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1. Description

Components	2 mL Anti-Ter-119 MicroBeads, mouse: MicroBeads conjugated to monoclonal anti-mouse Ter-119 (Ter-119; isotype: rat IgG2b) antibody.
Size	For 2×10^9 total cells, up to 200 separations.
Product format	Anti-Ter-119 MicroBeads are supplied as a suspension containing stabilizer and 0.05% sodium azide.
Storage	Store protected from light at 4–8 °C. Do not freeze. The expiration date is indicated on the vial label.

1.1 Principle of MACS[®] separation

First the Ter-119⁺ cells are magnetically labeled with Anti-Ter-119 MicroBeads. Then the cell suspension is loaded onto a column which is placed in the magnetic field of a MACS[®] Separator. The magnetically labeled Ter-119⁺ cells are retained on the column. The unlabeled cells run through and this cell fraction is depleted of Ter-119⁺ cells. After removal of the column from the magnetic field, the magnetically retained Ter-119⁺ cells can be eluted as the positively selected cell fraction.

1.2 Background and product applications

Anti-Ter-119 MicroBeads were developed for the separation of cells based on the expression of the Ter-119 antigen. Ter-119 is expressed on mature erythrocytes and erythroid precursor cells. It is not expressed on lymphoid and myeloid cells.^{1,2}

Examples of applications

- Positive selection or depletion of Ter-119⁺ mature erythrocytes and erythroid precursor cells from murine bone marrow, fetal liver or spleen.
- Depletion of red blood cells, as an alternative method to osmotic lysis.

- In combination with CD45 MicroBeads (#130-052-301) for the untouched isolation of multipotent adult progenitor cells (MAPC) from cell cultures of bone-marrow, muscle and brain cells.³

1.3 Reagent and instrument requirements

- Buffer (degassed): Prepare a solution containing PBS (phosphate buffered saline) pH 7.2, 0.5% BSA (bovine serum albumin) and 2 mM EDTA by diluting MACS BSA Stock Solution (# 130-091-376) 1:20 in autoMACS[™] Rinsing Solution (# 130-091-222). Keep buffer cold (4–8 °C).

▲ **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 Ca²⁺ or Mg²⁺ are not recommended for use.

- MACS Columns and MACS Separators: Ter-119⁺ cells can be enriched by using MS, LS or XS Columns (positive selection). Ter-119 MicroBeads can be used for depletion of Ter-119⁺ cells on LD, CS or D Columns. Cells which strongly express the Ter-119 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
Positive selection			
MS	10 ⁷	2×10 ⁸	MiniMACS, OctoMACS, VarioMACS, SuperMACS
LS	10 ⁸	2×10 ⁹	MidiMACS, QuadroMACS, VarioMACS, SuperMACS
XS	10 ⁹	2×10 ¹⁰	SuperMACS
Depletion			
LD	10 ⁸	5×10 ⁸	MidiMACS, QuadroMACS, VarioMACS, SuperMACS
CS	2×10 ⁸		VarioMACS, SuperMACS
D	10 ⁹		SuperMACS
Positive selection or depletion			
autoMACS	2×10 ⁸	4×10 ⁹	autoMACS

▲ **Note:** Column adapters are required to insert certain columns into VarioMACS[™] Separator or SuperMACS[™] Separator. For details, see MACS Separator data sheets.

- (Optional) Fluorochrome-conjugated Anti-Ter-119 antibody.
- (Optional) PI (propidium iodide) 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 (see "General Protocols" in the User Manuals or visit 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 2×10^7 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 μm 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. Pipette off supernatant completely.
3. Resuspend cell pellet in 90 μL of buffer per 10^7 total cells.
4. Add 10 μL of Anti-Ter-119 MicroBeads per 10^7 total cells.
5. Mix well and incubate for 15 minutes at 4–8 °C.

▲ **Note:** Working on ice may require increased incubation times. Higher temperatures and/or longer incubation times lead to non-specific cell labeling.

6. (Optional) Add a fluorochrome-conjugated Anti-Ter-119 antibody according to manufacturer's recommendation, and incubate for 5 minutes at 4–8 °C.
7. Wash cells by adding 1–2 mL of buffer per 10^7 cells and centrifuge at $300 \times g$ for 10 minutes. Pipette off supernatant completely.
8. Resuspend up to 10^8 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 1.25×10^8 cells in 500 μL 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 Ter-119⁺ cells (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 (see "Column data sheets").
2. Prepare column by rinsing with appropriate amount of buffer:
MS: 500 μL LS: 3 mL.
3. Apply cell suspension onto the column.
4. Collect unlabeled cells which pass through and wash column with appropriate amount of buffer. Perform washing steps by adding buffer three times, each time once 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 appropriate amount of buffer onto the column. Immediately flush out fraction with the magnetically labeled cells by firmly applying the plunger supplied with the column.
MS: 1 mL LS: 5 mL.

▲ **Note:** To increase the purity of the magnetically labeled fraction, it can be passed 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 (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 which 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 (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 (see "CS Column data sheet").
3. Apply cell suspension onto the column.
4. Collect unlabeled cells which 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.

- Place tube containing the magnetically labeled cells in the autoMACS Separator. For a standard separation, choose following separation programs:

Positive selection: "Possel"

Depletion: "Depletes"

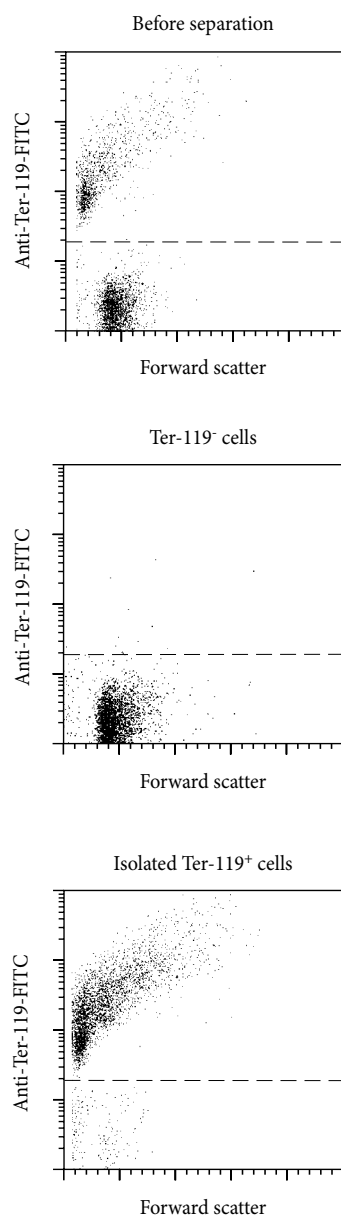
▲ **Note:** Program choice depends on the isolation strategy, the strength of magnetic labeling and the frequency of magnetically labeled cells. For details see autoMACS User Manual: "autoMACS Cell Separation Programs".

- When using the program "Possel", collect positive fraction (outlet port "pos1"). This is the purified Ter-119⁺ cell fraction.

When using the program "Depletes", collect unlabeled fraction (outlet port "neg1"). This is the Ter-119⁻ cell fraction.

3. Example of a separation using Anti-Ter-119 MicroBeads

Ter-119⁺ cells were isolated from a spleen cell suspension using Anti-Ter-119 MicroBeads, an MS Column and a MiniMACS™ Separator. Cells are fluorescently stained with Anti-Ter-119-FITC. Cell debris and dead cells were 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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