

# EasySep™ Mouse ILC2 Enrichment Kit

For processing 1 x 10<sup>9</sup> cells

Catalog #19842

Negative Selection

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## Description

Enrich untouched group 2 innate lymphoid cells (ILC2s) from mouse lungs by immunomagnetic negative selection. When using single-cell suspensions from other tissue types, this kit may require optimization.

- Fast, easy-to-use, and column-free
- Enriched cells are untouched
- Facilitates rapid flow sorting of ILC2s

This kit targets non-ILC2s for removal with biotinylated antibodies recognizing specific cell surface markers. Unwanted cells are labeled with biotinylated antibodies and magnetic particles, and separated without columns using an EasySep™ magnet. Desired cells are simply poured off into a new tube. Enriched ILC2s are immediately available for downstream applications, such as flow cytometry or cell sorting.

## Component Descriptions

COMPONENT NAME	COMPONENT #	QUANTITY	STORAGE	SHELF LIFE	FORMAT
EasySep™ Mouse ILC2 Enrichment Cocktail	19842C	1 x 0.5 mL	Store at 2 - 8°C. Do not freeze.	Stable until expiry date (EXP) on label.	A combination of monoclonal antibodies in PBS and 0.1% BSA.
EasySep™ Streptavidin RapidSpheres™ 50001	50001	1 x 1 mL	Store at 2 - 8°C. Do not freeze.	Stable until expiry date (EXP) on label.	A suspension of magnetic particles in PBS.

BSA - bovine serum albumin; PBS - phosphate-buffered saline

Components may be shipped at room temperature (15 - 25°C) but should be stored as indicated above.

## Sample Preparation

For automated and standardized tissue processing, see STEMprep™ Tissue Dissociator (Catalog #100-2112) at [www.stemcell.com/stemprep](http://www.stemcell.com/stemprep). For manual processing, follow the steps below.

### LUNG TISSUE

The following instructions are for processing 5 - 10 mouse lungs. For optimal recovery, it is recommended to process enough lung tissue to obtain at least 1.5 x 10<sup>7</sup> cells.

1. Prepare 10 mL of digestion medium by adding 1 mL of Collagenase/Hyaluronidase (Catalog #07912) and 1.5 mL of DNase I Solution (1 mg/mL; Catalog #07900) to 7.5 mL of RPMI 1640 Medium (Catalog #36750). Warm to room temperature (15 - 25°C).  
NOTE: If starting with more than 10 lungs, adjust volumes accordingly.
2. Harvest lung tissue into a tube containing PBS with 2% fetal bovine serum (FBS).
3. Transfer lung tissue into a dish without medium. Mince into a homogenous paste (< 1 mm in size) using a razor blade or scalpel.
4. Transfer minced lung tissue into a tube containing 10 mL of digestion medium and incubate at 37°C for 20 minutes on a shaking platform.
5. Place a 70 µm nylon mesh strainer over a 100 mm Petri Dish (Catalog #38045) and push the digested lung tissue through strainer with the rubber end of a syringe plunger to obtain a cell suspension.
6. Place a new 70 µm nylon mesh strainer over a 50 mL conical tube (e.g. Catalog #38010) and filter the cell suspension. Rinse the strainer with recommended medium.
7. Centrifuge at 300 x g for 6 minutes at room temperature with the brake on low. Carefully remove and discard the supernatant.
8. Add 20 mL of Ammonium Chloride Solution (Catalog #07800) to the cell pellet. Incubate at room temperature for 5 minutes.
9. Top up to 50 mL with recommended medium. Centrifuge at 300 x g for 6 minutes at room temperature with the brake on low. Carefully remove and discard the supernatant.
10. Resuspend cells at 1 x 10<sup>8</sup> cells/mL in recommended medium.

NOTE: If starting with fewer than 3 x 10<sup>7</sup> cells, resuspend cells at 5 x 10<sup>7</sup> cells/mL.

## Recommended Medium

EasySep™ Buffer (Catalog #20144), or PBS with 2% FBS and 1 mM EDTA. Medium should be free of Ca<sup>++</sup>, Mg<sup>++</sup>, and biotin.

## Directions for Use – Manual EasySep™ Protocols

See page 1 for Sample Preparation and Recommended Medium. Refer to Table 1 for detailed instructions regarding the EasySep™ procedure.

**Table 1. EasySep™ Mouse ILC2 Enrichment Kit Protocol**

		EASYSEP™ MAGNET	
STEP	INSTRUCTIONS		EasySep™ (Catalog #18000)
1	Prepare sample within the volume range.		1 x 10 <sup>8</sup> cells/mL 0.3 - 1 mL NOTE: If starting with fewer than 3 x 10 <sup>7</sup> cells, resuspend cells at 5 x 10 <sup>7</sup> cells/mL*
	Add sample to required tube.		5 mL (12 x 75 mm) polystyrene round-bottom tube (e.g. Catalog #38007)
2	Add Enrichment Cocktail to sample. NOTE: Do not vortex cocktail.		50 µL/mL of sample
	Mix and incubate.		RT for 5 minutes
3	Vortex RapidSpheres™. NOTE: Particles should appear evenly dispersed.		30 seconds
4	Add RapidSpheres™ to sample.		75 µL/mL of sample
	Mix and incubate.		RT for 5 minutes
5	Add recommended medium to top up sample to the indicated volume. Mix by gently pipetting up and down 2 - 3 times.		Top up to 2.5 mL
	Place the tube (without lid) into the magnet and incubate.		RT for 3 minutes
6	Pick up the magnet, and in one continuous motion invert the magnet and tube,** pouring the enriched cell suspension into a new tube.		Use a new 14 mL tube
7	Remove the tube from the magnet and add recommended medium to indicated volume. Mix by gently pipetting up and down 2 - 3 times.		Top up to 2.5 mL
	Place the tube (without lid) into the magnet and incubate.		RT for 3 minutes
8	Pick up the magnet, and in one continuous motion invert the magnet and tube,** pouring off the enriched cell suspension.		Combine with poured-off fraction from step 6 Isolated cells are ready for use

RT - room temperature (15 - 25°C)

\* Starting cell concentration lower than 5 x 10<sup>7</sup> cells/mL is not recommended.

\*\* Leave the magnet and tube inverted for 2 - 3 seconds, then return upright. Do not shake or blot off any drops that may remain hanging from the mouth of the tube.

## Notes and Tips

### ASSESSING PURITY

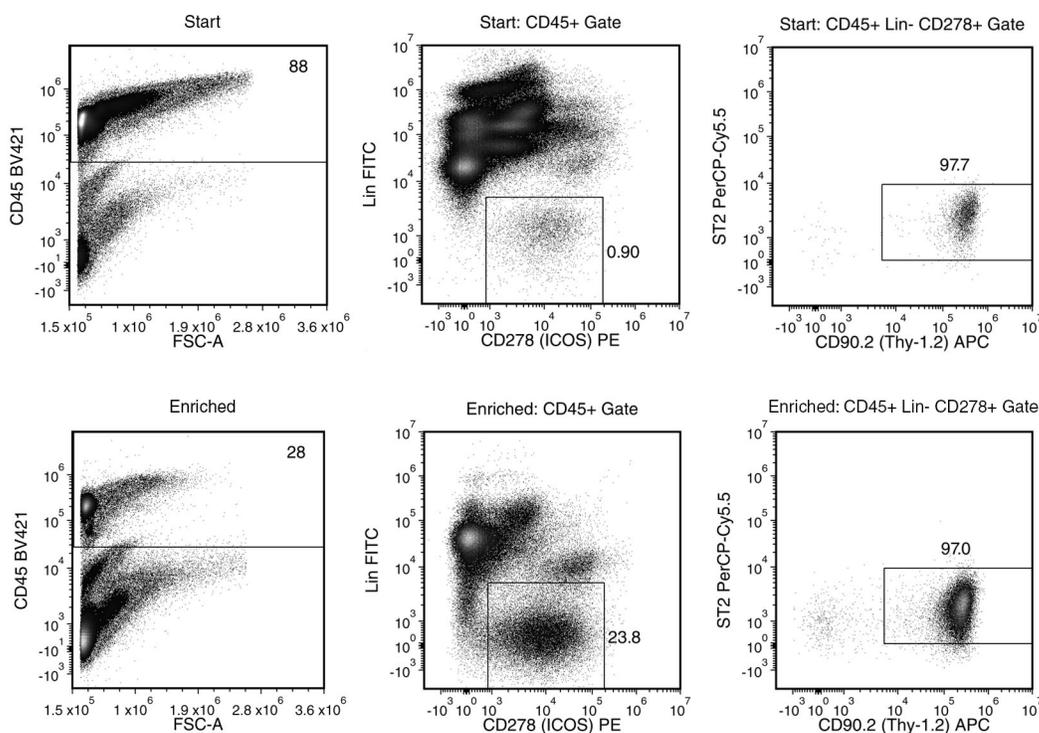
ILC2s are described as CD45-positive, lineage (CD3, CD4, CD11b, CD11c, CD19, NK1.1, Gr-1, TER119, TCR beta, TCR gamma/delta)-negative, CD278 (ICOS)-positive, CD90.2 (Thy-1.2)-positive, CD127-positive, and ST2-positive. For purity assessment of ILC2s by flow cytometry, use the following fluorochrome-conjugated antibodies:

- Anti-Mouse CD45 Antibody, Clone 30-F11 (Catalog #60030), and
- Anti-Mouse CD90.2 (Thy-1.2) Antibody, Clone 53-2.1 (Catalog #60115), and
- Anti-mouse CD278 (ICOS) antibody, clone C3.98.4A, and
- Anti-mouse ST2 antibody, clone DIH9, and
- Anti-mouse lineage-specific antibodies (see below)

For lineage-specific antigen labeling, use the following fluorochrome-conjugated antibodies:

- Anti-Mouse CD3e Antibody, Clone 145-2C11 (Catalog #60015), and
- Anti-mouse CD4 antibody, clone H129.19, and
- Anti-Mouse CD11b Antibody, Clone M1/70 (Catalog #60001), and
- Anti-Mouse CD11c Antibody, Clone N418 (Catalog #60002), and
- Anti-Mouse CD19 Antibody, Clone 1D3 (Catalog #60112), and
- Anti-Mouse Gr-1 Antibody, Clone RB6-8C5 (Catalog #60028), and
- Anti-Mouse NK1.1 (CD161) Antibody, Clone PK136 (Catalog #60103), and
- Anti-Mouse TER119 Antibody, Clone TER-119 (Catalog #60033), and
- Anti-mouse TCR beta chain antibody, clone H57-597, and
- Anti-Mouse TCR Gamma/Delta Antibody, Clone GL3 (Catalog #60104)

## Data



### Figure 1. Enrichment of Mouse ILC2s from Naïve Mouse Lungs

Starting with a naïve mouse lung single-cell suspension, the ILC2 content (CD45+Lin-CD278+CD90.2+ST2+) of the final enriched fraction typically ranges from 2.2 - 7.1%. In the above example, the percentage of ILC2s in the start and final enriched fractions are 0.8% and 6.5% (or 0.9% and 22.3% of CD45+ cells), respectively.

NOTE: The ILC2 content of the start fraction typically ranges from 0.1 - 1%.

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