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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	0.5 mL CD14 Monocyte Analysis Cocktail, anti-human containing: CD14 Antibody, anti-human, PE (clone: TÜK4, isotype: mouse IgG2a) CD15 Antibody, anti-human, APC (clone: VIMC6, isotype: mouse IgM) CD45 Antibody, anti-human, VioBlue® (clone: 5B1, isotype: mouse IgG2a)
Capacity	50 tests or up to 5×10 ⁸ total cells.
Product format	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 CD14 Monocyte Analysis Cocktail, anti-human is designed to enable the easy and rapid evaluation of MACS Separations using either CD14 MicroBeads, human, the Pan Monocyte Isolation Kit, human, or the Classical Monocyte Isolation Kit, human. The CD14 Monocyte Analysis Cocktail, anti-human allows the optimal identification of human monocytes (CD14⁺CD15^{-dim}) which have been isolated using MACS Technology. 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.

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 monocytes using either CD14 MicroBeads, human (# 130-050-201), the Pan Monocyte Isolation Kit, human (# 130-096-537), or the Classical Monocyte Isolation Kit, human (# 130-117-337).

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 Ca²⁺ or Mg²⁺ 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) for flow cytometric exclusion of dead cells without fixation.
- (Optional) MACS Comp Bead Kit, anti-mouse Igκ (# 130-097-900) or anti-human Igκ (# 130-104-187) for optimal compensation of the fluorescence spillover from fluorochrome-conjugated antibodies.

2. Protocol

2.1 Immunofluorescent staining of nucleated cells

▲ Volumes given below are for up to 10⁶ nucleated cells. When working with fewer than 10⁶ 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 2×10⁶ 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 10⁶ nucleated cells per 100 µL of buffer.
4. Add 10 µL of the CD14 Monocyte Analysis Cocktail, anti-human.
6. 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.

- Wash cells by adding 1–2 mL of buffer per 10^6 cells and centrifuge at $300\times g$ for 10 minutes. Aspirate supernatant completely.
- 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 to an end concentration of 1 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ to each tube directly before data acquisition.

2.2 Flow cytometric data acquisition

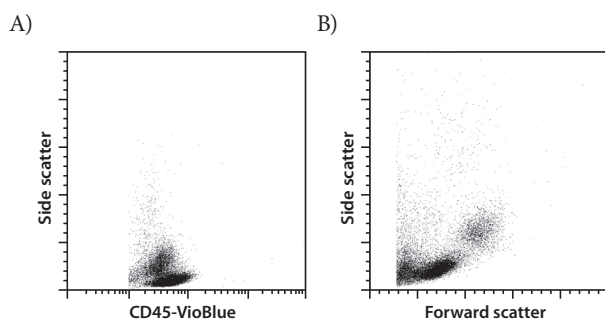
▲ For automated flow cytometric analysis using the MACSQuant Analyzer flow cytometers, the Express Mode **MC_CD14_h** can be used. Express Modes are unique add-on features for the MACSQuantify™ Software. They are standardized data analysis tools that are optimized to automate flow cytometric measurements 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. 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.

▲ The gating strategy outlined below is applicable to the analysis of cells isolated using either CD14 MicroBeads, human, the Pan Monocyte Isolation Kit, human, or the Classical Monocyte Isolation Kit, human. Always analyze both the starting cell fraction (before separation) and the target cell 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 CD45-FITC or FSC/SSC has been used for triggering, the gating strategy must be adjusted accordingly.

- 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 10,000 events and 5,000 events should be displayed.
- Define an appropriate threshold, based on CD45-VioBlue vs. SSC signals for the exclusion of debris and erythrocytes from the data acquisition (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).

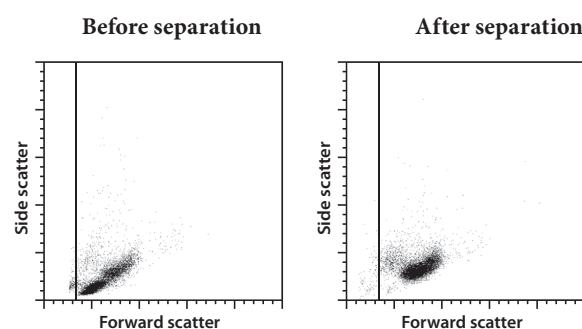


- For manual gating create a population list as follows:

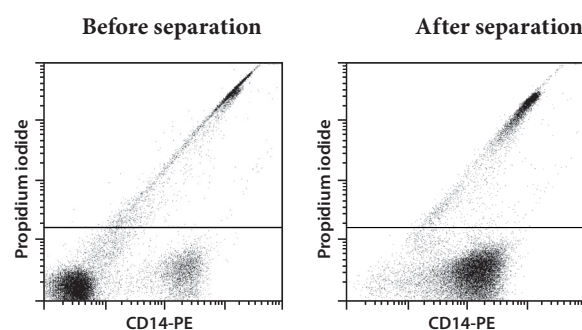
Population	Parameter/label	Definition
Total cells (excluding debris)	FSC/SSC	P1
Viable leukocytes	CD14-PE/Propidium iodide	P1/P2
Granulocyte exclusion	CD14-PE/CD15-APC	P1/P2/P3
CD14 ⁺ monocytes	CD14-PE/CD45-VioBlue	P1/P2/P3/P4

2.3 Data analysis

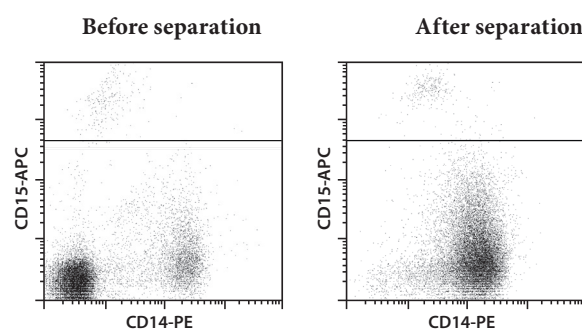
- Create a FSC vs. SSC dot plot and draw region P1 to exclude debris.



- Create a CD14-PE vs. propidium iodide dot plot on the cells within P1 to exclude dead cells. The cells within this region should all be viable CD45⁺ cells and belong to the P1/P2 population.

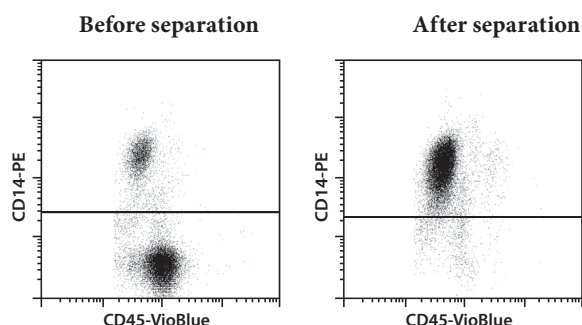


- Create a CD14-PE vs. CD15-APC dot plot on the cells within P1/P2. Draw a new region to exclude all CD15⁺ granulocytes. These CD15⁻ cells belong to the P1/P2/P3 population.



4. Create a CD45-VioBlue vs. CD14-PE dot plot on the cells within P1/P2/P3. Draw a region to include all CD14⁺ monocytes. These cells belong to the P1/P2/P3/P4 population.

▲ **Note:** As CD14 is also weakly expressed on neutrophils and some myeloid dendritic cells, only CD14^{bright} cells should be included in the analysis.



5. Generate population statistics in order to calculate the number of CD14⁺ cells within the population.

2.4 Determination of CD14⁺ cell frequencies

Using the population statistics table calculate the following:

1. Percentage of viable leukocytes (PI⁻ CD45⁺ cells) amongst total cells

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

2. Purity of CD14⁺ monocytes amongst leukocytes (CD45⁺ cells)

Percentage of CD14⁺ monocytes (viable CD45⁺CD15⁻CD14⁺ cells) amongst leukocytes (viable CD45⁺ cells)

$$= \frac{\text{No. of CD14}^+ \text{ monocytes (P4)}}{\text{No. of viable leukocytes (P2)}} \times 100$$

3. Total number of CD14⁺ monocytes

$$= \text{Percentage of viable CD14}^+ \text{ monocytes} \times \text{total number of leukocytes}$$

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