	FSC/SSC	P1
Viable leukocytes	CD133/2-PE/ Propidium iodide	P1/P2
CD34 <sup>+</sup> target cells	CD34-APC/SSC	P1/P2/P3
CD133 <sup>+</sup> target cells	CD133/2-PE/CD34-APC	P1/P2/P3/P4
(Optional) Verification of target cells based on ISHAGE* guidelines.	CD45-FITC/SSC	P1/P2/P3/P4/P5
	FSC/SSC	P1/P2/P3/P4/P5/P6

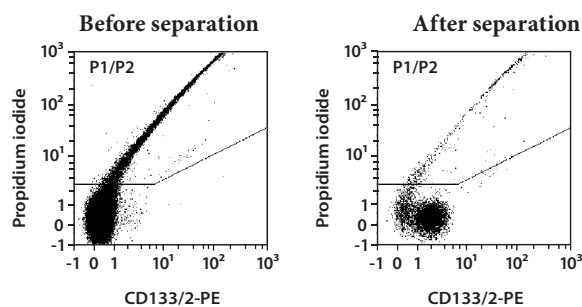
\* ISHAGE = International Society of Hematotherapy and Graft Engineering

## 2.3 Data analysis

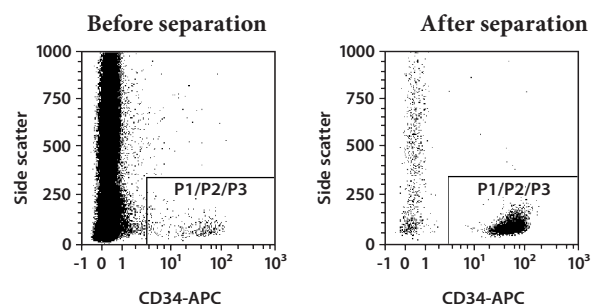
1. Create a FSC vs. SSC dot plot and draw region P1 to exclude debris.



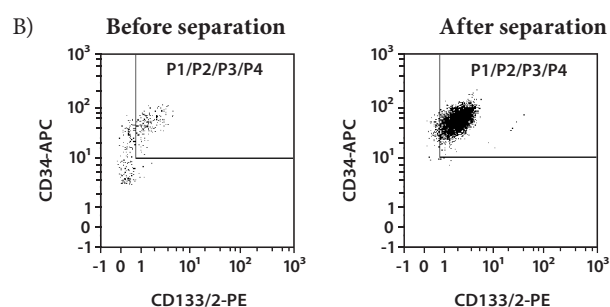
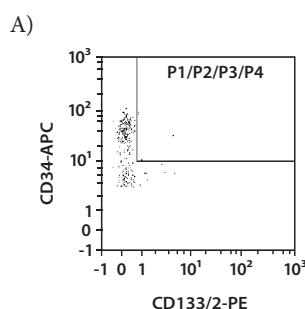
2. Create a CD133/2-PE vs. propidium iodide (PI) dot plot on the cells within P1 to exclude dead cells. If using 7-AAD for dead cell exclusion, create a 7-AAD versus SSC dot plot. The cells within this region should all be viable CD45<sup>+</sup> cells and belong to the P1/P2 population. The gate statistic of this dot plot is used for subsequent statistical analysis.



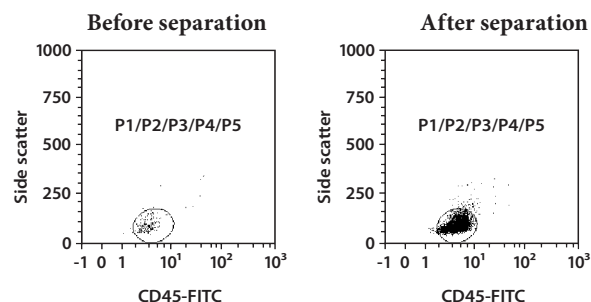
3. Create a CD34-APC vs. SSC dot plot on the cells within P1/P2 to select CD34-APC<sup>+</sup> cells.



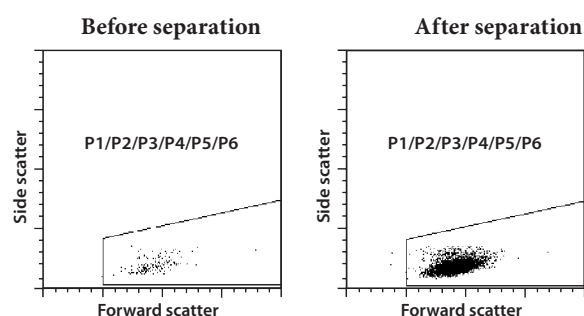
4. Create a CD34-APC vs. CD133/2-PE dot plot. In the control sample stained with the CD34/CD133 Stem Cell Control Cocktail, anti-human, define region P1/P2/P3/P4 to exclude CD133<sup>-</sup> cells (A). Apply region P1/P2/P3/P4 to the samples stained with the CD34/CD133 Stem Cell Analysis Cocktail, anti-human to identify CD133<sup>+</sup> target cells (B).



5. (Optional) Create a CD45-FITC vs. SSC dot plot on the cells within P1/P2/P3/P4. Draw a region to exclude non-specifically stained cells. Target cells belonging to the P1/P2/P3/P4/P5 population form a cluster with characteristic low scatter and dim CD45 fluorescence.



6. (Optional) Create a FSC vs. SSC dot plot on cells within P1/P2/P3/P4/P5. Draw a region to identify all CD133<sup>+</sup> cells, taking into consideration that CD133<sup>+</sup> cells show a slightly higher FSC than small lymphocytes.



## 2.4 Determination of CD133<sup>+</sup> cell frequencies

Using the population statistics table calculate the following:

- Percentage of viable leukocytes (PI<sup>-</sup>CD45<sup>+</sup> cells) amongst total cells (debris excluded).

$$= \frac{\text{No. of viable leukocytes (P2)}}{\text{Total no. of cells (P1)}} \times 100$$

- Purity of CD133<sup>+</sup> cells amongst leukocytes (CD45<sup>+</sup> cells).

Percentage of CD133<sup>+</sup> cells (viable CD45<sup>+</sup>CD34<sup>+</sup>CD133<sup>+</sup> cells) amongst leukocytes (viable CD45<sup>+</sup> cells)

$$= \frac{\text{No. of CD133<sup>+</sup> cells (P6)}}{\text{No. of viable leukocytes (P2)}} \times 100$$

- Total number of CD133<sup>+</sup> cells

$$= \text{Percentage of viable CD133<sup>+</sup> cells} \times \text{total number of leukocytes}$$

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