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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.

Components	1 mL CD24-Biotin, human: monoclonal CD24 antibody conjugated to biotin (clone: 32D12; isotype: mouse 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 CD24⁺ cells are indirectly magnetically labeled with CD24-Biotin antibodies and 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 CD24⁺ cells are retained within the column. The unlabeled cells run through; this cell fraction is thus depleted of CD24⁺ cells. After removing the column from the magnetic field, the magnetically retained CD24⁺ cells can be eluted as the positively selected cell fraction. To increase the purity, the positively selected cell fraction containing the CD24⁺ cells must be separated over a second column.

1.2 Background information

The CD24 MicroBead Kit has been developed for the depletion of cells expressing human CD24 antigen. The human CD24 antigen is also known as cluster of differentiation 24 or heat stable antigen (HSA). The encoded sialoglycoprotein is anchored via a glycosyl phosphatidylinositol (GPI) link to the cell surface and functions as cell adhesion molecule. CD24 is a negative marker for breast cancer stem cells¹ and a positive marker for ovarian cancer stem cells².

1.3 Applications

- Positive selection or depletion of cells expressing human CD24 antigen.

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). Always use freshly prepared buffer. Do **not use** autoMACS Running Buffer or MACSQuant® Running Buffer as they contain a small amount of sodium azide that could affect the results.

▲ **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: For optimal depletion efficiency the use of an LD Column is recommended. CD24⁺ cells can also be enriched by using MS, LS, or XS Columns or depleted with the use of CS or D Columns. Cells which strongly express the CD24 antigen can also be depleted using MS, LS, or XS Columns. Positive selection or depletion can also be performed by using the autoMACS Pro 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	2×10 ⁷	4×10 ⁷	MidiMACS, QuadroMACS, VarioMACS, SuperMACS II
XS	10 ⁹	2×10 ¹⁰	SuperMACS II
Depletion			
LD	1.5×10 ⁷	3×10 ⁷	MidiMACS, QuadroMACS, VarioMACS, SuperMACS II
CS	2×10 ⁸		VarioMACS, SuperMACS II
D	10 ⁹		SuperMACS II
Positive selection or depletion			
autoMACS	5×10 ⁷	10 ⁸	autoMACS Pro

▲ **Note:** The capacities of the columns represent guidelines. Depending on the composition of sample the column capacity may be decreased.

▲ **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) CD44-MicroBeads (#130-095-194) for subsequent separation of cells based on their expression of the CD44 antigen.
- (Optional) Fluorochrome-conjugated CD24 or CD44 antibodies for flow cytometric analysis, e.g., CD24-PE, CD44-FITC, or CD44-PE. 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 µm) (# 130-041-407) to remove cell clumps.
- (Optional) gentleMACS™ Dissociator (# 130-093-235) for tissue dissociation when working with solid tissue.

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.

For details refer to the protocols section at www.miltenyibiotec.com/protocols.

When working with tissues, prepare a single-cell suspension using the gentleMACS™ Dissociator.

For details refer to www.gentlemacs.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 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 (30 µm) # 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 40 µL of buffer per 10⁷ total cells.
4. Add 10 µL of CD24-Biotin per 10⁷ total cells.
5. Mix well and incubate for 15 minutes in the refrigerator (2–8 °C).
6. Wash cells by adding 0.5–1 mL of buffer per 10⁷ cells and centrifuge at 300×g for 10 minutes. Aspirate supernatant completely.
7. Resuspend cell pellet in 80 µL of buffer per 10⁷ total cells.
8. Add 20 µL of Anti-Biotin MicroBeads per 10⁷ total cells.
9. Mix well and incubate for 15 minutes in the refrigerator (2–8 °C).

10. (Optional) Add staining antibodies, e.g., 10 μL of CD24-PE, and incubate for 5 minutes in the dark in the refrigerator (2–8 °C).
11. (Optional) 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 10^8 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 1.25×10^8 cells in 500 μL of buffer.
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 CD24⁺ cells. For optimal depletion efficiency the use of an LD Column is recommended. 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 μL 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: $3\times 500 \mu\text{L}$ LS: $3\times 3 \text{ mL}$

▲ **Note:** Perform washing steps by adding buffer aliquots as soon as 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 CD24⁺ 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 $2\times 1 \text{ mL}$ of buffer. Collect total flow-through; 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 flow-through; 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 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 $\geq 10^\circ\text{C}$.

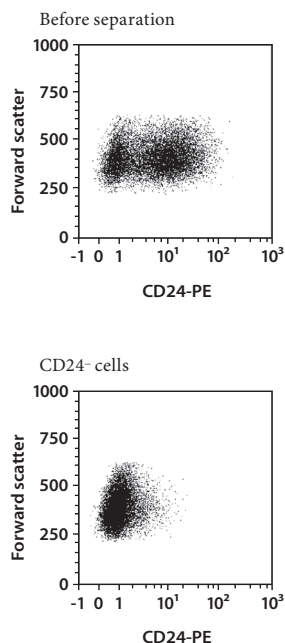
1. Prepare and prime the instrument.
2. Apply tube containing the sample and provide tubes for collecting the labeled and unlabeled cell fractions. Place sample tube in row A of the tube rack and the fraction collection tubes in rows B and C.
3. For a standard separation choose the following program:

Depletion: depl05

Collect negative fraction in row B of the tube rack. This fraction represents the enriched non-CD24⁺ cells.

3. Example of a separation using the CD24 MicroBead Kit

CD24⁺ cells were depleted from CML cell line K562 using the CD24 MicroBead Kit, an LD Column, and a QuadroMACS™ Separator. Cells were fluorescently stained with CD24-PE 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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