EasySep™ Mouse CD4 Positive Selection Kit II

Positive Selection

Catalog #18952

For processing 2 x 10^9 cells

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Description

Isolate highly purified CD4+ cells from mouse splenocytes or other single-cell suspensions by immunomagnetic positive selection.

- Fast and easy-to-use
- Up to 99% purity
- No columns required
- Isolated cells are not fluorochrome-labeled

This kit targets CD4+ cells for positive selection with antibodies recognizing the CD4 surface marker. Desired cells are labeled with antibodies and magnetic particles, and separated without columns using an EasySep™ magnet. Unwanted cells are simply poured off, while desired cells remain in the tube. Isolated cells are immediately available for downstream applications such as flow cytometry, culture, and cell-based experiments.

Component Descriptions

COMPONENT NAME	COMPONENT #	QUANTITY	STORAGE	SHELF LIFE	FORMAT
EasySep™ Mouse CD4 Positive Selection Kit II Component A	18952CA	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™ Mouse CD4 Positive Selection Kit II Component B	18952CB	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™ Dextran RapidSpheres™ 50100	50100	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 water.
Normal Rat Serum	13551	1 x 2 mL	Store at -20°C.	Stable until expiry date (EXP) on label.	Mycoplasma-free normal rat serum.
RoboSep™ Empty Vial	27401	1	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

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.

Additional Reagent Stability Information

REAGENT NAME	STORAGE	SHELF LIFE
Selection Cocktail (combined Component A + Component B)	Store at 2 - 8°C. Do not freeze.	Stable for up to 4 weeks. Do not exceed shelf life of individual components.
Normal Rat Serum (in-use)	Store at 2 - 8°C.	Stable for at least 2 months. Do not exceed expiry date (EXP) on label.

Sample Preparation

SPLEEN

Disrupt spleen in PBS or Hanks' Balanced Salt Solution containing 2% fetal bovine serum (FBS). Remove aggregates and debris by passing the cell suspension through a 70 µm mesh nylon strainer (e.g. Catalog #27216). Centrifuge at 300 x g for 10 minutes and resuspend at 1 x 10^8 nucleated cells/mL in recommended medium.

Ammonium chloride treatment is not recommended when preparing the cells for separation.

Recommended Medium

EasySep™ Buffer (Catalog #20144), RoboSep™ Buffer (Catalog 20104), or PBS containing 2% FBS and 1 mM EDTA. Medium should be free of Ca++ and Mg++.

Directions for Use – Manual EasySep™ Protocols

See page 1 for Sample Preparation and Recommended Medium. Refer to Tables 1 and 2 for detailed instructions regarding the EasySep™ procedure for each magnet.

Table 1. EasySep™ Mouse CD4 Positive Selection Kit II Protocol

		EASYSEP™ MAGNETS	
STEP	INSTRUCTIONS	 **EasySep™ (Catalog #18000)**	**"The Big Easy" (Catalog #18001)** 
1	Prepare sample at the indicated cell concentration within the volume range.	1 x 10^8 cells/mL 0.25 - 2 mL	1 x 10^8 cells/mL 0.25 - 8 mL
	Add sample to required tube.	5 mL (12 x 75 mm) polystyrene round-bottom tube (e.g. Catalog #38007)	14 mL (17 x 95 mm) polystyrene round-bottom tube (e.g. Catalog #38008)
2	Add Rat Serum to sample.	50 µL/mL of sample	50 µL/mL of sample
3	Prepare Selection Cocktail in a tube. For each 1 mL of sample prepare 50 µL of cocktail (25 µL of Component A + 25 µL of Component B).	Mix equal volumes of Component A and Component B. Selection Cocktail is stable at 2 - 8°C for up to 4 weeks.	Mix equal volumes of Component A and Component B. Selection Cocktail is stable at 2 - 8°C for up to 4 weeks.
	Incubate.	RT for 5 minutes	RT for 5 minutes
4	Add Selection Cocktail to sample.	50 µL/mL of sample	50 µL/mL of sample
	Mix and incubate.	RT for 5 minutes	RT for 5 minutes
5	Vortex RapidSpheres™. NOTE: Particles should appear evenly dispersed.	30 seconds	30 seconds
6	Add RapidSpheres™ to sample.	30 µL/mL of sample	50 µL/mL of sample
	Mix and incubate.	RT for 3 minutes	RT for 3 minutes
7	Add recommended medium to top up the sample to the indicated volume. Mix by gently pipetting up and down 2 - 3 times.	Top up to 2.5 mL	• Top up to 5 mL for samples < 2 mL • Top up to 10 mL for samples ≥ 2 mL
	Place the tube (without lid) into the magnet and incubate.	RT for 3 minutes	RT for 3 minutes
8	Pick up the magnet, and in one continuous motion invert the magnet and tube,* pouring off the supernatant. Remove the tube from the magnet; this tube contains the isolated cells.	Discard supernatant	Discard supernatant
9	Repeat steps as indicated.	Steps 7 and 8, two more times (total of 3 x 3-minute separations)	Steps 7 and 8, two more times (total of 3 x 3-minute separations)
10	Resuspend cells in desired medium. Be sure to collect cells from the sides of the tube.	Isolated cells are ready for use	Isolated cells are ready for use

RT - room temperature (15 - 25°C)

* 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.

Table 2. EasySep™ Mouse CD4 Positive Selection Kit II Protocol

		EASYSEP™ MAGNETS	
		EasyEights™ (Catalog #18103)	
STEP	INSTRUCTIONS	5 mL tube	14 mL tube
1	Prepare sample at the indicated cell concentration within the volume range.	1 x 10^8 cells/mL 0.25 - 1 mL	1 x 10^8 cells/mL 0.5 - 8 mL
	Add sample to required tube.	5 mL (12 x 75 mm) polystyrene round-bottom tube (e.g. Catalog #38007)	14 mL (17 x 95 mm) polystyrene round-bottom tube (e.g. Catalog #38008)
2	Add Rat Serum to sample.	50 µL/mL of sample	50 µL/mL of sample
3	Prepare Selection Cocktail in a tube. For each 1 mL of sample prepare 50 µL of cocktail (25 µL of Component A + 25 µL of Component B).	Mix equal volumes of Component A and Component B. Selection Cocktail is stable at 2 - 8°C for up to 4 weeks.	Mix equal volumes of Component A and Component B. Selection Cocktail is stable at 2 - 8°C for up to 4 weeks.
	Incubate.	RT for 5 minutes	RT for 5 minutes
4	Add Selection Cocktail to sample.	50 µL/mL of sample	50 µL/mL of sample
	Mix and incubate.	RT for 5 minutes	RT for 5 minutes
5	Vortex RapidSpheres™. NOTE: Particles should appear evenly dispersed.	30 seconds	30 seconds
6	Add RapidSpheres™ to sample.	50 µL/mL of sample	50 µL/mL of sample
	Mix and incubate.	RT for 3 minutes	RT for 3 minutes
7	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	• Top up to 3 mL for samples < 2 mL • Top up to 10 mL for samples ≥ 2 mL
	Place the tube (without lid) into the magnet and incubate.	RT for 10 minutes	RT for 10 minutes
8	Carefully pipette** (do not pour) off the supernatant. Remove the tube from the magnet; this tube contains the isolated cells.	Discard supernatant	Discard supernatant
9	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	• Top up to 3 mL for samples < 2 mL • Top up to 10 mL for samples ≥ 2 mL
	Place the tube (without lid) into the magnet and incubate.	RT for 5 minutes	RT for 5 minutes
10	Carefully pipette** (do not pour) off the supernatant. Remove the tube from the magnet; this tube contains the isolated cells.	Discard supernatant	Discard supernatant
11	Repeat steps as indicated.	Steps 9 and 10 (total of 1 x 10 and 2 x 5-minute separations)	Steps 9 and 10 (total of 1 x 10 and 2 x 5-minute separations)
12	Resuspend cells in desired medium. Be sure to collect cells from the sides of the tube.	Isolated cells are ready for use	Isolated cells are ready for use

RT - room temperature (15 - 25°C)

** Collect the entire supernatant, all at once, into a single pipette (e.g. for EasyEights™ 5 mL tube use a 2 mL serological pipette [Catalog #38002]; for EasyEights™ 14 mL tube use a 10 mL serological pipette [Catalog #38004]).

Directions for Use – Fully Automated RoboSep™ Protocol

See page 1 for Sample Preparation and Recommended Medium. Refer to Table 3 for detailed instructions regarding the RoboSep™ procedure.

Table 3. RoboSep™ Mouse CD4 Positive Selection Kit II Protocol

STEP	INSTRUCTIONS	RoboSep™ (Catalog #20000 and #21000) 
1	Prepare sample at the indicated cell concentration within the volume range.	1 x 10^8 cells/mL 0.5 - 8 mL
	Add sample to required tube.	14 mL (17 x 95 mm) polystyrene round-bottom tube (e.g. Catalog #38008)
2	Add Rat Serum to sample.	50 µL/mL of sample
3	Prepare Selection Cocktail in the RoboSep™ Empty Vial provided. See Table 4 for required volumes.	Mix equal volumes of Component A and Component B (see Table 4). Selection Cocktail is stable at 2 - 8°C for up to 4 weeks.
	Incubate.	RT for 5 minutes
4	Select protocol.	Mouse CD4 Positive Selection II 18952v2
5	Vortex RapidSpheres™. NOTE: Particles should appear evenly dispersed.	30 seconds
6	Load the carousel.	Follow on-screen prompts
	Start the protocol.	Press the green “Run” button
7	Unload the carousel when the run is complete. Remove the tube containing the isolated cells and resuspend in desired medium. Be sure to collect cells from the sides of the tube.	Isolated cells are ready for use

Table 4. RoboSep™ Selection Cocktail Preparation

START SAMPLE	COMPONENT A	COMPONENT B	SELECTION COCKTAIL TOTAL VOLUME
0.5 mL	62.5 µL	62.5 µL	125 µL
1 mL	75 µL	75 µL	150 µL
1.5 mL	87.5 µL	87.5 µL	175 µL
2 mL	100 µL	100 µL	200 µL
3 mL	125 µL	125 µL	250 µL
4 mL	150 µL	150 µL	300 µL
5 mL	175 µL	175 µL	350 µL
6 mL	200 µL	200 µL	400 µL
7 mL	225 µL	225 µL	450 µL
8 mL	250 µL	250 µL	500 µL

Note: RoboSep™ requires an extra 100 µL of the Selection Cocktail to run properly (compared to manual protocols).

Notes and Tips

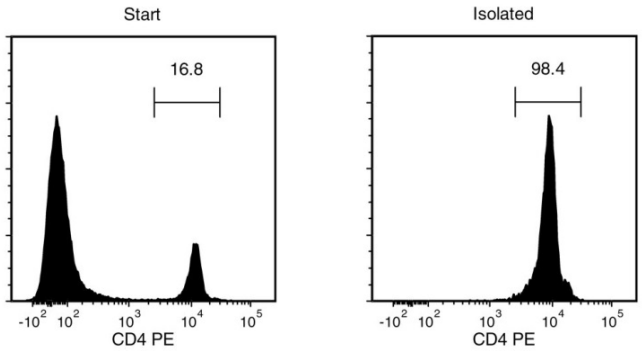
ASSESSING PURITY

For purity assessment by flow cytometry, use the following fluorochrome-conjugated antibody clone:

- Anti-Mouse CD4 Antibody, Clone RM4-4 (Catalog #60029)

NOTE: Other clones may be blocked and should be tested before use.

Data



Starting with mouse splenocytes, the CD4+ cell content of the isolated fraction is typically 98.6 ± 0.4% (mean ± SD for the purple EasySep™ Magnet). In the above example, the purities of the start and final isolated fractions are 16.8% and 98.4%, respectively.