

## Contents

### 1. Description

- 1.1 Principle of the MACS® Separation
- 1.2 Background information
- 1.3 Applications
- 1.4 Reagent and instrument requirements

### 2. Protocol

- 2.1 Sample preparation
- 2.2 Magnetic labeling
- 2.3 Magnetic separation
- 2.4 Magnetic labeling and separation using autoMACS® Separators
- 2.5 (Optional) Evaluation of hematopoietic progenitor cell purity

### 3. Example of a separation using the CD34 MicroBead Kit - UltraPure, human

## 1. Description

This product is for research use only.

<b>Components</b>	<p><b>2 mL CD34 MicroBeads UltraPure, human:</b> MicroBeads conjugated to monoclonal anti-human CD34 antibodies (isotype: mouse IgG1).</p> <p><b>2 mL FcR Blocking Reagent, human:</b> Human IgG.</p>
<b>Capacity</b>	For $2 \times 10^9$ total cells, up to 20 separations.
<b>Product format</b>	CD34 MicroBeads are supplied in buffer containing stabilizer and 0.05% sodium azide.
<b>Storage</b>	Store protected from light at +2 to +8 °C. Do not freeze. The expiration date is indicated on the vial label.

### 1.1 Principle of the MACS Separation

First, the CD34<sup>+</sup> cells are magnetically labeled with CD34 MicroBeads UltraPure, human. Then, the cell suspension is loaded onto a MACS® Column which is placed in the magnetic field of a MACS Separator. The magnetically labeled CD34<sup>+</sup> cells are retained within the column. The unlabeled cells run through; this cell fraction is thus depleted of CD34<sup>+</sup> cells. After removing the column from the magnetic field, the magnetically retained CD34<sup>+</sup> cells can be eluted as the positively selected cell fraction.

### 1.2 Background information

CD34 is a well-established marker of human hematopoietic stem and progenitor cells and additionally expressed on hemangioblasts, endothelial progenitor cells, and mature endothelial cells. The CD34 MicroBead Kit UltraPure, human contains MicroBeads directly conjugated to CD34 antibodies for magnetic labeling of

CD34-expressing cells from peripheral blood, cord blood, bone marrow, or apheresis harvest. Hematopoietic progenitors present at a frequency of 0.05–0.2% among peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMCs), 0.1–0.5% among cord blood mononuclear cells (MNCs) or 0.5–3% among bone marrow MNCs can be rapidly and efficiently enriched.

The CD34 MicroBead Kit UltraPure, human is suited for all routine CD34<sup>+</sup> cell isolations. In addition, its unique formulation provides particular advantages with debris-rich sample material.

### 1.3 Applications

- Positive selection or depletion of cells expressing human CD34 antigen
- Isolation of CD34<sup>+</sup> cells from debris-rich samples
- Isolation of hematopoietic progenitor cells, especially from low frequency samples
- Isolation of endothelial progenitor cells (EPCs)
- *In vitro* differentiation studies
- Isolation of CD34<sup>+</sup> progenitor cells from differentiated ES and iPS cell cultures

### 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 to +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 human serum albumin, human serum, or fetal bovine serum (FBS). Buffers or media containing Ca<sup>2+</sup> or Mg<sup>2+</sup> are not recommended for use.
- **MACS Columns and MACS Separators:** CD34<sup>+</sup> cells can be enriched by using MS, LS, or XS Columns. Cells which strongly express the CD34 antigen can also be depleted using MS, LS, or XS Columns. Positive selection or depletion can also be performed by using the MultiMACS™ Cell24 Separator Plus or autoMACS Columns on the autoMACS NEO or autoMACS Pro Separators.

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, SuperMACS II
LS	10 <sup>8</sup>	2×10 <sup>9</sup>	MidiMACS, QuadroMACS, SuperMACS II
	10 <sup>8</sup>	10 <sup>9</sup>	MultiMACS Cell24 Separator Plus
XS	10 <sup>9</sup>	2×10 <sup>10</sup>	SuperMACS II
<b>Positive selection or depletion</b>			
autoMACS	2×10 <sup>8</sup>	4×10 <sup>9</sup>	autoMACS NEO Separator, autoMACS Pro Separator
Multi-24 Column Block (per column)	10 <sup>8</sup>	10 <sup>9</sup>	MultiMACS Cell24 Separator Plus

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

▲ **Note:** If separating with LS Columns and the MultiMACS Cell24 Separator Plus use the Single-Column Adapter. Refer to the user manual for details.

- (Optional) CD34 Stem Cell Analysis Cocktail, anti-human (# 130-093-427) for flow cytometric analysis of separated cells.
- (Optional) Fluorochrome-conjugated antibodies for flow cytometric analysis, e.g., CD34 Antibody, anti-human, CD133/2 Antibody, anti-human, CD45 Antibody, anti-human. For more information about antibodies refer to [www.miltenyibiotec.com/antibodies](http://www.miltenyibiotec.com/antibodies).
- (Optional) Propidium Iodide Solution (# 130-093-233) or 7-AAD Staining Solution (# 130-111-568) 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.

## 2. Protocol

### 2.1 Sample preparation

When working with anticoagulated peripheral blood or buffy coat, peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMCs) should be isolated by using a MACS PBMC Isolation Kit or 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.

For details refer to the data sheet or the protocols section at [www.miltenyibiotec.com/protocols](http://www.miltenyibiotec.com/protocols).

When working with tissues or lysed blood, prepare a single-cell suspension using standard methods.

### Preparation of cells from leukapheresis material

1. Filter apheresis harvest through 30 µm nylon mesh (Pre-Separation Filters (30 µm) # 130-041-407), in order to remove cell clumps.
2. Wash cells once with buffer and resuspend in a final volume

of 300 µL of buffer for up to 10<sup>8</sup> cells. Proceed to magnetic labeling.



### 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.\*

▲ 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.

▲ Volumes for magnetic labeling given below are for up to 10<sup>8</sup> total cells. When working with fewer than 10<sup>8</sup> 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 2×10<sup>8</sup> total cells, use twice the volume of all indicated reagent volumes and total volumes).

▲ The recommended incubation temperature is +2 to +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 300 µL of buffer per 10<sup>8</sup> total cells.
4. Add 100 µL of FcR Blocking Reagent for up to 10<sup>8</sup> total cells.
5. Add 100 µL of CD34 MicroBeads UltraPure, human per 10<sup>8</sup> total cells.
6. Mix well and incubate for 30 minutes in the refrigerator (+2 to +8 °C).
7. (Optional) Add staining antibodies, e.g., CD34 Antibody, anti-human, PE (recognizing another epitope than QBEND/10), according to manufacturer's recommendation and incubate for 5 minutes in the dark in the refrigerator (+2 to +8 °C).
8. Wash cells by adding 5–10 mL of buffer per 10<sup>8</sup> cells and centrifuge at 300×g for 10 minutes. Aspirate supernatant completely.
9. Resuspend up to 10<sup>8</sup> 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<sup>8</sup> cells in 500 µL of buffer.
10. 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 CD34<sup>+</sup> cells. 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  $\mu$ L      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: 3×500  $\mu$ L      LS: 3×3 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 CD34<sup>+</sup> 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.

### Magnetic separation with the MultiMACS Cell24 Separator

Refer to the the MultiMACS Cell Separator user manual for instructions on how to use the MultiMACS Cell24 Separator.

#### 2.4 Magnetic labeling and separation using autoMACS Separators

▲ Refer to the user manual and the short instructions for instructions on how to use the autoMACS Separators.

▲ Buffers used for operating the autoMACS Separators should have a temperature of  $\geq +10$  °C.

▲ Place tubes in the following Chill Rack positions:

position A = sample, position B = unlabeled (negative) fraction,  
position C = labeled (positive) fraction.

##### 2.4.1 Magnetic labeling and separation using the autoMACS NEO Separator

▲ The autoMACS NEO Separator enables stage loading to extend column capacity for selected reagents, minimizing the need to divide larger samples.

▲ For more information on selecting alternative separation programs, stage loading-compatible reagents, autolabeling-compatible reagents, and the minimal and

maximal volumes for each reagent and Chill Rack, refer to [www.miltenyibiotec.com/automacs-neo-sample-processing](http://www.miltenyibiotec.com/automacs-neo-sample-processing).

### Magnetic separation after manual labeling

1. Label the sample as described in section 2.2 Magnetic labeling.
2. Prepare and prime the instrument.
3. Place the Chill Rack on the MACS MiniSampler S.
4. Select the same Chill Rack in the **Experiment** tab. An experiment is created automatically. Tap to select sample positions.
5. Assign a reagent to each sample.
6. Manual labeling is set automatically if autolabeling is not supported or no reagent rack is selected. Alternatively, tap **Labeling** in the reagent placement dialog and select **Manual**.
7. Tap **Sample volume** in the **Sample process** pane and enter the sample volume. Tap the return key.
8. The separation program for highest target cell purity is selected by default. Refer to the **Sample process** pane for all available programs.
9. Place the sample(s) and empty tubes to the Chill Rack.
10. Tap **Run** to start the separation process.

#### 2.4.2 Magnetic labeling and separation using the autoMACS Pro Separator

### Magnetic separation after manual labeling

1. Label the sample as described in section 2.2 Magnetic labeling.
2. Prepare and prime the instrument.
3. Apply tube containing the sample.
4. For a standard separation choose one of the following programs:  
**Positive selection of CD34<sup>+</sup> cells from peripheral blood, bone marrow or leukapheresis: Posseld.**  
**Positive selection of CD34<sup>+</sup> cells from cord blood: Posseld2.**  
Collect positive fraction in row C of the tube rack.
5. Tap **Run** to start the separation process.

#### 2.5 (Optional) Evaluation of hematopoietic progenitor cell purity

The purity of the isolated hematopoietic progenitor cells can be evaluated by flow cytometry or fluorescence microscopy. Analysis of CD34<sup>+</sup> cells can be accomplished by direct immunofluorescent staining using an antibody recognizing an epitope different from that recognized by the CD34 monoclonal antibody QBEND/10 (e.g. CD34 Antibody, anti-human, PE, clone: AC136).

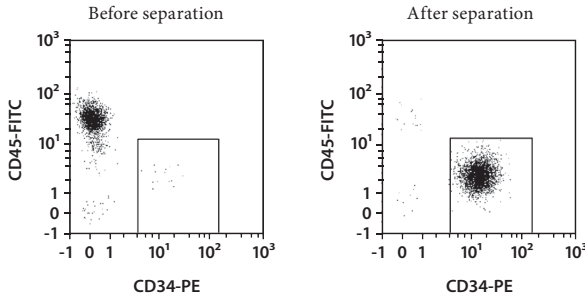
For optimal discrimination of CD34<sup>+</sup> cells from other leukocytes, counterstain cells with an antibody against CD45 (e.g. CD45 Antibody, anti-human, FITC). CD34<sup>+</sup> cells express CD45 at a lower level as compared to lymphocytes.

Use the antibodies in appropriate concentrations as recommended by the manufacturers. Typically, staining for 5 minutes at

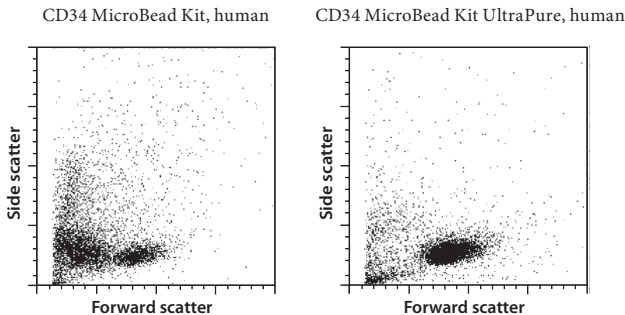
+2 to +8 °C should be sufficient. After fluorescent staining, cells should be washed and resuspended in buffer.

### 3. Example of a separation using CD34 MicroBead Kit UltraPure, human

CD34<sup>+</sup> cells were isolated from a debris-rich human PBMCs sample using the CD34 MicroBead Kit UltraPure, human, two MS Columns, and a MiniMACS™ Separator. Cells were fluorescently stained with CD34-PE and CD45-FITC and analyzed by flow cytometry. Cell debris and dead cells were excluded from the analysis based on scatter signals and propidium iodide fluorescence.



A comparison of the ungated forward scatter versus side scatter profile of the same sample after separation with the CD34 MicroBead Kit, human (# 130-046-702) or the CD34 MicroBead Kit UltraPure, human (# 130-100-453) demonstrates reduced debris carry-over with the CD34 MicroBead Kit UltraPure, human.



Refer to [www.miltenyibiotec.com](http://www.miltenyibiotec.com) for all data sheets and protocols. Miltenyi Biotec provides technical support worldwide. Visit [www.miltenyibiotec.com](http://www.miltenyibiotec.com) for local Miltenyi Biotec Technical Support contact information.

## Legal notices

### Limited product warranty

Miltenyi Biotec B.V. & Co. KG and/or its affiliate(s) warrant this product to be free from material defects in workmanship and materials and to conform substantially with Miltenyi Biotec's published specifications for the product at the time of order, under normal use and conditions in accordance with its applicable documentation, for a period beginning on the date of delivery of the product by Miltenyi Biotec or its authorized distributor and ending on the expiration date of the product's applicable shelf life stated on the product label, packaging or documentation (as applicable) or, in the absence thereof, ONE (1) YEAR from date of delivery ("Product Warranty"). Miltenyi Biotec's Product Warranty is provided subject to the warranty terms as set forth in Miltenyi Biotec's General Terms and Conditions for the Sale of Products and Services available on Miltenyi Biotec's website at [www.miltenyibiotec.com](http://www.miltenyibiotec.com), as in effect at the time of order ("Product Warranty"). Additional terms may apply. BY USE OF THIS PRODUCT, THE CUSTOMER AGREES TO BE BOUND BY THESE TERMS.

THE CUSTOMER IS SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR DETERMINING IF A PRODUCT IS SUITABLE FOR CUSTOMER'S PARTICULAR PURPOSE AND APPLICATION METHODS.

### Technical information

The technical information, data, protocols, and other statements provided by Miltenyi Biotec in this document are based on information, tests, or experience which Miltenyi Biotec believes to be reliable, but the accuracy or completeness of such information is not guaranteed. Such technical information and data are intended for persons with knowledge and technical skills sufficient to assess and apply their own informed judgment to the information. Miltenyi Biotec shall not be liable for any technical or editorial errors or omissions contained herein.

All information and specifications are subject to change without prior notice. Please contact Miltenyi Biotec Technical Support or visit [www.miltenyibiotec.com](http://www.miltenyibiotec.com) for the most up-to-date information on Miltenyi Biotec products.

### Licenses

This product and/or its use may be covered by one or more pending or issued patents and/or may have certain limitations. Certain uses may be excluded by separate terms and conditions. Please contact your local Miltenyi Biotec representative or visit Miltenyi Biotec's website at [www.miltenyibiotec.com](http://www.miltenyibiotec.com) for more information.

The purchase of this product conveys to the customer the non-transferable right to use the purchased amount of the product in research conducted by the customer (whether the customer is an academic or for-profit entity). This product may not be further sold. Additional terms and conditions (including the terms of a Limited Use Label License) may apply.

CUSTOMER'S USE OF THIS PRODUCT MAY REQUIRE ADDITIONAL LICENSES DEPENDING ON THE SPECIFIC APPLICATION. THE CUSTOMER IS SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR DETERMINING FOR ITSELF WHETHER IT HAS ALL APPROPRIATE LICENSES IN PLACE. Miltenyi Biotec provides no warranty that customer's use of this product does not and will not infringe intellectual property rights owned by a third party. BY USE OF THIS PRODUCT, THE CUSTOMER AGREES TO BE BOUND BY THESE TERMS.

### Trademarks

autoMACS, MACS, MACSQuant, the Miltenyi Biotec logo, MiniMACS, MultiMACS, OctoMACS, QuadroMACS, and SuperMACS are registered trademarks or trademarks of Miltenyi Biotec B.V. & Co. KG and/or its affiliates in various countries worldwide. All other trademarks mentioned in this publication are the property of their respective owners and are used for identification purposes only.

Ficoll-Paque is a trademark of GE Healthcare companies.

Copyright © 2023 Miltenyi Biotec and/or its affiliates. All rights reserved.