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PepTivator® Hepatitis E Select – research grade

6 nmol/peptide 130-140-773

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1. Description

This product is for research use only.

Components	**6 nmol/peptide PepTivator Hepatitis E Select – research grade** Pool of lyophilized peptides that consists of selected MHC class I and class II restricted epitopes derived from ORF2 (UniProt ID: Q9YLQ9), ORF3 (UniProt ID: Q9YLR0) and NS1 protein (Q9YLR1) of the Hepatitis E virus genotype 3 (HEV-3), isolate Human/United States/US2.
Capacity	6 nmol (approximately 10 µg) per peptide for stimulation of up to 10^8 total cells.
Product format	Lyophilized peptides containing stabilizer.
Purity	Average purity of the peptides >70% (HPLC).
Storage	Store lyophilized product at –20 °C. The expiration date is indicated on the vial label.

This product contains no preservatives; always handle under aseptic conditions.

1.1 Background information

The Hepatitis E Virus (HEV, species *Paslahepevirus balayani*) can cause severe inflammation of the liver (Hepatitis), especially in pregnant women or immunocompromised people. The virus transmission route is mainly fecal or oral, which is similar to Hepatitis A. HEV-Infection can take place e.g. by consumption of insufficient heated pork or deer (zoonosis) or by contact with contaminated water or body fluids.
HEV occurs in four main genotypes (1–4) and several subtypes. Thereby genotype 3 has been isolated almost worldwide including Asia, Europe, Oceania, and North and South America. It is the most prominent genotype in developed countries.

The PepTivator Hepatitis E Select contains more than 200 peptides which cover important epitopes from the HEV proteins: ORF2 (capsid), ORF3 and the non-structural polyprotein pORF1 (NS1). Moreover, the PepTivator HEV Select enables efficient and targeted T cell stimulation, making it a powerful tool for immune monitoring, diagnostics, and vaccine research.

The PepTivator Peptide Pools have been specially developed for efficient *in vitro* stimulation of antigen-specific $CD4^+$ and $CD8^+$ T cells in various applications. Stimulation of T cells with PepTivator Peptide Pools causes the secretion of effector cytokines and upregulation of activation markers, which then allows the detection or isolation of antigen-specific T cells. Quantitative, phenotypical, or functional analysis of antigen-specific T cell immunity can provide important information on the natural course of immune responses in healthy or immunocompromised individuals.

1.2 Applications

- Detection and analysis of antigen-specific $CD4^+$ and $CD8^+$ effector/memory T cells, for example, in peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMCs), by MACS® Cytokine Secretion Assays, intracellular cytokine staining, or other technologies.
- Isolation of viable antigen-specific $CD4^+$ T cells with the CD154 MicroBead Kit, human.
- Isolation of viable antigen-specific $CD4^+$ and $CD8^+$ T cells using MACS Cytokine Secretion Assay – Cell Enrichment and Detection Kits or the CD137 MicroBead Kit, human for *in vitro* generation of T cell lines/clones.
- Generation of antigen-specific $CD4^+$ and $CD8^+$ effector/memory T cells from naive T cell populations for research on immunotherapy and vaccination.
- Pulsing of antigen-presenting cells for research on dendritic cell vaccination.

2. Recommendations for *in vitro* restimulation of antigen-specific T cells with PepTivator Peptide Pools

2.1 Cell preparation

For induction of cytokine secretion by antigen-specific T cells, best results are achieved by stimulation of fresh PBMCs, whole blood, or other leukocyte-containing single-cell preparations from tissues or cell lines. Alternatively, frozen cell preparations can be used.

▲ **Note:** Remove platelets after density gradient separation. Resuspend cell pellet, fill tube with buffer, and mix. Centrifuge at 200 × g for 10–15 minutes at +20 °C. Carefully remove supernatant.

▲ **Note:** PBMCs may be stored overnight. The cells should be resuspended and incubated in culture medium as described in 2.4, steps 1–3, but without addition of antigen. The antigen is then added to the culture on the next day.

For details about cell preparation refer to the protocols section at **www.miltenyibiotec.com/protocols**.

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2.2 Reagent requirements

- Culture medium, e.g., TexMACS™ Medium (# 130-097-196) or RPMI 1640 containing 5% human serum, e.g., autologous or AB serum.

  ▲ **Note:** Do not use bovine serum albumin (BSA) or fetal bovine serum (FBS) because of non-specific stimulation.

- (Optional) Kits for the isolation and/or detection of cytokine-secreting T cells, e.g., IFN-γ Secretion Assay – Cell Enrichment and Detection Kit (PE), human (# 130-054-201) or TNF-α Secretion Assay – Cell Enrichment and Detection Kit (PE), human (# 130-091-269).
- (Optional) Antibodies or kits for intracellular cytokine staining, e.g., IFN-γ Antibody, anti-human, PE. For more information about antibodies refer to www.miltenyibiotec.com/antibodies.
- (Optional) CD154 MicroBead Kit, human (# 130-092-658) or CD137 MicroBead Kit, human (# 130-093-476).
- (Optional) CytoStim™ (# 130-092-172, # 130-092-173) for restimulation of human T cells.
- (Optional) PepTivator Negative Control – premium grade (# 130-131-610, # 130-131-612) as a matrix-specific control reagent.
- (Optional) PepTivator CEF MHC Class I Plus – premium grade (# 130-098-426) as a peptide-specific positive control.

2.3 Recommendations for reconstitution of PepTivator Peptide Pools

1. For reconstitution of the lyophilized peptide pool take the vial from –20 °C and warm-up to room temperature.

   ▲ **Note:** Do not open the vial by removing the rubber plug.

2. To dissolve the 6 nmol PepTivator Peptide Pool fill a sterile syringe (0.5 mL) with 200 µL of sterile water.
3. Slowly inject the water with a sterile needle through the center of the rubber plug into the vial containing the lyophilized peptide pool.
4. Vortex the solution to completely dissolve the lyophilized peptide pool. The concentration of the stock solution of PepTivator Peptides is 30 nmol (approximately 50 µg) of each peptide per mL.
5. Remove the rubber plug and aspirate the stock solution with a pipette.
6. To avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles prepare working aliquots from the stock solution.
7. Store the working aliquots at –80 °C.

2.4 Recommendations for *in vitro* restimulation of antigen-specific T cells

▲ Magnetic enrichment of stimulated antigen-specific T cells according to cytokine secretion, e.g. IL-17, using the MACS Secretion Assay technology or according to expression of activation markers, e.g. CD154, will enhance the sensitivity to detect rare cells.

▲ Always include a negative control (without antigen), e.g., by using PepTivator Negative Control, in the experiment. As a positive control, a sample stimulated with, e.g., PepTivator CEF MHC Class I Plus or CytoStim may also be included.

1. Wash cells by adding medium, centrifuge at 300 × g for 10 minutes. Aspirate supernatant.
2. Resuspend cells in culture medium at 10^7 cells per mL. Plate cells in dishes at a density of 5×10^6 cells/cm² (refer to 3. Appendix: Flask and dish sizes for *in vitro* T cell stimulation).
3. Mix the reconstituted PepTivator thoroughly. Add 20 µL of PepTivator stock solution per mL cell suspension. Mix carefully and incubate cells at +37 °C and 5% CO_2.

   The final concentration of PepTivator in the cell suspension is 0.6 nmol (approximately 1 µg) of each peptide/mL.

   Cytokine Secretion Assay: Incubate cells for 3–6 hours.

   CD154 MicroBead Kit: Incubate cells for 4–16 hours.

   CD137 MicroBead Kit: Incubate cells for 16–24 hours.

   Intracellular cytokine staining with antibodies or kits: Incubate cells for 2 hours, then add 1 µg/mL brefeldin A, and incubate for further 4 hours.

4. Collect cells carefully by using a cell scraper, or by pipetting up and down when working with smaller volumes. Rinse the dish with cold buffer. Check microscopically for any remaining cells, if necessary, rinse the dish again.

   To proceed with the Cytokine Secretion Assay, the CD154 or CD137 MicroBead Kits, or intracellular cytokine staining, please refer to the respective data sheet.

   ▲ **Note:** When preparing cells for **intracellular cytokine staining,** fixed cells may be stored at +2 to +8 °C for up to 1 week.

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3. Appendix: Flask and dish sizes for *in vitro* T cell stimulation

For *in vitro* T cell stimulation (refer to 2.4) the cells should be resuspended in culture medium, containing 5% of human serum, at a dilution of 10^7 cells/mL. The cells should be plated at a density of 5×10^6 cells/cm². Both the dilution and the cell density are important to assure optimal stimulation.

The following table lists culture plate, dish and flask sizes suitable for different cell numbers. It also indicates the appropriate amount of medium to add.

Total cell number	Medium volume to add	Culture plate	Well diameter
0.15×10^7	0.15 mL	96 well	0.64 cm
0.50×10^7	0.50 mL	48 well	1.13 cm
1.00×10^7	1.00 mL	24 well	1.60 cm
2.00×10^7	2.00 mL	12 well	2.26 cm
5.00×10^7	5.00 mL	6 well	3.50 cm
Total cell number	**Medium volume to add**	**Culture dish**	**Dish diameter**
4.5×10^7	4.5 mL	small	3.5 cm
10.0×10^7	10.0 mL	medium	6 cm
25.0×10^7	25.0 mL	large	10 cm
50.0×10^7	50.0 mL	extra large	15 cm
Total cell number	**Medium volume to add**	**Culture flask**	**Growth area**
12×10^7	12 mL	50 mL	25 cm²
40×10^7	40 mL	250 mL	75 cm²
80×10^7	80 mL	720 mL	162 cm²
120×10^7	120 mL	900 mL	225 cm²

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