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### 1. Description

<b>Components</b>	2 mL CD19 MicroBeads, mouse: MicroBeads conjugated to monoclonal rat anti-mouse CD19 antibodies (isotype: rat IgG2a).
<b>Size</b>	For $2 \times 10^9$ nucleated cells, up to 200 separations.
<b>Product format</b>	CD19 MicroBeads are supplied as a suspension containing stabilizer and 0.05% sodium azide.
<b>Storage</b>	Store protected from light at 2–8 °C. Do not freeze. The expiration date is indicated on the vial label.

#### 1.1 Principle of MACS® Separation

First, the CD19<sup>+</sup> cells are magnetically labeled with CD19 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 CD19<sup>+</sup> cells are retained within the column. The unlabeled cells run through; this cell fraction is thus depleted of CD19<sup>+</sup> cells. After removing the column from the magnetic field, the magnetically retained CD19<sup>+</sup> cells can be eluted as the positively selected cell fraction.

#### 1.2 Background and product applications

Mouse CD19 MicroBeads are used for the positive selection or depletion of mouse B cells from peripheral blood and various tissues such as bone marrow, lymph nodes, and spleen. CD19 is expressed on B lineage cells throughout their development from early pro-B cell stages on and is down-regulated upon terminal differentiation to plasma cells.

#### Examples of applications

- Positive selection or depletion of CD19<sup>+</sup> B cells from lymphoid tissue, peripheral blood, or bone marrow.
- Isolation of CD19<sup>+</sup> B cells to study the accessibility of enhancer elements during B cell development by *in vivo* footprinting.<sup>1</sup>
- Isolation of pure B cells for preparation of cell extracts to analyze conditions for V(D)J recombination in a cell-free system.<sup>2</sup>

- Isolation of mRNA from selected B cells for microarray analyses to quantify transcription factor expression during B cell development.<sup>3</sup>

#### 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). 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 gelatine, mouse serum or fetal calf serum. Buffers or media containing Ca<sup>2+</sup> or Mg<sup>2+</sup> are not recommended for use.

- MACS Columns and MACS Separators: CD19<sup>+</sup> cells can be enriched by using MS, LS, or XS Columns (positive selection) or depleted with the use of LD, CS, or D Columns. Cells which strongly express the CD19 antigen can also be depleted using MS, LS or XS Columns. Positive selection or depletion can also be performed by using the autoMACS™ Separator.

Column	Max. number of labeled cells	Max. number of total cells	Separator
<b>Positive selection</b>			
MS	10 <sup>7</sup>	2×10 <sup>8</sup>	MiniMACS, OctoMACS, VarioMACS, SuperMACS
LS	10 <sup>8</sup>	2×10 <sup>9</sup>	MidiMACS, QuadroMACS, VarioMACS, SuperMACS
XS	10 <sup>9</sup>	2×10 <sup>10</sup>	SuperMACS
<b>Depletion</b>			
LD	10 <sup>8</sup>	5×10 <sup>8</sup>	MidiMACS, QuadroMACS, VarioMACS, SuperMACS
CS	2×10 <sup>8</sup>		VarioMACS, SuperMACS
D	10 <sup>9</sup>		SuperMACS
<b>Positive selection or depletion</b>			
autoMACS	2×10 <sup>8</sup>	4×10 <sup>9</sup>	autoMACS

▲ **Note:** Column adapters are required to insert certain columns into the VarioMACS™ or SuperMACS™ Separators. For details see the respective MACS Separator data sheet.

- (Optional) Fluorochrome-conjugated CD19 antibody for flow-cytometric analysis, e.g. CD19-FITC (# 130-092-042), CD19-PE (# 130-092-041), CD19-APC (# 130-092-039), or CD45R (B220)-PE (# 130-091-828).
- (Optional) Propidium iodide (PI) or 7-AAD for flow cytometric exclusion of dead cells.
- (Optional) Pre-Separation Filters (# 130-041-407) to remove cell clumps.

## 2. Protocol

### 2.1 Sample preparation

Prepare a single-cell suspension from lymphoid organs, non-lymphoid tissue or peripheral blood using standard methods. For details see section General Protocols in the User Manuals or visit [www.miltenyibiotec.com](http://www.miltenyibiotec.com).

▲ Dead cells may bind non-specifically to MACS MicroBeads. In case of high numbers of dead cells we recommend to remove dead cells by density gradient centrifugation or using 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  $2 \times 10^7$  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 separation. Pass cells through 30  $\mu\text{m}$  nylon mesh (Pre-Separation Filters, # 130-041-407) to remove cell clumps which may clog the column.

1. Determine cell number.
2. Centrifuge cell suspension at  $300 \times g$  for 10 minutes. Aspirate supernatant completely.
3. Resuspend cell pellet in 90  $\mu\text{L}$  of buffer per  $10^7$  total cells.
4. Add 10  $\mu\text{L}$  of CD19 MicroBeads per  $10^7$  total cells.
5. Mix well and refrigerate for 15 minutes ( $2-8^\circ\text{C}$ ).
  - ▲ **Note:** Working on ice may require increased incubation times. Higher temperatures and/or longer incubation times may lead to non-specific cell labeling.
6. (Optional) Add staining antibodies, e.g. add 10  $\mu\text{L}$  of CD19-FITC (# 130-092-042) and add 10  $\mu\text{L}$  of CD45R (B220)-PE (# 130-091-828), and refrigerate for 5 minutes in the dark ( $2-8^\circ\text{C}$ ).
7. 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.
8. Resuspend up to  $10^8$  cells in 500  $\mu\text{L}$  of buffer.
  - ▲ **Note:** For higher cell numbers, scale up buffer volume accordingly.
  - ▲ **Note:** For depletion with LD Columns, resuspend up to  $1.25 \times 10^8$  cells in 500  $\mu\text{L}$  of buffer.
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 CD19<sup>+</sup> cells. For details see table in section 1.3..

#### Magnetic separation with MS or LS Columns

1. Place column in the magnetic field of a suitable MACS Separator. For details see respective MACS Column data sheet.
2. Prepare column by rinsing with appropriate amount of buffer:  
MS: 500  $\mu\text{L}$       LS: 3 mL
3. Apply cell suspension onto the column.
4. Collect unlabeled cells that pass through and wash column with appropriate amount of buffer. Perform washing steps by adding buffer three times. Only add new buffer when the column reservoir is empty.  
MS:  $3 \times 500 \mu\text{L}$       LS:  $3 \times 3 \text{ mL}$   
Collect total effluent; this is the unlabeled cell fraction.
5. Remove column from the separator and place it on a suitable collection tube.
6. Pipette an 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

▲ **Note:** To increase the purity of the magnetically labeled fraction pass the cells over a new, freshly prepared 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 see 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 effluent. This is the unlabeled cell fraction.

#### Depletion with CS Columns

1. Assemble CS Column and place it in the magnetic field of a suitable MACS Separator. For details see 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 see 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 effluent. 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™ Separator

▲ Refer to the autoMACS™ User Manual for instructions on how to use the autoMACS Separator.

1. Prepare and prime autoMACS Separator.
2. Place tube containing the magnetically labeled cells in the autoMACS Separator. For a standard separation, choose one of the following separation programs:

Positive selection: "Possel"

Depletion: "Depletes"

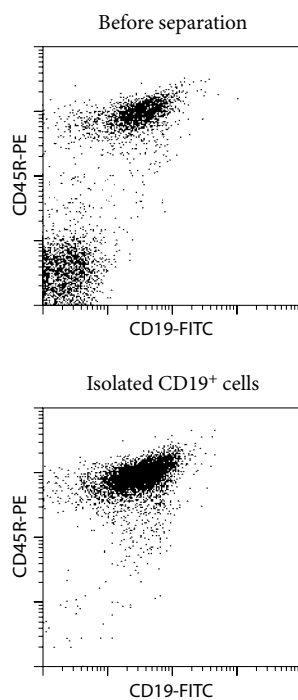
▲ **Note:** Program choice depends on the isolation strategy, the strength of magnetic labeling, and the frequency of magnetically labeled cells. For details see autoMACS User Manual, section autoMACS Cell Separation Programs.

3. When using the program "Possel", collect positive fraction from outlet port pos1. This is the purified CD19<sup>+</sup> cell fraction.

When using the program "Depletes", collect unlabeled fraction from outlet port neg1. This is the CD19<sup>-</sup> cell fraction.

## 3. Example of a separation using CD19 MicroBeads

Separation of CD19<sup>+</sup> B cells from a spleen cell suspension using CD19 MicroBeads, a MiniMACS™ Separator, and an MS Column. Cells are fluorescently stained with CD19-FITC (# 130-092-042) and CD45R (B220)-PE (# 130-091-828). Cell debris and dead cells are excluded from the analysis based on scatter signals and PI fluorescence.



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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.

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