

# STAINING OF ANTIGEN-SPECIFIC CD8<sup>+</sup> T CELLS WITH MHC I STREPTAMERS<sup>®</sup>

For staining of approx. 1 – 2 x 10<sup>6</sup> cells



All steps should be performed at  
temperatures suggested!

## Cell preparation (step 1)

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1.

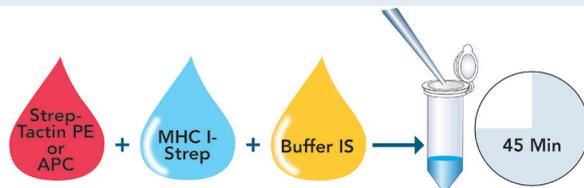


Isolate PBMCs e.g. by density gradient centrifugation. Please adjust cell density to 10<sup>7</sup> cells / 100 µl before starting the protocol.

## MHC I Streptamer<sup>®</sup> preparation (step 2)

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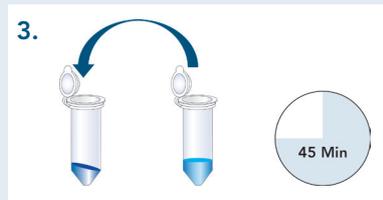
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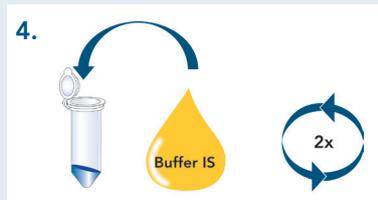
Incubate 1 µl Strep-Tactin-PE or -APC and 0.8 µl MHC I-Strep in a final volume of 10 µl Buffer IS for 45 minutes or overnight to obtain Streptamers<sup>®</sup>.

### Cell labeling (steps 3 – 4)

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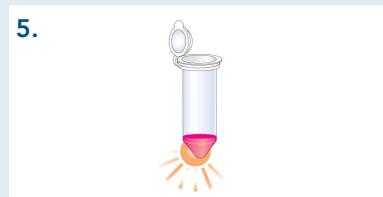
3. Add the Streptamers® (step 2) to the cells and incubate for further 45 minutes.



4. Wash cells twice with 200 µl Buffer IS.

### FACS analysis or FACS sorting (step 5)

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5.

FACS analysis or optional: FACS sorting can be done. Dead cell exclusion is strongly recommended (e.g. propidium iodide, 7-AAD, etc.).

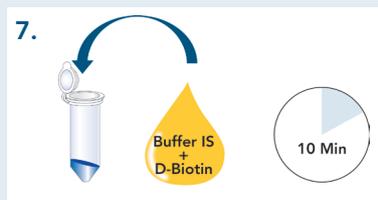
### Dissociation of MHC I Streptamer® reagents (steps 6 – 8)

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6.

Collect cells by centrifugation.



7.

Resuspend cells in 200 µl Buffer IS containing 1 mM D-Biotin and incubate for 10 min.

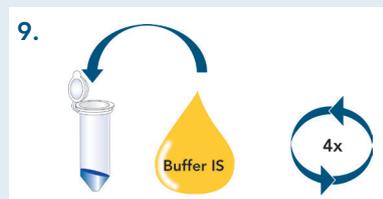


8.

Repeat steps 6 and 7.

### Removal of MHC I-Streps (steps 9 – 10)

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9.

Wash cells four times with 200 µl Buffer IS.



10.

Transfer cells to appropriate buffer or medium for further applications.

For detailed instructions please refer to the comprehensive MHC I Streptamer® manual at [www.iba-lifesciences.com/technical-support.html](http://www.iba-lifesciences.com/technical-support.html).

Contact us for more information or technical assistance.