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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.

1. Description

This product is for research use only.

Components	1 mL REAl ease CD62L-Biotin, human
	5 mL REAl ease Anti-Biotin MicroBeads (CD62L, human)
	4 mL REAl ease Bead Release Reagent (50×)
	4 mL REAl ease Release Reagent
	4 mL REAl ease Stop Reagent
Capacity	For 10 ⁹ total cells, up to 100 separations.
Product format	REAl ease Stop Reagent is supplied in buffer containing 0.05% sodium azide. All other reagents are supplied in buffer containing stabilizer and 0.05% sodium azide.
Storage	Store protected from light at 2–8 °C. Do not freeze. The expiration date is indicated on the vial label.

1.1 Principle of the REAl ease MACS Separation

The REAl ease Technology relies on recombinantly engineered antibody fragments to label specific cell surface markers. The fragments are developed to have low affinity for epitopes. However, when fragments are multimerized as a REAl ease Biotin Complex (i.e., REAl ease CD62L-Biotin, human) they bind to epitopes with high avidity. REAl ease Technology can control the multimer/monomer state of antibody fragments. With this technology a controlled label release is possible where monomerized antibody fragments dissociate from the cell surface, enabling users to obtain bead- and label-free cells.

First, the target cells in a peripheral blood mononuclear cell (PBMC) population are labeled with REAl ease CD62L-Biotin (REAl ease Biotin Complex). Subsequently, REAl ease Anti-Biotin MicroBeads (CD62L, human) bind to the REAl ease Biotin Complex. Then, the cell suspension is loaded onto a MACS Column, which is placed in the magnetic field of a MACS Separator. The magnetically labeled cells are retained within the column. The unlabeled non-target cells flow through; this cell fraction is thus depleted of CD62L⁺ cells. After removing the column from the magnetic field, the target cells are eluted using the REAl ease Bead Release Reagent, which simultaneously removes the MicroBeads from the cells. Finally, during the subsequent incubation with the REAl ease Release Reagent, the REAl ease Biotin Complex monomerizes and dissociates from the cell surface leaving the cells free of all labels.

1.2 Background information

The CD62L antigen is a 74 kDa glycoprotein and is a member of the selectin family of cell surface molecules, also referred to as L-selectin, LECAM-1, or LAM-1. CD62L binds a series of glycoproteins, including CD34, GlyCAM-1, and MAdCAM-1 and is important for homing of naive lymphocytes via the high endothelial venules to peripheral lymph nodes and Peyer's patches. The CD62L antigen also contributes to the recruitment of leukocytes from the blood to areas of inflammation. Most hematopoietic cells express CD62L including most peripheral blood B cells, T cells, monocytes, granulocytes, and some myeloid cells from bone marrow and thymocytes. CD62L is continuously endoproteolytically cleaved from the cell surface of CD62L-expressing neutrophils and lymphocytes (shedding). Proteolysis is accelerated, e.g., after antigen-activation of T cells.

1.3 Applications

- Isolation of CD62L⁺ cells which need to be label-free.
- Isolation of label-free CD62L⁺, CD3⁺, CD4⁺ and CD8⁺ T cells using first the REAl ease CD62L MicroBead Kit, human, followed by a second enrichment using REAl ease CD3, CD4, or CD8 MicroBead Kits, human.
- Isolation of central memory T cells by using the REAl ease CD62L MicroBead Kit, human followed by cell enrichment using CD45RO MicroBeads, human (#130-046-001). For further subset discrimination this isolation strategy may be

combined with REAlease CD3, CD4, or CD8 MicroBead Kits, human.

- Positive selection of label-free CD62L⁺ T cells from pre-enriched CD4⁺ or CD8⁺ T cells using the CD4⁺ T Cell Isolation Kit, human (# 130-096-533) or the CD8⁺ T Cell Isolation Kit, human (# 130-096-495).
- Isolation of label-free CD4⁺CD62L⁺ central memory T cells from pre-enriched CD4⁺ memory T cells using the Memory CD4⁺ T Cell Isolation Kit, human (# 130-091-893)

1.4 Reagent and instrument requirements

- Separation 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). Use cold buffer (2–8 °C). Store buffer cold (2–8 °C). Degas buffer before use, as air bubbles could block the column.

▲ **Note:** BSA can be replaced by other proteins such as human serum albumin, human serum, or fetal bovine serum (FBS). Buffers or media containing Ca²⁺ or Mg²⁺ are not recommended for use.

- REAlease Bead Release buffer: Prepare a 1:50 dilution of REAlease Bead Release Reagent (50×), e.g., for 1 mL add 20 µL of REAlease Bead Release Reagent to 980 µL of separation buffer.

▲ **Note:** Use freshly prepared buffer the same day. Store at room temperature.

▲ **Note:** Prepare 1 mL per MS Column and 5 mL per LS Column.

- MACS Columns and MACS Separators: CD62L⁺ cells can be enriched by using MS or LS Columns.

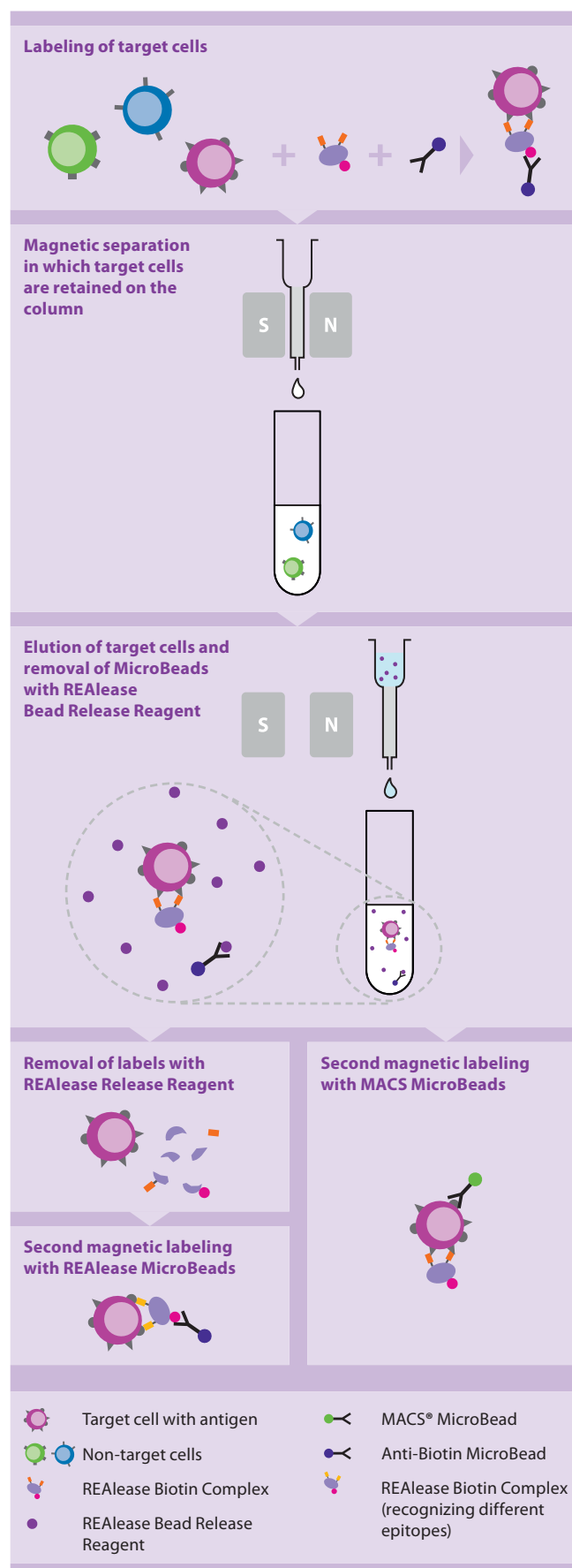
Column	Max. number of labeled cells	Max. number of total cells	Separator
Positive selection			
MS	10 ⁷	2×10 ⁷	MiniMACS, OctoMACS, SuperMACS II
LS	2×10 ⁹	1×10 ⁸	MidiMACS, QuadroMACS, SuperMACS II

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

- (Optional) Fluorochrome-conjugated antibodies for flow cytometric analysis, e.g., CD62L-PE and CD4-PE-Vio[®] 770. For more information about antibodies refer to www.miltenyibiotec.com/antibodies.
- (Optional) Propidium Iodide Solution (# 130-093-233) or 7-AAD Staining Solution (# 130-111-568) or Viability[™] Fixable Dyes (# 130-109-812, # 130-109-814, # 130-109-816) for flow cytometric exclusion of dead cells.
- (Optional) Pre-Separation Filters (30 µm) (# 130-041-407) to remove cell clumps.

2. Protocol

2.1 Protocol overview



2.2 Sample preparation

When working with anticoagulated peripheral blood or buffy coat, PBMCs should be isolated 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 protocol “Isolation of mononuclear cells from human peripheral blood by density gradient centrifugation” at www.miltenyibiotec.com.



2.3 Magnetic labeling

▲ Always use fresh material for positive selection or depletion of CD62L⁺ cells. For optimal results, the cells should not be older than 8–12 hours. Keep cells continuously cold (2–8 °C). Otherwise, CD62L-expression may be rapidly lost due to shedding.

▲ Volumes for magnetic labeling given below are for up to 10⁷ total cells. When working with fewer than 10⁷ 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 2×10⁷ 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 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.

1. Determine cell number.
 2. Centrifuge cell suspension at 300×g for 10 minutes. Aspirate supernatant completely.
 3. Resuspend cell pellet in 40 µL of separation buffer per 10⁷ total cells.
 4. Add 10 µL of REAlease CD62L-Biotin per 10⁷ total cells.
 5. Mix well and incubate for 5 minutes in the refrigerator (2–8 °C).
 6. Add 50 µL of REAlease Anti-Biotin MicroBeads (CD62L, human) per 10⁷ total cells.
 7. Mix well and incubate for 5 minutes in the refrigerator (2–8 °C).
 8. (Optional) Add staining antibodies, e.g., CD62L-PE and CD4-PE-Vio® 770, and incubate according to manufacturer's recommendation.
- ▲ **Note:** These staining antibodies cannot be removed from the cells.
9. Dilute up to 5×10⁷ cells in a total volume of 500 µL with separation buffer.
- ▲ **Note:** For volumes larger than 500 µL a dilution is not needed.
10. Proceed to magnetic separation (2.4).



2.4 Magnetic separation and removal of magnetic labeling

▲ Choose an appropriate MACS Column and MACS Separator

according to the number of total cells and the number of CD62L⁺ 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.

▲ The recommended incubation temperature is at 2–8 °C.

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 separation buffer:

MS: 500 µL LS: 3 mL

3. Apply cell suspension onto the column. Collect flow-through containing unlabeled cells.
4. Wash column with the appropriate amount of separation buffer. Collect unlabeled cells that pass through and combine with the flow-through from step 3.

MS: 3×500 µL 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. (Optional) If removal of MicroBeads is not required, pipette appropriate amount of separation buffer. Immediately flush out target cells by firmly pushing the plunger into the column. Eluted cells are ready for downstream applications, e.g. flow cytometry analysis.

MS: 1 mL LS: 5 mL

7. For removal of MicroBeads proceed with step 8.
8. Pipette the appropriate amount of REAlease Bead Release buffer (prepared by REAlease Bead Release Reagent (50×), refer to chapter 1.4) onto the column. Immediately flush out target cells by firmly pushing the plunger into the column.

MS: 1 mL LS: 5 mL

9. Mix well and incubate for 10 minutes.
10. Cells are now free from MicroBeads and ready for analysis and downstream applications.
11. (Optional) Proceed either to
 - 2.5 Removal of REAlease Complex and second magnetic labeling with REAlease MicroBeads
 - or proceed to
 - 2.6 Second magnetic labeling with MACS MicroBeads.

2.5 (Optional) Removal of the REAlease Complex and second magnetic labeling with REAlease MicroBeads

▲ The recommended incubation temperature is at room temperature (+19 °C to +25 °C).

▲ For second magnetic labeling with MACS Anti-Biotin MicroBeads proceed through all steps of chapter 2.5 to remove the REAlease Biotin Complex.

2.5.1 Removal of the REAlease Complex

1. Centrifuge cell suspension at 300×g for 10 minutes. Aspirate supernatant completely.

- Resuspend cell pellet in appropriate amount of separation buffer:
MS: 1 mL LS: 5 mL
- Add an appropriate amount of REAlease Release Reagent:
MS: 20 μ L LS: 100 μ L
- Mix well and incubate for 5 minutes.
- Cells are now free from REAlease Complex and MicroBeads and are ready for analysis or downstream applications.
- (Optional) For second magnetic labeling with REAlease MicroBeads continue with 2.5.2.

2.5.2 Second magnetic labeling with REAlease MicroBeads

- Centrifuge cell suspension at 300 \times g for 10 minutes. Aspirate supernatant completely.
- Resuspend cell pellet in 40 μ L of REAlease Stop Reagent per 10⁷ total cells.
- Mix well.
- For a second magnetic labeling follow the labeling protocol in the respective REAlease MicroBead Kit data sheet.

▲ **Note:** For best recovery and purity of cells, the amount of MACS MicroBeads for the second positive labeling may need optimization as the starting frequency of target cells may be different from a PBMC sample.

2.6 (Optional) Second magnetic labeling with MACS MicroBeads

▲ For second magnetic labeling with MACS Anti-Biotin MicroBeads proceed through all steps of chapter 2.5 to remove the REAlease Biotin Complex.

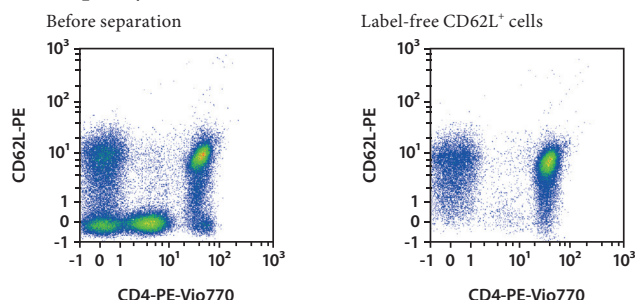
- Centrifuge cell suspension at 300 \times g for 10 minutes. Aspirate supernatant completely.
- Add the recommended amount of MACS MicroBeads to label the cells magnetically for the second marker. For details refer to the respective MACS MicroBeads data sheet.

▲ **Note:** For best recovery and purity of cells, the amount of MACS MicroBeads for the second positive labeling may need optimization as the starting frequency of target cells may be different from a PBMC sample.

3. Example of a separation using the REAlease CD62L MicroBead Kit

CD62L⁺ cells were isolated from human PBMC using the REAlease CD62L MicroBead Kit, MS Columns, and a MiniMACS™ Separator. Cells were fluorescently stained with CD62L-PE and CD4-PE-Vio® 770 and analyzed by flow cytometry using the MACSQuant® Analyzer X. Cell debris and dead cells were excluded from the analysis based on scatter signals and propidium iodide fluorescence.

A) Cell purity

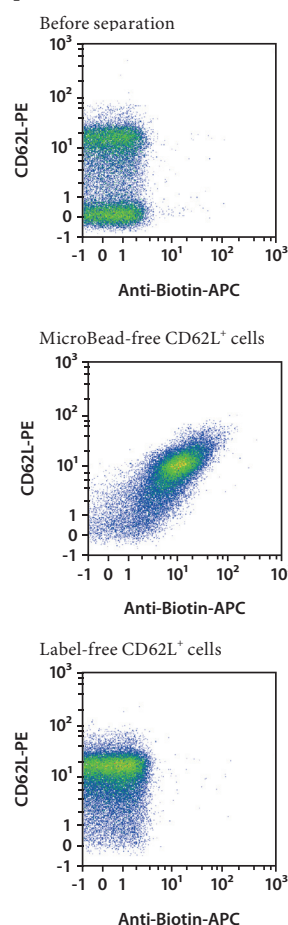


B) Bead-free cells: efficiency of REAlease Anti-Biotin MicroBeads release

Release efficiency was higher than 99% for the REAlease Anti-Biotin MicroBeads (CD62L). The efficiency was determined by re-applying the isolated cells to a second MACS Column. The ratio between the numbers of cells in the flow-through and the total number of cells applied to the second column allowed us to calculate the efficiency of magnetic labeling removal.

C) Label-free cells: REAlease Biotin Complex release

The efficient removal of all labels was shown by using Anti-Biotin-APC to analyze the cells by flow cytometry for the presence of REAlease Biotin Complex. Directly after isolation, the cells showed staining of biotin ("MicroBead-free CD62L⁺ cells"), whereas the label-free CD62L⁺ cells after the REAlease Biotin Complex release were negative for biotin similar to the non-labeled cells before separation.



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