

Dynabeads® FlowComp™ Human CD4 Isolation from PBMC

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Store at 2°C to 8°C

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Kit Contents

Kit contents	Volume
FlowComp™ Human CD4 Antibody	1 mL
FlowComp™ Dynabeads®	3 mL
FlowComp™ Release Buffer	2 × 20 mL

Kit capacity

PBMC: ~2 × 10⁹

FlowComp™ Dynabeads® contains ~1.5 × 10⁹ (~15 mg) beads/mL in phosphate buffered saline (PBS), pH 7.4, with 0.1% bovine serum albumin (BSA) and 0.02% sodium azide as a preservative. FlowComp™ Human CD4 Antibody contains monoclonal CD4 antibody in PBS with 0.5% BSA and 0.02% sodium azide. FlowComp™ Release Buffer contains modified biotin in 0.1% BSA and 2 mM EDTA.

Caution: Sodium azide may react with lead and copper plumbing to form highly explosive metal azides.

Product Description

Dynabeads® FlowComp™ Human CD4 is intended for positive magnetic isolation of CD4⁺ T cells from human peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMCs). The isolated cells are highly pure, viable, and bead-free (fig. 1). In the first step, FlowComp™ Human CD4 Antibody is added and binds to the target cells. In the second step, CD4⁺ T cells, that have bound the specific antibodies, are captured by the FlowComp™ Dynabeads®. In the third and last step, the cells are released from the FlowComp™ Dynabeads®.

Downstream Applications

Isolated cells are bead-free and may be used directly in any downstream application including flow cytometry. The cells readily proliferate in response to Dynabeads® Human T Activator CD3/CD28 and can be measured by incorporating EdU or in a CFSE assay.

Required Materials

- Magnet (DynaMag™ portfolio). See www.lifetechnologies.com/magnets for recommendations.
- Mixer allowing tilting and rotation of tubes (e.g. HulaMixer® Sample Mixer).
- Isolation Buffer: Ca²⁺ and Mg²⁺ free PBS supplemented with 0.1% BSA and 2 mM EDTA.
Note: BSA can be replaced by human serum albumin (HSA) or 2% FBS/FCS.
- *Optional:* Flow cytometry antibodies. We recommend using mouse anti-human CD4 R-PE or mouse anti-human CD3 Alexa Fluor® 488 as primary fluorescent antibody for flow staining of cells after isolation.
- *Optional:* For viability analysis, SYTOX® Red is recommended.

General Guidelines

- Visit www.lifetechnologies.com/cellisolation and follow our QuickLinks for recommended sample preparation procedures.
- Use a mixer that provides tilting and rotation of the tubes to ensure that beads do not settle in the tube.
- This product should not be used with the MPC™-1 magnet (Cat. no. 12001D).

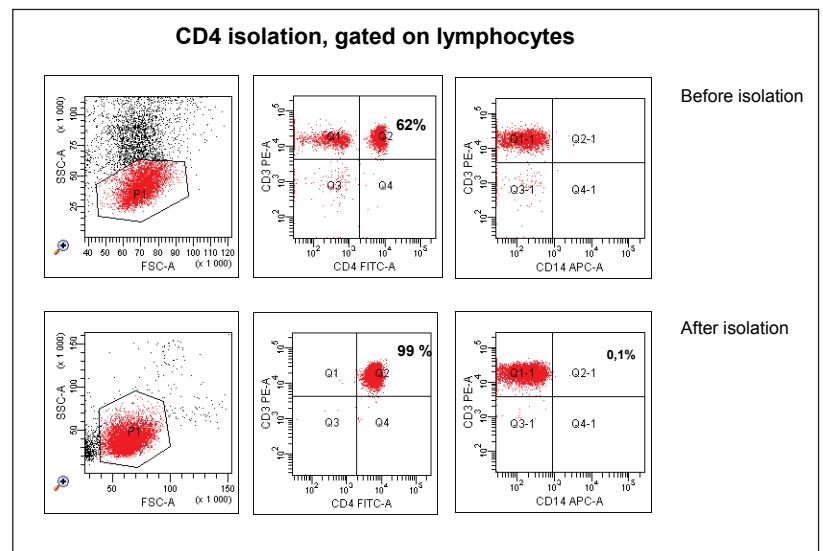


Figure 1: Human CD4⁺ cells isolated from PBMC using Dynabeads® FlowComp™ Human CD4.

- Avoid air bubbles (foaming) during pipetting.
- Never use less than the recommended volume of beads.
- Carefully follow the recommended pipetting volumes and incubation times.
- Keep all buffers cold.
- To avoid unspecific labeling of cells during flow staining, we recommend using gammaglobulin prior to staining with primary fluorescent antibody.
- For better purity, repeat the washing step once or transfer the bead-bound cells to a new tube before adding the FlowComp™ Release Buffer.
- All incubations at room temperature can also be performed at 2°C to 8°C.

Protocol

In PBMCs from normal blood donors, approximately 40–50% of the cells express CD4. This protocol describes magnetic capture and isolation of highly pure CD4⁺ T cells from 5 × 10⁷ PBMCs using Dynabeads® FlowComp™ Human CD4. When working with fewer cells than 5 × 10⁷, use the same volumes as indicated. When working with higher cell numbers, scale up all volumes accordingly, as shown in Table 1.

Wash the Beads

See Table 1 for volume recommendations.

1. Resuspend the beads in the vial (i.e. vortex for >30 sec, or tilt and rotate for 5 min).
2. Transfer the desired volume of beads to a tube.
3. Add the same volume of Isolation Buffer from step 2, or at least 1 mL, and resuspend.
4. Place the tube in a magnet for 1 min and discard the supernatant.
5. Remove the tube from the magnet and resuspend the washed beads in the same volume of Isolation Buffer as the initial volume of beads (step 2).

Prepare Cells

- Prepare a PBMC suspension according to “General Guidelines”. Resuspend the cells at 1 × 10⁸ cells/mL in Isolation Buffer.
- Prepare approximately 10 mL of Isolation Buffer per 5 × 10⁷ cells.

Isolate Cells

This protocol is based on 5×10^7 PBMC, but is directly scalable from 1×10^7 to 5×10^8 cells, according to Table 1.

1. Transfer 500 μ L (5×10^7 cells) prepared cells to a tube and add 25 μ L FlowComp™ Human CD4 Antibody.
2. Mix well and incubate for 10 min at 2°C to 8°C.
3. Wash by adding 2 mL Isolation Buffer and centrifuge for 8 min at $350 \times g$.
4. Remove the supernatant and resuspend in 1 mL Isolation Buffer.
5. Add 75 μ L washed FlowComp™ Dynabeads® and mix well (e.g. vortex 2–3 seconds).
6. Incubate for 15 min at room temperature under rolling and tilting.
7. Add 1 mL isolation buffer, pipet 2–3 times (or vortex 2–3 seconds) and place the tube in a magnet for 2 min.
8. While the tube is still in the magnet, carefully remove and discard the supernatant containing the CD4 negative cells.
9. Repeat steps 7–8 to wash the bead-bound CD4⁺ cells. These steps are critical to obtain a high purity of isolated cells.

Release Cells

10. Resuspend the bead-bound cells in 1 mL Release Buffer.
11. Incubate for 10 min with rolling and tilting at room temperature.
12. Pipet 10 times to efficiently release the cells and place in a magnet for 2 min. Avoid foaming.
13. Transfer the supernatant containing the bead-free CD4⁺ cells to a new tube, and again place on the magnet for 1 min to remove any residual beads. Transfer again the supernatant containing the bead-free cells to a new tube.
14. Add 2 mL Isolation Buffer followed by centrifugation for 8 min at $350 \times g$. Discard the supernatant and resuspend the cell pellet in preferred medium.

Keep the cells on 2°C to 8°C until further use in downstream applications.

Table 1: Volumes for human CD4⁺ T cells. This protocol is scalable from 1×10^7 to 5×10^8 PBMC.

Step	Step description	Volumes per 5×10^7 PBMC	Volumes per 5×10^8 PBMC
	Recommended tube size	5 mL	15 mL
	Recommended magnet	DynaMag™-5	DynaMag™-15
1	Cell volume	500 μ L	5 mL
1	FlowComp™ Human CD4 Antibody	25 μ L	250 μ L
3*	Wash cells (Isolation Buffer)	2 mL	10 mL
4	Resuspend cells (Isolation Buffer)	1 mL	10 mL
5**	FlowComp™ Dynabeads®	75 μ L	750 μ L
7–9	Wash beads (Isolation Buffer)	2×1 mL	2×10 mL
10	FlowComp™ Release Buffer	1 mL	10 mL
14*	Wash cells (Isolation Buffer)	2 mL	20 mL

* Adjust the Isolation Buffer volumes (steps 3 and 14) to fit to the tube you are using. For very large volumes use a larger tube than recommended in step 14 to successfully remove the biotin in the sample.

** When incubating, tilt and rotate the vial so the cells and beads are kept in the bottom of the tube. Do not perform end-over-end mixing if the volume is small relative to the tube size.

Description of Materials

FlowComp™ Dynabeads® are uniform, superparamagnetic polystyrene beads (2.8 μ m in diameter) coated with modified streptavidin. FlowComp™ Human CD4 Antibody contains a DSB-X conjugated monoclonal mouse anti-human CD4. FlowComp™ Release Buffer contains a modified biotin that displaces the modified biotin on the antibody to release cells from the beads.

Related Products

Product	Cat. no.
DynaMag™-5	12303D
DynaMag™-15	12301D
DynaMag™-50	12302D
HulaMixer® Sample Mixer	15920D
Dynabeads® Human T-Activator CD3/CD28	11131D
Mouse anti-human CD4 R-PE	MHCD0404
Mouse anti-human CD3 Alexa Fluor® 488	MHCD0320
SYTOX® Red	S34859
Click-iT®-EdU	A10202
CFSE assay	C34554

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