



# LS Columns

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Order no. 130-042-401

LS Columns plus tubes

Order no. 130-041-306

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## 1. Description

**Components**      **LS Columns (# 130-042-401):**  
25 LS Columns and plungers, sterile packed  
or                    **LS Columns plus tubes (# 130-041-306):**  
25 LS Columns and plungers (# 130-042-401),  
sterile packed, and 75×13 mL tubes for  
LS Columns (# 130-091-596), sterile packed as  
3×25 tubes.

**Storage**            Store columns dry and protected from light.  
The expiration date is indicated on the box label.  
Do not use after this date.

### 1.1 Background

The patented MACS® Column Technology is based on the use of MACS MicroBeads, MACS Columns and MACS Separators. LS Columns have been developed for the gentle isolation of MicroBead labeled cells. As MACS MicroBeads are extremely small, superparamagnetic particles, a high-gradient magnetic field is required to retain the labeled cells. LS Columns contain an optimized matrix to generate this strong magnetic field when placed in a permanent magnet such as the MidiMACS™ Separator, QuadroMACS™ Separator, VarioMACS™ Separator, SuperMACS™ Separator or SuperMACS™ II Separator. LS Columns contain a hydrophilic coating which allows rapid filling. This coating is washed out by rinsing the LS Column with buffer before separation. After incubation with MACS MicroBeads, the cell suspension is loaded onto the LS Column. The unlabeled cells run through while the magnetically labeled cells are retained on the LS Column. The retained material is washed with buffer to remove unlabeled material. After removal of the LS Column from the magnetic field, the magnetically retained cells can be eluted as the positively selected cell fraction, using the plunger supplied with the LS Column.

### 1.2 Technical specifications

- Column capacity:  $1 \times 10^8$  magnetically labeled cells from up to  $2 \times 10^9$  total cells.  
▲ **Note:** Column capacity may decrease when separating cells larger than lymphocytes.
- Recommended sample size for leukocytes:  $10^5$ – $10^8$  labeled cells in  $10^7$ – $2 \times 10^9$  total cells.

- Typical enrichment rate: 50-fold to up to 1,000-fold, depending on the strength and specificity of the magnetic labeling. Up to 10,000-fold enrichment can be achieved by separation over two sequential columns.
- Columns are "flow stop" and do not run dry.
- Void volume: 400 µL. Reservoir volume: 8 mL.
- Typical flow rate for PBS (phosphate-buffered saline) containing 0.5% BSA (bovine serum albumin): 1.3–2.0 mL/min.
- LS Columns are for single use only.

### 1.3 Product applications

LS Columns have been developed for positive selection of human and animal cells, especially rare cells, out of a heterogeneous cell suspension in combination with a MACS Separator. LS Columns can also be used for depletion of cells which strongly express the magnetically labeled surface antigen. They can also be used to separate other biological material such as plant cells, bacteria, viruses, protozoa, cell organelles etc.

▲ Do not use LS Columns in combination with magnetic particles other than MACS MicroBeads. Magnetic forces in the column are very high and may damage biological material if other beads are used.

▲ LS Columns are not suitable for particles larger than 30 µm. To remove clumps and to prevent aggregates in the sample, resuspend material carefully and pass through 30 µm nylon mesh (Pre-Separation Filters, # 130-041-407) before separation.

▲ Samples or buffers with high viscosity might cause reduced column flow or column clogging.

### 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). Degas buffer before use, as air bubbles could block the column.  
▲ **Note:** The recommended buffer is PBS supplemented with EDTA and BSA. The suitability of other buffers has to be tested experimentally.  
▲ **Note:** Use degassed buffer only! Degas buffer by applying vacuum, preferentially with buffer at room temperature. Excessive gas in running buffer will form bubbles in the matrix during separation. This may lead to clogging of the column and decrease the quality of separation.
- MACS MicroBeads for magnetic labeling of cells.
- MidiMACS Separator, QuadroMACS Separator, VarioMACS Separator, SuperMACS Separator or SuperMACS II Separator.
- LS Column Adapter (# 130-090-544) for use with VarioMACS Separator or SuperMACS Separator, or Adapter for MS, LS and LD Columns for use with SuperMACS II Separator.
- MACS Acrylic Tube Rack (# 130-041-406) or MACS 15 mL Tube Rack (# 130-091-052).
- (Optional) Pre-Separation Filters (# 130-041-407) to remove cell clumps.

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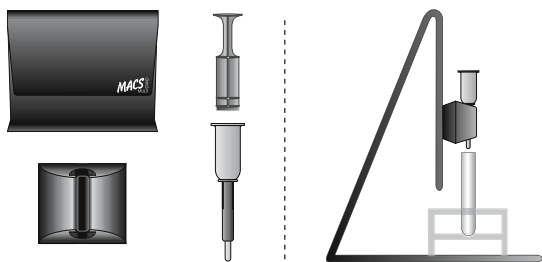
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## 2. Use of LS Columns

### 2.1 Preparation of LS Columns

1. Insert LS Column with the column wings to the front into an MACS Separator according to A), B), or C).

#### A) Use with MidiMACS™ or QuadroMACS™ Separator

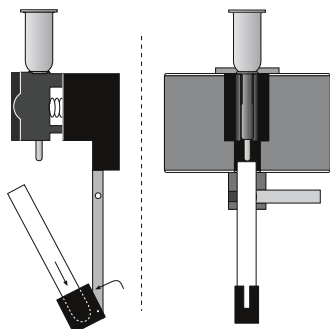


Attach MidiMACS™ Separator or QuadroMACS™ Separator to the MultiStand and place LS Column in the separator. Place a collection tube under the LS Column.

▲ **Note:** Check that the ejection blocks in the gap of the magnet are attached before placing the MACS Column into the magnetic field of the MidiMACS or QuadroMACS Separator.

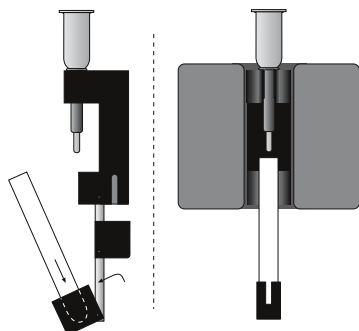
▲ **Note:** Be careful when attaching the QuadroMACS Separator to the MultiStand to avoid trapping your fingers (for details see QuadroMACS Starting Kit data sheet).

#### B) Use with VarioMACS™ or SuperMACS™ Separator



Insert LS Column Adapter in the magnetic field of the VarioMACS™ Separator or the SuperMACS™ Separator (for details, see LS Column Adapter Kit data sheet). Place the LS Column in the LS Column Adapter and the 13 mL collection tube in the tube holder.

#### C) Use with SuperMACS™ II Separator



Insert Adapter for MS, LS, and LD Columns in the magnetic field of the SuperMACS™ II Separator (for details, see SuperMACS II data sheets). Place the LS Column in the Column Adapter and the 13 mL collection tube in the lower tube holder.

2. Prepare LS Column by rinsing with buffer: apply 3 mL of degassed buffer on top of the column and let the buffer run through. LS Columns are "flow stop" and do not run dry.
3. Discard effluent and change collection tube. The LS Column is now ready for magnetic separation.

▲ **Note:** Use column immediately after filling to avoid formation of air bubbles caused by warming up. Do not store columns after filling.

▲ **Note:** The time for filling the column with buffer is dependent on the storage conditions, temperature and humidity. Therefore, the time may vary from a few seconds to several minutes. This filling time has no influence on the quality of the separation.



### 2.2 Magnetic separation using LS Columns

▲ For details on magnetic labeling, see MACS Cell Separation Reagent data sheets.

1. Resuspend up to  $10^8$  total cells in 500  $\mu$ L of buffer.
  - ▲ **Note:** For higher cell numbers, scale up buffer volume accordingly.
  - ▲ **Note:** When working with fresh anticoagulated blood or buffy coat, dilute before separation 1:2 with buffer.
  - ▲ **Note:** To remove clumps, pass cells through Pre-Separation Filters.
2. Apply cell suspension onto the prepared LS Column.
3. Collect unlabeled cells which pass through. Wash LS Column with 3x3 mL degassed buffer, adding buffer each time once the column reservoir is empty. Collect total effluent. This is the unlabeled cell fraction.
4. Remove LS Column from the separator and place it on a new collection tube.
5. Pipette 5 mL buffer onto the LS Column. Immediately flush out fraction with the magnetically labeled cells by firmly applying the plunger supplied with the column.
  - ▲ **Note:** To increase the purity of the magnetically labeled fraction, it can be passed over a new, freshly prepared MS Column (for up to  $10^7$  magnetically labeled cells) or LS Column (for up to  $10^8$  magnetically labeled cells).

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