

INTENDED USE

The MagCelect™ Plus Human EGFR⁺ Cell Isolation Kit is designed to isolate Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor (EGFR) expressing cells via a positive selection principle. The resulting cell preparation is highly enriched with EGFR⁺ cells. Typical purity of recovered EGFR⁺ cells ranges from 80-95%.

BACKGROUND

R&D Systems® MagCelect™ products are designed for the isolation of cells in a “liquid phase”. MagCelect™ technology is based on the use of ferrofluids or magnetic nanoparticles that have no magnetic memory (superparamagnetic) and behave like colloidal particles. This feature allows the ferrofluids to remain in solution without the need for mixing and additionally allows for efficient diffusion kinetics during the binding reaction. The proprietary manufacturing technology of MagCelect™ Ferrofluids generates particles with higher ligand binding capacity per mass compared to many other larger diameter magnetic particles.

PRINCIPLE OF SELECTION

A mononuclear cell suspension is first incubated with the Human EGFR Biotinylated Antibody that targets the desired cells. MagCelect™ Streptavidin (SA) Ferrofluid is added to the reaction that allows the SA coated nanoparticles to interact with the cells tagged with the monoclonal antibodies. The tube containing the cell suspension is then placed within a magnetic field. Magnetically tagged cells will migrate toward the magnet (desired cell fraction), leaving the untagged cells (unwanted cell population) in suspension to be harvested by aspiration while the tube remains in the magnetic field. The tube containing the magnetically selected (desired) cells is then removed from the magnet and the cells are resuspended in MagCelect™ Plus Buffer or tissue culture media. The enriched cell preparation is then available for a variety of applications including tissue culture, immune status monitoring and flow cytometry.

MATERIALS PROVIDED & STORAGE CONDITIONS

Store the unopened kit at 2-8 °C. **DO NOT FREEZE.**

This kit contains sufficient reagents to process 1 x 10⁹ total cells.

PART	PART #	DESCRIPTION	STORAGE OF OPENED/DILUTED MATERIAL
Human EGFR Biotinylated Antibody	965870	625 µL of Human EGFR biotinylated antibody in a phosphate buffered solution containing BSA and preservative.	May be stored at 2-8 °C when handled aseptically.*
Human EGFR Alexa Fluor® 647 Antibody**	968090	125 µL of Alexa Fluor® 647-conjugated Goat anti-human EGFR Detection antibody.	
Streptavidin Ferrofluid	860127	1.25 mL of a solution containing BSA and preservatives.	
Plus (10X) Buffer	895121	2 bottles (50 mL/bottle) of a 10X concentrated buffer.	May be stored for up to 24 hours at 2-8 °C after dilution.*

* Provided this is within the expiration date of the kit.

OTHER SUPPLIES REQUIRED

- MagCelect™ Magnet (R&D Systems®, Catalog # MAG997) or equivalent
- Human Erythrocyte Lysing Kit (R&D Systems®, Catalog # WL1000)
- 12 x 75 mm (5.0 mL) polystyrene round bottom tubes
- Sterile Pasteur pipettes or transfer pipettes
- 15 mL conical centrifuge tubes
- Sterile deionized or distilled water
- Hanks' BSS or distilled water
- Bovine serum

PRECAUTION

Some components of this kit contain sodium azide, which may react with lead and copper plumbing to form explosive metallic azides. Flush with large volumes of water during disposal.

REAGENT PREPARATION

Prepare 27 mL of 1X MagCollect™ Plus Buffer for each 1×10^7 cells to be processed by mixing 2.7 mL of Plus (10X) Buffer with 24.3 mL sterile deionized or distilled water. **The buffer must be kept cold (2-8 °C) for the following procedure.**

CELL PREPARATION

MagCollect™ Plus kits work with a single, cell suspension preparation. Cell suspensions can be prepared by traditional methods or by following the instructions below.

1. Process cells on a density gradient (i.e. Ficoll Hypaque) or any other method to enrich for mononuclear cells.
2. Recover the "buffy coat" containing the mononuclear cells and wash two times by centrifuging for 10 minutes at 200 x g with PBS to remove any residual separation media.
3. Red blood cell lyse (recommended):
 - a. After washing, resuspend pellet in Human Erythrocyte Lysing Kit (H-Lyse Buffer; R&D Systems®, Catalog# WL1000 or equivalent) that has been diluted to 1X strength with sterile distilled water and quickly vortex the tube (using 10 mL of 1X H-Lyse solution per 250 million cells is recommended).
 - b. Incubate the cells for 5-10 minutes at room temperature until red cell lysis is complete, wash the cells by adding 1X Wash Buffer to the cells, vortex and centrifuge for 5 minutes at 250-500 x g.
4. Resuspend the cells in a small volume of 1X MagCollect™ Plus Buffer and perform a cell count. Adjust the cell concentration to 1×10^7 cells per mL with cold 1X MagCollect™ Plus Buffer and continue with Cell Selection Procedure.

CELL SELECTION PROCEDURE

This procedure is for processing 1×10^7 total cells using 5.0 mL tubes and the MagCollect™ Magnet. For processing other cell numbers, please refer to the Technical Hints section of this insert. Cells and reagents should be kept cold using an ice bath or a refrigerator. **Reaction incubations must be carried out at 2-8 °C in a refrigerator and not in an ice bath in order to avoid excessively low temperatures that can slow the kinetics of the optimized reactions.**

1. Prepare a single cell suspension of cells by traditional methods or by following the instructions outlined above in the Cell Preparation section of this insert. Cells must be suspended in cold 1X MagCollect™ Plus Buffer prior to beginning the procedure and be at a cell density of 1×10^7 cells/mL. **Note:** If necessary, block Fc receptor sites by adding 100 µg of human IgG per 10^7 cells processed.
2. Transfer 1×10^7 cells (1.0 mL volume) into a 15 mL conical centrifuge tube and then add 25 µL of Human EGFR Biotinylated Antibody. Gently mix the cell-antibody suspension, avoiding bubble formation, and incubate at 2-8 °C in a refrigerator for 15 min.
3. At the end of the incubation period, wash the cell suspension by adding 9.0 mL of cold 1X MagCollect™ Plus Buffer and centrifuge at 300 x g for 8 minutes. Completely remove the supernatant and resuspend the cell pellet by gently pipetting 1.0 mL of cold 1X MagCollect™ Plus Buffer into the tube.
4. Add 50 µL of Streptavidin Ferrofluid to the cell suspension, mix gently and incubate at 2-8 °C in a refrigerator for 15 minutes.
5. At the end of the incubation period, wash the cell suspension by adding 9.0 mL of cold 1X MagCollect™ Plus Buffer and centrifuge at 300 x g for 8 minutes. Completely remove the supernatant and resuspend the cell pellet by gently pipetting 3.0 mL of cold 1X MagCollect™ Plus Buffer into the tube. Transfer the cell suspension to a 5.0 mL polystyrene round bottom tube.
6. Place the 5.0 mL reaction tube with your cells in the MagCollect™ Magnet that has been positioned horizontally to accommodate the 5.0 mL tubes and incubate for 8 minutes at room temperature. Magnetically tagged cells will migrate toward the magnet (these are the desired cells).
7. Recovery of the desired cells is achieved while the tube is in the magnet, using a sterile Pasteur pipette or transfer pipette, carefully aspirate all of the reaction suspension (unwanted cells) and discard. Remove the tube containing the magnetically selected cells from the magnet and resuspend in 3.0 mL cold 1X MagCollect™ Plus Buffer.

CELL SELECTION PROCEDURE *CONTINUED*

8. Repeat steps 6-7 at least once more with the resuspended cell fraction. If purity of the cell selection is critical, repeat this step several times.
9. Remove the tube containing the magnetically selected cells from the magnet and resuspend by adding 1.0-2.0 mL of 1X MagCelect™ Plus Buffer or tissue culture media. This final magnetically isolated fraction contains the desired EGFR⁺ cells. The cells are now ready for counting, staining and further downstream applications.
10. If the isolated EGFR⁺ cells are to be visualized by flow cytometry, resuspend the appropriate amount of selected cells in 100 µL of 1X MagCelect™ Plus Buffer and stain them using 10 µL of Human EGFR Alexa Fluor® 647 Detection Antibody. Proceed as usual with standard staining procedures.

TECHNICAL HINTS

- If sterile cells are required following cell selection, the entire procedure should be carried out in a laminar flow hood to maintain sterile conditions. Use sterile equipment when pipetting reagents that will be reused at a later date.
- Avoid antibody capping on cell surfaces and non-specific cell tagging by working quickly, keeping cells and solutions cold through the use of pre-cooled solutions and by adhering to the incubation times and temperatures specified in the protocol. Increased temperature and prolonged incubation times may lead to non-specific cell labeling thus lowering cell purity and yield.

When processing different numbers of cells, observe the following guidelines:

- Keep the biotinylated antibody and ferrofluid incubation times the same
- Keep the cell density at 1×10^7 cells/mL
- If blocking, add 100 µg of human IgG per 10^7 cells being processed
- Add 5.0 µL of biotinylated antibody per additional 10^7 cells being processed.
- Add 10 µL of Streptavidin Ferrofluid per additional 10^7 cells being processed.

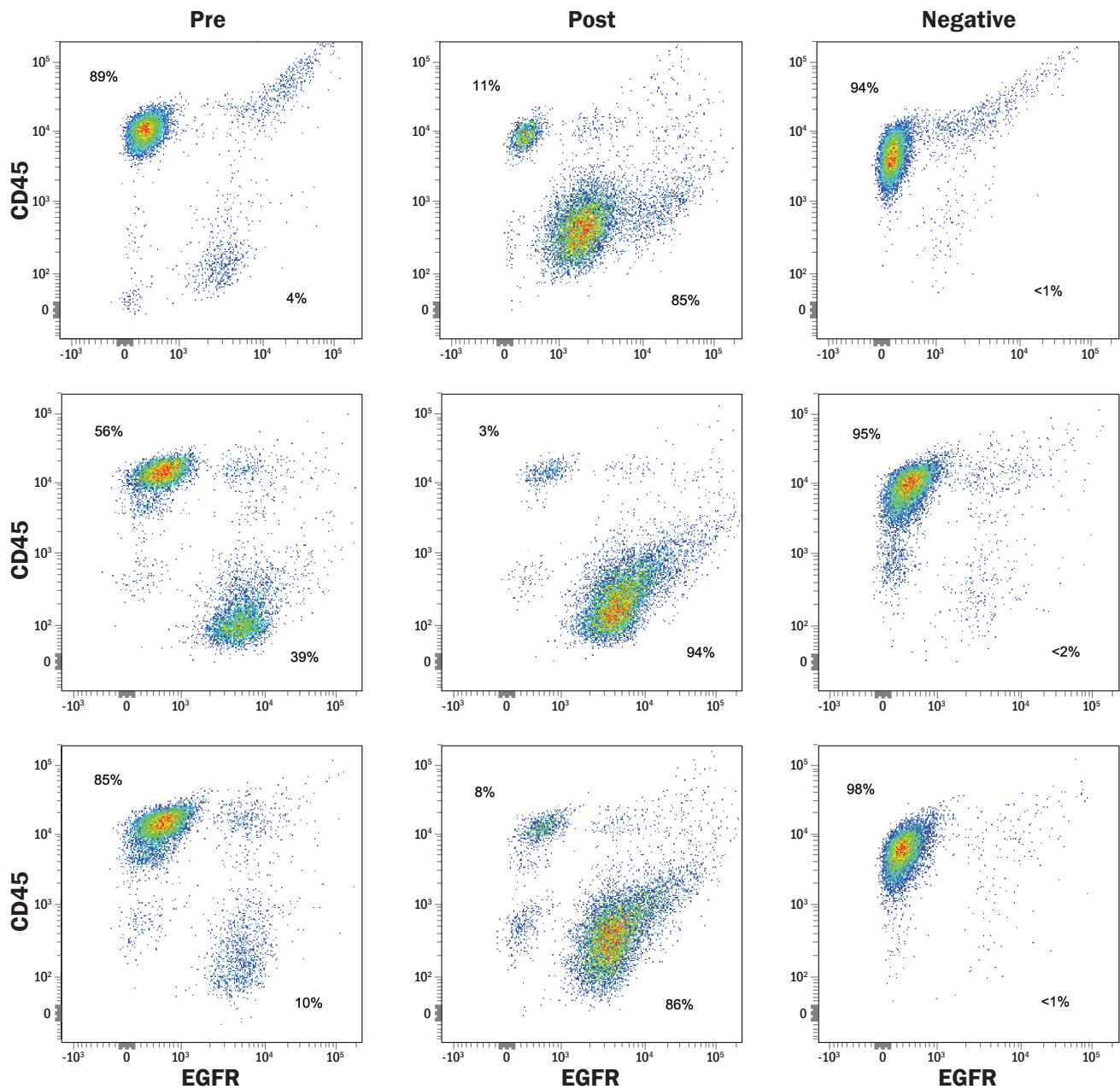
When processing 2×10^8 cells or fewer, use the 12 x 75 mm (5.0 mL) tubes with the MagCelect™ Magnet positioned horizontally to accommodate up to six 5.0 mL tubes. **Do not process more than 2×10^8 cells in each 5.0 mL tube and do not exceed a total reaction volume of 3.0 mL in each tube.** A reaction volume of 3.0 mL is recommended when processing 2×10^8 cells. A reaction volume of 1.0 mL is recommended when processing 5×10^7 or fewer cells.

When processing greater than 2×10^8 cells, use 17 x 100 mm (15 mL) tubes with the MagCelect™ Magnet positioned vertically to accommodate up to two 15 mL tubes. **Do not process more than 6×10^8 cells in each 15 mL tube and do not exceed a total reaction volume of 9.0 mL in each tube.** When using this larger tube, increase the reaction volume before the magnetic separation step according to the following formula: 3.0 mL for each 2×10^8 cells processed. Increase the magnetic incubation time described in step #6 to 10 minutes.

Reaction volume adjustments must be made using 1X MagCelect™ Plus Buffer just prior to the magnetic separation step.

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DATA EXAMPLES



Isolation of human EGFR⁺ cells from a cell mixture using the MagCollect™ Plus Human EGFR⁺ Cell Isolation Kit. Human PBMCs were prepared as described in the Cell Preparation Section. PBMCs were spiked with A431 cells, either 3% (top row), or 50% (middle row). Cells were stained with Mouse Anti-Human EGFR-AlexaFluor® 647 Monoclonal Antibody (included in the kit) and Mouse Anti-Human CD45-PE Conjugated Monoclonal Antibody (R&D Systems®, Catalog # FAB1430P) either before (first column “Pre”) or after (middle column “Post”) isolation of EGFR⁺ cells. The third column shows staining of cells in the negative fraction. Typical staining is also shown for a 5X scale up isolation using a larger starting population of cells as indicated in the Technical Hints (bottom row).