

EasySep™ Direct Human NK Cell Isolation Kit

For processing 100 mL whole blood

Catalog #19665

Negative Selection

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Description

Isolate highly purified natural killer (NK) cells directly from human whole blood by immunomagnetic negative selection.

The benefits of this kit include:

- > 99.9% red blood cell (RBC) depletion without the need for density gradient centrifugation, sedimentation, or lysis
- Up to 84% purity of isolated cells
- Fast, easy-to-use and column-free
- Isolated cells are untouched

This kit targets non-NK cells for removal with antibodies recognizing specific cell surface markers. Unwanted cells are labeled with antibodies and EasySep™ Direct RapidSpheres™, and separated using an EasySep™ magnet. Desired cells are simply collected into a new tube and are immediately available for downstream applications such as flow cytometry, culture, or DNA/RNA extraction.

Component Descriptions

COMPONENT NAME	COMPONENT #	QUANTITY	STORAGE	SHELF LIFE	FORMAT
EasySep™ Direct Human NK Cell Isolation Cocktail	19665C	2 x 2.5 mL	Store at 2 - 8°C. Do not freeze.	Stable until expiry date (EXP) on label.	A combination of monoclonal antibodies in PBS.
EasySep™ Direct RapidSpheres™ 50300	50300	4 x 2.5 mL	Store at 2 - 8°C. Do not freeze.	Stable until expiry date (EXP) on label.	A suspension of magnetic particles and monoclonal antibodies in PBS.

PBS - phosphate-buffered saline

Components may be shipped at room temperature (15 - 25°C) and should be refrigerated upon receipt.

Precipitate may be observed in the cocktail vial but will not affect performance.

Sample Preparation

For optimal RBC depletion, collect blood using heparin or acid citrate dextrose (ACD) as an anticoagulant. The use of K2EDTA or K3EDTA as an anticoagulant is not recommended.

For best recovery, use unprocessed human whole blood. Recovery of the desired isolated cells decreases with samples that are older than 24 hours.

The volume of blood that can be processed depends on the EasySep™ magnet used for the isolation procedure. Blood samples must be placed in the required tube to properly fit into the appropriate EasySep™ magnet (see Tables 1 and 2).



Recommended Medium

D-PBS (Without Ca⁺⁺ and Mg⁺⁺; Catalog #37350).

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™ Direct Human NK Cell Isolation Kit Protocol




		EASYSEP™ MAGNETS	
STEP	INSTRUCTIONS	 EasySep™ (Catalog #18000)	 “The Big Easy” (Catalog #18001)
1	Collect sample within the volume range.	0.5 - 1.5 mL	1.5 - 7 mL
	Add whole blood 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 Isolation Cocktail to sample. NOTE: Do not vortex cocktail.	50 µL/mL of sample	50 µL/mL of sample
	Mix and incubate.	RT for 5 minutes	RT for 5 minutes
3	Vortex RapidSpheres™. NOTE: Particles should appear evenly dispersed.	30 seconds	30 seconds
4	Add RapidSpheres™ to sample.	50 µL/mL of sample	50 µL/mL of sample
	Mix and incubate.	RT for 5 minutes	RT for 5 minutes
5	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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top up to double the volume for samples ≤ 5 mL • Top up to 10 mL for samples > 5 mL
6	Place the tube (without lid) into the magnet and incubate.	RT for 5 minutes	RT for 5 minutes
7	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 5 mL tube	Use a new 14 mL tube
8	Add RapidSpheres™ to the new tube containing the enriched cells.	Use same volume as in step 4	Use same volume as in step 4
	Mix and incubate.	RT for 5 minutes	RT for 5 minutes
9	Remove the tube from the magnet; place the tube from step 8 (without lid) into the magnet and incubate for a second separation.	RT for 5 minutes	RT for 5 minutes
10	Pick up the magnet, and in one continuous motion invert the magnet and tube,** pouring the enriched cell suspension into a new tube.	Isolated cells are ready for use	Use a new 14 mL tube
11	Remove the tube from the magnet; place the new tube from step 10 (without lid) into the magnet and incubate for a third separation.	---	RT for 5 minutes
12	Pick up the magnet, and in one continuous motion invert the magnet and tube,** pouring the enriched cell suspension into a new tube.	---	Isolated cells are ready for use

RT - room temperature (15 - 25°C)

* Following the first magnetic separation, the collected cells may contain a significant amount of RBCs and may look similar to the original unprocessed human whole blood sample.

** To minimize RBC contamination in the isolated cells, pour off the sample along a clean area of the tube (i.e. the opposite side to where the sample was poured in).

Table 2. EasySep™ Direct Human NK Cell Isolation Kit Protocol

STEP	INSTRUCTIONS	EASYSEP™ MAGNETS		
		 EasyEights™ (Catalog #18103)	 	 Easy 50 (Catalog #18002)
		5 mL tube	14 mL tube	
1	Collect sample within the volume range.	0.5 - 1.5 mL	1.5 - 7 mL	7 - 30 mL
	Add whole blood 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)	50 mL (30 x 115 mm) conical tube (e.g. Catalog #38010)
2	Add Isolation Cocktail to sample. NOTE: Do not vortex cocktail.	50 µL/mL of sample	50 µL/mL of sample	50 µL/mL of sample
	Mix and incubate.	RT for 5 minutes	RT for 5 minutes	RT for 5 minutes
3	Vortex RapidSpheres™. NOTE: Particles should appear evenly dispersed.	30 seconds	30 seconds	30 seconds
4	Add RapidSpheres™ to sample.	50 µL/mL of sample	50 µL/mL of sample	50 µL/mL of sample
	Mix and incubate.	RT for 5 minutes	RT for 5 minutes	RT for 5 minutes
5	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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top up to double the volume for samples ≤ 5 mL • Top up to 10 mL for samples > 5 mL 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top up to double the volume for samples ≤ 25 mL • Top up to 50 mL for samples > 25 mL
6	Place the tube (without lid) into the magnet and incubate.	RT for 5 minutes	RT for 5 minutes	RT for 10 minutes
7	Carefully pipette*** (do not pour) the enriched cell suspension into a new tube. NOTE: Collect the entire clear fraction from top to bottom. For optimal recovery, also collect a small volume of RBCs (up to 10% of the starting sample volume).	Use a new 5 mL tube	Use a new 14 mL tube	Use a new 50 mL tube
8	Add RapidSpheres™ to the new tube containing the enriched cells.	Use same volume as in step 4	Use same volume as in step 4	Use same volume as in step 4
	Mix and incubate.	RT for 5 minutes	RT for 5 minutes	RT for 5 minutes
9	Remove the tube from the magnet; place the tube from step 8 (without lid) into the magnet and incubate for a second separation.	RT for 5 minutes	RT for 5 minutes	RT for 5 minutes
10	Carefully pipette*** (do not pour) the enriched cell suspension into a new tube. NOTE: Collect only the clear fraction.	Use a new 5 mL tube	Use a new 14 mL tube	Use a new 50 mL tube
11	Remove the tube from the magnet; place the new tube from step 10 (without lid) containing the enriched cells into the magnet and incubate for a third separation.	RT for 5 minutes	RT for 5 minutes	RT for 5 minutes
12	Carefully pipette*** (do not pour) the enriched cell suspension into a new tube. NOTE: Collect only the clear fraction.	Isolated cells are ready for use	Isolated cells are ready for use	Isolated cells are ready for use

RT - room temperature (15 - 25°C)

*** Collect the entire enriched cell suspension, 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]).

Notes and Tips

REMOVAL OF RESIDUAL RBCs IN THE ISOLATED CELLS

Typically, further RBC depletion is not required following cell isolation. If residual RBCs are visible in the isolated cell pellet following centrifugation after the end of the protocol, resuspend in a small volume (0.2 - 2.5 mL) of recommended medium or desired culture medium and place in a smaller EasySep™ magnet for an additional 5-minute separation. Collect the supernatant; the isolated cells are ready for use in downstream applications. Residual RBCs may also be lysed using Ammonium Chloride Solution (Catalog #07800).

ASSESSING PURITY

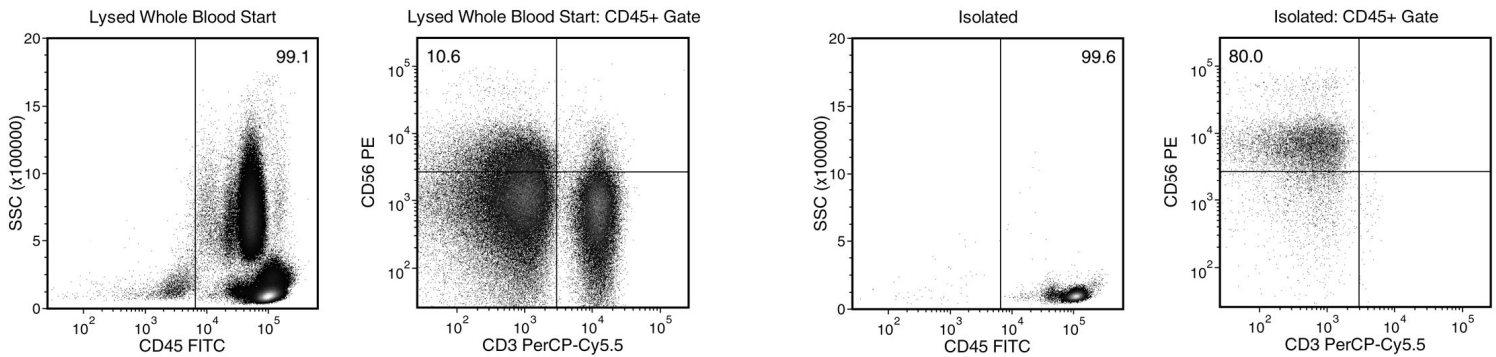
For purity assessment of NK cells (CD3-CD56+) by flow cytometry, use the following fluorochrome-conjugated antibody clones:

- Anti-Human CD3 Antibody, Clone UCHT1 (Catalog #60011), and
- Anti-Human CD56 Antibody, Clone HCD56 (Catalog #60021), and
- Anti-Human CD45 Antibody, Clone HI30 (Catalog #60018), or Clone 2D1 (Catalog #60123)

NOTE: It is recommended to assess purity on the CD45-positive cells to exclude debris, platelets, and RBCs.

Data

Starting with human whole blood from normal healthy donors, the typical NK cell (CD3-CD56+) content of the non-lysed final isolated fraction is $76.8 \pm 12.2\%$ (gated on CD45) or $76.0 \pm 12.2\%$ (not gated on CD45).



In the above example, the NK cell (CD3-CD56+) content of the lysed whole blood start sample and non-lysed final isolated fraction is 10.6% and 80.0% (gated on CD45), respectively, or 10.5% and 79.7% (not gated on CD45), respectively. The starting frequency of NK cells in the non-lysed whole blood start sample above is 0.011% (data not shown).

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