

# Select the best

Superior MACS® Technology for all your cell isolation needs

- Preserved cell functionality – minimal labeling and smallest bead size
- No cell stress – highest viability and no effects on cell biology
- Full downstream compatibility – free epitopes and no bead aggregates
- Efficient separation – maximum purity and recovery

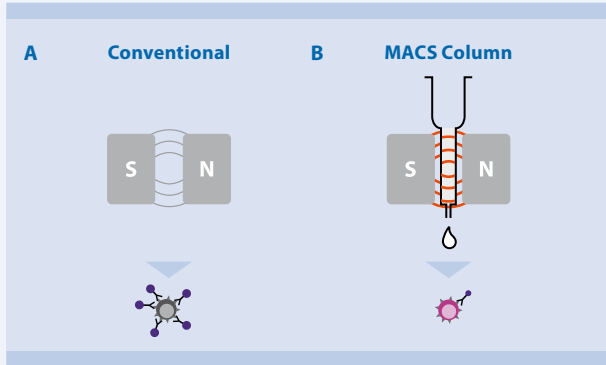
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## Our technology

Steel spheres inside the column matrix amplify the magnetic gradient 10,000-fold (fig. 1).

This allows for:

- Smaller, nano-sized beads (50 nm)
- Minimal labeling



**Figure 1: The MACS Technology advantage.** (A) Without the use of a MACS Column, extensive labeling or large beads are needed for an adequate magnetic retention. (B) Only when using MACS Columns, the 10,000-fold amplification of the magnetic gradient ensures efficient cell retention with minimal labeling and smallest bead size.

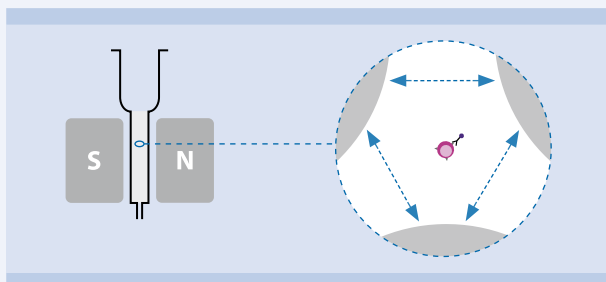
## Your benefits

Only minimal labeling and the small bead size ensure absolute integrity of the cell's biology and full downstream compatibility.

### Highest cell viability

The spacious steel sphere matrix inside the MACS® Columns ensures easy pass-through of unlabeled cells and gentle retention of target cells (fig. 2).

- No cell stress
- High recovery

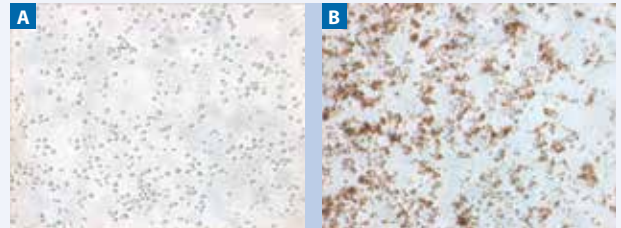


**Figure 2: The MACS Column at a glance.** Cells move freely between the steel spheres inside the column and are only retained by magnetic forces. Spaces between the spheres are up to 20 × the cell's size.

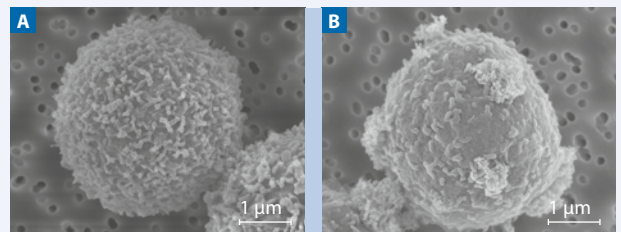
### Preserved cell functionality

Miltenyi Biotec's nano-sized and colloidal MicroBeads do not clog the cell surface or aggregate in cell culture (fig. 3 and 4).

- Free epitopes
- No bead aggregates
- No epitope cross-linking



**Figure 3: Light microscopic analysis of PBMC cultures labeled with MACS CD3 MicroBeads, human or a competitor's technology.** (A) No bead accumulation in cell culture observed with MACS MicroBeads. (B) Clearly visible bead aggregation with competitor's technology.

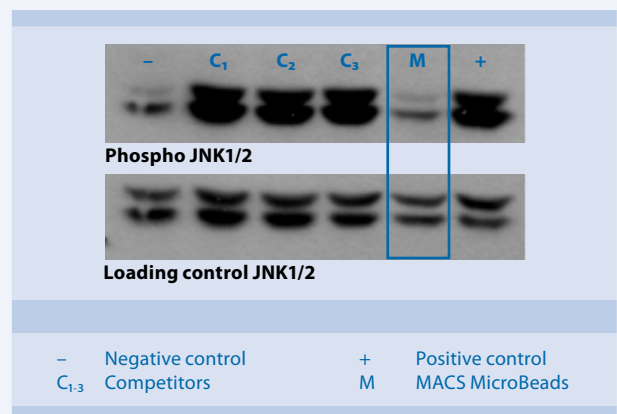


**Figure 4: Electron microscope scanning of CD3<sup>+</sup> T cells isolated with MACS CD3 MicroBeads, human or a competitor's technology.** (A) No aggregate formation on the cell's surface with MACS MicroBeads. (B) Over-labeling and aggregate formation with competitor's beads.

### Truly untouched separation

Miltenyi Biotec's Isolation Kits represent a highly efficient option for negative isolation without altering the biology of the cell (fig.5).

- No cell activation
- No unspecific binding



**Figure 5: Western blot of CD4<sup>+</sup> T cell lysates after isolation with Miltenyi Biotec's CD4<sup>+</sup> T Cell Isolation Kit, human or competitors' products.** Clearly visible cell activation after negative isolation with competitors' beads (phospho JNK1/2; lanes C1 – C3), but not with MACS MicroBeads (lane M). CD4<sup>+</sup> cells were isolated from SUP-T1 cells. Lysate from LPS-treated cells served as positive control and untreated cells as negative control.



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