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MojoSort™ Mouse CD11c Nanobeads Column Protocol [↗](#)Sam Li<sup>1</sup><sup>1</sup>BioLegend

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## ABSTRACT

BioLegend MojoSort™ nanobeads work in commonly used separation columns, based on our internal research as well as validation by external testing by academic labs. This simple protocol consists of following the MojoSort™ protocol to label the cells with **pre-diluted** MojoSort™ reagents and using the columns as indicated by the manufacturer.

**Note:** Due to the properties of our beads, it may be possible to use far fewer beads than with other commercial suppliers. We recommend a titration to find the best dilution factor. However, as a general rule, dilutions ranging from 1:3 to 1:20 for the Nanobeads can be used. Please contact BioLegend Technical Service ([tech@biolegend.com](mailto:tech@biolegend.com)) if further assistance is needed.

## EXTERNAL LINK

<https://www.biolegend.com/protocols/mojosort-mouse-cd11c-nanobeads-column-protocol/4768/>

## GUIDELINES

MojoSort™ magnetic particles can be used with other commercially available magnetic separators, both free standing magnets and column-based systems. Because MojoSort™ protocols are optimized for the MojoSort™ separator, the protocols may need to be adjusted for other systems. Please contact BioLegend Technical Service ([tech@biolegend.com](mailto:tech@biolegend.com)) for more information and guidance. We do not recommend using MojoSort™ particles for BD's IMag™ or Life Technologies' DynaMag™.

**Sample Preparation:** Enzymatic digestion of mouse spleen is recommended to achieve the highest purity and yield of CD11c<sup>+</sup> cells. There are several protocols published that can be applied. As a general guideline, cut mouse spleen into pieces and incubate in 0.5 mg/ml Collagenase for 30 to 60 minutes at room temperature or 37°C. Place the tube in a rocking platform with continuous agitation or gently pipette every 10 minutes. Alternatively, inject 1 ml of enzymes solution in the uncut organ. Force the tissue through a 70 µm filter to prepare a single cell suspension, and wash with complete media. Resuspend cells in 0.1 mg/ml DNase 1 solution and incubate at room temperature for 10 minutes. Again, filter cells through a 70 µm filter and wash with complete media. Resuspend in complete media or MojoSort™ Buffer and keep on ice until ready to use.

## MATERIALS

NAME ▾	CATALOG # ▾	VENDOR ▾
MojoSort™ Buffer	480017	BioLegend
TruStain FcX™ PLUS (anti-mouse CD16/32) Antibody	156603	BioLegend
MojoSort™ Mouse CD11c Nanobeads	480077	BioLegend

## MATERIALS TEXT

Additional reagents:

- commercially available cell separation columns
- 5 mL polypropylene tubes
- 70 µm cell strainer

- 1 Prepare cells from your tissue of interest or blood without lysing erythrocytes.
- 2 In the final wash of your sample preparation, resuspend the cells in MojoSort™ Buffer by adding up to 4 mL in a 5 mL (12 x 75 mm) polypropylene tube.  
**Note:** Keep MojoSort™ Buffer on ice throughout the procedure.
- 3 Filter the cells with a 70 µm cell strainer, centrifuge at 300xg for 5 minutes, and resuspend in a small volume of MojoSort™ Buffer. Count and adjust the cell concentration to  $1 \times 10^8$  cells/mL by adding MojoSort™ Buffer. 5m
- 4 Aliquot 100 µL ( $10^7$  cells) into a new tube. **Add 10 µL of TruStain FcX (anti-mouse CD16/32 antibody)**, mix well and **incubate at room temperature for 10 minutes**. Scale up the volume accordingly if separating more cells. For example, if the volume of Human TruStain FcX™ for  $1 \times 10^7$  cells is 10 µL, add 100 µL for  $1 \times 10^8$  cells. When working with less than  $10^7$  cells, use indicated volumes for  $10^7$  cells. 10m
- 5 Resuspend the beads by vortexing, maximum speed, 5 touches. Add **10 µL of Antibody Nanobeads**. Mix well and **incubate on ice for 15 minutes**. Scale up the volume accordingly if separating more cells. 15m
- 6 Wash the cells by adding MojoSort™ Buffer up to 4 mL. Centrifuge the cells at 300xg for 5 minutes. 5m
- 7 Discard the supernatant.
- 8 Resuspend cells in the appropriate amount of MojoSort™ Buffer and proceed to separation. At least 500 µL is needed for column separation.  
**Note:** There are several types of commercially available columns, depending on your application. Choose the one that fits best your experiment:

	Max. number of labeled cells	Max. number of total cells	Cell suspension volume	Column rinse volume	Cell wash volume	Elution volume
<b>Small Capacity</b>	$1 \times 10^7$	$2 \times 10^8$	500µL for up to $10^8$ cells	1ml	1 ml	1 ml
<b>Medium Capacity</b>	$1 \times 10^8$	$2 \times 10^9$	500µL for up to $10^9$ cells	3ml	3 ml	5 ml
<b>Large Capacity</b>	$1 \times 10^9$	$2 \times 10^{10}$	500µL for up to $10^{10}$ cells	20-50ml	30 ml	20 ml

Example of magnetic separation with medium capacity columns:

- 9 Place the column in a magnetic separator that fits the column.
- 10 Rinse the column with 3 mL of cell separation buffer.
- 11 Add the labeled cell suspension to the column through a 30 µm filter and collect the fraction containing the unlabeled cells.

- 12 Wash the cells in the column **3 times** with 3 mL of buffer and collect the fraction containing the unlabeled cells. Combine with the collected fraction from step 3. These cells may be useful as controls, to monitor purity/yield, or other purposes.
- 13 Take away the column from the magnet and place it on a tube. Then add 5 mL of buffer and flush out the magnetically labeled fraction with a plunger or supplied device. These are the positively isolated cells of interest; do not discard. To increase the purity of the magnetically labeled fraction repeat the isolation process with a new, freshly prepared column.



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